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2 **R2+R4 (also R1+R5): Main contribution.** We recall our main contribution. Recall that  $\text{prox}_G$  generalizes the  
3 projection onto convex set in a way that  $\text{prox}_G(x) \in \text{dom}(G)$ . Importantly, in PSGLA *the iterates are feasible*:  
4  $x^{k+1} \in \text{dom}(G) = \text{supp}(\mu^*)$ , contrary to alternative methods. The PSGLA method proposed in this paper *extends in*  
5 *a natural way* particular cases that were considered in the literature, namely i) the case where  $G$  is Lipschitz [18, Sec  
6 4.2] (in particular  $\text{supp}(\mu^*) = X$ ) and ii) the case where  $G$  is the indicator of a convex compact set [9] (in particular  
7  $\text{supp}(\mu^*) \neq X$ ), in which case PSGLA has a high complexity  $\mathcal{O}(1/\varepsilon^{12})$ . All the other cases, where  $G$  is a general  
8 convex l.s.c, potentially with a domain  $\text{dom}(G) \neq X$  (for instance the  $G$  considered in the experiments 1.456) where  
9 not analyzed before. *Our main contribution is to analyze PSGLA in these new cases.* This is a challenging problem:  
10 we had to develop new mathematical tools (e.g. the duality gap arising from the primal dual interpretation of PSGLA)  
11 for the analysis. Using these tools, we obtained surprising results: although  $G$  can have a domain ( $\text{supp}(\mu^*) \neq X$ ),  
12 the complexity of PSGLA in these new cases is basically the same as in the case where  $G$  is Lipschitz ( $\mathcal{O}(1/\varepsilon^2)$ ).

13 **R1+R3+R4: Numerical experiments.** Although our paper is mainly of a theoretical nature, we provided detailed  
14 numerical experiments + the associated code. We will use the 9th page to move some experiments to the main text if  
15 our paper is accepted. We do not believe that our experiments are too simple as R4 says. We considered a sampling  
16 problem in a multidimensional half space of matrices relevant in the field of random matrices. The function  $G$  is given  
17 in 1.456 and the computation of  $\text{prox}_G$  in closed form relies on recent results on proximity operators. Particular cases  
18 of PSGLA considered previously are not able to tackle this sampling problem. The main message of the experiment  
19 section is: PSGLA only produces iterates in the support of  $\mu^*$ , contrary to alternative methods.

20 **R1:** 1)  $G$  is a general convex l.s.c. but using [24, Th 25.5],  $G$  is almost surely differentiable on its domain, therefore  
21 the integral is well defined. 2) SGD can be written  $x^{k+1} = x^k - \gamma \nabla F(x^k) + \gamma w^{k+1}$ , where  $w^{k+1}$  is a martingale  
22 increment. In Langevin the noise  $W^k$  is scaled by  $\sqrt{\gamma}$  instead. There is more noise in Langevin, that's why Langevin  
23 explores the whole support of  $\mu^*$ , whereas SGD converges to  $\arg \max \mu^*$ . 3) Yes, and we did it! In Appendix D, we  
24 used (cheap) stochastic proximity operators instead of full proximity operators and showed that the convergence rates  
25 remain unchanged. Another approach (that we will acknowledge) could be to adapt to our setting the proof technique of  
26 Pesquet and Combettes in a series of papers on primal dual optimization with approximate proximity operators. Note  
27 however that many proximity operators can be computed in closed form (hinge loss, logistic loss, many penalizations,  
28 etc., see also the experiments 1.456) thanks to research efforts on this topic, see proximity-operator.net. 4) Convexity is  
29 needed to prove that the duality gap is nonnegative (Th3) which is fundamental in our approach (We iterated (27)). For  
30 nonconvex cases, see [30,33] that made nice connections between nonconvex Langevin and nonconvex optimization.

31 **R2:** 1) We think that R2 has missed a key part of our main contribution, see above. 2) In the literature on Langevin  
32 algorithm, complexity results are indeed often expressed in terms of the parameters of the problem like the Lipschitz  
33 constants and  $d$ . If  $G$  is  $M$ -Lipschitz, [18, discussion after Corollary 18] gives a complexity result for PSGLA in terms  
34 of  $\sigma_F^2, L, M, d$  by using an approach similar to [[1, Lemma 5]]. Although the constants  $\sigma_F^2, L, M$  implicitly depend  
35 on  $d$ , they have an explicit meaning. Using [[1, Lemma 5]] in our case, we can obtain the same complexity result as in  
36 [18], but by replacing  $M^2$  by  $I := \int \|\nabla G\|^2 d\mu^*$ . We will acknowledge that  $I$  is a bit less intuitive than  $M$ , but  $\sqrt{I}$  can  
37 be seen as a generalized Lipschitz constant since  $I \leq M^2$  if  $G$  is  $M$ -Lipschitz. 3)  $x^*$  is a measurable map  $\Omega \rightarrow X$ , i.e.,  
38 a random vector (see 1.246). Since  $x^* : (x, y) \mapsto x$  and  $\Omega = X^2$  is endowed with  $\pi^*$ , the distribution of  $x^*$  is the first  
39 marginal of  $\pi^*$ , i.e.,  $\mu^*$  (such construction is sometimes used in probability theory). 4) 1.303: we will acknowledge  
40 [[1]] (we did not know). 5) The meaning of the convergence of the duality gap to zero is an important interesting  
41 question that is the subject to further research. We are specifically interested in understanding its relationship with  
42 weak or KL convergence. It is also a difficult question, and we don't have a clear answer for projected Langevin. In  
43 this paper, we focused on the convergence in  $W_2$  in the case where  $F$  is strongly convex and  $G$  general convex l.s.c,  
44 in order to cover new cases.

45 **R1+R3:** Thank you for your positive feedback. We will use the 9th page to move some experiments to the main paper.

46 **R1+R4+R5 (also R3): Intuition.** Regarding the FB, everything is made rigorous in Lemma 4. We provided a whole  
47 Appendix (C) to provide intuition on the relationship on primal dual convex optimization, FB and sampling, and how  
48 we had the idea of using a primal dual view to obtain our complexity results. Notably, our Lagrangian is similar to the  
49 one used in optimization, see C.2. We will go further by moving some material from C.2 to the introduction.

50 **R4:** 1.21, 1.170: we corrected. 1.198: (12) is valid only for any  $\mu'$ , but only using  $T_{\mu'}^{\mu'}$  the *optimal* pushforward. This  
51 is the main difference with convexity, that makes things more challenging. Th2:  $w$  is a (random) vector because the  
52 elements of the subdifferential are (random) vectors (as in optimization), see 1.195. Th2: If  $V \equiv 0$ ,  $w\rho = \nabla\rho$  i.e.  
53  $w = \nabla \log(\rho)$ . Then we take  $\rho = \exp(-V)$  which gives the result.  $\gamma$ : There is a trade-off: if  $\gamma$  is small, MYULA  
54 (or any Langevin algorithm) is more precise but slower to reach its invariant distribution. That's why we compared  
55 MYULA vs PSGLA at equal learning rate  $\gamma$ .