Pathway to Generalist Robots: Scaling Law, Data Flywheel, and Humanlike Embodiment

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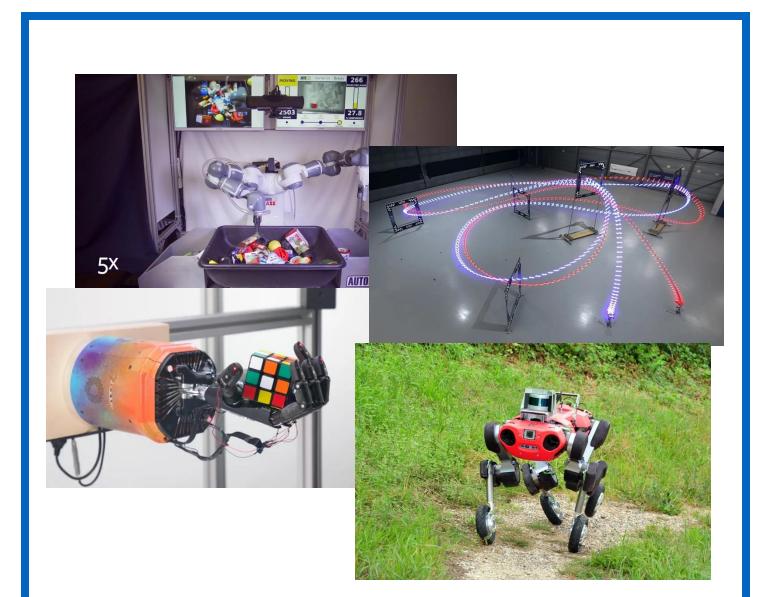
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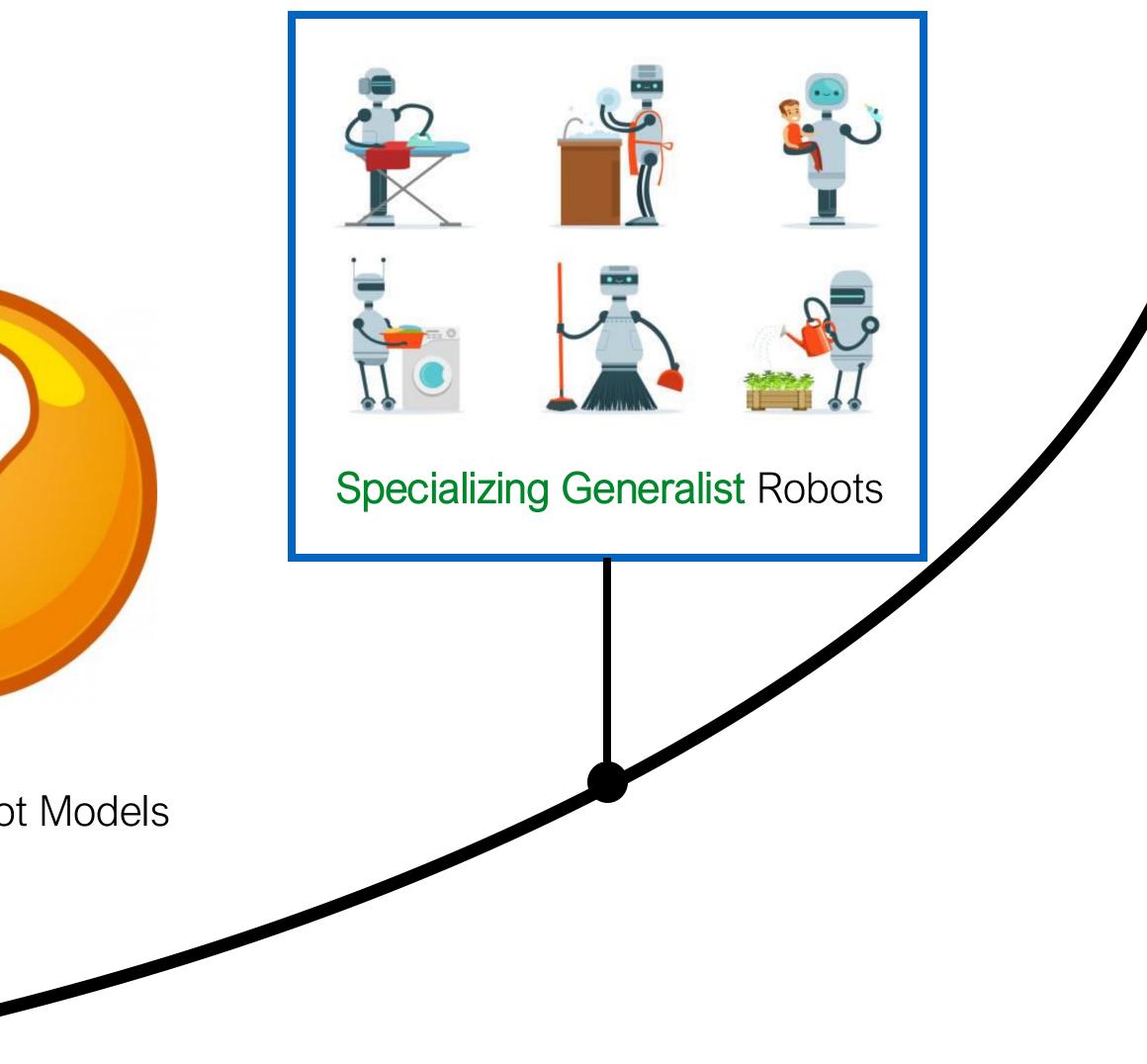




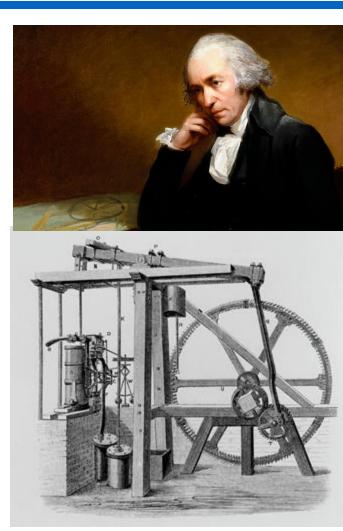


Generalist Robot Models

Specialist Robots





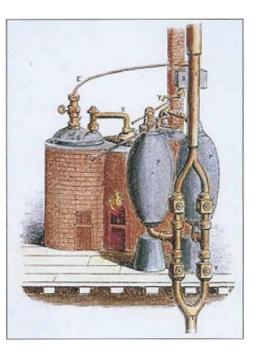


Watt's Steam Engine (James Watt, 1764)





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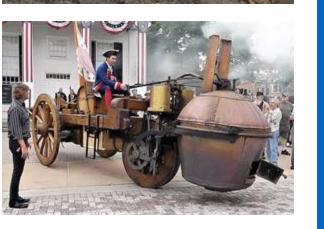
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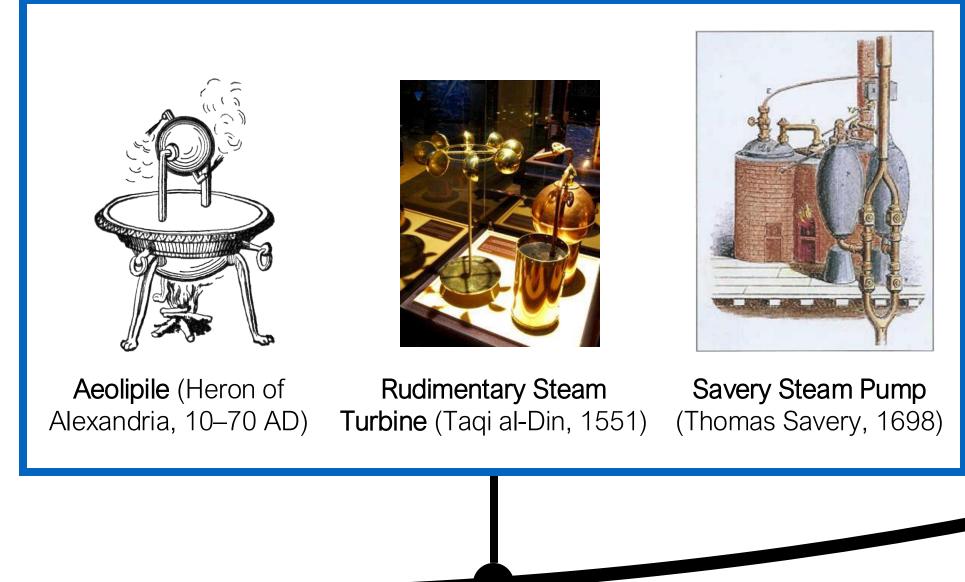






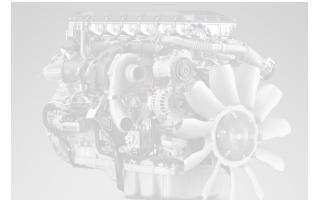


Specialist technology working in limited conditions





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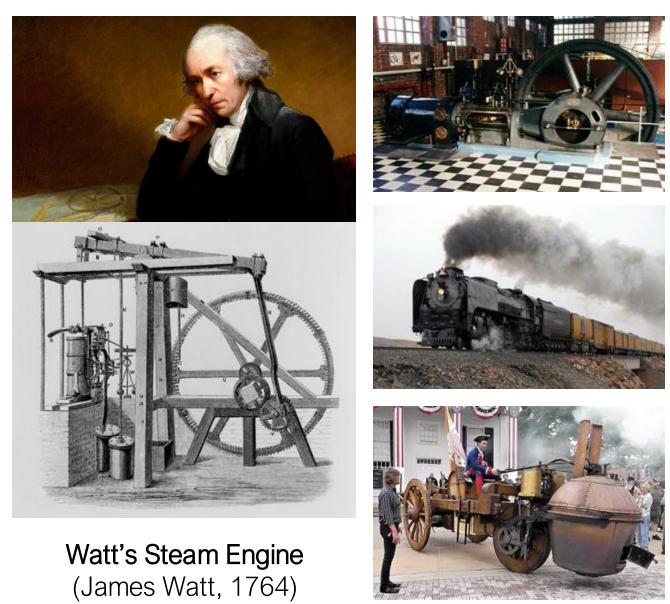
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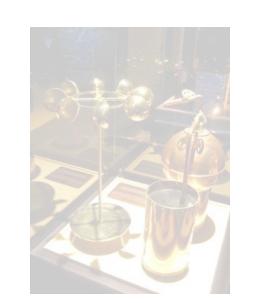




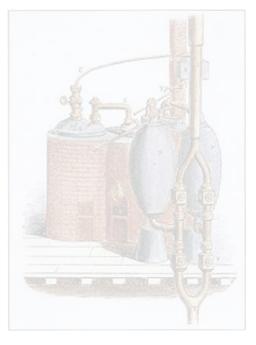
Generalist technology leading to widespread adoption

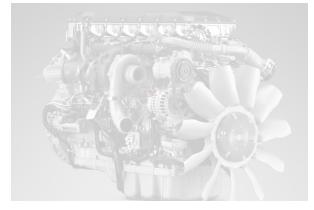






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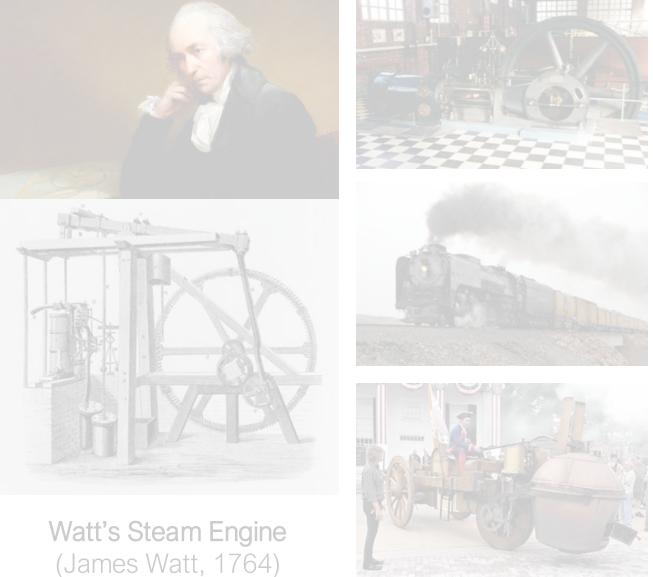
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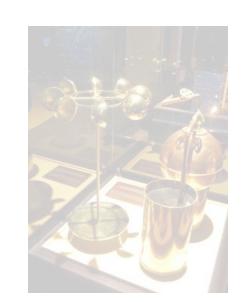
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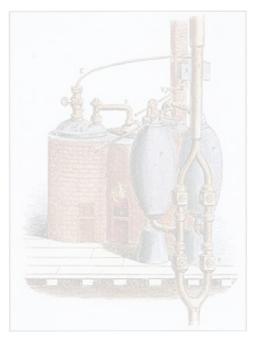
Further specialization for various problem domains

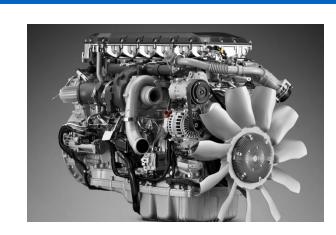






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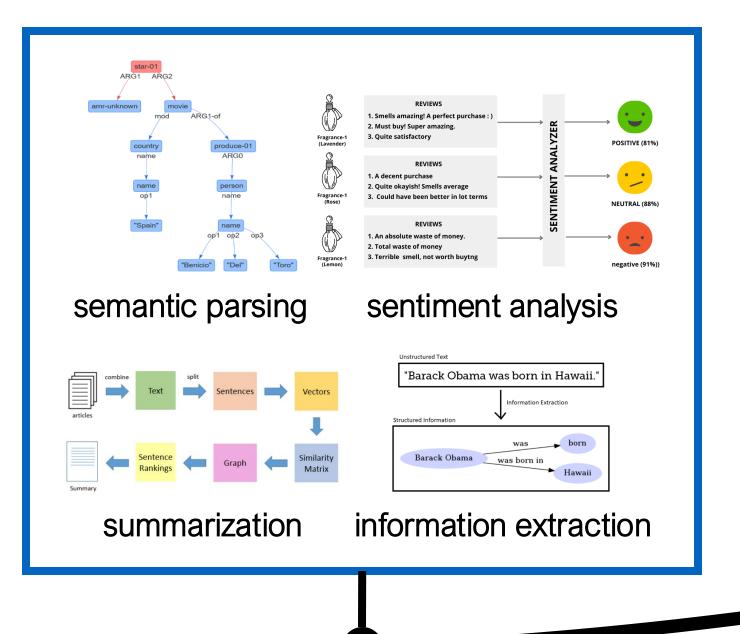


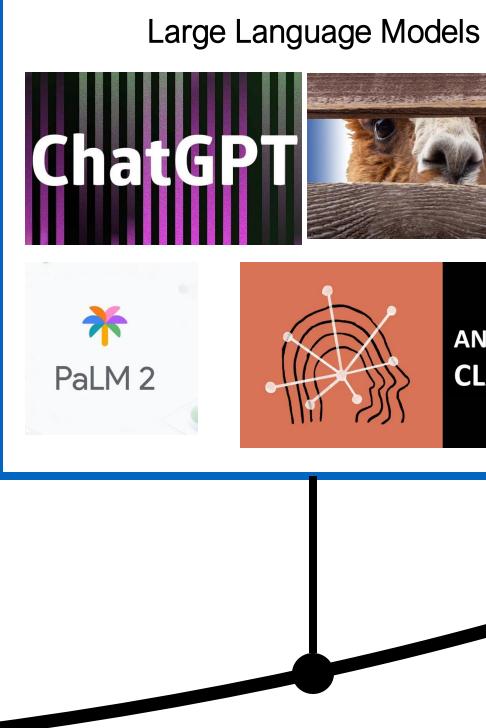
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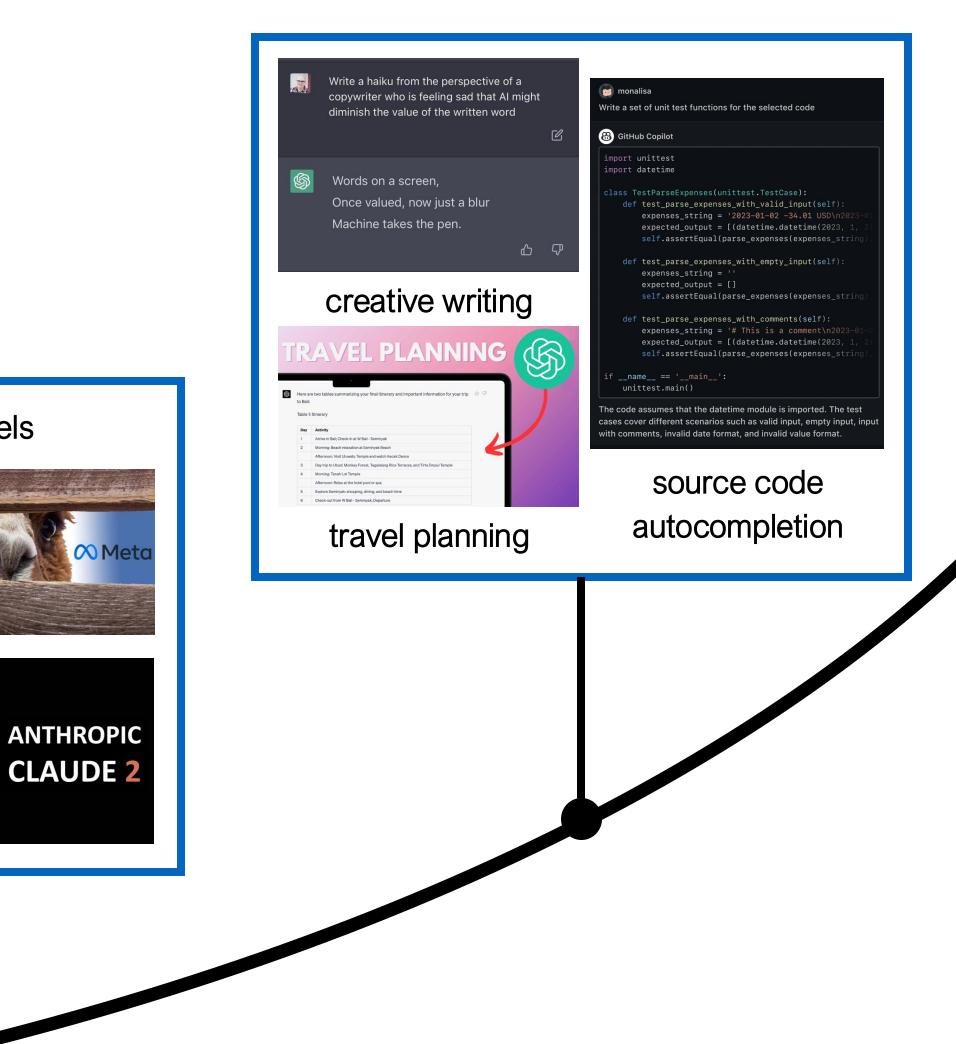


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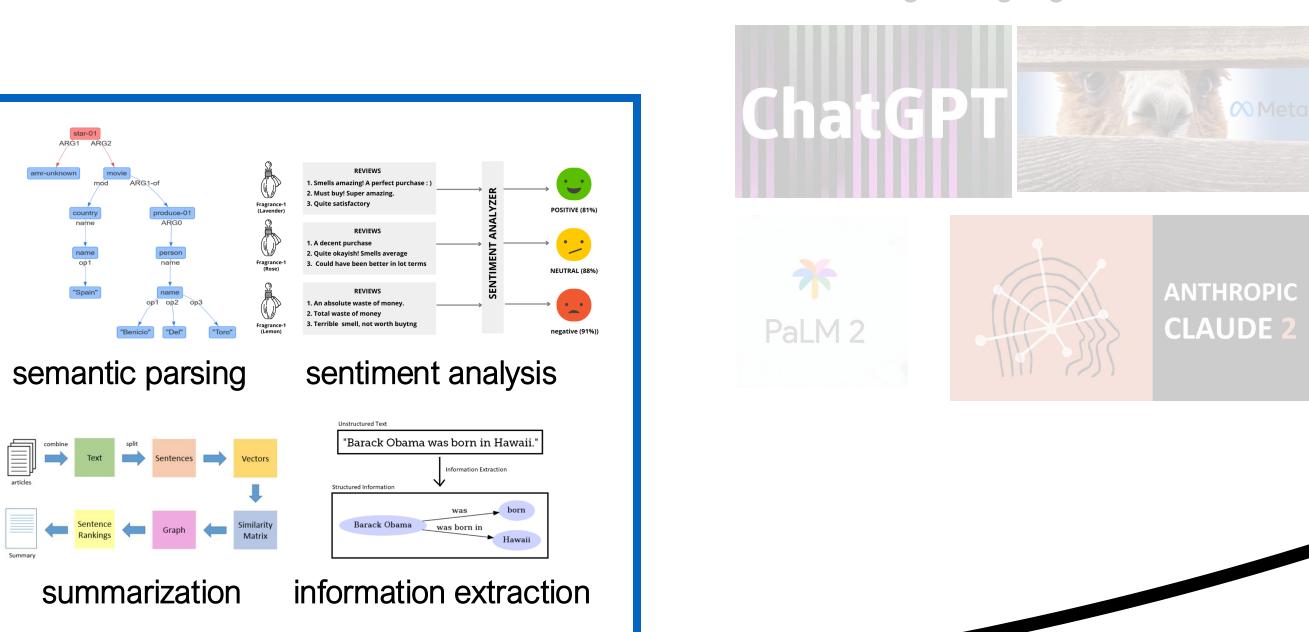


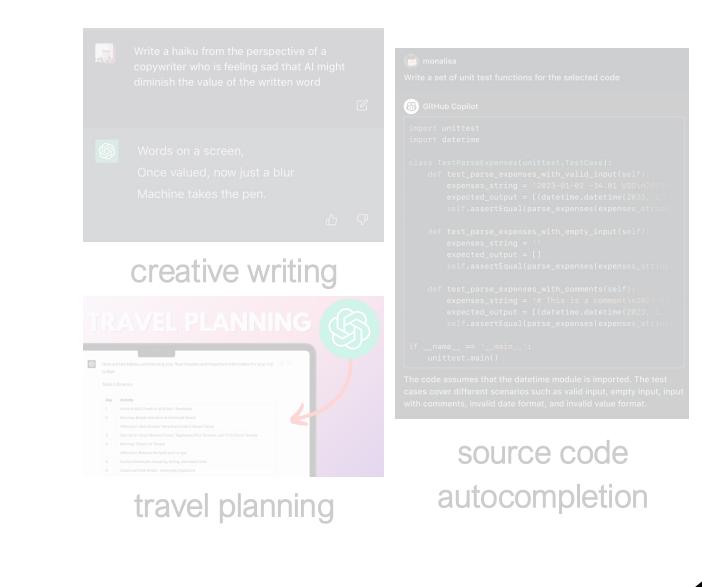






Large Language Models

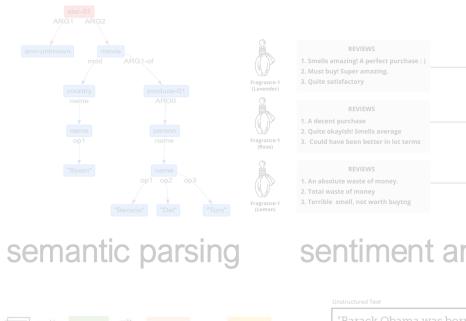


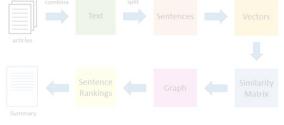












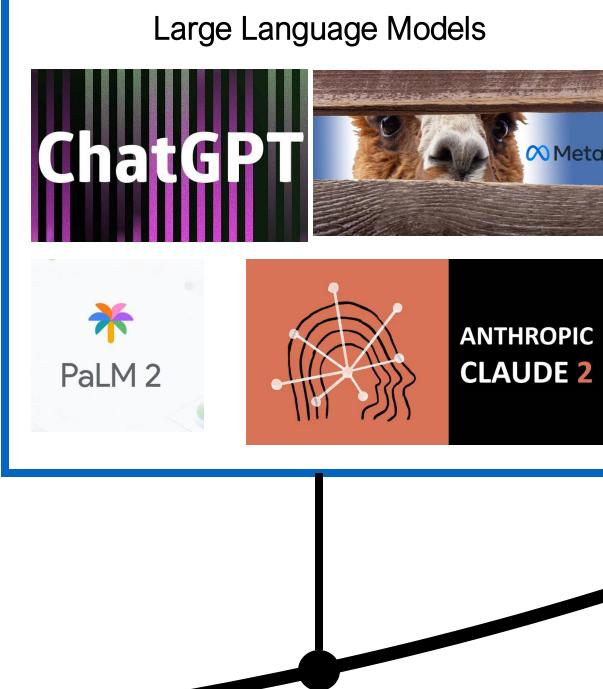
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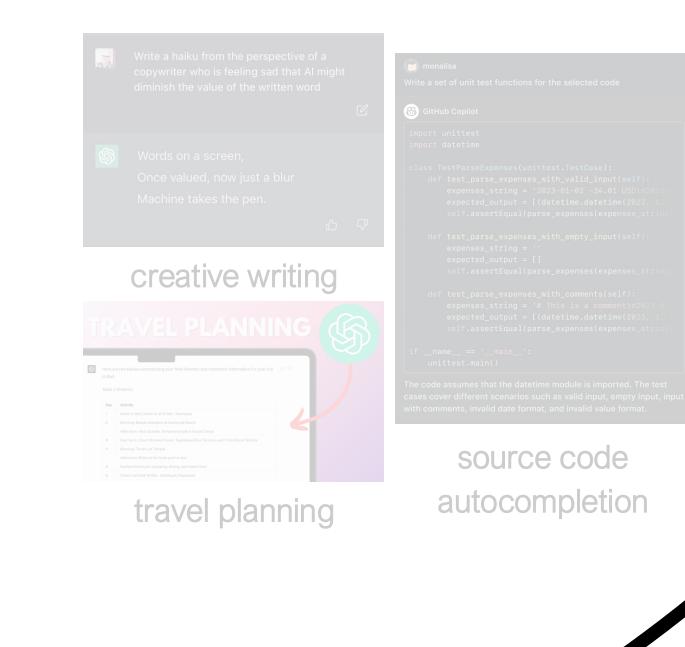
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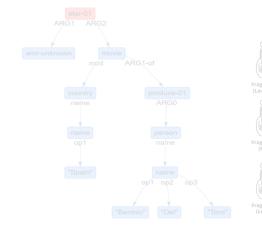




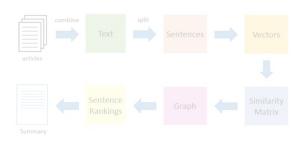


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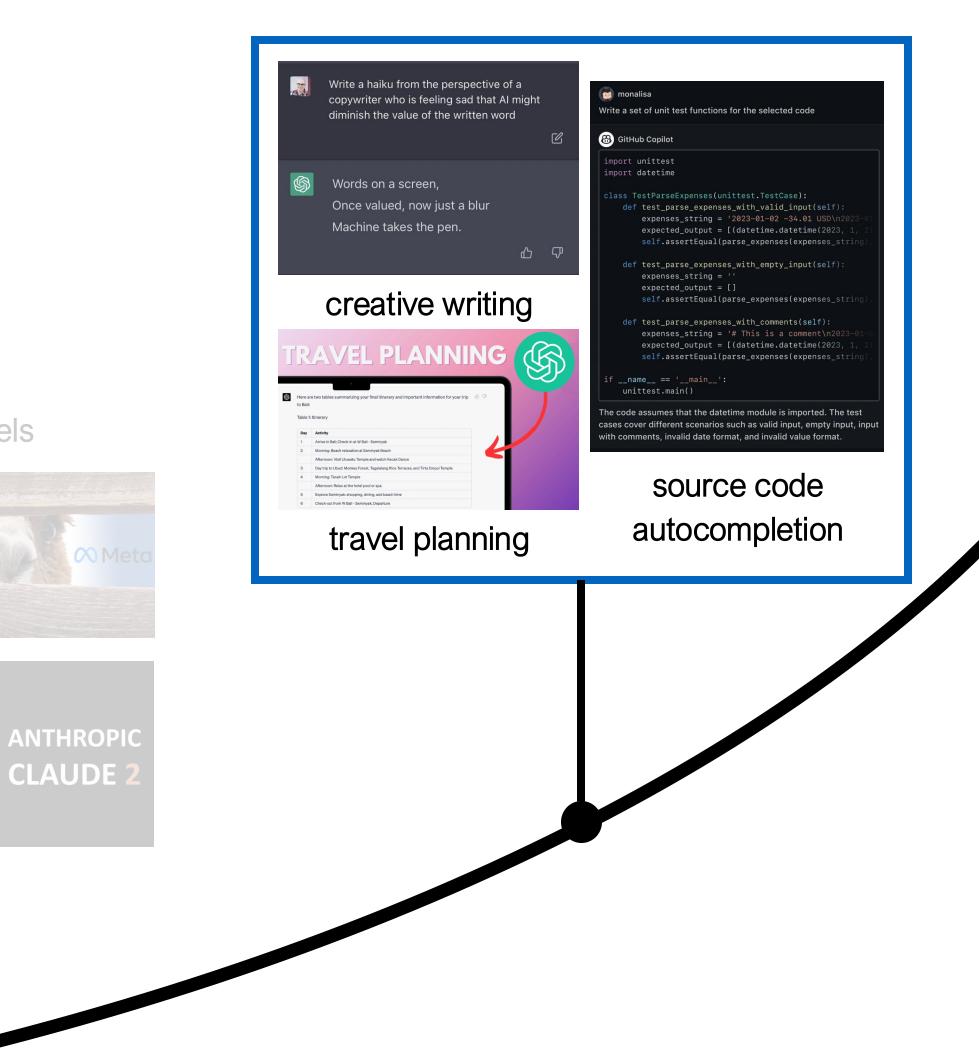
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Powerful robot learning models that scale with data and compute



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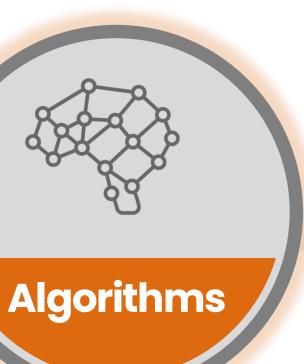
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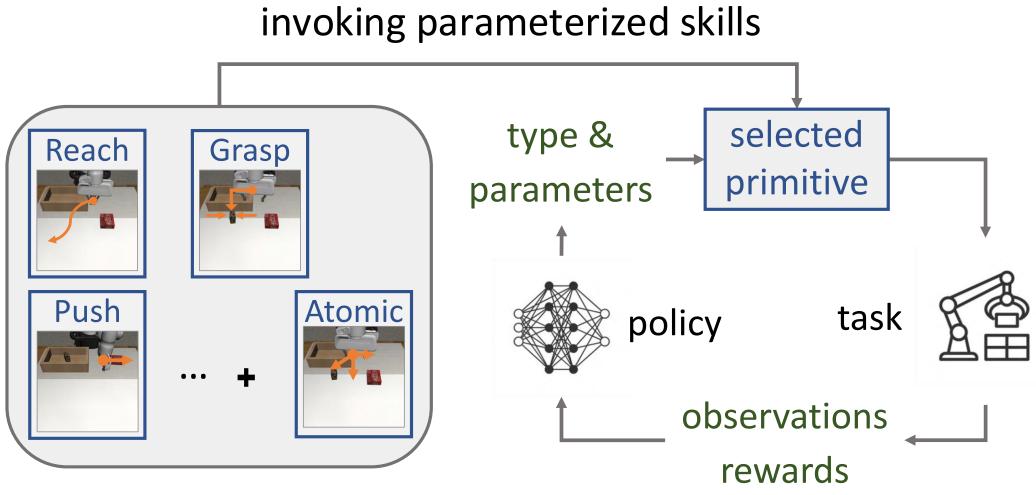


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Key Idea: Skills as APIs and Scaling Law



library of skill APIs

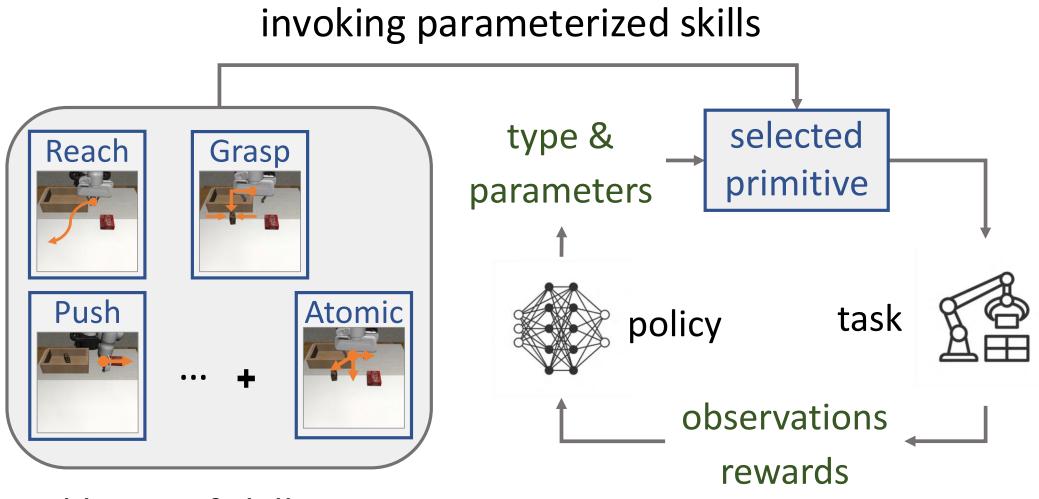
Skills as APIs

(Nasiriany et al. ICRA 2022)



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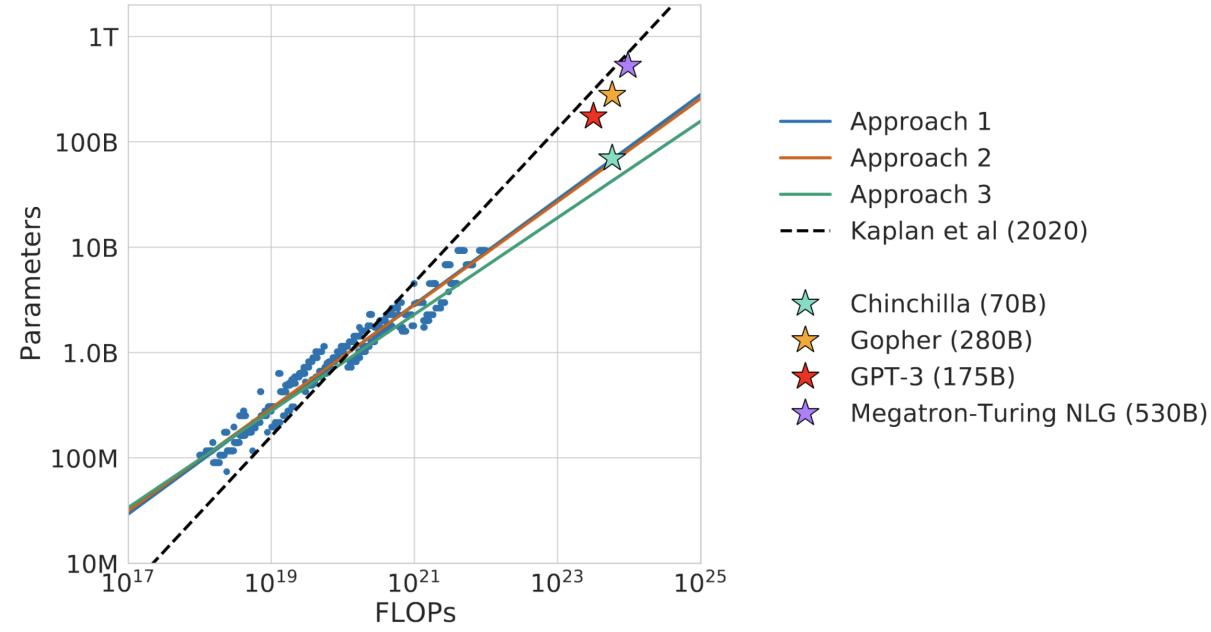
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Scaling Law for Language Models

(Kaplan et al. 2020; Hoffmann et al. 2022)



Raw visual observation



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Raw visual observation

General object proposals

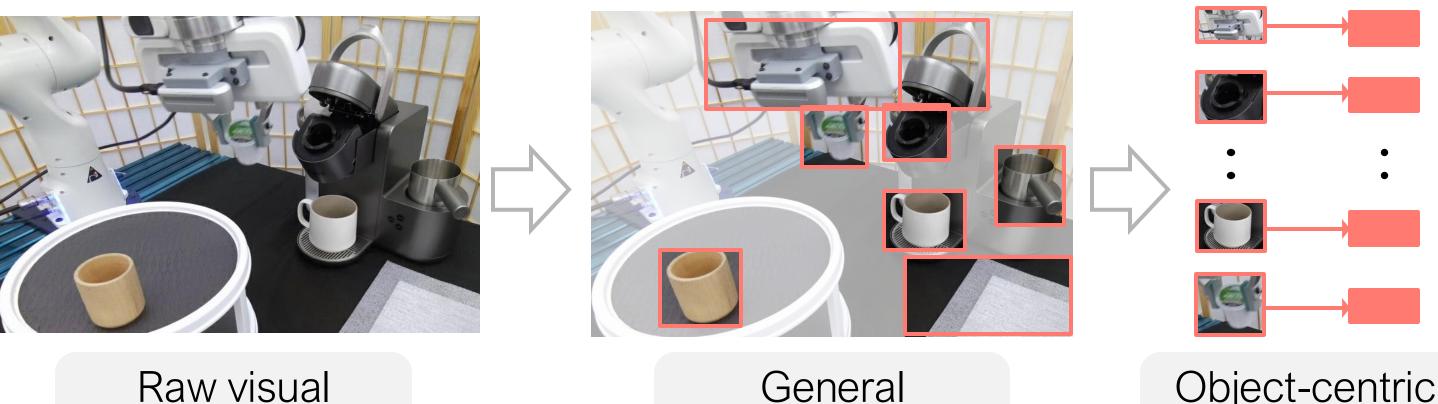


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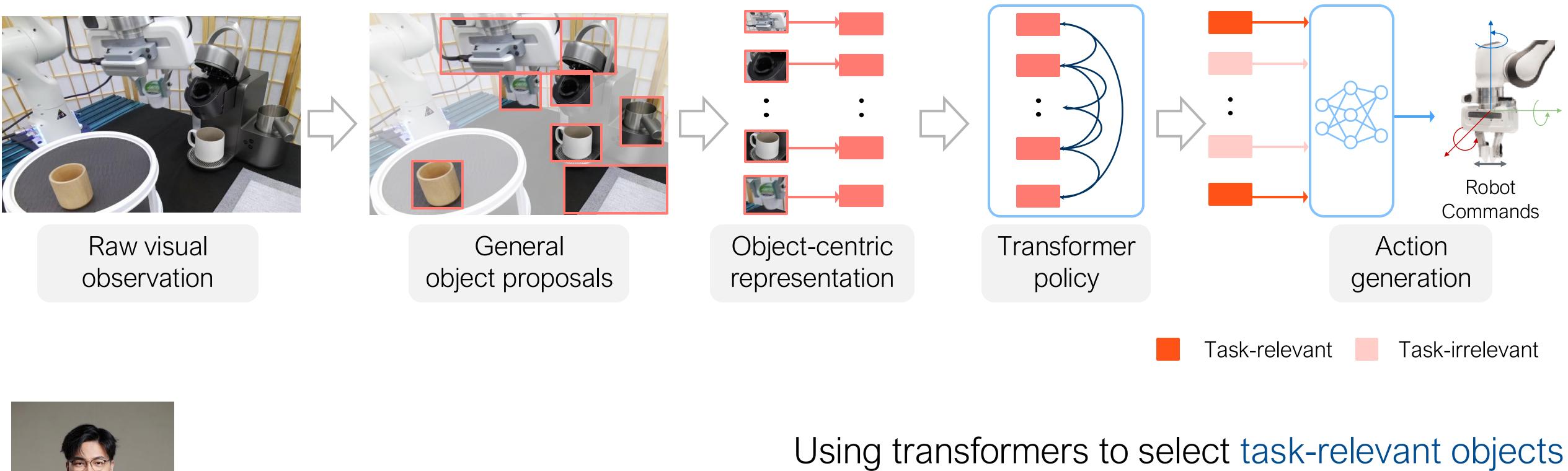


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Object-centric representation

Encoding object visual appearances and their spatial locations







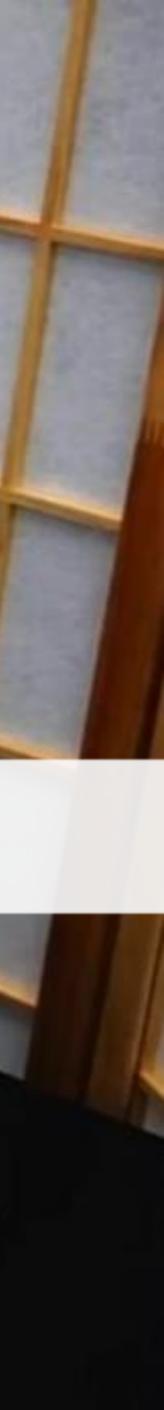
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and reason about their relations



It learns to make coffee without additional 50 annotations on human demonstrations.

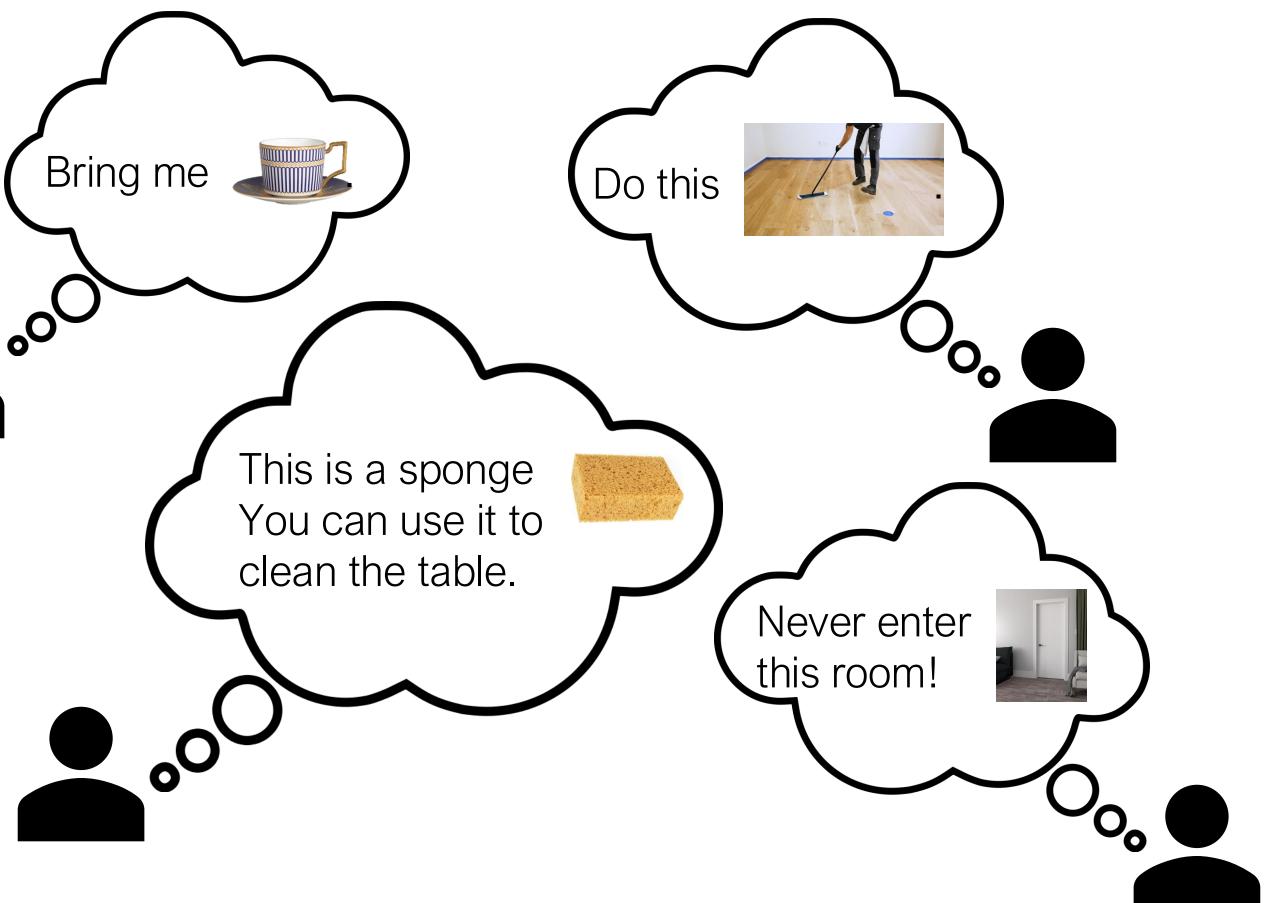
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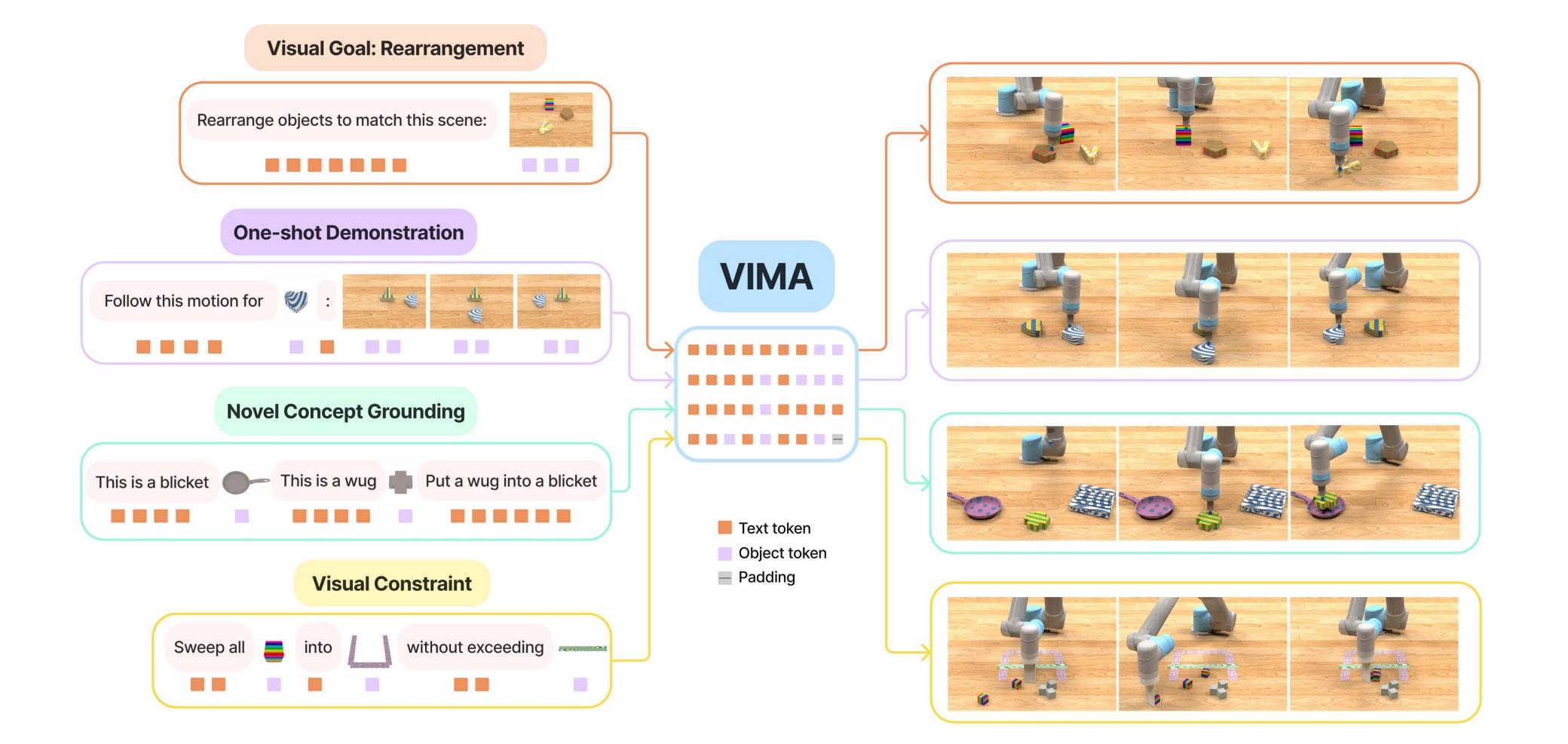
Massively Multi-Task Robot Learning for Model Scaling What if we can prompt a household robot to ... Recite the first law of robotics Input Prompt: Bring me Do this 0 ~0₀ .

Output: A robot may not injure a human being

[Credit: Jay Alammar]





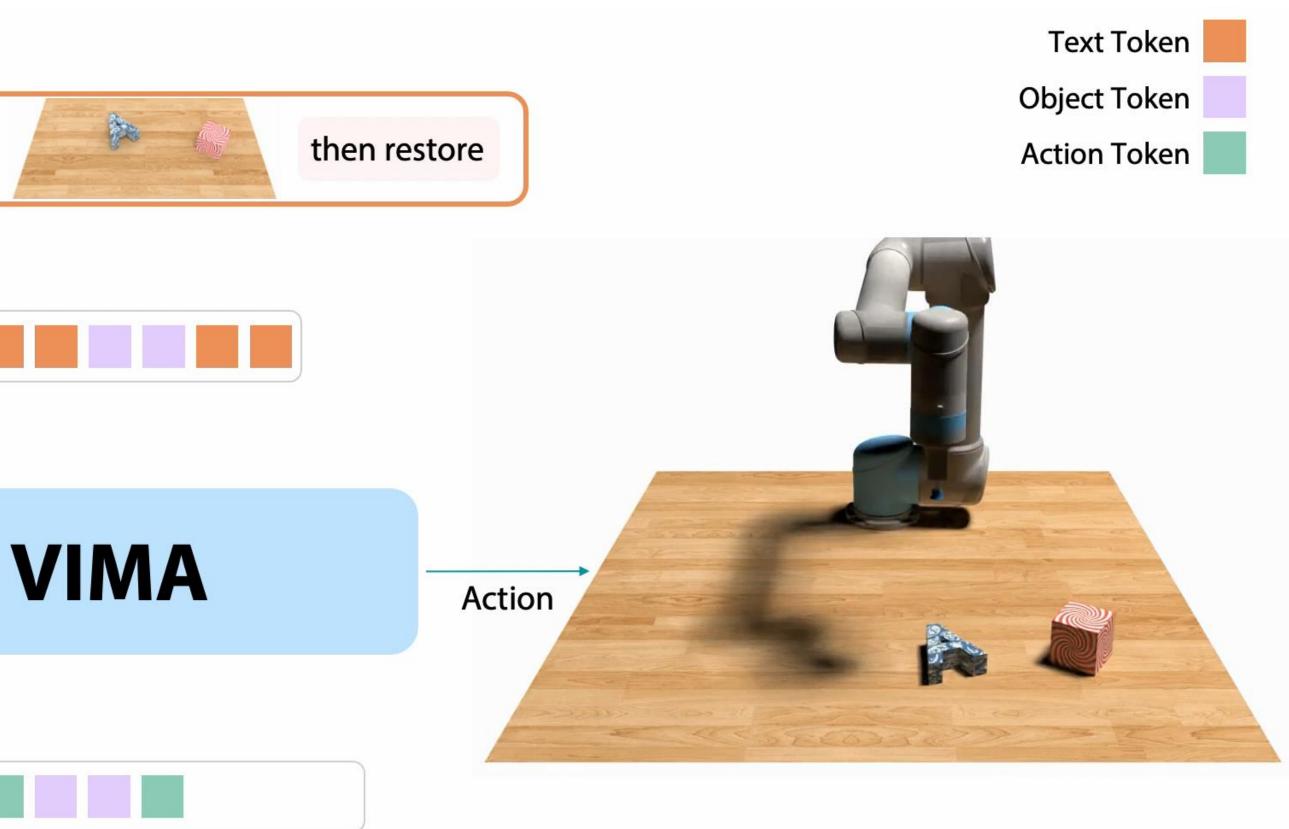


generalist robot agent for multi-task learning and zero-shot generalization

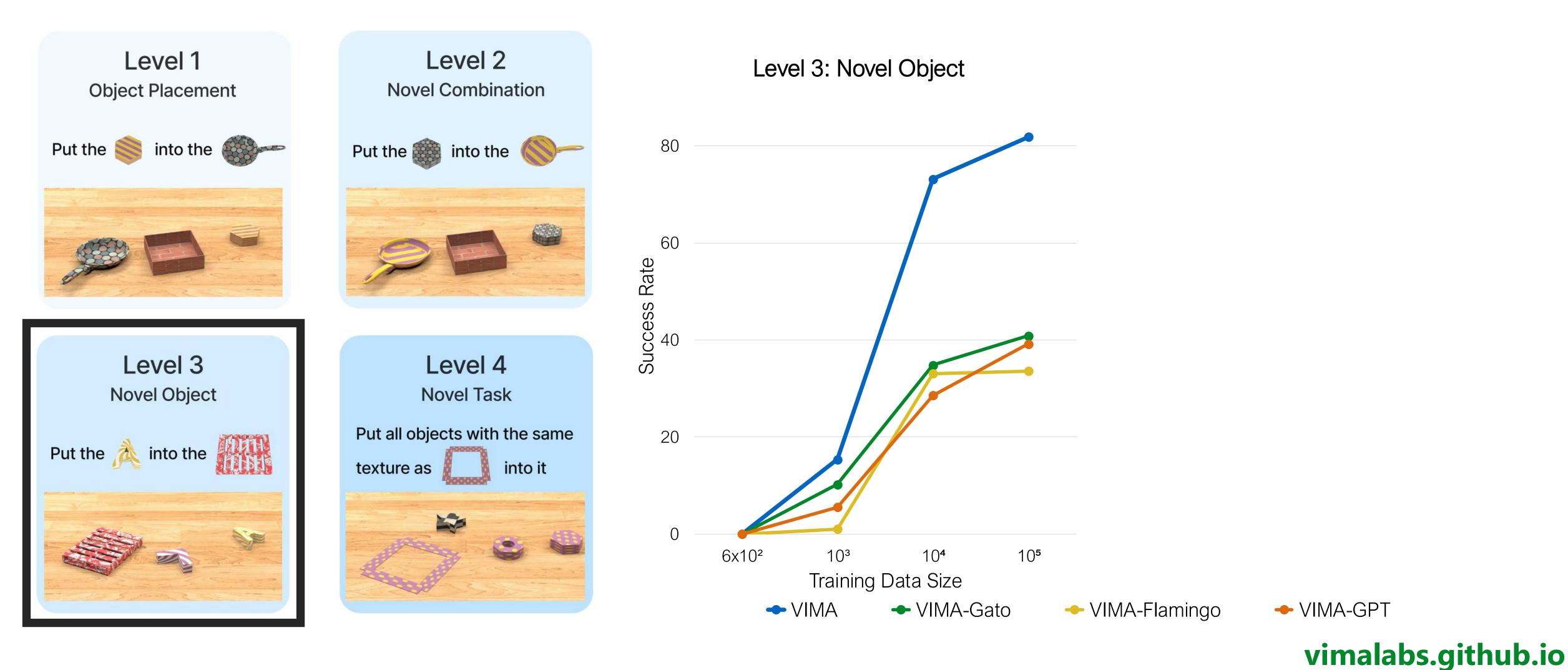
Massively Multi-Task Robot Learning for Model Scaling VIMA: Visuo-Motor Attention model

- Transformer **encoder-decoder**; ullet
- Encodes multimodal prompts lacksquarewith a frozen language model;
- **Object-centric** representations for visual observations
- Predicts skill APIs given the \bullet prompt and interaction history.

Rearrange to this
Prompt Tokens
History Tokens

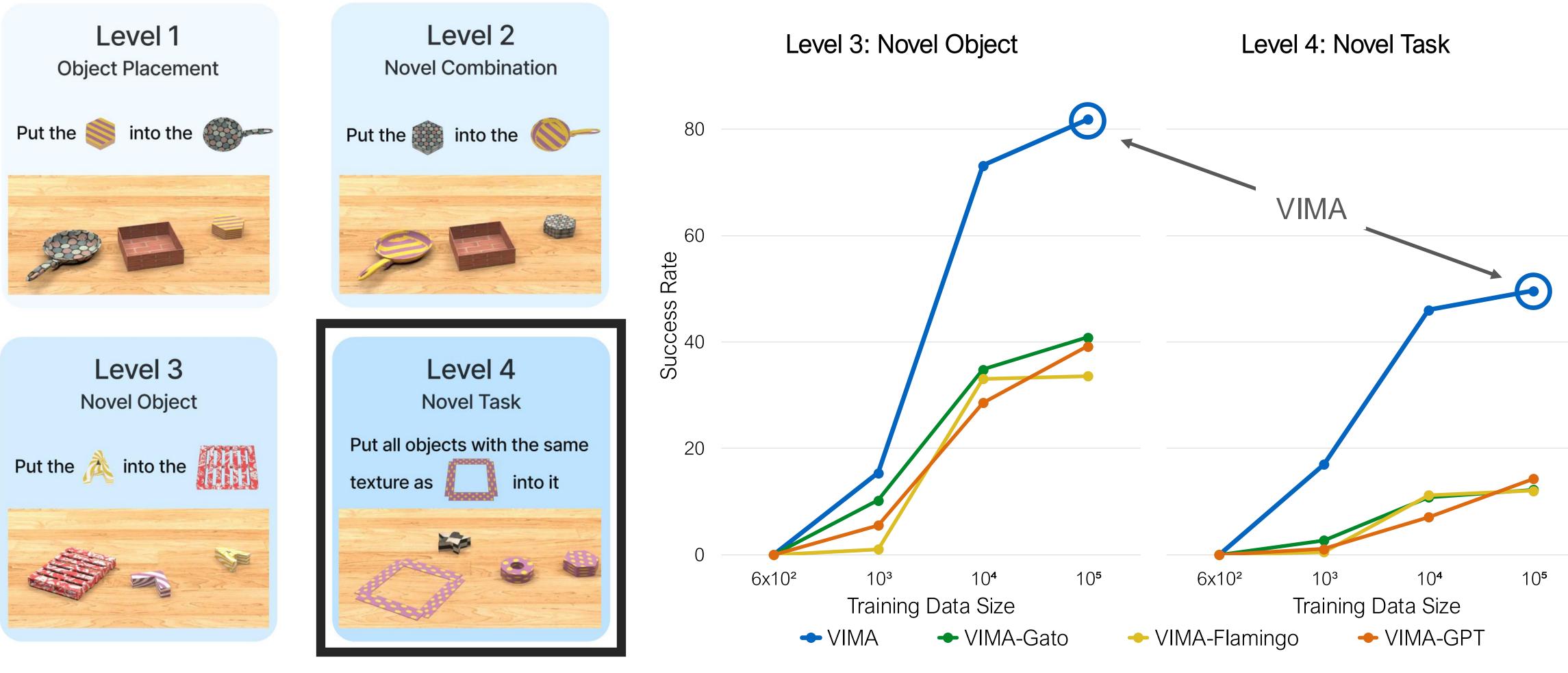


"VIMA: General Robot Manipulation with Multimodal Prompts." Jiang et al. ICML 2023



Data scalability from 0.1% to full dataset



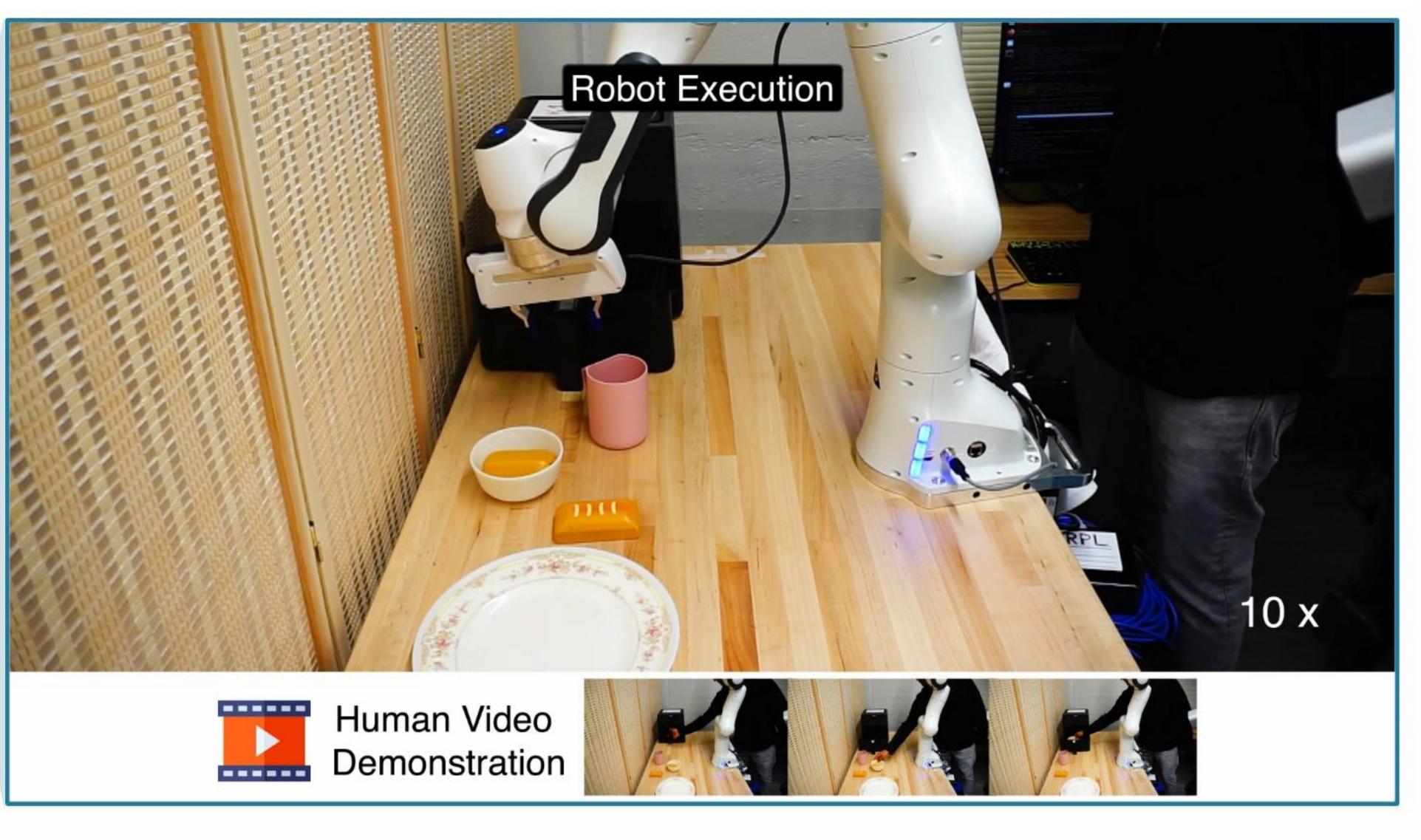


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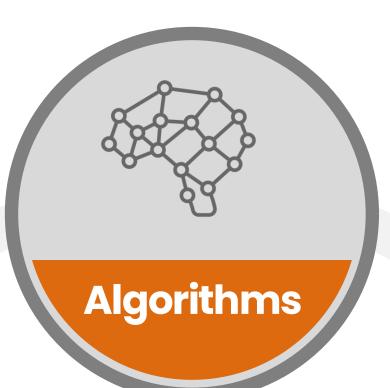
[Shah et al. CoRL 2023]

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Key Idea: Robot Learning Data Flywheel

How can we ensure trustworthy deployment?

Wider Deployments

More Capable

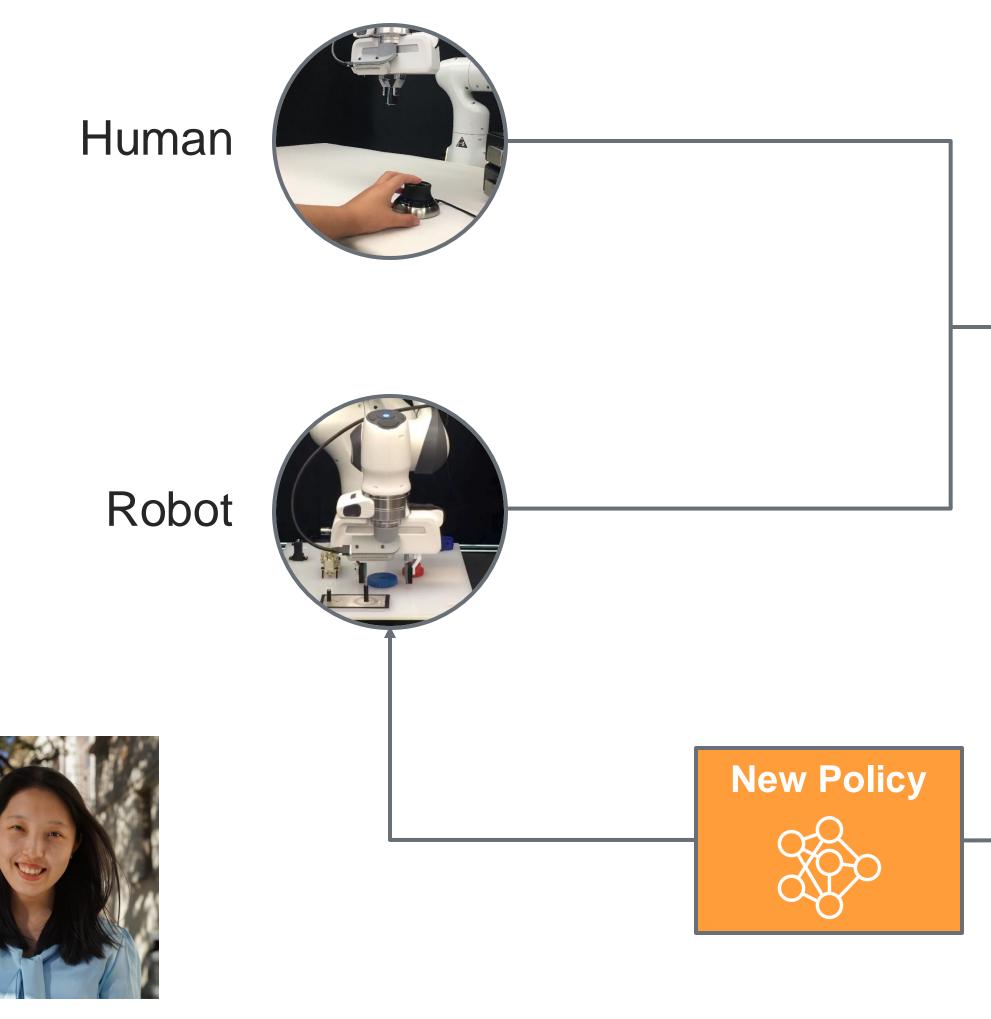
Robots

More Training Data

How can robots learn continually with more data?

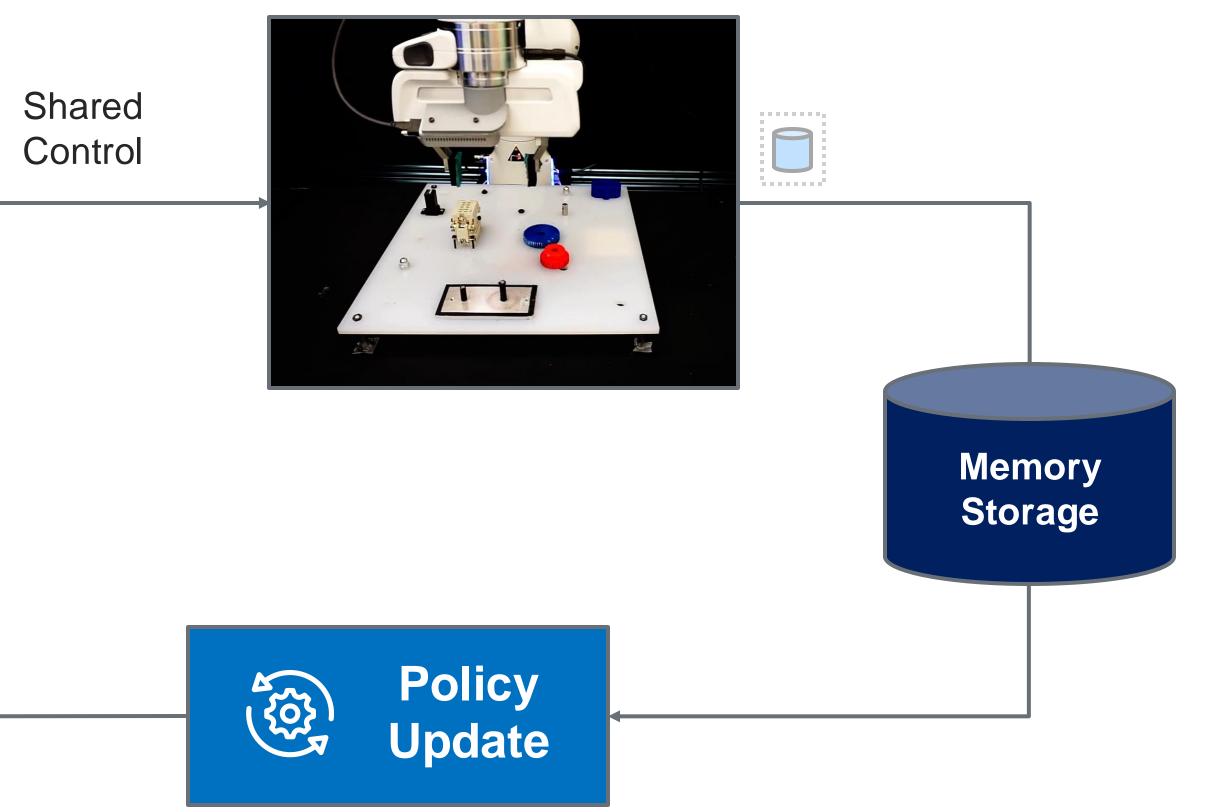
Better Models



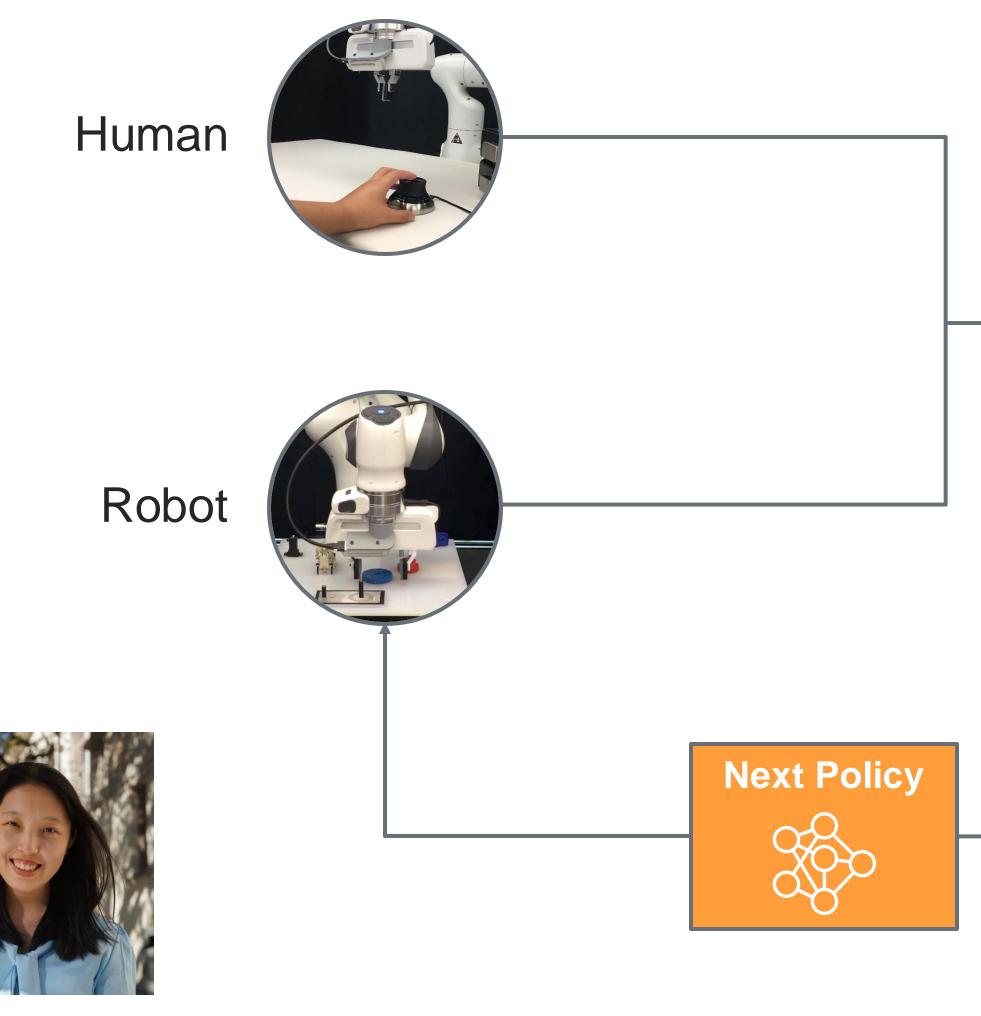


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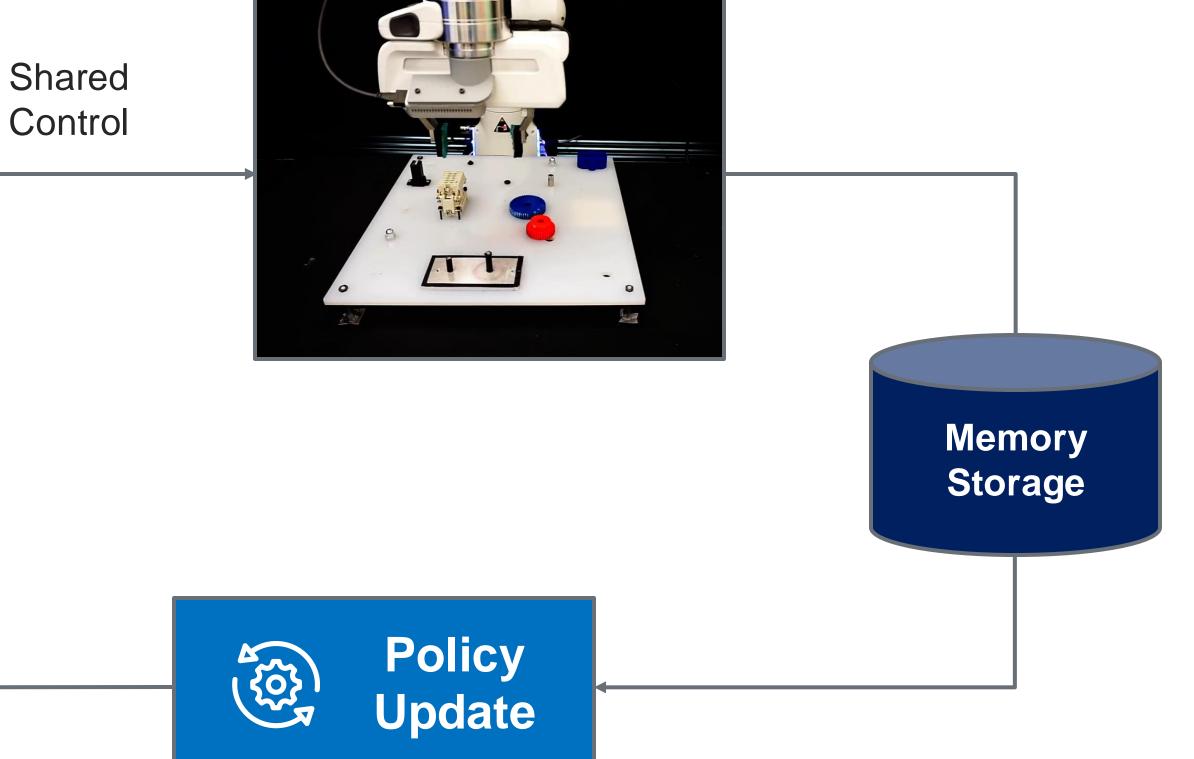




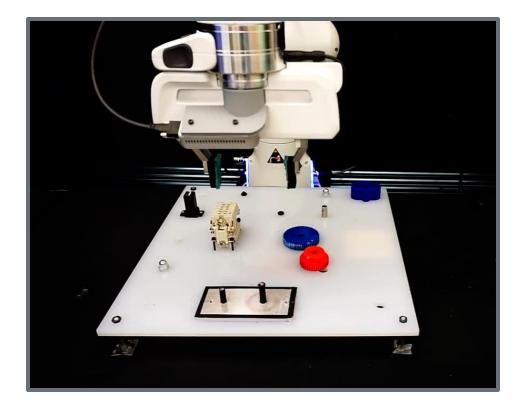


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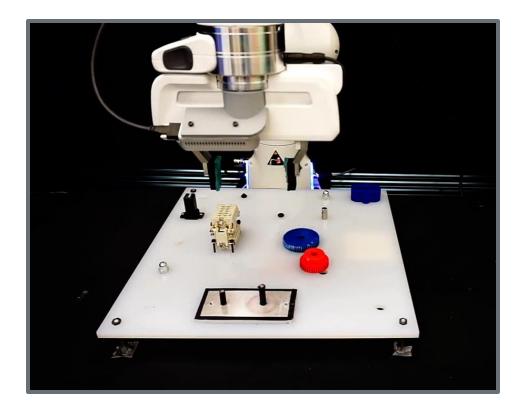
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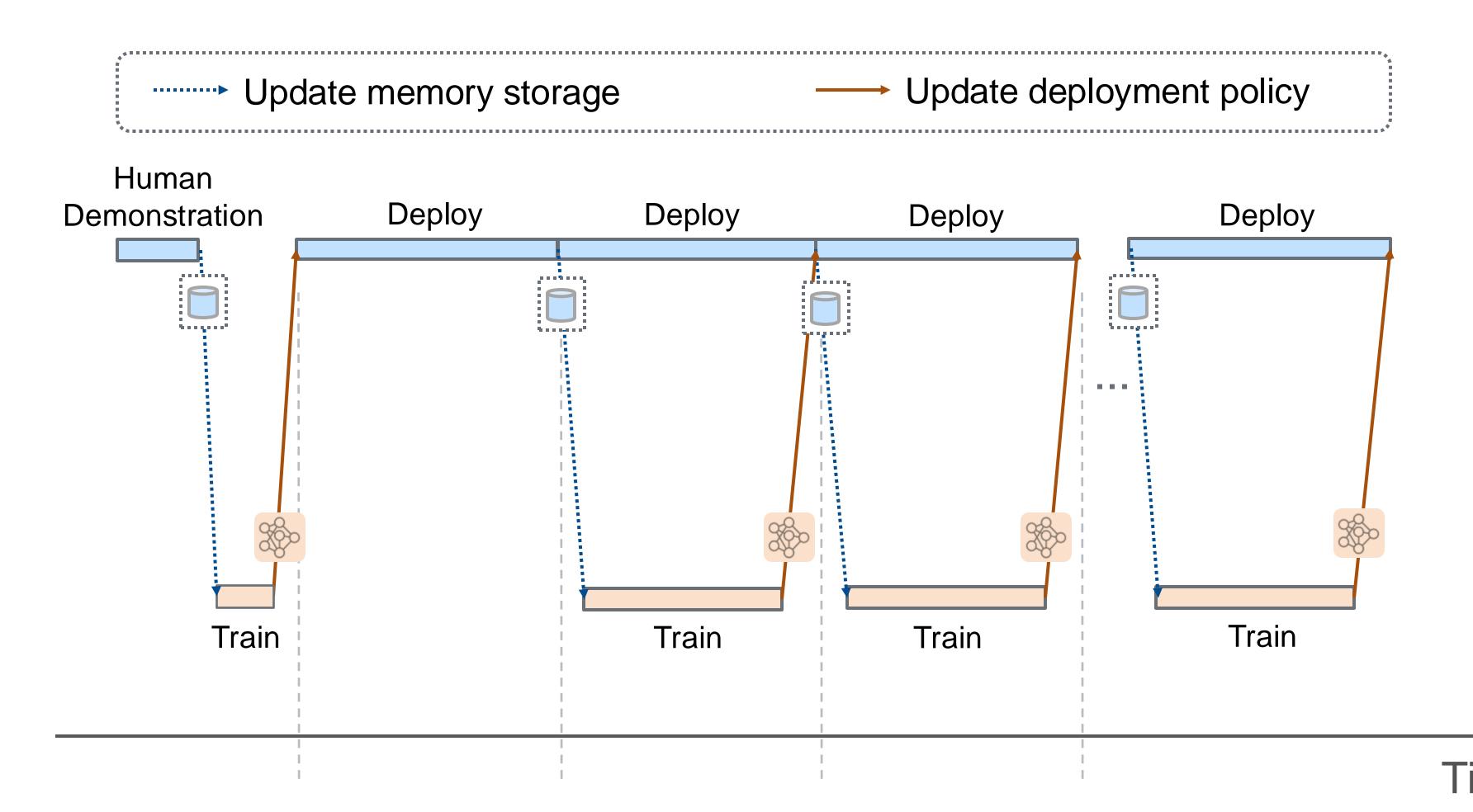














Human provides a intervention

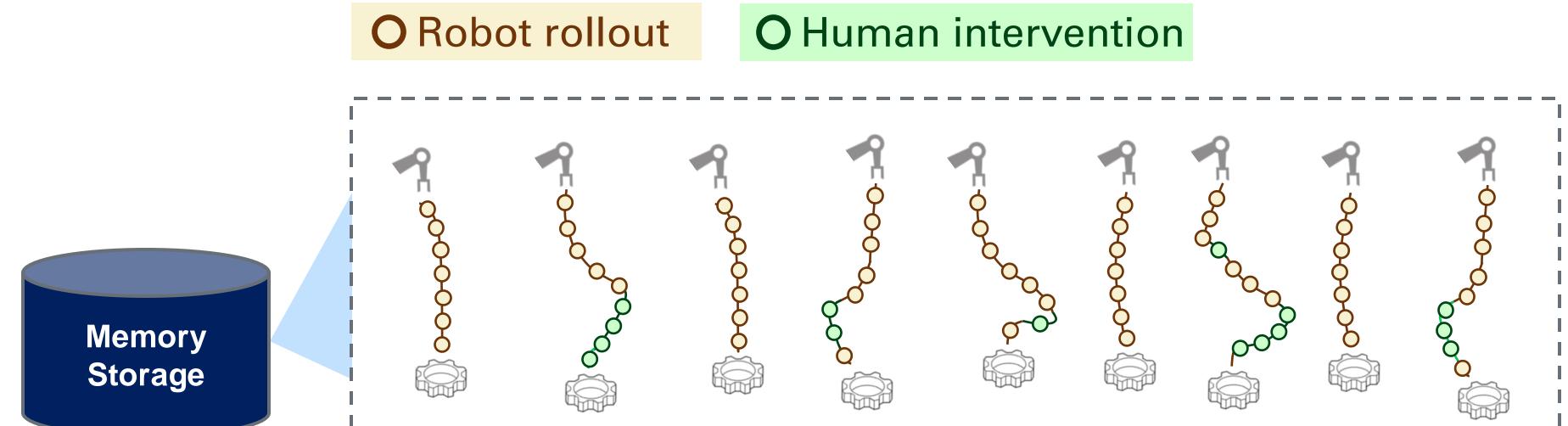
Robot takes control again

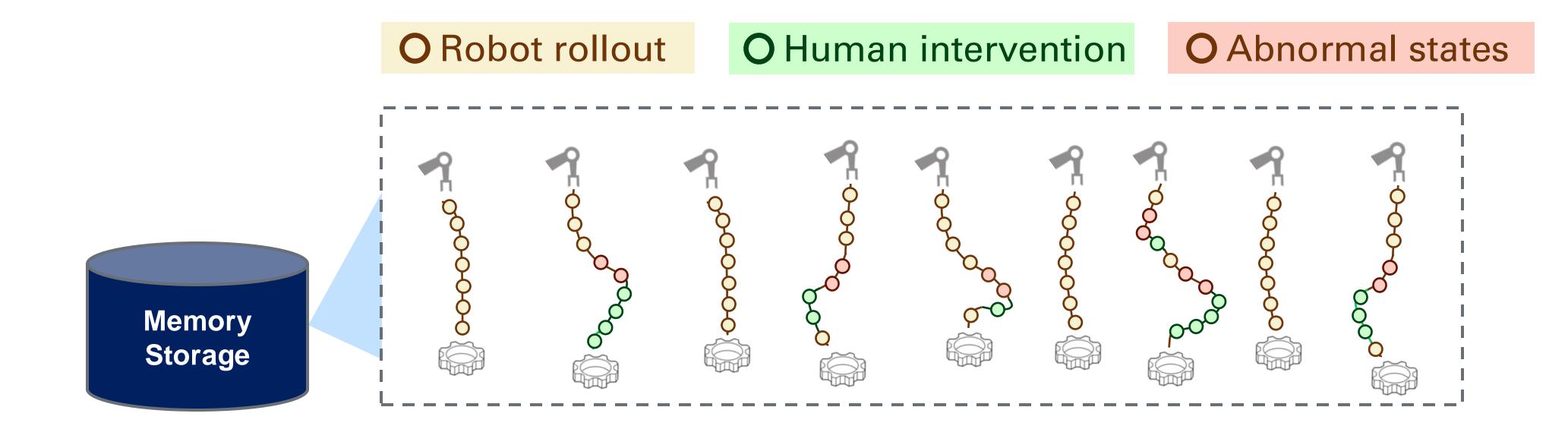
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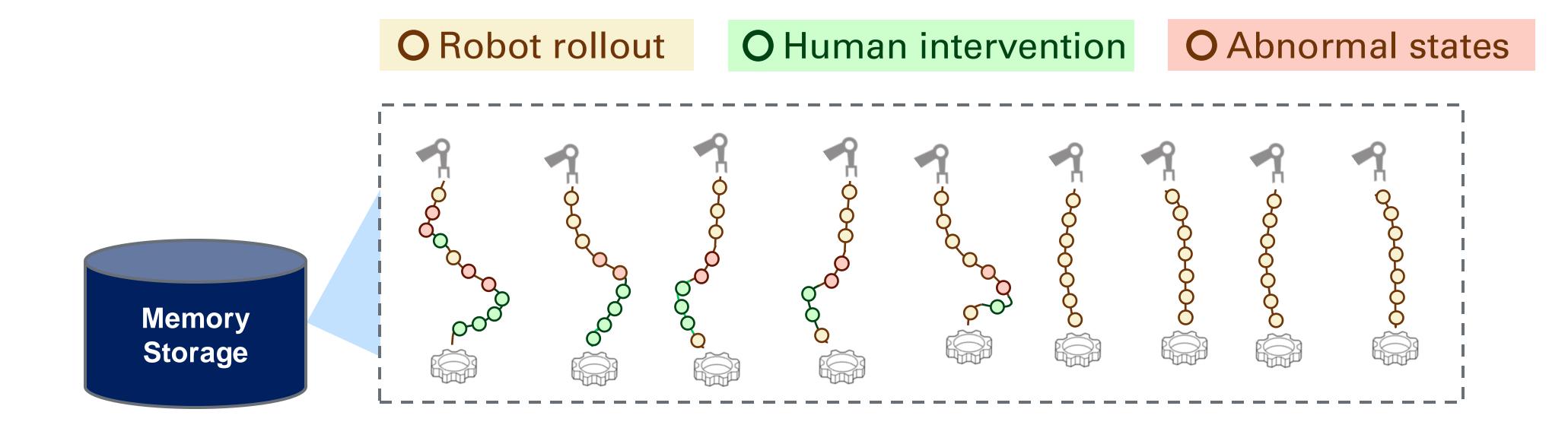
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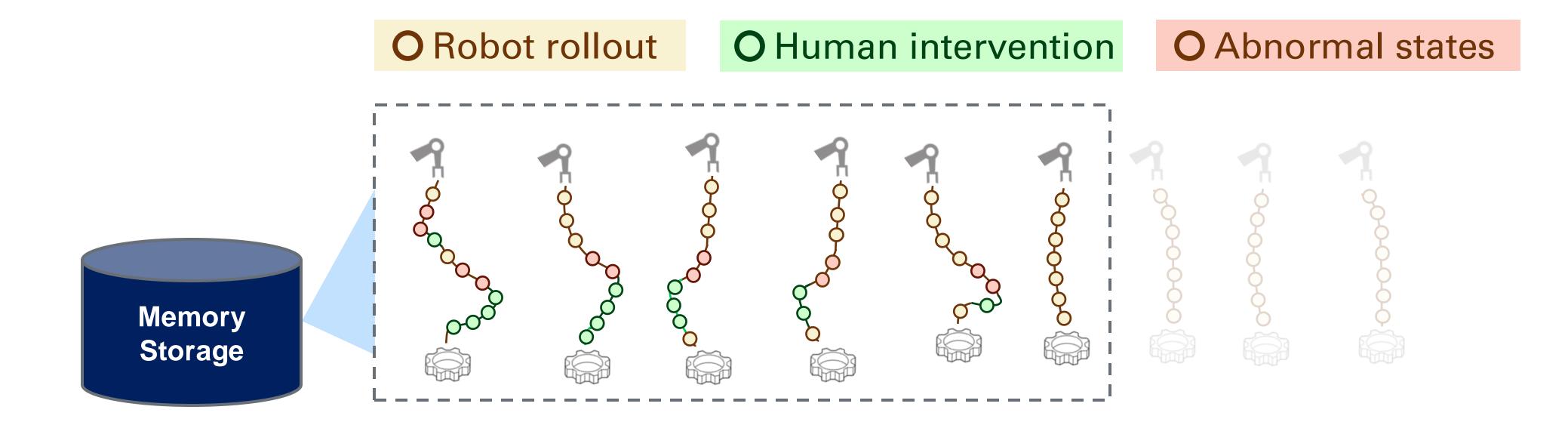




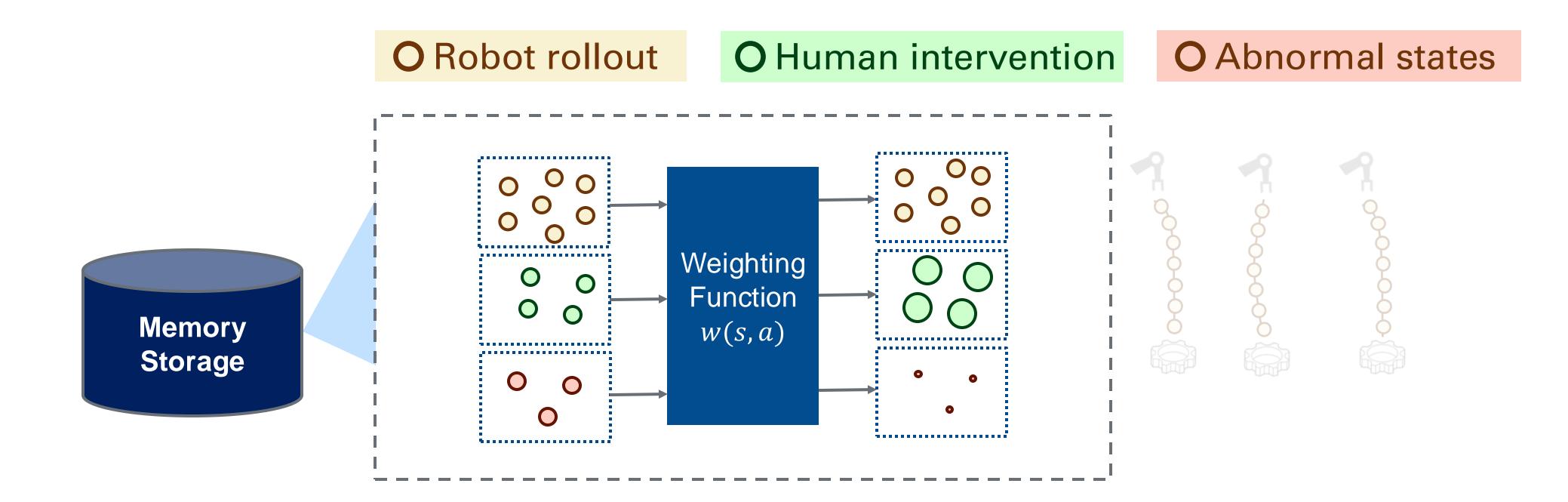
Relabel **abnormal states** before interventions



Sort by a **dataset curation** strategy

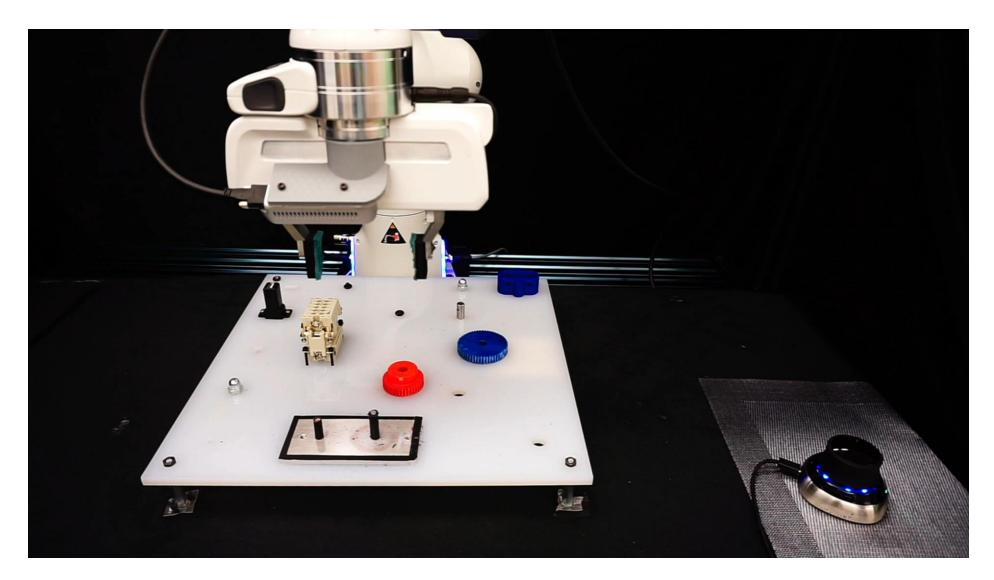


Reduce memory to a **fixed size**



Reweight samples for imitation learning

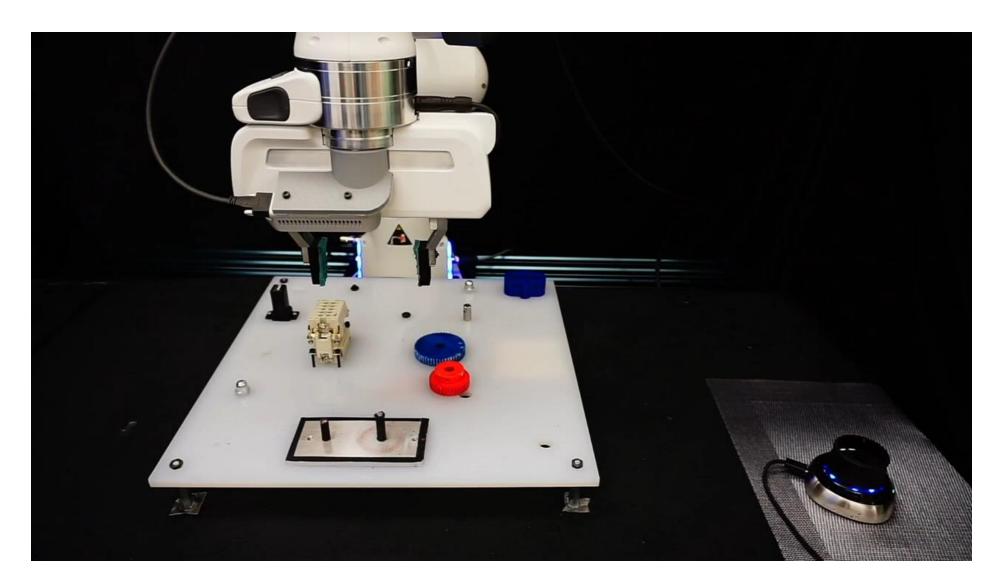
Round 1 Deployment



† Green masks indicate human intervention.

Intervention Distribution

Round 3 Deployment



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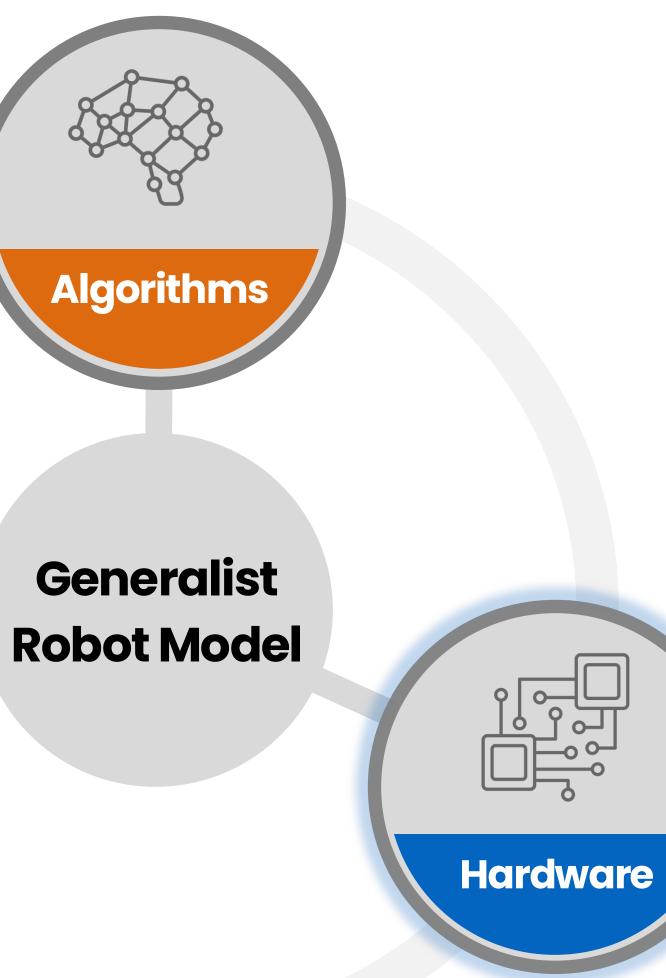
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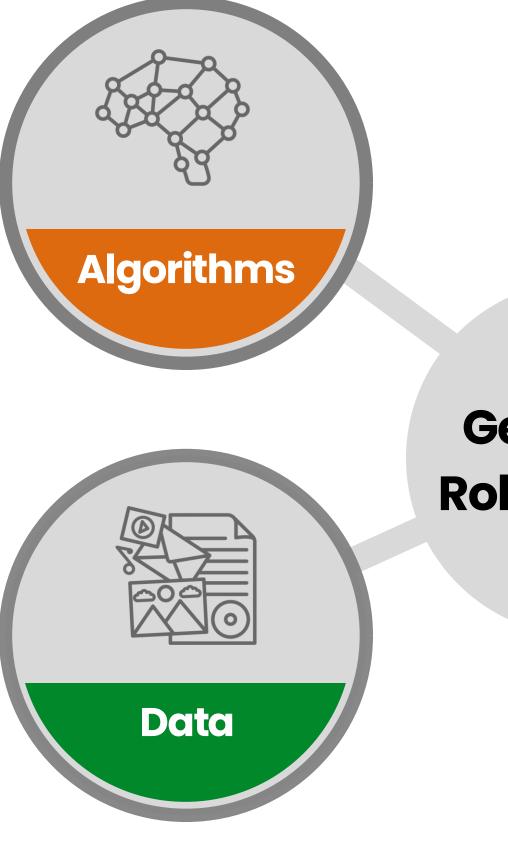


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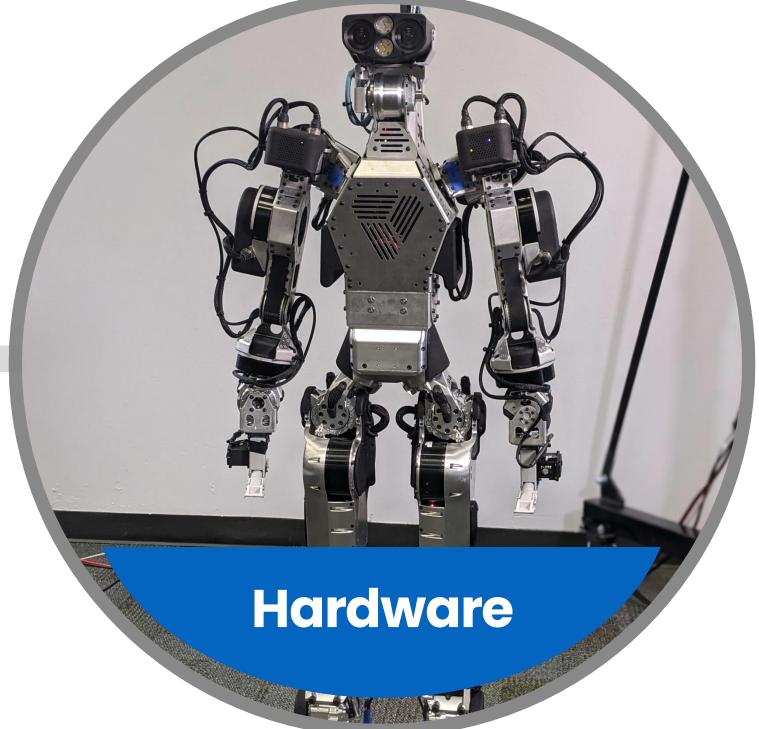
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Humanlike Embodiment: Generalist Humanoid Robot



Generalist **Robot Model**





Draco3 Humanoid

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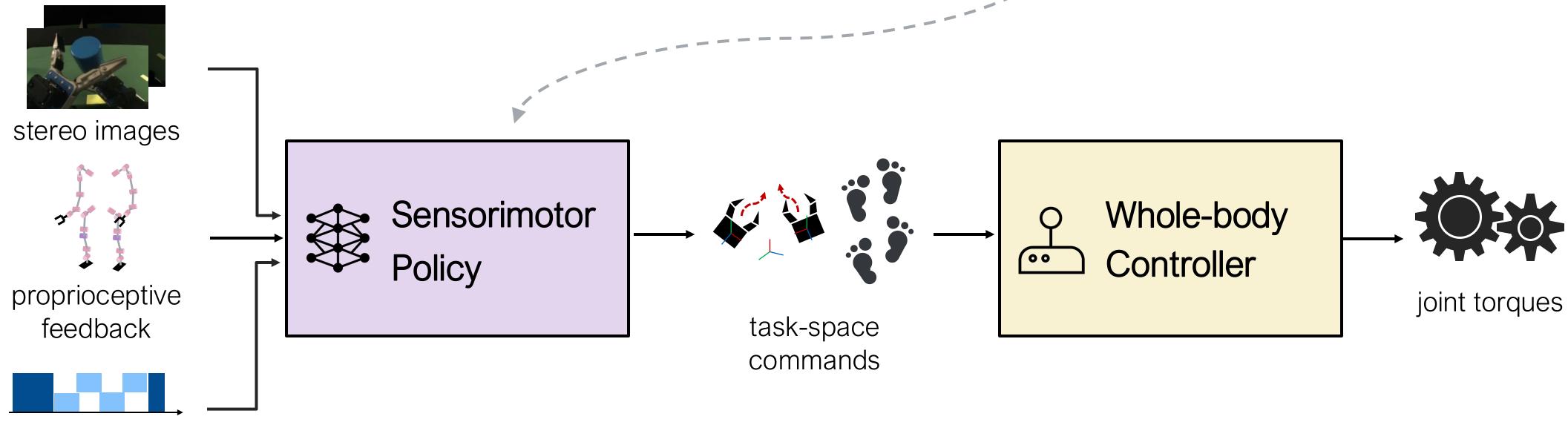




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human teleoperation



state machine

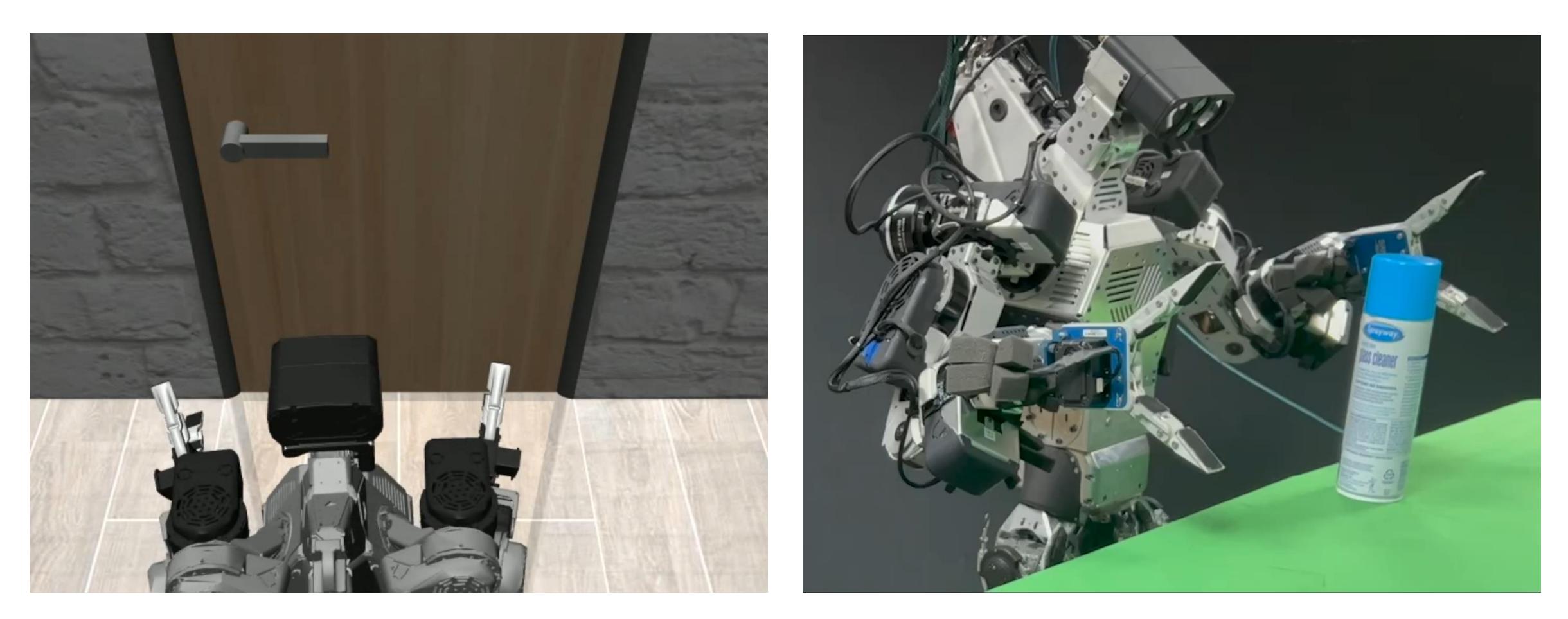
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task demonstrations



Humanlike Embodiment: Generalist Humanoid Robot Policy deployments in simulation and real world



Loco-manipulation (sim): 92% success rate

Bimanual manipulation (real): 90% success rate

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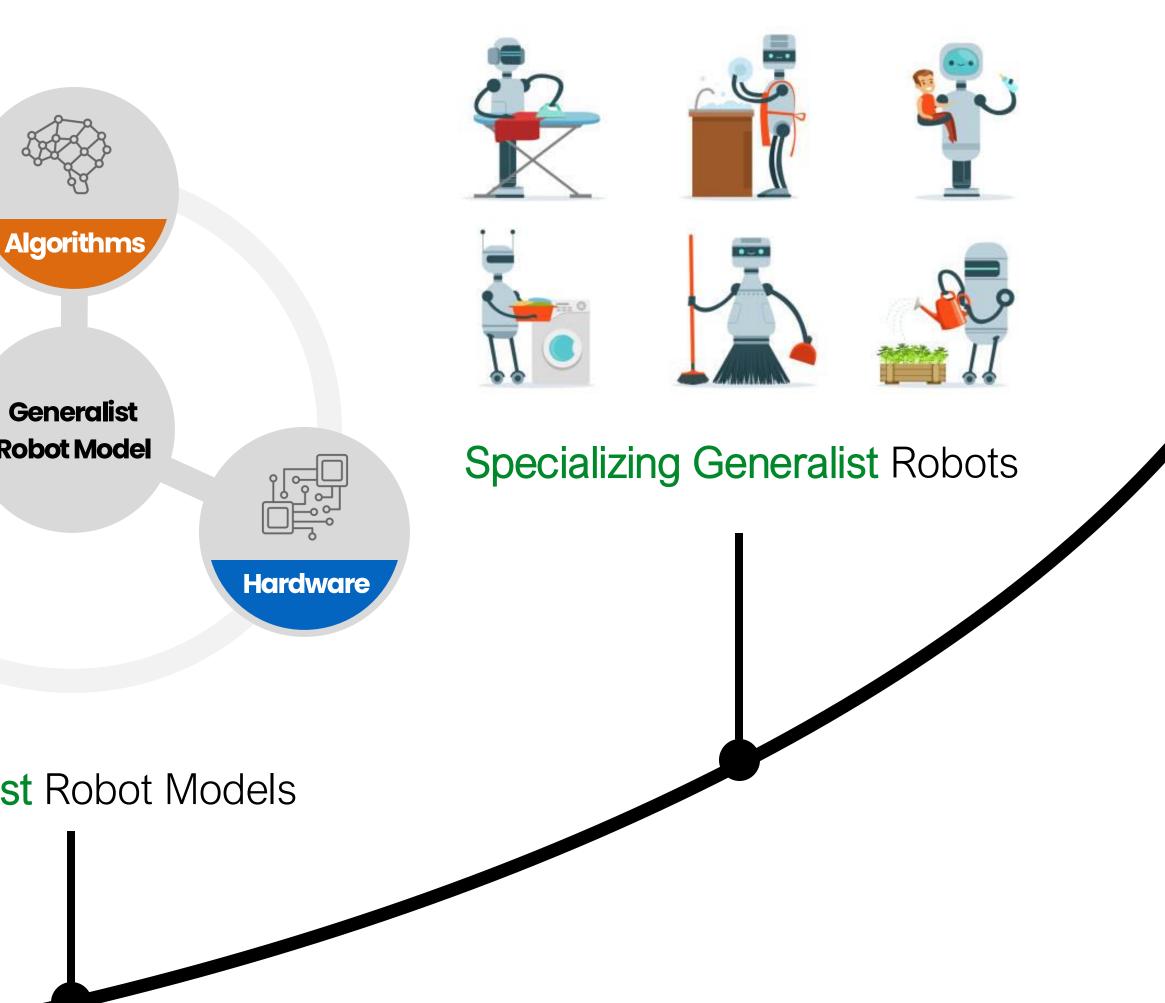


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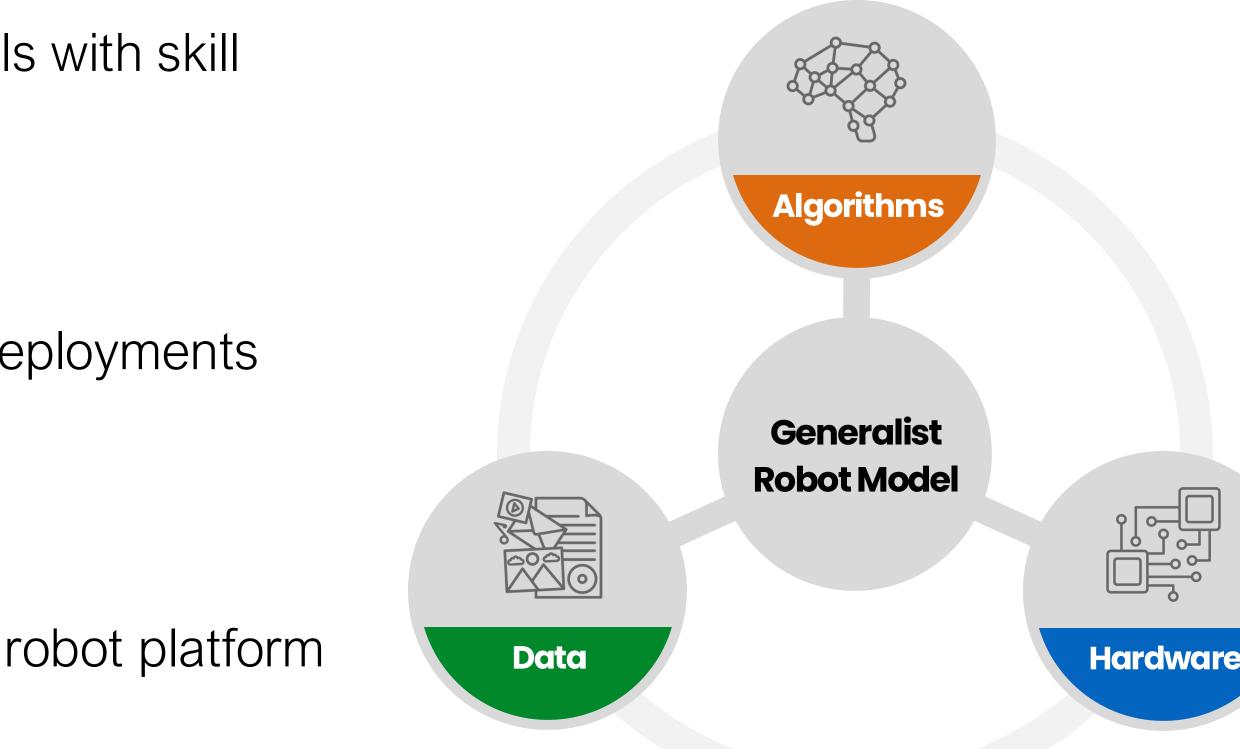


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- **Algorithms:** Scaling up robot learning models with skill \bullet APIs and massively multi-task training
- **Data:** Building a data flywheel in real-world deployments through human-in-the-loop robot autonomy
- Hardware: Humanoid robots as a generalist robot platform \bullet to develop human-level physical intelligence

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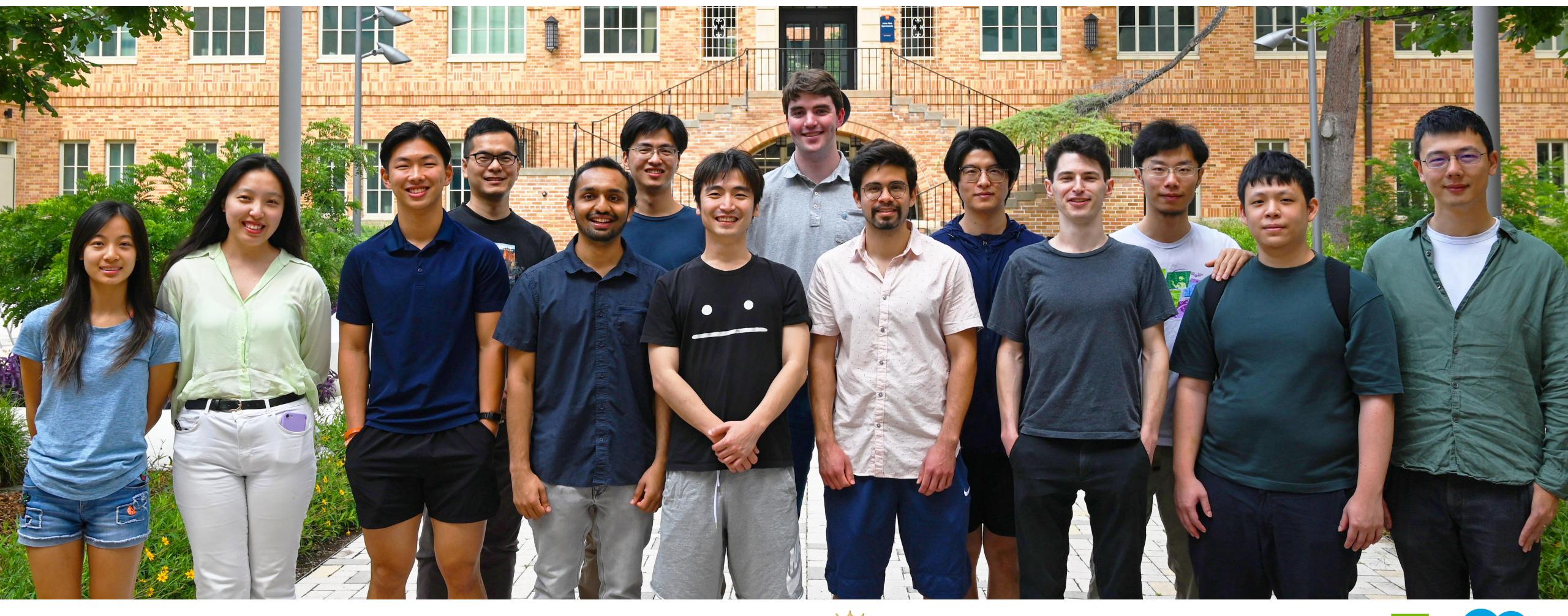






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