

# Data-Driven Density Functional Theory: A Case for Physics-Informed Learning

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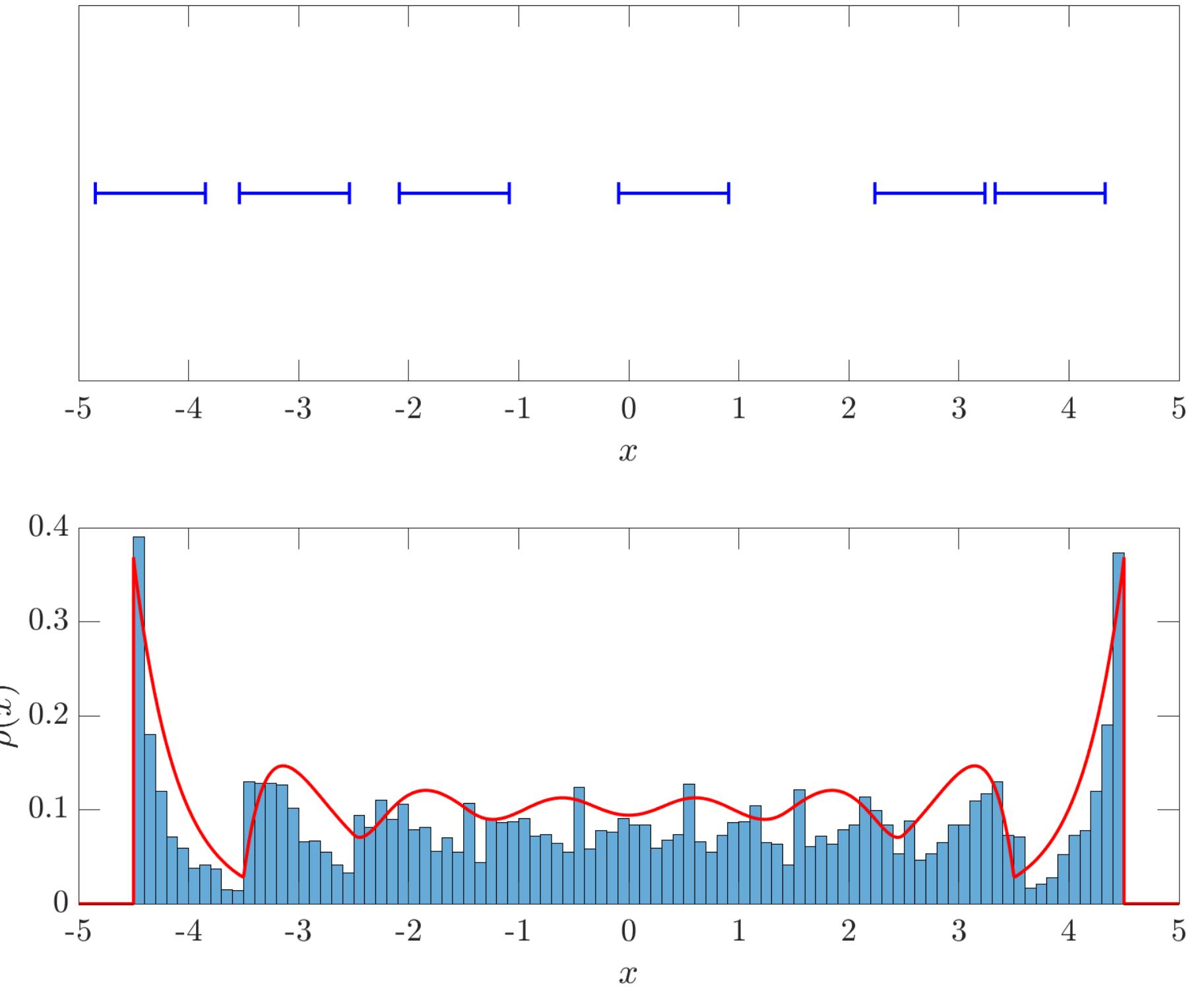
## Motivation

We solve the inverse statistical-mechanical problem: given particle data, reconstruct the system's free energy. We propose a machine-learning algorithm using classical Density Functional Theory (DFT).

## What is classical DFT

It is a way to do the statistical mechanics of classical (NOT quantum) many-body systems. In DFT the Helmholtz free energy is expressed as a functional  $F[\rho]$  of the probability density  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  to find a particle at position  $\mathbf{r}$ . If  $F[\rho]$  is known, we can find  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  by minimising it. After  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$  is obtained, it is easy to compute measurable "macroscopic" properties (e.g., pressure, magnetisation, charge distribution, etc.). Classical DFT is used in soft-matter, biology, nanofluidics, chemical engineering, etc.

## Our classical many-body system: 1D fluid of hard rods



We generate training datasets by Monte-Carlo

### Canonical ensemble:

For  $N$  rods, draw  $N + 1$  gaps, so that the sum of all gaps and rod lengths is  $L$

$$\mathcal{D}_N = \{\dots(y_1, \dots, y_N)\}_i, \dots \quad i = 1 \dots M$$

### Grand-Canonical ensemble: (With chemical potential $\mu$ )

Draw  $N_i$  by attempting to insert/delete a particle with  $\mu$ -dependent probability:

$$P_{\text{del}} = \frac{N_i \exp(-\mu)}{L} \text{ if } N_i > 1 \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$P_{\text{ins}} = \frac{L \exp(\mu)}{N_i + 1} \text{ if } N_i + 1 < L/2R \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu = (\mu, \{y_i\}_{i=1}^M, \langle N_\mu \rangle)$$

## Classical DFT primer

DFT is just a "dialect" of statistical mechanics

$$f_N(q^N, p^N, [\phi(\mathbf{r})]) = \frac{1}{\Xi} \frac{1}{N! h^{DN}} \exp(-\beta(H_N - \mu N))$$

$$H_N = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i} + V(q_1, \dots, q_N) + \int \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) \phi(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

Mermin's theorem:  $\phi(\mathbf{r}) \leftrightarrow \rho(\mathbf{r})$

$$\text{Insert one-body density: } \rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \int f_N(q^N, p^N, [\phi]) \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) dq^N dp^N$$

$$\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{q}_i)$$

Write down the partition-function and the free energy:

$$\Xi = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{N! h^{DN}} \int \exp(-\beta(H_N - \mu N)) dp^N dq^N \equiv \exp(-\beta \Omega[\phi])$$

$$\text{Observe: } \rho(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\delta \Omega[\phi]}{\delta(\phi(\mathbf{r}) - \mu)} \quad \text{Thus, } \Omega[\rho] = F[\rho] + \int \rho(\mathbf{r})(\phi(\mathbf{r}) - \mu) d\mathbf{r}$$

## Physics-informed component

$$\Omega[\rho] = \beta^{-1} \int \rho(\mathbf{r})(\ln \lambda^D \rho(\mathbf{r}) - 1) d\mathbf{r} + F_{\text{ex}}[\rho] + \int \rho(\mathbf{r})(\phi(\mathbf{r}) - \mu) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\text{Low-density expansion: } \beta F_{\text{ex}}[\rho] = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \rho(\mathbf{r}_1) \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \rho(\mathbf{r}_2) f(r_{12})$$

$$f(r_{12}) = -1 \quad \text{Inside overlap}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{6} \int d\mathbf{r}_1 \rho(\mathbf{r}_1) \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \rho(\mathbf{r}_2) \int d\mathbf{r}_3 \rho(\mathbf{r}_3) f(r_{12}) f(r_{23}) f(r_{31}) + \dots$$

$$n_i = \omega_i \otimes \rho$$

$$f(r_{12}) = 0 \quad \text{Outside overlap}$$

$$f(r_{12}) = -\Theta(\sigma - r_{12})$$

$$\text{Diagram: Two circles of radius } r_{12} \text{ separated by distance } D.$$

$$= \int d\mathbf{r} \left( - \sum_{ij} n_i(\mathbf{r}) n_j(\mathbf{r}) \right) + \dots$$

$$\approx \int d\mathbf{r} \Phi(n_0(\mathbf{r}), n_1(\mathbf{r}), \dots)$$

$$\text{Let's learn the distributional model}$$

$$F_{\text{ex}}[\rho] = \beta^{-1} \int d\mathbf{r} \Phi(\{n_i(\mathbf{r})\})$$

$$\eta(x) = \int_{x-\sigma/2}^{x+\sigma/2} \rho(x) dx = \omega_1 \otimes \rho$$

$$n_0(x) = \frac{\rho(x - \sigma/2) + \rho(x + \sigma/2)}{2} = \omega_0 \otimes \rho$$

Inference model: polynomial parametrisation of  $\Phi(n_0, \eta) = \Phi(n_0, \eta | Q)$

$$\Phi(n_0, \eta | Q) = (a_{N_1} n_0(x)^{N_1} + a_{N_1-1} n_0(x)^{N_1-1} + \dots + a_0) (b_{N_2} \eta(x)^{N_2} + \dots + b_0),$$

$$Q = (a_{N_1}, \dots, a_0, b_{N_2}, \dots, b_0)^T$$

## Bayesian inference of model parameters $Q$

$$\text{Likelihood: } P(\mathcal{D}_\mu | Q) = \prod_{i=1}^M \rho(y_i | Q), \quad \mathcal{D}_\mu = (\mu, \{y_i\}_{i=1}^M, \langle N_\mu \rangle)$$

$$\text{Gaussian prior: } \mathcal{N}(Q | 0, \Sigma_Q)$$

$$\text{Posterior: } P(Q | \mathcal{D}_\mu) \propto \mathcal{N}(Q | \bar{Q}, \Sigma_Q) \prod_{i=1}^M \rho(y_i | Q)$$

## Learning algorithm

I. Obtain  $\rho(x)$  for the current  $Q$  from the DFT Euler-Lagrange (EL)

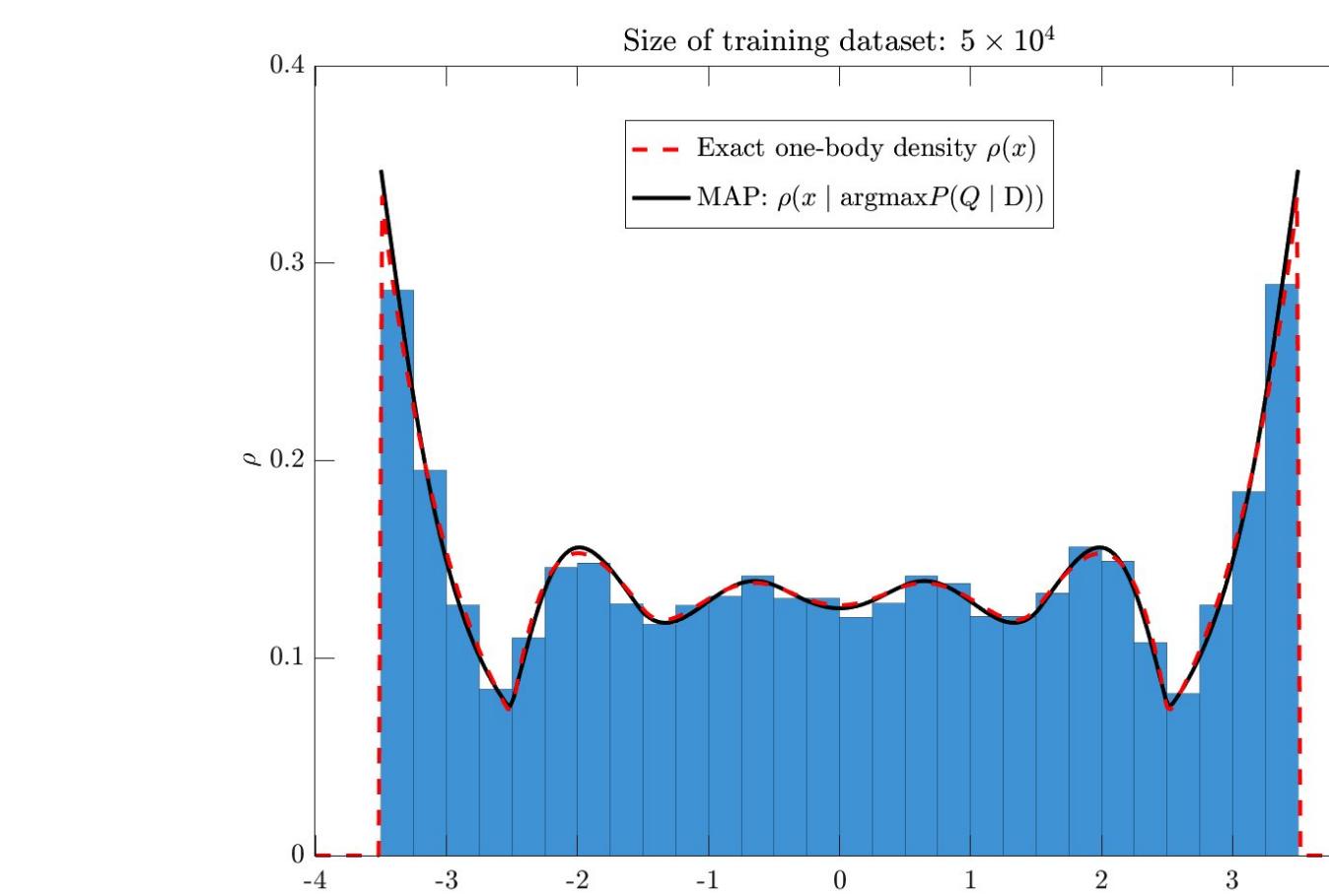
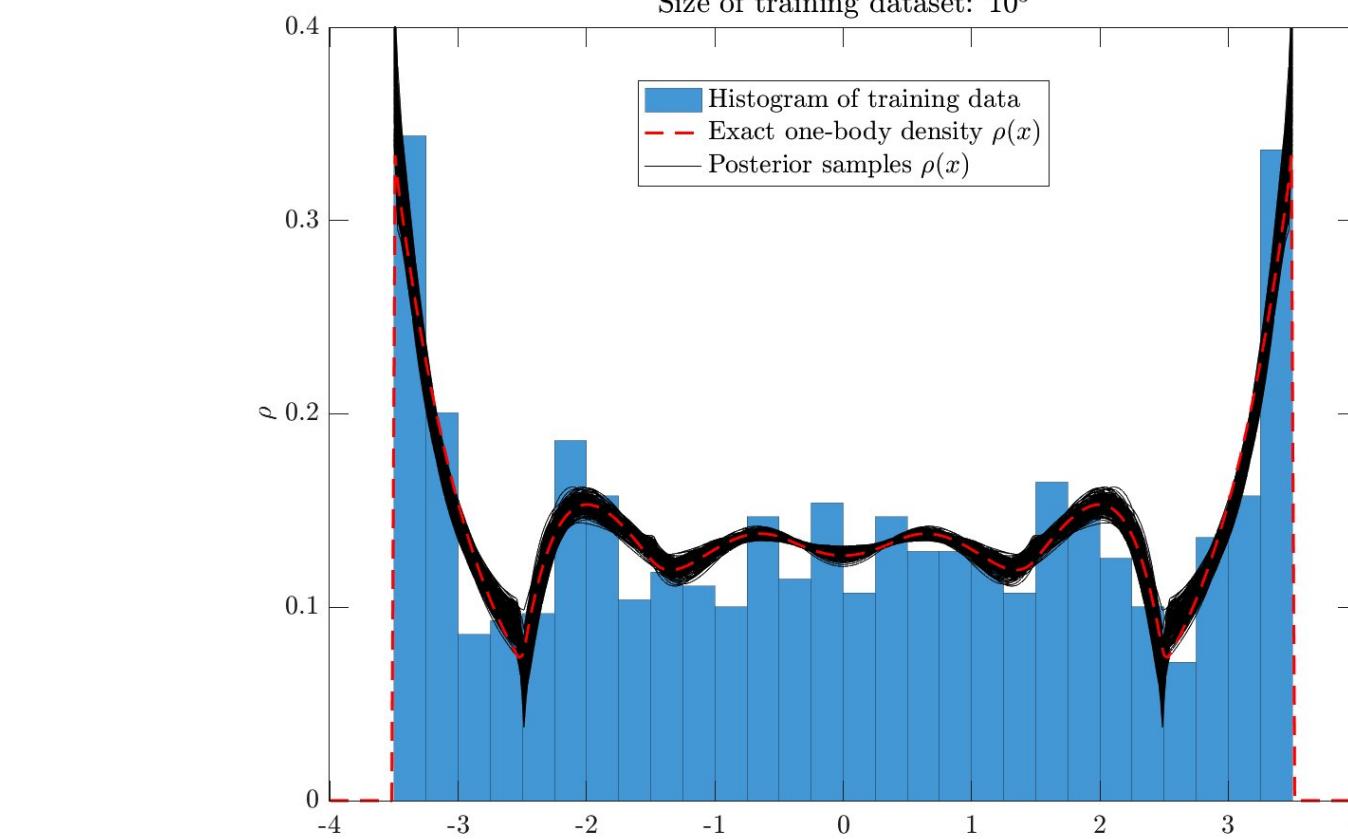
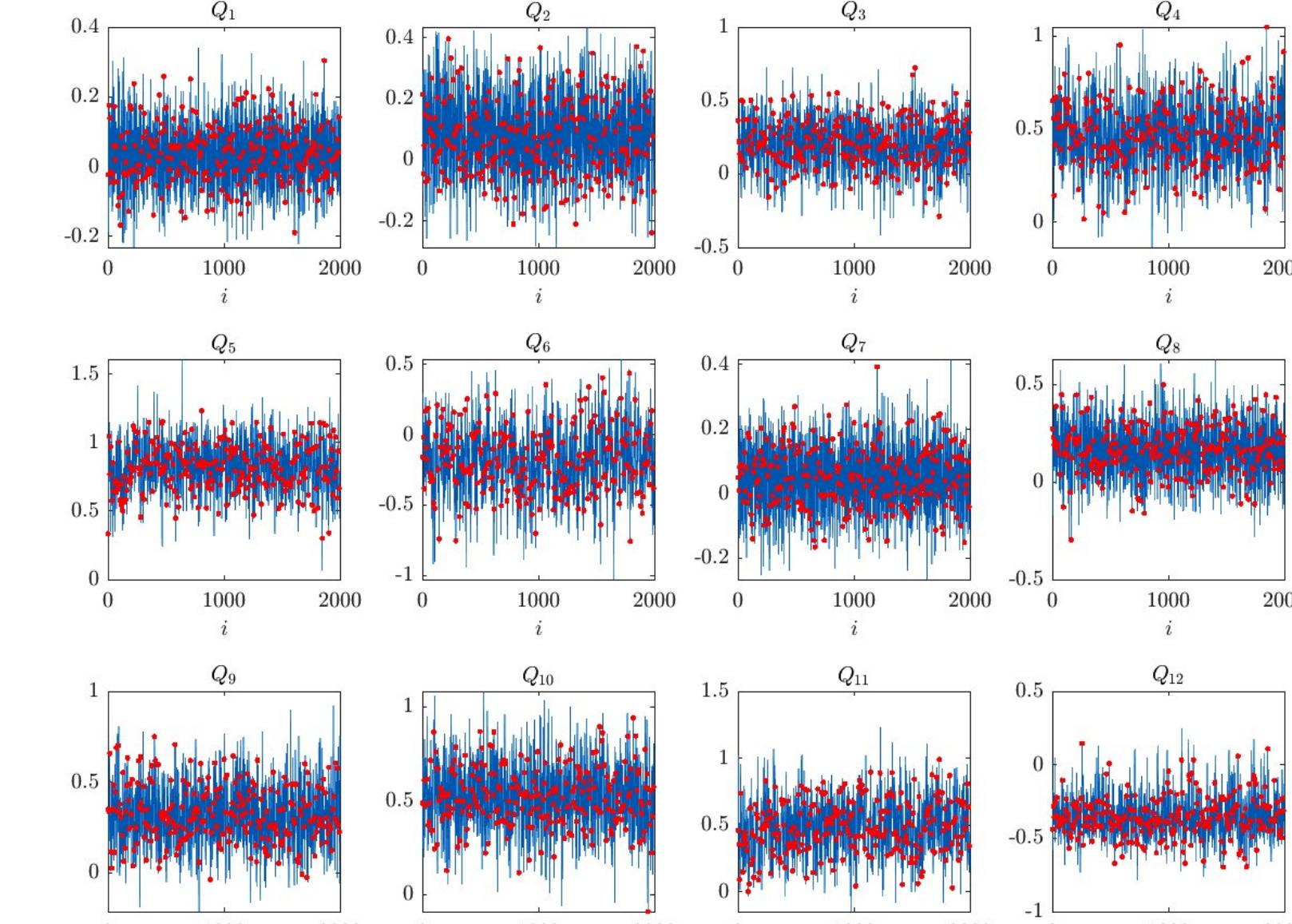
$$T \ln \rho(x) + T \left( \omega_v \otimes \frac{\partial \Phi(n_0, \eta | Q)}{\partial \eta(x)} + \omega_s \otimes \frac{\partial \Phi(n_0, \eta | Q)}{\partial n_0(x)} \right) - \mu = 0, \quad \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \rho(x) dx = \langle N_\mu \rangle$$

II. Compute  $\nabla_Q \rho_Q(x)$  via "adjoint method". Denote EL equation:  $g(\rho_Q(x), Q) = 0$

$$d_Q g(\rho_Q, Q) = 0 \quad \frac{\partial g}{\partial \rho} \nabla_Q \rho_Q = -\frac{\partial g}{\partial Q} \quad \text{linear system for } \nabla_Q \rho_Q(x)$$

III. Compute  $\nabla_Q P(Q | \mathcal{D}_\mu)$  and perform HMC jump in  $Q$

## Typical HMC trace plots



## Gaussian random field for chemical potential $\mu$

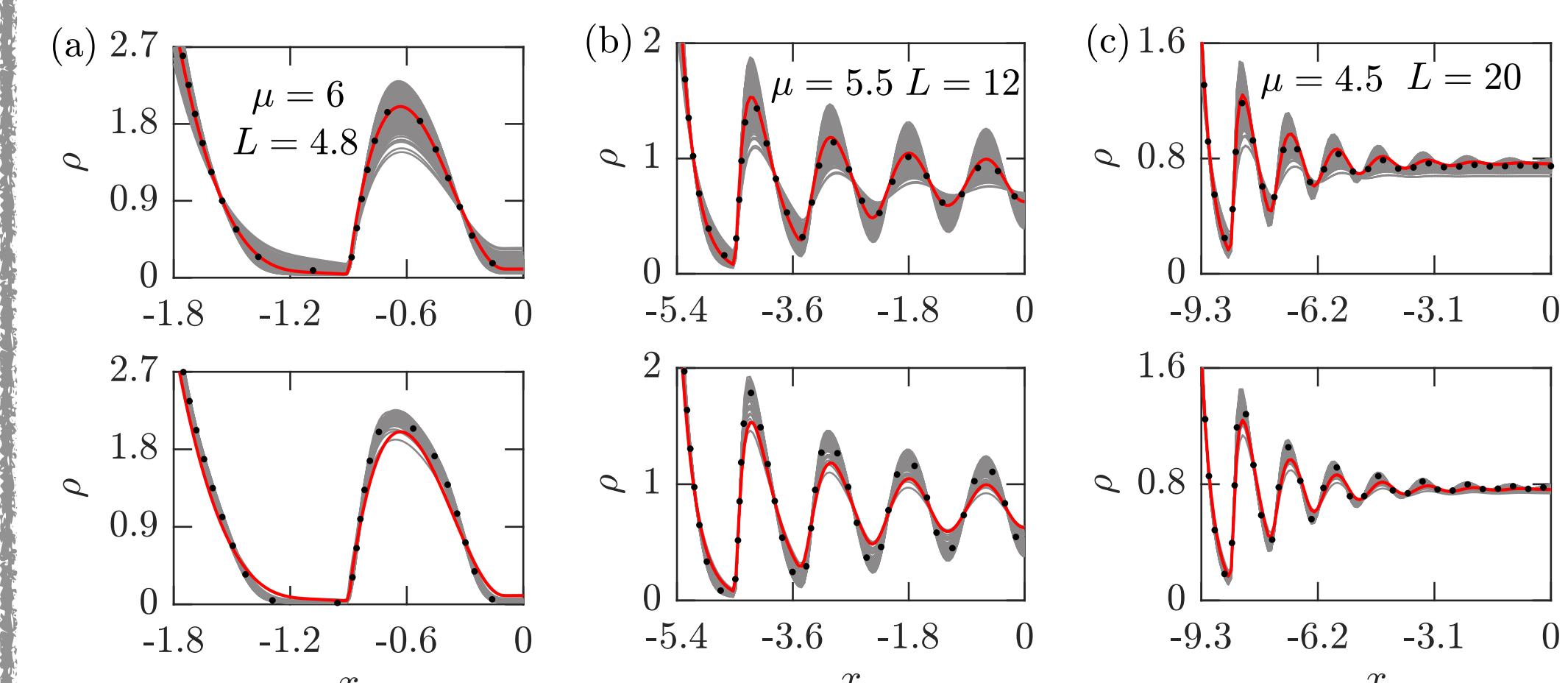
$$\Phi(n_0, \eta | \mu, \alpha) \equiv \Phi(n_0, \eta | Q(\mu | \alpha)), \quad Q(\mu | \alpha) = A(\mu^M, \mu^{M-1} \dots 1)^T,$$

where  $A$  is an  $N_Q \times (M + 1)$  matrix, and  $\alpha$  is the flattened  $A$

$$\text{Training dataset: } \mathcal{D} = \{\mathcal{D}_{\mu_n}\}_{n=1}^K \equiv \left\{ (\mu_n, \{y_i|_{\mu_n}\}_{i=1}^{M_{\mu_n}}, \langle N_{\mu_n} \rangle) \right\}_{n=1}^K$$

$$\text{Likelihood: } P(\mathcal{D} | \alpha) = \prod_{n=1}^K \prod_{i=1}^{M_{\mu_n}} \rho(y_i | \mu_n, \alpha)$$

Trained on integer  $\mu = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ;  $M_{\mu_n} = 10^4$ ; pore width  $L = 8$



## Learn canonical functional: Fixed $N$

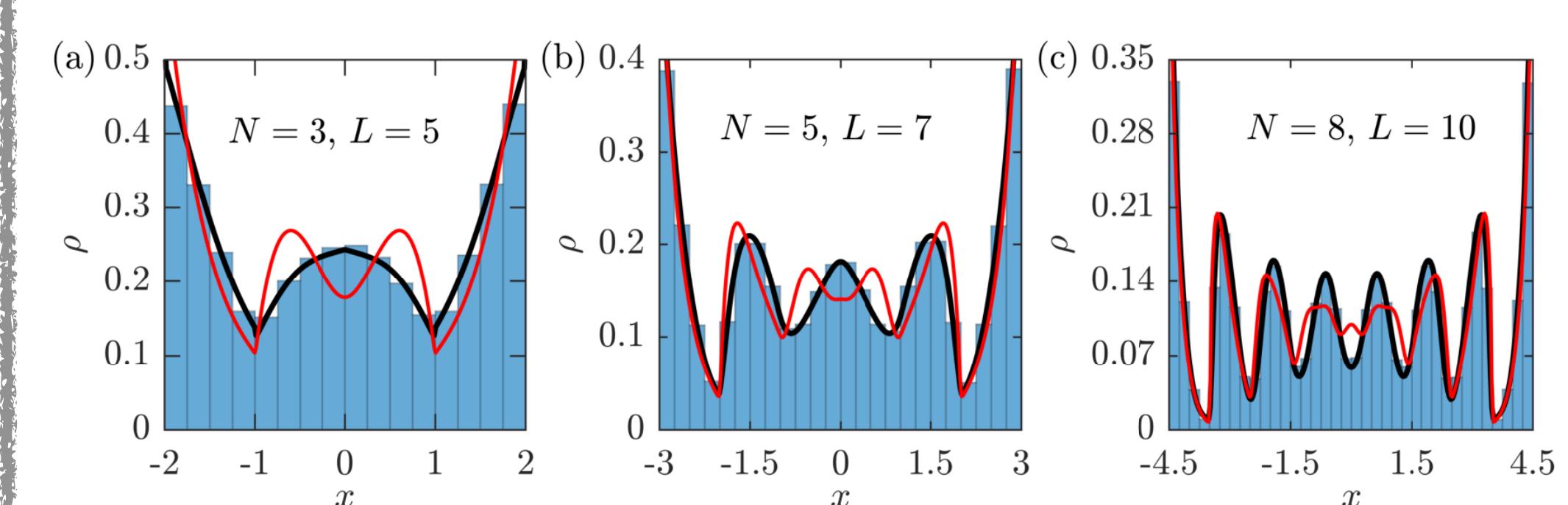
$$\mathcal{L}[\rho] = F_N[\rho] + \int \rho(\mathbf{r})(V(\mathbf{r}) - \lambda) d\mathbf{r}.$$

$\mathcal{L}$  is simply a Lagrangian (it does not give the partition function)

$\lambda$  is not a thermodynamic field. Only a Lagrange multiplier

$$\text{Training dataset: } \mathcal{D}_N = \{L_n, \{(y_1, \dots, y_N)\}_i\}_{i=1}^{M_n}\}_{n=1}^K.$$

Trained on  $K = 6$  equispaced  $L_n \in [L - 2, L + 2]$ ;  $M_n = 10^4$  coordinates



## Data efficiency: compare with a black-box model

$$\rho(x | \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \alpha_i(\mu) \exp(-(x - p_i)^2 / w_i^2(\mu)), \quad \sum_j \alpha_j(\mu) = 1$$

