GNN: Simulation

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Background

- Realistic simulators of complex physics
 - Invaluable to many scientific and engineering disciplines.
 - Very expensive to create and use.
 - Trade off generality for accuracy.
 - Prohibitive for scaling up.
- Learning simulations from data
 - Use machine learning to train simulators directly from observed data.
 - Efficient and fast for predicting complex phenomena.
 - Difficult for standard end-to-end learning approaches to overcome.
- Graph Network-Based Simulator
 - Inductive biases.
 - Interpretability and generalization ability.

Graph Network-Based Simulator (GNS)



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Simulation Results



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Performance

- A *general* approach to learning particle simulation.
- Simpler to implement.
- Accurate across fluid, rigid, and deformable material systems.
- High generalization ability.
- Robust to hyperparameter choices across various evaluation metrics.

Variant: MESHGRAPHNETS

learning mesh-based simulations using graph neural networks

- Pass messages on a mesh graph.
- Adaptive remeshing.



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Inductive Biases of Graph Networks

• An inductive bias allows a learning algorithm to prioritize one solution (or interpretation) over another, independent of the observed data (Mitchell, 1980).

Component	Entities	Relations	Rel. inductive bias	Invariance
Fully connected	Units	All-to-all	Weak	-
Convolutional	Grid elements	Local	Locality	Spatial translation
Recurrent	Timesteps	Sequential	Sequentiality	Time translation
Graph network	Nodes	Edges	Arbitrary	Node, edge permutations

Hamiltonian Graph Networks with ODE Integrators



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Discovering Symbolic Models from GNS



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Learning Dynamics for Manipulation



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Scalable Graph Networks for Particle Simulations





Figure 2: Models trained and evaluated on increasing particle counts. (a) 20 step rollout RMSE, (b) 200 step rollout RMSE, (c) energy error after 20 steps, (d) energy error after 200 steps. Batch sizes smaller than 100 were used if not enough memory was available (shown in the graph).

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Limitations and Discussions



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Thank you!