



# Building AI to Play FIFA\* Video Game Using Distributed TensorFlow\* on Analytics Zoo

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# AI ON BIG DATA



High-Performance  
Deep Learning Framework  
for Apache Spark

[software.intel.com/bigdl](https://software.intel.com/bigdl)



Unified Analytics + AI Platform  
Distributed TensorFlow, PyTorch\*,  
Keras\* and BigDL on Apache Spark

<https://github.com/intel-analytics/analytics-zoo>

**ACCELERATING DATA ANALYTICS + AI SOLUTIONS DEPLOYMENT AT SCALE**



# INTEGRATED BIG DATA ANALYTICS AND AI

## SEAMLESS SCALING FROM LAPTOP TO PRODUCTION

Prototype on **laptop**  
using sample data



Experiment on **clusters**  
with history data



**Production** deployment w/  
distributed data pipeline



Production  
Data  
Pipeline



- Easily prototype the **end-to-end pipeline**
- **"Zero" code change** from laptop to distributed cluster
- **Directly access production data** without data copy
- Seamlessly deployed on **production big data clusters**

# ANALYTICS ZOO

## UNIFIED DATA ANALYTICS + AI PLATFORM

### Use case

Recommendation

Anomaly Detection

Text Classification

Text Matching

### Model

Image Classification

Object Detection

Seq2Seq

Transformer

BERT

### Feature Engineering

image

3D image

text

time series

### Integrated Analytics/AI Pipelines

tfpark: Distributed TF on Spark

Distributed Keras/PyTorch on Spark

nnframes: Spark Dataframes & ML  
Pipelines for Deep Learning

Distributed Model Serving  
(batch, streaming & online)

### Backend/ Library

TensorFlow

Keras

PyTorch

BigDL

NLP Architect

Apache Spark

Apache Flink

Ray

MKLDNN

OpenVINO

Intel® Optane™ DCPMM

DL Boost (VNNI)

<https://github.com/intel-analytics/analytics-zoo>

# DISTRIBUTED TENSORFLOW ON SPARK IN ANALYTICS ZOO

```
#pyspark code
train_rdd = spark.hadoopFile(...).map(...)
dataset = TFDataset.from_rdd(train_rdd,...)

#tensorflow code
import tensorflow as tf
slim = tf.contrib.slim
images, labels = dataset.tensors
with slim.arg_scope(lenet.lenet_arg_scope()):
    logits, end_points = lenet.lenet(images, ...)
loss = tf.reduce_mean( \
    tf.losses.sparse_softmax_cross_entropy( \
        logits=logits, labels=labels))

#distributed training on Spark
optimizer = TFOptimizer.from_loss(loss, Adam(...))
optimizer.optimize(end_trigger=MaxEpoch(5))
```

**Write TensorFlow code inline in PySpark program**

# MORE INFORMATION ON ANALYTICS ZOO

- Project website
  - <https://github.com/intel-analytics/analytics-zoo>
- Tutorials
  - CVPR 2018: <https://jason-dai.github.io/cvpr2018/>
  - AAI 2019: <https://jason-dai.github.io/aaai2019/>
- “BigDL: A Distributed Deep Learning Framework for Big Data”
  - *In proceedings of ACM Symposium on Cloud Computing 2019 (SOCC'19)*
- Use cases
  - Azure, CERN, MasterCard, Office Depot, Tencent, Midea, etc.
  - <https://analytics-zoo.github.io/master/#powered-by/>





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# WHY FIFA18?

## What is FIFA18\*?

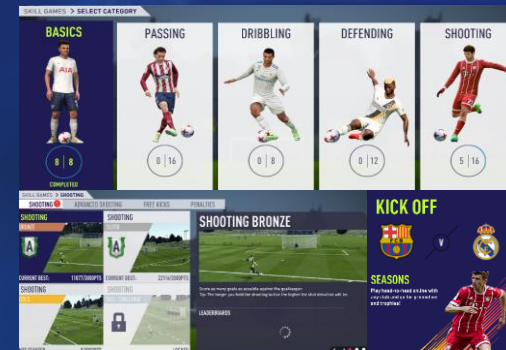
- A real-time 3D soccer simulation video game by Electronic Arts\*



## Why FIFA18?

- It's fun 😊
- It's challenging
  - Complex (esp. full-court game) and non-deterministic
  - Large action space (16 basic keys w/ combinations)
- Many modes available
  - Full-court, mini-games, skill games, etc.

W U ATTACKING - SIMPLE	
BUTTON	ACTION
"I"	Short Pass/Header
"J"	Lob Pass/Cross/Header
"K"	Through Ball
"Space"	Shoot/Volley/Header
"LControl" + "W" or "A" or "S" or "D"	No Touch Feints
"LControl" + "Space"	Chip Shot
"I" + "Space"	Finesse Shot



# SHOOTING BRONZE: OUR EXPERIMENT ENVIRONMENT

**Shooting** is one of the mini-games in FIFA18,  
**Bronze** is the easiest level

## Game mode

- Player & goalkeeper 1v1
- Goal: get higher score in 44s

## Evaluation

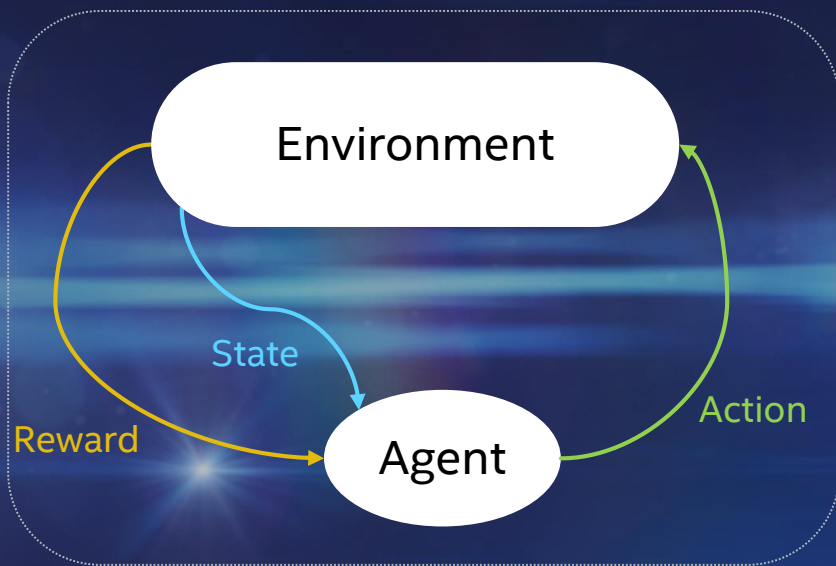
- Single shoot:  $\text{score} \leq 200$  for miss;  $200 < \text{score} < 1200$  for goal
- Accumulated scores after the game

## Keyboard control

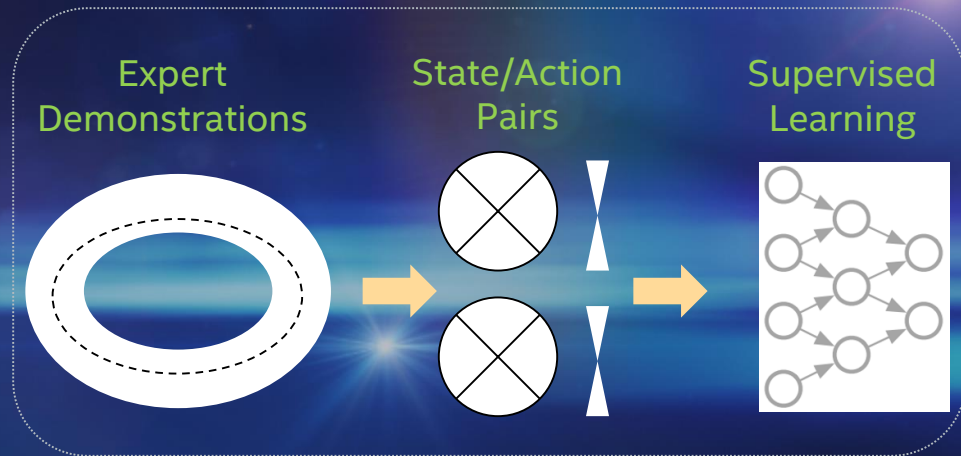
- A/S/W/D: left/right/up/down
- Space: shoot



# REINFORCEMENT LEARNING



Sequential Decision Making



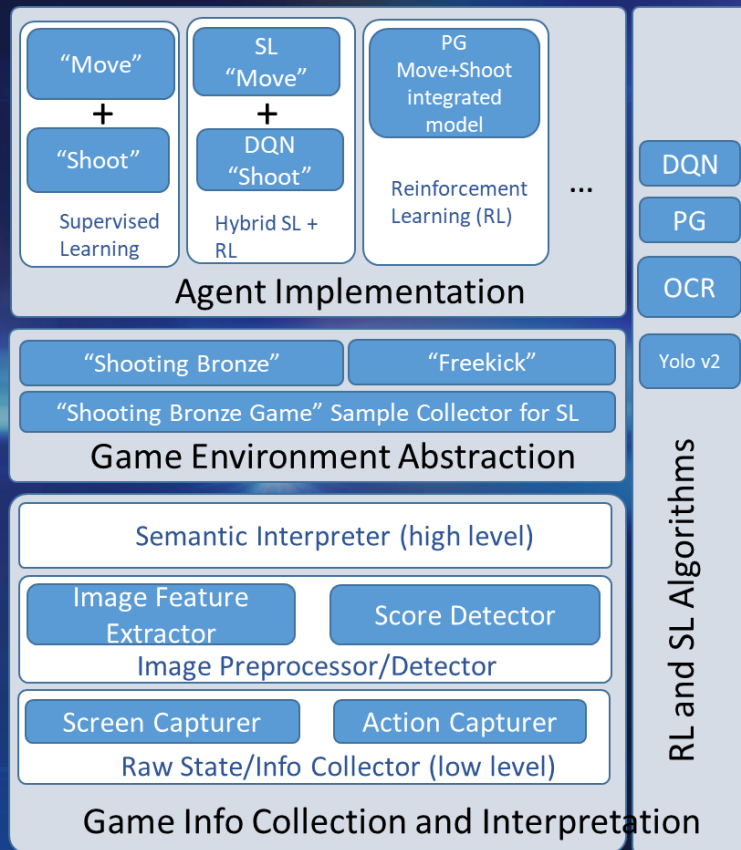
Imitation Learning

# RL PLATFORM FOR PLAYING FIFA18

*Experiment platform for RL agents and algorithms for FIFA18*

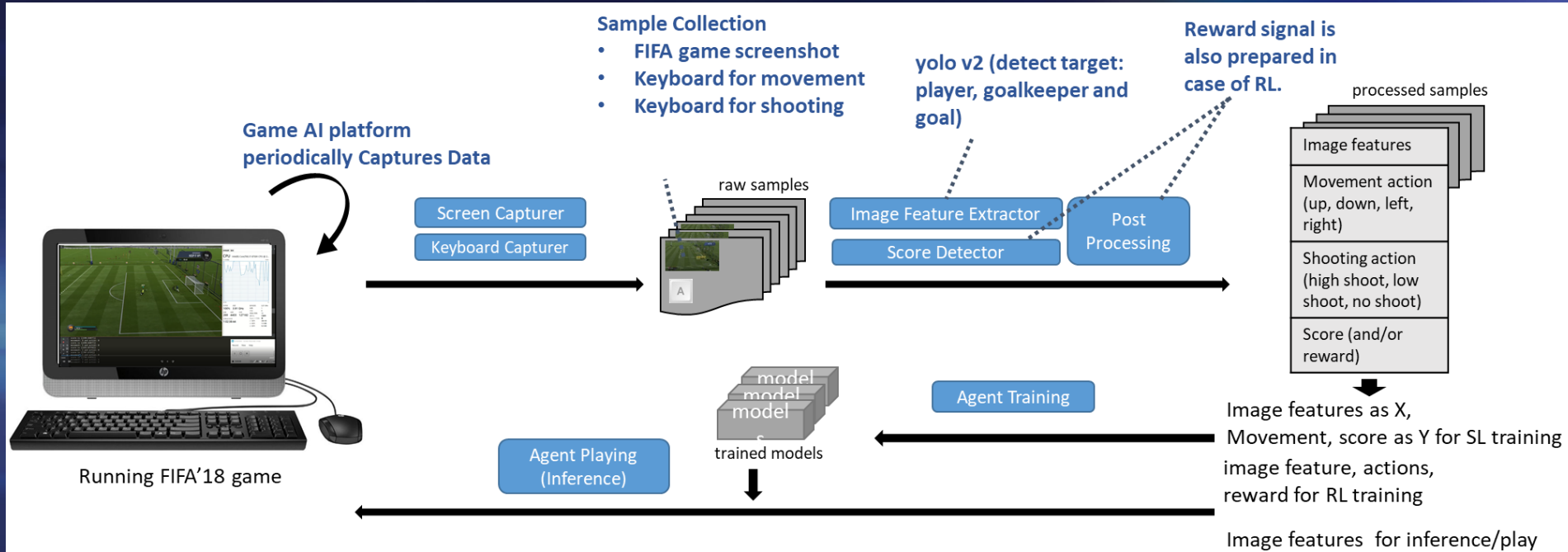
## Major components

- Game info collection & Interpretation
- Game Environment Abstraction
- Agent Implementation
  - Imitation learning / supervised learning (SL)
  - Reinforcement learning (RL)
  - Hybrid (SL+RL)





# END-TO-END WORKFLOW



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# TRAINING THE AGENT USING IMITATION LEARNING

Training

Stage One

Human action



Movement\_label



Screen shot

Image  
Feature  
Extractor

feature

Score  
Detector

Score\_label

Stage Two

Movement  
Network

movement

Classification  
Loss

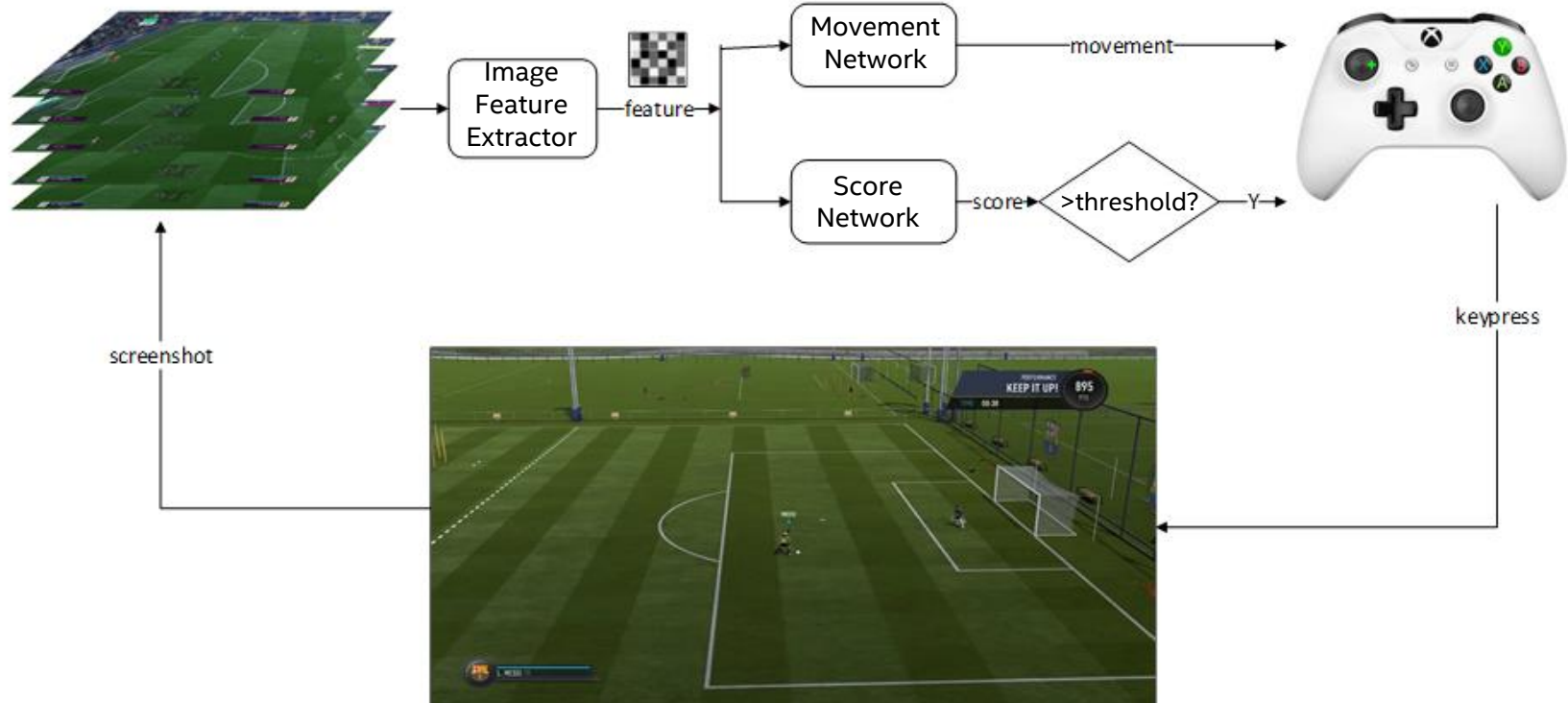
Score  
Network

score

Regression  
Loss

# GAME PLAYING (INFERENCE) FOR IMITATION LEARNING

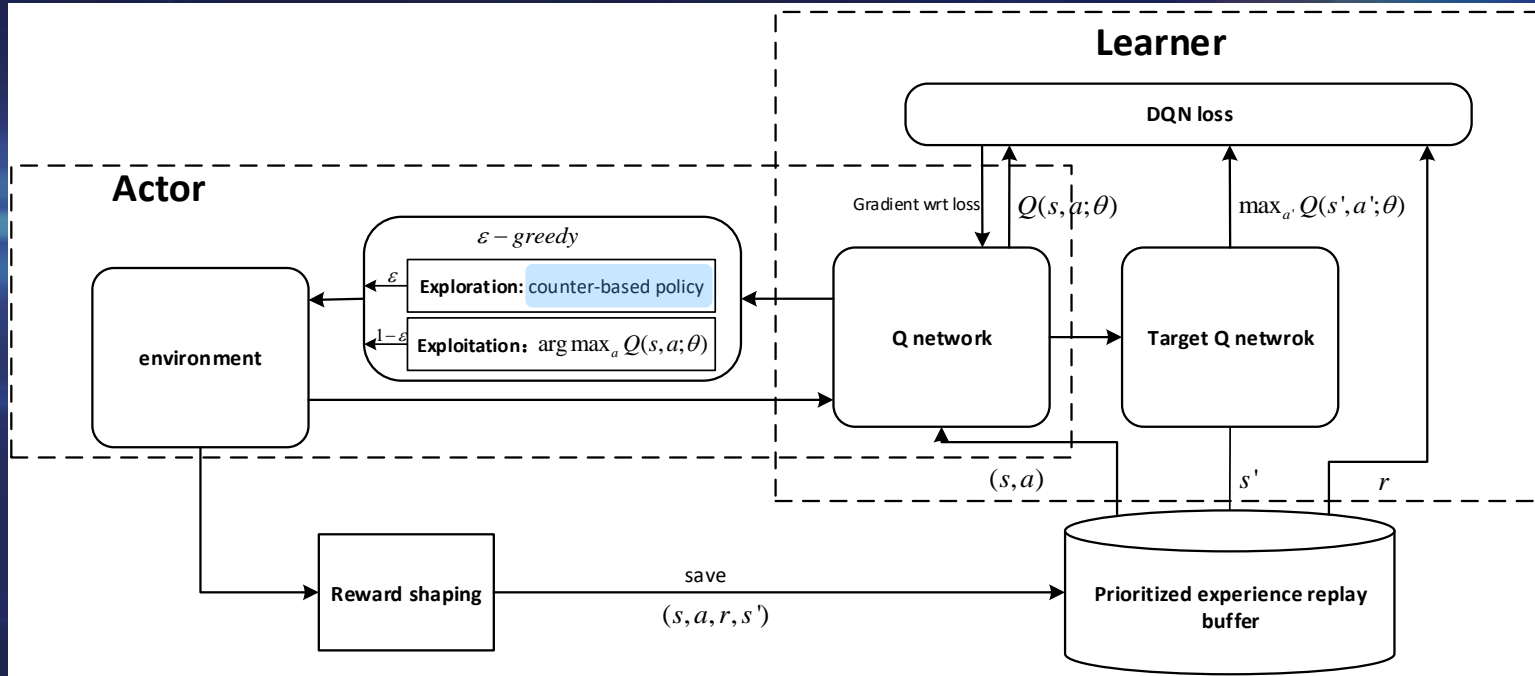
*Inference*



# HYBRID APPROACH FOR TRAINING AGENT

Movement network: trained with Imitation Learning

Shoot network: Double DQN





# DEMO



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13dBSGOiGbCYOS5TgVAI95Qd-YszAHTW6/view>

**Human (demonstrator)**



[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JVZjIDSyX8YtUy6qOuGRD\\_VN4RSZW\\_OU8/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JVZjIDSyX8YtUy6qOuGRD_VN4RSZW_OU8/view)

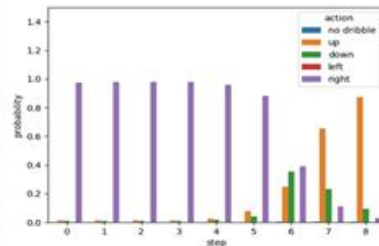
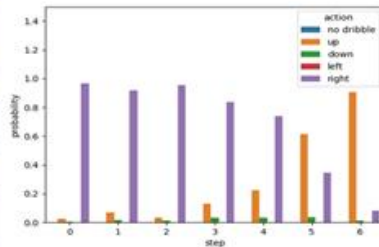
**Imitation Learning  
(better score than demonstrator)**

# TYPICAL TRAJECTORY ANALYSIS (HYBRID)

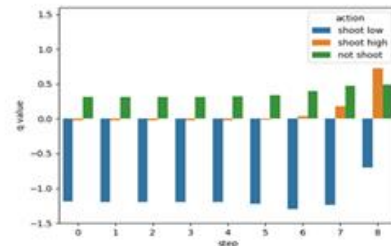
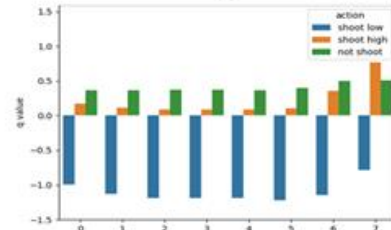
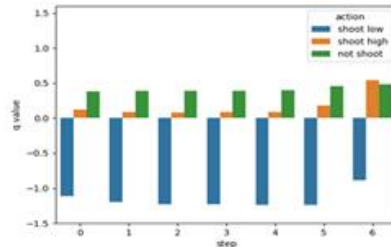
Typical Trajectories



Movement Policy (SL)



Shoot Q-Value (RL)



# RESULTS

		Score	Goal Ratio	Convergence speed
Human	beginner	5846.69	50%	-
	master	10112.78	92%	-
	demonstrator	7284.98	84.96%	-
Agent	Imitation Learning	10345.18	92.54%	-
	RL (Policy Gradient)	5606.31	40.25%	1069.5 epochs
	Hybrid	10514.43	95.59%	749.6 epochs

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# GOOGLE RESEARCH FOOTBALL (GRF)

An open source RL environment for playing soccer from Google Brain

- <https://github.com/google-research/football>

A great RL environment for playing soccer

- More state and reward info & controls
- Customizable scenarios, players, rewards and observations, etc.
- More useful features such as accelerated speed, self-play, multi-agent, etc.
- Easy to dump traces and replay

Transfer between FIFA18 and GRF?



Google Research Football: A Novel Reinforcement Learning Environment  
(<https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.11180>)



# EARLY EXPERIMENTS ON GRF



<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bNO5rpUhCeCZY9zPGgVCzgUlqH9QF39n/view>

**Trained using PPO in OpenAI\* baseline**

# FUTURE WORK

## Ray\* support in Analytics Zoo

- E.g., *RayOnSpark*

## Support for *Google Research Football*

- E.g., *transfer between GRF and FIFA?*

## Additional algorithms/models and scenarios

- E.g., *full-court game*



<https://medium.com/riselab/rayonspark-running-emerging-ai-applications-on-big-data-clusters-with-ray-and-analytics-zoo-923e0136ed6a>



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