Embodied AI: Language and Perception

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Learning Behaviors

Observation

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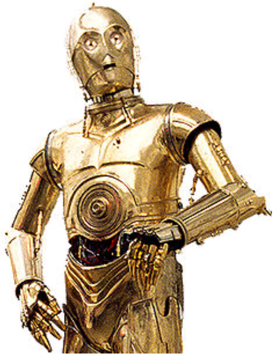

Action

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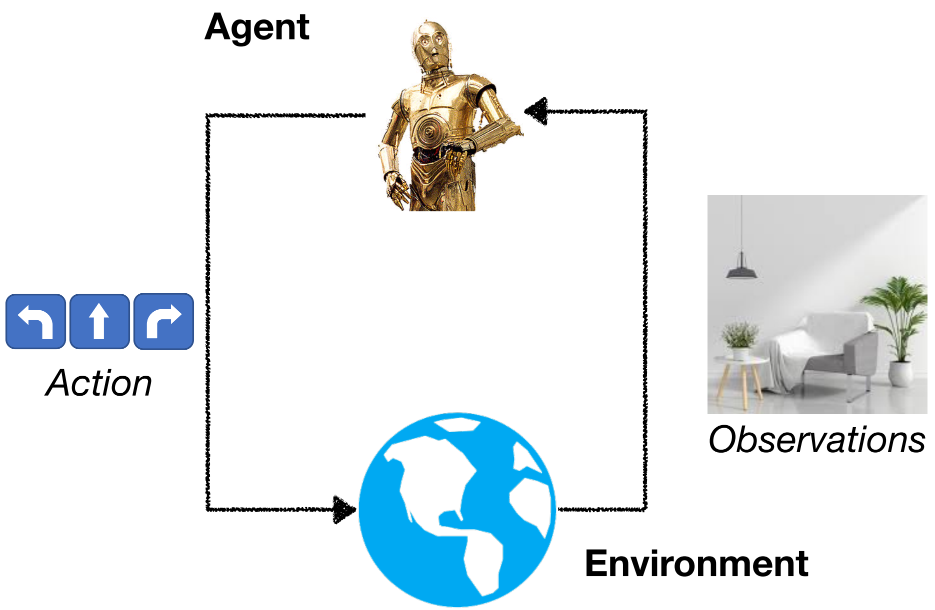
Learning to map sequences of observations to actions, for a particular goal

Physical Intelligence

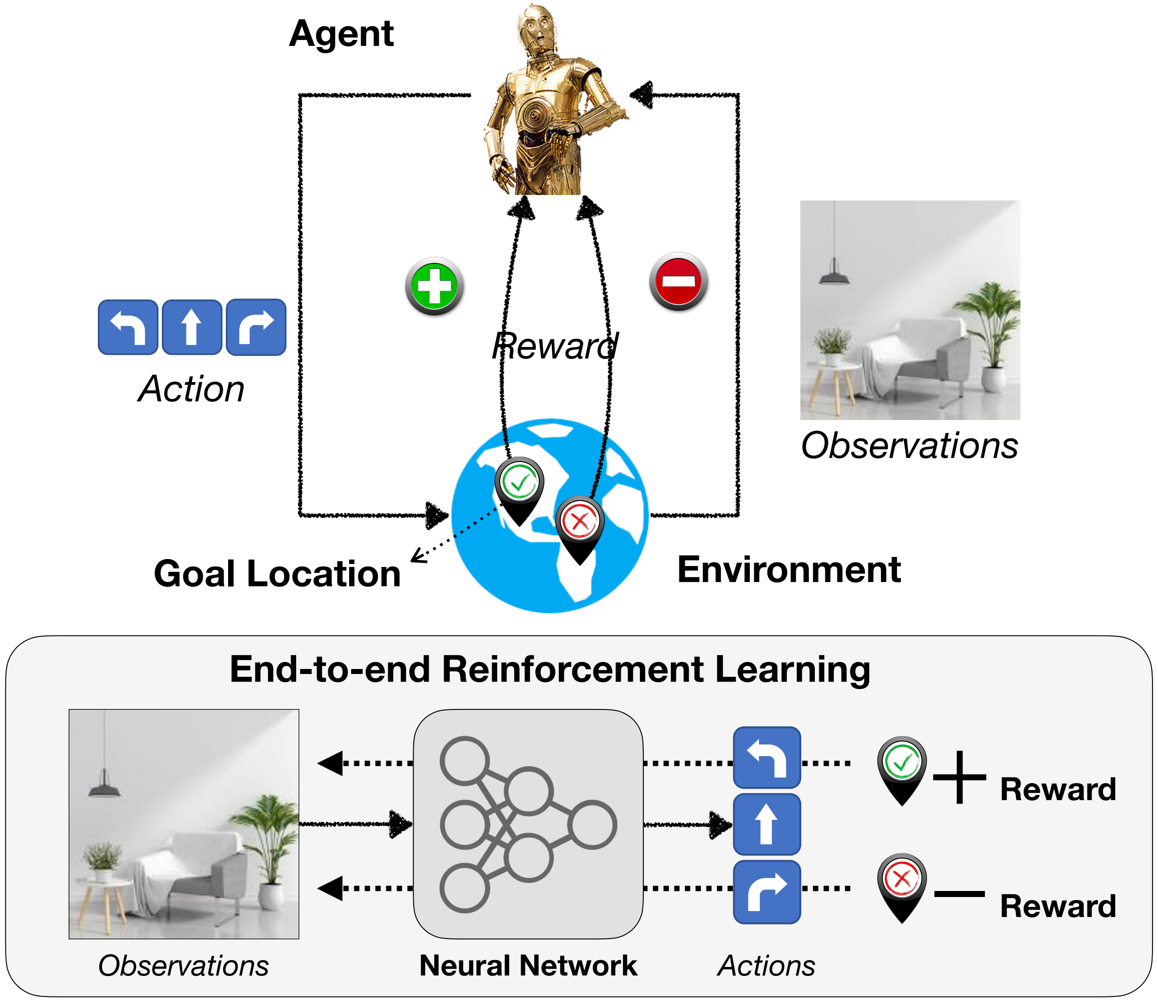


Agent needs to move in the world physically.

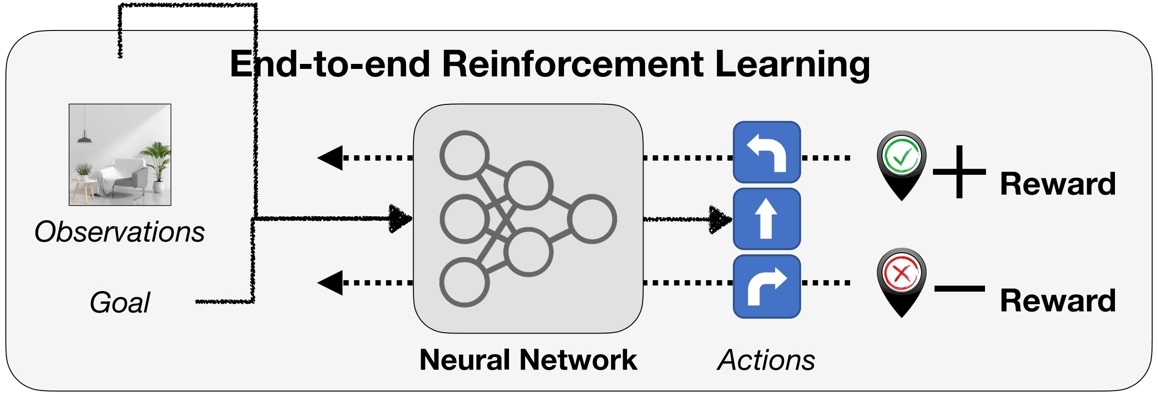
Current actions affect future observations.

Require Spatial and Semantic Understanding.

Navigation


Agent
Action
Reward
Observations
Goal Location
Environment
End-to-end Reinforcement Learning
Observations
Neural Network
Actions
+ Reward
— Reward

Goal-conditioned Navigation



Point Goal

(x, y) coordinate

Image Goal

Object Goal

Chair
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Sofa

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- Convenient for humans
- Compositionality

Navigation Tasks

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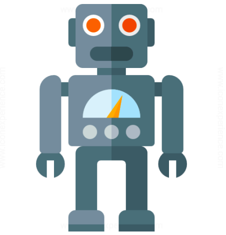
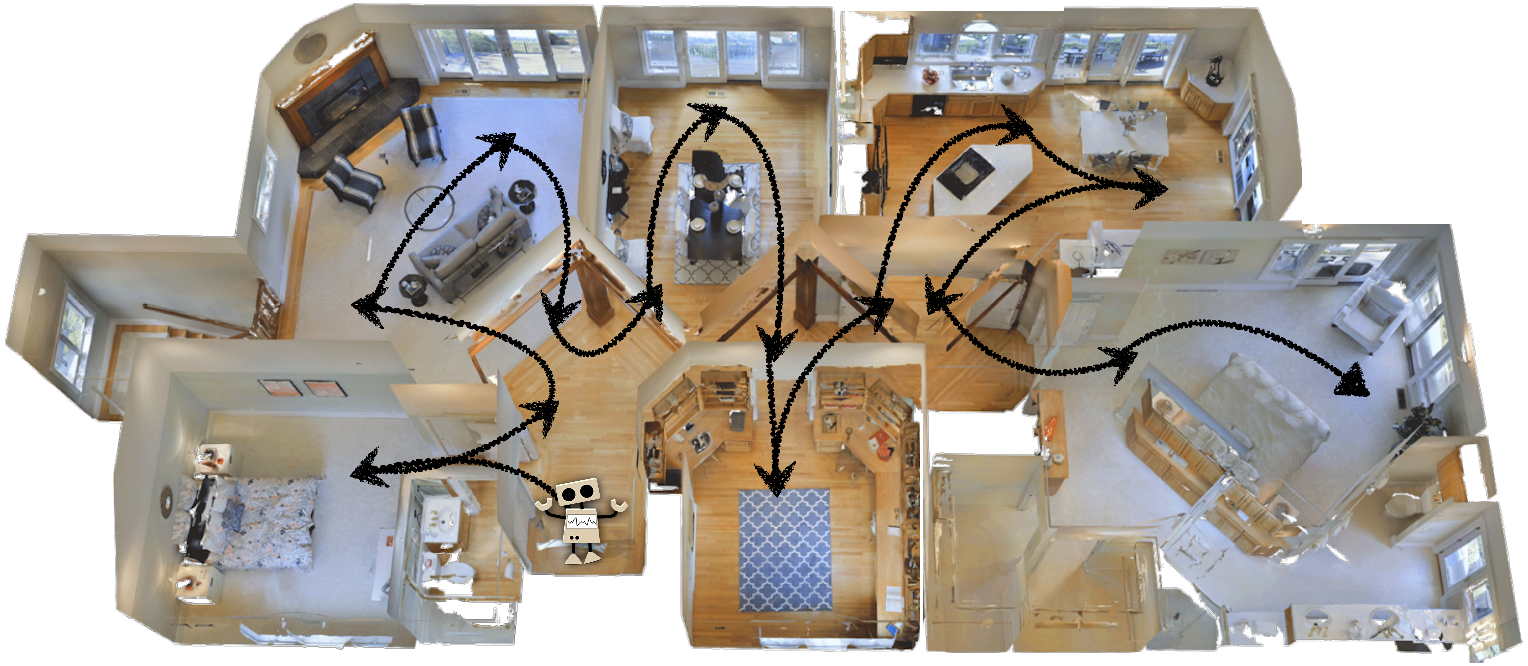


Require exploring the environment to find the goal

Real World: Object Goal Navigation

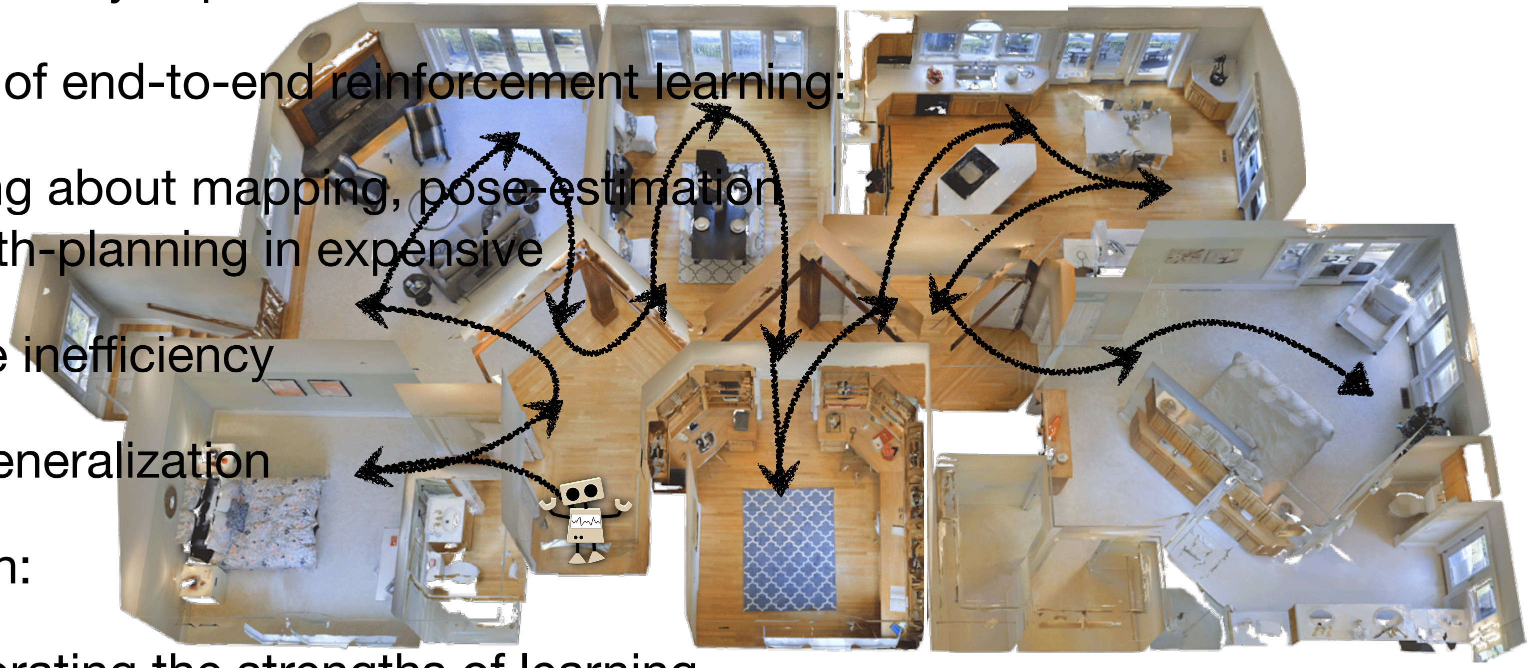
See video at: https://devendrachaplot.github.io/projects/semantic-exploration

Exploration

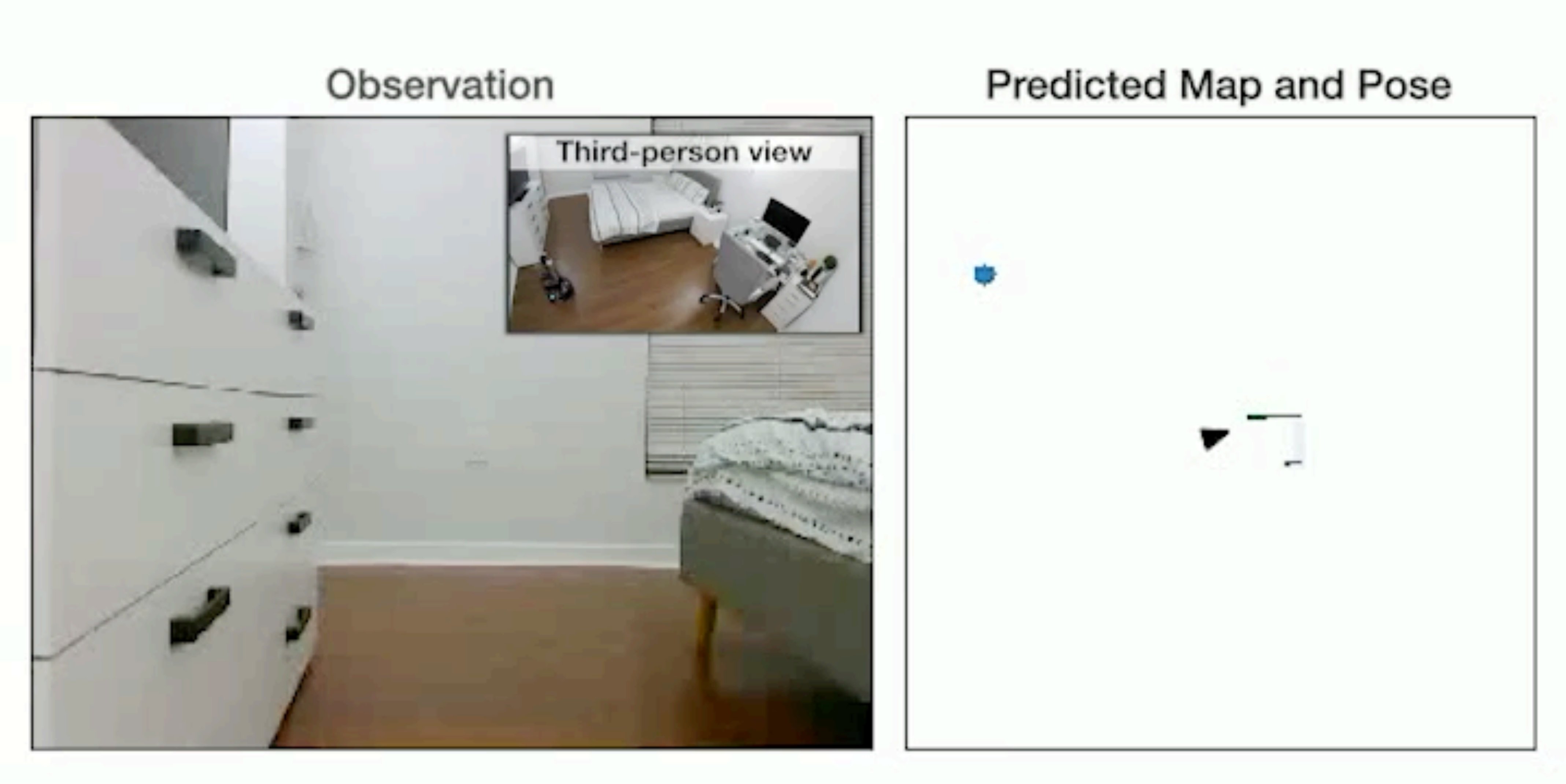


Exploration

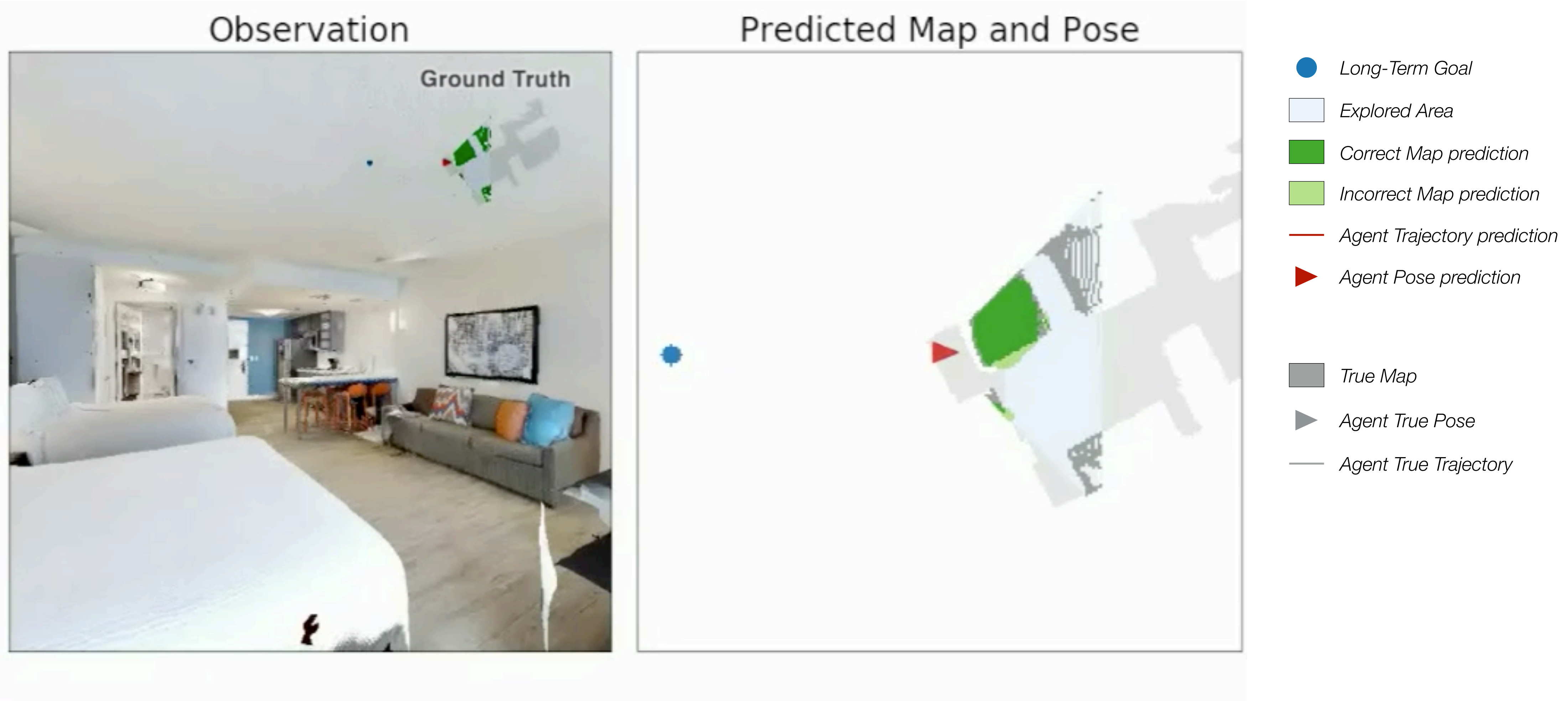
- How to efficiently explore an unseen environment?
- Limitations of end-to-end reinforcement learning:
  - Learning about mapping, pose-estimation and path-planning in expensive
  - Sample inefficiency
  - Poor generalization
- Our solution:
  - Incorporating the strengths of learning
  - Modular and hierarchical system



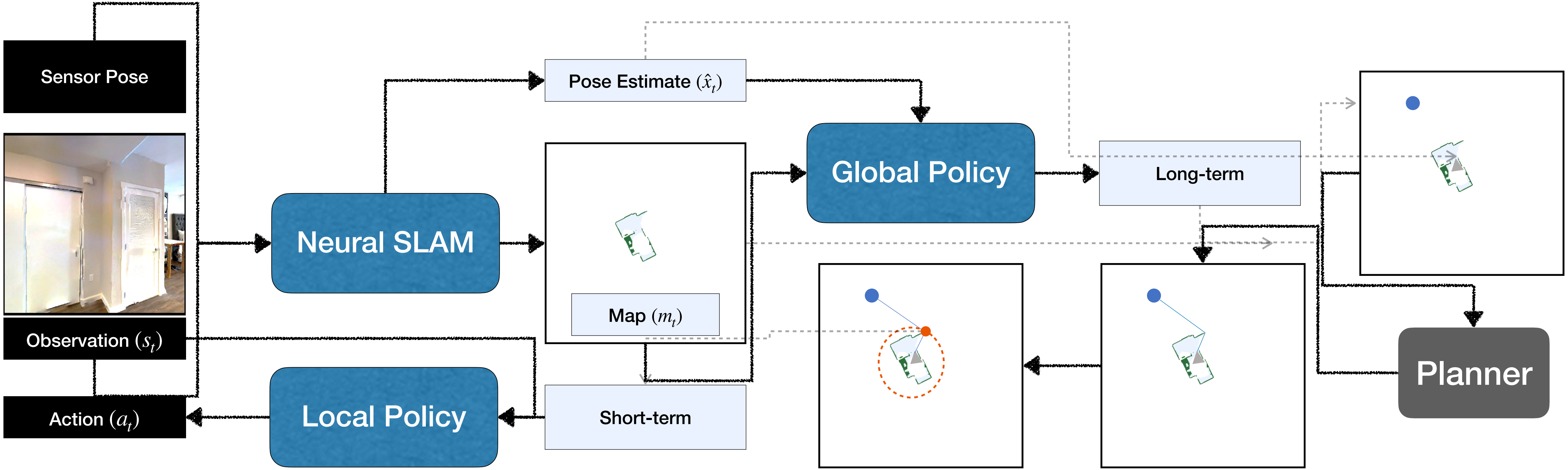
Preview: Visual Navigation in the Real World



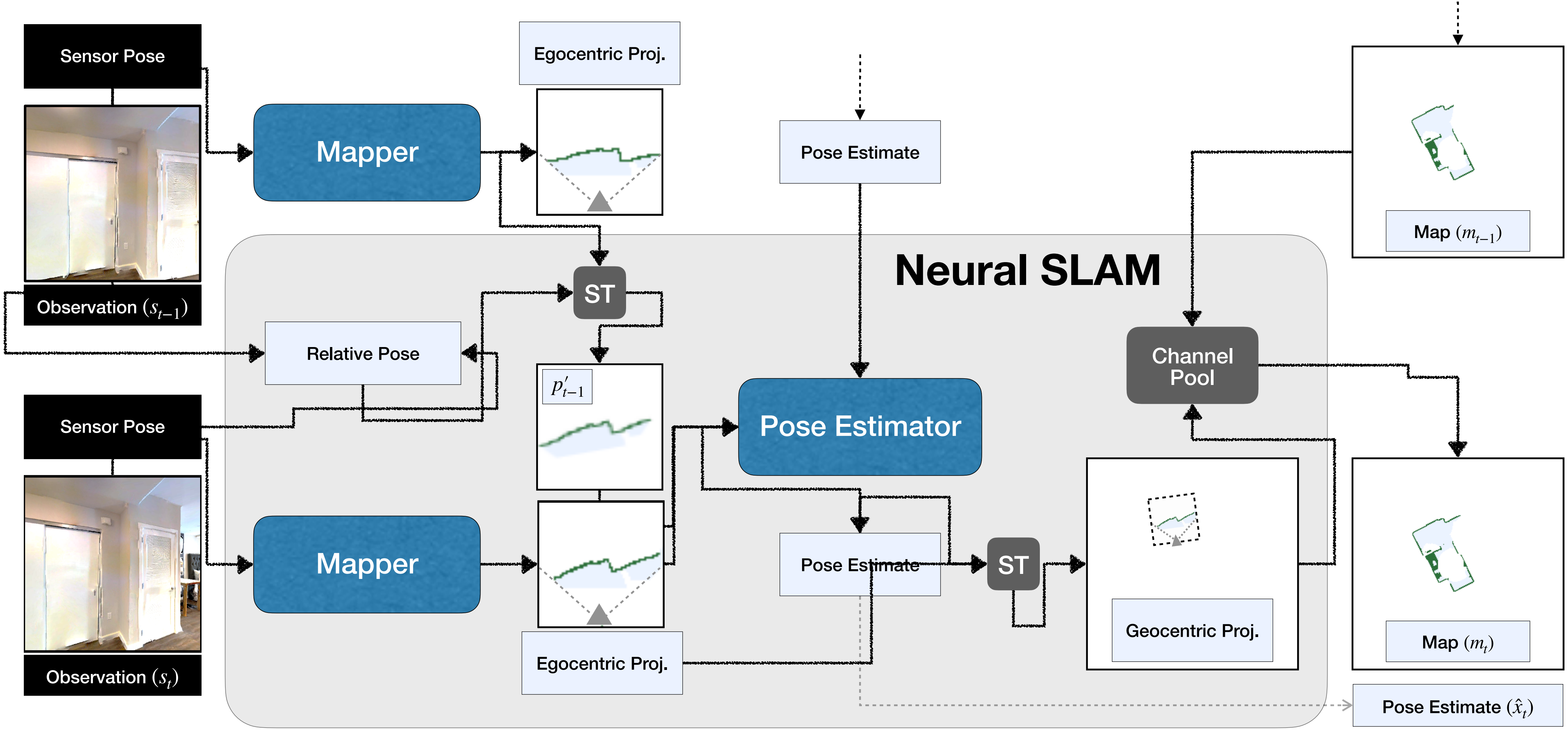
Exploration in Gibson Environment



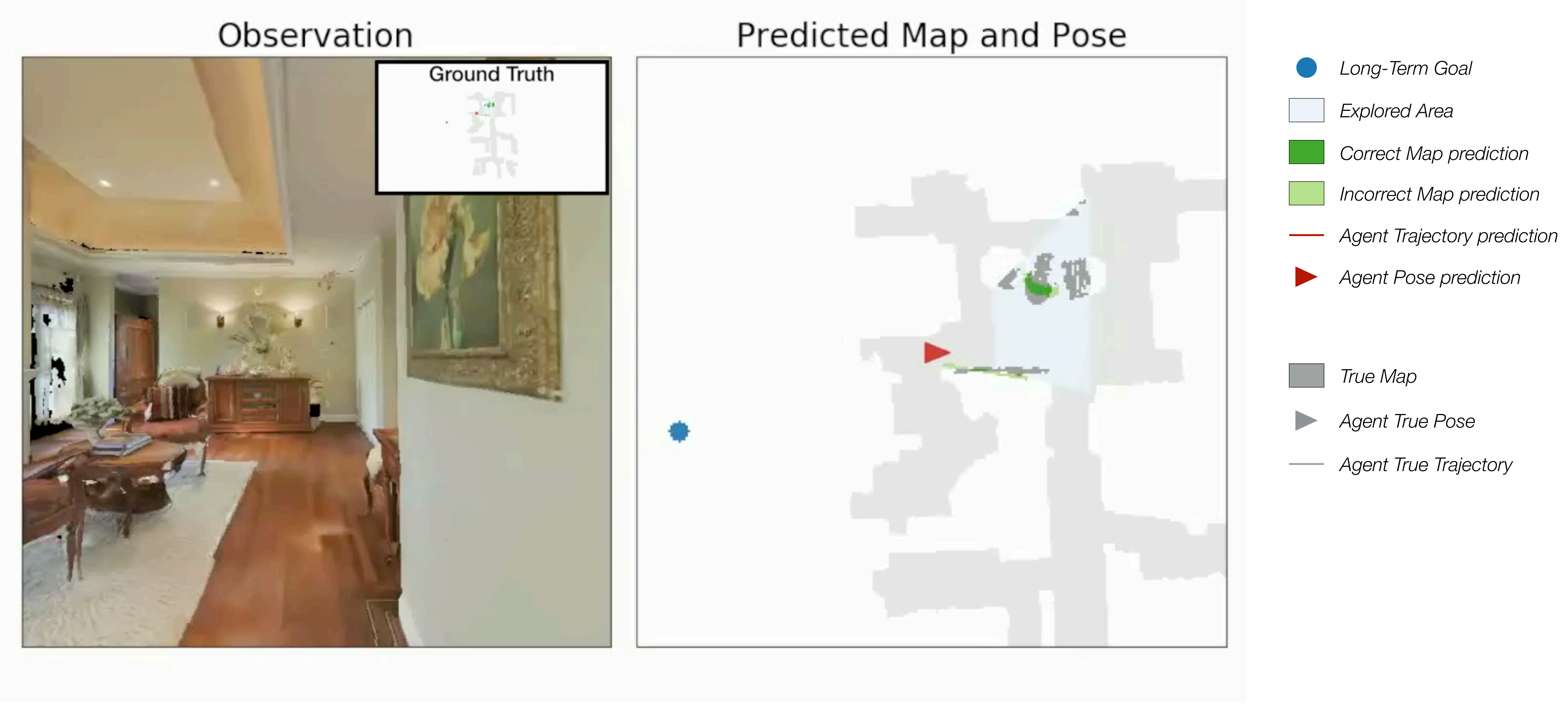
Active Neural SLAM: Overview



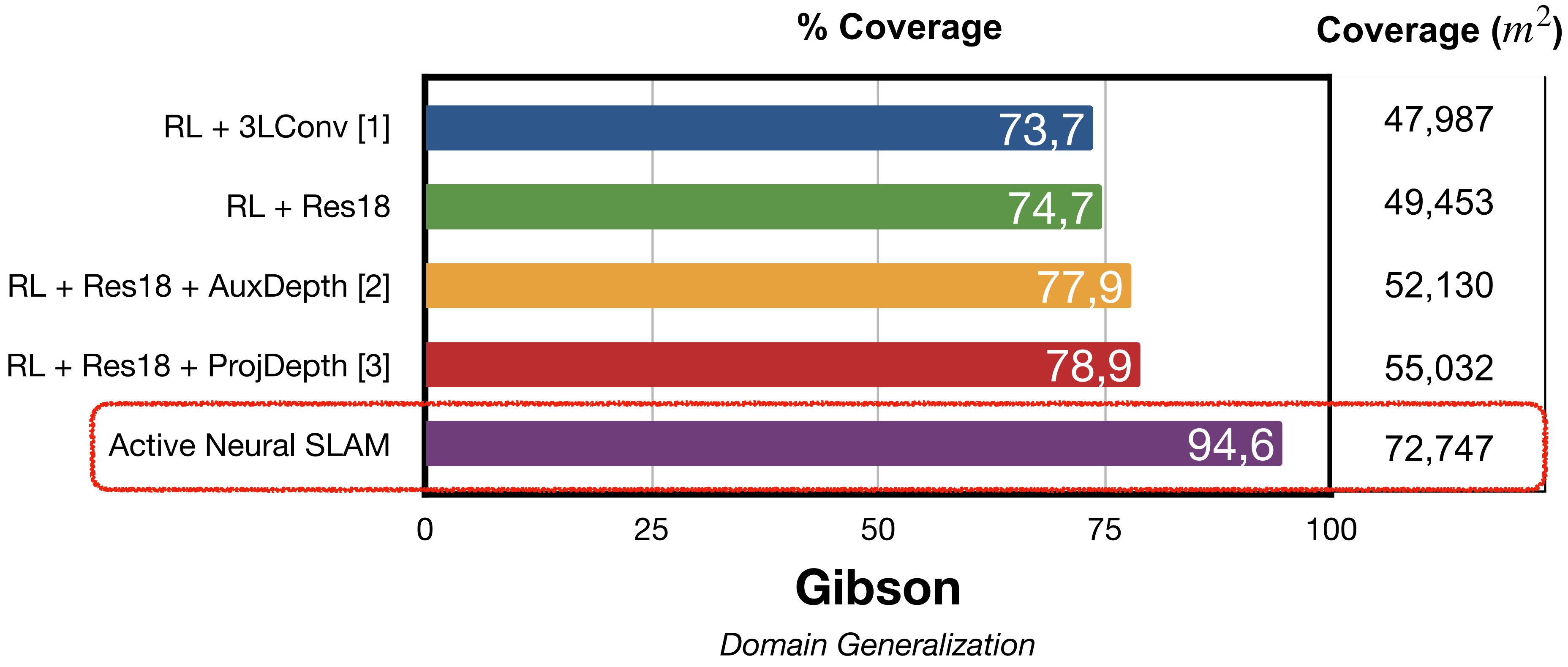
Neural SLAM Module



Domain Generalization: Matterport3D



Exploration Results



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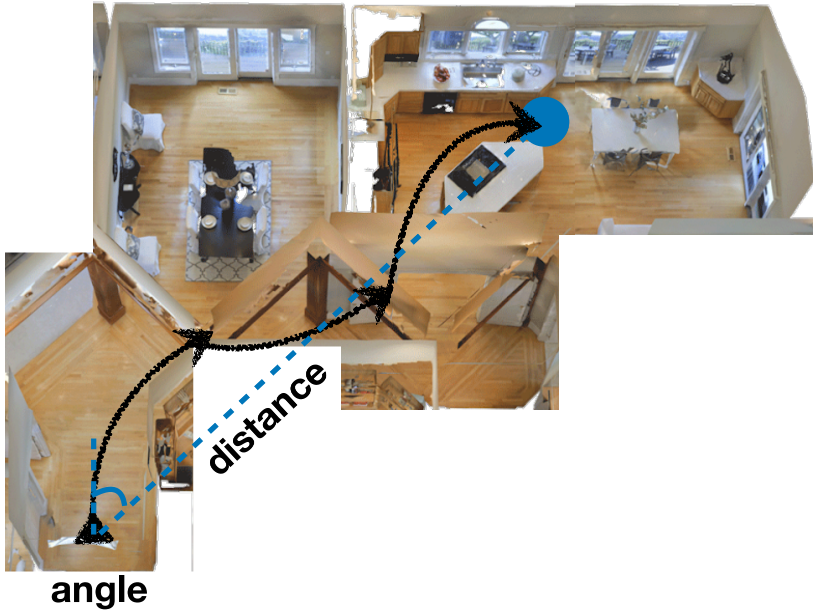
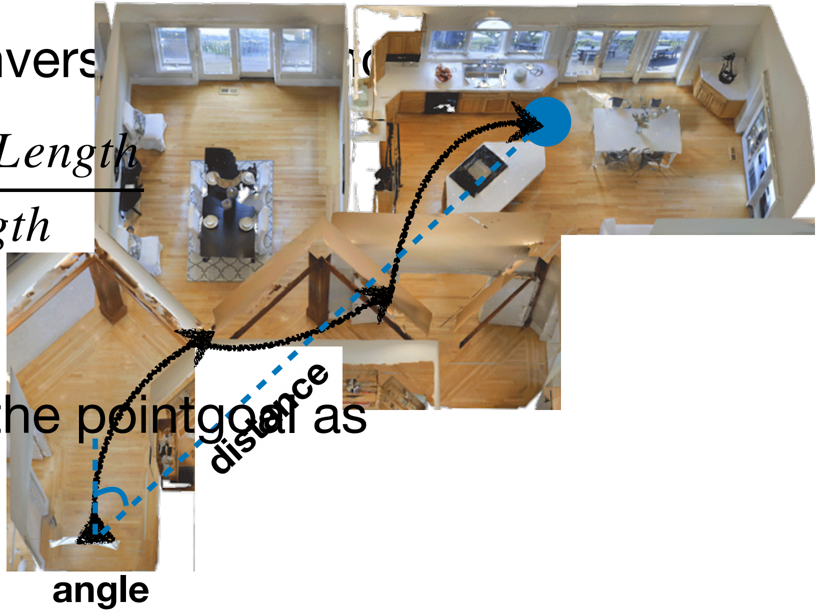


Point-Goal Navigation

- Objective: Navigate to goal coordinates
- Metric: Success weighted by invers

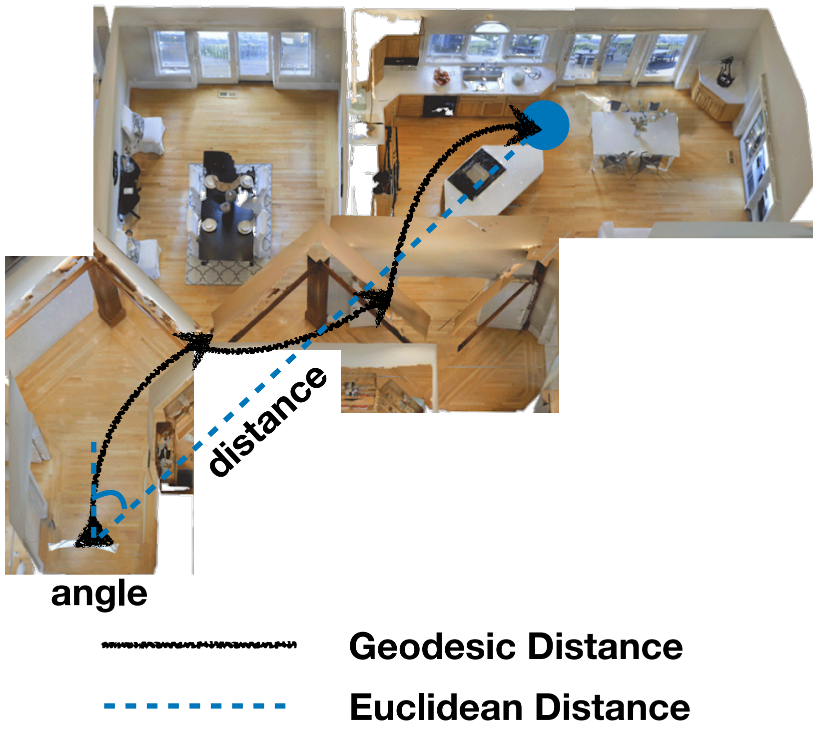
$$\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} Success * \frac{ShortestPathLength}{PathLength}$$



- Global Policy -> always gives the pointgoal as the long-term goal

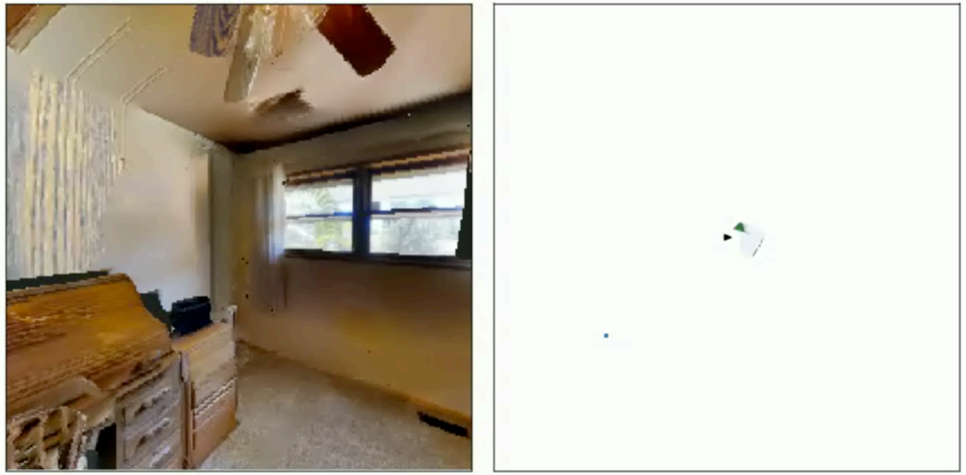
Harder Datasets

- **Hard-GEDR**
  - Higher Geodesic to Euclidean distance ratio (GEDR)
  - Avg GEDR 2.5 vs 1.37, minimum GEDR is 2
- **Hard-Dist**
  - Higher Geodesic distance
  - Avg Dist 13.5m vs 7.0m, minimum Dist is 10m



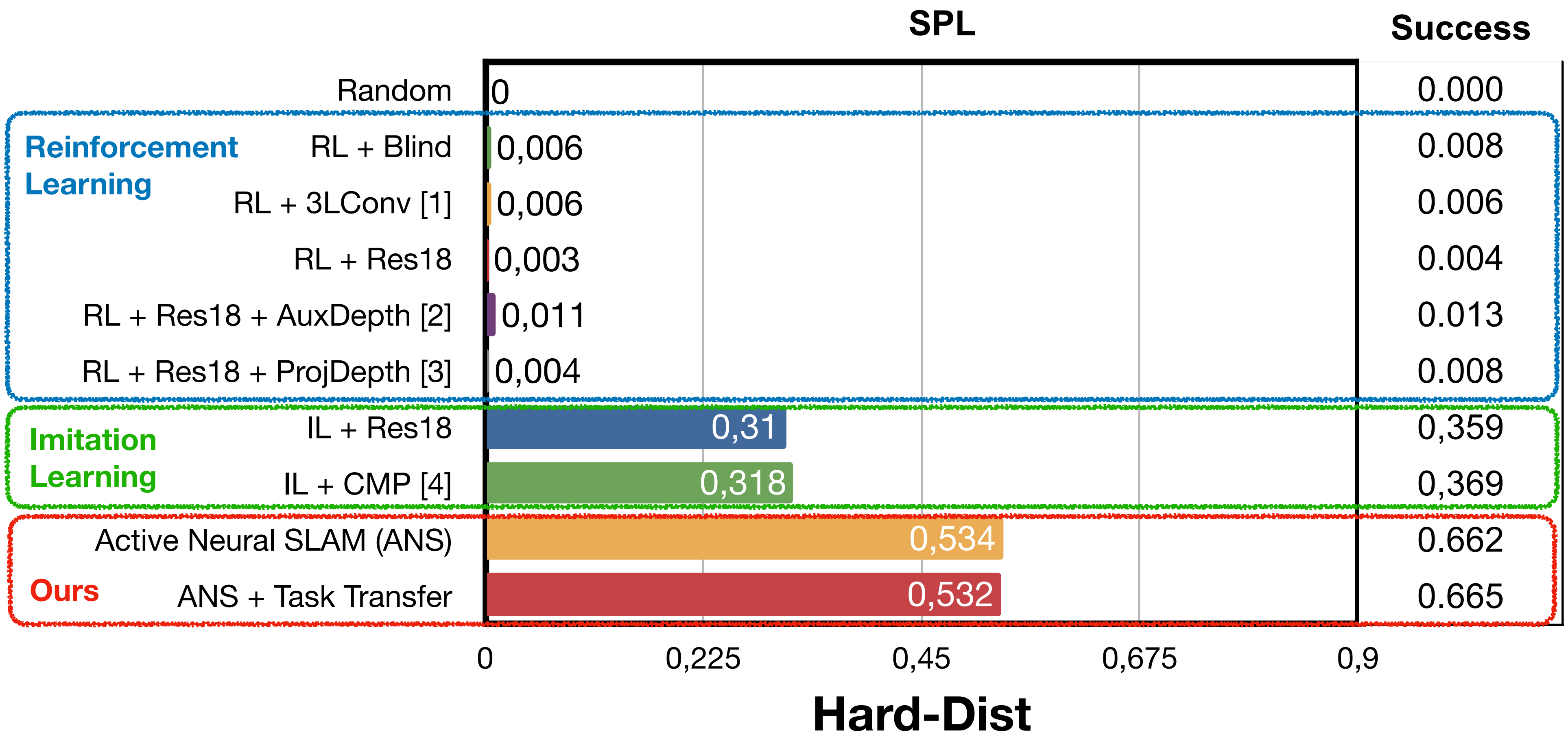
Point-Goal Navigation

Gibson



MP3D

Results



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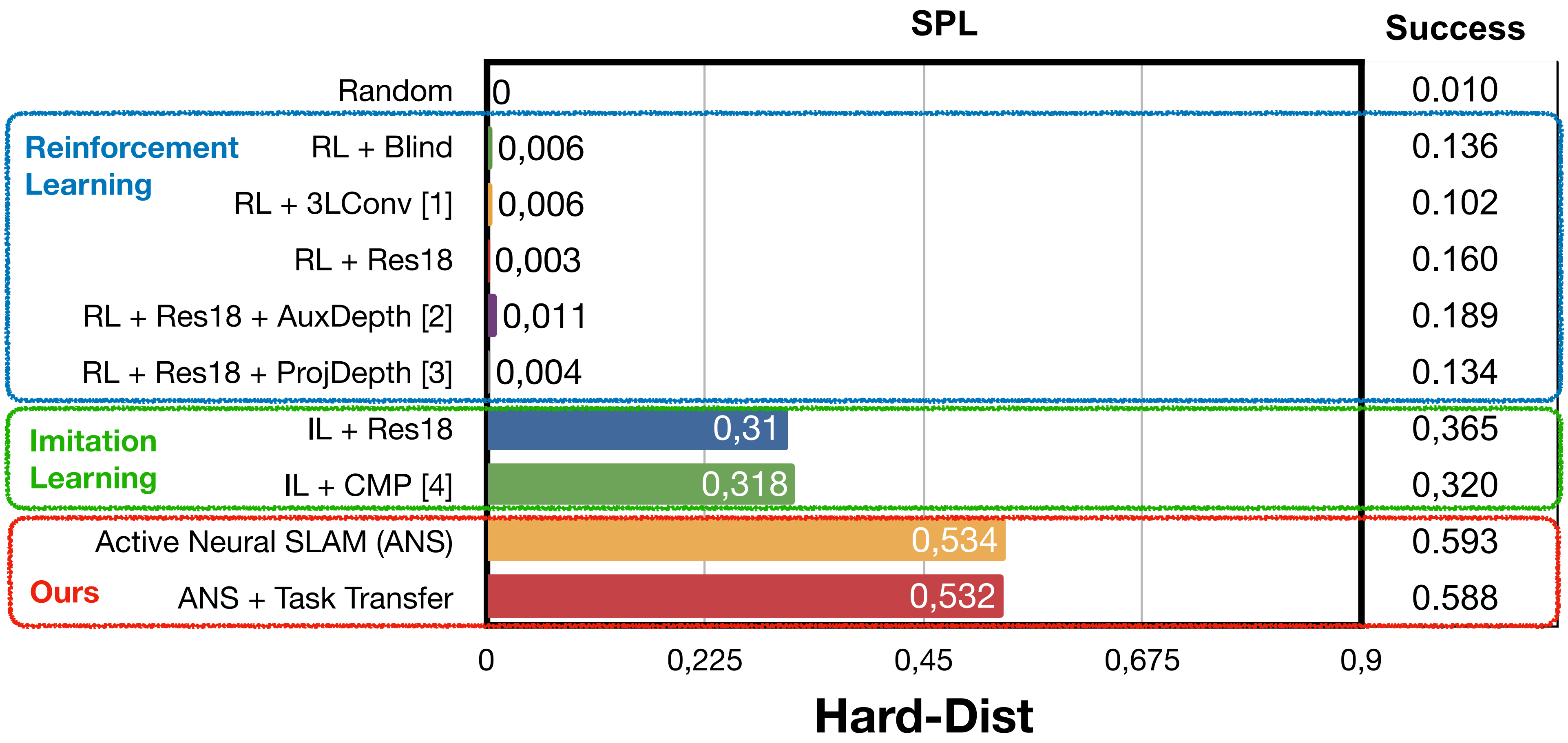

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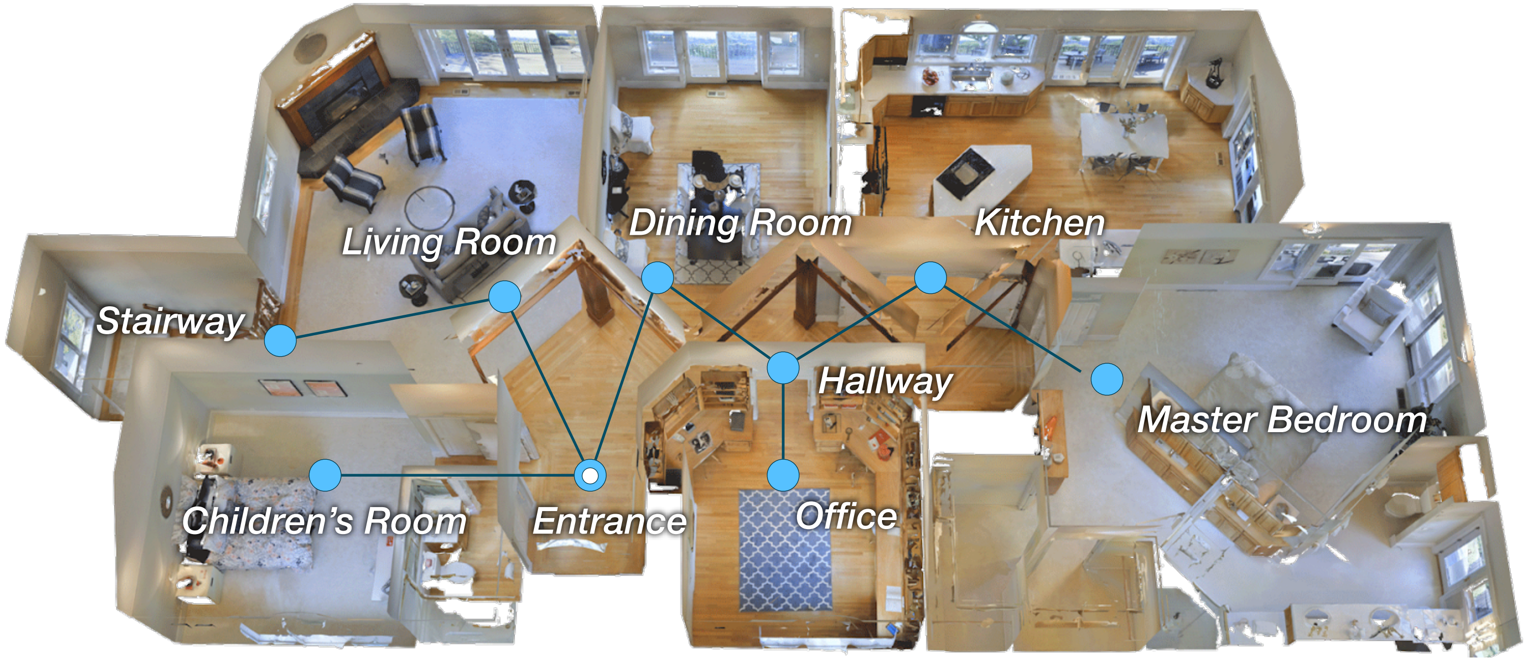
Semantic Priors and Common-Sense

- Humans use semantic priors and common-sense to explore and navigate everyday
- Most navigation algorithms struggle to do so

Topological Maps



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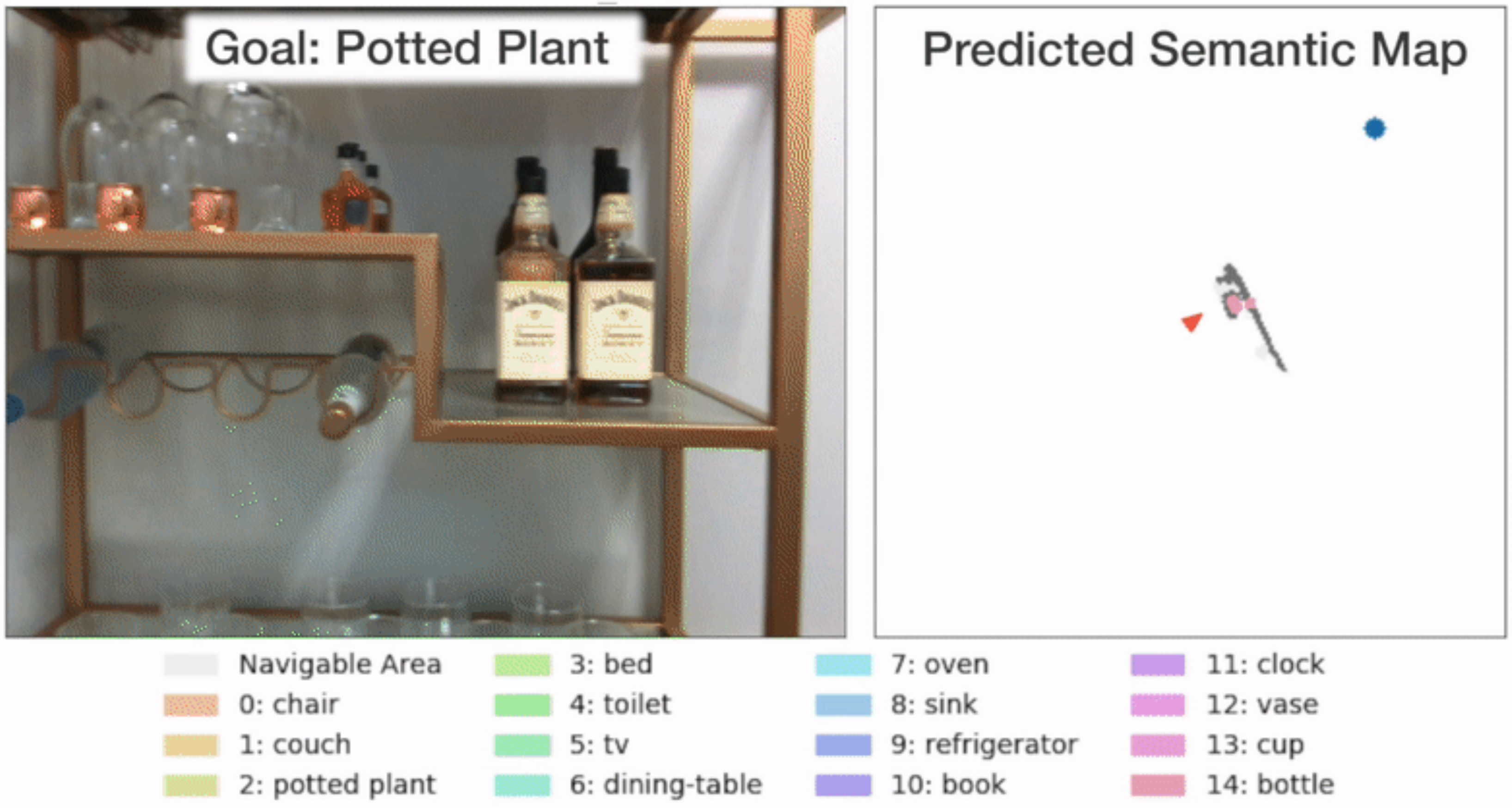


Internet vs Embodied Data

Static Internet Data

Active Embodied Data

Using Internet models for Embodied Agents

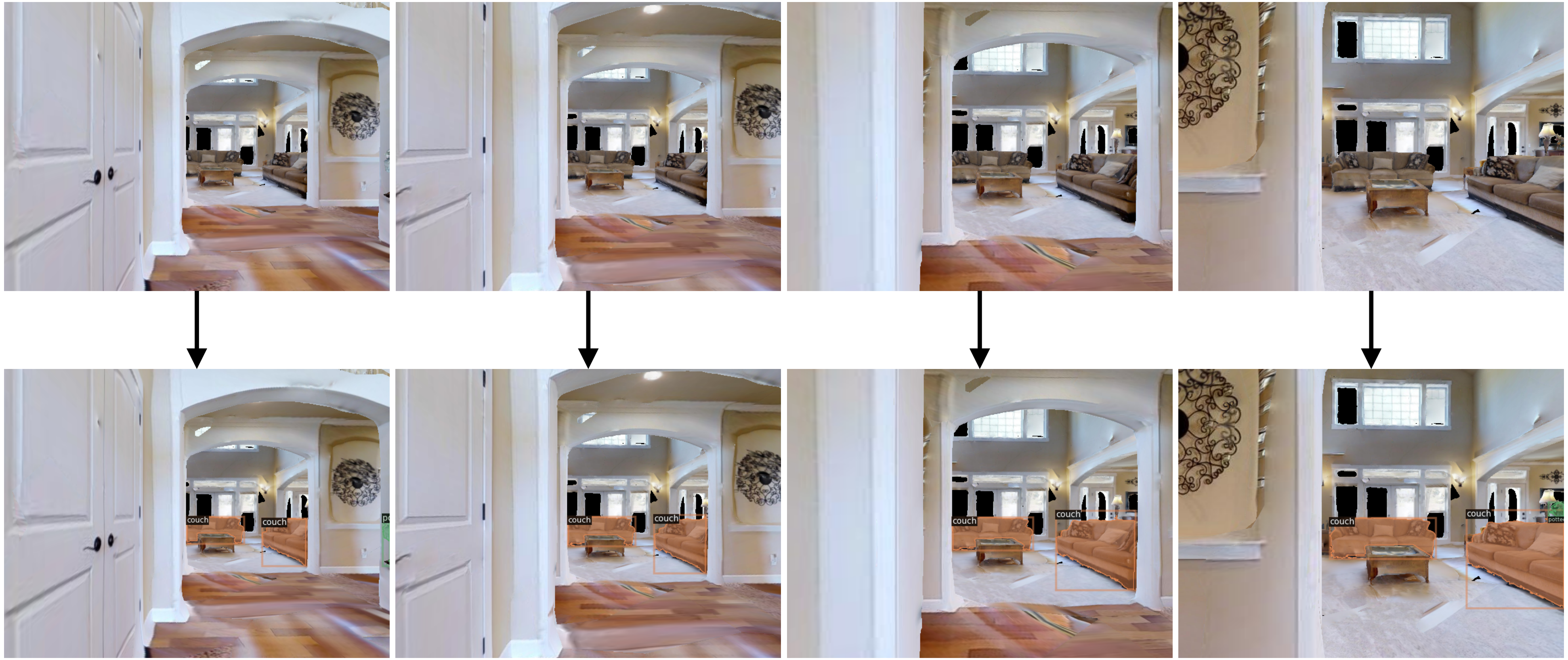
False positives

False negatives

Savva et al, Habitat: A platform for embodied AI research, ICCV 2019

Embodied Perception

Active Embodied data



Embodied Perception

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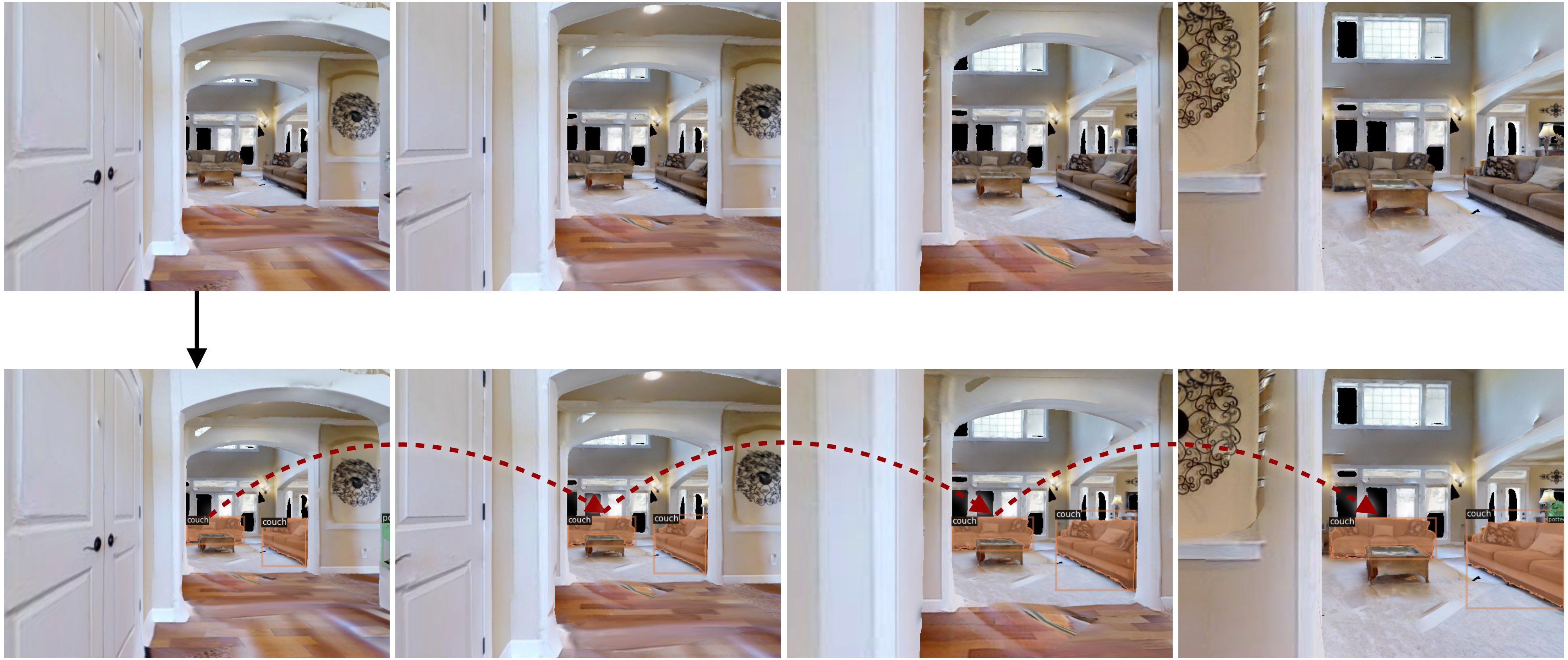
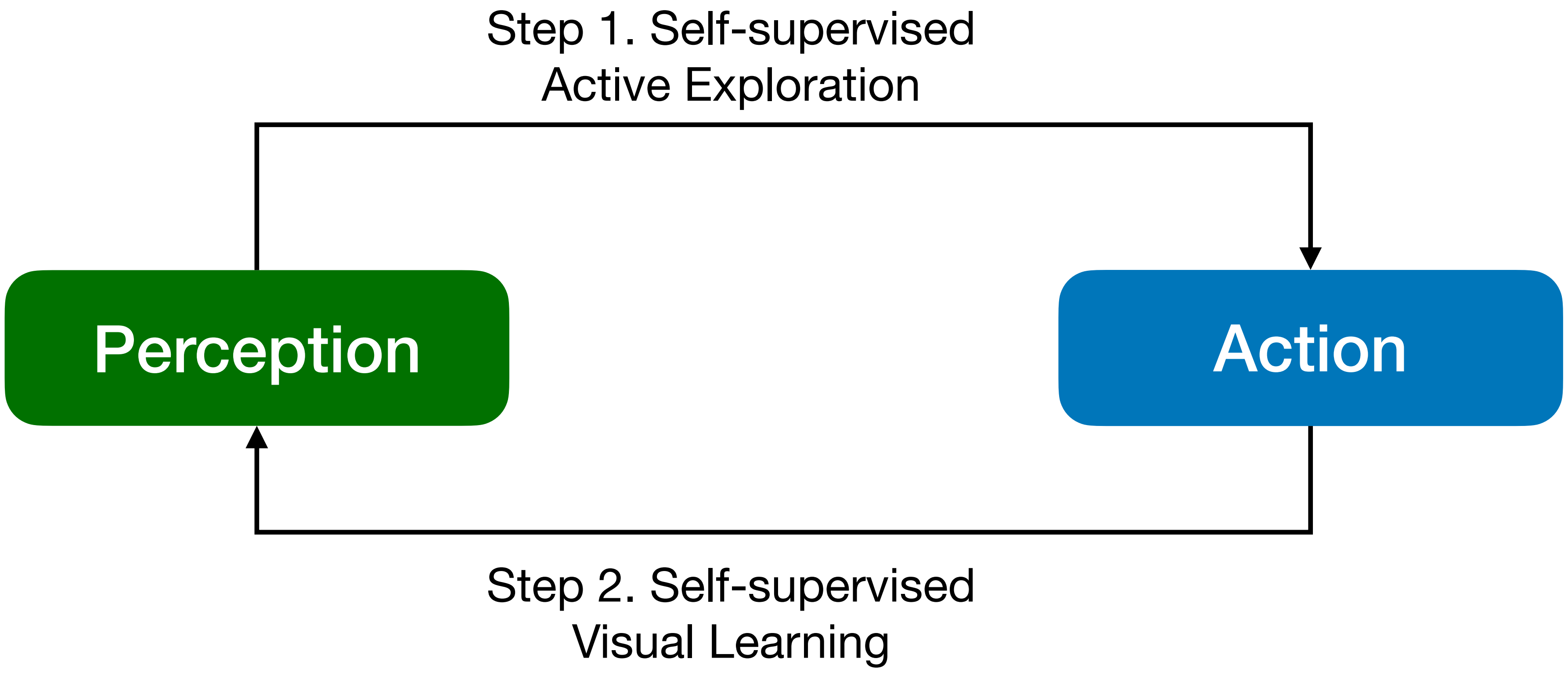


Perception-Action Loop



Pathak et al, Learning instance segmentation by interaction, 2018
Jang et al, Grasp2vec: Learning object representations from self-supervised grasping, 2018
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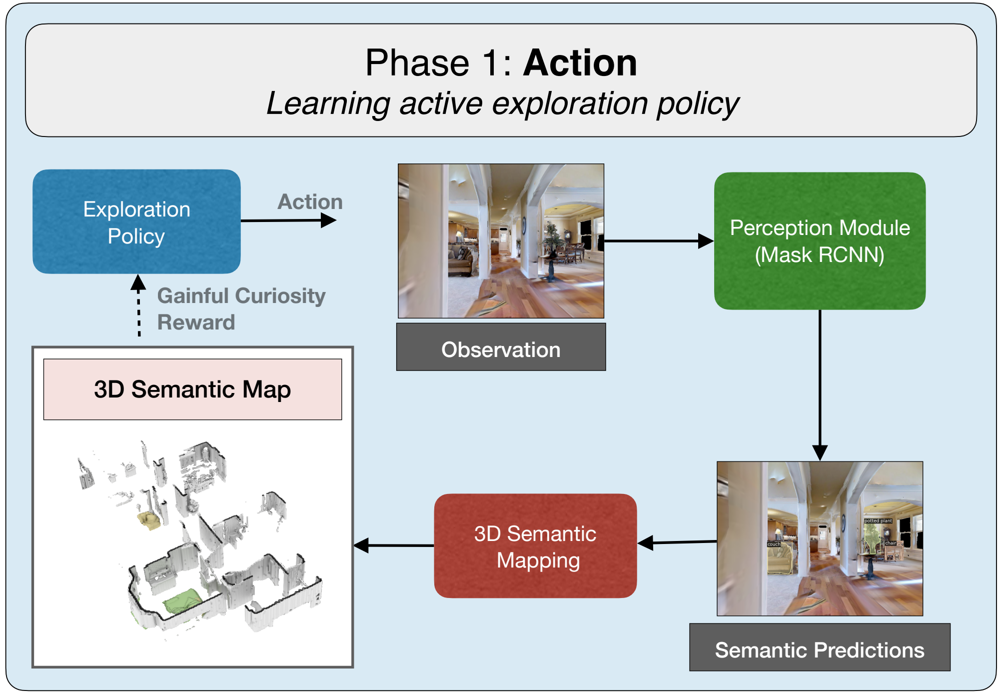
SEAL: Self-supervised Embodied Active Learning



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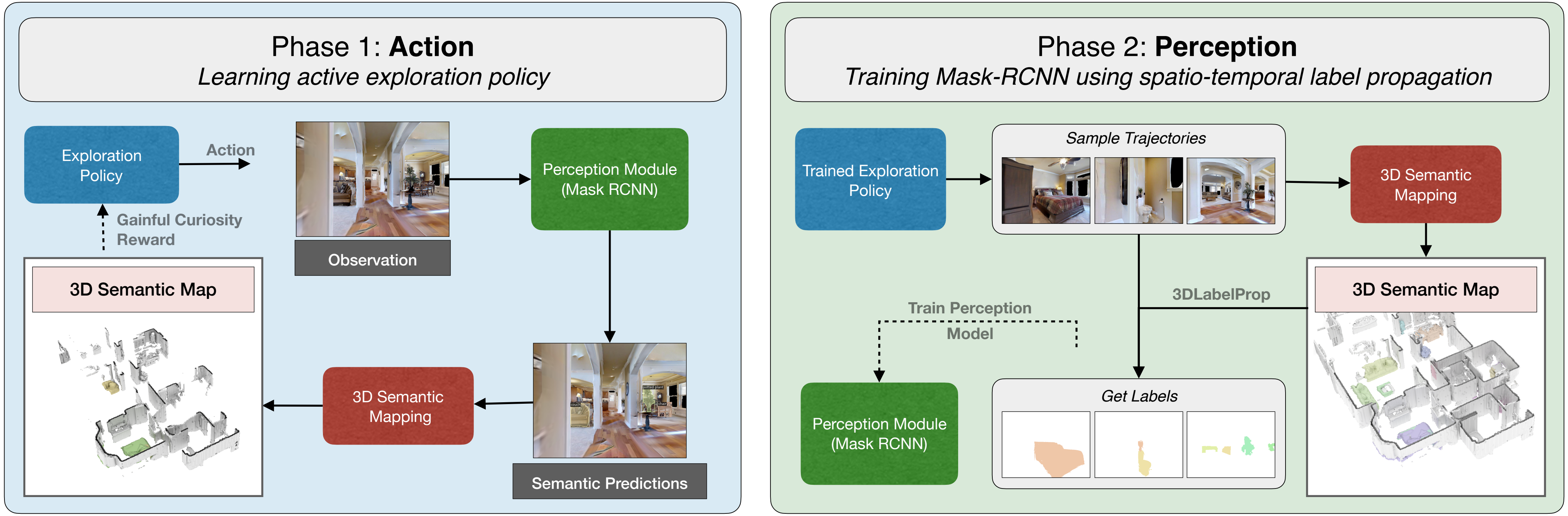

Both phases do not require any additional labelled data

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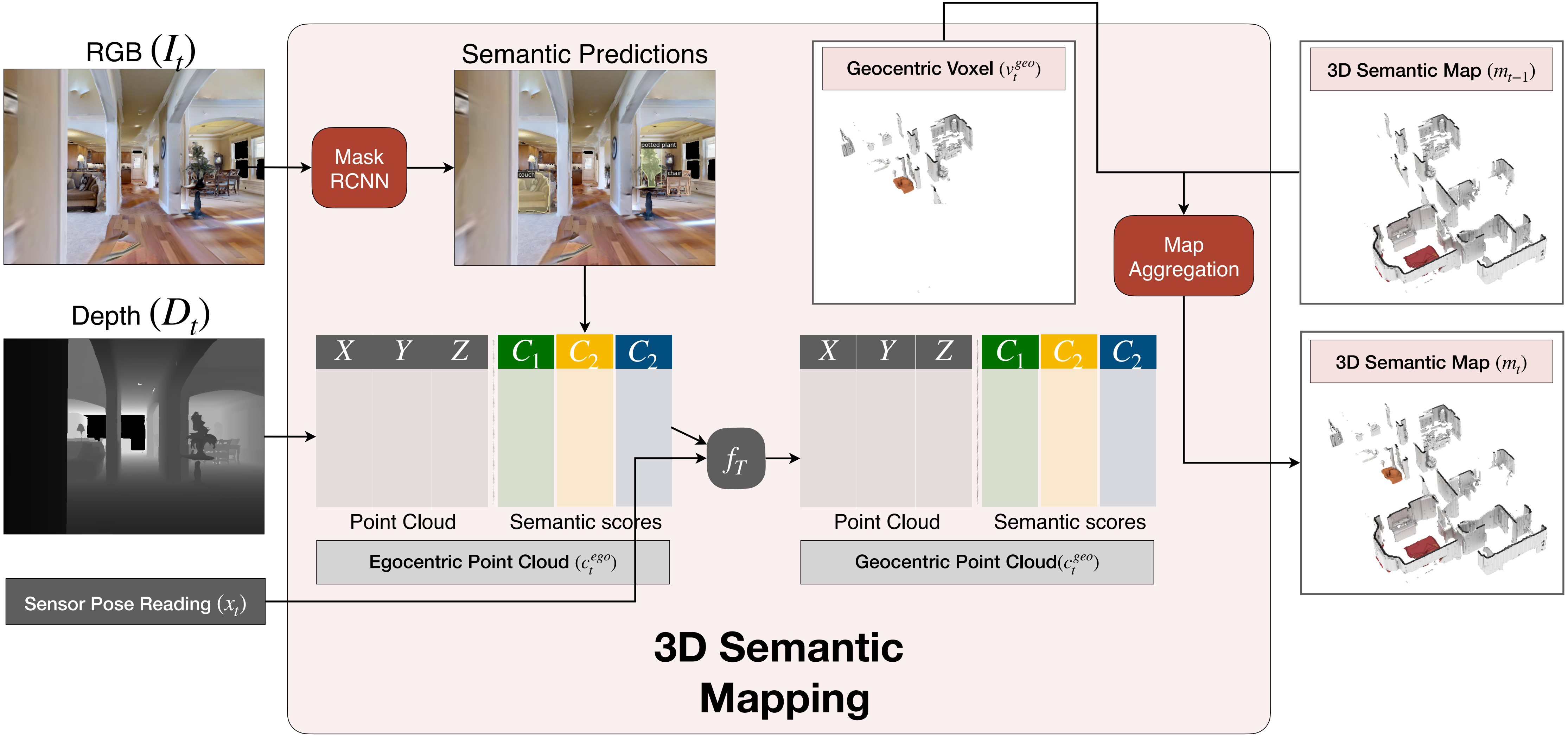

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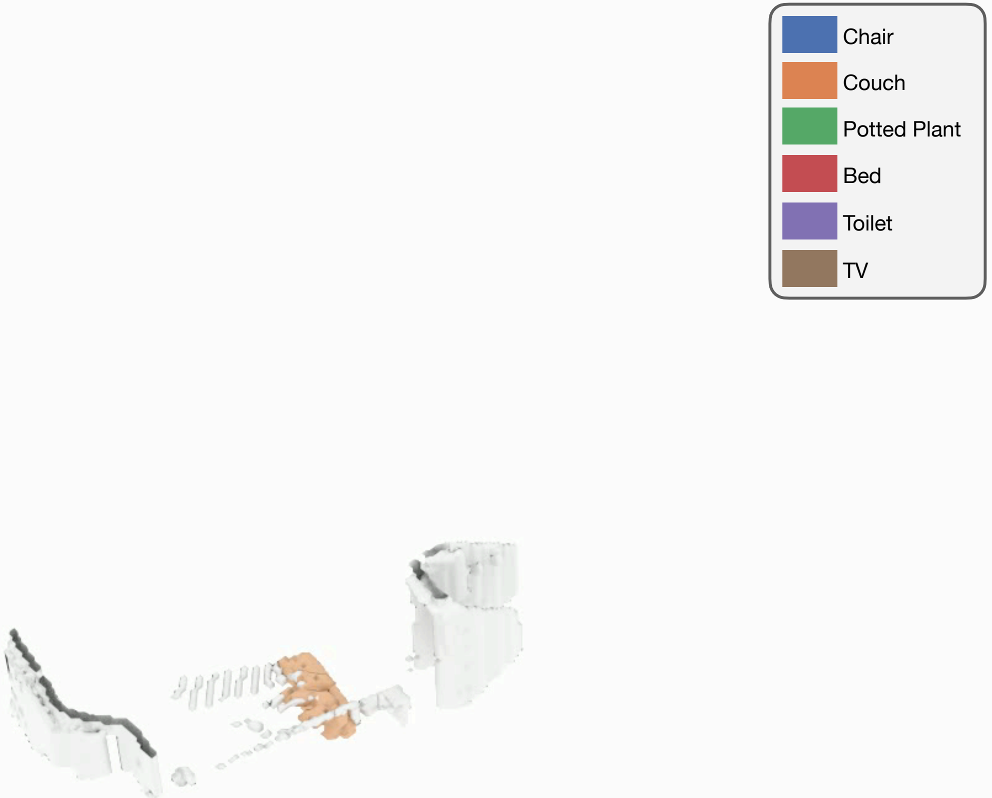

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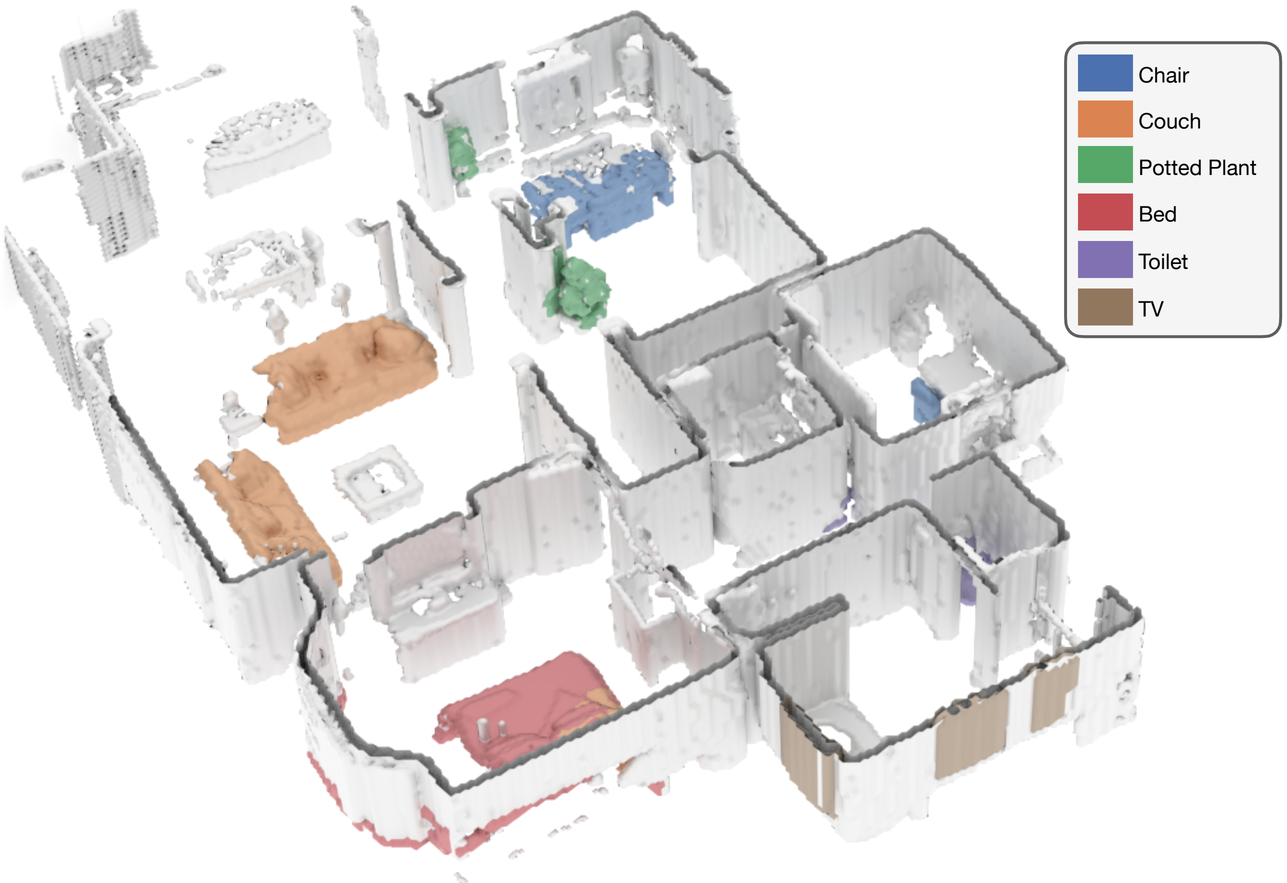
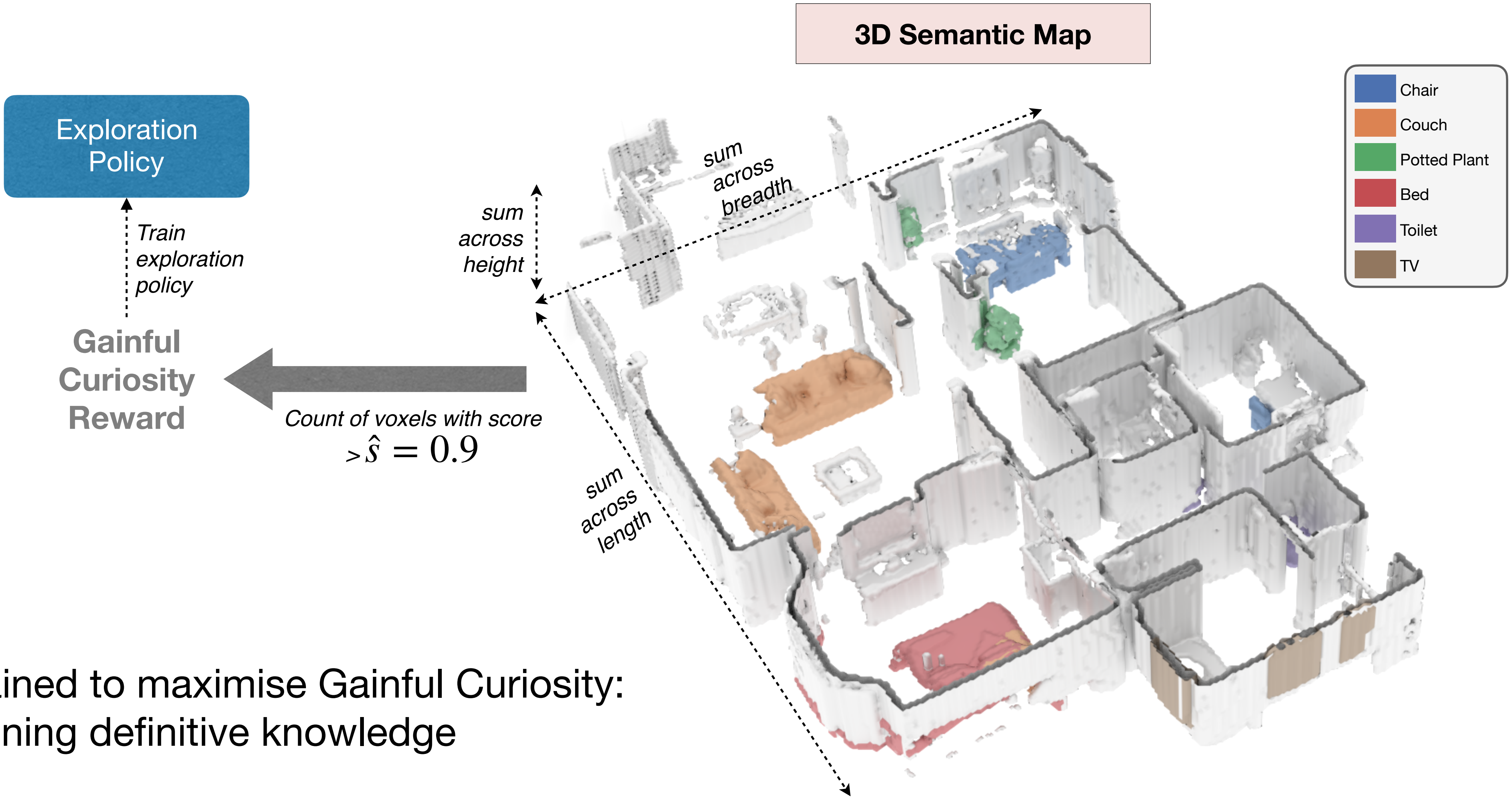
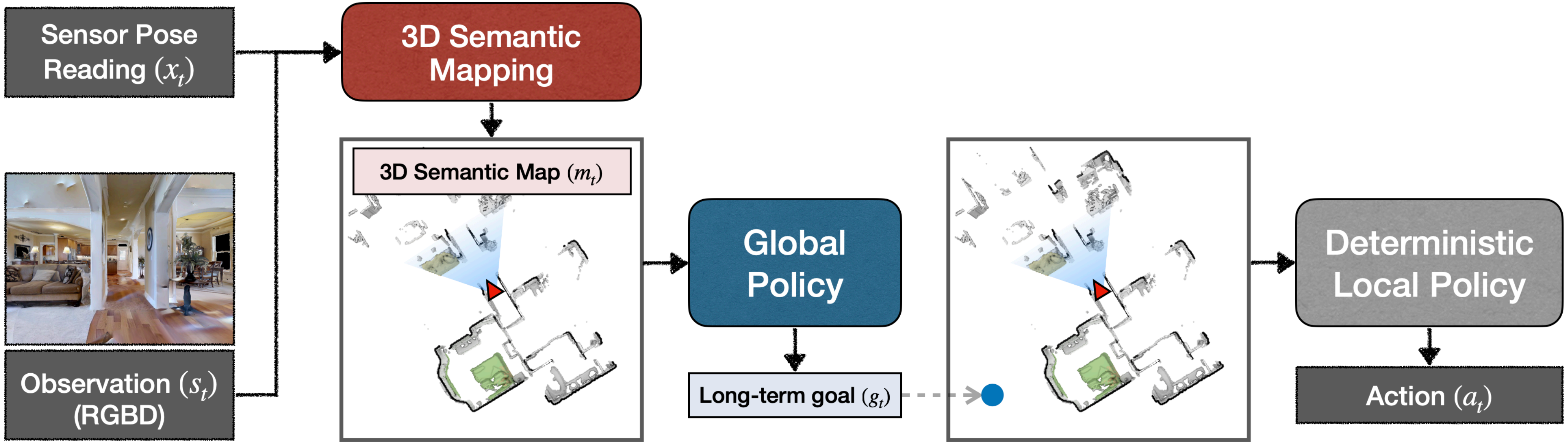


Gainful Curiosity



- Trained to maximise Gainful Curiosity: gaining definitive knowledge

Policy Learning



- Global Policy: samples a goal every 25 local steps
- Action Space: move forward (25cm), turn left or right (30 degrees)

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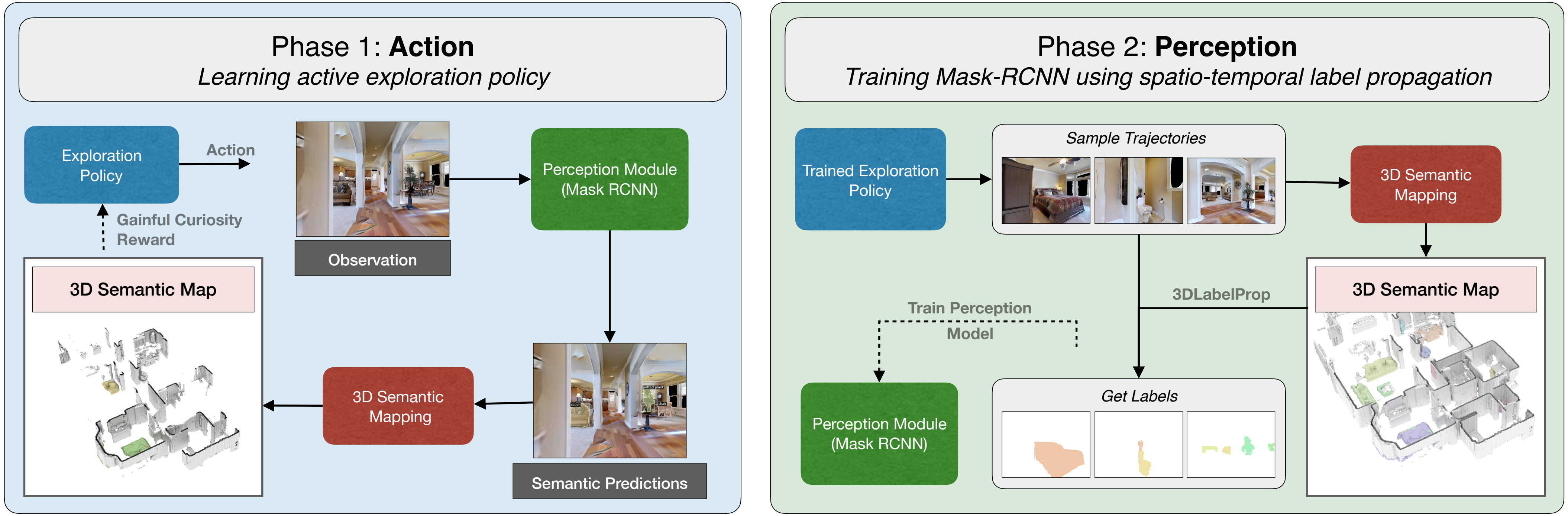
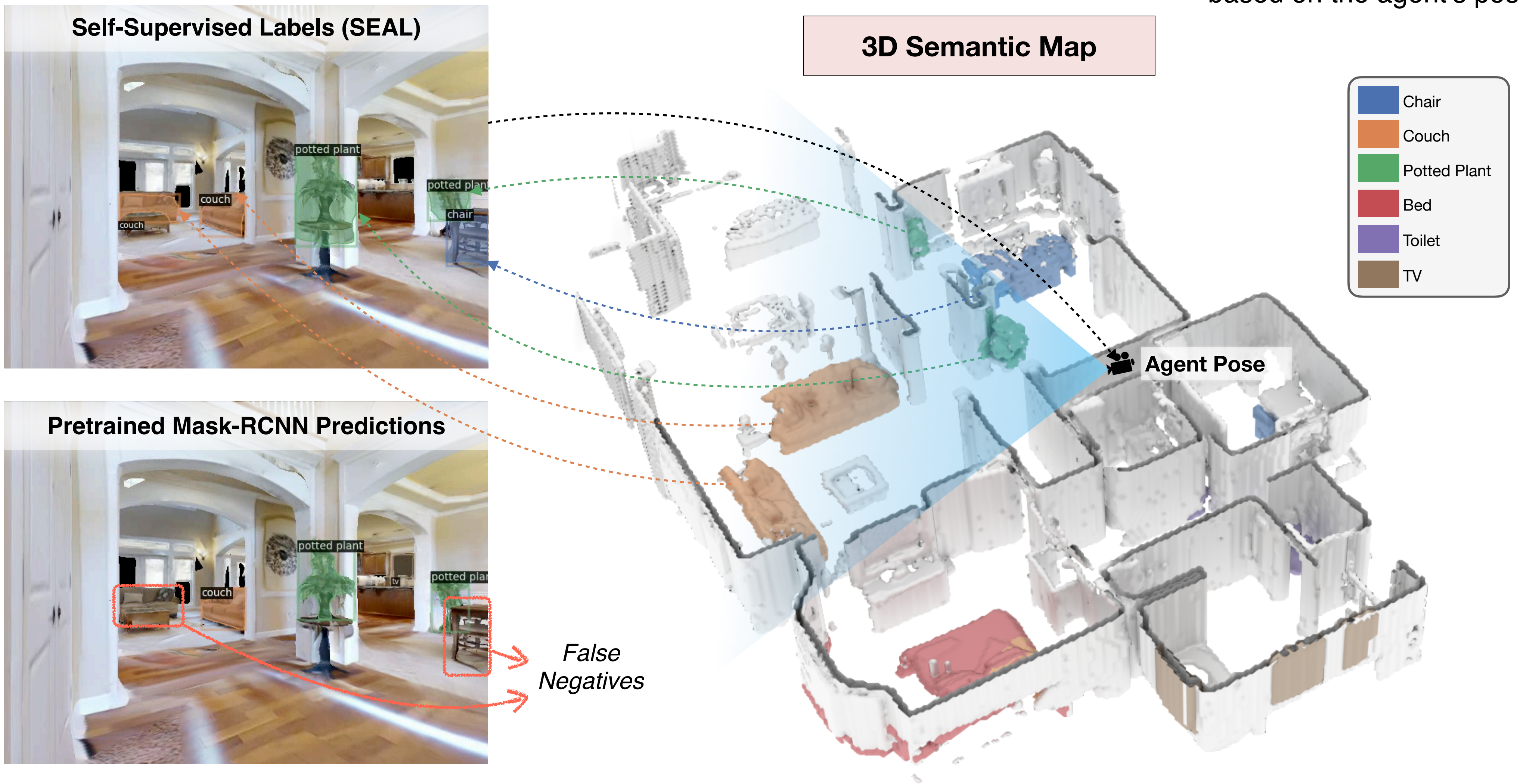


3D Label Propagation

Instance label for each pixel is obtained using ray tracing based on the agent's pose



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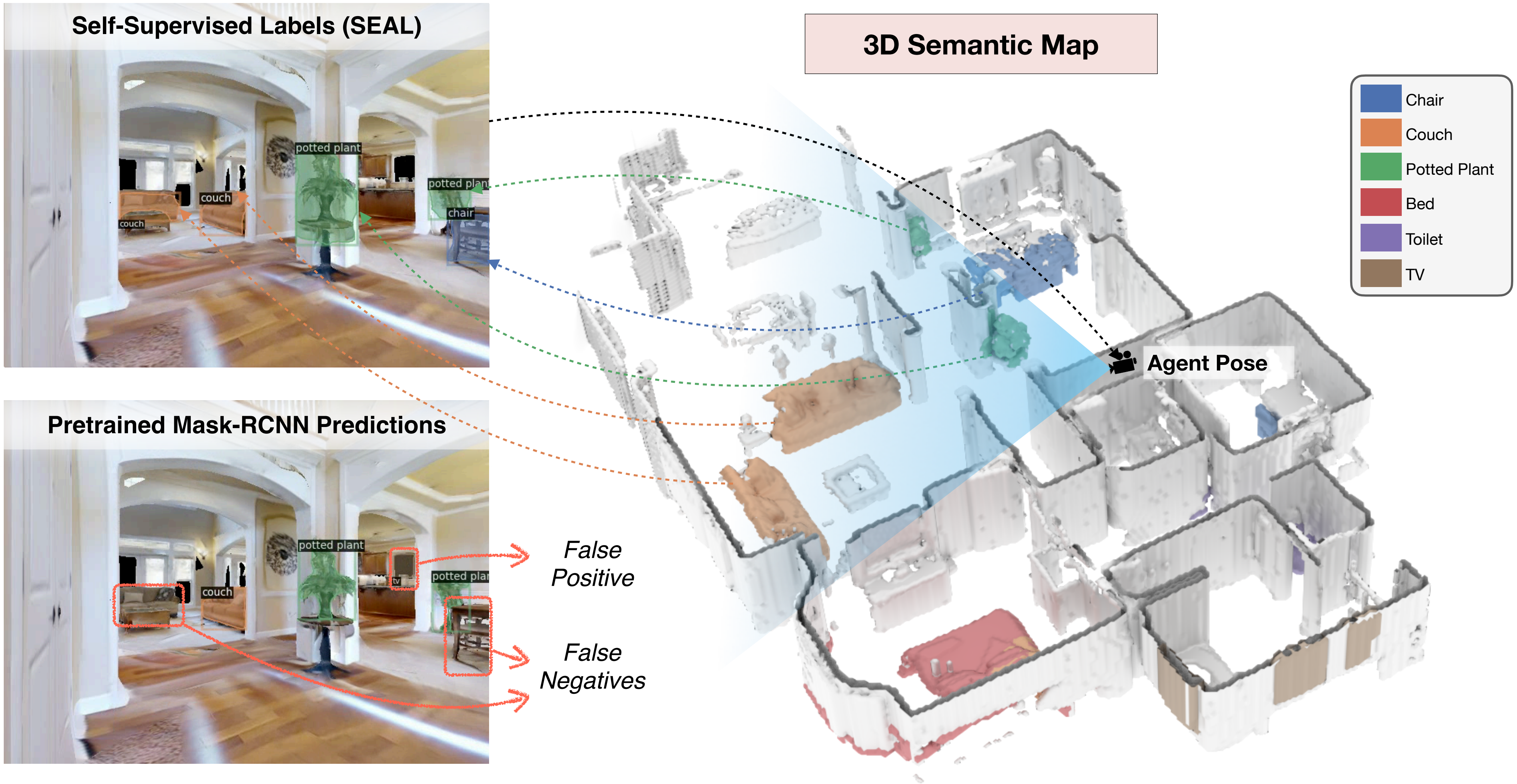

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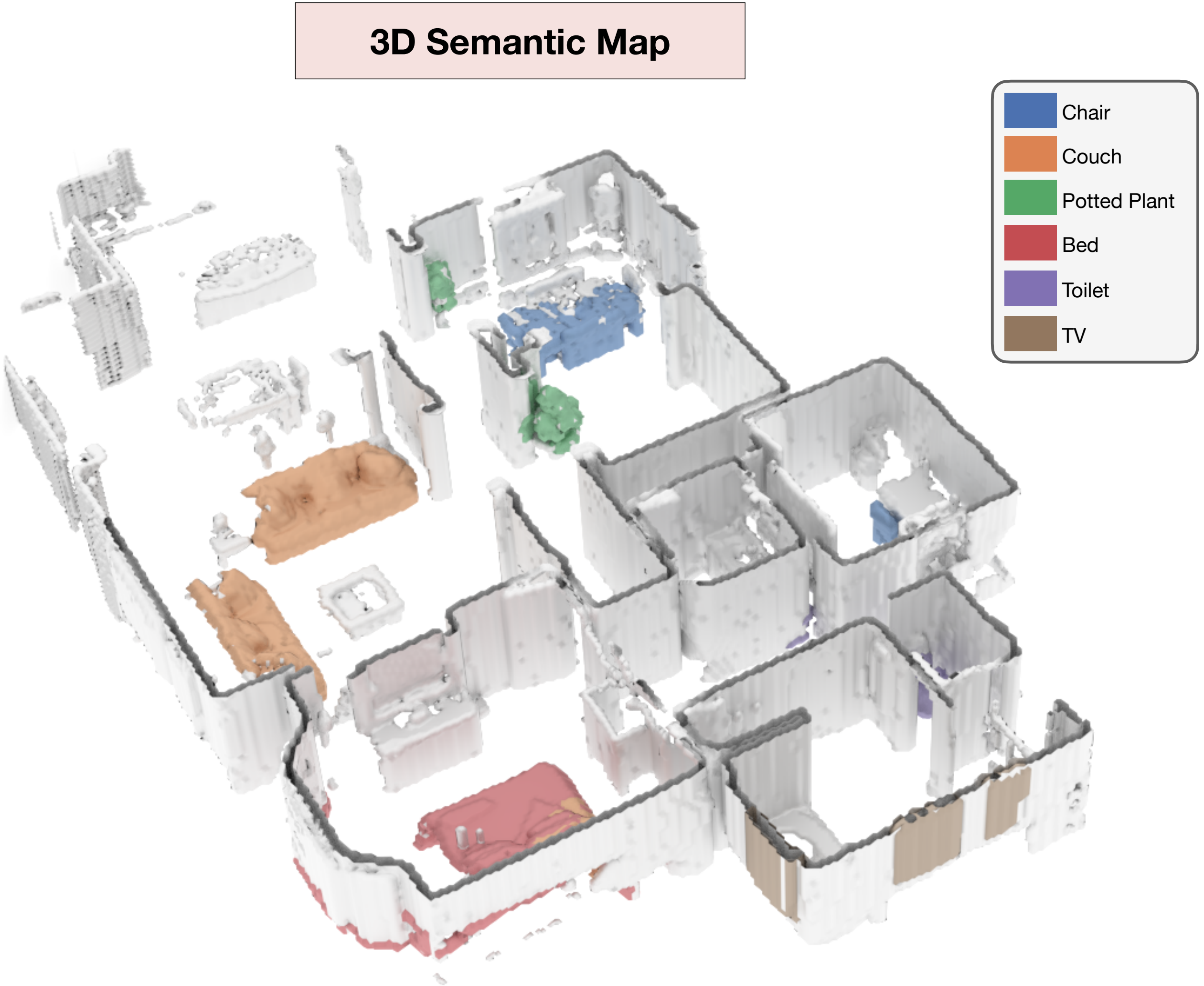

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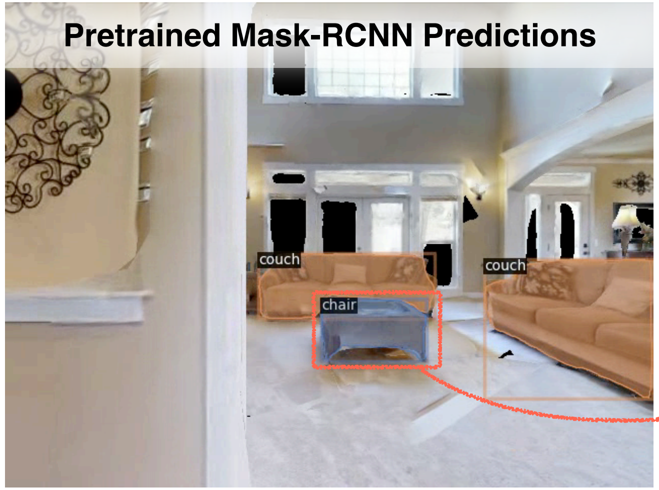

False Positive

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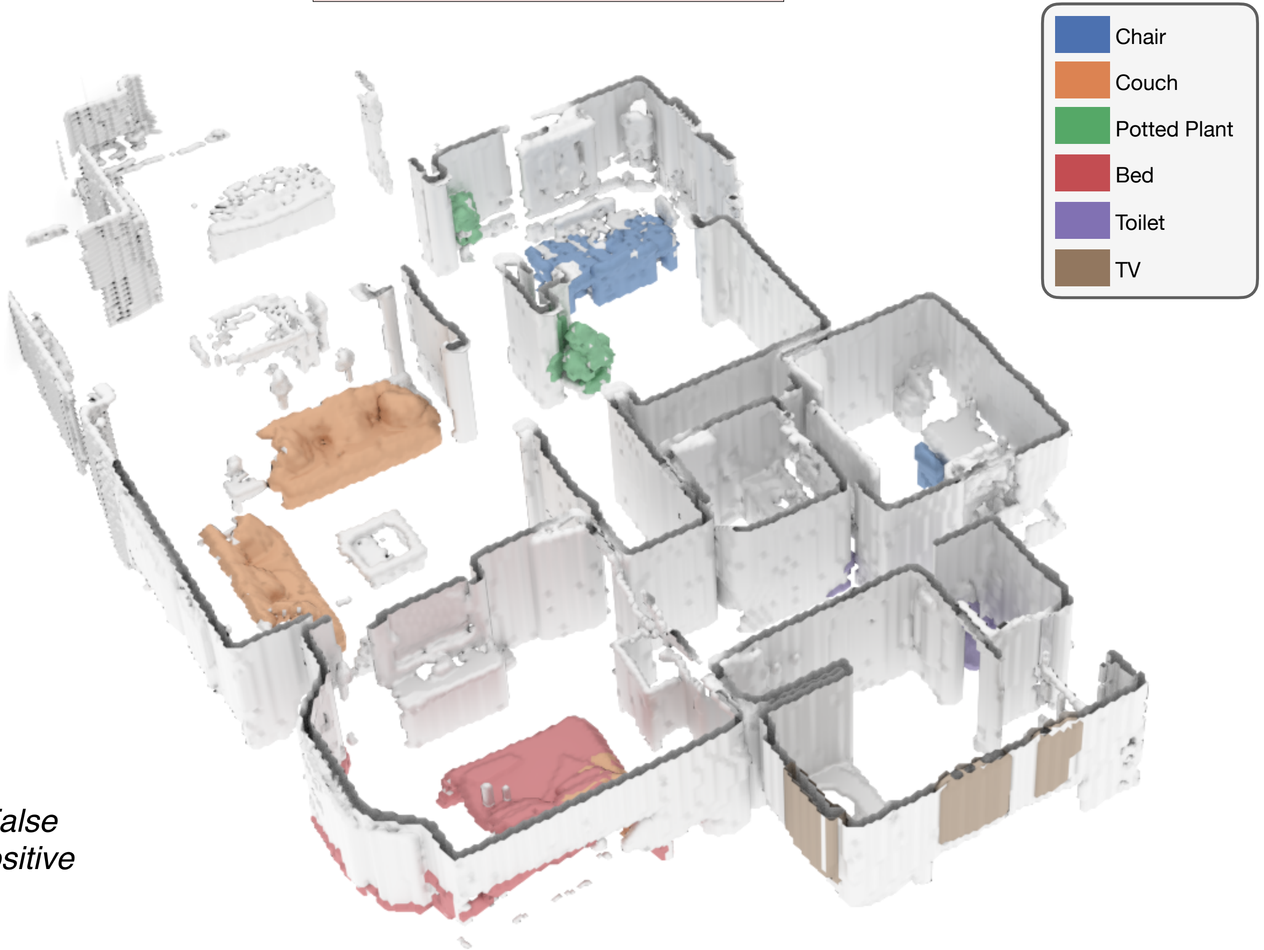

3D Label Propagation

Train
Perception
Model

Perception Model
(Mask RCNN)

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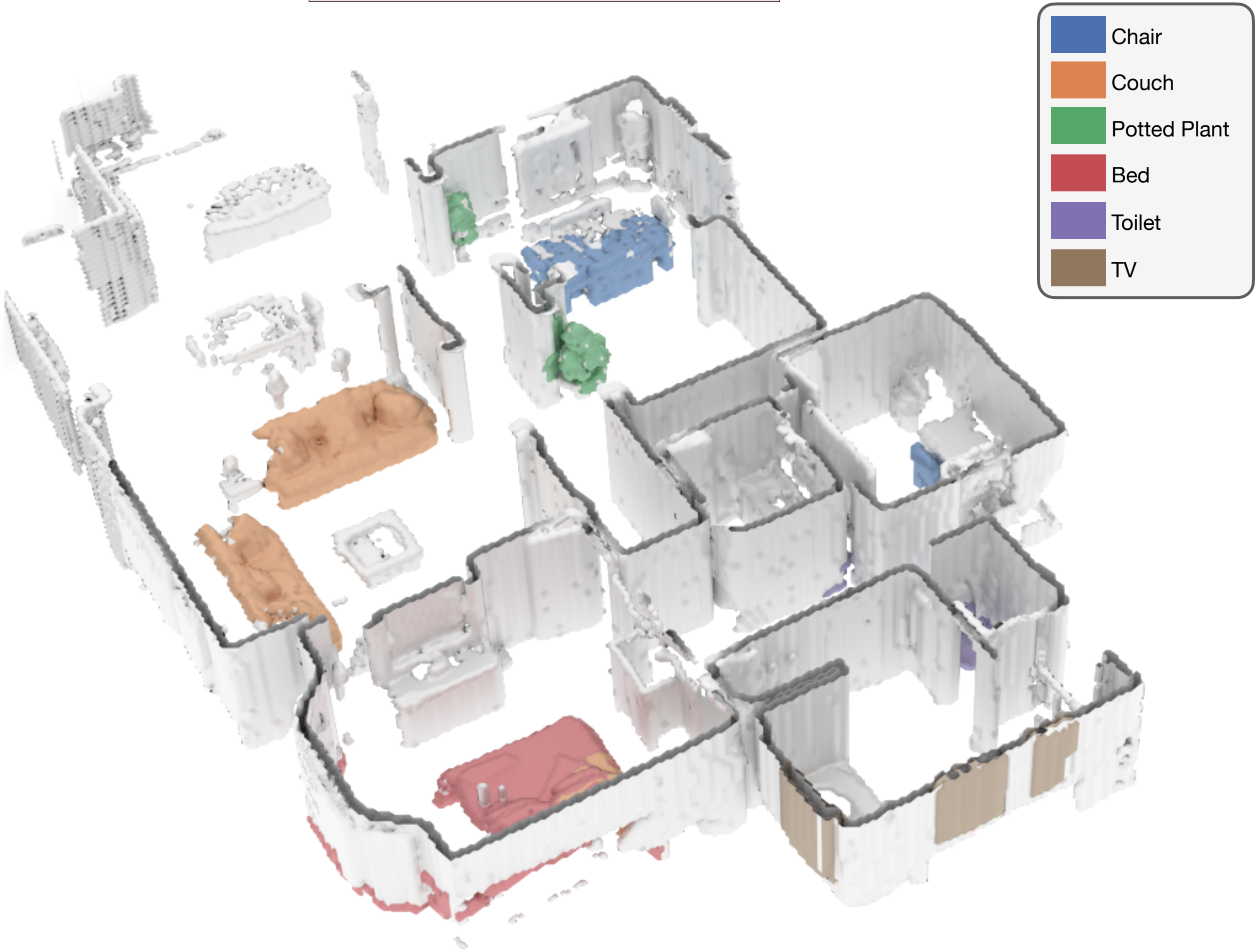

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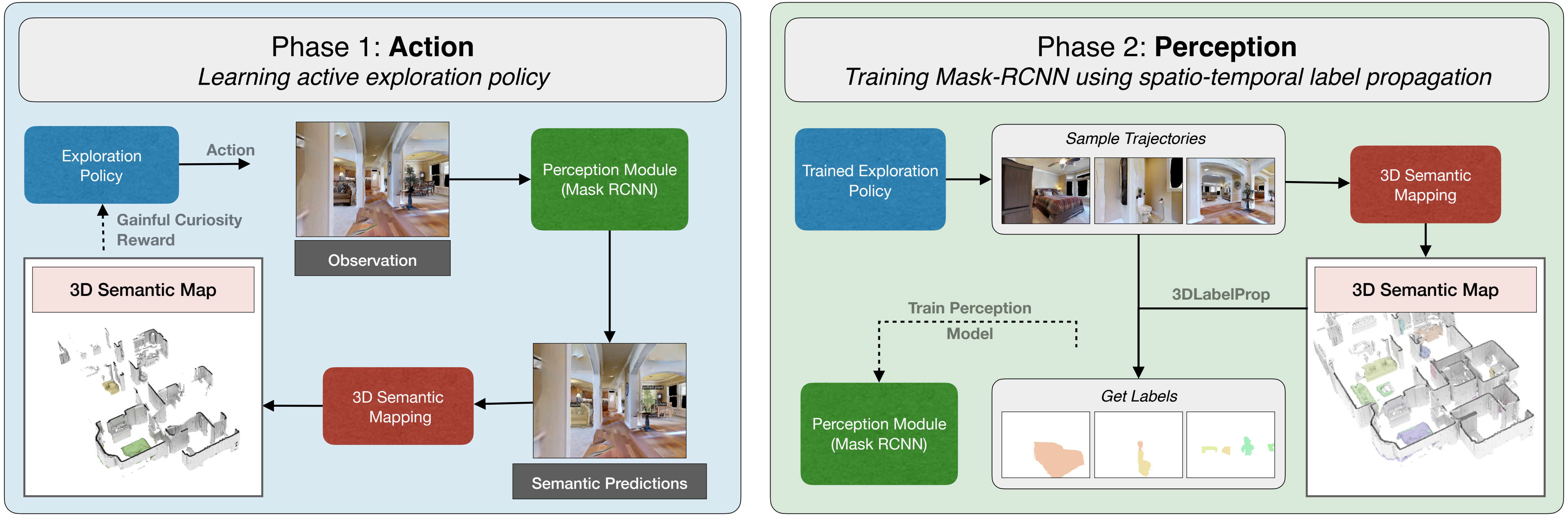

	Action	Perception
Generalization	Train	Train
Specialization	Train	Train + 1 episode test

Dataset

- Gibson dataset: 25 training and 5 test scenes
- 6 object categories: chair, couch, bed, toilet, TV, potted plant.
- Training Set: randomly sample 2500 images (500 per test scene)
- Evaluation Set: randomly sample 12,500 images (500 per training scene)
- Report bounding box and mask AP50 scores for detection and instance segmentation

Armeni et al , 3d scene graph: A structure for unified semantics, 3d space, and camera, ICCV 2019

Results

Method	Generalization		Specialization	
	Object Detection	Instance Segmentation	Object Detection	Instance Segmentation
Pretrained Mask-RCNN	34.82	32.54	34.82	32.54
Random Policy + Self-training [51]	33.41	31.89	34.11	31.23
Random Policy + Optical Flow [22]	33.97	32.34	34.33	32.22
Frontier Exploration [52] + Self-training [51]	33.78	32.45	33.29	32.50
Frontier Exploration [52] + Optical Flow [22]	35.22	31.90	34.19	32.12
Active Neural SLAM [10] + Self-training [51]	34.35	31.20	34.84	32.44
Active Neural SLAM [10] + Optical Flow [22]	35.85	32.22	35.90	33.12
Semantic Curiosity [11] + Self-training [51]	35.04	32.19	35.23	32.88
Semantic Curiosity [11] + Optical Flow [22]	35.61	32.57	35.71	33.29
SEAL	**40.02**	**36.23**	**41.23**	**37.28**

EIF: Embodied Instruction Following: ALFRED

Mohit Shridhar, Jesse Thomason, Daniel Gordon, Yonatan Bisk, Winson Han, Roozbeh Mottaghi, Luke Zettlemoyer, and Dieter Fox. Alfred: A benchmark for interpreting grounded instructions for everyday tasks

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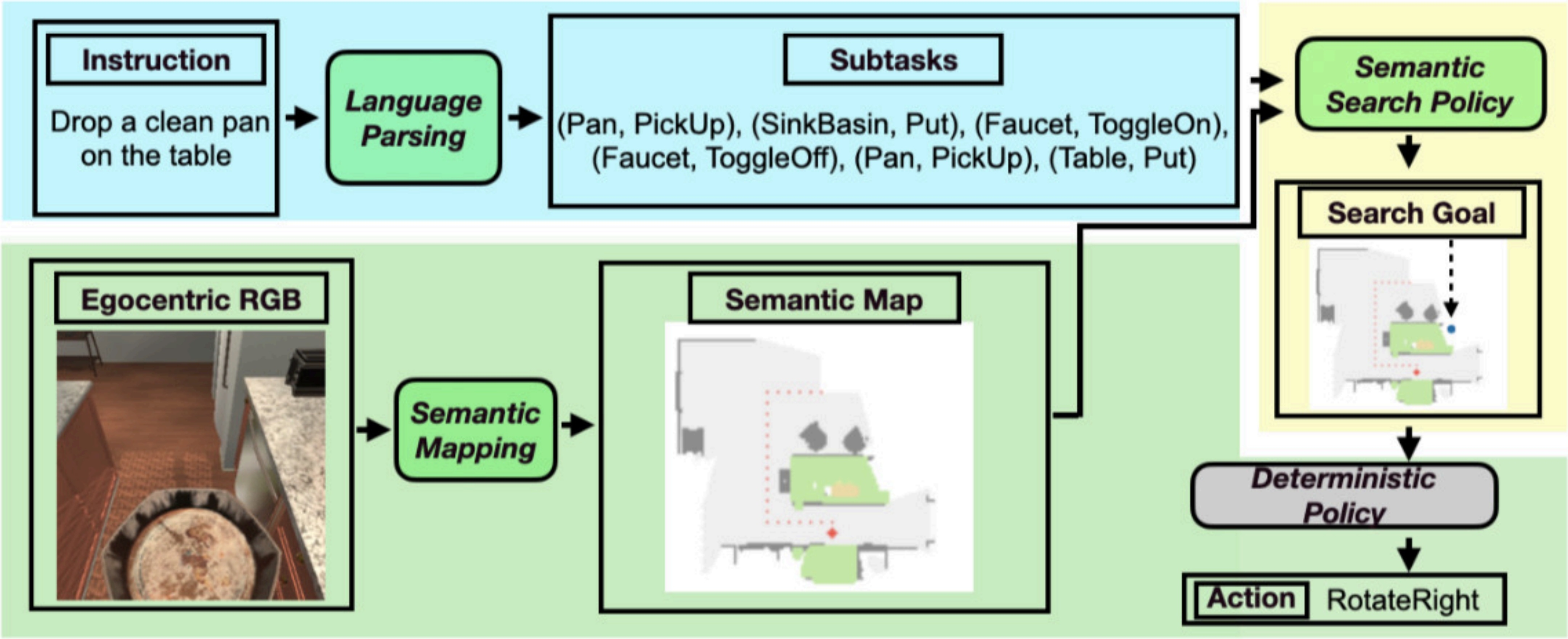

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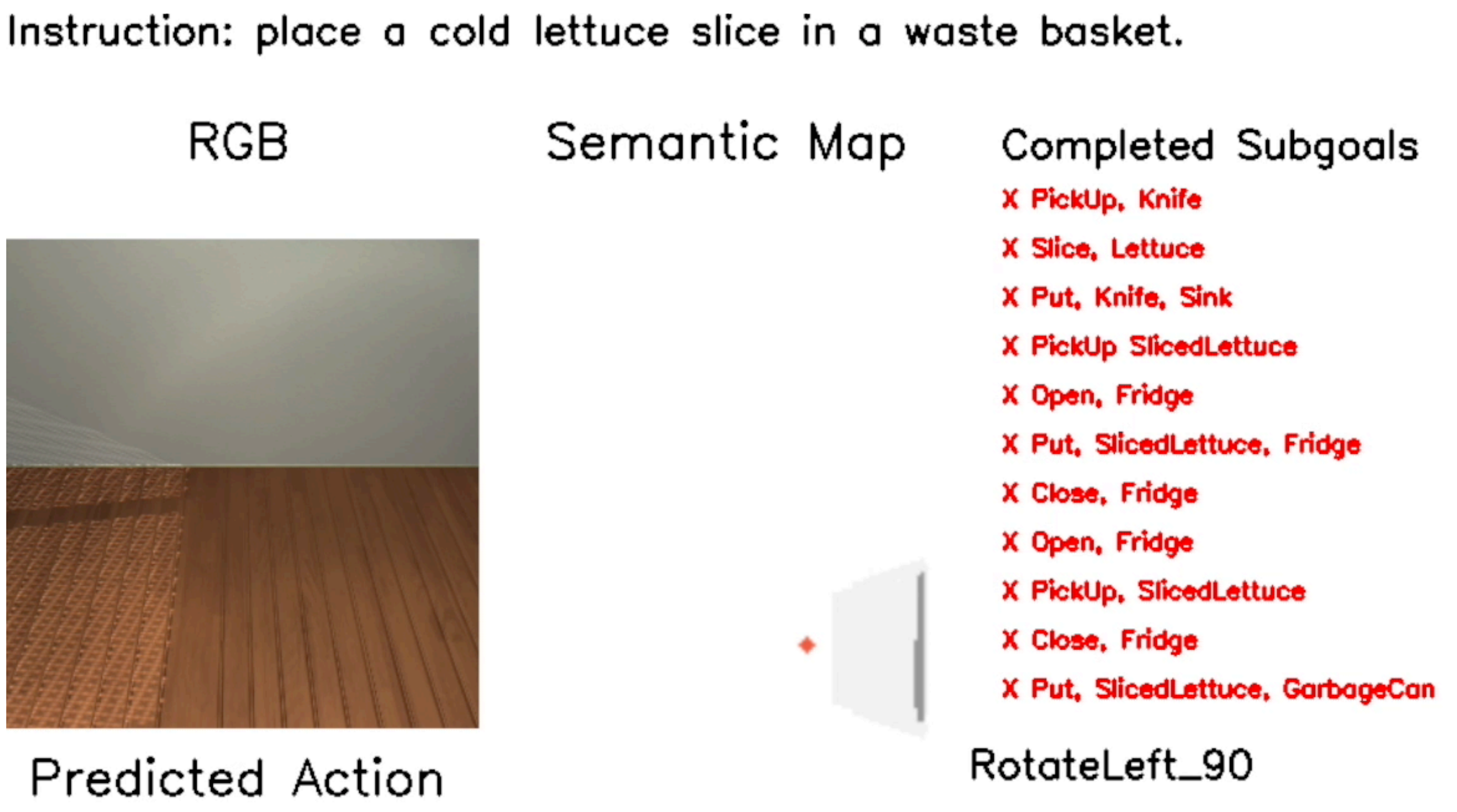

Results

Table 1: Test results. Top section uses step-by-step instructions; the bottom section does not.

Method		Tests Seen				Tests Unseen			
		PLWGC	GC	PLWSR	SR	PLWGC	GC	PLWSR	SR
Low-level Sequential Instructions + High-level Goal Instruction									
SEQ2SEQ	(Shridhar et al., 2020)	6.27	9.42	2.02	3.98	4.26	7.03	0.08	3.9
MOCA	(Singh et al., 2020)	22.05	28.29	15.10	22.05	9.99	14.28	2.72	5.30
E.T.	(Pashevich et al., 2021)	-	36.47	-	28.77	-	15.01	-	5.04
E.T. + synth. data	(Pashevich et al., 2021)	**34.93**	45.44	27.78	38.42	11.46	18.56	4.10	8.57
LWIT	(Nguyen et al., 2021)	23.10	40.53	**43.10**	30.92	16.34	20.91	5.60	9.42
HITUT	(Zhang & Chai, 2021)	17.41	29.97	11.10	21.27	11.51	20.31	5.86	13.87
ABP	(Kim et al., 2021)	4.92	**51.13**	3.88	**44.55**	2.22	24.76	1.08	15.43
FILM W.O. SEMANTIC SEARCH		13.10	35.59	9.43	25.90	13.37	35.51	10.17	23.94
FILM		15.06	38.51	11.23	27.67	**14.30**	**36.37**	**10.55**	**26.49**
High-level Goal Instruction Only									
LAV	(Nottingham et al., 2021)	13.18	23.21	6.31	13.35	10.47	17.27	3.12	6.38
HITUT G-only	(Zhang & Chai, 2021)	-	21.11	-	13.63	-	17.89	-	11.12
HLSM	(Blukis et al., 2021)	11.53	35.79	6.69	25.11	8.45	27.24	4.34	16.29
FILM W.O. SEMANTIC SEARCH		12.22	34.41	8.65	24.72	12.69	34.00	9.44	22.56
FILM		**14.17**	**36.15**	**10.39**	**25.77**	**13.13**	**34.75**	**9.67**	**24.46**

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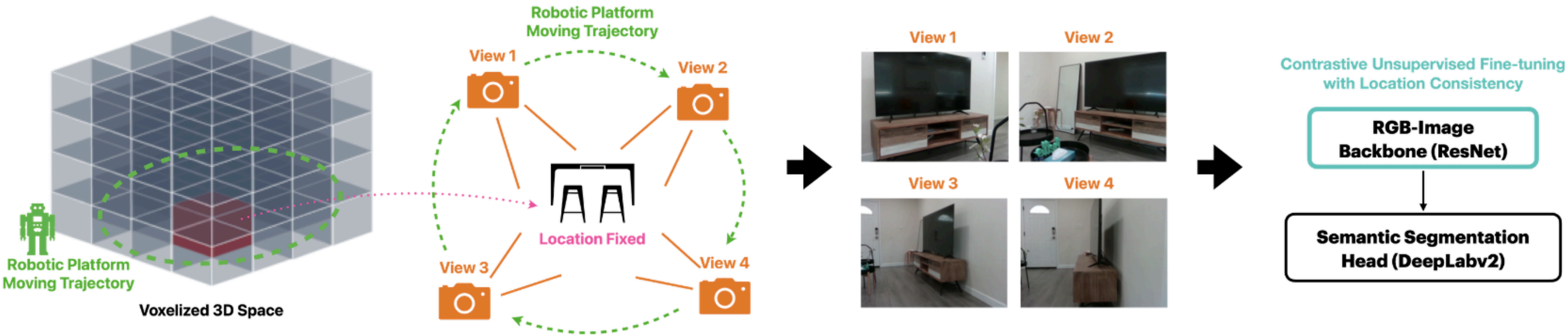
Self-supervision with Location Consistency



Object Goal Navigation with End-to-End Self-Supervision, S. Min, H. Tsai, W. Ding, A. Farhadi, R. Salakhutdinov, Y. Bisk, J. Zhang, 2023

Finding Bed

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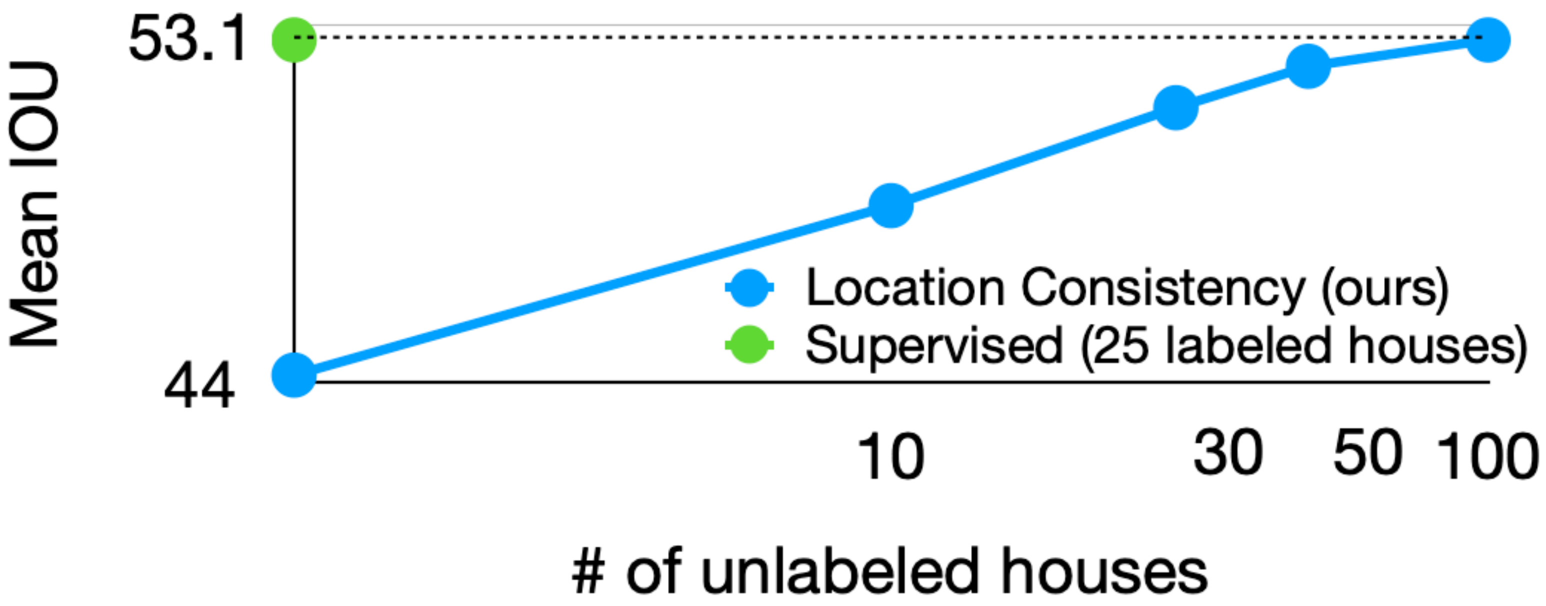
Self-Supervision: Semantic Segmentation

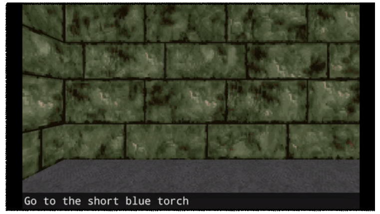


Simulation to Real

Games

ViZDoom

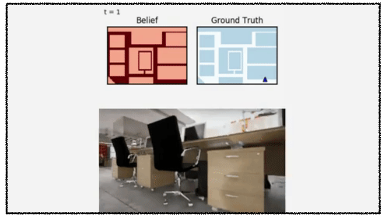
[CL *AAAI-17*]



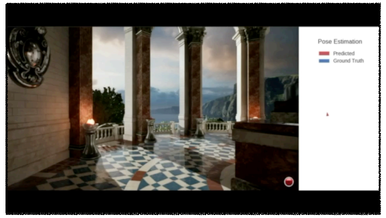
[CMPRS *AAAI-18*]

Photorealistic simulation

Unreal



[CPS *ICLR-18*]

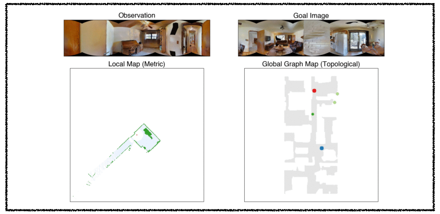


[PCZS *CVPR-18 (w)*]

Reconstructed simulation

Habitat (Gibson, MP3D)

[CGSGG *ICLR-20*]



[CSGG *CVPR-20*]

Physical Domain Gap

Visual Domain Gap

Real-world

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Simulation to Real

- Physical Domain Gap
  - Actuation noise models
  - Sensor noise models
- Visual Domain Gap
  - Image Translation
  - Policy-based

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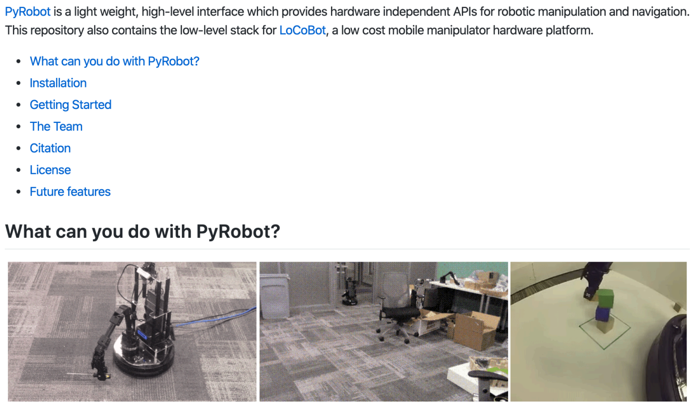

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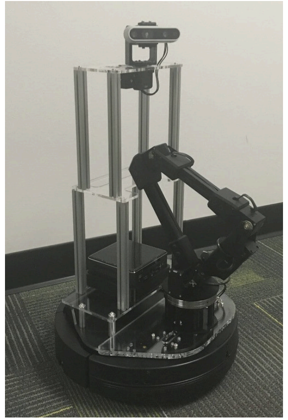

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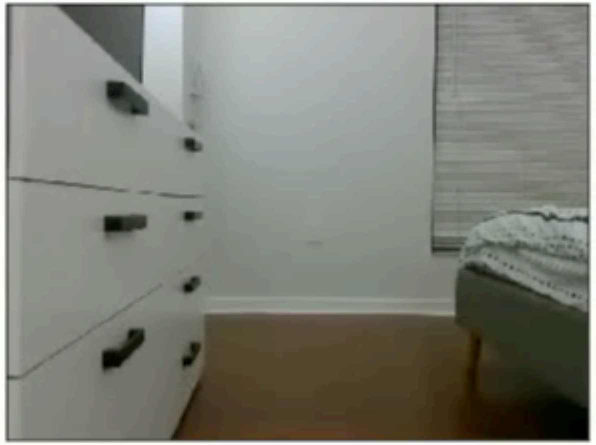

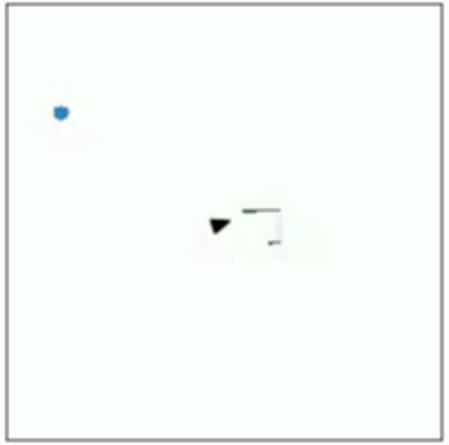

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Localize and Plan
Multi-modal Input
Perceptive Human Speech
Reason & Understand Language
Recognize objects