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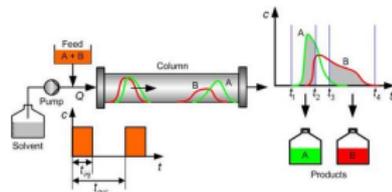
# Identification of Nonlinear Dynamical Systems from Data: From Operator Inference to Quadratic Embeddings

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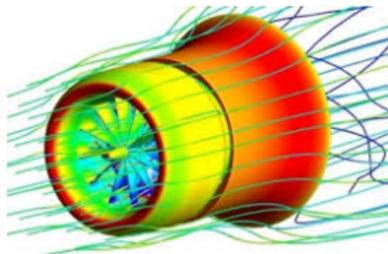
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## Dynamic models are important for

- analysis of transient behavior under operating conditions,
- control synthesis and design,
- parameter optimization and optimal control,
- long-time horizon prediction (health monitoring, digital twins).



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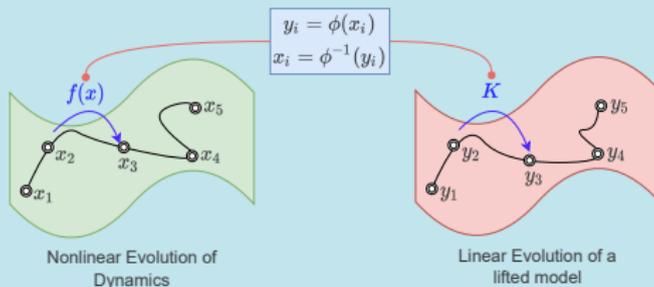
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  - Real-world processes are often nonlinear, thus learning a linear model may **not be sufficient** to characterize **complex dynamic behavior**.

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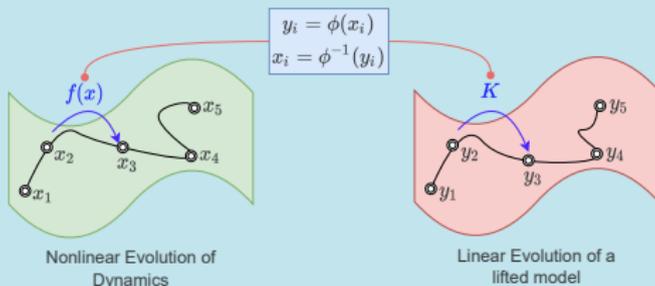




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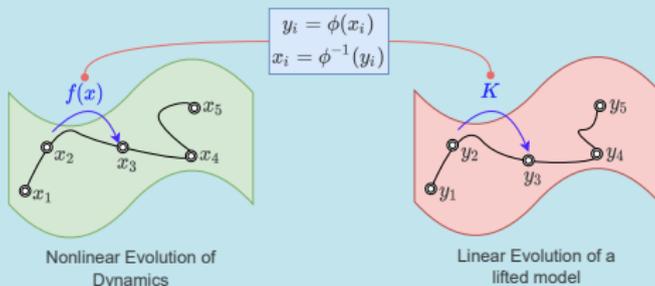
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- Recently, it has become popular using terminology **Lift and Learn** by Willcox, Peherstorfer, Qian, Krämer, ... (Qian et al. 2019).

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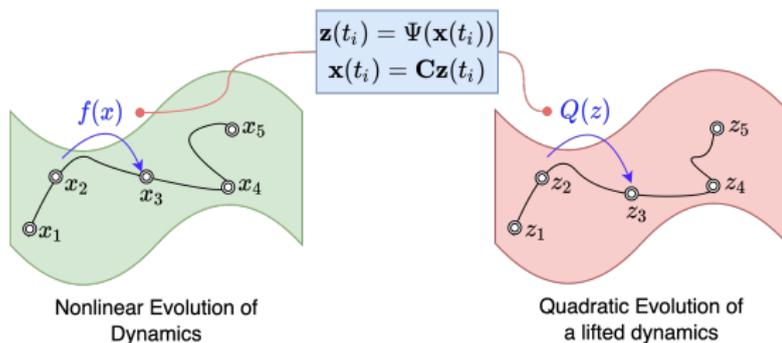
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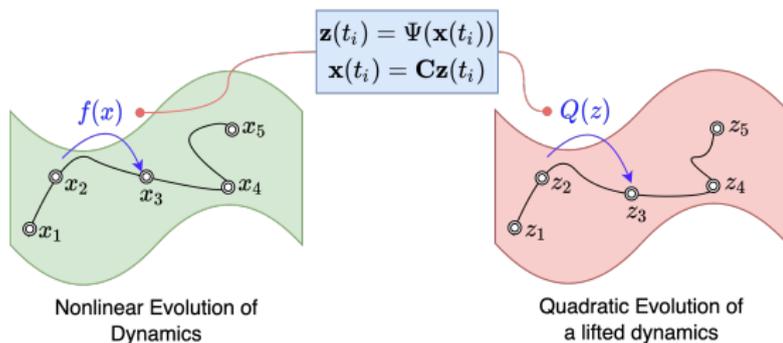


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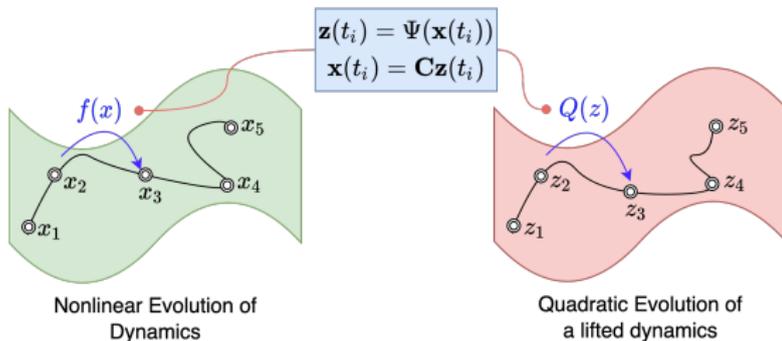
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- However, our **goal** itself is to **learn dynamical models** from **data**.

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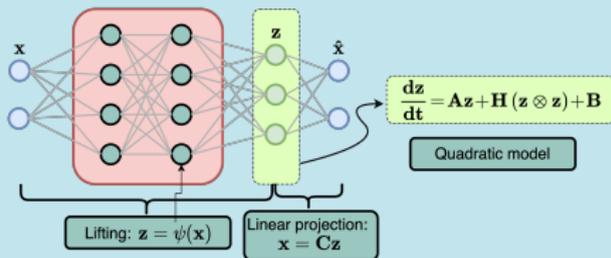
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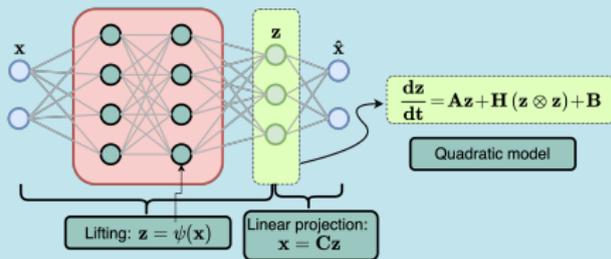
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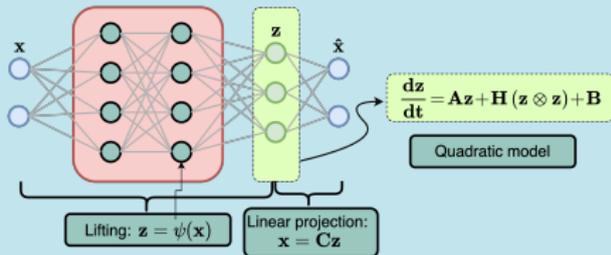
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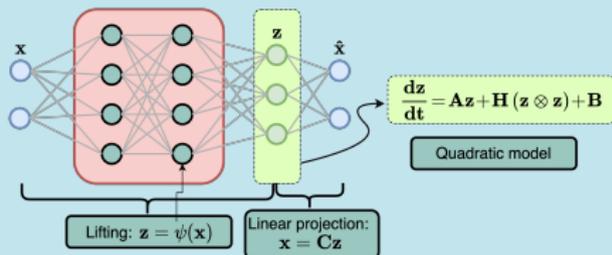
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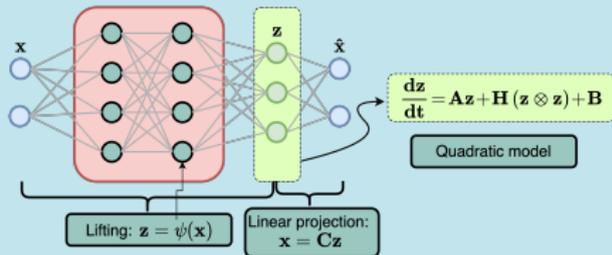
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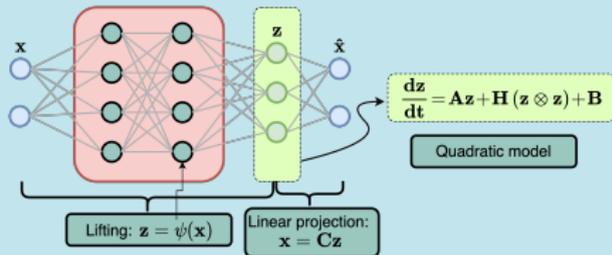
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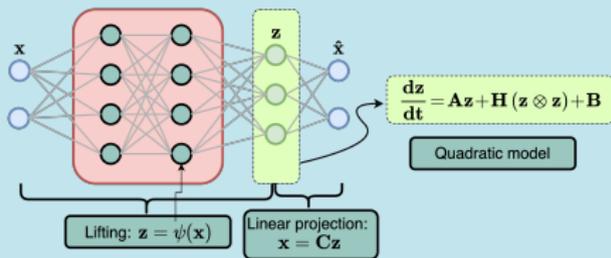
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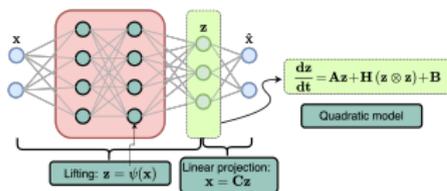
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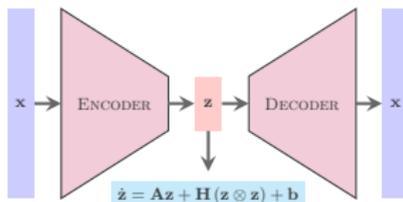
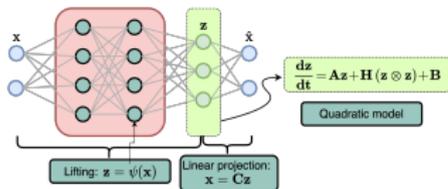
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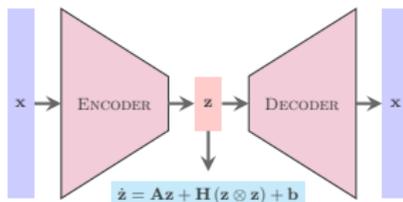
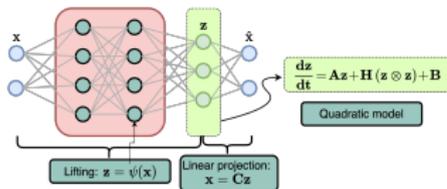
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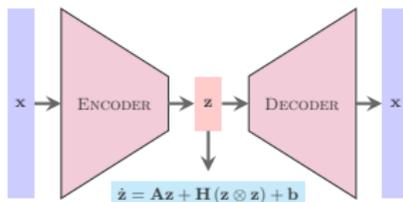
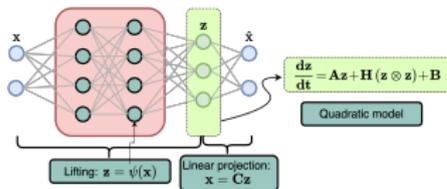


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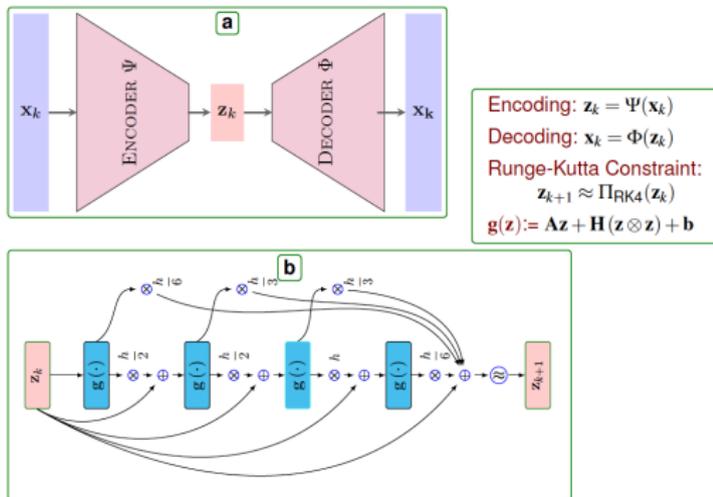
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- Combining all, we have



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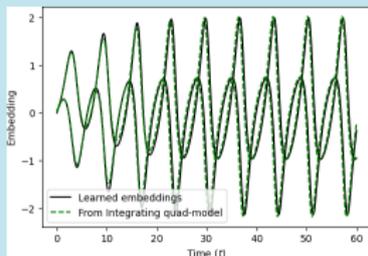
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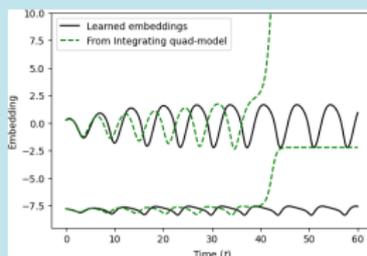
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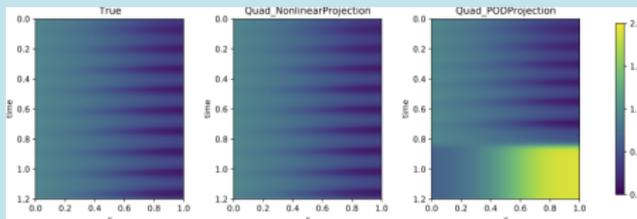


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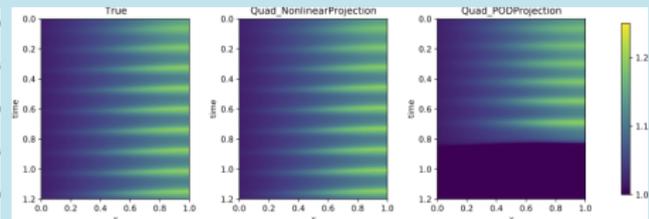


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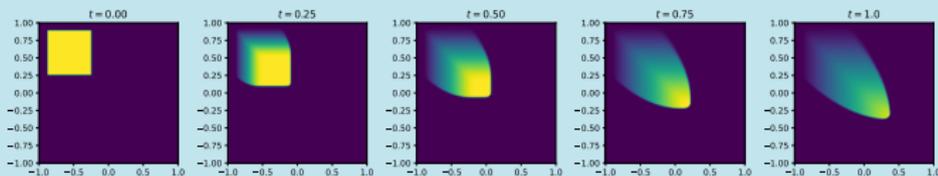
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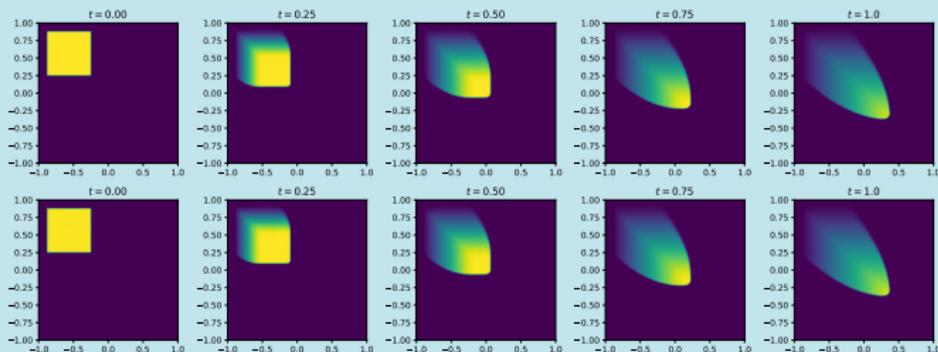
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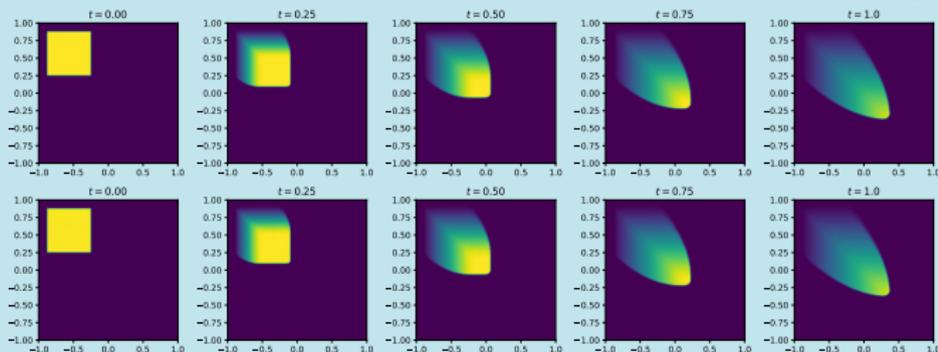
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