



Embodied Reasoning Through Planning with Language and Vision Foundation Models

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From “Internet AI” to “Embodied AI”

Datasets



ImageNet, Deng et al 2009.



Visual Genome, Krishna et al 2017.



ShapeNet, Chang et al 2015.



MS COCO, Lin et al 2014.



Pascal VOC, Everingham et al 2012.



OpenImage, Krasin et al 2016.

Tasks

Classification

Detection

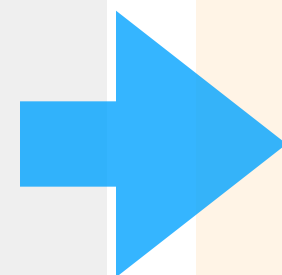
Captioning

Segmentation

Generation

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Internet AI



Visual Navigation

Manipulation

Rearrangement

Embodied-QA

Mobile Manipulation

Instruction Following

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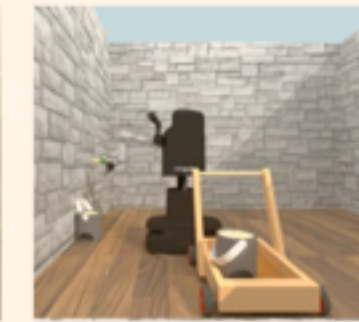
Embodied AI



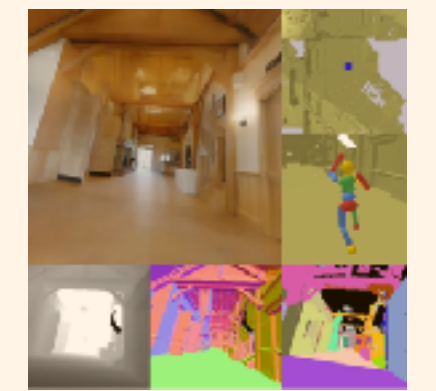
RLBench, James et al 2020.



AI2Thor, Kolve et al 2017.



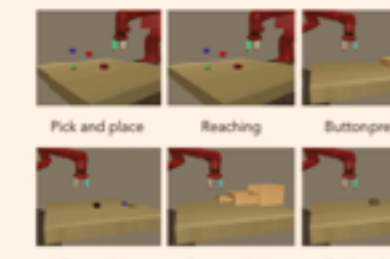
SAPIEN, Xiang et al 2020.



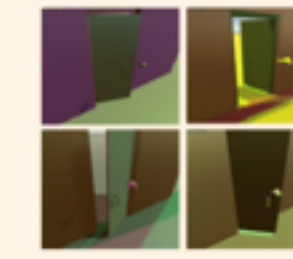
Ikea assembly, Lee et al 2019.



TDW Gan et al 2020.



Meta World, Yu et al 2020.

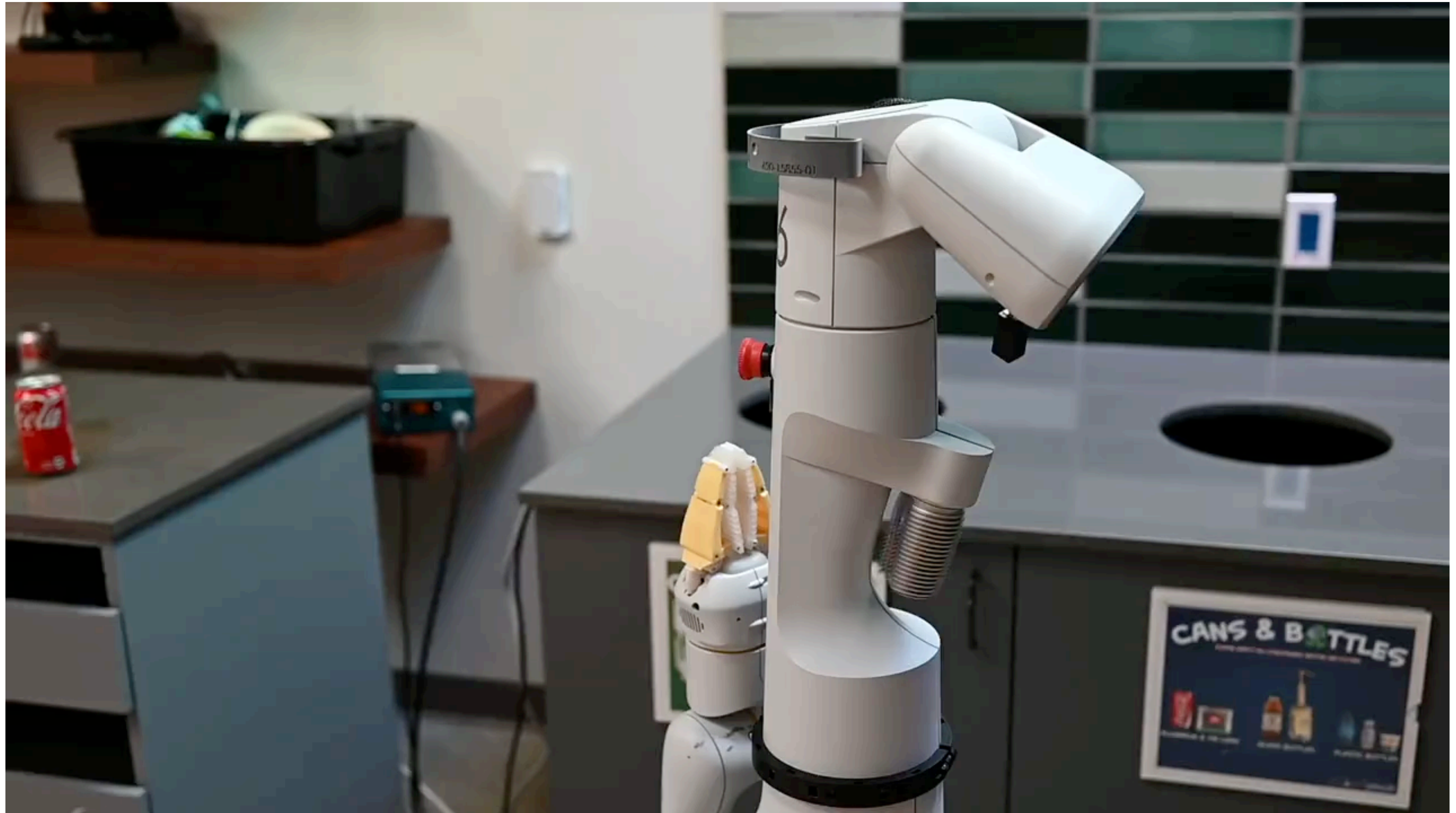


DoorGym, Urakami et al 2019.



Do as I Can, Not as I Say (SayCan): Grounding Language In Robotic Affordances

[Say-Can.github.io](https://say-can.github.io)

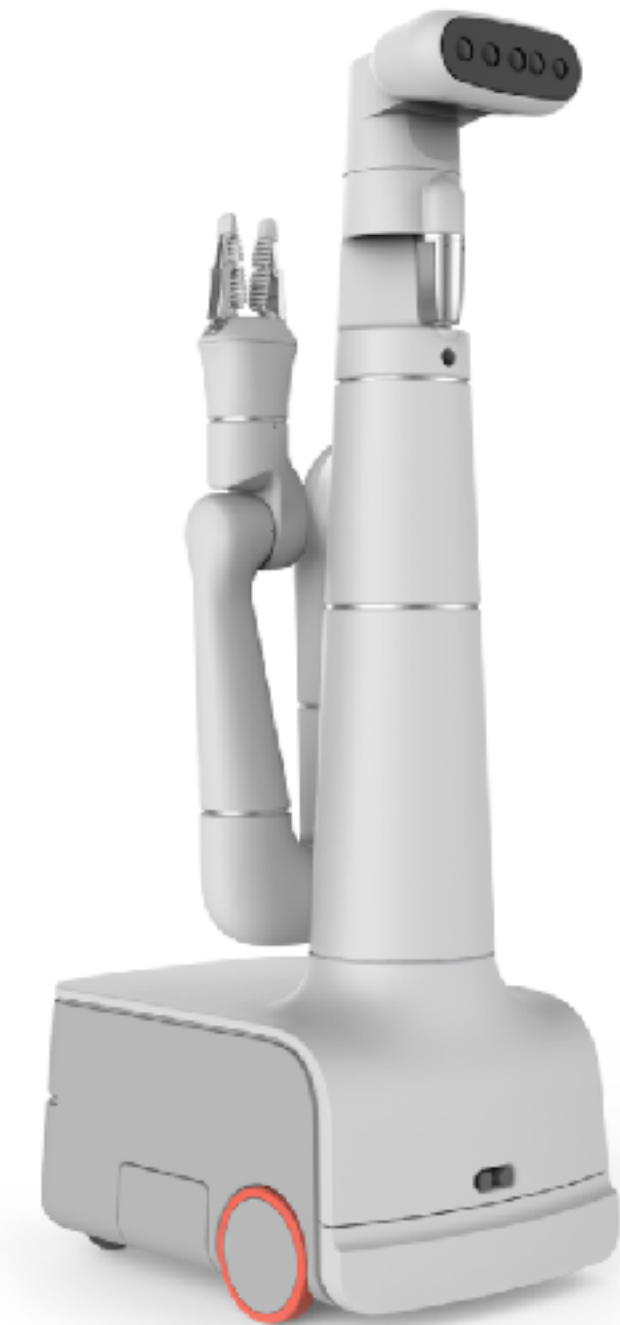


How do we make robot learning more useful?

I spilled my drink, can you help?

I just worked out, can you bring me a snack and a drink to recover?

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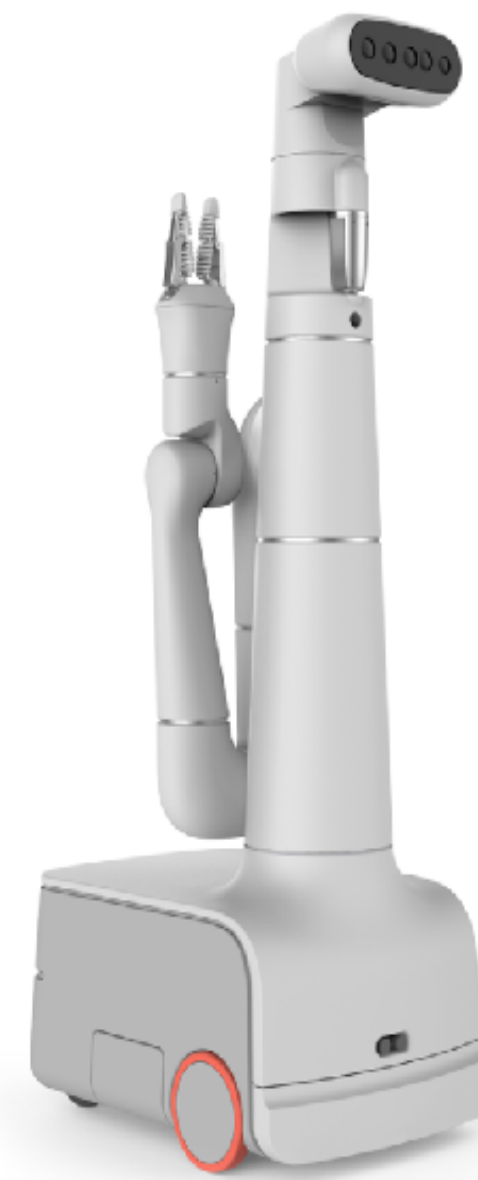


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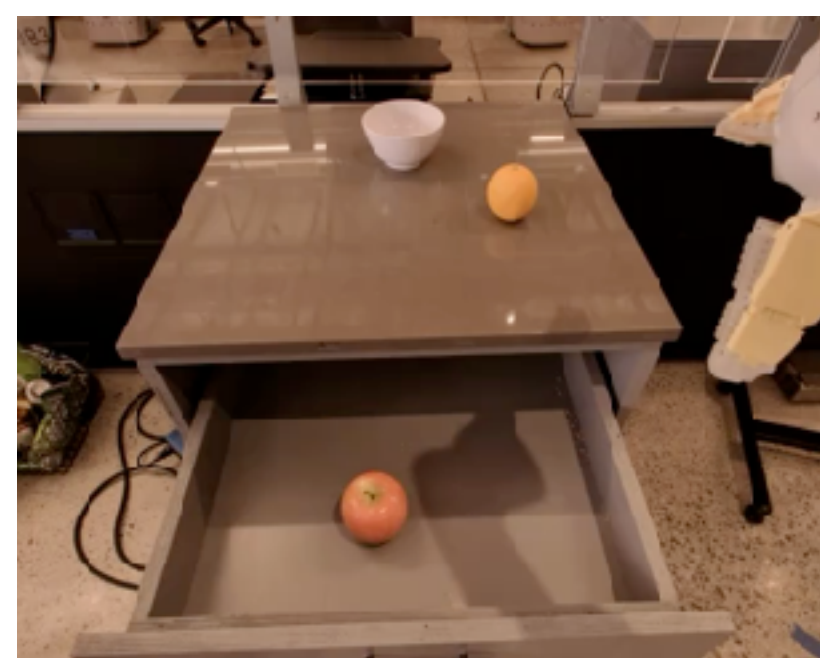


Language Conditioned Robot Behavior

Naive language conditioned imitation learning works on short horizon tasks but struggles with long-horizon tasks and complex instructions.



“I spilled my drink, can you help with that?”



“I just worked out, can you bring me a snack and a drink to recover?”

Mixing language and robotics

Large Language Models (LLMs)

Lots of recent breakthroughs, contain a wealth of knowledge and can handle sequences, memory, and more

User: What can you tell me about cell biology?

Gopher: Sure, I can tell you some basic facts. The nucleus is the central part of DNA. Each chromosome contains many genes. Cells divide when the DNA is duplicated before this happens. A group of similar cells is called a tissue.

User: What is the technical name for single-cell organisms?

Gopher: They're known as prokaryotes.

User: Are humans prokaryotes?

Gopher: No, they're eukaryotes.

User: What's an example of a prokaryote?

Gopher: Well, bacteria and archaea are prokaryotes.

User: What's a common species of bacteria that lives in the gut?

Gopher: Well, I believe it's Escherichia coli.

User: Is E. Coli always dangerous?

Gopher: Not always - but in some cases, it can be pathogenic. That means it can cause disease.

User: Which strains are dangerous?

Gopher: The most dangerous ones are serotype O157:H7 and serotype O111:H.

User: Can you give me a link where I can learn more?

Gopher: Yes, here you go: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Escherichia_coli_O157



Explaining a joke

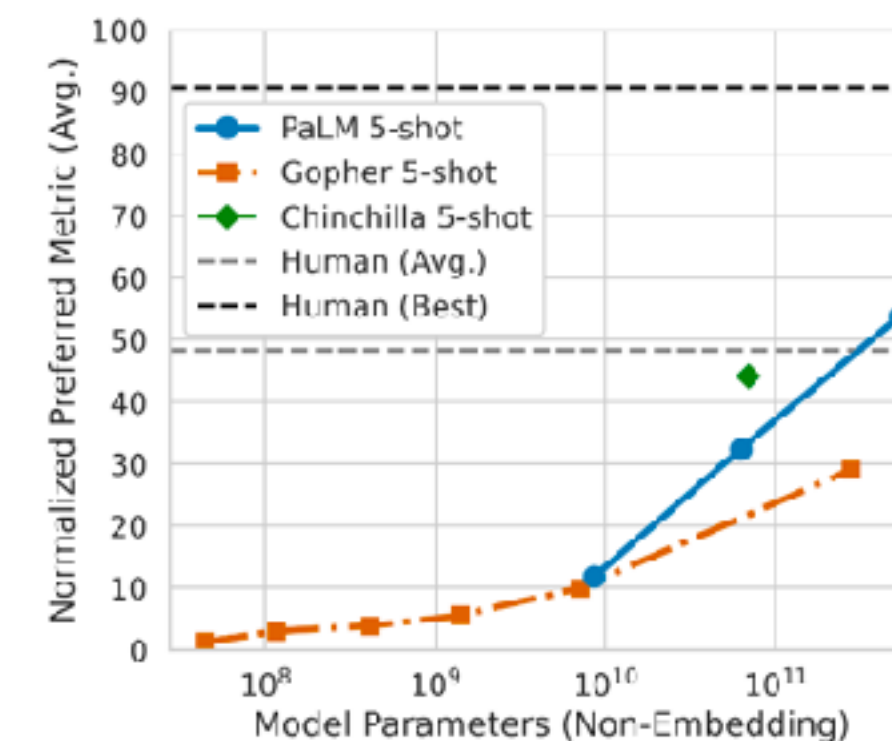
Prompt

Explain this joke:

Joke: Did you see that Google just hired an eloquent whale for their TPU team? It showed them how to communicate between two different pods!

Model Response

Prediction: TPUs are a type of computer chip that Google uses for deep learning. A "pod" is a group of TPUs. A "pod" is also a group of whales. The joke is that the whale is able to communicate between two groups of whales, but the speaker is pretending that the whale is able to communicate between two groups of TPUs.



PaLM,
Chowdhery et al, 2022

LLMs for robotics

Challenges:

1. Robot Language: Our robots can only do a fixed number of commands and need the problem broken down in actionable steps. This is not what LLMs have seen.

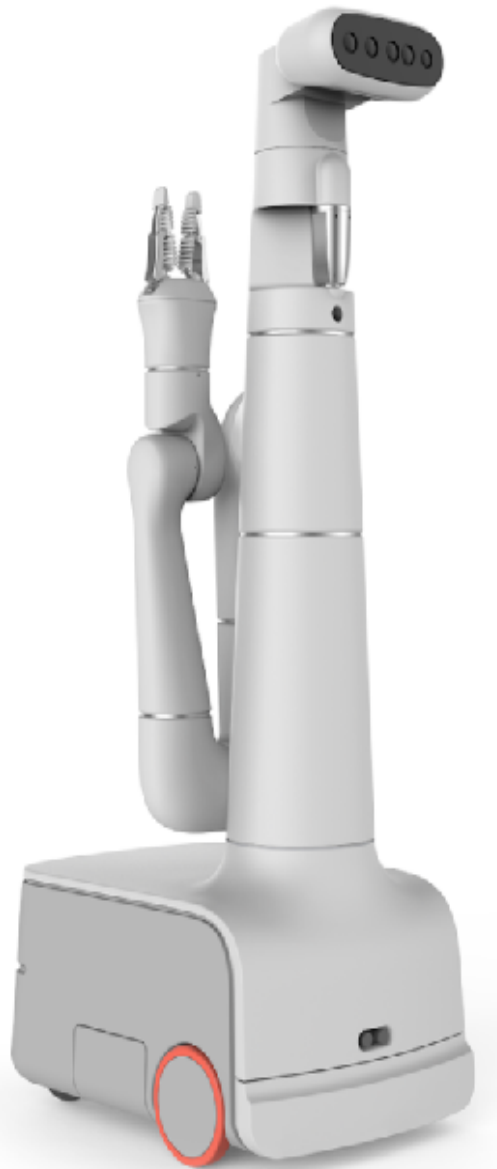
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2. Grounding: LLMs have not directly “experienced” the physical world.

I’m feeling tired, can you make me a latte?

3. Safety, alignment, interpretability...



LLMs for robotics

I spilled my drink, can you help?

GPT3

You could try using a vacuum cleaner.

LaMDA

Do you want me to find a cleaner?

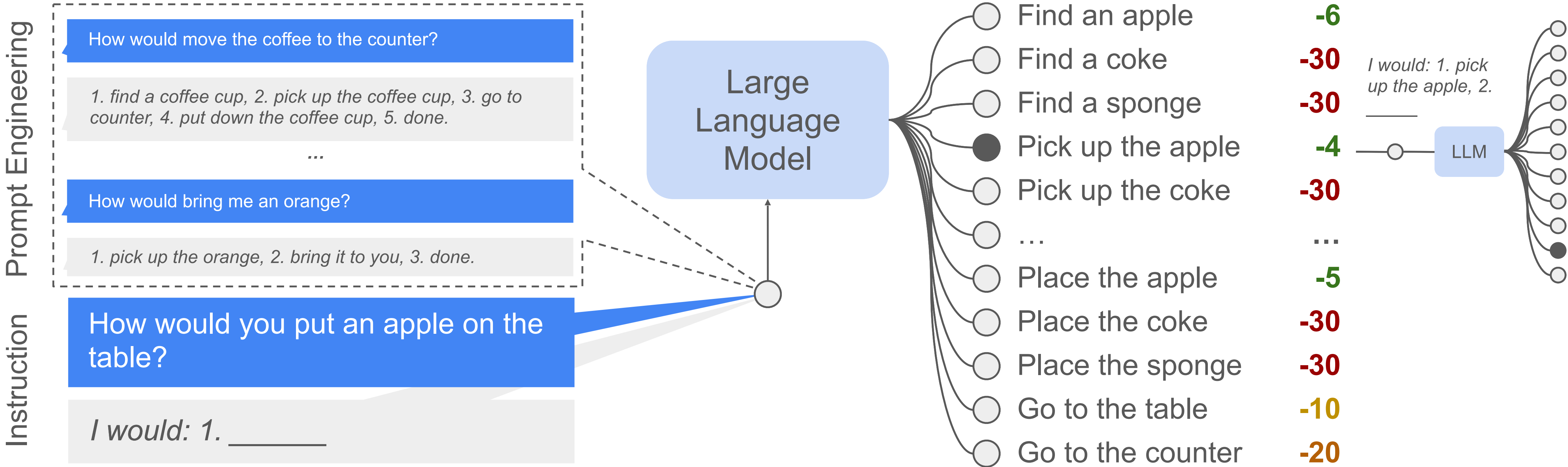
FLAN

I'm sorry, I didn't mean to spill it.

Problem: Our robots can only do a fixed number of commands and need the problem broken down in actionable steps. This is not what LLMs have seen.

We need to get LLMs to speak “robot language”!

LLMs for robotics



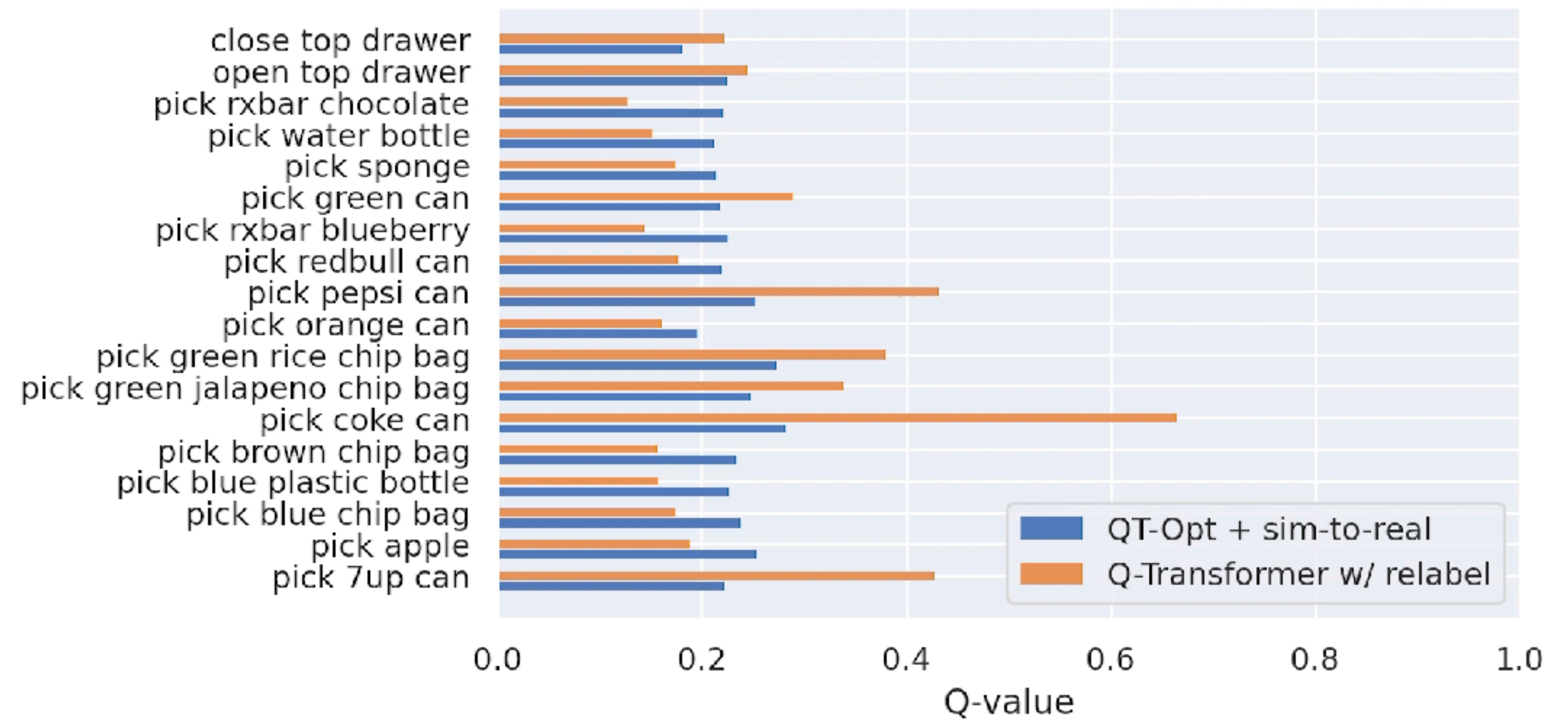
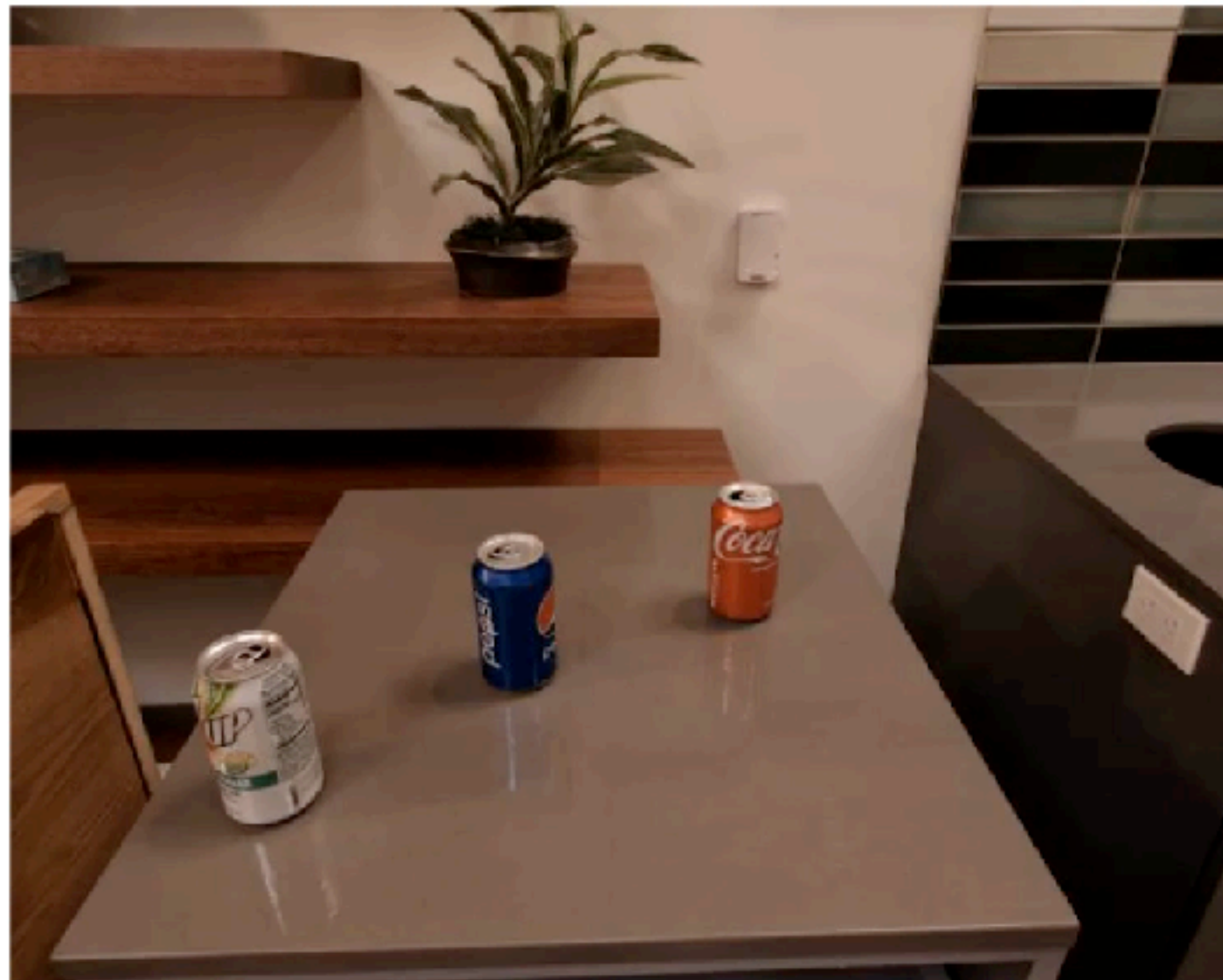
Problem: LLMs aren't grounded in the real-world. They don't know what's actually possible from a state with a given embodiment.

We need to ground LLMs in robotic affordances!

Robotic affordances

Reinforcement learning already provides task-based affordances.

They are encoded in the value function!



[Value Function Spaces, Shah, Xu, Lu, Xiao, Toshev, Levine, Ichter, ICLR 2022]

Q-Transformer, 2023.

LLMs for robotics and robotics for LLMs

Language Grounding:
Instruction Relevance with LLMs

Combined

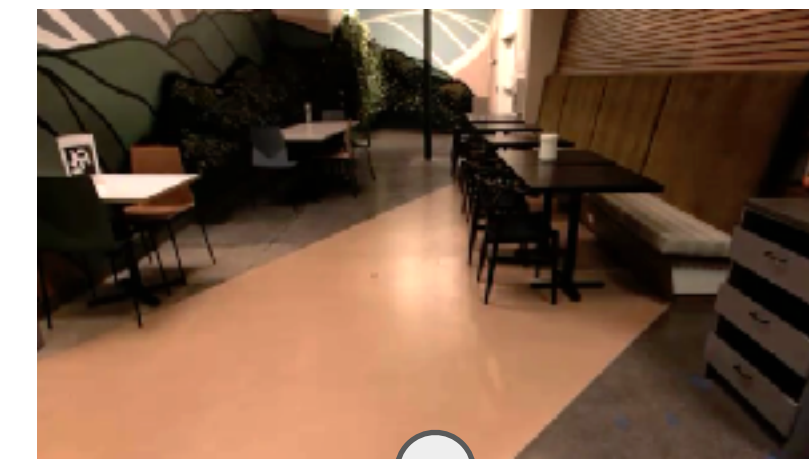
World Grounding:
Task Affordances with Value Functions

How would you put
an apple on the
table?

I would: 1. _____

LLM

- 6 Find an apple
- 30 Find a coke
- 30 Find a sponge
- 4 Pick up the apple
- 30 Pick up the coke
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- 5 Place the apple
- 30 Place the coke
- 10 Go to the table
- 20 Go to the counter

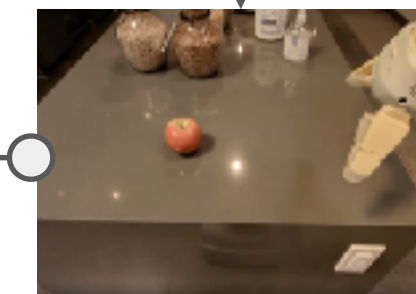


Value
Functions

I would: 1. Find an apple, 2. _____

LLM

VF



Experiment Overview

70% planning rate

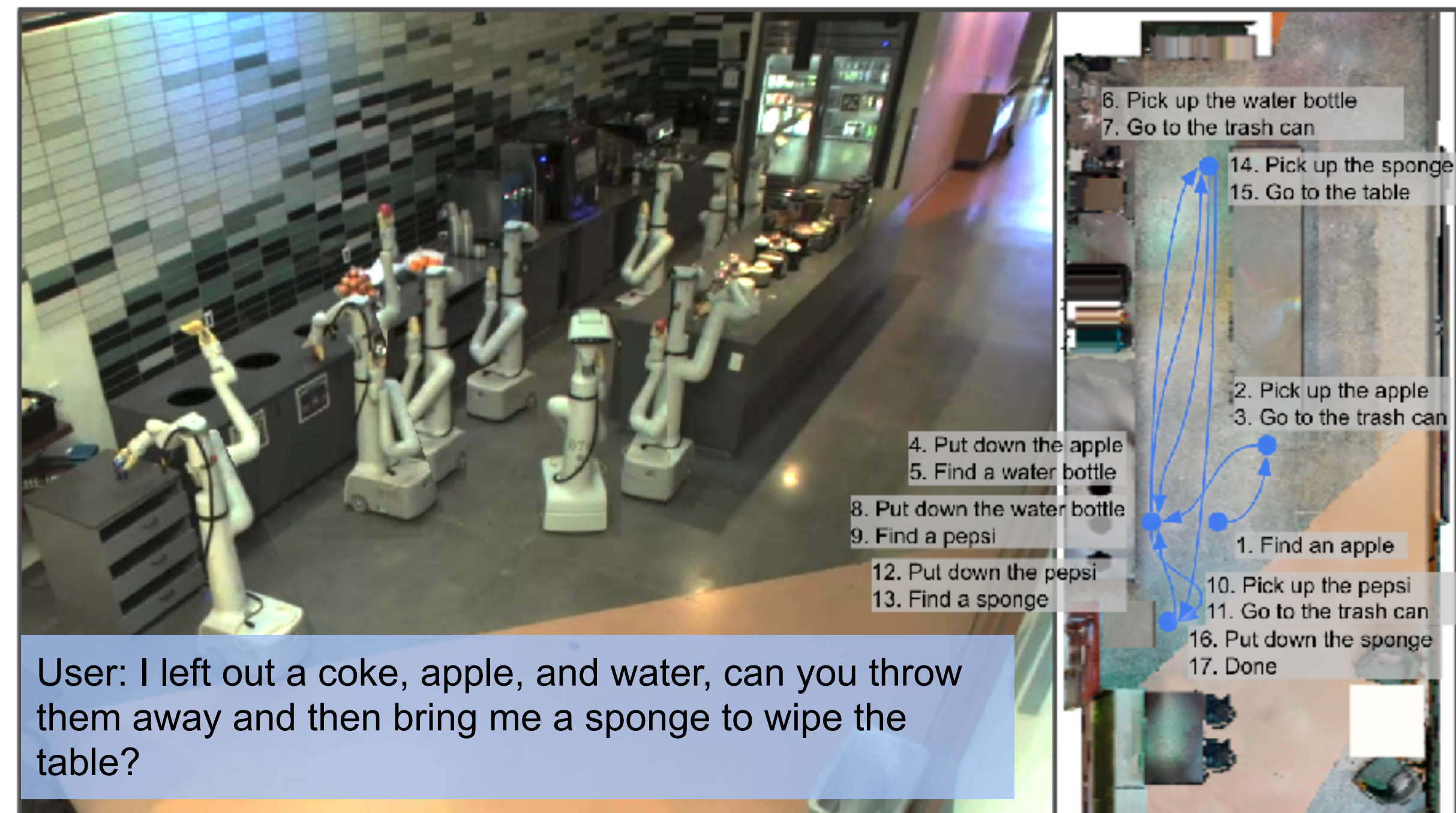
61% execution rate

101 long-horizon instructions

10+ navigation and manipulation skills in a row

Without grounding nearly halves performance

Instruction Family	Num	Plan	Execution
Natural Language Single Primitive	15	67%	67%
Natural Language Nouns	15	60%	53%
Natural Language Verbs	15	80%	67%
Structured Language	15	100%	87%
Embodiment	11	64%	55%
Crowd Sourced	15	73%	67%
Long-Horizon	15	47%	33%
Total	101	70%	61%



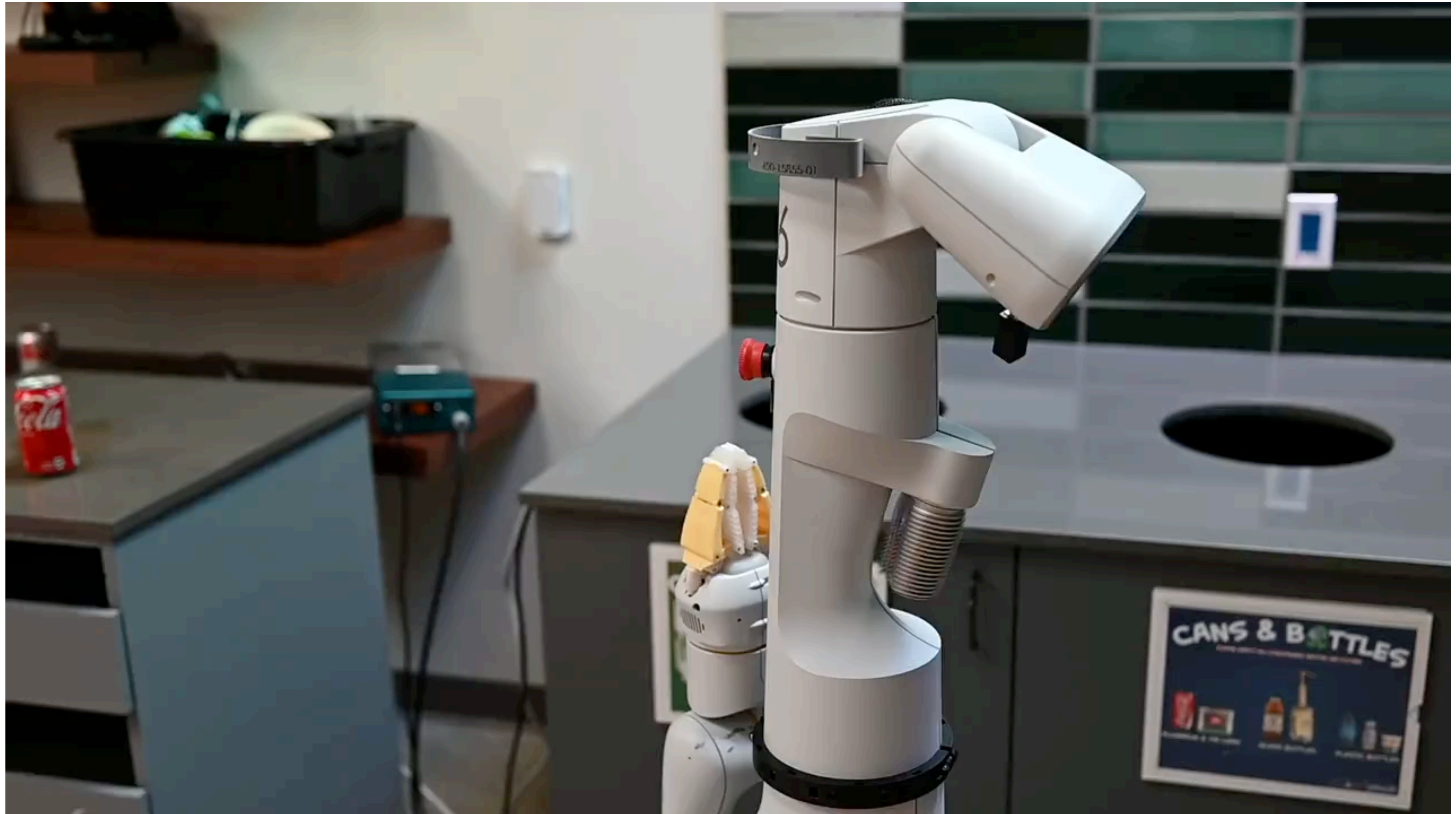
PaLM-SayCan vs FLAN-SayCan

		plan	execute	plan	execute
PALM		PaLM		FLAN	
Family	Num	SayCan	SayCan	SayCan	SayCan
NL Single	15	100%	100%	67%	67%
NL Nouns	15	67%	47%	60%	53%
NL Verbs	15	100%	93%	80%	67%
Structured	15	93%	87%	100%	87%
Embodiment	11	64%	55%	64%	55%
Crowd Sourced	15	87%	87%	73%	67%
Long-Horizon	15	73%	47%	47%	33%
Total	101	84%	74%	70%	61%

+14% Planning success rate overall

+26% Planning success rate on long-horizon tasks

SayCan: Grounding Language in Robotic Affordances



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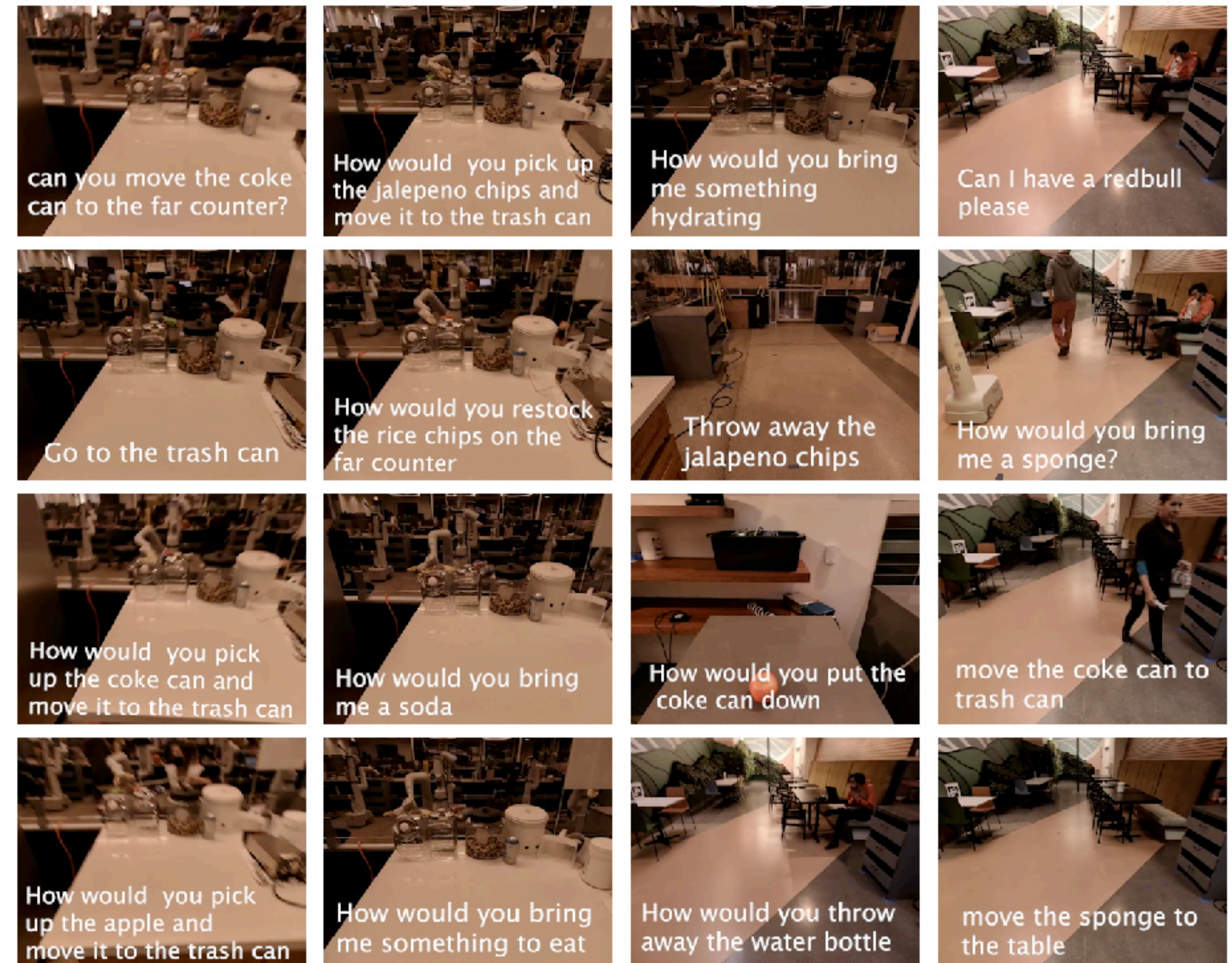


SayCan: Takeaways

- LLMs can provide task grounding
- (Robotic) value functions provide real-world grounding
- This is compatible with any policy as long as there is an affordance

Challenge:

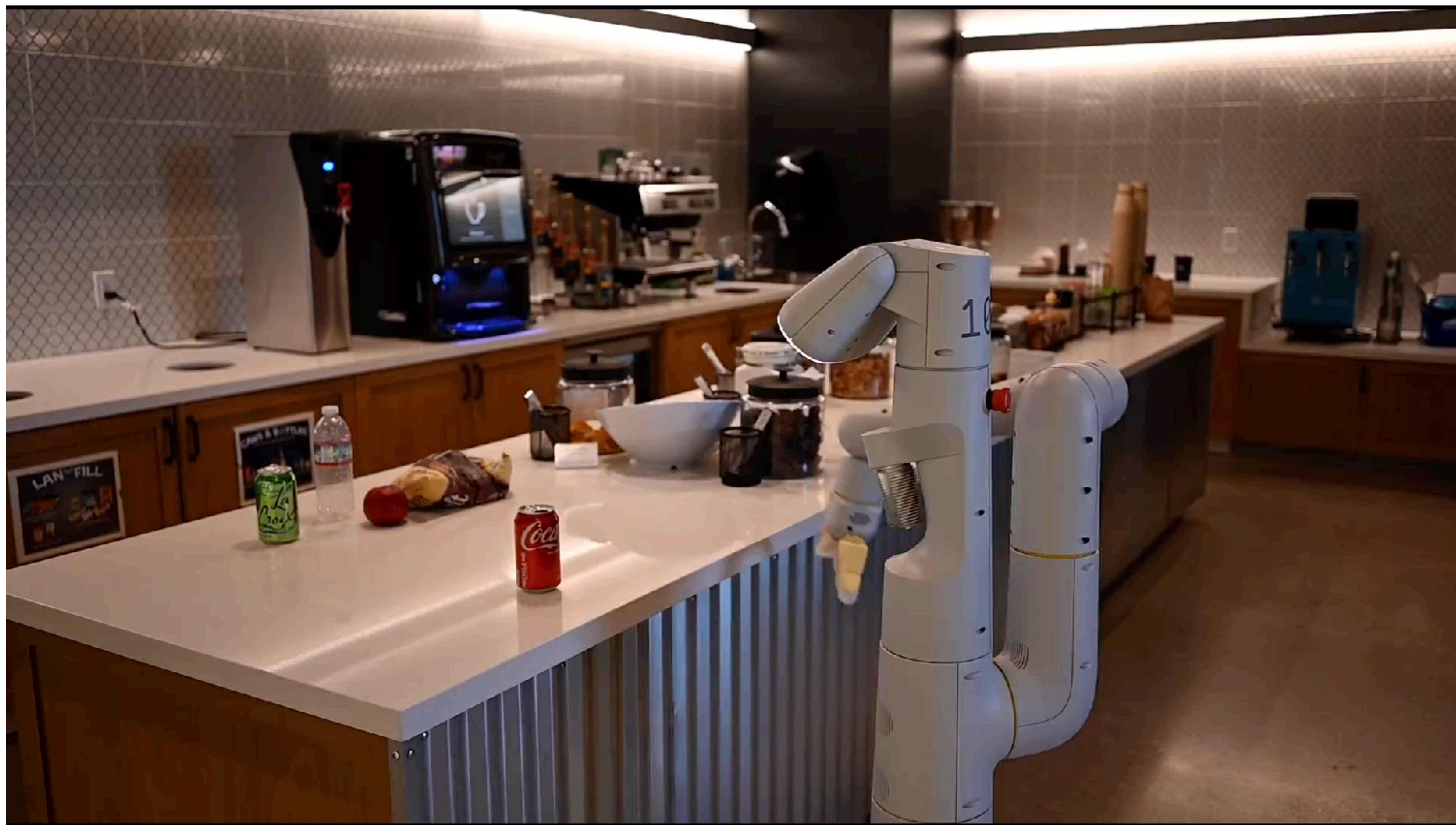
- One bottleneck is still on the skills
- Language-conditioned affordance model



RT-1: Robotics Transformer for Real-World Control at Scale



ROSIE: Scaling Robot Learning with Semantically Imagined Experience



Discussions

PaLM-E: An Embodied Multimodal Language Model



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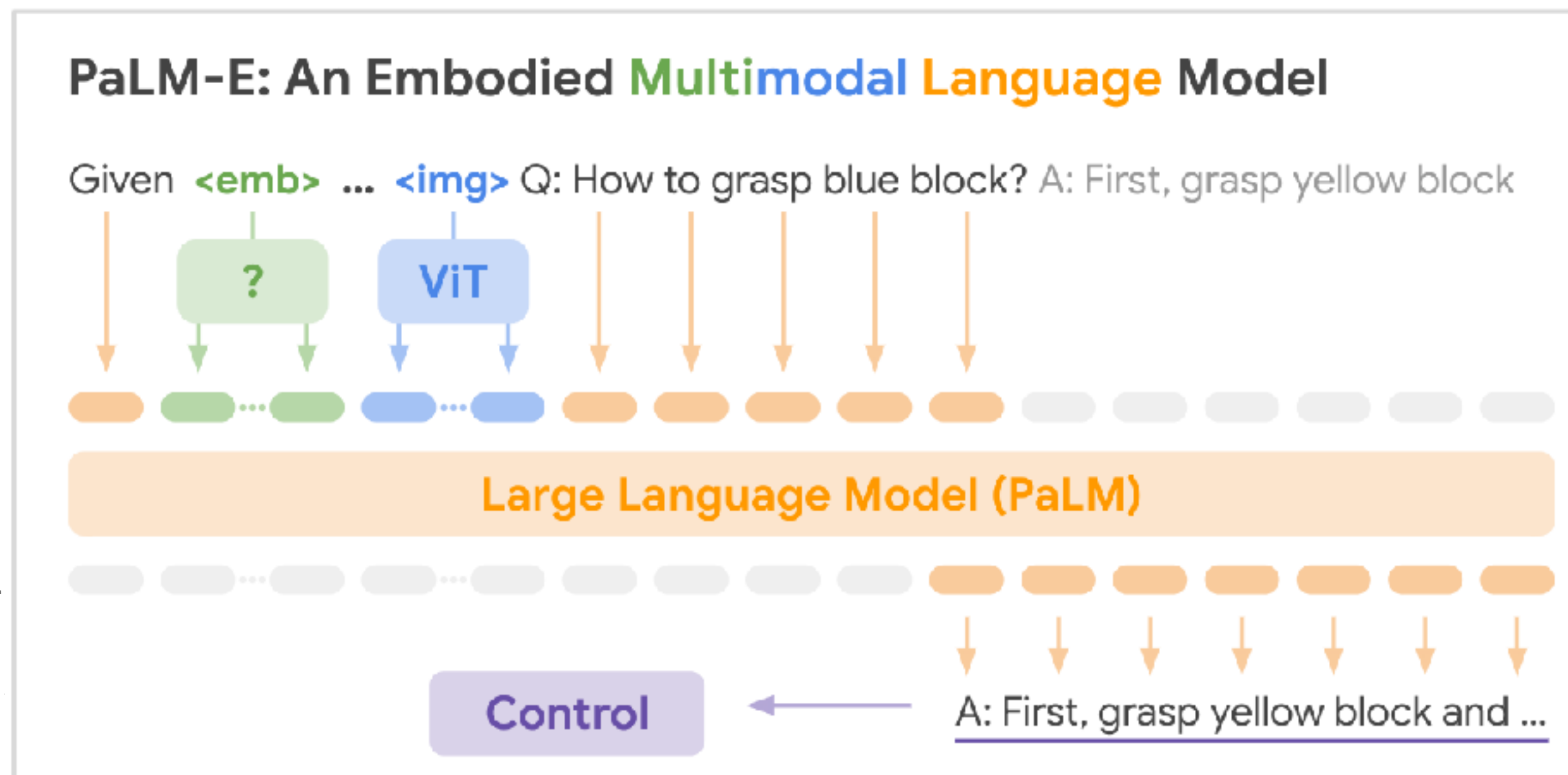
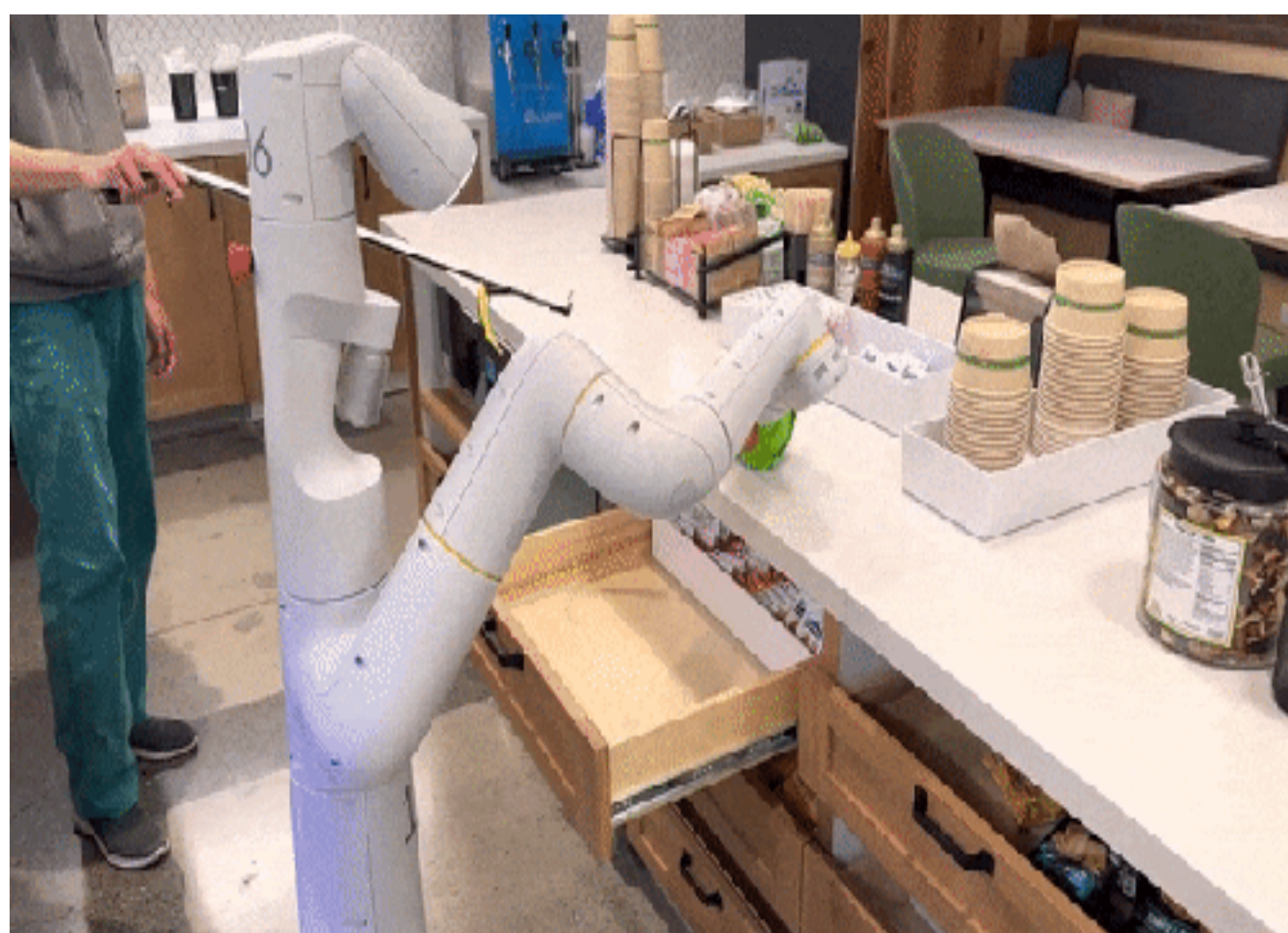
“One model”

- Embodied robotics tasks
- Vision-language
- Language
- ... across multiple robot embodiments
- ... across multiple modalities (vision, states, neural scenes)

Positive transfer

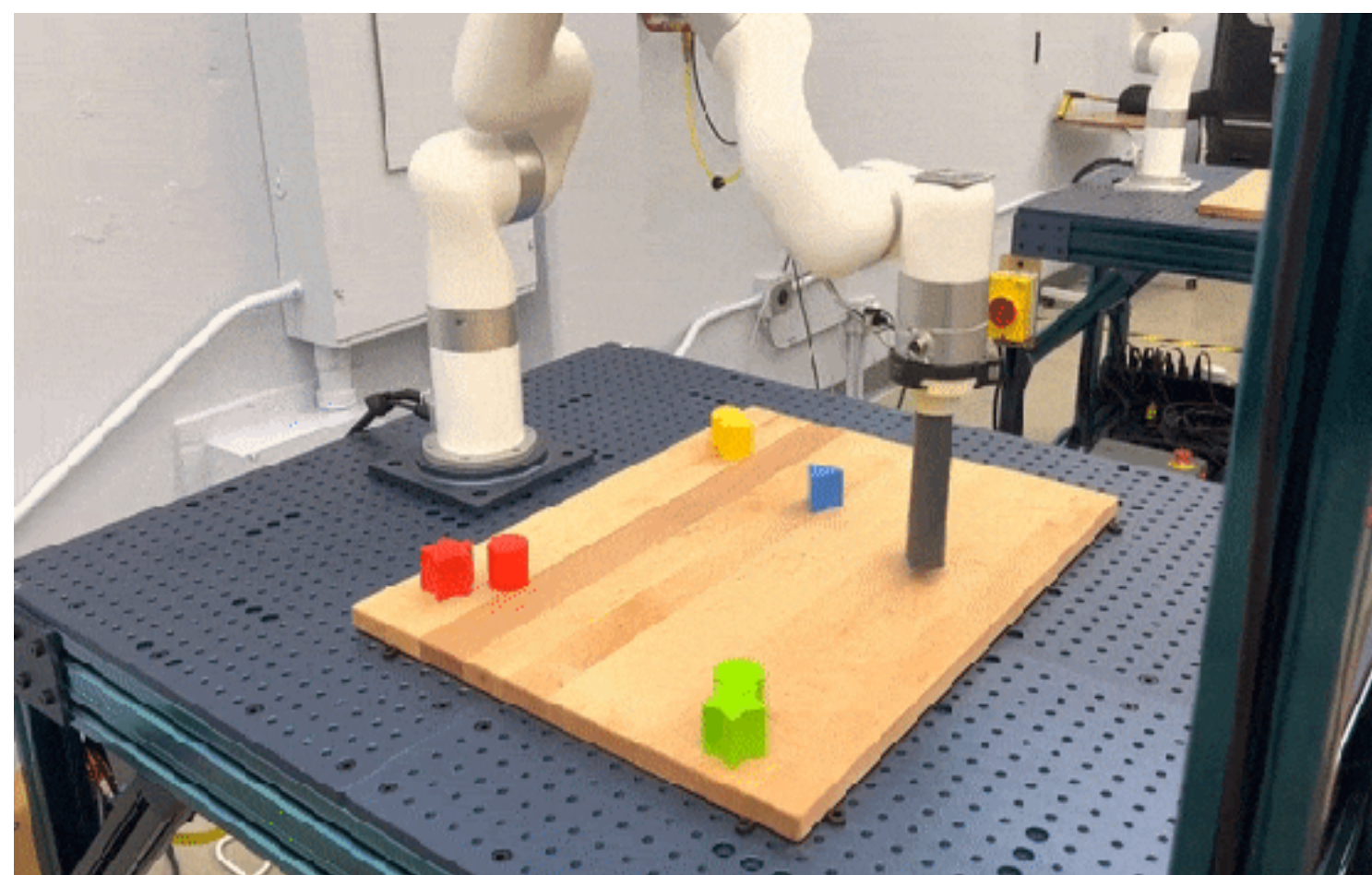
Closed-loop end-to-end planning

“Given ****... Bring me the rice chips from the drawer ”



Long-horizon tasks

“Given ****... Sort the blocks by colors into corners”



Vision-language generalist



Given ****. Q: What's in the image? Answer in emojis.
A: 🍏 🍇 🍊 🍋 🍌 🍓

Emergent visual-language capabilities

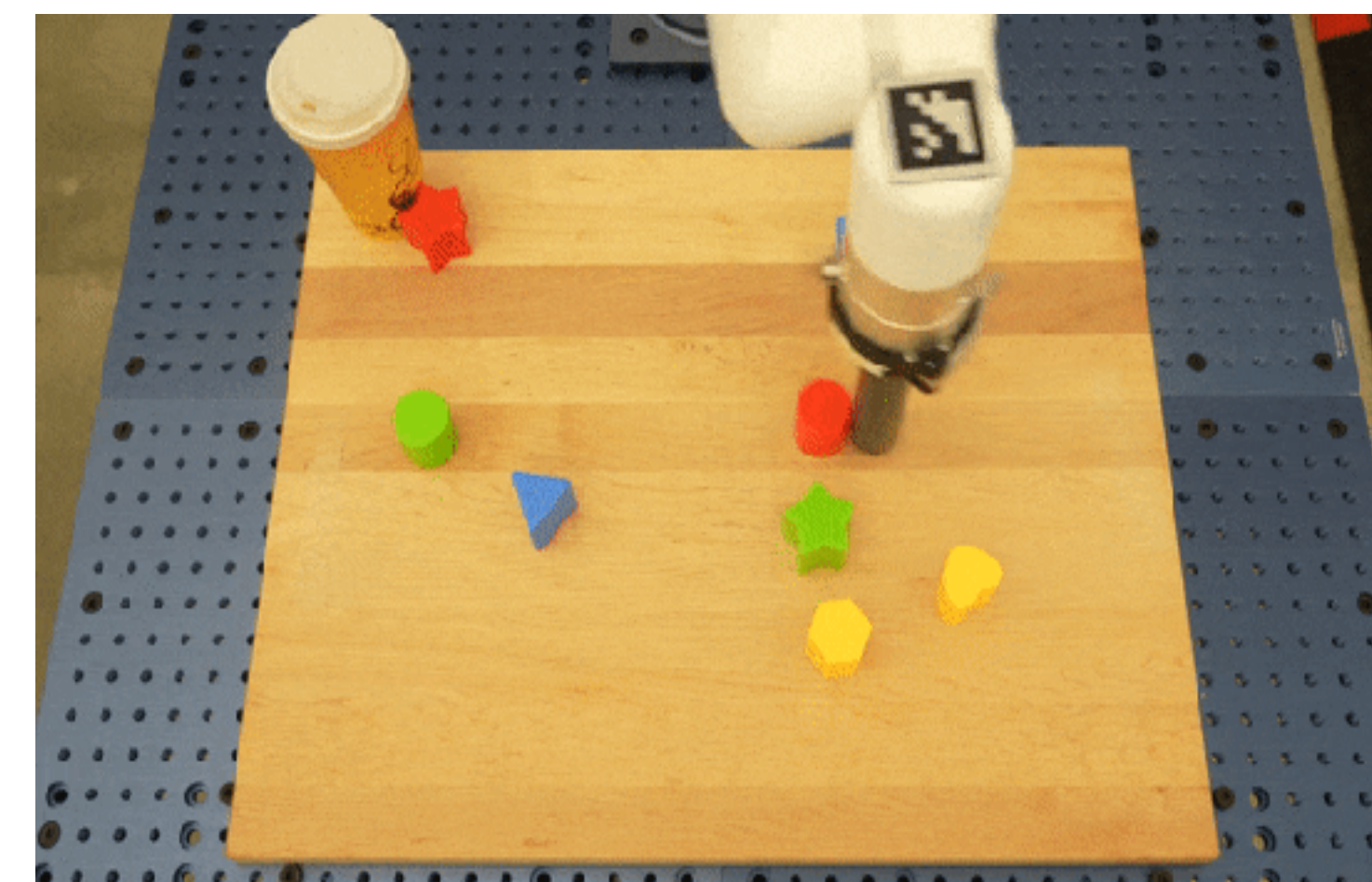
Zero-shot multimodal CoT, multi-image reasoning



Given ****. Q: Can I go down this street on a bicycle, yes or no? A: Let's think step by step.
1. do not enter. 2. except bicycles. 3. do not entry except bicycles. 4. yes.

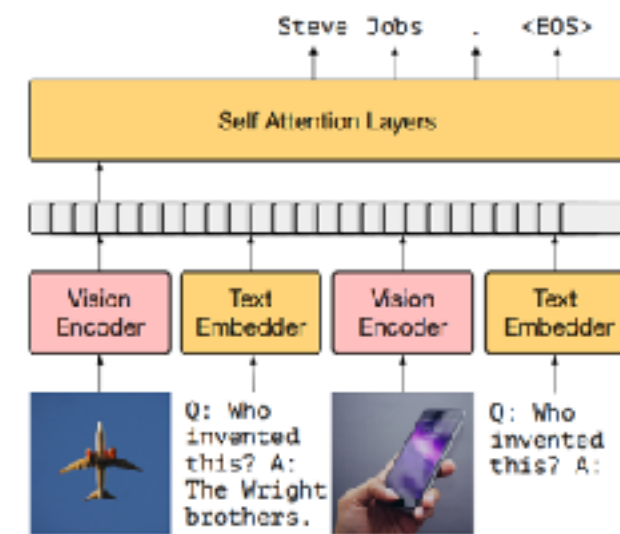
Zero-shot generalization

(unseen object pairings, or objects)

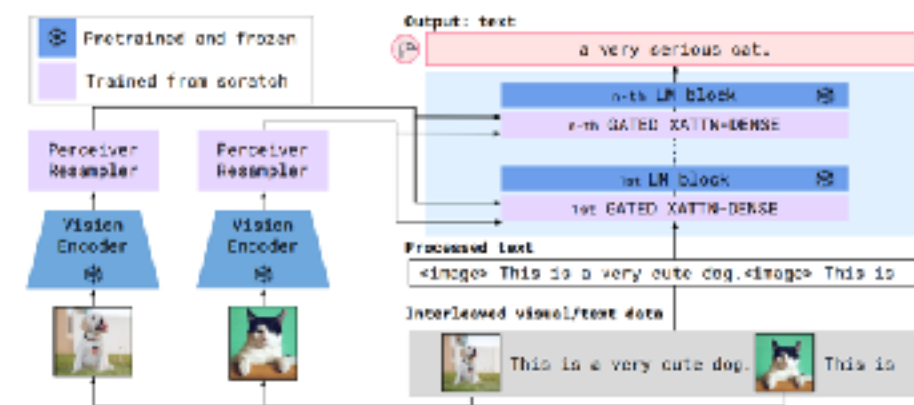


Multimodal Language Models

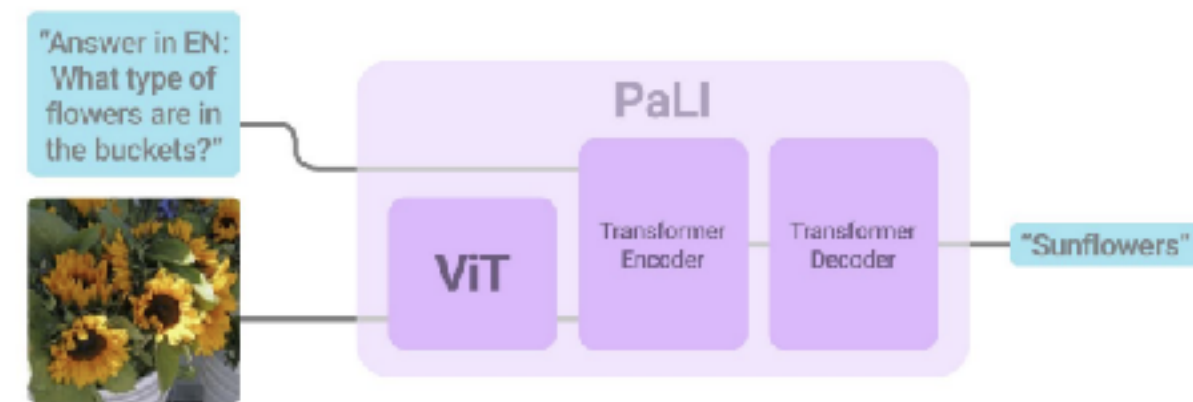
- “Frozen”, Tsimpoukelli et al.



- Flamingo, Alayrac et al.



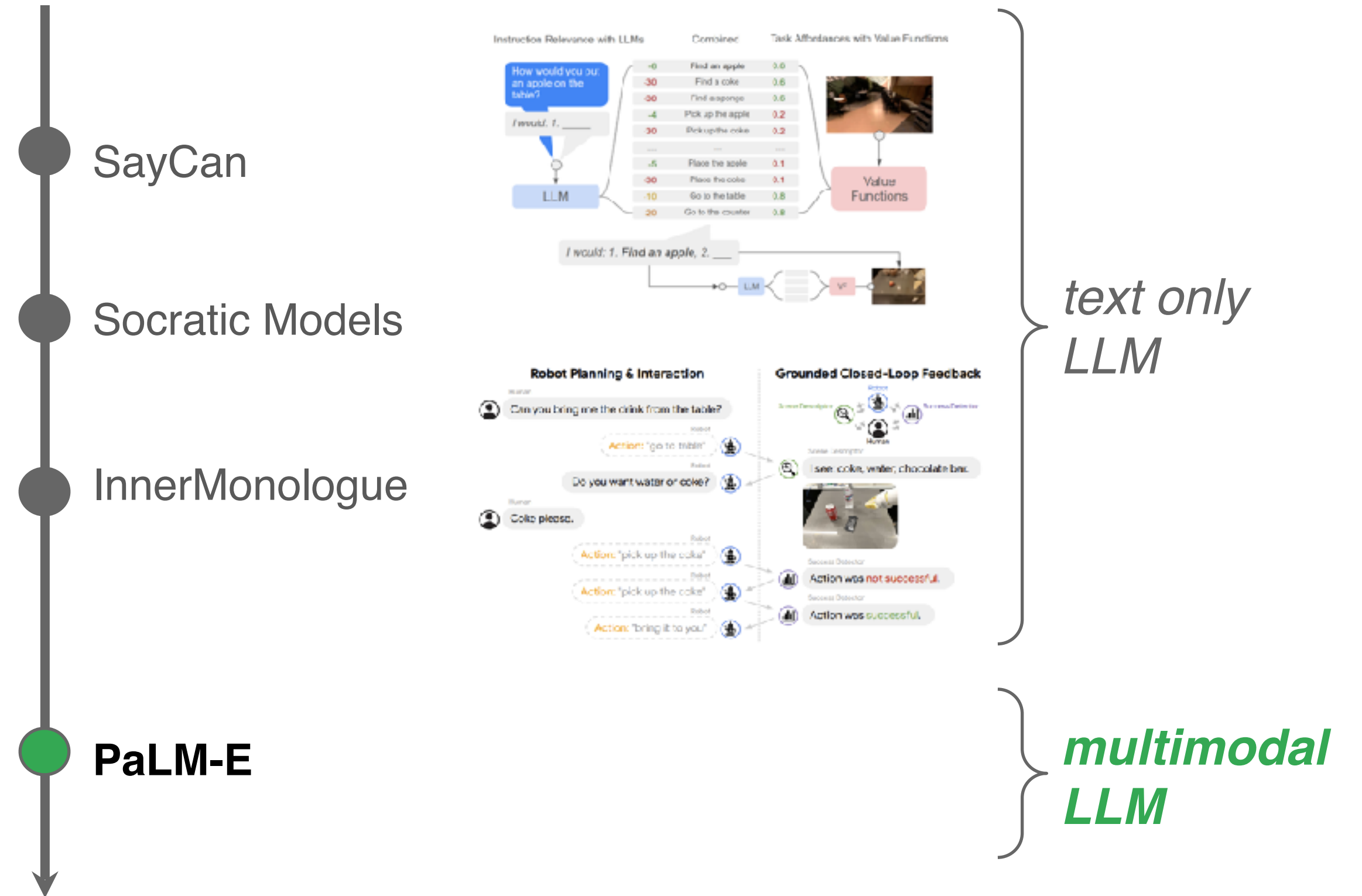
- PaLI, Chen et al.



- BLIP-2, Kosmos-1, GPT-4, ...

Language + Robotics

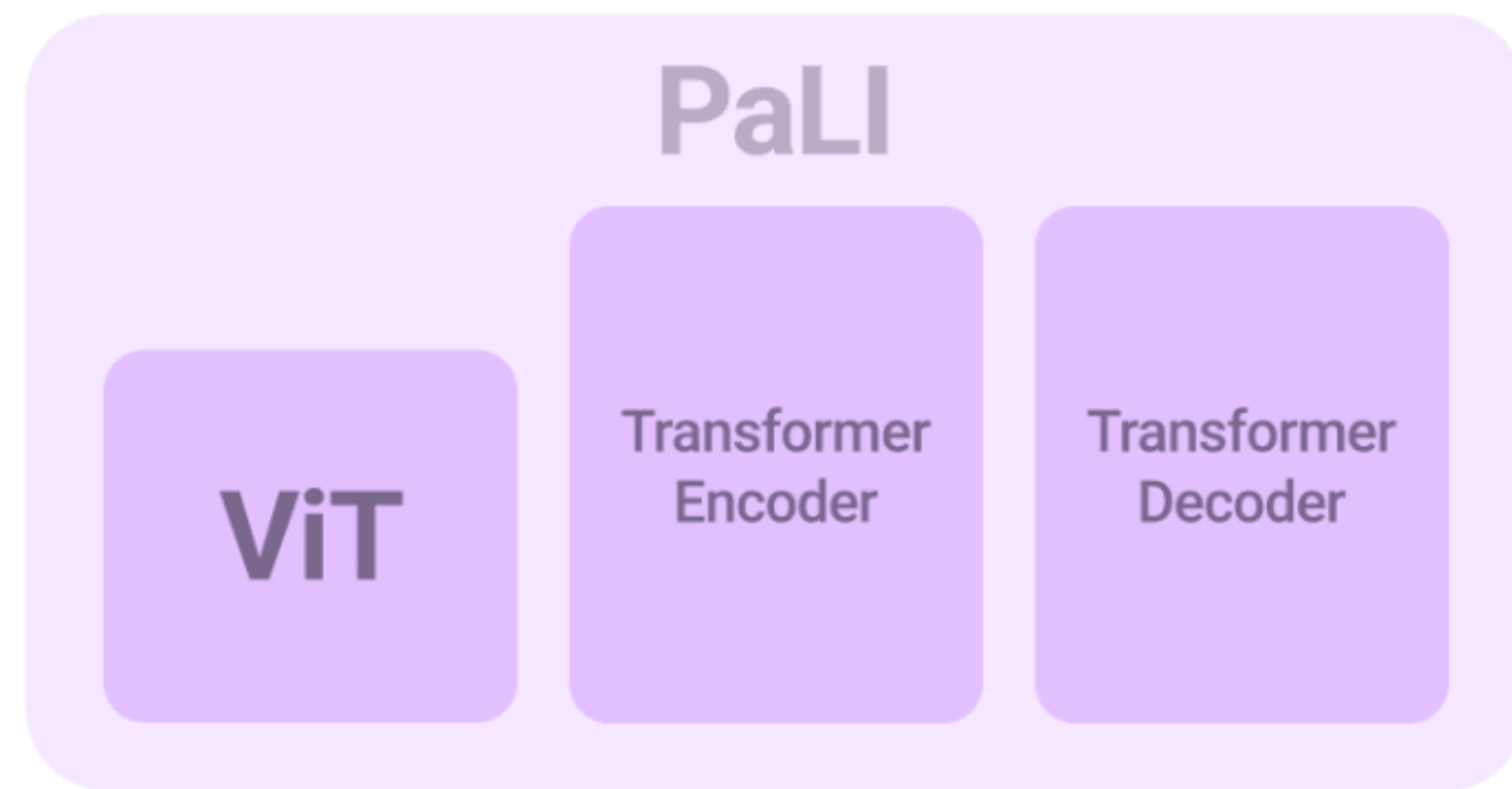
LLMs + robots for high-level planning



Language conditioned policies

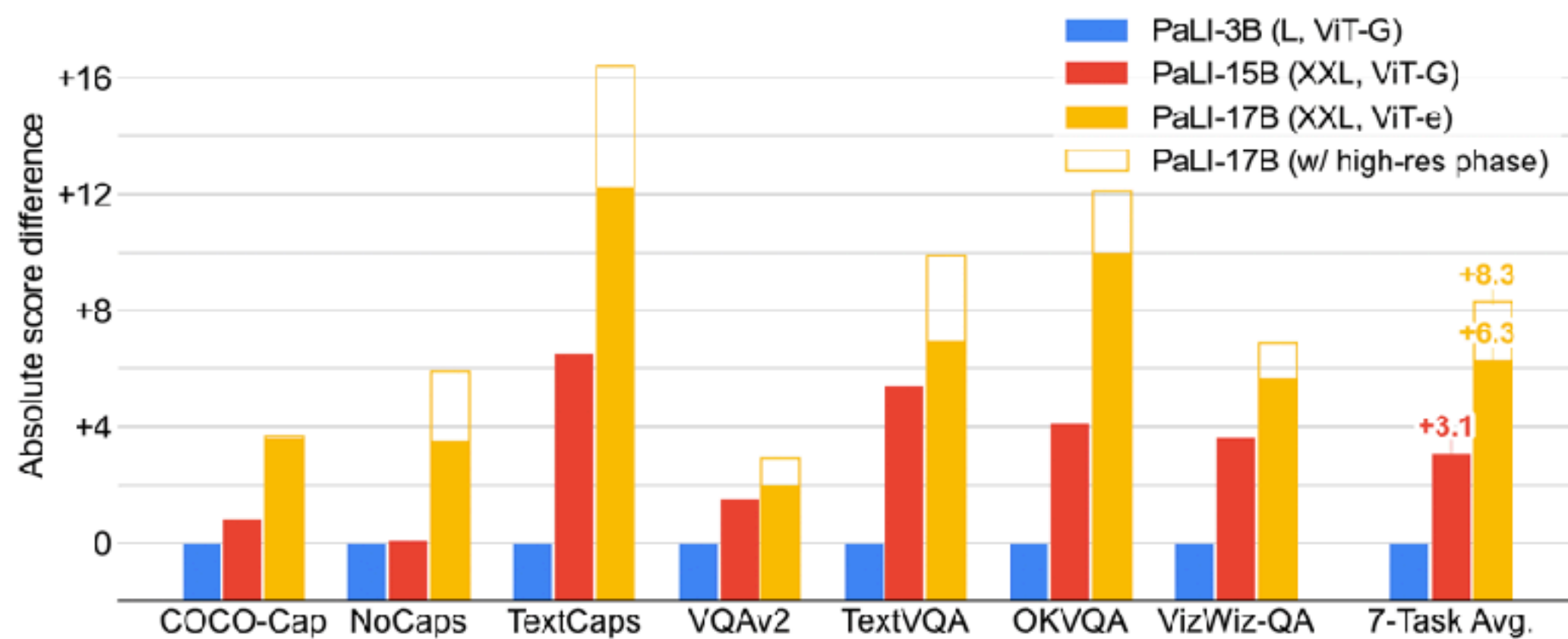
- Interactive Language, Lynch et al.
- RT-1, Brohan et al.

PaLI (Google 2022)



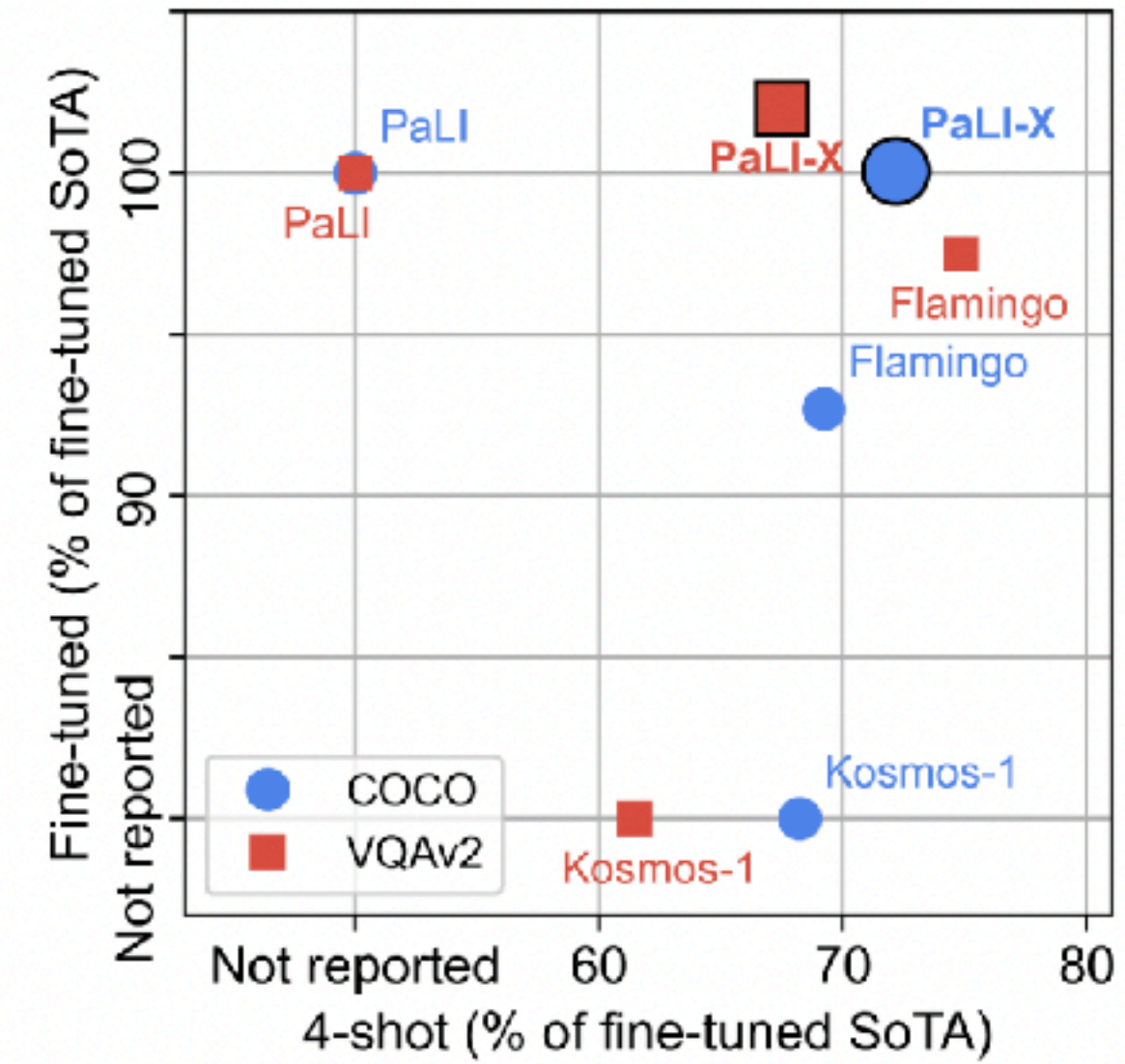
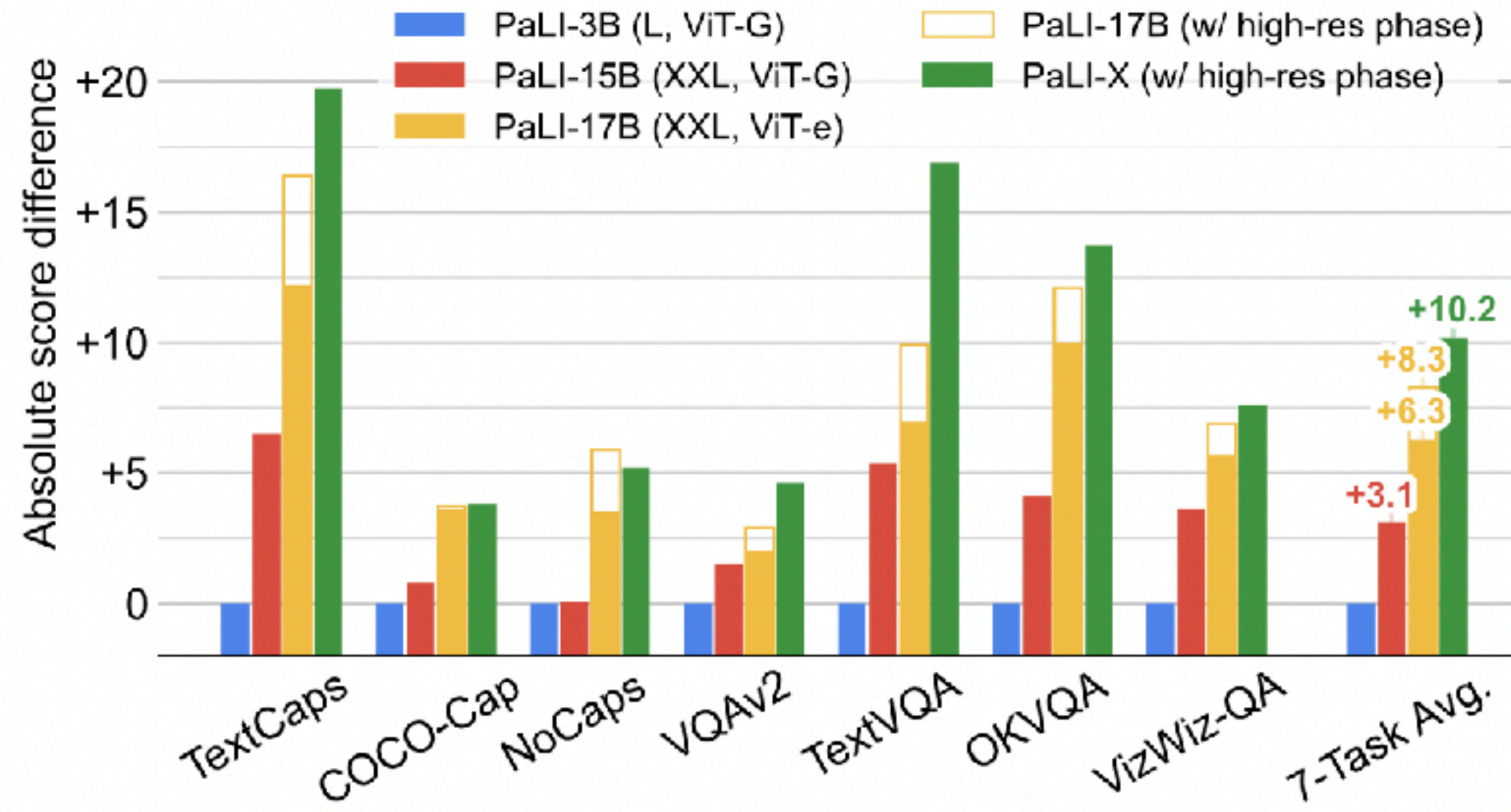
PaLI (Google 2022)

Method	VQAv2		OKVQA	TextVQA		VizWiz-QA		ST-VQA	
	test-dev	test-std	val	val	test	test-dev	test	val	test
SimVLM	80.03	80.34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CoCa (2.1B)	82.3	82.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GIT (0.7B)	78.56	78.81	-	59.93	59.75	68.0	67.5	69.1	69.6
GIT2 (5.1B)	81.74	81.92	-	68.38	67.27	70.97	70.1	75.1	75.8
OFA (0.9B)	82.0	82.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flamingo (80B)	82.0	82.1	57.8*	57.1	54.1	65.7	65.4	-	-
BEiT-3 (1.9B)	84.2	84.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KAT	-	-	54.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mia	-	-	-	-	73.67†	-	-	-	-
PaLI-3B	81.4	-	52.4	60.12	-	67.5	-	67.5	69.7
PaLI-15B	82.9	-	56.5	65.49	-	71.1	-	73.2	76.5
PaLI-17B	84.3	84.3	64.5	71.81	73.06	74.4	73.3	77.1	79.9



Model	COCO	NoCaps		TextCaps		VizWiz-Cap	
	Karpathy-test	val	test	val	test	test-dev	test-std
LEMON (0.7B)	139.1	117.3	114.3	-	-	-	-
SimVLM	143.3	112.2	110.3	-	-	-	-
CoCa (2.1B)	143.6	122.4	120.6	-	-	-	-
GIT (0.7B)	144.8	125.5	123.4	143.7	138.2	113.1	114.4
GIT2 (5.1B)	145.0	126.9	124.8	148.6	145.0	119.4	120.8
OFA (0.9B)	145.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flamingo (80B)	138.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BEiT-3 (1.9B)	147.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
PaLI-3B	145.4	121.1	-	143.6	-	117.2	-
PaLI-15B	146.2	121.2	-	150.1	-	121.7	-
PaLI-17B	149.1	127.0	124.4	160.0	160.4	123.0	124.7

PaLI-X (Google 2023)



Credits: Watermelon/Cat; Sarah Pflug (burst), Bowls; ariesandrea (flickr), Wall; Matthew Henry (burst)

Figure 2: Examples demonstrating multilingual, OCR and other capabilities transferred to detection.

	LVIS AP	LVIS AP _{Rare}
ViLD [74] (tuned on non-rare LVIS)	29.3	26.3
Region-CLIP [75] (tuned on non-rare LVIS)	32.3	22.0
OwLViT-L/16 [28] (tuned on non-rare LVIS)	34.7	25.6
OwLViT-L/16 [28] (with Object365 and VG datasets)	34.6	31.2
PaLI-X (Zeroshot)	12.36	12.16
PaLI-X (Detection-tuned)	30.64	31.42

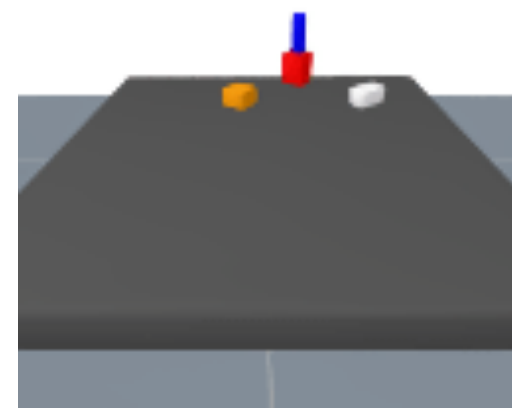
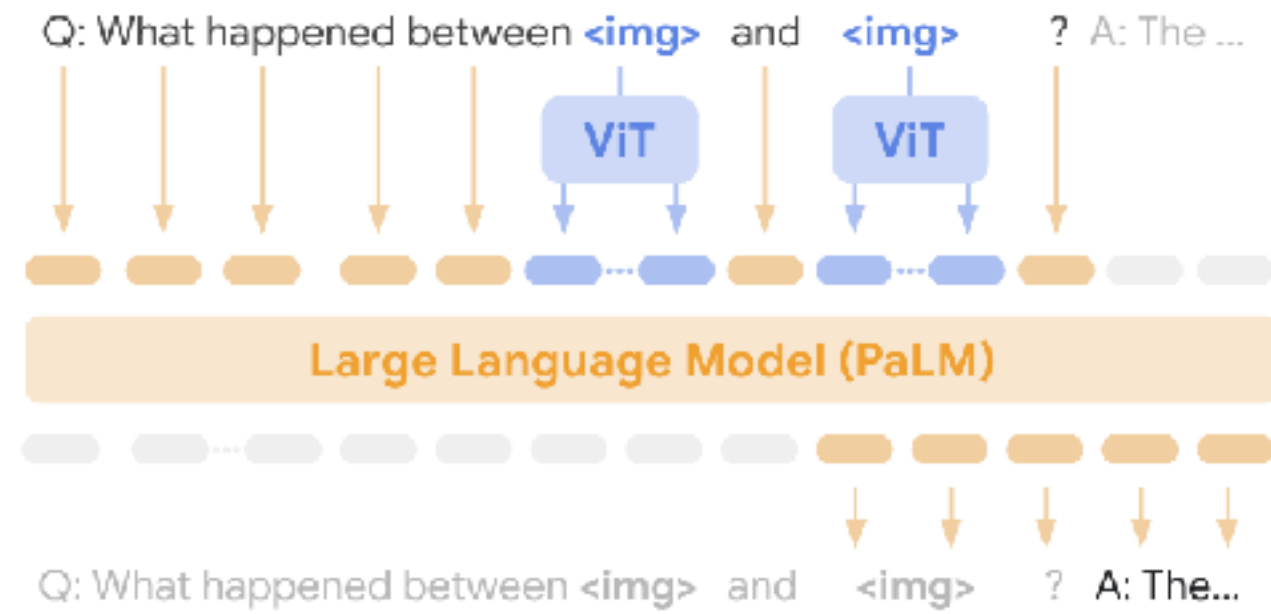
PaLI-3: Smaller, Faster, Stronger

Model	COCO	VQAv2		OKVQA	TallyQA	
	Karp.-test	test-dev	test-std	val	Simple	Complex
SimVLM	143.3	80.03	80.34	-	-	-
CoCa (2.1B)	143.6	82.3	82.3	-	-	-
GIT (0.7B)	144.8	78.56	78.81	-	-	-
GIT2 (5.1B)	145.0	81.74	81.92	-	-	-
OFA (0.9B)	145.3	82.0	82.0	-	-	-
Flamingo (80B)	138.1	82.0	82.1	57.8*	-	-
BEiT-3 (1.9B)	147.6	84.2	84.0	-	-	-
PaLM-E (562B)	138.7	80.0	-	66.1	-	-
MoVie	-	69.26	-	-	74.9	56.8
PaLI-17B	149.1	84.3	84.3	64.5	81.7	70.9
PaLI-X (55B)	149.2	86.0	86.1	66.1	86.0	75.6
PaLI-3 (5B)	145.9	<u>85.0</u>	<u>85.2</u>	60.1	<u>83.3</u>	70.5

Contrastive or classification pretraining for ViT?

		Probe	Captioning		VQA			RefCOCO			
		8 tasks	COCO	XM3600	v2	OK	Text	val	+	g	
G/14	Classif	88.1	139.9	94.5	44.7	76.7	57.2	31.9	51.6	43.5	43.4
	SigLIP	-2.5	+0.4	+1.6	+0.7	+0.8	+1.4	+18.7	+15.1	+19.1	+17.7
L/16	Classif	86.2	132.6	93.0	42.3	73.7	55.6	24.9	46.9	38.8	38.8
	SigLIP	-2.8	+3.2	+1.4	+1.4	+1.9	+1.9	+16.2	+17.4	+20.9	+20.1
B/16	Classif	83.7	127.7	91.7	40.7	72.3	54.7	22.5	46.3	38.1	38.4
	SigLIP	-2.6	+3.6	-2.0	-0.2	+1.4	+0.9	+13.3	+16.8	+19.6	+19.3

Method & detailed experiments



“Main” model: PaLM-E-562B

- Generalist visual-language model
- PaLM-540B and ViT-22B !
- Trained on: robot data, Internet-scale VQA, captioning

Also explored with PaLM-E:

- Neural 3D scene, and robot state encoders into the LLM
- Object-centric reasoning
- Arbitrary interleaving of text + multimodal modalities

Experimentation

- Several different domains/categories of robot tasks
- Standard vision-language tasks
- Standard language-only tasks

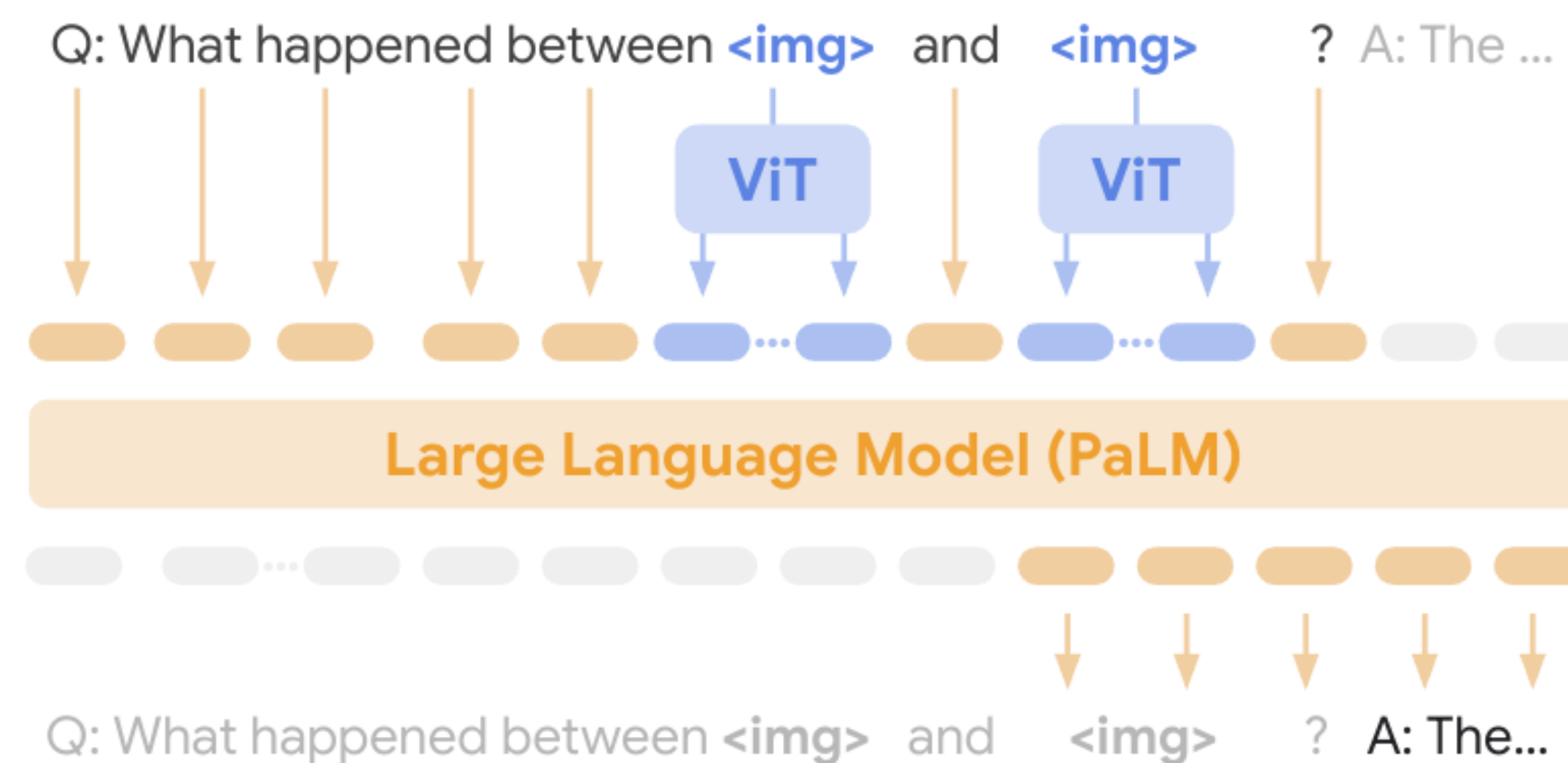
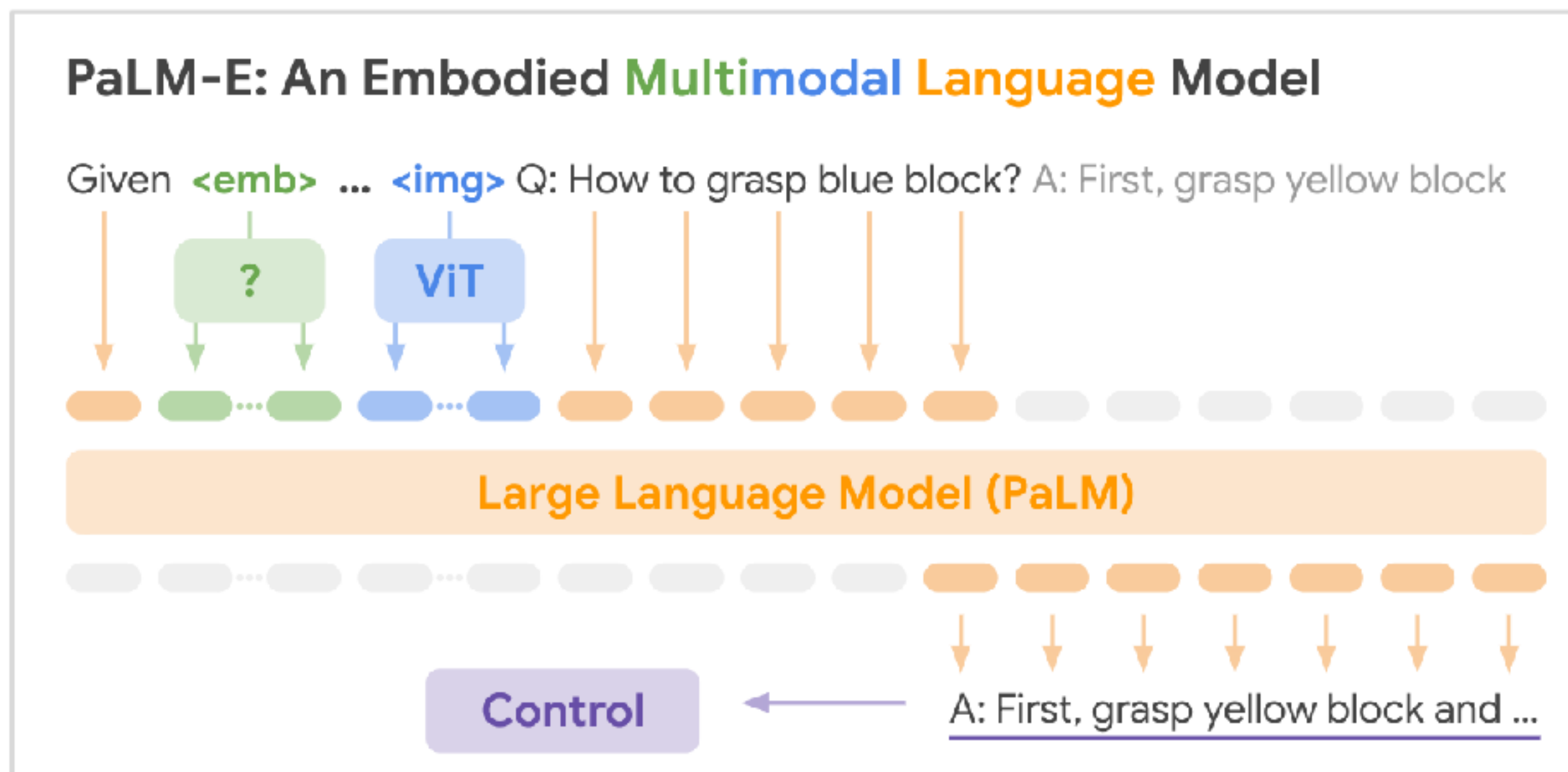
Model	VQw2		OK-VQA	COCO
	test-dev	test-std	val	Karpathy test
<i>Generalist (one model)</i>				
PaLM-E-17B	76.2	-	55.5	135.0
PaLM-E-562B	80.0	-	66.1	138.7
<i>Task-specific finetuned models</i>				
FlanVLM (Alayrac et al., 2022)	82.0	82.1	57.8†	138.1
PaLI (Chen et al., 2022)	84.3	84.3	64.5	149.1
PaLM-E-12B	77.7	77.9	66.1	136.0
PaLM-E-56B	-	-	62.9	-
PaLM-E-84B	80.5	-	63.3	138.0
<i>Generalist (one model) with frozen LLM (Simposi et al., 2021)</i>				
PaLM-E-12B frozen	70.3	-	51.5	128.0

C. Natural Language Generation and Understanding Results

Task	PaLM-E				PaLM-E		Category
	PaLM-E	PaLM-E-12B	PaLM-E-48B	PaLM-E-84B	PaLM-E-17B	PaLM-E-562B	
<i>Text-to-text</i>							
Text2Text (NLG) (GPT)	48.1	51.1	72.7	71.8	81.1	74.9	NLG
Human Question Answering	50.1	5.6	85.4	7.6	89.1	89.9	NLG
WikiQuestion (NLG)	13.4	7.4	19.8	7.9	23.4	21.1	NLG
Quora	37.2	3.8	75.5	26.1	81.2	85.1	NLG
MultiHop	48.1	48.4	79.2	75.3	83.4	81.1	NLG
StackOverflow	78.1	68.7	83.8	83.9	86.1	86.7	NLG
Wikipedia	68.1	67.8	87.8	86.4	89.1	89.0	NLG
arXiv	61.1	55.5	78.8	72.5	83.7	83.0	NLG
arXiv (NLG)	41.1	47.9	64.1	67.4	80.1	79.1	NLG
ArXiv (NLG)	41.1	33.2	68.7	62.3	72.1	72.3	NLG
PubMed	78.1	68.1	88.9	78.2	83.9	84.1	NLG
ArXiv (NLG)	71.2	53.8	78.9	71.4	80.8	80.2	NLG
ArXiv (NLG)	42.1	30.9	51.8	46.7	60.1	62.9	NLG
OpenQA (NLG)	47.1	41.4	61.2	61.4	67.4	67.4	NLG
Book2	66.2	61.6	83.1	81.8	86.7	89.9	NLG
Code	82.8	77.0	92.0	92.0	92.9	92.0	NLG
Book2	57.2	54.9	73.5	70.8	78.7	75.1	NLG
Wiki	58.8	56.0	86.6	86.2	83.2	84.1	NLG
Wiki	61.7	68.9	84.9	73.8	80.1	81.9	NLG
Book2	61.1	71.2	91.8	78.5	82.2	82.1	NLG
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Avg (NLG)	66.7	55.0	72.3	69.2	78.2	78.2	
Avg (NLG)	76.1	6.1	81.8	78.4	83.1	71.1	
<i>Text-to-image (NLG)</i>							
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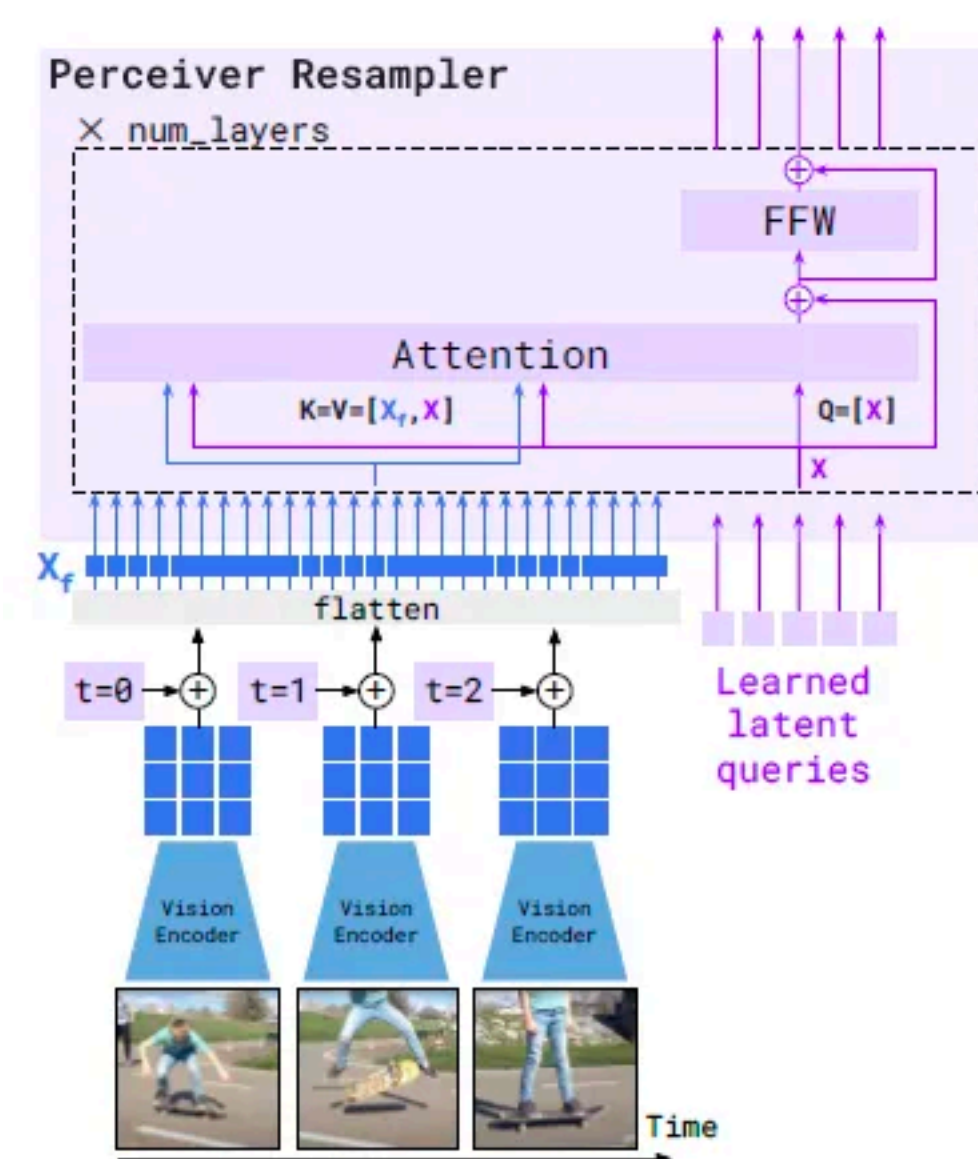
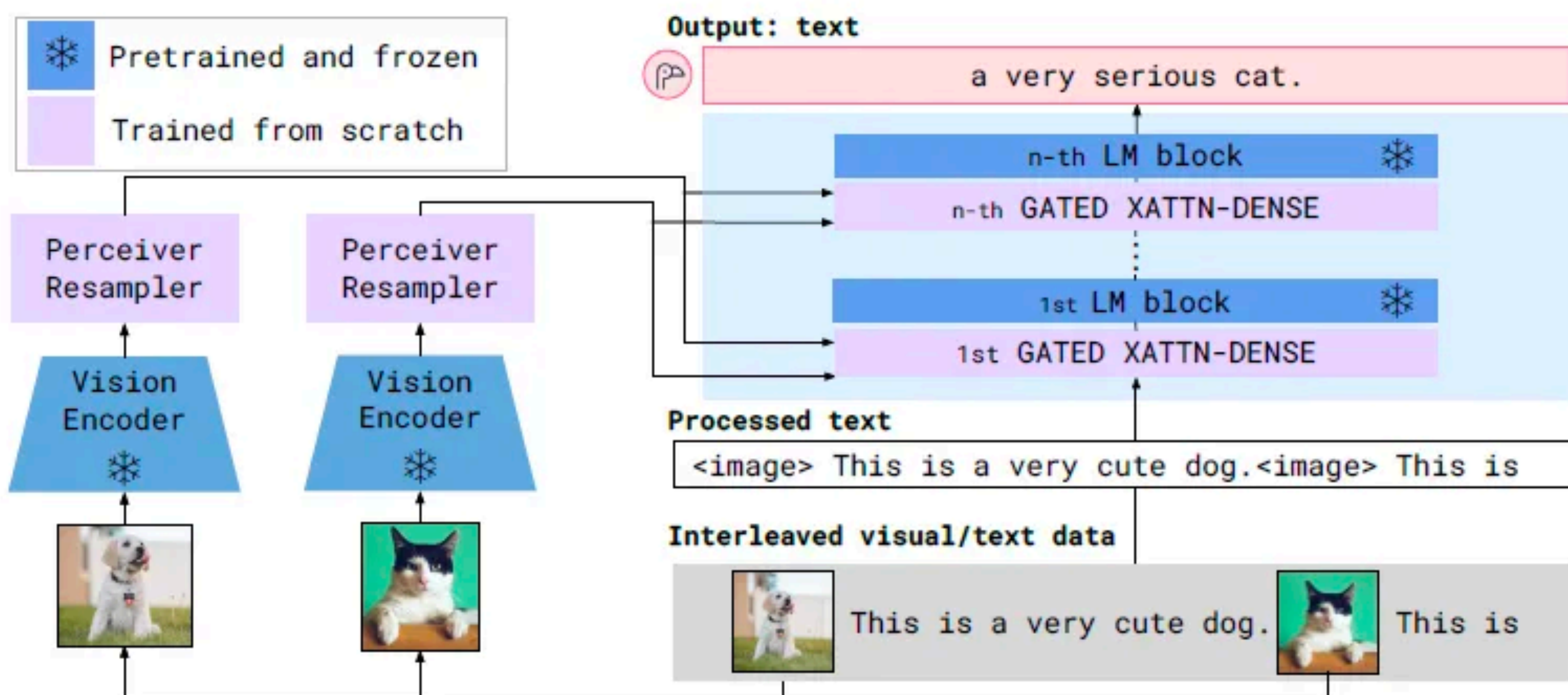
Table 8: Full language evaluation results on both NLU and NLG tasks, for both the original PaLM models and for associated PaLM-E (softcore) models. The PaLM-E models with a frozen LLM have the same performance as their corresponding underlying PaLM models.

Simple Architecture of PaLM-E



Arbitrary interleaving

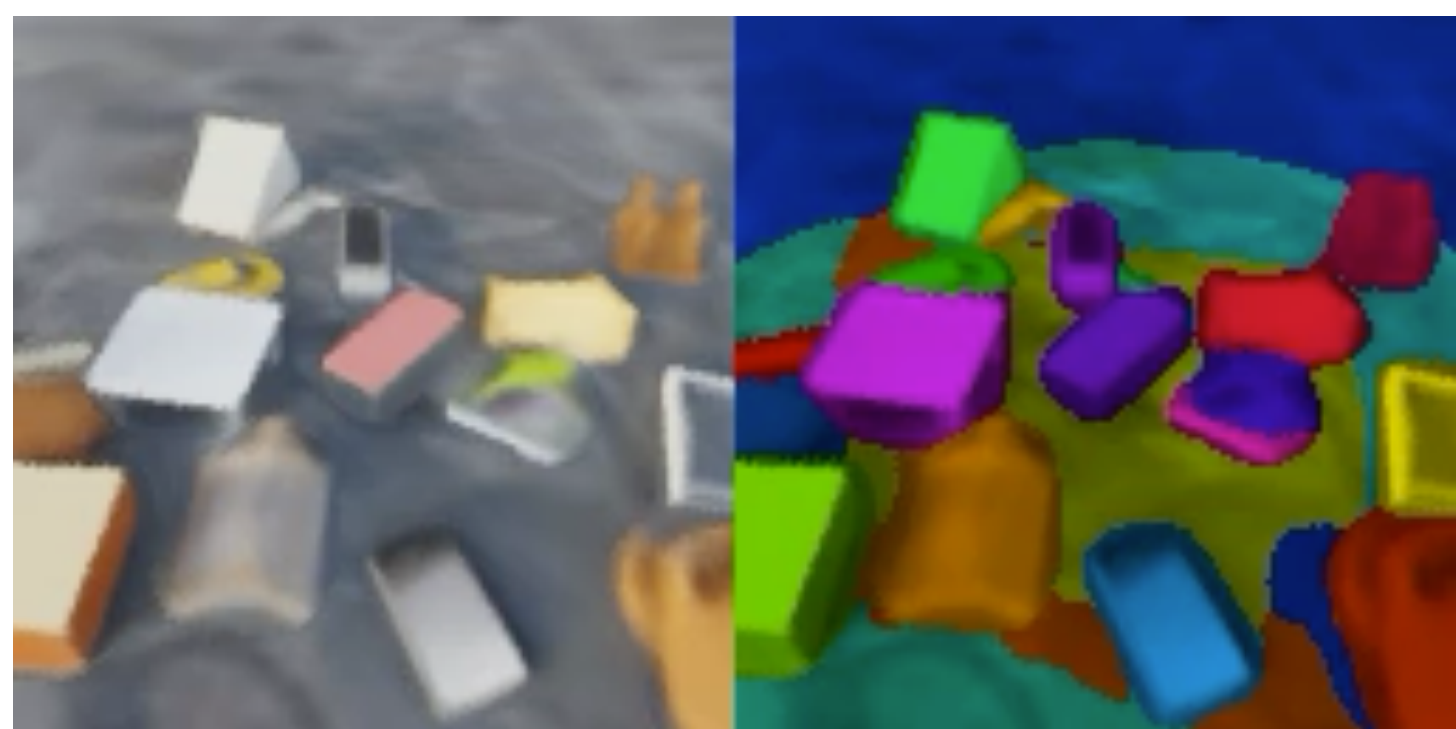
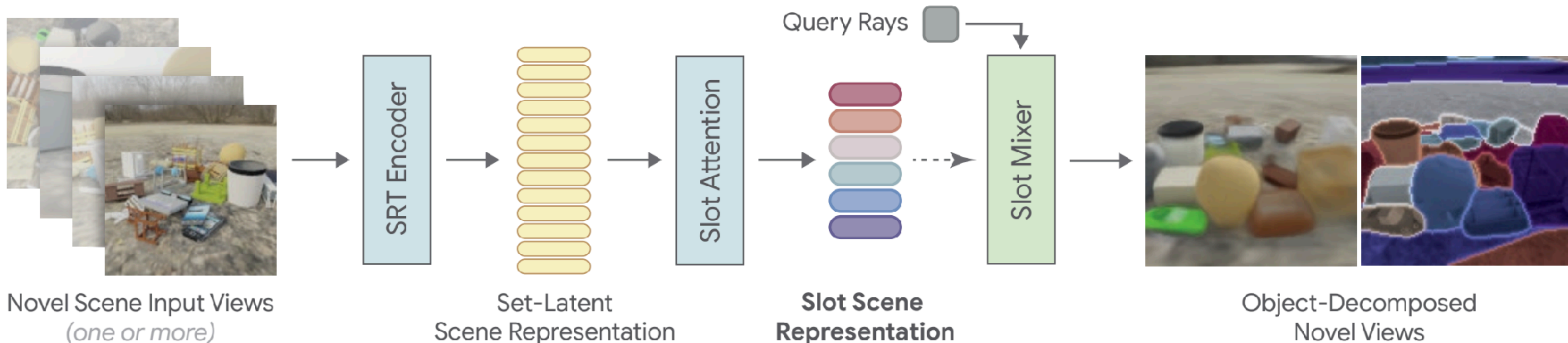
Comparison to Flamingo



```
def perceiver_resampler(
    x_f, # The [T, S, d] visual features (T=time, S=space)
    time_embeddings, # The [T, 1, d] time pos embeddings.
    x, # R learned latents of shape [R, d]
    num_layers, # Number of layers
):
    """The Perceiver Resampler model."""

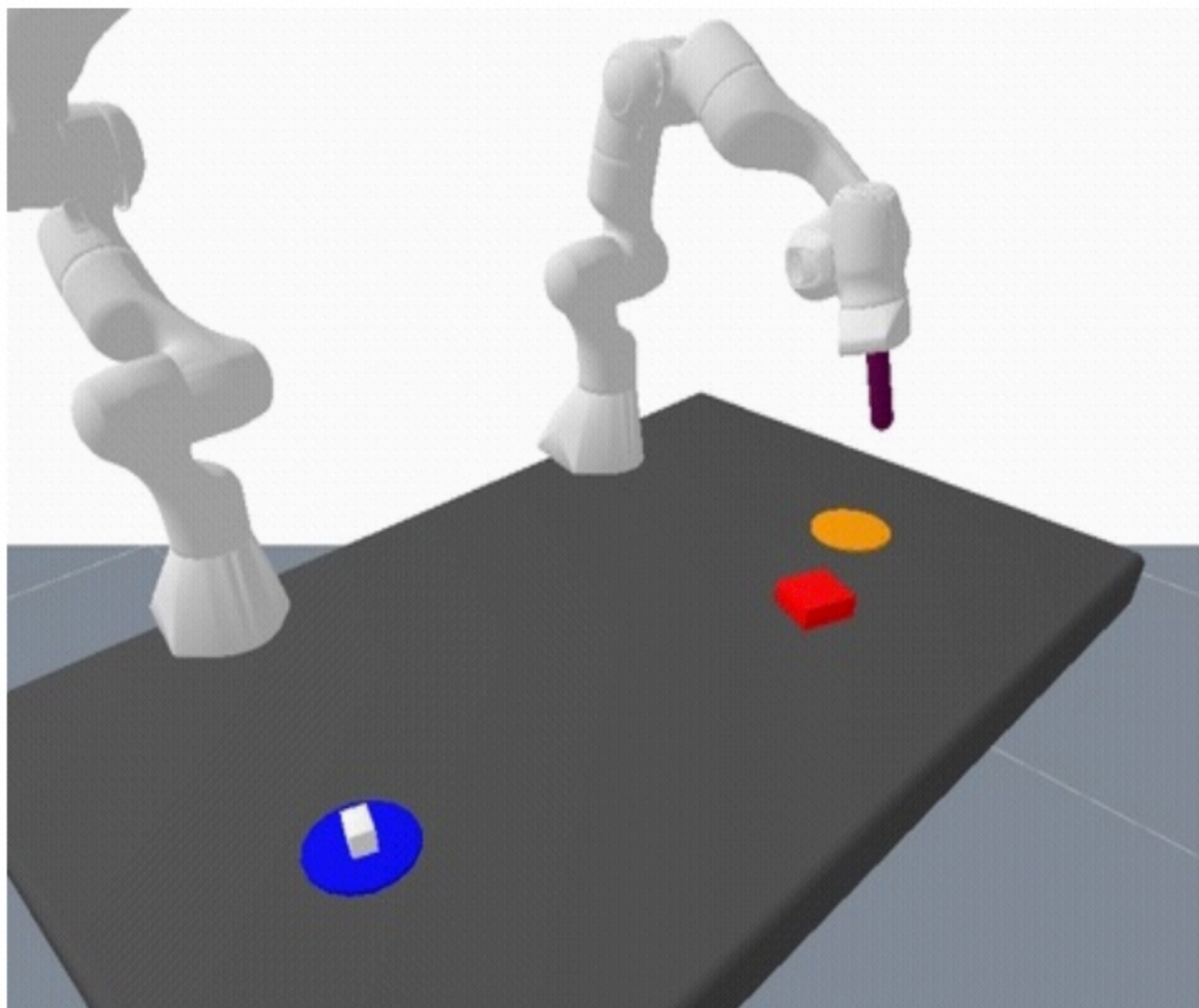
    # Add the time position embeddings and flatten.
    x_f = x_f + time_embeddings
    x_f = flatten(x_f) # [T, S, d] -> [T * S, d]
    # Apply the Perceiver Resampler layers.
    for i in range(num_layers):
        # Attention.
        x = x + attention_i(q=x, kv=concat([x_f, x]))
        # Feed forward.
        x = x + ffw_i(x)
    return x
```

Scene Representation: Object Scene Representation Transformer



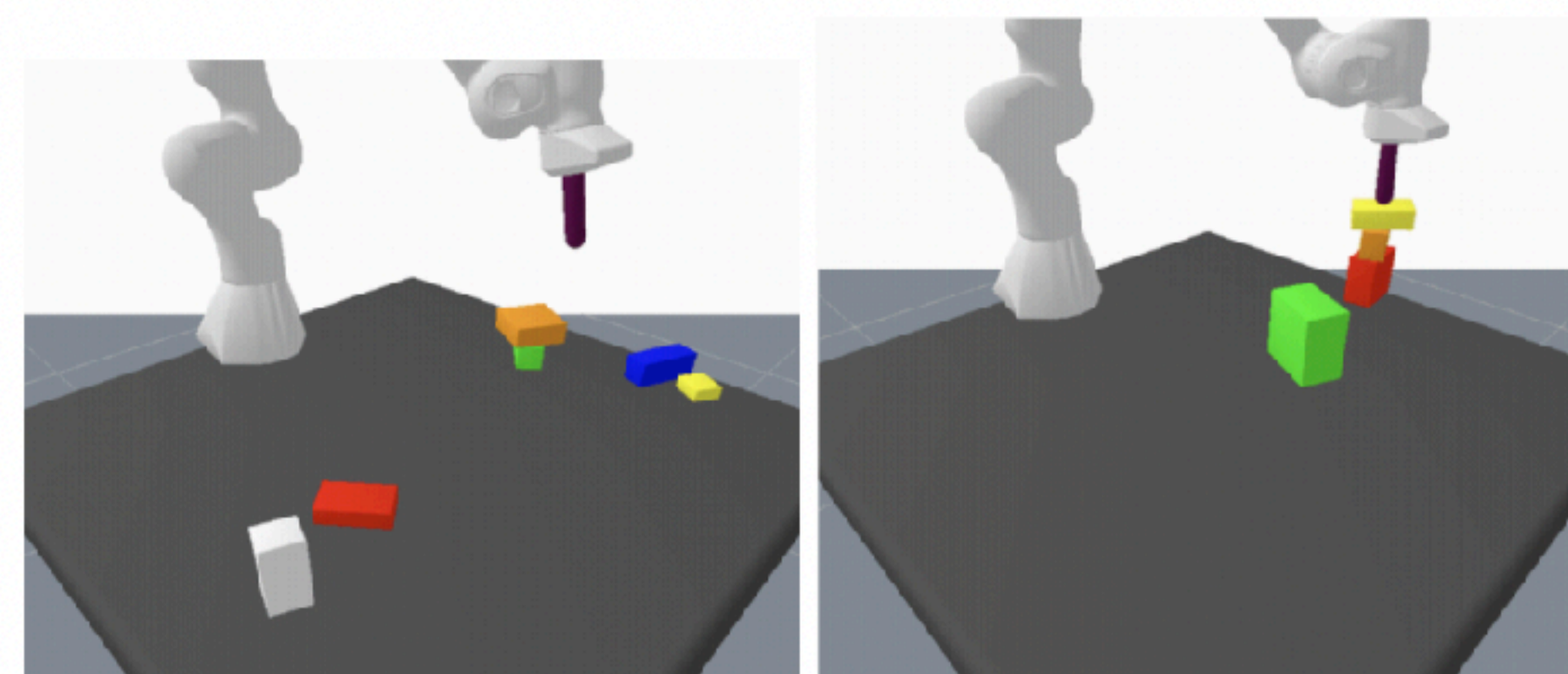
	Object-centric	LLM pre-train	Embodied VQA				Planning	
			q ₁	q ₂	q ₃	q ₄	P ₁	P ₂
SayCan (oracle afford.) (Ahn et al., 2022)	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	38.7	33.3
PaLI (zero-shot) (Chen et al., 2022)	✓	✓	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	-
<i>PaLM-E</i> (ours) w/ input enc:								
State	✓(GT)	✗	99.4	89.8	90.3	88.3	45.0	46.1
State	✓(GT)	✓	100.0	96.3	95.1	93.1	55.9	49.7
ViT + TL	✓(GT)	✓	34.7	54.6	74.6	91.6	24.0	14.7
ViT-4B single robot	✗	✓	-	45.9	78.4	92.2	30.6	32.9
ViT-4B full mixture	✗	✓	-	70.7	93.4	92.1	74.1	74.6
OSRT (no VQA)	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	71.9	75.1
OSRT	✓	✓	99.7	98.2	100.0	93.7	82.5	76.2

PaLM-E on TAMP-like tasks



Given **img**. Q: How to stack the white object on top of the red object?

A: First grasp the red object and place it on the table, then grasp the white object and place it on the red object.



Highlight: Zero-shot Multimodal Chain-of-Thought



Given ``.
Q: In this photo, are there more cats, or more dogs?
A: Let's think step by step. There are 2 dogs and 2 cats. 2 and 2 are equal. Therefore there are equal number of cats and dogs.



Given ``. Q: Can I go down this street on a bicycle, yes or no? A: Let's think step by step.
1. do not enter.
2. except bicycles.
3. do not entry except bicycles.
4. yes.



I see (image omitted). Description: A cow sitting on a rug. Joke: Why is the cow sitting on a rug? Because it wants to be a cow-ch! ... I see ``. Description: a donkey is carrying a dog, cat, and rooster. Joke: what do you call a donkey with a rooster on his back. A rooster booster.



Given ``.
Q: I am getting just two custom pizza for me and my friend. How much should I pay in total? A: Let's think step by step.
1st step: 2 custom pizzas.
2nd step: 2 x \$9.99.
3rd step: \$19.98.

Highlight: Complex Multi-image Reasoning



Photo 1: [<img1>](#). Photo 2: [<img2>](#).
Q: What is in Photo 1 but NOT in Photo 2? A: Let's think step by step and explain. Photo 1 has sunglasses on top of folded clothes. Photo 2 does not have sunglasses on top of folded clothes. Therefore, sunglasses are in Photo 1 but not in Photo 2.



Photo 1: [<img1>](#). Photo 2: [<img2>](#).
Q: Which t-shirt from Photo 2 matches the sweatshirt from Photo 1? A: Let's think step by step and explain.



1. photo 1 has sweatshirt.
2. photo 2 has t shirts.
3. photo 1 has blue sweatshirt.
4. photo 2 has blue t shirt.
5. blue t shirt matches blue sweatshirt.

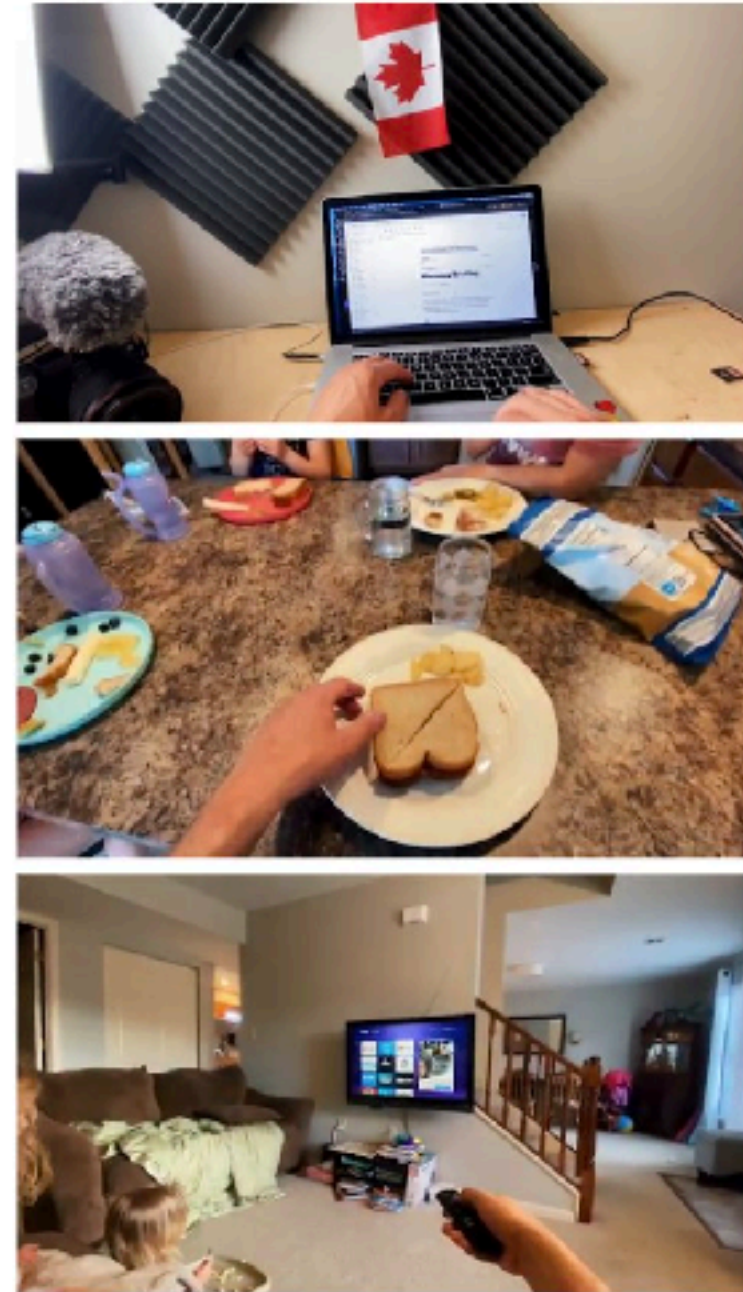
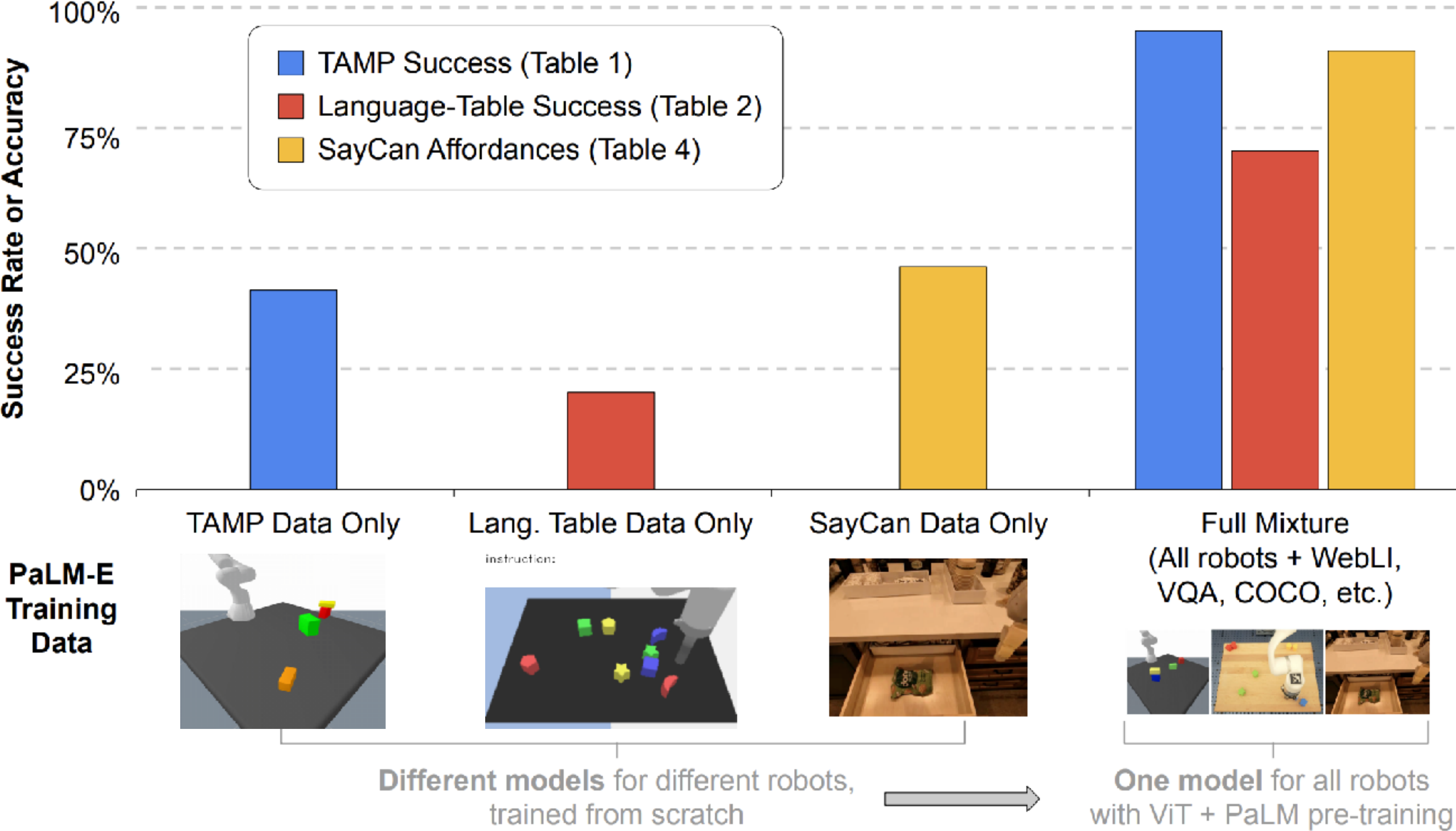
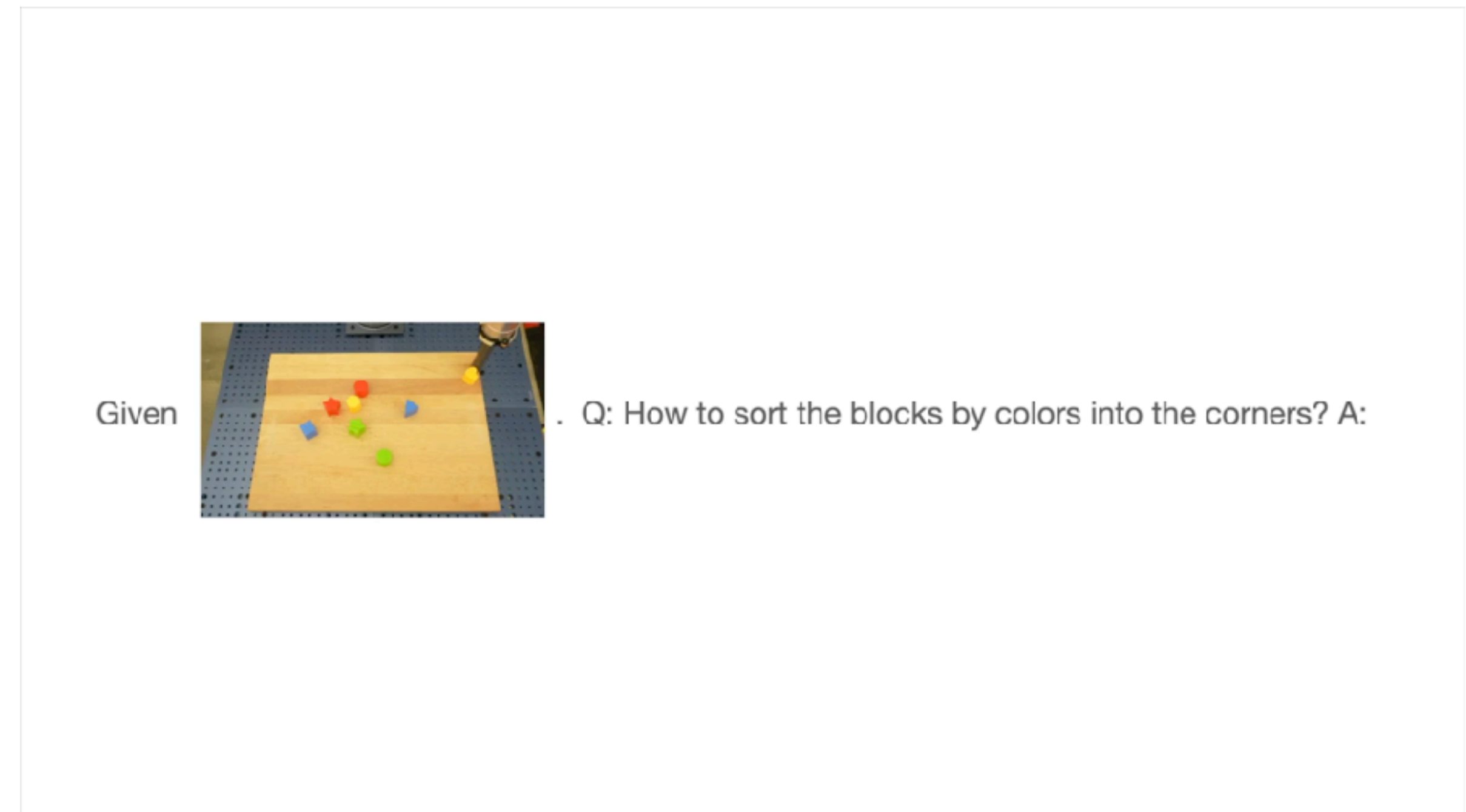


Photo 1, at 10:30 am: [<img1>](#).
Photo 2, at 12:45 pm: [<img2>](#).
Photo 3, at 3:45 pm: [<img3>](#).
Q: I forget, what did I have for lunch, and what time was it? A: Let's think step by step.
1. you had a sandwich for lunch.
2. it was 12:45 pm.

PaLM-E: Positive Transfer



Real Robot Results

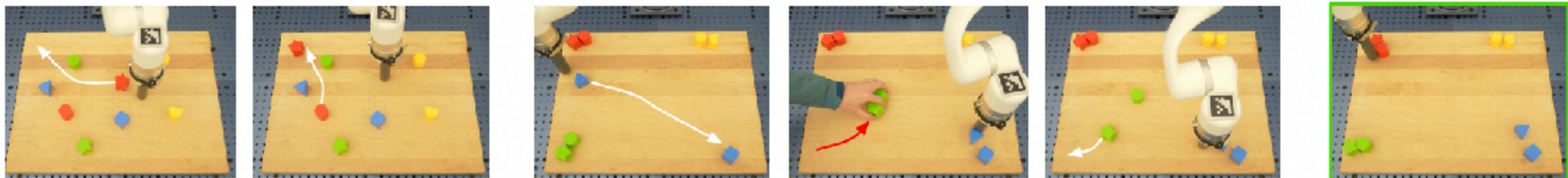


Same exact model checkpoint!
(PaLM-E can be a multi-embodiment
robot brain)

Sample-efficient learning

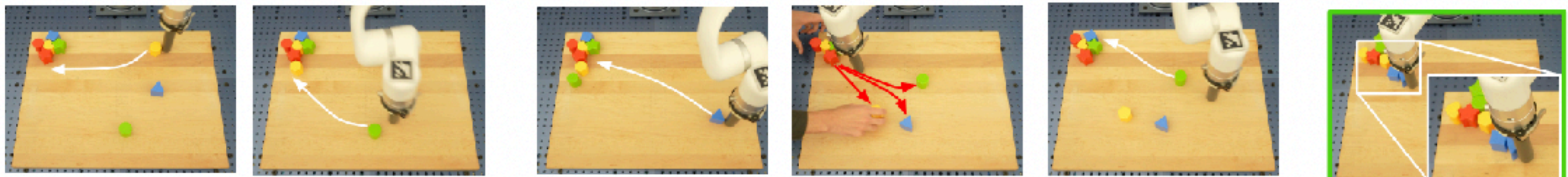
start PaLM-E guiding a real robot through long horizon tasks goal

a) push the red star to the top left corner push the red circle to the red star ... push the blue triangle to the blue cube Adversarial disturbance push the green star to the bottom left corner ... success:
sort blocks by colors into corners



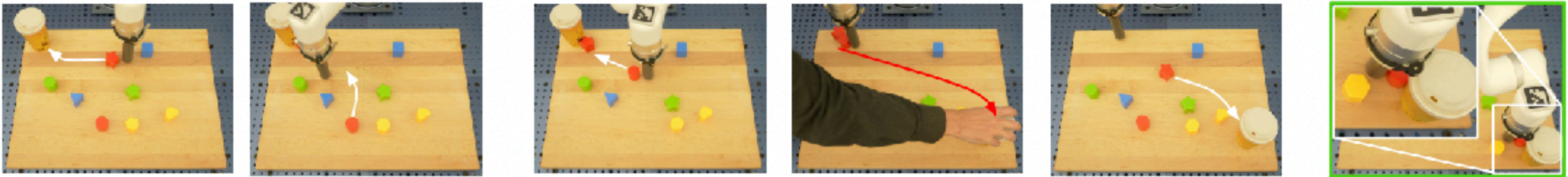
50 demonstrations

b) move the yellow hexagon to the red star move the green circle to the yellow hexagon ... move the blue triangle to the group Adversarial disturbance move the green circle closer to the group ... success:
move the remaining blocks to the **group**



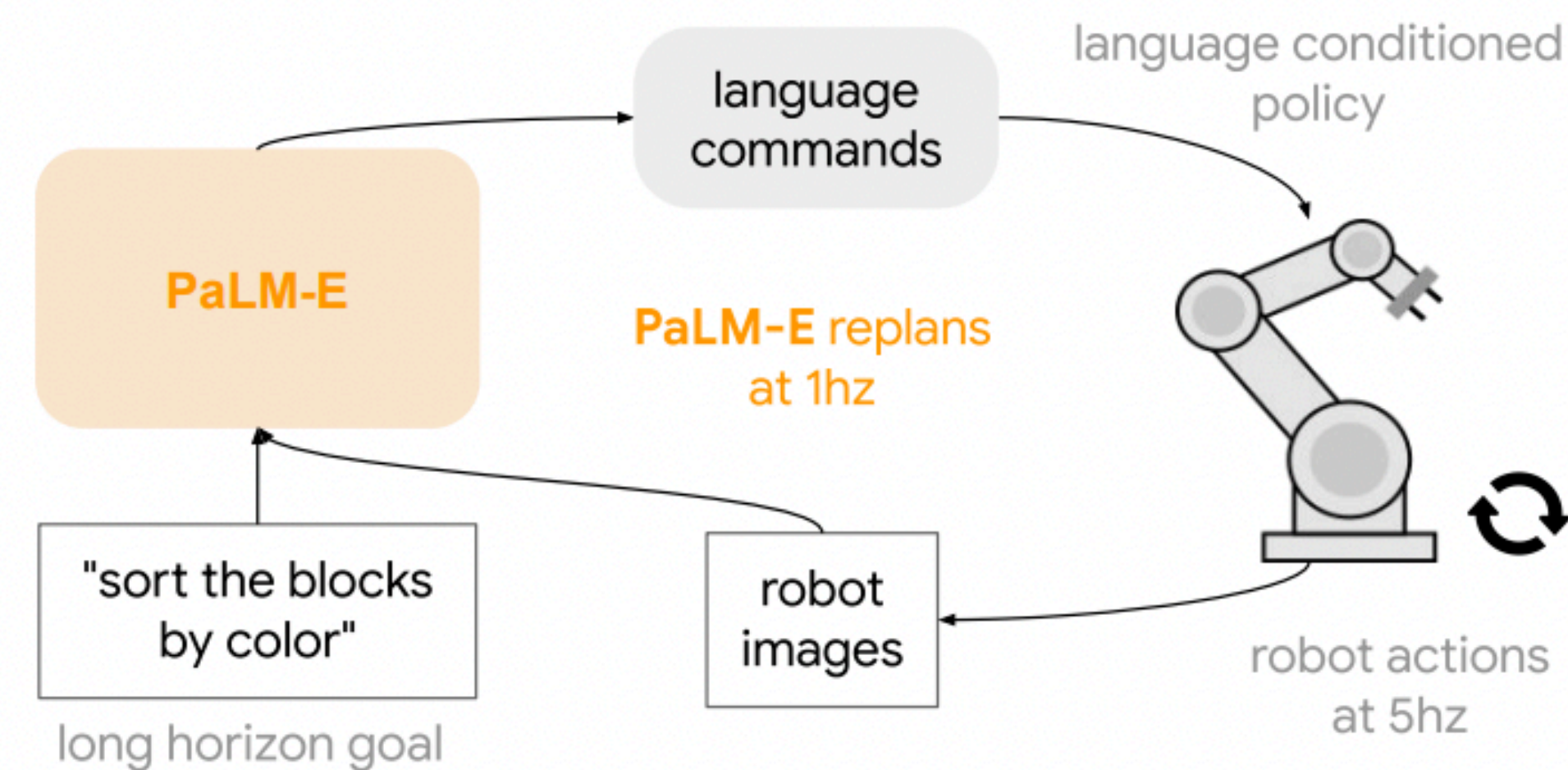
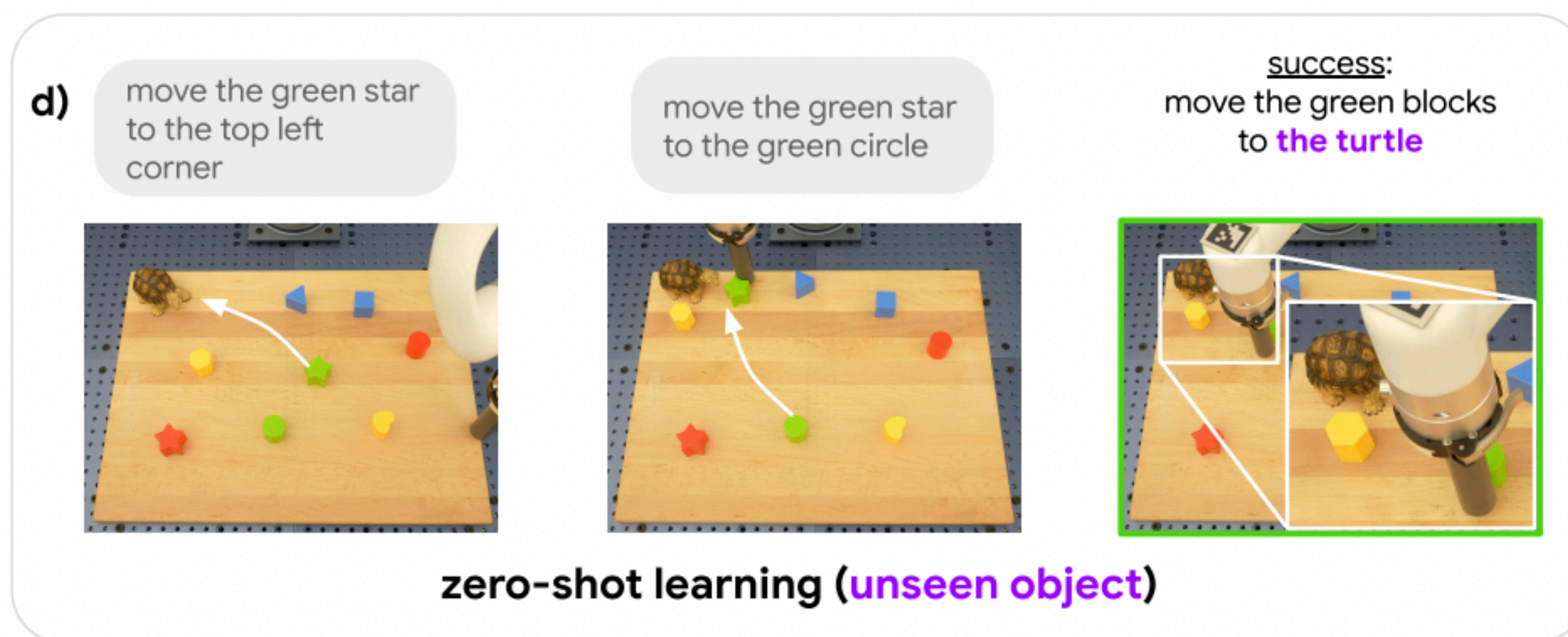
1-shot learning

c) move the red star to the top left corner move the red circle to the red star ... nudge the red circle closer to the red star Adversarial disturbance move the red star to the bottom right ... success:
move the **red blocks** to the **coffee cup**

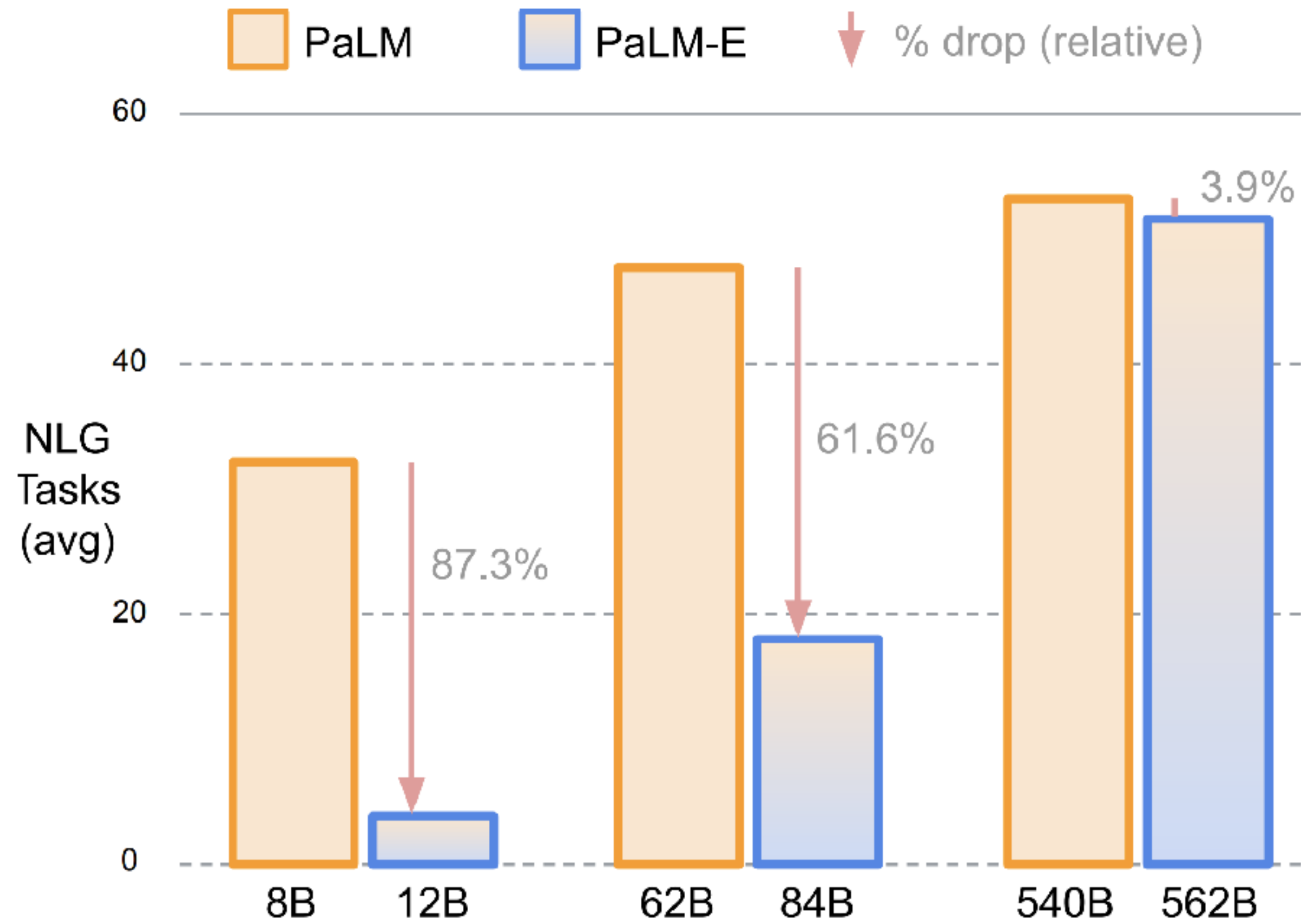


zero-shot learning (new object pair)

Sample-efficient learning



Language catastrophic forgetting reduced with scale

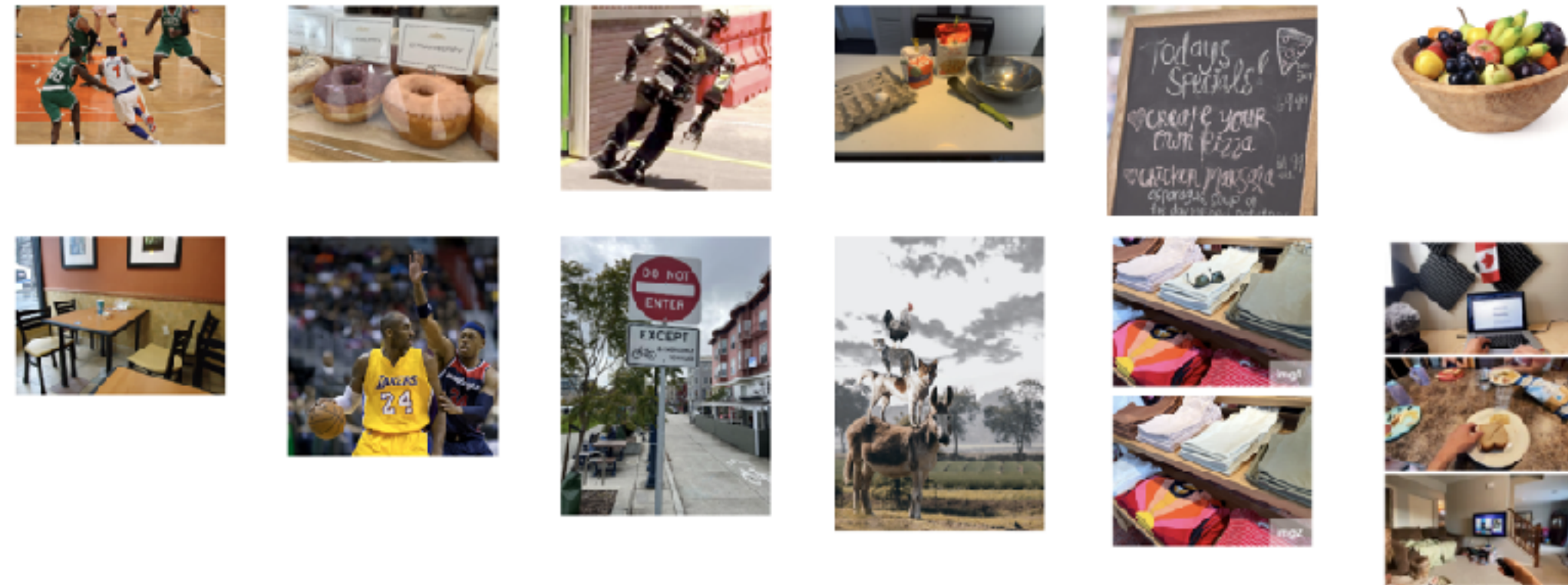


For more on PaLM-E

- See paper + videos + inference examples at palm-e.github.io

Demo

The examples below are all example completions (in orange) from PaLM-E. The prompt is the one or more images and the text in gray.



Given img. Q: I am getting just two custom pizza for me and my friend. How much should I pay in total? A: Let's think step by step.

1st step: 2 custom pizzas. 2nd step: 2 x \$9.99. 3rd step: \$19.98.

Hands-on VLMs

LLaVA: Large Language and Vision Assistant

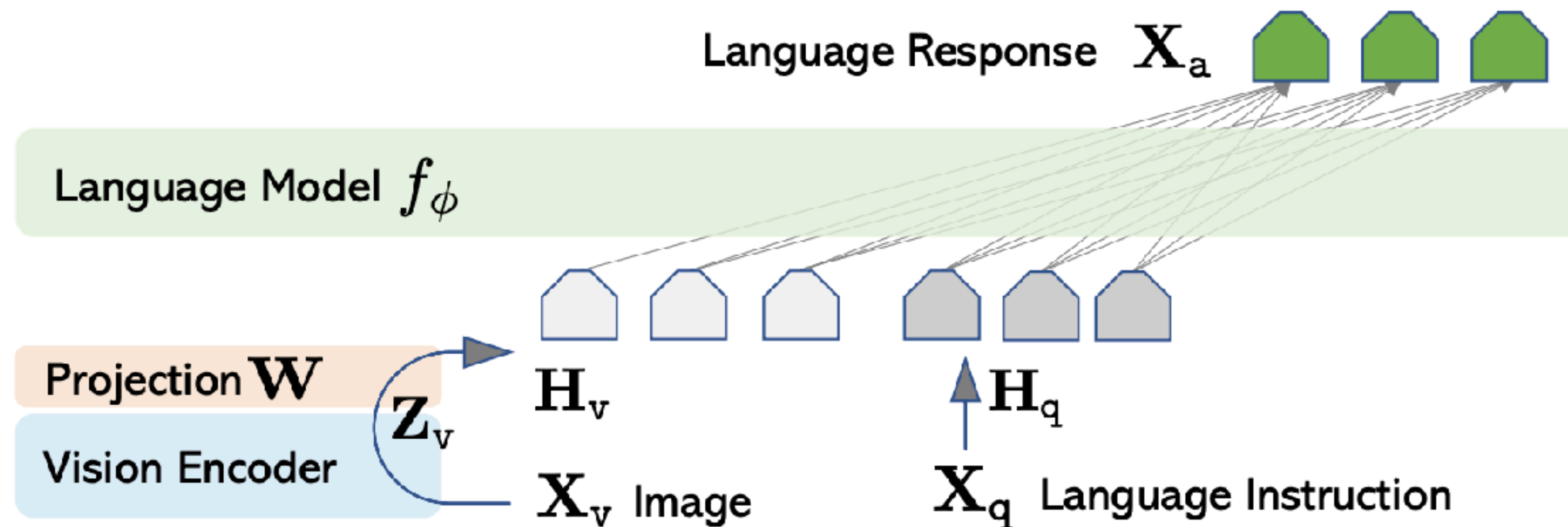
Visual Instruction Tuning

NeurIPS 2023 (Oral)

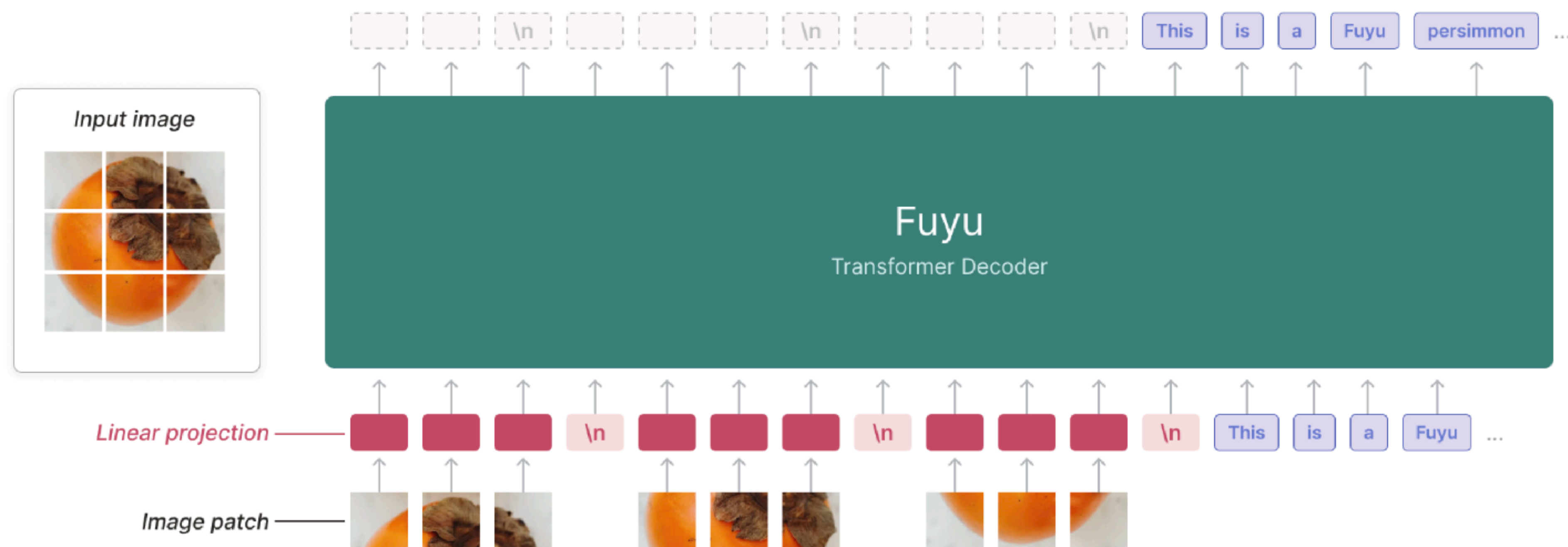
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Hands-on VLMs, Fuyu-8b and open source PaLM-E



- A good programming exercise:
- Fix the bug in
- <https://github.com/kyegomez/PALM-E/blob/main/palme/model.py>

Discussions

RT-2: Vision-Language-Action Models Transfer Web Knowledge to Robotic Control

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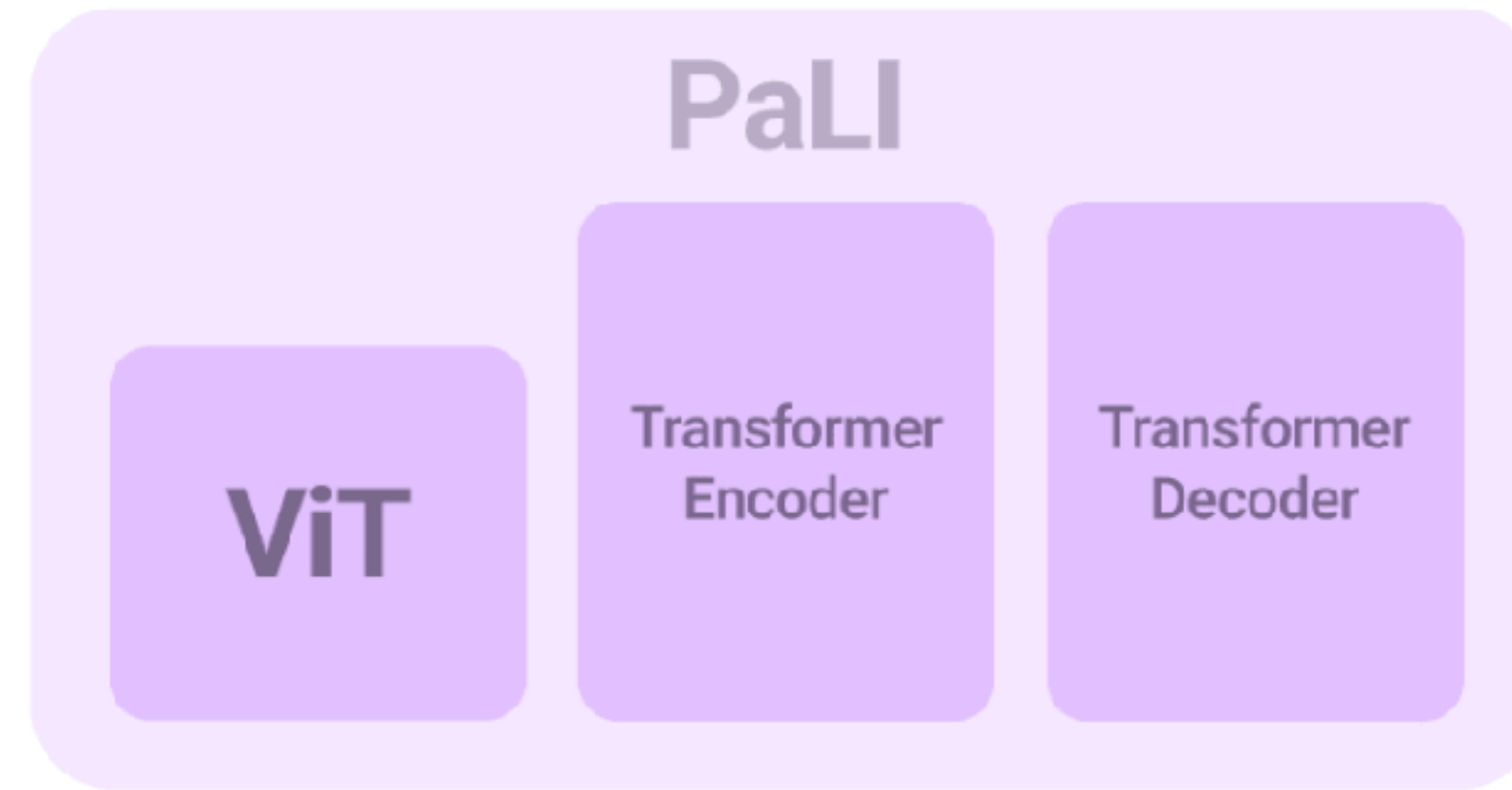
Robotics @ Google





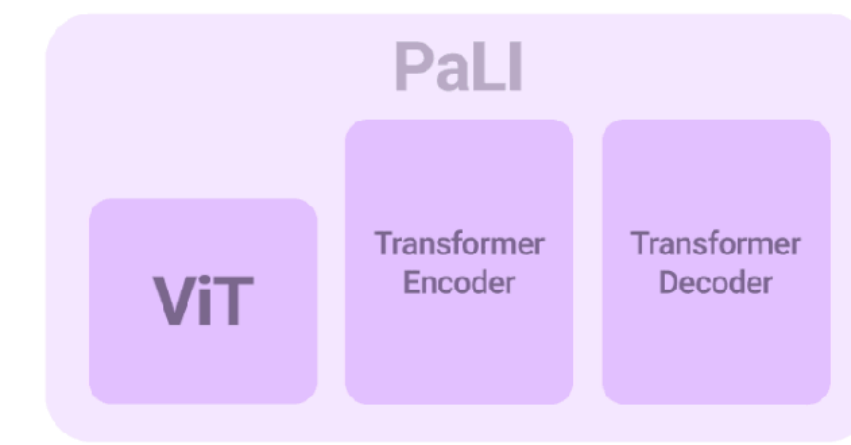
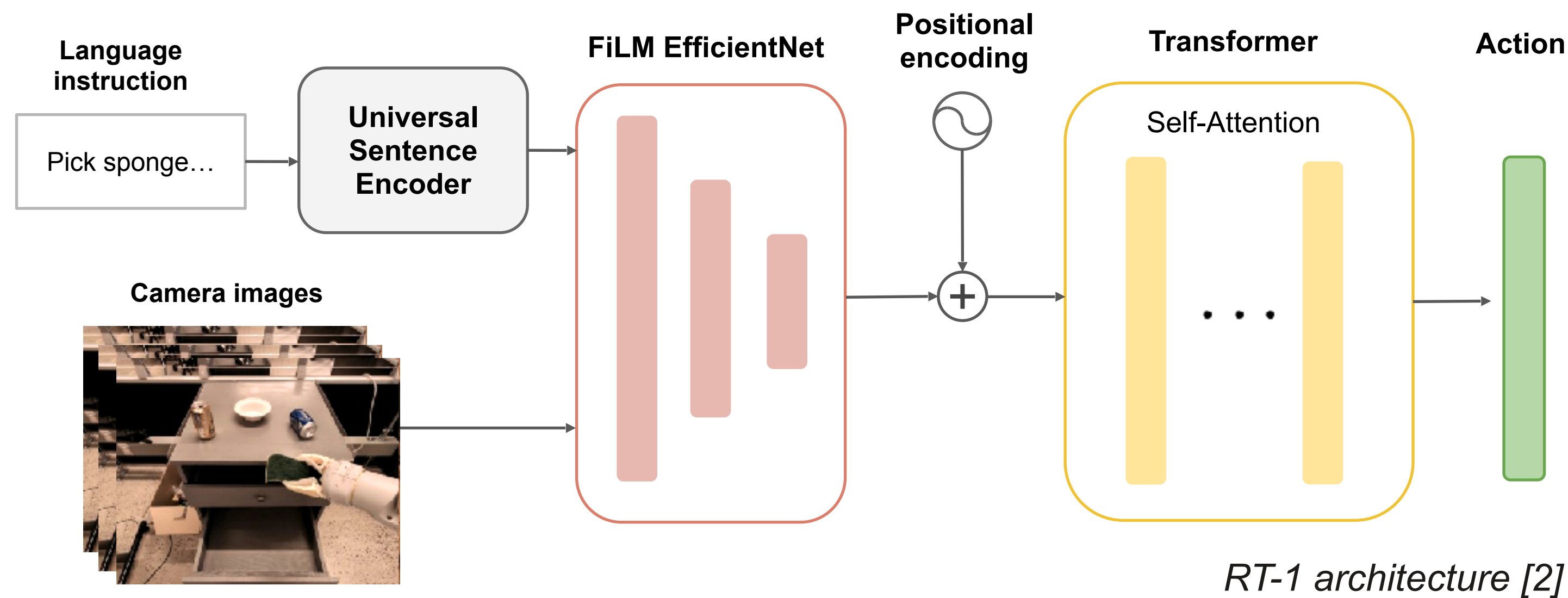
Let's dive into RT-2!

Vision-Language Models

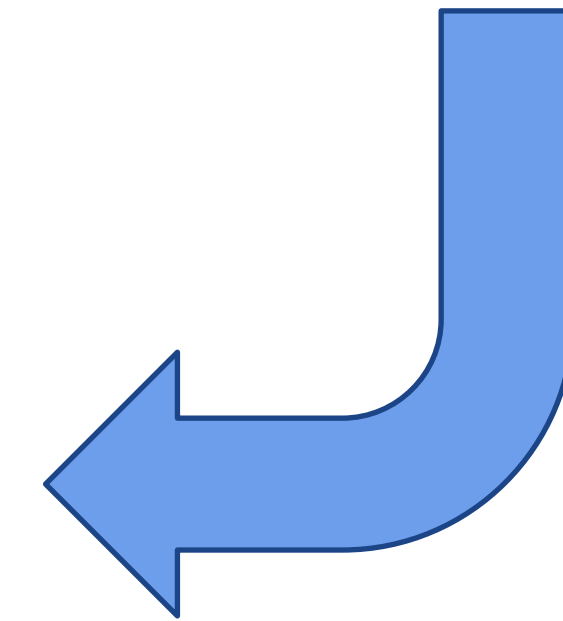


- VLMs encompass both **visual** and **semantic** understanding of the world
- In Robotics we have to deal a lot with **both** of these
- How do we leverage all of this knowledge?

VLMs as Robot Policies



PaLI architecture [1]

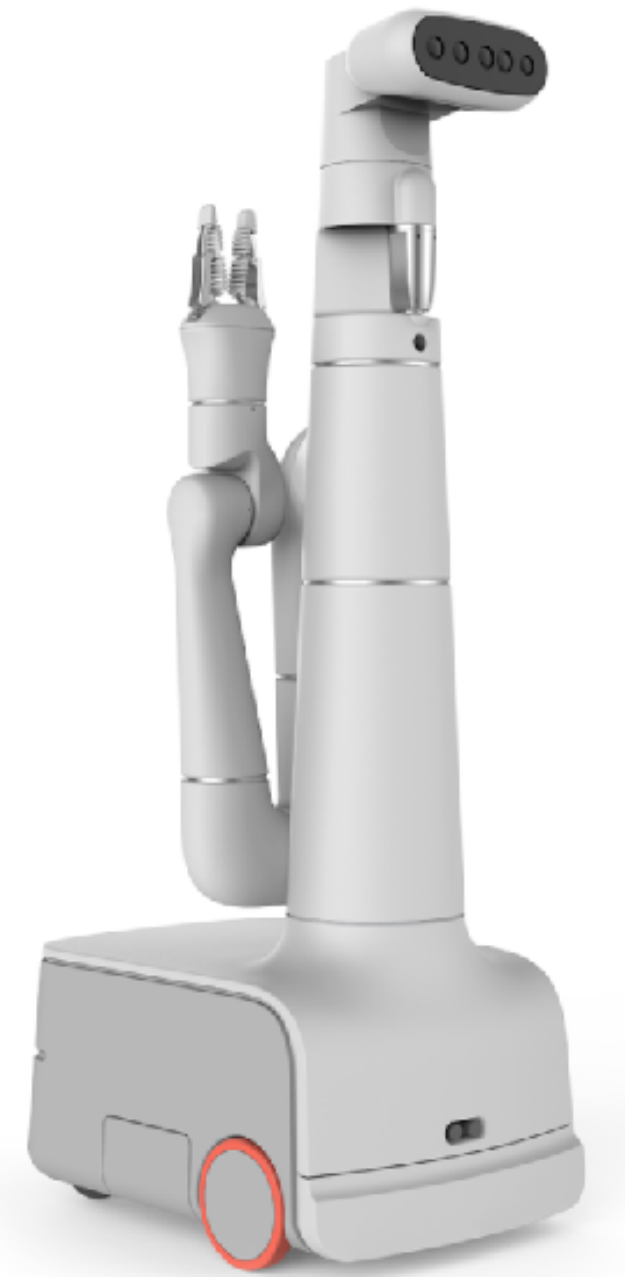
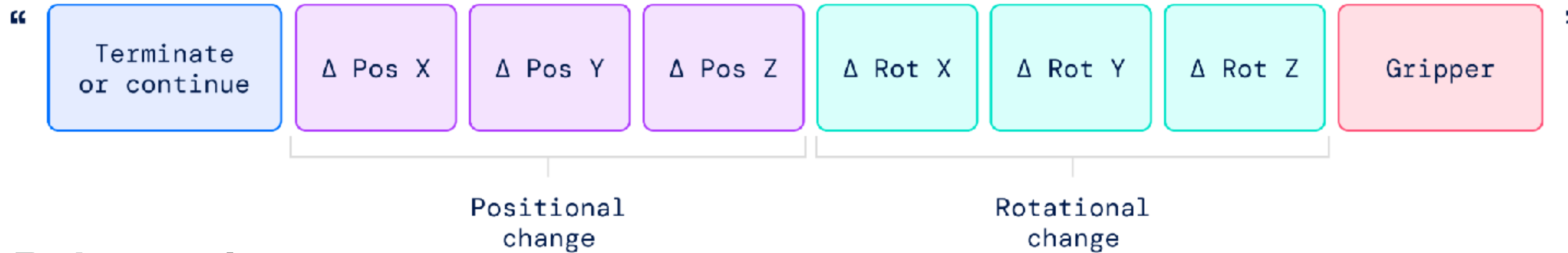


- **RT-1**: image + text → **discretized actions**
- Similar to a Visual-Language Model (VLM) with different **output tokens**
- Use large pre-trained VLMs directly as the **policy**!
- How do we **deal with actions** when using pre-trained VLMs?

[1] PaLI: A Jointly-Scaled Multilingual Language-Image Model. Chen et al. 2022.

[2] RT-1: Robotics Transformer for Real-World Control at Scale, Robotics at Google and Everyday Robots, 2022.

Representing Actions in VLMs



- **Robot actions:**

- Moving the robot arm and gripper
- Discretized into 256 bins

- **Actions in VLMs**

- Convert to a string of numbers
- Example: “1 127 115 218 101 56 90 255”
- Alternatives:
 - *Float numbers* - more tokens needed
 - *Human language (left, right etc.)* - can't be directly executed on a robot

→ **Vision-Language-Action (VLA) model!**

Training data and underlying models

Models

- PaLI-X (5B, 55B)
- PaLM-E (12B)

Data

- Pretraining: Web-data
- Robot data
 - RT-1 data
 - Human demos
 - 13 robots
 - 17 months

Internet-Scale VQA + Robot Action Data



Q: What is happening in the image?

A grey donkey walks down the street.



Q: Que puis-je faire avec ces objets?

Faire cuire un gâteau.



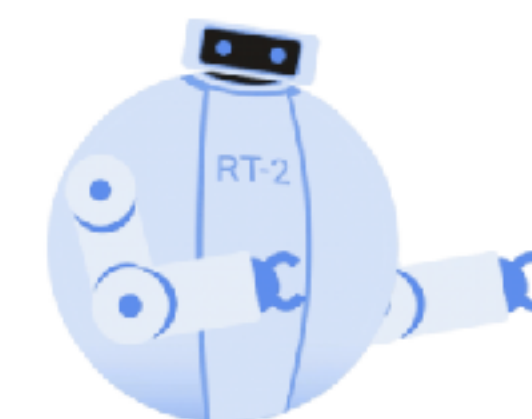
Q: What should the robot do to <task>?

Δ Translation = $[0.1, -0.2, 0]$
 Δ Rotation = $[10^\circ, 25^\circ, -7^\circ]$

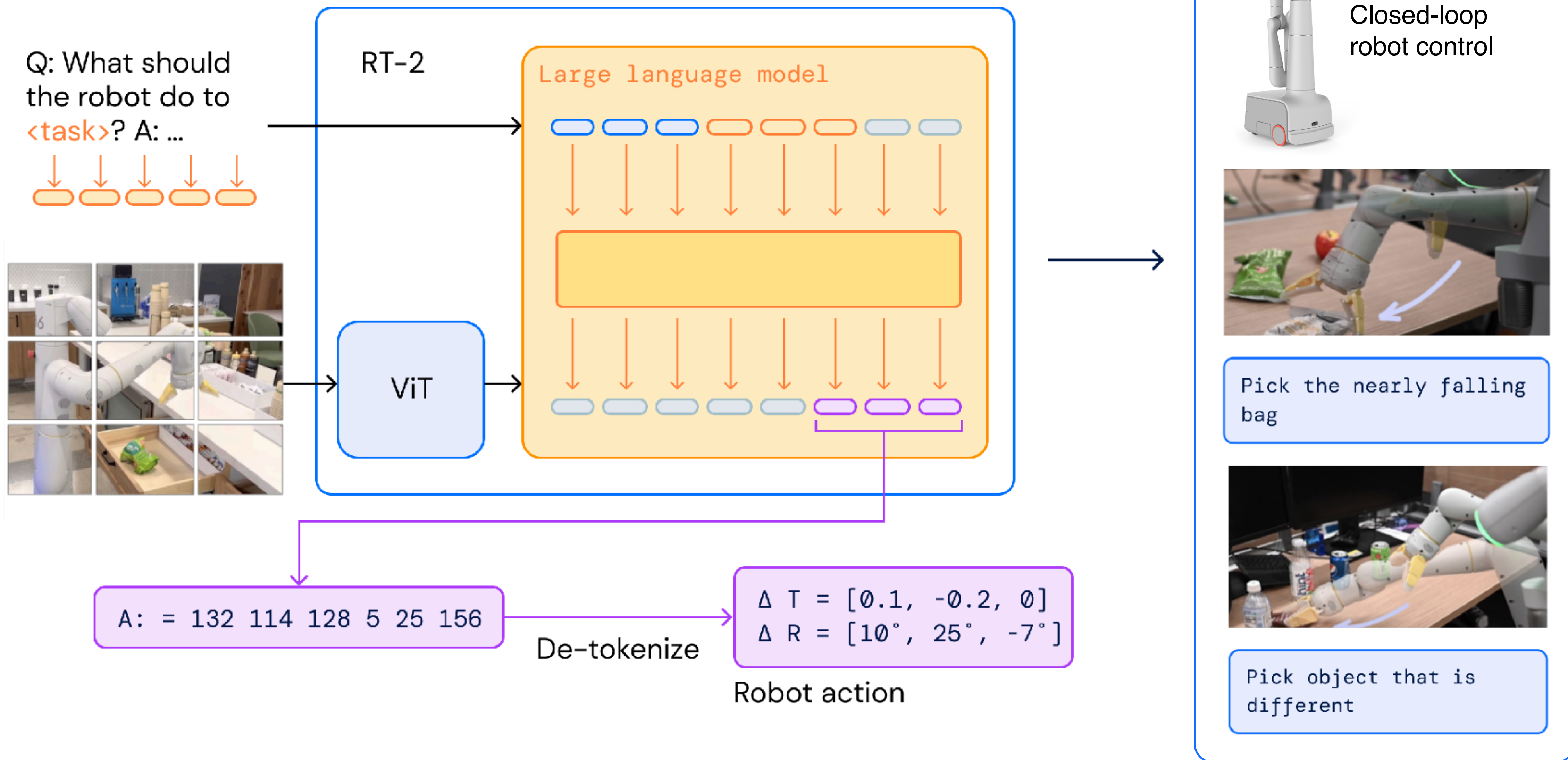
Co-Fine-Tune

Vision-Language-Action Models for Robot Control

RT-2



Inference



Results: Emergent skills



put strawberry into the correct bowl



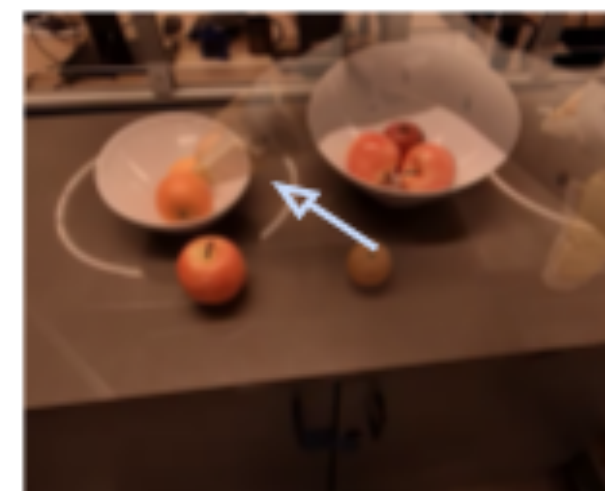
pick up the bag about to fall off the table



move apple to Denver Nuggets



pick robot



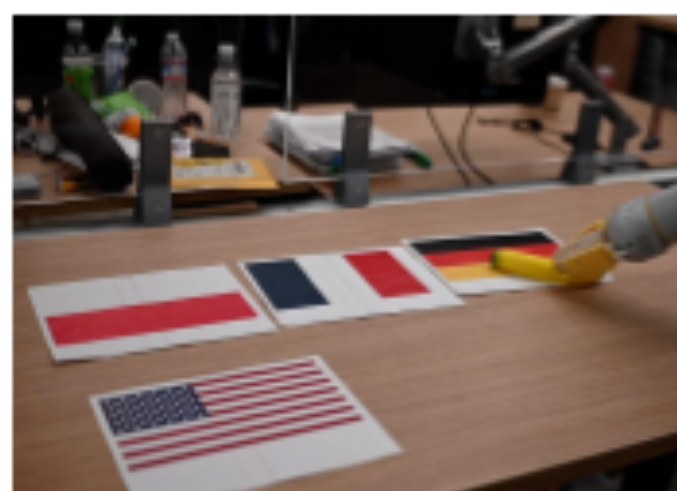
place orange in the matching bowl



move redbull can to H



move soccer ball to basketball



move banana to Germany



move cup to the wine bottle



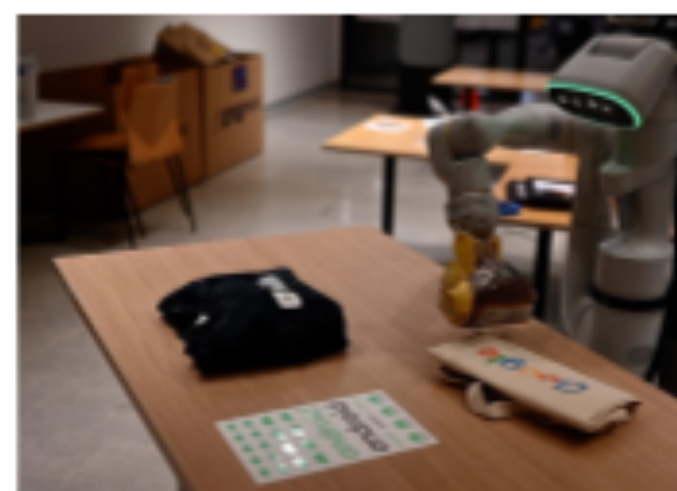
pick animal with different color



move coke can to Taylor Swift



move coke can to X



move bag to Google

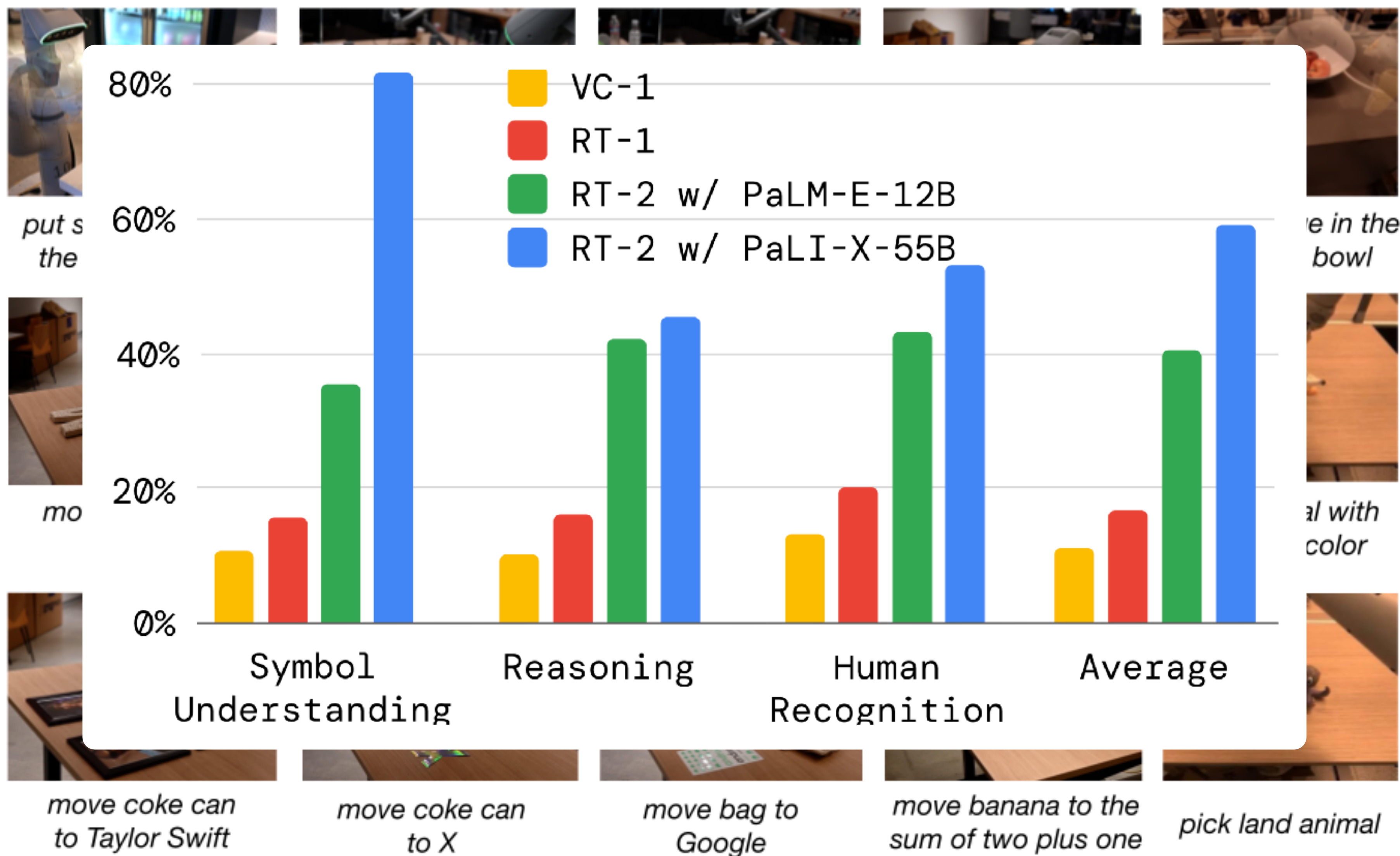


move banana to the sum of two plus one



pick land animal

Results: Emergent skills

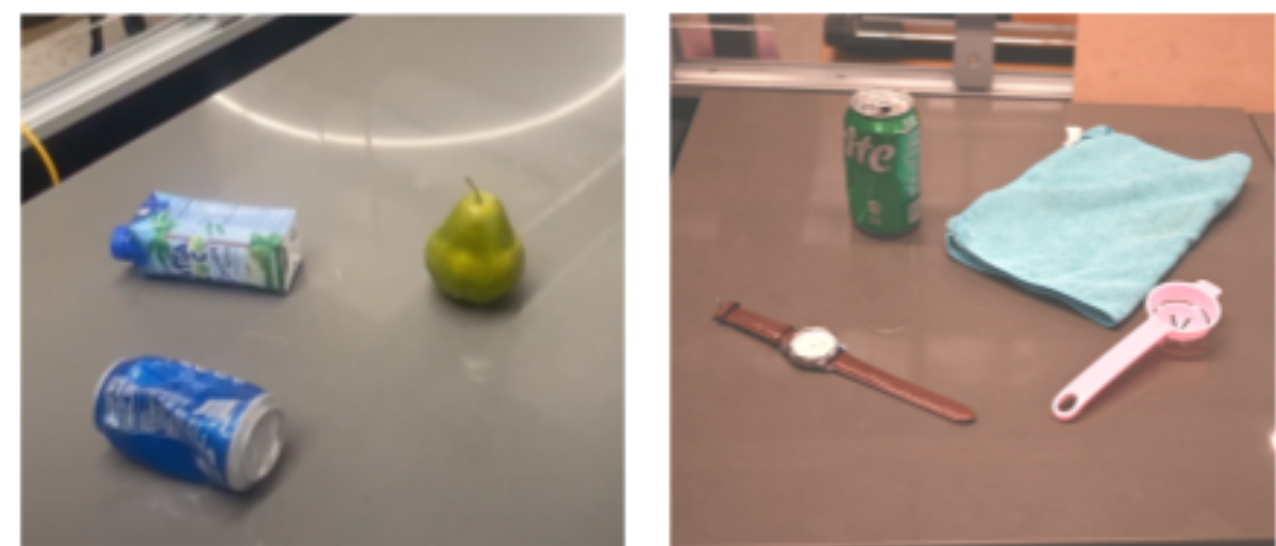


Results: Emergent skills



RT-2 generalization and emergent semantic reasoning

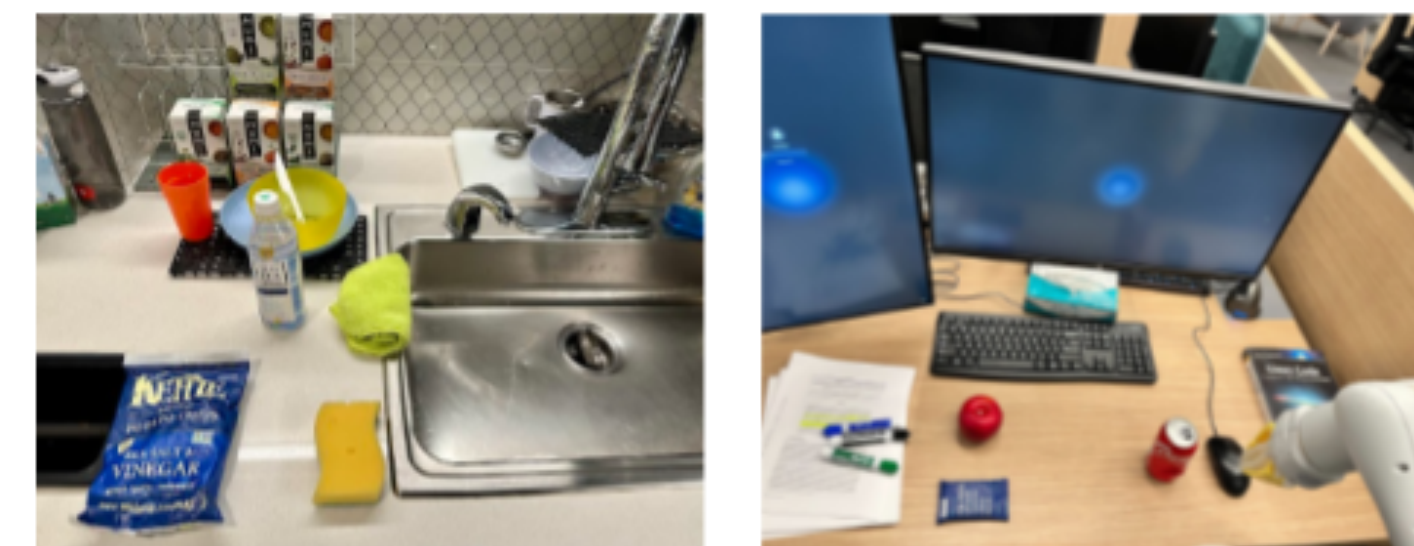
Results: Quantitative evals



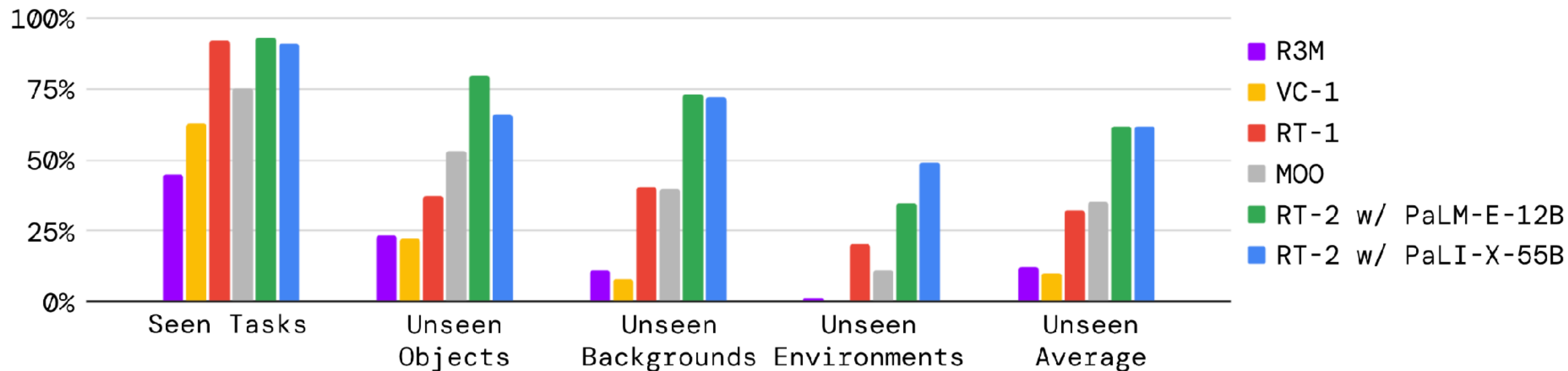
(a) Unseen Objects



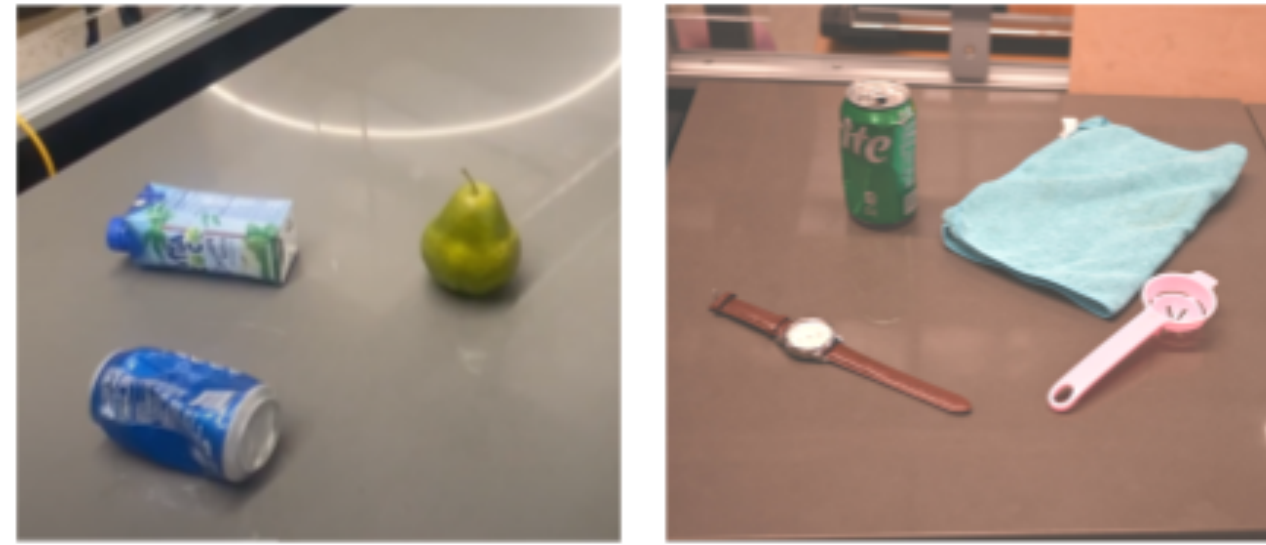
(b) Unseen Backgrounds



(c) Unseen Environments



Results: Quantitative evals



(a) Unseen Objects



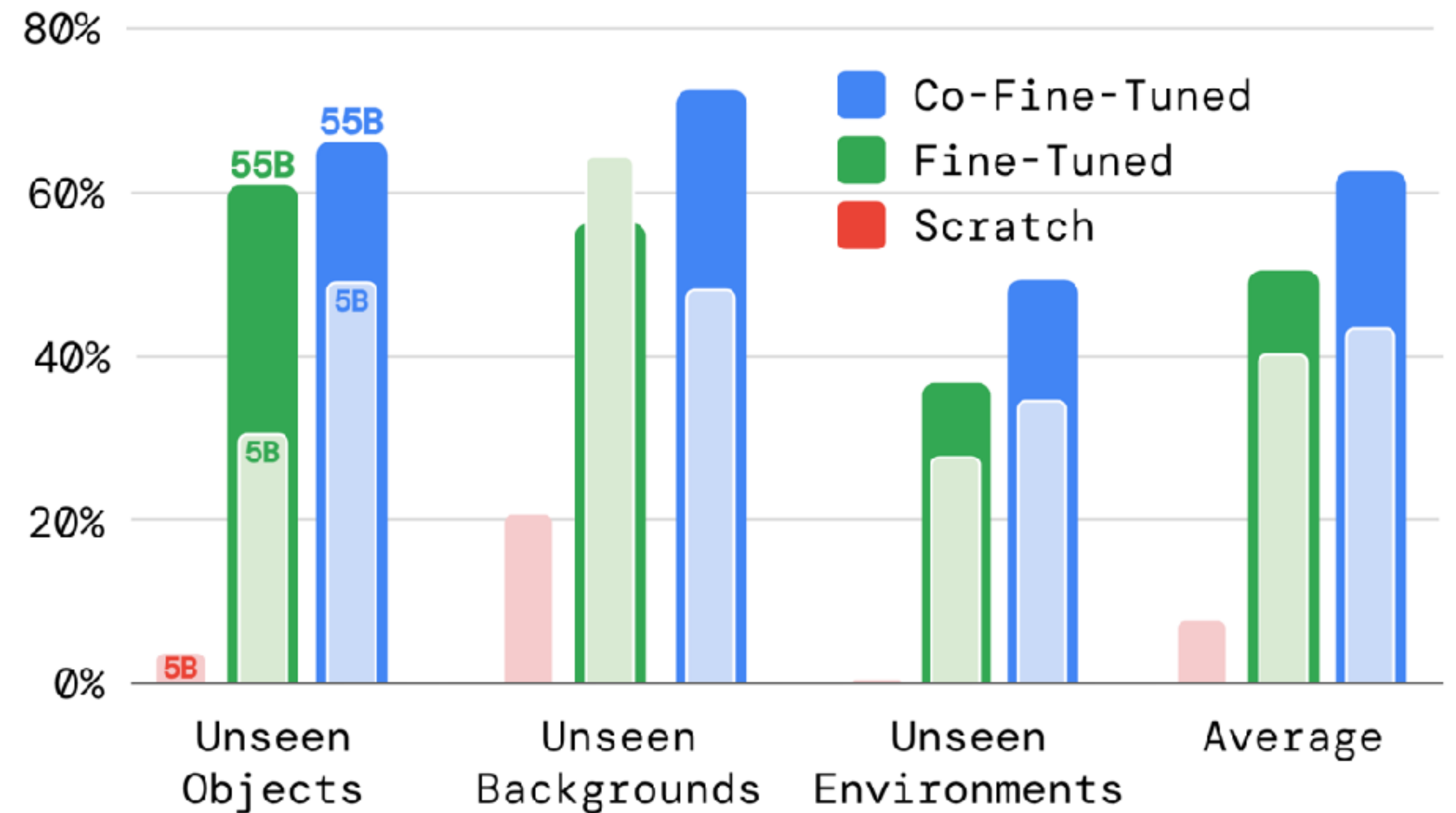
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(c) Unseen Environments

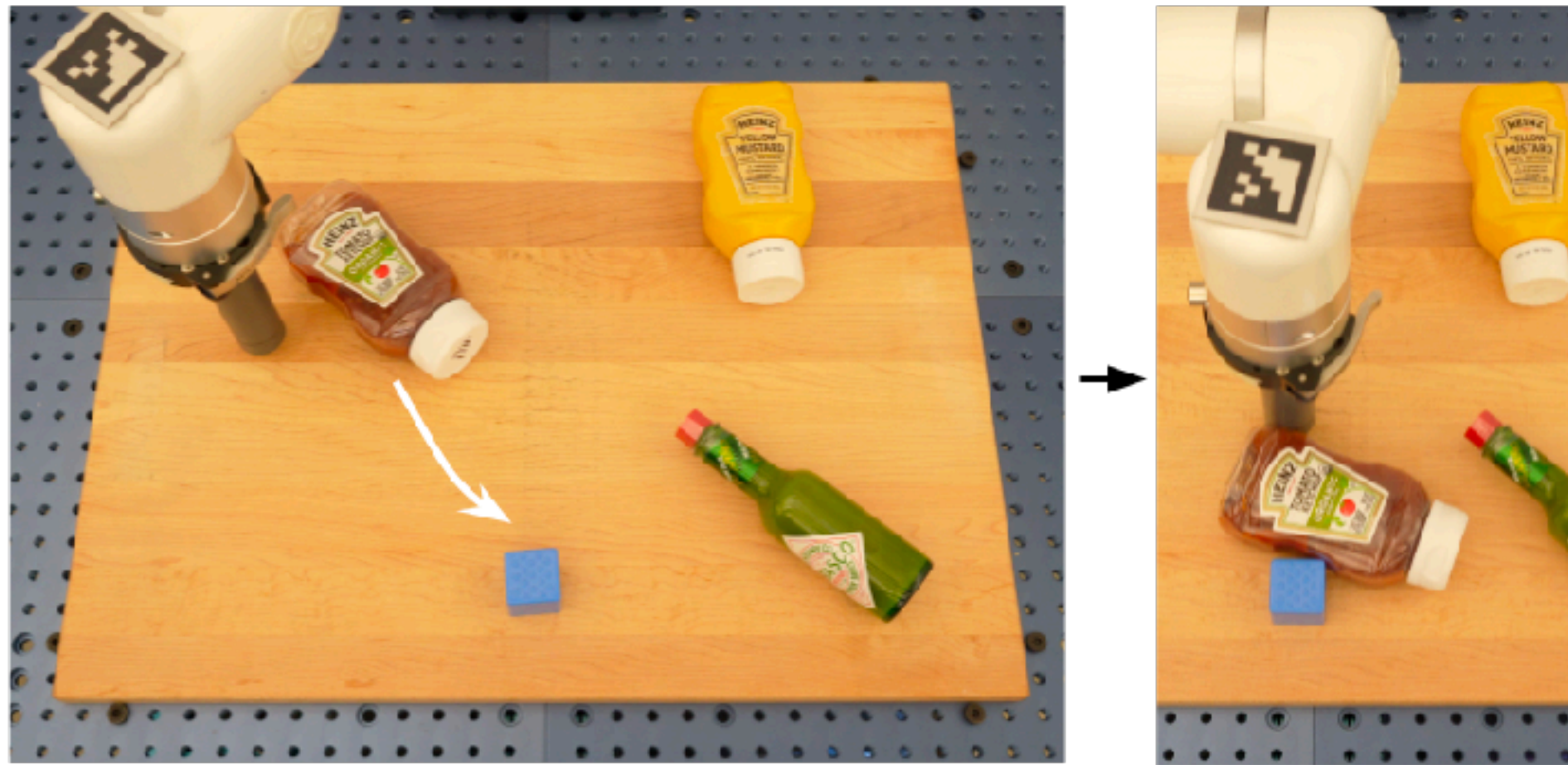
RT2 w/ PaLI-X-55B ablations

- Co-Fine-Tuning with VQA data
- Fine-Tuning on robot data only
- Training on robot data from scratch

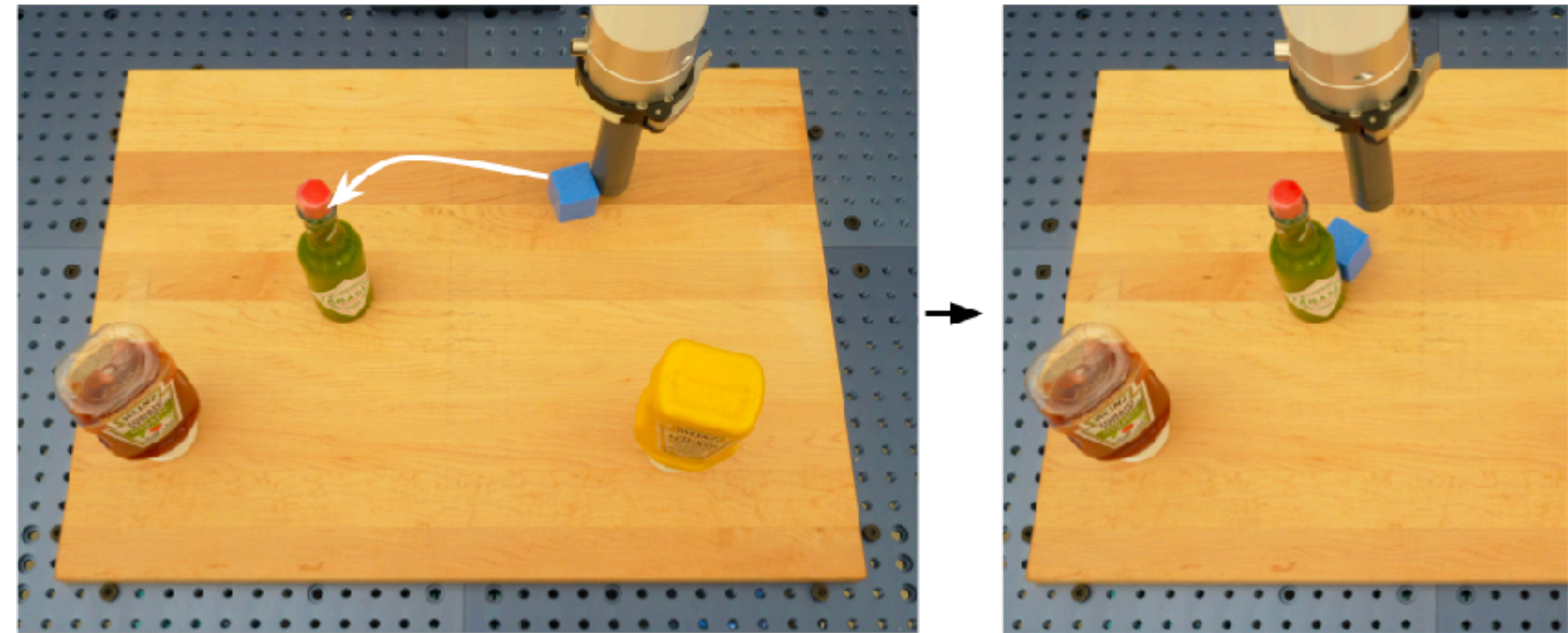


Results: Language Table

Push the *ketchup* to the *blue cube*



Push the *blue cube* to the *tabasco*



Language Table Benchmark

- Trained on pushing cubes only
- Generalizing to new objects

Model	Language-Table
BC-Zero (Jang et al., 2021)	72 ± 3
RT-1 (Brohan et al., 2022)	74 ± 13
LAVA (Lynch et al., 2022)	77 ± 4
RT-2-PaLI-3B (ours)	90 ± 10

Results: Chain-of-Thought with RT-2-PaLM-E

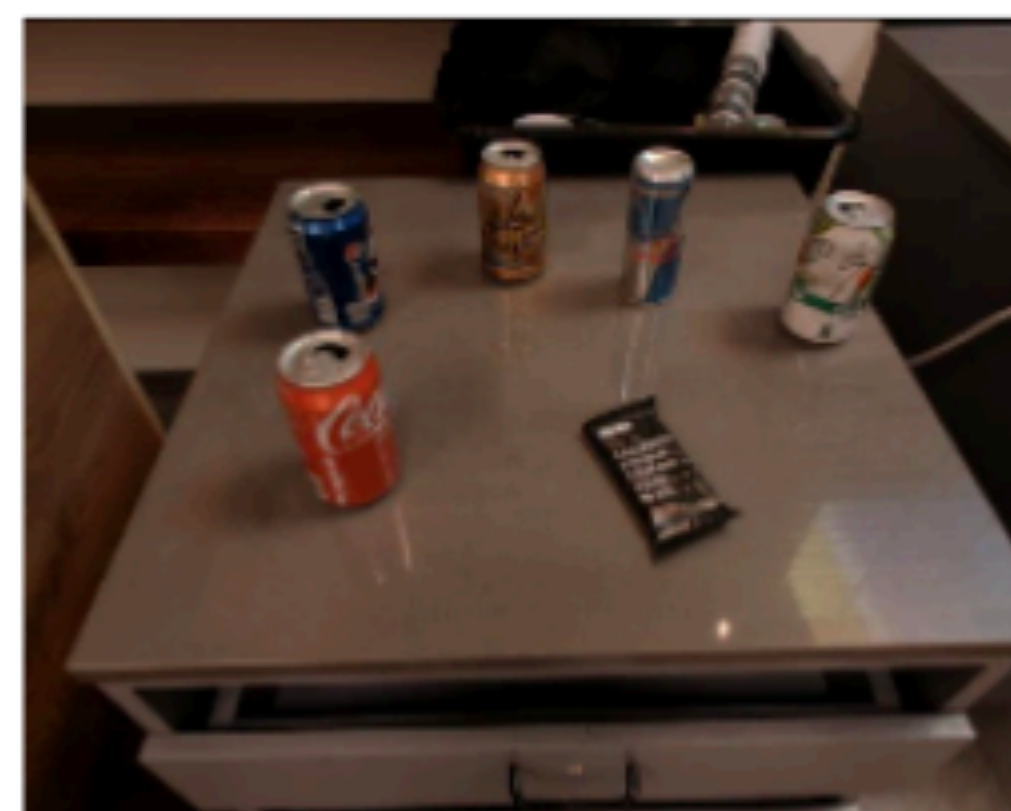
Prompt:
Given Instruction:
Bring me a drink.
Prediction:
Plan: pick 7up can.
Action: 1 143 129 123 145
114 115 127



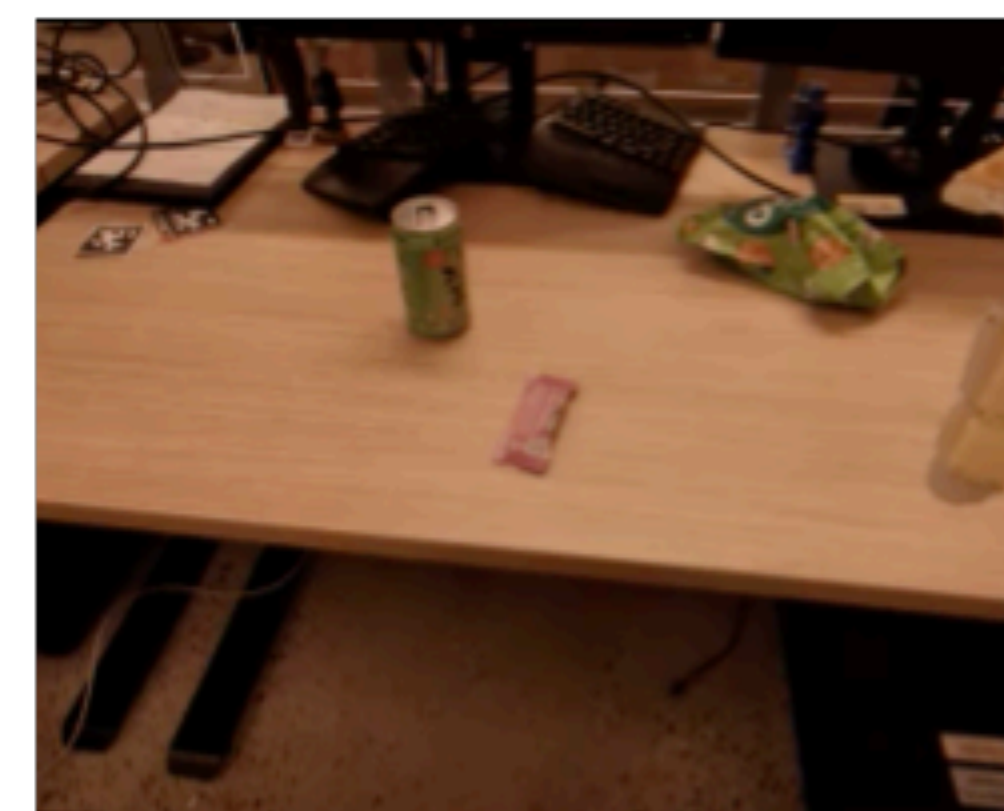
Prompt:
Given Instruction:
Move all the objects
together.
Prediction:
Plan: move green can near
green rice chip bag.
Action: 1 128 126 127 135
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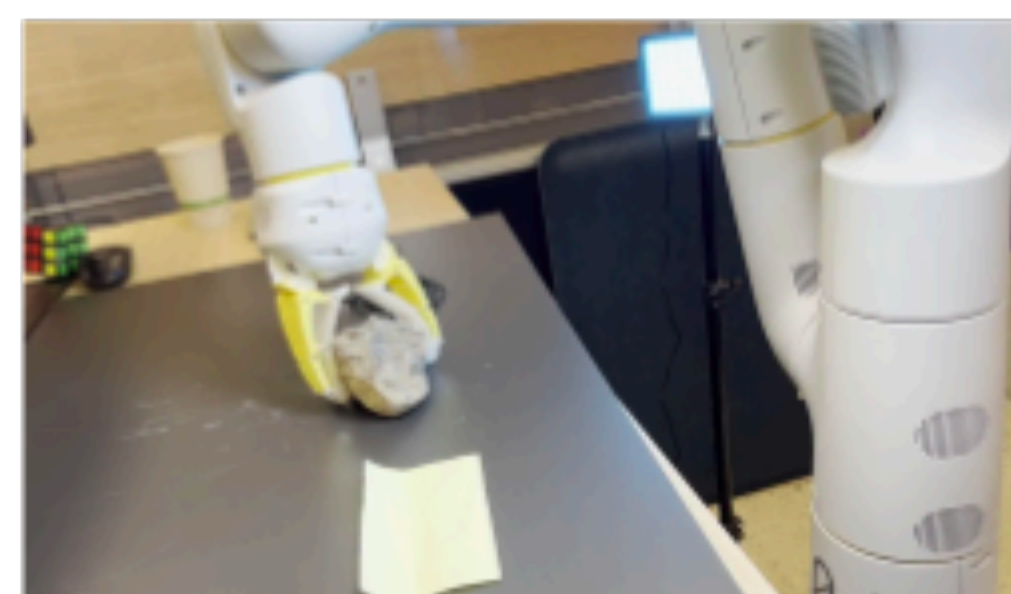
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Pick the object that is
different from all other
objects
Prediction:
Plan: pick rxbar
chocolate. Action: 1 128
129 125 131 125 128 127



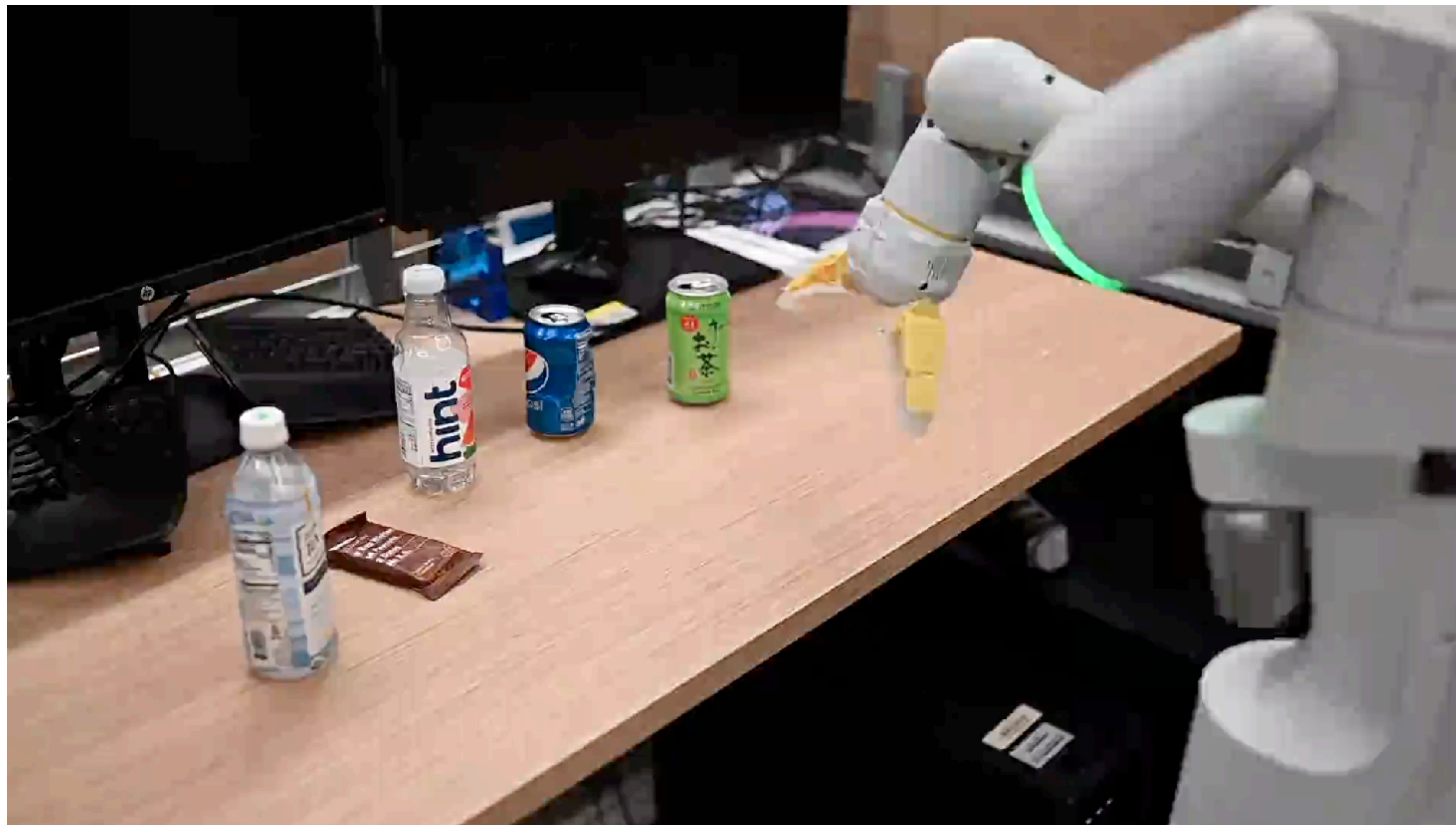
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Action: 1 130 129 121 131
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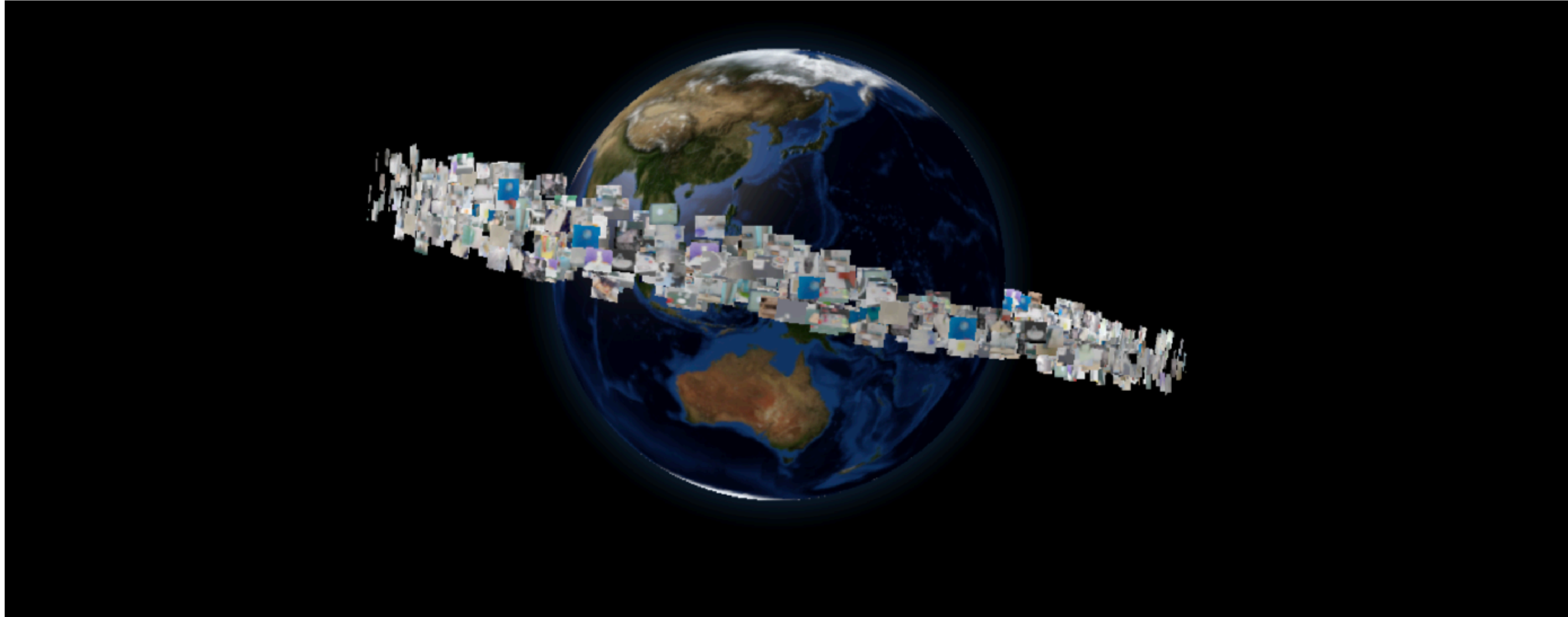
Prompt:
Given I need to
hammer a nail, what
object from the scene
might be useful?
Prediction:
Rocks. Action: 1 129 138
122 132 135 106 127



Results: Chain-of-Thought with RT-2-PaLM-E



Project idea: Open-source VLMs on RT-X data



Open X-Embodiment: Robotic Learning Datasets and
RT-X Models



Embodied Reasoning Through Planning with Language and Vision Foundation Models

Georgia Tech CS 7643/4644: Deep Learning
Fei Xia, Google DeepMind
11/7/2023