

# Active Interaction Between Robots and Humans for Automatic Curriculum Learning and Assistive Robotics

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# 1. Robot Coach for Rehabilitation



**Génération Robots**  
The European specialist for service robots

# 1. A robot Coach for Physical Rehabilitation



<http://keraal.enstb.org>



**Step 3 : straighten by inhaling, then lower the arm while exhaling**

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**LEARNING THE EXERCISE SPECIFICATIONS**  
Gaussian Mixture Model on Riemannian manifolds



**DEMONSTRATION**

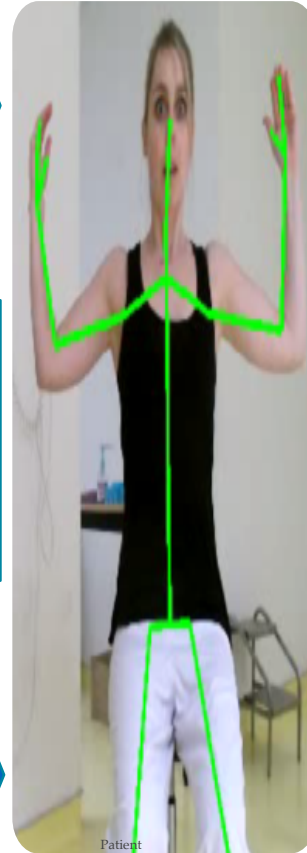
Gaussian Mixture Regression & Gaussian Process

**MOVEMENT ANALYSIS**

Body part & Temporal Likelihood estimation

**FEEDBACK**

Svm to classify errors



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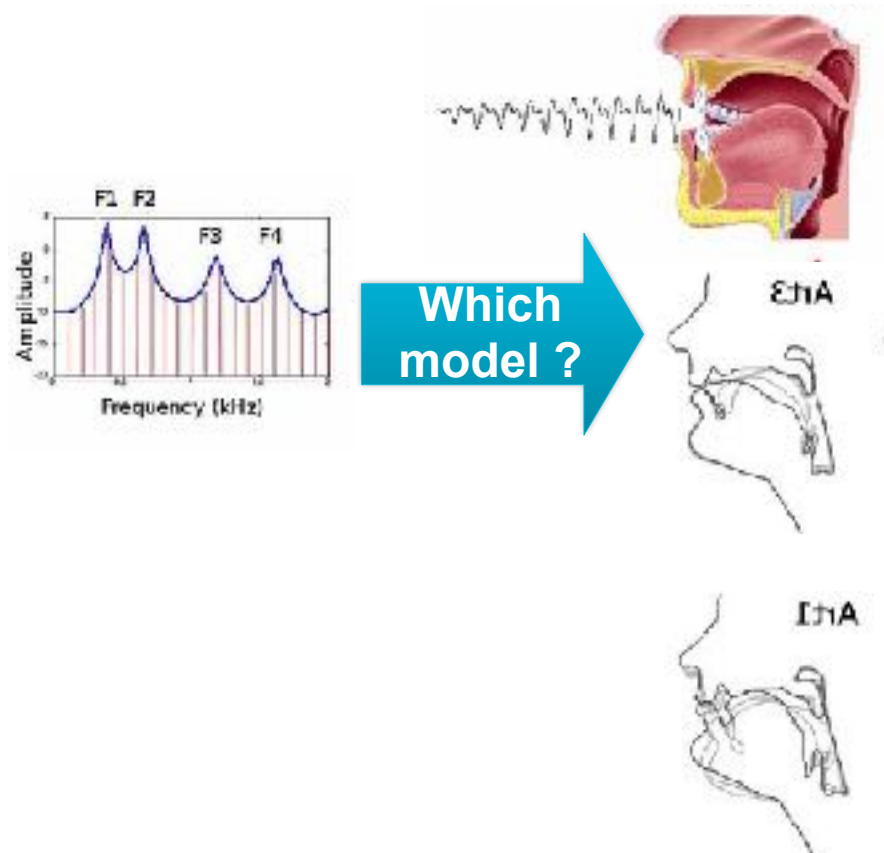
- Clinical trials:
  - 30 patients
  - 30 minutes/day
  - 3 weeks
- Results:
  - Medical evaluation: Non inferiority of the robotic coach
- Goal:
  - increase the time patients spend exercising
  - alleviate the lack of time a physiotherapist can spend monitoring a patient
  - reduce difficulties of transport to the rehabilitation center
- Proposition:
  - Embodied training companion to entice **motivation** through advice understandable by humans

## 2. Computational Model of Motivation

*Inria*

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### Infant development of vocalisation



Multi-task learning

Model to learn :  $G_{SM} : S \rightarrow M$   
Sound  $\mapsto$  Motor control of  
mouth, vocal tract, lungs

Goal-oriented exploration :  $G_{IM} : \text{history} \mapsto \text{Sound } s_g$

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**Algorithm 1 | Self-exploration with active goal babbling (stochastic SAGG-RIAC architecture).**

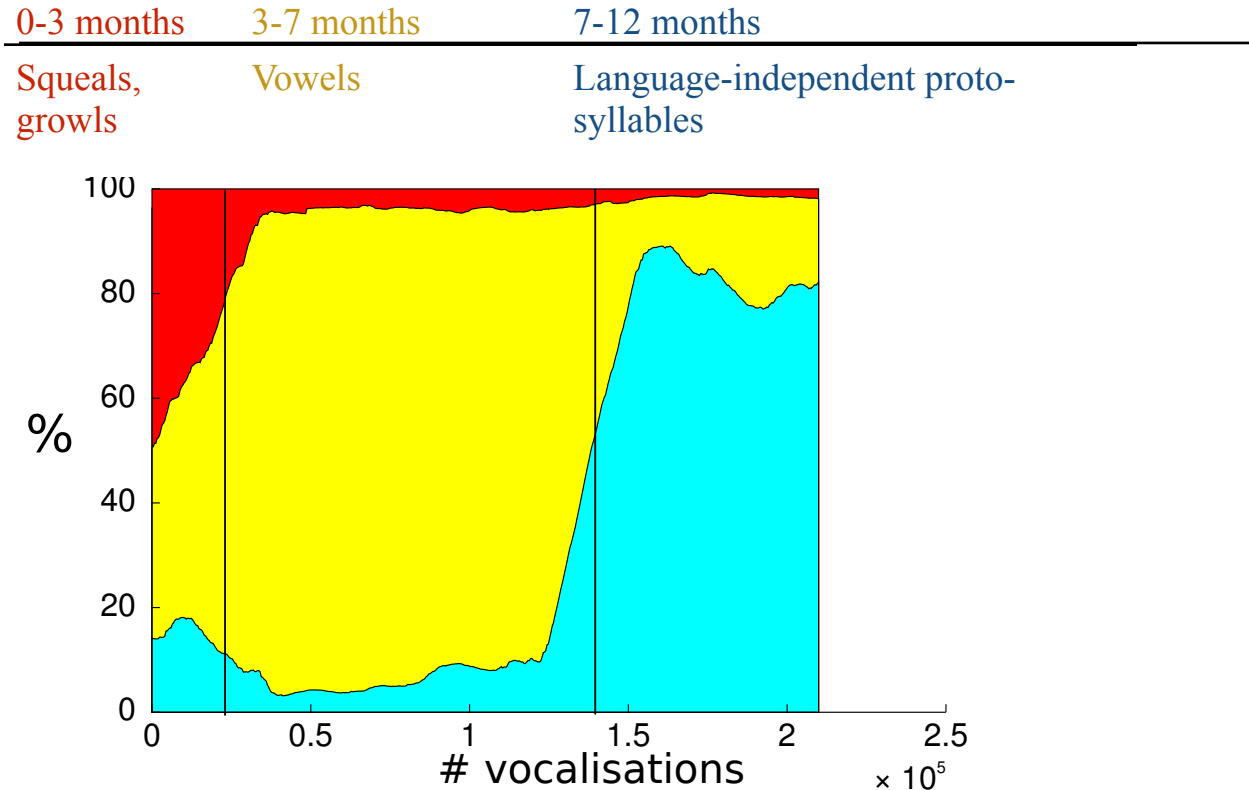
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- 1: initialise  $G_{SM}$  and  $G_{IM}$
- 2: **while** true **do**
- 3:      $s_g \sim G_{IM}(S)$
- 4:      $m \sim G_{SM}(M | s_g)$
- 5:      $s = f(m) + \epsilon$
- 6:      $c = \text{comp}(s_g, s)$
- 7:      $\text{update}(G_{SM}, (m, s))$
- 8:      $\text{update}(G_{IM}, (s_g, c))$
- 9: **end while**

*Moulin-Frier et al., 2014*

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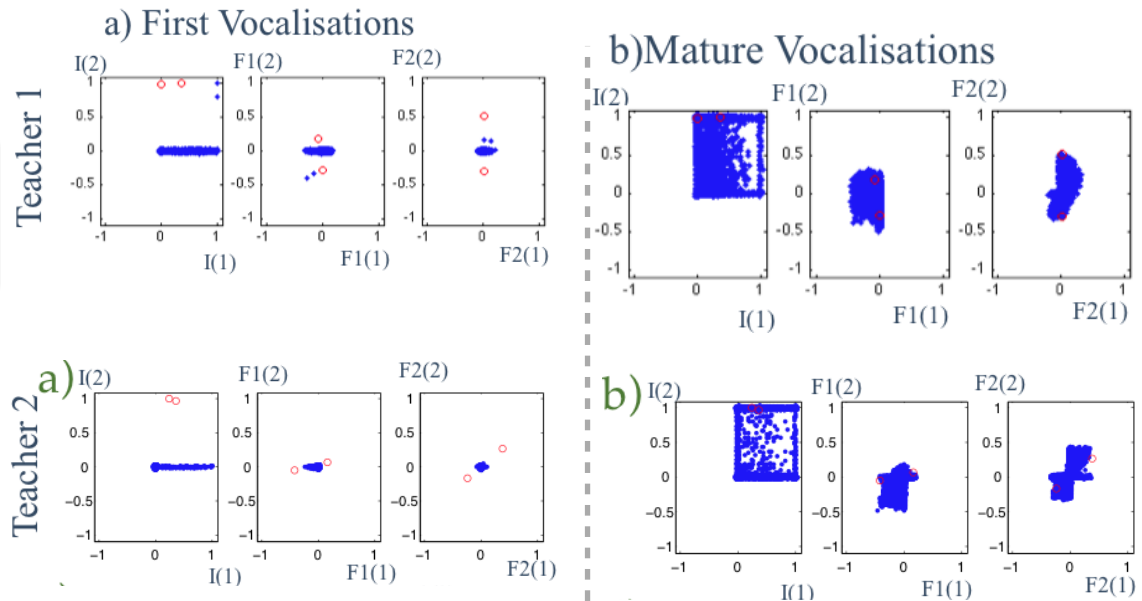
### With Social Guidance

**Algorithm 2 | Strategic active exploration (active goal babbling and imitation with stochastic SGIM-ACTS architecture).**

- 1: Initialize  $G_{SM}$  and  $G_{IM}$
- 2: **while** true **do**
- 3:  $(str, s_g) \sim G_{IM}(StrS)$
- 4: **if** ( $str = social\_guidance$ ) **then**
- 5:  $s_g \leftarrow$  random auditory demonstration from the ambient language
- 6: **end if**
- 7:  $m \sim G_{SM}(M | s_g)$
- 8:  $s = f(m) + \epsilon$
- 9:  $c = comp(s_g, s)$
- 10:  $update(G_{SM}, (m, s))$
- 11:  $update(G_{IM}, (str, s_g, c))$
- 12: **end while**

0-10 months  
Little influence

10 months ~  
Influence of the mother

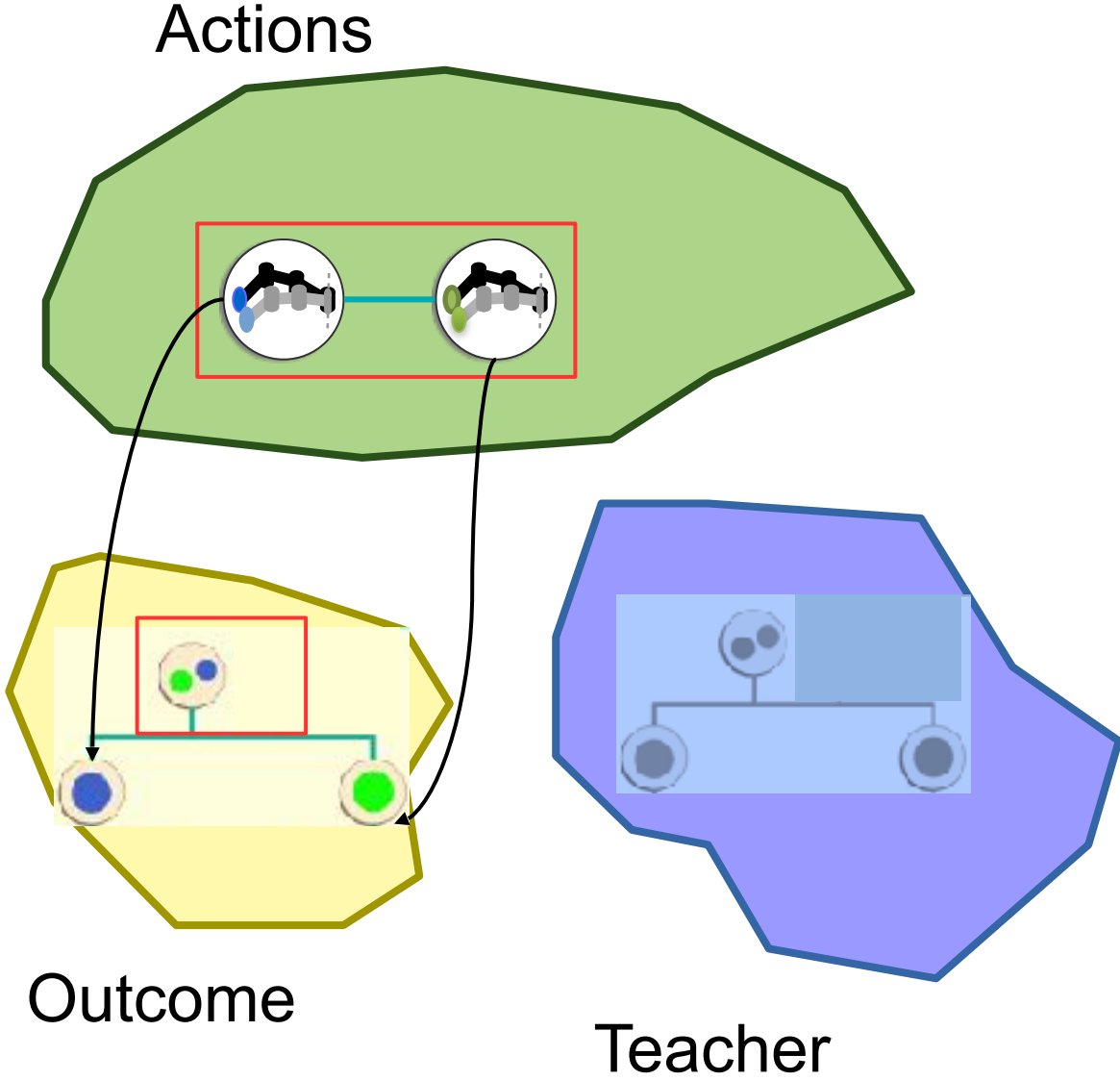


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# 3. Intrinsic Motivation for Hierarchical Learning



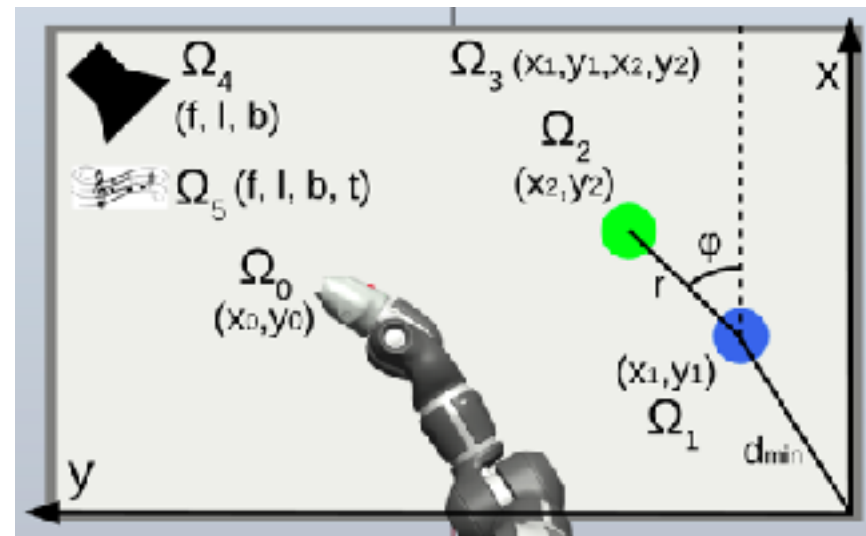
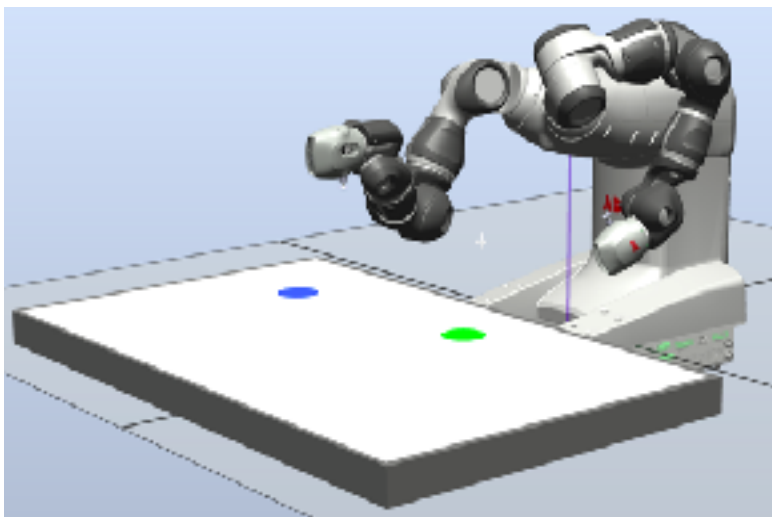
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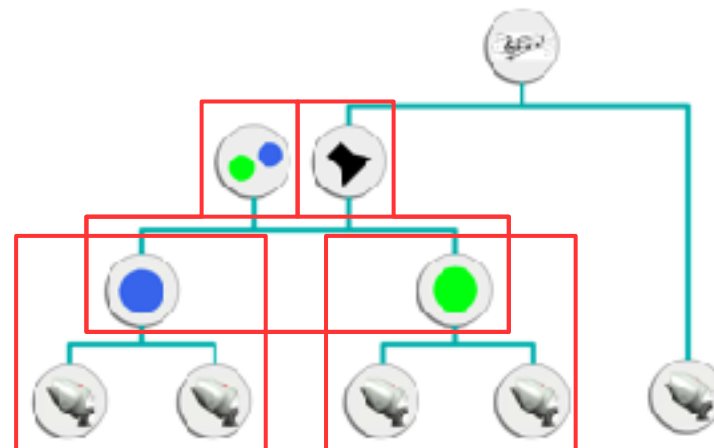
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## Experimental setup

Duminy et al, 2018



- 7 joints controlled by DMP
- 14 parameters primitives:  $(\mathbb{R}^{14})^N$
- Outcome space:  $\Omega = \cup_{i=0}^5 \Omega_i$



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#### Evaluation

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## Learning compound actions using task hierarchy

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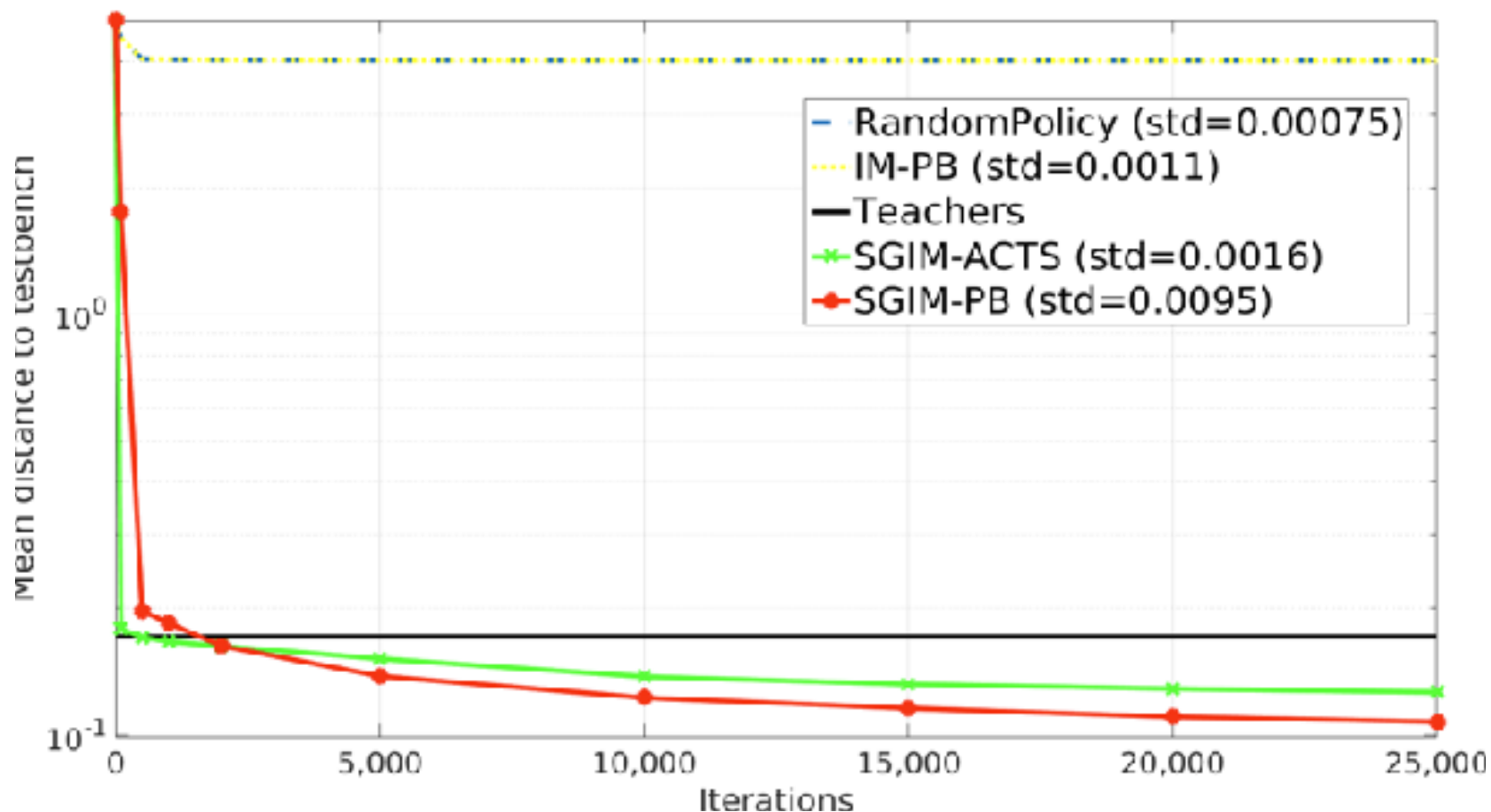
- Multi-task Learning : policies of different complexities
  - **Compound actions = sequences of primitive actions of adapted size**
- Discover and exploit the task hierarchy
  - **Task-oriented combination of skills**
- Automatic Curriculum Learning
  - **Goal Babbling**
  - **Active Imitation of several teachers**

**Socially-Guided Intrinsic Motivation with Procedure Babbling (SGIM-PB)**

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#### Results: Evaluation performance

*Duminy et al, 2018*



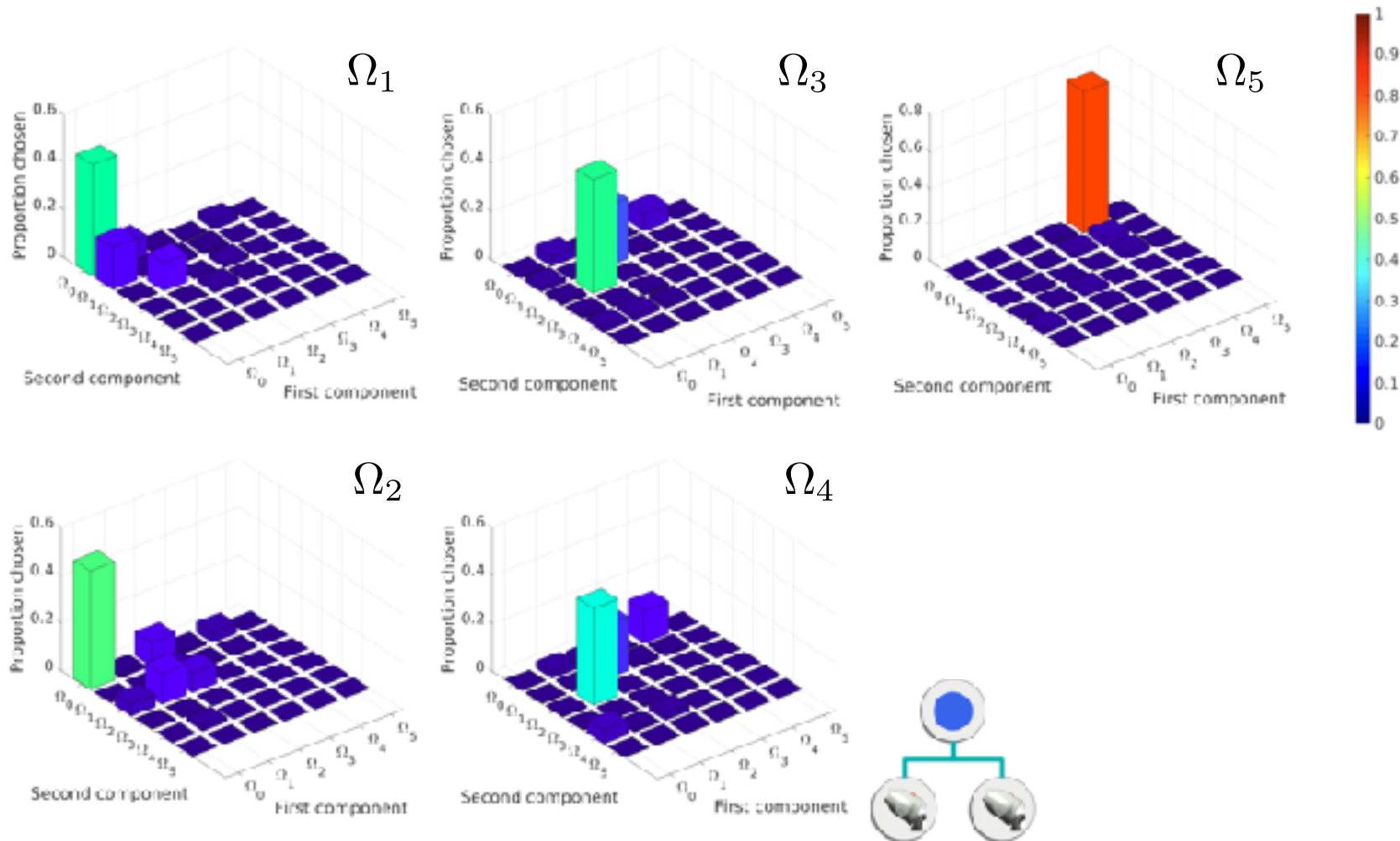
- Both learners with demonstrations outperform their teachers knowledge
- SGIM-PB outperforms SGIM-ACTS showing the potency of procedural teachers

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## Results: Procedures learned

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Which subgoals are associated to each task ?



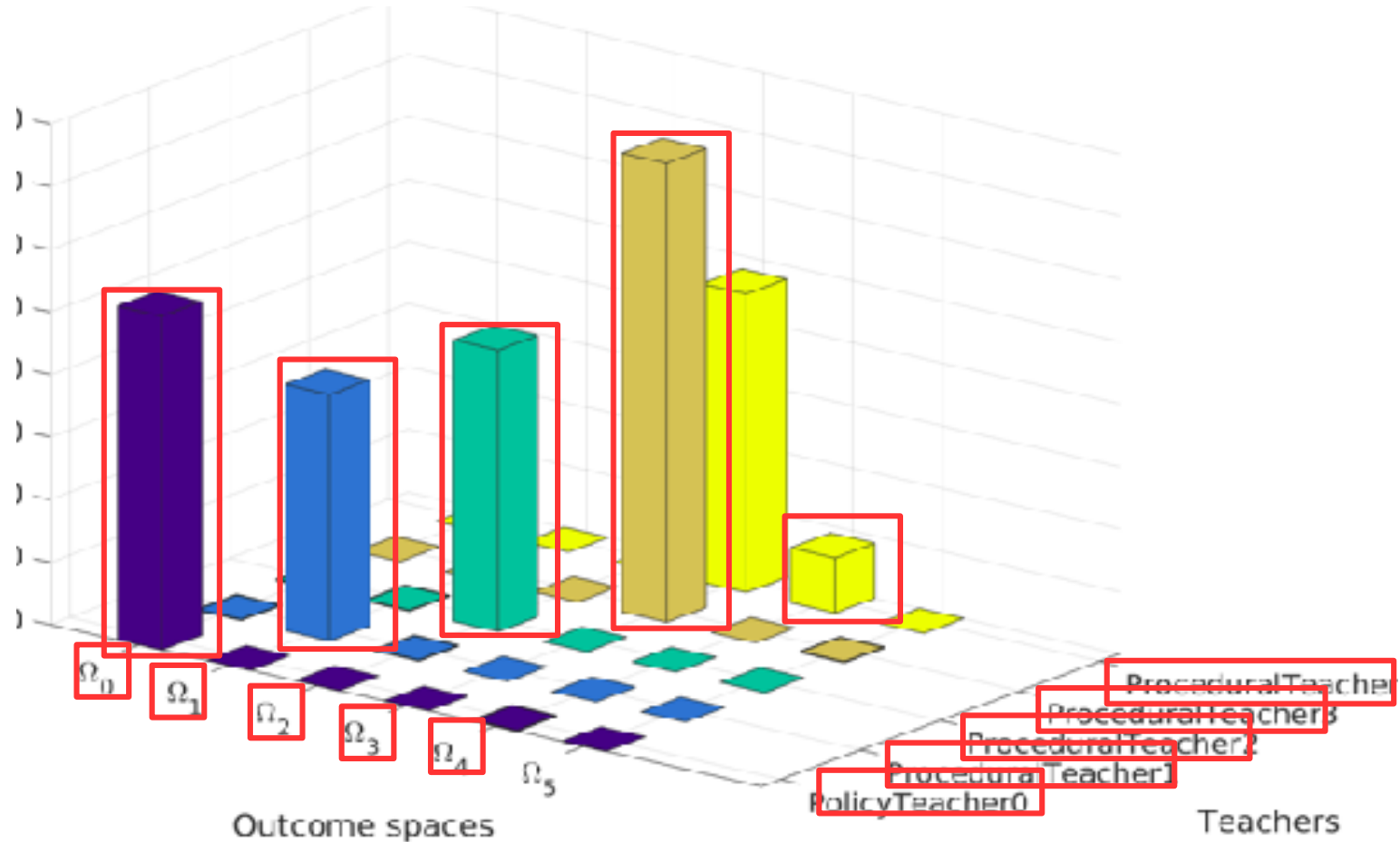
- SGIM-PB able to learn the task hierarchy
- Even without teacher to help it for



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- Results: Strategic choices

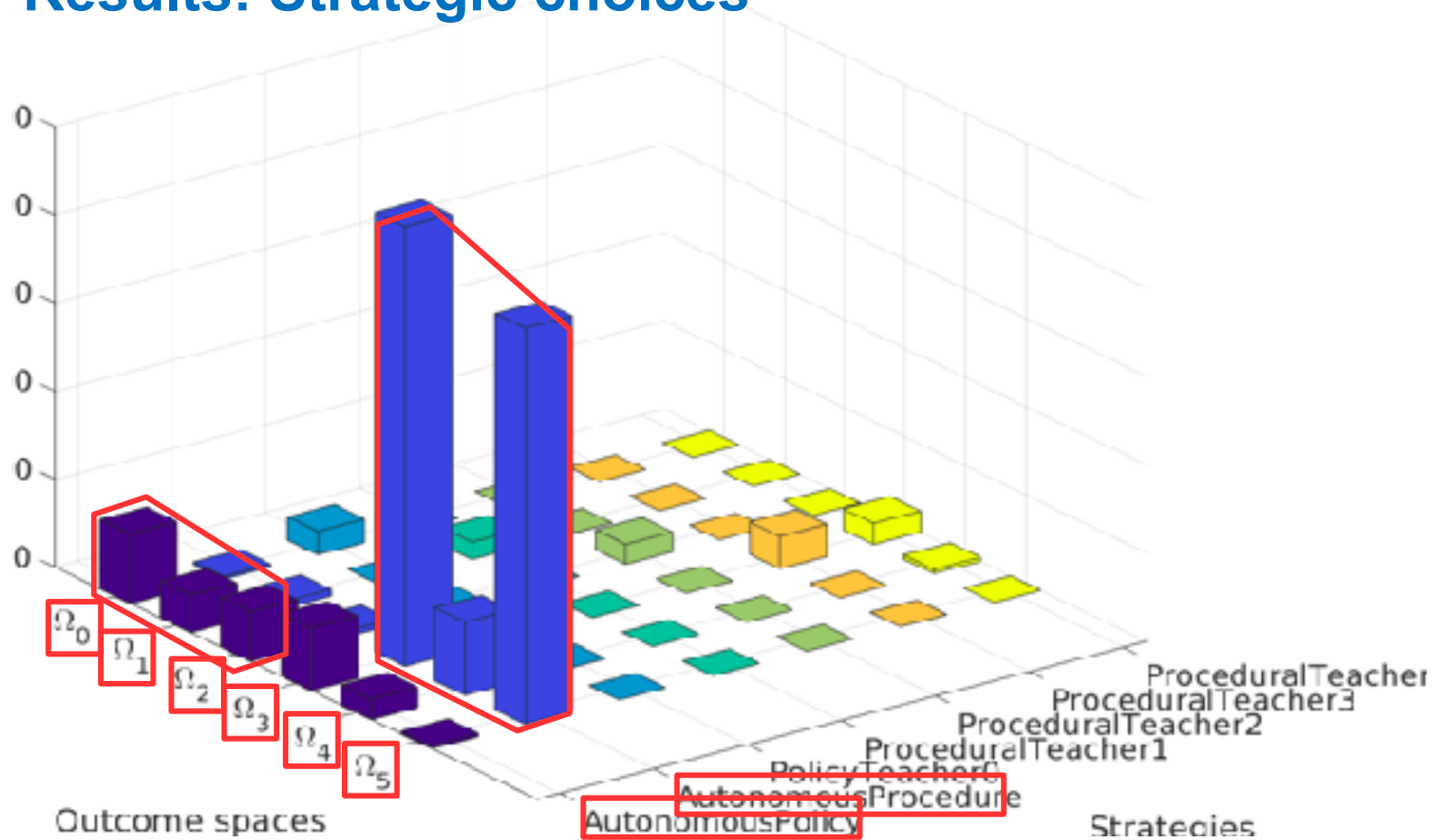


- SGIM-PB able to self-organize its learning process

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#### Results: Strategic choices

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- Use mainly policies for simple tasks and procedures for most hierarchical

- Multi-task learning:
  - Procedures enable the discovery of task hierarchy
  - Transfer knowledge from easy tasks to complex tasks
- Curriculum learning:
  - Choose easy tasks first
  - Choose the most adapted teachers for each task
- Human demonstrations bootstrap learning
  - Policies for the simplest tasks
  - Procedures for the highest hierarchical and complex tasks
  - **What, When, How, Whom to imitate ?**

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