

type of decoupling technique, creating single agent problems that allow for much better scaling up. We also see here that domain specific techniques can help POMDP solvers in creating better policies, with respect to the synchronization of policies. Our localization additions were successful because, when considering a single agent, localization is less important, unless we are near the goal. However, when other agents are nearby, localization can reduce significantly the possibility for collisions, and hence, the need to replan, and the constraints during replanning.

## 6 Related Work

MAPF with unexpected delays has been studied in different forms (????). Yet limiting stochastic effects to delays simplifies the problem compared to SMAPF-PO, and these works all assumed perfect observability.  $UM^*$  (?) does support uncertainty over agents' locations but it allows agents to risk conflicts as long as their probability of occurring is beneath a given threshold. Similarly, prior work on multi-robot navigation assigned cost to collision and aim to minimize it. The SMAPF-PO is fundamentally different since we require avoiding any chance for having a conflict. Recent work (?) on MAPF with partial observability differs from SMAPF-PO in that they assumed control is not centralized and agents' visibility is based on line of sight. The latter assumption is different from our beacons-based observation model, precluding empirical comparison. MAPF under movement uncertainty is a special case of Multi-Agent MDP (MMDP) (?). General-purpose MMDP solvers (?) do not exploit the specific structure of the SMAPF-PO problem, such as the limited interactions between agents. Similarly, online approaches for solving large MDPs, such as FF-Replan(?), are not expected to be effective in our domain and do not deal with partial observability. Dec-POMDP (?) is often used to model multi-agent problems under partial observability, where agents plan jointly, but execute their policies independently. This is different from our setting, where agents are controlled in a centralized manner and share their observations. Also, Dec-POMDP algorithms tend to scale poorly unless the interactions between the agents are limited to small predefined areas in the state space (?). Multiagent POMDP (?), where both planning and control are centralized, is an appropriate model for SMAPF-PO. ? suggest an algorithm based on POMCP which exploits the locality of agent interactions. Their algorithm given singleton sets is similar to our POMCP, which does not scale as well as FSVI. Our approach can be viewed as a particular implementation of FT-POMCP leveraging the structure of the SMAPF-PO problem for factorization, and using prioritized planning to ensure independence.

Factorizing the decision-making process in POMDPs has long roots (??, e.g.), and is particularly useful given several independent tasks. Factorization is less effective, however, when the coupling between the tasks increases, as happens in our problem where agents may collide. In tasks with high common, and useful factoring is difficult. We used FSVI POMDP solvers exist (???, e.g.). Our contribution is not in an adaptation of a particular POMDP solver to SMAPF-PO, but in our factoring and prioritization schemes. Replacing POMCP with, e.g., ABT, is likely to scale up only slightly,

| P     | Alg        | ADR         | RT   | % S | #C        | #R       |
|-------|------------|-------------|------|-----|-----------|----------|
| $M_1$ | FSVI       | 69 ± 4      | 21   | 74% | 0.3±0.1   | 0.4±0.2  |
|       | POMCP+FL   | 52 ± 5      | 33   | 62% | 15±12     | 16±13    |
|       | FSVI+MF    | 70 ± 4      | 19   | 78% | 0.4±0.2   | 0.6±0.2  |
|       | FSVI+FL    | 61 ± 5      | 22   | 66% | 0.2±0.1   | 0.3±0.2  |
|       | FSVI+MF+FL | 70 ± 4      | 18   | 78% | 0.4±0.2   | 0.6±0.2  |
| $M_2$ | FSVI       | 41 ± 5      | 146  | 46% | 4±0.4     | 7±0.6    |
|       | POMCP+FL   | 28 ± 5      | 946  | 46% | 300±20    | 300±20   |
|       | FSVI+MF    | 28 ± 4      | 230  | 30% | 5±0.3     | 7±0.4    |
|       | FSVI+FL    | 48 ± 5      | 191  | 64% | 6±0.5     | 9±0.6    |
|       | FSVI+MF+FL | 55 ± 4      | 200  | 76% | 5±0.4     | 8±0.5    |
| $M_3$ | FSVI       | 17.8 ± 0.4  | 253  | 0%  | 1±0       | 2±0      |
|       | POMCP+FL   | 57 ± 3      | 202  | 84% | 79±15     | 83±15    |
|       | FSVI+MF    | 17.6 ± 0.3  | 418  | 0%  | 1±0       | 2±0      |
|       | FSVI+FL    | 56 ± 3      | 402  | 92% | 10±1      | 16±3     |
|       | FSVI+MF+FL | 48 ± 4      | 535  | 72% | 10±2      | 18±3     |
| $M_4$ | FSVI       | 30 ± 3      | 133  | 10% | 1±0       | 2±0      |
|       | POMCP+FL   | 73 ± 2      | 208  | 94% | 63±16     | 63±16    |
|       | FSVI+MF    | 36 ± 4      | 91   | 20% | 1±0       | 2±0      |
|       | FSVI+FL    | 77 ± 7      | 245  | 96% | 2±0.3     | 4±0.4    |
|       | FSVI+MF+FL | 75 ± 3      | 125  | 94% | 3±0.7     | 5±1      |
| $M_5$ | FSVI       | -6 ± 3      | 381  | 0%  | 2.1±0.2   | 3.4±0.2  |
|       | POMCP+FL   | -11.6 ± 0.6 | 275  | 2%  | 55±5      | 101±3    |
|       | FSVI+MF    | 5 ± 2       | 217  | 0%  | 2.0±0.1   | 3.3±0.2  |
|       | FSVI+FL    | -6 ± 2      | 896  | 8%  | 29±3      | 55±6     |
|       | FSVI+MF+FL | 0 ± 2       | 671  | 2%  | 20±3      | 37±5     |
| $L_1$ | FSVI       | 37 ± 6      | 254  | 8%  | 7.2±0.5   | 10.9±0.8 |
|       | POMCP+FL   | 64 ± 5      | 1954 | 64% | 372±21    | 376±21   |
|       | FSVI+MF    | 29 ± 6      | 433  | 6%  | 6.8±0.5   | 10.5±0.6 |
|       | FSVI+FL    | 97 ± 3      | 222  | 78% | 8±0.5     | 12±0.7   |
|       | FSVI+MF+FL | 97 ± 4      | 386  | 74% | 10±3      | 15±4     |
| $L_2$ | FSVI       | -11 ± 2     | 80   | 0%  | 2.96±0.02 | 8.8±0.1  |
|       | POMCP+FL   | 69 ± 12     | 1950 | 26% | 3±0       | 8.9±0.1  |
|       | FSVI+MF    | -15.1 ± 0.3 | 57   | 0%  | 25±3      | 50±6     |
|       | FSVI+FL    | 67 ± 12     | 182  | 36% | 20±3      | 40±6     |
|       | FSVI+MF+FL | 73 ± 11     | 212  | 30% |           |          |
| $L_3$ | FSVI       | 67 ± 6      | 202  | 8%  | 8±0.6     | 12±0.8   |
|       | POMCP+FL   | 35 ± 7      | 1663 | 12% | 328±23    | 326±22   |
|       | FSVI+MF    | 59 ± 7      | 353  | 8%  | 9±1       | 13±1     |
|       | FSVI+FL    | 112 ± 5     | 183  | 62% | 10±1      | 14±1     |
|       | FSVI+MF+FL | 117 ± 6     | 423  | 68% | 12±1      | 18±2     |

Table 3: Results for medium and large problems.

while improvements to the factorization can make a huge difference.

## 7 Conclusion

We studied the Stochastic MAPF with Partial Observability (SMAPF-PO) problem, which is a generalization of MAPF in which actions have stochastic outcomes and agents do not have perfect observability of the current state. We focused on a centralized control setup. While SMAPF-PO can be POMDP is intractable even for small problems. We introduced the OPP approach, an online adaptation of Prioritized Planning. OPP has several non-trivial components which we describe, and we also propose two extensions that encourage the agents to actively localize. The results showed that OPP solves larger problems than an offline baseline. Yet, solving larger problems is still an open challenge for future work. Neque doloribus ea magnam laboriosam rem quisquam reiciendis blanditiis laudantium quod quibusdam, officiis excepturi eos, impedit culpa reiciendis incidunt quo dolore temporibus ullam, ipsa rerum totam provident facere modi sed magni temporibus. Molestias perspiciatis sed ipsam voluptatum totam nostrum deleniti earum minima nemo soluta, beatae error cupiditate illo minus ipsam nobis obcaecati eveniet veniam iusto sint? Libero totam est asperiores pariatur nulla modi consequuntur molestiae, libero nobis minus rem, architecto sequi commodi mollitia animi sint perferendis rem amet nobis quae, dicta voluptates impedit quis. Nesciunt ipsum pariatur est, error reprehenderit dolores nostrum nam nulla, asperiores assumenda quo qui cupiditate officiis iste aut, molestias nobis consequuntur eaque amet id delectus

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