# **POGEMA:** A Benchmark Platform for Cooperative Multi-Agent Navigation (Supplementary material)

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# 1 **Extended Evaluation Results**

POGEMA benchmark contains 6 different sets of maps and all baseline approaches were evaluated on them either on MAPF or on LMAPF instances. Regardless the type of instances, number of maps, seeds and agents were the same. Table 1 contains all information about these numbers. Note that there is no MaxSteps (LMAPF) value for MovingAI set of maps. This set of maps was used only for pathfinding meta-metric, thus all approaches were evaluated only on MAPF instances with a single agent. The source code for POGEMA Benchmark is available at link<sup>1</sup>.

	Agents	Maps	MapSize	Seeds	MaxSteps (MAPF)	MaxSteps (LMAPF)
Random	[8, 16, 24, 32, 48, 64]	128	17×17 - 21×21	1	128	256
Mazes	[8, 16, 24, 32, 48, 64]	128	17×17 - 21×21	1	128	256
Warehouse	[32, 64, 96, 128, 160, 192]	1	33×46	128	128	256
Puzzles	[2, 3, 4]	16	$5 \times 5$	10	128	256
MovingAI	[1]	8	256×256	10	2048	-
MovingAI-tiles	[64, 128, 192, 256]	128	64×64	1	256	256

Table 1: Details about the instances on different sets of maps.

# 8 1.1 MAPF Benchmark: Performance

<sup>9</sup> The performance metrics were calculated using Mazes and Random maps of size close to  $20 \times 20$ . The <sup>10</sup> primary metrics here are SoC and CSR. The results of all the MAPF approaches over different numbers <sup>11</sup> of agents are presented in Figure 1. The superior performance is shown by the centralized approach, <sup>12</sup> LaCAM. The learnable approaches, DCC and SCRIMP, show comparable results. Interestingly, the <sup>13</sup> former has a better SoC metric, despite the latter having better results on CSR. Among the MARL <sup>14</sup> methods, better results are shown by MAMBA for both metrics.

# 15 1.2 MAPF Benchmark: Out-of-Distribution

16 Out-of-Distribution metric was calculated on MovingAI-tiles dataset, that consists of pieces of

17 cities maps with  $64 \times 64$  size. Due to much larger size compared to Mazes and Random maps, the

18 amount of agents was also significantly increased. Here again centralized search-based planner, i.e.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://github.com/Tviskaron/pogema\_benchmark



Figure 1: Plots show performance of MAPF approaches on Random and Mazes maps. The performance metrics was calculated based on SoC (lower is better) and CSR (higher is better) metrics. The shaded area indicates 95% confidence intervals.



Figure 2: Plots show performance of MAPF approaches on MovingAI-tiles maps. These results were utilized to compute Out-of-Distribution metric. The shaded area indicates 95% confidence intervals.

LaCAM, demonstrates the best results both in terms of CSR and SoC. Hybrid methods methods,
 i.e. DCC and SCRIMP, are also able to solve some of the instances. While DCC and SCRIMP
 demonstrate similar results on Mazes and Random maps, DCC completely outperforms SCRIMP on

<sup>22</sup> out-of-distribution dataset. MARL approaches are not able to solve any instance even with 64 agents.

# 23 1.3 MAPF Benchmark: Scalability

The results of how well the algorithm scales with a large 24 number of agents are shown in Figure 3. The experiments 25 were conducted on a warehouse map. The plot is log-26 scaled. The best scalability is achieved with the centralized 27 LaCAM approach, which is a high-performance approach. 28 The worst results in both runtime and scalability are for 29 SCRIMP, with results close to it for DCC. Despite an 30 initially high runtime, the scalability of MAMBA is better 31 than other approaches; however, this could be attributed 32 to the high cost of GPU computation, which is due to the 33 large number of parameters in the neural network and is 34 the limiting factor of this approach. 35



Figure 3: Runtime in seconds for each algorithm. Note that the plot is log-scaled.

### 1.4 MAPF Benchmark: Cooperation 36

How well the algorithm is able to resolve complex situa-37

tions on the Puzzles set is reflected in the results presented in Table 2. Surprisingly, the centralized 38

approach LaCAM does not solve all the tasks, showing only a 0.96 CSR. This highlights that this type 39

of task is difficult even for centralized approaches, despite the small map size of  $5 \times 5$  and the low 40

number of agents (2 - 4). SCRIMP outperformed DCC in CSR but again showed comparable results 41

in SoC. Among MARL approaches, better cooperation is demonstrated by QMIX, outperforming 42

QPLEX, VDN, IQL, and even MAMBA. 43

### 1.5 MAPF Benchmark: Congestion 44

Congestion is one of the meta-metrics that esti-45 mates how well the agents are distributed along 46 the map. This metric indirectly influences the 47 performance of the approach, as well-distributed 48 agents in case of highly crowded instances al-49 lows to reduce the amount of collisions and re-50 dundant wait-actions. To compute this metric we 51 utilize the results obtained on Warehouse map 52 with the highest evaluated amount of agents -53 192. In contrast to other metrics, that are com-54 puted as a ratio to the best obtained results, Con-55 gestion metric is computed as the ratio to aver-56

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age density of all agents on the map to average 57 density of the agents in agents' local observations. 58

Table 2: Comparison of algorithms cooperation on Puzzles set.  $\pm$  shows confidence intervals 95%.

Algorithm	CSR	SoC
DCC	$0.72\pm0.04$	$96.33 \pm 9.97$
IQL	$0.27\pm0.04$	$316.87{\pm}14.47$
LaCAM	$0.96\pm0.02$	$36.29 \pm 7.26$
MAMBA	$0.39\pm0.04$	$177.64{\pm}14.68$
QMIX	$0.53\pm0.05$	$246.11{\pm}17.10$
QPLEX	$0.33\pm0.04$	$250.12 \pm 14.80$
SCRIMP	$0.82\pm0.04$	$104.31{\pm}13.73$
VDN	$0.11\pm0.03$	$336.99 {\pm} 12.45$

Table 3: Average agents density by number of agents across algorithms for Warehouse map. Please note, only column with 192 agents was utilized to compute Congestion metric.

Algorithm	64 Agents	96 Agents	128 Agents	160 Agents	192 Agents
DCC	$0.094 \pm 0.001$	$0.132 \pm 0.001$	$0.170 \pm 0.001$	$0.207 \pm 0.001$	$0.241 \pm 0.001$
	$0.076 \pm 0.001$	$0.114 \pm 0.001$	$0.163 \pm 0.002$ 0.140 ± 0.001	$0.244 \pm 0.002$ 0.170 + 0.001	$0.299 \pm 0.002$
MAMBA	$0.082 \pm 0.001$ $0.101 \pm 0.001$	$0.110 \pm 0.001$ 0.183 + 0.001	$0.149 \pm 0.001$ $0.266 \pm 0.002$	$0.179 \pm 0.001$ $0.335 \pm 0.002$	$0.207 \pm 0.001$ 0.389 ± 0.002
QMIX	$0.101 \pm 0.001$ $0.073 \pm 0.001$	$0.103 \pm 0.001$ $0.103 \pm 0.001$	$0.130 \pm 0.002$	$0.059 \pm 0.002$ $0.154 \pm 0.001$	$0.309 \pm 0.002$ $0.179 \pm 0.001$
QPLEX	$0.077\pm0.001$	$0.113\pm0.001$	$0.146 \pm 0.001$	$0.175 \pm 0.001$	$0.205\pm0.001$
SCRIMP	$0.074\pm0.001$	$0.104\pm0.001$	$0.127 \pm 0.001$	$0.148\pm0.001$	$0.173\pm0.001$
VDN	$0.071 \pm 0.001$	$0.101 \pm 0.001$	$0.130 \pm 0.001$	$0.158 \pm 0.001$	$0.188 \pm 0.001$

### 1.6 MAPF Benchmark: Pathfinding 59

To compute Pathfidning metric we run the approaches on the 60 instances with a single agent. For this purpose we utilized 61 large MovingAI mapf with  $256 \times 256$  size. While this task 62 seems easy, most of the hybrid and MARL approaches are 63 not able to effectively solve them. Only LaCAM is able to 64 find optimal paths in all the cases, as it utilizes precomputed 65 costs to the goal location as a heuristic. Most of the evaluated 66 hybrid and MARL approaches are also contain a sort of global 67 guidance in one the channels of their observations. However, 68 large maps with out-of-distribution structure, the absence of 69 communication and other agents in local observations are able 70 to lead to inconsistent behavior of the models that are not able 71

Table 4: Comparison of makespan used for pathfinding metric.

Algorithm	Makespan
DCC	$189.56 \pm 28.28$
IQL	$1825.95{\pm}137.11$
LaCAM	$179.82{\pm}20.21$
MAMBA	$416.45 \pm 139.34$
QMIX	$955.54{\pm}203.76$
QPLEX	$933.74{\pm}204.21$
SCRIMP	$1460.04{\pm}176.27$
VDN	$1733.20 \pm 158.91$

to effectively choose the actions that lead the agent to its goal. Please note, SoC and makespan
 metrics in this case are equal, as there is only one agent in every instance.

# 74 1.7 LifeLong MAPF Benchmark: Performance

Performance metric in LMAPF case is based on the ratio of throughput compared to the best obtained 75 one. In contrast to SoC, throughput should be as high as possible. There is also no CSR metric, 76 as there is no need for agents to be at their goal locations simultaneously. As well as in MAPF 77 case, the best results are obtained by centralized search-based approach – RHCR. The best results 78 among decentralized methods demonstrate Follower and MATS-LP. Between pure MARL methods 79 the highest throughput on both Random and Mazes maps is obtained by MAMBA. The one can also 80 note multiple approaches, that were not directly mentioned in the baselines section – ASwitcher, 81 82 HSwitcher, LSwitcher, EPOM and RePlan. All these approaches are parts of Switcher baseline, where RePlan is search-based planner, EPOM – learn-based, and the rest are the switchers that combine 83 these two methods. Between them the best results demonstrates ASwitcher. 84



Figure 4: Performance results for LifeLong scenarios on the Mazes and Random maps.

# 85 1.8 LifeLong MAPF Benchmark: Out-of-Distribution

The evaluation on out-of-distribution set of maps confirms the results obtained on Random and Mazes maps. The best results demonstrates RHCR. Next best results are obtained by Follower and MATS-LP, which are much closer to RHCR in this experiment. While MATS-LP outperforms Follower on the instances with 64, 128 and 192 agents, Follower is still better on the instances with 256 agents. Such relation is probably explained by the presence of dynamic edge-costs in Follower that allows to better distribute agents along the map and reduce congestion between them.

## 92 1.9 LifeLong MAPF Benchmark: Scalability

Figure 5 contains log-scaled plot of average time spent 93 by each of the algorithms to process an instance on 94 Warehouse map with the corresponding amount of agents. 95 Most of the approaches scales almost linearly, except 96 RHCR. This centralized search-based method lacks of 97 exponential grow, as it needs to find a collision-free solu-98 tion for at least next few steps, rather than just to make 99 a decision about next action for each of the agents. The 100 worst runtime demonstrate MATS-LP, as it runs MCTS 101 and simulates the behavior of the other observable agents. 102 It's still scales better than RHCR as it builds trees for each 103 of the agents independently. 104



Figure 5: Runtime in seconds for each algorithm. Note that the plot is log-scaled.

Algorithm	64 Agents	128 Agents	192 Agents	256 Agents
ASwitcher	$1.26\pm0.08$	$2.30\pm0.13$	$3.14\pm0.17$	$3.80\pm0.20$
EPOM	$1.18\pm0.08$	$2.19\pm0.13$	$3.01\pm0.17$	$3.60\pm0.20$
Follower	$1.50\pm0.08$	$2.82\pm0.13$	$3.95\pm0.19$	$4.81\pm0.22$
HSwitcher	$1.24\pm0.08$	$2.22\pm0.12$	$3.01\pm0.17$	$3.58\pm0.20$
IQL	$0.26\pm0.02$	$0.65\pm0.04$	$0.78\pm0.05$	$0.68\pm0.05$
LSwitcher	$1.23\pm0.07$	$2.23\pm0.12$	$3.06\pm0.17$	$3.67\pm0.20$
MAMBA	$1.02\pm0.05$	$1.42\pm0.08$	$2.05\pm0.12$	$2.46\pm0.17$
MATS-LP	$1.57\pm0.12$	$2.98\pm0.20$	$4.04\pm0.33$	$4.69\pm0.39$
QMIX	$0.83 \pm 0.03$	$1.55\pm0.06$	$2.01\pm0.09$	$2.27\pm0.11$
QPLEX	$0.79\pm0.03$	$1.48\pm0.07$	$1.79\pm0.10$	$1.74\pm0.11$
RHCR	$1.57\pm0.08$	$3.00\pm0.14$	$4.22\pm0.23$	$5.13\pm0.34$
RePlan	$1.24\pm0.08$	$2.15\pm0.12$	$2.82\pm0.17$	$3.25\pm0.19$
VDN	$0.50\pm0.03$	$0.91\pm0.05$	$1.03\pm0.06$	$0.96\pm0.06$

Table 5: Evaluation on Out-of-Distribution maps. The results are shown by average throughput metric.

### 1.10 LifeLong MAPF Benchmark: Cooperation 105

As well as for MAPF setting, cooperation metric is computed 106 based on the results obtained on Puzzles dataset. Table 6 107 contains average throughput obtained by each of the evaluated 108 approaches. Here again the best results are obtained by RHCR 109 algorithm. In contrast to Random, Mazes and Warehouse sets 110 of maps, where MATS-LP and Follower demonstrate close 111 results, the ability to simulate the behavior of other agents, 112 provided by MCTS in MATS-LP, allows to significantly outper-113 form Follower on small Puzzles maps. The rest approaches 114 demonstrate much worse results, especially IQL, QPLEX and 115 VDN that have 10 times worse average throughput than RHCR. 116

### 117 1.11 LifeLong MAPF Benchmark: Congestion

Table 7 contains average agents density presented in obser-118

vations. As it was already mentioned in LMAPF:Out-of-119

Distribution section, Follower contains a mechanism that al-120

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- lows to effectively distribute agents along the map. As a result, the lowest density is demonstrated 121 exactly by this approach. MARL methods, such as MAMBA and QMIX are also demonstrate low 122
  - average agents density, as they actually utilize the same observation as Follower does.

Table 7: A	Average A	gents I	Density h	ov Number	of Agents
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Algorithm	64 Agents	96 Agents	128 Agents	160 Agents	192 Agents		
ASwitcher	$0.074{\pm}0.001$	$0.111 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.146{\pm}0.001$	$0.176 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.203 {\pm} 0.001$		
EPOM	$0.075 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.122{\pm}0.002$	$0.180{\pm}0.003$	$0.230{\pm}0.003$	$0.269 {\pm} 0.003$		
Follower	0.073	0.101	0.126	0.150	0.173		
HSwitcher	$0.075 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.121 {\pm} 0.002$	$0.176 {\pm} 0.003$	$0.227 {\pm} 0.003$	$0.270 {\pm} 0.003$		
IQL	$0.080 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.127{\pm}0.002$	$0.188 {\pm} 0.003$	$0.257 {\pm} 0.003$	$0.319 {\pm} 0.002$		
LSwitcher	$0.075 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.114{\pm}0.001$	$0.149 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.180{\pm}0.001$	$0.208 {\pm} 0.001$		
MAMBA	0.073	0.095	$0.119 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.146 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.176 {\pm} 0.001$		
MATS-LP	$0.110{\pm}0.002$	$0.176 {\pm} 0.002$	$0.231{\pm}0.003$	$0.274 {\pm} 0.003$	$0.306 {\pm} 0.003$		
QMIX	0.074	0.100	0.126	$0.150 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.175 {\pm} 0.001$		
QPLEX	0.078	$0.114{\pm}0.001$	$0.147 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.176 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.216{\pm}0.002$		
RHCR	0.088	$0.125 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.170 {\pm} 0.002$	$0.242 {\pm} 0.004$	$0.314{\pm}0.004$		
RePlan	$0.081{\pm}0.001$	$0.116 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.145 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.168 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.189{\pm}0.001$		
VDN	$0.077 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.109 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.141{\pm}0.001$	$0.173 {\pm} 0.001$	$0.204{\pm}0.002$		

Table 6: Average throughput on Puzzles maps that were used to compute Cooperation metric.

Algorithm	Average Throughput
ASwitcher	$0.164{\pm}0.015$
EPOM	$0.147 {\pm} 0.014$
Follower	$0.319 {\pm} 0.020$
HSwitcher	$0.194{\pm}0.014$
IQL	$0.036 {\pm} 0.003$
LSwitcher	$0.206 {\pm} 0.013$
MAMBA	$0.133 {\pm} 0.014$
MATS-LP	$0.394{\pm}0.021$
QMIX	$0.117 {\pm} 0.010$
QPLEX	$0.051 {\pm} 0.006$
RHCR	$0.538 {\pm} 0.021$
RePlan	$0.194{\pm}0.013$
VDN	$0.030 {\pm} 0.004$

# 123 1.12 LifeLong MAPF Benchmark: Pathfinding

Pathfinding metric is tailored to indicate how well the algo-124 rithm is able to guide am agent to its goal location. As a result, 125 there is actually no need to run the algorithms on LifeLong 126 instances. Instead, they were run on the same set of instances 127 that were utilized for MAPF approaches. The results of this 128 evaluation are presented in Table 8. Again, the best results 129 were obtained by search-based approach - RHCR. Its imple-130 mentation was slightly modified to work on MAPF instances, 131 when there is no new goal after reaching the current one. Ei-132 ther optimal or close to optimal paths are able to find Follower 133 and MATS-LP. Followers misses optimal paths due to the inte-134 grated technique that changes the edge-costs. MATS-LP adds 135 noise to the root of the search tree that might result in choosing 136 of wrong actions. For the approaches from Switcher family 137 it's actually almost impossible to find optimal paths as they 138 have no information about global map and operate only based 139 on the local observations. 140

# Table 8: Pathfinding results.

Algorithm	Makespan
ASwitcher	$340.56 \pm 79.41$
EPOM	$762.94{\pm}168.21$
Follower	$181.00{\pm}20.95$
HSwitcher	$299.90{\pm}62.73$
IQL	$1825.95{\pm}144.16$
LSwitcher	$472.64{\pm}119.23$
MAMBA	$416.45 \pm 136.01$
MATS-LP	$179.93{\pm}22.45$
QMIX	$955.54{\pm}200.68$
QPLEX	$933.74{\pm}199.18$
RHCR	$179.82{\pm}20.21$
RePlan	$299.90{\pm}62.40$
VDN	$1733.20{\pm}157.96$

# 141 2 Code examples for POGEMA



Listing 1: Setting up a POGEMA instance with a custom map and generating an animation.

POGEMA is an environment that provides a simple scheme for creating MAPF scenarios, specifying the parameters of GridConfig. The main parameters are: on\_target (the behavior of an agent on the target, e.g., *restart* for LifeLong MAPF and *nothing* for classical MAPF), seed – to preserve the same generation of the map; agent; and their targets for scenario, size – used for cases without custom maps to specify the size of the map, density – the density of obstacles, num\_agents – the number of agents, obs\_radius – observation radius, collision\_system – controls how conflicts are handled in the environment (we used a *soft* collision system for all of our experiments). The example of creation such instance is presenten in Listing 1.

Visualization of the agents is a crucial tool for debugging algorithms, visually comparing them, 150 and presenting the results. Many existing MARL environments lack such tools, or have limited 151 visualization functionality, e.g., requiring running the simulator to provide replays, or offering 152 visualizations only in one format (such as videos). In the POGEMA environment, there are three 153 types of visualization formats. The first one is console rendering, which can be used with the default 154 render methods of the environment; this approach is useful for local or server-side debugging. 155 The preferred second option is SVG animations. An example of generating such a visualization is 156 presented in the listing above. This approach allows displaying the results using any browser. It 157 provides the ability to highlight high-quality static images (e.g., as the images provided in the paper) 158 or to display results on a website (e. g., animations of the POGEMA repository on GitHub). This 159 format ensures high-quality vector graphics. The third option is to render the results to video format, 160 which is useful for presentations and videos. 161

# **162 3 POGEMA Toolbox**

<sup>163</sup> The POGEMA Toolbox provides three types of functionality.

The first one is registries to handle custom maps and algorithms. To create a custom map, the user first needs to define it using ASCII symbols or by uploading it from a file, and then register it using the toolbox (see Listing 1). The same approach is used to register and create algorithms (see Listing 2). In that listing, the registration of a simple algorithm is presented, which must includ two methods: act and reset\_states. This approach can also accommodate a set of hyperparameters which the Toolbox handles.

```
from pogema import BatchAStarAgent
```

```
# Registring A* algorithm
ToolboxRegistry.register_algorithm('A*', BatchAStarAgent)
# Creating algorithm
algo = ToolboxRegistry.create_algorithm("A*")
```

from pogema\_toolbox.registry import ToolboxRegistry

Listing 2: Example of registering the A\* algorithm as an approach in the POGEMA Toolbox.

```
# Creating cusom_map
custom_map = """
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...#..#.
...#..#.
#.####.#.
"""
# Registring custom_map
ToolboxRegistry.register_maps({"custom_map": custom_map})
```

Listing 3: Example of registering a custom map to the Pogema Toolbox.

```
environment: # Configuring Test Environments
  name: Environment
  on_target: 'restart'
  max_episode_steps: 128
  observation_type: 'POMAPF'
  collision_system: 'soft'
  seed:
    grid_search: [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 ]
  num_agents:
    grid_search: [ 8, 16, 24, 32, 48, 64 ]
  map_name:
    grid_search: [
        validation-mazes-seed-000, validation-mazes-seed-001, validation-mazes-seed-002,
        validation-mazes-seed-003, validation-mazes-seed-004, validation-mazes-seed-005,
    ]
algorithms: # Specifying algorithms and it's hyperparameters
  RHCR-5-10:
    name: RHCR
    parallel_backend: 'balanced_dask'
    num_process: 32
    simulation_window: 5
    planning_window: 10
    time_limit: 10
    low_level_planner: 'SIPP'
    solver: 'PBS'
results_views: # Defining results visualization
  01-mazes:
    type: plot
    x: num_agents
    y: avg_throughput
    width: 4.0
    height: 3.1
    line_width: 2
    use_log_scale_x: True
    legend_font_size: 8
    font_size: 8
    name: Mazes
    ticks: [8, 16, 24, 32, 48, 64]
  TabularThroughput:
    type: tabular
    drop_keys: [ seed, map_name]
    print_results: True
```

Listing 4: Example of the POGEMA Toolbox configuration for parallel testing of the RHCR approach and visualization of its results.

Second, it provides a unified way of conducting distributed testing using Dask <sup>2</sup> and defined configurations. An example of such a configuration is provided in Listing 4. The configuration is split

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://github.com/dask/dask

into three main sections; the first one details the parameters of the POGEMA environment used for 172 testing. It also includes iteration over the number of agents, seeds, and names of the map (which were 173 registered beforehand). The unified grid\_search tag allows for the examination of any existing 174 parameter of the environment. The second part of the configurations is a list of algorithms to be 175 tested. Each algorithm has its alias (which will be shown in the results) and name, which specifies 176 the family of methods. It also includes a list of hyperparameters common to different approaches, 177 e.g., number of processes, parallel backend, etc., and the specific parameters of the algorithm. 178 The third functionality and third part of the configuration concern views. This is a form of presenting 179

Ine third functionality and third part of the configuration concern views. This is a form of presenting the results of the algorithms. Working with complex testing often requires custom tools for creating visual materials such as plots and tables. The POGEMA toolbox provides such functionality for MAPF tasks out-of-the-box. The listing provides two examples of such data visualization: a plot and a table, which, based on the configuration, provide aggregations of results and present information in a high-quality form, including confidence intervals. The plots and tables in the paper are prepared using this functionality.

# (d) Puzzle (c) Warehouse (f) MovingAI

# **186 4 Examples of used maps**

Figure 6: Examples of maps presented in POGEMA.

# 187 **5 MARL training setup**

For training MARL approaches, such as MAMBA, QMIX, QPLEX, and VDN, we used the default hyperparameters provided in the corresponding repositories<sup>3</sup>, and employed the PyMARL2 framework<sup>4</sup> to establish MARL baselines. As input, we apply preprocessing from the Follower approach, which is the current state-of-the-art for decentralized LifeLong MAPF. We attempted to add a ResNet encoder, as used in the Follower approach; however, this addition worsened the results, thus we opted for vectorized observation and default MLP architectures. For centralized methods that work

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://github.com/jbr-ai-labs/mamba

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>https://github.com/hijkzzz/pymarl2

<sup>194</sup> with the state of the environment (e.g., QMIX or QPLEX), we utilized the MARL integration of

POGEMA, which provides agent positions, targets, and obstacle positions in a format similar to the

196 SMAC environment (providing their coordinates).

Our initial experiments on training this approach with a large number of agents, similar to the Follower model, showed very low results. We adjusted the training maps to be approximately  $16 \times 16$ , which proved to be more effective and populated them with 8 agents. This setup shows better results. We continued training the approaches until they reached a plateau, which for most algorithms is under 1 million steps.

# 202 6 Resources and Statistics

To evaluate all the presented approaches integrated with POGEMA we have used two workstations with equal configuration, that includes 2 NVidia Titan V GPU, AMD Ryzen Threadripper 3970X CPU and 256 GB RAM. The required computation time is heavily depends on the approach by itself.

Table 9: Total time (in hours) required by each of the algorithms to run all MAPF instances on the corresponding datasets.

	Random	Mazes	Warehouse	MovingAI-tiles	Puzzles	MovingAI
DCC	2.11	2.46	11.07	22.70	0.09	0.02
IQL	0.05	0.04	0.13	0.13	0.01	0.01
LaCAM	0.20	0.29	0.24	0.23	0.37	0.01
MAMBA	6.62	6.47	8.36	12.27	2.59	3.40
QMIX	0.04	0.04	0.14	0.13	0.01	0.01
QPLEX	0.05	0.04	0.13	0.13	0.01	0.01
SCRIMP	1.66	2.20	16.54	21.63	0.08	0.21
VDN	0.05	0.04	0.13	0.13	0.01	0.01

Table 10: Total time (in hours) required by each of the algorithms to run all LMAPF instances on the corresponding datasets.

	Random	Mazes	Warehouse	MovingAI-tiles	Puzzles	MovingAI
ASwitcher	1.03	0.47	2.95	1.76	0.31	0.04
EPOM	0.57	0.28	0.97	0.77	0.31	0.09
Follower	0.48	0.23	0.69	0.77	0.26	0.89
HSwitcher	6.39	2.65	18.40	10.25	0.31	0.10
IQL	0.08	0.04	0.26	0.24	0.02	0.01
LSwitcher	6.18	2.61	17.30	10.70	0.81	0.21
MAMBA	13.82	6.69	15.81	11.07	7.83	3.40
MATS-LP	77.31	35.34	163.68	129.78	3.80	0.14
QMIX	0.08	0.04	0.26	0.25	0.02	0.01
QPLEX	0.08	0.04	0.26	0.25	0.02	0.01
RHCR	0.57	0.25	17.04	6.28	0.01	0.01
RePlan	6.00	2.40	16.20	11.33	0.01	0.09
VDN	0.08	0.04	0.25	0.25	0.02	0.01

The statistics regarding the spent time on solving MAPF and LMAPF instances are presented in Table

9 and Table 10 respectively. Please note, that all these approaches were run in parallel in multiple threads utilizing dask, that significantly reduces the factual spent time.

209 We used pretrained models for all the hybrid methods, such as Follower, Switcher, MATS-LP,

210 SCRIMP, and DCC, thus, no resources were spent on their training. RHCR and LaCAM are pure

search-based planners and do not require any training. MARL methods, such as MAMBA, QPLEX,

212 QMIX, IQL, and VDN, were trained by us. MAMBA was trained for 20 hours on the MAPF instances,

resulting in 200K environment steps, and for 6 days on LifeLong MAPF instances, resulting in 50K

environment steps, which corresponds to the same amount of GPU hours. For MARL approaches,

we trained them for 1 million environment steps, which corresponds to an average of 5 GPU hours for each algorithm.

# 217 7 Accountability framework

Our team is committed to maintaining an open and accountable POGEMA framework. Since 218 2021, we have continuously improved POGEMA, including the addition of the POGEMA Toolbox 219 and the recent introduction of POGEMA Benchmark. We ensure transparency in our operations 220 221 and encourage the broader AI community to participate. Our framework includes a fast learning environment, problem instance generator, visualization toolkit, and automated benchmarking tools, 222 all guided by a clear evaluation protocol. We have also implemented/integrated and evaluated multiple 223 strong baselines that simplify further comparison with them. We practice rigorous software testing 224 and conduct regular code reviews. We are promptly addressing issues that are reported on Github and 225 we welcome any feedback and contributions through GitHub. 226