

Hamiltonian Score Matching and Generative Flows

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Overview

- **Previous work:** Classical Hamiltonian mechanics has been widely used in ML via Hamiltonian Monte Carlo in applications with *pre-determined* force fields
- **Motivation of this work:** *Design* force fields for Hamiltonian ODEs for the purpose of generative modeling

Contributions

- (1) **Hamiltonian Score Matching (HSM):** learn score functions via Hamiltonian trajectories
- (2) **Hamiltonian Generative Flows (HGFs):** a generative model framework building on Hamiltonian velocity predictors

Background: Score Matching and Hamiltonian Dynamics

Score Matching:

Given data distribution π
score is defined as

$$\nabla \log \pi$$

Score Matching (SM) aims
to learn score.

Previous methods:

- Denoising SM
- Implicit SM

Hamiltonian: Energy of system

$$H(x, v) = U(x) + \frac{1}{2} \|v\|^2$$

Potential energy
(neg log-likelihood
of data)

Kinetic energy
(neg log-likelihood
of Gaussian)

Hamiltonian dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d}{dt} x(t), \frac{d}{dt} v(t) \right) &= (v(t), -\nabla U(x(t))) \\ &= (v(t), \nabla \log \pi(x(t))) \end{aligned}$$

Score function

Can we use the connection between Hamiltonian dyn. and score function to learn score functions from data?

Characterize Score via Hamiltonian Dynamics

- Given data distribution π , define Boltzmann-Gibbs distribution:
$$\pi_{BG} = \pi \otimes \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}_d), \quad \pi_{BG}(x, v) = \exp(-H(x, v))/Z = \pi(x)\mathcal{N}(v; 0, \mathbf{I}_d)$$
- Hamiltonian dynamics preserve Boltzmann-Gibbs distribution – this is used in Hamiltonian Monte Carlo.
- **Idea:** Can we use this fact to uniquely characterize the score function?

Theorem 1. *Let $T > 0$ and $F_\theta(x)$ a force field. Let $\Pi = \pi_{BG} = \pi \otimes \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}_d)$. The following statements are equivalent:*

1. **Score vector field:** *The force field F_θ equals the score, i.e. $F_\theta(x) = \nabla_x \log \pi(x)$ for π -almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$.*
2. **Preservation of Boltzmann-Gibbs:** *The PH-ODE with F_θ preserves the Boltzmann-Gibbs distribution π_{BG} .*
3. **Conditional velocity is zero:** *The velocity given the location after running the PH-ODE with F_θ is zero if starting conditions $z = (x_0, v_0)$ are sampled from π_{BG} :*

$$z \sim \pi_{BG} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{E}[v_t^\theta(z)|x_t^\theta(z)] = 0 \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq t < T \quad (13)$$

Idea: Use characterization of score via velocity predictors for score matching

Hamiltonian Score Discrepancy

Define Loss
Function:

$$L_{\text{hsm}}(\phi|\theta, t) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim \pi_{BG}} [\|V_{\phi}(x_t^{\theta}, t)\|^2 - 2V_{\phi}(x_t^{\theta}, t)^T v_t^{\theta}]$$

*Squared norm of
predicted velocity*

*Similarity to
actual velocity*

Loss at optimal velocity:

$$\mathbb{D}_{\text{hsm}}(\theta|t, \pi) := - \min_{\phi \in I} L_{\text{hsm}}(\phi|\theta, t) = \mathbb{E}_{z \sim \pi_{BG}} [\|\mathbb{E}[v_t^{\theta} | x_t^{\theta}]\|^2]$$

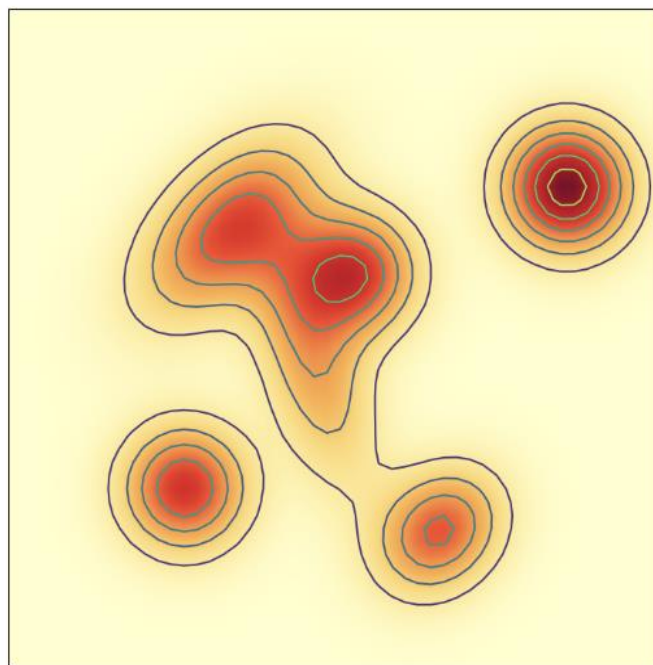
*We want this to be
zero*

Theorem: Minimization of the HSD results in learning the score:

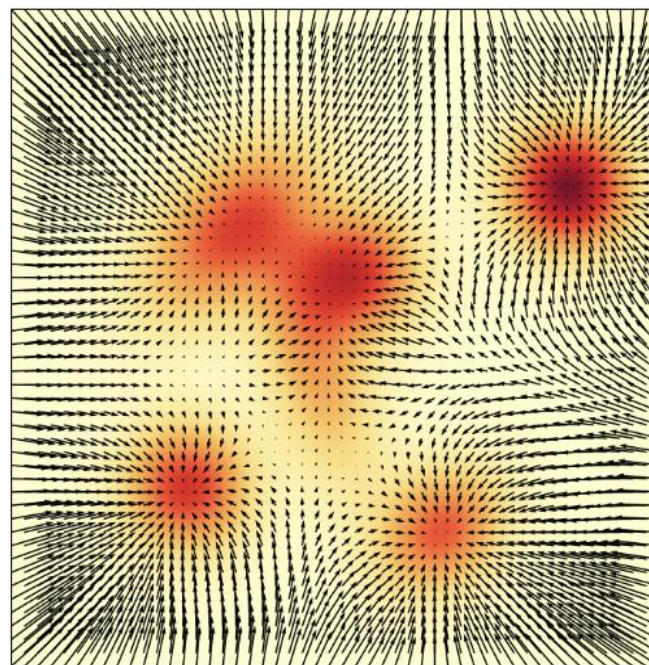
$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{D}_{\text{hsm}}(\theta|\pi) \Rightarrow s_{\theta^*} = \nabla \log \pi$$

Hamiltonian Score Matching

Minimize Hamiltonian Score Discrepancy by jointly training velocity predictor and score network

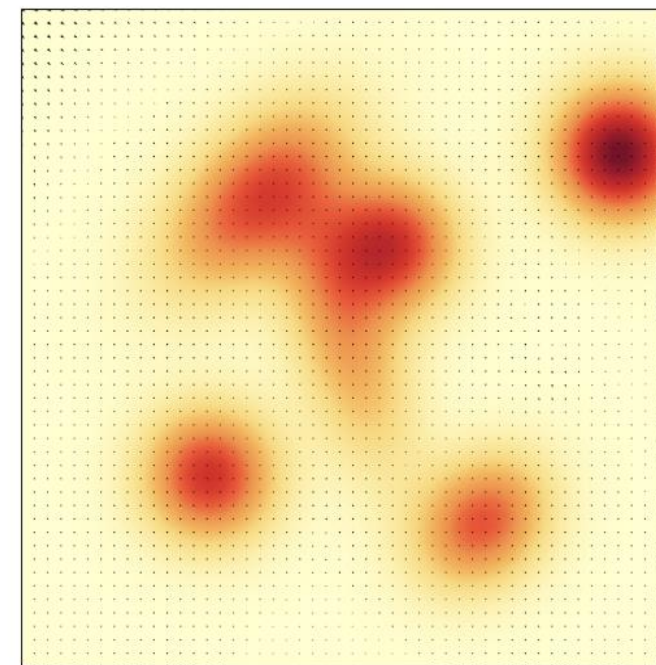


(a) Density $\pi(x)$



(b) Learnt score F_θ

*Vectors closely approximate
gradient of log-likelihood*



(c) Learnt velocity predictor V_ϕ

*Optimal velocity is close to
zero everywhere*

Hamiltonian Generative Flows

Idea: Can we use Hamiltonian velocity predictors also for suboptimal force fields?

Yes, by **simulating a CNF** with the optimal velocity predictor backwards in time:

$$x_T \sim \pi_T \quad \frac{d}{dt}x(t) = V_{\phi^*}(x, t) \Rightarrow x(0) \sim \pi$$

Resulting **generative model** is similar to FM and diffusion.

2 design choices:

- Force field
- Coupling of distribution over phase space (x, v)

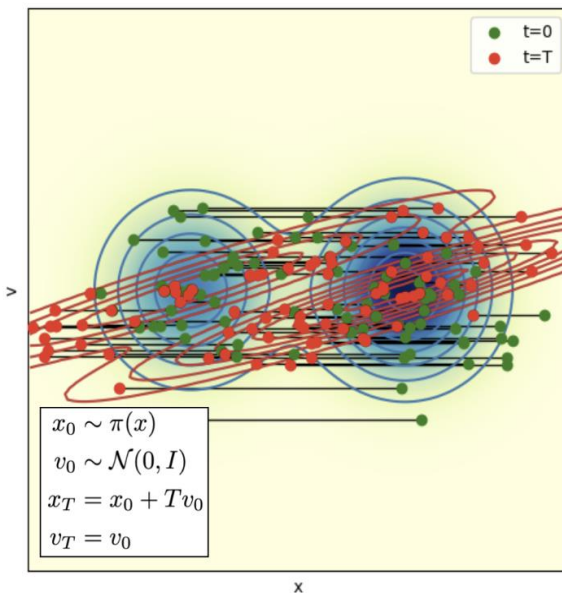
2 requirements:

- Simulation of dynamics with force field have to be efficient
- Tractable distribution at $T > 0$

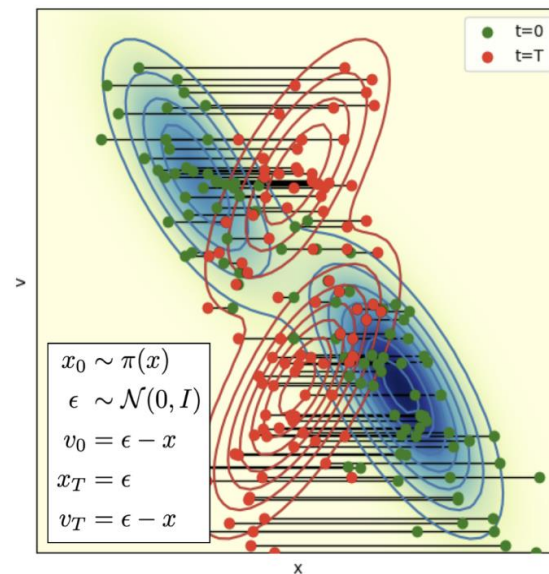
Example of Hamiltonian Generative Flows - 1

- **Diffusion Models:** zero force field, independent coupling of location and velocity.
- (CondOT) **Flow Matching:** zero force field, coupled velocity and location.
- **Oscillation HGFs:** force field corresponding to simple pendulum

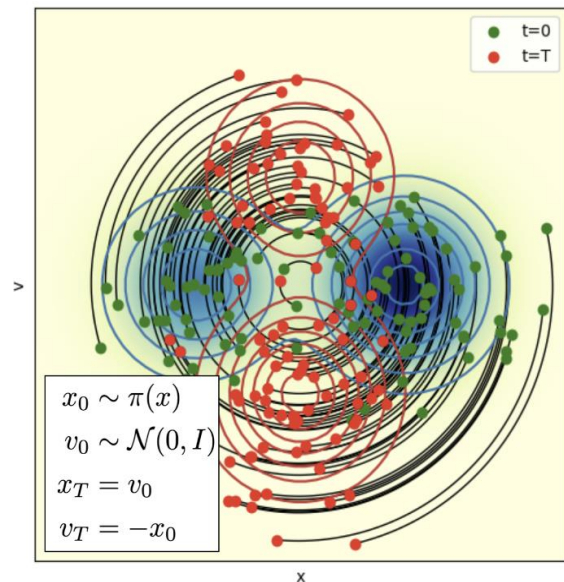
*Different
HGFs in
phase space*



(a) Diffusion



(b) Flow matching



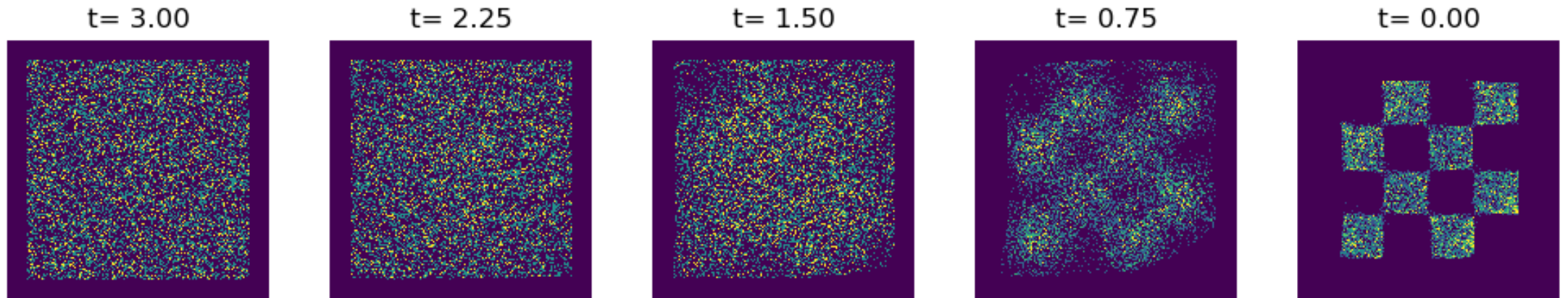
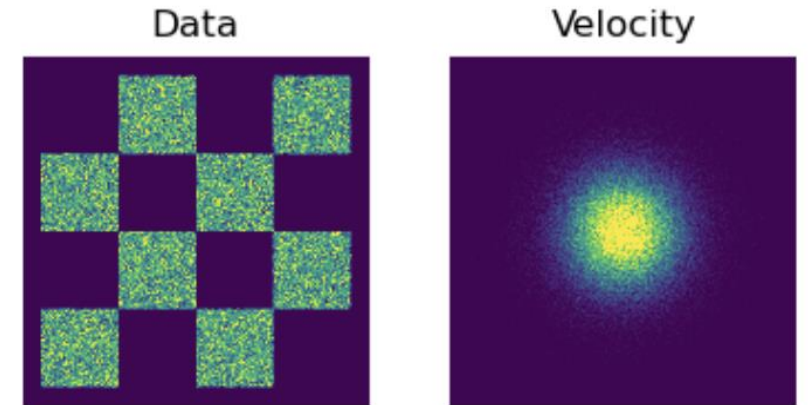
(c) Oscillation HGFs.

Example of HGFs – 2: Reflection HGFs

Idea: Particles move freely in a box with reflection ("infinite force") at walls

Convergence: Distribution of particles will converge towards a uniform distribution

Training can be done *simulation-free*.



*Uniform distribution
(max entropy)*

Data distribution

Results

- (1) Validated HSD as a novel metric and HSM as a novel score matching method
- (2) Achieved near-SOTA results with Oscillation HGFs on image generation

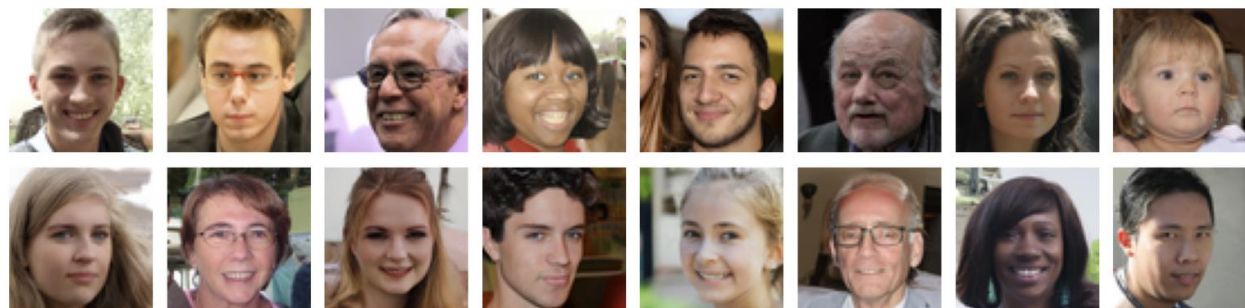
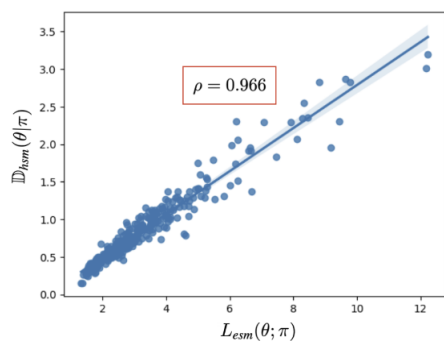
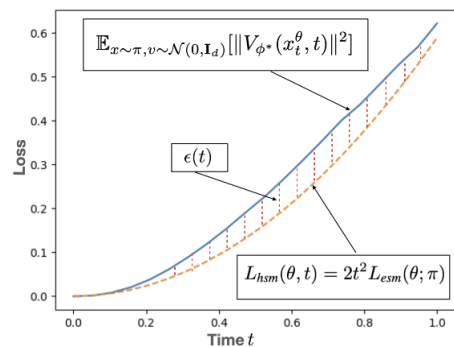


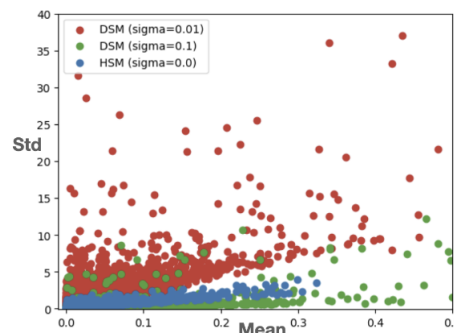
Figure 4: Image generation examples based on Oscillation HGFs for FFHQ.



(a) ESM loss vs HSD for networks trained for 1 epoch



(b) Empirical HSD vs. Taylor approximation (see Proposition 2)



(c) Std vs absolute mean of derivative of param. of score network.

Table 1: Sample quality (FID) and number of function evaluation (NFE).

METHOD	FID ↓	NFE ↓
<i>CIFAR-10 (unconditional)-32x32</i>		
StyleGAN2-ADA [27]	2.92	1
DDPM [21]	3.17	1000
LSGM [47]	2.10	147
PFGM [50]	2.48	104
VE-SDE [45]	3.77	35
VP-SDE [45]	3.01	35
EDM [26]	1.98	35
FM-OT (BNS) [40]	2.73	8
Oscillation HGF (ours)	2.12	35
<i>CIFAR-10 (class conditional)-32x32</i>		
VE-SDE [45]	3.11	35
VP-SDE [45]	2.48	35
EDM [26]	1.79	35
Oscillation HGF (ours)	1.97	35
<i>FFHQ (unconditional)-64x64</i>		
VE-SDE [45]	25.95	79
VP-SDE [45]	3.39	79
EDM [26]	2.39	79
Oscillation HGF (ours)	2.86	79

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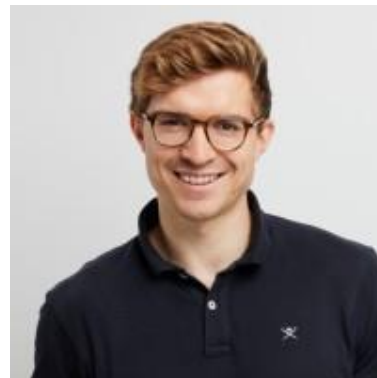
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