

## APPROXIMATE INFERENCE

Given a (unnormalised) target density on  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^D$

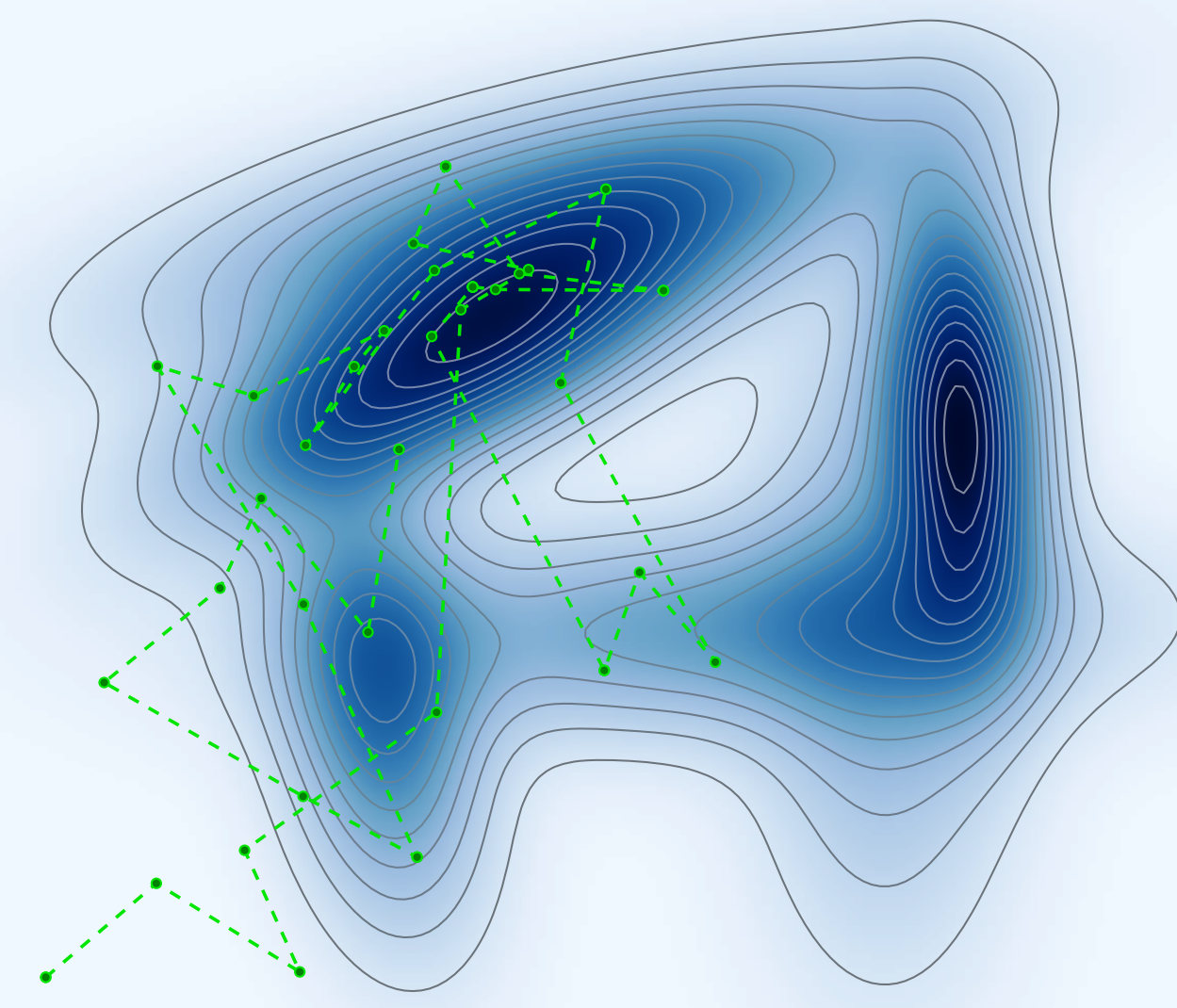
$$\pi(\mathbf{x}) \propto \exp[-\phi(\mathbf{x})],$$

how can we compute expectations with respect to  $\pi$

$$\mathbb{E}_\pi[f] = \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(\mathbf{x}) \pi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

and the unknown normalising constant of the density

$$Z = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \exp[-\phi(\mathbf{x})] d\mathbf{x}?$$



## MARKOV CHAIN MONTE CARLO (MCMC)

Define a transition operator  $T$  which leaves  $\pi$  invariant

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}') = \int_{\mathcal{X}} T(\mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{x}) \pi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}.$$

Sample arbitrary initial state then iteratively apply transition operator

$$\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \leftarrow p_0(\cdot) \quad \mathbf{x}^{(s)} \leftarrow T(\cdot | \mathbf{x}^{(s-1)}) \quad \forall t \in \{1 \dots S\}.$$

Providing chain is ergodic, time averages converge to space averages

$$\mathbb{E}_\pi[f] \approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S [f(\mathbf{x}^{(s)})].$$

$$T(\mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{x}) = ? \quad Z = ?$$

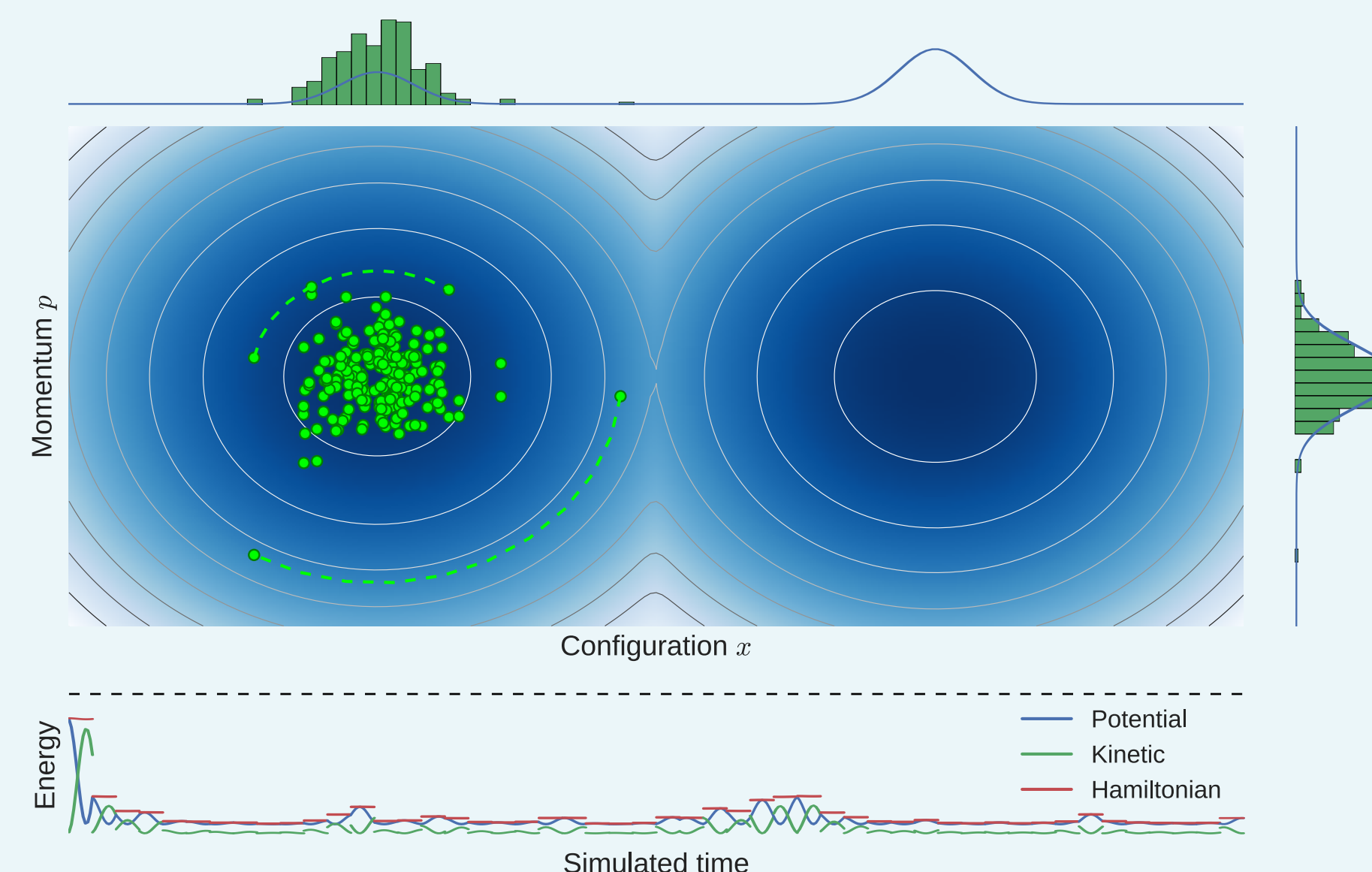
## HAMILTONIAN MONTE CARLO (HMC) [1, 2]

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \in \mathbb{R}^D \times \mathbb{R}^D \quad \pi[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}] \propto \exp \left[ \underbrace{-\phi(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p}}_{-H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})} \right]$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p}, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for } s \in \{0, 1 \dots L-1\}: \\ \mathbf{p}^{(s+0.5)} = \mathbf{p}^{(s)} - \frac{\delta t}{2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}^{(s)}} \\ \mathbf{x}^{(s+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(s)} + \delta t \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p}^{(s+0.5)} \\ \mathbf{p}^{(s+1)} = \mathbf{p}^{(s+0.5)} - \frac{\delta t}{2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}^{(s+1)}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$a[\mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}] = \min \{1, \exp[H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) - H(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p})]\}$$

## HMC IN 1D GAUSSIAN MIXTURE



## BLACK-BOX INFERENCE WITH HMC



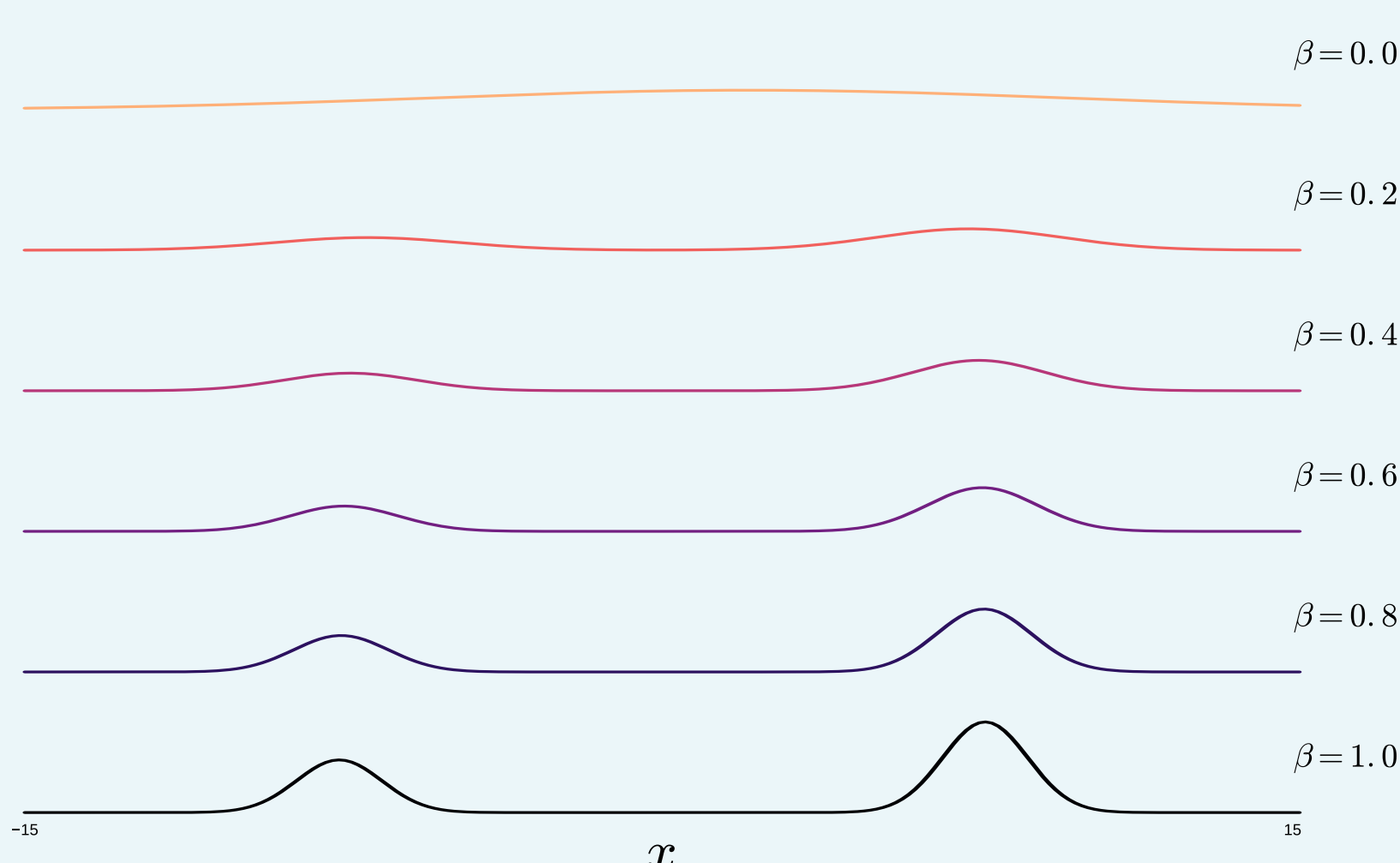
HMC allows long-range moves in high-dimensional  $\mathcal{X}$ : scalable to large models.

Requires model gradients  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ : reverse-mode automatic differentiation.

Need to tune step-size  $\delta t$  and number of steps  $L$ : No U-Turns Sampler (NUTS)<sup>[3]</sup>.

However copes poorly with multimodal targets and does allow direct estimation of  $Z$ .

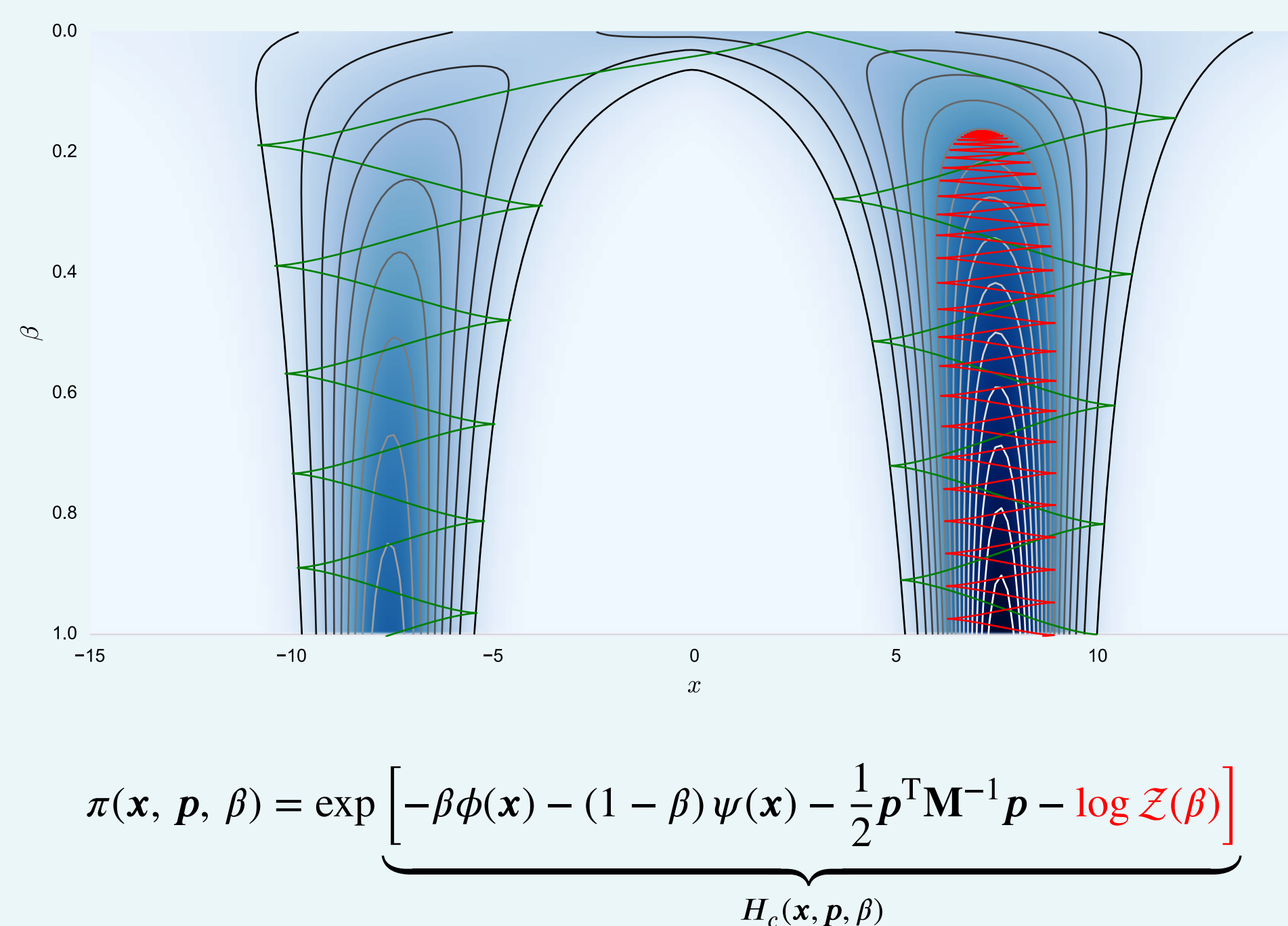
## THERMODYNAMIC ENSEMBLES



$$\pi(\mathbf{x} | \beta) = \frac{1}{Z(\beta)} \exp[-\beta\phi(\mathbf{x}) - (1-\beta)\psi(\mathbf{x})]$$

$$Z(\beta) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \exp[-\beta\phi(\mathbf{x}) - (1-\beta)\psi(\mathbf{x})] d\mathbf{x}$$

## ADIABATIC MONTE CARLO [4]



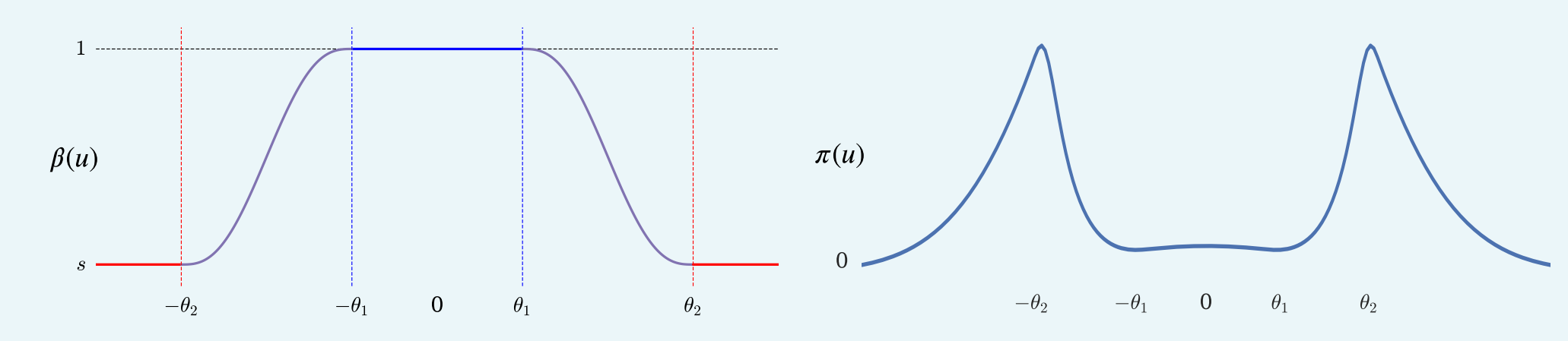
$$\pi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \beta) = \exp \left[ \underbrace{-\beta\phi(\mathbf{x}) - (1-\beta)\psi(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p}}_{H_c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \beta)} - \log Z(\beta) \right]$$

## EXTENDED HAMILTONIAN APPROACH TO CONTINUOUS TEMPERING [5]

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}, u, \mathbf{p}, v) \propto \exp \left\{ \underbrace{-\beta(u)\phi(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{u^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p} - \frac{v^2}{2m}}_{-H(\mathbf{x}, u, \mathbf{p}, v)} \right\}$$

$$\pi(\mathbf{x} | -\theta_1 \leq |u| \leq \theta_1) \propto \exp[-\phi(\mathbf{x})]$$

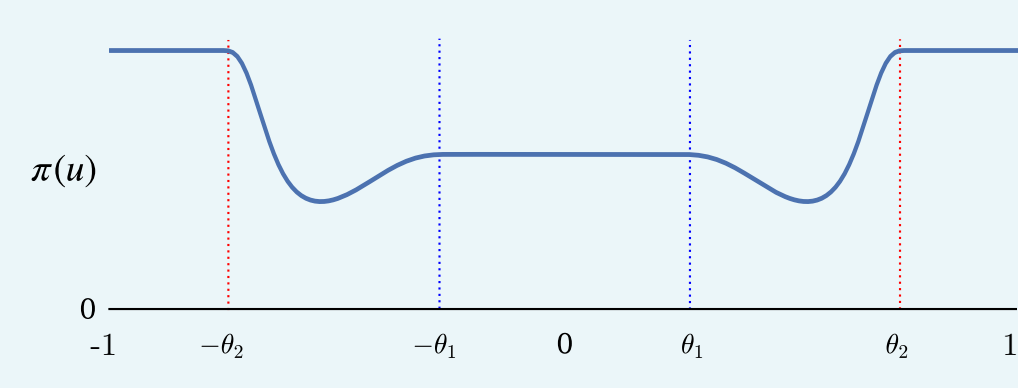
$$\pi(u) \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{u^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \int_{\mathcal{X}} \exp[-\beta(u)\phi(\mathbf{x})] d\mathbf{x}$$



## OUR APPROACH

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}, u, \mathbf{p}, v) = \exp \left\{ \underbrace{-\beta(u)[\phi(\mathbf{x}) + \log \zeta] - [1-\beta(u)]\psi(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p} - \frac{v^2}{2m}}_{-H(\mathbf{x}, u, \mathbf{p}, v)} \right\}$$

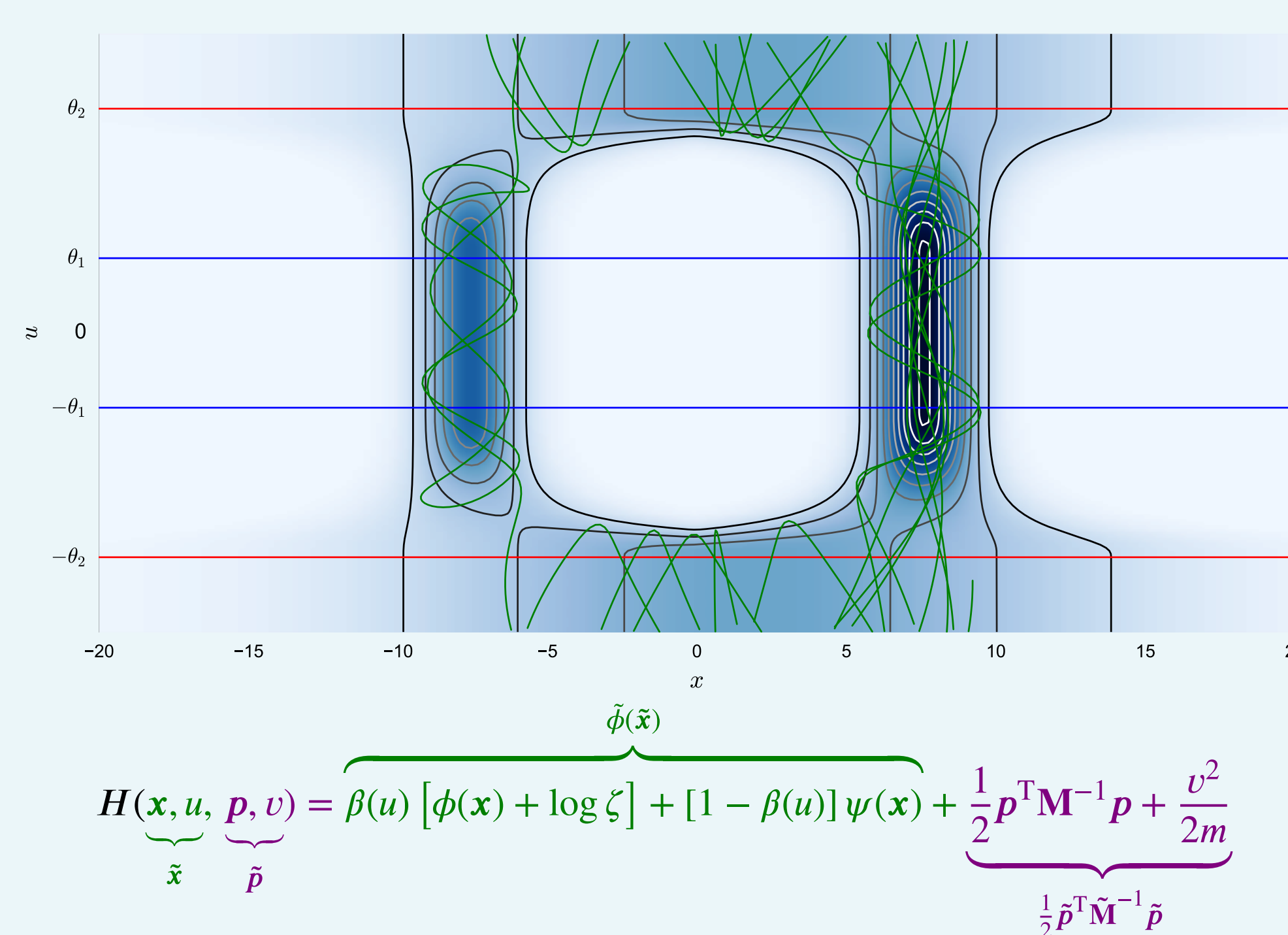
$$\log \zeta \approx \log Z \quad \exp[-\psi(\mathbf{x})] \approx \frac{1}{Z} \exp[-\phi(\mathbf{x})]$$



$$\pi(u) \propto \mathcal{Z}[\beta(u)] = \frac{Z[\beta(u)]}{\zeta^{\beta(u)}} \quad \beta(u) \left[ \log \frac{Z}{\zeta} - \mathbb{D}_{\text{KL}}^{\beta(u)} \right] \leq \log \mathcal{Z}[\beta(u)] \leq \beta(u) \log \frac{Z}{\zeta}$$

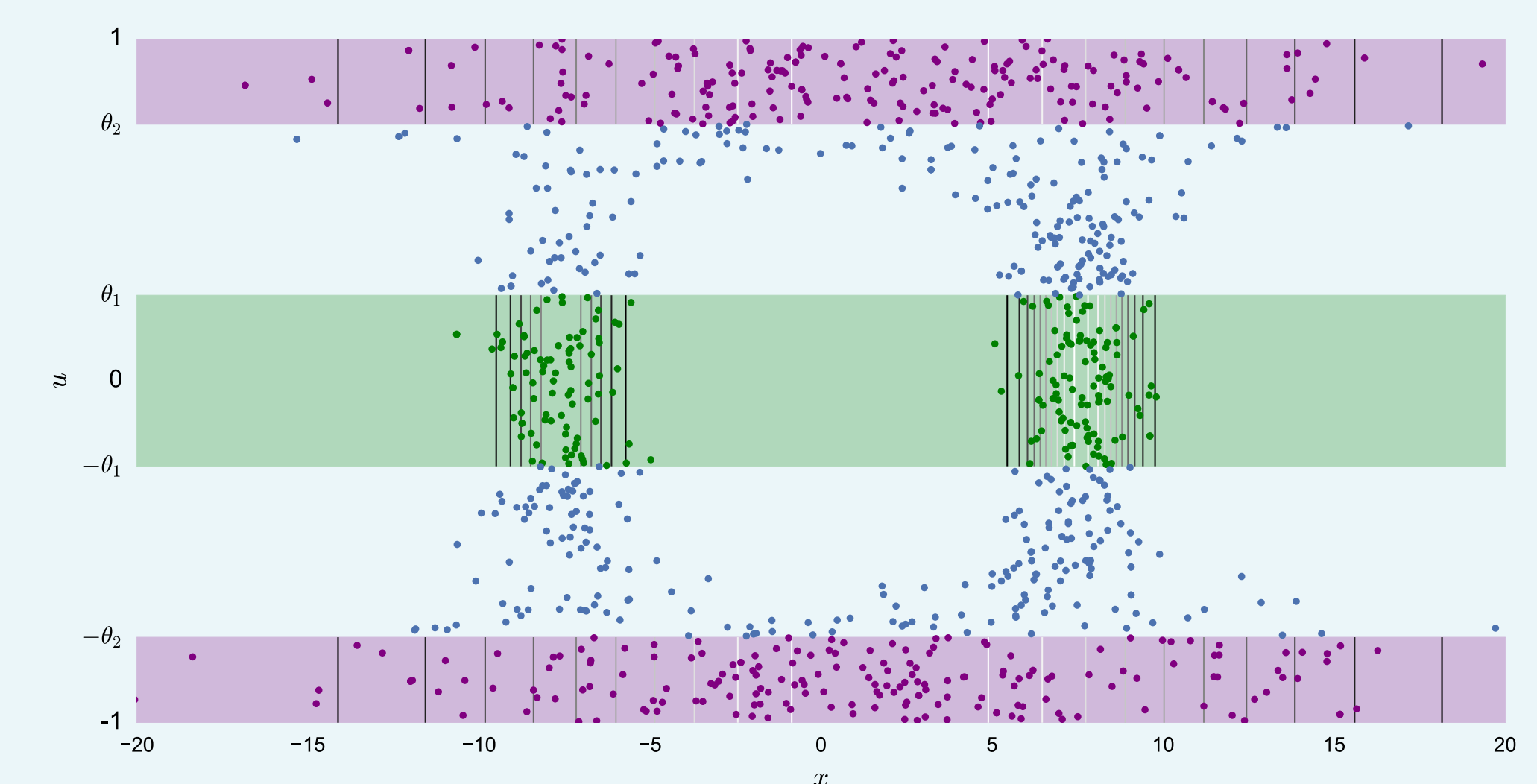
$$\mathbb{D}_{\text{KL}}^{\beta(u)} = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \exp[-\psi(\mathbf{x})] \log \frac{\exp[-\psi(\mathbf{x})]}{\frac{1}{Z} \exp[-\phi(\mathbf{x})]} d\mathbf{x}$$

## DYNAMIC IN EXTENDED SYSTEM



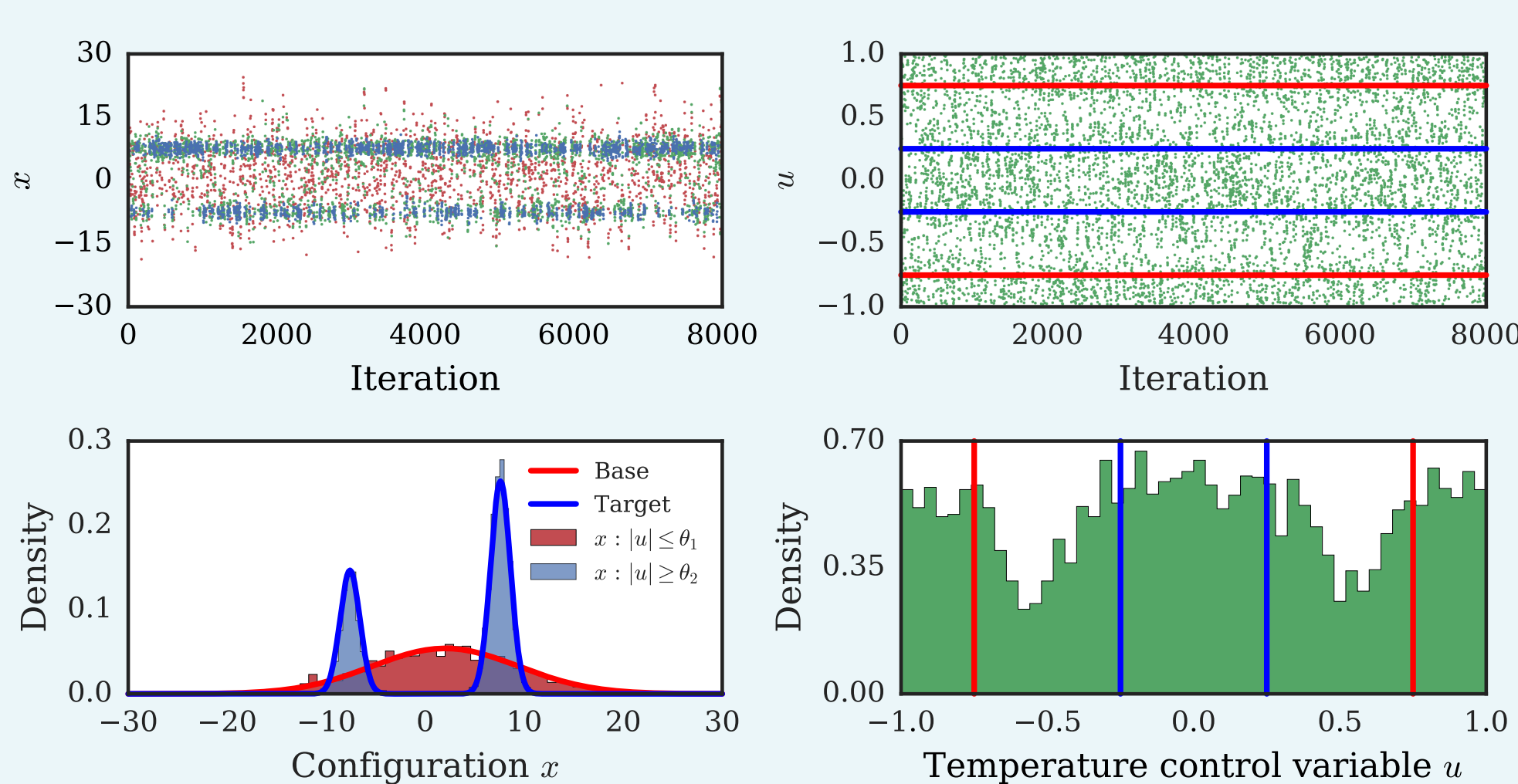
$$H(\mathbf{x}, u, \mathbf{p}, v) = \underbrace{\beta(u)[\phi(\mathbf{x}) + \log \zeta]}_{\tilde{\phi}(\mathbf{x})} + [1-\beta(u)]\psi(\mathbf{x}) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p} + \frac{v^2}{2m}}_{\frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}^T \tilde{\mathbf{M}}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}}$$

## ESTIMATING Z



$$Z = \frac{1 - \theta_2 \mathbb{E}_\pi[1[0 \leq |u| \leq \theta_1]]}{\theta_1 \mathbb{E}_\pi[1[\theta_2 \leq |u| \leq 1]]} \zeta \approx \frac{1 - \theta_2 \sum_{s=1}^S \{1[0 \leq |u^{(s)}| \leq \theta_1]\}}{\theta_1 \sum_{s=1}^S \{1[\theta_2 \leq |u^{(s)}| \leq 1]\}} \zeta$$

## 1D GAUSSIAN MIXTURE RESULTS



## BOLTZMANN MACHINE RELAXATIONS

$$\pi(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{1}{Z_B} \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{b} \right]$$

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} + \sum_{i=1}^{D_B} \log \cosh(\mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{x} + b_i) \right]$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{q}_1 \mathbf{q}_2 \dots \mathbf{q}_{D_B}] \quad \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{Q}$$

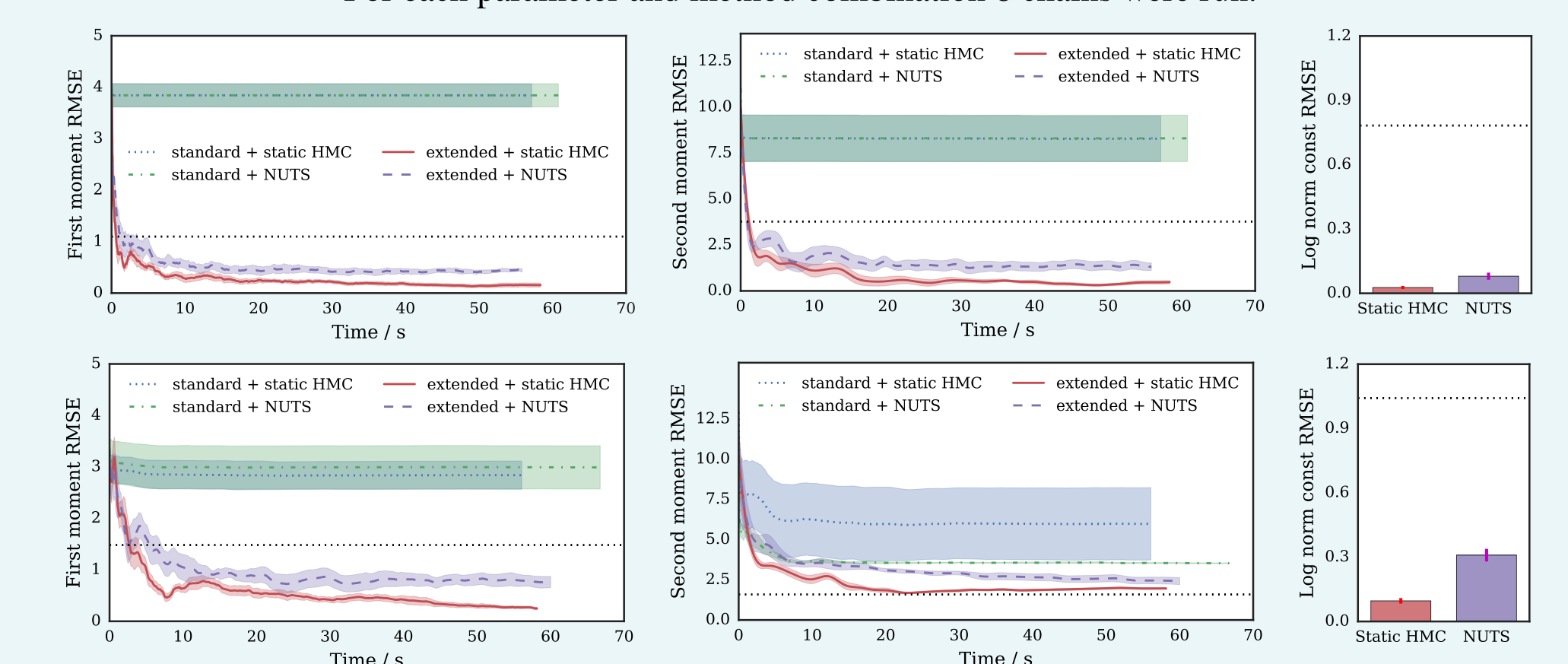
$$\log Z = \log Z_B + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\mathbf{D}] + \frac{D}{2} \log(2\pi) - D_B \log(2)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_\pi[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{Q} \mathbb{E}_\pi[\mathbf{s}] \quad \mathbb{E}_\pi[\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T] = \mathbf{Q} \mathbb{E}_\pi[\mathbf{s} \mathbf{s}^T] \mathbf{Q}^T + \mathbf{I}$$

## 19-DIMENSIONAL RELAXATION RESULTS

Random relaxations generated by sampling  $\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}$  to encourage multimodality. Standard and extended Hamiltonian approaches run in Stan with static HMC and NUTS.

For each parameter and method combination 8 chains were run.



## CONCLUSIONS

- Thermodynamic HMC augmentation which improves mode-hopping and allows estimation of  $Z$ .
- Once a base density  $\exp[-\psi(\mathbf{x})]$  and  $\zeta$  are chosen can be easily used with existing HMC code.
- Exploits cheap deterministic approximations to  $\pi(\mathbf{x})$  while still allowing asymptotic exactness.

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