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Discovery and Model Reduction of Hamiltonian Systems

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The logo is a circular emblem with a white background. It features a profile of a woman's head facing right, wearing a laurel wreath. The head is set against a background of concentric circles and radial lines, resembling a sunburst or a stylized sun. The text "Hamiltonian Systems" is centered over the emblem in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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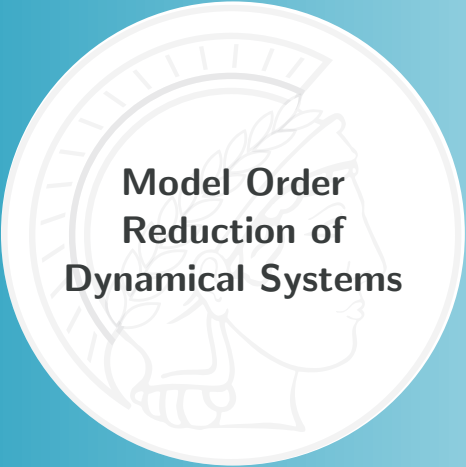
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Choosing $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{p} = \partial_t \mathbf{A}$, we obtain a Hamiltonian system with

$$H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (c(\nabla \times \mathbf{q})^2 + \mathbf{p}^2) d\mathbf{x}.$$

Similar geometry/structure also appears in plasma physics like Vlasov-Maxwell/Poisson systems, according to [Sonnendrücker, Kraus, Brantner, Kormann, ...].



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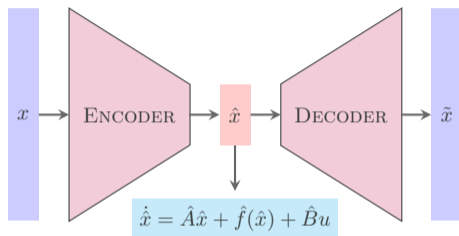
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Also called: model inference / discovery.



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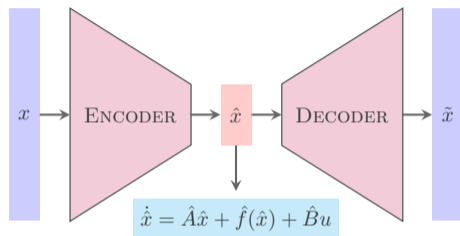
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Algorithm PSD Algorithm

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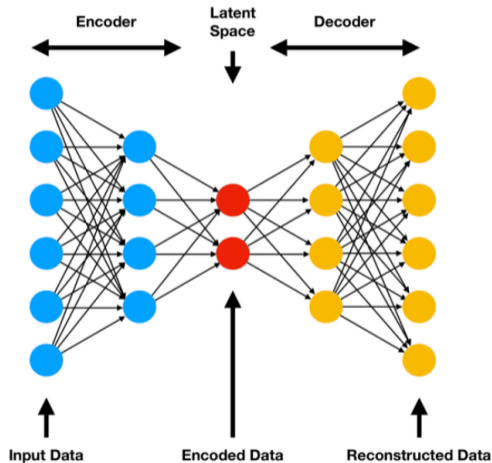
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**Convolutional
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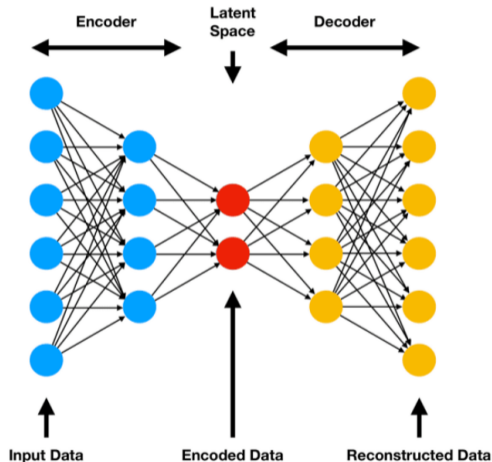
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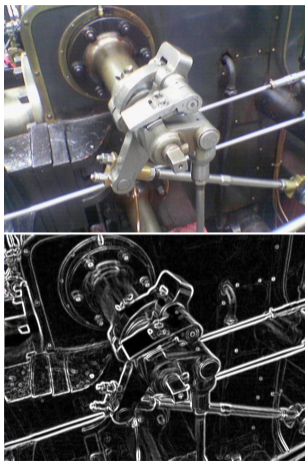
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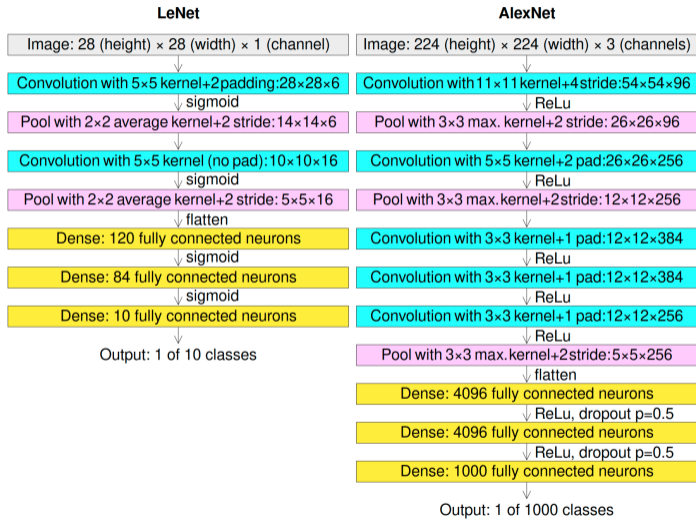
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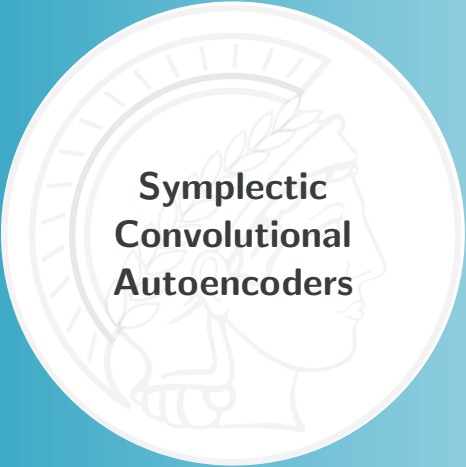
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A convolutional autoencoder usually consists of four different kinds of layers:

- Convolutional layers
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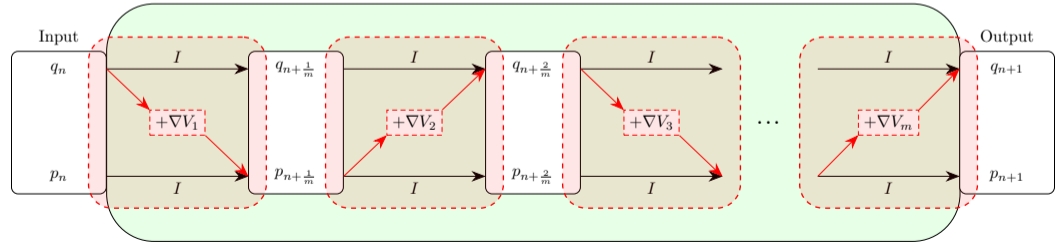
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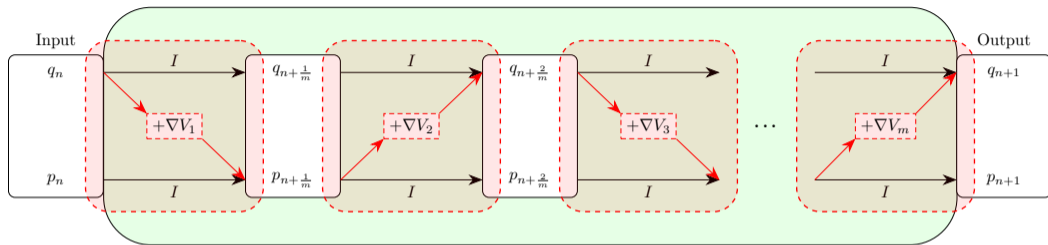
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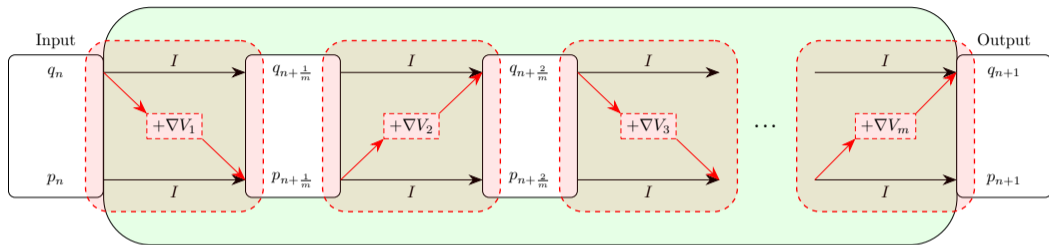
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[Jin et al. 2020, B./Janik 2025 (symplectic universal approximation theorem)].

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Apply same pooling operation to 2 different channels to preserve the symplecticity condition

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**Definition (Symplectic pooling)**

Let MaxPool be the max-pooling operation with dilation of one, padding of zero and stride and kernel size $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Furthermore, let $\Phi(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{N/k \times N}$ be the Jacobian of MaxPool at $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$, where k divides N , i.e., $k \mid N$. The *symplectic pooling modules* for two input channels are given by

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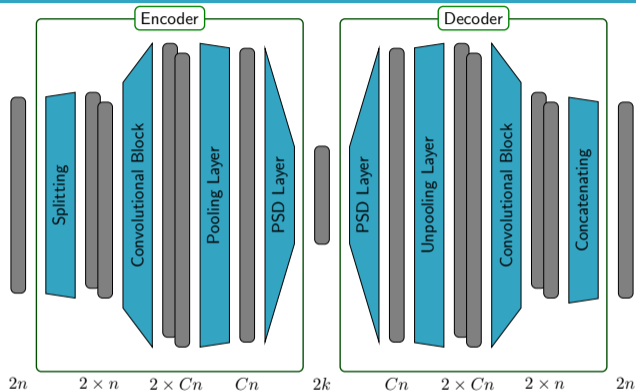
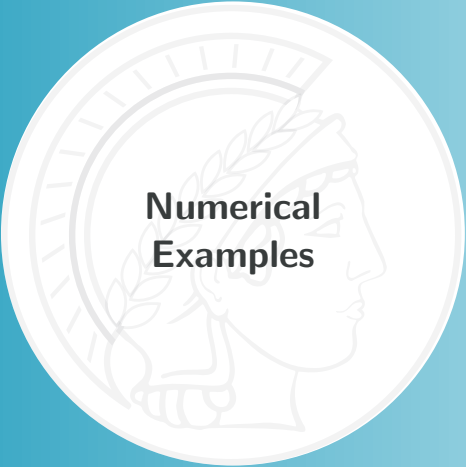


Figure: Schematic description of the 1D symplectic autoencoder architecture used for the wave equation and NLS examples. $2n$ is the full state dimension, while $2k$ describes the size of the latent space. $C = \prod_i \frac{C_{\text{out}}^{(i)}}{C_{\text{in}}^{(i)}}$ is the product of the quotients of the output and input channels of all the convolutional layers.



**Numerical
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Notice that (1) has a symplectic structure that can be modeled through a symplectic convolutional module $y \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{Conv}}$.



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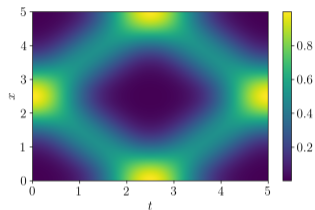


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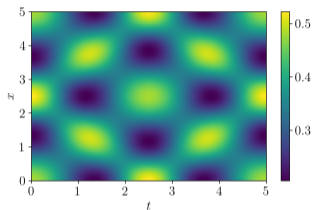
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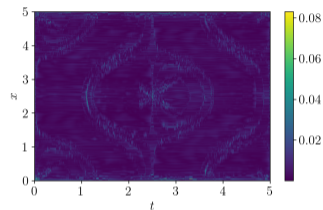
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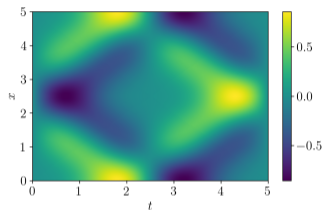


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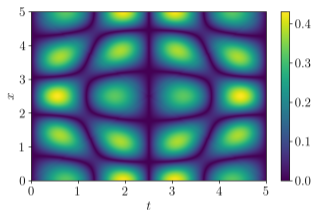


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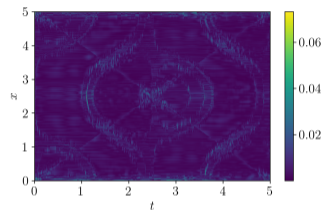
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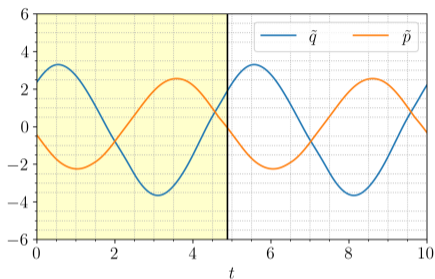


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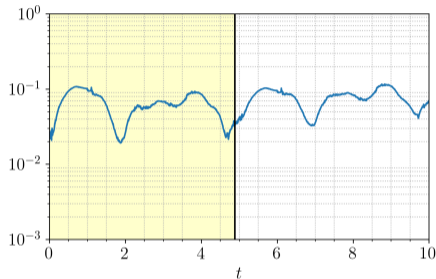


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To test the accuracy of the autoencoders, we use the following relative Frobenius error:

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2	$3.60 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.21 \cdot 10^{-2}$
3	$7.20 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$9.25 \cdot 10^{-3}$



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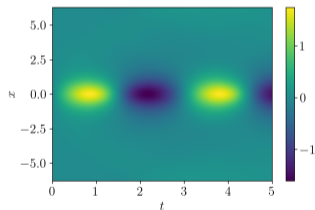
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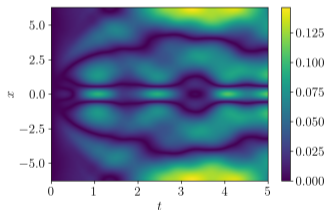


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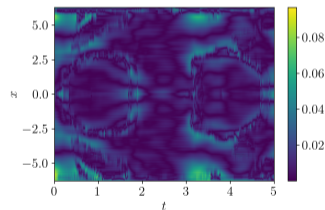
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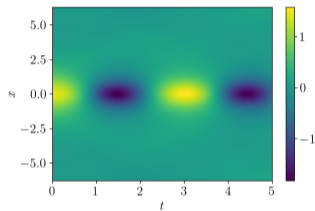


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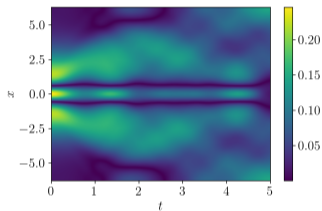


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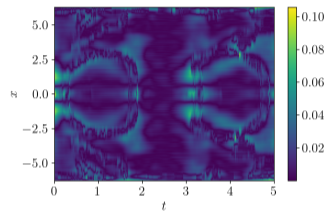
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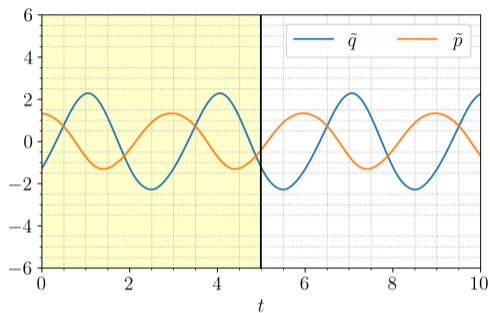


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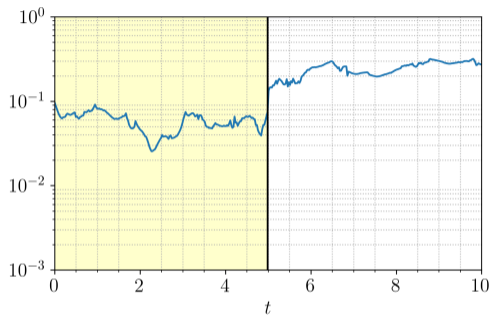


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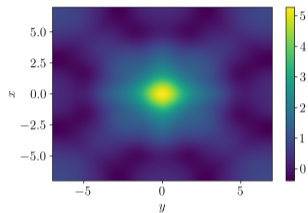
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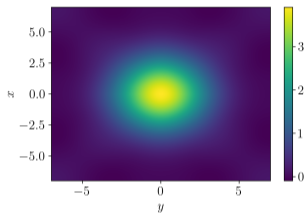
$\Omega = (-7, 7) \times (-7, 7)$ and the initial conditions

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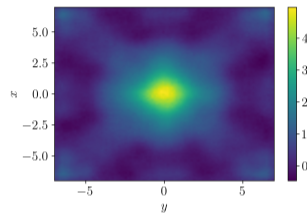
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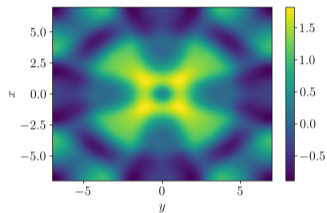


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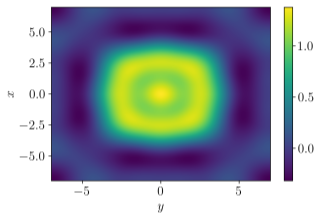


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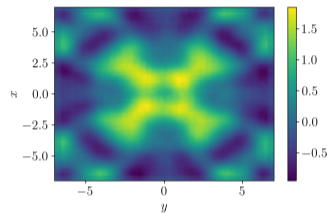
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3	$2.55 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$7.86 \cdot 10^{-2}$



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