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# **Reduced Formalism**

#### Knowns:

- $S = \{Blue, Red, Green, Black, \ldots\}$
- Rewards in  $\mathbb{R}$
- $\mathcal{A} = \{Wave, Clap, Stand\}$

 $s_0, a_0, r_0, s_1, a_1, r_1, s_2, \ldots$ 

#### **Unknowns**:

- $\mathcal{R}: \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$
- $\mathcal{T}: \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{A} \mapsto \mathcal{S}$

$$r_i = \mathcal{R}(s_i, a_i)$$
  $s_{i+1} = \mathcal{T}(s_i, a_i)$ 

