

# Artificial Neural Networks as Variational Ansatz

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# Neural networks in spin systems

## Heisenberg spin $\frac{1}{2}$ model

$$\hat{H} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \hat{S}_i \hat{S}_j$$

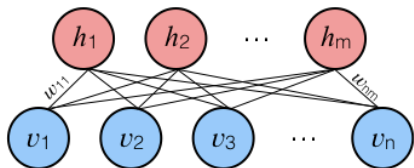
- 1 Exponential size  $\mathcal{H}$
- 2 Sign problem

## Desired ansatz features:

- 1 Compact representation
- 2 Fast evaluation
- 3 Optimization

## RBM (NQS)

$$\psi(\sigma) = e^{a_i \sigma_i} \prod_j \cosh(W_{ij} \sigma_i + b_j)$$



- 1 Carleo and Troyer, Science (2017)
- 2 Carleo, Nomura, Imada (2018)
- 3 Gao and Duan, Nature Comm. (2018)
- 4 Cai and Liu, PRB (2018)
- 5 Melko group

# Feedforward neural networks

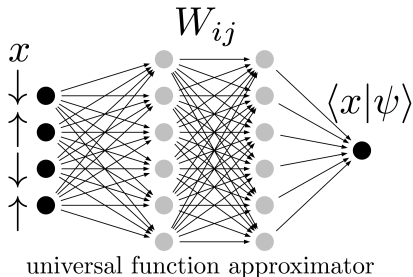
## Properties of Neural Nets:

- ① Universal function approximator
- ② Circuit equivalent

Formally includes MPS, PEPS

## Questions:

- ① Are feedforward nets give practical representations?
- ② How fast does the accuracy improve?



① Cybenko (1989)

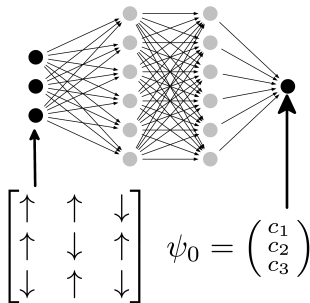
# Supervised learning

## Setup:

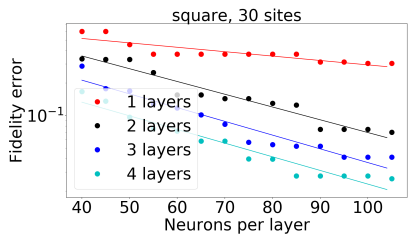
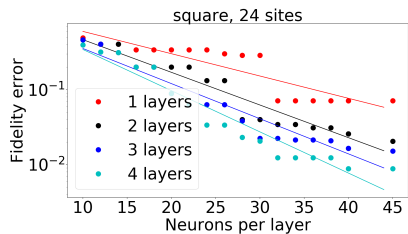
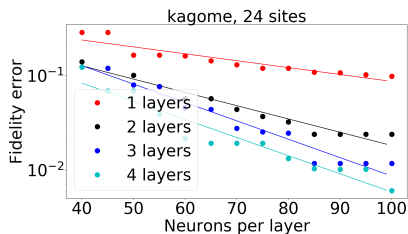
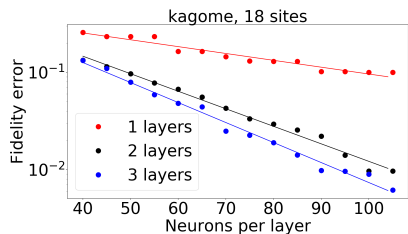
- Input data - basis configurations
- Target values - ED vector  $\psi_0$
- Loss -  $L_2(\psi - \psi_0)$

**Evaluation:** How fast does the accuracy improve?

- $\Delta = 1 - \langle \psi | \psi_0 \rangle$

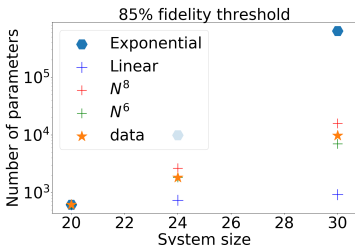
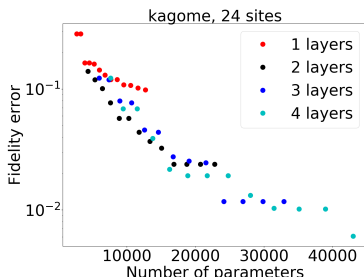


# Preliminary results



# Depth and system size dependence scenarios

- 1 Benefit of depth  $> 1$
- 2 How does the slope depend on  $N$ ?
- 3 Polynomial representation?



# Summary and further steps

## Summary:

- Numerical evidence of compact representation
- Exponential scaling of accuracy with network size

## Next steps:

- VMC optimization
- System size dependence
- Iterative Lanczos step

