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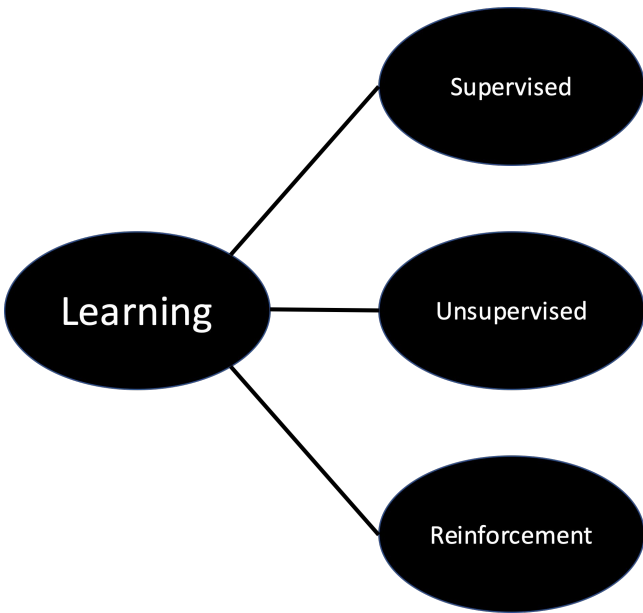
## Applications and Future Research

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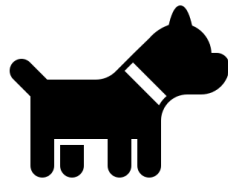
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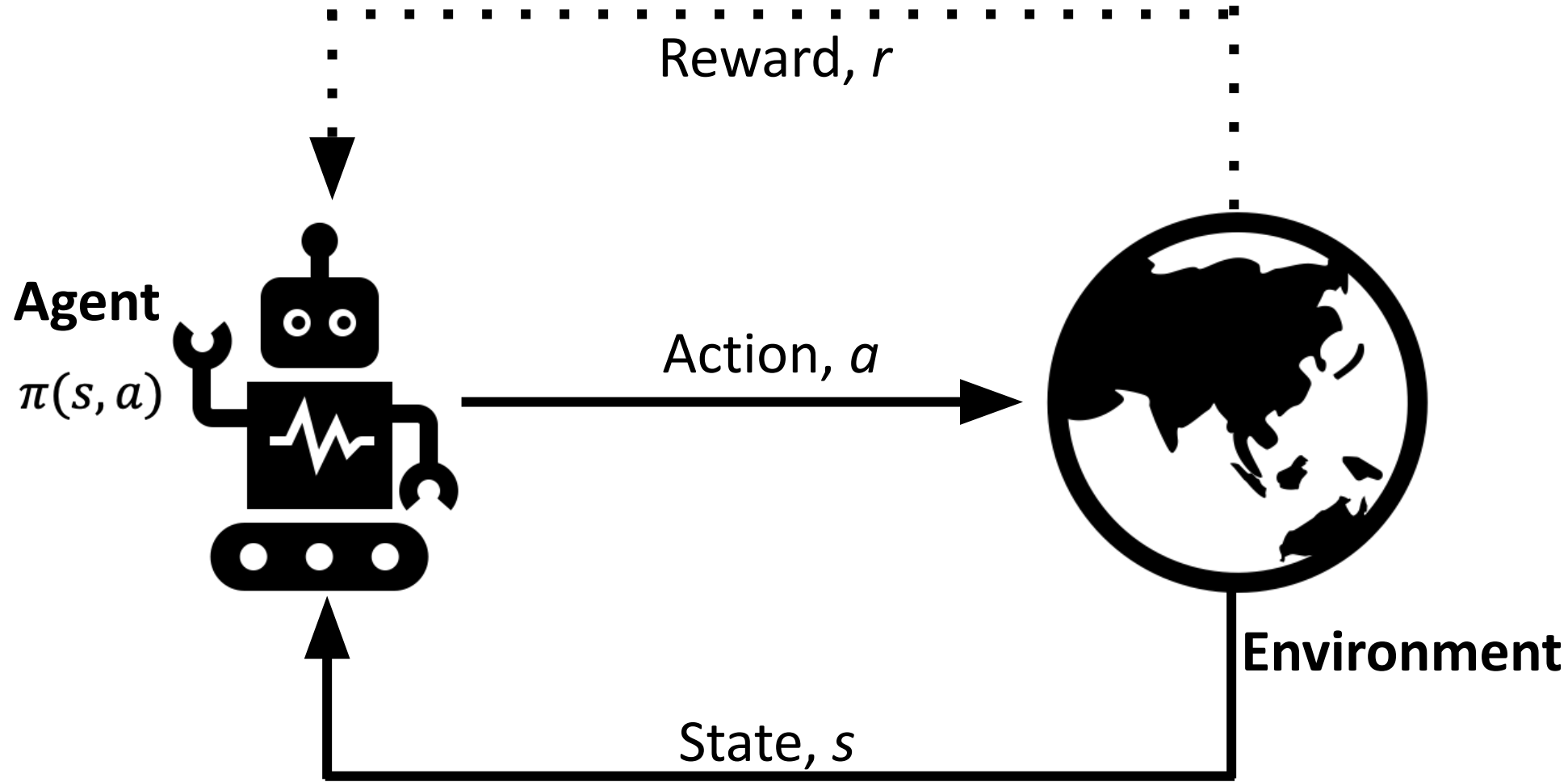
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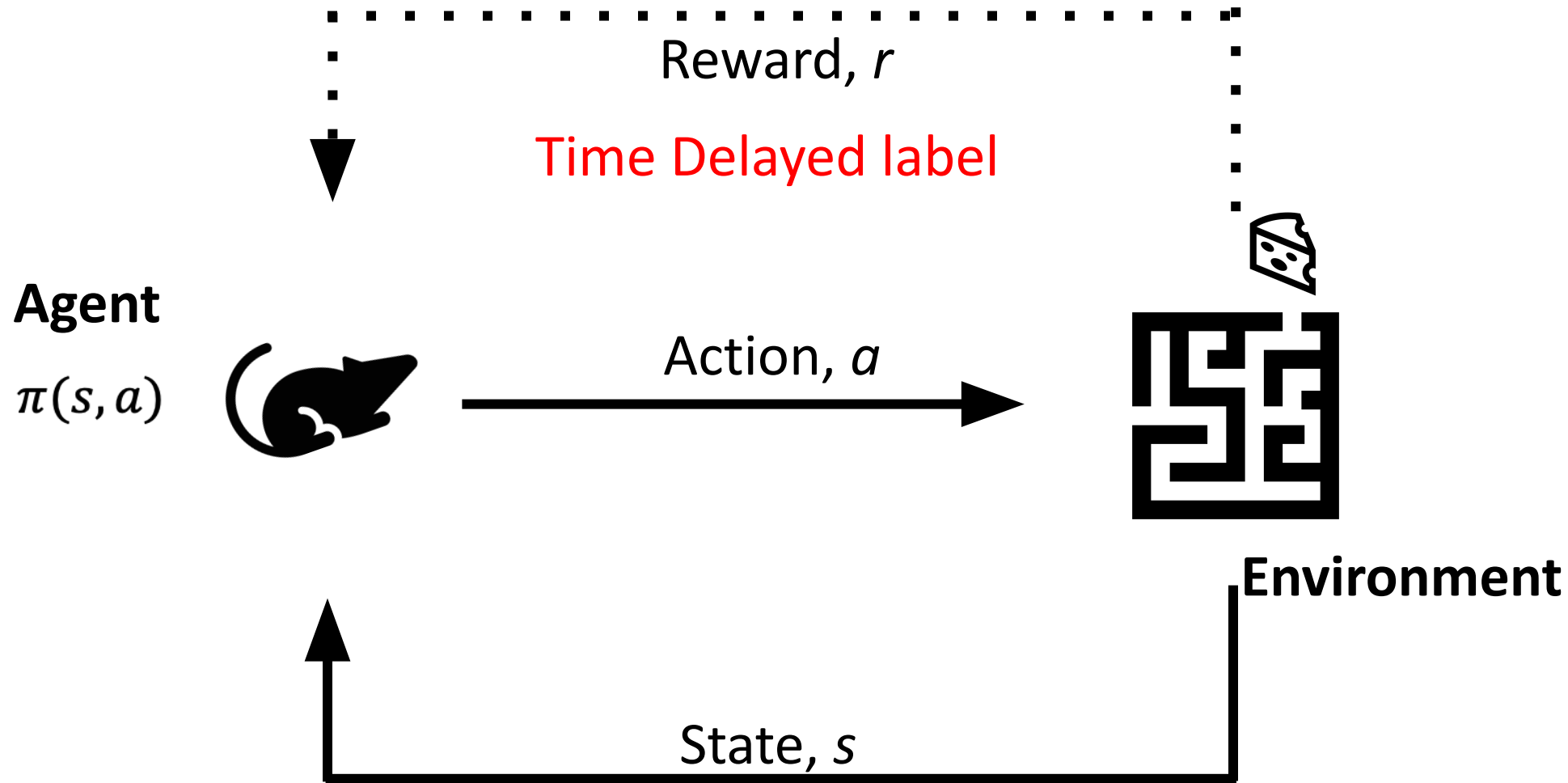
- A type of machine learning
- It is between supervised and unsupervised
- Inspired from how animals learn from experience.



# Reinforcement Learning



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# RL Components: State Space $S$

- Observation of environment.
- Set of all possible states the environment can be in.

$$s \in S$$

Agent finding path in the maze



$s = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & X & 0 & X \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Agent controlling steering wheel in self-driving car



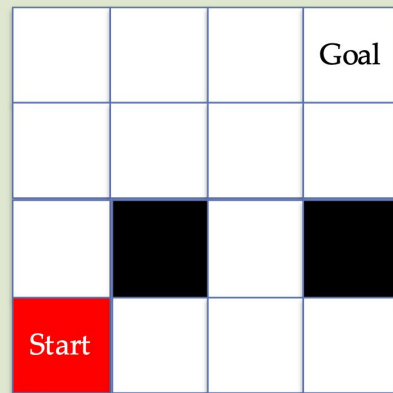
$s =$  The image of the road in-front

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# RL Components: Action Space $A(s)$

Set of all possible things that the agent can do in a particular state  $s$ .

Agent finding path in the maze



$s = \begin{bmatrix} 0,0,0,0 \\ 0,0,0,0 \\ 0,X,0,X \\ 1,0,0,0 \end{bmatrix}$     $a = \begin{bmatrix} \text{up, down,} \\ \text{left, right,} \\ \text{no change} \end{bmatrix}$

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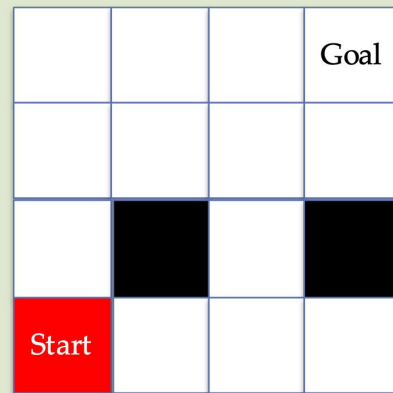
$s$  = The image of the road in-front

$a$  = The angle by which steering wheel is to be rotated

# RL Components: Reward $r(s,a,s')$

A scalar value returned by the environment based on the agent's action/s

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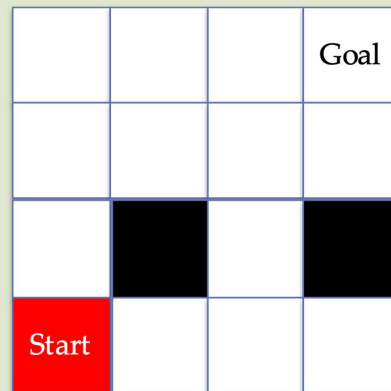
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# RL Components: Policy $\pi(s)$

Mapping between each state and the action to take in that state

Optimal Policy  $\pi^*(s)$

Agent finding path in the maze



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# RL Components: Return $G_t$

Discounted sum of all future rewards starting from current time

$$G_t = \sum_{k=t}^{\infty} \gamma^k r_k = \gamma^t r_t + \gamma^{t+1} r_{t+1} + \dots + \gamma^{t+n} r_{t+n} + \dots$$

Discount factor

$$0 < \gamma < 1$$

Discounted total return

# RL Components: Q function

Discounted sum of all future rewards starting from current time

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Discount factor

$$0 < \gamma < 1$$

$$Q(s_t, a_t) = \mathbb{E}[G_t | s_t, a_t]$$

Expected total future reward an agent in state,  $s$ , can receive by performing action,  $a$

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$$\pi^*(s) = \arg \max_a Q(s, a)$$

# RL Components: Value function

Discounted sum of all future rewards starting from current time

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Discount factor

$$0 < \gamma < 1$$

$$V^{\pi}(s_t) = \mathbb{E}[G_t | s_t]$$

# Reinforcement Learning Algorithms

- Value Based Learning

- Agent learns  $Q(s,a)$

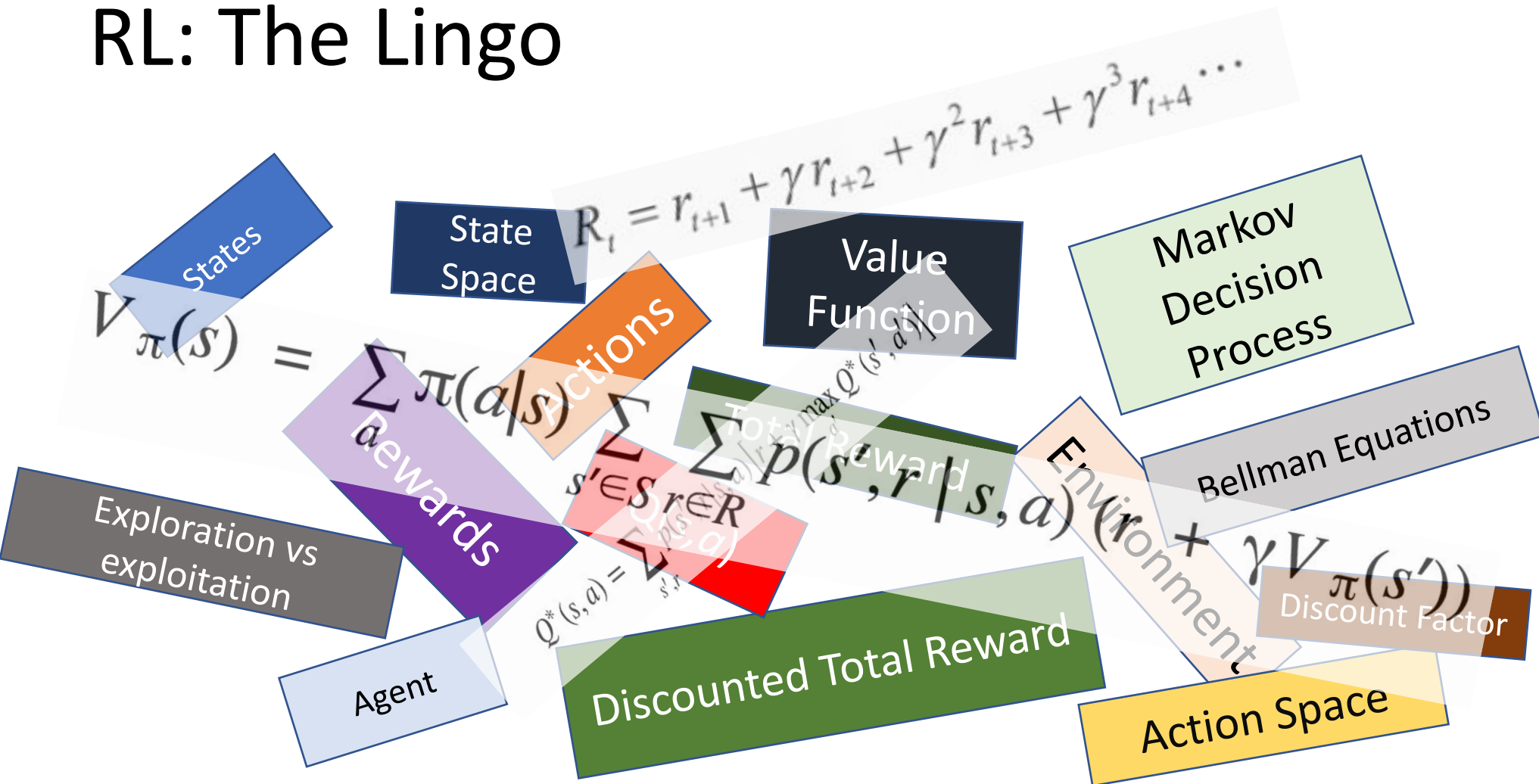
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- Policy Based Learning

- Agent learn  $\pi(s)$

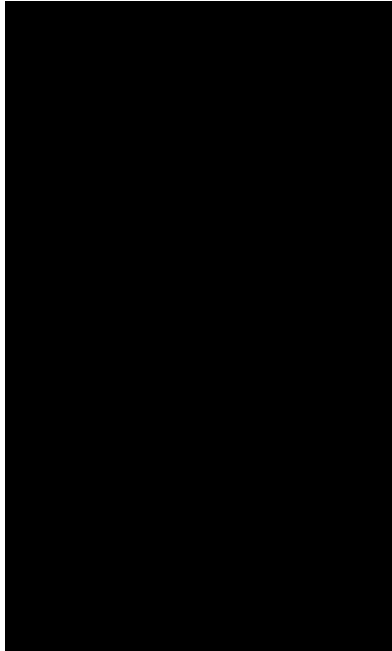
- Samples an action from the policy.

# RL: The Lingo



# Applications

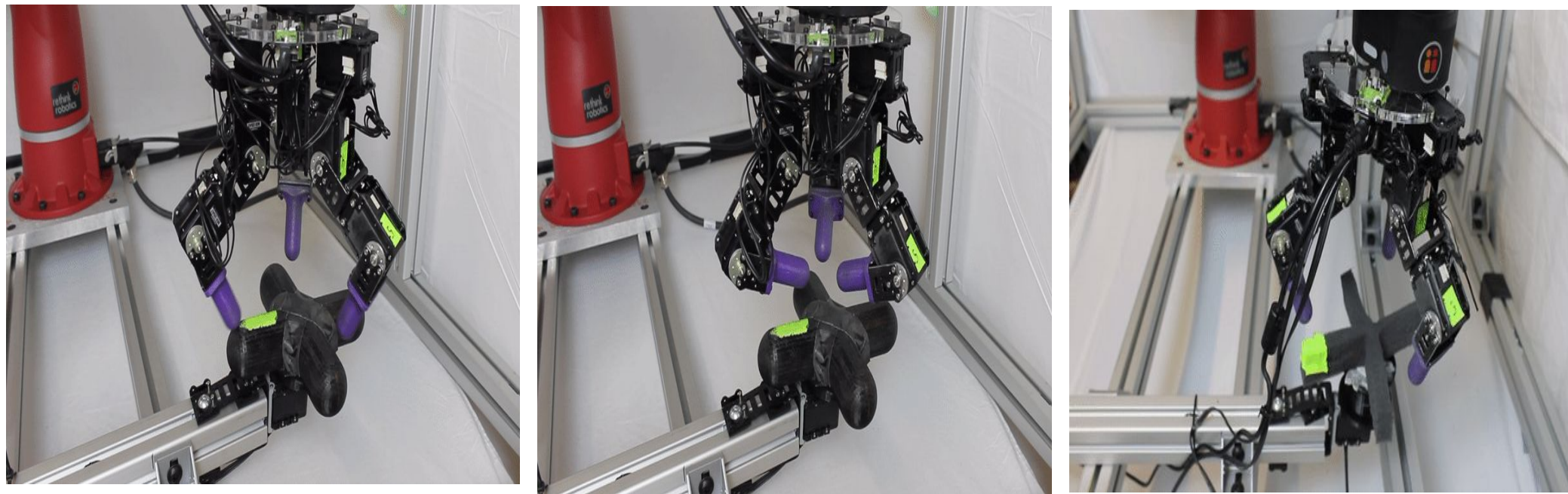
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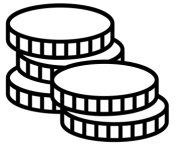
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# Finance

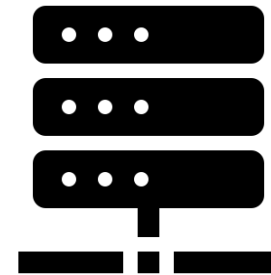
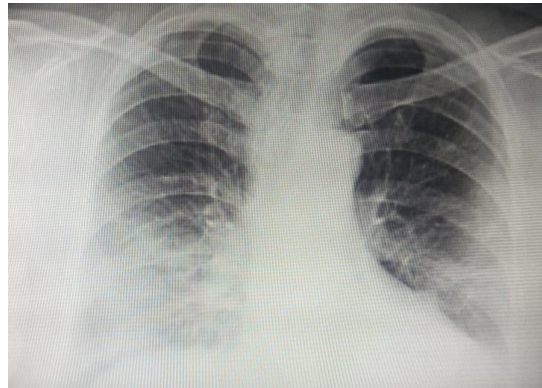
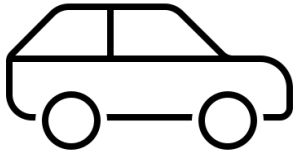
- Portfolio Optimization
- Optimal trade execution
- Pricing strategy in insurance agency



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# Applications Contd.

- Ridesharing order dispatching
- Medical Image report generation
- Data center cooling



# Future Research Directions

# Automated Machine Learning

Data  
Preparation



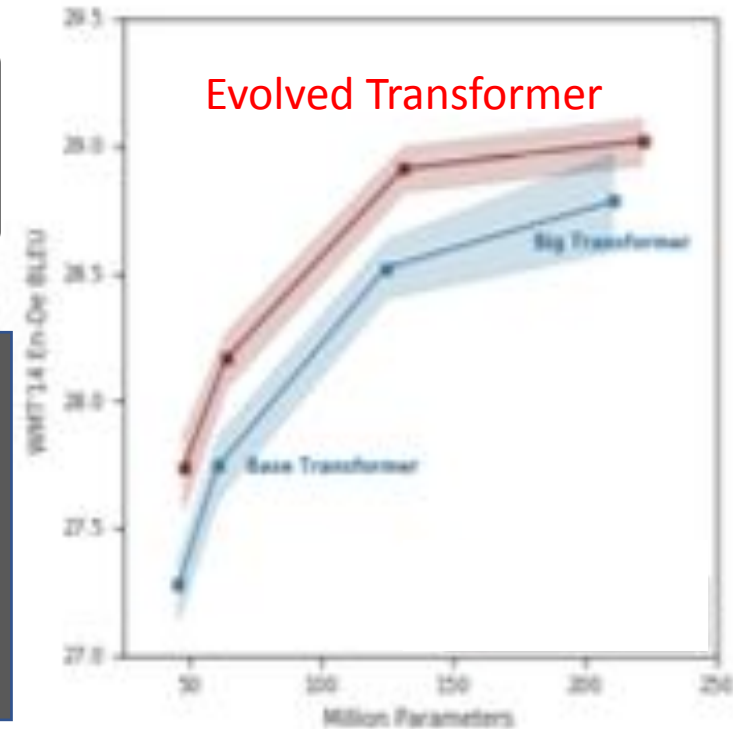
Feature  
Selection



Automatic  
Model

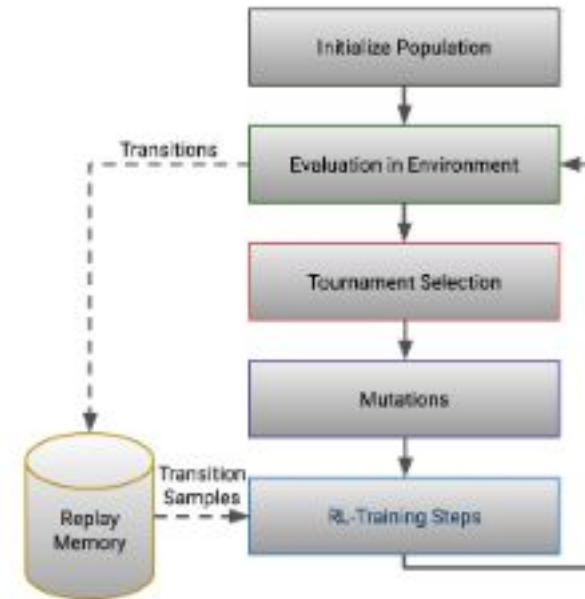
- Model Search
- Hyperparameter Search

- Reinforcement Learning
- Evolutionary Algorithms



# AutoRL

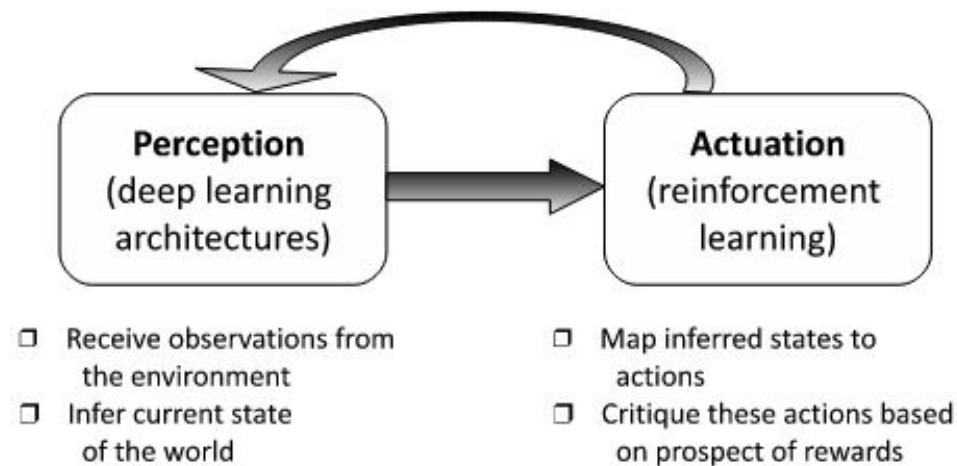
- RL is very sensitive to hyperparameters:
  - Epsilon- exploration/exploitation
  - Discount factor
  - Replay buffer
  - Learning rate
- Moving target problem
- SEARL – population based hyperparameter optimization
- Automated Reward- using Actor – Critic networks



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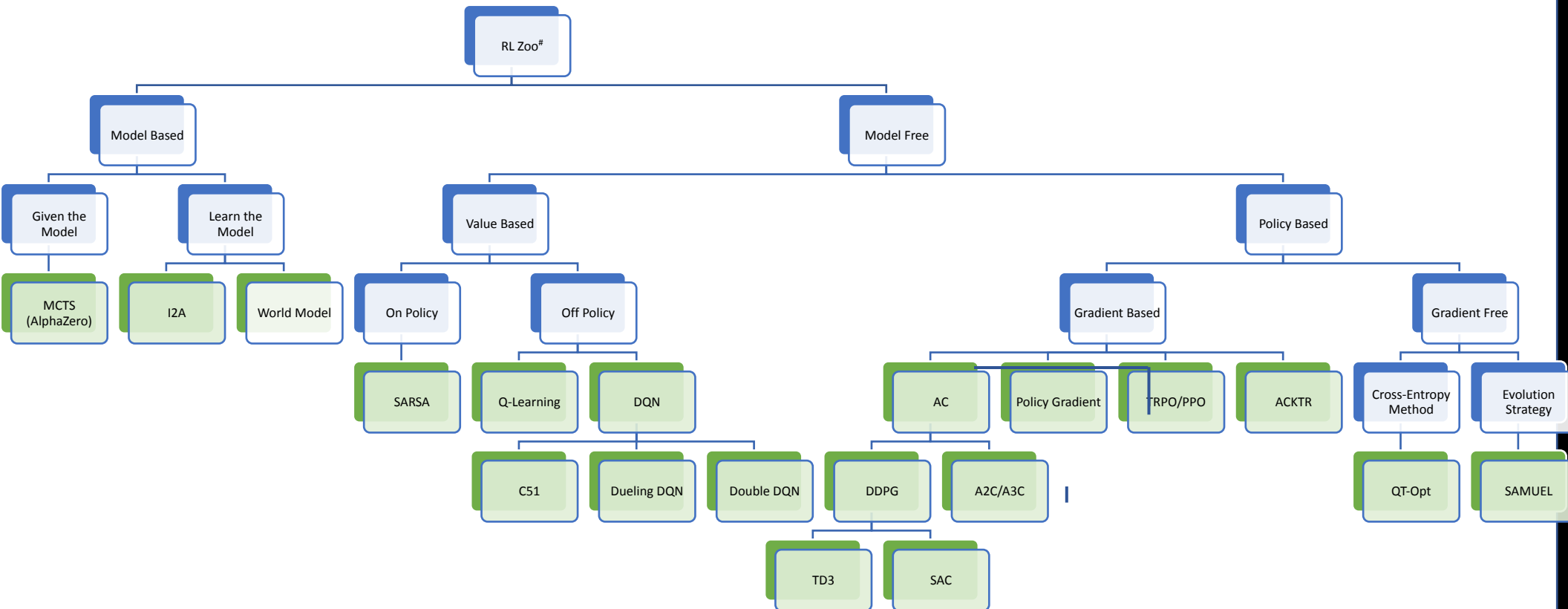
- Build AI systems with goals alignment – RL



- Cognitive Architectures – Clarion a model proposed by Sun

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# RL Zoo



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