

# NEBELLUM — A SEMANTIC SIGNAL PROCESSING FRAMEWORK

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# 1 | Introduction

Nebellum is a *semantic* signal processing framework. It leverages a multimodal large language model, Gemma [1], to decode pieces of intel, and a vectorized war game, Parabellum [2], to assign importance to said pieces

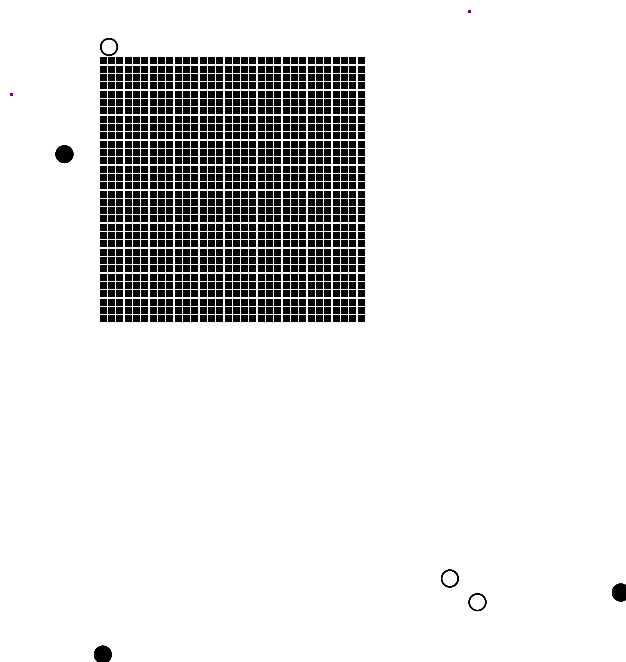
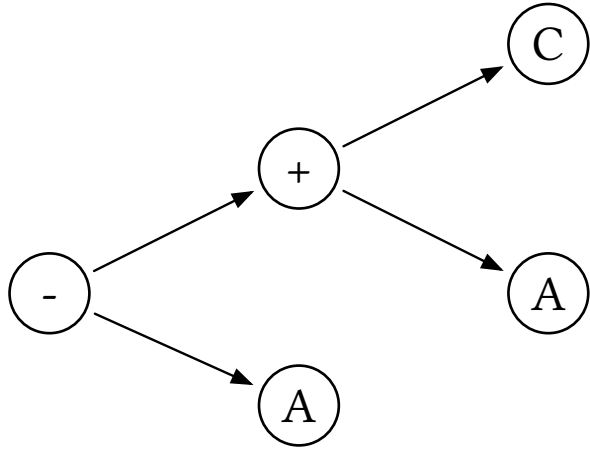


Figure 1: Parabellum simulation of Colosseo

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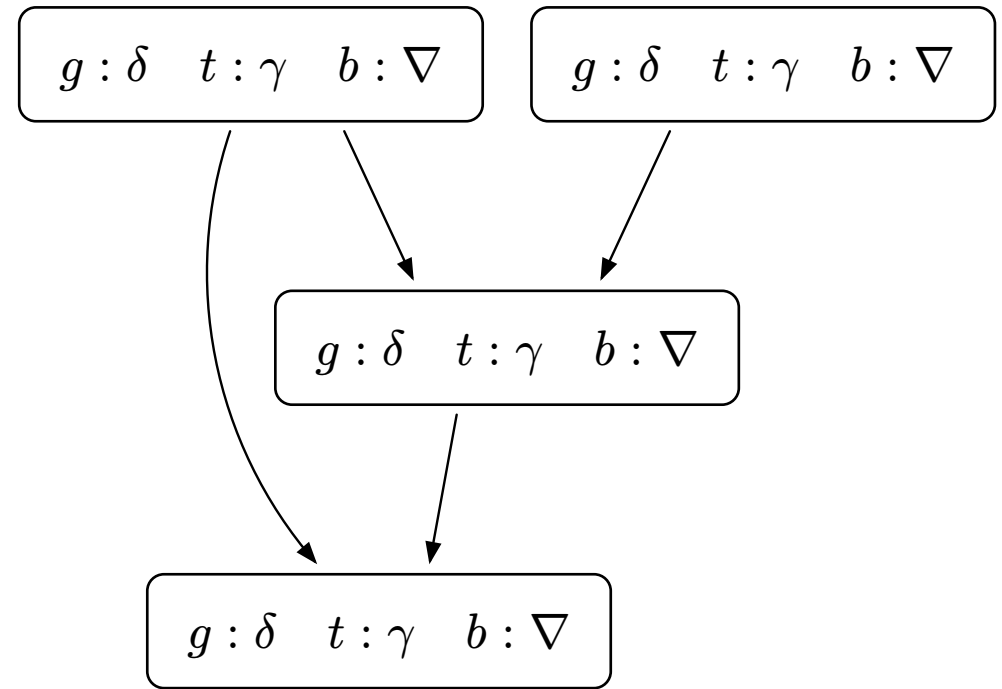
- ▶ Low level behavior is controlled by assigning behavior trees  $b$  and target positions
- ▶ Behavior trees map observations (info on units in sight range) to actions (move or shoot vector)
- ▶ Unit behavior (and target) is assigned by evaluating plan  $p$  at time  $t$
- ▶ Plan evaluation happens  $m$  (evenly spaced) times throughout an  $n$  step episode

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*Figure 2: Behavior tree implementation of “if enemy is in range shoot them, otherwise move to target”*

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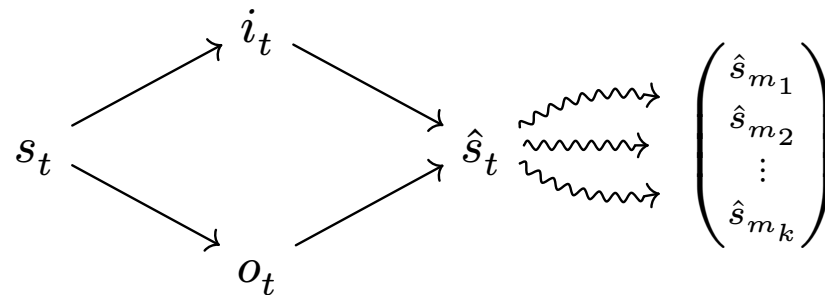


*Figure 3: Plan showing step dependency. Each step specifies unit group  $g$ , target  $t$  and behavior  $b$*

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Each of the  $m$  plan evaluations consists of:

1. Analysis: estimating the state  $\hat{s}_t$  by combining unit observation  $o_t$  with intel  $i_t$
2. Simulation: setting  $k$  simulations in motions based on  $\hat{s}_t$  to gauge the importance of  $i_t$



*Figure 4: At time  $t$  we have state  $s_t$ , intel  $i_t$  and observation  $o_t$ . These are combined into  $\hat{s}_t$ , the basis  $k$  different  $m$  step trajectories*

## 2.1 | Analysis

- ▶ Intel  $i_t$  is generated on all units in  $s_t$  encoding position and health in natural language
- ▶ Each piece of intel is fed to Gemma for analysis and combination into state estimate  $\hat{s}_t$
- ▶ For each team,  $k$  intel subsets are made from a random masking of enemy units out of sight
- ▶ For each intel subset  $i_{tj} : j \in [1, k]$  state  $\hat{s}_{tj}$  is made by masking info in  $\hat{s}_t$  from intel *not* in  $i_{tj}$

## 2.2 | Simulation

- ▶ The plan  $p$  is evaluated for each of the  $k$  states  $\hat{s}_{tj} : j \in [1, k]$  yielding the  $k$  behaviors  $b_j$
- ▶ From  $\hat{s}_t$ ,  $k$  trajectories (one for each behavior  $b_j$ ) of length  $\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor$  are run and recorded

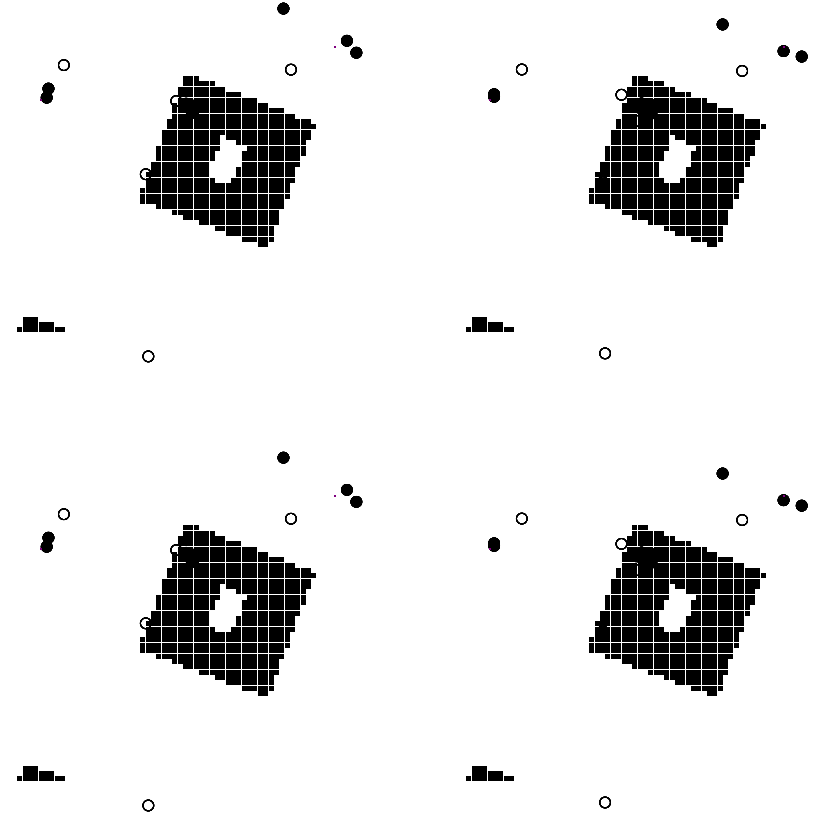


Figure 5: *Simulated futures based on would be behaviors based on different pieces of intel*



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