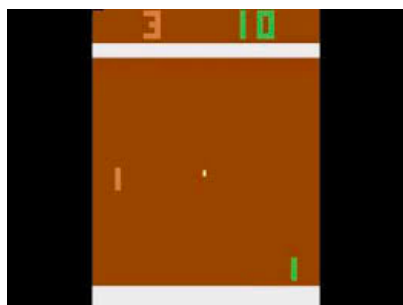


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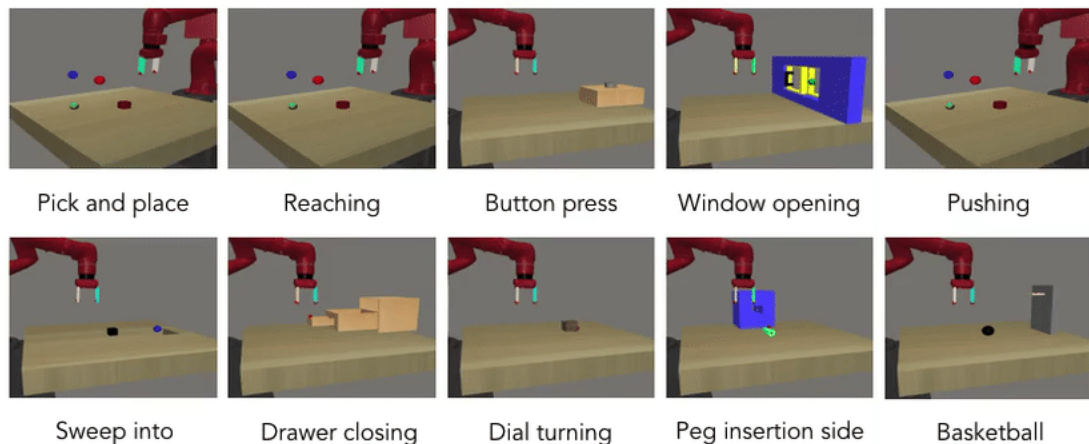
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# From Specialist to Generalist



## Train tasks

ML10



Source: Meta-World  
[meta-world.github.io](https://meta-world.github.io)

# Multi-task Reinforcement Learning

## Contextual Policies

$$\pi(a|o, z)$$

Task description is given

e.g. a goal

  
more general

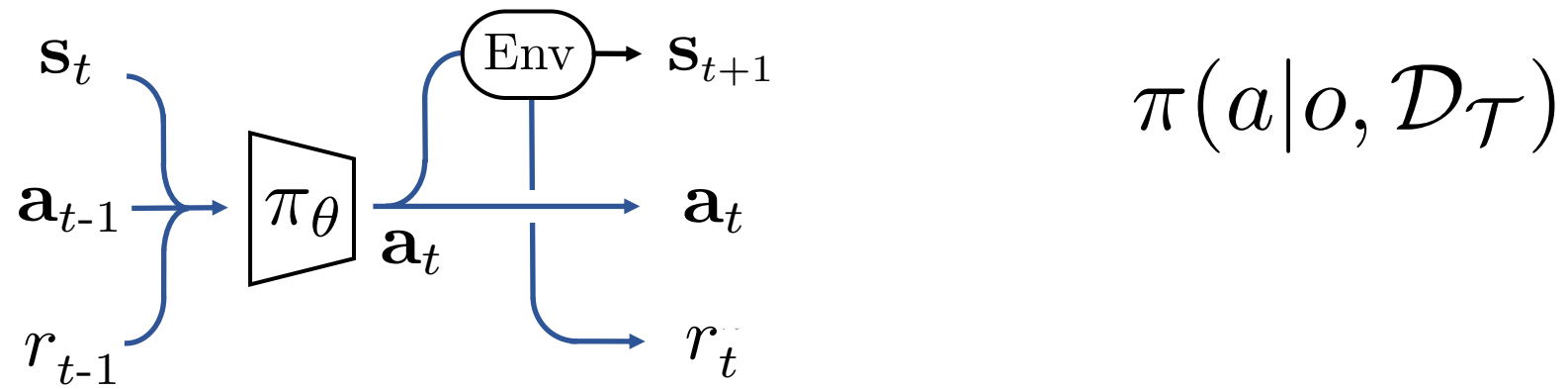
## Meta-learning for RL

$$\pi(a|o, \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{T}})$$

Task inferred from data

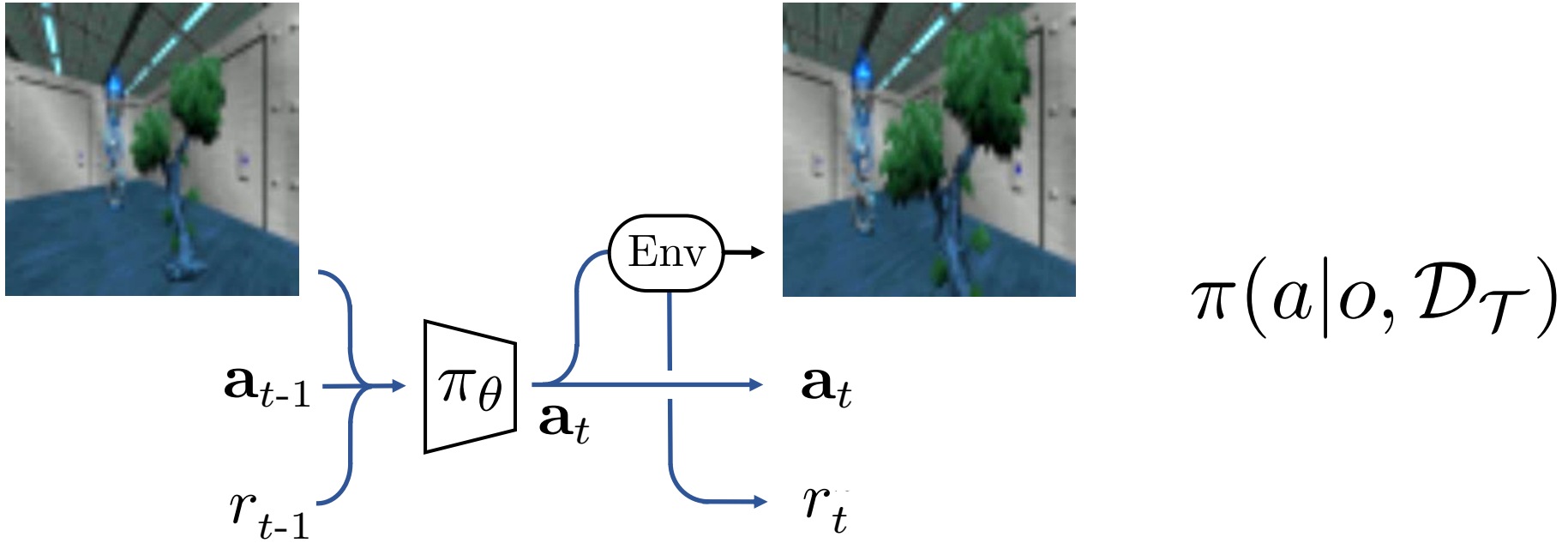
collected by policy

# Meta-Reinforcement-Learning



Recurrent policy learns to **infer task** by collecting the right data

# Visual Meta-Reinforcement-Learning

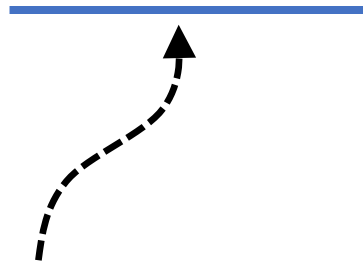


Search for and associate **stimulus** and **reward**.

# The Task Distribution

$$\arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{\pi_{\theta}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}_i})} [R(\tau)]$$

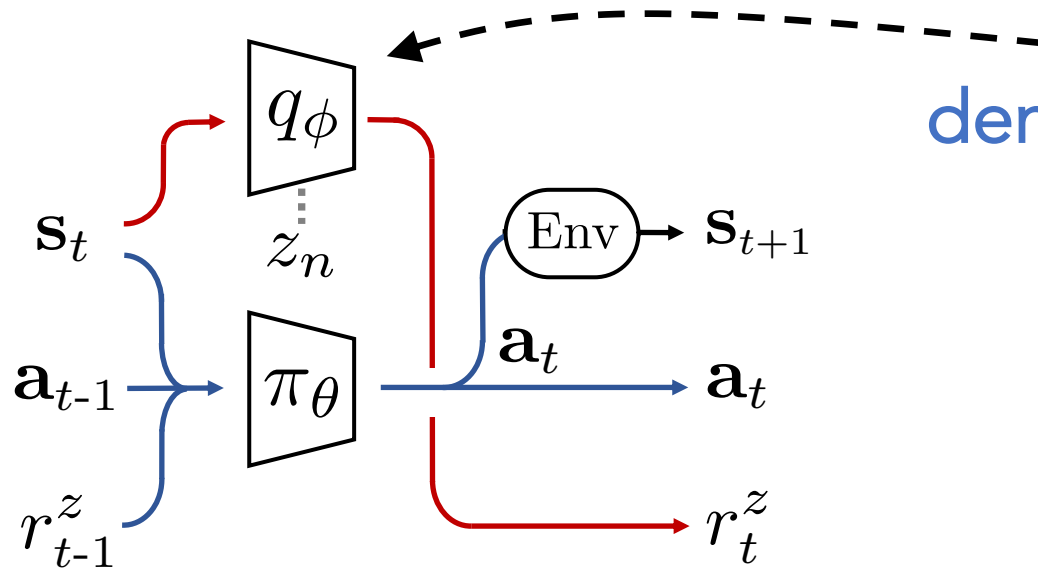
where  $\mathcal{M}_i \sim p(\mathcal{M})$



**Meta-training tasks** give rise to  
task **inference** and **execution** strategies

Can we learn **useful** meta-RL strategies  
with tasks formed **without supervision**?

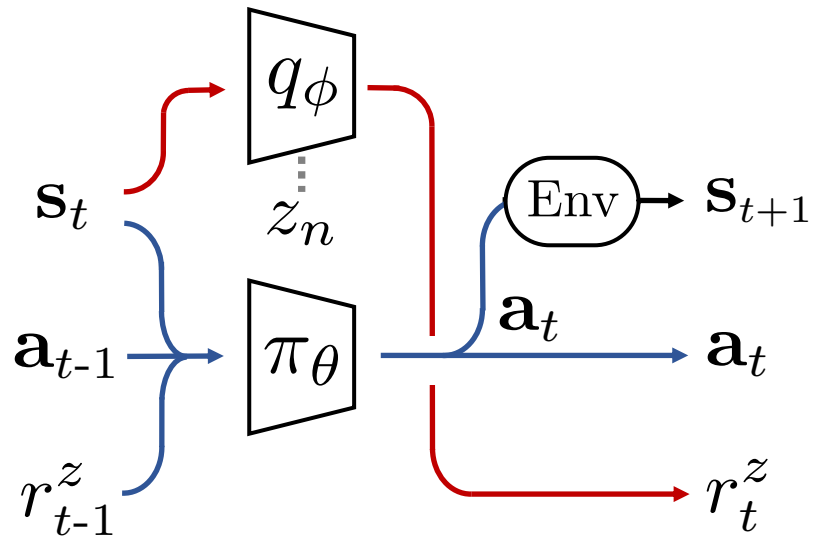
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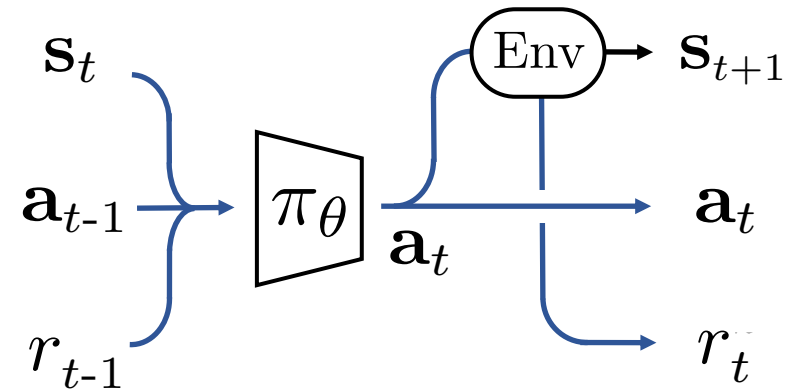
density model of trajectories providing  
reward functions for meta-RL



# “Meta-Pre-training”



Unsupervised Pre-training



Transfer to Test Tasks

**Task Acquisition**

Unsupervised discovery of tasks



**Meta-learning**

Learn to learn to solve tasks

Task Acquisition

Unsupervised discovery of tasks



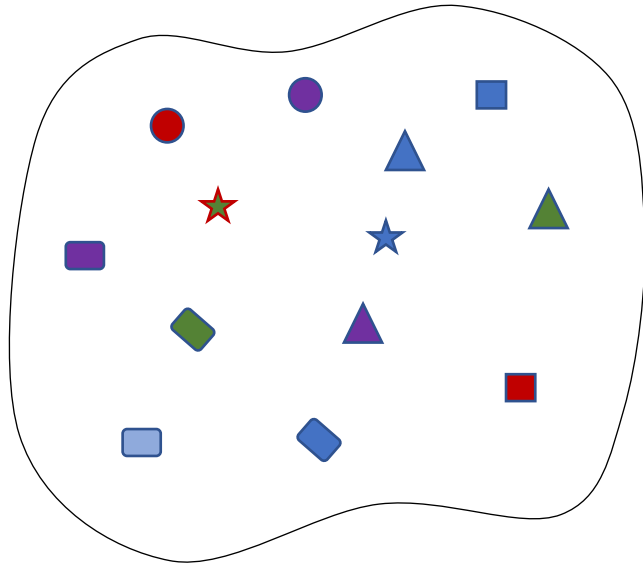
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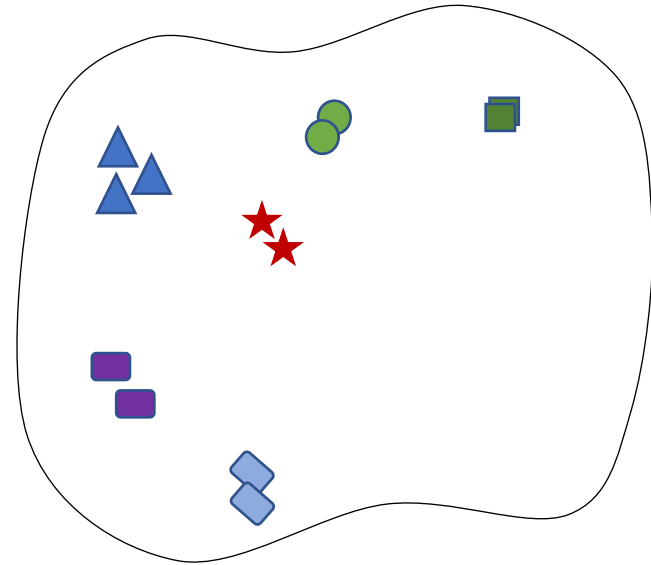


Should co-adapt

# Criteria for Task Distribution

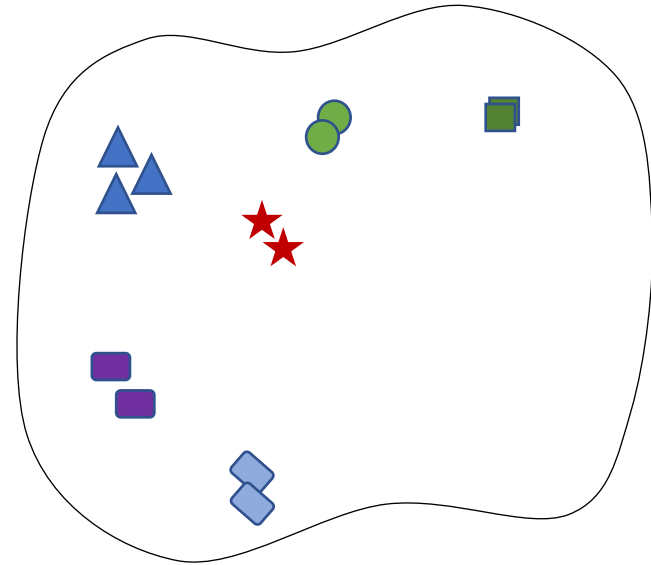
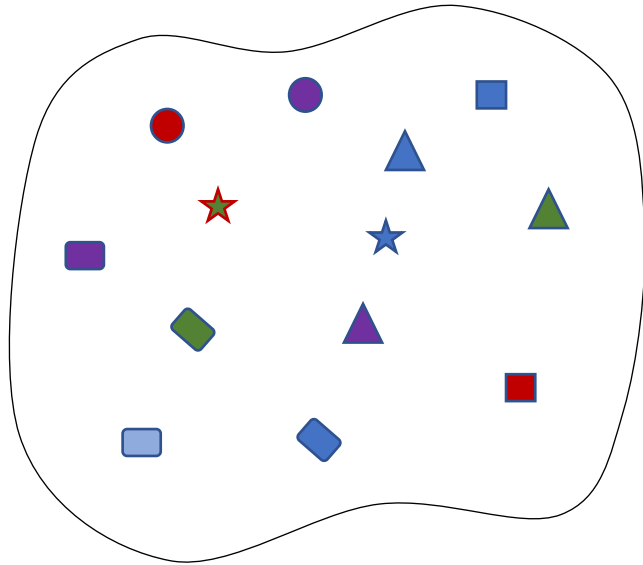


Diversity



Structure

# Criteria for Task Distribution



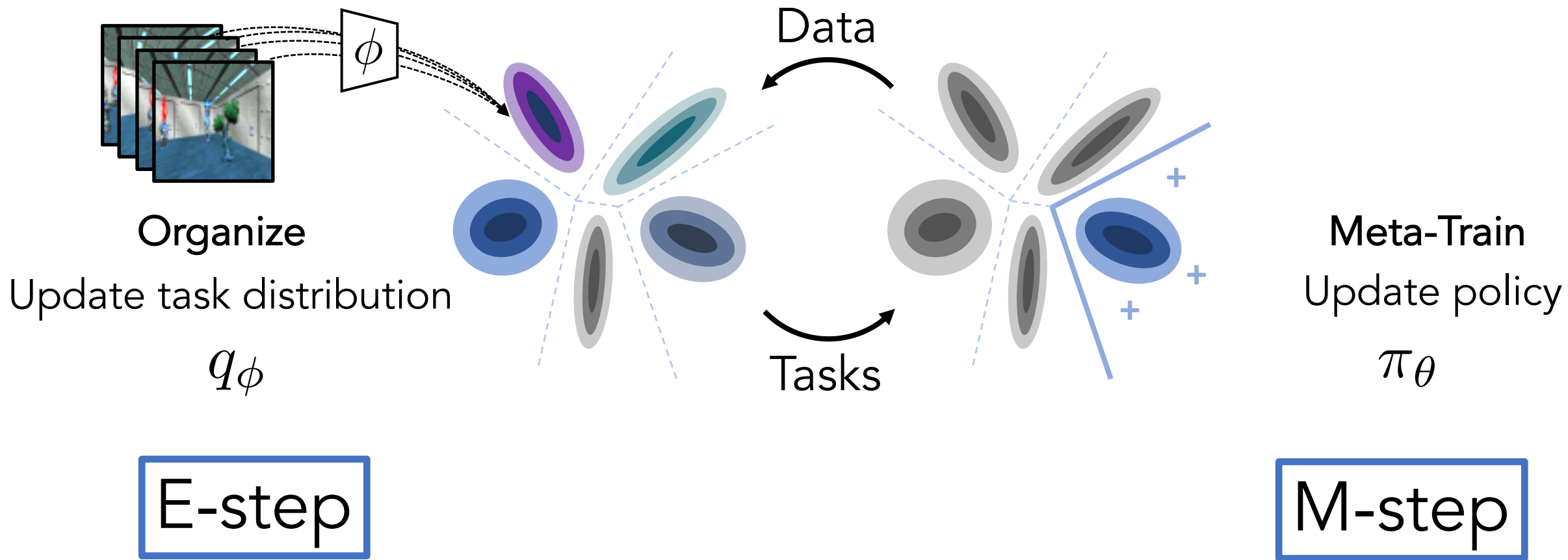
Diversity  $H(\boldsymbol{\tau}) - H(\boldsymbol{\tau}|\mathbf{z})$  Structure

$$= I(\boldsymbol{\tau}; \mathbf{z})$$

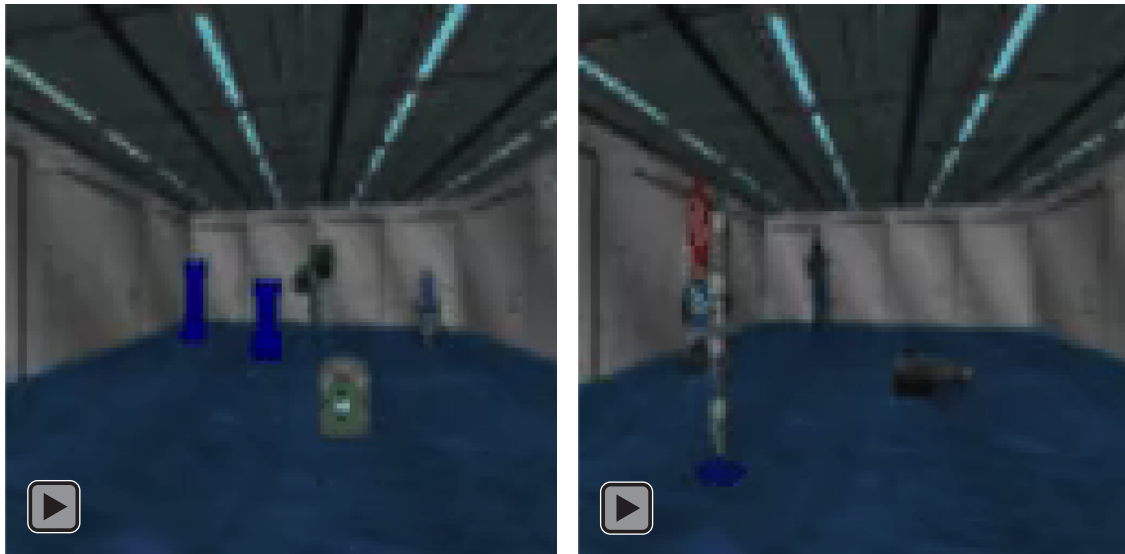
# Formulation

$$\max_{\theta, \phi} I(\boldsymbol{\tau}; \mathbf{z})$$

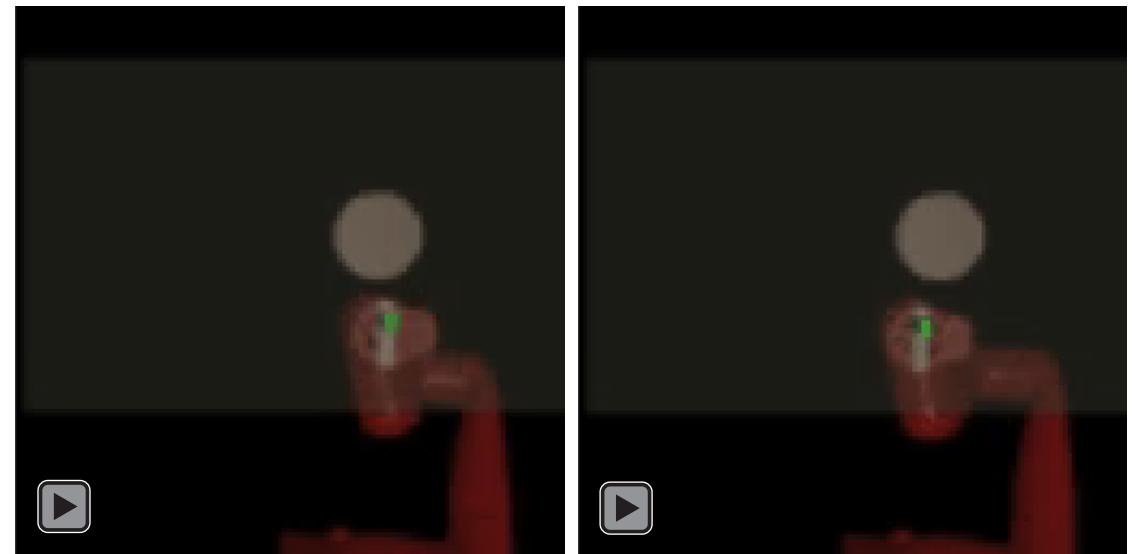
Policy	$\pi_{\theta}$	$\boldsymbol{\tau}$	Post-update trajectories
Task scaffold	$q_{\phi}$	$\mathbf{z}$	Task latent variable



# Experimental Setting



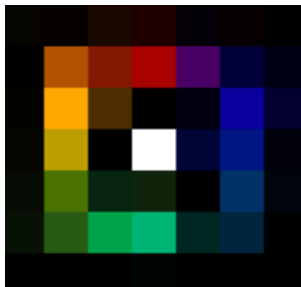
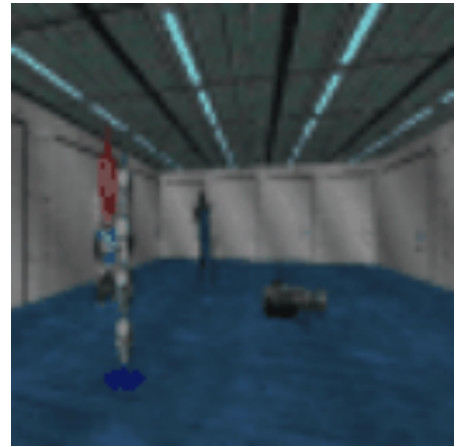
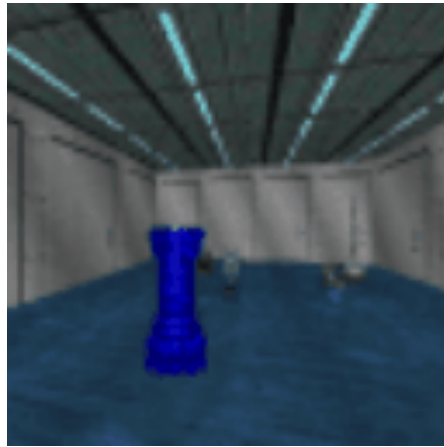
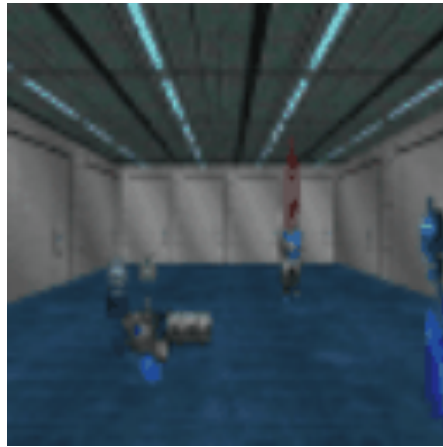
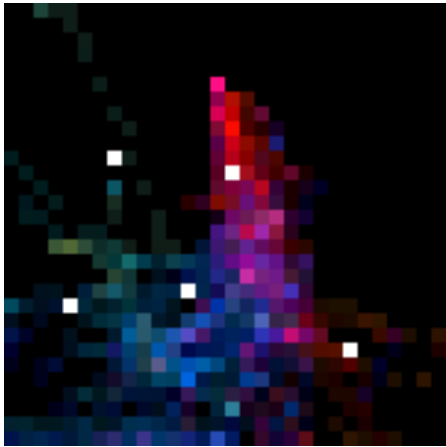
Visual Navigation  
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Object Pushing  
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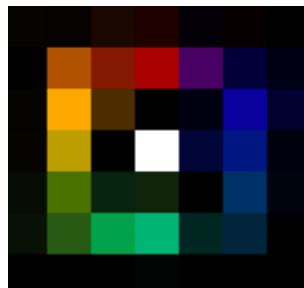
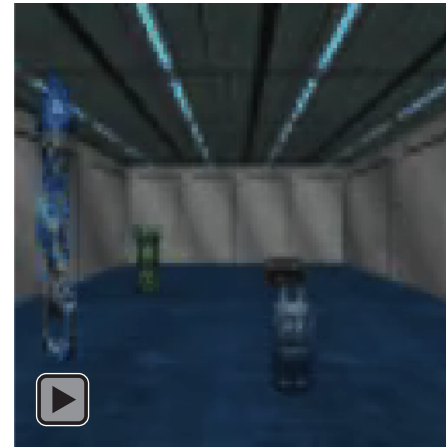
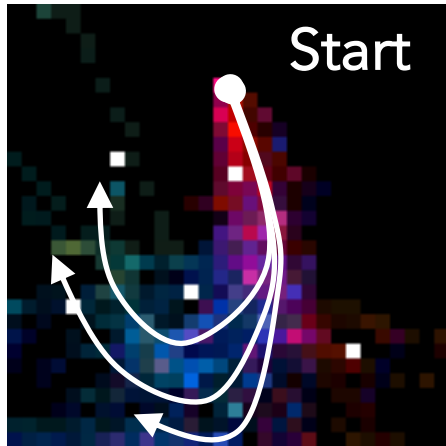


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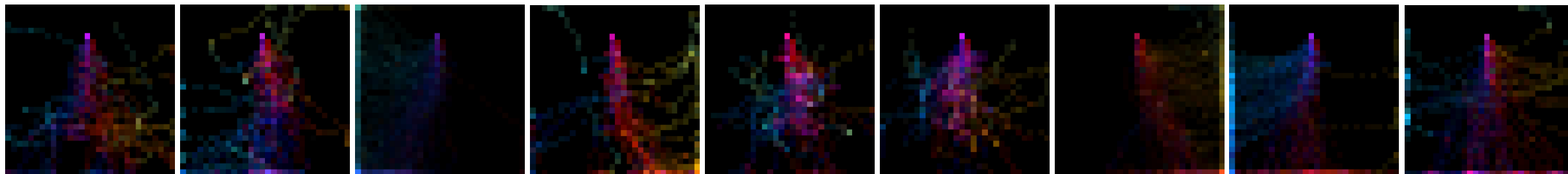
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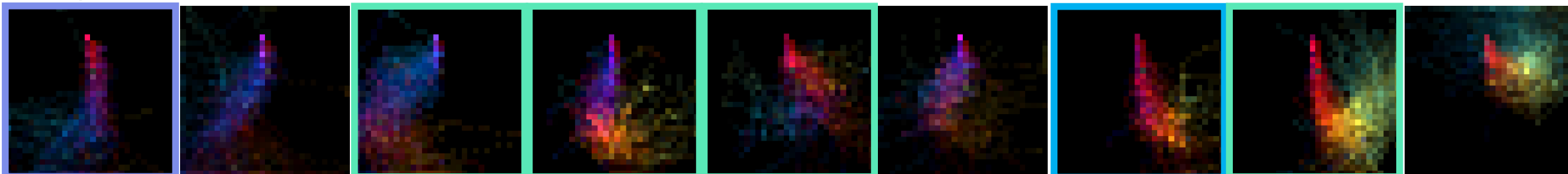
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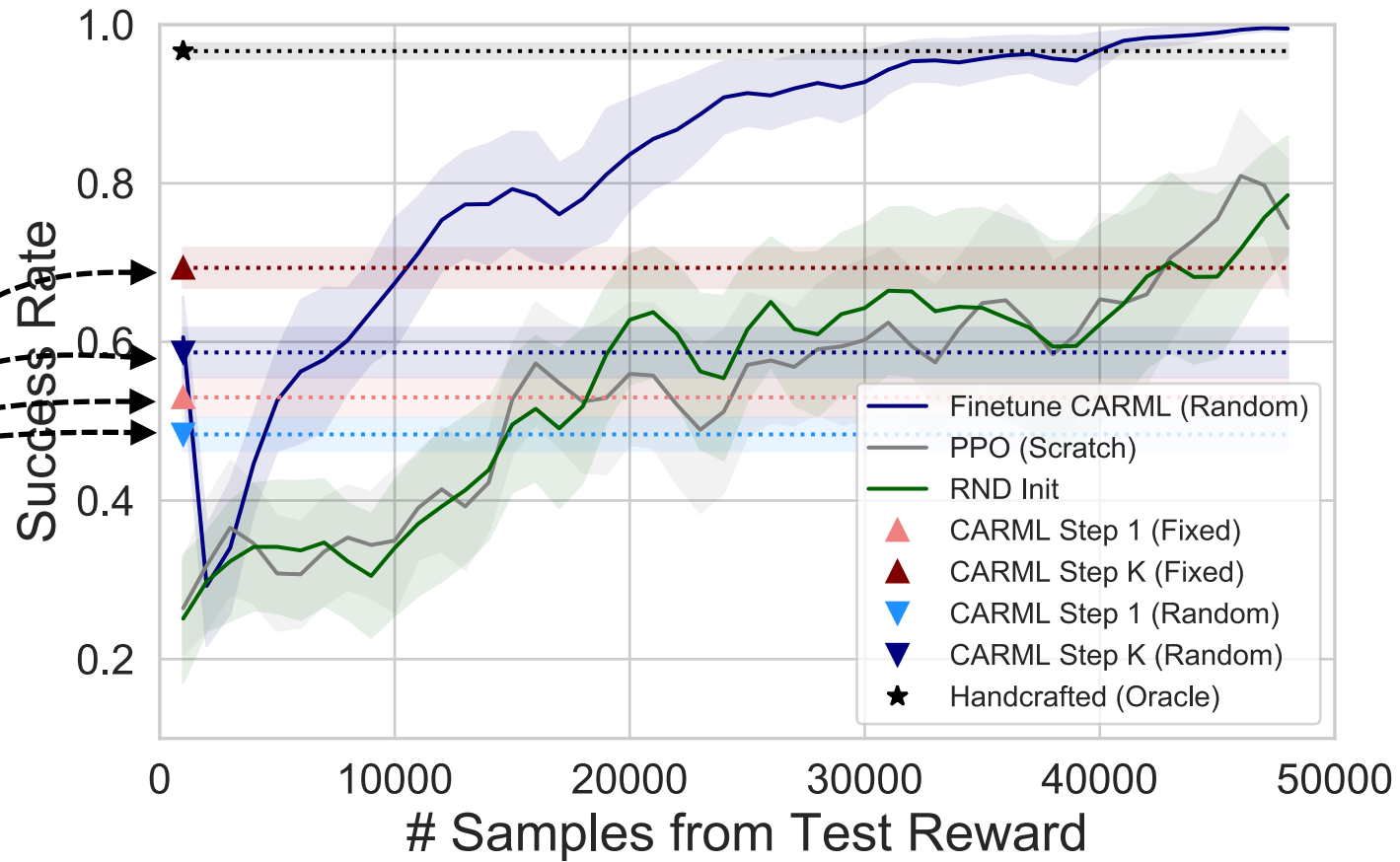
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Step 5

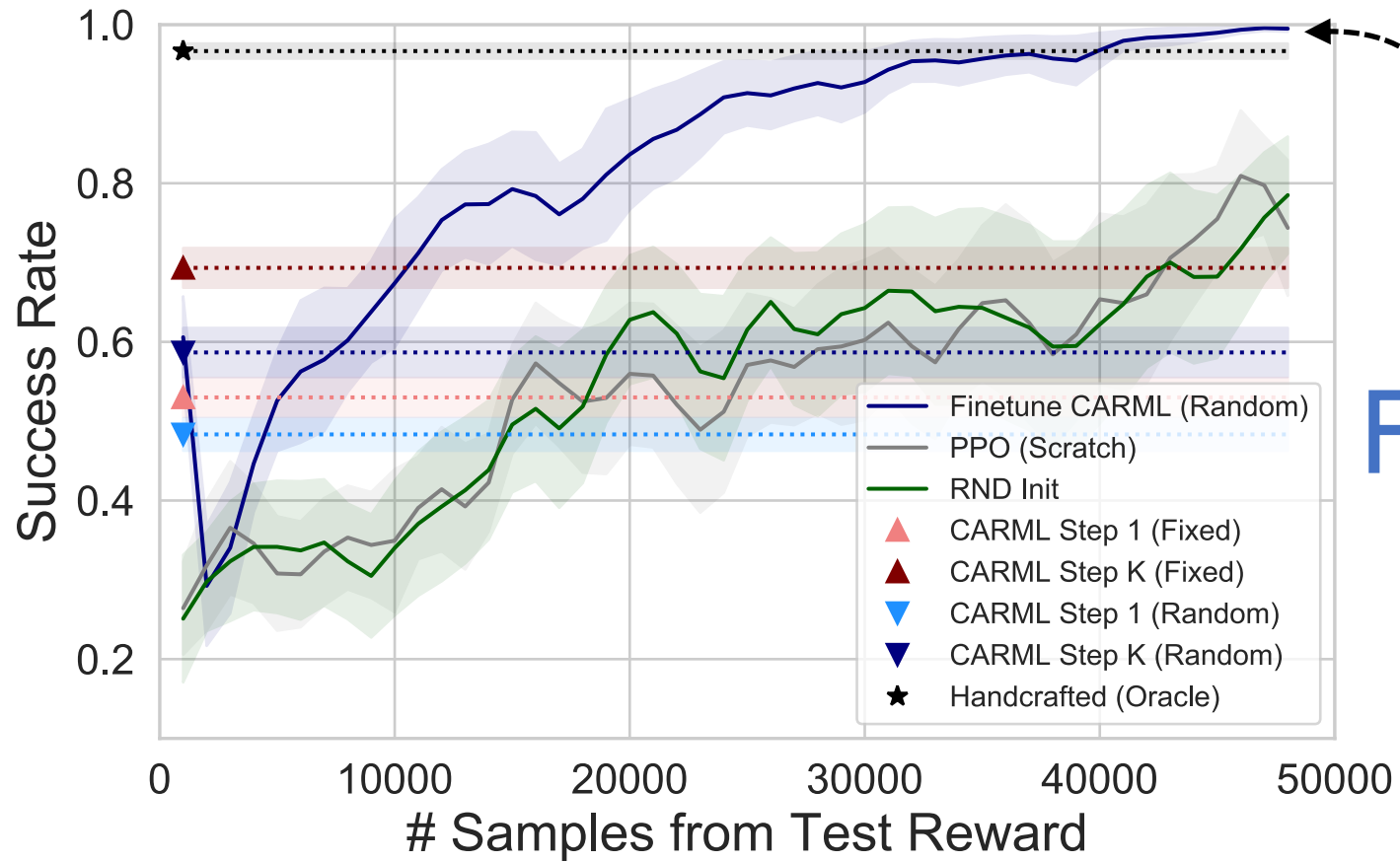


# Transfer to Test Tasks – VizDoom



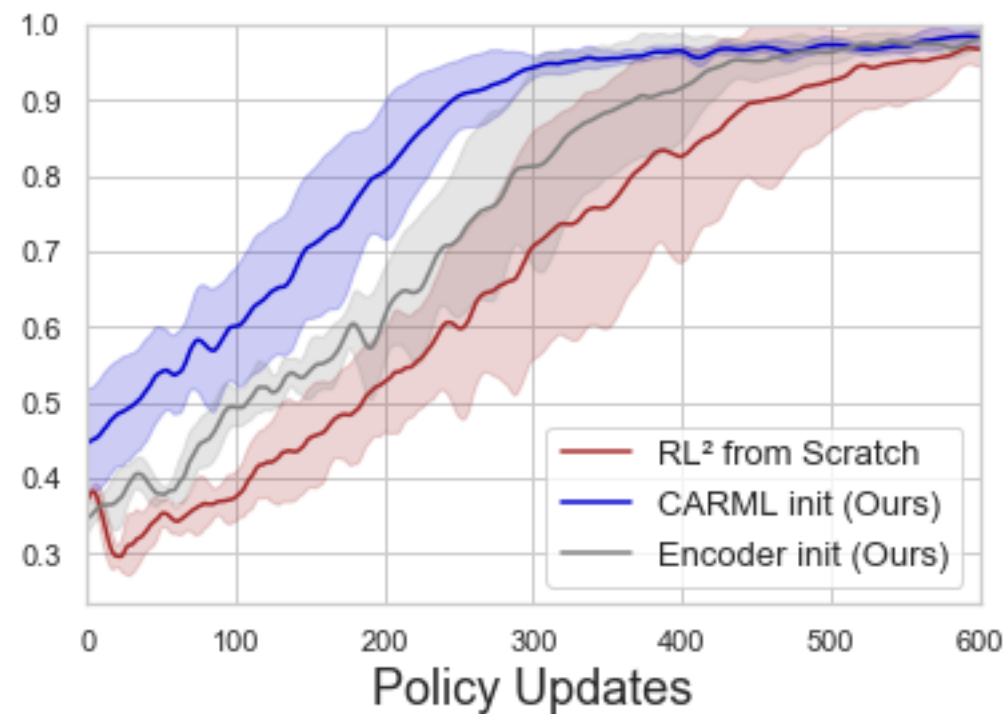
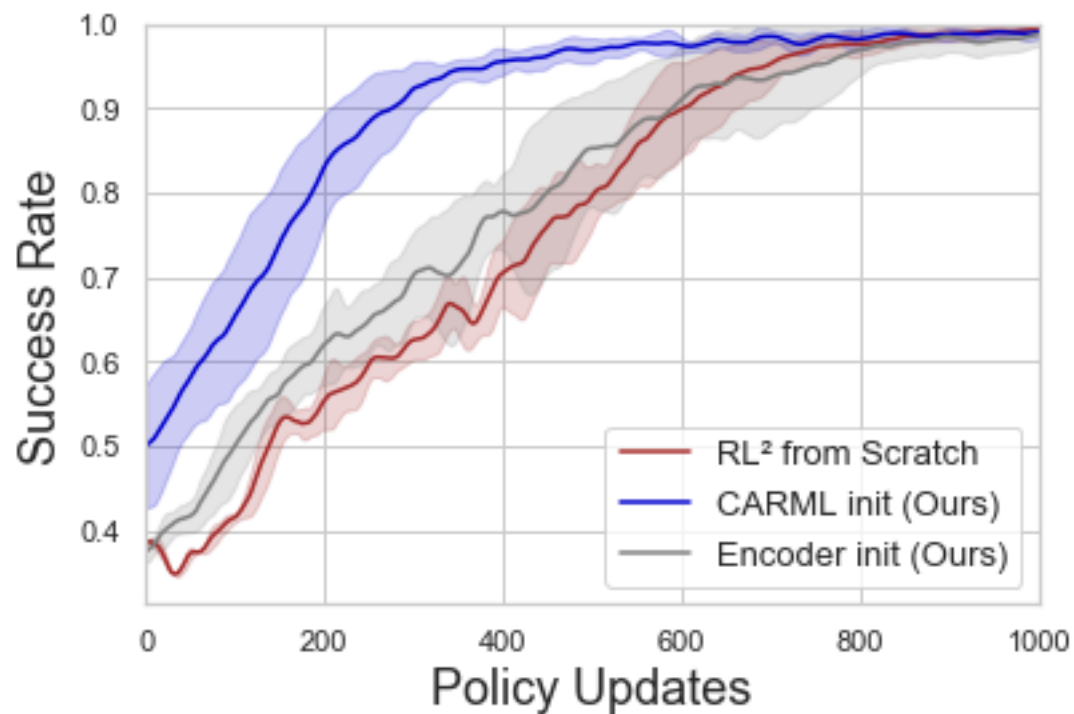
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# Transfer to Test Tasks – VizDoom



**Faster  
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# Faster Supervised Meta-RL



# Thank You



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