

Learning Compositional Koopman Operators for Model-Based Control

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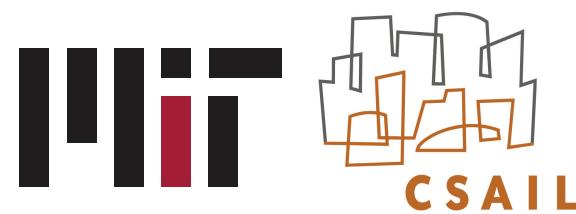
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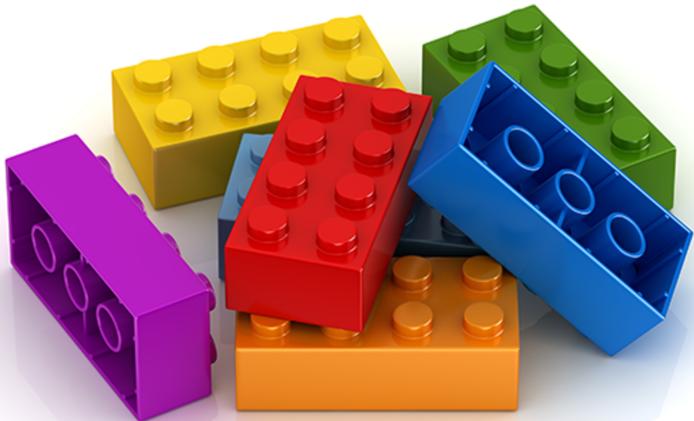
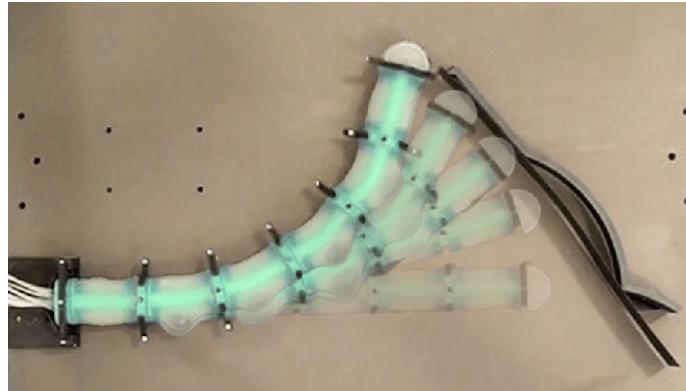


Advisors: Antonio Torralba and Russ Tedrake

Learning-based dynamics modeling
Multi-modal perception



Compositionality in daily life





EATER

Trial and error?



$F = ma$?



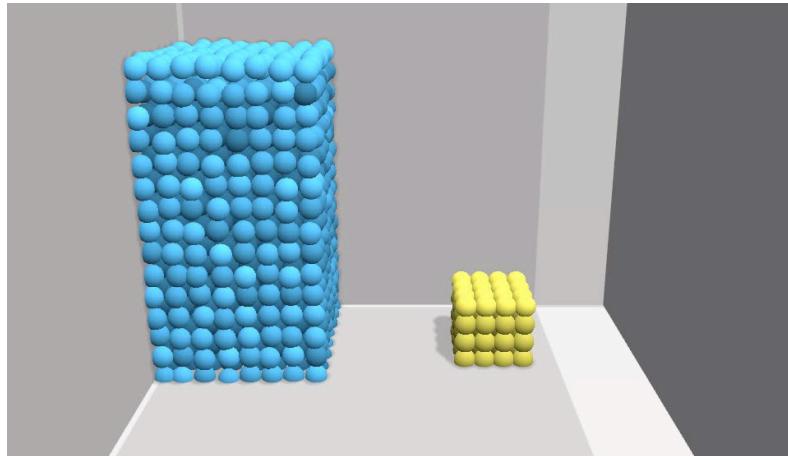
Intuitive Physics



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Particle + Graph Neural Networks

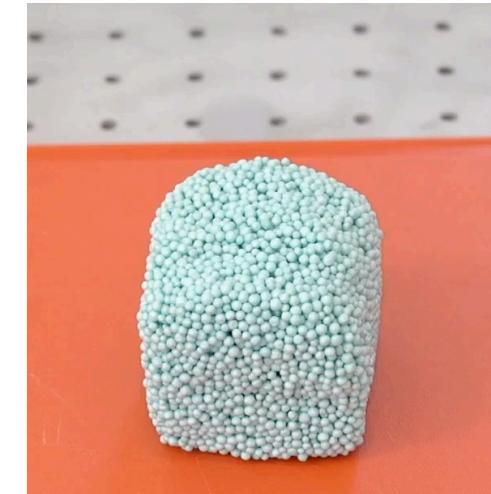
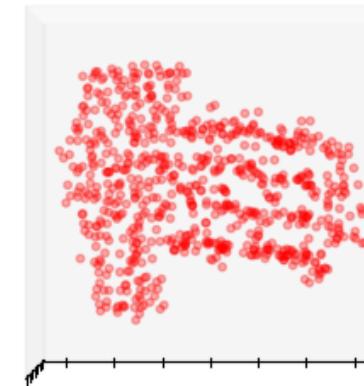


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Learning Particle Dynamics for Manipulating Rigid Bodies, Deformable Objects, and Fluids

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Goal



Result

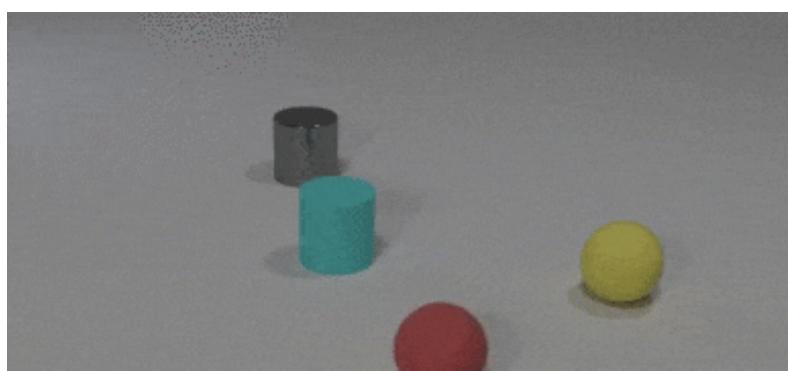
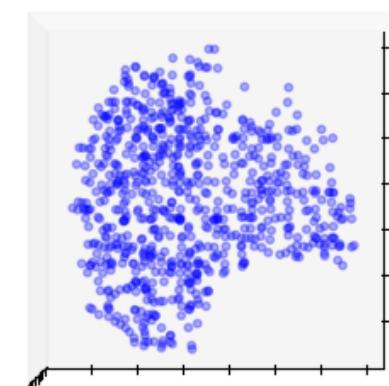


Image Patch + Graph Neural Networks

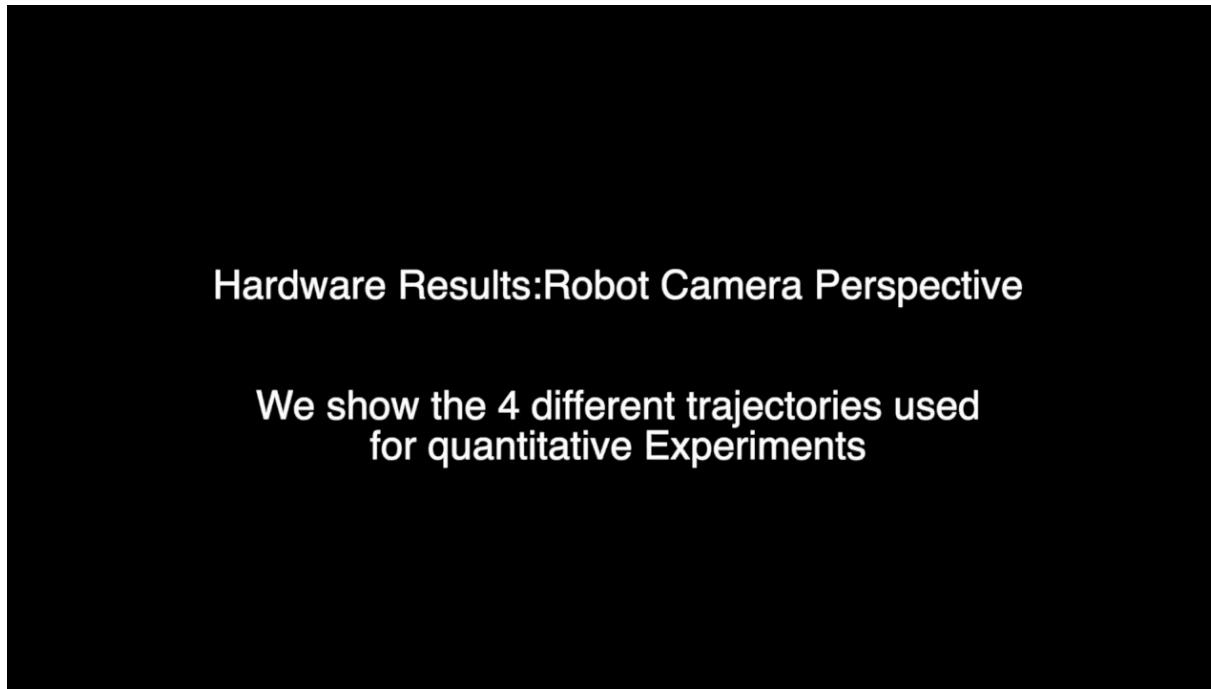
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CLEVRER: Collision Events for Video Representation and Reasoning

ICLR 2020

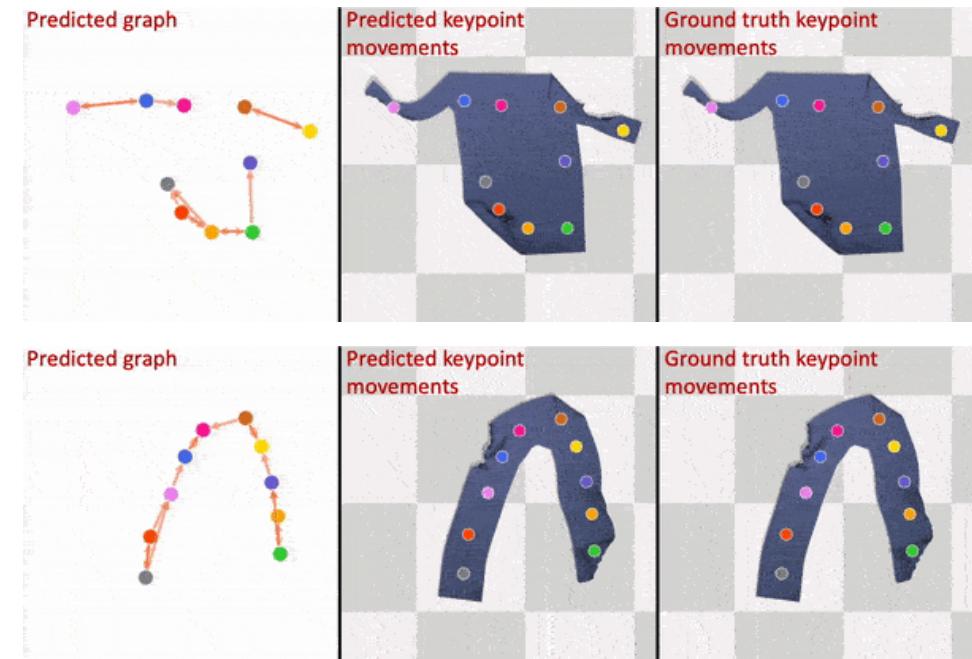
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Keypoints + MLP



Manuelli, Li, Florence, Tedrake.
In submission

Keypoints + Graph Neural Networks



Li, Torralba, Anandkumar, Fox, Garg
Causal Discovery in Physical Systems from Videos
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- ***Compositional Koopman Operators*** lies in the category of
 - Object-centric latent vectors
 - Graph Neural Networks + Linear Dynamics

Problem

- Given observations from a system of unknown dynamics

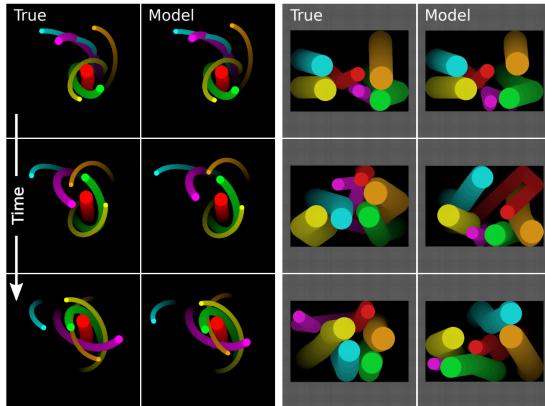
$$\boldsymbol{x}^{t+1} = \mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{x}^t, \boldsymbol{u}^t)$$

system state \boldsymbol{x}^t control signal \boldsymbol{u}^t dynamics \mathbf{F}

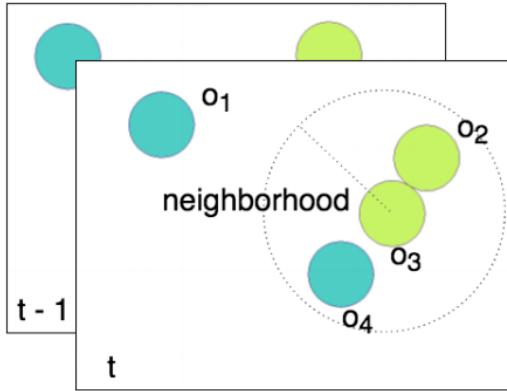
- Task 1: system identification
- Task 2: control synthesis

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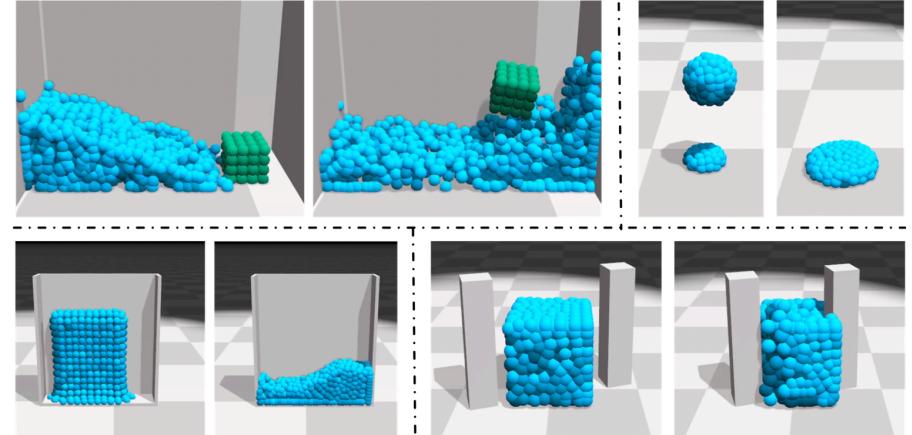
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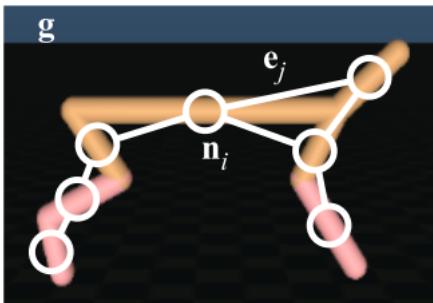
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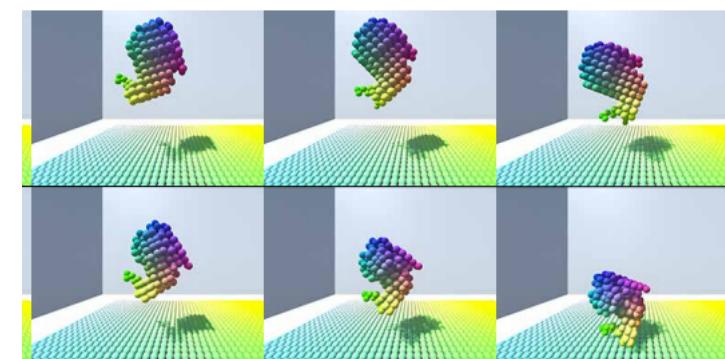
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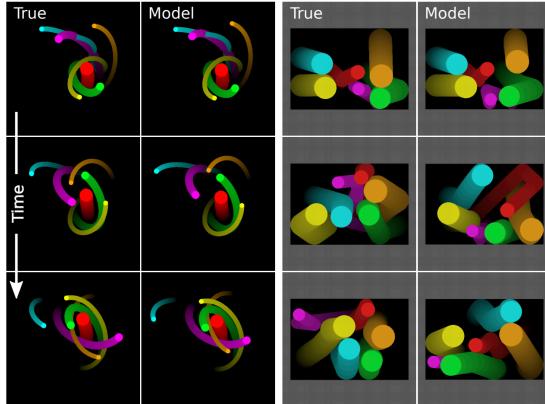
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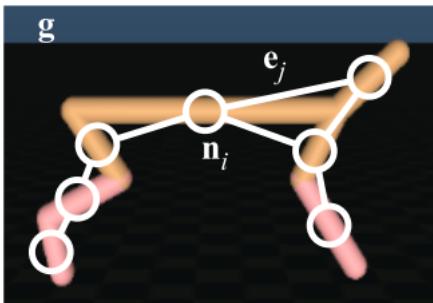
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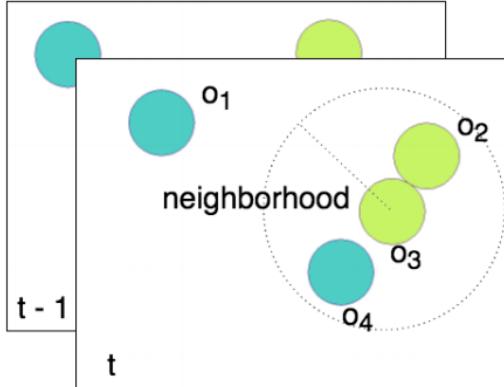
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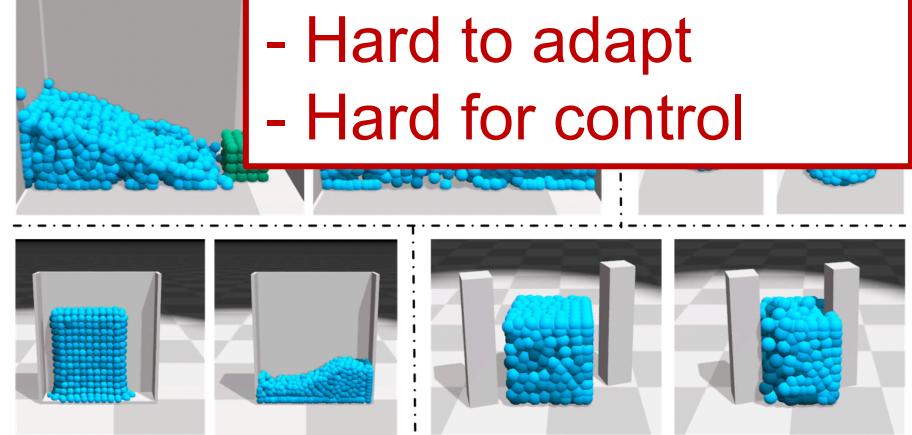
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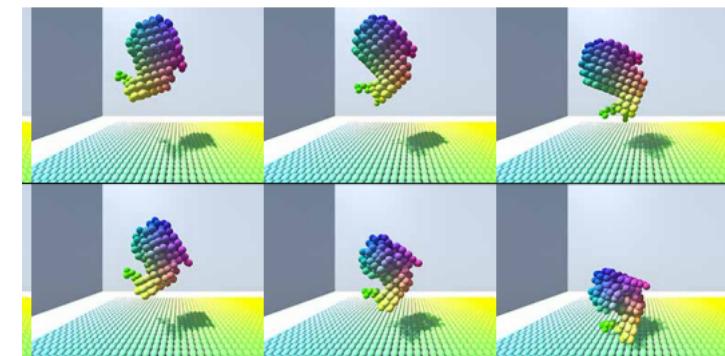
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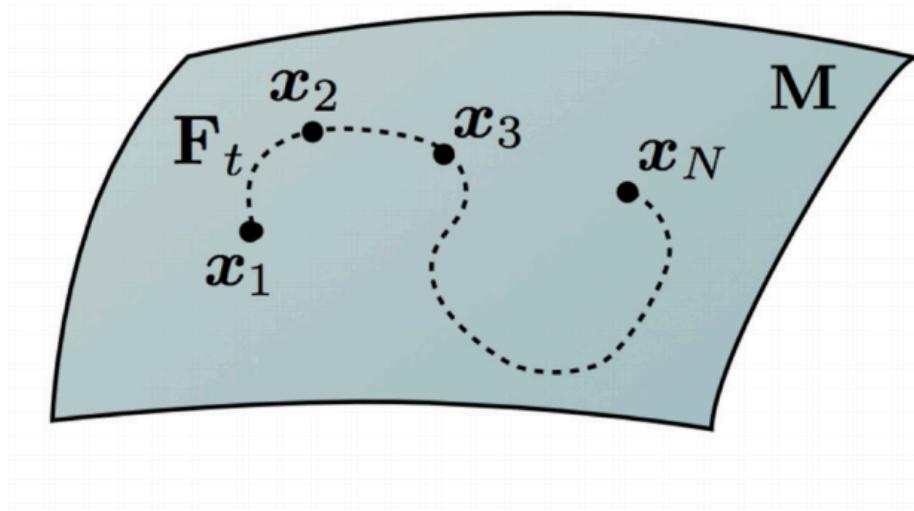
Learned dynamics is
highly nonlinear

- Hard to adapt
- Hard for control

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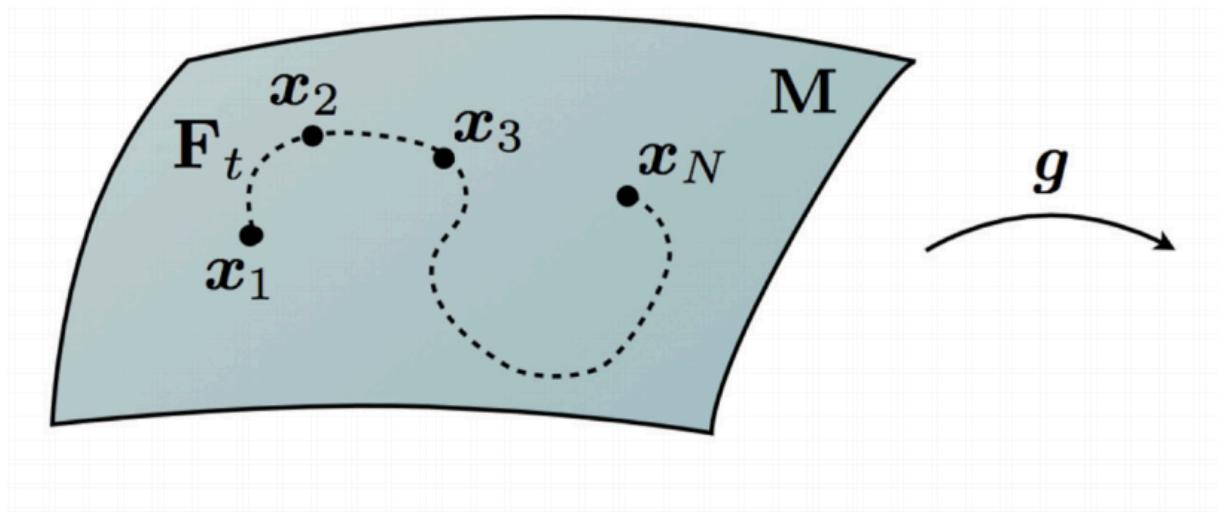


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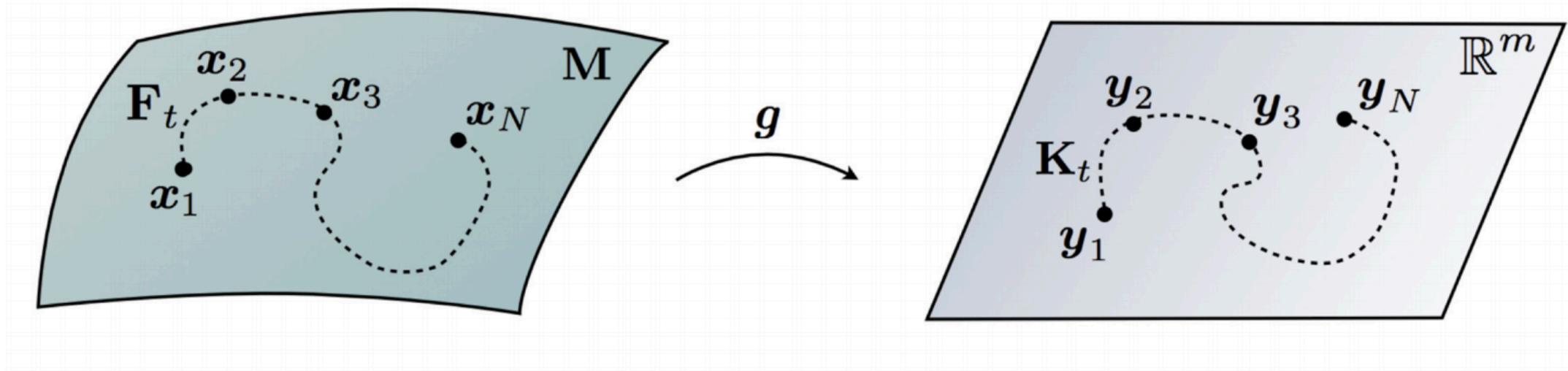
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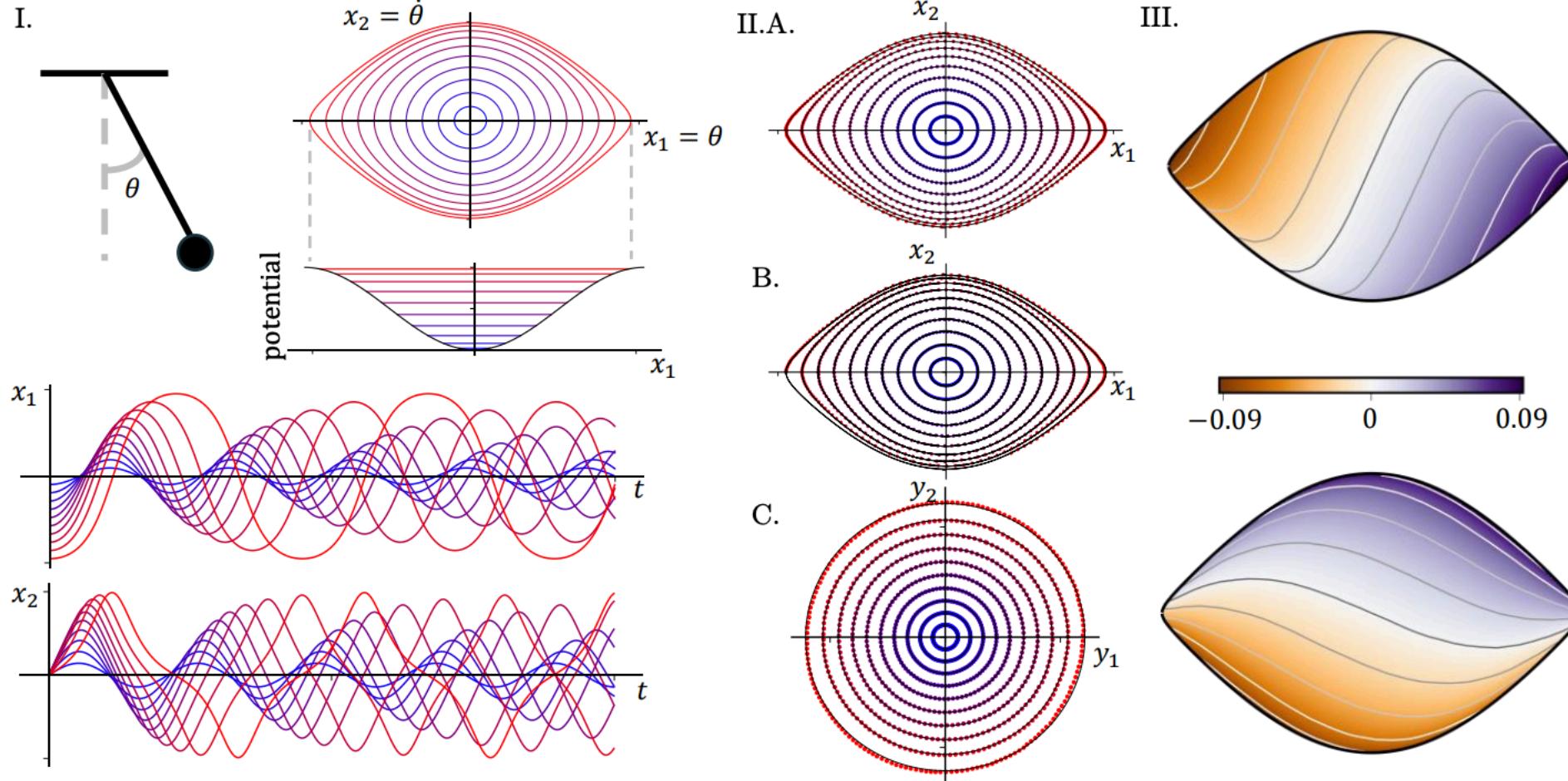


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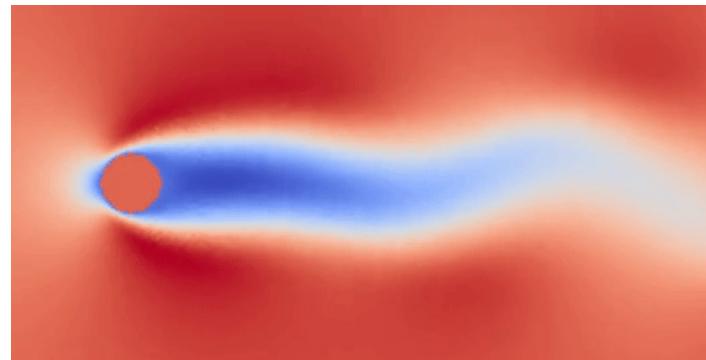
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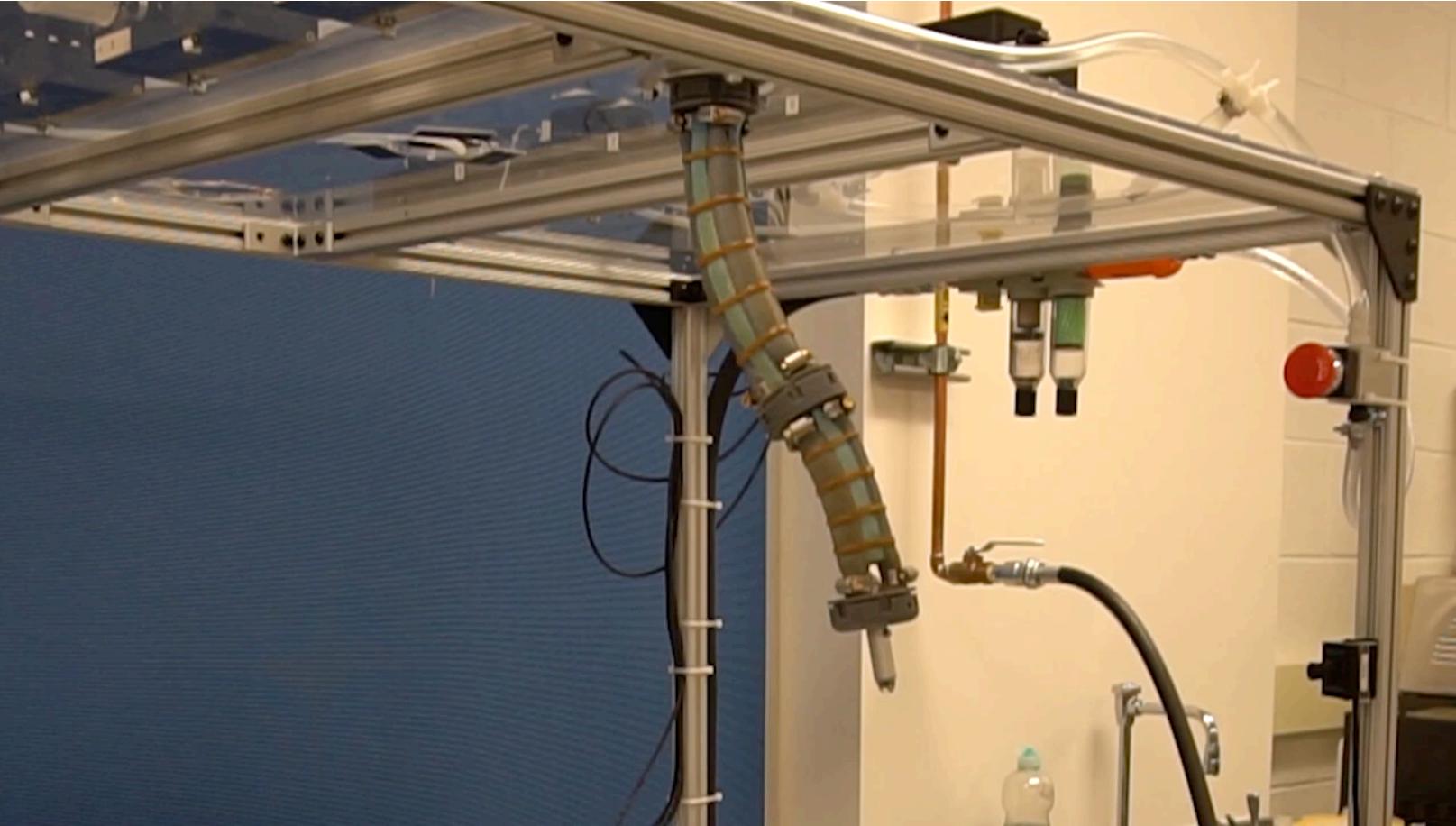
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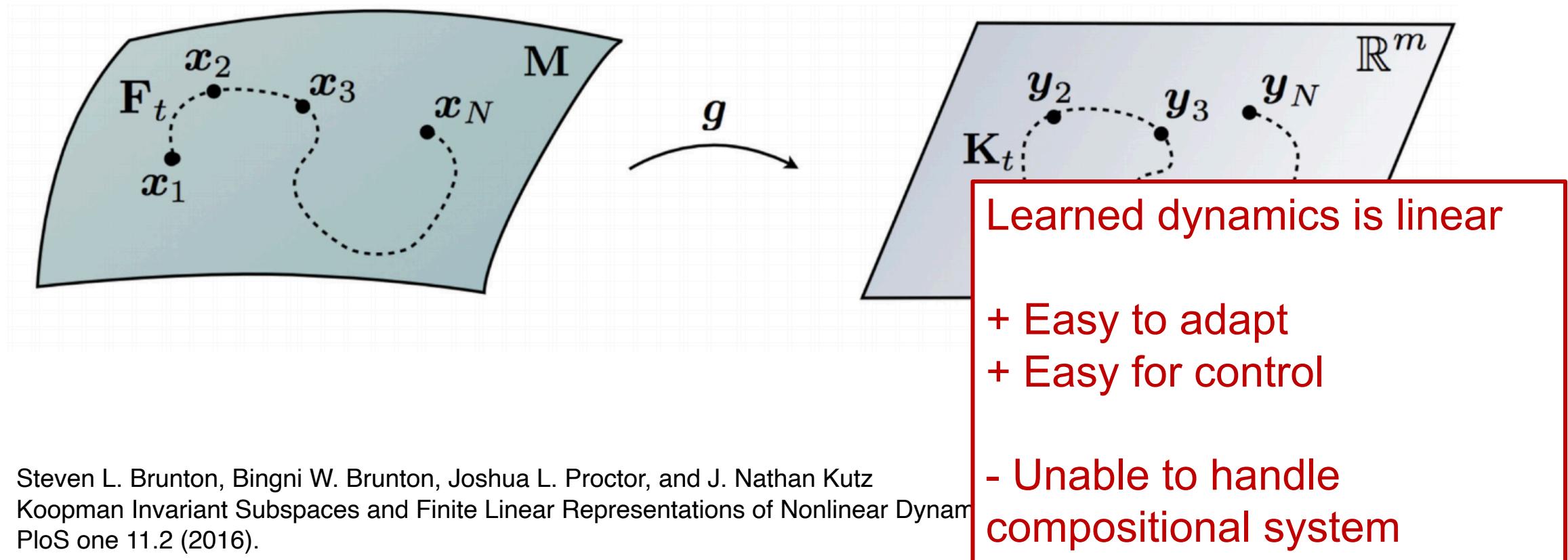
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Graph Neural Networks

+ Capture the compositionality

- Hard to adapt
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The Koopman Operator Theory

- Unable to handle compositional systems

+ Easy to adapt
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Compositional Koopman Operators

- + Generalize to compositional systems
- + Easy to adapt
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Motivating example

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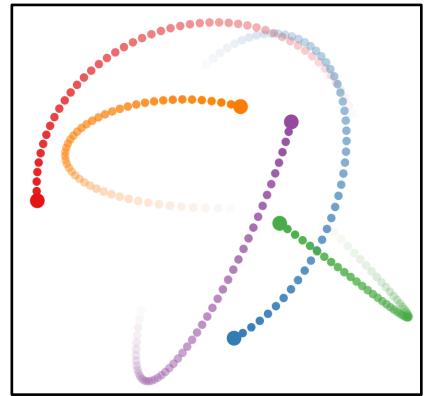


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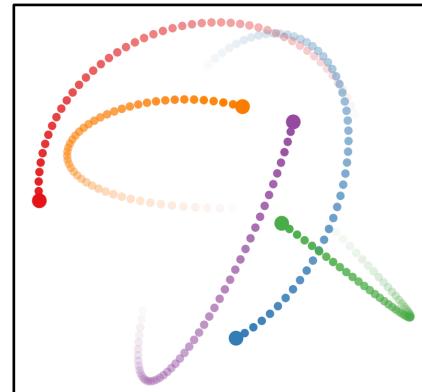


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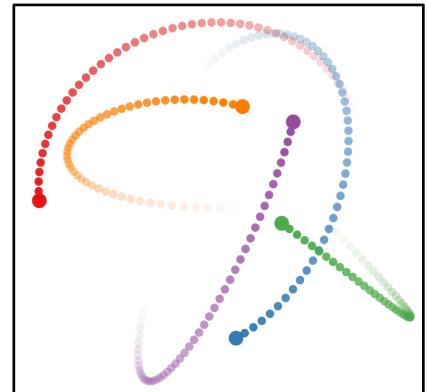


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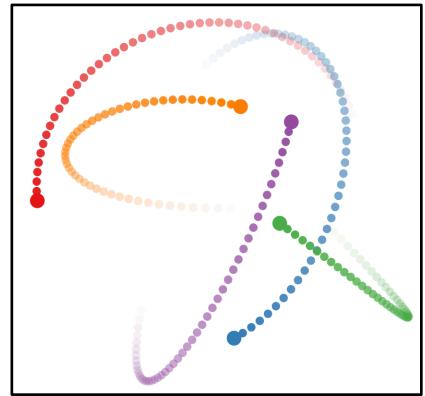


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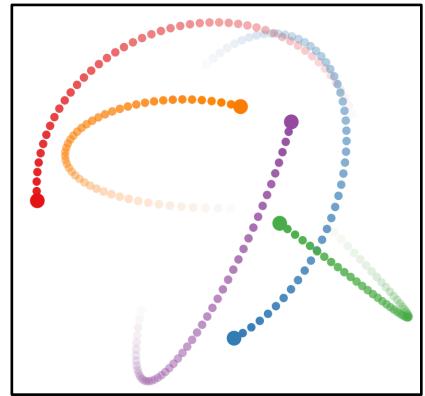


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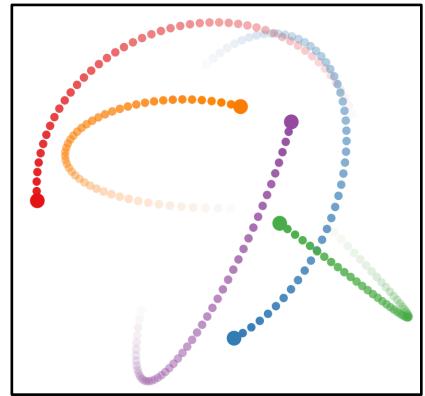


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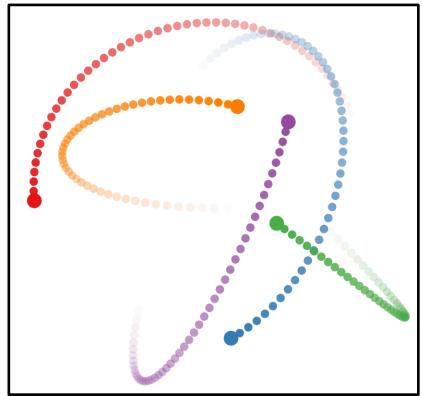


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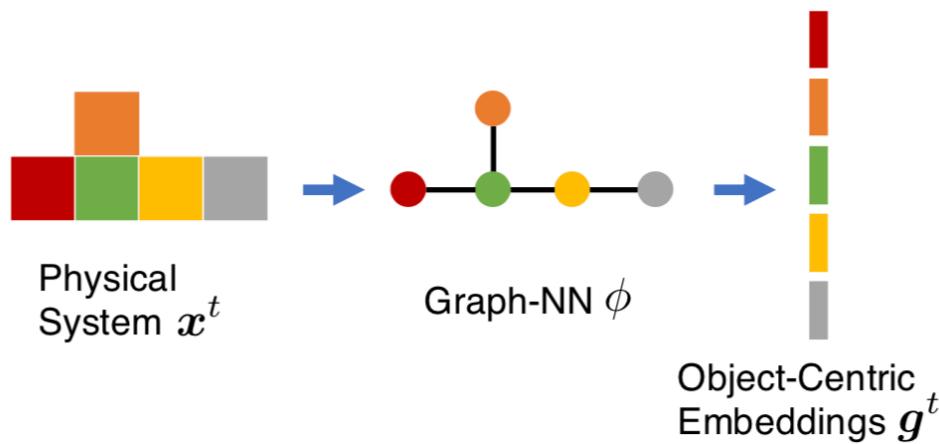
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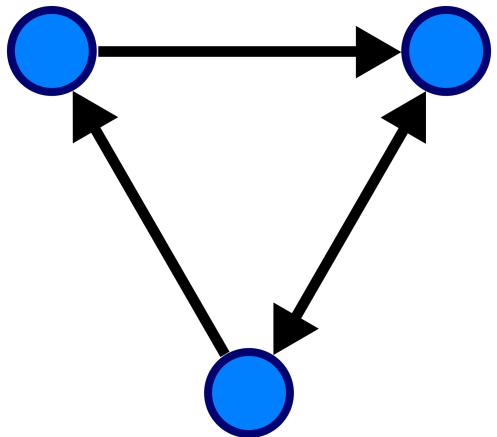


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Graph Neural Networks

- Represent the state as a graph, where each component is a node
- Model the interactions between components using neural networks



$$G = \langle O, R \rangle$$

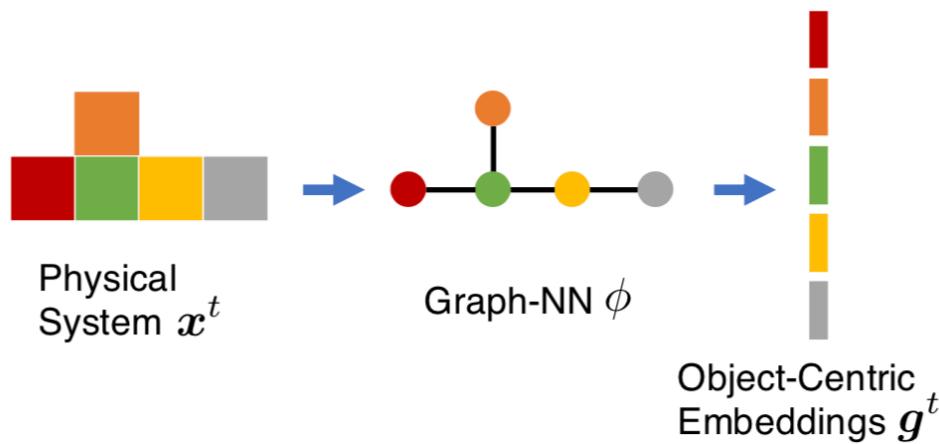
$$e_k = f_R(o_i, o_j), r_k = \langle o_i, o_j \rangle$$

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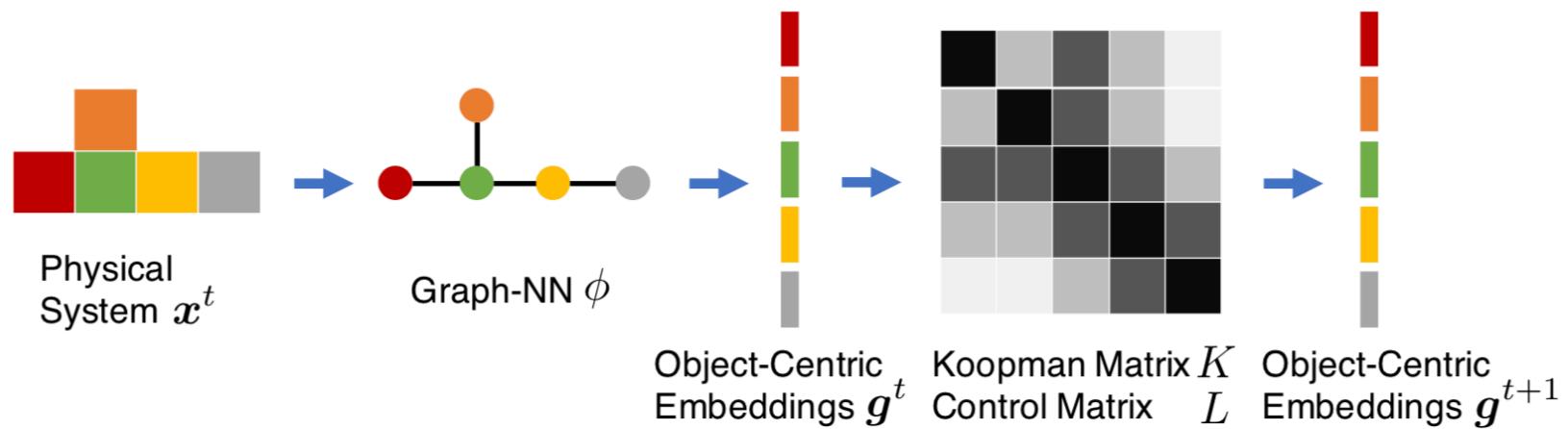
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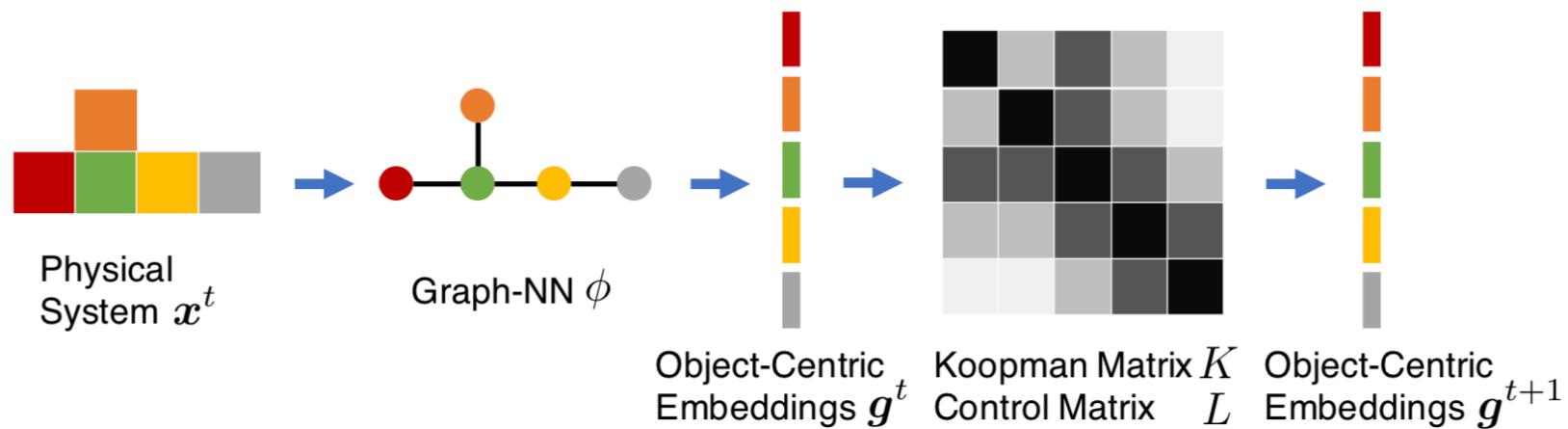
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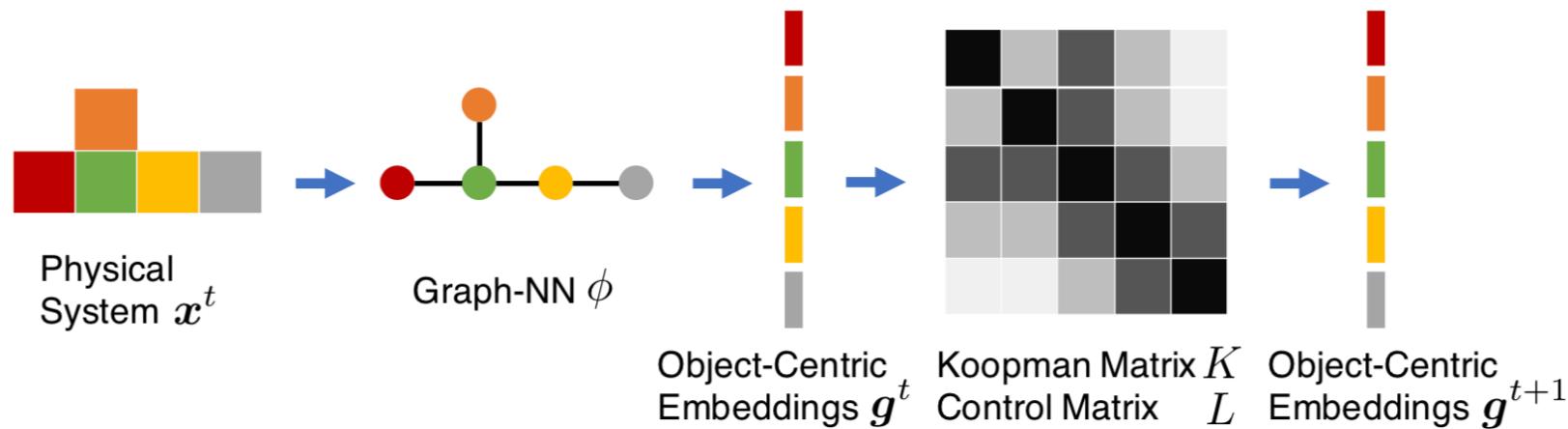
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Block-wise structure of the Koopman matrix:

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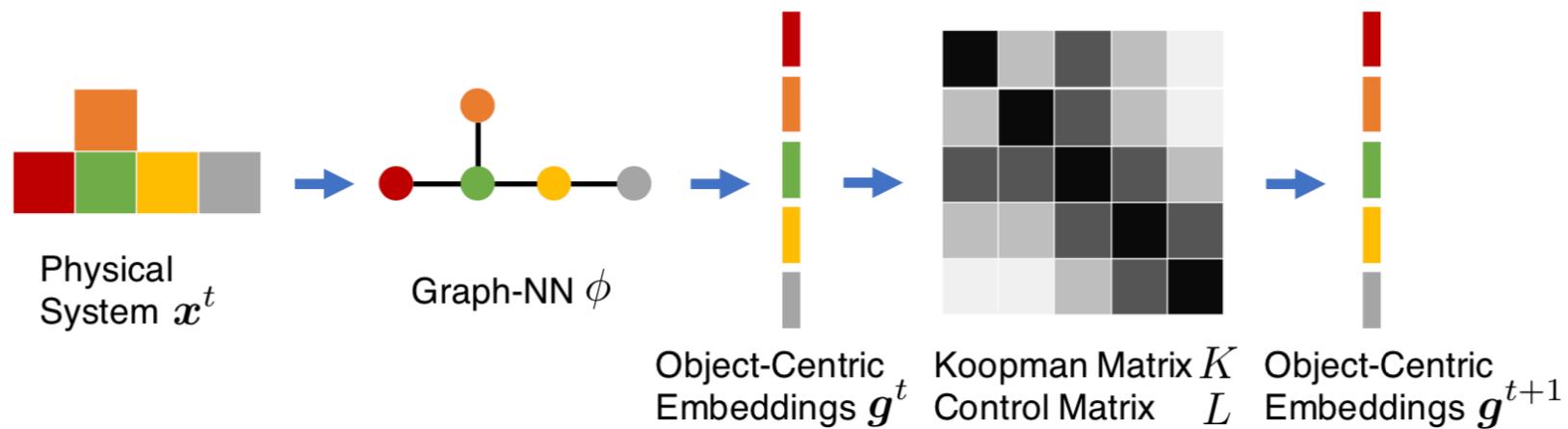
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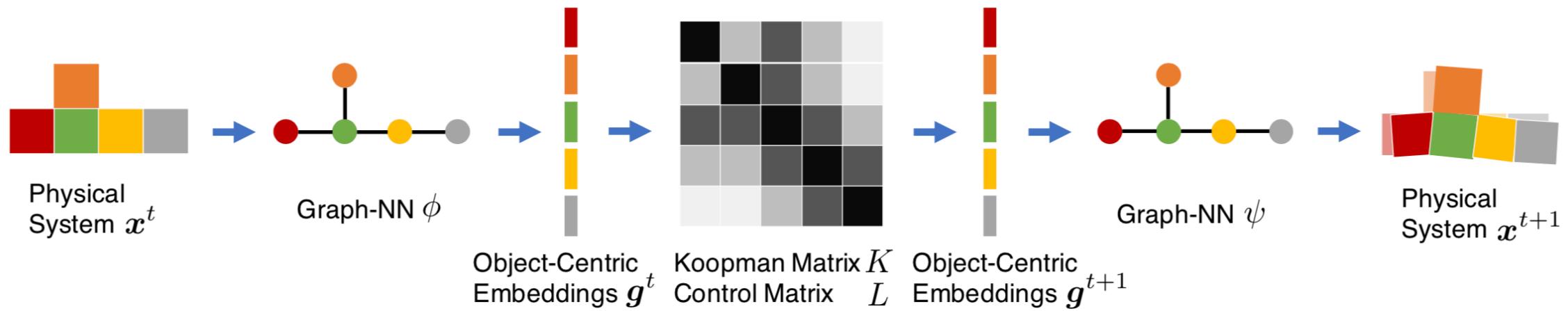
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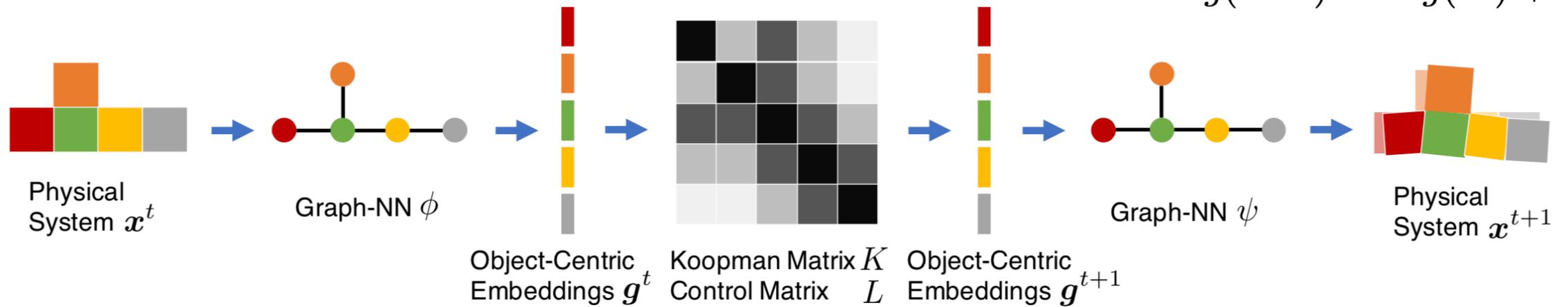
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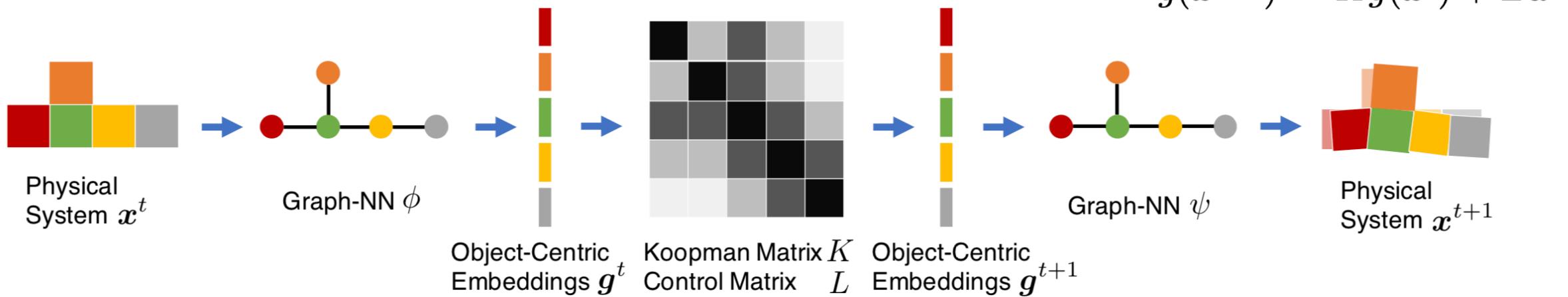
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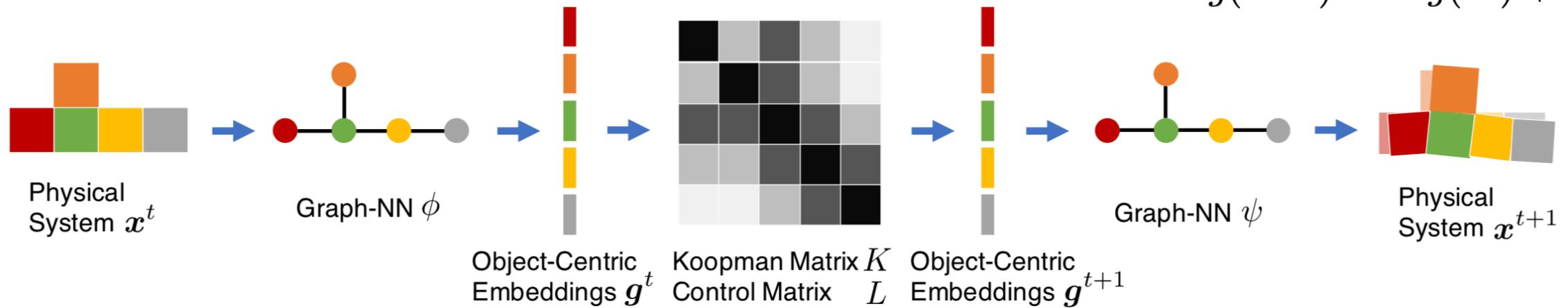
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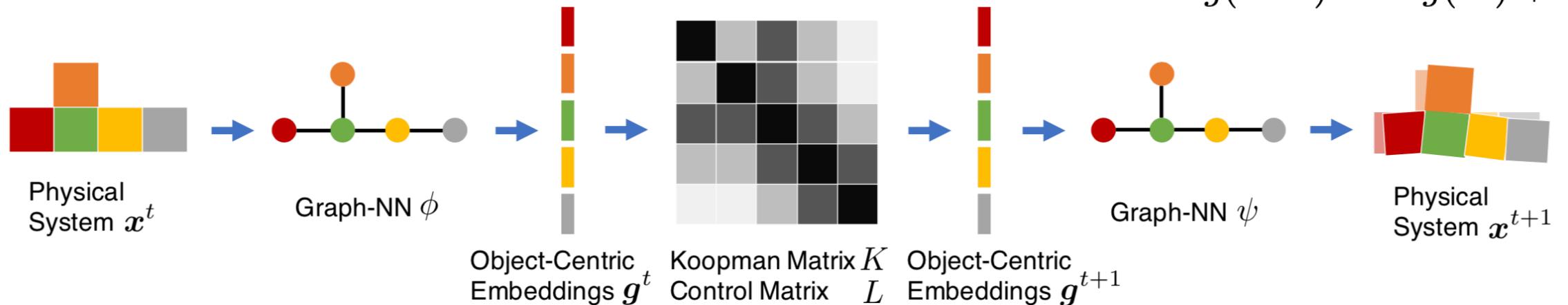
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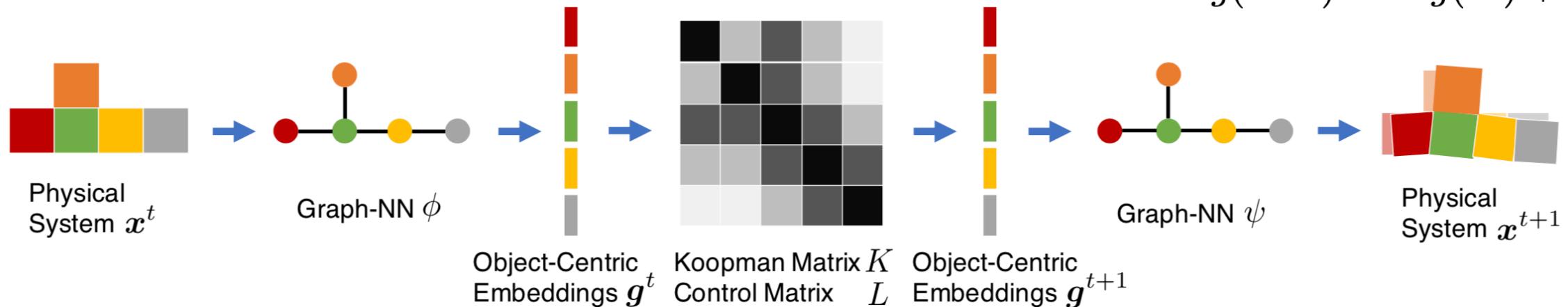
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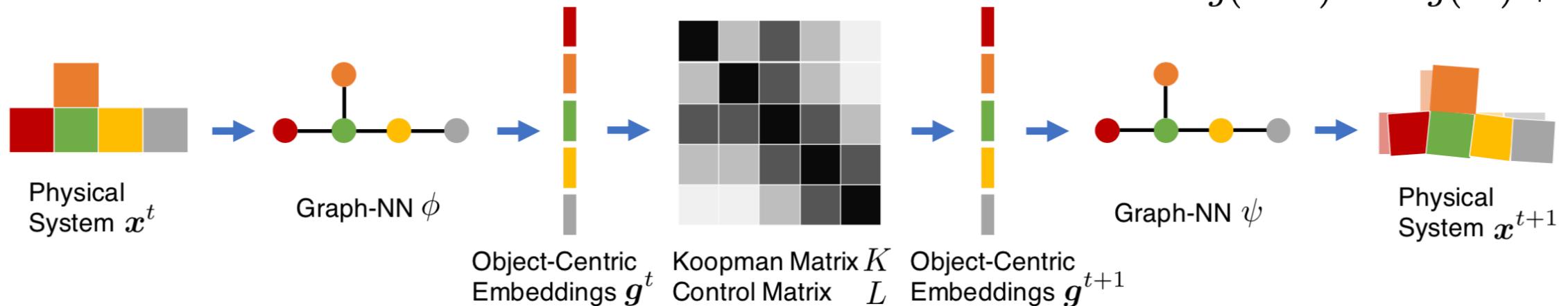
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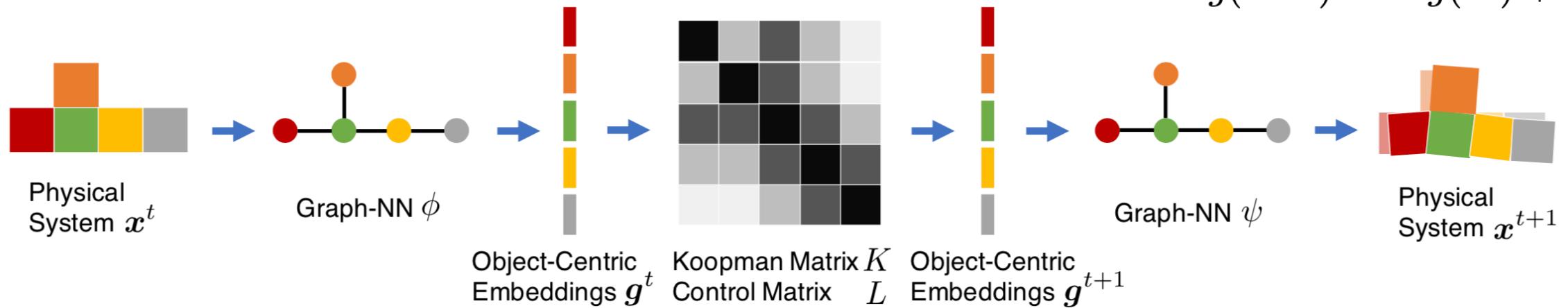
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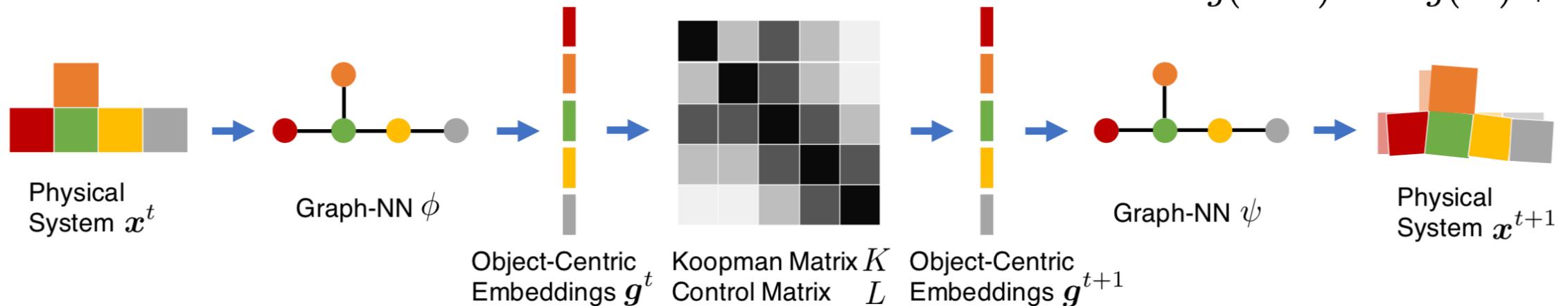
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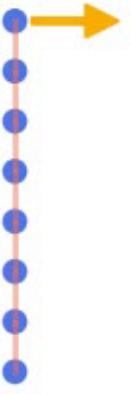


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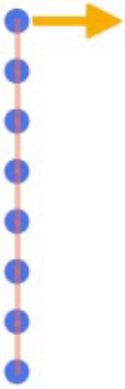
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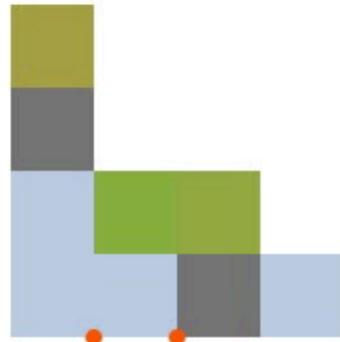


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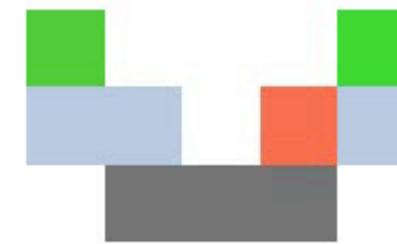
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Soft Tissue



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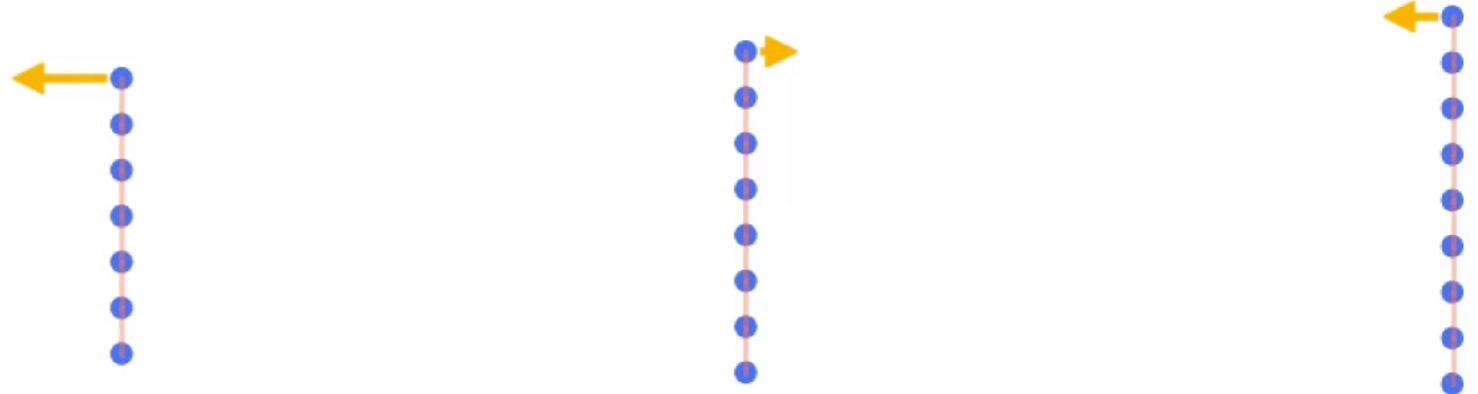
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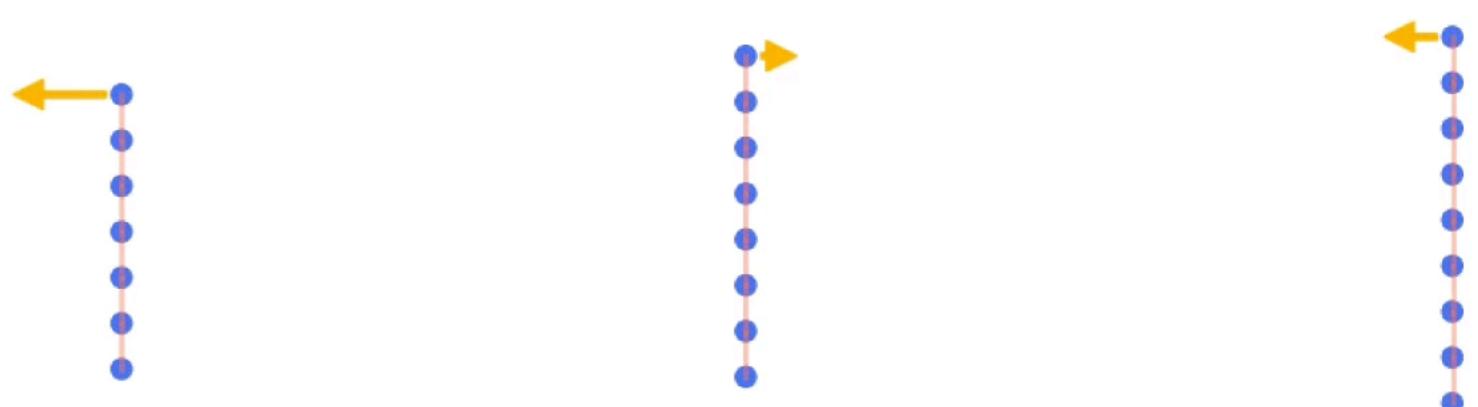
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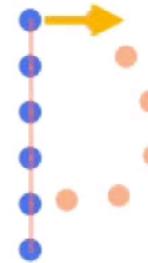
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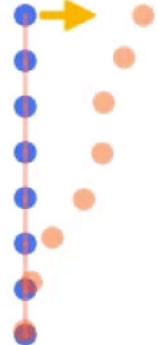
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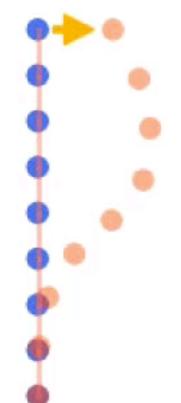
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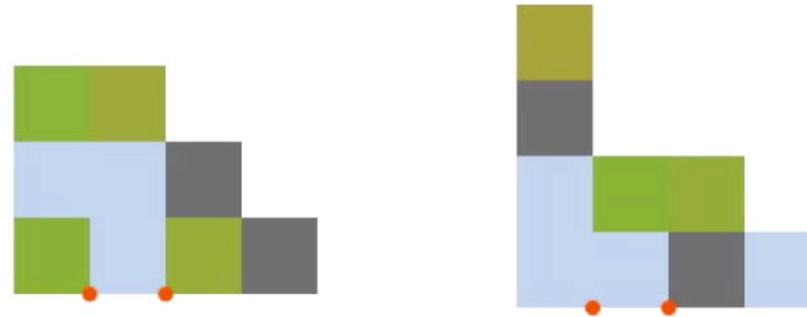


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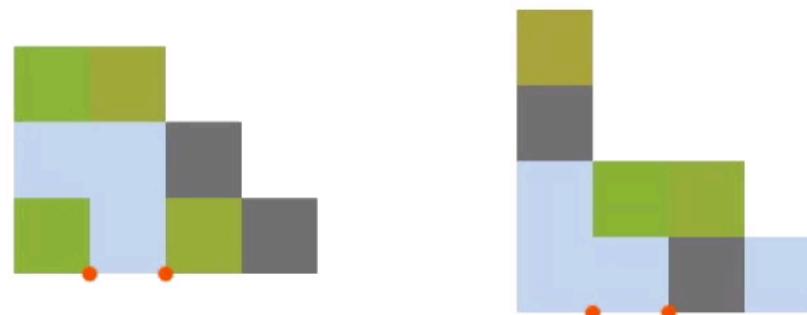
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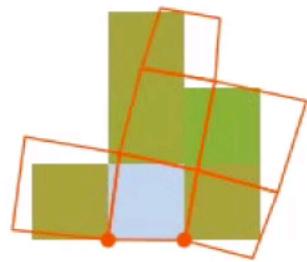
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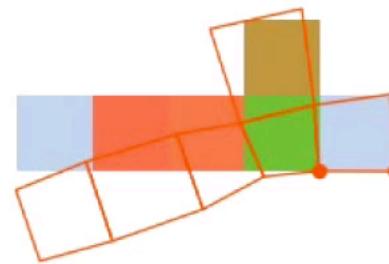
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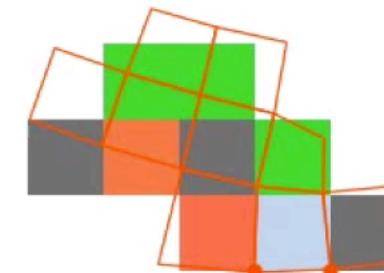
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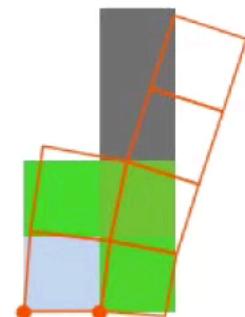
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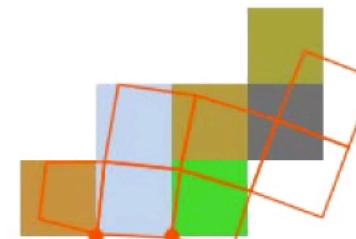
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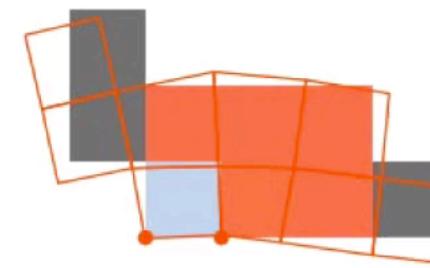
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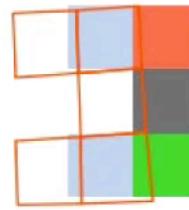
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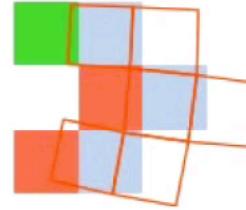
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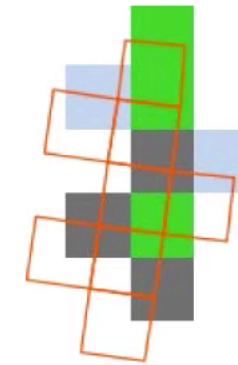
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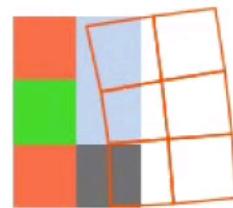
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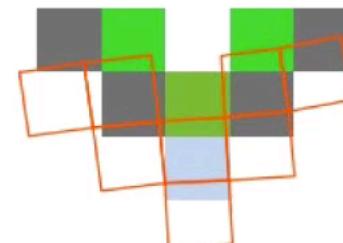
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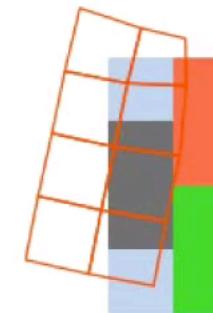
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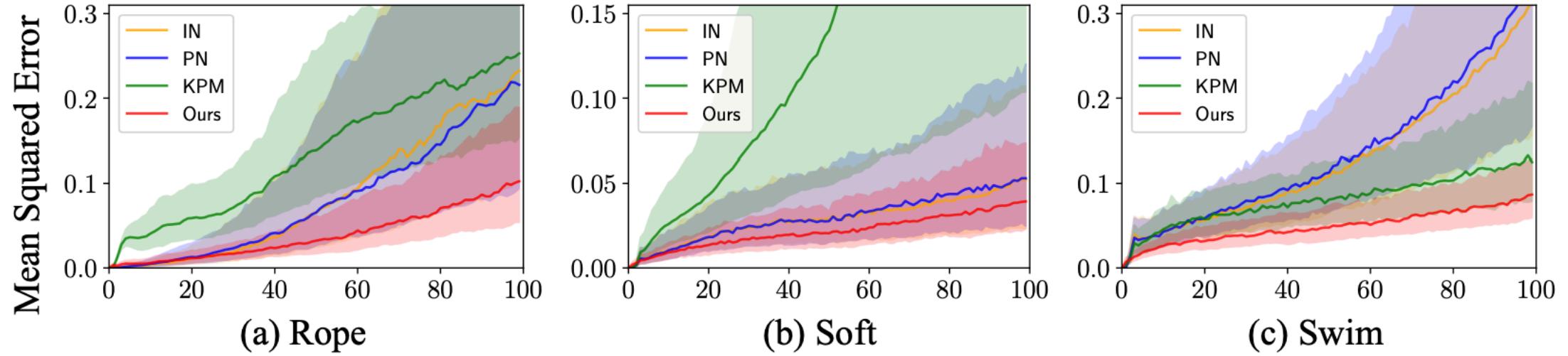


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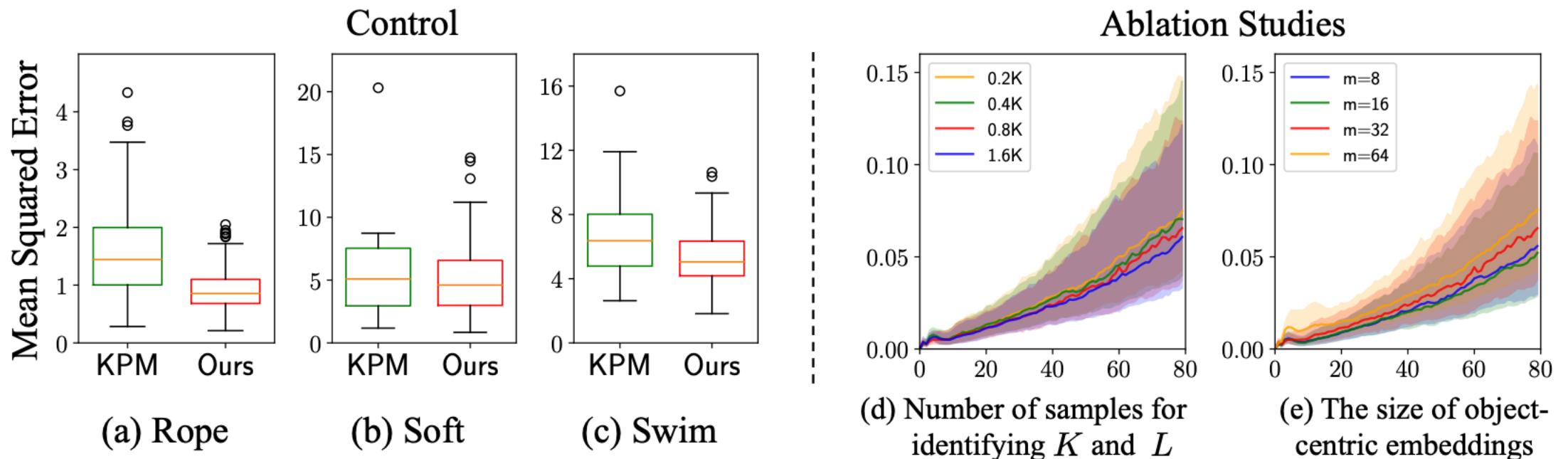


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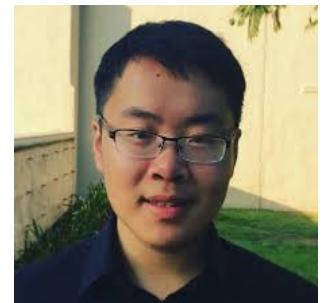
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