

Generalized Gradient Flows for Stochastic Prediction, Filtering, Learning and Control

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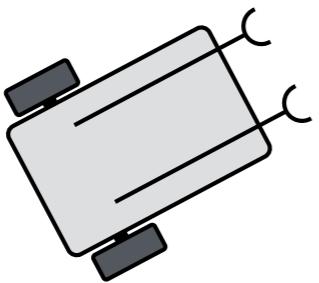


Overarching Theme

**Systems-control theory and algorithms
for densities**

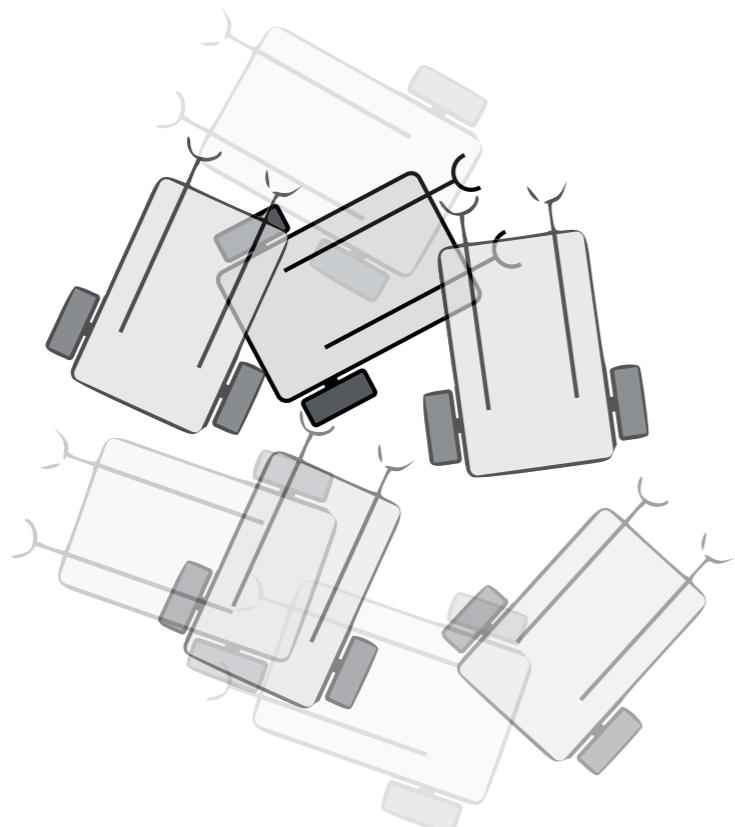
What is density?

Probability Density Fn.



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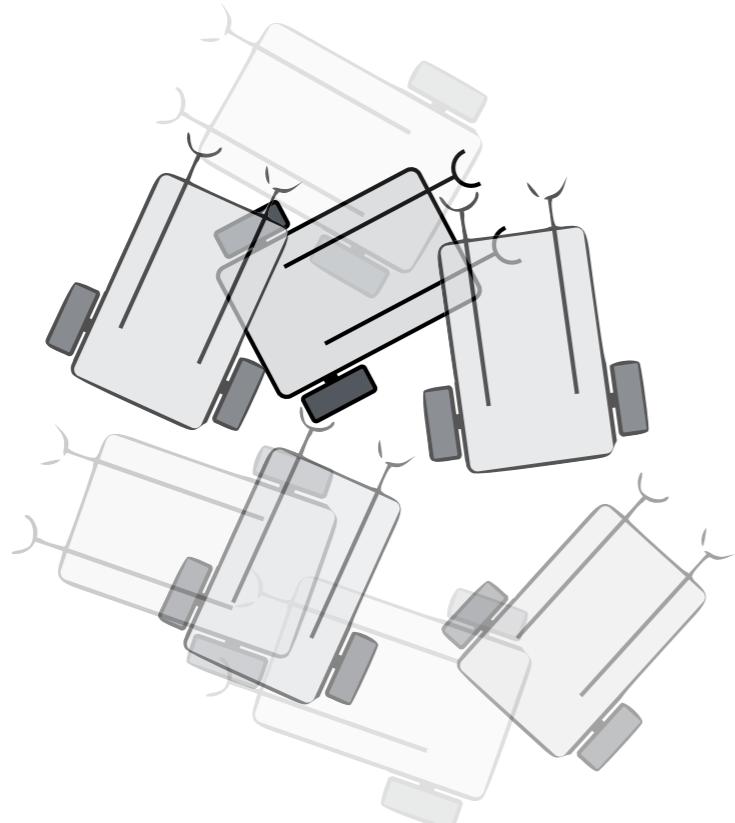


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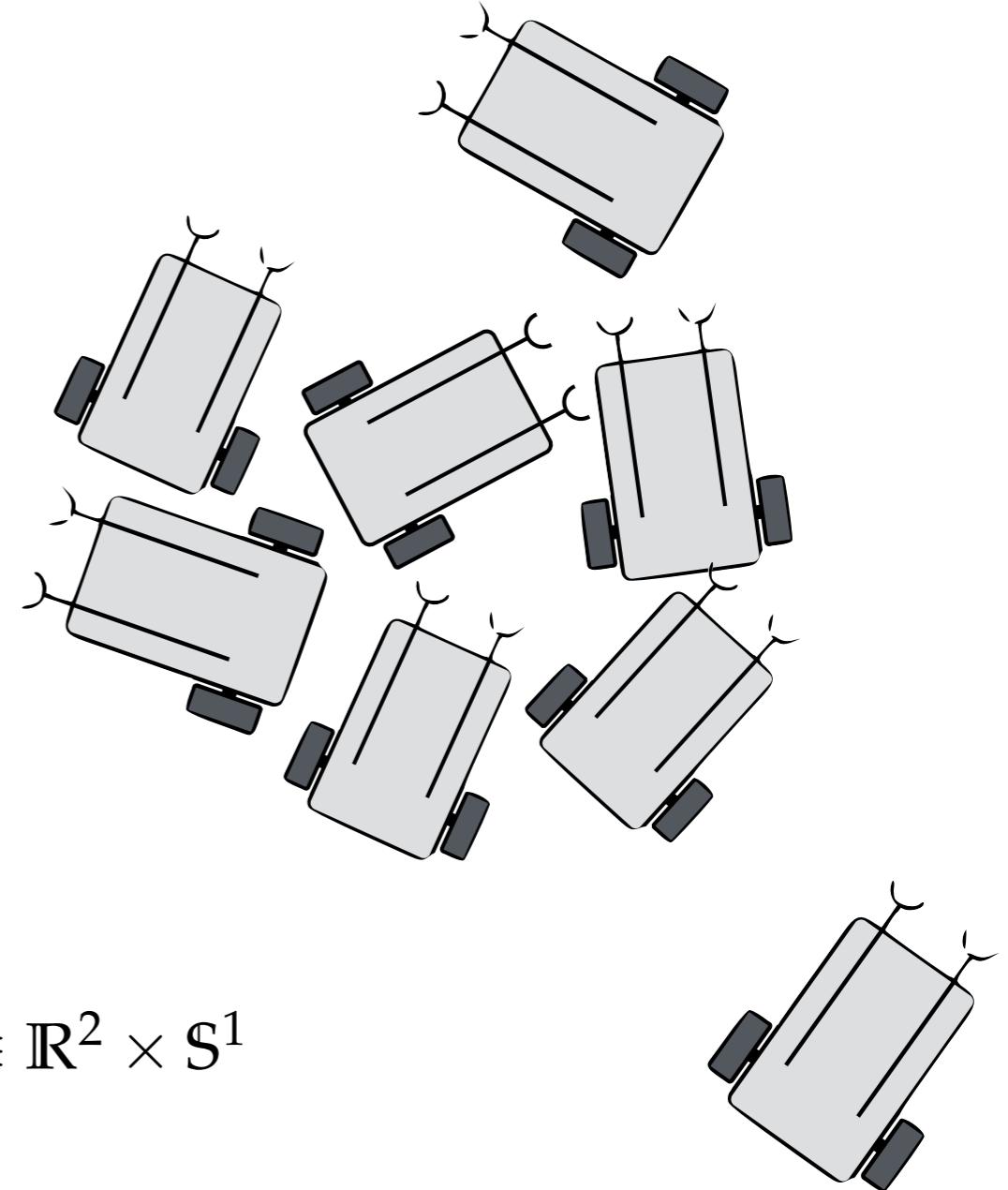
$$\rho(x, t) : \mathcal{X} \times [0, \infty) \mapsto \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}} \rho \, dx = 1 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, \infty)$$

Probability Density Fn.



Population Density Fn.



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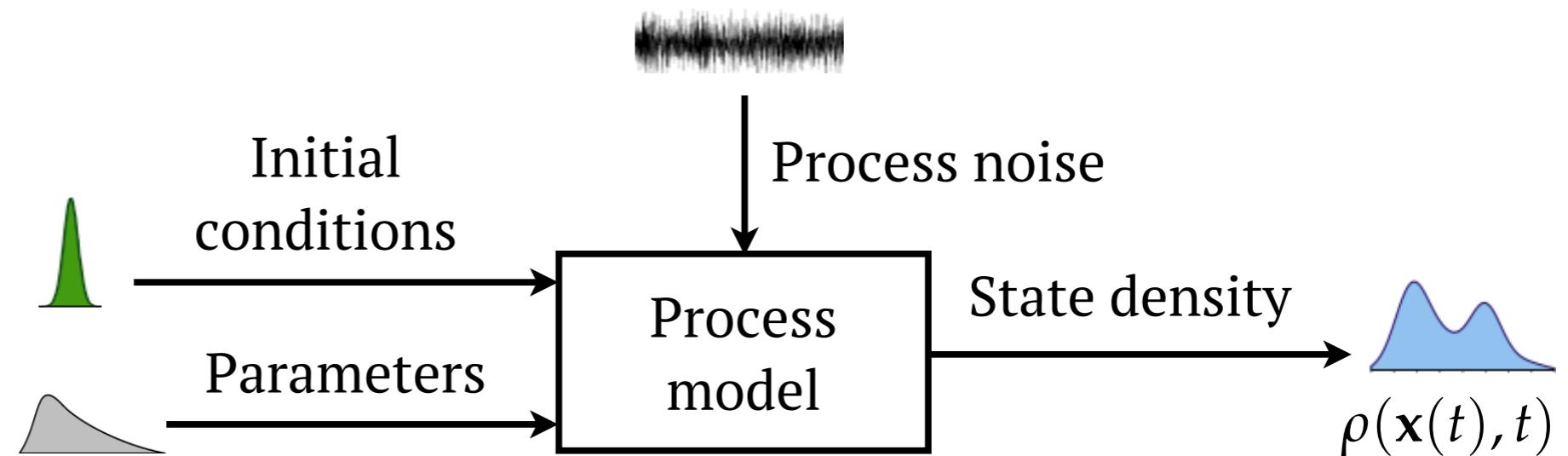
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Why do we care about densities
in systems-control problems?

Prediction Problem

Compute
joint state PDF

$$\rho(x, t)$$



Trajectory flow:

$$d\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, t) dt + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, t) dw(t), \quad dw(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Qdt)$$

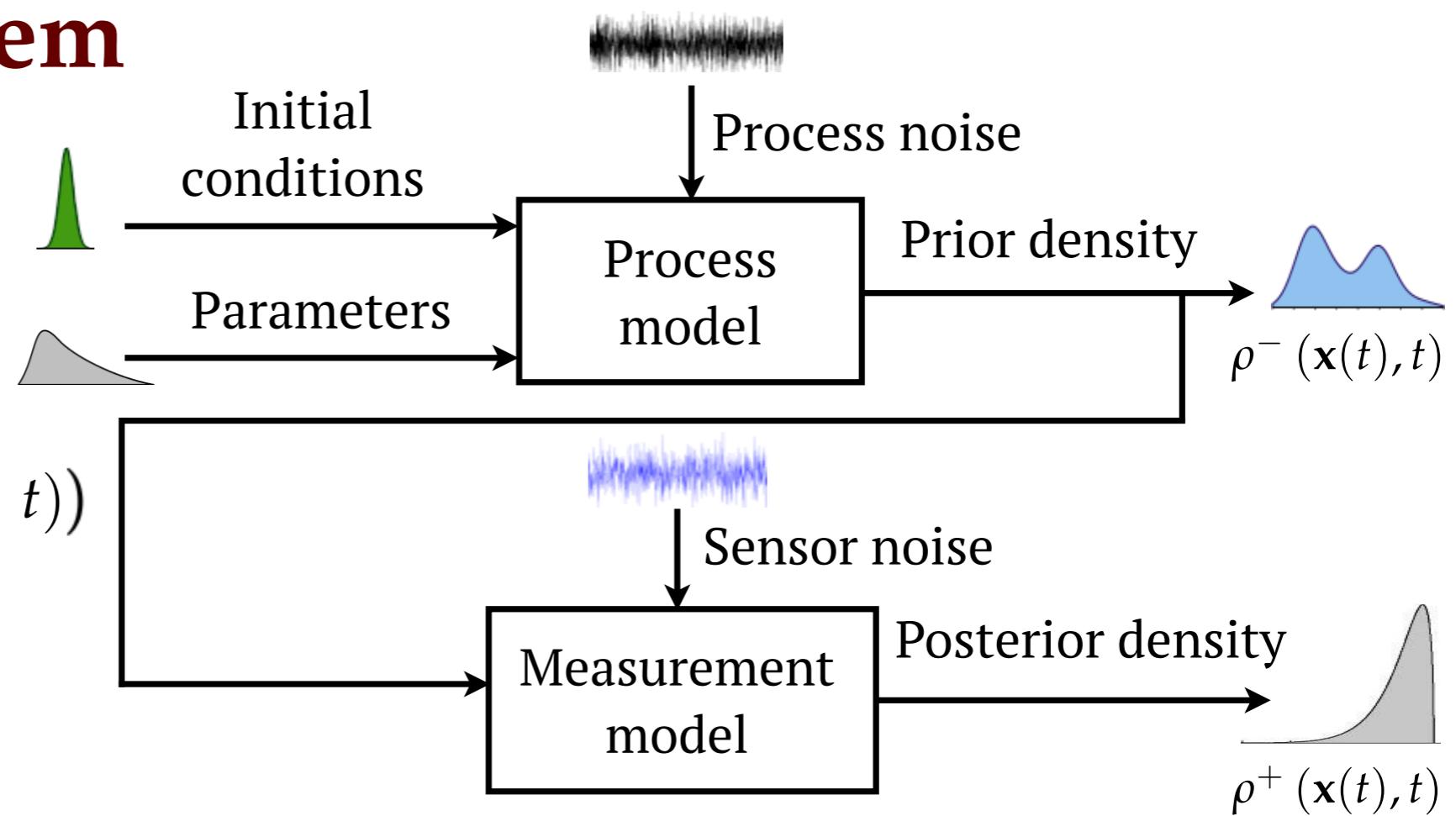
Density flow:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}}(\rho) := -\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{f}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \left(\left(\mathbf{g} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{g}^\top \right)_{ij} \rho \right)$$

Filtering Problem

Compute conditional joint state PDF

$$\rho^+ := \rho(x, t \mid z(s), 0 \leq s \leq t))$$



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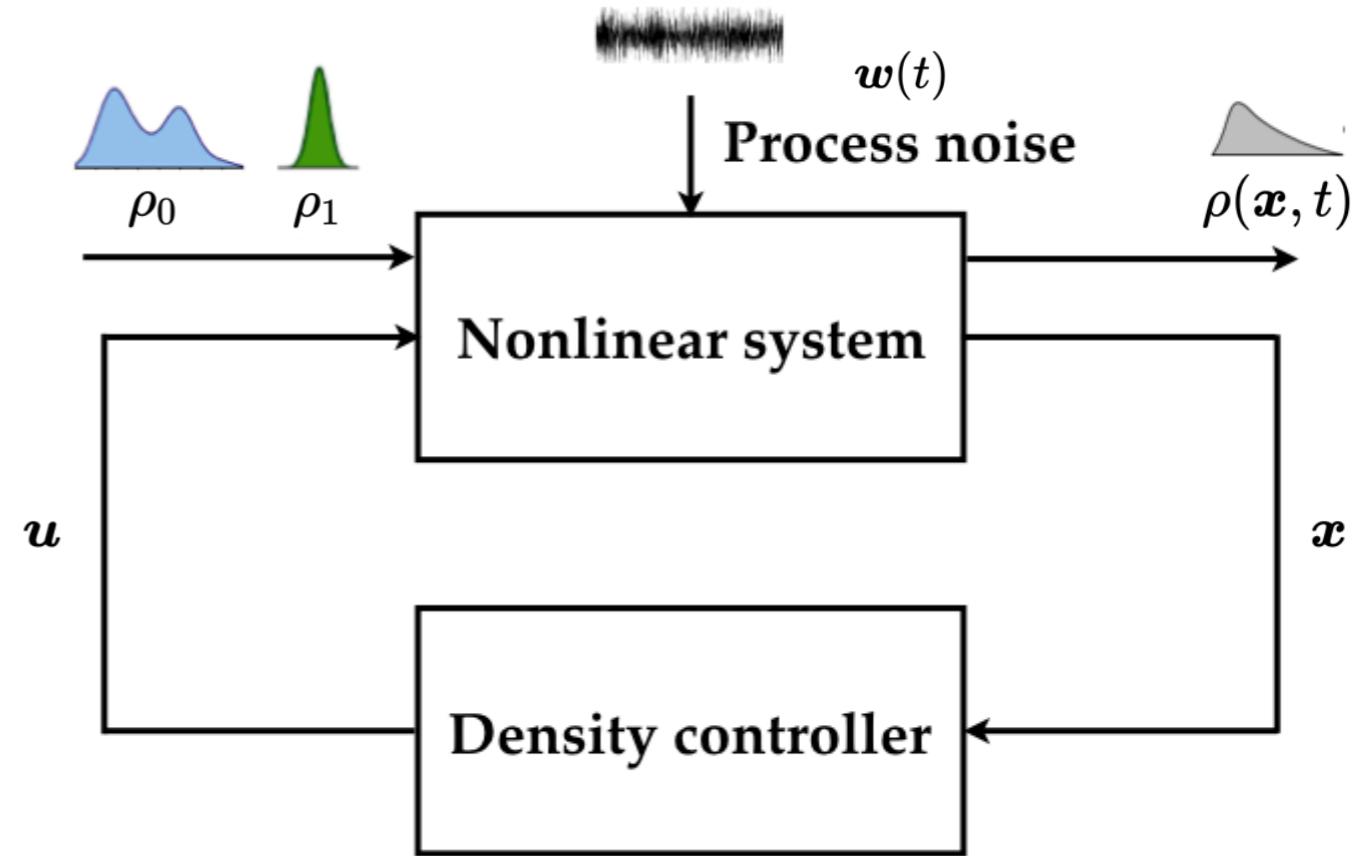
$$d\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}, t) dt + dv(t), \quad dv(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Rdt)$$

Density flow:

$$d\rho^+ = \left[\mathcal{L}_{FP} dt + (\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}, t) - \mathbb{E}_{\rho^+}\{\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}, t)\})^\top \mathbf{R}^{-1} (d\mathbf{z}(t) - \mathbb{E}_{\rho^+}\{\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}, t)\} dt) \right] \rho^+$$

Control Problem

Steer joint state PDF via feedback control over finite time horizon



$$\underset{u \in \mathcal{U}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^1 \|u\|_2^2 \, dt \right]$$

subject to

$$dx = f(x, u, t) \, dt + g(x, t) \, dw,$$

$$x(t=0) \sim \rho_0, \quad x(t=1) \sim \rho_1$$

Neural Network Learning Problem

Consider fully connected NN

Think “layers” as interacting population of neurons

Mean field learning problem:

$$\inf_{\rho \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^p)} R\left(\int \Phi(x, \theta) \rho(\theta) d\theta\right)$$

PDF dynamics:

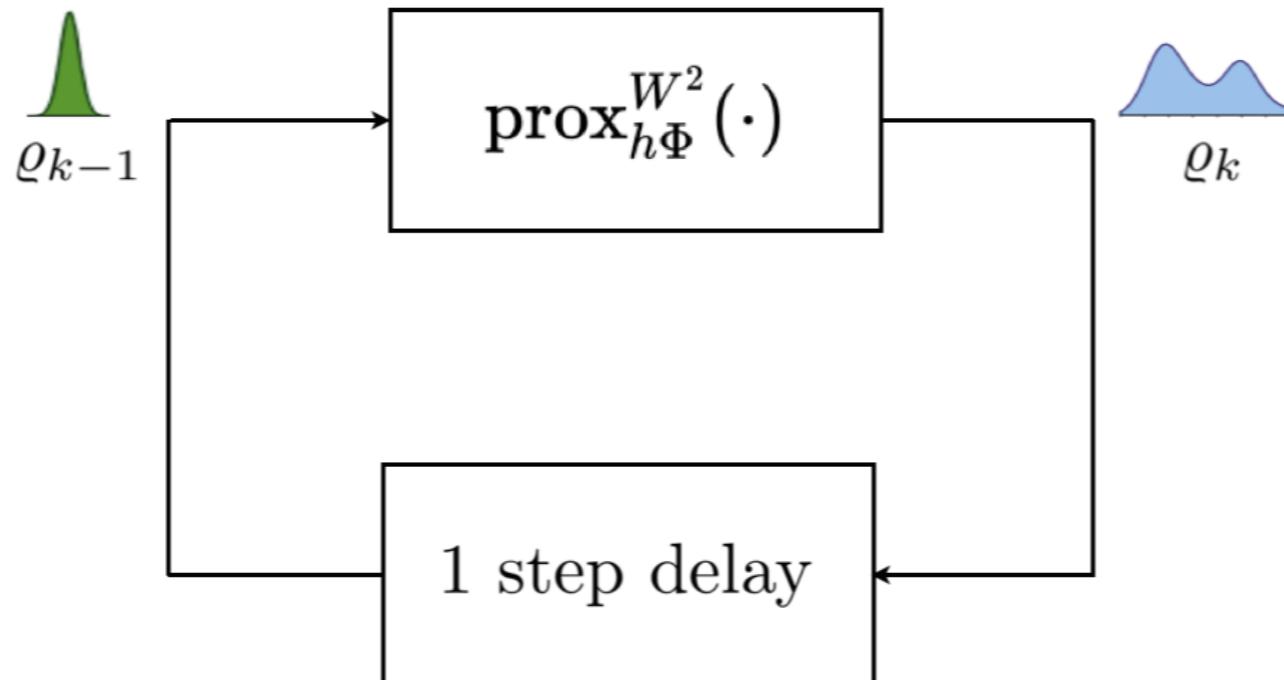
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla^W R\left(\int \Phi \rho\right) = \nabla \cdot \left(\rho \nabla \frac{\delta}{\delta \rho} R\left(\int \Phi \rho\right) \right)$$

Solving prediction problem as generalized gradient flow

What's New?

Main idea: Solve $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}} \rho$, $\rho(x, t=0) = \rho_0$ as gradient flow in $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathcal{X})$

Infinite dimensional variational recursion:



Proximal operator: $\rho_k = \text{prox}_{h\Phi}^{W^2}(\rho_{k-1}) := \arg \inf_{\rho \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathcal{X})} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} W^2(\rho, \rho_{k-1}) + h\Phi(\rho) \right\}$

Optimal transport cost: $W^2(\rho, \rho_{k-1}) := \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\rho, \rho_{k-1})} \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} c(x, y) d\pi(x, y)$

Free energy functional: $\Phi(\rho) := \int_{\mathcal{X}} \psi \rho dx + \beta^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \rho \log \rho dx$

Geometric Meaning of Gradient Flow

Gradient Flow in \mathcal{X}

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = -\nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$$

Gradient Flow in $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathcal{X})$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla^W \Phi(\rho), \quad \rho(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \rho_0$$

Recursion:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x}_k &= \mathbf{x}_{k-1} - h \nabla \varphi(\mathbf{x}_k) \\ &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{k-1}\|_2^2 + h \varphi(\mathbf{x}) \right\} \\ &=: \text{prox}_{h\varphi}^{\|\cdot\|_2}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1})\end{aligned}$$

Recursion:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_k &= \rho(\cdot, t = kh) \\ &= \arg \min_{\rho \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathcal{X})} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} W^2(\rho, \rho_{k-1}) + h \Phi(\rho) \right\} \\ &=: \text{prox}_{h\Phi}^{W^2}(\rho_{k-1})\end{aligned}$$

Convergence:

$$\mathbf{x}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{x}(t = kh) \quad \text{as} \quad h \downarrow 0$$

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φ as Lyapunov function:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \varphi = - \|\nabla \varphi\|_2^2 \leq 0$$

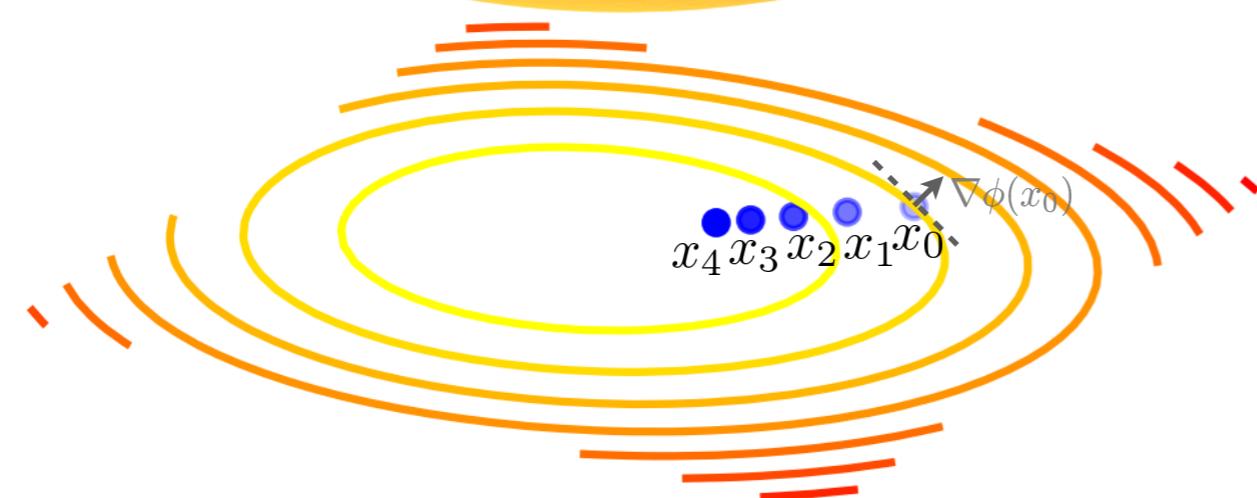
Φ as Lyapunov functional:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Phi = -\mathbb{E}_\rho \left[\left\| \nabla \frac{\delta \Phi}{\delta \rho} \right\|_2^2 \right] \leq 0$$

Geometric Meaning of Gradient Flow

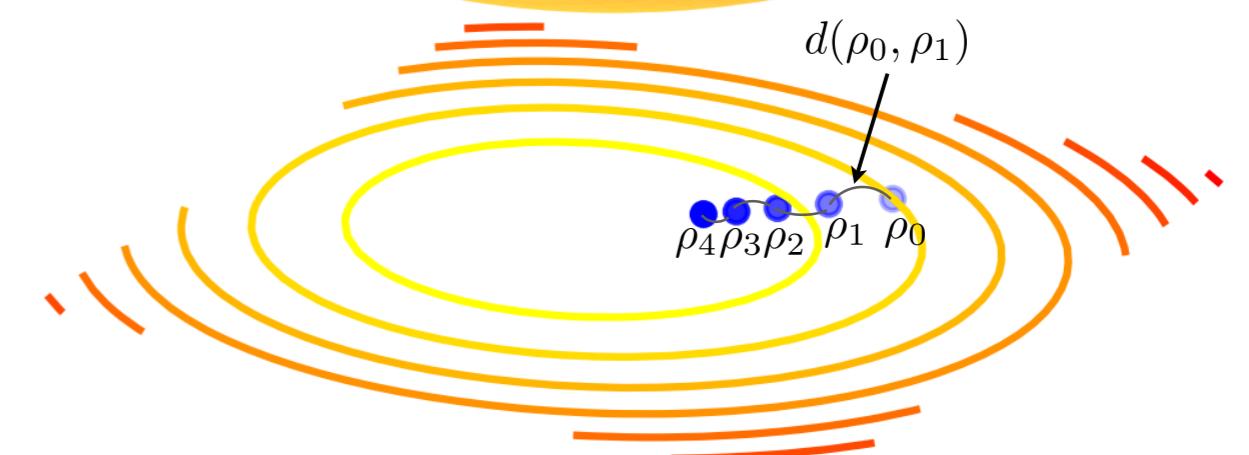
Gradient Flow in \mathcal{X}

$$z = \phi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^2$$



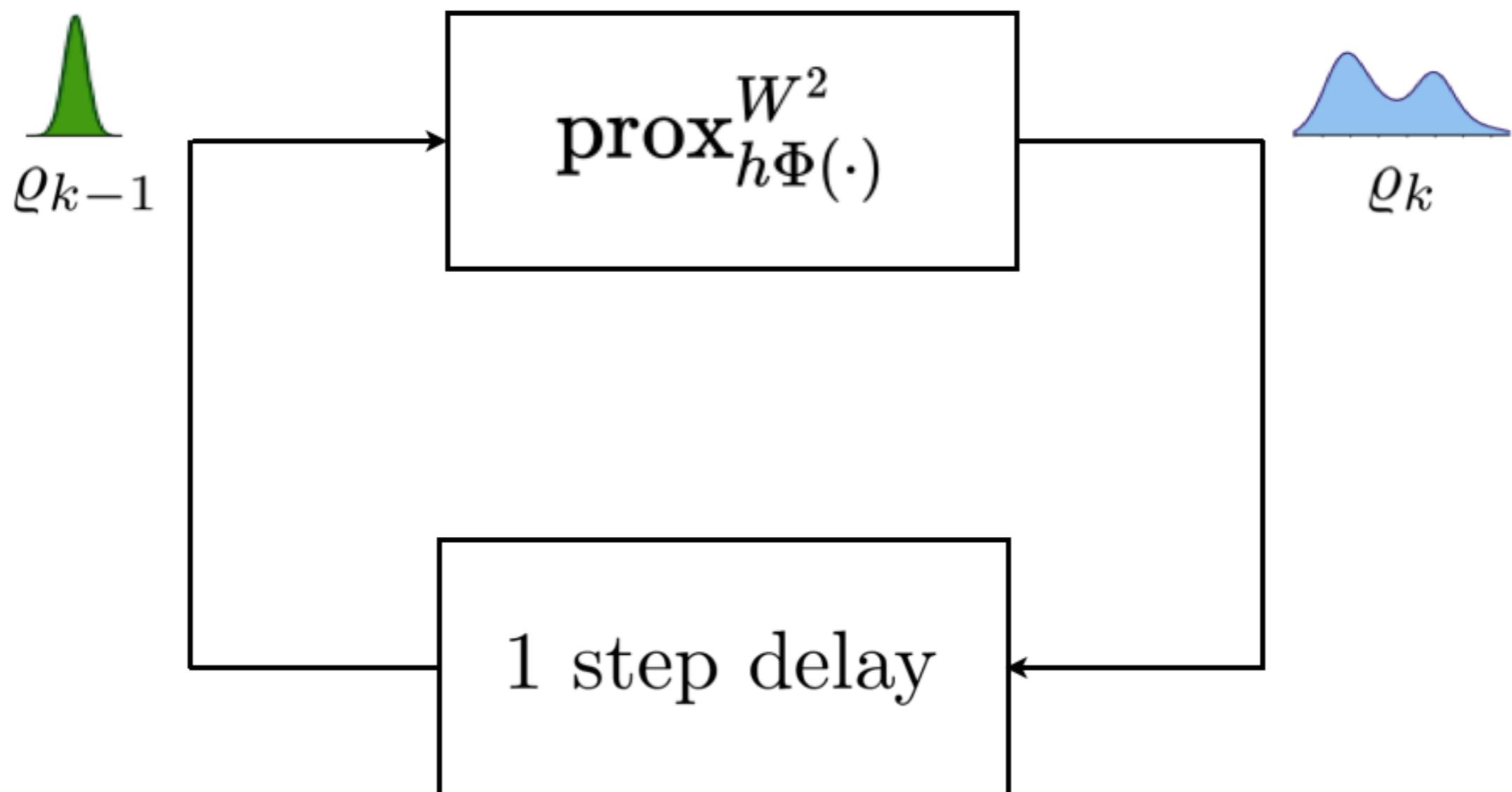
Gradient Flow in $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathcal{X})$

$$z = \Phi(\rho), \quad \rho \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathcal{X})$$



Algorithm: Gradient Ascent on the Dual Space

Uncertainty propagation via point clouds



No spatial discretization or function approximation

Algorithm: Gradient Ascent on the Dual Space

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \psi \rho) + \beta^{-1} \Delta \rho$$

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Proximal Recursion

$$\rho_k = \rho(\mathbf{x}, t = kh) = \arg \inf_{\rho \in \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} W^2(\rho, \rho_{k-1}) + h \Phi(\rho) \right\}$$

⇓

Discrete Primal Formulation

$$\varrho_k = \arg \min_{\varrho} \left\{ \min_{\mathbf{M} \in \Pi(\varrho_{k-1}, \varrho)} \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{C}_k, \mathbf{M} \rangle + h \langle \psi_{k-1} + \beta^{-1} \log \varrho, \varrho \rangle \right\}$$

⇓

Entropic Regularization

$$\varrho_k = \arg \min_{\varrho} \left\{ \min_{\mathbf{M} \in \Pi(\varrho_{k-1}, \varrho)} \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{C}_k, \mathbf{M} \rangle + \epsilon H(\mathbf{M}) + h \langle \psi_{k-1} + \beta^{-1} \log \varrho, \varrho \rangle \right\}$$

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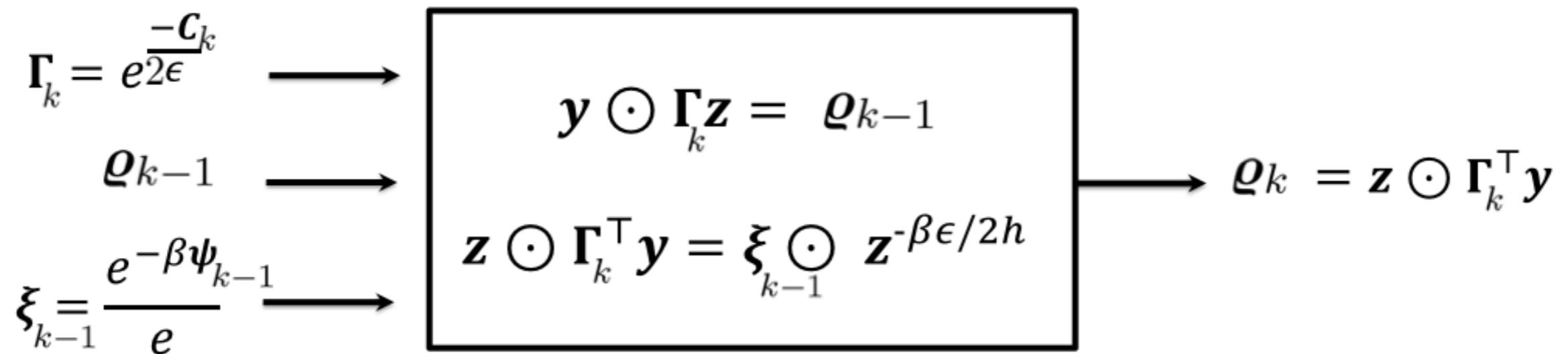
Dualization

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_0^{\text{opt}}, \lambda_1^{\text{opt}} &= \arg \max_{\lambda_0, \lambda_1 \geq 0} \left\{ \langle \lambda_0, \varrho_{k-1} \rangle - F^*(-\lambda_1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\epsilon}{h} \left(\exp(\lambda_0^\top h/\epsilon) \exp(-\mathbf{C}_k/2\epsilon) \exp(\lambda_1 h/\epsilon) \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Recursion on the Cone

$$y = e^{\frac{\lambda_0^*}{\epsilon} h} \quad z = e^{\frac{\lambda_1^*}{\epsilon} h}$$

Coupled Transcendental Equations in y and z

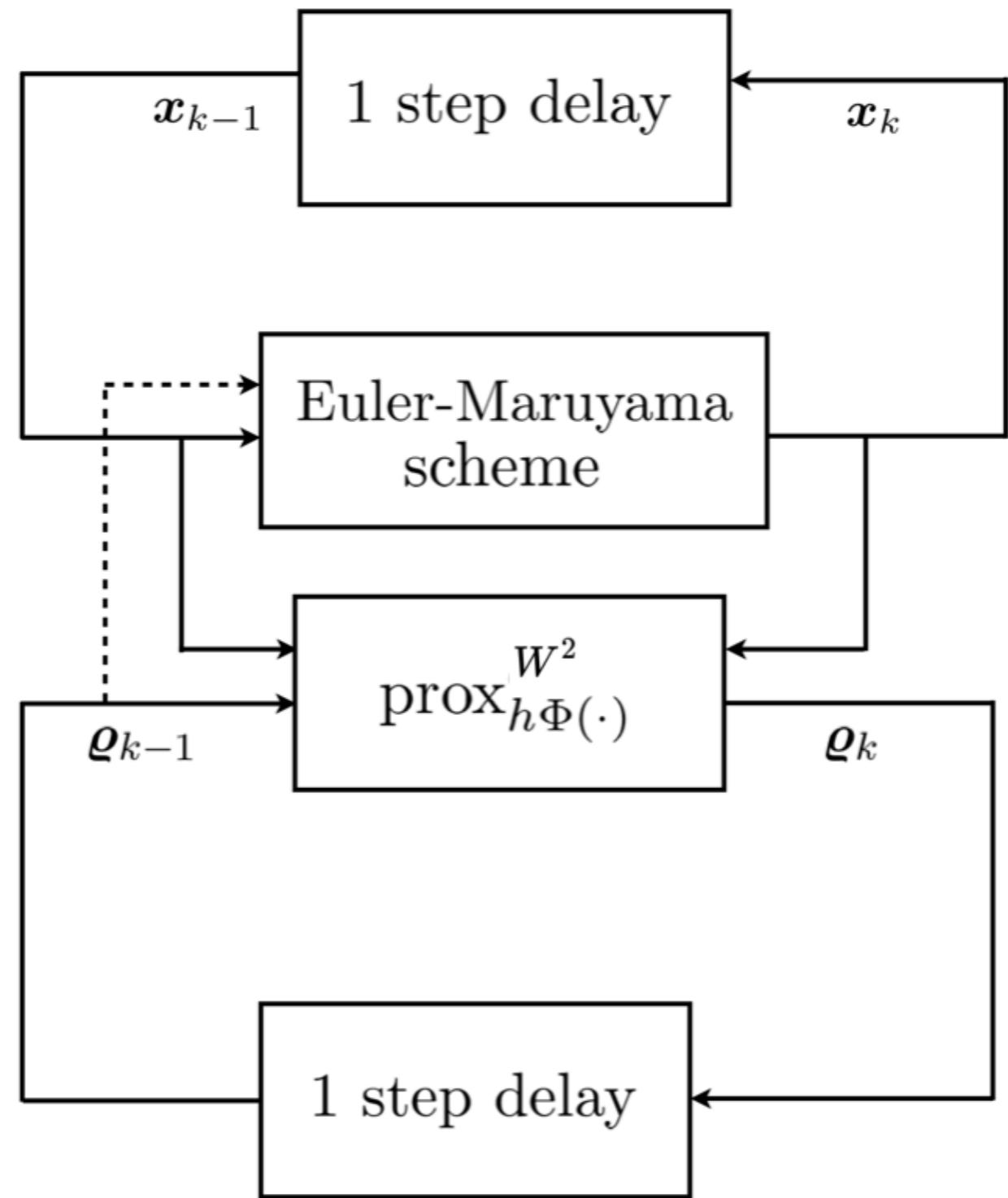


Theorem: Consider the recursion on the cone $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$

$$y \odot (\Gamma_k z) = Q_{k-1}, \quad z \odot (\Gamma_k^T y) = \xi_{k-1} \odot z^{-\frac{\beta\epsilon}{h}},$$

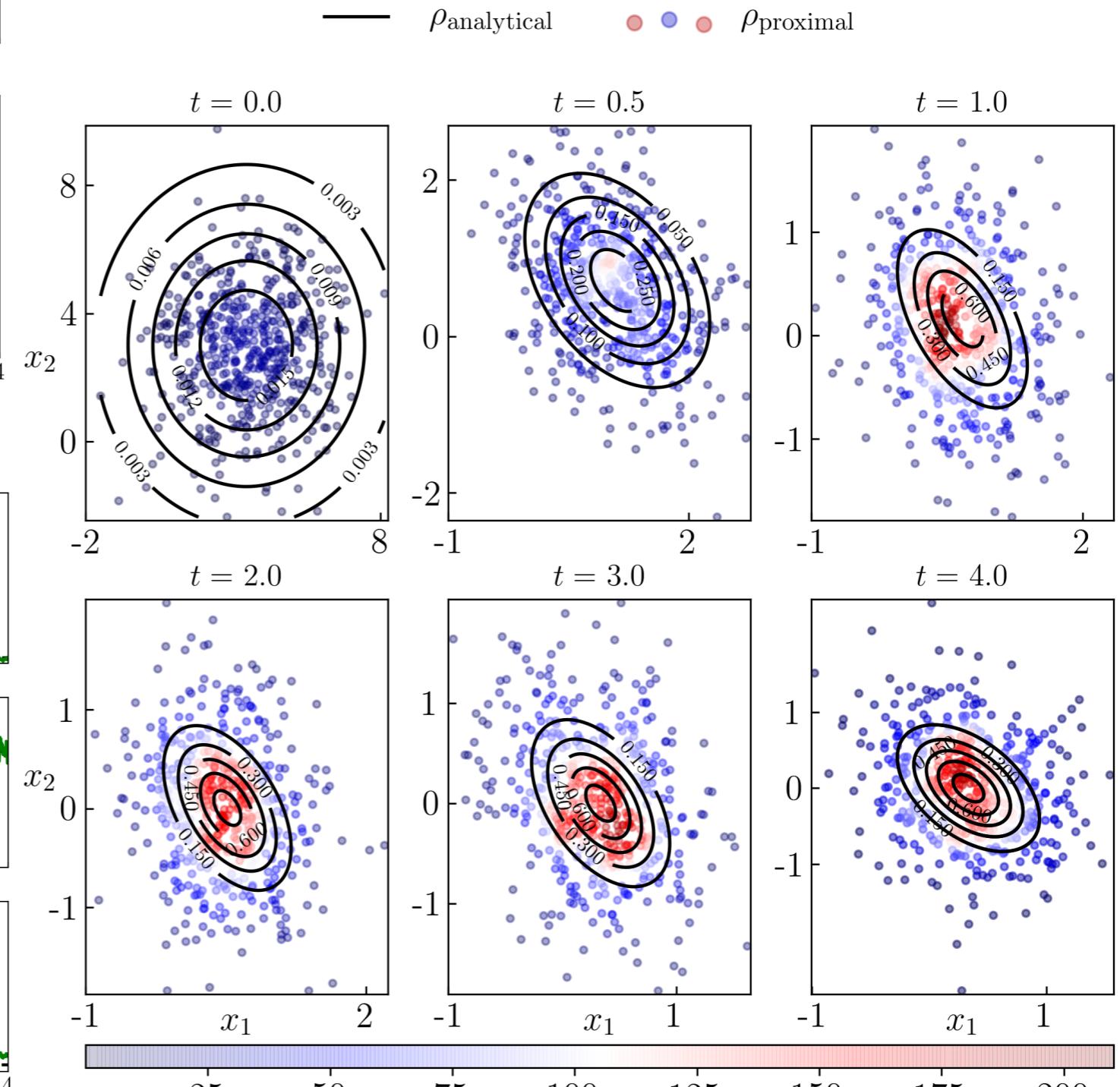
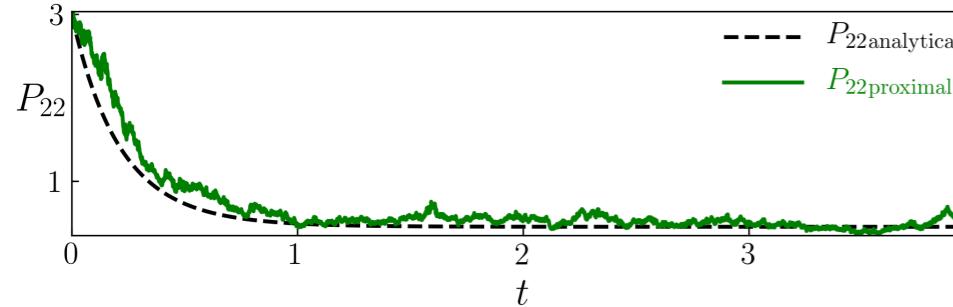
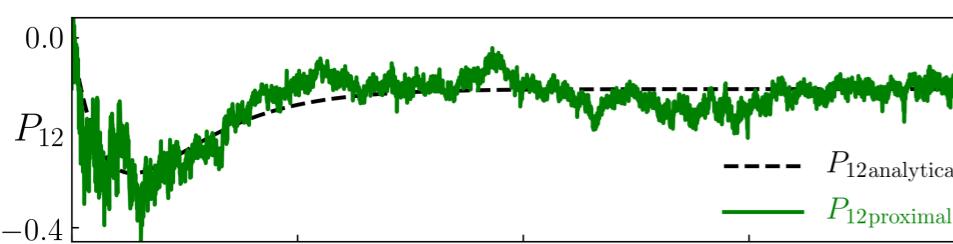
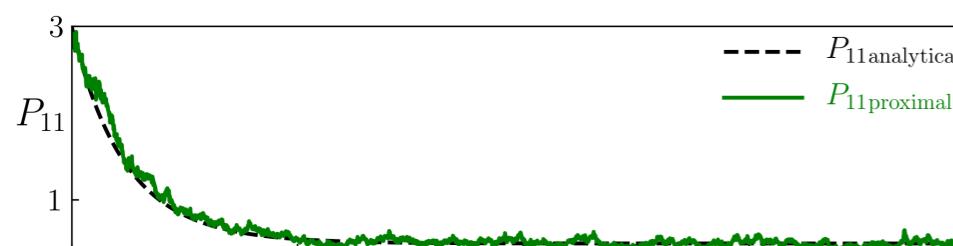
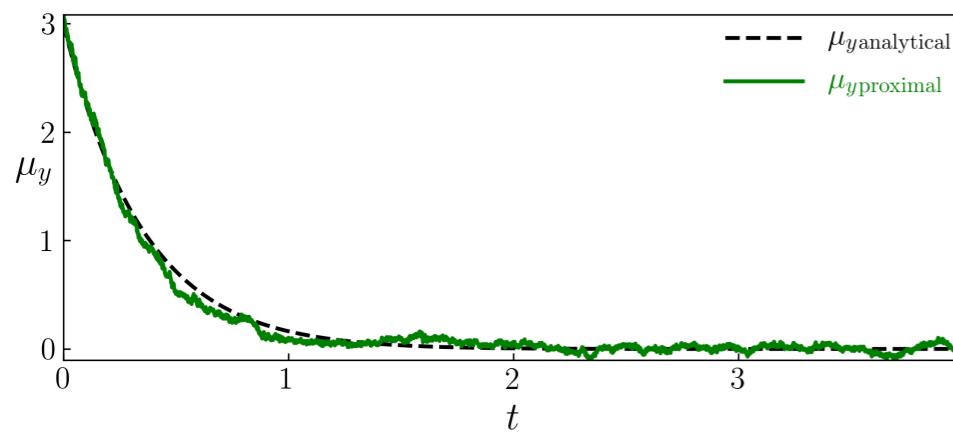
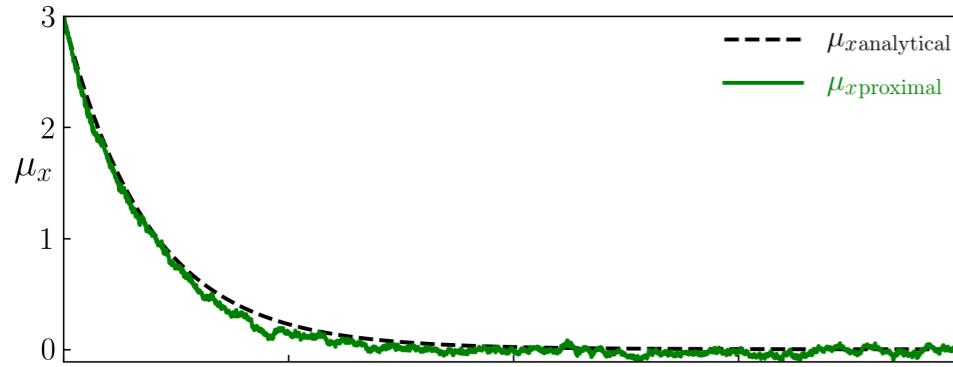
Then the solution (y^*, z^*) gives the proximal update $Q_k = z^* \odot (\Gamma_k^T y^*)$

Algorithmic Setup

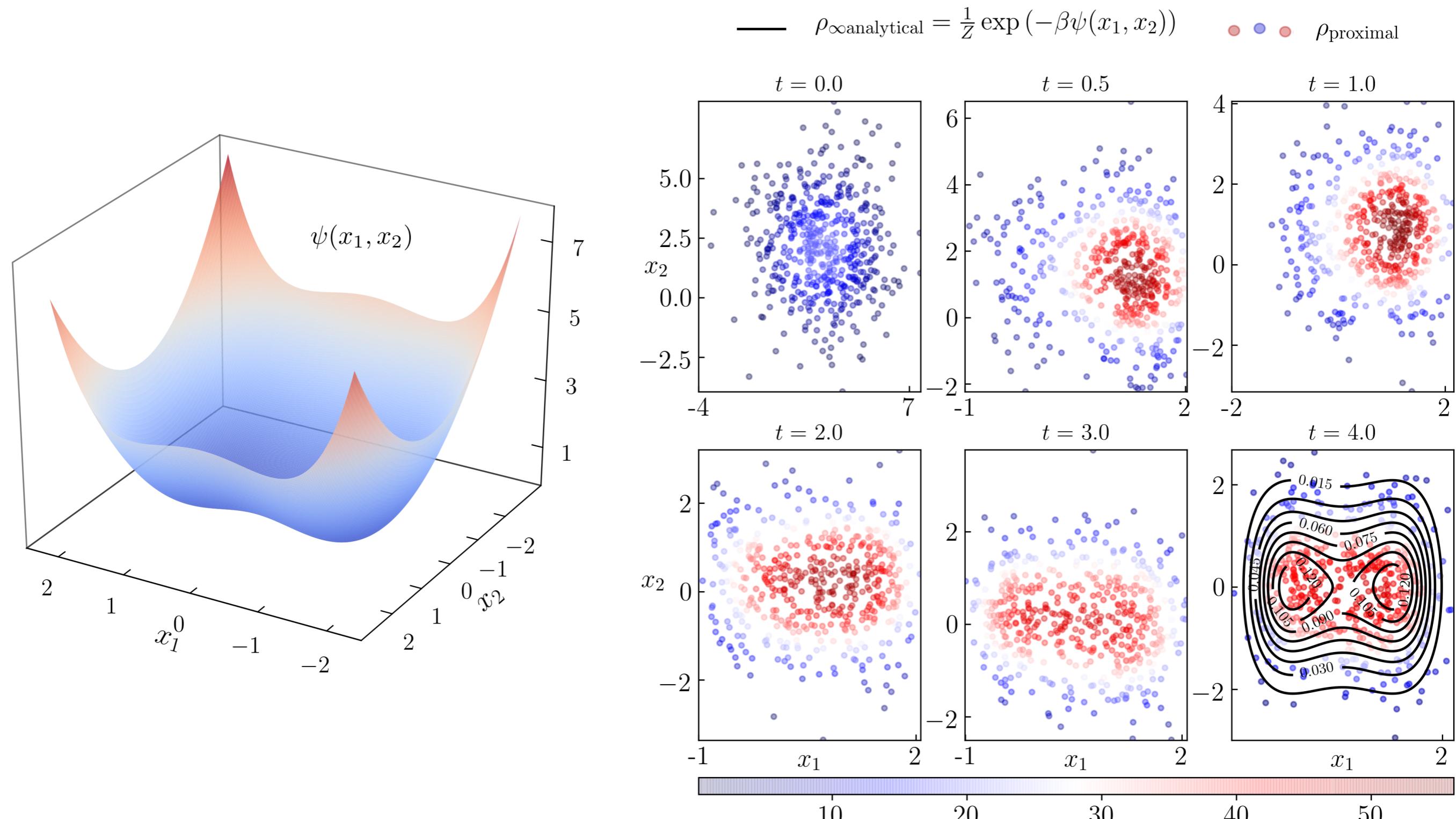


Theorem: Block co-ordinate iteration of (y, z) recursion is contractive on $\mathbb{R}_{>0}^n \times \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n$.

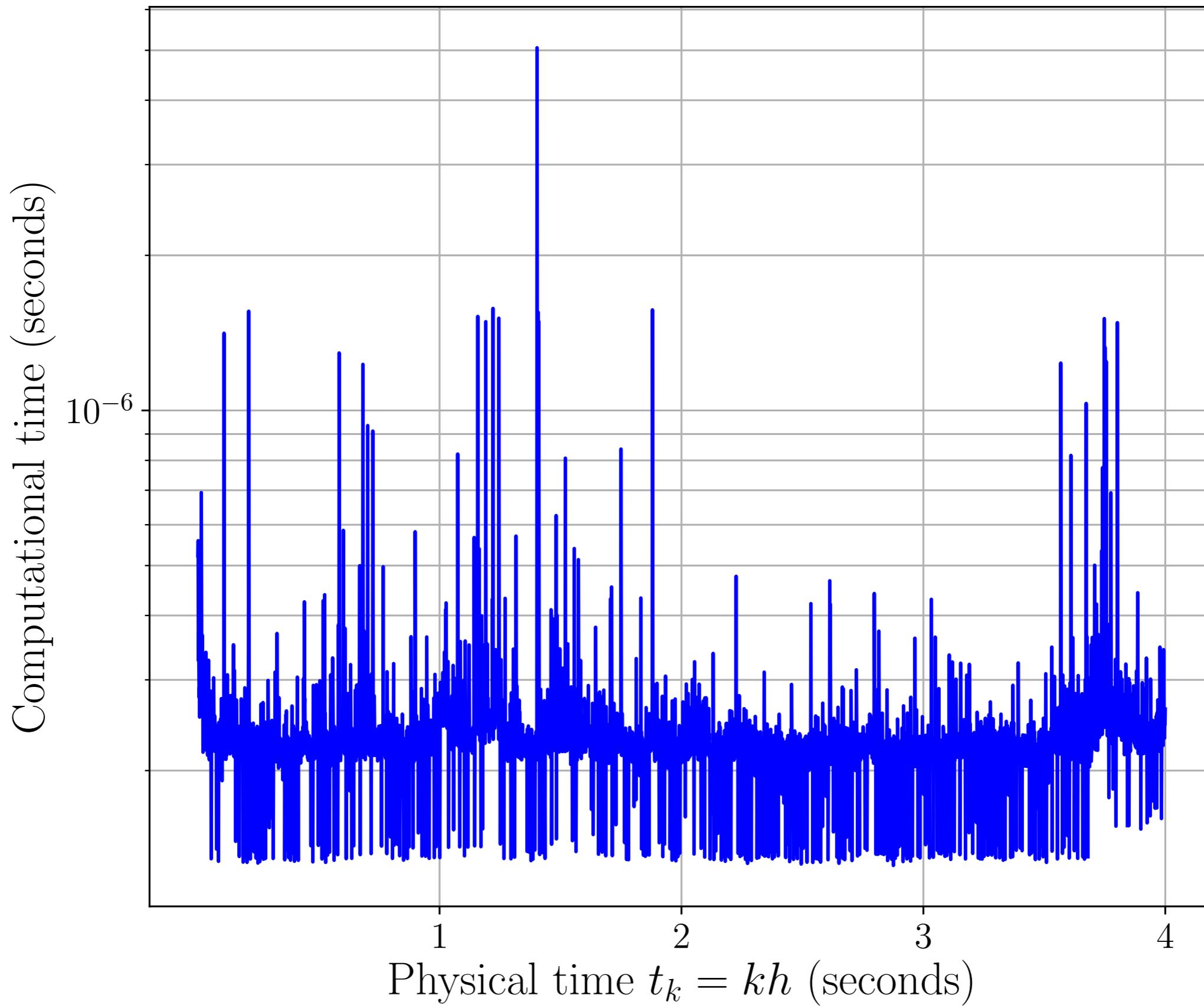
Proximal Prediction: 2D Linear Gaussian



Proximal Prediction: Nonlinear Non-Gaussian



Computational Time: Nonlinear Non-Gaussian



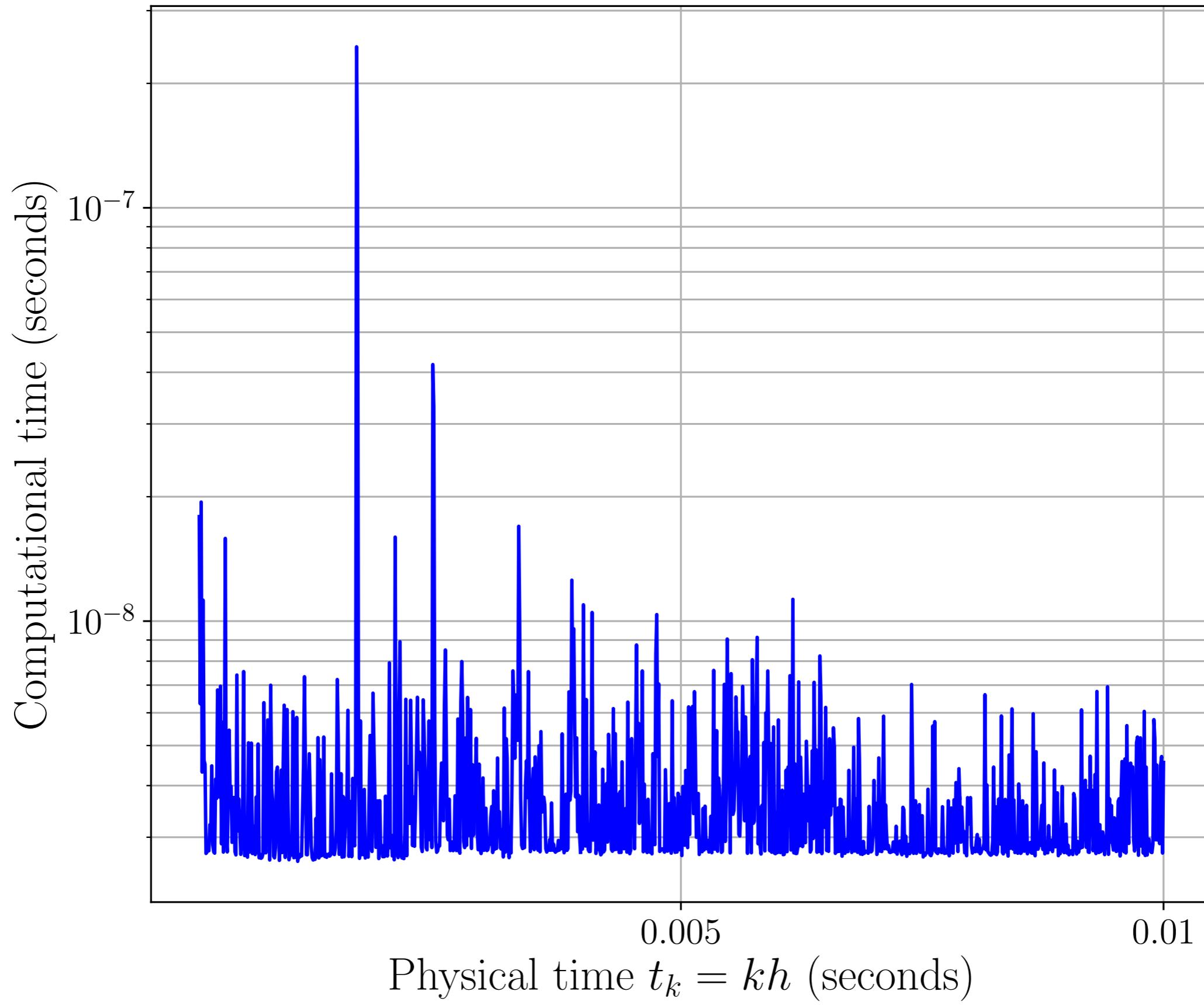
Proximal Prediction: Satellite in Geocentric Orbit

Here, $\mathcal{X} \equiv \mathbb{R}^6$

$$\begin{pmatrix} dx \\ dy \\ dz \\ dv_x \\ dv_y \\ dv_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ -\frac{\mu x}{r^3} + (f_x)_{\text{pert}} - \gamma v_x \\ -\frac{\mu y}{r^3} + (f_y)_{\text{pert}} - \gamma v_y \\ -\frac{\mu z}{r^3} + (f_z)_{\text{pert}} - \gamma v_z \end{pmatrix} dt + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}\gamma} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ dw_1 \\ dw_2 \\ dw_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{pmatrix}_{\text{pert}} = \begin{pmatrix} s\theta \ c\phi & c\theta \ c\phi & -s\phi \\ s\theta \ s\phi & c\theta \ s\phi & c\phi \\ c\theta & -s\theta & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{k}{2r^4} (3(s\theta)^2 - 1) \\ -\frac{k}{r^5} s\theta \ c\theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad k := 3J_2 R_E^2, \mu = \text{constant}$$

Computational Time: Satellite in Geocentric Orbit



Extensions: Nonlocal Interactions

PDF dependent sample path dynamics:

$$dx = -(\nabla U(x) + \nabla \rho * V) dt + \sqrt{2\beta^{-1}} dw$$

McKean-Vlasov-Fokker-Planck-Kolmogorov integro PDE:

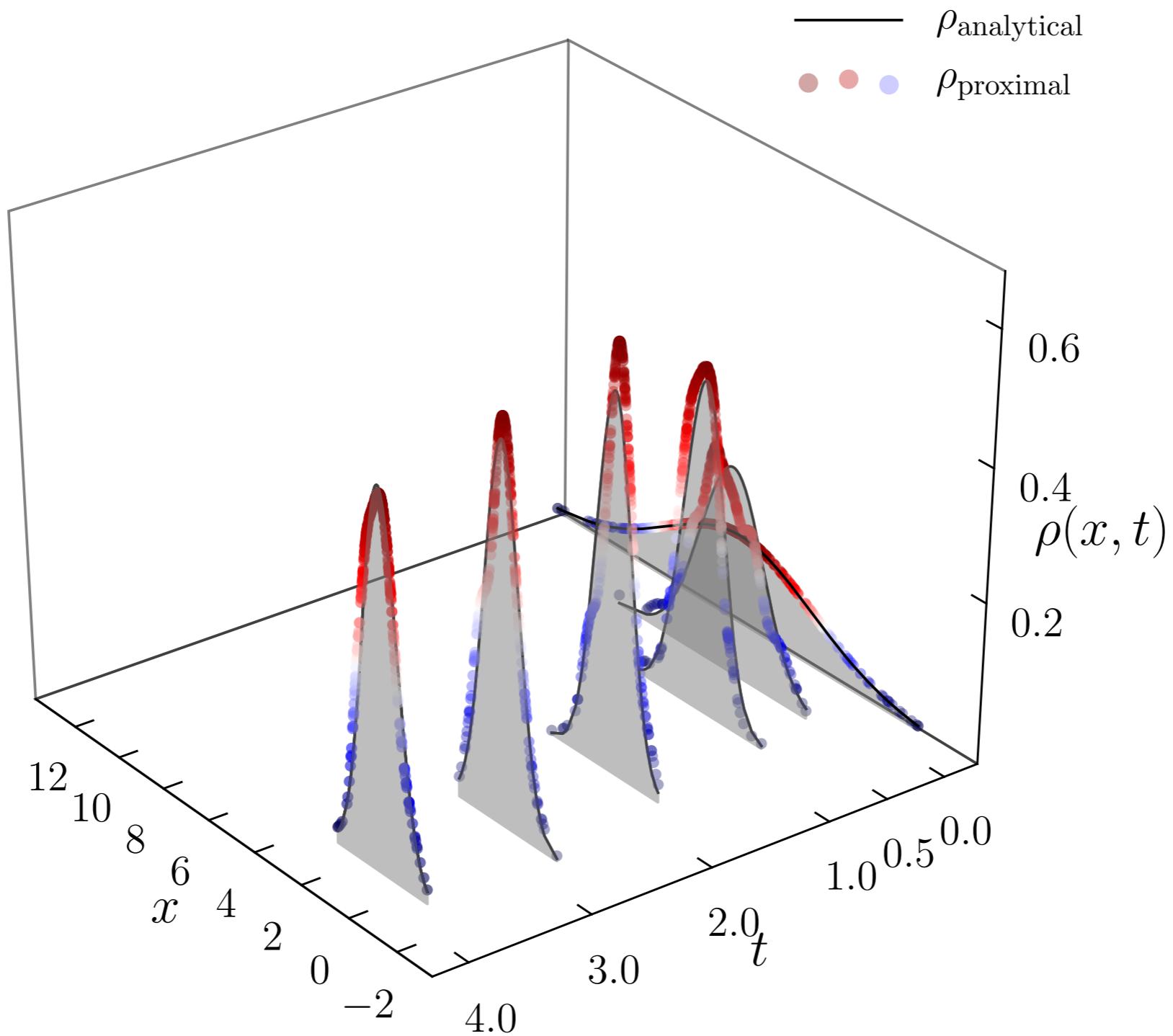
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla (U + \rho * V)) + \beta^{-1} \Delta \rho$$

Free energy:

$$F(\rho) := \mathbb{E}_\rho [U + \beta^{-1} \rho \log \rho + \rho * V]$$

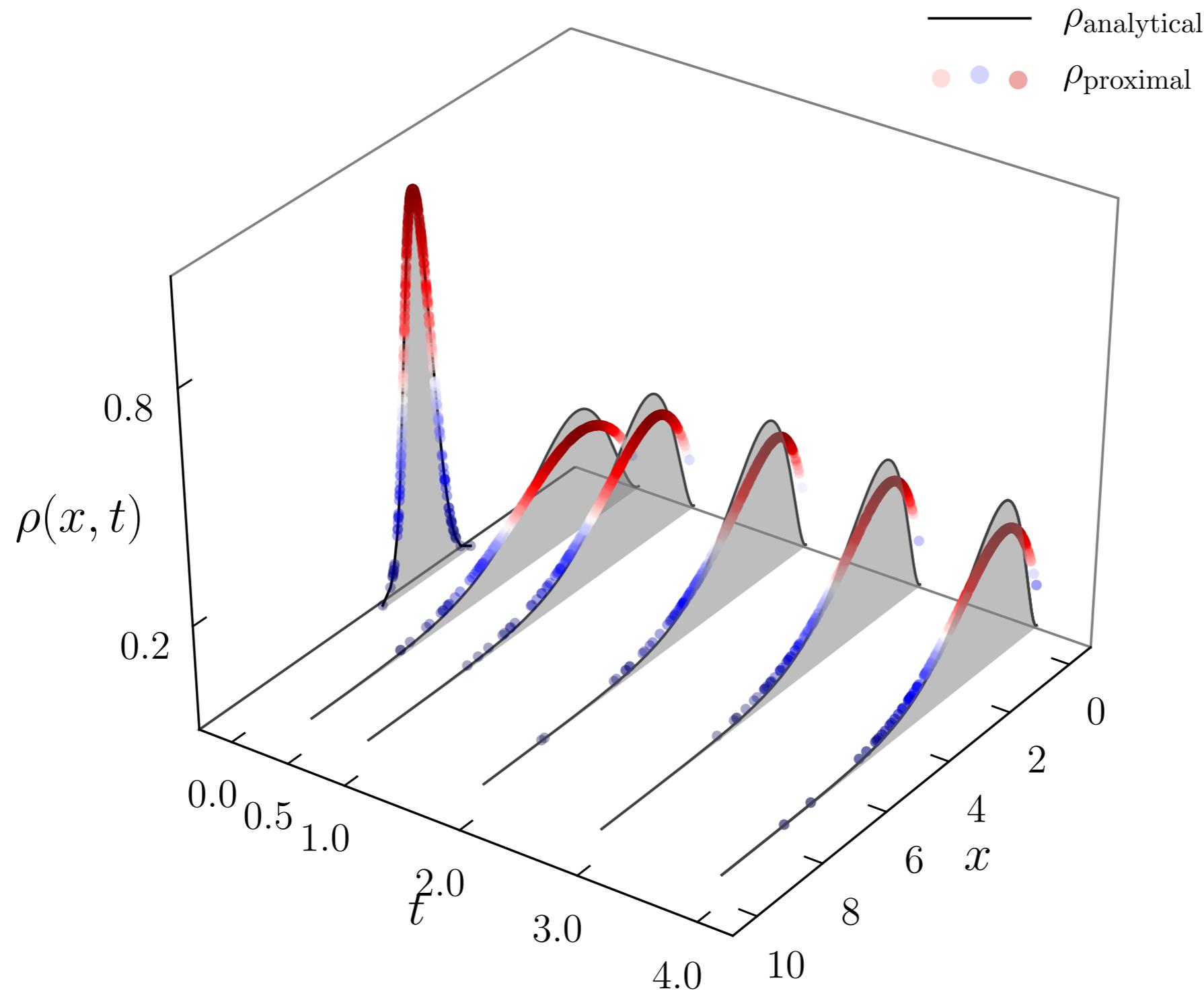
Extensions: Nonlocal Interactions

$$U(\cdot) = V(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|_2^2$$



Extensions: Multiplicative Noise

Cox-Ingersoll-Ross: $dx = a(\theta - x) dt + b\sqrt{x} dw, 2a > b^2, \theta > 0$



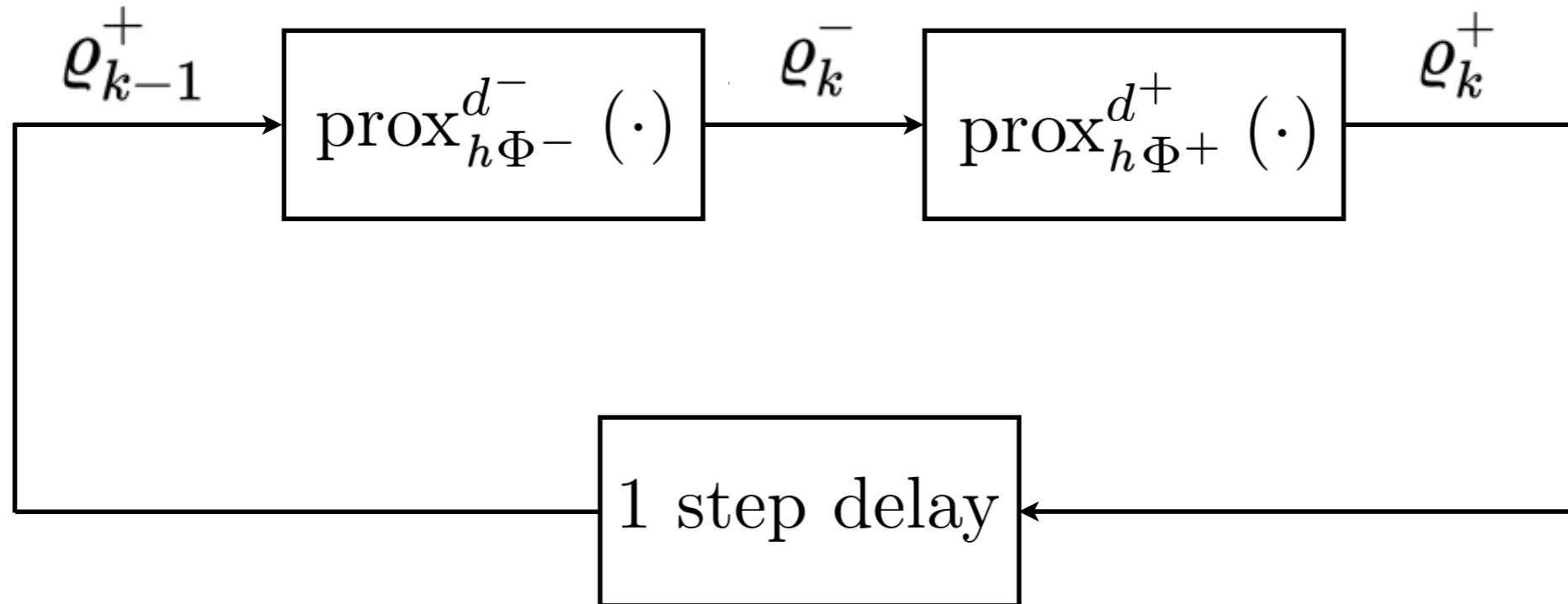
Solving filtering as generalized gradient flow

What's New?

Main idea: Solve the Kushner-Stratonovich SPDE

$$d\rho^+ = [\mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}} dt + \mathcal{L}(dz, dt, \rho^+)]\rho^+, \quad \rho(x, t=0) = \rho_0 \text{ as gradient flow in } \mathcal{P}_2(\mathcal{X})$$

Recursion of {deterministic \circ stochastic} proximal operators:



Convergence: $\varrho_k^+(h) \rightarrow \rho^+(x, t = kh)$ as $h \downarrow 0$

For prior, as before: $d^- \equiv W^2, \quad \Phi^- \equiv \mathbb{E}_\varrho[\psi + \beta^{-1} \log \varrho]$

For posterior: $d^+ \equiv d_{\text{FR}}^2 \text{ or } D_{\text{KL}}, \quad \Phi^+ \equiv \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\varrho^+} [(y_k - h(x))^\top R^{-1} (y_k - h(x))]$

Explicit Recovery of the Kalman-Bucy Filter

Model:

$$d\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)dt + \mathbf{B}d\mathbf{w}(t), \quad d\mathbf{w}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{Q}dt)$$

$$d\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t)dt + d\mathbf{v}(t), \quad d\mathbf{v}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{R}dt)$$

Given $\mathbf{x}(0) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \mathbf{P}_0)$, want to recover:

$$d\mu^+(t) = \mathbf{A}\mu^+(t)dt + \boxed{\mathbf{K}(t)}^\top (d\mathbf{z}(t) - \mathbf{C}\mu^+(t)dt),$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{P}}^+(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{P}^+(t) + \mathbf{P}^+(t)\mathbf{A}^\top + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{B}^\top - \mathbf{K}(t)\mathbf{R}\mathbf{K}(t)^\top.$$

— A.H. and T.T. Georgiou, Gradient Flows in Uncertainty Propagation and Filtering of Linear Gaussian Systems, *CDC 2017*.

— A.H. and T.T. Georgiou, Gradient Flows in Filtering and Fisher-Rao Geometry, *ACC 2018*.

Explicit Recovery of the Wonham Filter

Model:

$$x(t) \sim \text{Markov}(Q), \\ dz(t) = h(x(t)) dt + \sigma_v(t) dv(t)$$

State space: $\Omega := \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$

Posterior $\pi^+(t) := \{\pi_1^+(t), \dots, \pi_m^+(t)\}$ **solves the nonlinear SDE:**

$$d\pi^+(t) = \pi^+(t)Q dt + \frac{1}{(\sigma_v(t))^2} \pi^+(t) \left(H - \hat{h}(t)I \right) \left(dz(t) - \hat{h}(t)dt \right),$$

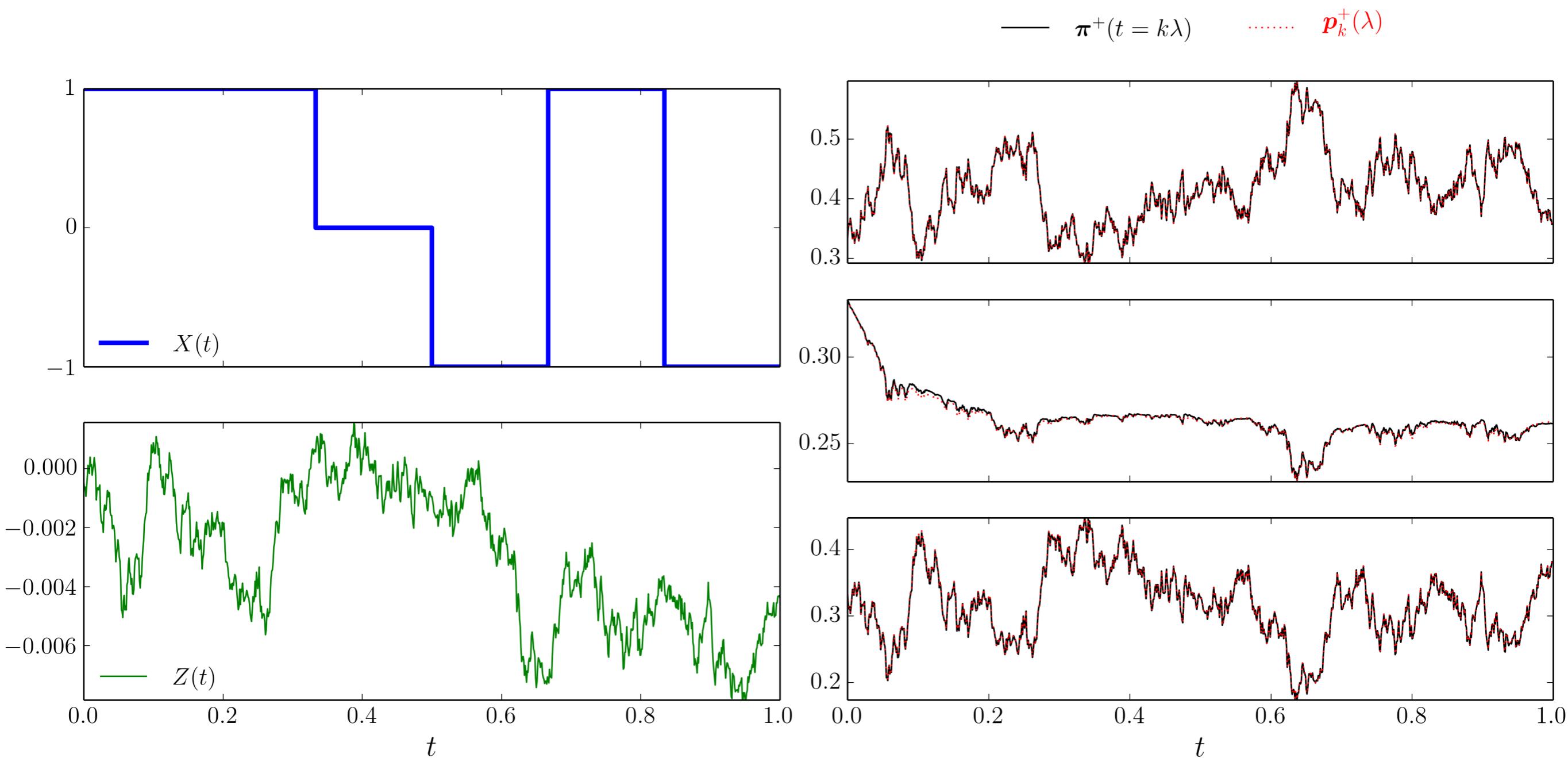
where $H := \text{diag}(h(a_1), \dots, h(a_m)), \quad \hat{h}(t) := \sum_{i=1}^m h(a_i) \pi_i^+(t),$

Initial condition: $\pi^+(t=0) = \pi_0,$

By defn. $\pi^+(t) = \mathbb{P}(x(t) = a_i \mid z(s), 0 \leq s \leq t)$

— A.H. and T.T. Georgiou, Proximal Recursion for the Wonham Filter, *CDC 2019*.

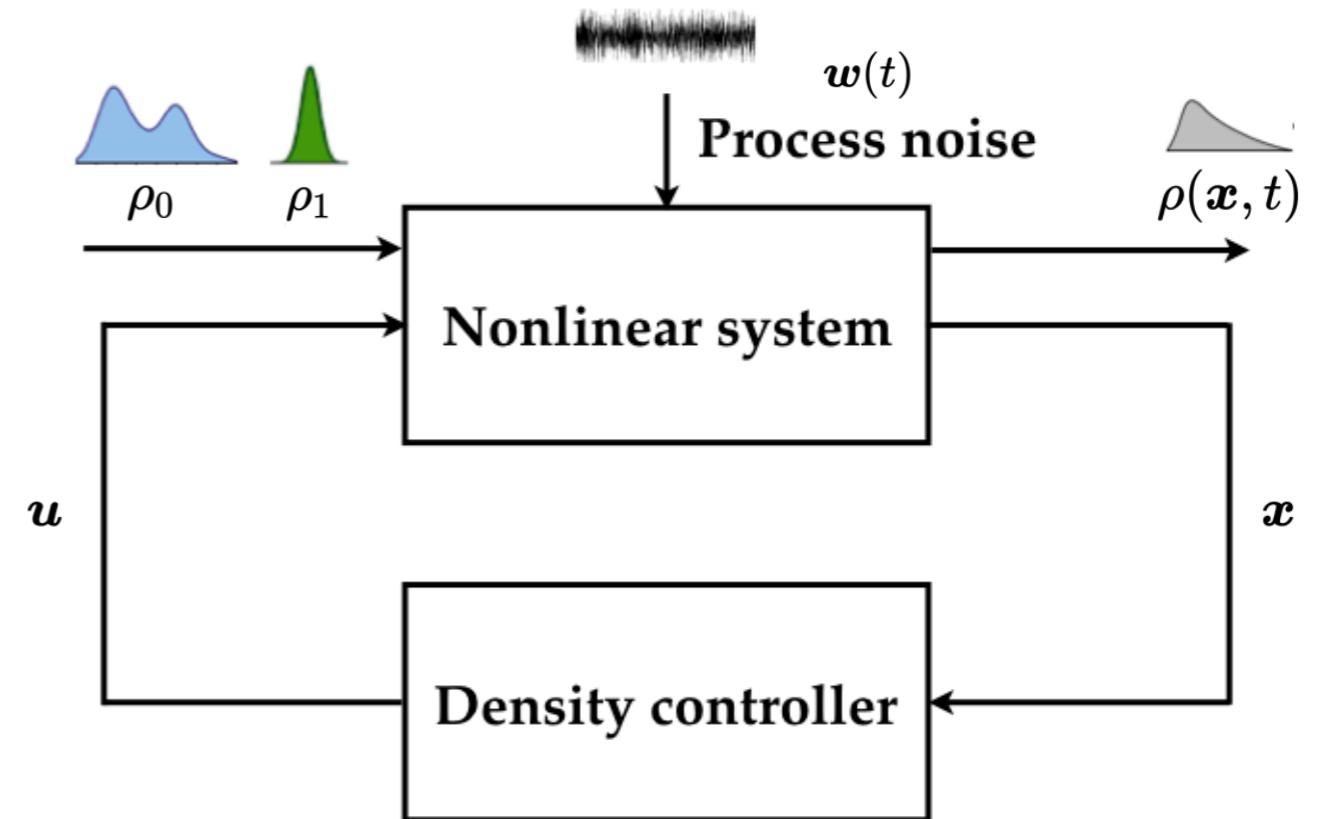
Numerical Results for the Wonham Filter



Solving density control as generalized gradient flow

State Feedback Density Steering

Steer joint state PDF via feedback control over finite time horizon



Common scenario: $G \equiv B$

$$\underset{u \in \mathcal{U}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2} \|u(t, x_t^u)\|_2^2 + q(t, x_t^u) \right) dt \right]$$

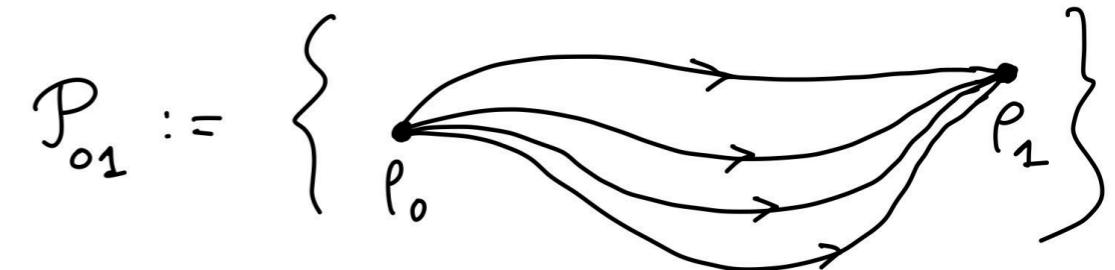
subject to

$$dx_t^u = \{f(t, x_t^u) + B(t, x_t^u)u\}dt + \sqrt{2}G(t, x_t^u)dw_t$$

$$x_0^u := x_t^u(t=0) \sim \rho_0, \quad x_1^u := x_t^u(t=1) \sim \rho_1$$

Optimal Control Problem over PDFs

Diffusion tensor: $D := GG^\top$



Hessian operator w.r.t. state: Hess

$$\inf_{(\rho, u) \in \mathcal{P}_{01} \times \mathcal{U}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2} \|u(t, x_t^u)\|_2^2 + q(t, x_t^u) \right) \rho(t, x_t^u) \, dt \, dx_t^u$$

subject to

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot ((f + Bu) \rho) = \langle \text{Hess}, D\rho \rangle$$

$$\rho(t=0, x_0^u) = \rho_0, \quad \rho(t=1, x_1^u) = \rho_1$$

Necessary Conditions of Optimality (Assuming $G \equiv B$)

Coupled nonlinear PDEs + linear boundary conditions

Controlled Fokker-Planck or Kolmogorov's forward PDE

$$\frac{\partial \rho^{\text{opt}}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot ((f + D\nabla \psi) \rho^{\text{opt}}) = \langle \text{Hess}, D\rho \rangle$$

Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman-like PDE

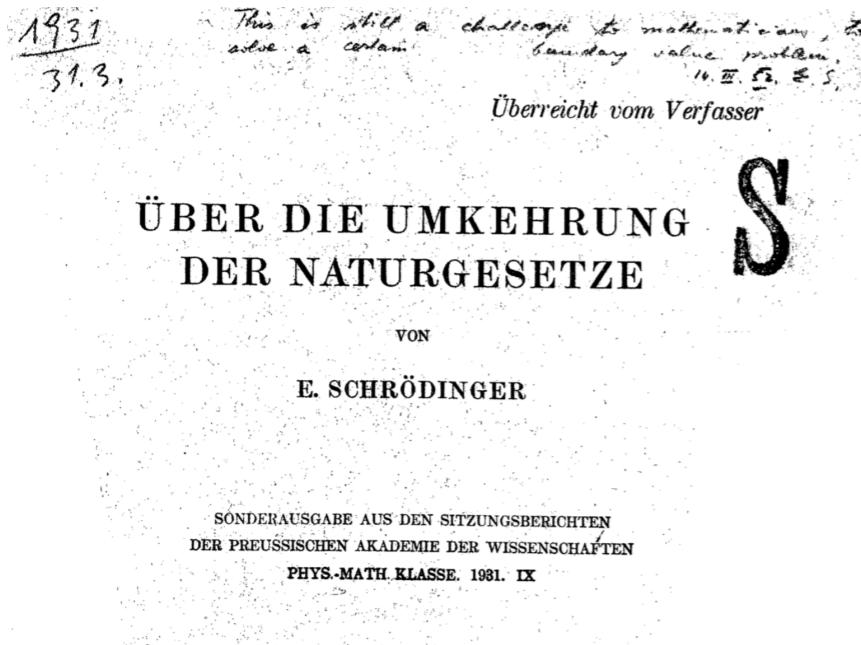
$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \langle \nabla \psi, f \rangle + \langle D, \text{Hess}(\psi) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \nabla \psi, D \nabla \psi \rangle = q$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\rho^{\text{opt}}(\cdot, t=0) = \rho_0, \quad \rho^{\text{opt}}(\cdot, t=1) = \rho_1$$

Optimal control: $u^{\text{opt}} = B^\top \nabla \psi$

Feedback Synthesis via the Schrödinger System



Sur la théorie relativiste de l'électron
et l'interprétation de la mécanique quantique

PAR
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I. — Introduction

J'ai l'intention d'exposer dans ces conférences diverses idées concernant la mécanique quantique et l'interprétation qu'on en donne généralement à l'heure actuelle ; je parlerai principalement de la théorie quantique relativiste du mouvement de l'électron. Autant que nous pouvons nous en rendre compte aujourd'hui, il semble à peu près sûr que la mécanique quantique de l'électron, sous sa forme idéale, *que nous ne possédons pas encore*, doit former un jour la base de toute la physique. A cet intérêt tout à fait général, s'ajoute, ici à Paris, un intérêt particulier : vous savez tous que les bases de la théorie moderne de l'électron ont été posées à Paris par votre célèbre compatriote Louis de BROGLIE.



Hopf-Cole a.k.a. Fleming's logarithmic transform:

$$(\rho^{\text{opt}}, \psi) \mapsto (\hat{\varphi}, \varphi) \quad \text{— Schrödinger factors}$$

$$\hat{\varphi}(x, t) = \rho^{\text{opt}}(x, t) \exp(-\psi(x, t))$$

$$\varphi(x, t) = \exp(\psi(x, t)) \quad \text{for all } (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times [0, 1]$$

Feedback Synthesis via the Schrödinger System

2 coupled nonlinear PDEs → boundary-coupled linear PDEs!!

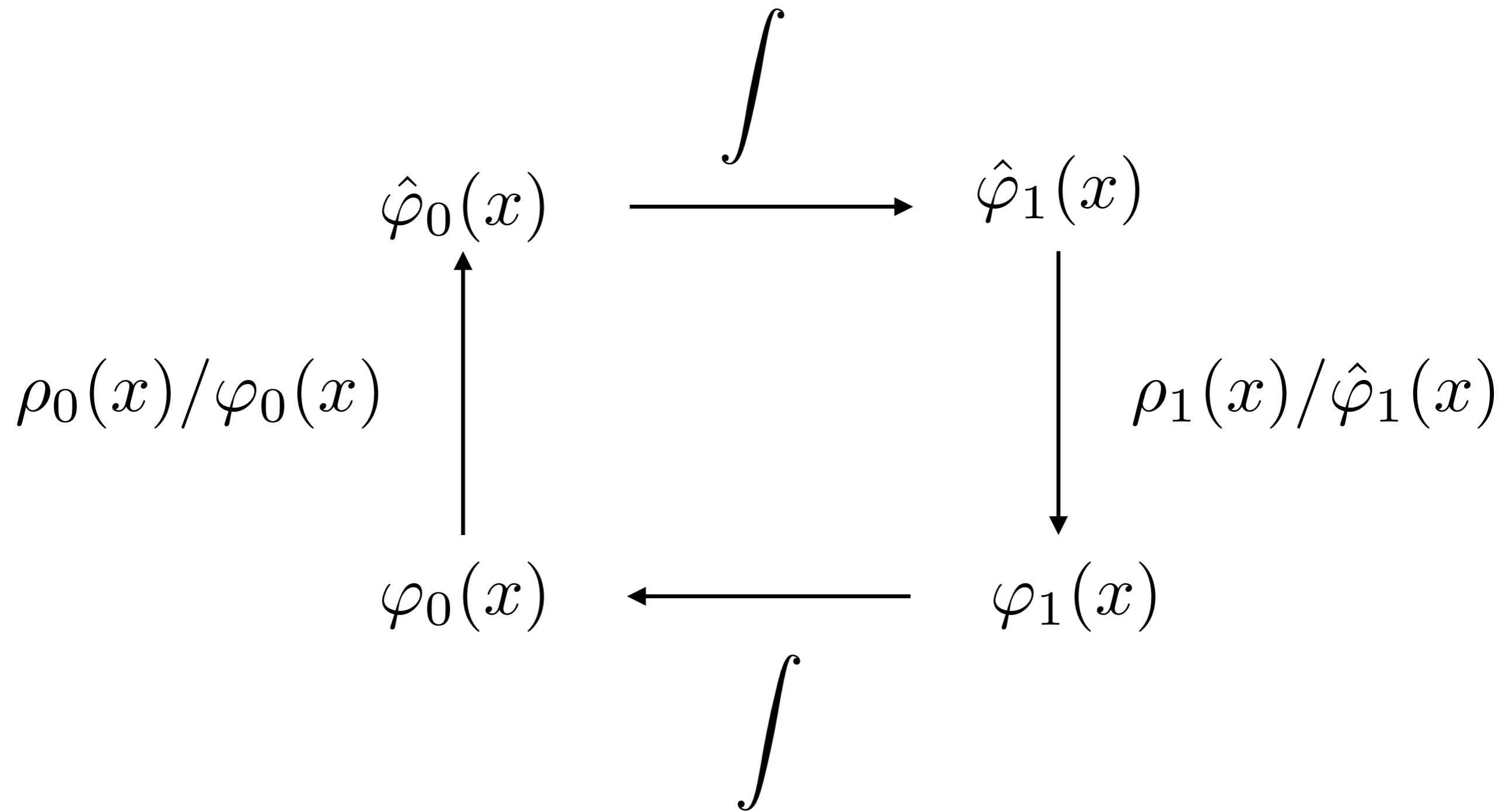
Uncontrolled forward-backward Kolmogorov PDEs:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \hat{\varphi}}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \cdot (\hat{\varphi} f) + \langle \text{Hess}, D\hat{\varphi} \rangle - q\hat{\varphi}, & \hat{\varphi}_0 \varphi_0 &= \rho_0, \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} &= -\langle \nabla \varphi, f \rangle - \langle \text{Hess}(\varphi), D \rangle + q\varphi, & \hat{\varphi}_1 \varphi_1 &= \rho_1,\end{aligned}$$

Optimal controlled joint state PDF: $\rho^{\text{opt}}(x, t) = \hat{\varphi}(x, t)\varphi(x, t)$

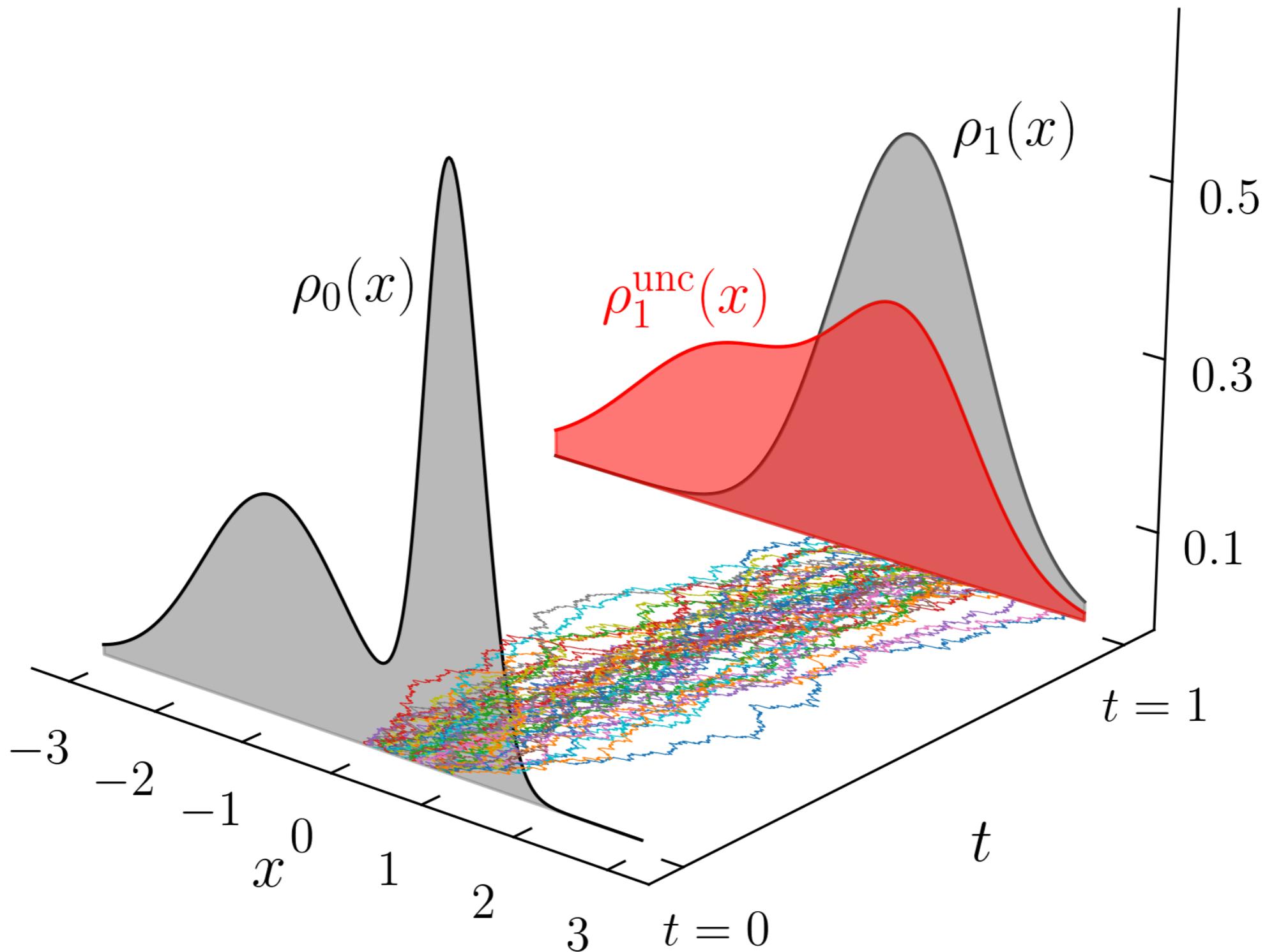
Optimal control: $u^{\text{opt}}(x, t) = 2B^\top \nabla_x \log \varphi(x, t)$

Fixed Point Recursion over $(\hat{\varphi}_0, \varphi_1)$



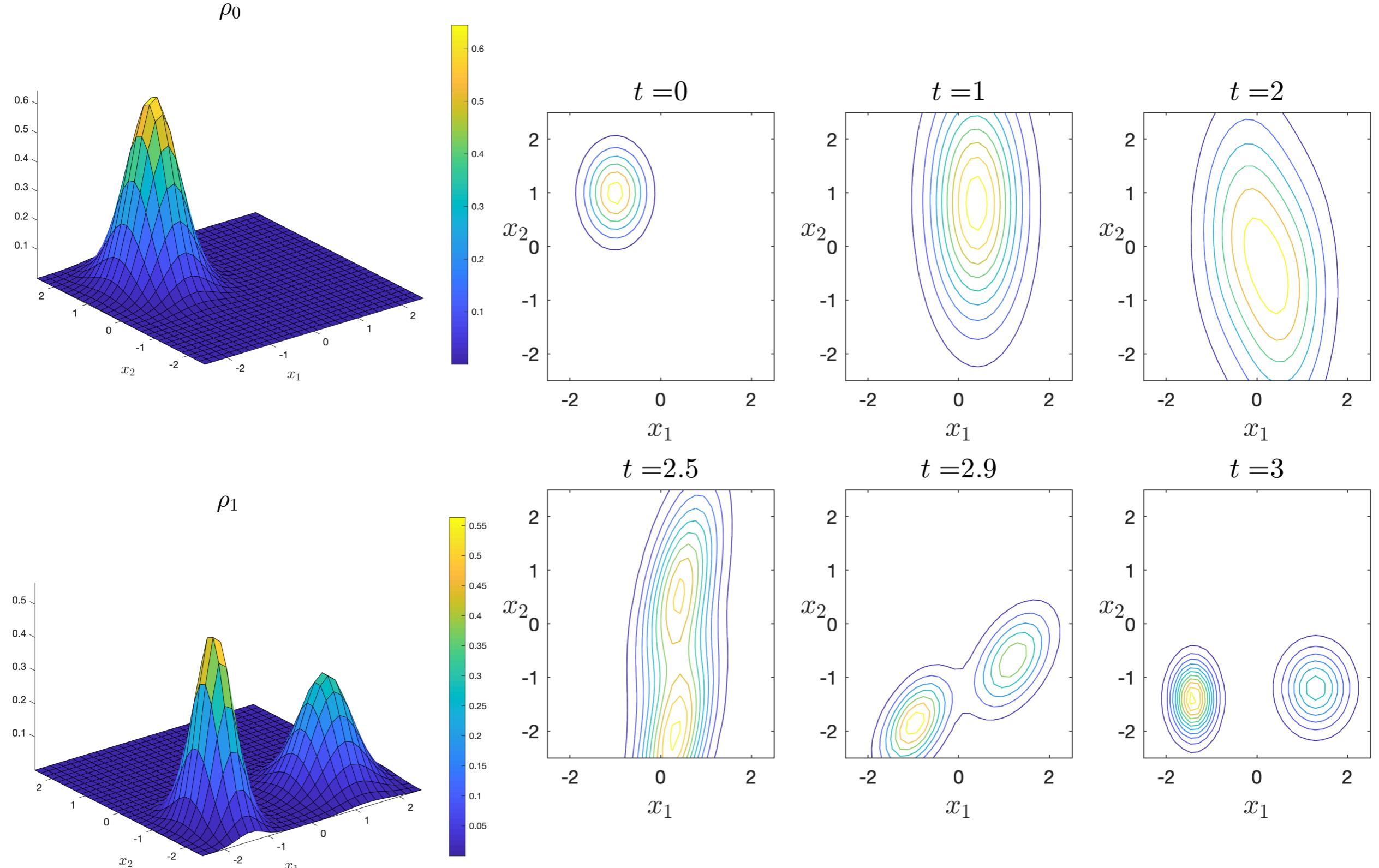
This recursion is contractive in the Hilbert metric!!

Feedback Density Control: $f \equiv 0, B = G \equiv I, q \equiv 0$



Zero prior dynamics

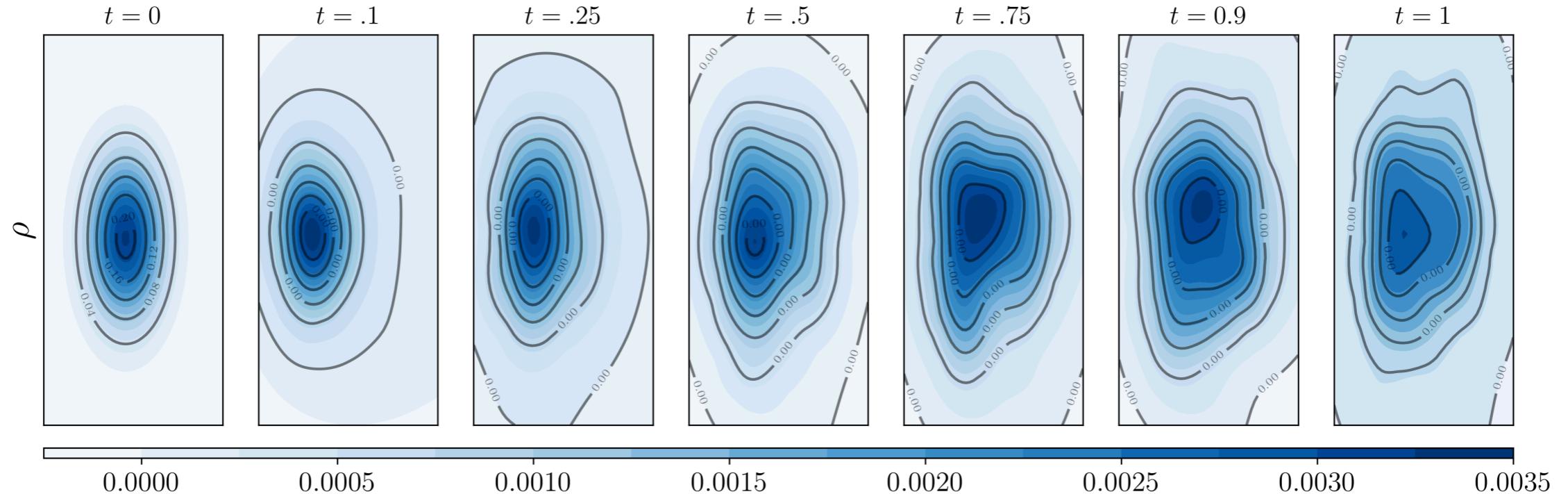
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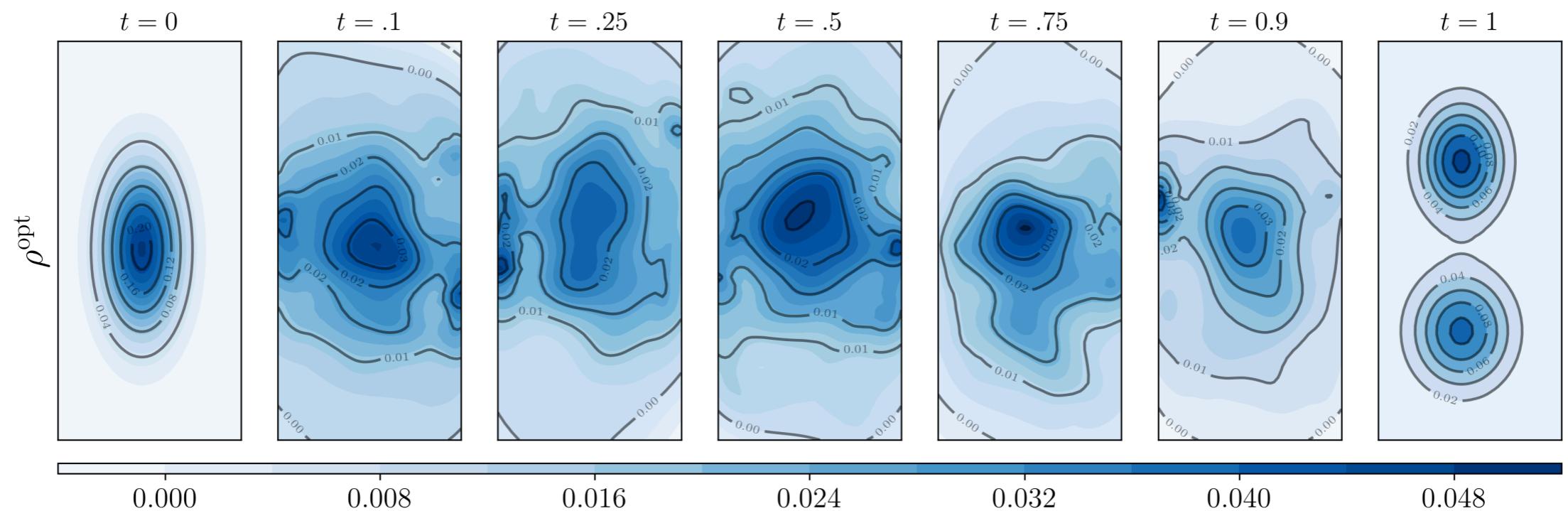
Linear prior dynamics

Feedback Density Control: Nonlinear Grad. Drift

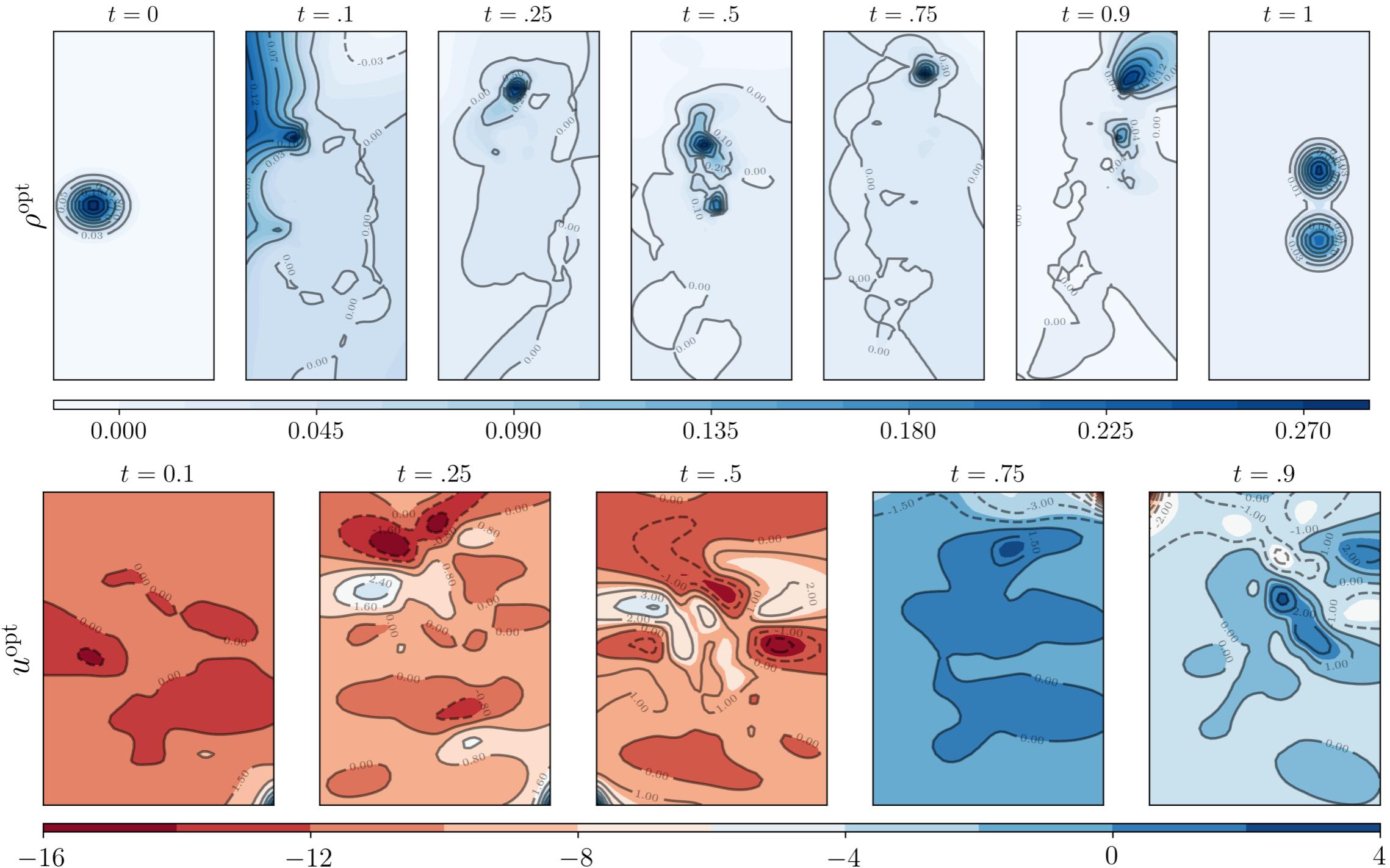
Uncontrolled joint PDF evolution:



Optimal controlled joint PDF evolution:

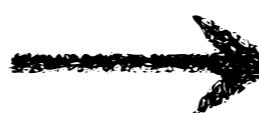


Feedback Density Control: Mixed Conservative-Dissipative Drift



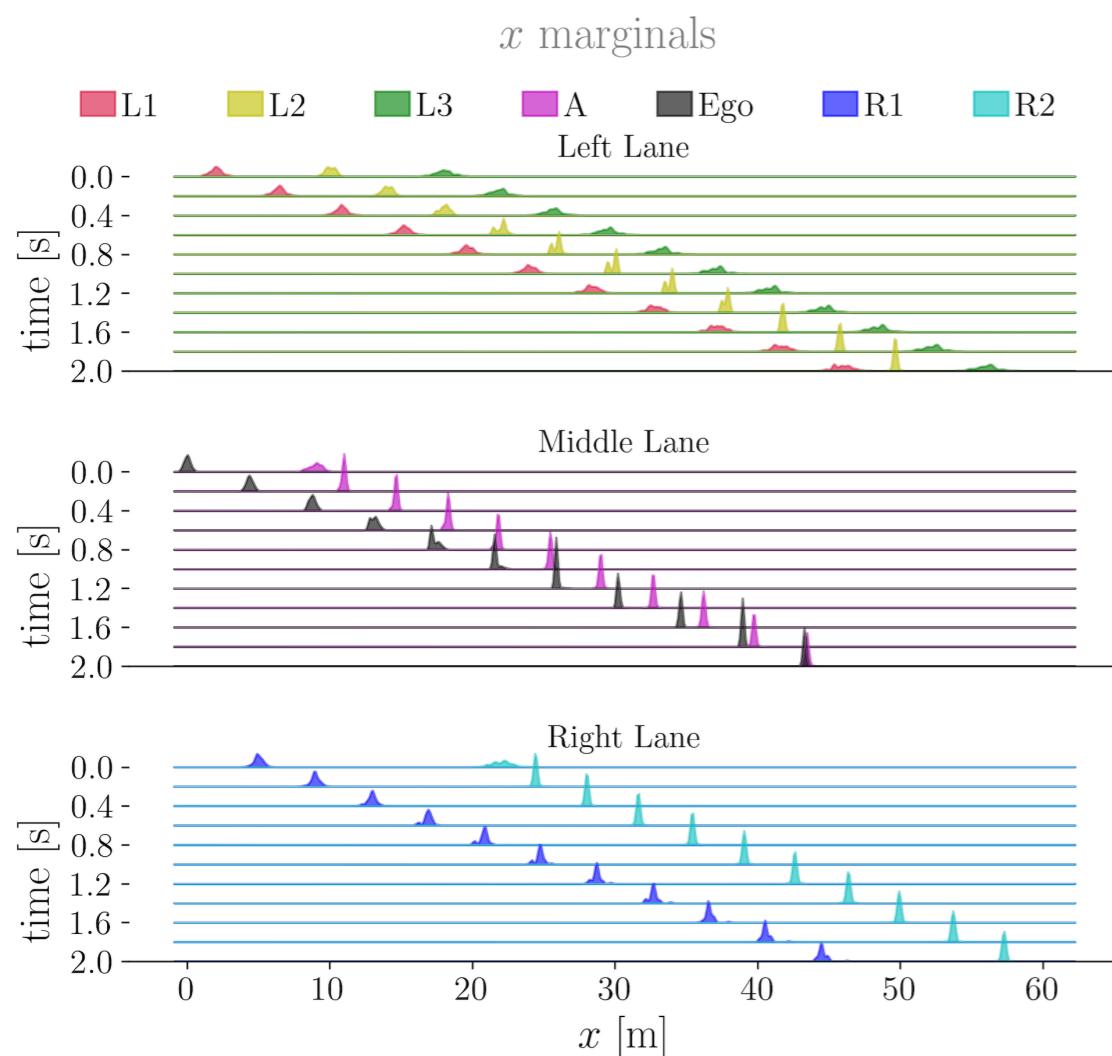
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Density Prediction for Safe Automated Driving

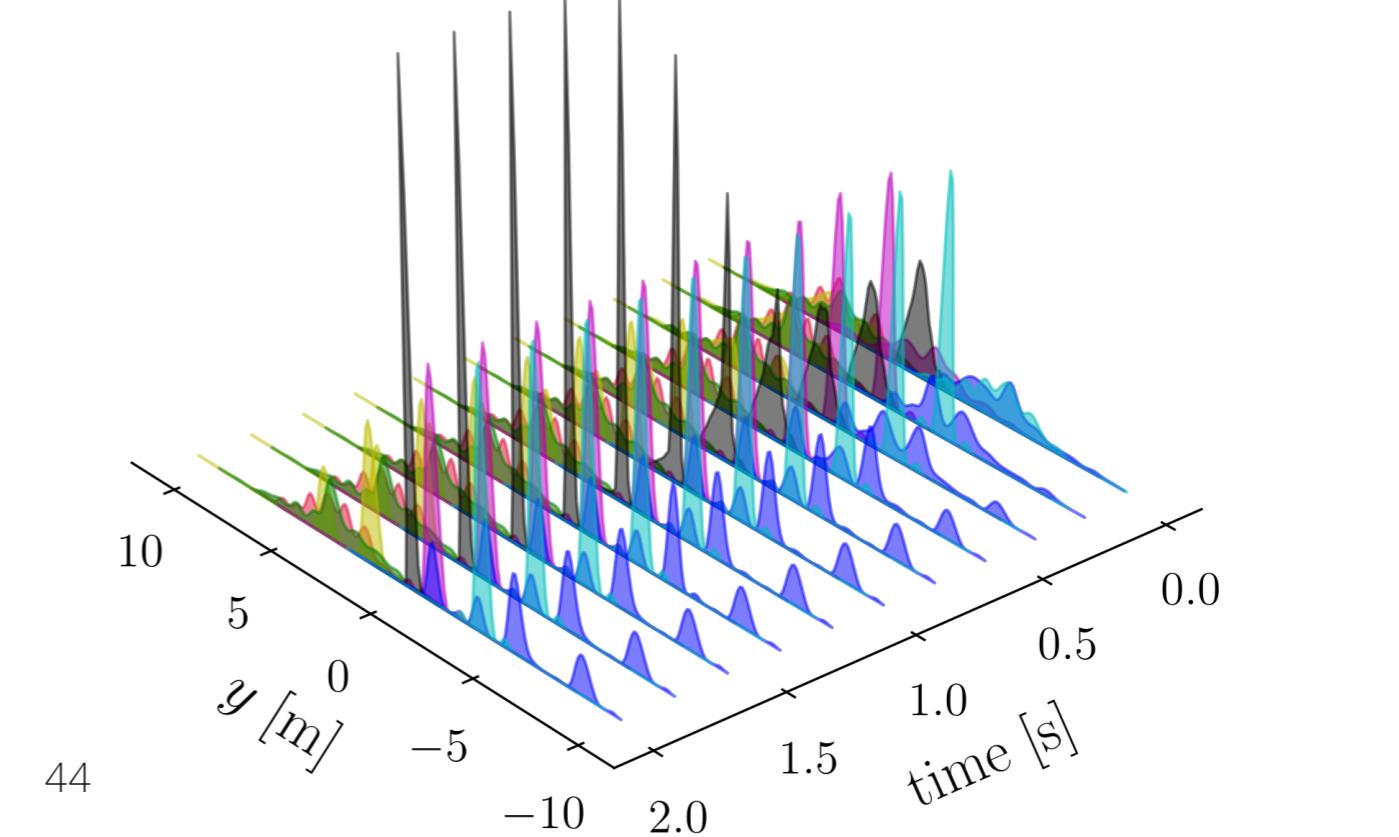


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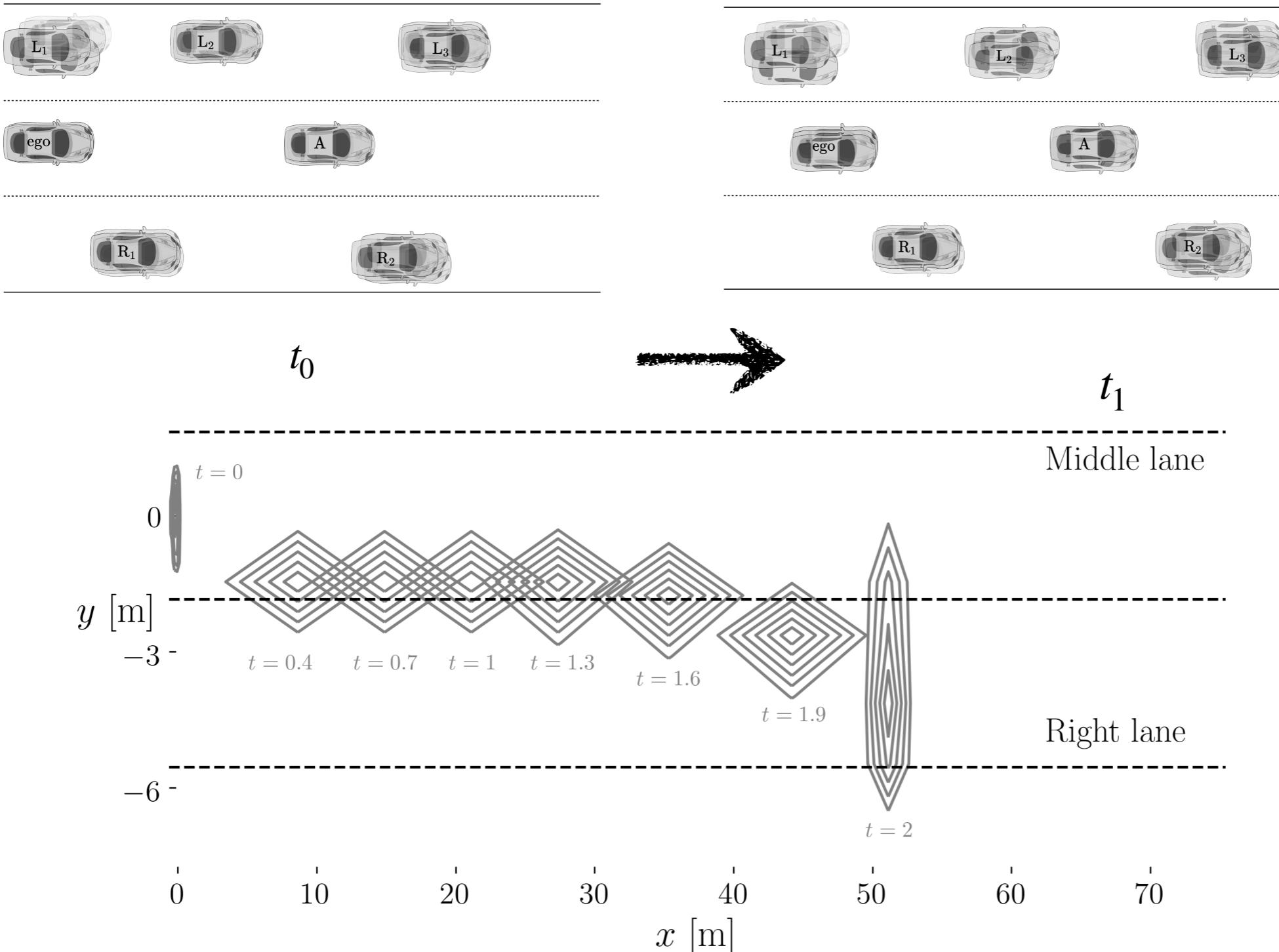
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L1 L2 L3 A Ego R1 R2



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Learning a neural network as generalized gradient flow

Learning Neural Network from Data

(feature vector, label) = $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$

Consider shallow NN: 1 hidden layer with n_H neurons

NN parameter vector $\boldsymbol{\theta} := (\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{n_H})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{pn_H}$

Approximating function:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n_H} \sum_{i=1}^{n_H} \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_i), \text{ example: } \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_i) = a_i \sigma(\mathbf{w}_i^\top \mathbf{x} + b_i)$$

Population risk functional:

$$R(\hat{f}) = \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}, y)} \left[(y - \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))^2 \right] \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}))^2$$

Learning problem: minimize $R(\hat{f})$
 $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{pn_H}$

Mean Field Density Dynamics of SGD

Free energy functional: $F(\rho) := R(\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}, \rho))$

For quadratic loss:

$$F(\rho) = \underbrace{F_0}_{\text{independent of } \rho} + \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} V(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \rho(\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{\text{advection potential energy, linear in } \rho} + \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} U(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \rho(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \rho(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) d\boldsymbol{\theta} d\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}_{\text{interaction potential energy, nonlinear in } \rho} ,$$

where

$$F_0 := \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}, y)} [y^2], \quad V(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}, y)} [-2y\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta})],$$

PDF dynamics for SGD:

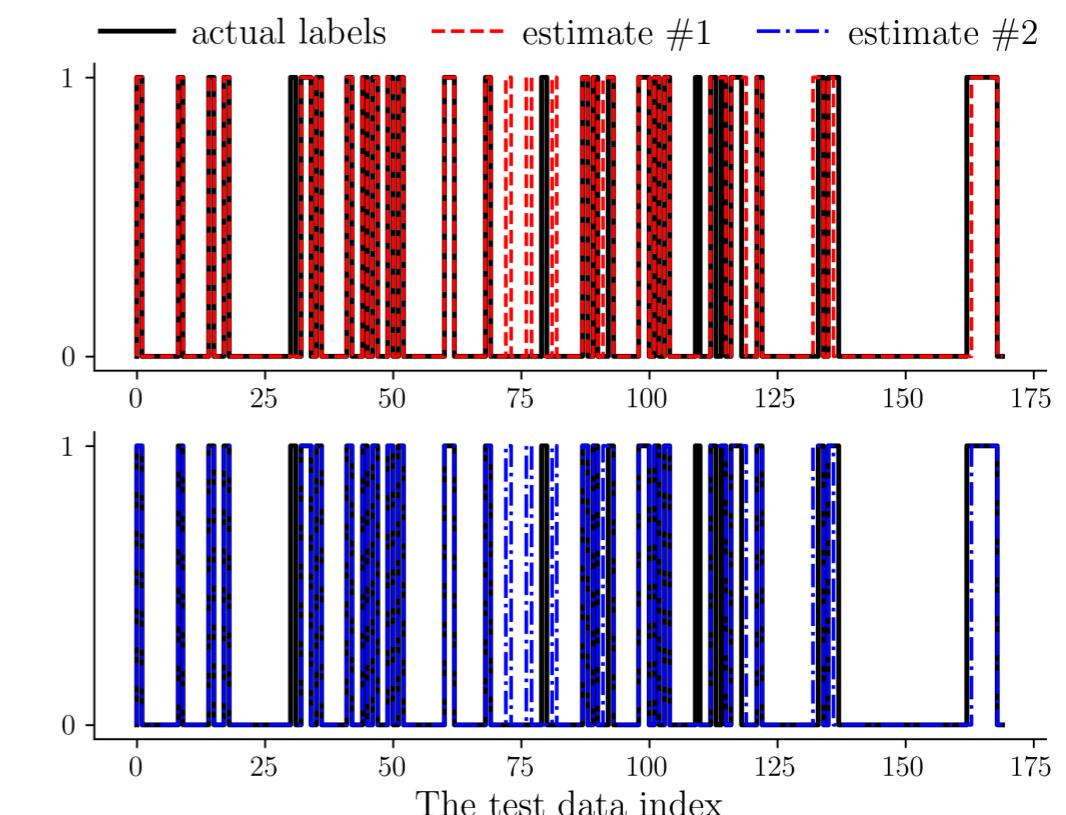
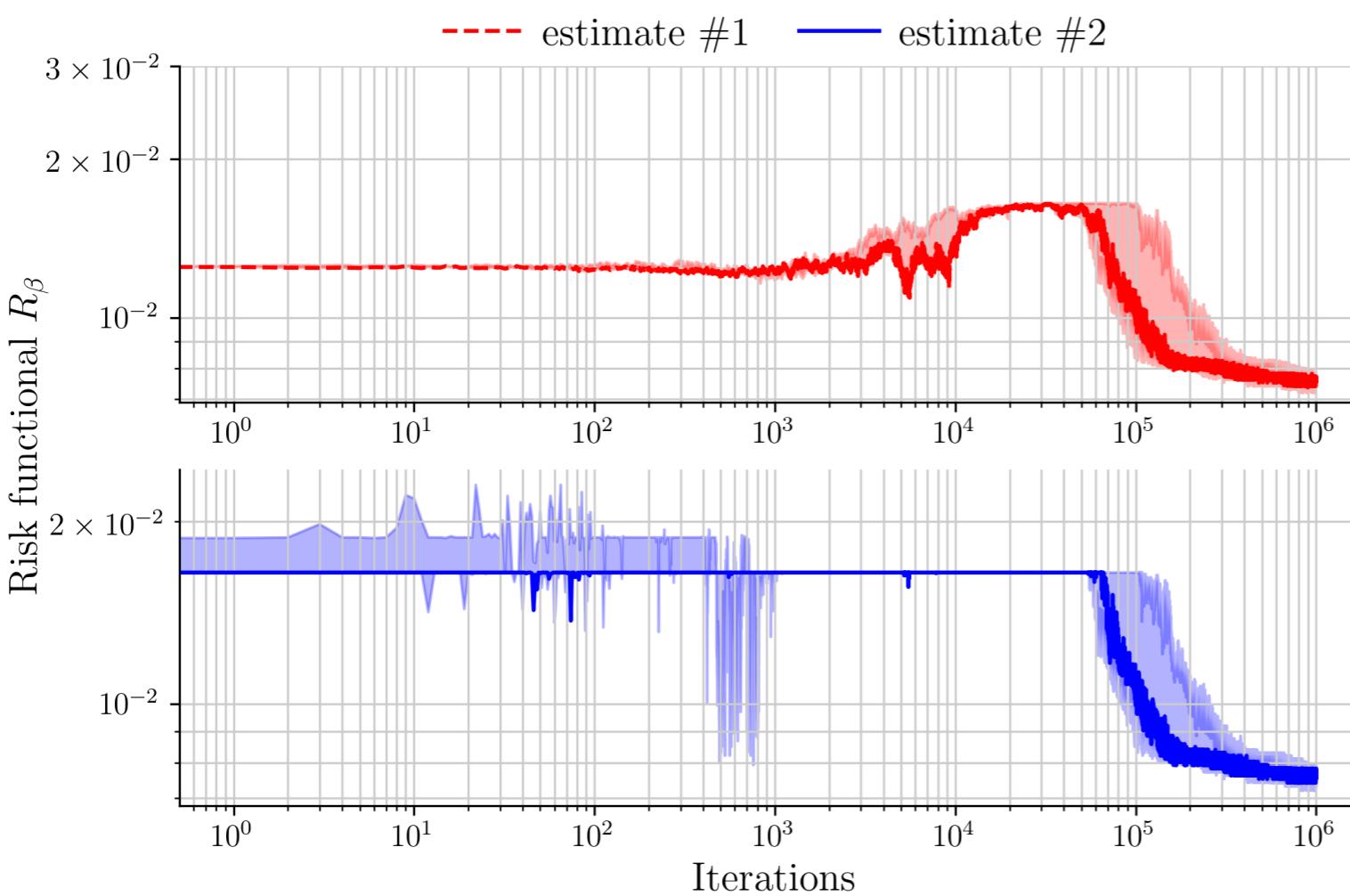
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla (\underbrace{V + U \circledast \rho}_{\frac{\delta F}{\delta \rho}})), \text{ where } (U \circledast \rho)(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} U(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \rho(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) d\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

This PDE is the gradient flow of functional F w.r.t. the Wasserstein metric W

Proximal Recursion for SGD Training of NN

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho_k(\tau, \theta) &= \arg \min_{\varrho \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^p)} \frac{1}{2} (W(\varrho(\theta), \varrho_{k-1}(\tau, \theta)))^2 + \tau F(\varrho(\theta)) \\ &= \text{prox}_{\tau F}^W (\varrho_{k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

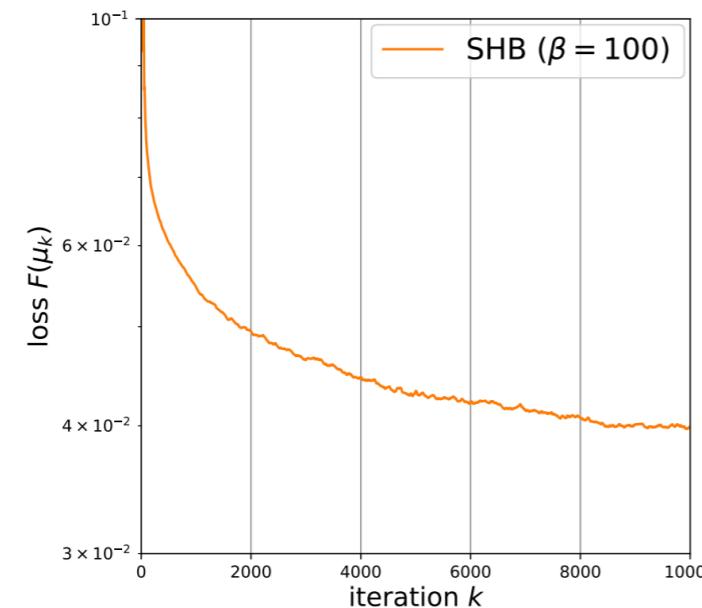
Case study: Wisconsin Breast Cancer (Diagnostic) Data Set



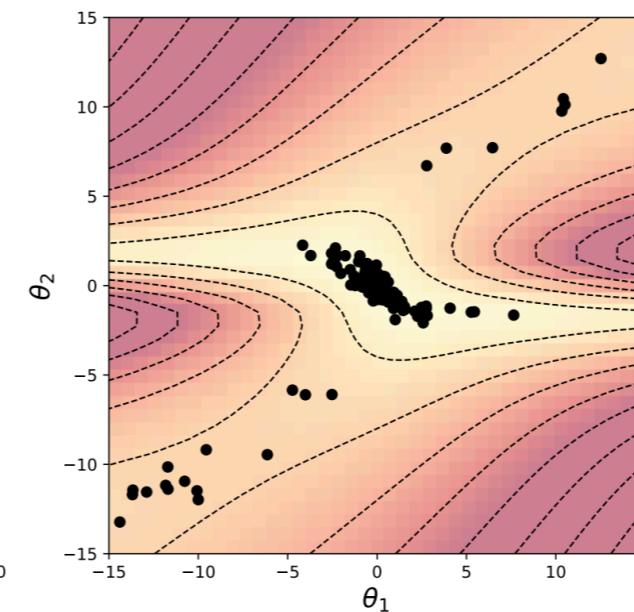
Classification accuracy for the WBDC dataset		
β	Estimate #1	Estimate #2
0.03	91.17%	92.35%
0.05	92.94%	92.94%
0.07	78.23%	92.94%

Mean Field Density Dynamics of Stoc. Heavy Ball

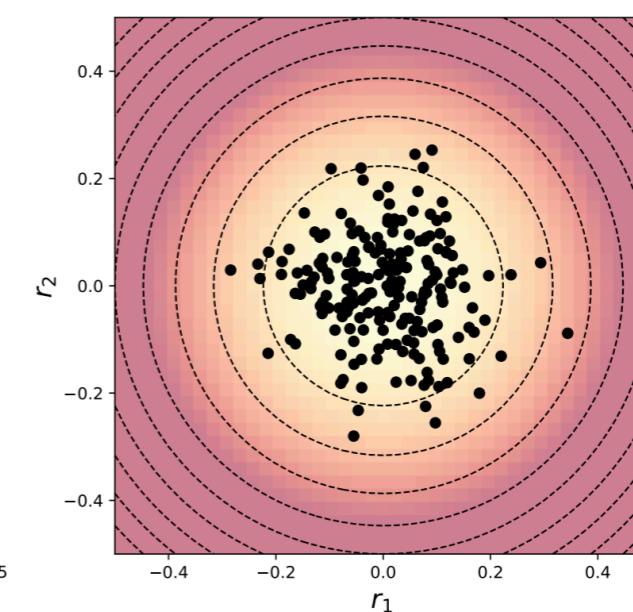
$$\partial_t \mu_t = -\nabla \cdot \left[\mu_t \cdot \begin{pmatrix} r \\ -\nabla F'([\mu_t]^\theta) - \gamma r \end{pmatrix} \right] + \gamma \beta^{-1} \Delta_r \mu_t$$



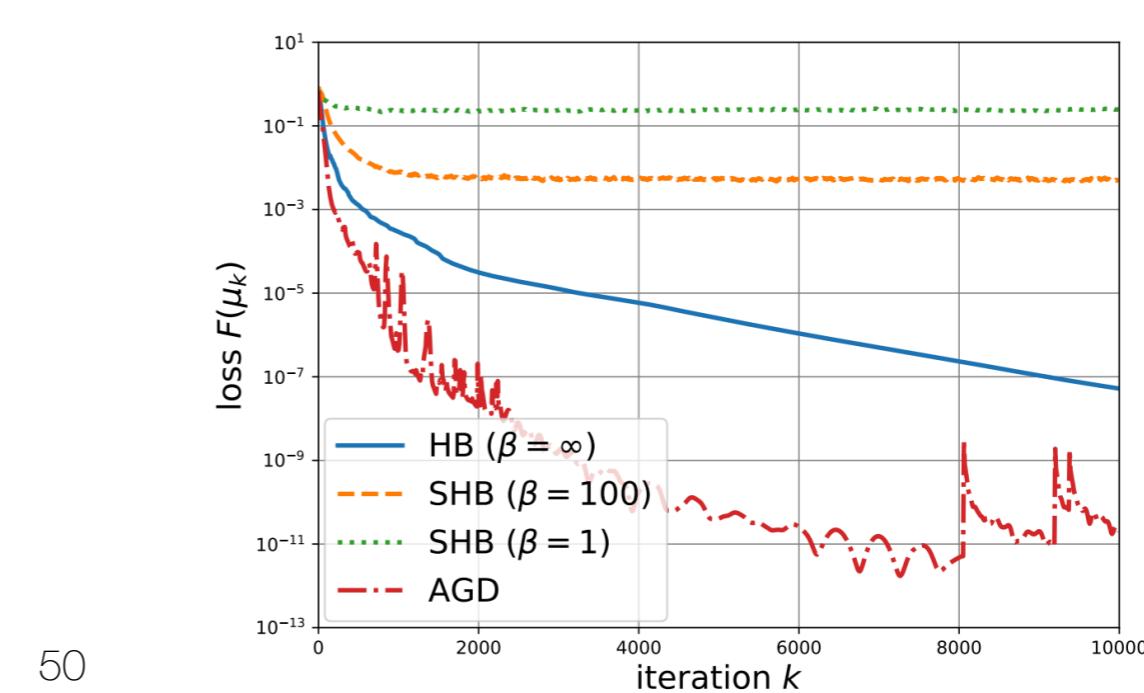
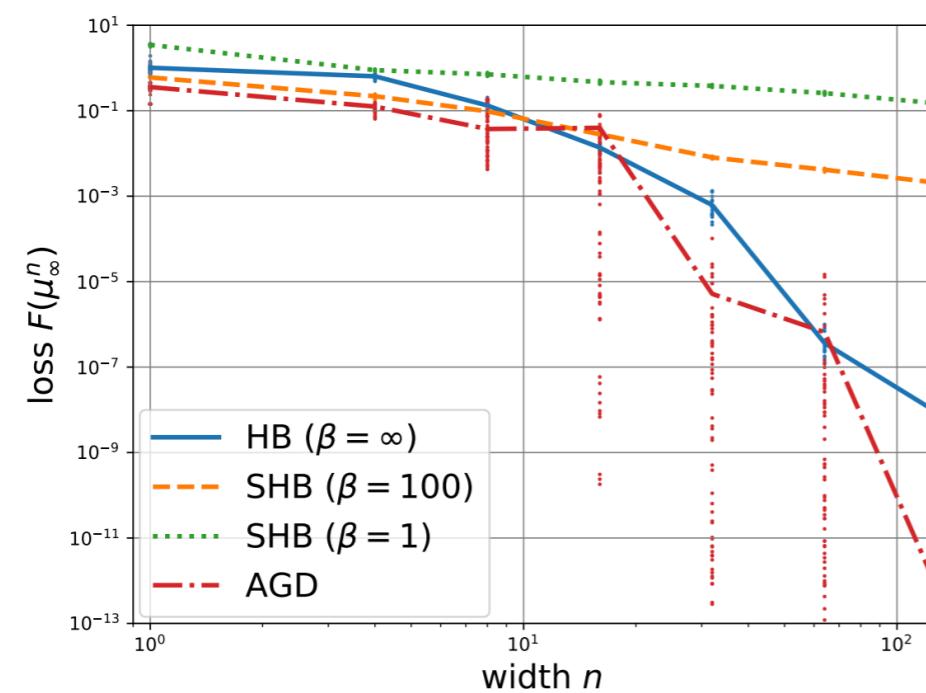
(a) Loss $F(\mu_k^n)$



(b) θ marginal



(c) r marginal



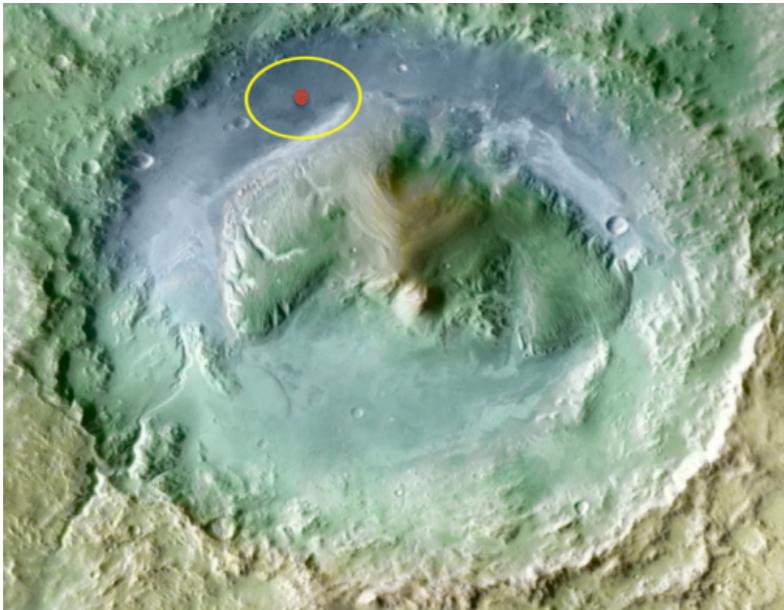
Summary and Applications

PDF prediction in Mars EDL



Predict heating rate uncertainty

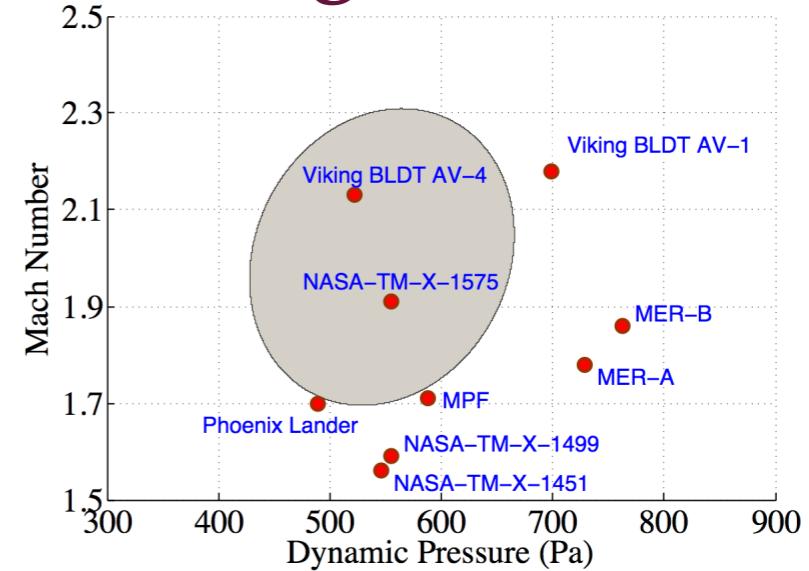
PDF control in Mars EDL



Gale Crater (4.49S, 137.42E)

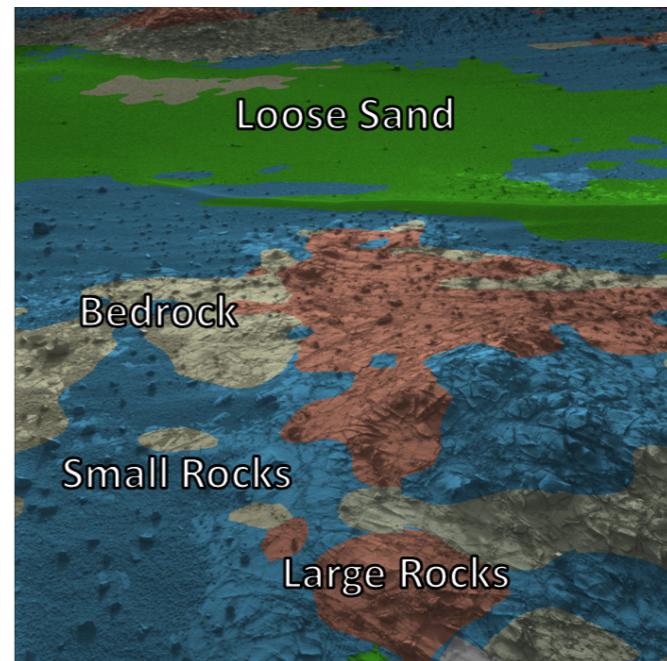
Steer state PDF to achieve
desired landing footprint accuracy

Filtering in Mars EDL



Estimate state to deploy parachute

Learning in Mars EDL



Learn surface feature from data

Thank You

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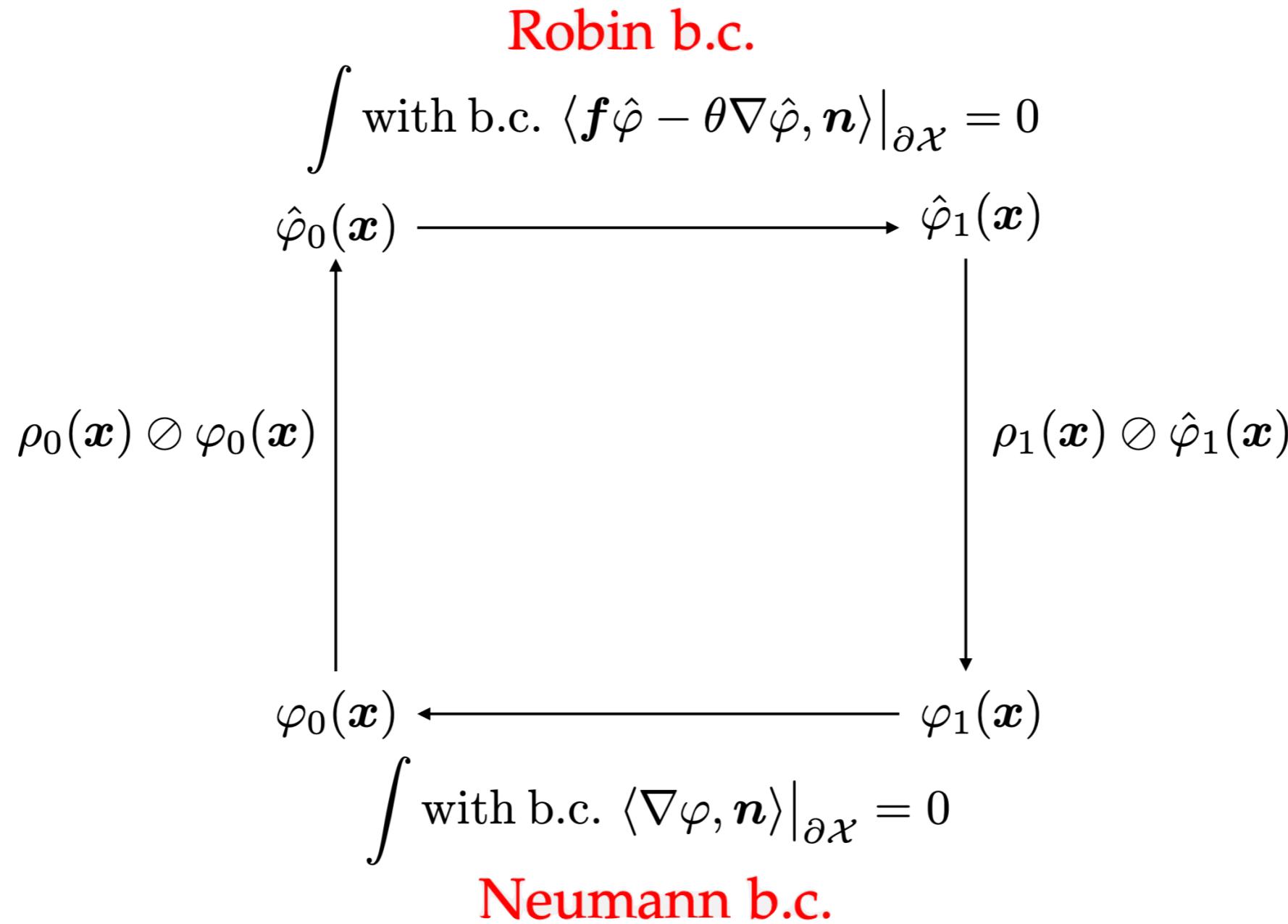


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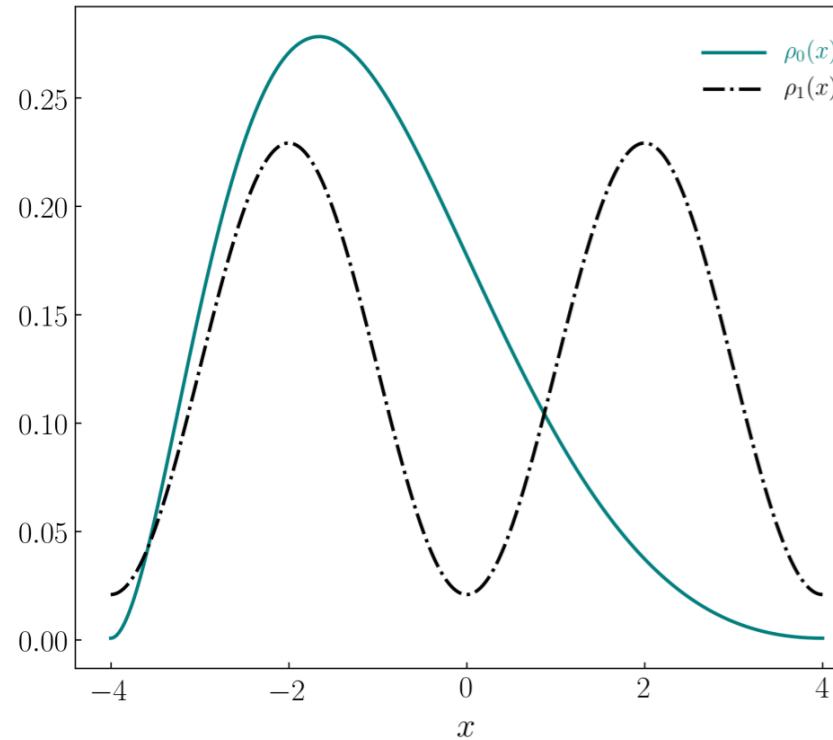
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Density Control with Hard State Constraints

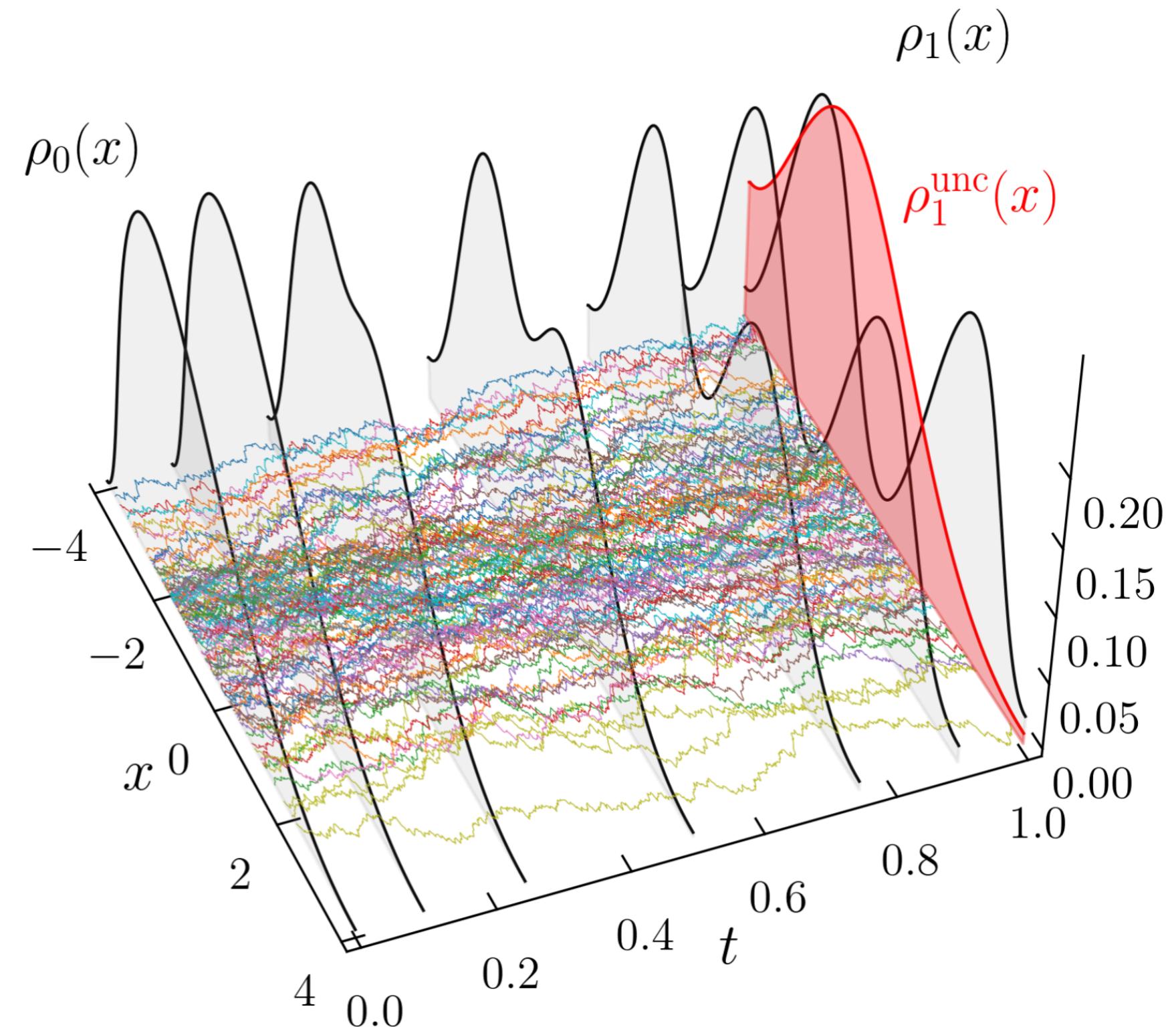
SDE sample paths reflecting from a given boundary



Density Control with Hard State Constraints



(a) Endpoint PDFs ρ_0, ρ_1



(b) Convergence of the fixed point recursion w.r.t. the Hilbert metric