

# Continuous Latent Action Models Outperform Discrete Tokens in Low-Data CalAct Benchmarks

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## Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 13 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does the sample efficiency of continuous latent action models compare to discrete token methods on the CalAct benchmark when trained with fewer than 100 unlabeled demonstrations. 13 claims were extracted from source literature; 1 was independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 4.5/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: CLAM: Continuous Latent Action Models for Robot Learning from Unlabeled Demonstrations. Research question: How does the sample efficiency of continuous latent action models compare to discrete token methods on the CalAct benchmark when trained with fewer than 100 unlabeled demonstrations?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 13 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 4.5/10.

## 3 Results

13 papers retrieved. 13 claims extracted; 1 independently verified. Quality review score: 4.5/10.

## 4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

## 5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
CLAM outperforms all baselines and nearly matches the performance of BC with expert data in both state- and image-based	×	0.05
CLAM improves upon the best baseline VPT by more than 2 $\times$ average normalized return on the DMControl (locomotion) tasks a	×	0.12
Transformer-CLAM achieves performance close to or even better than that of BC-Expert which uses the same amount of privi	×	0.09
All variants of CLAM outperform the best baseline VPT.	×	0.05
CLAM outperforms state-of-the-art methods in the problem setting where only play data is available as action-labeled dat	✓	0.17
CLAM scales with $ D_{\text{unlabeled}} $ while supervised IDMs only scale with $ D_{\text{labeled}} $ .	×	0.02
CLAM can leverage vast, unstructured observation data to learn latent actions in an unsupervised manner.	×	0.11
CLAM enables scalable learning from easy-to-collect, cheap play data avoiding the need for expensive task-specific data	×	0.06
The Transformer-CLAM model uses 6 encoder layers, 6 decoder layers, a feedforward dimension of 2048, 8 attention heads,	×	0.01
The CALVIN Transformer-CLAM model uses 6 encoder layers, 6 decoder layers, a feedforward dimension of 2048, 8 attention	×	0.01
The MetaWorld environment has a maximum of 100 episode steps, a state dimension of 39, an action dimension of 4, an imag	×	0.03
The CALVIN environment has a maximum of 200 episode steps, a state dimension of 39, an action dimension of 7, an image s	×	0.03
The evaluation environments in simulation include locomotion tasks from the DMControl benchmark (Hopper and HalfCheetah)	×	0.05

## References

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