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# Simulating classical stochastic processes using quantum-inspired network-based data compression

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# Overview

1. (a) Defining the problem

(b) Connecting pure stochastic and pure quantum dynamics

2. Our method – Tensor networks

3. Main rival – Dynamical Monte Carlo

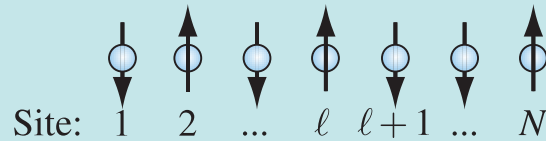
4. Comparison for an exponentially scaling variance



# Representing the state of a system

*Introducing  
the basics*

Quantum (pure states)



$$i_\ell = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$$

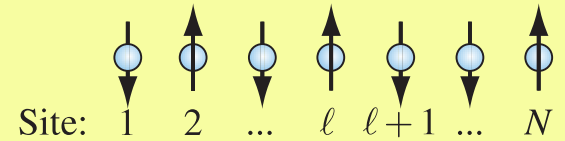
$$\mathbf{i} = (i_1 i_2 \cdots i_N)$$

$$D = d^N$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \psi_{\mathbf{i}} |\mathbf{i}\rangle$$

$$|\psi_{\mathbf{i}}|^2$$

Stochastic  
(probabilistic mixtures)



$$i_\ell = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$$

$$\mathbf{i} = (i_1 i_2 \cdots i_N)$$

$$D = d^N$$

$$|P\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{i}} P_{\mathbf{i}} |\mathbf{i}\rangle$$

$$P_{\mathbf{i}}$$

Local configs

Global configs

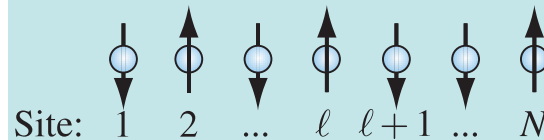
State vector

Probabilities

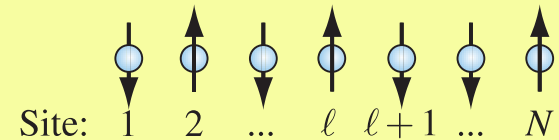
# Evolving the state of a system

*Introducing  
the basics*

Unitary evolution



Markovian stochastic process



Master equation

$$\frac{\partial P_{\mathbf{i}}(t)}{\partial t} = \sum_{\mathbf{i}' \neq \mathbf{i}} (P_{\mathbf{i}'}(t) R_{\mathbf{i}' \rightarrow \mathbf{i}} - P_{\mathbf{i}}(t) R_{\mathbf{i} \rightarrow \mathbf{i}'})$$

Rearrangement

$$\langle \mathbf{i} | H | \mathbf{i}' \rangle = R_{\mathbf{i}' \rightarrow \mathbf{i}} \quad \text{for } \mathbf{i} \neq \mathbf{i}',$$

Evolution equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi(t)\rangle = H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

$$\langle \mathbf{i} | H | \mathbf{i} \rangle = - \sum_{\mathbf{i}' \neq \mathbf{i}} R_{\mathbf{i} \rightarrow \mathbf{i}'}$$

Evolution operator

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar} |\psi(0)\rangle$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} |P(t)\rangle = H |P(t)\rangle$$

$$|P(t)\rangle = e^{Ht} |P(0)\rangle$$



# Solving the representation problem

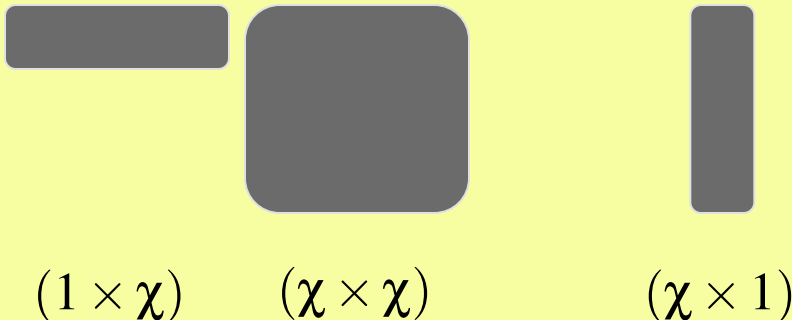
Recall: Dimension explosion

$$D = d^N$$

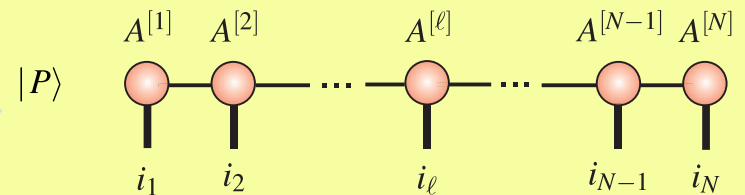
Mean Field  $P_{\mathbf{i}} = P_{i_1}^{[1]} P_{i_2}^{[2]} \dots P_{i_N}^{[N]}$

Matrix Product State

$$P_{\mathbf{i}} = A_{i_1}^{[1]} \times A_{i_2}^{[2]} \times \dots \times A_{i_N}^{[N]}$$



MPS as a tensor network



# Solving the evolution problem I

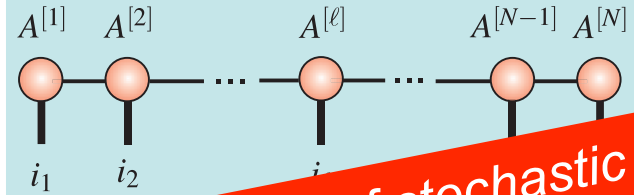
Recall: Evolution operator

$$|P(t)\rangle = e^{Ht} |P(0)\rangle$$

Assume: Nearest-neighbour

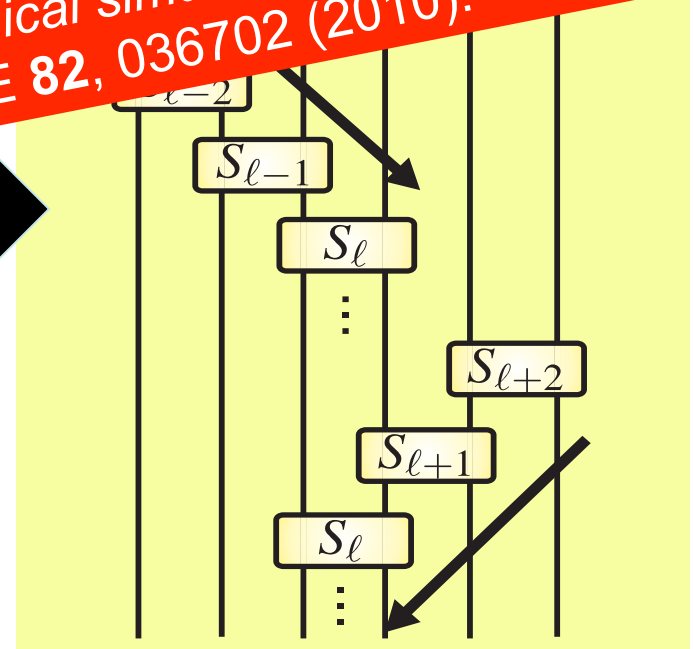
$$H = \sum_{\ell=1}^{N-1} h_{\ell,\ell+1},$$

Recall: Tensor Network



T. H. Johnson, S. R. Clark, and D. Jaksch, Dynamical simulation of stochastic systems using matrix product states, Phys. Rev. E 82, 036702 (2010).

$$e^{H\delta t} = \underbrace{\left( \prod_{\ell=1}^{N-1} e^{h_{\ell,\ell+1}\delta t/2} \right)}_{S_\ell = \text{two-site gate}} \left( \prod_{\ell=N-1}^1 e^{h_{\ell,\ell+1}\delta t/2} \right) + O(\delta t^3)$$



# The competitor – Dynamical Monte Carlo

Define: *general expected values*

$$E[O, \mathcal{P}] = \int [Ds] O[s] \mathcal{P}[s]$$

Sample paths

$$s^1, \dots, s^M$$

Average

$$\bar{O}_M = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M O[s^m]$$

Typical error

$$\langle \Delta O_M \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Var}[O, \mathcal{P}]}{M}}$$

Number of paths needed

$$M = \frac{\text{Var}[O, \mathcal{P}]}{\mathcal{E}\mathcal{E}[O, \mathcal{P}]^2}$$

Large variance  
=  
Difficult

# High variance example – Jarzynski process

Recall: Ising model



Definition, energy

$$E_{\mathbf{i}} = -J \sum_{\langle \ell \ell' \rangle} (2i_{\ell} - 1)(2i_{\ell'} - 1) - B(t) \sum_{\ell} (2i_{\ell} - 1)$$

Thermalising process

$$R_{\mathbf{i} \rightarrow \mathbf{i}'} = \frac{r}{1 + e^{-\beta(E_{\mathbf{i}} - E_{\mathbf{i}'})}}$$

High variance expected value  $e^{-\beta W[\mathbf{s}]} = \exp \left( -\beta \int_0^t dt \dot{w}_{\mathbf{s}}(t) \right)$

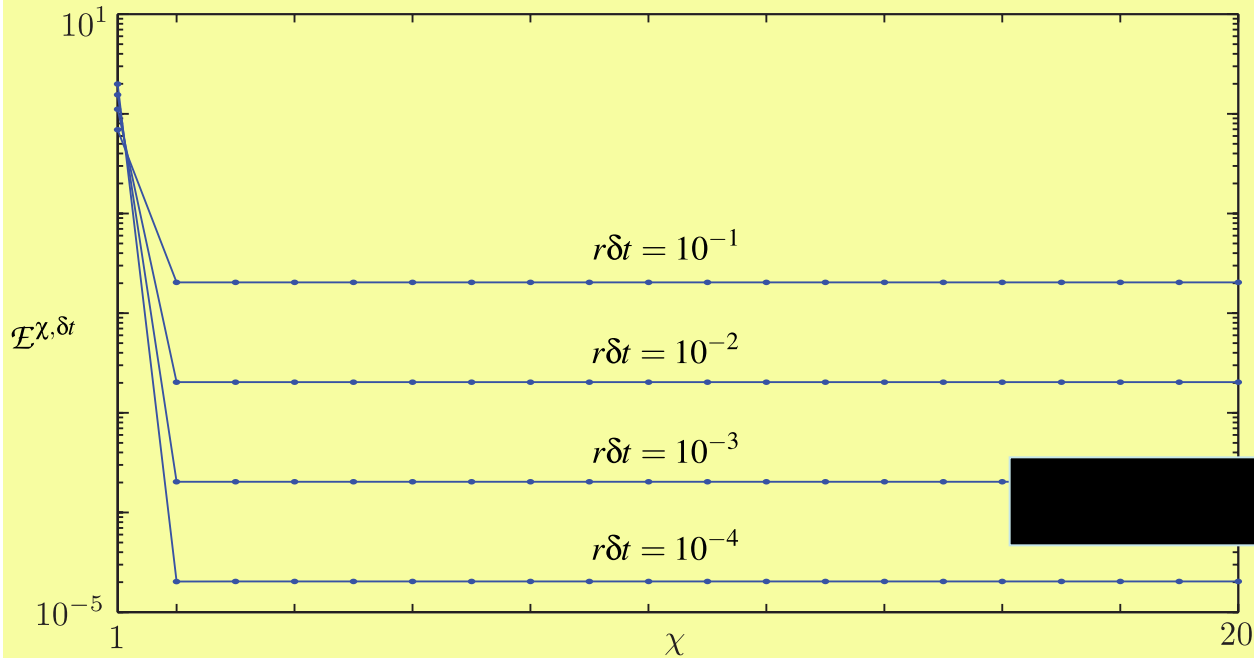
$$\dot{w}_{\mathbf{i}} = -\dot{B} \sum_{\mathbf{i}} (2i_{\ell} - 1)$$

# Results I

Example: *linearly increasing field*

$$\beta B(t) = t/\tau$$

Tensor networks fractional error



Parameters

$$N = 40$$

$$r\tau = 10$$

$$\beta J = 1$$

Highly  
compressible



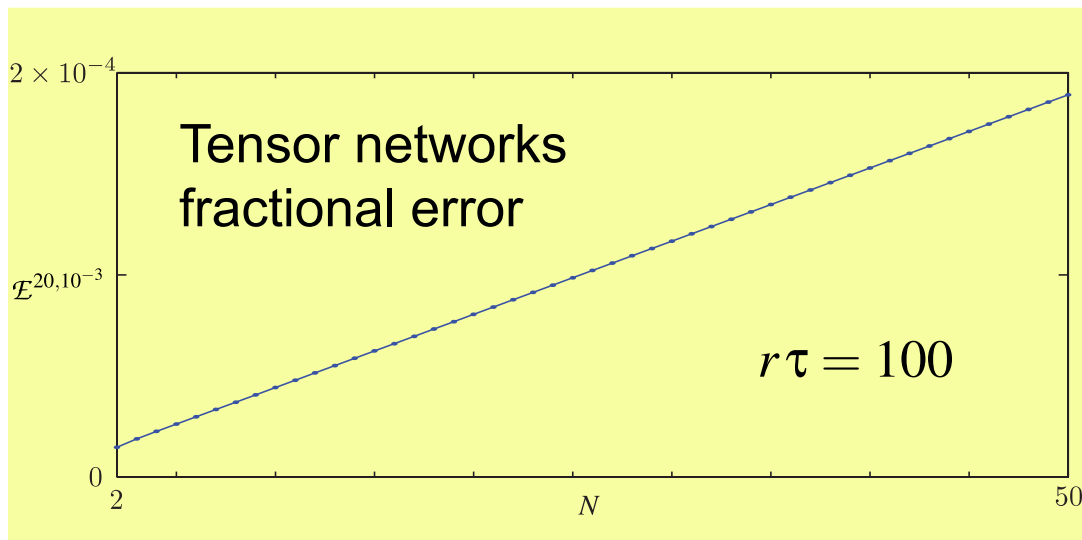
# Results II

Recall: DMC and variance

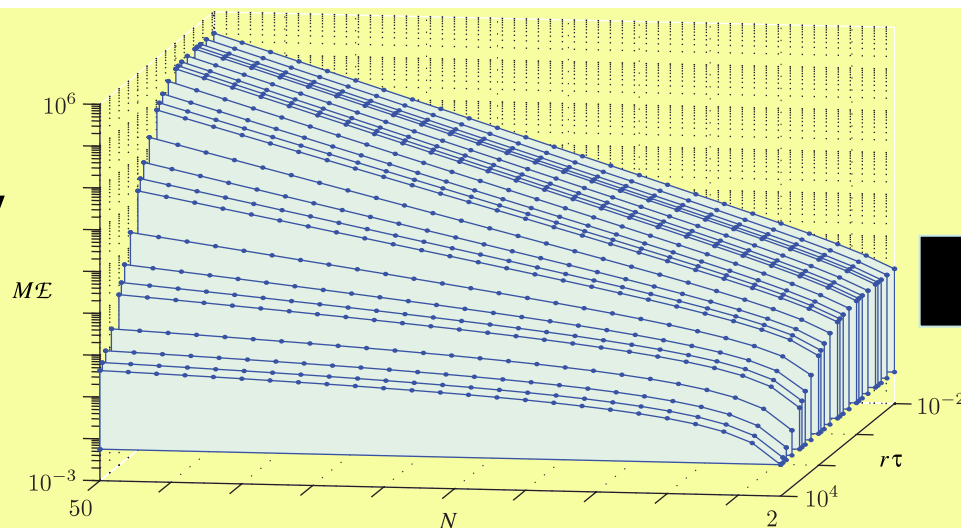
$$M = \frac{\text{Var}[O, \mathcal{P}]}{\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}[O, \mathcal{P}]^2}$$

Recall: linear ramp

$$\beta B(t) = t/\tau$$



Exponentially increasing variance



Tensor networks give an exponential speed-up

# Summary and future directions

1. Tensor networks simulate stochastic processes
  2. Is this the way to estimate high variance observables?
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1. Higher dimensions?
2. What else can we do with tensor networks – PDEs?



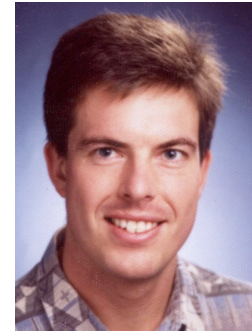
# Thanks for listening



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Tensor Network Library, [tensornetworktheory.org](http://tensornetworktheory.org)

# Questions?

