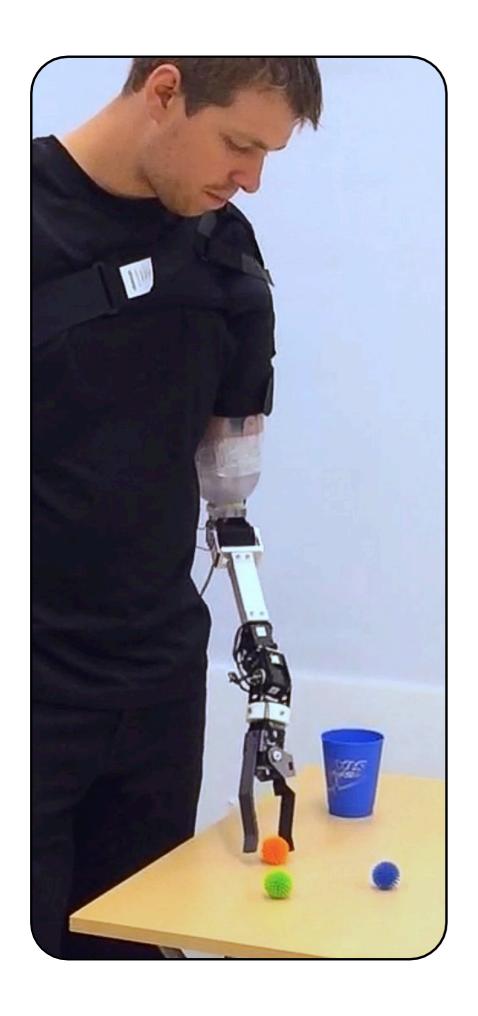
Direct Predictive Collaborative Control (Shared Human-Machine Decision Making Supported by TD Prediction Learning)

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Objectives

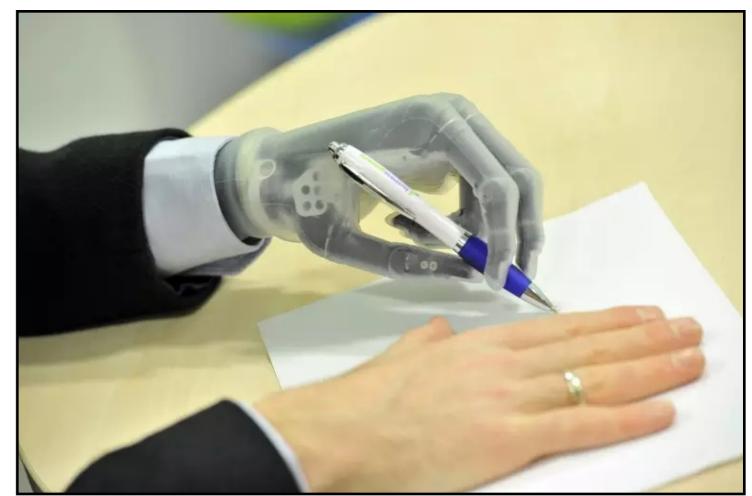
- Discuss a low-level, intimate case of human-machine decision making.
- Focus not so much on the mind (the brain, AI) but on the interface.
- View interfaces as full goal-seeking agents, that can be evoked with RL.
- Present one small but important step today: collaborative control for more natural prosthetic motions.



Upper-limb Prosthetics

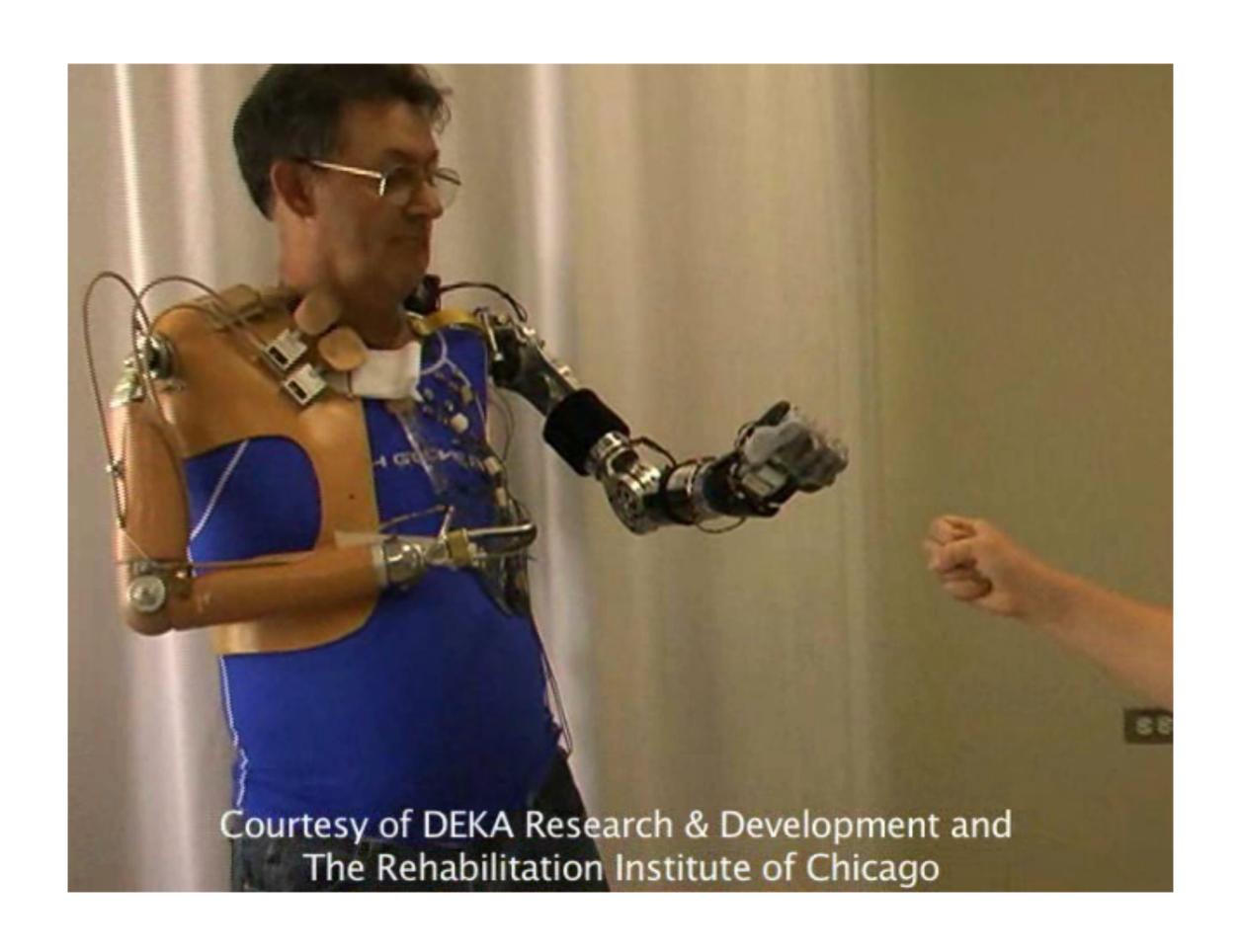
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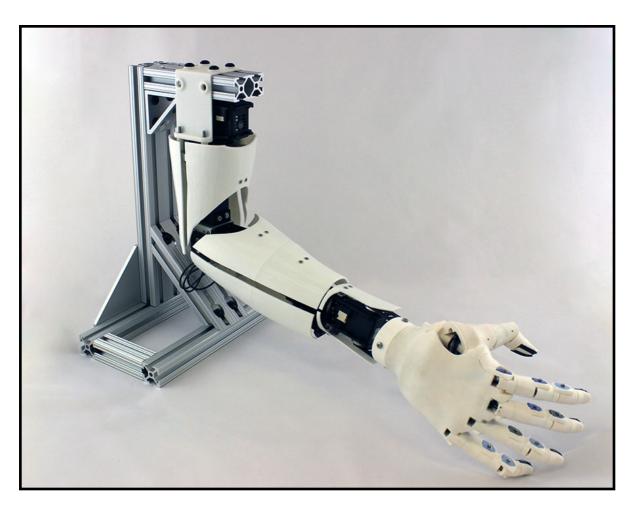
Functional Use in Daily Life



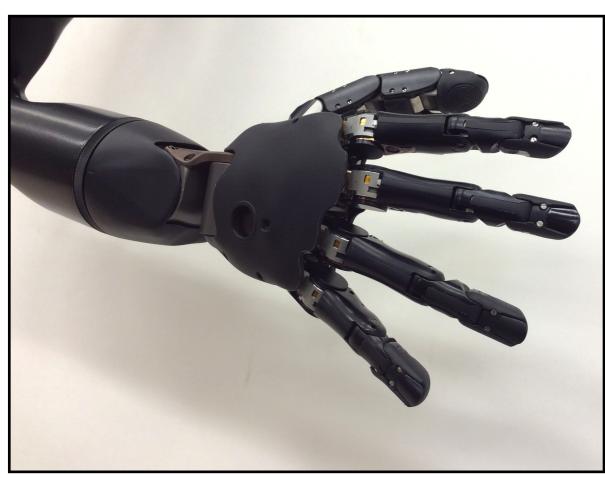




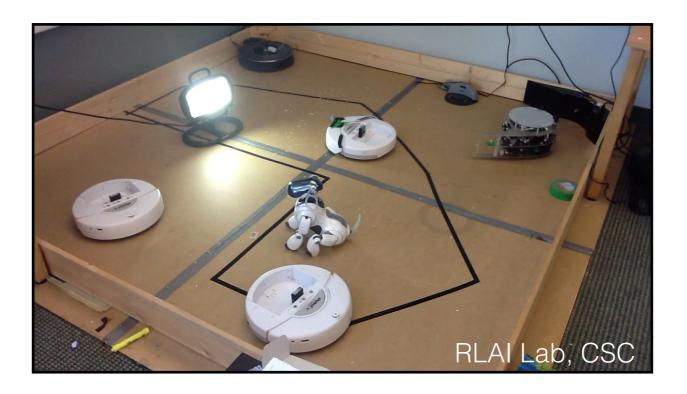


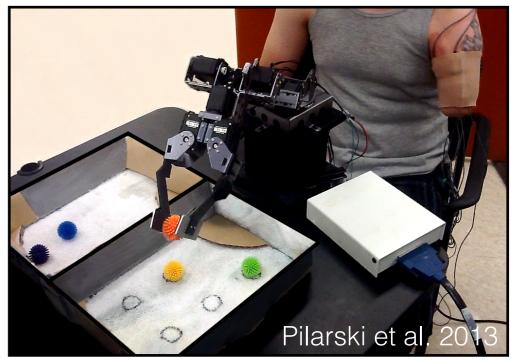


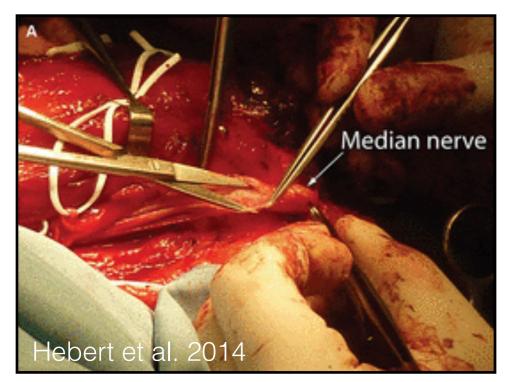
Advanced Bionic Technology is here today*











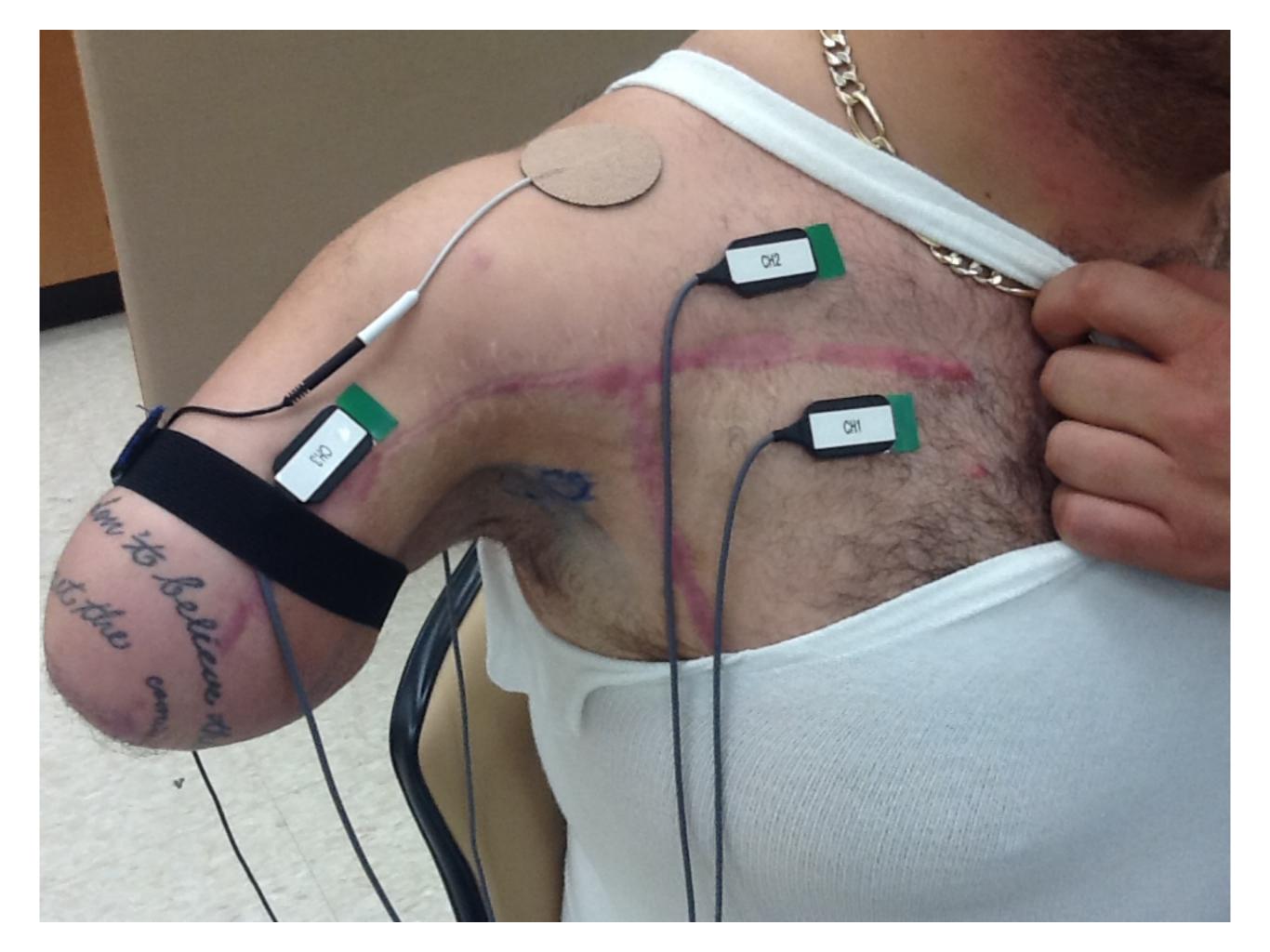


Interdisciplinary Capacity in Edmonton

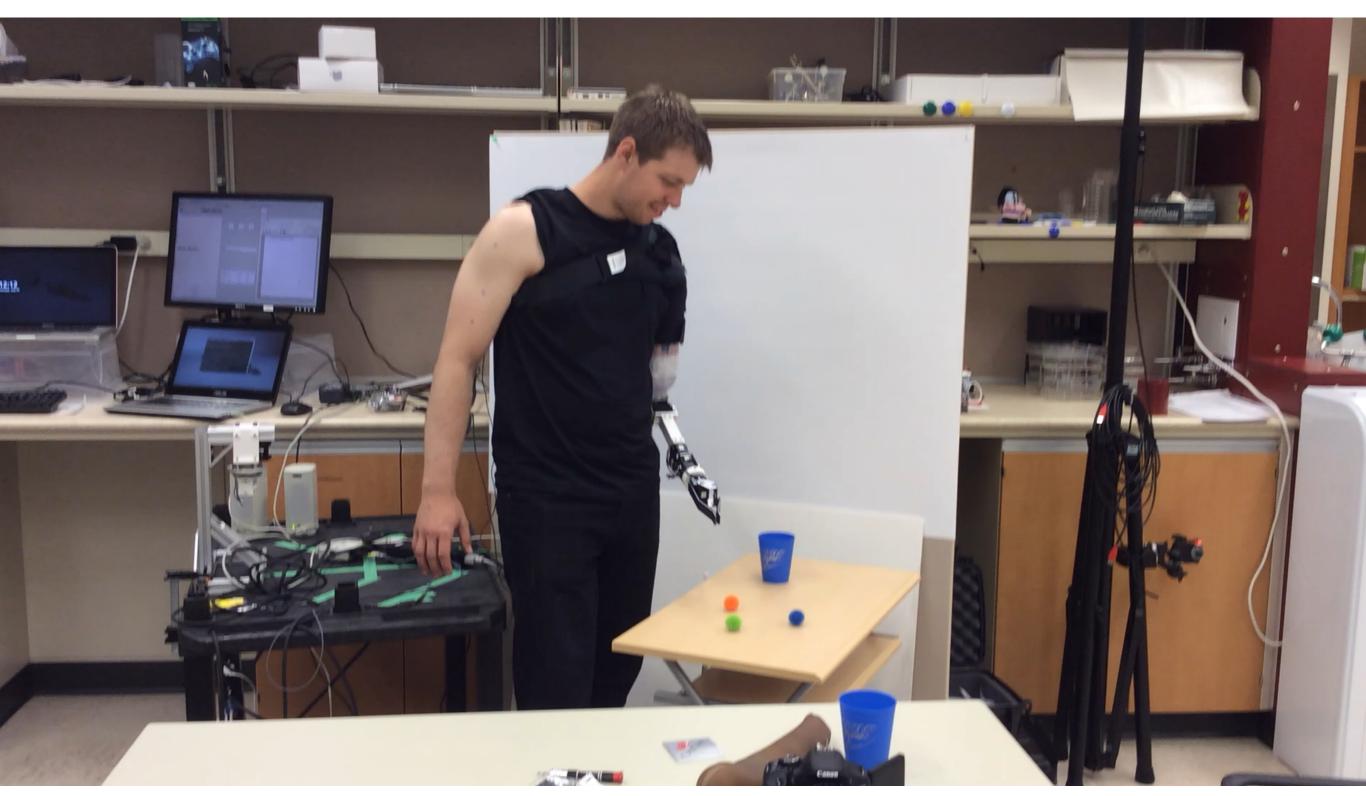
Our Perspective

- 1. Real-time machine learning (RL).
- 2. Thinking of enhancing devices / interfaces as intelligent goal-seeking agents.
- 3. Effecting a fruitful **progression** in terms of human-device interaction.
- 4. Prediction forms a strong basis for progressive assistance and augmentation.

(Knowledge, intent, context, or, being on the same page.)



Opportunity: Improve Switching



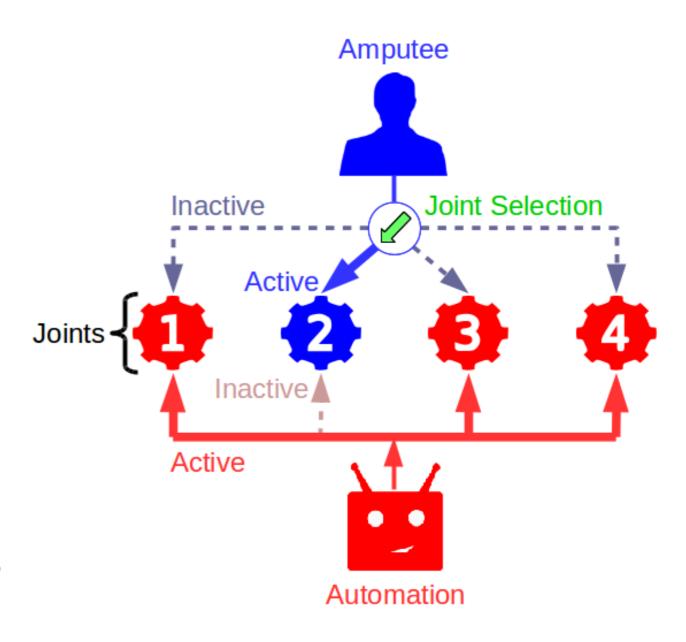


Direct Predictive Collaborative Control





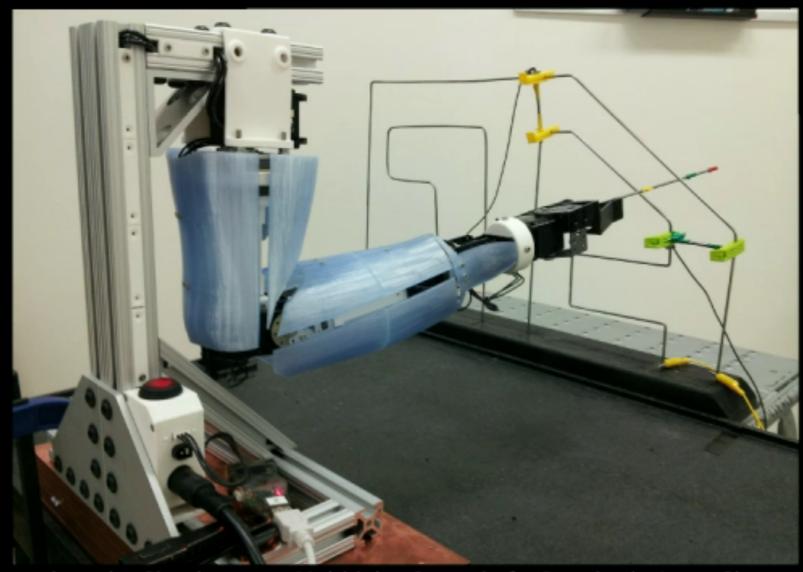
- User begins by sequentially controlling single joints. (manual control)
- Predictions made about future motions, become control actions.
- In collaborative control, user still has single DOC; arm uses learned synergies to coordinate motion.



Successful Collaboration

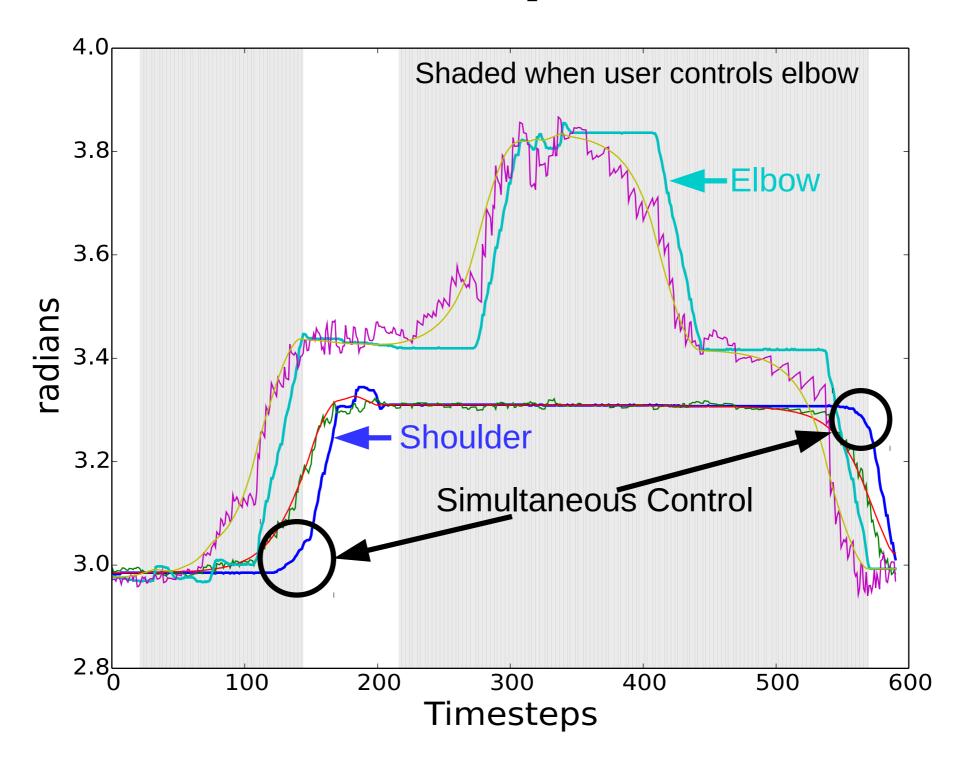
Goal:

Move from green to yellow, hold for 5 s, then back to green



A Collaborative Approach to the Simultaneous Multi-joint Control of a Prosthetic Arm - Sherstan et al., ICORR 2015

... based on predictions.



Closing Thoughts

- Towards continual, day-to-day improvement of communication, control, and decision making abilities of human-machine team.
- Exciting thing here with DPCC: no cost for training, in channel learning, use itself is reinforcement.
- Fruitful avenues to integrate other channels: notably, reward. Resonates with many other lines of thought here.
- Enhance human physical, sensory, and cognitive capacity through truly knowledgeable assistive technologies.

Funders and Collaborators



























Please see Craig at his poster (T24)
... and thank you very much for your attention.

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