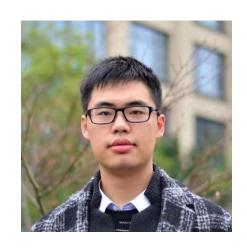
Unsupervised Learning of Visual 3D Keypoints for Control



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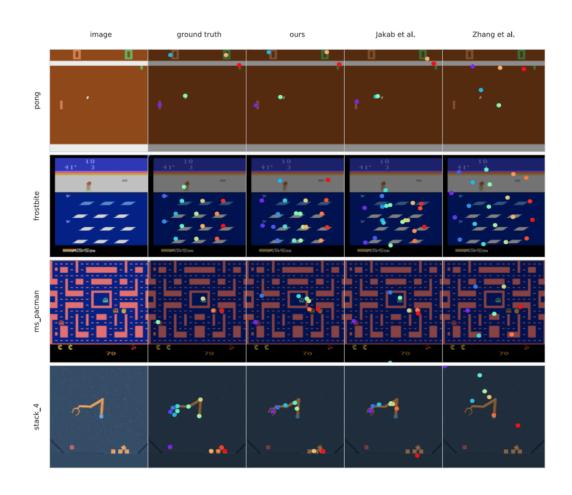
Learning keypoints from pixels



OpenPose: Realtime Multi-Person 2D Pose Estimation using Part Affinity Fields, Cao et al., 2018

Unsupervised 2D Keypoints learning





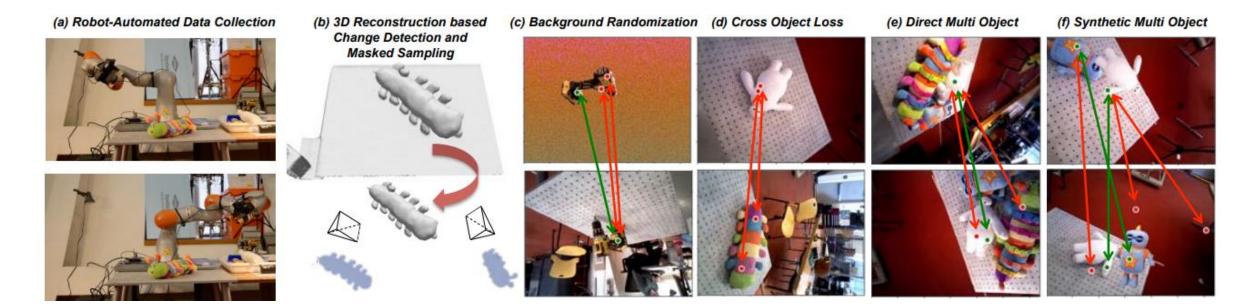
Unsupervised 3D Keypoints





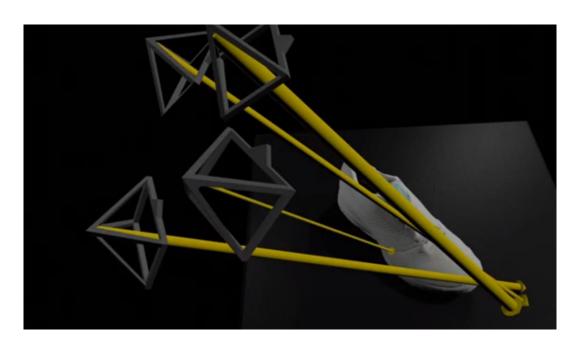
Discovery of Latent 3D Keypoints via End-to-end Geometric Reasoning, Suwajanakorn et al., 2018

Self-supervised 3D structure learning

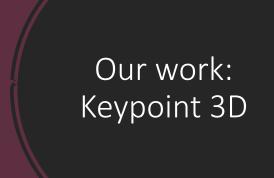


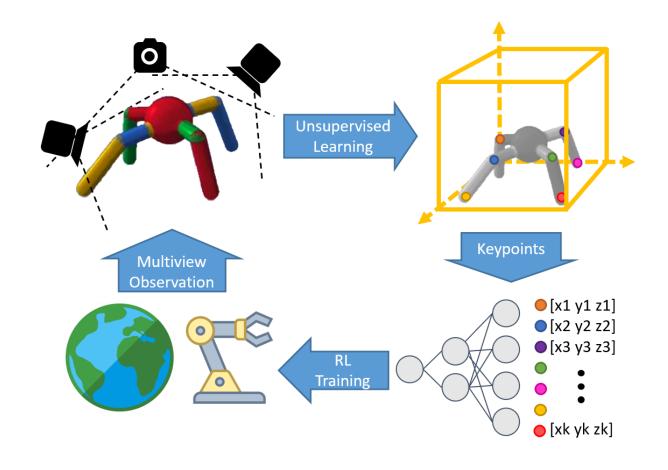
Dense Object Nets: Learning Dense Visual Object Descriptors By and For Robotic Manipulation, Florence et al., 2018

Semi-supervised 3D Keypoints





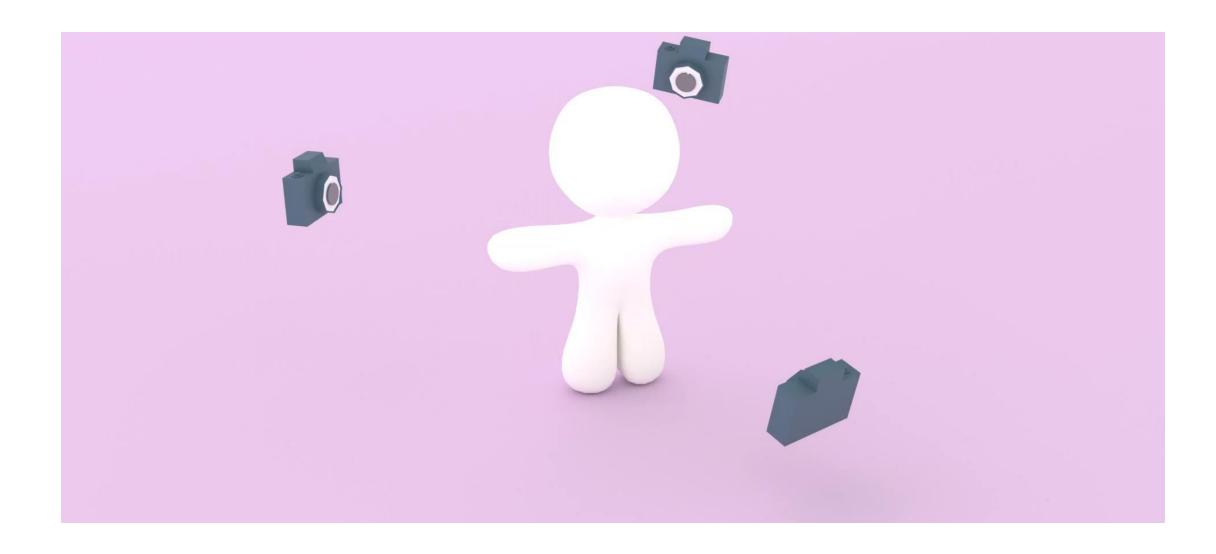




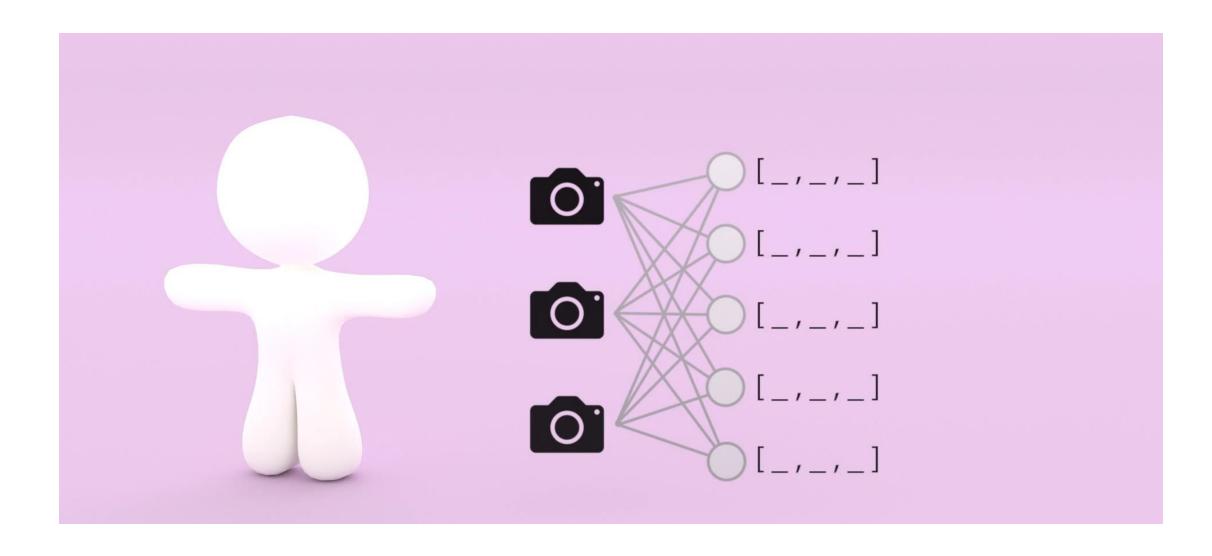
We hope to learn keypoints:

- in 3D world coordinates
- without supervision
- are good representation for control

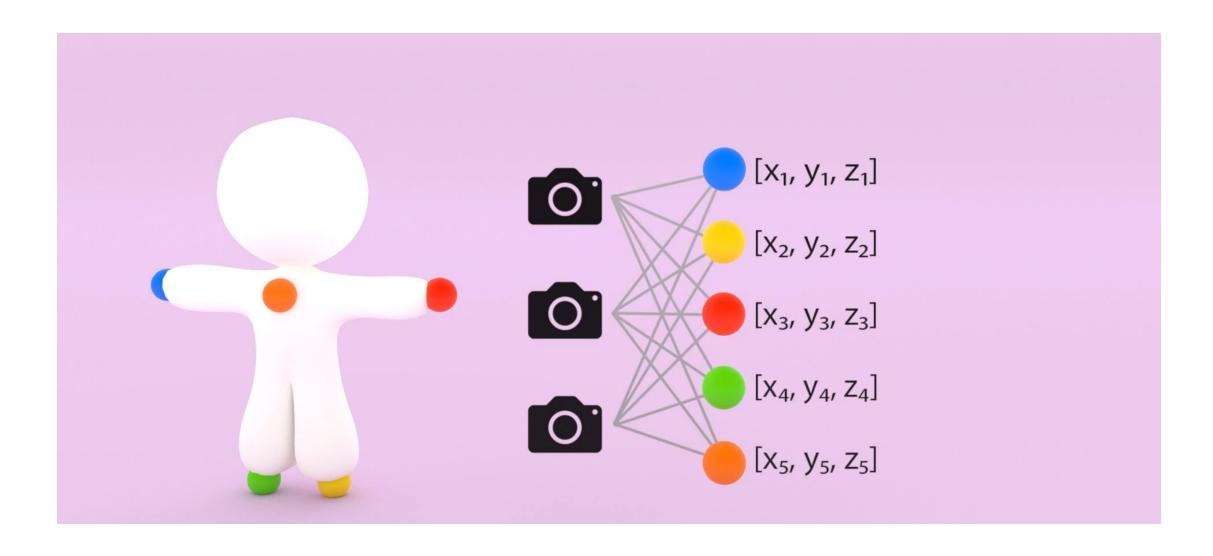
Our 3D Keypoint: Setup

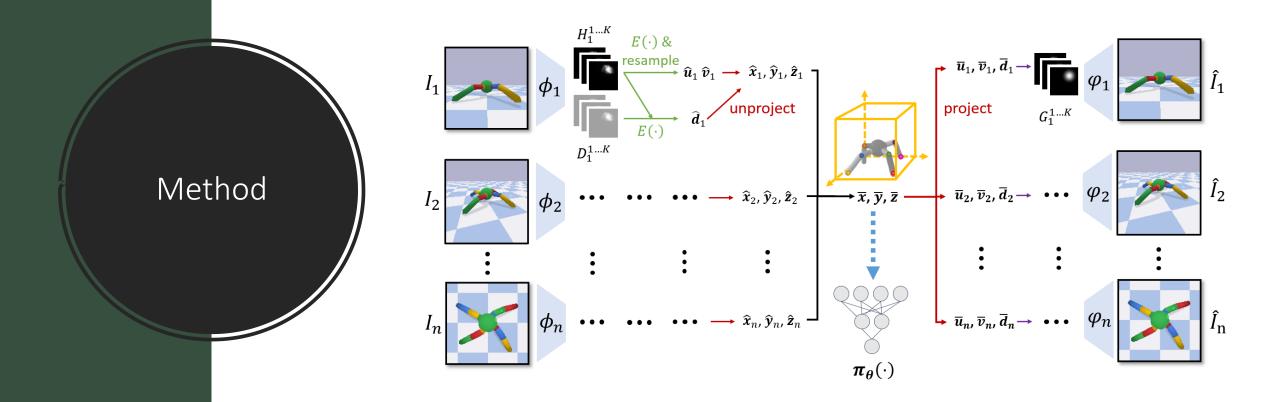


Our 3D Keypoint: Keypoint learning

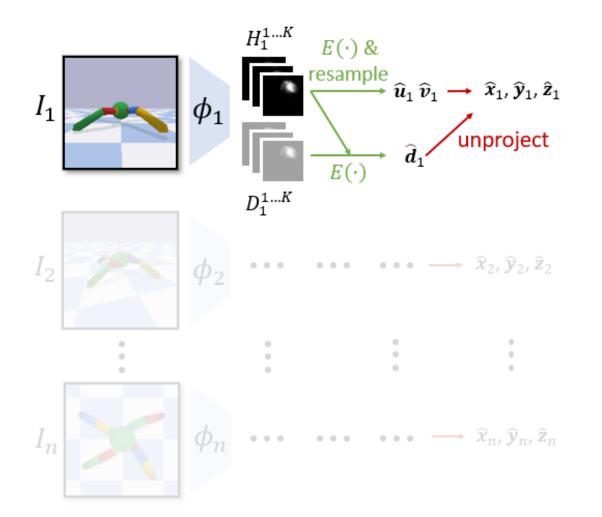


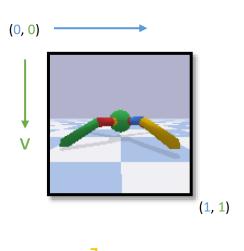
Our 3D Keypoint: policy

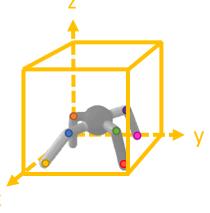


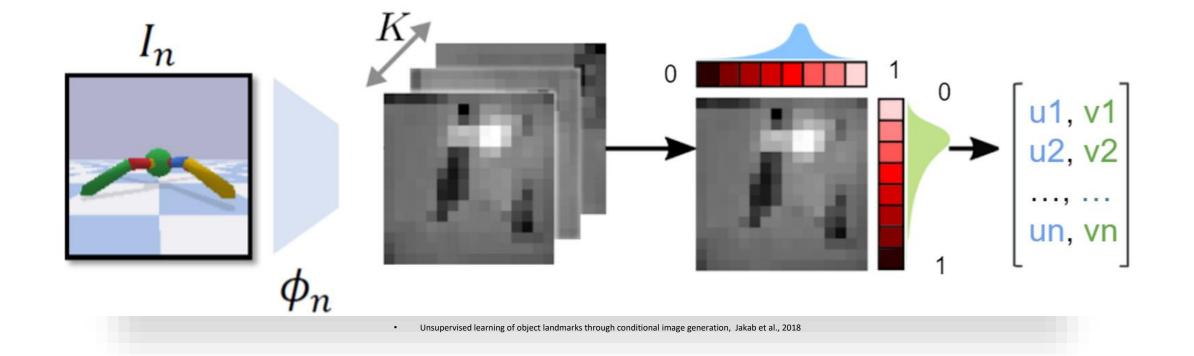


Method: encoder

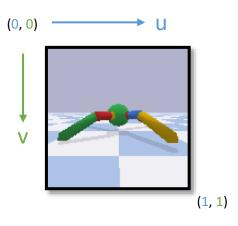


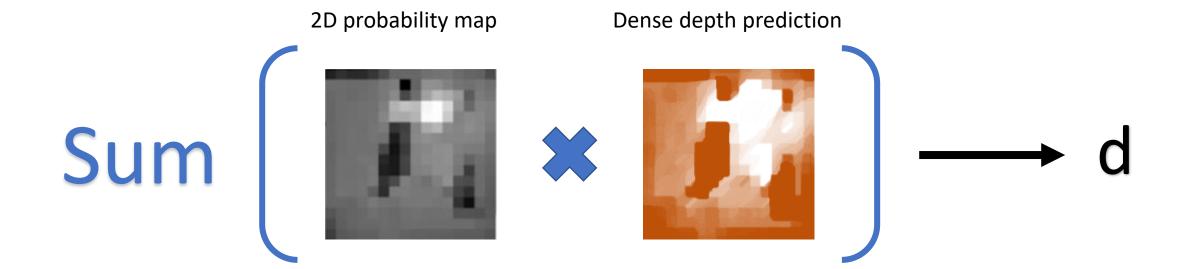






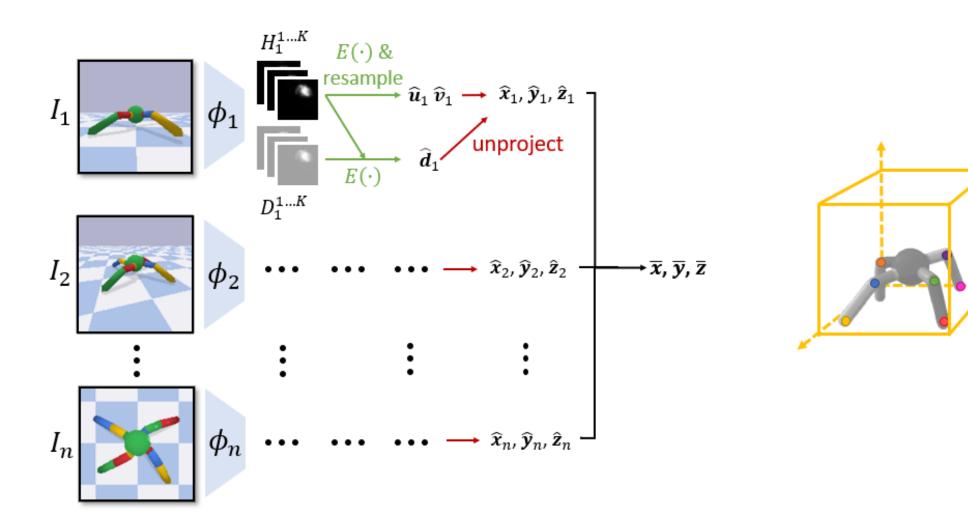
Fully differentiable keypoint bottleneck



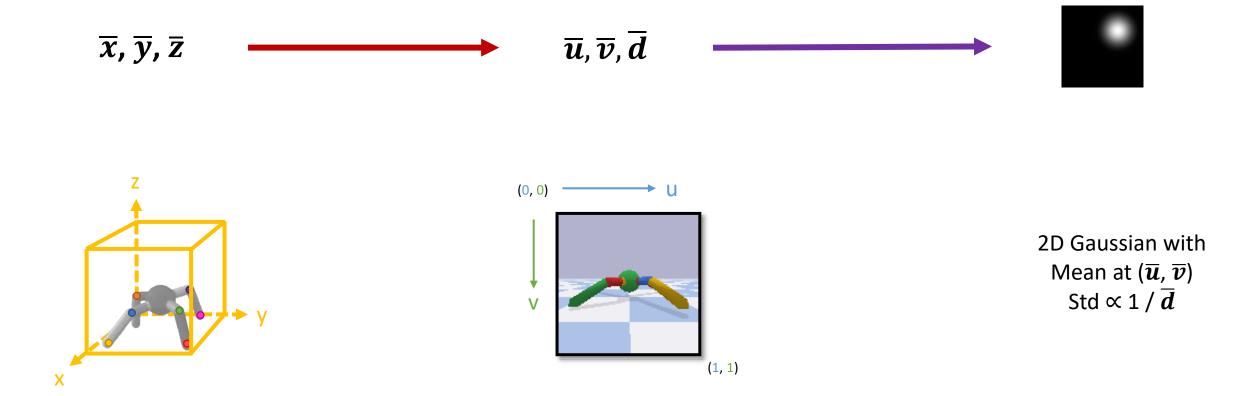


Depth parameterization

Method: encoder

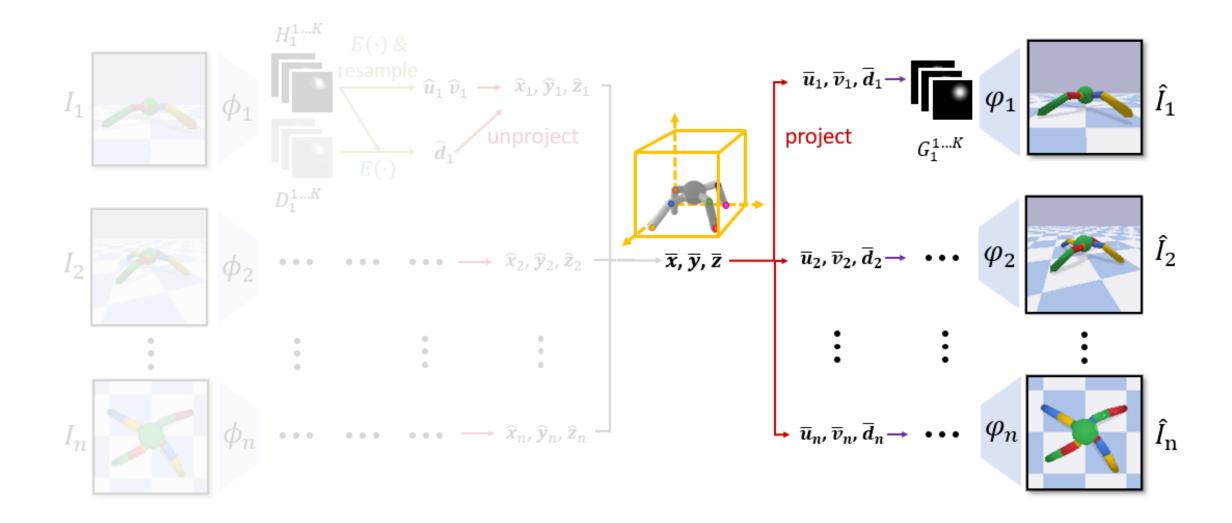


Method: decoder

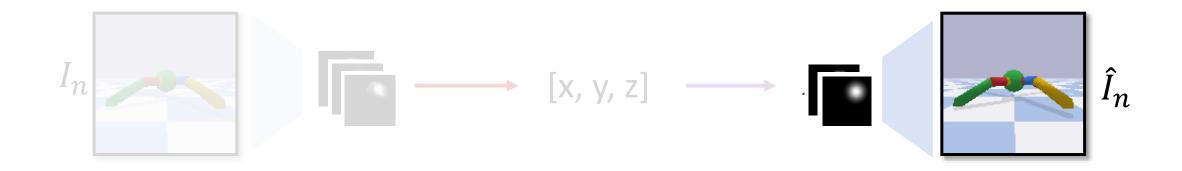


xyz coordinate regains 2D structure in a fully differentiable way!

Method: decoder



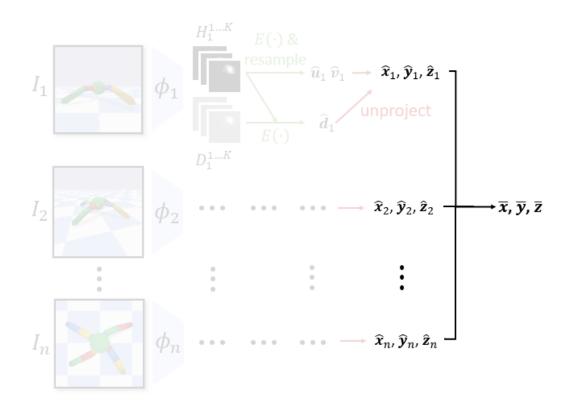
Method: auto-encoding loss



Core intuition:

To best decode to original image, the 2D gaussians have centers aligned with meaningful points

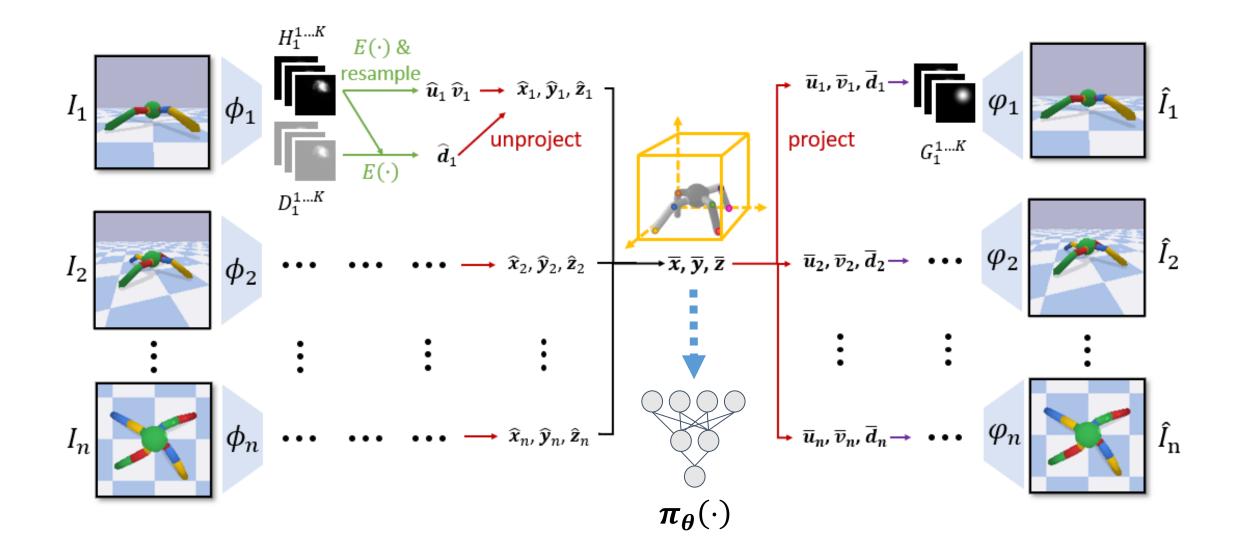
Method: multi-view consistency loss



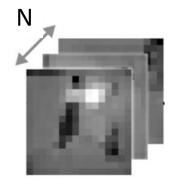
Core intuition:

Some point movements are visible from camera A but not camera B, B must learn to "hallucinate" these points to minimize disagreement

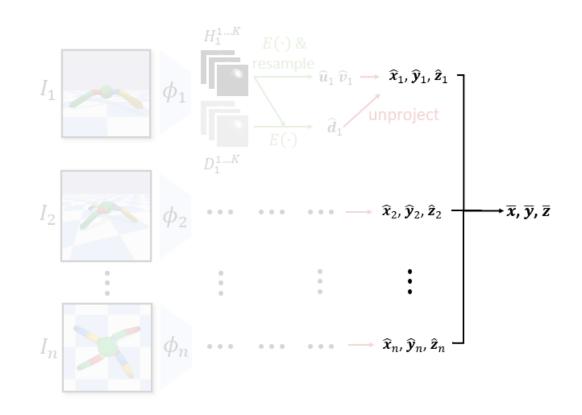
Method: policy



Method: attention

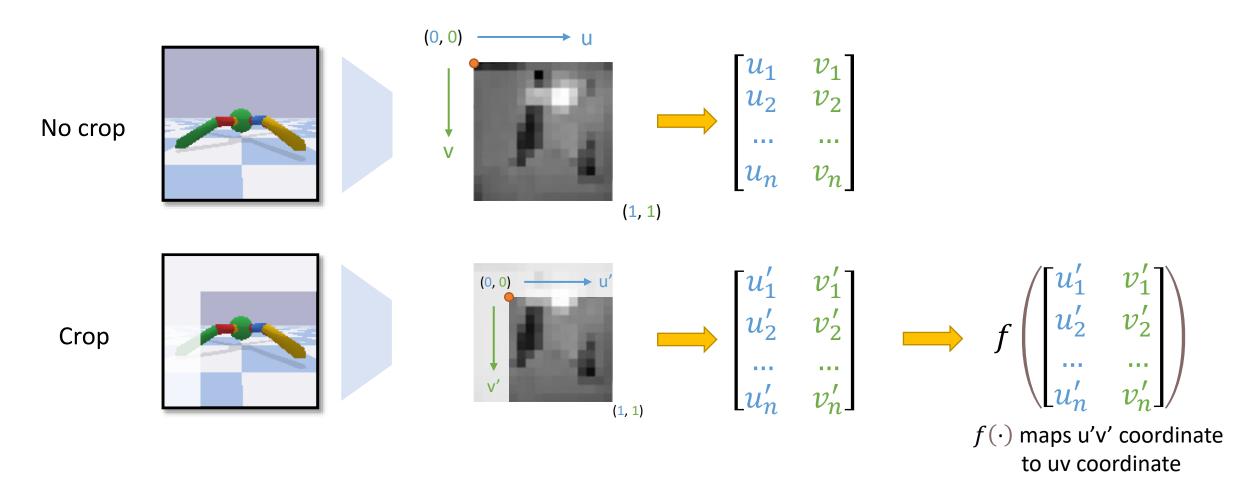


Softmax along # camera dimension
Use mean logits of each map as attention logit



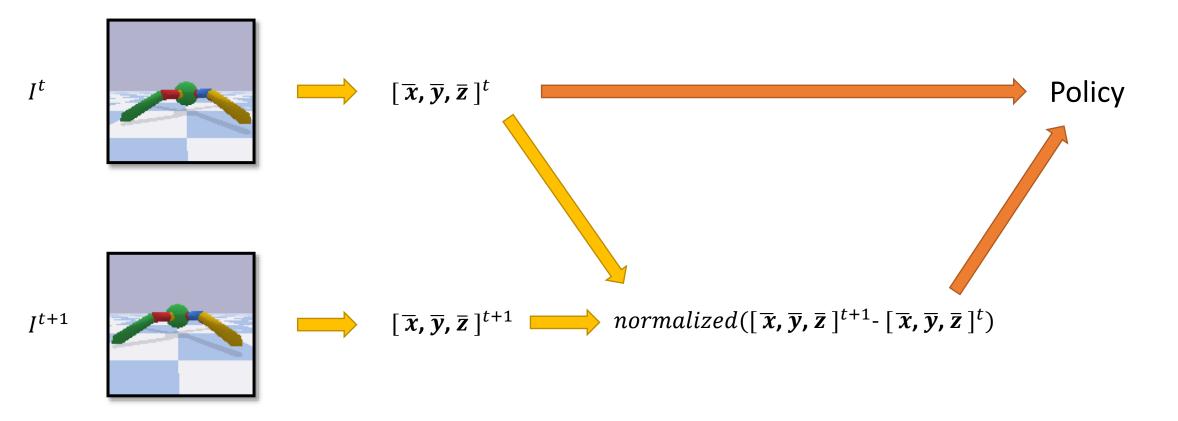
Allow model to ignore unconfident estimations!

Random crop as self-supervision



Coordinates must align with the random cropping to predict well

Temporal variant

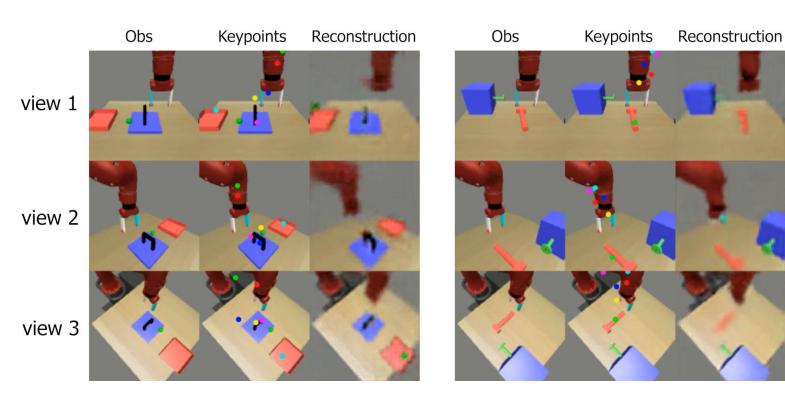


Differences between keypoint prediction is velocity vector! Explicitly normalize as movement feature

Visualization of Learned 3D Keypoints

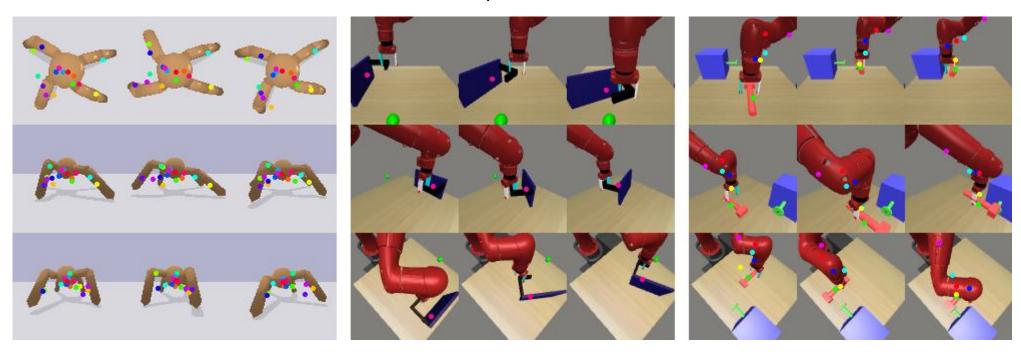
Close Box

Hammer Nail

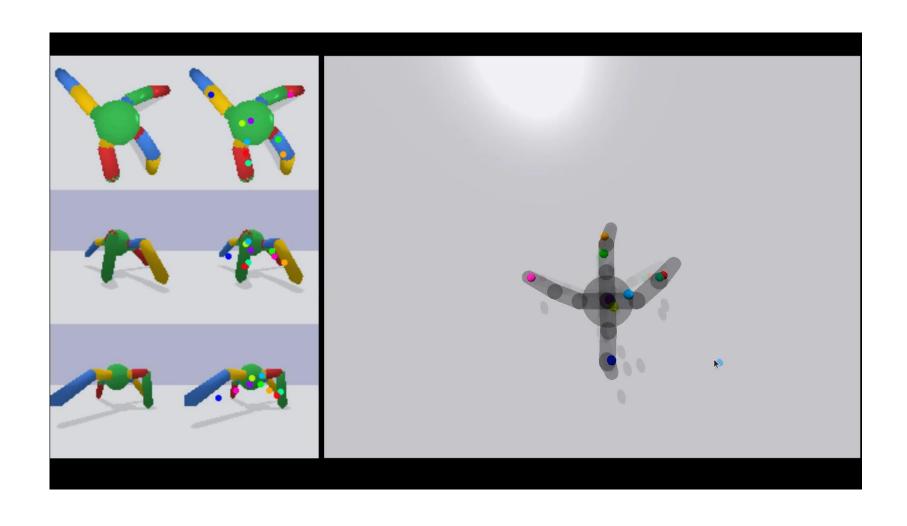


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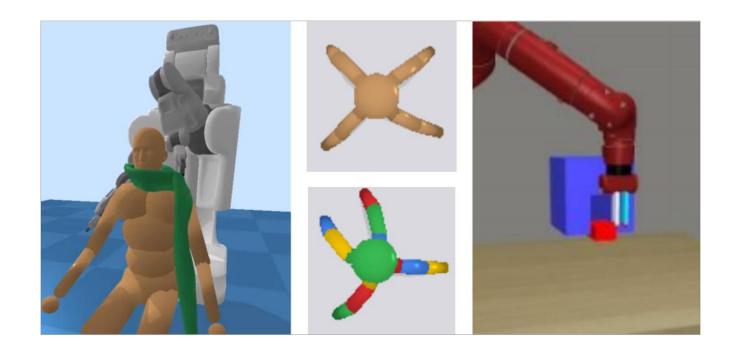
*attention can be used to filter out unconfident predictions with a threshold!



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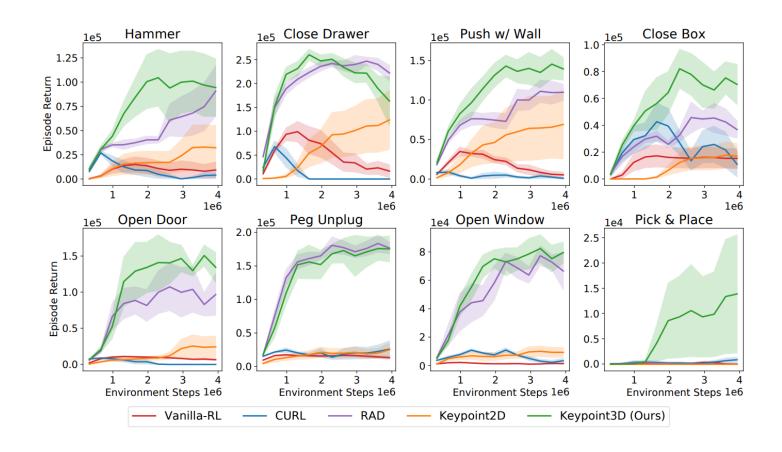
Experiments Overview



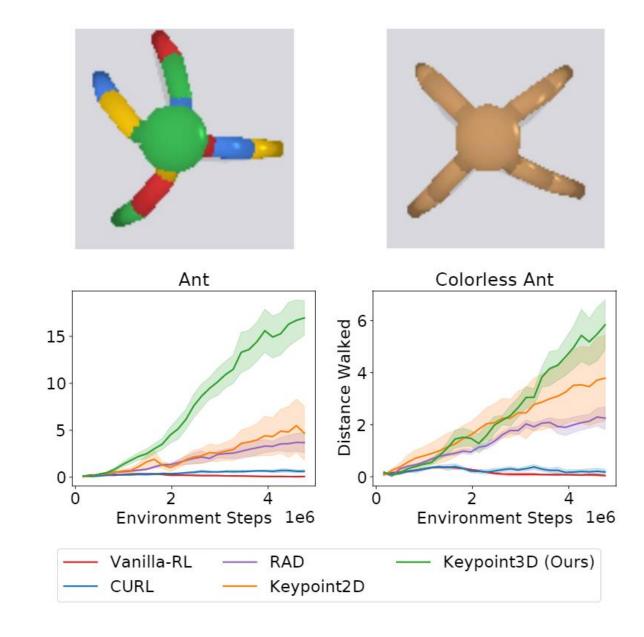
Effectiveness of 3d keypoints for control

- Sample efficiency compared to other representation
- Scalability to higher dimensional control problems(pybullet ant)
- Effectiveness on low-textured objects
- Ability to adapt to deformable objects (scarf manipulation)

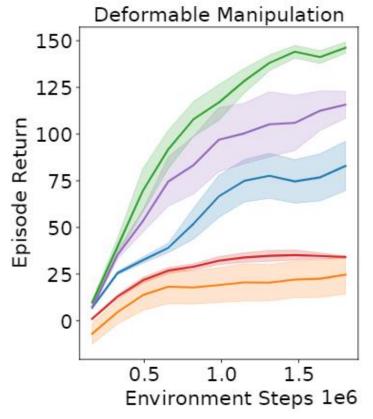
Sample efficiency in manipulation

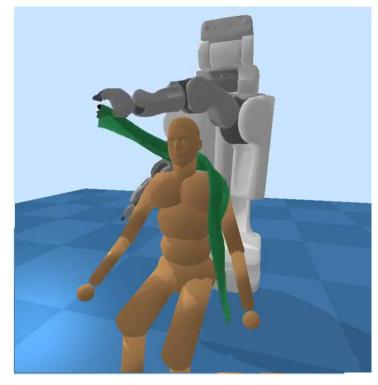


High dimensional control and low textured variant

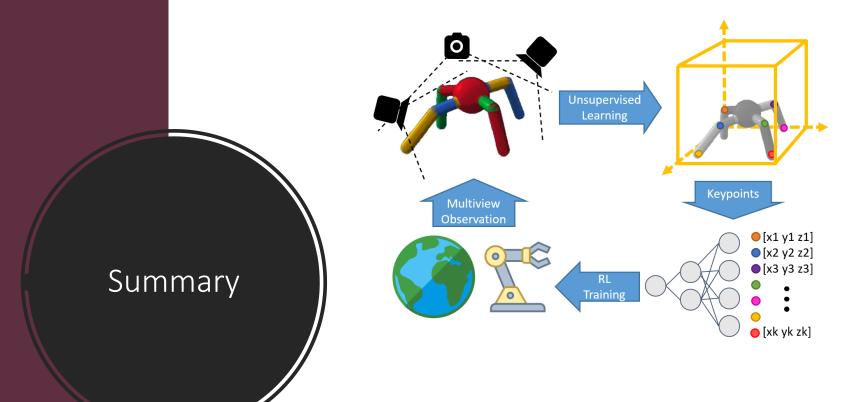


Deformable manipulation





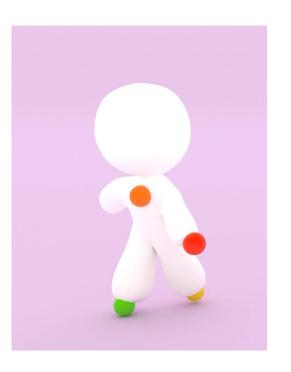




- We propose a framework to learn 3D keypoints without supervision for continuous control
- We leverage multi-view auto-encoding with a 3D keypoint bottleneck to learn meaningful 3d keypoints; We jointly train policy learning in conjunction with keypoint learning
- Our method achieves significant sample efficiency improvement in a variety of 3D environments.
- The 3D keypoints learned by our algorithm are consistent across space and time.

We hope our method serves as a bridge between pixel domain and 3D control tasks.





- [Website] https://buoyancy99.github.io/unsup-3d-keypoints
- [Code] https://github.com/buoyancy99/unsup-3d-keypoints
- [Paper] https://arxiv.org/pdf/2106.07643.pdf