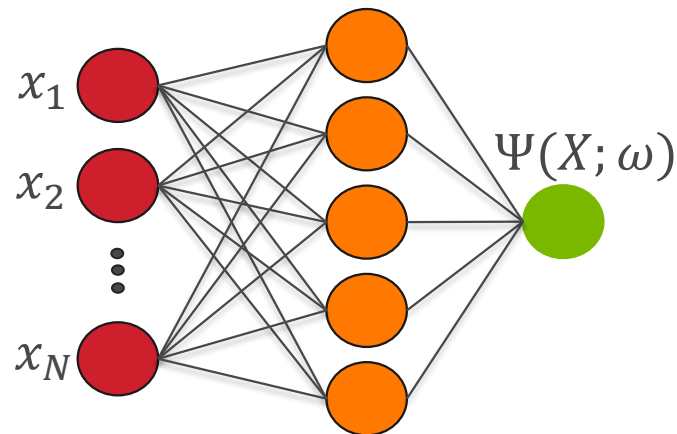


# MODELING LOW-DENSITY NUCLEAR MATTER WITH NEURAL-NETWORK QUANTUM STATES

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# OUTLINE

- Overview of nuclei results
- Neutron star background
  - Structure
  - Observation
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- Overview of variational Monte Carlo (VMC)
  - Metropolis-Hastings Sampling
  - Parameter optimization
- Neural-network quantum states for fermions
  - Deep set architecture
  - Pfaffian NQS wavefunction
- Results

# PIONLESS EFT HAMILTONIAN

- Pionless-EFT Hamiltonian

$$H_{LO} = - \sum_i \frac{\vec{\nabla}_i^2}{2m_N} + \sum_{i<j} v_{ij} + \sum_{i<j<k} V_{ijk}$$

- Two body operators including spin and isospin dependence

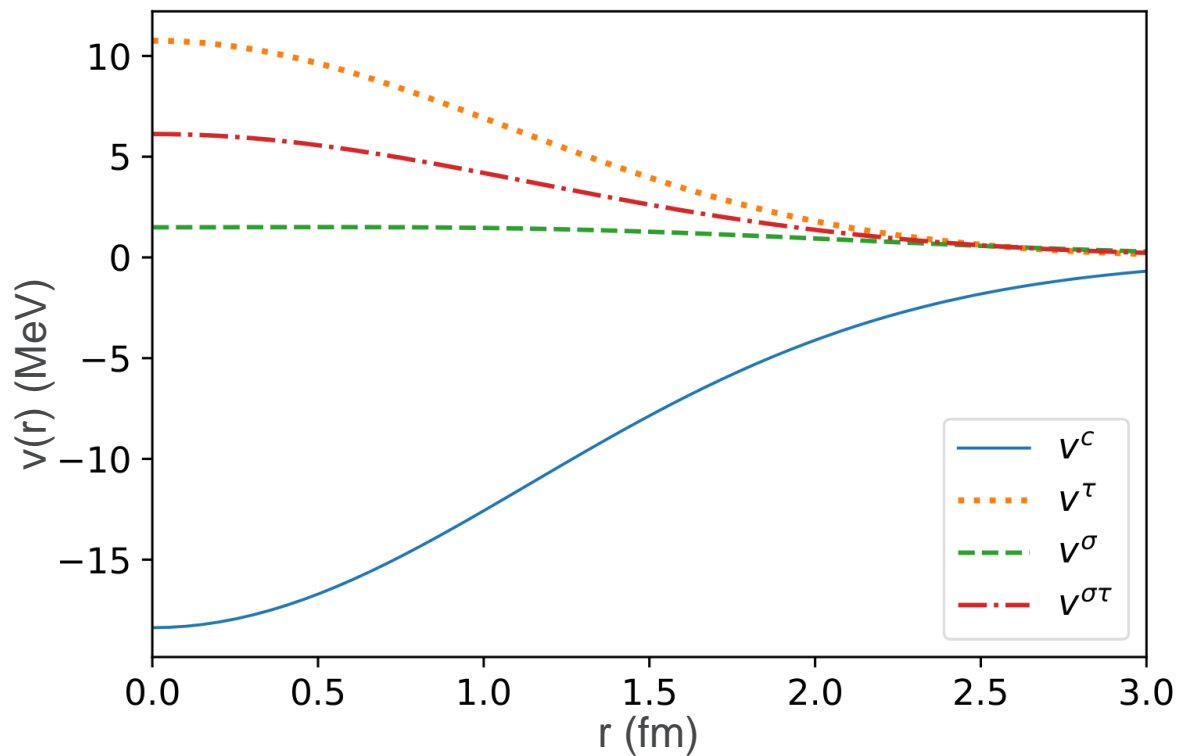
$$v_{ij}^{\text{CI}} = \sum_{p=1}^4 v^p(r_{ij}) O_{ij}^p$$

$$O_{ij}^{p=1,4} = (1, \tau_{ij}, \sigma_{ij}, \sigma_{ij} \tau_{ij})$$

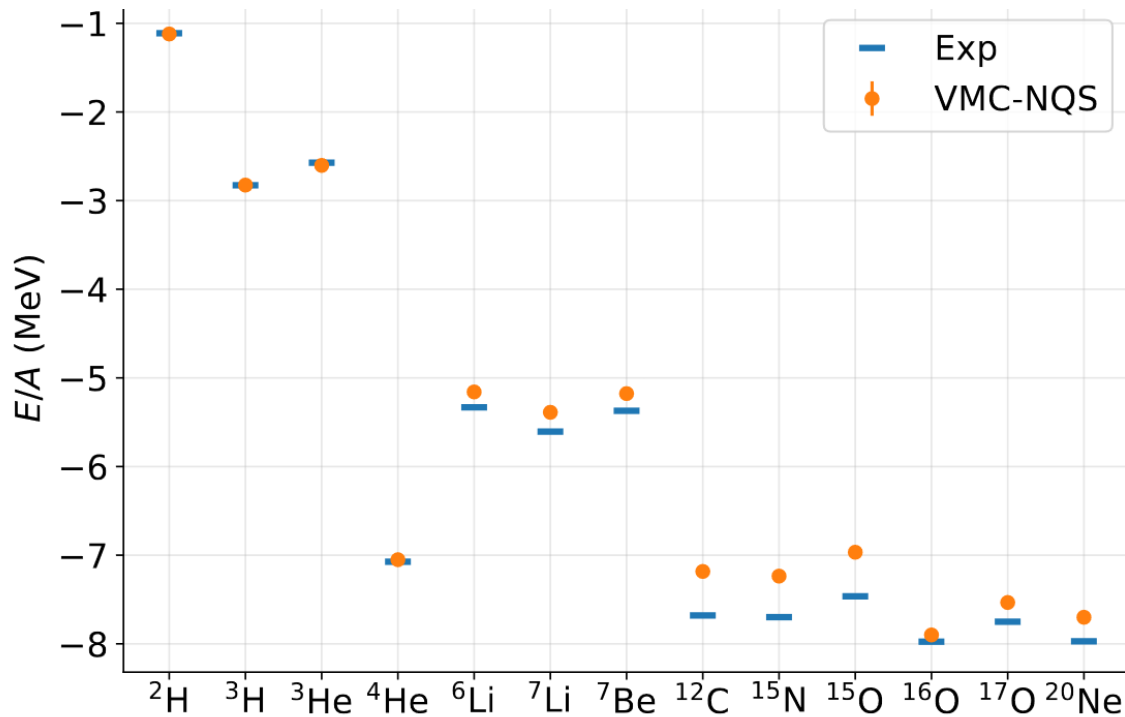
$$\sigma_{ij} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j, \quad \tau_{ij} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j$$

R. Schiavilla, PRC 103, 054003(2021)

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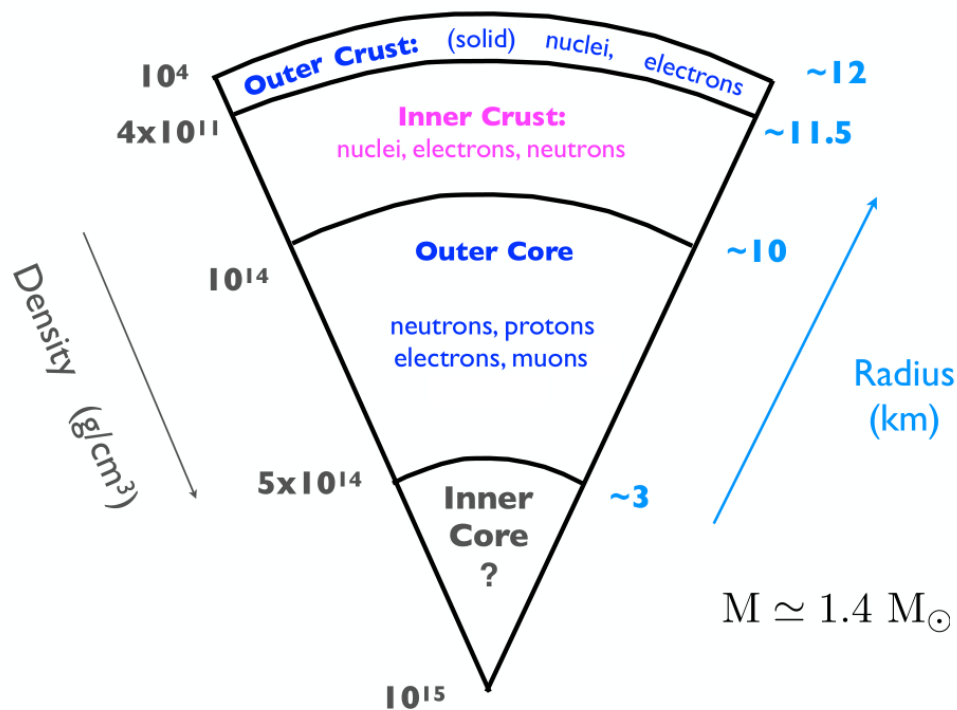


# NEURAL QUANTUM STATE RESULTS IN NUCLEI



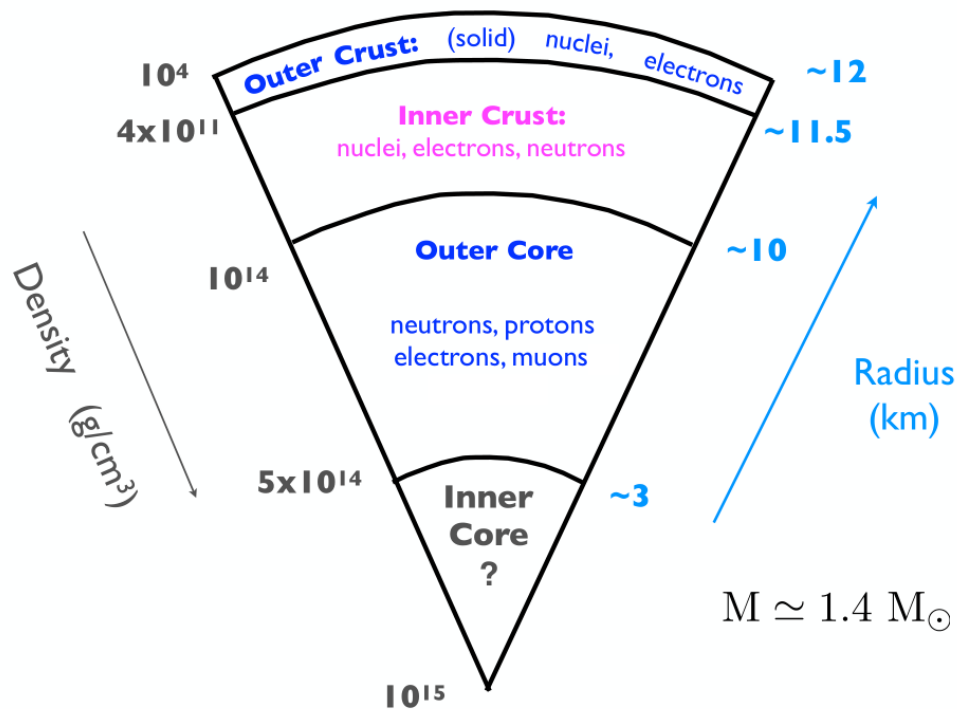
A. Gnech, arXiv:2308.16266

# NEUTRON STAR STRUCTURE



- Mostly neutrons but composition varies with density
- Nuclei in crust are squeezed into uniform matter in core
- Likely neutron superfluid in inner crust and outer core
- Calculations currently focus on inner crust

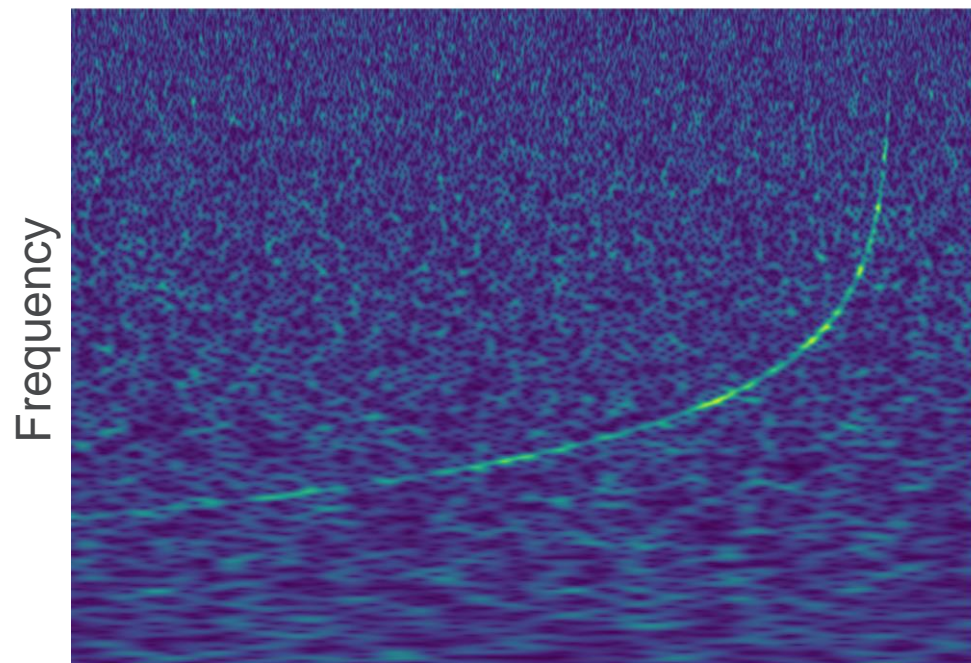
# NEUTRON STAR INTEREST



- Unique system for accessing nuclear EOS info
  - High densities
  - High isospin asymmetries
- Mergers result in creation of very heavy elements
- Relation between mass and radius controlled by nuclear EOS

# NEUTRON STAR OBSERVATION

- Gravitational waves
- Kilonova light curves
- Pulsars
- Pulsar glitches



Time  
GW170817 signal



# VARIATIONAL MONTE CARLO (VMC)

1. Specify a parameterized function to act as the trial wavefunction

$$\Psi_T(R, S; \omega) = e^{U(R, S; \omega)} \Phi(R, S; \omega)$$

2. Use Metropolis-Hastings algorithm to sample trial wavefunction

$$\frac{\langle \Psi_T | O | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle} \approx \frac{1}{N_{conf}} \sum_{\{R, S\}} O_L(R, S)$$

3. Optimize parameters of trial wavefunction to obtain lower energy

$$E_0 \leq E_T = \frac{\langle \Psi_T | \hat{H} | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle}$$

# METROPOLIS-HASTINGS SAMPLING

Sampling algorithm:

- Randomly sample coordinates,  $R'$ , and spins,  $S'$

$$P_R = \frac{|\Psi_T(R', S)|^2}{|\Psi_T(R, S)|^2} \quad P_S = \frac{|\Psi_T(R, S')|^2}{|\Psi_T(R, S)|^2}$$

- If  $P$  is greater than uniform random variable from 0 to 1, accept new values
- Observables are estimated by taking averages over sampled configurations

$$\frac{\langle \Psi_T | O | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle} = \frac{\sum_S \int dR |\Psi_T(R, S)|^2 O_L(R, S)}{\sum_S \int dR |\Psi_T(R, S)|^2} \approx \frac{1}{N_{conf}} \sum_{\{R, S\}} O_L(R, S)$$

$$O_L = \frac{\langle RS | O | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle RS | \Psi_T \rangle}$$

# STOCHASTIC RECONFIGURATION

Improve trial wavefunction by minimizing energy expectation value

$$E_0 \leq E_T = \frac{\langle \Psi_T | \hat{H} | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle}$$

Gradient of energy ( $G_i = \frac{dE_T}{d\omega_i}$ ), supplemented by Quantum Fisher Information  $S_{ij}$

$$G_i = 2 \left( \frac{\langle \partial_i \Psi_T | \hat{H} | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle} - E_T \frac{\langle \partial_i \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle} \right); \quad S_{ij} = \frac{\langle \partial_i \Psi_T | \partial_j \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle} - \frac{\langle \partial_i \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle \langle \Psi_T | \partial_j \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle \langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle}$$

Parameters at step  $s$  are updated as

$$\omega^{s+1} = \omega^s - \eta(S + \Lambda)^{-1}G$$

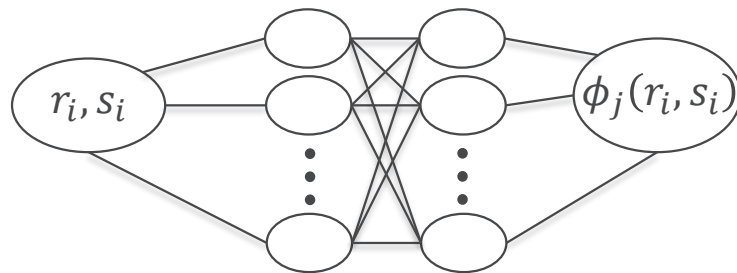
# NEURAL NETWORK QUANTUM STATES

- Artificial neural networks compactly represent complex high-dimensional functions

$$\langle RS|\Psi_T\rangle = e^{U(R,S)}\langle RS|\Phi\rangle$$

- Slater determinant enforces antisymmetry and single particle wavefunctions can be represented by neural networks

$$\langle RS|\Phi\rangle = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(r_1, s_1) & \phi_1(r_2, s_2) & \dots & \phi_1(r_n, s_n) \\ \phi_2(r_1, s_1) & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \\ \phi_n(r_1, s_1) & \dots & & \phi_n(r_n, s_n) \end{vmatrix}$$



# FERMIONIC TRIAL WAVEFUNCTIONS

$$\Psi_T(X) = e^{U(X)} \Phi(X)$$

$$\Psi(\dots, x_i, \dots x_j \dots) = -\Psi(\dots, x_j, \dots x_i \dots)$$

$$U(\dots, x_i, \dots x_j \dots) = U(\dots, x_j, \dots x_i \dots)$$

$$\Phi(\dots, x_i, \dots x_j \dots) = -\Phi(\dots, x_j, \dots x_i \dots)$$

- Slater determinant enforces antisymmetry
- Jastrow function makes wavefunction more general
- Single particle orbitals and Jastrow function can be represented by neural networks

$$\Phi(R, S) = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1(r_1, s_1) & \phi_1(r_2, s_2) & \dots & \phi_1(r_n, s_n) \\ \phi_2(r_1, s_1) & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \\ \phi_n(r_1, s_1) & \dots & & \phi_n(r_n, s_n) \end{vmatrix}$$

# DEEP SET ARCHITECTURE

- We require a generic function which is independent of particle ordering for the Jastrow function.

$$U(\dots, x_i, \dots x_j \dots) = U(\dots, x_j, \dots x_i \dots)$$

- By mapping the configuration for each particle to a latent space and summing the results we remove the particle ordering information.

$$U(X) = \rho \left( \sum_i \vec{\phi}(x_i) \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \vec{\phi}: \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{latent} \\ \rho: \mathbb{R}^{latent} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

- $\vec{\phi}$  and  $\rho$  are represented by neural networks

# IMPROVED TRIAL WAVEFUNCTION ANSATZ

$$\Psi_T(X) = e^{U(X^*)} \Phi_{pf}(X^*)$$

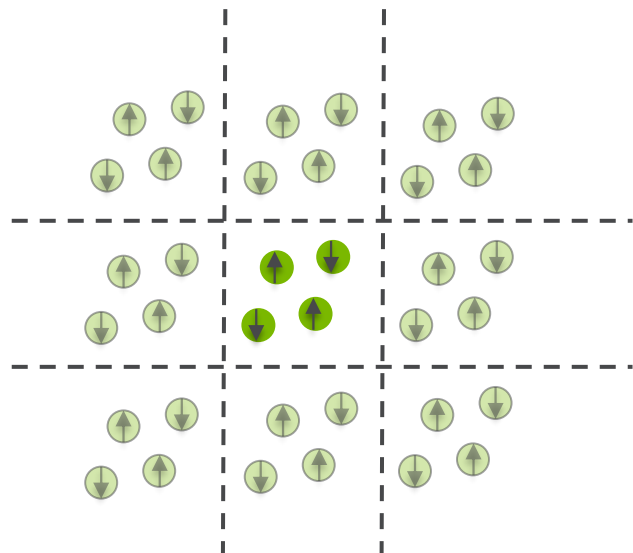
$$\Phi_{pf}(X) = pf[M]$$

$$M_{ij} = \phi(x_i, x_j) - \phi(x_j, x_i)$$

- Input,  $X$ , with backflow preprocessing gives  $X^*$
- Slater determinant  $\rightarrow$  Pfaffian
- $M$  must be skew symmetric,  $A = -A^T$ , and square with even size
- Built in pairwise structure
- Pfaffian requires only one MLP so uses far fewer parameters

J. Kim, arXiv:2305.08831

# BULK NUCLEAR MATTER SETUP



- Periodic boundary conditions and coordinate system

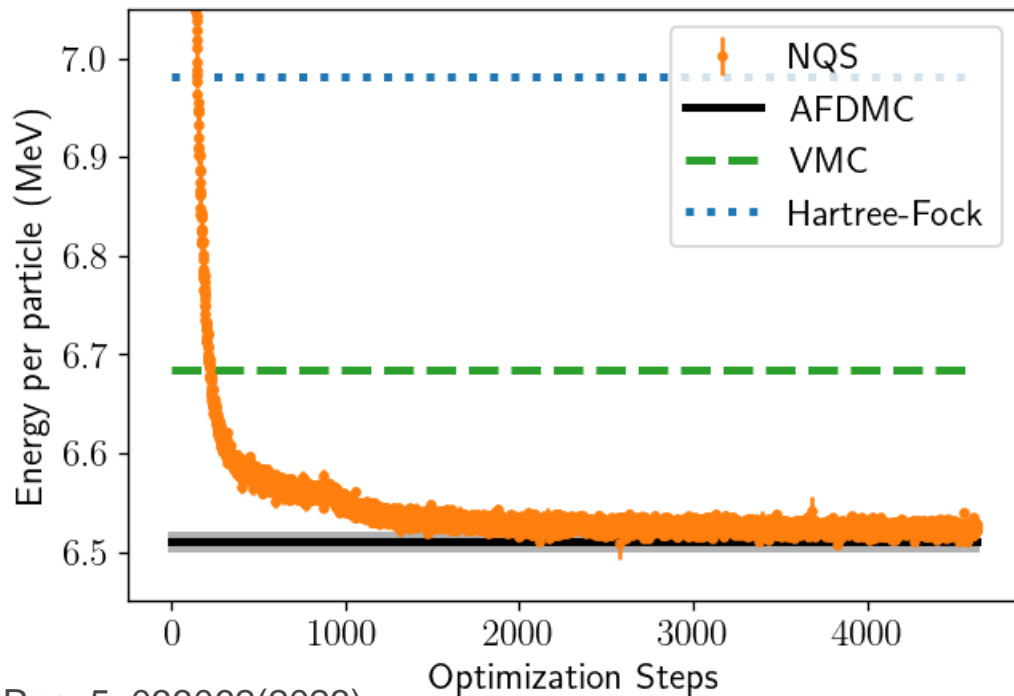
$$\mathbf{r}_i \longrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i = \left\{ \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{r}_i \right), \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{r}_i \right) \right\}$$

- Potential energy contribution from particle images



# PURE NEUTRON MATTER

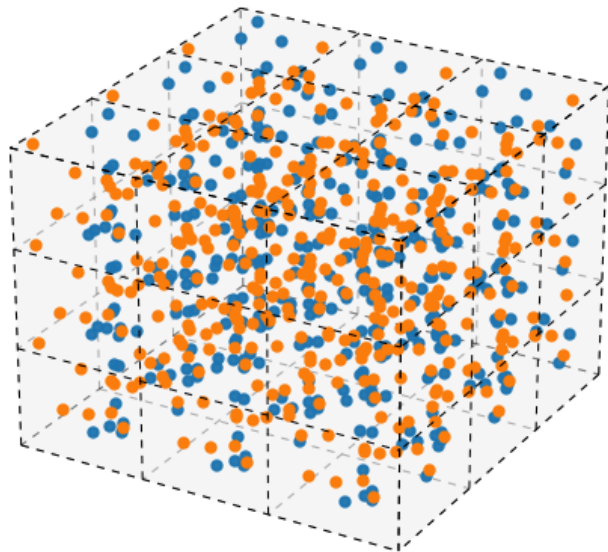
Neutron Matter (14 particles,  $0.04 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ )



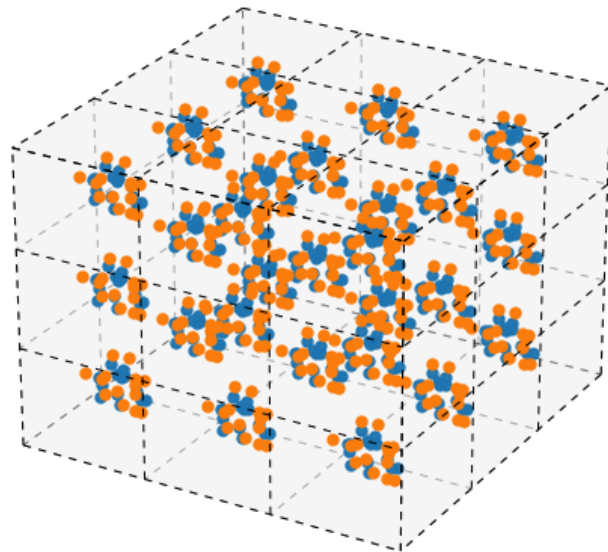
B. Fore, Phys. Rev. Res. 5, 033062(2023)

# CLUSTERING

Conventional QMC

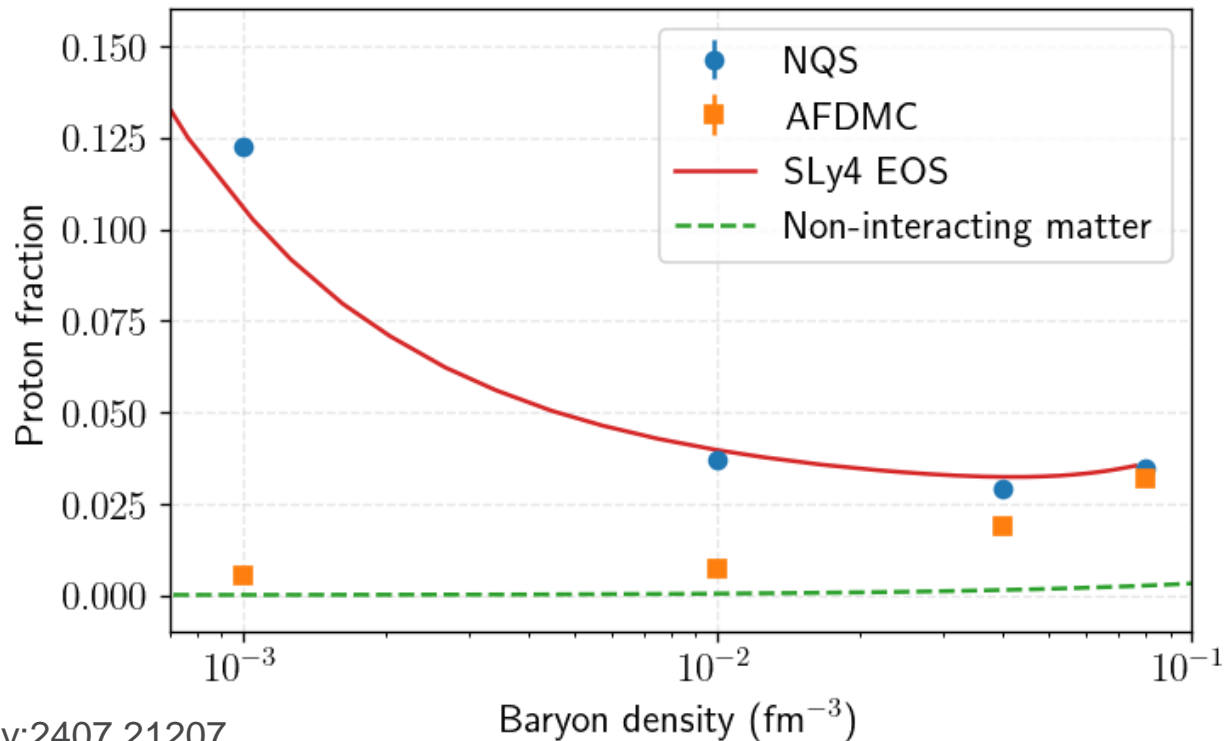


Neural quantum states



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# NUCLEAR MATTER PROTON FRACTION



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# CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

- Conclusions:
  - Neural quantum states perform as well or better than conventional quantum Monte Carlo methods
  - Neural quantum states has a unique access to nuclear matter at subnuclear densities
- Next steps
  - Add more complex terms to nuclear potential
  - Larger systems: access larger nuclei and better simulations of nuclear matter

# THANK YOU