

# Diffusion models for particle physics simulations

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# Particle physics simulations

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## **Diffusion Models**

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# Generative modeling from PDFs

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Given:  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$  from  $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$

Learn  $f_\theta$  s.t.

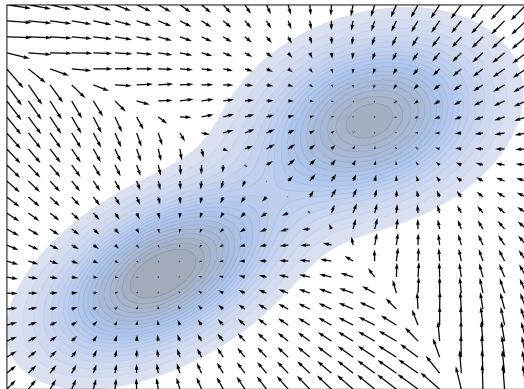
$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{f_\theta(\mathbf{x})}}{Z_\theta}$$
$$Z_\theta = \int e^{f_\theta(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x}$$

# Score functions

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$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}}{Z_{\theta}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log Z_{\theta} \\ &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$



# Sampling with Langevin dynamics

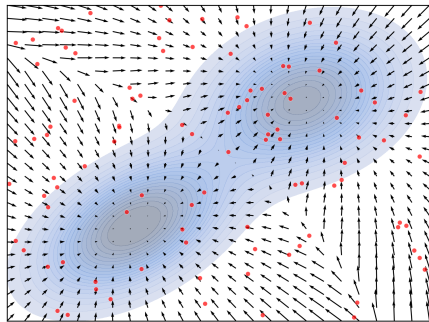
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$$\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_t + \alpha \cdot s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t) + \alpha \epsilon \cdot \mathbf{z}_t$$

$$x_0 \sim \pi_{\text{init}}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$t = 0, 1, \dots, T \rightarrow \infty$$





# Training objective for score

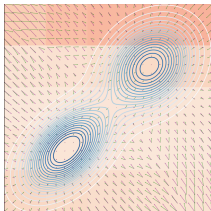
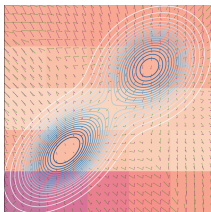
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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{ESM}}(\theta) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) - s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right] \\ \iff \mathcal{L}_{\text{ISM}}(\theta) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} \left[ s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^2 \right] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} \left[ \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \right] \\ &\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{1}{2} s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i)^2 + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_i} s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Drawbacks

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Field in low-density regions



Scaling

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^2] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})]$$

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$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^2] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\text{trace}(\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}))]$$

Forward propagation      Backprops  $\propto \text{dim}(\mathbf{x})$

# Noise perturbation

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$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x} + z$$

$$z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$q_{\sigma}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}, \sigma^2 I)$$

# Denoising objective

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{ESM}\sigma}(\theta, \sigma) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})} \left[ \|s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\|_2^2 \right] \\ \iff \mathcal{L}_{\text{ISM}\sigma}(\theta, \sigma) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x})} \left[ \|s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right]\end{aligned}$$

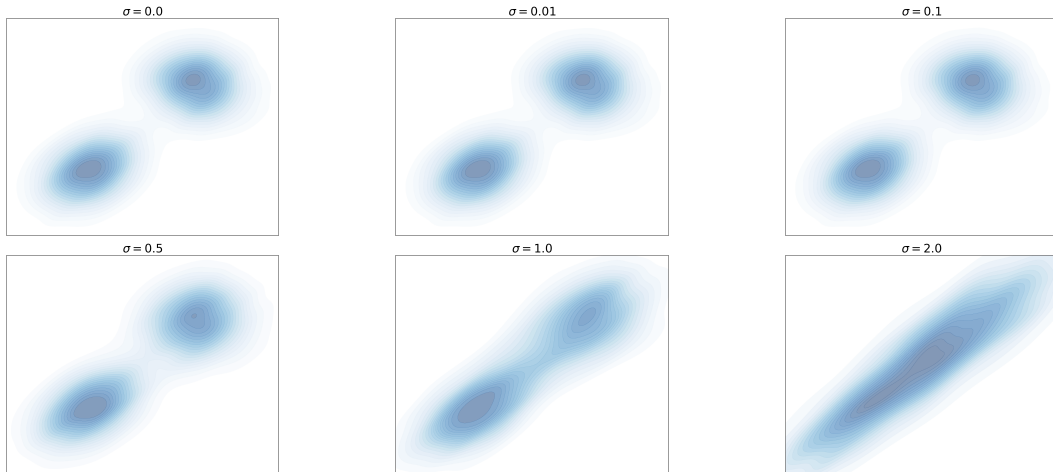
# Gradient of the corrupted distribution

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$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_{\sigma}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) &= \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \sigma^d} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|^2} \\&= \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|^2} - \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log (2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \sigma^d \\&= -\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|^2 \\&= \frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|}{\sigma^2} \\\therefore \mathcal{L}_{\text{ISM}\sigma}(\theta, \sigma) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\sigma}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x})} \left[ \left\| s_{\theta}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|}{\sigma^2} \right\|_2^2 \right]\end{aligned}$$

# Multiple noise levels

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$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \{\sigma_i\}_{i=1}^L) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \lambda(\sigma_i) \mathbb{E}_{q_{\sigma_i}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x})} \left[ \left\| s_{\theta}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \sigma_i) - \frac{\|\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\|}{\sigma^2} \right\|_2^2 \right]$$

# Sampling with annealed Langevin dynamics

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$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0 \sim \pi_{\text{init}}$$

From  $i = 1, 2, \dots, L$  with  $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} = \dots = \frac{\sigma_{L-1}}{\sigma_L} > 1$

$$\alpha_i = \gamma \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_L^2}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_t = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1} + \alpha_i s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{t-1}, \sigma_i) + \epsilon \alpha_i \mathbf{z}_t$$

$$\mathbf{z}_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$



# Conditional generation

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$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{y})}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{y}) \\ &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) \\ &= s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) + \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

# Single model for guidance

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$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) \\ \implies \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) &= \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) + \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) - \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) + (\gamma - 1) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) \\ &\approx \gamma s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - (\gamma - 1) s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \phi) \end{aligned}$$

# **Equivariant learning**

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# Definitions

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# Equivariant diffusion models

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# Lorentz equivariance

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# Lorentz-equivariant learning

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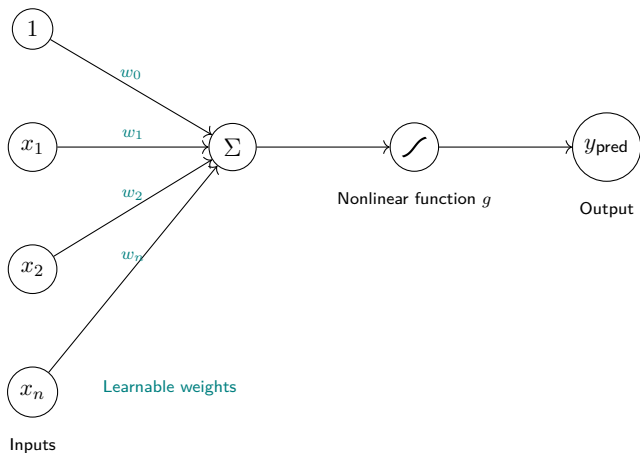
# Appendices

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# Artificial neuron

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$$y_{\text{pred}} = g(w_0 + \mathbf{w}^T \cdot \mathbf{x})$$

# Derivation of divergence objective for score

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) - s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{2} \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mathbf{x} - \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ & \quad \text{Constant in training} \qquad \text{Use } \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})}{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} \\ &= C + \frac{1}{2} \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mathbf{x} - \int \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ & \quad \text{Integrate by parts} \\ &= C + \frac{1}{2} \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}))^2 d\mathbf{x} - p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ & \quad \text{Boundary values} \rightarrow 0 \\ &= C + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^2] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})] = C + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})^2] + \mathbb{E}_{p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})] \end{aligned}$$

# Derivation of noise-perturbed divergence objective

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})} [\|s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) - \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})\|_2^2] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})} [s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})^2] - \int q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) d\tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \frac{1}{2} \int q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) (\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}))^2 d\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \\
 & \quad \text{Use } \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})}{q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})} \quad \text{Constant in training} \\
 & \quad \int s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) d\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \\
 & \quad \text{Use } q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) p_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\
 &= \int s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \left( \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \right) d\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \\
 & \quad \text{Differentiation under integral} \\
 &= \int s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \left( \int p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \right) d\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \int \int s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} d\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \\
 & \quad \text{Use } \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) = q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x}) \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_{q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{x})} [s_\theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} \log q_\sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{x})]
 \end{aligned}$$



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