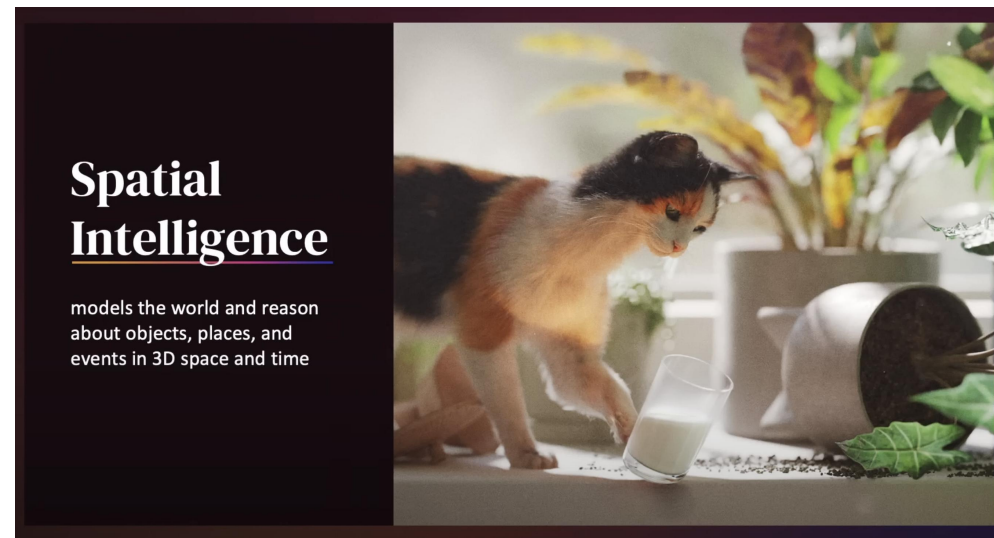


SoFAR: Language-Grounded Orientation Bridges Spatial Reasoning and Object Manipulation

Background: From Seeing to Doing with Spatial Intelligence

Question

How to proceed from seeing to doing?



Quote:

*"Sight turning into **insight**, seeing becomes **understanding**, understanding leads to **actions**."*

– Li Fei-Fei

Direction:

All of this leads to **Spatial Intelligence**.

Background: Previous Works

Question

How to proceed from seeing to doing?

User



You are a cleaning robot that is 1 meter wide, now you are standing in a living room and see the image, you want to move from here to the door that leads to the backyard, do you think I can go through the path between the sofa and the table and chairs.



GPT-4V*



As an AI, I'm unable to physically interact with environments, but I can provide some insights based on the image provided. ... From the image, we can make some visual estimations. Judging from the image, it appears that the sofa and the table are quite close to each other, and there may not be enough space to accommodate a 1-meter wide robot...

Spatial-VLM



[VLM Reasoning] How wide is the path between the sofa and the table and chairs? [VLM Answer] 1.56m [Answer] Yes, the robot can go through the path between the sofa and the table and chairs since it is wider than the robot's width.

User



Which can is the closest to the yellow finger that is on the right most side of the picture, the blue, orange or the silver one?



GPT-4V



After estimating the distances by measuring the Euclidean distances between the yellow finger and each of the cans, it is clear that the silver can is the closest to the yellow finger with an approximate distance of 110 units. In comparison, the blue can is about 262 units away, and the orange can is approximately 233 units away from the yellow finger.

Spatial-VLM



[VLM Reasoning] How far is the yellow finger from the blue can? [VLM Answer] 0.5m [VLM Reasoning] How far is the yellow finger from the orange can? [VLM Answer] 0.59m [VLM Reasoning] How far is the yellow finger from the silver can? [VLM Answer] 0.21m [Answer] The silver can is the closest to the yellow finger that is on the right most side of the picture.

SpatialVLM: Endowing Vision-Language Models with Spatial Reasoning Capabilities

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A Relative Relation

Can you confirm if 4 has a greater width compared to 6?

In fact, 4 might be narrower than 6.

Which of these four, 3, 4, 5, 6 is the tallest?

6 is the tallest.

From the viewer's perspective, is the position of 6 closer than that of 3?

No, 3 is closer.

B Metric Measurement

If you are at 3, where will you find 7?

7 is at 1 o'clock from 3.

What is the height of 4?

4 is 1.38 meters tall.

How far apart are 2 and 3 horizontally?

They are 15.33 meters apart horizontally.



C Spatial Reasoning

Can you try to estimate how many floors are in 1? Think step by step.

The height of 1 is 204.54 feet. Assuming each floor is about 10 feet high, the total number of floors would be 20.454. Since you can't have a fraction of a floor, the total number of floors would be approximately 20.

I'm planning to build a bridge from 2 to 1, is it possible?

The distance between 2 and 1 is 14.82 meters, so it is possible to build a bridge between them.

If you are riding a motorcycle with 36 inches wide, do you think you can pass through the area between 3 and 4?

The distance between 3 and 4 is 38.95 inches, so yes, you can pass through the area between 3 and 4 since the motorcycle is narrower than the distance between them.

SpatialRGPT: Grounded Spatial Reasoning in Vision-Language Models

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Challenges:

- Accurate **3D understanding**
- How to use it for **robotics**?
- Complex scenes
- **Language-grounded** manipulation

Previous works:

- Only **positional** understanding
- Understanding only (VQA only)

Our Insights:

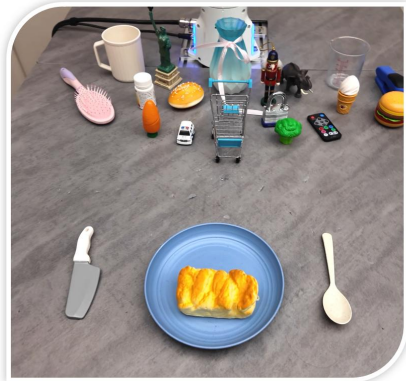
- **6-DoF** spatial understanding
- Unifying **scene parsing and planning** with languages

Open world and

SoFar Overview

Key

Bridge Spatial Understanding & Object Manipulation



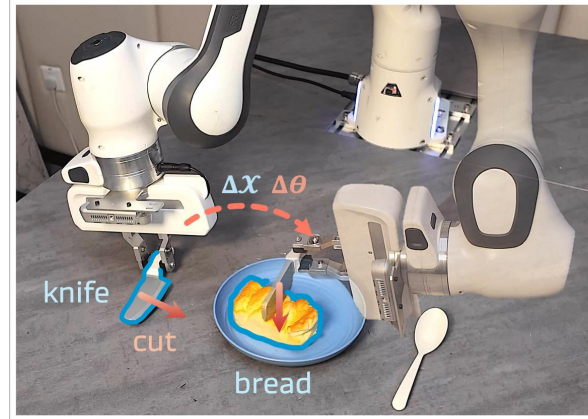
LVMs

Orientation Model
(PointSO)

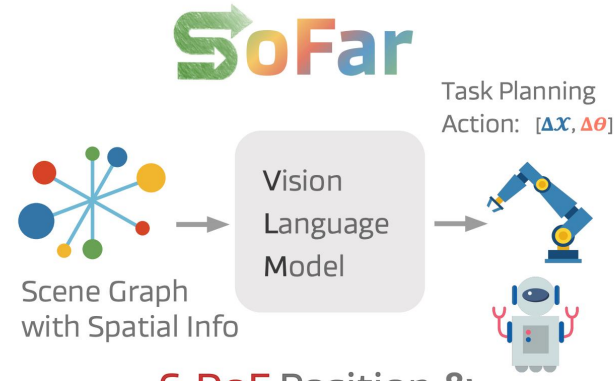
Position Model
(Florence-2, SAM)



"Grasp the handle of the knife and cut the bread."

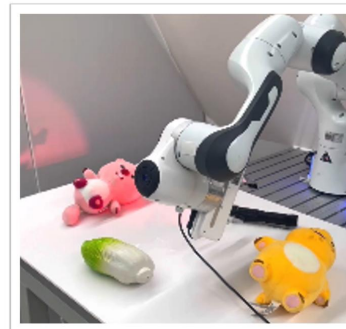


6-DoF Scene Graph Map



6-DoF Position & Orientation Constraints

6-DoF Robotic Manipulation

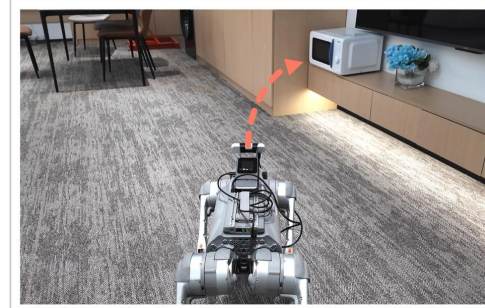


Rotate the flashlight to illuminate the loopy.



Upright the fallen wine glass and arrange it neatly in a row.

Orientation-Aware Navigation & VQA



Move to facing the front of the microwave oven.

SoFar: $\Delta x = [2.95, 0.42]$, $\Delta \theta = 62^\circ$

Key Ideas:

- Semantic Orientation grounded by languages
- Modular design with large models

Highlights:

- Zero-shot
- Open-world
- Generalization
- Cross-embodiment



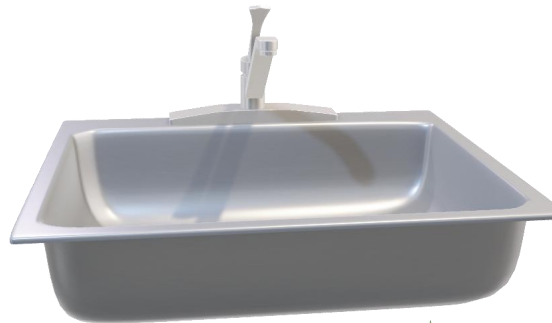
OrienteX300K
Language-Grounded
Object Orientation Dataset



Propeller



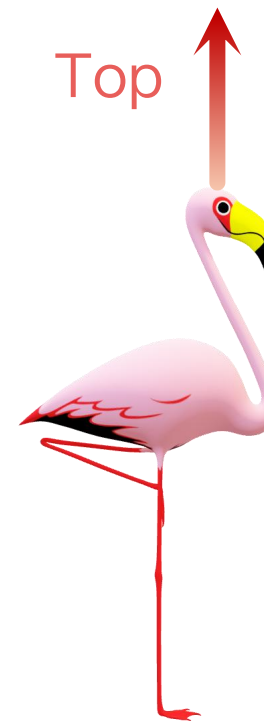
Shake hands



Handle



Shovel



Top



Handle



Dial



Open



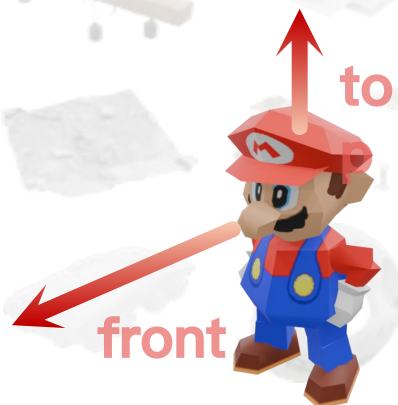
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OrienteText300K

Language-Grounded
Object Orientation Dataset

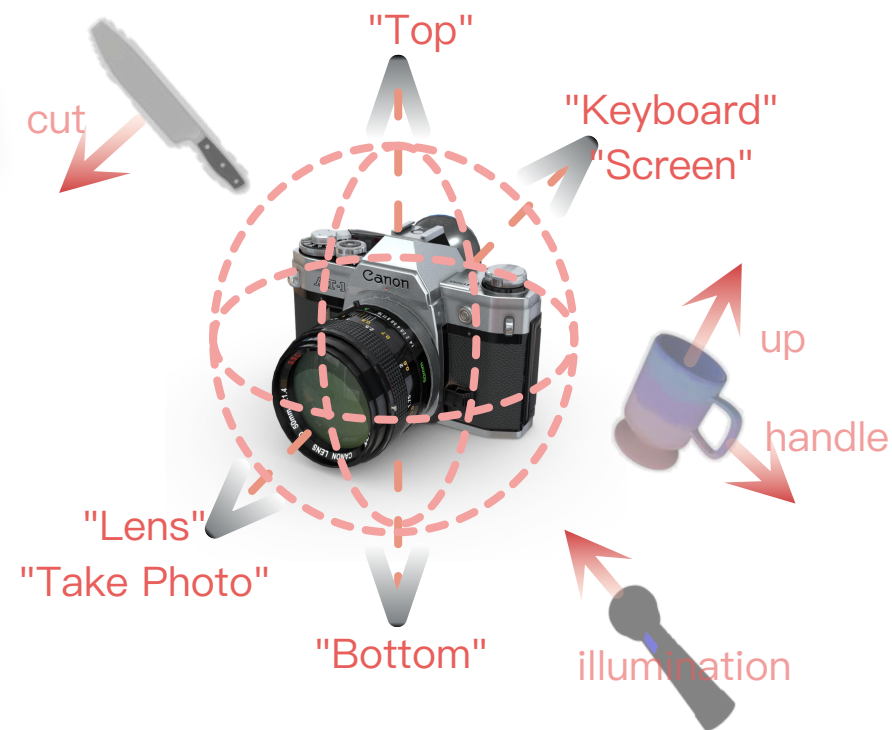
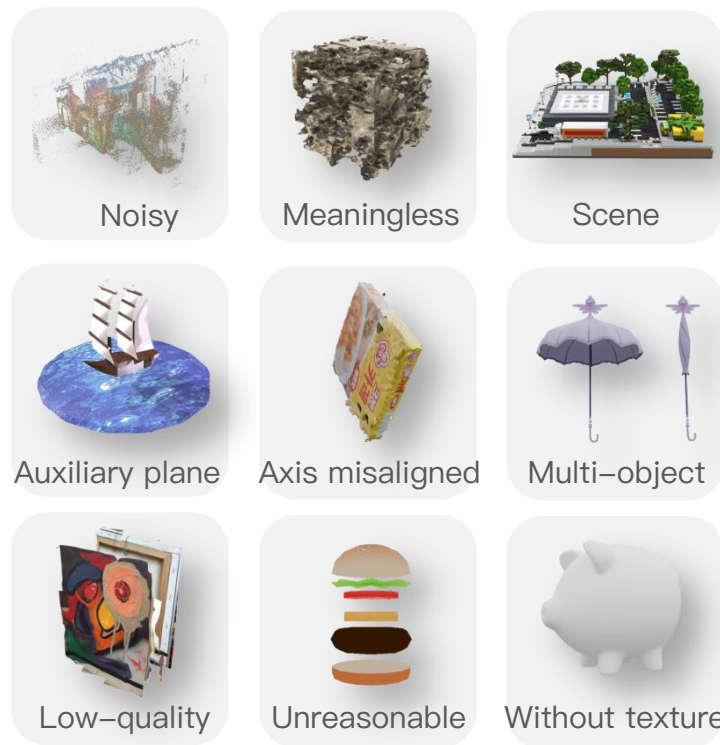
350K+ High-quality 3D Assets & Orientations
8M Rendered Images



■ OrienText300K: Orientation-Text Paired Data at Scale

Data

Scalable and High-Quality Data Construction & Filtering (Objaverse)



Standard Views



ChatGPT

Filtering Bad Data



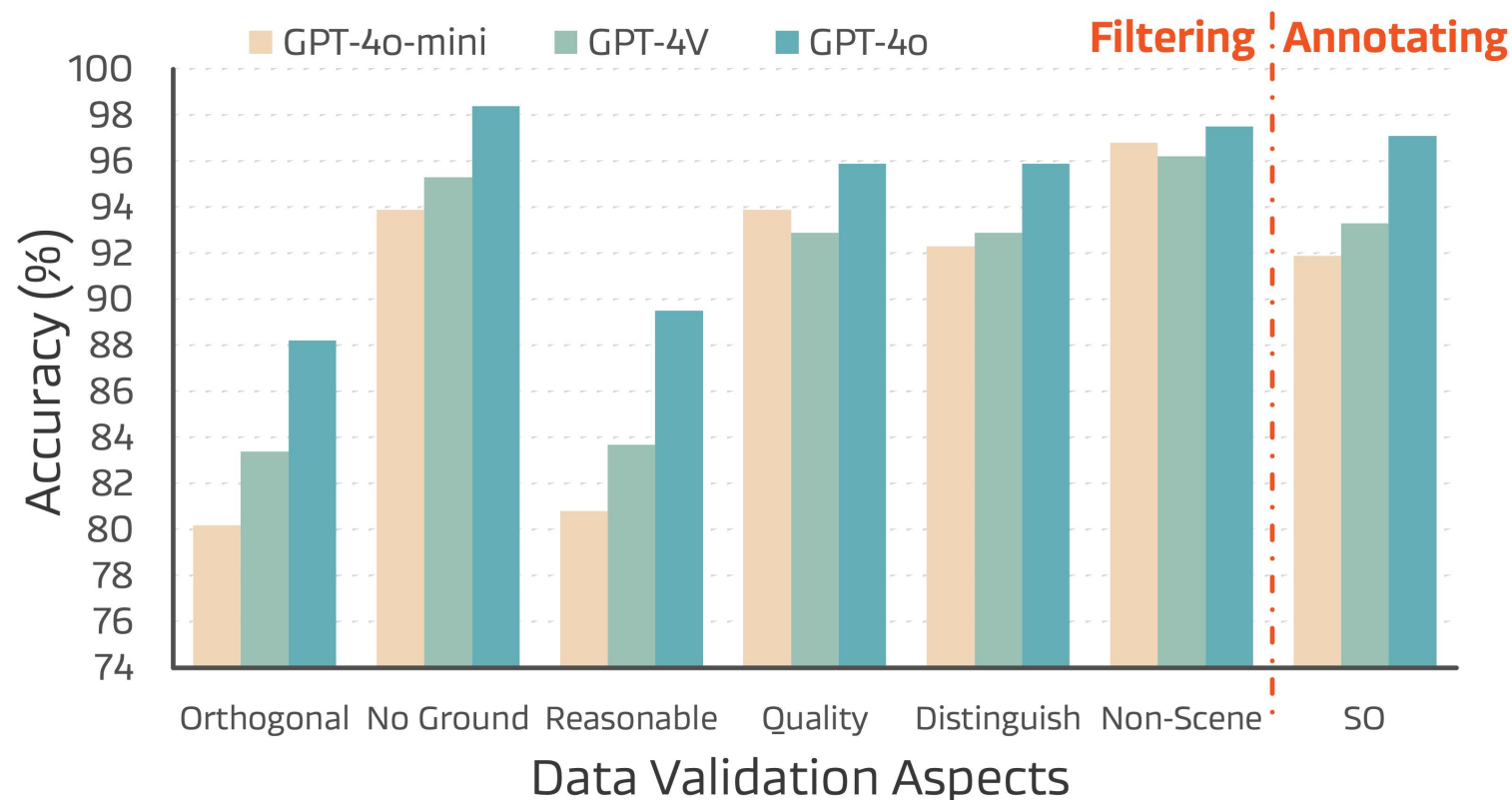
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Orientation-Text Pair

■ OrienText300K: Orientation-Text Paired Data at Scale

Data

Data Construction & Filtering (Objaverse)



Validation:

- 210 **human-labeled** filtering labels and annotations
- GPT-4o achieves 88.3% and 97.1% mean acc

PointSO: A Cross-Modal 3D Transformer for Semantic Orientation Prediction

PointSO

Accurate, scalable, and robust SO prediction

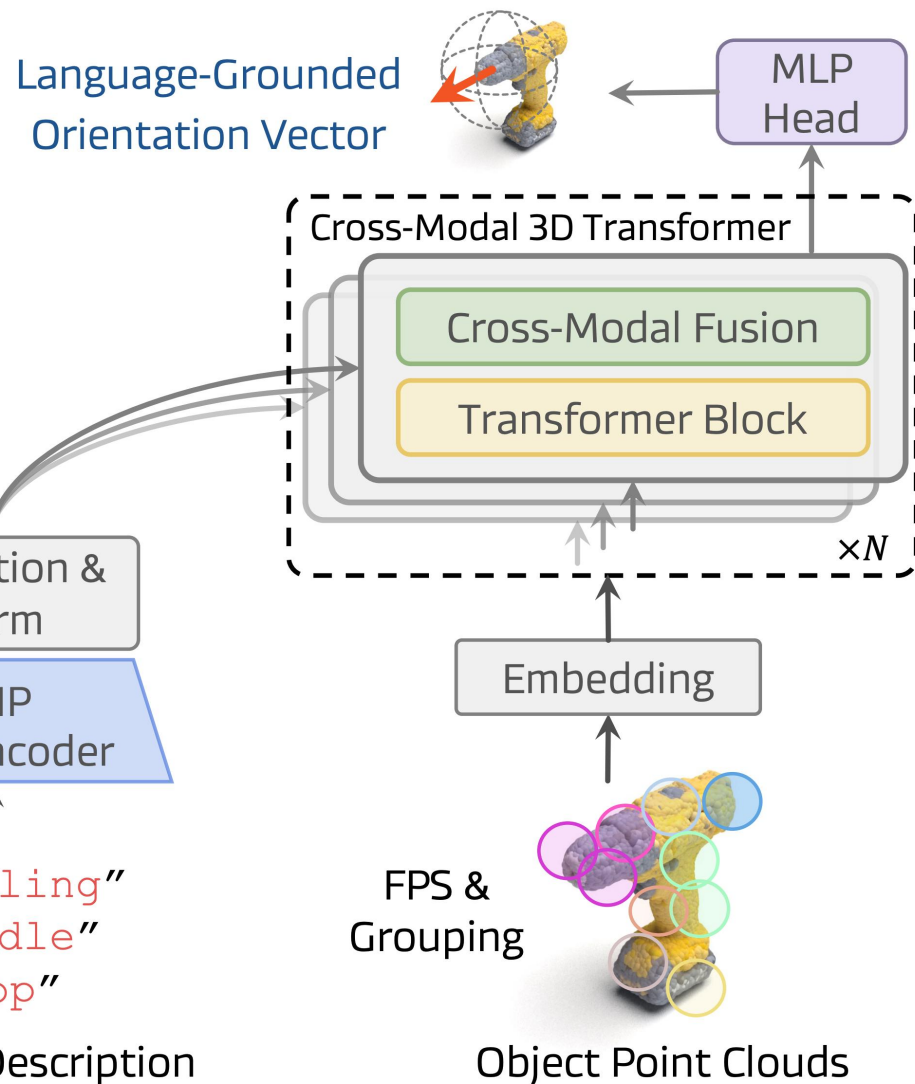


TABLE V: **Semantic Orientation evaluation** on our proposed OrientText300K dataset test split.

Method	45°	30°	15°	5°	Average
PointSO-S	77.34	74.22	67.97	60.94	70.12
PointSO-B	79.69	77.34	70.31	62.50	72.46
PointSO-L	81.25	78.13	72.66	65.63	74.42

TABLE VI: **Zero-shot Semantic Direction evaluation of robustness** on OrientText300K test split. Single-View: randomly select a camera viewpoint within the unit sphere and generate a **single viewpoint** within the FoV on polar coordinates. Jitter: Gaussian jittering with noise $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ and $\sigma = 0.01$. Rotate: random SO(3) rotation sampling over X-Y-Z Euler angle $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \sim \mathcal{U}(-\theta, \theta)$ and $\theta = \pi$. All: All the corruptions.

Method	OrientText300K-C Variants			
	Single-View	Jitter	Rotate	All
PointSO-S	72.66	76.56	73.43	67.19
PointSO-B	75.00	78.90	75.78	71.09
PointSO-L	76.56	81.25	77.34	74.22

TABLE IX: **Scaling Law** of semantic orientation evaluation in OrientText300K test split. All the experiments are under the PointSO-Base variant.

Data Scale	45°	30°	15°	5°	Average
5%	57.03	46.09	39.84	27.34	42.58
10%	61.72	53.13	43.75	30.47	47.27
50%	76.56	72.66	66.41	56.25	67.97
100%	79.69	77.34	70.31	62.50	72.46

Model:

- Transformer-based Model
- Cross-Model Fusion
- 3D Augmentation

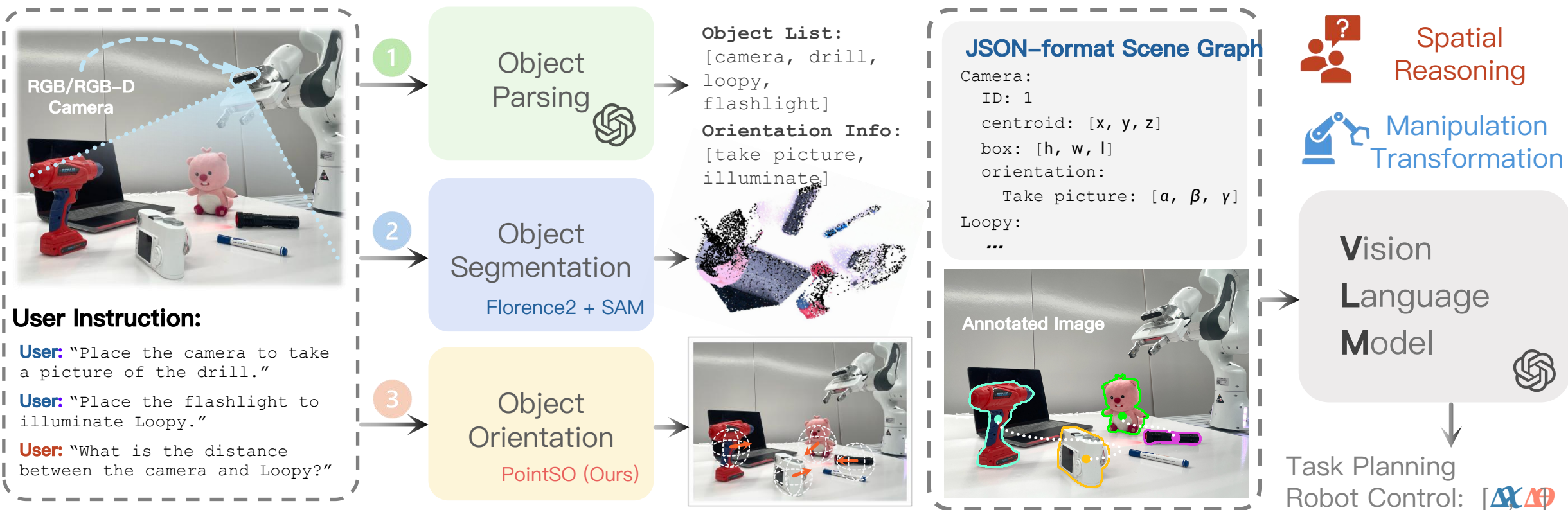
Features:

- High Accuracy
- Scalable
- Robust

SoFar Framework

Key

A hierarchical & modular framework with various Foundation Models



Real-World SO Prediction



The "screen" direction of a remote.



The "drill" direction of a screwdriver.



The "handle" direction of a mug.

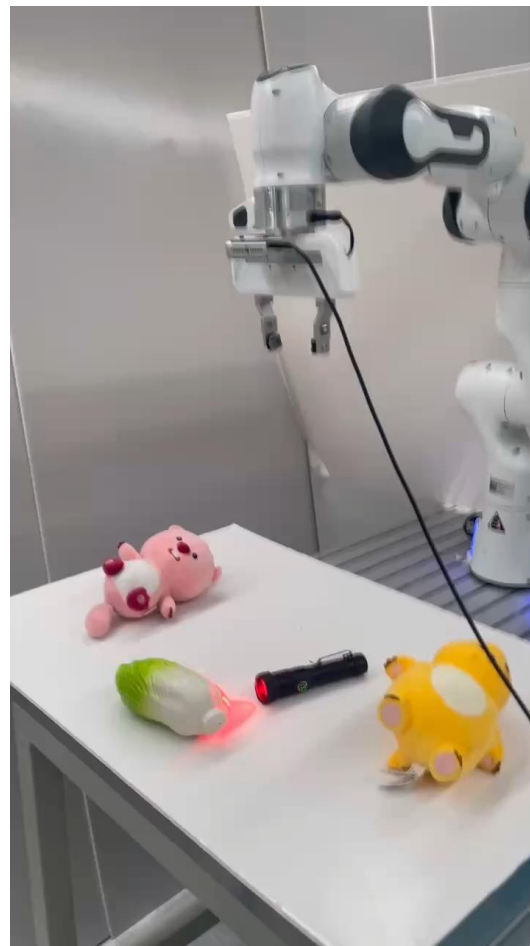


The "top" direction of a mug.

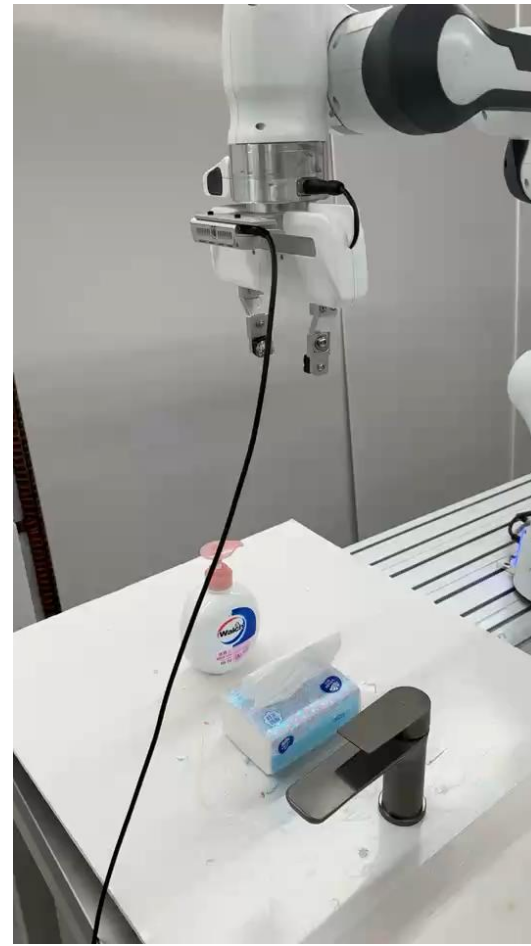
Language-Grounded Manipulation



Pick up the nearest test tube and place it in the center of the



Rotate the flashlight to illuminate the loopy

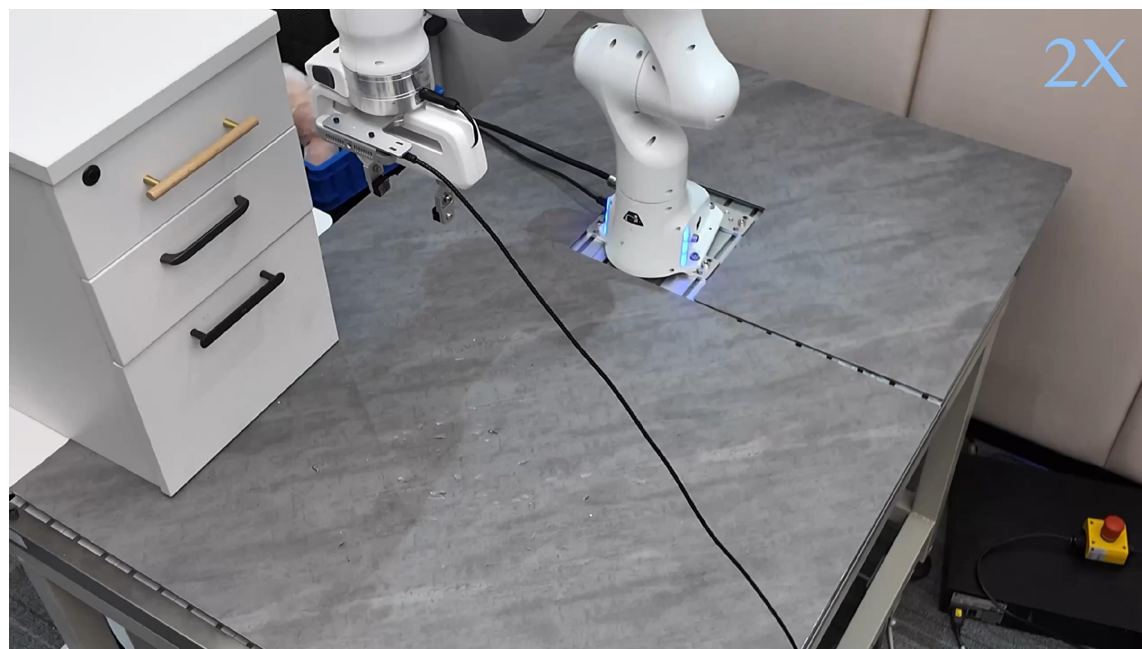


Pull out a tissue



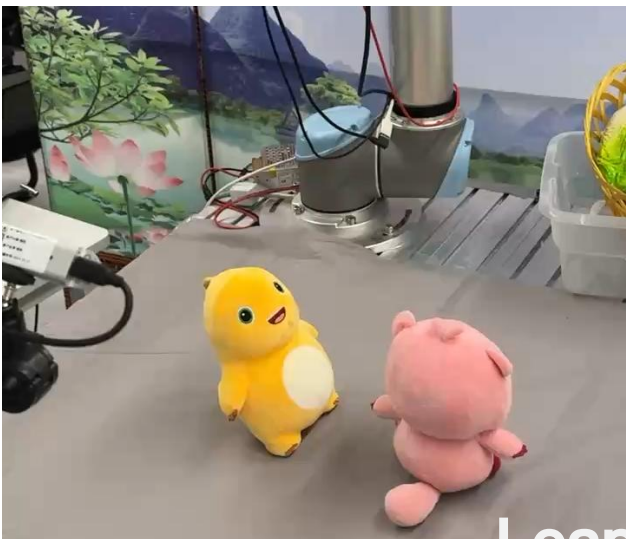
Aim the camera at the toy truck

Long-Horizon Manipulation





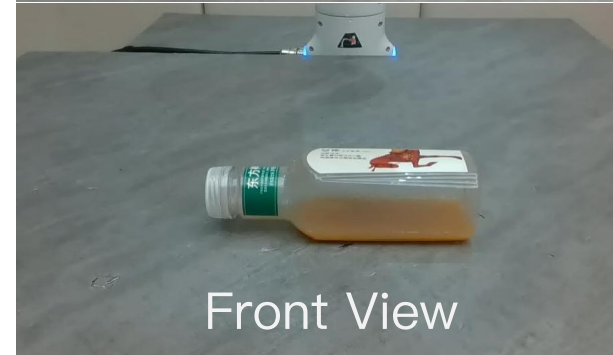
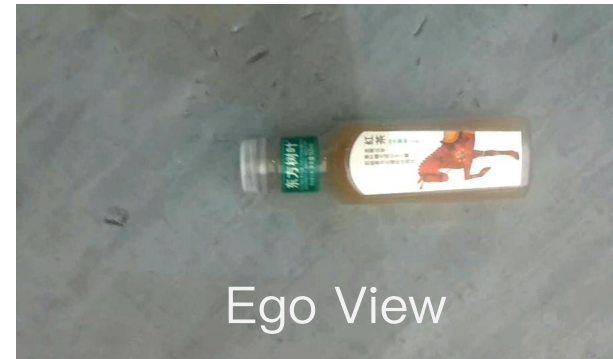
Cross Embodiment & Cross View Generalization



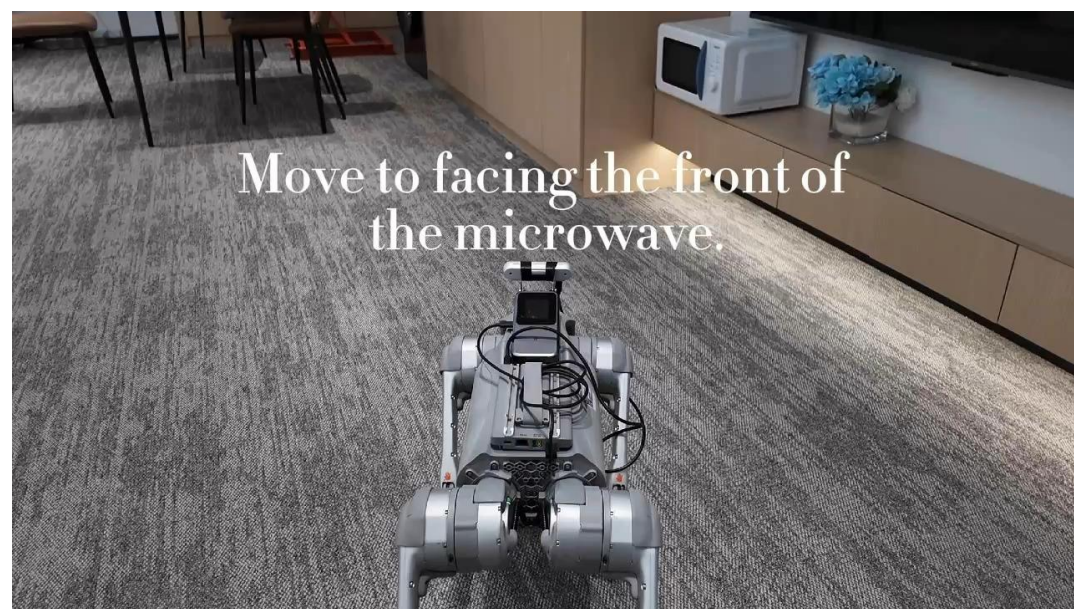
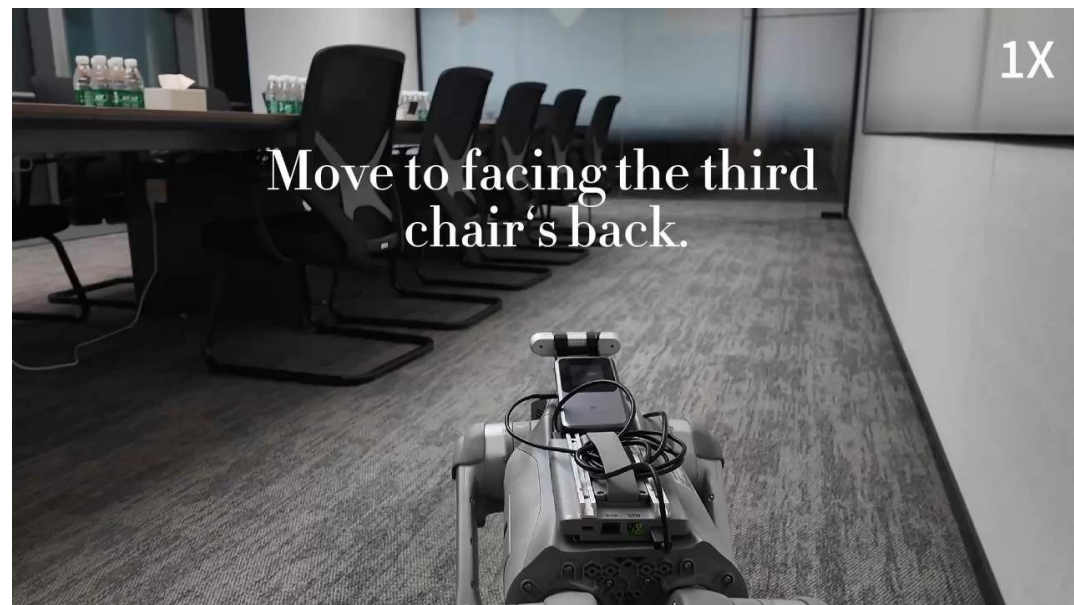
Leap Hand



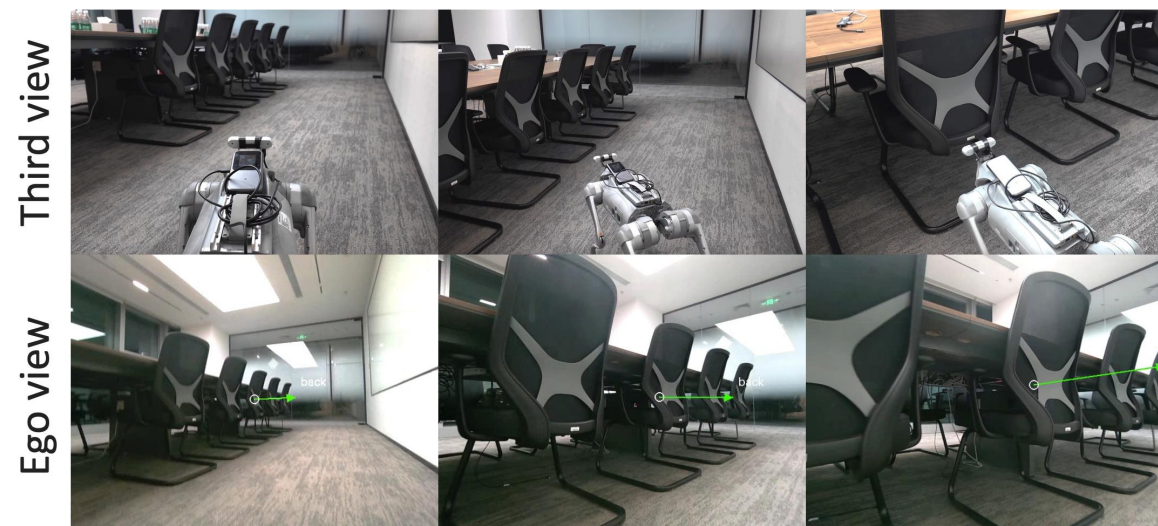
Sucker



Language-Grounded Navigation



Move to facing the front of the microwave oven.



Move to facing the third chair's back.

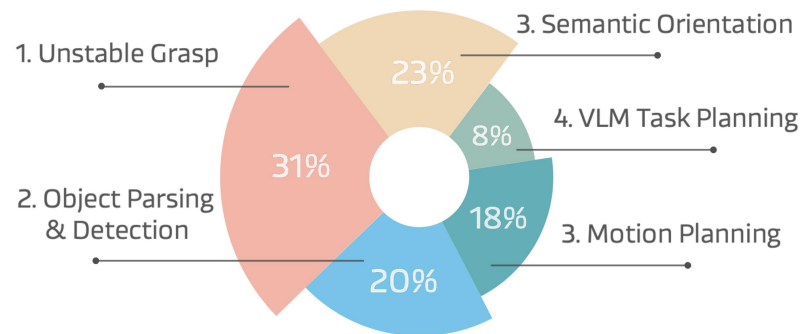


Fig. 16: Failure case distribution analysis of our SOFAR.

Task	CoPa [47]	ReKep-Auto [52]	SoFAR-LLaVa (Ours)	SoFAR (Ours)
<i>Positional Object Manipulation</i>				
Move the soccer ball to the right of the bread.	2/3	3/3	3/3	3/3
Place the doll to the right of the lemon.	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3
Put the pliers on the right side of the soccer ball.	1/3	1/3	3/3	2/3
Move the pen to the right of the doll.	3/3	2/3	3/3	3/3
Place the carrot on the left of the croissant.	2/3	3/3	2/3	2/3
Move the avocado to the left of the baseball.	3/3	2/3	2/3	3/3
Pick the pepper and place it to the left of the charger.	1/3	2/3	2/3	2/3
Place the baseball on the left side of the mug.	3/3	2/3	2/3	3/3
Arrange the flower in front of the potato.	2/3	3/3	2/3	3/3
Put the volleyball in front of the knife.	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3
Place the ice cream cone in front of the potato.	2/3	3/3	2/3	3/3
Move the bitter melon to the front of the forklift.	2/3	1/3	2/3	2/3
Place the orange at the back of the stapler.	3/3	2/3	3/3	3/3
Move the panda toy to the back of the shampoo bottle.	2/3	3/3	3/3	2/3
pick the pumpkin and place it behind the pomegranate.	3/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
Place the basketball at the back of the board wipe.	2/3	2/3	3/3	2/3
Put the apple inside the box.	3/3	2/3	3/3	3/3
Place the waffles on the center of the plate.	3/3	2/3	3/3	3/3
Move the hamburger into the bowl.	2/3	2/3	2/3	3/3
Pick the puppet and put it into the basket.	1/3	2/3	2/3	2/3
Drop the grape into the box.	2/3	3/3	3/3	2/3
Put the doll between the lemon and the USB.	2/3	2/3	2/3	3/3
Set the duck toy in the center of the cart, bowl, and camera.	2/3	1/3	2/3	2/3
Place the strawberry between the Coke bottle and the glue.	2/3	2/3	3/3	3/3
Put the pen behind the basketball and in front of the vase.	2/3	1/3	2/3	2/3
Total success rate	74.7%	72.0%	81.3%	85.3%
<i>Oriental Object Manipulation</i>				
Turn the yellow head of the toy car to the right.	2/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
Adjust the knife handle so it points to the right.	2/3	1/3	2/3	2/3
Rotate the cap of the bottle towards the right.	2/3	2/3	2/3	2/3
Rotate the tip of the screwdriver to face the right.	0/3	0/3	1/3	1/3
Rotate the stem of the apple to the right.	0/3	1/3	1/3	2/3
Turn the front of the toy car to the left.	0/3	0/3	2/3	2/3
Rotate the cap of the bottle towards the left.	2/3	1/3	1/3	2/3
Adjust the pear's stem to the right.	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
Turn the mug handle to the right.	1/3	1/3	2/3	2/3
Rotate the handle of the mug to towards right.	2/3	1/3	2/3	1/3
Rotate the box so the text side faces forward.	0/3	1/3	0/3	1/3
Adjust the USB port to point forward.	0/3	0/3	1/3	1/3
Set the bottle upright.	0/3	1/3	0/3	1/3
Place the coffee cup in an upright position.	1/3	1/3	2/3	2/3
Upright the statue of liberty	0/3	0/3	1/3	0/3
Stand the doll upright.	0/3	1/3	0/3	1/3
Right the Coke can.	0/3	0/3	1/3	1/3
Flip the bottle upside down.	0/3	0/3	0/3	1/3
Turn the coffee cup upside down.	0/3	0/3	1/3	1/3
Invert the shampoo bottle upside down.	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3
Total success rate	21.7%	23.3%	35.0%	43.3%
<i>Comprehensive 6-DoF Object Manipulation</i>				
Pull out a tissue.	3/3	3/3	2/3	3/3
Place the right bottle into the box and arrange it in a 3x3 pattern.	0/3	0/3	0/3	1/3
Take the tallest box and position it on the right side.	1/3	1/3	3/3	3/3
Grasp the error bottle and put it on the right side.	1/3	2/3	1/3	2/3
Take out the green test tube and place it between the two bottles.	2/3	2/3	3/3	3/3
Pack the objects on the table into the box one by one.	1/3	1/3	0/3	1/3
Rotate the loopy doll to face the yellow dragon doll	0/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
Right the fallen wine glass and arrange it neatly in a row.	0/3	0/3	0/3	0/3
Grasp the handle of the knife and cut the bread.	0/3	0/3	0/3	1/3
Pick the baseball into the cart and turn the cart to facing right.	0/3	0/3	1/3	2/3
Place the mug on the left of the ball and the handle turn right.	0/3	0/3	1/3	1/3
Aim the camera at the toy truck.	1/3	0/3	1/3	1/3
Rotate the flashlight to illuminate the loopy.	0/3	0/3	1/3	1/3
Put the pen into the pen container.	0/3	1/3	0/3	1/3
Pour out chips from the chips cylinder to the plate.	0/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
Total success rate	20.0%	26.7%	33.3%	48.9%

Simulation Experiments

TABLE I: **6-DoF object rearrangement evaluation** on Our Proposed Open6DOR V2 Benchmark.

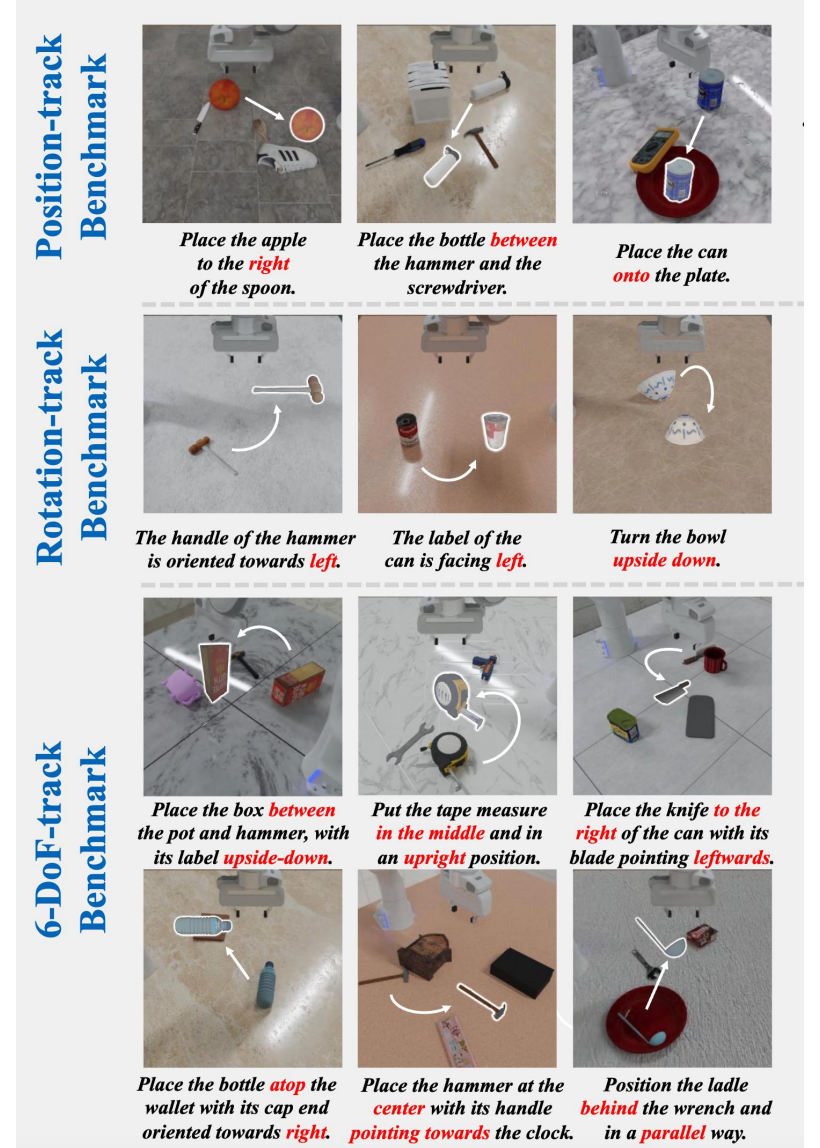
Method	Position Track				Rotation Track				6-DoF Track			Time Cost (s)
	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Overall	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Overall	Position	Rotation	Overall	
Perception Tasks on Issac Sim [90]												
GPT-4V [93]	46.8	39.1	50.0	45.2	9.1	6.9	11.7	9.2	-	-	-	-
Dream2Real [58]	17.2	11.0	0.0	15.9	37.3	27.6	26.2	31.3	26.2	18.7	13.5	358.3s
VoxPoser [50]	35.6	21.7	0.0	32.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Open6DOR-GPT [26]	78.6	60.3	80.0	74.9	45.7	32.5	49.8	41.1	84.8	40.0	35.6	126.3 s
SoFAR-LLaVA	86.3	57.9	100.0	78.7	62.5	30.2	67.1	48.6	83.0	48.2	40.3	9.6s
SoFAR	96.0	81.5	100.0	93.0	68.6	42.2	70.1	57.0	92.7	52.7	48.7	8.5s
Execution Tasks on Libero [72]												
Octo [121]	51.2	32.1	0.0	47.2	10.7	18.3	29.9	17.2	45.6	8.0	8.0	-
OpenVLA [60]	51.6	32.4	0.0	47.6	11.0	18.5	30.6	17.6	46.2	8.2	8.2	-
SoFAR	75.3	65.6	50.0	72.4	46.6	29.7	45.8	34.6	70.1	33.8	25.6	40s

TABLE XI: **Ablation study of open vocabulary detection module** on Open6DOR [26] perception tasks.

Method	Position Track				Rotation Track				6-DoF Track			Time Cost (s)
	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Overall	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Overall	Position	Rotation	Overall	
YOLO-World [15]	59.0	37.7	50.0	53.3	36.3	24.1	50.0	32.9	53.4	32.6	19.8	7.4s
Grounding DINO [77]	92.2	71.5	100.0	86.7	58.7	33.1	61.8	47.5	87.2	43.6	38.6	9.2s
Florence-2 [142]	96.9	80.0	100.0	92.4	59.9	33.3	58.2	47.6	92.7	45.0	41.6	8.5s

TABLE XV: **Statistics of Open6DOR V2 Benchmark.** The entire benchmark comprises three independent tracks, each featuring diverse tasks with careful annotations. The tasks are divided into different levels based on instruction categories, with statistics demonstrated above.

Track	Position-track					Rotation-track					6-DoF-track	Total
Level	Level 0					Level 1	Level 2	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	-	-
Task Catog.	Left	Right	Top	Behind	Front	Between	Center	Customized	Geometric	Directional	Semantic	-
Task Stat.	296	266	209	297	278	193	159	10	318	367	134	1810
Benchmark Stat.	1708					1027					1810	4535



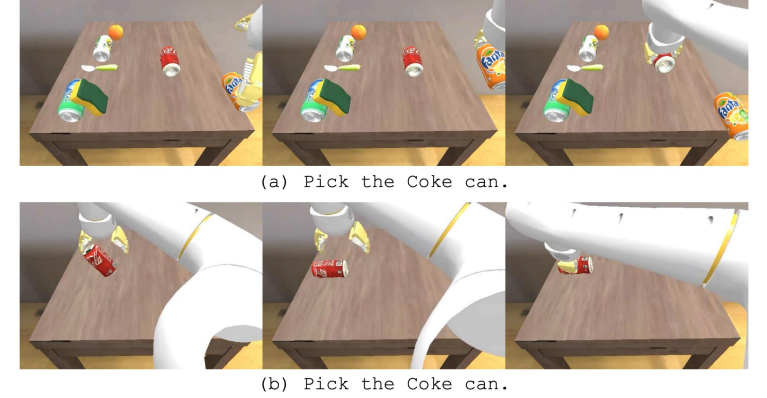
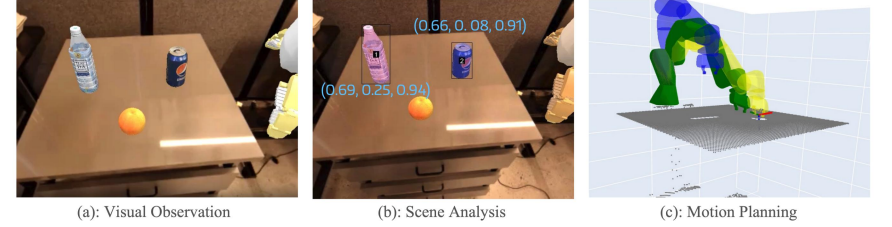
Simulation Experiments

TABLE II: **SimplerEnv [70] simulation valuation results for the Google Robot setup.** We present success rates for the “Variant Aggregation” and “Visual Matching” approaches. Top-1 & Top-2 accuracies are represented using different colors, bold text, and underlines. OXE: Open X-Embodiment dataset [91].

Google Robot Evaluation Setup	Policy	Training Data	Pick Coke Can				Move Near		Open / Close Drawer			Average
			Horizontal Laying	Vertical Laying	Standing	Average	Average		Open	Close	Average	
Variant Aggregation	RT-1-X [91]	OXE	0.569	0.204	0.698	0.490	0.323	0.069	0.519	0.294	0.397	
	RT-2-X [168]	OXE	<u>0.822</u>	<u>0.754</u>	<u>0.893</u>	<u>0.823</u>	0.792	0.333	0.372	0.353	<u>0.661</u>	
	Octo-Base [121]	OXE	0.005	0.000	0.013	0.006	0.031	0.000	0.021	0.011	0.012	
	OpenVLA [60]	OXE	0.711	0.271	0.653	0.545	0.477	0.158	0.195	0.177	0.411	
	SoFar	Zero-Shot	0.861	0.960	0.901	0.907	<u>0.740</u>	<u>0.200</u>	0.394	<u>0.297</u>	0.676	
Visual Matching	RT-1-X [91]	OXE	0.820	0.330	0.550	0.567	0.317	0.296	0.891	0.597	0.534	
	RT-2-X [168]	OXE	0.740	0.740	0.880	0.787	0.779	0.157	0.343	0.250	0.606	
	Octo-Base [121]	OXE	0.210	0.210	0.090	0.170	0.042	0.009	0.444	0.227	0.168	
	OpenVLA [60]	OXE	0.270	0.030	0.190	0.163	0.462	0.194	0.518	0.356	0.277	
	SoFar	Zero-Shot	<u>0.770</u>	1.000	1.000	0.923	0.917	<u>0.227</u>	<u>0.578</u>	<u>0.403</u>	0.749	

TABLE III: **SimplerEnv [70] simulation evaluation results for the WidowX + Bridge setup.** We report both the final success rate (“Success”) along with partial success (e.g., “Grasp Spoon”). Top-1 & Top-2 accuracies are represented using different colors, bold text, and underlines. OXE: Open X-Embodiment dataset [91]. Bridge: BridgeData V2 dataset [131].

Policy	Training Data	Put Spoon on Towel		Put Carrot on Plate		Stack Green Block on Yellow Block		Put Eggplant in Yellow Basket		Average
		Grasp Spoon	Success	Grasp Carrot	Success	Grasp Green Block	Success	Grasp Eggplant	Success	
RT-1-X [8]	OXE	0.167	0.000	0.208	0.042	0.083	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.011
Octo-Base [121]	OXE	0.347	0.125	<u>0.528</u>	0.083	0.319	0.000	0.667	0.431	0.160
Octo-Small [121]	OXE	0.778	<u>0.472</u>	0.278	0.097	0.403	0.042	<u>0.875</u>	0.569	0.300
OpenVLA [60]	OXE	0.041	0.000	0.333	0.000	0.125	0.000	0.083	0.041	0.010
RoboVLM [68]	OXE	0.375	0.208	0.333	0.250	0.083	0.083	0.000	0.000	0.135
RoboVLM [68]	Bridge	0.542	0.292	<u>0.250</u>	0.250	0.458	0.125	0.583	<u>0.583</u>	0.313
SpatialVLA [107]	OXE	0.250	0.208	0.417	0.208	0.583	0.250	0.792	0.708	0.344
SpatialVLA [107]	Bridge	0.208	0.167	0.292	0.250	<u>0.625</u>	<u>0.292</u>	1.000	1.000	<u>0.427</u>
SoFar	Zero-Shot	<u>0.625</u>	0.583	0.750	0.667	0.917	0.708	0.667	0.375	0.583



Spatial Understanding

TABLE IV: **Spatial comprehension evaluation** on our proposed 6-DoF SpatialBench. Depth-Esti: Use monocular depth estimation methods like Metric3D [152] or Moge[133]. rel.: Relative metric evaluation, abs.: Absolute metric evaluation.

Method	Depth-Esti	Position		Orientation		Total
		rel.	abs.	rel.	abs.	
<i>Blind Evaluation with Large Language Models</i>						
GPT-3.5-Turbo [9]	✗	24.5	24.9	26.7	27.5	25.7
GPT-4-Turbo [94]	✗	27.2	27.3	29.2	27.9	27.8
<i>General Vision Language Models</i>						
LLaVA-1.5 [76]	✗	30.9	24.5	28.3	25.8	27.2
GPT-4o-mini [95]	✗	33.3	26.9	32.5	23.8	31.0
GPT-4V [93]	✗	37.7	32.7	36.7	27.5	33.9
GPT-4o [95]	✗	49.4	28.4	44.2	25.8	36.2
<i>Vision Language Models with Spatial Awareness</i>						
SpaceLLaVA [12]	✗	32.4	30.5	30.9	24.9	28.2
SpaceMantis [12]	✗	33.6	29.2	27.2	25.0	28.9
SpatialBot [10]	✓	50.9	21.6	39.6	22.9	32.7
RoboPoint [155]	✗	43.8	30.8	33.8	25.8	33.5
SoFAR	✓	59.6	33.8	54.6	31.3	43.9

TABLE VIII: Zero-shot performance of LVLMs in EmbSpatialBench [31]. **Bold** indicates the best results.

Model	Generation	Likelihood
BLIP-2 [65]	37.99	35.71
InstructBLIP [18]	38.85	33.41
MiniGPT4 [166]	23.54	31.70
LLaVA-1.6 [75]	35.19	38.84
GPT-4V [93]	36.07	-
Qwen-VL-Max [3]	49.11	-
SoFAR	70.88	-

Open Question

Should we do End2End learning or a modular design?

Thank you

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