Pickachu: 3D Vision-Language Model for Generalized Robotic Manipulation

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Motivation:

Recent major advancements in large-scale foundational models for vision, language, and action have proven to provide generalization by reasoning about perception and action in a unified manner. Thus, we investigate the usage vision-language models for task Contribution: generalization in robotic manipulation.

Problem Definition:

Input: Natural language instruction L, set of RGB-D images $\mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 4}$ from 4 static cameras Output: 6-DOF end effector pose in SE(3)

Proposed Idea:

- Simulation Environment: CopelliaSim with RLBench tasks
- Visual Observation: Four RGB-D cameras
- Loss function: Cross-entropy loss
- Transformer: Multi-view Transformer with 8 attention layers, SigLIP2[4] for language emb.
- Training: Using Imitation-learning
- Dataset: Pre-generated dataset provided by seminal work PerAct^[2]

Limitations and Discussions:

- Model evaluated on 25 task variations in simulation using CoppeliaSim.
- Demonstrates strong generalization to unseen instructions, achieving a success rate of 84% (21/25 tasks completed).
- Consistently succeeds on short, unambiguous language goals (e.g. "leave the coffee out")
- Struggles with more complex or spatial tasks (e.g: "pick up and place", "move to bottom shelf"), which accounts for all 4 failures.

Future Plan:

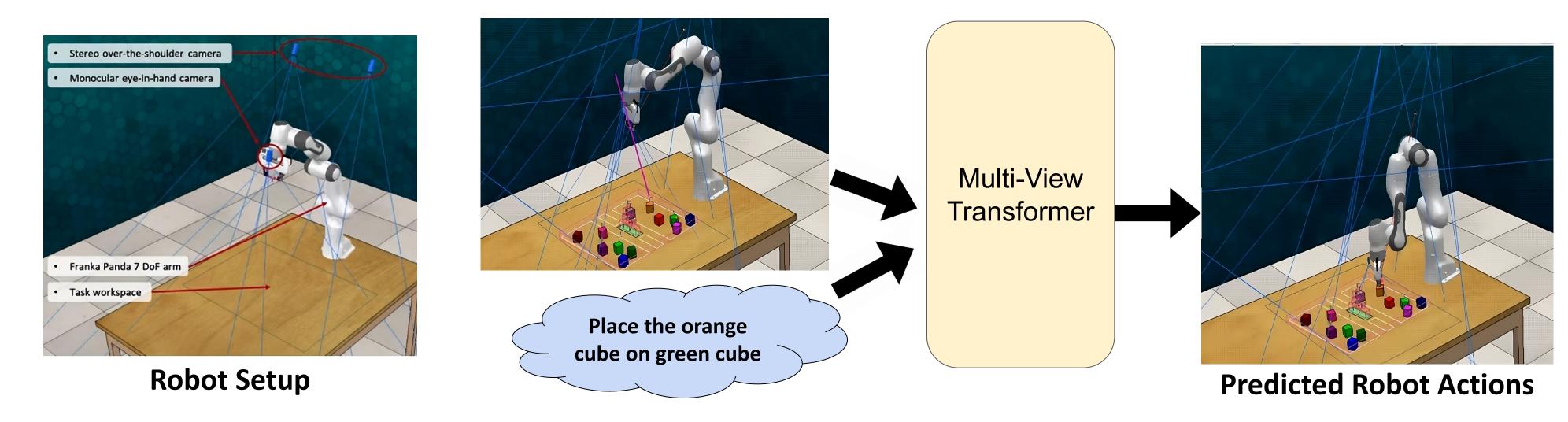
- Scale to different task categories, such as open a jar, turn the tap, open, etc.
- Test our trained model on more complex failure cases in simulation.

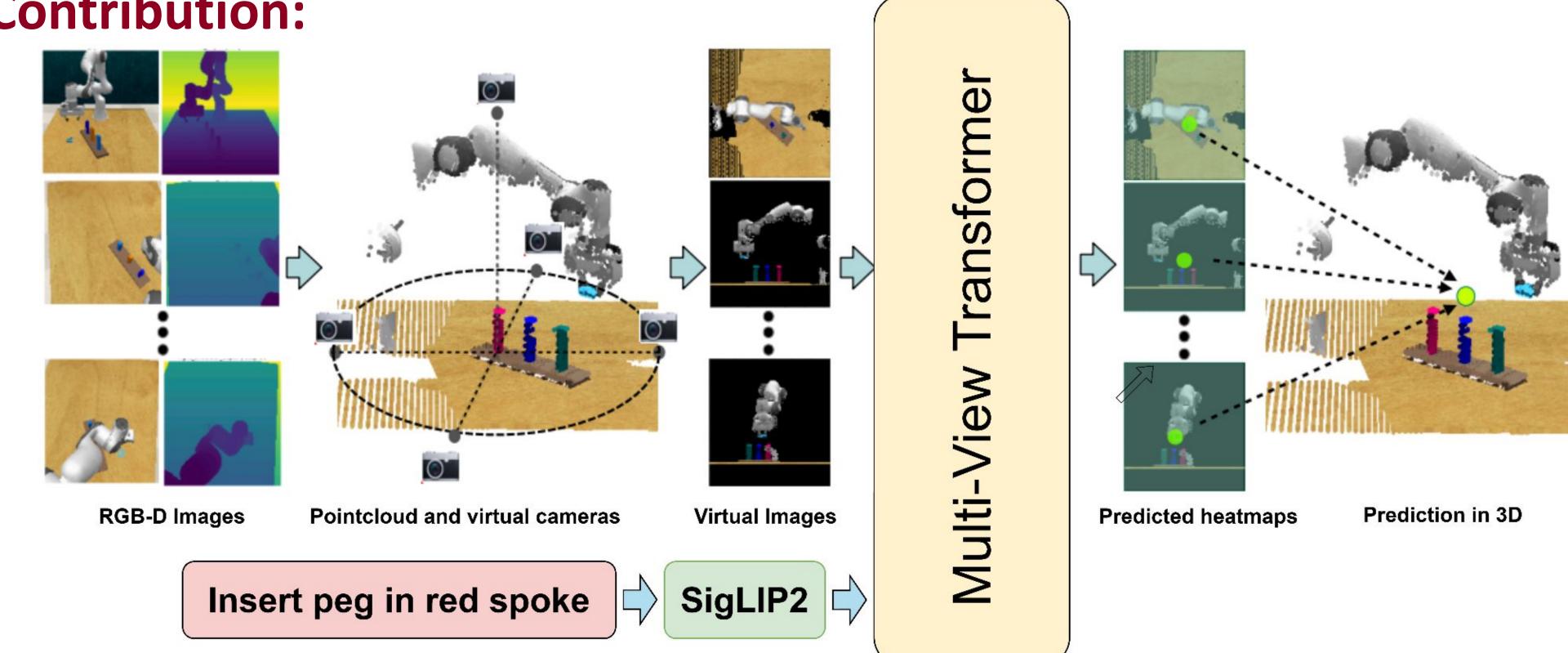
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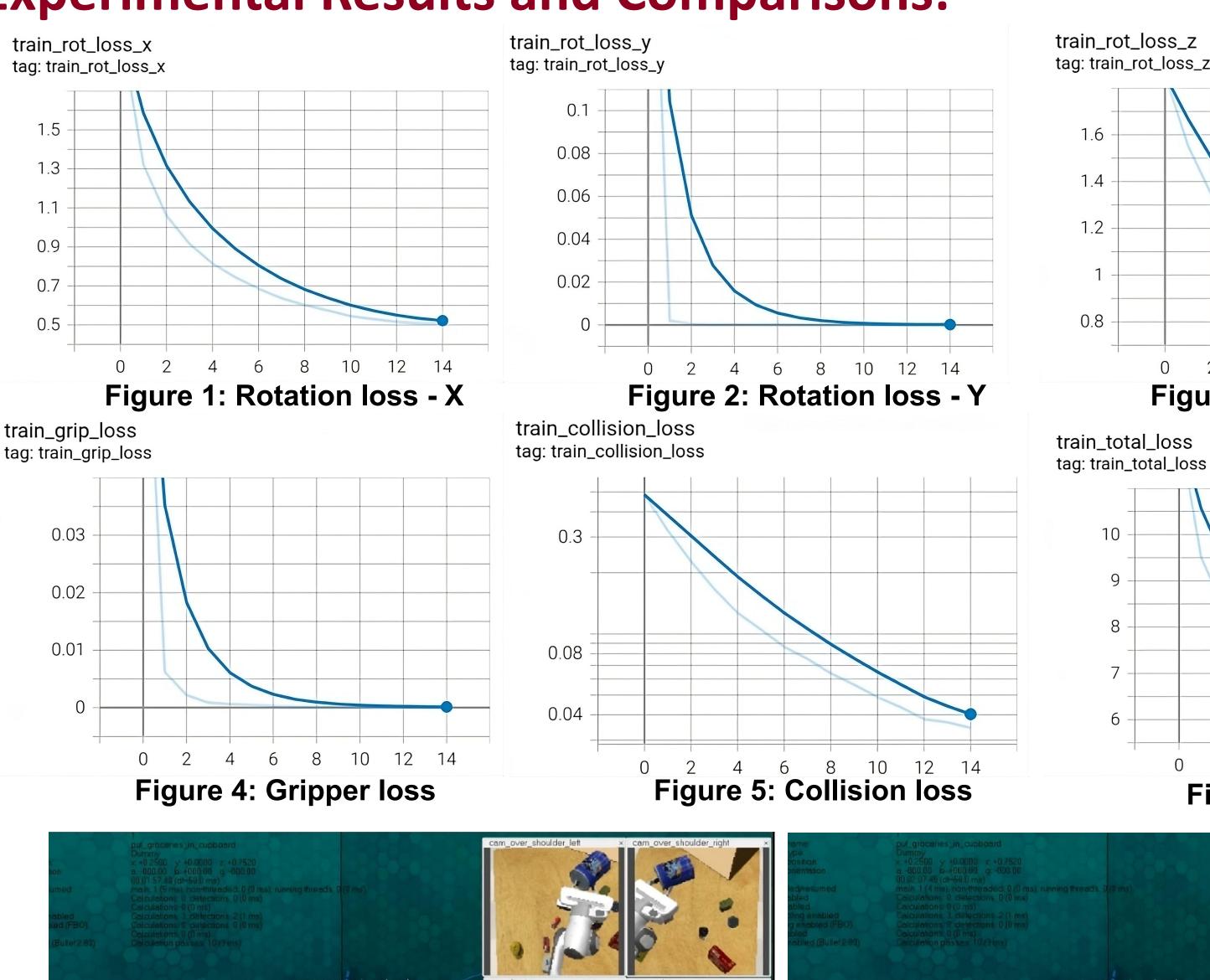
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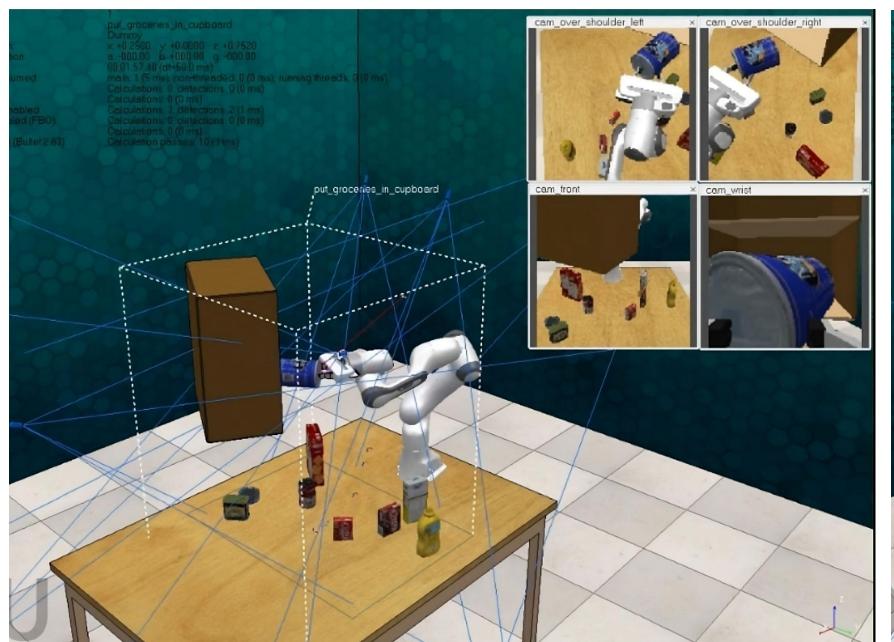
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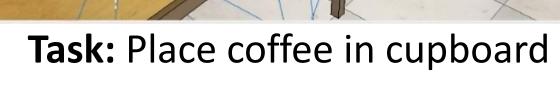


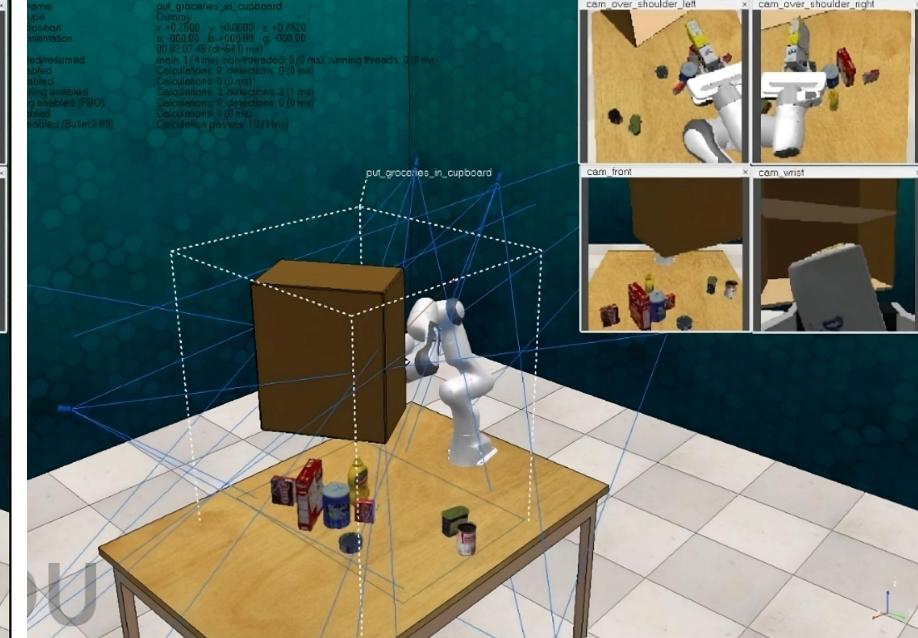


Experimental Results and Comparisons:









Task: Place sugar in cupboard







Figure 3: Rotation loss - Z

Figure 6: Total loss