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# HoK3v3: an Environment for Generalization in Heterogeneous Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning

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## Abstract

1 We introduce HoK3v3, a 3v3 game environment for multi-agent reinforcement  
2 learning (MARL) research, based on *Honor of Kings*, the world’s most popular  
3 Multiplayer Online Battle Arena (MOBA) game at present. Due to the presence of  
4 diverse heroes and lineups (a.k.a., hero combinations), this environment poses a  
5 unique challenge for generalization in heterogeneous MARL. A detailed description  
6 of the tasks contained in HoK3v3, including observations, structured actions, and  
7 multi-head reward specifications, has been provided. We validate the environment  
8 by applying conventional MARL baseline algorithms. We examine the challenges  
9 of generalization through experiments involving the 3v3 MOBA full game task  
10 and its decomposed sub tasks, executed by lineups picked from the hero pool. **The**  
11 **results demonstrate that HoK3v3 offers appropriate scenarios for evaluating the**  
12 **effectiveness of RL methods when dealing with the challenge of heterogeneous**  
13 **generalization.** All of the code, tutorial, encrypted game engine, can be accessed  
14 at: [https://github.com/tencent-ailab/hok\\_env](https://github.com/tencent-ailab/hok_env).

## 15 1 Introduction

16 Multi-agent reinforcement learning (MARL) has shown great potential in many areas like  
17 robotics [11, 7], autonomous vehicles [21], industrial manufacturing [1], and social science [6].  
18 However, deploying current MARL algorithms to real world scenarios still faces difficulty due  
19 to the large domain gap between simulators and real-world scenarios. This calls for: 1) stronger  
20 generalization ability for agents; and 2) more complicated and practical environments for MARL.

21 There are a series of existing standardized MARL environments supporting the research of this area.  
22 Multi-agent Particle Environment [10] is a simple yet effective simulator for particle-based agents  
23 moving on a 2D plane. The StarCraft Multi-Agent Challenge [14] gives a series of micromanagement  
24 challenges by wrapping the environment of real-time strategy game StarCraft II [18]. And Google  
25 Research Football [8] simulates physics-based football games with stochasticity. All these environ-

26 ments have small-sized action space or state space, and relatively simple tasks for the convenience of  
 27 research. Therefore, these environments can hardly simulate the complicated real-world scenarios. In  
 28 the meantime, agents usually share similar properties, only diverging from the numerical values, like  
 29 the speed or hurt per frame of one agent. This makes the parameter sharing be an effective technology  
 30 for current MARL algorithms, which actually trains some copies of one agent to handle multi tasks  
 31 rather than training many agents to cooperate.



Figure 1: (a) The map of HoK3v3, where we mark the locations of turrets, crystal and jungles. (b) Game user interface (UI). There are four sub-parts including a mini-map on the top-left, game information on the top-right, move controller on the bottom-left and skill controller on the bottom-right. Additionally, we use yellow boxes to highlight critical resources and units, namely gold and equipment, as well as heroes.

32 In this paper, we introduce the Honor of Kings 3v3 Arena (HoK3v3), a Multi-player Online Battle  
 33 Arena (MOBA) environment that is authorized by the game Honor of Kings <sup>1</sup>, with over 100  
 34 million daily active players [20]. There are two teams (or camps) (note that we use team or camp  
 35 interchangeably) in the 3v3 environment, with each camp comprising a team of 3 heterogeneous  
 36 agents, referred to as "heroes". To play a human-controlled game, each camp need 3 players, with  
 37 each player controlling one hero via a smartphone. Agents within the same camp are expected to  
 38 collaborate in order to secure victory by destroying the opponent's crystal. This 3v3 environment  
 39 can be modeled as a mixed multi-agent task, wherein competition exists at the camp level, while  
 40 cooperation is fostered within the camp.

41 For each agent, it can select one hero from the hero pool at the beginning of each game episode. Each  
 42 agent assumes a distinct role within a camp, and different heroes possess varying action controls and  
 43 agent attributes. These characteristics of the HoK3v3 present the following challenges for MARL:

- 44 • A complicated multi-agent scenario that uses the same gamecore as the popular mobile game Honor  
 45 of Kings, thus bearing resemblance to real-world scenarios.
- 46 • Generalization challenges within and across the team: 1) across the team: There exists 1000  
 47 different lineups, i.e., hero combinations. A well-trained multi-agent team policy must be capable  
 48 of effectively handling all potential team lineups, while simultaneously adapting to any opponent's  
 49 lineup. 2) within the team: Agents should learn to cooperate with teammates who have chosen  
 50 different heroes.

51 Our contributions are summarized as follows:

- 52 • **Environment.** We propose Honor of Kings 3v3 Arena, a heterogeneous multi-agent environment  
 53 with highly-optimized game engine that simulates the popular MOBA game, Honor of Kings.
- 54 • **API.** We provide standardized APIs for deploying MARL methods on HoK3v3. We abstract the  
 55 complex game state with feature engineering and use several vectors of fixed length to represent the  
 56 observations. A hierarchical structured action space is applied to cover all actions an agent can take.
- 57 • **Benchmark.** Apart from the full game (full task), we also give a series of easier tasks by  
 58 decomposing the full game to evaluate the ability of the model trained with limited resources.

<sup>1</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honor\\_of\\_Kings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honor_of_Kings)

59 Furthermore, we provide multiple pre-trained models with varying proficiency levels for the purpose  
60 of evaluation.

61 • **Baselines.** We evaluate some widely used MARL methods in HoK3v3 and give the results for  
62 future comparison.

63 • **Generalization.** We present an examination of the generalization challenges encountered in  
64 HoK3v3, [showing it offers appropriate scenarios for evaluating the effectiveness of RL methods when  
65 dealing with the challenge of heterogeneous generalization](#)

## 66 2 Characteristic and Related Work

67 The uniqueness of HoK3v3 is to provide a high-dimensional and heterogeneous multi-agent setting  
68 which has a hierarchical action space and a global task that can be explicitly factorized into several  
69 sub-tasks.

70 **Agent Heterogeneity.** There are many existing public environments for research on multi-agent  
71 reinforcement learning. Some focus on the cooperation between agents, like Google Research  
72 Football (GRF) [8], the StarCraft Multi-Agent Challenge (SC2) [14], and Multi-agent MuJoCo [12].  
73 And some contains a series of multi-agent tasks including cooperation and competition like Multi-  
74 agent Particle Environment (MPE) [10] and Melting Pot [9]. However, they usually do not distinguish  
75 the function and action effect between agents, resulting in the homogeneity of trained agents. In  
76 contrast, the *hero* setting in HoK3v3 brings a large domain gap between different agents, requiring  
77 the robustness and generalization ability of the trained policy. The most related work to ours is  
78 HoK Arena [20], which is also built upon the HoK environment. However, this work primarily  
79 concentrates on competitive setting within a 1v1 MOBA game, without considering heterogeneity  
80 in cooperation. By comparison, we focus on heterogeneous teammates' cooperation in MARL and  
81 delve into a thorough investigation of the corresponding generalization problems. [We summarize a  
82 detailed comparison of HoK3v3 and other related works in Appendix C.6.](#)

83 **Structured Action Space.** The existing environments typically have a flat action space, which  
84 can be either discrete or continuous [10, 8]. However, it is also possible for the action space to  
85 exhibit a hierarchical structure. One commonly encountered type of structured action space is the  
86 parameterized action space [5, 4, 19, 3], where a discrete action is parameterized using a continuous  
87 real-valued vector. In our environment, we utilize a discretized parameterized action space, which we  
88 call hierarchical structured action space, to simplify the complex control involved.

89 **Factorizable Tasks.** Almost all environments for MARL provide a lot of tasks. The tasks in SC2 and  
90 GRF mainly differ in agents' property and quantity, while the target of each task in MPE and Melting  
91 Pot is designed to be different. The target of such tasks usually keeps integral and none of the current  
92 environments explicitly provide factorizable tasks, which lacks the support for hierarchical and  
93 goal-conditioned MARL. In addition, if the task is factorizable, it can better validate the performance  
94 of value decomposition [13, 16], which is an important research area for MARL. In contrast, in one  
95 game of HoK3v3, we have a global target to destroy the crystal of the enemy, which can be explicitly  
96 factorized into several sub-tasks, including gaining gold, killing enemies, destroying the defense  
97 turrets, etc. The global reward function is the summation of each sub-task's reward function, which  
98 makes the task decomposable and useful for MARL research mentioned above.

## 99 3 Honor of Kings 3v3 Arena Environment

100 The Honor of Kings 3v3 Arena is available as an open-source project under the Apache License  
101 V2.0, allowing individuals to engage in non-commercial activities. The code for agent training  
102 and evaluation has been developed with official authorization from Honor of Kings and can be  
103 found at: [https://github.com/tencent-ailab/hok\\_env](https://github.com/tencent-ailab/hok_env). Both the game engine and game  
104 replay tools are encrypted and comply with Tencent's Honor of Kings AI And Machine Learning

105 License 3<sup>2</sup>. Non-commercial users are welcome to register and freely download our game engine and  
 106 tools. The documentary is available at: [https://doc.aiarena.tencent.com/paper/hok3v3/  
 107 latest/hok3v3\\_env/honor-of-kings/](https://doc.aiarena.tencent.com/paper/hok3v3/latest/hok3v3_env/honor-of-kings/)

### 108 3.1 Task Description

109 In the "Honor of Kings 3v3 Arena" game environment, players use the mobile button to control the  
 110 movement of heroes, and use the skill button to control the heroes' normal attack and skills. The  
 111 game environment has a fog of war mechanism, meaning that only the current units belonging to the  
 112 friendly camp or within the observation range of the friendly camp can be observed. At the beginning  
 113 of the game, the player controls the hero, starting from the base, to gain gold coins and experience by  
 114 killing or destroying other game units (such as enemy heroes, creeps, and turrets), to buy equipment  
 115 and upgrade skills, and thus enhance the ability of the hero. The winning goal is to destroy the  
 116 opponent's turrets and base crystals, while protecting their own turrets and base crystals, Fig. 1.

### 117 3.2 Lineups

118 We use the term 'lineup' to represent the hero combinations in a game. In the game, there are 3  
 119 agents, each with a specific and unalterable role. Prior to the commencement of a game episode, each  
 120 agent must select one hero from its relevant pool of candidates. These candidates vary in terms of  
 121 their skills and properties. Each agent in a given camp has a distinct set of candidates with size as 10  
 122 heroes in this work, resulting in a camp with a total of  $3 \times 10 = 30$  potential heroes. Consequently,  
 123 each camp generates  $10^3 = 1000$  possible lineups. When considering both camps together, the total  
 124 number of lineups in a game amounts to  $1000^2 = 10^6$ , emphasizing the necessity for trained models  
 125 to possess robustness and generalization capabilities. Fig. 2 illustrates an example of the lineups  
 126 where each agent's candidate pool is limited to two or three heroes.

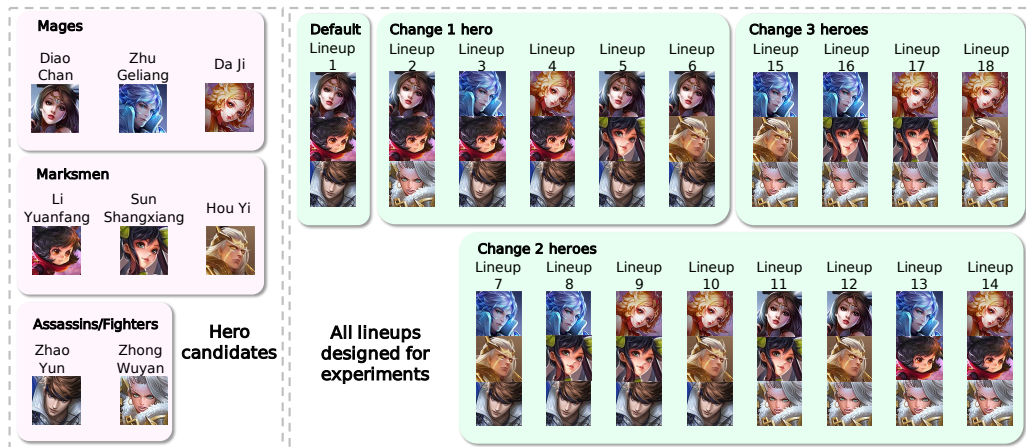


Figure 2: All hero candidates and lineups designed for experiments on generalization. For each role of agent (mages, marksmen and assassins/fighters), we choose from two or three heroes to build the lineup. The model is trained from one or two lineups and evaluated using all the lineups above.

### 127 3.3 Agents

128 Honor of Kings 3v3 Arena provides the same dimension of action space and state space for any hero.  
 129 Here we give a simple description of each element of the MDP. See Appendix C for details.

130 **Observation Space** The observation space in HoK3v3 is intricate, encompassing the essential status  
 131 information within the game. Specifically, the observation space can be broken down into seven

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132 primary components. *FeatureImgLikeMg* describes image-like features, including vision information.  
133 *VecFeatureHero* indicates the status information of the heroes. *MainHeroFeature* encompasses  
134 the current hero’s private characteristics. *VecSoldier* describes the status of soldiers. *VecOrgan*  
135 provides information about the status of six turrets. *VecMonster* describes the status of monsters.  
136 *VecCampsWholeInfo* suggests situational characteristics. It is important to note that, except for  
137 *VecCampsWholeInfo*, all the features contain both absolute and relative information.

138 **Action Space** We employ a hierarchical structured action space to streamline the intricate control  
139 mechanisms which encompasses a hierarchical framework that covers all conceivable actions un-  
140 dertaken by the hero: 1) Which action button to choose; 2) How to operate specifically, such as  
141 controlling the direction of movement or skill drop point; 3) Which target to choose.

142 **Reward** The reward in HoK3v3 is calculated as a weighted sum of various configurations and is  
143 processed to be zero-sum by subtracting average reward of the enemy camp. Each of the configura-  
144 tions corresponds to one of the four distinct aspects: 1) Hero’s farming related. 2) Kill-Death-Assist  
145 related. 3) Hero’s own state related. 4) Game advancement related.

146 **Episode Dynamics** All heroes are initialized at their respective camp bases when an episode begins,  
147 and the termination condition of an episode in HoK3v3 is the destruction of any one of the crystals.  
148 In HoK3v3, actions are executed at a default interval of 133ms to match the response time of skilled  
149 amateur players. This interval can be modified as a configurable parameter. Moreover, during  
150 the training process, a predetermined time limit is imposed on episodes, while there are no time  
151 constraints in a regular round of the Honor of Kings game.

### 152 3.4 APIs and Implementation

153 For the facilitation of research demand, we encapsulate the original environment within a class named  
154 HoK3v3, which provides standardized APIs, as shown in Listing 1. The most crucial functions in  
155 this environment class are: *reset()* and *step()*. The former initiates a new episode, while the latter  
156 progresses the timeline based on a specified action. Both of them return a quadruple as follows:

- 157 • *obs\_s*: A list of NumPy arrays containing observations of six heroes in two camps.
- 158 • *reward\_s*: A list of floating-point numbers representing the processed immediate rewards associated  
159 with each hero.
- 160 • *done\_s*: A list of two boolean values indicating the current termination state within the game.
- 161 • *state\_dict\_s*: A list of *Dict* which contains additional information. The key elements within each  
162 *Dict* include the following: *frame\_no*, which represents the frame number of the next state; *player\_id*,  
163 which identifies the runtime ID of the current hero; and two action masks, namely *legal\_action* and  
164 *sub\_action\_mask*. For detailed information, please refer to Appendix C.

```
1 from hok import HoK3v3
2
3 # load environment
4 env = HoK3v3.load_game(game_config)
5
6 # init agents
7 agents = [Agent(agent_config1), Agent(agent_config2)]
8
9 # rollout
165 10 obs_s, _, done_s, _ = env.reset()
11
12 while not any(done_s):
13     action_s = []
14     for i in range(env.num_agents):
15         action = agents[i].process(obs_s[i])
16         action_s.append(action)
17     obs_s, reward_s, done_s, state_dict_s = env.step(action_s)
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Listing 1: Python example

166 **4 Validation**

167 To assess the efficacy of HoK3v3, we conduct a series of experiments using a consistent lineup  
 168 comprising *Zhaoyun*, *Diaochan*, *Liyuanfang* for both camps. In the subsequent sections, we present  
 169 the baseline models employed, the evaluation metric utilized, and a comparative analysis of the  
 170 performance exhibited by each model.

171 **Baselines** Due to the highly complex nature of the HoK3v3 and its structured action space, it  
 172 is exceedingly challenging to directly apply conventional MARL algorithms commonly used in  
 173 academia. Consequently, as a starting point, we utilize PPO [15] as our baseline algorithm, which  
 174 has been validated as effective in similar environments [22, 20]. In order to tackle the issues of  
 175 communication and reward decomposition in multi-agent learning, we also add two variants of PPO:  
 176 a communication-based PPO, referred to as CPPO, and MAPPO [23]. In all methods, we employ a  
 177 meticulously designed backbone as our feature extractor, specifically tailored to handle the extensive  
 178 observation space. Additionally, each method is trained using the self-play technique to facilitate the  
 179 discovery of novel and effective strategies. Please refer to Appendix G for details of the baselines.  
 180 There is an integrated rule-based agent named *common-ai* within the Honor of Kings environment,  
 181 which can be used to assess the effectiveness of baselines during the initial stages of training.

182 **Resources Requirement** To enhance the sampling process, policies are run in parallel over different  
 183 CPU cores to generate samples. The standard training resource set consists of one NVIDIA Tesla T4  
 184 GPU with 600 CPU (Intel(R) Xeon(R) Platinum 8255C CPU @ 2.50GHz) cores for parallel training.  
 185 However, it is also possible to utilize different computation resources in HoK3v3. In order to provide  
 186 recommendations regarding resource requirements, keeping the GPU fixed, we conducted training  
 187 of the CPPO network using varying numbers of CPU cores. The results are summarized in Table 1.  
 188 It is evident that as the number of CPU cores increases, the training time experiences a significant  
 189 decrease initially and gradually stabilizes thereafter with the increase of sample frequency and the  
 190 decrease of consumption-generation ratio. Based on our experience, it is the consumption-generation  
 191 ratio, i.e. the ratio of data consumption rate to generation rate, that ultimately determines performance.  
 192 Therefore, we recommend researchers to maintain a consumption-generation ratio that is close to 1  
 when training CPPO in HoK3v3.

Table 1: Training results with varying computation resources, where **Training hours** represent the duration required to outperform *common-ai*, **Sample freq.** represents number of steps sampled per hour and **C-G ratio** denotes consumption-generation ratio.

CPU Cores	Training hours	Sample freq.	C-G ratio
64	54.30±2.84	5002.62±94.94	13.22±0.29
128	22.83±0.60	9495.90±187.04	6.92±0.12
256	5.62±0.80	20399.88±380.22	3.21±0.06
512	3.99±0.33	39812.00±527.74	1.63±0.03
600	3.67±0.30	46379.22±753.32	1.38±0.02

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194 **Evaluation** We provide two kinds of evaluation metrics to measure the ability of a model.

195 • The winning rate against our pre-trained models. We provide six RL models with different  
 196 levels (1-6) trained by CPPO. We reckon a model reaches level  $i$  when it can achieve a winning rate  
 197 larger than 50% against the preset level  $i$ 's model. Our approach for determining the different levels  
 198 is based on the principle that level  $i + 1$  should achieve a winning rate of at least 70% against level  
 199  $i$ . Table 2 presents the winning rates of each level when pitted against the other levels. The results  
 200 demonstrate that a baseline model with a higher level exhibits an advantage over all lower levels,  
 201 underscoring the robustness of our pre-trained models.

202 • The ELO score. It is often challenging for a team to break free from local optima if it only  
 203 competes against a fixed opponent. To address this issue and assess the ability of models more  
 204 precisely, we employ the Elo score [2]. The specific method for calculating the Elo score is explained

Table 2: The winning rate(%) of loop games between pre-trained models, and their Elo scores.

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	Elo Score
1	50.0	26.6	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	971.47
2	73.4	50.0	16.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	1120.32
3	89.1	83.6	50.0	10.9	1.6	3.1	1408.34
4	100.0	99.2	89.1	50.0	22.7	15.7	1873.94
5	100.0	100.0	98.4	77.3	50.0	28.1	2110.65
6	100.0	100.0	96.9	84.3	71.9	50.0	2231.72

in Appendix D. As indicated in Table 2, the Elo scores accurately reflect the performance of the baselines. Figure 3(b) illustrates the Elo curves of the CPPO model during training, demonstrating an increasing trend and convergence after approximately 36 hours.

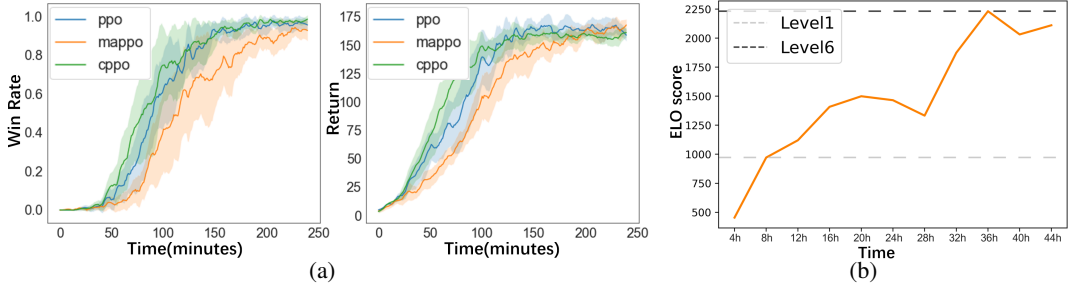


Figure 3: (a) The curves of *win\_rate* and *return* with respect to the training time of baselines trained against *common-ai*. (b) The Elo curves with respect to the training time.

**Performance** We conduct experiments with 3 random seeds to evaluate the performance of baselines trained against the *common-ai* as shown in Figure 3(a). It can be observed that all the baselines outperform the *common-ai* within a short period, highlighting the efficacy of HoK3v3. While MAPPO falls behind the others, showing that independent learning[17] is better suited for the task.

## 5 Sub-tasks

The entire process in HoK3v3 can be naturally broken down into several sub-tasks. These sub-tasks encompass activities such as gaining golds, killing enemies and destroying turrets. Moreover, the overall reward is calculated as a weighted sum of the rewards associated with each sub-task, rendering the task decomposable.

Based on the nature of decomposability, we partition the HoK3v3 task into six sub-tasks, which are outlined below: **Gold**: collecting more golds. **Exp**: gaining more experience points. **Kill**: killing enemies as many times as possible. **Hurt**: inflict the highest possible rate of hurt. **Turret**: destroying the defense turrets. **Monster**: trying to attack monsters. Details of these sub-tasks will be introduced in Appendix F.

The results of the baselines for these sub-tasks are presented in Figure 4. Among the baselines, CPPO achieves the best performance, which can be attributed to the effective communication between agents that facilitates cooperation. Furthermore, compared to the original full game, the training time and computational requirements in sub-tasks are significantly reduced, enabling diverse research opportunities in our environment.

## 6 Generalization

In the HoK3v3, prior to commencing an episode, the agent possesses the chance to select various heroes to control, which constitutes a multitude of lineups. In such a scenario, training distinct models for each lineup individually would inevitably consume a large amount of time and prove impractical. Therefore, policies need to generalize on different heroes to adapt for various agent

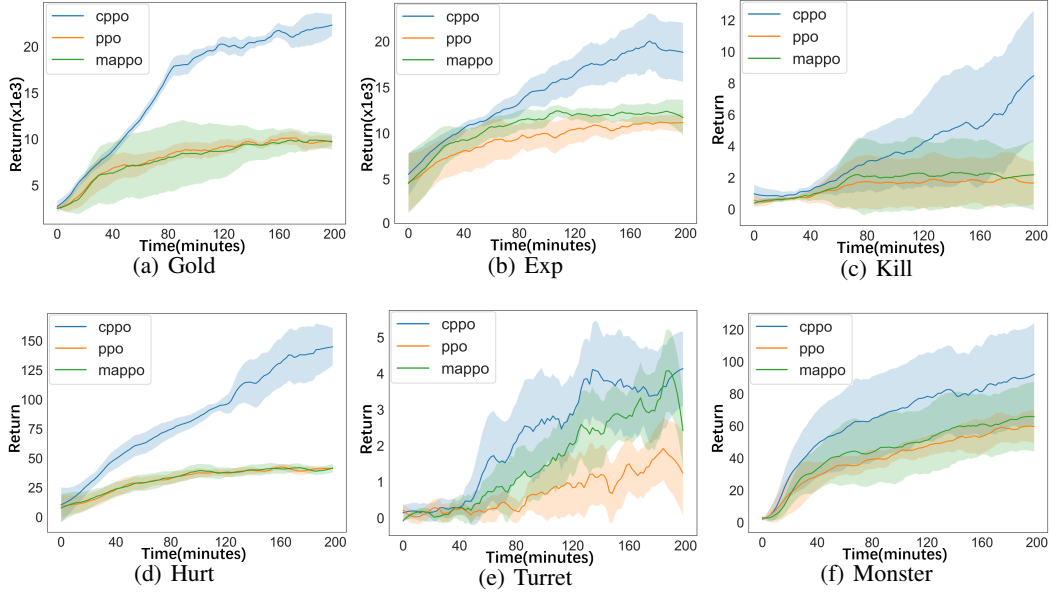


Figure 4: The results of the baselines on the sub-tasks. The maximum training time allowed is 200 minutes, and each experiment is conducted with three random seeds. It is evident that CPPO outperforms the other variants significantly across these sub-tasks.

232 and opponent lineups, thus leading the environment an advantageous platform for investigating the  
 233 policies' generalization aptitude. In order to investigate generalization, we conduct experiments from  
 234 two perspectives, (1) varying opponent lineups and (2) varying agent lineups. We build 18 lineups  
 235 from the candidates shown in Fig. 2. Then we employ one fixed lineup, namely lineup 1 consisting of  
 236  $\{zhaoyun, diaochan, liyuanfang\}$ , to train the CPPO agent with self-play training until reaching level  
 237 6. Finally, the trained models are evaluated with different agent lineups or different opponent lineups,  
 238 namely "Zero-Shot".

### 239 6.1 Varying Opponent Lineups

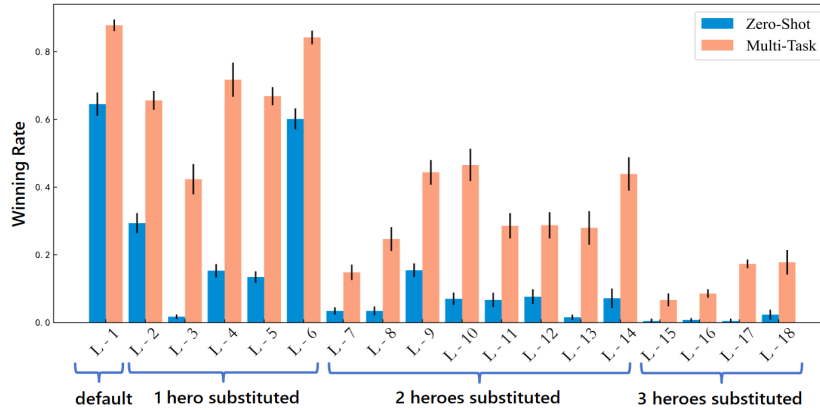


Figure 5: Generalization test on varying opponent lineups.  $L-1$  to  $L-18$  encompass a total of 18 lineups shown in Fig. 2. Blue: We train the model using a fixed lineup, namely *Lineup 1 VS Lineup 1*. Orange: We joint-train the model on *Lineup 1 vs Lineup 1 and 16*. We assess the performance of both models across 128 episodes in the scenario where *Lineup 1 VS Lineup 1-18* (Varying Opponent Lineups). The winning rate is evaluated across five random seeds.

240 We conduct several experiments to assess the generalization capabilities of models in the context of  
 241 "Varying Opponent Lineups". As shown in Fig. 5, our findings reveal that the model trained on the



242 unaltered opponent lineup (*Lineup-1*) exhibit excellent performance, achieving a high win rate of  
 243 0.65. However, a significant drop in performance is observed when the opponent heroes are modified  
 244 (*Lineup-2 to Lineup-18*). Moreover, the magnitude of performance degradation increase as more  
 245 heroes are substituted, particularly when all three heroes are replaced (*Lineup-15 to Lineup-18*). These  
 246 results indicate that existing methods face challenges in effectively addressing scenarios requiring  
 247 generalization.

248 We aim to remedy this challenge by employing a "Multi-Task" approach, which replaces the opponents  
 249 during training to *Lineup 1 and Lineup 16* thereby encompassing all the opponent heroes. As shown  
 250 in Fig. 5, multi-task training improves the performance significantly in all the test tasks.

## 251 6.2 Varying Agent Lineups

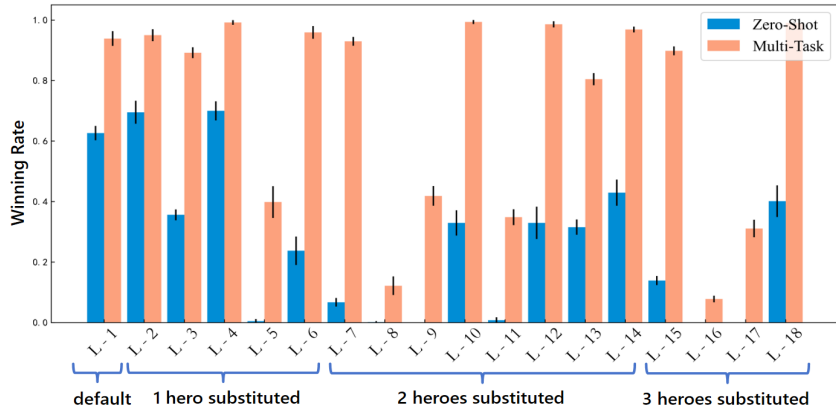


Figure 6: Generalization test on varying agent lineups. Details of lineups are similar to Fig. 5. Blue: We train the model using a fixed lineup, namely *Lineup 1 VS Lineup 1*. Orange: We joint-train the model on *Lineup 1 and 16 vs Lineup 1*. We assess the performance of both models across 128 episodes in the scenario where *Lineup 1-18 VS Lineup 1* (Varying Agent Lineups). The winning rate is evaluated across five random seeds.

252 Similarly to the "Varying Opponent Lineup" experiment, experiments are also carried out in the  
 253 context of the "Varying Agent Lineup" to assess the capability of generalization of models in  
 254 controlling different lineups while battling against the same opponent *Lineup-1*. The findings,  
 255 as shown in Fig. 6, indicate that in certain instances (*Lineup-2 and Lineup-4*), models exhibit  
 256 commendable generalization capabilities. However, in the majority of cases, models display limited  
 257 generalization abilities when it comes to controlling diverse heroes. Furthermore, a significant drop  
 258 in performance is observed when attempting to generalize to *Marksmen* heroes, underscoring the  
 259 necessity for further research into algorithms that can enhance their generalization capabilities.

260 We also try "Multi-Task" approach to remedy this challenge. While training, we train the model with  
 261 2 tasks *Lineup-1 and Lineup-16 VS Lineup-1* thereby encompassing all the heroes to be controlled.  
 262 As shown in Fig. 6, multi-task training improves the performance significantly in all the test tasks.

## 263 7 Conclusion

264 In this paper, we propose HoK3v3, a new environment for MARL research. We provide a comprehen-  
 265 sive description of the environment and explain its implementation and APIs. By conducting a series  
 266 of experiments using baseline algorithms, we validate its efficacy. Additionally, we decompose the  
 267 full game into several easier sub-tasks to cater to diverse demands and limited computation resources.  
 268 Furthermore, the presence of heterogeneous heroes and distinct roles in the environment provides  
 269 scenarios and requirements for generalization. This environment is openly accessible for research  
 270 purposes, and we anticipate diverse research initiatives based on HoK3v3.

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