

Roto-translated Local Coordinate Frames For Interacting Dynamical Systems

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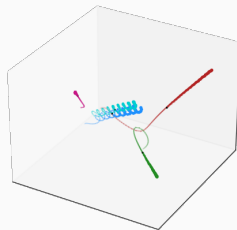
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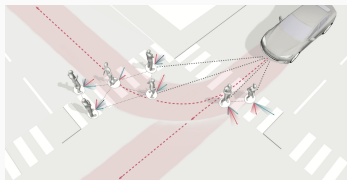
Rolls-Royce
Motor Cars Limited

Interacting systems are everywhere

- Colliding particles
- N-body systems
- Molecules
- Motion capture
- Traffic scenes



3D Charged particles [6]



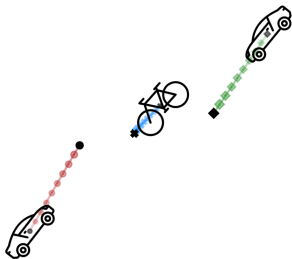
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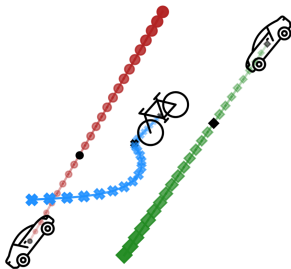
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Future forecasting

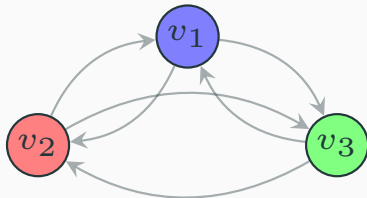
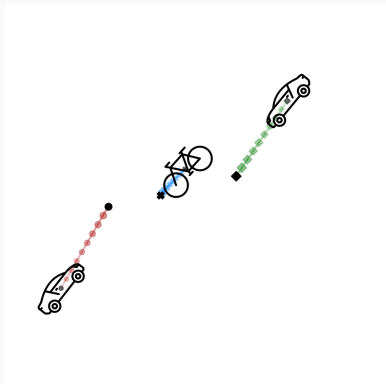
Past



Future



Geometric graphs



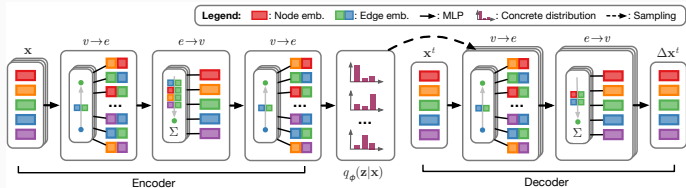
Geometric graph

$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathbf{X})$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \{v_i\}_{i=1}^N, \quad \mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_i, & \text{position} \\ \mathbf{u}_i, & \text{velocity} \end{pmatrix} \right\}_{i=1}^N$$

Related work - Neural Relational Inference [6]

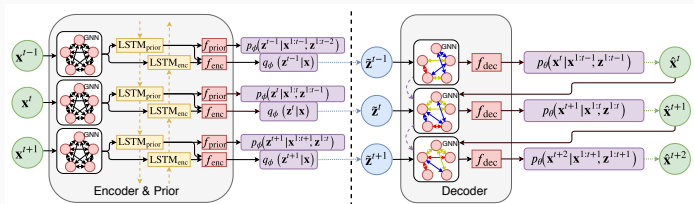


- Explicitly infer graph structure over latent edge types
- Simultaneously learn the dynamical system

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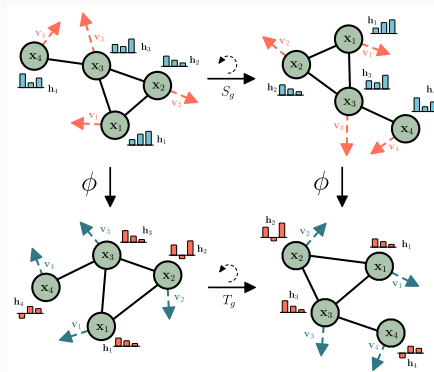
Related work - Dynamic Neural Relational Inference [4]



- Dynamic relations through time
- Sequential approximate posterior based on past states

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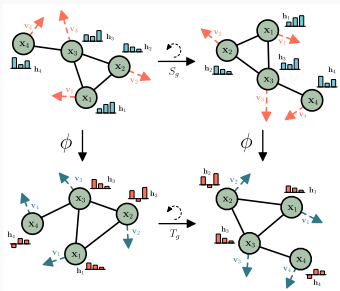
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$$\mathbf{m}_{j,i} = \phi_e \left(\mathbf{h}_i^l, \mathbf{h}_j^l, \left\| \mathbf{p}_j^l - \mathbf{p}_i^l \right\|_2^2 \right)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_i^{l+1} = \mathbf{p}_i^l + \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}(i)|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \left(\mathbf{p}_j^l - \mathbf{p}_i^l \right) \cdot \phi_x(\mathbf{m}_{j,i})$$

$$\mathbf{m}_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \mathbf{m}_{j,i}$$

$$\mathbf{h}_i^{l+1} = \phi_h \left(\mathbf{h}_i^l, \mathbf{m}_i \right)$$

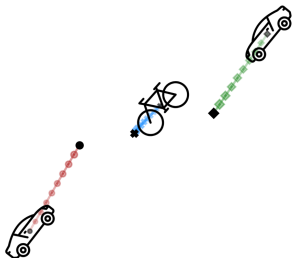
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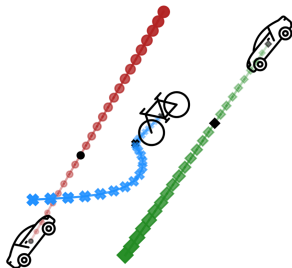
Motivation

What happens when we rotate/translate the inputs?

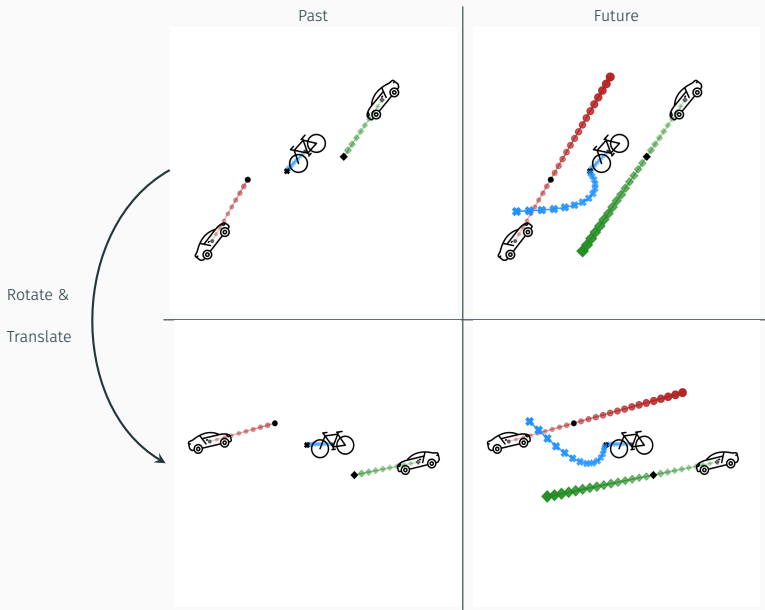
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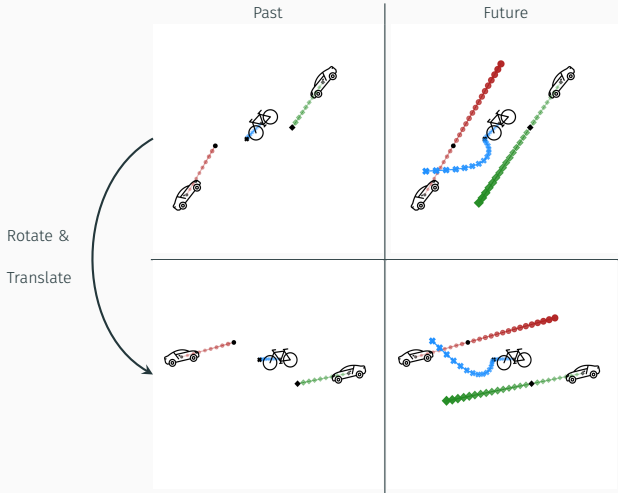
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Motivation



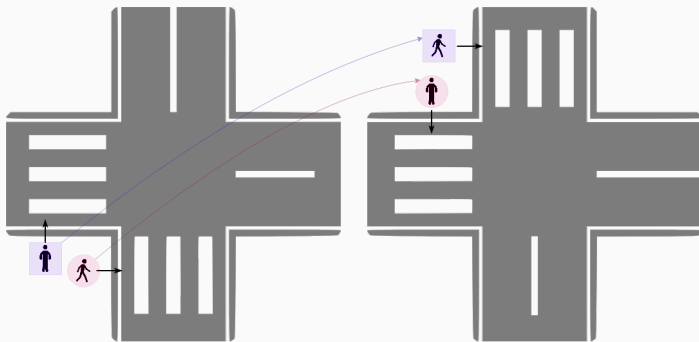
Motivation



Roto-translation equivariance

Dynamics do not change under rotations and translations

Motivation



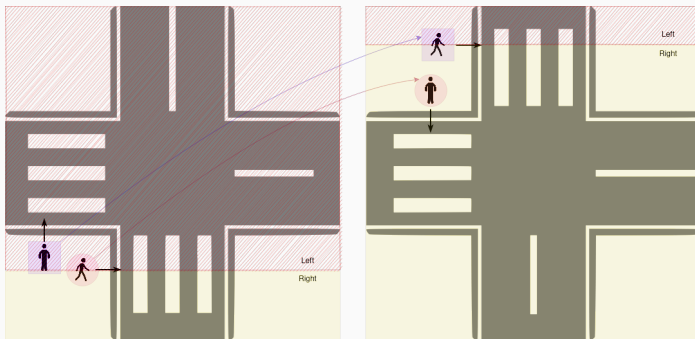
Ego-centric perspective

Objects operate in ego-centric and asymmetric views of the world

Global coordinate frames

Graphs embedded in arbitrary global coordinate frames

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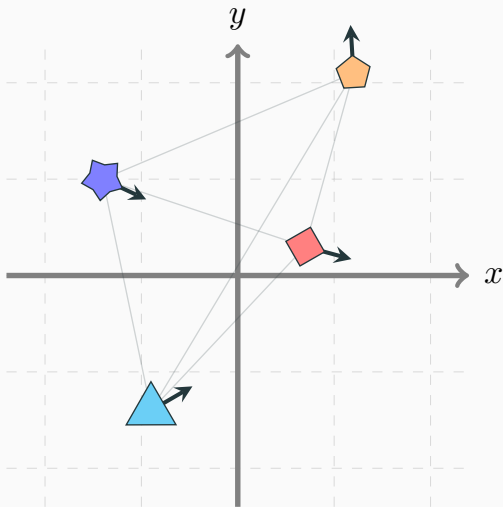
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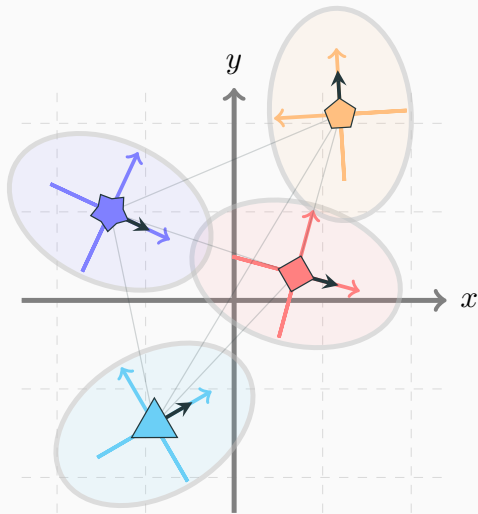
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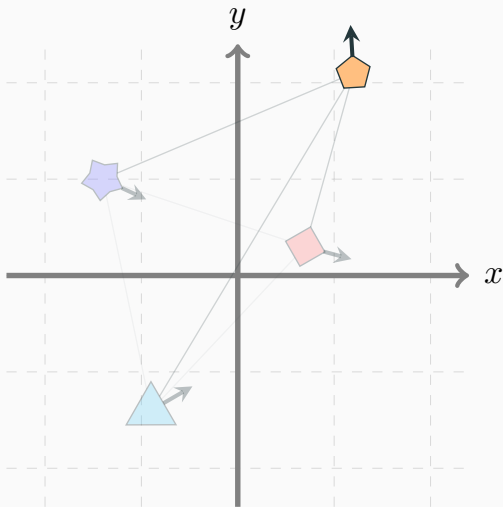
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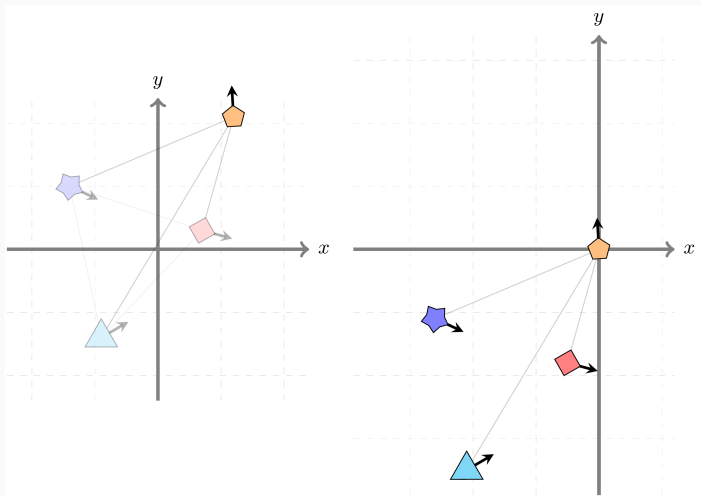
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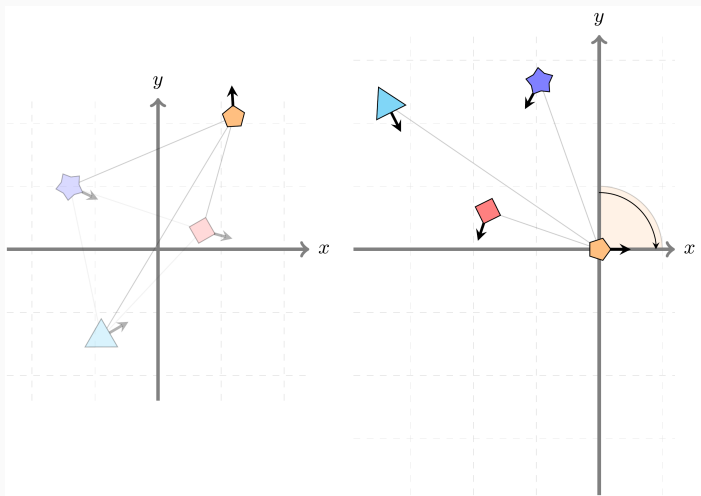
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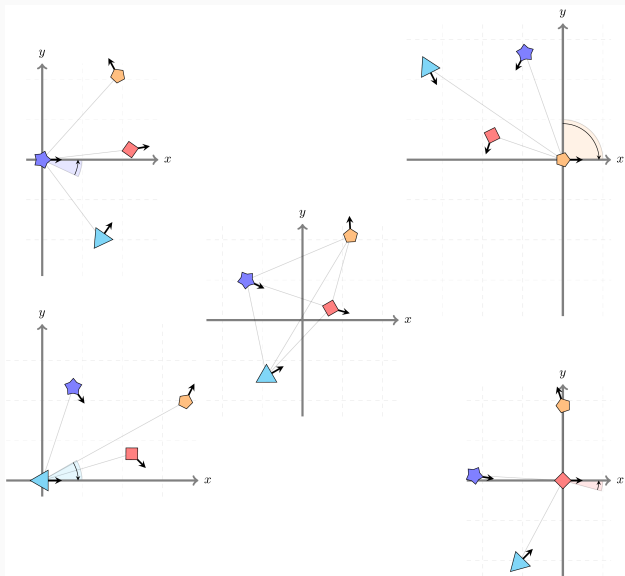
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Node states

$$\mathbf{x}_j^t = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{p}_j^t, & \text{position} \\ \mathbf{u}_j^t, & \text{velocity} \end{array} \right\} \quad \mathbf{v}_j^t = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{p}_j^t, & \text{position} \\ \mathbf{u}_j^t, & \text{velocity} \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}_j^t, & \text{orientation} \end{array} \right\}$$

Relative positions

$$\mathbf{r}_{j,i}^t = \mathbf{p}_j^t - \mathbf{p}_i^t$$

Rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{Q}_i^t = \mathbf{Q}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_i^t)$$

Local state

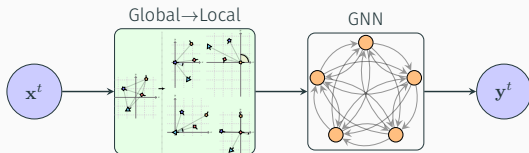
$$\mathbf{v}_{j|i}^t = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_i^{t\top} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{j,i}^t \\ \mathbf{Q}_i^{t\top} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_j^t \\ \mathbf{Q}_i^{t\top} \cdot \mathbf{u}_j^t \end{pmatrix}$$

Graph Networks in local coordinate frames

Node states

$$\mathbf{x}_j^t = (\mathbf{p}_j^t, \mathbf{u}_j^t)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_j^t = (\mathbf{p}_j^t, \mathbf{u}_j^t, \omega_j^t)$$



Invariant GNN

$$\mathbf{v}_{j|i}^t = \text{GLOBAL2LOCAL}(\mathbf{v}_j^t, \mathbf{v}_i^t)$$

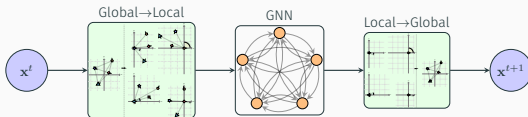
$$\mathbf{y}_{i|i}^t = \text{GNN}\left(\mathbf{v}_{i|i}^t, \left\{\mathbf{v}_{j|i}^t\right\}_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)}\right)$$

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Equivariant GNN

$$\mathbf{v}_{j|i}^t = \text{GLOBAL2LOCAL}(\mathbf{v}_j^t, \mathbf{v}_i^t)$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_{i|i}^{t+1} = \text{GNN}\left(\mathbf{v}_{i|i}^t, \left\{\mathbf{v}_{j|i}^t\right\}_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)}\right)$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_i^{t+1} = \text{LOCAL2GLOBAL}\left(\Delta \mathbf{x}_{i|i}^{t+1}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_i^t + \Delta \mathbf{x}_i^{t+1}$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{j,i} = f_e([\mathbf{v}_{j|i}, \mathbf{v}_{i|i}])$$
$$\mathbf{h}_i = f_v\left(g_v(\mathbf{v}_{i|i}) + \frac{1}{|\mathcal{N}(i)|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \mathbf{h}_{j,i}\right)$$

Local coordinate frames as Neural relational inference models

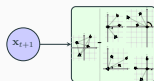
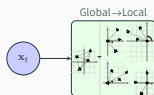
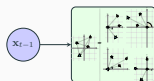


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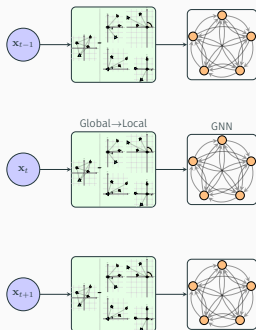


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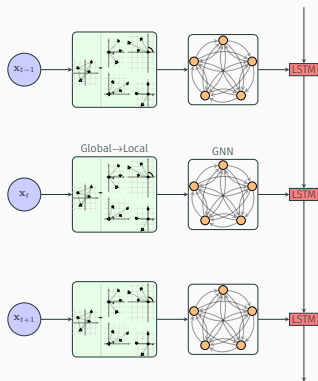


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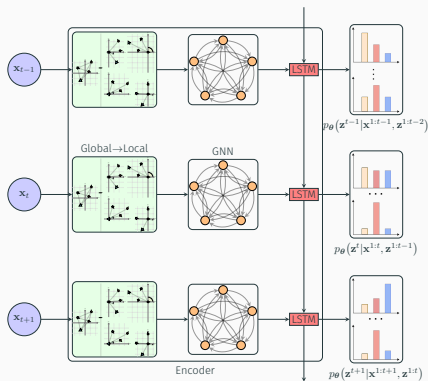


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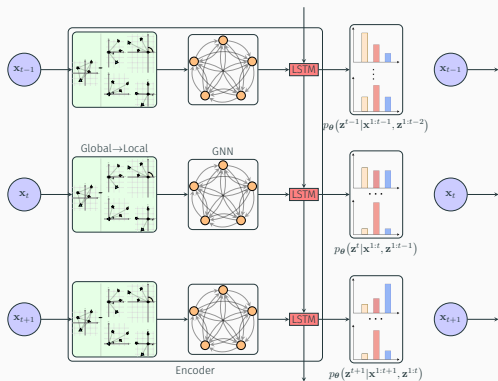


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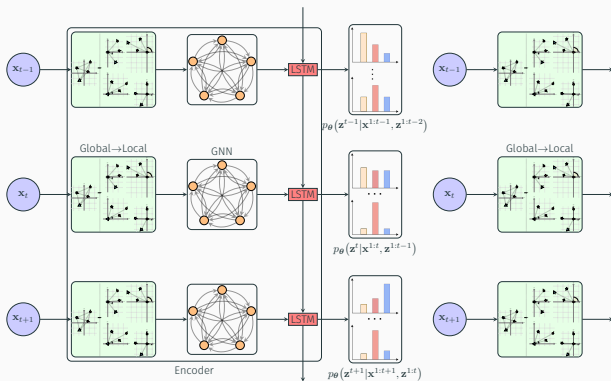


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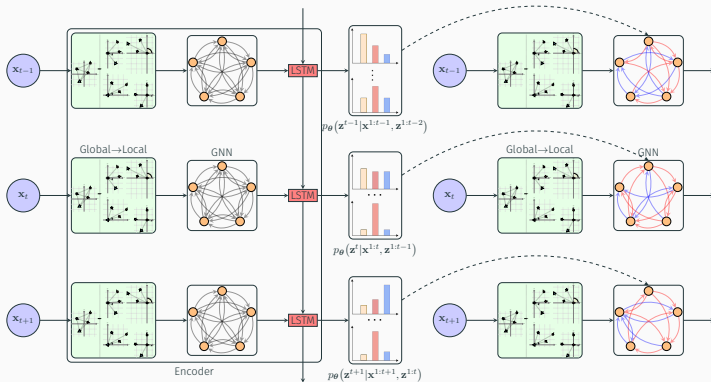


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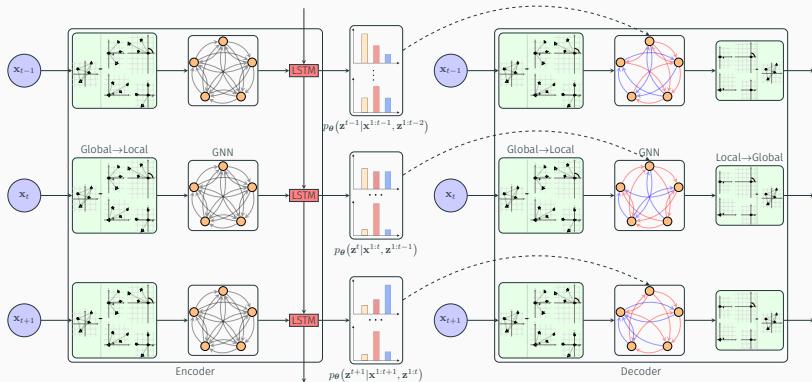


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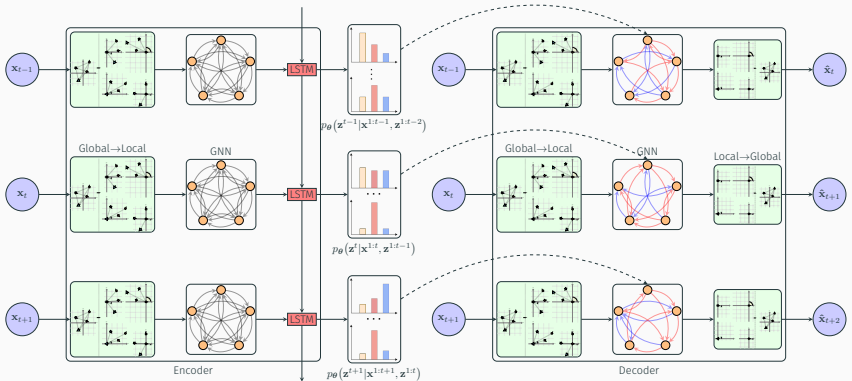


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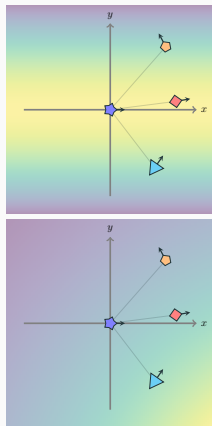
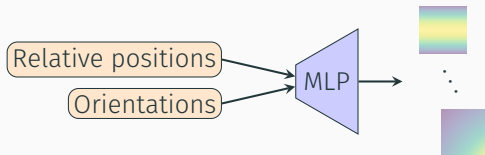
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Anisotropic continuous filtering in local coordinate frames

Directionality in graphs \implies Anisotropic filtering



Experiments

Synthetic [1]

- 2D, repulsive forces

InD [1]

- Traffic scenes, 2D, social interactions

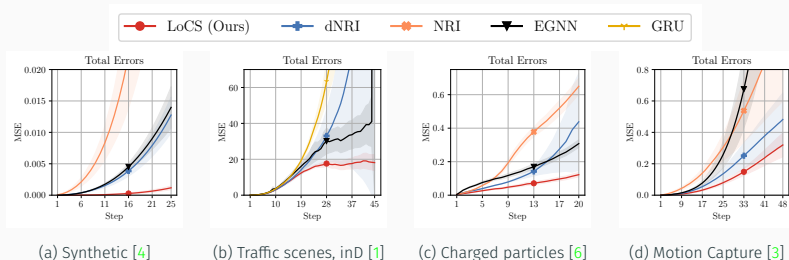
Charged particles [6]

- 3D, electrostatic forces

CMU Motion capture [3]

- 3D, subject #35, walking trajectories

Results



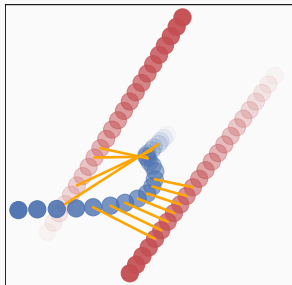
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Results - Synthetic Dataset



Relation prediction F1 score on synthetic dataset

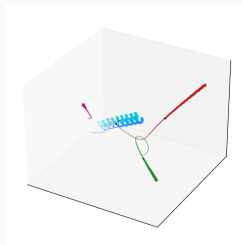
Method	NRI	dNRI	LoCS
F1	26.5	60.8	88.9

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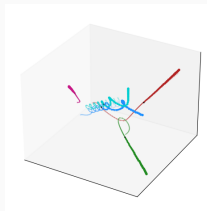
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Qualitative results - charged particles

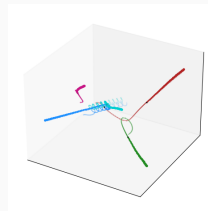
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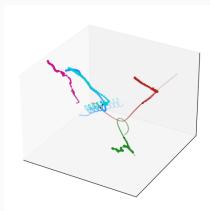
LoCS (Ours)



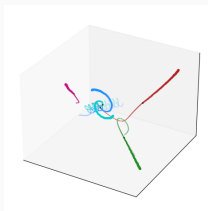
dNRI [4]



NRI [6]



EGNN [9]



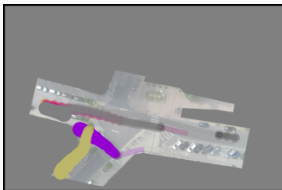
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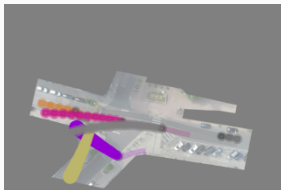
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Qualitative results - inD

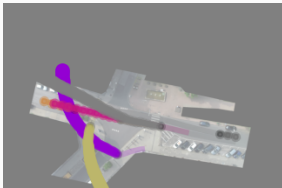
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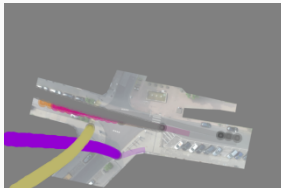
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Conclusion

- Local coordinate frames for all objects
- Invariance/equivariance to global roto-translations
- Anisotropic continuous filters in local coordinate frames
- Demonstrate effectiveness on a range of 2D/3D settings
- Paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.14961>
- Source code: <https://github.com/mkofinas/locs>



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