

PRESTO:

Fast Motion Planning Using Diffusion Models Based on
Key-Configuration Environment Representation

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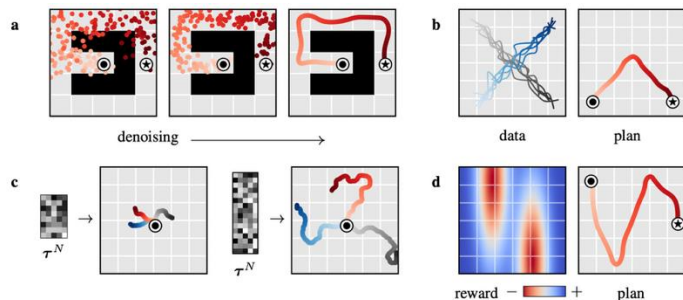
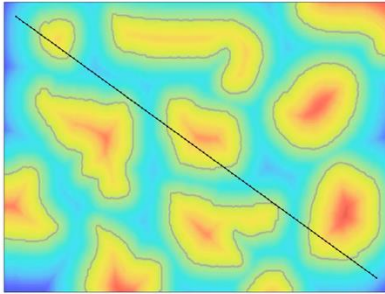
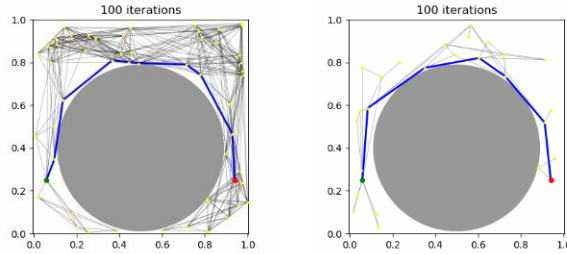
Motion Planning in Practical Environments



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- 🤔 Complex geometry due to cluttered objects
- 🤔 Limited computational time
- 💡 Consistent fixture setup

Motivation: Challenges in Motion Planning



sample-based planners [1,2]

🔍 narrow-passage, high dimensionality

optimization-based planners [3]

🔍 dependence on seed trajectories, local minima

generative models [4]

✓ data-driven trajectory sampling priors

🔍 poor constraint handling, weak generalization

[1] Kavraki *et al.*, Probabilistic roadmaps for path planning in high-dimensional configuration spaces, 1996

[2] LaValle *et al.*, Rapidly-exploring random trees: A new tool for path planning, 1998

[3] Schulman *et al.*, Motion Planning with Sequential Convex Optimization and Convex Collision Checking, 2013

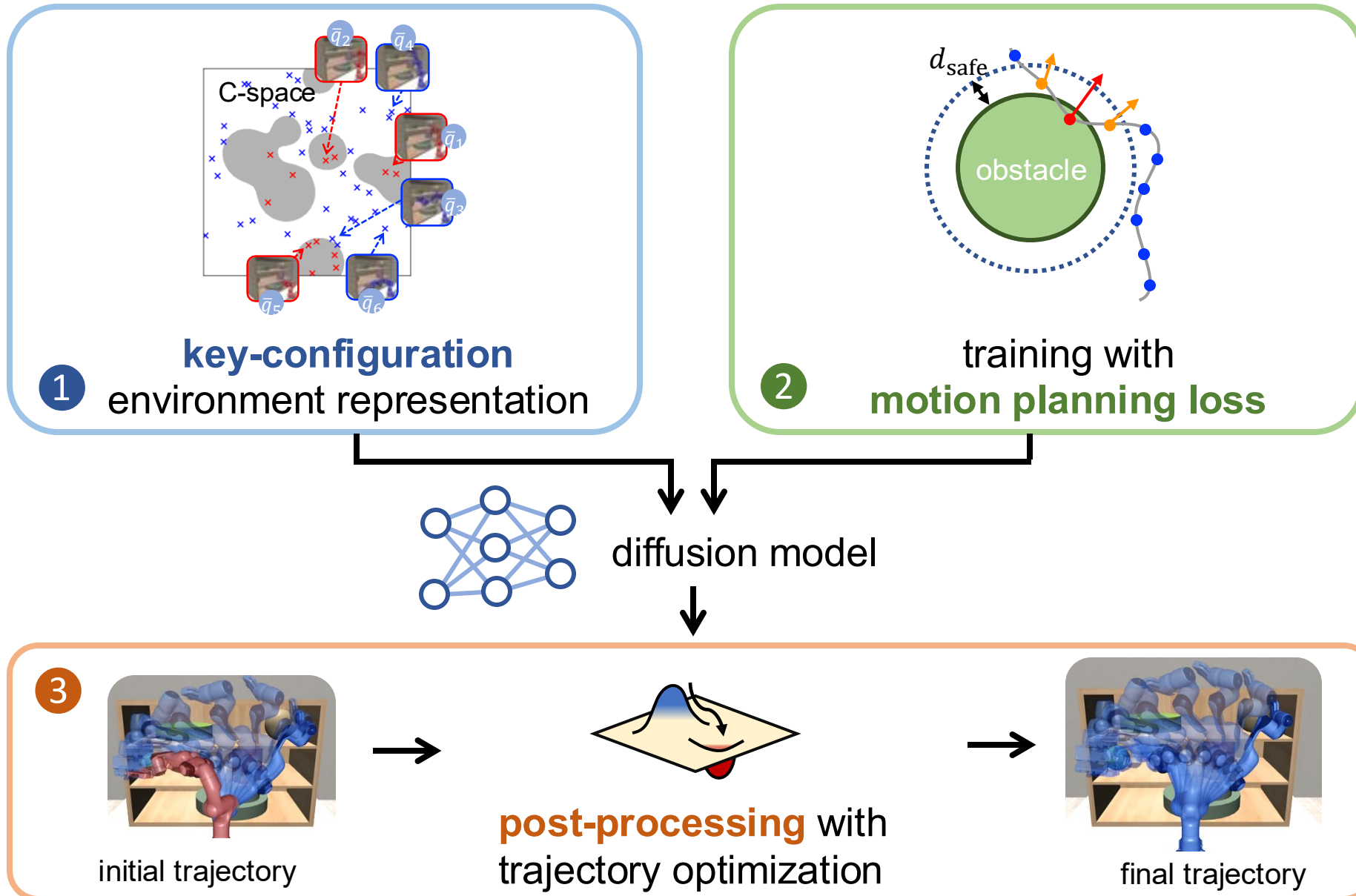
[4] Janner *et al.*, Planning with Diffusion for Flexible Behavior Synthesis, 2022

Research Questions

- 🤔 What are **good representations** for generalizing to unseen environments?
- 🤔 How can generative models **learn task constraints** like collision avoidance?

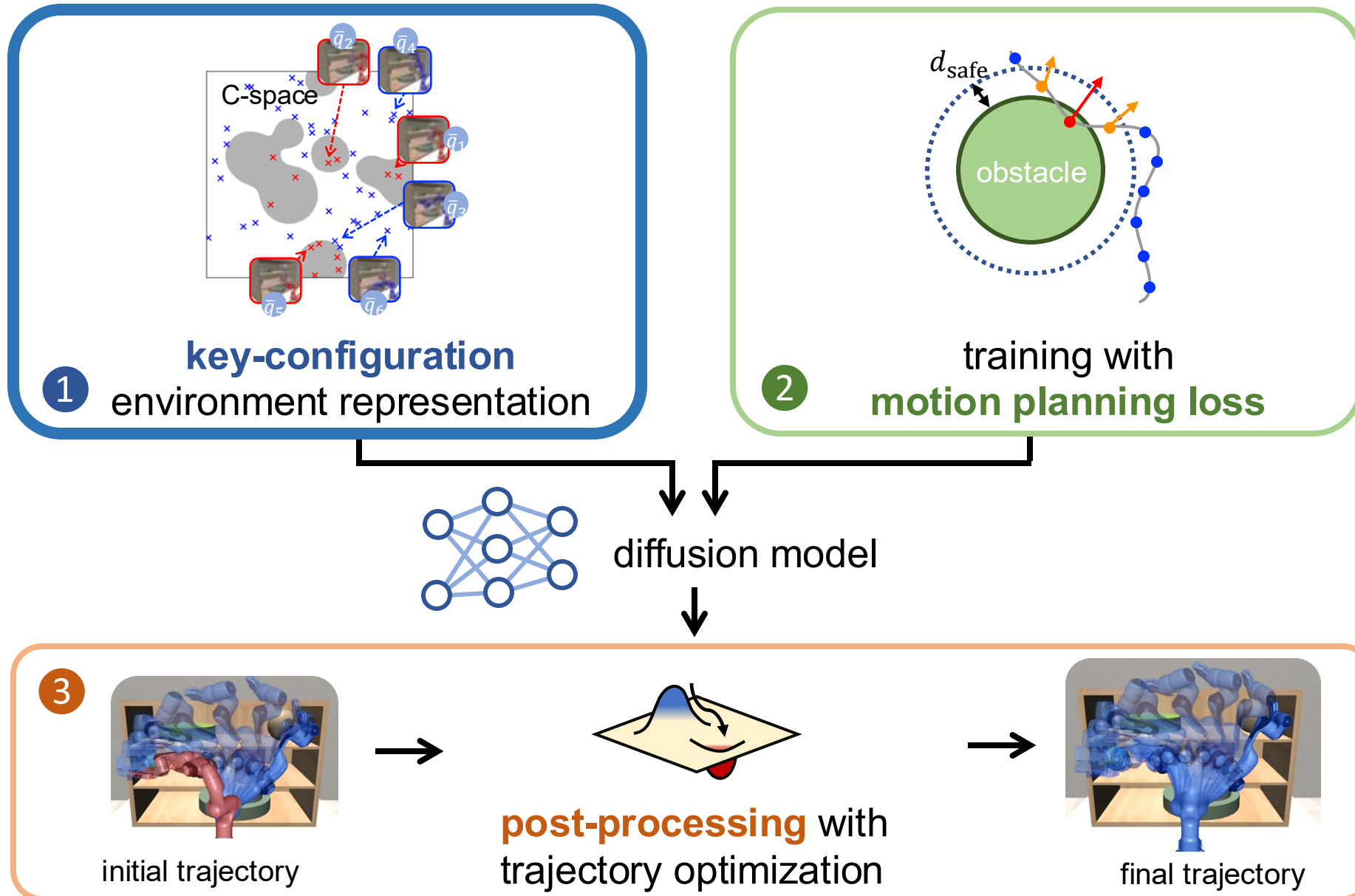
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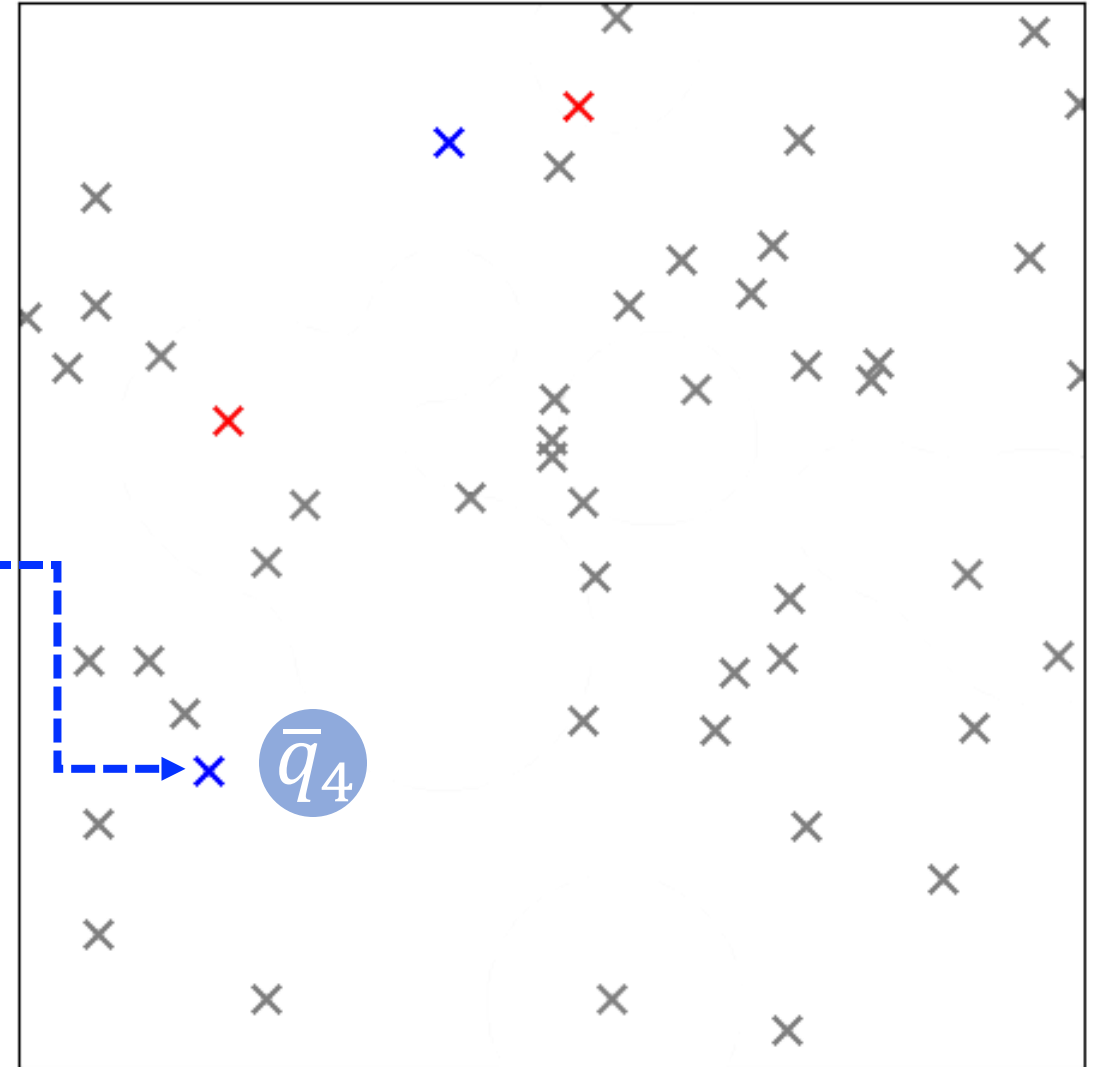
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Key-configuration environment representation

collision-checking
at key configurations

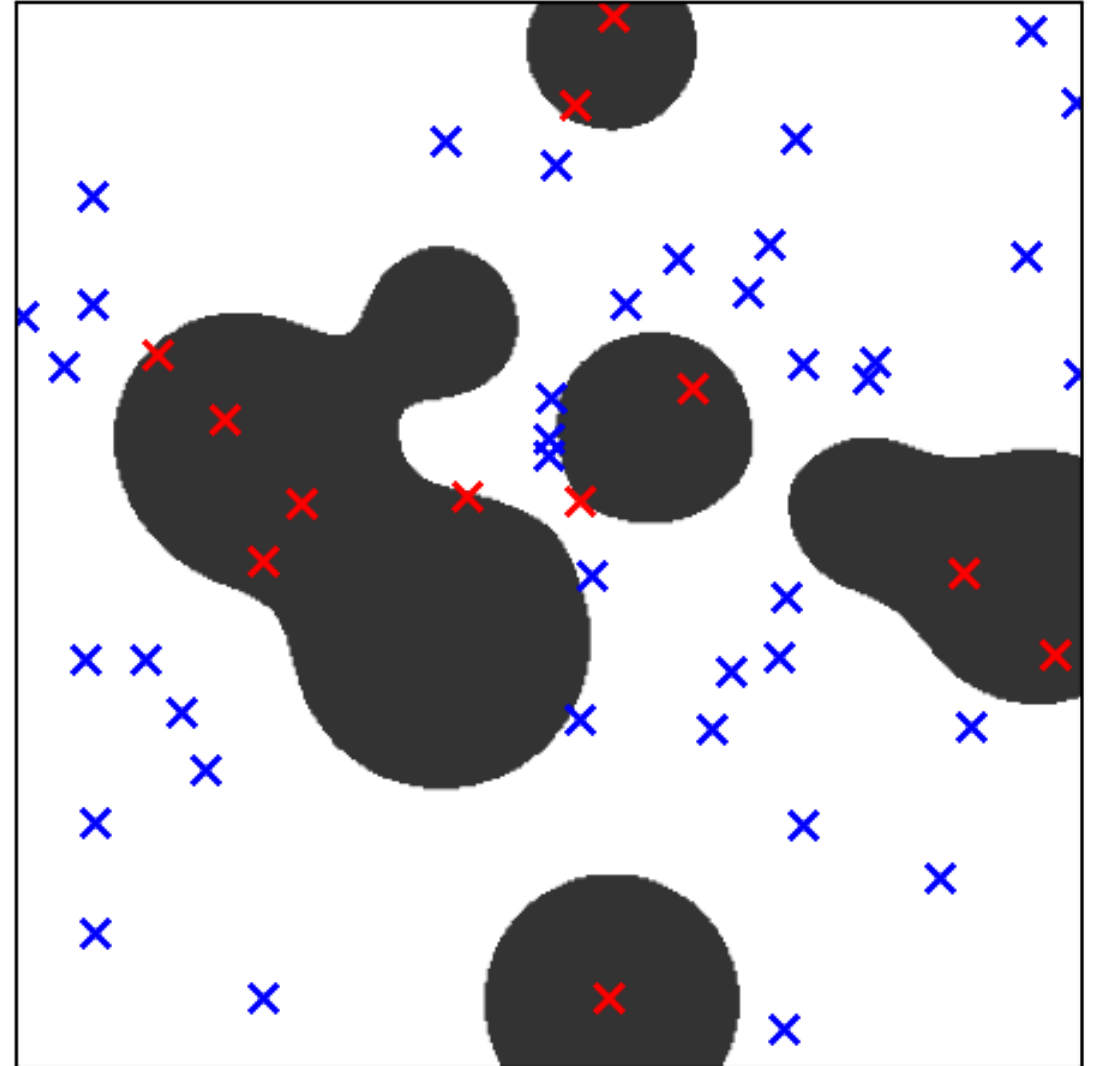


unknown C-space

Key-configuration environment representation

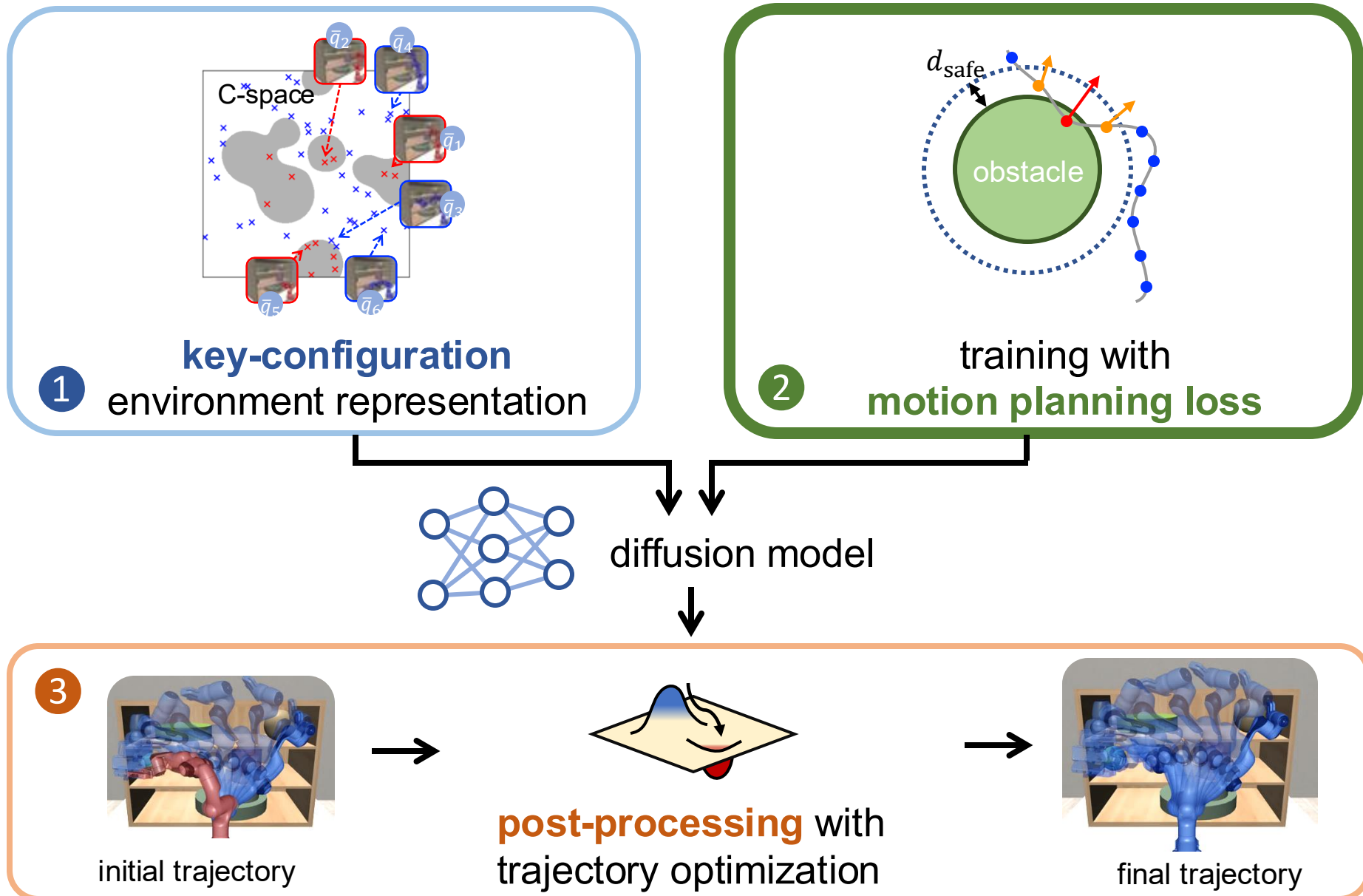
$$\phi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

environment
representation

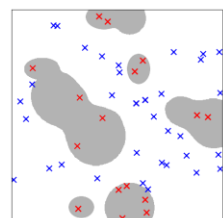


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Training with TrajOpt-based **motion planning loss**

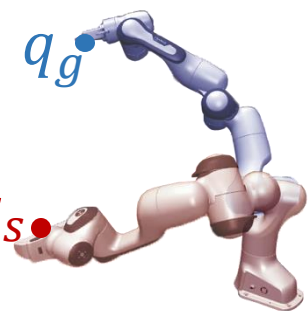


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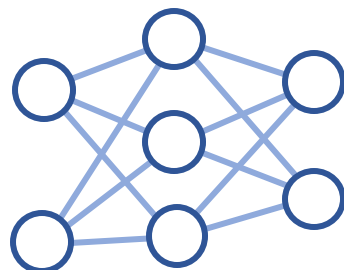
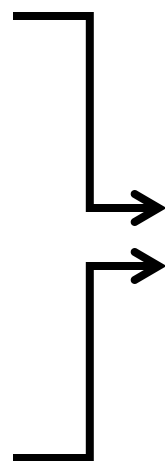
environment
representation

goal q_g

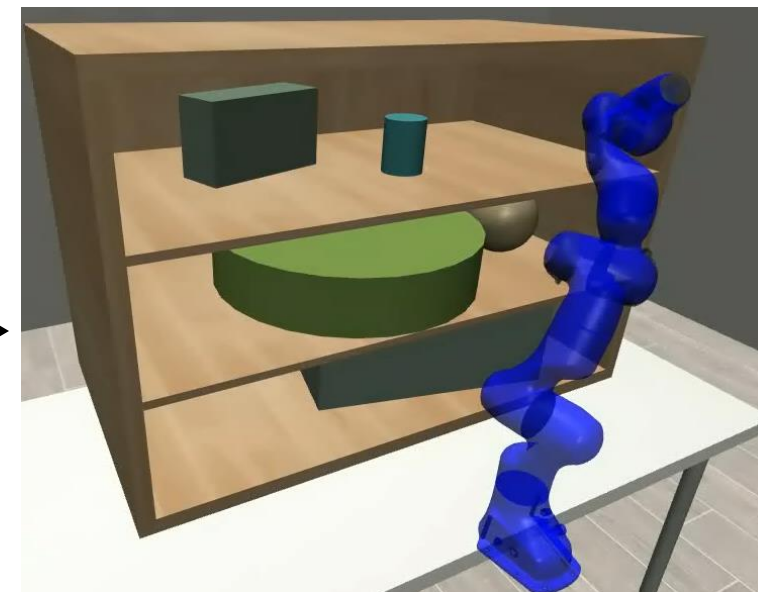
start q_s



endpoint constraints

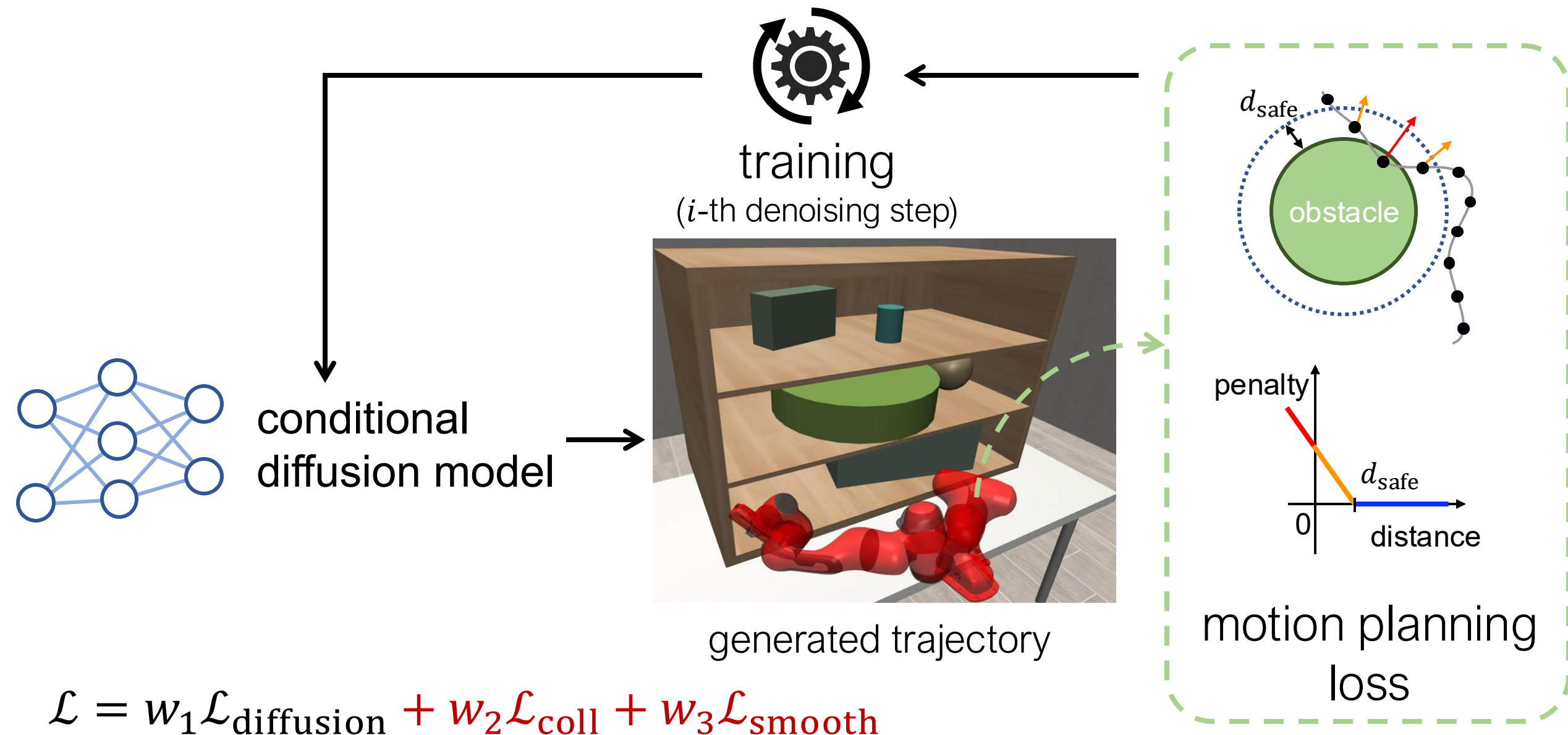


conditional
diffusion model



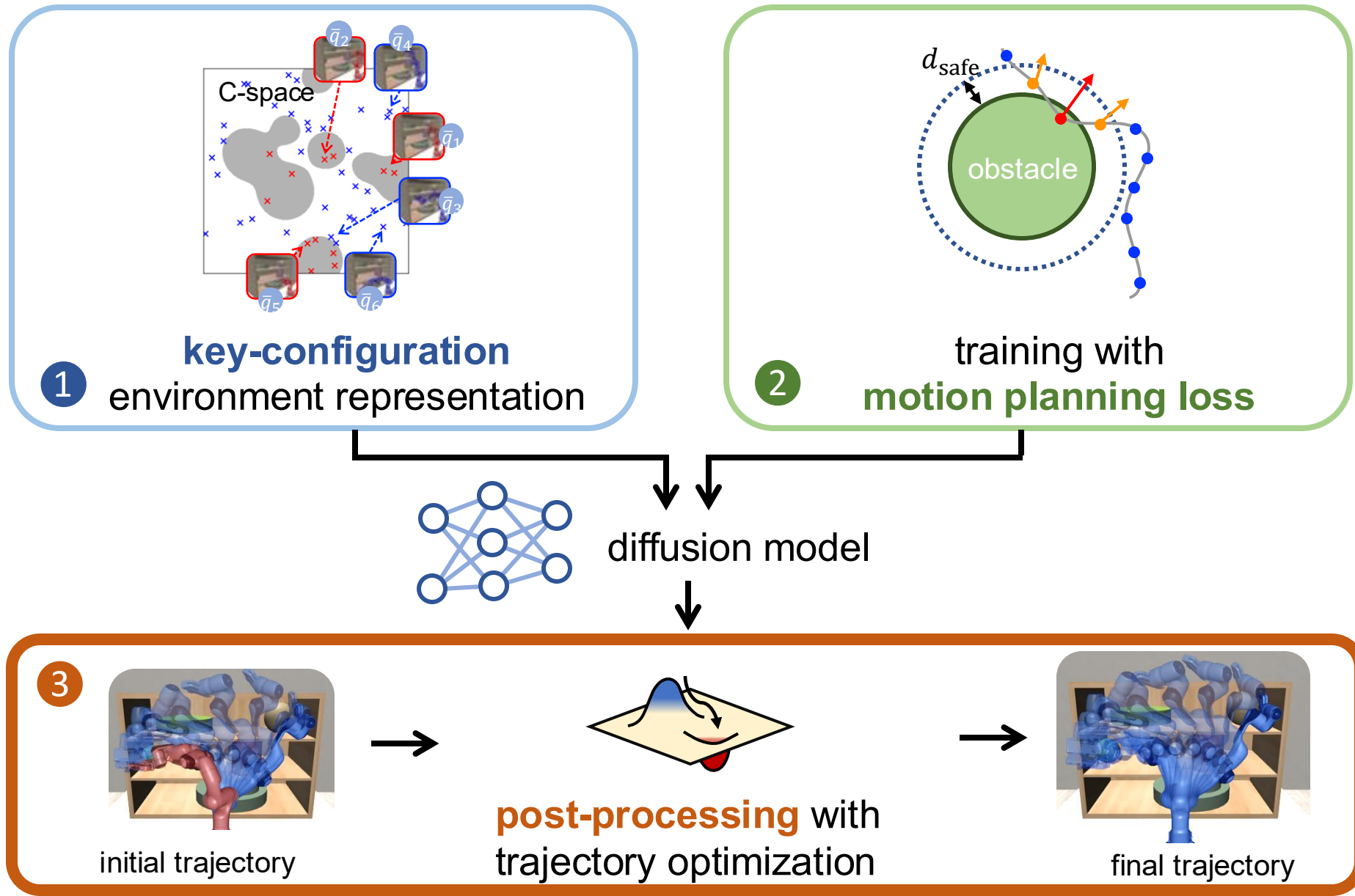
generated trajectory

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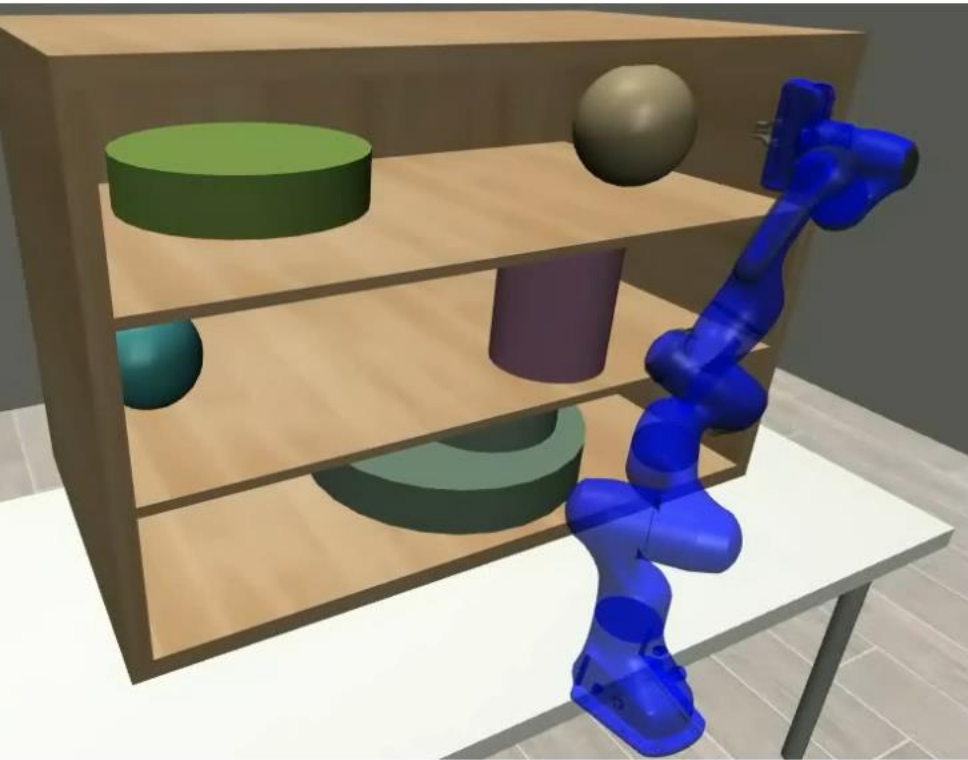


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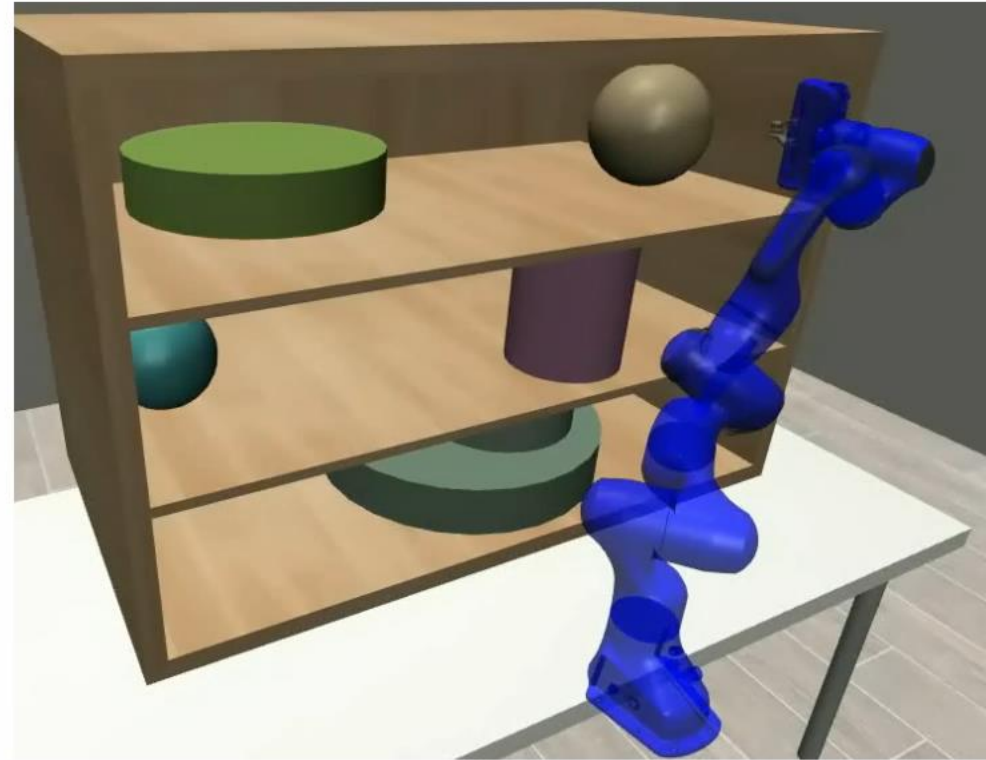
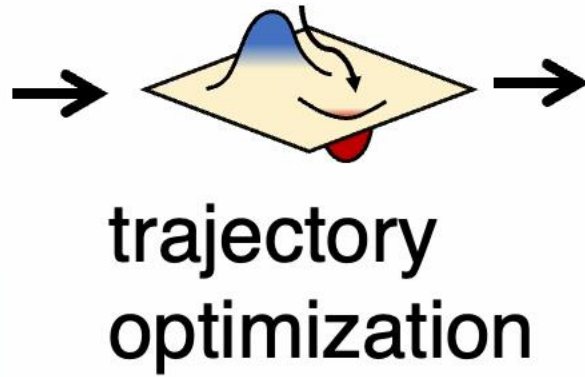
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Post-processing with trajectory optimization

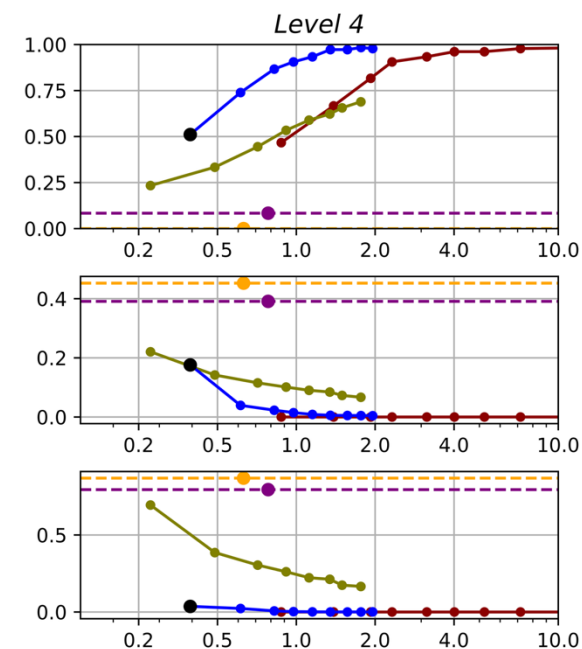
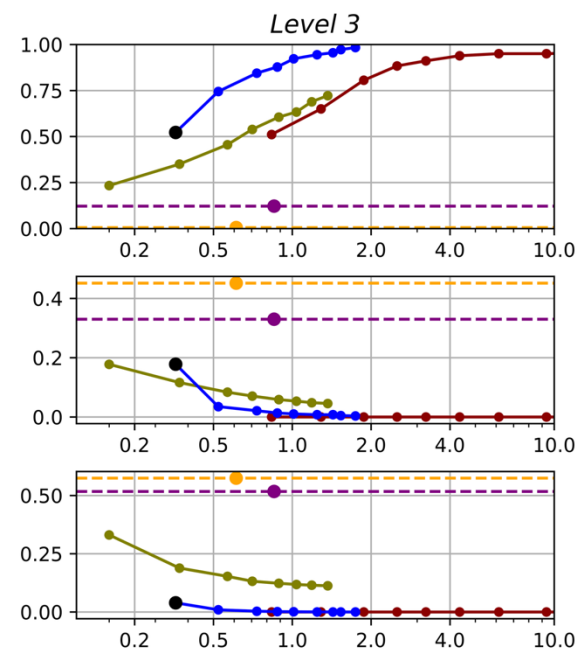
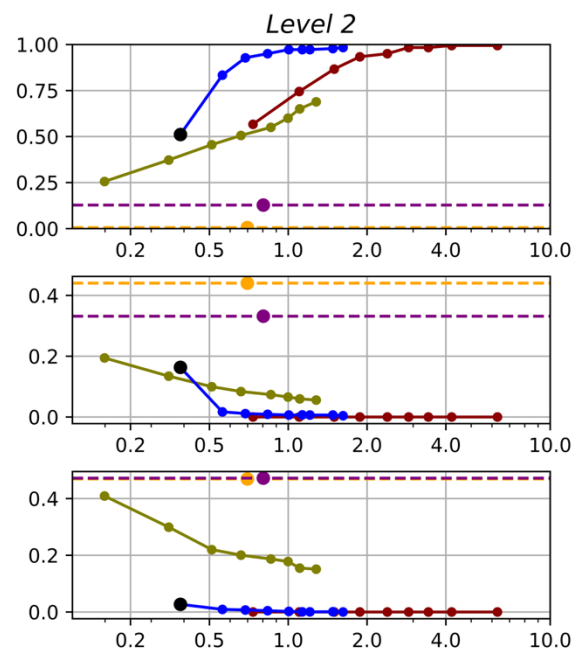
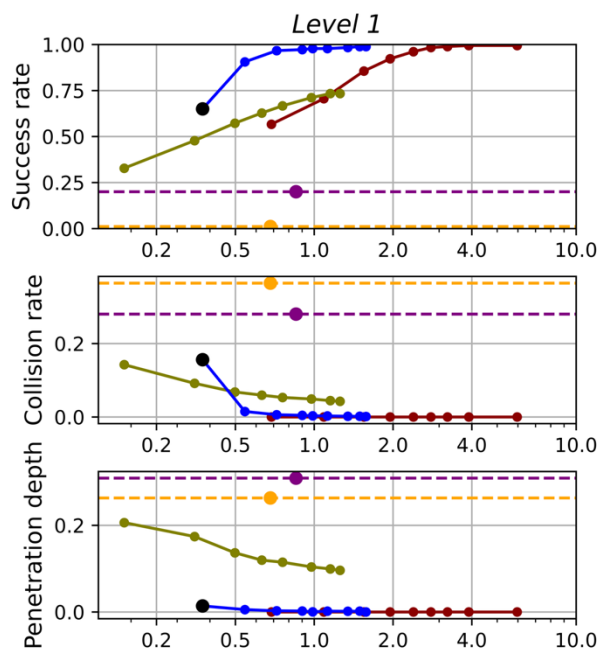


initial trajectory



final trajectory

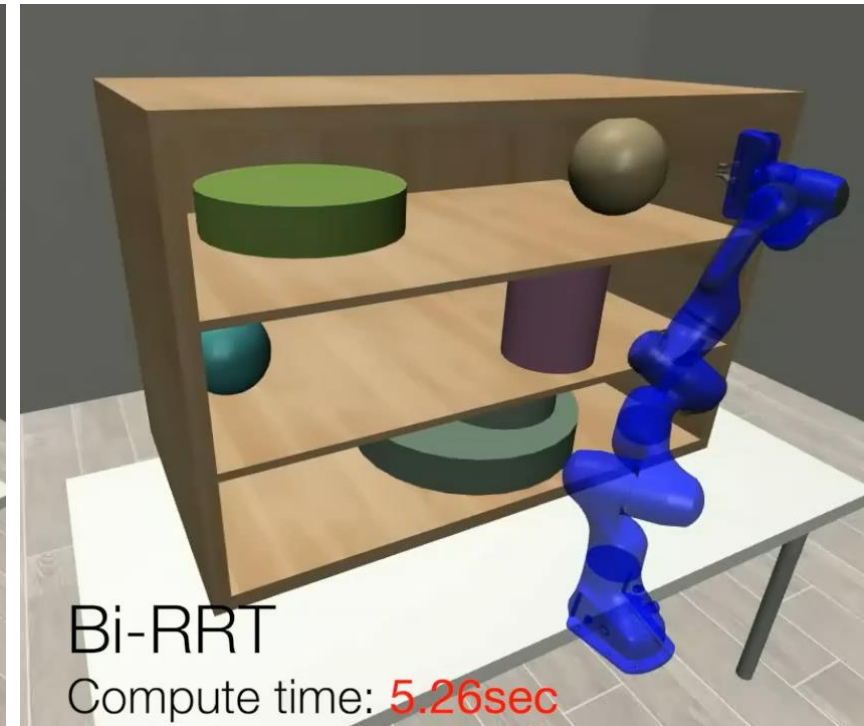
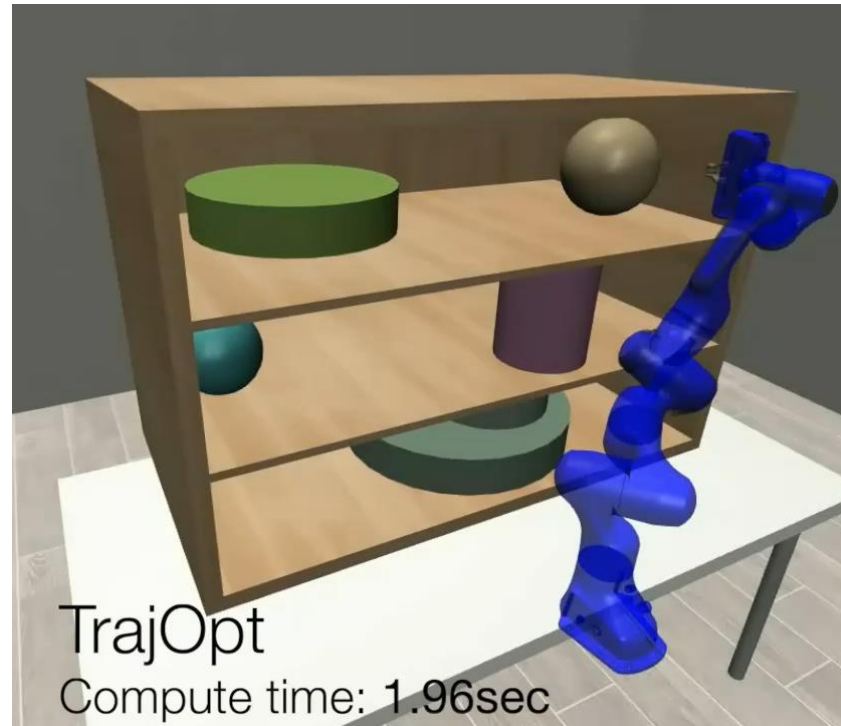
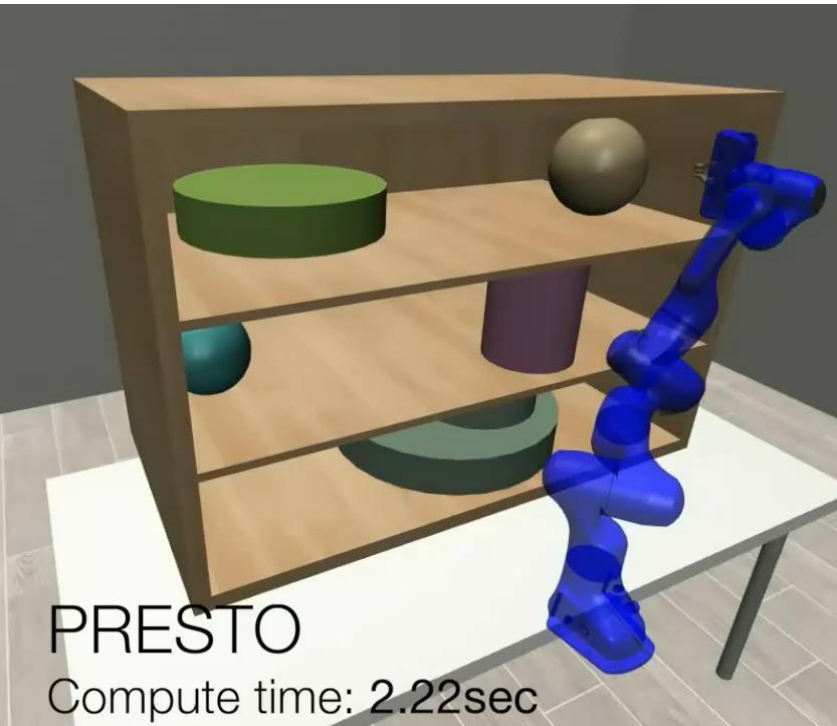
Quantitative Evaluation



Time [sec] (log scale)



Qualitative Evaluation

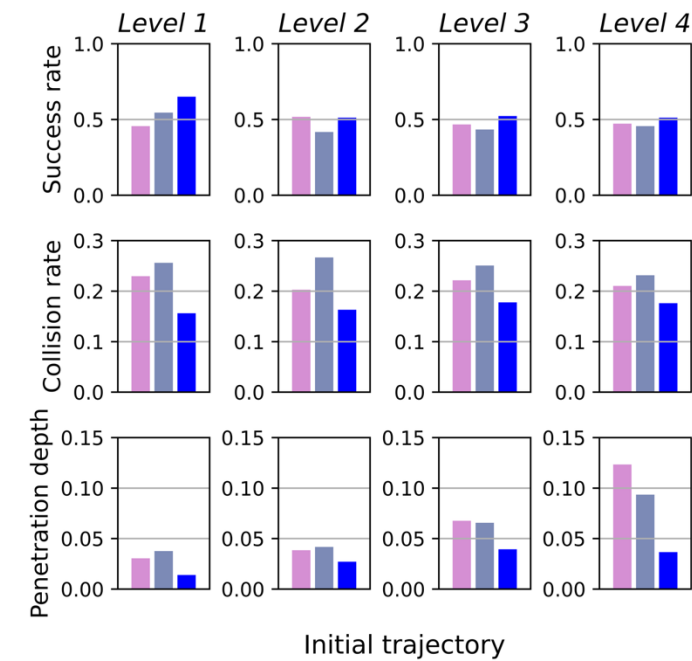
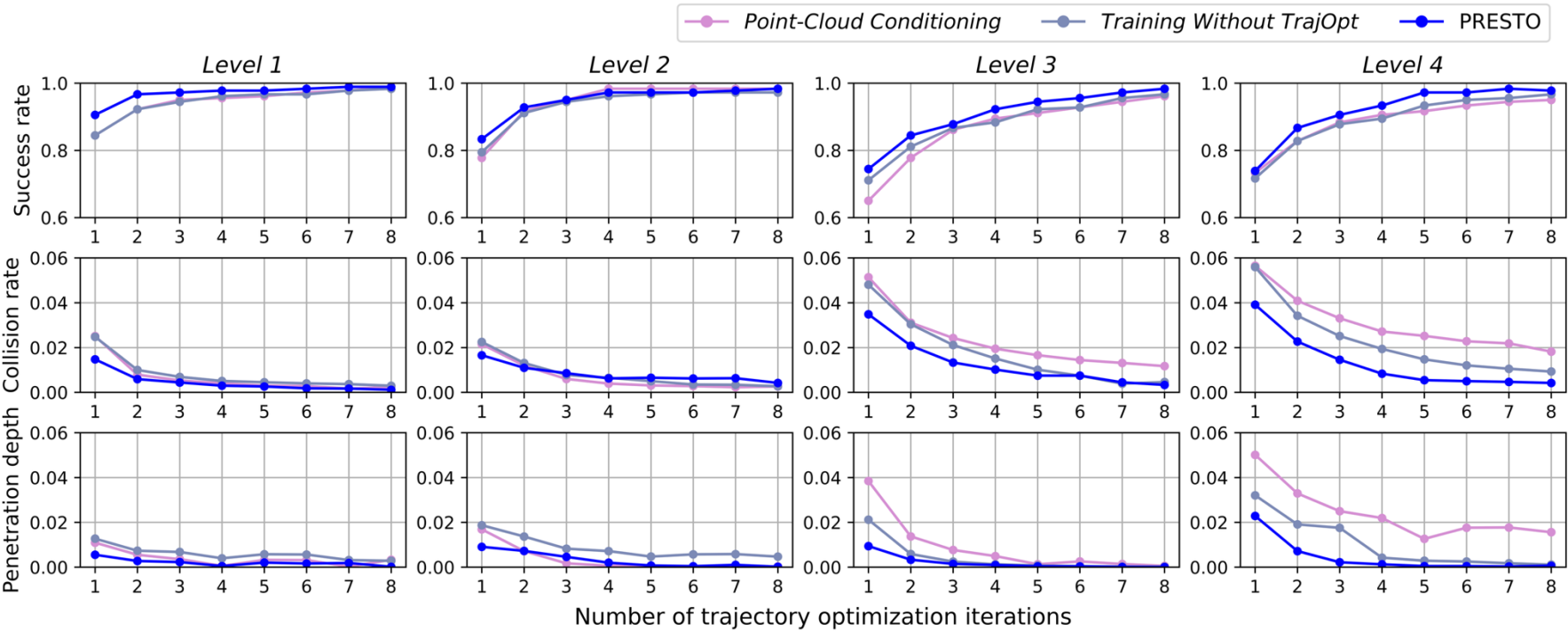


colliding/collision-free

Ablation Studies

🤔 **Key-configuration representations** vs **Point-cloud representations**?

🤔 **Is training with motion-planning costs** helpful?



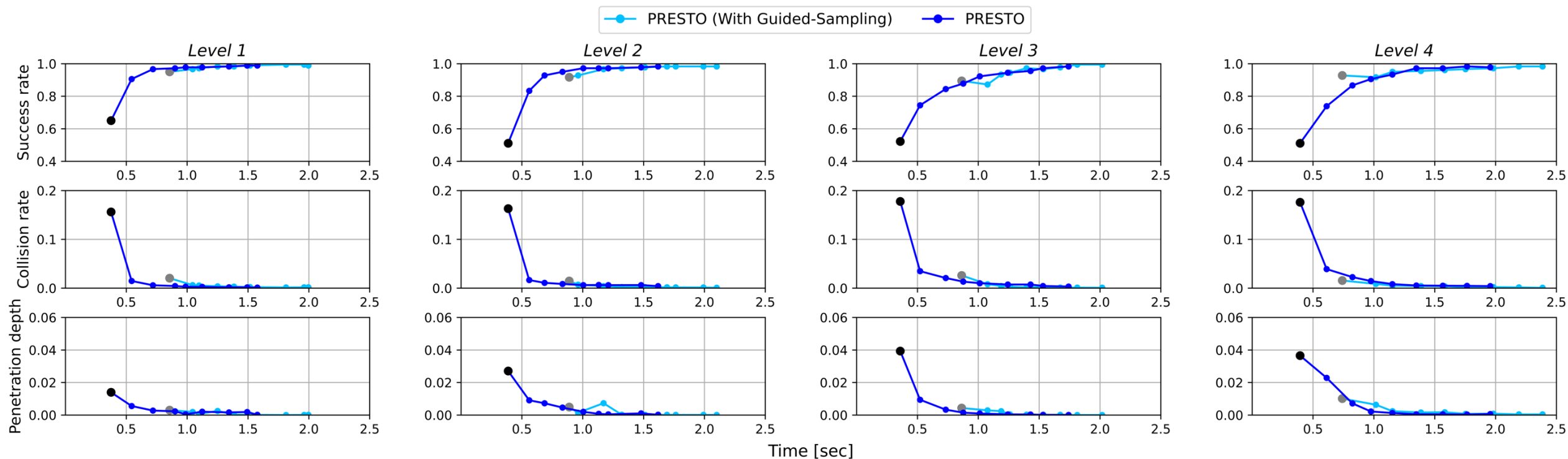
Test-Time Guidance



Improvement on trajectory generation through test-time guidance



Additional computational overhead for guidance



Conclusion

Key ideas

- 💡 **task-related** environment representation in **C-space**
- 💡 training with **motion-planning loss**
- 💡 **post-processing** with trajectory optimization

Main results

- ✓ faster computation compared with pure planners
- ✓ outperforming generative-model-based motion planners



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<https://kiwi-sherget.github.io/PRESTO>