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# Non-Equilibrium Sampling

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## Résumé

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Sampling from a complex distribution  $\pi$  and approximating its intractable normalizing constant  $Z$  are challenging problems. In this talk, a novel family of importance samplers (IS) and Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) samplers is derived. Given an invertible map  $T$ , these schemes combine (with weights) elements from the forward and backward orbits through points sampled from a proposal distribution  $\rho$ . The map  $T$  does not leave the target  $\pi$  invariant, hence the name *NEO*, standing for *Non – Equilibrium Orbits*. *NEO – IS* provides unbiased estimator of the normalizing constant and self – normalized IS estimator. *MCMC* combines multiple *NEO – IS* estimates of the normalizing constant and an iterated sampling – importance resampling.

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