

Boosting **classical** and **quantum** Monte Carlo simulations using **generative neural networks**

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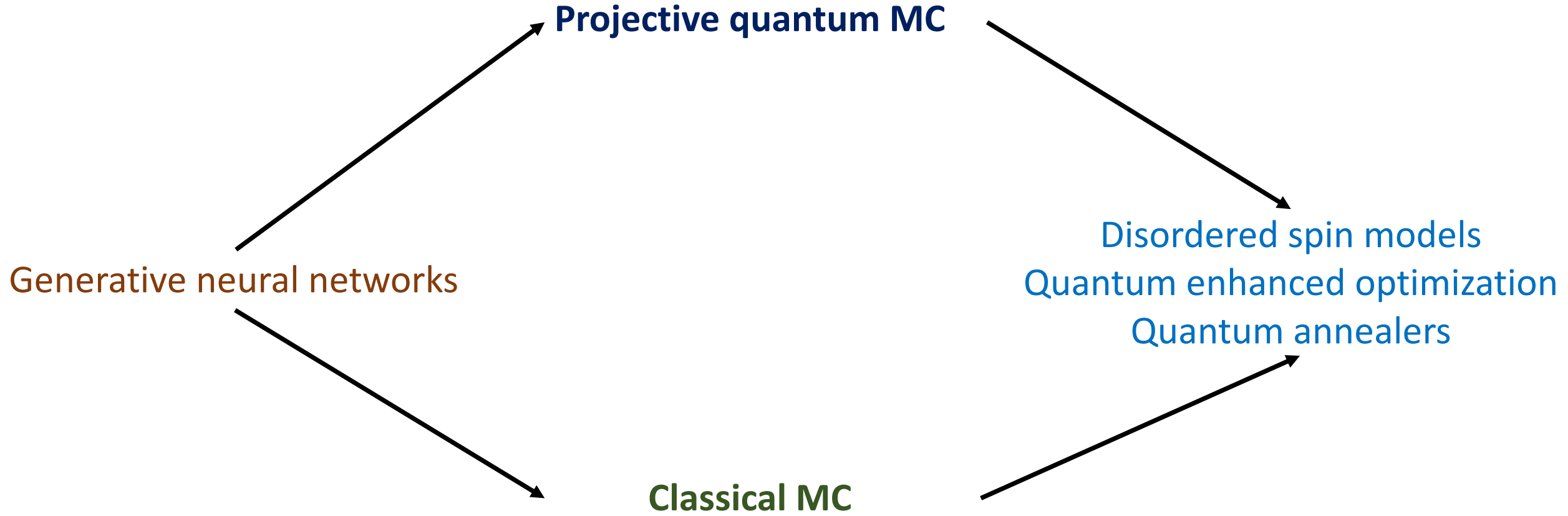
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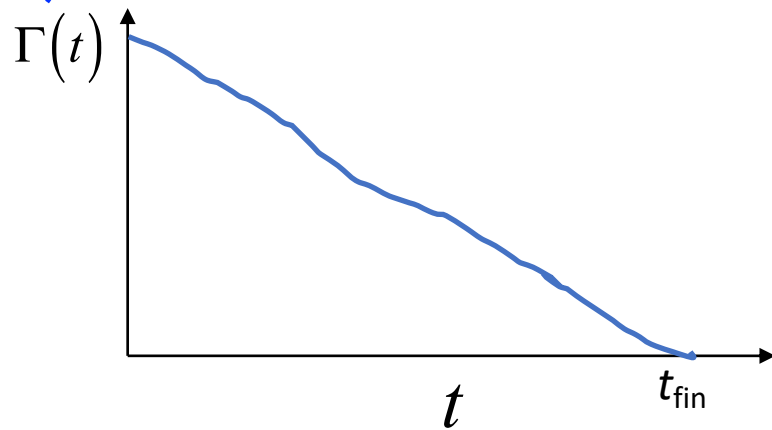


Adiabatic quantum computing / quantum annealing

$$H = H_{\text{cl}} + H_{\text{kin}}$$

$$H_{\text{cl}} = -\sum_{ij} J_{ij} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - \sum_i h_i \sigma_i^z$$
 Classical Ising glass / QUBO

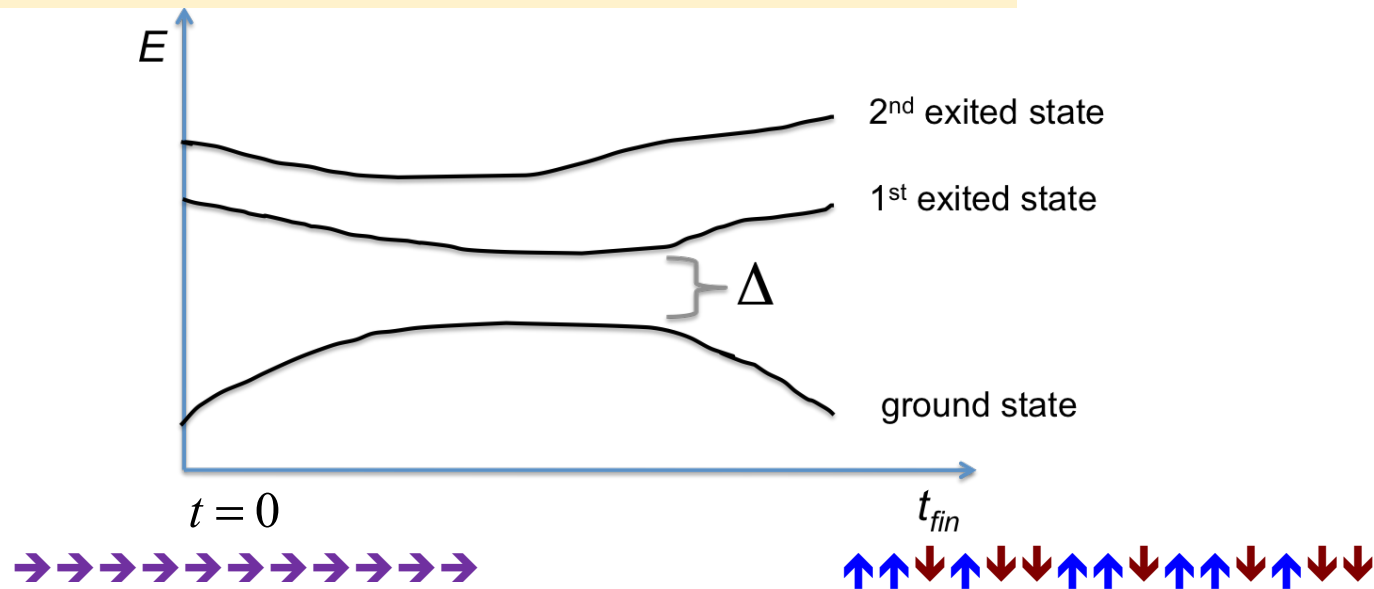
$$H_{\text{kin}} = -\Gamma(t) \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$
 Driver Hamiltonian



At $t = 0$, $\Gamma(t=0) \gg J_{ij}$ ground-state is $|\psi(t=0)\rangle \cong |\rightarrow \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow\rangle$

At $t = t_{\text{fin}}$, $\Gamma(t=t_{\text{fin}}) = 0$ ground-state is $|\psi(t=t_{\text{fin}})\rangle \cong |\uparrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \uparrow \dots \uparrow \downarrow\rangle$

Istantaneous eigenvalues of $H(t)$



How slow?
Adiabatic theorem:

$$t_{fin} \gg \frac{\alpha}{\Delta^2}$$

$\Delta \equiv$ smallest gap

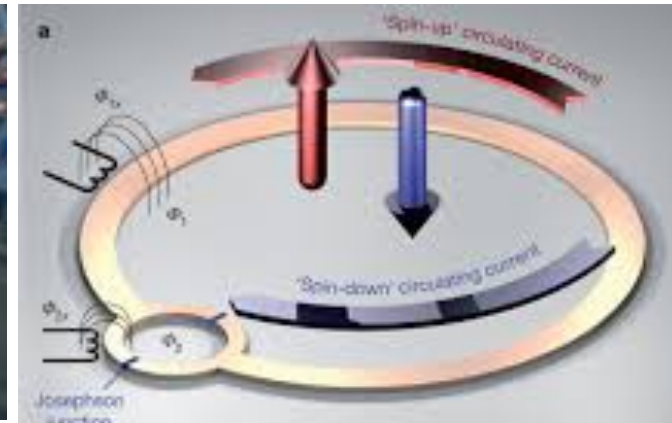
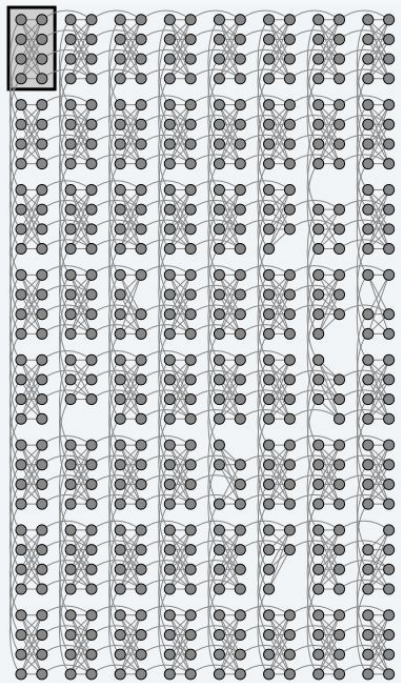
$$s = \frac{t}{t_{fin}} \in [0, 1] \quad H(s=0) = H_{kin} \quad H(s=1) = H_{cl}$$

$$\text{Condition for adiabaticity: } t_{fin} \gg \max_{0 \leq s \leq 1} \frac{\left| \langle \psi_1(s) | \frac{dH(s)}{ds} | \psi_0(s) \rangle \right|}{\Delta_{1,0}(s)^2}$$

D-WAVE quantum annealersadiabatic quantum computer



$$H_{\text{cl}} = -\sum_{ij} J_{ij} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - \sum_i h_i \sigma_i^z \quad H_{\text{kin}} = -\Gamma(t) \sum_{ij} \sigma_i^x$$

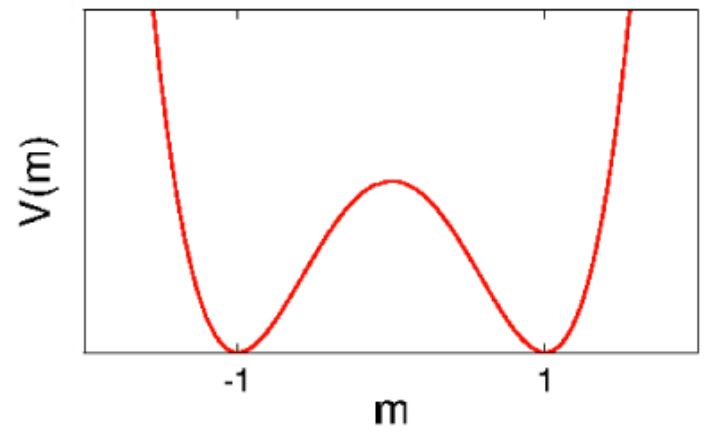
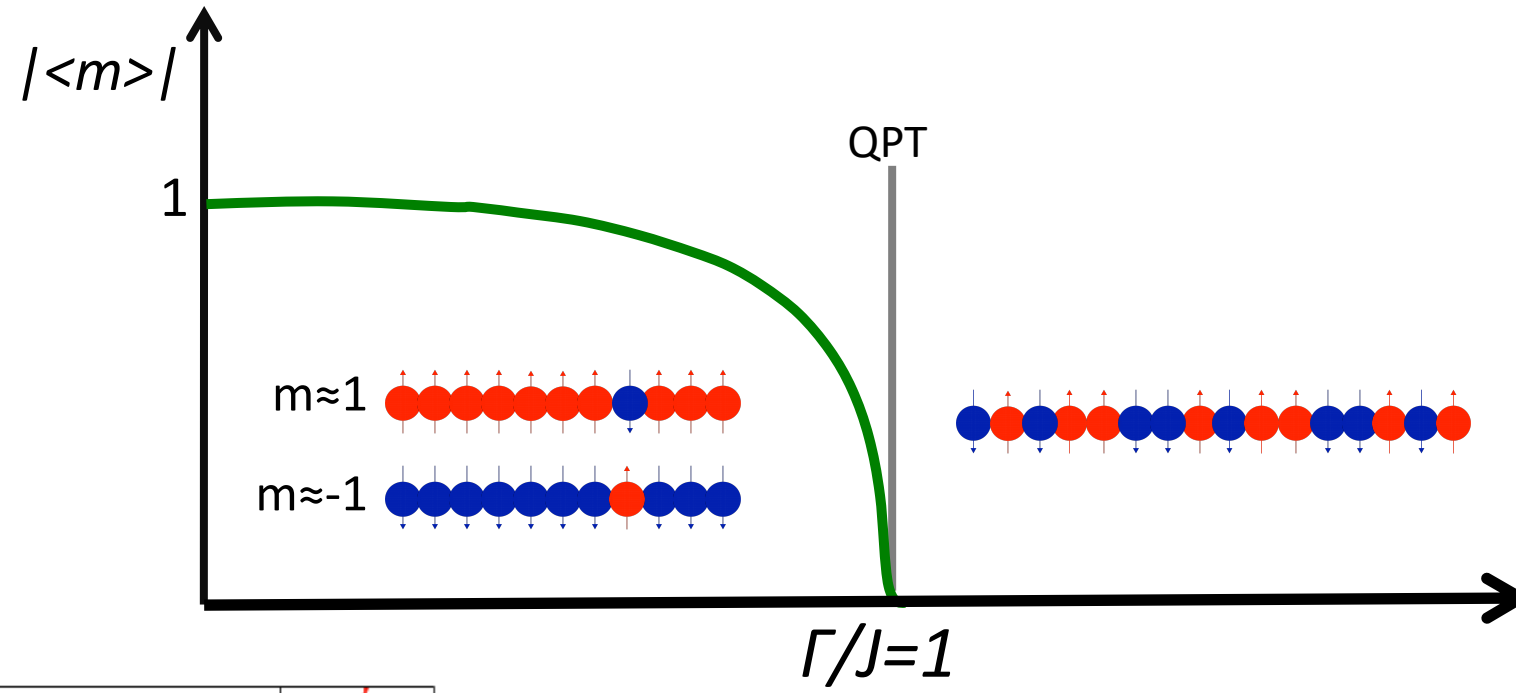


Can a quantum annealer outperform classical optimization methods?

Can quantum MC simulations provide some hints?

Notice: H is stoquastic \rightarrow no negative sign-problem

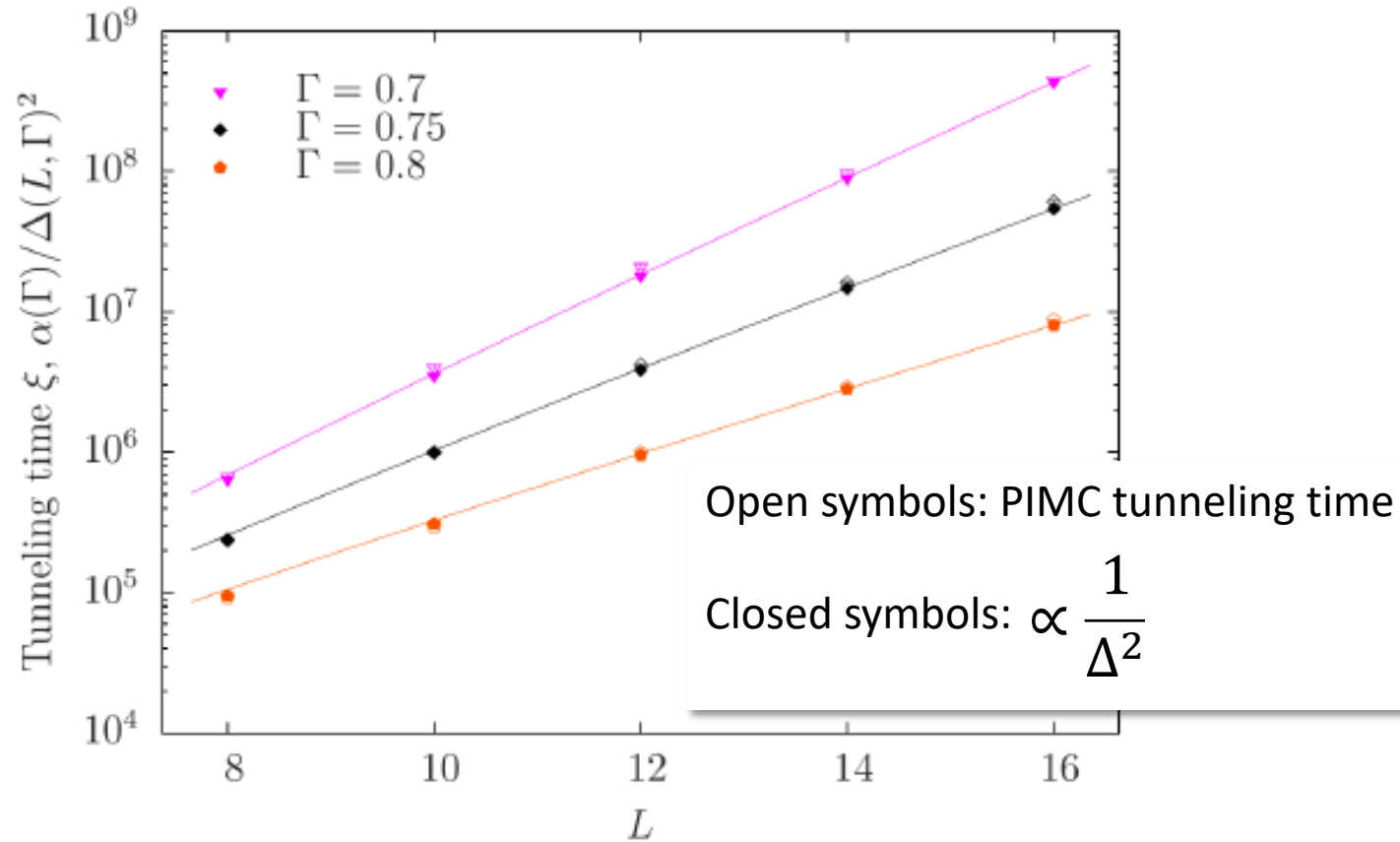
1D ferromagnetic quantum Ising model: $H = -J \sum_i \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z - \Gamma \sum_i \sigma_i^x$



exponentially small energy gap: $\Delta \propto \exp(-\alpha L)$

QMC tunneling time: finite-temperature PIMC

Isakov, Mazzola, Smelyanskiy, Jiang, Boixo, Neven, Troyer, PRL (2016)
Mazzola, Smelyanskiy, Troyer, PRB (2017)



The PIMC algorithm efficiently simulates incoherent quantum tunneling. **Is this general?**

Note: PIMC with open-boundary condition in imaginary time it scales as $1/\Delta$

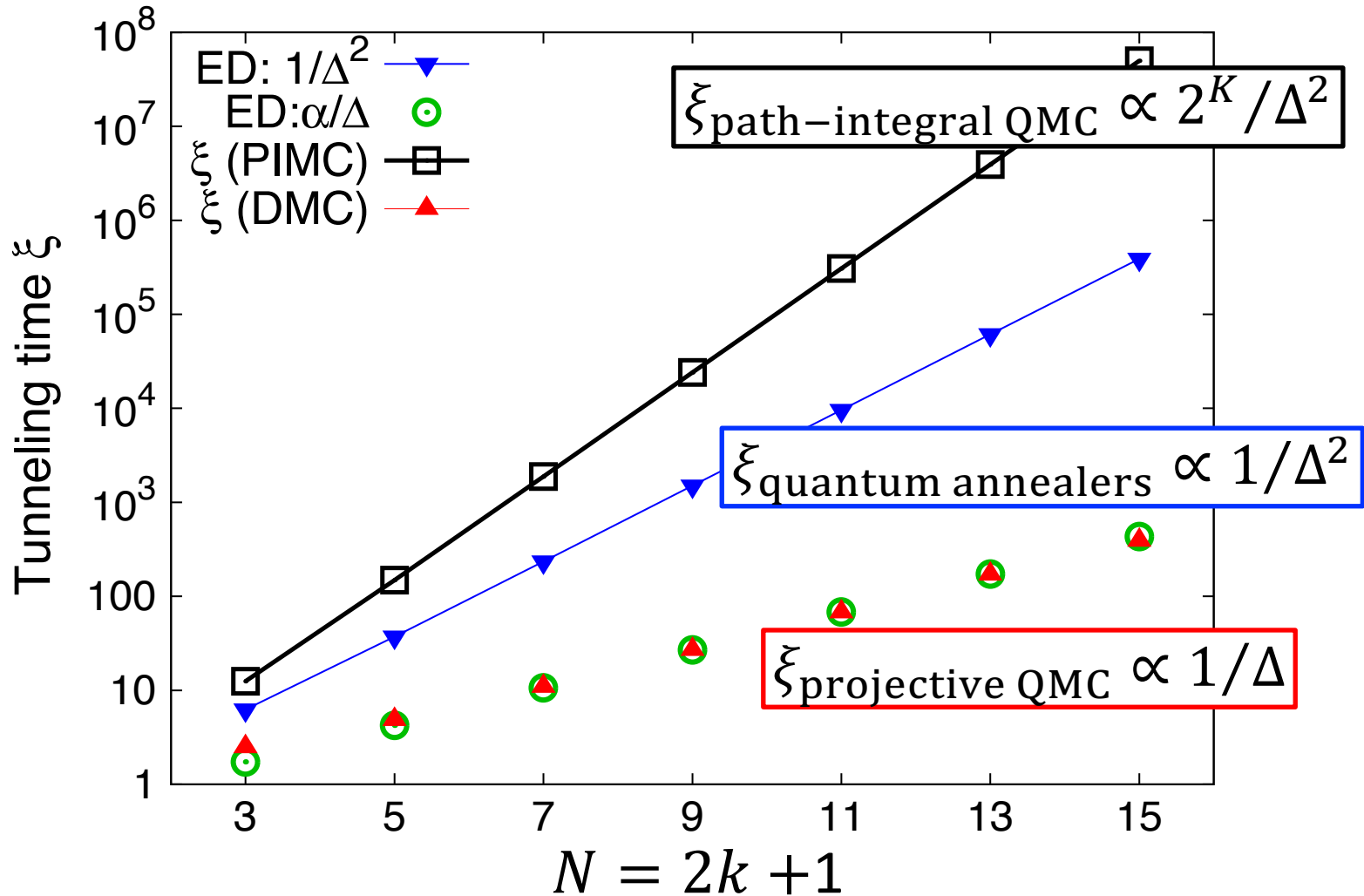
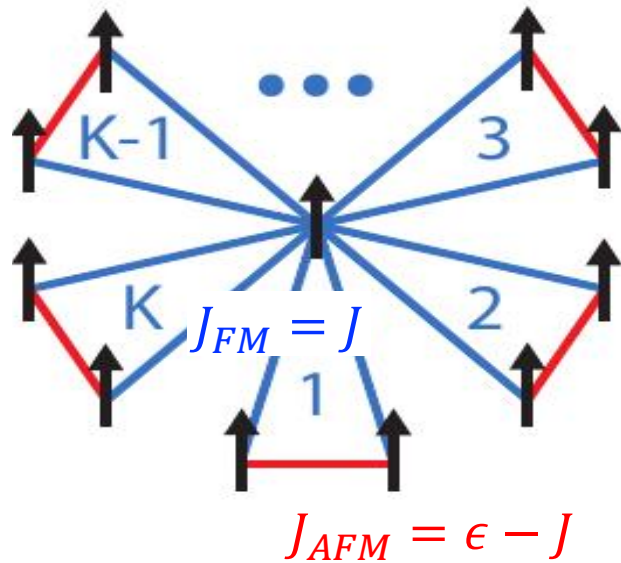
Shamrock: a model of frustrated rings

Introduced in:

E. Andriyash and M. H. Amin,

Can quantum Monte Carlo simulate quantum annealing?

arXiv:1703.09277 (2017)



➤ path-integral QMC dynamics slows down due to “topological” obstruction.

➤ projective QMC scales like $1/\Delta$

What is the complexity of (simple) projective QMC?

- Any diagonal(classical) Hamiltonian is stoquastic.
 - Finding its ground state encompasses hard classical optimization problems such as k-SAT or MAX-CUT.
- Bravyi, Quant. Inf. Comp., Vol. 15, No. 13/14, pp. 1122-1140 (2015)

Possible sources of error in projective QMC:

Population of random walkers evolves via **random diffusion** and **killing/cloning process**.

Population control bias: systematic error due to correlations among walkers cloned from the same ancestor.

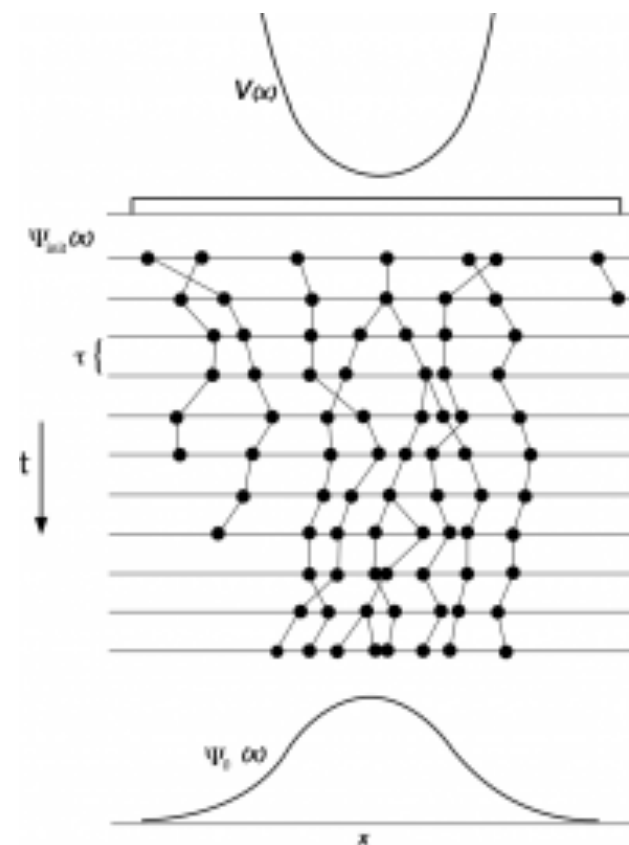


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Projective Monte Carlo for Quantum Ising models

$$H = -\sum_{ij} J_{ij} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z - \Gamma \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{S}, \tau) = \exp(-\tau H) \psi(\mathbf{S}, 0) \underset{\tau \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} \psi_0(\mathbf{S}, 0) \quad \text{Schrödinger eq. in imaginary time}$$

$$\psi(\mathbf{S}, \tau + \Delta\tau) = \sum_{\mathbf{S}'} G(\mathbf{S}', \mathbf{S}, \Delta\tau) \psi(\mathbf{S}', \tau) \quad \text{defines a Markov process} \quad G(\mathbf{S}', \mathbf{S}, \Delta\tau) = \langle \mathbf{S}' | \exp(-\Delta\tau H) | \mathbf{S} \rangle$$

$$G(\mathbf{S}', \mathbf{S}, \Delta\tau) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{no sign problem (stoquastic Hamiltonian)}$$

$$\sum_{\mathbf{S}'} G(\mathbf{S}', \mathbf{S}, \Delta\tau) \neq 1 \Rightarrow \text{not a standard Markov process} \Rightarrow \text{kill or clone random walkers}$$

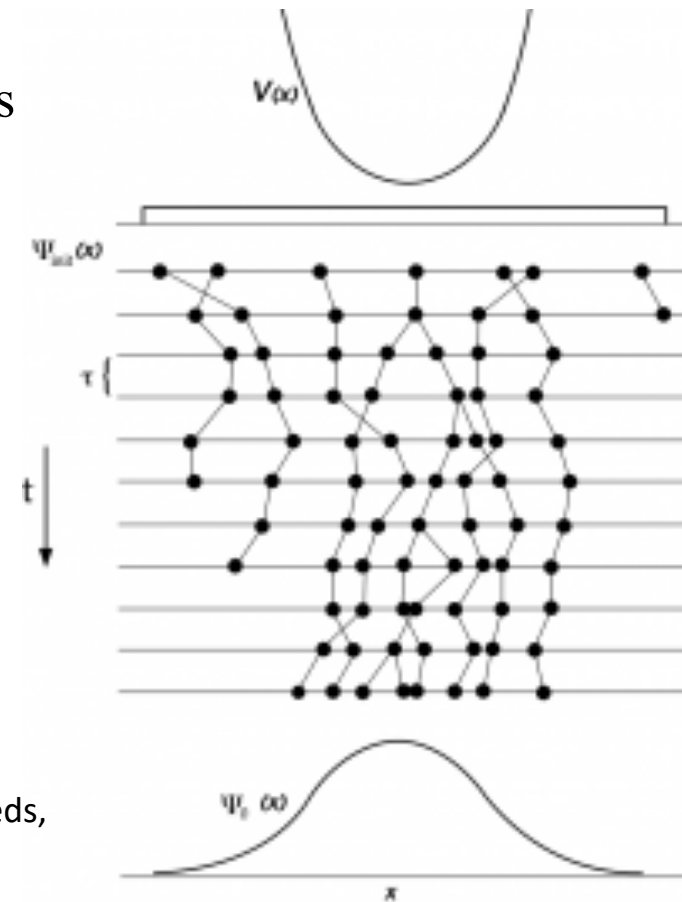
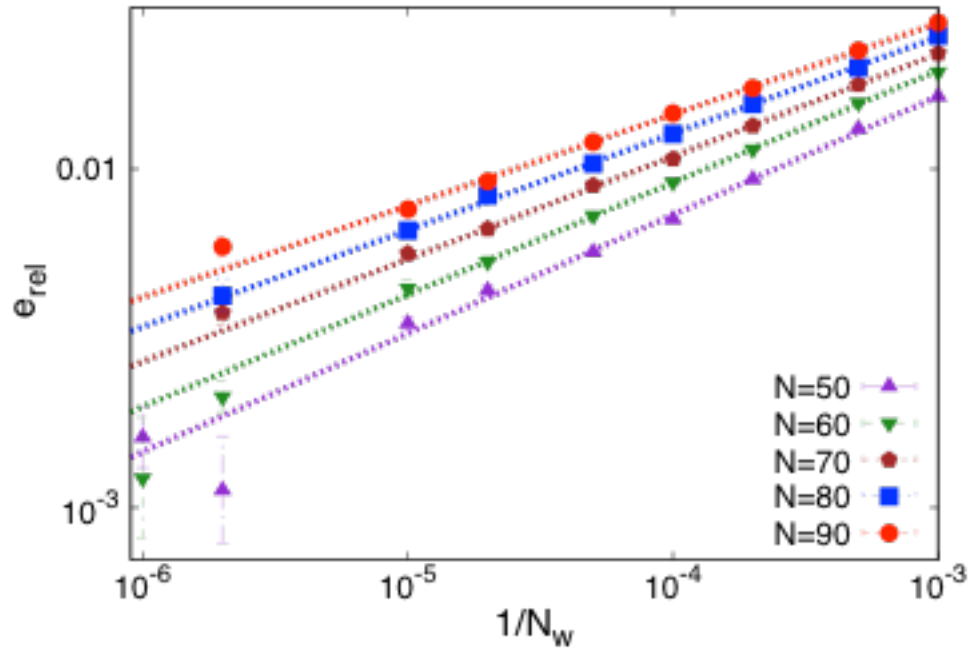


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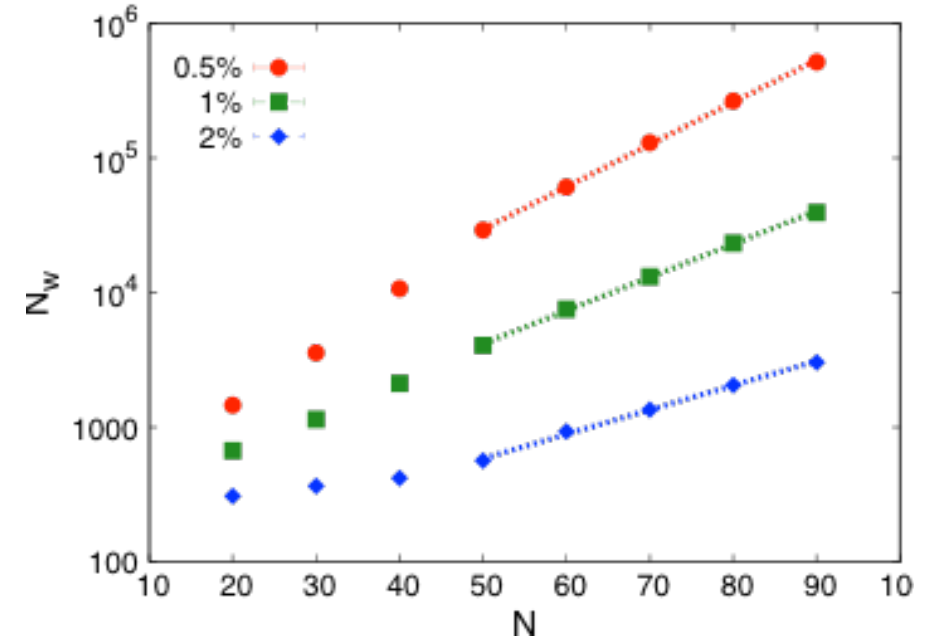
Systematic errors in PQMC algorithms: ferromagnetic Ising chain

Relative error w.r.t. exact Jordan-Wigner theory



Inverse number of random walkers

of walkers required to keep relative err. fixed



System size

Exponentially growing computational cost

Note: here we use “simple” PQMC algorithm: no guiding wave function.

IMPORTANCE SAMPLING

Introduce **guiding wave function** $\equiv \psi_G(\mathbf{x})$

$$\text{Modified master eq.: } \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \tau + \Delta\tau) \psi_G(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}'} \tilde{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \Delta\tau) \Psi(\mathbf{x}', \tau) \psi_G(\mathbf{x}')$$

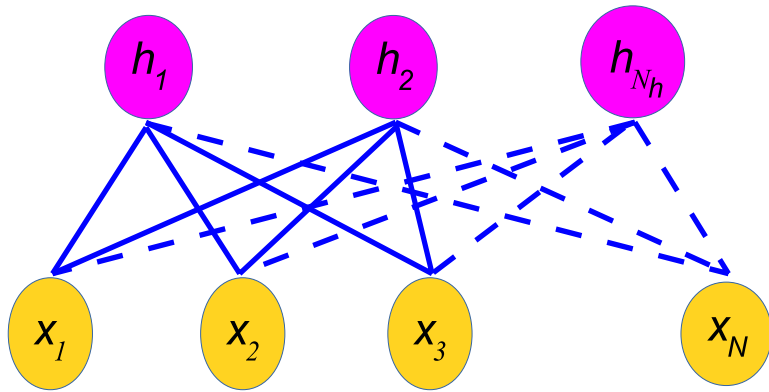
$$\text{Modified Green's function: } \tilde{G}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \Delta\tau) = \langle \mathbf{x} | \exp(-\Delta\tau \hat{H} - E_{\text{REF}}) | \mathbf{x}' \rangle \frac{\psi_G(\mathbf{x})}{\psi_G(\mathbf{x}')}$$

The guiding wf reduces **computational cost** and **statistical fluctuations**

Here, we adopt neural network states.

Generative neural networks: Restricted Boltzmann machines

- Correlations are introduced via hidden variables.
- Intra-layer correlations are omitted.



$$H_{\text{RBM}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) = - \sum_{i=1}^{N_h} \sum_{j=1}^{N_v} w_{ij} h_i x_j - \sum_{j=1}^{N_v} b_j x_j - \sum_{j=1}^{N_h} c_j h_j$$

Model parameters: $\mathbf{W} \equiv w_{ij}, h_i, b_j$

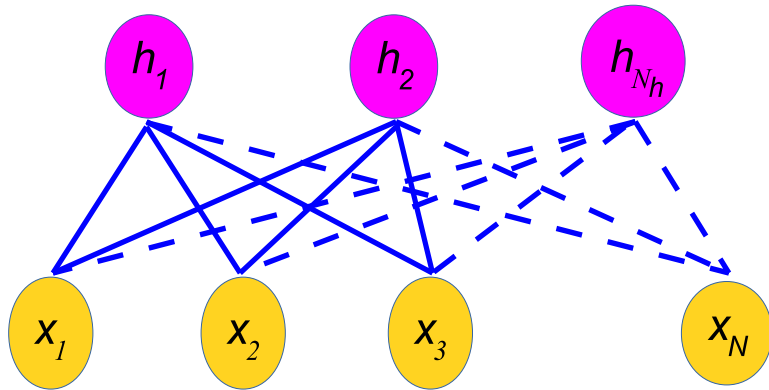
Probability of visible configuration \mathbf{x} : $p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp[-H_{\text{RBM}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})]$

Partition function: $Z = \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}} \exp[-H_{\text{RBM}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})]$

Variational wave-functions with neural networks

Restricted Boltzmann machines

Carleo, Troyer, Science 2017



$$\psi(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_j \exp(a_j x_j) \prod_i 2 \cosh\left(b_i + \sum_j w_{ij} x_j\right)$$

$\propto N \times N_h$ variational parameters

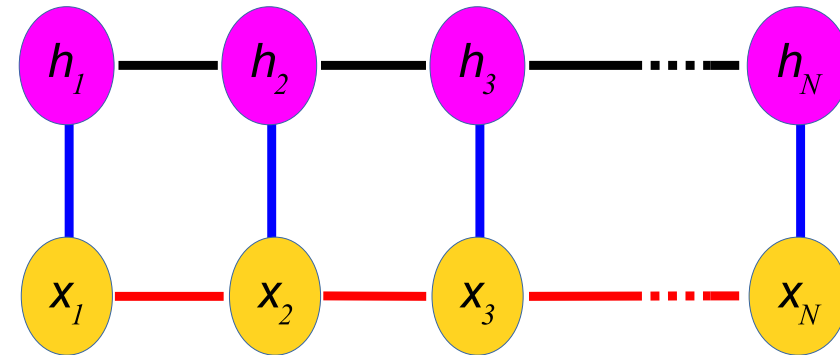
Hidden spins integrated out

unRestricted Boltzmann machines

alias shadow wave-function

Reatto, Masserini, PRB 1988

Vitiello, Runge, Kalos PRL 1988



$$\psi(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) = \exp\left(-k_1 \sum_i x_i x_{i+1}\right) \exp\left(-k_2 \sum_i h_i h_{i+1}\right) \exp\left(-k_3 \sum_i x_i h_i\right)$$

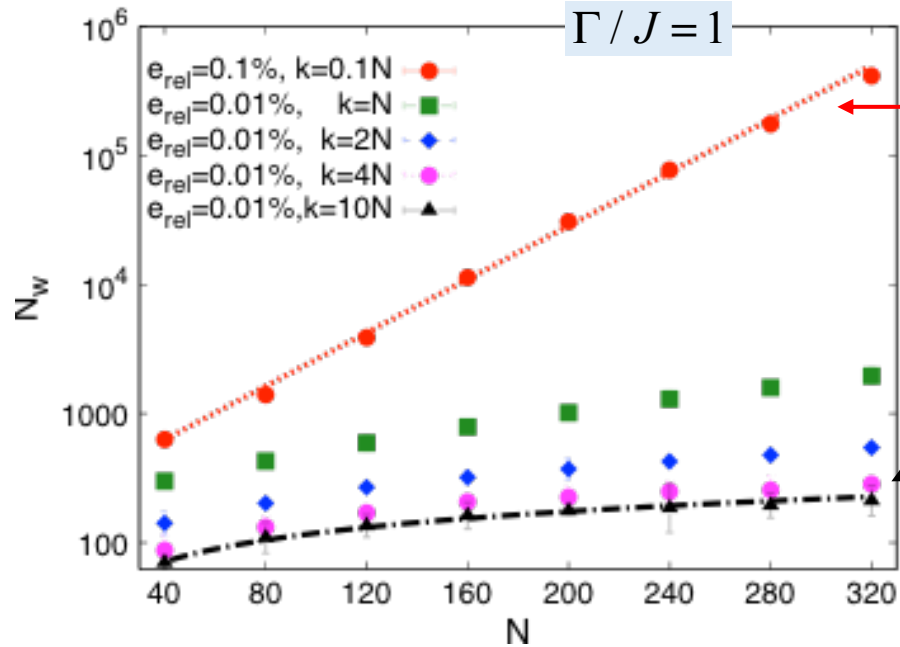
$k_1, k_2, k_3 = 3$ variational parameters

Need to sample hidden spins

Computational complexity of PQMC guided by unRestricted BM: ferromagnetic Ising chain

Inack, Dell'Anna, Santoro, SP, PRB 2018

➤ Needs combined sampling of both visible and hidden spins

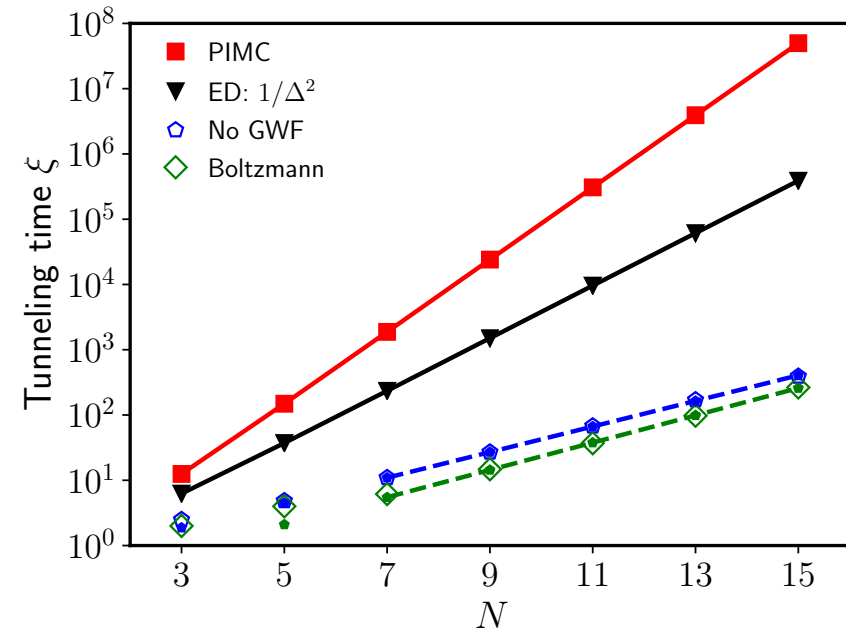


$$N_w \propto \exp(aN) \quad a = 0.023(3)$$

$$N_w \propto N^b \quad b = 0.5(1)$$

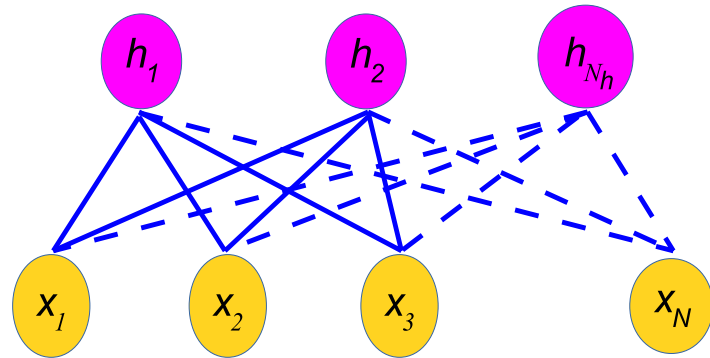
➔ polynomial computational cost

➔ scaling of tunneling time is not affected by guiding wf



Parolini, Inack, Giudici, SP, PRB (2019)

Restricted Boltzmann machine: unsupervised learning



Quantum state tomography:

Torlai, Mazzola, Carrasquilla, Troyer, Melko, Carleo, Nat. Phys. (2018)

Marginal probability:
$$P_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} P_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp[-H_{\text{RBM}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})]$$

Partition function:
$$Z = \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}} \exp[-H_{\text{RBM}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})]$$

Log-likelihood:
$$L(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{train}}} \ln P_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_k)$$

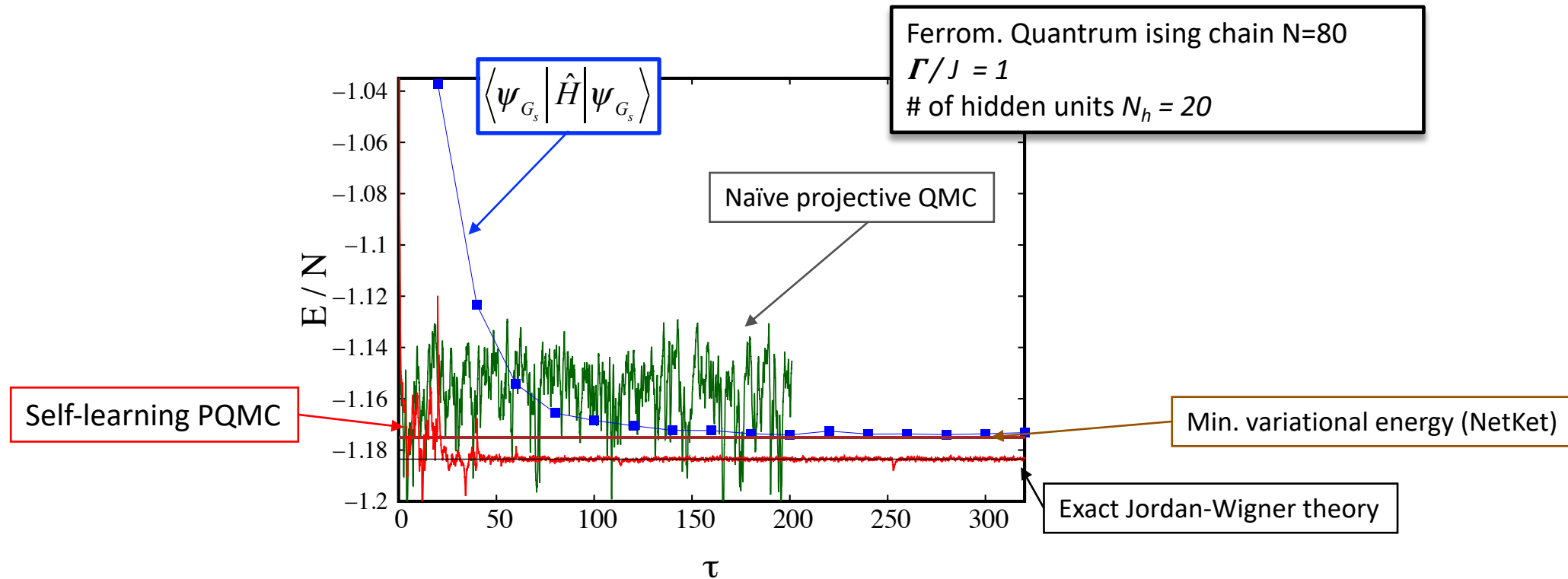
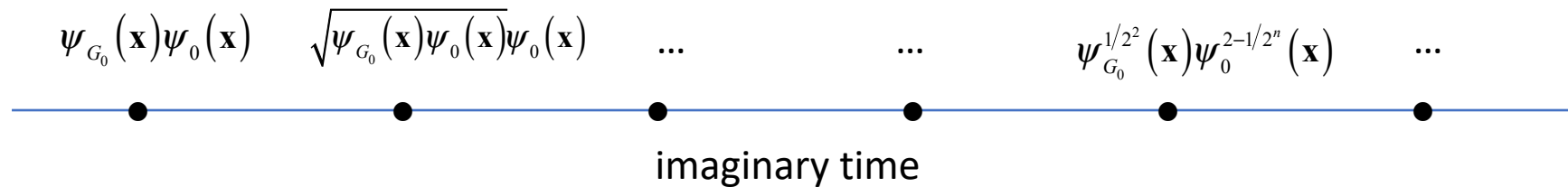
Maximize log-likelihood, minimize KL divergence

Gradient ascent update rule:
$$W_m^{n+1} = W_m^n + \eta \frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w})}{\partial W_m}$$

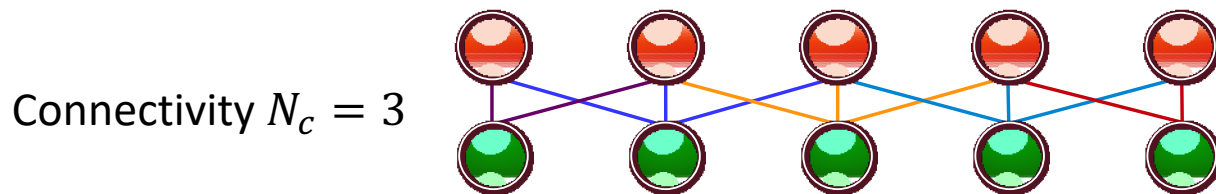
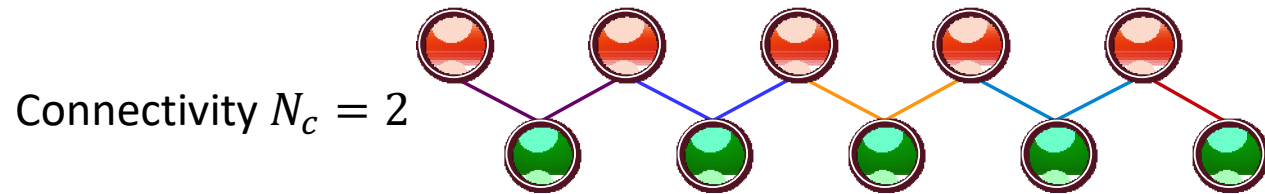
Gradient of log-likelihood:
$$\frac{\partial L(\mathbf{w})}{\partial J_{ij}} \propto \langle x_j h_i \rangle_{\text{data}} - \langle x_j h_i \rangle_{\text{model}}$$

Performed via k-step contrastive divergence

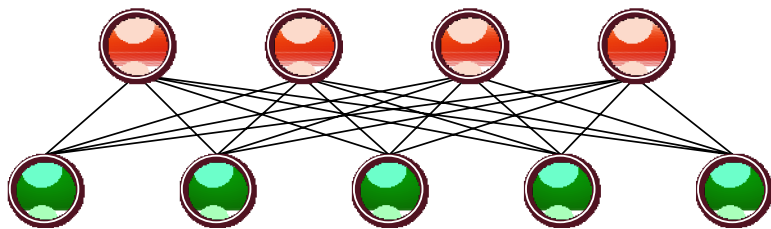
- The RBM learns the random-walker distribution: $P(\mathbf{x}) \propto \psi_G(\mathbf{x})\psi_0(\mathbf{x})$
- Guiding wf for the next run: $\psi_G(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{P(\mathbf{x})}$ stoquastic model $\Rightarrow \psi_0(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$



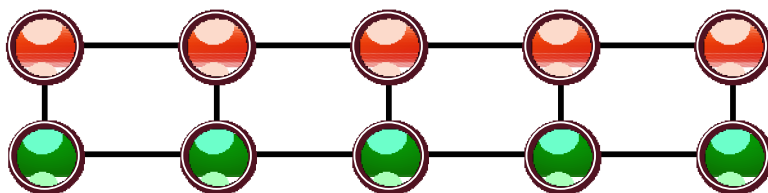
Random Ising chain: sparse neural networks



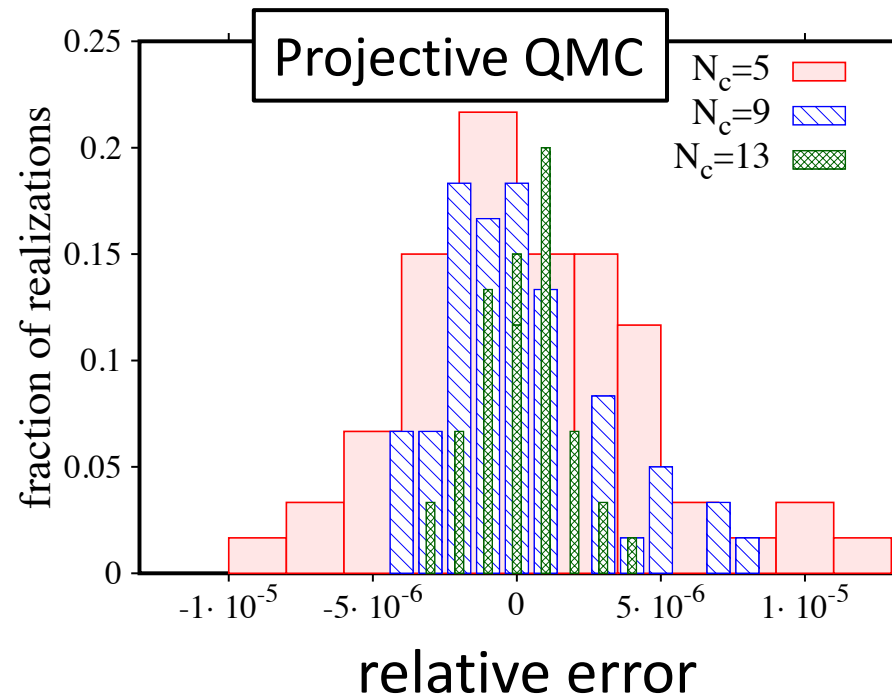
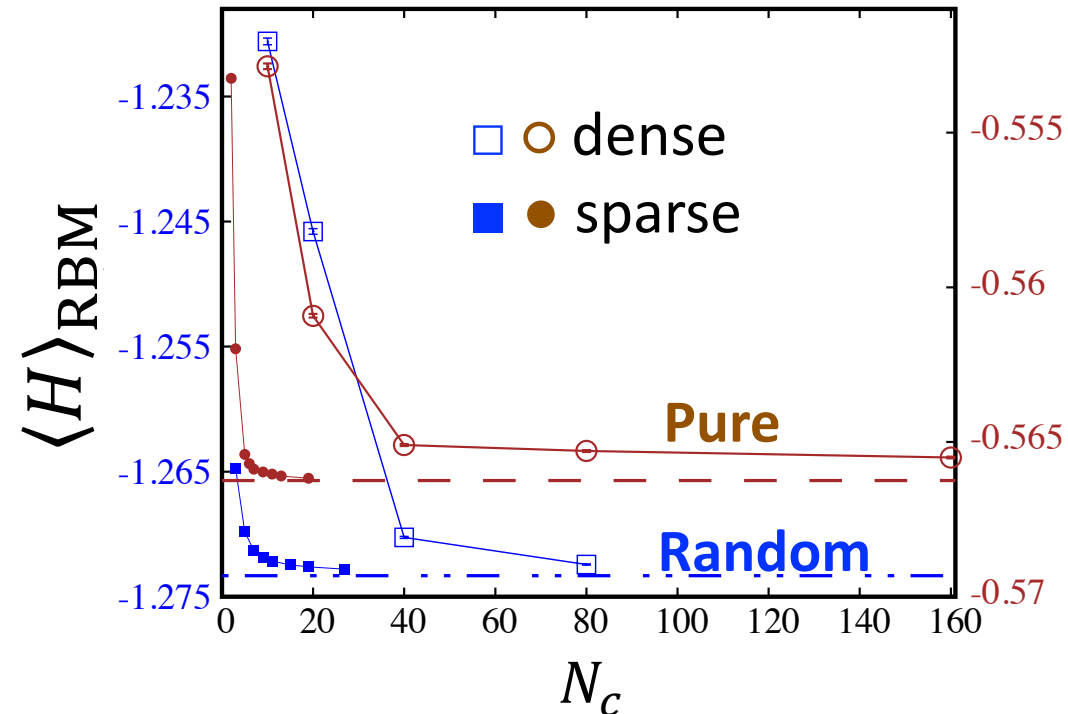
Dense



Shadow wf



SP, Pieri, PRE (2020)



Monte Carlo simulation of classical spin glasses

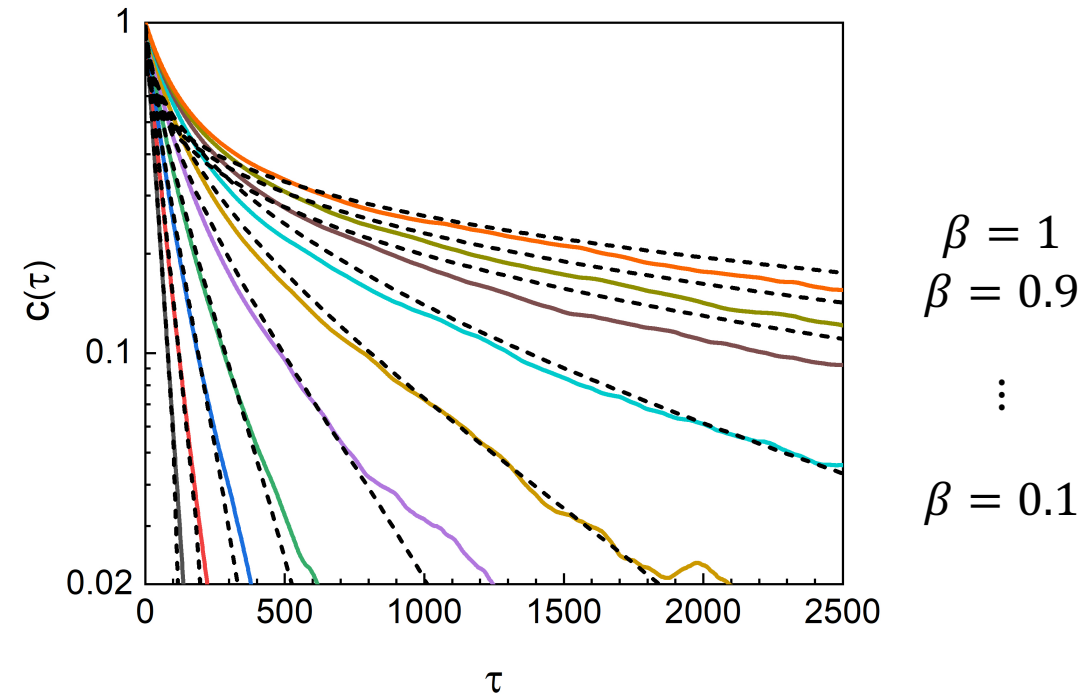
$$H = - \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J_{ij} x_i x_j$$

$x_i = \pm 1$ binary variables on a 2D square lattice, only nearest neighbor interaction

$J_{ij} \sim$ standard normal distribution

- Spin-glass phase at $T = 0$
- “Freezing” temperature at $k_B T \approx 1$

MC sim. with single-spin flip Metropolis algorithm
Autocorrelations: $c(\tau) = \frac{\langle E_{t+\tau} E_t \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2}{\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2}$



Neural autoregressive distribution estimator (NADE)

Problems with restricted Boltzmann machines:

- The normalization factor is "intractable".
- Sampling requires Markov chain Monte Carlo or alternated Gibbs sampling.

Solution: autoregressive property

Chain of conditional distributions:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{d=1}^{N_v} p(x_d | \mathbf{x}_{<d}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Ancestral sampling}$$

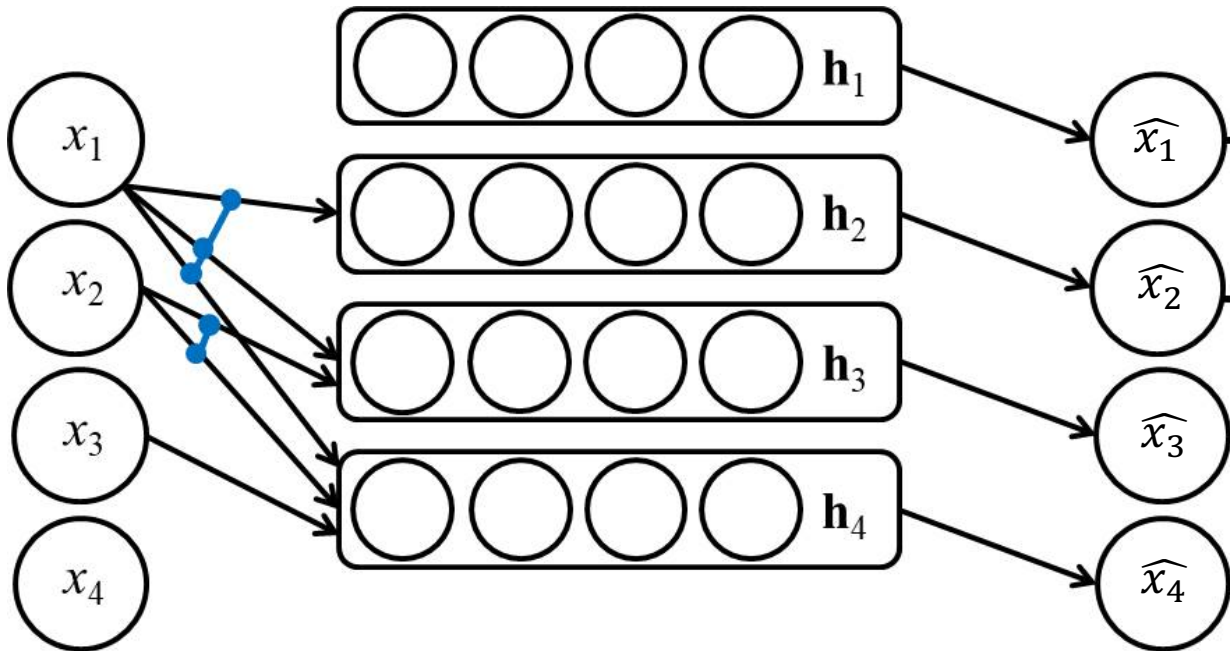
$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{N_v})$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{<d} = (x_1, \dots, x_{d-1})$$

NADE:

Hugo Larochelle, Iain Murray, Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA. Volume 15 of JMLR: W&CP 15 (2011).

- N_v “parallel” hidden layers
- Each hidden layer is connected only to the previous visible variables.
- Part of the weights from input-visible to hidden layers are shared.



$$\hat{x}_d \equiv p(x_d | \mathbf{x}_{<d}) = \sigma(b_d + \mathbf{V}_d \mathbf{h}_d)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_d = \sigma(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{W}_{, <d} \mathbf{x}_{<d})$$

$\mathbf{V}_d = d^{\text{th}}$ row of matrix \mathbf{V}

$\mathbf{W}_{, <d} =$ matrix with first $d - 1$ columns of \mathbf{W}

Activation function: sigmoid

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$$

Goal: $p_{\text{NADE}}(\mathbf{x}) \cong p_{\text{Boltzmann}}(\mathbf{x})$

Training configurations: $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N_{\text{train}}}$

Obtained from:

- previous MCMC simulation
- sequential tempering
- Quantum annealer?

Maximize log-likelihood:

$$\log \left(\prod_{t=1}^{N_{\text{train}}} p(\mathbf{x}_t) \right) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{train}}} \sum_{t=1}^{N_{\text{train}}} \log(p(\mathbf{x}_t)) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{train}}} \sum_{t=1}^{N_{\text{train}}} \sum_{d=1}^{N_v} \log \left(p(x_{t,d} | \mathbf{x}_{t,<d}) \right)$$

Minimize Kullback-Leibler divergence:

$$\text{KL}(p_{\text{NADE}} | p_{\text{Boltzmann}}) = \langle \log(p_{\text{NADE}}) \rangle_{p_{\text{NADE}}} - \langle \log(p_{\text{Boltzmann}}) \rangle_{p_{\text{Boltzmann}}}$$

Use of trained NADE:

Compute expectation values: **ancestral sampling** instead of **MCMC**

$$\langle H \rangle_{p_{\text{NADE}}} \cong \langle H \rangle_{p_{\text{Boltzmann}}}$$

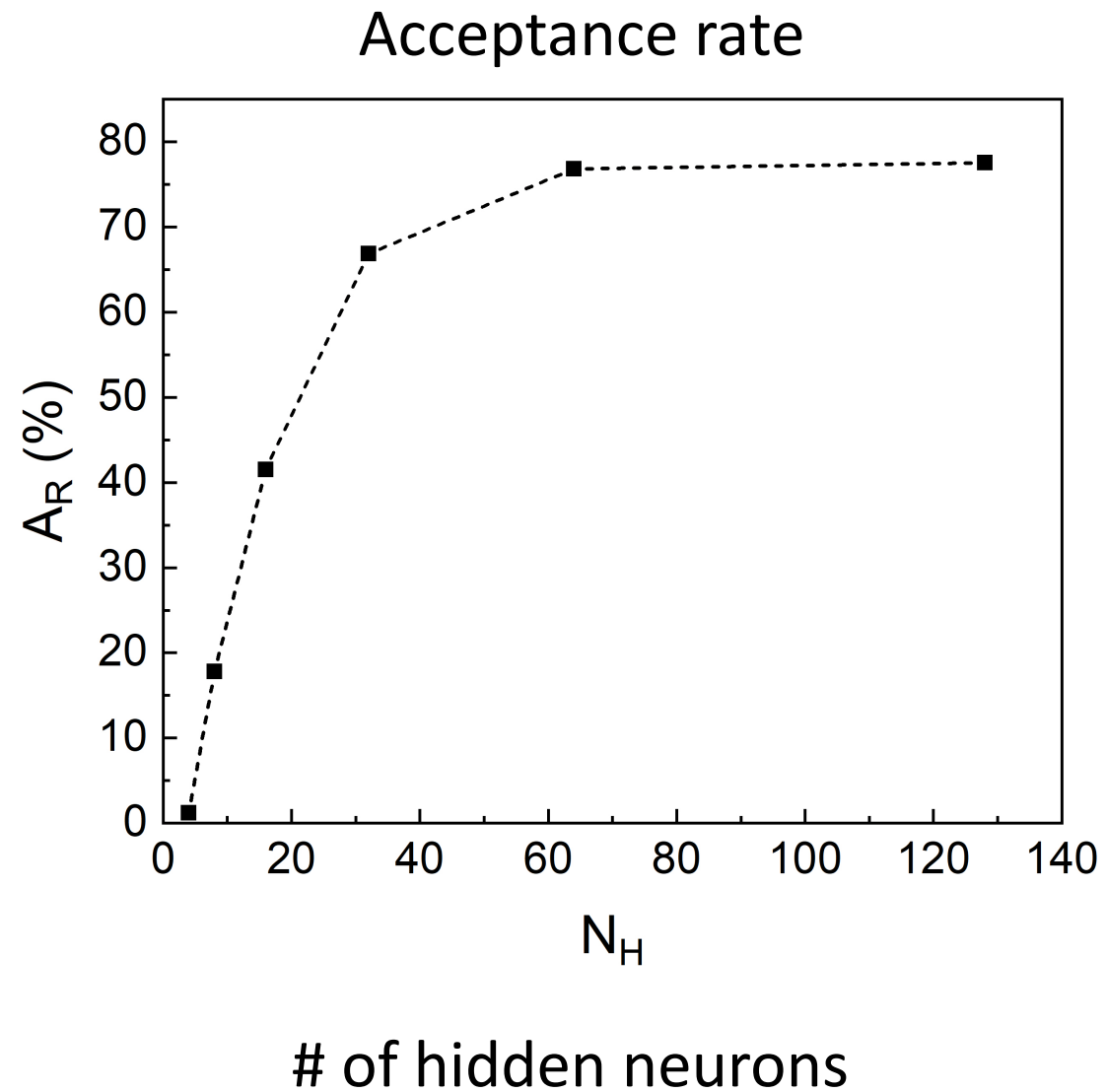
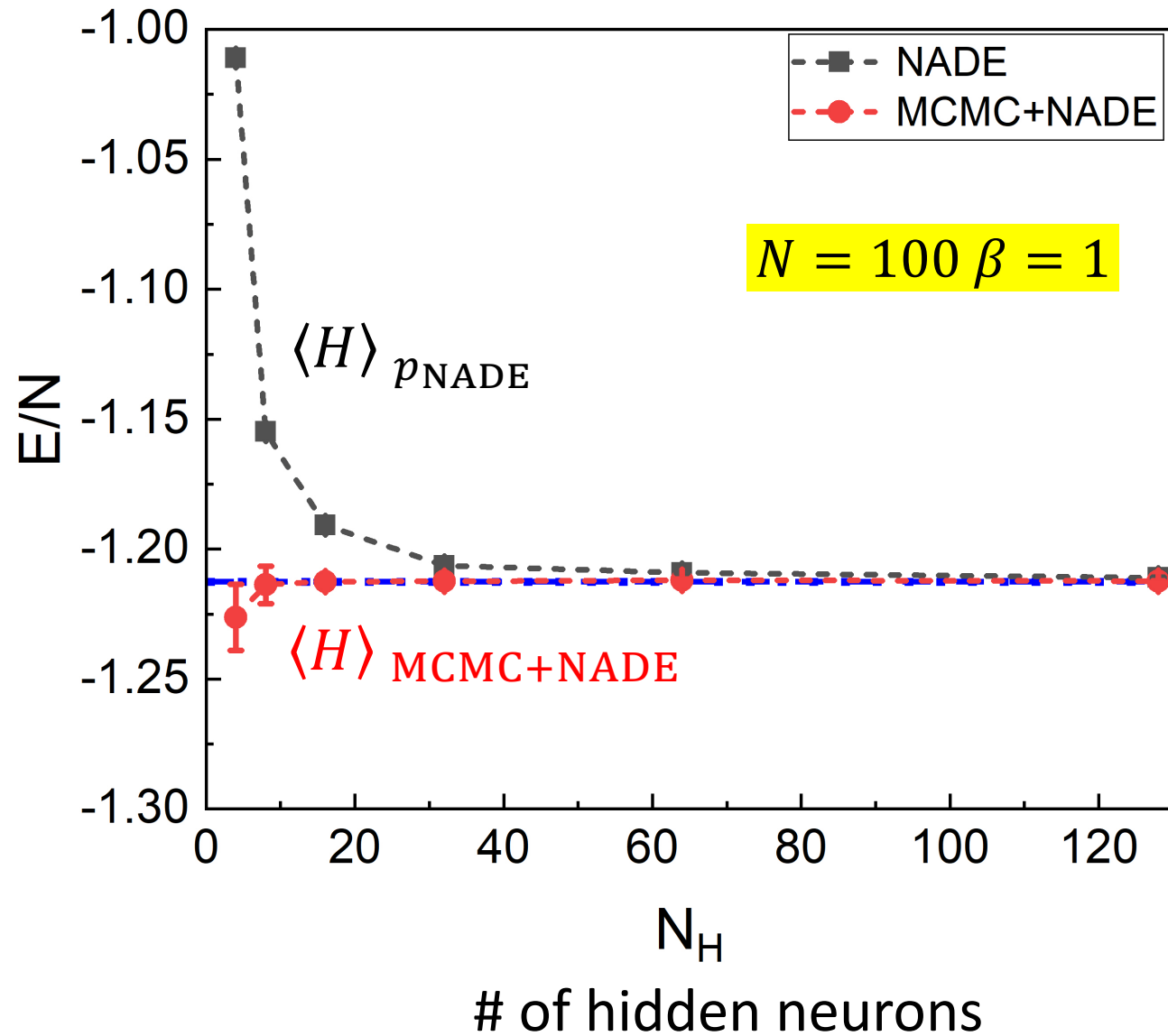
Proposal matrix in Metropolis-Hastings algorithm: $w_{\mathbf{x}'/\mathbf{x}} = p_{\text{NADE}}(\mathbf{x}')$ (use ancestral sampling)

Acceptance probability: $A_{\mathbf{x}'/\mathbf{x}} = \min\left(1, \frac{p_{\text{Boltzmann}}(\mathbf{x}')w_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'}}{p_{\text{Boltzmann}}(\mathbf{x})w_{\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x}}}\right)$

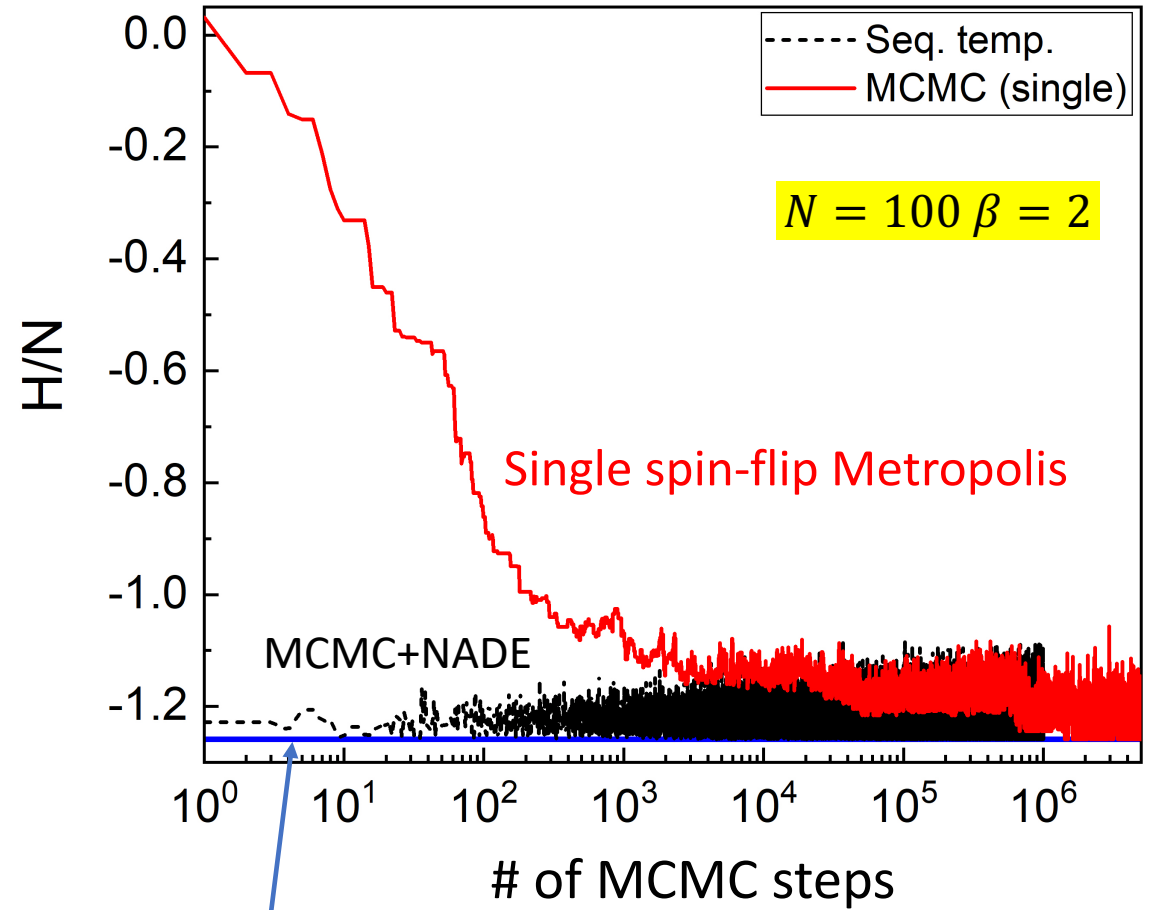
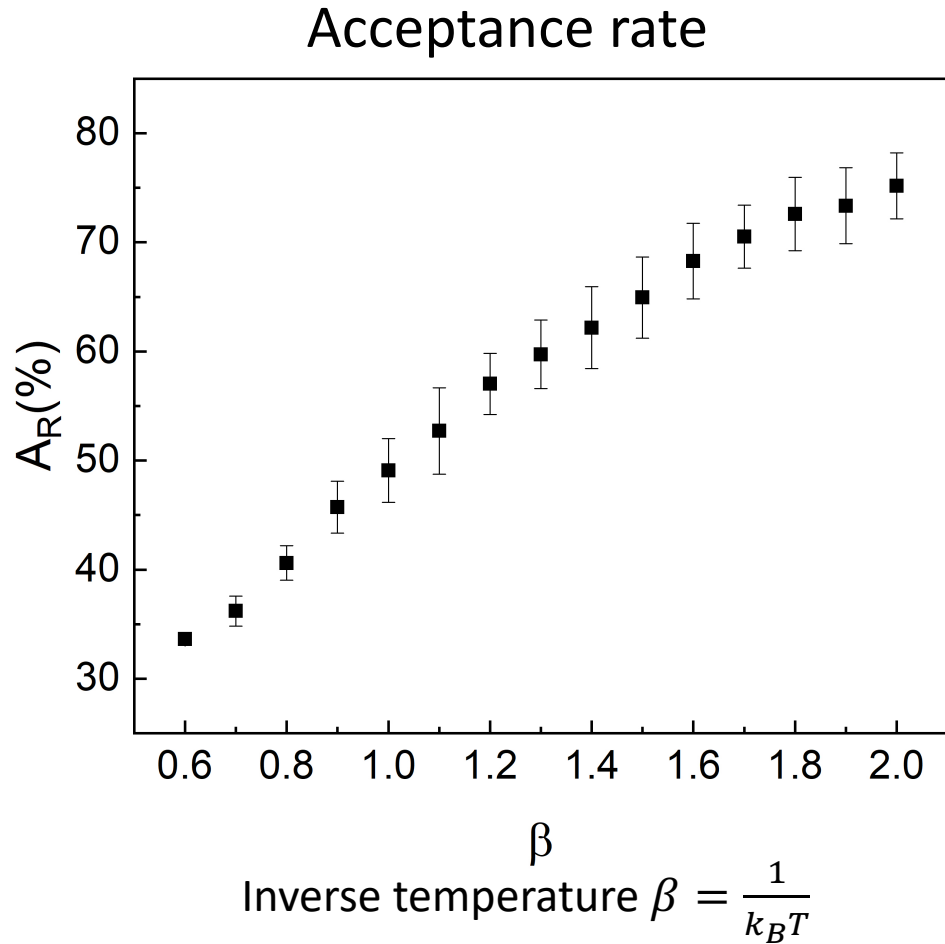
Notice: if $p_{\text{NADE}}(\mathbf{x}) \cong p_{\text{Boltzmann}}(\mathbf{x}) \longrightarrow A_{\mathbf{x}'/\mathbf{x}} \cong \mathbf{1}$

Related work:

- D. Wu et al., PRL 122, 080602 (2019): variational optimization of autoregressive networks.
- K. A. Nicoli et al., PRE 101, 023304 (2020): MCMC+autoregressive n. for ferromagnetic models, training performed via variational optimization



Sequential tempering: train NADE a high(er) T , use it to drive MCMC a low(er) T



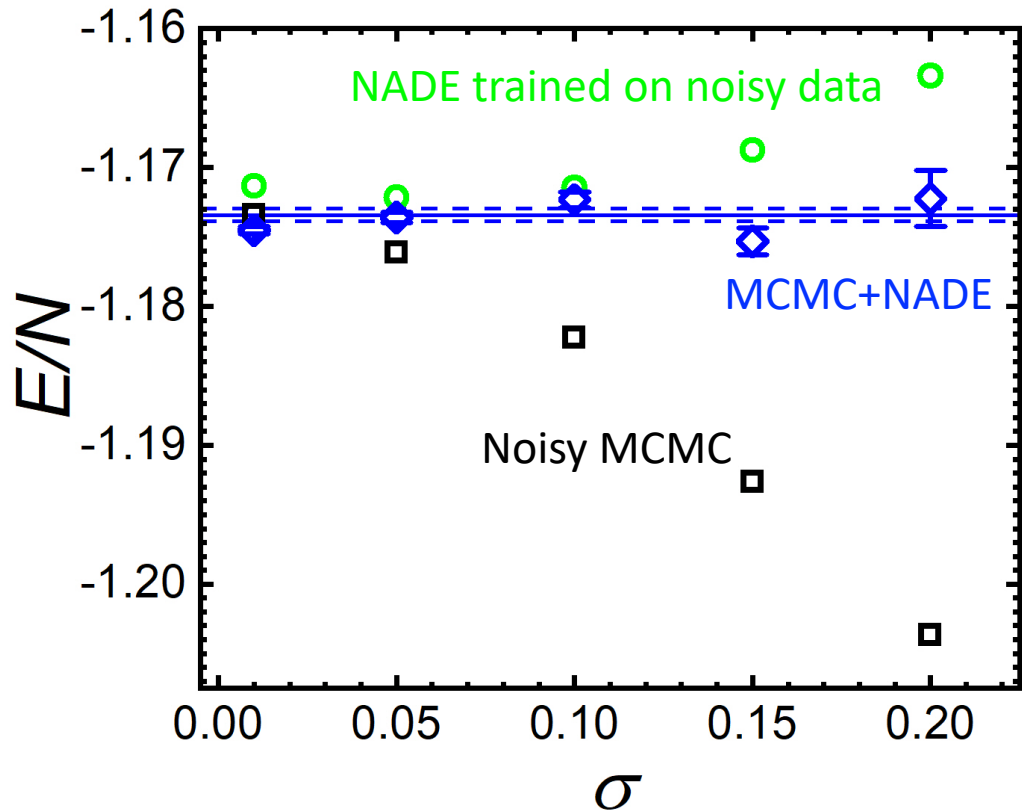
Ground state from spin glass server (University of Cologne)

WORK IN PROGRESS (preliminary)

Training from noisy data:

-) Prospect of using physical quantum annealers (e.g., D-WAVE).
-) Procedure to “correct” experimental errors.

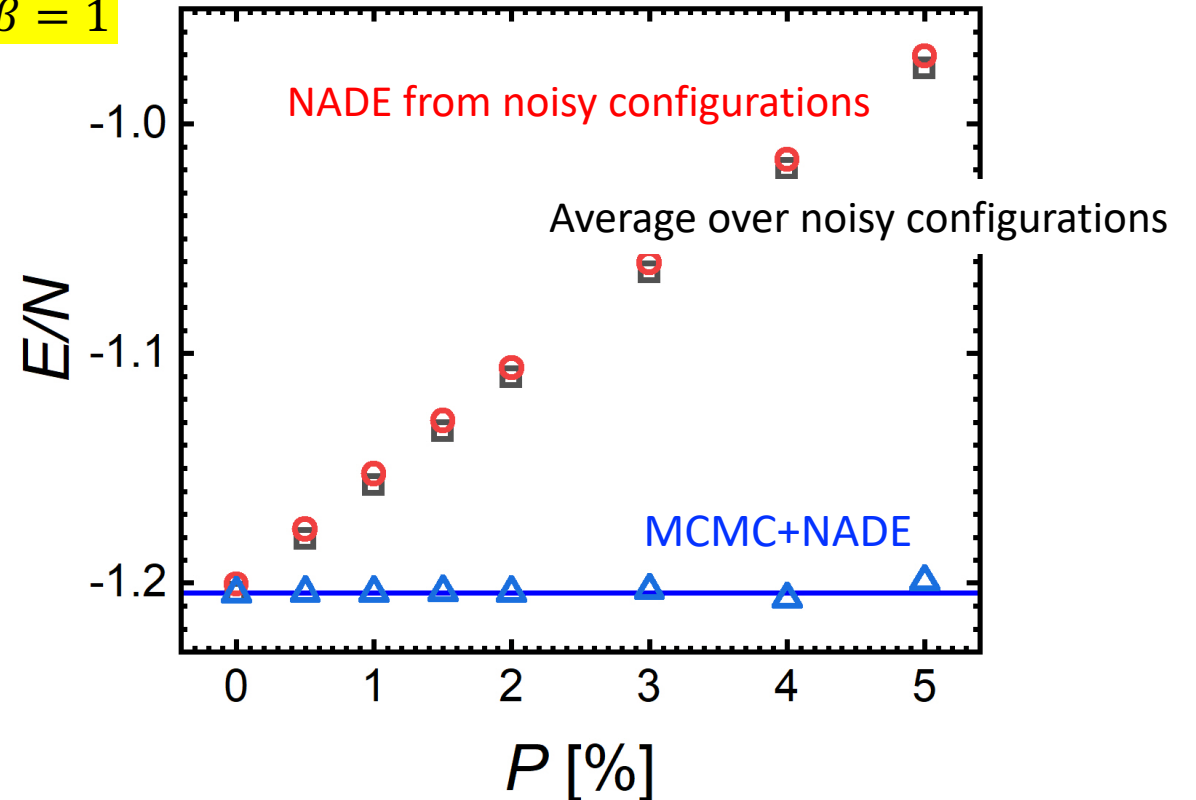
Errors in model implementation



St. dev. of Gaussian noise in coupling

$N = 100 \beta = 1$

Readout errors



Probability to read flipped spin

Conclusions:

- Guiding wfs for projective QMC can be built using generative neural networks.
- They can be trained within self-learning QMC (unsupervised learning)
- Autoregressive neural networks allow generating smart proposals for the Metropolis-Hasting algorithms.
- Low T spin-glasses can be simulated via sequential tempering.
- Work in progress: autoregressive models can be trained with nosy data -> prospect of using physical quantum annealers.

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