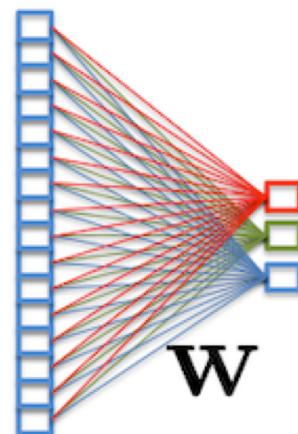


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## 5.3 Robot Navigation



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## 5.4 Robot Navigation

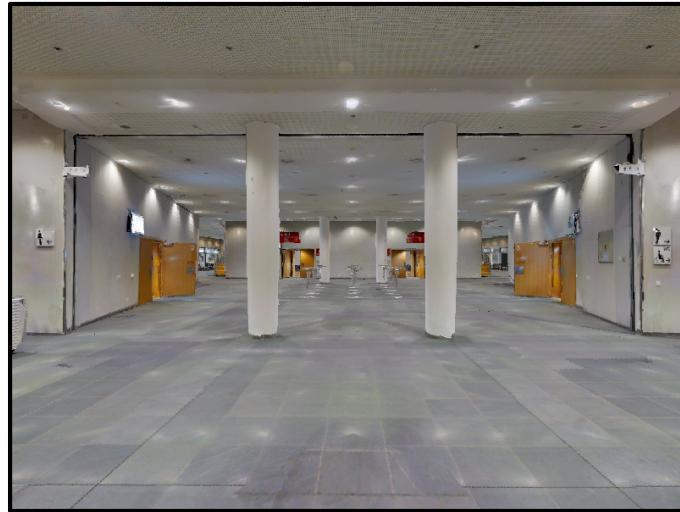
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# Robotics



Perception



Navigation

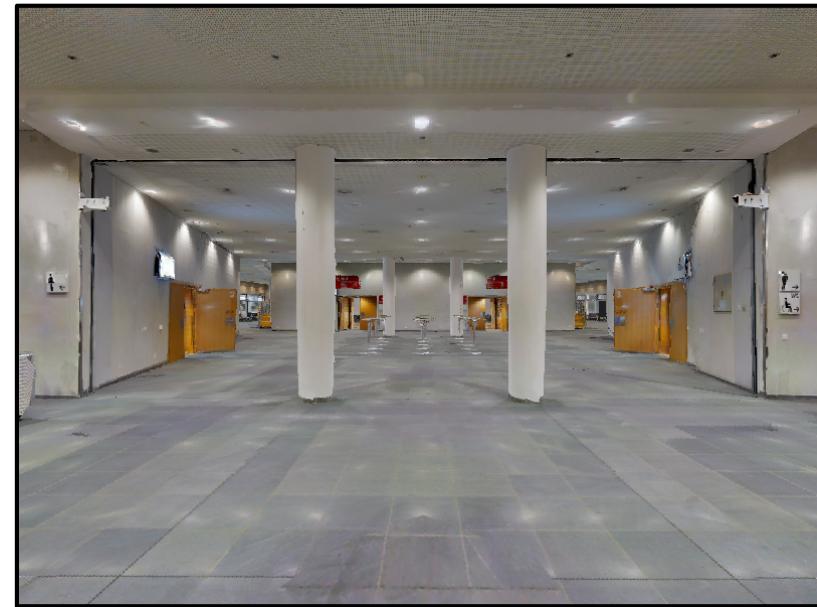


HCI



Compagnon robots

# Learning to navigate in 3D environments



Purely geometrical  
mapping + planning

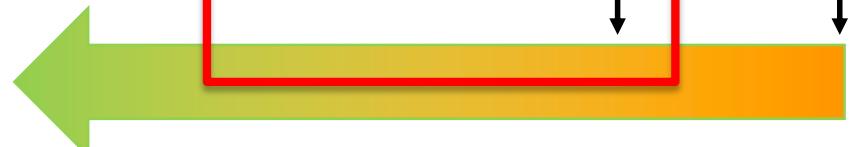
Adding semantics



- + *Real world solutions*
- *Simple tasks and reasoning (eg. waypoint navigation)*

Purely learned policies  
(Deep-RL)

Inductive biases:  
Geometry, topology,  
stability etc.

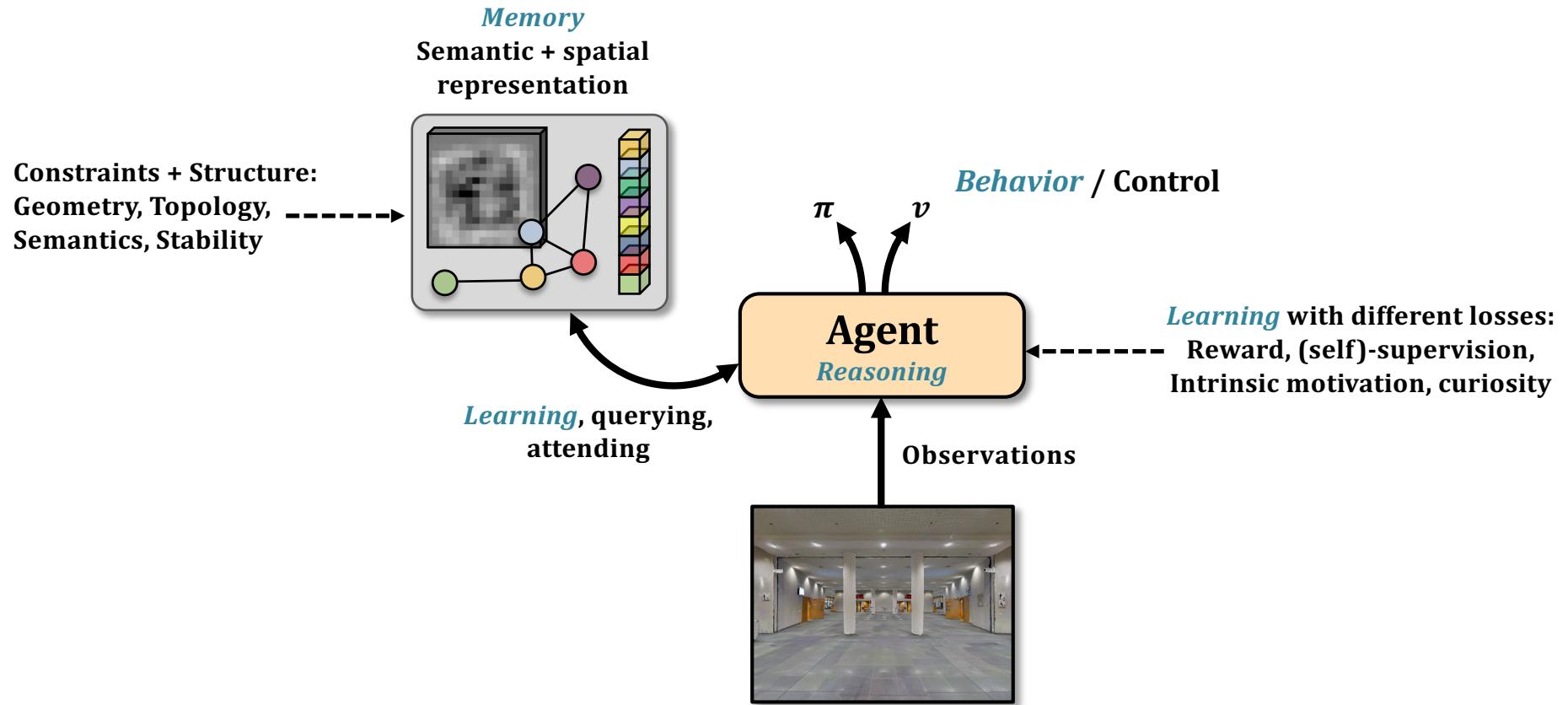


- + *High-level reasoning*
- + *Discover tasks from reward*
- *Does not transfer to the real world*

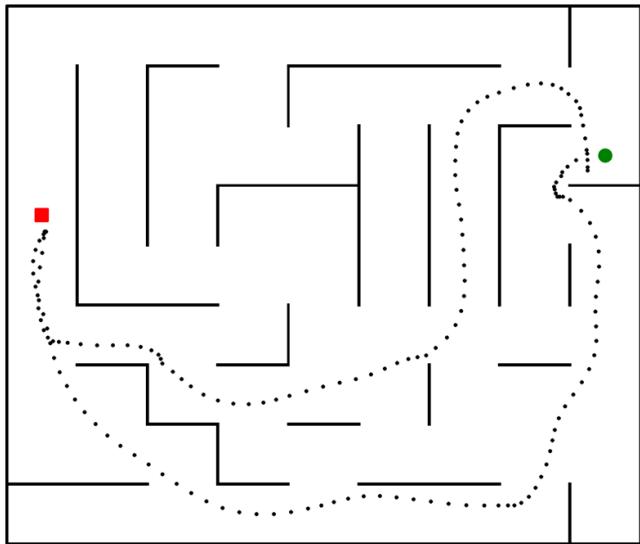


Question:

What kind of inductive bias can we  
create for learning navigation?

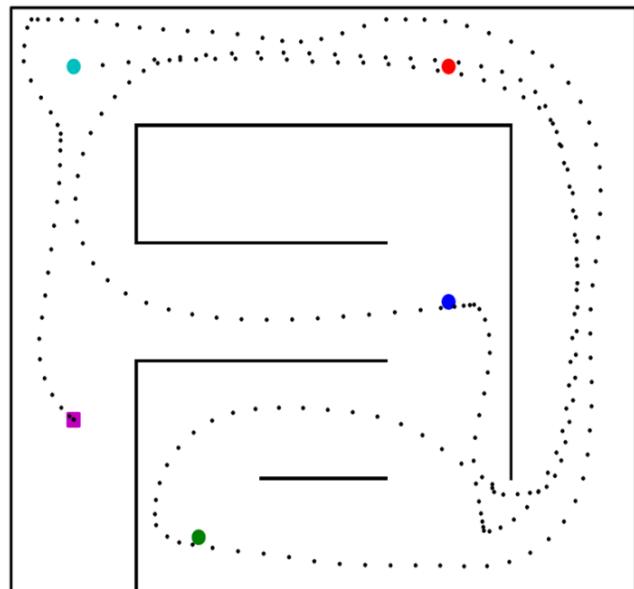


# Experiments: Scenarios



## Find and return

- Find an object in a maze and then returning to the starting point
- Sparse rewards:
  - 0.5 for finding the object
  - 0.5 for returning to the starting point



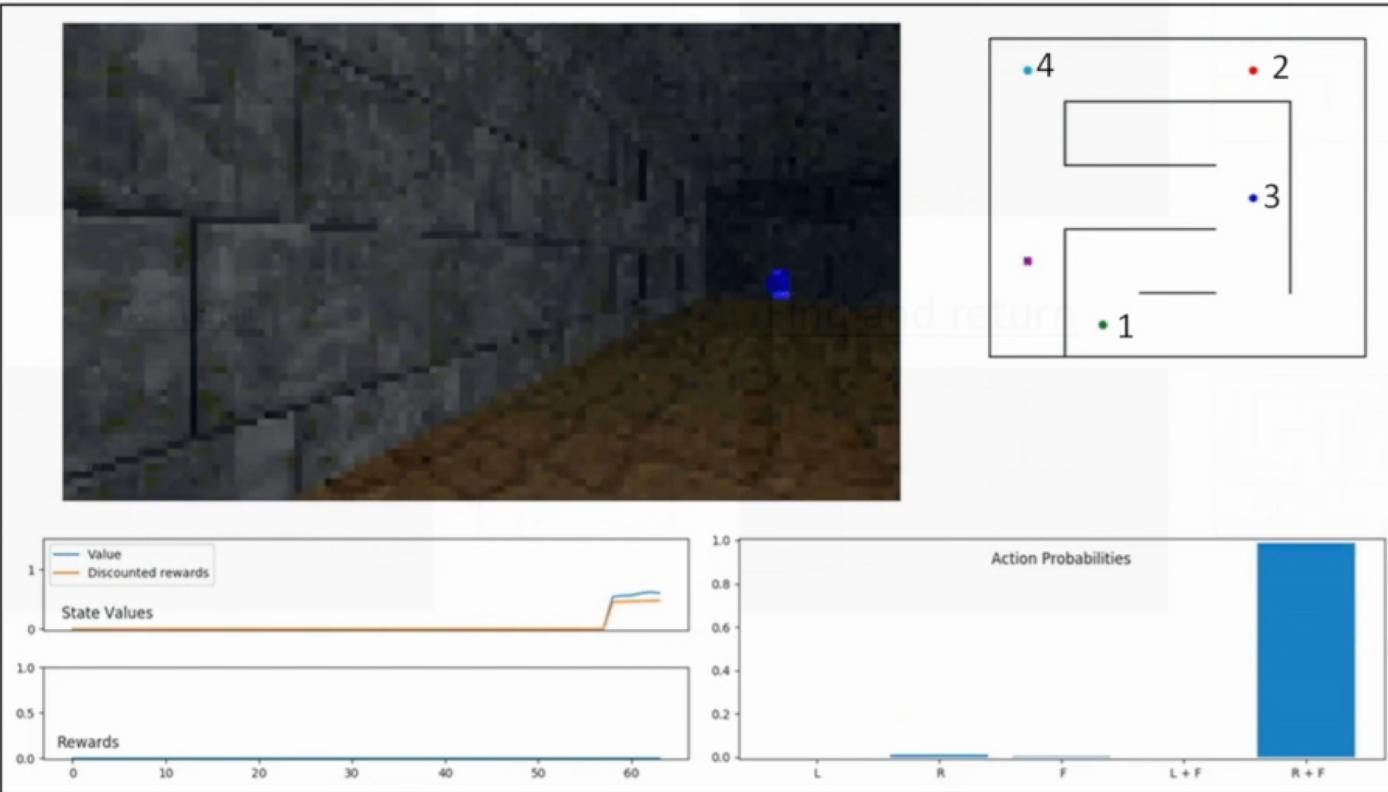
## Ordered K-item

- Collect k items in a fixed order
- Sparse rewards:
  - 0.5 for each object collected

[Beeching et al.,  
Arxiv 2018]

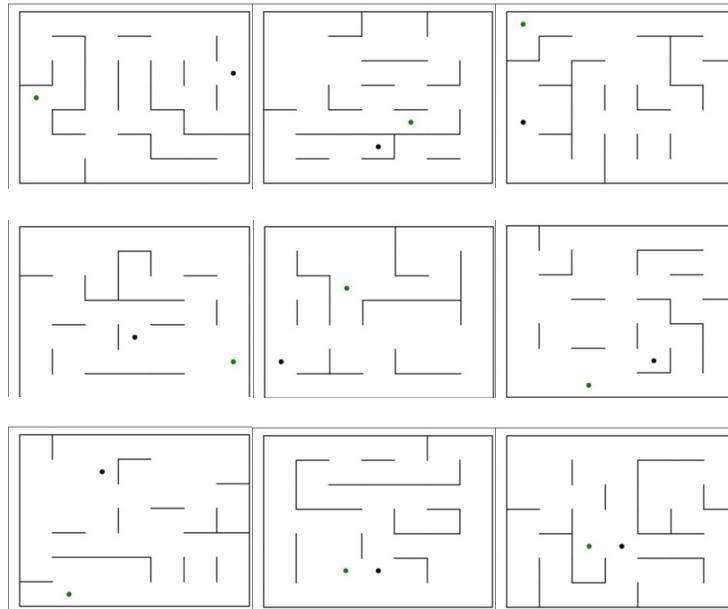
# Scenarios: Ordered K-item

- Collect K items in a specific order
- Tests: Vision & memory

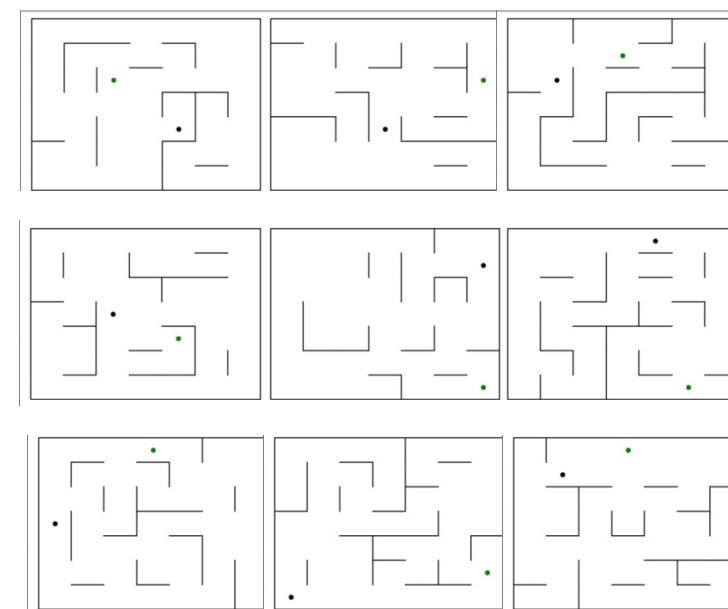


# Generalization to unseen mazes

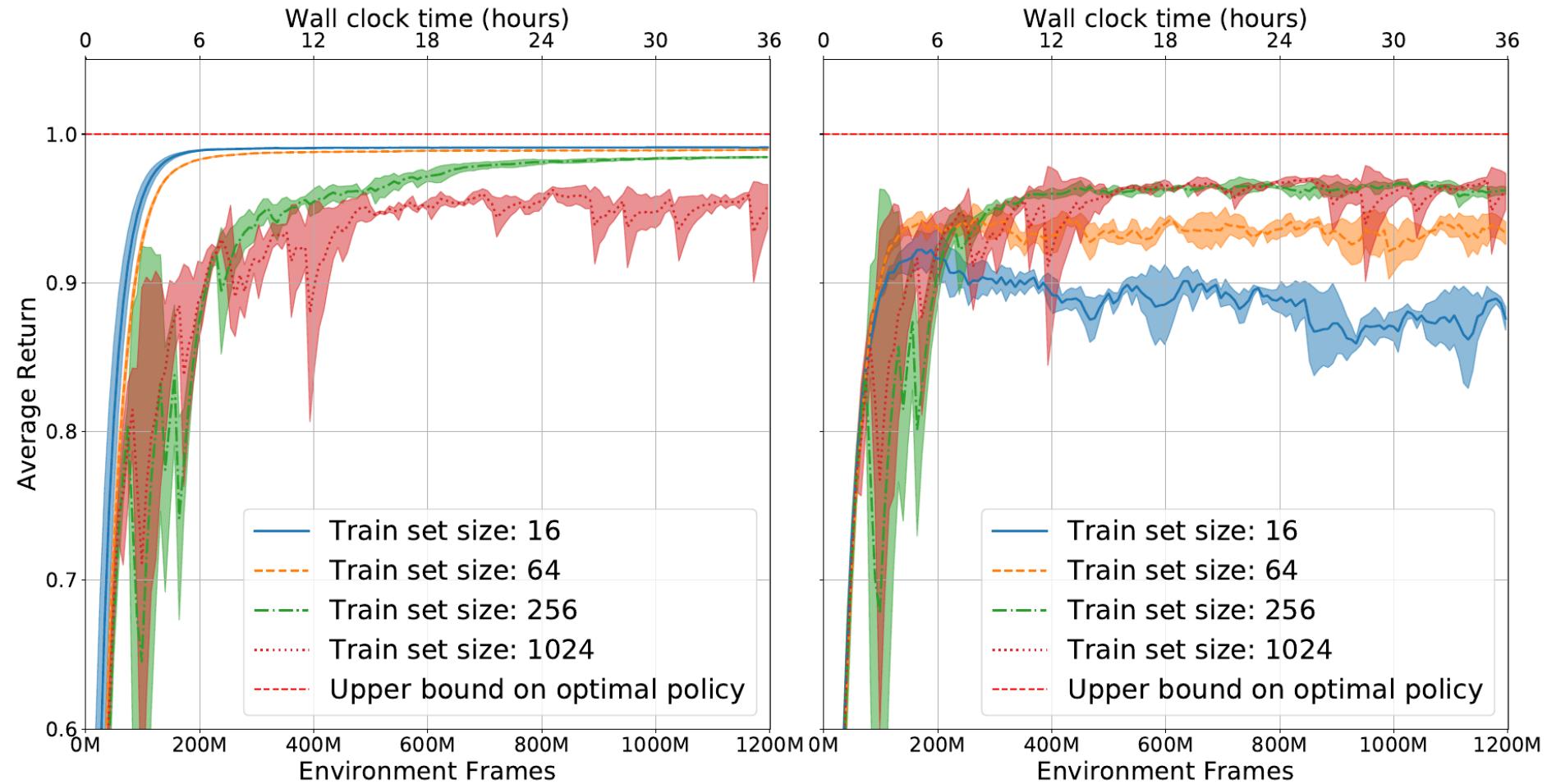
**N - Training configurations**



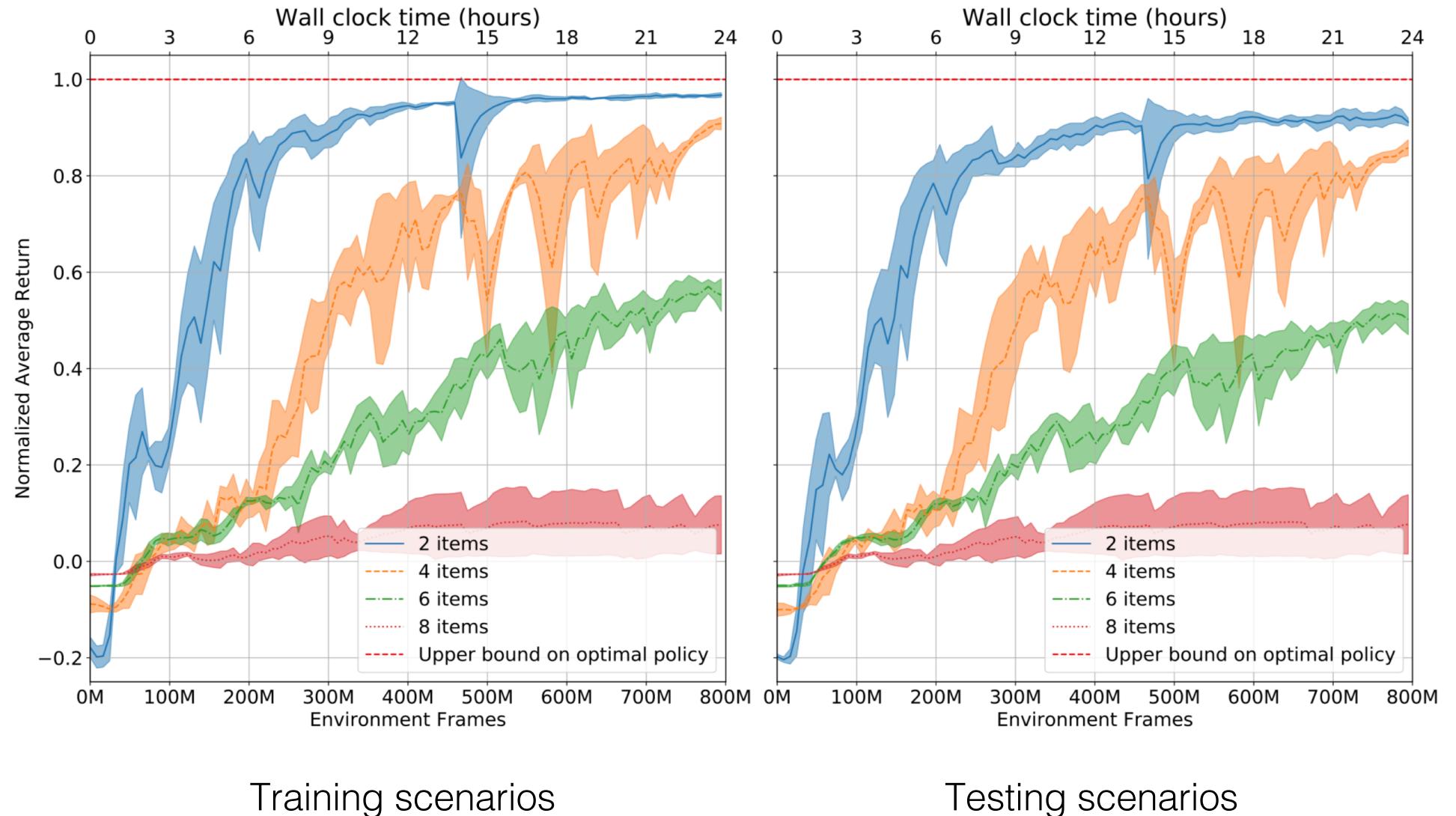
**K - Testing configurations**



# Generalization to unseen mazes



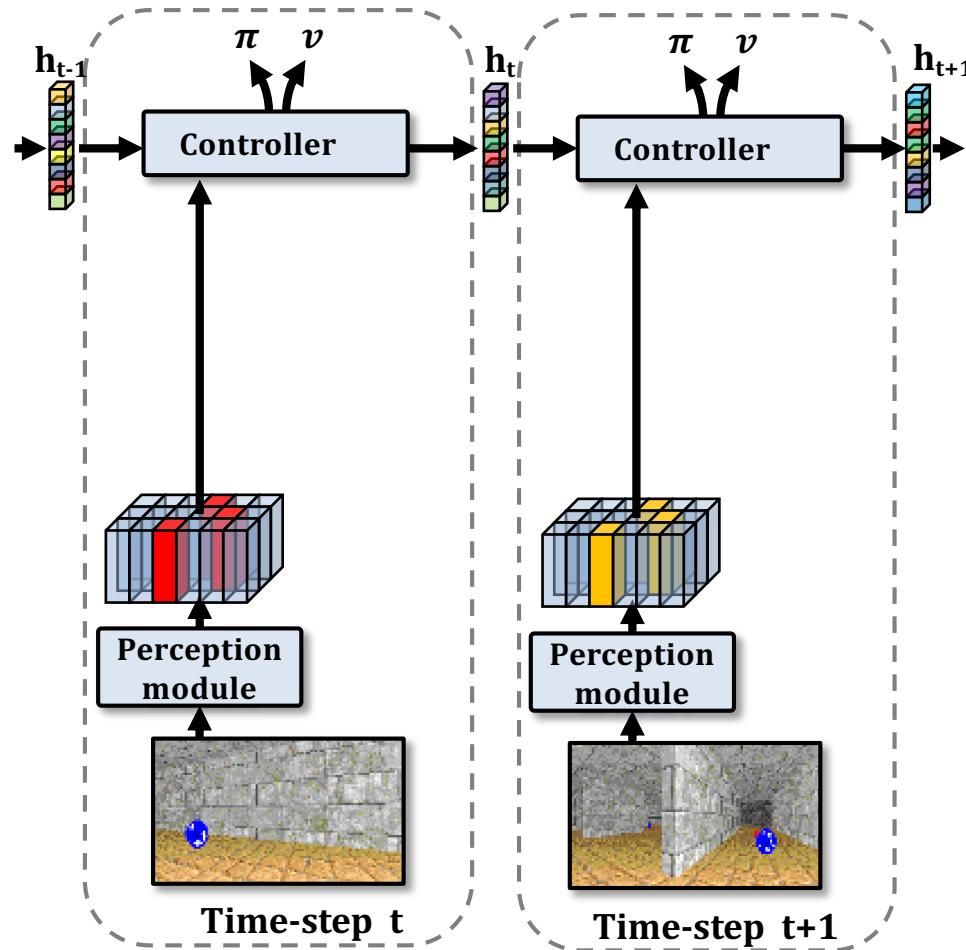
# K-item scenario: recurrent agent (A3C)



Training scenarios

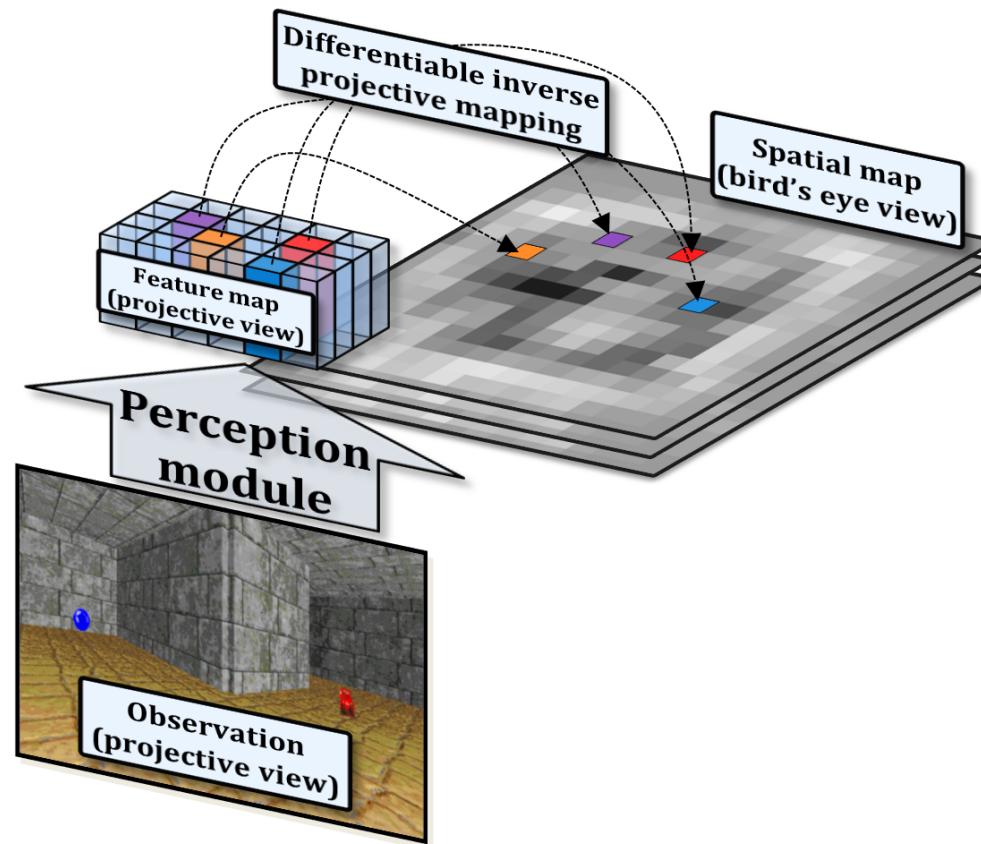
Testing scenarios

# Learning agent control/behavior



# Projective mapping

$$s_t = f_p(I_t; \theta_p)$$



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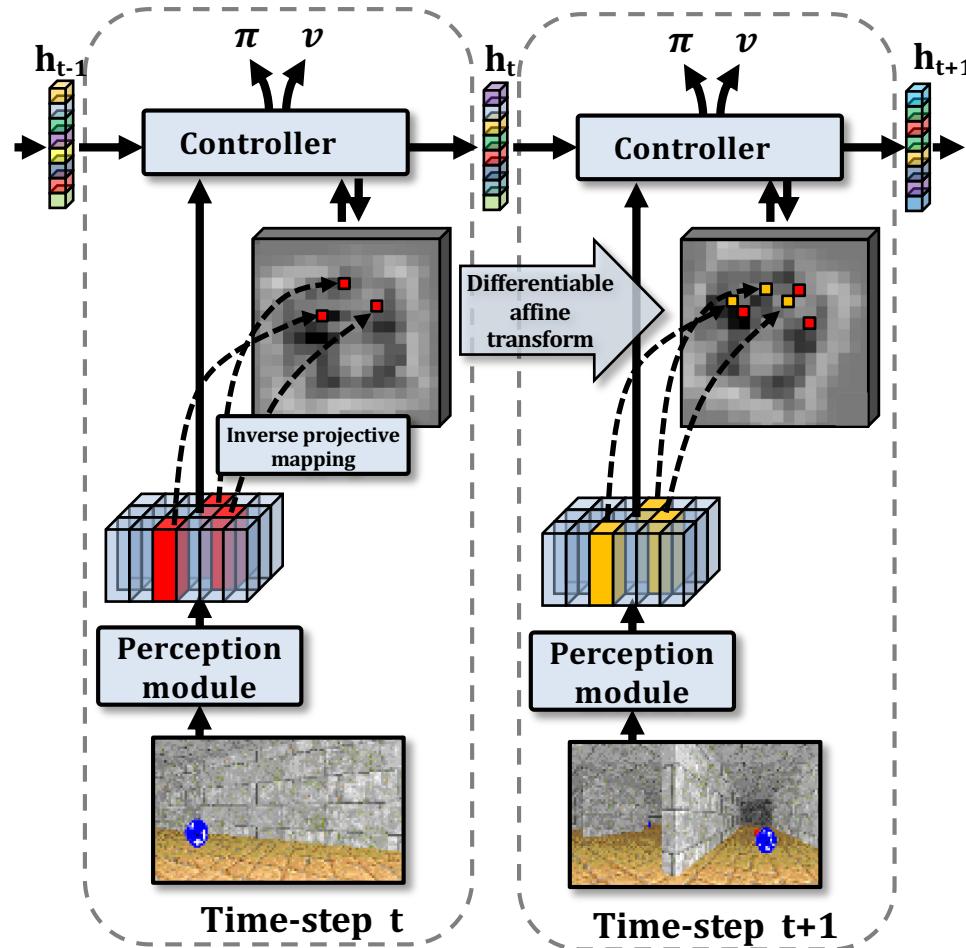


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# Learning agent control/behavior



[Beeching, Dibangoye,  
Simonin, Wolf, Under review]

# A single forward pass

1. Transform the map to the agent's egocentric frame of reference

$$\hat{M}_t = \text{Affine}(M_{t-1}, dx_t, dy_t, d\phi_t)$$

2. Update the map to include new observations

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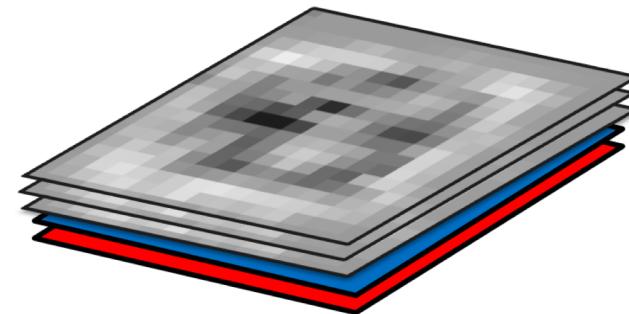
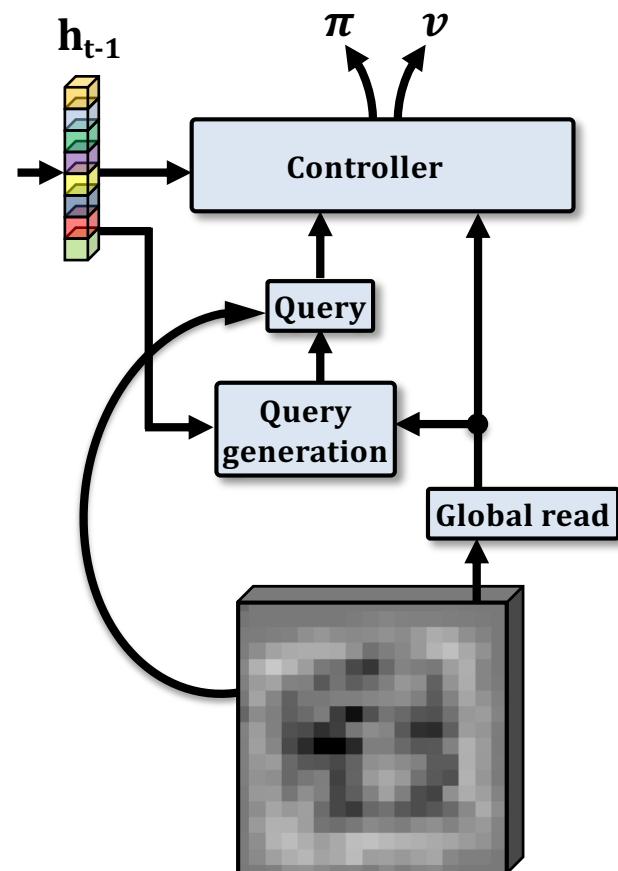
$$\tilde{M}_t = \text{InverseProject}(s_t, D_t) \quad M'_t = \text{Combine}(\hat{M}_t, \tilde{M}_t)$$

3. Perform a global read and attention based read,

$$r_t = \text{Read}(M'_t) \quad c_t = \text{Context}(M'_t, s_t, r_t)$$

# Querying spatial memory

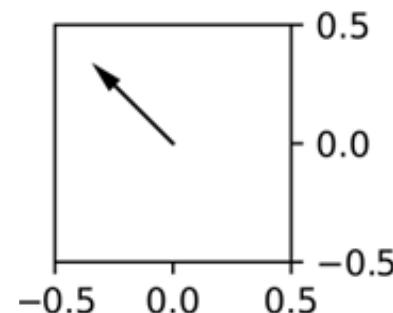
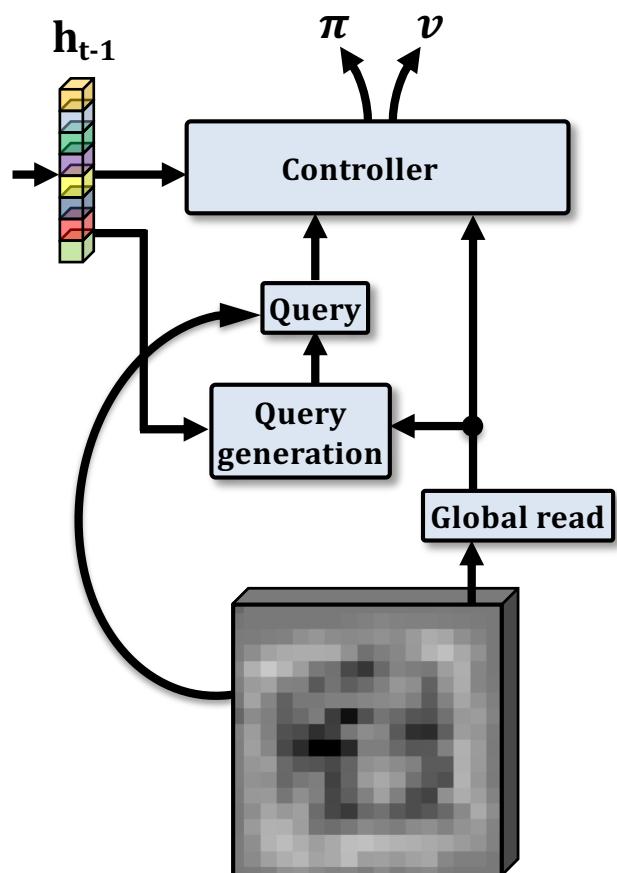
The network learns to query for specific content



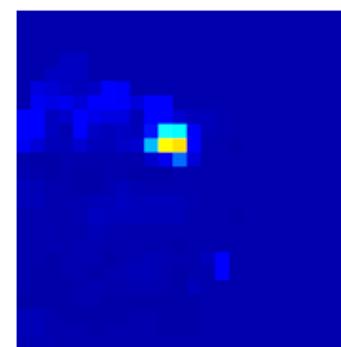
Ease localization with  
coordinate planes

# Querying spatial memory

The network learns to query for specific content



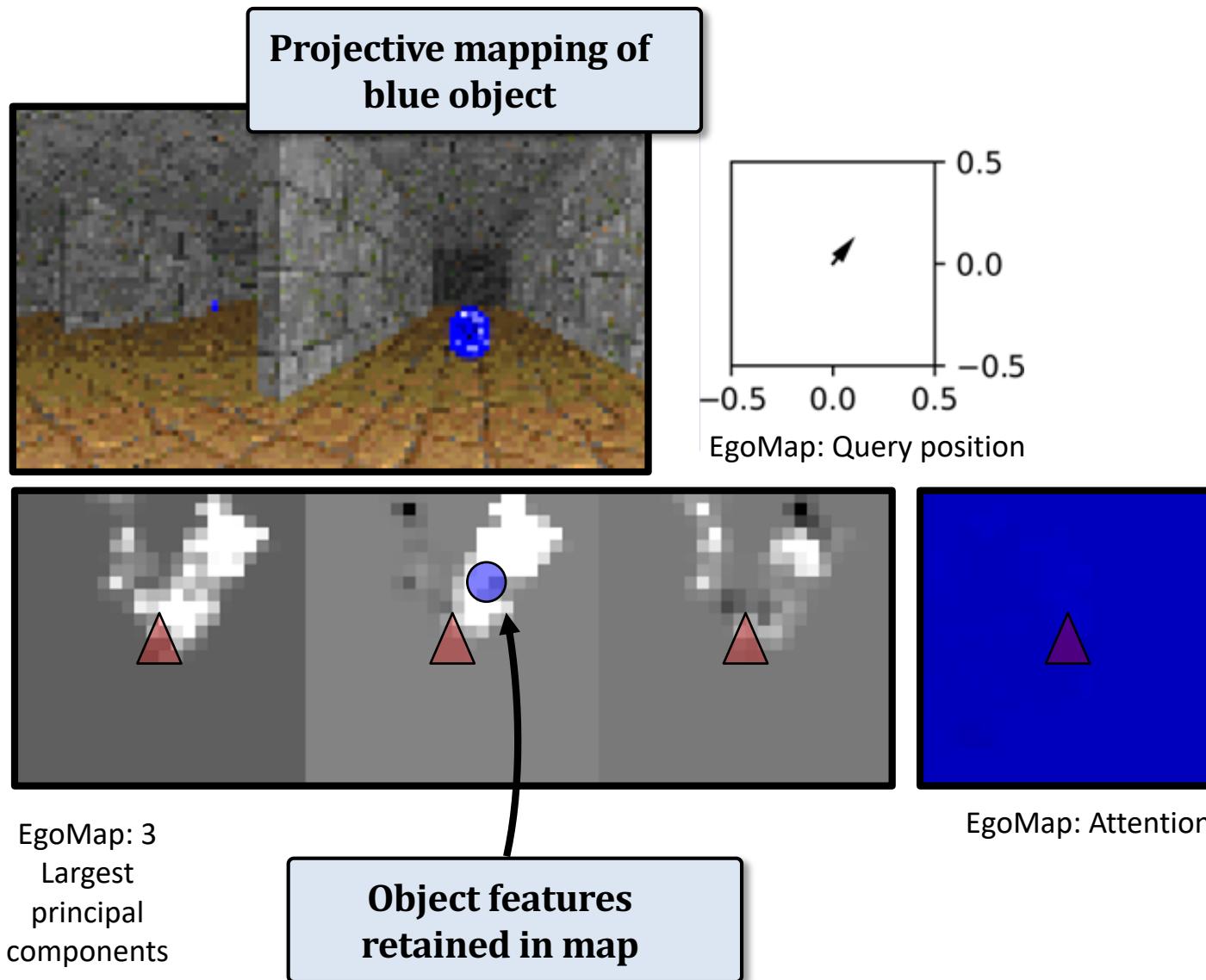
Attention:  
Spatial  
direction



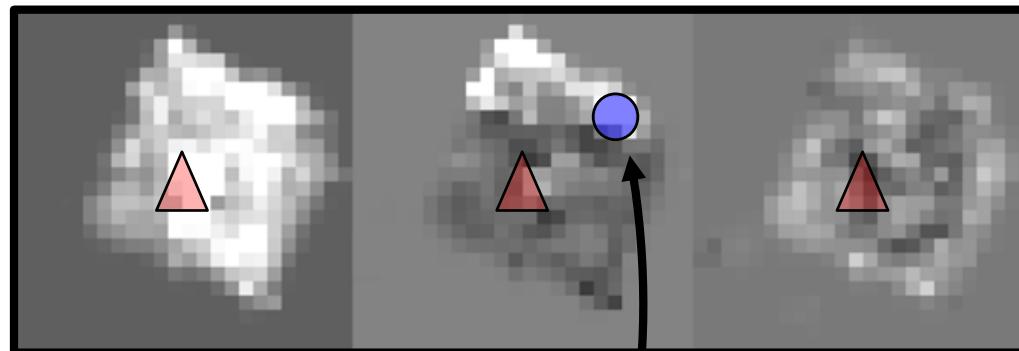
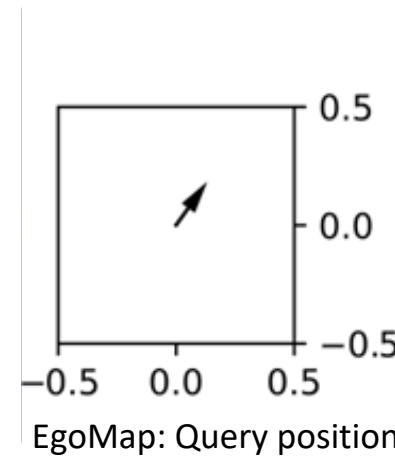
Attention  
distribution

[Beeching, Dibangoye,  
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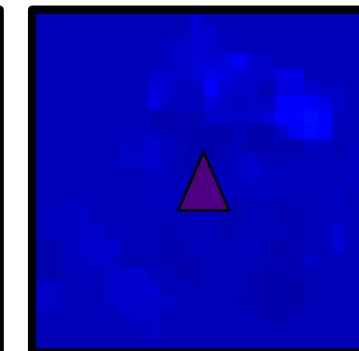
# 6 item scenario: time-step 005



# 6 item scenario: time-step 105



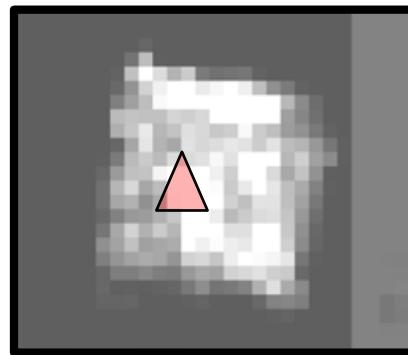
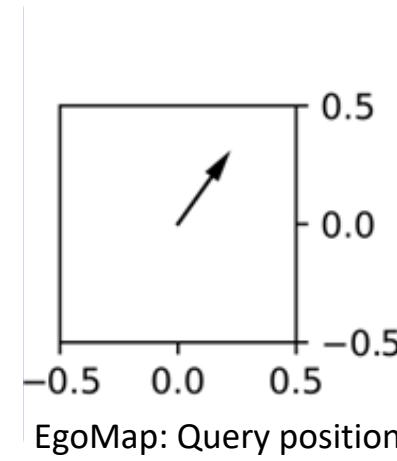
EgoMap: 3  
Largest  
principal  
components



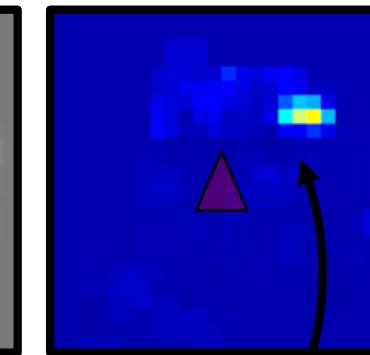
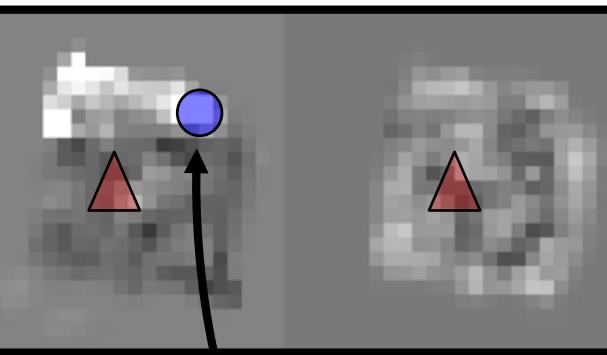
EgoMap: Attention

**Object features  
retained in map**

# 6 item scenario: time-step 108



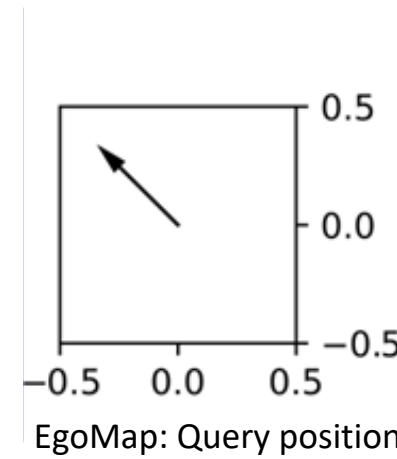
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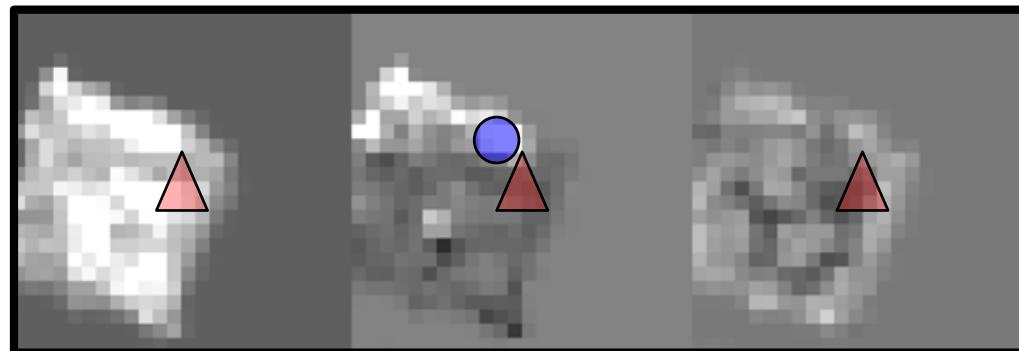
EgoMap: Attention

**Collection of object n-1  
triggers attention to  
object n**

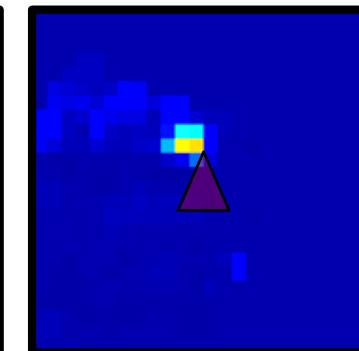
# 6 item scenario: time-step 134



EgoMap: Query position

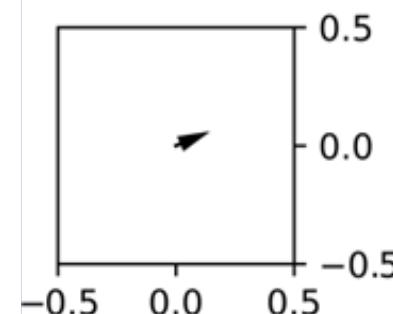


EgoMap: 3  
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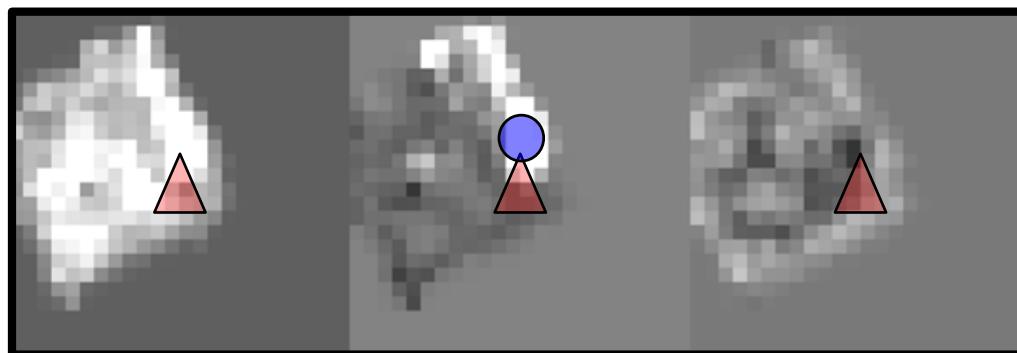


EgoMap: Attention

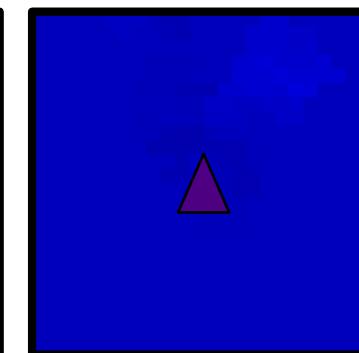
# 6 item scenario: time-step 140



EgoMap: Query position



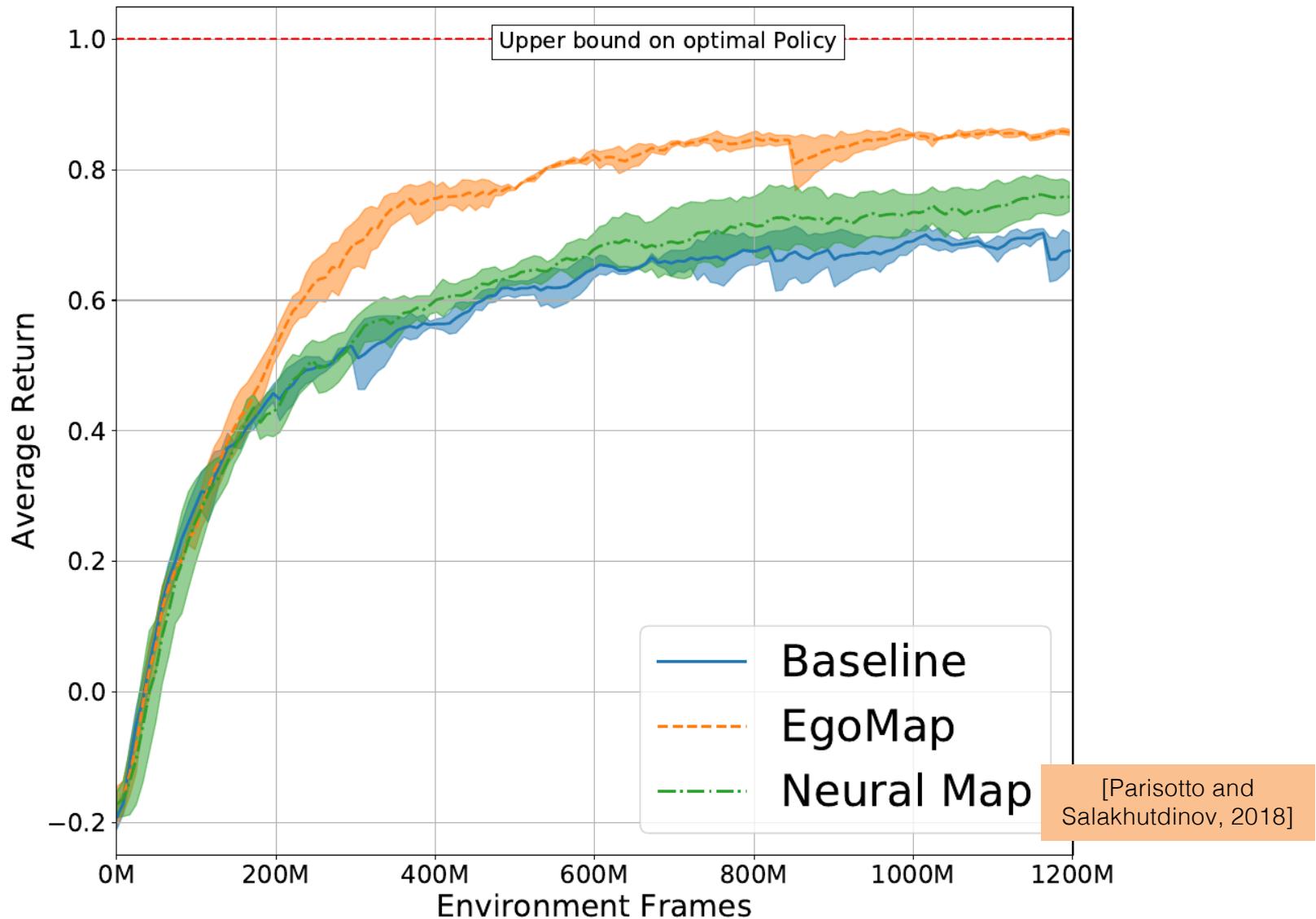
EgoMap: 3  
Largest  
principal  
components



EgoMap: Attention

**When the object is not  
occluded, the agent  
does not attend to it**

# Results



[Beeching, Dibangoye, Simonin,  
Wolf, Under review]

# Quantitative results

Agent	Scenario							
	4 item		6 item		Find and Return		Labyrinth	
	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test	Train	Test
Random	-0.179	-0.206	-0.21	-0.21	-0.21	-0.21	-0.115	-0.086
Baseline	$2.341 \pm 0.026$	$2.266 \pm 0.035$	$2.855 \pm 0.164$	$2.545 \pm 0.226$	$0.661 \pm 0.003$	$0.633 \pm 0.027$	$0.73 \pm 0.02$	$0.694 \pm 0.009$
Neural Map	$2.339 \pm 0.038$	$2.223 \pm 0.040$	$2.750 \pm 0.062$	$2.465 \pm 0.034$	$0.825 \pm 0.070$	$0.723 \pm 0.026$	$0.769 \pm 0.042$	$0.706 \pm 0.018$
EgoMap	<b><math>2.398 \pm 0.014</math></b>	<b><math>2.291 \pm 0.021</math></b>	<b><math>3.214 \pm 0.007</math></b>	<b><math>2.801 \pm 0.048</math></b>	<b><math>0.893 \pm 0.007</math></b>	<b><math>0.848 \pm 0.017</math></b>	$0.753 \pm 0.002$	<b><math>0.732 \pm 0.016</math></b>
Optimum	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	1	1	1	1



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# Results: ablation study

Ablation	Train	Test
Baseline	$0.668 \pm 0.028$	$0.662 \pm 0.036$
No global read	$0.787 \pm 0.007$	$0.771 \pm 0.029$
No query	$0.838 \pm 0.003$	$0.811 \pm 0.013$
No query temperature	$0.845 \pm 0.014$	$0.815 \pm 0.019$
No query position	$0.839 \pm 0.007$	$0.814 \pm 0.008$
Cosine query	$0.847 \pm 0.011$	$0.814 \pm 0.017$
<b>L1 query</b>	<b><math>0.851 \pm 0.014</math></b>	<b><math>0.828 \pm 0.011</math></b>

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