

Roto-translated Local Coordinate Frames for Interacting Dynamical Systems

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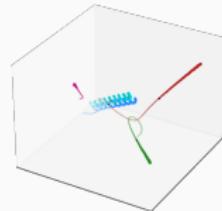
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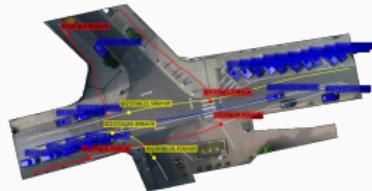
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Interacting systems are everywhere

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



3D Charged particles [5]



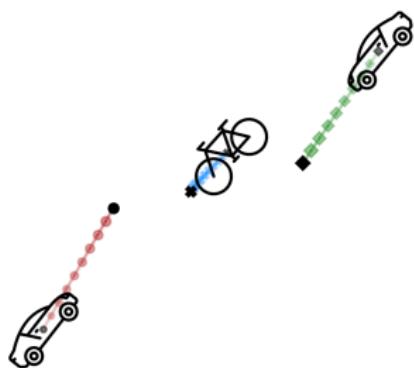
Traffic scenes, InD [1]

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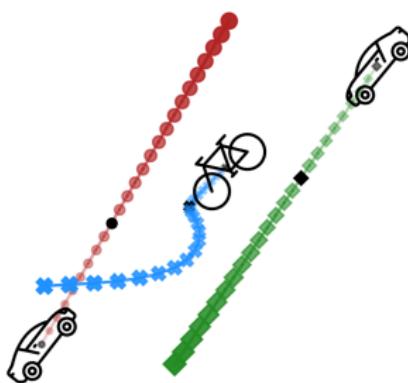
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Future forecasting

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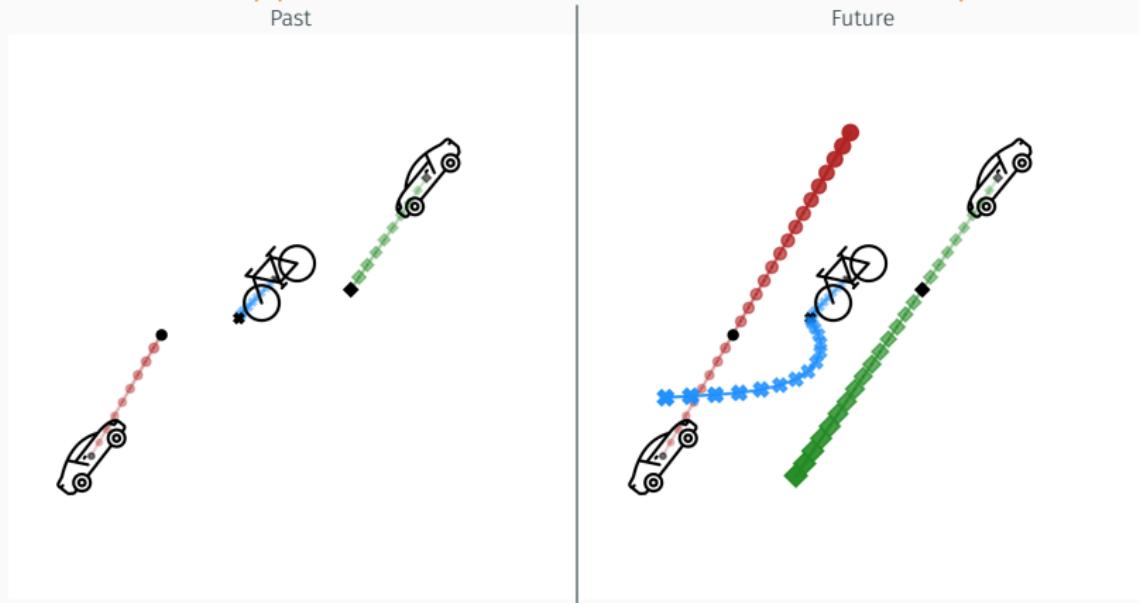


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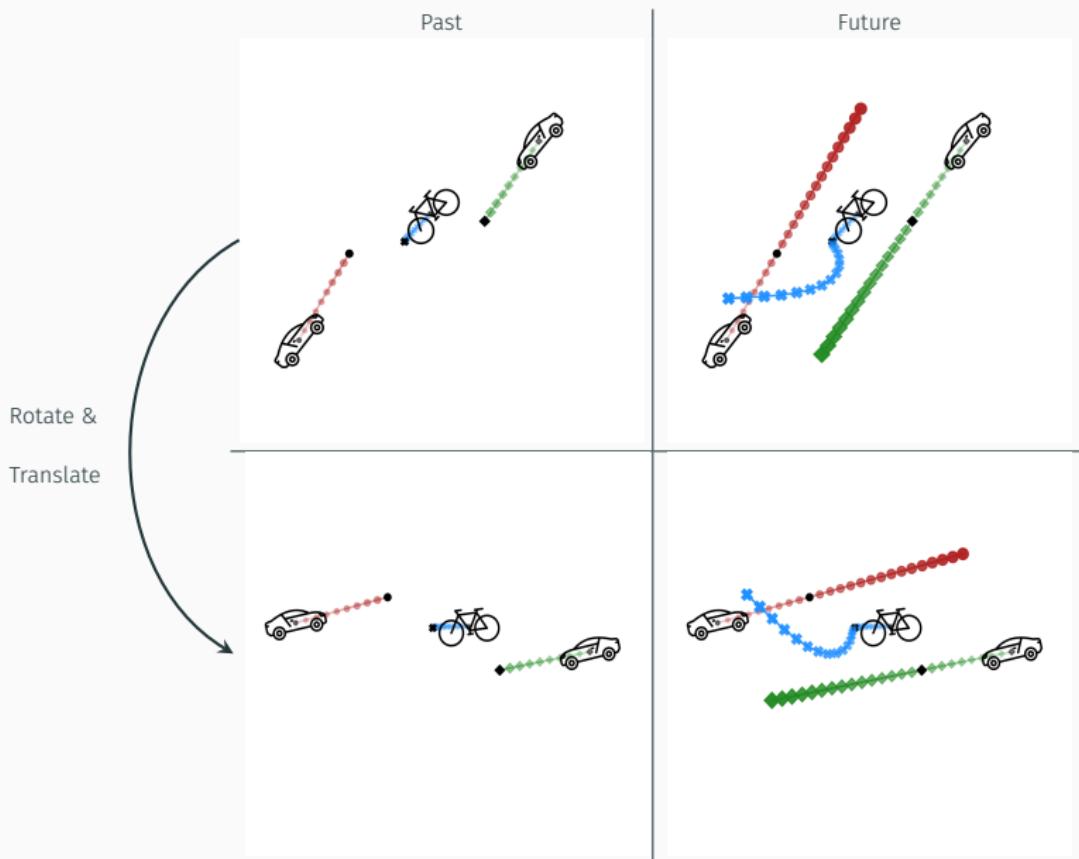


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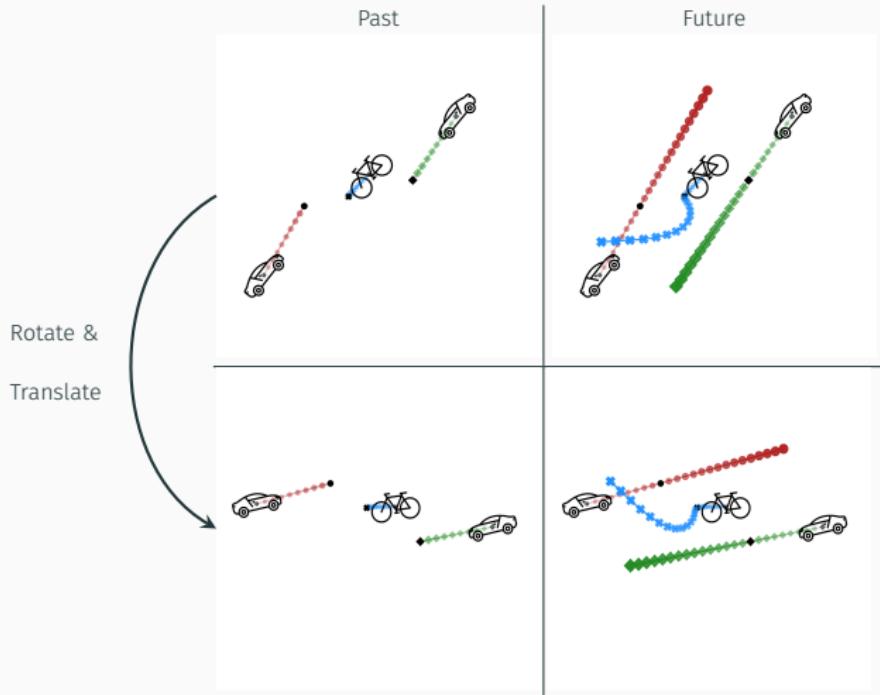
What happens when we rotate/translate the inputs?



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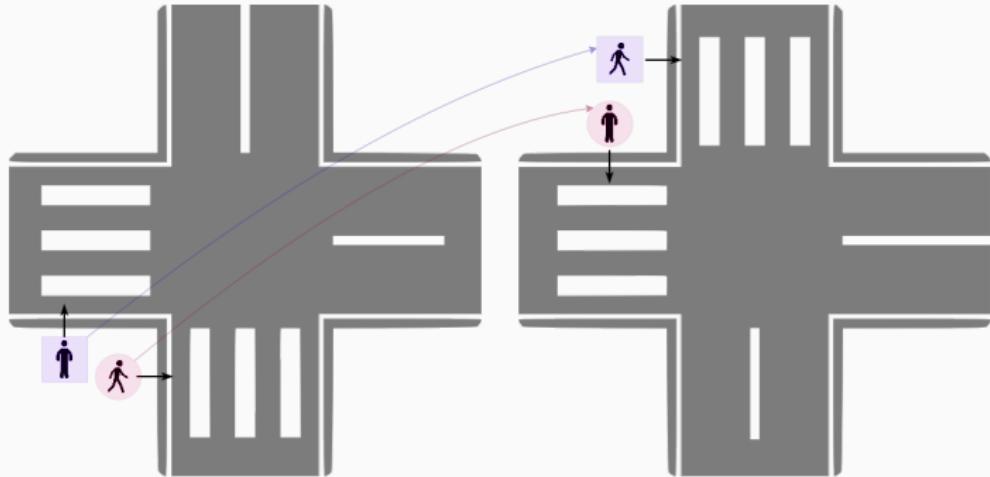
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Roto-translation equivariance

Dynamics do not change under rotations and translations

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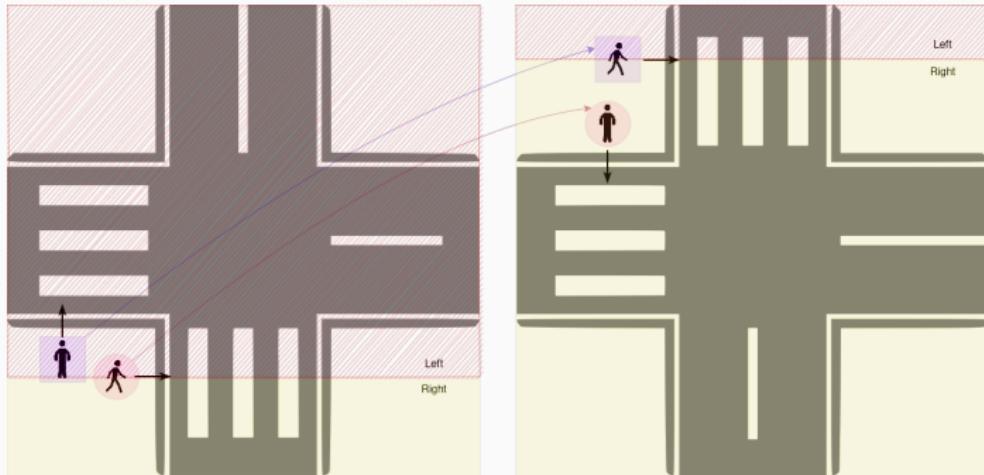
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Graphs embedded in arbitrary global coordinate frames

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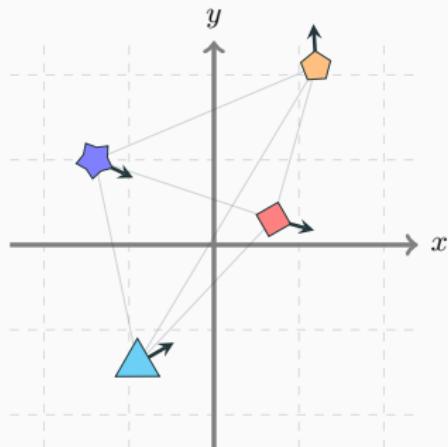
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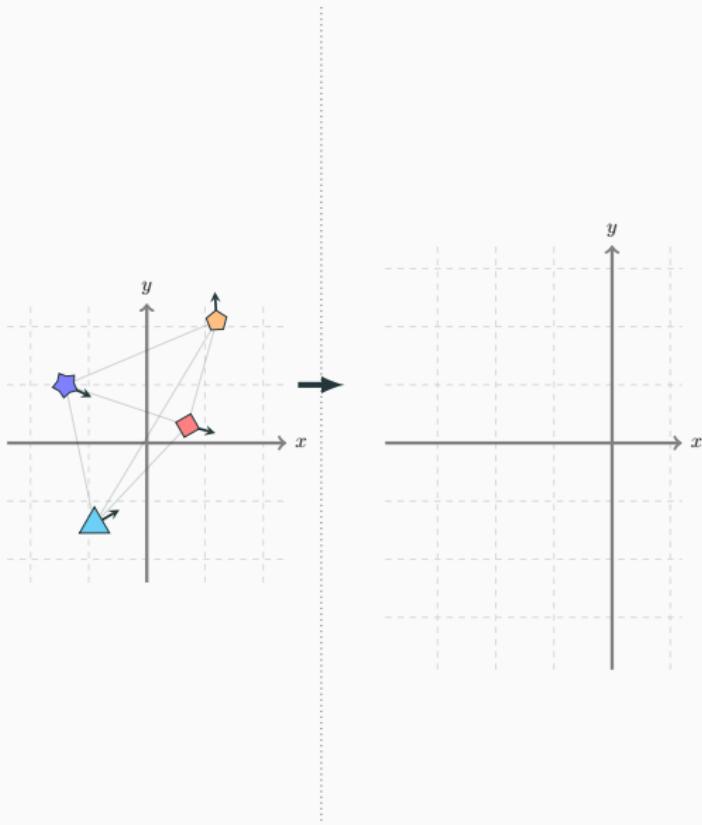
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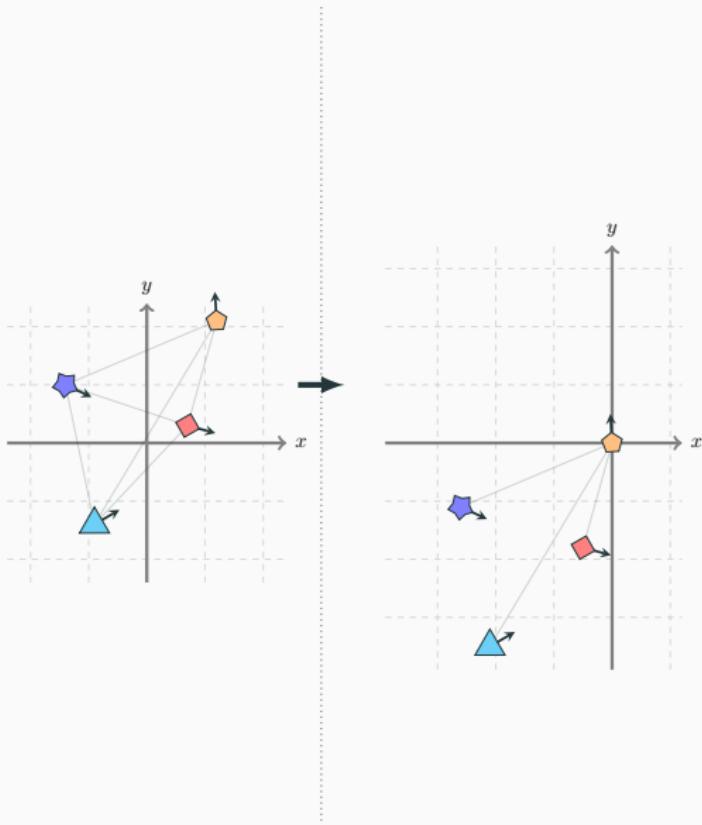
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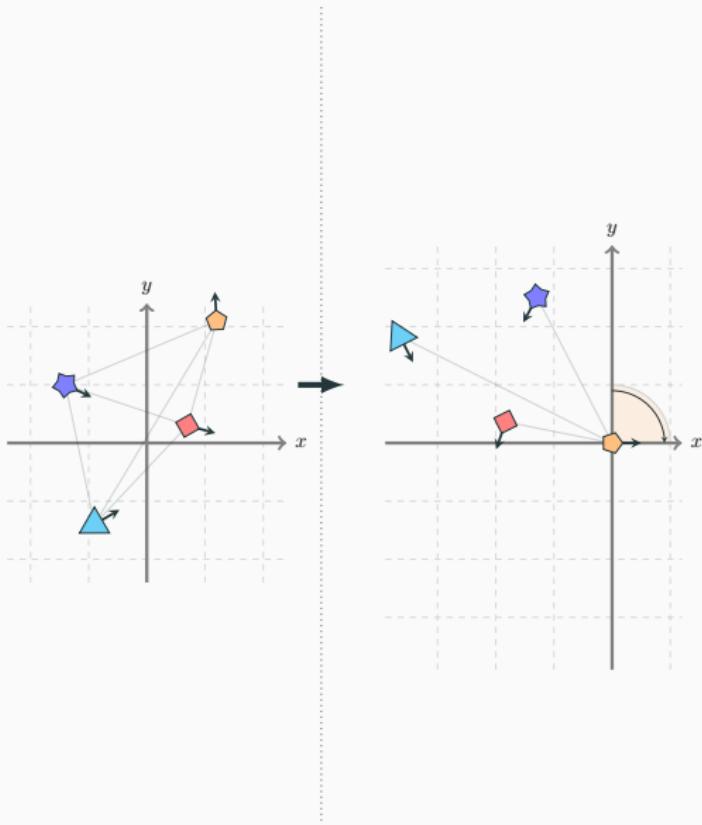
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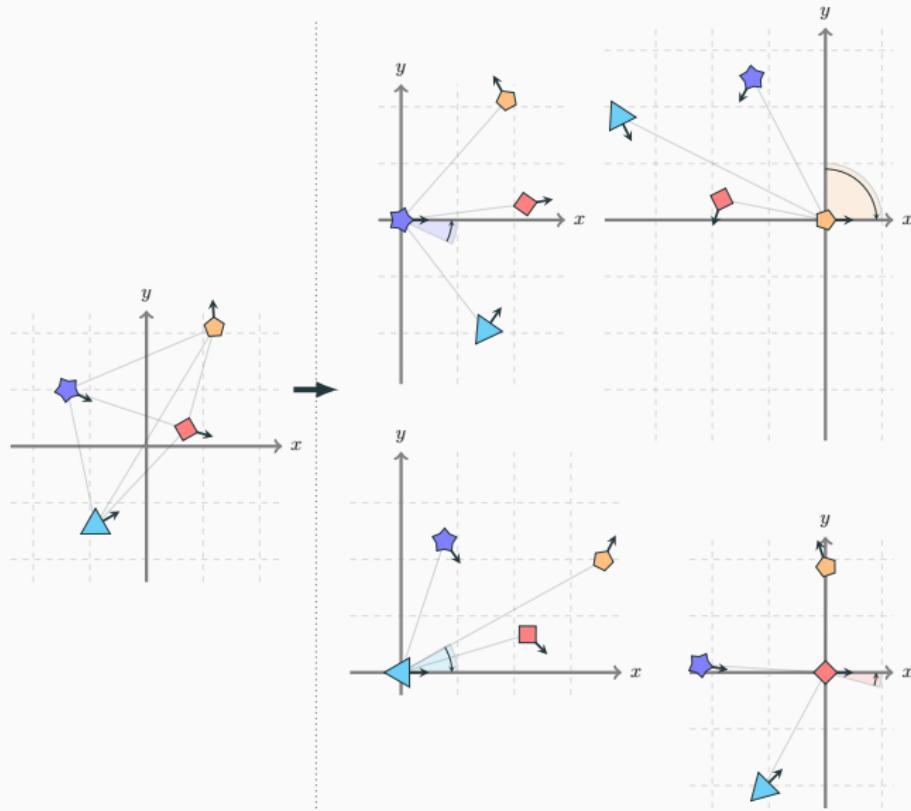
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Local coordinate frames as Neural relational inference models

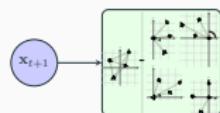
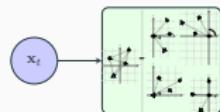
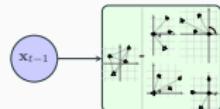


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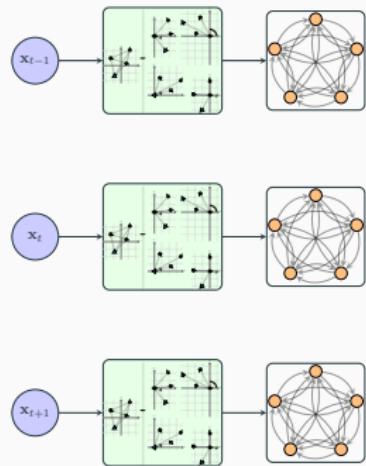


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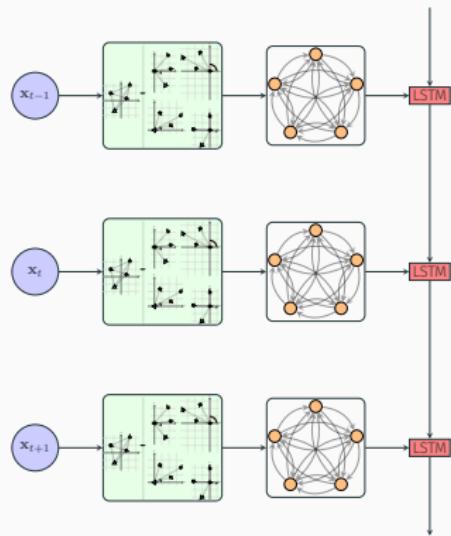


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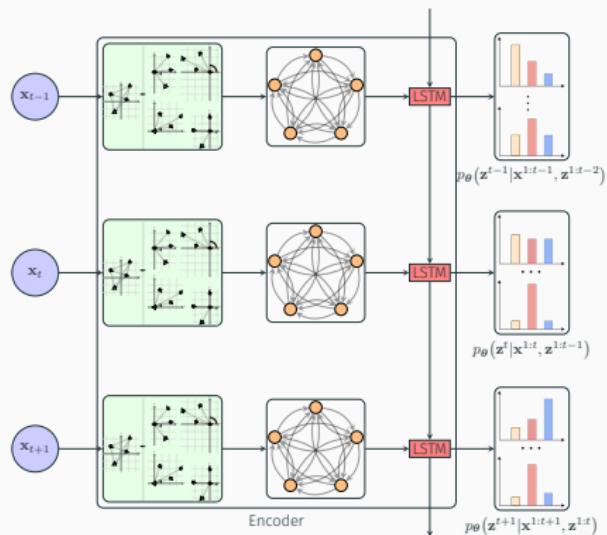


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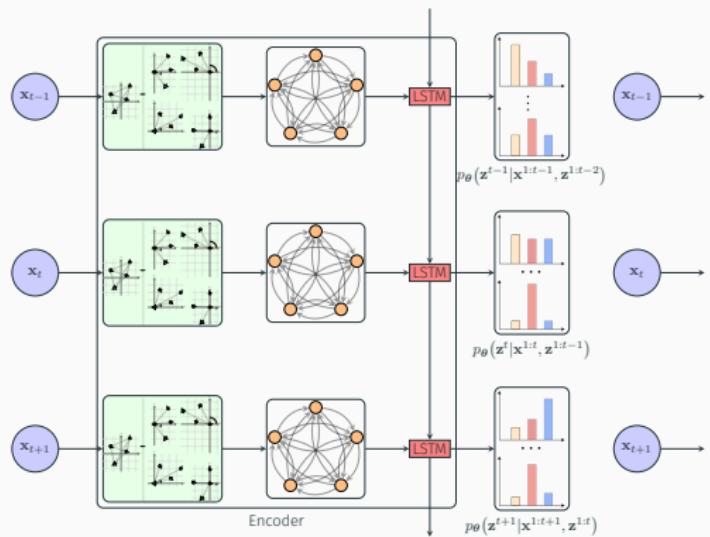


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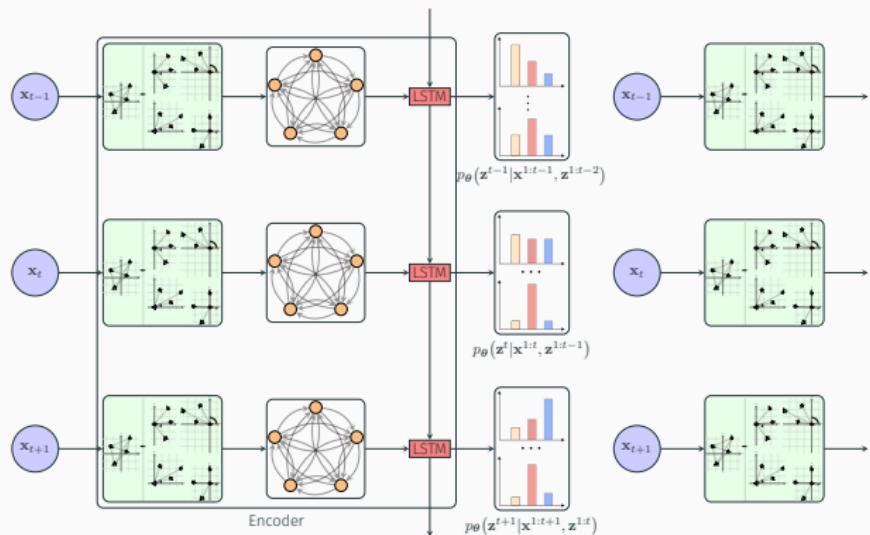


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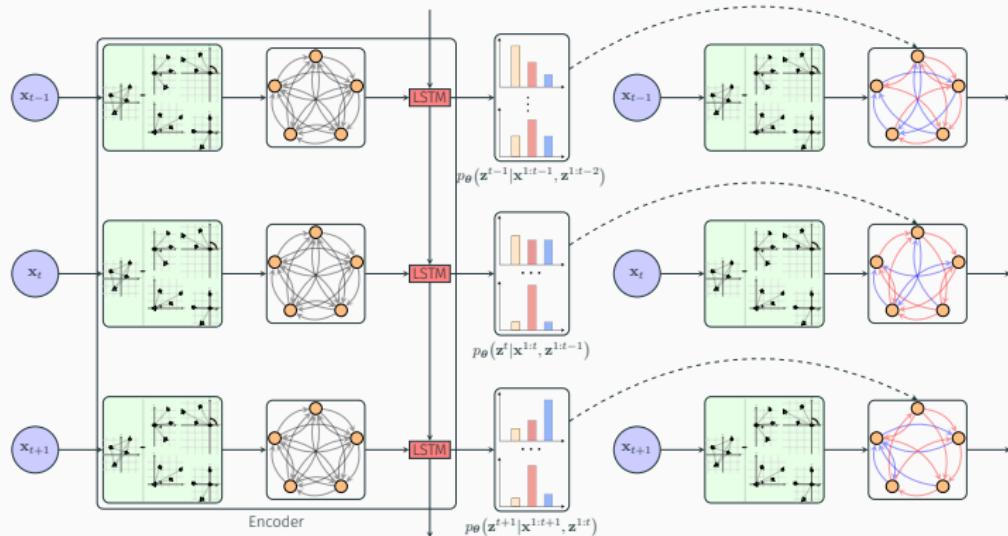


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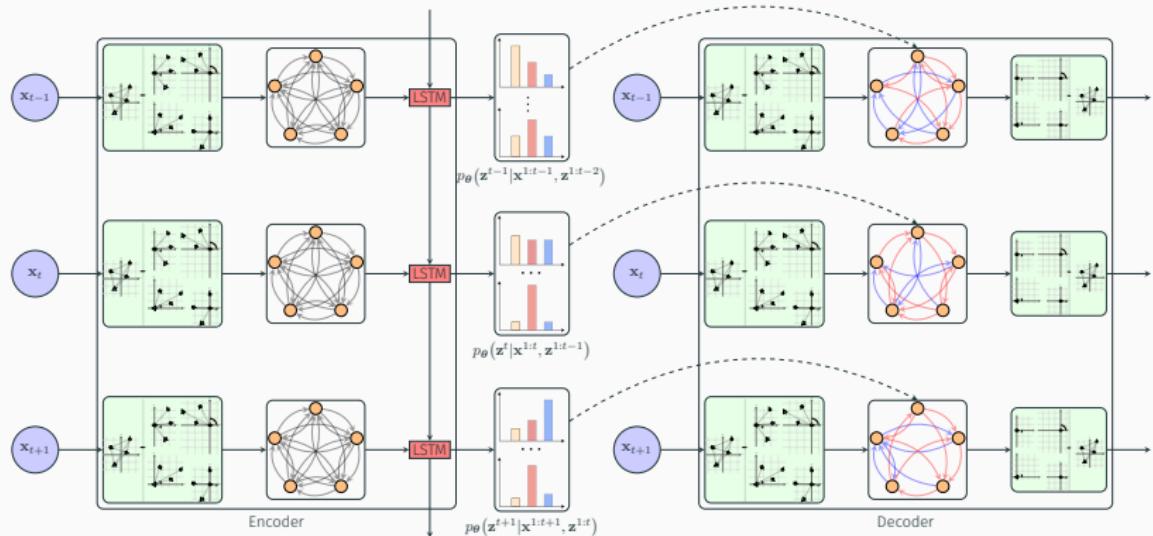


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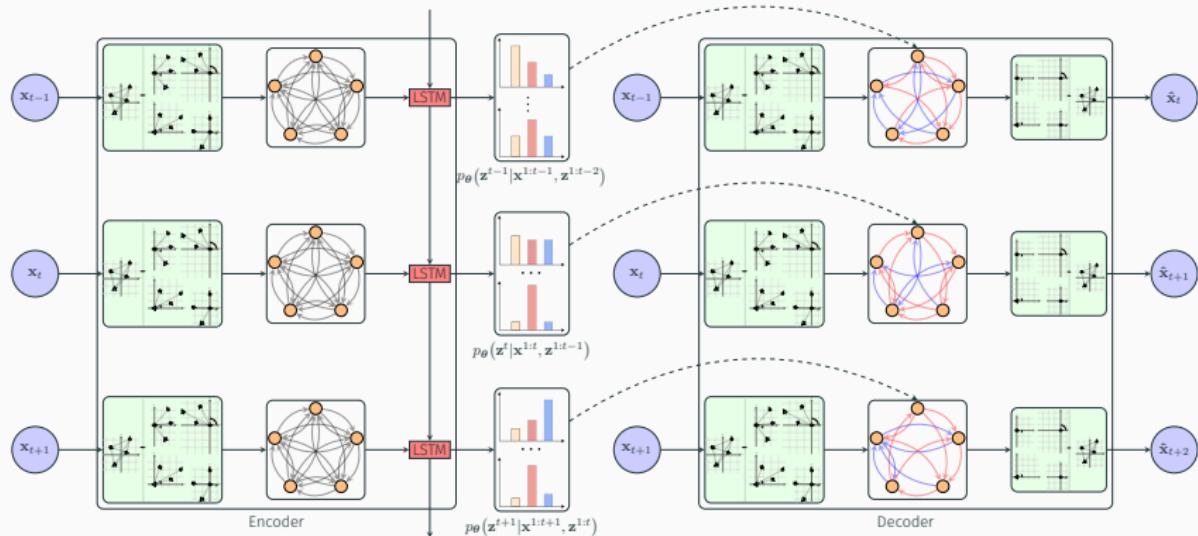


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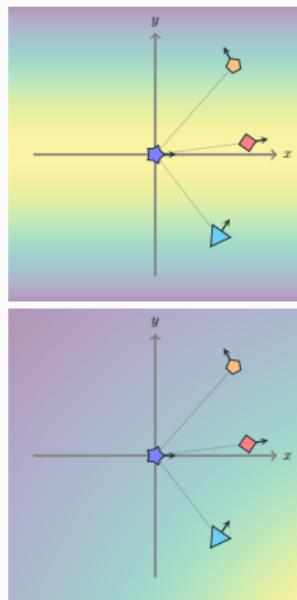
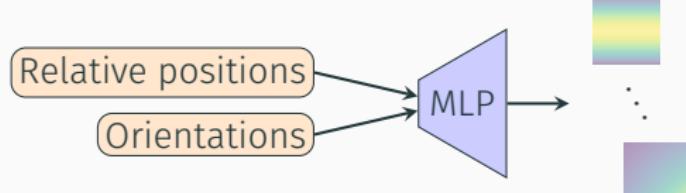
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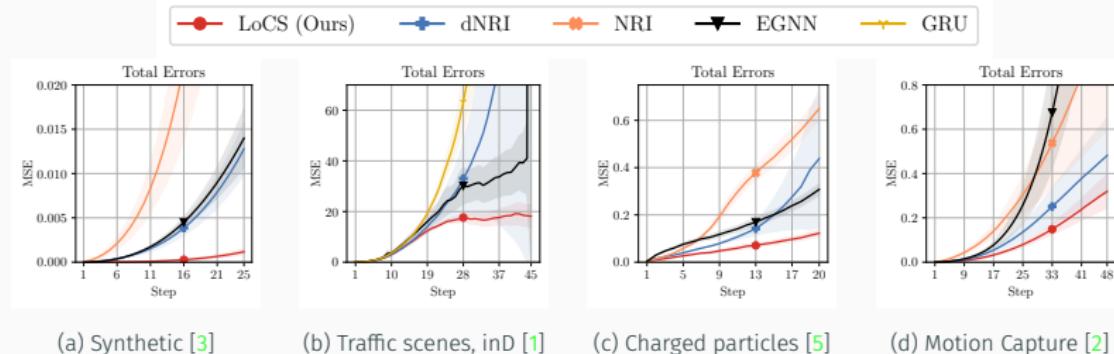
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Anisotropic continuous filtering in local coordinate frames

Directionality in graphs \implies Anisotropic filtering



Results



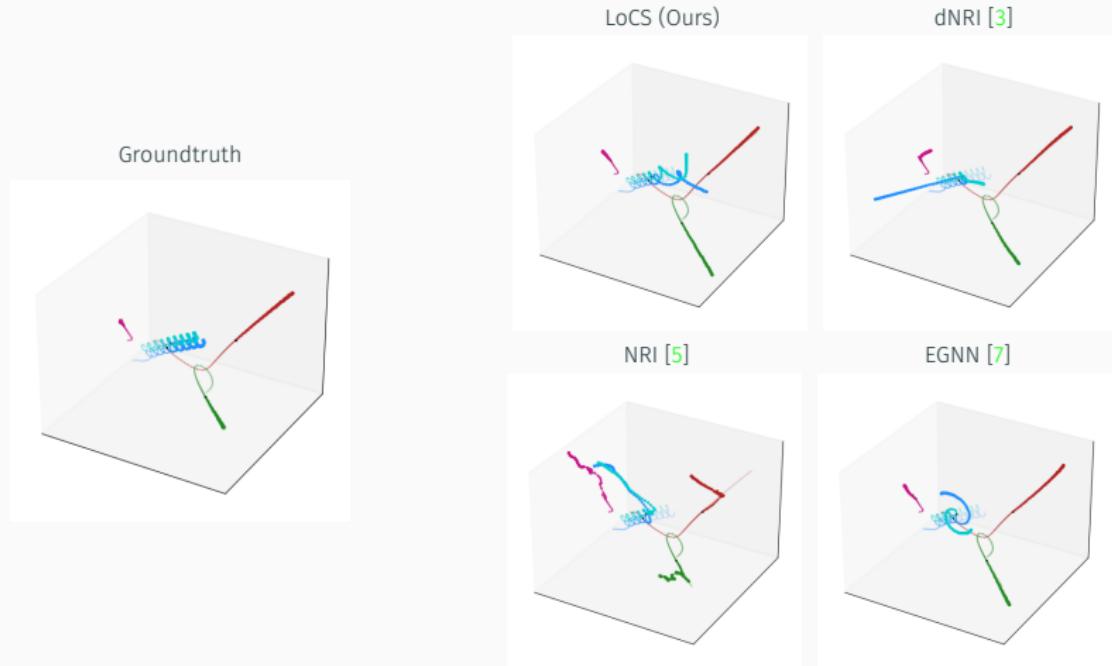
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Qualitative results - charged particles



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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
- Source code will be available at:
<https://github.com/mkofinas/locs>

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