



Cpt Ugur UYSAL – **MILITARY APPLICATIONS FOR MACHINE LEARNING**  
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# Purpose

The purpose of this presentation is to summarize to what extent selected **military capabilities** can be **improved** by using **Machine Learning** techniques such as

1. Reinforcement Learning and
2. Image Classification.

# Introduction

## Reinforcement Learning (RL)

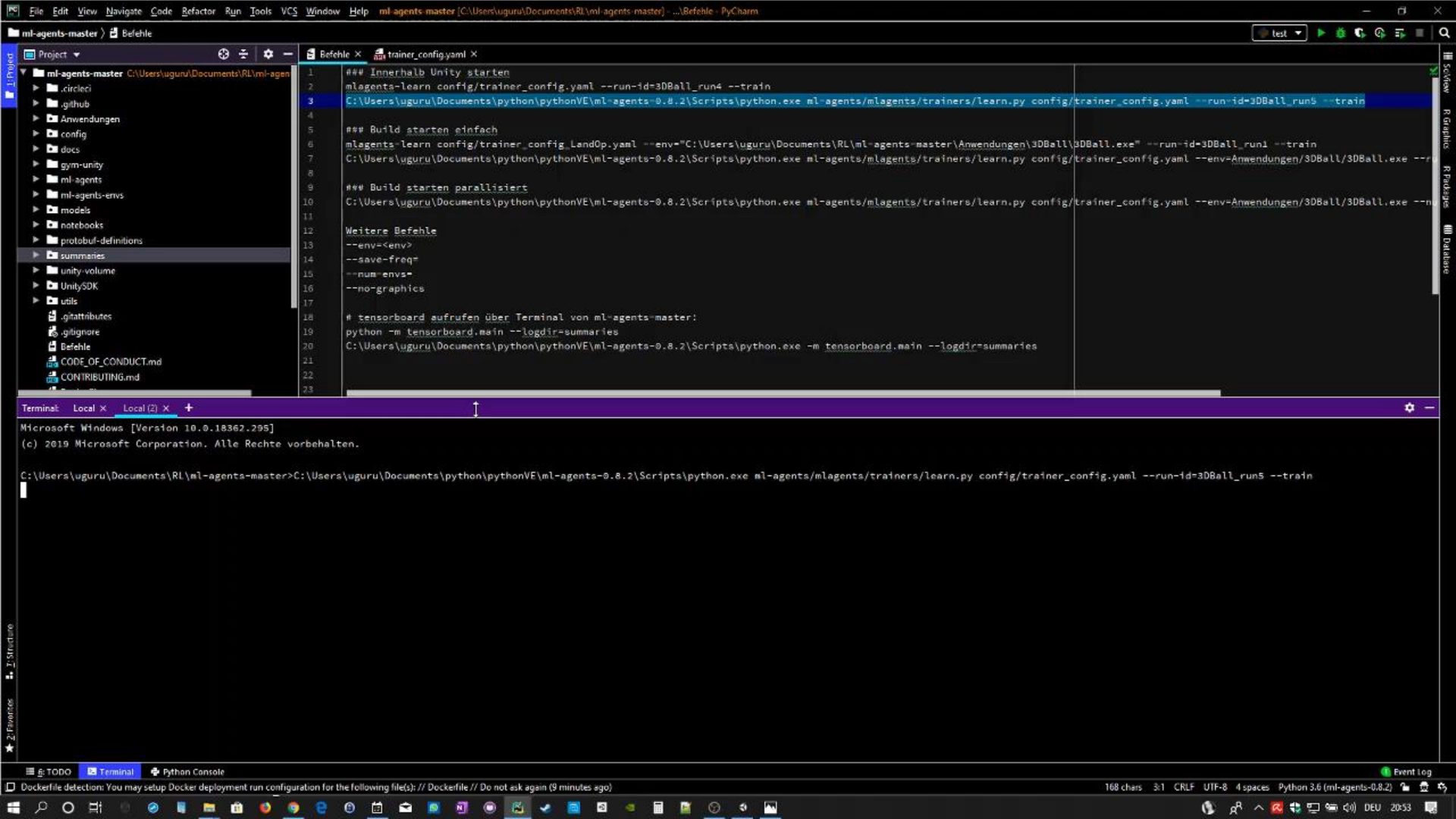
RL studies algorithms for **training agents** how to take **actions** in an environment to maximize some cumulative **reward**.



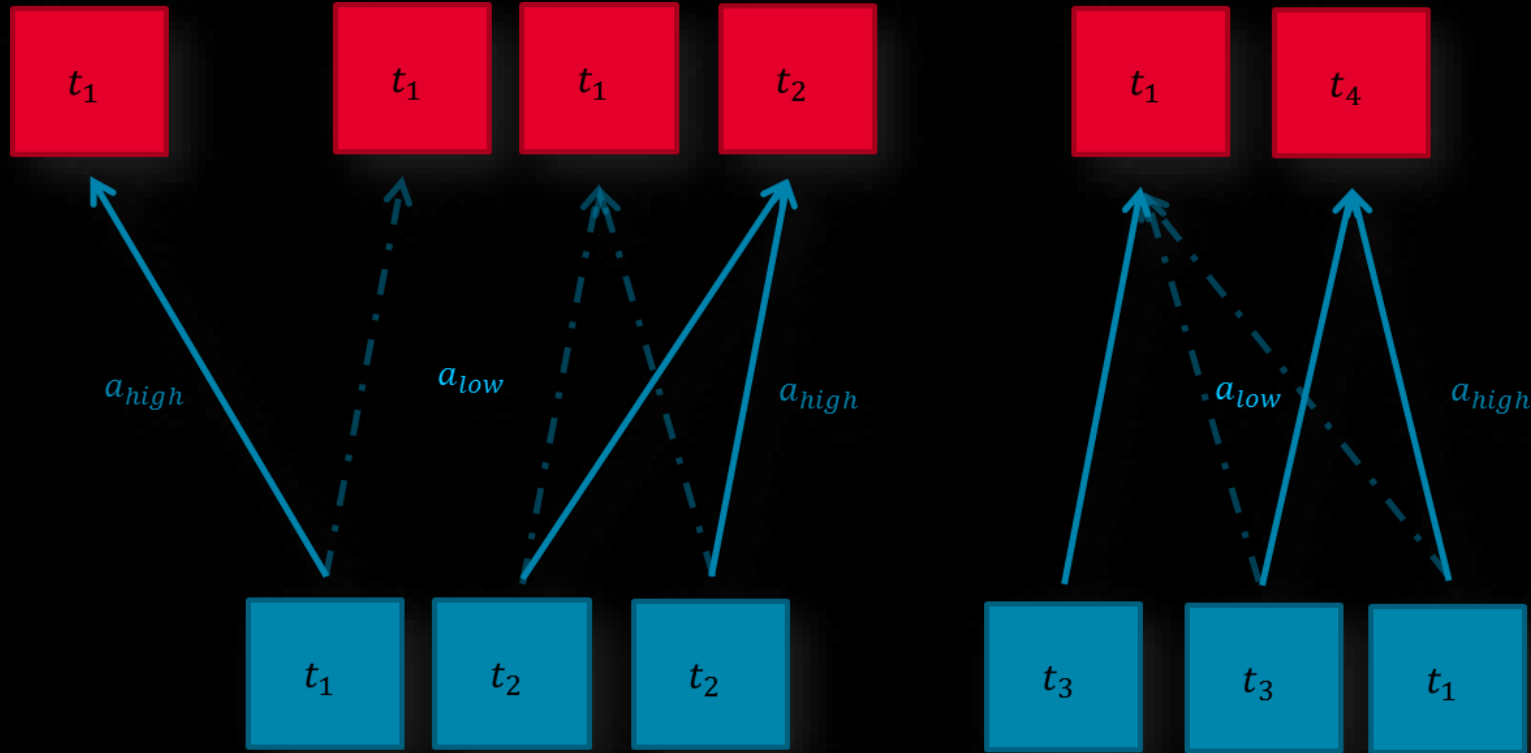
# Introduction

## Unity ML-Agents Toolkit

“By taking advantage of **Unity** as a simulation platform, the toolkit enables the **development of learning environments** which are rich in sensory and physical complexity, provide compelling cognitive challenges, and support dynamic multi-agent interaction.” **[1]**



# Intelligent fire distribution



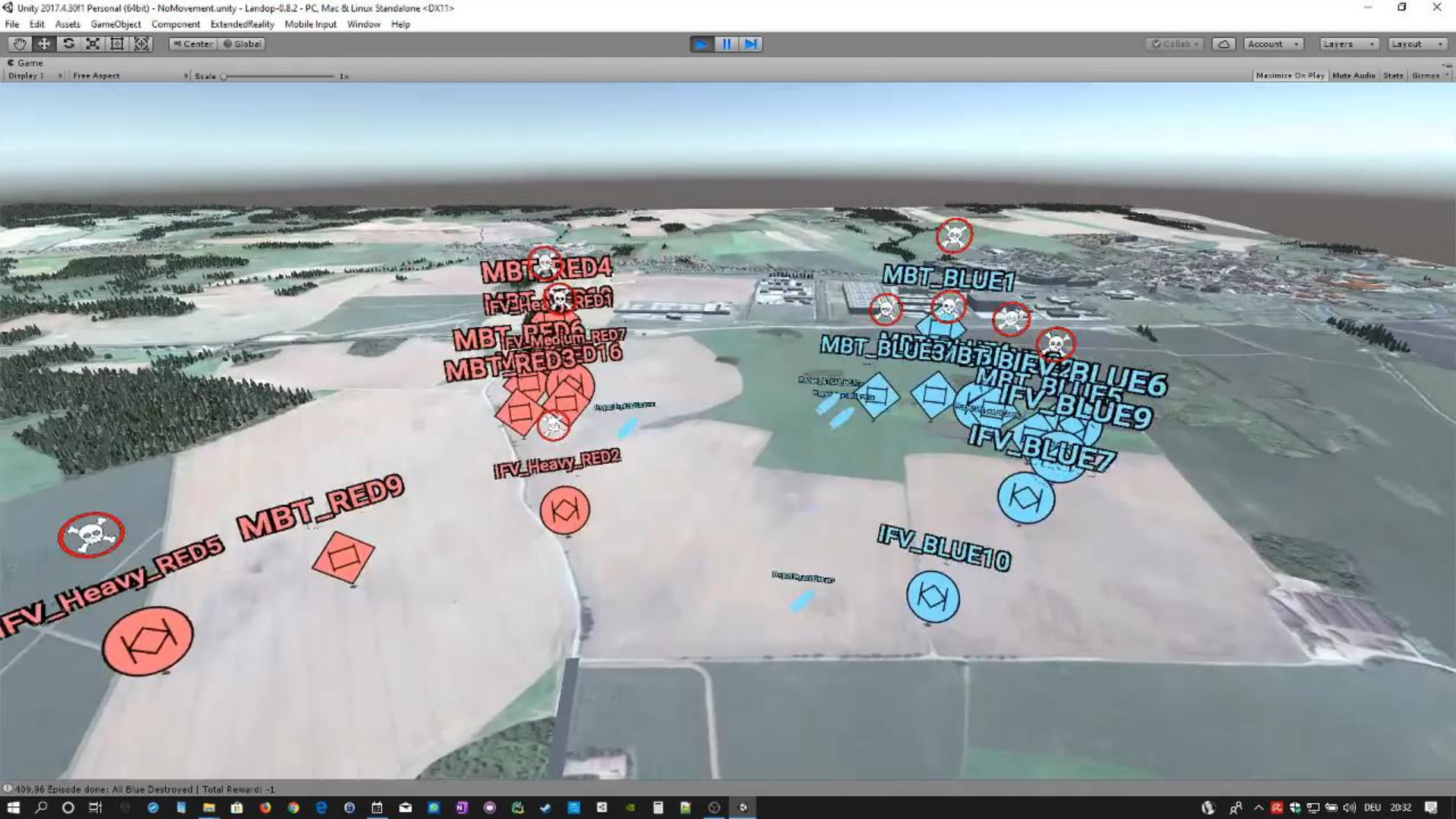
$t_i$ : combat vehicle type  
 $a_p$ : action with priority



# Intelligent fire distribution

## Unity simulation model



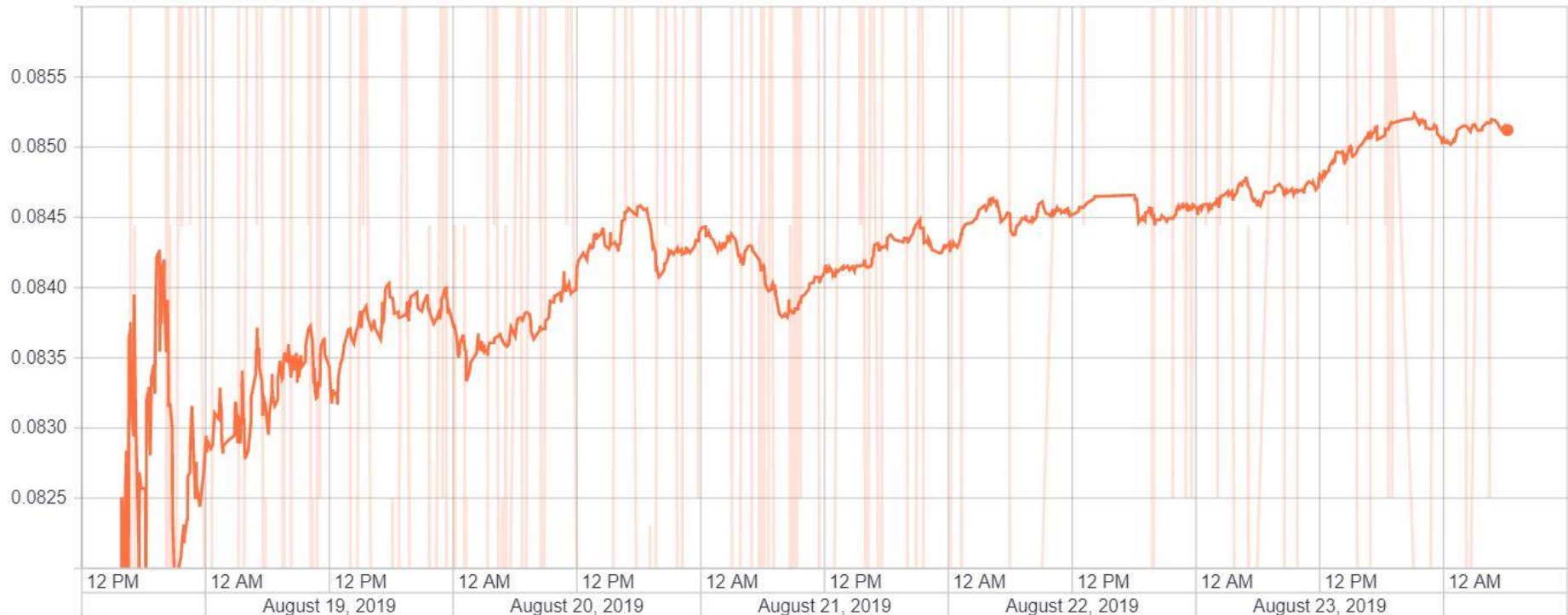




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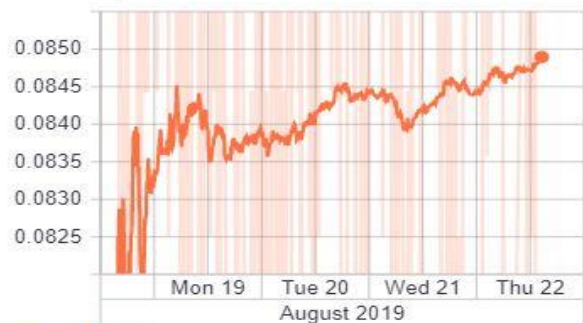
## Reinforcement learning with ml-agents

Environment/Cumulative Reward



## Environment

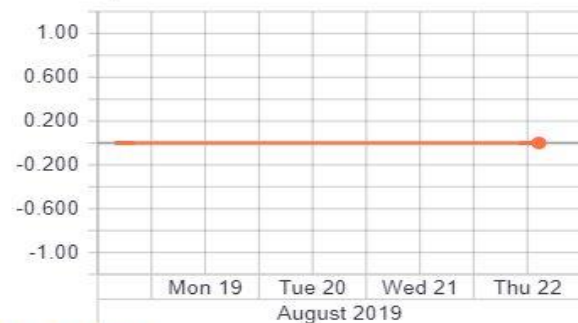
### Environment/Cumulative Reward



### Environment/Episode Length



### Environment/Lesson



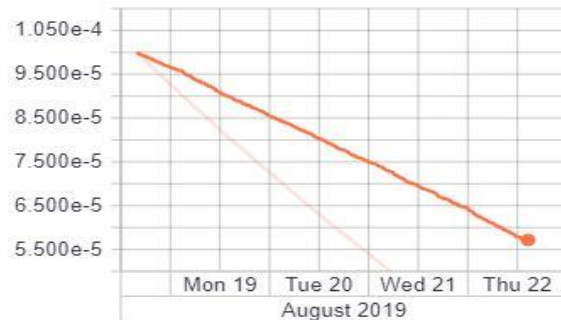
## Losses

### Policy

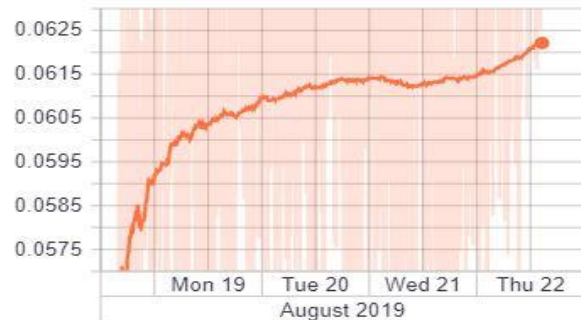
### Policy/Entropy



### Policy/Learning Rate



### Policy/Value Estimate



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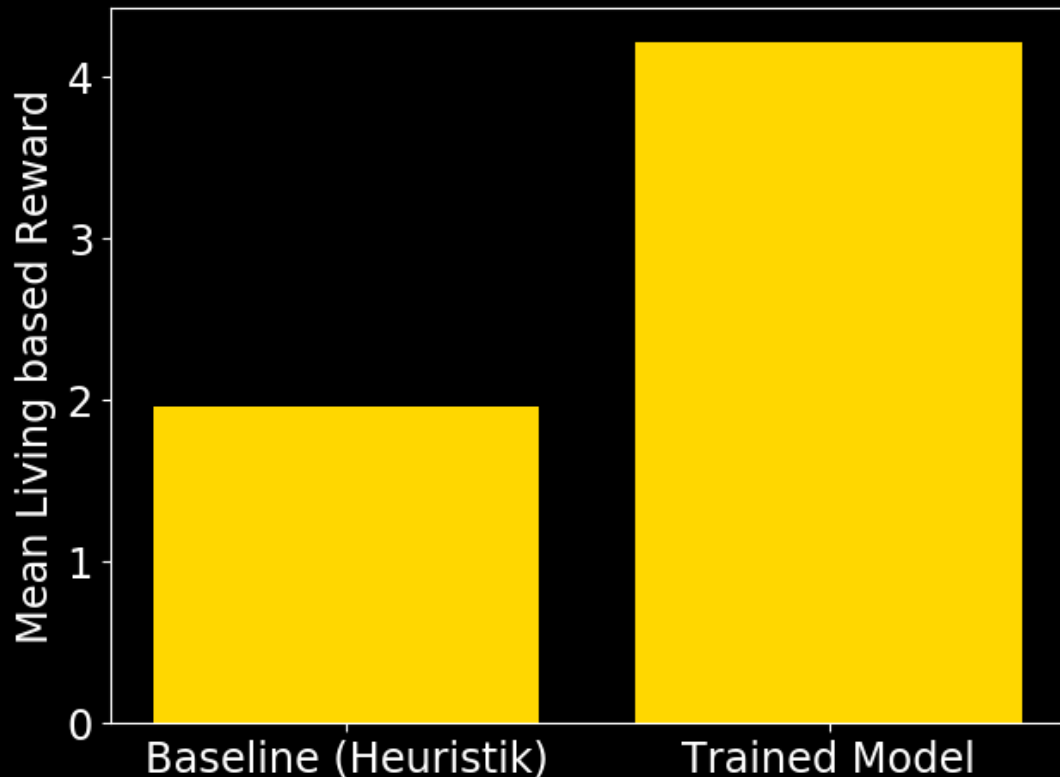
Mean Reward after 1000 test episodes

Episode Reward =

Active Blue tanks

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Active Red tanks



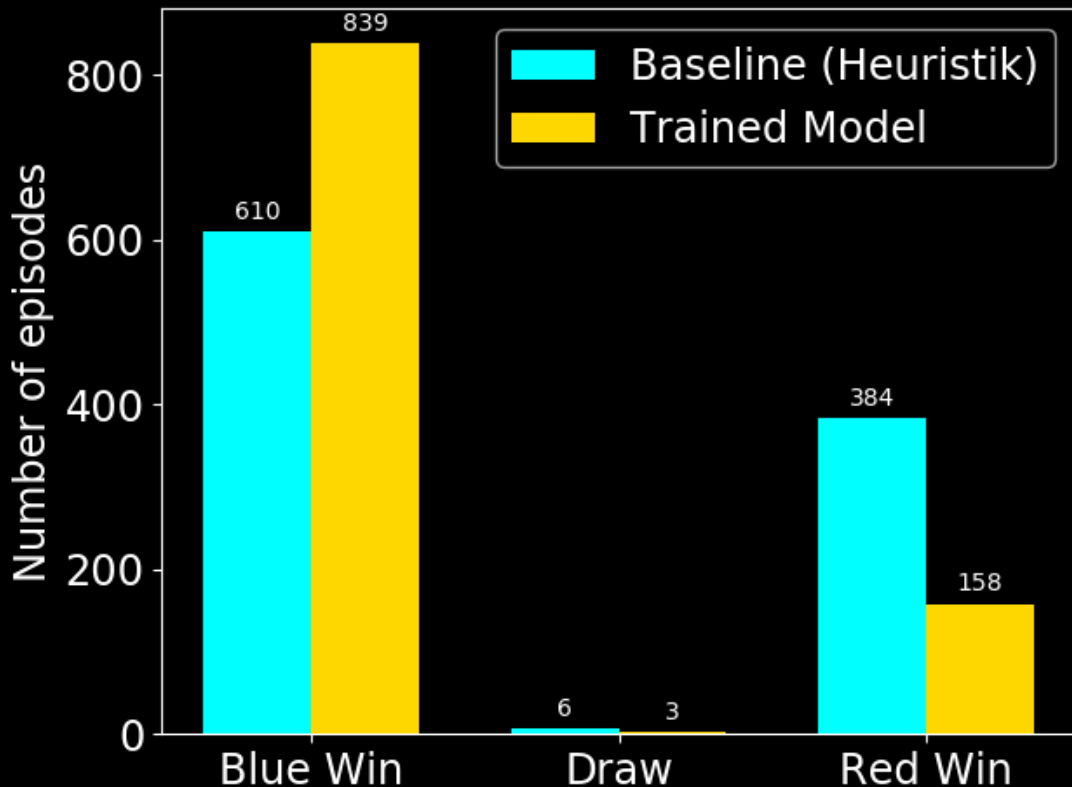
# Intelligent fire distribution

## Episodes won after 1000 test episodes

**Blue Win:**  
if 0 active **Red tanks**

**Red Win:**  
if 0 active **Blue tanks**

**Otherwise Draw**



# Introduction

## Image Classification (IC)

IC was one of the earliest successes of deep learning, which enabled **computers** to **classify objects in images**.



# Image classification of military vehicles



Prediction:  
79.28% T14  
20.19% T90  
0.41% Buk-M1-2  
0.05% Background  
0.05% BMP2  
0.02% ZSU23  
0.00% Civilian Car

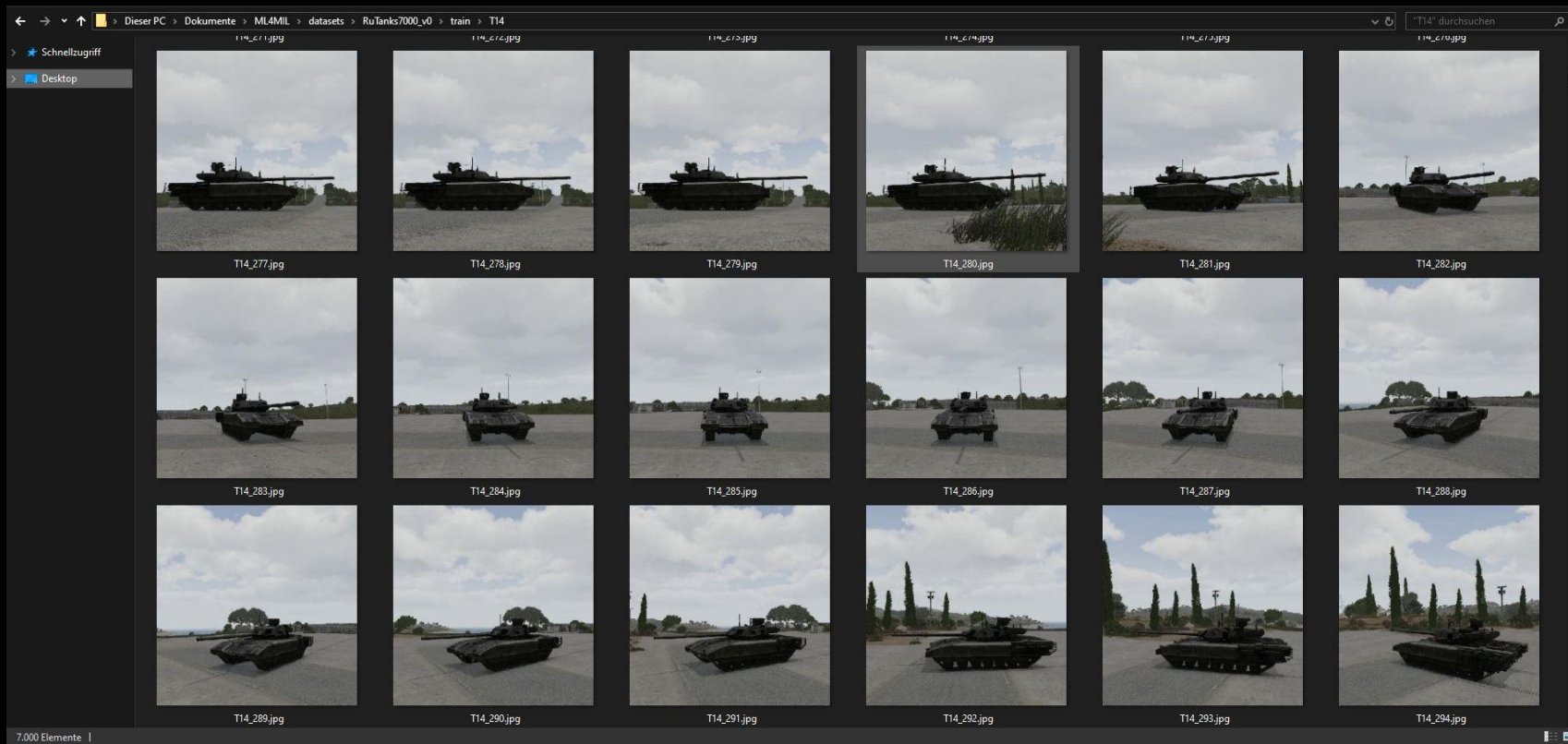
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# Image classification of military vehicles

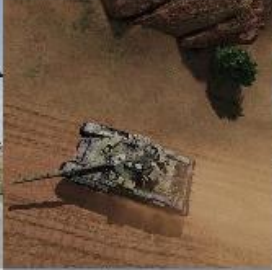
## Creating a synthetic image dataset with ArmA3











# Image classification of military vehicles

## Deep learning using transfer learning

The Python packages Keras 2.2.4 and Tensorflow-gpu 1.14.0 were used to fine-tune [4] the pretrained network NASNet [5].  
**Test accuracy of 91%** (115 test images) was achieved after **519 minutes training** on a Nvidia Geforce RTX 2060.



Test Results of the trained Model:

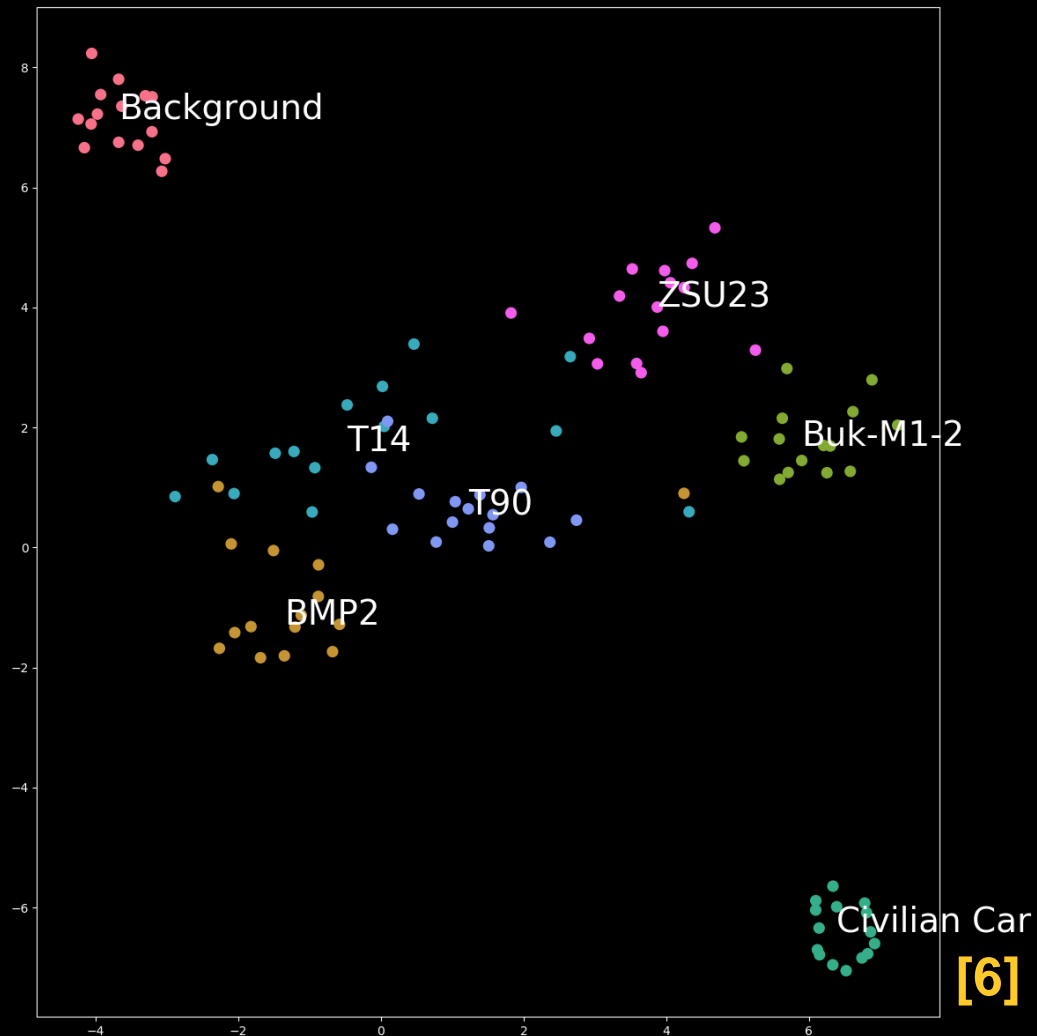
Test loss: 0.3384579775078911 , test accuracy: 0.9142857142

Confusion Matrix

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[[15  0  0  0  0  0  0  0]
 [ 0 14  0  0  1  0  0  0]
 [ 0  0 15  0  0  0  0  0]
 [ 0  0  0 15  0  0  0  0]
 [ 0  2  0  0 10  2  1  0]
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 [ 0  0  1  0  0  0  0 14]]
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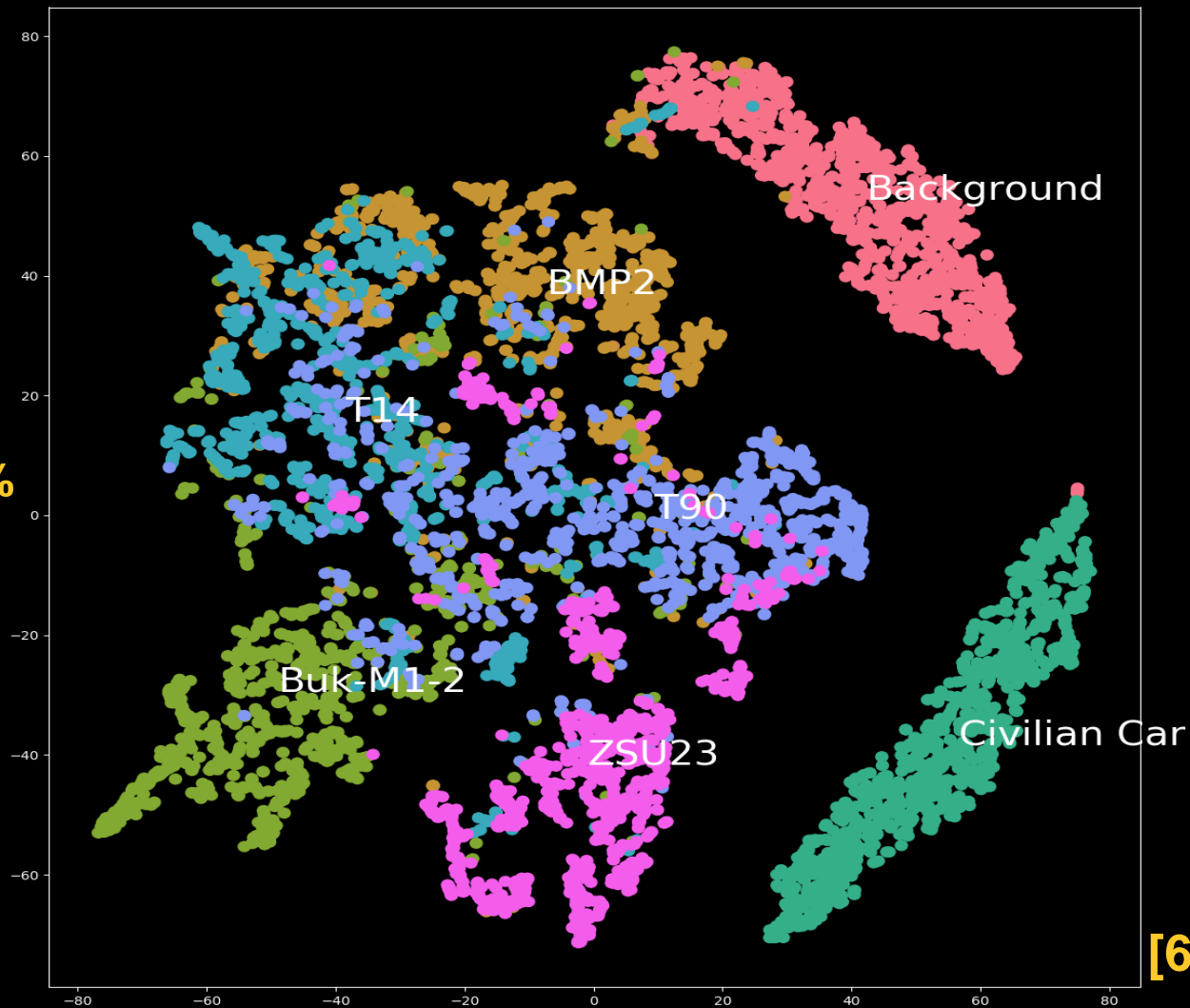
Classification Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Background	1.00	1.00	1.00	15
BMP2	0.88	0.93	0.90	15
Buk-M1-2	0.94	1.00	0.97	15
Civilian Car	1.00	1.00	1.00	15
T14	0.77	0.67	0.71	15
T90	0.87	0.87	0.87	15
ZSU23	0.93	0.93	0.93	15
accuracy			0.91	105
macro avg	0.91	0.91	0.91	105
weighted avg	0.91	0.91	0.91	105



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**Test accuracy of 71%**  
**(7000 test images)**



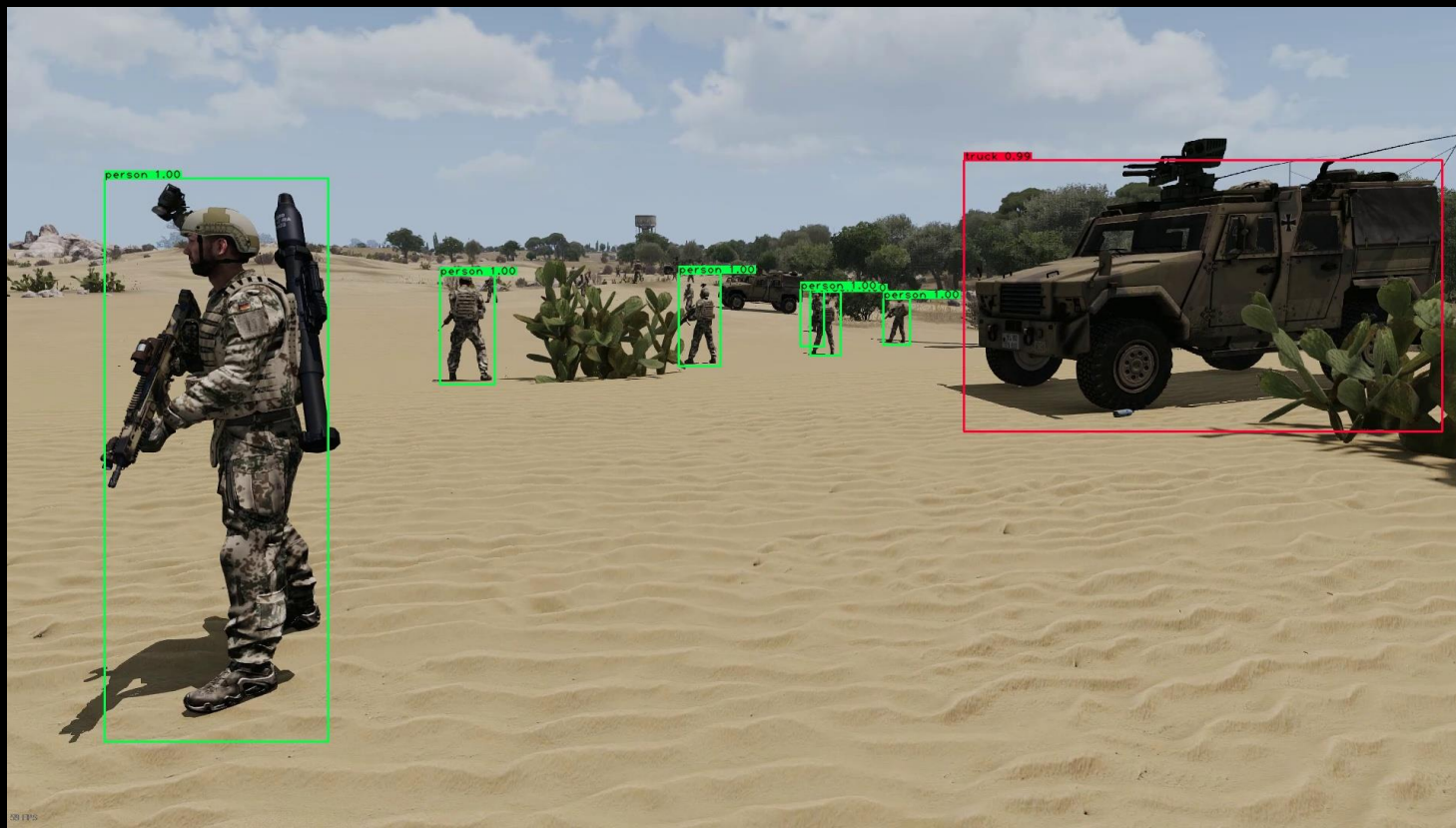
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# Conclusions

- The use of **RL-methods to train agents** for decision support tasks to control combat vehicles is **advantageous within a simulation environment** and promising for real-world military applications.
- **Synthetic data** can be used to **train DNN** to **identify military vehicles** in real-world images.
- We are confident that ML will decisively shape the future battlefield.

# Future Work

## Object Localization/Detection







truck 1.00



car 0.97



car 0.75



car 0.87



aeroplane 0.98



aeroplane 0.96



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Visit the GitHub repository

<https://github.com/UgurUysal86/MLS4MIL>

for further information



Questions?

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