

# Context-Aware and Physics-Aligned LLM-Social Force Model (CAPL-SFM) Crowd Simulator

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## Abstract

We present LLM-SFM Translator, a context-aware and physics-aligned framework for trajectory generation and crowd simulation in unseen scenarios. Given scene images and natural-language prompts, the proposed method translates high-level contextual descriptions into physically grounded Social Force Model parameters and agent trajectories. To improve behavioral fidelity and physical consistency, we incorporate reinforcement learning from AI feedback (RL-AIF) to distill reasoning and decision patterns from large language models into a stable translator. We further introduce a novel evaluation framework with a benchmark dataset that combines statistical metrics, agent-level behavioral consistency, LLM-based judgment, and human evaluation. Experiments on standard and unseen environments demonstrate improved generalization, interpretability, and physical plausibility over existing learning-based and controllable simulation baselines.

## 1 Introduction

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 76 accomplished by writing  
 77 `\usepackage{times}`  
 78 in the preamble.<sup>2</sup>

79 Additionally, it is of utmost importance to specify the **letter**  
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 81 the paper. When working with dvips, for instance, one  
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 89 camera-ready). There are relevant differences between the  
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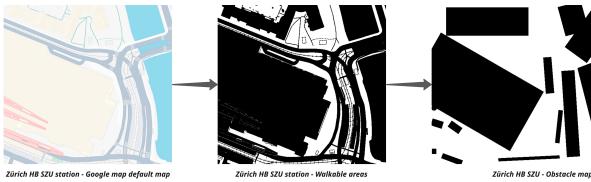


Figure 1: Real world map to obstacle map.

## 290 Order of Sections

291 Sections should be arranged in the following order:

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- 293 2. Appendices (optional, numbered using capital letters)
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- 295 4. Acknowledgements (optional, unnumbered)
- 296 5. Contribution statement (optional, unnumbered)
- 297 6. References (required, unnumbered)

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302 multiple authors as in the following examples: [Abelson *et al.*,  
303 1985] or [Baumgartner *et al.*, 2001] (for more than two au-  
304 thors) and [Brachman and Schmolze, 1985] (for two authors).  
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307 lob *et al.*, 2002; Levesque, 1984a].

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311 the text by a short line.<sup>4</sup> Avoid footnotes as much as possible;  
312 they interrupt the flow of the text.

## 313 3 Methodology

### 314 3.1 Dataset Creation

315 To get a dataset that could demonstrate crowd in public area,  
316 we scripted around 100 world famous public places maps in-  
317 cluding tourists-heavy area, stadiums, university campus and  
318 public transportation hub. We then implemented an image  
319 to obstacle data processing pipeline using the colormap pro-  
320 vided by Google Map official API as well as segmentation  
321 model and Polygon approximity algorithm. The script real  
322 world map size is fixed with a width around 301.7 m, height  
323 around 282.8 m.

324 To generate the contextual description of crowd scenarios,  
325 we categorize the crowd into different types based on Ber-  
326 longhi (TODO)’s crowd psychological theory, including ca-  
327 sual gathering, spectator crowd, expressive crowd, and ag-  
328 gressive crowd. In total we have 11 categories of different

<sup>3</sup>This is how your footnotes should appear.

<sup>4</sup>Note the line separating these footnotes from the text.

Attribute	Meaning
scenario	Contextual descriptions generated by GPT-5.1
category	The crowd category that this scenario belongs to
crowd_size	Agents numbers inside this map
event_center	Pixel coordinates of the synthetic event center of the
goal_location	Pixel coordinates of the synthetic goal locations bas-

Table 1: Attributes inside the synthetic dataset.

Scenario	$\delta$ (s)	Runtime (ms)
Paris	0.1	13.65
	0.2	0.01
New York	0.1	92.50
	0.1	33.33
Singapore	0.2	23.01

Table 2: Booktabs table

329 crowd. We then designed a prompt template to let GPT-5.1 to  
330 generate high level and diverse natural language descriptions  
331 for each type of crowd scenario. In total we gathered around  
332 50k context descriptions.

333 To further quantify the results of the crowd simulation, we  
334 also let GPT-5.1 to generate possible exits and event cen-  
335 ter, together with their pixel coordinates in the map. Table  
336 1 shows all the information we designed to let gpt-5.1 gener-  
337 ate.

## 338 4 Evaluation

339 Tables are treated as illustrations containing data. Therefore,  
340 they should also appear floated to the top (preferably) or bot-  
341 tom of the page, and with the captions below them.

342 If you are using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, you should use the booktabs  
343 package, because it produces tables that are better than the  
344 standard ones. Compare Tables 1 and 2. The latter is clearly  
345 more readable for three reasons:

- 346 1. The styling is better thanks to using the booktabs  
347 rulers instead of the default ones.
- 348 2. Numeric columns are right-aligned, making it easier to  
349 compare the numbers. Make sure to also right-align the  
350 corresponding headers, and to use the same precision for  
351 all numbers.
- 352 3. We avoid unnecessary repetition, both between lines (no  
353 need to repeat the scenario name in this case) as well as  
354 in the content (units can be shown in the column header).

## 355 5 Results

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357 formulas. A usual temptation is to reduce the size of the for-  
358 mula by using the small or tiny sizes. This doesn’t work  
359 correctly with the current L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X versions, breaking the line  
360 spacing of the preceding paragraphs and title, as well as the  
361 equation number sizes. The following equation demonstrates  
362 the effects (notice that this entire paragraph looks badly for-  
363 matted, and the line numbers no longer match the text):

$$x = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n i_j + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n i_j + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i \quad (1)$$

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$$x = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n i_j + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n i_j + \\ + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i. \quad (2)$$

If a line is just slightly longer than the column width, you may use the `resizebox` environment on that equation. The result looks better and doesn't interfere with the paragraph's line spacing:

$$x = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n i_j + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n i_j + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i. \quad (3)$$

This last solution may have to be adapted if you use different equation environments, but it can generally be made to work. Please notice that in any case:

- Equation numbers must be in the same font and size as the main text (10pt).
- Your formula's main symbols should not be smaller than small text (9pt).

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$$x = \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n i_j + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n i_j + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n j_i + \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n i_j \quad (4)$$

would not be acceptable because the text is too small.

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**Theorem 2** (A titled theorem). *This is an example of a titled theorem.*

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## Algorithm 1 Example algorithm

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**Input:** Your algorithm's input

**Parameter:** Optional list of parameters

**Output:** Your algorithm's output

```
1: Let  $t = 0$ .
2: while condition do
3:   Do some action.
4:   if conditional then
5:     Perform task A.
6:   else
7:     Perform task B.
8:   end if
9: end while
10: return solution
```

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## 7 Discussion

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## 8 Conclusion

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445 **Ethical Statement**

446 There are no ethical issues.

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