

# NEURAL ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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$$F(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(n-1)}) = \mathbf{x}^{(n)}$$

# STOCHASTIC ODE

Reset

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# QUIZZ

What is the difference between an ordinary differential equation (ODE) and a partial differential equation (PDE)?

Math time Solve the following ODE:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sin(t) + 1/t$$

$$t_0 = \pi/2$$

$$x(t_0) = -\ln(3)$$

$$x(3\pi) = ?$$

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Surprisingly enough, it's correct

# **NUMERICAL INTEGRATION OF ODE**

# EULER'S METHOD

Step



1

2

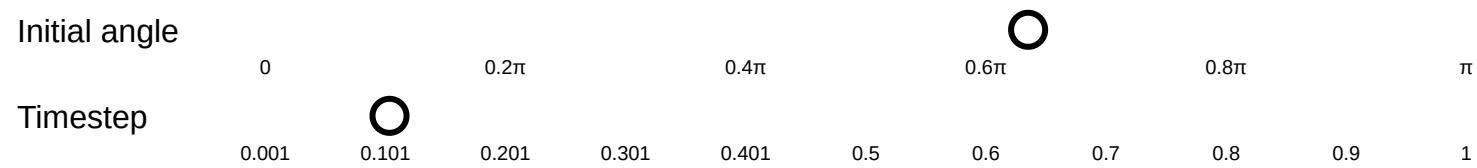
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# EULER'S METHOD

$$\tilde{x}(t + \tau) = \tilde{x}(t) + \tau f(\tilde{x}(t), t)$$

# INSTABILITY



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$$\sum_{s=1}^{\frac{t-t_0}{\tau}} \left[ \frac{1}{2}x''(t_0 + s\tau)\tau^2 + O(\tau^3) \right] = C(t - t_0)\tau + O(\tau^2)$$



# MIDPOINT METHOD

Step



1

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# MIDPOINT MATH

$$x_{n+1/2} = x_n + \frac{\tau}{2} f(x_n, t_n)$$

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What is the order of the method?

# RUNGE-KUTTA METHOD

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  - RequestID: 3749c53cb20e8f41
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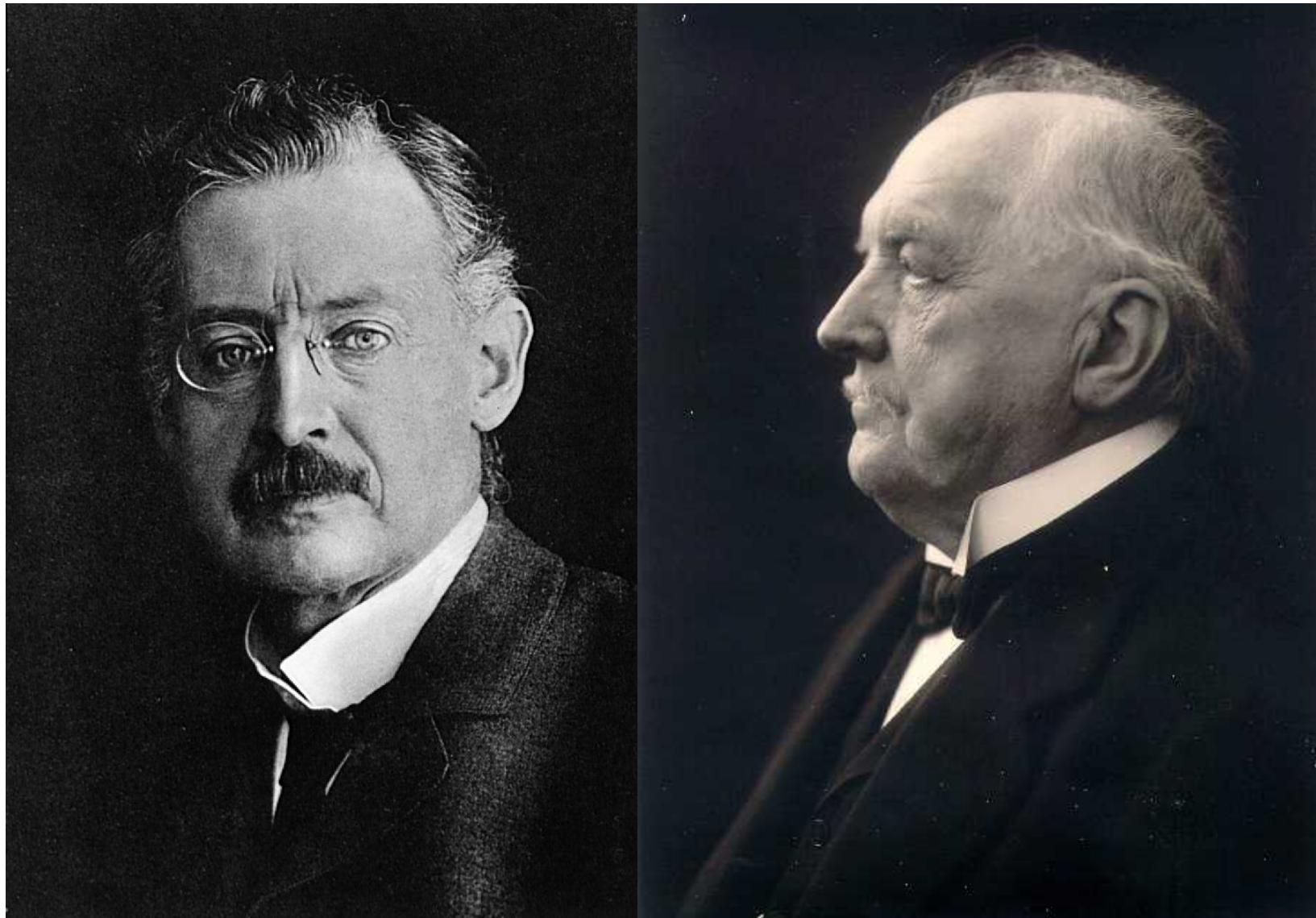
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Sorry, I got lazy with the Copilot

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# FÜR DAS PROTOKOLL

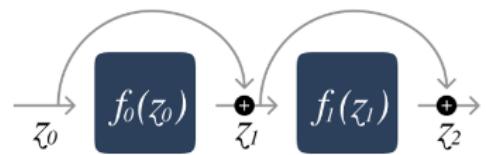
# WHEN IS AN ODE INTEGRATION METHOD IS CALLED 3-RD ORDER?

- It uses a 3-rd order polynomial
- Its local truncation error is of the order  $O(\tau^3)$ , where  $\tau$  is the time step
- Its total accumulated error is of the order  $O(\tau^3)$ , where  $\tau$  is the time step
- It uses 3 evaluations of the derivative function  $f(x(t), t)$

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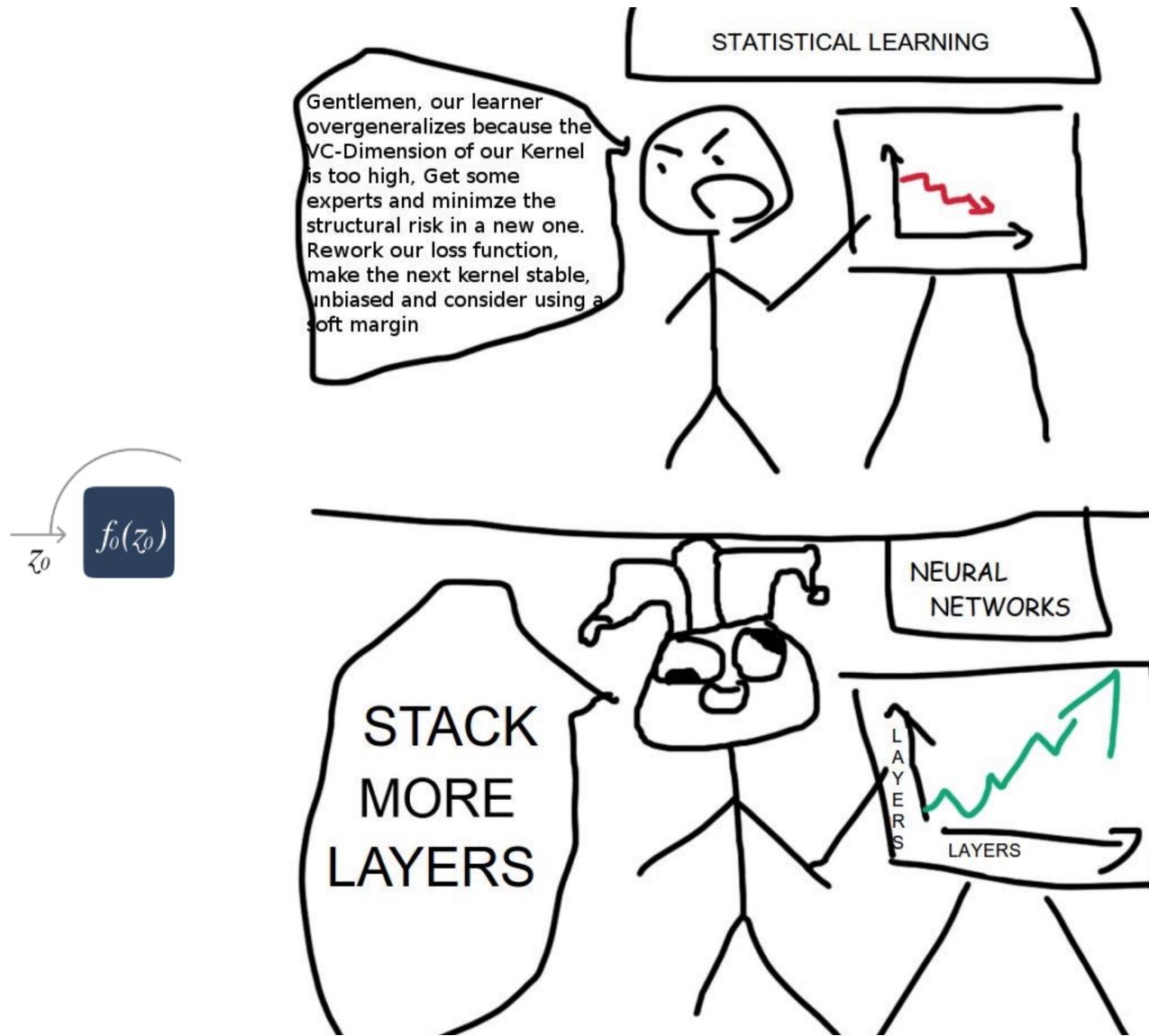
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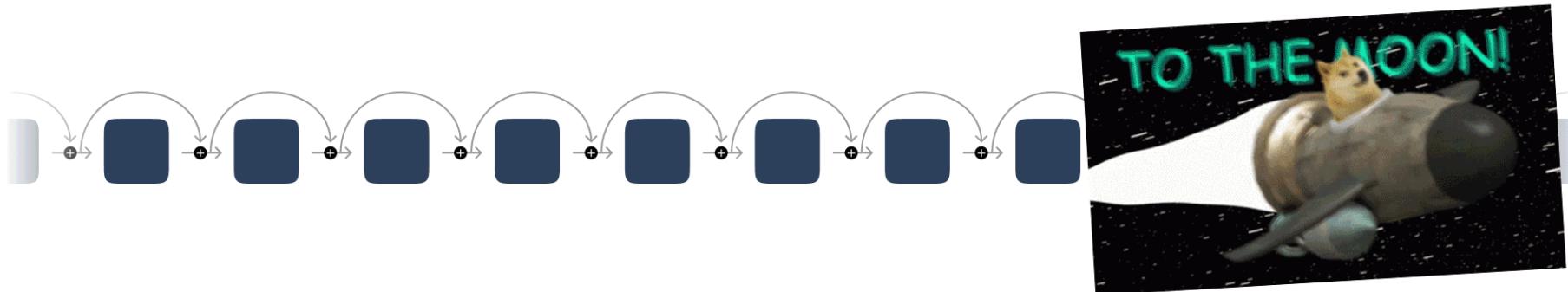
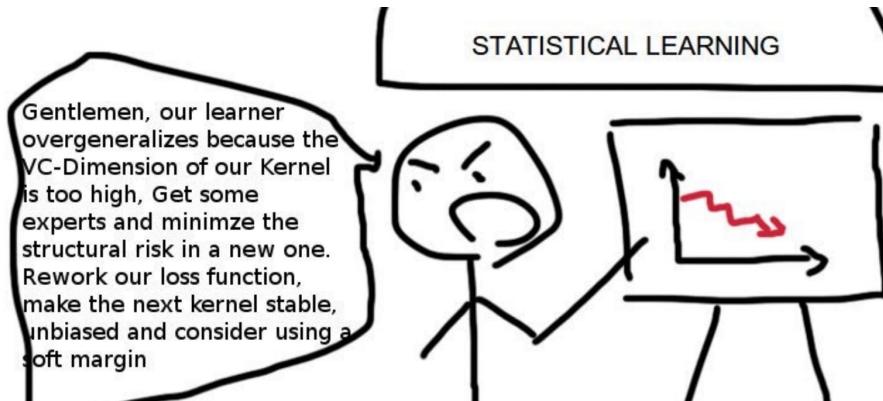


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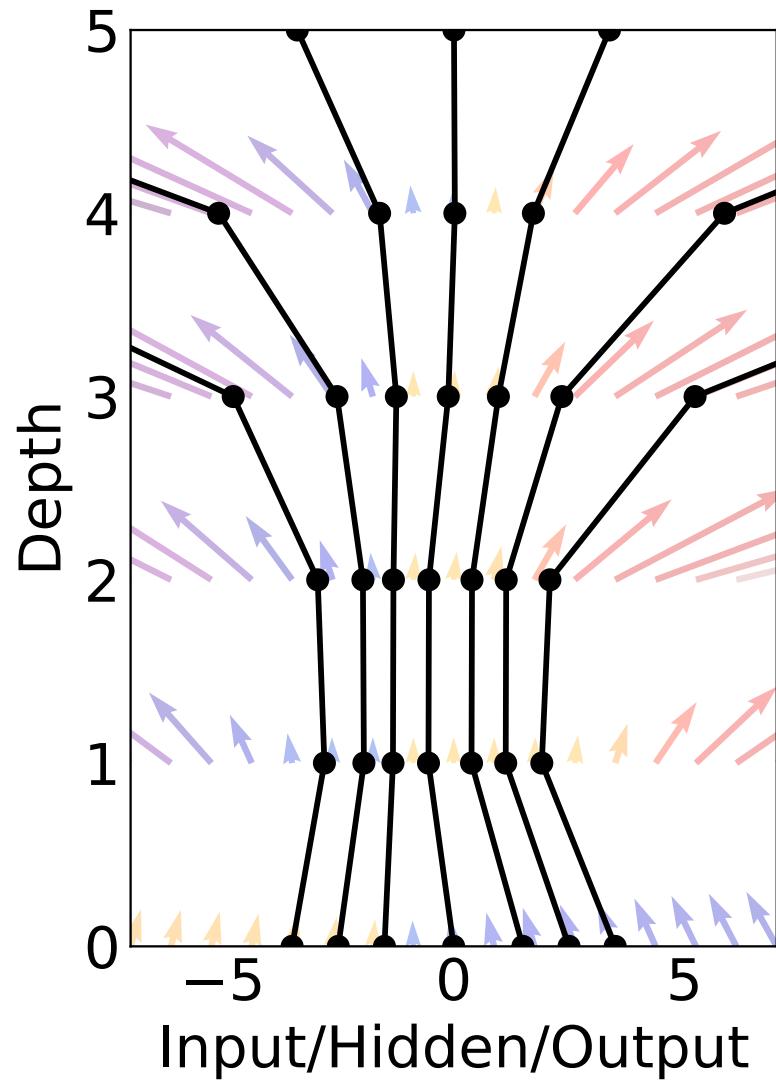


# REUSE WEIGHTS BETWEEN LAYERS

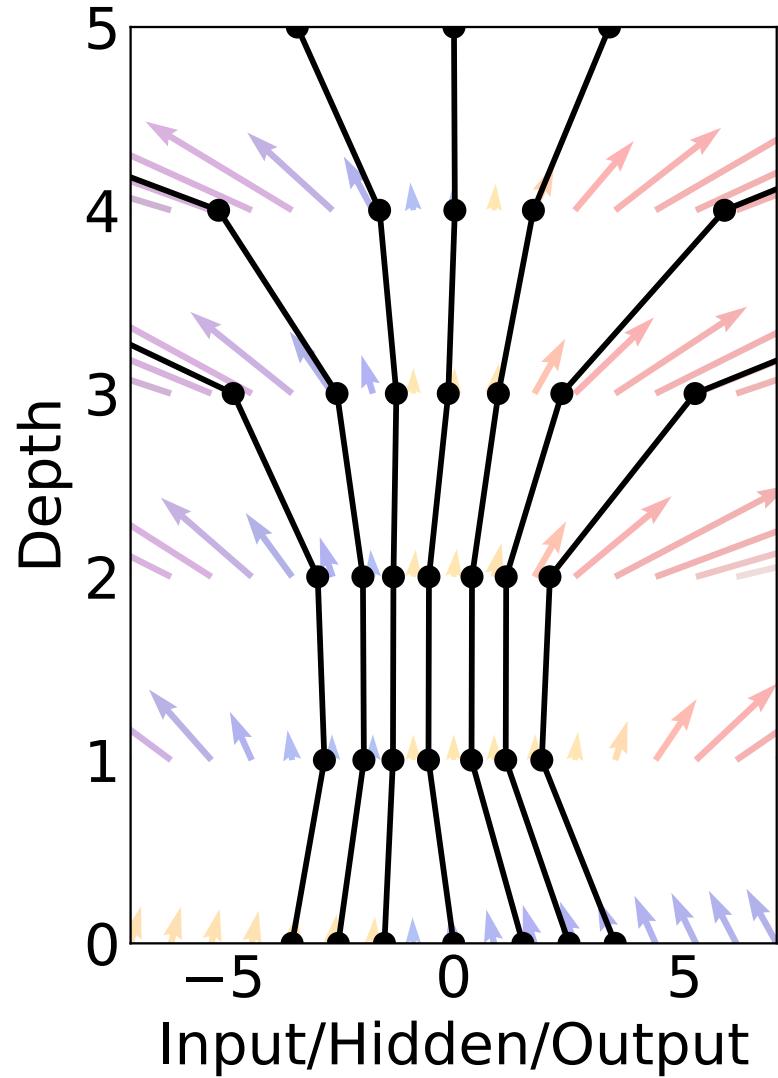
$$\mathbf{z}_{l+1} = \mathbf{z}_l + f_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_l, l)$$

# LAYER INDEX → TIME

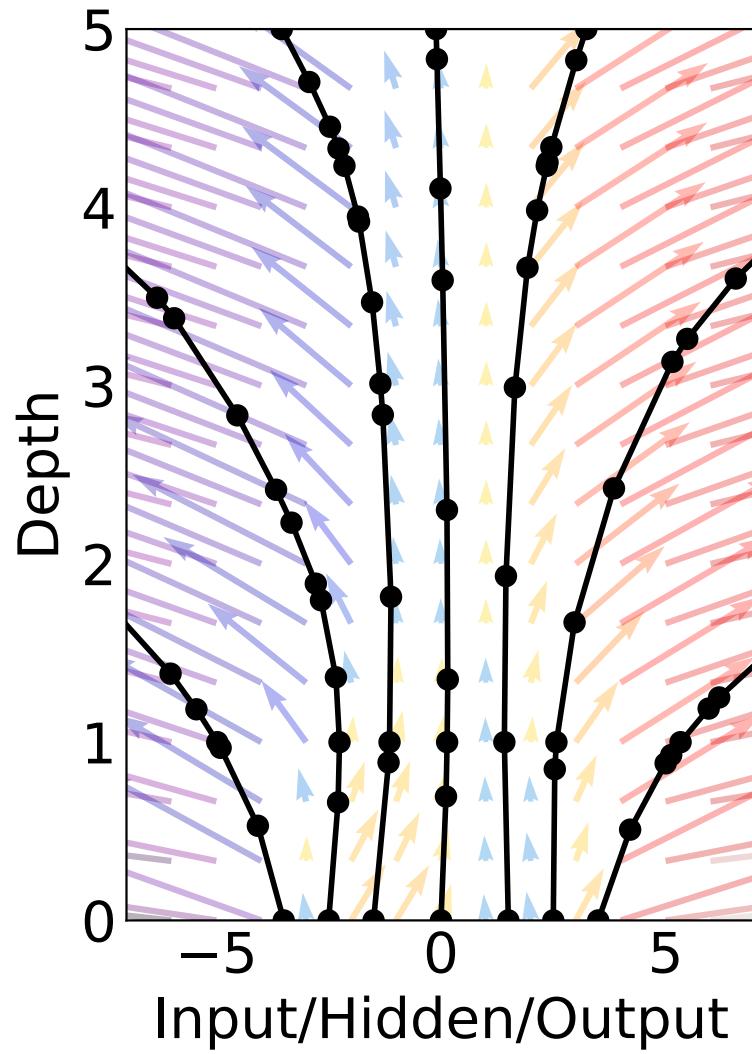
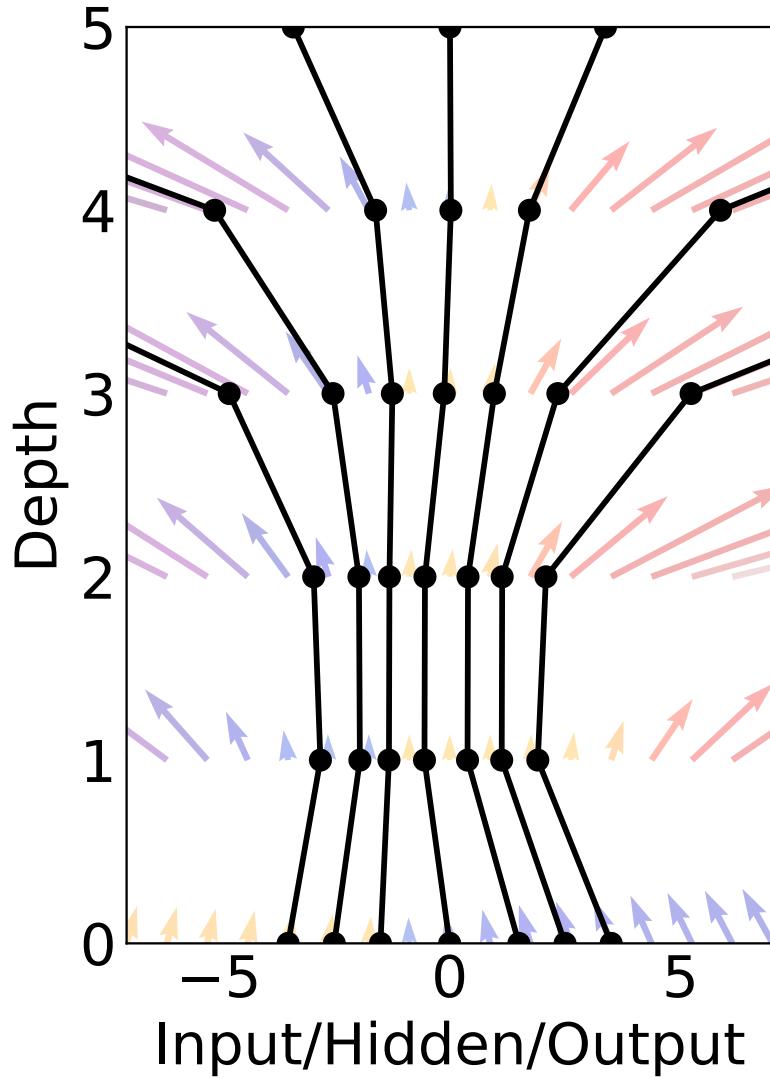
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# **NEURALODE DEFINITION**

# TRAINING NEURALODE

# OPTIMISATION PROBLEM

$$\arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \in X, \mathbf{y} \in Y} L(\mathbf{y}, \text{ODESOLVE}(\mathbf{x}, f, t_0, t_1, \theta))$$

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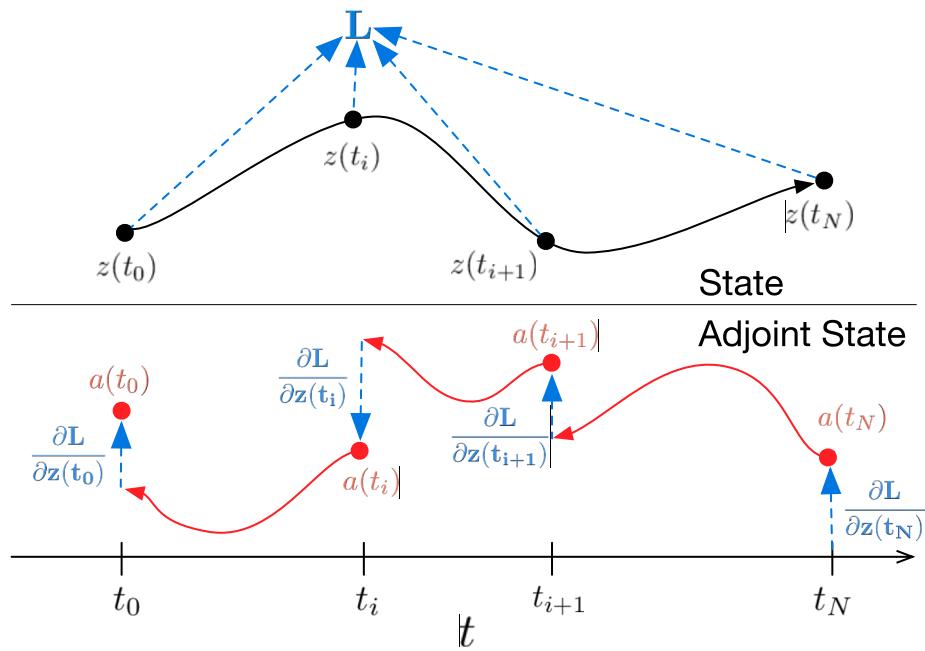
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# MEET ADJOINT

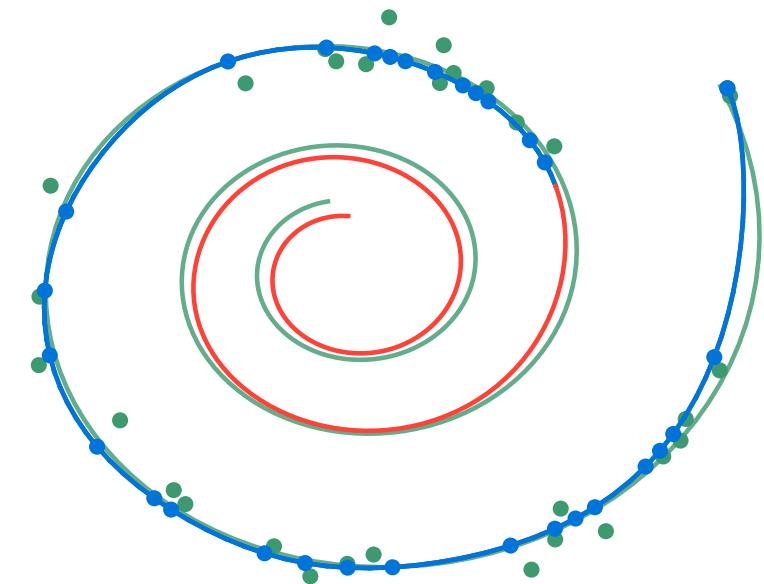
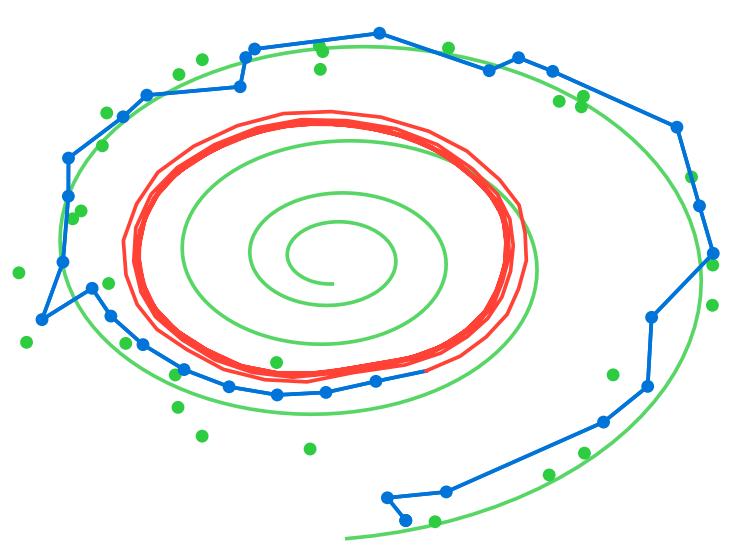
# ADJOINT WITH TRAJECTORY LOSS



# NEURALODE VS RNN

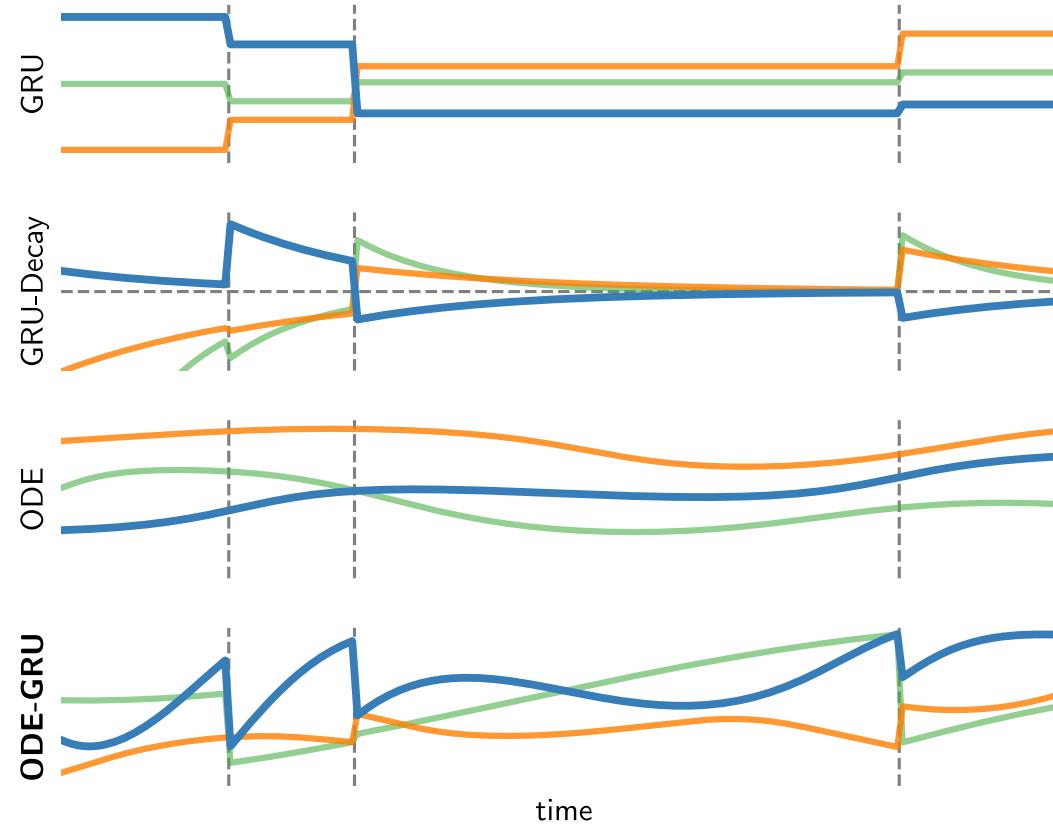
For time series

- Native support of irregular time intervals
- Smooth trajectory



# NEURAL ODE IN A GENERATIVE MODEL

# TIME SERIES



Hidden space trajectories

# ODE-RNN

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**Algorithm 1** The ODE-RNN. The only difference, highlighted in blue, from standard RNNs is that the pre-activations  $h'$  evolve according to an ODE between observations, instead of being fixed.

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**Input:** Data points and their timestamps  $\{(x_i, t_i)\}_{i=1..N}$

$h_0 = \mathbf{0}$

**for**  $i$  in  $1, 2, \dots, N$  **do**

$h'_i = \text{ODESolve}(f_\theta, h_{i-1}, (t_{i-1}, t_i))$   $\triangleright$  Solve ODE to get state at  $t_i$

$h_i = \text{RNNCell}(h'_i, x_i)$   $\triangleright$  Update hidden state given current observation  $x_i$

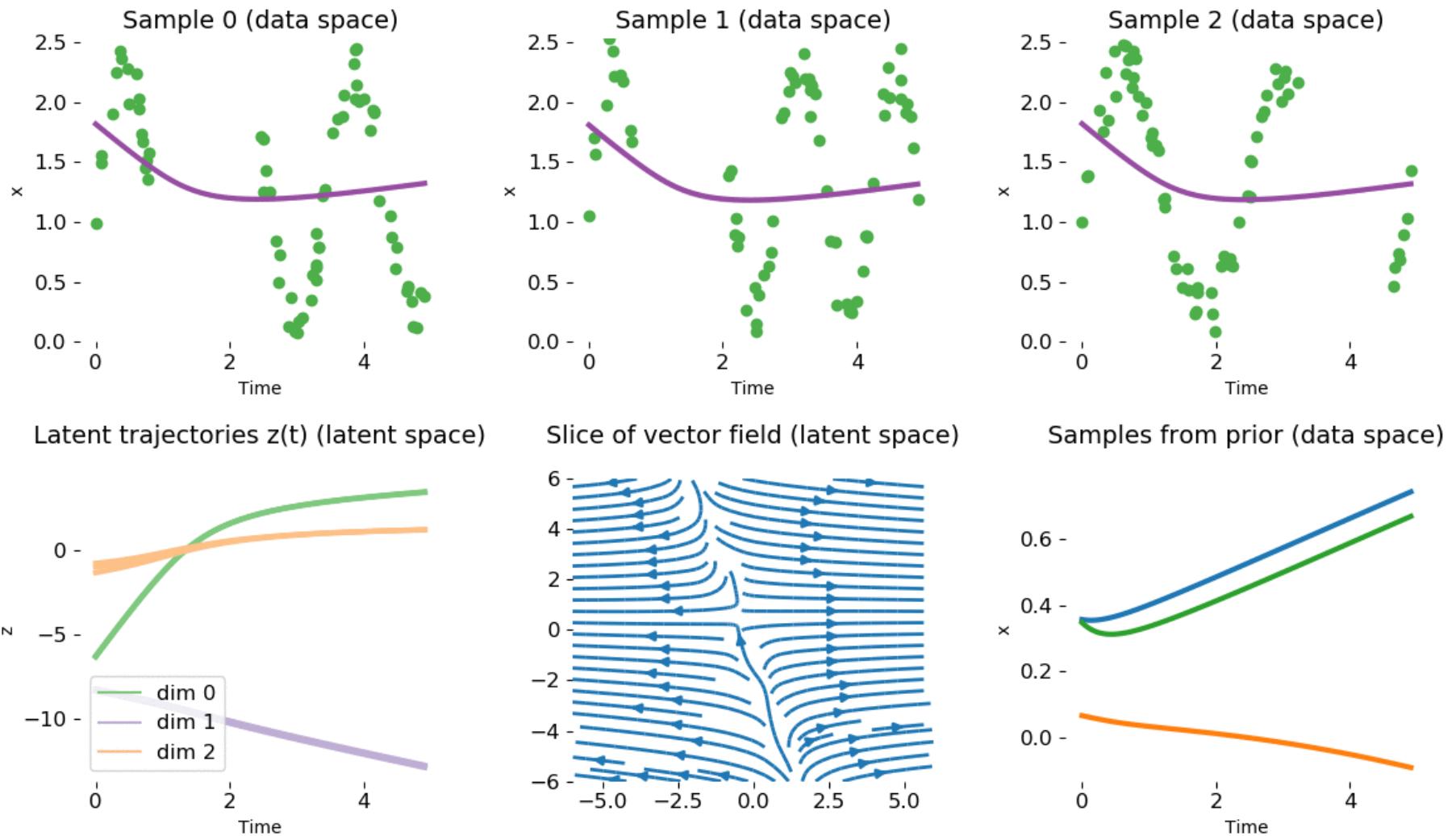
**end for**

$o_i = \text{OutputNN}(h_i)$  for all  $i = 1..N$

**Return:**  $\{o_i\}_{i=1..N}; h_N$

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# NOISY DATA



# LATENT ODE AKA ODE-VAE

$$z_0 \sim p(z_0)$$

$$z_0, z_1, \dots, z_N = \text{ODESolve}(f_\theta, z_0, (t_0, t_1, \dots, t_N))$$

$$x_i \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{\sim} p(x_i | z_i); i = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

# STEP 1: ESTIMATE POSTERIOR FOR $Z_0$

$$q(z_0 | \{x_i, t_i\}_{i=0}^N) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{z_0}, \sigma_{z_0})$$

$$\mu_{z_0}, \sigma_{z_0} = g_\phi(\text{ODE-RNN}_\phi(\{x_i, t_i\}_{i=0}^N))$$

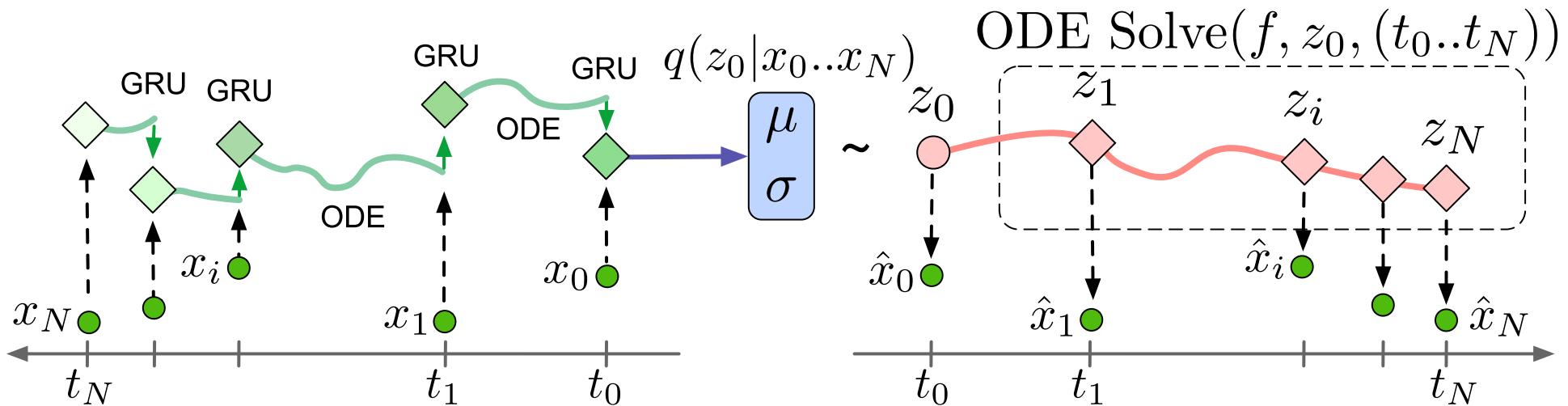
## STEP 2: LATENT DYNAMICS

$\text{ODESolve}(f_\theta, z_0, (t_0, t_1, \dots, t_N))$

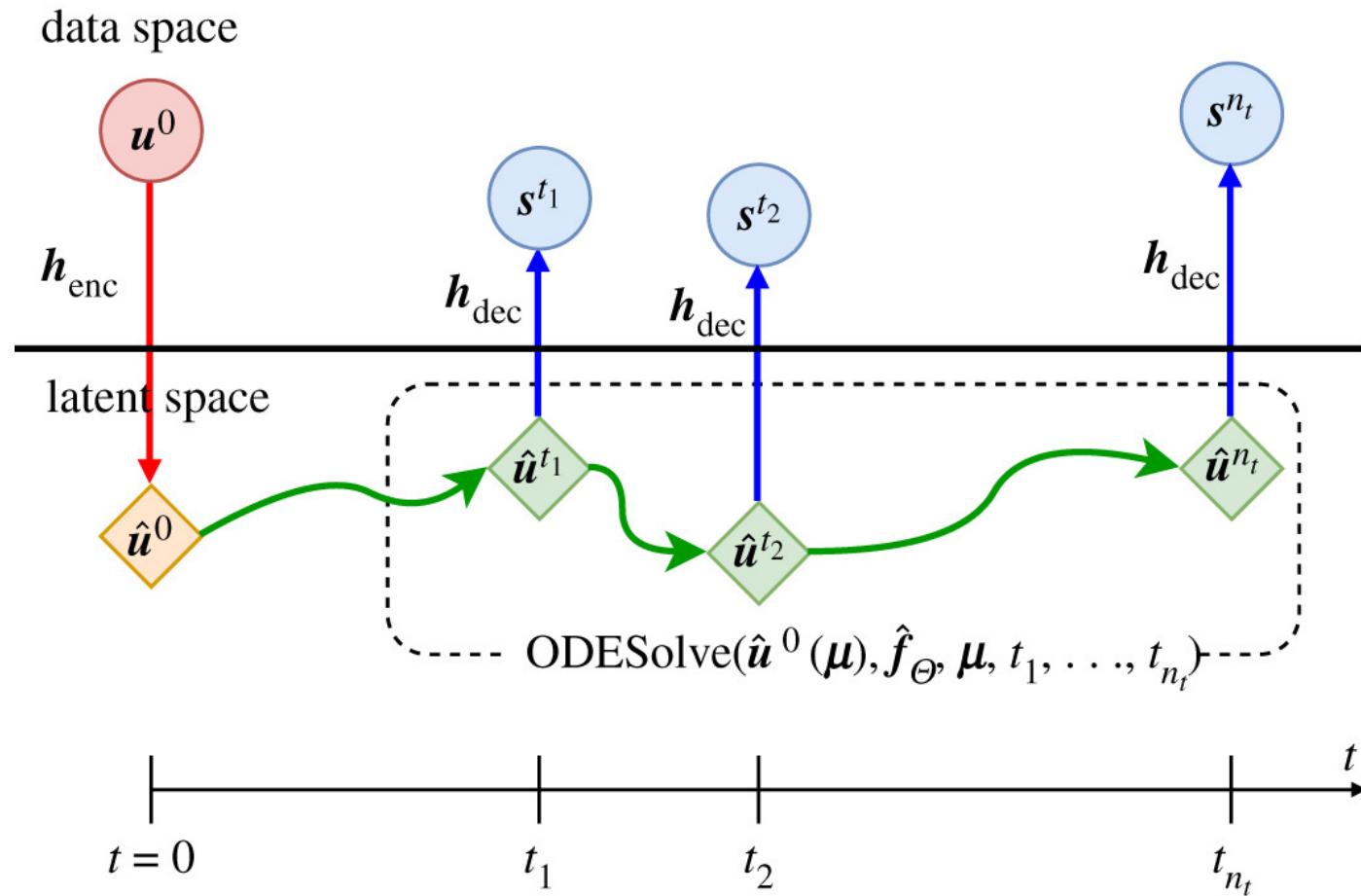
# STEP 3: PREDICT

Sample  $p(x_i | z_i)$

# LATENT ODE



# PHYSICS: INITIAL STATE IS FULL STATE



# LAST TOUCH: PARAMETERS

$$\frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = f_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}(t), t, \mu)$$

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- NeuralODE can be used as a general-purpose supervised model, but is not necessarily superior in this role

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# QUESTIONS?

