The background features a dark blue gradient with several 3D cubes of varying sizes and orientations. The surfaces of these cubes are covered with a pattern of glowing cyan binary digits (0s and 1s), creating a digital or data-centric aesthetic. The lighting on the cubes gives them a sense of depth and volume.

# Scaling Spatial Intelligence with Multimodal Foundation Models

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SenseTime Research

## From Words to Worlds: Spatial Intelligence is AI's Next Frontier



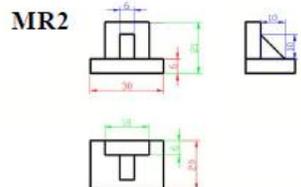
# Huge Performance Gap



**Question:** What is the height of region 1 in meters?  
**GT:** 2.7m.

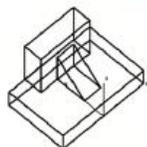
 GPT-5-thinking

**Answer:**   
 2m.



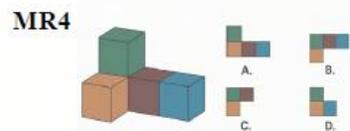
**Question:** Given the front, side and top-down view of a 3D object, analyze its structure and reconstruct it in 3D axis.

**Answer:** 



**Question:** Generate a 90 degrees top-down view of this scene.

**Answer:** 



**Question:** Which option is the correct top-down view of the object?  
**GT:** B.

**Answer:** 

A.



**Question:** Which object is higher in the 3D world space, the clock or the house in the back?  
**GT:** The house in the back.

**Answer:** 

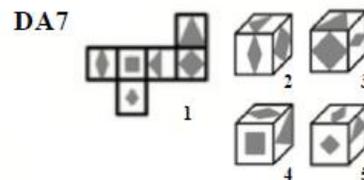
Clock.



**Question:** The images are frames from a video. The first image is from the beginning of the video and the second image is from the end. Is the camera moving left or right when shooting the video?  
**GT:** Left.

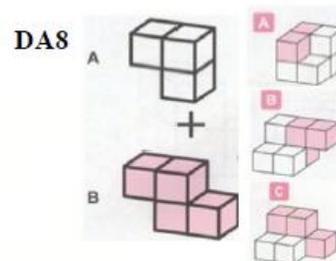
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**Answer:**   
 Right.



**Question:** Flip the shape in image 1 to form a 3D cube. Which of the image 2, 3, 4, 5 is a possible view of the formed cube?  
**GT:** Image 4.

**Answer:**   
 Image 2.



**Question:** Which of A, B, C is possible to be built when rotating and combining the two 3D structure in image 1?  
**GT:** C.

**Answer:**   
 A and B.



**Question:** How many 3D blocks in the image?  
**GT:** 8.

**Answer:**   
 9.

# Huge Performance Gap



Question: What is the height of region 1 in meters?

GPT-5-thinking

Answer:



Question: The images are frames from a video. The first

GPT-5-thinking

Answer:

Question: Based on the sequence and position of the other shapes, identify the pattern and determine the correct option for the question mark grid.



Answer: F.

GPT-5



Human

Answer: F.



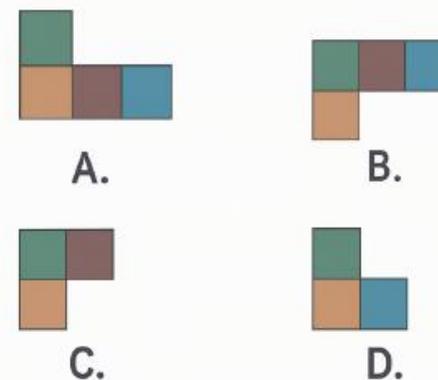
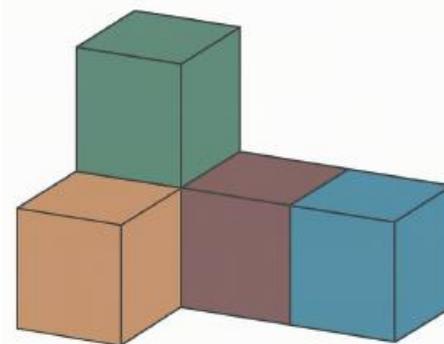
Answer: A.

GPT-5



Human

Answer: B.



Question: Which option is the correct top-down view of the object?



GT: The house in the back.



GT: 8.

# Huge Performance Gap against Humans

Models	VSI [66]	SITE [57]	MMSI [68]	OmniSpatial [23]	MindCube* [69]	STARE [32]	CoreCognition [33]	SpatialViz [55]
Metric	MRA, Acc	CAA	Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc, F1	Acc	Acc
Random Choice	34.00	0.0	25.00	24.98	32.35	34.80	33.93	25.08
<b>Proprietary Models</b>								
Seed-1.6-2025-06-15 [51]	49.91	54.61	38.30	49.32	48.75	46.06	77.17	34.58
Gemini-2.5-pro-2025-06 [52]	53.57	57.06	38.00	55.38	57.60	49.14	76.70	42.71
Grok-4-2025-07-09 [62]	47.92	47.01	37.80	46.84	<b>63.56</b>	26.90	79.27	19.40 <sup>†</sup>
GPT-5-nano-2025-08-07 [45]	43.22	35.81	28.90	47.81	41.48	46.05	67.92	35.59
GPT-5-mini-2025-08-07 [45]	48.67	52.47	34.10	55.52	56.69	52.51	77.77	44.66
GPT-5-2025-08-07 [45]	<b>55.03</b>	<b>61.88</b>	<b>41.80</b>	<b>59.90</b>	56.30	<b>54.59</b>	<b>84.37</b>	<b>51.27</b>
<b>Open-source Models</b>								
Qwen2.5-VL-3B-Instruct [1]	27.00	33.14	28.60	42.47	37.60	37.83	60.19	21.86
Qwen2.5-VL-7B-Instruct [1]	32.30	37.64	26.80	39.07	36.05	35.03	62.16	26.78
Qwen2.5-VL-72B-Instruct [1]	35.77	47.41	<b>32.50</b>	47.81	42.40	38.37	69.22	<b>32.54</b>
InternVL3-8B [79]	42.14	41.15	28.00	46.25	41.54	41.36	60.92	30.00
InternVL3-78B [79]	47.55	<b>52.72</b>	30.50	<b>50.95</b>	<b>49.52</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>71.16</b>	31.10
InternVL3.5-8B [56]	56.05	43.79	27.30	46.71	42.50	40.18	66.40	23.98
Qwen3-8B-Instruct [65]	<b>57.90</b>	45.83	31.10	45.73	29.42	39.76	69.67	17.54 <sup>†</sup>
<b>Human Evaluation</b>								
$\Delta(\text{Best Model, Human})$	-21.3	-5.62	-55.40	-32.73	-30.99	-42.06	-2.61	-31.19
Human	<b>79.2</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>92.63</b>	<b>94.55</b>	<b>96.50</b>	<b>86.98</b>	<b>82.46</b>

# Chain-of-Thought?

### Views



### Question

If you are at **view 1** and move to **view 2**, what is **furthest** from you?

Views and Question

### Cognitive Map

#### Augmented

```
{
  "objects": [{
    "name": "Tissue box",
    "position": [5, 5]
  }, {
    "name": "Hand sanitizer",
    "position": [7, 5]
  }, ...],
  "views": [{
    "name": "View 1",
    "position": [5, 6],
    "facing": "up"
  }, {
    "name": "View 2",
    "position": [4, 5],
    "facing": "right"
  }, ...]
}
```

#### Plain (Obj Only)

```
{
  "Potted plant": {
    "position": [3, 5]
  },
  "Tissue box": {
    "position": [5, 5]
  },
  "Hand sanitizer": {
    "position": [7, 5]
  },
  "Sofa": {
    "position": [5, 3],
    "facing": "down"
  },
  ...
}
```

### Reasoning Chain

#### Free-Form

In View 1, I see a potted plant, tissue box, and hand sanitizer from left to right, with a sofa behind.

In View 2, I see the same potted plant, so both views are from the same environment.

Since the hand sanitizer is rightmost in View 1, it's spatially furthest behind the potted plant when looking in View 2.

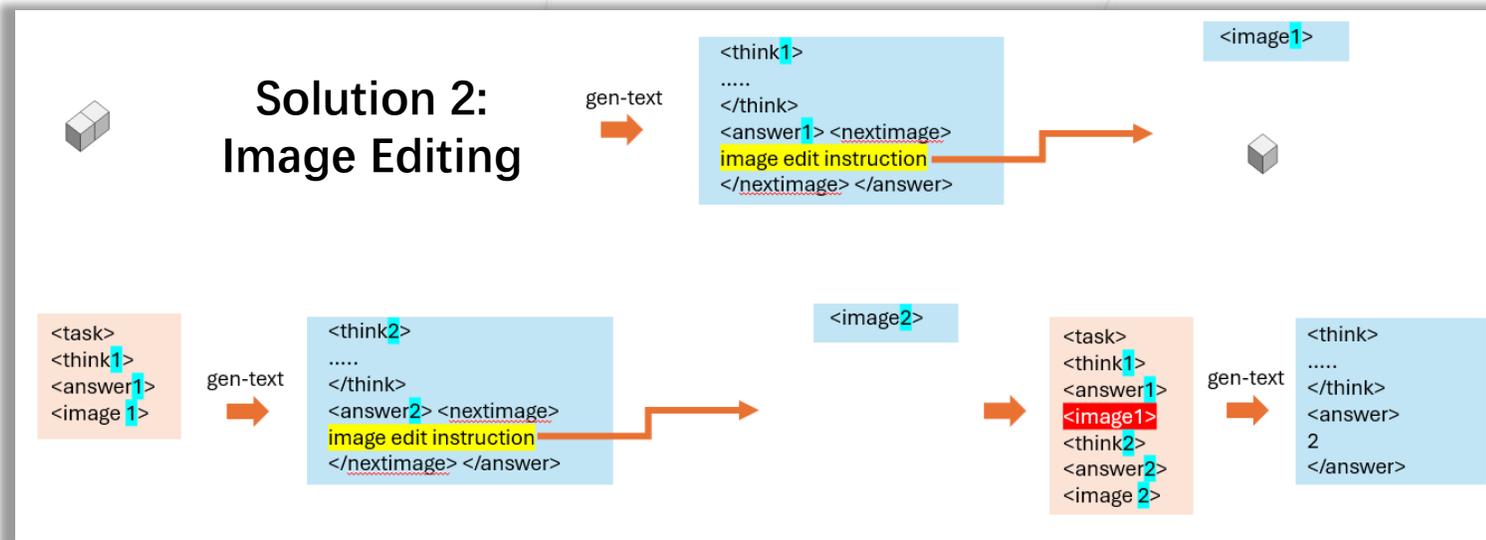
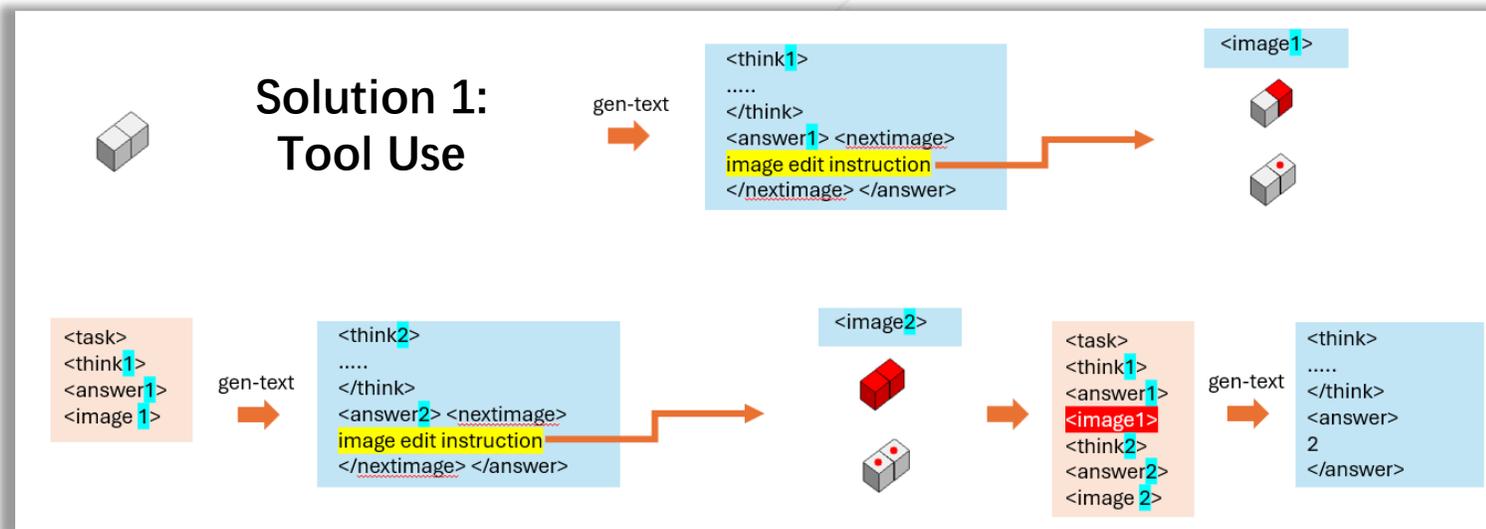
In View 2, the potted plant is closest to me, so the hand sanitizer is the furthest from me.

Saining Xie, Manling Li, Jiajun Wu, Li Fei-Fei, et al, *MindCube*, 2025

CoT Style	Average # Output Token	VSI-Bench: Obj. Rel. Direction			
		Overall	Easy	Medium	Hard
InternVL3-8B	1	39.3	48.8	47.0	21.9
No CoT	3.4	54.9	62.2	55.8	46.6
CoT-GPT-5	1070.7	40.0	41.4	43.1	36.1
CoT-MindCube-Aug-CGMap	1490.6	39.9	45.9	42.7	33.7
CoT-SenseNova-SI-CGMap	2262.8	47.9	53.9	51.3	41.0

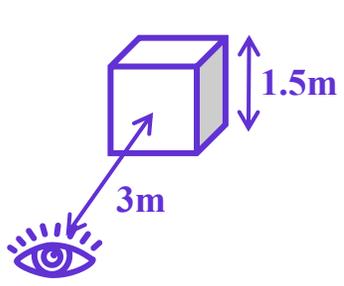
**Text-based CoT is not efficient or generalizable!**

# Visual Chain-of-Thought?

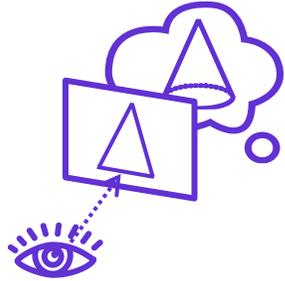


Visual CoT did not achieve stability or generalizability either

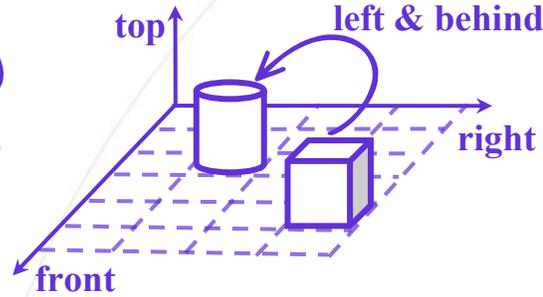
# Fundamental Capabilities



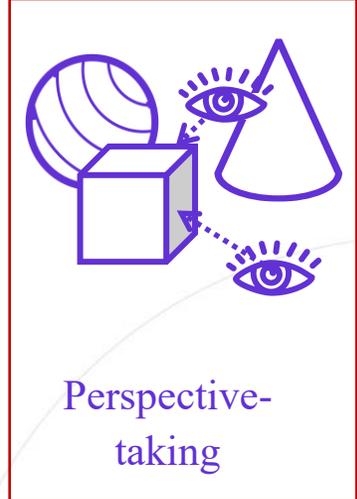
Metric Measurement



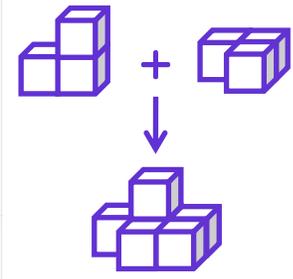
Mental Reconstruction



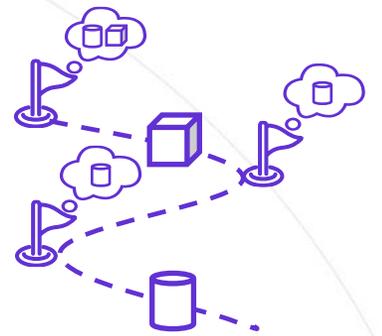
Spatial Relations



Perspective-taking



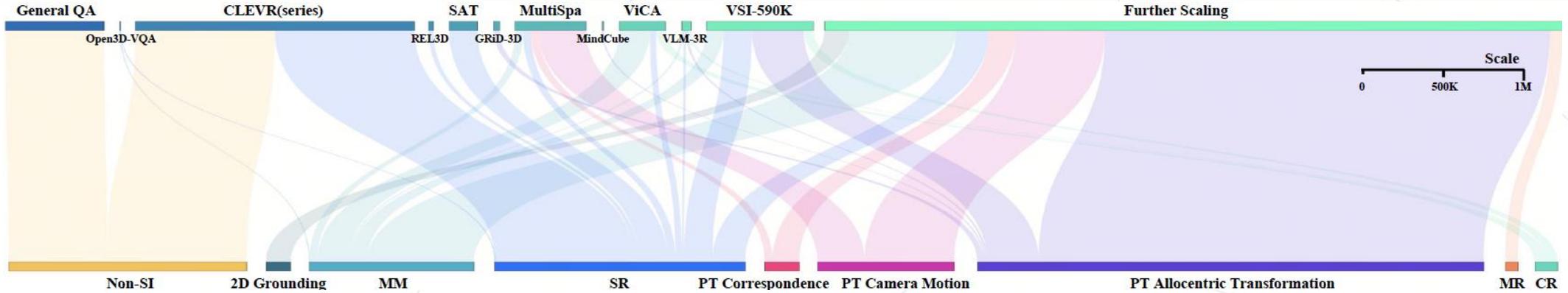
Deformation & Assembly



Comprehensive Reasoning

Boundary	0.44	0.56	0.24	0.19	0.67	0.29	0.43	0.10	0.58	0.74	0.51	0.59	0.66	0.29	0.77	0.73	0.41	0.51	0.59	0.66	0.71	0.68	0.71	0.49	0.72	0.74	0.43	0.59	0.30	0.68	0.66	0.46	0.67	0.41	0.60	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.37	0.69	0.58	0.68	0.76	0.66	0.68	0.62	0.68	0.59	0.60	0.43
Continuity	0.44	0.48	0.29	0.33	0.62	0.32	0.32	0.18	0.65	0.71	0.51	0.63	0.68	0.27	0.68	0.54	0.43	0.54	0.60	0.61	0.63	0.49	0.44	0.34	0.58	0.60	0.44	0.49	0.34	0.51	0.51	0.37	0.52	0.40	0.59	0.61	0.42	0.56	0.44	0.49	0.45	0.46	0.61	0.57	0.56	0.61	0.72	0.66	0.66	0.50
Permanence	0.21	0.21	0.12	0.03	0.18	0.10	0.14	0.03	0.34	0.24	0.32	0.28	0.21	0.09	0.20	0.19	0.16	0.23	0.23	0.29	0.26	0.28	0.25	0.21	0.27	0.24	0.36	0.29	-0.29	0.36	0.31	-0.12	0.17	-0.11	0.25	0.22	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.35	0.34	0.22	0.28	0.29	0.09	0.32	0.27	0.34	0.33	0.06
Spatiality	0.25	0.27	0.15	0.14	0.44	0.19	0.19	0.04	0.48	0.49	0.32	0.33	0.41	0.11	0.46	0.43	0.13	0.29	0.36	0.44	0.40	0.43	0.36	0.23	0.47	0.42	0.36	0.44	0.11	0.47	0.40	0.16	0.39	0.12	0.38	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.40	0.51	0.61	0.34	0.57	0.36	0.69	0.55	0.44	0.41	0.42	0.25
Perceptual Constancy	0.31	0.39	0.15	0.14	0.46	0.21	0.38	0.07	0.42	0.52	0.43	0.43	0.48	0.14	0.56	0.58	0.29	0.29	0.46	0.55	0.61	0.61	0.52	0.46	0.47	0.62	0.32	0.51	0.39	0.54	0.39	0.41	0.57	0.30	0.44	0.43	0.61	0.59	0.40	0.57	0.43	0.57	0.53	0.46	0.50	0.63	0.46	0.55	0.54	0.36
Intuitive Physics	0.11	0.09	-0.11	-0.11	0.14	-0.11	0.01	-0.19	0.23	0.15	0.12	0.10	0.13	-0.08	0.20	0.27	0.04	0.20	0.14	0.17	0.22	0.25	0.23	0.10	0.10	0.24	-0.10	0.28	-0.14	0.37	0.37	0.20	0.27	0.15	0.11	0.23	0.38	0.21	0.07	0.41	0.36	0.11	0.10	0.19	0.05	0.22	0.15	0.21	0.21	-0.02
Perspective	-0.19	-0.33	-0.27	-0.32	-0.52	-0.29	-0.23	-0.23	-0.40	-0.63	-0.37	-0.55	-0.49	-0.20	-0.53	-0.41	-0.48	-0.25	-0.35	-0.55	-0.48	-0.47	-0.46	-0.49	-0.50	-0.49	-0.47	-0.29	-0.73	-0.33	-0.16	-0.35	-0.35	-0.39	-0.44	-0.42	-0.19	-0.51	-0.45	-0.21	-0.27	-0.59	-0.57	-0.51	-0.66	-0.58	-0.50	-0.46	-0.46	-0.44
Conservation	0.18	0.28	0.26	0.26	0.32	0.33	0.28	0.19	0.27	0.39	0.18	0.27	0.39	0.23	0.32	0.34	0.33	0.21	0.31	0.35	0.33	0.29	0.34	0.19	0.33	0.28	0.40	0.13	0.54	0.15	0.20	0.11	0.20	0.12	0.31	0.23	0.20	0.33	0.31	0.16	0.30	0.38	0.42	0.23	0.28	0.44	0.36	0.26	0.26	0.51
Hierarchy	0.41	0.49	0.27	0.26	0.59	0.31	0.40	0.15	0.61	0.67	0.45	0.45	0.60	0.24	0.66	0.68	0.21	0.41	0.52	0.66	0.62	0.68	0.69	0.48	0.73	0.68	0.52	0.44	0.45	0.63	0.53	0.42	0.55	0.39	0.56	0.55	0.67	0.67	0.42	0.59	0.64	0.66	0.78	0.58	0.90	0.67	0.56	0.48	0.49	0.47
Mechanical Reasoning	0.32	0.36	0.16	0.10	0.48	0.17	0.34	-0.02	0.51	0.51	0.42	0.29	0.45	0.08	0.54	0.72	0.11	0.32	0.41	0.51	0.53	0.57	0.73	0.39	0.65	0.57	0.49	0.50	-0.02	0.64	0.69	0.22	0.53	0.10	0.43	0.50	0.82	0.59	0.40	0.73	0.79	0.56	0.62	0.46	0.79	0.62	0.41	0.40	0.42	0.17
Intentionality	0.46	0.61	0.26	0.38	0.72	0.28	0.43	0.12	0.75	0.78	0.53	0.66	0.75	0.31	0.80	0.73	0.36	0.73	0.59	0.73	0.72	0.68	0.71	0.50	0.80	0.76	0.45	0.67	0.39	0.66	0.78	0.43	0.71	0.39	0.67	0.80	0.69	0.72	0.65	0.72	0.65	0.64	0.75	0.80	0.73	0.74	0.75	0.56	0.55	0.47
Tool Using	0.30	0.25	0.20	0.17	0.36	0.24	0.17	0.12	0.42	0.37	0.17	0.18	0.33	0.19	0.38	0.32	0.01	0.30	0.30	0.18	0.27	0.16	0.11	0.00	0.18	0.18	0.14	0.23	-0.40	0.22	0.25	0.13	0.19	0.20	0.33	0.30	0.29	0.18	0.15	0.26	0.28	0.02	0.21	0.15	0.20	0.23	0.37	0.28	0.29	0.14

# Scaling Spatial Intelligence



## MM



[Dist. Cam-Obj] How far is the annotated point from the camera in millimeters? - 1926 mm.



[Dist. Cam-Obj] Calculate the distance from the nearest point of 'chair' to the camera in meters. - 1.77 m.



## SR



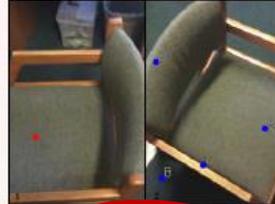
[Front-Back] Which of the two points is farthest from the camera? - Point B.



[Front-Back] In terms of proximity to the camera, which is closer: a table or a sofa? - Table.



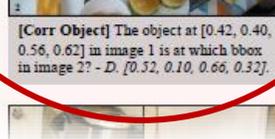
## PT Correspondence



[Corr. Point] Match the point from image 1 with the correct point in image 2. - A.



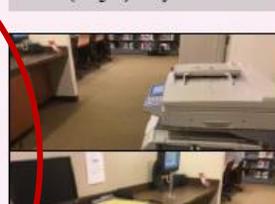
[Corr Object] The object at [0.42, 0.40, 0.56, 0.62] in image 1 is at which bbox in image 2? - D. [0.52, 0.10, 0.66, 0.32].



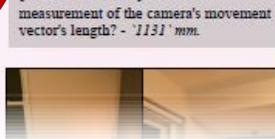
## PT Camera Motion



[Cam Trans. Dir.] While capturing image 1, where do I find the other camera (image 2)? - Left-Back.



[Cam Trans. Dist.] What's the measurement of the camera's movement vector's length? - 1131 mm.



## PT Allo. Trans.



[Cam View] Looking at image 2, where can you find the sink? - Right-Back.



[Obj-Target View] If I am standing by stove and facing electrical outlet, where is faucet? - Right-Back.



## MR



[Obj Reconstruction] Suppose image 1 shows the front side of the cereal box. Which side of it is shown in image 2? - Front-Right.



[Obj Reconstruction] Suppose image 1 shows the front side of the bottle. Which side of it is shown in image 2? - Back-Right.



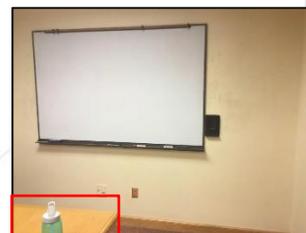
## CR



# A Few Tips for Good Spatial Data



Minimize Redundant Information



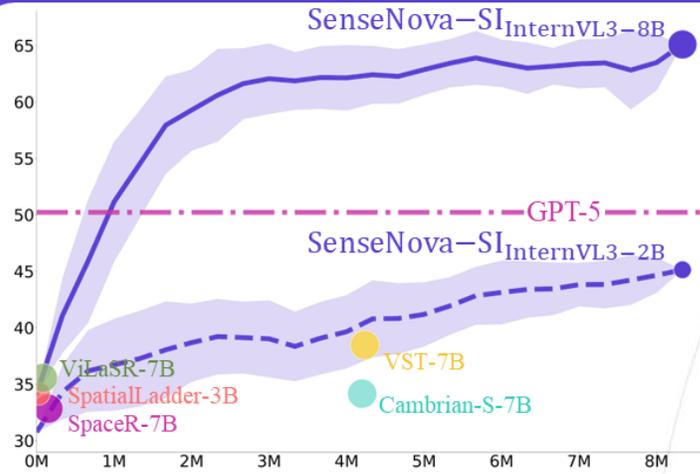
Avoid Insufficient Information



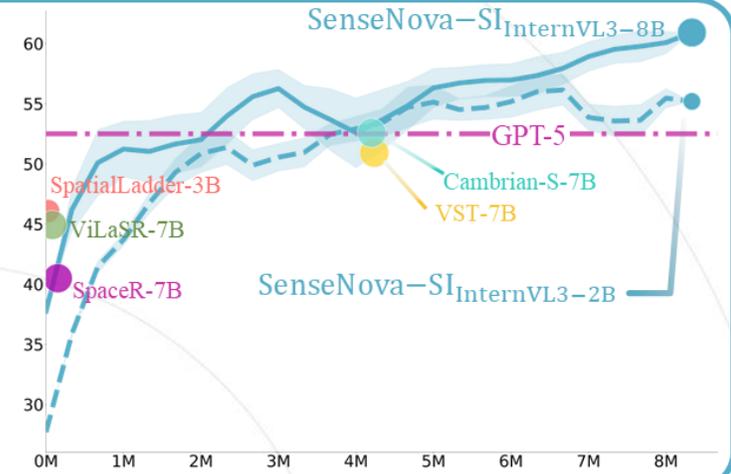
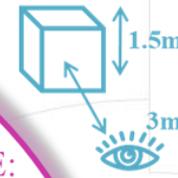
Avoid Ambiguity

# Scaling Spatial Intelligence

## Perspective-taking



## Metric Measurement



MMSI: 43.3

SITE: 47.7

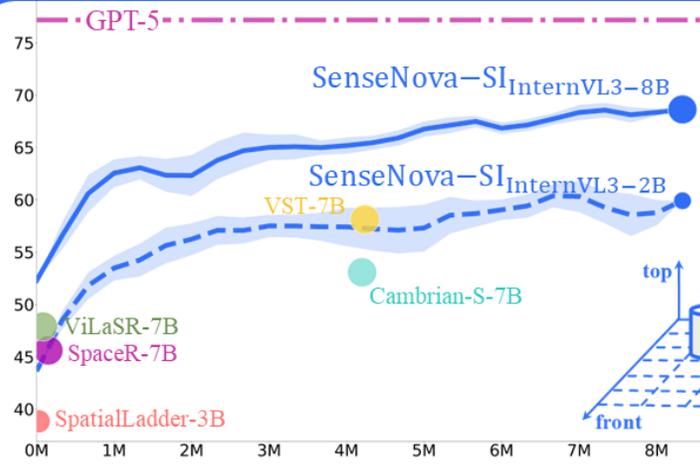
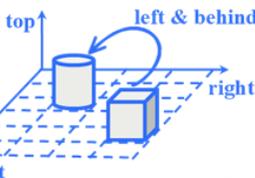
MMBench-EN: 84.9

ViewSpatial: 54.6

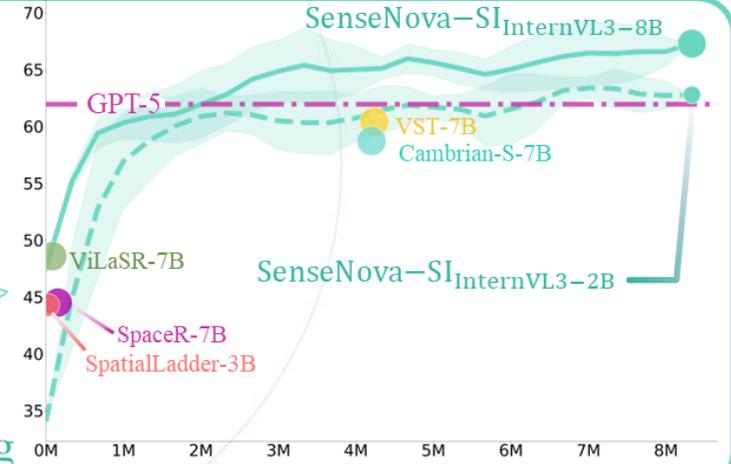
MindCube: 85.6

- SenseNova-SI<sub>InternVL3-8B</sub>
- InternVL3-8B
- SpaceR-7B
- VST-7B
- Qwen3-VL-8B
- ViLaSR-7B
- Cambrian-S-7B

## Spatial Relations



## Comprehensive Reasoning



# Scaling Spatial Intelligence

Models	VSI-Bench [56]	MMSI-Bench [60]	MindCube* [62]	ViewSpatial [29]	SITE [50]	MMB-EN [33]
Metric	MRA, Acc	Acc	Acc	Acc	CAA	Acc
<b>Human</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>94.5</b>	-	<b>67.5</b>	-
<b>Random Choice</b>	34.0	25.0	33.0	26.3	0.0	25.0
<b>Proprietary Models</b>						
Seed-1.6-2025-06-15 [42]	49.9	38.3	48.7	43.8	54.6	87.5
Gemini-2.5-Pro-2025-06 [43]	53.5	38.0	57.6	46.0	57.0	<b>90.1</b>
Grok-4-2025-07-09 [54]	47.9	37.8	63.5	43.2	47.0	86.3
GPT-5-2025-08-07 [37]	<b>55.0</b>	41.8	56.3	45.5	61.8	85.2
Gemini-3-Pro-Preview [19]	52.5	<b>45.2</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>62.2</b>	-
<b>Open-source General Models</b>						
Bagel-7B-MoT [15]	31.4	31.0	34.7	41.3	37.0	82.8
Qwen2.5-VL-3B-Instruct [3]	27.0	28.6	37.6	31.9	33.1	77.4
Qwen2.5-VL-7B-Instruct [3]	32.3	26.8	36.0	36.8	37.6	82.6
Qwen3-VL-2B-Instruct [13]	50.3	28.9	34.5	36.9	35.6	75.1
Qwen3-VL-8B-Instruct [13]	57.9	31.1	29.4	42.2	<b>45.8</b>	<b>84.6</b>
InternVL3-2B [65]	32.9	26.5	37.5	32.5	30.0	79.7
InternVL3-8B [65]	42.1	28.0	41.5	38.6	41.1	81.7
<b>Open-source Spatial Intelligence Models</b>						
MindCube-3B-RawQA-SFT [62]	17.2	1.7	<b>51.7</b>	24.1	6.3	32.3
SpatialLadder-3B [30]	44.8	27.4	43.4	39.8	27.9	72.5
Spatial-MLLM-4B [52]	46.3	26.1	33.4	34.6	18.0	64.5
SpaceR-7B [38]	41.5	27.4	37.9	35.8	34.2	75.4
ViLaSR-7B [53]	44.6	30.2	35.1	35.7	38.7	81.1
VST-3B-SFT [58]	57.9 <sup>†</sup>	30.2 <sup>†</sup>	35.9	<b>52.8</b>	35.8	80.9 <sup>†</sup>
VST-7B-SFT [58]	60.6 <sup>†</sup>	<b>32.0<sup>†</sup></b>	39.7	50.5	39.6	83.3 <sup>†</sup>
Cambrian-S-3B [59]	57.3 <sup>†</sup>	25.2	32.5	39.0	28.3	76.0 <sup>†</sup>
Cambrian-S-7B [59]	<b>67.5<sup>†</sup></b>	25.8	39.6	40.9	33.0	80.4 <sup>†</sup>
<b>Ours</b>						
SenseNova-SI <sub>Bagel-7B-MoT</sub>	41.6(+32.5%)	36.2(+16.8%)	50.8(+46.4%)	50.3(+21.8%)	41.6(+12.4%)	83.4(+0.72%)
SenseNova-SI <sub>Qwen3-VL-8B</sub>	62.9(+8.6%)	37.5(+20.6%)	74.8(+154.4%)	48.4(+14.7%)	<b>50.1(+9.3%)</b>	83.5(-1.30%)
SenseNova-SI <sub>InternVL3-2B</sub>	63.7(+93.6%)	34.2(+29.1%)	41.8(+11.5%)	52.6(+61.8%)	36.7(+22.3%)	78.9(-1.00%)
SenseNova-SI <sub>InternVL3-8B</sub>	<b>68.7(+63.2%)</b>	<b>43.3(+54.6%)</b>	<b>85.6(+106.3%)</b>	<b>54.6(+41.5%)</b>	47.7(+16.1%)	<b>84.9(+3.92%)</b>

Best Proprietary

Best Expert

SenseNova-SI

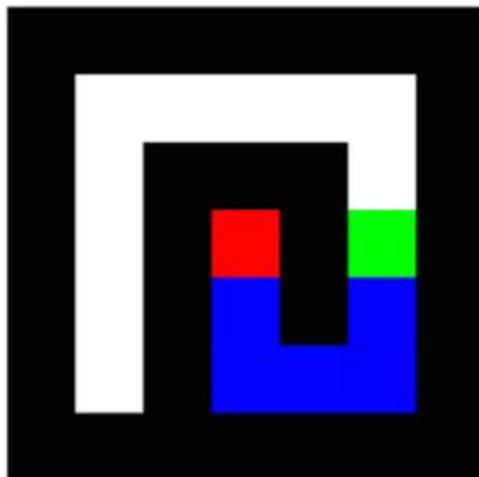
# Early Signs of Emergent Intelligence



## [Obj-Orient View (Ego-Exo4D)]

Which egocentric view image correctly matches the exocentric view?

- B.



## [SITE Mov&Nav-Maze]

How many right turns are there in the provided path (marked by Blue) from S (green block) to E (red block)?

- C. 2.



## [MMSI Pos-Cam-Cam]

Camera was facing the west side of the room when the first picture was taken, which direction is the camera facing in the room when the second picture is taken?

- C. North.



## [Cam Rotation (MessyTable)]

From image 1 to 2. What is the rotation direction?

- Rotated to the Left.



## [MMSI Pos-Cam-Cam]

Camera coordinate system +Y up, -Z forward, right-handed. How can the first image be obtained from the second image?

- A. Rotate a positive angle around the Y axis.



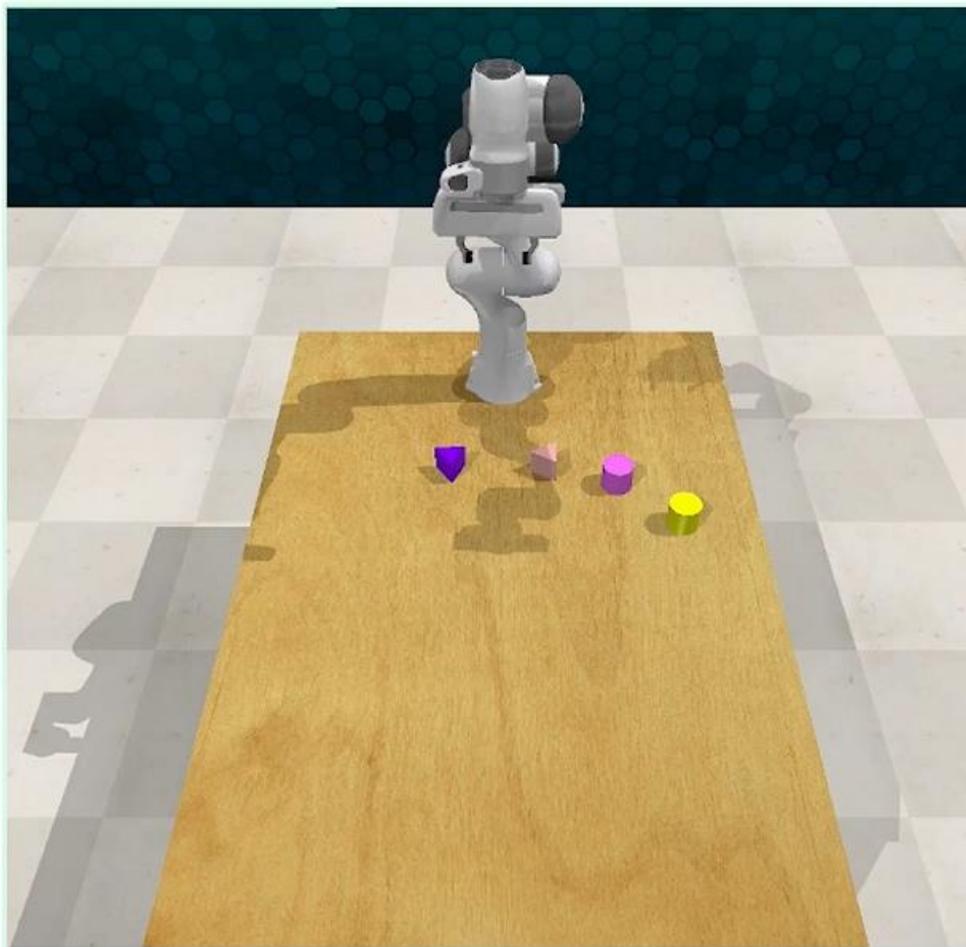
## [MMSI Attr-Appr]

How many different drawers with a width greater than their height appear in total?

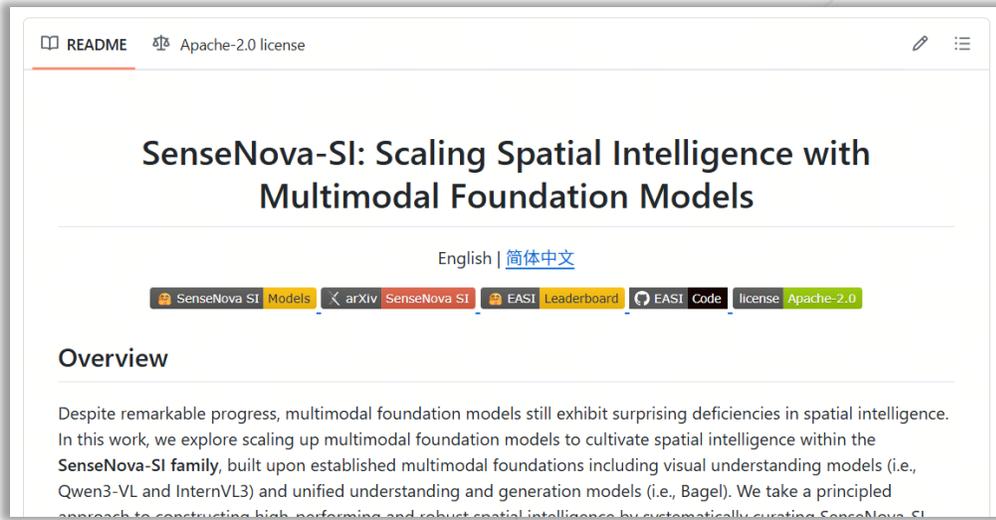
- D. 5.



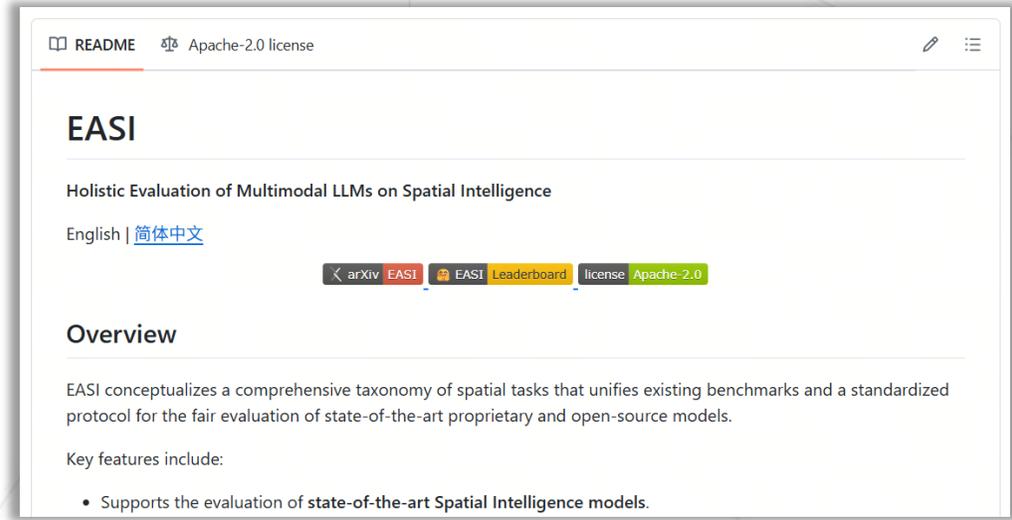
SSI-InternVL3-8B



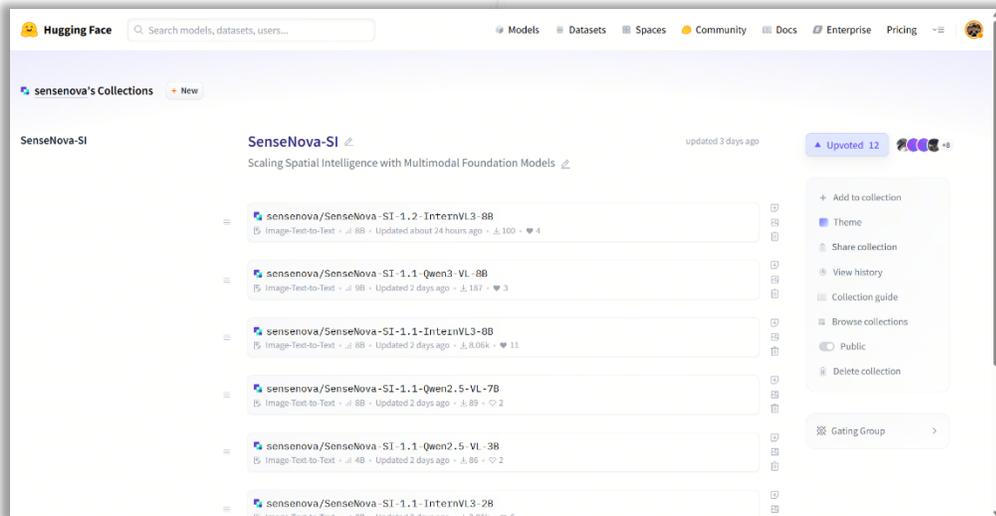
Stack the left triangular prism on top of the right cylinder.



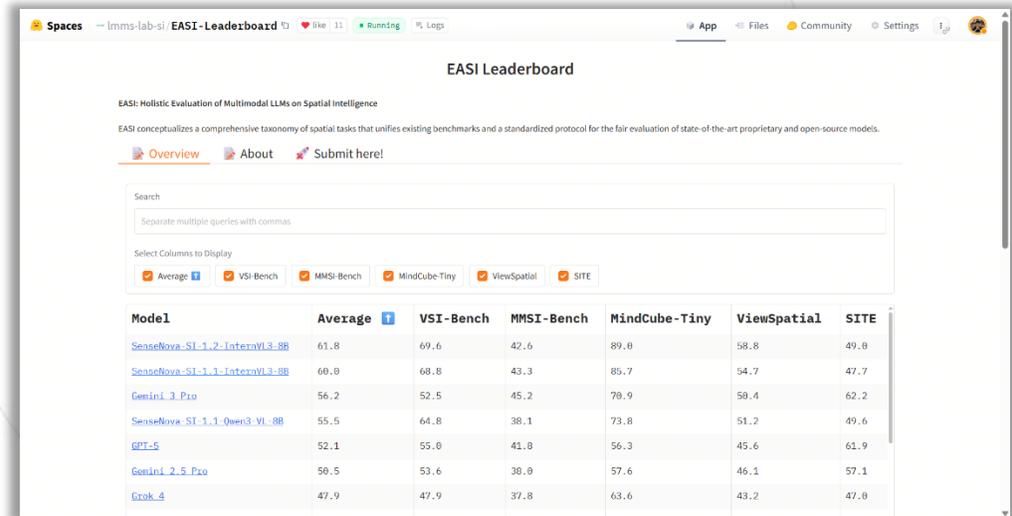
## Code for SenseNova-SI



## EASI: Evaluation Toolbox



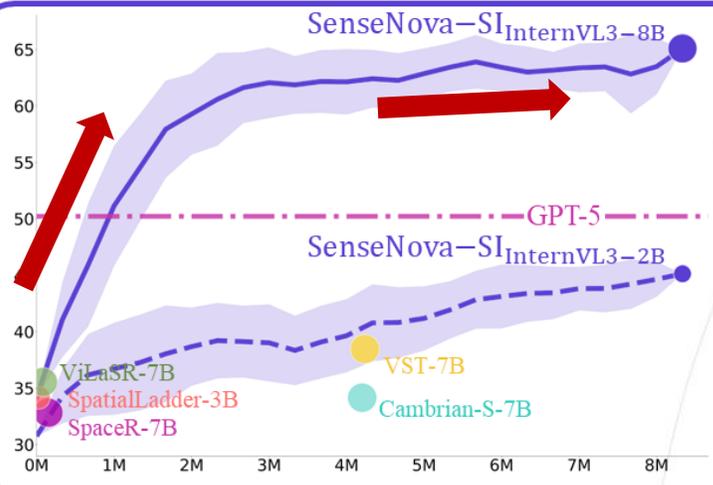
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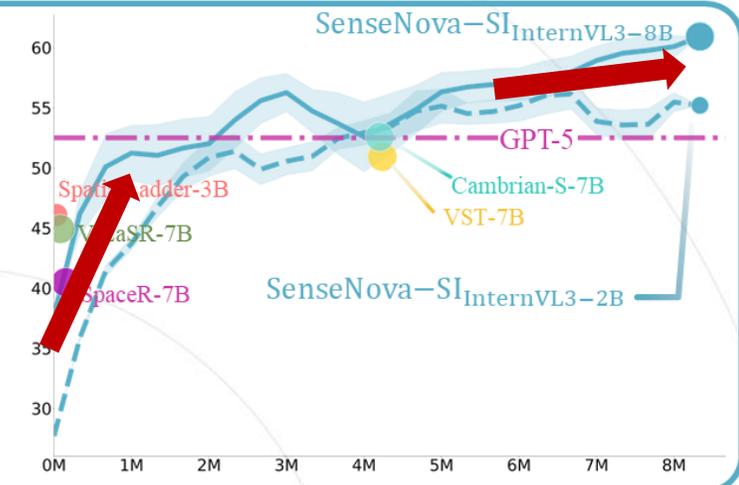
## EASI Leaderboard

# What is Next?

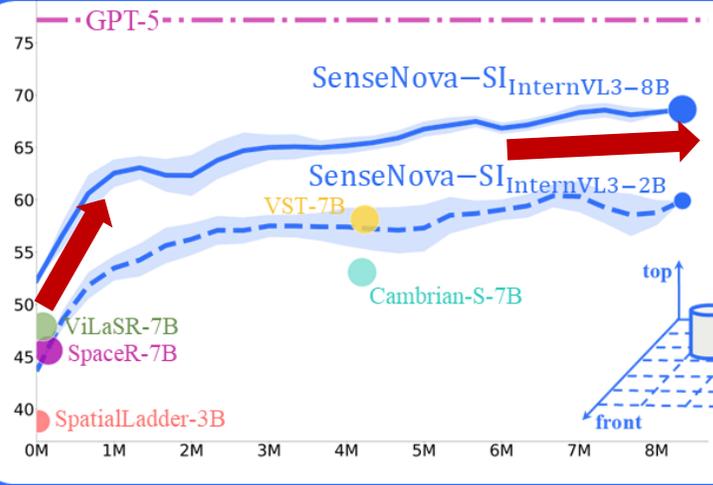
## Perspective-taking



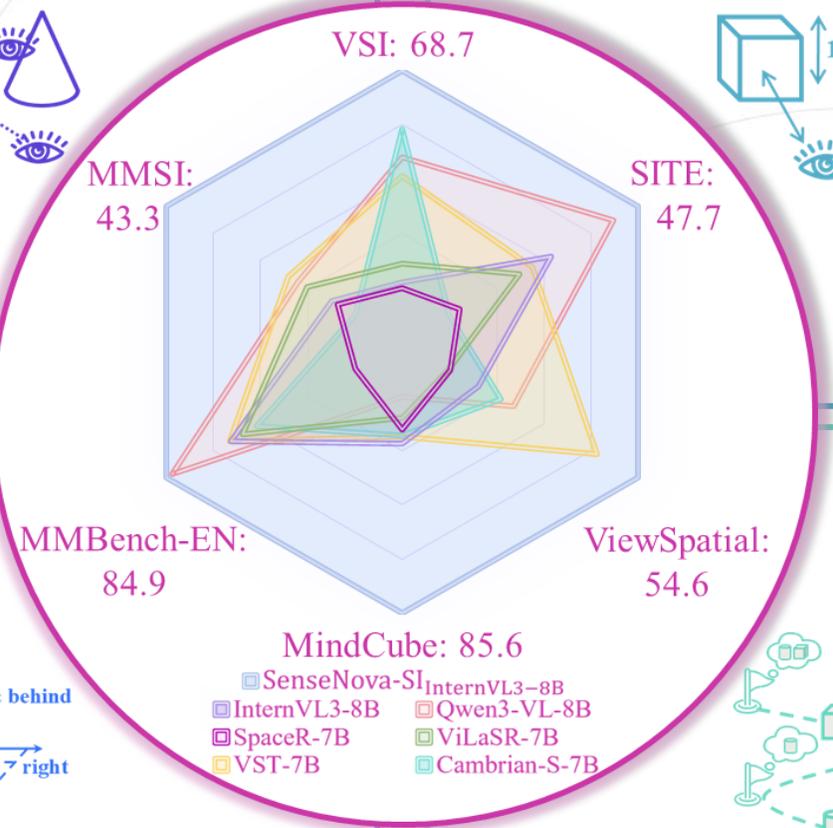
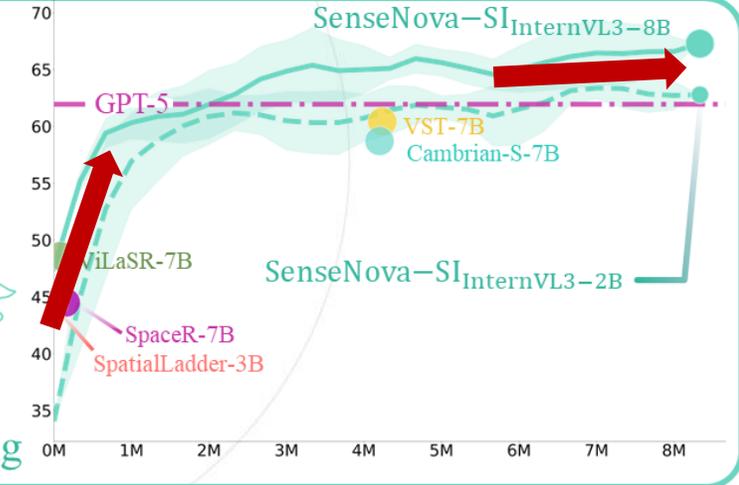
## Metric Measurement



## Spatial Relations



## Comprehensive Reasoning



**Thank you!**