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VAEs in practice













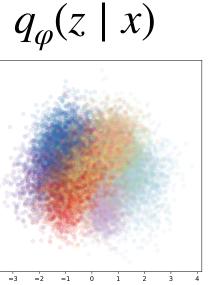
$$\text{ELBO} = \left\langle \log p_{\theta}(x \mid z) \right\rangle_{q_{\varphi}} - D_{\text{KL}} \left(q_{\varphi}(z \mid x) \parallel p(z) \right)$$

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 (x | 7)\ Reconstruction (e.g., MSE, ...)

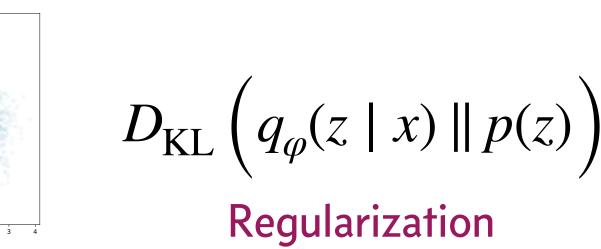


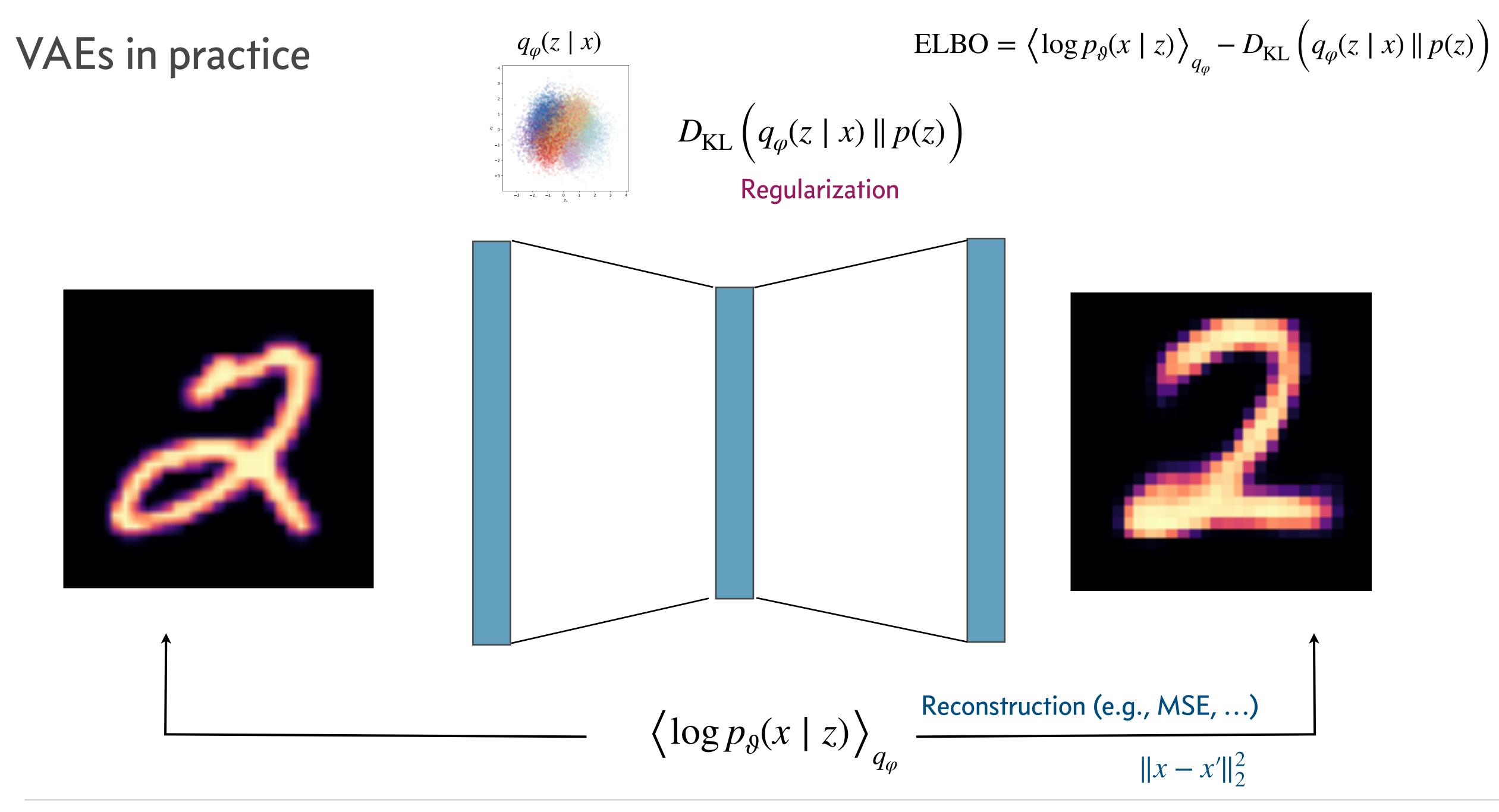






Regularization





A semantically meaningful latent space

The KL-term enforces simplicity in the latent space, encouraging learned semantic structure and disentanglement

Pure reconstruction

More latent regularization