

# Wasserstein Control of Mirror Langevin Monte Carlo

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# Goal

**GOAL:** Sample from a probability distribution  $\pi$  supported on  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  in a high dimensional setting (i.e., for a large  $p$ ).

**KNOWN:**  $f \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} -\log(\frac{d\pi}{dx})$ . ( $f \in C^2(\mathcal{X})$ )

**Applications:** Bayesian inference, generative modeling, etc.

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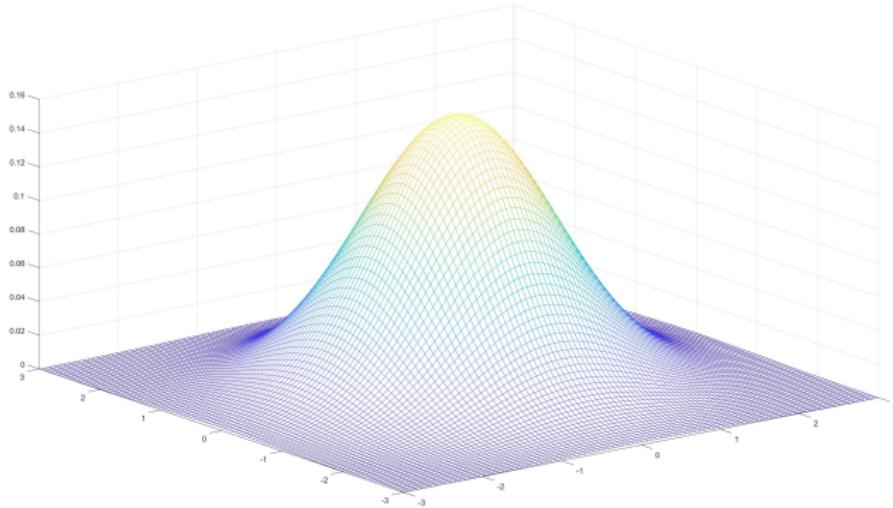
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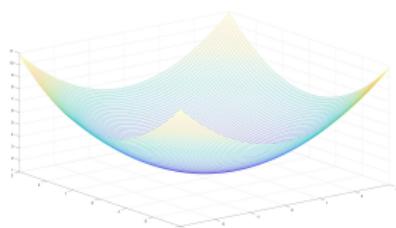
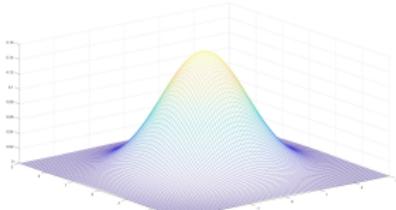


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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\pi}{dx} &= C \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-x^*)^T \Sigma (x-x^*)} \\ f(x) &= -\log \left( \frac{d\pi}{dx} \right) \\ &= -\log C + \frac{1}{2}(x - x^*)^T \Sigma (x - x^*)\end{aligned}$$

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# Convergence scheme

- ▶ The continuous dynamics  $\mathbf{X}_t$  has  $\pi$  as its unique invariant measure.
- ▶ A discretization algorithm ensure the convergence of  $\mathbf{X}_k$ .

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## Convergence

$$W_2(\mu_k, \pi) \leq (1 - mh)^k W_2(\mu_0, \pi) + 1.65 \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)^{p/2} h^{1/2}. \quad (1)$$

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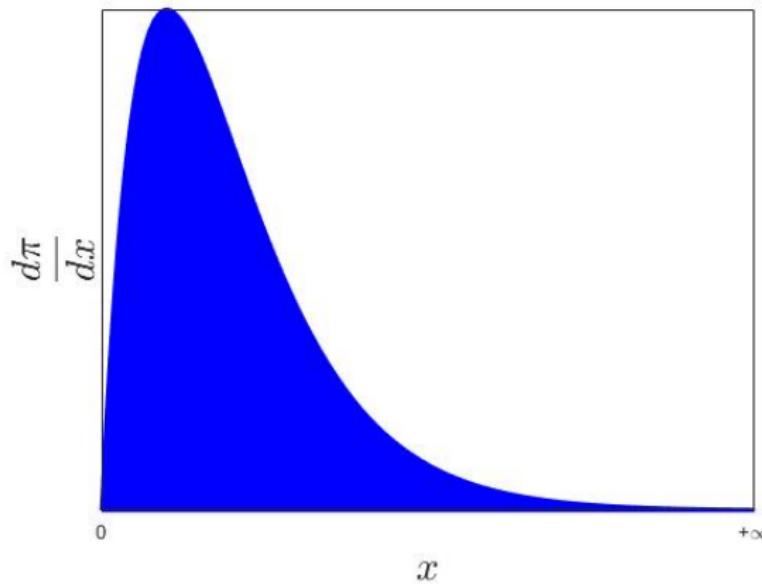
## Iteration Complexity

It needs  $K_\varepsilon \approx \frac{M^2 p}{m^3 \varepsilon^2} \log\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)$  steps to reach  $\varepsilon$ -precision.

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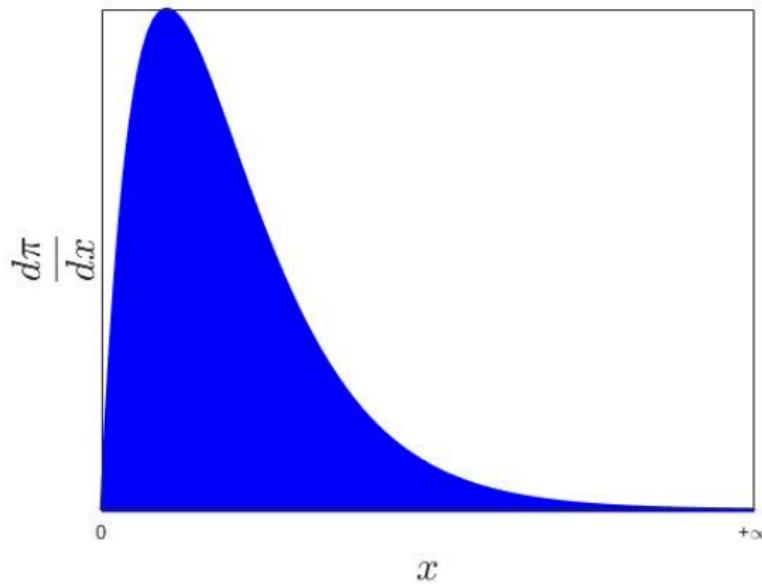
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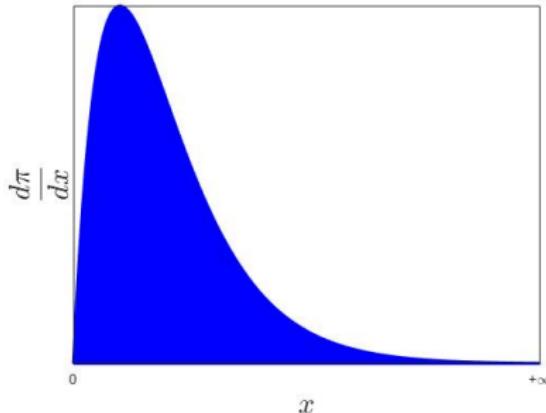
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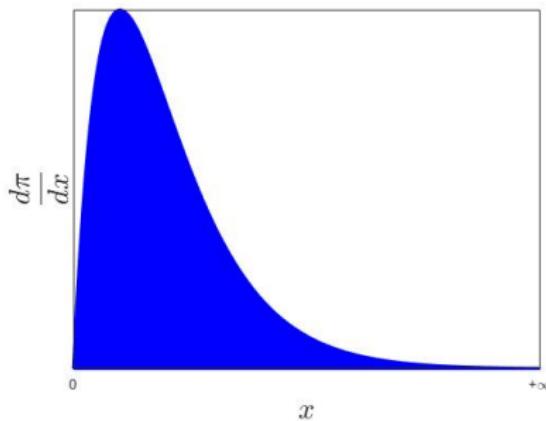
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- ▶ Interaction of key parameters:

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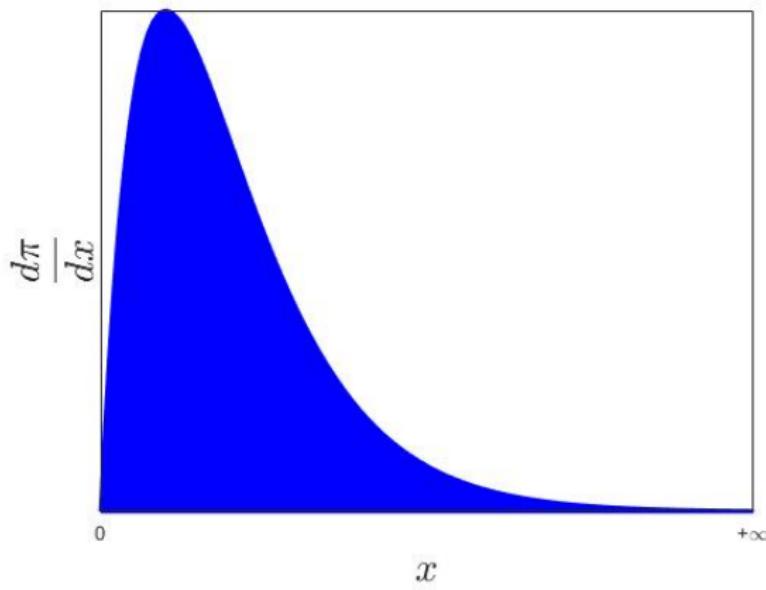
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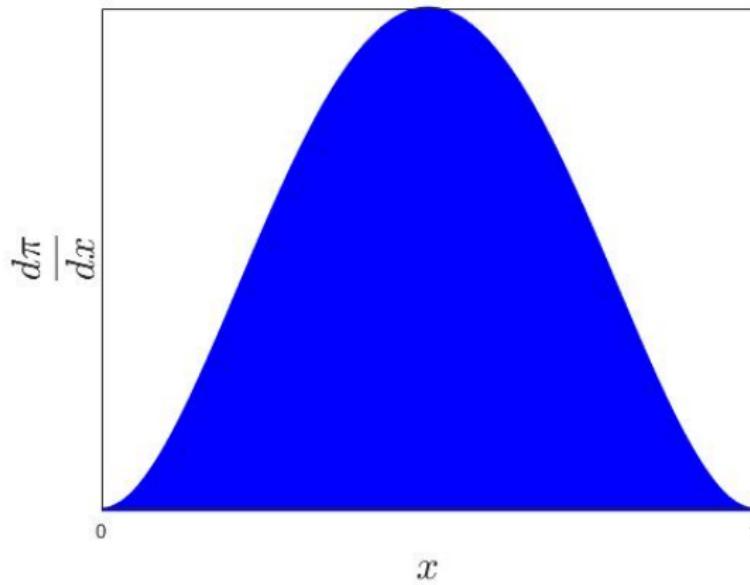
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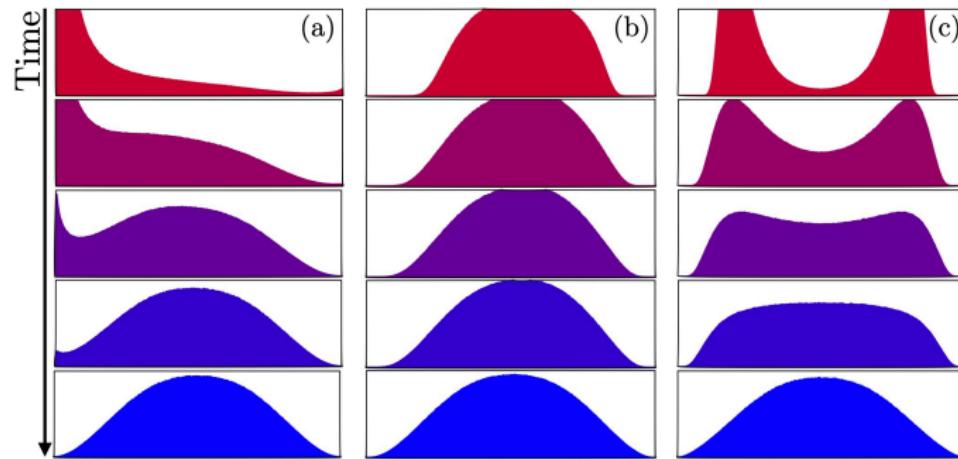
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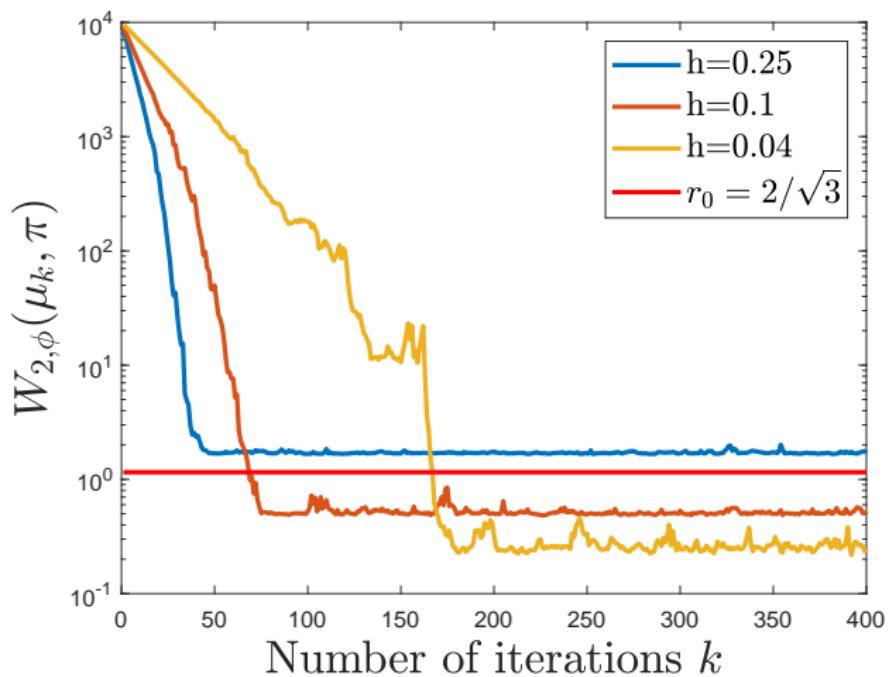
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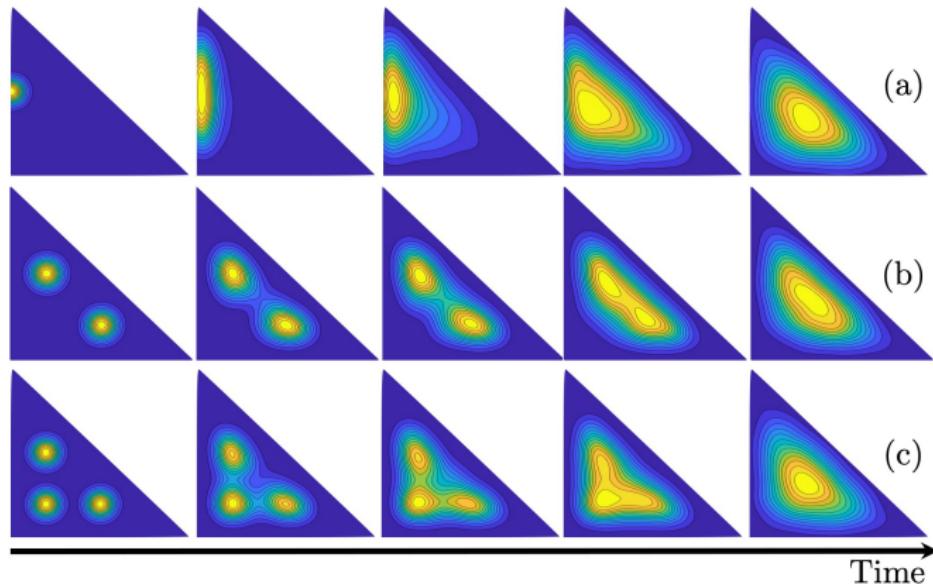
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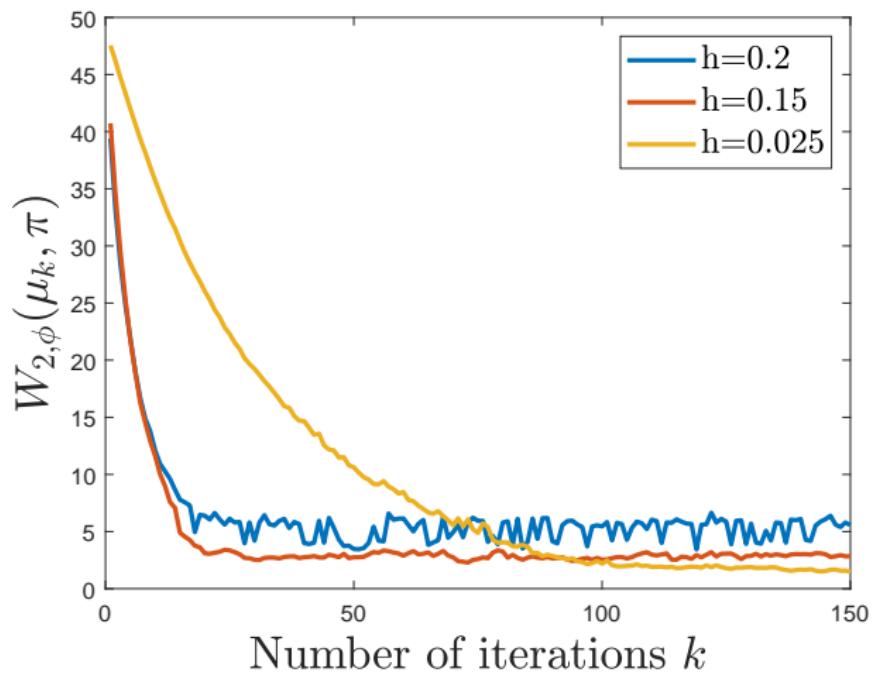
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