



# Dynamics of Generative Adversarial Network in the high-dimensional limit

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# Unsupervised generative models

Principal Component Analysis

Independent Component Analysis

Generative Adversarial Net

Simple variables  $\rightarrow$

Complex variables

High Dimensions  $\rightarrow$  Low Dimensions

Coupled signal  $\rightarrow$  Decoupled

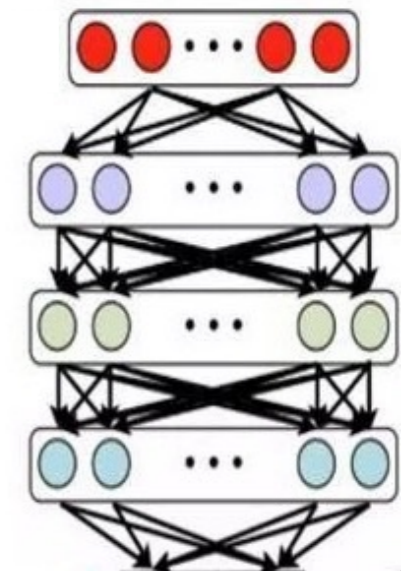
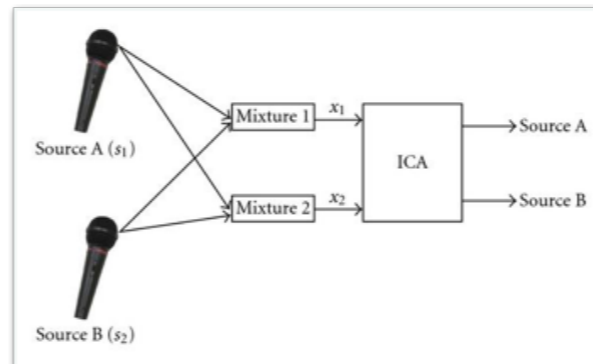
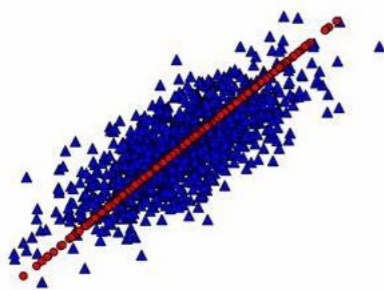
$$Az \rightarrow x$$

$$z \sim \mathcal{N}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_1 z_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 z_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$$

Assume:  $z_1 \perp z_2$

$$f_m(\dots f_2(f_1(\mathbf{z})) \dots) \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$$



- Objective: Retrieve semantic meaningful features
- General Idea: Use generative model to approximate the real-world data.

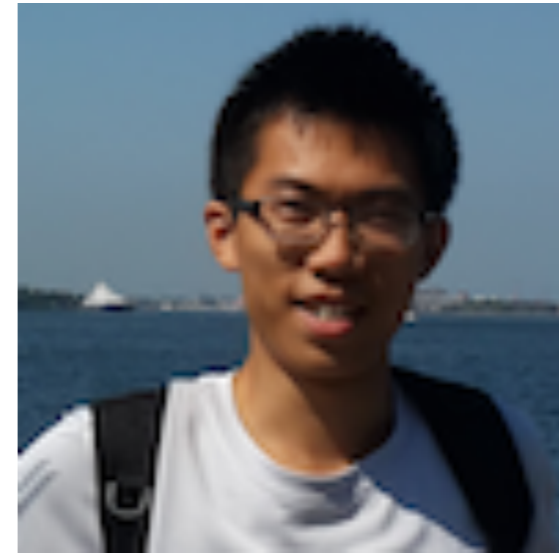
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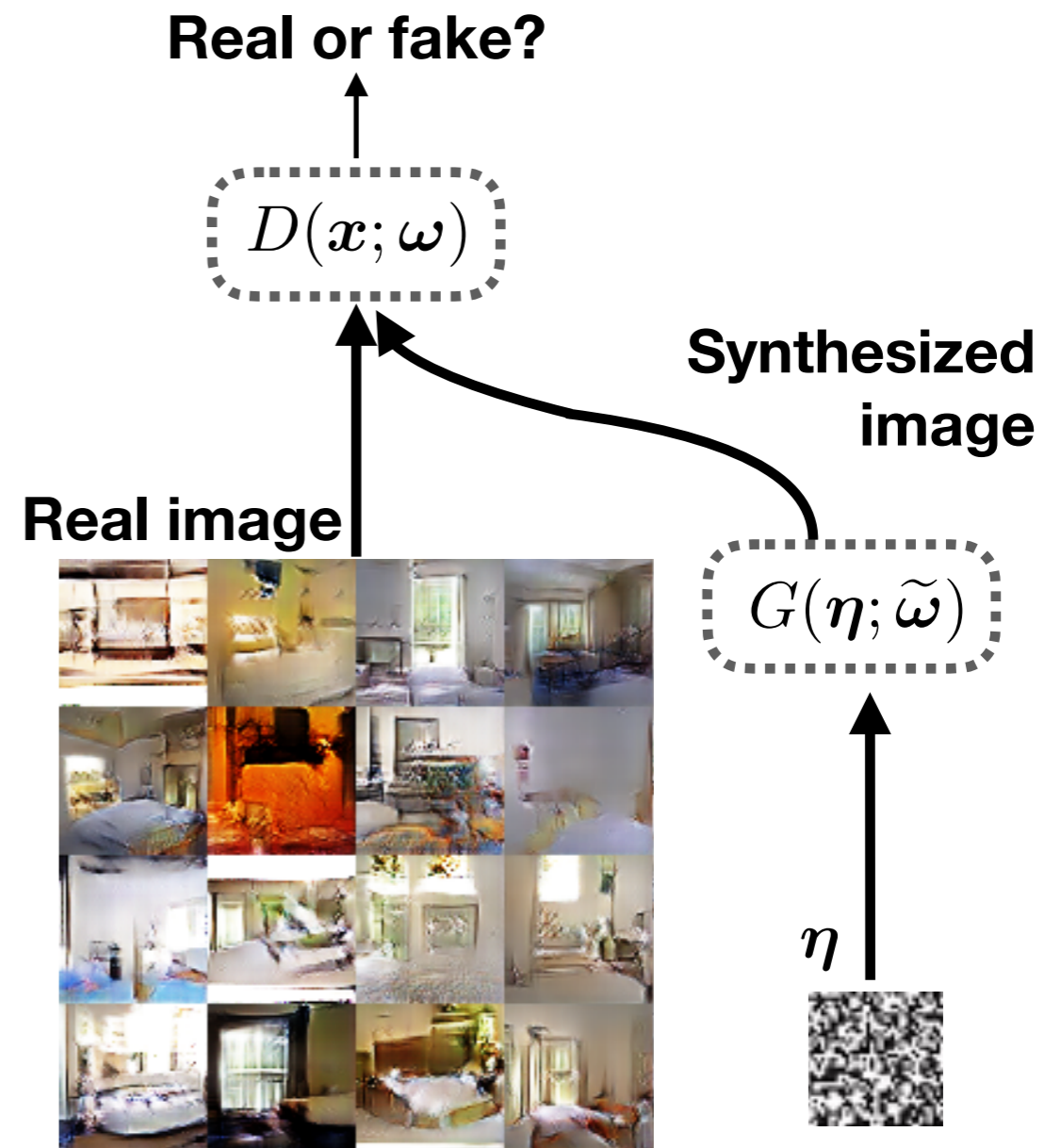
# Introduction of GAN

**GAN:** sample from an unknown distribution [Goodfellow2014]

- **Generator**
- **Discriminator**

## Training: two-player game

- **D** aims to distinguish whether an input is real or comes from **G**
- **G** aims to fool **D**



# Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)



**Progressive GAN, Nvidia, ICLR 2018**

# Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)

- **Challenge**

- **Multiple stationary points**

- **Oscillation**

- **Mode Collapsing**

- **Objective:**  $\min_{\mathbf{w}^G} \max_{\mathbf{w}^D} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y}^R} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{y}^G \sim p(\mathbf{w}^G)} J(\mathbf{y}^R, \mathbf{y}^G; \mathbf{w}^D, \mathbf{w}^G)$

$$J(\mathbf{y}^R, \mathbf{y}^G; \mathbf{w}^D, \mathbf{w}^G) = D_1(\mathbf{y}^R; \mathbf{w}^D) - D_2(\mathbf{y}^G; \mathbf{w}^D) + \text{regularizer}$$

- **Training method:**

Probability that the input is real



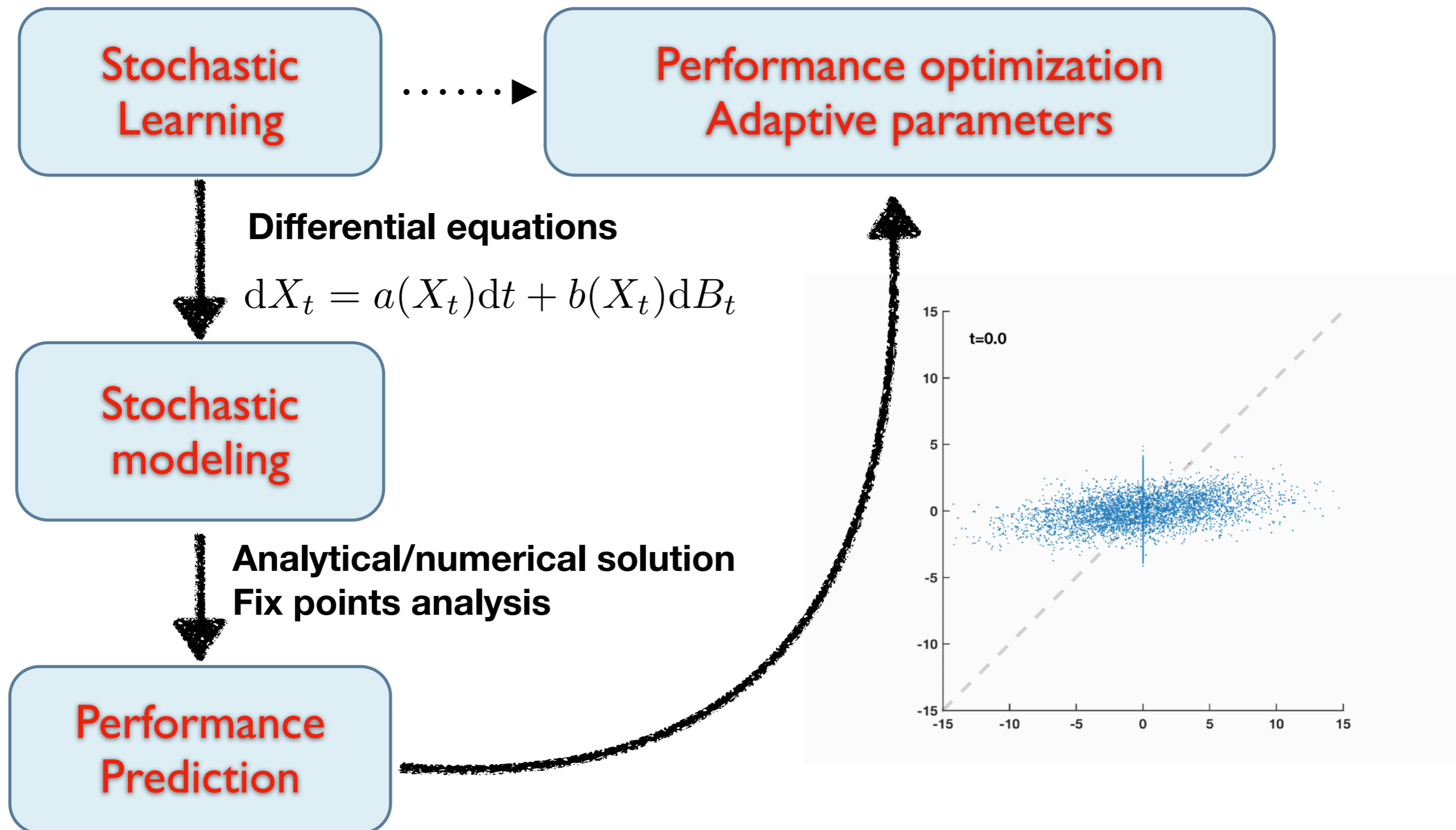
**Stochastic gradient descent/ascent**

$$\mathbf{w}_{k+1}^D = \mathbf{w}_k^D + \tau^D \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_k^D} J$$

$$\mathbf{w}_{k+1}^G = \mathbf{w}_k^G - \tau^G \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_k^G} J$$

# Precise analysis in high-dimensions

Main idea: Stochastic learning as a stochastic dynamics



# A simple solvable GAN model

**Real data:**  $\mathbf{y}_k^R = g(\boldsymbol{\xi} c_k + \mathbf{a}_k)$

**Generator:**  $\mathbf{y}_k^G = \tilde{g}(\mathbf{w}^G \tilde{c}_k + \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_k)$

**Discriminator:**  $D(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}^D) = \hat{D}(\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{w}^D)$



# Training algorithm

- **Training algorithm**

- Stochastic gradient ascent/descent**

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$$\mathbf{w}_{k+1}^G = \mathbf{w}_k^G - \tau^G \nabla_{\mathbf{w}_k^G} J$$

- **Small learning rate analysis**

$$\frac{\tau^D}{\tau^G} = \alpha, \quad \tau^D \rightarrow 0 \quad n \text{ is finite}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{w}_t^D = \mathbb{E} [\nabla_{\mathbf{w}_t} J]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{w}_t^G = -\alpha \mathbb{E} [\nabla_{\mathbf{w}_t} J]$$

Mescheder et al., 2017; Nagarajan & Kolter, 2017;  
Roth et al., 2017; Mescheder et al., 2018;  
Heusel et al., 2017; Li et al., 2017  
E V. Mazumdar, M. I. Jordan, S. S. Sastry, 2019

- **High-dimensional analysis**  $\frac{\tau^D}{\tau^G} = \alpha, \quad n\tau^D = \tau, \quad \tau^D \rightarrow 0, \quad i.e. \quad n \rightarrow \infty$

$$d\mathbf{w}_t^D = \tilde{\tau}^D \mathbb{E}[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}_t^D} J] dt + \tilde{\tau}^D \sqrt{\text{var}[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}_t^D} J]} dB_t$$

$$d\mathbf{w}_t^G = -\tilde{\tau}^G \mathbb{E}[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}_t^G} J] dt + \tilde{\tau}^G \sqrt{\text{var}[\nabla_{\mathbf{w}_t^G} J]} d\tilde{B}_t$$

# Dynamics of Microscopic state

## Dynamics of gradient flow in High-dimensional limit

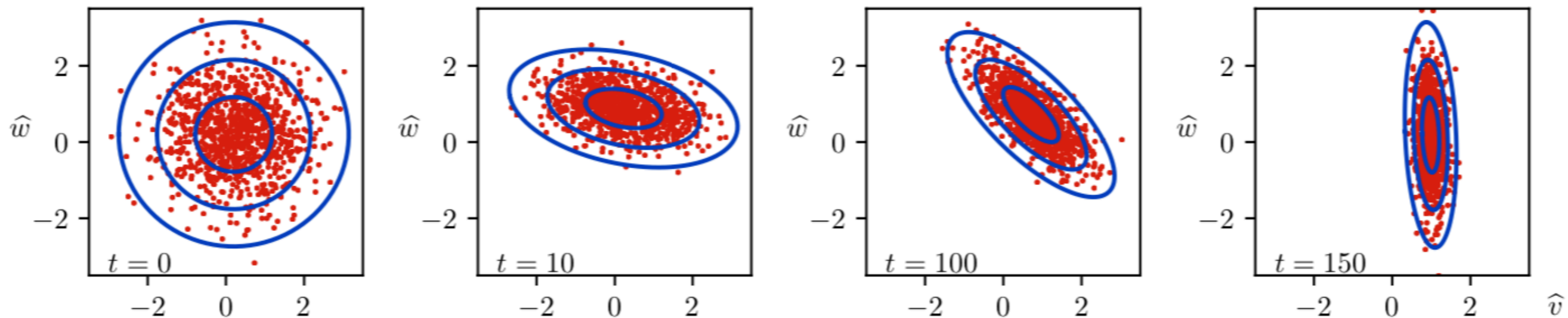
$$dw_t^G = \tilde{\tau}(\tilde{g}_t w_t^D + L_t w_t^G) dt$$

$$dw_t^D = \tau(g_t \xi + \tilde{g}_t w_t^G + h_t w_t^D) dt + \tau \sqrt{b_t} dB_t$$

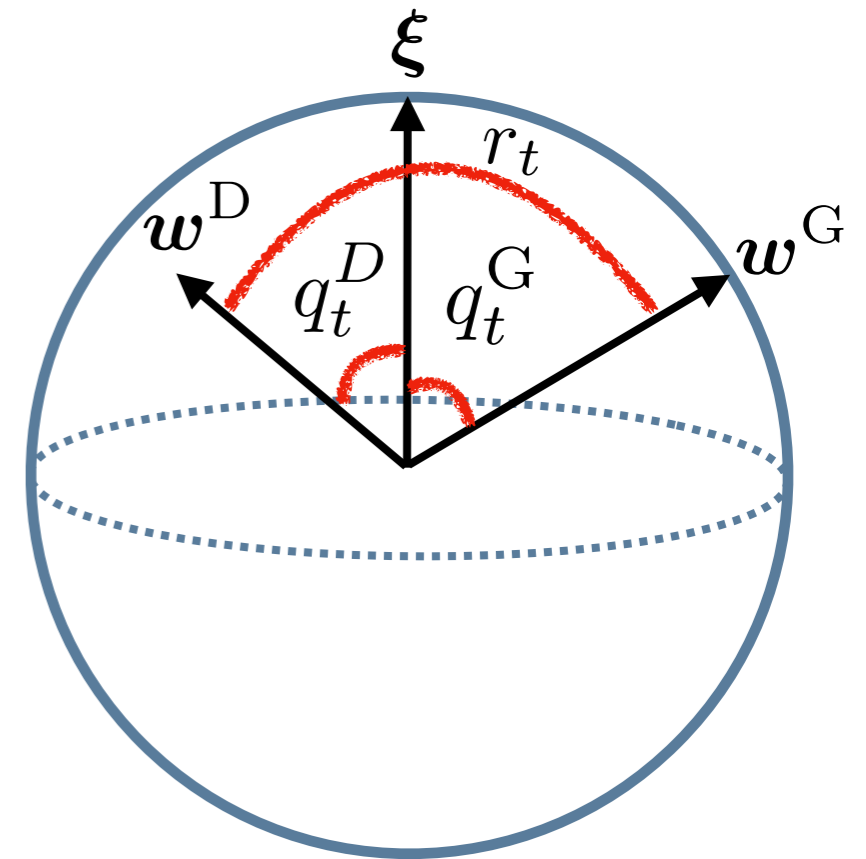
where  $B_t$  is the standard Brownian motion,

and  $g_t, \tilde{g}_t, L_t, h_t$  and  $b_t$  are some deterministic functions.

## Probability law: Integral partial differential equation



# Microscopic states and Macroscopic state



## Microscopic states

$\xi$     $w^G$     $w^D$

Three n-D vectors

## Macroscopic states

$q_t^D$     $q_t^G$     $r_t$

Three scalars

# Main Theory on Macroscopic dynamics

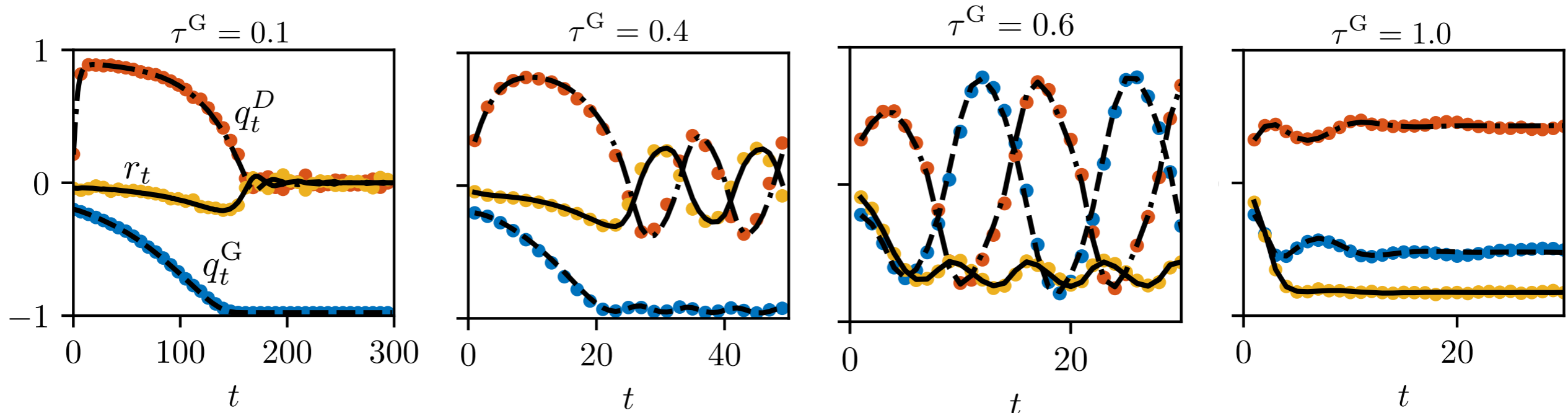
Rescaled time  $t = k/n$

**Theorem:** As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $(q_t^D, q_t^G, r_t)$  converges weakly to the unique solution of the system of ODEs

$$\frac{d}{dt}(q_t^D, q_t^G, r_t) = \mathbf{g}(q_t^D, q_t^G, r_t)$$

**Rigorous characterization:**

$$\max_{0 \leq k \leq nT} \mathbb{E}[|q_t^G - q^{G,n}(\frac{k}{n})| + |q_t^D - q^{D,n}(\frac{k}{n})| + |r_t - r^n(\frac{k}{n})|] \leq \frac{C(T)}{\sqrt{n}}$$



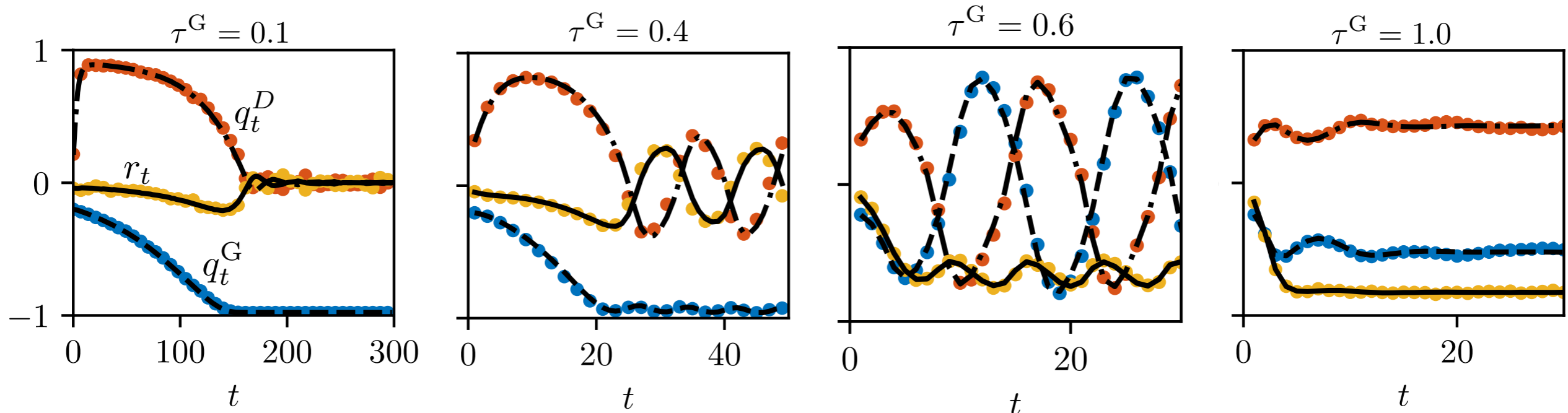
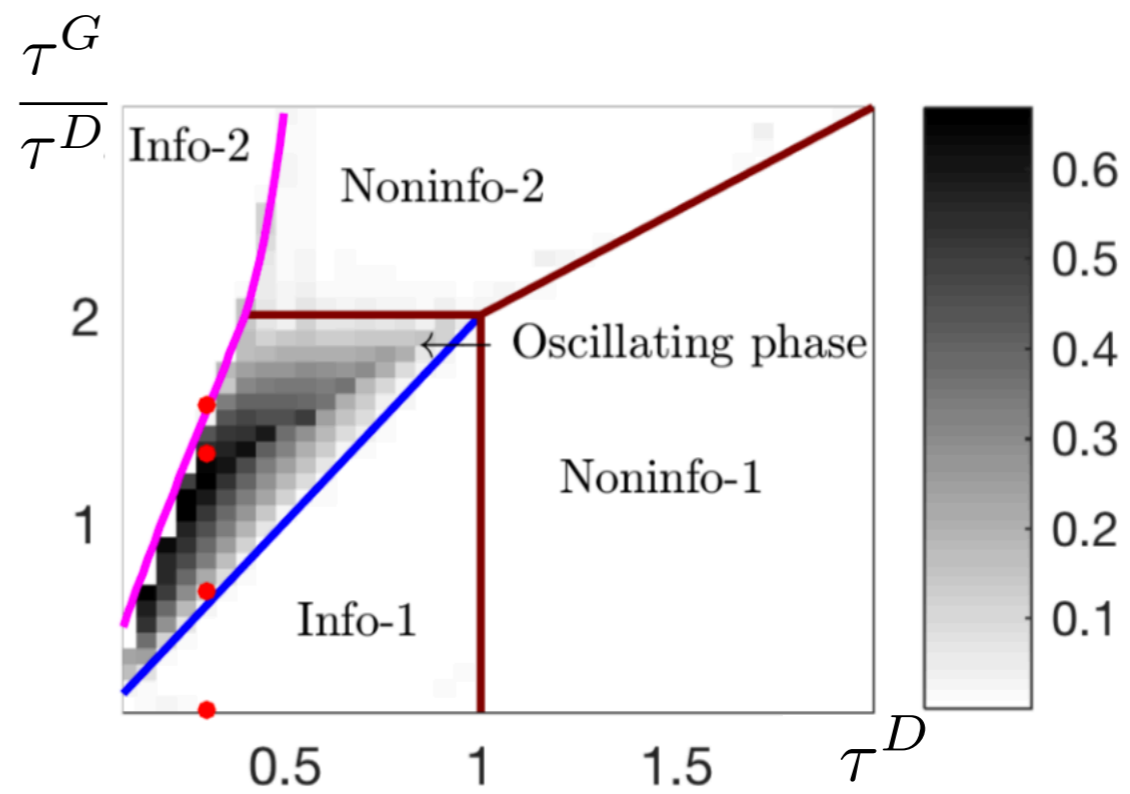
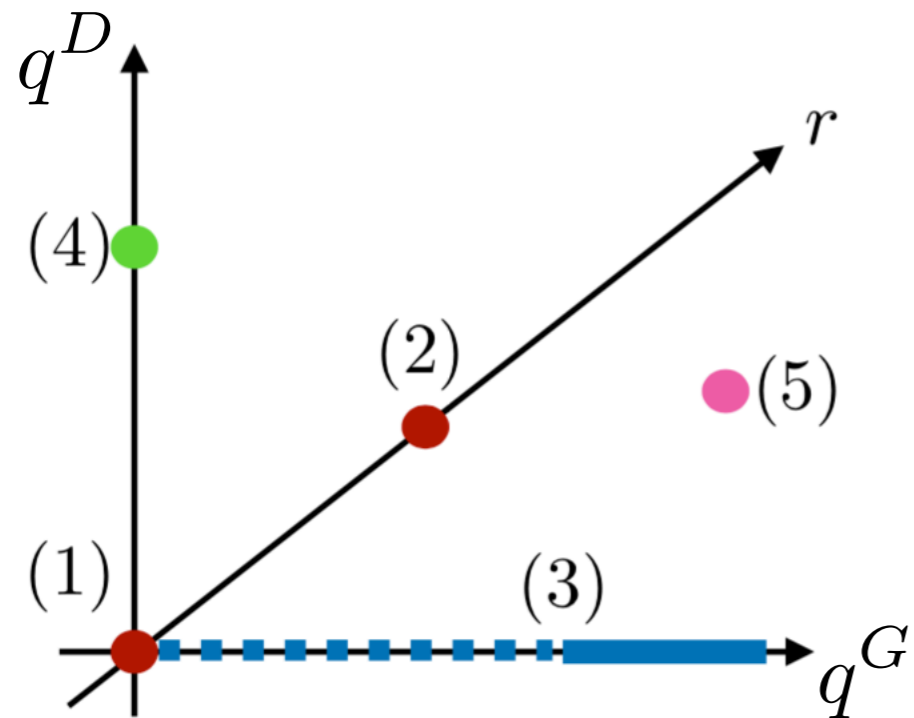
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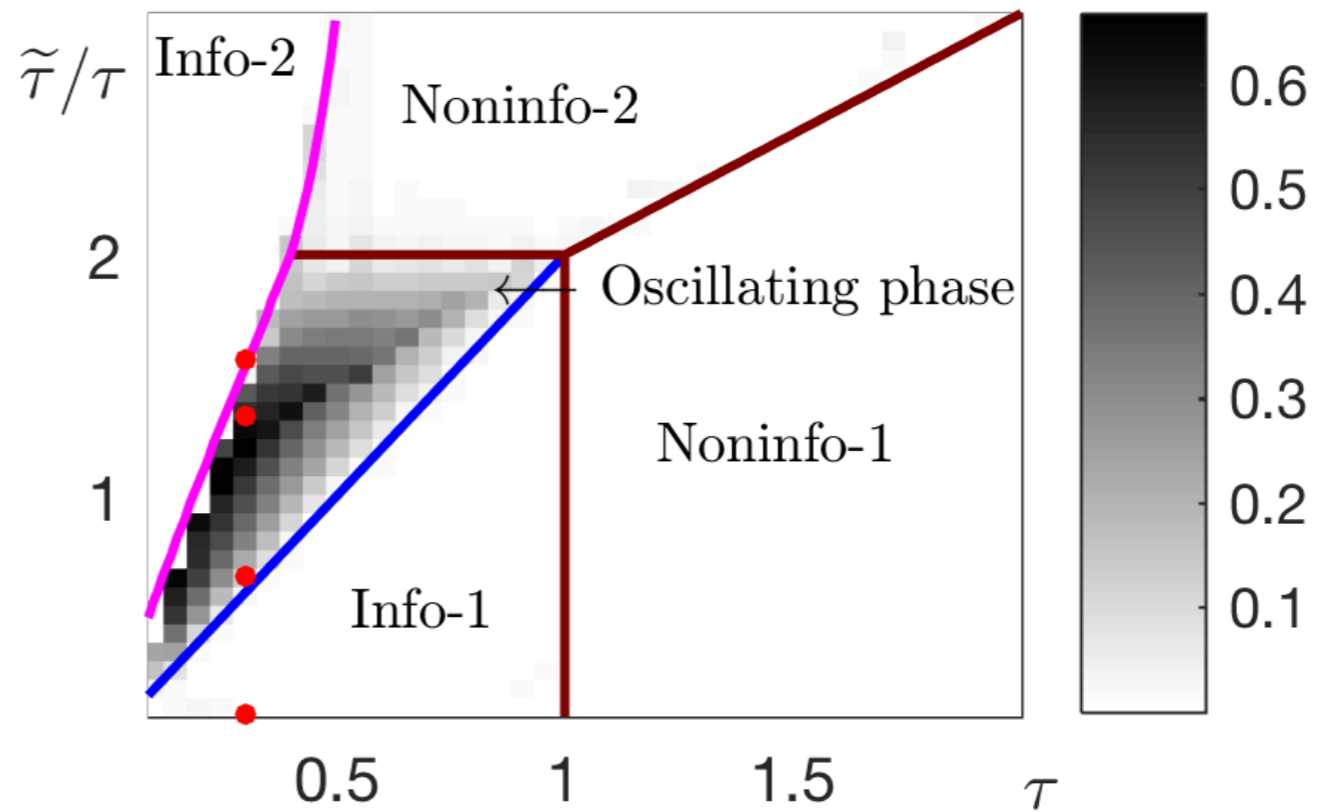
# Stationary State analysis

$$\frac{d}{dt}(q_t^D, q_t^G, r_t) = 0$$

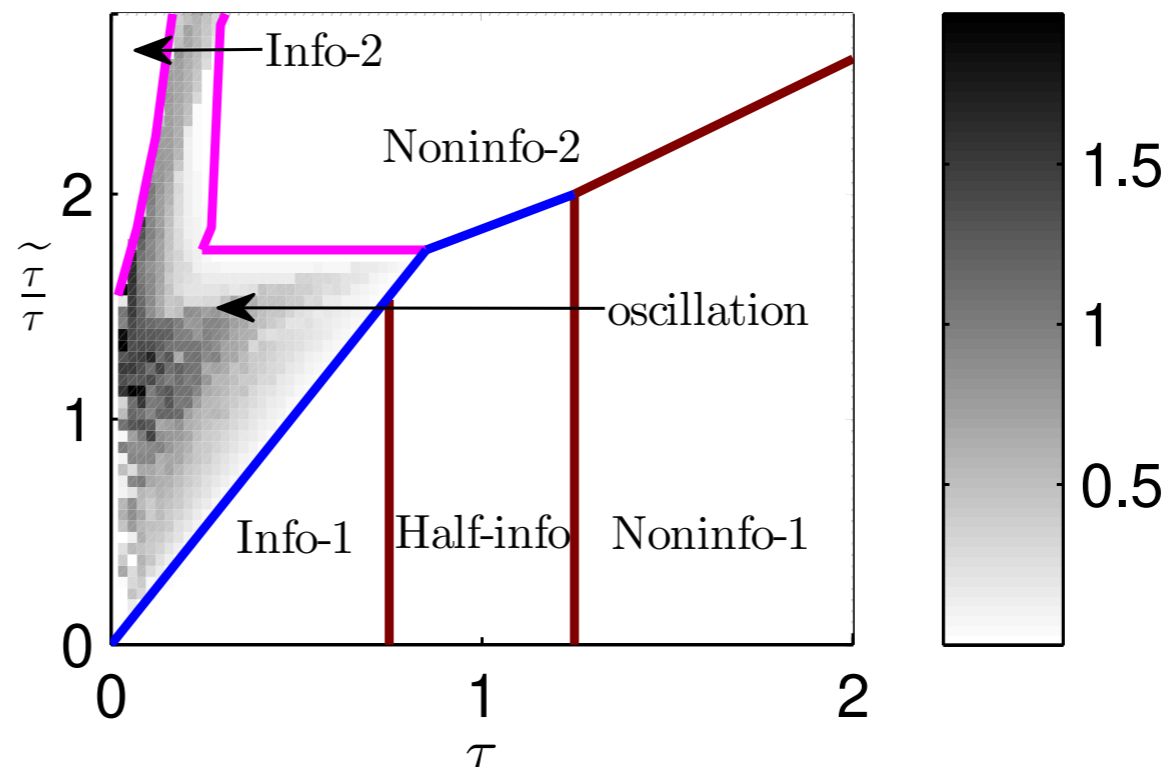


# Phase diagram

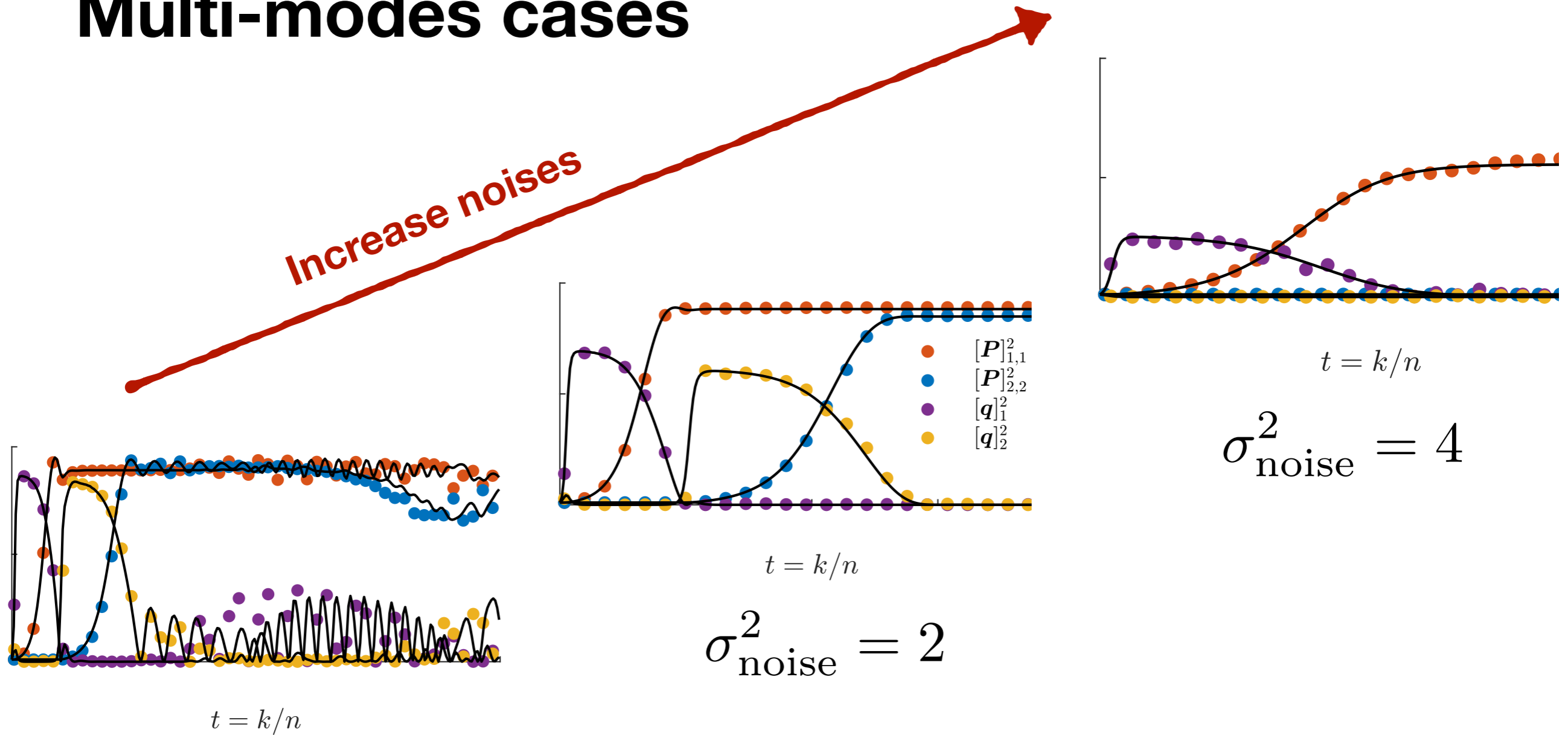
**d=1**



**d=2**

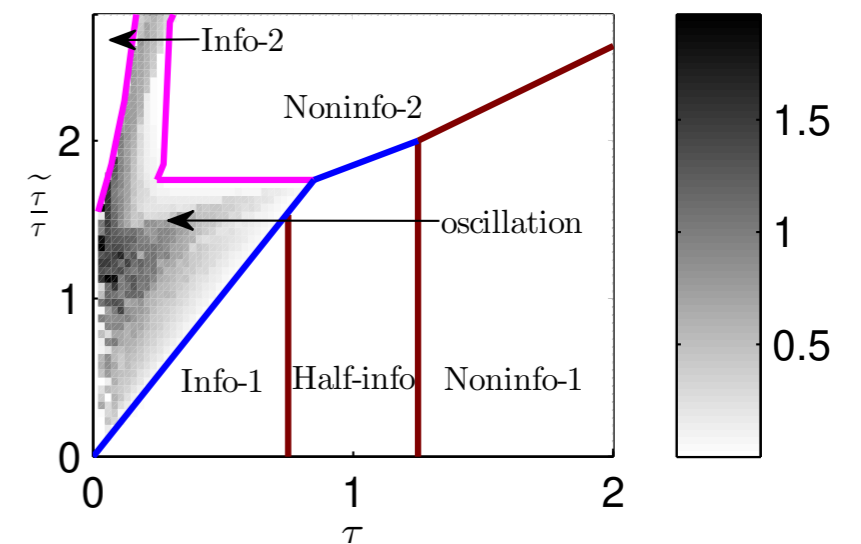


# Multi-modes cases



$\sigma_{\text{noise}}^2 = 1$  **Noises help converge!**

$$\frac{\tau^G}{2\tau^D} \cdot \Lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{signal}} \leq \tau^D \cdot \sigma_{\text{noise}}^2 \leq \Lambda_{\text{min}}^{\text{signal}}$$



# Conclusion

- We present an exact and tractable analysis of the training dynamics of a shallow GAN in high dimensions.
- We analyze the training process at two levels:  
**Macroscopic** dynamics are deterministic described by a coupled ODE  
**Microscopic** dynamics are stochastic: The evolution of the detailed weights remains stochastic and it is characterized by an SDE.
- We show that the noise level is essential to the convergence:  
**Strong noise** leads to failure of feature recovery.  
**Weak noise** causes oscillation.



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