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# Time-dependent variational principle for quantum and classical dynamics

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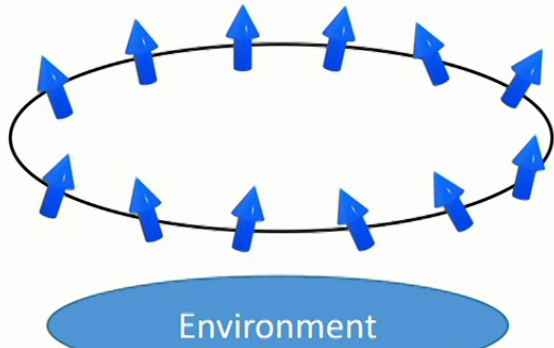
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# Dynamics of Open Quantum Systems

Why simulate Open Quantum Systems?

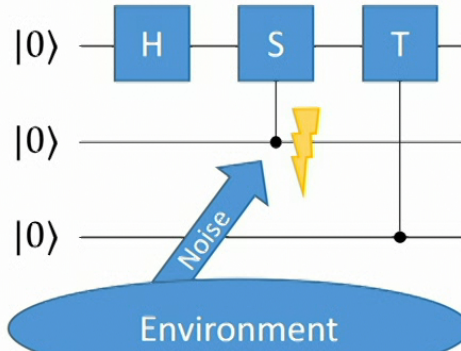
..to discover new physics:

A lack of computational tools prevents the exploration of new interesting physics:



..as a benchmarking tool:

Quantum simulators are sensitive to outside noise – require tools to benchmark these devices:



Evolution equation of the quantum state  $\rho$ :

$$\dot{\rho} = -i[H, \rho] + \gamma \sum_i L^i \rho L^{i\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \{L^{i\dagger} L^i, \rho\}$$

with the spin-Hamiltonian

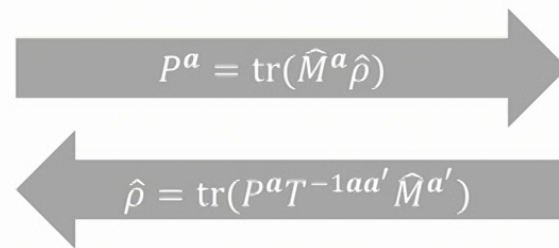
$$H = \sum_{d \in \{x, y, z\}} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} J^d \sigma_i^d \sigma_j^d + h^d \sigma_i^d$$

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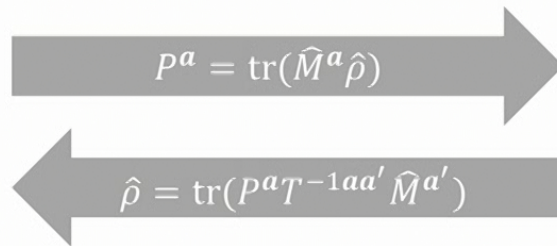


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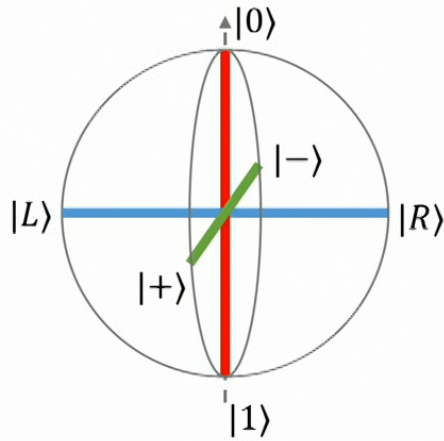
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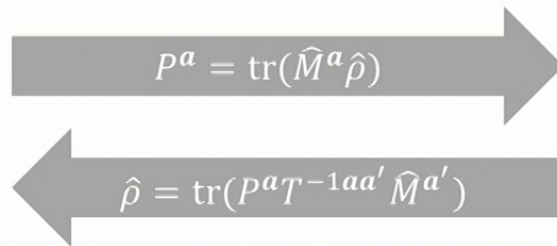


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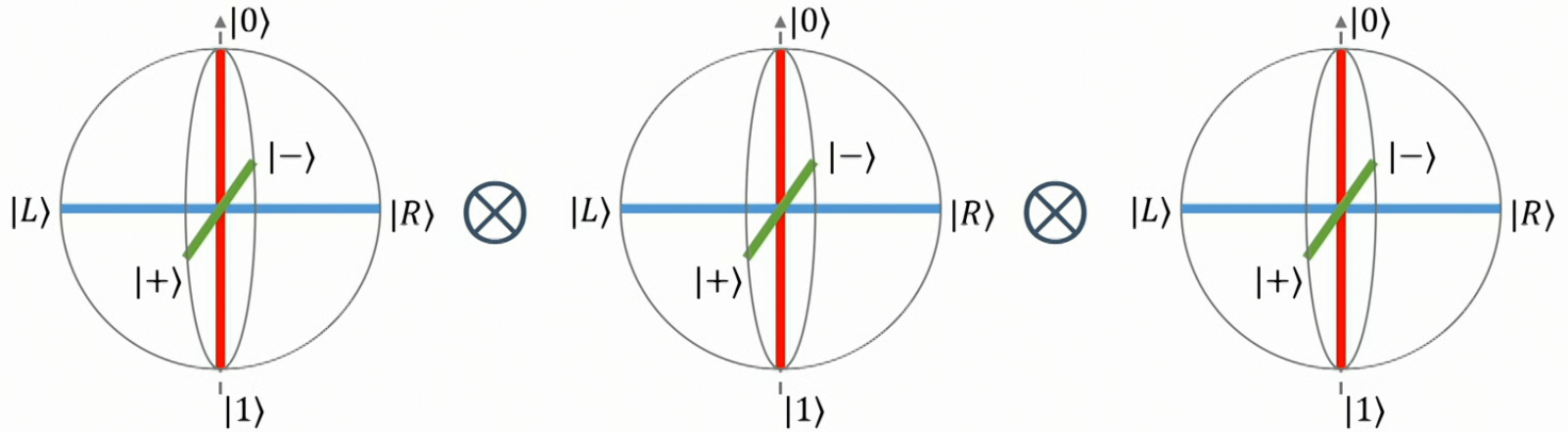
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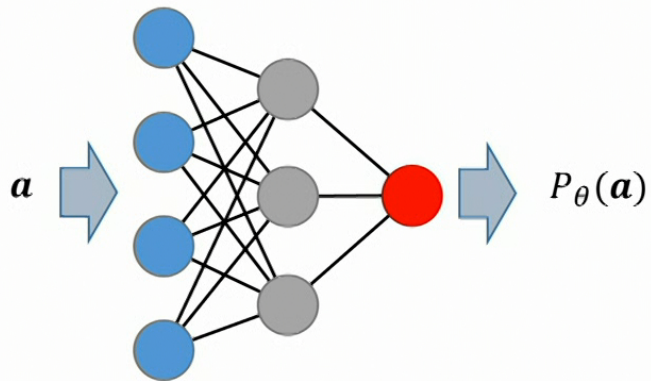
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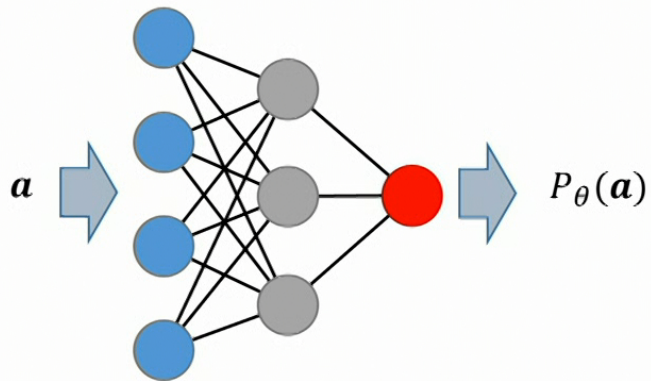




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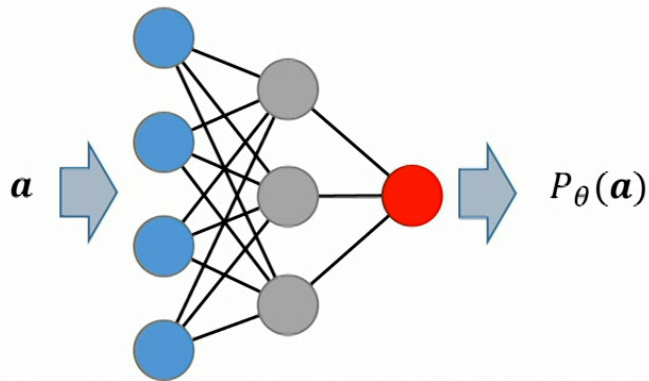
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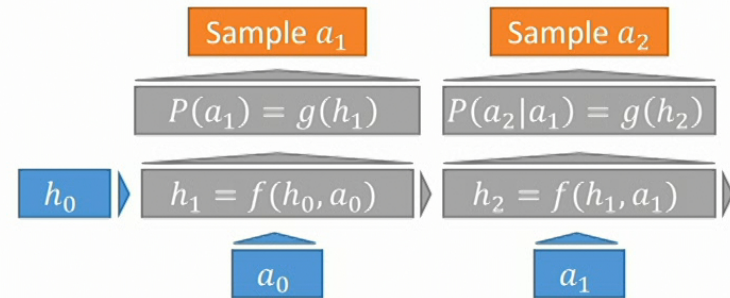
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**Architecture choice:** Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)





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**Idea:** Minimize a distance measure between the forward propagated distribution  $P_{\theta(t)}^a + \tau \dot{P}_{\theta(t)}^a$  and a *trial* evolution from the network  $P_{\theta(t)+\tau\dot{\theta}(t)}^a$ .

Minimize

$$\mathcal{D}(P_{\theta(t)+\tau\dot{\theta}(t)}^a, P_{\theta(t)}^a + \tau \dot{P}_{\theta(t)}^a)$$

w.r.t.  $\dot{\theta}$ .

Obtain:

$$S_{kk'} \dot{\theta}_{k'} = F_k$$

**Notes:**

- $$S_{kk'} = \left\langle \frac{\partial \log P^a}{\partial \theta_k} \frac{\partial \log P^a}{\partial \theta_{k'}} \right\rangle_{a \sim P}$$
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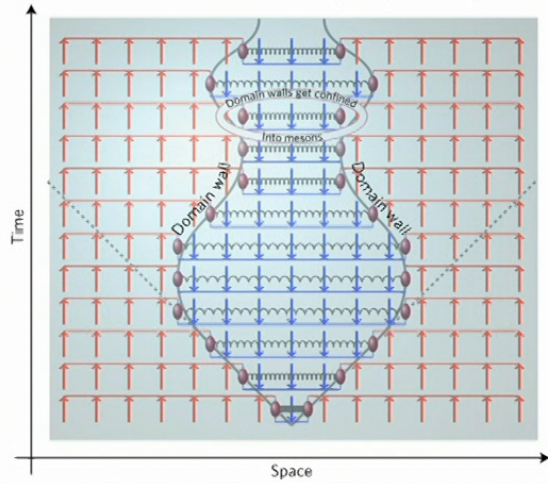
are obtainable through a sub-exponential number of samples (computationally intense part!)

- Not all distance measures are equally suited for this task, e.g. the  $L_2$  norm doesn't allow for sampling

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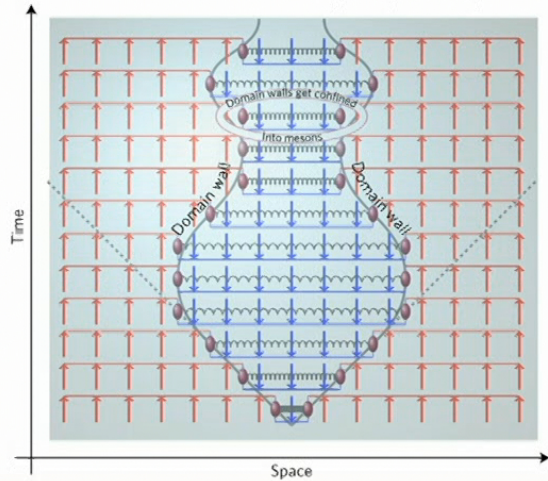
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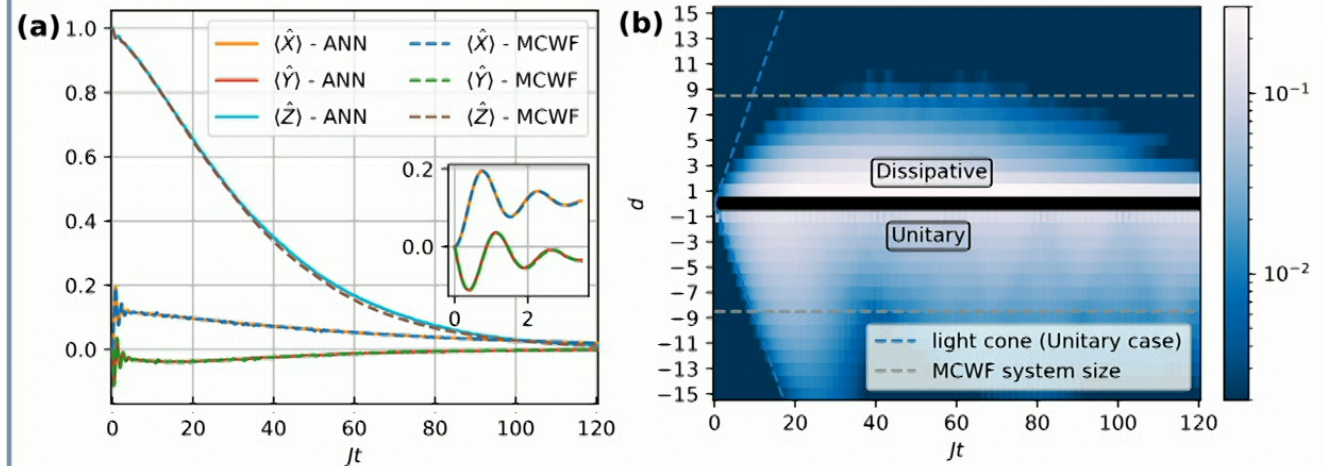
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**Augmented study:** Spin-chain of length  $L = 32$  with nearest neighbor couplings  $H = \sum_i \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z + h^z \sigma_i^z + h^x \sigma_i^x$  with  $h^z = 0.05$ ,  $h^x = 0.25$  and  $\gamma = 0.25$ ,  $L = \sigma^z$





## Extension to partial differential equations

Adapt formalism to Fokker-Planck type equations

**Idea:** Minimization of

$$\mathcal{D} \left( p_{\theta(t)+\tau\dot{\theta}(t)}(\mathbf{x}), p_{\theta(t)}(\mathbf{x}) + \tau\dot{p}_{\theta(t)}(\mathbf{x}) \right)$$

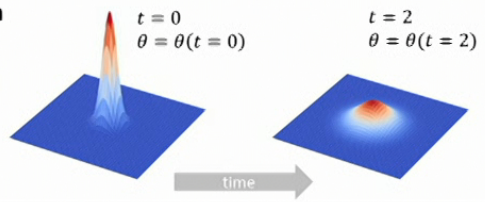
### Diffusion Equation

Probability Space

$$\partial_t p_{\theta(t)} = \Delta p_{\theta(t)}$$

Parameter Space

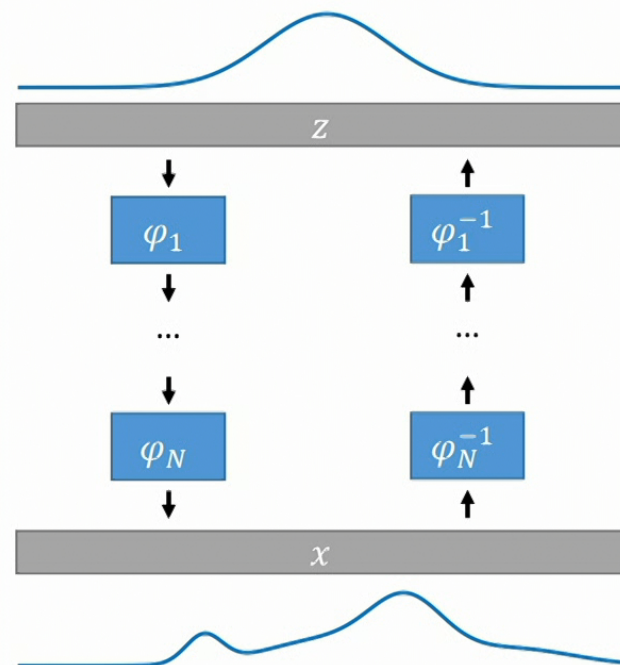
$$\partial_t \theta(t) = S^{-1} \cdot F$$



Necessary adaptations:

- Replace network to approximate continuous distributions
- Replace evolution equation by partial differential equation

**Architecture Details:** Utilize Normalizing Flows (NF), to obtain a parameterized ansatz function.



**Set of coupling blocks  $\{\varphi\}$ :**

Encode coordinate transform from latent space to real space

Real space probability obtained via change of coordinate transform:

$$p(x) = p_L(z) \cdot \left| \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right|$$

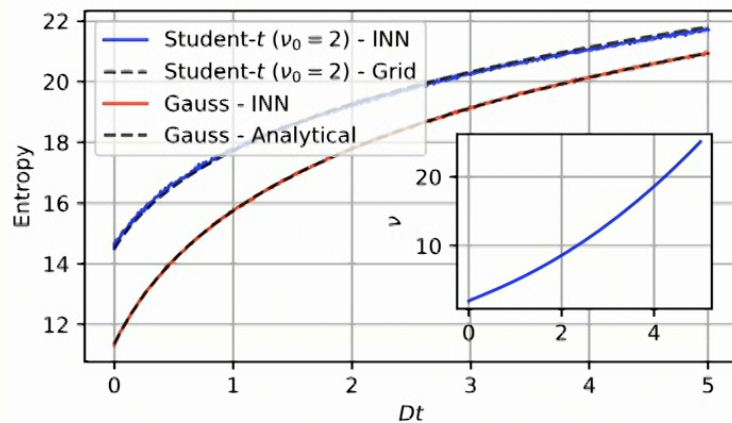
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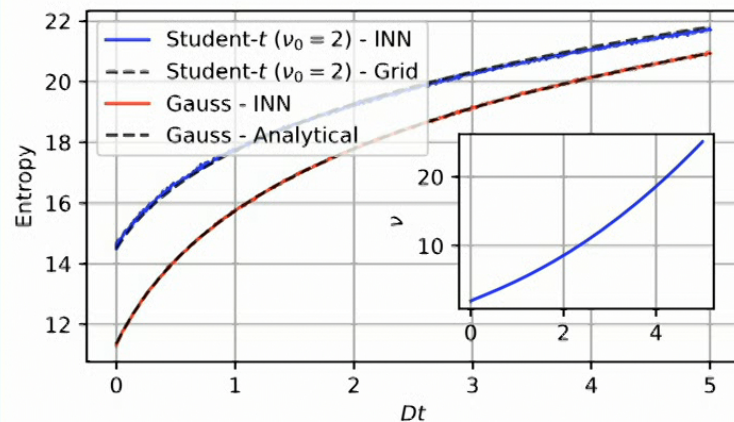
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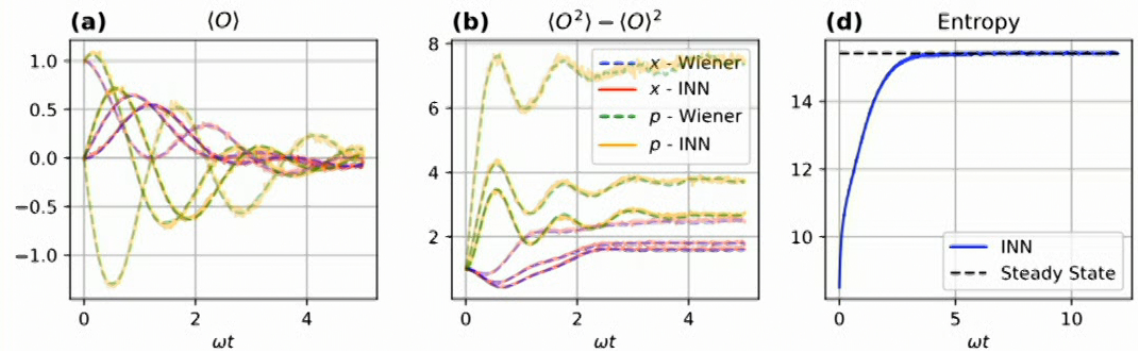
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**Application:** Continuous phase-space dynamics of 3 coupled oscillators with dissipation to a thermal bath (6-dimensional phase space).

$$\text{EOM: } \partial_t \rho(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) = [-\partial_{\mathbf{p}} H \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{x}} + \partial_{\mathbf{x}} H \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{p}} + \gamma (\mathbf{p} \cdot \partial_{\mathbf{p}} + mk_B \sum_i T_i \partial_{p_i}^2)] \rho(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$$



Evolution of the means (a), variances (b) and entropy (c). The system's initial configuration is  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $\mathbf{p} = (0, 1, 0)$ , with temperatures  $k_B \mathbf{T} / m \omega^2 = (10, 3, 1)$ .

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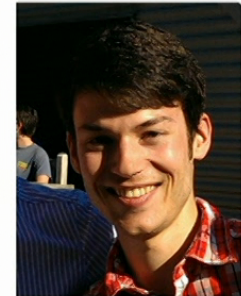
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