

# Hamiltonian & Lagrangian Neural Networks

Learning the Dynamics of Physical Systems

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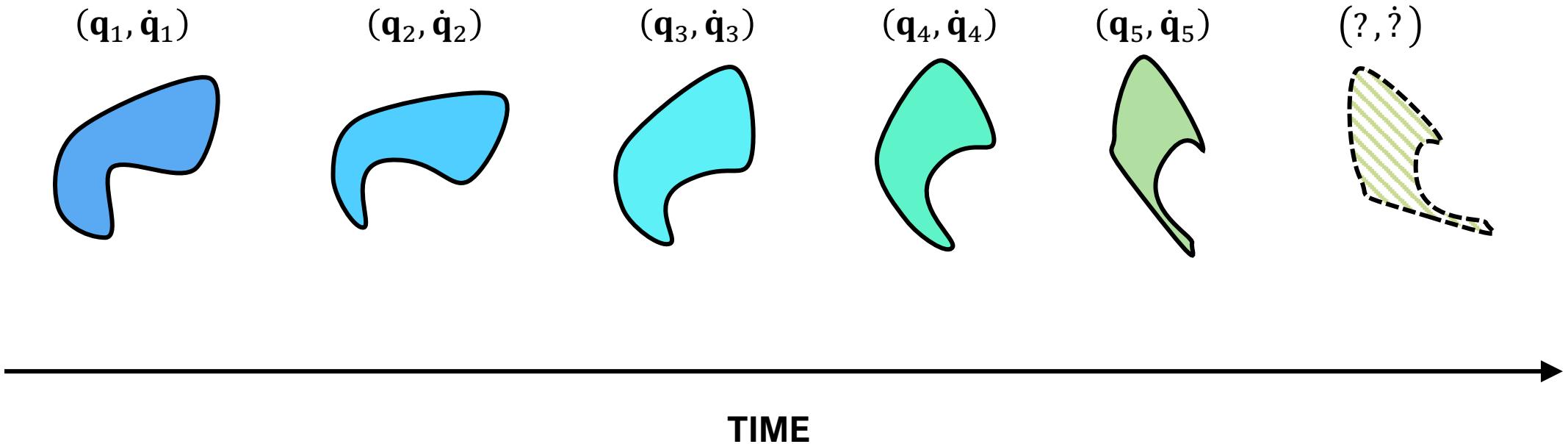


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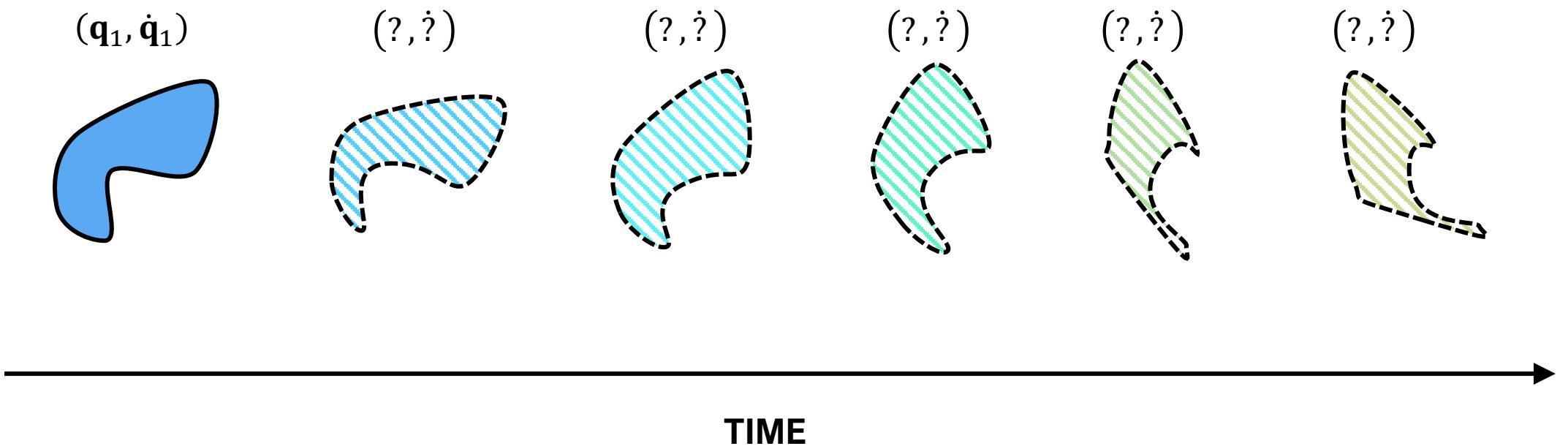


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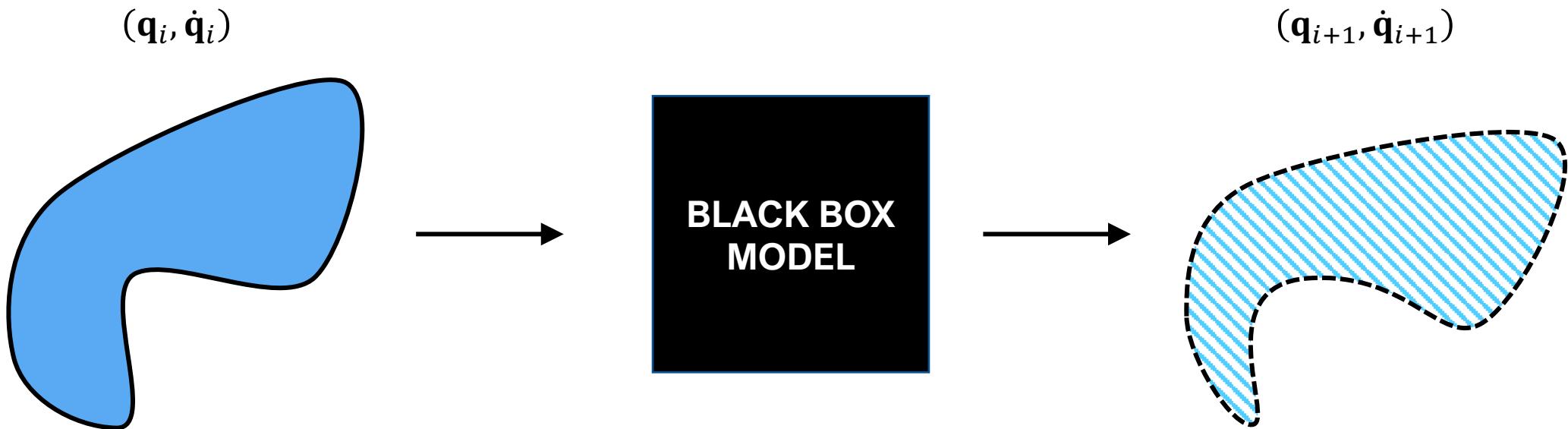
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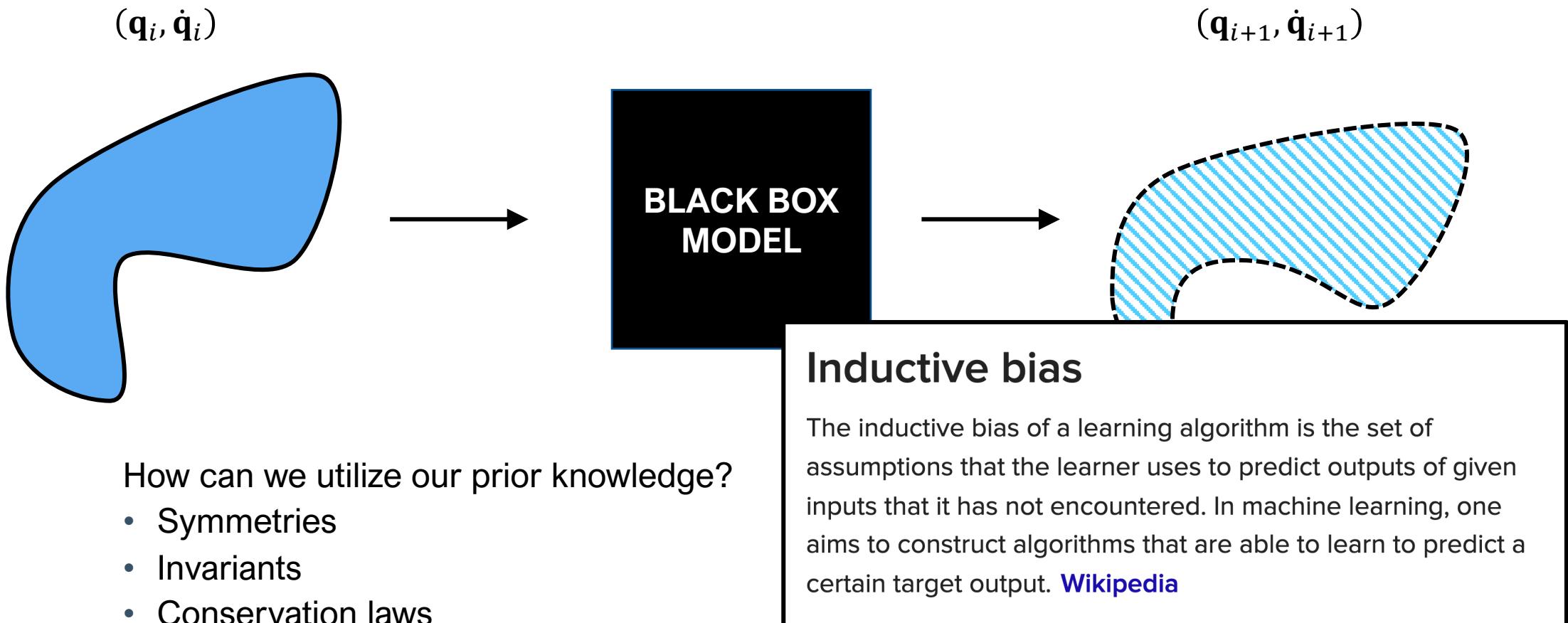
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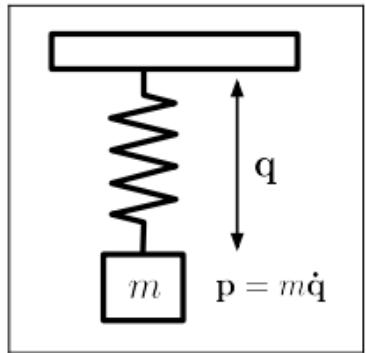
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# Outline

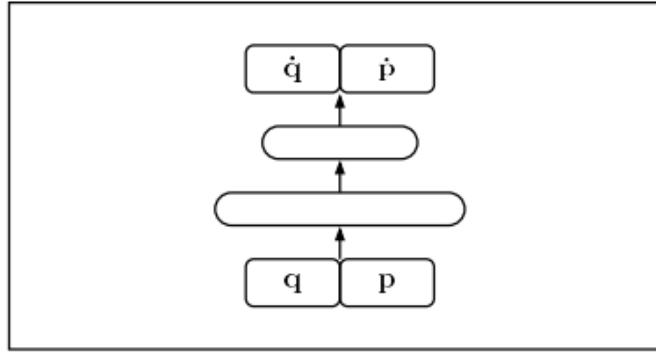
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# Hamiltonian Neural Networks

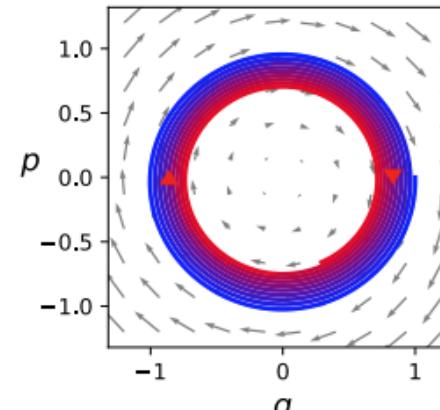
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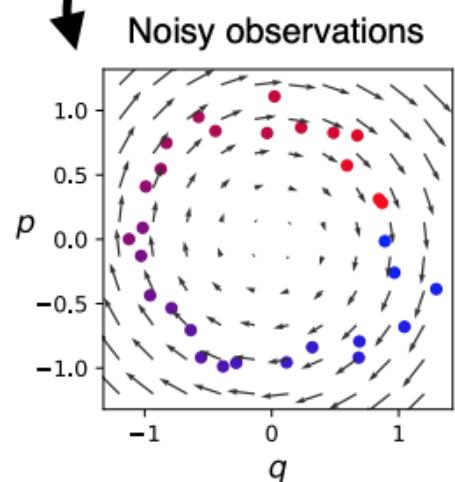
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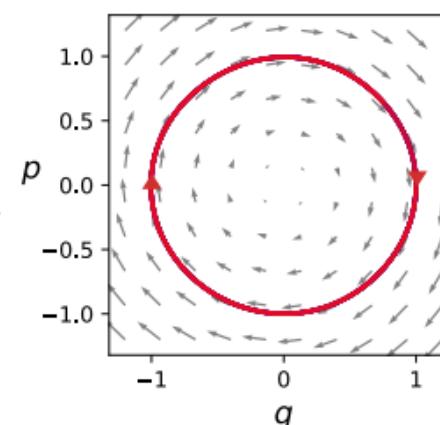
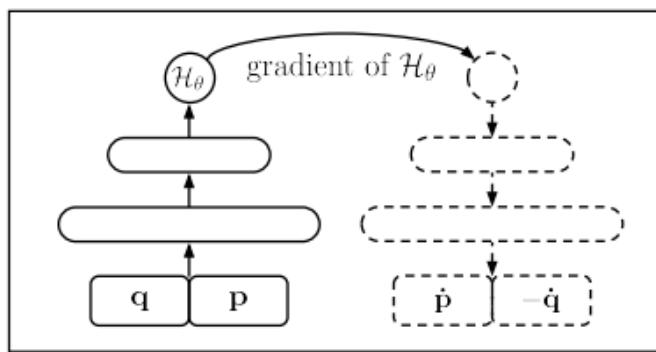
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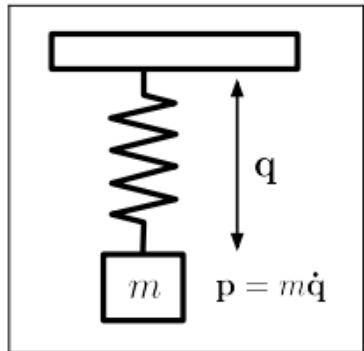


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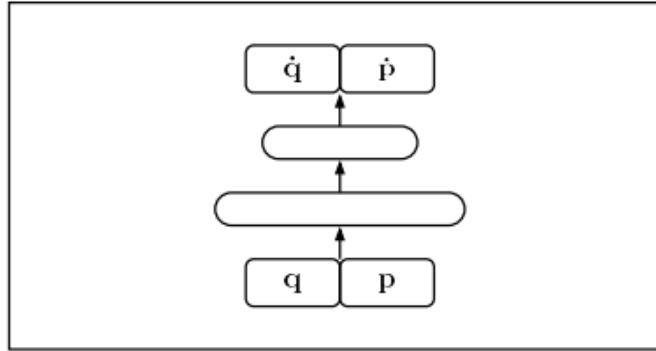


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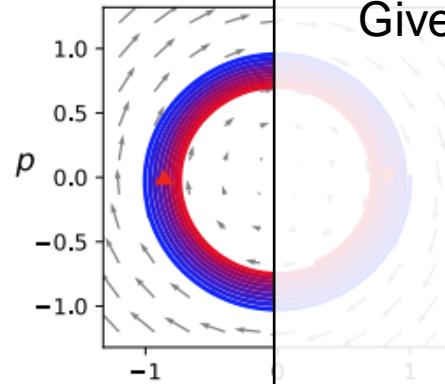
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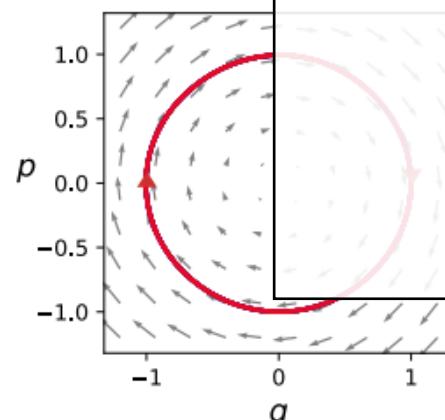


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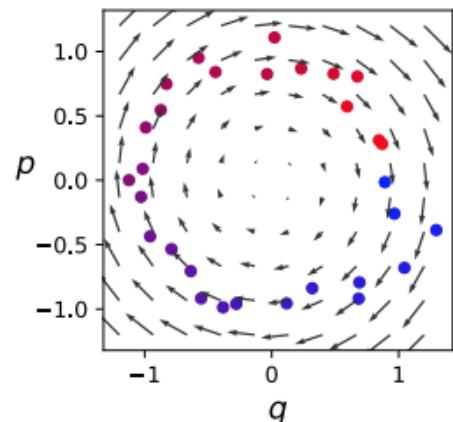
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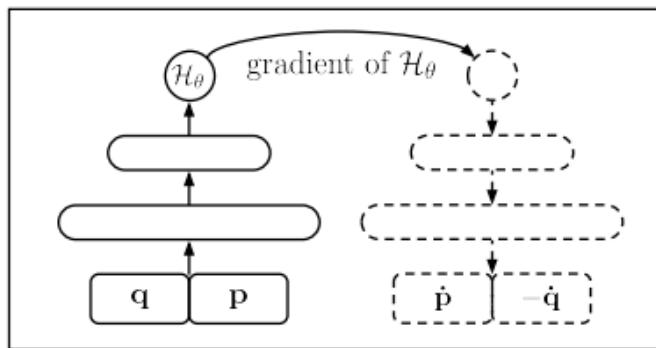
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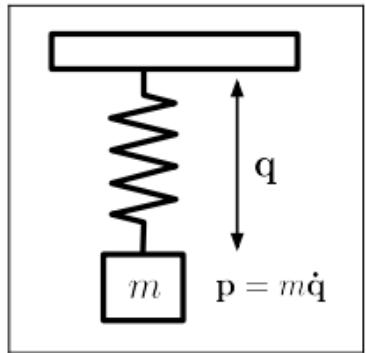


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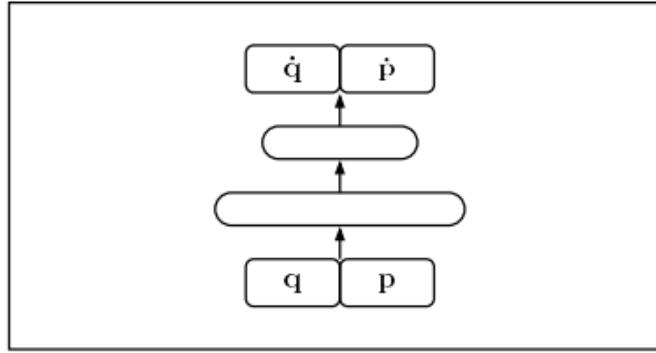


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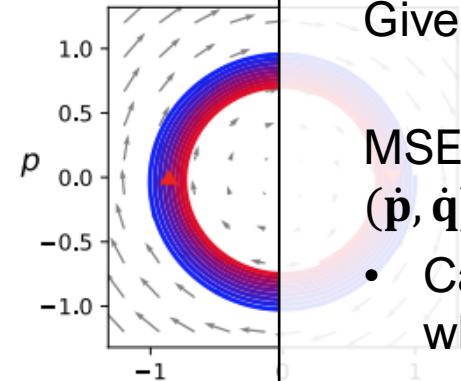
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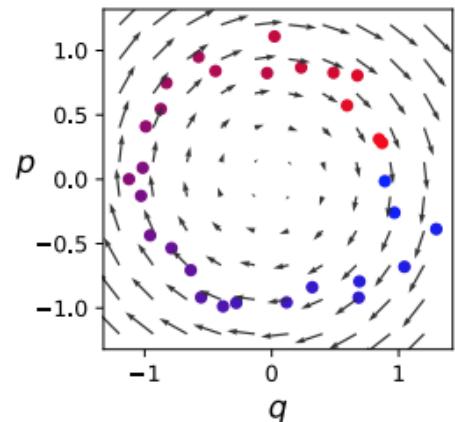


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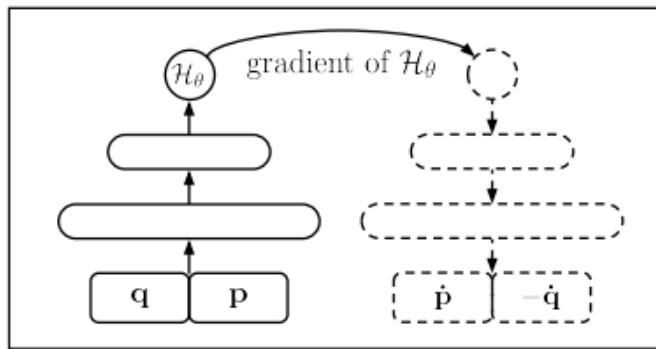
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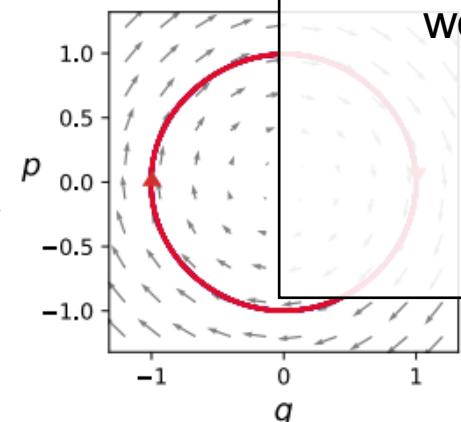
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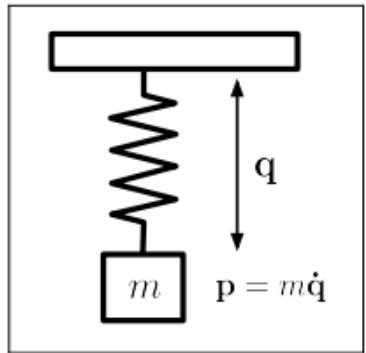


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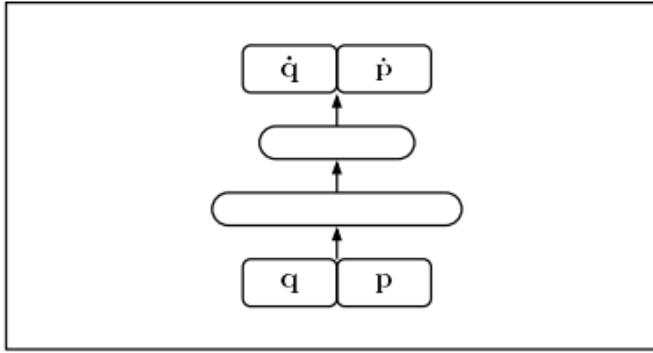


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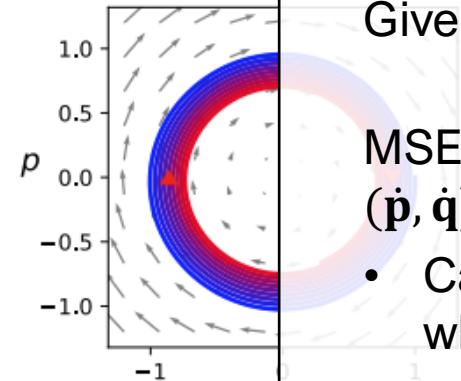
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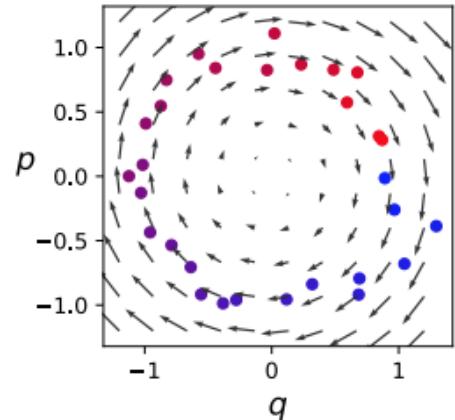


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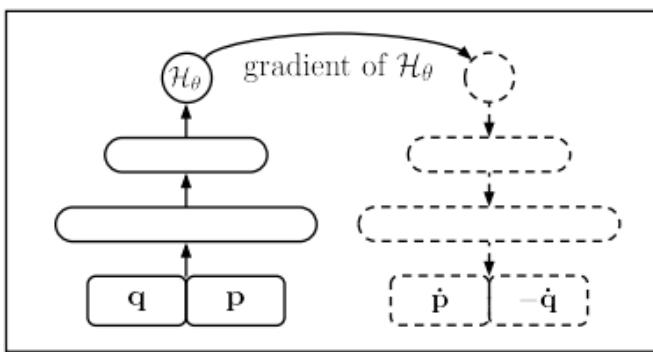
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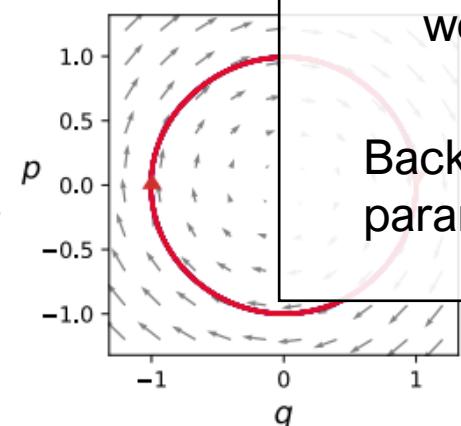
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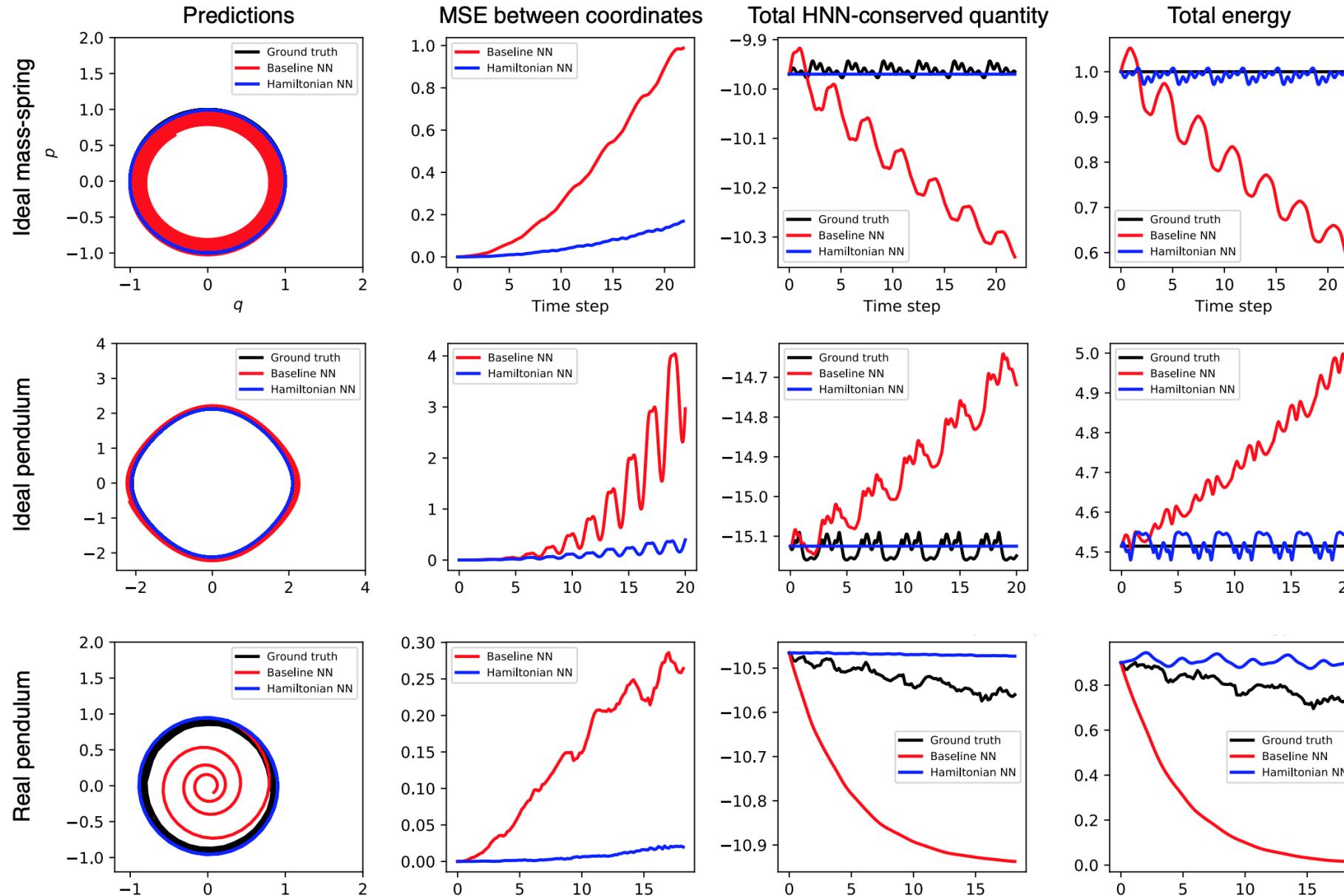


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Backprop and update model parameters

# Results



# Learning dynamics from pixel data

- Autoencoder to convert pixels to latent representation  $(z_q, z_p)$
- Additional loss to enforce the structure of the latent:

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} = \|\mathbf{z}_p^t - (\mathbf{z}_q^t - z_q^{t+1})\|_2$$

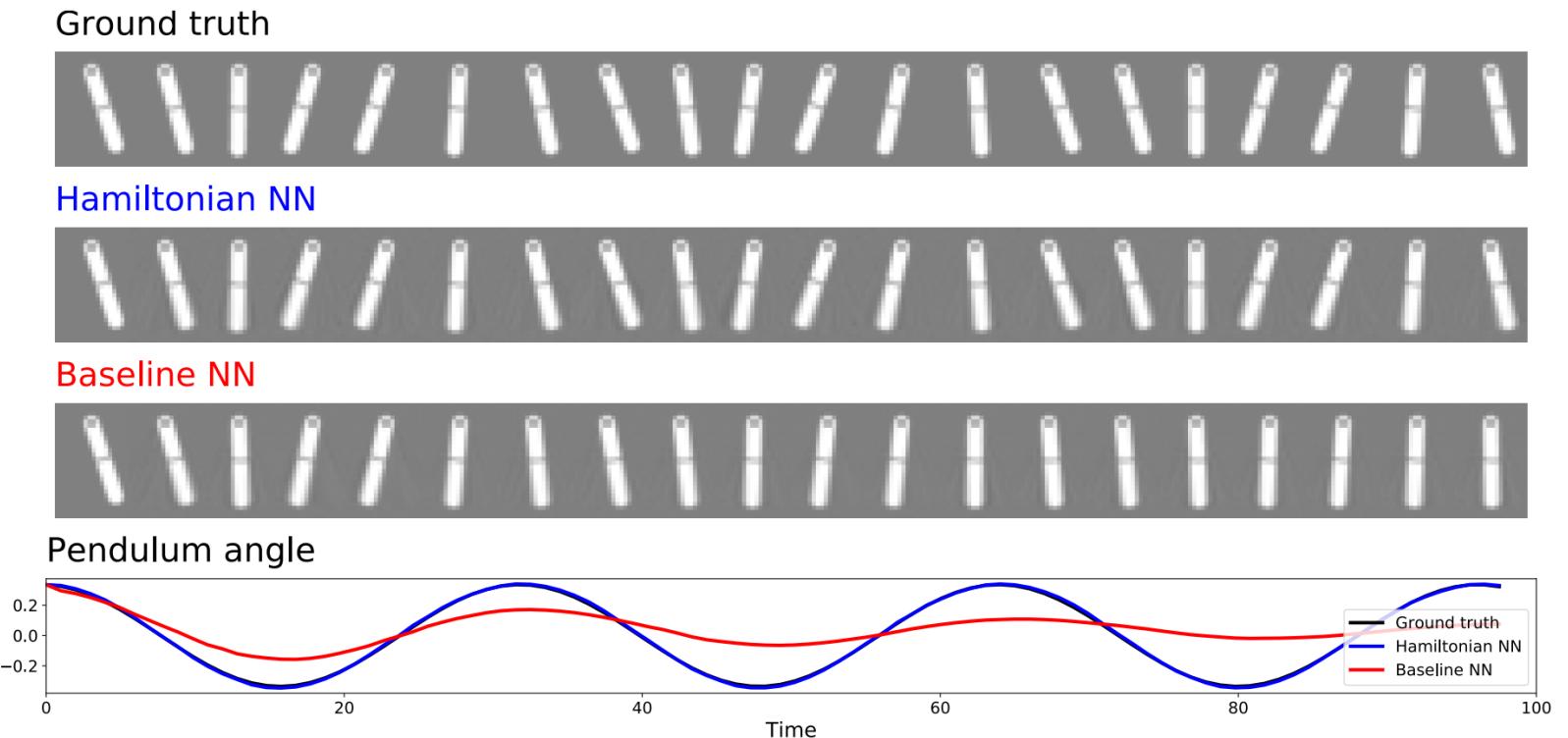


Figure 4: Predicting the dynamics of the pixel pendulum. We train an HNN and its baseline to predict dynamics in the latent space of an autoencoder. Then we project to pixel space for visualization. The baseline model rapidly decays to lower energy states whereas the HNN remains close to ground truth even after hundreds of frames. It mostly obscures the ground truth line in the bottom plot.

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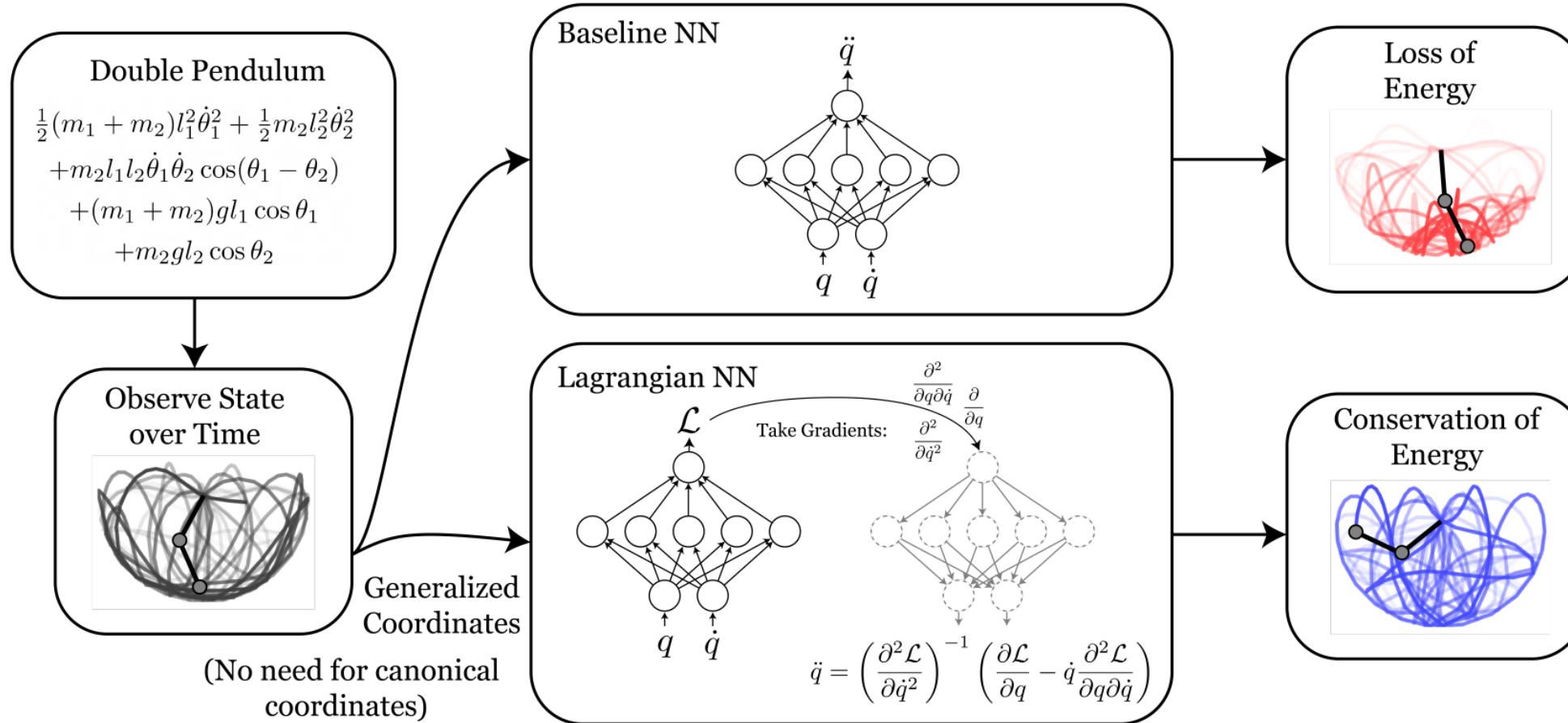
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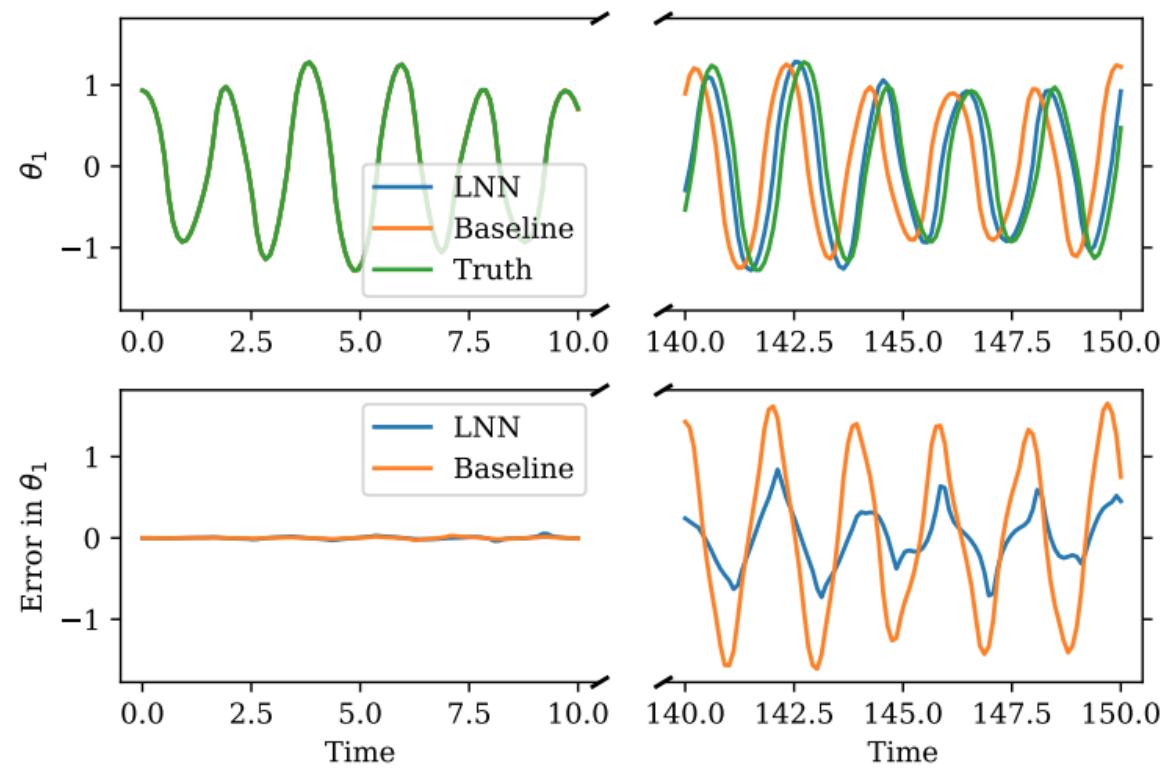
Solving for  $\ddot{\mathbf{q}}$ :

$$\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = (\nabla_{\dot{\mathbf{q}}} \nabla_{\dot{\mathbf{q}}}^T L)^{-1} [\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} L - (\nabla_{\dot{\mathbf{q}}} \nabla_{\mathbf{q}}^T L) \dot{\mathbf{q}}]$$

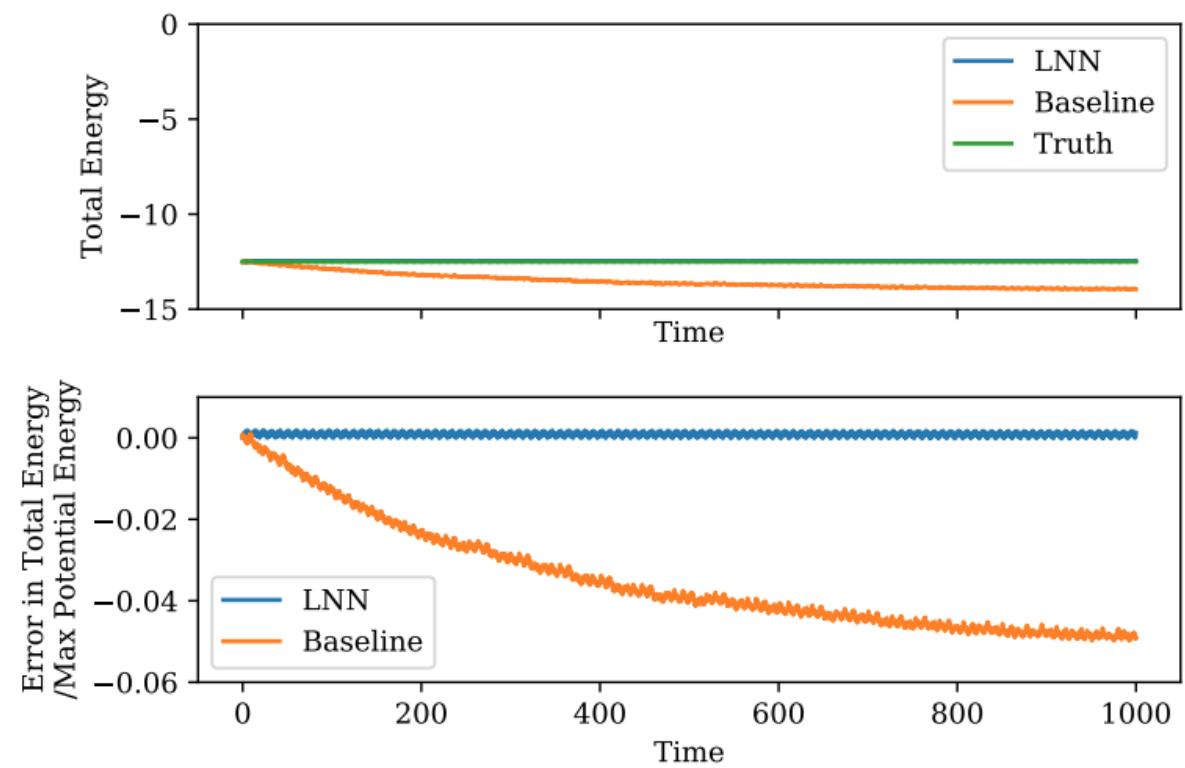
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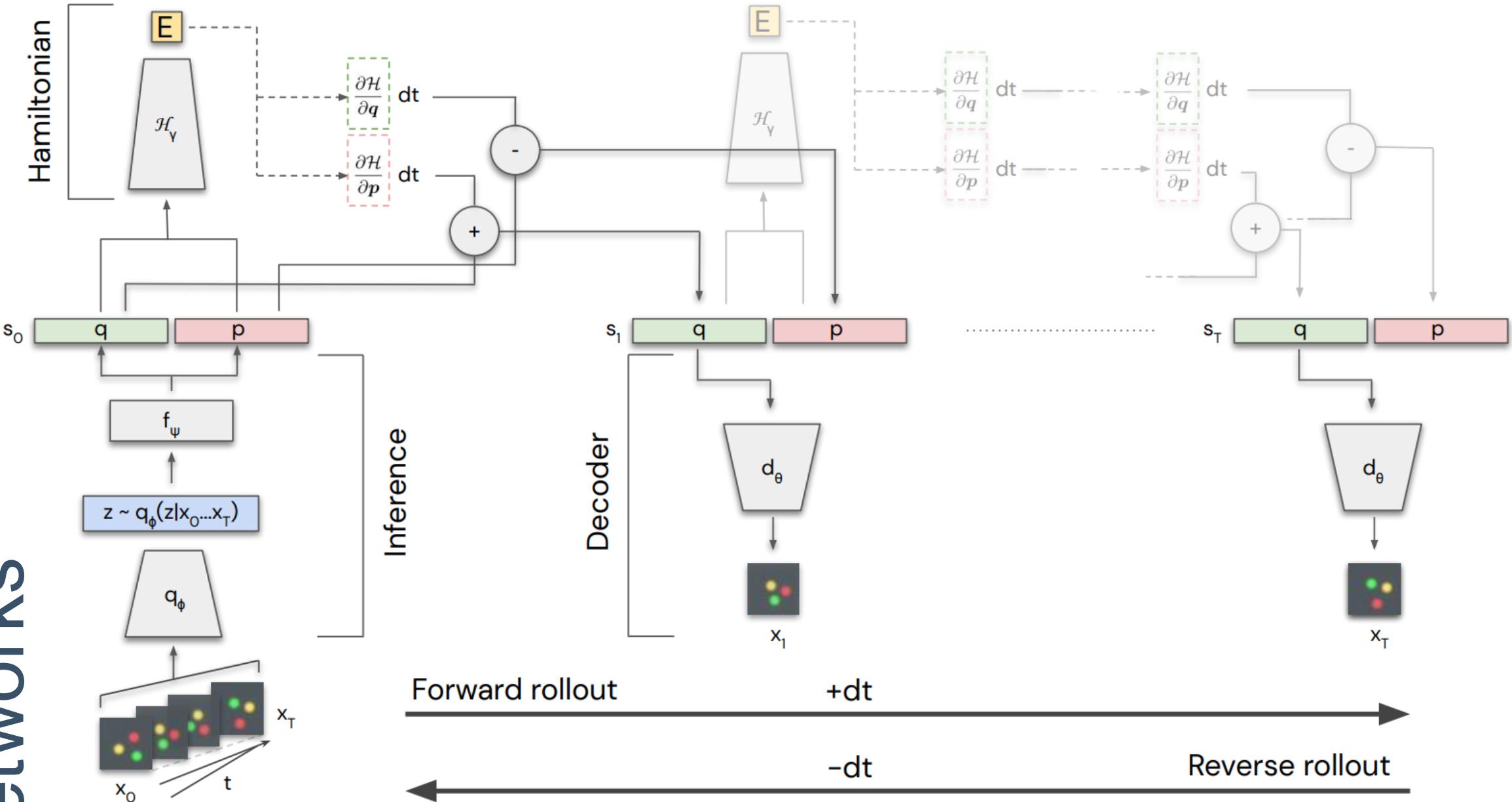


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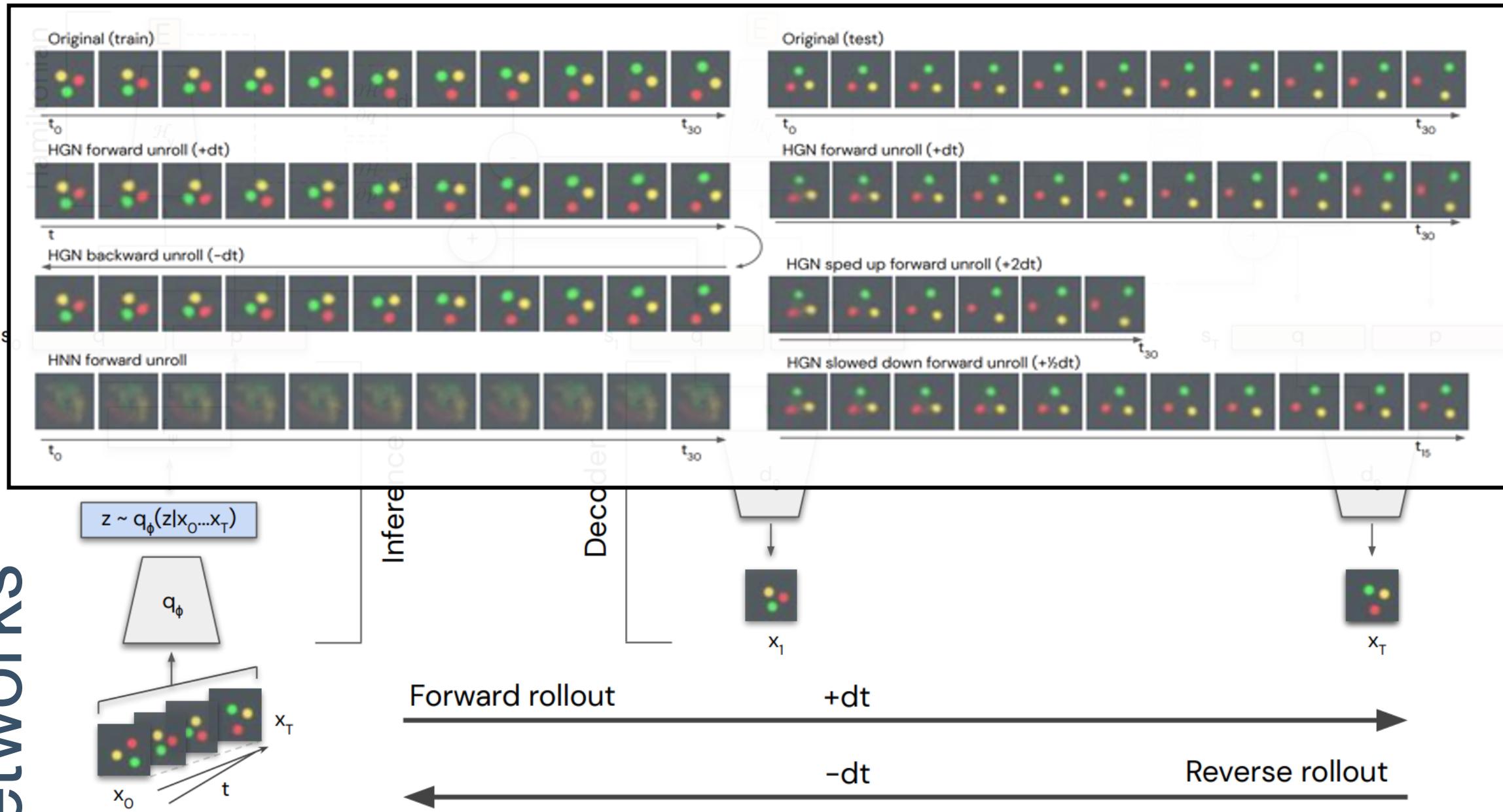


(b) Error in energy

# Hamiltonian Generative Networks



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# Neural Hamiltonian Flow

- Let's examine the transformation induced by the Hamiltonian:

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- One can prove that this transformation is volume-preserving:

$$\det J(dt) = 1 + O(dt^2)$$

- It is also easily invertible ( $dt \rightarrow -dt$ )

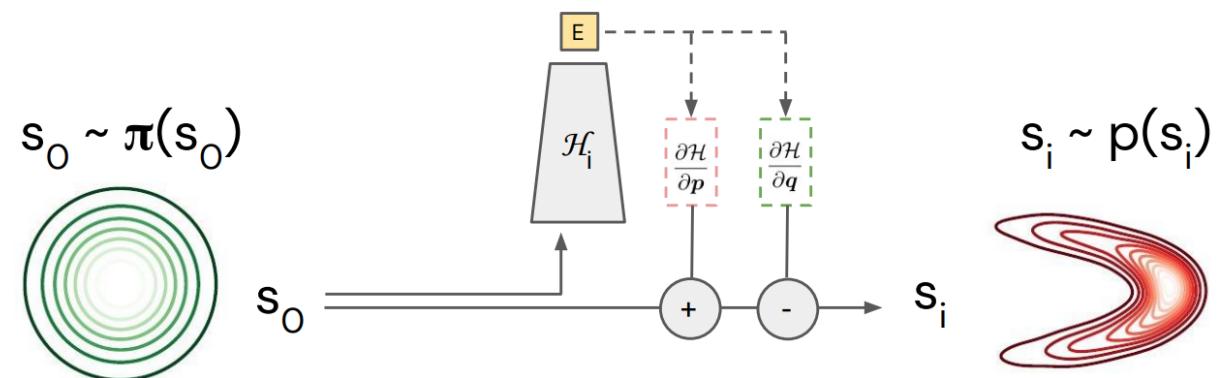
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- Prior distribution  $\pi(\cdot)$  at time  $t = 0$
- Observed data distribution  $p_{\text{data}}(\cdot)$  at time  $t = T$
- Denote by  $H_i^{dt}$  the transformation

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- Then the flow is defined by:

$$s_T = H_T^{dt} \circ H_{T-1}^{dt} \circ \cdots \circ H_1^{dt}(s_0), \quad s_i = (\mathbf{q}_i, \mathbf{p}_i), \quad s_0 \sim \pi(\cdot), \quad s_T \sim p_{\text{data}}(\cdot)$$



# Neural Hamiltonian Flow

- How to interpret part of an object as  $\mathbf{q}_T$  and another part as  $\mathbf{p}_T$ ?
- Instead: observed object is  $\mathbf{q}_T$ , while  $\mathbf{p}_T$  is a latent variable:

$$p(\mathbf{q}_T) = \int p(\mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T)$$

- Approximate posterior (at time  $t = T$ ):

$$p(\mathbf{p}_T | \mathbf{q}_T) \approx f_\psi(\mathbf{p}_T | \mathbf{q}_T)$$

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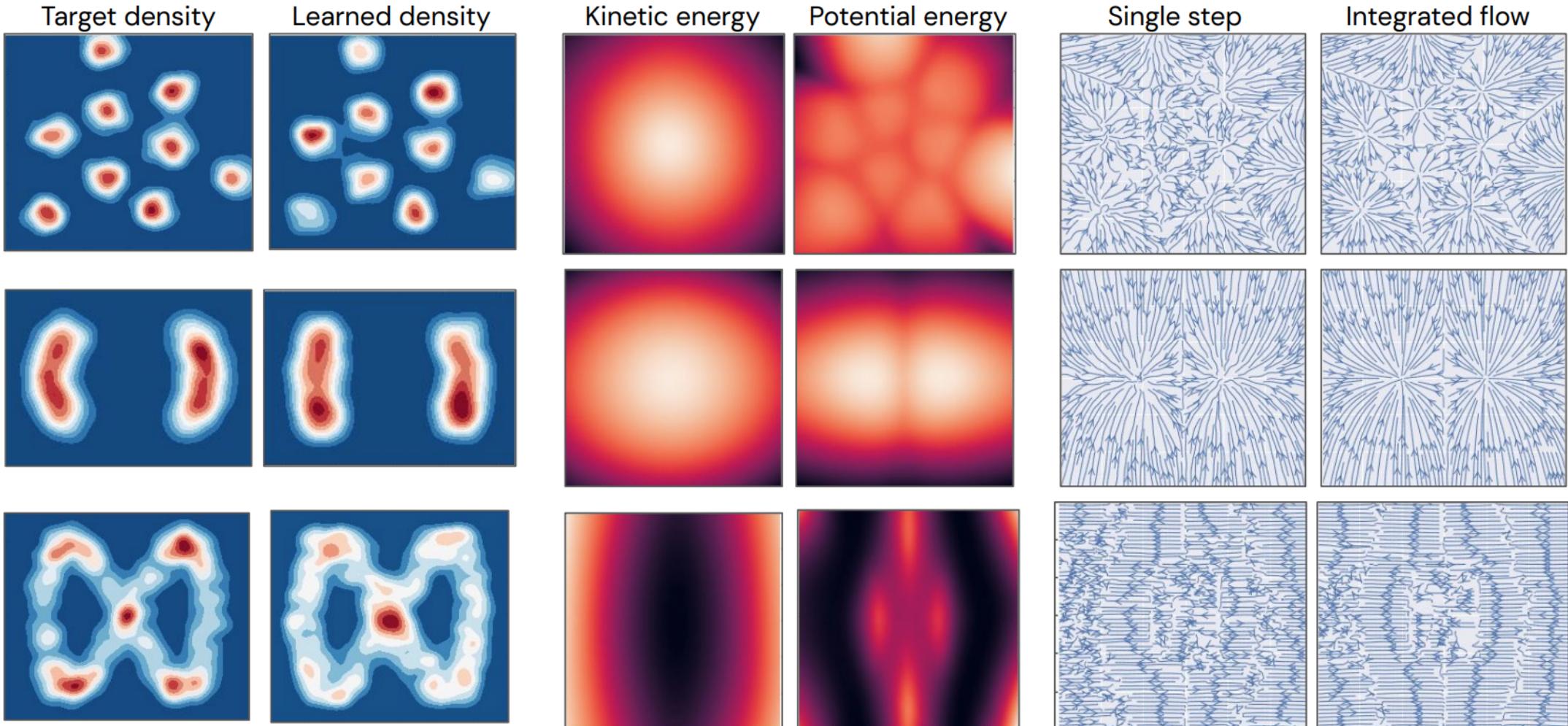
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$$= \ln \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{p}_T \sim f_\psi} \left[ \frac{p(\mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T)}{f_\psi(\mathbf{p}_T | \mathbf{q}_T)} \right] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{p}_T \sim f_\psi} \left[ \ln \frac{p(\mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T)}{f_\psi(\mathbf{p}_T | \mathbf{q}_T)} \right]$$

using Jensen's inequality

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{p}_T \sim f_\psi} \left[ \ln \pi \left( H_1^{-dt} \circ \dots \circ H_T^{-dt} (\mathbf{q}_T, \mathbf{p}_T) \right) - \ln f_\psi(\mathbf{p}_T | \mathbf{q}_T) \right]$$

# Neural Hamiltonian Flow



# Summary

- One may impose symmetries and conservation laws onto a modelled system by directly learning the Lagrangian or Hamiltonian
- Hamiltonian dynamics is simple to integrate, but it may be unclear how to extract the canonical momentum from the observables
- Lagrangian dynamics doesn't need the canonical coordinates, though integration involves a matrix inversion
- Hamiltonian dynamics is driven by a volume-preserving and easily invertible transformation, allowing to define a Normalizing Flow