

# Embodied Question Answering in Photorealistic Environments with Point Cloud Perception



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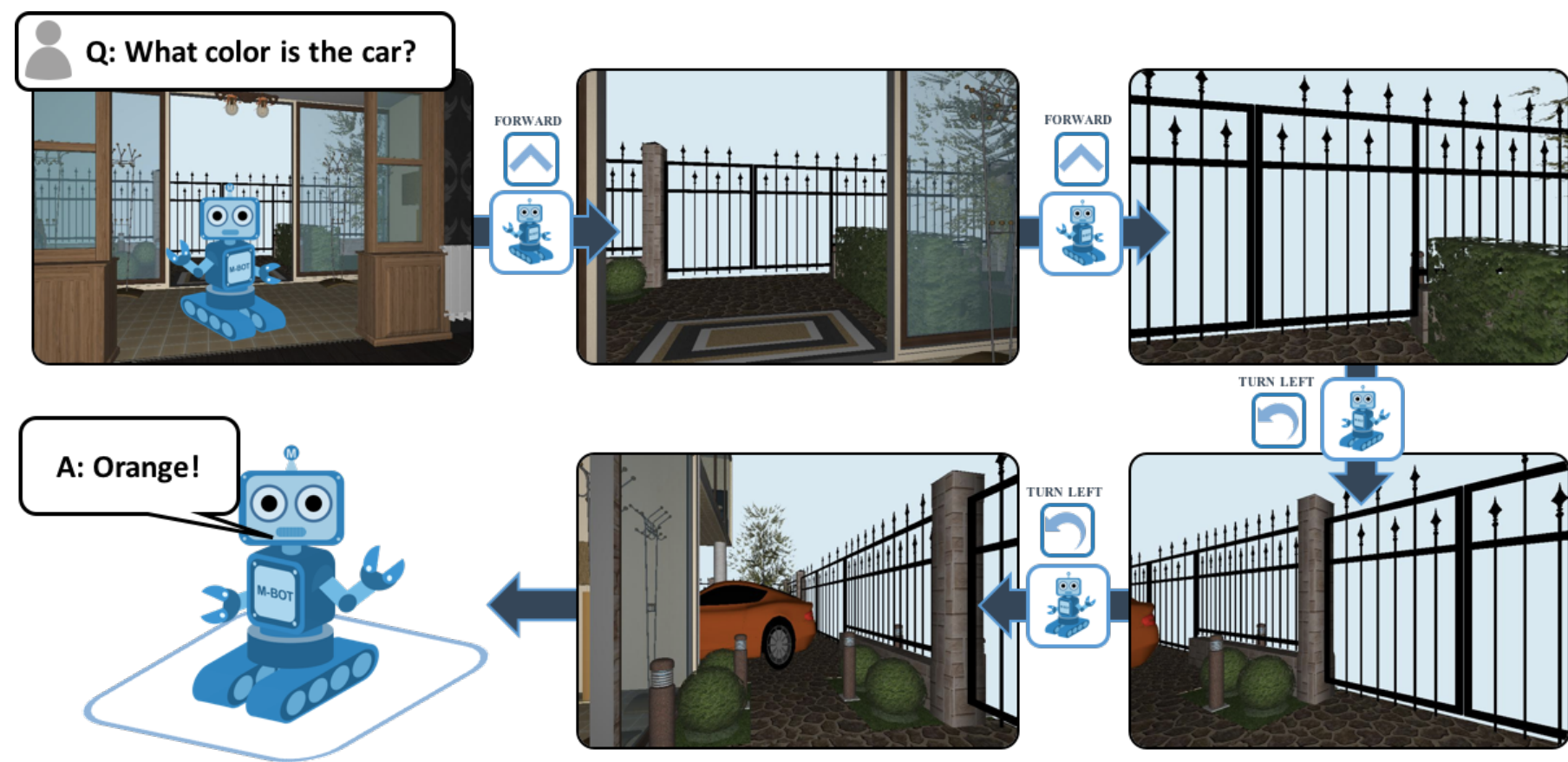
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EmbodiedQA  
(Das et al., 2018)



Visual Navigation  
(Zhu et al., 2017, Gupta et al., 2017)

Question and answer	Initial Image	Scene View
Q: Is there bread in the room? A: No		
Q: How many mugs are in the room? A: 3		
Q: Is there a tomato in the fridge? A: Yes		

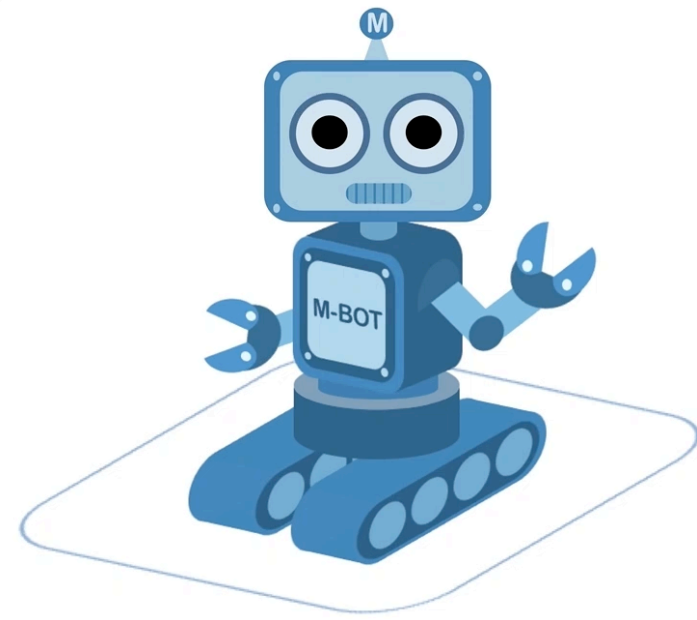
Interactive QA  
(Gordon et al., 2018)



Vision-Language Navigation  
(Anderson et al., 2018)



# Current differences from reality

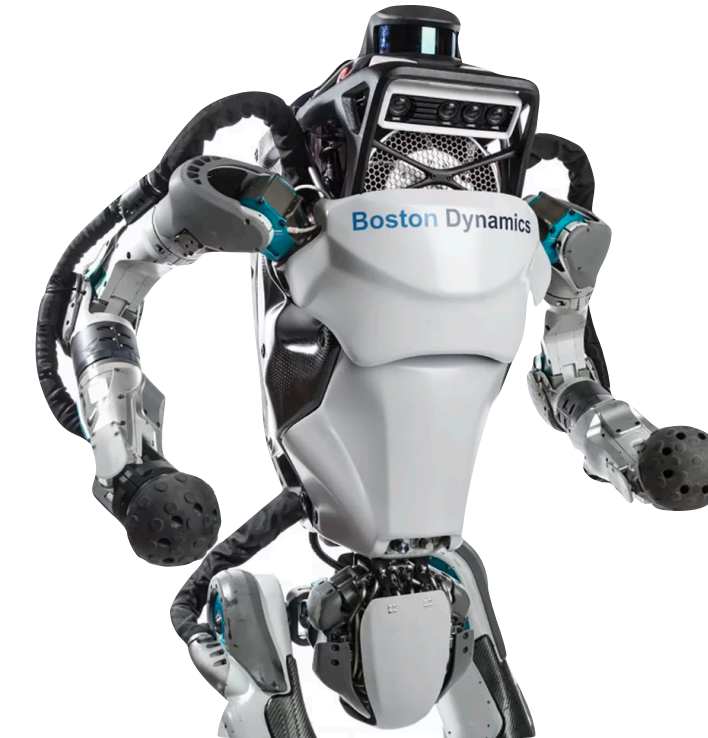


Perfect actuations

Perfect odometry

RGB only perception

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Noisy actuations

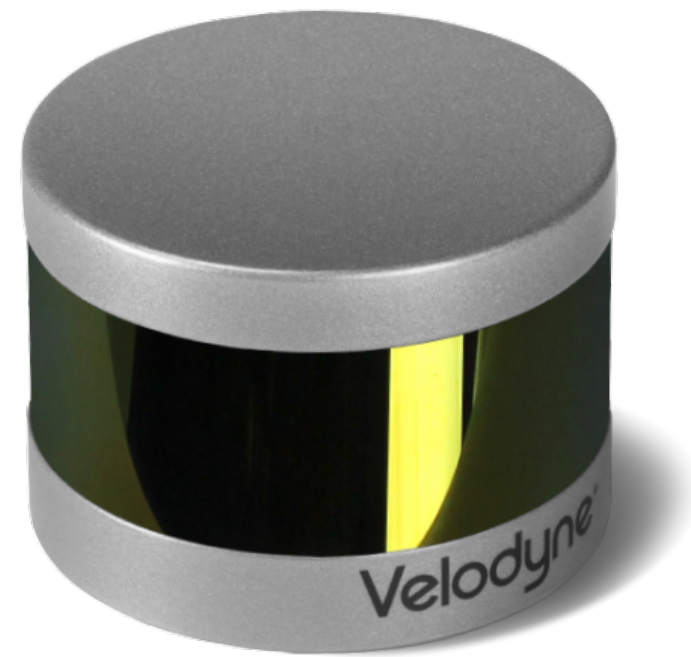
Noisy odometry

Multiple perceptual modalities

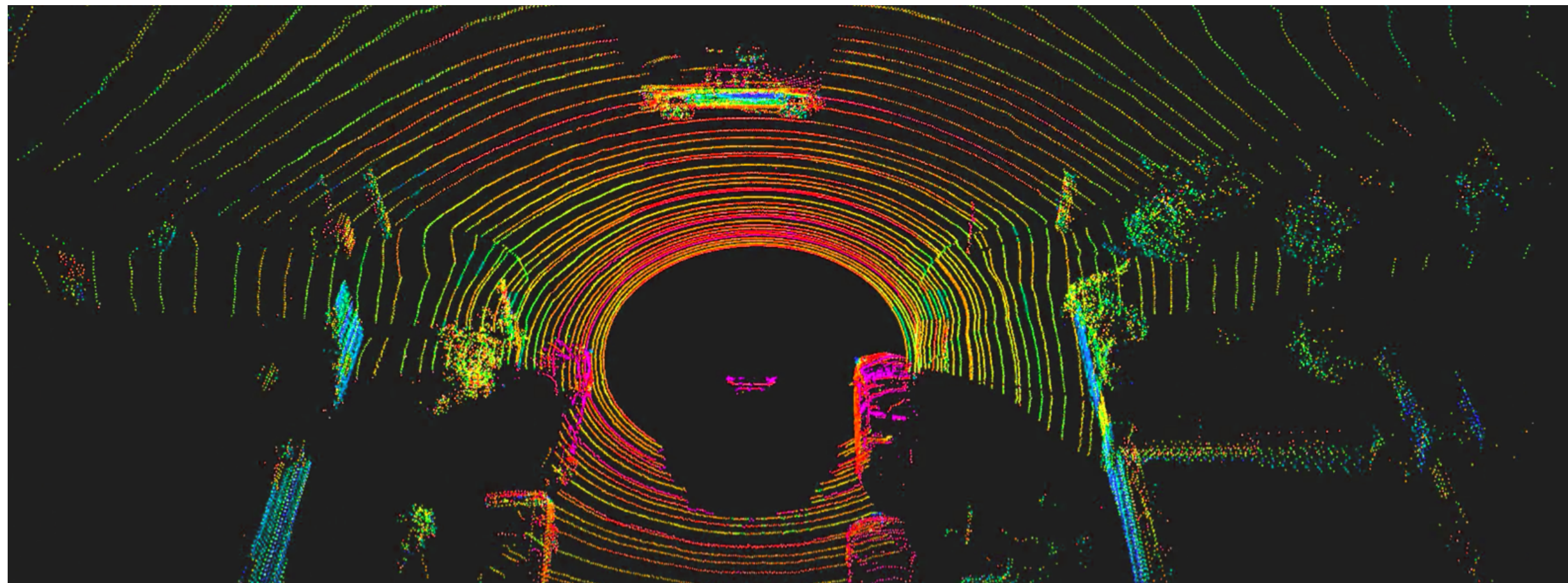
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# Depth information via point clouds



Lidar



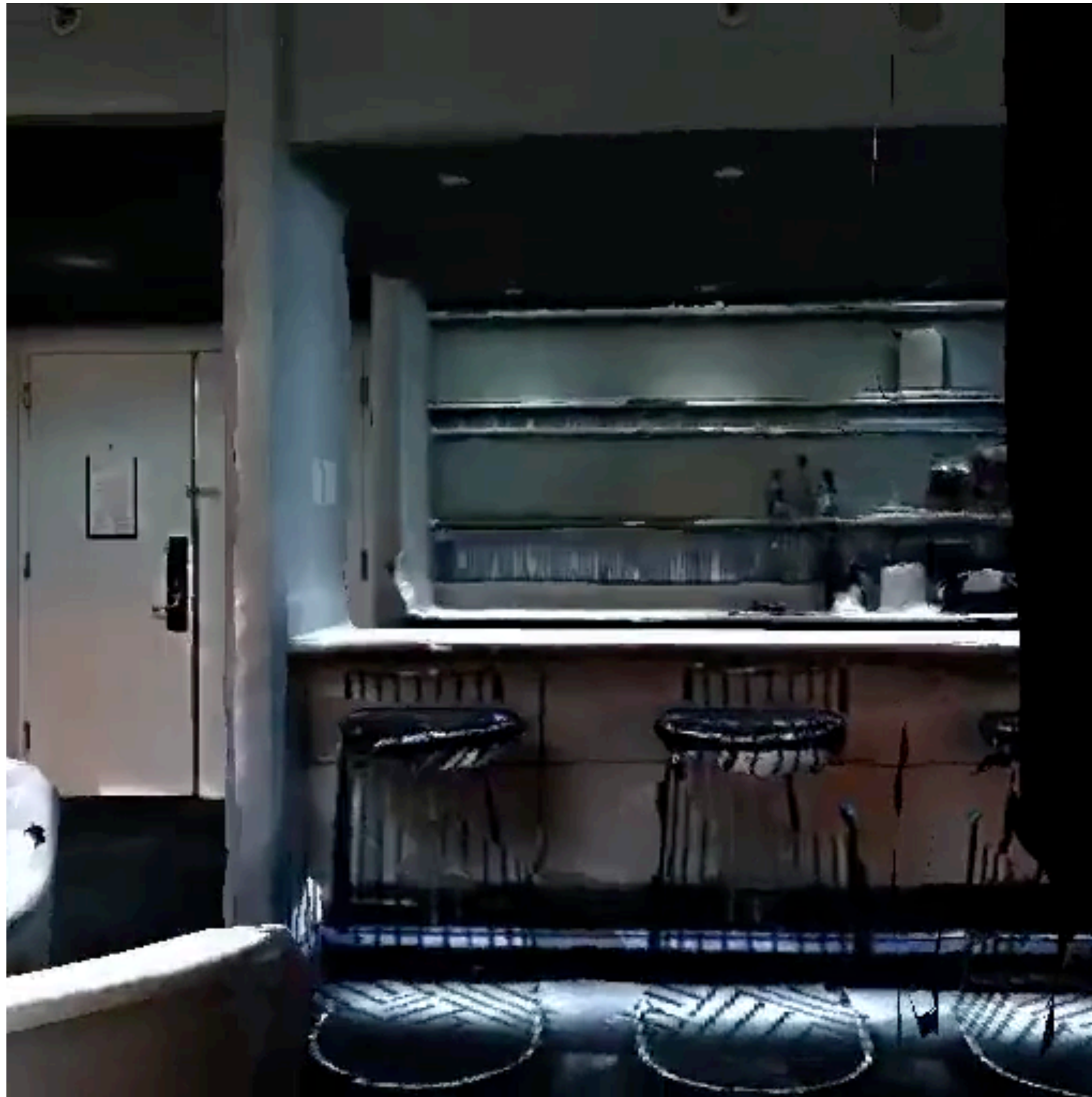
Structured Light +  
RGB





# Perception for Embodied Agents

RGB Perception

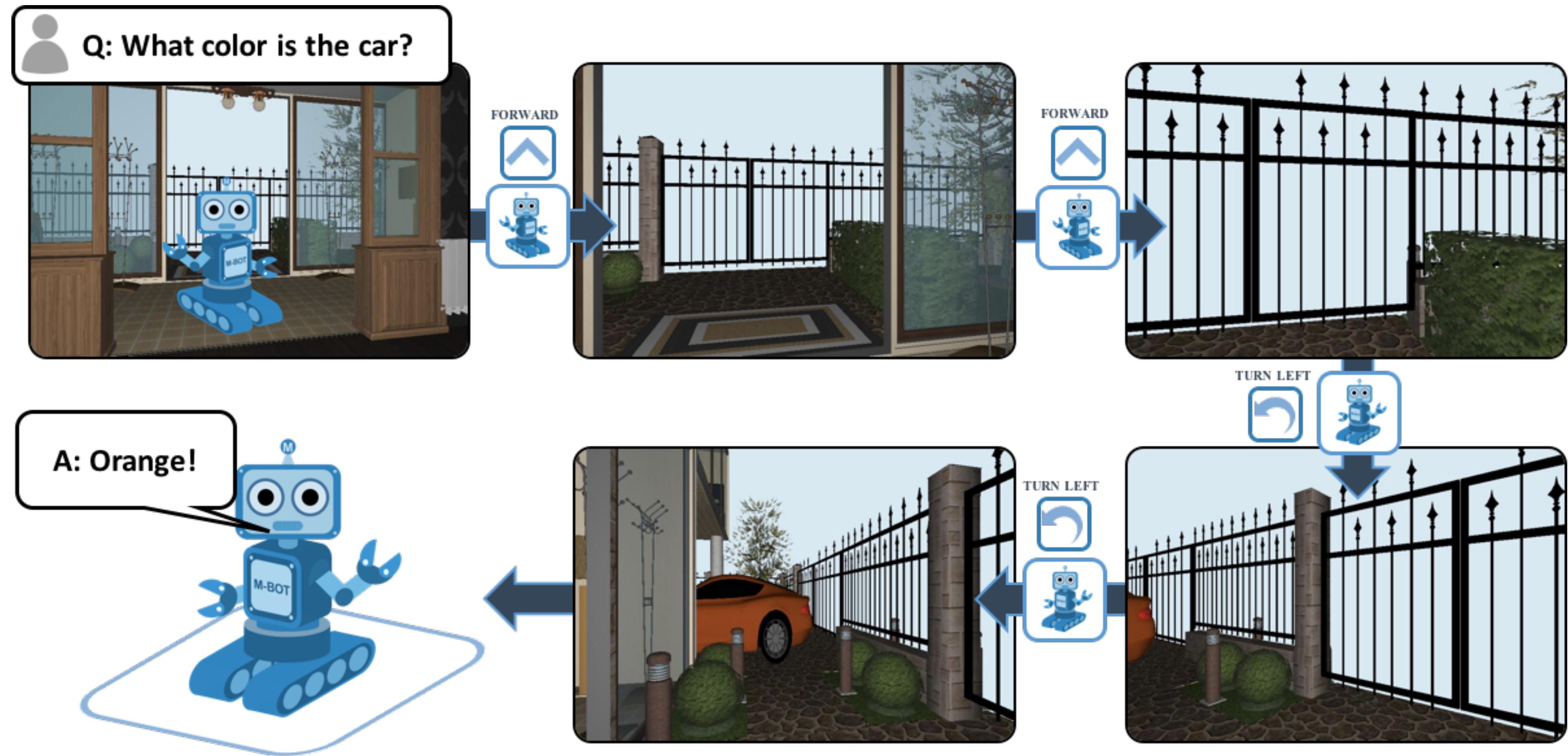


Point Cloud Perception





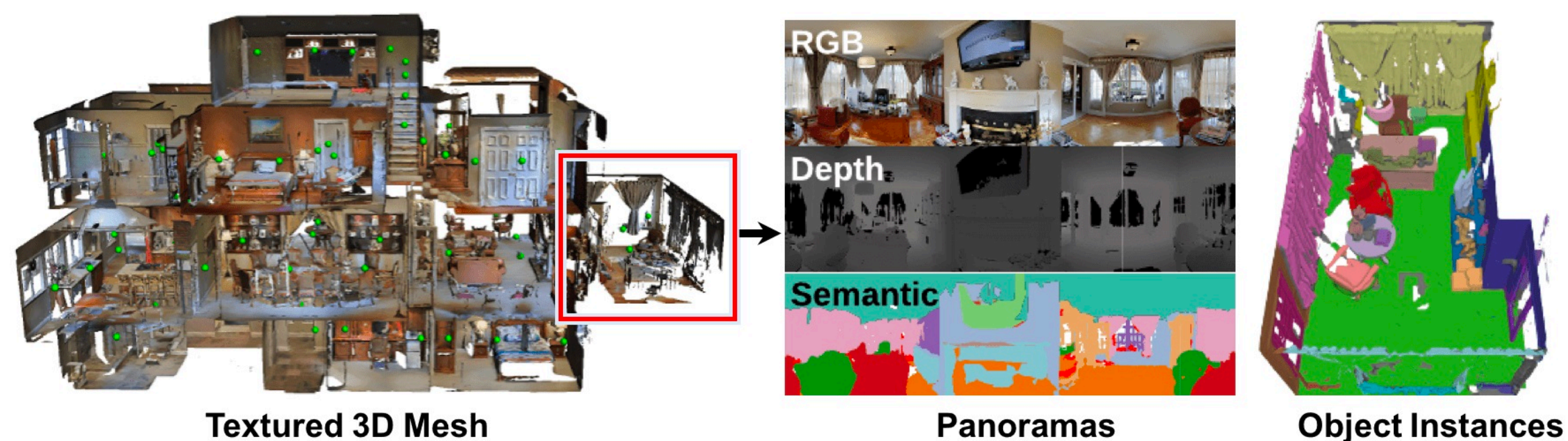
# EmbodiedQA





# The EQA Matterport Dataset

Built using scenes from Matterport3D



- Human color names for objects
  - Careful selection of goal locations to ensure target of question is visible
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- Generate point clouds from scanner data, not mesh



1136 Questions



83 Houses

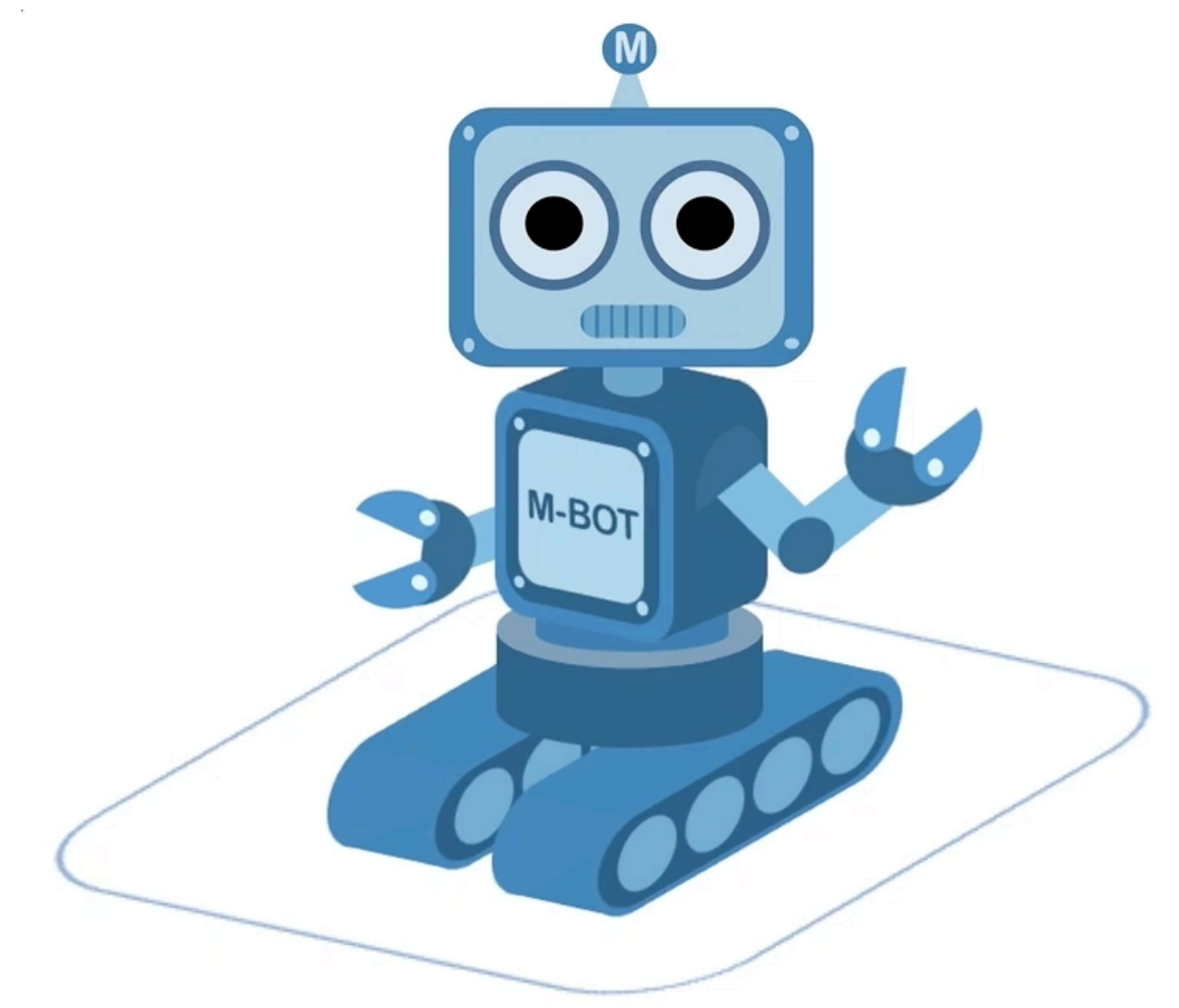


146 Floors





# Agents for EmbodiedQA

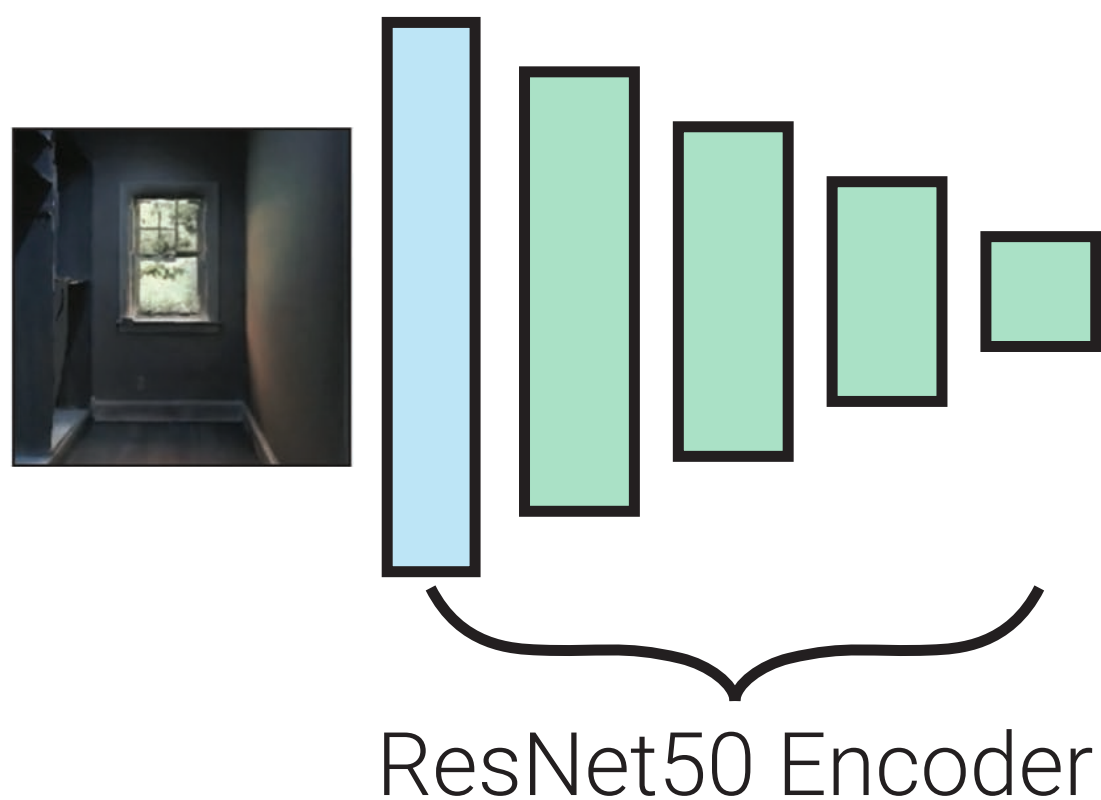




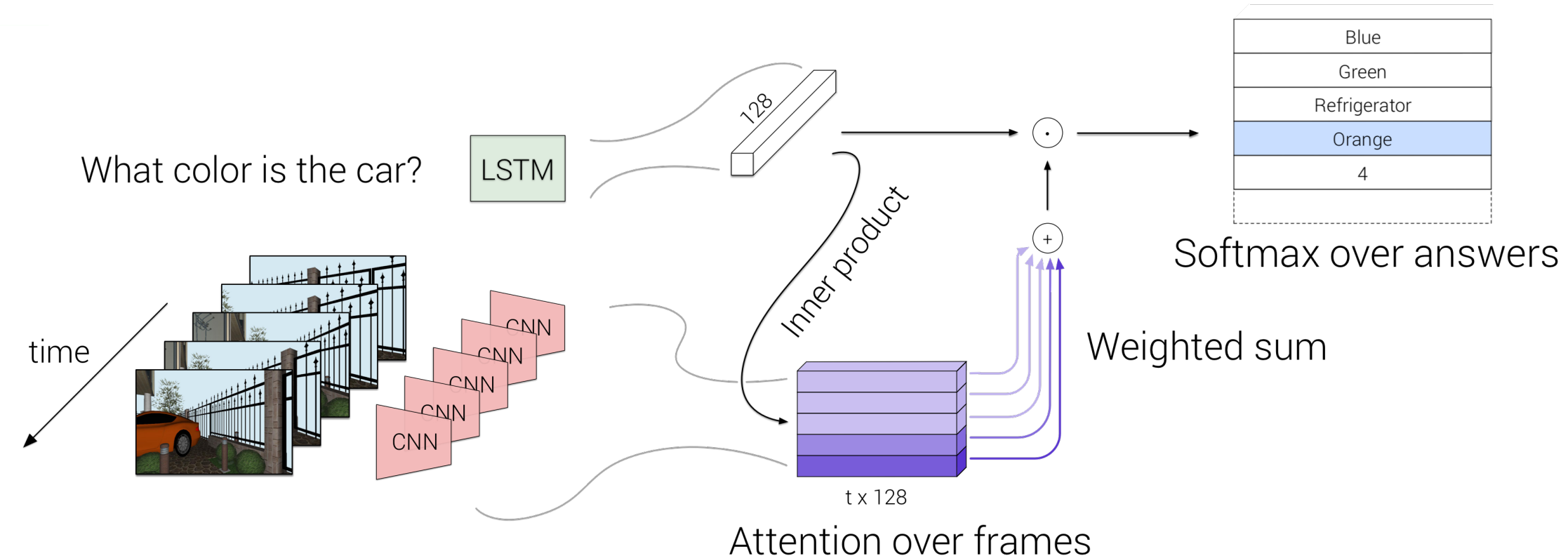
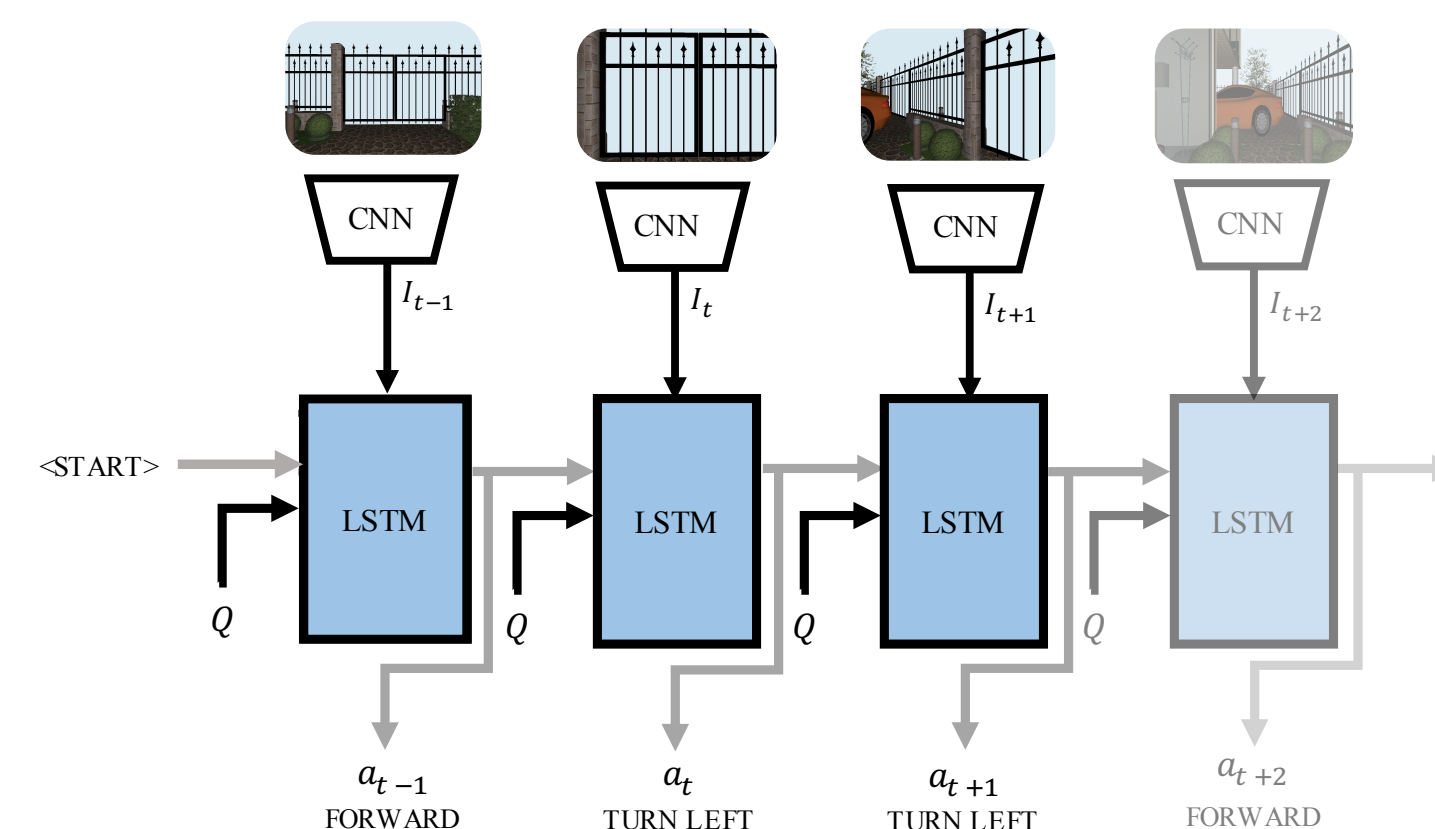
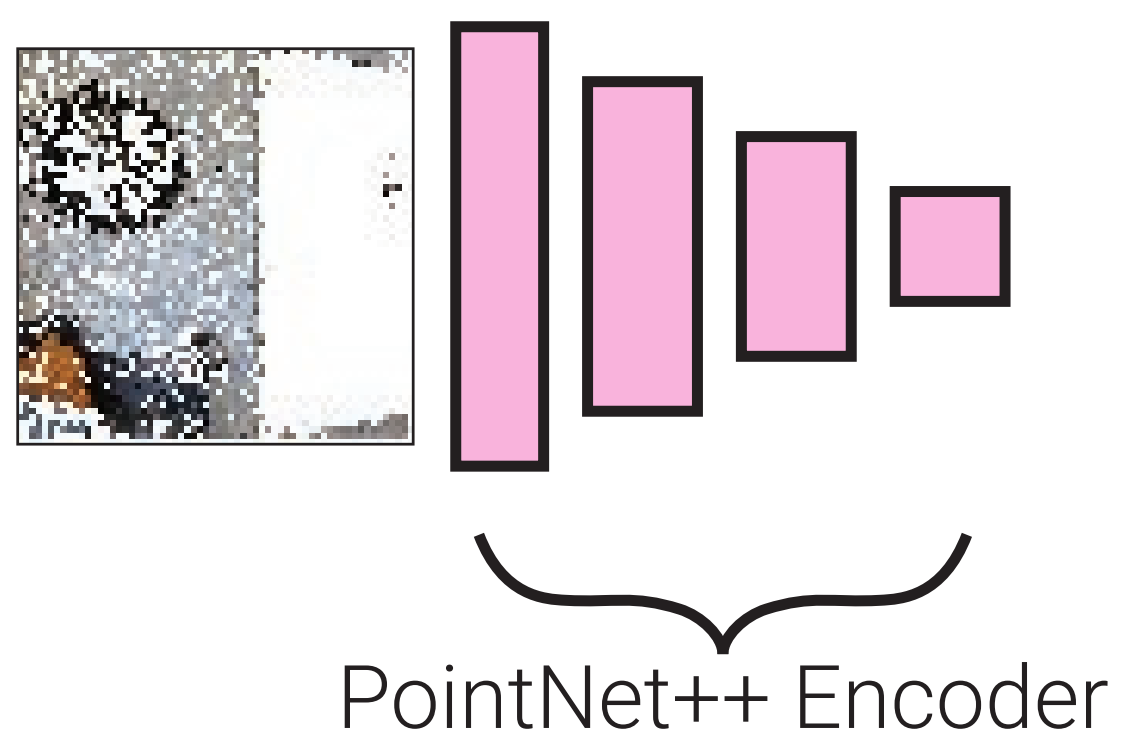
# Agents for EmbodiedQA

Vision, Navigation, and Answering

Perception for  
RGB



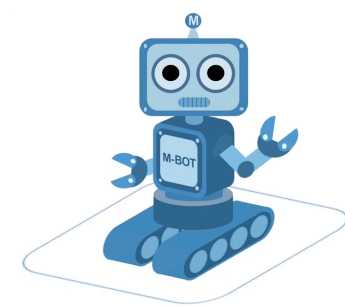
Perception for  
Point Clouds



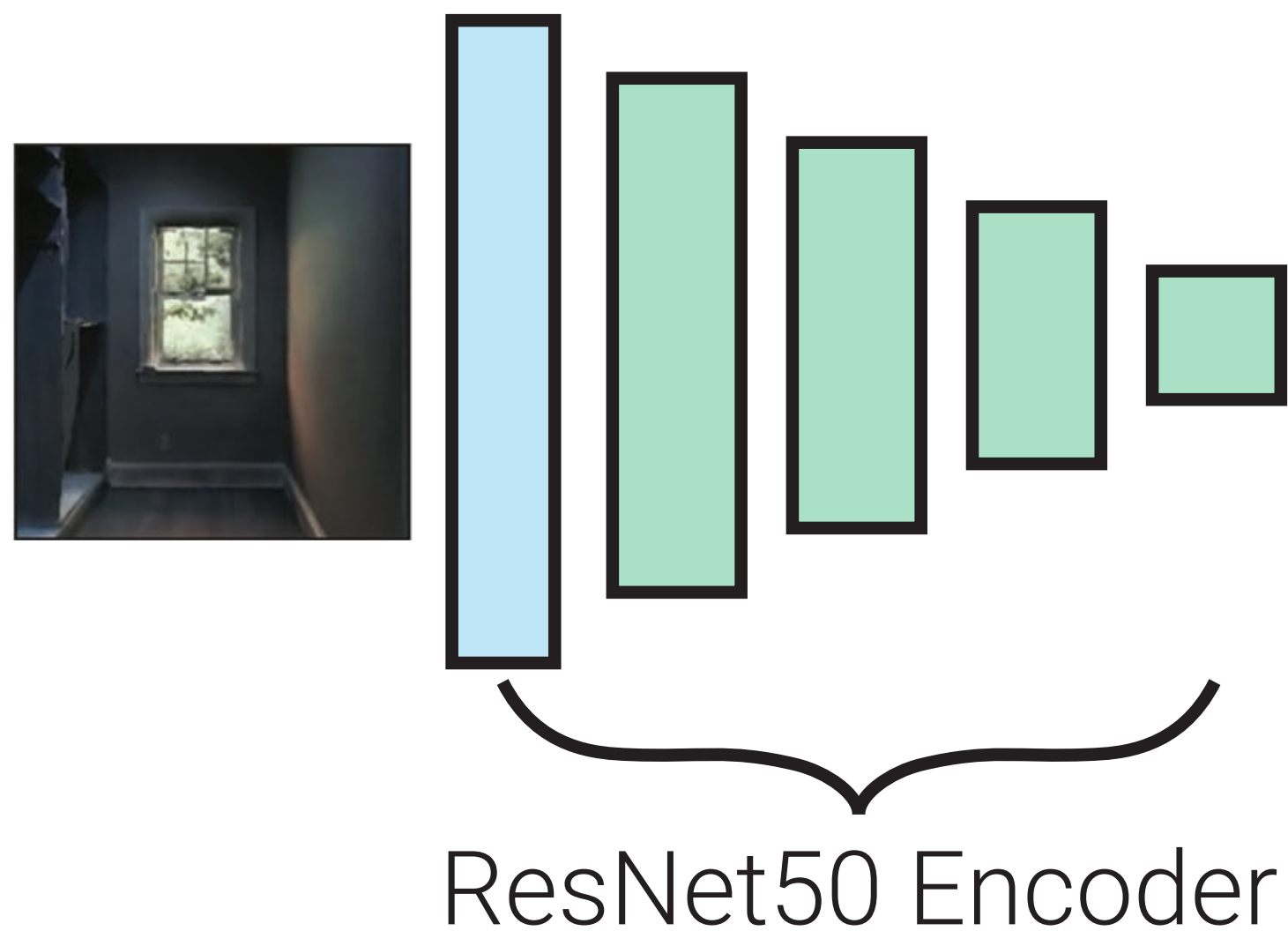


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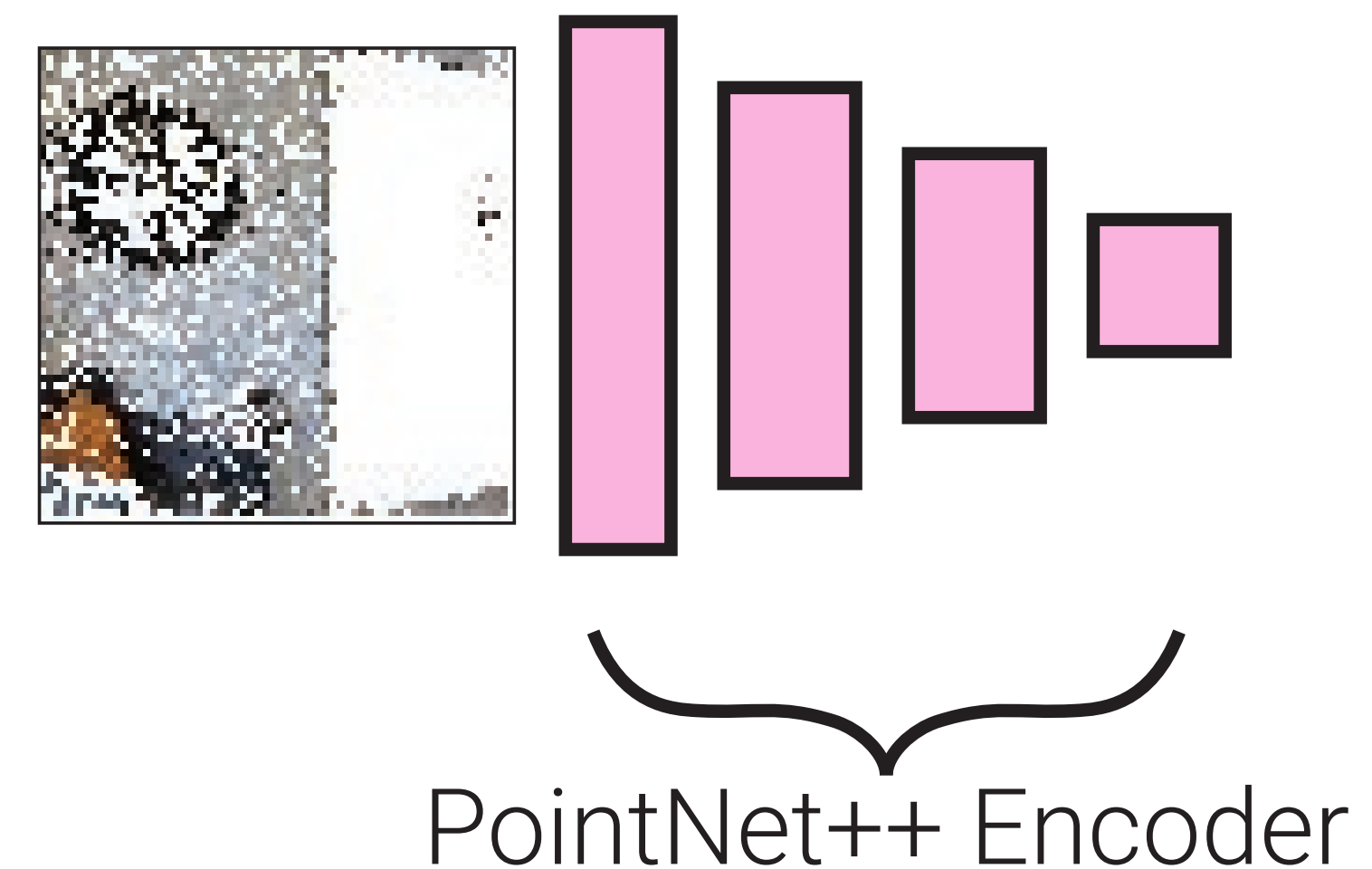
## Vision



Perception  
for RGB

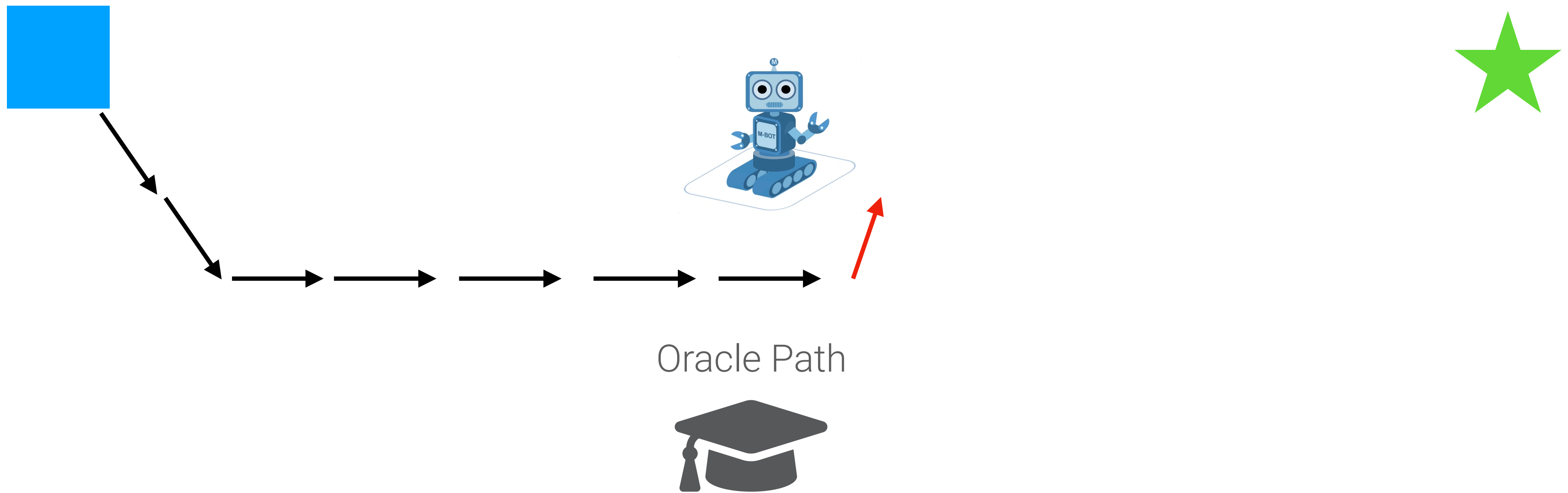


Perception for  
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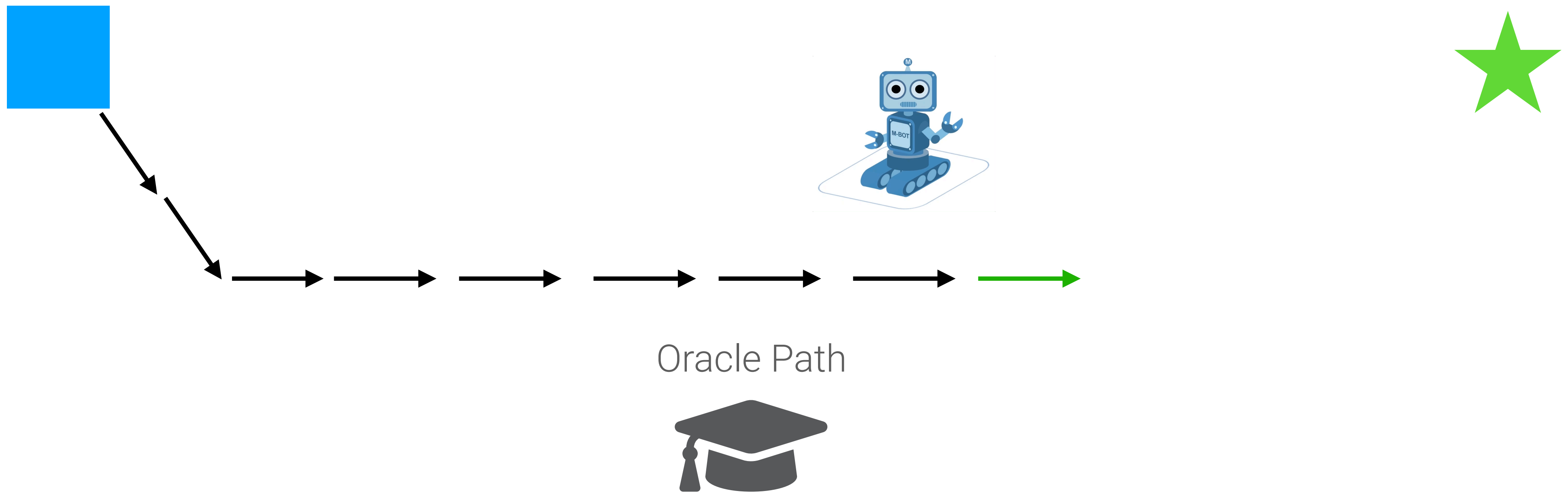


# Training for navigation



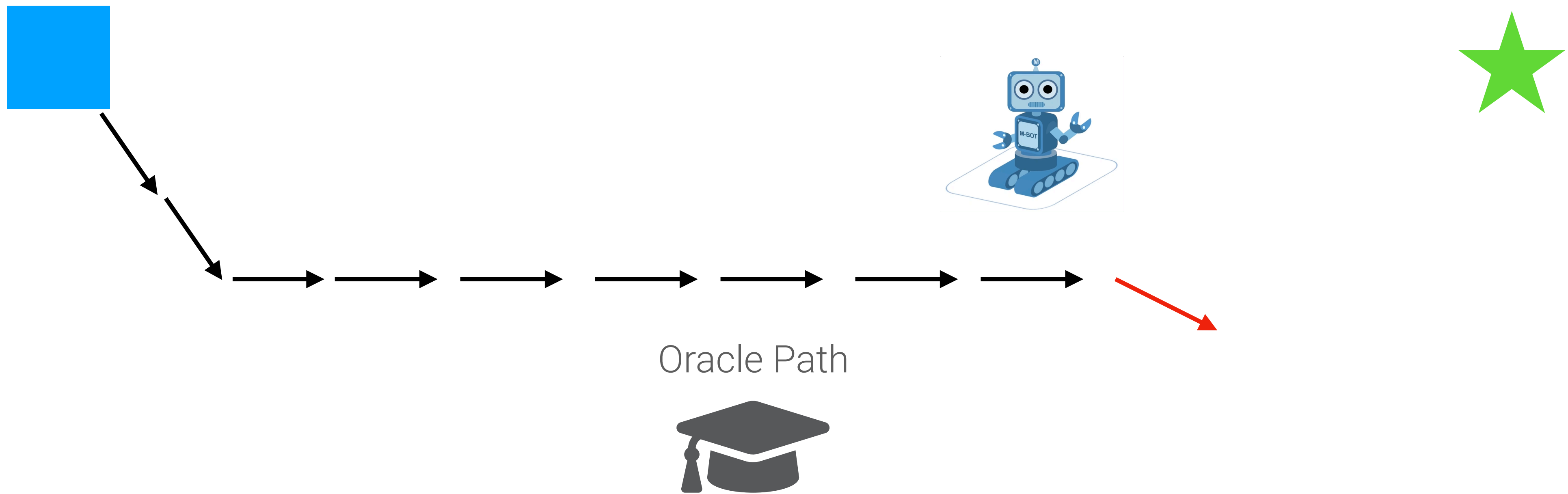


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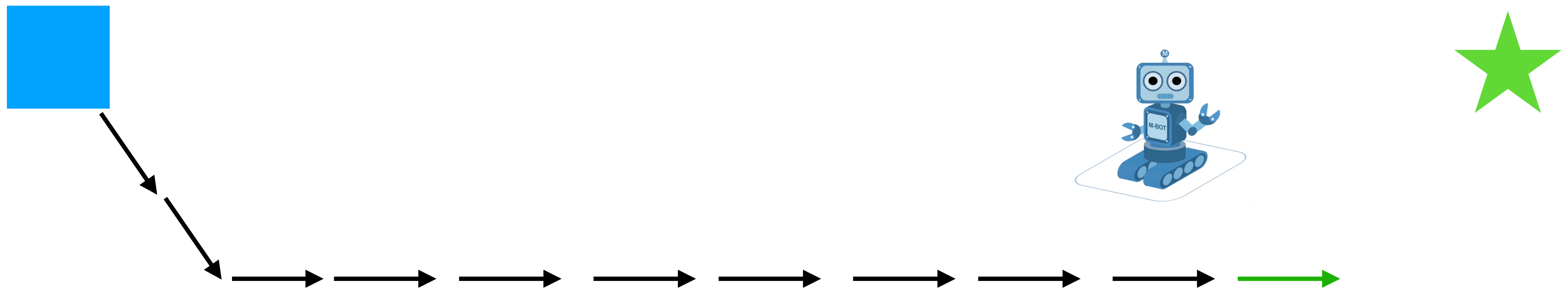


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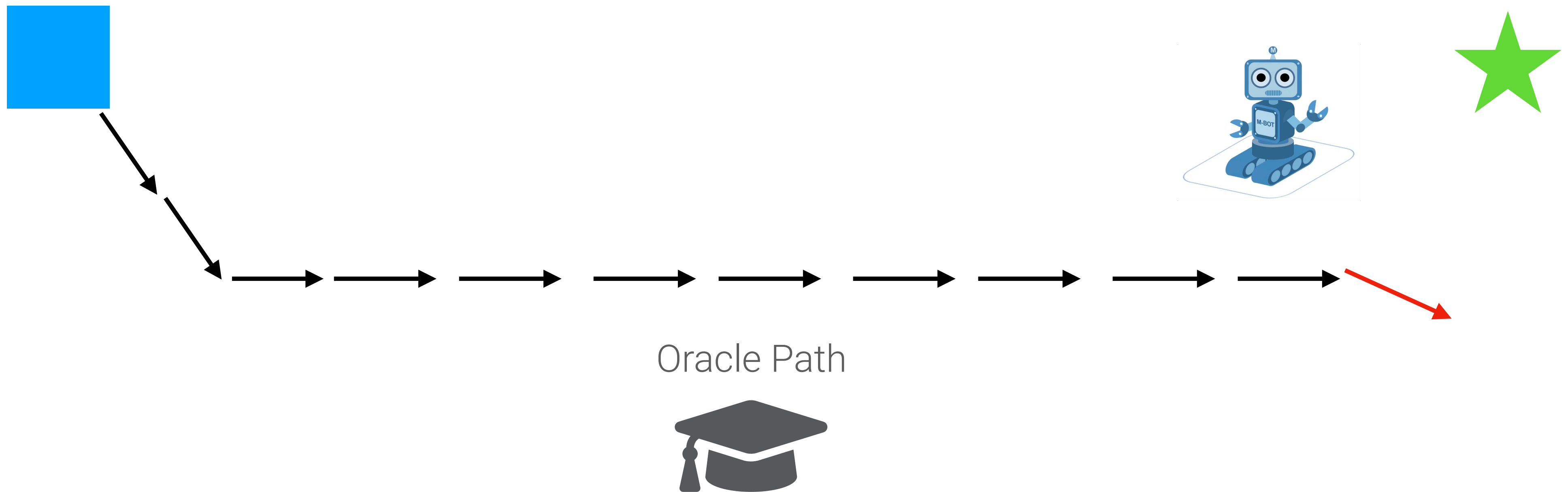


Oracle Path



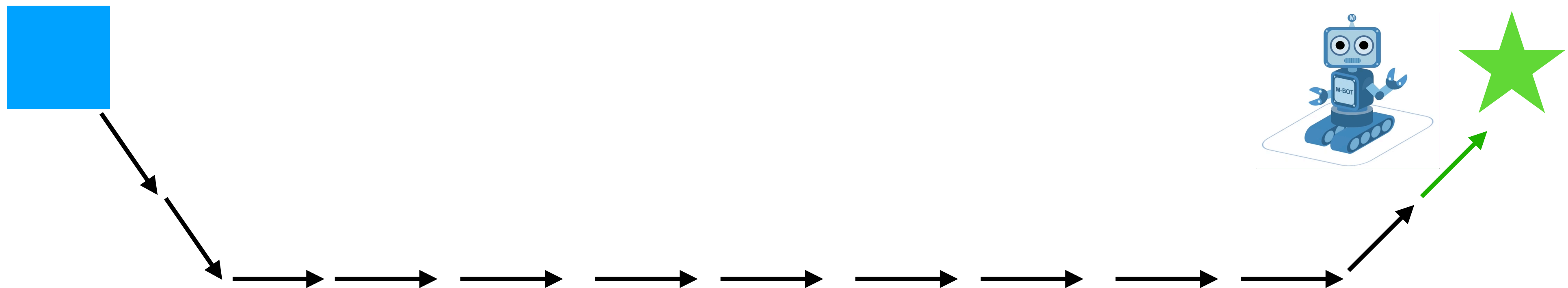


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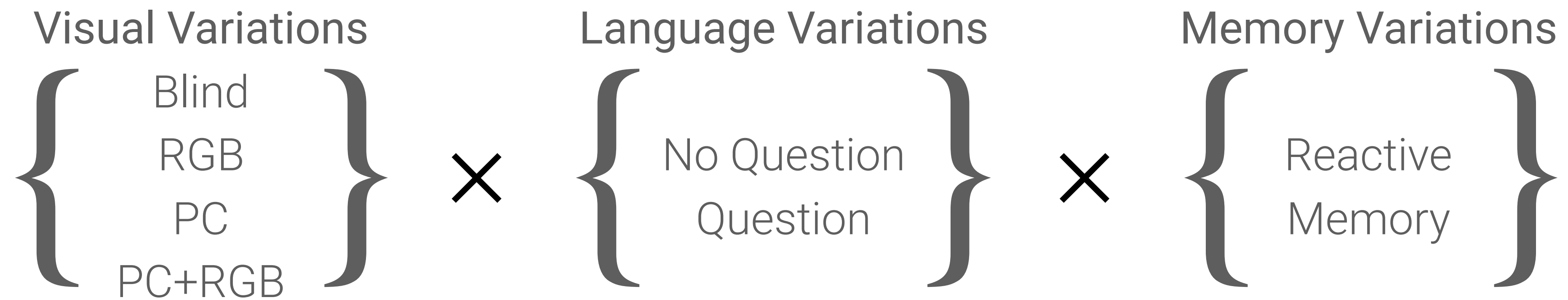


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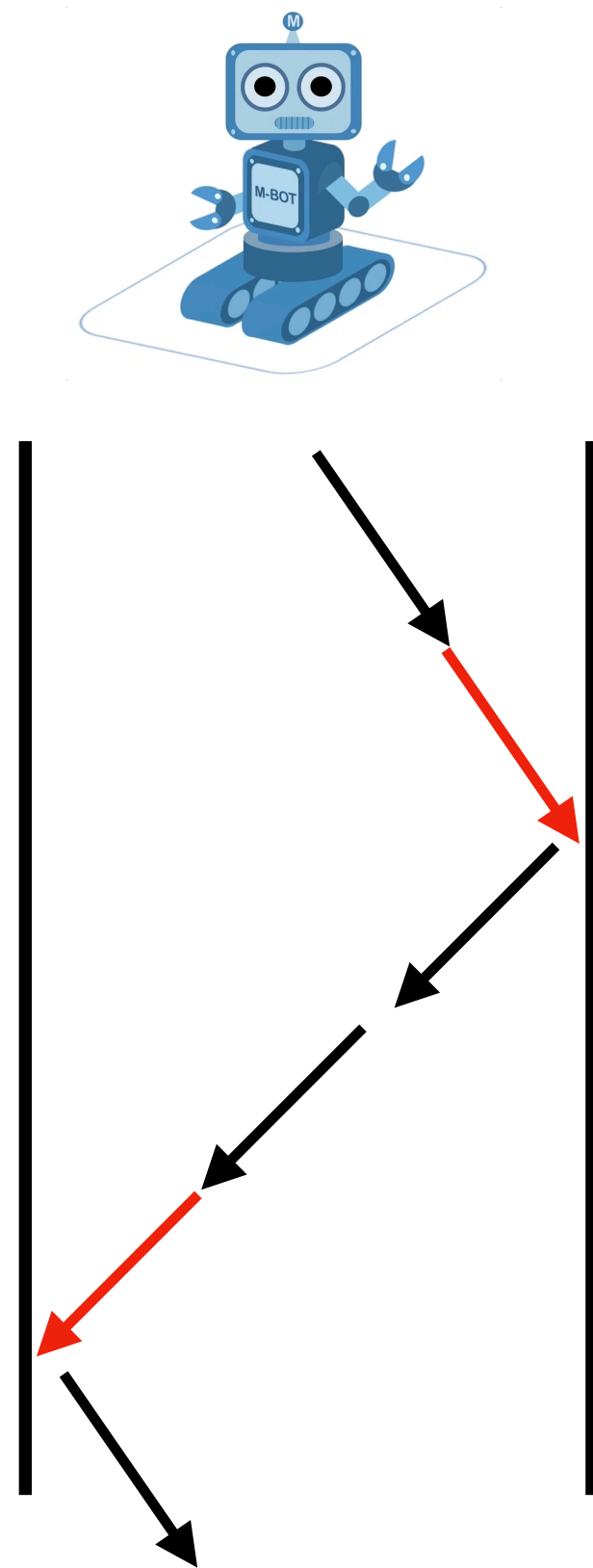
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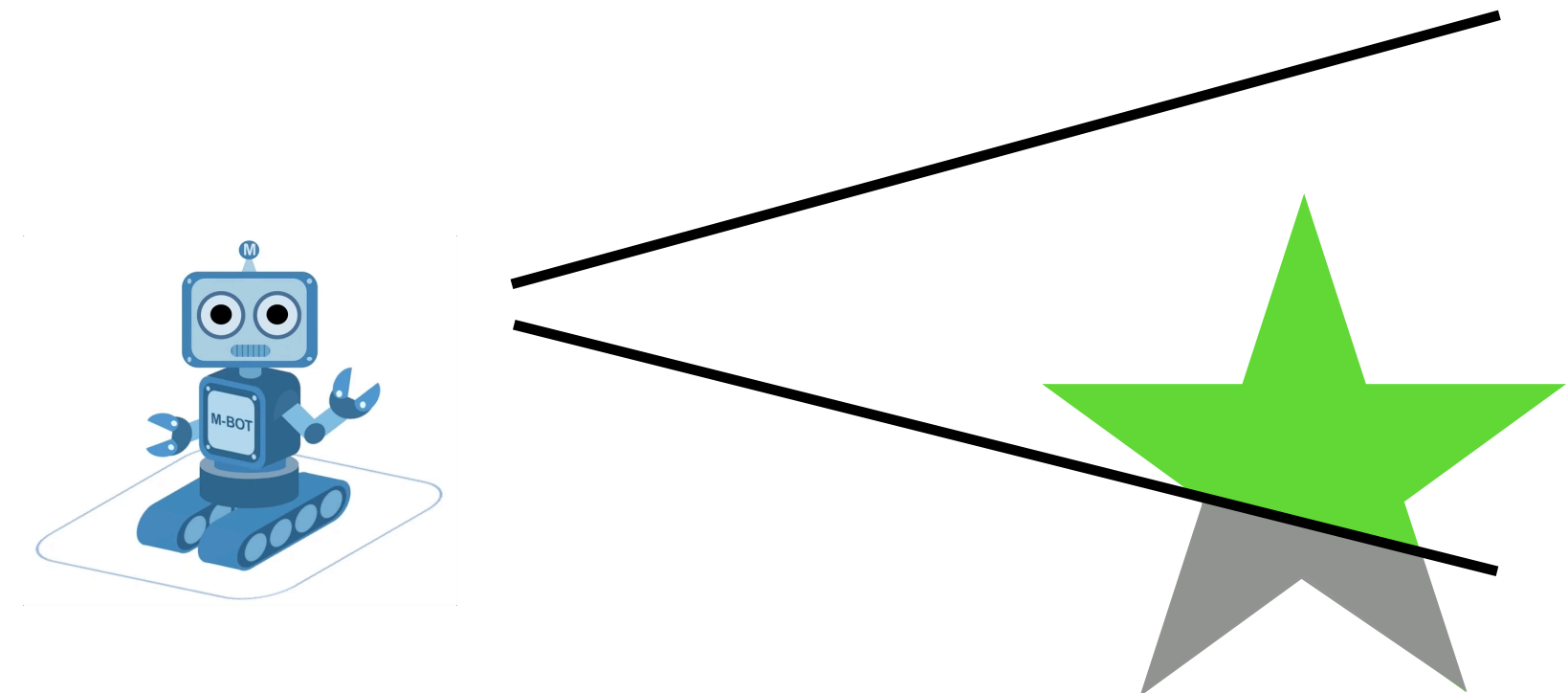


# Metrics

Collision Rate ( $\downarrow$  better)



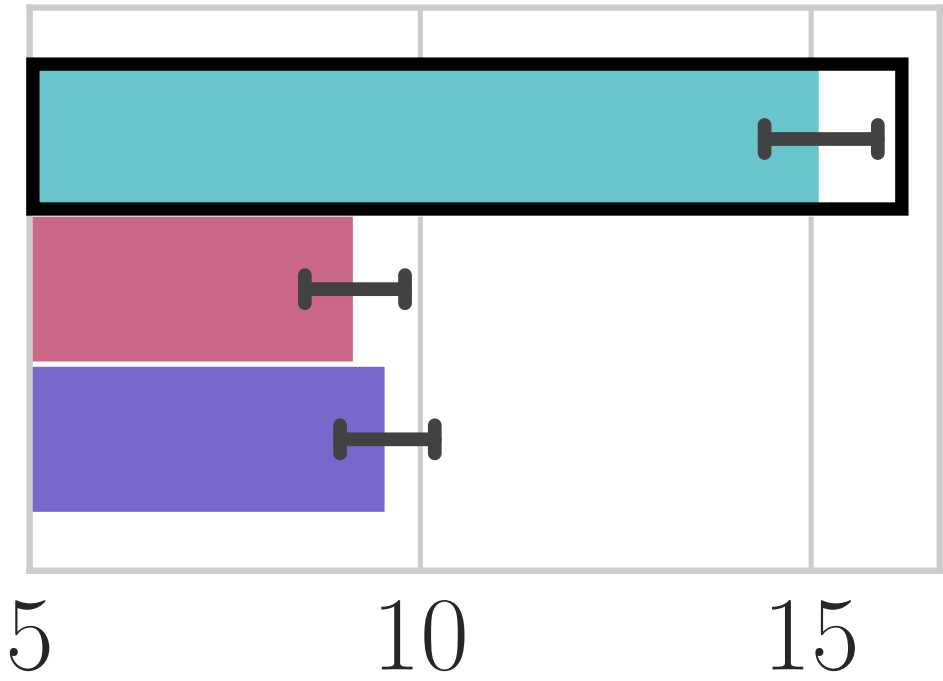
View Quality ( $\uparrow$  better)



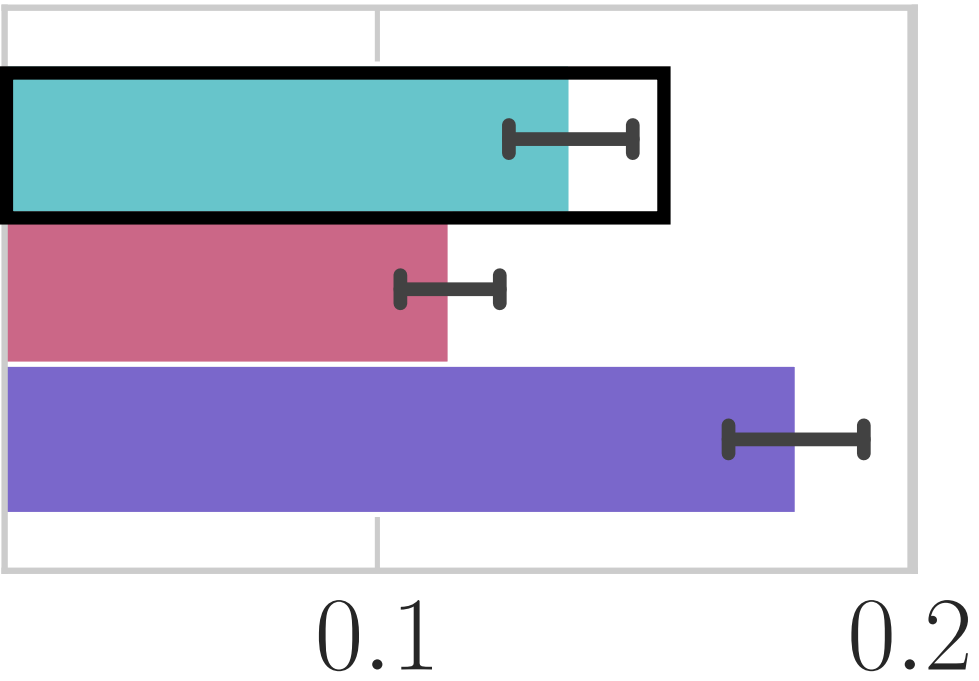
Q: What color is the fireplace in the bedroom?



Collision Rate (↓ better)

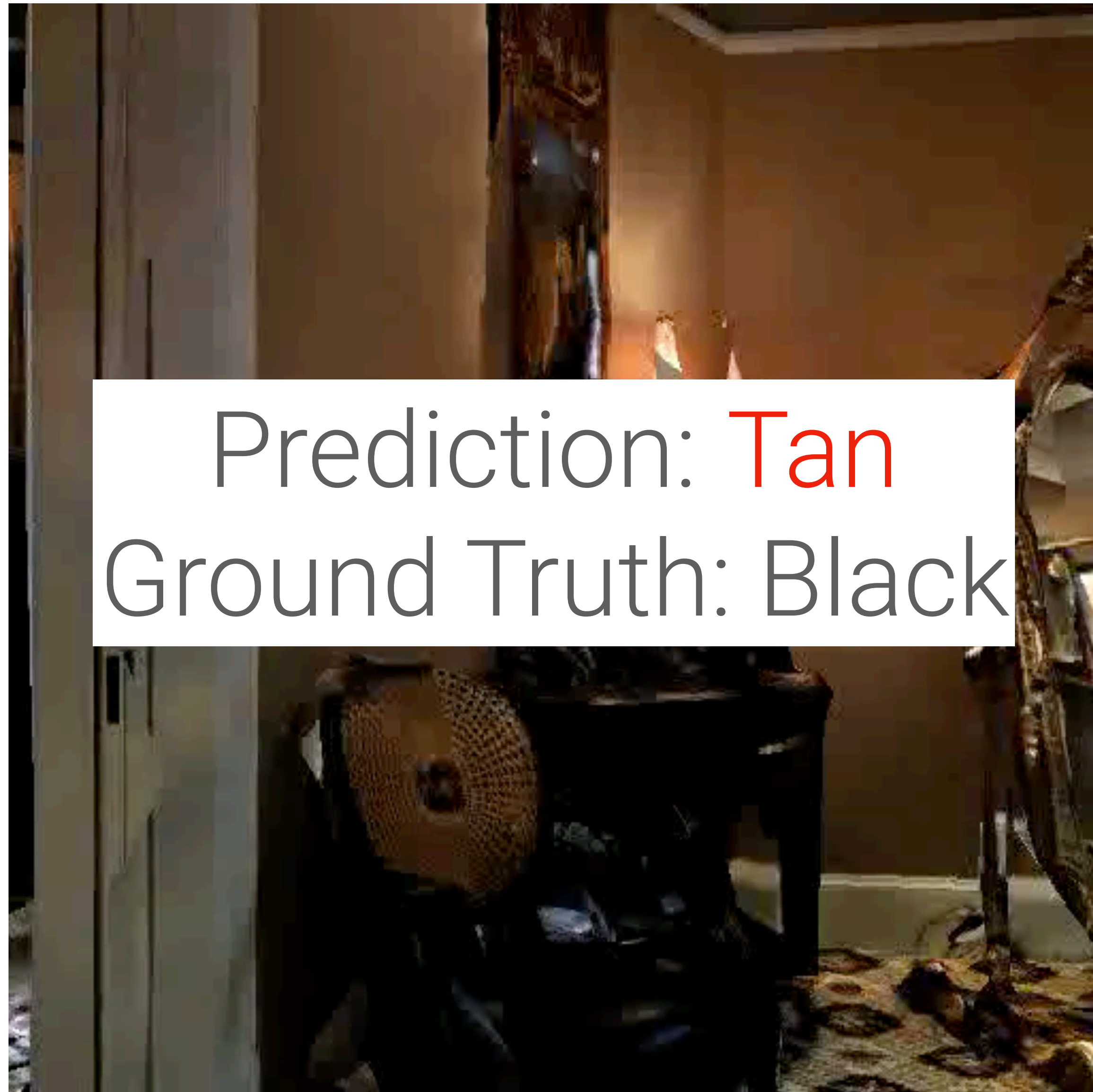


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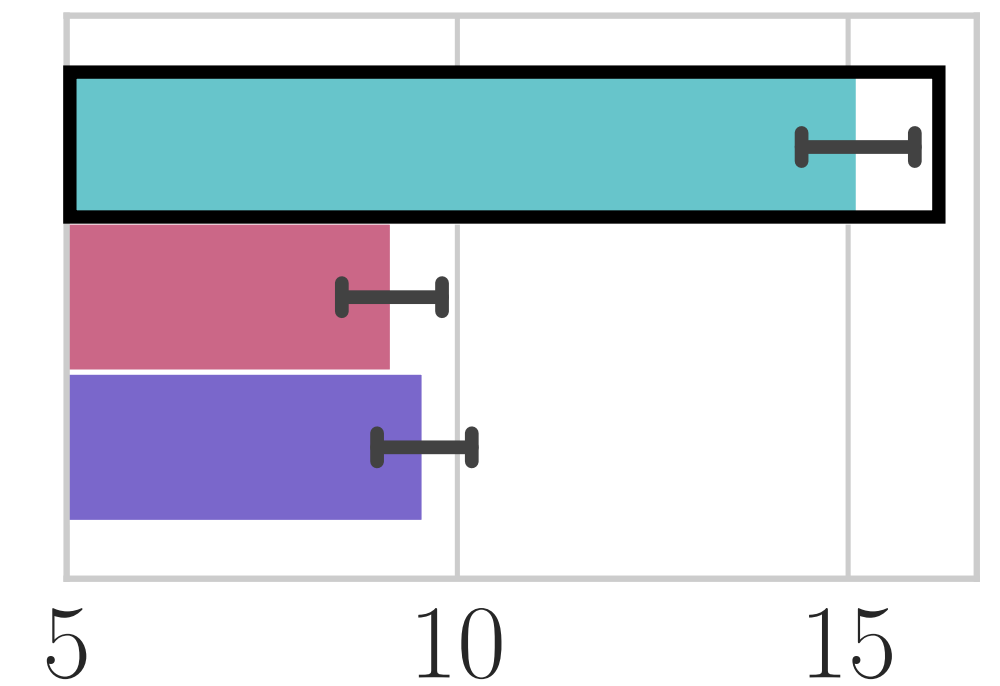




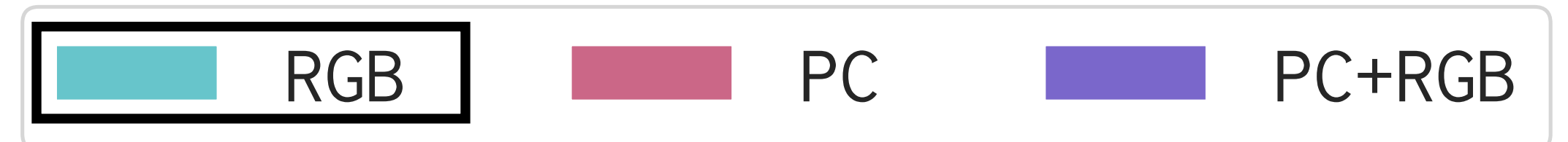
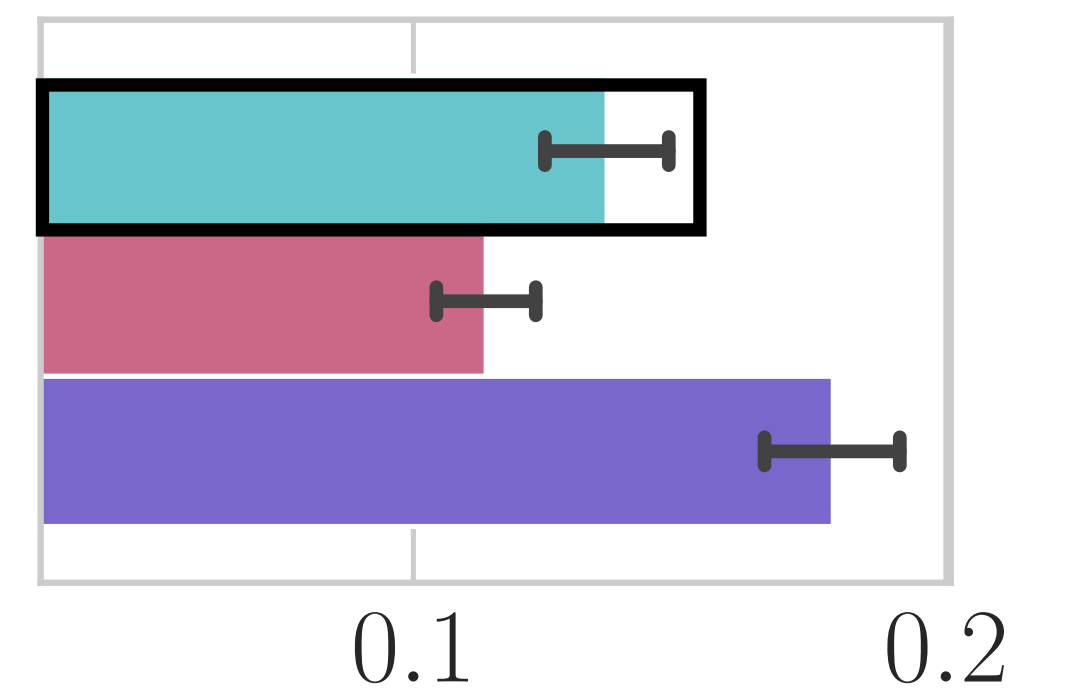
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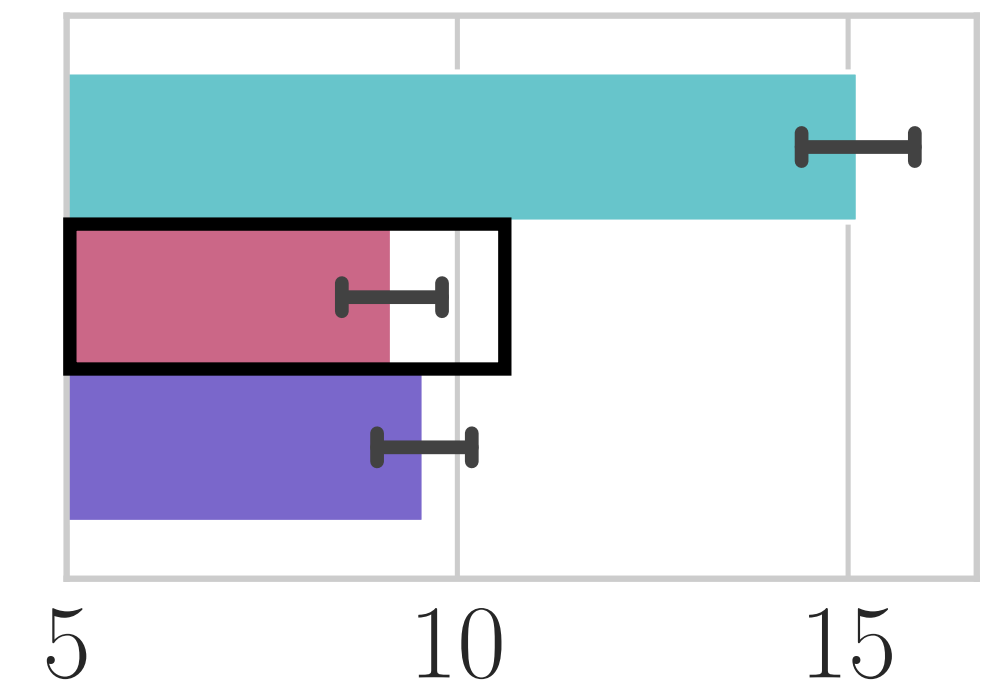




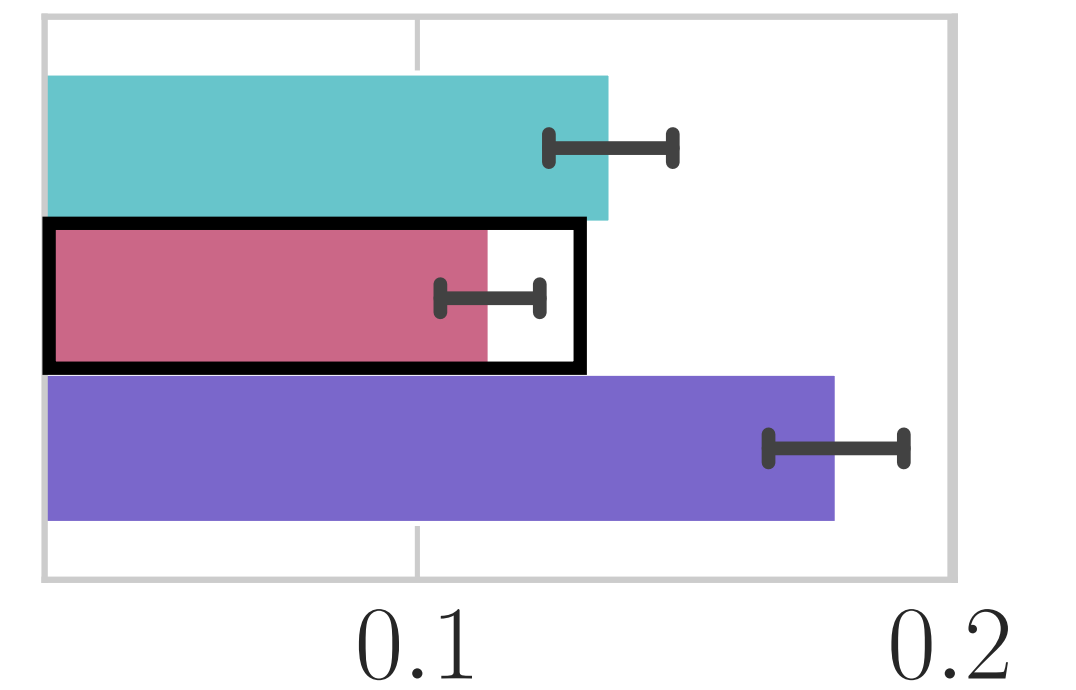
Q: What room is the wardrobe located in?



Collision Rate ( $\downarrow$  better)



View Quality ( $\uparrow$  better)



RGB



PC



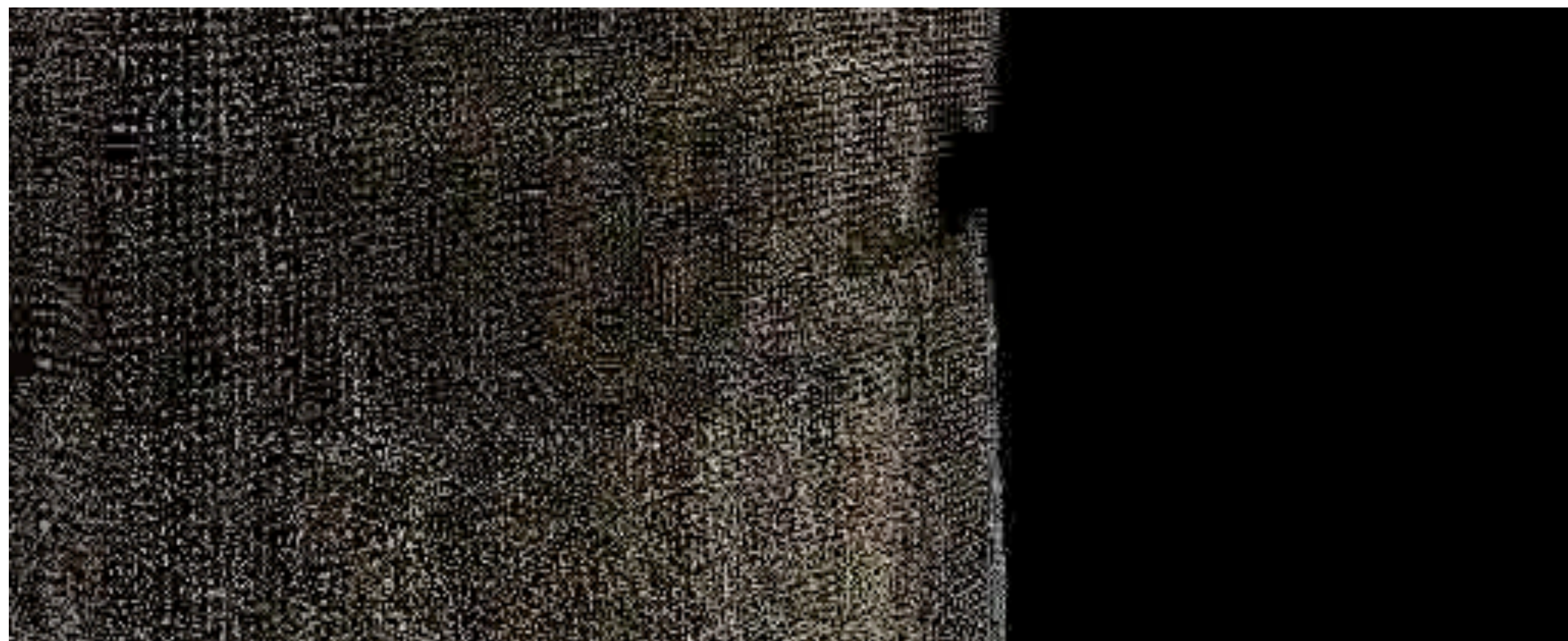
PC+RGB



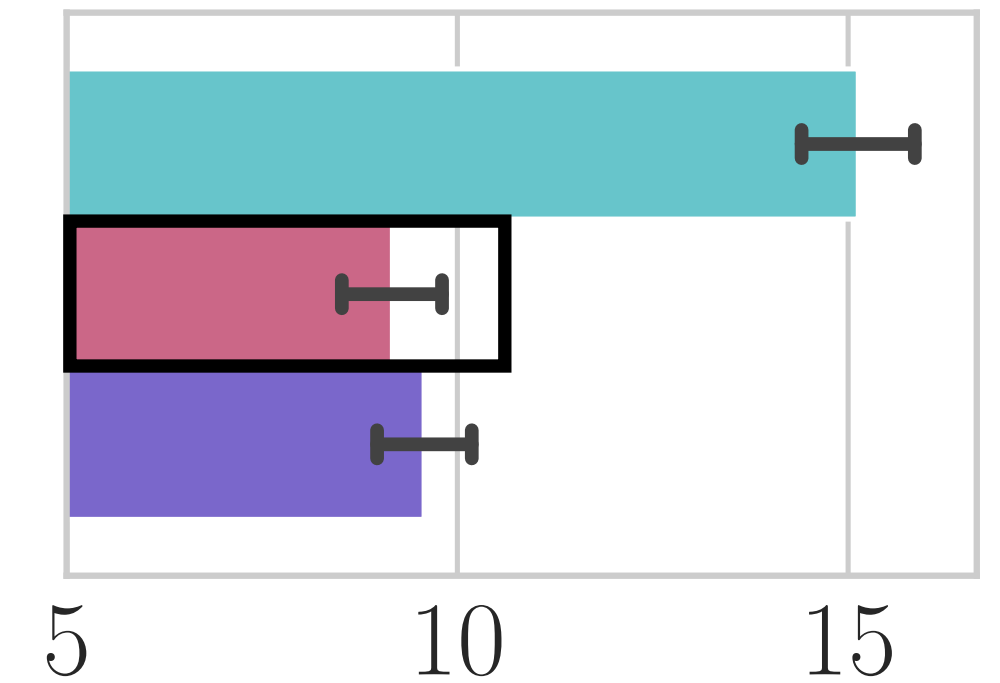
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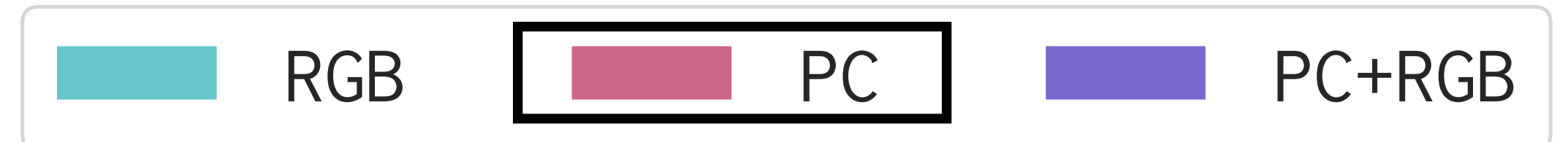
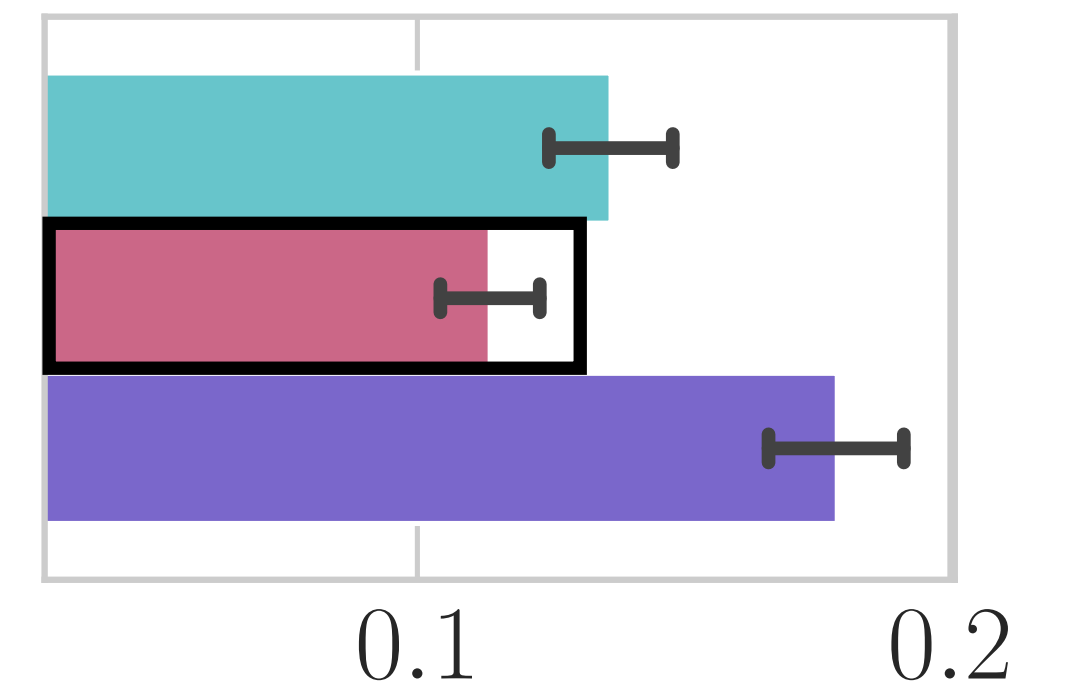
Prediction: Bathroom  
Ground Truth: Bedroom



Collision Rate (↓ better)

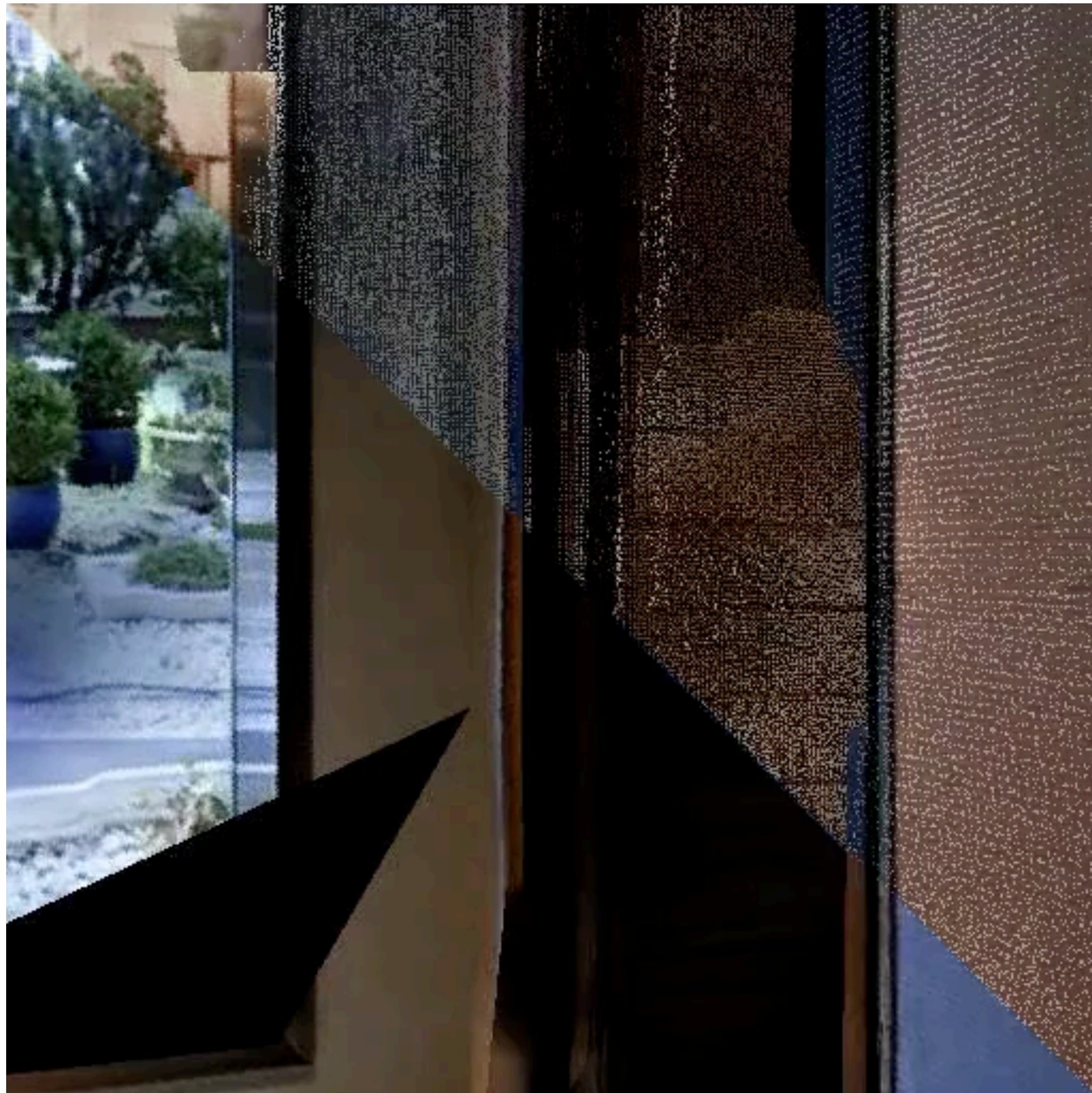


View Quality (↑ better)

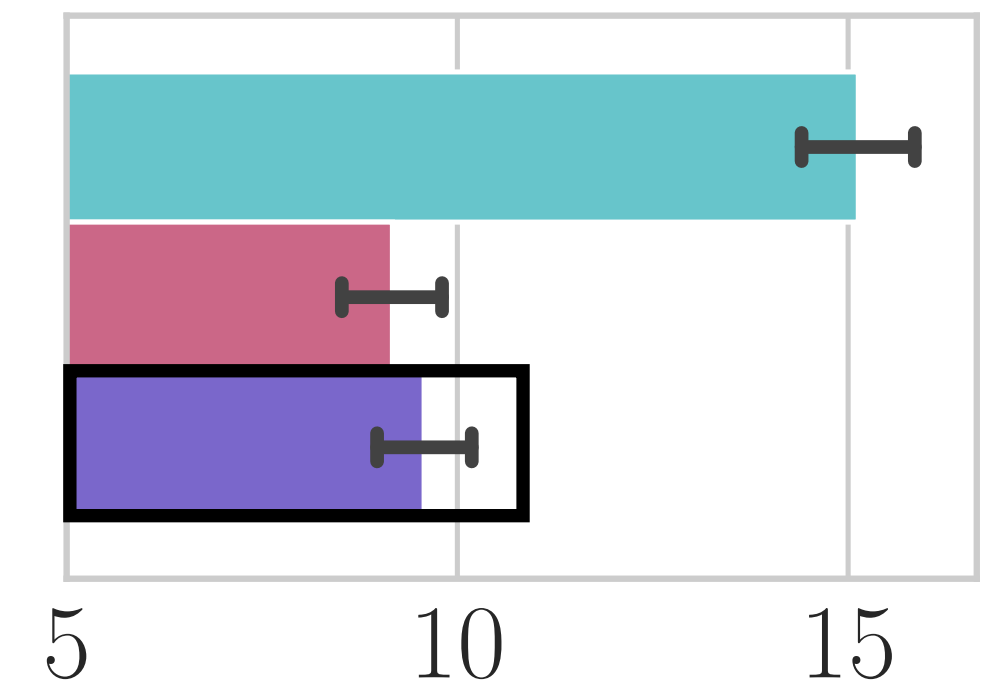




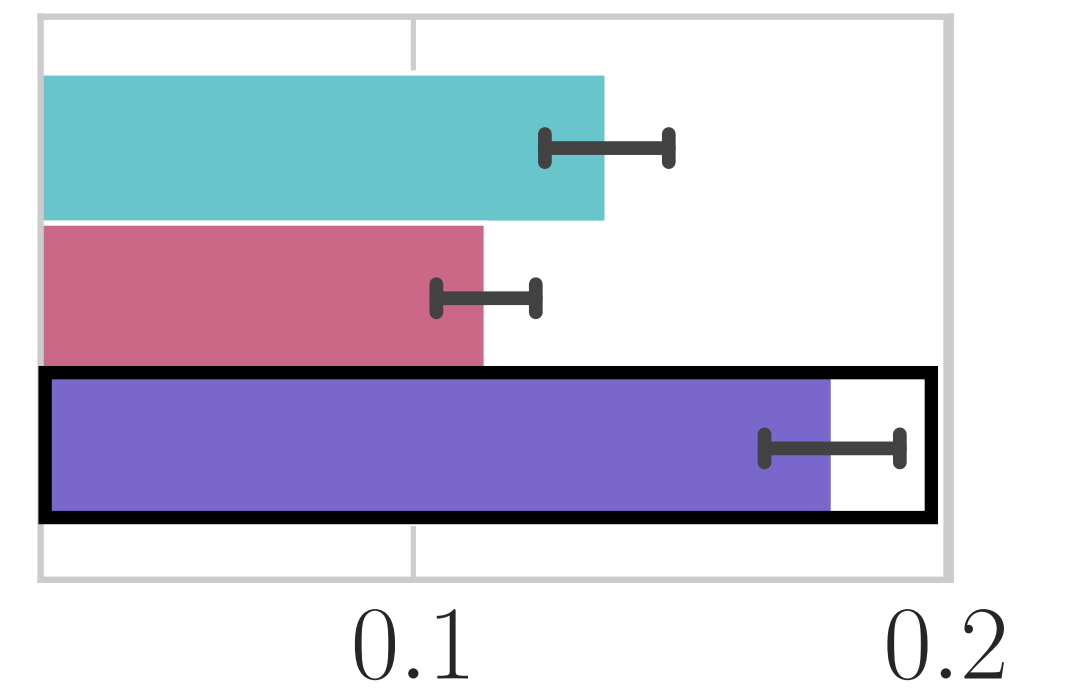
Q: What color is the counter in the hallway?



Collision Rate (↓ better)



View Quality (↑ better)



RGB



PC



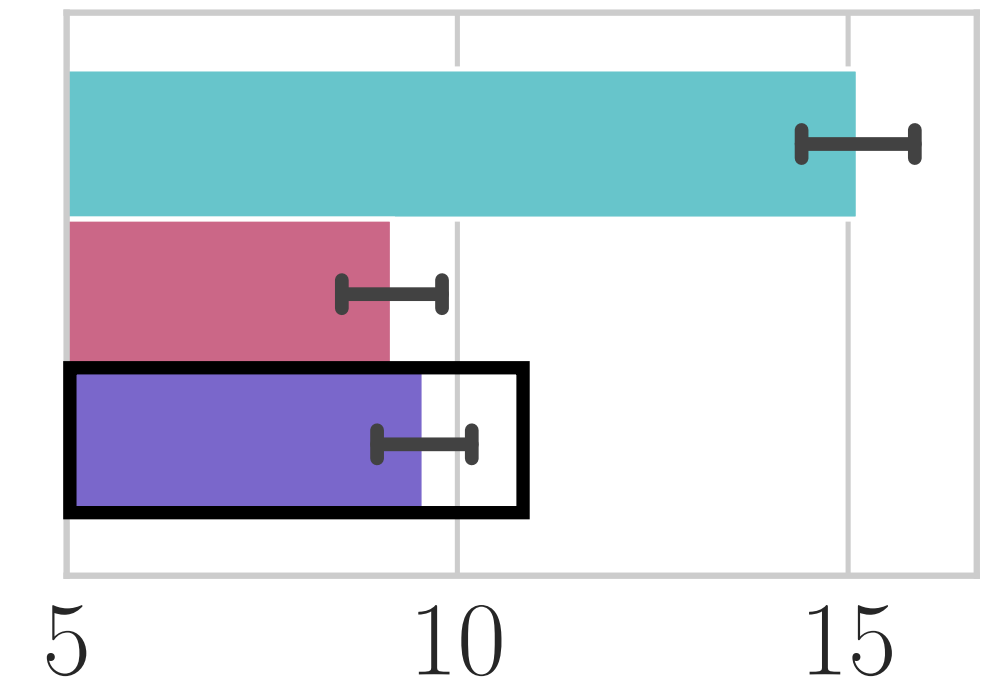
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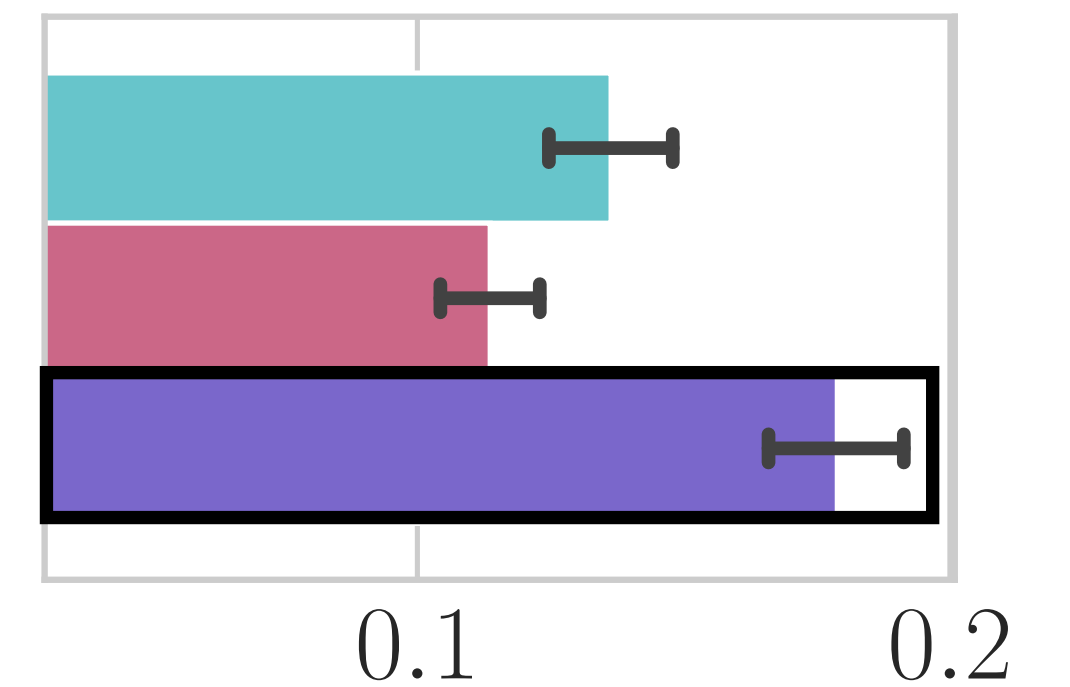
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View Quality ( $\uparrow$  better)



RGB

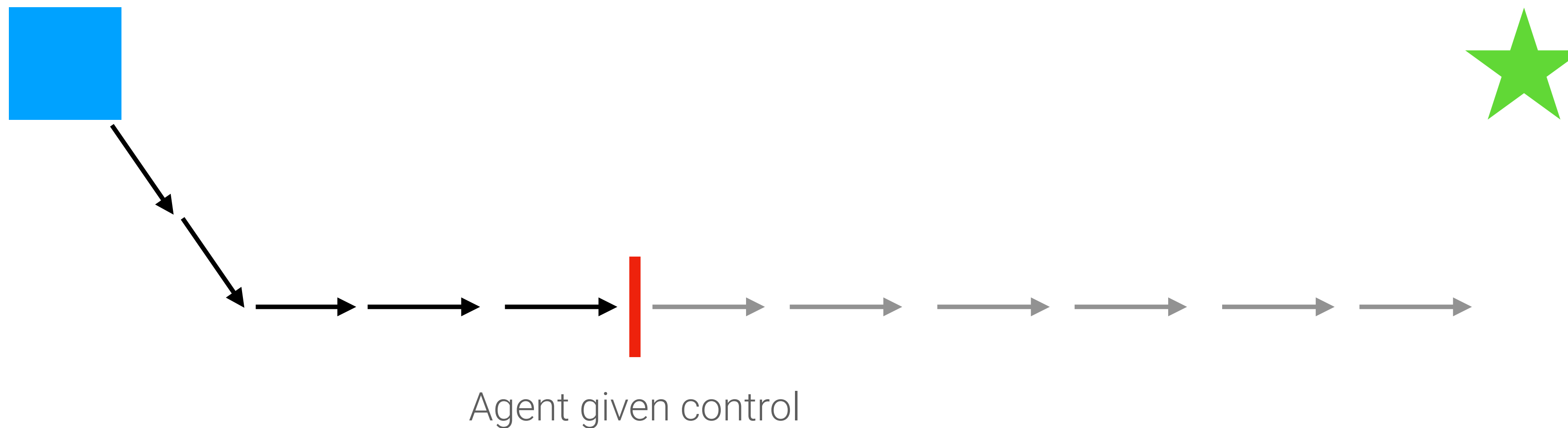
PC

PC+RGB

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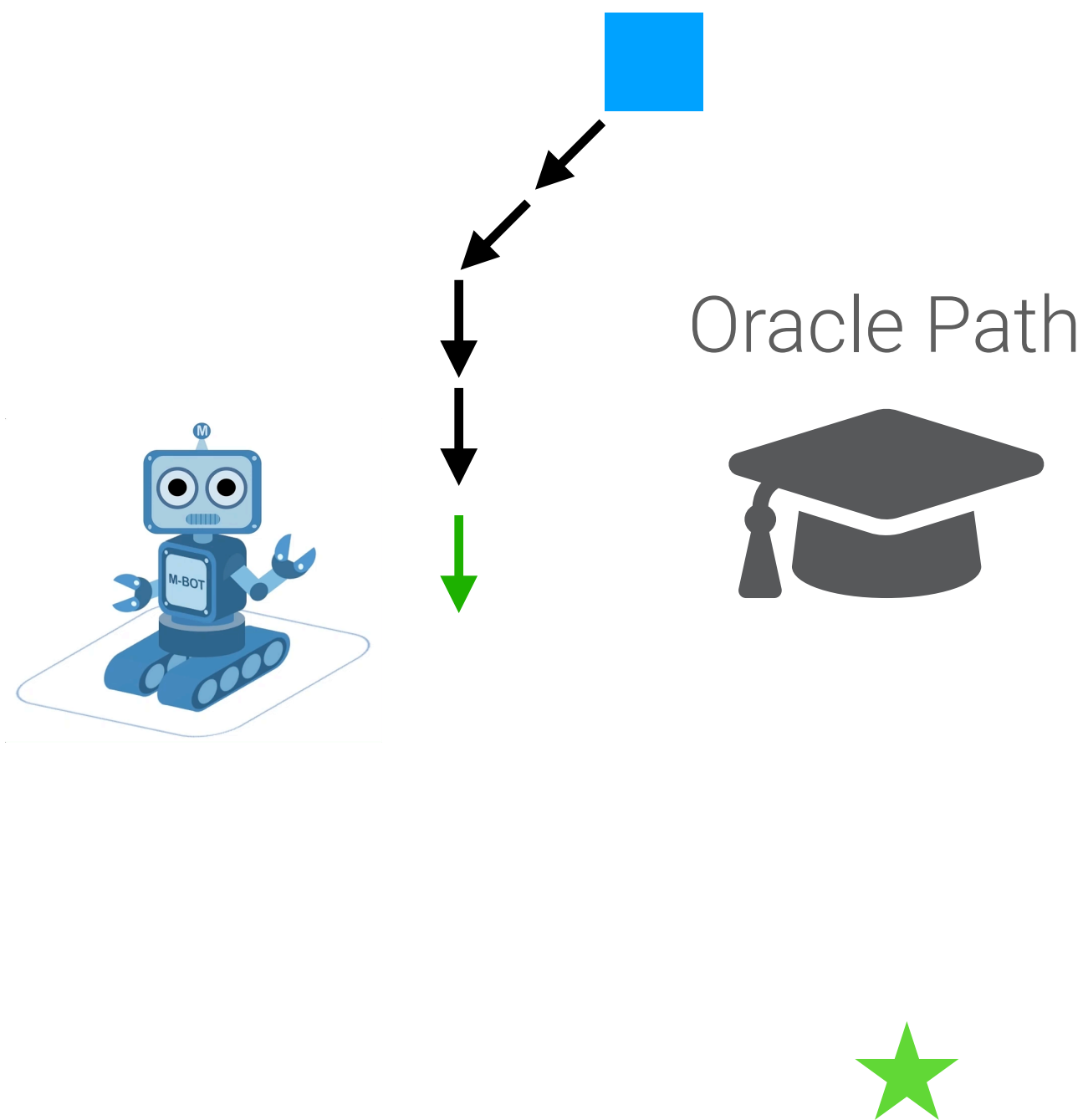


# Forward only works well



# Repeat last action works well during training but fails during evaluation

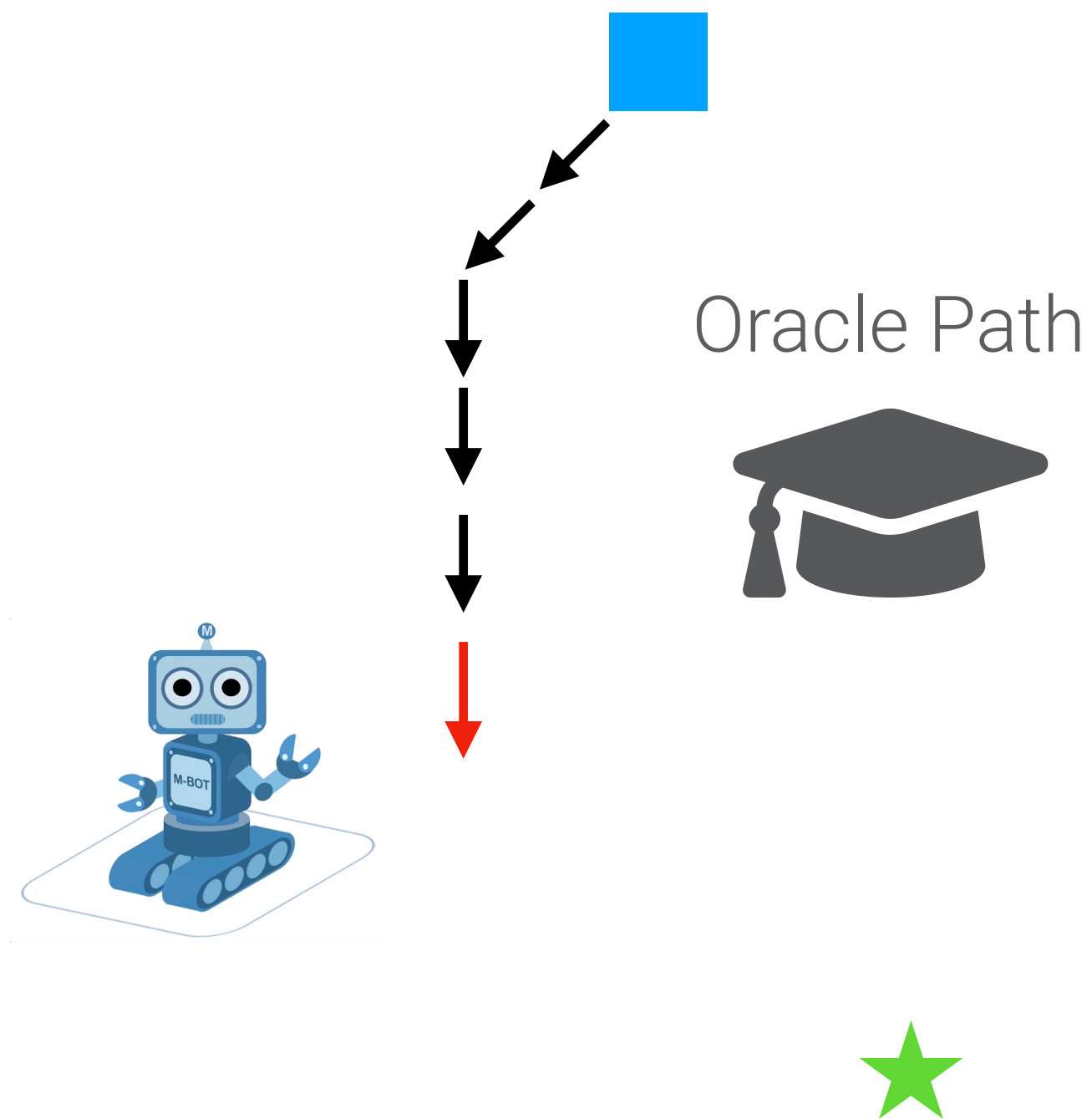
During training





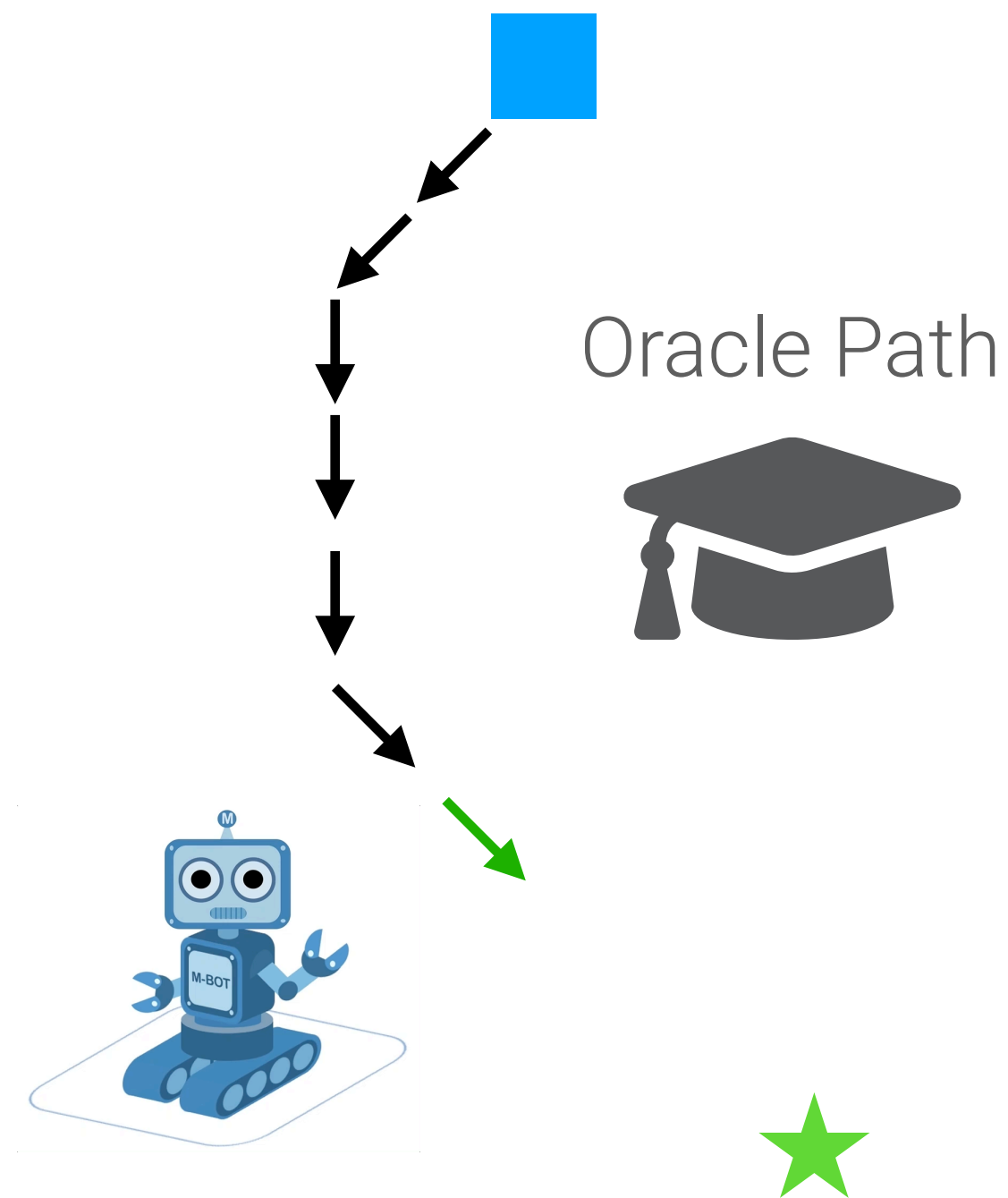
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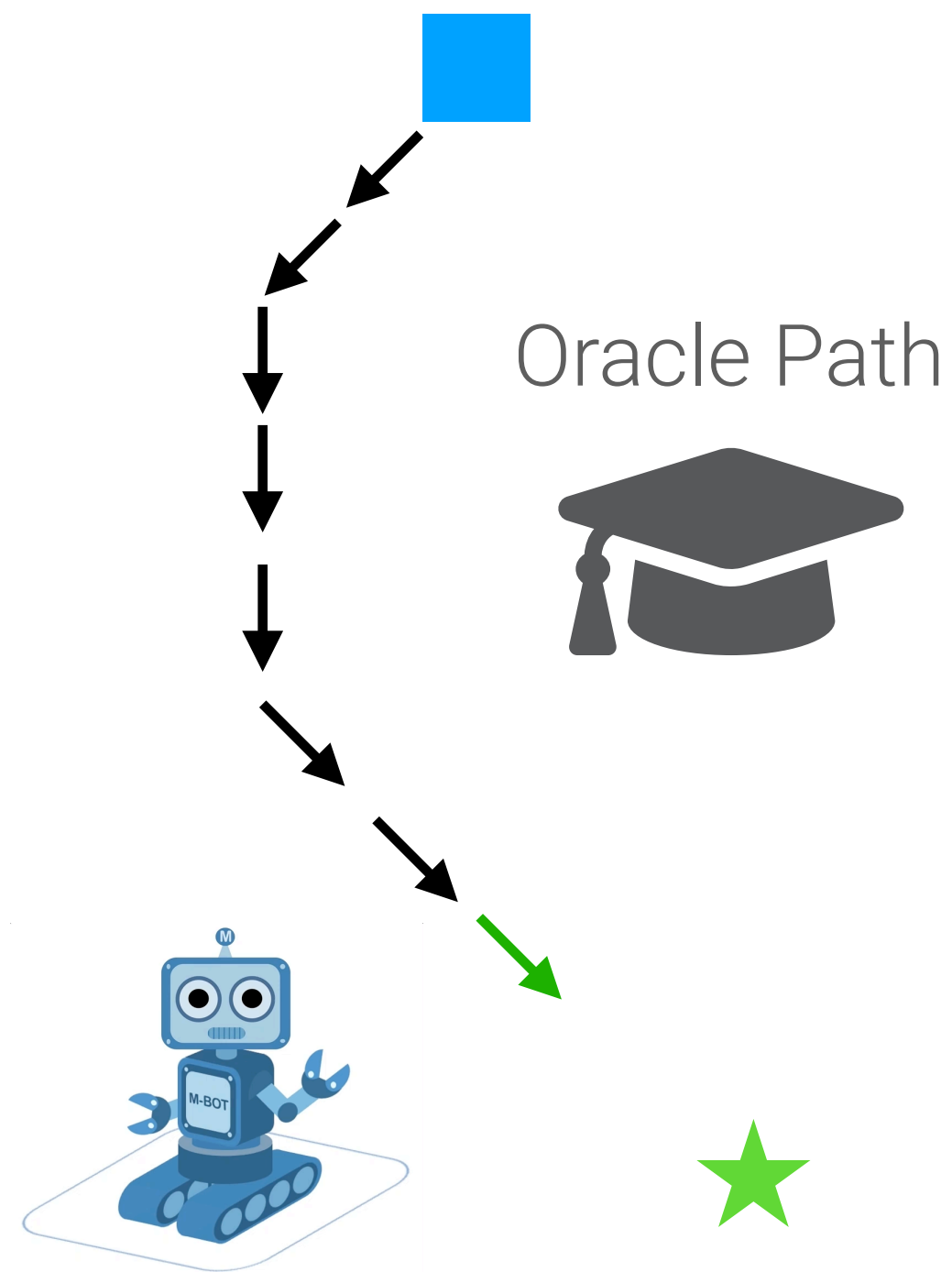
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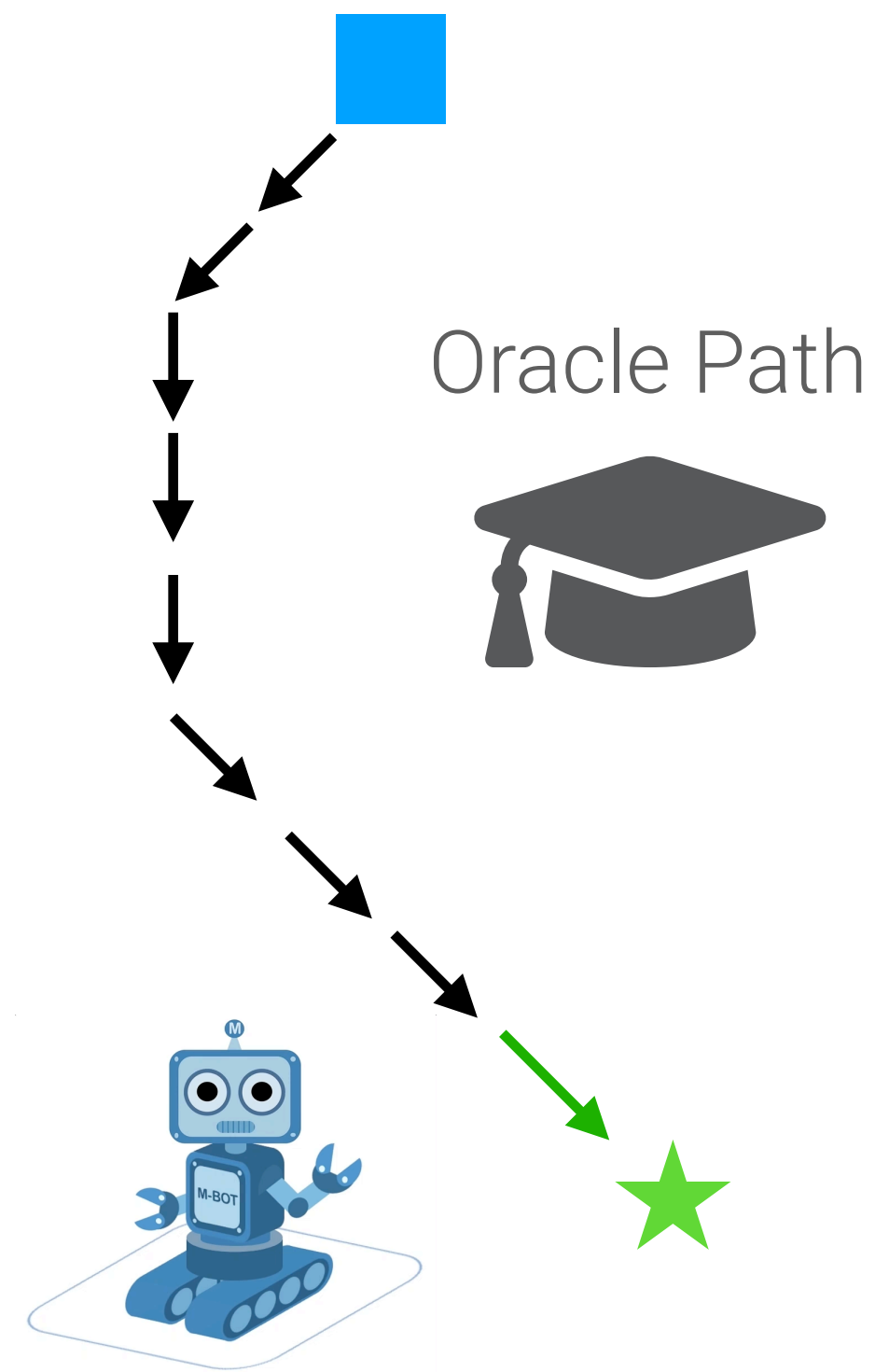
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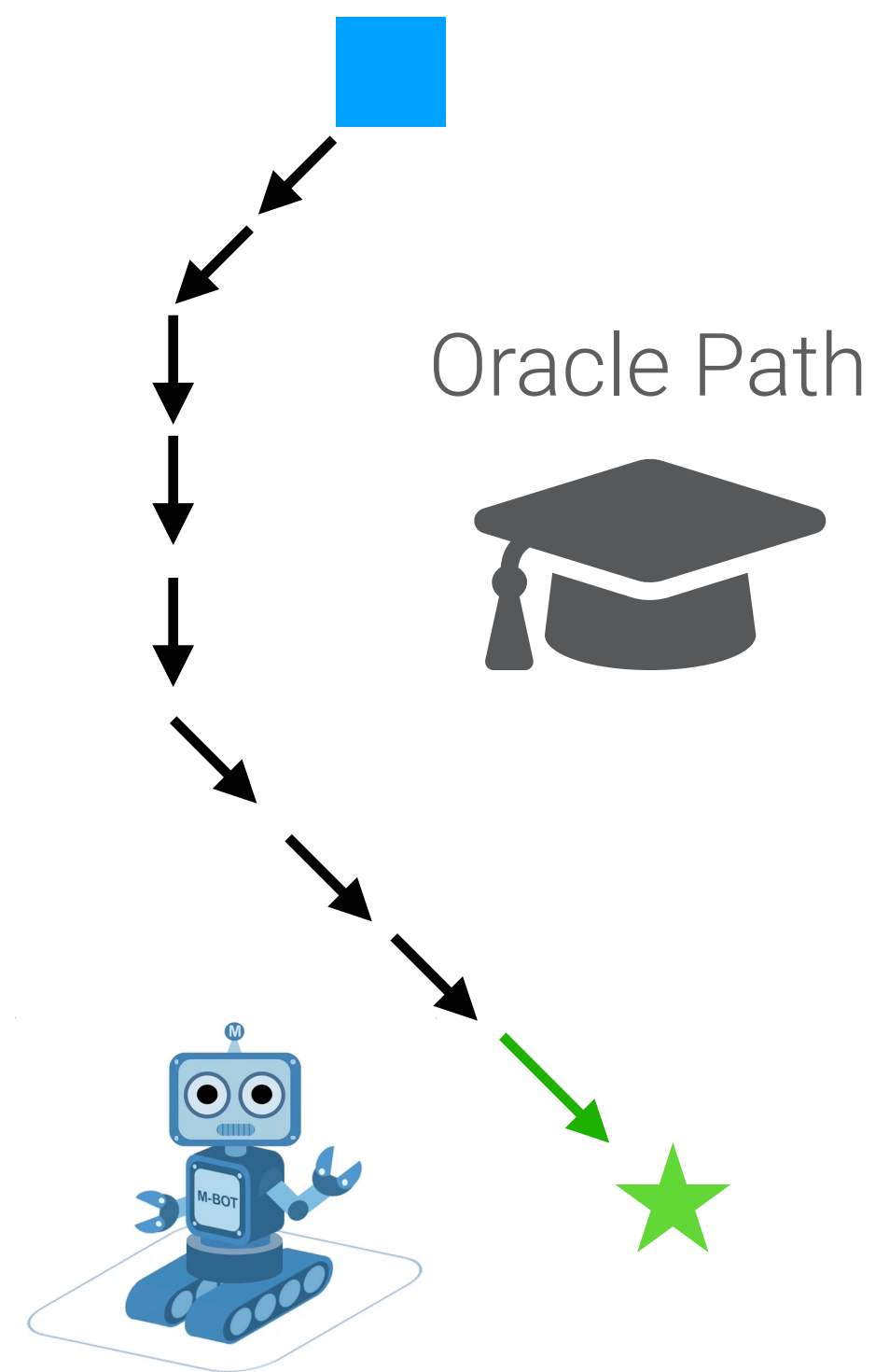
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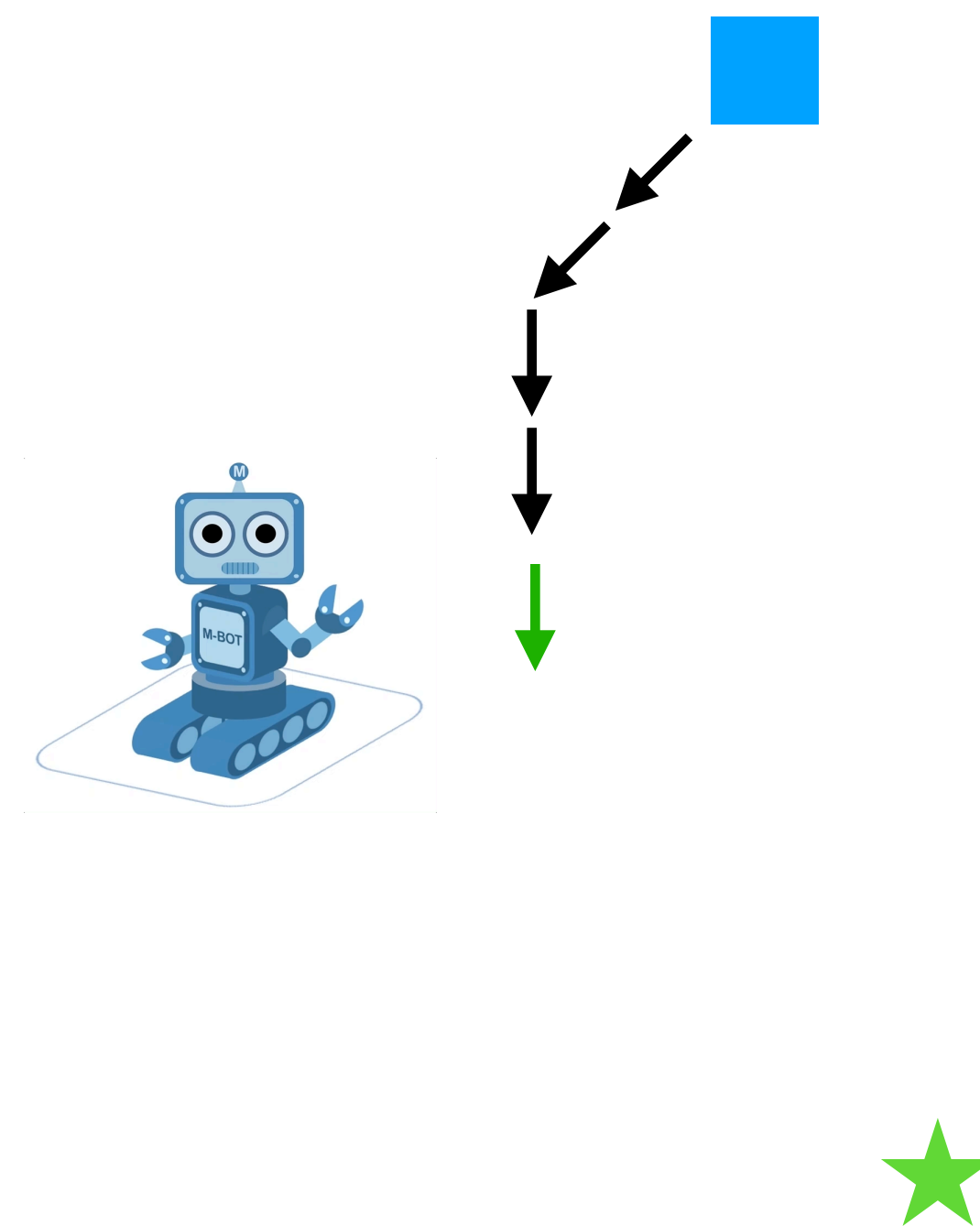


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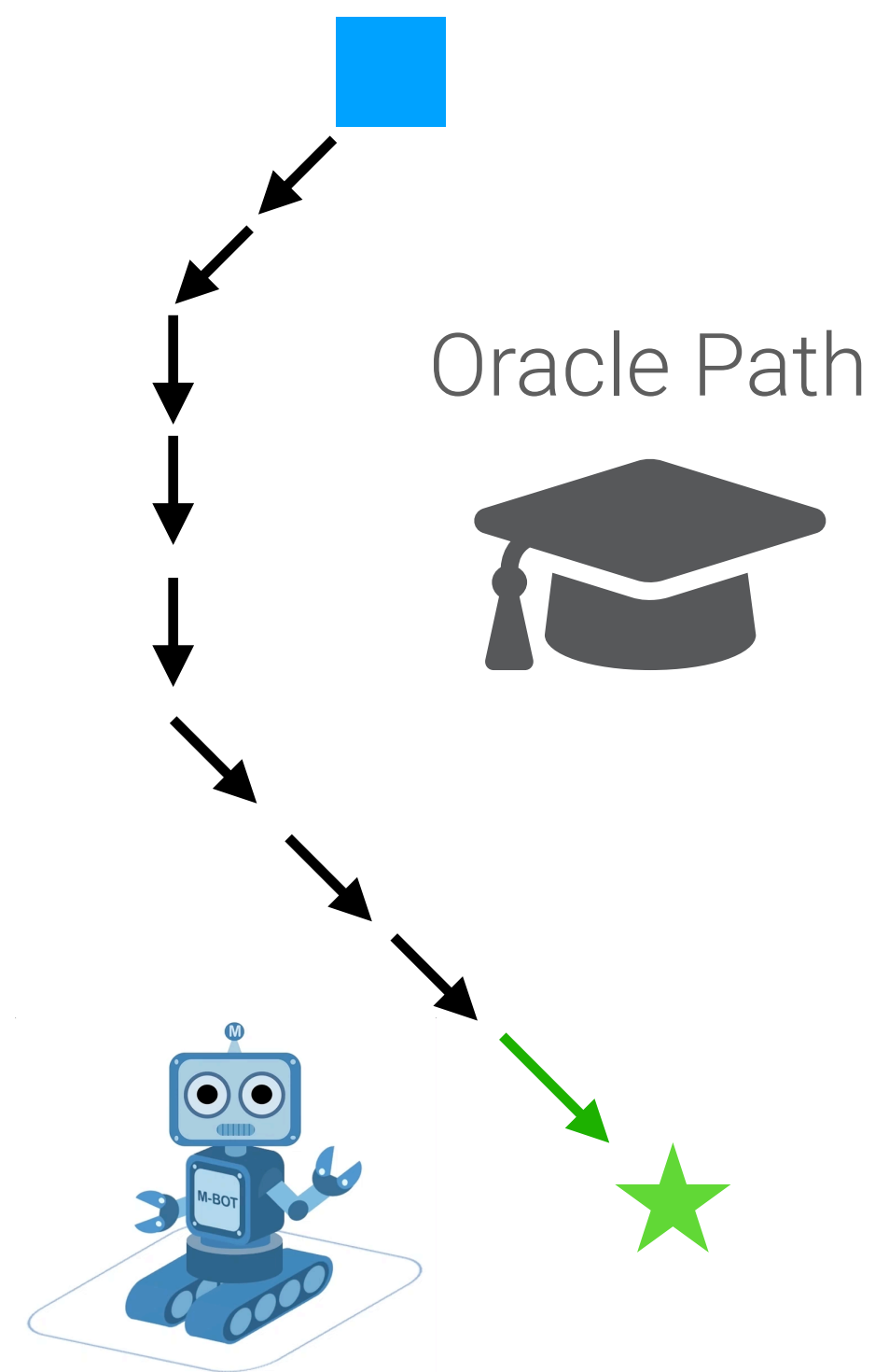


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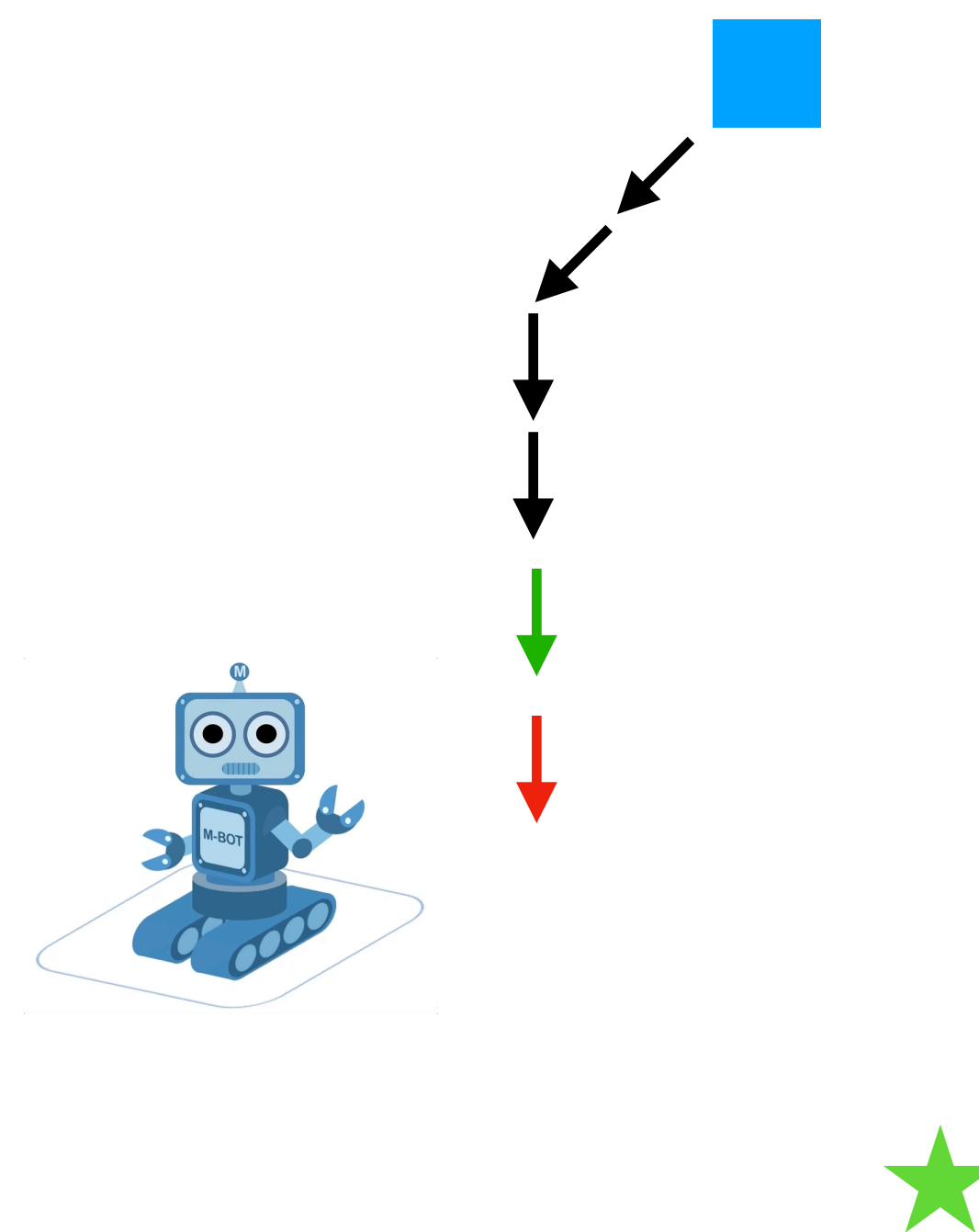


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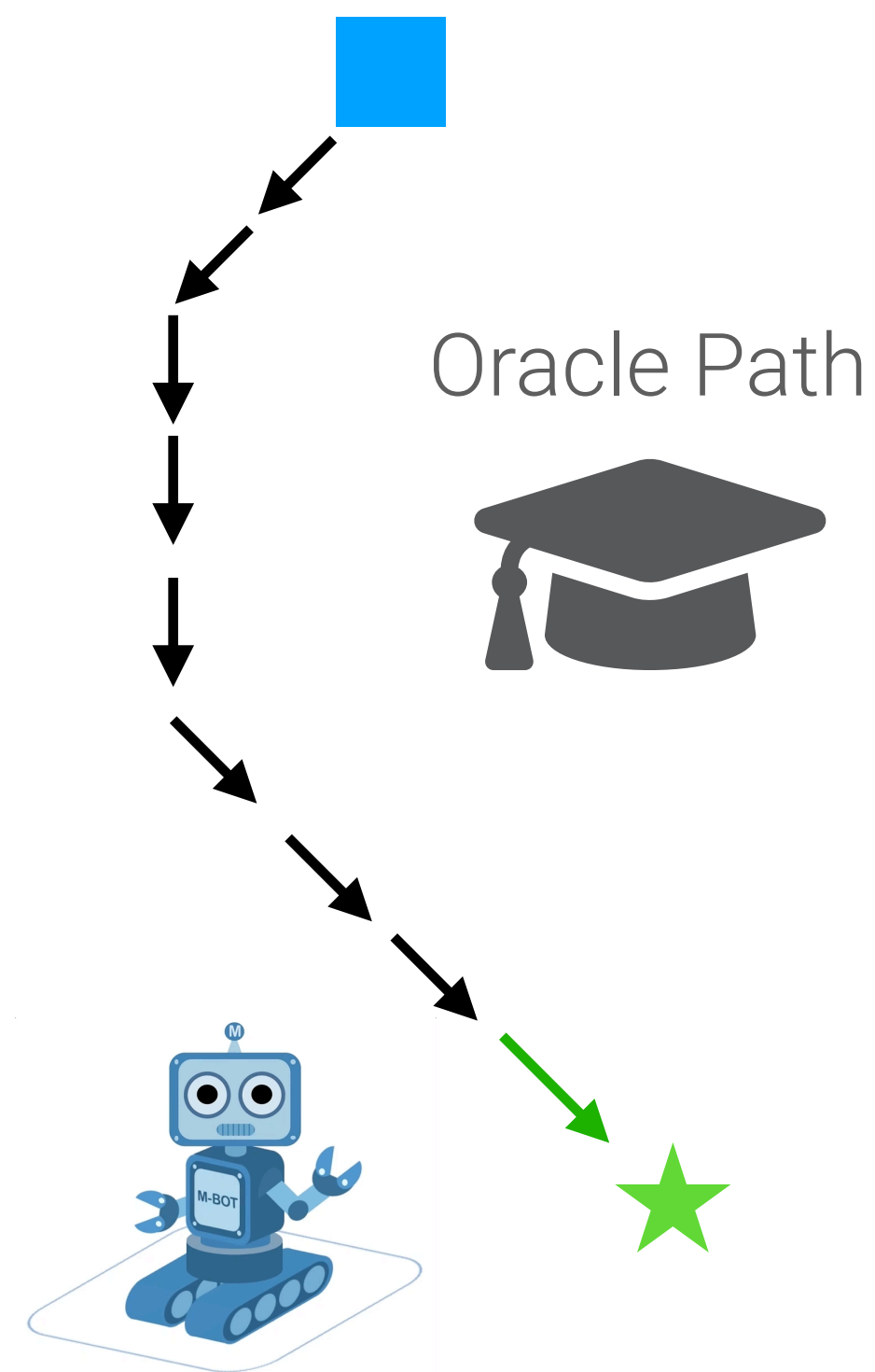
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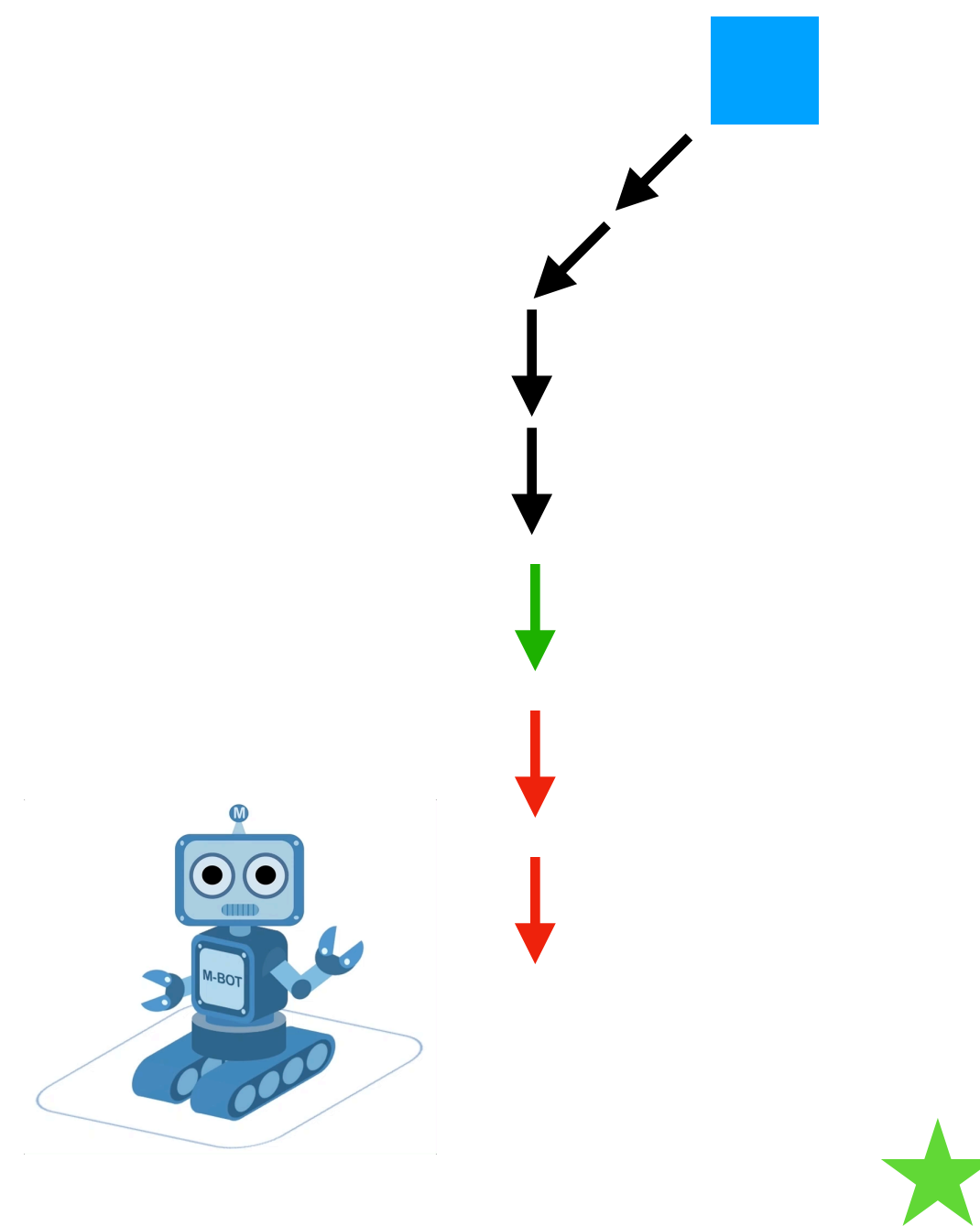


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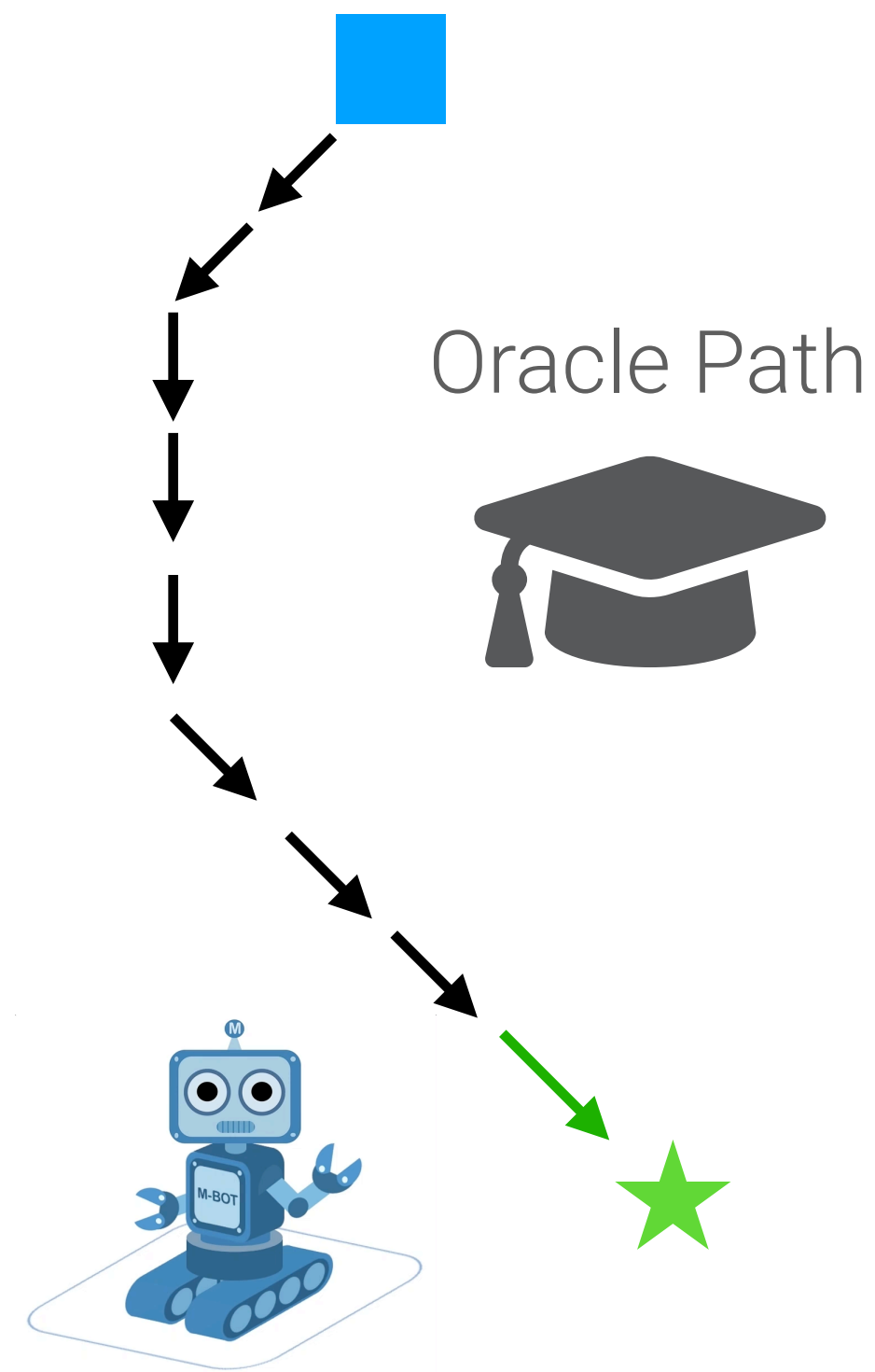


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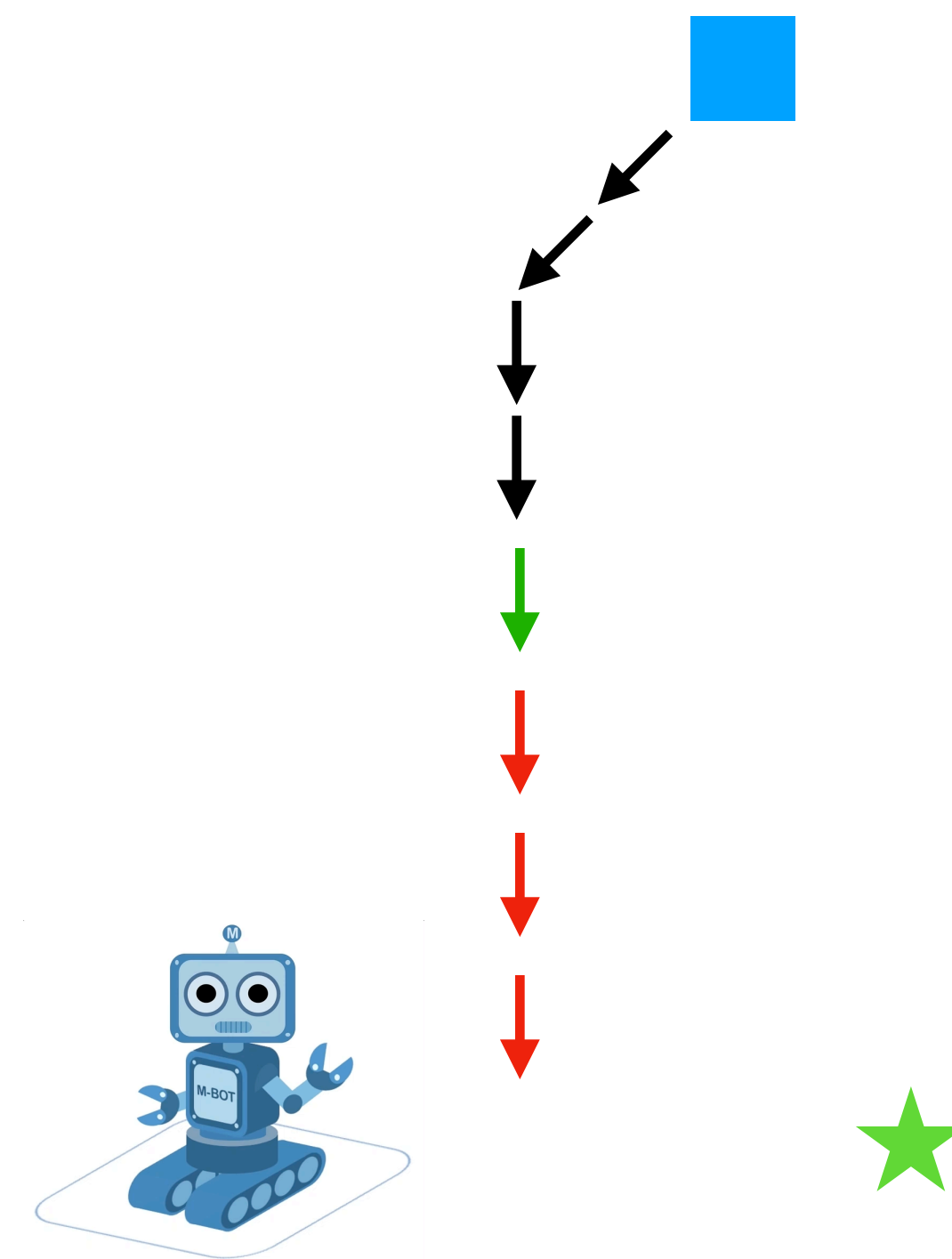


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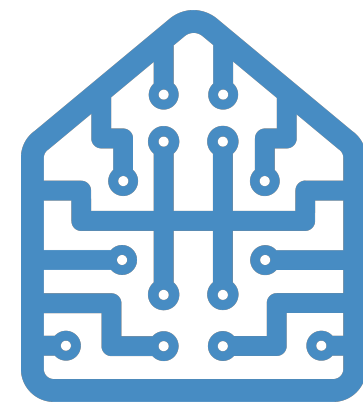
During evaluation





# Navigator ablation

Navigator	Navigation																		QA		
	$\mathbf{d_0}$ (For reference)			$\mathbf{d_T}$ (Lower is better)			$\mathbf{d_{min}}$ (Lower is better)			$\mathbf{d_{\Delta}}$ (Higher is better)			$\%_{\text{collision}}$ (Lower is better)			$\mathbf{IoU_T}$ (Higher is better)			$\mathbf{Top - 1}$ (Higher is better)		
	$T_{-10}$	$T_{-30}$	$T_{-50}$	$T_{-10}$	$T_{-30}$	$T_{-50}$	$T_{-10}$	$T_{-30}$	$T_{-50}$	$T_{-10}$	$T_{-30}$	$T_{-50}$	$T_{-10}$	$T_{-30}$	$T_{-50}$	$T_{-10}$	$T_{-30}$	$T_{-50}$	$T_{-10}$	$T_{-30}$	$T_{-50}$
R	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.933	1.330	2.154	<b>0.011</b>	0.346	1.397	−0.579	0.568	1.393	79.554	66.182	62.563	0.062	0.050	0.030	0.390	0.379	0.354
R+Q	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.933	1.330	2.154	<b>0.011</b>	0.346	1.397	−0.579	0.568	1.393	79.554	66.182	62.563	0.062	0.050	0.030	0.390	0.379	0.354
R+RGB	0.354	1.898	3.547	1.194	1.617	2.340	0.040	0.375	1.349	−0.840	0.281	1.207	59.959	51.460	48.425	0.077	0.058	0.031	0.395	0.396	0.372
R+RGB+Q	0.354	1.898	3.547	1.407	1.740	2.521	0.034	0.340	1.332	−1.053	0.157	1.026	51.128	44.160	42.692	0.111	0.070	0.054	0.383	0.388	0.375
R+PC	0.354	1.898	3.547	1.428	1.754	2.352	0.021	<b>0.320</b>	1.164	−1.074	0.144	1.195	50.148	41.612	42.203	0.070	0.067	0.047	0.356	0.394	0.375
R+PC+Q	0.354	1.898	3.547	1.514	1.812	2.394	0.033	0.325	<b>1.160</b>	−1.160	0.085	1.153	46.910	36.303	39.012	0.059	0.052	0.043	0.364	0.364	0.363
R+PC+RGB	0.354	1.898	3.547	1.547	1.791	2.336	0.020	0.322	1.211	−1.193	0.107	1.211	44.941	34.859	37.138	0.084	0.077	0.044	0.374	0.390	0.366
R+PC+RGB+Q	0.354	1.898	3.547	1.539	1.843	2.420	0.032	0.323	1.170	−1.185	0.055	1.127	42.018	34.318	37.069	0.067	0.072	0.055	0.370	0.395	0.369
M	0.354	1.898	3.547	<b>0.366</b>	<b>0.830</b>	1.833	0.090	0.505	1.460	− <b>0.012</b>	<b>1.068</b>	1.714	6.903	10.989	23.250	0.128	0.091	0.081	0.365	0.375	0.363
M+Q	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.508	0.933	1.920	0.052	0.426	1.421	−0.154	0.965	1.627	16.268	19.808	32.856	0.147	0.109	0.068	0.391	0.395	0.376
M+RGB	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.637	1.157	2.177	0.099	0.538	1.479	−0.283	0.741	1.370	12.582	15.130	26.179	0.188	0.136	0.075	0.397	0.403	0.384
M+RGB+Q	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.707	1.171	2.194	0.071	0.423	1.386	−0.353	0.727	1.353	14.212	15.908	25.578	0.189	0.141	0.083	<b>0.407</b>	0.394	0.384
M+PC	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.494	1.020	1.817	0.098	0.484	1.236	−0.140	0.878	1.730	6.647	9.169	18.319	0.163	0.114	0.083	0.396	<b>0.411</b>	<b>0.390</b>
M+PC+Q	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.502	1.030	1.910	0.081	0.497	1.272	−0.148	0.868	1.637	5.584	<b>8.833</b>	<b>15.783</b>	0.184	0.158	<b>0.118</b>	0.382	0.387	0.374
M+PC+RGB	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.461	0.940	<b>1.791</b>	0.103	0.513	1.269	−0.107	0.958	<b>1.756</b>	<b>4.957</b>	9.574	18.890	<b>0.209</b>	<b>0.179</b>	0.111	0.381	0.393	0.363
M+PC+RGB+Q	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.574	1.044	1.898	0.083	0.431	1.203	−0.220	0.854	1.649	8.328	10.674	19.797	<b>0.209</b>	0.148	0.112	0.389	0.390	0.373
Random	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.912	1.273	2.654	0.048	0.796	2.263	−0.558	0.625	0.893	13.775	10.708	10.677	0.098	0.072	0.041	0.365	0.368	0.364
ShortestPath	0.354	1.898	3.547	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.349	1.893	3.542	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.581	0.581	0.581	0.451	0.451	0.451



# Habitat: Where AI Agents Live



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Modular high-level API

Fast and reliable simulator

Headless rendering

Support for generic tasks

Support for generic datasets

SLAM and RL baselines

[aihabitat.org](http://aihabitat.org)



# Summary

**Poster ID: 185**

- **Comparison of point cloud vs. RGB perception**

We take a step toward closing the gap between simulation and reality by examine how depth via point clouds affects the task of EmbodiedQA

- **Large scale navigator ablation**

We perform a large ablation study to examine how various visual modalities, language modalities, and access to memory affect agents for EQA

- **Inflection Weighting**

We propose a simple yet effective technique to help improve generalize from teacher forcing training to freeform evaluation

**Paper and slides: [embodiedqa.org](http://embodiedqa.org)**