

# Segmentation and Representation for the Reuse of Skills Learned by Imitation



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# Definition of Skill Learning

## Definition of “Skill”

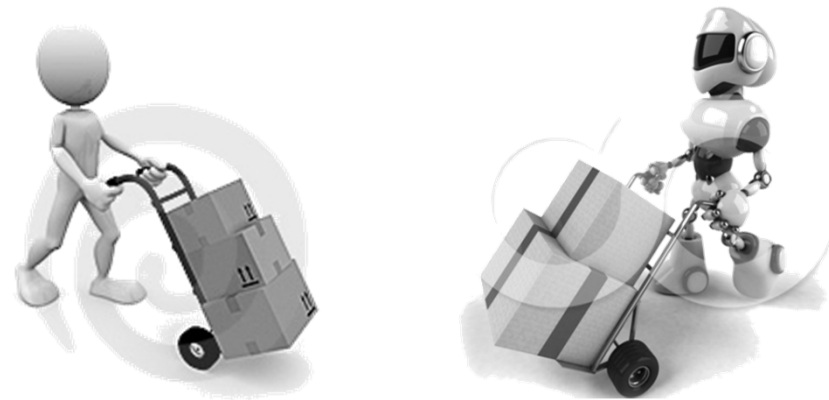
- A special ability to something well, especially as gained by learning and practice  
< from dictionary of english language and culture, third edition >
- A learned capacity to carry out pre-determined results often with the minimum outlay of time, energy, or both  
< from wikipedia>
- **In Robotics**
  - a sensory interactive robot control  
< J. S. Albus, “Mechanics of planning and problem solving the brain,” Math. Bioscience, 1979>
  - appropriate goal-directed sequences of motor primitives  
< W. Erhagen et. al., “Goal-directed imitation for robots: a bio-inspired approach to action understanding and skill learning,” Robotics and Autonomous Systems, vol. 54, no. 5, pp.353-360, 2006>



## Skill Learning

- Representing emergent behaviors (i.e. motor primitives)
- Representing sequences of the behaviors
- Refining the behaviors or their sequences by repeated practices and exercises

# Skill Learning by Imitation



## Imitation Learning

- **Learning behaviors that are stimulated by the perception of similar behaviors by another animal or person**

*<Albert Bandura; psychologist and philosopher (of action), 1925~>*

- **A type of learning in which a naïve student copies an expert**
  - It can acquire novel skills by user-friendly interaction easily and quickly instead of programming new skills through machine commands.
  - It can promote to understand events of various types in the world easily.



# Four Stages of Skill Learning by Imitation

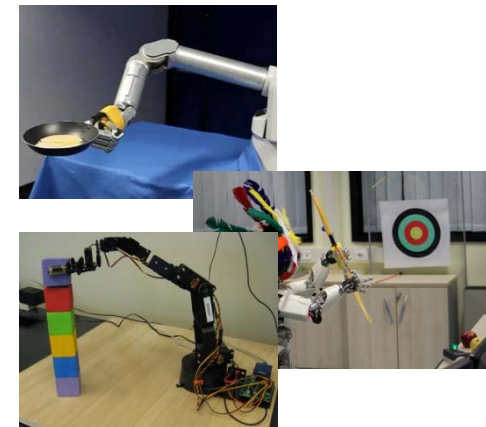
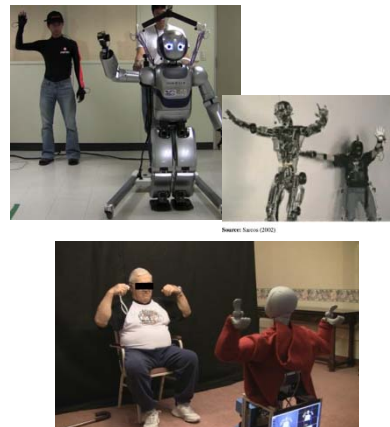


1. Demonstration

2. Imitation

3. Reproduction

4. Improvement



# “Big Five”: five central questions in imitation

## I. Whom to Imitate



Who is good teacher?

## II. When to Imitate



The imitator has to decide on a suitable time to imitate.

## III. What to Imitate

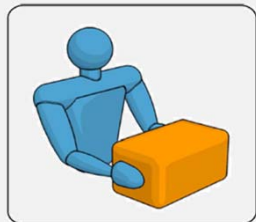


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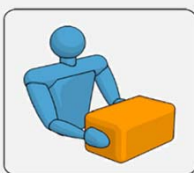
gestures

States, Actions, Goals, Sequences?

## IV. How to map observed to imitated behavior



demonstration



reproduction in the same situation and the same embodiment



reproduction in the different situation

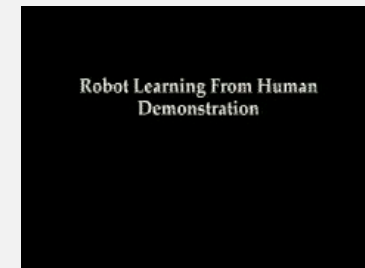


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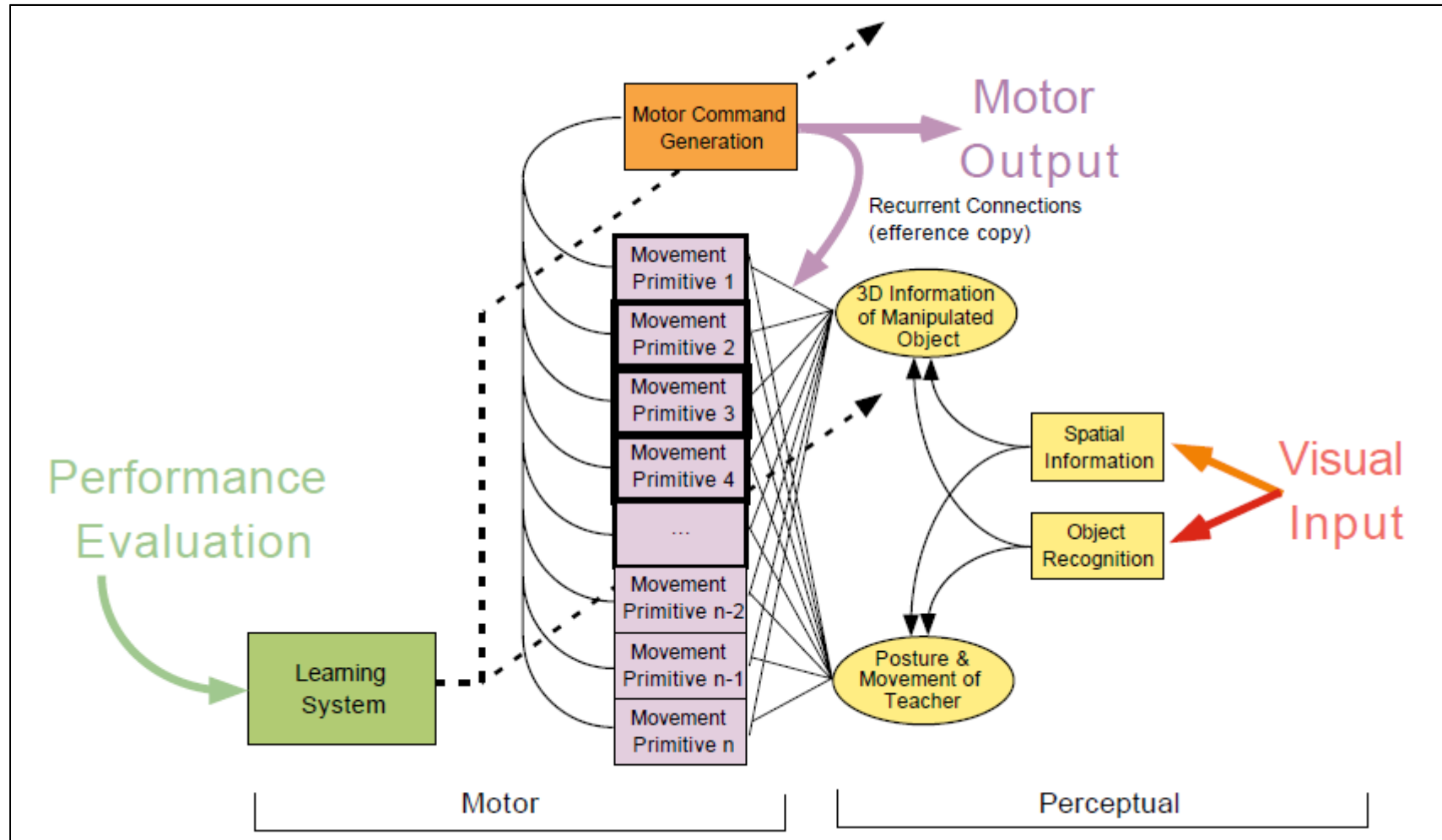
## V. How to evaluate the success of imitation

Similarity

Success or failure by an external estimator



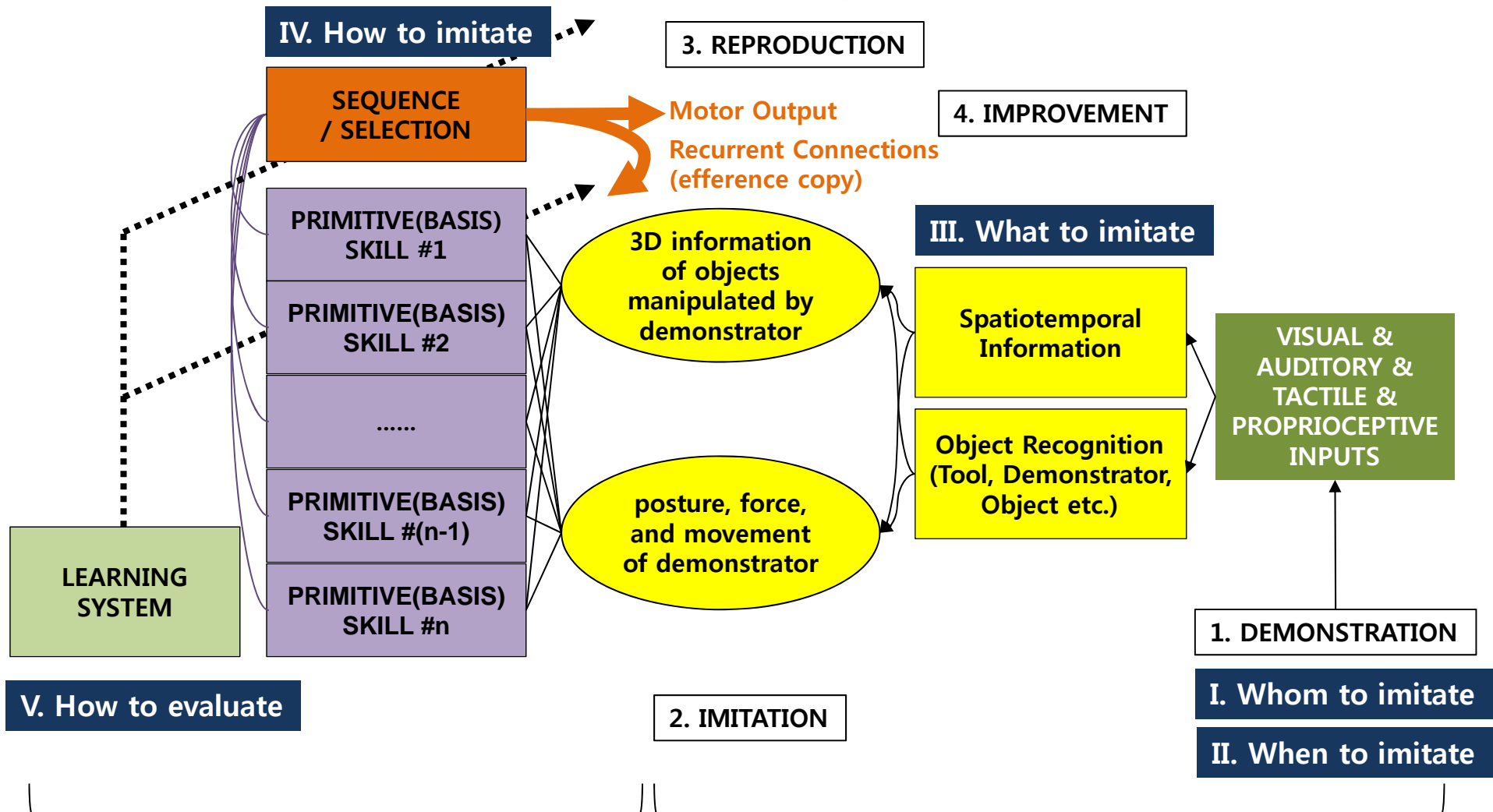
# Conceptual Sketch on Skill Learning by Imitation



S. Schaal, "Is imitation learning the route to humanoid robots," Trends in cognitive sciences, vol. 3, no. 6, pp.233-242, 1999.

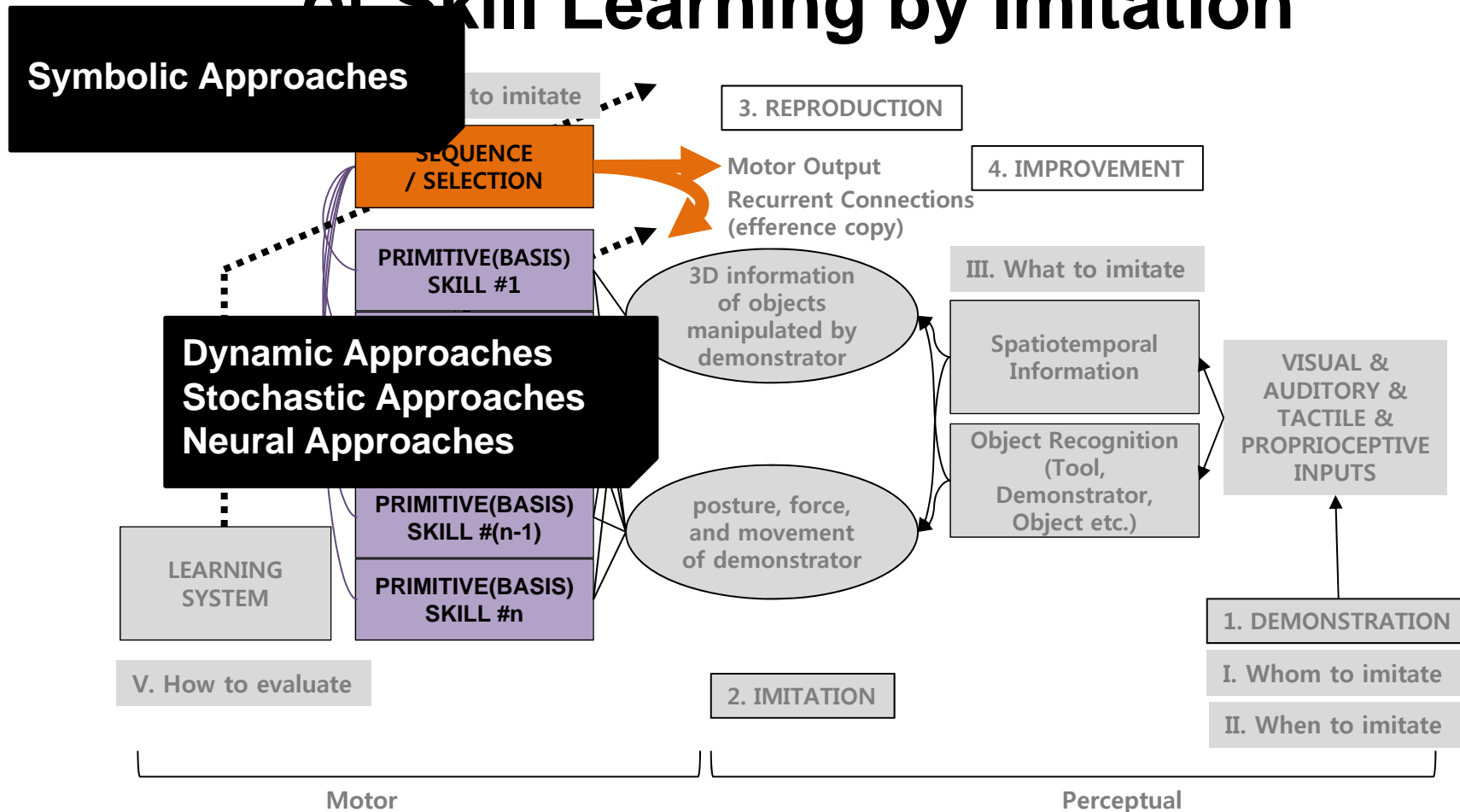


# “Big Five” Problems Attached to Schaal’s Conceptual Sketch





# State-of-the-Art in the Field of Skill Learning by Imitation



**Symbolic Approaches :** S. Ekvall (KTH), M. Pardowitz (Kalsruhe Univ.), J. Saunders (Hertfordshire Univ.)

**Dynamic Approaches:** A. Ijspeert (EPFL), S. Schaal (USC), C. G. Atkeson (GIT)

**Stochastic Approaches:** A. Billard (EPFL), D. H. Lee (TUM), S. Calinon (IIT)

**Neural Approaches:** E. Oztop (ATR), J. Ecety (Chicago Univ.), U. Demiris (South Kensington)

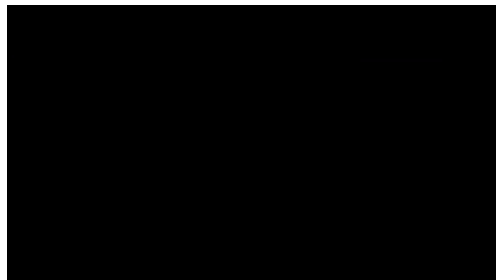


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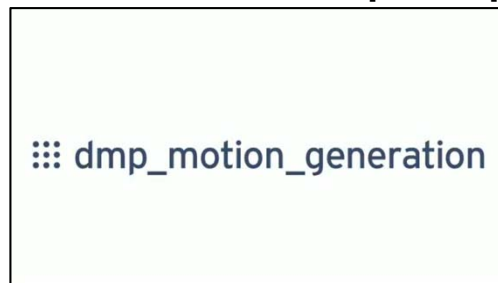
- Skill Learning Based on Dynamic Approach by Imitation



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Collaborative work



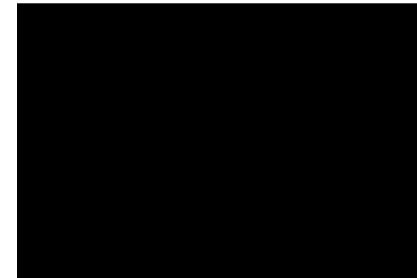
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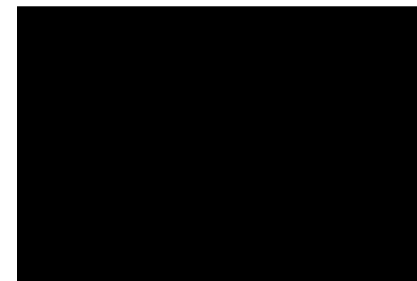
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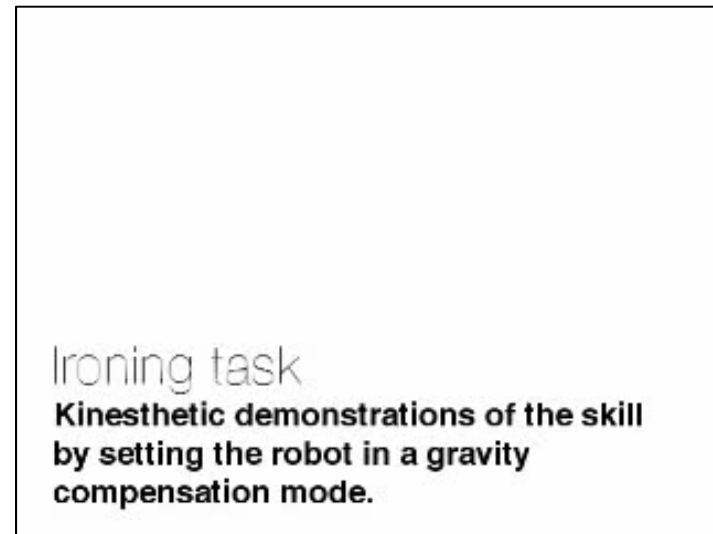
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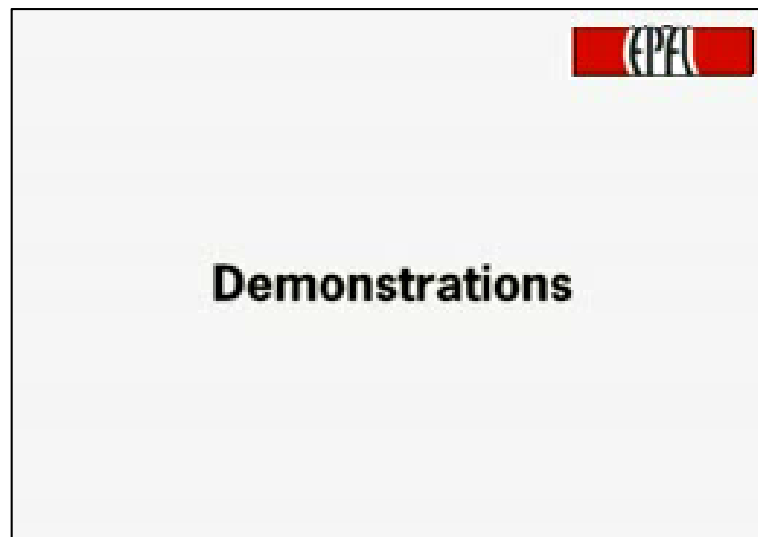
# State-of-the-Art: Stochastic Approaches [1/2]

- Skill Learning Based on Stochastic Approach by Imitation



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de Lausanne

- Based on GMM/GMR -



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- Based on HMM -



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# State-of-the-Art: Stochastic Approaches [2/2]

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- Based on HSMM, GMM/GMR -



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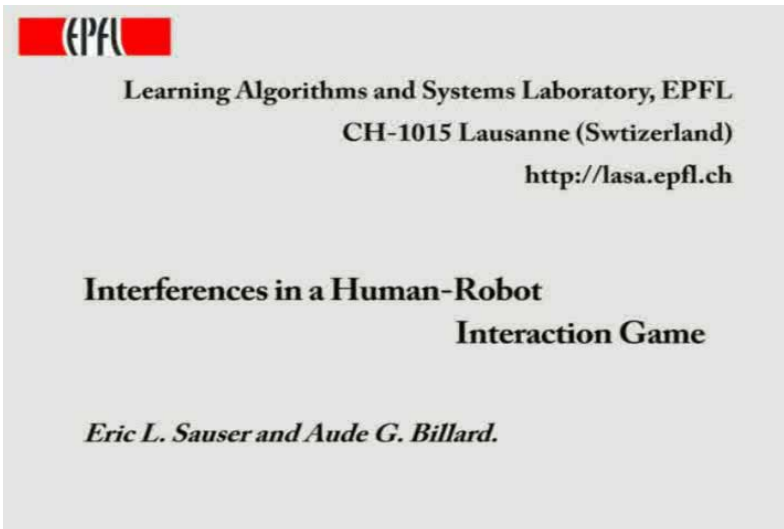


# State-of-the-Art: Neural Approaches [1/1]

- Skill Learning Based on Neural approach by imitation



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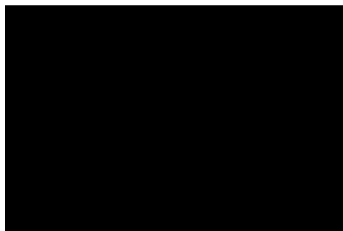


# State-of-the-Art: Skill Improvement [1/1]

- Skill Improvement by Reinforcement Learning



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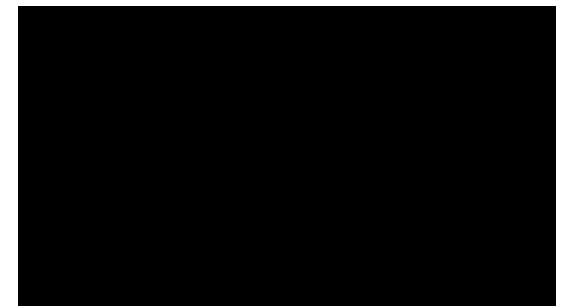
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# State-of-the-Art: Summary

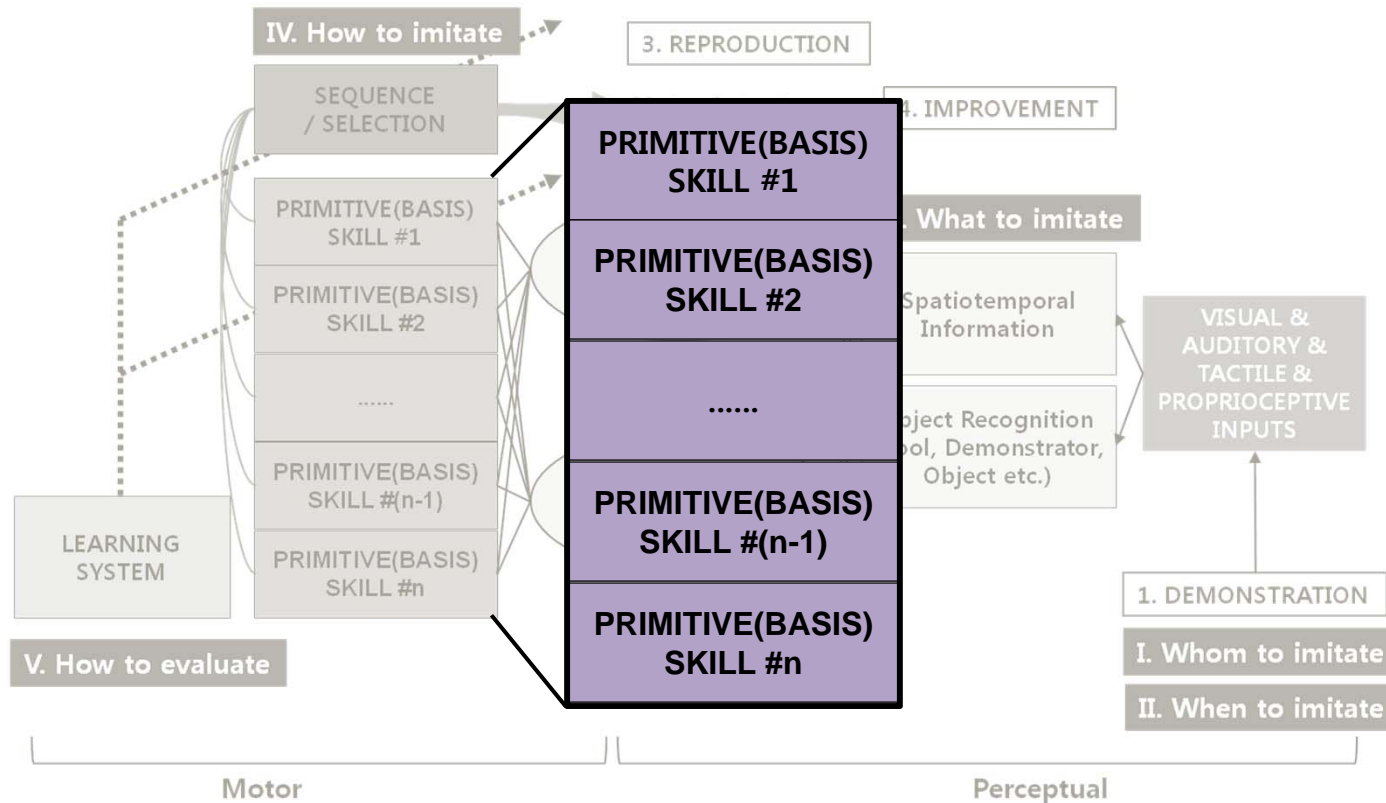
- State-of-the-Art in the field of Skill Learning by Imitation

<b>Skill Learning by Imitation</b>	
<b>Approaches</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Symbolic Approaches</li><li>2. Dynamical Approaches</li><li>3. Stochastic Approaches</li><li>4. Neural Approaches</li></ol>
<b>Properties</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Easy programming</li><li>2. Ability to generalize to new situations</li><li>3. Ability against perturbations</li><li>4. Skill Improvement by self-demonstration</li></ol>
<b>Additionally Required Properties</b>	Improvement of Reusability





# Additionally Required Properties for Improving Reusability of Skills Learned



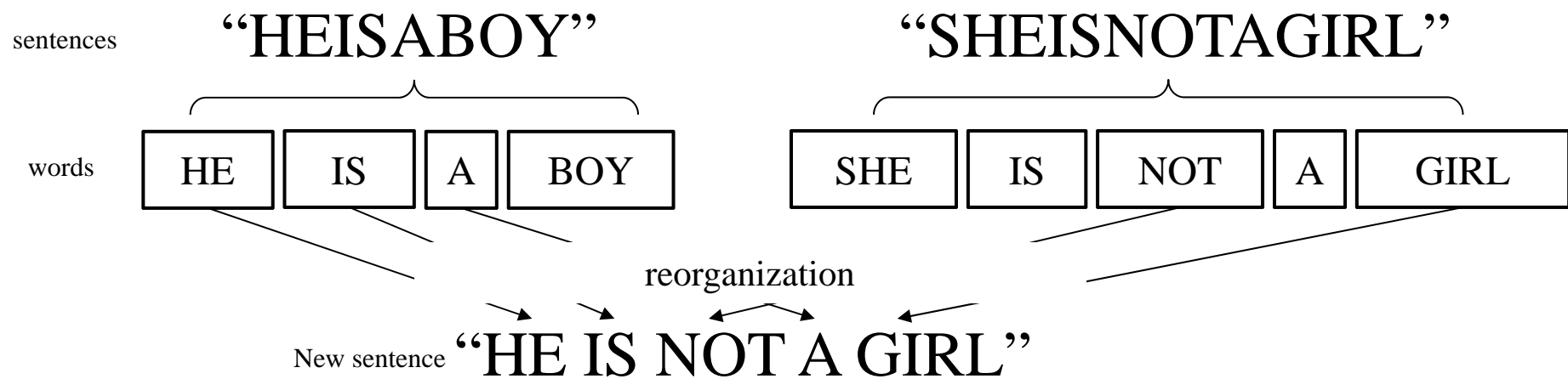
<p><b>Additionally Required Properties for Reuse of Skills Learned by Imitation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Autonomous Segmentation for Learning Primitives</li> <li>- Reorganization of Primitive Skills for Alternative Solutions</li> <li>- Classification of Primitives</li> <li>- Generalization of Primitives</li> </ul>
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# State-of-the-Art of Segmentation Approaches

Researcher	Affiliation	Methods
<p>Supervised Approaches : how can we predefine the primitives?</p>		
<p>Unsupervised Approaches : how can we tune the values?</p>		

# Motivation of Autonomous Segmentation Framework

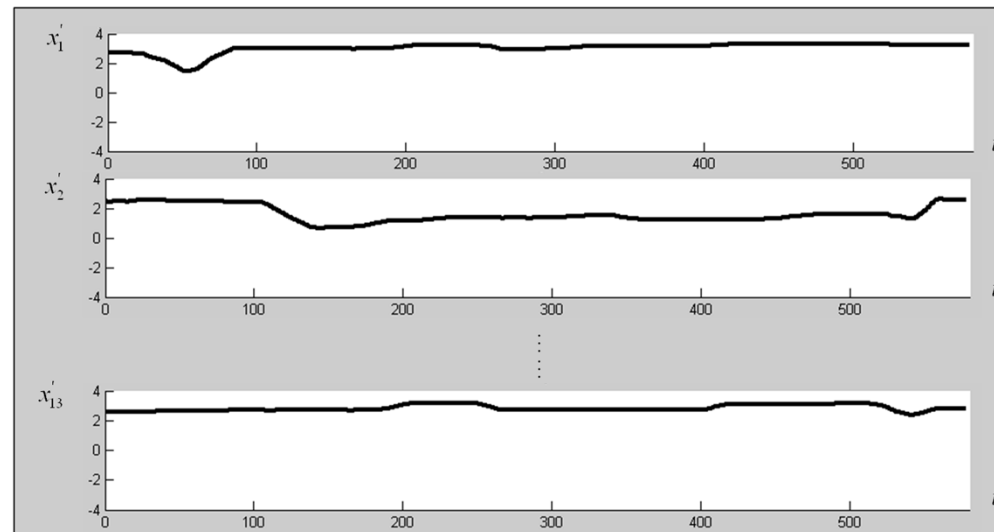
- Reorganization of New Sentences using Words



# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : Conceptual Description [1/5]

- How many primitives are contained in this continuous trajectories?

< Joint Trajectories Extracted from a Humanoid Robot >



changing local movement?  
(e.g., velocities, directions, dynamics, relations etc.)

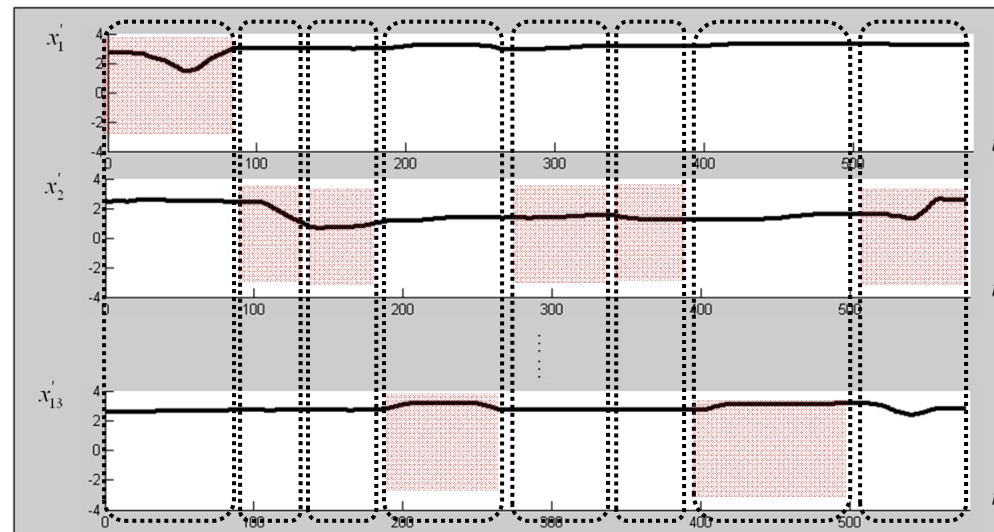
<S. H. Lee, I. H. Suh, S. Calinon, and R. Johansson, "Autonomous Segmentation Framework for Alternative Solutions in Manipulation Task," submitted to an international journal, 2012 >



# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : Conceptual Description [2/5]

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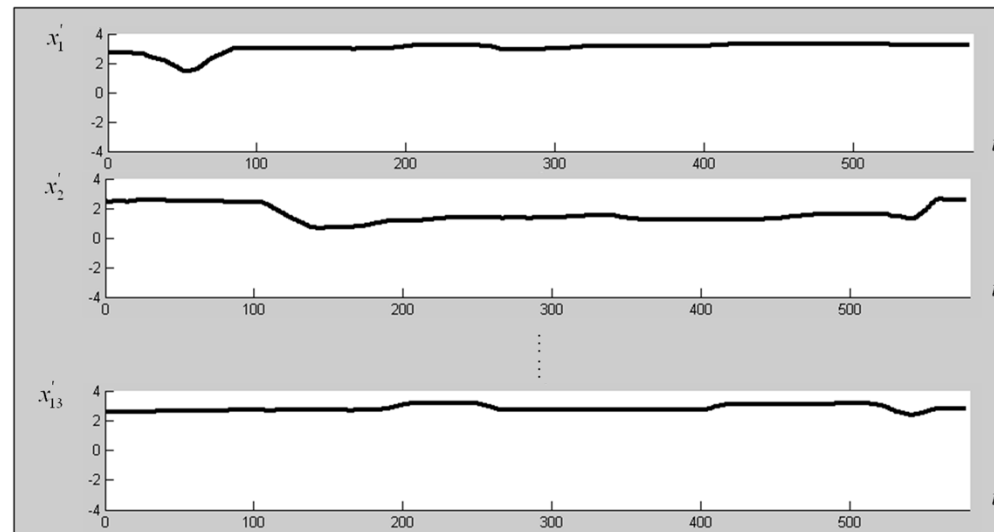


*If a human intuitively divides this continuous trajectories according to changing local directions of the trajectories...*

# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : Conceptual Description [3/5]

- How many primitives are contained in this continuous trajectories?

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## Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

- Representing continuous trajectories as a GMM provides a way of encoding **the local directions and the local relations** (i.e. correlation and variances) among the variables taking part in the traj

**a change of the local directions and relations in the GMM domain**

**→ a segmentation point**

# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : Conceptual Description [4/5]

- Then, how can the number of Gaussians be determined in the GMM?

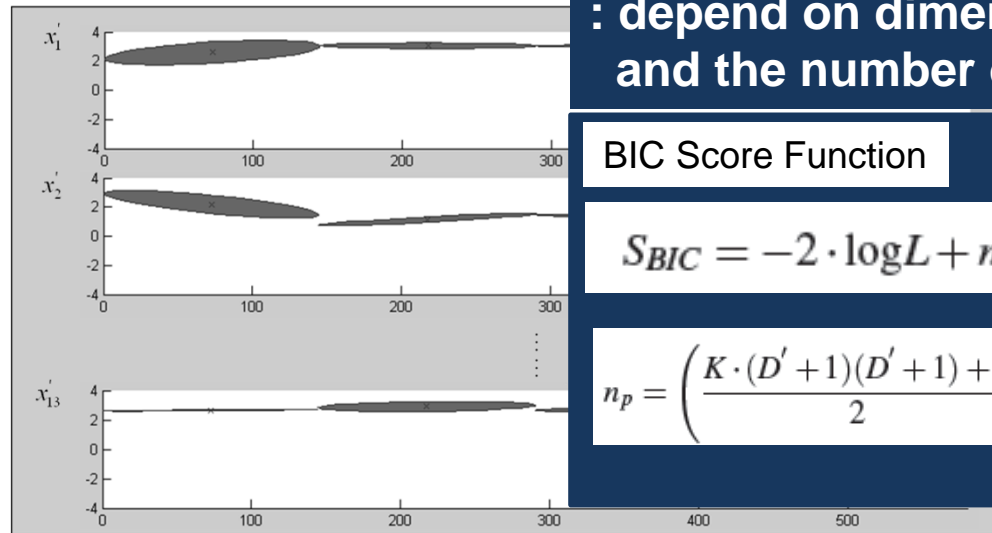
→ Bayesian information criterion (BIC) following

The Score of “BIC”  
: depend on dimension of variables  
and the number of Gaussians

BIC Score Function

$$S_{BIC} = -2 \cdot \log L + n_p \cdot \log(N),$$

$$n_p = \left( \frac{K \cdot (D' + 1)(D' + 1) + 1}{2} \right) + (K - 1) + (K \cdot (D' + 1)),$$



the estimated GMM by using the number of Gaussians  
automatically determined by BIC

the dimensionalities of variables  $\updownarrow$  and  $\updownarrow$   
the number of Gaussians

Strategy of this framework

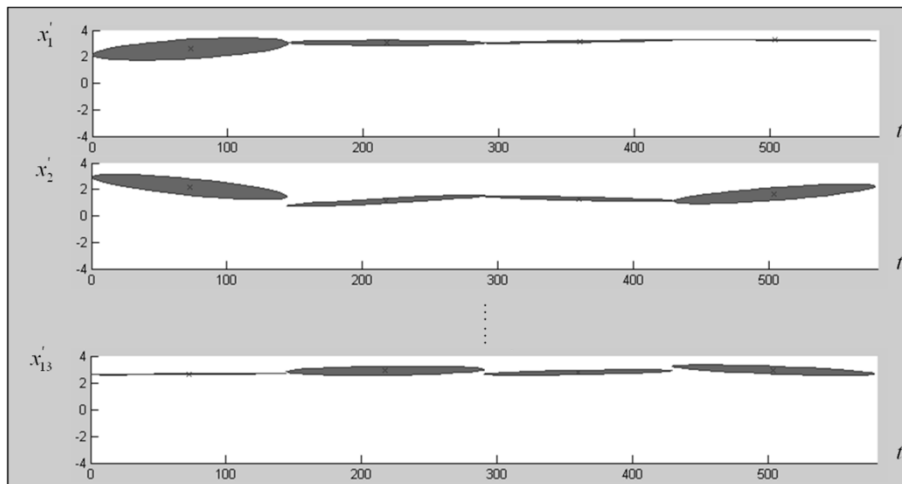
: find as **many meaningful primitives** as possible  
by reducing the dimensionalities of variables

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



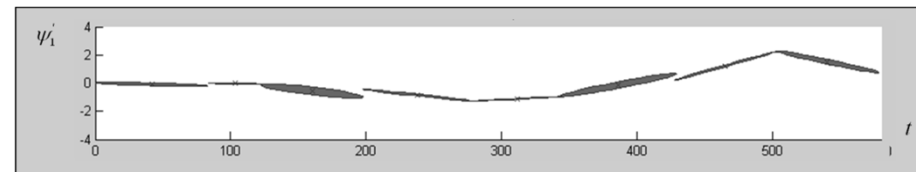
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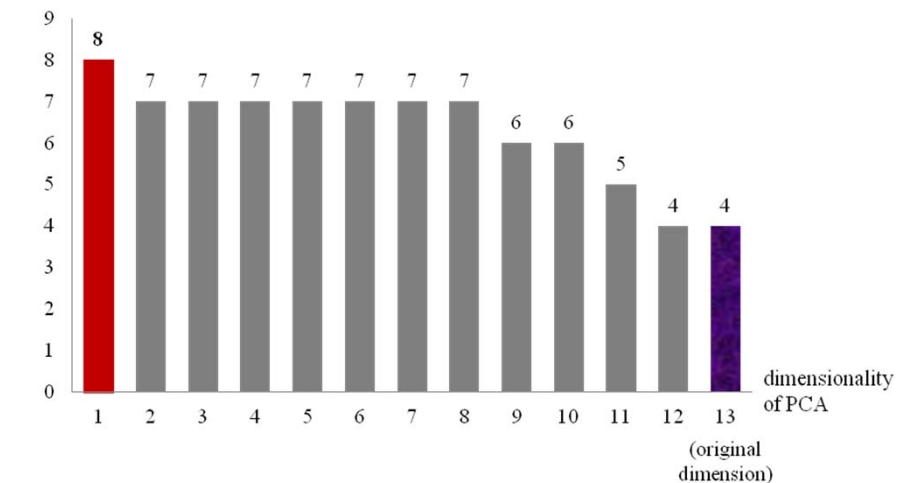


< in original space >

[motion trajectories in the dimensional space reduced by PCA]



# of Gaussians



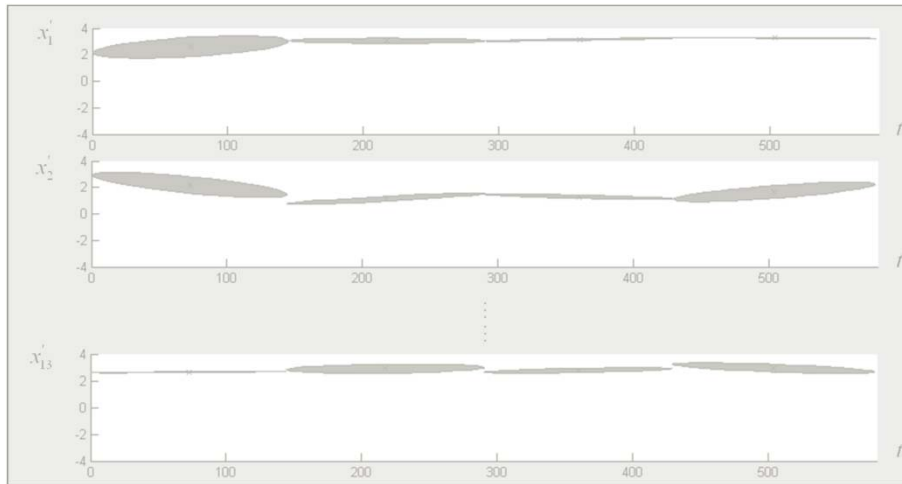
*The number of Gaussians estimated according to the dimensionality of PCA when using BIC*



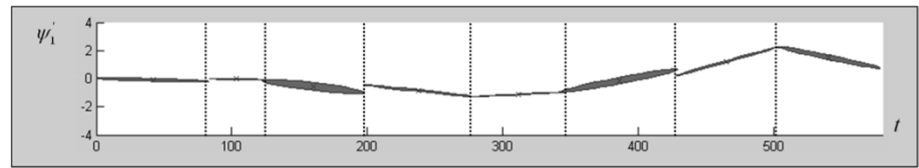
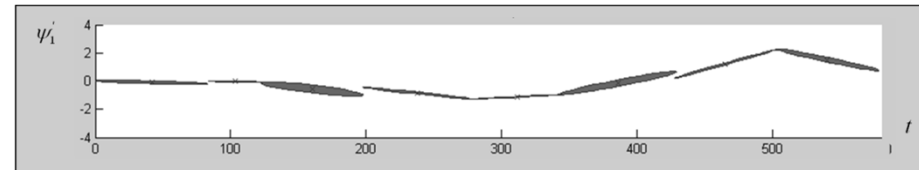


# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : Conceptual Description [5/5]

< Joint Trajectories Extracted from a Humanoid Robot >



[motion trajectories in the dimensional space reduced by PCA]



**Changes of the local directions  
and relations in the GMM domain  
(the set of segmentation point)**

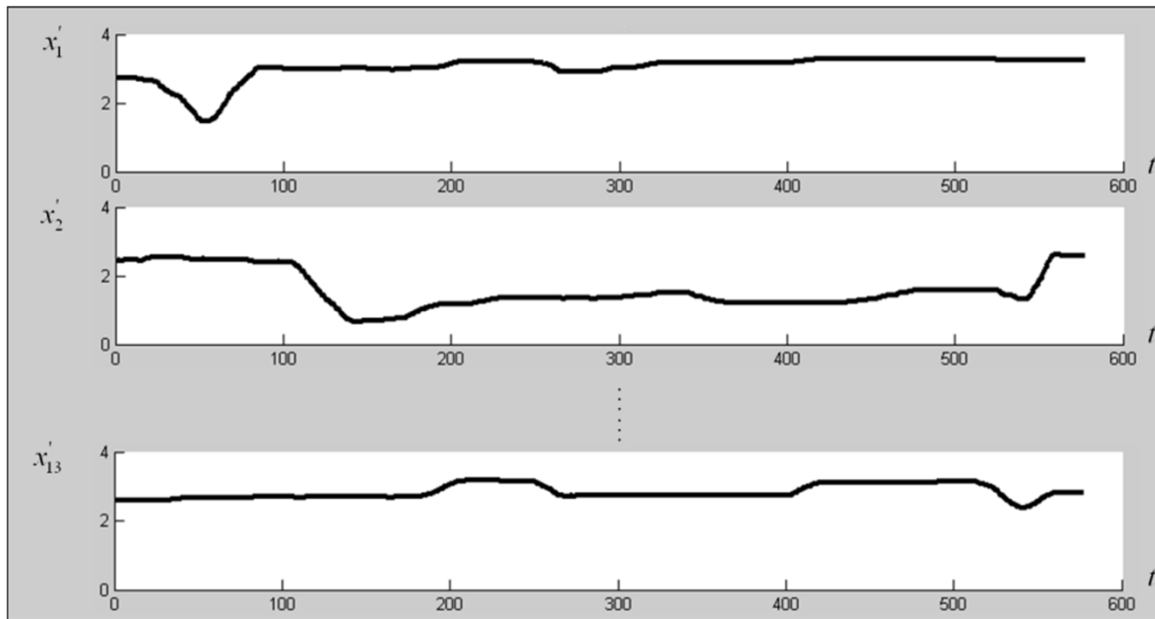


**Temporally overlapping points  
In-between two consecutive Gaussians**



# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : “Cooking Rice” Task [1/9]

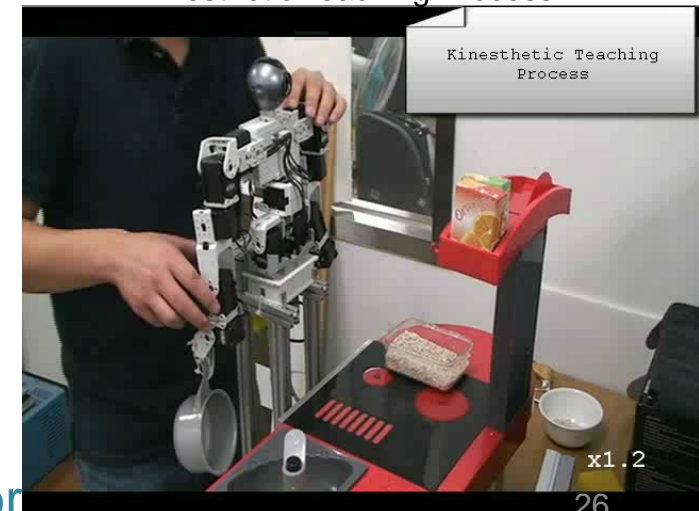
< Joint trajectories extracted from a single demonstration in the task of cooking rice > **Cooking Rice**



## [PROCEDURE]

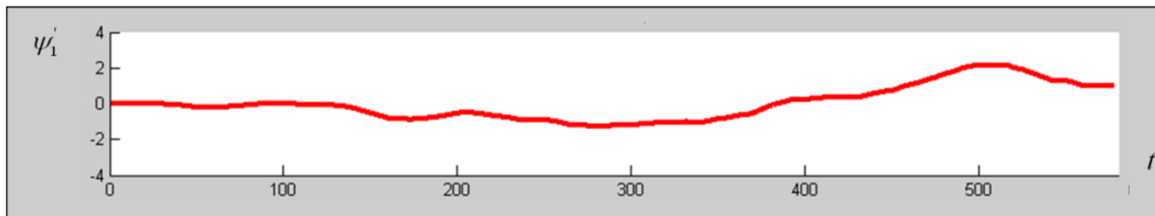
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## <Kinesthetic Teaching Process>



# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : “Cooking Rice” Task [2/9]

< Motion trajectories in the dimensional space reduced by PCA >



## Cooking Rice

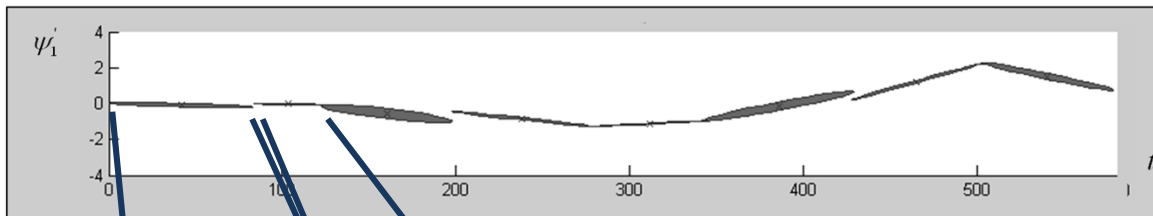
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# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : “Cooking Rice” Task [3/9]

< GMM that consists of eight Gaussians estimated by BIC and EM >



$$P(\Psi) = \sum_{i=1}^K w_i \cdot N(\Psi | \mu_i, \Sigma_i),$$

< eigendecomposition >

$$\Sigma_i = U_i \Lambda_i U_i^T$$

temporally  
overlapping region

- Geometrically, the  $i^{\text{th}}$  Gaussian  $N(\Psi | \mu_i, \Sigma_i)$  is identified with the distribution in which the normal distribution  $N(\mathbf{I}, 0)$  is scaled by  $\Lambda_i^{1/2}$ , rotated by  $U_i$ , and translated by  $\mu_i$ .
- The geometrical sizes of eigenvectors on the Gaussian are therefore calculated using square root of the eigenvalue  $\Lambda_i$ .

## Cooking Rice

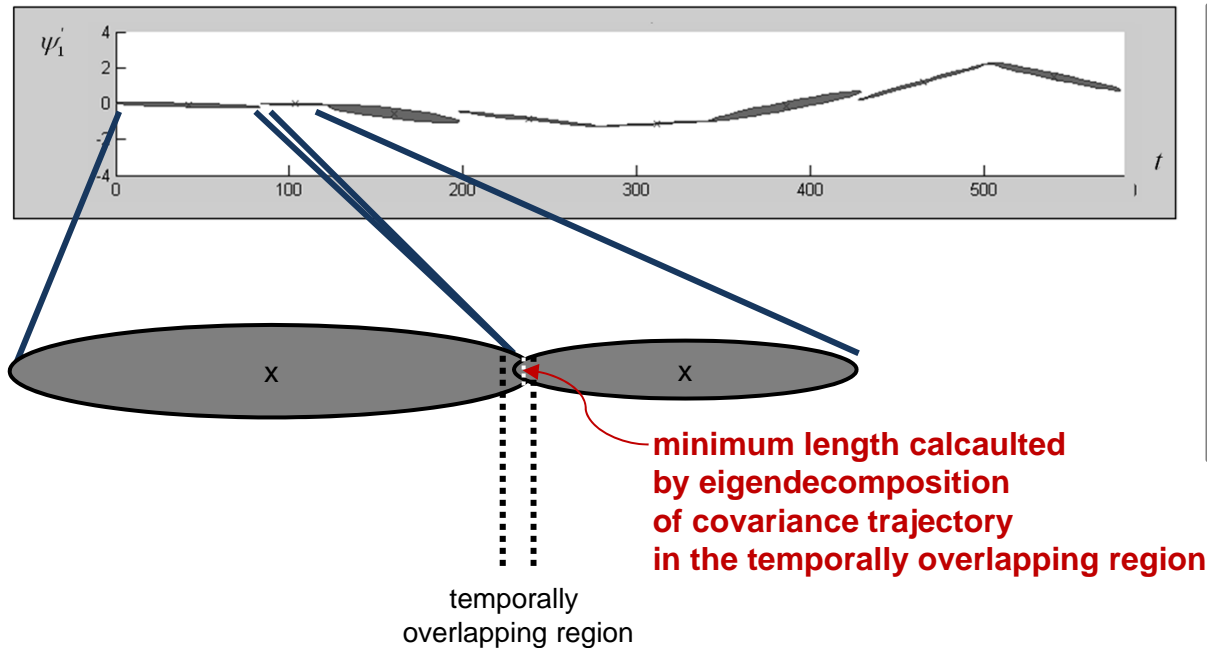
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# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : “Cooking Rice” Task [4/9]

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< Gaussian Mixture Regression >

$$\Sigma_{\Psi'}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^K h_i^2(t) (\Sigma_{i,\Psi'} - \Sigma_{i,\Psi_t} \Sigma_{i,t}^{-1} \Sigma_{i,t} \Psi'), \quad \text{: covariance trajectory}$$

## Cooking Rice

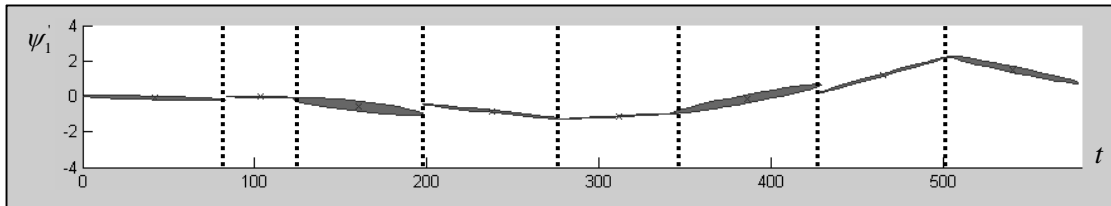
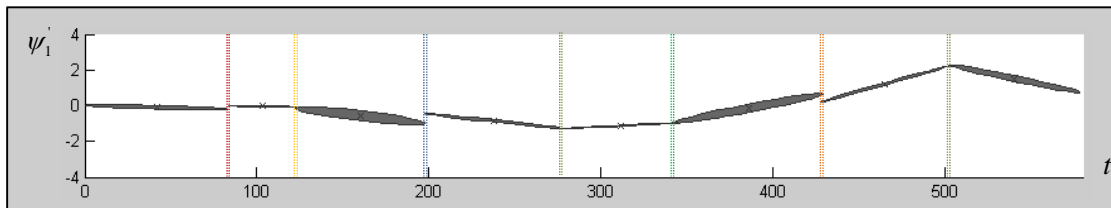
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# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : “Cooking Rice” Task [5/9]

< Temporally overlapping regions estimated by geometrical interpretation of the Gaussians >



< Segmentation points estimated by weights along the time component of the GMM >

## Cooking Rice

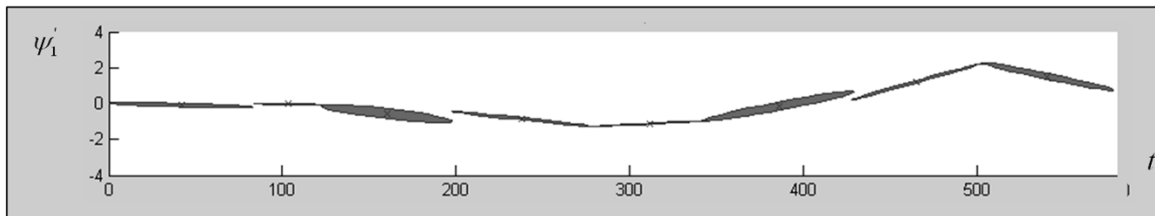
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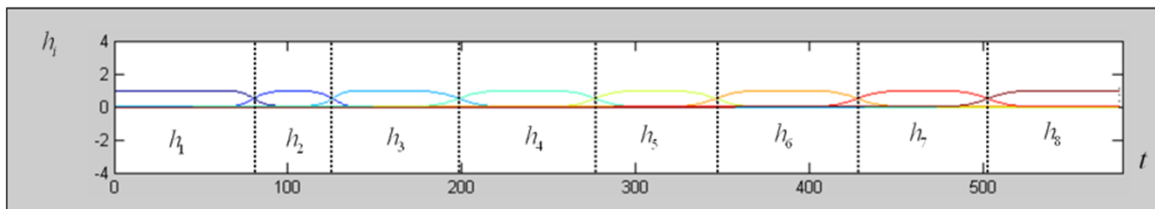
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$$P(\Psi) = \sum_{i=1}^K w_i \cdot N(\Psi | \mu_i, \Sigma_i),$$

## Other method

< Weights estimated along the time component of the GMM  
and intersections by the weights >



$$h_i(t) = \frac{w_i N(t; \mu_{i,t}, \Sigma_{i,t})}{\sum_{k=1}^K w_k N(t; \mu_{k,t}, \Sigma_{k,t})},$$

## Cooking Rice

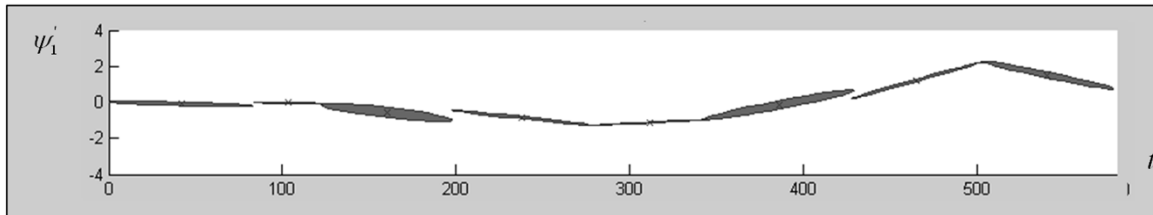
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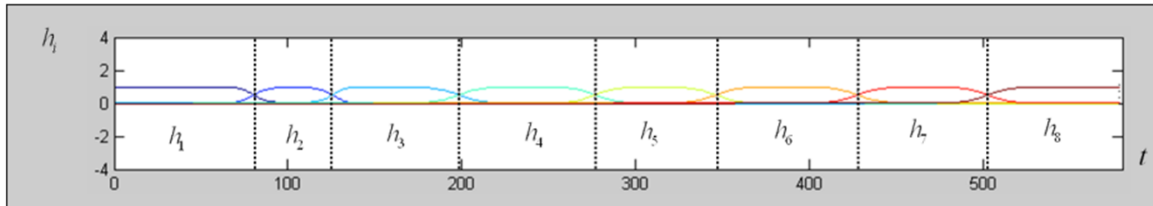


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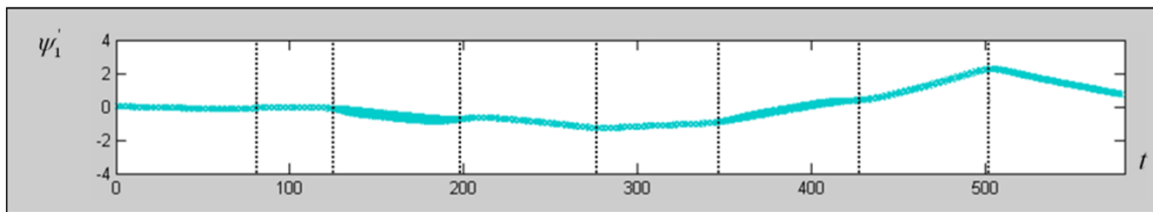
< GMM that consists of eight Gaussians estimated by BIC and EM >



< Weights estimated along the time component of the GMM and intersections by the weights >



< Center of mass trajectory of eight Gaussians as a process temporally overlapping on each other >



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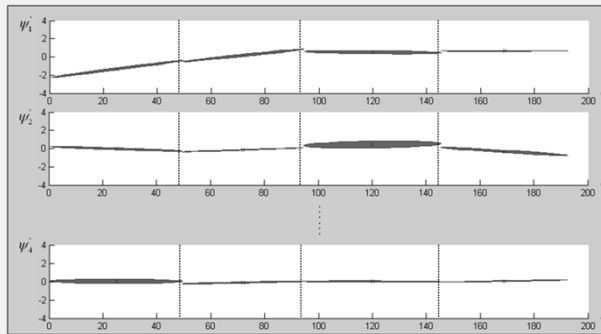




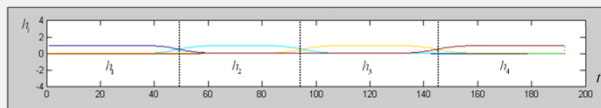
# Autonomous Segmentation Framework : “Cutting a Food Item” Task [8/9]

## Segmentation Point Detection / Reorganization / GMR

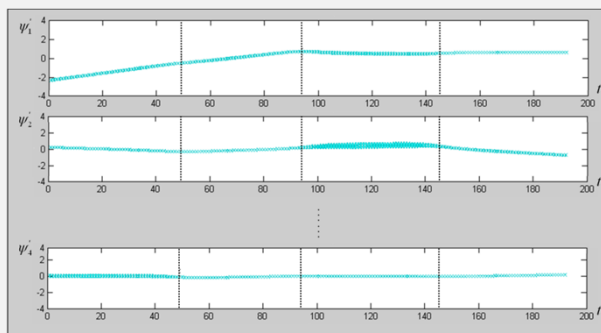
< GMM that consists of four Gaussians and temporally overlapping points in-between consecutive Gaussians >



< Weights estimated along the time component of the GMM and intersections by the weights >



< Continuous trajectories generalized by GMR process when sequentially organizing eight Gaussians >

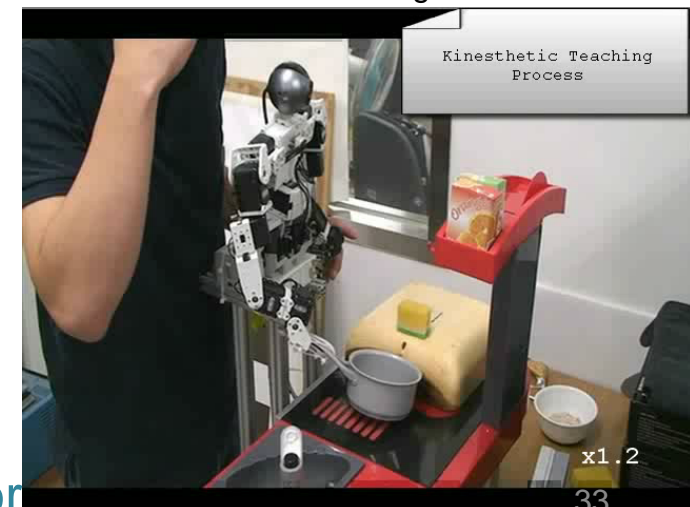


## Cutting a Food Item

[PROCEDURE]

1. The robot cuts a food item on a cutting board once only using a knife attached to its left hand.
2. The robot pushes the cut items into the pot attached to its right hand.

<Kinesthetic Teaching Process>



[00:00:15]

# Segmentation Results Acquired by Autonomous Segmentation Framework [9/9]

- Two Cooking Tasks : 1. cooking rice and 2. cutting a food item

## Segmentation Results

[ Task of Cooking Rice ]



Eights Segments : [LiftingPot], [LiftingSpoon], [ApproachingRiceBowl], [ScoopingRice], [DeliveringRice], [PouringRice], [StirringRice], and [PuttingOnStove]. [00:00:19]

[ Task of Cutting a Food Item ]



Four Segments : [LiftingKnife], [CuttingFoodItem], [PositioningForPushing], [PushingFoodItem] [00:00:08]

# Quantitative Evaluation of Autonomous Segmentation Framework [1/5]

< Four episodes opened from TUM Kitchen dataset >

episode [ID0-0]



[00:01:06]

episode [ID0-2]



[00:00:54]

episode [ID0-11]



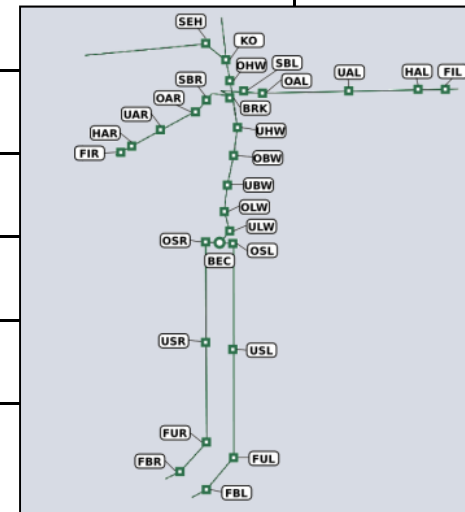
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episode [ID0-12]



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Labels of Nine Primitives Segmented by A. Yao	
Left Arm & Right Arm	Trunk
CarryingWhileLocomoting (CWL)	StandingStill (Standing)
Reaching	HumanWalkingProcess (Walking)
TakingSomething (Taking)	
OpeningADoor (Opening)	
LoweringAnObject (Lowering)	
ClosingADoor (Closing)	
ReleasingGraspofSomething (Releasing)	



28 body parts x 3 (x, y, z)  
= 84-dimensional motion capture data  
recorded at 25Hz



# Quantitative Evaluation of Autonomous Segmentation Framework [2/5]

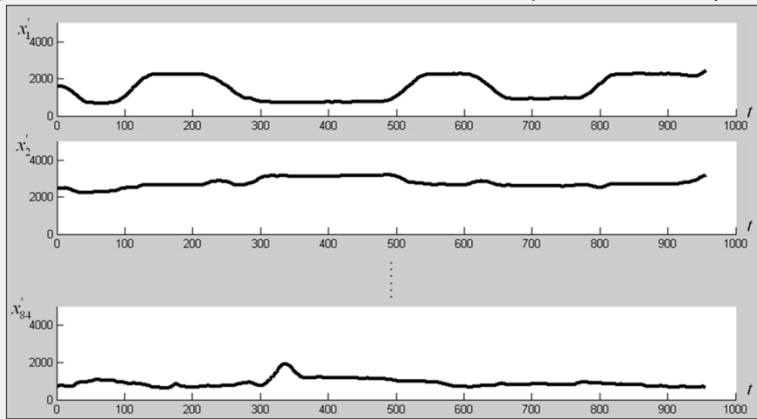
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Left Arm & Right Arm	Trunk	Left Arm & Right Arm	Trunk
CarryingWhileLocomoting (CWL)	StandingStill (Standing)	Meaningless Movment (M_M)	Standing
Reaching	HumanWalkingProcess (Walking)	StretchingToGrasp (G_Stretching)	WalkingForward (F_Walking)
TakingSomething (Taking)		GraspingObjects (Grasping)	WalkingBackward (B_Walking)
OpeningADoor (Opening)		StretchingToOpenDoor (O_Stretching)	WalkingSideways (S_Walking)
		FoldingToOpenDoor (O_Folding)	
LoweringAnObject (Lowering)		StretchingToRelease (R_Stretching)	TurningUsingLeftFoot (L_Turning)
ClosingADoor (Closing)		StretchingToCloseDoor (C_Stretching)	TurningUsingRightFoot (R_Turning)
		FoldingToCloseDoor (C_Folding)	
ReleasingGraspofSomething (Releasing)		ReleasingObjects (Releasing)	



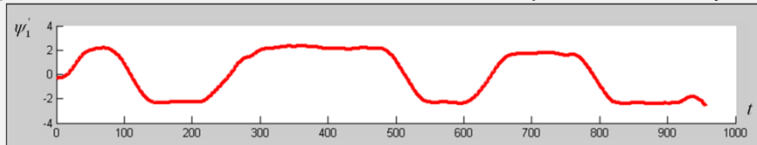
# Quantitative Evaluation of Autonomous Segmentation Framework [3/5]

## Autonomous Segmentation Process using TUM episode [ID0-2]

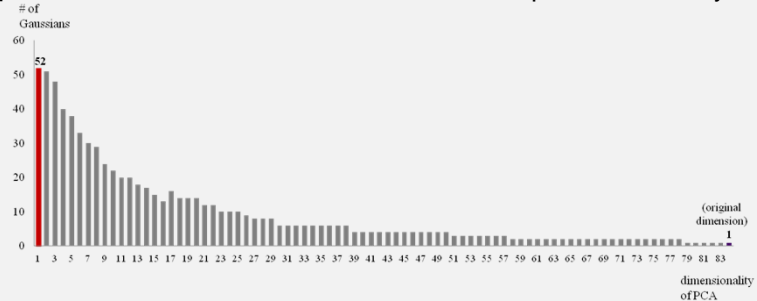
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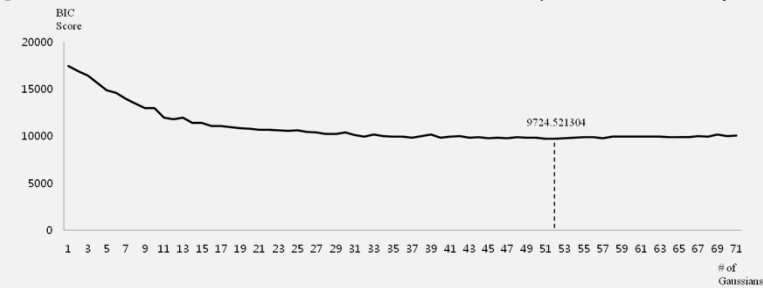
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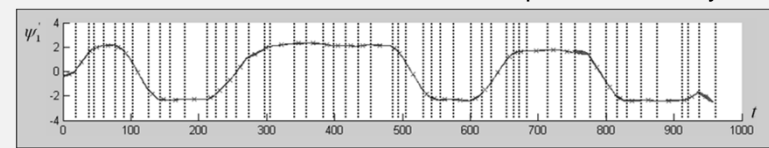
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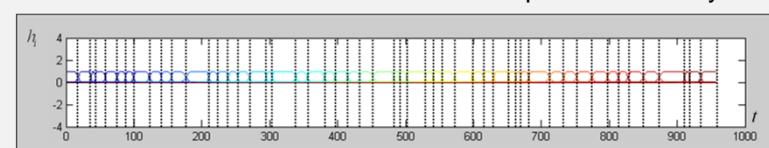
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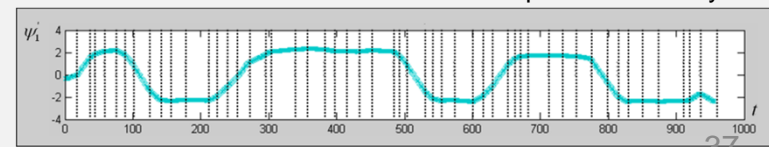
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# Quantitative Evaluation of Autonomous Segmentation Framework [4/5]

No.	A. Yao's method					Our proposed method				
	Left Hand	Right Hand	Trunk	Time	# of segments	Left Hand	Right Hand	Trunk	Time	# of segments
1	CWL	CWL	STANDING	001 ~ 010	01	M_M	M_M	STANDING	001 ~ 015	01
2	CWL REACHING	CWL REACHING	WALKING WALKING	011 ~ 028 029 ~ 042	02 03	G_STRETCHING	M_M	F_WARKING	016 ~ 040	02
3	REACHING REACHING	TAKING TAKING	W S					TANDING TANDING	041 ~ 057 058 ~ 075	03 04
4	TAKING CWL	TAKING CWL	S S					_TURNING	076 ~ 087	05
5	CWL	CWL	W					_TURNING WALKING	088 ~ 098 099 ~ 123	06 07
6	CWL	LOWERING	WALKING	126 ~ 136	09	M_M	R_STRETCHING	F_WALKING	124 ~ 142	08
7	CWL CWL	LOWERING RELEASING	STANDING STANDING	137 ~ 167 168 ~ 175	10 11	M_M M_M	R_STRETCHING RELEASING	STANDING STANDING	143 ~ 156 157 ~ 177	09 10
8	CWL	LOWERING	STANDING	176 ~ 203	12	M_M	R_STRETCHING	STANDING	178 ~ 210	11
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36	CWL	RELEASING	WALKING	920 ~ 931	55	M_M	RELEASING	B_WALKING	919 ~ 934	51
37	CWL	CWL	WALKING	932 ~ 957	56	M_M	M_M	F_WALKING	935 ~ 957	52

when timing differences between the starting and ending points in the segments are allowed to 0 to 10 frames (i.e. 0.0~0.4 sec)

# Quantitative Evaluation of Autonomous Implementation Framework [5/5]

No	method					Our proposed method				
	Trunk	Time	# of segments	Left Hand	Right Hand	Trunk	Time	# of segments		
1	STANDING	001 ~ 010	01	M_M	M_M	STANDING	001 ~ 015	01		
2	<b>CWL</b>	<b>CWL</b>	<b>WALKING</b>	<b>011 ~ 028</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>G_STRETCHING</b>	<b>M_M</b>	<b>F_WARKING</b>	<b>016 ~ 040</b>	<b>02</b>
	<b>REACHING</b>	<b>REACHING</b>	<b>WALKING</b>	<b>029 ~ 042</b>	<b>03</b>					
3	REACHING	TAKING	WALKING	043 ~ 071	04	G_STRETCHING	G_STRETCHING	STANDING	041 ~ 057	03
	REACHING			~ 071	05	GRASPING			058 ~ 075	04
4	TAKING			~ 083	06				076 ~ 087	05
	CWL			~ 071	07					
5	CWL			~ 125	08	M_M			088 ~ 098	06
				~ 125	09	M_M			099 ~ 123	07
6	CWL			~ 136	09	M_M			124 ~ 142	08
				~ 136	10	M_M			143 ~ 156	09
7	CWL			~ 167	10	M_M			157 ~ 177	10
	CWL			~ 175	11	M_M				
8	CWL	LOWERING	STANDING	176 ~ 203	12	M_M	R_STRETCHING	STANDING	178 ~ 210	11
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	CWL	RELEASING	STANDING	900 ~ 919	54					
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37	CWL	CWL	WALKING	932 ~ 957	56	M_M	M_M	F_WALKING	935 ~ 957	39



# Quantitative Evaluation of Autonomous Segmentation Framework [5/5]

No.	A. Yao's method					Our proposed method				
	Left Hand		Time	# of segments	Left Hand	Left Hand		Time	# of segments	
1	CWL		01 ~ 010	01	M_M			01 ~ 015	01	
2	CWL		01 ~ 028	02	G_STRETCHING			06 ~ 040	02	
3	REACHING		03 ~ 042	03	G_STRETCHING			01 ~ 057	03	
	REACHING		04 ~ 071	05	GRASPING			08 ~ 075	04	
4	TAKING	TAKING	072 ~ 083	06	GRASPING	GRASPING	L_TURNING	076 ~ 087	05	
	CWL	CWL	084 ~ 125	07						
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					<b>M_M</b>	<b>M_M</b>	<b>F_WALKING</b>	<b>099 ~ 123</b>	<b>07</b>	
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	CWL	RELEASING	STANDING	168 ~ 175	M_M			17 ~ 177	10	
8	CWL	LOWERING	STANDING	176 ~ 203	M_M			18 ~ 210	11	
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# Quantitative Evaluation of Autonomous Segmentation Framework [5/5]



episode [ID0-0]



episode [ID0-2]



episode [ID0-11]



episode [ID0-12]

	ID0-0	ID0-2	ID0-11	ID0-12
# of dimension reduced by PCA	2	1	3	1
# of Basis Skills autonomously segmented by our method	68	52	83	47
# of Segments manually segmented by A. Yao	<u>99 (38)</u>	<u>56 (13)</u>	<u>97 (23)</u>	<u>55 (10)</u>
# of similar segments	<u>60 (7)</u>	<u>37 (5)</u>	<u>58 (18)</u>	<u>37 (7)</u>
Similarity of Segments	88.24%	71.15%	69.88%	78.72%
Similarity of Segments	98.53%	90.38%	91.57%	93.62%

# of segments with 1~5frames

# of segments which have different granularities

when *timing differences between the starting and ending points in the segments are allowed from 0 to 10frames* (i.e. 0.0~0.4 sec)

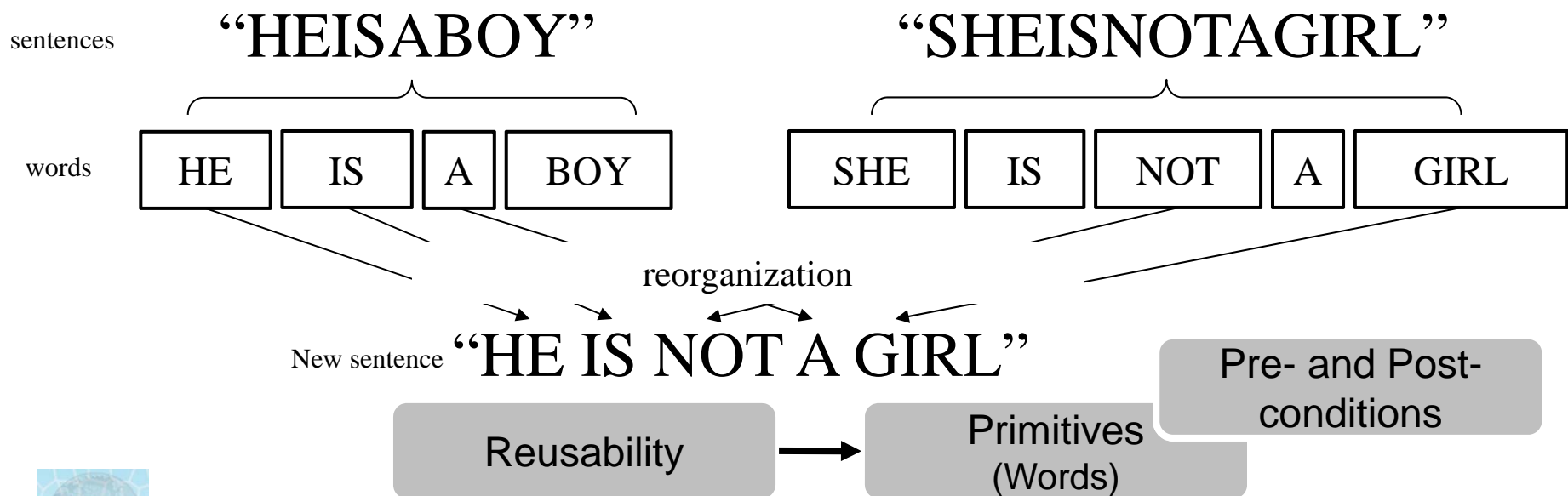
when *identically considering the segments that have the difference of segmentation granularities and eliminating the segments with 1~5frames* (it is difficult to find physical meaning)

**\*Dissimilar primitives can be easily explained by the difference of segmentation granularity that can be considered in motions such as opening, closing, and walking.**



# Reminding: How can we reuse primitives well?

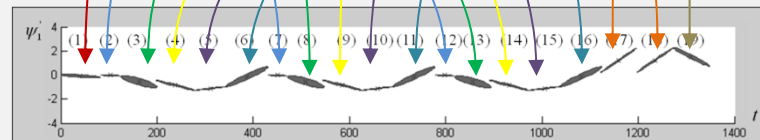
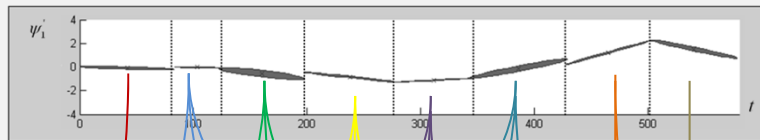
- Reorganization of New Sentences using Words



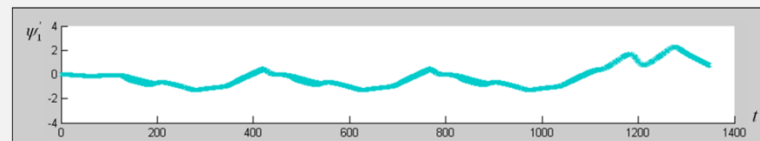
# Reorganization of Primitives Learned from a Single Task

## Reuse of Primitives Learned by Imitation

< GMM that consists of eight Gaussians and temporally overlapping points in-between consecutive Gaussians >



[Gaussian Mixture Model in the dimensional space reduced by PCA]

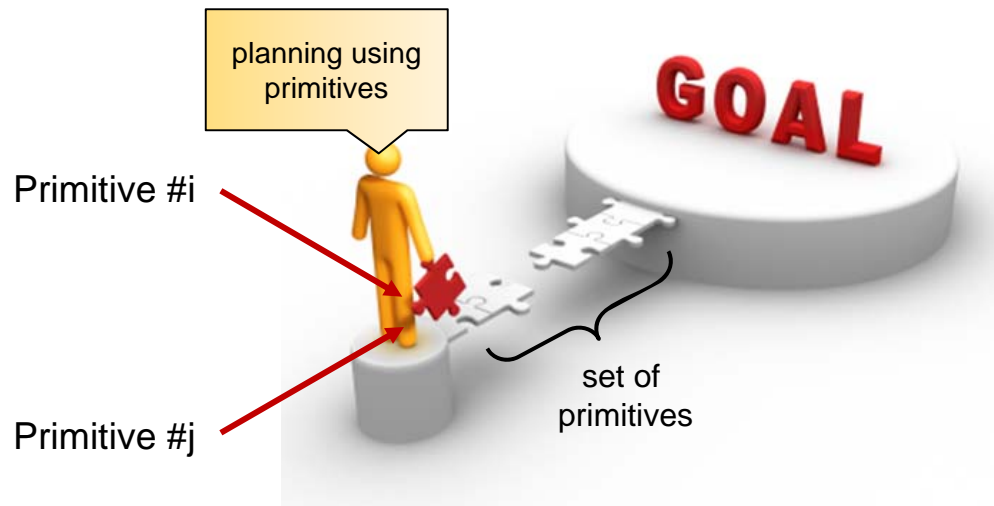


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[ the task of three scooping, three delivering, and two stirring rice ]

# Grammaticalization of Primitives



Crucial Requirements

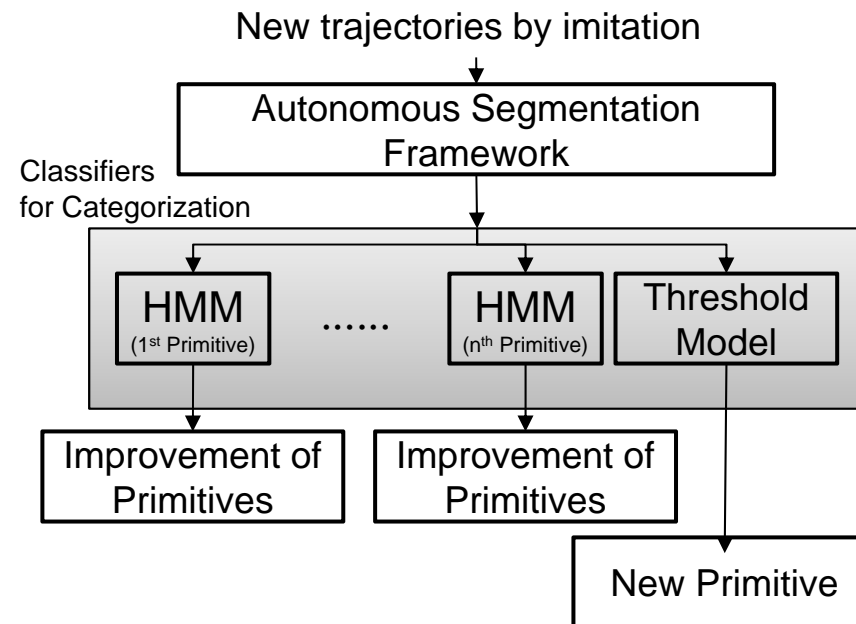
**Categorization and Generalization**



# Grammaticalization of Primitives

## Simple Approach for Categorization

- Categorization : **Hidden Markov Model**

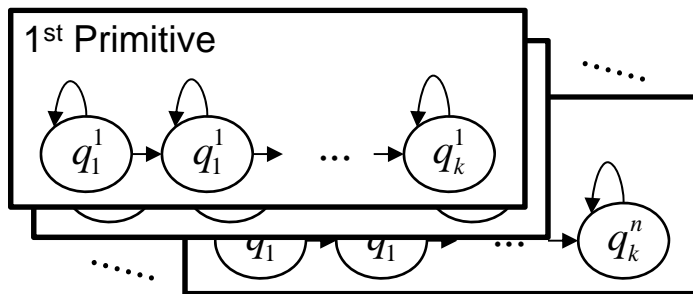


# Grammaticalization of Primitives

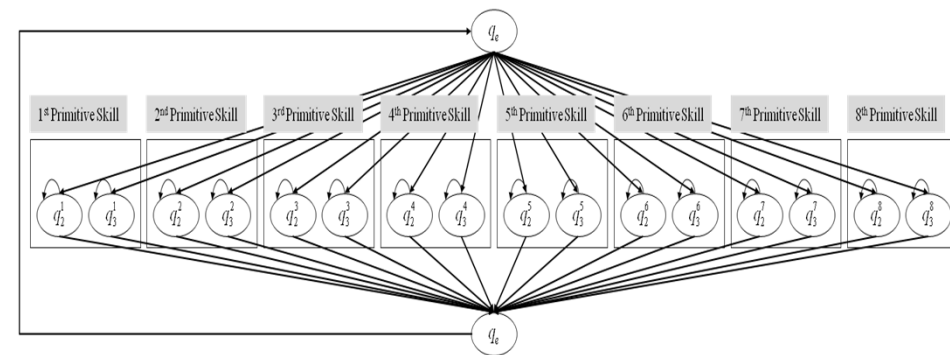
## Simple Approach for Categorization

- Categorization : **Hidden Markov Model**

### < HMM Representation of Primitives >



### < Threshold Model >



ergodic HMM using HMM states  
of existing HMMs

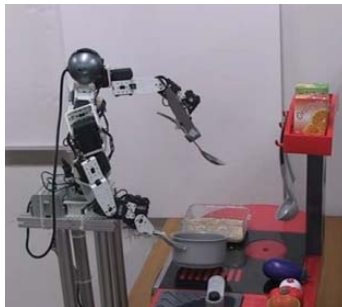


# Grammaticalization of Primitives

## Simple Approach for Categorization

- Categorization : **Hidden Markov Model**

### < The Same Category >



[LiftingSpoon]



[LiftingKnife]

Eights Segments : [LiftingPot], [LiftingSpoon],  
(cooking rice) [ApproachingRiceBowl], [ScoopingRice],  
[DeliveringRice], [PouringRice],  
[StirringRice], and [PuttingOnStove].

### < Threshold Model >



[CuttingFoodItem]



[PositioningForPushing]



[PushingFoodItem]





# Reorganization of Primitives Learned from Multiple Tasks

## Reuse of Primitives Learned from two tasks of cooking rice and cutting a food item

original sequence in the cooking rice



original sequence in the cutting a food item

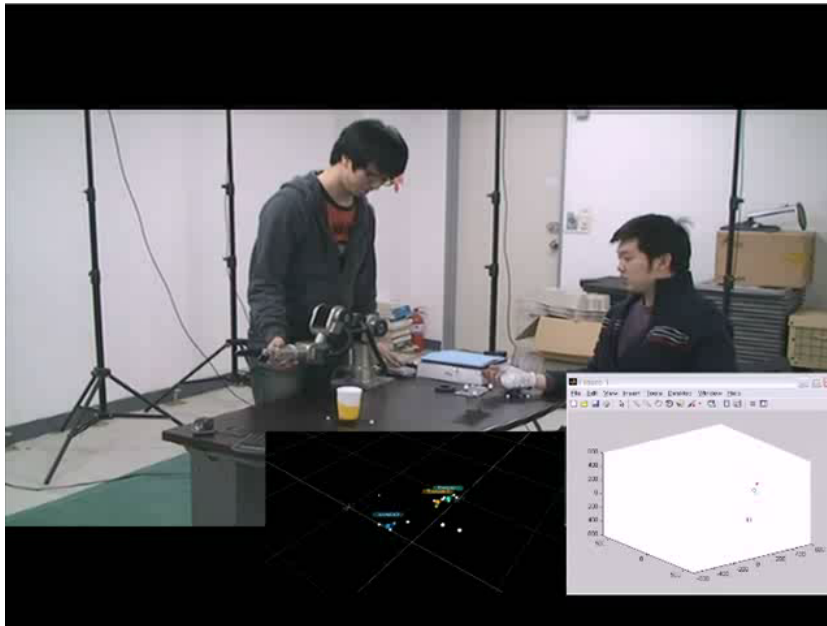


[ the task of two cutting, one pushing, two stirring, and one putting on the stove ]

# Can the segmentation points be used for grammaticalization?

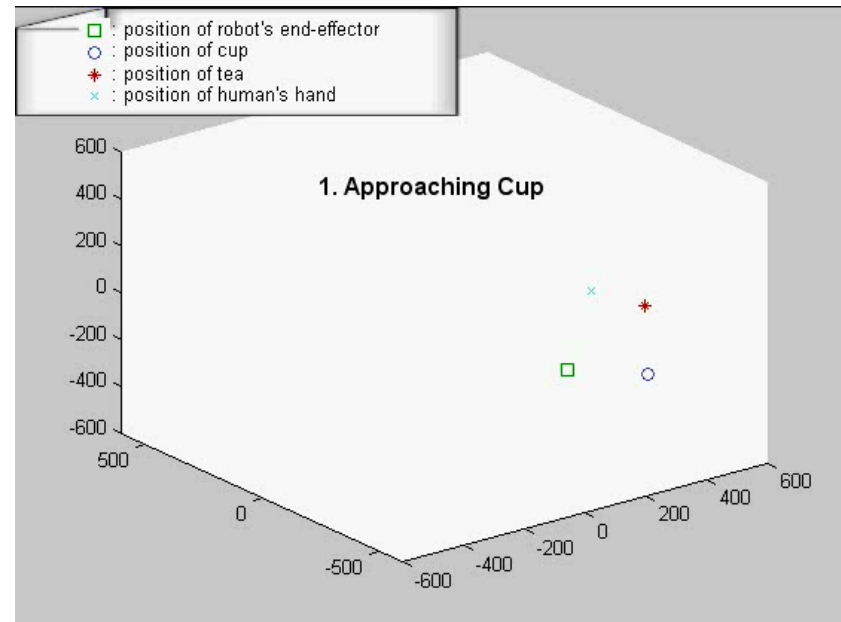
- When segmenting spatial information of surrounding objects using the segmentation points

< A demonstration of preparing tea >



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< Segmentation results  
by autonomous segmentation framework >

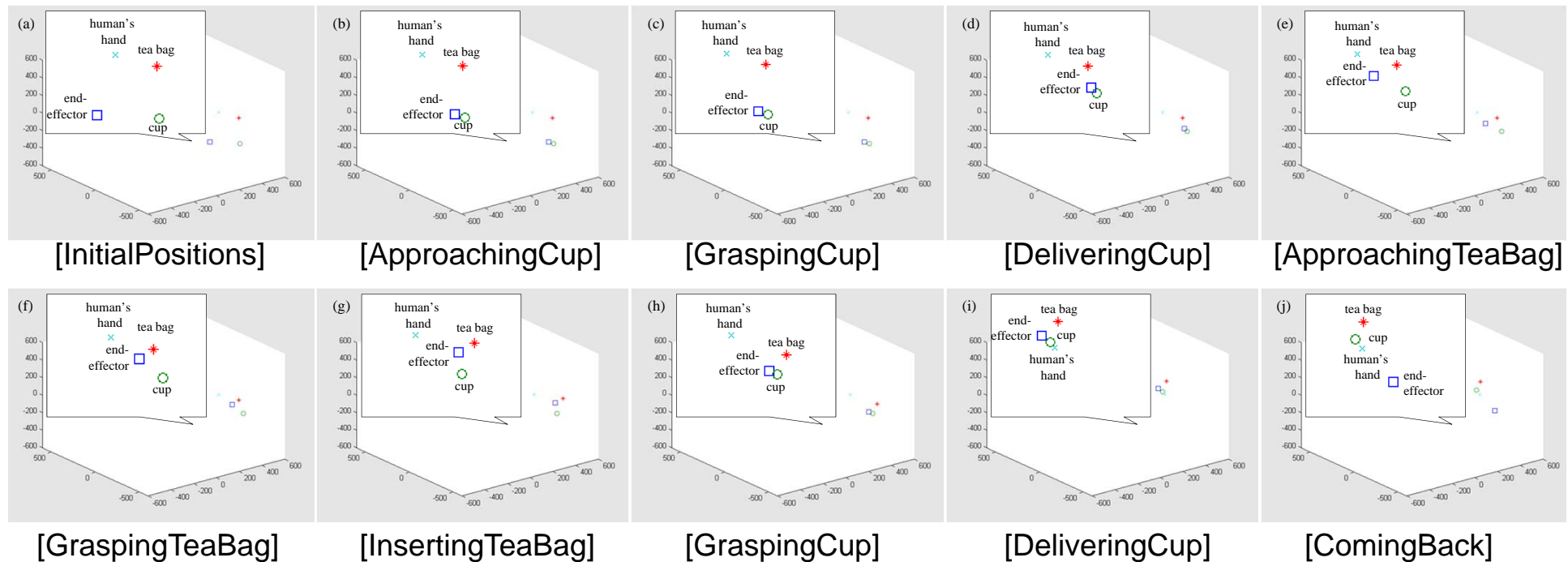


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6-D robot arm developed by Neuronics (i.e. Katana)  
12 motion capture cameras developed by Optitrack (i.e. V100:R2)

# Can the segmentation points be used for grammaticalization?

- Illustrations captured in the nine segmentation points



The segmentation points can be sufficiently used to determine pre- and post-conditions to activate primitives



# Future Works

- Rich Representation for Proto-language to Categorize and Generalize Primitives
  - Affordances
  - Object Action Complexes
  - Motion Algebra
- Key question remaining
  - “Whom to imitate”, “When to imitate”, and “What to imitate”
  - How can we evaluate the learning performance?



# Thank you !!!



# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [5/6]

### Grammaticalization (including Categorization)

- In linguistics,
  - a process by which words representing objects and actions (i.e. nouns and verbs) transform to become grammatical objects (e.g., affixes and prepositions etc.)
- In Robotics (especially, behavior),
  - a process in which information representing objects and actions (i.e. conditions and behaviors (or primitives)) transforms (categorizes and relates) to become grammatical objects for planning

Hidden Markov Model

: Efficient Method to Categorize Primitives

Affordances  
or Object Action Complexes (OACs)

: Method to Categorize and Grammaticalize  
Primitives, simultaneously

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[Projects]

1. PACO-Plus Project (2006 ~ 2010) : FP 6
2. Xperience (2011 ~ 2015) : FP 7

# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [5/6]

### Classical Plan Operator Representation

*(behavior, (pre-conditions, effect) )*

e.g., STRIPS operators

ex1) ( index : swim  
 action : swim  
 precondition: river,  
 effect: traversed )

ex2) ( index : walk  
 action : walk  
 precondition: road,  
 effect: traversed)

### Affordance Representation

*(effect, (entity, behavior) )*

e.g., Affordance relations

ex1) ( index : traversed  
 effect : traversed  
 ( entity: river, behavior : swim )  
 ( entity: road, behavior : walk)

### OACs Representation

*execute (  $E, T, M$  )  $\rightarrow$  (  $s_0, s_p, s_r$  )*  
**OAC**

*E*: an identifier for an execution specification  
*T*: a prediction function of how the world will change after executing *E*

*M*: a statistical measure representing the success of the OACs

$s_0$ : the state of the world before performing OAC

$s_p$ : the state of the world that *T* predicted from OAC

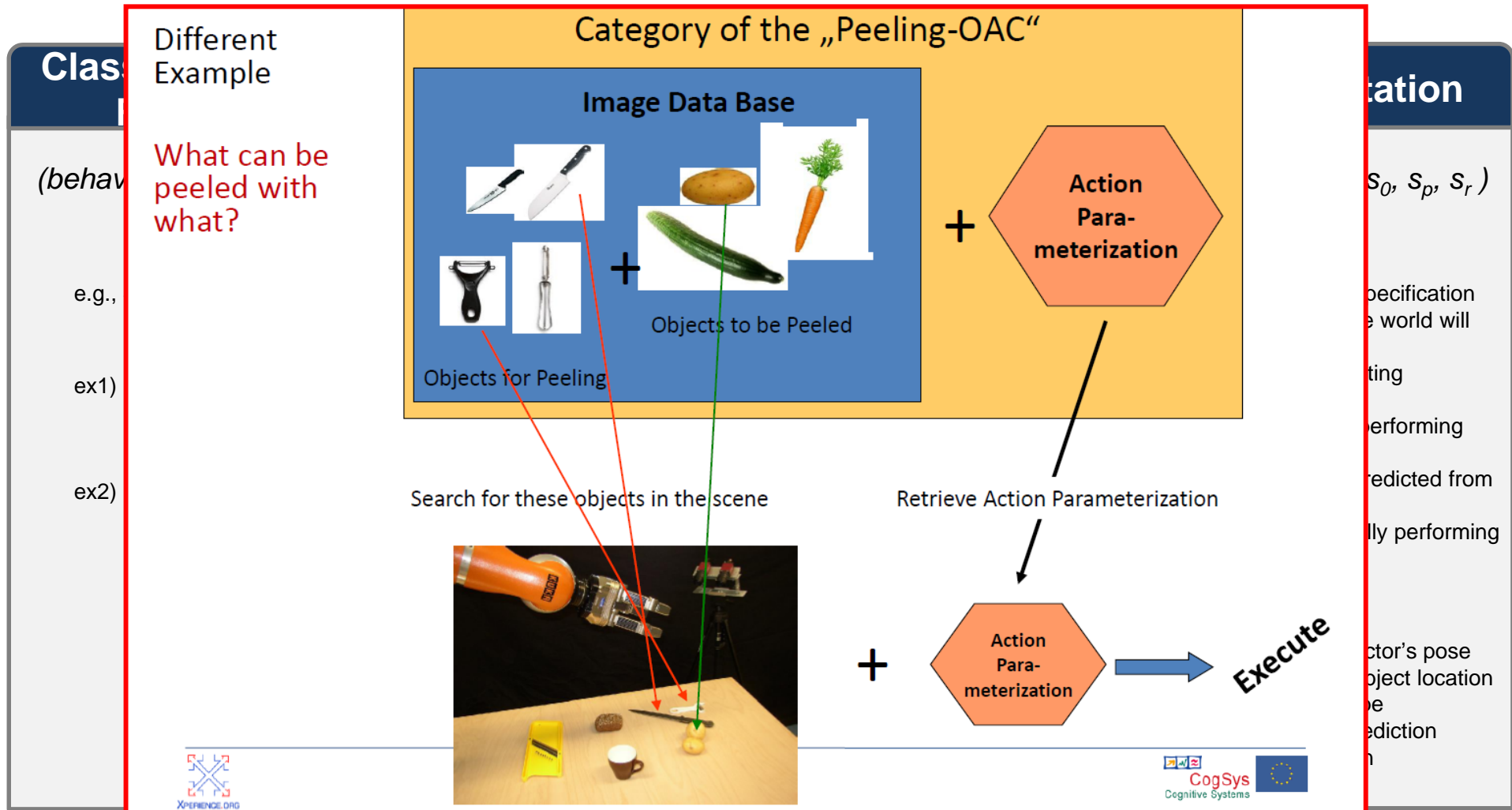
$s_r$ : the observed state from actually performing *E*

ex1) Name : ObjGrasp  
 Attribute space/*T* : Object model,  
 gripper status

*M* : long term probability of successful grasp



# Appendix – Example of OACs





# Appendix – Example of OACs

For Example asking the robot:

What can be cut with what?

(without having seen any of the objects before!)



Algorithm: Generalize, starting with the sentence:

“Cut the salami with a knife”

use the Internet to **replace nouns** in this sentence and then **attach images** to the new nouns (again from the internet) .

Store a verb-labeled “**Picture Book**” of what can be cut with what.

Things for Cutting & Things to Cut

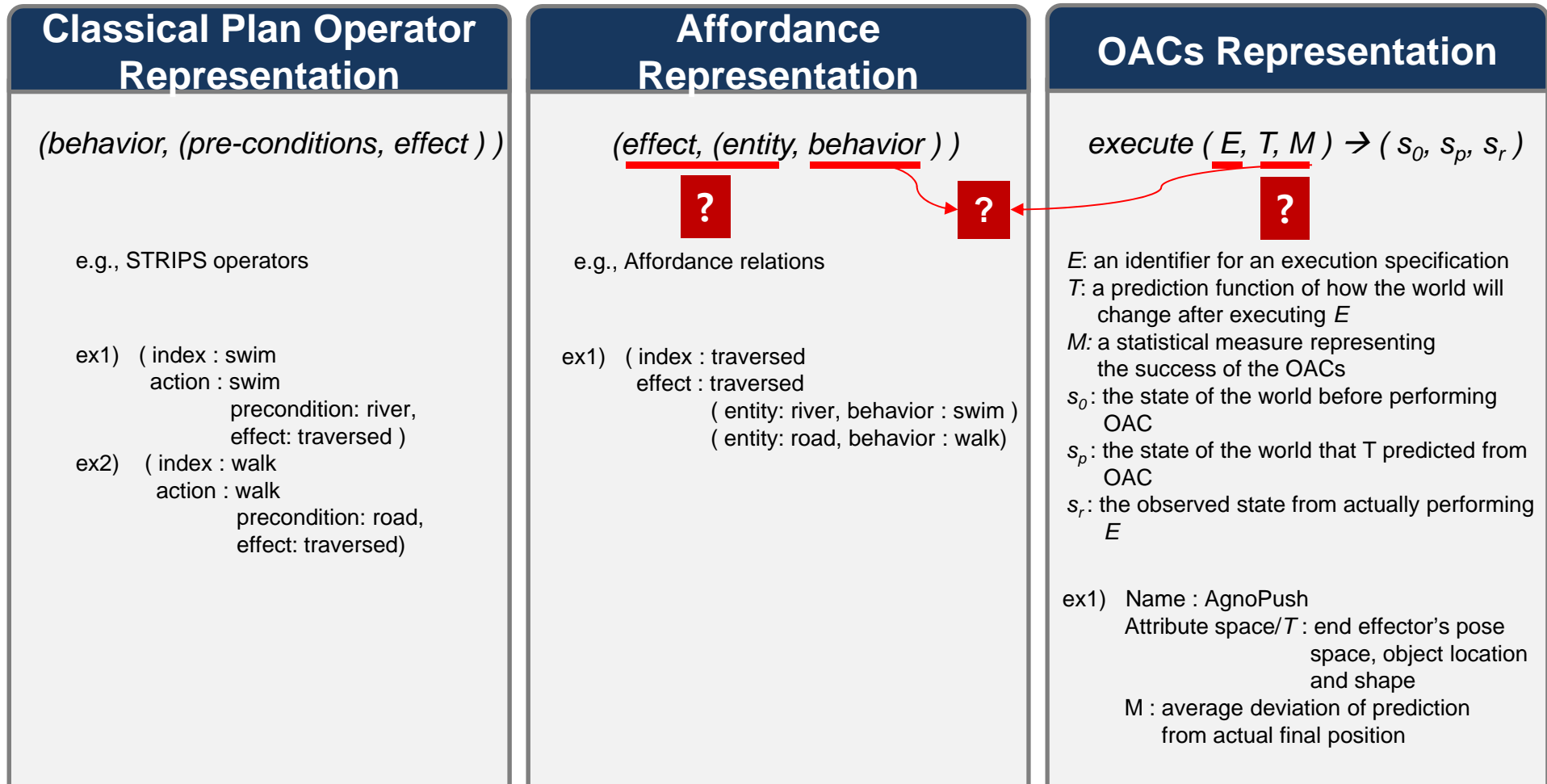
	i=1	2 ...	$m_k$
k=1	Salami	Bread	...
2	Knife	Peeler	...
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$X_V[\tilde{I}]$

# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [5/6]

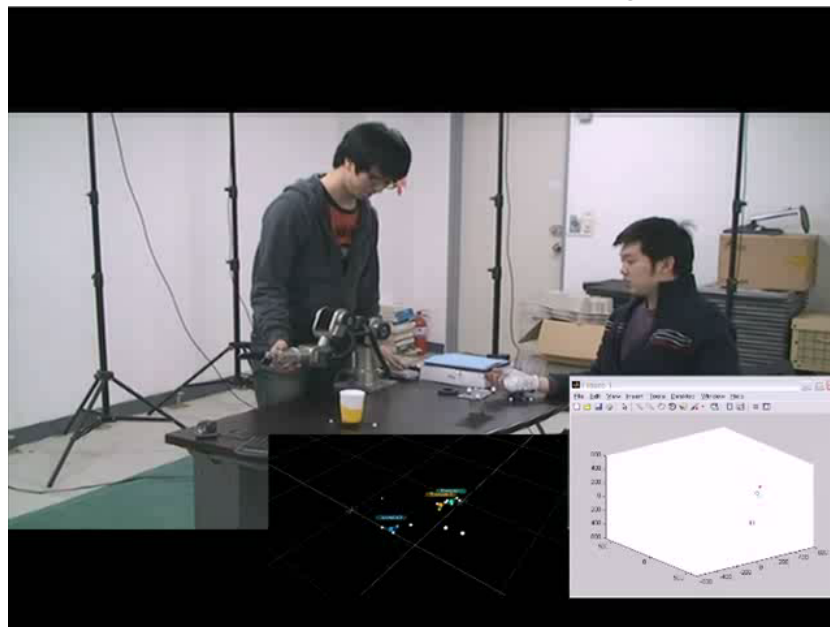


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## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [6/6]

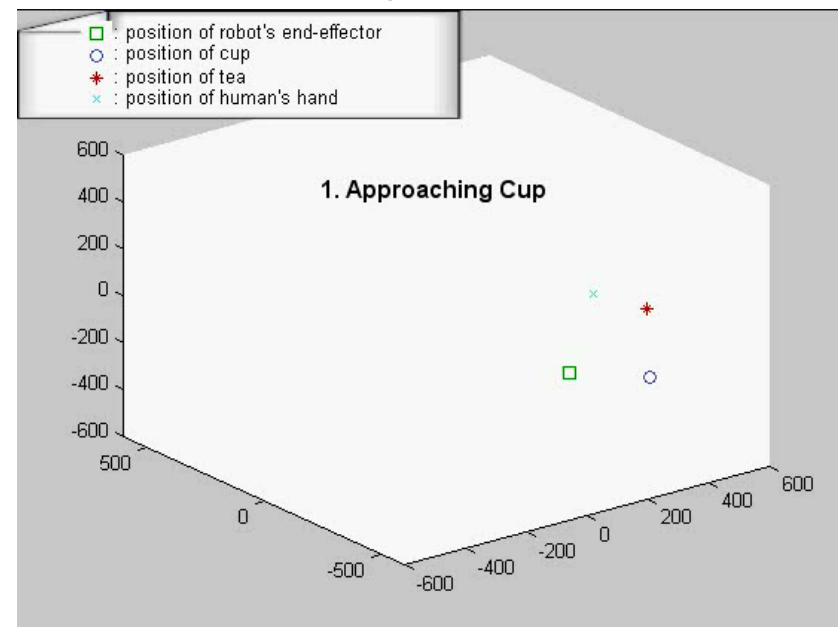
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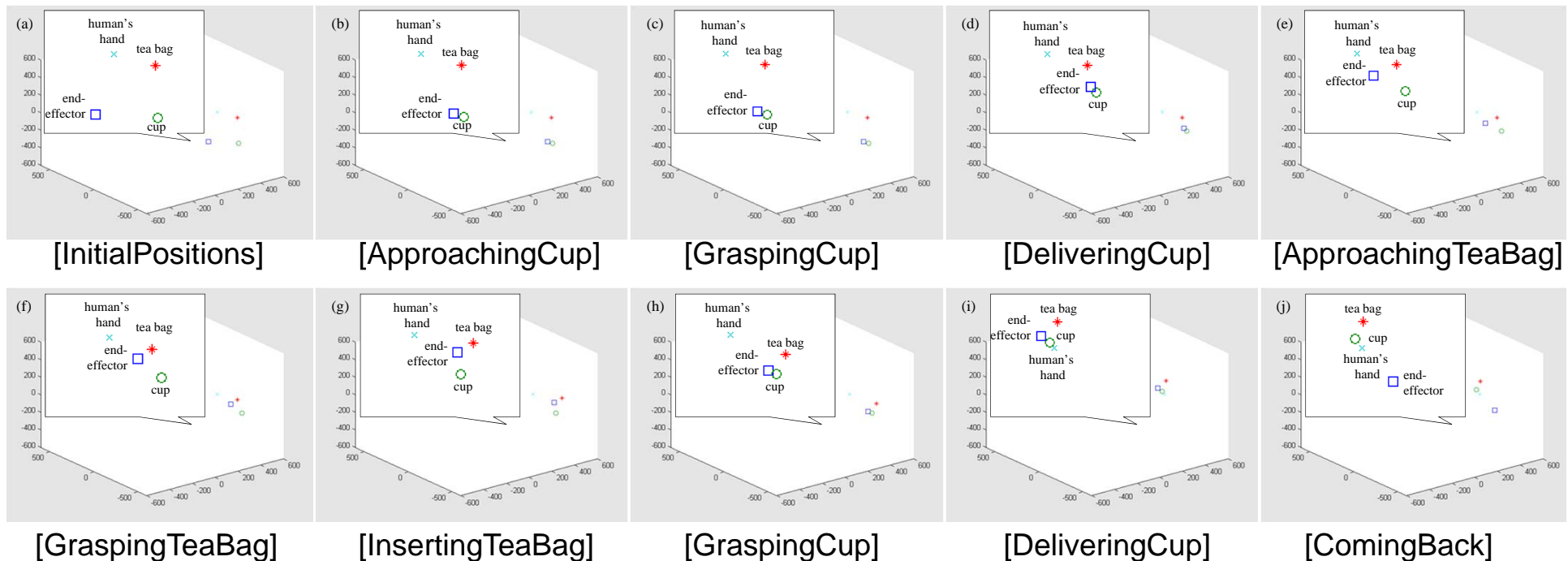
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## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [6/6]

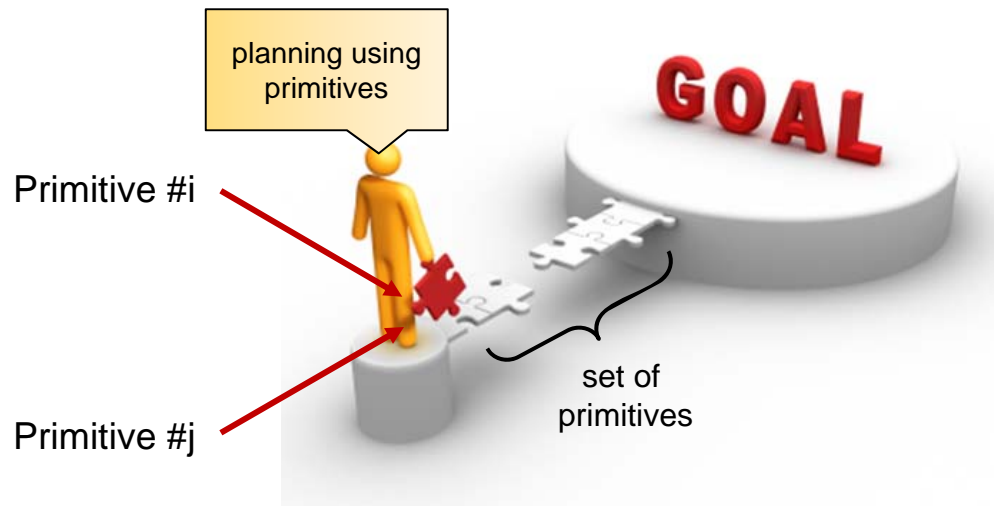
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# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [1/6]



### Crucial Requirements

For Categorization and Generalization

: **Grammaticalization**

### Examples In “Xperience” Project – FP 7

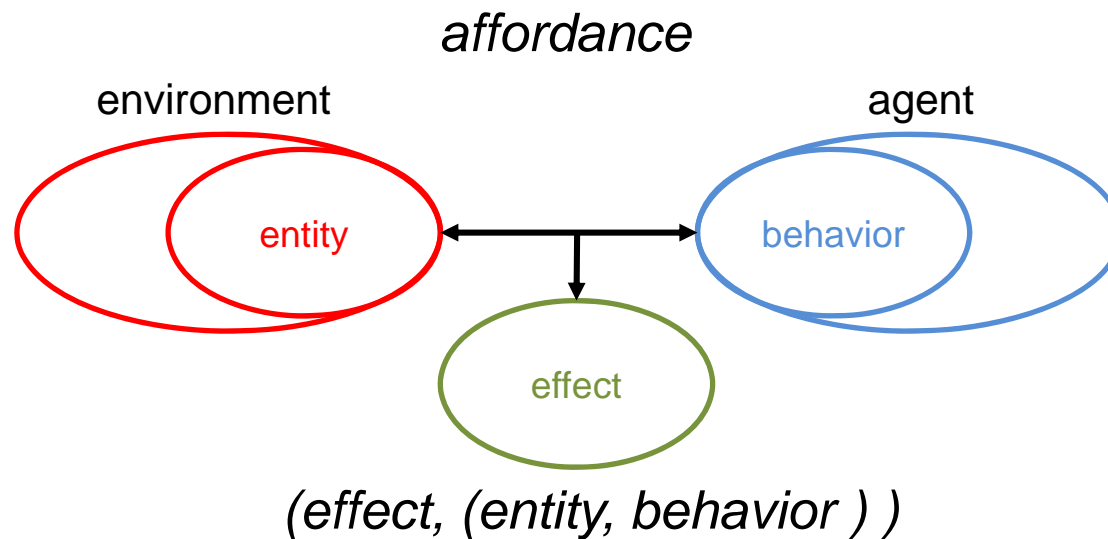
- In Language domain,
  - knowing the **grammar** of English and the **category** and **meaning of the surrounding words in a sentence** allows identification of **the category and semantic type of an unknown word**.
- In Robotics (sensorimotor) domain,
  - knowing how to **peel** potatoes with a **knife**, significantly aids one in learning how to use a potato-peeler. A single demonstration enables understanding in terms of an existing theory of **potato peeling**, and makes **the peeler** available for **generalization to other plans** (other potatoes and other vegetables).

# APPENDIX I



# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [6/13]



### Definition of “Affordance”

- An acquired **relation between a behavior** (i.e. a primitive skill) of an agent and **an entity** in the environment such that the application of the behavior on the entity generates **a certain effect**.

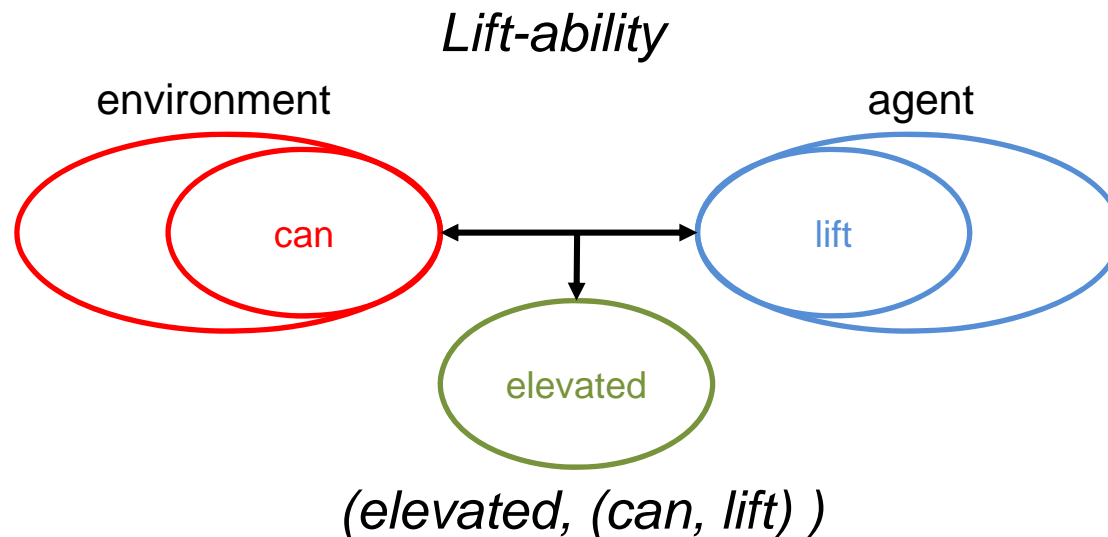
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# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [7/13]

- Example of Affordance in Robotics



### “Lift-ability”

- The robot applied its lift behavior on the can and obtained the elevated effect.  
Can: the perceptual representation of the can as seen by the robot  
Lift : the behavior executed by the robot  
Elevated : the effect of the behavior on the environment as perceived by the robot

# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [8/13]

### Classical Plan Operator Representation

*(behavior, (pre-conditions, effect) )*

e.g., STRIPS operators

ex1) ( index : swim  
action : swim  
precondition: river,  
effect: traversed )

ex2) ( index : walk  
action : walk  
precondition: road,  
effect: traversed)

### Affordance Representation

*(effect, (entity, behavior) )*

e.g., Affordance relations

ex1) ( index : traversed  
effect : traversed  
( entity: river, behavior : swim )  
( entity: road, behavior : walk)

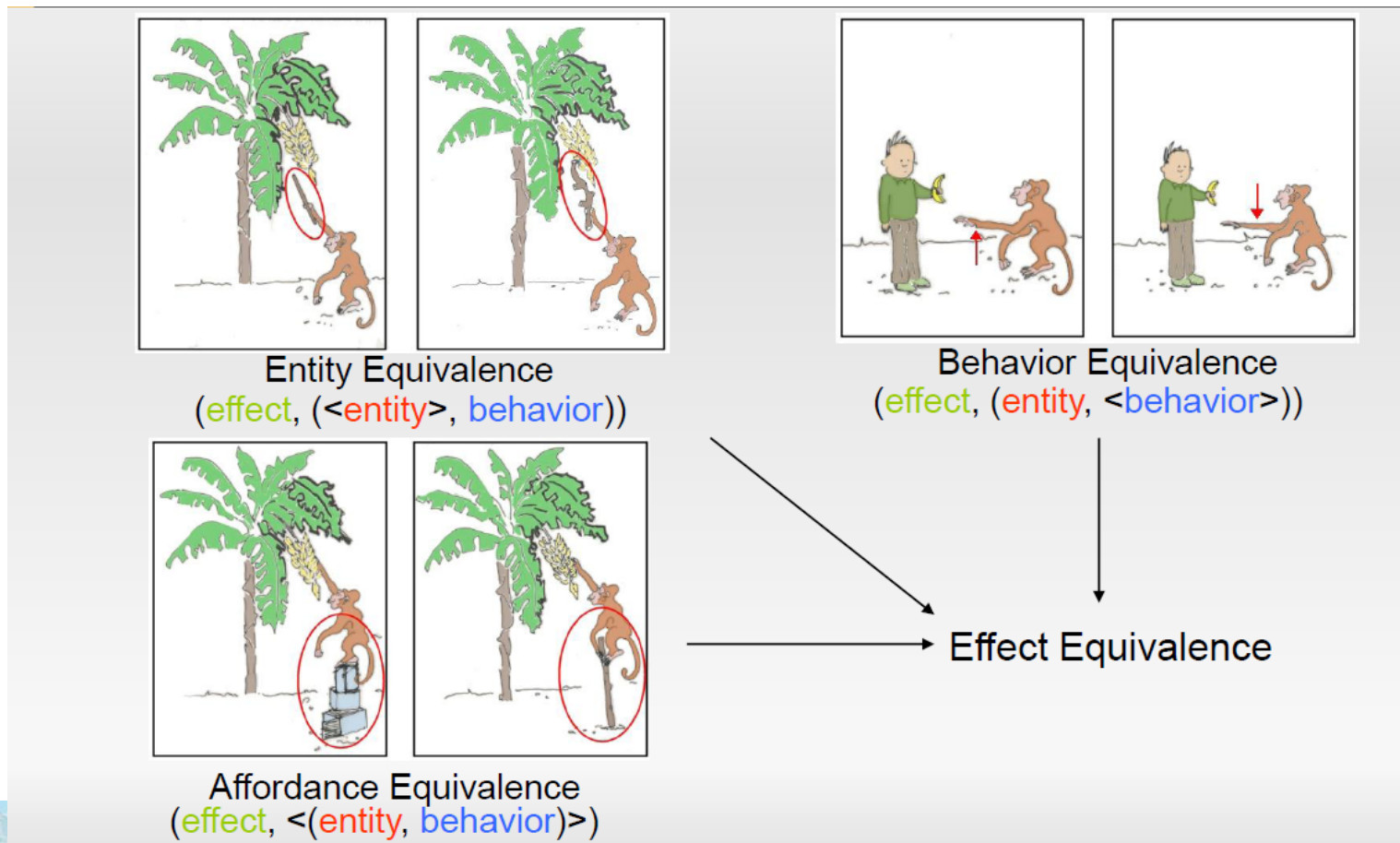
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# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [9/13]

- Strategy of Categorization : **Effect Equivalence**

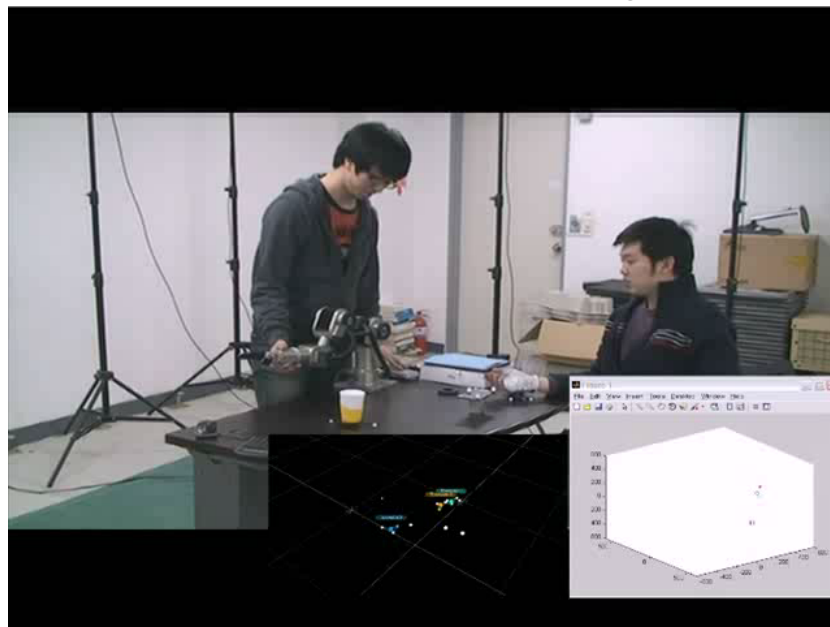


# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [10/13]

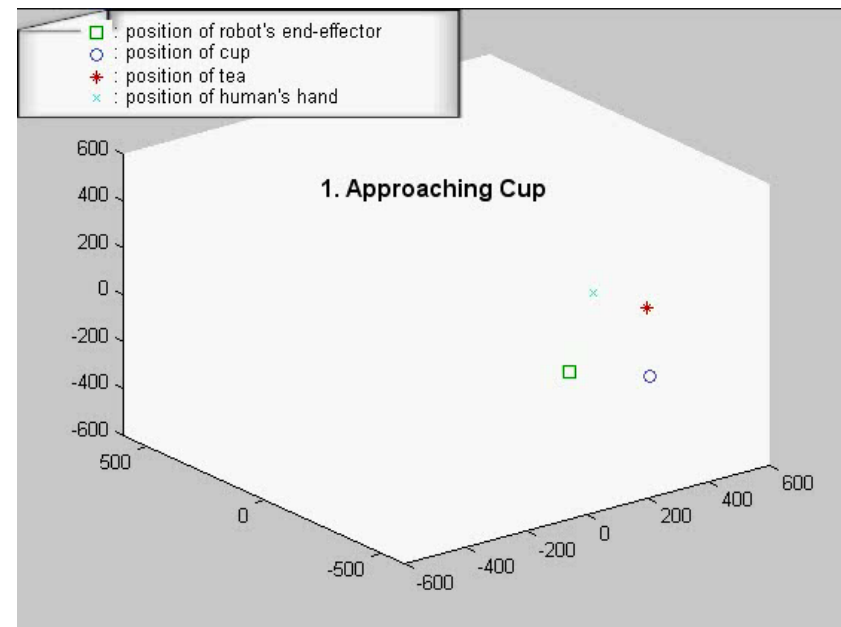
- Are there affordances or effect equivalence in the task of preparing Tea?

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# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [11/13]

- In Task of Preparing Tea : a naïve example

### Effect Equivalence using Symbolization of Effects

#### Using Feat

1. relative distan
  2. relative distan
- < x-axis, y-axis, z-axis >

pre

1. < -296.35 ,

2. < -15.58, 6

#### Symbolizat

1. < -296.35 ,  
entity: < -1 ,

2. < -15.58, 6  
entity: < -1, +

affordance # *i*

( index: pattern < +1, -1, -1 >

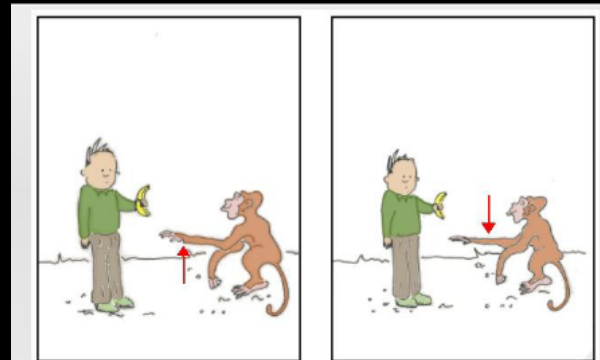
effect: pattern <+1, -1 -1 >

entity: pattern < -1, +1, +1 >, behavior: primitive #1 )

entity: pattern <-1, +1, +1 >, behavior: primitive #4 )

Categorization  
by Effect Equivalence

Grammaticalization  
for Planning



Behavior Equivalence  
(effect, (entity, <behavior>))

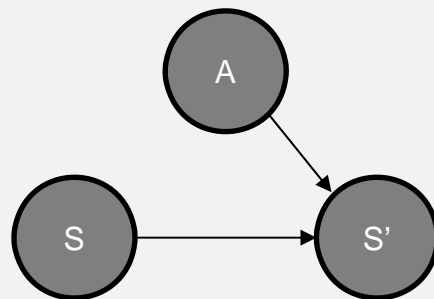
# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [12/13]

### Extending Affordance Representation for a Robot

affordance # i

( index: pattern  $\langle +1, -1, -1 \rangle$   
 effect: pattern  $\langle +1, -1 -1 \rangle$   
 entity: pattern  $\langle -1, +1, +1 \rangle$ , behavior: primitive #1 )  
 entity: pattern  $\langle -1, +1, +1 \rangle$ , behavior: primitive #4 )



[ Bayesian Network ]  
 : e.g., Naïve Bayes Classifier

### Probabilistic Representation using Real Values

(entity:  $\langle +1, -1, -1 \rangle$ , ( entity:  $\langle -1, +1, +1 \rangle$ , behavior: primitive #1 ) )  
 $\rightarrow \langle -296.35, 45.99, 143.2016 \rangle$ , primitive #1,  $\langle -2.26, 30.99, 1.75 \rangle$

(entity:  $\langle +1, -1, -1 \rangle$ , ( entity:  $\langle -1, +1, +1 \rangle$ , behavior: primitive #4 ) )  
 $\rightarrow \langle -15.58, 69.52, 81.08 \rangle$ , primitive #4,  $\langle -13.13, 55.07, 23.96 \rangle$



# Challenge

## : Grammaticalization of Primitives [13/13]

### Original Affordance Representation

*(effect, (entity, behavior) )*

( index: pattern < +1, -1, -1 >

effect: pattern <+1, -1 -1 >

entity: pattern < -1, +1, +1 >, behavior: primitive #1 )

entity: pattern <-1, +1, +1 >, behavior: primitive #4 )

### Extended Affordance Representation

*(effect, (entity, behavior ), BN)*

( index: pattern < +1, -1, -1 >

effect: pattern <+1, -1 -1 >

entity: pattern < -1, +1, +1 >, behavior: primitive #1, prob.\_model: BN #1 )

entity: pattern <-1, +1, +1 >, behavior: primitive #4, prob.\_model: BN #4 )



# APPENDIX II





# Object Action Complexes (OACs)

- **OACs** are proposed as a **universal representation enabling efficient planning and execution of purposeful action** at all levels of a cognitive architecture.
- **OACs** combine the **representational and computational efficiency for purposes of search** (the frame problem) of **STRIPS rules** and the **object- and situation-oriented concept of affordance** with the **logical clarity of the event calculus**.
- While **affordances** have mostly been analyzed in their purely **perceptual aspect**, the **OACs** concept defines them **more generally as state transition functions suited to prediction**.
- Such functions can be used for **efficient forward planning, learning, and execution of actions** represented simultaneously at multiple levels in an embodied agent architecture.
  - PACO+ proejct , FP6 (2006~2010), Xperience project ,FP7 (2011~2015)
  - **Objects and Actions are inseparably intertwined** in cognitive processing; that is “Object-Action Complexes” (OACs) are the building blocks of cognition.
  - **Cognition is based on reflective learning, contextualizing and then reinterpreting OACs to learn more abstract OACs**, through a grounded sensing and action cycle.
  - The core measure of **effectiveness** for all learned cognitive structures is: Do they **increase** situation **reproducibility** and/or **reduce** situational **uncertainty** in ways that allow the agent to achieve its goals?

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# XPERIENCE

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# Xperience: Problem and Approach

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- **State of the Art (developmental approach):** Exploration of the world allows acquiring grounded and robust cognitive representations. This is an “**outside-in**”, data-driven process.
- **Human cognitive ability:** We are able to also use **generative mechanisms** based on (e)Xperience for knowledge extension.
  - **Advantage:** This is an “**inside-out**”, model-driven process and much faster!

**Approach:** XPERIENCE will implement a **complete robot system combining developmental with generative mechanisms** for automating introspective, predictive, and interactive understanding of actions and dynamic situations.

# Structural Bootstrapping

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- The process of structural bootstrapping compares a newly observed entity to a model of experienced entities to understand the novel situation and predict consequences of actions.
- The concept is **taken from human language acquisition**
  - Example: Knowledge of “**Fill a bottle with water**”, allows you to infer the role of xxx as something that can be filled with water when hearing the sentence “**Fill the xxx with water**”.
- Xperience **transfers this concept** to the full spectrum of cognitive robotics problems.

# Examples for Structural Bootstrapping

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1. **Language domain:** Knowing the grammar of English and the category and meaning of the surrounding words in a sentence allows identification of the category and semantic type of an unknown word.
2. **Sensorimotor domain:** Knowing how to peel potatoes with a knife, significantly aids one in learning how to use a potato-peeler. A single demonstration enables understanding in terms of an existing theory of potato peeling, and makes the peeler available for generalization to other plans (other potatoes and other vegetables).

# Major Scientific Questions

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1. How to improve **exploration based knowledge acquisition** (“outside-in” stage)?
2. How to implement the **generative process** of structural bootstrapping (“inside-out” stage)?
3. How to combine these two mechanisms in a **dynamically stable process**?
4. How to **predict** other agents, leading to advanced abilities to **cooperate, interact and communicate**?
5. How to integrate a **complete embodied cognitive system**?

# OACs as representations in Xperience

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- **Object-Action Complex (OACs, pronounced “oaks”)**
  - **Grounded** abstractions of sensorimotor processes
  - Describes how an object is affected by an action
  - Can be **executed** to actually do it
  - Allows reasoning based on **experience**
  - Combines notions of
    - affordances (perception)
    - prediction (action, state transitions)
    - reasoning (~STRIPS)
- OACs as basis for symbolic representations of sensorimotor experience and behavior.

*Krüger et al. 2011. Object–Action Complexes: Grounded abstractions of sensory–motor processes, RAS, 59(10):740-757, 2011*

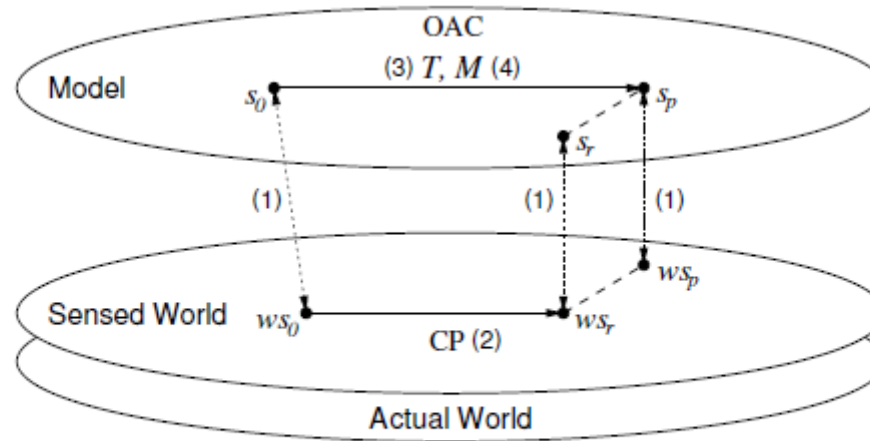


Figure 3: Graphical representation of the OAC learning problems: (1) Translation, (2) Control, (3) Prediction, and (4) Reliability.

$$(E, T, M) \quad (1)$$

where:

- $E$  is an identifier for an execution specification,
- $T : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$  is a prediction function defined on an attribute space  $\mathcal{S}$  encoding a model of how the world (and the agent) will change if the execution specification is executed, and
- $M$  is a statistical measure representing the success of the OAC in a window over the past.

$$\text{execute} : (E, T, M) \rightarrow (s_0, s_p, s_r), \quad (2)$$

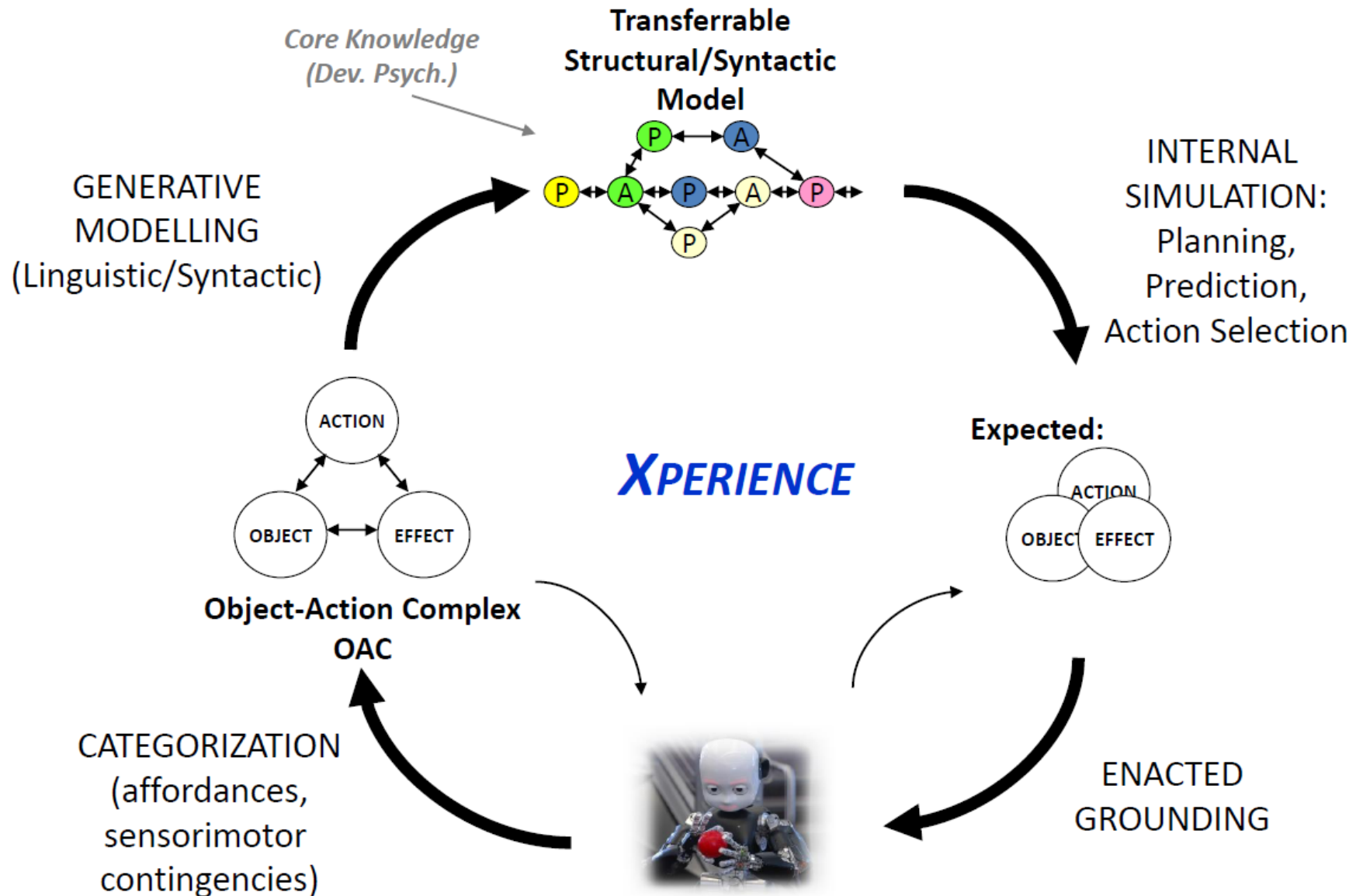
where:

- $s_0 \in \mathcal{S}$  is the state of the world before performing the OAC's execution specification,
- $s_p \in \mathcal{S}$  is the state of the world that  $T$  predicts will result from performing the OAC's execution specification in  $s_0$ , i.e.,  $s_p = T(s_0)$ , and
- $s_r \in \mathcal{S}$  is the observed state resulting from actually performing  $E$  in state  $s_0$ .

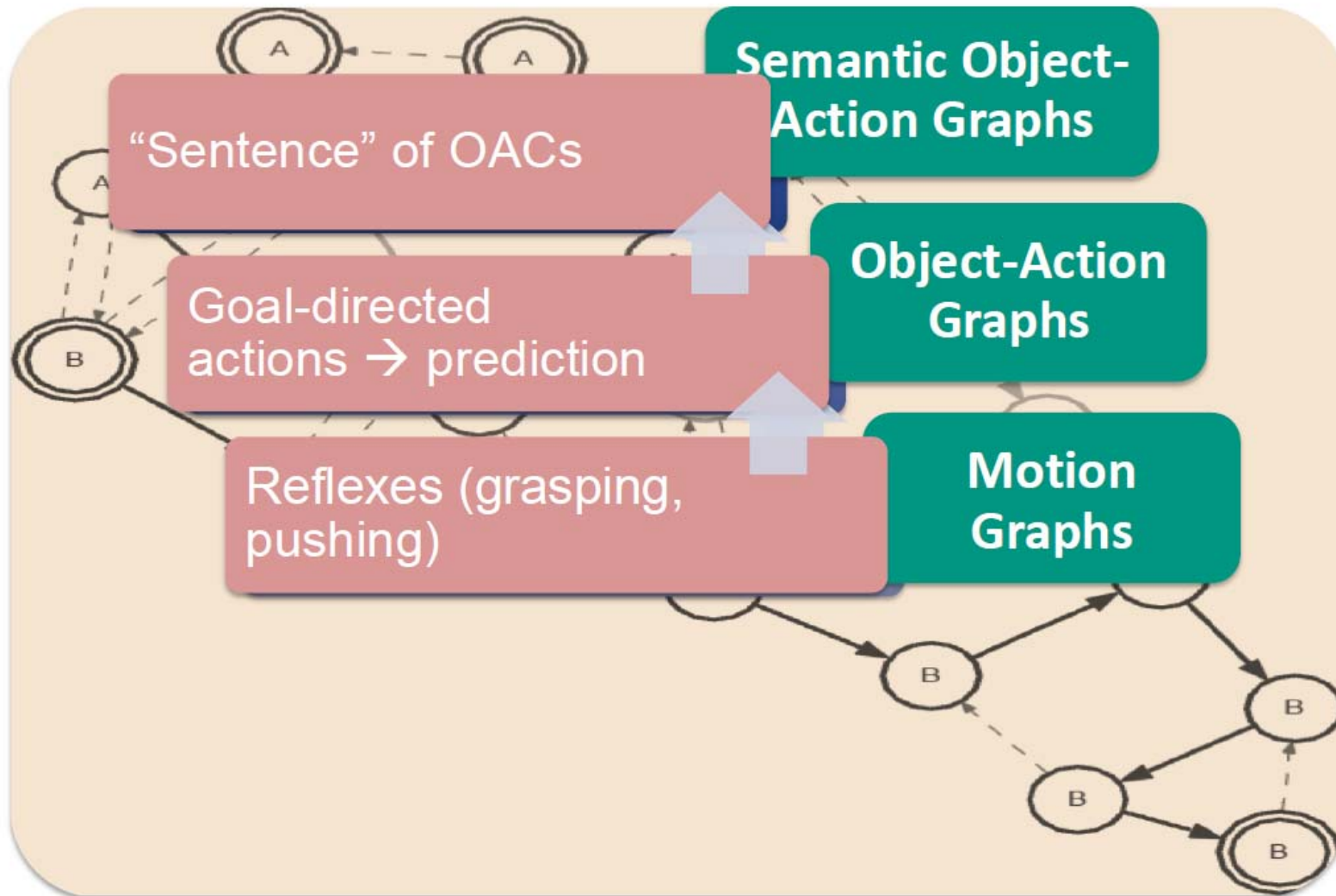




# The XPERIENCE Cognitive Architecture

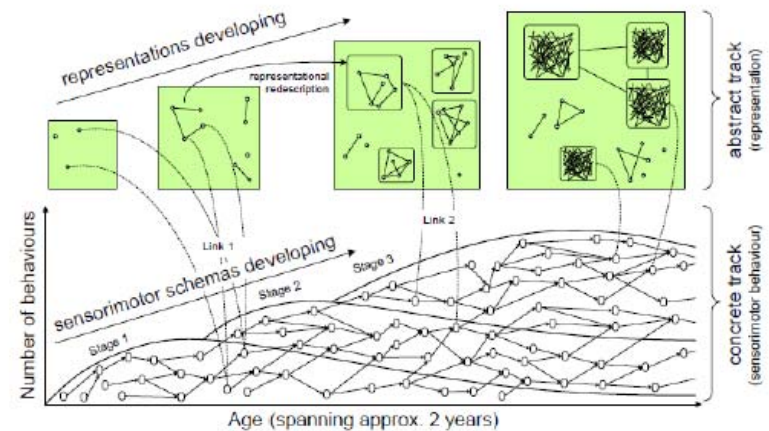
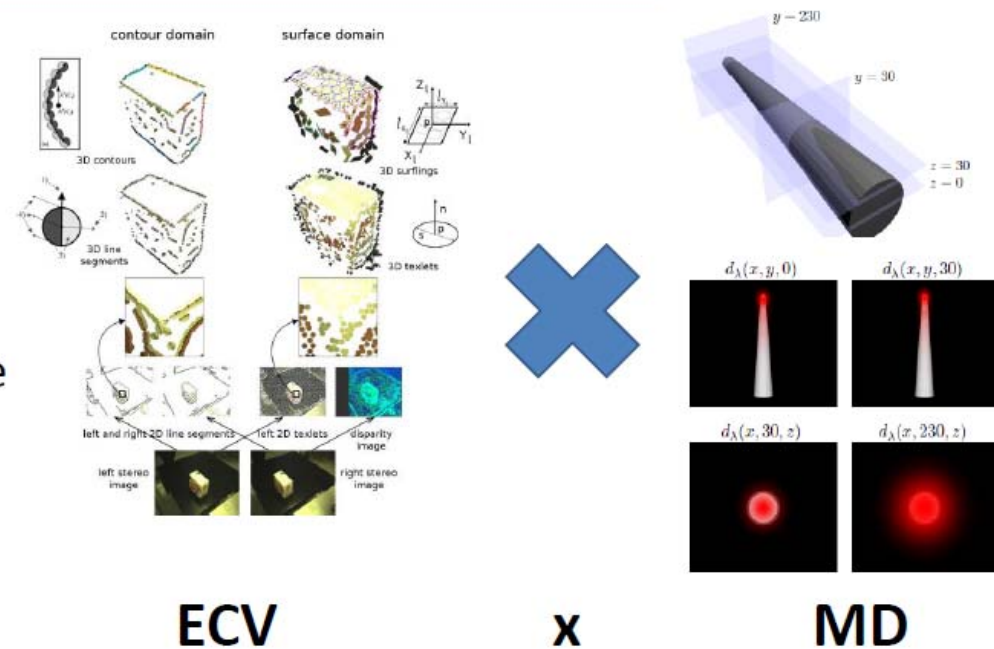


# OACs on all levels



# Learning hierarchical and probabilistic sensory-motor spaces: Early Cognitive Vision (ECV) x Probabilistic Grasp Functions (PMFs)

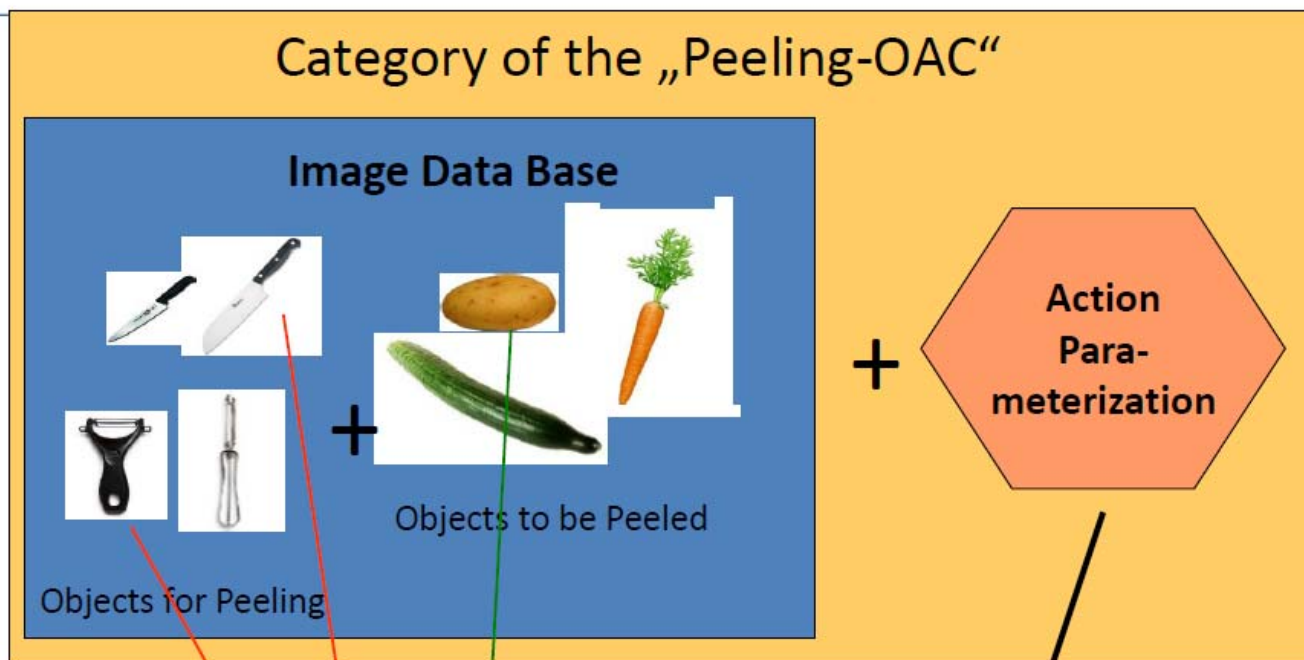
- ECV provides
  - a deep hierarchical, view point invariant, rich, explicit visual representation
- PMFs
  - provide a probabilistic, complete and structured action representation
- OACs
  - provide the required framework for generating, storing and utilizing sensory-motor data
- Structural bootstrapping on a sensory-motor level
  - searches in the cross space ECV x MD for relevant structures
  - to refine existing and create new OACs



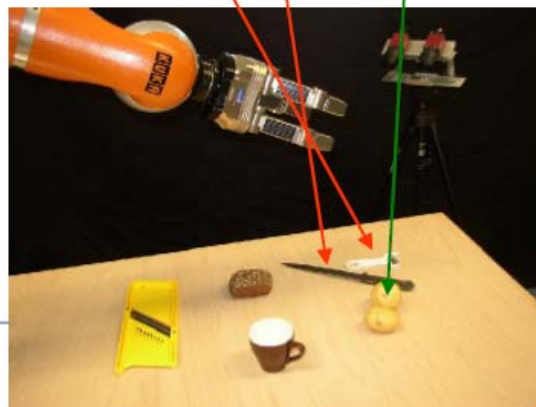
# Generalizing Objects by Analyzing Language (“GOAL”)

Different Example

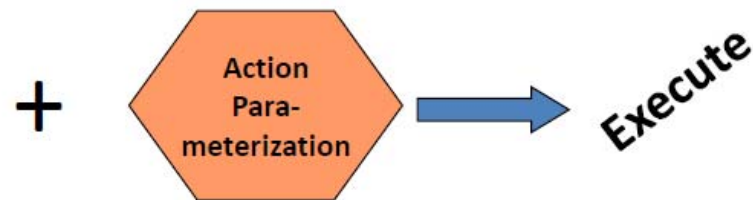
What can be peeled with what?



Search for these objects in the scene



Retrieve Action Parameterization



# Generalizing Objects by Analyzing Language (“GOAL”)

For Example asking the robot:

What can be cut with what?

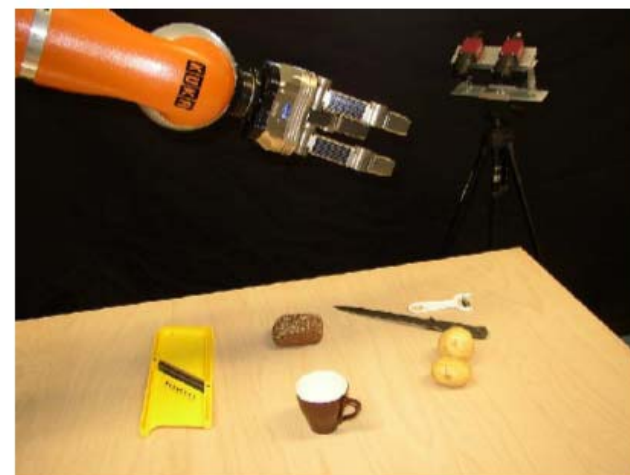
(without having seen any of the objects before!)

Algorithm: Generalize, starting with the sentence:

“Cut the salami with a knife”

use the Internet to **replace nouns** in this sentence and then **attach images** to the new nouns (again from the internet) .

Store a verb-labeled “**Picture Book**” of what can be cut with what.



**Things for Cutting & Things to Cut**

	i=1	2 ...	$m_k$	
k=1	Salami	Bread	...	Meat $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_{r_k, i}$
2	Knife	Peeler		
⋮	⋮	⋮		
	...			
n				

$X_v[\tilde{I}]$