

# Adaptive divergences

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# Adaptive divergence for rapid adversarial optimization

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## Problem statement

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For:

- a parametrized family  $Q_\psi$ ,
- ground-truth distribution  $P$

find  $\psi^*$  such that:

$$Q_{\psi^*} = P \text{ (almost everywhere);}$$

given that  $Q_\psi$  and  $P$  are defined implicitly, either as:

- a **black-box** sampling procedure;
- a large data set.

## Existing approaches

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Heuristics:

- heavily rely on narrow assumptions;
- require specially constructed statistics<sup>1</sup>;

$$\chi^2(P, Q) = \sum_i \frac{(n_P^i - n_Q^i)^2}{(\sigma_P^i)^2 + (\sigma_Q^i)^2}$$

- $n_P^i, n_Q^i$  – estimated frequencies in  $i$ -th bin;
- $\sigma_P^i, \sigma_Q^i$  – uncertainties for  $i$ -th bin.

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<sup>1</sup>The following example is from Ilten P., Williams M., Yang Y. Event generator tuning using Bayesian optimization

## Existing approaches

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General-purpose:

- ABC:
  - relies on summary statistics;
  - distribution of these statistics;
- **adversarial:**
  - rely on the underlying classifier model;
  - requires large number of samples.

$$\text{JSD}(P, Q_\psi) \rightarrow \min_{\psi};$$

$$\text{JSD}(P, Q) = \log 2 + \frac{1}{2} \max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} \log f(x) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q} \log(1 - f(x)) \right].$$

## Jensen-Shannon divergence

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$$\text{JSD}(P, Q) = \log 2 + \frac{1}{2} \max_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} \log f(x) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q} \log(1 - f(x)) \right];$$

- maximization over all possible  $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ;
- replaced with  $M \subset \mathcal{F}$  in practice:
  - typically, a powerful neural network;
  - requires large number of samples.

## Pseudo-divergence

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$$\text{pJSD}_M(P, Q) = \log 2 + \frac{1}{2} \max_{f \in M} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P} \log f(x) + \mathbb{E}_{x \sim Q} \log(1 - f(x)) \right]$$

- $M$  is high-capacity:
  - close approximation of JSD;
  - large number of sample for estimation;
- $M$  is low-capacity:
  - $\exists P \neq Q : \text{pJSD}_M(P, Q) = 0$ ;
  - small number of samples for estimation.

## Adaptive divergence: main idea

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Given  $P$  and  $Q$ :

- use low-capacity pseudo-divergences first:

$$\text{pJSD}(P, Q) > 0 \implies \text{JSD}(P, Q) > 0;$$

- increase capacity if low-capacity pseudo-divergence fails.

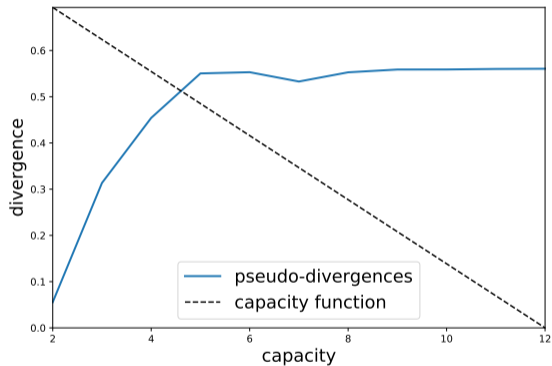
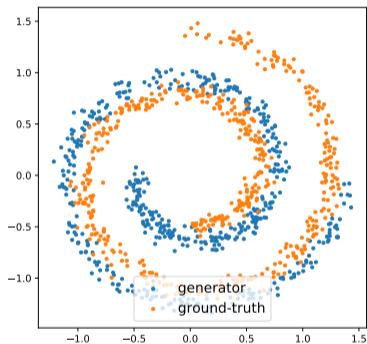


## Definition (adaptive divergence)

If a family of pseudo-divergences  $\mathcal{D} = \{D_\alpha \mid \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$  is ordered and complete with respect to Jensen-Shannon divergence, then adaptive divergence  $\text{AD}_{\mathcal{D}}$  produced by  $\mathcal{D}$  is defined as:

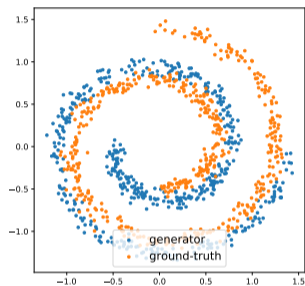
$$\text{AD}_{\mathcal{D}}(P, Q) = \inf \{D_\alpha(P, Q) \mid D_\alpha(P, Q) \geq (1 - \alpha) \log 2\} .$$

# Adaptive divergence

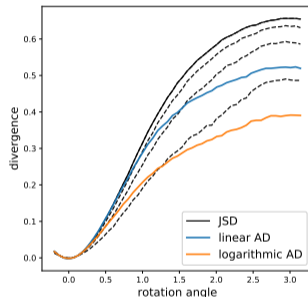


Discriminator: a 3-layer dense network with  $2 \cdot N$ ,  $N$  and 1 units.  $N$  is the capacity parameter.

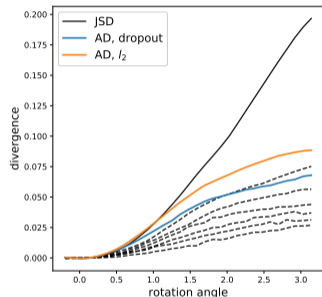
# Adaptive divergence



A toy example, generator is a rotated version of the ground-truth.

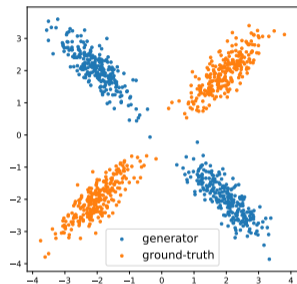


Boosted adaptive divergence,  
Gradient Boosting

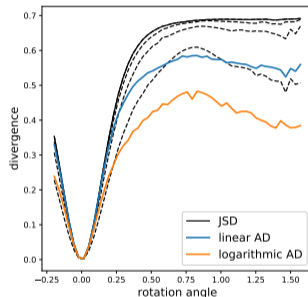


Regularized adaptive  
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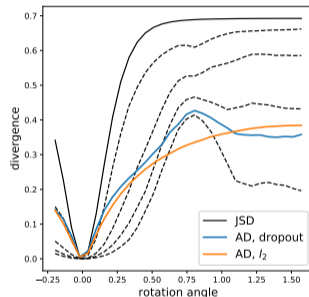
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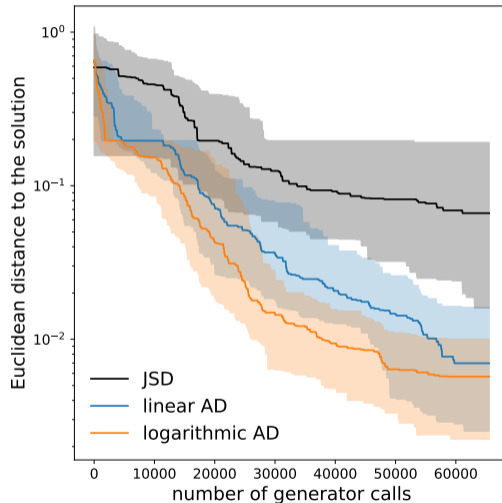


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# XOR experiment

XOR-like synthetic dataset:

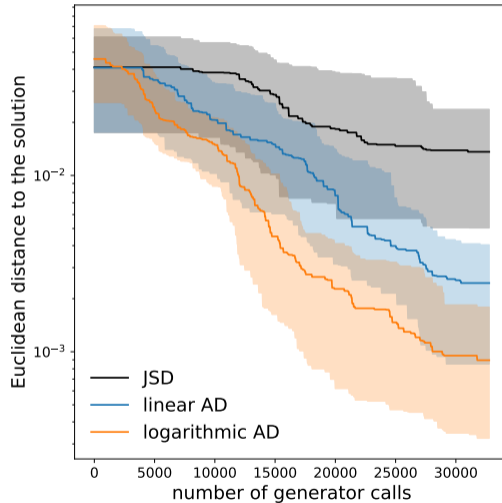
- optimizer: BO-GP;
- parameter: rotation angle;
- classifier: GBDT:
  - 100 trees of depth 3;
- family of pseudo-divergences: a boosted family.



# Pythia tuning experiment

Pythia hyper-parameter tuning:

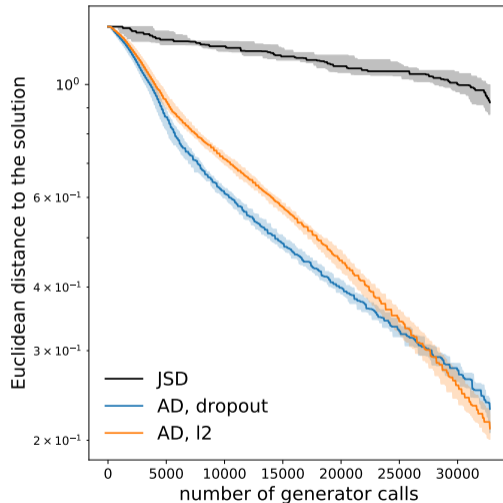
- features: Monash;
- parameter: `alphaSValue`;
- optimizer: Bayesian Optimization with Gaussian Processes;
- classifier: CatBoost:
  - 100 trees of depth 3;
- family of pseudo-divergences: a boosted family.



# Pythia alignment experiment

Pythia hyper-parameter tuning:

- features: spherical toy tracker;
- parameters: tracker offset;
- optimizer: AVO;
- classifier: VGG-like CNN;
- families of pseudo-divergences:
  - dropout-regularized + const  $R_1$ ;
  - $l_2$ -regularized + const  $R_1$ .



# Adaptive divergence

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Adaptive divergence:

- *is a divergence*:
  - can be employed for fine-tuning;
- employs low-capacity pseudo-divergences when possible:
  - requires less samples for estimation;
- computationally efficient estimations algorithms:
  - for boosting-based classifiers, e.g., gradient boosting;
  - for regularized neural networks.



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## Definition (pseudo-divergence)

A function  $D : \Pi(\mathcal{X}) \times \Pi(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a pseudo-divergence, if:

$$\text{(P1)} \quad \forall P, Q \in \Pi(\mathcal{X}) : D(P, Q) \geq 0;$$

$$\text{(P2)} \quad \forall P, Q \in \Pi(\mathcal{X}) : (P = Q) \Rightarrow D(P, Q) = 0;$$

where  $\Pi(\mathcal{X})$  – set of all probability distributions on space  $\mathcal{X}$ .

## Definition (ordered and complete family of pseudo-divergences)

A family of pseudo-divergences  $\mathcal{D} = \{D_\alpha : \Pi(\mathcal{X}) \times \Pi(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$  is ordered and complete with respect to Jensen-Shannon divergence if:

(D0)  $D_\alpha$  is a pseudo-divergence for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ;

(D1)  $\forall P, Q \in \Pi(\mathcal{X}) : \forall 0 \leq \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 \leq 1 : D_{\alpha_1}(P, Q) \leq D_{\alpha_2}(P, Q)$ ;

(D2)  $\forall P, Q \in \Pi(\mathcal{X}) : D_1(P, Q) = \text{JSD}(P, Q)$ .

## Theorem (on adaptive divergence)

*If  $AD_{\mathcal{D}}$  is an adaptive divergence produced by an ordered and complete with respect to Jensen-Shannon divergence family of pseudo-divergences  $\mathcal{D}$ , then for any two distributions  $P$  and  $Q$ :*

$$JSD(P, Q) = 0 \iff AD(P, Q) = 0.$$

## Definition (nested pseudo-divergences)

A model family  $\mathcal{M} = \{M_\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{F} \mid \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$  is complete and nested, if:

**(N0)**  $(x \mapsto 1/2) \in M_0$ ;

**(N1)**  $M_1 = \mathcal{F}$ ;

**(N2)**  $\forall \alpha, \beta \in [0, 1] : (\alpha < \beta) \Rightarrow (M_\alpha \subset M_\beta)$ .

### Theorem (on nested pseudo-divergences)

If a model family  $\mathcal{M} = \{M_\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{F} \mid \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$  is complete and nested, then the family  $\mathcal{D} = \{D_\alpha : \Pi(\mathcal{X}) \times \Pi(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$ , where:

$$D_\alpha(P, Q) = \log 2 - \inf_{f \in M_\alpha} L(f, P, Q)$$

is a complete and ordered with respect to Jensen-Shannon divergence family of pseudo-divergences.

### Definition (regularized family of pseudo-divergences)

If  $M$  is a parameterized model family  $M = \{f(\theta, \cdot) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid \theta \in \Theta\}$ , then a function  $R : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a proper regularizer for the family  $M$  if:

$$\text{(R1)} \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta : R(\theta) \geq 0;$$

$$\text{(R2)} \quad \exists \theta_0 \in \Theta : (f(\theta_0, \cdot) \equiv \frac{1}{2}) \wedge (R(\theta_0) = 0).$$

### Theorem (on regularized family of pseudo-divergences)

If  $M$  is a parameterized model family:  $M = \{f(\theta, \cdot) \mid \theta \in \Theta\}$  and  $M = \mathcal{F}$ ,  $R : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a proper regularizer for  $M$ , and  $c : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is a strictly increasing function such, that  $c(0) = 0$ , then the family

$\mathcal{D} = \{D_\alpha : \Pi(\mathcal{X}) \times \Pi(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$ :

$$D_\alpha(P, Q) = \log 2 - \min_{\theta \in \Theta_\alpha(P, Q)} L(f(\theta, \cdot), P, Q);$$

$$\Theta_\alpha(P, Q) = \operatorname{Arg\,min}_{\theta \in \Theta} L_\alpha^R(\theta, P, Q);$$

$$L_\alpha^R(\theta, P, Q) = L(f(\theta, \cdot), P, Q) + c(1 - \alpha)R(\theta);$$

is a complete and ordered with respect to Jensen-Shannon divergence family of pseudo-divergences.



## Boosted family

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A boosting-based method is applicable for a discrete approximation:

$$\begin{aligned}D_{c(i)}(P, Q) &= \log 2 - L(F_i, P, Q); \\F_i &= F_{i-1} + \rho \cdot \arg \min_{f \in B} L(F_{i-1} + f, P, Q); \\F_0 &\equiv \frac{1}{2};\end{aligned}$$

where:

- $\rho$  – learning rate,
- $B$  – base estimator,
- $c : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$  – a strictly increasing function for mapping ensemble size onto  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

# Boosted Adaptive Divergence

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**Algorithm 2** Boosted adaptive divergence

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**Require:**  $X_P, X_Q$  — samples from distributions  $P$  and  $Q$ ,  $B$  — base estimator training algorithm,  $N$  — maximal size of the ensemble,  $c : \mathbb{Z}_+ \rightarrow [0, 1]$  — capacity function;  $\rho$  — learning rate;

$F_0 \leftarrow 1/2$

$i \leftarrow 0$

$L_0 \leftarrow \log 2$

**for**  $i = 1, \dots, N$  **do**

**if**  $L_i > c(i) \log 2$  **then**

$F_{i+1} \leftarrow F_i + \rho \cdot B(F_i, X_P, X_Q)$

$L_{i+1} \leftarrow L(F_{i+1}, X_P, X_Q)$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

**else**

**return**  $\log 2 - L_i$

**end if**

**end for**

**return**  $\log 2 - L_N$

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# Explicitly Regularized Adaptive Divergence

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**Algorithm 4** Adaptive divergence estimation by a regularized neural network

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**Require:**  $X_P, X_Q$  — samples from distributions  $P$  and  $Q$ ;

$f_\theta : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  — neural network with parameters  $\theta \in \Theta$ ;

$R : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  — regularization function;  $c$  — capacity function;

$\rho$  — exponential average coefficient;

$\beta$  — coefficient for  $R_1$  regularization;

$\gamma$  — learning rate of SGD.

$L_{\text{acc}} \leftarrow \log 2$

**while** not converged **do**

$x_P \leftarrow \text{sample}(X_P)$

$x_Q \leftarrow \text{sample}(X_Q)$

$\zeta \leftarrow c \left( 1 - \frac{L_{\text{acc}}}{\log 2} \right)$

$g_0 \leftarrow \nabla_\theta [L(f_\theta, x_P, x_Q) + \zeta \cdot R(f_\theta)]$

$g_1 \leftarrow \nabla_\theta \|\nabla_\theta f_\theta(x_P)\|^2$

$L_{\text{acc}} \leftarrow \rho \cdot L_{\text{acc}} + (1 - \rho) \cdot L(f_\theta, x_P, x_Q)$

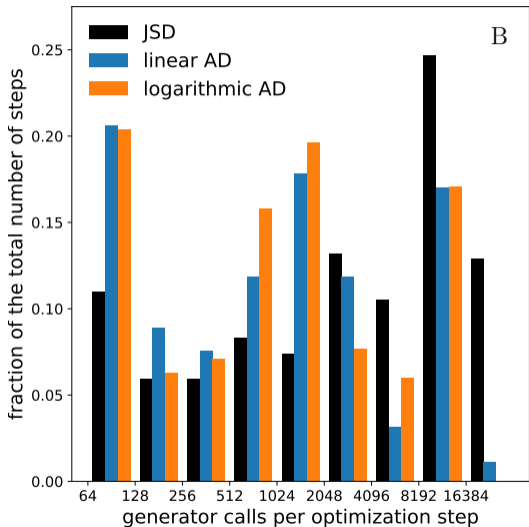
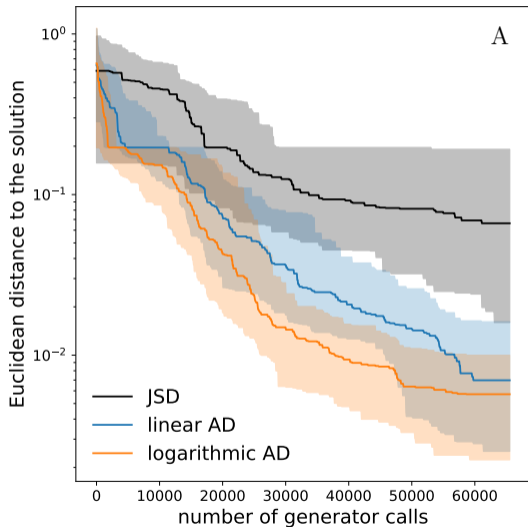
$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \gamma (g_0 + \beta g_1)$

**end while**

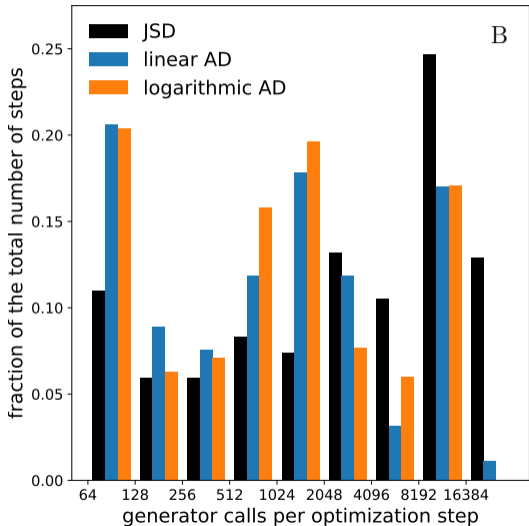
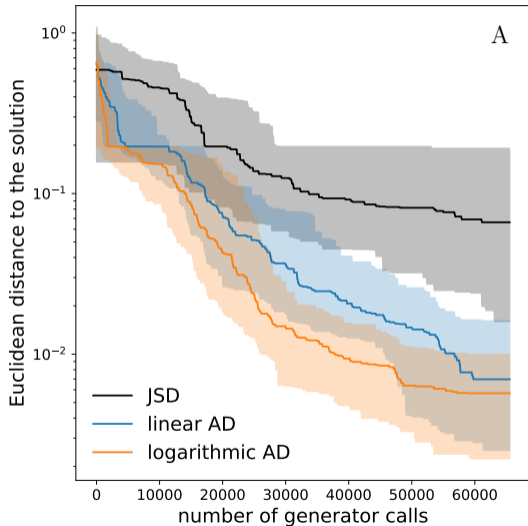
**return**  $\log 2 - L(f_\theta, X_P, X_Q)$

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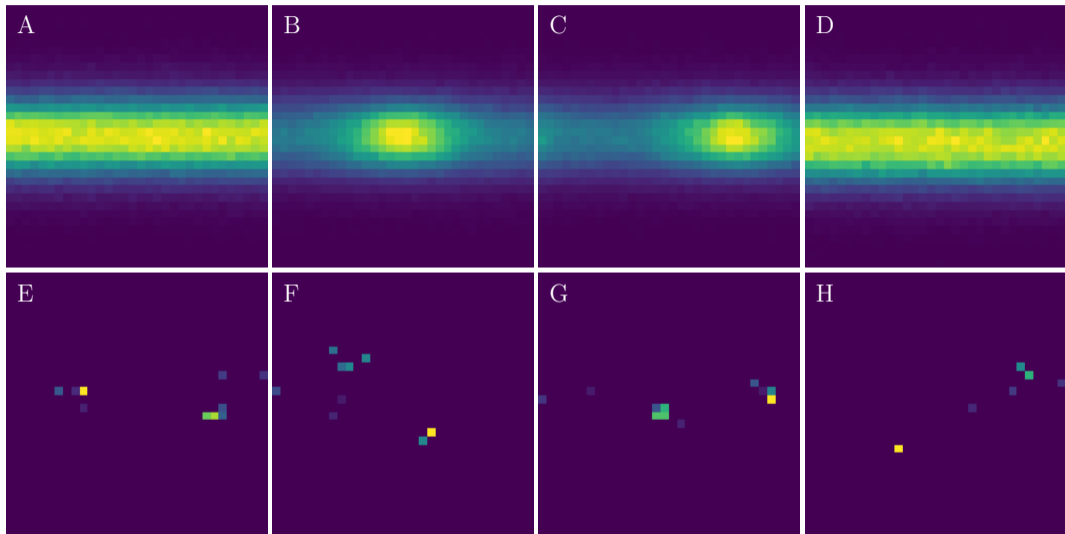
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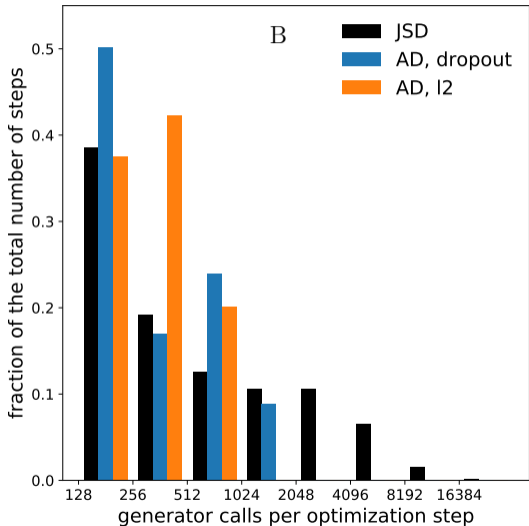
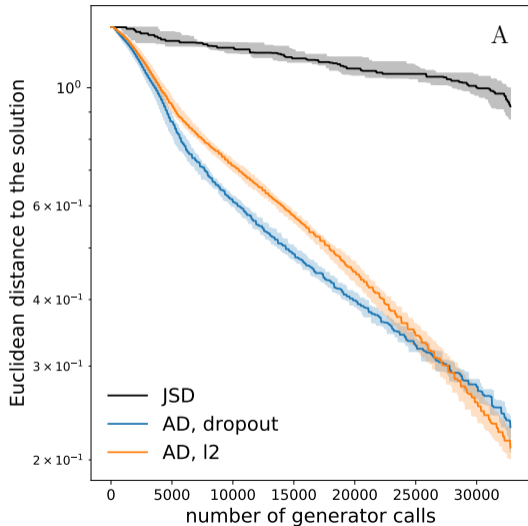
# Pythia tuning



# Pythia alignment



# Pythia alignment



# Source of acceleration

