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NeuMA: Neural Material Adaptor for Visual Grounding of Intrinsic Dynamics

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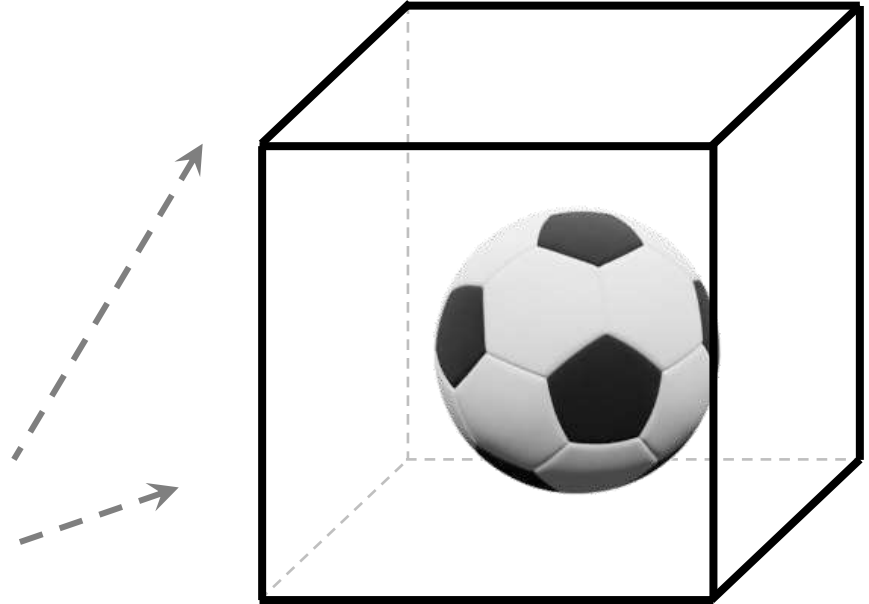
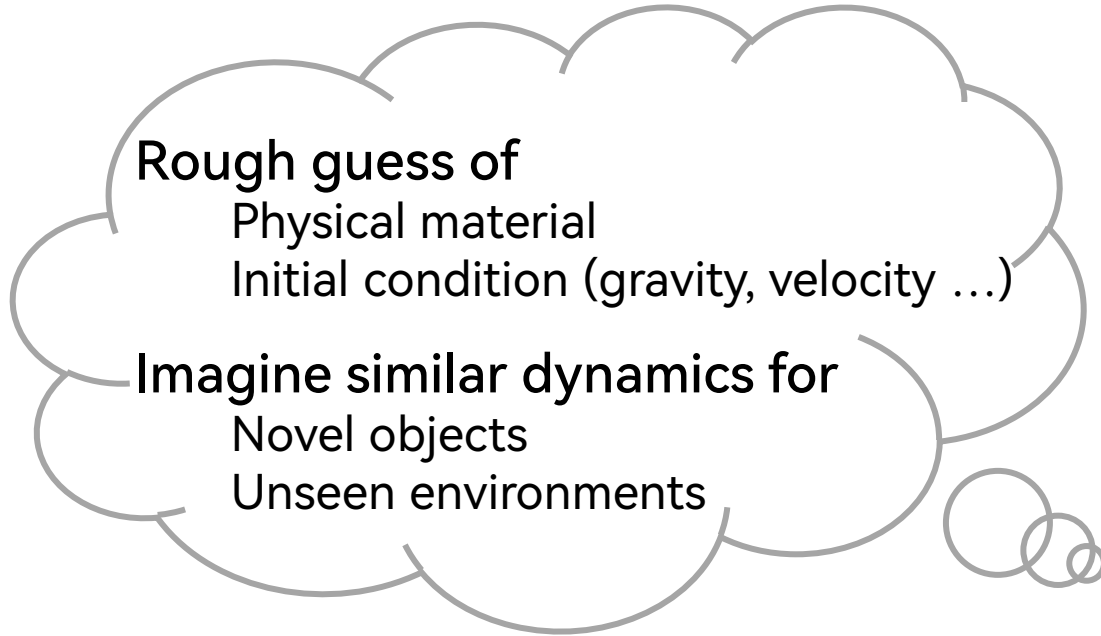
Observation



Generation

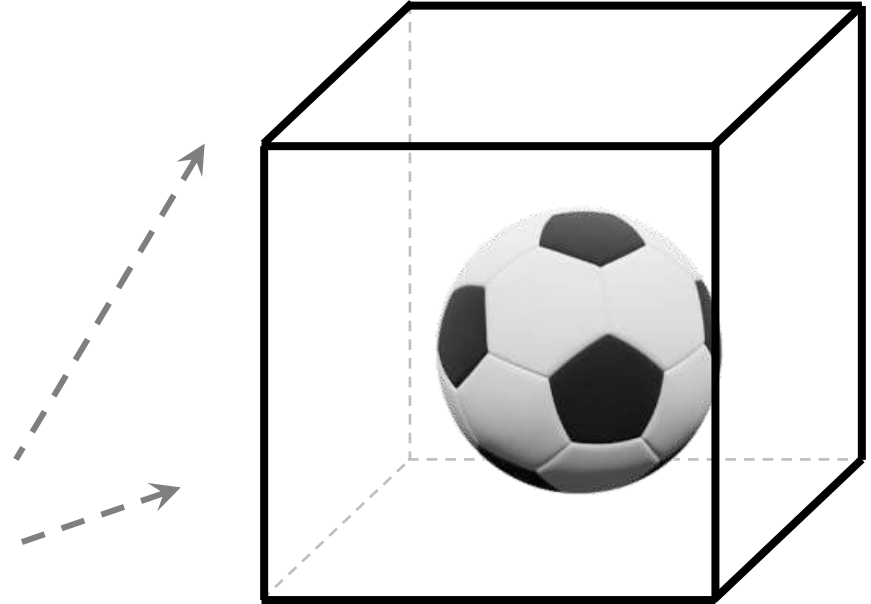
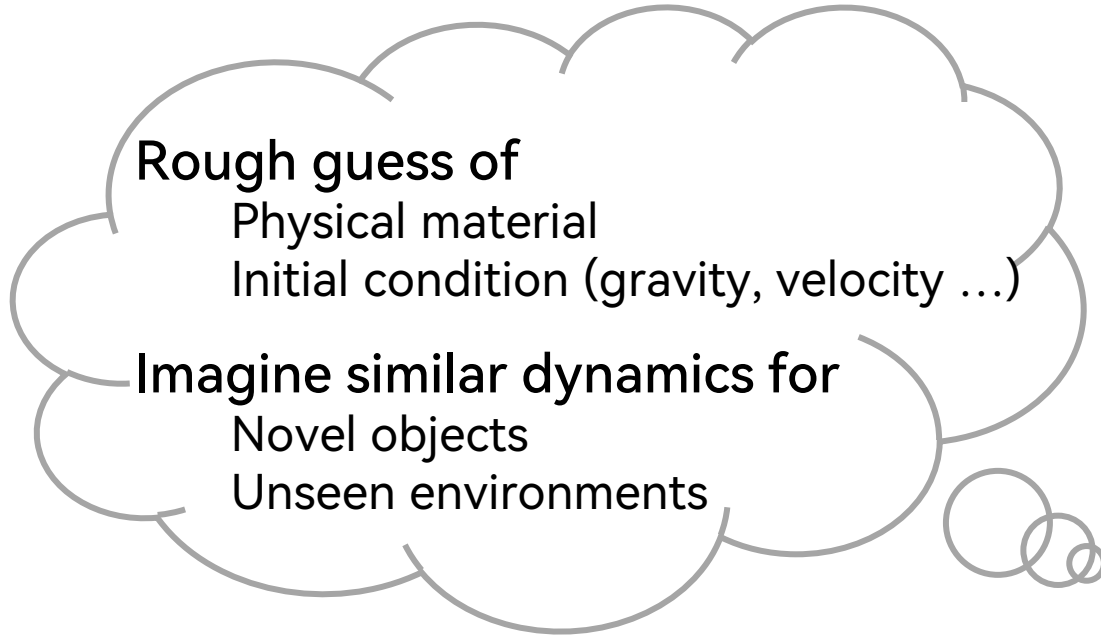


Visual Dynamics Grounding



Elastic Material

Visual Dynamics Grounding

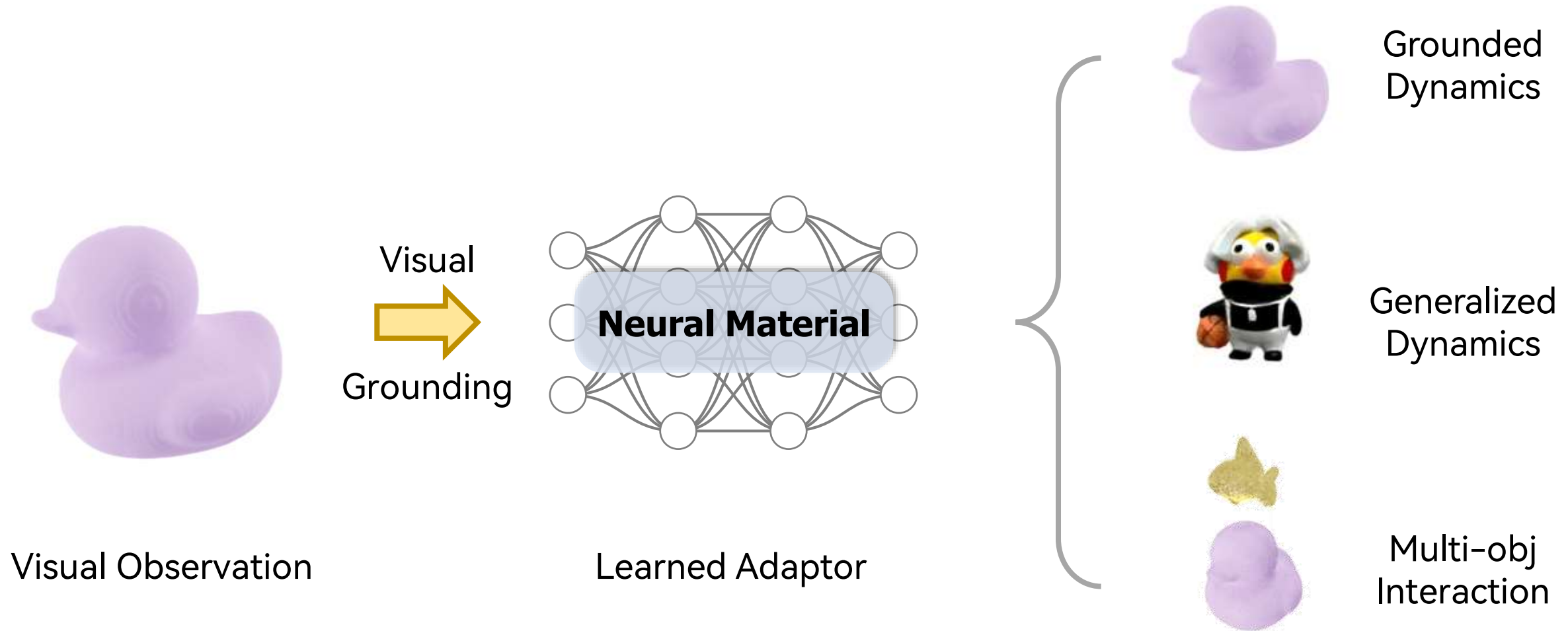


Plastic Material

Different materials lead to
different dynamics

Overview

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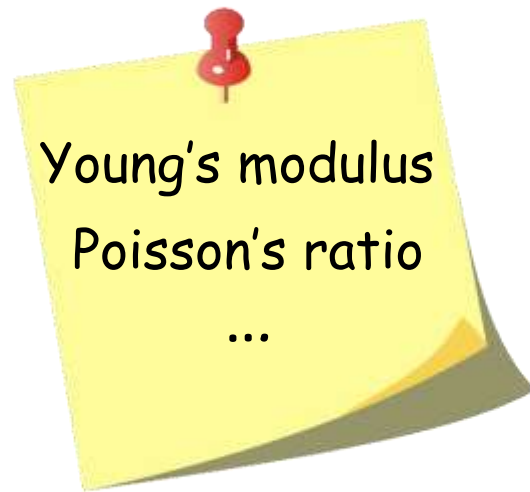
Sections

- Related Work
- Methodology
- Results

Common Pipeline

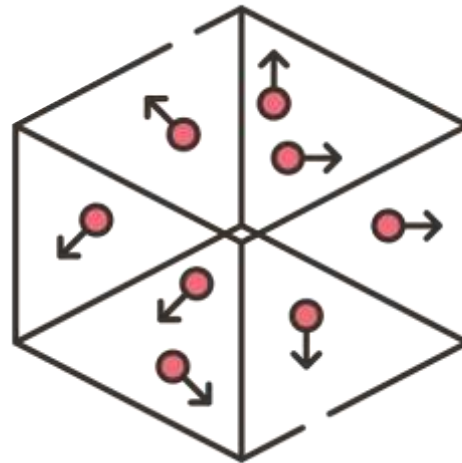
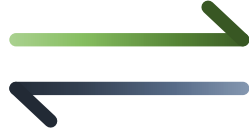
→ Forward Evolution

← Backward Optimization



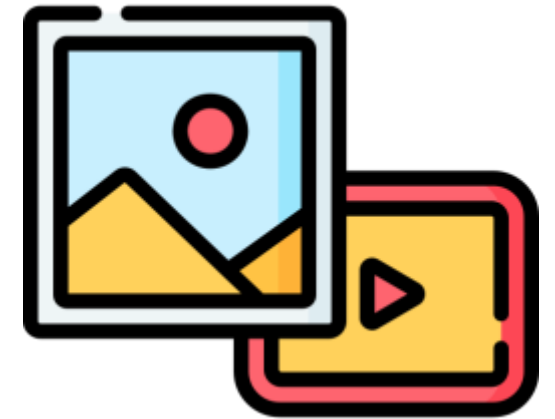
Physical Property

Simulator



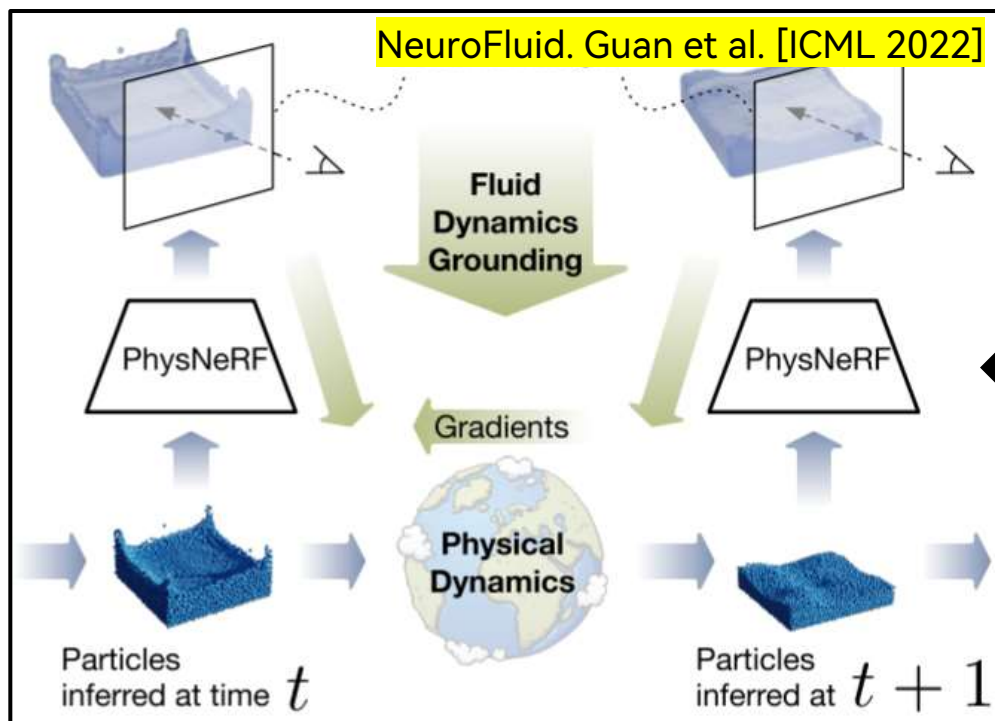
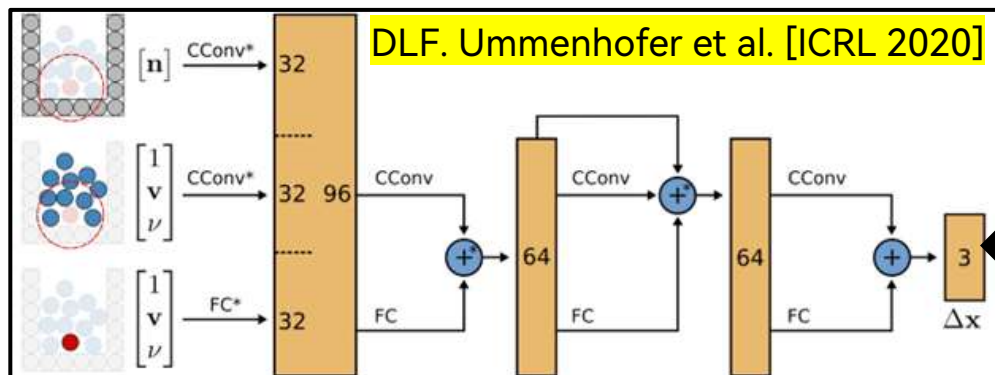
Simulation Results

Renderer

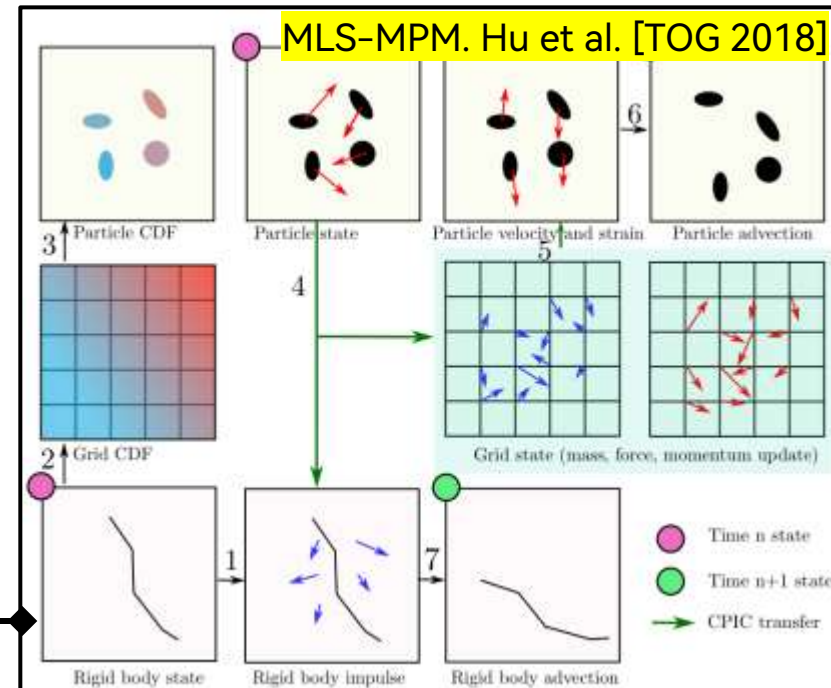


Rendered Results

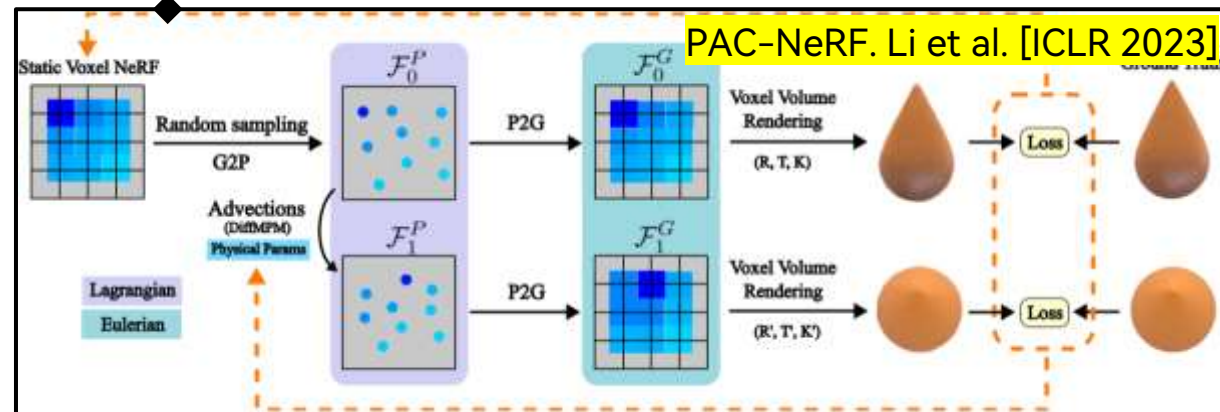
Type of



Black Box (Implicit)



White Box (Explicit)



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Problem: How to **accurately** infer the underlying **intrinsic dynamics** from the **visual observations**?

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Core Idea



Visual
Observation

Learning of
Material Models

$$\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{M}_0$$

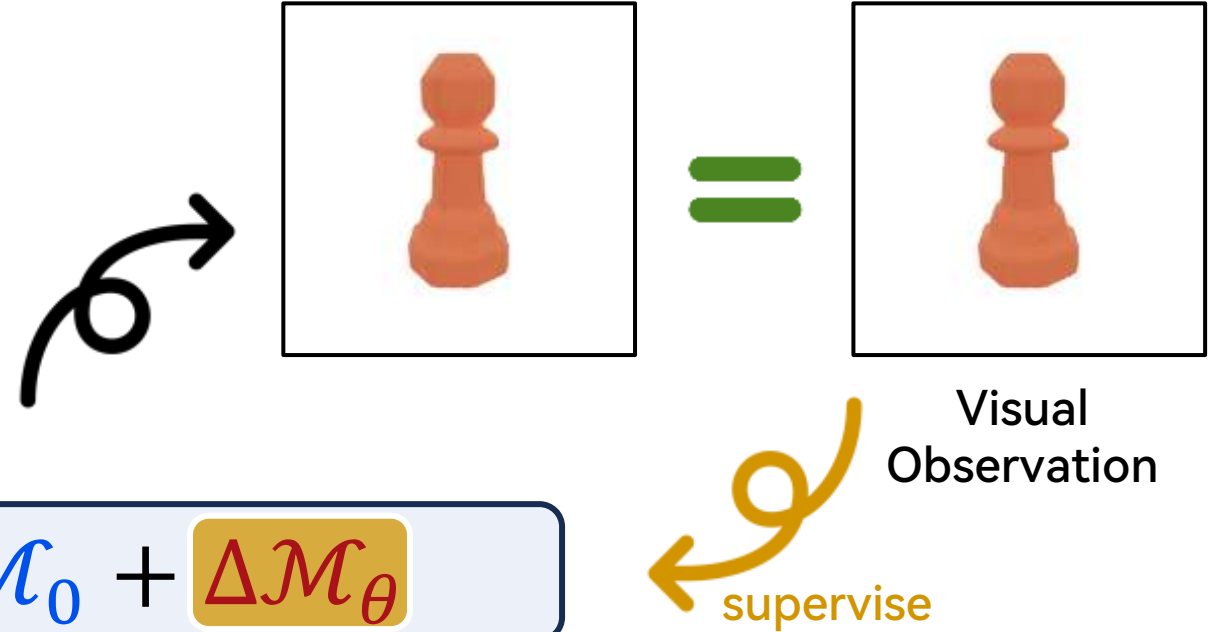
Physical prior
e.g., von Mises Plasticity

Core Idea

Learning of
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$$\mathcal{M}_\theta := \mathcal{M}_0 + \Delta\mathcal{M}_\theta$$

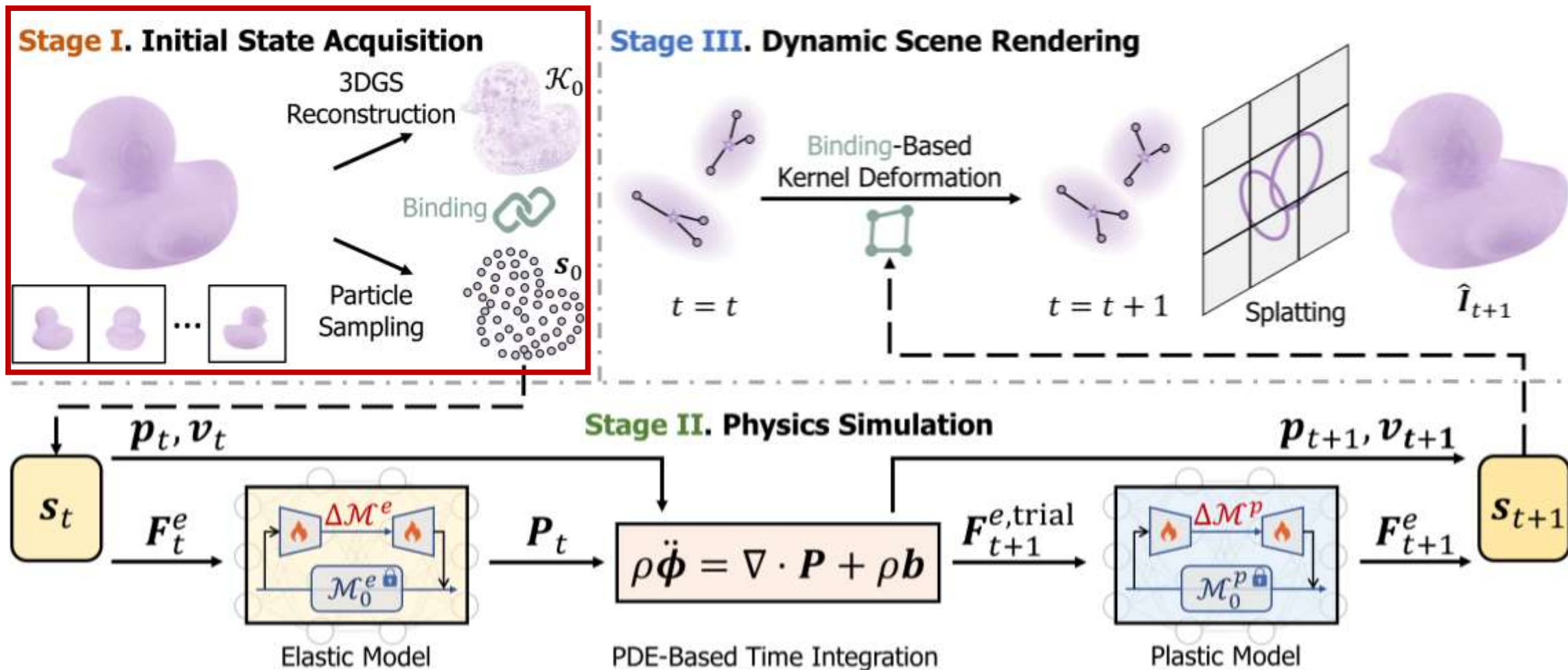
Residual correction
adapted to visual observations



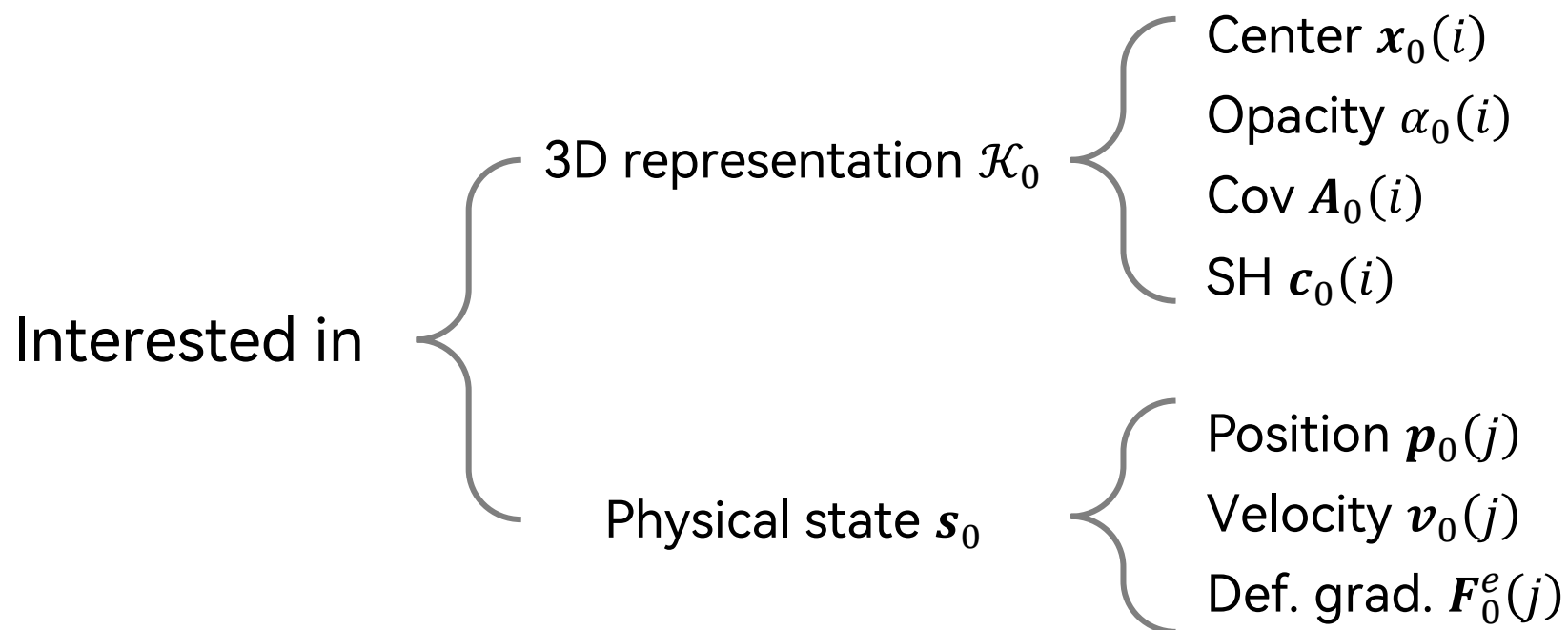
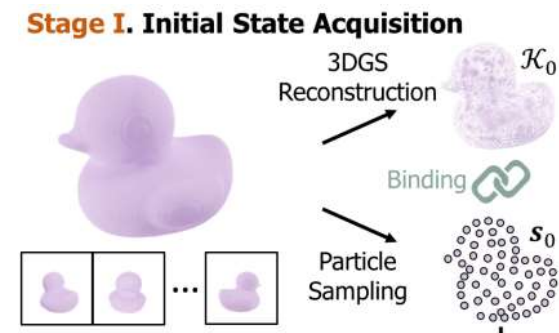
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Framework

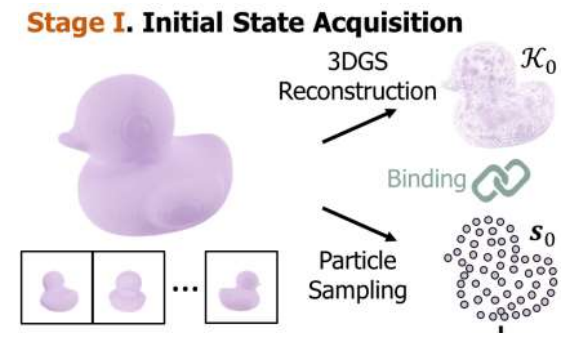
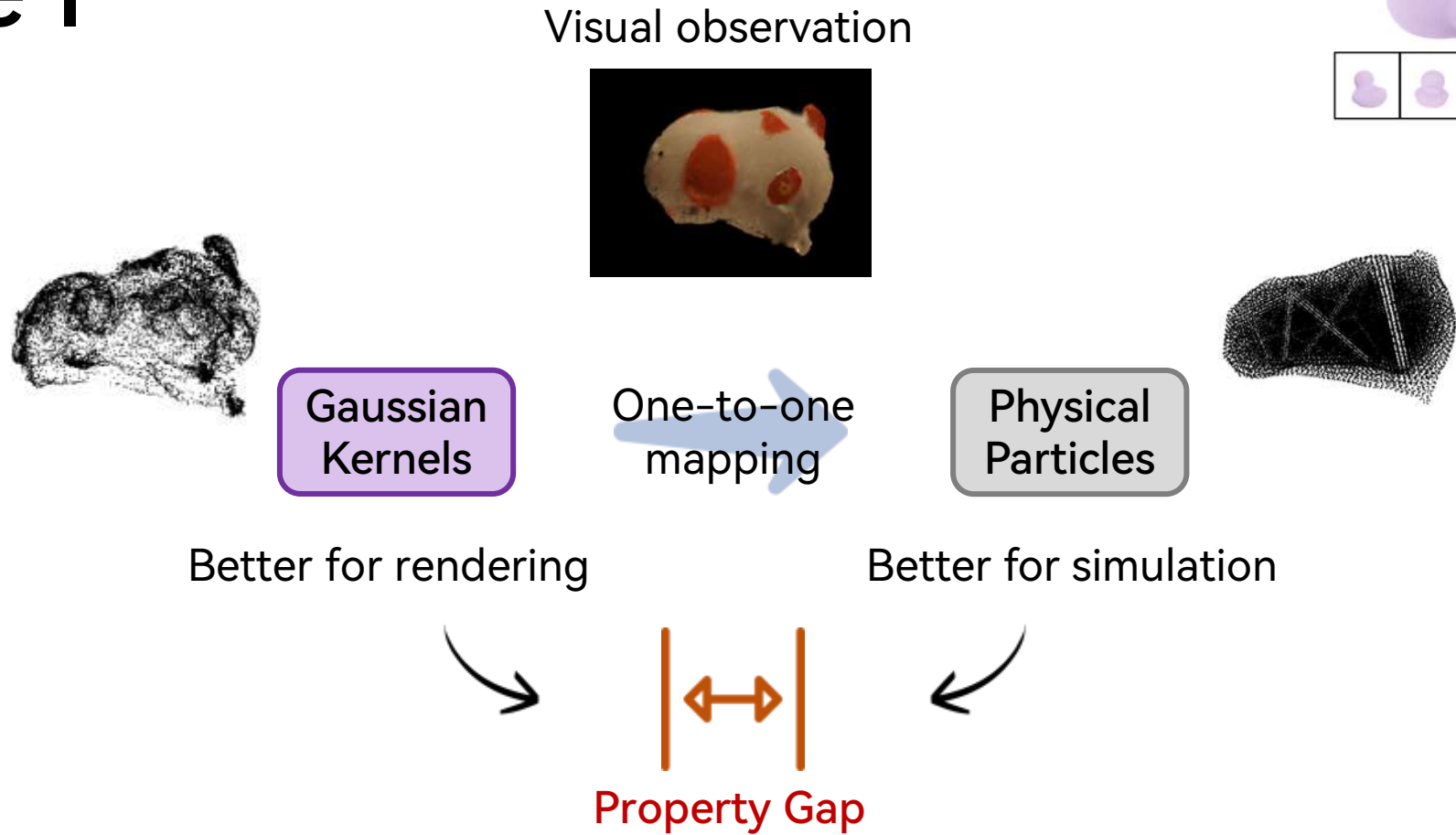


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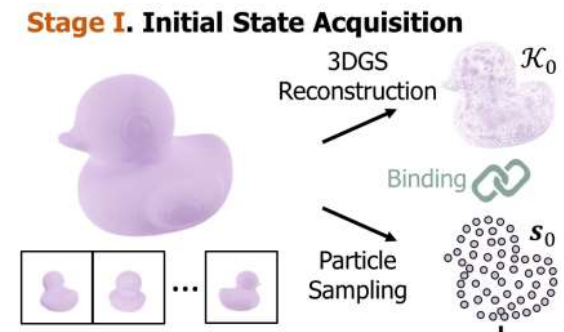
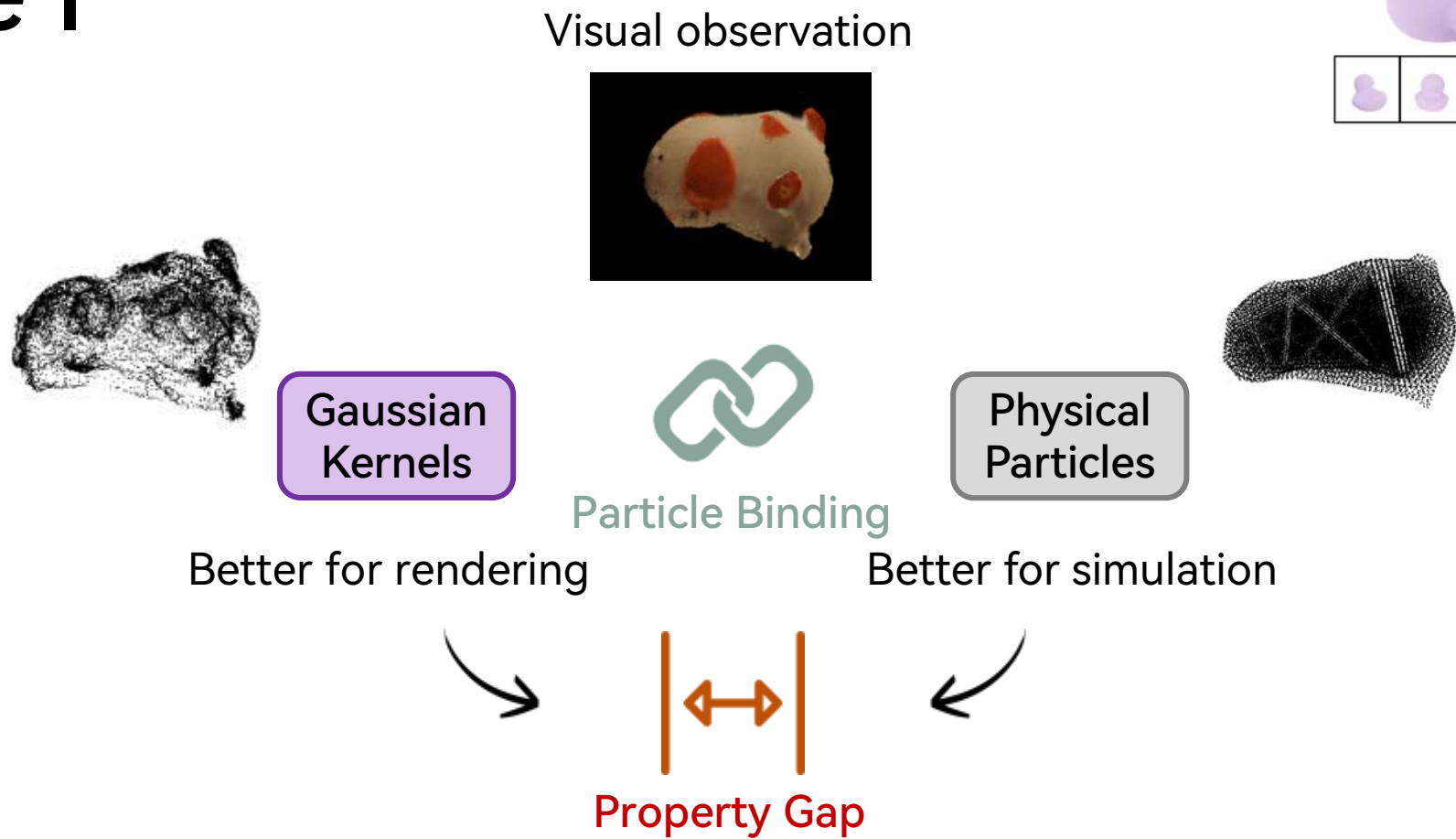


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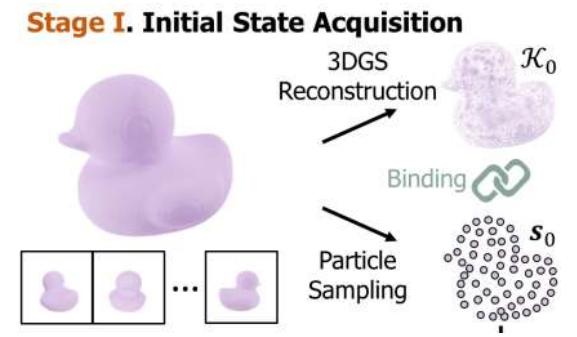
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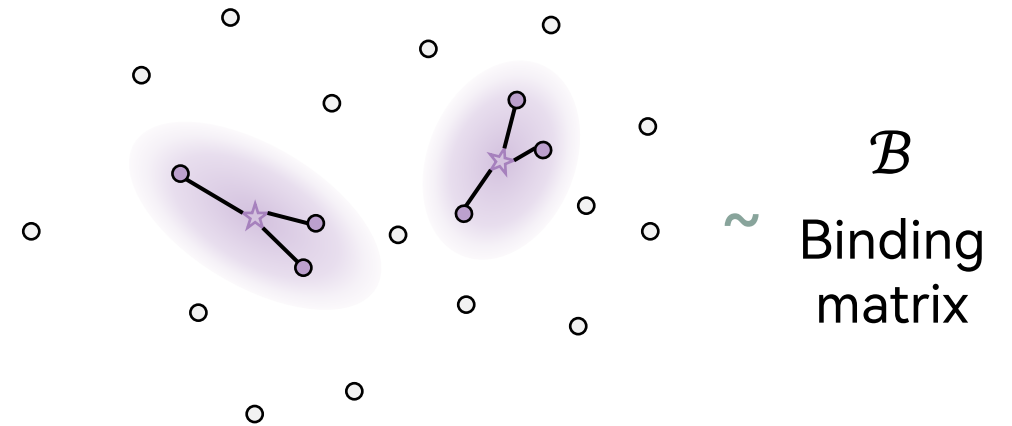
Algorithm 1: Particle Binding

Input: Gaussian centers $\{\mathbf{x}(i)\}_{i=1}^{N_K}$, Gaussian covariance $\{\mathbf{A}(i)\}_{i=1}^{N_K}$, particle positions $\{\mathbf{p}_0(j)\}_{j=1}^{N_P}$, confidence threshold τ

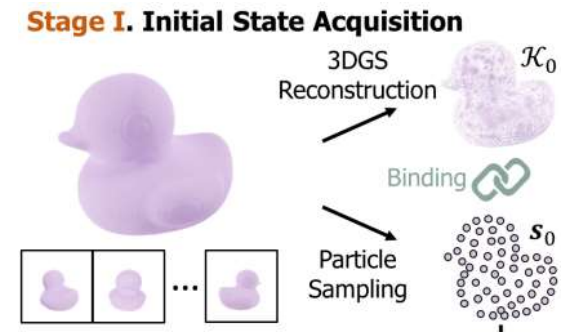
Output: Binding matrix \mathcal{B}

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1  $\mathcal{B} = \text{zeros}(N_K, N_P)$ ;
2 for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $N_K$  do
3   for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $N_P$  do
4     // Mahalanobis distance
4      $d_m = (\mathbf{p}_0(j) - \mathbf{x}(i))^\top \mathbf{A}(i)^{-1} (\mathbf{p}_0(j) - \mathbf{x}(i))$ ;
5     // Check the threshold
5     if  $d_m \leq \text{chi2}(\tau)$  then
6        $\mathcal{B}(i, j) = 1$ ;
7     end
8   end
9   // Normalize for each row
9    $\mathcal{B}(i, :) = \mathcal{B}(i, :) / (\text{sum}(\mathcal{B}(i, :)))$ ;
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Stage I -



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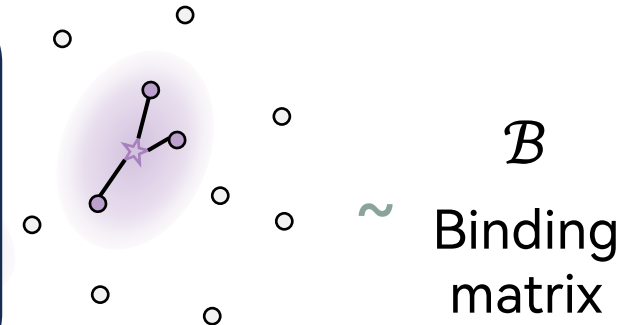
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Output: Binding matrix B

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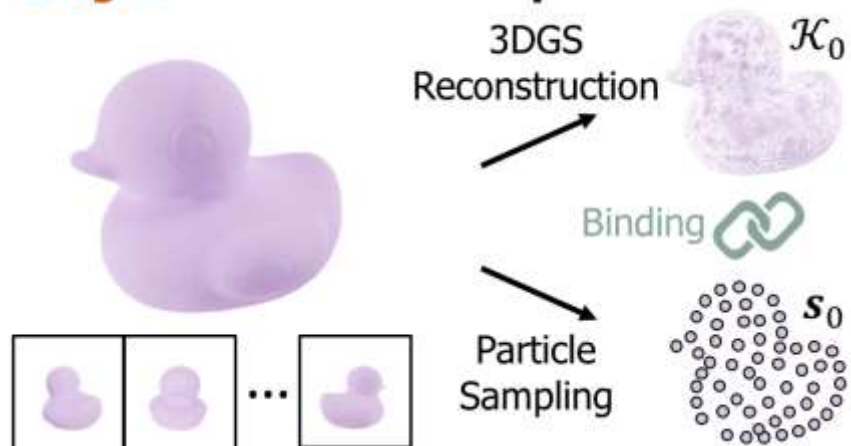
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	Average C.D.	
NeuMA (Ours)	1.31×10^{-4}	✓
NeuMA w/o Bind	6.60×10^{-4}	✗

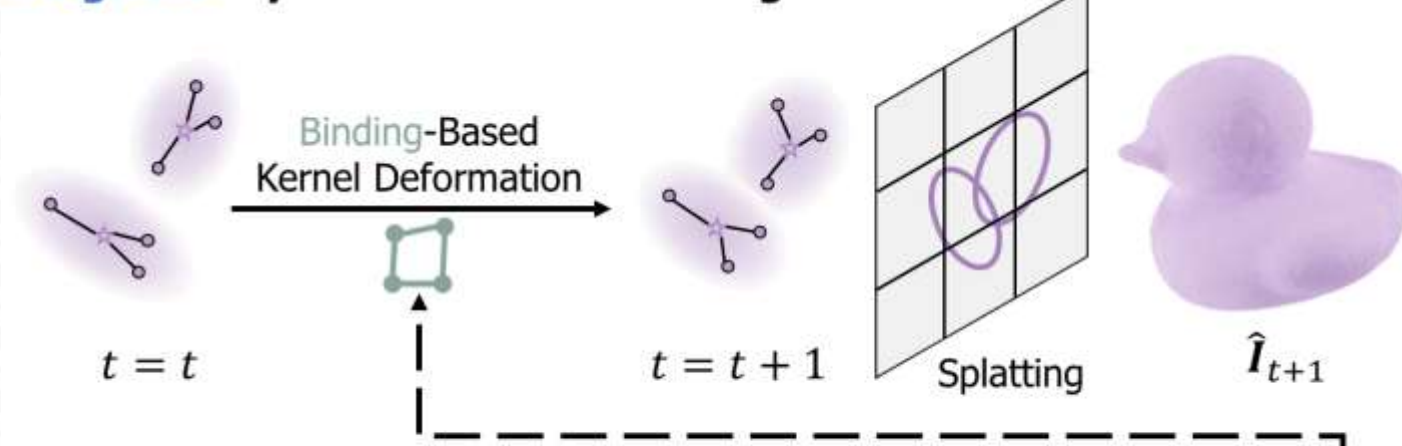


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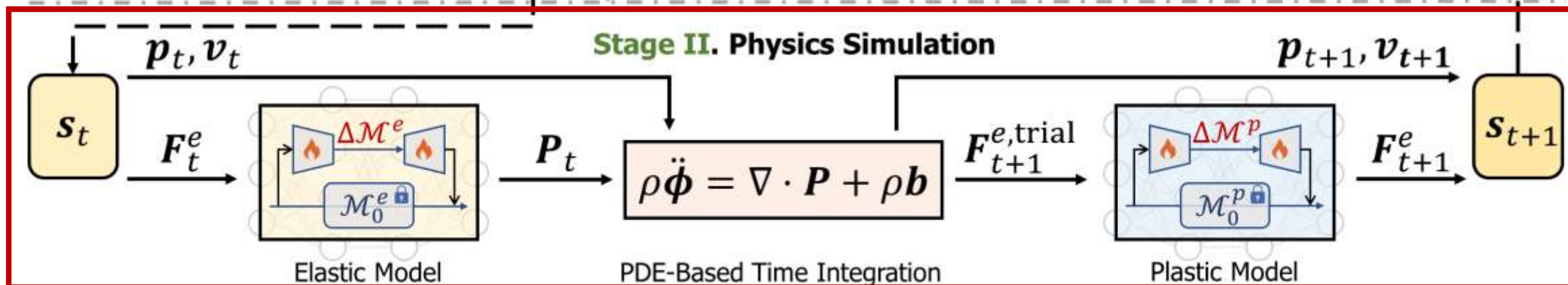
Stage I. Initial State Acquisition



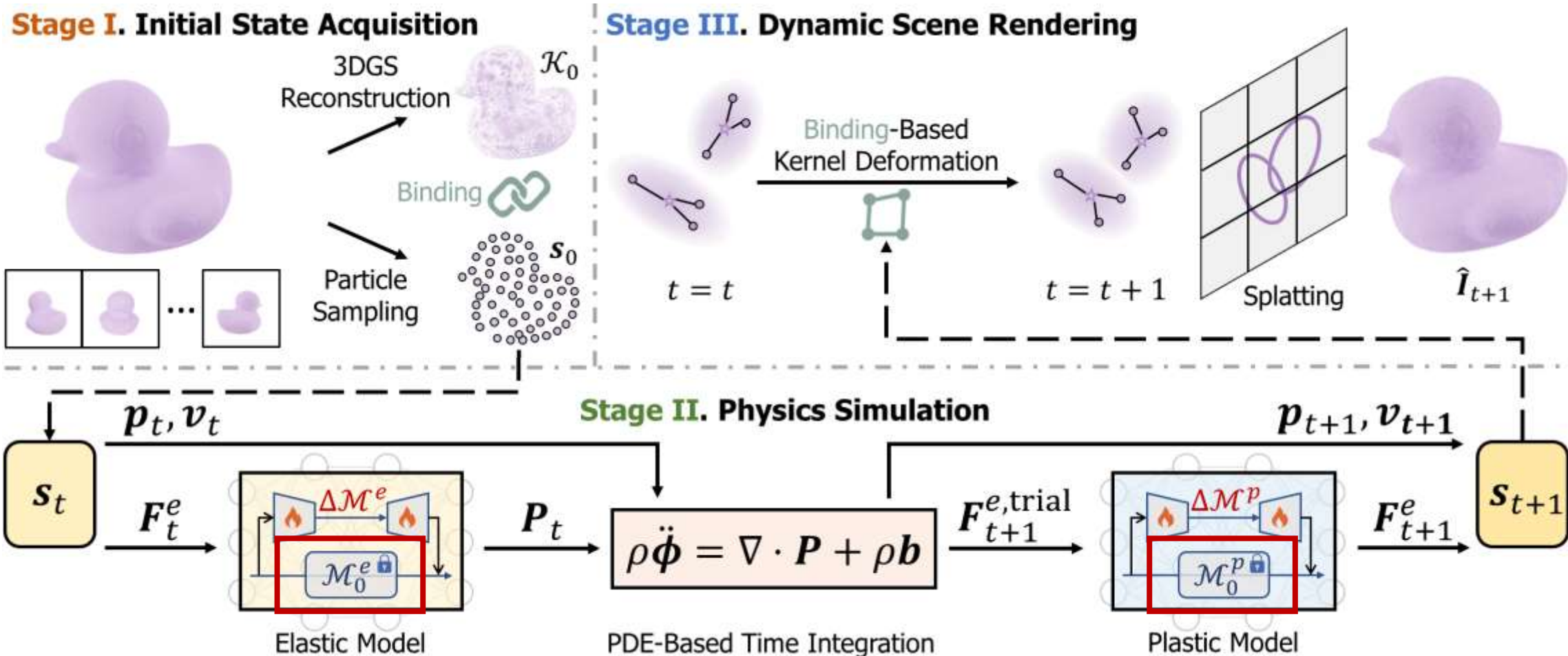
Stage III. Dynamic Scene Rendering



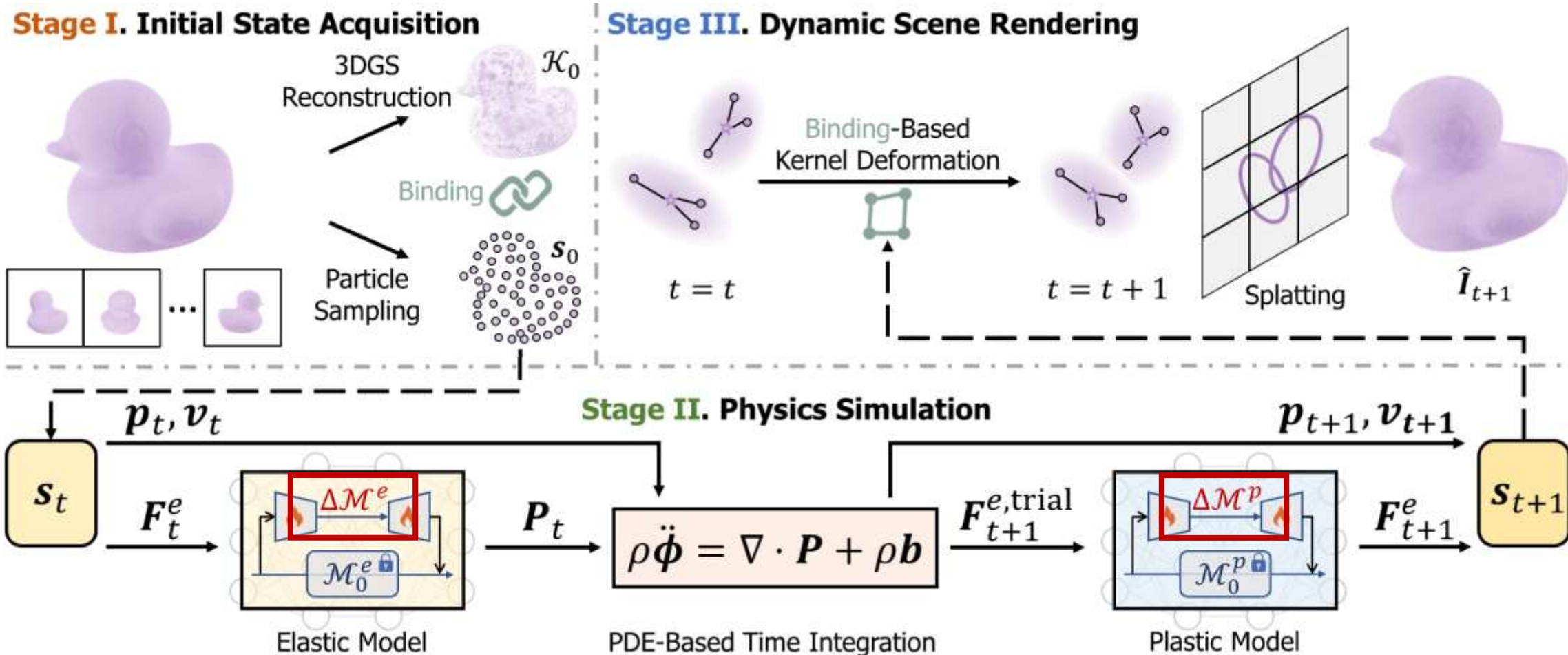
Stage II. Physics Simulation



Stage II

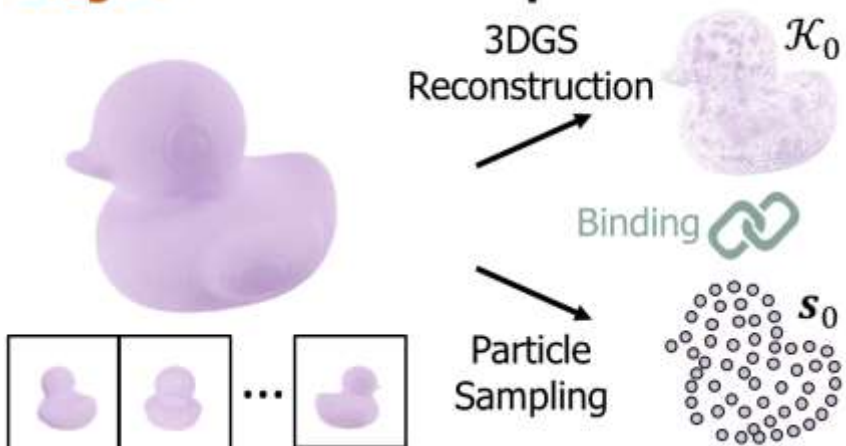


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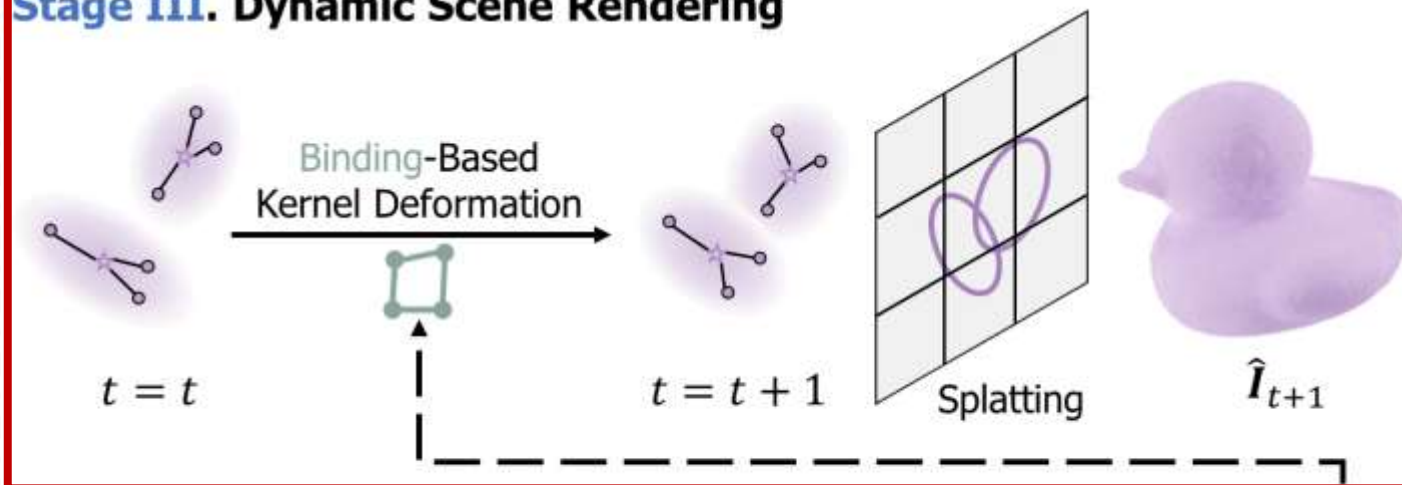


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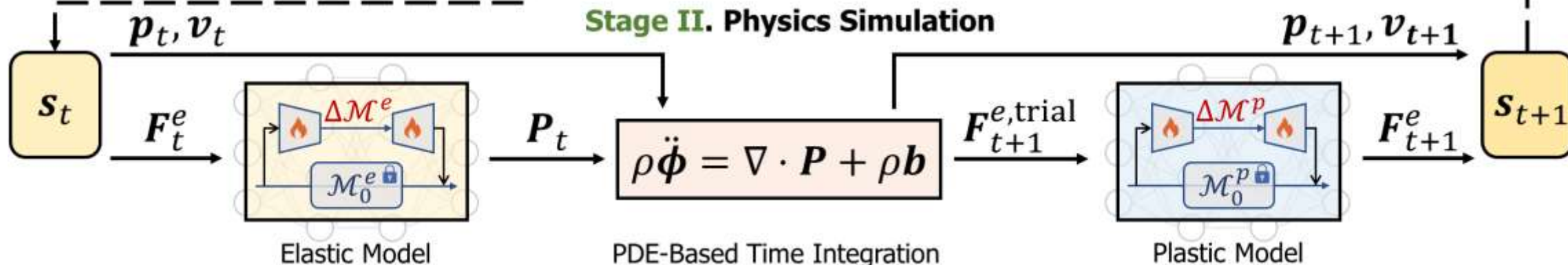
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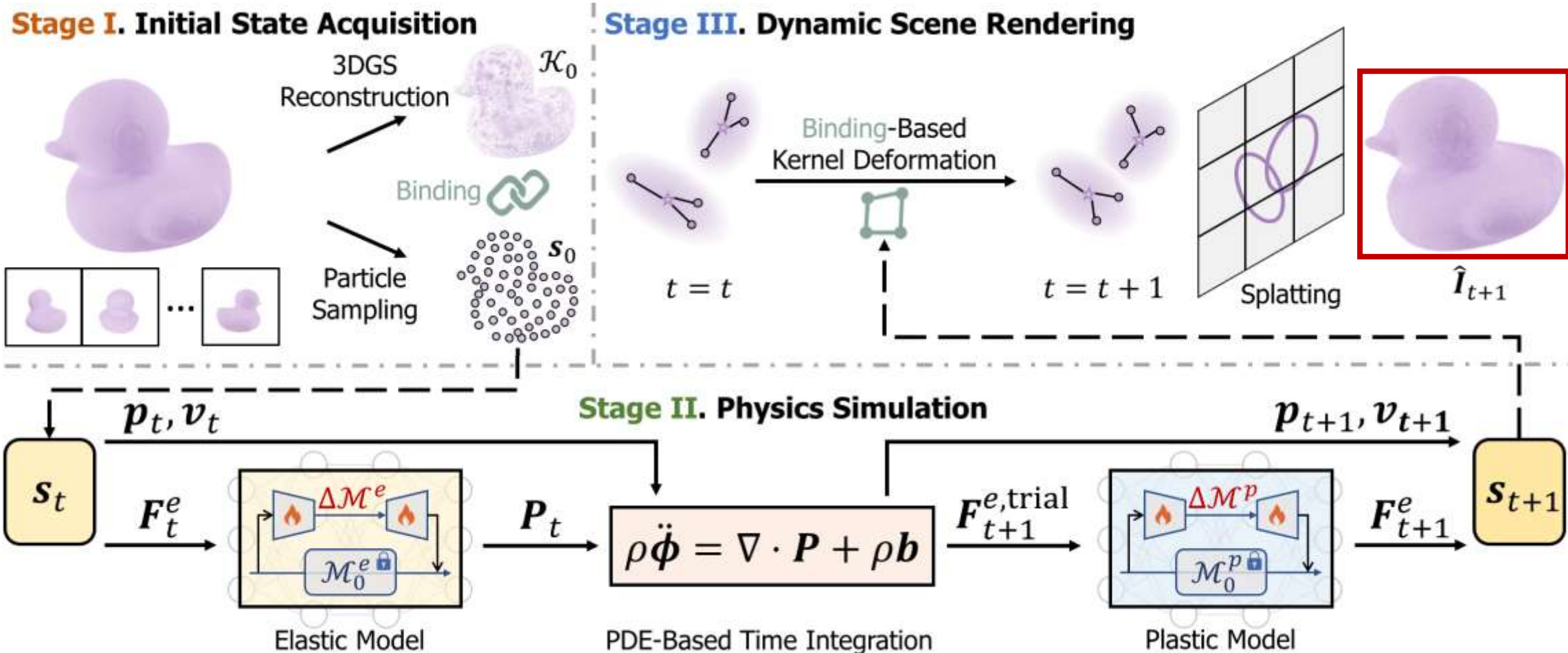


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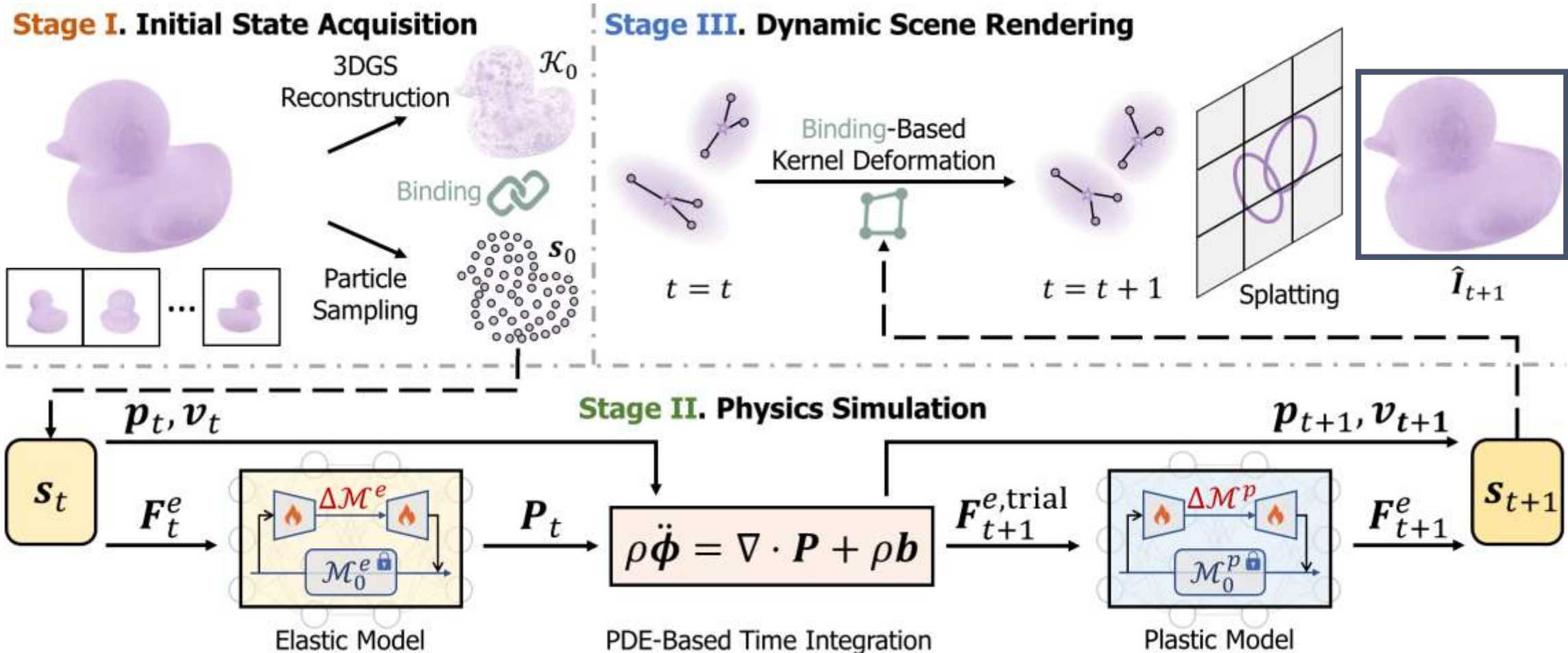
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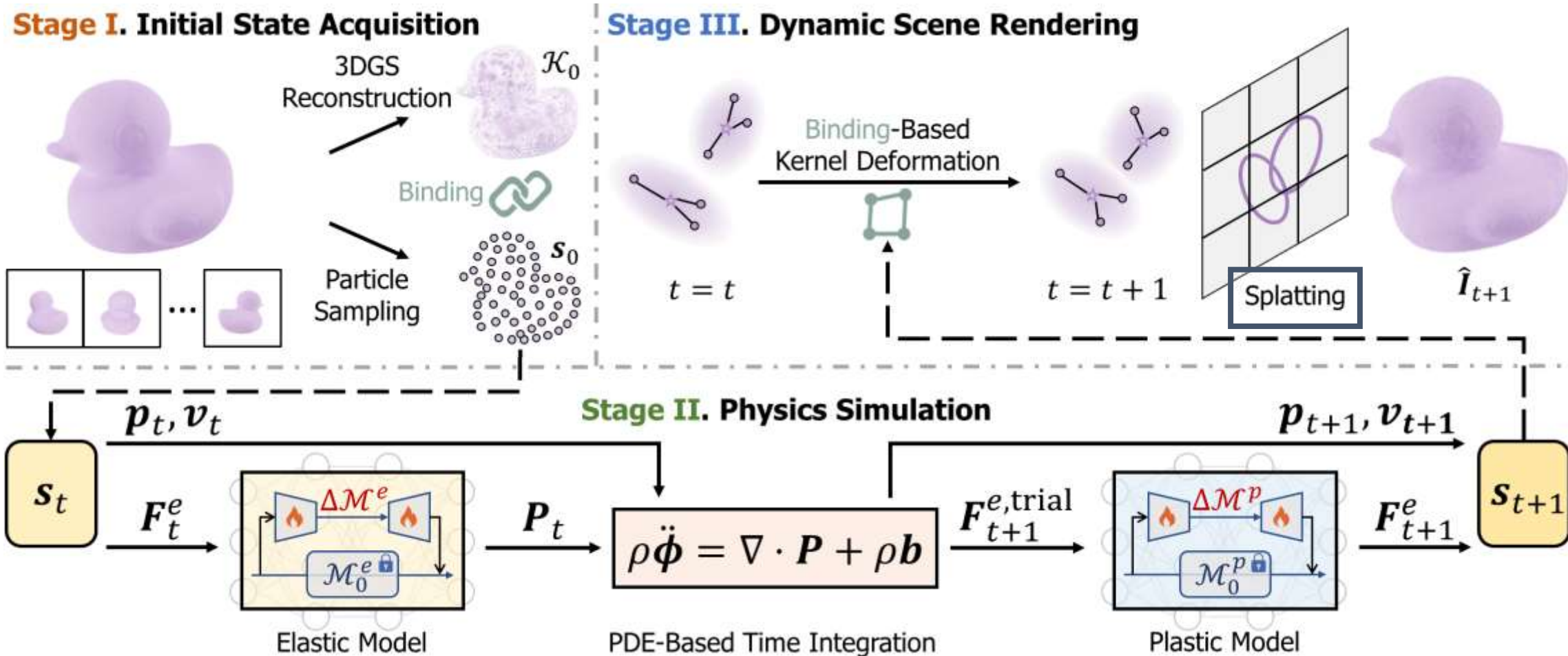
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Backpropagation



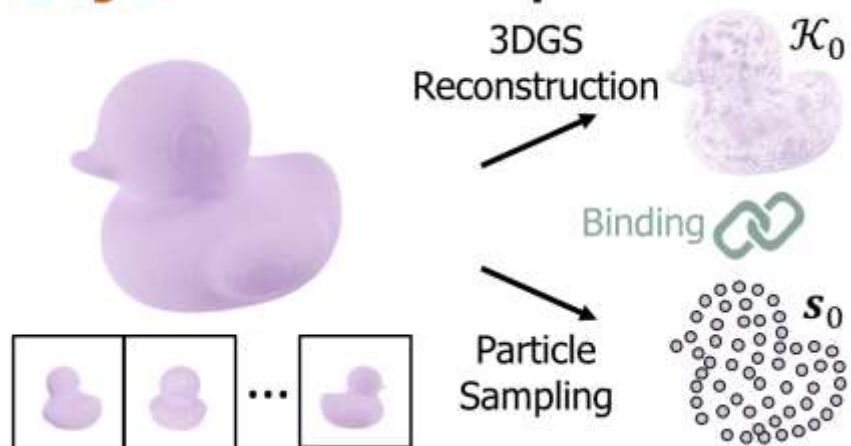
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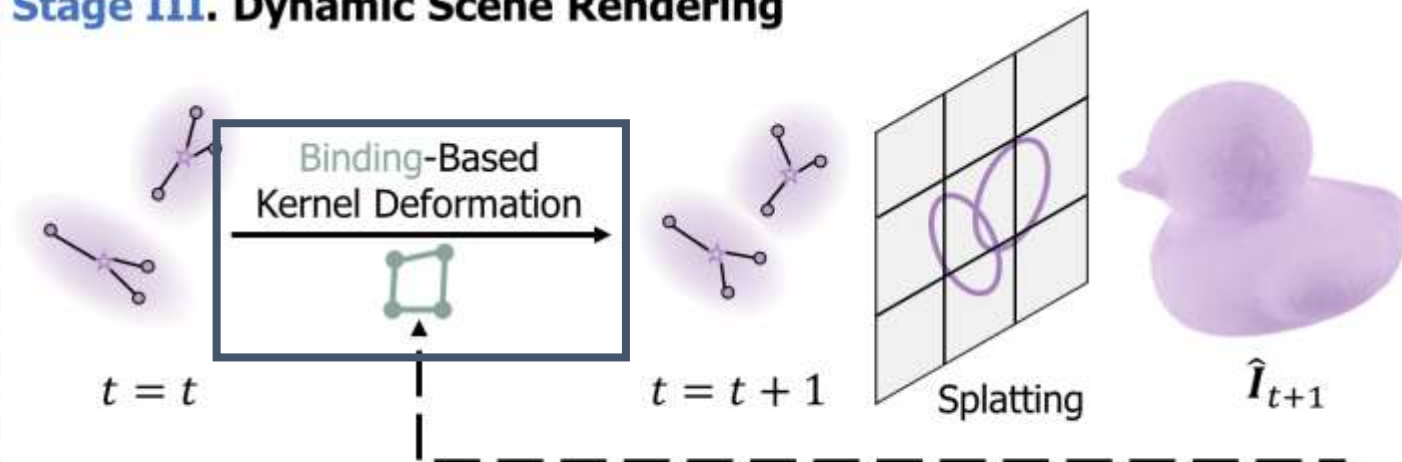


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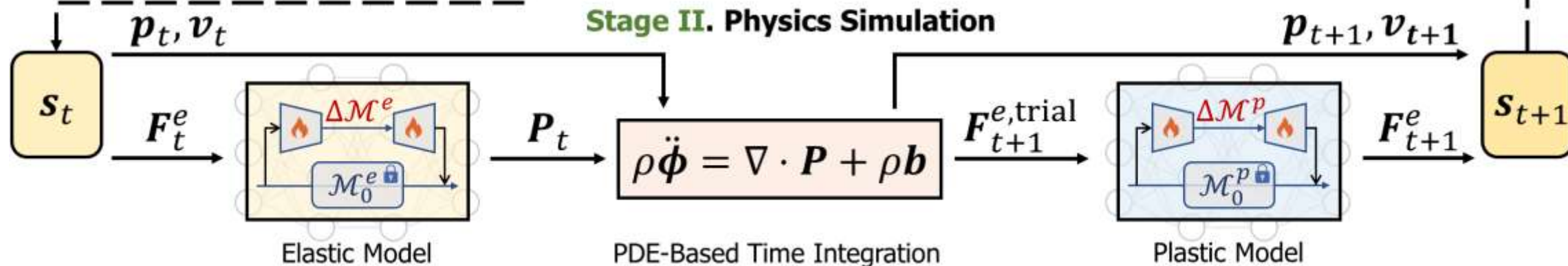
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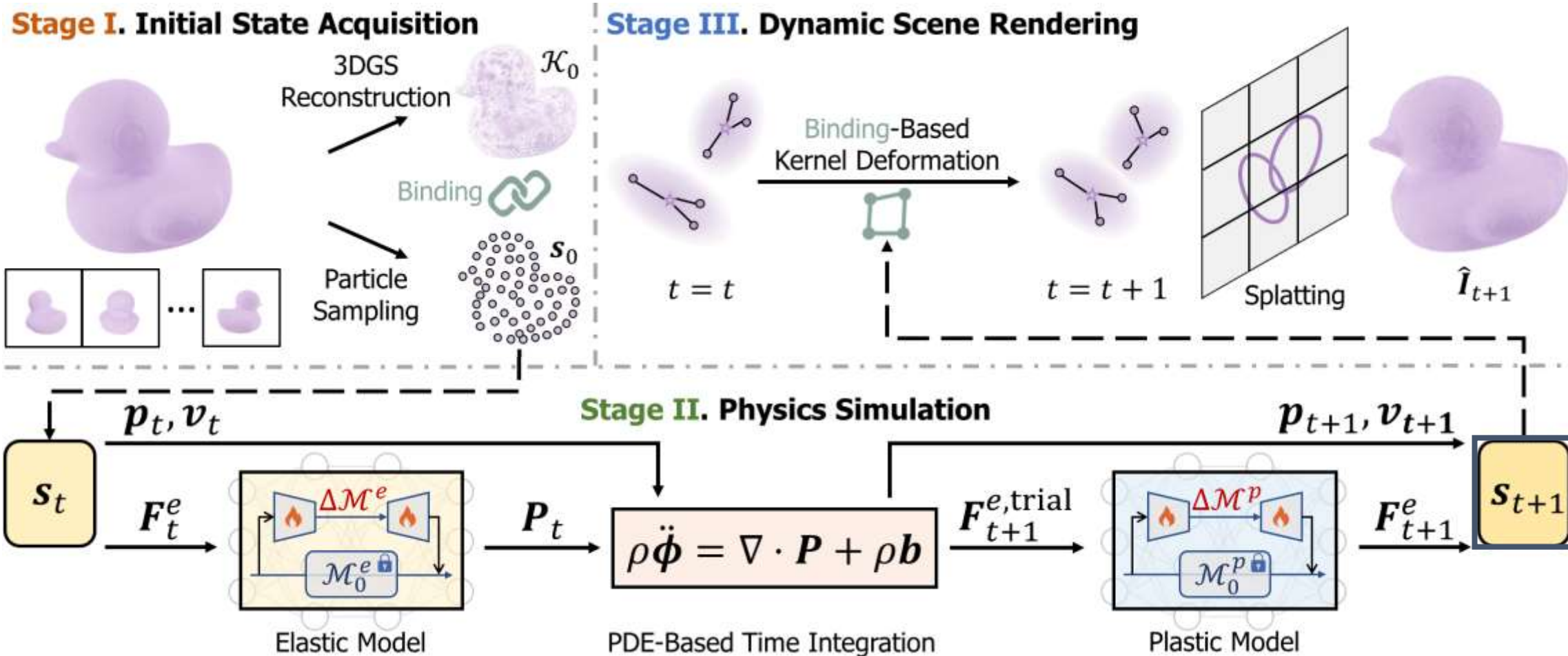
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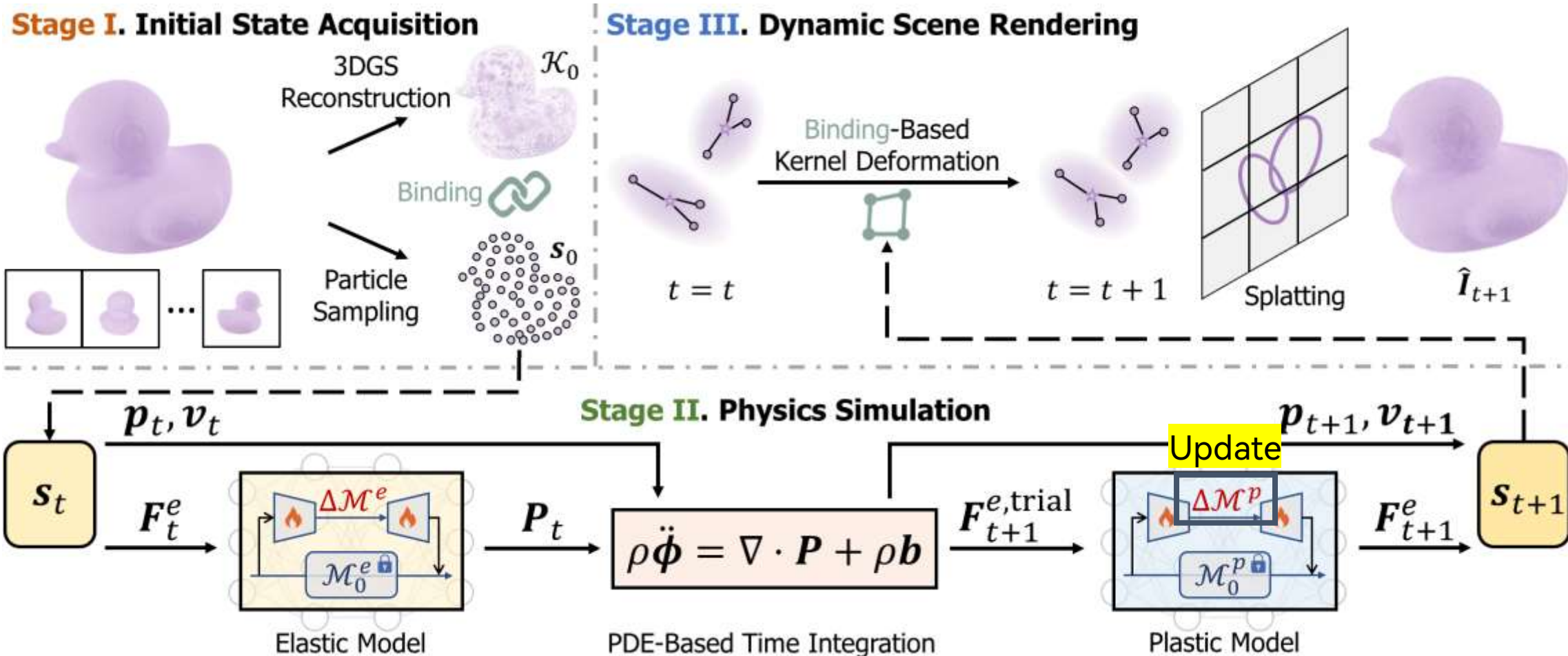
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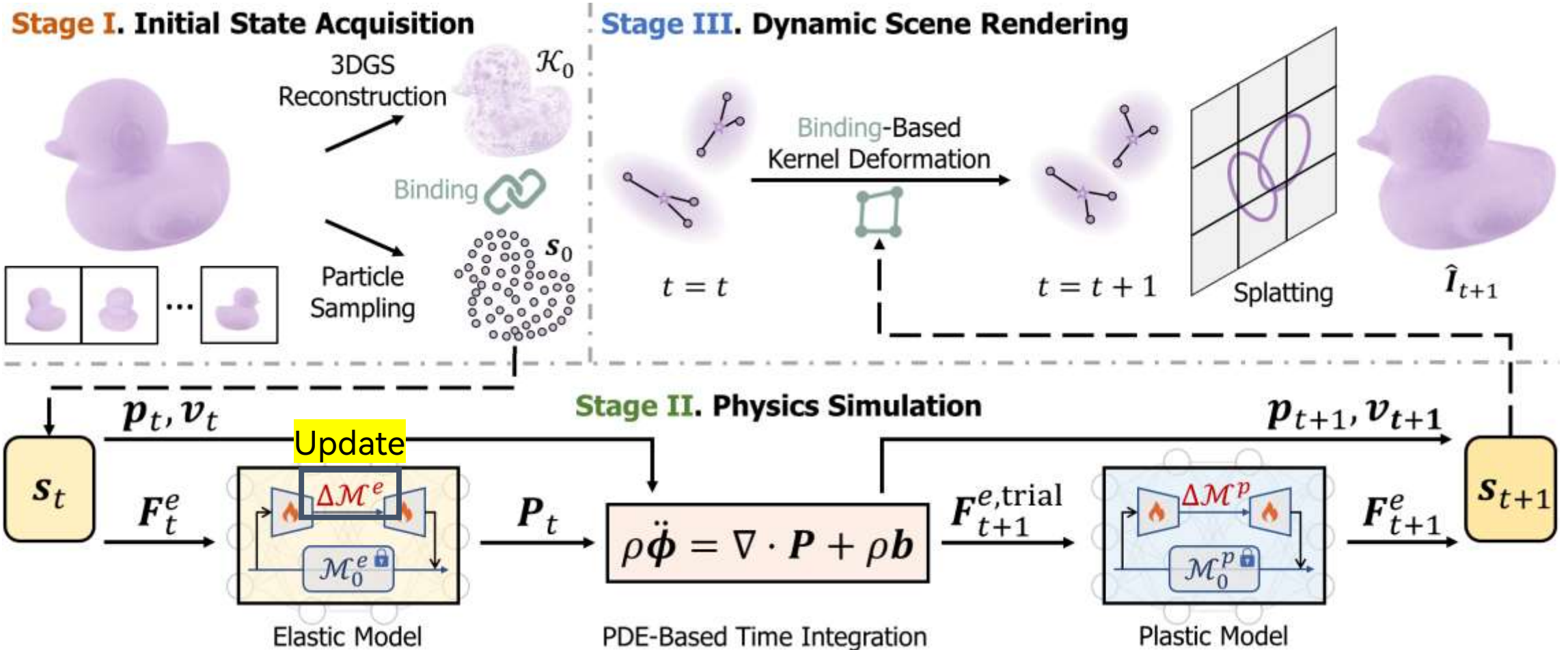
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Grounding Results

Synthetic

Prior \mathcal{M}_0 Ours $\mathcal{M}_0 + \Delta\mathcal{M}_\theta$ Obs. GT

Elastic



Plastic



Granular



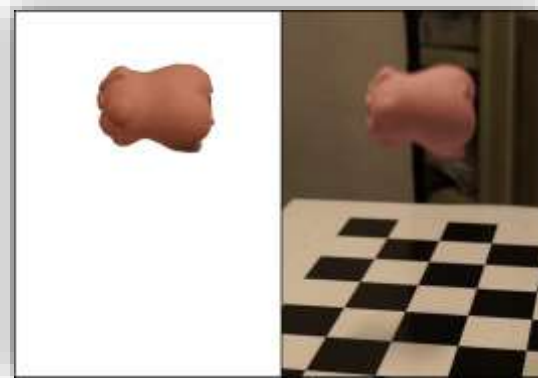
Real-world

Ours

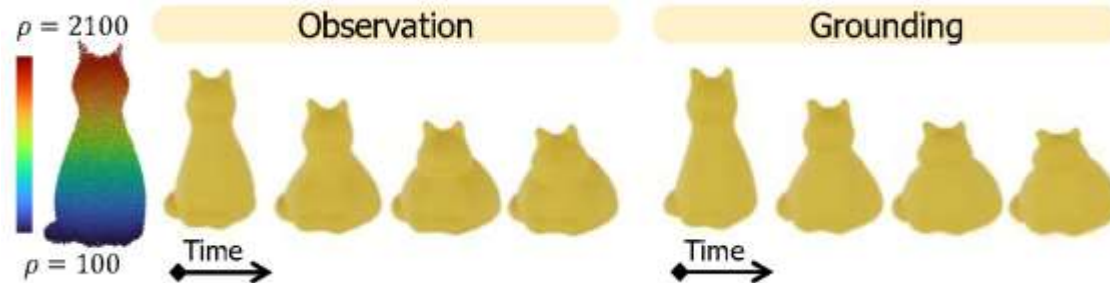
Obs.

Ours

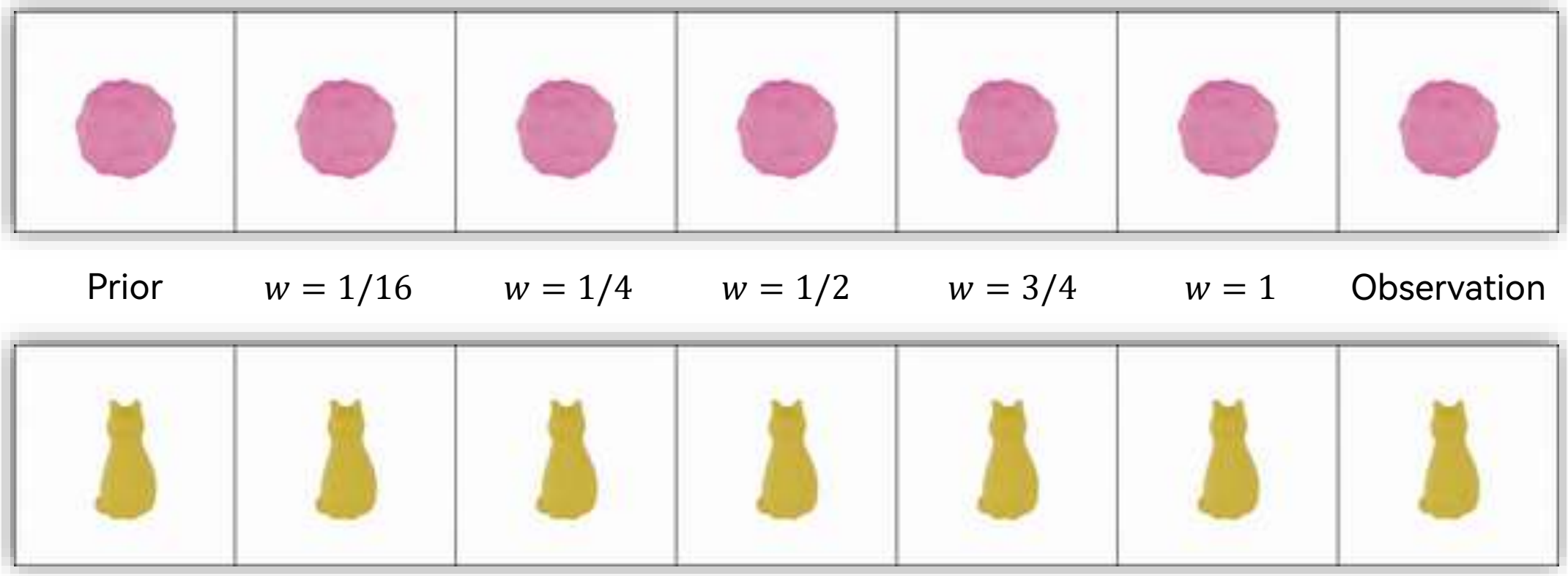
Obs.



Uneven Mass



Interpolation Results



Generation Results

Applied dynamics



Thanks for watching!



We have released our code and data :)