

Affordable Therapy and Service Robots for Health and Function Monitoring

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A cartoon illustration of a light blue robot with a large blue circular head, orange eyes, and a wide smile. It is holding a large, dark grey broom with a black handle. The robot is wearing a blue shirt and a black skirt. The background is a solid grey color.

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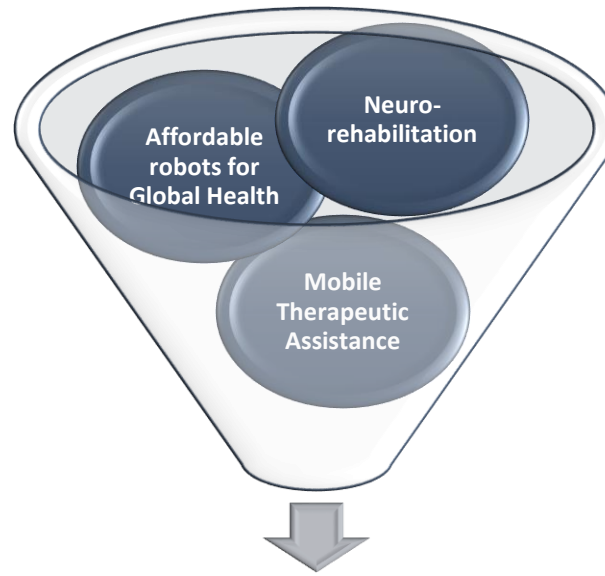
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Rehabilitation Robotics Lab

- The lab consists of an interdisciplinary team working in the fields of **robotics**, **rehabilitation**, and **neuroscience**.
- Our mission is to translate research findings into the development of affordable, assistive and therapeutic robots that can provide effective neurorehabilitation both nationally, and around the world.




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


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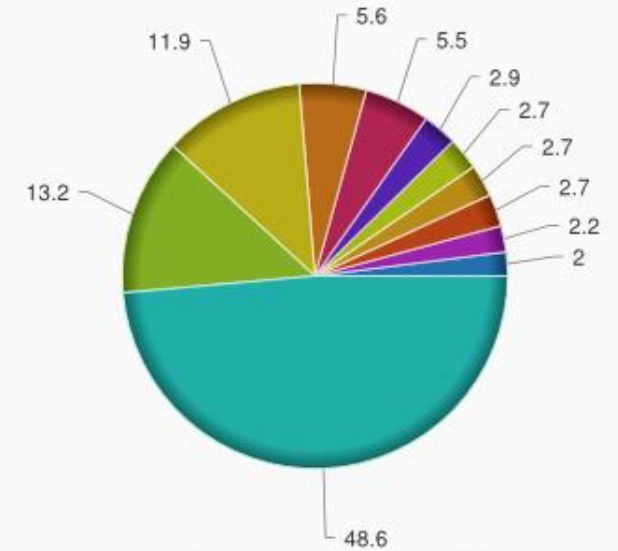
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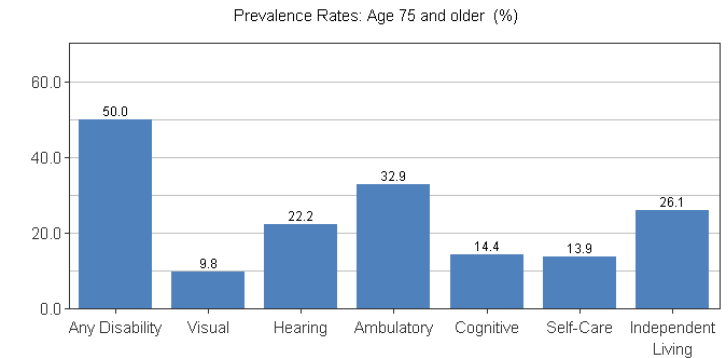
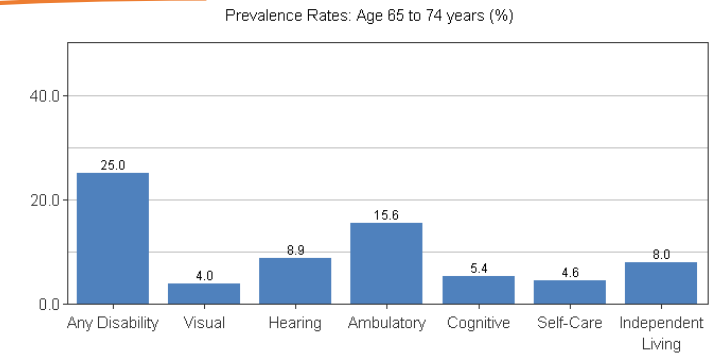
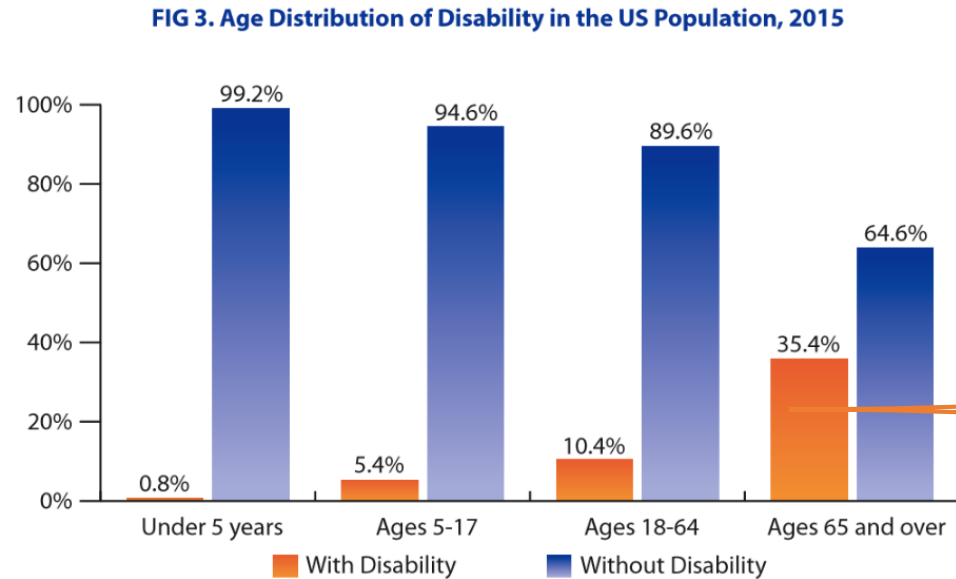
- Background
- Technology-assisted rehabilitation
- Case for Therapy and Service Robots in Community
- Integrated Systems Health Management? How work?

Motivation

- Communicable and Non-communicable diseases.
 - NCDs were 68% of all deaths globally in 2012.
 - It is estimated to increase to 73% by 2020.
 - Cardiovascular diseases account for about 30% of NCD deaths (~17.7 million)
 - Stroke account for about 11.9% of NCDs deaths.
 - Survival often means living with disability or decreased function
- Ageing Populations
 - Populations are aging → 20-30% over 65 age by 2030;
 - Age is a leading risk factors for many diseases.

The 10 leading causes of death in the world by percentage

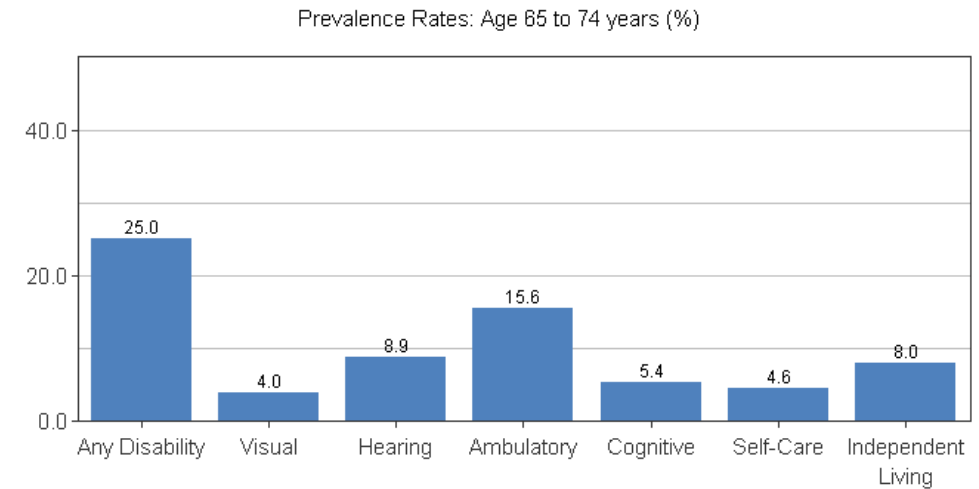




Disability and Age: USA

ICF: Common Areas of Function/Impairment

- **Cognition** – understanding & communicating
- **Mobility**– moving & getting around
- **Self-care**– hygiene, dressing, eating & staying alone
- **Getting along**– interacting with other people
 - Interpersonal Interactions
- **Life activities**– domestic responsibilities, leisure, work & school
 - Domestic Life
 - Major Life Areas
- **Participation or Community, Social and Civic Life** – joining in community activities >>

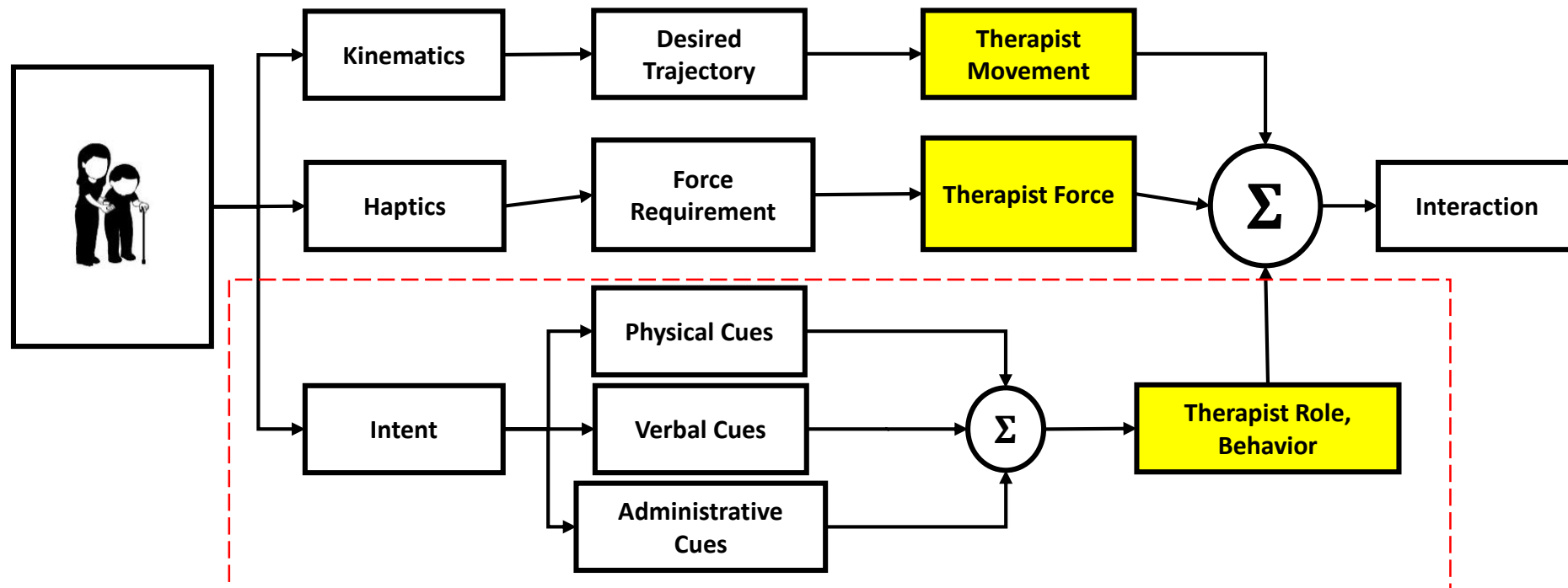




Technology Can Bridge This Gap

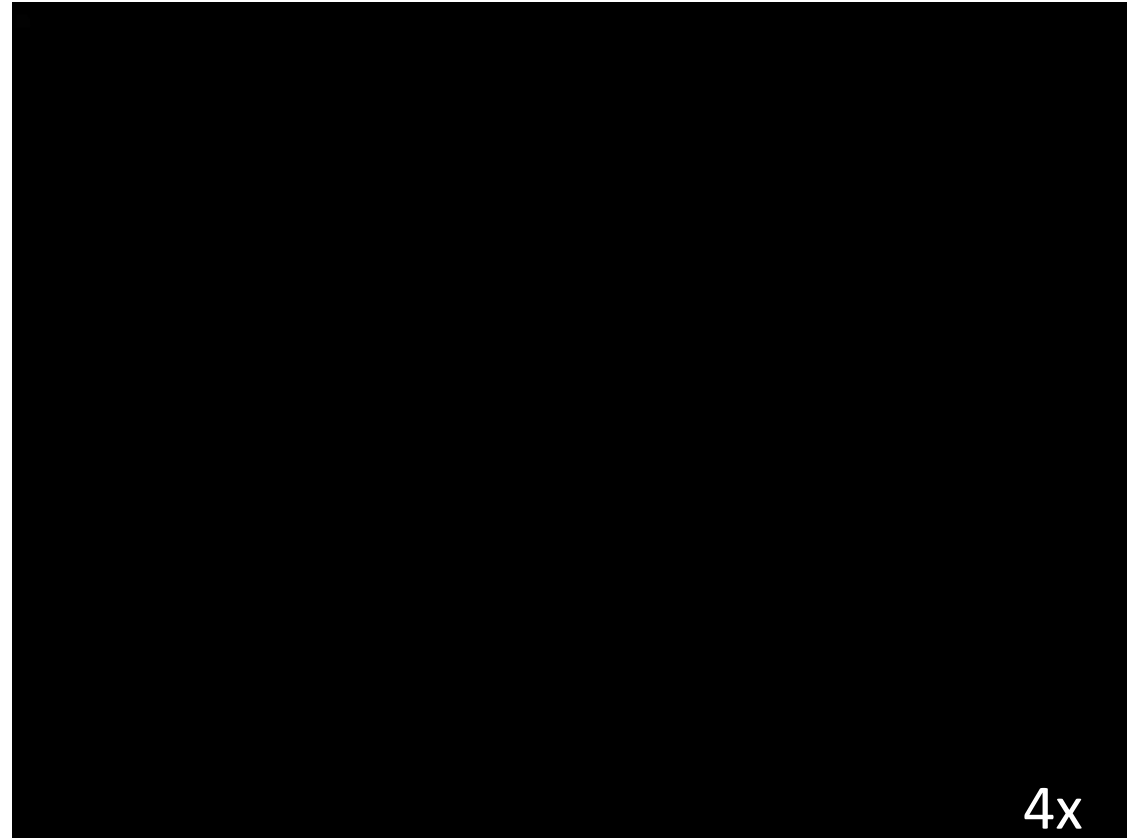
Therapy and Service Robots

Observing Human-Human



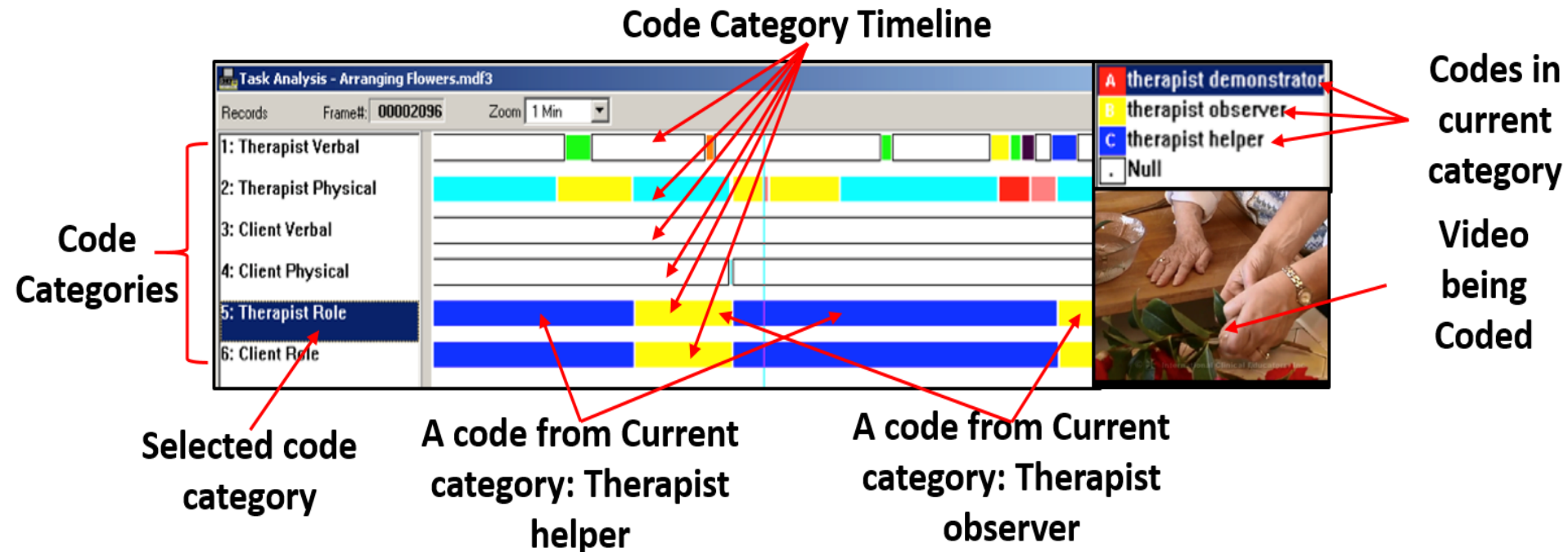
- Johnson, M.J.; **Mohan, M.**; Mendonca, R., "A Stimulus-Response Model of Therapist-Patient Interactions in Task-Oriented Stroke Therapy Can Guide Robot-Patient Interactions", *Proceedings of the Annual RESNA Conference*. New Orleans, 26-27 June 2017.

Therapy Session

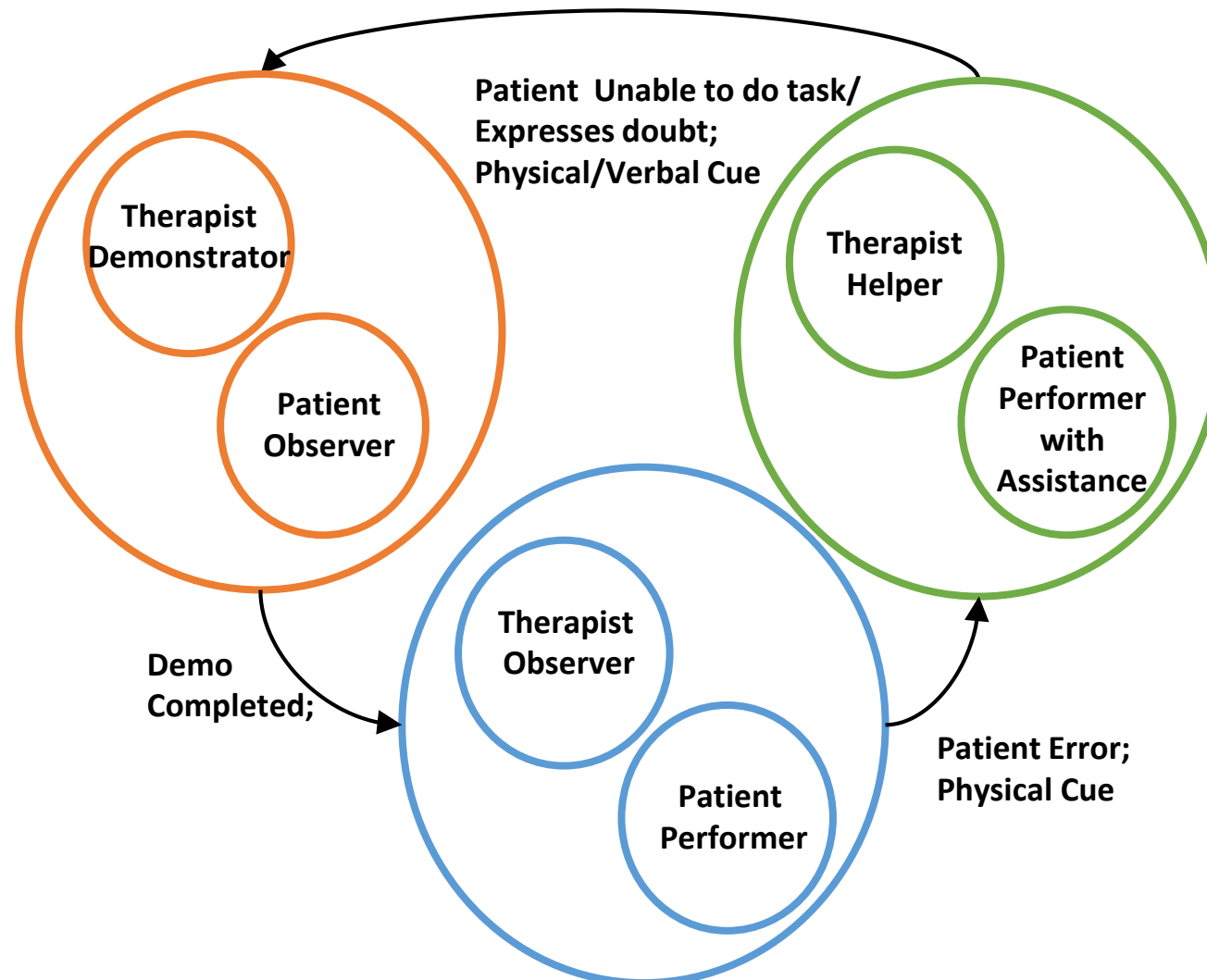


Capturing Roles and Cues

- Multimedia Video Analysis Software: MVTA
- 8 Videos Coded independently by 2 therapists

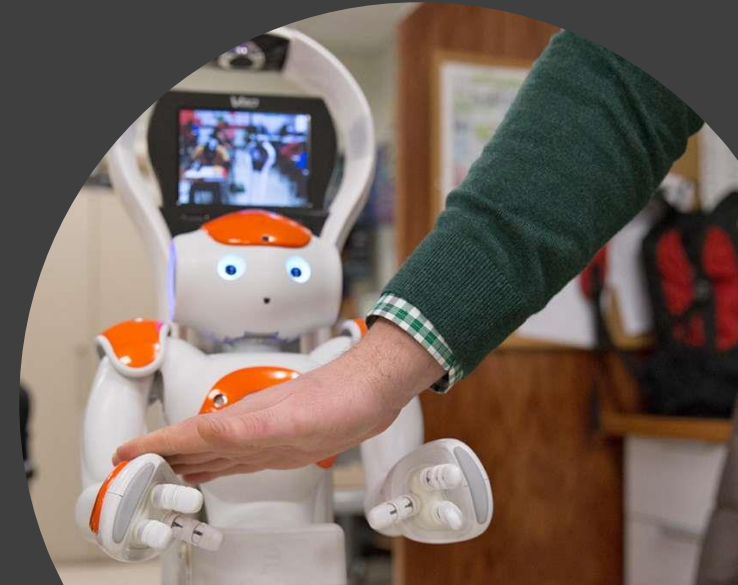


Modelling Intent



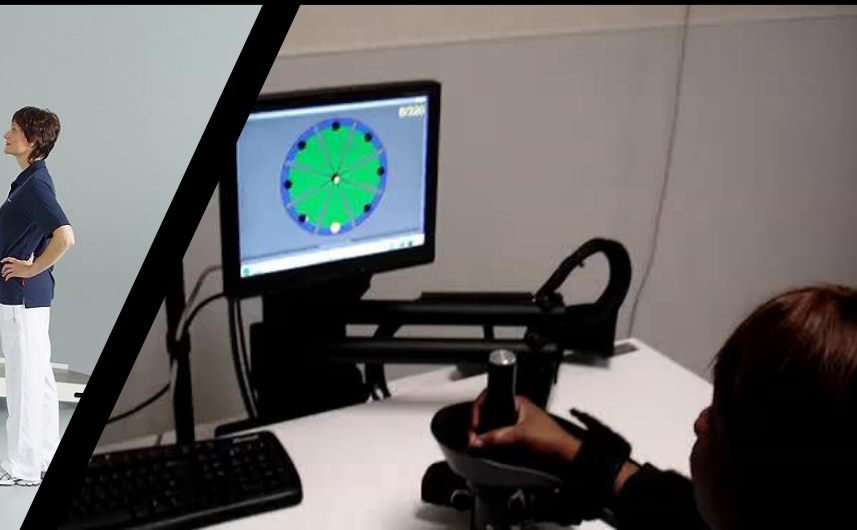
Therapist >> Robot

- Ideally the robot should take on three roles as demonstrator, observer and helper and co-act with the patient
- Helper role is often seen in hands-on effector THERAPY ROBOTS (e.g., ADLER, Theradrive)
- Demonstrator and Observer Roles are often found in ASSISTIVE ROBOTS or SERVICE ROBOTS (e.g. Nao)
- Fluid transitioning from contact to non-contact with a patient is not often done due to huge safety concerns about soft and hard impacts.



Therapy Robots

- Originally developed to treat neurological disorders such as stroke and cerebral palsy.
 - Function to automate and deliver autonomous or semi-autonomous therapy for arm (or leg or joint)
 - Function to assess level of disability and impairment remaining in a limb arm (or leg)
 - Outcome >>> reducing motor impairment, increasing function and driving brain re-organization
- Currently being developed to treat a variety of diseases and disorders, e.g., Multiple Sclerosis
- Typically function in clinics or supervised settings



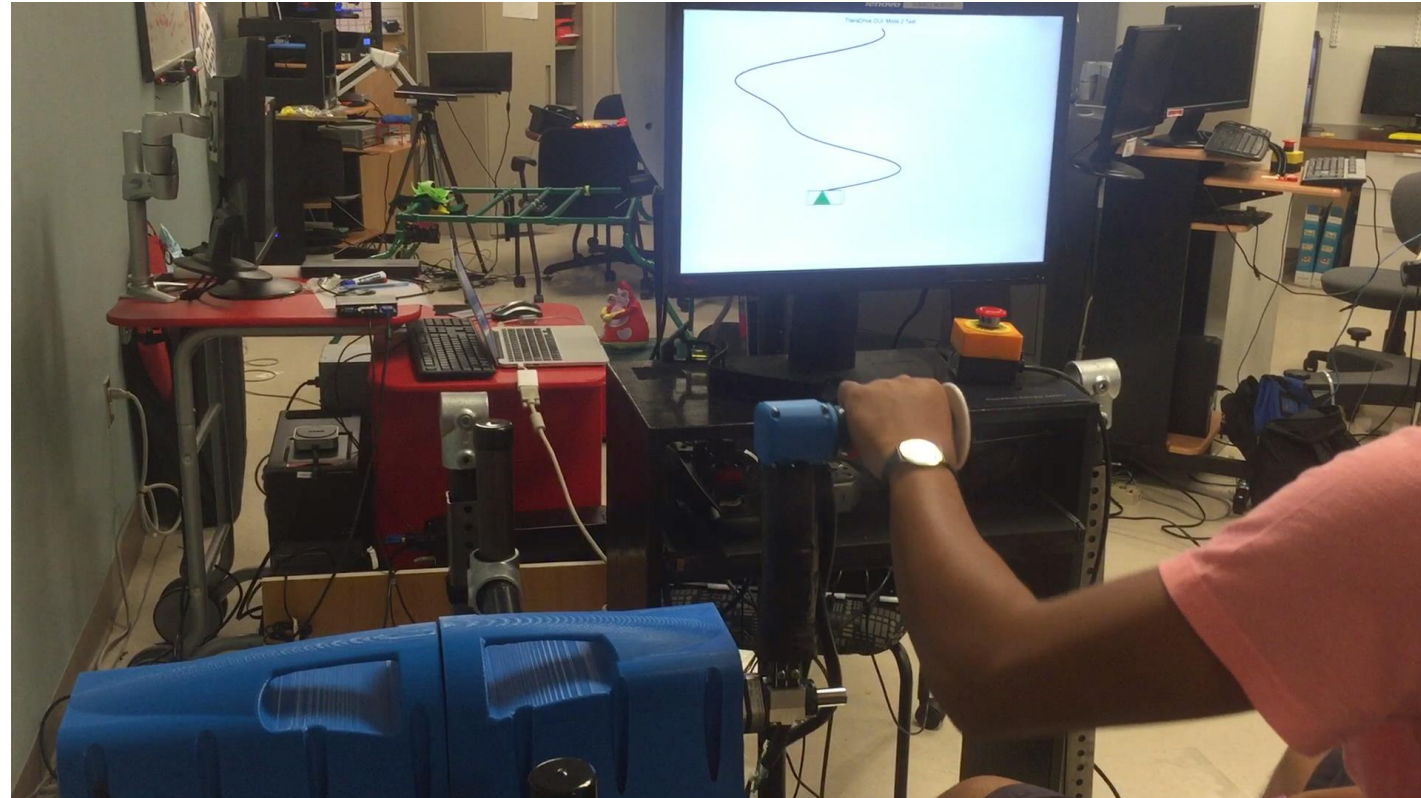
Helper role >> ADL Exercise Robot



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Haptic TheraDrive

- Single Degree of Freedom Robot
- Assessment Metrics:
 - Root Mean Square Error (Accuracy)
- Gaming



Michelle Jillian Johnson, Roshan Rai, Sarath Barathi, Rochelle Mendonca, and Karla Bustamante-Valles: Affordable stroke therapy in high-, low- and middle-income countries: From Theradrive to Rehab CARES, a compact robot gym. Journal of Rehabilitation and Assistive Technologies Engineering. sagepub.co.uk/journalsPermissions.nav, 4: 1-12, May 2017 Notes: DOI: 10.1177/2055668317708732.

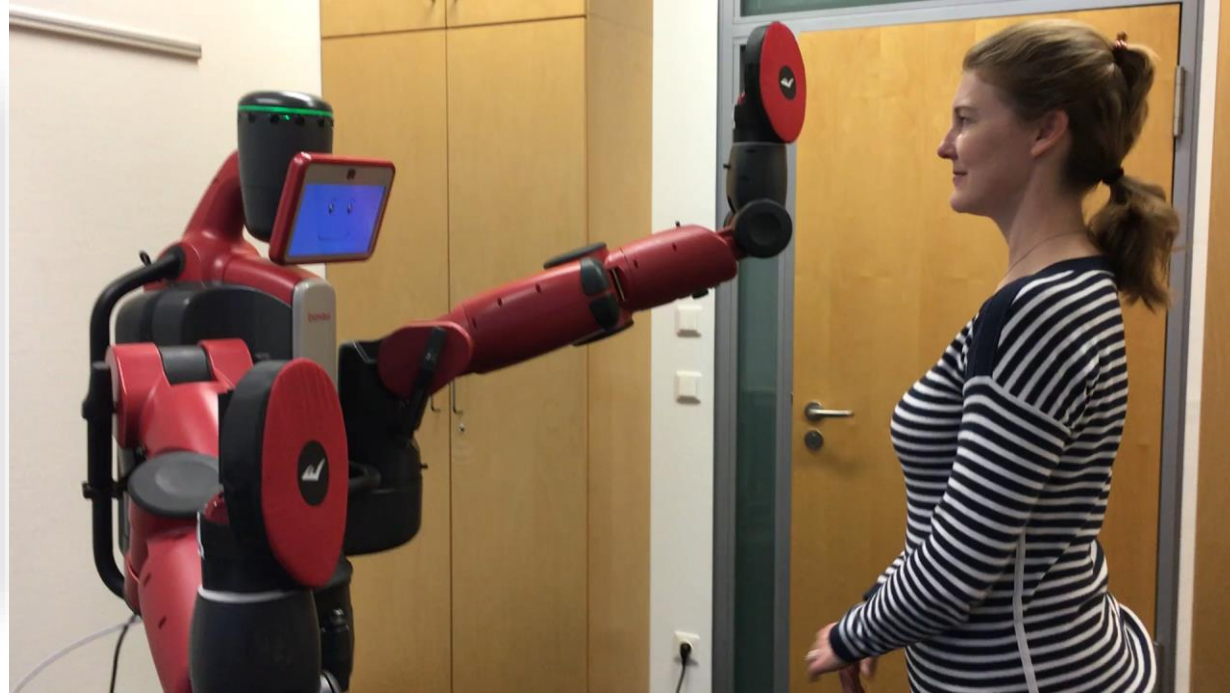
Assistive Robots = Service Robots in Rehabilitation/Medical Settings

- Replace other functions or activities or things (e.g. surveillance robots)
- Replace a loss limb (e.g., prosthetics)
- Replace the function of a paralyzed limb and do tasks instead of the limb (e.g., wheelchair robot)



Demonstrator/Observer roles >>

Baxter: Elder Exercise

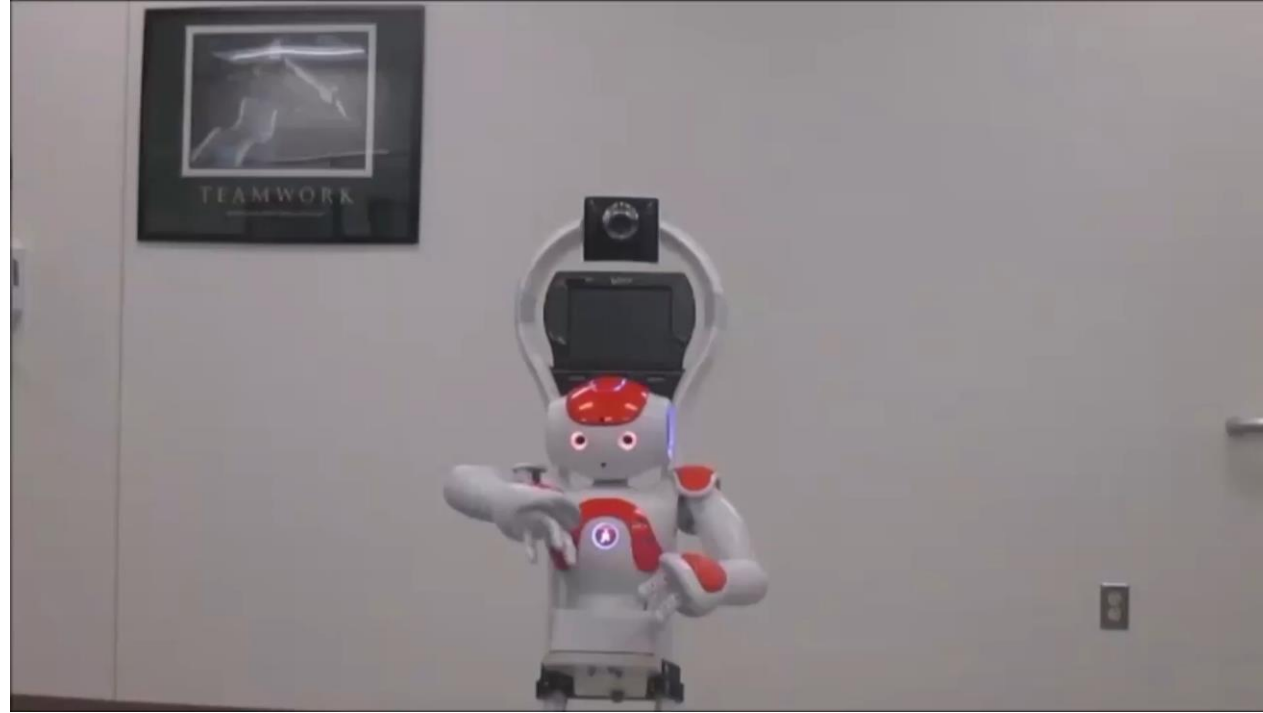


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- Collaboration with Dr. Kuchenbecker and Dr. N Watts
- Elder Exercise Care

Demonstrator role >>

Flo: Mobile Therapist



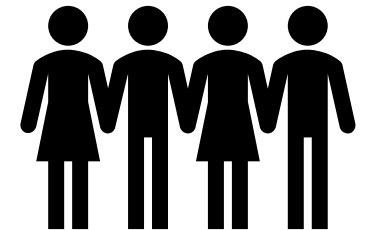
- Combination of two off the shelf robots (Nao and VGo)
- Designed to provide remote and in-person “hands off” therapy



Therapy and Service Robots for Elders in the Community

Living Independently for Elders – A Mercy LIFE Center

- Community-based setting
- All-inclusive care
 - Clinical care
 - Rehabilitation care
 - Doctors, Nurses, Therapists, Caregivers
- Elders > 65 age
- Elders have various levels of function
- Medicare/Medicaid
- 80% African American
- 75% Female
- GOAL >> MAINTAIN ELDERS INDEPENDENCE



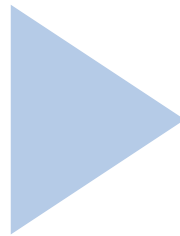
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Activity and Participation >> Independence

- Activity is a execution of a task or activity by the elder
- Participation is involvement in a life situation
- Impairment >> Activity Limitation >> Participation Restrictions
- Participation promotes inclusion in life activities in the context of the persons community
- External factors such as social roles, social environment, political environment, physical environment, psychological environment may lead to activity limitations and participation restrictions and therefore independence reduction.

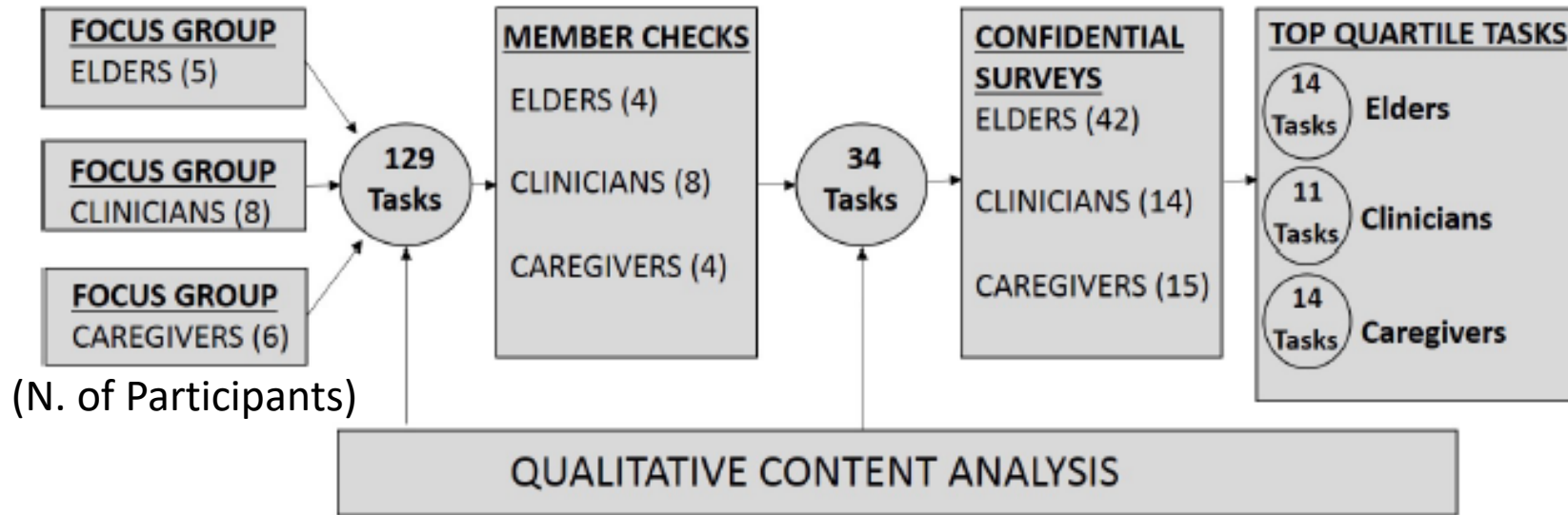
Can we develop an affordable social robot that can support elders at the LIFE center?

< \$20,000,
Mobile,
Manipulates



What tasks
should it
do?

Pre-Deployment Data Acquisition: A Multi-Method Approach*



* J. Sefcik, M. Johnson, M. Yim, T. Lau, N. Vivio, Caio Mucchiani, Pamela Z. Cacchione, **“Stakeholders’ Perceptions Sought to Inform the Development of a Low-Cost Mobile Robot for Older Adults: A Qualitative Descriptive Study ”**, in Clinical Nursing Research, Sept. 2017.

	Rank
Having additional assistance when pain flares up	1
Outings (shopping, supermarket)	2
Having your food preference known	3
Getting a drink	4
Being asked about your preference	5
Assistance with being in bed (change position, putting on blanket)	6
Having caretakers help keep spirits up	7
Reaching things on high shelves	8
Getting around in a wheelchair	9
Walking	10
Games (Bingo)	11
Caretakers help to increase socialization opportunities	12
Having clothes taken out	13
Assistance finding items in closet	14

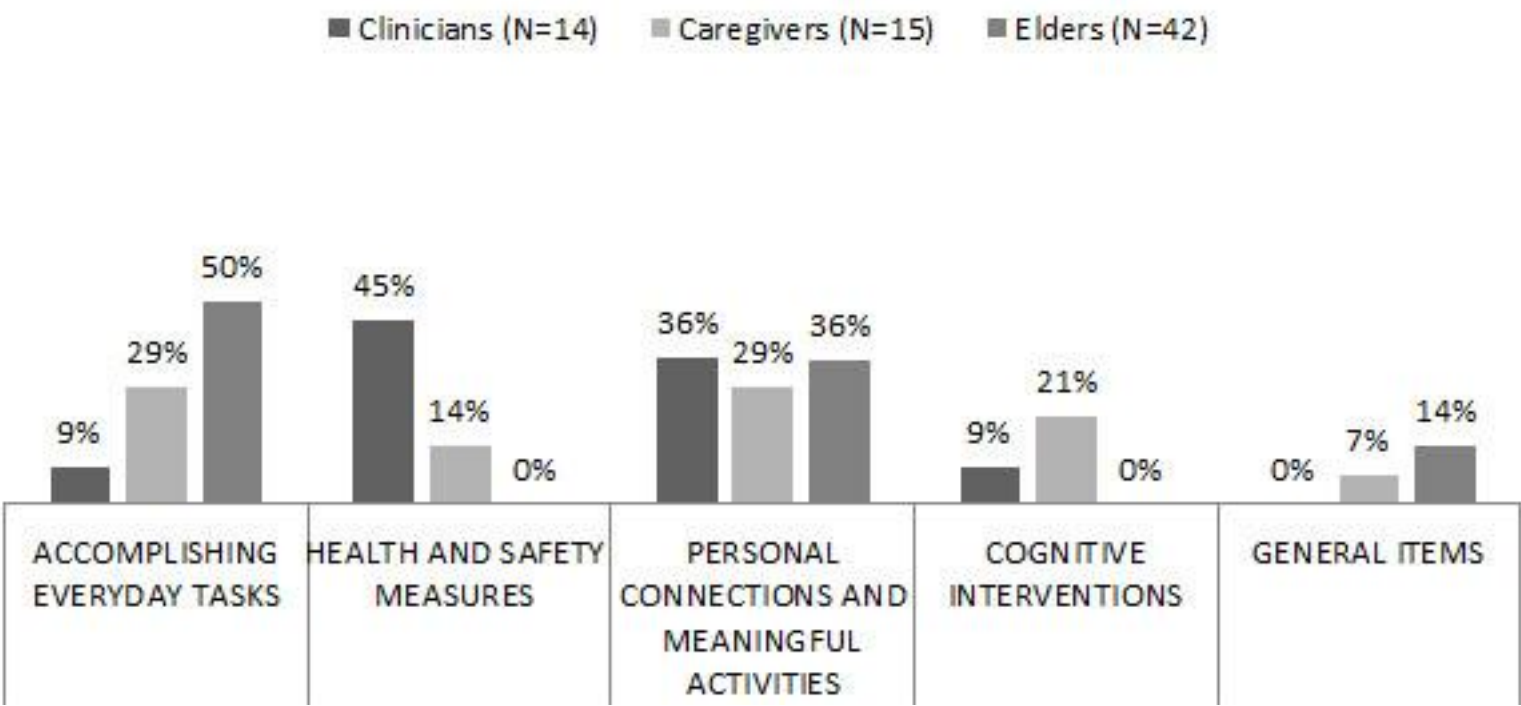
Elder Care: Low-Cost Assistive Mobile Robot

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Task and Design Requirements for an Affordable Mobile Service Robot for Elder Care in an All-Inclusive Care for Elders Assisted-Living Setting

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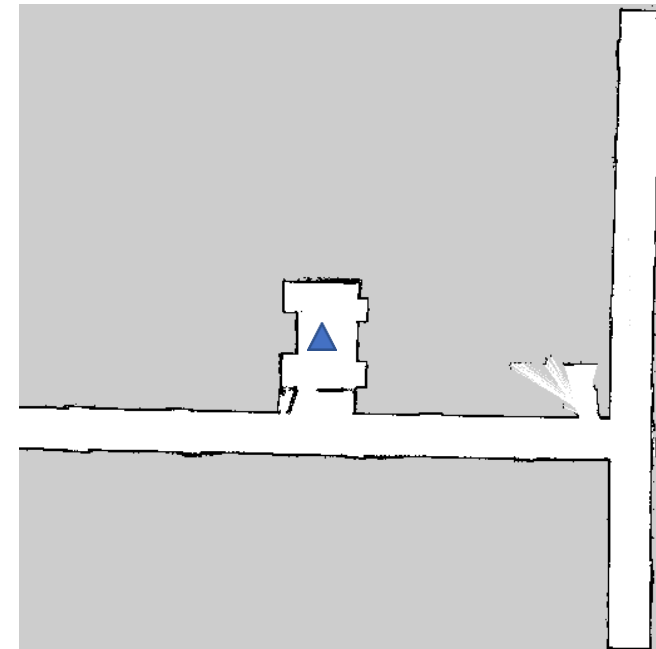


System Description: Savioke Hardware



Specifications:

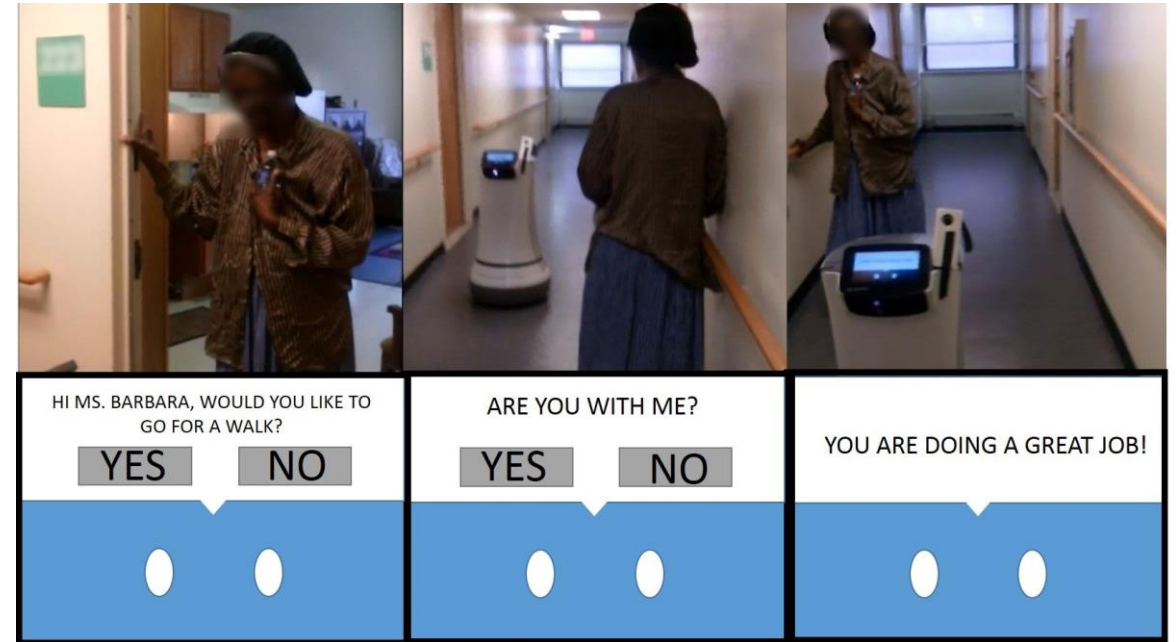
- 177mm touchscreen monitor, storage bin
- Navigation: Lidar and sonar sensors
- Speakers added for enhancing interaction
- Camera for recording the interaction



Mobile only Deployments*



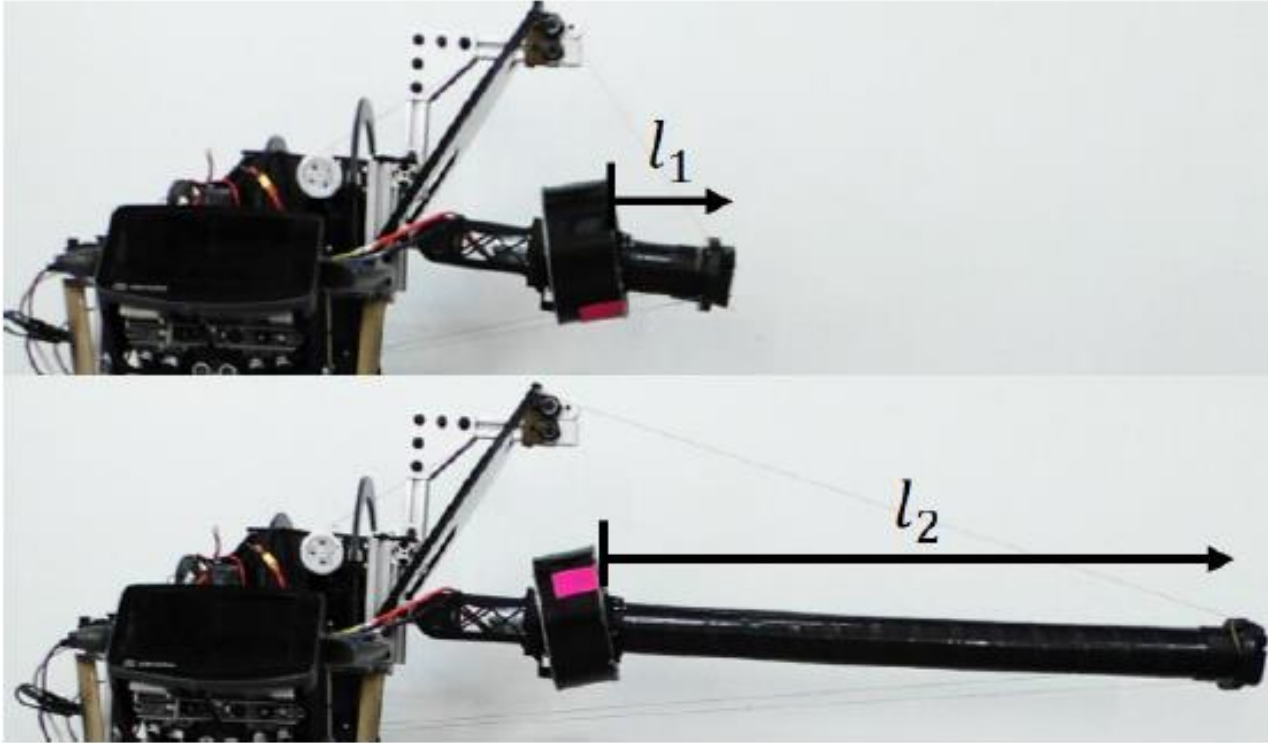
Autonomous Hydration reminder and Water delivery



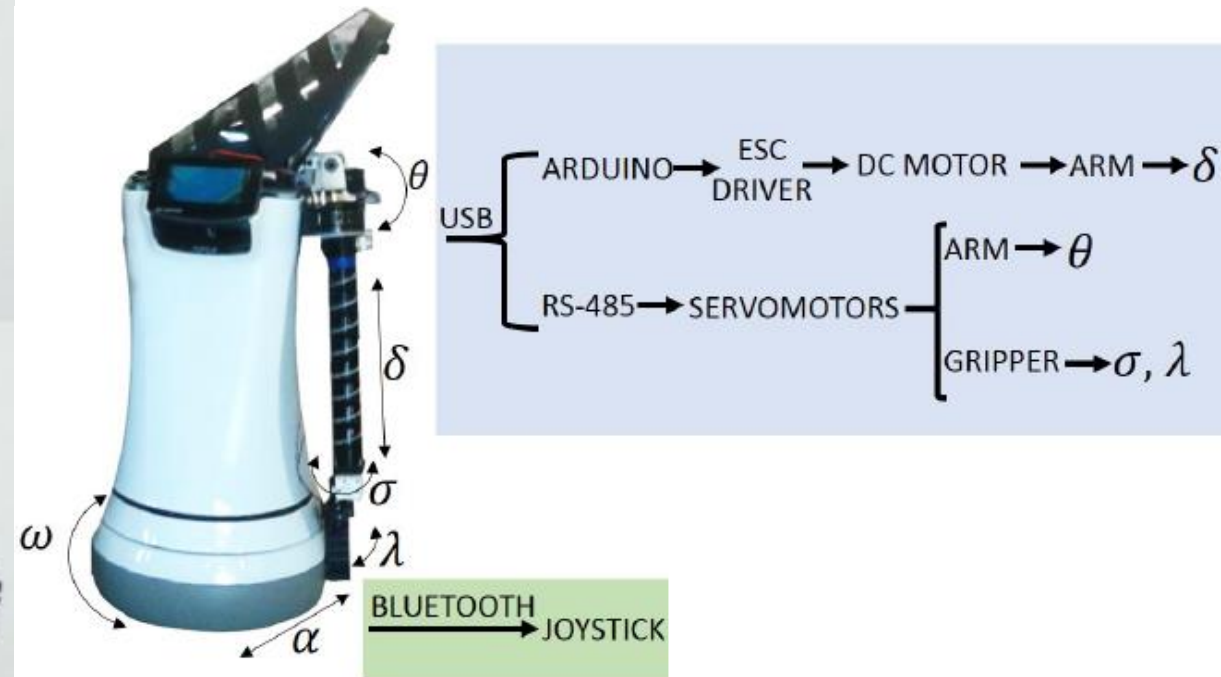
Walking encouragement

***Mucchiani C, Sharma S, Johnson M, Sefcik J, Vivio N, Huang J, Cacchione P, Johnson M, Rai R, Canoso A, Lau T.** 'Evaluating older adults interaction with a mobile assistive robot' In IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, **IROS 2017**.

System Description: Mod Lab's Manipulator



$(l_1 = 20cm, l_2 = 80cm)$



Reaching Objects/Corn Toss Games



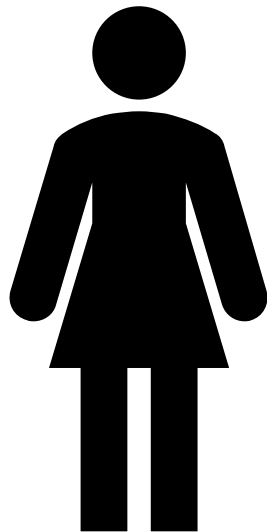


Therapy and Service
Robots as Integrated
System Health Managers

A Survey of Artificial Intelligence for Prognostics

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Integrated Systems Health Management

Fault detection (detecting that something is wrong)

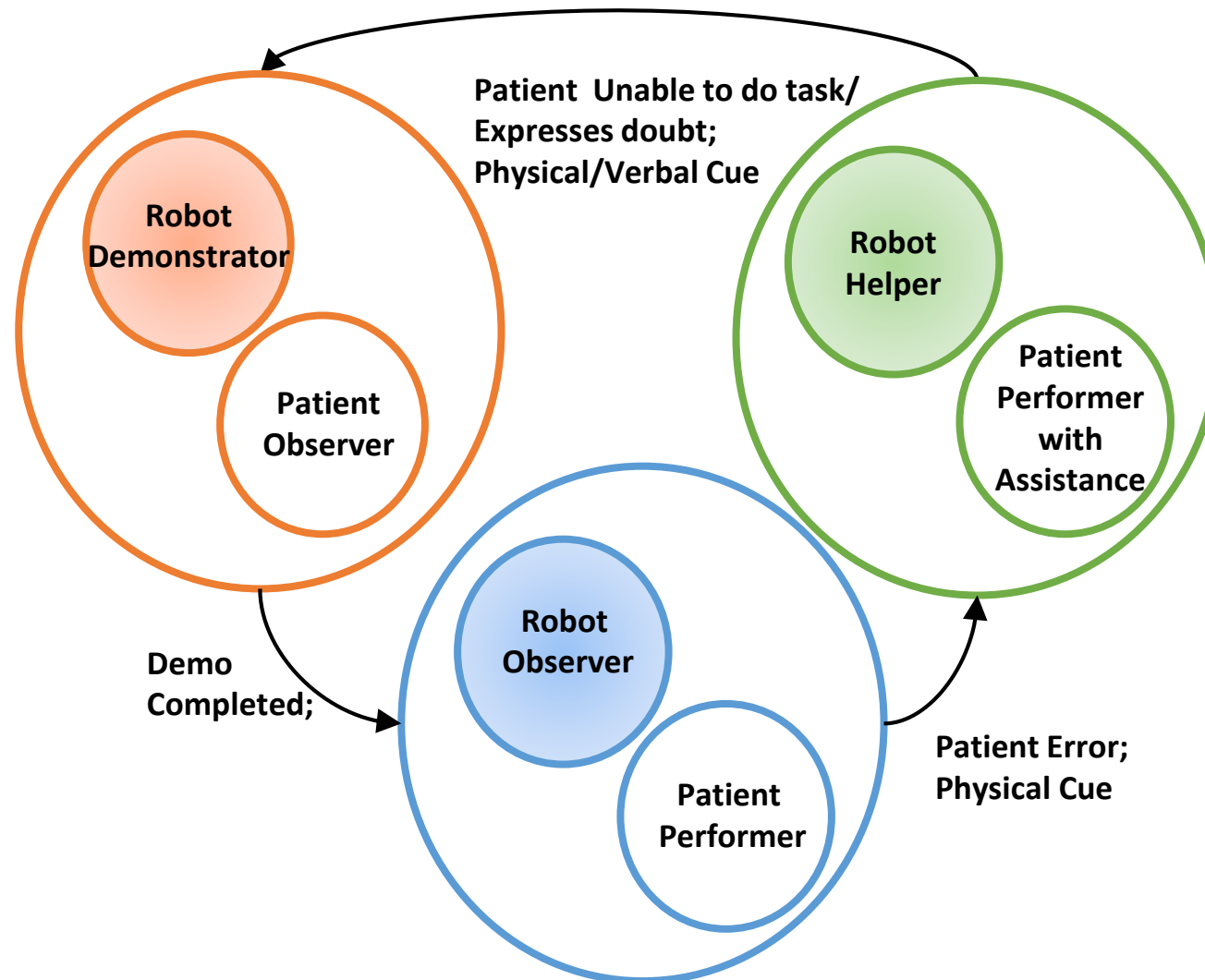
Fault Diagnostics (isolation & identification)

Fault prognostics (determining when a failure will occur based conditionally on anticipated future actions)

Fault isolation (determining the location of the fault)

Fault identification (determining what is wrong; that is, determining the fault mode)

Scenario 1: Fully Autonomous Robot



Autonomous Robot Guidelines

- Assist the elder with tasks
- Monitor the elder actions
- Provide either physical or verbal feedback based on user performance
 - Physical assistance if provided should be safe
- Able to modify level of robot involvement required for task
- Able to track individual elders and group of elders
- Able to communicate with elder - preference
- Able to switch out of HELPER to either OBSERVER OR DEMONSTRATOR modes
- Monitor the elder health over time
- Alert clinicians, medical doctors and caregivers to decline
- Suggest actions/tasks to elder increase activity and social engagement

Fault detection (detecting that something is wrong)

- Monitor unusual function in key domains
 - Heart rate – Pulse Oximeters
 - Pain levels – Visual Analog Scales
 - Exertion levels – Borg Scales
 - Emotional levels – Face expression and Galvanic Skin Function
 - Gait – stride length
 - Location – GPS
 - Social activity – calls, visits, level of contact with others
 - Communication – responsiveness
 - Brain activity - EEG
 - Range of Motion – joint sensors, 3D motion capture
 - Body kinematics - 3D motion capture
 - Muscle kinetics - EMG
 - etc
- What are the threats to independent function in key domains: Cognition, mobility, hearing, vision etc.?

Fault Diagnostics (isolation & identification)

- Fault isolation (determining the location of the fault)
 - Gather periodic clinical/therapy data from records
 - Gather data on adverse events – e.g., falls, hospitalization, ER visits
 - Gather robot-interaction data
 - Measure current function in the key domains including medical to learn unusual changes
 - Isolate areas impacted
- Fault identification (determining what is wrong)
 - Compare current function to past functional levels
 - Isolate anomaly

Fault Prognostics (determining when a failure will occur based conditionally on anticipated future actions)

- Define elder typical actions over time
- Define elder frequency of adverse events – e.g., falls, hospitalization, ER visits
- Increase robot interaction/actions to probe for possible deviations
- Define group actions over time

Possible Barriers to Acceptance of Scenario 1

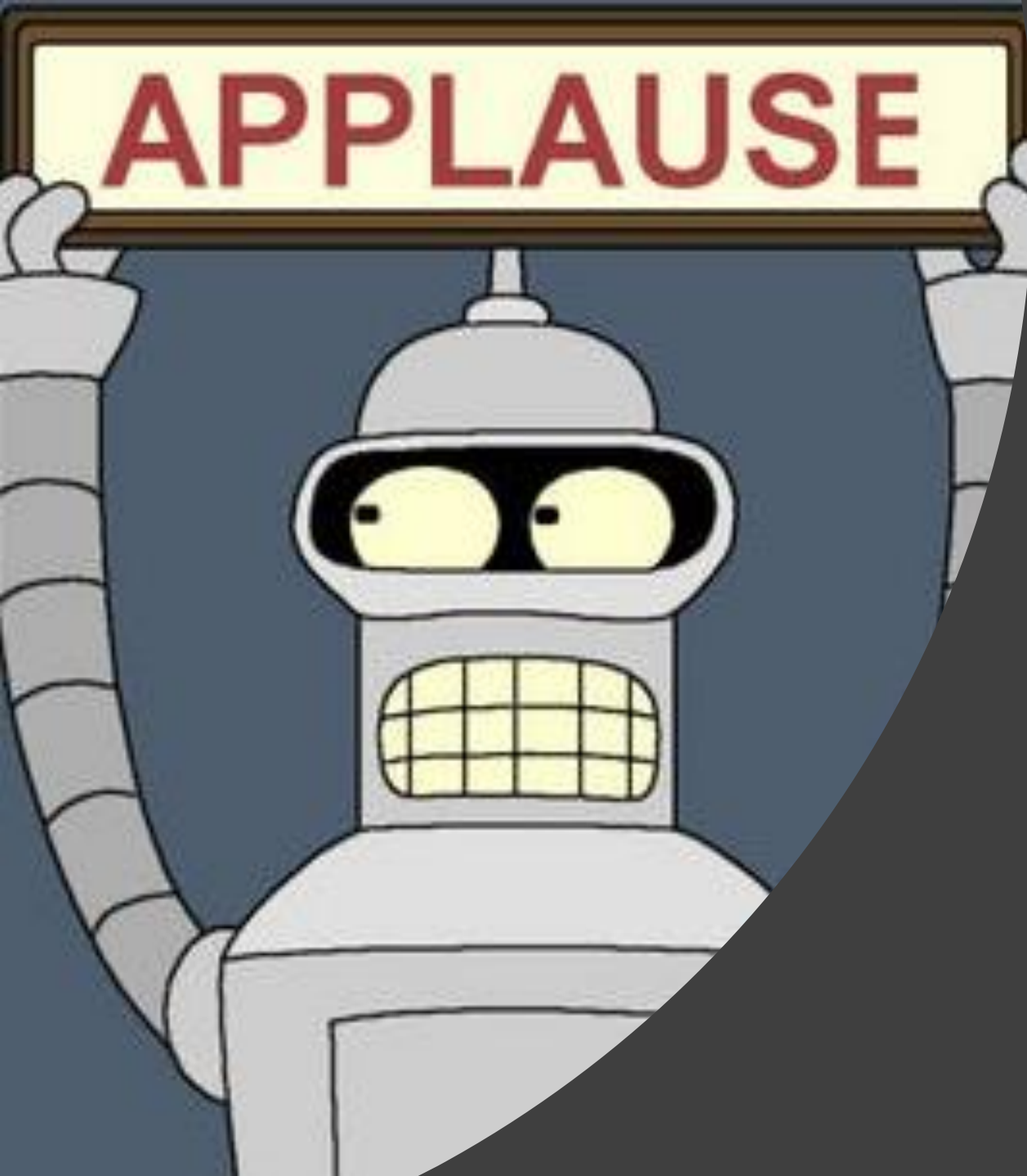
- Robot replaces human contact and may seem impersonal
 - Human does motivation and psychological aspect of therapy
- Robot interaction with human must be VERY safe
- Robot will not be as good as therapist
- Robot may not be versatile to monitor more than one human >>> alone or in groups
- Robot may not be able to easily obey privacy and security rules
- Requires human to wear sensors

Questions

- What are best strategies for overcoming barriers and creating an ACCEPTABLE Therapy/Service Robots that can do IHSM?
- How do we overcome barriers of low number of data?
- How do we juggle the need to track the individual AND the group?
- How can the Therapy/Service Robots that can do IHSM do SHARED management?

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