

# Stability of Schrödinger potentials: application to PDEs

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# Motivation: Dynamical urban planning model

Solve

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho_1 - \Delta \rho_1^p - \operatorname{div}(\rho_1 \nabla (V_1 + \varphi)) = 0, \\ \partial_t \rho_2 - \Delta \rho_2^q - \operatorname{div}(\rho_2 \nabla (V_2 + \psi)) = 0, \\ \rho_1(0, \cdot) = \rho_{1,0}, \rho_2(0, \cdot) = \rho_{2,0}, \end{cases}$$

on a **compact, convex** subset  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with no-flux boundary conditions, where  $p, q \geq 1$ ,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are smooth potentials and  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are:

- **Potentials of Kantorovich:** Optimal transport problem
- **Potentials of Schrödinger:** Entropic regularization of optimal transport problem

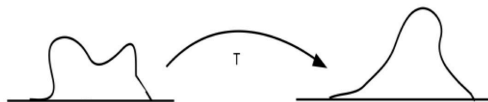
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# Classical Optimal Transport $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$



- Static Monge problem (1781): given a source  $\rho_1 \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and a target  $\rho_2 \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$

$$\inf_T \left\{ \int_{\Omega} |x - T(x)|^2 d\rho_1(x) : \rho_2 = T_{\#}\rho_1 := \rho_1 \circ T^{-1} \right\}$$

No splitting of mass!

- **Very nonlinear constraint:** By a change of variable,  $\rho_2 = T_{\#}\rho_1$  is equivalent, at least formally, to solve the Monge-Ampère equation

$$\rho_2(T(x)) \det[DT(x)] = \rho_1(x)$$

# Wasserstein distance

- Kantorovich relaxation (1942):

$$W_2^2(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \min \left\{ \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} |y - x|^2 d\gamma(x, y) : \gamma \in \Pi(\rho_1, \rho_2) \right\},$$

where

$$\Pi(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \{ \gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega \times \Omega) : \pi_{1\#}\gamma = \rho_1 \text{ and } \pi_{2\#}\gamma = \rho_2 \}.$$

- Wasserstein distance:  $W_2$  define a metric on  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and an optimal  $\gamma$  is called optimal transport plan between  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$ .

# Dual formulation and Brenier's theorem

Dual formulation:

$$W_2^2(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \max \left\{ \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x) d\rho_1(x) + \int_{\Omega} \psi(x) d\rho_2(x) : \varphi(x) + \psi(y) \leq |x - y|^2 \right\}.$$

Solutions  $(\varphi, \psi)$  are such that  $\psi = \varphi^c := \inf_y |x - y|^2 - \varphi(y)$  and  $\varphi$  is called Kantorovich potential.

## Theorem (Brenier 1989)

If  $\rho_1 \ll \mathcal{L}|_{\Omega}$ , then Kantorovich's problem admits a unique solution  $\gamma$  induced by a map  $T$ , i.e.  $\gamma = (\text{Id}, T)_{\#} \rho_1$ .

Moreover,  $T$  is the gradient of a convex function and satisfies  $T = \text{Id} - \nabla \varphi$  where  $\varphi$  is a Kantorovich potential.

# Optimal transport and labour market [Carlier-Ekeland '04]

- $\rho_1, \rho_2$  are the densities of inhabitants and firms in a city  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ ,
- **Commuting cost** from  $x$  to  $y$  given by  $c(x, y)$ , e.g.  $c(x, y) = |x - y|^2$ ,
- **Where to work?** Optimization problem over commuting cost and salary,  $\psi(y)$ ,

$$\varphi(x) = \inf_{y \in \Omega} \{c(x, y) - \psi(y)\}.$$

- Construction of a transport map:

$$T(x) = \operatorname{argmin} \{c(x, y) - \psi(y)\}$$

Then the equilibrium constraint reads  $T_{\#}\rho_1 = \rho_2$ .

- This problem is equivalent to solve the optimal transport problem

$$\inf_{\rho_2 = T_{\#}\rho_1} \int_{\Omega} c(T(x), x) d\rho_1(x),$$

and  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are simply the Kantorovich potential associated to the dual problem.



# Static urban planning model [Buttazzo-Santambrogio '05]

Optimal distribution in a city  $\Omega$ : Existence and characterization of minimizers of

$$(\rho_1, \rho_2) \mapsto W_2^p(\rho_1, \rho_2) + \mathcal{F}(\rho_1) + \mathcal{G}(\rho_2),$$

where

- $\mathcal{F}$  represents a congestion effect for the inhabitants, for example

$$\mathcal{F}(\rho) = \int_{\Omega} F(\rho(x)) dx = \int_{\Omega} \frac{F(\rho(x))}{\rho(x)} \rho(x),$$

where  $F$  is convex and superlinear.  $\frac{F(\rho)}{\rho}$  is unhappiness of a citizen living at a place with density  $\rho$ .

- $\mathcal{G}$  represents a concentration effect for the firms, for example

$$\mathcal{G}(\rho) := \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} |x - y|^2 d\rho(x) d\rho(y).$$

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# Wasserstein gradient flow

Energy:

$$\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \times \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \longrightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$$

Otto's calculus:

$$\text{grad}_{W_2} \mathcal{E}(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \left( \begin{array}{c} -\text{div} \left( \rho_1 \nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \rho_1}(\rho_1, \rho_2) \right) \\ -\text{div} \left( \rho_2 \nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \rho_2}(\rho_1, \rho_2) \right) \end{array} \right),$$

where  $\frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \rho}(\rho)$  is the first variation of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Gradient flow of  $\mathcal{E}$ :

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \partial_t \rho_1 \\ \partial_t \rho_2 \end{array} \right) = -\text{grad}_{W_2} \mathcal{E}(\rho_1, \rho_2) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t \rho_1 = \text{div} \left( \rho_1 \nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \rho_1}(\rho_1, \rho_2) \right) \\ \partial_t \rho_2 = \text{div} \left( \rho_2 \nabla \frac{\delta \mathcal{E}}{\delta \rho_2}(\rho_1, \rho_2) \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

# Geodesic convexity

- Let  $\rho_0, \rho_1 \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and  $\gamma$  an optimal transport plan between  $\rho_0$  and  $\rho_1$ . Define the Wasserstein geodesic  $t \mapsto \rho_t$  by

$$\rho^t := ((1-t)\pi_1 + t\pi_2)_\# \gamma.$$

A functional  $\mathcal{E} : (\rho_1, \dots, \rho_l) \mapsto \mathcal{E}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_l)$  is said  $\lambda$ -geodesically convex if

$$t \in [0, 1] \mapsto \mathcal{E}(\rho_1^t, \dots, \rho_l^t) \text{ is } \lambda\text{-convex.}$$

- Examples:
  - ▶  $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \int F(\rho)$  if  $F$  satisfies McCann's condition:

$$x \in (0, +\infty) \mapsto x^n F(x^{-n}) \text{ is convex nonincreasing}$$

- ▶  $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \int V\rho$  if  $V$   $\lambda$ -convex

# Gradient flow and geodesic convexity

Ambrosio-Gigli-Savaré, '09

Assume  $\mathcal{E}$   $\lambda$ -geodesically convex then

- **Existence and uniqueness** of the gradient flow.
- **Stability:** Let  $\rho_t, \mu_t$  two solutions with initial conditions  $\rho_0, \mu_0$ , then

$$W_2(\rho_t, \mu_t) \leq e^{-\lambda t} W_2(\rho_0, \mu_0).$$

# Dynamical urban planning model

In this talk: Dynamics of

- $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = W_2^2(\rho_1, \rho_2) + \mathcal{F}(\rho_1) + \mathcal{G}(\rho_2)$
- $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = W_{2,\epsilon}^2(\rho_1, \rho_2) + \mathcal{F}(\rho_1) + \mathcal{G}(\rho_2)$

where  $W_{2,\epsilon}$  is the entropic regularization of  $W_2$ .

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# Entropic regularization

Regularized optimal transport problem:

$$\mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}(\rho_1, \rho_2) := \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\rho_1, \rho_2)} \left\{ \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} c(x, y) d\gamma(x, y) + \epsilon \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} \gamma(\log(\gamma) - 1) \right\}.$$

Can be rewritten as

$$\mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}(\rho_1, \rho_2) = \epsilon \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\rho_1, \rho_2)} \mathcal{H}(\gamma | G_\epsilon),$$

where  $G_\epsilon := e^{-\frac{c}{\epsilon}}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  is the relative entropy defined by

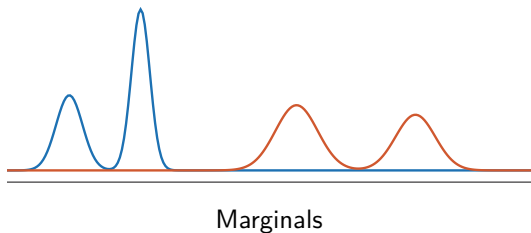
$$\mathcal{H}(\gamma | \mu) := \begin{cases} \int_{\Omega \times \Omega} (\log \left( \frac{d\gamma}{d\mu} \right) - 1) d\gamma & \text{if } \gamma \ll \mu \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**$\Gamma$ -convergence:**  $\mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}$   $\Gamma$ -converges to  $\mathcal{W}_c$  [Léonard '12, Carlier-Duval-Peyré-Schmitzer, '17]



# Addition of noise in the transport plan

[Benamou, Carlier, Cuturi, Nenna, Peyré, '15]



Transport plans when  $\epsilon$  increases

# Schrödinger system

- **Change of reference measure:** Define

$$E(\rho_1, \rho_2) := \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\rho_1, \rho_2)} \left\{ \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} c(x, y) d\gamma(x, y) + \epsilon \mathcal{H}(\gamma | \rho_1 \otimes \rho_2) \right\}$$

**Remark:**  $\mathcal{W}_{c, \epsilon}(\rho_1, \rho_2) = E(\rho_1, \rho_2) + \epsilon \mathcal{H}(\rho_1) + \epsilon \mathcal{H}(\rho_2)$ .

- **Schrödinger system:** Dual solutions  $(\phi_1, \phi_2)$  satisfies  $\rho_1 \otimes \rho_2$  a.e.

$$\begin{cases} \phi_1(x) = -\epsilon \log \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\frac{\phi_2(y)}{\epsilon}} G_{\epsilon}(x, y) d\rho_2(y) \right) \\ \phi_2(y) = -\epsilon \log \left( \int_{\Omega} e^{\frac{\phi_1(x)}{\epsilon}} G_{\epsilon}(x, y) d\rho_1(x) \right) \end{cases}$$

- same regularity as  $c$  and unique in  $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}^k := \mathcal{C}^k \times \mathcal{C}^k / \sim$  where

$$(\phi_1, \phi_2) \sim (\psi_1, \psi_2) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \exists \kappa \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \phi_1 = \psi_1 + \kappa \text{ and } \phi_2 = \psi_2 - \kappa$$

# Formal gradient flow

Formally, a Wasserstein gradient flow of  $\mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho_1 - \operatorname{div}(\rho_1 \nabla \phi_1) - \epsilon \Delta \rho_1 = 0, \\ \partial_t \rho_2 - \operatorname{div}(\rho_2 \nabla \phi_2) - \epsilon \Delta \rho_2 = 0, \\ \rho_1(0, \cdot) = \rho_{1,0}, \rho_2(0, \cdot) = \rho_{2,0}, \end{cases}$$

where  $(\phi_1, \phi_2)$  are Schrödinger potentials for  $E(\rho_1, \rho_2)$ .

↷ Need regularity on the Schrödinger map:

$$S : (\rho_1, \rho_2) \longmapsto (\phi_1, \phi_2)$$

# Lipschitz stability of the Schrödinger map

## Theorem (Carlier-Chizat-L., '22)

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , assume that  $c \in \mathcal{C}^{k+1}(\Omega)$ . The Schrödinger map  $S : \mathcal{P}(\Omega)^2 \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{C}}^k$  is Lipschitz continuous, i.e. there exists  $C > 0$  such that, for all  $(\rho_1, \rho_2), (\mu_1, \mu_2) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)^4$ ,

$$\|S(\rho_1, \rho_2) - S(\mu_1, \mu_2)\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{C}}^k} \leq C(W_2^2(\rho_1, \mu_1) + W_2^2(\rho_2, \mu_2))^{1/2}.$$

# Idea of proof

Denote  $\rho = (\rho_1, \rho_2)$  and  $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2)$

- Rewrite the Schrödinger system as

$$F(\phi, \rho) = 0$$

- For any optimal transport plan  $\gamma \in \Pi(\rho, \mu)$ , consider the interpolation

$$\rho_t = ((1-t)\pi_1 + t\pi_2) \# \gamma$$

- Apply the **implicit function theorem** to

$$G : \begin{array}{ll} \tilde{\mathcal{C}}^k \times [0, 1] & \longrightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{C}}^k \\ (\rho, t) & \longmapsto F(\phi, \rho_t) \end{array}$$

# Displacement smoothness and well-posedness

Corollary (Carlier-Chizat-L., '22)

If  $c \in \mathcal{C}^2$ , then there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $E$  and  $-E$  are  $(-\lambda)$ -displacement convex.

⇒ Existence and uniqueness of Wasserstein gradient flow of  $\mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho_1 - \operatorname{div}(\rho_1 \nabla \phi_1) - \epsilon \Delta \rho_1 = 0, \\ \partial_t \rho_2 - \operatorname{div}(\rho_2 \nabla \phi_2) - \epsilon \Delta \rho_2 = 0, \\ \rho_1(0, \cdot) = \rho_{1,0}, \rho_2(0, \cdot) = \rho_{2,0}, \end{cases}$$

# Asymptotic convergence

## Proposition (Carlier-Chizat-L., '22)

Assume that  $\mathcal{H}(\rho_i^0) < +\infty$  for every  $i$ , then  $\rho_t$ , the WGF of  $\mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}$ , converges at an exponential rate to the equilibrium  $\rho^*$ , defined by

$$\rho_i^*(x) = \frac{\int_{\Omega} e^{-c(x,y)/\epsilon} dy}{\int_{\Omega^2} e^{-c/\epsilon}}$$

i.e. there exists  $\kappa > 0$  independent of  $\rho^0$  such that

$$\mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}(\rho_t) - \mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}(\rho^*) \leq e^{-\kappa t} (\mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}(\rho^0) - \mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}(\rho^*)).$$

**Remark:**  $E$  is not  $\lambda$ -geodesically convex with  $\lambda > 0$

# Idea of proof

- Note the identities

$$E(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} S_i(\boldsymbol{\rho}) d\rho_i, \quad \mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \epsilon \sum_{i=1}^2 \mathcal{H}(\rho_i | e^{-S_i(\boldsymbol{\rho})/\epsilon})$$

- Using the chain rule and an integration by parts

$$\frac{d\mathcal{W}_{c,\epsilon}}{dt}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_t) = -\epsilon \left( \mathcal{I}_1(\rho_1 | e^{-S_1(\boldsymbol{\rho}_t)/\epsilon}) + \mathcal{I}_2(\rho_2 | e^{-S_2(\boldsymbol{\rho}_t)/\epsilon}) \right)$$

where  $\mathcal{I}$  is the relative Fisher information

$$\mathcal{I}_i(\rho | e^{-V}) := \int_{\Omega} \left\| \nabla \log \left( \frac{\rho}{e^{-V}} \right) \right\|^2 d\rho.$$

- Apply Log-Sobolev inequality:  $\exists \kappa = \kappa(\Omega, c, \epsilon) > 0$  such that

$$\mathcal{I}_i(\rho_i | e^{-S_i(\boldsymbol{\rho}_t)/\epsilon}) \geq -\kappa \mathcal{H}(\rho_i | e^{-S_i(\boldsymbol{\rho}_t)/\epsilon}).$$

- Conclusion: Gronwall's Lemma



# Extensions

- **Multi-Marginal case:** The existence and uniqueness can be extended to systems with more than 2 populations.
- **Numerical algorithm:** Based on Sinkhorn algorithm (iterate  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  in the fixed point problem)

**Previous applications:** Wasserstein barycenter ([Cuturi-Doucet '14], [Benamou-Carlier-Cuturi-Nenna-Peyré '15]), Multi-marginal optimal transport ([BCCNP '15], [Nenna '16]), Wasserstein gradient flows ([Peyré '15]), etc.

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# Gradient flow of $\mathcal{E} = W_2^2(\rho_1, \rho_2) + \mathcal{F}(\rho_1) + \mathcal{G}(\rho_2)$

Since (see for example Santambrogio's book *Optimal Transport for Applied Mathematicians*)

$$\frac{\delta W_2^2(\cdot, \mu)}{\delta \rho}(\rho) = \varphi,$$

where  $\varphi$  is a Kantorovich potential i.e. belongs to

$$\left\{ \varphi : \int_{\Omega} \varphi \rho + \int_{\Omega} \varphi^c \mu = W_2^2(\rho, \mu) \right\}.$$

**Formally:** Wasserstein gradient flow of

$$\mathcal{E}(\rho_1, \rho_2) := W_2^2(\rho_1, \rho_2) + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} (\rho_i \log(\rho_i) + V_i \rho_i)$$

solves

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho_1 - \Delta \rho_1 - \operatorname{div}(\rho_1 \nabla V_1) + \operatorname{div}(\rho_1 \nabla \varphi) = 0, \\ \partial_t \rho_2 - \Delta \rho_2 - \operatorname{div}(\rho_2 \nabla V_2) + \operatorname{div}(\rho_2 \nabla \psi) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $(\varphi(t), \psi(t))$  is a pair of Kantorovich potential of  $W_2(\rho_1(t), \rho_2(t))$ ,  $t$ -a.e.

## Remark on geodesic convexity

- **Geodesic convexity of  $W_2^2$** : if  $c$  is a  $C^2$  convex function such that  $\partial_{i,j}c \leq 0$  for all  $i \neq j$  in dimension 1
- **Existence and uniqueness in dimension 1**
- **Higher dimension:  $W_2^2$  is not geodesically convex!!**  
open problem

## Remark: system coupled by Monge-Ampère equation

Since  $\psi = \varphi^c = \inf_y \frac{|x-y|^2}{2} - \varphi(y)$ , and the optimal transport map  $T = Id - \nabla \varphi$  satisfies the Monge-Ampère equation,

$$\rho_2(T) \det[DT] = \rho_1.$$

Then, the system is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho_1 - \Delta \rho_1 - \operatorname{div}(\rho_1 \nabla V_1) + \operatorname{div}(\rho_1 \nabla \varphi) = 0, \\ \partial_t \rho_2 - \Delta \rho_2 - \operatorname{div}(\rho_2 \nabla V_2) + \operatorname{div}(\rho_2 \nabla \varphi^c) = 0, \\ \rho_2(Id - \nabla \varphi) \det[I - D^2 \varphi] = \rho_1, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $\varphi^c$  is the  $c$ -transform of  $\varphi$ ,  $\varphi^c(x) = \inf_y \frac{|x-y|^2}{2} - \varphi(y)$ , and  $\frac{|x|^2}{2} - \varphi$  is convex.

## Weak formulation for $\operatorname{div}(\rho_1 \nabla \varphi)$

For an optimal transport plan  $\gamma$  and a Kantorovich potential  $\varphi$  we have

$$\nabla \varphi(x) = x - y \quad \gamma - \text{a.e.}$$

Then, for all  $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}_c^\infty([0, +\infty] \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{+\infty} \int_{\Omega} \nabla \Phi(t, x) \cdot \nabla \varphi(t, x) \rho_1(t, x) \, dx dt \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \int_{\Omega \times \Omega} \nabla \Phi(t, x) \cdot \nabla \varphi(t, x) \, d\gamma(t, x, y) \, dt \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \int_{\Omega \times \Omega} \nabla \Phi(t, x) \cdot (x - y) \, d\gamma(t, x, y) \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma(t)$  is the optimal transport plan for  $W_2(\rho_1(t), \rho_2(t))$ ,  $t$ -a.e.

The nonlinear term  $\rho_1 \nabla \varphi$  is replaced by a linear term in  $\gamma$

# Weak solutions

A weak solution of (2) is a curve  $t \in (0, +\infty) \mapsto (\rho_1(t), \rho_2(t)) \in \mathcal{P}^{ac}(\Omega)^2$  such that  $\rho_i \in L^1((0, T); W^{1,1}(\Omega))$  for all  $T < +\infty$  and for all  $\Phi \in C_c^\infty([0, +\infty] \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \left( \int_{\Omega} \partial_t \Phi \rho_1 \, dx - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \Phi \cdot (\nabla \rho_1 + \nabla V_1 \rho_1) - \int_{\Omega \times \Omega} (x - y) \cdot \nabla \Phi(t, x) \, d\gamma(t, x, y) \right) dt = - \int_{\Omega} \Phi(0, x) \rho_{1,0}(x) \, dx,$$

and

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \left( \int_{\Omega} \partial_t \Phi \rho_2 \, dx - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \Phi \cdot (\nabla \rho_2 + \nabla V_2 \rho_2) - \int_{\Omega \times \Omega} (y - x) \cdot \nabla \Phi(t, y) \, d\gamma(t, x, y) \right) dt = - \int_{\Omega} \Phi(0, x) \rho_{2,0}(x) \, dx,$$

where  $\gamma(t)$  is the optimal transport plan for  $W_2(\rho_1(t), \rho_2(t))$ ,  $t$ -a.e.

# Existence Theorem

## Theorem (L. '20)

Assume that  $\rho_{1,0}$  and  $\rho_{2,0}$  have finite Entropy, then system (2) admits at least one weak solution.

JKO scheme ([De Giorgi, '93],[Jordan, Kinderlehrer, Otto,'98 ], [Ambrosio, Gigli, Savaré, '05] : Given  $h > 0$ , construct  $(\rho_1^k, \rho_2^k)$  by induction

$$(\rho_1^{k+1}, \rho_2^{k+1}) = \operatorname{argmin} \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{2h} W_2^2(\rho_i, \rho_i^k) + \mathcal{E}_1(\rho_1) + \mathcal{E}_2(\rho_2) + W_2^2(\rho_1, \rho_2). \quad (3)$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}_i(\rho) = \begin{cases} \int_{\Omega} \rho \log(\rho) + V_i \rho & \text{if } \rho \ll \mathcal{L}, \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$\rho_{i,h}$ : piecewise interpolation in time of  $(\rho_i^k)_k$ .



# Extensions (1)

More than 2 populations and more general cost functions: Multi-Marginal Optimal Transport problems

$$W_2^2(\rho_1, \rho_2) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{W}_c(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_l) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Pi(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_l)} \int_{\Omega^l} c(x_1, \dots, x_l) d\gamma.$$

Application to gradient flow of Wasserstein Barycenter [Agueh-Carlier 2010]

## Extensions (2)

**Different transport problems for each population:** Semi-implicit JKO scheme (introduced by [DiFrancesco and Fagioli '14])

$$\rho_i^{k+1} \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\rho} \frac{1}{2h} W_2^2(\rho, \rho_i^k) + 2h(\mathcal{E}_i(\rho) + \mathcal{W}_{c_i}^k(\rho)),$$

where,

$$\mathcal{W}_{c_i}^k(\rho) = \mathcal{W}_{c_i}(\rho_1^k, \dots, \rho_{i-1}^k, \rho, \rho_{i+1}^k, \dots, \rho_l^k).$$

**Main argument:**  $\mathcal{W}_{c_i}^k$  is Lipschitz in the Wasserstein space  $\Rightarrow$  time compactness.

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# Open problems and future works

- **Uniqueness** or not in dimension  $d \geq 2$  for the non regularized problem with smooth initial data
- **$\Gamma$ -Convergence** of the gradient flow of the entropic regularization problem to the gradient flow of the optimal transport problem: Serfaty [  $\Gamma$ -convergence of gradient flows on Hilbert and metric spaces and applications ] or send  $\epsilon$  and  $h$  to 0 in the same time during the JKO procedure
- **Extension to different transport problem**: taking into account the traffic congestion during the transport [Carlier-Santambrogio, '05 ] or a ring road going around the city [Monsaingeon, '21]
- **Asymptotic behaviour** for the unregularized problem

Thank you for your attention!