

# Reducing the computational cost of solving ODE systems via machine learning

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## **Reducing the complexity of chemical networks via interpretable autoencoders**

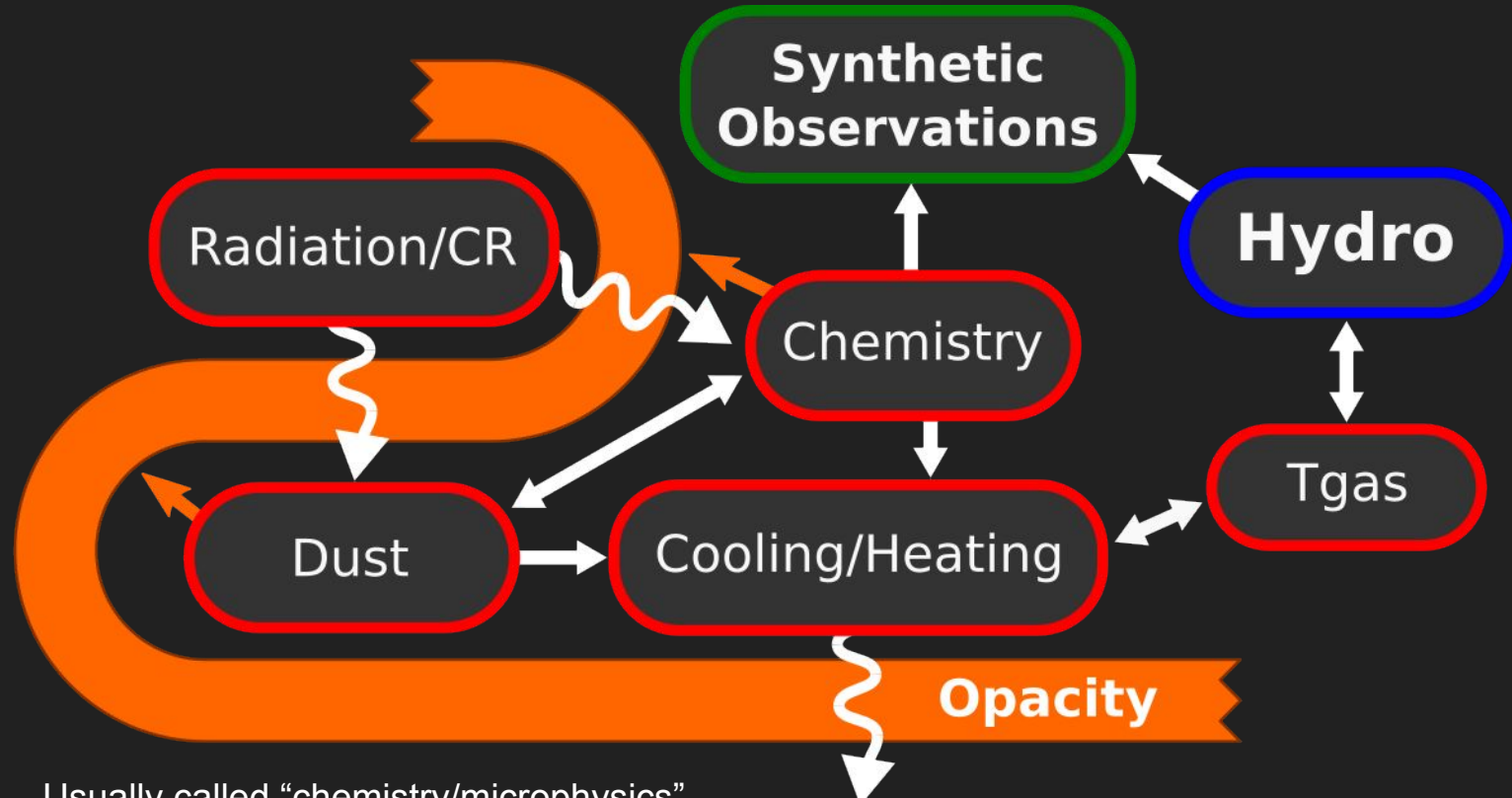
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# Outline

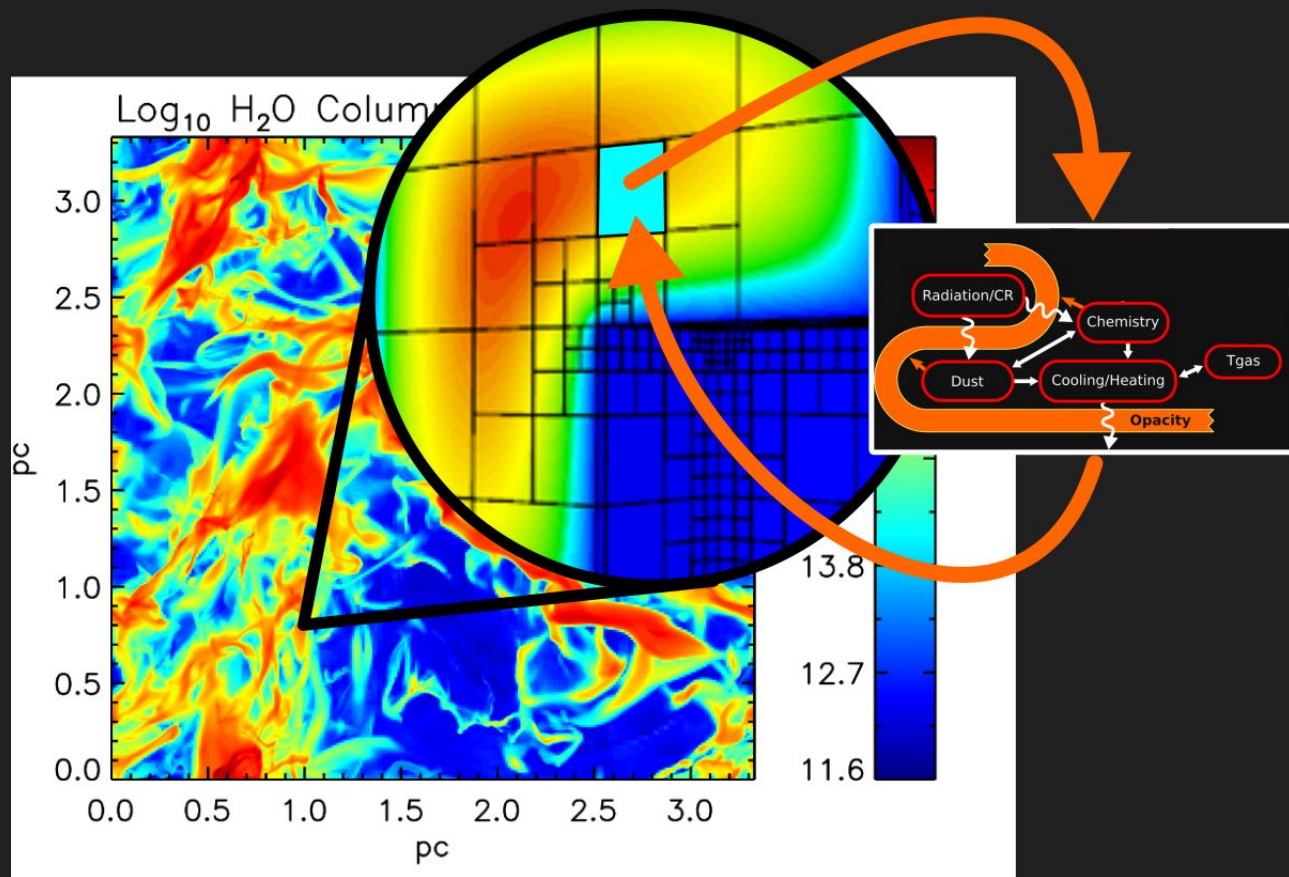
1. Astrophysical Context
2. System of Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)
3. ODE systems in (astro)chemistry
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5. DNN Autoencoders
6. Our Method: ODEs + Autoencoders

## Context /1



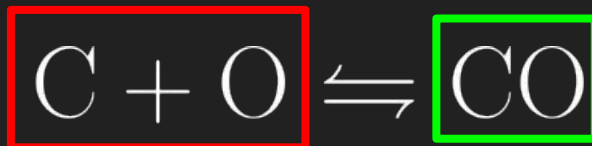
Usually called “chemistry/microphysics”

# Context /2



Computational  
Overhead

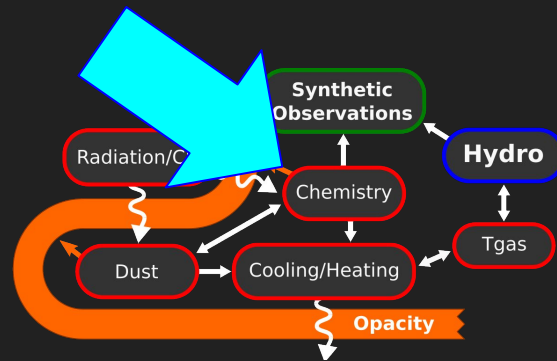
# Chemistry



$$\frac{dx_{\text{C}}}{dt} = \frac{dx_{\text{O}}}{dt} = -\boxed{k_1 x_{\text{C}} x_{\text{O}}} + \boxed{k_2 x_{\text{CO}}}$$

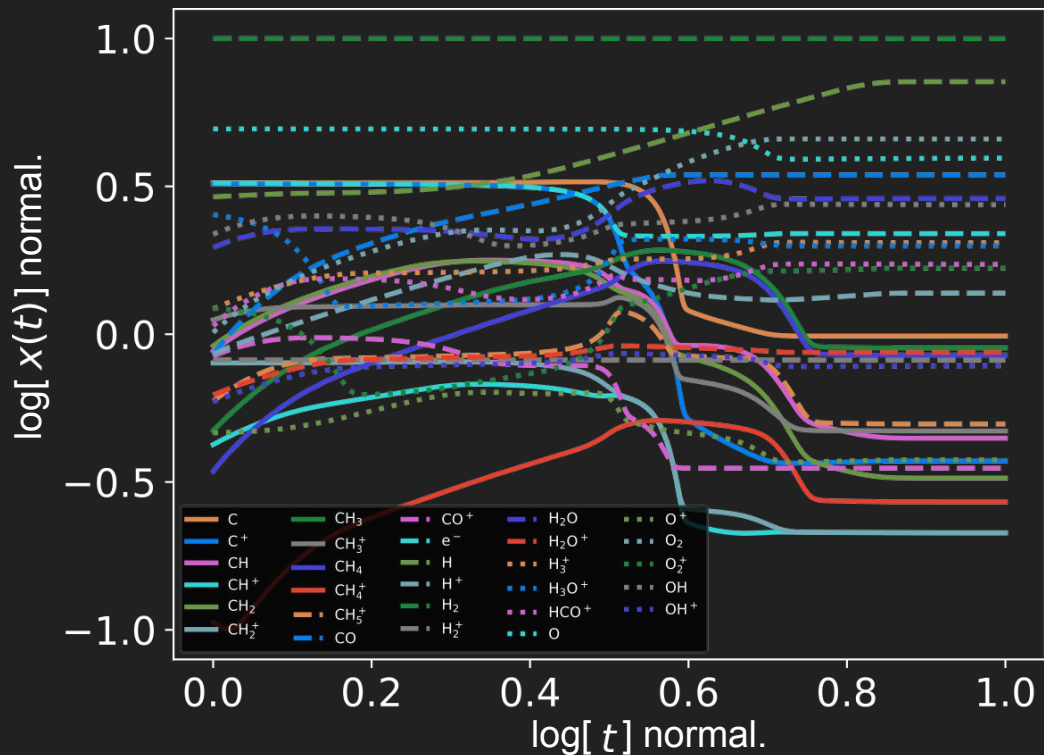
$$\frac{dx_{\text{CO}}}{dt} = +\boxed{k_1 x_{\text{C}} x_{\text{O}}} - \boxed{k_2 x_{\text{CO}}}$$

$$\dot{\bar{x}} = f(\bar{x}; k)$$



# Solving ODEs

Advance  $x(t)$  in time with BDF solving  $\dot{\bar{x}} = f(\bar{x}; k)$



Typical networks

Species → Reactions

Primordial: 10 → 30

MC (hydro): 40 → 300

MC (0D): 450 → 4500+

Disk: 450+ → 5000+

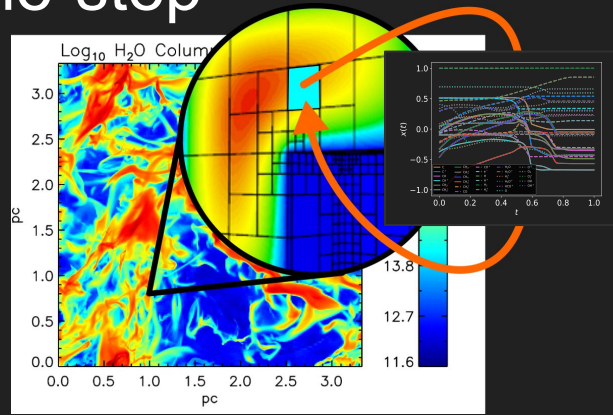
This Example: 29 → 224

## PROBLEM

Integrating for a (hydro) time-step

$$\dot{\bar{x}} = f(\bar{x}; k)$$

for each cell



## AIM

reduce to zero the numerical impact of integrating

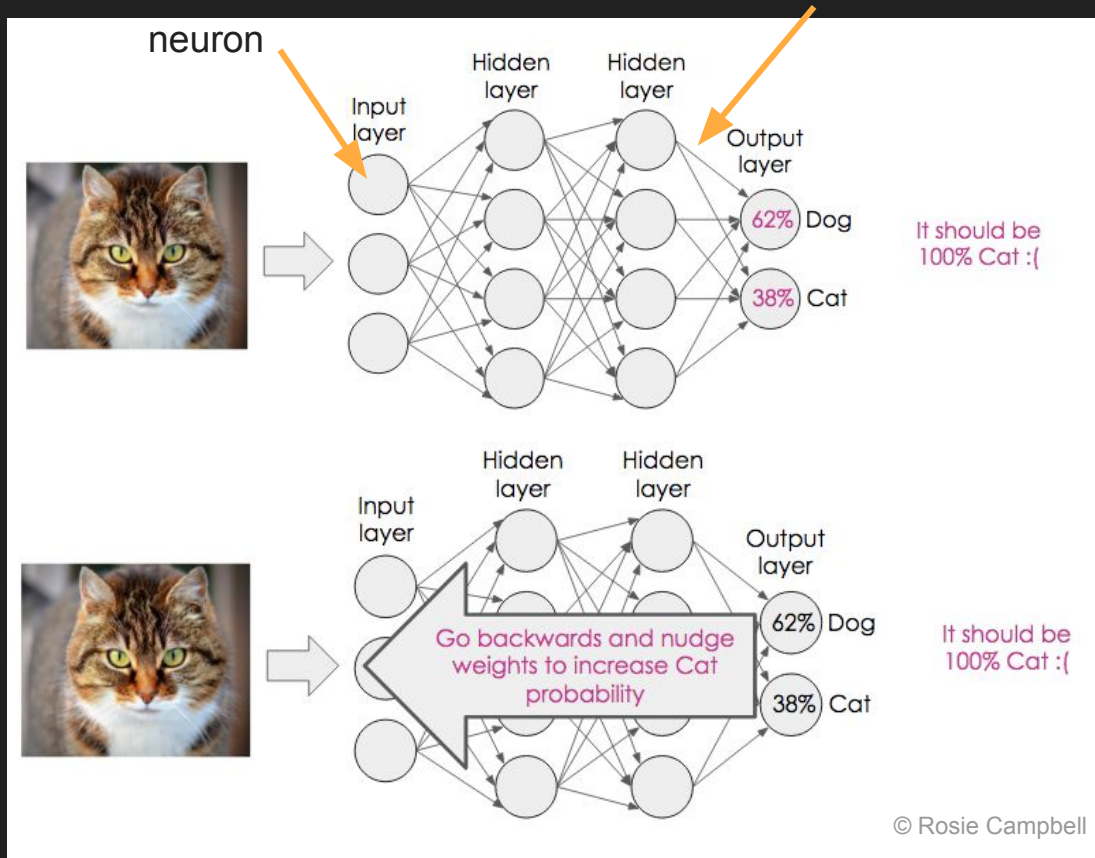
$$\dot{\bar{x}} = f(\bar{x}; k)$$

with standard ODE solvers (e.g. BDF)

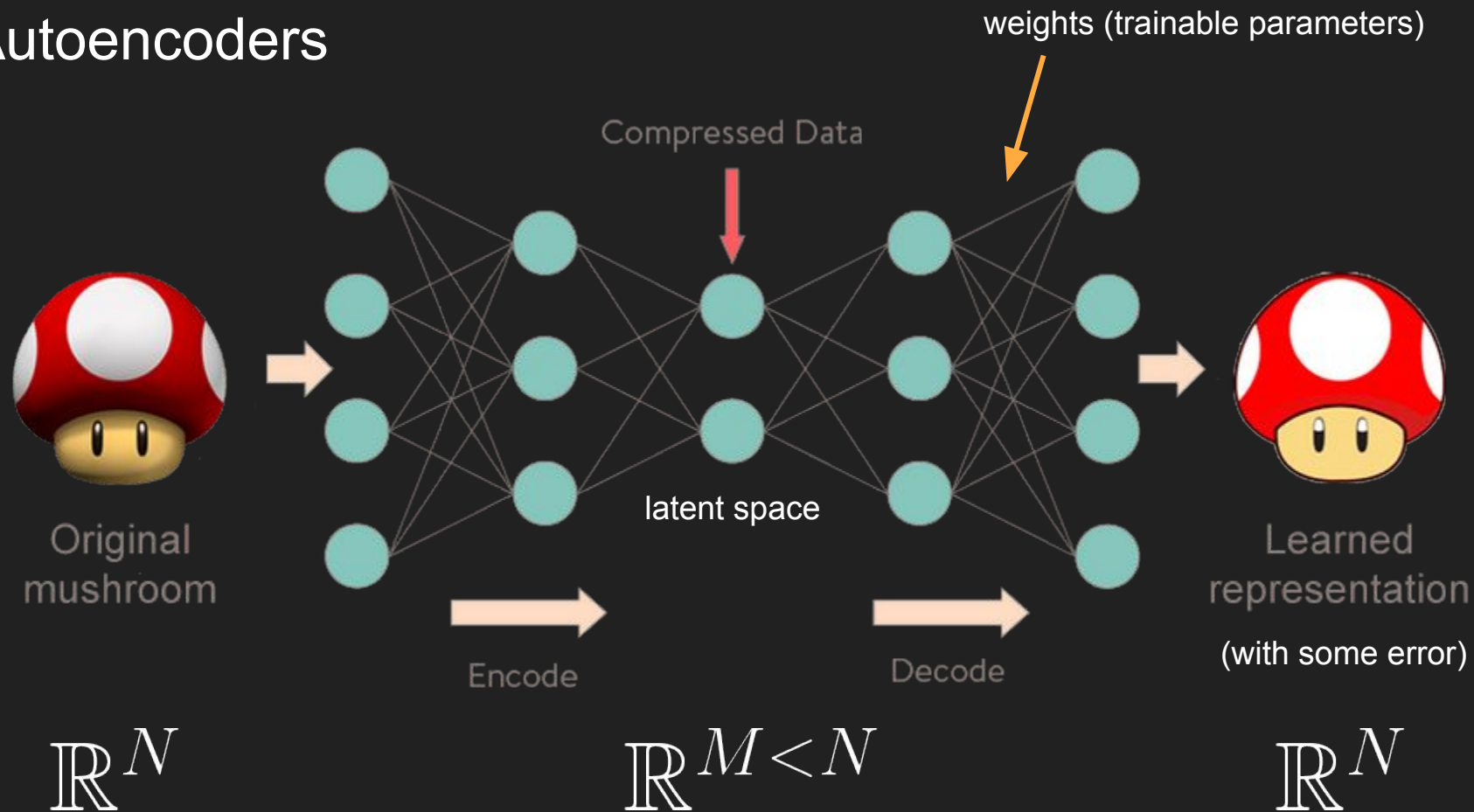


# Deep Neural Networks

weights (trainable parameters)



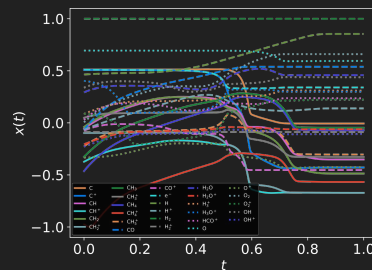
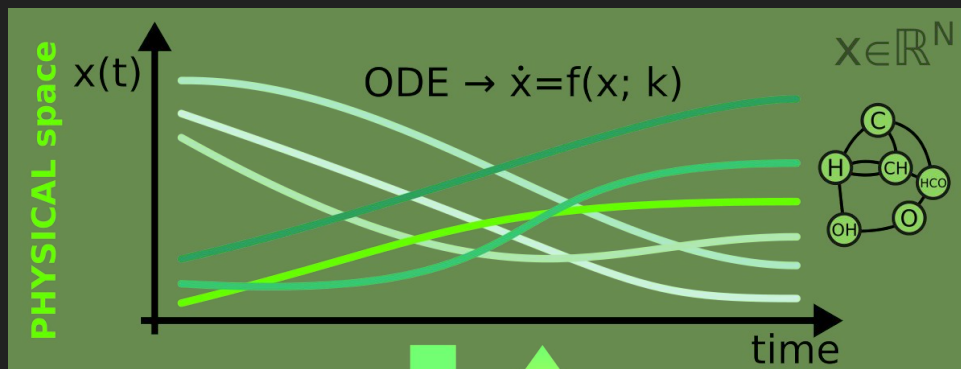
# Autoencoders



# AUTOENCODERS

Reduce the dimensionality of the data

# Solve compressed ODE



STANDARD  
PROBLEM

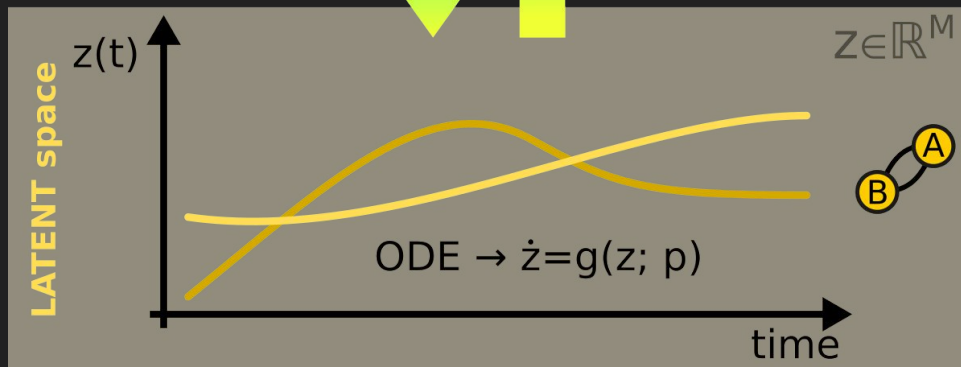
encoding



decoding

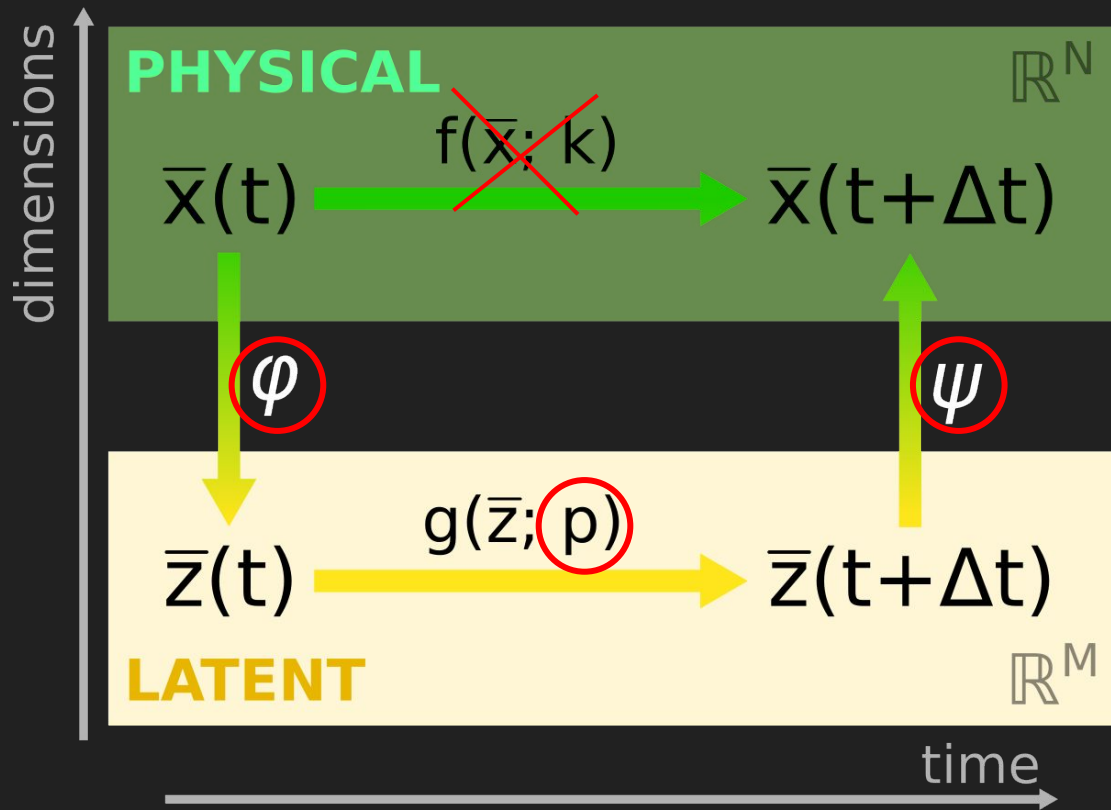


AUTOENCODER

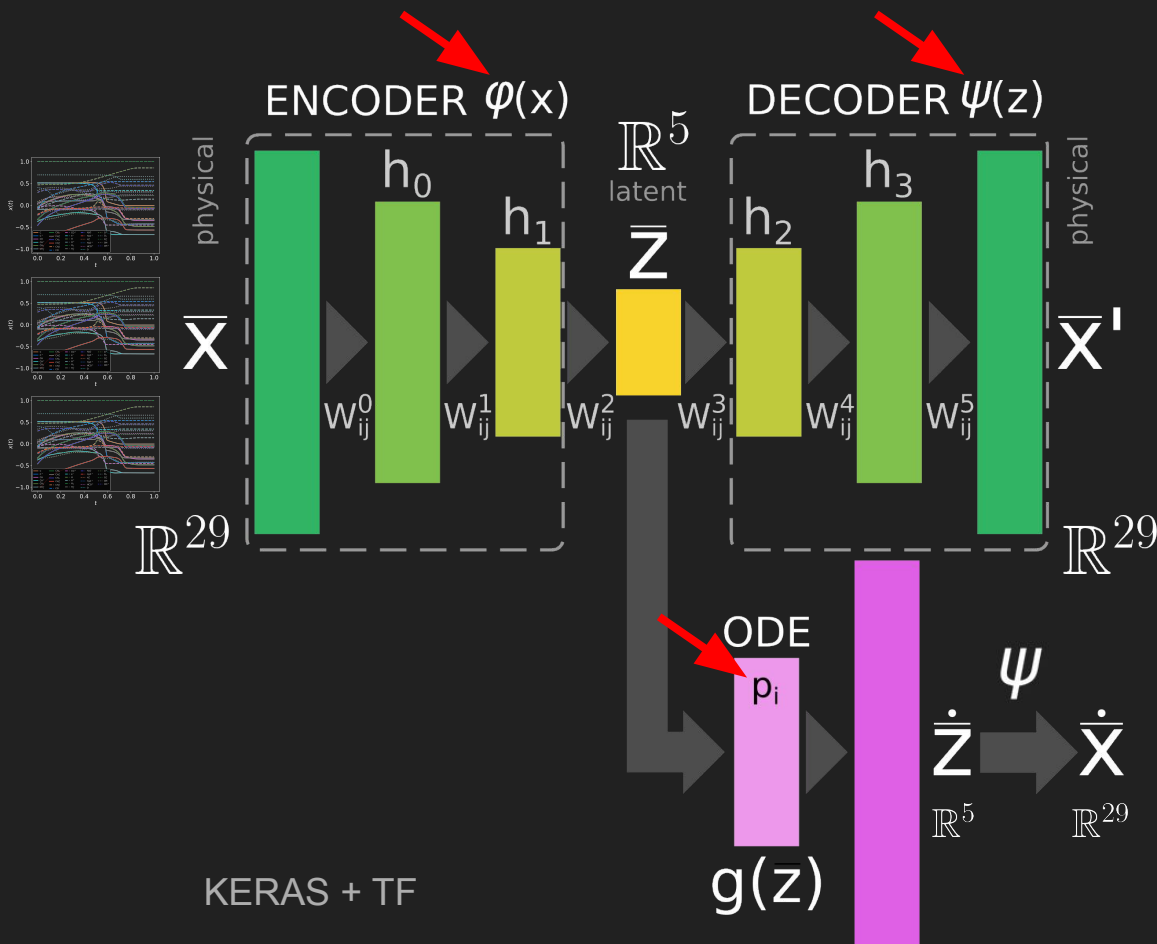


REDUCED  
PROBLEM

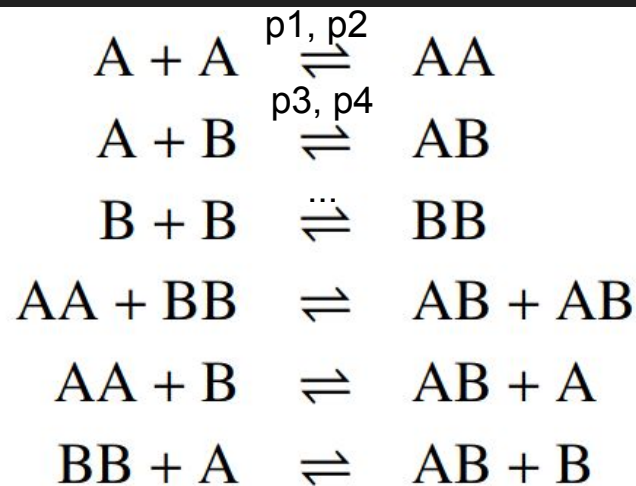
# Operators



# Implementation



Latent chemical network  
5 species + 12 reactions

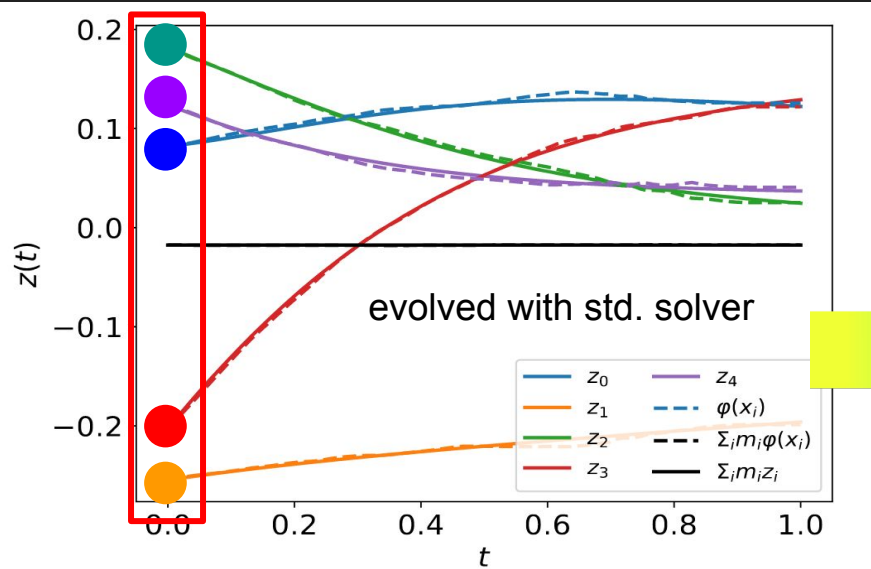


Original chemical network  
29 species + 224 reactions

# Example Results

Latent space

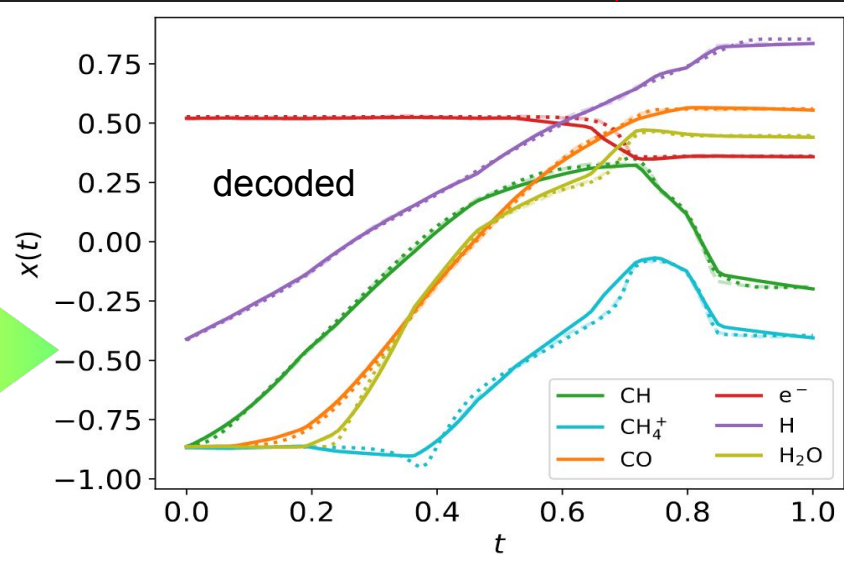
$g(z;p)$



5 out of 5 "species" (A, B, AA, BB, AB)

Physical space

~~$f(x;k)$~~



6 out of 29 species (H, C, O, CO, CH, ...)

# Conclusions

## Advantages:

- x65 speed-up (but in practice: integration time  $\rightarrow 0$ )
- Interpretability of the latent space (it's a chemical network!)
- New perspective on the problem
- Promising (we also might learn something from latent space)

## Limitations:

- $g(z; p)$  needs to be designed beforehand (but...)
- It needs training data
- This case-study uses constant temperature, CRs, radiation, ...
- Training needs some fine-tuning
- Is the compression always guaranteed? We don't know