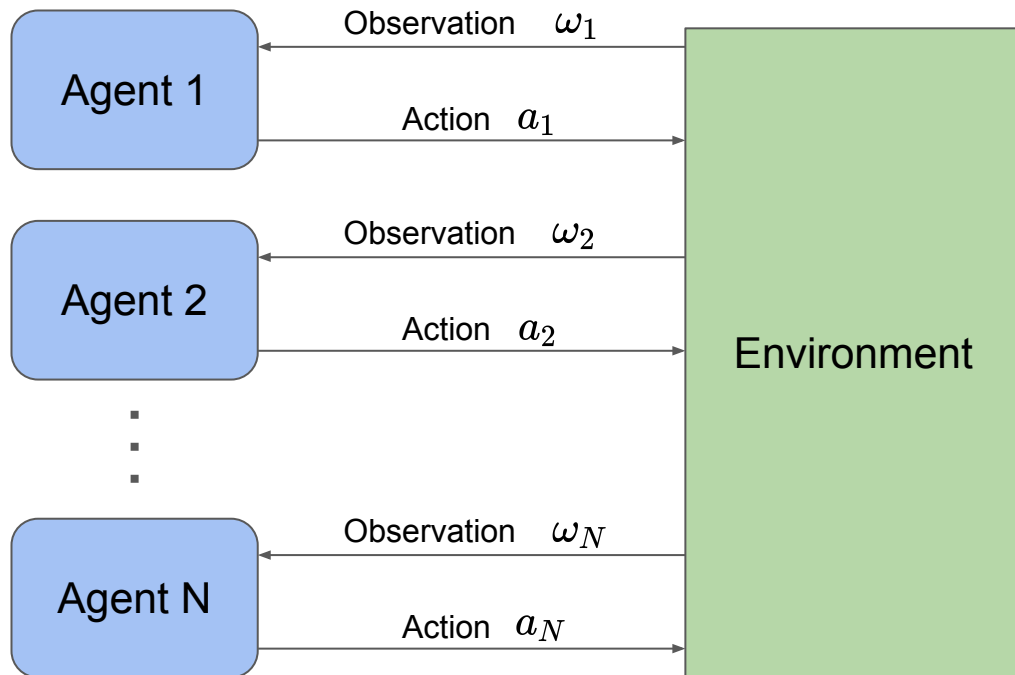


# Learning to Communicate in Multi Agent Settings

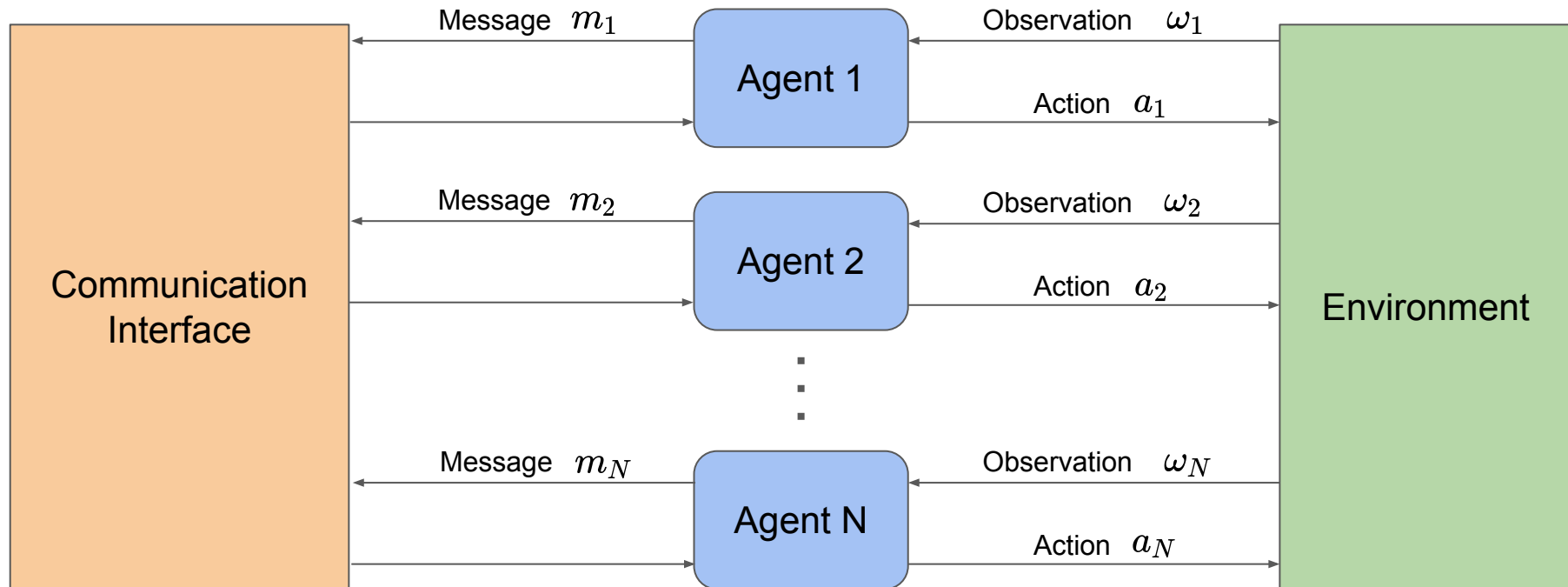
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# Reinforcement Learning

- Partial observability
- Collaborative



# Communication

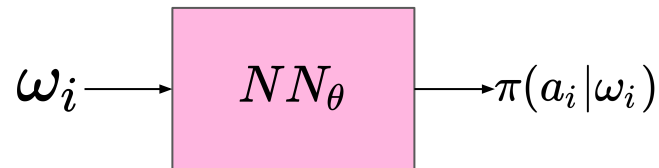


# Deep RL Algorithms

- Goal: Learn a policy  $\pi(a_i | \omega_i)$

## Policy Gradient Methods (e.g. REINFORCE)

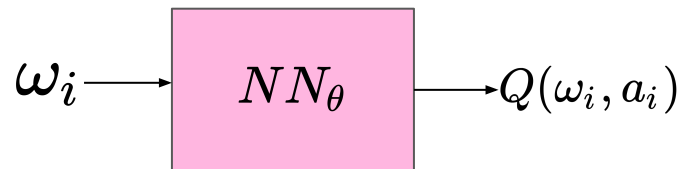
- Policy is Neural Network:  $\pi(a_i | \omega_i) = NN_{\theta}(\omega_i)$



[Sutton *et al.*]

## Deep Q-learning (DQN)

- Q-function is Neural Network:  
 $Q(\omega_i, a_i) = [NN_{\theta}(\omega_i)]_{a_i}$



[Mnih *et al.*]

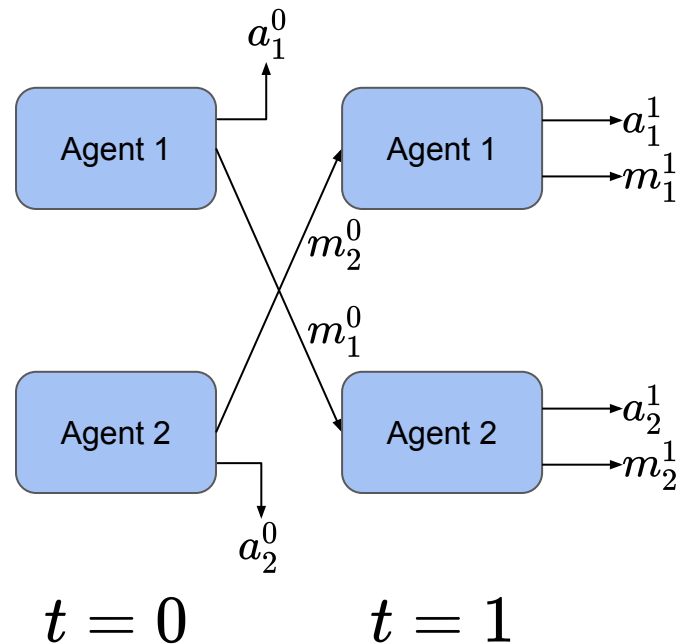
# Discrete Messages

- Binary messages  $m_i \in \{0, 1\}^L$

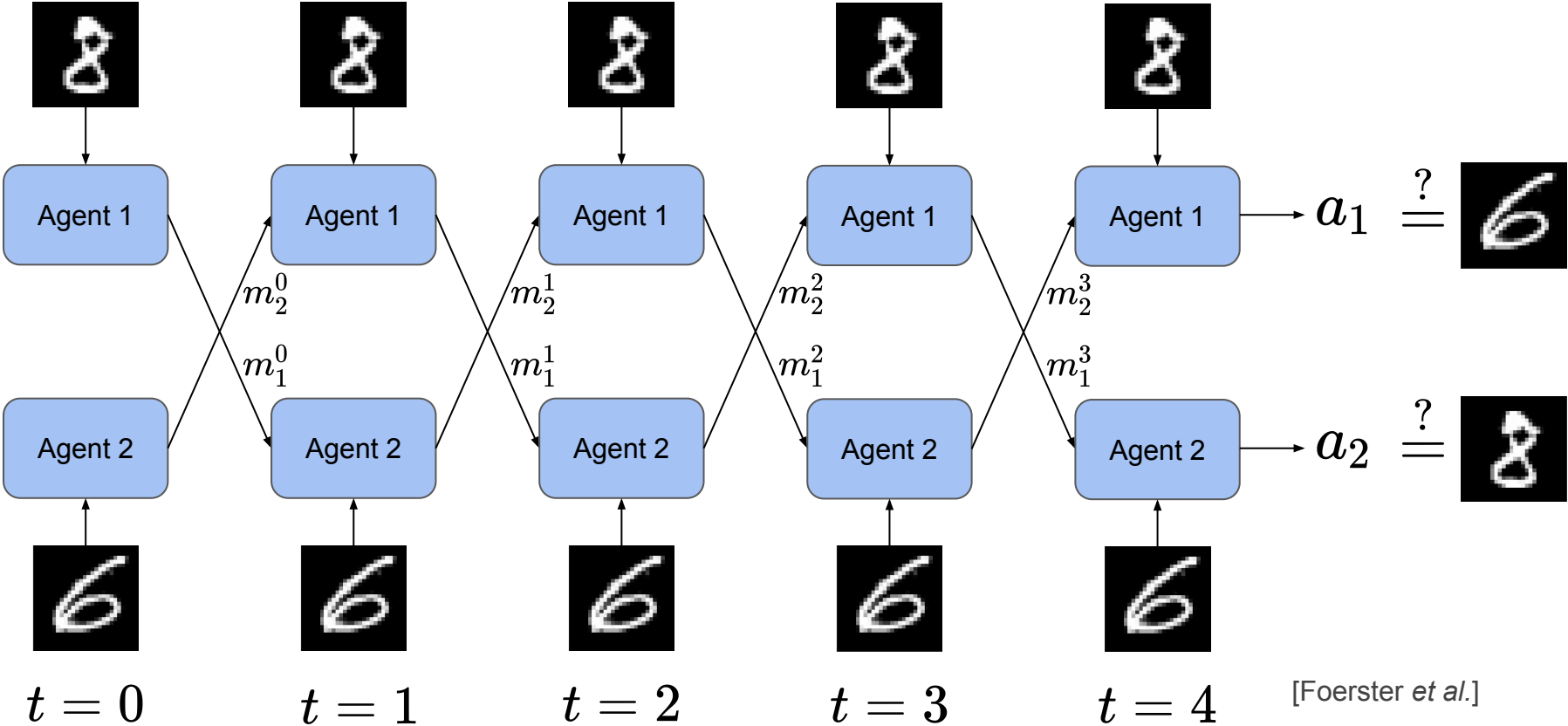
## Differentiable Inter-Agent Learning (DIAL)

- DQN for actions:  $Q(\omega_i, a_i)$
- Messaging trained implicitly

[Foerster *et al.*]



# MNIST Game



[Foerster et al.]

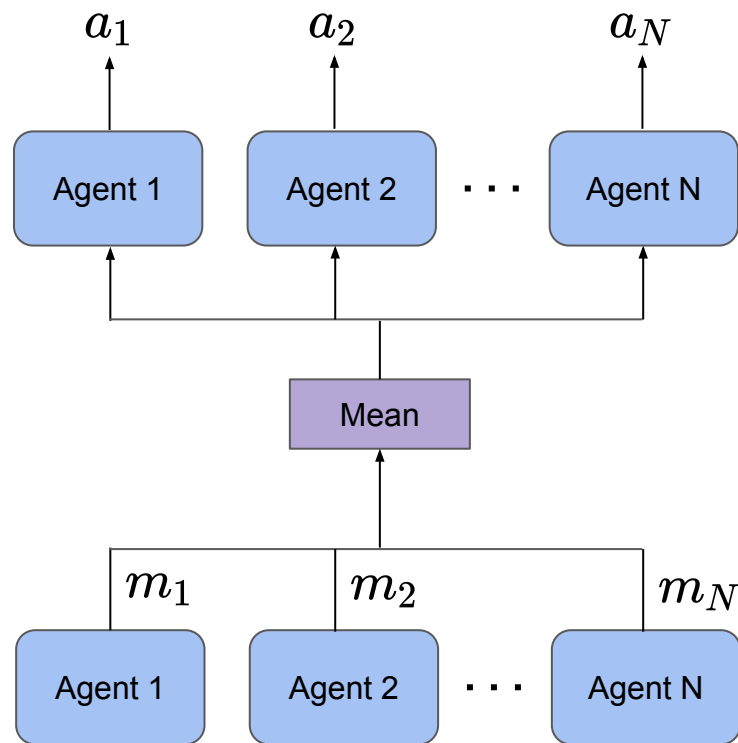
# Continuous Messages

- Real-valued messages  $m_i \in \mathbb{R}^L$

## Communication Neural Net (CommNet)

- REINFORCE
- Dynamic amount of agents

[Sukhbaatar *et al.*]



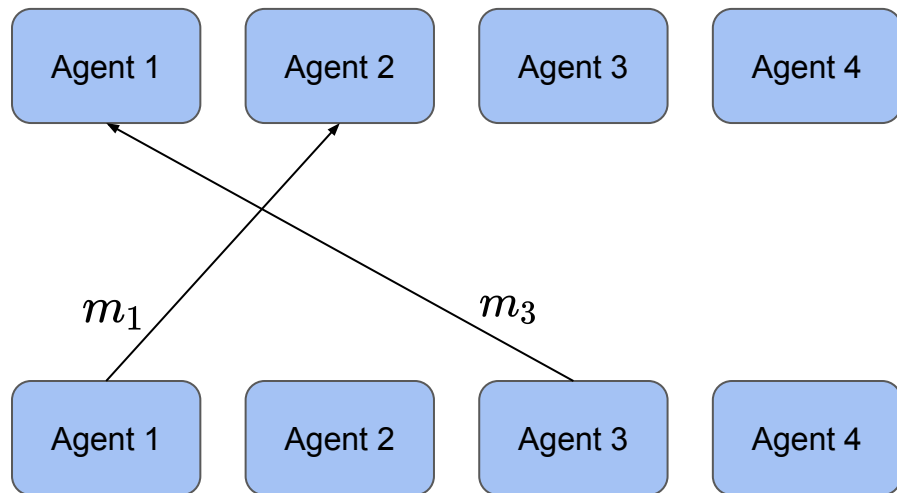
# Extensions

## IC3Net [Singh *et al.*]

- Learning when to communicate

## TarMAC [Das *et al.*]

- Targeted communication





Thanks for listening!

Questions are welcome!

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