

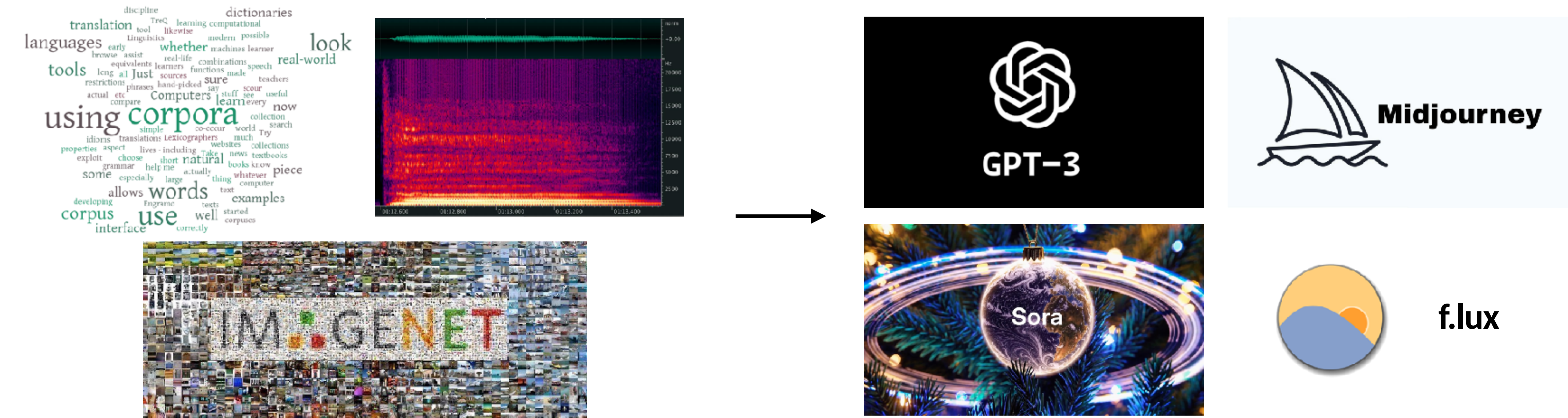
Temporal Distance-aware Transition Augmentation for Offline Model-based Reinforcement Learning

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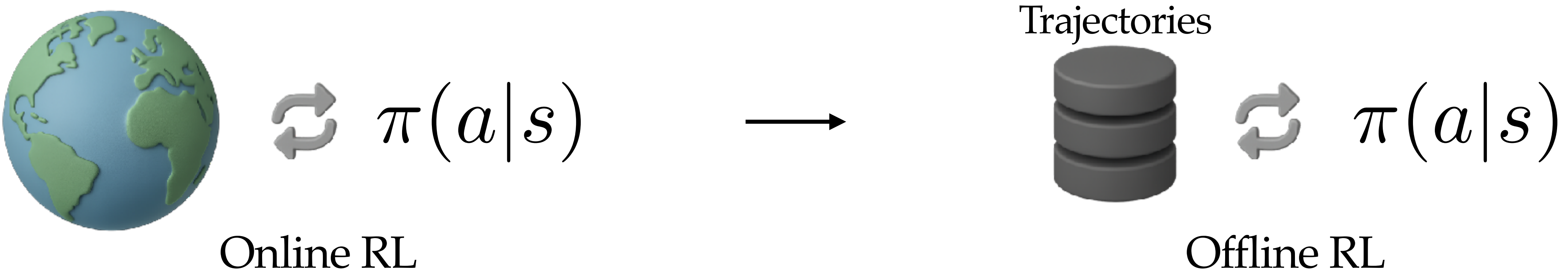
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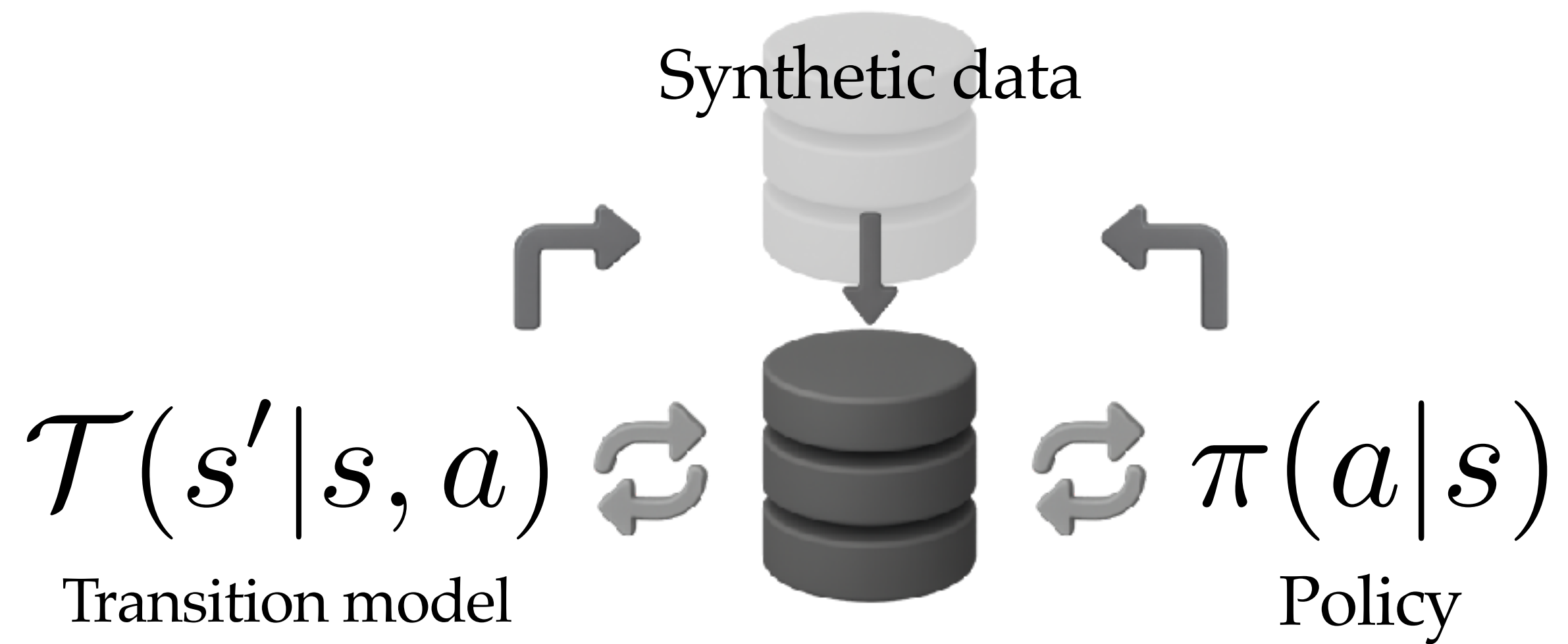
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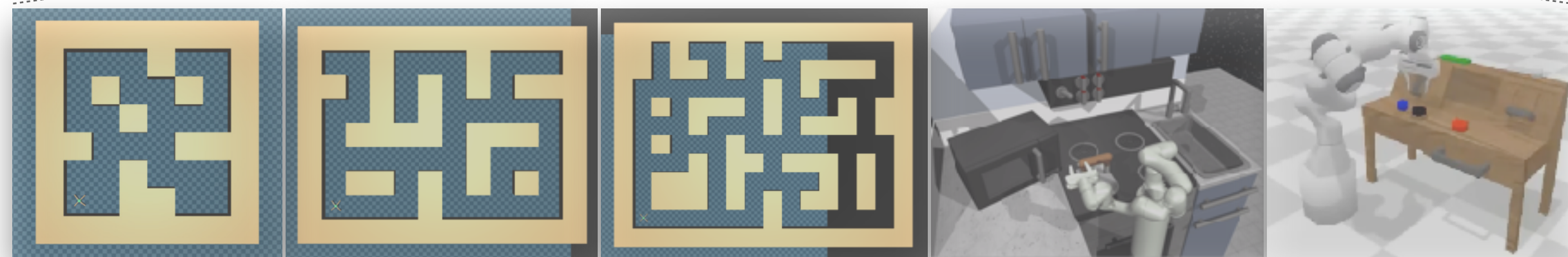
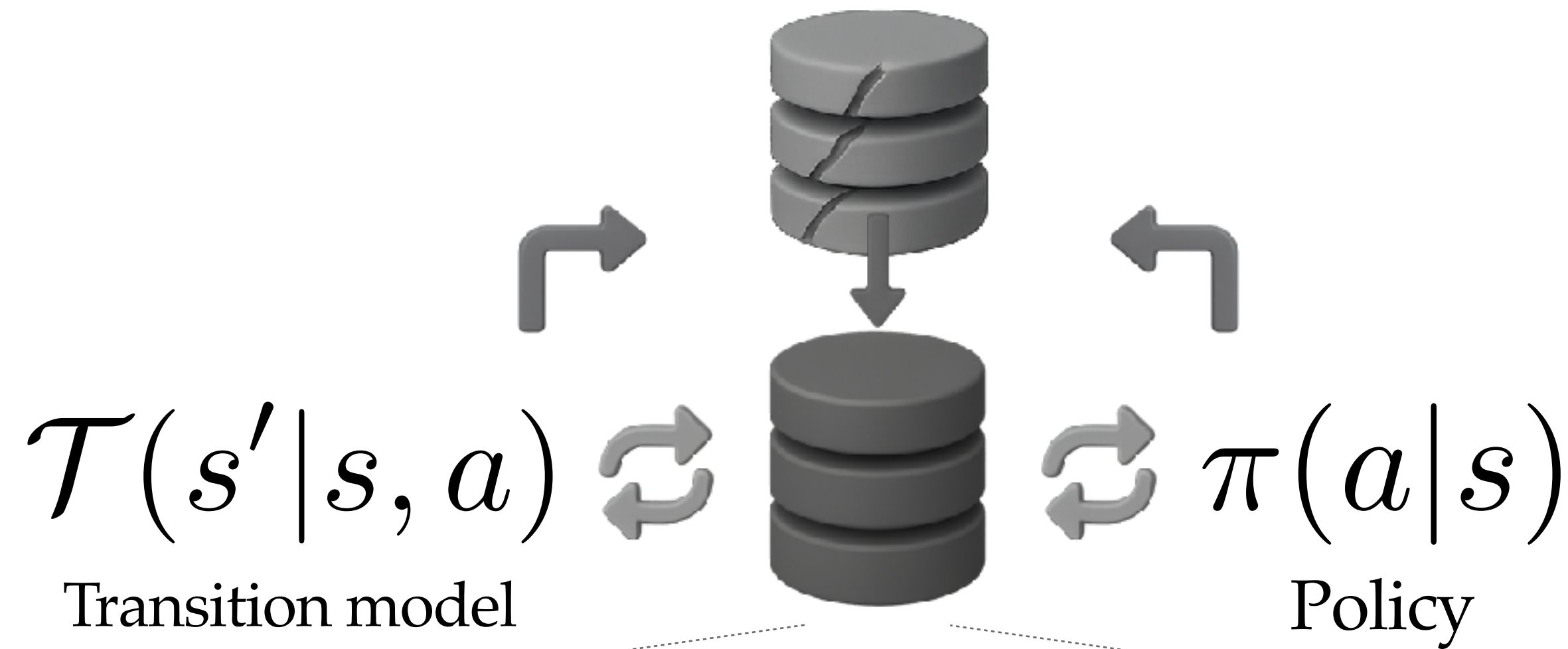
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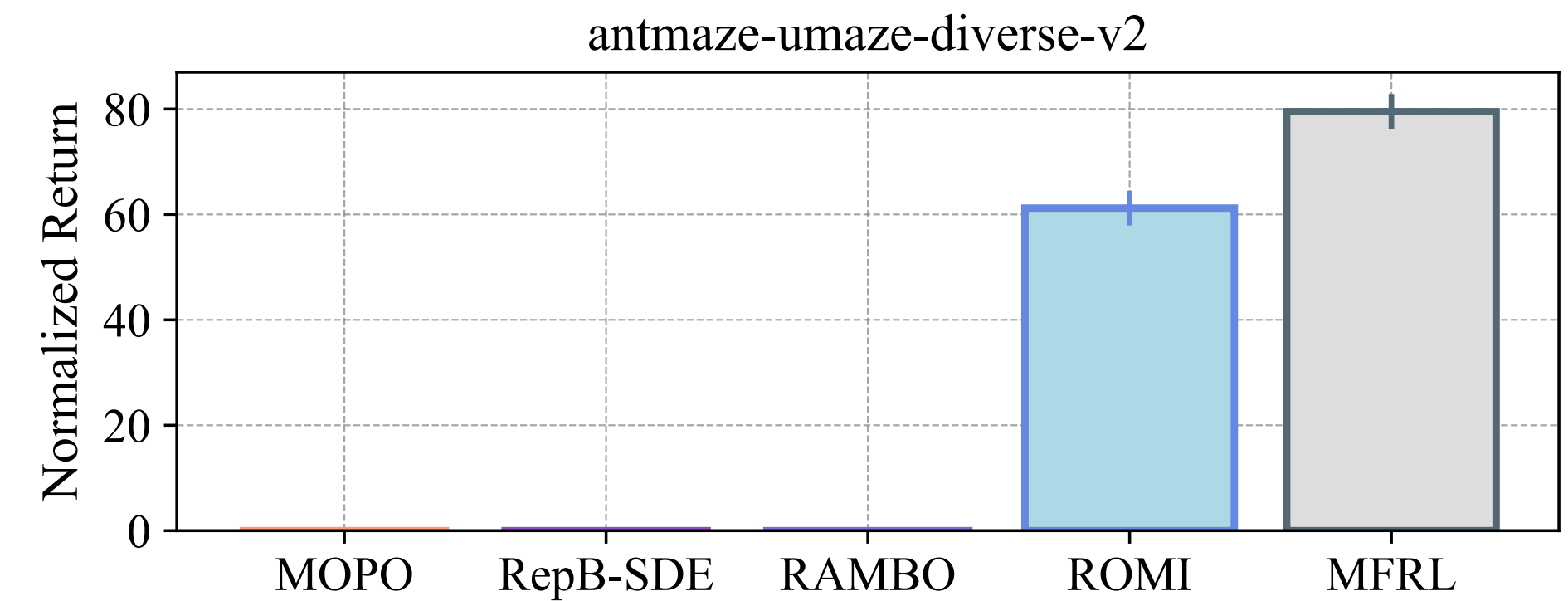
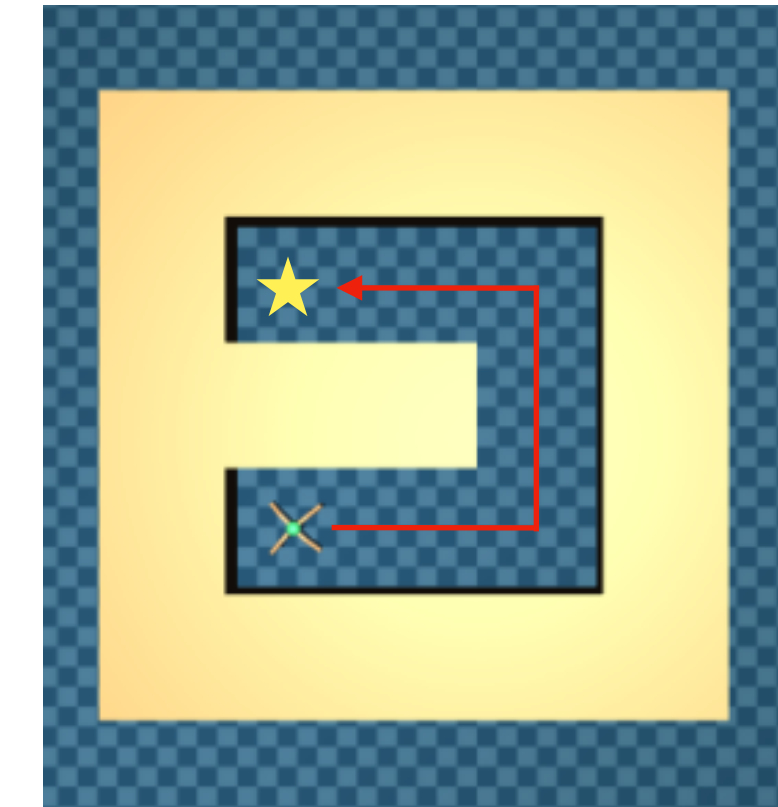
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However, in long-horizon sparse reward tasks...

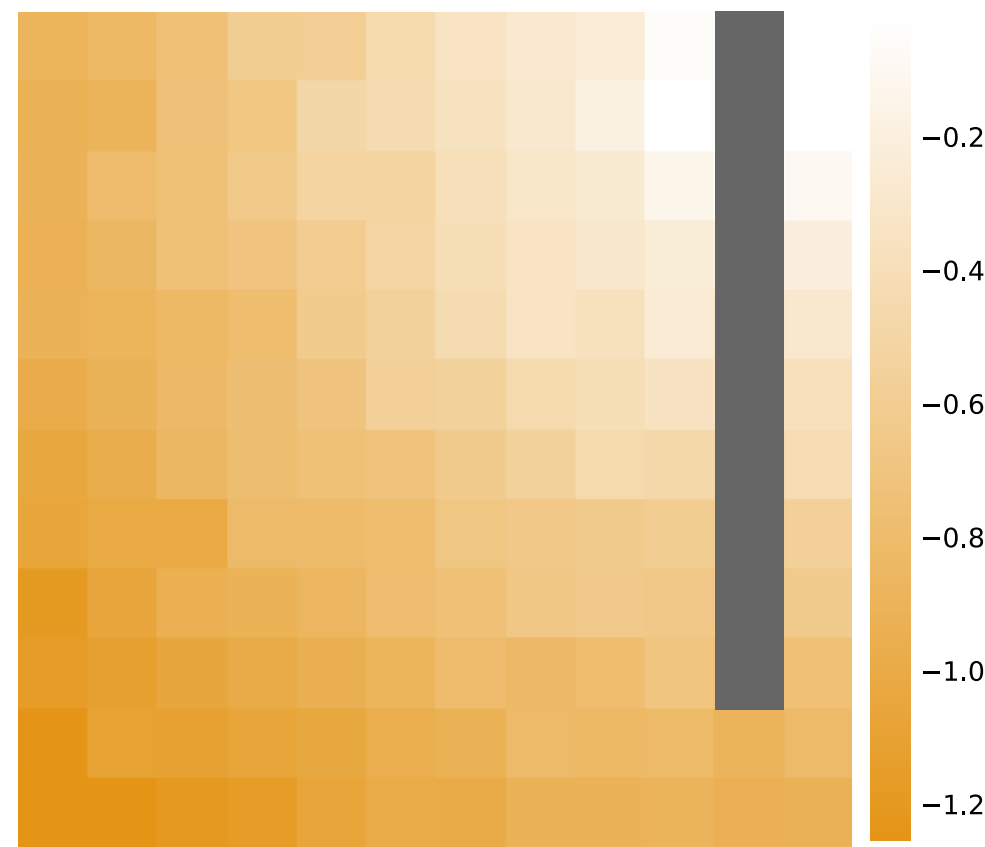
Unfaithful and useless synthesized dataset



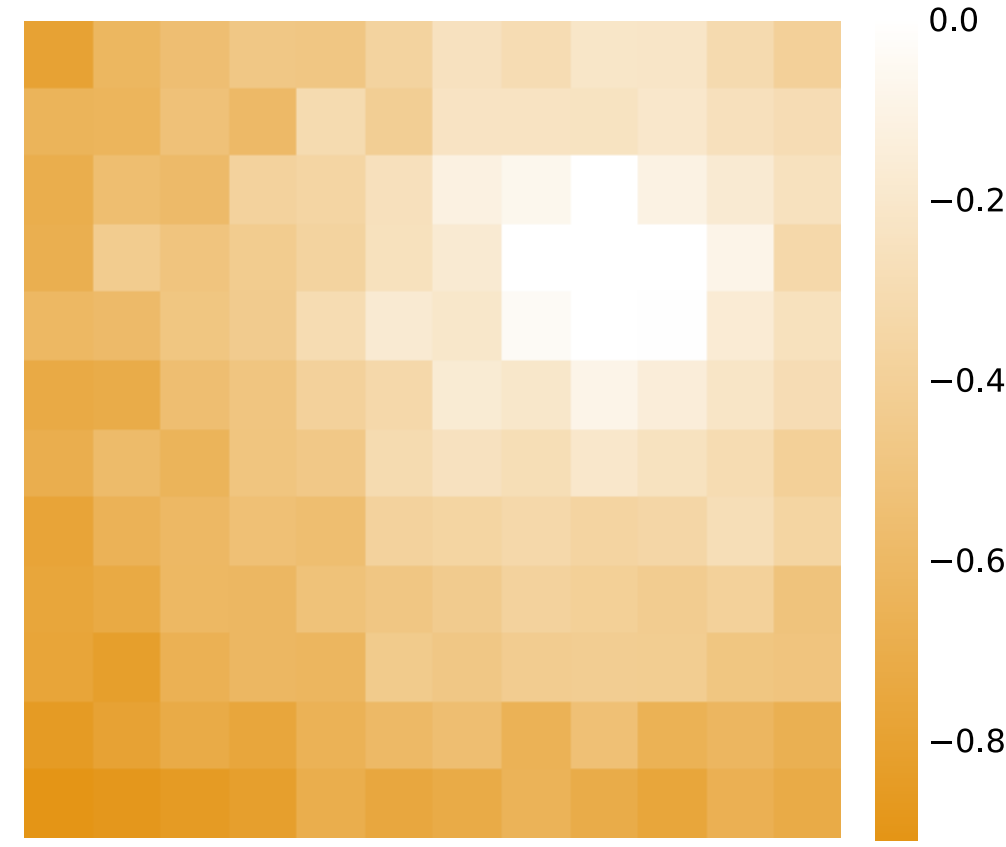
long-horizon sparse reward tasks



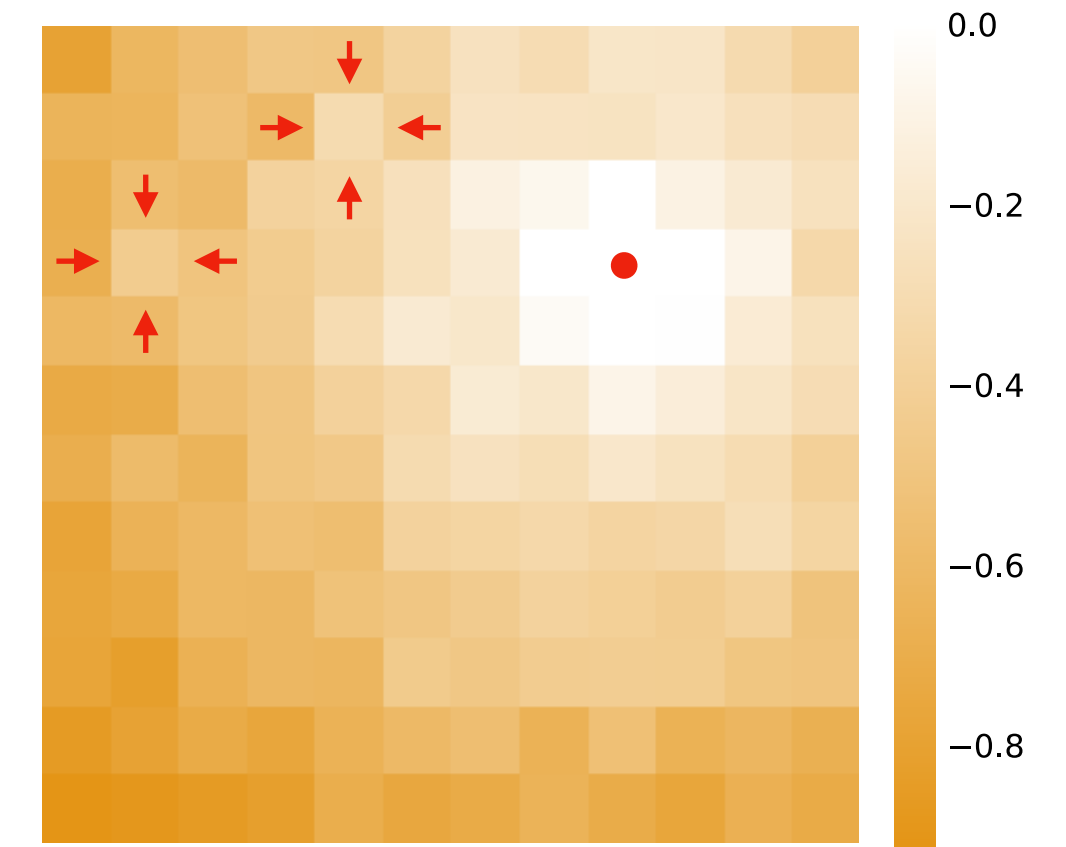
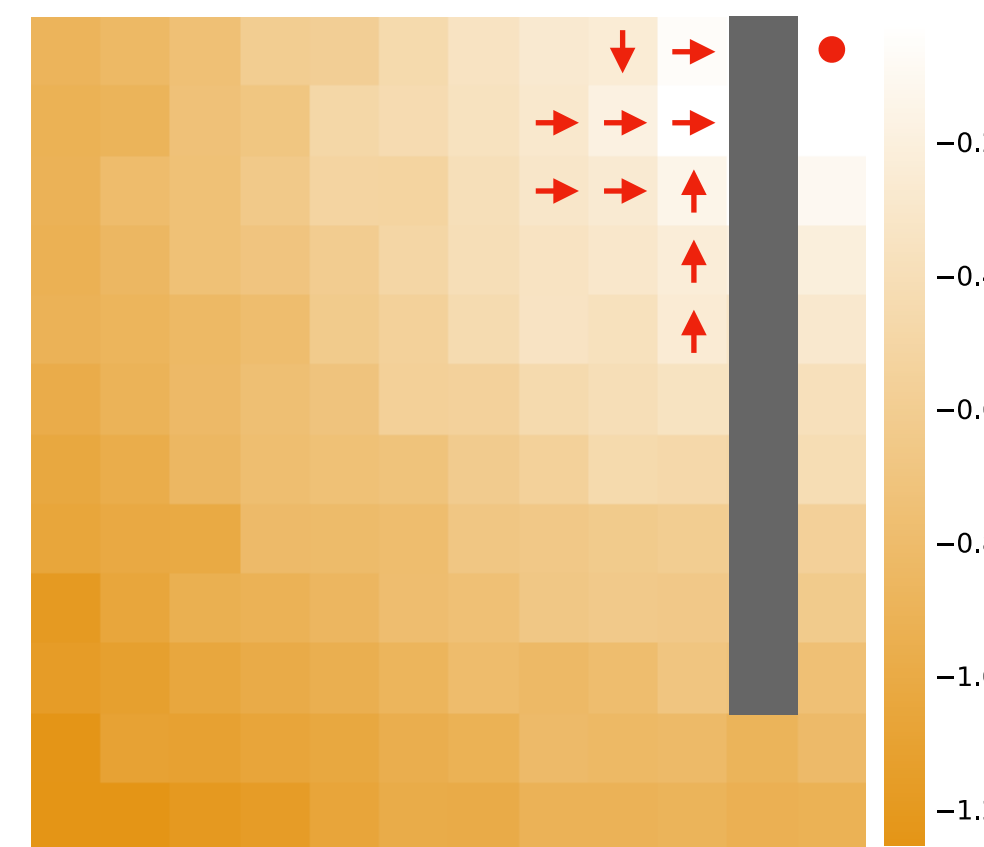
Why do prior offline MBRLs fail in such tasks?



Overgeneralization
on Euclidean space

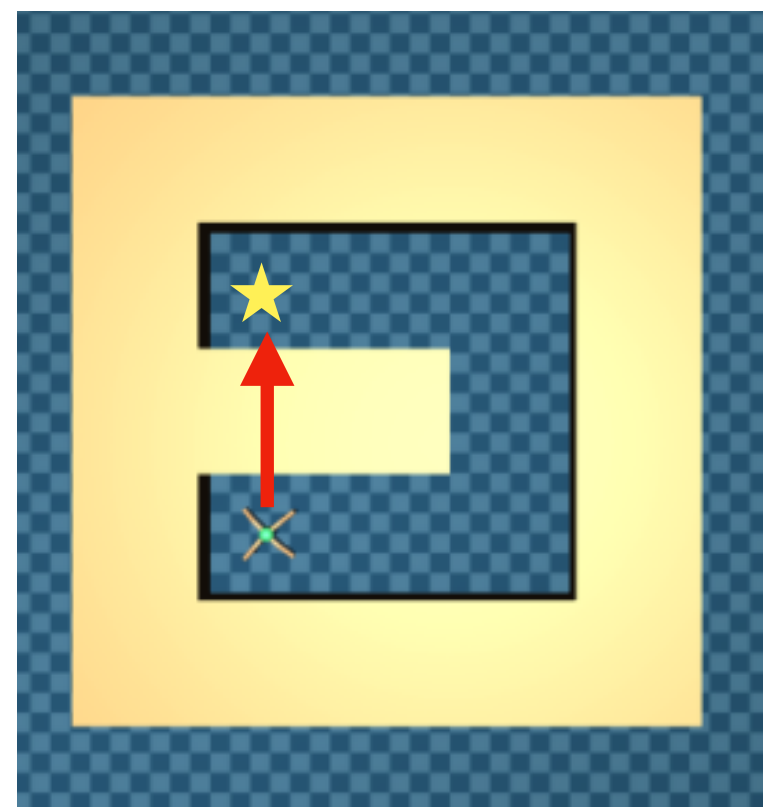


Noisy value function

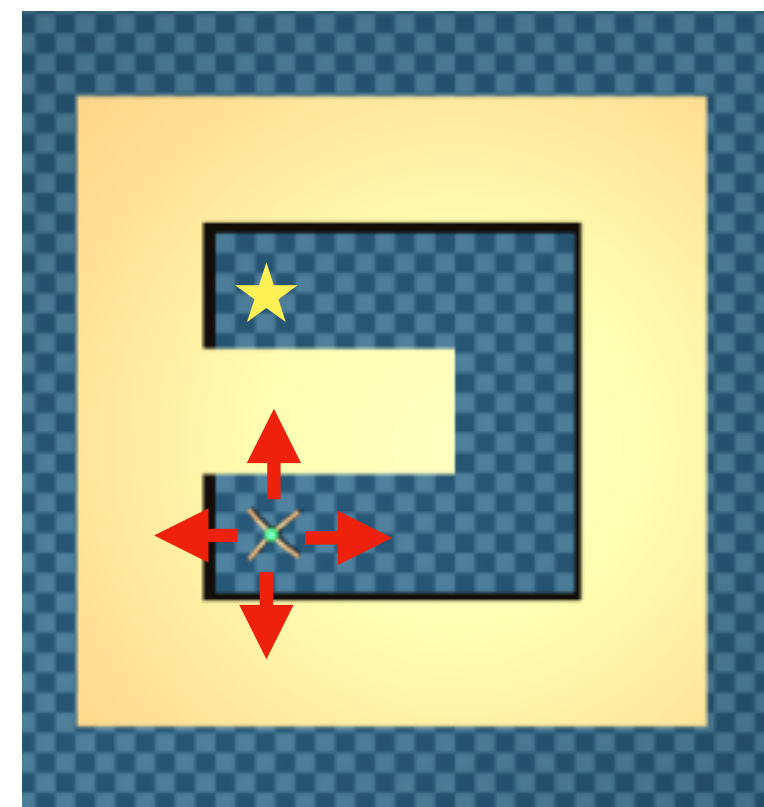


Unstable policy optimization

Rollout of **erroneous** policy in **Euclidean raw state space**



Out of reach



Purposeless



Synthesized transition data not only fails to eliminate OOD, but actually **makes the value function and policy worse**

Our solution: Temporal distance-aware state embedding

1. Building an autoencoder to encode raw state and decode latent state

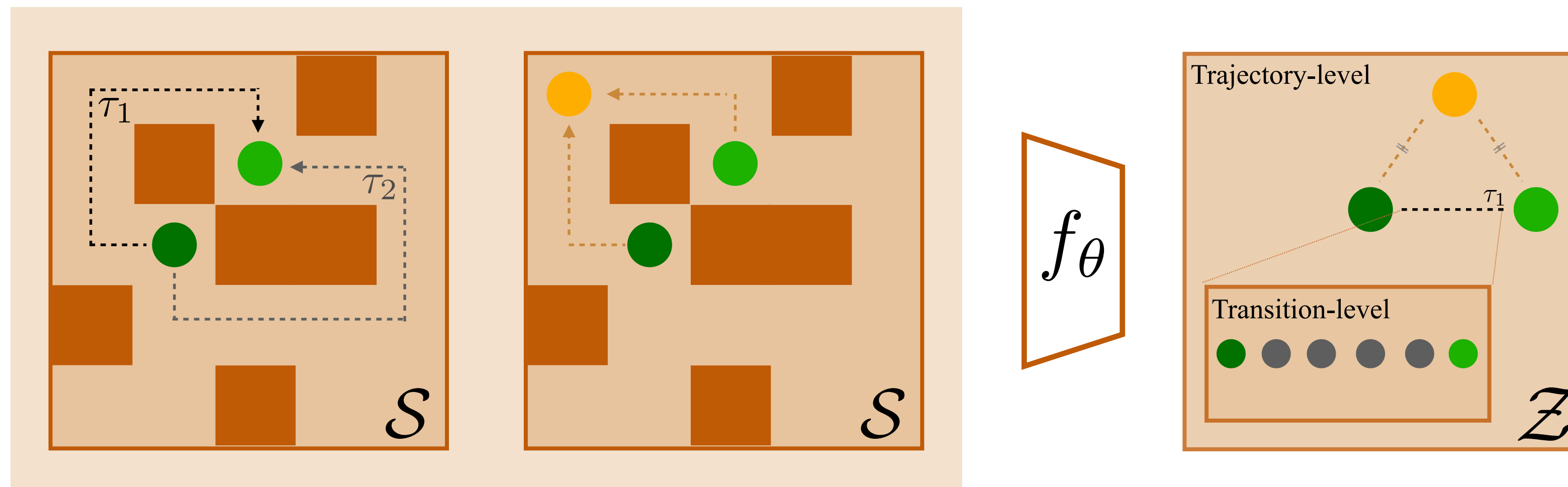
$$\mathcal{L}_{rec} = \arg \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{s \sim \mathcal{D}} \left[||s - h \circ f(s; \theta)|| \right]$$

2. Capturing a trajectory-level temporal distance (TD) between any two states

$$\mathcal{L}_{traj} = \mathbb{E}_{\substack{(s, s') \sim \mathcal{D} \\ s_{\text{goal}} \sim p_{\text{goal}}}} \left[L_2^{\tau} \left(\mathcal{B}d - d(f(s; \theta), f(s_{\text{goal}}; \theta)) \right) \right]$$

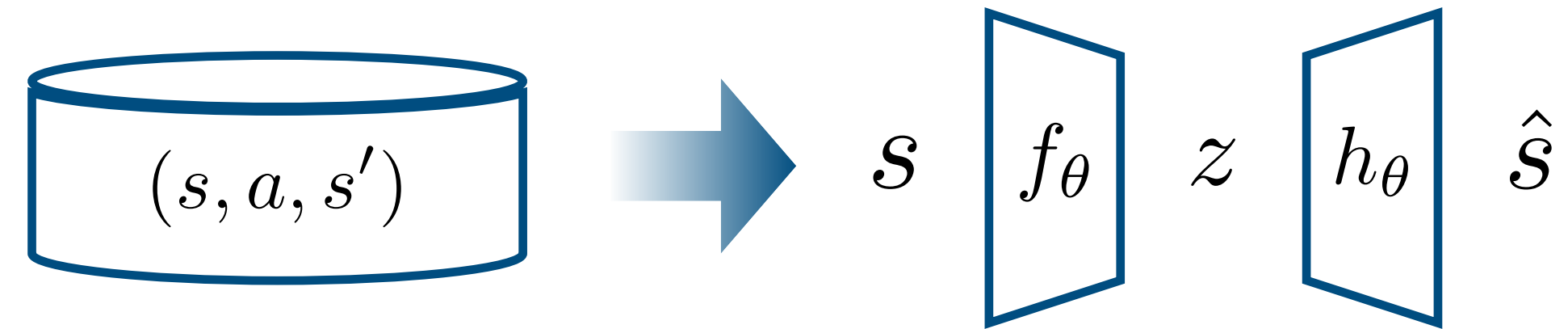
3. Capturing a transition-level temporal distance (TD)

$$\mathcal{L}_{tran} = \mathbb{E}_{(s, s') \sim \mathcal{D}} \left[L_2^{\tau=1} \left(d(f(s; \theta), f(s'; \theta)) - d_0 \right) \right]$$

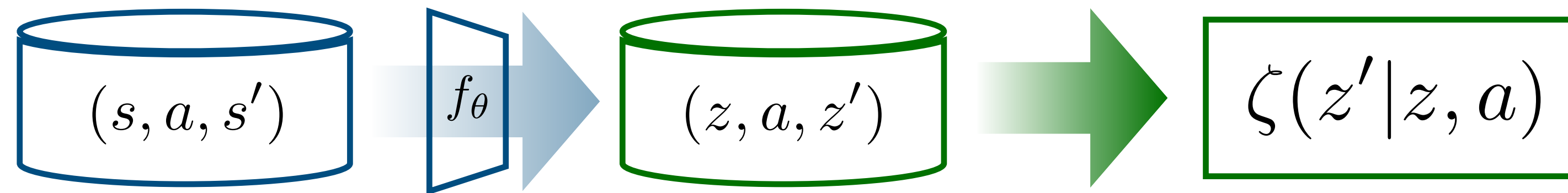


TempDATA: Temporal distance-aware transition augmentation

Step 1: Building temporal distance-aware autoencoder



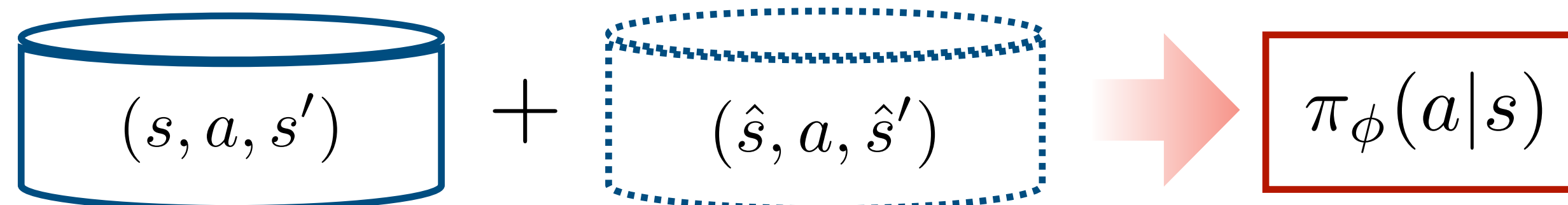
Step 2: Building latent dynamic model



Step 3: Rolling out synthesized transition



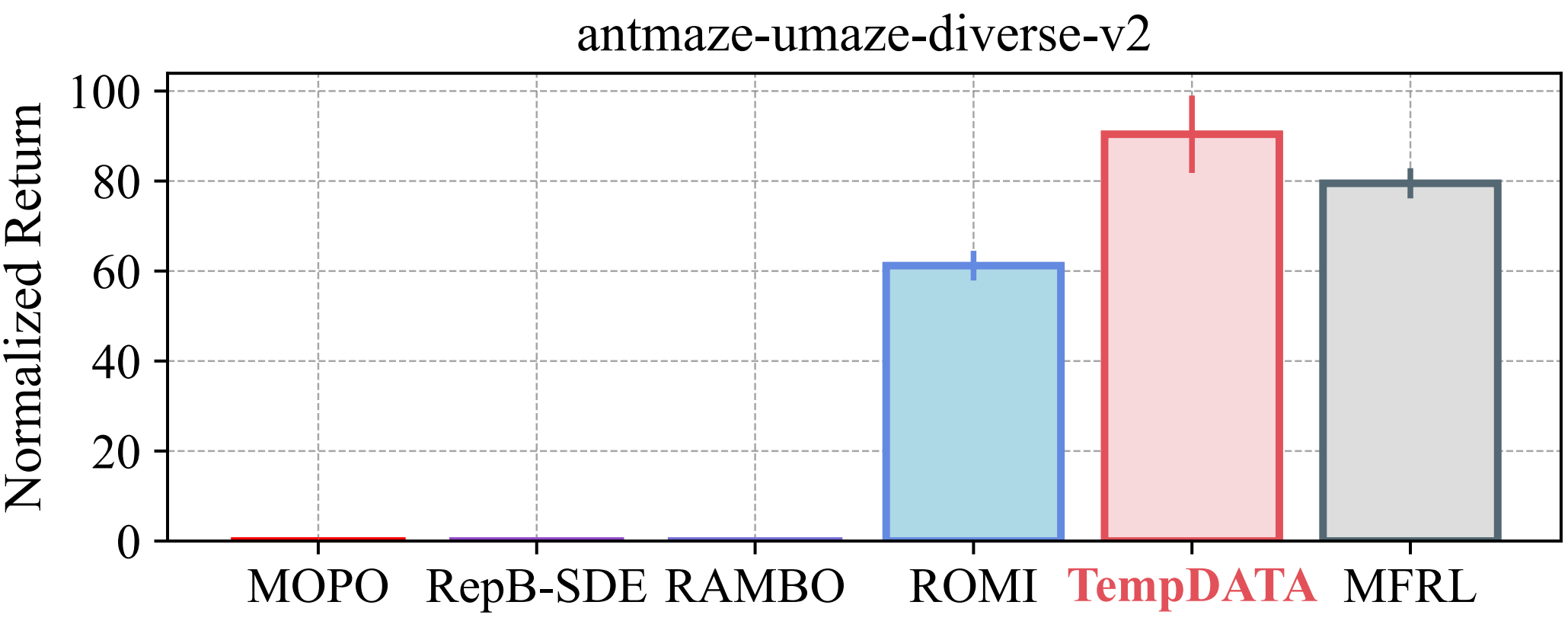
Step 4: Extracting policy through off-the-shelf offline RL



Closing remarks

- TempDATA** makes offline MBRL more practical in long-horizon sparse reward tasks
- Build a state abstraction capturing trajectory- and transition-level temporal distance
 - Roll out a synthesized transition in representation space, instead of raw state space

Our solution can be adopted in any type (MBRL and MFRL) and technique of RL (Skill RL, GCRL, RL)



AntMaze Dataset	TARL-based methods			MBRL-based methods					
	S4RL [†]	SynthER [†]	GTA [†]	MOPO [†]	RepB-SDE [†]	COMBO [†]	RAMBO [†]	ROMI [†]	Proposed
umaze	55.00±21.0	17.1±12.9	66.5±13.8	0.0	0.0	80.3±18.5	25.0±12.0	68.7±2.7	96.3±0.0
umaze-diverse	51.6±23.4	23.9±23.6	57.9±19.0	0.0	0.0	57.3±33.6	0.0	61.2±3.3	90.4±8.6
medium-play	80.9±10.4	41.0±41.2	81.9±8.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.4±17.9	35.3±1.3	74.8±8.3
medium-diverse	74.0±19.4	40.1±28.4	78.1±15.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.2±14.2	27.3±3.9	69.5±10.8
large-play	42.9±17.4	37.5±13.0	44.4±9.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.2±14.8	56.5±14.1
large-diverse	46.1±16.7	37.5±16.7	47.8±13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4±3.3	41.2±4.2	44.2±15.3
ultra-play	—	—	—	—	—	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	4.9±2.1	53.2±18.2
ultra-diverse	—	—	—	—	—	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	8.8±6.8	35.3±10.9
Total score w/o ultra	350.5	236.2	376.5	0.0	0.0	137.6	88.6	253.9	431.7
Total score	—	—	—	—	—	137.6	88.6	272.6	520.2

Project Website

