

# Distributional Control of Ensemble Systems



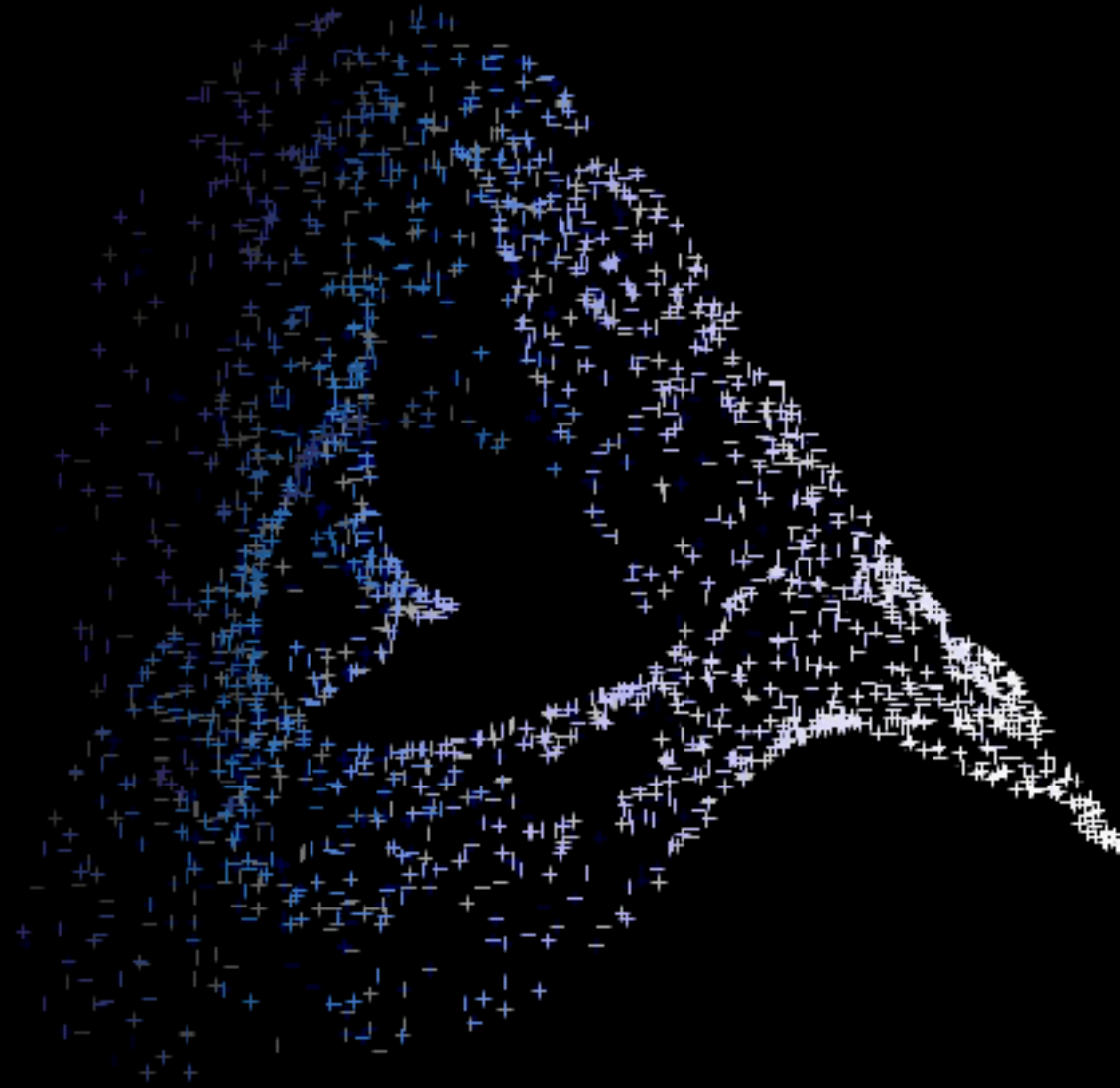
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# Ensemble Systems



- ▶ Population systems consisting of a large number of structurally similar dynamic units
  - ▶ Finitely or infinitely many
  - ▶ Isolated or interconnected agents



# Large-Scale Dynamic Populations



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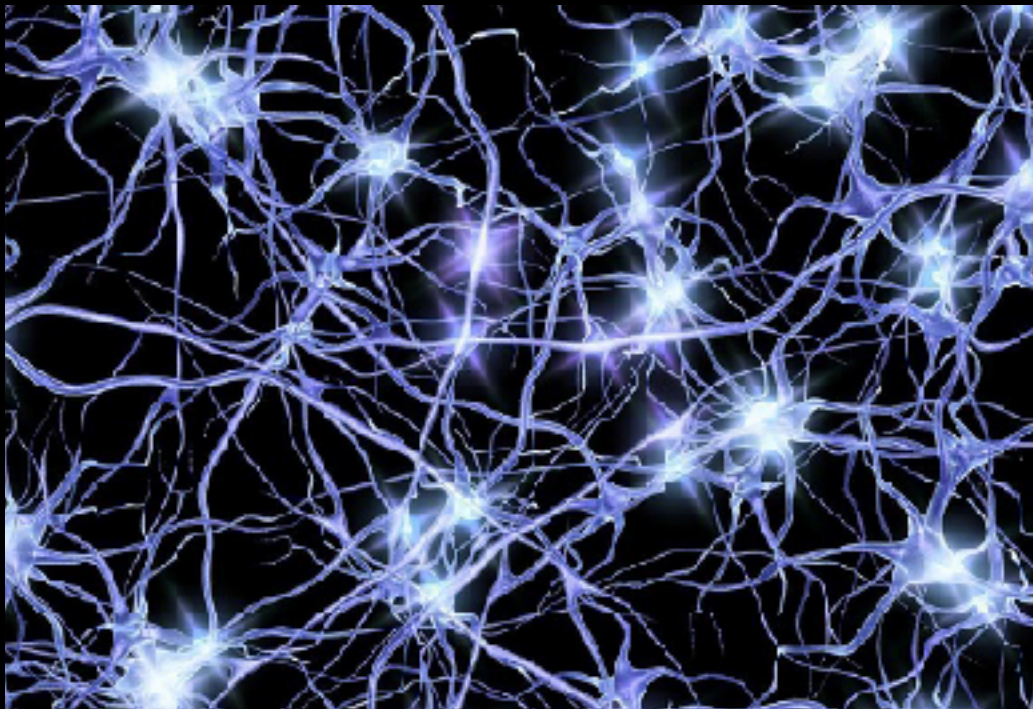


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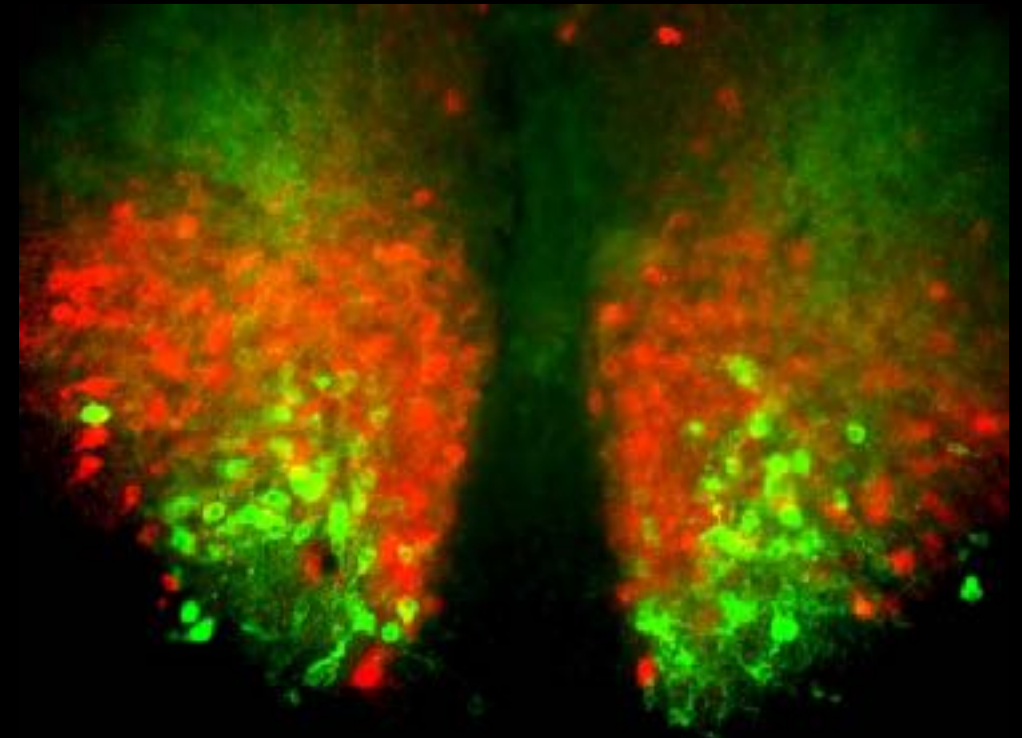




# Large-Scale Dynamic Networks



Neuronal networks



Biological networks



Quantum networks

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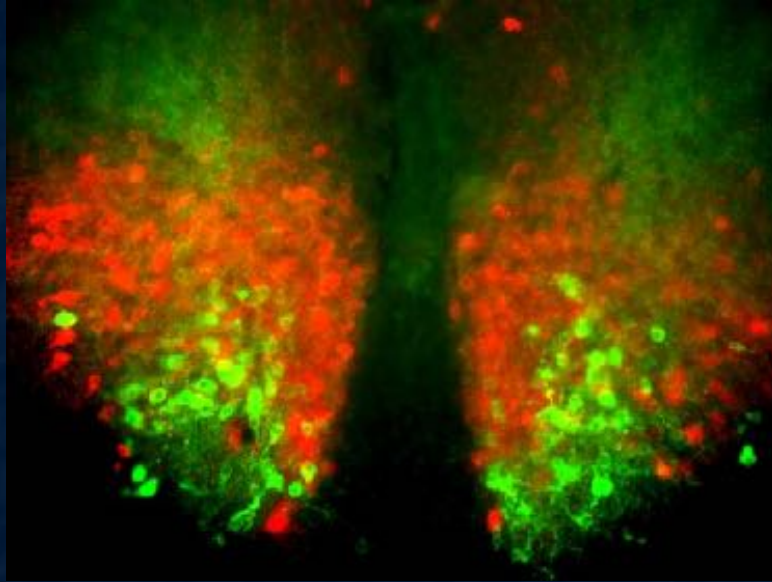


Social networks

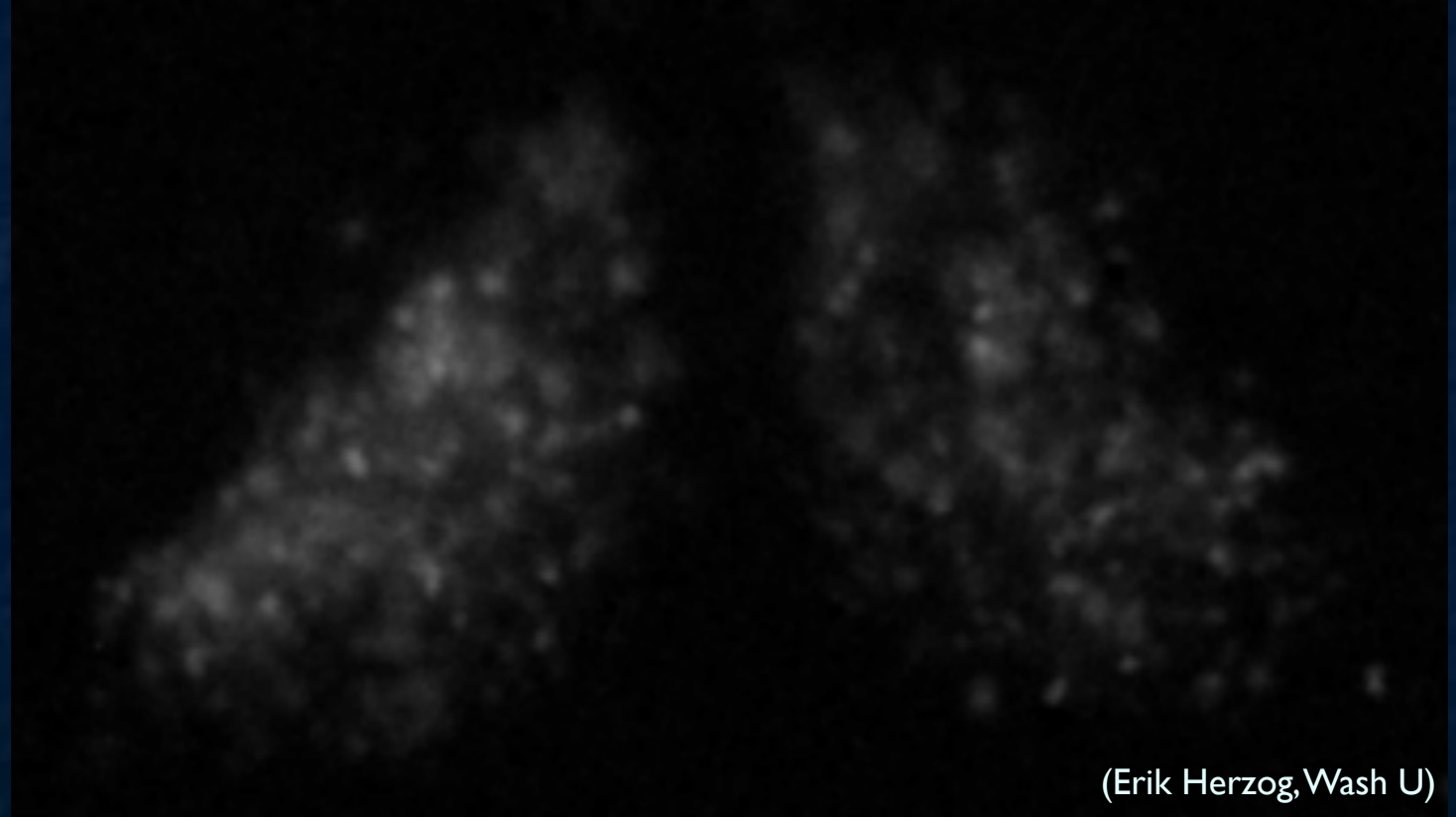


# Population Data

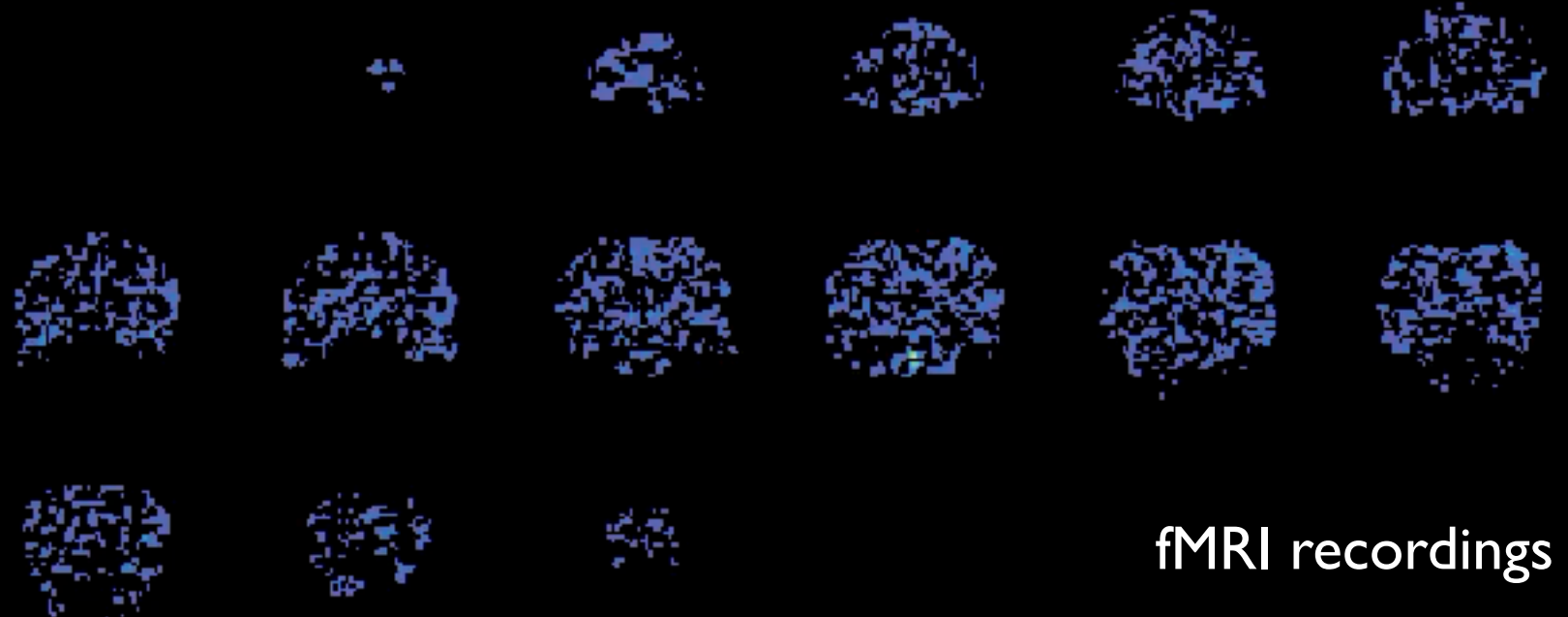
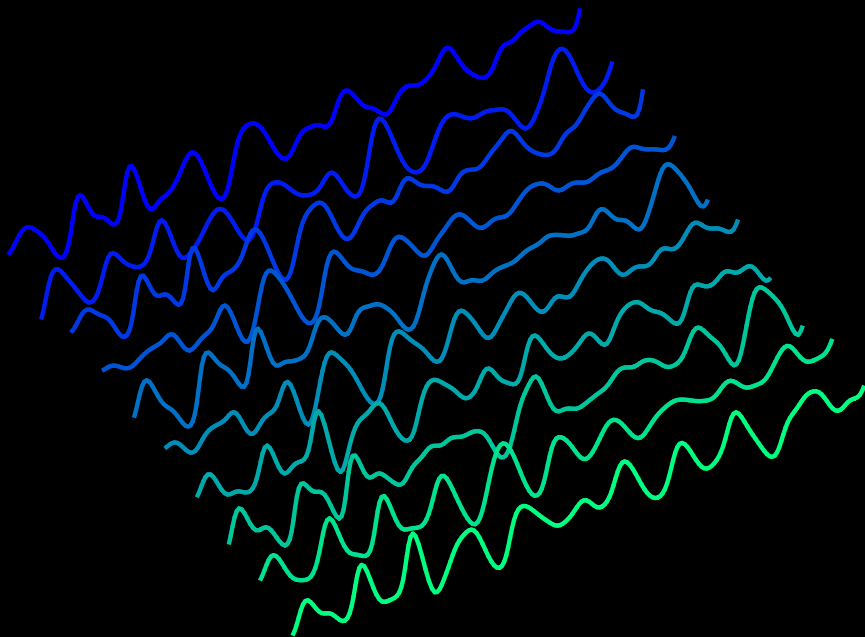
A clock in a dish: The SCN in vitro



Circadian clocks



(Erik Herzog, Wash U)



fMRI recordings

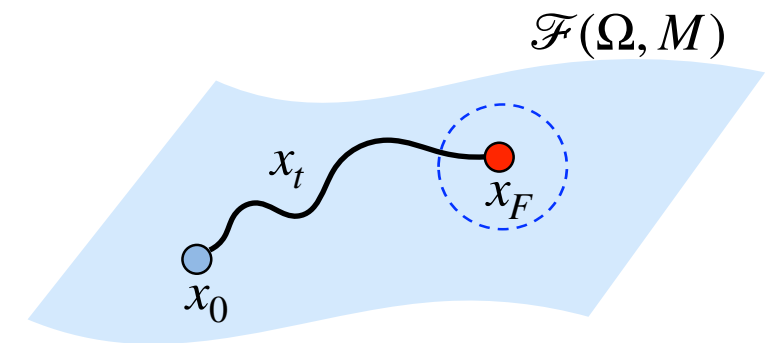
# Outline

- ▶ Distributional control of ensemble systems
  - ▶ Distributional information inherent in aggregated measurements
  - ▶ Controlling output measures induced by aggregated measurements
- ▶ Dual representations generated by moment kernelization
- ▶ Link of ensemble control with optimal transport
- ▶ Distributional control on fibre space
- ▶ Ensemble control systems and representation learning

# Control of Ensemble Systems

## ► Ensemble system

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}x(t, \beta) &= F(t, \beta, x(t, \beta), u(t)), & \beta &\in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \\ x(t, \beta) &\in M \subset \mathbb{R}^n, & u(t) &\in \mathbb{R}^m, & \Omega &\text{ is compact} \end{aligned}$$



$$x_t \doteq x(t, \cdot) \in \mathcal{F}(\Omega, M)$$

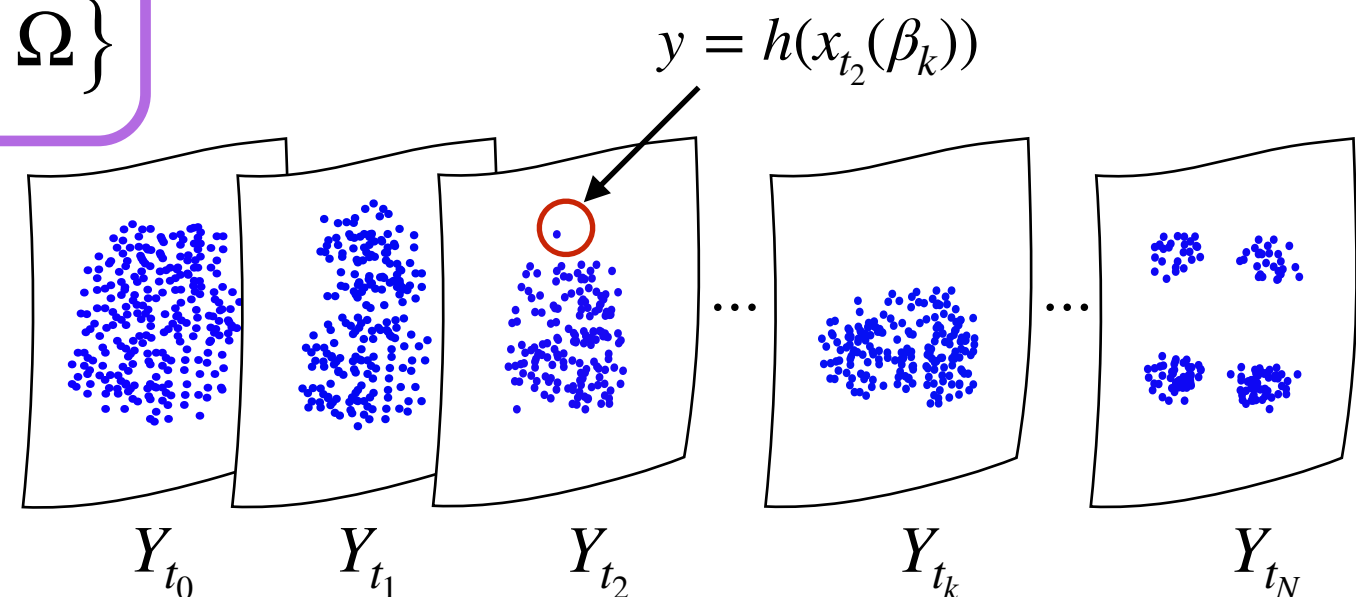
$$x_t : \Omega \rightarrow M$$

## ► Aggregated measurements

$$\begin{aligned} Y_t &= y_t(\Omega) = h \circ x_t(\Omega) \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R}^r : y = h(x(t, \beta)), \beta \in \Omega\} \end{aligned}$$

Set-valued  
measurements

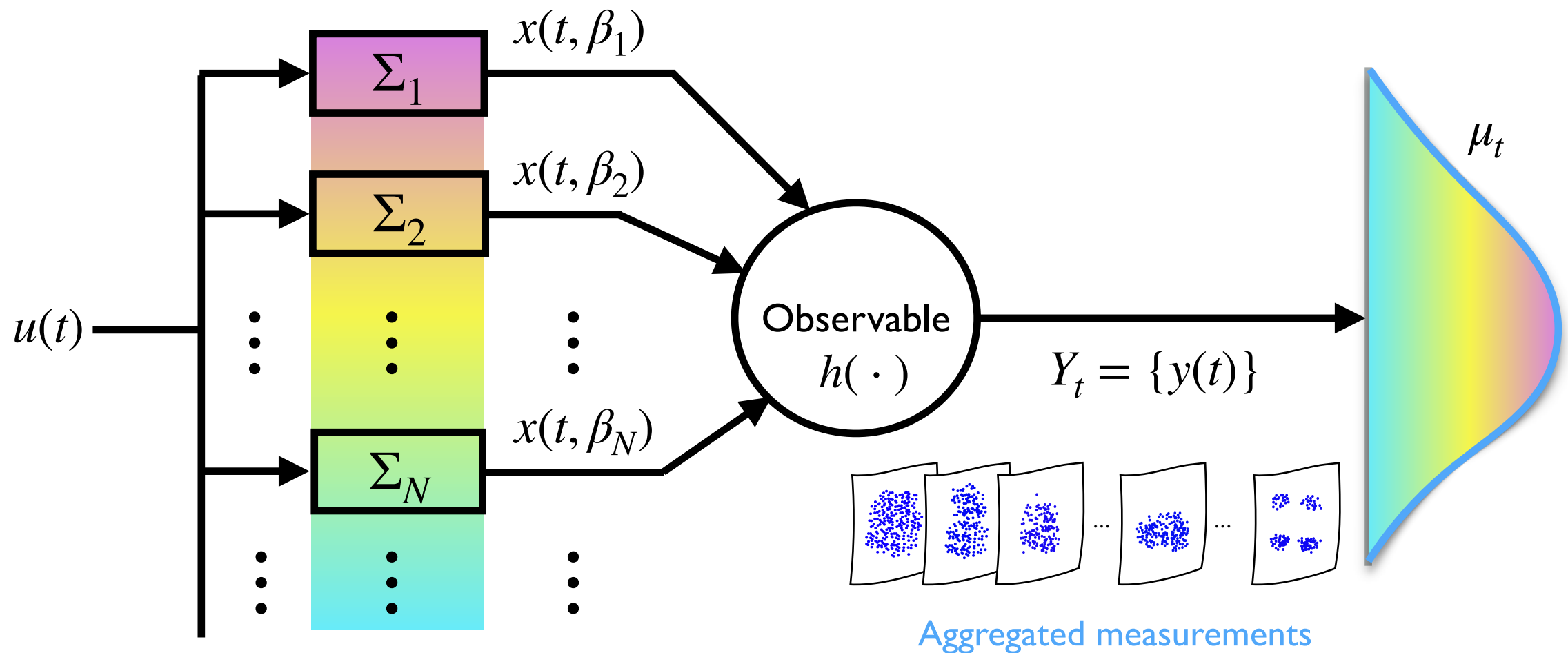
$$y_t \sim \mu_t \quad \text{Probability measure}$$



# Control of Ensemble Distributions

## ► Shaping ensemble “distributions”

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t, \beta) = F(t, \beta, x(t, \beta), u(t)), \quad \beta \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$$
$$Y_t = y_t(\Omega) = h \circ x_t(\Omega)$$

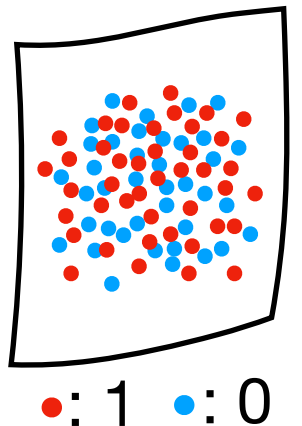




# Distributional Control of Ensembles

## ► A pedagogic example

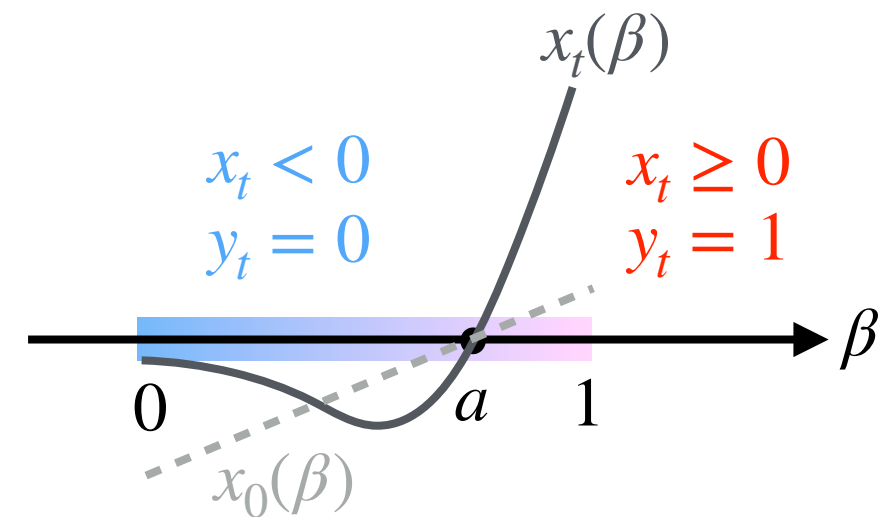
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dt}x(t, \beta) = \beta x(t, \beta) + u(t), \quad \beta \in [0,1], \quad x(t, \beta) \in \mathbb{R} \\ y_t(\beta) = h(x_t(\beta)) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x_t(\beta) < 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x_t(\beta) \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow Y_t = \{0,1\}$$



►  $x_0(\beta) = \beta - a, \quad u(t) = 0$

$$x_t(\beta) = e^{t\beta} x_0(\beta) \begin{cases} < 0, & \beta \in [0, a) \\ \geq 0, & \beta \in [a, 1] \end{cases}$$

►  $y_t = \mathbf{1}_{[a,1]}$



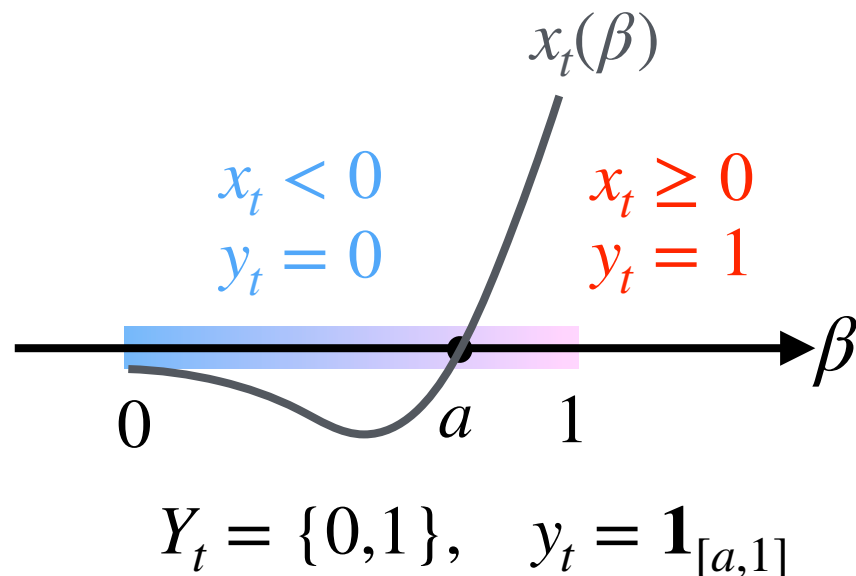
$$\mu_t(\{0\}) = a$$

$$\mu_t(\{1\}) = 1 - a$$

$$y_t \sim \mu_t : \text{Bernoulli}(a)$$

# Distributional Control of Ensembles

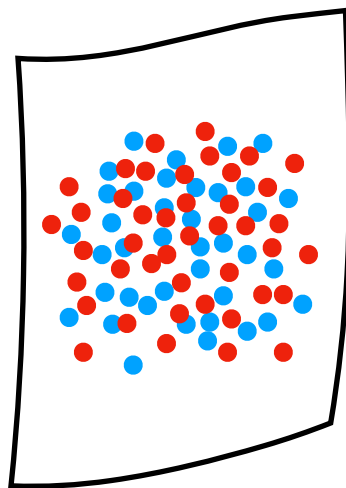
## ► Mathematical formalism



$\Omega = [0, 1], \quad \lambda$  Lebesgue measure

$$\mu_t(\{0\}) = \lambda([0, a)) = \lambda(y_t^{-1}(0)) = ((y_t)_\# \lambda)(\{0\})$$

$$\mu_t(\{1\}) = \lambda([a, 1]) = \lambda(y_t^{-1}(1)) = ((y_t)_\# \lambda)(\{1\})$$



$$\mu_t = (y_t)_\# \lambda$$

$$d\lambda = \frac{\omega}{\text{vol}(\Omega)}$$

$$\mu_t(B) = \lambda(y_t^{-1}(B))$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^r} f d\mu_t = \int_{\Omega} f \circ y_t d\lambda$$

Distributional  
control

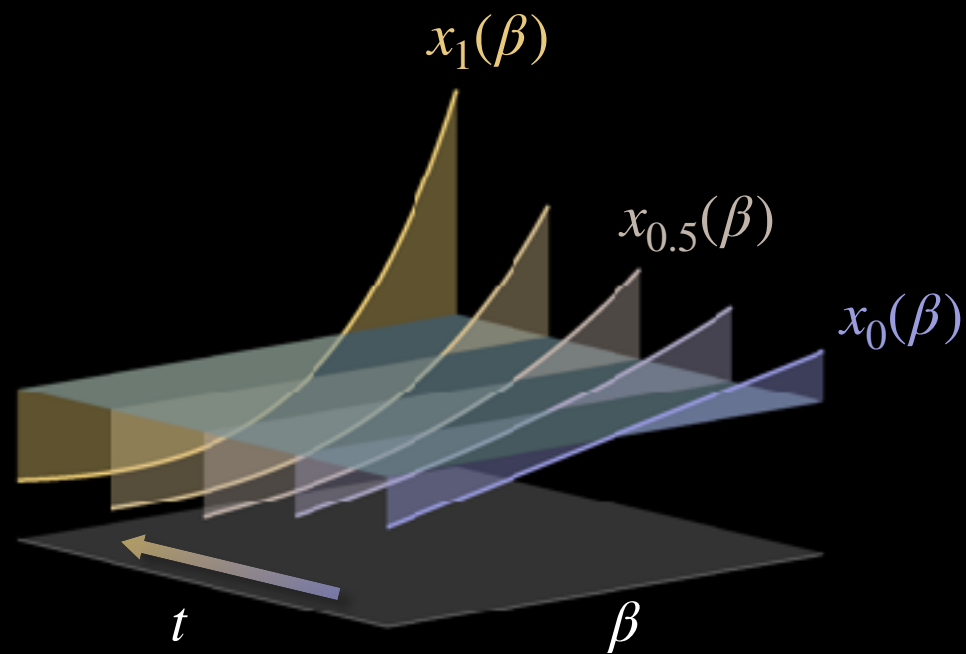
Transport of  
probability measures

# Distributional Control of Ensembles

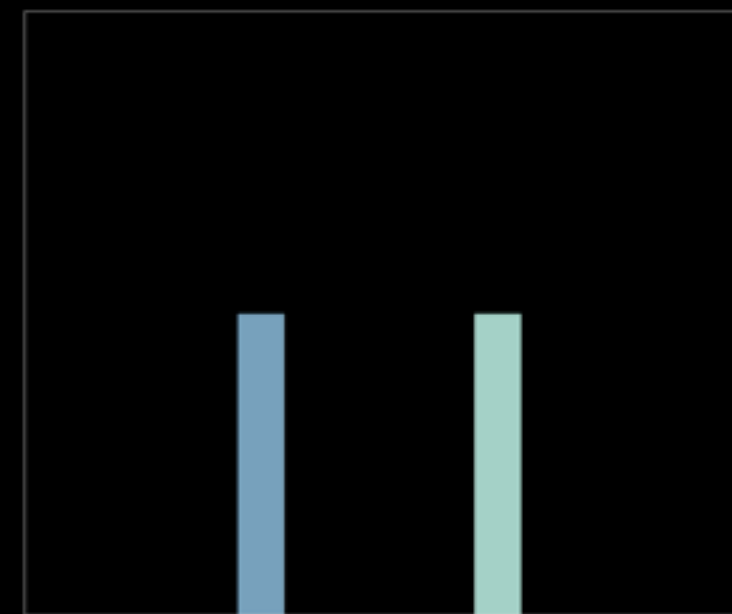
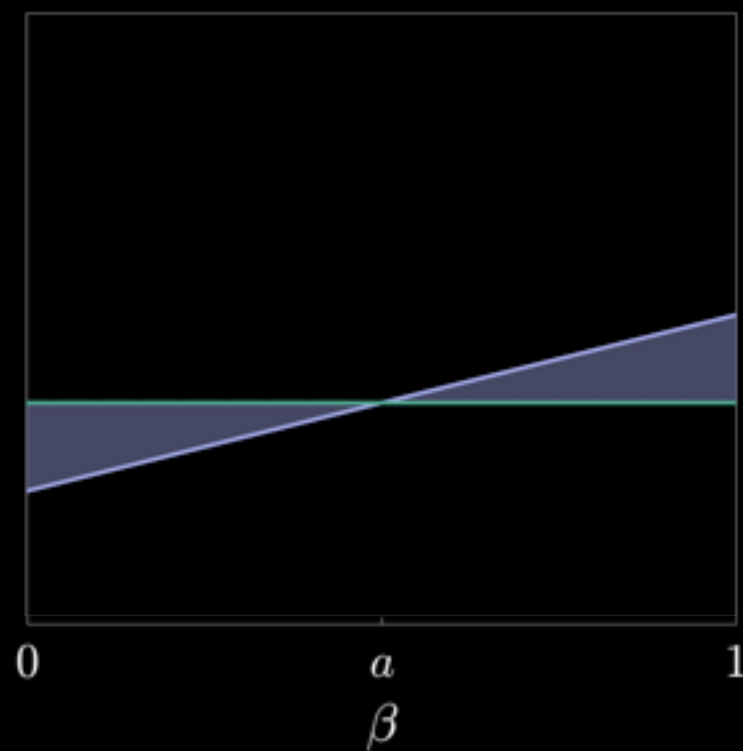
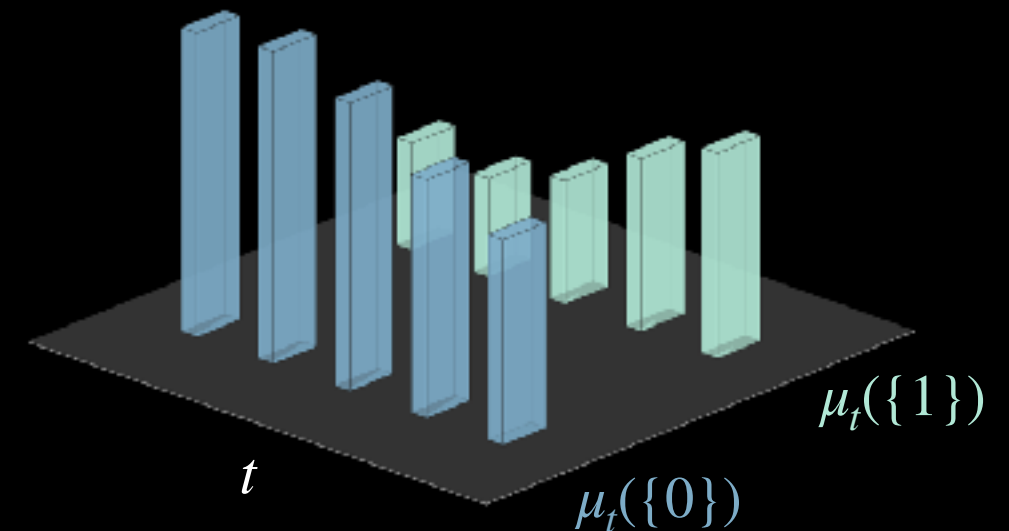
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}x_t(\beta) &= \beta x_t(\beta) + u(t), \quad \beta \in [0,1] \\ y_t(\beta) &= h(x(t, \beta))\end{aligned}$$

$$x_0(\beta) = \beta - 0.5$$

$$u(t) = -\sin(t)\cos(t)$$

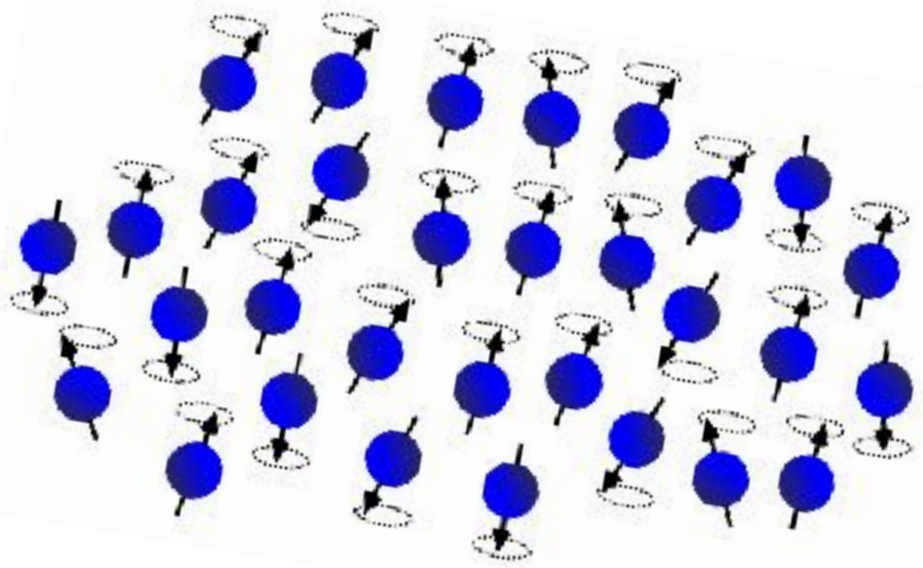


$\xrightarrow{(y_t)_\# \lambda}$



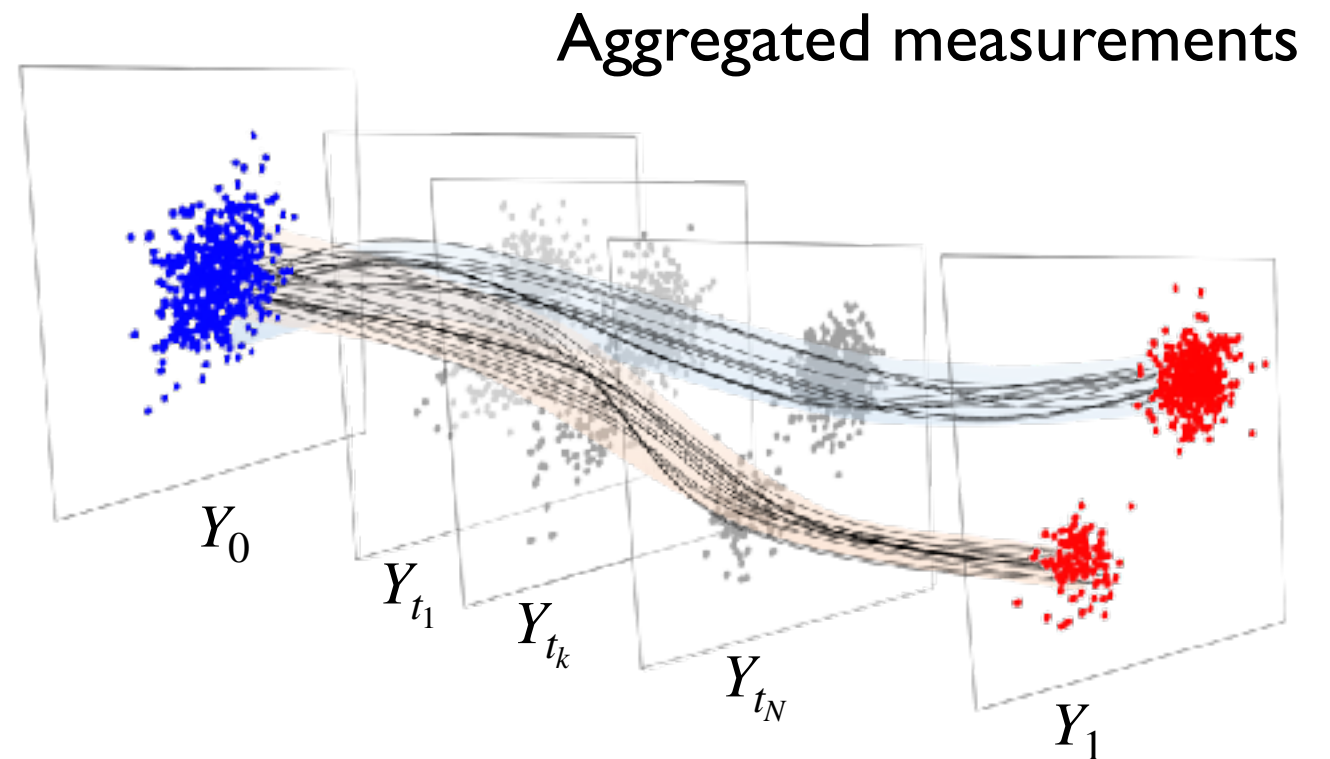


# Distributional Control via Optimal Transport

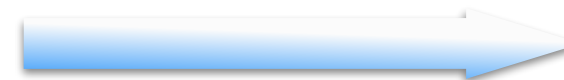


$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t, \beta) = F(t, \beta, x(t, \beta), u(t))$$

$$Y_t = y_t(\Omega) = h \circ x_t(\Omega)$$



$\mu_0$



$\mu_1$

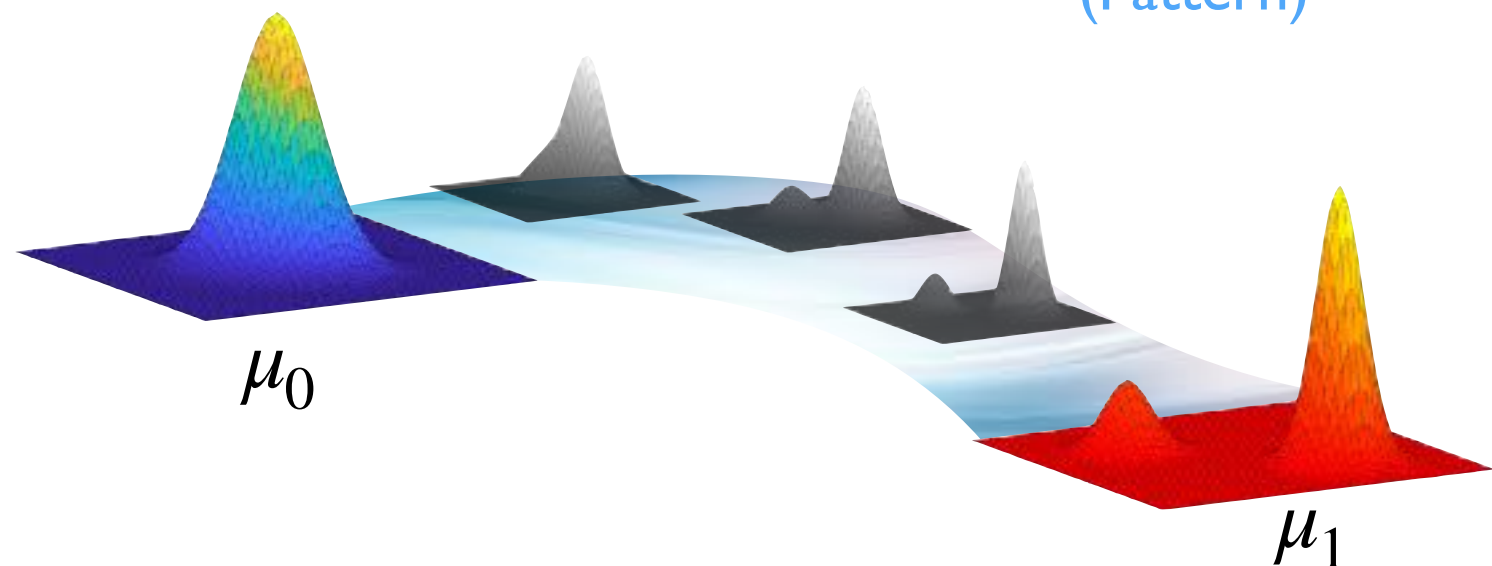
$$\mu_t = (y_t)_\# \lambda$$

Output distribution  
(Pattern)

Ensemble  
control

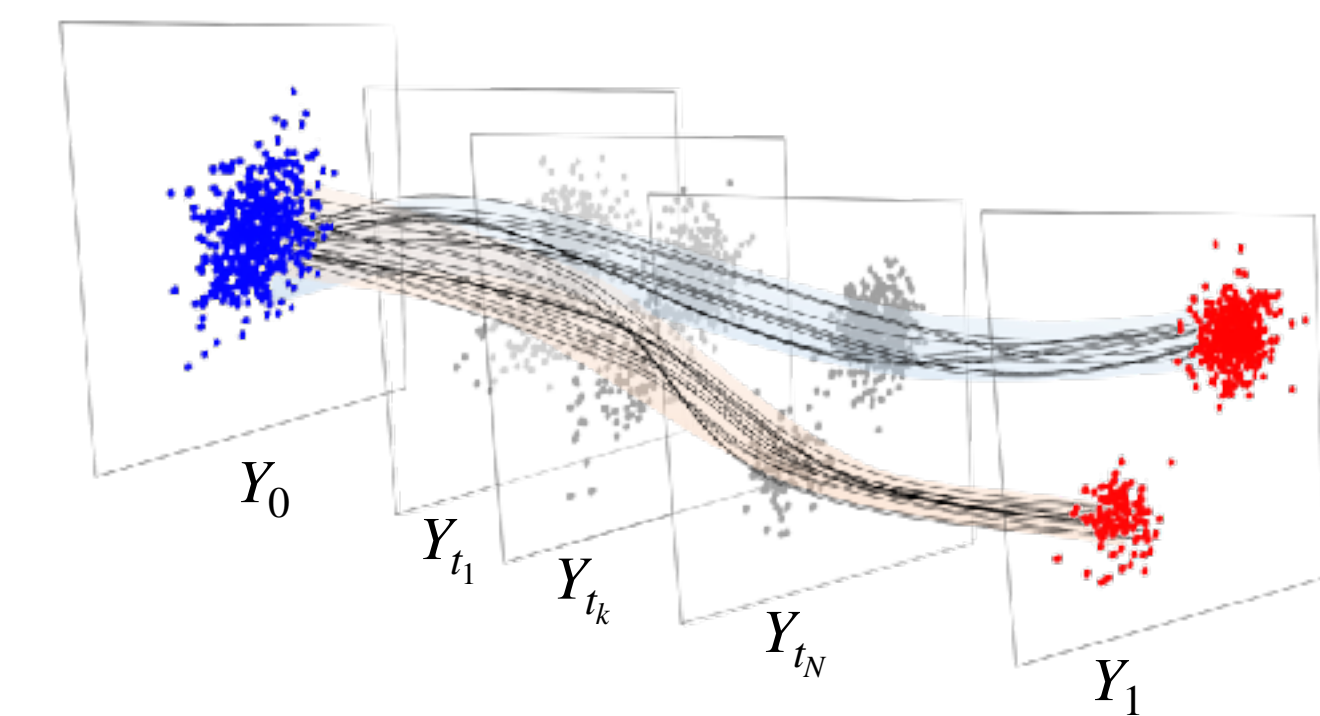


Optimal  
transport



# Time-Dependent Optimal Transport

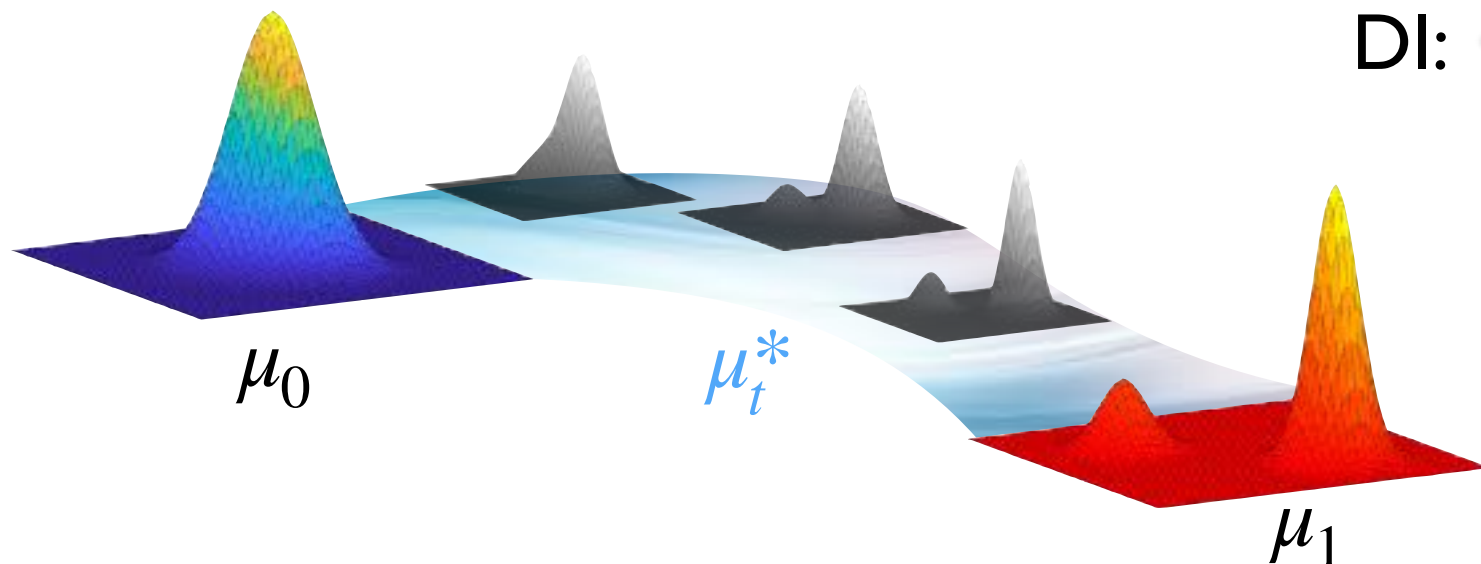
## ► Displacement interpolation (DI)



$\mu_0$

$\mu_1$

$$\mu_t \approx \mu_t^*$$



$$\text{OT: } \begin{cases} \min_{\Phi: \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r} \int_{\mathbb{R}^r} c(y, \Phi(y)) d\mu_0(y) \\ \text{s.t. } \mu_1 = \Phi_{\#} \mu_0 \end{cases}$$

Interpolating  $(\mu_0, \mu_1)$

$$\text{DI: } \begin{cases} \min_{\{\Phi_t: \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r\}_{0 \leq t \leq 1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^r} C(\Phi_t(y)) d\mu_0(y) \\ \text{s.t. } \Phi_0 = I, \quad (\Phi_1)_{\#} \mu_0 = \mu_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_t^* = ((1-t)I + t\Phi)_{\#} \mu_0$$

# Optimal Transport for Ensemble Control

- Distributional control as a tracking problem

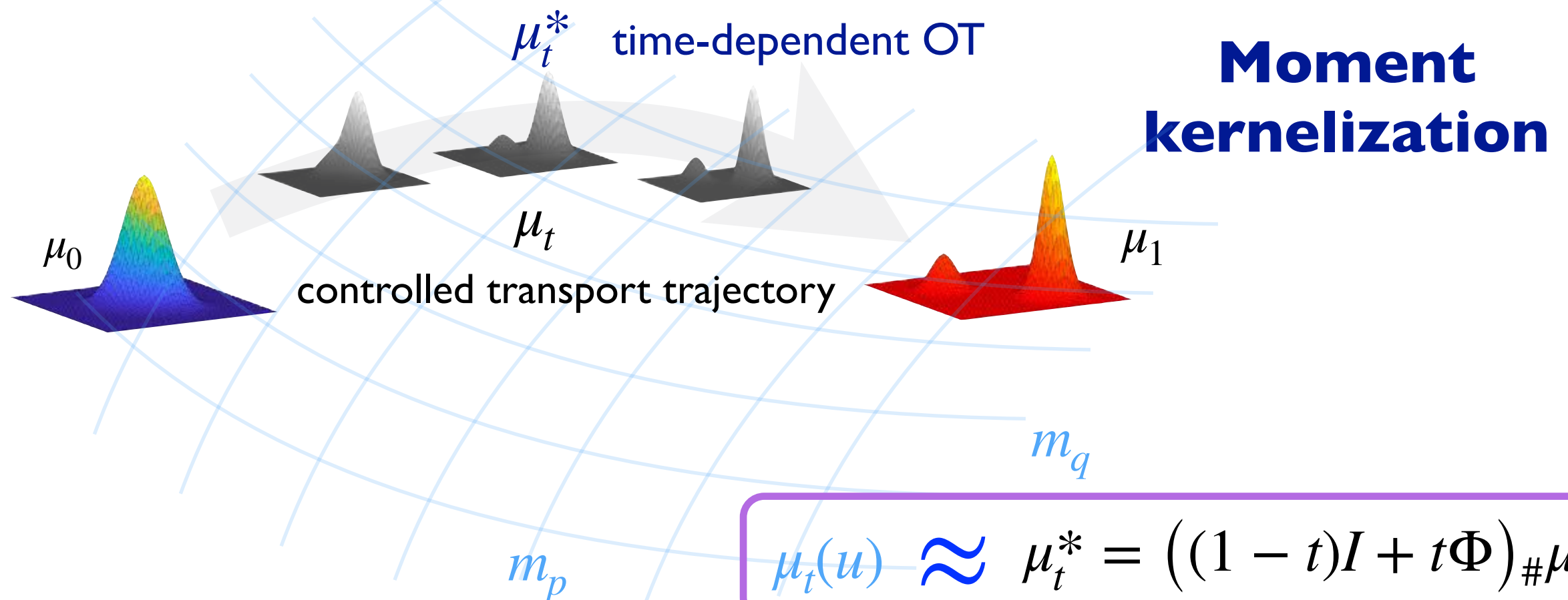
$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t, \beta) = F(t, \beta, x(t, \beta), u(t))$$

$$Y_t = y_t(\Omega) = h \circ x_t(\Omega)$$

Ensemble distribution

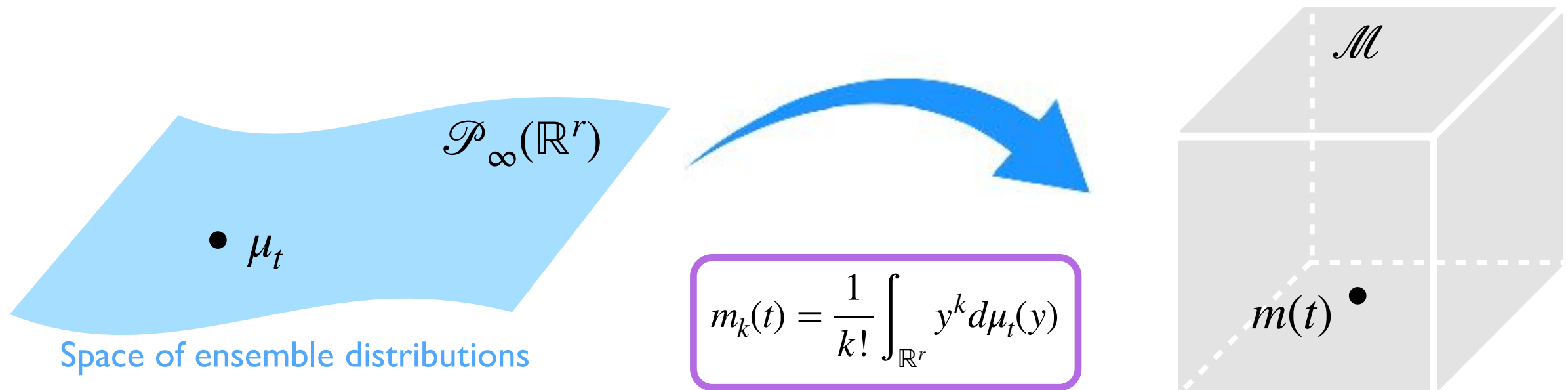
$$\mu_t = (y_t)_\# \lambda$$

- Steering output distributions





# Moment Kernel



Ensemble distributions

$$\mu_t = (y_t)_\# \lambda, \quad y_t = h \circ x_t$$

Moment space

$$m(t) : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

- ▶  $k$ -th ensemble output moment

$$m_k(t) = \langle \varphi_k, \mu_t \rangle, \quad \{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}^r} \text{ dual set of a basis of } \mathcal{P}_\infty(\mathbb{R}^r)$$

- ▶ Reproducing kernel induced by the moment transform

$$\mathcal{K} : \mathbb{N}^r \times \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (i, j) \mapsto k_j(i) = \langle k_i, k_j \rangle$$

# Moment Kernelization

## ► Moment transform

$$d\mu(y) = f(y)dy$$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Probability measure

$$m_k = \int_{\mathbb{R}} y^k d\mu(y)$$

$$m = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sigma^2 \\ 0 \\ 3\sigma^4 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Moment sequence

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t, \beta) = F(t, \beta, x(t, \beta), u(t))$$

$$Y_t = y_t(\Omega), \quad \mu_t = (y_t)_{\#}\lambda$$

$$m_k(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^r} y^k d\mu_t(y)$$

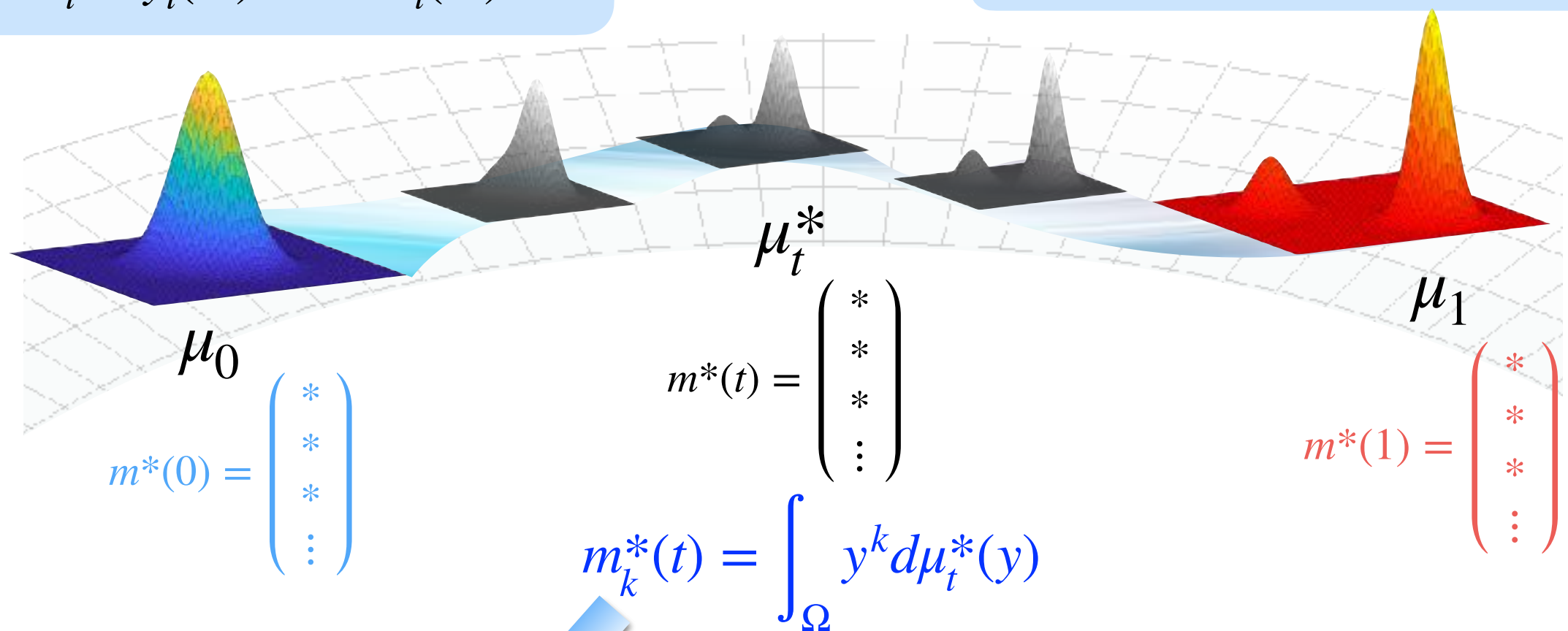
$$m(t) = (m_k(t))_{k \in \mathbb{N}^r}$$

# Moment Kernelized Ensemble control

- ▶ Ensemble control as time-dependent optimal transport

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}x(t, \beta) &= F(t, \beta, x(t, \beta), u(t)) \\ Y_t &= y_t(\Omega) = h \circ x_t(\Omega)\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}m(t) = \bar{F}(t, m(t), u(t))$$



$$\frac{d}{dt}m^*(t) = \bar{F}^*(t, m^*(t))$$

OT dynamics in  
moment coordinates

Tracking

$$m(t) \approx m^*(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}m(t) = \bar{F}(t, m(t), u^*(t))$$

Controlled moment system

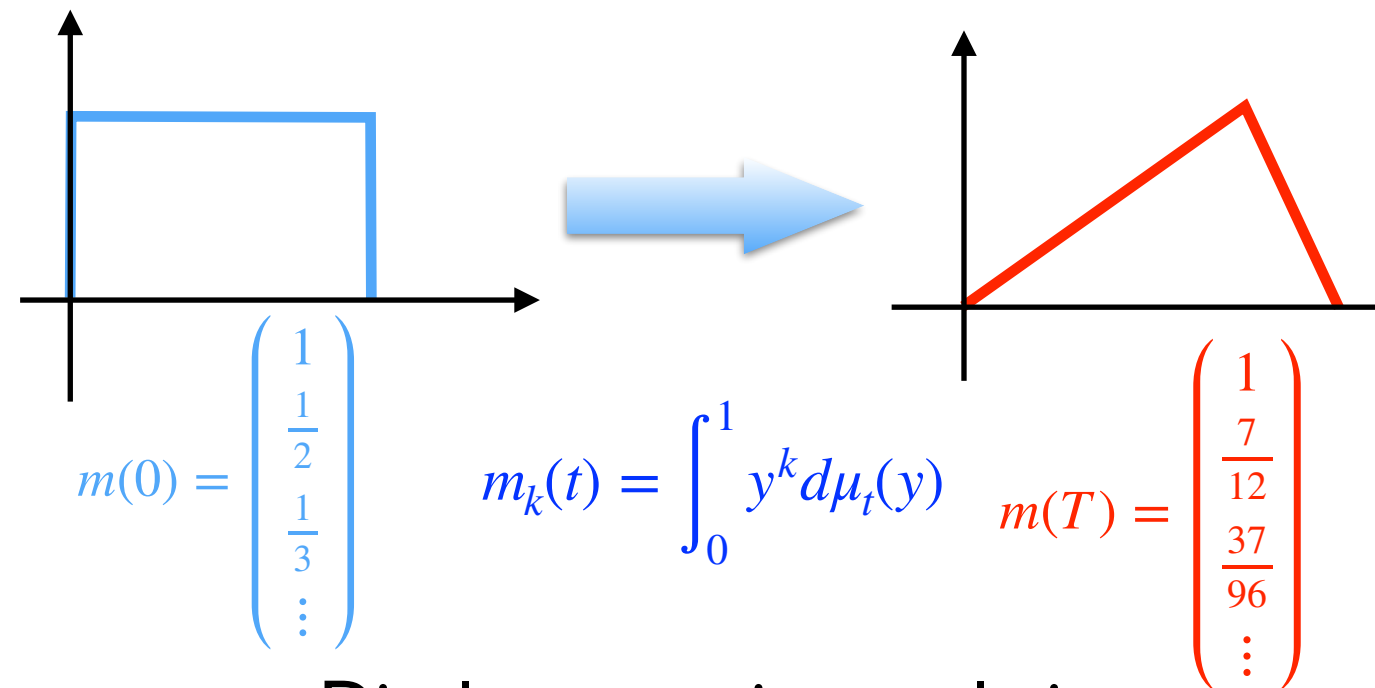


# Moment Kernelized Ensemble control

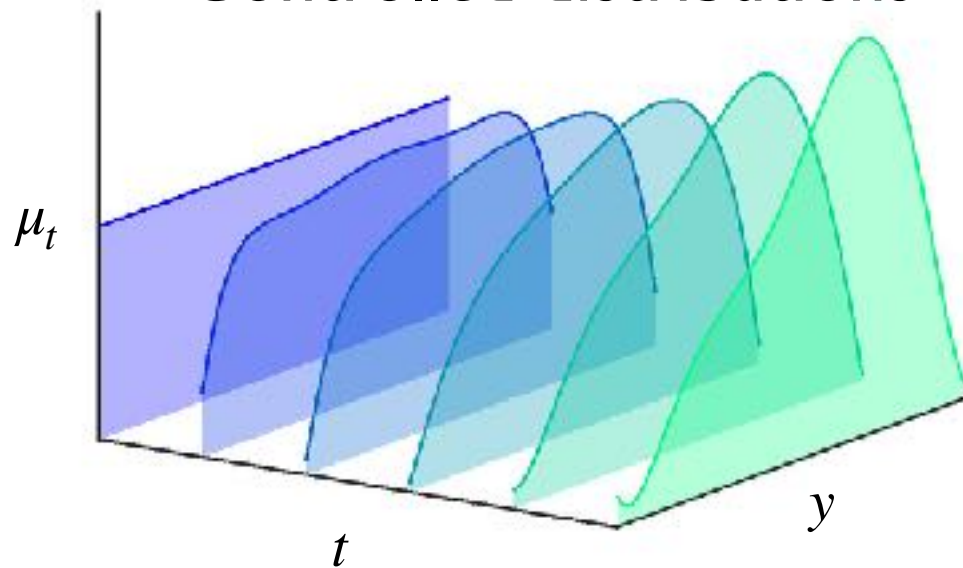
## ► Transport from a square to a triangle wave

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t, \beta) = \beta x(t, \beta) + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta^{i-1} u_i(t)$$

$$y_t(\beta) = h(x_t(x)) = x_t(\beta) \quad \beta \in [0,1]$$



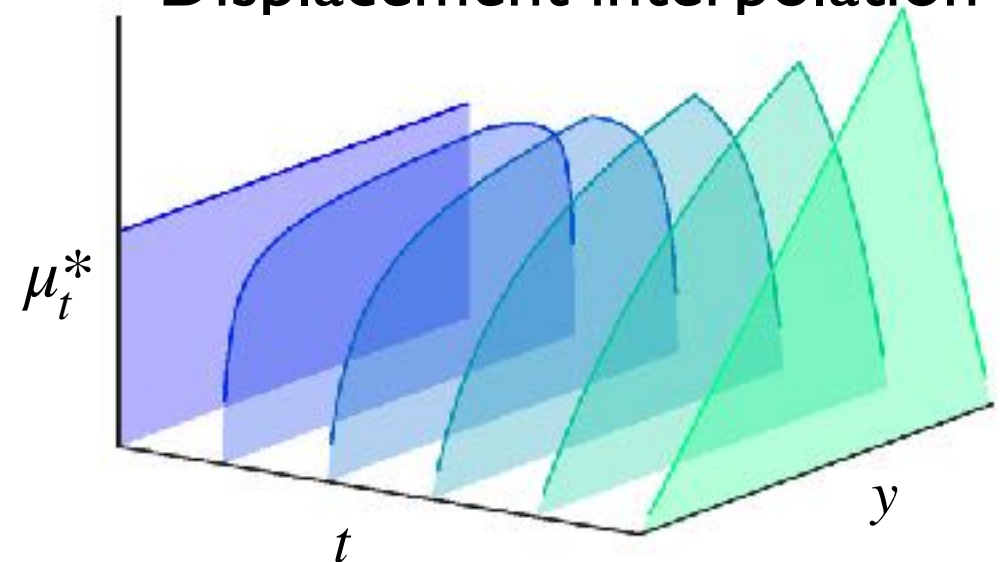
Controlled distributions



$$\frac{d}{dt}m_k(t) = m_{k+1}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{u_i(t)}{k+i}$$

Output moment dynamics

Displacement interpolation



$$\frac{d}{dt}m_k^*(t) = \int_0^1 k((1-t)y + t\Phi_1(y))^{k-1}(\Phi_1(y) - y)dy$$

OT moment dynamics

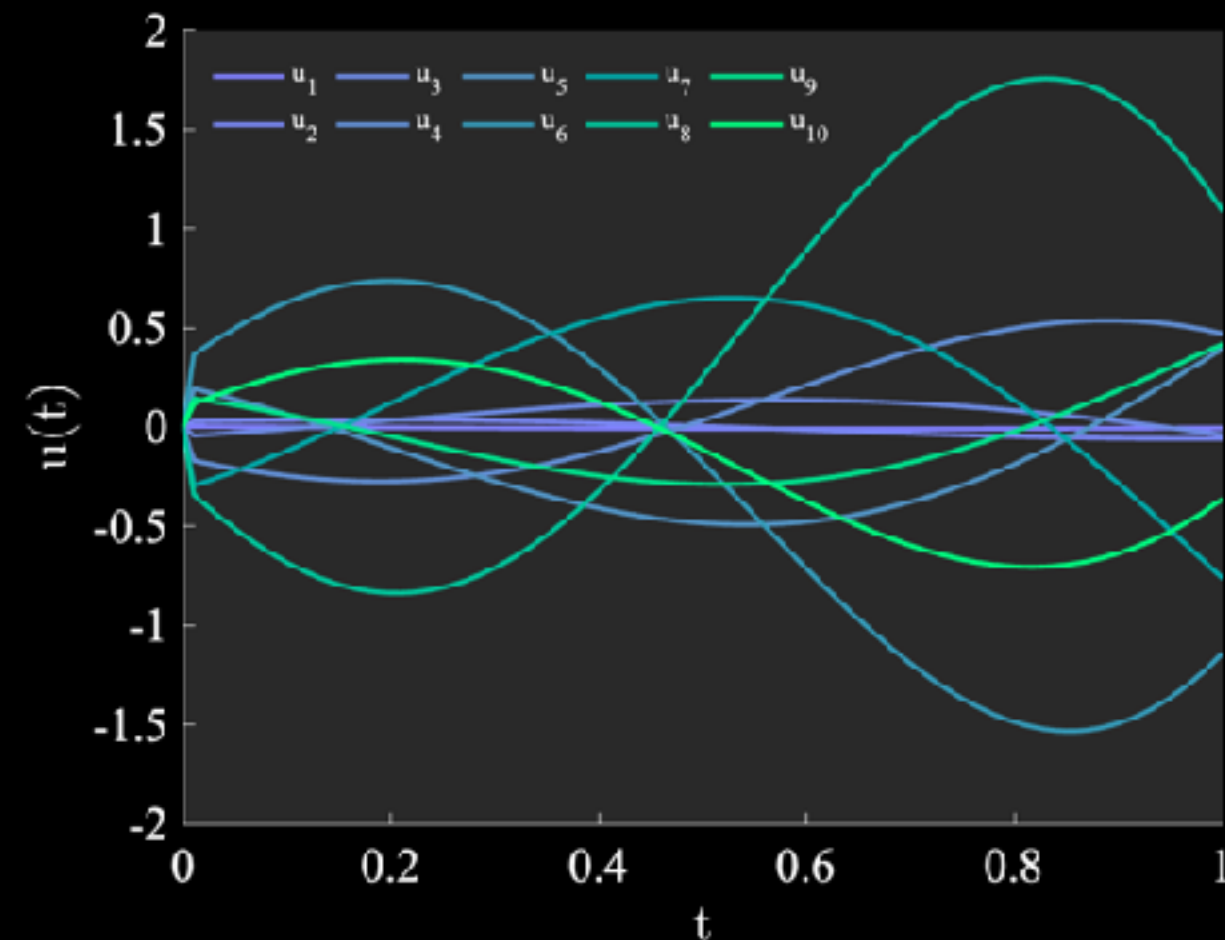
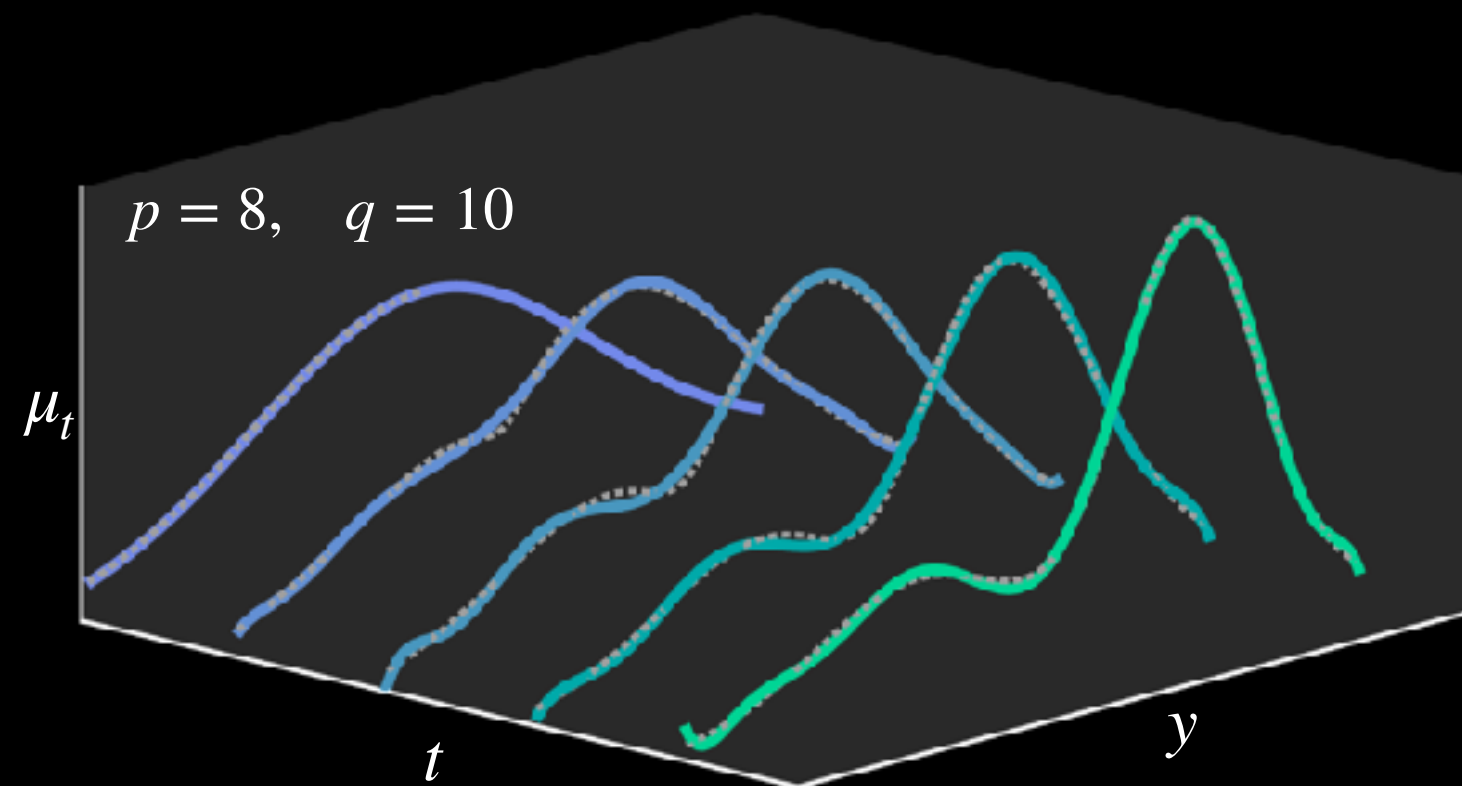
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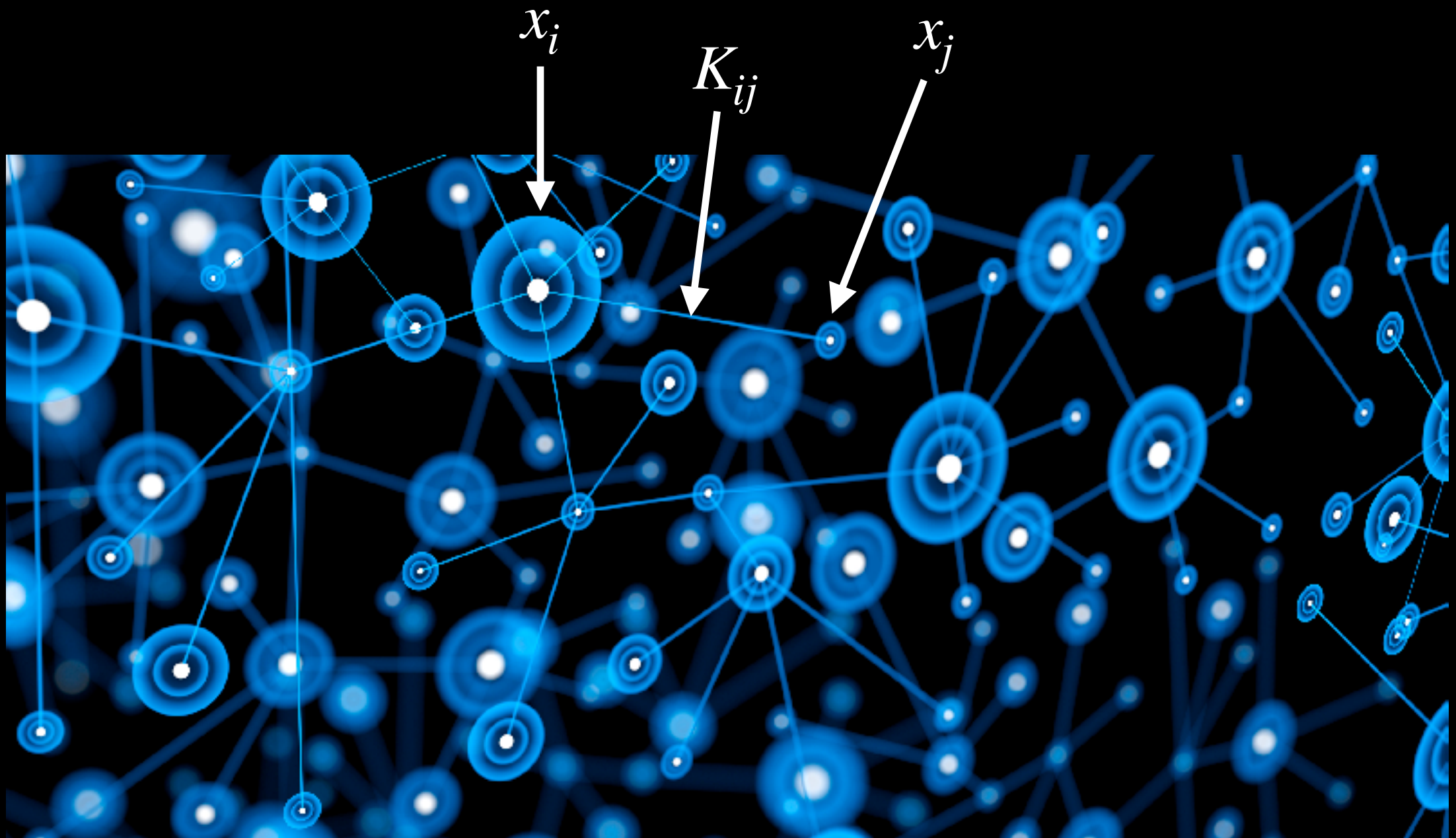
$$y_t(\beta) = h(x_t(x)) = x_t(\beta)$$

$p$ : number of inputs  
 $q$ : order of moments

— Ensemble  
..... OT



# Infinite Networks



$$\dot{x}_i(t) = f(x_i(t)) + \sum_{i,j=1}^N K_{ij}(x_i, x_j)$$

arbitrarily large

$$N \rightarrow \infty$$

(Infinite network)



# Infinite Dynamic Networks

## ► Integral-differential system representation

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_i(t) = \underbrace{f_i(x_i(t))}_{\text{Node dynamics}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (x_j(t) - x_i(t))}_{\text{Diffusive coupling}}$$

$N \rightarrow \infty$



$$\frac{d}{dt}x(t, \beta) = f(\beta, x(t, \beta)) + \int_{\Omega} (x(t, \beta') - x(t, \beta)) d\beta'$$

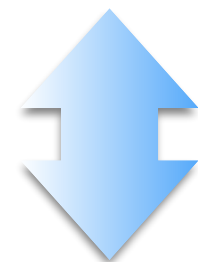
$$\beta \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}, \quad |\Omega| = 1$$

# Infinite Dynamic Networks

## ► Moment kernelized infinite network

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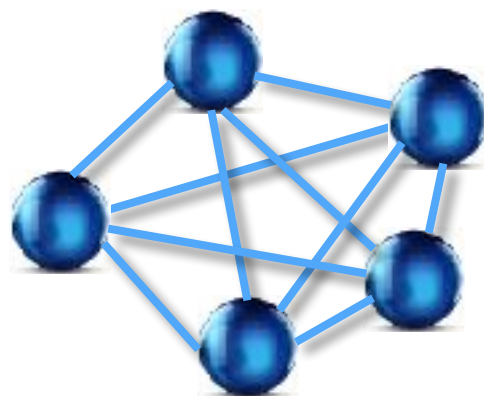
Primal  
network



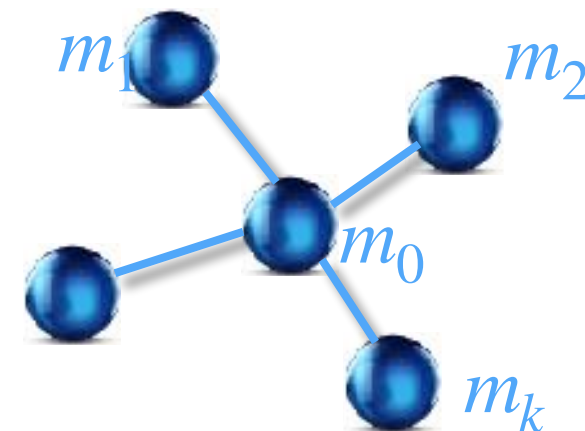
$$m(t) = (\mathcal{L}x)(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}m_k(t) = \bar{f}_k(m(t)) + [c_k m_0(t) - m_k(t)]$$

Dual  
network



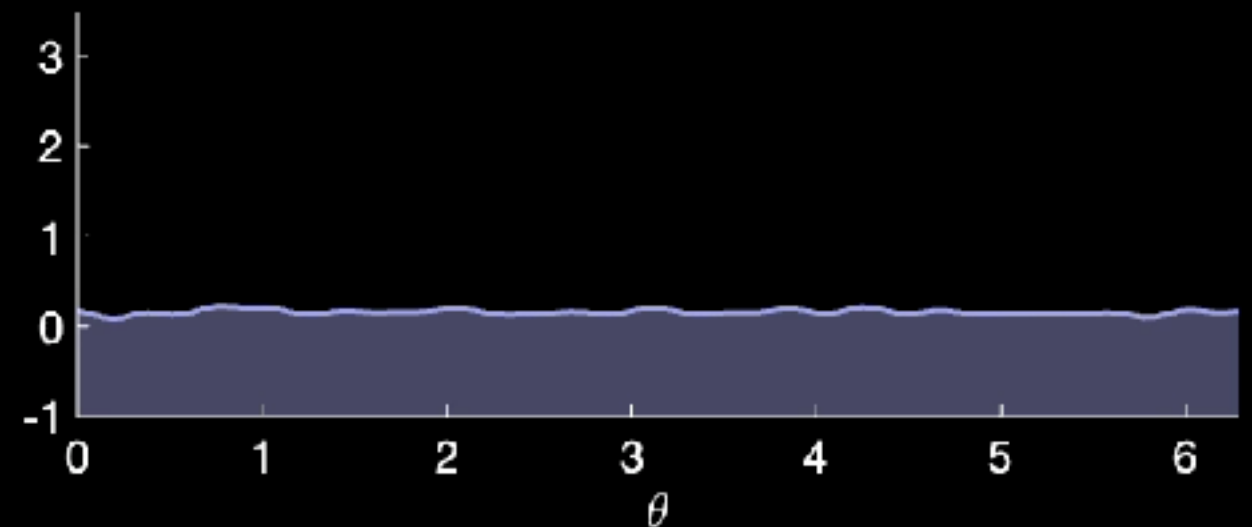
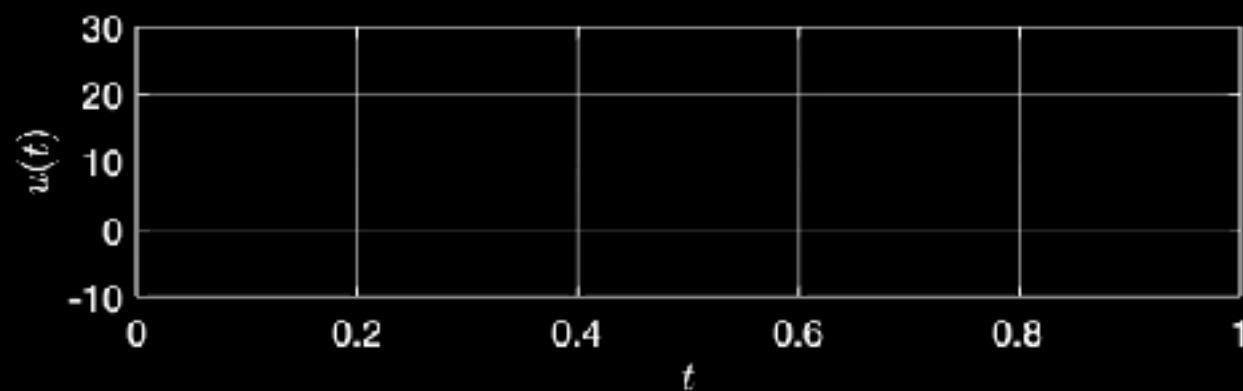
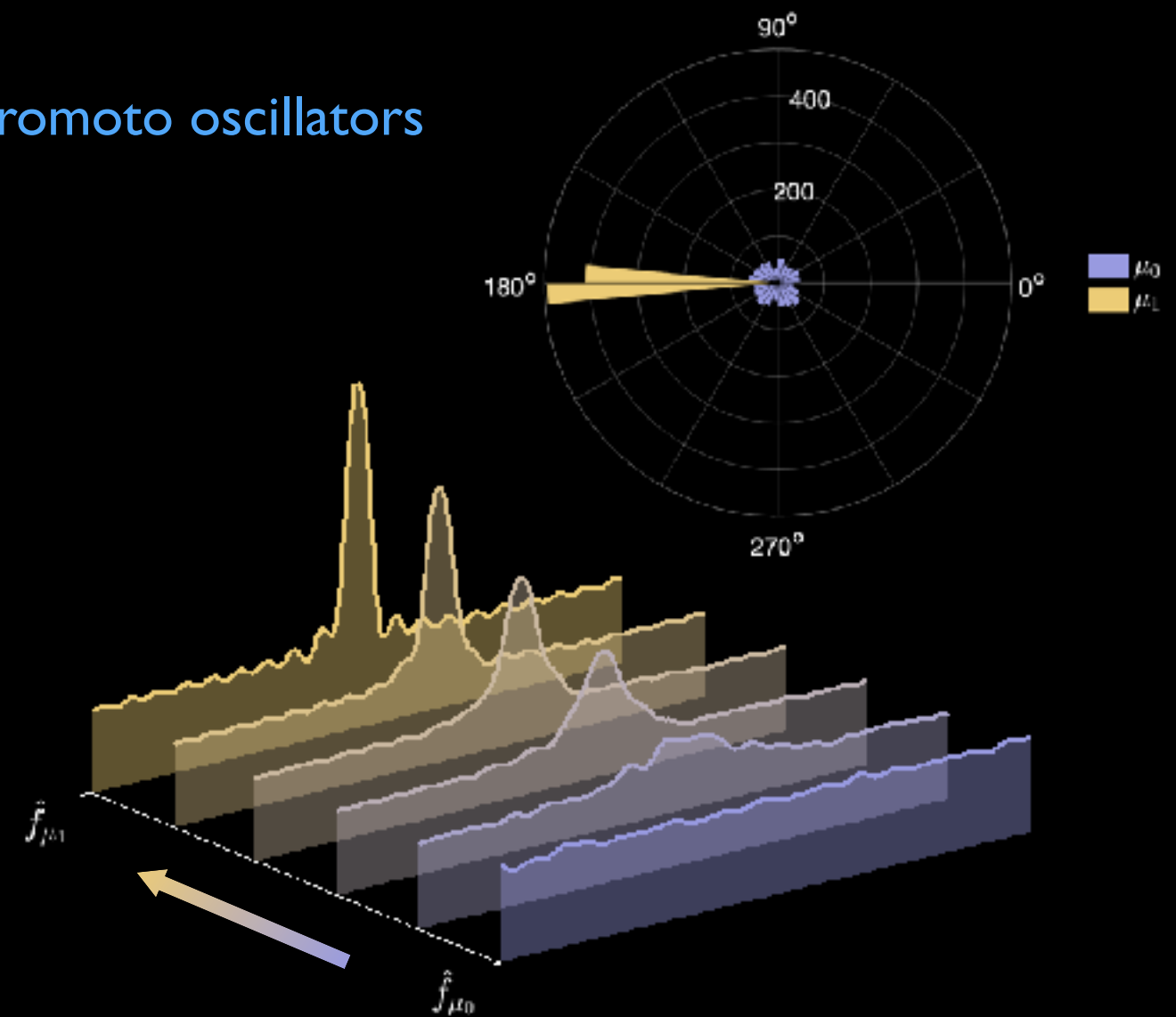
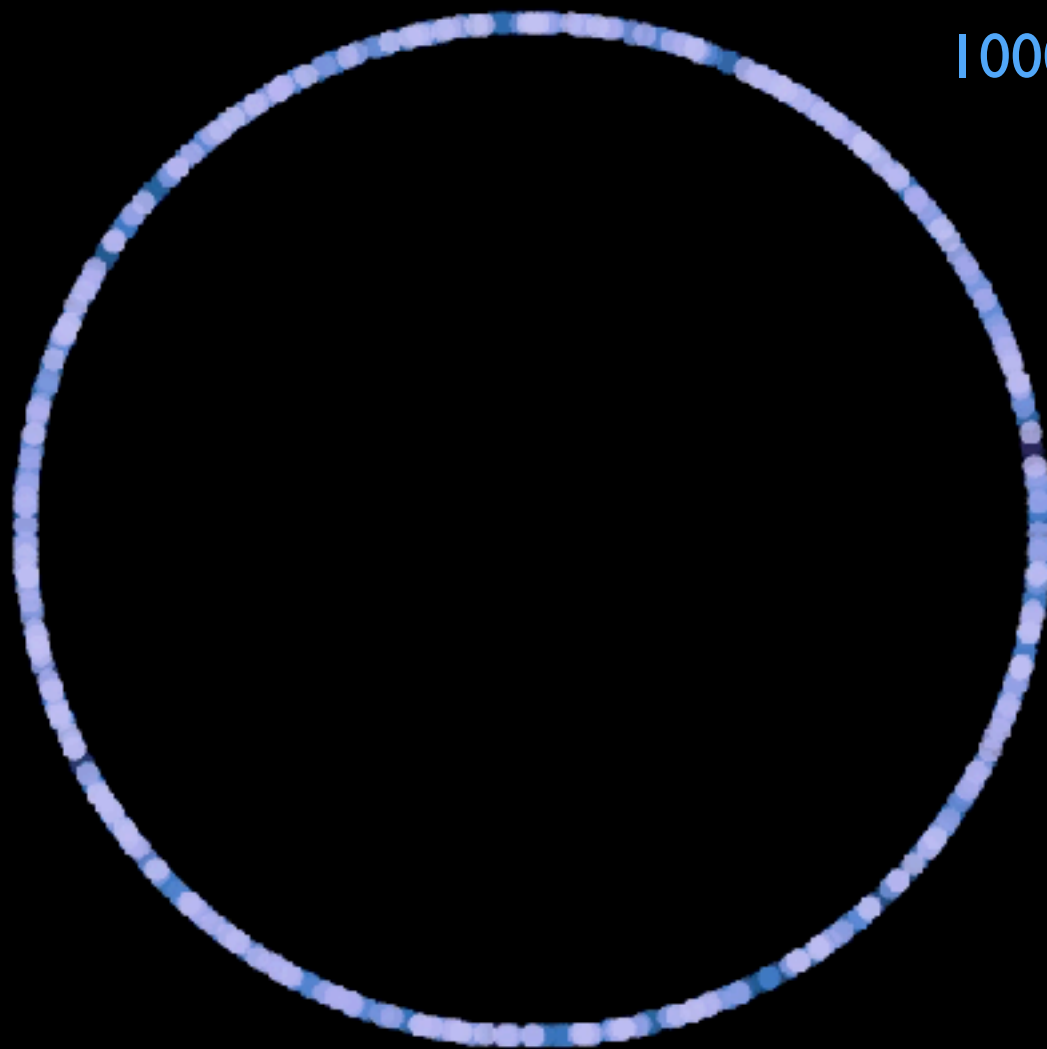
Infinite network  
(all-to-all coupled)



Star network  
(truncatable)

# Synchronization Pattern Formation

1000 Kuramoto oscillators





# Geometry of Distributional Control

## ► Fibration over distribution space

