

Equivariant transformer is all you need

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Outline

1. What is Machine learning?
2. Transformer and Attention
3. Target system
4. Equivariant Attention
5. SLMC (self-learning MC)
6. Results

Short summary

Towards to simulate LQCD: equivariant attention

- We propose **Attention blocks for physical systems!**
 - **Machine learning for physics (Monte-Carlo + neural net approx)**
 - It keeps field rotation/translation symmetry (equivariant)
 - It can capture *non-local correlation* while CNN-type is hard to do
- We perform self-learning Monte-Carlo with the attention for “O(3) Yukawa system” system in condensed matter
 - *Not for gauge system*. Only for global symmetry
- We find that **the attention layers improve acceptance rates systematically** for increasing the number layers
 - It shows scaling behavior as in large language models

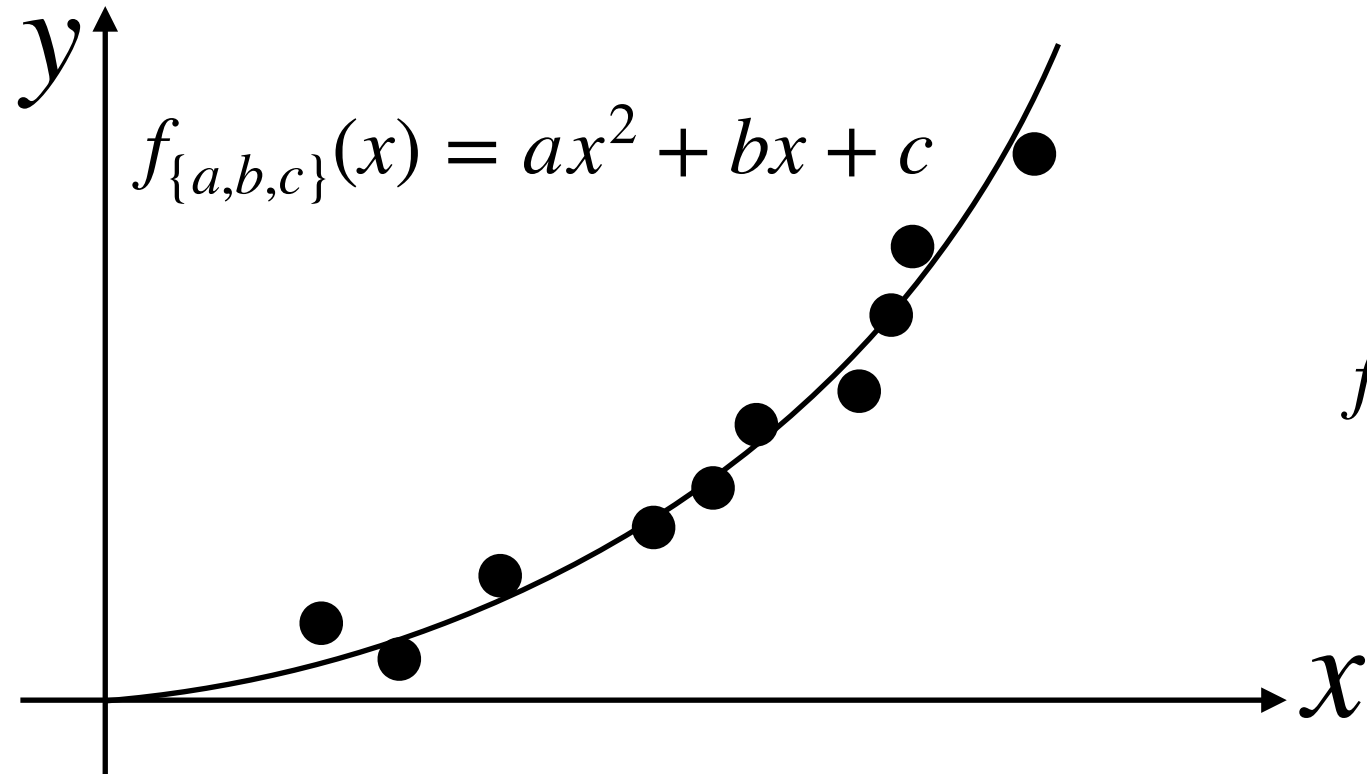
(c.f. We have proposed **gauge symmetric convolution** applied on 4d Full QCD, see arXiv: 2103.11965)

What is machine learning? Symmetry?

What is machine learning?

E.g. Linear regression (supervised learning)

$$\text{Data: } D = \{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots\}$$



$$f_{\{a,b,c\}}(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

a, b, c , are determined by minimizing E
(training = fitting by data)

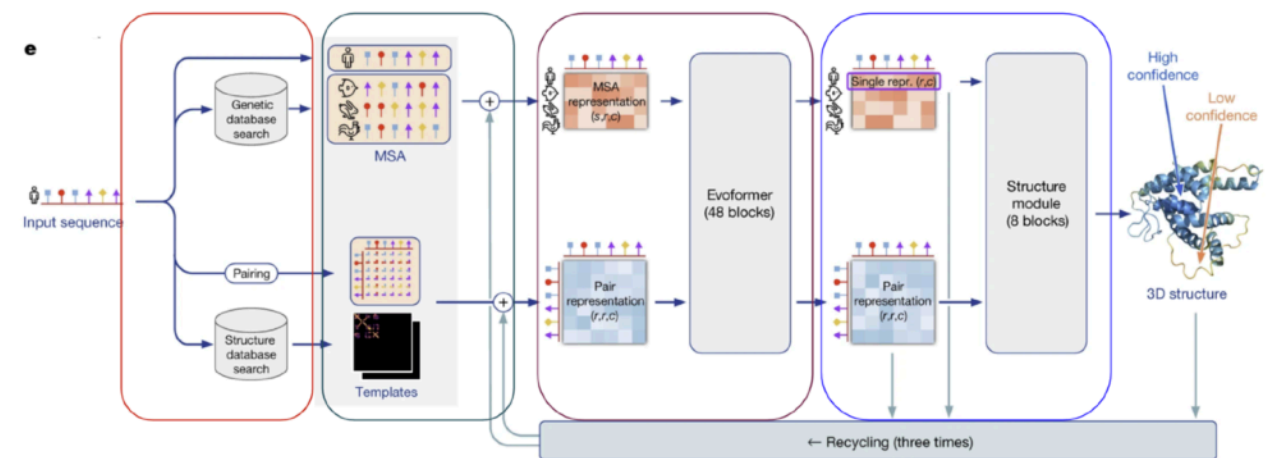
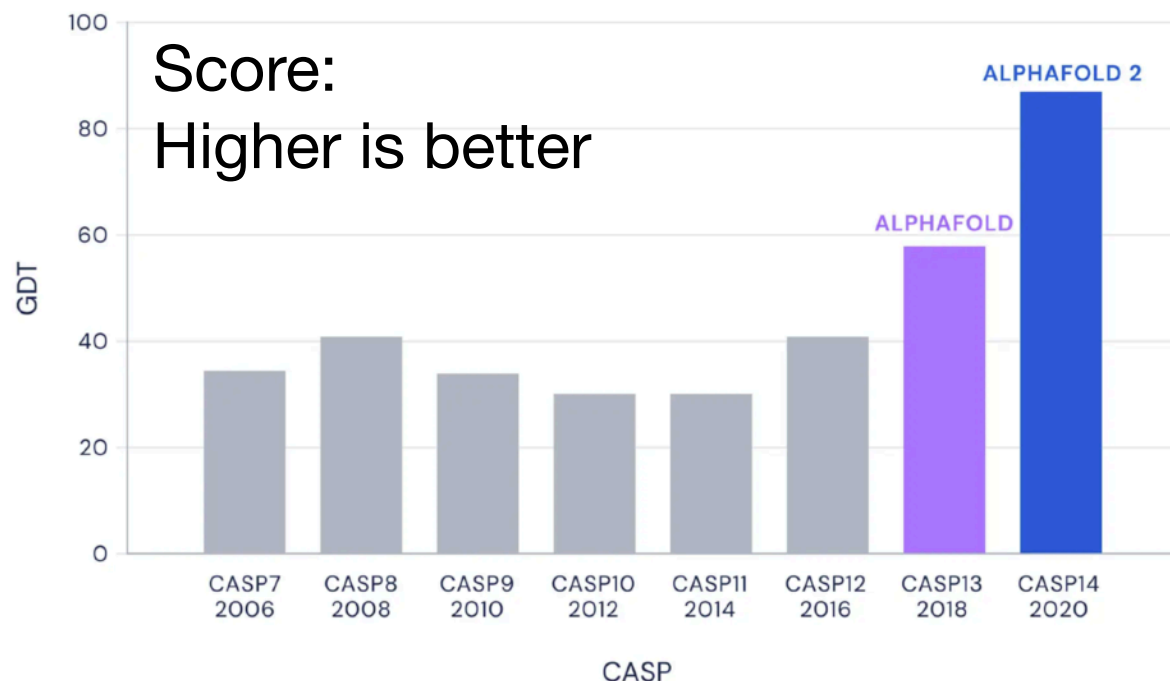
$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_d \left| f_{\{a,b,c\}}(x^{(d)}) - y^{(d)} \right|^2$$

In physics language, variational method (with fitting)
Data determines a function form

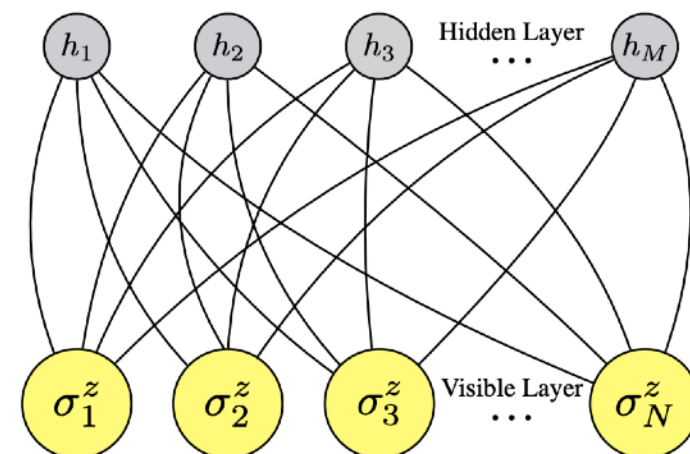
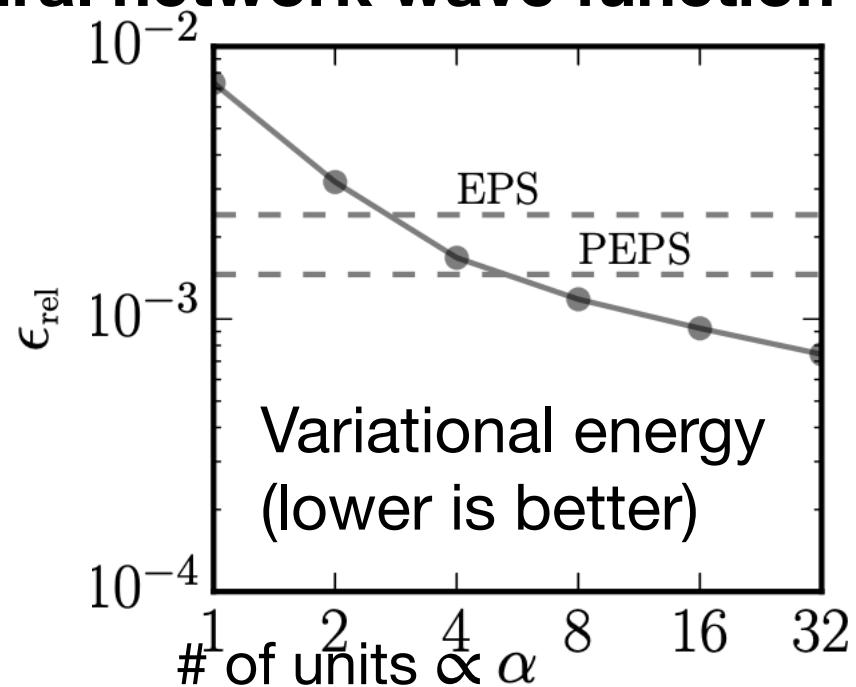
Equivariance and convolution

Neural network works quite well in natural science

Protein Folding problem (AlphaFold2, John Jumper+, Nature, 2020+), Transformer



Neural network wave function for many body (Carleo Troyer, Science 355, 602 (2017))

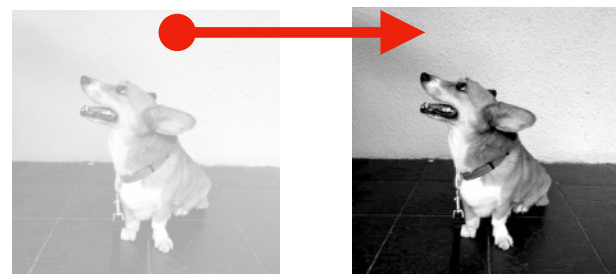


Neural net + “Expert knowledge” → Best performance

Equivariance and convolution

Knowledge \ni Convolution layer = trainable filter, Equivariant

Filter on image



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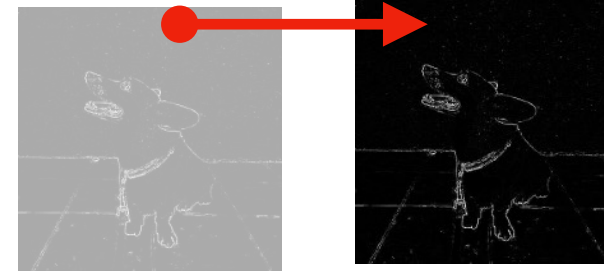


Laplacian filter

0	1	0
1	-2	1
0	1	0

(Discretization of ∂^2)

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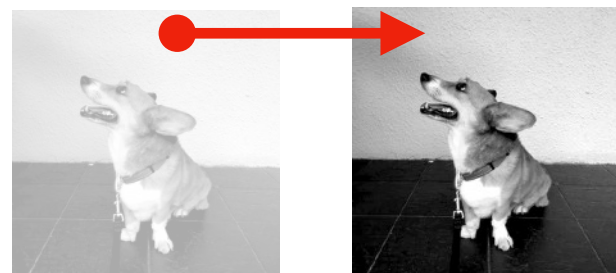


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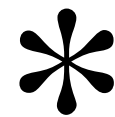
Edge detection

Translational operation is *commutable* with filtering (equivariant)

Convolution layer



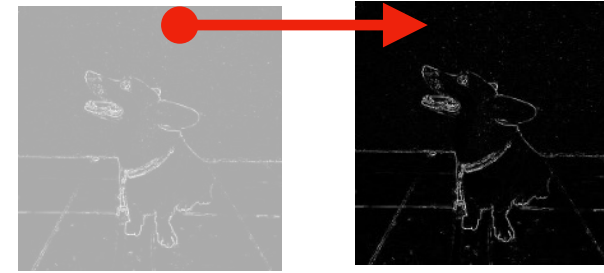
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Trainable filter

W_{11}	W_{12}	W_{13}
W_{21}	W_{22}	W_{23}
W_{31}	W_{32}	W_{33}

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Fukushima, Kunihiko (1980)
Zhang, Wei (1988) + a lot!

Translational operation is *commutable* with convolutional neurons (equivariant)

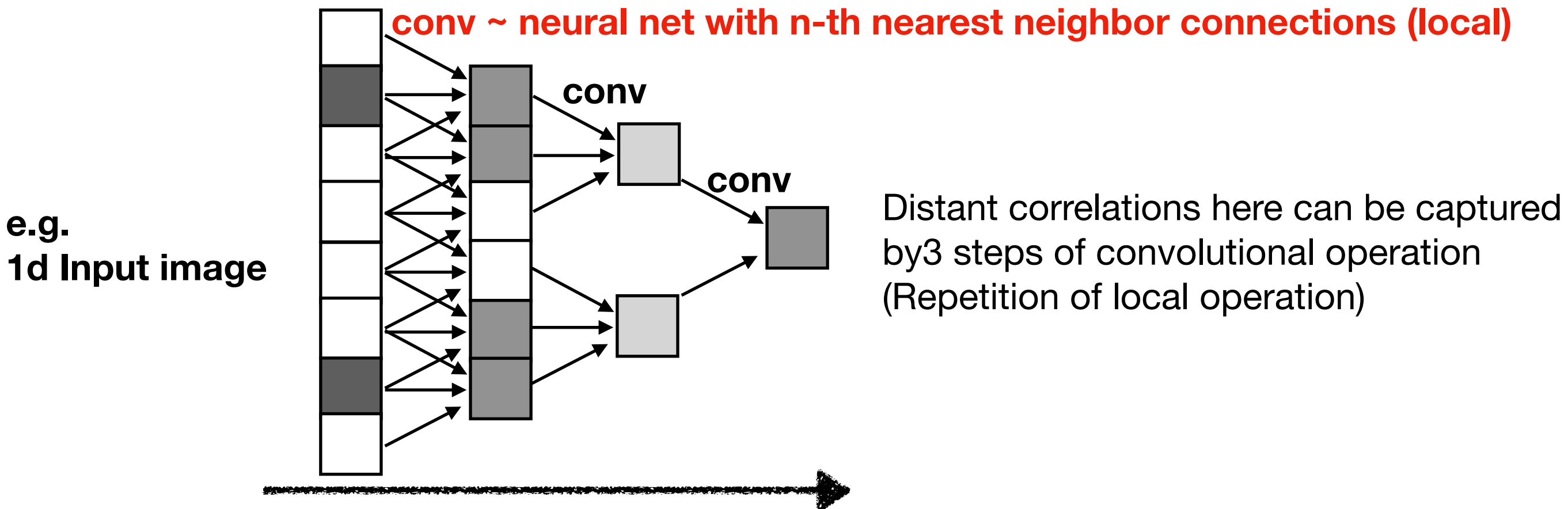
This can be any filter which helps feature extraction (minimizing loss)

Equivariance reduces data demands. Ensuring symmetry (plausible Inference)

Equivariance and convolution

Convolutional Neural network have been good job but local

Convolutional neural layers in neural networks keep translational symmetry, it can be generalized to any continuous/discrete symmetry in the theory. It helps generalization.



However, 1 step of **convolutional layer can pick up only local correlation** and representability of neural networks is limited. Global correlations are sometimes important.

How can we overcome these difficulties?

Transformer and Attention

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Attention layer used in Transformers (GPT, Bard)

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Abstract

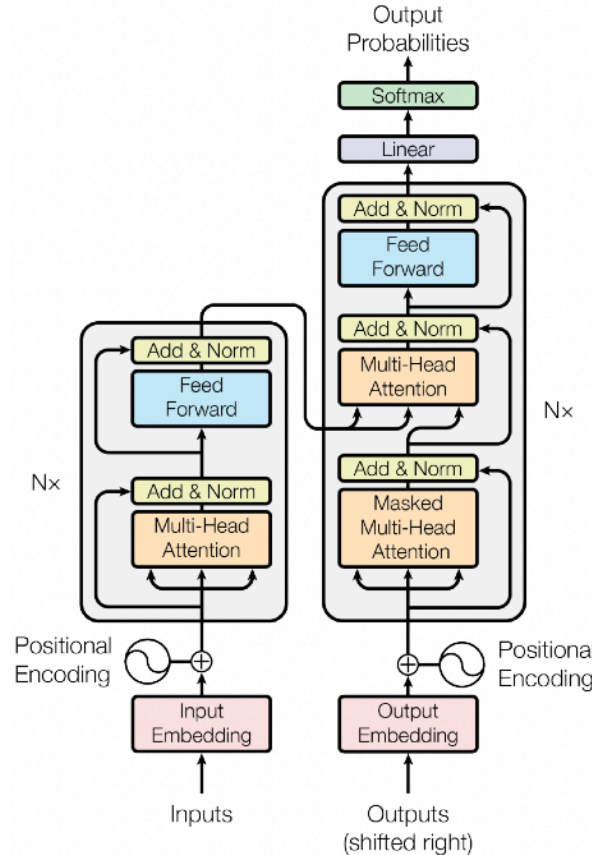
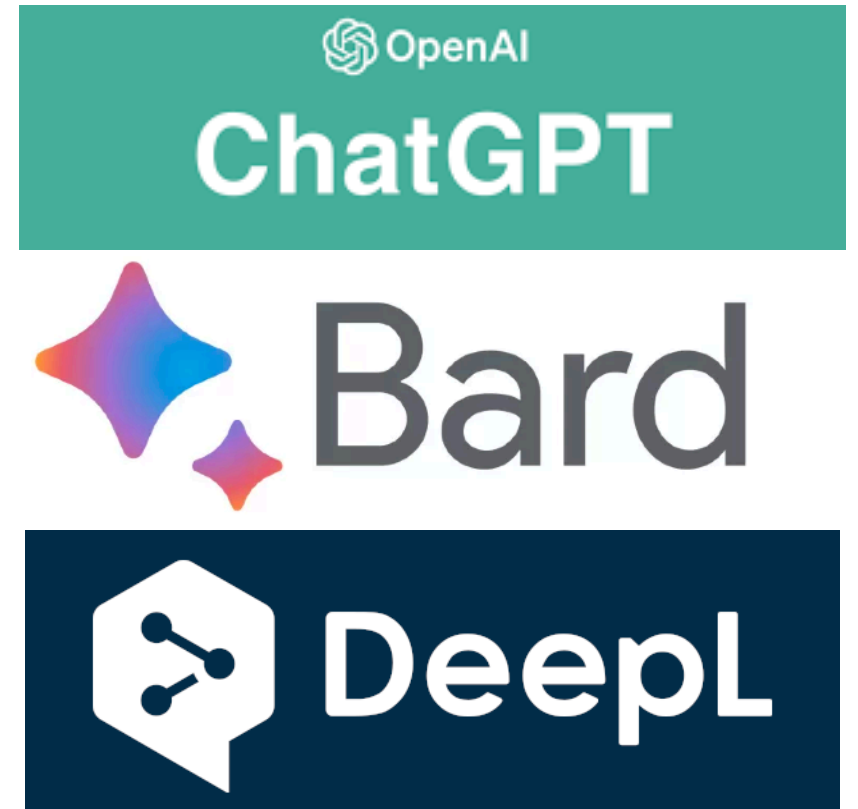


Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.



Attention layer (in transformer model) has been introduced in a paper titled **“Attention is all you need”** (1706.03762) State of the art architecture of language processing.

Attention layer is essential.

Transformer and Attention

Attention layer can capture non-local correlations

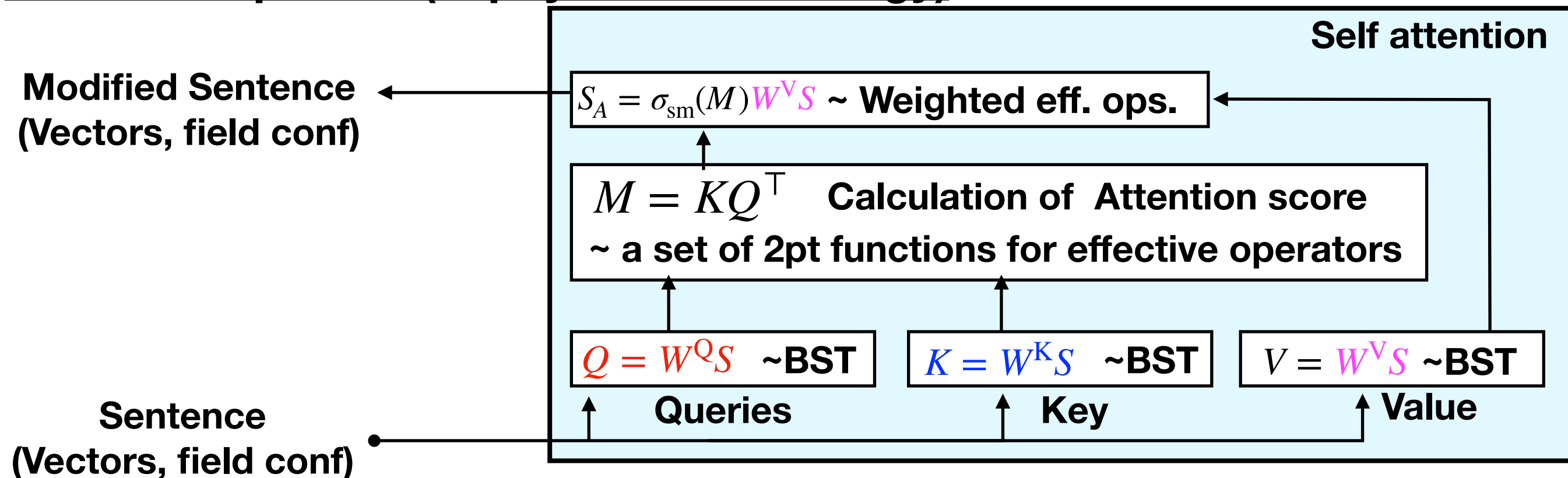
Modifier in language can be non-local

Eg. I am Akio Tomiya living in Japan, who studies machine learning and physics

In physics terminology, this is **non local correlation**.

The attention layer enables us to treat non-local correlation with a neural net!

Schematic picture (in physics terminology)



Transformer shows scaling laws (power law)

arXiv: 2001.08361

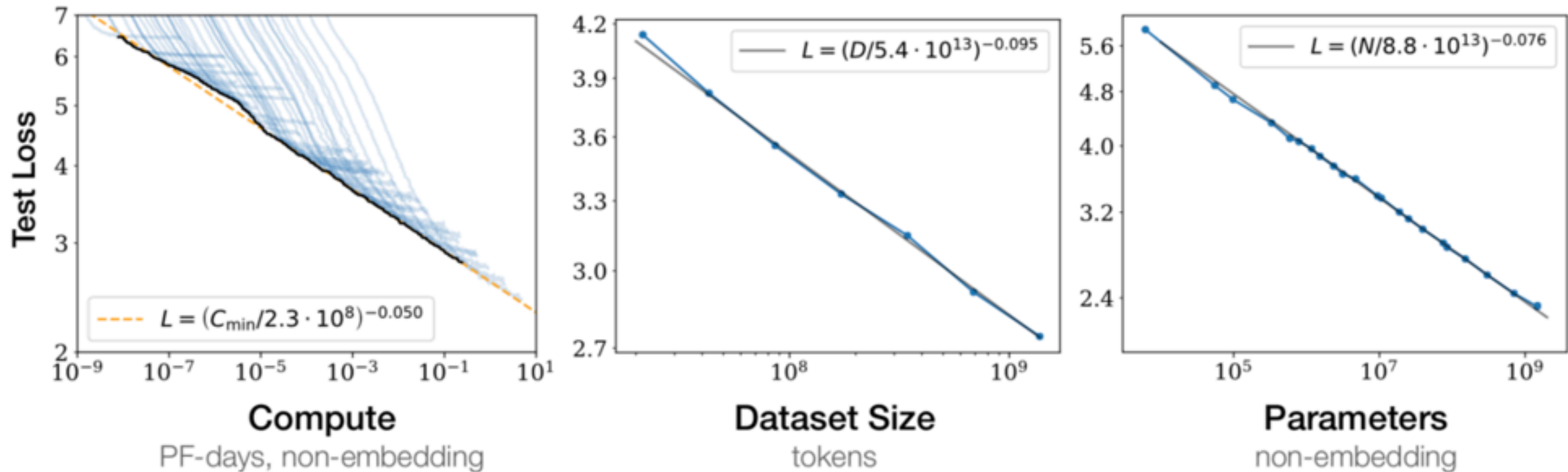


Figure 1 Language modeling performance improves smoothly as we increase the model size, dataset size, and amount of compute² used for training. For optimal performance all three factors must be scaled up in tandem. Empirical performance has a power-law relationship with each individual factor when not bottlenecked by the other two.

- Transformers requires huge data (e.g. GPT uses all electric books in the world) Because it has few inductive bias (no equivariance)
- It can be improved systematically (obey scaling law)

Transformer and Attention

Physically symmetric Attention layer

Attention layer can capture global correlation
Equivariance reduces data demands for training

	Equivariance	Capturable correlation	Data demands	Applications
Convolution (\in equivariant layers)	Yes 👍	Local 😬	Low 👍	Image recognition VAE, GAN Normalizing flow
Standard Attention layer	No 😬	Global 👍	Huge 😬	ChatGPT Bard Vision Transformer arXiv:1706.03762
(This work) Physically Equivariant attention	Yes 👍	Global 👍	?	This work arXiv: 2306.11527

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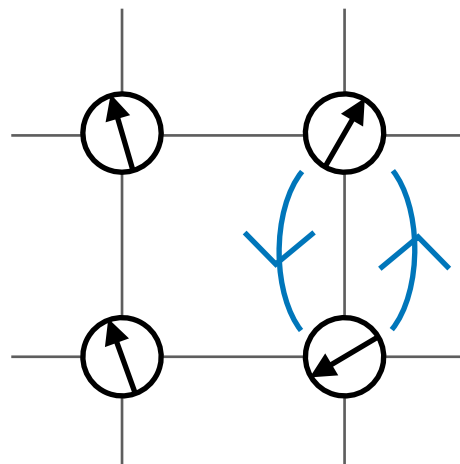
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Using Hopping parameter expansion, we get a local effective model
This is used in a previous work:

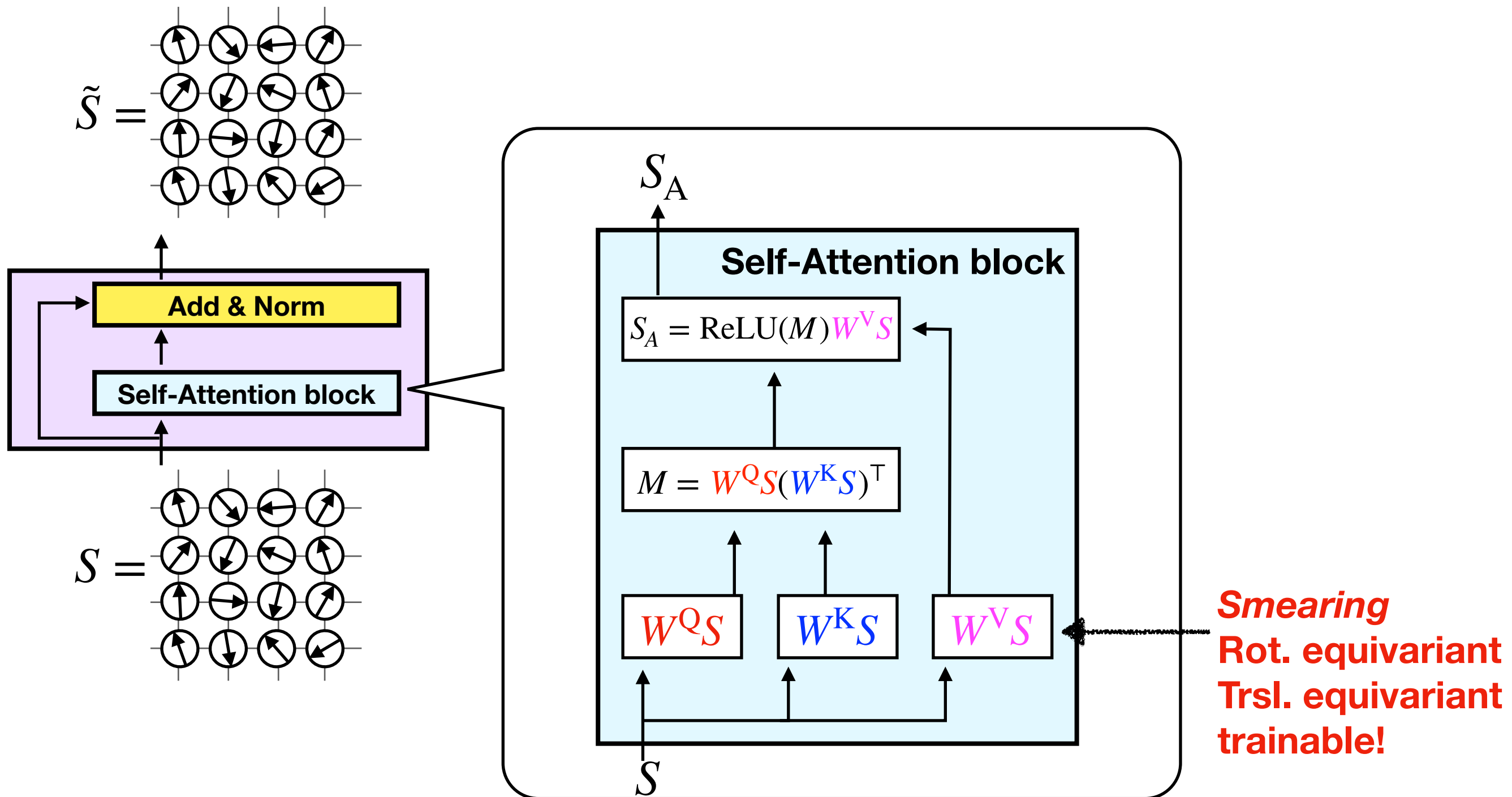
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Fit

Equivariant attention

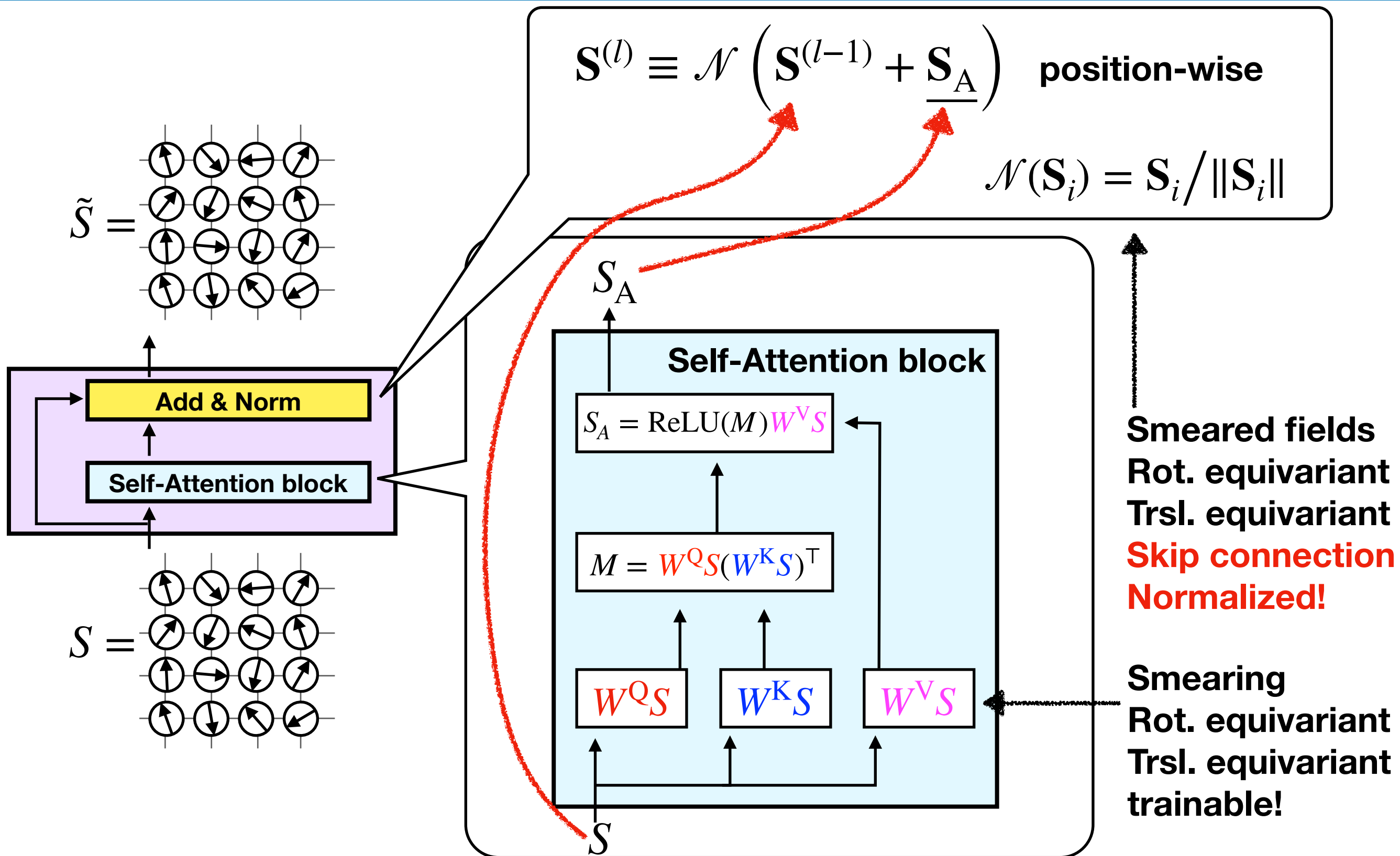
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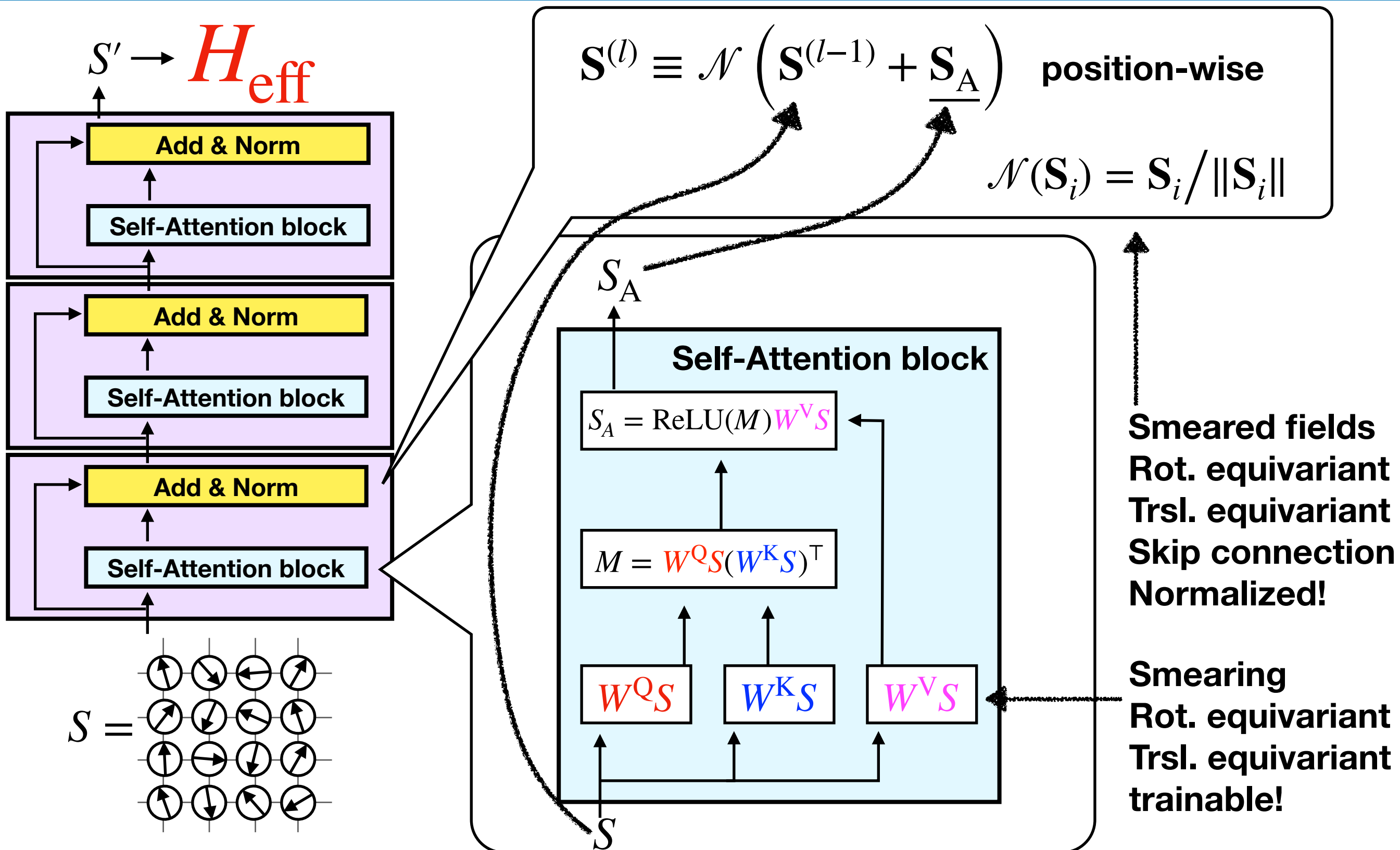
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Self-learning Monte-Carlo

Variational Hamiltonian with Equivariant Attention layers



SLMC

= Self-learning Monte Carlo

= MCMC with variational hamiltonian

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SLMC: Self-learning Monte-Carlo

We can construct *double* MCMC with $H(\{\mathbf{S}\})$ and $H_{\text{eff}}(\{\mathbf{S}\})$

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with Metropolis-Hastings test: $A(\{\mathbf{S}'\}, \{\mathbf{S}\}) = \min\left(1, \frac{W(\{\mathbf{S}'\})}{W(\{\mathbf{S}\})} \frac{W_{\text{eff}}(\{\mathbf{S}\})}{W_{\text{eff}}(\{\mathbf{S}'\})}\right).$

- **Effective model can have fit parameters**
- **Exact!** It satisfies detailed balance with $W(\{\mathbf{S}\})$
- It has been used for full QCD too (arXiv: 2010.11900, 2103.11965)

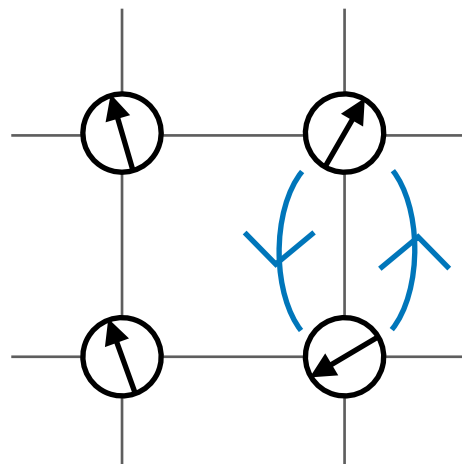
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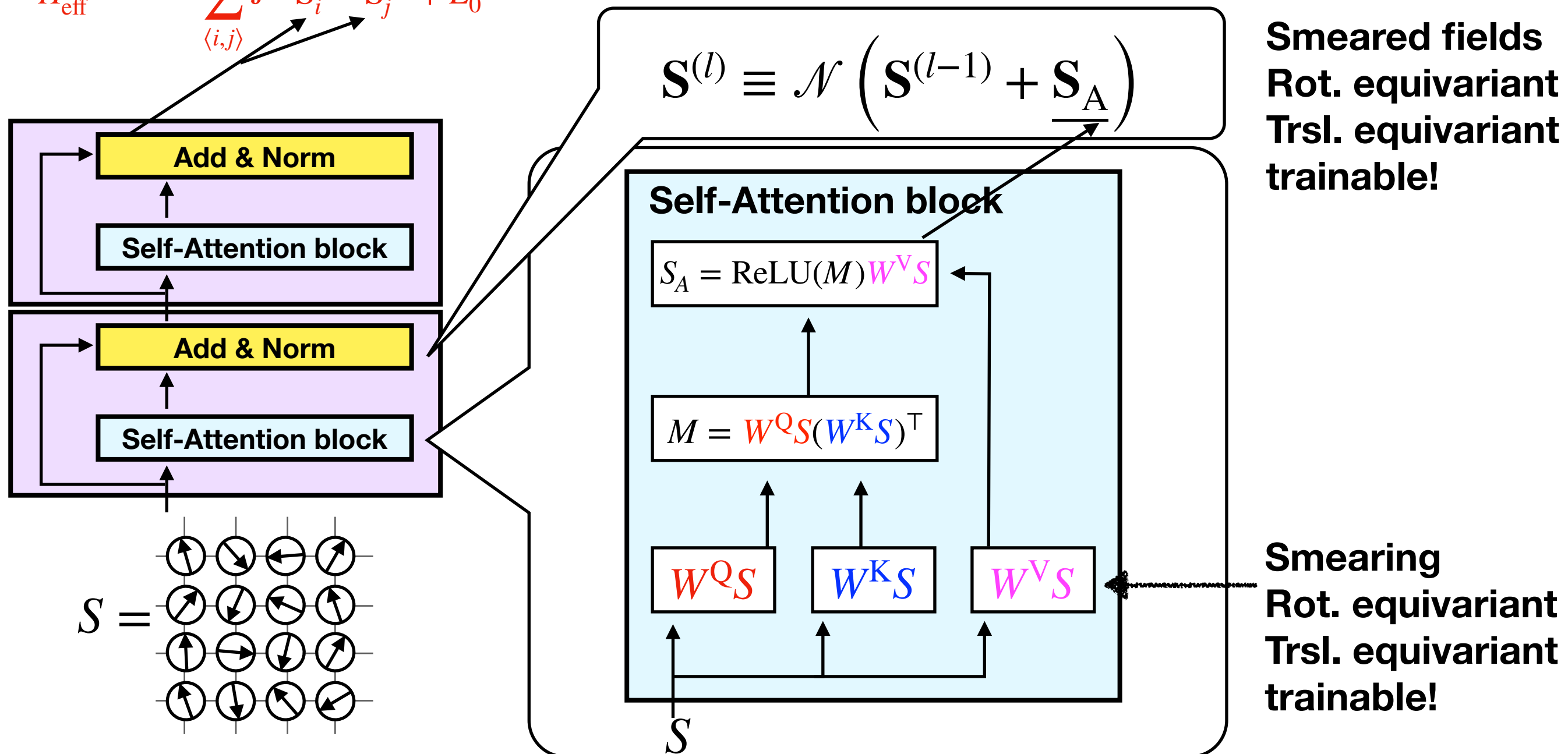
← Fit

In SLMC,

Poor scaling, poor representability = poor acceptance!

We can construct effective hamiltonian with output of Attention layer
because **“output of Attention = smeared fields with non-local correlation”**

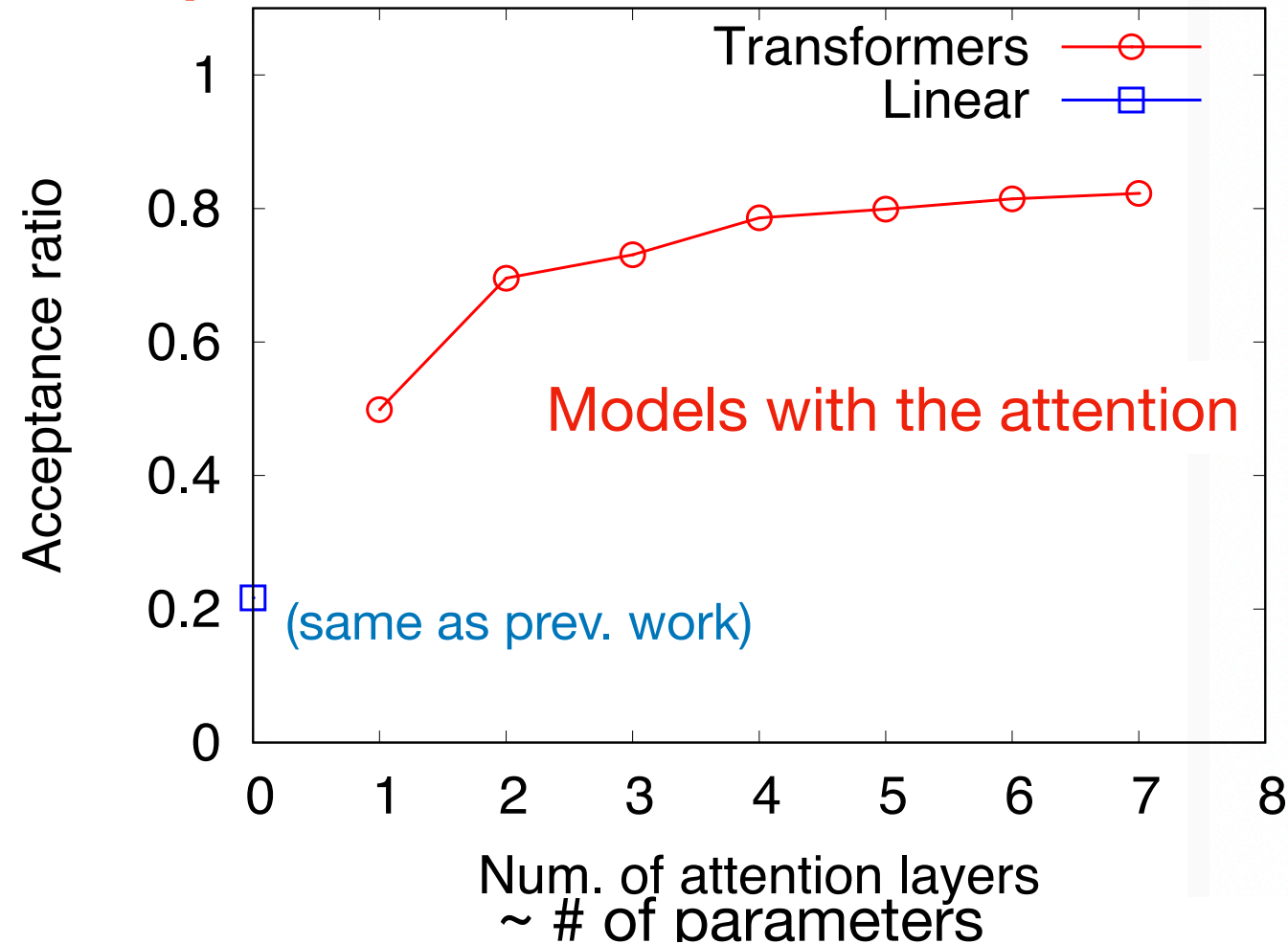
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Results

Acceptance rate is improved with # of layers

Acceptance rate



Note: As far as we tested,

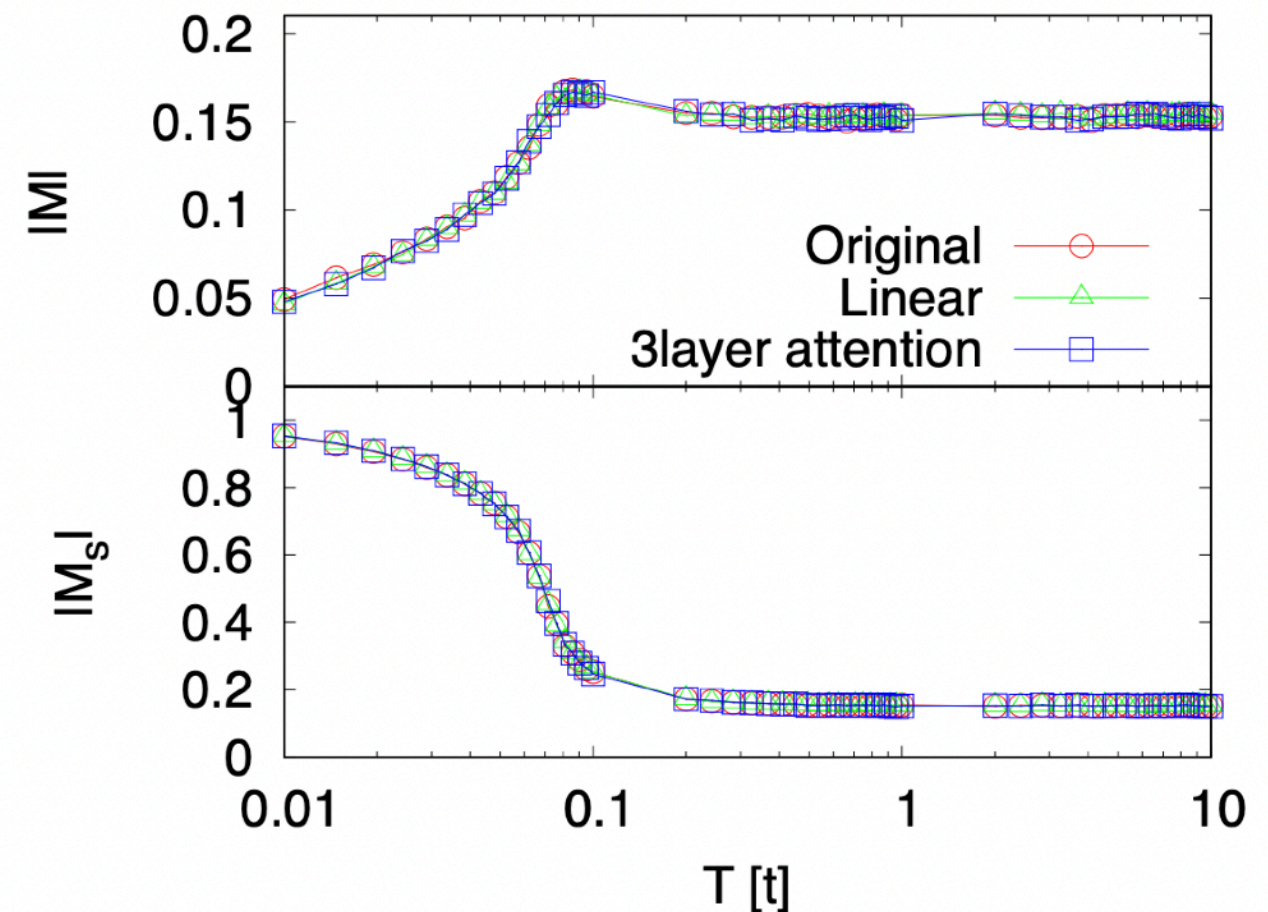
CNN-type does not work in this case.

No improvements with increase of layers.

(Global correlations of fermions from

Fermi-Dirac statistics make acceptance bad?)

Obseables



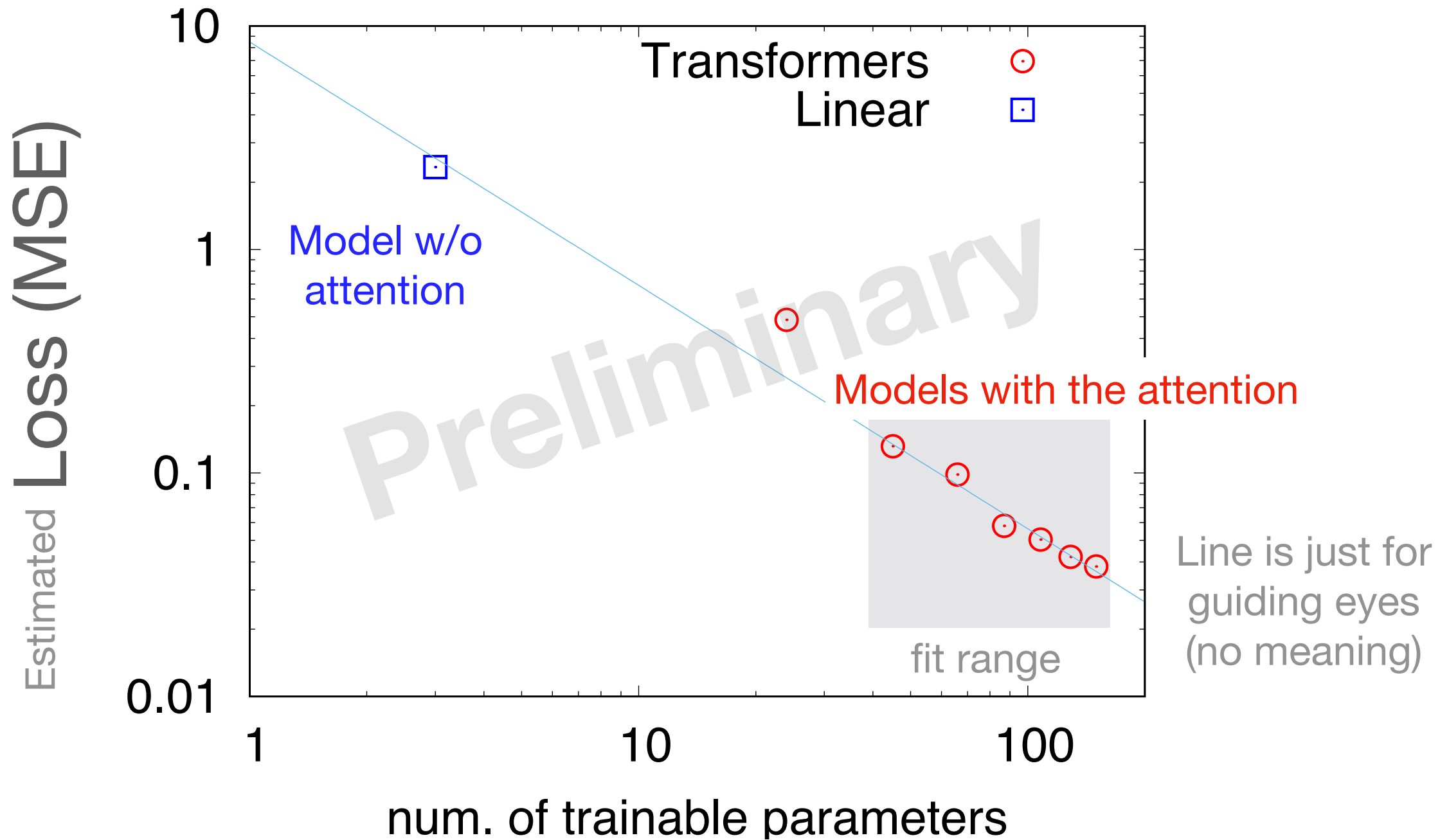
**Physical values are consistent
(as we expected)**

Transformer and Attention

Acceptance rate \rightarrow MSE (\sim loss), **Scaling law (power law)**

$$\text{acceptance} = \exp\left(-\sqrt{\text{MSE}}\right)$$

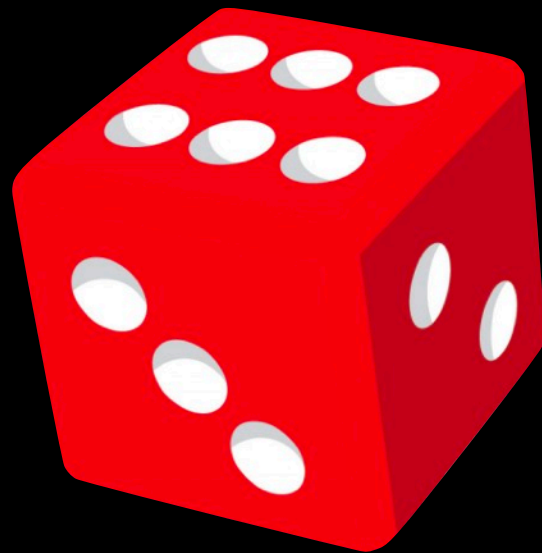
arXiv: 2306.11527 + update



Physics + Machine learning

arXiv: 2306.11527

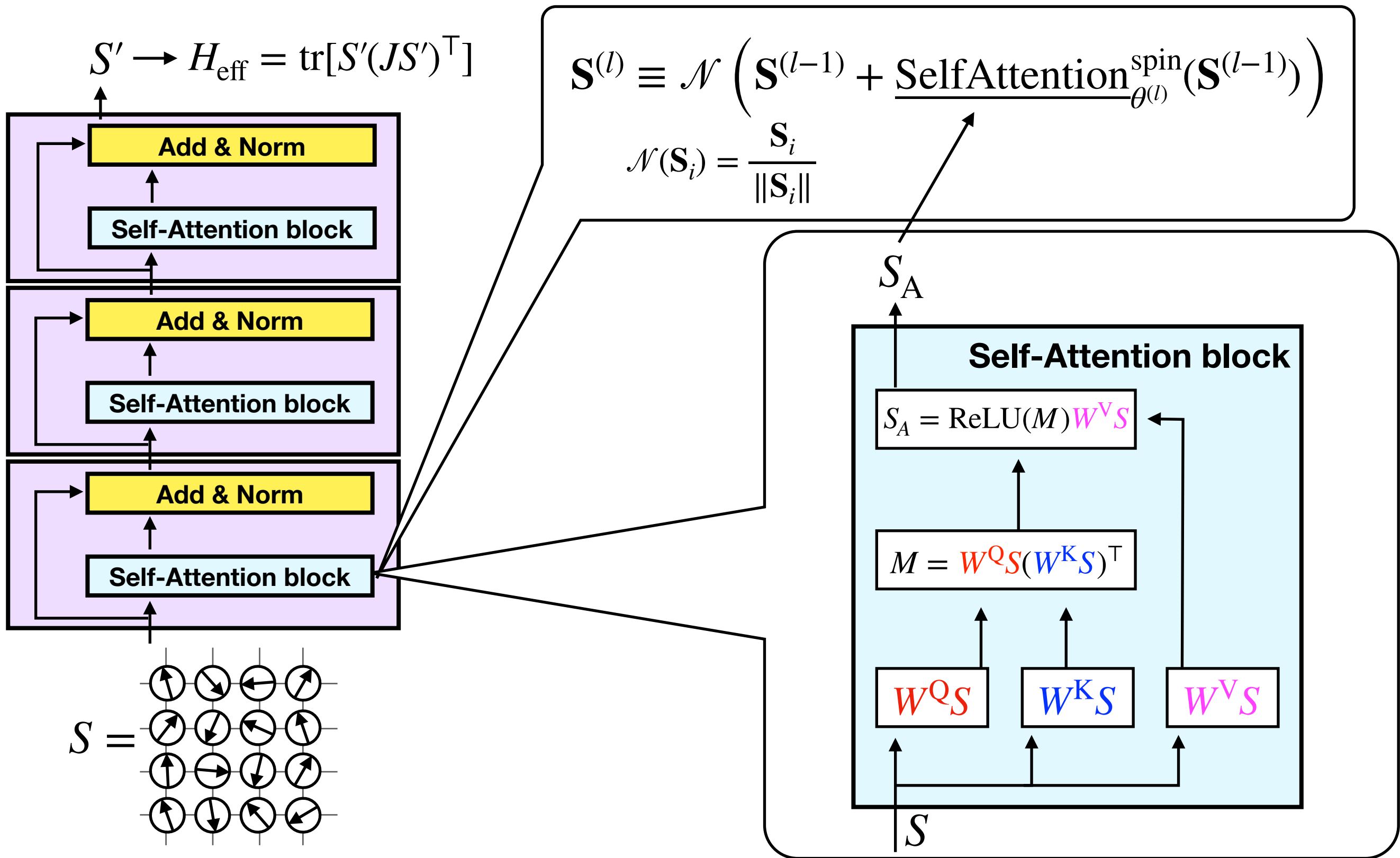
- Equivariance helps generalization of machine learning models
Attention enables us to capture global correlations
- $O(3)$ spin-fermion system can be efficiently simulated SLMC with Attention
 - In lattice QCD terminology, it is $O(3)$ scalar + fermions
 - Increase of #of attention layers makes increase acceptance rate
 - Models with the CNN-type do not work (not showed)
 - **SLMC with the equivariant Attention shows the scaling law**
- Attention is all you need (?)
- Future work:
 - Apply “equivariant attention” on full QCD
 - What is “gauge equivariant attention”? Is it possible?
 - Can we merge it with gauge covariant convolution? (arXiv: 2103.11965)
 - Can we use this to the flow based sampling algorithm? ([GomalizingFlow.jl](#))

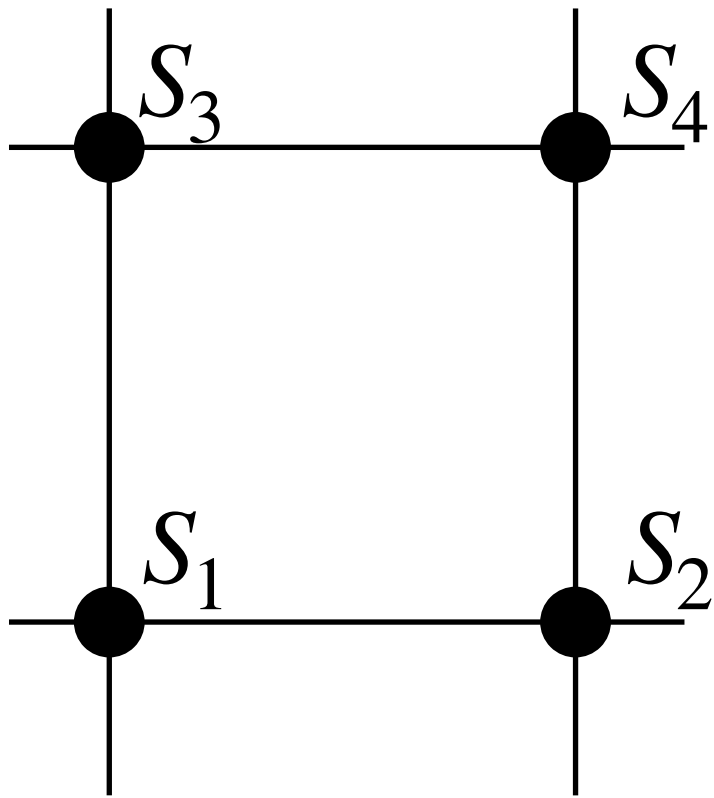


Details

Attention layer

arXiv: 2306.11527.





$$S_i^\top = (s_i^1 \quad s_i^2 \quad s_i^3)^\top$$

$$|S_i| = \sqrt{(s_i^1)^2 + (s_i^2)^2 + (s_i^3)^2} \\ = 1$$

3 component scalar, normalized

$$\mathbf{S} = (S_1^\top \quad S_2^\top \quad S_3^\top \quad S_4^\top)^\top$$

S_i : Classical Heisenberg spin at site i

\mathbf{S} : A spin configuration

Gram matrix

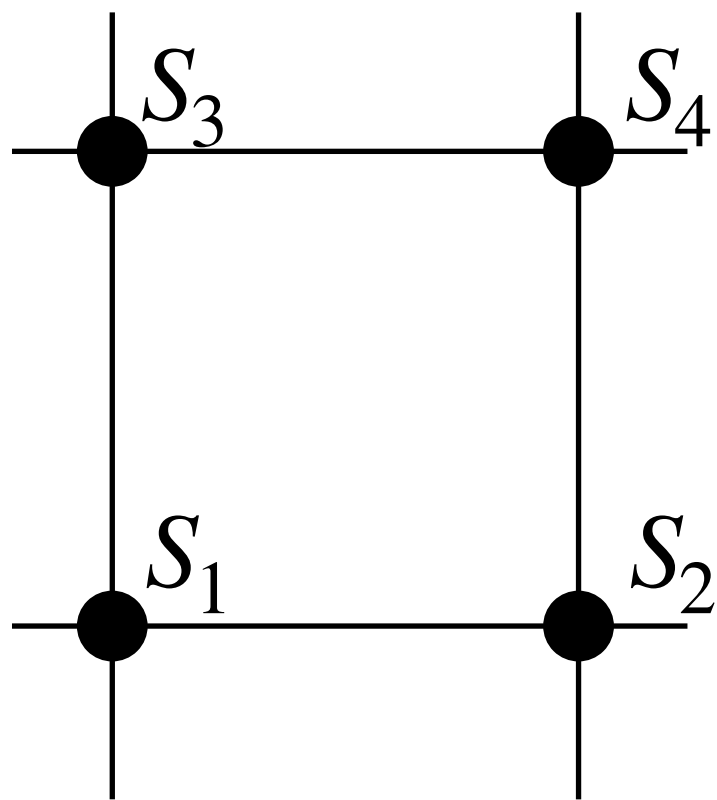
$$G \equiv \mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} S_1^\top S_1 & S_1^\top S_2 & S_1^\top S_3 & S_1^\top S_4 \\ S_2^\top S_1 & S_2^\top S_2 & S_2^\top S_3 & S_2^\top S_4 \\ S_3^\top S_1 & S_3^\top S_2 & S_3^\top S_3 & S_3^\top S_4 \\ S_4^\top S_1 & S_4^\top S_2 & S_4^\top S_3 & S_4^\top S_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- G is a matrix for coordinate but not for spin.
- Spin rotation for S_i keeps G invariant.

**If an effective hamiltonian is a function
Gram matrix, it has rotational symmetry**

Self-learning Monte-Carlo

Equivariant under spin-rotation & translation



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- Local weighted sum over neighbors
= “Smearred spin” with parameters
~ “Block spin sum” with parameters

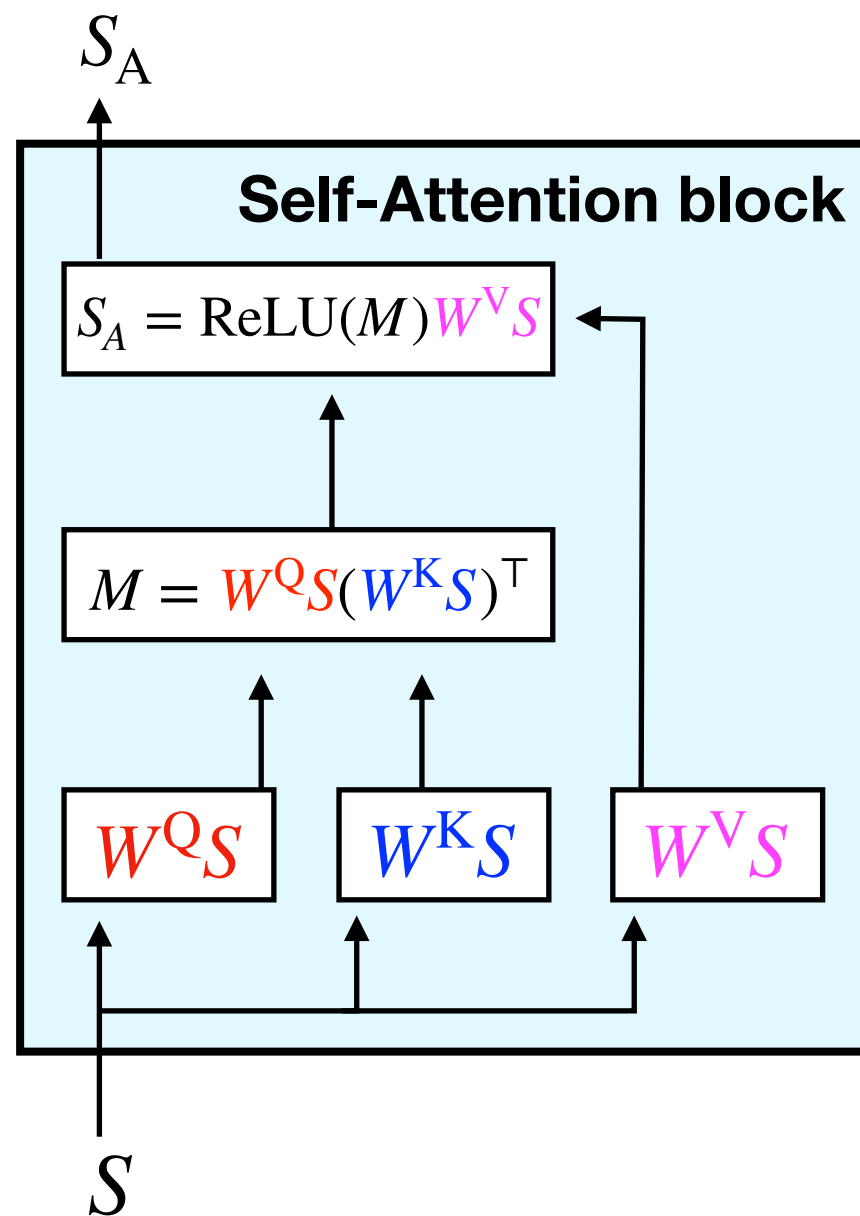
$$\tilde{S}_i^\alpha = \sum_{l=0} W_l^\alpha S_{i+l} \quad \alpha = Q, K, V$$

$W_l^\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$: trainable

Translationally equivariant
Rotationally equivariant

Self-learning Monte-Carlo

Equivariant under spin-rotation & translation



$$\mathbf{S} = \left(S_1^T \quad S_2^T \quad S_3^T \quad S_4^T \right)^T$$

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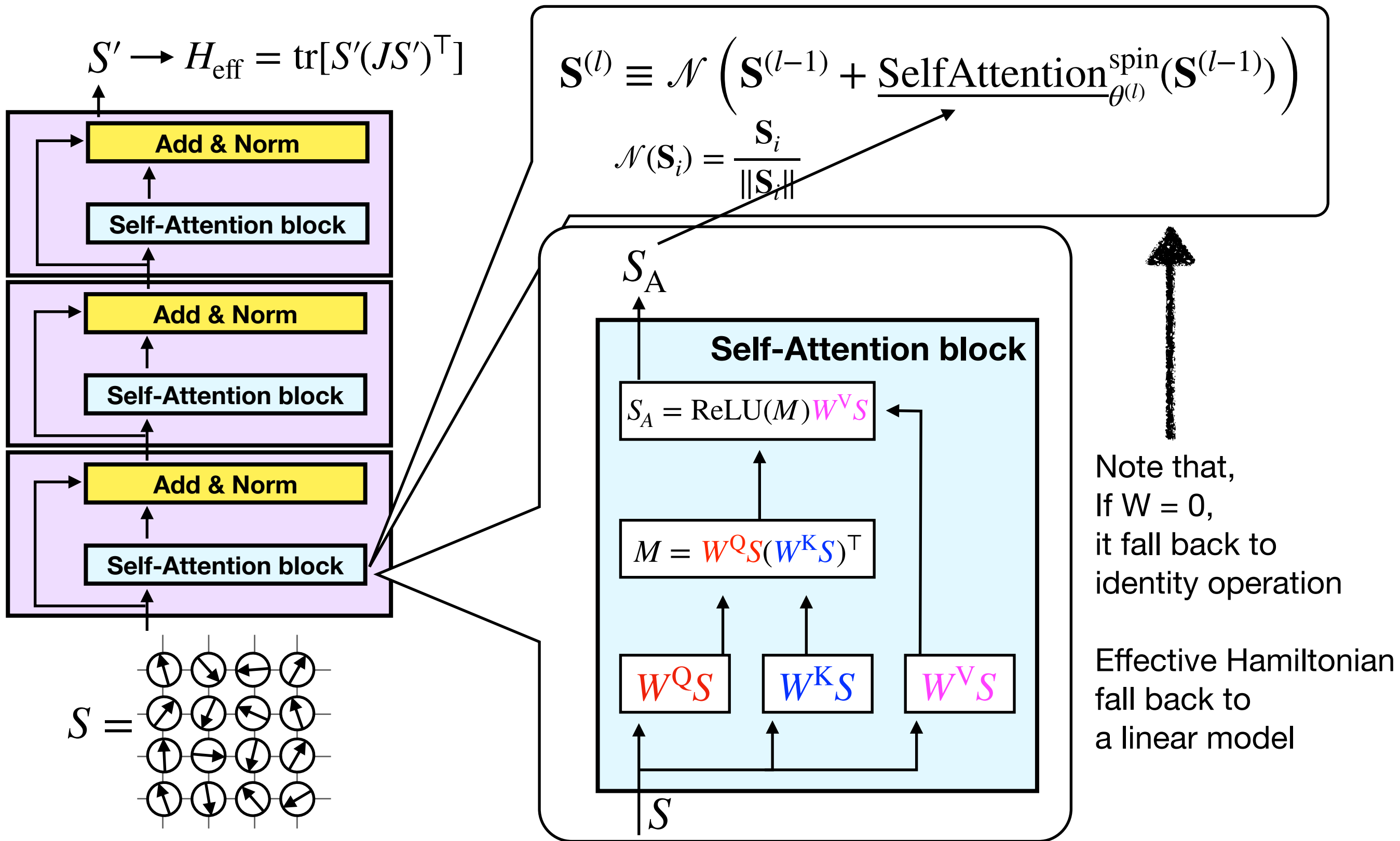
$$\tilde{S}_i^\alpha = \sum_l W_l^\alpha S_{i+l} \quad \text{“Smearred spin”}$$

Gram matrix with smeared spin

$$M = \tilde{G}^\alpha \equiv (\tilde{\mathbf{S}}^\alpha)^T \tilde{\mathbf{S}}^\alpha \quad \alpha = Q, K, V$$

Translationally covariant
Rotationally invariant

$$\begin{aligned} S_A &= \text{ReLU}(M) W^V S \\ &= \text{ReLU}(M) \tilde{S}^V \end{aligned}$$



Transformer and Attention

Training scheme

