

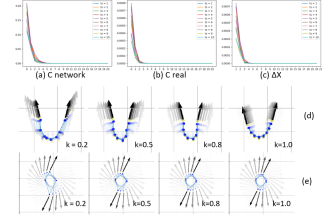
1 We thank all the reviewers for their constructive suggestions and insightful comments. We will address all the suggested
 2 expositional changes such as the algorithm complexity, details on training, and adding all the suggested references. We
 3 will also release our codebase with clear comments and naming conventions to ensure reproducibility.

4 **Role of C and Quantitative Evaluations (R1,R2,R3,R4)** The network output C corresponds to pure constraint satisfac-
 5 tion. No transition component was involved in the final output, owing to the projection nature of our iterative algorithm.

6 In this sense, the constraint satisfaction functioned as the key criterion for our evalua-
 7 tions to measure the effectiveness of the learning model (e.g., see Fig 9). This criterion
 8 was fundamentally different from the previous work and we believed it to be a vital
 9 point to quantitatively reveal the nature of a constraint dynamic system. This fact is

10 further evidenced by our latest experiment shown in the inset figures. We plotted the
 11 learned constraint C_{net} (network output), the real, observed constraint C_{real} (analytical
 12 expression), and the magnitude of the positional correction Δx against iteration steps.
 13 We observed that all three quantities converge to zero after 5 iterations (the same
 14 iteration number we set in training). Further, we calculated the Pearson correlation

15 coefficient of our learned C and real C , using 1000 random frames, each with 5 iterations, and got a statistically
 16 significant correlation of 0.914 (for linear relations). This observation indicates a clear physical meaning of the network
 17 C that is almost identical to its analytical counterpart. To show this, we further operate on the learned C by relaxing its
 18 value and observe different levels of constraint satisfaction. For instance, we can predict rope / rigid behaviors with
 19 different stiffness by relaxing the network C to different extents (see figure (d)(e) above).



20 **Comparison with IN and Other Approaches (R1,R2,R3)** We chose to make direct comparisons with IN because we
 21 believe it is the family of approaches most relevant to ours, which aims to uncover *unknown* dynamics from limited
 22 observation. We did not compare our method with differentiable physics solvers, such as ChainQueen, which assume
 23 *known* governing equations. One of the main reasons that our model can outperform IN is due to its implicit nature,
 24 realized by time-independent correction, which is inherently suited for tackling stiff systems such as rigid and articulated
 25 bodies. Such systems are challenging for explicit transitional methods due to the timestep restriction (imagine the
 26 difficulty on simulating a rigid body using springs with infinite stiffness). Currently, we reported the timestep size
 27 ($\Delta t = .1$ for all examples) in Supplementary. We will highlight this in Results and add further discussions endorsed by
 28 a new experiment we conducted to demonstrate the different timestep sensitivities between the two models. We are also
 29 happy to incorporate comparisons with other models, but to the best of our knowledge, our projection paradigm is the
 30 only approach that can uncover constraints in such a simple and end-to-end fashion.

31 **Real-World 3D Applications (R1,R2,R3,R4)** There was no technical barrier that prevents our approach from
 32 being used in predicting 3D physical systems. Here we show a 3D cloth example, as asked by R4, to show-
 33 case its capability in predicting more complicated 3D physics. We are happy to extend all our four exam-
 34 ples to 3D to better demonstrate its scalability. On the other hand, we also want to argue that the main dif-
 35 ficulty on reasoning a real-world physical system lies in the system's range of stiffness rather than its number
 36 of DoFs. E.g., a rigid body has 6 effective DoFs only, yet its dynamics is challenging to obtain using a transi-
 37 tional learning model which does not take a rotational prior and has the same parameter size as ours (0.3M).

38 The four examples we showed in our manuscript covered dynamic systems exhibiting
 39 a broad range of stiffness and different types of constraints, which we believe can
 40 characterize the main portion of real-world solid systems (rigid, soft, articulation, and
 41 collision). Last, as mentioned in Limitation, we acknowledge that our algorithm can
 42 process solids only (rigid, soft, or any system with a fixed material space). This model
 43 cannot predict Eulerian systems with temporally varying local relations (e.g., fluid). R1 made insightful suggestions on
 44 tackling such challenges by incorporating GNNs into neural projection. We will discuss this direction in Future Work.



45 **R1 Individual Comments** *Collision*: All the collisions in the dataset are currently inelastic; *Alg 2*: Yes, the outer loop
 46 is for averaging corrections among groups and the projection function is the same as Alg 1.; *Does Δx converge to zero?*
 47 *Yes!* *More/fewer iterations at test time?* More is fine (because of projection) but fewer does not work; *Are sample*
 48 *points the same in Fig 6?* Yes; *Error accumulation*: The constraint errors do not accumulates but the trajectory errors
 49 do; *IN and MLP*: We used a single layer IN for comparison. MLP outperforms IN because it predicts correction only.

50 **R2 Individual Comments** *Size of benchmark*: See Supplementary B1; *Parameter variation*: We randomized initial
 51 conditions for position, orientation, and external forces, all ranging from $[-5, 5]$; *Problem structure*: We used the
 52 analytical expressions to measure position, length, and angle constraints; *Simulation*: Our model is not sensitive to
 53 simulation algorithms as far as the underlying constraints can be observed from data; *Single example*: The plots for Fig
 54 3-6 were used specifically to accommodate the animated examples. We had obtained and will incorporate statistical
 55 data with more parameter variations; *Grouping*: Yes, the grouping information was set as a prior input.

56 **R3 Individual Comments** *Gradient of projection*: The gradient was calculated using the standard auto-differentiation.