DeepMind

Constraint-Based Graph Network Simulator



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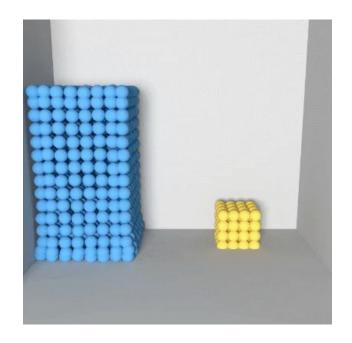
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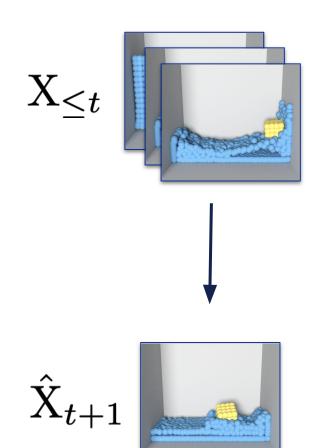


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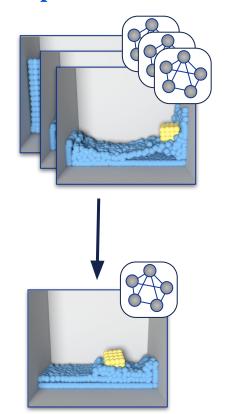


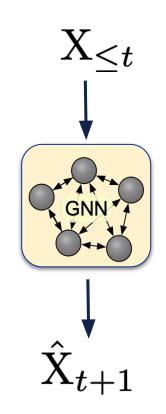
Physical simulations





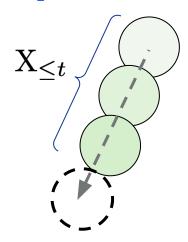




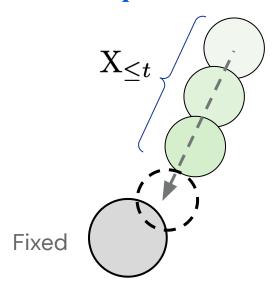


The next state is predicted directly

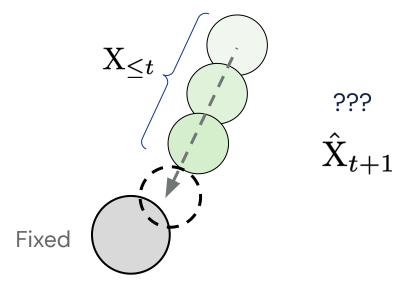




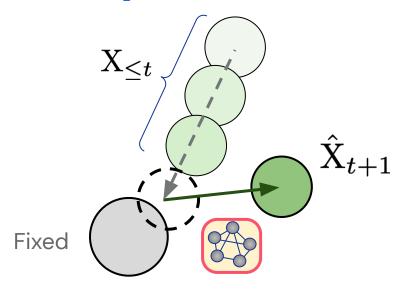




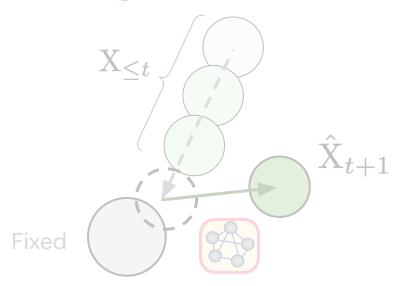




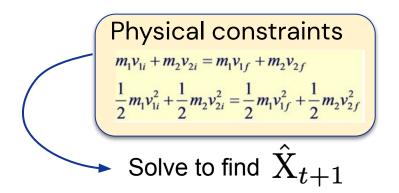




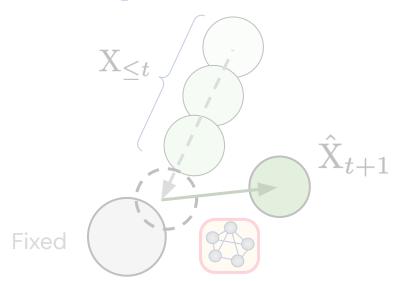




Traditional Physical Simulators

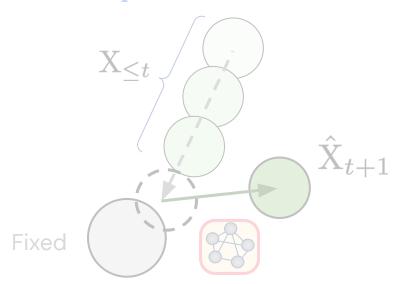




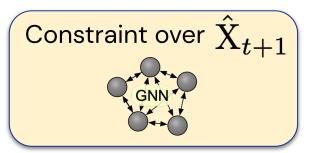


Our approach

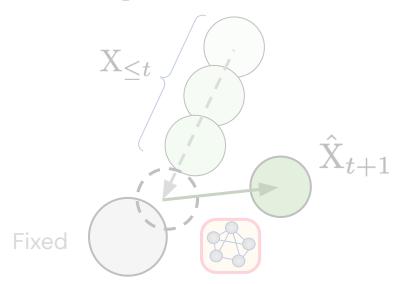




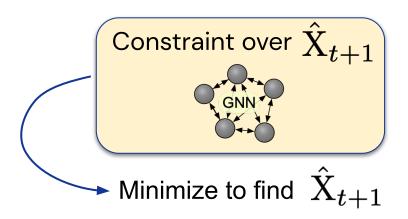
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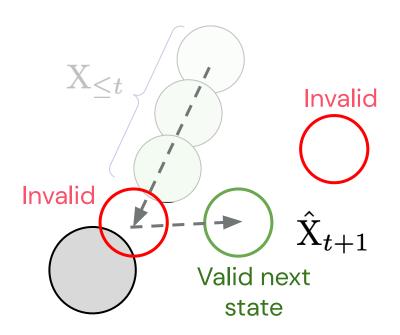


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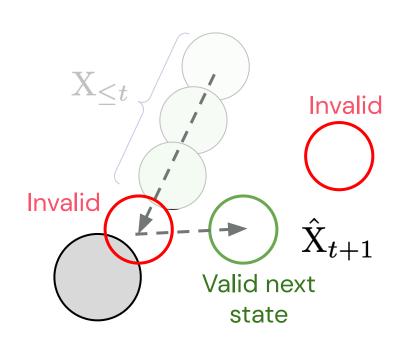


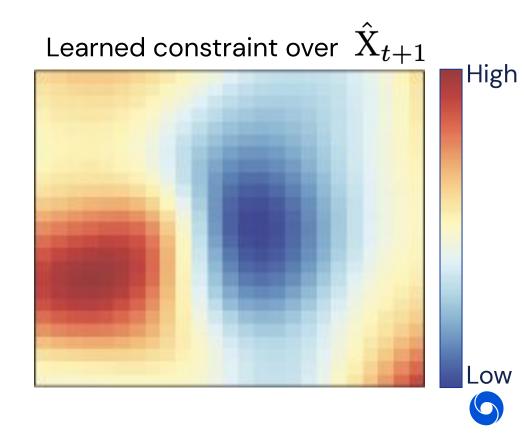
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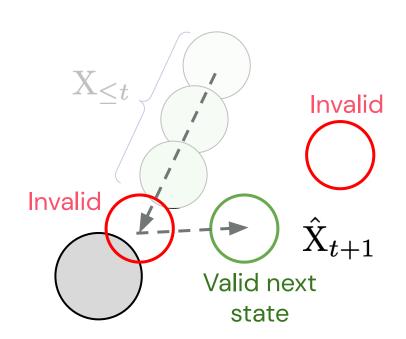


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Learned constraint over $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{t+1}$ **Invalid** state Invalid state Valid state

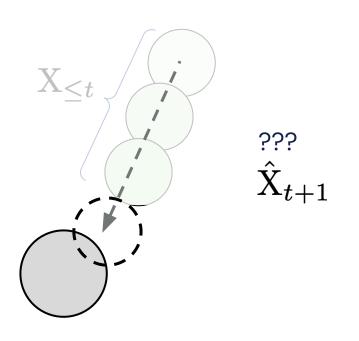
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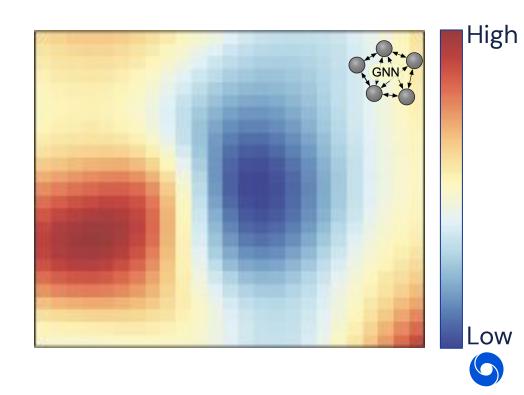




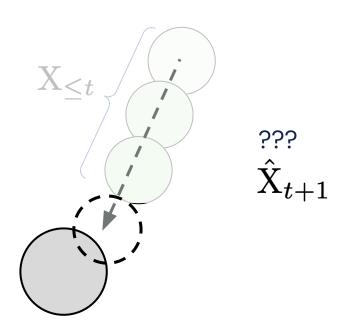
Forward pass and training

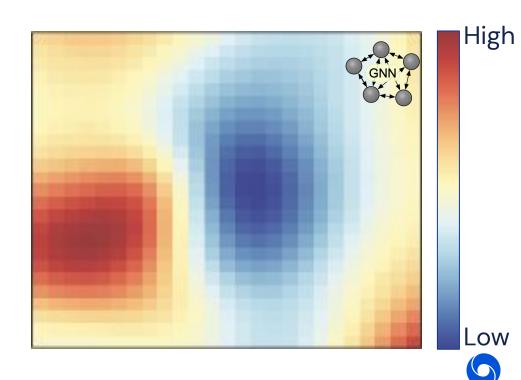




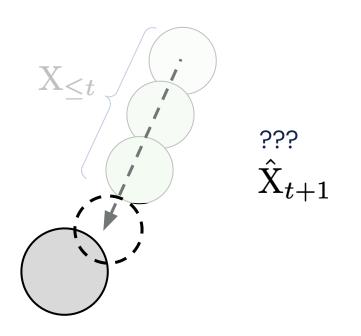


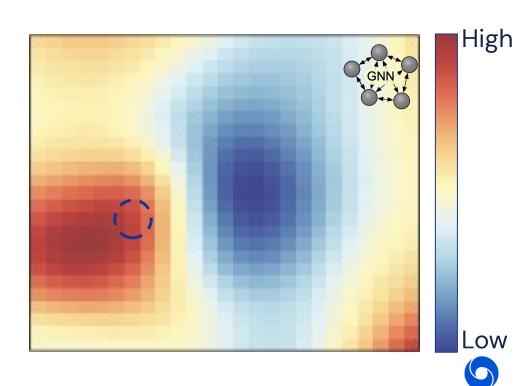
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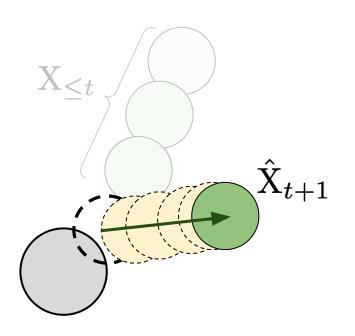


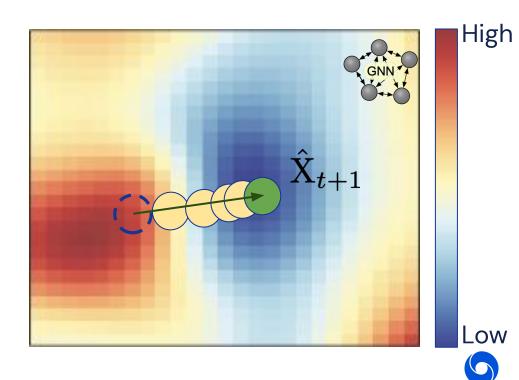
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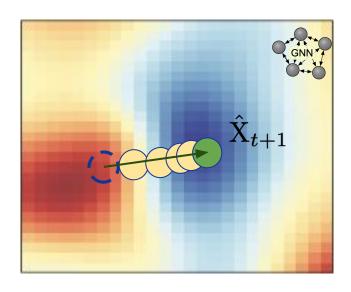




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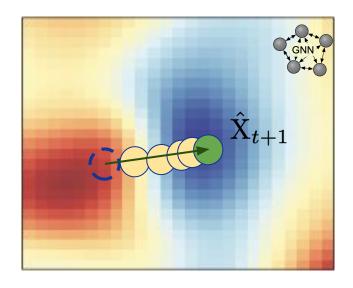








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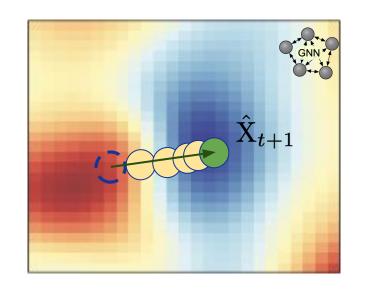




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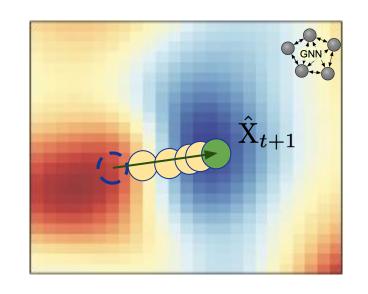




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We don't need supervision on constraints

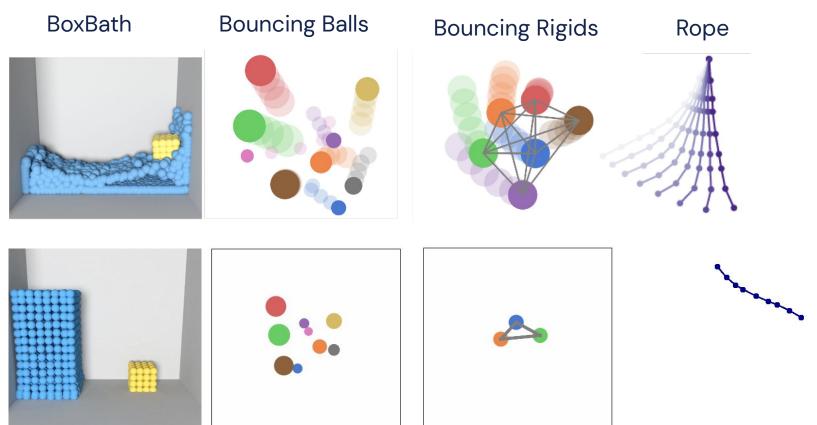
Model is trained from position trajectories



Experiments



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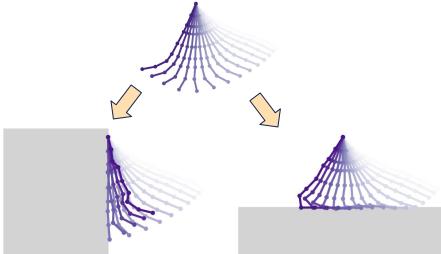


Unique advantages of the constraint model

We can add new constraints at test time

At test time optimize:

$$f_C(\mathbf{X}_{\leq t}, \mathbf{X}_{t+1}) + f_{\mathrm{obstacle}}(\mathbf{X}_{t+1})$$
 a new constraint (e.g. new obstacle)



No collisions ever observed at training time!

We can tune the simulation accuracy at test time





Constraint-Based Graph Network Simulator

Model idea: Learn a constraint



over the future states

Find the future state as the minimum of the constraint





is trained entirely from the position trajectories

Unique properties:

- Iteratively refine a solution and improve accuracy at test time
- Adding new constraints at test time
- Learning an interpretable space of possible solutions
- Model complex systems using a shallow GNN

Not possible with previous models

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