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Free Energy is All You Need

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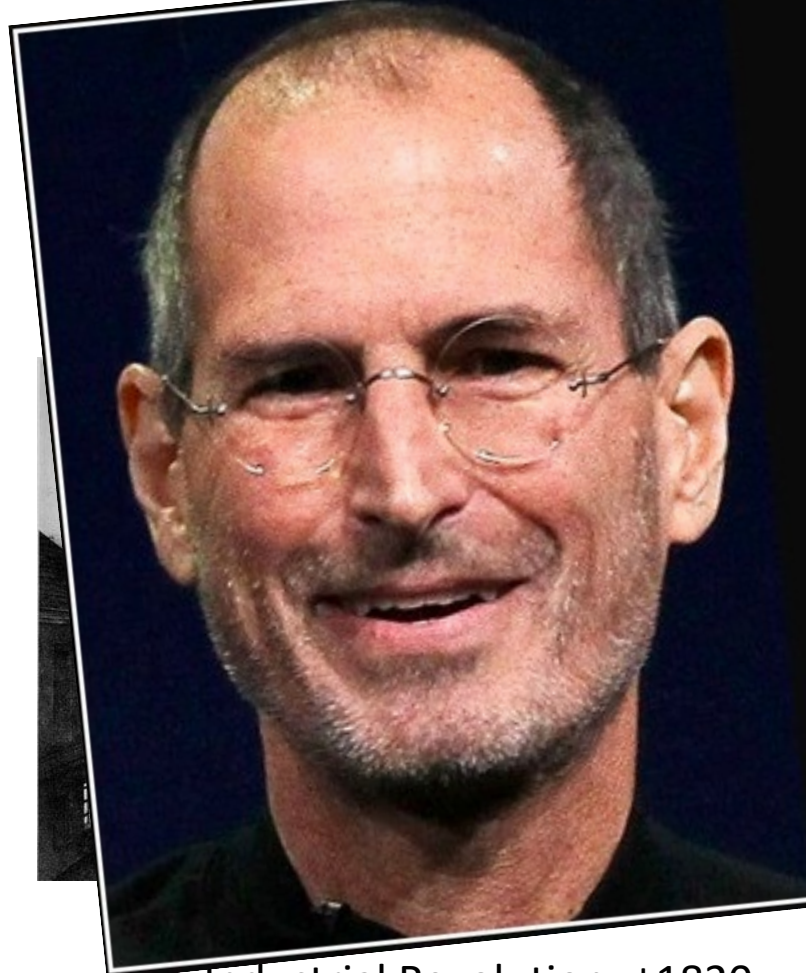


Today's Menu

- AI4Science: A new paradigm for scientific discovery?
- Free Energies in Physics and Machine Learning
- Examples of AI4Science:
 - Transition Path Sampling
 - Classical Density Functional Theory
 - Quantum Variation Monte Carlo
 - Gravitational Lensing
- Outlook



Free Energy = Energy - Entropy



This revolution, the information revolution, is a revolution of free energy as well, but of another kind: free intellectual energy.

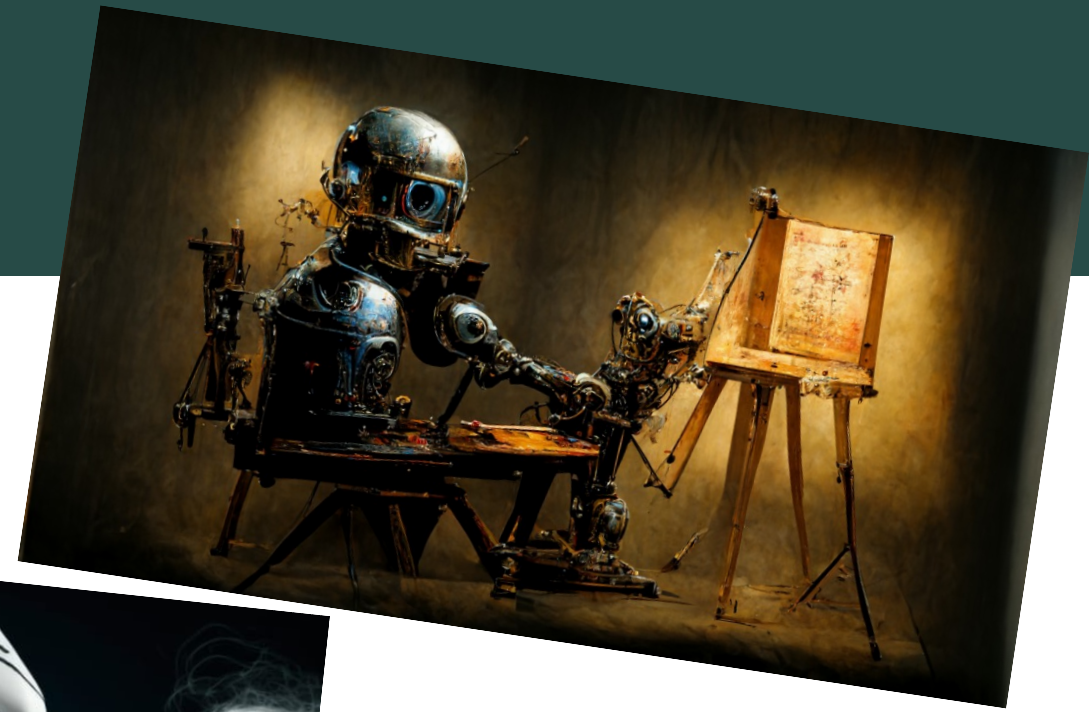
— Steve Jobs —

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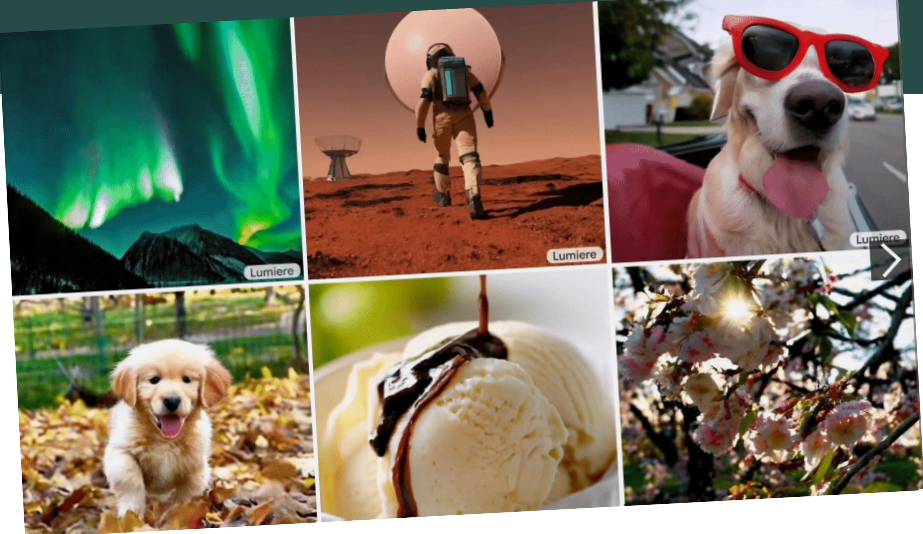
Industrial Revolution: ±1820

Information Revolution: ±1940

Generative AI: Images



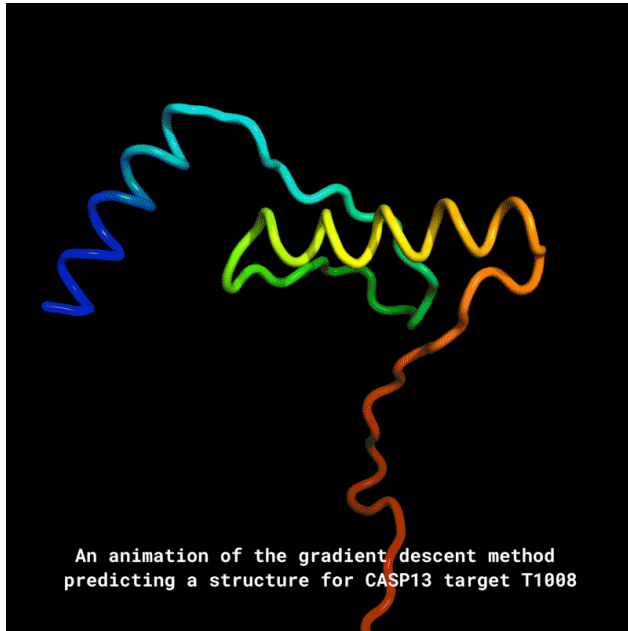
Generative AI: Videos



"A shot following a hiker through jungle brush."



Deep learning in the natural sciences



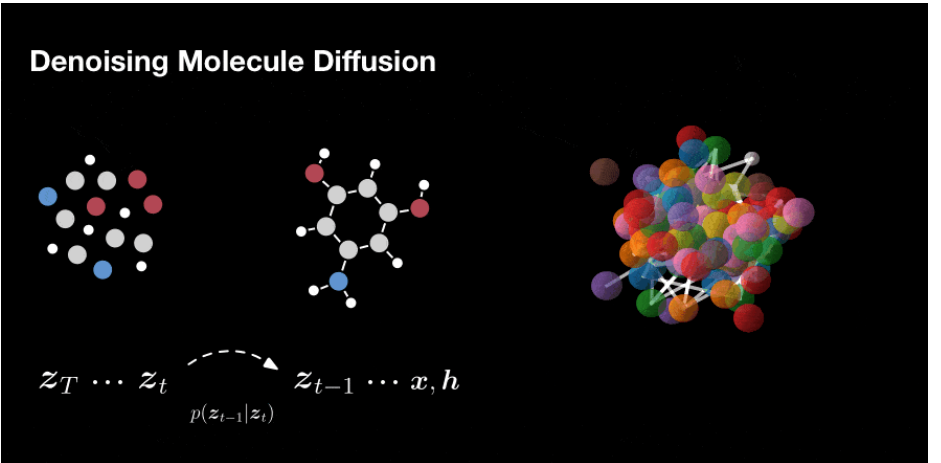
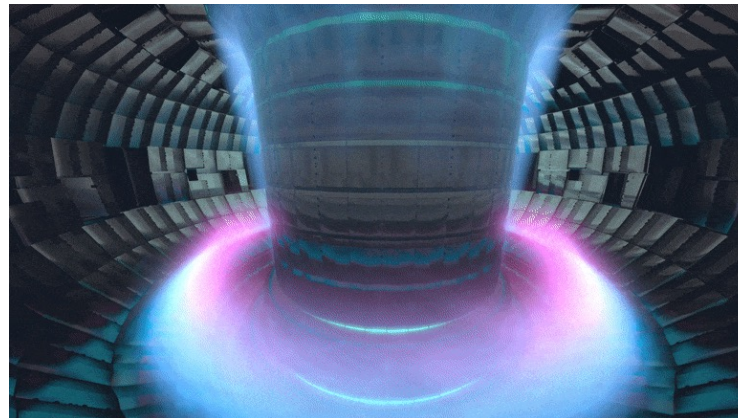
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Molecule Generation

Protein Folding



Equivariant Diffusion for Molecule Generation in 3D

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Plasma Control

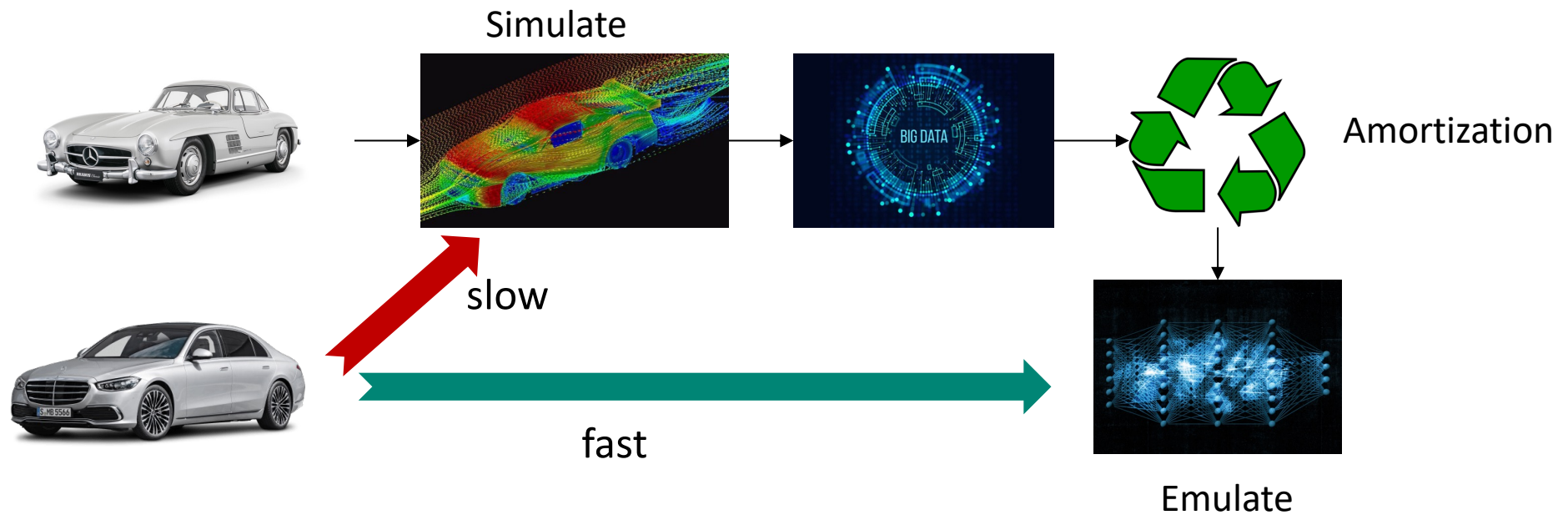
Magnetic control of tokamak plasmas through deep reinforcement learning

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From Simulation to Emulation

Simulate → Train NN Surrogate → Emulate



From Physics to ML

$$-\log P_X \leq -\mathbb{E}_{Q_{z|x}}(\log P_{X,z}) - S(Q_{z|x})$$

(Evidence Lower Bound: ELBO)



$$KL(Q||P) \geq 0$$

$$F = -T \log Z \leq \mathcal{F}(Q) = \mathbb{E}_Q(H) - TS(Q)$$

(Variational Free Energy)

$$P = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-H/T}$$

ML

Physics/Chemistry/Biology

$$P(z|x) = \frac{P(x|z)P(z)}{P(x)}$$

$$KL[Q||P] = \int dz Q(z)[\log Q(z) + E_Q[-\log(P(x|z)P(z))] + \log P(x)] \geq 0$$

$$-\log P(x) \equiv F(x) \leq \mathcal{F}(Q; x) \equiv E_Q[-\log(P(x|z)P(z))] - S(Q)$$

$$P(z) = \frac{\exp[-H(z)]}{Z}$$

$$KL[Q||P] = \int dz Q(z)[\log Q(z) + H(z) + \log Z] \geq 0$$

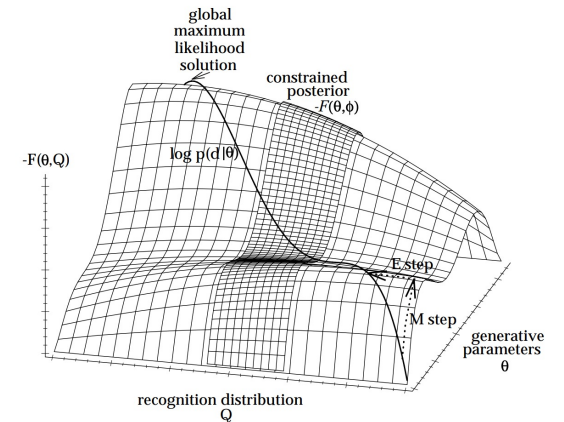
$$-\log Z \equiv F \leq \mathcal{F}(Q) \equiv U(Q) - S(Q)$$

Expectation Maximization as Stochastic Thermodynamics

EM-algorithm:

$$\text{E-step: } \min_Q \mathcal{F}(Q, \theta)$$

$$\text{M-step: } \min_{\theta} \mathcal{F}(Q, \theta)$$



(from 1994 "Helmholtz Machine" paper)

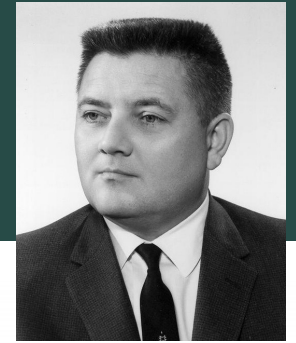
Thermodynamics:

$$\delta \mathcal{F} = \frac{\delta U}{\delta \theta} \delta \theta + \frac{\delta U}{\delta Q} \delta Q - \frac{\delta S}{\delta Q} \delta Q$$

= Work + Heat + System Entropy change

= M-step + E-step

E.T. Jaynes



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Information Theory and Statistical Mechanics

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Bayesian View of Statistical Mechanics:

*Entropy is **our** degree of ignorance about the microscopic degrees of freedom of a system*

Generative AI

Deep Unsupervised Learning using Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics

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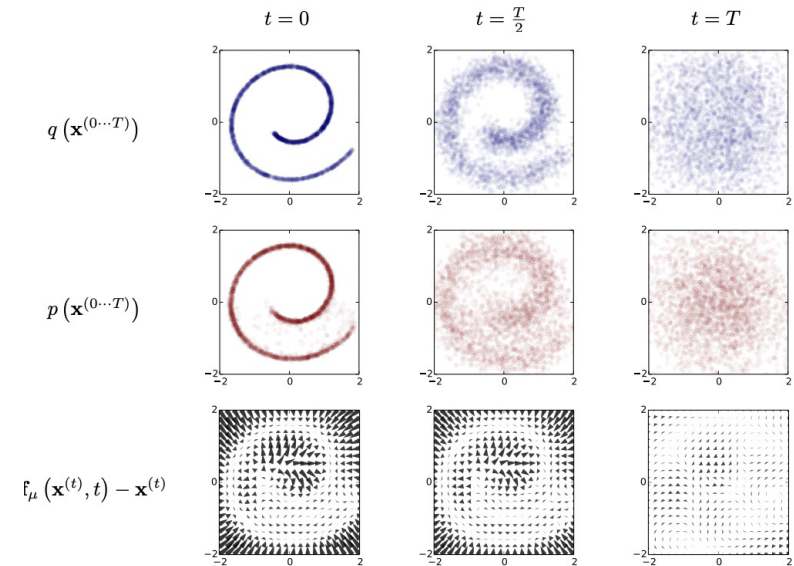
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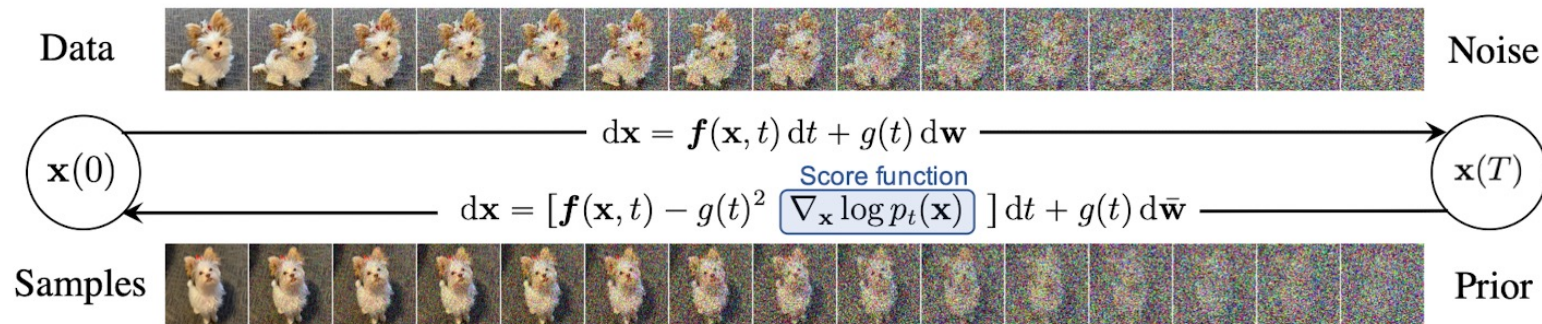
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Deep Unsupervised Learning using Nonequilibrium Thermodynamics



Diffusion Based Models

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Maximum Likelihood Training of Score-Based Diffusion Models

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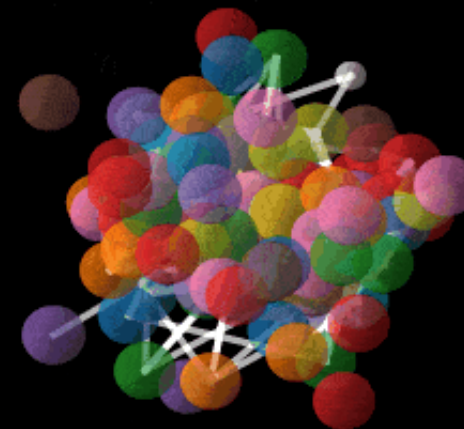
Figure 1: We can use an SDE to diffuse data to a simple noise distribution. This SDE can be reversed once we know the score of the marginal distribution at each intermediate time step, $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_t(\mathbf{x})$.

- Crooks Fluctuation Theorem: $\frac{P(A \rightarrow B)}{P(A \leftarrow B)} = \exp[\beta(W_{A \rightarrow B} - \Delta F)]$
- The faster you want to generate, the more work you dissipate to the environment.

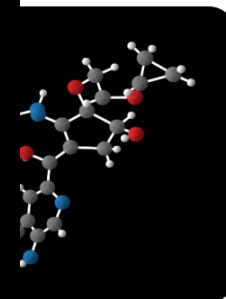
Generative AI: Molecules!



Denoising Molecule Diffusion



x, h



$$z_T \cdots z_t \xrightarrow{p(z_{t-1}|z_t)} z_{t-1} \cdots x, h$$

$$p(x, h) = p(Rx, h)$$

Free Energy is all you need

Variational Inference
MCMC Sampling

Optimal Control
G-Flows

Free Energy

Schrodinger Bridges
Optimal Transport

Diffusion Models
Normalizing Flows

- Objective is to minimize $\text{KL}(Q || P)$
(a.k.a. Free Energy)

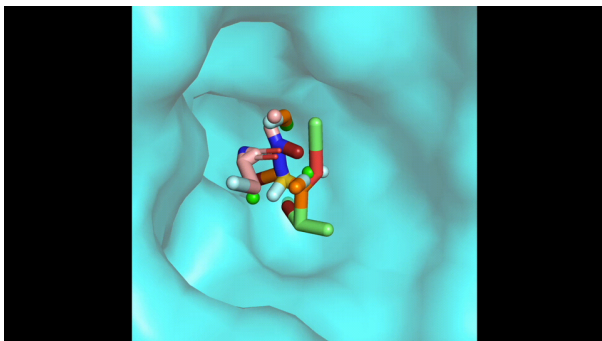
$$\mathcal{F}(Q; x) \equiv E_Q[-\log(P(x|z)P(z))] - S(Q)$$

- Q & P are Markov Chains:

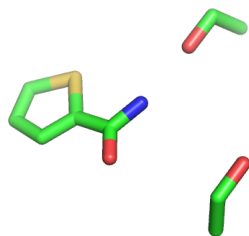
$$Q(Z) = Q_0(z_0) \prod_{t=1}^T F_t(z_t | z_{t-1})$$

$$P(Z) = P_T(z_T) \prod_{t=1}^T B_t(z_{t-1} | z_t)$$

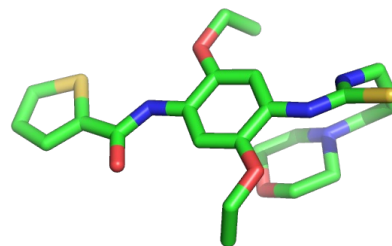
DiffLinker: Molecular Linker Design



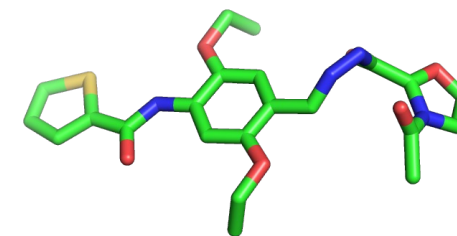
Input fragments



Reference molecule

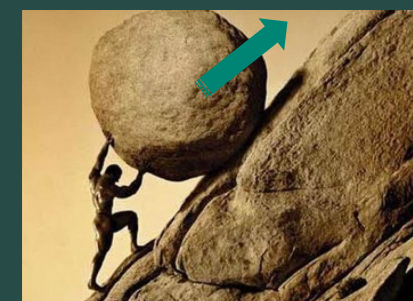


Generated molecule



Input Fragments	True Molecule	DiffLinker Samples				

Transition Path sampling



Project Sisyphus

Sampling transition paths between molecular conformations

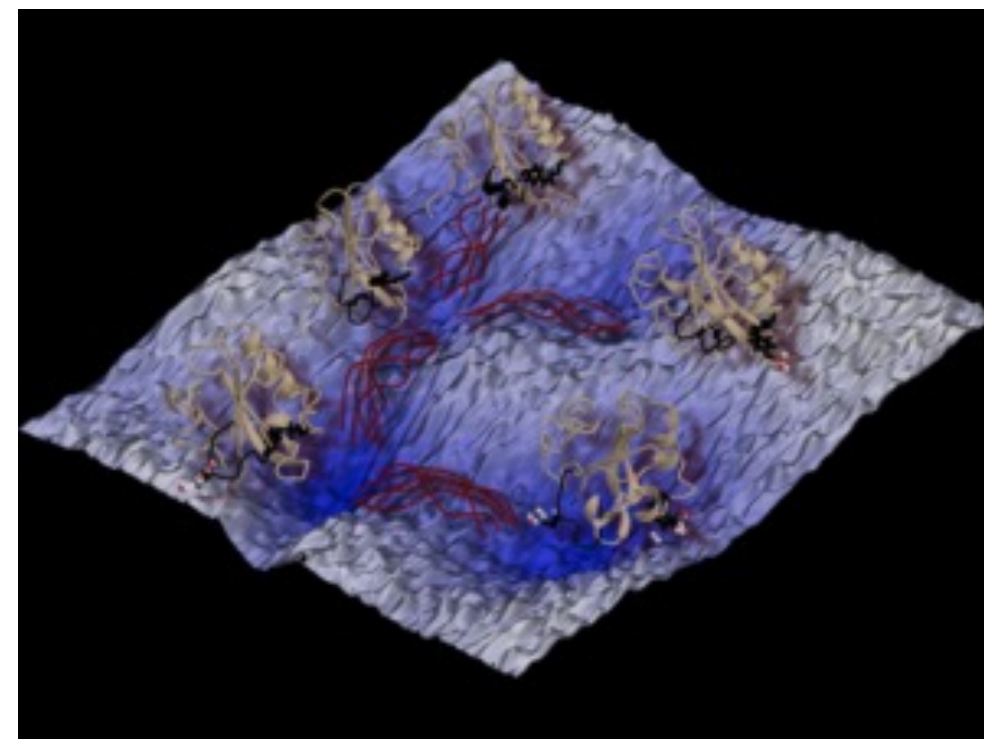
PIPS : Path Integral Path Sampling:

Given initial state r_0 and target state r_T find the series of intermediate states $\{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{T-1}\}$ that describe the transition path of minimal energy.

Langevin dynamics:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} dr_t \\ dv_t \end{pmatrix}}_{dx_t} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} v_t \\ -\nabla_{r_t} U(r_t) \end{pmatrix}}_{f(x_t, t)} dt + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0_{3n} \\ \mathbb{I}_{3n} \end{pmatrix}}_{G(x_t, t)} \cdot \left(\underbrace{u(x_t, t)}_{\text{extra force term}} dt + d\epsilon_t \right), \quad t \in [0, \tau]$$

Train policy to force molecule over energy barrier



Source: <https://www.e-cam2020.eu/rare-events-story/>

Alanine Dipeptide

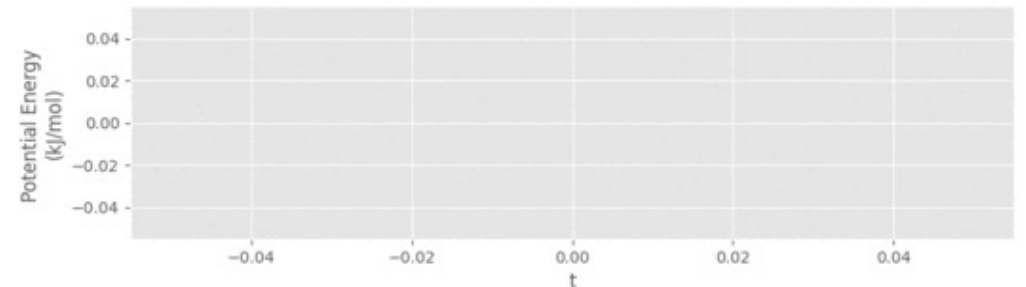
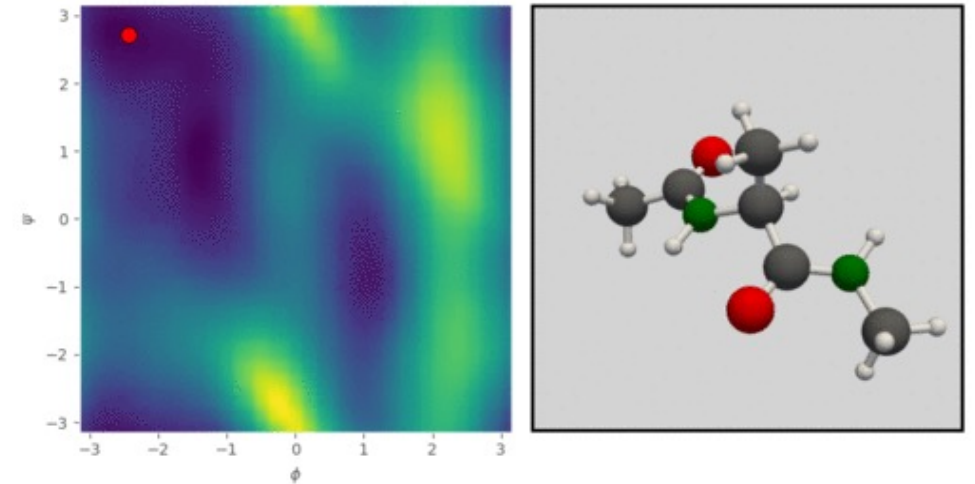
- Extensively studied molecule with known collective variables

Collective Variables:

Dihedral angles ψ and ϕ



With Lars Holdijk, Yuanqi Du, Ferry Hooft,
Priyank Jaini, Bernd Ensing



Learning the Free Energy of Classical DFT



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- Consider liquid/gas with the following free energy:

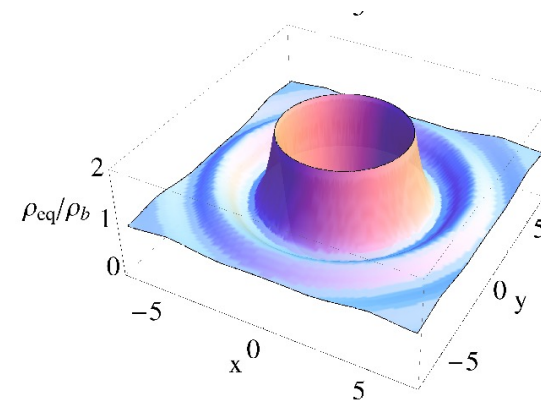
$$\Omega[\rho] = \mathcal{F}[\rho] + \int dr \rho(\mathbf{r}) (V_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) - \mu)$$

Grand Potential Functional Internal Free Energy Particle Density External Potential Chemical Potential

$$F(\rho(x, t)) = F^{\text{id}}[\rho(x, t)] + \int (V^{\text{ext}} - \mu)(x)\rho(x, t)dx + F^{\text{excess}}[\rho(x, t)]$$

- Learn $\mathcal{F}[\rho]$ from MD data
- minimize $\Omega[\rho]$ over density for new V

- Dynamics: $\partial_t \rho(x, t) = \gamma \nabla_x \cdot \left(\rho(x, t) \nabla_x \frac{\delta \Omega[\rho]}{\delta \rho(x, t)} \right)$



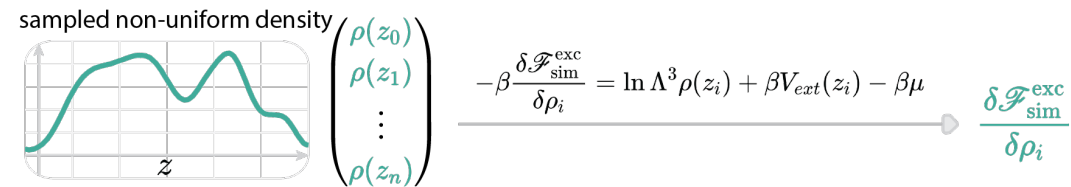
Learning Neural Free-Energy Functionals with Pair-Correlation Matching

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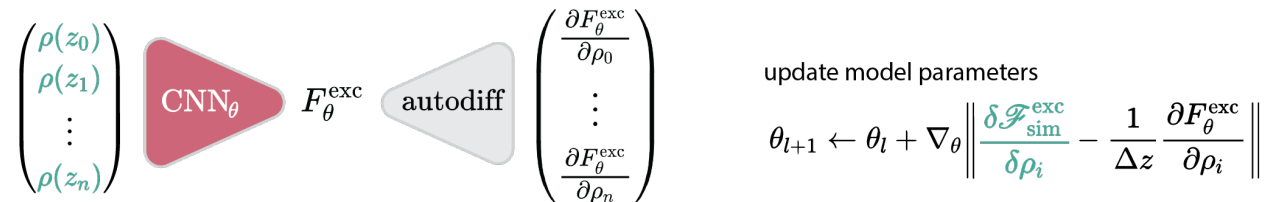
Training a free-energy approximator: naïve approach

1. Generate training data from MC simulations

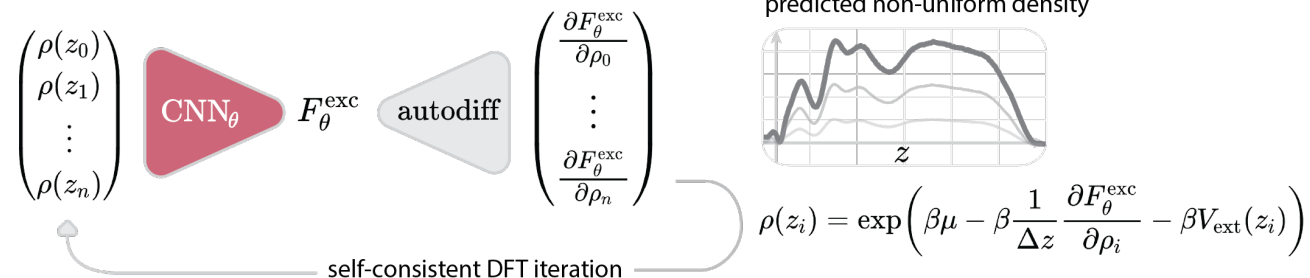
— simulation data



2. Train the neural network

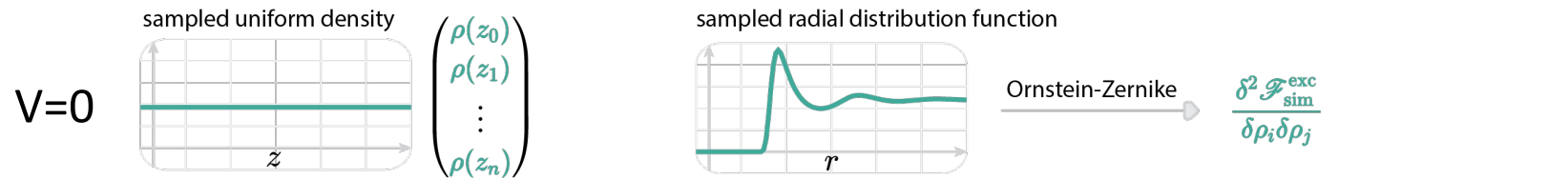


3. Classical DFT at fixed $\beta\mu$ and $\beta V^{\text{ext}}(z)$

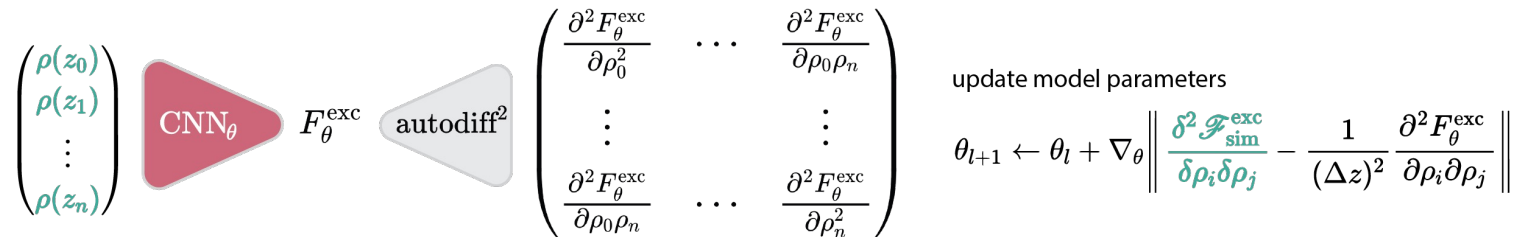


Training a free-energy approximator: pair-correlation matching

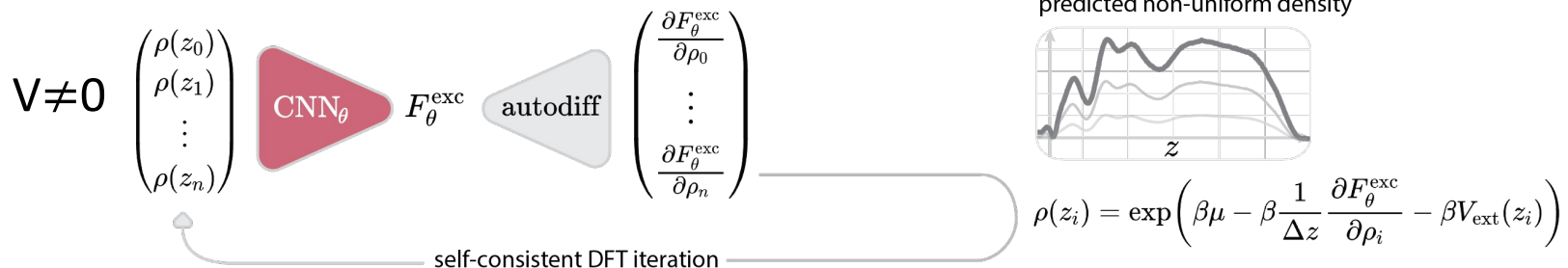
1. Generate training data from MC simulations



2. Train the neural network with pair-correlation matching

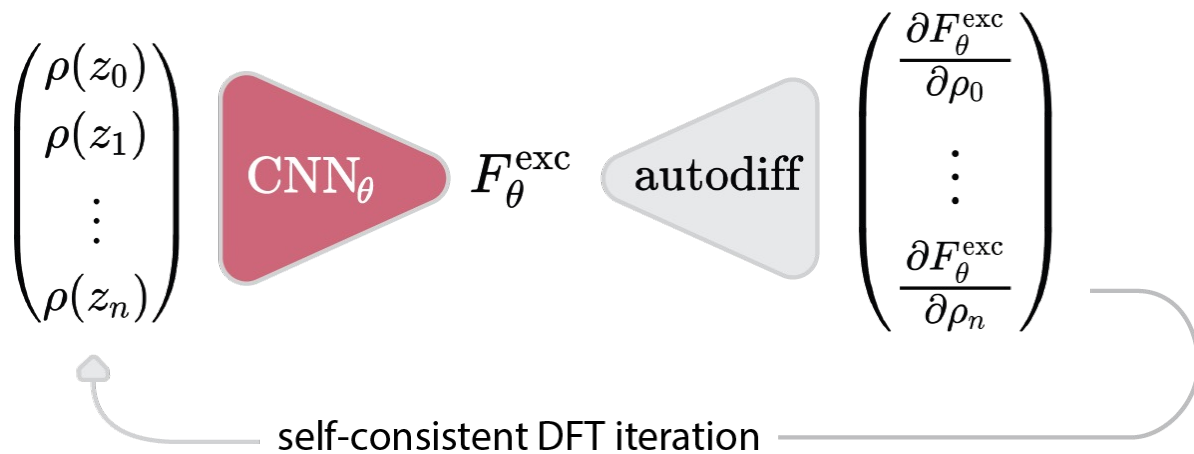


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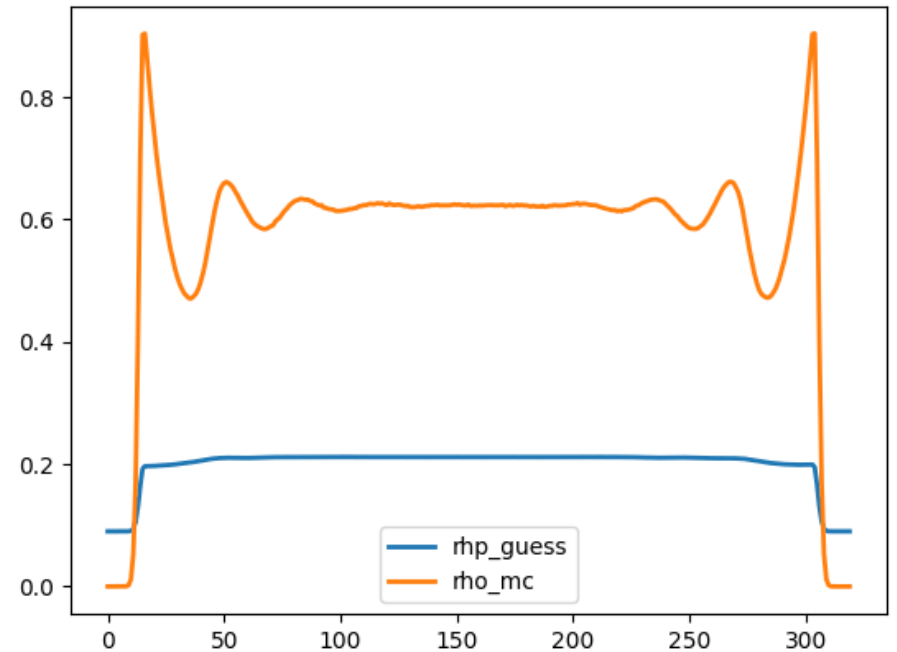


Classical DFT application

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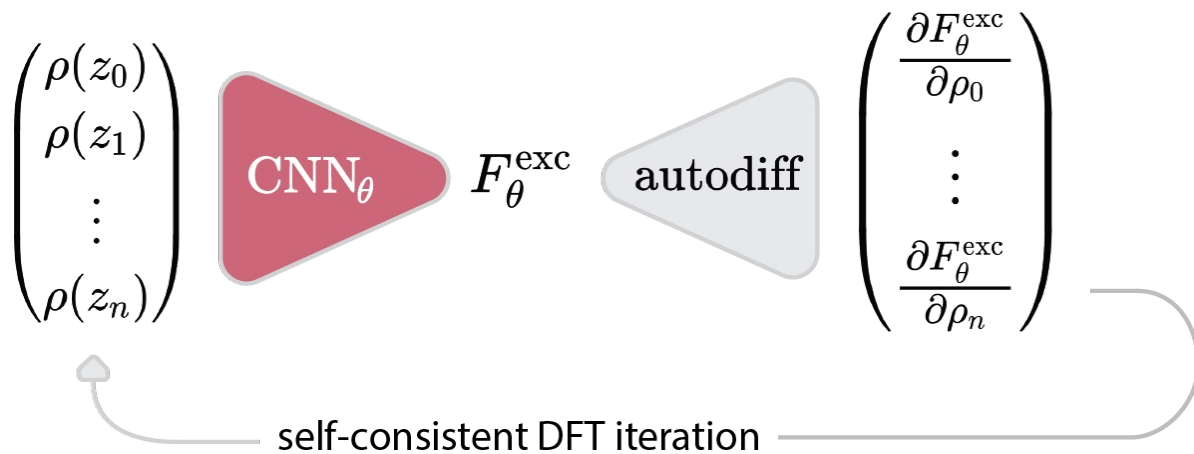


$$\rho(z_i) = \exp\left(\beta\mu - \beta \frac{1}{\Delta z} \frac{\partial F_\theta^{\text{exc}}}{\partial \rho_i} - \beta V_{\text{ext}}(z_i)\right)$$

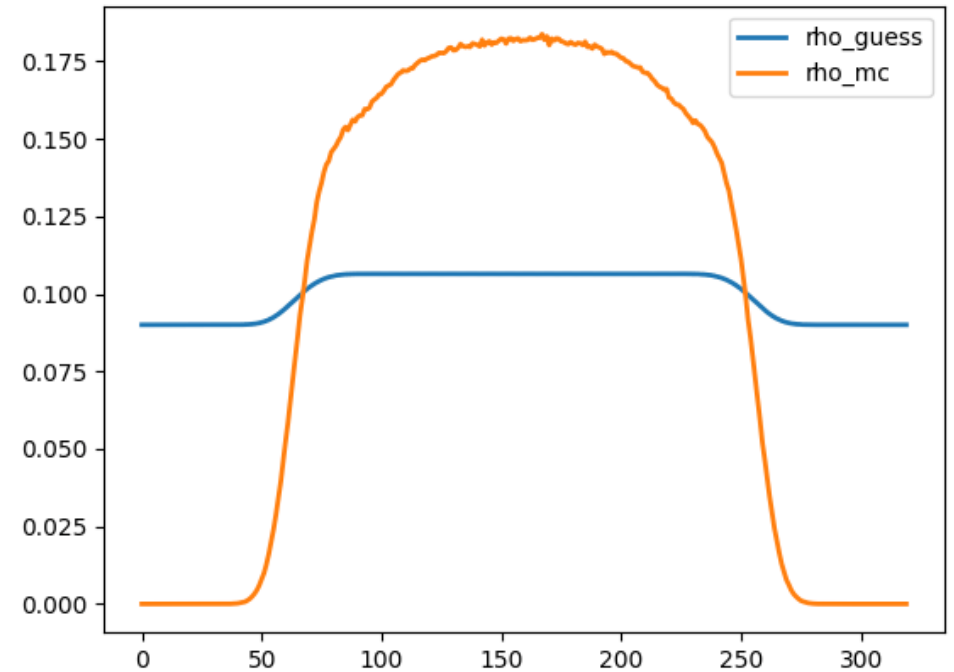


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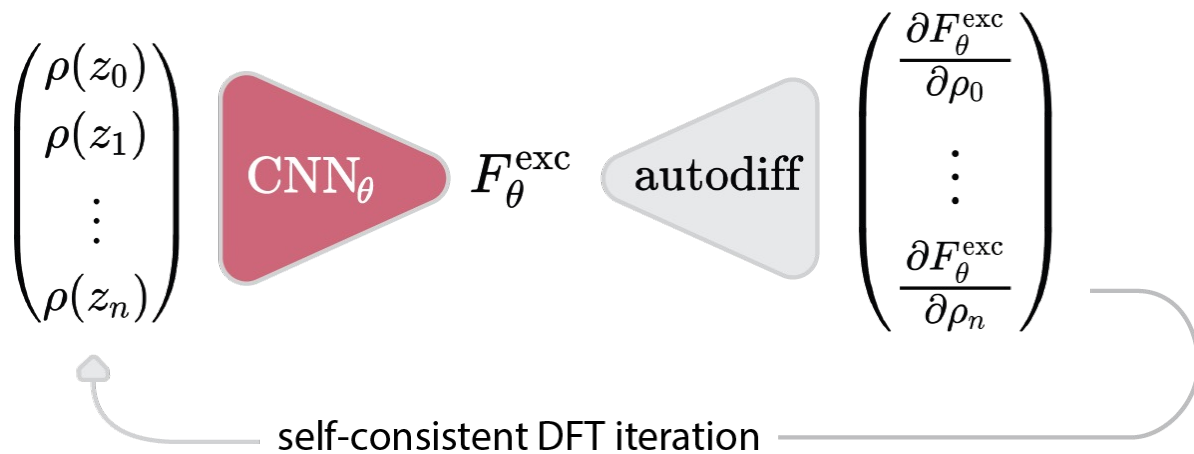


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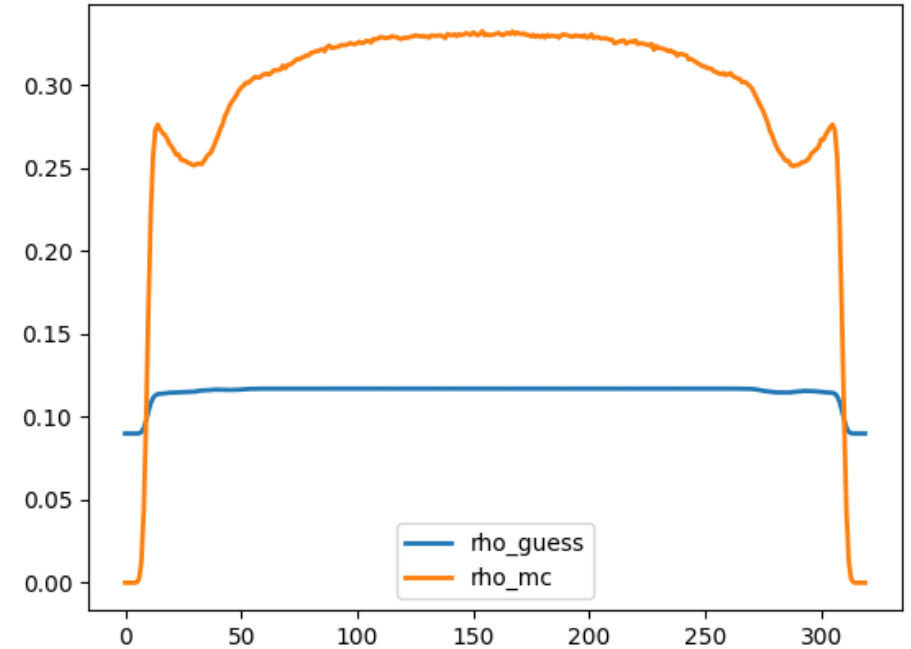


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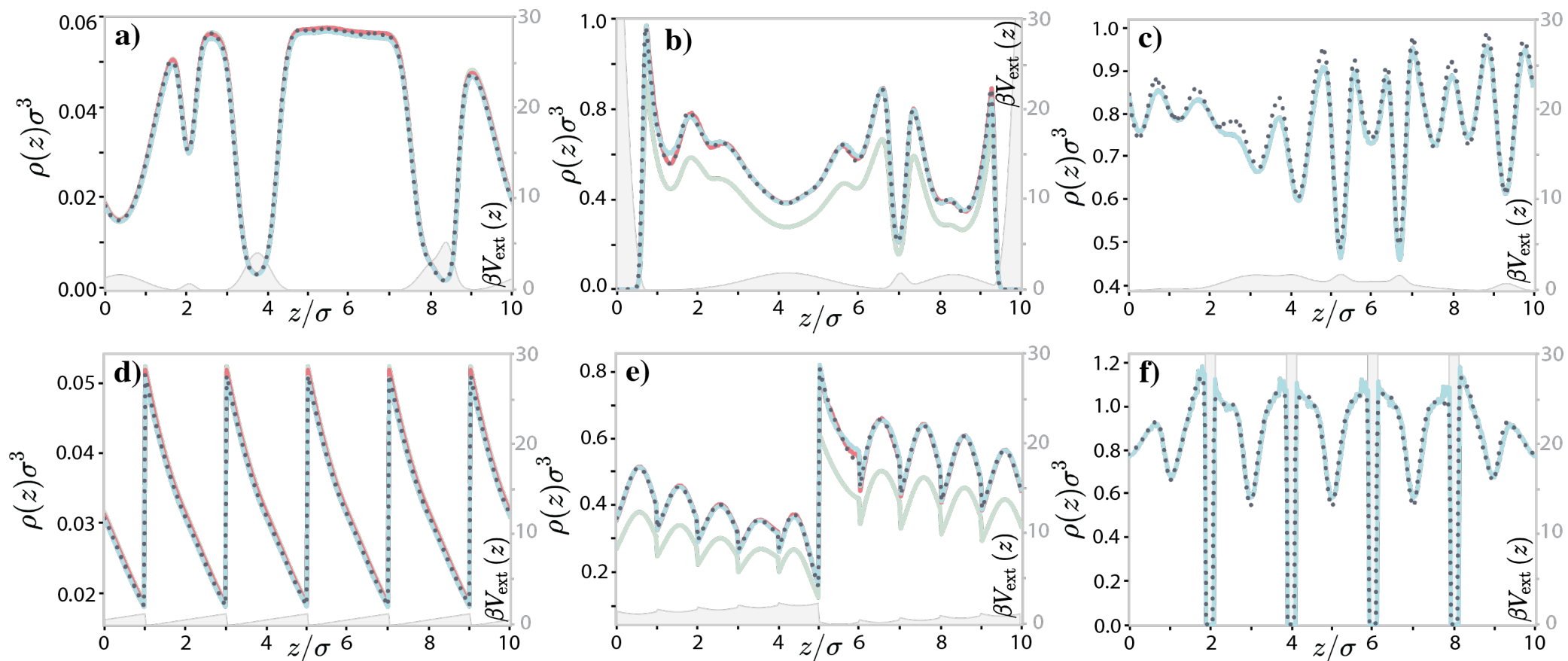
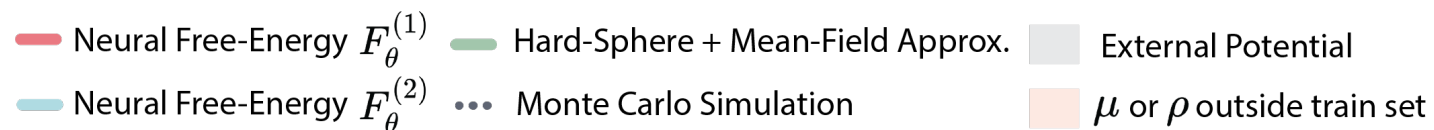
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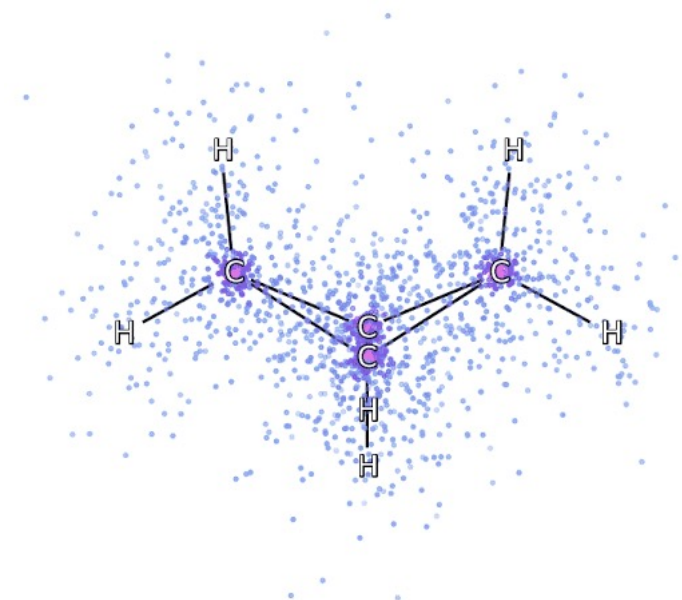
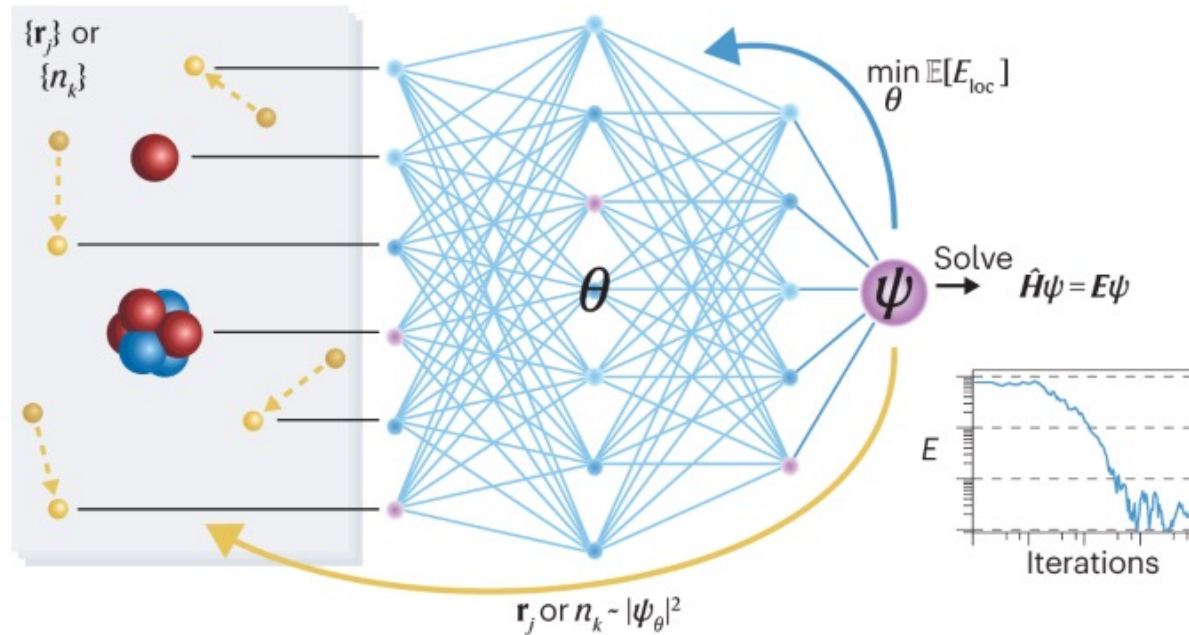


Some Results



Wasserstein Variational Monte Carlo

- Train a Neural Network to represent the (quantum) wavefunction of the ground state



Quantum Variational Monte Carlo

- Minimize Energy of physical system described by Hamiltonian H over wavefunction:

$$E[\psi] = \int dx \psi^*(x) H \psi(x) = \int dx |\psi(x)|^2 \frac{H\psi(x)}{\psi(x)} = E_{x \sim |\psi|^2} [E_{\text{loc}}[\psi]]$$

- Define neural representation for $q(x, \theta) = |\psi(x, \theta)|^2$ and follow gradient:

$$\nabla_{\theta} E[q(\theta)] = \mathbb{E}_{q(x, \theta)} \left[\left(E_{\text{loc}}(x, \theta) - \mathbb{E}_{q(x, \theta)} [E_{\text{loc}}(x, \theta)] \right) \nabla_{\theta} \log q(x, \theta) \right]$$

- Claim: this can be viewed as a gradient flow of $E[q]$ in a Fisher-Rao metric + a KL projection.

Geometrical Viewpoint

Wasserstein Quantum Monte Carlo: A Novel Approach for Solving the Quantum Many-Body Schrödinger Equation

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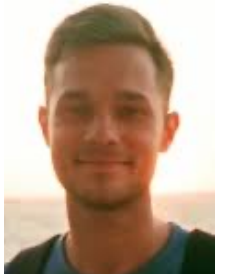
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- Introduce manifold for densities by defining a distance between densities:

$$\text{WFR}(p_0, p_1)^2 := \inf_{v_t, g_t, q_t} \int_0^1 \mathbb{E}_{q_t(x)} \left[\overbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|v_t(x)\|^2}^{\text{Wasserstein metric}} + \overbrace{\frac{1}{2} g_t(x)^2}^{\text{Fisher-Rao metric}} \right] dt, \quad \text{subj. to}$$
$$\frac{\partial q_t(x)}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (q_t(x)v_t(x)) + g_t(x)q_t(x), \quad \text{and } q_0(x) = p_0(x), \quad q_1(x) = p_1(x)$$



Kirill Neklyudov

- Wasserstein metric moves probability mass over a vector field (like a physical flow)
- Fisher-Rao metric allows for nonlocal teleportation of probability mass

Two Flows to Minimize $F[q]$

- By using the gradient flow of the Wasserstein or Fisher-Rao metrics we get two gradient flows to minimize F :

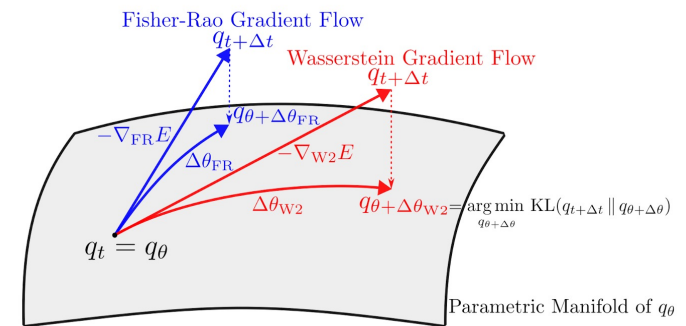
$$\frac{\partial q_t}{\partial t}(x) = -\nabla \cdot \left(q_t(x) \left(-\nabla_x \frac{\delta F[q_t]}{\delta q_t}(x) \right) \right),$$

2-Wasserstein Gradient Flow,

$$\frac{\partial q_t}{\partial t}(x) = -\left(\frac{\delta F[q_t]}{\delta q_t}(x) - \mathbb{E}_{q_t(y)} \left[\frac{\delta F[q_t]}{\delta q_t}(y) \right] \right) q_t(x),$$

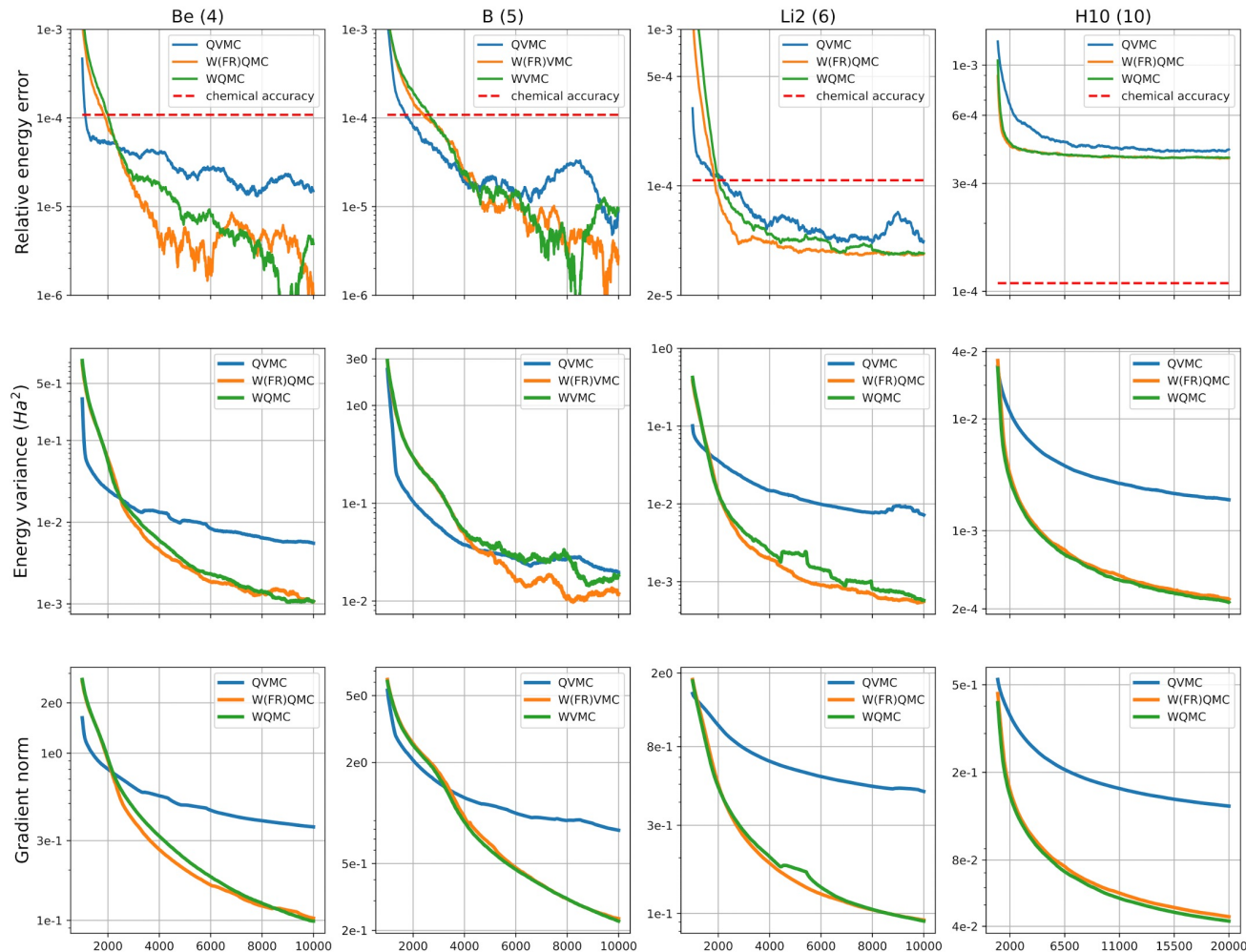
Fisher-Rao Gradient Flow.

- Equilibrium (in both cases) if: $\left\| \nabla_x \frac{\delta F[q_t]}{\delta q_t}(x) \right\| = 0 \iff \frac{\delta F[q_t]}{\delta q_t}(x) \equiv \text{constant}.$



$$\nabla_{\theta} E[q(\theta)] = \mathbb{E}_{q(x,\theta)} \left[\left(E_{\text{loc}}(x, \theta) - \mathbb{E}_{q(x,\theta)} [E_{\text{loc}}(x, \theta)] \right) \nabla_{\theta} \log q(x, \theta) \right] \longrightarrow \text{F-R Grad. Flow on } E[\psi] + \text{Projection}$$

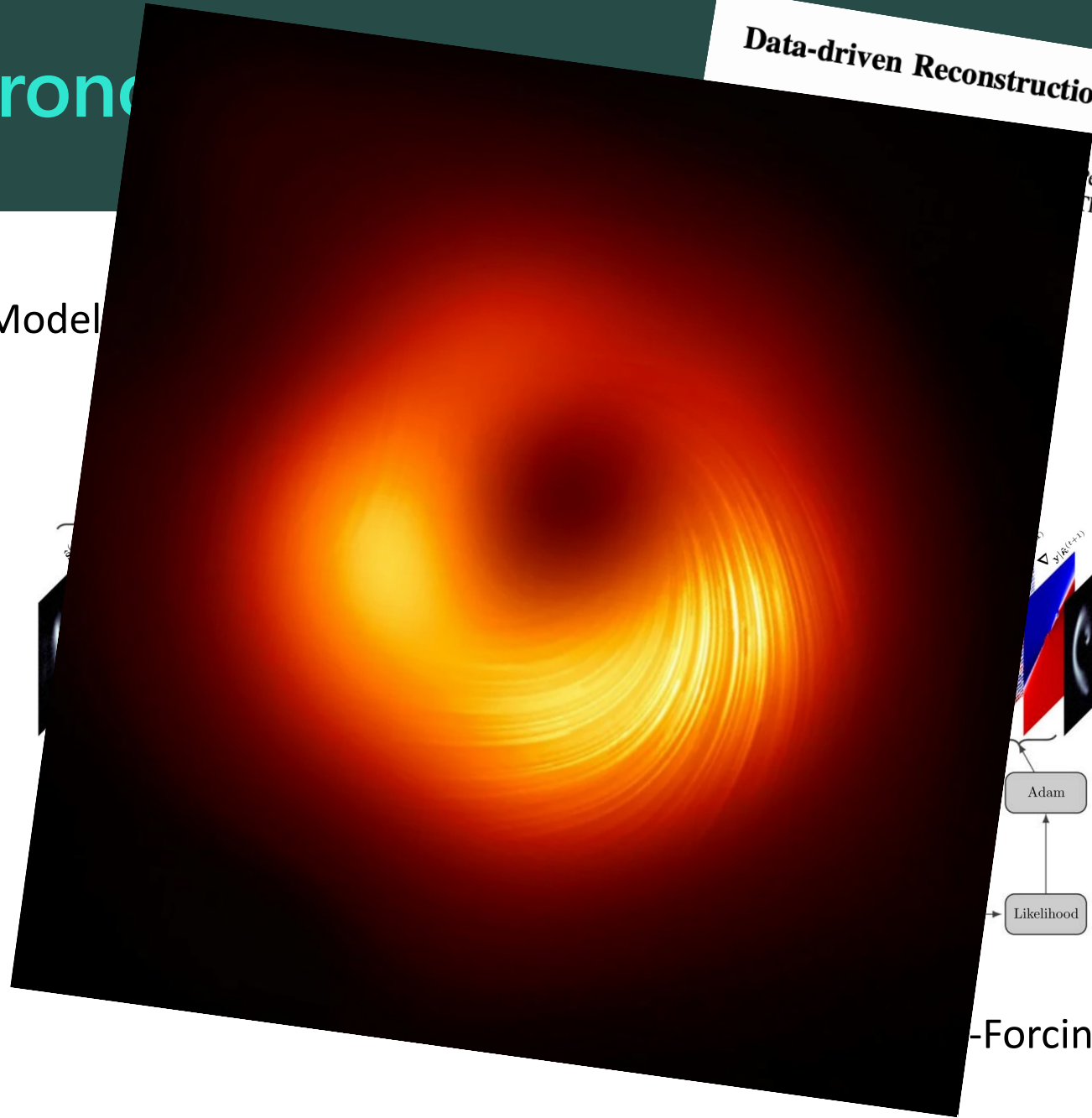
Idea: Use Wasserstein Gradient Flow Instead



- Estimator has better variance properties.
- Through geometrizing QVMC we could improve the method.

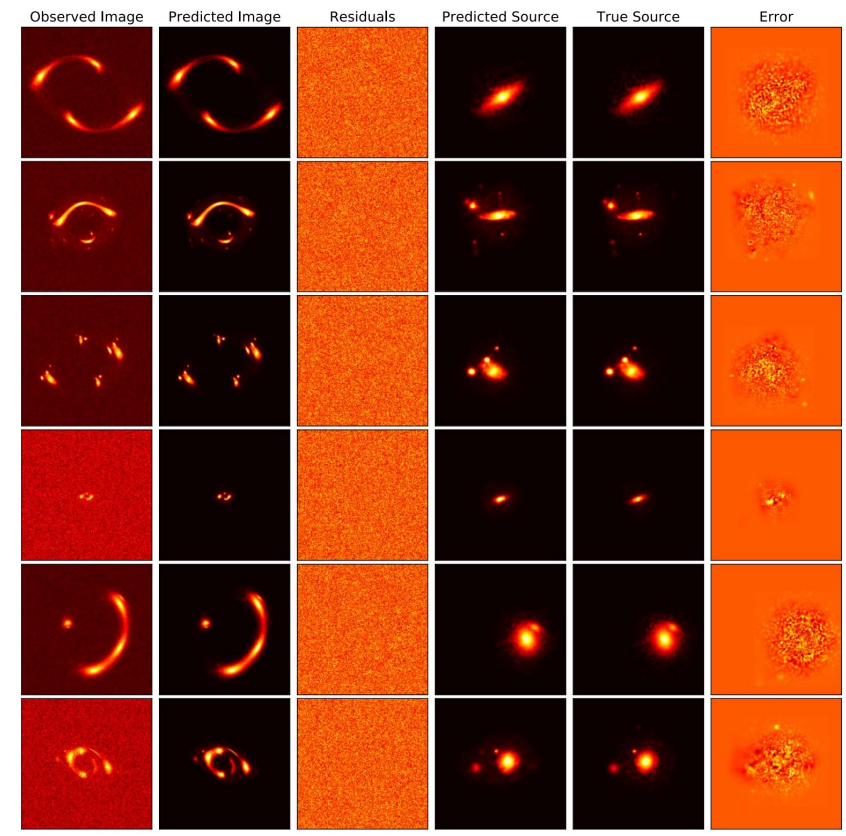
Astronomy

Model



Data-driven Reconstruction of Gravitationally Lensed Galaxies Using Recurrent Inference Machines

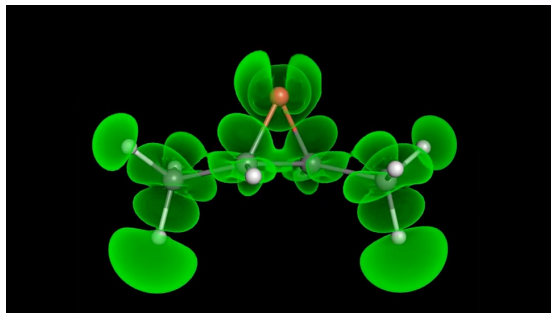
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-Forcing

How can AI help the Sciences?

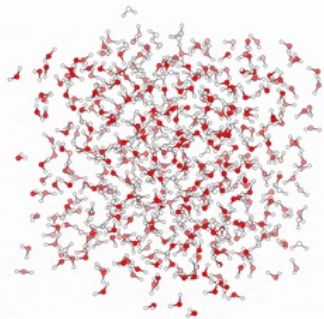
Schrodinger eqn.



$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \psi(t) = H(t) \psi(t).$$

(DFT+ML,
QVMC: Fermi & Pauli Net)

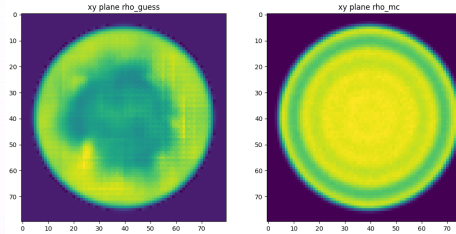
Langevin eqn.



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= v \\ \dot{v} &= -\gamma v - \frac{1}{m} \frac{dU}{dx} + \sqrt{2B} \xi(t) \end{aligned}$$

(MD+ML=ML Force Fields)

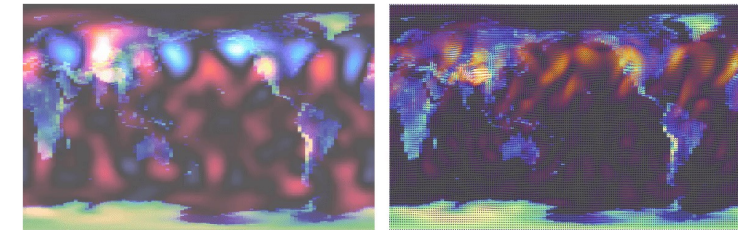
Fokker-Planck eqn.



$$\partial_t \rho(x, t) = \gamma \nabla_x \cdot \left(\rho(x, t) \nabla_x \frac{\delta \Omega[\rho]}{\delta \rho(x, t)} \right)$$

(Classical DFT + ML)

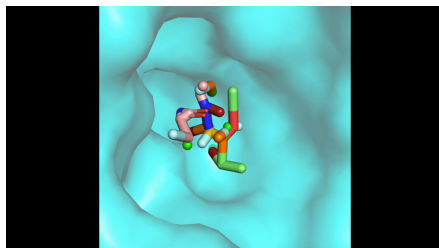
Navier Stokes eqn.



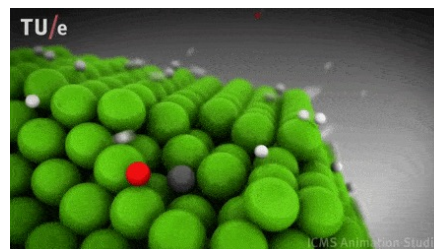
$$\begin{aligned} \partial u / \partial t &= \nu \Delta u - (u \cdot \nabla) u + \nabla p, \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

(PDE Surrogates: FourcastNet,
GraphcastNet)

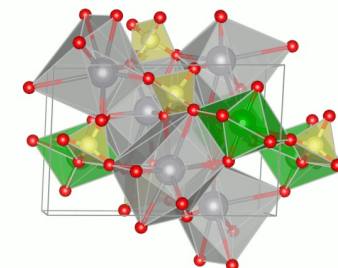
Drug Discovery:
Generating Molecules



Catalysis:
Accelerate reactions.

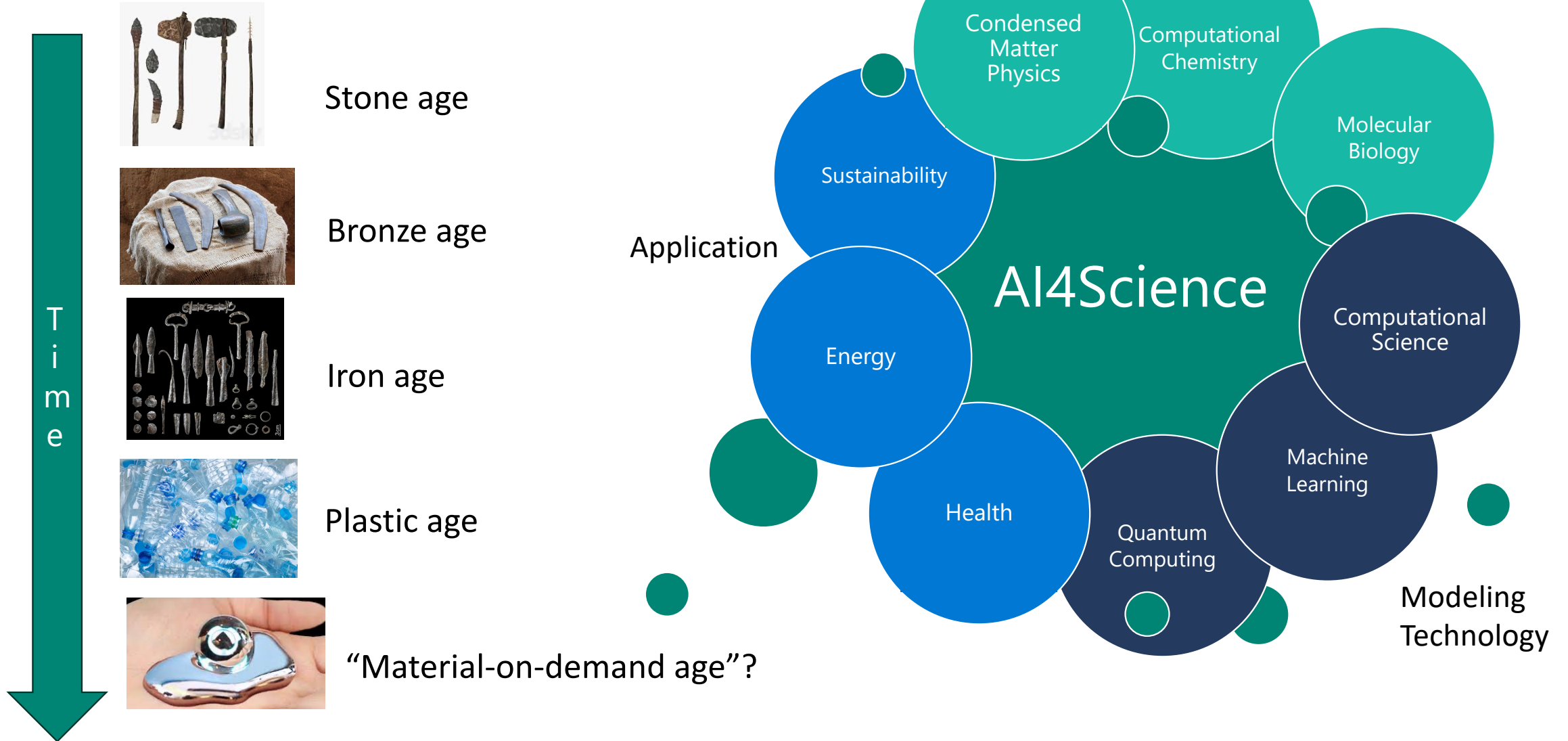


Materials Science:
Generating materials



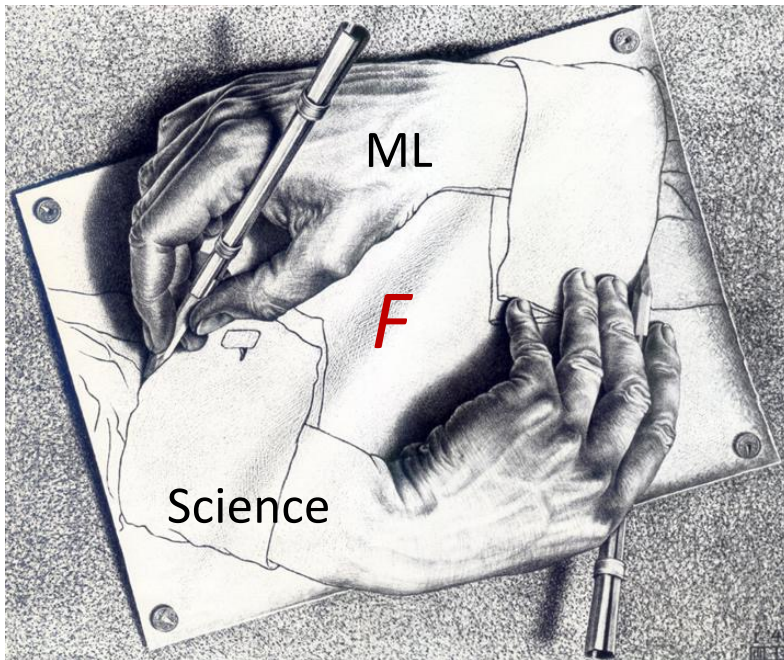
A Golden Age of Materials

Science



Conclusions

Deep connection between AI
and natural sciences
→ **Free Energy** is the bridge



ML is the new hammer for
computational scientist.



Applications in health & sustainability:
new drugs & materials.

