

Unweighted event generation for multi-jet production processes based on matrix element emulation

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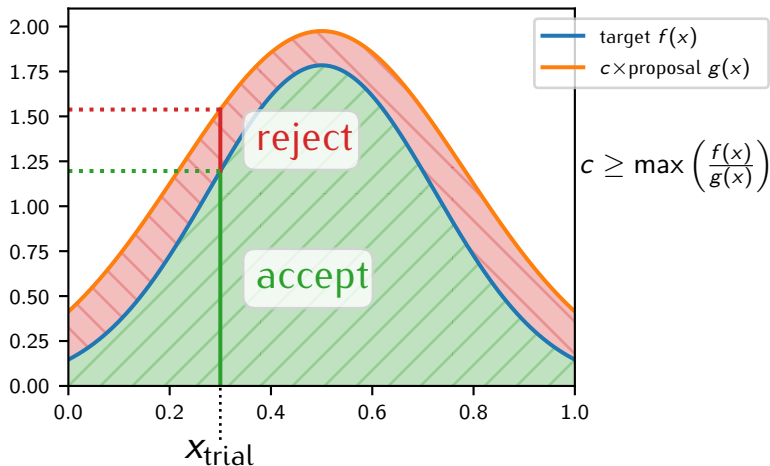
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How to generate unweighted events

rejection sampling (hit-or-miss):



Unweighting efficiency: $\epsilon = \frac{N_{\text{accepted}}}{N_{\text{trials}}} \approx \frac{1}{c} \left\langle \frac{f}{g} \right\rangle$

Basic Idea

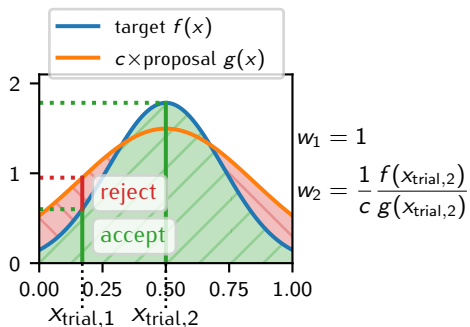
- ▶ #Feynman diagrams grows factorially with #particles
 - high-multiplicity MEs are very expensive
- ▶ need to evaluate the ME for each trial event
 - small unweighting efficiency = bottleneck

Idea:

- ▶ reduce event generation time by reducing the number of calls to the matrix element
 - use a fast & accurate surrogate
- ▶ correct all errors from the approximation in a 2nd unweighting step
 - method is unbiased by design

Interlude: Partial unweighting

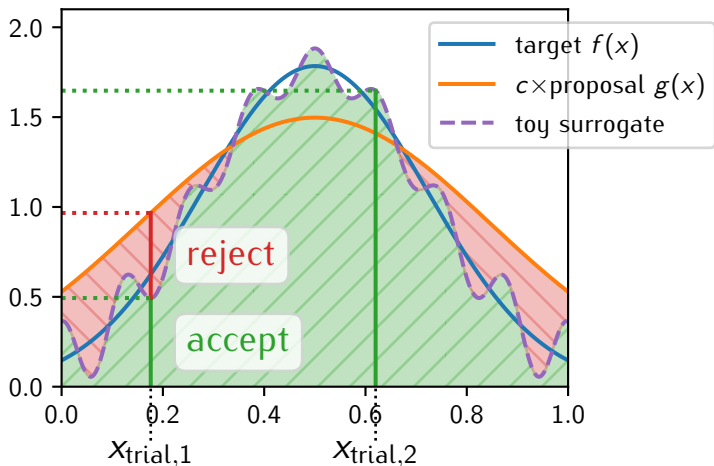
- ▶ NN are suitable as highly accurate surrogates
... but can produce extreme outliers
- ▶ large-weight outliers diminish unweighting efficiency even when contribution to total XS is miniscule



Partial Unweighting

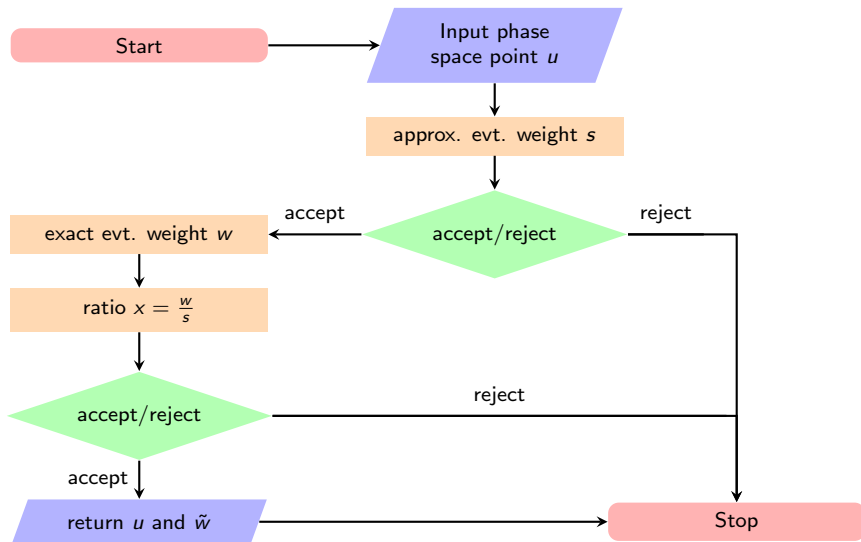
- ▶ allow g below f
- ▶ some events get an overweight $\tilde{w} > 1$
- ▶ partial unweighting is the default in SHERPA (and other generators)
 - ▶ we don't know the global maximum
 - ▶ partial unweighting is much faster

Surrogate unweighting



- ▶ surrogate should be fast and accurate
- ▶ have to correct for wrong accept/reject probabilities
→ 2nd unweighting against true target for all accepted points

Surrogate unweighting algorithm



Matrix element emulation

- ▶ gradient boosting machines for loop-induced amplitudes [[F. Bishara, M. Montull: arXiv:1912.11055](#)]
- ▶ NN for $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ jets [[S. Badger, J. Bullock: JHEP 06 \(2020\) 114](#)]
- ▶ NN for loop-induced amplitudes [[J. Aylett-Bullock, S. Badger, R. Moodie: JHEP 08 \(2021\) 066](#)]
- ▶ dipole model for $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ jets [[D. Maître, H. Truong: JHEP 11 \(2021\) 066](#)]
- ▶ learn ME \times PS for surrogate unweighting [[K. Danziger, TJ, S. Schumann, F. Siegert: SciPost Phys. 12, 164 \(2022\)](#)]
- ▶ Bayesian networks for loop amplitudes [[S. Badger, A. Butter, M. Luchmann, S. Pitz, T. Plehn: arXiv:2206.14831](#)]

Factorisation-aware matrix element emulation

soft/collinear factorisation properties

$$|\mathcal{M}_{n+1}|^2 \rightarrow |\mathcal{M}_n|^2 \otimes \mathbf{V}_{ijk}$$

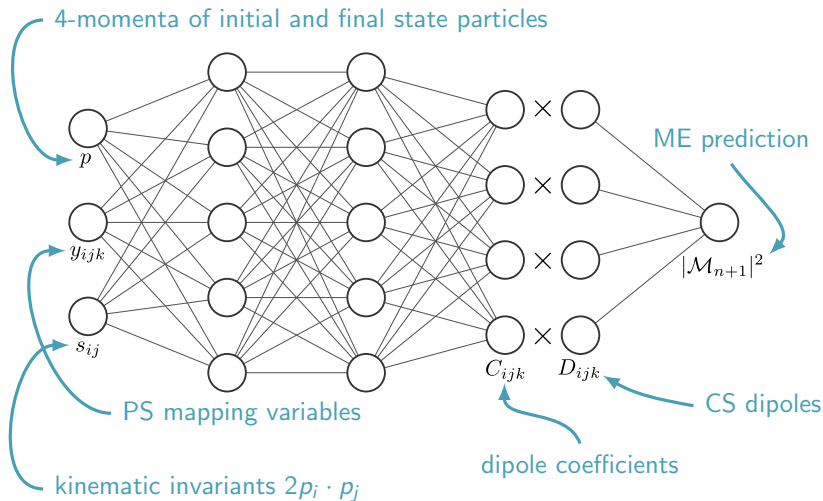
[Catani, Seymour Nucl.Phys. B485 (1997) 291-419]



Ansatz

$$\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle = \sum_{\{ijk\}} C_{ijk} D_{ijk}$$

- ▶ $D_{ijk} = \langle V_{ijk} \rangle / s_{ij}$: spin-averaged Catani-Seymour dipoles divided by kinematic invariant
- ▶ C_{ijk} : coefficients fit by neural network

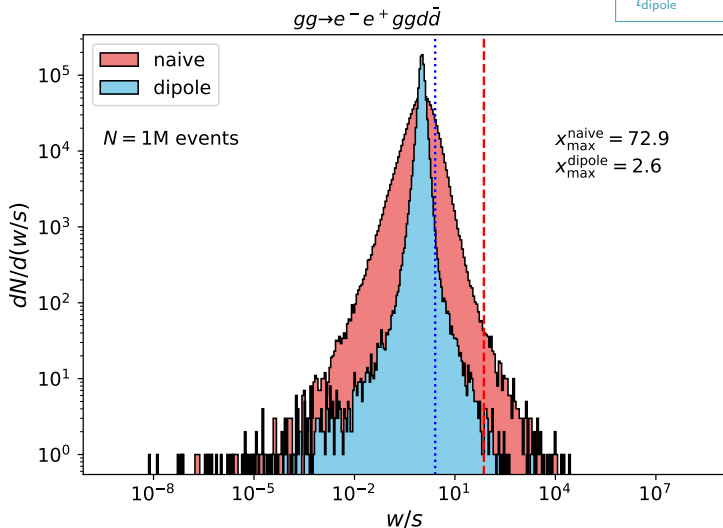


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Comparison with naive (non-dipole) model for $Z + 4j$:

Comparison of eval time:

$$\frac{t_{\text{AMEGIC}}}{t_{\text{dipole}}} \approx 388$$



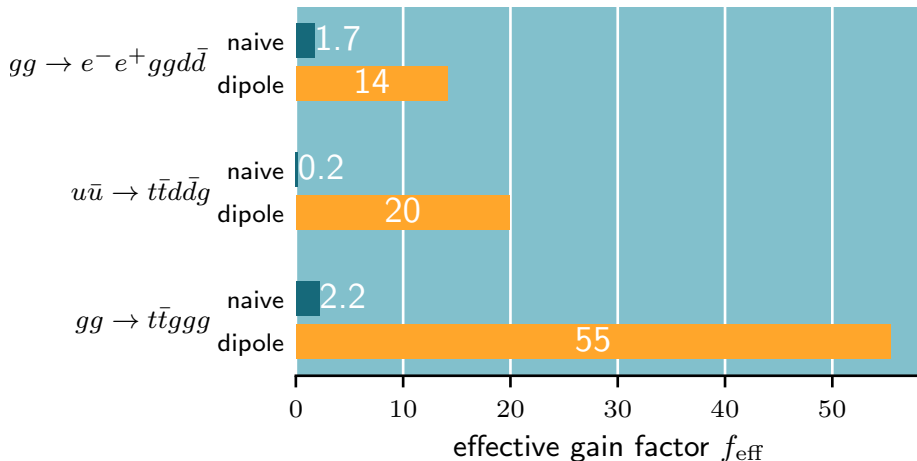
Implementation details

- ▶ constraint from experiment simulation workflow: **CPU single threaded**
→ no benefit from NN vectorisation capabilities
- ▶ for NN evaluation use **ONNX Runtime** with all possible optimisations
- ▶ two step unweighting implemented in **SHERPA** [[Gleisberg et al. JHEP02\(2009\)007](#), [Bothmann et al. SciPost Phys. 7, 034 \(2019\)](#)]
- ▶ ME generator: **AMEGIC** [[Krauss et al. JHEP 02 \(2002\) 044](#)]
- ▶ we evaluate the performance for processes that are very important for the LHC: **V +jets & $t\bar{t}$ +jets**

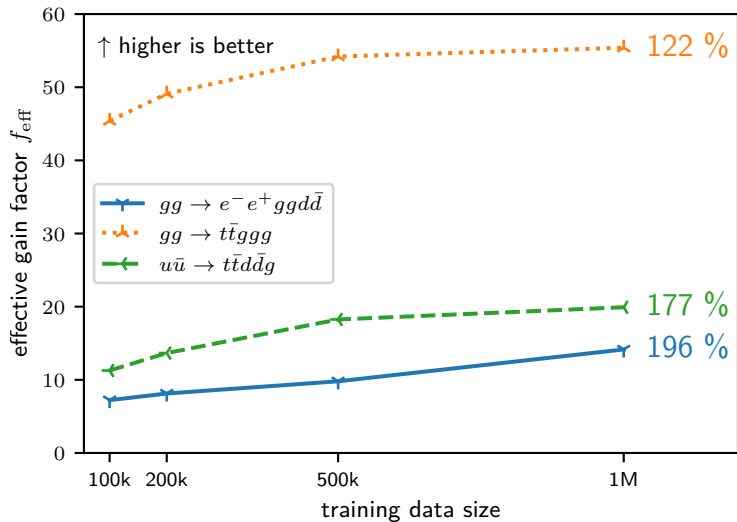
Results: effective gain factors for LHC multi-jet processes

$$f_{\text{eff}} := \frac{T_{\text{standard}}}{T_{\text{surrogate}}}$$

Using 1M training events:



Results: effect of training size variation



Colour sampling

- ▶ realistic use case: multi-jet merged calculations @LHC
- ▶ most promising part: highest multiplicity LO amplitudes → [Chris' talk](#)
- ▶ at high multiplicity we prefer colour-sampling → [Max's talk](#)

naive ansatz

- ▶ use the same (colour-summed) dipole model and augment it with colour assignments
- ▶ let the NN figure out the rest
- ▶ difficulty: with Comix [\[Gleisberg & Höche JHEP12 \(2008\) 039\]](#):
 $T(w_{PS}) \approx T(w_{ME})$
→ train on full event weight ($w_{ME} \times w_{PS}$)

Result:

- significant drop in performance, no gains
- further work necessary

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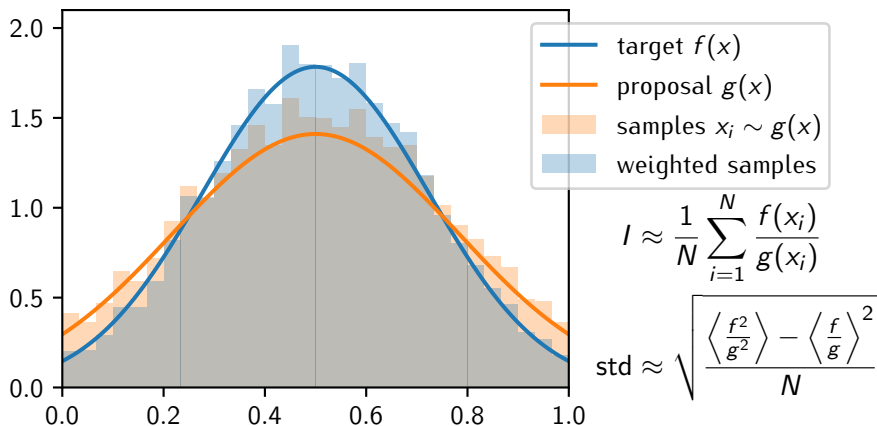
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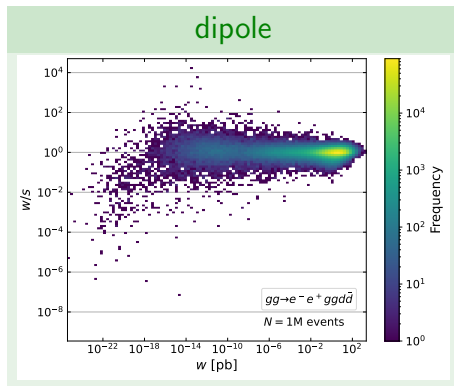
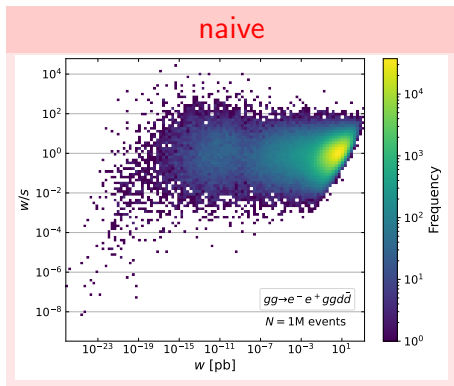
importance sampling:



HEP example: Breit-Wigner distribution for resonances

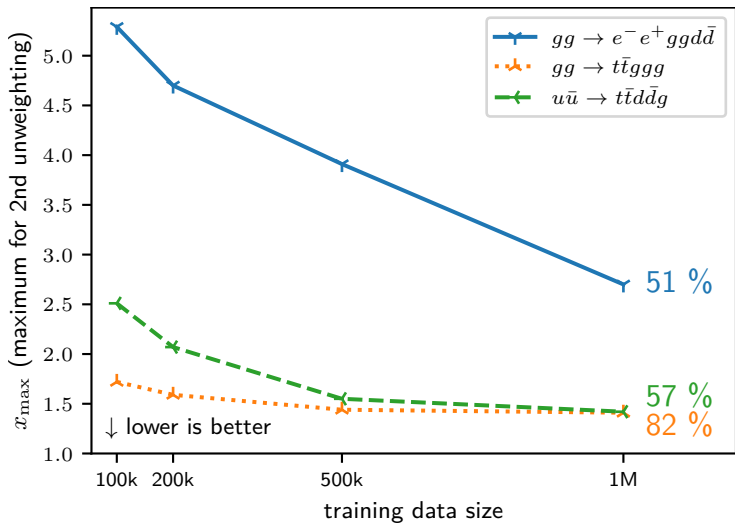
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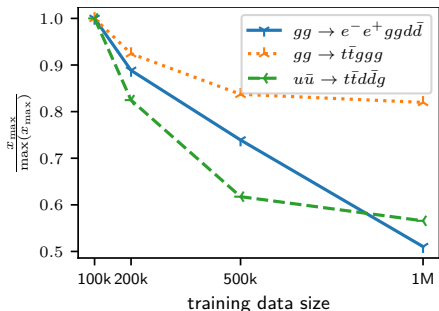
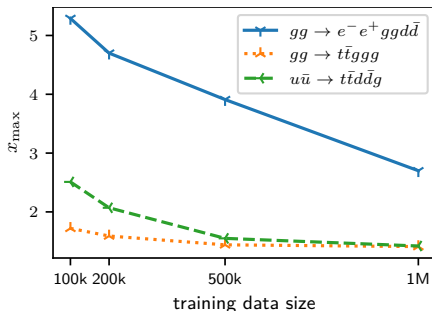
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