

Learning **physical concepts** purely from data: We demonstrate how **generative models** can learn **manifolds of differential equations**.

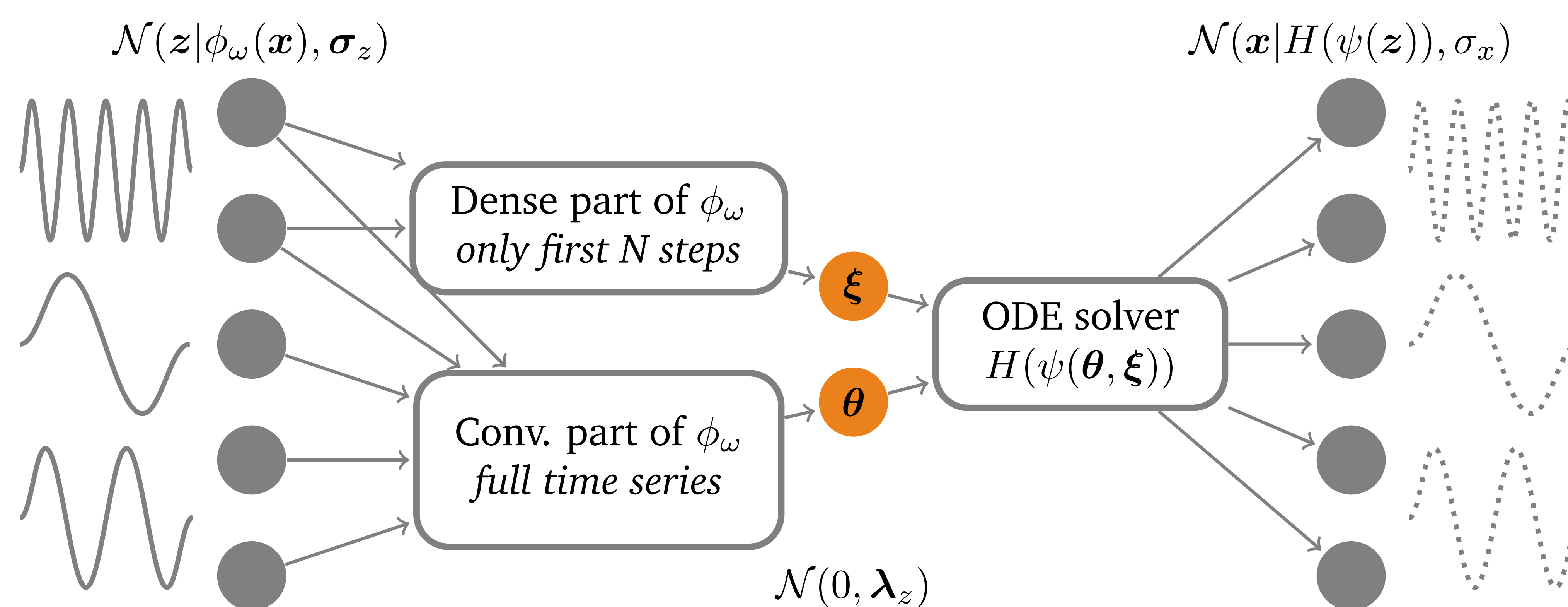
Rodent: Relevance determination in ODE

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Learning differential equations

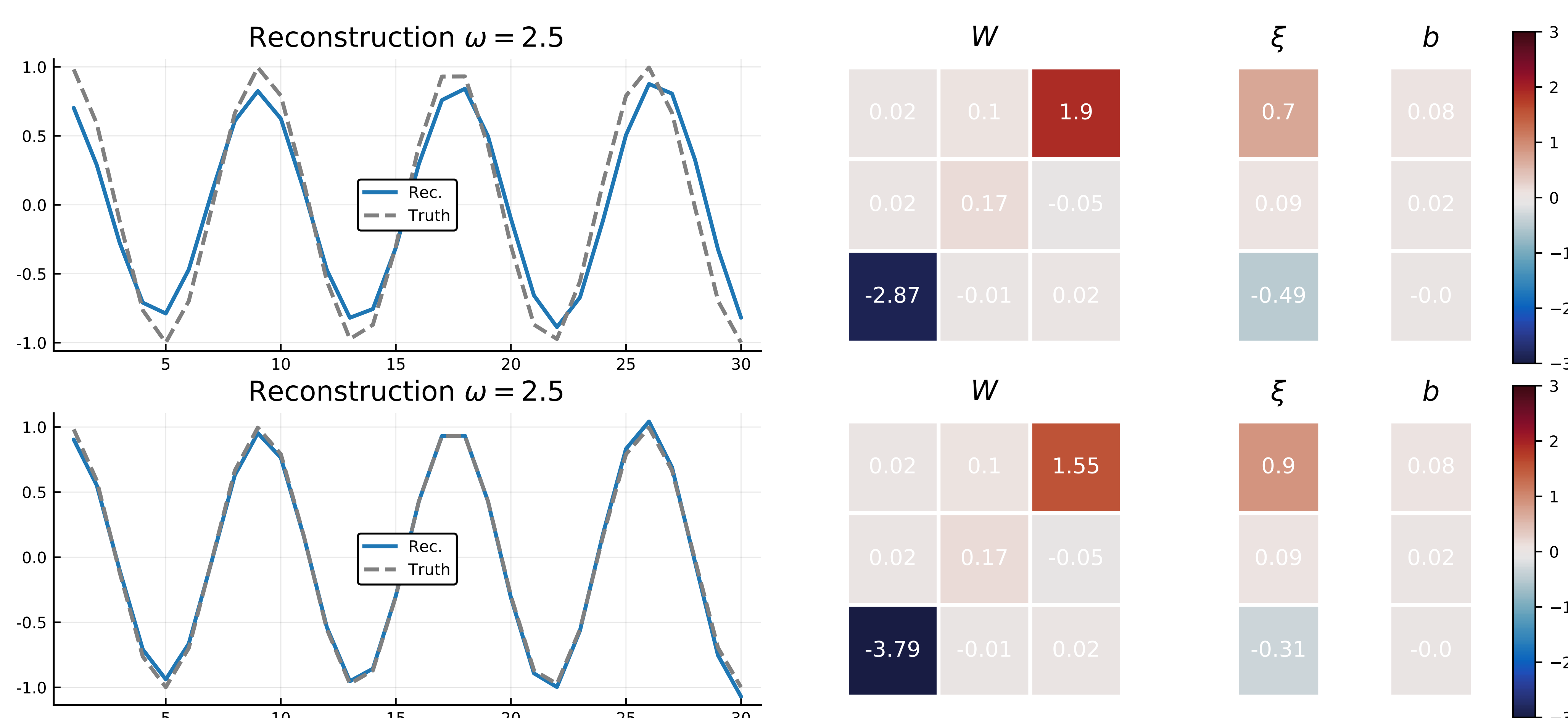
- We want to find the simplest ODE that describes a dynamical system
- Simple means: minimal order of ODE & minimum No. of non-zero parameters.
- Discover physically meaningful Eq. to help understand the underlying process.



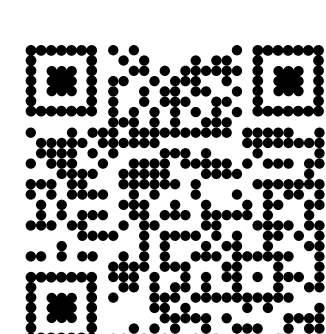
Advantages of the relevant ODE identifier

- **Explainability.** Parameters of z are decoded through ODE solver, giving them physical meaning.
- **Sparsity.** The ARD prior on z encourages the simplest solution with fewest non-zero parameters.
- **Partial observations.** Rodent allows learning of an ODE without knowledge of all state trajectories.

Manifold learning & Reidentification



Rodent reconstructions (left column) and latent codes (right column) of a harmonic signal in the upper plots. Reidentified reconstruction and encodings in the bottom. The heatmaps on the right show the corresponding encodings for the weights W , biases b , and initial conditions ξ . The Rodent reduced the latent space to the four truly relevant parameters.



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