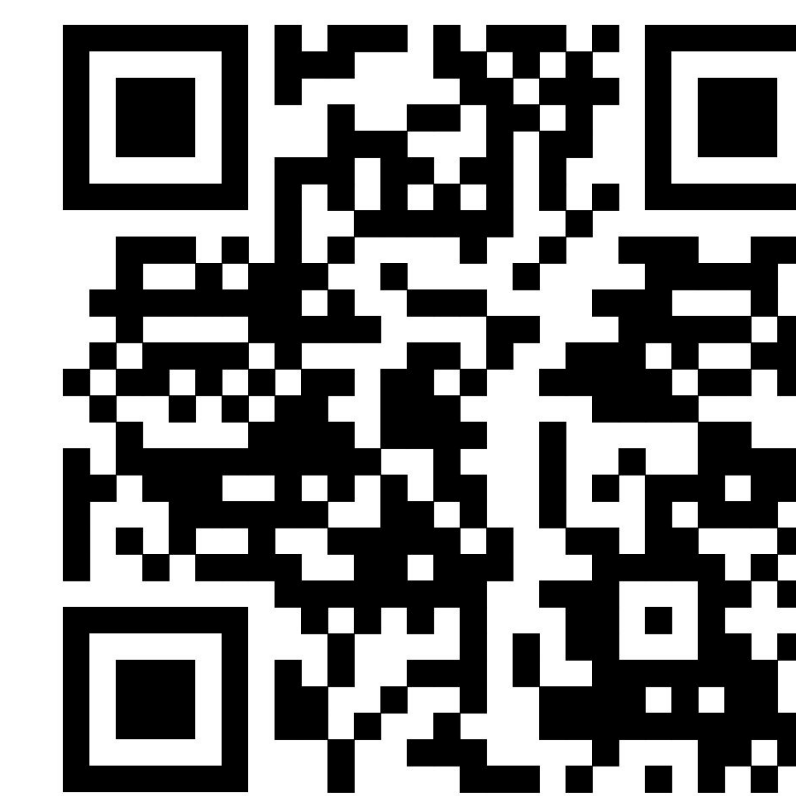
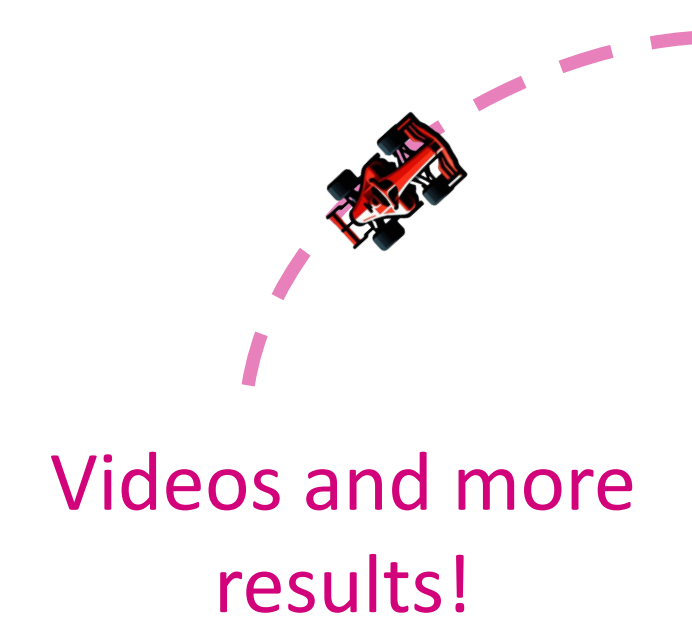


Discovering Creative Behaviors through DUPLEX: Diverse Universal Features for Policy Exploration

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1. Introduction

Motivation: In canonical RL settings, agents are set to regress towards an optimal single policy. DUPLEX builds on previous work to generalize such a paradigm and train agents to find a diverse set of policies that can solve context-dependent tasks. In the modern gaming industry the capability to show **diverse behaviors is extremely important to create engaging experiences for users.**

Problem: Diversity learning increases complexity of the training problem for RL agents that now have to **trade-off performance and diversity** in order to show different competitive behaviors. DUPLEX makes training of diverse policies robust in hyper-dynamic, realistic environment.

Research Question: *Can we train a multi-policy RL agent where each policy solves context-dependent tasks while following diverse trajectories for each context and apply it to complex hyper-realistic environments?*

2. DUPLEX

a) Definition 4.1 (Diversity)

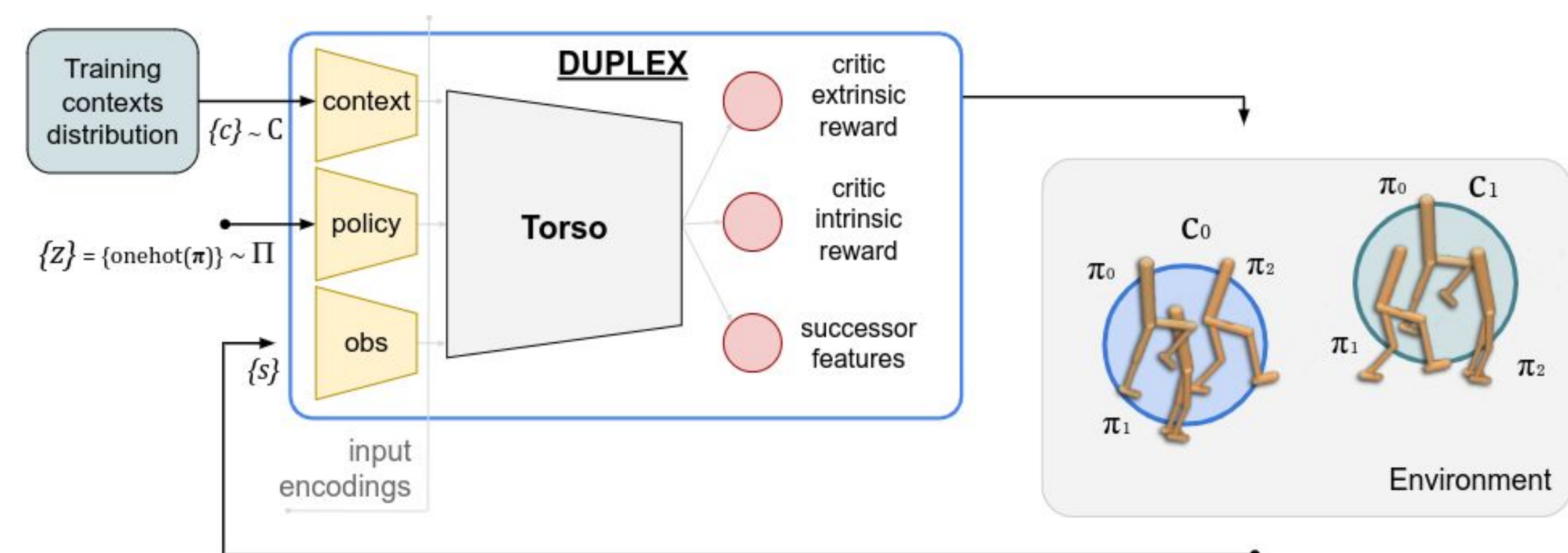
$$\text{Diversity}(\Pi) = \frac{1}{2 \text{size}(\Pi)} \cdot \sum_{\substack{\forall \pi_i, \pi_j \in \Pi, \\ i \neq j}} \min \|\psi_{\pi_i} - \psi_{\pi_j}\|_2^2$$

b) Training objective

$$\max_{\Pi} \text{Diversity}(\Pi) \text{ s.t. } d_{\pi_c} \cdot r_e \geq \rho \hat{v}_e, \quad \forall \pi_c \in \Pi$$

$$r_d^i(s, a, c) = \phi(s, a, c) \cdot (\psi_{\pi_c^i} - \psi_{\bar{\pi}_c^i})$$

c) DUPLEX data flow



d) Dynamic intrinsic reward factor:

$$\chi_t = \alpha_{\chi} \chi'_t + (1 - \alpha_{\chi}) \chi_{(t-1)}$$

$$\chi' = |v_{e_{\text{avg}}} / v_{d_{\text{avg}}}| (1 - \rho)$$

χ scales intrinsic rewards proportionally to the sum of extrinsic values of policies in Π .

e) Soft-lower bound:

$$\lambda = \left\{ \sigma_k \left(\frac{v_{e_{\text{avg}}}^i - \beta \hat{v}_{e_{\text{avg}}}}{|\hat{v}_{e_{\text{avg}}} + l|} \right) \right\}_{i=1}^n$$

λ to bound the near-optimal subspace for each policy using where σ is a sigmoid function and $\beta \in [0, 1]$ indicates the reward region we are interested in exploring

f) Adding entropy to the SFs estimation

$$\psi^{\gamma, i}(s_t, a_t, c) = \phi_t + \mathbb{E}_{\pi_c} \sum_{k=t+1}^{\infty} \gamma^{k-t} [\phi_k + \alpha_H H(\pi_c^i(\cdot | s, c))]$$

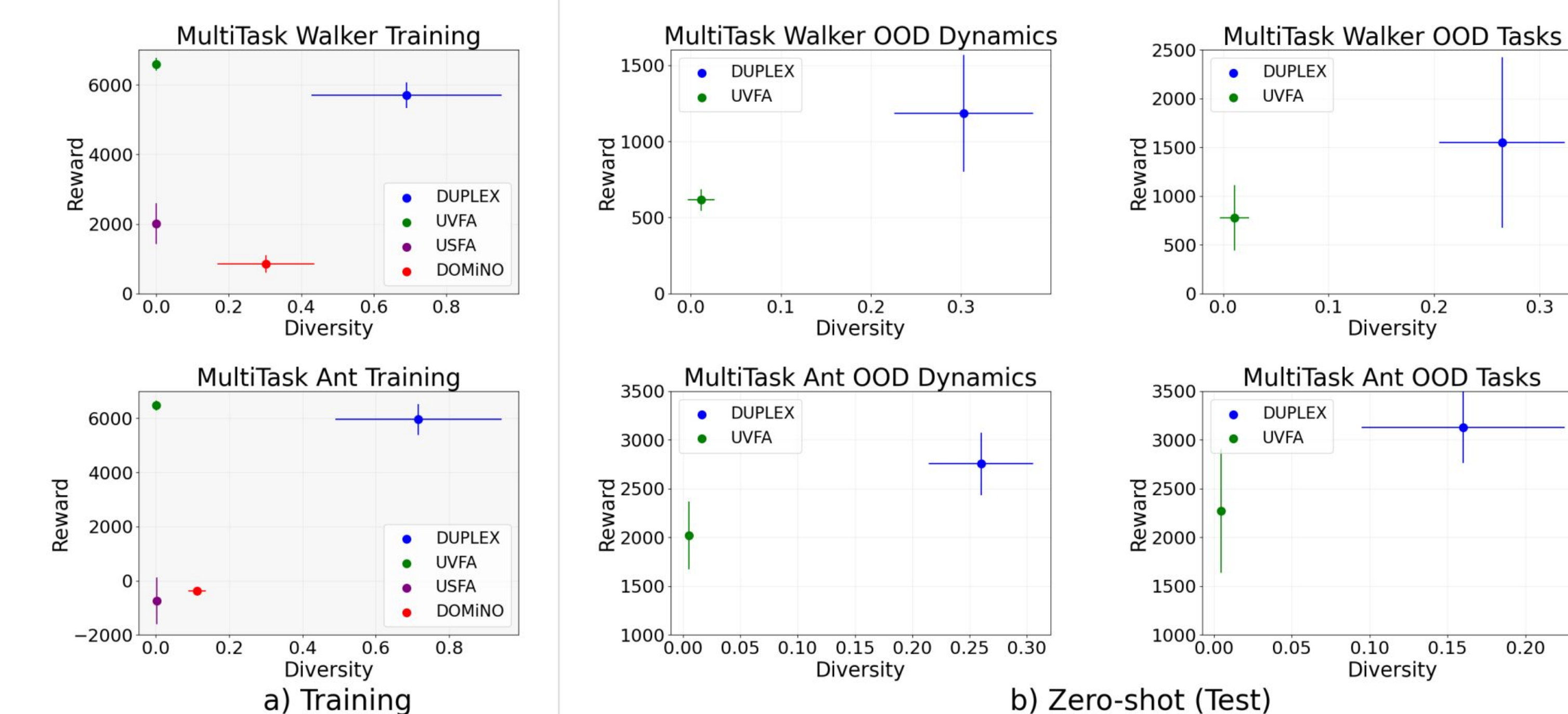
to support critic estimates when policy is uncertain

g) Averaging critic networks

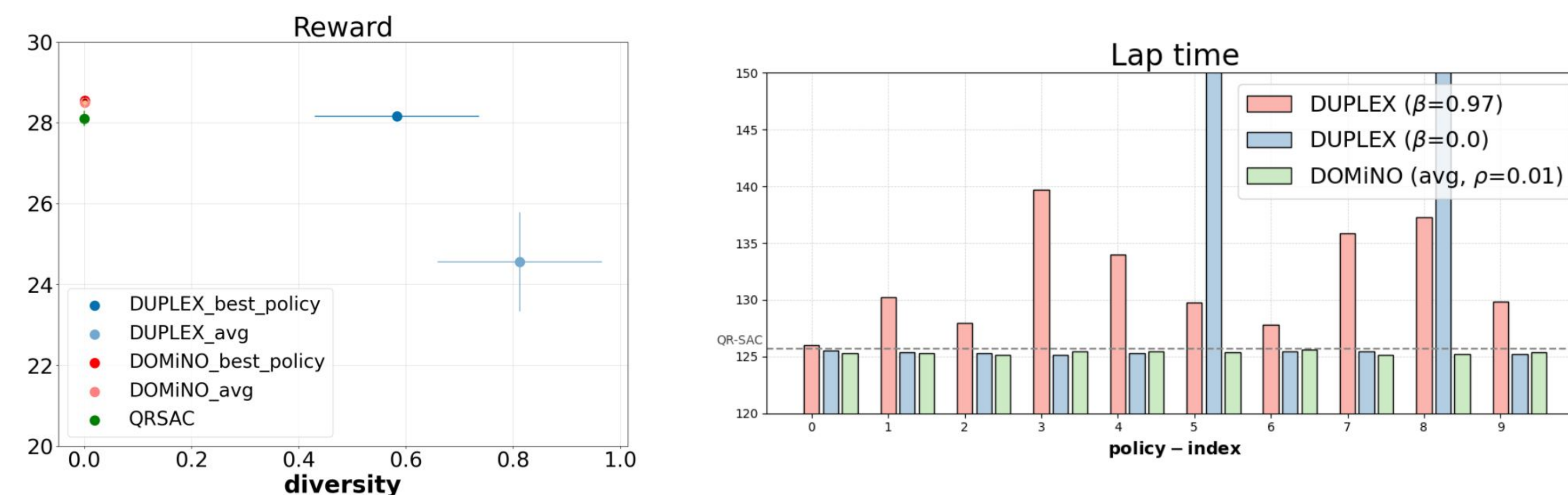
$$y(\phi, s', c, z) = \phi(t) + \gamma \left(\text{avg}_{j=1,2} \tilde{\psi}_{\theta_{\text{targ},j}}(s', \tilde{a}'_z, c) - \alpha \log \pi_{\omega}^z(\tilde{a}'_z | s', c) \right)$$

3. Experimental Session

a) MuJoCo Walker2D and Ant multitask environments



b) GranTurismo 7 environment



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