

# Machine Learning Physics From Quantum Mechanics to Holographic Duality

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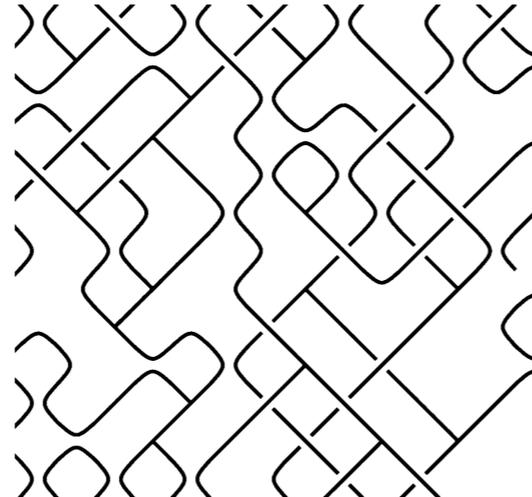
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# Machine Learning Physics

- Emergent phenomenon — a central theme of condensed matter physics.



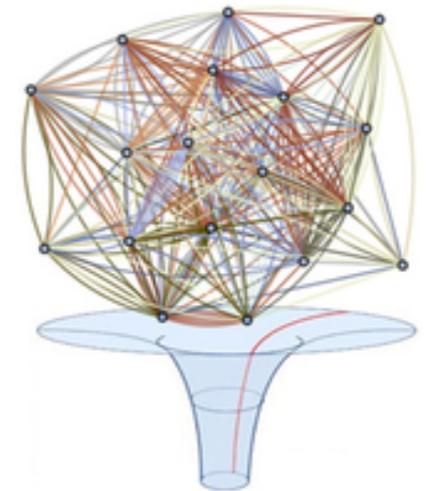
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(emergent  
particle)



**String net  
condensation**  
(emergent  
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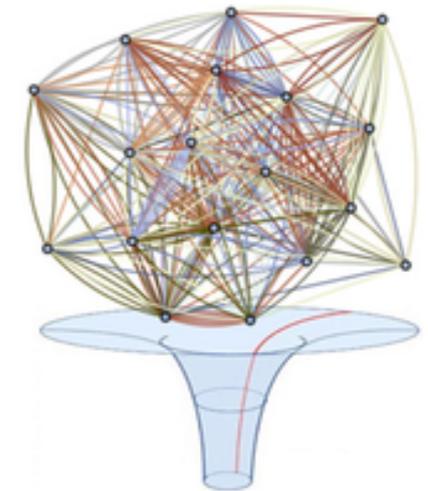
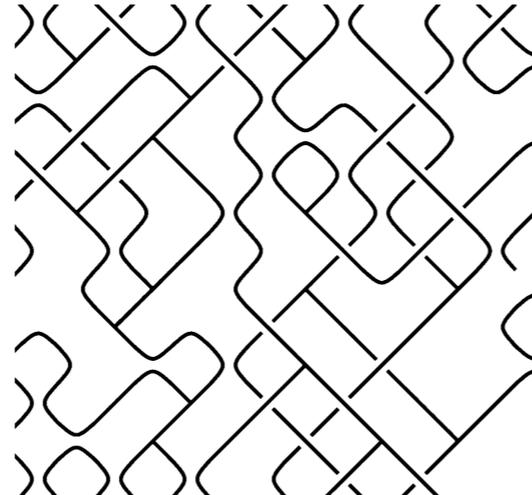
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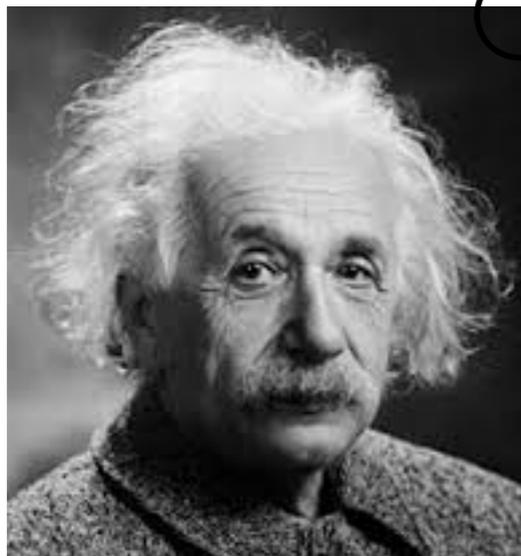
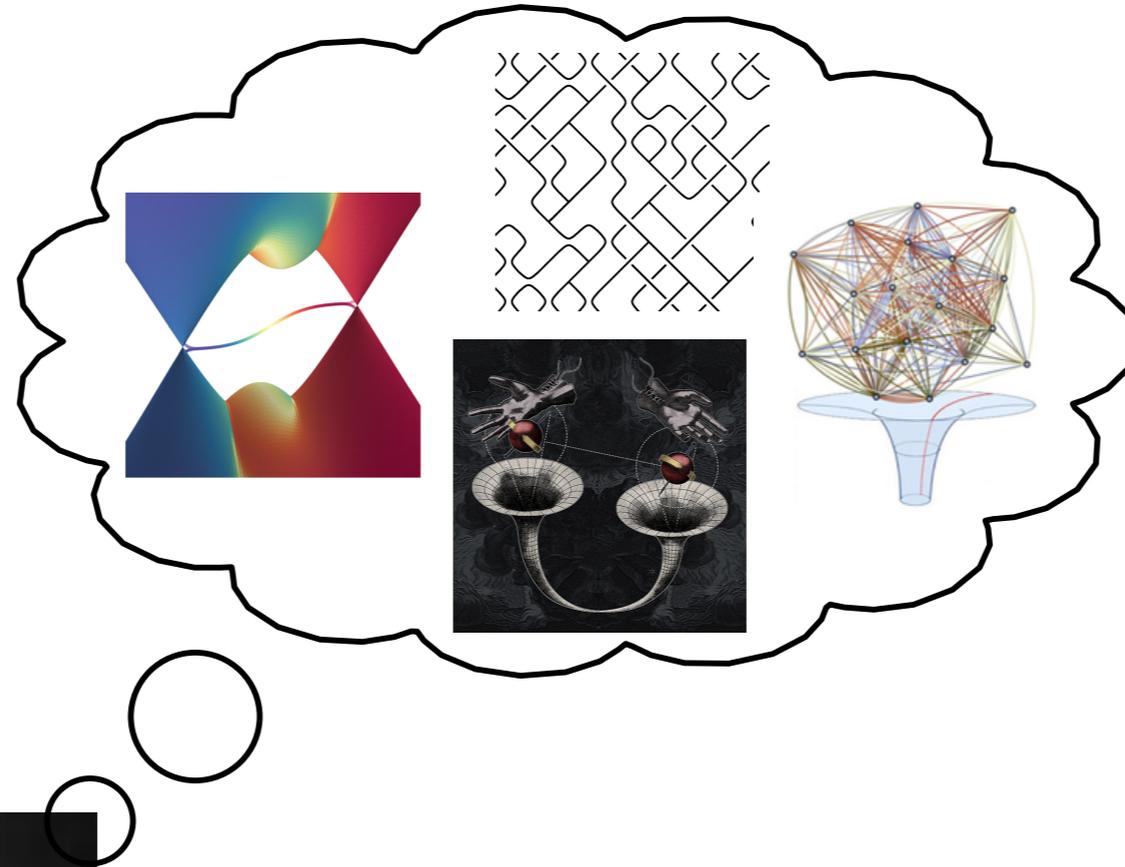
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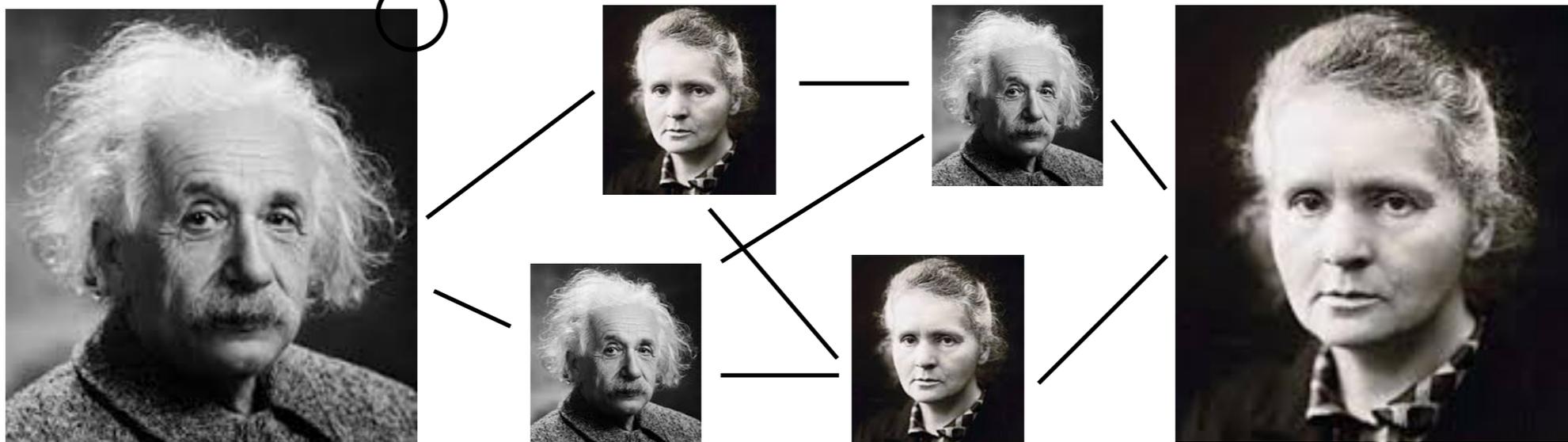
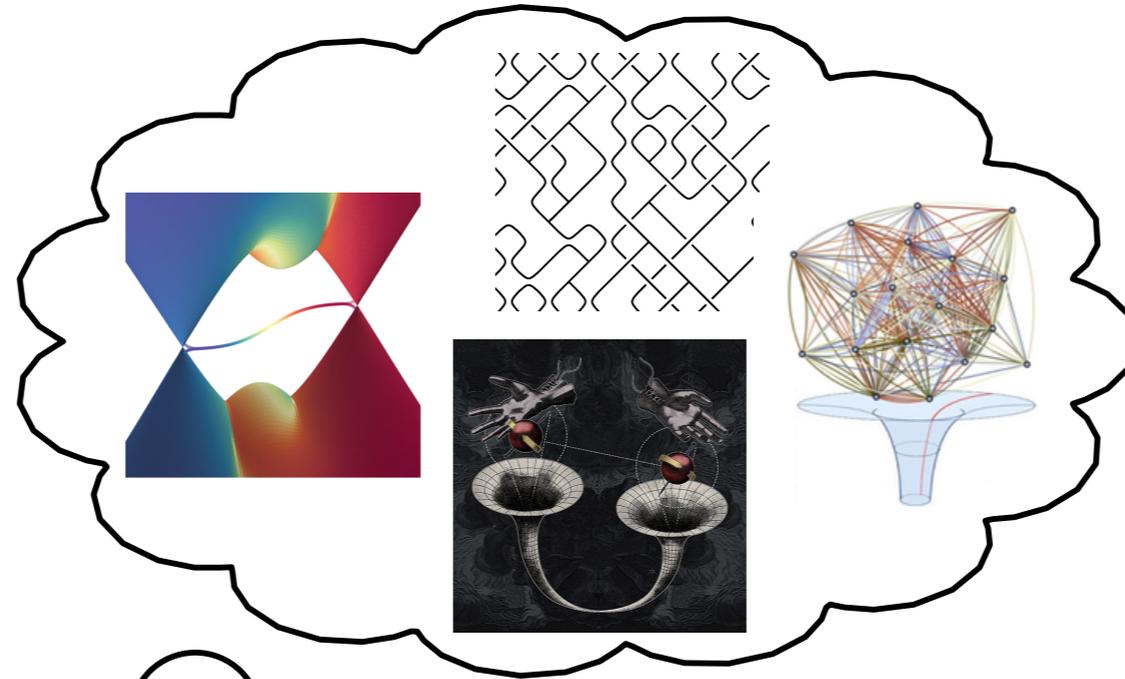
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# Machine Learning Physics

- Goal: investigate whether artificial neural networks can be used to discover physical concepts and laws from observation data.

- Examples

- Machine learning **quantum mechanics**  
— recurrent autoencoder

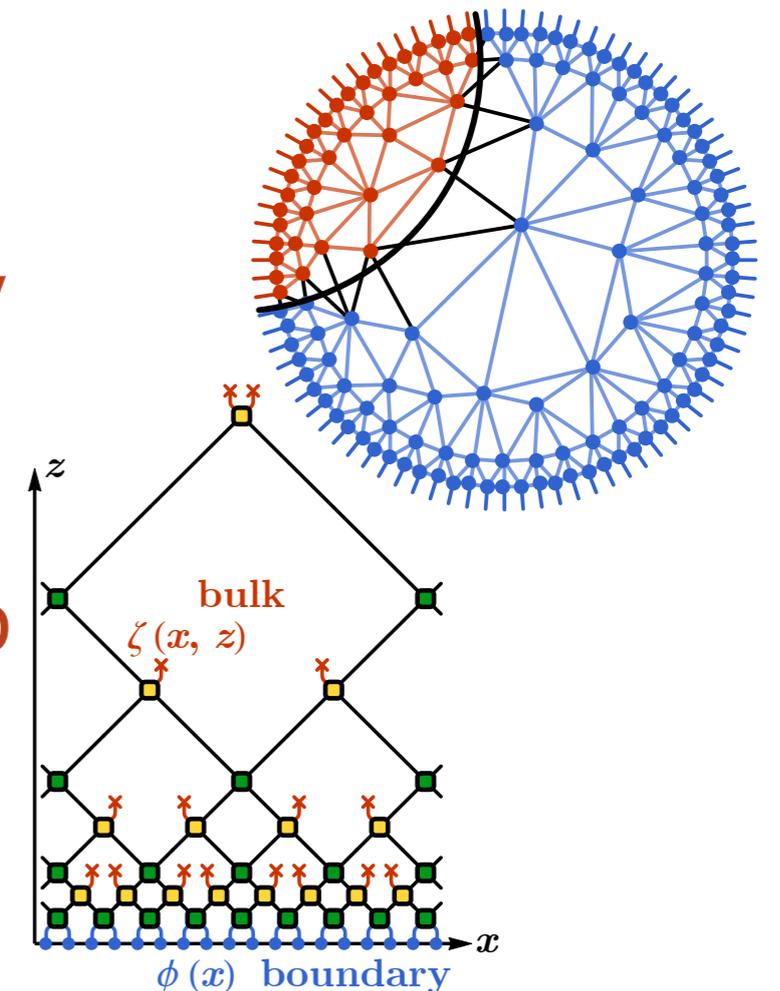
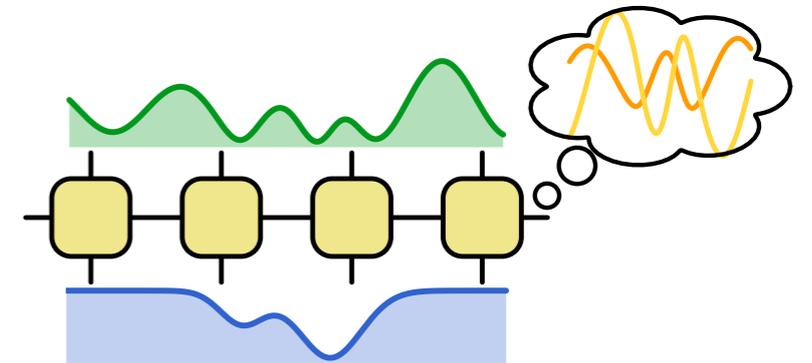
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- Machine learning **holographic geometry**  
— deep Boltzmann machine

Y-Z You, Z Yang, X-L Qi. PRB 97, 045153 (2018)

- Machine learning **renormalization group**  
— flow-based deep generative model

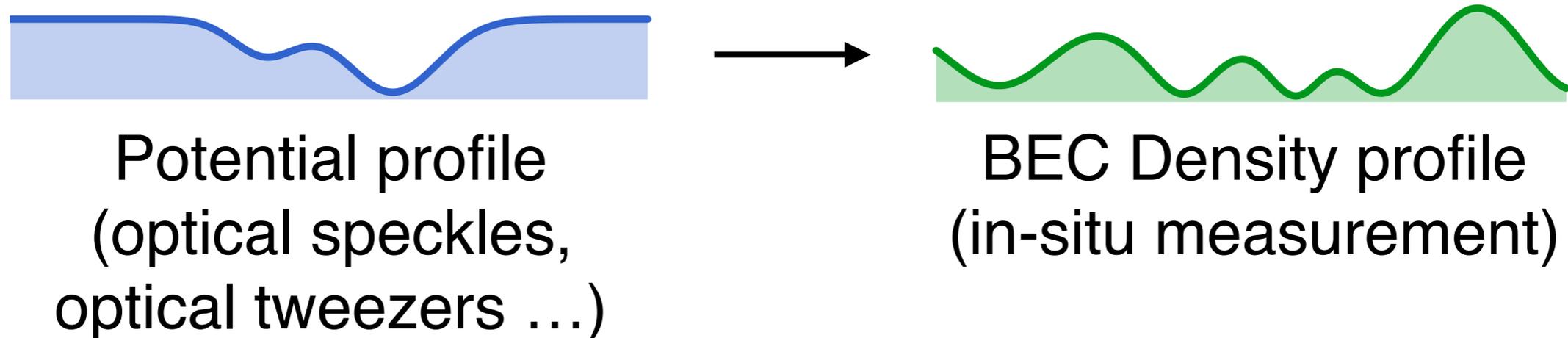
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# **Machine Learning Quantum Mechanics**

# Potential and Density Data

- Suppose quantum mechanics has not been formulated so far
- Yet, amazingly, we know how to perform cold atom experiments of Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC)



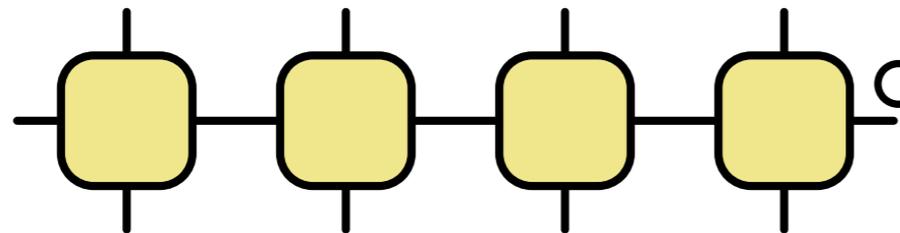
- Questions
  - Can quantum mechanics (QM) be discovered as the most natural theory to explain the experiment?
  - Will the machine develop alternative form of QM?

# Inspiration from Machine Translation

- Motivation: developments in machine translation
  - Sequence-to-sequence mapping (RNN, LSTM ...)

## Machine Translation

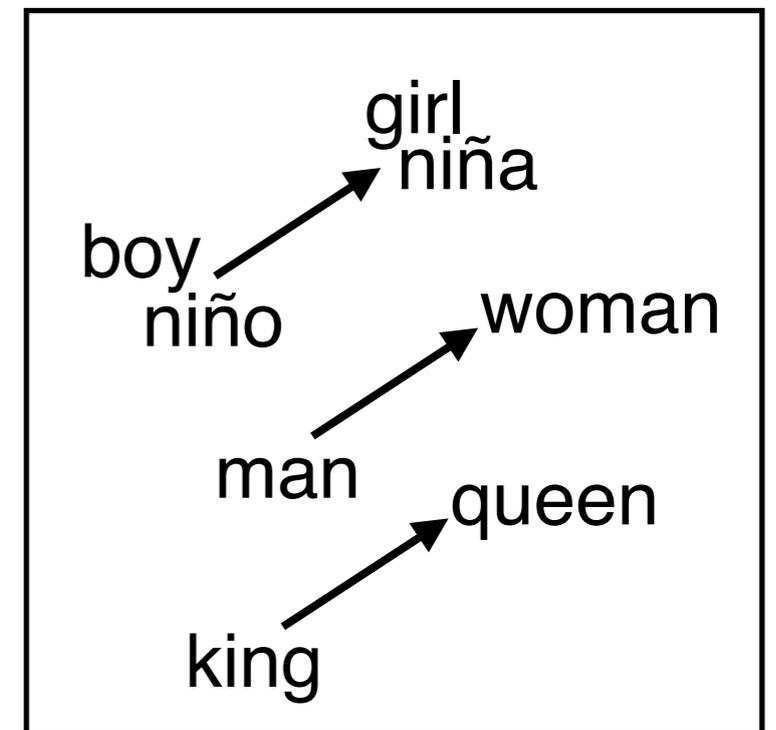
“La niña bebe agua.”



“The girl drinks water.”

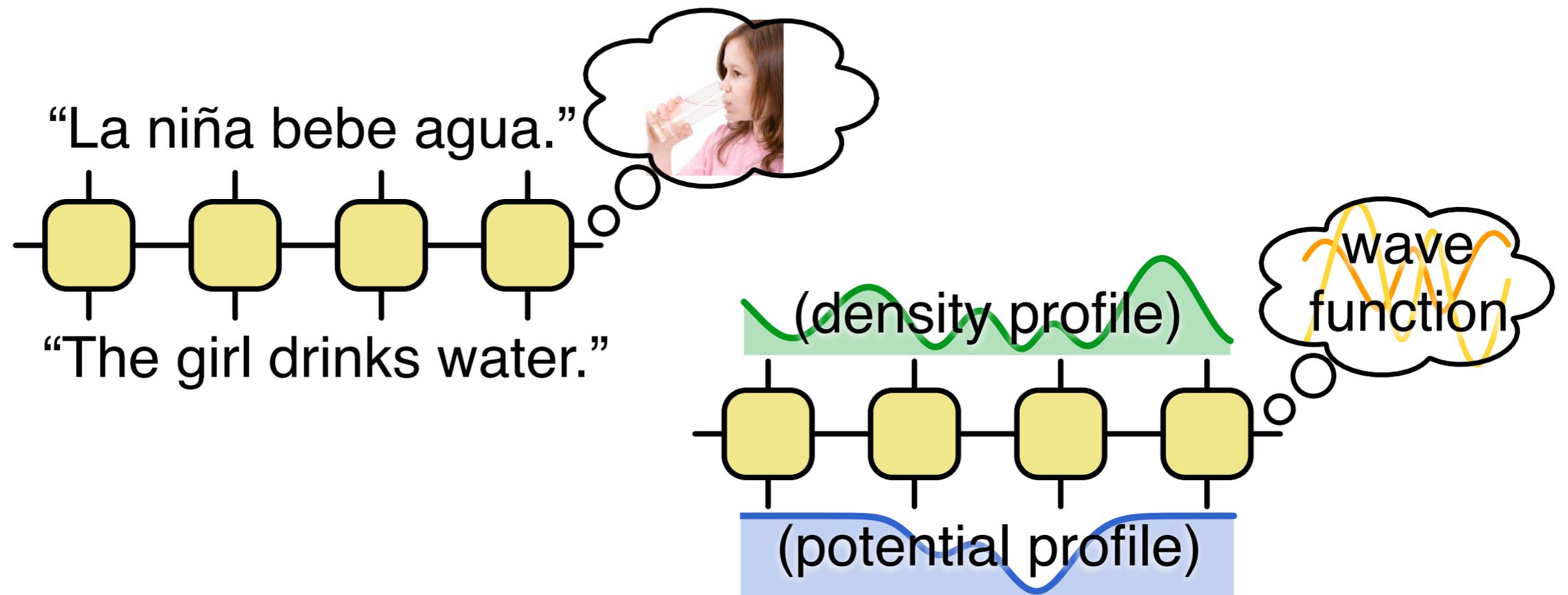
- Representation learning (word2vec ...)

**king – man + woman ≈ queen**



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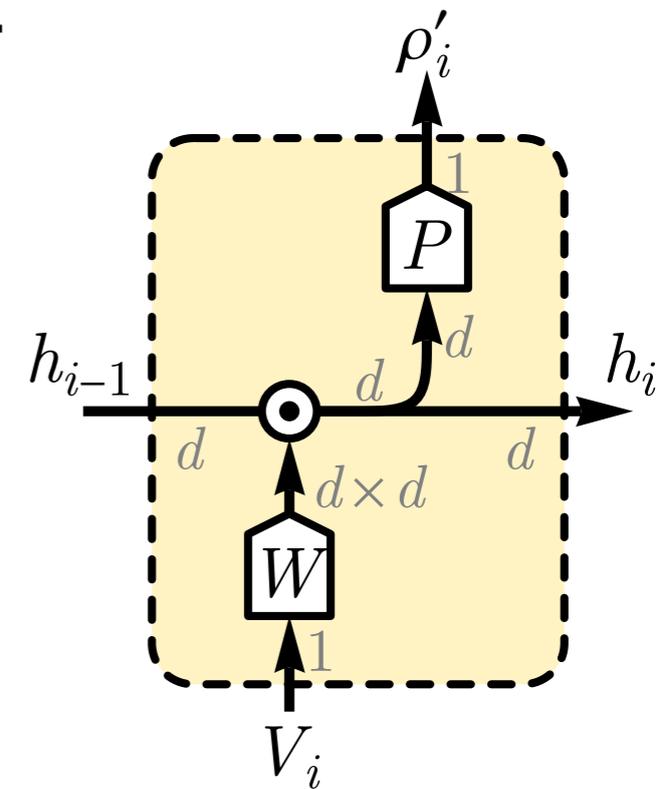
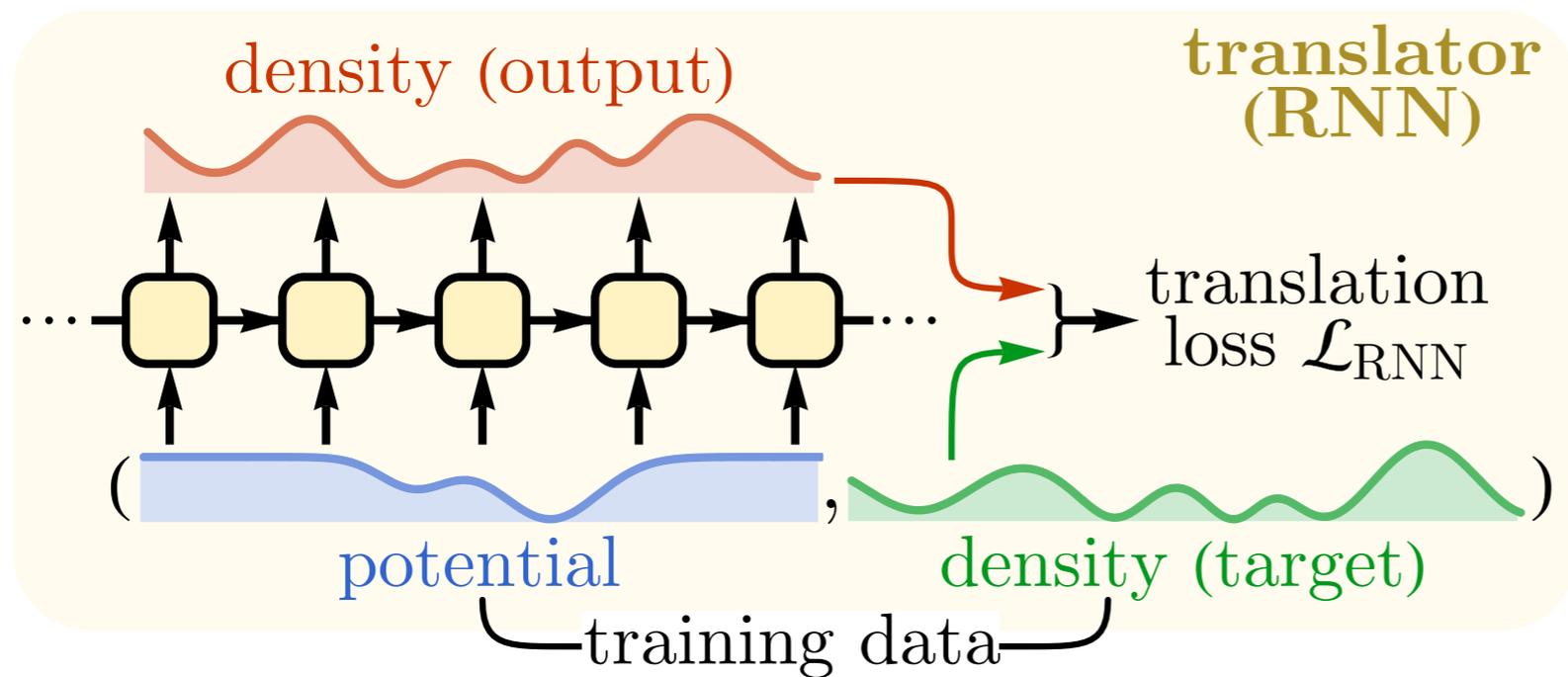
- Motivation: developments in machine translation
  - Train the neural network model to perform a task
  - Discover concepts and relations in representation space



- **Task:** potential-to-density mapping
- **Latent variables:** wave function?

# Potential-to-Density Translator

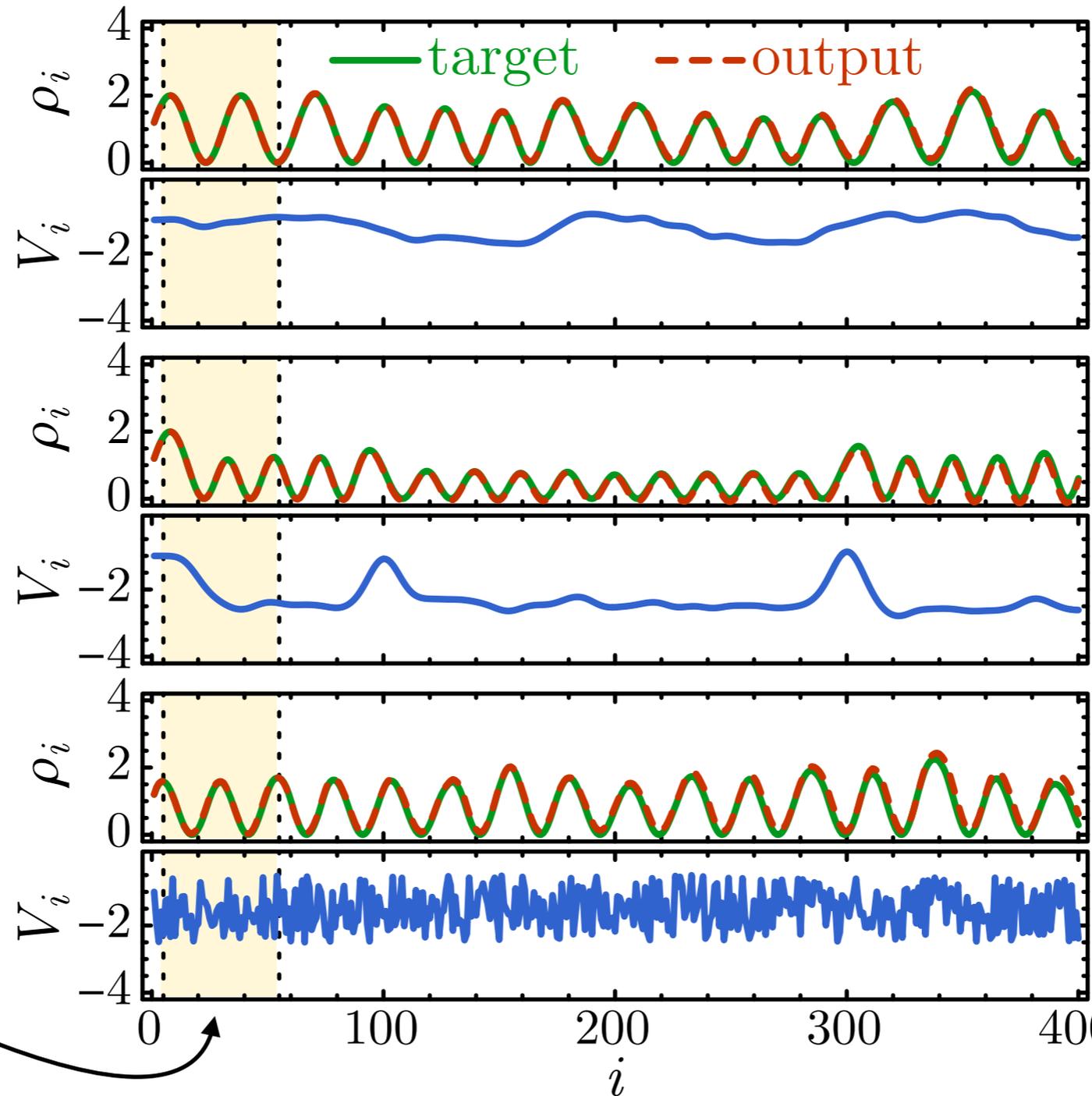
- Recurrent neural network (RNN) translator



- Discretize the 1D space, collect training data by simulation
- Input: potential sequence  $V_i$
- Update: hidden state  $h_i = W(V_i) \cdot h_{i-1}$
- Output: density sequence  $\rho'_i = P(h_i)$
- Minimize translation loss  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{RNN}} = \sum_{i \in \text{window}} (\rho'_i - \rho_i)^2$

# Performance of the Translator

- Performance of the RNN translator



smooth &  
shallow

smooth &  
deep

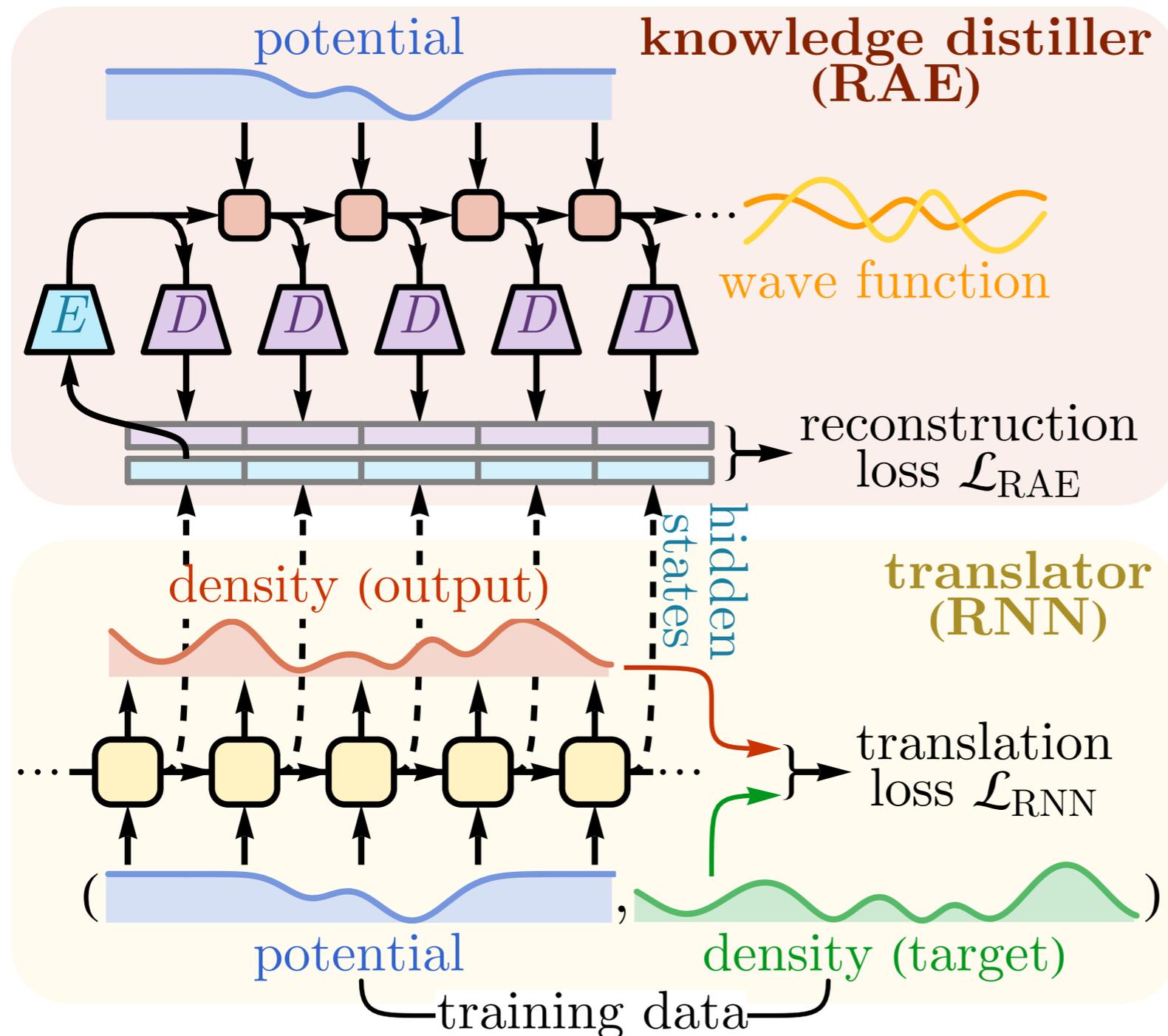
rough

Trained over  
window of 50



# Introspective Learning

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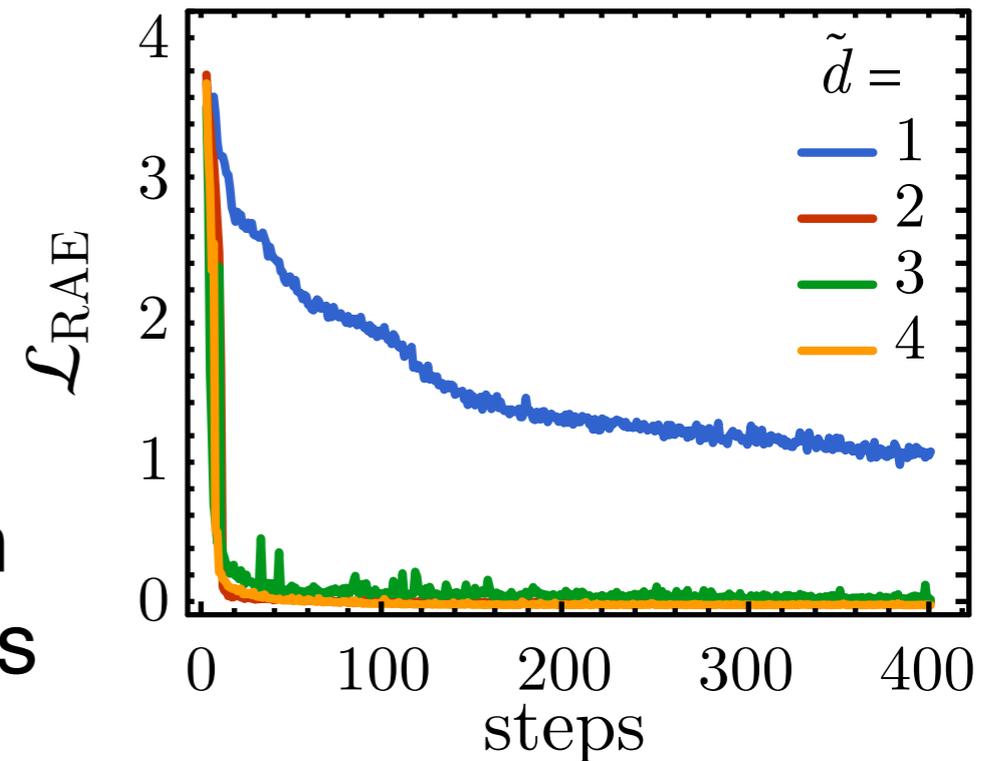


High-level machine only interface with the **neural activation** of the low-level machine

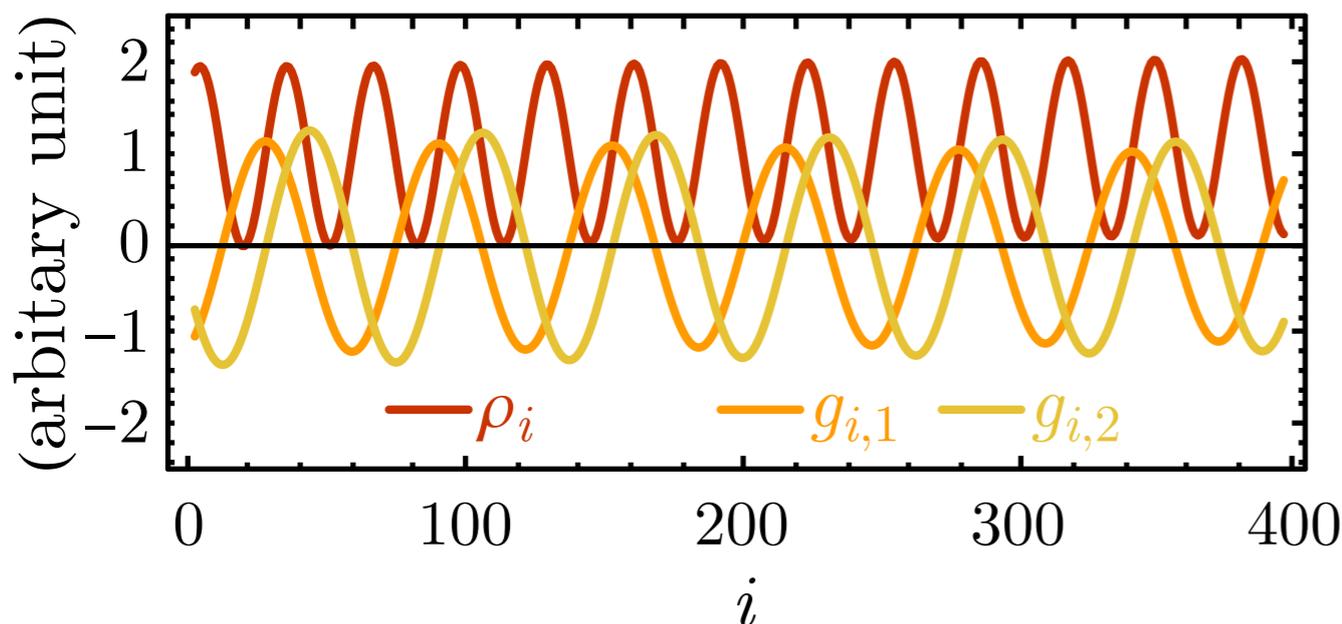
Low-level machine deal with **training / experimental data**

# Emergent Quantum Mechanics

- Imposing information bottleneck
  - Squeezing the latent space dim
  - Monitor the reconstruction loss of the knowledge distiller
  - Abrupt increase of loss only when latent dim  $< 2 \Rightarrow$  two real variables



- Quantum **wave function** and its 1st order derivative



Update rules

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_{i+1,1} \\ g_{i+1,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ aV_i & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_{i,1} \\ g_{i,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

matching **Schrödinger Eq.**

$$\partial_x^2 \psi(x) = V(x)\psi(x)$$

# Alternative Forms of Quantum Mechanics

- If we relax the information bottle neck  $\rightarrow$  alternative forms of quantum machines can also emerge, e.g.

$$\partial_x \begin{bmatrix} \rho(x) \\ \rho'(x) \\ \rho''(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ V(x) & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2V(x) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \rho(x) \\ \rho'(x) \\ \rho''(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Hidden variables: density  $\rho(x) = |\psi(x)|^2$  and derivatives
  - In spirit of density functional theory
  - But requires at least three real variables
- 
- Wave function + Schrödinger equation formulation of QM is indeed the **most parsimonious** theory that have emerged in our neural network.

# **Machine Learning Holography**

# Holographic Duality

Maldacena 97; Witten 98; Gubser, Klebanov, Polyakov 98

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- Conformal field theory (CFT)

scale-free, critical, gapless

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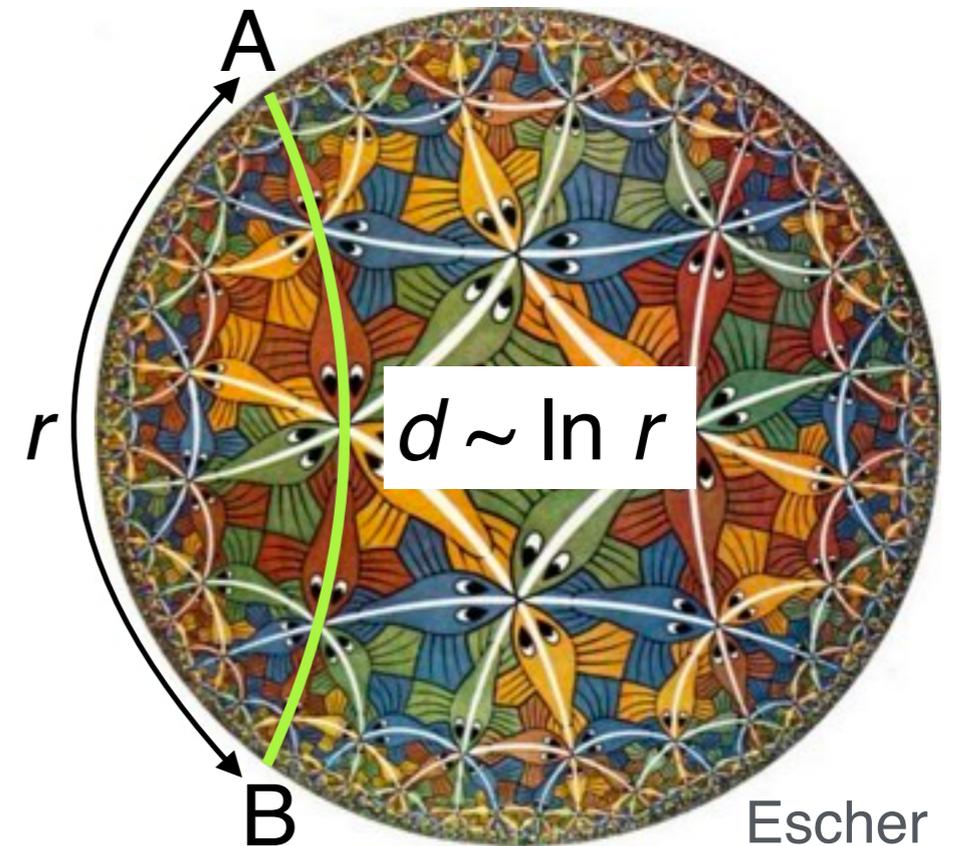
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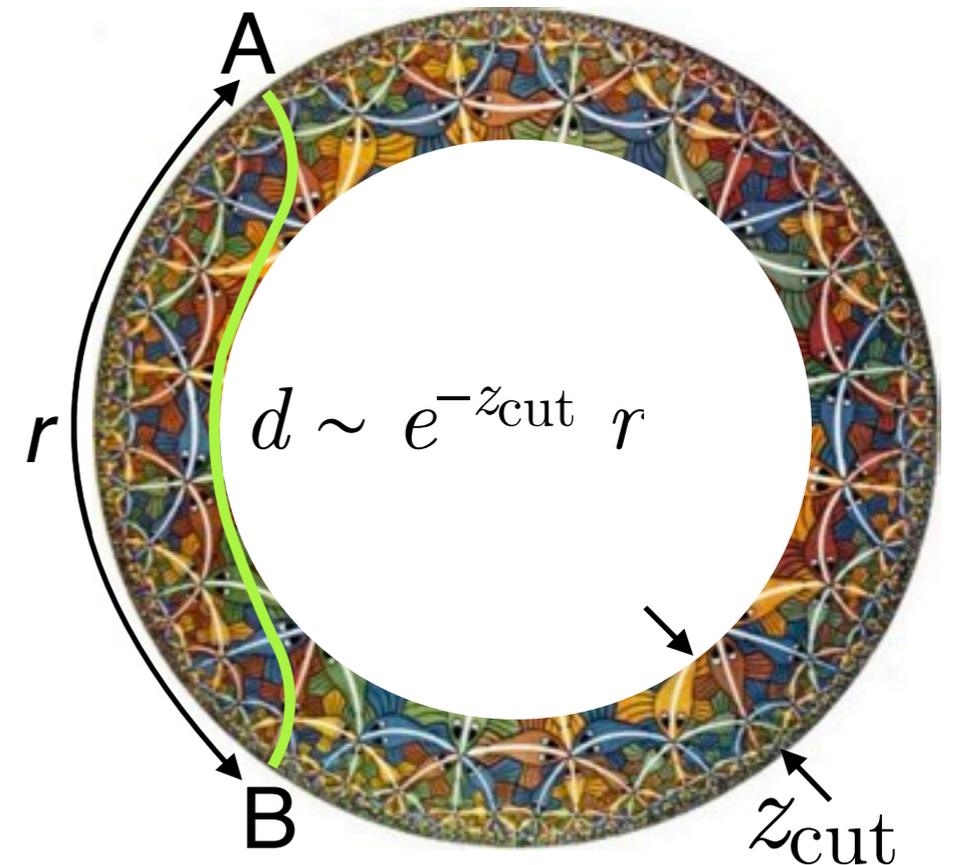
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# Entanglement and Geometry

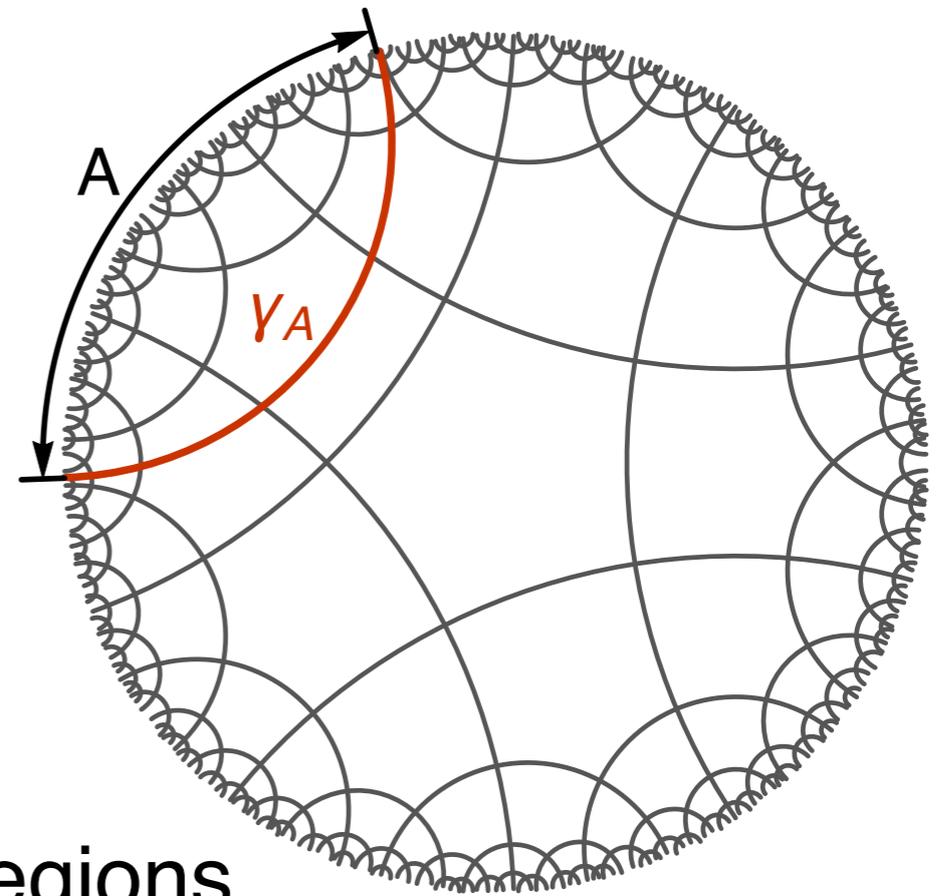
- One prominent feature of holographic duality is the deep relation between:

- Boundary **quantum entanglement** structure
- Bulk **spatial geometry** structure

- Entanglement entropy = minimal cut

$$S_E(A) = \frac{1}{4G_N} |\gamma_A|$$

Ryu, Takayanagi (2006)



- Geometry is encoded in  $S_E(A)$  data
- Task: predict  $S_E(A)$  over different regions using a neural network model (that represents the geometry)
- Bulk geometry will **emerge** as training builds up the network



# Entanglement Big Data

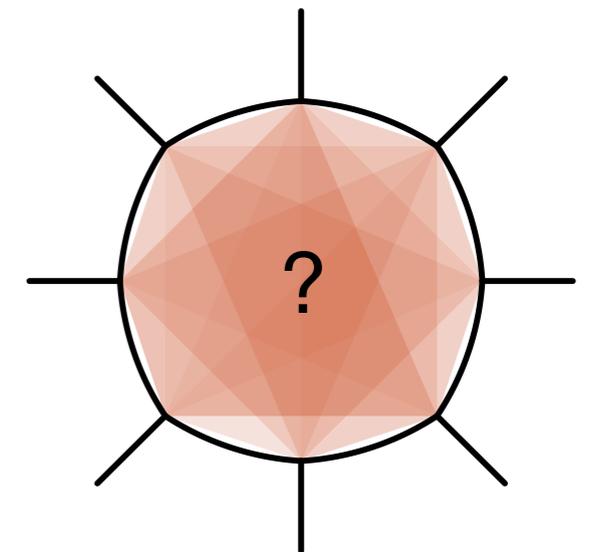
- How many different choice of region A?
  - A system of  $N$  sites  $\rightarrow 2^N$  choices of  $[\tau] = (\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots)$

$$\tau_i = \begin{cases} +1 & i \in A \\ -1 & i \in \bar{A} \end{cases} \quad (\text{like Ising variables})$$

- Each Ising configuration (entanglement region) is associated with an entanglement entropy  $\rightarrow$  big data...
- A naive energy-based model (generally **non-local!**)

$$S_E(A) = F[\tau] = S_0 - \sum_{ij} J_{ij} \tau_i \tau_j - \sum_{ijkl} J_{ijkl} \tau_i \tau_j \tau_k \tau_l + \dots$$

- **Multi-spin interaction** in the Ising model reflects the non-local structure of many-body entanglement



# Deep Boltzmann Machine

- How do we decode the structure behind this Ising model of quantum many-body entanglement?

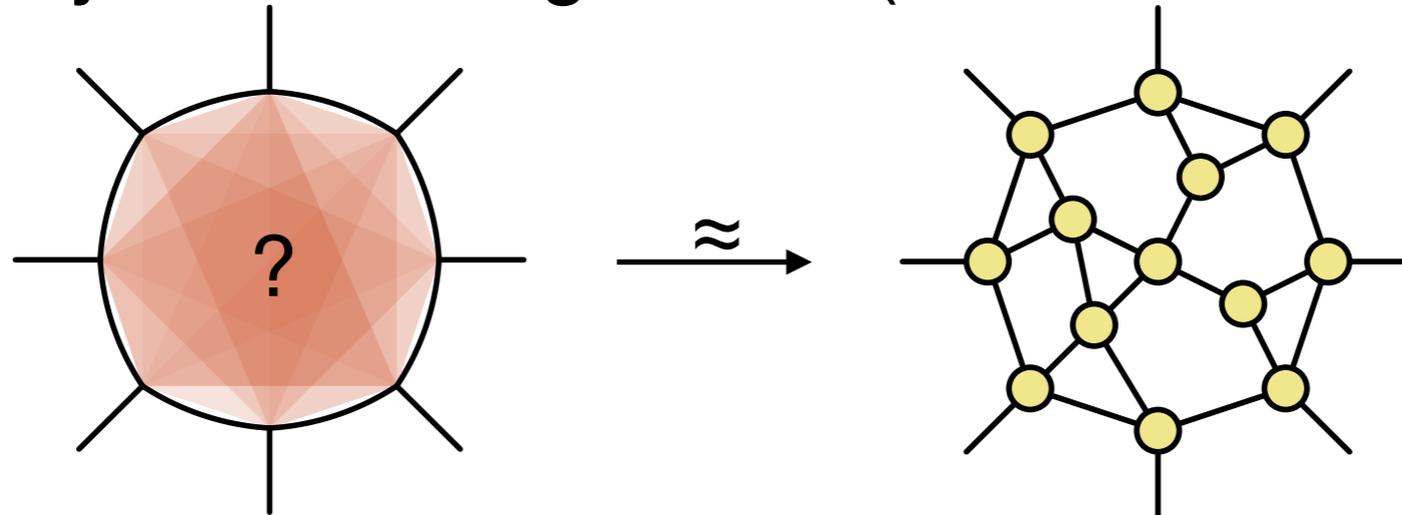
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- **Machine learning:** how do we represent a complicated **joint probability distribution** of pixels in an image dataset?
  - We train a generative model ...



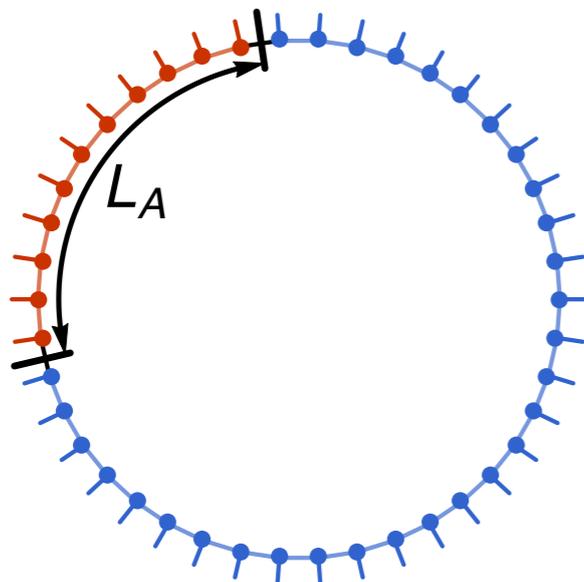
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- Resolve the non-local entanglement structure on the **boundary** by a local Ising model (neural network) in the **bulk**.

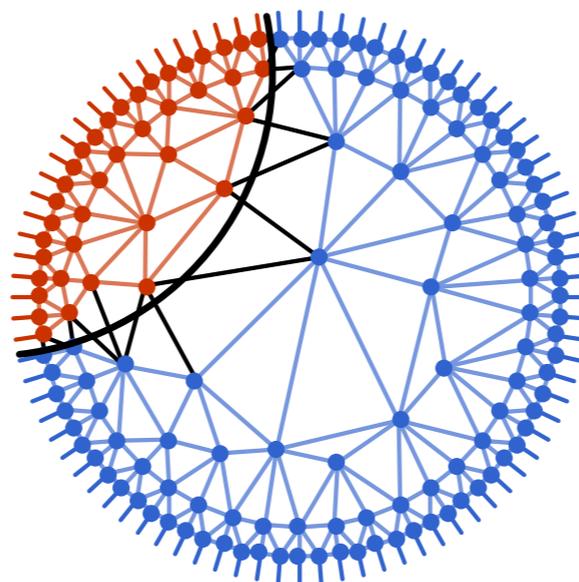


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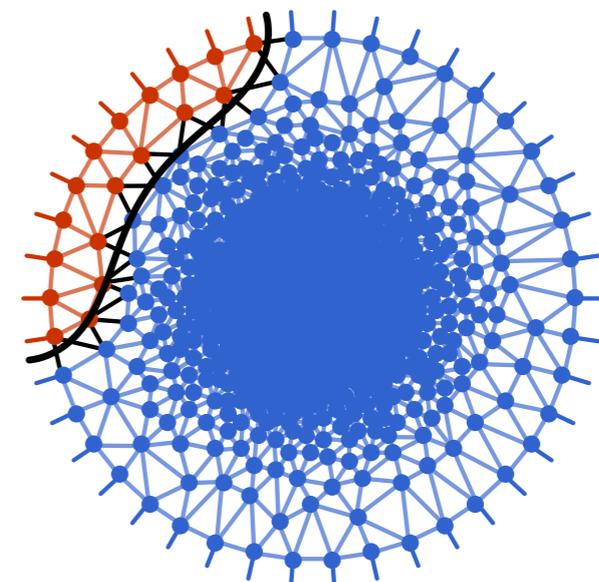
Area-law



Log-law



Volume-law



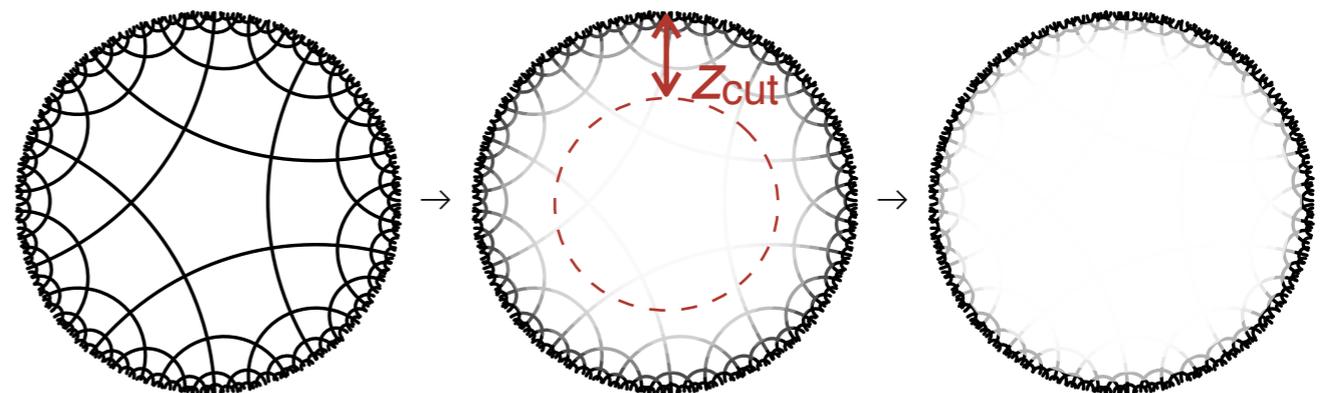
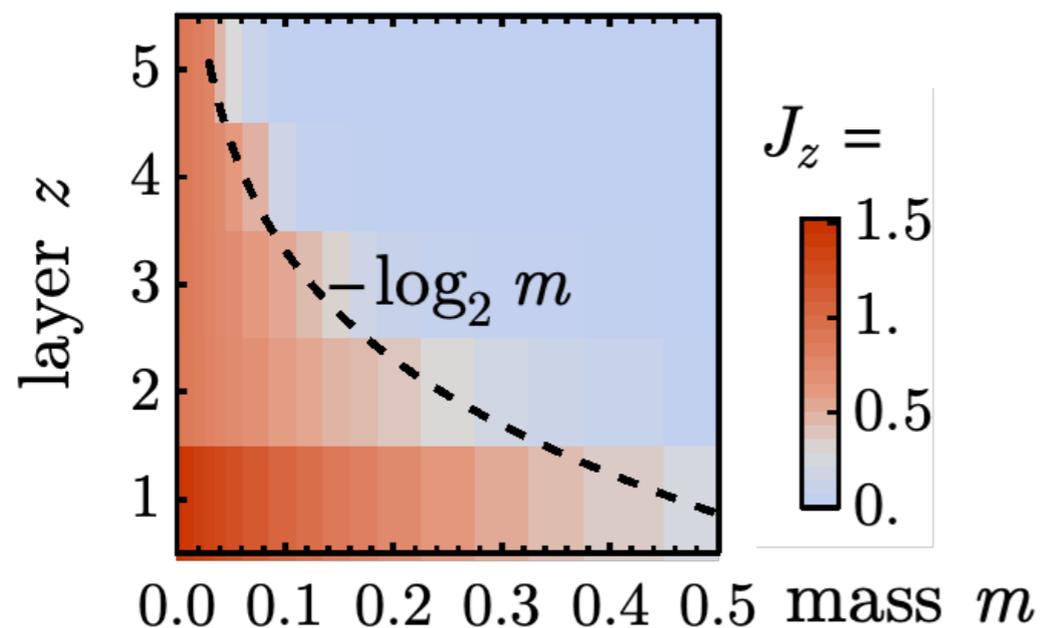
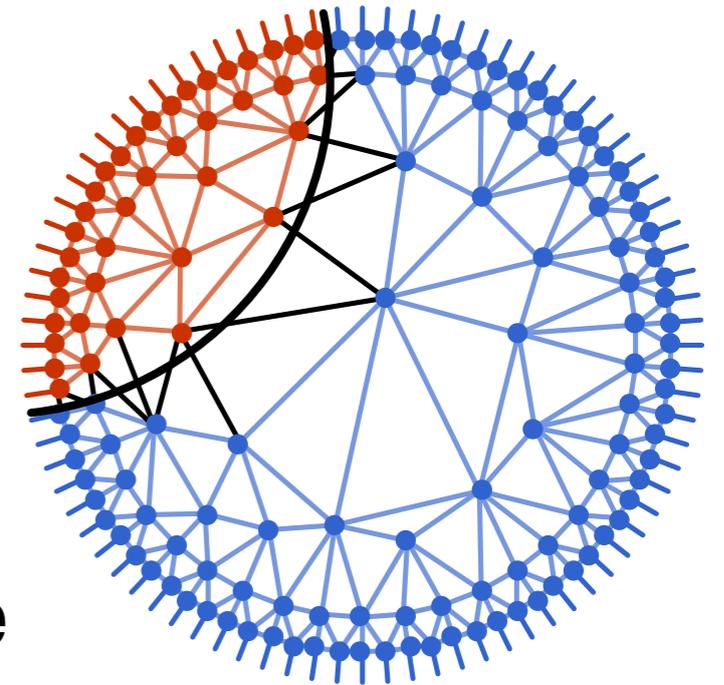
- Holographic network geometry emerges from learning!

# Entanglement Feature Learning

- Network design
  - Entanglement entropy  $\sim$  minimal cut
  - $\sim$  energy cost of Ising domain wall

$$S_E^{(2)}(A) \sim F(A)$$

- Ising model  $\rightarrow$  deep Boltzmann machine
- Model parameter: weights (Ising couplings)
- Objective: clamped free energy  $\sim$  entanglement entropy



# **Machine Learning Renormalization Group**

# Quantum Field Theory as Image Dataset

- A field: a mapping from spacetime to some target manifold



0.26

Scalar fields



$\begin{pmatrix} 0.89 \\ 0.02 \\ 0.01 \end{pmatrix} \dots$

Vector fields

- A quantum field theory (QFT): a model that assigns an **action** (= **negative log likelihood**) to every field configuration.

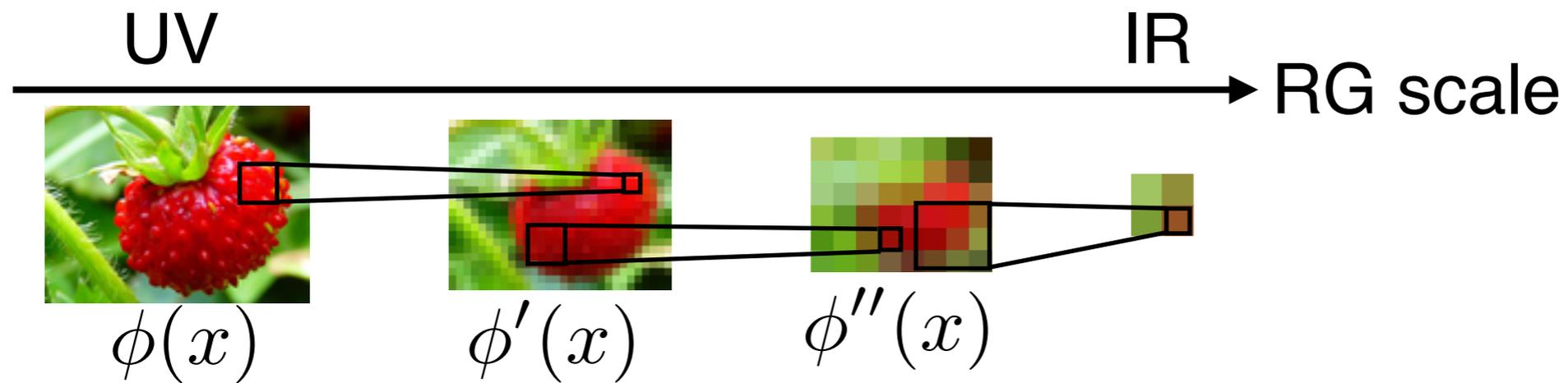
$$P[\text{raspberry image}] \propto e^{-S[\text{raspberry image}]}$$

↑  
action

- Can we train a generative model to represent the QFT?

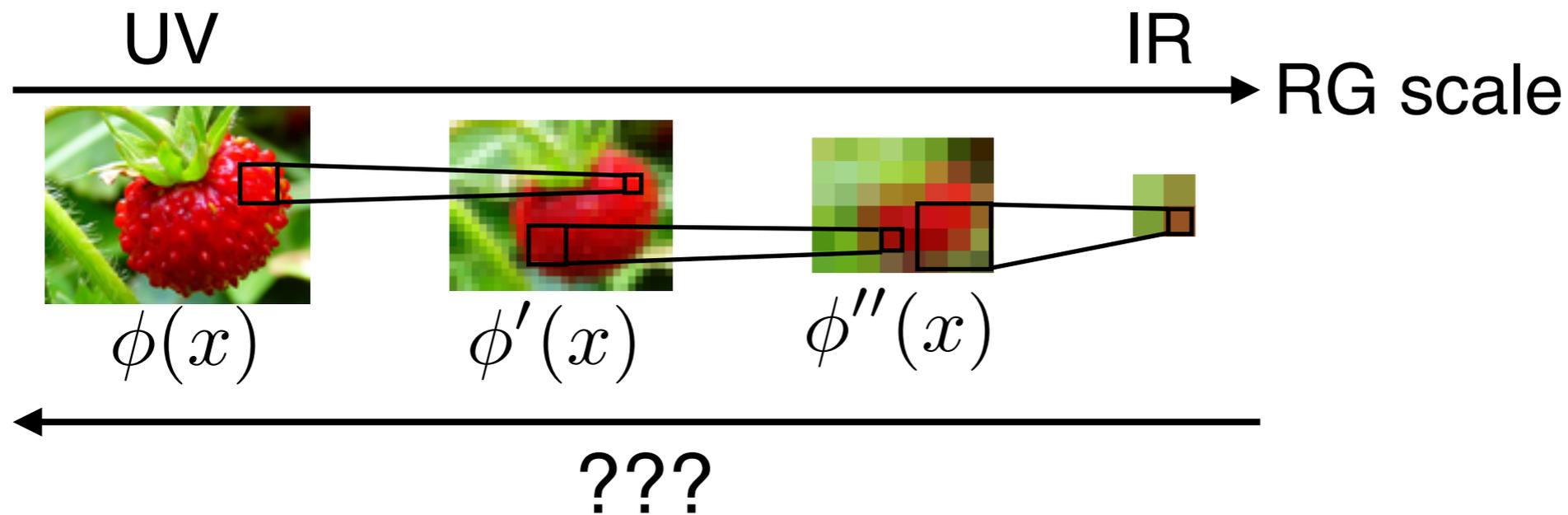
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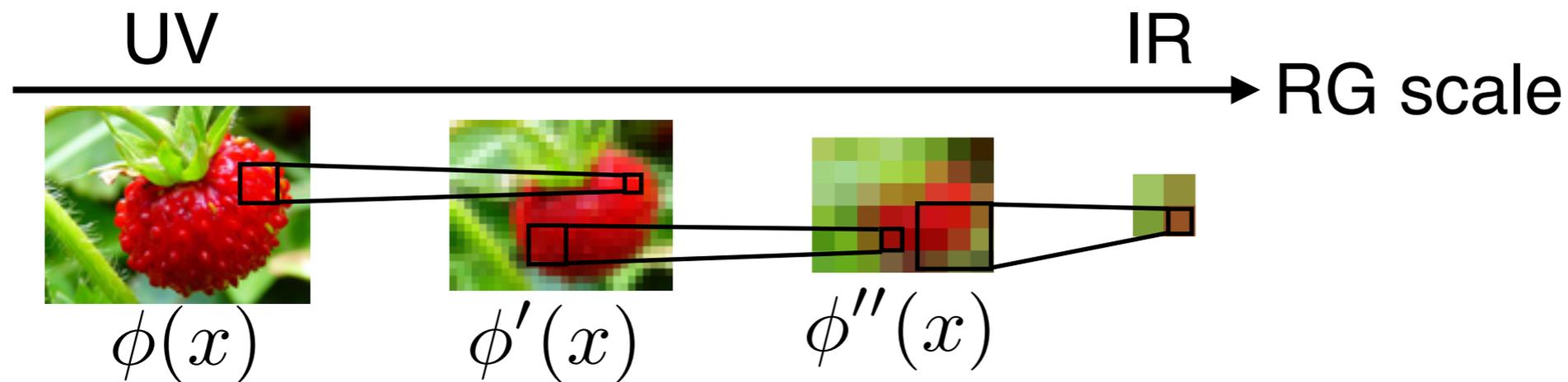
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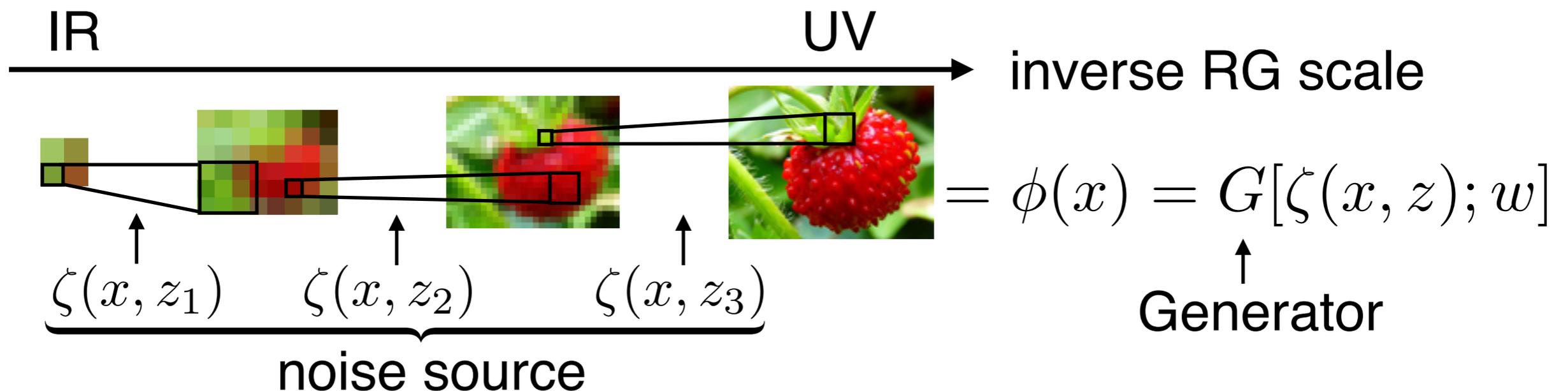
Traditional RG is not invertible...

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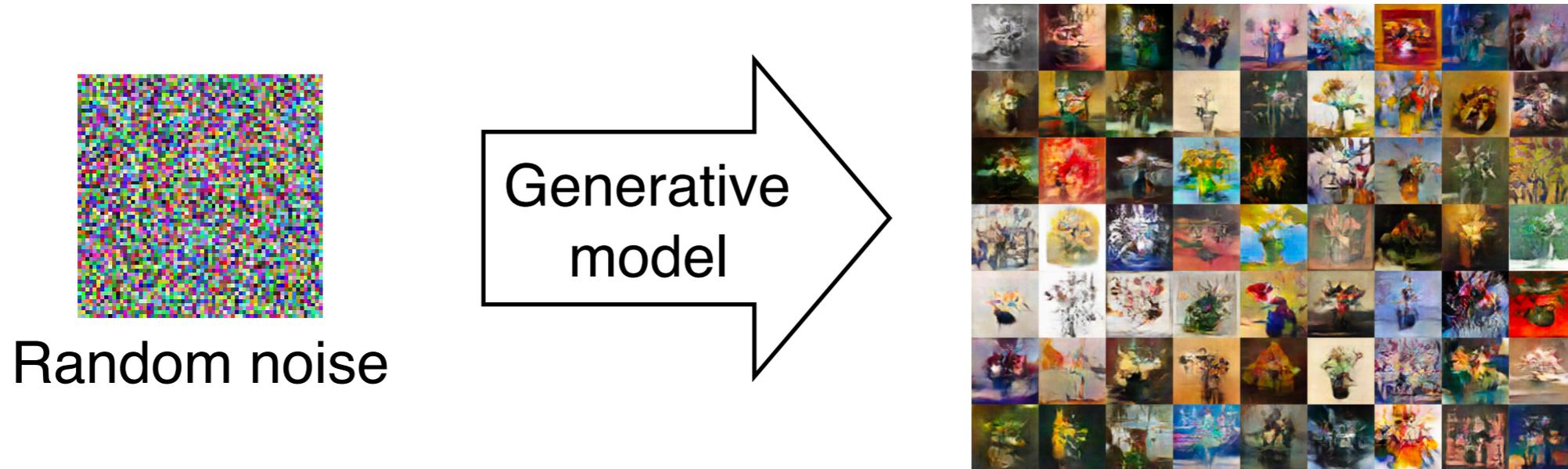


- Inverse RG: a hierarchical **generative model** Beny (2013)



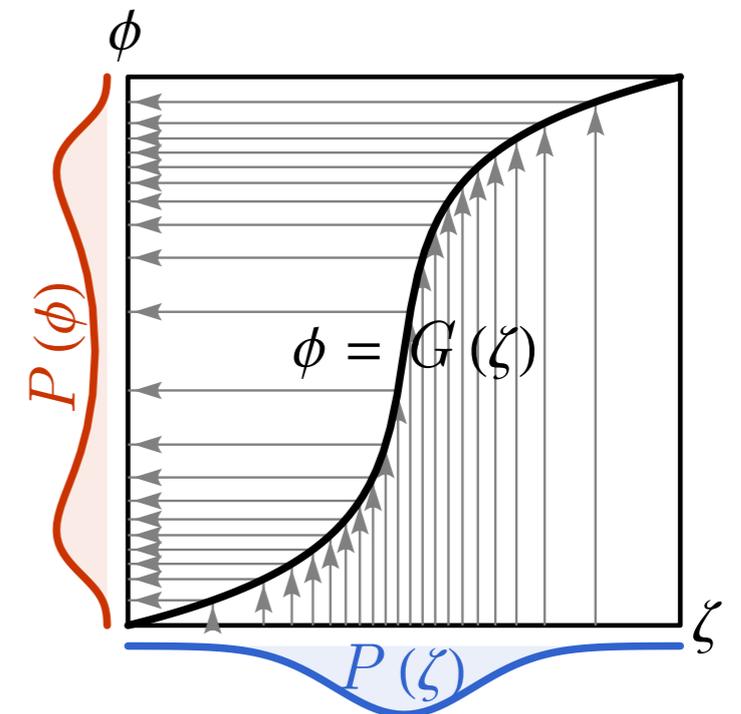
# Generative Models

- Differentiable generative model: generate **images** from **noise** (latent variables) by a non-linear transformation



- Generative model deforms the probability distribution, sample  $\zeta$  to generate  $\phi$

$$\phi = G(\zeta)$$
$$P(\phi) = P(\zeta) \left( \frac{\partial G(\zeta)}{\partial \zeta} \right)^{-1}$$

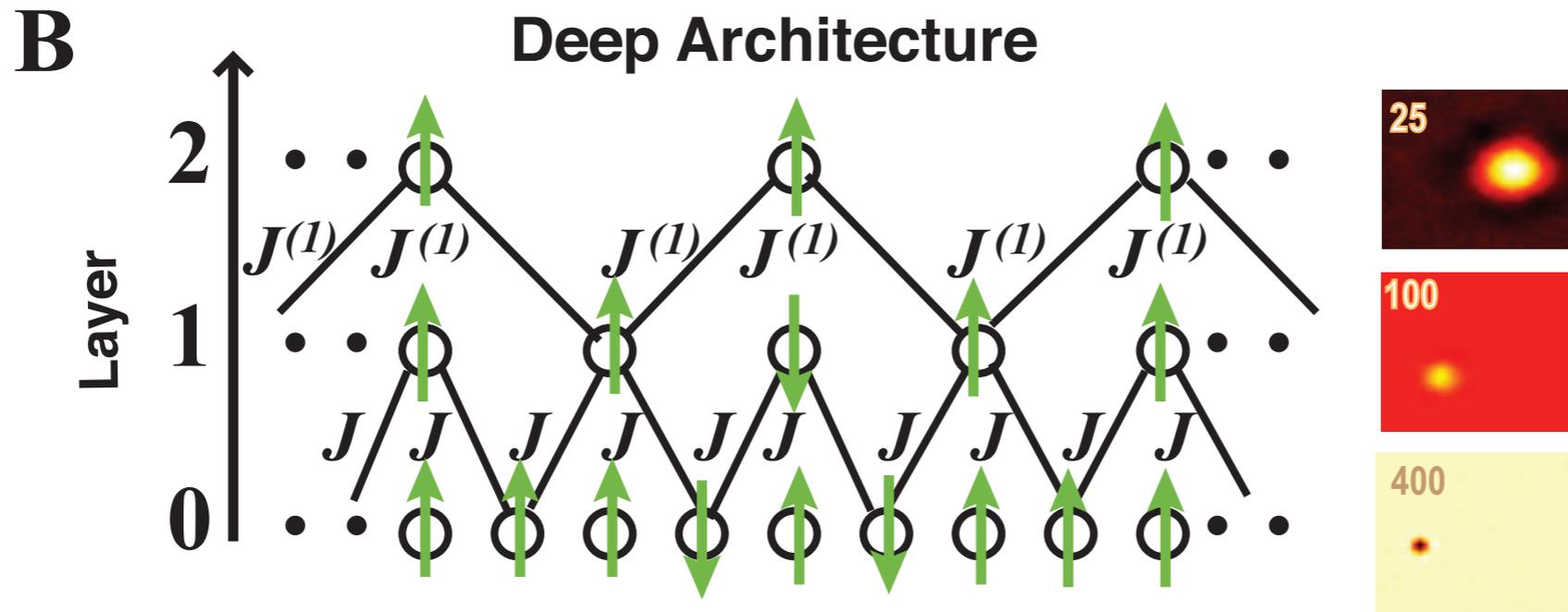


Optimal mass transport - Lei, Su, Cui, Yau, Gu (2017)

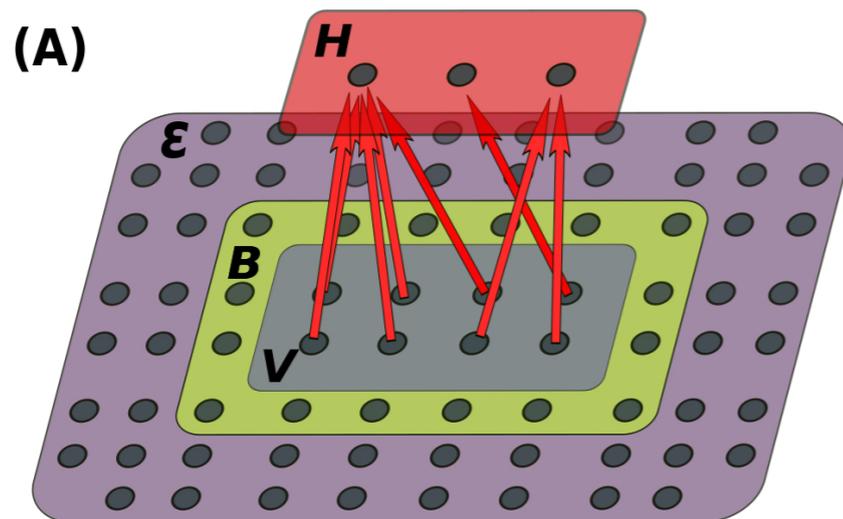


# Information Theoretic Goal of RG

- Renormalization Group = Deep Learning? Mehta, Schwab (2014)



- Maximal Real-Space Mutual Information (maxRMI) principle



Koch-Janusz, Ringel (2017)

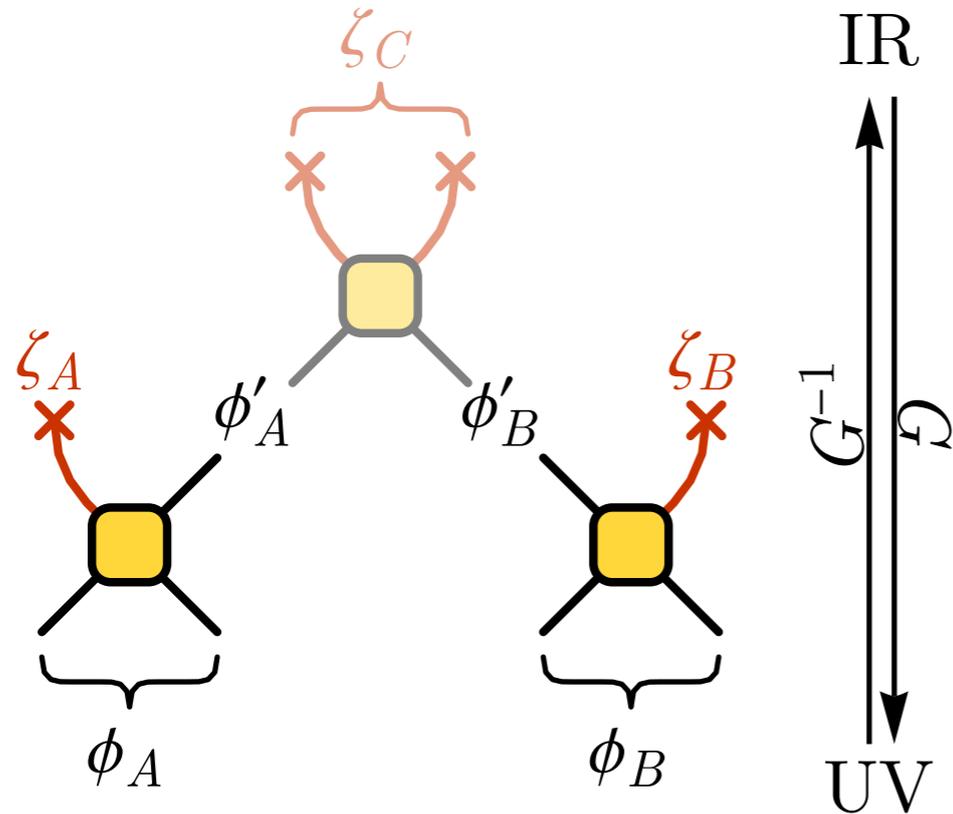
$$\max I(H, \mathcal{E})$$

Coarse-grained freedom

Environment

# Information Theoretic Goal of RG

- Minimal Bulk Mutual Information (minBMI) principle



- maxRMI:  $\max I(\phi'_A : \phi_B)$ .

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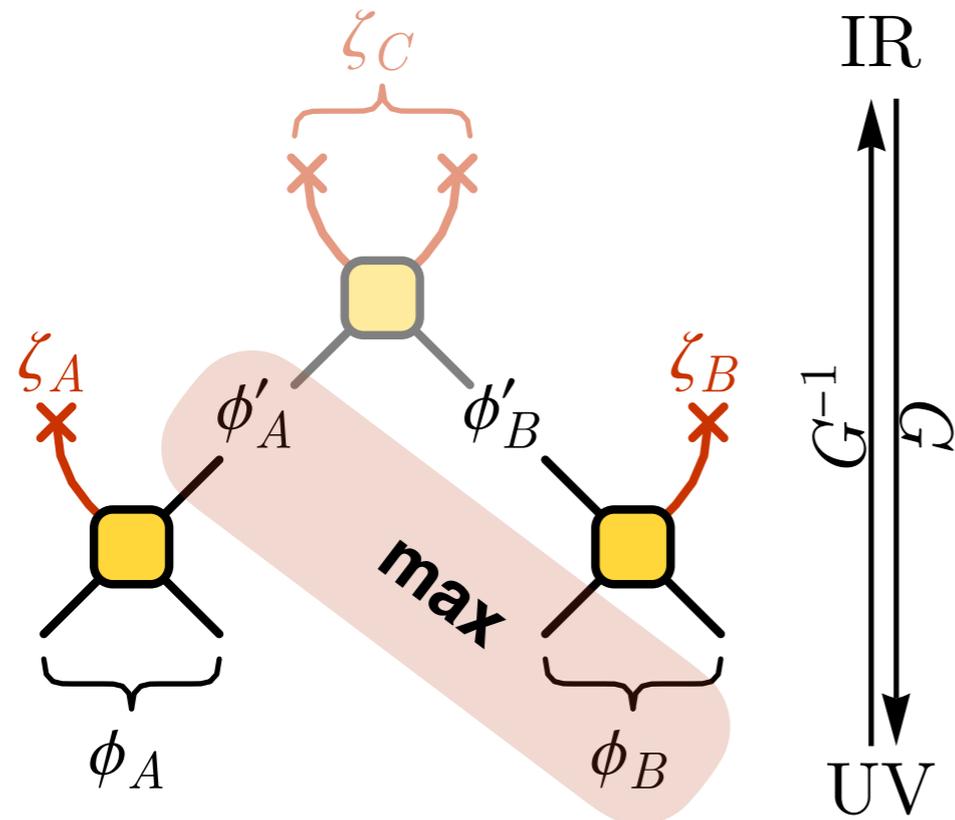
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Hu, Li, Wang, You (2109)

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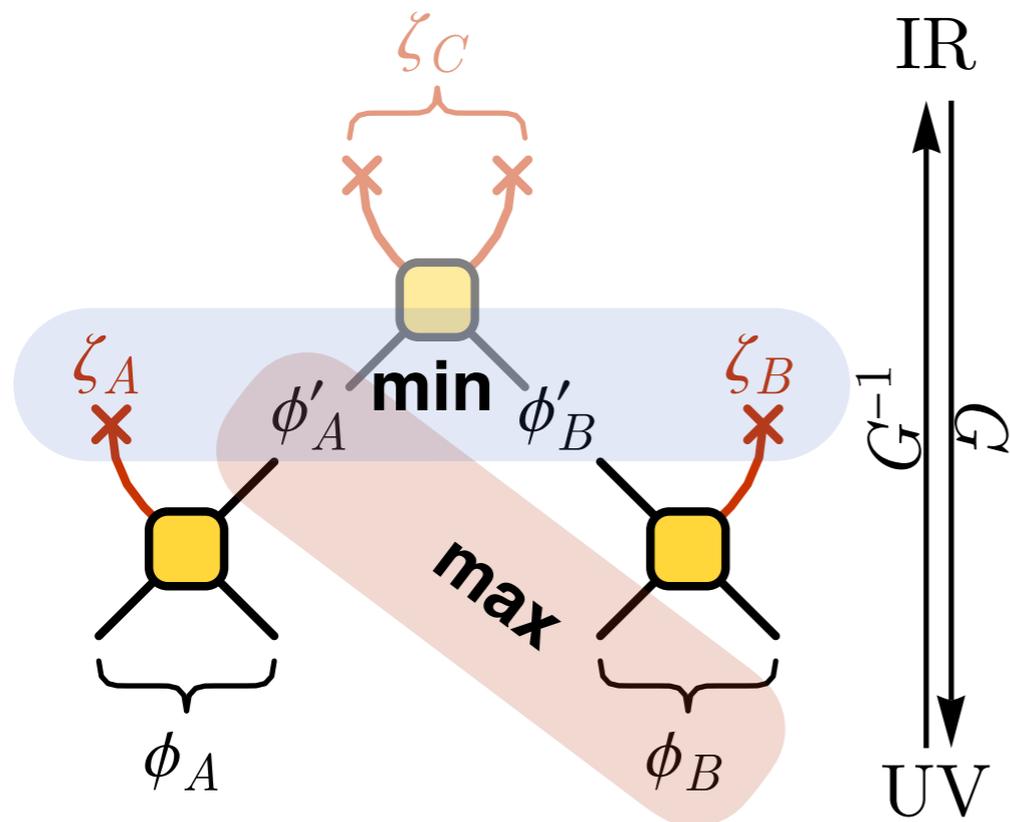
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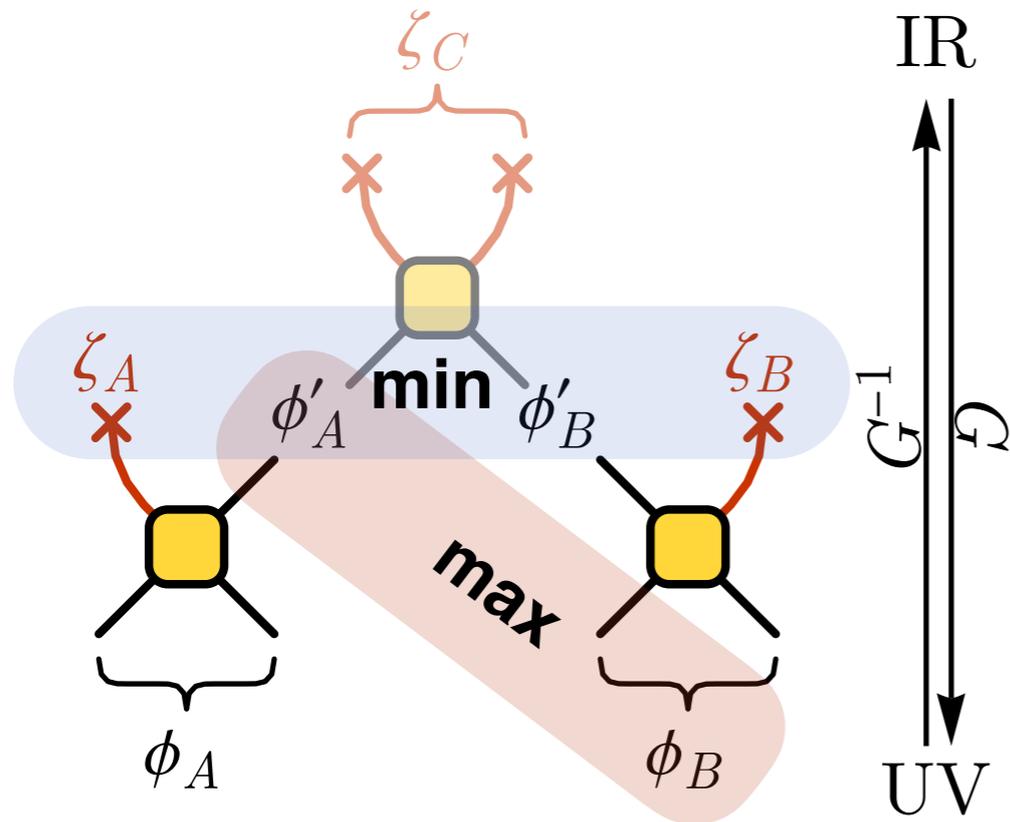
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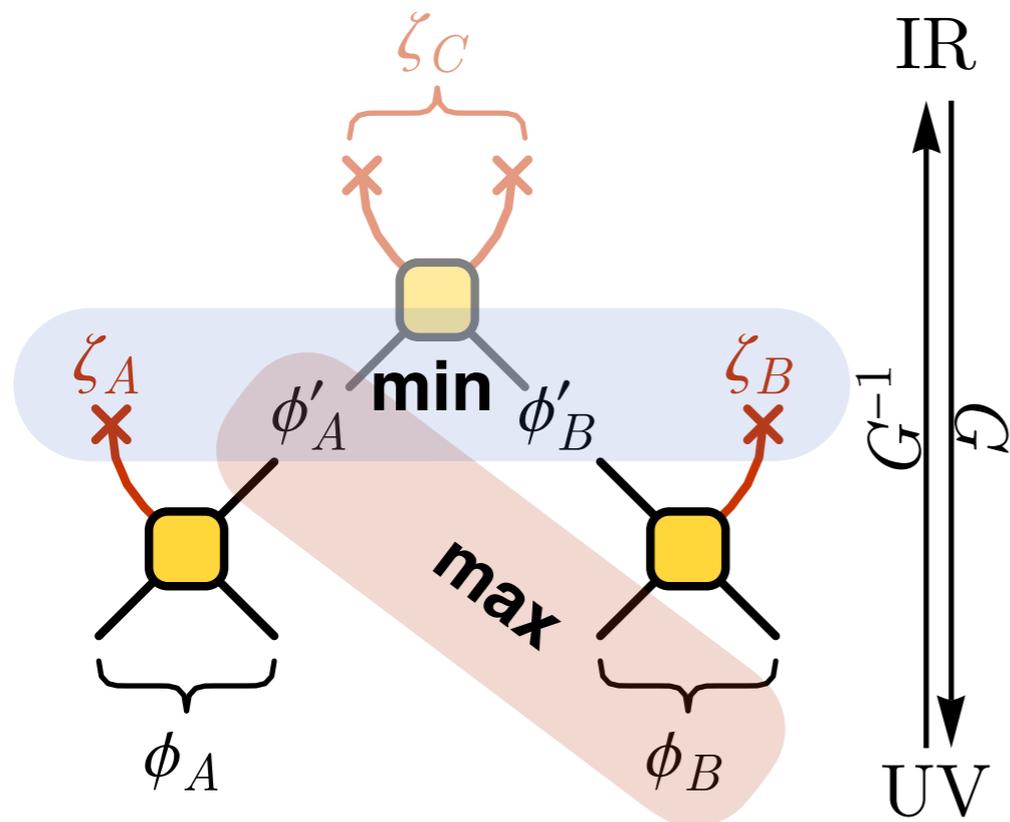
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# Machine Learning Holography

- Training a generative model establishes a holographic duality

$$\min \text{KL}(P[\zeta] \det(\delta_\zeta G[\zeta])^{-1} || e^{-S[\phi]})$$

**CFT** (boundary)

$$Z = \text{Tr}_{[\phi]} e^{-S[\phi]}$$

Field theory in flat space

- massless field  $\phi(x)$

Features in dataset

- image  $\phi(x)$

**AdS** (bulk)

$$Z = \text{Tr}_{[\zeta]} P[\zeta] \det(\delta_\zeta G[\zeta])^{-1}$$

(Classical) gravity + matter

- massive matter  $\zeta(x, z)$
- on background  $G[\cdot; w]$

Deep generative model

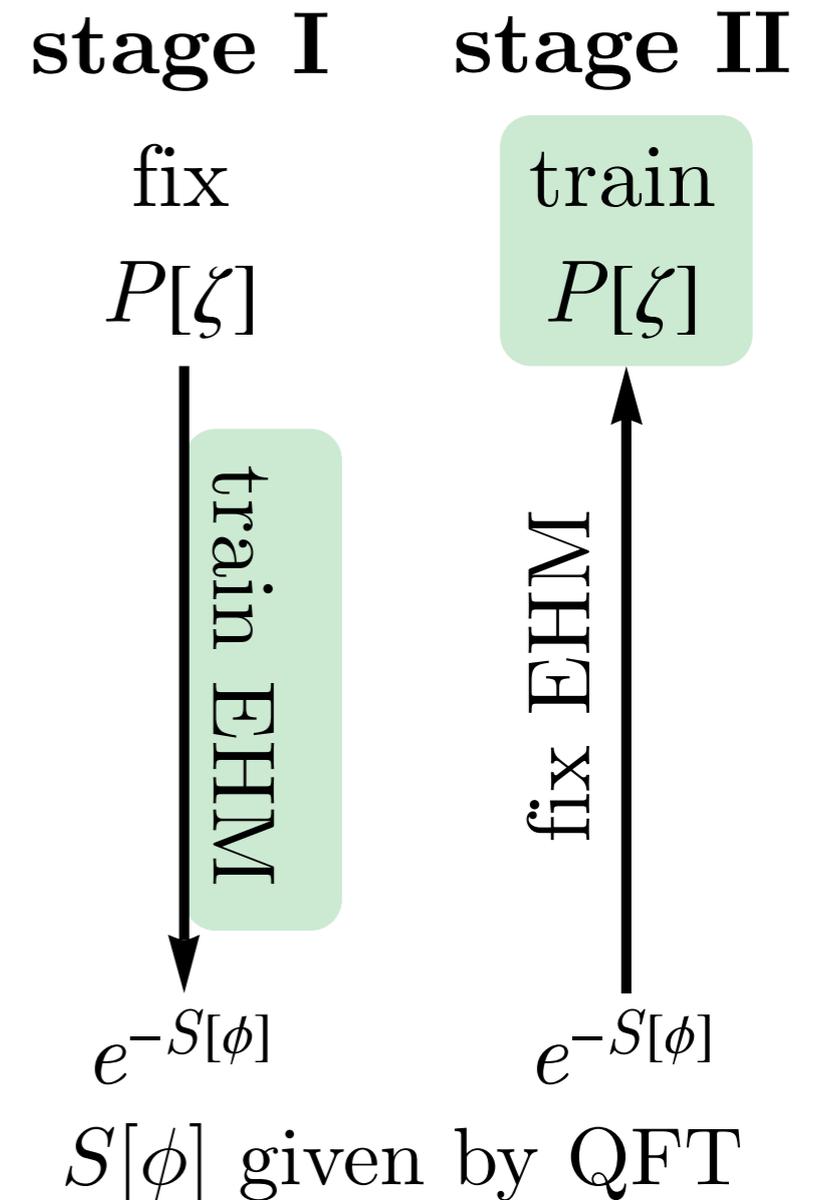
- latent representation  $\zeta(x, z)$
- neural network  $G[\cdot; w]$

# Probing Holographic Bulk Geometry

- What can we learn from the bulk?
- Pushing the QFT into the bulk, bulk field will have **residual correlation**
  - Pessimist: insufficient model capacity and training loss ...
  - Optimist: bulk field correlation contains important information about bulk geometry!
- Probing geometry by matter X-L Qi (2013)

$$I(\zeta_i : \zeta_j) \sim e^{-d(\zeta_i : \zeta_j) / \xi}$$

↑ residual mutual information      ↑ geodesic distance

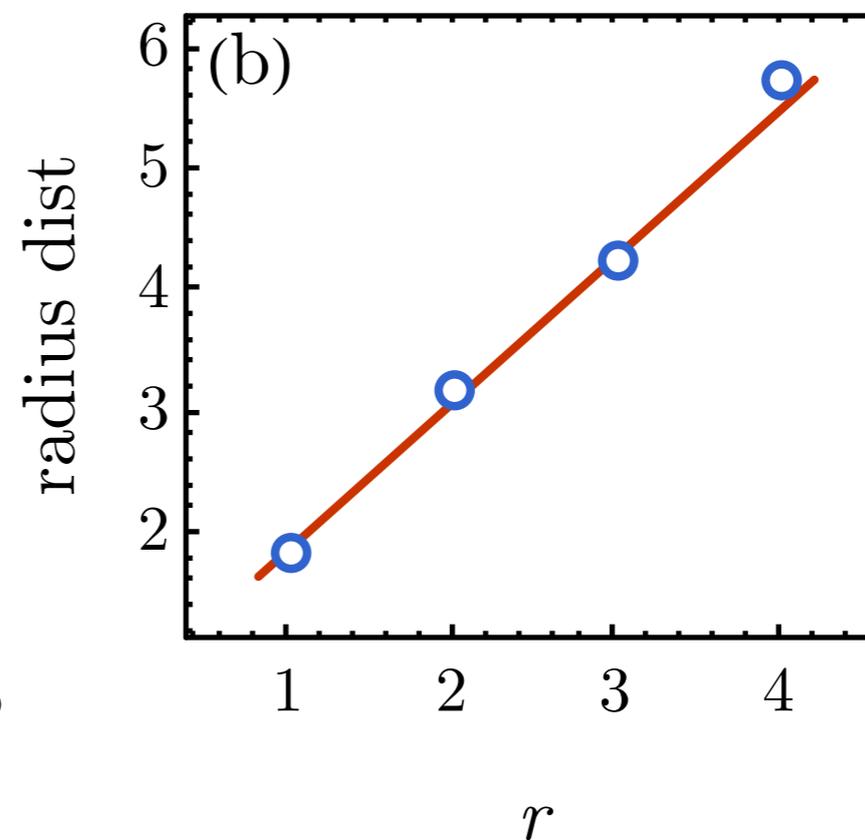
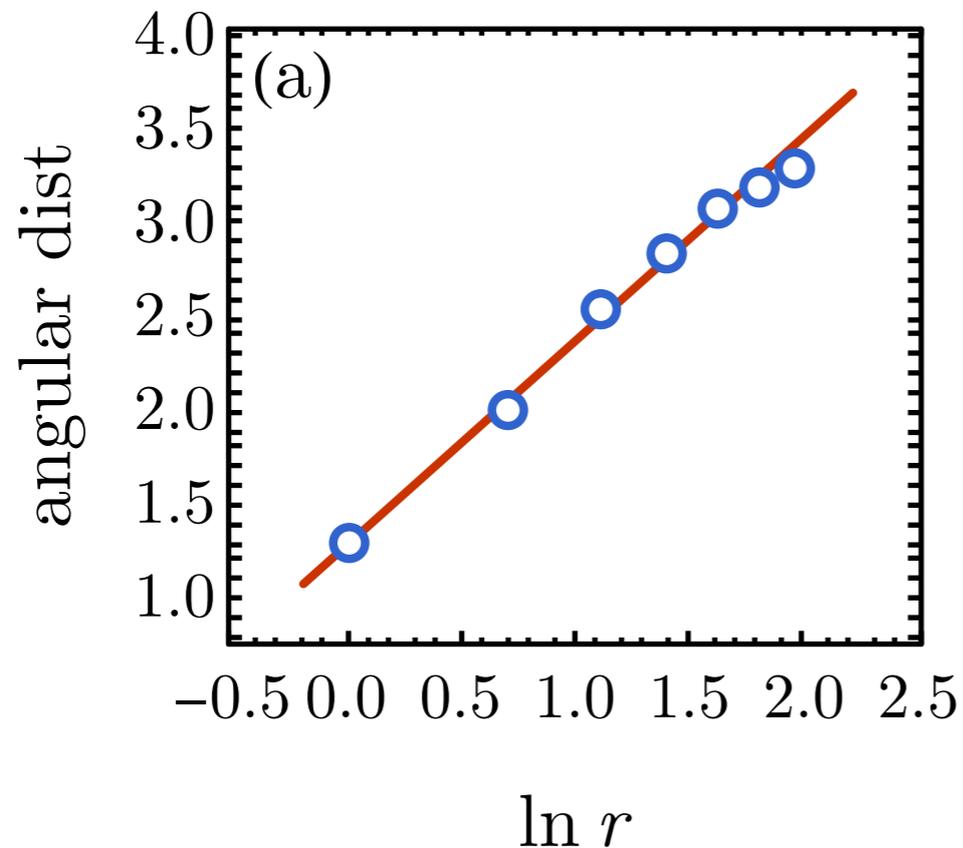


# Probing Holographic Bulk Geometry

- Apply to Luttinger liquid CFT, measure the bulk distance

$$d(x, y, z | x + r, y, z) \sim \ln r$$

$$d(x, y, z | x, y, z + r) \sim r$$



- Result matches hyperbolic geometry  $\sim$  AdS

$$ds^2 = \frac{1}{z^2} (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$$

# Summary

- We demonstrated several examples of machine learning physics. The common theme:
  - Train the machine on a task (but we don't use it!)
  - Open up the neural network for emergent physics

	<b>Task</b>	<b>Emergent physics</b>
ML Quantum Mechanics <small>arXiv: 1901.11103</small>	Potential-density mapping	Wave function + Schrödinger eq.
ML many-body entanglement <small>arXiv:1709.01223</small>	Entanglement entropy prediction	Holographic bulk geometry
ML holographic mapping <small>arXiv:1903.00804</small>	Quantum field generation	RG scheme, bulk effective theory

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