

Visual Foresight Trees for Object Retrieval from Clutter with Nonprehensile Rearrangement

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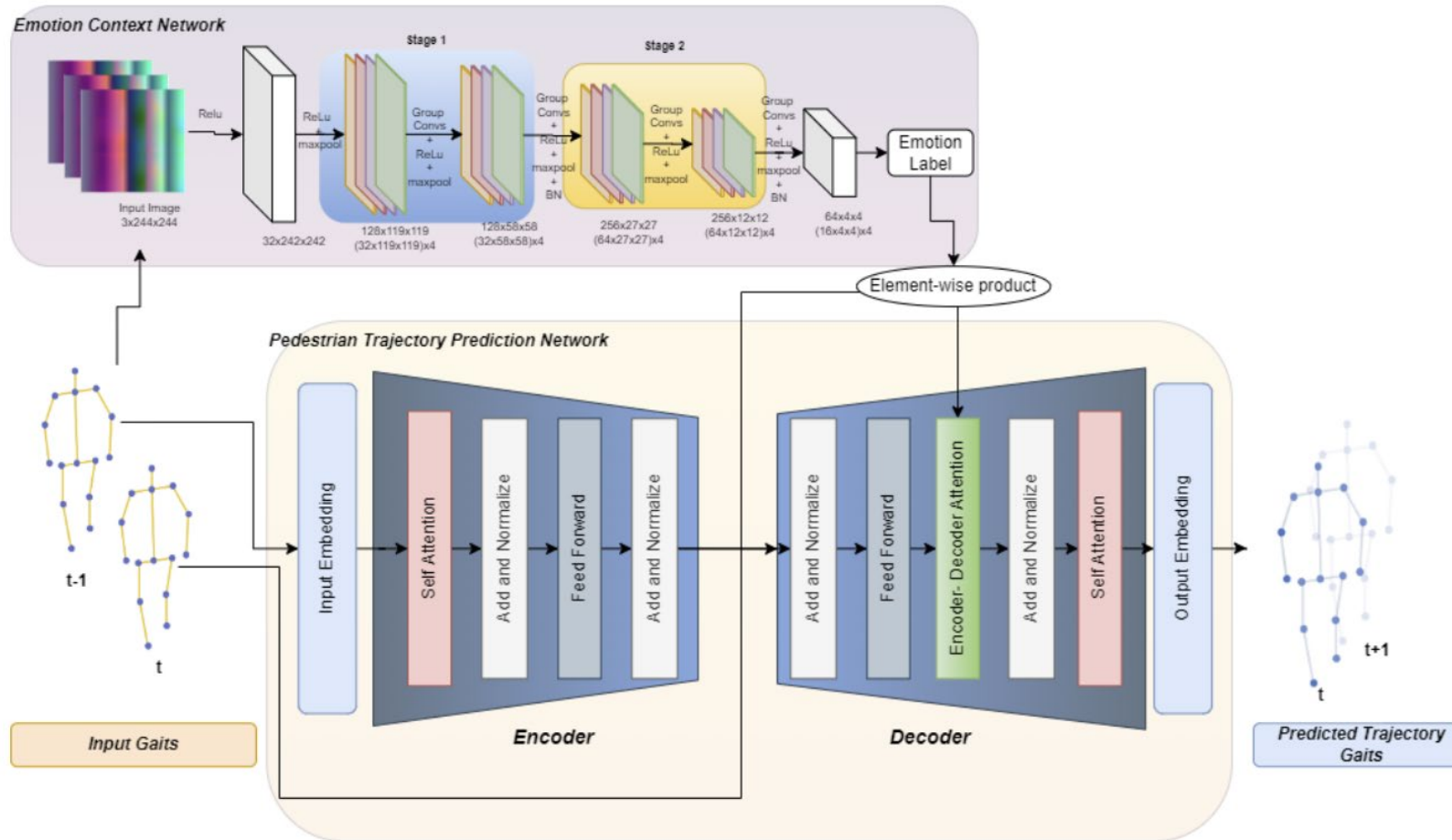
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Review

EWareNet: Emotion-Aware Pedestrian Intent Prediction and Adaptive Spatial Profile Fusion for Social Robot Navigation

(explained by Jihyeok)



- Pedestrian Intent Prediction
 - Pose Extraction
 - Emotional Context Net
 - Pedestrian Trajectory Prediction Net
 - ➔ Predict Trajectory Gaits
 - ➔ Intent-Aware Navigation

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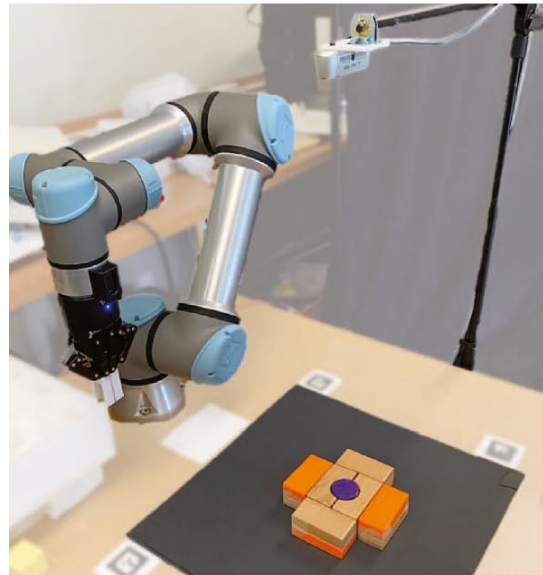
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Overview

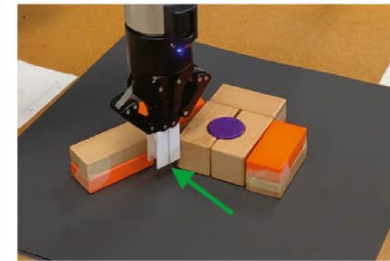
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Purpose & Main Idea

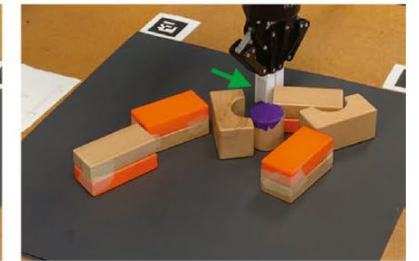
- Grasp object retrieval in dense clutter.
 - Uses Visual Foresight Tree (VFT)
 - Deep neural network
 - ➔ predict object poses from pushes
 - Tree search algorithm
 - ➔ plan optimal sequence of pushes
 - Improve solution quality



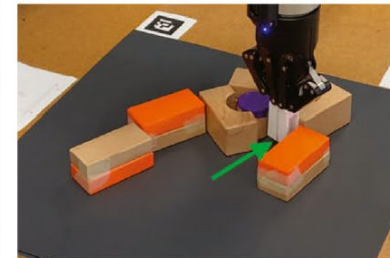
(a) Hardware setup



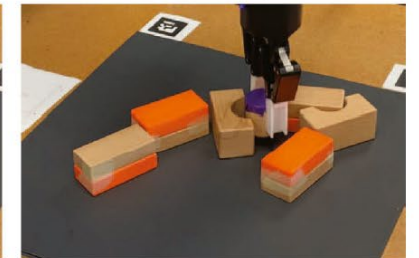
(b) First push



(d) Third push



(c) Second push



(e) Grasp

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DIPN

- Predict object movements → create **post-push synthetic images**

(1) Image segmentation

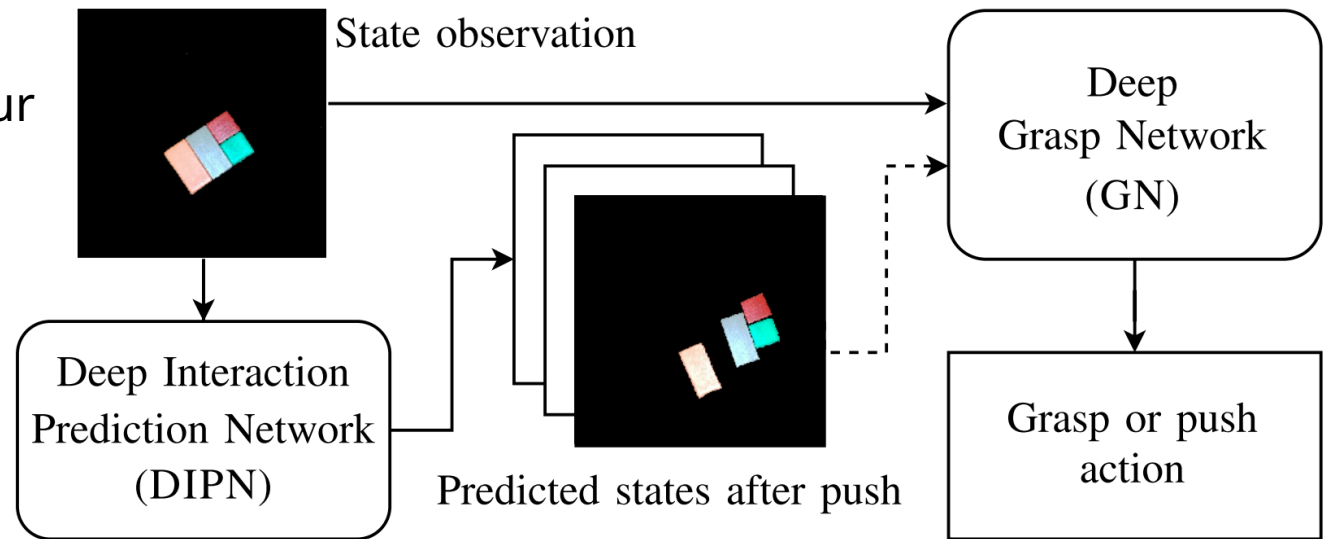
- Mask R-CNN → mask & center of each object

(2) Push Sampling

- sample push action on object contour
- R-CNN → feasibility check

(3) Push Prediction

- Predict object transformations
- MLP → encode push action
- ResNet → encode mask image



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MCTS

- Heuristic algorithm for decision process

(1) Selection

- Select best node to grow tree

(2) Expansion

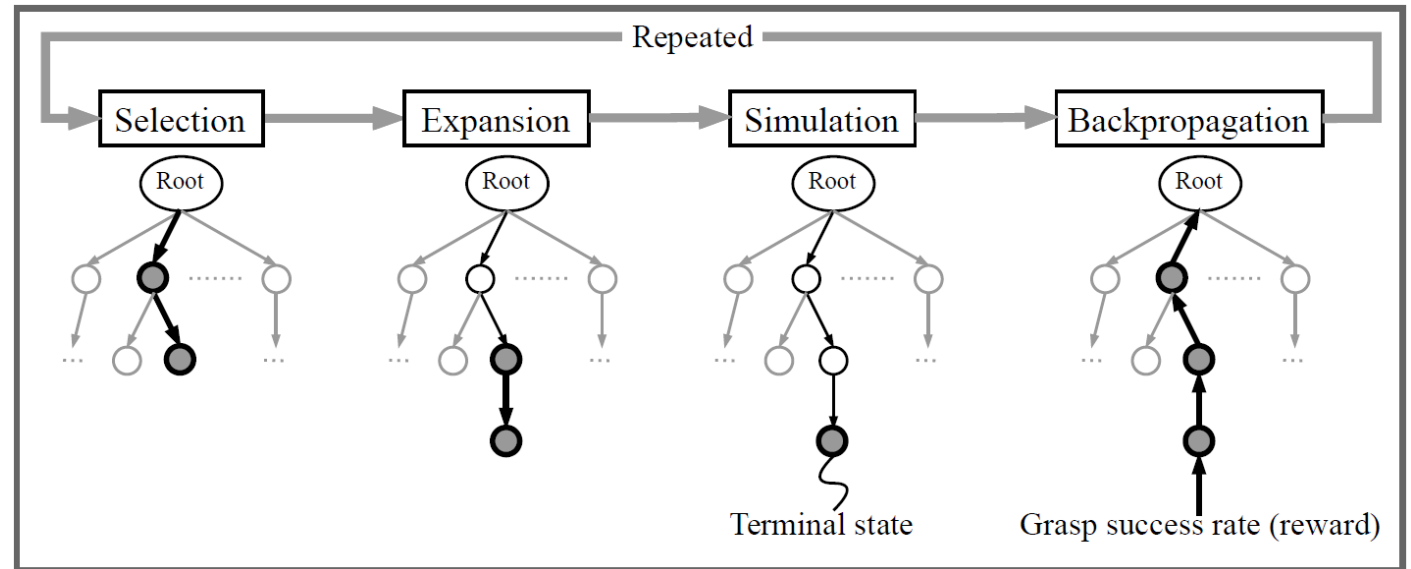
- Add new child node to the tree

(3) Simulation

- Carry out at new child node

(4) Backpropagation

- Obtain terminal reward

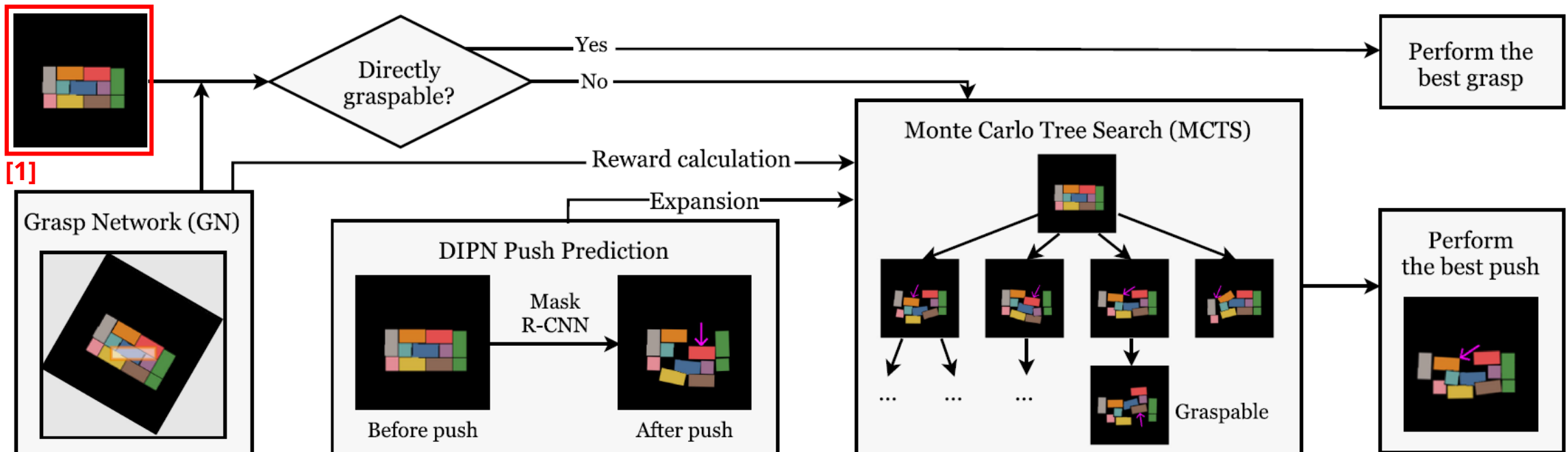


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[1] Scene Perception

- Take RGB-D image
 - Objects are detected
 - Classify as unknown clutter or target object

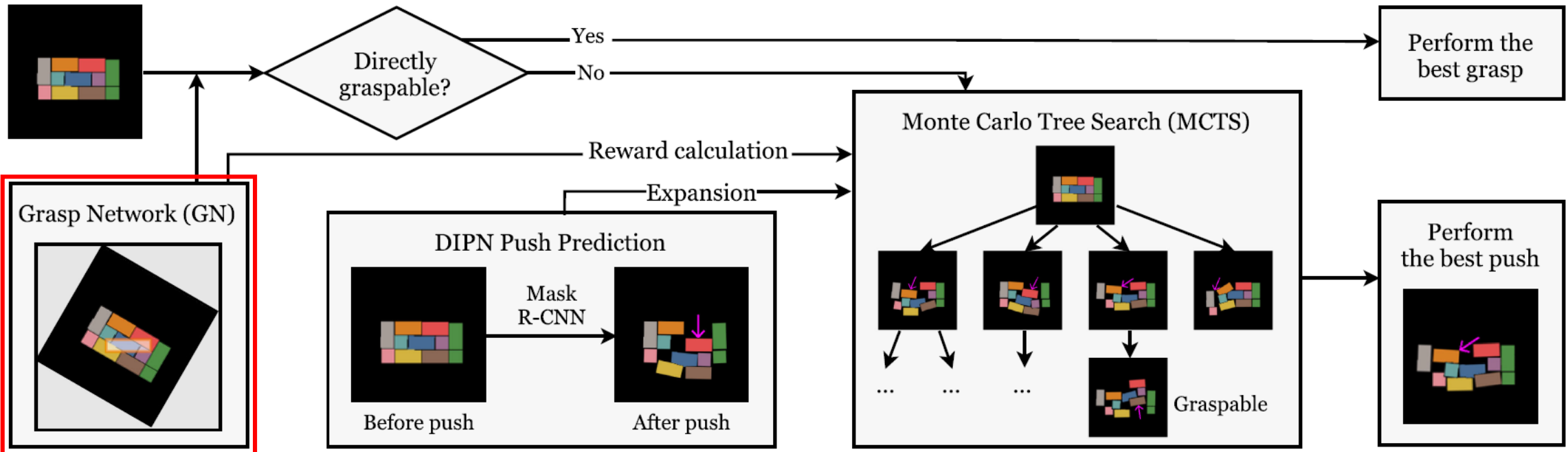


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[2] Grasp Network

- Estimate grasp Q-value on target object
 - Get **grasp probability** and use it as a threshold value
 - Determine whether the target object can be grasped



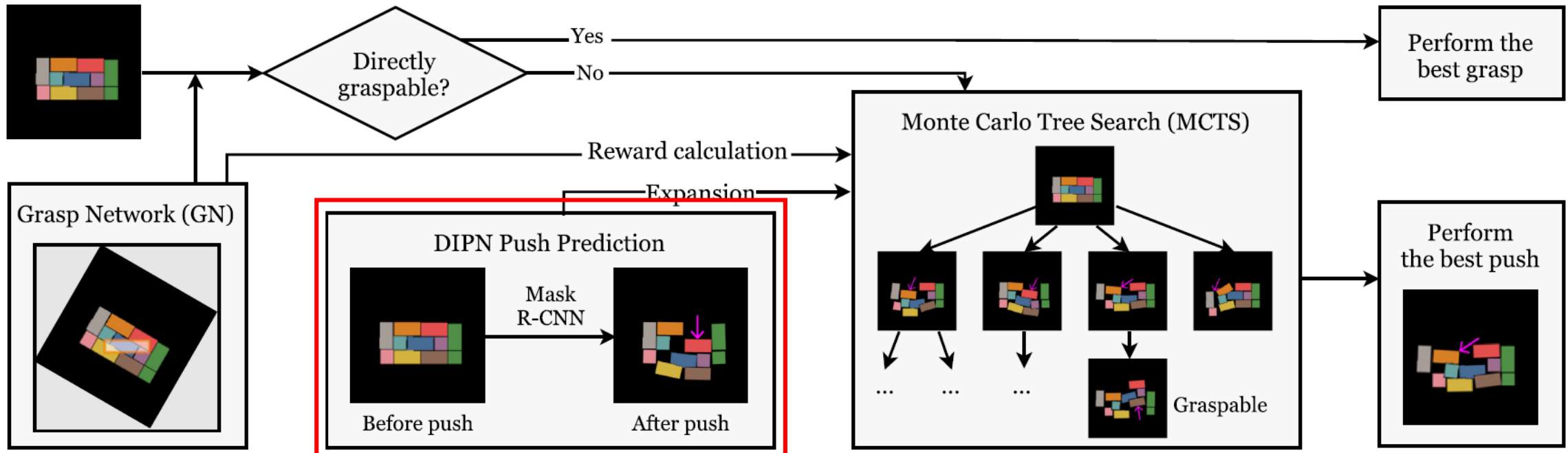
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[3] Push Prediction using DIPN

- Get post-push synthetic images
 - Generate the **predicted next state after a push**



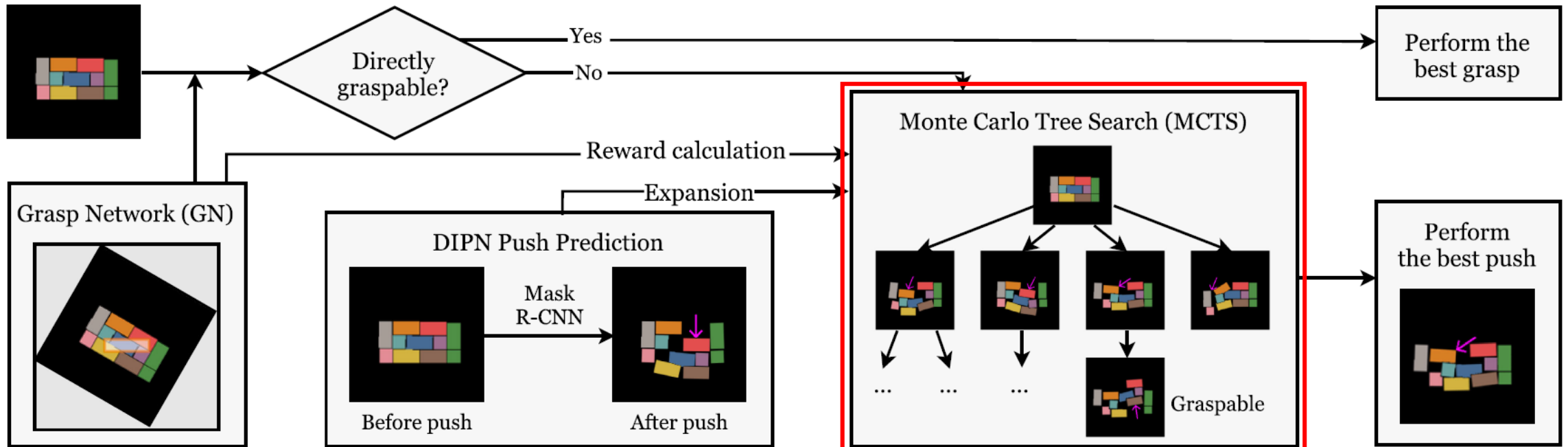
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[4] Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS)

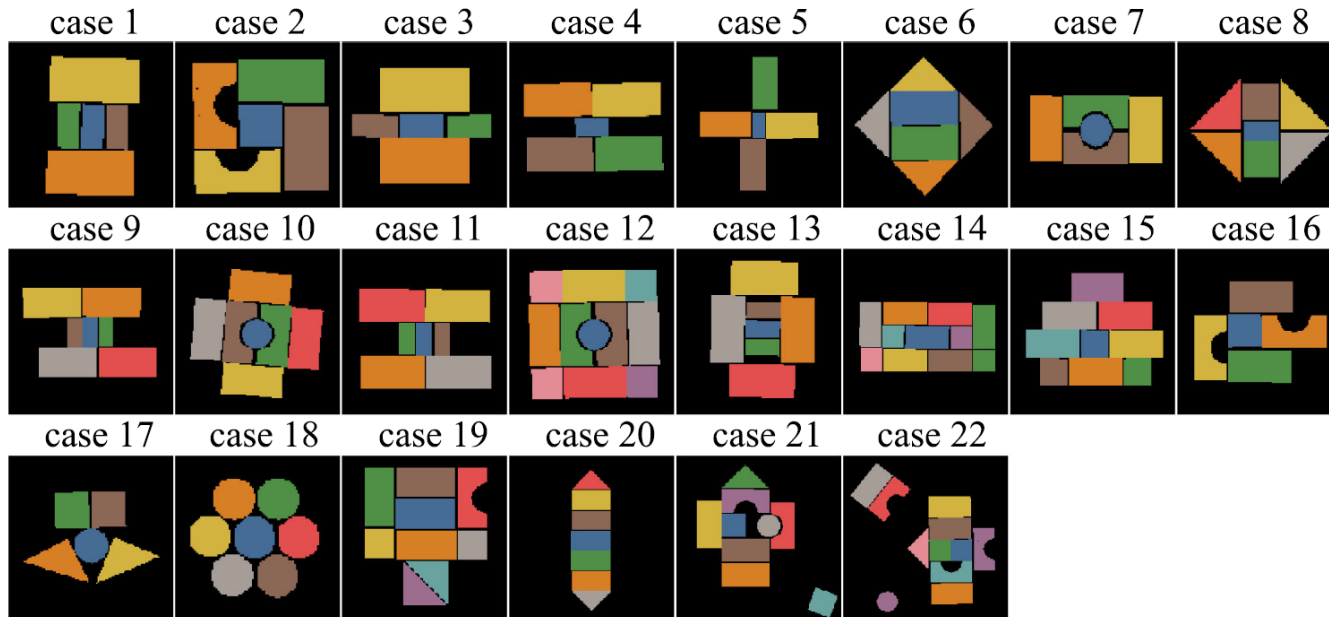
- Iterate “selection-expansion-simulation-backpropagation”
 - Define N_{\max} (maximum number of node) \rightarrow computational budget to stop the search
- \rightarrow Find **best push action** to take



[4]

Experimental Results

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- Test cases used in experiments
 - Target object : Blue block

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	Completion	Grasp Success	Number of Actions
gc-VPG [33]	89.3%	41.7%	5.78
go-PGN [33]	99.0%	90.2%	2.77
DIPN [4]	100%	100%	2.30
VFT (ours)	100%	100%	2.00

	Completion	Grasp Success	Num. of Actions
DIPN [4]	100%	98.3%	4.31
VFT (ours)	100%	98.8%	2.45

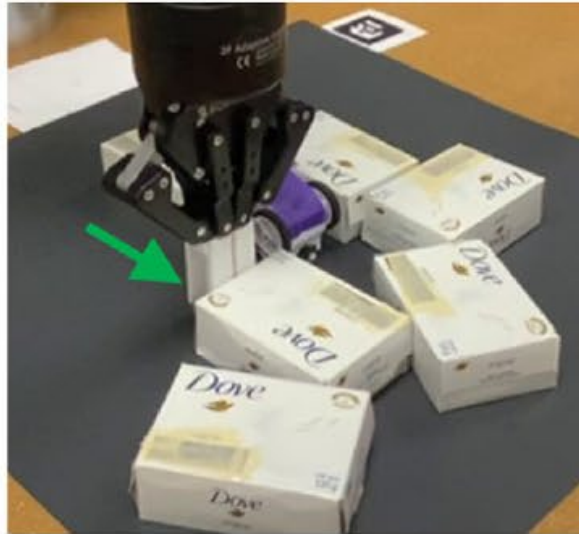
	Completion	Grasp Success	Num. of Actions
DIPN [4]	100%	97.0%	4.78
VFT (ours)	100%	98.5%	2.65

- Simulation results for the 10 test cases
→ VFT is the most efficient
- Simulation result for the 22 test cases
→ VFT is more efficient than DIPN
- Real experiment results for the 22 test cases
→ VFT is more efficient than DIPN

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cL-hmgvyec> (5'18" ~)



Summary

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Conclusion & Discussion

- VFT (Visual Foresight Trees)
 - Scene Perception
 - DIPN
 - MCTS
 - Find best push action
- Strength
 - High quality, multi-horizon prediction
- Weakness
 - Weakness in real world test scenarios

Thank You

Quiz

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Q1) What is not related with VFT?

- A. Image segmentation
- B. DIPN
- C. MCTS
- D. PMBS

Q2) What is the key difference between DIPN and VFT?