

# Neural Network Quantum States for Spinless Fermions

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# Outline of this talk



#### **Outline - Condensed Matter**

Studying NQS to many-body problem in Condensed Matter physics.

- Few-body system of up to 6 particles **harmonically trapped** interacting via a 2-body finite-range.
- Benchmarked against Direct **Diagonalization** and Hartree-Fock.
- Finite-range interaction: Leads to two distinct physical phenomena; Bosonization & Wigner crystallization



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# The Many-Body Problem

#### Hamiltonian: 1D Space

Harmonic Oscillator (HO) + finite-range interaction:

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \nabla_{i}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} x_{i}^{2} + \frac{V_{0}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{0}}} \sum_{i < j} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_{i} - x_{j})^{2}}{2\sigma_{0}^{2}}\right)$$

Harmonic Oscillator

Finite-range interaction

- Finite-range interaction due to 'Spinless' (fully-polarized) fermions due to Pauli exclusion principle.
- Physical Phenomena: Bosonization / Wigner Crystallization.





#### Methodology: NQS + VMC

- Construct NQS of given architecture to represent many-body wavefunction.
- Pre-train to set of 'target' orbitals (Hermite Polynomials).
- Follow VMC methodology (repeat until convergence):
  - Generate Samples via Markov Chain (Metropolis-Hastings).
  - Compute expectation of the energy via Statistical Estimator.
  - Update ansatz via gradient-descent: Adam [Kingma, Ba (2014)]
- Access to wavefunction: Compute many-body observables to benchmark accuracy.

# Neural Quantum States: FermiNet





# Neural Quantum States: FermiNet





 $w_H^{(d)}$ 

 $w_{HA}^{(d)}$ 

[H, A]

 $\psi_{A,1}^{(d)}$ 

#### The Ansatz

- Universal approximation under the 'width' of its hidden layers
- Includes a generic form of backflow leads to 'Generalized' Slater Determinants (GSD)



#### Antisymmetry

- Antisymmetry enforced by D = 1 determinant over all 'many'-body orbitals.
- NQS can have multiple determinants if needed.



 $h_{1,1}^{(1)}$ 

 $h_{A,1}^{(1)}$ 

 $h_{1,H}^{(1)}$ 

 $h_{A H}^{(1)}$ 

[A, H]

 $w_{1,1}^{(d)}$ 

 $w_{1,A}^{(d)}$ 

Pfau, et al. (2020) Physical Review Research, 2(3), p.033429.

[A, A]

 $\psi_{A,A}^{(d)}$ 

# Markov Chain Monte Carlo

#### Evaluating the Energy in A-dim space

- Reformulate as statistical estimator:  $\langle E(\theta) \rangle = \frac{\langle \Psi | \hat{H} | \Psi \rangle}{\langle \Psi | \Psi \rangle} = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim |\Psi|^2} \left[ \Psi^{-1} \hat{H} \Psi \right]$
- $\langle E \rangle$  now **independent** of dim.
- How to generate  $x \sim |\Psi|^2$ ?

#### Generating data via MH-Sampler

• Initialize:  $x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

• Propose: 
$$x_{n+1} \sim \mathcal{N}(x_n, \sigma_n)$$
  
× 10  
• Accept:  $\min\left(1, \frac{|\Psi(x_{n+1})|^2}{|\Psi(x_n)|^2}\right)$ 

• **Distributed**:  $x_n \sim |\Psi|^2$  (not *i.i.d*!)





Metropolis and Ulam. "The monte carlo method." J. Am. Stat. Assoc. 44.247 (1949): 335-341.

## Ground-state energy - Range





- Bosonisation (V<sub>0</sub>  $\rightarrow -20\hbar\omega$ ) leads to fermions having a bosonic density profile.
- Wigner Crystallisation:  $(V_0 \rightarrow +20\hbar\omega)$  leads to crystalline density profile.
- Non-perturbative near  $\sigma_0 = 0.5$ , ideal to test NQS here.

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Keeble et. al. - arXiv:2304.04725.

## Ground-state energy - Int. Strength





• Variational principle infers best methodology (Lower is better).

- CI restricted basis in V<sub>0</sub> ≪ 0 limit, converged in V<sub>0</sub> ≫ 0 limit.
- HF lacks correlation energy for  $V_0 \neq 0$ .

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# One-Body Density







Rojo-Francàs et. al., 2020. Static and dynamic properties of a few spin 1/2 interacting fermions trapped in a harmonic potential. Mathematics, 8(7), p.1196.

# Individual Contributions to Energy









#### Benchmarks A = 2 & 6

- Compared against HF & CI (diag)
- **HF**: Single-particle orbitals, distinct circular peaks in OBDM.
- CI: Converged in V<sub>0</sub> ≫ 0 limit & truncated in V<sub>0</sub> ≪ 0 limit. ML agrees with CI (some artifacts).
- Bosonization V<sub>0</sub> ≪ 0 & Wigner Crystallization V<sub>0</sub> ≫ 0.

#### **Physical Interpretation - OBDM**

- Fermionic structure shown along off-diagonal (mixing of natural orbitals).
- OBDM represents how arb. positions relate to one another.

# **Occupation Numbers**





Noise emerges from sign problem along off-diagonal matrix elements of OBDM.

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# Pairing Gap Energies





#### Pairing-gap Energies:

• Fermions of the same spin tend to 'pair' together (lowers ground-state energies, increases binding energy).

$$\Delta_A = \langle E_A \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle E_{A+1} \rangle + \langle E_{A-1} \rangle \right).$$

- $+\Delta_A$  increases ground-state (reduces binding energy).
- $-\Delta_A$  decreases ground-state (increases binding energy).

# Two-Body Density





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#### **Physical Interpretation - TBD**

- Zero probability along diagonal (Pauli-Exclusion Principle).
- Two-body density represents probability of arb. pairs of particles.

# To Conclude



#### Conclusions

- 'Spinless' fermions solved up to 6 fermions, good accuracy for all V<sub>0</sub> & σ<sub>0</sub> studied. Code: github.com/jwtkeeble/SpinlessFermions
- One/Two-body densities accurately represented with same NQS.
- Density matrix looks great, but has poor occupation numbers & natural orbitals.

#### **Open Questions?**

- Are the same advancements possible for real-time dynamics?
- What modifications of NQS for nuclear systems? Spin/Isospin?

#### Other talks to look out for!

- Anti-symmetrized neural quantum states J. Rozalén (Barcelona)
- Transfer learning for many-body physics A. Azzam (Barcelona)
- Optimising Fermionic Neural Networks with Decision Geometry M. Drissi (TRIUMF)

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## Backup slides



Backup slides...



# Comparing Backflow in the NQS





- Removed mean-body position (invariant information)
- No backflow  $\rightarrow$  No correlation energy
- Best possible result is Hartree-Fock.























McMillan, W.L., 1965. Ground state of liquid He 4. Physical Review, 138(2A), p.A442.































# Pairing Gap Energies





#### **Pairing-gap Energies**

- Nucleons of same spin tend to 'pair' together (leads to lower ground-state energies).
- Pairing-gap energy,  $\Delta_A$ , defined as,

$$\Delta_A = \langle E_A \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle E_{A+1} \rangle + \langle E_{A-1} \rangle \right).$$

## Individual Contributions to Energy





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### Root-Mean-Square Size





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## **Occupation Numbers**





