Diffusion models for the Electron-Ion Collider

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Diffusion-based architecture in AlphaFold 3 Abramson `24



Image generation - Diffusion models





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Collider simulations?









Large Hadron Collider

RHIC, sPHENIX

Few to 1000s particles/event





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Electron-Ion Collider

Few to several 10s of particles

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• Images

Electron-Ion Collider

Data representations examples



May seem natural, pixels analogous to detector granularity







• Images

Jet (averaged)

Mikuni, Nachman, Pettee `23



Data representations examples





Sparse

Devlin, Qiu, FR, Sato `23





Torbunov, Huang, Lin, Ren, Go, Rinn, Yu, Viren, Huang `24



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• Images

• Point clouds

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See Vinicius, Fernando's talk

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- Generative Adversarial Networks
- Variational Autoencoders
- Normalizing Flows
- Diffusion Models



Generative modeling

High quality samples

Mode coverage

Fast sampling

> Stable training



Generative models for EIC events

- Surrogate models
- Searches of physics beyond the Standard Model
- Event-level data analysis (differentiable)
- Development of MC event generators GANs e.g. Lai, Neill, Ploskon, FR `20

• Full ep events at $\sqrt{s} = 105 \text{ GeV}$

Develop a generative model





Pythia8, Q > 5 GeV

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• Example: Electron distribution



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Pixelation effects

Scattered leading electron



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• Represent events as images (pixelated)

$$q(x_T) = \mathcal{N}(x_T; 0, \mathbf{I})$$

$$Denoising \quad x_T \longrightarrow \dots$$

 Markovian noising process $q(x_1,\ldots,x_T|x_0)$ adding Gaussian noise $q\left(x_t | x_{t-1}\right) =$

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$$q(x_t|x_{t-1}) = \prod_{t=1}^{r} q(x_t|x_{t-1})$$

$$\mathcal{N}(x_t; \sqrt{1-\beta_t}x_{t-1}, \beta_t \mathbf{I})$$

Sohl-Dickstein et al.`15 Ho, Jain, Abbeel `20 Nichol, Dhariwal `21







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$$q(x_T) = \mathcal{N}(x_T; 0, \mathbf{I})$$

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• Learn denoising process $p_{\theta}(x_{t-1}|x_t) = \mathcal{N}(x_{t-1}; \mu_{\theta}(x_t, t), \Sigma_{\theta}(x_t, t))$

Stochastic differential equation in continuum limit

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• Sparse collider data



Need to generate empty & isolated colored pixels

• Empty pixels for the simulated EIC events $99.95 \pm 0.02\%$ for 64×64 pixels

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• Sparse collider data



Need to generate empty & isolated colored pixels

•U-Net

- 3 layers
- Circular/periodic convolutional network



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Ronneberger et al. `15









Steeply falling distributions

Use rescaled momentum variable

Massless limit







- Steeply falling distributions
 - Use rescaled momentum variable

For example

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Momentum, rapidity, azimuthal angle

Back-to-back with leading electron is $\phi = 0$

Event-wide momentum conservation

Rescaled momentum variable

$$\tilde{z}_i = \frac{2M_{Ti}}{\sqrt{s}} \cosh y_i$$

with

when all particles are included

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• Particle multiplicities

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cf. e.g. Alanazi et al.

• Multi-particle correlations

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 Correlation of Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) variables

Pixelation effects

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$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

$$Q^2 = -(k_e - k_{e'})^2$$

• DIS reduced cross section

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$= F_2(x,Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{Y_{\perp}}F_L(x,Q^2) + \frac{Y_{-}}{Y_{\perp}}xF_3(x,Q^2)$

Inelasticity $Y_{\pm} = 1 \pm (1 - y)^2$

MCMC sampling with diffusion models

- Assist Metropolis-Hastings algorithm
- Iteratively train diffusion model on obtained samples

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MCMC sampling with diffusion models

- Assist Metropolis-Hastings algorithm
- Iteratively train diffusion model on obtained samples
- Interleave chain with global proposal function from the diffusion model
- Example: 2d Himmelblau function

$$f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (\theta_1^2 + \theta_2 - 11)^2 + (\theta_1 + \theta_2^2 - 7)^2$$

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Gaussian proposal function

MCMC sampling with diffusion models

10d Gaussian mixture

Acceptance rate

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hite `23 `21, `22 et al. `23

Bayesian posterior sampling

• Analysis of (toy) PDFs

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{D}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \, p(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\int \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta} \, \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \, p(\boldsymbol{\theta})}$$

• Likelikhood $\mathcal{L} = \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\chi^2)$

Fast convergence of diffusion model-assisted MCMC

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Conclusions & outlook

- Generative models for collider physics
- Simulation of full EIC events with unique challenges
- Various possible future applications
- Point cloud-based diffusion model

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