# Diffusion models for particle physics simulations

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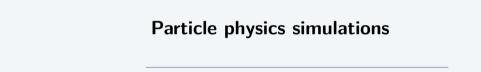
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$$p(\beta|o) = \frac{p(o|\beta)p(\beta)}{\int p(\beta')p(o|\beta') d\beta'} p(o|\beta) = \int p(x,\beta|\theta) dz$$

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Gouskos and Qu 2018

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#### Particle clouds + feature vectors

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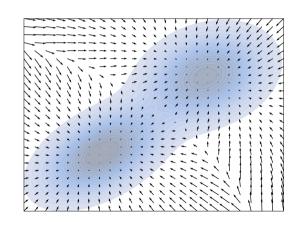
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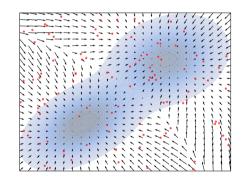
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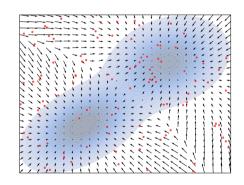
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## Sampling with Langevin dynamics

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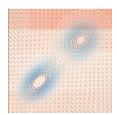






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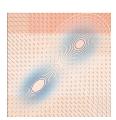


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## Noise perturbation

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{x} + z \\ z &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \\ q_{\sigma}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}} | \mathbf{x}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}, \sigma^2 I) \end{split}$$

## Denoising objective

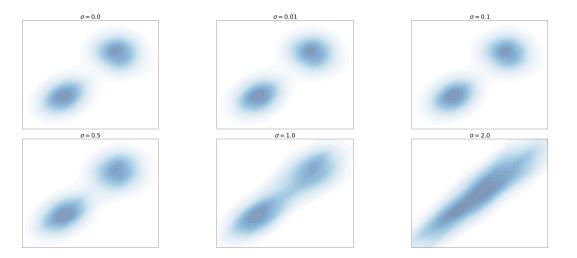
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# Gradient of the corrupted distribution

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

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

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

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\implies \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}) + \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) - \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x})$$

$$= \gamma \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) + (\gamma - 1) \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\approx \gamma s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - (\gamma - 1) s_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, \phi)$$



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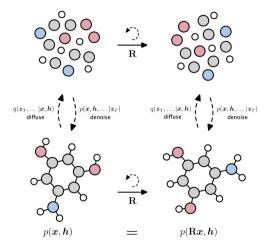
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### Equivariant diffusion models



### Hoogeboom et al. 2022

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eg. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(relative velocity 
$$\beta=\frac{v}{c}$$
, boost factor  $\gamma=\frac{1}{(1-\beta^2)^2}$ )

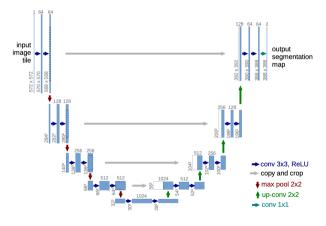


# Derivation of divergence objective for score

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## Derivation of noise-perturbed divergence objective

Appendices | Diffusion models for simulation



Source: Ronneberger et al. (2015)