

3D-GENERALIST: Vision-Language-Action Models for Crafting 3D Worlds

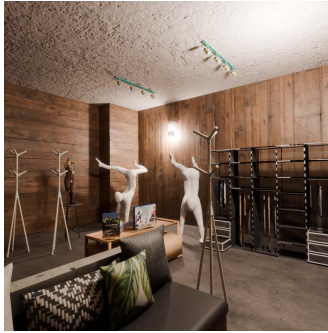
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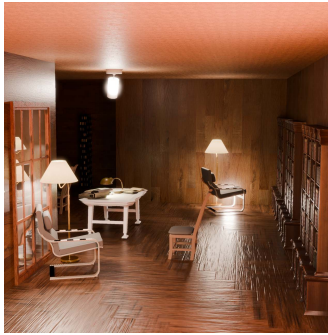
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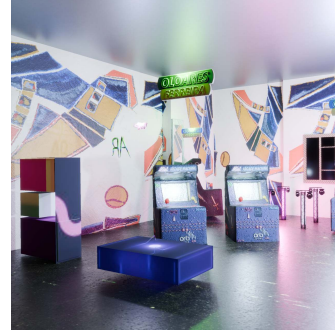
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Figure 1. Sample 3D environments generated by 3D-GENERALIST, demonstrating control over assets, layout, material, and lighting.

Abstract

Creating 3D graphics content for immersive and interactive worlds remains labor-intensive, limiting our ability to create large-scale synthetic data for training foundation models. Recent methods aim to alleviate this, but they often focus on a single aspect (e.g., layout) and do not improve generation quality by simply scaling computational resources. We recast 3D environment generation as a sequential decision-making problem, using Vision-Language Models (VLMs) as policies that output actions to jointly craft a 3D environment’s layout, materials, lighting, and assets. Our framework, **3D-Generalist**, trains VLMs to generate more prompt-aligned 3D environments via self-

improvement fine-tuning. We demonstrate the effectiveness of **3D-Generalist** and our training strategy in generating simulation-ready 3D environments. We also demonstrate its quality and scalability for synthetic data generation by pre-training a vision foundation model on the generated data. After fine-tuning on downstream tasks, we show that it surpasses models pre-trained on meticulously human-crafted synthetic data and approaches results achieved when training with orders of magnitude larger real data.

1. Introduction

3D graphics design is vital in gaming, augmented reality, virtual reality, and robotics simulation. However, creating immersive 3D worlds remains labor-intensive: artists and

designers must select and create assets, apply materials, set up lights, and arrange these elements into a coherent environment. In this paper, we study scalable generation of *Simulation-Ready* 3D environments (collision-free scenes composed of 3D meshes) for downstream synthetic data applications or robotics task simulation, rather than implicit representations such as NeRF or Gaussian Splats.

Diffusion and large transformer models have opened new opportunities to accelerate or automate parts of the traditional graphics workflow. For example, Holodeck [51] and RoboCasa [28] use large language models (LLMs) to select, retrieve, and place 3D objects from asset libraries like Objaverse [12], while URDFormer [8] uses diffusion models to synthesize textures. However, these works scale poorly with compute, leaving a gap between their outputs and the quality demanded by downstream tasks. We aim to build a system that takes open-ended text prompts and outputs 3D environments while benefiting from additional computation.

To scale with compute, we use the ability of models to self-correct and improve upon their own outputs [23, 24]. This approach mirrors the iterative refinement process of expert 3D artists, who render, inspect, identify mistakes, and refine with added detail and corrections. Guided by this insight, we introduce 3D-GENERALIST, a framework that unifies materials, lighting, assets, and layout by casting 3D environment generation as a sequential decision-making process. We use large multimodal models as *action policies* guided by observations of the current 3D world. 3D-GENERALIST comprises three modules: *Panoramic Environment Generation*, *Scene-Level Policy*, and *Asset-Level Policy*. Our key contributions include:

- *Panoramic Environment Generation*, which generates architectural layouts (i.e., floorplans and door/window placements) from text via a panoramic image-guided inverse graphics procedure.
- *Scene-Level Policy*, a VLM policy that jointly refines 3D layouts, materials, assets, and lighting. Its iterative self-improvement enables self-correction, allowing *Scene-Level Policy* to outperform SOTA baselines in prompt alignment while boosting general-domain visual grounding.
- *Asset-Level Policy*, a VLM policy that iteratively places assets on top of other *unlabeled* assets in a semantically aligned and physically plausible way.
- Showing 3D-GENERALIST’s efficacy by training a ViT that surpasses counterparts trained on curated 3D data, rivaling performance from large real-world datasets.

2. Related Work

2.1. Prompt-driven 3D Scene Generation

Earlier forays into prompt-driven indoor scene synthesis relied on manual mappings between language and object placements. Methods such as Wordseye [10] and its follow-ups are symbolic and rule-based, requiring substantial manual effort to generalize to new domains and constraints [5, 6, 27, 30, 38]. Recent advances have explored two main directions. One line of work uses diffusion priors with representations such as neural radiance fields or Gaussian splats [15, 31, 37, 55, 56]. These scenes lack separable, manipulable objects and surfaces, making them unsuitable for synthetic data applications that require precise instance-level annotations or robotics applications that require simulated robot-object interactions. Another line of research focuses on generating *simulation-ready* scenes, often using intermediate representations (e.g., scene graphs or layouts) to arrange 3D assets from a repository [2, 4, 17, 22, 25, 33, 51–53]. Many focus on learning distributions over assets and layouts from datasets [18, 29, 43]. More recently, Large Language Models (LLMs) and Vision-Language Models (VLMs) have enabled open-vocabulary 3D scene synthesis without dependence on predefined labels or categories. For example, LayoutGPT [17] prompts LLMs to directly generate 3D layouts for indoor scenes. LayoutVLM [40] uses VLMs to generate 3D layouts by generating objective functions that can be differentially optimized. Unlike prior work that mostly focuses on layout, 3D-GENERALIST jointly crafts layouts, materials, fixtures, and lighting.

2.2. Vision-Language Models for 3D Reasoning

While VLMs demonstrate strong general-domain image understanding, they struggle with 3D and spatial relations [7, 21, 45]. Many works enhance VLM spatial reasoning with visual markers, which anchor specific visual reference points in images [49]. These markers reduce reliance on textual cues alone and allow VLMs to interpret spatial layouts and visual hierarchies in images more directly. Others have curated datasets for training spatial reasoning [19]. For example, SpatialVLM [7] constructed a spatial reasoning dataset, enabling VLMs to perform tasks involving complex object placements and spatial configurations. SpatialRGPT [9] further strengthens VLM spatial understanding by leveraging multi-view inputs to improve three-dimensional reasoning and object alignment across perspectives. Similarly, 3D-GENERALIST uses multi-view images with VLMs to perform spatial reasoning tasks and fine-tunes the VLM on task-specific data.

3. 3D-GENERALIST

3D-GENERALIST takes a text prompt as input and outputs a 3D room with materials, fixtures (e.g., doors and windows),

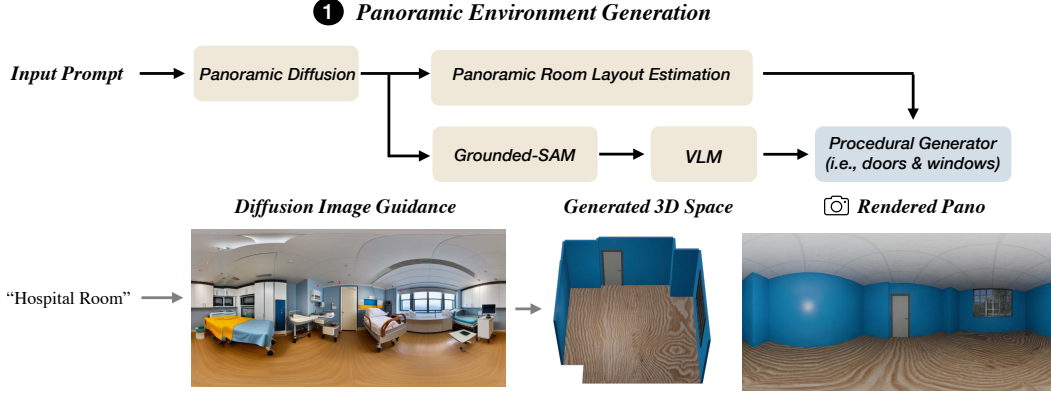


Figure 2. **Overview of 3D-GENERALIST’s Panoramic Environment Generation.** We use panoramic diffusion to generate a guiding 360° scene image, then extract the corners, windows, and doors information using a room layout estimation model, Grounded-SAM, and a VLM, respectively. These predictions are then used to construct the 3D room with fixtures procedurally.

3D assets, and lighting. We treat detailed, prompt-aligned 3D environment creation as a *sequential decision-making* problem and iteratively refine scenes with our scene-level and asset-level policies. 3D-GENERALIST uses Vision-Language Models (VLMs) as policies to optimize 3D environments iteratively. Below, we outline the workflow and detail each of the three modules in 3D-GENERALIST.

3.1. Panoramic Environment Generation

This module, illustrated in Figure 2, initializes a base 3D room from the input text prompt, including walls, floors, and fixtures such as doors and windows. LLMs often struggle to predict room coordinates and door/window locations, resulting in overly simplistic or unrealistic rooms. We therefore first use a panoramic diffusion model [16] to generate a 360° image as guidance, then use an inverse graphics procedure to construct the 3D environment as follows:

1. **Room Layout Estimation.** We take the panoramic image and use the HorizonNet [39] model to derive the basic room structure (e.g., walls, floors, ceiling).
2. **Fixture Segmentation.** We apply Grounded SAM [34] to segment windows and doors.
3. **VLM Annotation.** A Vision-Language Model (i.e., GPT-4o [1]) inspects each segmented region to determine its type (e.g., *single door*, *double door*, *sliding door*, or *folding door*) and materials (e.g., *door frame material*, *door material*, and *door knob material*).
4. **Procedural Generation.** We then procedurally construct rooms, doors, and windows at the corresponding 3D locations, as in [11].

3.2. Scene-Level Policy

This module adds assets to the initial 3D room generated by *Panoramic Environment Generation*. Models that generate physically based rendering (PBR) materials or 3D assets from text or images often produce outputs with

significant artifacts. We therefore use a large repository of assets and materials with image-conditioned retrieval from diffusion-generated images. Our key insight is to build a model capable of **self-correction**. *Scene-Level Policy* employs a VLM as the policy model, taking the current state of the 3D environment as input and outputting action in code to modify the 3D environment. Figure 4 illustrates this process. Below, we describe the key components.

We use a domain-specific language (DSL) designed to represent 3D environments flexibly using a combination of code and natural language. Our Scene DSL defines key descriptors for scene elements such as floors, walls, ceilings, objects, and lighting. The *Category* descriptor specifies the type of element (`{floors, walls, ceilings, objects}`). The *Placement* descriptor encodes spatial attributes, including position $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, rotation $\theta_z \in [0, 2\pi]$, and scale $s \in \mathbb{R}^3$, allowing multiple placements per element. The *Material* descriptor provides a natural language description of surface properties. The *Lighting* descriptor defines the type $t \in \{\text{point, directional, area}\}$, intensity $i \in \mathbb{R}^+$, and color $c = (r, g, b)$, where $r, g, b \in [0, 1]$ are normalized RGB values. More details are in the supplementary material.

Vision-Language-Action Model Let S_0 represent the 3D environment we obtained from *Panoramic Environment Generation*, S_t be the 3D environment at iteration t , and let \mathcal{P} denote the input text prompt. Our VLM, π_θ , parameterized by θ , takes multi-view images \mathcal{I}_t of S_t (as shown in Figure 3) along with \mathcal{P} as input and outputs an action code $a_t \sim \pi_\theta(a \mid \mathcal{I}_t, \mathcal{P})$. We execute this action code using exposed tools and function APIs—such as those for retrieving assets or materials based on natural language—which updates the 3D environment, expressed as $S_{t+1} = f(S_t, a_t)$. Following the update, we render new images \mathcal{I}_{t+1} from S_{t+1} to serve as the next state

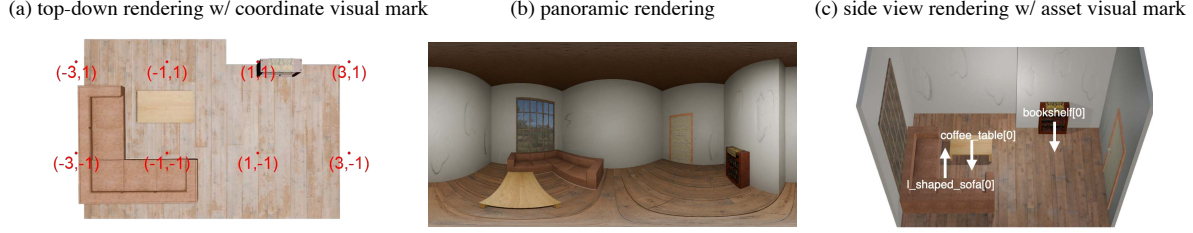


Figure 3. **Overview of our Multi-View Representation \mathcal{I}_t .** This illustrates how we render a 3D environment and feed it as input to our VLM policy in *Scene-Level Policy*. The first view is overlaid with visual marks of the x-y coordinate system of the current environment, the second view is a panoramic render of the room, and the third is overlaid with the variable names for the existing asset instances.

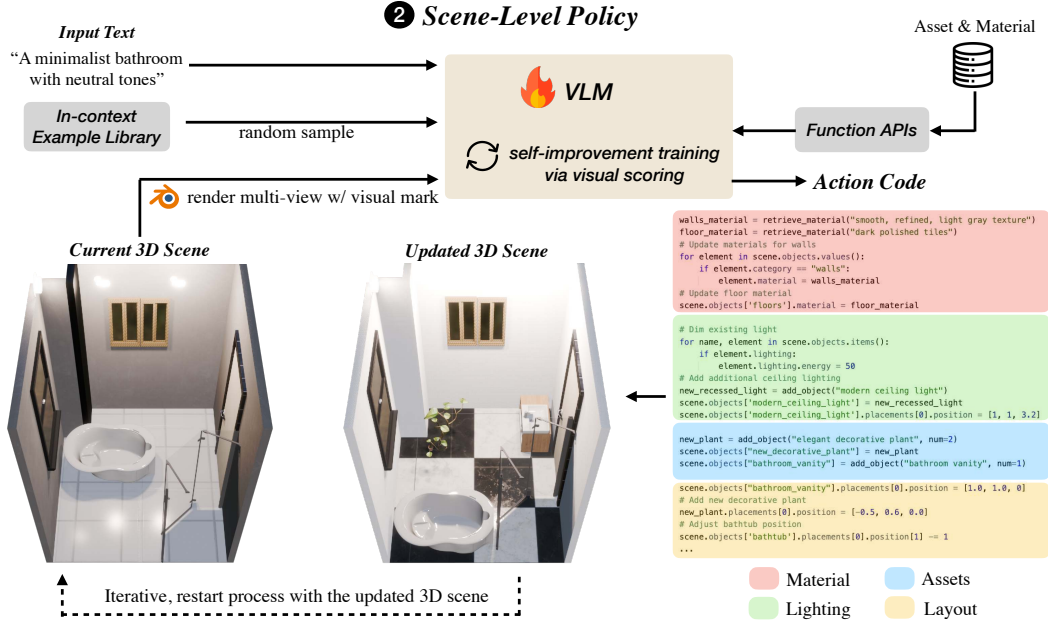


Figure 4. **Overview of 3D-GENERALIST’s *Scene-Level Policy*.** Starting with the current 3D scene, we render multiple views and combine the text prompt with an in-context example to guide a vision-language model (VLM) acting as an action policy. In each round, the VLM generates a program that updates assets, materials, layout, and lighting. We use a self-improvement training strategy to fine-tune the VLM to take actions that could lead to more prompt-aligned 3D scenes.

representation. In Figure 4’s example, the action code adjusts the position of the bathtub, adds a bathroom vanity and two plants, and increases the scene’s lighting.

Self-Improvement Fine-tuning Off-the-shelf VLMs often struggle to consistently generate action code that improves the resulting 3D environment. To address this, we use a self-improvement fine-tuning strategy. Let $\pi_{\theta}^{(i)}$ denote the VLM policy at the start of the i -th fine-tuning round. Each round begins by generating a set of tasks (i.e., text prompts). For each task, we initialize the 3D environment using *Panoramic Environment Generation*, and $\pi_{\theta}^{(i)}$ iteratively updates the environment. At each step, we generate multiple candidate actions and retain the top-scoring action sequences—those that yield the highest CLIP scores between environment renderings and the input prompt. We

then update the policy via supervised fine-tuning, resulting in an improved policy $\pi_{\theta}^{(i+1)}$. This completes one self-improvement round, after which $\pi_{\theta}^{(i+1)}$ can generate new tasks and environments for further refinement.

We introduce an *in-context library*, a collection of action code examples that significantly enhances CLIP alignment scores. Empirically, we find that leveraging the *in-context library* during data generation substantially improves performance by promoting diversity and increasing the likelihood of discovering effective action sequences. We use GPT-4o [1] as the base model and its publicly available fine-tuning API in our experiments. More details can be found in the supplementary material.

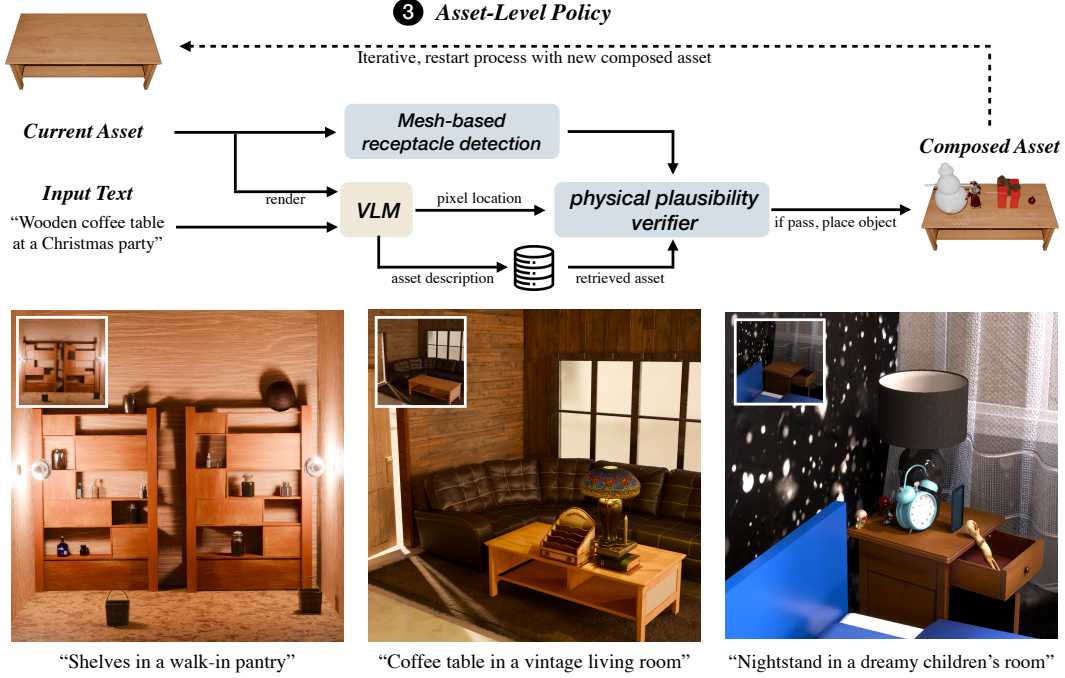


Figure 5. **Overview of 3D-GENERALIST’s Asset-Level Policy.** We qualitatively showcase its capability to handle diverse placement tasks, such as placing assets between shelves (i.e., as shown in the leftmost example), stacking assets on top of one another (i.e., the books and lamps as shown in the middle example), and placing assets in the open shelf of a nightstand (i.e., the figurine in the rightmost example).

3.3. Asset-Level Policy

Our scene-level VLM policy in *Scene-Level Policy* often omits smaller objects (e.g., books, plates, utensils) and focuses on larger, defining assets. In contrast, placing small assets requires a different approach to ensure physical plausibility.

To address this, we introduce *Asset-Level Policy*, which refines the environment by composing smaller assets with “receptacle objects” (e.g., shelves, tables, counters), closely mimicking the construction process of physically grounded environments. *Asset-Level Policy* is equipped with physical plausibility verifiers applied prior to placement. The system is inherently extensible, supporting custom plug-in verifiers such as physics engines or logic-based constraints.

The process begins with GPT-4o determining whether a 3D asset qualifies as a “receptacle object” that can host smaller items. Once identified as a receptacle, we initiate an iterative process to place these smaller assets. Before the first round, we have a base object \mathcal{O} and a text prompt \mathcal{P} (“wooden office desk in a writer’s home”). The process for the k -th round:

Mesh-based Placeable Surface Detection. We use a mesh-based surface detection approach to find valid surfaces on the receptacle object (or on previously placed items, allowing for stacking); see supplementary for details.

We then render the receptacle object from a randomly sampled angle on a hemisphere. We sample a new camera angle each round to expose different placeable surfaces across iterations.

VLM as a Placement Policy. The rendered image \mathcal{I}'_k (distinct from the multi-view renderings \mathcal{I}_k in *Scene-Level Policy*) and \mathcal{P} are fed into a separate policy model π'_ϕ , a pre-trained VLM from [13]. We choose [13] because it excels at the pixel-level precision required for asset placement, in contrast to GPT-4o in *Scene-Level Policy*, which requires stronger semantic reasoning. Formally, the action chosen in round k can be denoted as $a'_k \sim \pi'_\phi(a \mid \mathcal{I}'_k, \mathcal{P})$. Here, an action is represented as $a'_k = (o'_k, p'_k)$, where o'_k denotes the pixel location in the rendered image indicating the placement position, and p'_k represents the text description used to retrieve 3D assets from the repository.

3D Placement and Environment Update. Using the pixel location o'_k generated by [13] and associated camera parameters, we generate a 3D ray to identify a precise placement point on the mesh. If the location intersects one of the previously identified valid surfaces, we retrieve the asset specified by p'_k . After verifying that this asset can be realistically placed (via mesh collision checks), we place it and repeat this process with the newly composed asset. By iterating these steps, *Asset-Level Policy* recursively

Table 1. Physical plausibility and semantic alignment, using the same metrics and setting as Tab. 2 of LayoutVLM [40]. All scores range from 0 to 100 (\uparrow is better). Due to the iterative nature, the model can self-correct asset placement over rounds of iteration, improving physical plausibility.

	Physics		Semantics		Overall Score
	CF	IB	Pos.	Rot.	PSA
LayoutGPT	83.8	24.2	80.8	78.0	16.6
Holodeck	77.8	8.1	62.8	55.6	5.6
I-Design	76.8	34.3	68.3	62.8	18.0
LayoutVLM	81.8	94.9	77.5	73.2	58.8
3D-GENERALIST	99.0	98.0	78.2	79.1	67.9

adds fine details—often overlooked by scene-level policies—into the 3D environment; for example, a book can be placed on the table, then a pen can be placed on the book.

4. Experiments

We evaluated 3D-GENERALIST to answer the following questions:

- How does 3D-GENERALIST compare to existing methods on generating simulation-ready 3D environments?
- Does our self-improvement fine-tuning strategy enable *Scene-Level Policy* to iteratively refine 3D environments to be more prompt-aligned?
- Can *Asset-Level Policy* effectively place small objects in a semantically coherent manner?
- Does our method enable effective scaling of 3D data generation for training robust visual feature extractors?

4.1. Simulation-Ready 3D Environment Generation

Following existing works [20, 32, 40, 54, 56], we evaluated simulation-ready 3D environments by measuring physical plausibility and semantic coherence. We measured physical plausibility using the *Collision-Free Score (CF)* and *In-Boundary Score (IB)*. We enforced all assets to be placed, with remaining assets randomly placed if a method failed. We assessed semantic coherence using *Positional Coherency (Pos.)* and *Rotational Coherency (Rot.)*, measuring alignment with the input prompt. To evaluate semantic coherence across layouts without ground truth, we used *GPT-4o* to score layouts based on top-down and side-view renderings and the language instructions. We computed the *Physically-Grounded Semantic Alignment Score (PSA)* as the *GPT-4o* rating weighted by physical plausibility. Scores range from 0 to 100, with higher scores indicating better performance. We did not enable gravity in all experiments, and we considered a collision to occur when the intersecting area between two meshes exceeded 0.1 m^2 in Blender.

Comparative Study To answer (a), we chose LayoutGPT [17], Holodeck [51], and LayoutVLM [40], the state-of-the-art *sim-ready* 3D environment generation methods,

Table 2. Comparative Analysis and Ablation Study on 3D-GENERALIST’s *Scene-Level Policy*. “# Training Runs” refer to the total number of times we perform (self-improvement) fine-tuning on the VLM, and “# Actions” refer to the number of actions taken by the VLM in *Scene-Level Policy* per scene generation. We report the CLIP score of the final generated scene.

Method	# Training Runs	# Actions	CLIP Score
Random noise (lower bound)	-	-	0.026
LayoutGPT	-	-	0.228
Holodeck	-	-	0.231
LayoutVLM	-	-	0.239
3D-GENERALIST	3	10	0.275
3D-GENERALIST w/o fine-tuning	0	10	0.252
3D-GENERALIST w/o in-context library	0	10	0.237
3D-GENERALIST ablations	3	3	0.254
	2	3	0.251
	1	3	0.248
	0	3	0.242
	0	0	0.159

as baselines. While there are many other works on 3D scene generation like Physcene [50] and DiffuScene [43], they are either limited to a fixed set of object categories (i.e., not *open-vocabulary* methods) or rely on representations such as Gaussian splats or NeRFs rather than using reasoning models (i.e., LLMs, VLMs) with an object-centric representation. 3D-GENERALIST outperformed all baselines using the same set of prompts used in Holodeck [51] (over 250 prompts across 50 room types). 3D-GENERALIST took 1-3 minutes to generate a single scene on A100s when starting from the initial prompt.

Scene-Level Policy Evaluation To answer (b), we assessed our self-improving fine-tuning strategy using quantitative metrics and qualitative examples (CLIP scores in Table 2 and Figure 6). The x-axis in Figure 6 represents “rounds of action” within a generation sequence. While GPT-4o (baseline) showed some early refinement, our fine-tuned model demonstrated significantly stronger iterative improvement. Qualitative examples highlight *Scene-Level Policy*’s self-correction.

Additional Ablation on Fine-tuning We explored how self-improvement fine-tuning impacted VLM performance in general domains. Since our approach trained the VLM to generate better action code from image observations, we hypothesized that it enhanced visually grounded understanding transferable to general-domain imagery. To verify this, we evaluated 3D-GENERALIST’s *Scene-Level Policy* on two commonly used visual hallucination benchmarks (i.e., **Object HalBench** [36] and **AMBER** [44]) that directly assess the accuracy of the VLM’s visual grounding capabilities (details in supplementary).

Results in Table 3 show that the base VLM GPT-4o benefited significantly from our self-improvement fine-tuning, with the fine-tuned 3D-GENERALIST exhibiting lower hal-

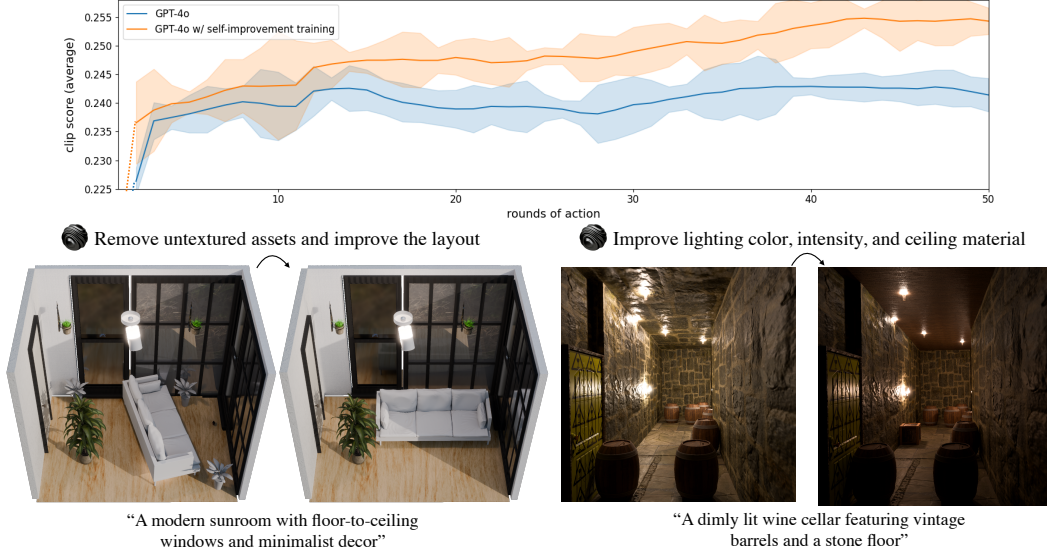


Figure 6. **Evaluation of the self-improving fine-tuning strategy.** The top graph shows averaged results, indicating that GPT-4o improves 3D prompt alignment iteratively only after self-improvement fine-tuning. The bottom examples highlight 3D-GENERALIST’s self-correction: refining untextured assets and layout in one case, and adjusting lighting and ceiling material in another.

lucination rates across both benchmarks and multiple metric levels, except for a slight decrease in object coverage (COVER) on AMBER. These results demonstrate that, in addition to generating 3D scenes more aligned with the prompt, our self-improvement fine-tuning also benefited VLMs’ general-domain visual understanding by reducing visual hallucinations.

Asset-Level Policy Evaluation In our experiments, GPT-4o was responsible for determining whether a 3D asset qualified as a receptacle object, while another VLM, Molmo-7B [13], provided visual cues for pixel-level placement. As shown in Figure 5’s qualitative examples, *Asset-Level Policy* placed books on shelves, stacked plates on tables, and filled open shelves with suitable items.

To answer (c) quantitatively, we ran the experiment on 15 “receptacle assets” split equally into three categories: small tables (nightstand, student desk, bar, side table, foyer table), large tables (coffee table, glass coffee table, kitchen countertop, metal table, office desk), and multi-level assets (bookshelf - open back, bookshelf - closed back, pantry shelf, work shelf, warehouse shelf). After placement, we rendered from four equally spaced camera positions around the object and reported the maximum CLIP similarity score between the rendered image and the input text prompt. For *Asset-Level Policy*, we set the maximum number of successful asset placements to 10.

Across the 15 test cases, the base receptacle objects (without any other objects) had an average CLIP score of 0.264. The baseline method produced composed assets with

Table 3. Our self-improvement fine-tuning strategy demonstrates positive transfer that effectively reduces VLM’s visual hallucinations in general-domain images.

Method	Object HalBench		AMBER-Generative			
	CHAIRs↓	CHAIRi↓	CHAIR↓	COVER↑	HAL↓	COG↓
3D-GENERALIST (GPT-4o)	10.3	5.4	3.3	61.8	16.5	0.8
3D-GENERALIST (GPT-4o finetuned)	7.7	4.6	3.2	60.8	15.7	0.7

an average CLIP score of 0.269, and our *Asset-Level Policy* produced an average score of **0.281**, demonstrating the ability to place assets on “receptacle assets” in a prompt-aligned and physically plausible way¹. Qualitatively, we observed that the baseline inpainting-based method regularly generated many overlapping objects and could not place an item behind another. Our method, however, had access to multiple views during the iterative process and could spread out object placement more naturally. Refer to Figure 7 and the supplementary material for qualitative comparisons that showcase the importance of leveraging semantic knowledge in the VLM (i.e., Molmo) to predict asset placement.

4.2. Downstream Applications

To demonstrate 3D-GENERALIST’s capability in scaling up 3D data, we conducted large-scale pretraining of vision encoders on generated synthetic data. We rendered millions of images from generated scenes using Omniverse to create a

¹During our evaluation process, an asset can only be placed if the resulting scene is physically plausible (i.e., no mesh collision).

¹The training GPU hours for the original Florence-v2 is estimated.



Figure 7. Comparison between the baseline inpainting method (left) and 3D-GENERALIST’s *Asset-Level Policy* (right).

Table 4. Downstream application: Pretraining Florence-v2 on generated datasets and reporting fine-tuned ImageNet performance.

Pretraining Dataset	# Labels	ImageNet-1K Top 1 \uparrow
Hypersim	861,080	0.727
3D-GENERALIST	861,080	0.731
3D-GENERALIST	12,175,588	0.776
Florence 2 (real)	5,000,000,000	0.786

large-scale dataset and compared feature extractors trained on our synthetic data with those trained on HyperSim [35], an artist-crafted dataset, along with a real-world dataset.

In our experiments, we first trained a vision encoder using the Florence 2 [47] framework with a DaViT-B [47] backbone. Next, we initialized an image classification model from the pretrained checkpoint and fine-tuned the model on ImageNet1K [14]. The only variable in our experiments was the selection of the pretraining dataset. We converted Hypersim into Florence 2 format with three tasks: 2D object detection, semantic segmentation, and bounding box to segmentation. Doing so resulted in just over 860K labels, and we also generated a dataset consisting of the same number of labels using 3D-GENERALIST. Finally, since 3D-GENERALIST can scale datasets with ease, we generated an additional 11.5M labels for pretraining.

All results are provided in Table 4 and compared to fine-tuning on the publicly available DaViT-B weights from Florence 2, which was trained on 5B real-world labels. All experiments were conducted on a 96xH100s cluster, with the runs below 1 million labels taking roughly 96 hours and the larger run of 12 million labels taking 200 hours. With commonsense and visual spatial reasoning from VLMs, 3D-GENERALIST produced high-fidelity scenes that better reflected real-world object distributions and layouts. This was associated with more effective transfer on real-world downstream tasks. Furthermore, our synthetically generated environments scaled up training data for vision models,

achieving comparable or superior performance to manually curated datasets such as Hypersim while reducing data collection effort.

5. Conclusion

We introduce **3D-Generalist**, a framework that formulates text-driven 3D world creation as a sequential decision-making problem. The framework can be integrated with image-to-3D reconstruction [42, 48], image-to-PBR material generation [26] or 3D asset generation models [3], enabling a fully generative graphics pipeline. Beyond content creation, the use of explicit 3D representations also facilitates generative simulation—enabling the automatic generation of environments for training RL policies [41, 46].

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