Emulators for Inverse Problems in Dense Matter Physics

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An explosion of NS observations!

The New York Times



Dense matter physics in a nutshell

Model for interaction between particles



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The solution: Use emulators to accelerate calculations

Emulators mimic the behaviour of the full-scale model at a small fraction of its computational cost





Quantum Monte Carlo in a nutshell

$$\lim_{\tau \to \infty} e^{-H\tau} |\Psi_T\rangle \to |\Psi_0\rangle$$
Trial wavefunction True ground state

H(*a*) is the Hamiltonian

- Virtually exact method for strongly interacting many-body systems
- First step is the preparation of a trial wavefunction, i.e. our best guess for the true ground state
- The trial state is evolved in imaginary time. This is mathematically equivalent to the diffusion problem
- At infinite imaginary time, the system 'cools' to its true ground state





Emulators with scarce data: how about traditional ML?

- Goal: Build accurate surrogate models for QMC with ~5 10 training points
- The GP fails to accurately interpolate and extrapolate between training points



RS et al., arXiv:2404.11566

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Petrov-Galerkin projection method

• For QMC, M_{ij} is dominated by stochastic noise and cannot be calculated. We therefore implemented a Petrov-Galerkin projection method for this problem:

$$\tilde{M}_{ij} = \langle \psi_i^T | H | \psi_j \rangle$$

- The RBM outperforms the GP
- The RBM is capable of interpolating but fails to extrapolate away from training points



Emulators with scarce data: Hybrid models

- Combine elements of RBMs with data-driven emulators
- We employ the recently proposed parametric matrix models

$$M(\vec{\alpha}) = M_0 + \sum_i \alpha_i M_i$$

- The form of the reduced subspace matrix is inspired by RBMs. However, we do not directly compute the projections, i.e. we do not compute the subspace matrix elements
- Instead they are learned in some manner from the data



Duguet et al., arXiv:2310.19419

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 0.01% of test samples are outliers (uncertainty > 10%)

Reed, **RS**, et al., arXiv:2405.20558

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1.4

Mass $[M_{\odot}]$

1.8

2.0

1.6



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Backup slides

The trade-off between speed and computational accuracy



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