

## - Generalizable Autonomy for Robotic Manipulation:

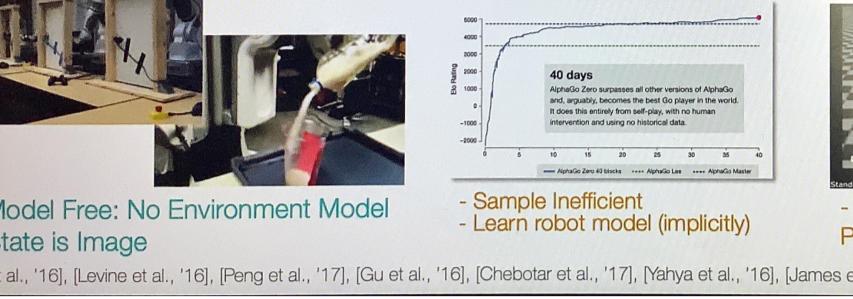
**- Vision:** Build intelligent robotic companion.

**- Approach:** Learning with Structured inductive bias and priors.

Demonstrations → Task imitation → Generalization

**- Inductive bias in ML:** a set of assumptions that the learner uses to predict output of given input that it hasn't been encountered.  
i.e. the ability to generalize beyond the training data.

### - Leveraging imitation learning :

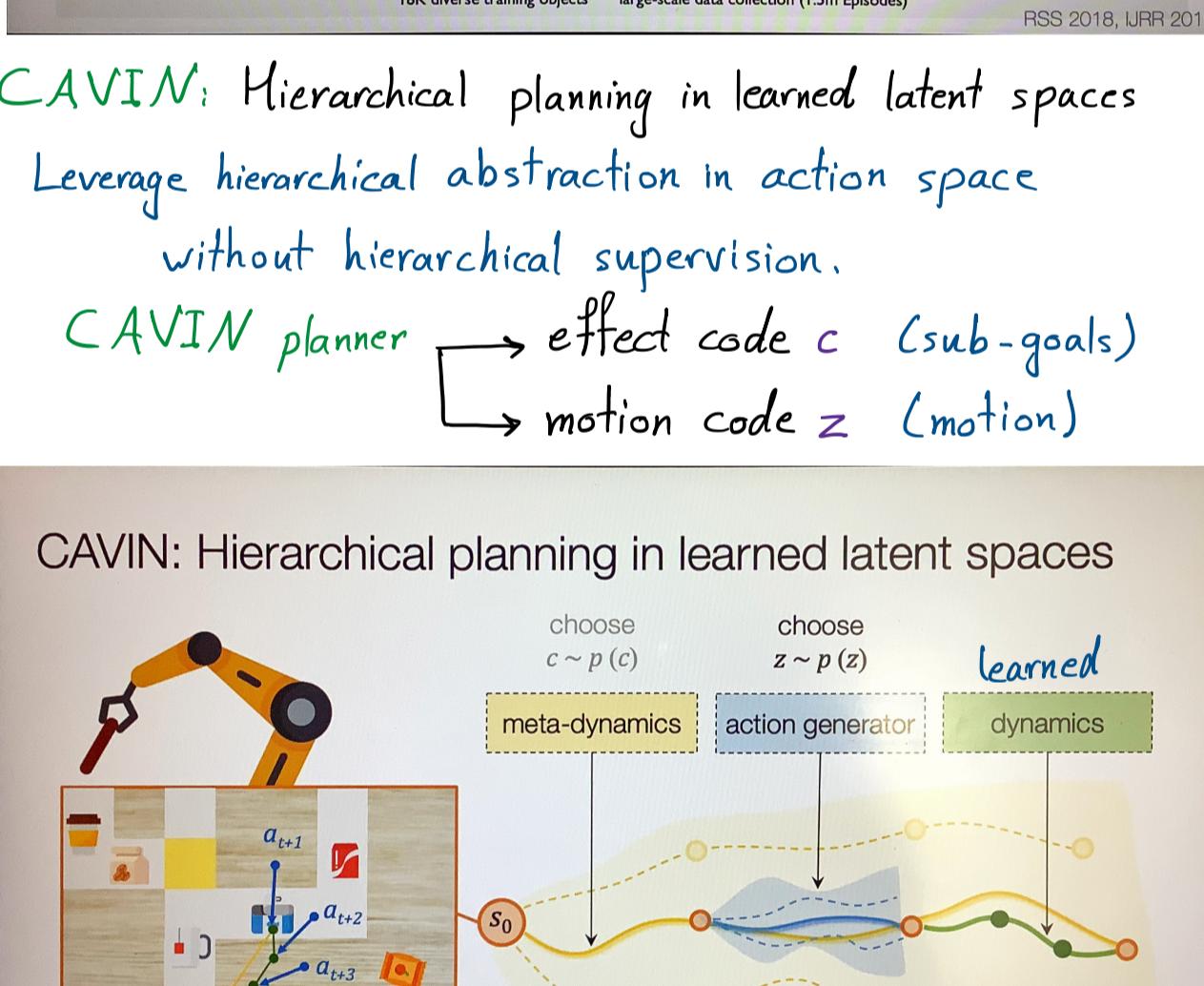
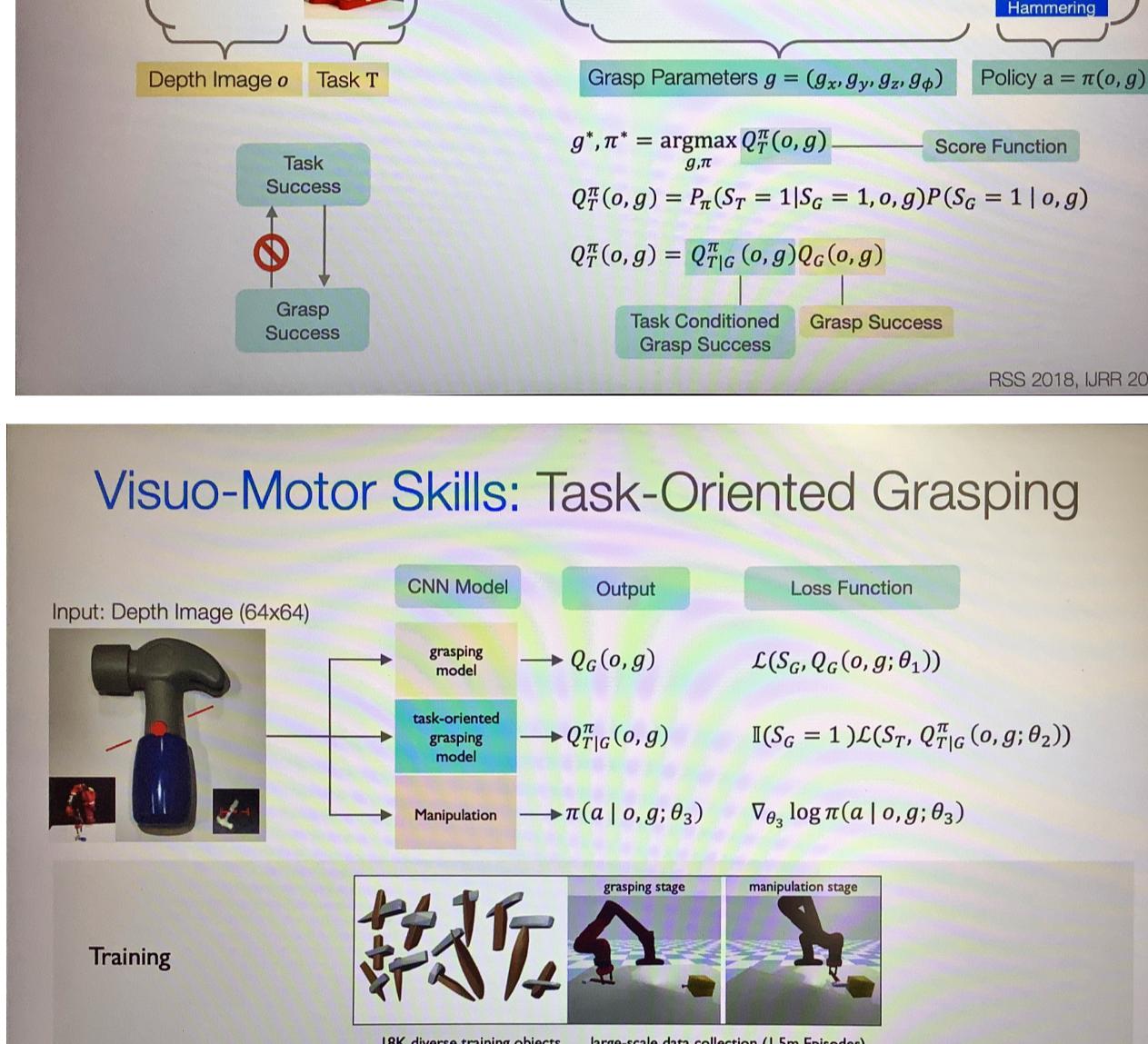
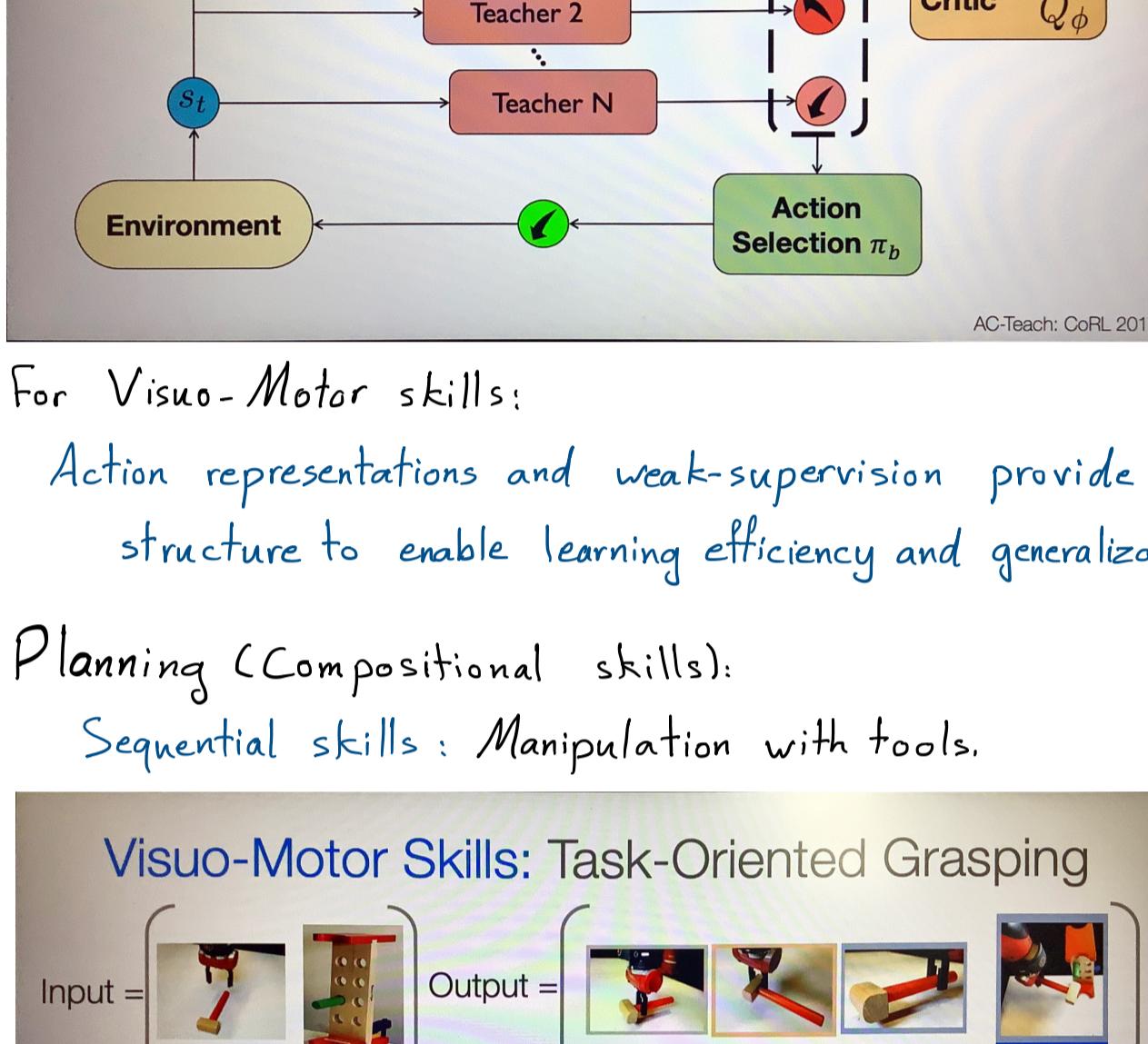
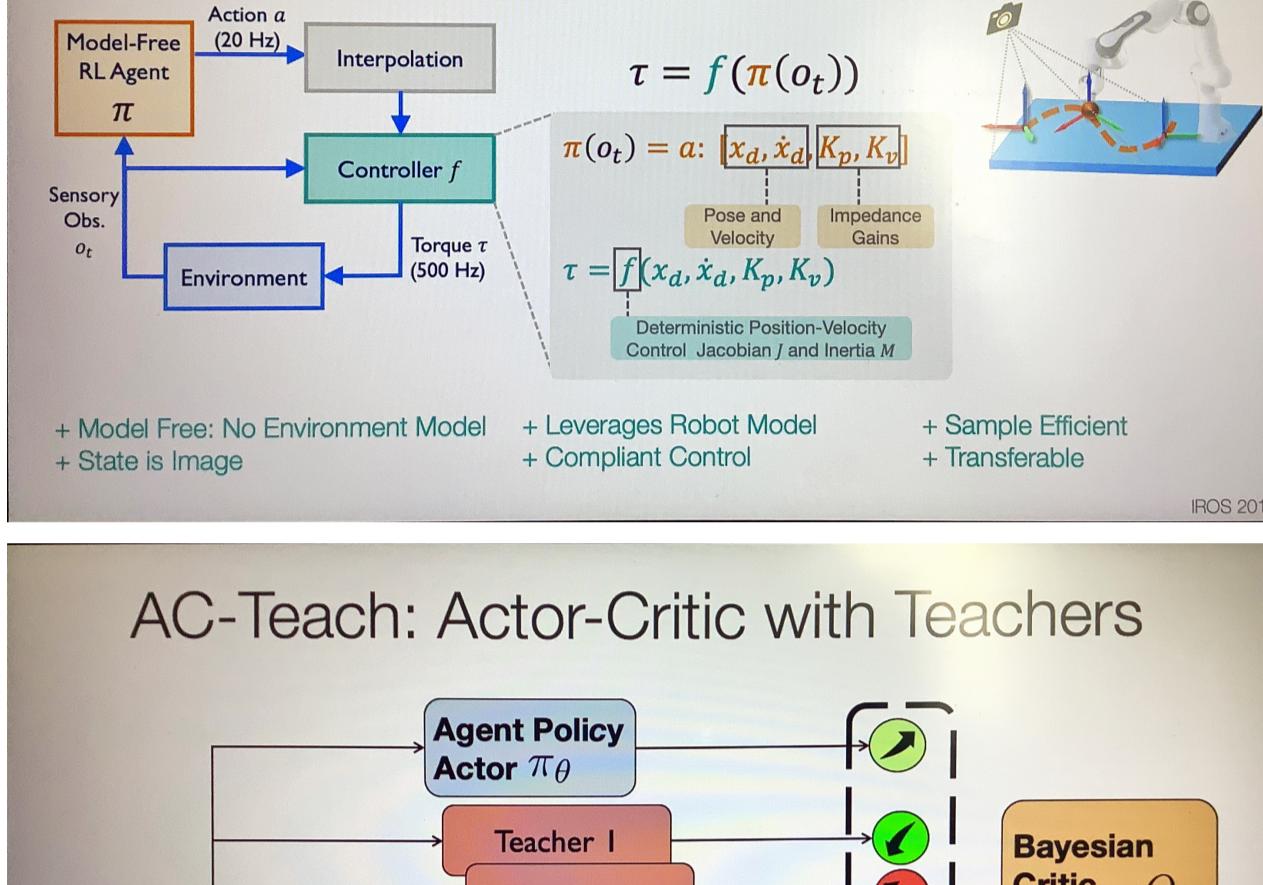


### - Control (Visuo-motor skills):

**Challenge:** Algorithmic framework to learn diversity of skills.

**Approach:** Close the Visuo-motor loop with learning-based control.

#### - Possible Paradigms:

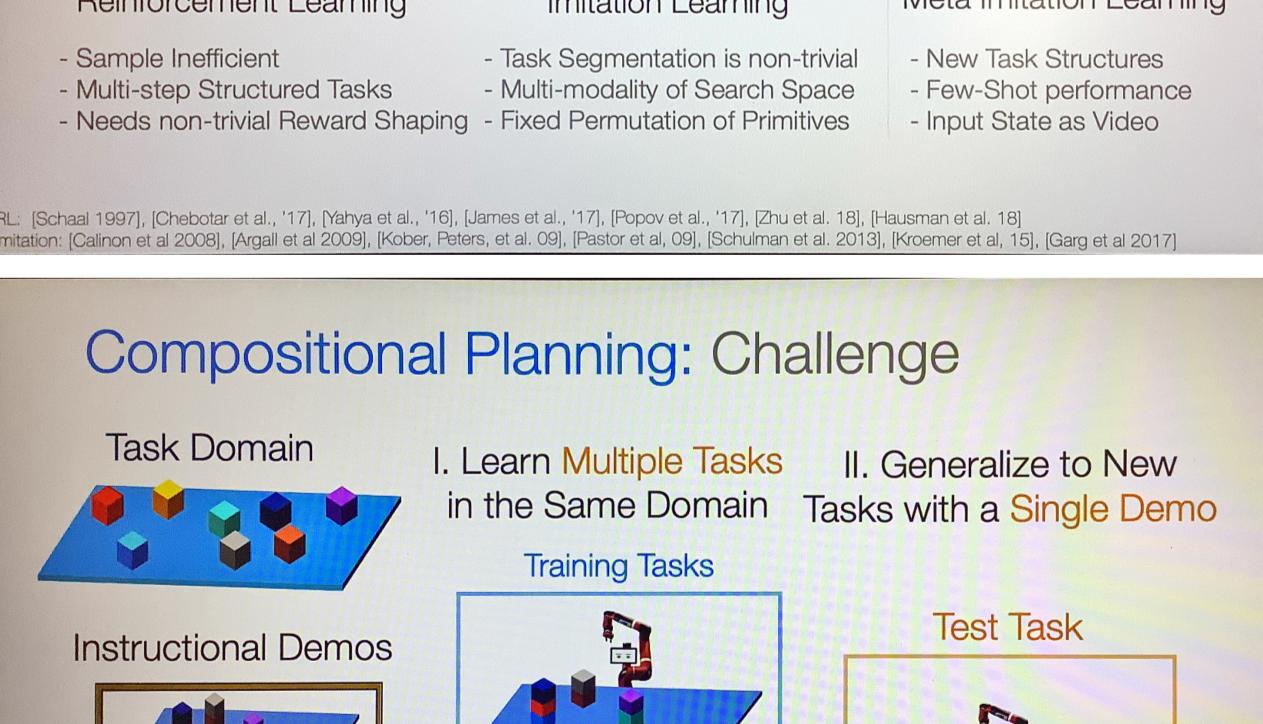
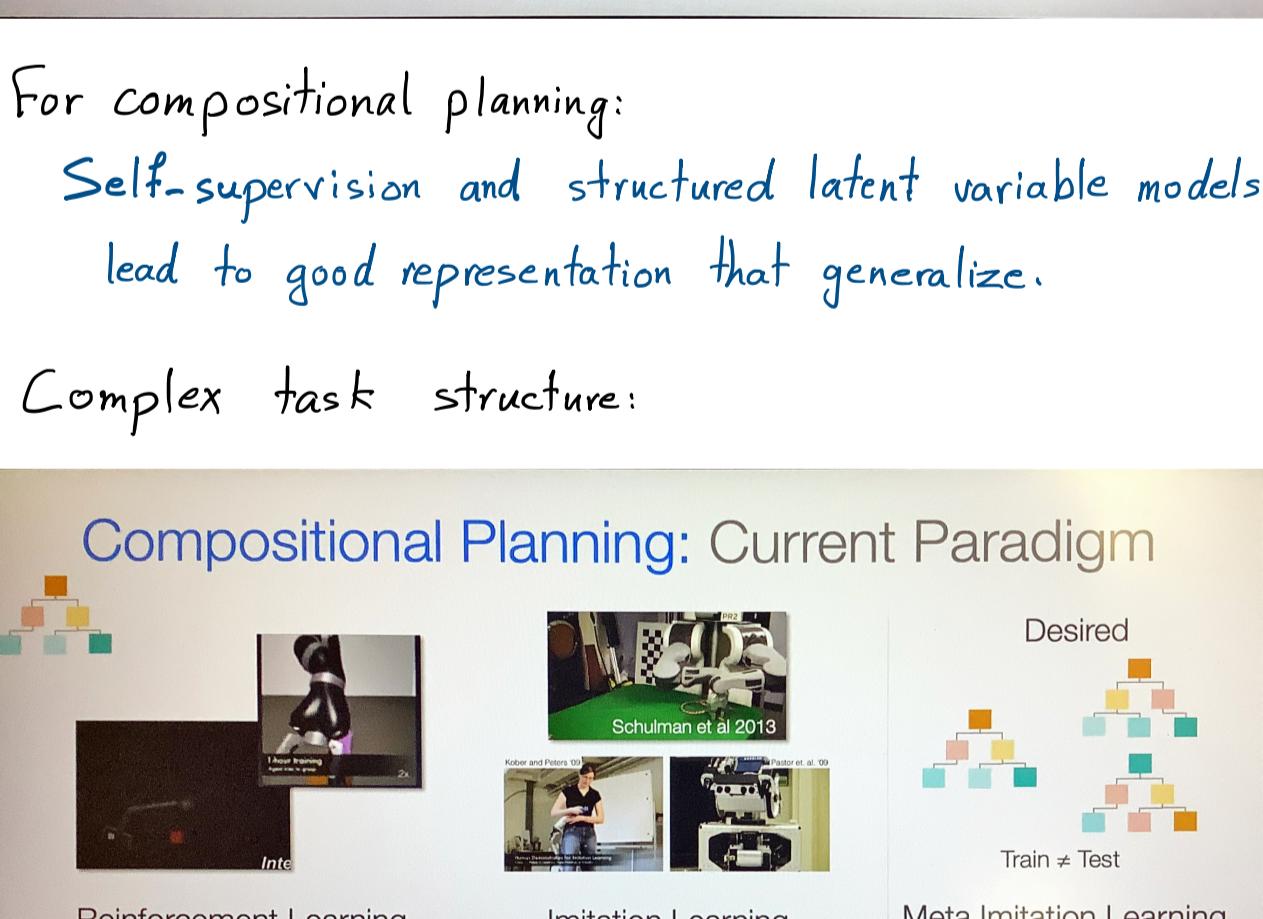


### - For Visuo-Motor skills:

Action representations and weak-supervision provide structure to enable learning efficiency and generalization.

### - Planning (Compositional skills):

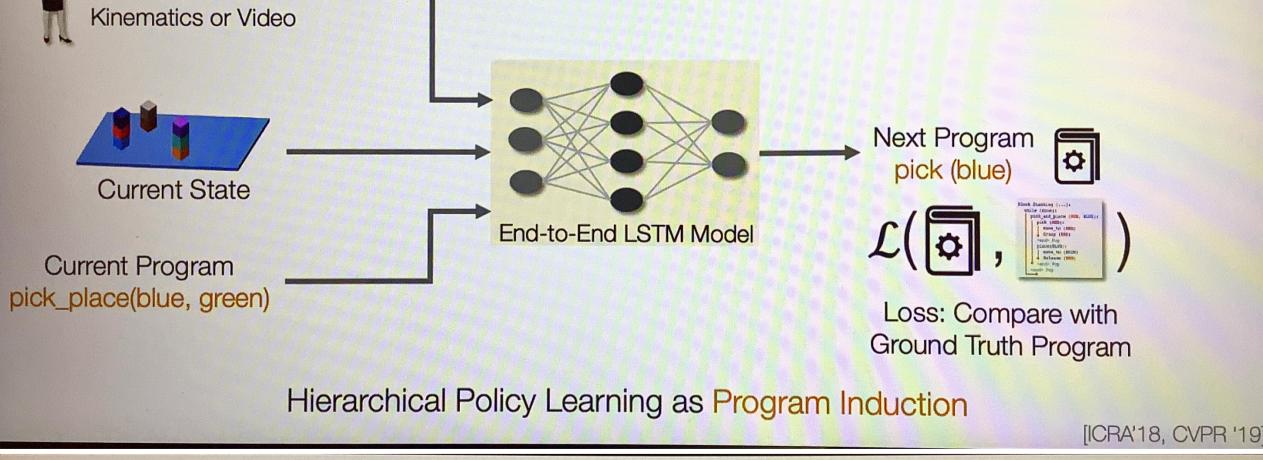
Sequential skills : Manipulation with tools.



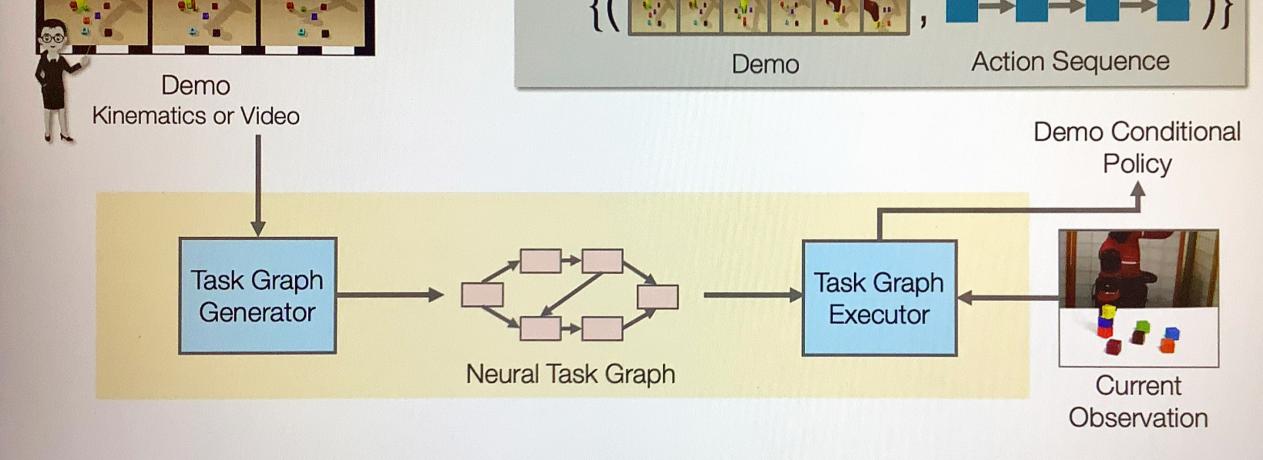
### - CAVIN: Hierarchical planning in learned latent spaces

Leverage hierarchical abstraction in action space without hierarchical supervision.

CAVIN planner → effect code  $c$  (sub-goals)  
→ motion code  $z$  (motion)



### - Learning with cascaded variational inference



### - For compositional planning:

Self-supervision and structured latent variable models lead to good representation that generalize.

### - Complex task structure:



[RL: [Schaal 1997], [Chebotar et al., '17], [Yariv et al., '16], [James et al., '17], [Popov et al., '17], [Zhu et al. 18], [Hausman et al. 18]  
Imitation: [Calion et al. 2008], [Argall et al. 2009], [Kober, Peters, et al. 09], [Pastor et al. 09], [Schaal et al. 2013], [Kroemer et al. 15], [Garg et al. 2017]



### - For task structure learning:

Compositional priors with modular structure enable generalizable learning in hierarchical domains.