

# Flows for Fermionic Lattice Field Theories

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# Lots of interesting ML talks !!

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## ML talks

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| <a href="#">Sébastien Racanière (Plenary)</a> | @July 28, 2021 9:00  | <b>Perspectives on the current status of and future prospects for ML in lattice QFT</b>                     |
| <a href="#">Akio Tomiya</a>                   | @July 27, 2021 13:00 | <b>Smearing is a neural network</b>   |
| <a href="#">Neill Warrington</a>              | @July 27, 2021 13:15 | <b>Contour Deformations for Lattice Field Theory</b>  |
| <a href="#">Gurtej Kanwar</a>                 | @July 27, 2021 13:30 | <b>Observifolds: Taming the observable signal-to-noise problem via path integral contour deformations</b>   |
| <a href="#">Shuzhe Shi</a>                    | @July 27, 2021 13:45 | <b>From lattice QCD to heavy-flavor in-medium potential via deep learning</b>                               |
| <a href="#">Sunkyu Lee</a>                    | @July 27, 2021 22:45 | <b>Deep learning study on the Dirac eigenvalue spectrum of staggered quarks</b>                             |
| <a href="#">Yukari Yamauchi</a>               | @July 28, 2021 21:00 | <b>Normalizing flows for the real-time sign problem</b>   |
| <a href="#">Chen ShiYang</a>                  | @July 28, 2021 22:00 | <b>Machine learning Hadron Spectral Functions in Lattice QCD</b>  |
| <a href="#">Fu-Jiun Jiang</a>                 | @July 28, 2021 22:15 | <b>A universal neural network for learning phases and criticalities</b>                                     |
| <a href="#">Dimitrios Bachtis</a>             | @July 29, 2021 5:00  | <b>Machine learning with quantum field theories</b>   |
| <a href="#">David Muller</a>                  | @July 29, 2021 5:15  | <b>Lattice Gauge Symmetry in Neural Networks</b>  |
| <a href="#">Matteo Favoni</a>                 | @July 29, 2021 5:30  | <b>Generalization capabilities of neural networks in lattice applications</b>                               |
| <a href="#">Gert Aarts</a>                    | @July 29, 2021 5:45  | <b>Interpreting machine learning functions as physical observables</b>                                      |
| <a href="#">Kim Nicoli</a>                    | @July 29, 2021 6:00  | <b>Machine Learning for Thermodynamic Observables</b>   |
| <a href="#">Marina Marinkovic</a>             | @July 29, 2021 6:15  | <b>Machine learning phase transitions in a scalable manner</b>  |
| <a href="#">Michael Albergo</a>               | @July 29, 2021 13:30 | <b>Flow-based sampling for fermionic field theories</b>   |
| <a href="#">Xiao-Yong Jin</a>                 | @July 29, 2021 13:45 | <b>Neural Network Field Transformation and Its Application in HMC</b>                                       |
| <a href="#">Denis Boyda</a>                   | @July 29, 2021 14:00 | <b>Sampling lattice gauge theory in four dimensions with normalizing flows</b>                              |
| <a href="#">Sam Foreman</a>                   | @July 29, 2021 14:45 | <b>LeapFrogLayers: A Trainable Framework for Effective Topological Sampling</b>                             |
| <a href="#">Boram Yoon</a>                    | @July 29, 2021 22:15 | <b>Prediction and compression of lattice QCD data using machine learning algorithms on quantum annealer</b> |



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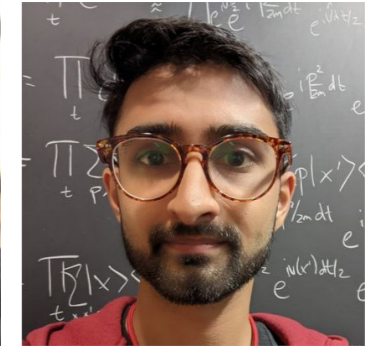
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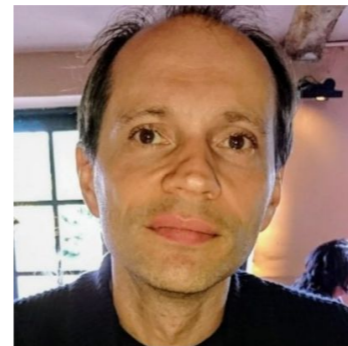
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# Agenda

Fermions and Monte Carlo Sampling

Exact sampling schemes for theories with fermions

Quick intro to flow-based sampling

Constructing flows for these samplers, applications to Yukawa theory



# Fermionic Path Integrals and the Determinant

Standard LFT protocol: numerically evaluate path integral expectation

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S(\phi)} \mathcal{O}(\phi) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\phi \sim p} \mathcal{O}(\phi) \\ p(\phi) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-S(\phi)} \end{cases}$$

Monte Carlo (HMC)

Fermions:

$$S(\psi, \bar{\psi}, \phi) = S_B(\phi) + S_F(\psi, \bar{\psi}, \phi)$$

$$\sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \bar{\psi}_f D_f(\phi) \psi_f$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}[\psi, \bar{\psi}] e^{-S_F(\psi, \bar{\psi}, \phi)} = \prod_{f=1}^{N_f} \det D_f(\phi) \quad \longrightarrow \quad p(\phi) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-S_B} \prod_{f=1}^{N_f} \det D_f$$

Can flows help?

det  $D$  scales  $O(V^3)$   
sampling this way intractable 



# Common workarounds

## Determinant estimators

- Hutchinson:  $\text{tr } D_f = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)} [x^T D_f x]$
- Sohl-Dickstein:  $|\det(D_f)|^{-1} = \mathbb{E}_{s \sim S^{n-1}} [||D_f s||^{-n}]$

## Operator/action preconditioning

- even-odd conditioning: effective volume  $V \rightarrow V/2$
- Hasenbusch action separation

### \*Pseudofermions\*

$$\det \mathcal{M} = \frac{1}{Z_{\mathcal{N}}} \int \mathcal{D} [\varphi_R, \varphi_I] e^{-\varphi^\dagger \mathcal{M}^{-1} \varphi}$$

auxiliary boson field  
“pseudofermion”

For two degenerate fermions, replace  $D_f$  with  $\mathcal{M} = D_{f_1} D_{f_1}^\dagger$  (positive definite)

$$S_{PF}(\phi, \varphi) = \varphi^\dagger \mathcal{M}^{-1}(\phi) \varphi \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{pf}}} \varphi_k^\dagger \mathcal{M}_k^{-1}(\phi) \varphi_k$$

$$p(\phi, \varphi) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-S_B(\phi) - S_{PF}(\phi, \varphi)}$$

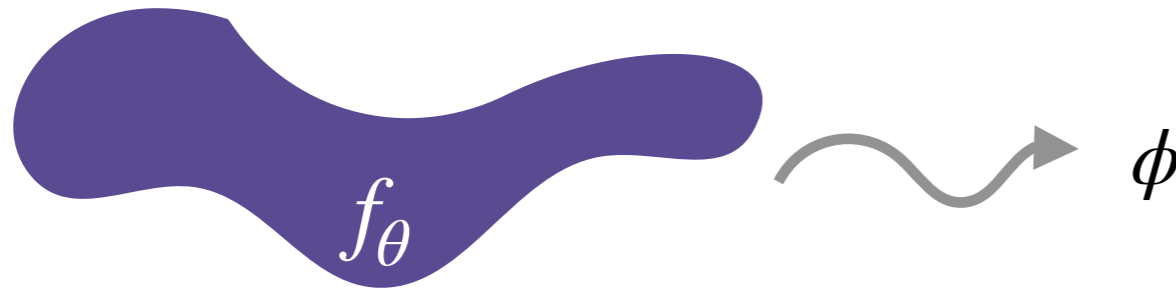
$S_{PF}$  encodes presence of fermions w/o determinant

new **joint** distribution



# Aside: exact sampling with generative models

Generative models (in our words)



emits model  $q(\phi)$  that approximates target  $p(\phi)$

function or sampler that models the data generation process

If  $q(\phi)$  is tractable to compute, correctable with Markov chains/reweighting schemes

$$A(\phi \rightarrow \phi') = \min \left( 1, \frac{q(\phi) p(\phi')}{p(\phi) q(\phi')} \right)$$

$$\langle O \rangle \approx \frac{1}{Z} \frac{1}{n} \sum_i^n O(\phi_i) w_i \quad \text{where } w_i = \frac{e^{-S(\phi_i)}}{q(\phi_i)}$$

Given our target densities  $p(\phi), p(\phi, \varphi)$ , what exact sampling chains can we construct?

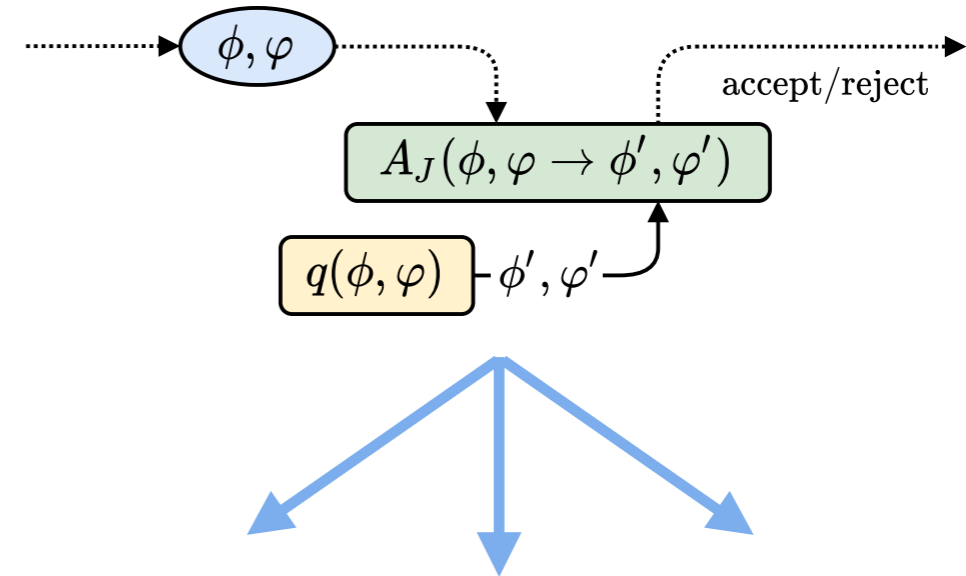


# Sampling schemes derived from the joint

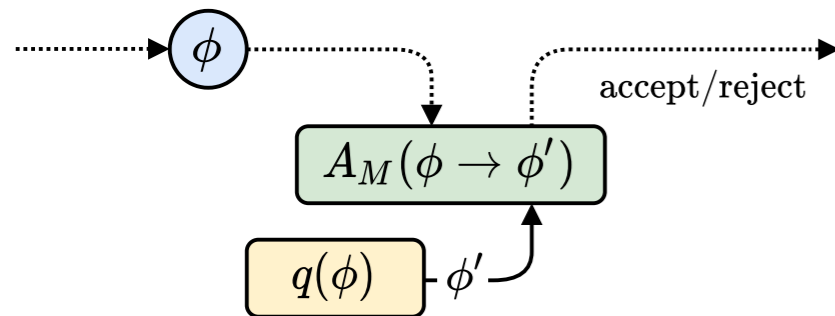
## Joint $p(\phi, \varphi)$

$$p(\phi, \varphi) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-S_B(\phi) - \varphi^\dagger [\mathcal{M}(\phi)]^{-1} \varphi)$$

$$A_J(\phi, \varphi \rightarrow \phi', \varphi') = \min\left(1, \frac{p(\phi', \varphi')}{p(\phi, \varphi)} \frac{q(\phi, \varphi)}{q(\phi', \varphi')}\right)$$



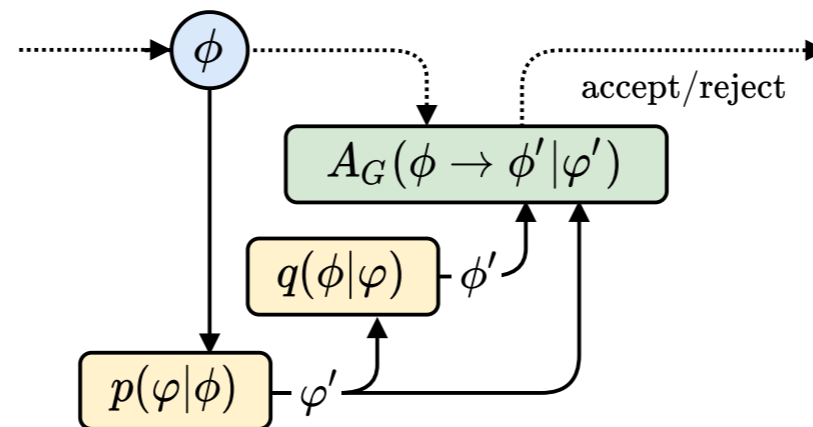
## Marginal $p(\phi)$



$$p(\phi) = \frac{Z_N}{Z} \exp(-S_B(\phi)) \det \mathcal{M}(\phi)$$

$$A_M(\phi \rightarrow \phi') = \min\left(1, \frac{e^{-S_B(\phi')} \det \mathcal{M}(\phi')}{e^{-S_B(\phi)} \det \mathcal{M}(\phi)} \frac{q(\phi)}{q(\phi')}\right)$$

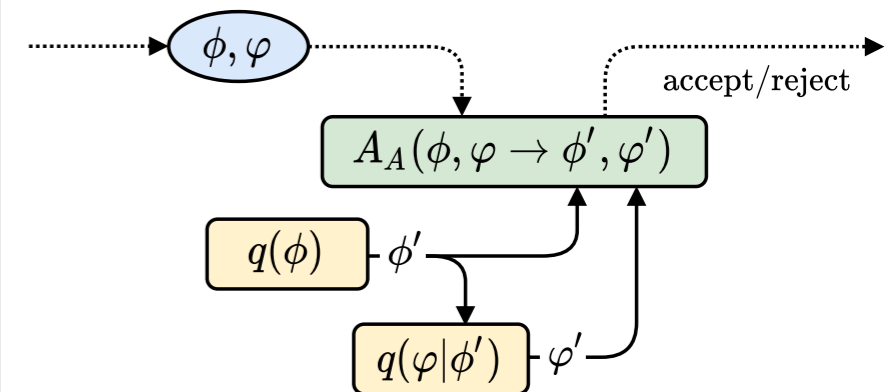
## Gibbs $p(\varphi | \phi), p(\phi | \varphi)$



$$p(\phi | \varphi) = \frac{\exp(-S_B(\phi) - \varphi^\dagger [\mathcal{M}(\phi)]^{-1} \varphi)}{\int d\phi \exp(-S_B(\phi) - \varphi^\dagger [\mathcal{M}(\phi)]^{-1} \varphi)}$$

$$A_G(\phi \rightarrow \phi' | \varphi') = \min\left(1, \frac{p(\phi', \varphi')}{p(\phi, \varphi')} \frac{q(\phi | \varphi')}{q(\phi' | \varphi')}\right)$$

## Autoregressive $p(\phi)p(\varphi | \phi)$



$$p(\varphi | \phi) = \frac{1}{Z_N \det \mathcal{M}(\phi)} \exp(-\varphi^\dagger [\mathcal{M}(\phi)]^{-1} \varphi)$$

$$A_A(\phi, \varphi \rightarrow \phi', \varphi') = \min\left(1, \frac{p(\phi', \varphi')}{p(\phi, \varphi)} \frac{q(\phi)q(\varphi|\phi')}{q(\phi')q(\varphi'|\phi')}\right)$$





# Flow-based generative models

## How do we realize a model $q(\phi)$ ?

Let  $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  such that  $\phi = f(z)$  and  $z = f^{-1}(\phi)$ .

then

$$q(\phi) = r_z(f^{-1}(\phi)) \left| \det \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right|^{-1}$$

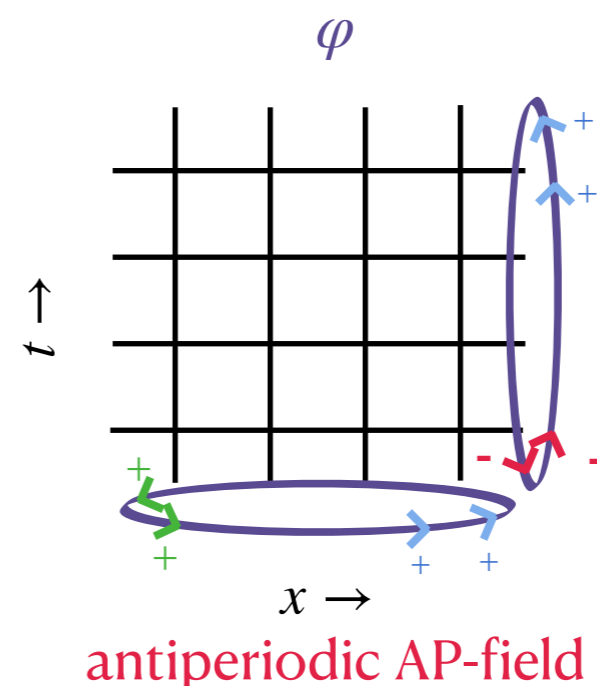
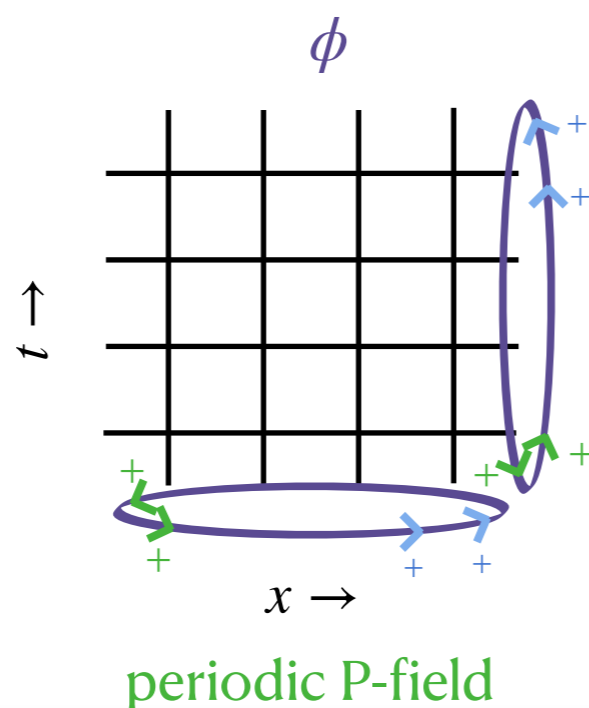
optimal  $q(\phi)$ ?

$$q^* = \arg \min_{q \in Q} D_{\text{KL}}(q || p)$$

tells us how to reweight a sample  $\phi$  under prior to define new density

Efficient parameterization:  $f$  should be **equivariant** to symmetries  $p(\phi)$

For staggered pseudofermions



need translation equivariance in  $f_\phi$

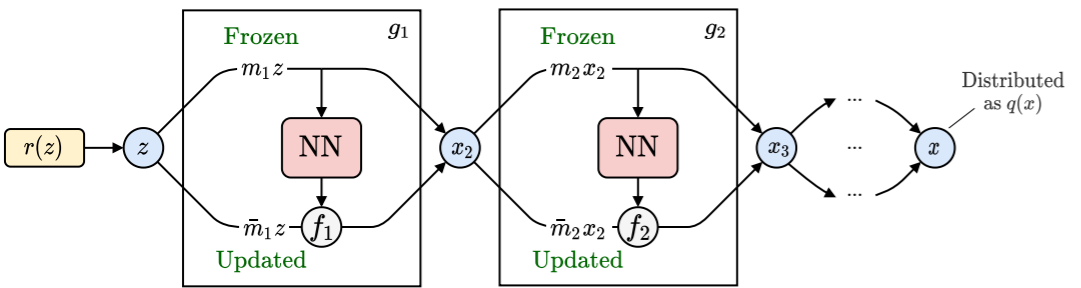


# Constructing equivariant fermionic flows

We build  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{convolutional couplings } g_i \\ \text{linear operators } \mathcal{W}_i \\ \text{convex potentials } u_i \end{array} \right]$  that transform:  $P\text{-fields} \rightarrow P\text{-fields}$   
 $AP\text{-fields} \rightarrow AP\text{-fields}$

$g_i$

$\mathcal{W}_i$



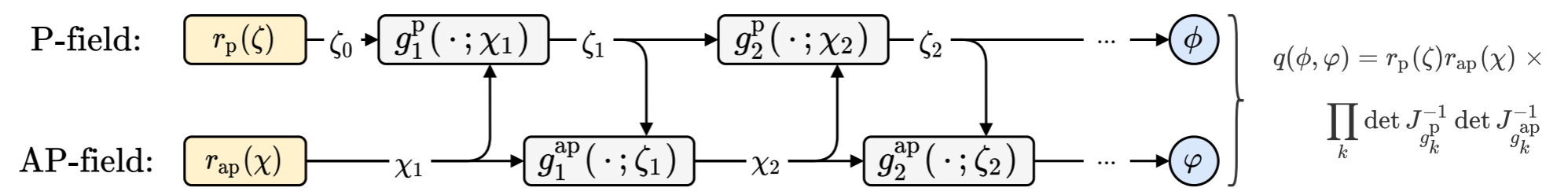
$\nabla u_i$

linear operator for which  $\mathcal{W}\mathcal{W}^\dagger \approx DD^\dagger$

$$\mathcal{W}_i = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & & \pm b_1 \\ b_2 & a_2 & & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \\ 0 & & & b_L & a_L \end{bmatrix}$$

$f_i = \nabla u_i$  transform block is the gradient of strongly convex function

Example:  
flow for  $p(\phi, \varphi)$



see backup slides for the rest



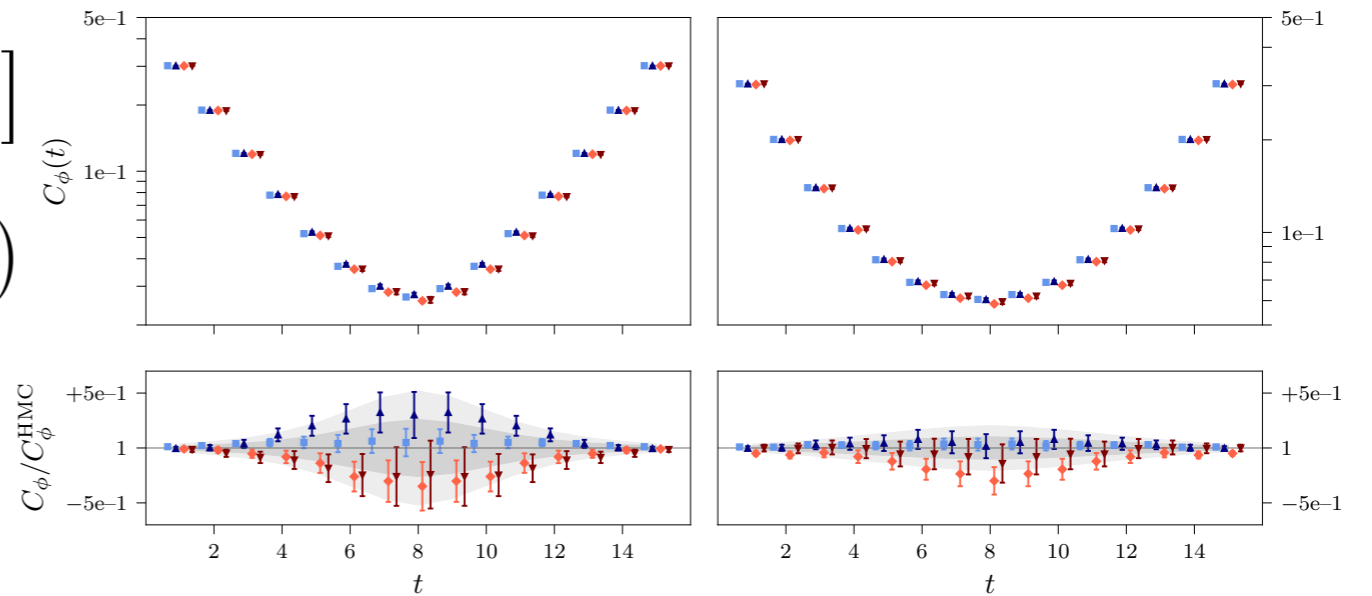
# Application: 1+1 Yukawa

**Action**  $S = S_B + S_F$

$$S_B(\phi) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \left[ -2 \sum_{\mu=1}^d \phi(x) \phi(x + \hat{\mu}) + (m^2 + 2d) \phi(x)^2 + \lambda \phi(x)^4 \right]$$

$$D_{xy} = \sum_{\mu=1}^d \eta_{\mu}(x) \frac{\delta(x - y + \hat{\mu}) - \delta(x - y - \hat{\mu})}{2} + \delta(x - y) (m_f + g\phi(x))$$

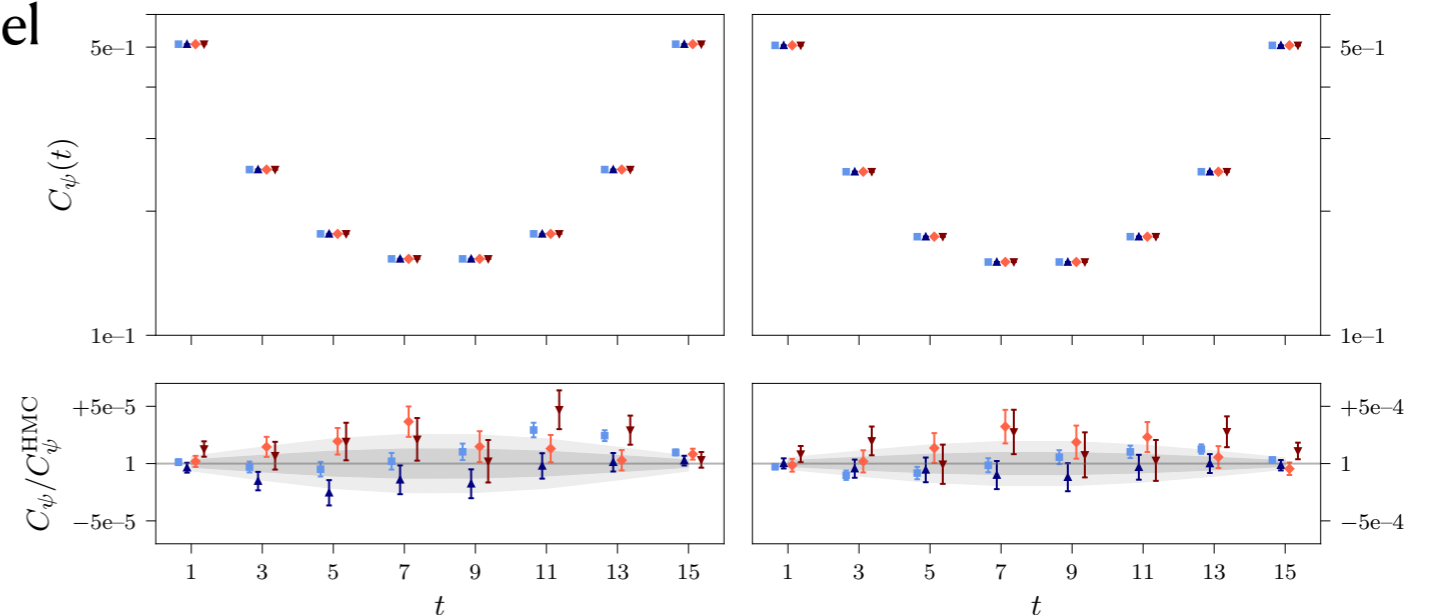
▬  $\phi$ -marginal   
 ▬ Gibbs   
 ▬ Autoregressive   
 ▬ Fully Joint



On L=16, t=16 lattice

scalar correlator:  $C_{\phi}(t) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_x \sum_{\vec{y}} C(x, x + (\vec{y}, t))$

- $\tau_{int}$ 's range from 0.7 -> 8.7 depending on model
- accept rates range from 30% to 92%



fermionic correlator



# Takeaways

A suite of methods for flows and fermions that we hope you'll help us explore further. Thanks !!



# Backup Slides

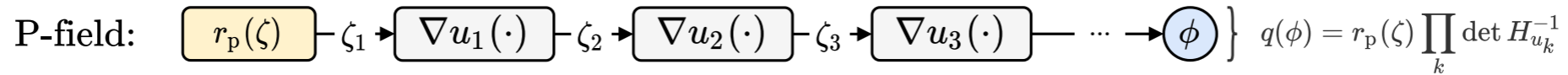
## Even-odd conditioning

$$D_f = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \quad \det D_f = \det (DB^{-1}A - C) \det(B)$$

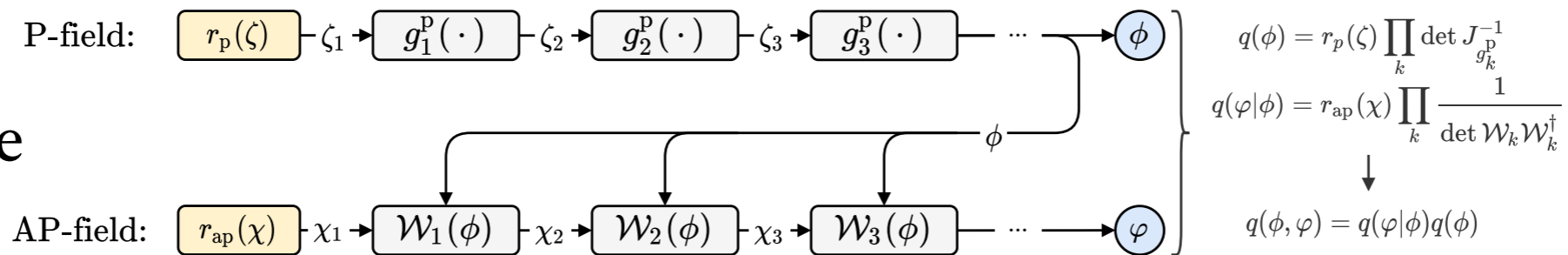
effective volume  $V \rightarrow V/2$

# Flow architectures for each target distribution

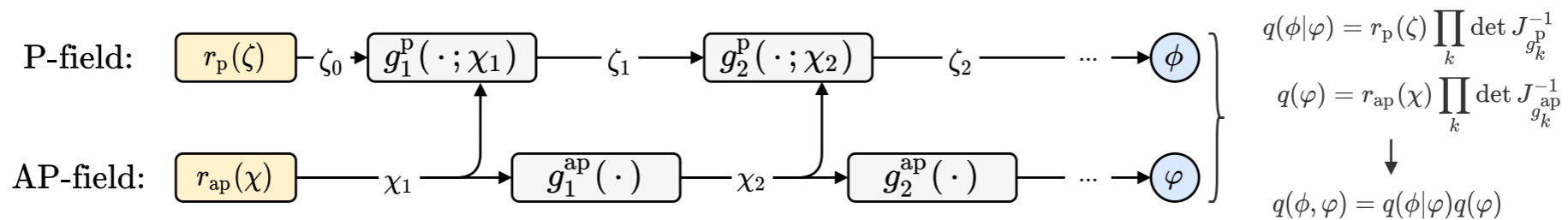
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