



Robotics: Introduction to AI in robotics

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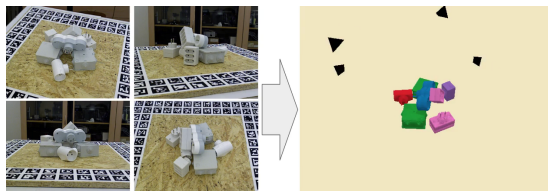
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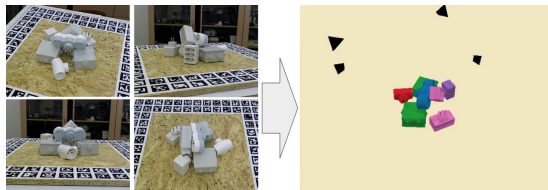
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$$T_{CO}^{i+1} = f_{\text{track}}(I, K, M, T_{CO}^i)$$

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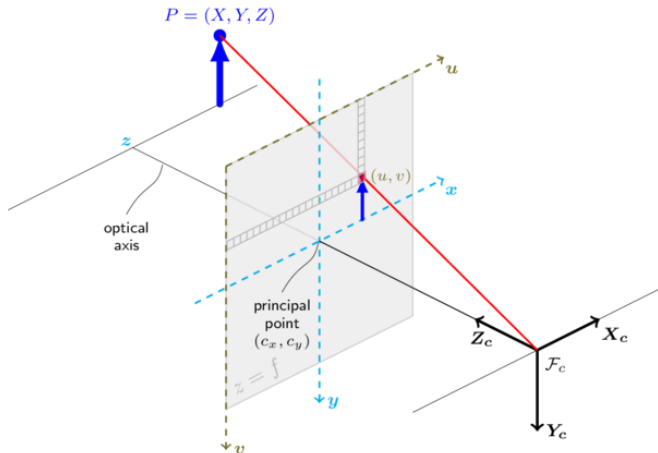
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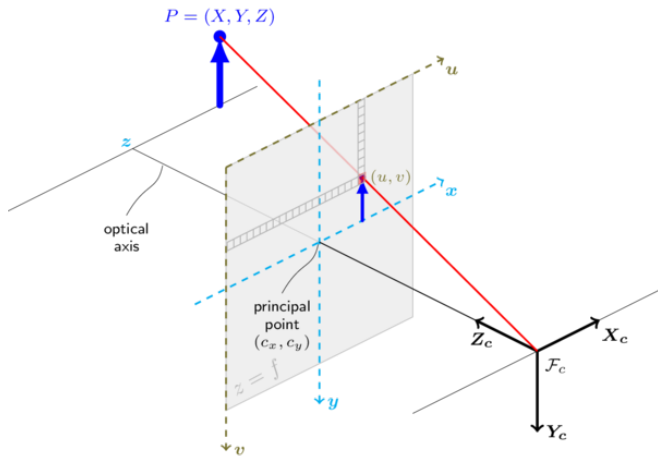
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- ▶ Projection, pinhole camera model¹
- ▶ $\lambda \begin{pmatrix} u & v & 1 \end{pmatrix}^\top = K \mathbf{x}_c$
 - ▶ u, v - pixel coordinates
 - ▶ \mathbf{x}_c - 3D point in camera frame
 - ▶ K - camera matrix
 - ▶ $K = \begin{pmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- ▶ With projection we are losing information about depth



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6D pose estimation pipeline



Object detection in image

Coarse pose estimation

Pose refinement

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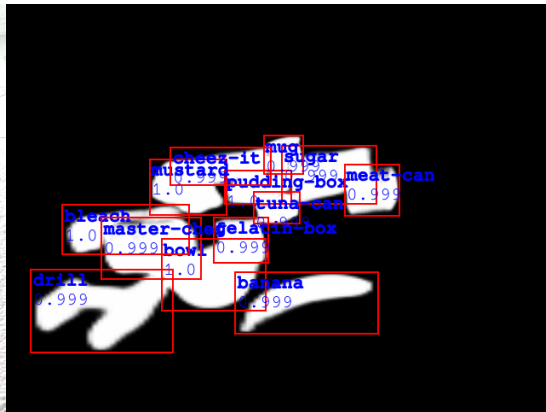


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- ▶ Neural network - Mask R-CNN
 - ▶ needs **good** training data
 - ▶ annotated images
 - ▶ synthetic images



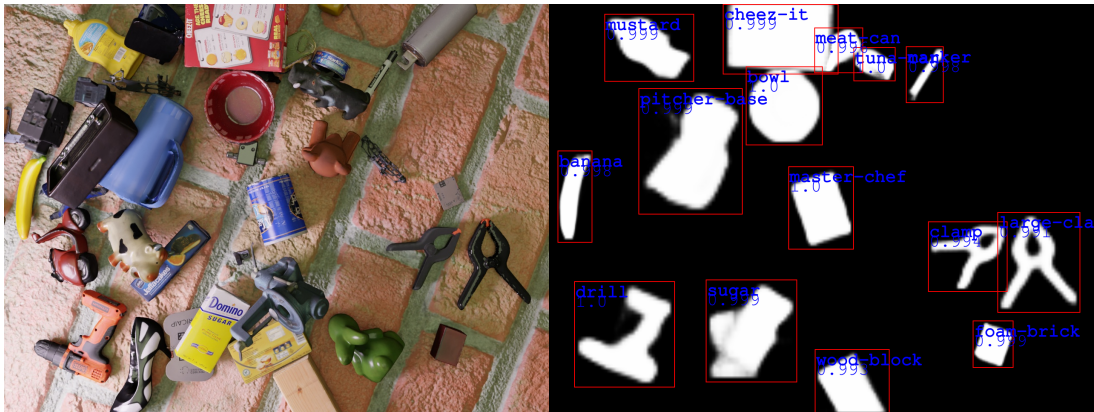
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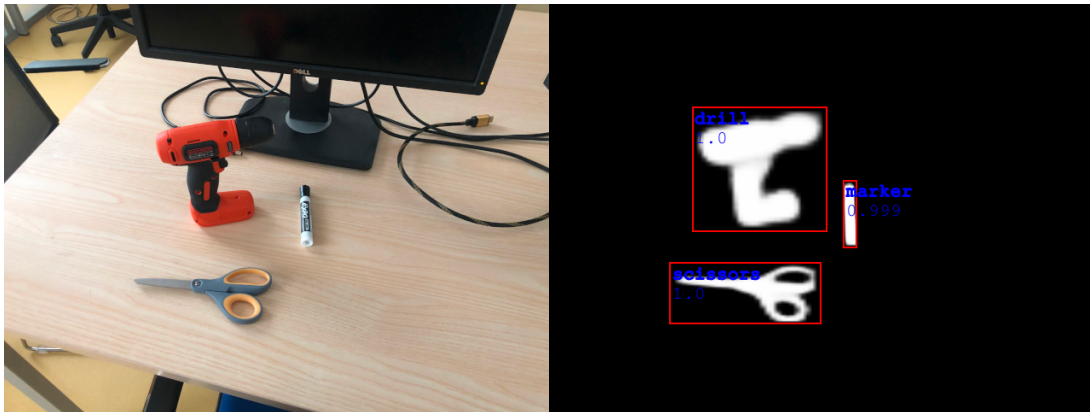
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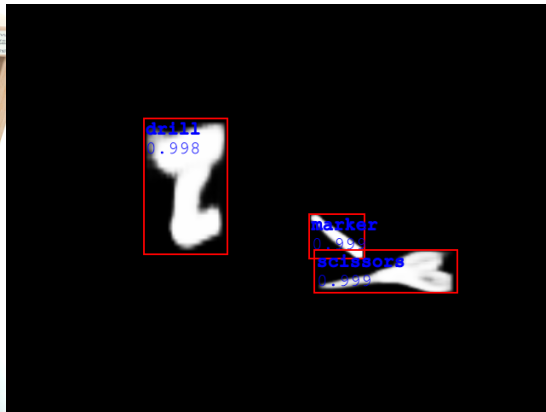
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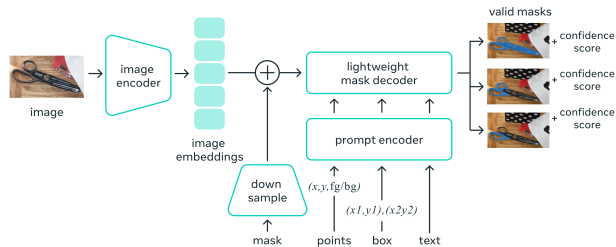
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Object detection without retraining

- ▶ Segment Anything Model (SAM)
 - ▶ segment any object, in any image, with a single click
 - ▶ dataset of 10M images, 1B masks

Universal segmentation model



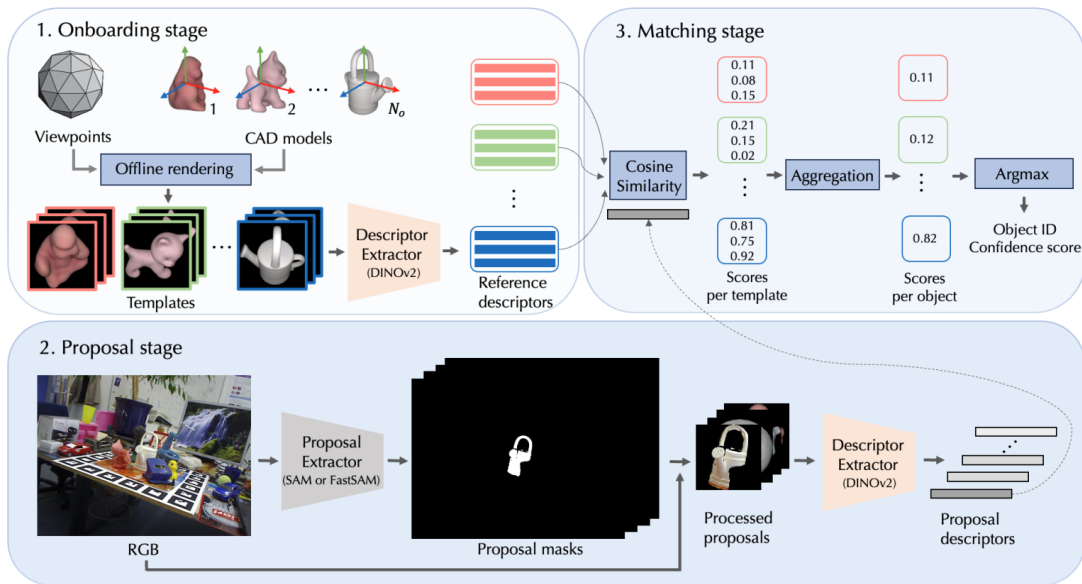
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Mesh model from segmentation mask - CNOS

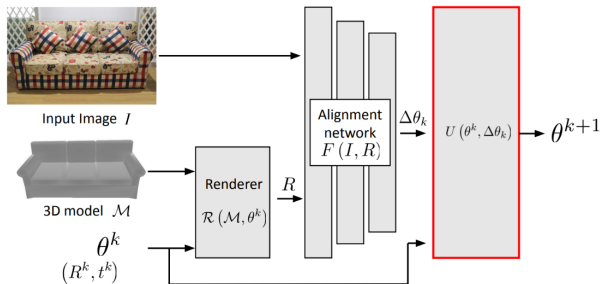


CosyPose

Consistent multi-view multi-object 6D pose estimation

Coarse pose estimation

- ▶ Input: image crop and mesh model²
- ▶ Goal: estimate 6D pose
- ▶ Approach:
 - ▶ render and compare strategy
 - ▶ neural network
 - ▶ initial position is estimated from camera matrix
 - ▶ initial orientation is identity
- ▶ Training
 - ▶ synthetic and real data
 - ▶ 10 hours on 32 GPUs



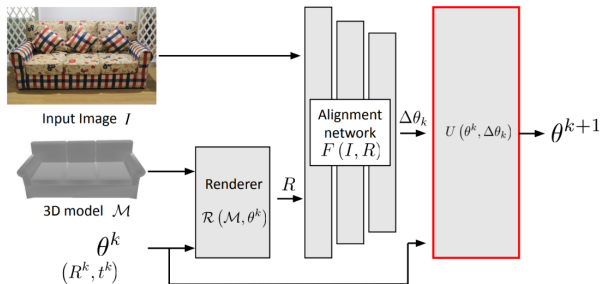
²Image based on: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2204.05145.pdf>

Coarse pose estimation results



Refiner

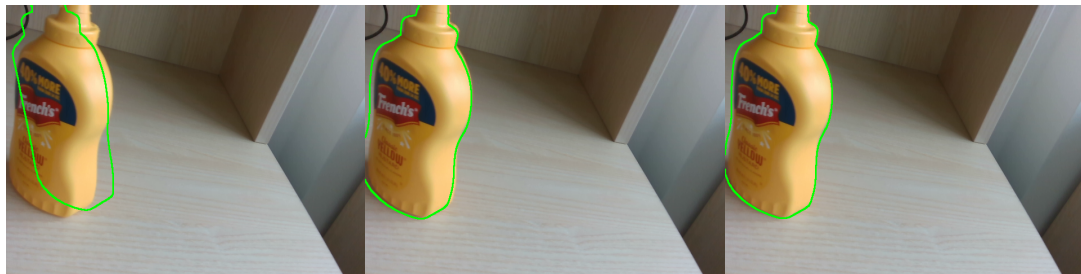
- ▶ The same render-and-compare strategy
- ▶ Network learns to predict small corrections
- ▶ Evaluated iteratively
- ▶ Another 10 hours on 32 GPUs



Refiner results



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BOP challenge

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CosyPose at BOP challenge

#	Method	Year	PfF	CNN	_models	Train. im.	_type	Test im.	Refine.	Avg.	LM-O	T-LESS	TUD-L	IC-BIN	ITODD	HB	YCB-V	Time
1	CosyPose-ECCV20-Synt+Real-1View-ICP	2020	No	Yes	3/dataset	RGB	Synt+real	RGB-D	RGB+ICP	0.698	0.714	0.701	0.939	0.647	0.313	0.712	0.861	13.743
2	Koenig-Hybrid-DL-PointPairs	2020	Yes	Yes	1/dataset	RGB	Synt+real	RGB-D	ICP	0.639	0.631	0.695	0.920	0.430	0.483	0.651	0.701	0.633
3	CosyPose-ECCV20-Synt+Real-1View	2020	No	Yes	3/dataset	RGB	Synt+real	RGB	RGB	0.637	0.633	0.728	0.823	0.583	0.216	0.656	0.821	0.449
4	Pix2Pose-ECCV20_w/ICP-ICP	2020	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB-D	ICP	0.591	0.588	0.512	0.820	0.390	0.351	0.695	0.780	4.844
5	CosyPose-ECCV20-Synt+Real-1View	2020	No	Yes	3/dataset	RGB	PBR-only	RGB-D	ICP	0.670	0.633	0.640	0.685	0.583	0.216	0.656	0.574	0.475
6	VidA	2019	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB-D	ICP	0.582	0.582	0.538	0.876	0.393	0.435	0.706	0.450	3.220
7	CDPN-BOP20 (PBR-only)	2020	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB-D	ICP	0.568	0.630	0.464	0.913	0.450	0.186	0.712	0.619	1.462
8	Drost-CVPR10-3D-Edges	2019	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB-D	ICP	0.851	0.368	0.570	0.671	0.375	0.875	0.568	0.425	80.058
9	CDPNv2-BOP20 (PBR-only)	2020	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	PBR-only	RGB-D	ICP	0.534	0.630	0.435	0.791	0.450	0.186	0.712	0.532	1.491
10	CDPNv2-BOP20 (PBR-only)	2020	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	PBR-only	RGB-D	ICP	0.609	0.621	0.477	0.772	0.473	0.102	0.722	0.532	0.935
11	Drost-CVPR10-3D-Edges	2019	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB-D	ICP	0.851	0.368	0.570	0.671	0.375	0.875	0.568	0.425	80.058
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13	CDPN-BOP19 (RGB-only)	2020	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB	No	0.479	0.569	0.490	0.769	0.327	0.067	0.672	0.457	0.480
14	CDPNv2-BOP20 (PBR-only&RGB-only)	2020	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB-D	ICP	0.472	0.624	0.407	0.588	0.473	0.102	0.722	0.390	0.978
15	leaping from 2D to 6D	2020	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB	No	0.471	0.525	0.403	0.751	0.342	0.077	0.658	0.543	0.425
16	EPOS-BOP20-PBR	2020	No	Yes	1/dataset	RGB	PBR only	RGB	No	0.457	0.547	0.467	0.558	0.363	0.186	0.580	0.499	1.874
17	Drost-CVPR10-3D-Only-Faster	2019	Yes	No	-	-	-	D	ICP	0.454	0.492	0.405	0.696	0.377	0.274	0.603	0.330	1.383
18	Felix&Neves-ICRA2017-IET2019	2019	Yes	Yes	1/dataset	RGB-D	Synt+real	RGB-D	ICP	0.412	0.394	0.212	0.851	0.323	0.069	0.529	0.510	55.780
19	Sundermeyer-JCV19+ICP	2019	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB-D	ICP	0.398	0.237	0.487	0.614	0.281	0.158	0.506	0.505	0.865
20	Zhigang-CDPN-ICCV19	2019	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB	No	0.353	0.374	0.124	0.757	0.257	0.070	0.470	0.422	0.513
21	PointVoteNet2	2020	No	Yes	1/object	RGB-D	PBR only	RGB-D	ICP	0.351	0.653	0.004	0.673	0.264	0.001	0.556	0.308	-
22	Pix2Pose-BOP20-ICCV19	2020	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB	No	0.342	0.363	0.344	0.420	0.226	0.134	0.446	0.457	1.215
23	Sundermeyer-JCV19	2019	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB	No	0.270	0.146	0.304	0.401	0.217	0.101	0.346	0.377	0.186
24	SingleMultiPathEncoder-CVPR20	2020	No	Yes	1/all	RGB	Synt+real	RGB	No	0.241	0.217	0.310	0.334	0.175	0.067	0.293	0.289	0.186
25	Pix2Pose-BOP19-HCCV19	2019	No	Yes	1/object	RGB	Synt+real	RGB	No	0.205	0.077	0.275	0.349	0.215	0.032	0.200	0.290	0.793
26	DPOD (synthetic)	2019	No	Yes	1/scene	RGB	Synt	RGB	No	0.161	0.169	0.081	0.242	0.130	0.000	0.286	0.222	0.231



The Overall Best Method

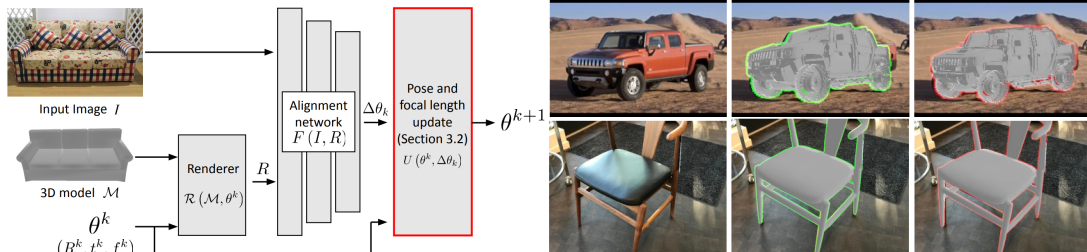
CosyPose-ECCV20-Synt+Real-1View-ICP

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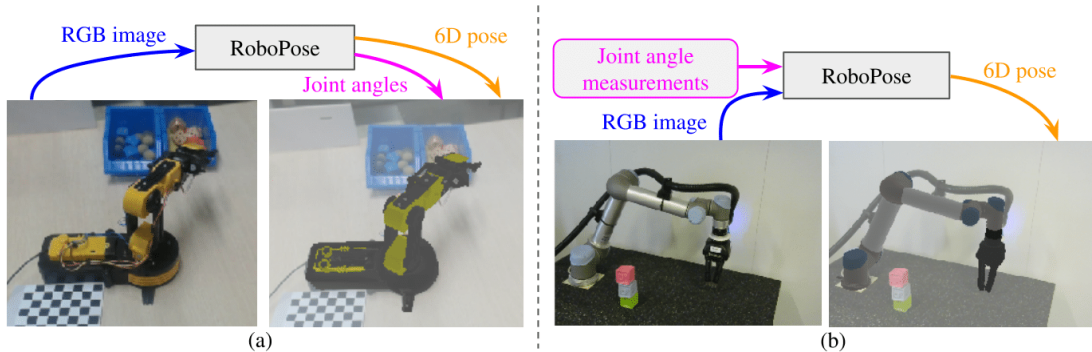
CosyPose: Consistent multi-view multi-object 6D pose estimation, ECCV'20.



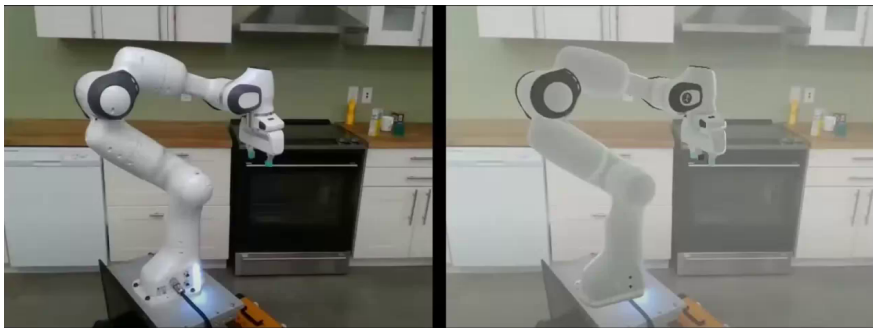
CosyPose variants: FocalPose, FocalPose++



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CosyPose limitations

- ▶ Training time
- ▶ For each dataset
 - ▶ 10 hours on 32 GPUs for coarse estimator
 - ▶ 10 hours on 32 GPUs for refiner
- ▶ Coarse pose estimation often not accurate enough for refinement

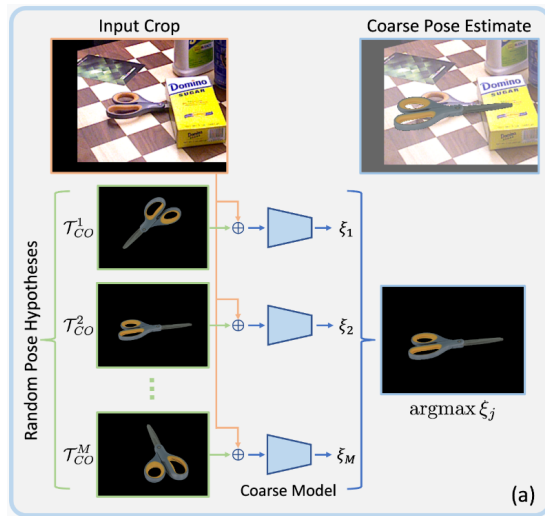


MegaPose

6D Pose Estimation of Novel Objects via Render & Compare

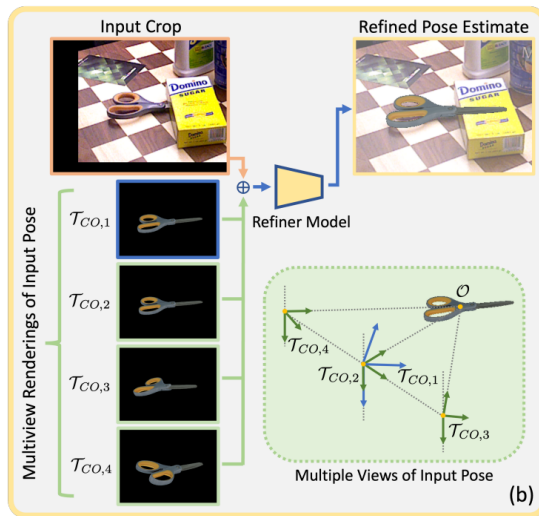
MegaPose - coarse estimation

- ▶ Re-casted estimation into classification
- ▶ Poses sampled randomly [original]
- ▶ Poses uniformly distributed [new]
- ▶ Allows multi-hypothesis evaluation



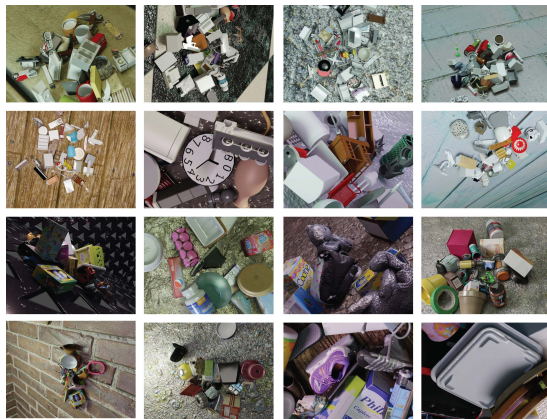
MegaPose - refiner

- ▶ Multi-view rendering
- ▶ Render and compare
- ▶ Iterative refinement

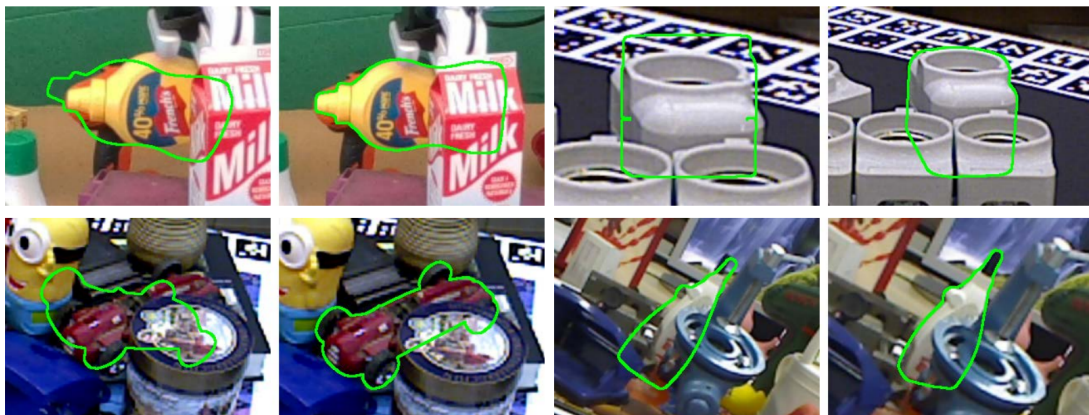


MegaPose - training data

- ▶ Generalization to unseen object achieved by big training dataset
 - ▶ only synthetic dataset
 - ▶ thousands of objects
 - ▶ 2 millions of images
- ▶ Training
 - ▶ 100 hours on 32 GPUs
 - ▶ trained only once, models are available



MegaPose - results

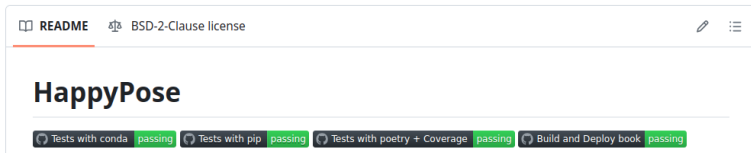


HappyPose

Open-source toolbox for 6D pose estimation

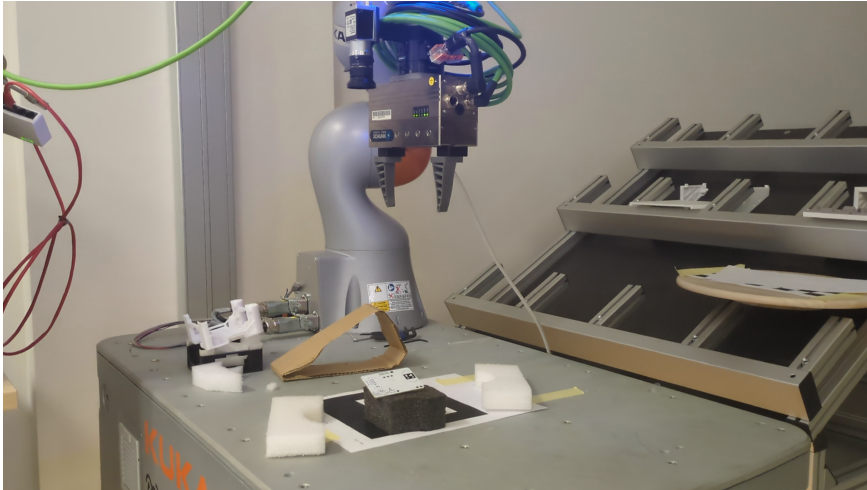
HappyPose

- ▶ Developed in AGIMUS project (<https://github.com/agimus-project/happypose>)
- ▶ Re-implements CosyPose and MegaPose
- ▶ Packaging, testing, documentation
- ▶ <https://github.com/agimus-project/winter-school-2023/>



Applications

PCB manipulation based on the estimated pose



euROBIN taskboard pose estimation



Model-based object pose tracking

Object pose tracking



Initial pose



Converged

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Converged

- Assumptions: object detected, matched with model, initial pose given

Keypoint matching approach

- ▶ Model
 - ▶ 3D points on mesh
 - ▶ descriptors of points
- ▶ Method
 - ▶ 3D-2D matching
 - ▶ minimize reprojection error
- ▶ Efficient and robust for rich textures



MegaPose as tracking?

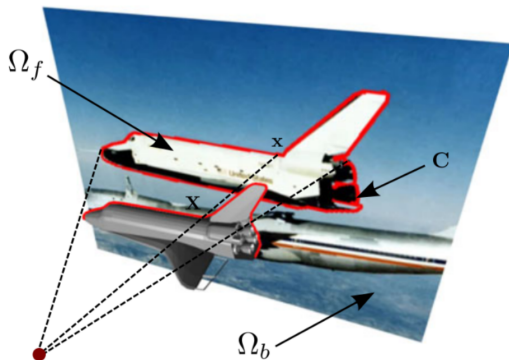


MegaPose as tracking?



Region based tracking

- ▶ Mesh model as input
- ▶ Probabilistic silhouette alignment (Newton's method)
- ▶ Assumes foreground and background colors sufficiently different
- ▶ Robust to occlusion, efficient

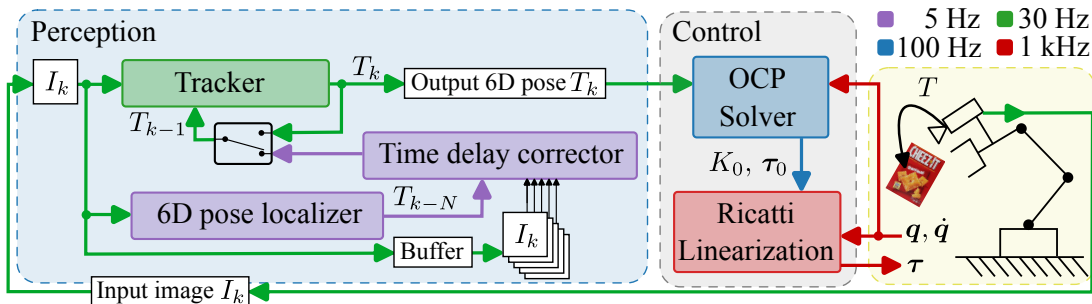


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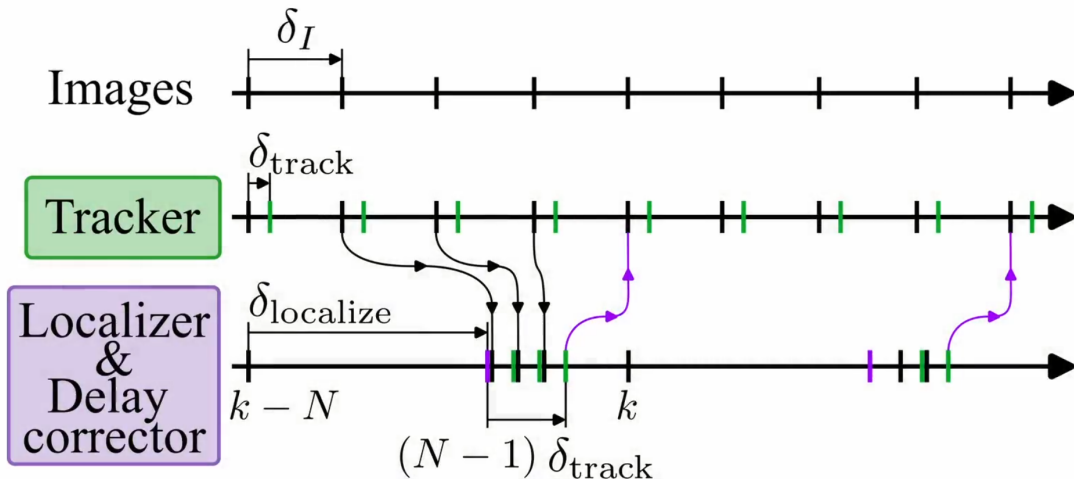


Object localization and tracking

- ▶ Combines slow localization and fast tracker
- ▶ Goal: fast feedback for control



OLT timeline



CosyPose only



OLT (ours)



We visualize the object pose estimation result using CosyPose and with OLT (ours).

► Optimal control solver

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\substack{\mathbf{u}_0, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{M-1} \\ \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_M}} \quad & \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} l_i(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u}_i) + l_M(\mathbf{x}_M), \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{x}_{i+1} = f(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u}_i), \forall i \in \{0, \dots, M-1\}, \\ & \mathbf{x}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

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- ▶ is solution unique?
- ▶ Regularizations:

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{\text{rest}})^\top Q_x (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{\text{rest}}) \quad (4)$$

$$(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\text{rest}}(\mathbf{x}))^\top Q_u (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{\text{rest}}(\mathbf{x})) \quad (5)$$



OLT with control for tracking

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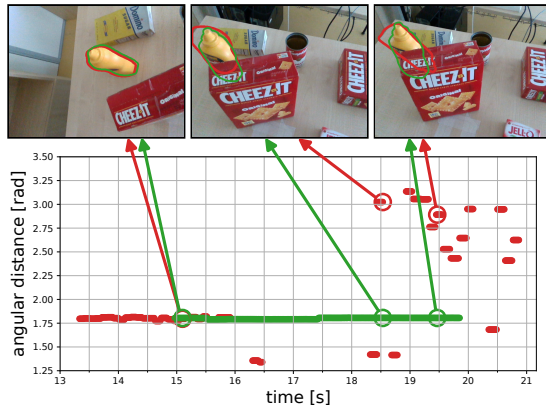


Temporal consistency

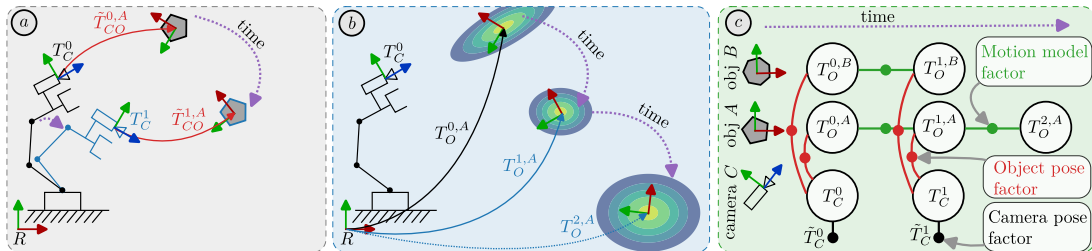
Temporal consistency for 6D pose estimation

Temporal consistency

- ▶ Use smoothing and mapping with CosyPose to achieve temporal consistency
- ▶ Probabilistic smoothing
 - ▶ occlusions
 - ▶ jumps
- ▶ Bachelor Thesis of Vojtěch Příbáň, published in IEEE RA-L journal

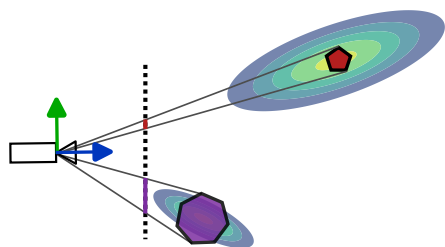


Approach



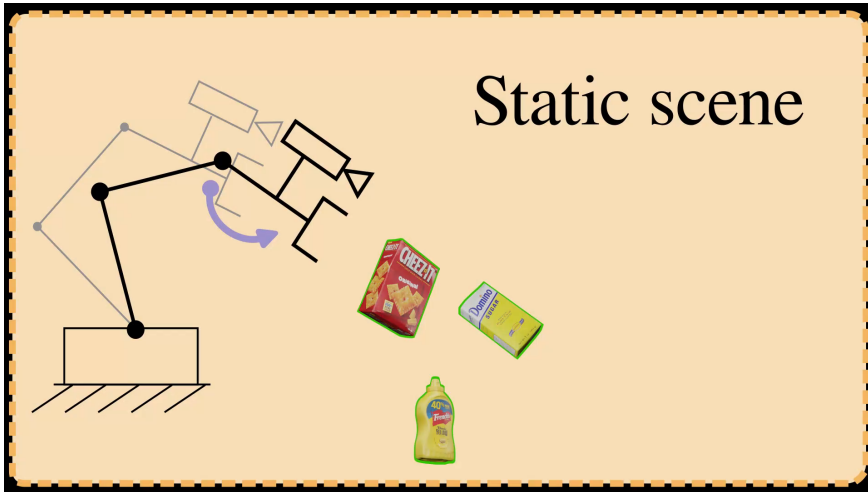
$$\chi^* = \arg \min_{\chi} \underbrace{\sum_{k=\tau-H}^{\tau} \left\| \mathbf{r}_C^k \right\|_{\Sigma_C}^2}_{\text{camera pose factors}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=\tau-H}^{\tau} \delta^{k,i} \left\| \mathbf{r}_O^{k,i} \right\|_{\Sigma_O}^2}_{\text{object pose factors}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=\tau-H+1}^{\tau} \left\| \mathbf{r}_M^{k-1:k,i} \right\|_{\Sigma_M}^2}_{\text{motion model factors}}$$

Covariance model

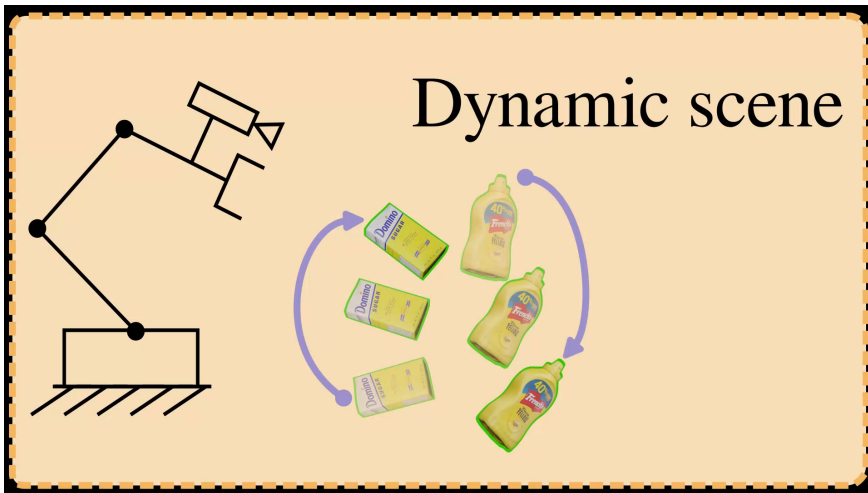


Decoupled	Visibility dependent	frame C'	recall	precision
✓	✓	✓	0.571	0.609
✓	×	✓	0.570	0.608
✓	✓	×	0.531	0.574
×	✓	N/A	0.483	0.549
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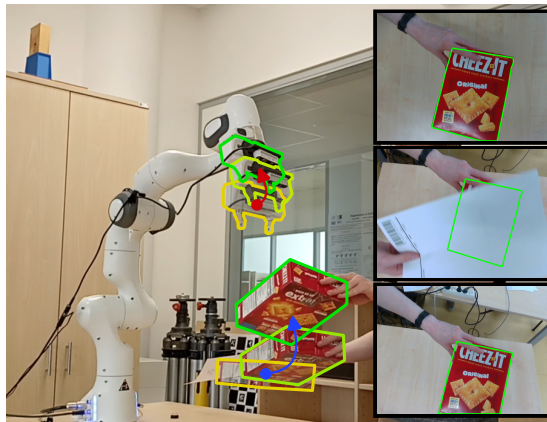
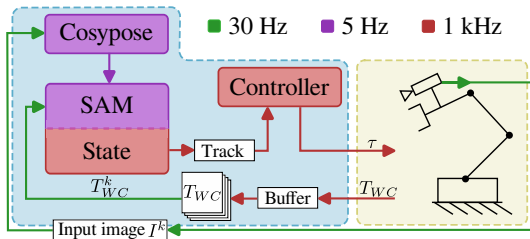
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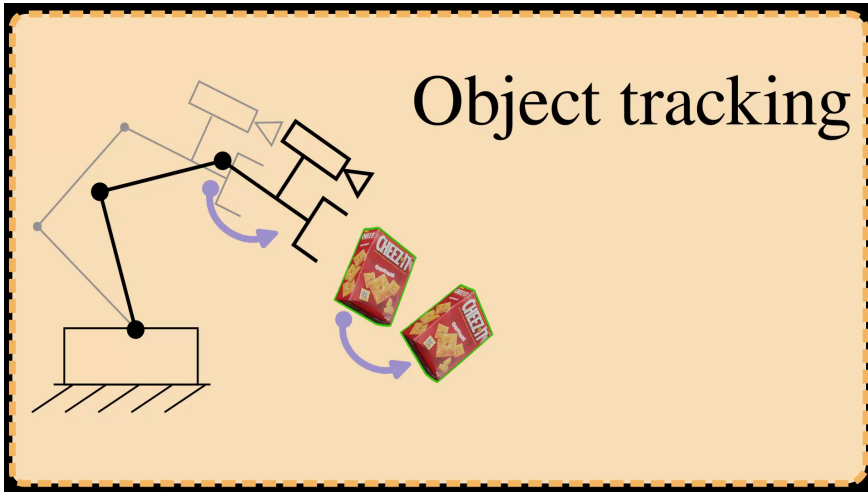


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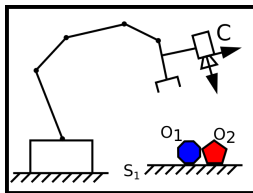


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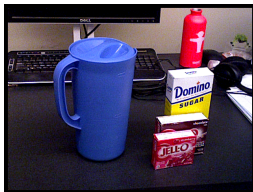
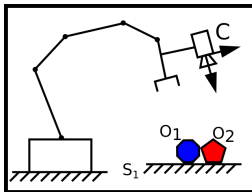
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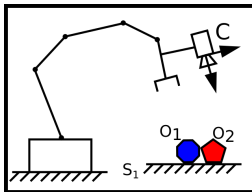
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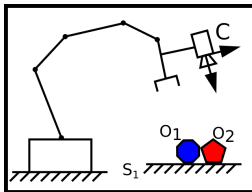
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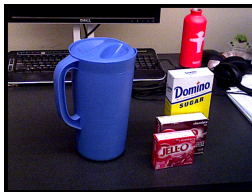
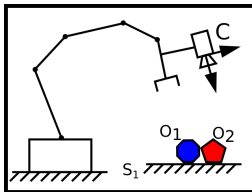
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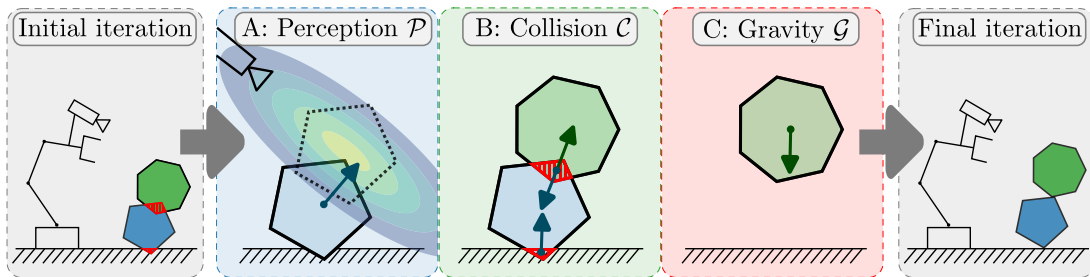
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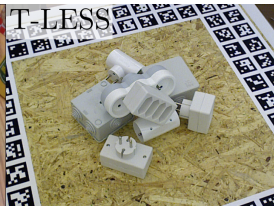


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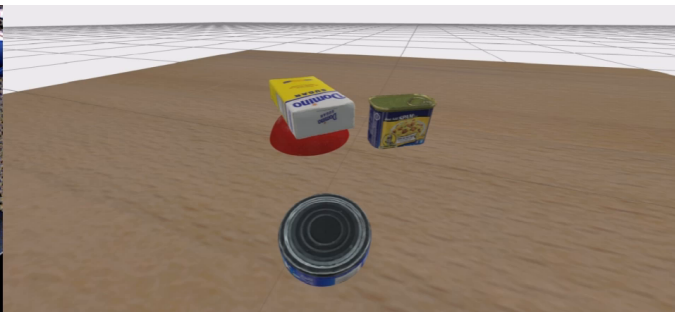
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Grasping example



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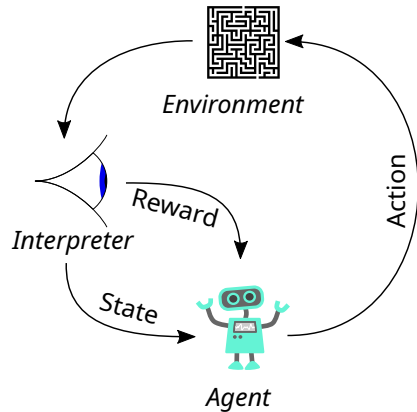
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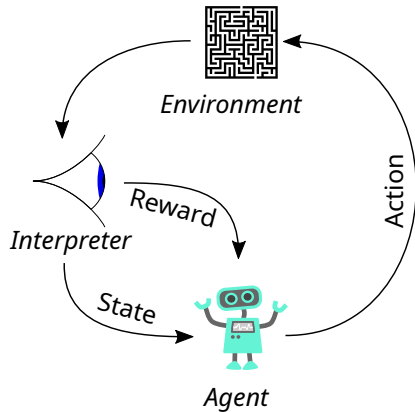
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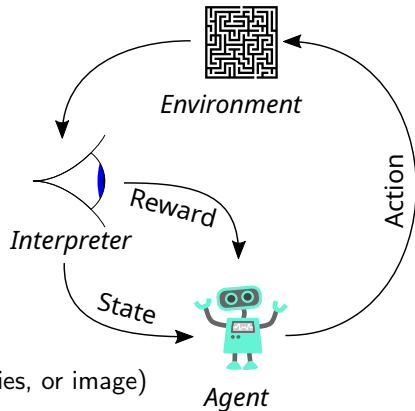
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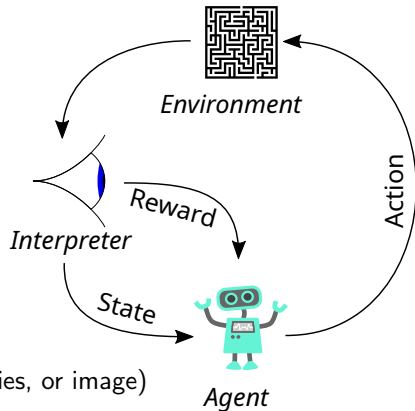
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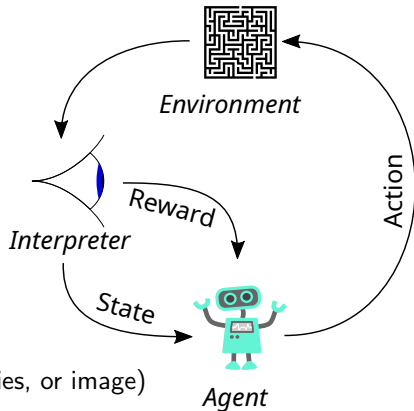
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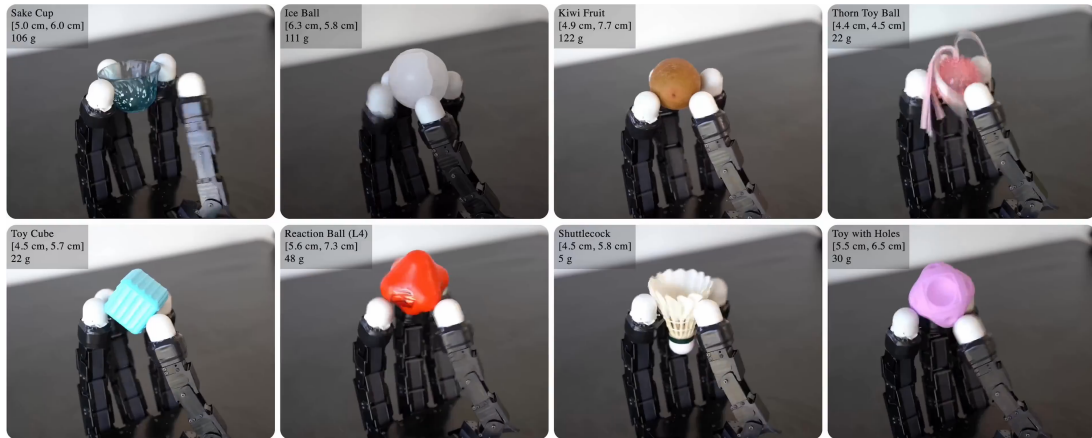
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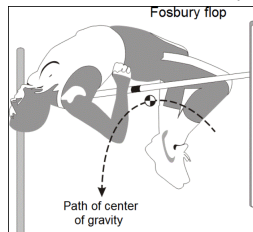
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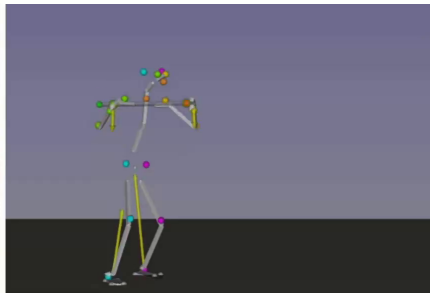
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Learning to Use Tools by Watching Videos



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Output: tool manipulation skill transferred to a robot



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