

SPECIAL TOPICS: HUMAN-ROBOT INTERACTION

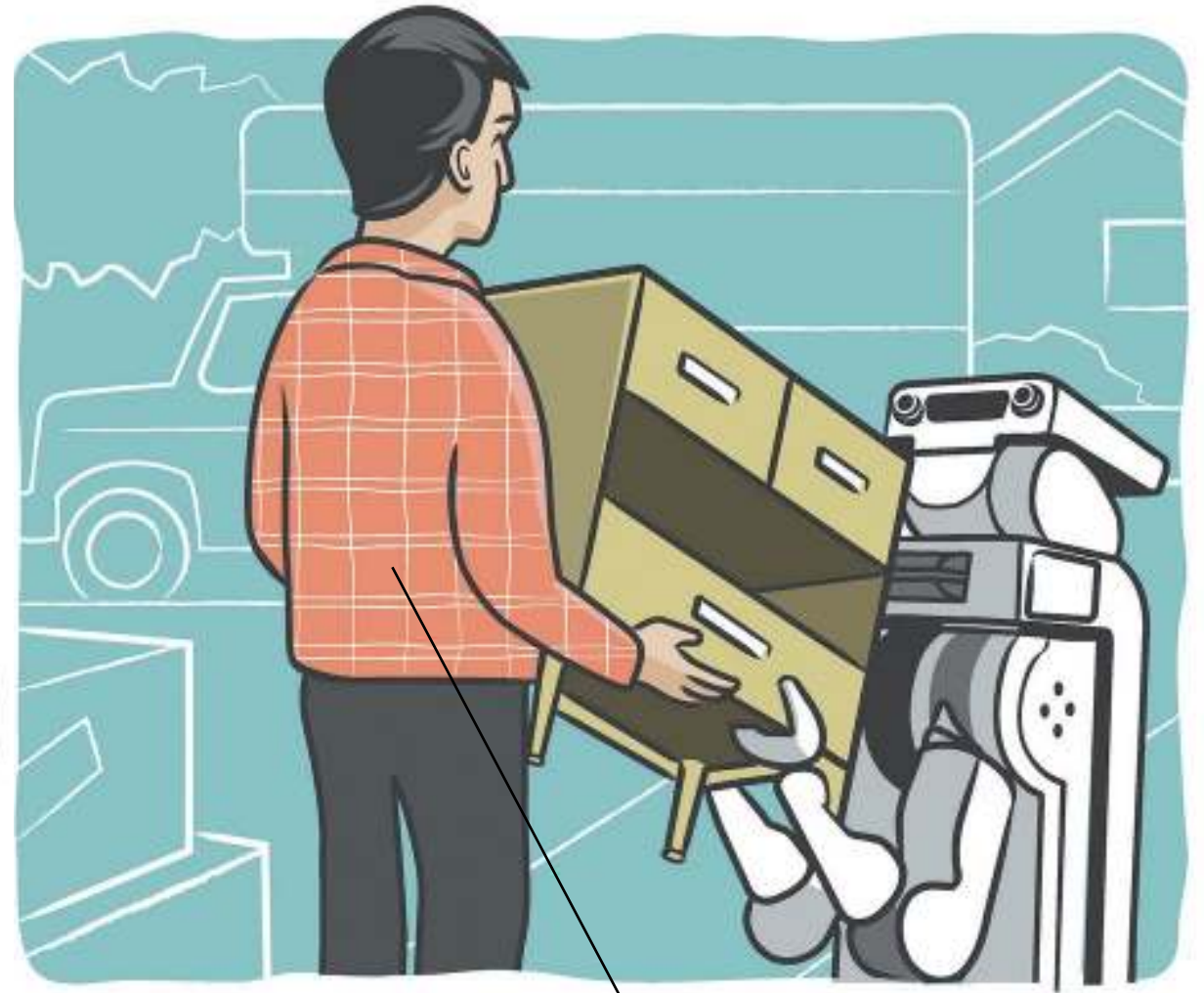
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HUMAN-ROBOT INTERACTION

GOAL: More **effective** and **intuitive** interactions



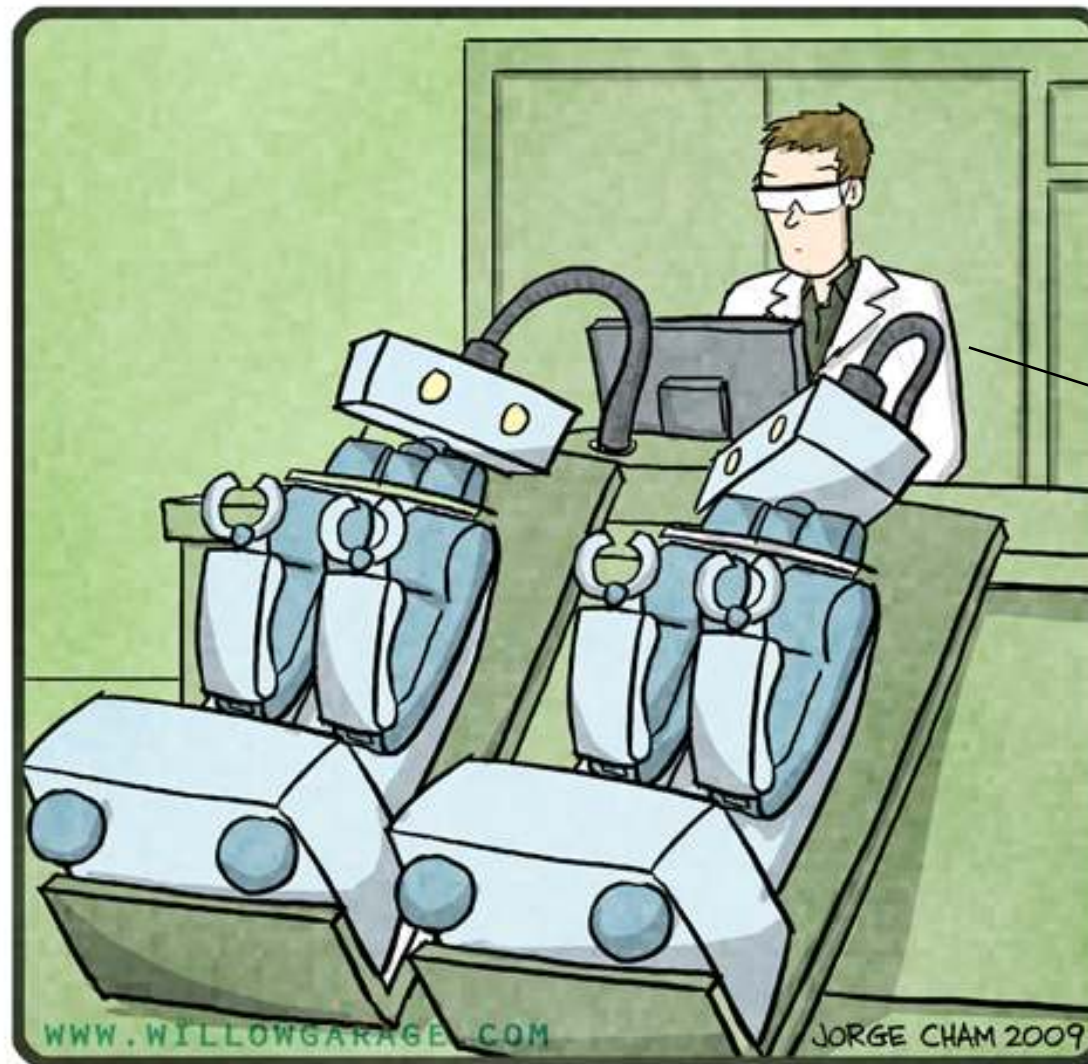
commanding a robot



collaborating with a robot

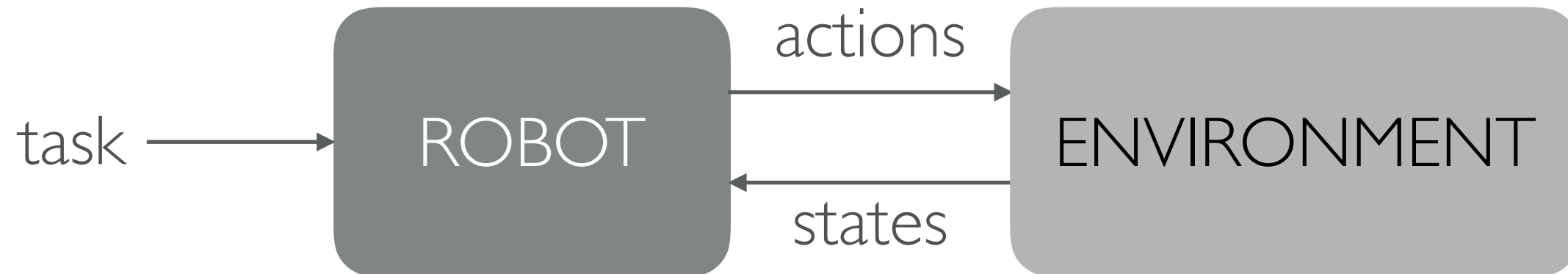
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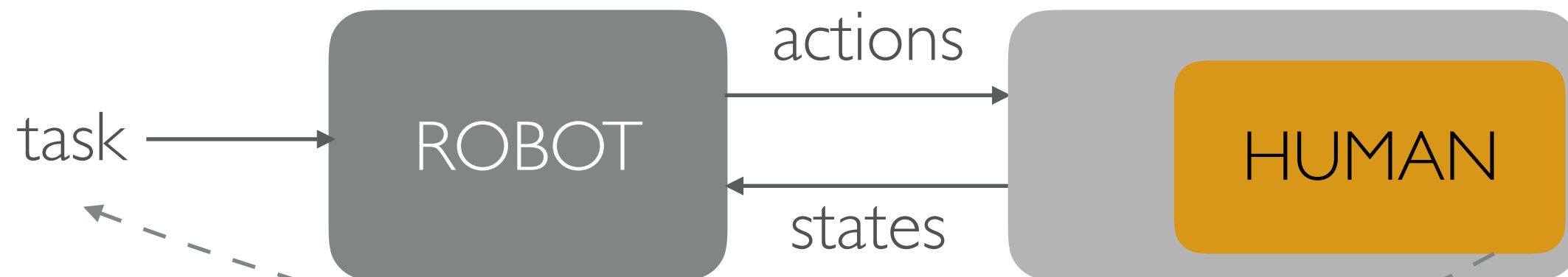


programming a robot

HRI -VS- ROBOTICS

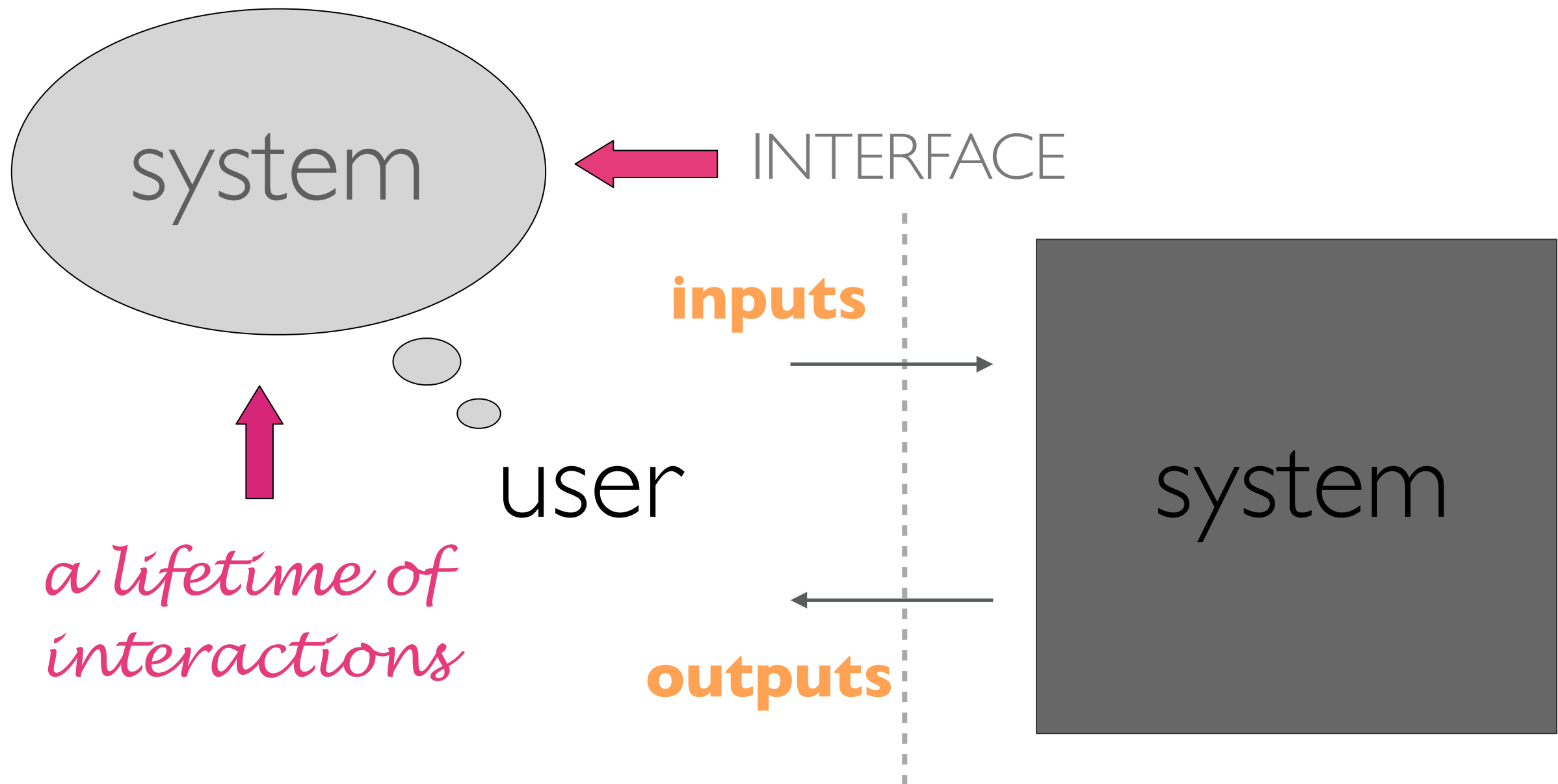


+ robot communicative actions



+ human state + explicit human input

HRI -VS- HCI



ANTHROPOMORPHISM

- the tendency to attribute human characteristics to inanimate objects, animals and others

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- TASK, CRITICALITY
- ROBOT-MORPHOLOGY
- HUMAN-ROBOT-RATIO
- ROBOT-TEAM-COMPOSITION
- SHARED-INTERACTION-LEVEL
- INTERACTION-ROLES
- PHYSICAL-PROXIMITY
- AVAILABLE-SENSORS, PROVIDED-SENSORS, SENSOR-FUSION, PRE-PROCESSING
- TIME, SPACE
- AUTONOMY, INTERVENTION

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 - ◎ task: urban search&rescue, walking aid for the blind, toy, delivery robot
 - ◎ criticality: high, medium low
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- **HUMAN-ROBOT-RATIO** ◎ # of humans/# of robots
- **ROBOT-TEAM-COMPOSITION** ◎ homogeneous, heterogeneous
- SHARED-INTERACTION-LEVEL
- INTERACTION-ROLES
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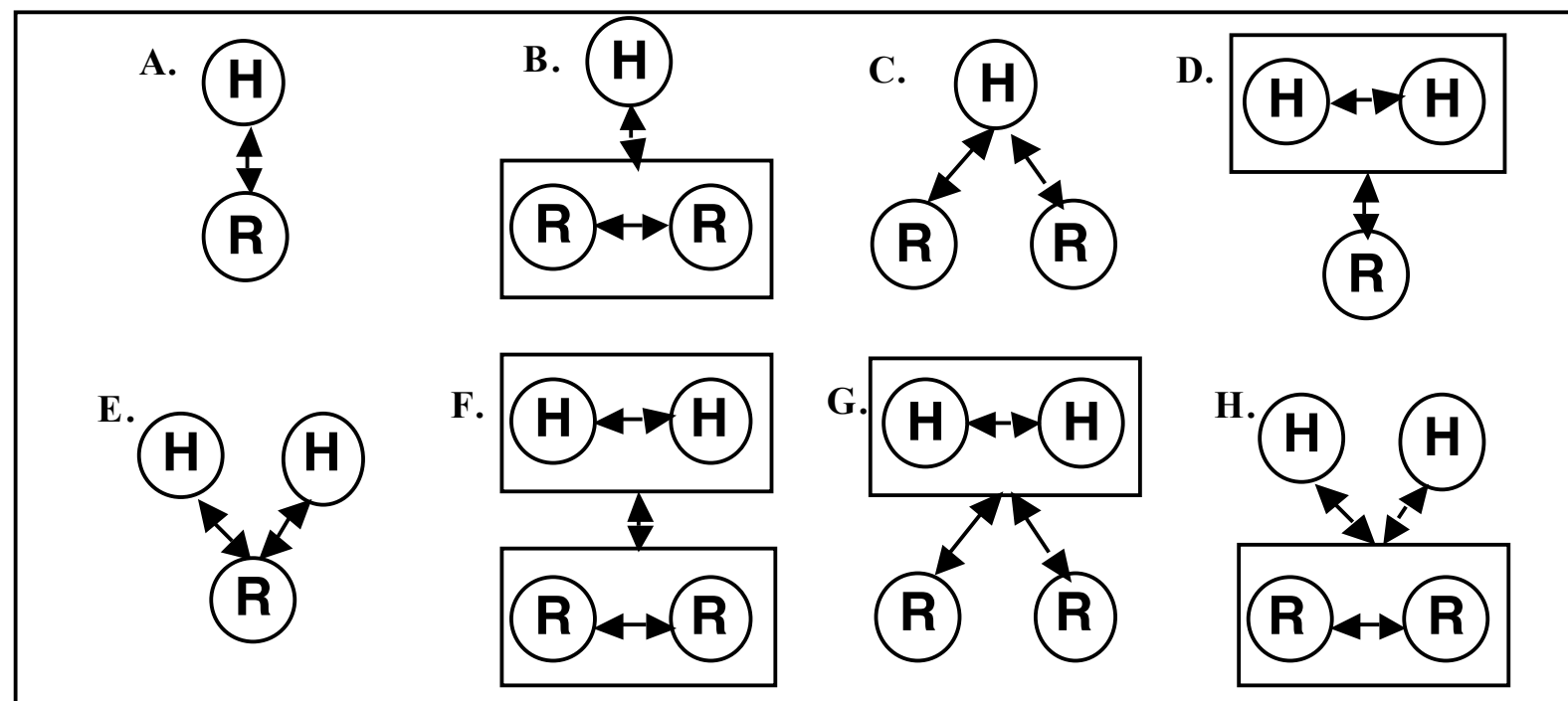


Figure 1. The possible combinations of single or multiple humans and robots, acting as individuals or in teams.

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- **INTERACTION-ROLES** ◎ supervisory, operator, teammate, mechanic/programmer, bystander
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- SHARED-INTERACTION-LEVEL
- INTERACTION-ROLES
 - ◉ avoiding, passing, following, approaching, touching, none (not co-located)
- **PHYSICAL-PROXIMITY**
- AVAILABLE-SENSORS, PROVIDED-SENSORS, SENSOR-FUSION, PRE-PROCESSING
- **TIME, SPACE**
 - ◉ synchronous, asynchronous
- AUTONOMY, INTERVENTION
 - ◉ co-located, non-co-located

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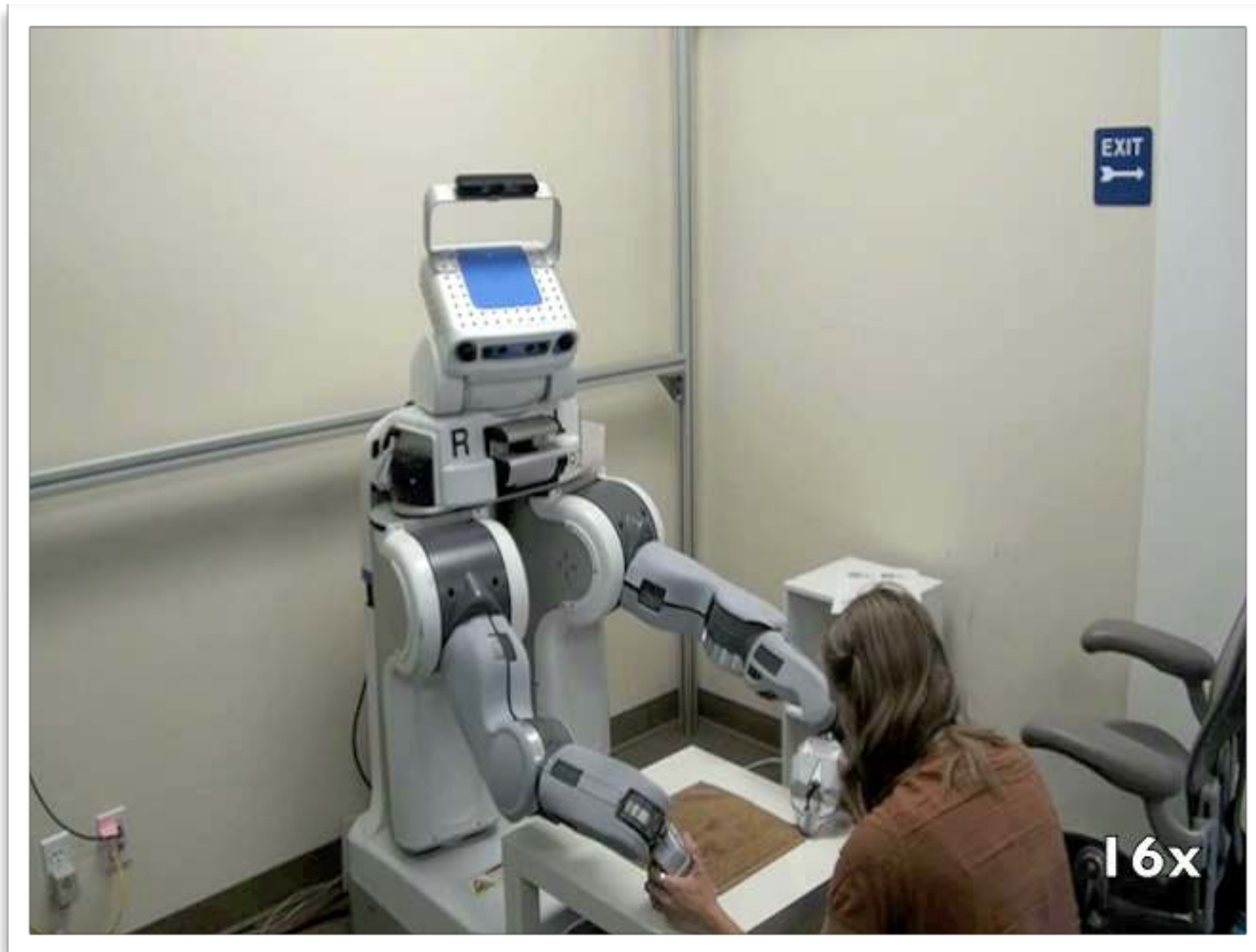
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- PHYSICAL-PROXIMITY
- AVAILABLE-SENSORS...
- TIME, SPACE
- **AUTONOMY, INTERVENTION**
 - ◉ adjustable autonomy
 - ◉ sliding-scale autonomy
 - ◉ mixed-initiative
 - ◉ supervised autonomy
 - ◉ symbiotic autonomy

TOPIC I

ROBOTS LEARNING FROM HUMANS

VISION

End-user programmable general-purpose robots



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BAXTER, RETHINK



“Baxter **can be taught** via a GUI and through direct manipulation of its robot arms. That means **non-technical, hourly workers** can train and retrain it right on the line.”

GP8 PALLET, SEEGRID



*“it is **very easy to train the robot** by simply first **walking it through** the route it is to take, load an item it is designed to transport and then push the ‘go to work’ button”*

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Because **we cannot predict...**

- ▶ variability in conditions
- ▶ what users want
- ▶ how they want it done

WHY IS IT CHALLENGING?

Existing tools assume good teachers...

- ▶ large number of demos
- ▶ variance in demos
- ▶ smooth/consistent demos

... everyday users are not!

- ▶ inaccurate mental model
- ▶ limited time, patience, attention, memory

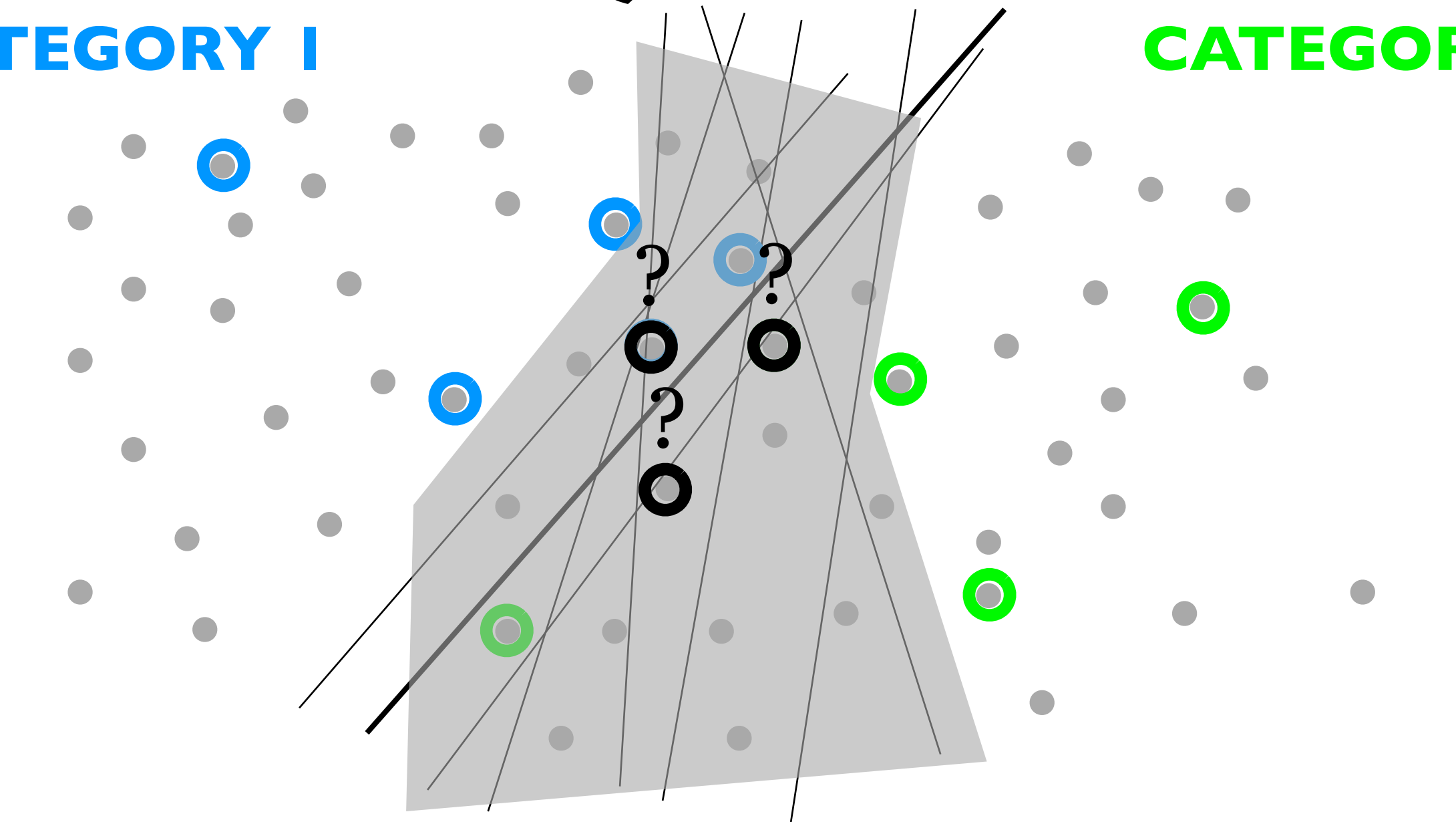
CHALLENGE: BETTER DEMONSTRATIONS, FASTER!

ACTIVE LEARNING

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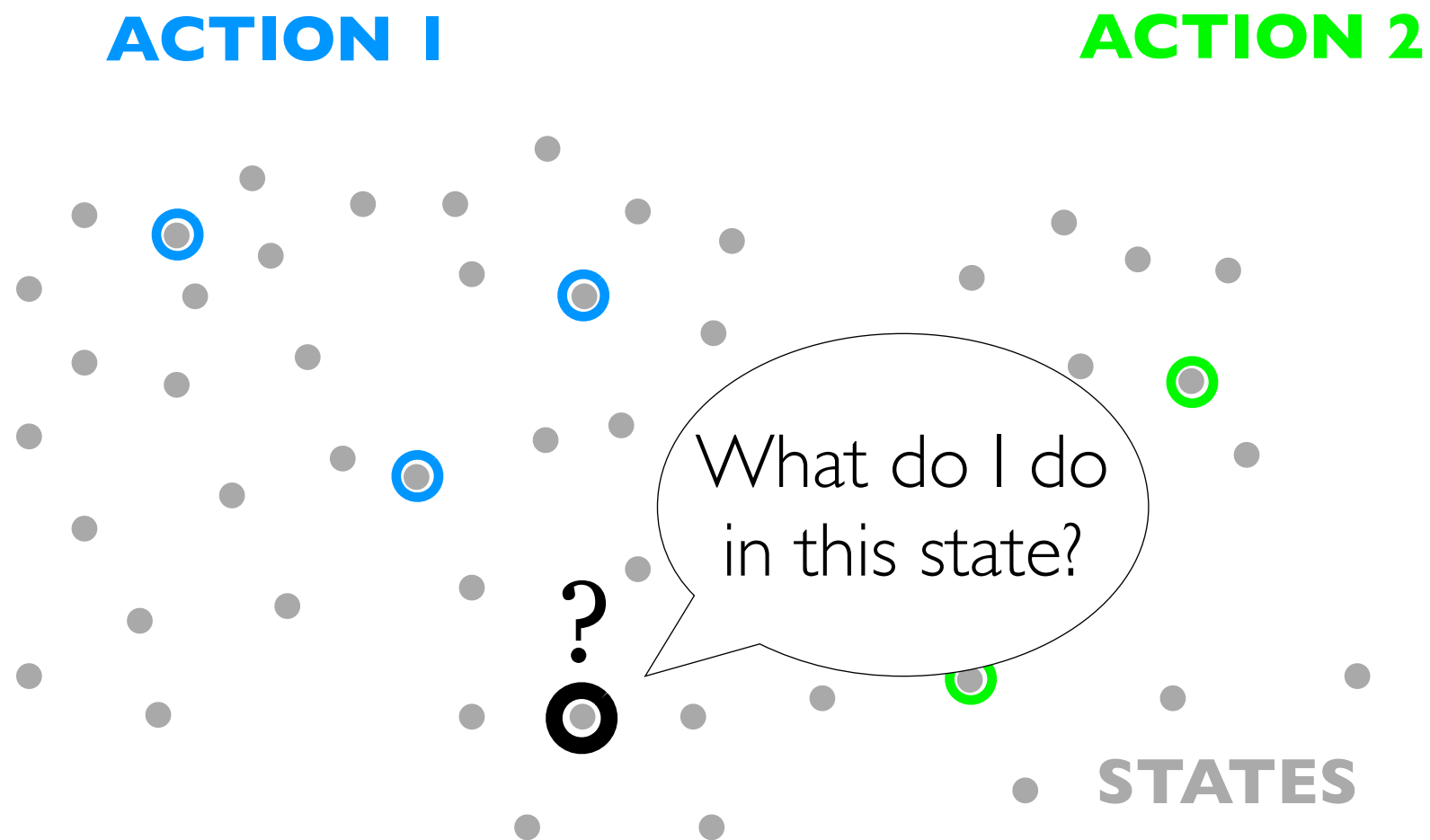
QUERIES

CATEGORY 2

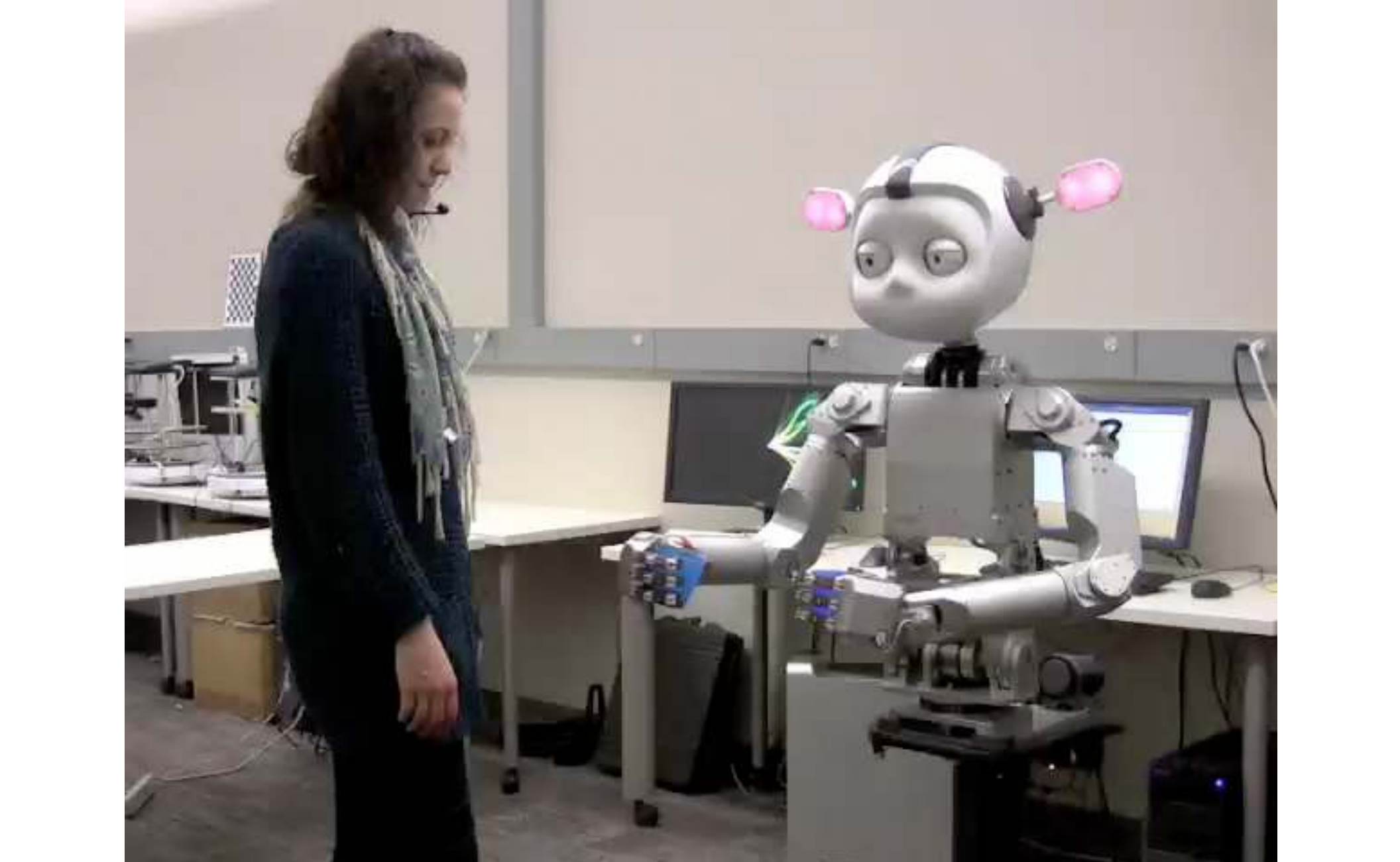


ACTIVE LEARNING IN ROBOTICS

Oudeyer 2007, Grollman 2007, Robbel 2007, Chernova 2009, Rosenthal 2009, Kroemer 2009, Gribovskaya 2010, *among others*.



MANIPULATION SKILLS



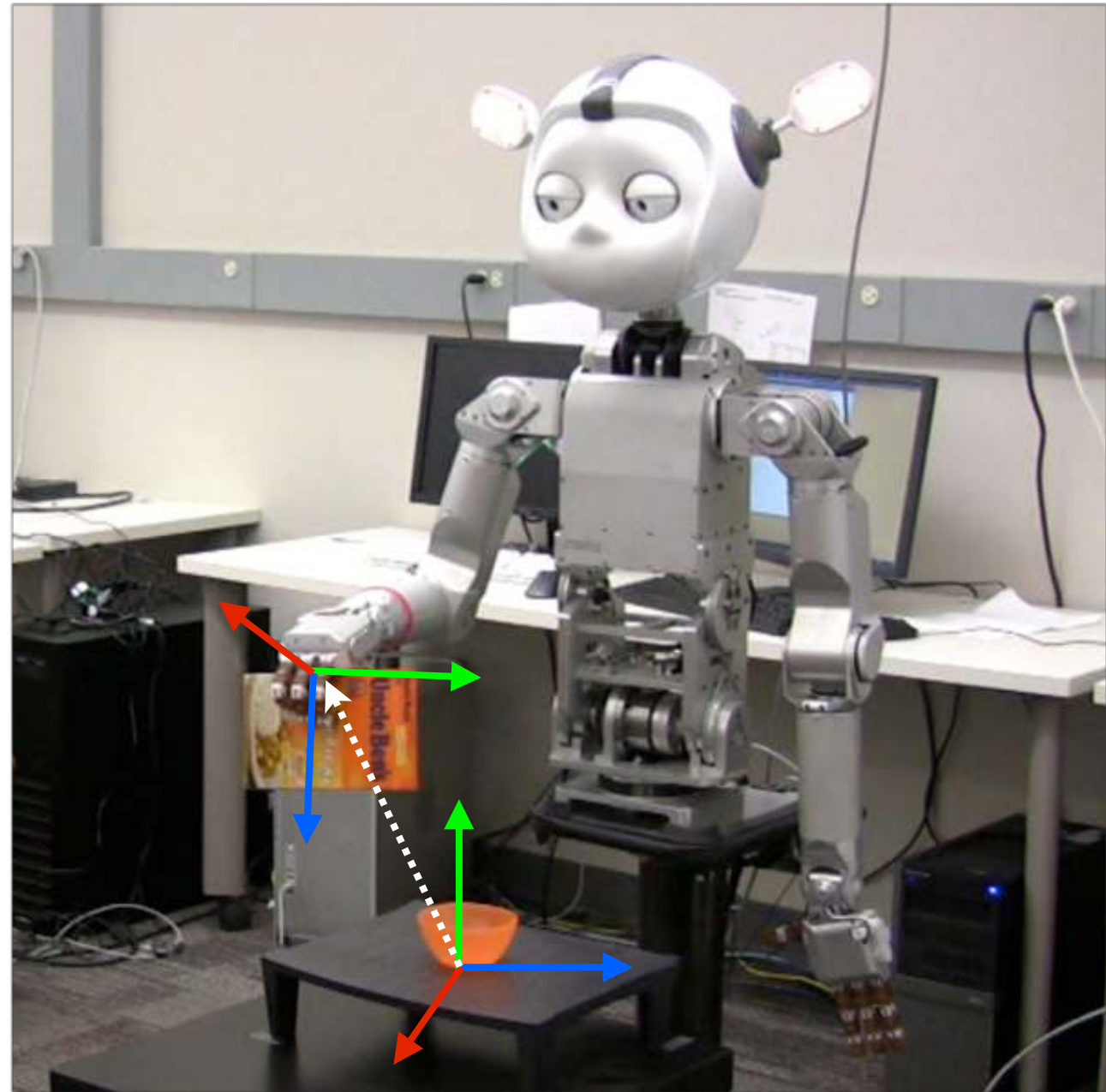
CONTINUOUS ACTION SPACES

SKILL POLICY

$$\pi(s) = a$$

STATE

relative 6D end-effector
configuration

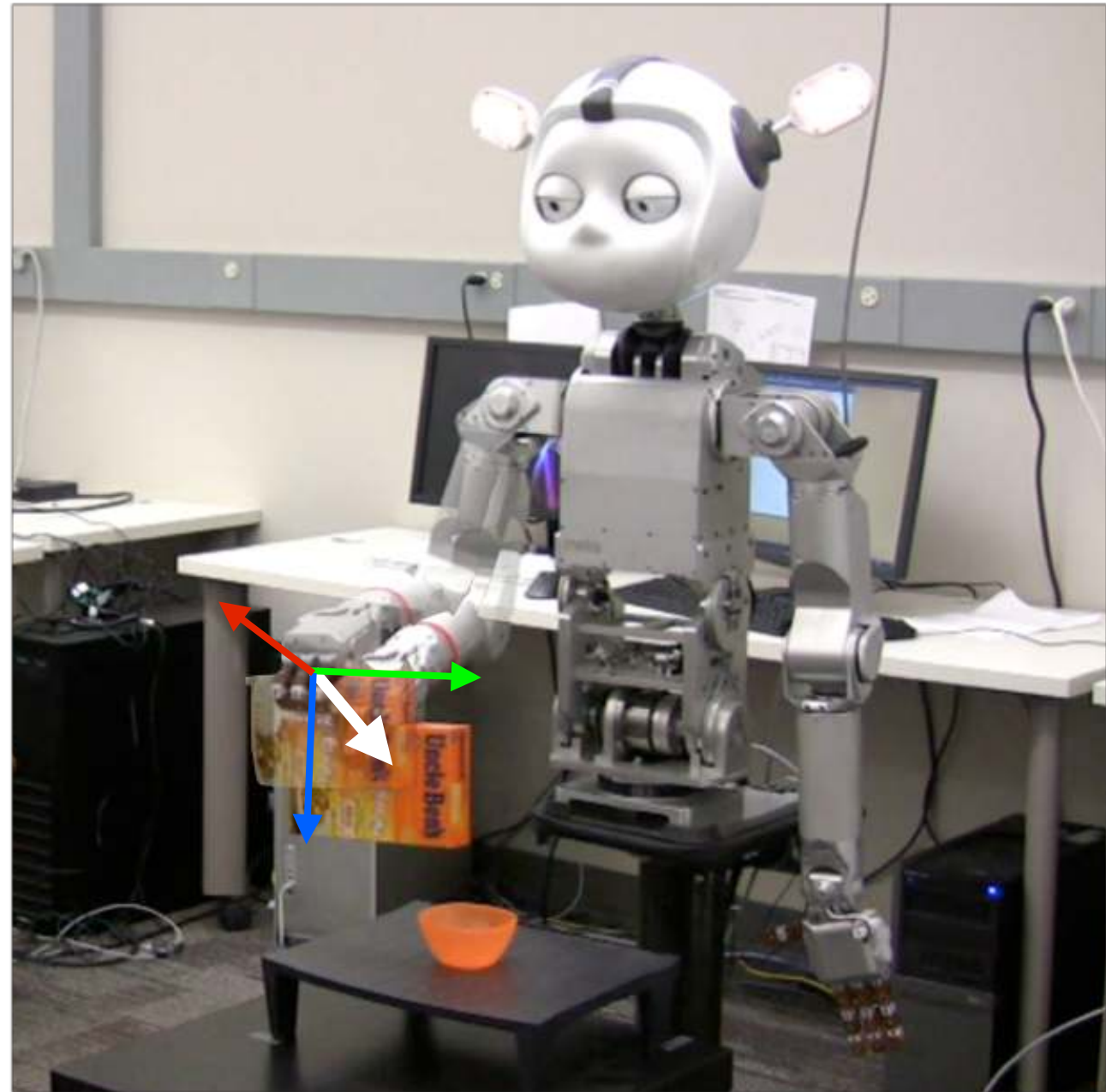


CONTINUOUS ACTION SPACES

SKILL POLICY

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ACTION
change in state

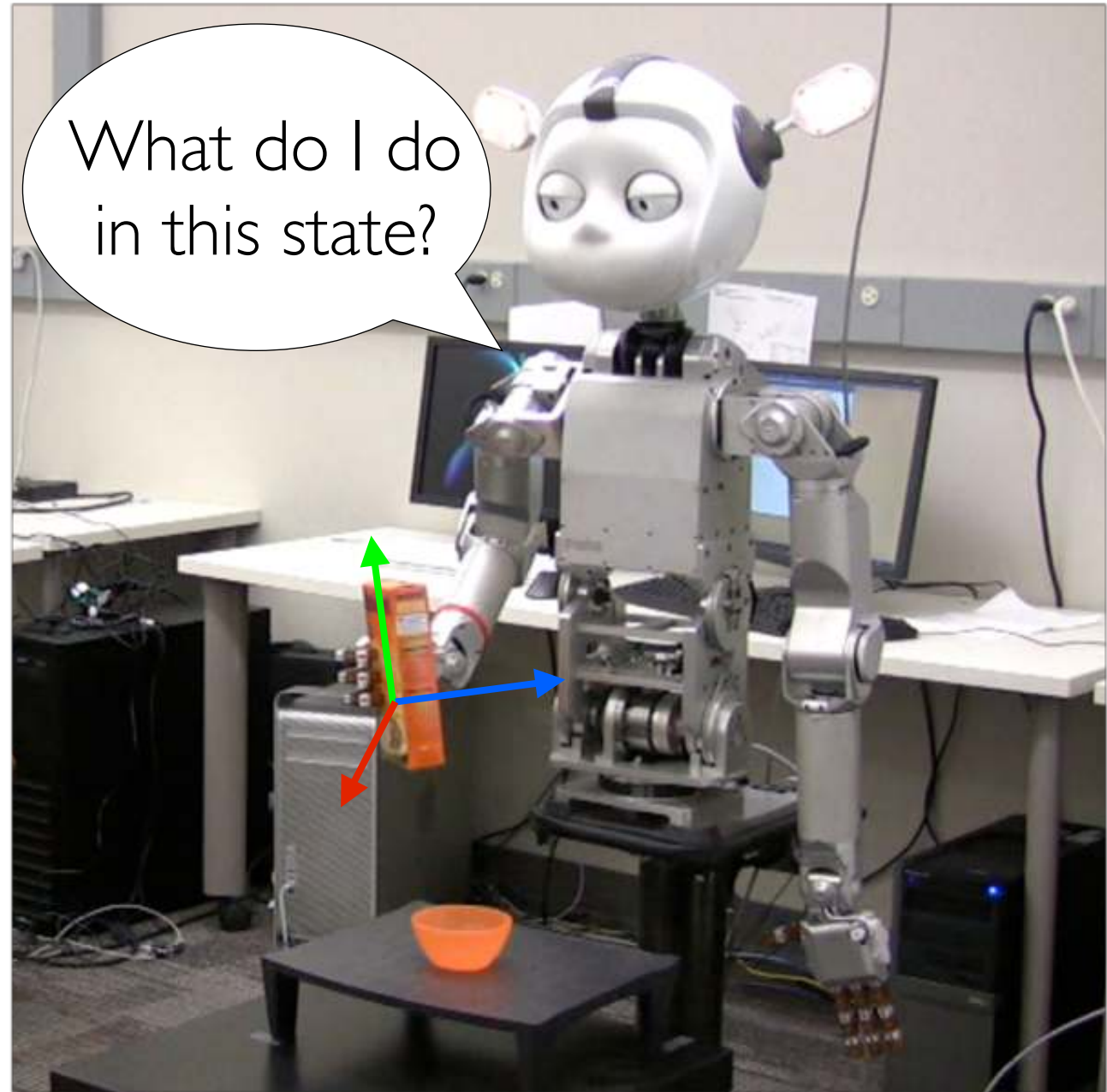


CONTINUOUS ACTION SPACES

$$\pi(s) = ?$$

QUERY

request change in state



HUMAN QUESTION ASKING

RESEARCH QUESTION	How do humans ask questions?
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DOMAIN	Four abstracted tasks



abstracted scoop&pour

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DESIGN	Observational study, task order counterbalanced



DEMONSTRATIONS

 x^2 

QUESTIONS



EXECUTION

 x^2

HUMAN QUESTION ASKING

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DESIGN	Observational study, task order counterbalanced
DATA	N=12, ~25 min, ~40 (SD=13) questions



VIDEO CODING

Question types

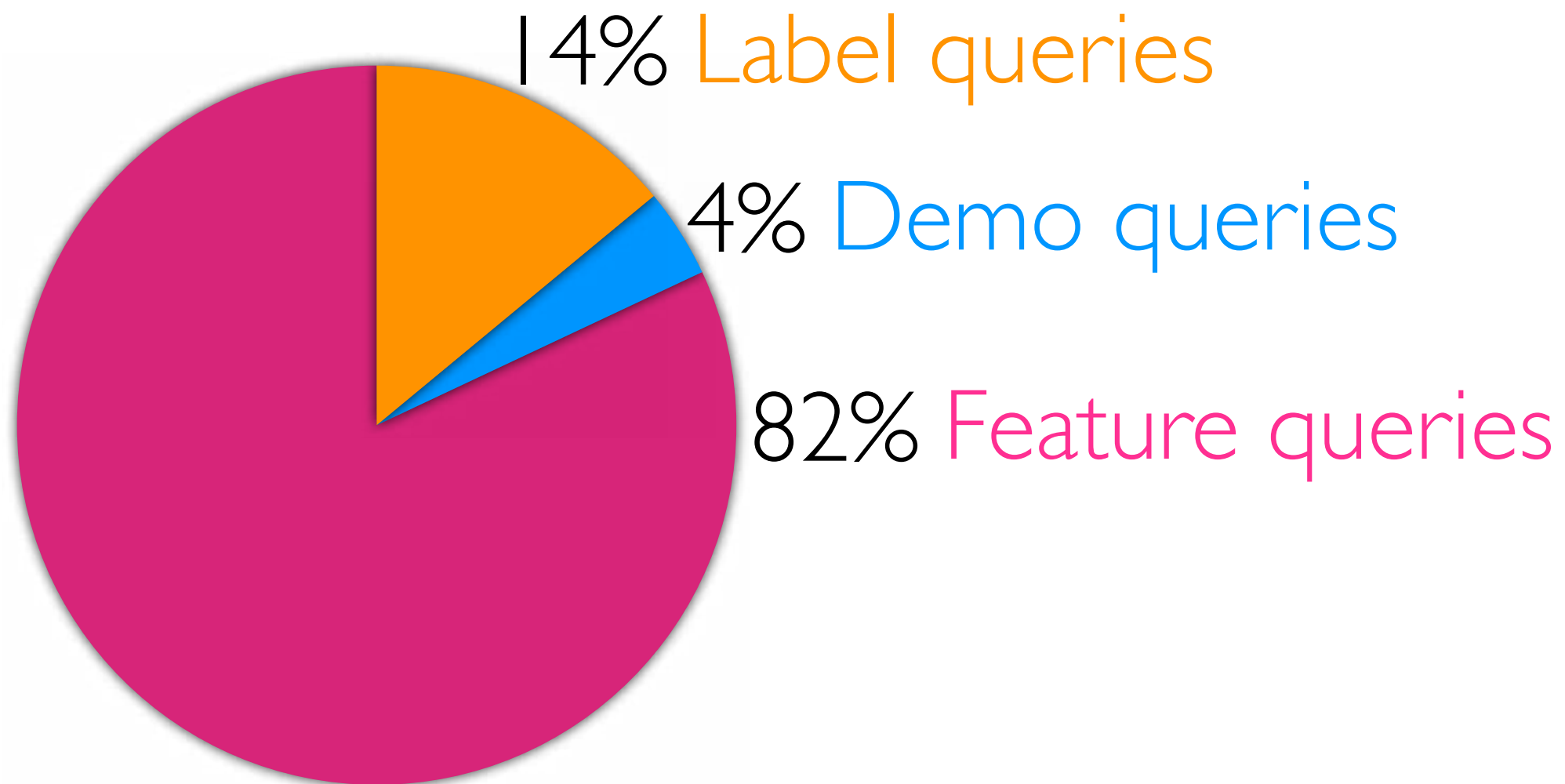
Question forms

Accompanying actions

[Cakmak&Thomaz, HRI 2012]

QUESTION TYPES

[Graesser, 1994]: *Verifications, Example requests, Feature specifications*



[Cakmak&Thomaz, HRI 2012]

QUESTION TYPES

Sub-types of feature queries observed in humans



FEATURE RELEVANCE TEST

28%



FEATURE INVARIANCE TEST

35%

[Cakmak&Thomaz, HRI 2012]



QUESTION TYPES

Sub-type of label queries observed in humans



PARTIAL
LABEL QUERY

60%

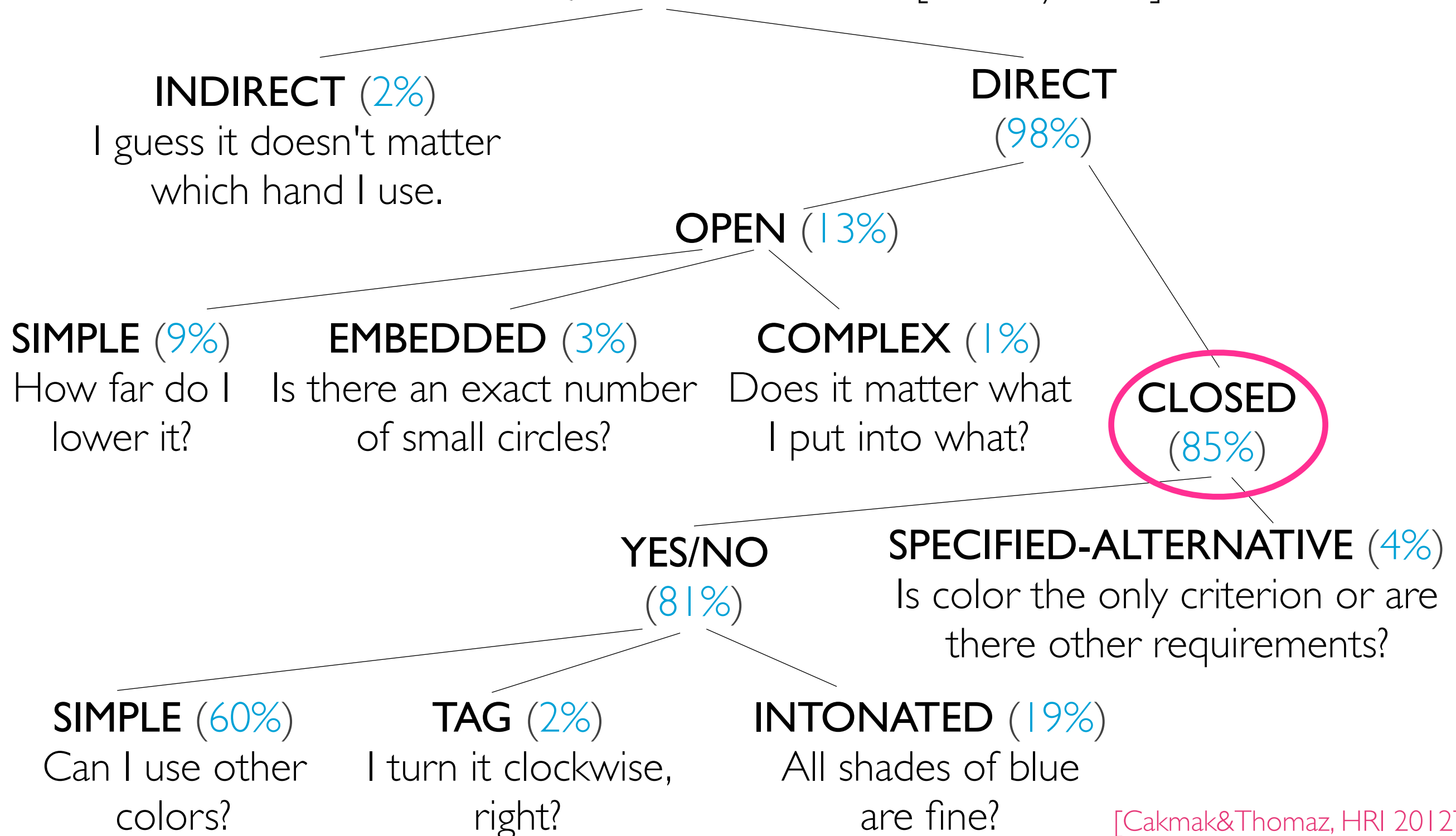


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QUESTION FORMS

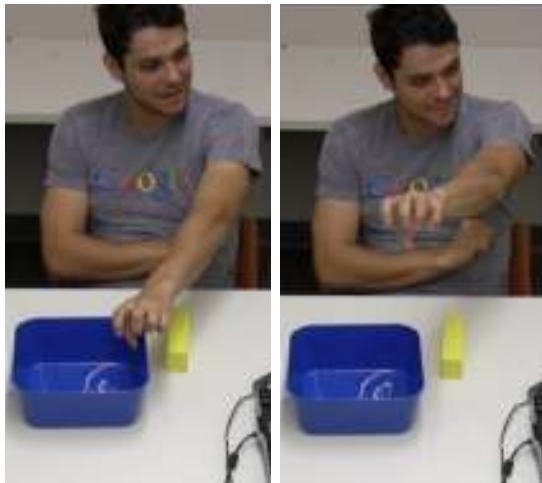
VERBAL QUESTION FORMS [Kearsley, 1976]



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USE OF EMBODIMENT



INSTANTIATIONS

26%



DEICTIC GESTURES

25%

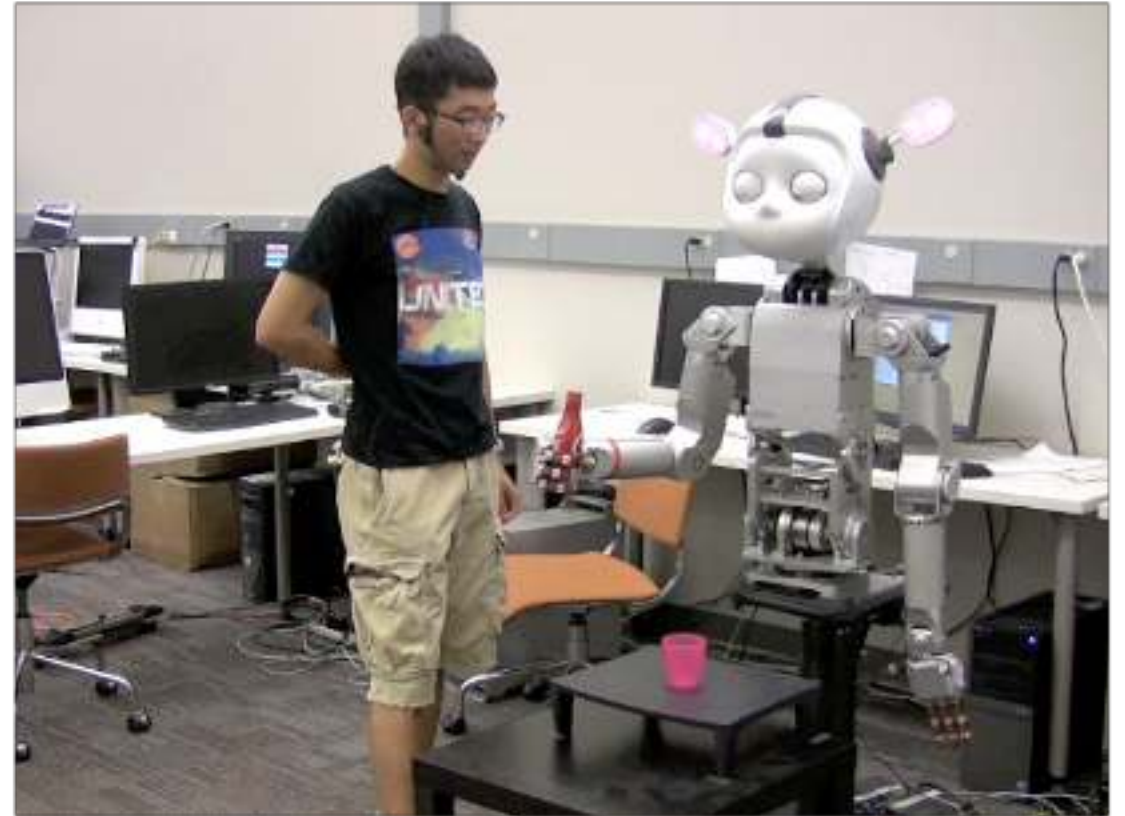


ICONIC GESTURES

8%

USE OF EMBODIMENT

Does
orientation-around-x
matter?



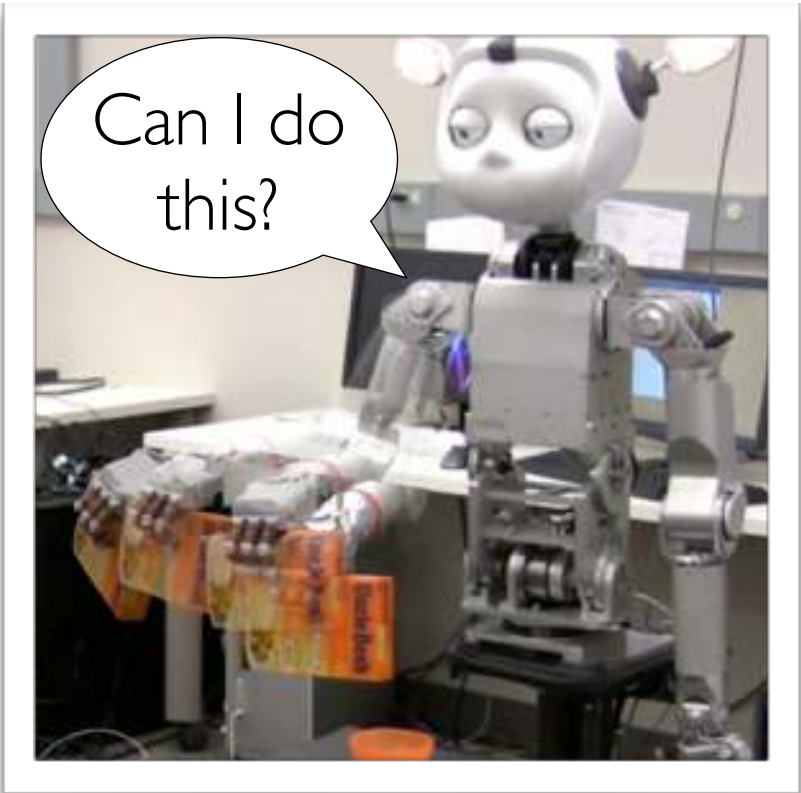
“Does **this orientation** matter?”

NO EMBODIMENT

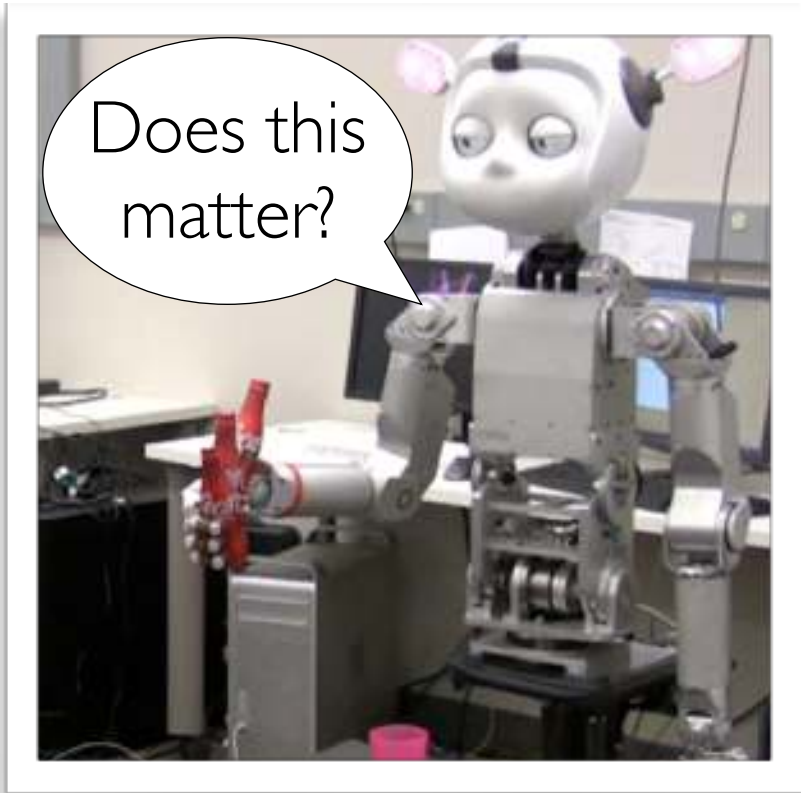
WITH EMBODIMENT

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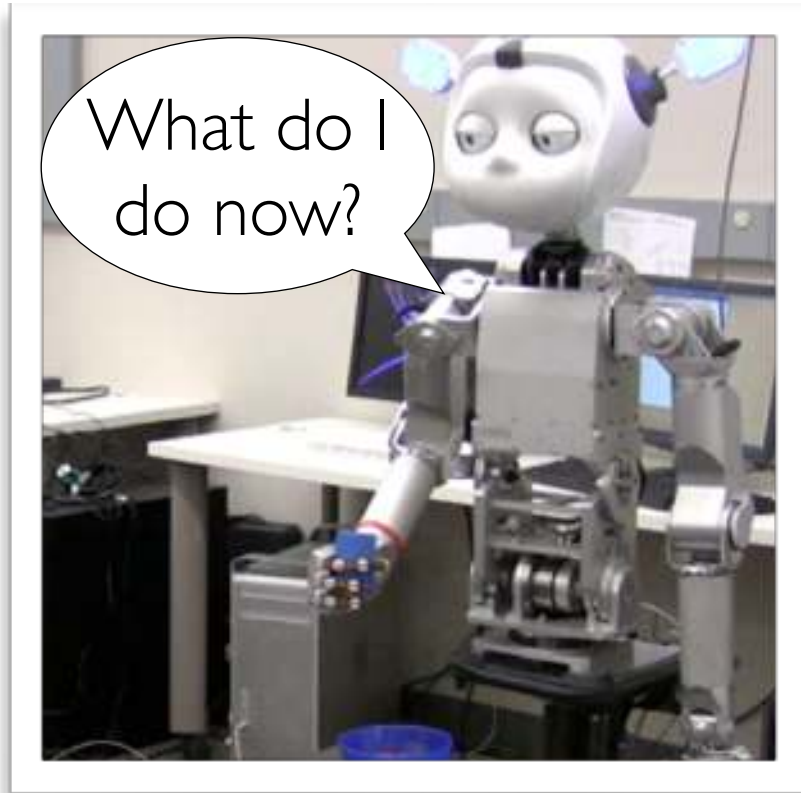
EMBODIED QUERIES



Label Query



Feature Query



Demo Query

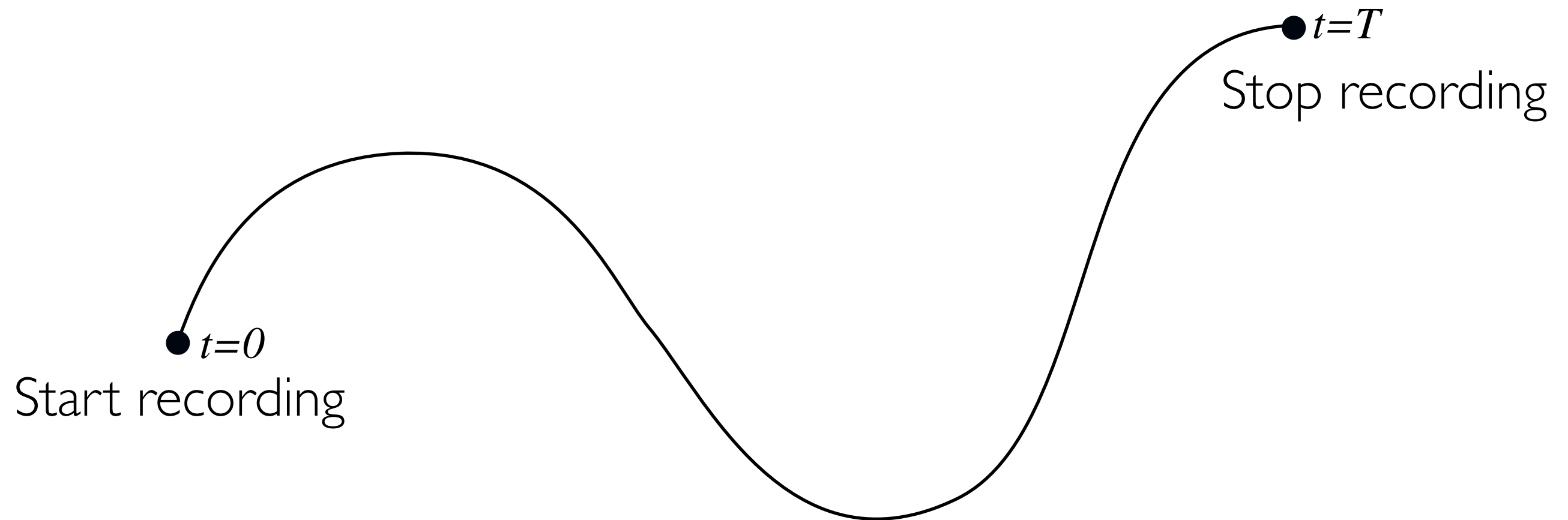
SKILL SEGMENTATION



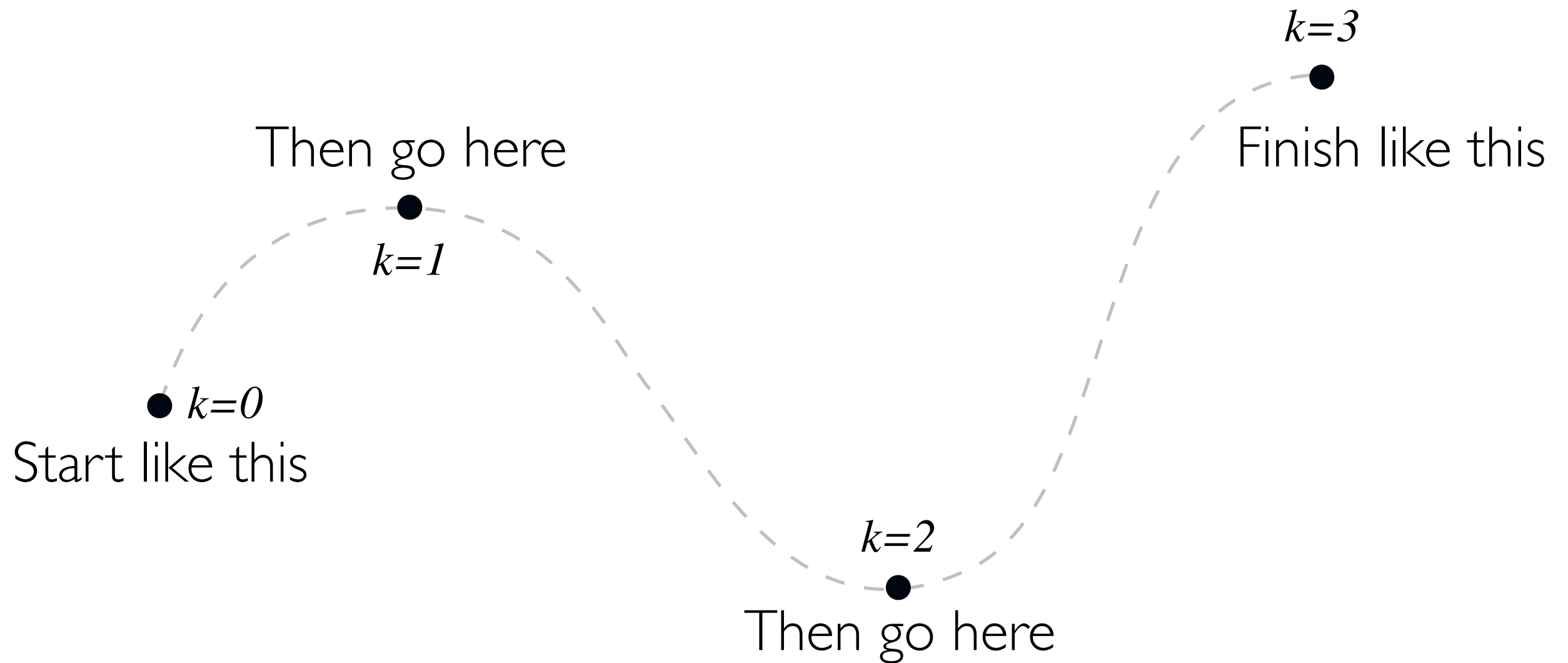
humans **segment** skills into steps and ask questions about steps



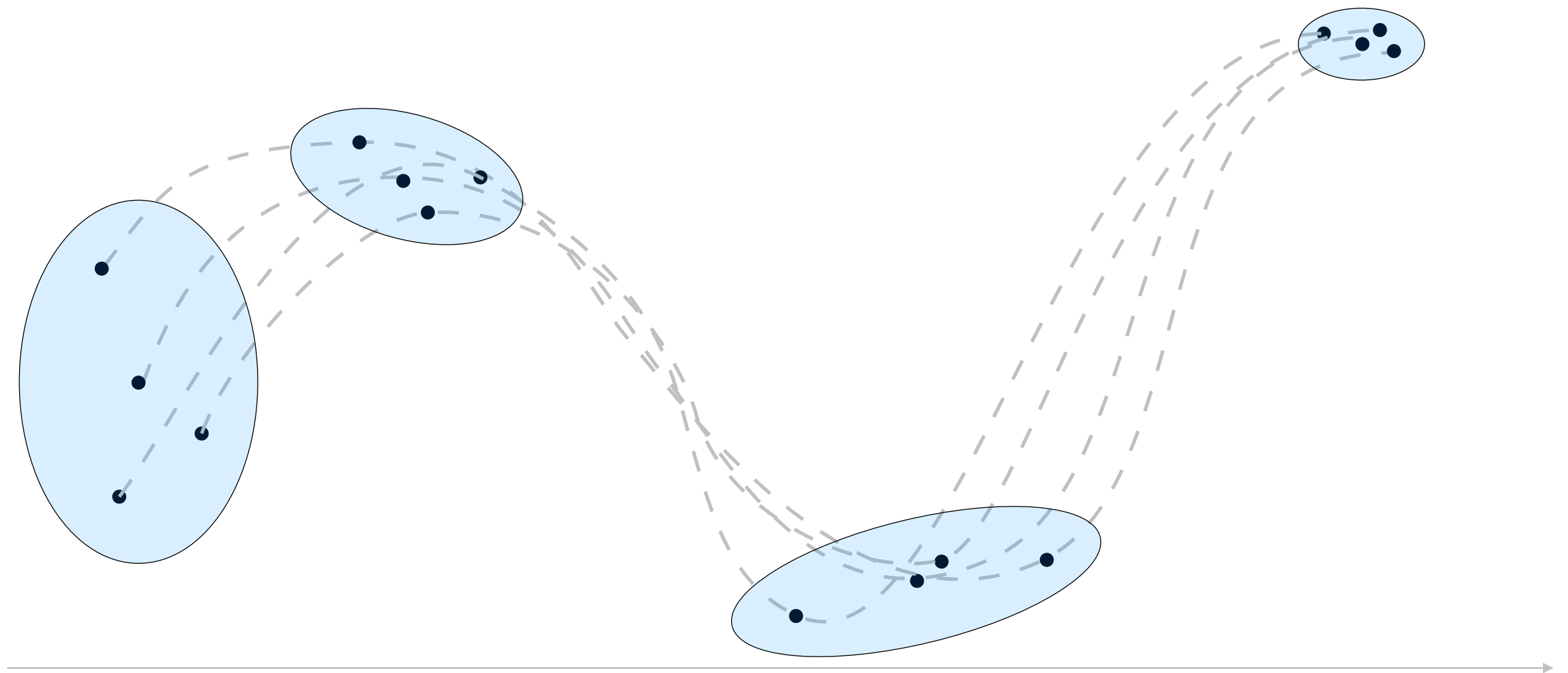
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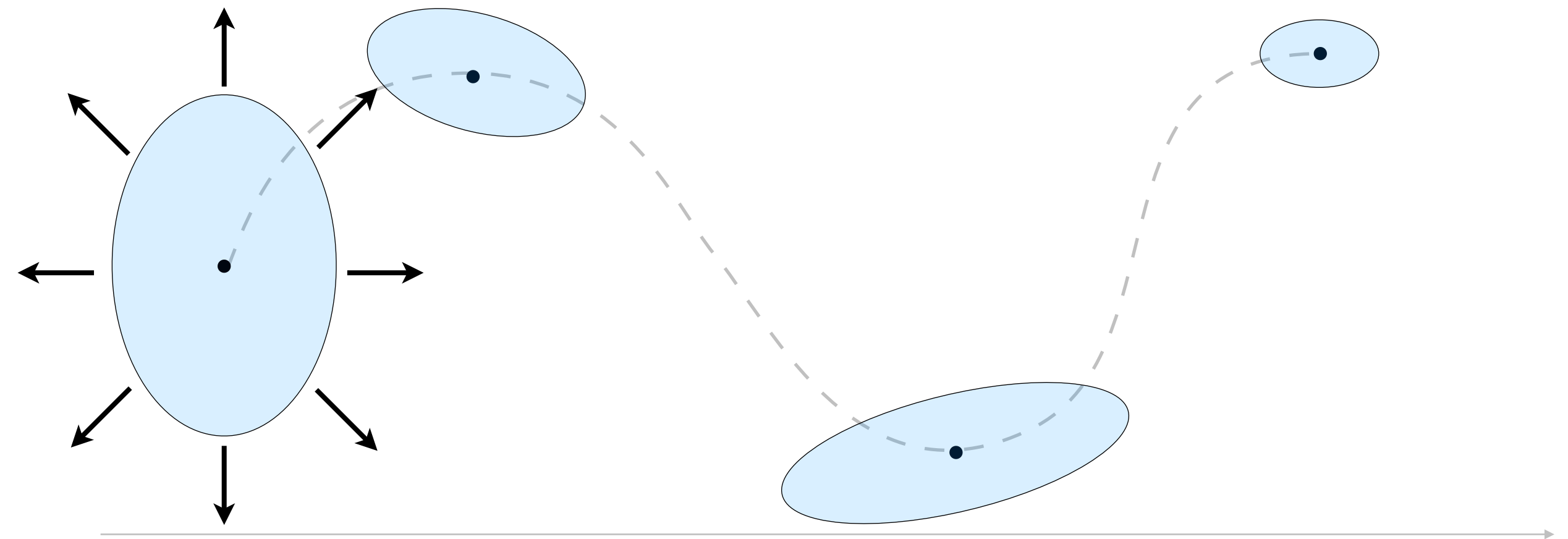




KEYFRAME-BASED SKILL LEARNING

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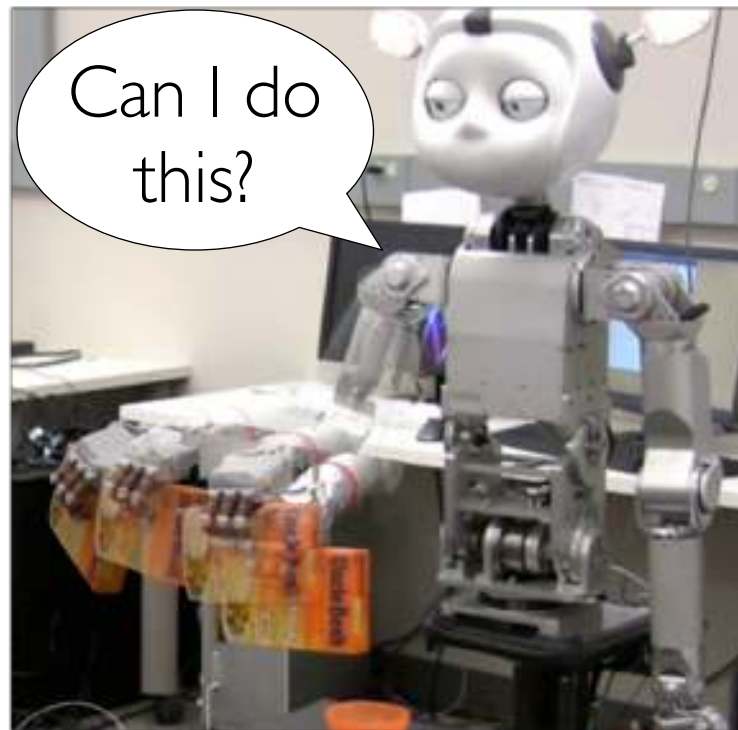
Increase variance!



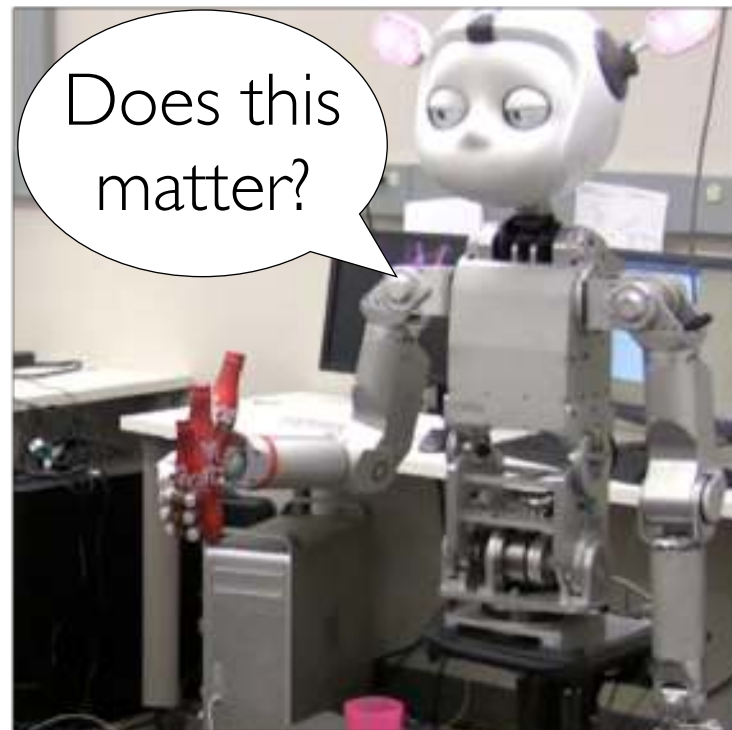
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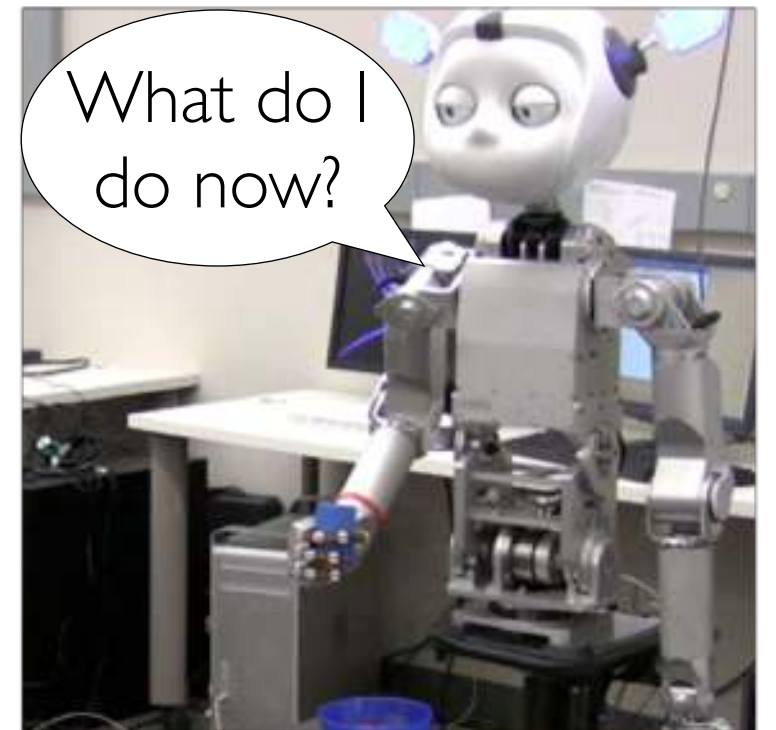
Increase variance! ..with different query types.



Label Query



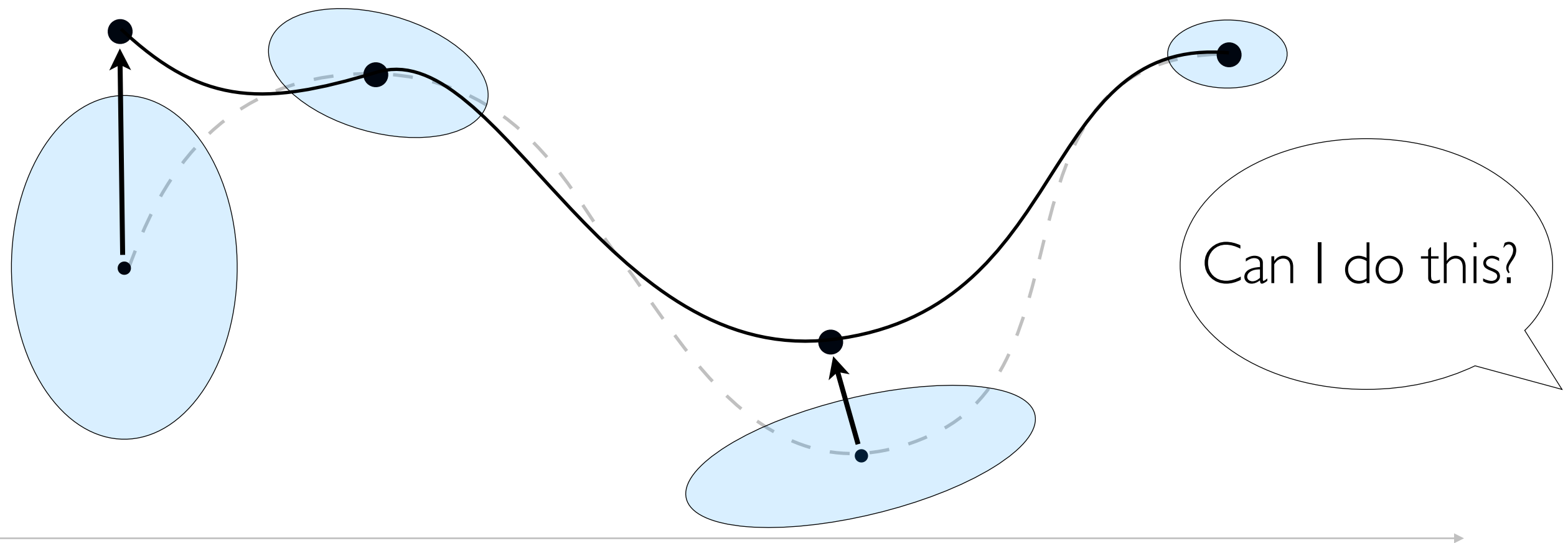
Feature Query



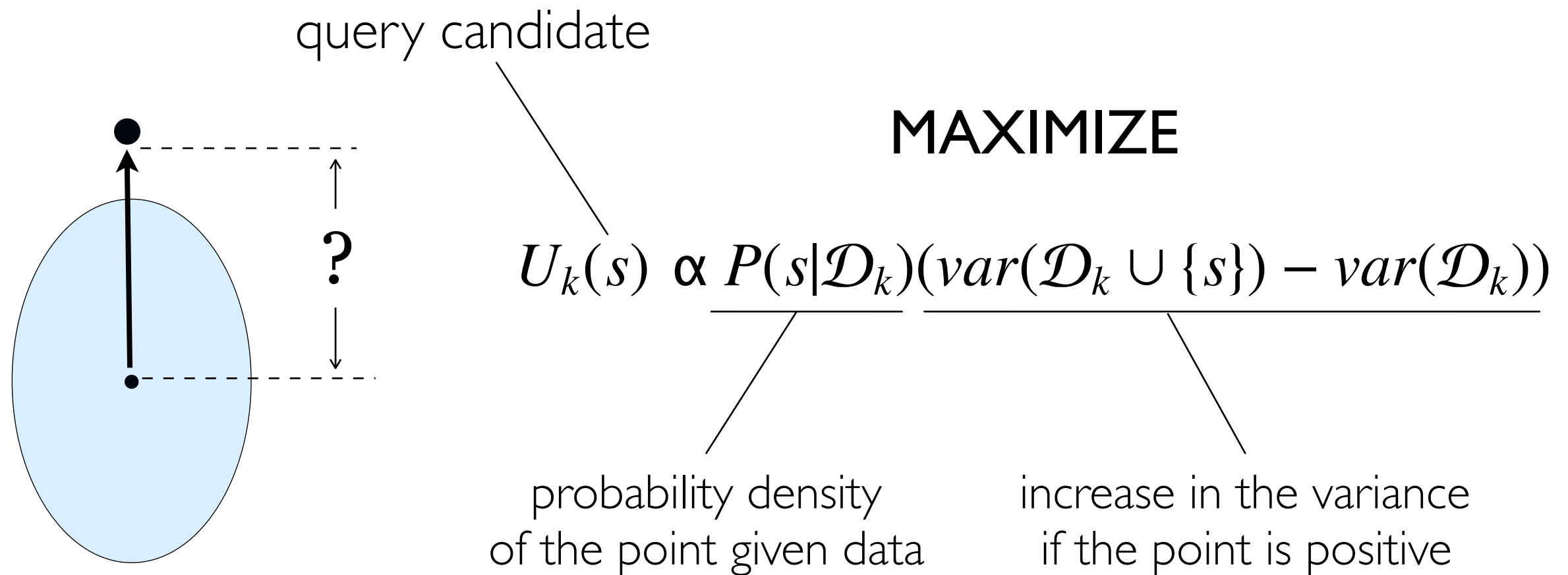
Demo Query

LABEL QUERIES

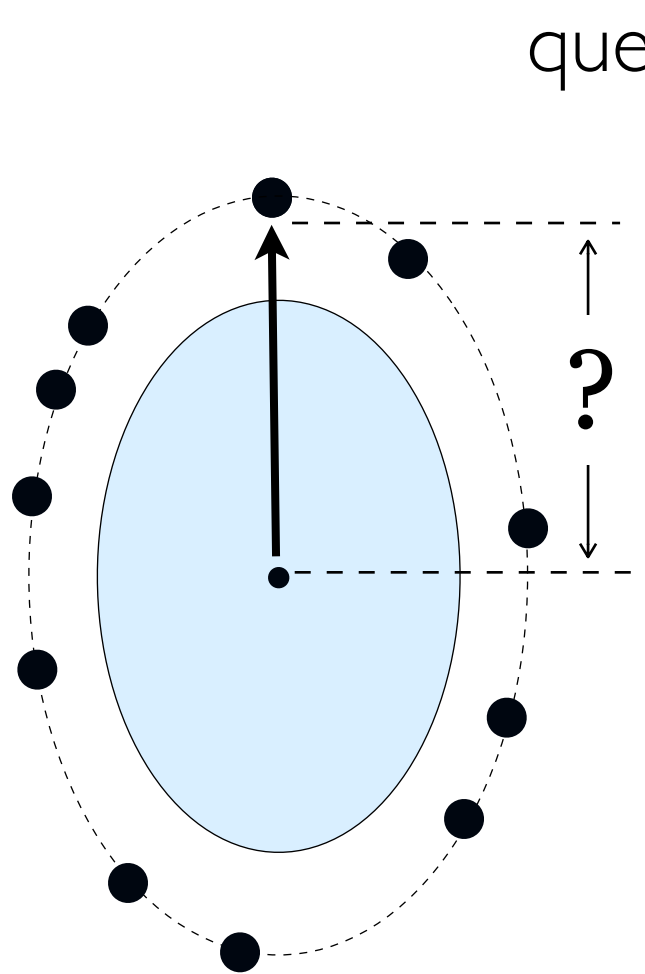
How much variance? In which direction? Which keyframes?



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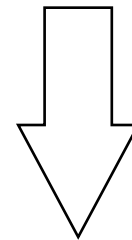


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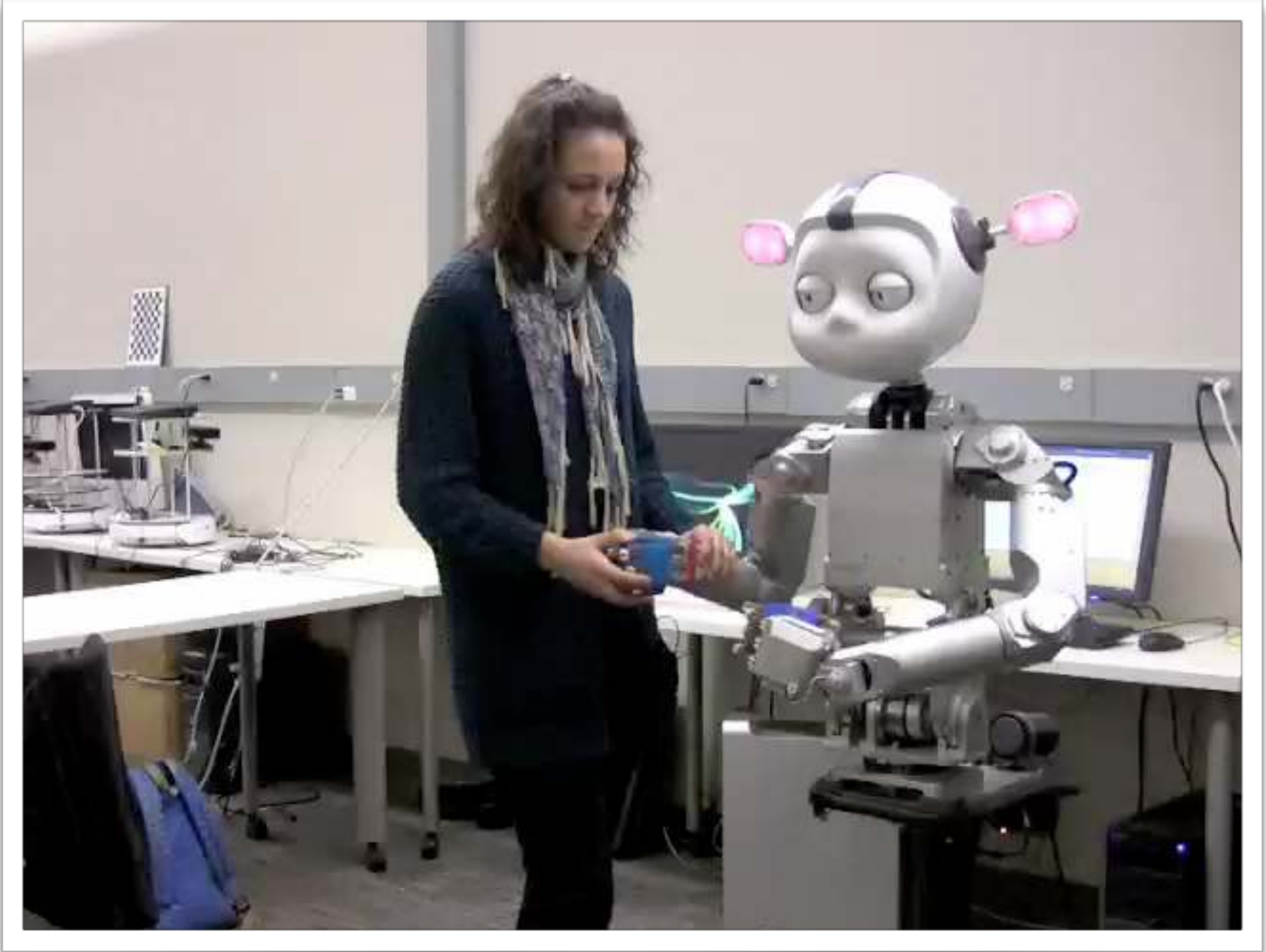
MAXIMIZE

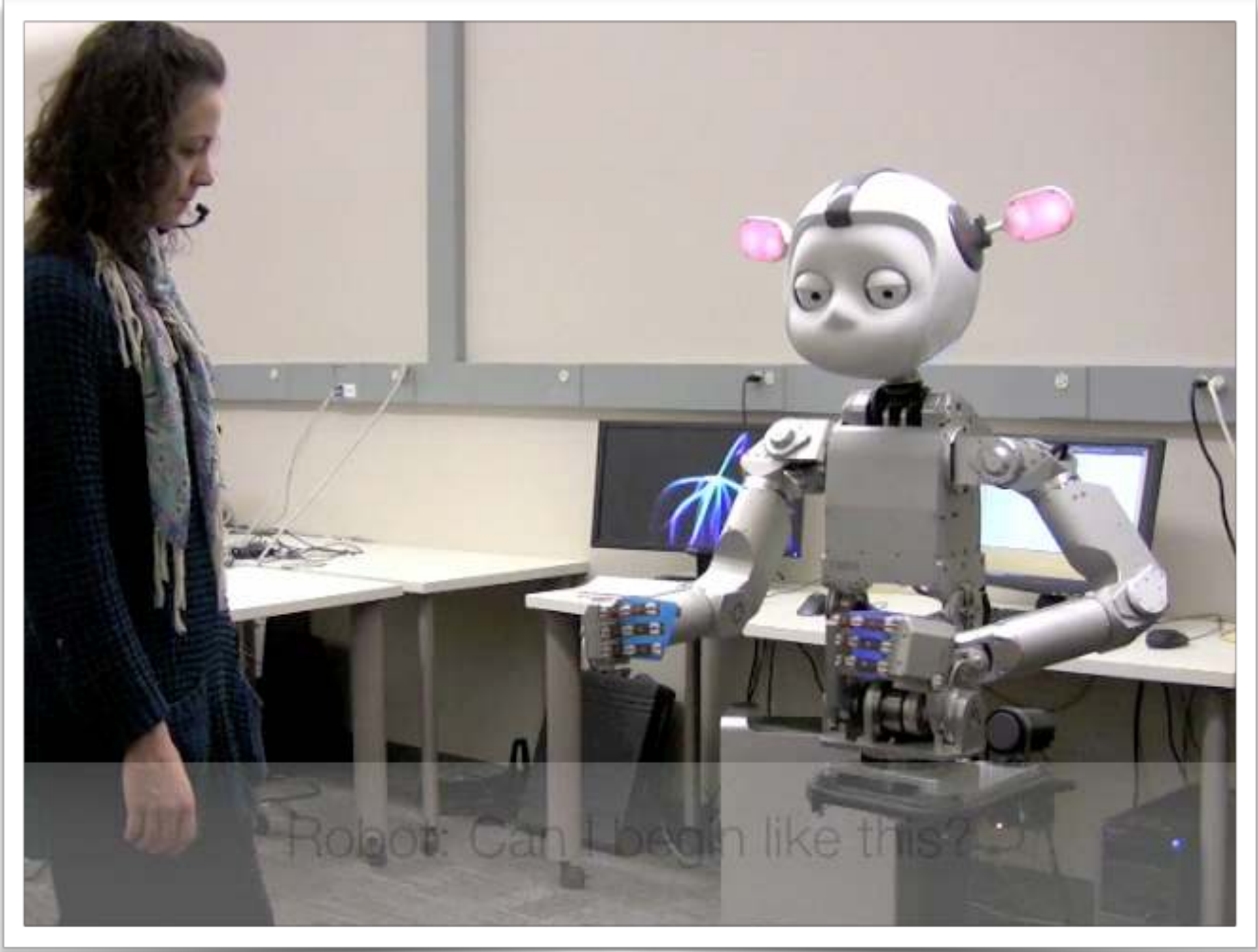
$$U_k(s) \propto P(s|\mathcal{D}_k)(var(\mathcal{D}_k \cup \{s\}) - var(\mathcal{D}_k))$$



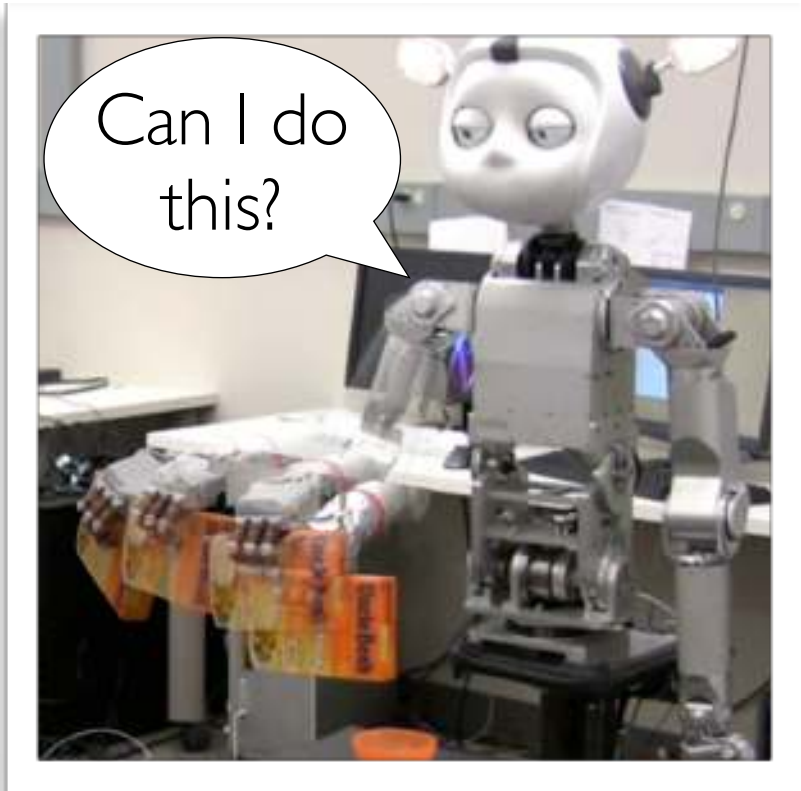
$$\frac{(s - \mu_{\mathcal{D}_k})^T \Sigma_{\mathcal{D}_k}^{-1} (s - \mu_{\mathcal{D}_k})}{\quad} = 3 + \frac{1}{n_k}$$

Mahalanobis distance

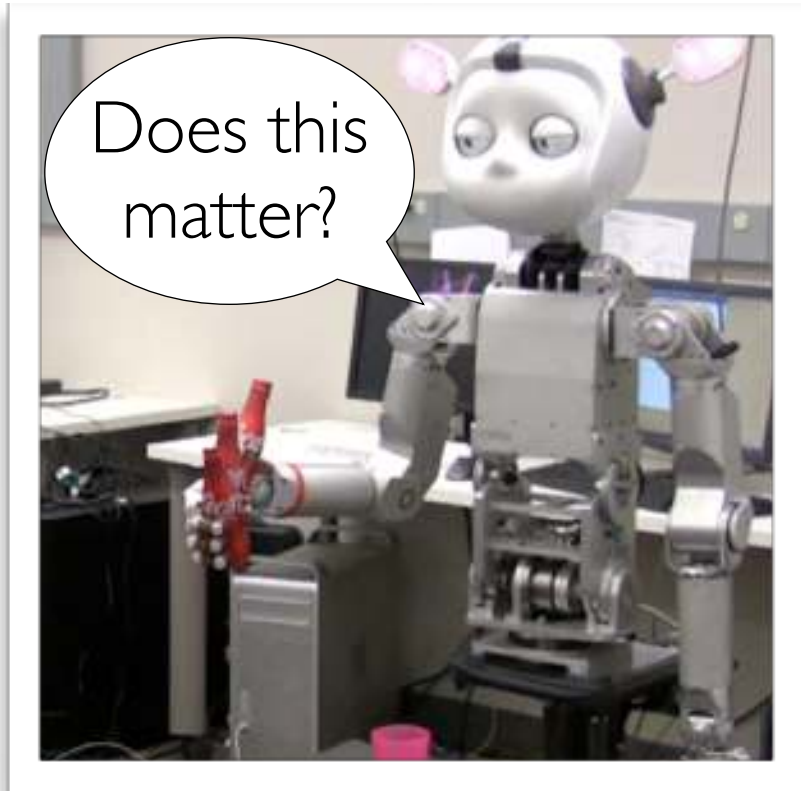




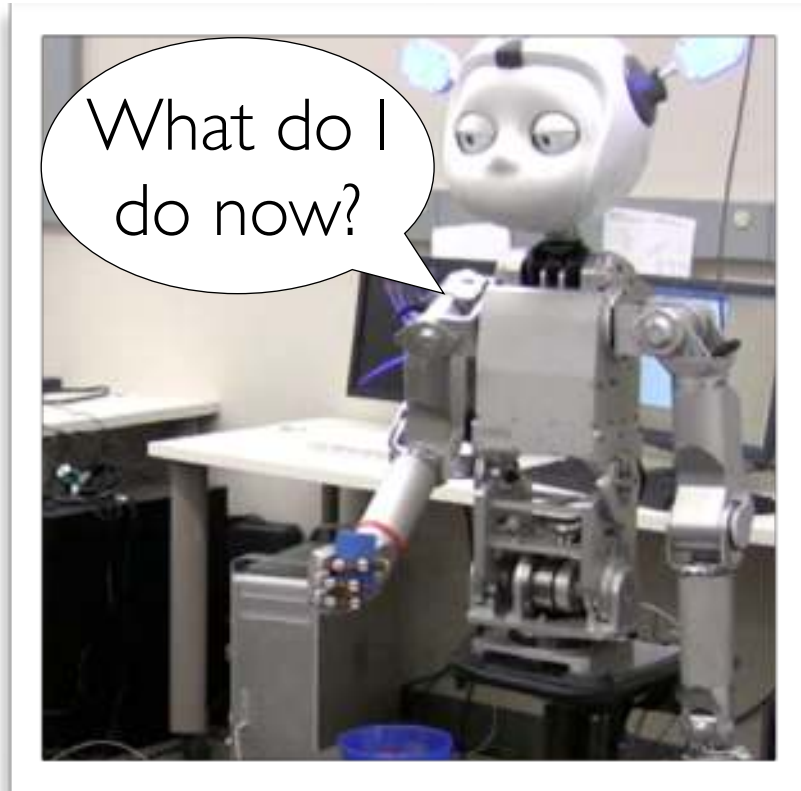
EMBODIED QUERY TYPES



Label Query



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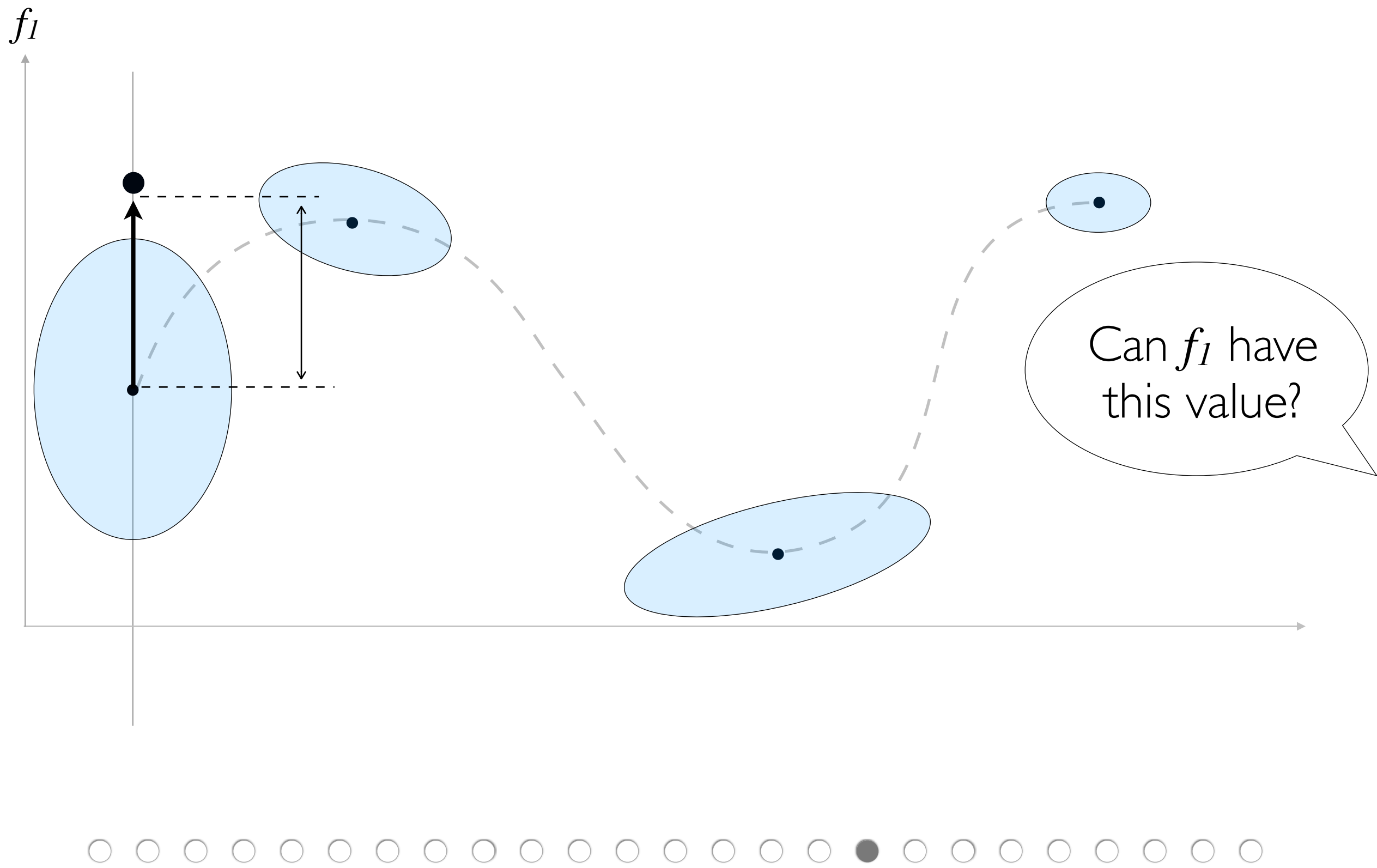


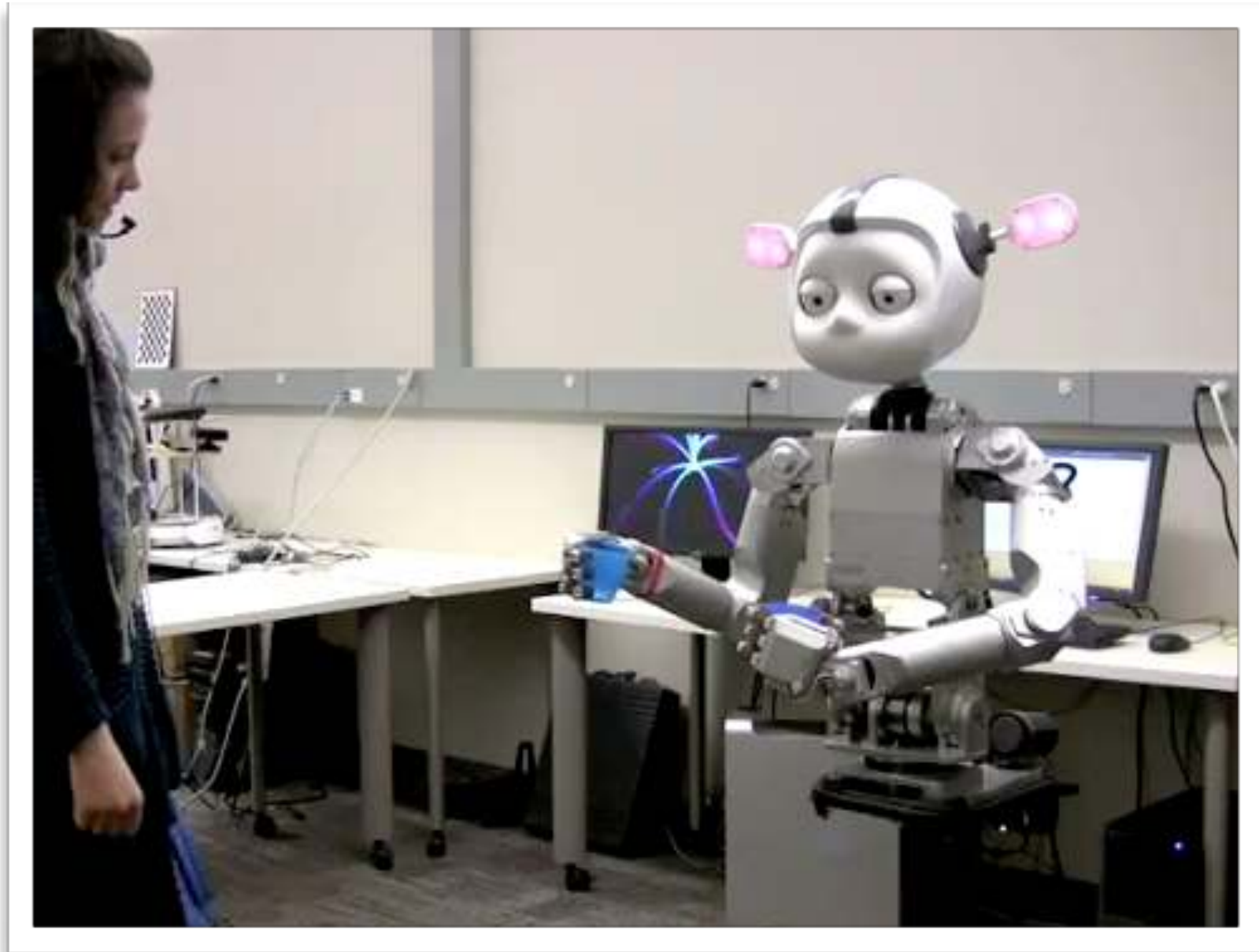
Demo Query

FEATURE QUERIES



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Unguided
naive teacher

-VS-



Label



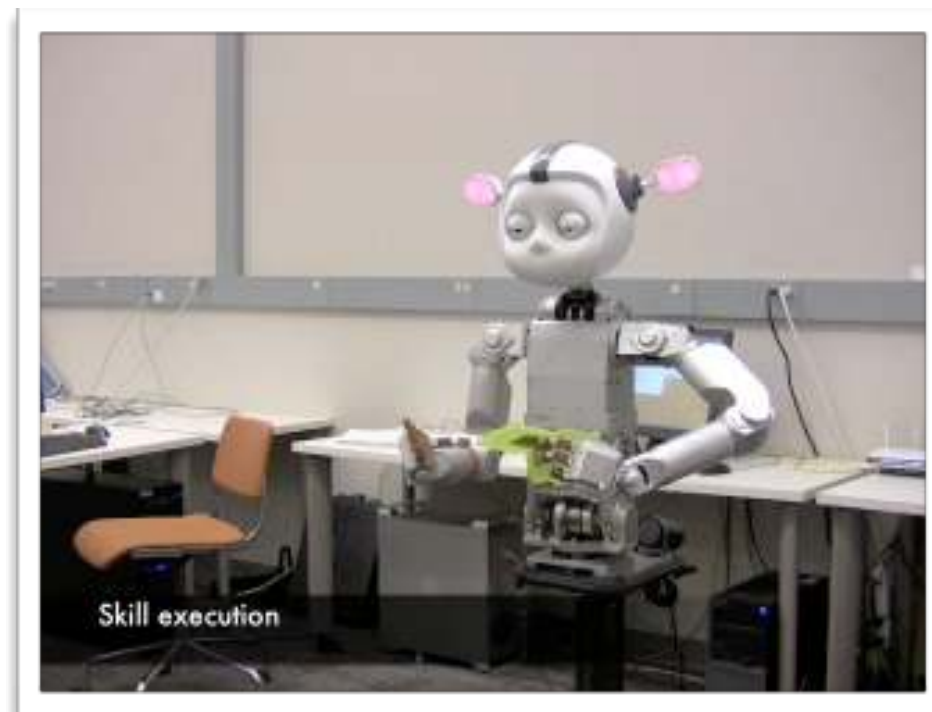
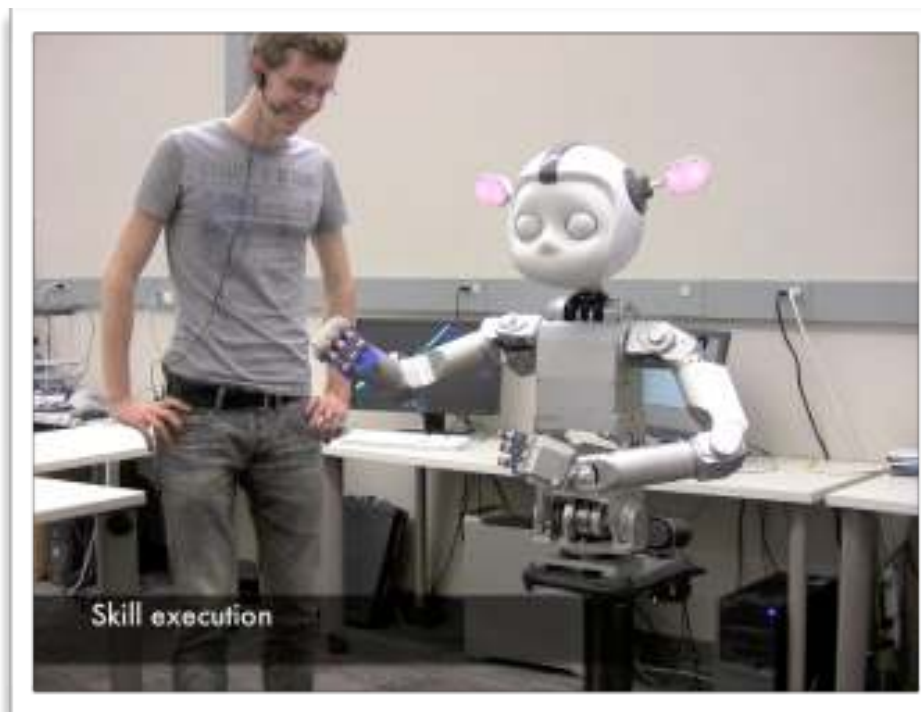
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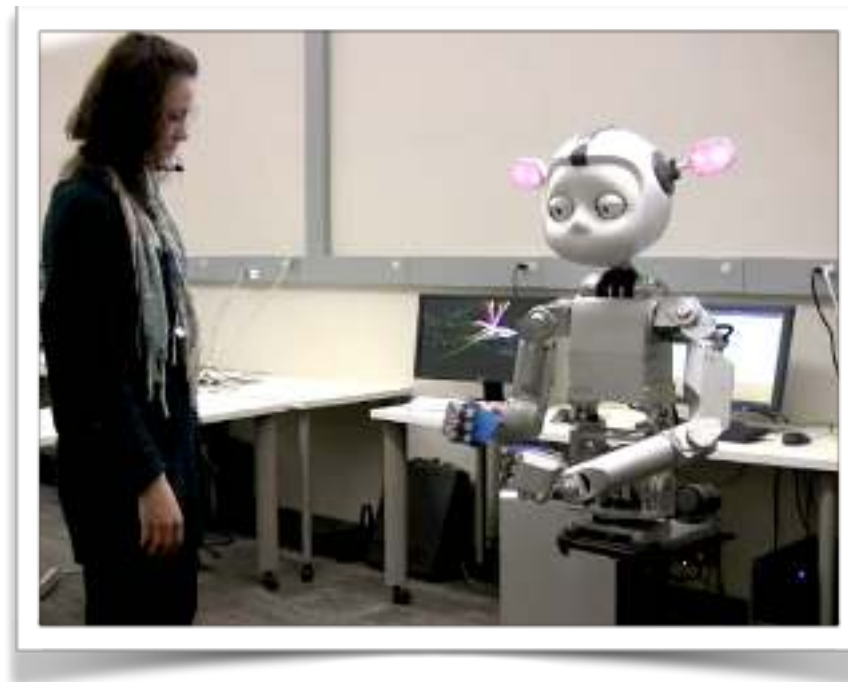
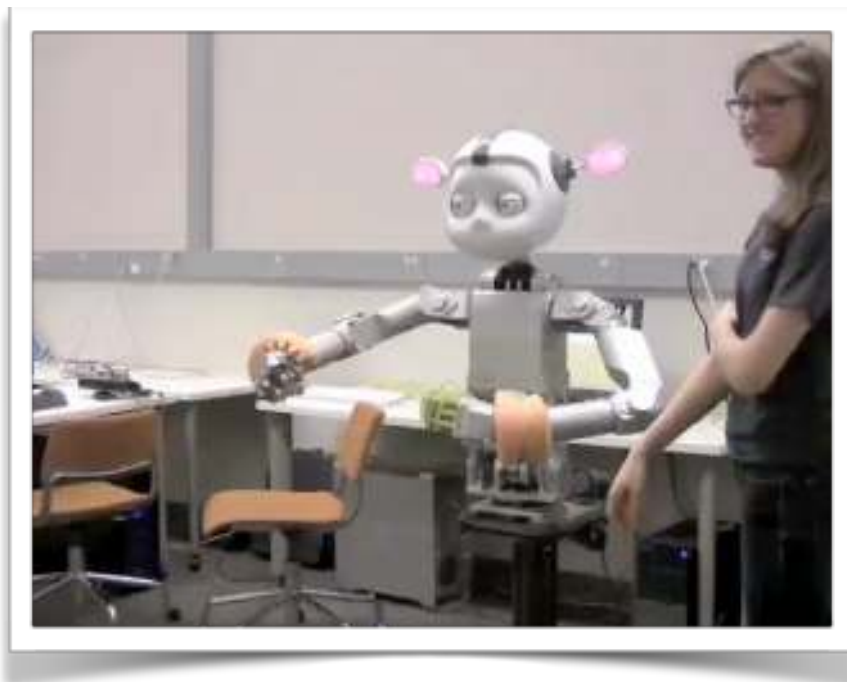
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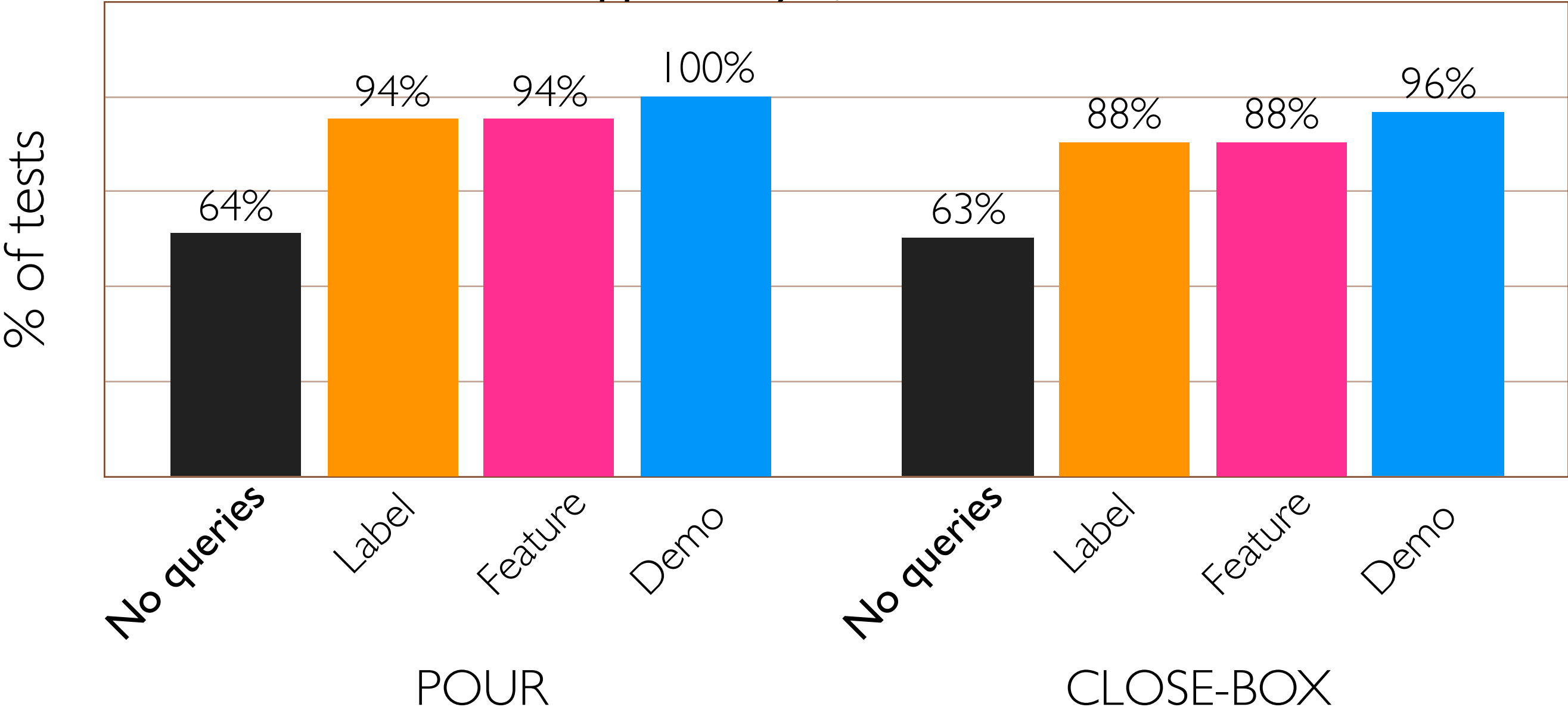
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EFFECTIVENESS OF QUERIES

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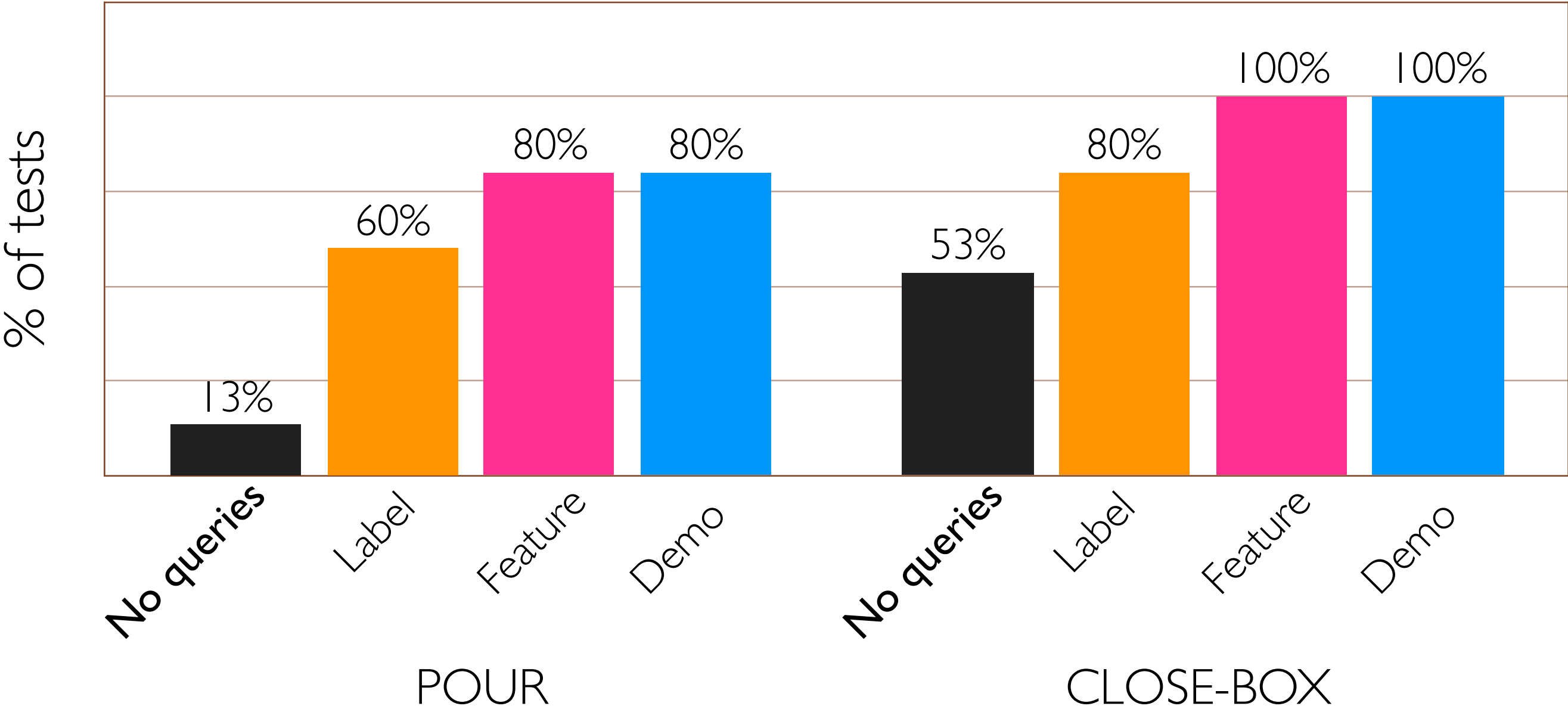
Applicability of learned skills



EFFECTIVENESS OF QUERIES

All queries lead to more successful skills

Success of learned skills



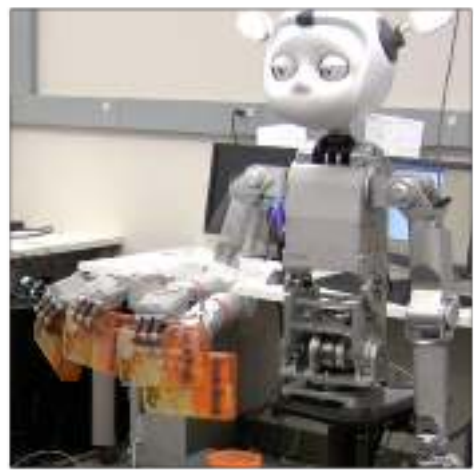
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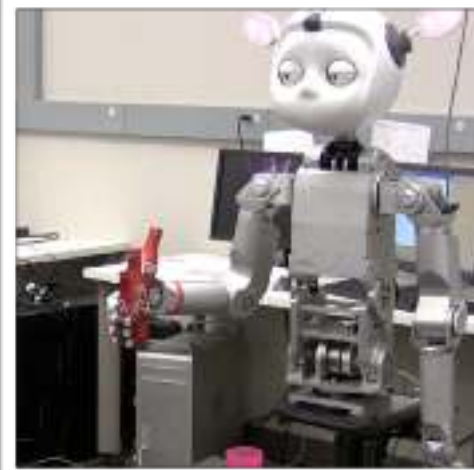


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Label



Feature



Demo

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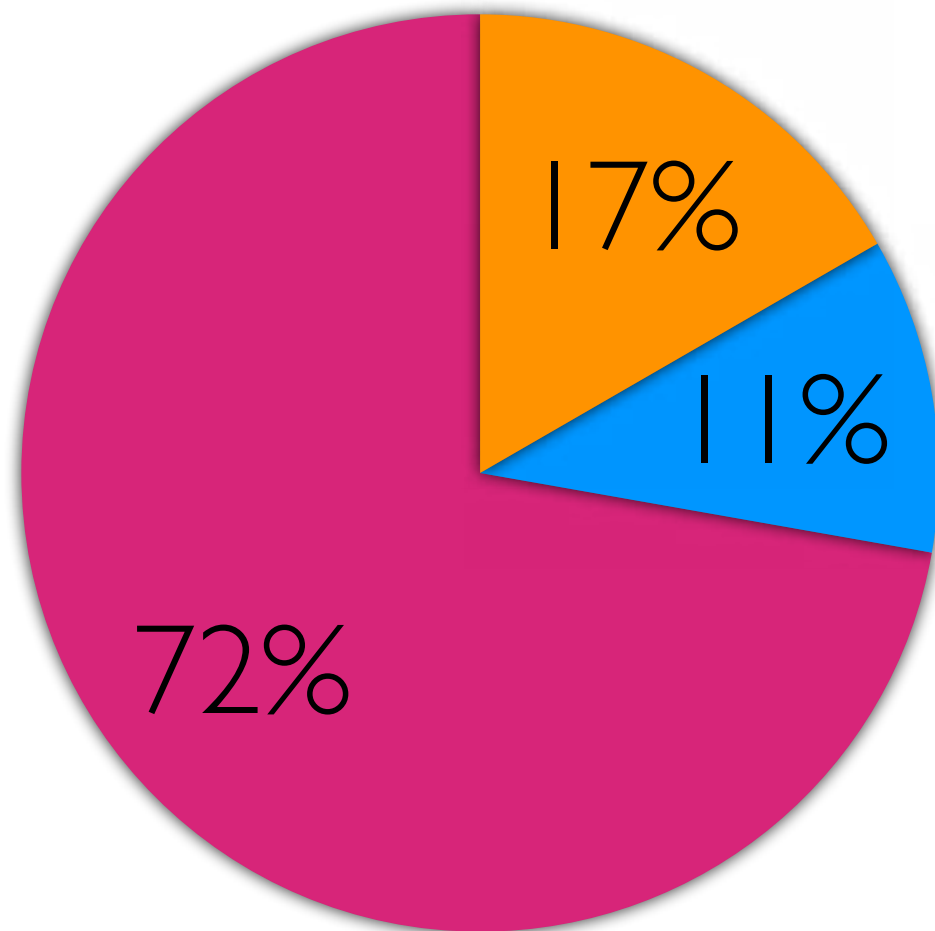
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METRICS	Subjective (perceived <i>smartness</i> , <i>ease</i> , <i>informativeness</i>) and objective (time to answer)
DATA	N=18, 2 demonstrations, 2 queries in each condition

INTUITIVENESS OF QUERIES

Subjective evaluation of different query types

Smartest

Feature queries



Easiest to answer

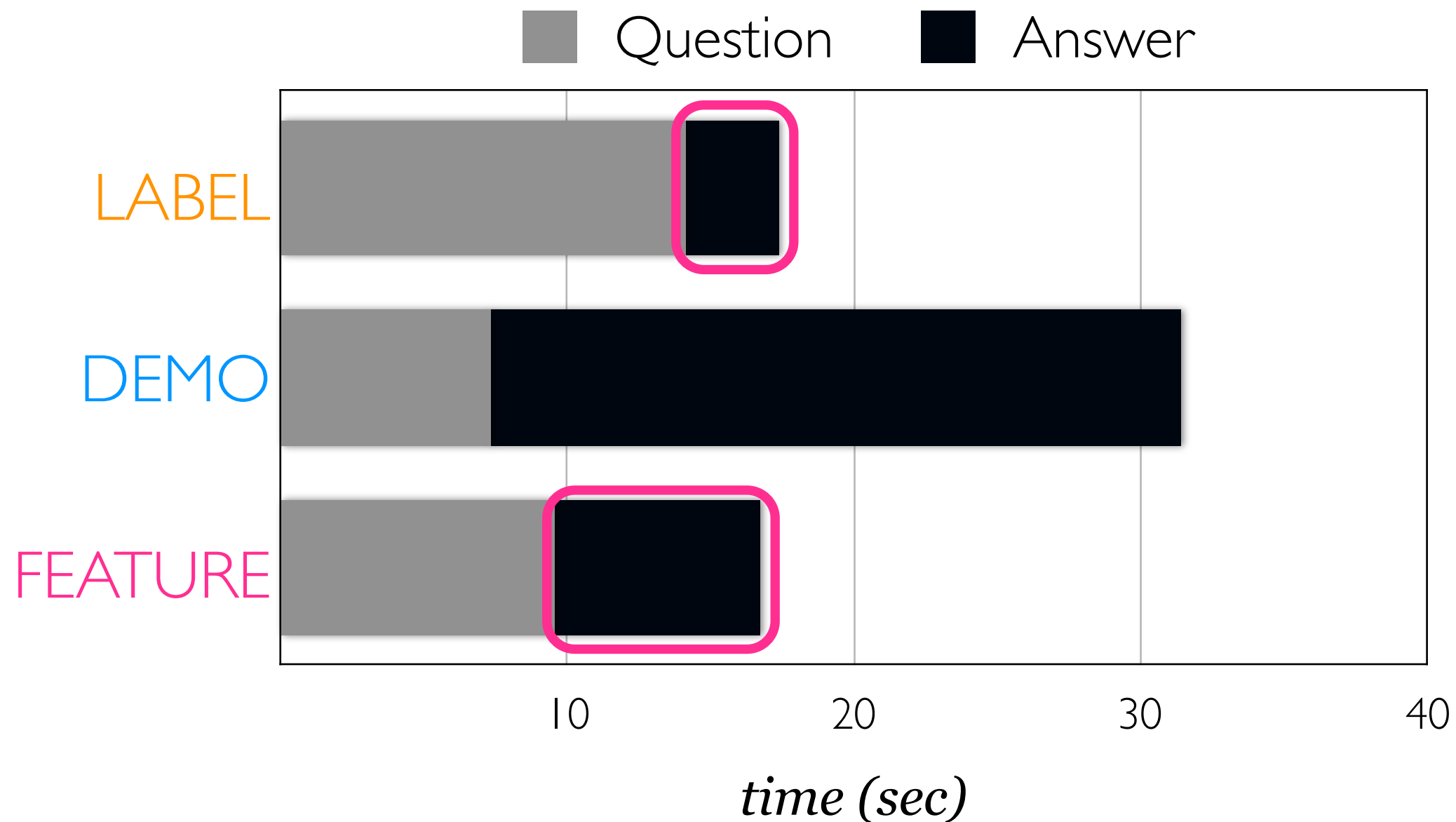
Label queries

“Simon understood task constraints at a high level”

“Did not involve repeating the whole process”

INTUITIVENESS OF QUERIES

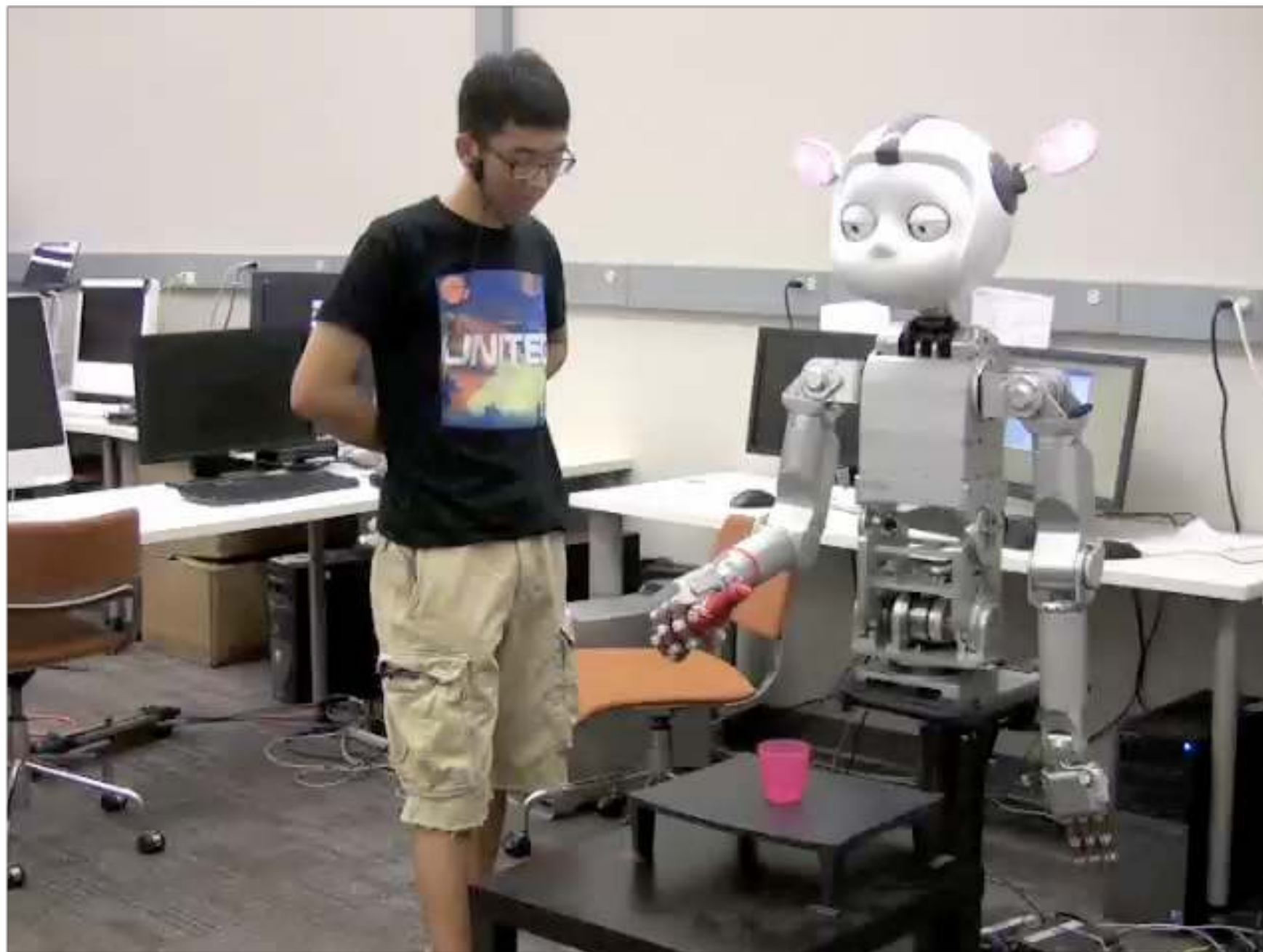
Objective evaluation of different query types



[Cakmak&Thomaz, HRI 2012]

INTUITIVENESS OF QUERIES

Feature queries harder to interpret



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SUMMARY

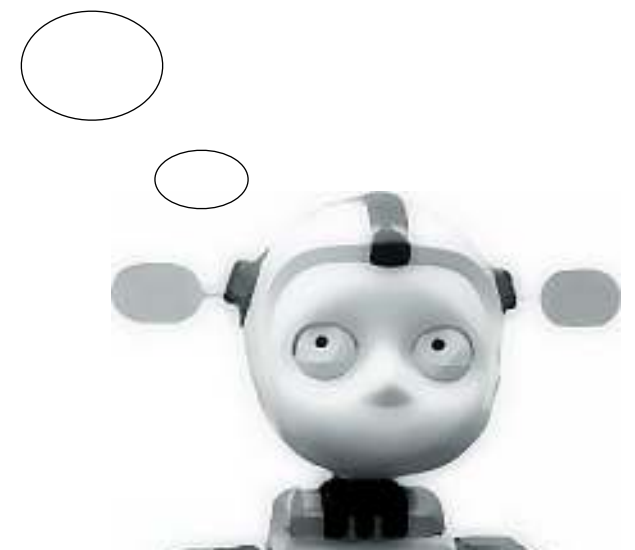
- Challenges with everyday users and the need for active learning
- Human question asking
- Human-like robot question asking

[HRI 2012a] M. Cakmak and A.L.Thomaz. **Designing Robot Learners that Ask Good Questions.** International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI), 2012.

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[TAMD 2010] M. Cakmak, C. Chao and A.L.Thomaz. **Designing Interactions for Robot Active Learners.** IEEE Transactions on Autonomous Mental Development, March, 2010.

Any queries?



TOPIC 2

HUMAN-ROBOT HAND-OVERS



WHY IS IT HARD?

NOT CONSCIOUS IN HUMANS

HARD TO ARTICULATE "GOOD"

HUMAN-HUMAN HAND-OVERS



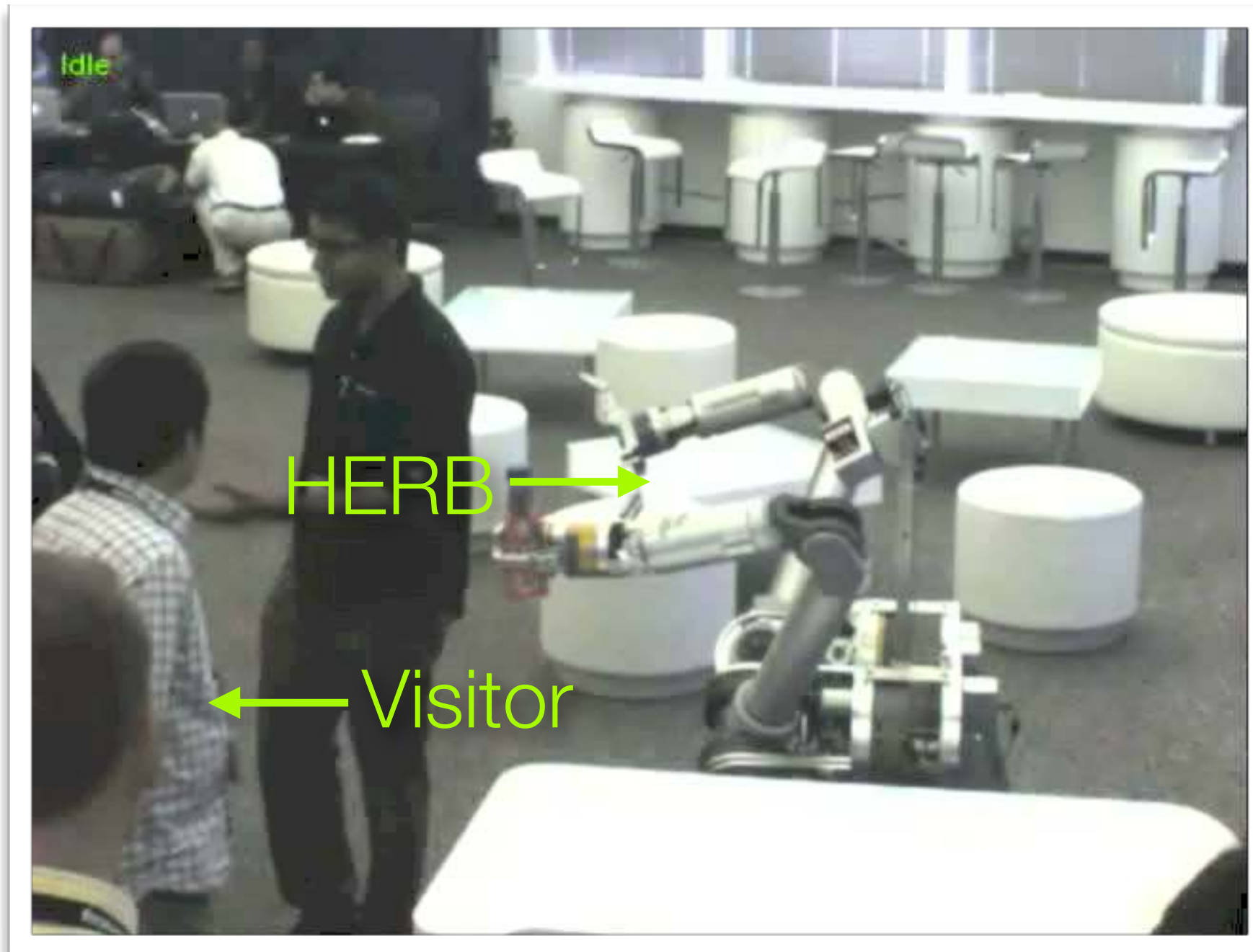
COMMON PROBLEMS

- Hand hanging in the air
- Multiple attempts
- Holding object together
- Robot waiting for a long time
- Need prompt and help from staff
- Pulling in different directions
- Need to change grasp
- Need to re-grasp after hand-off

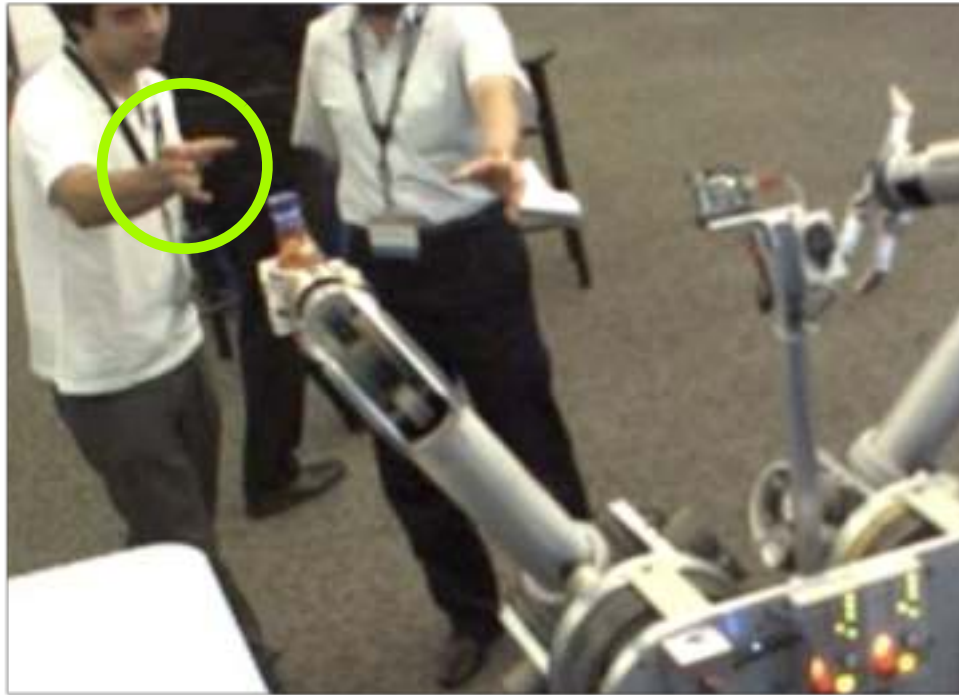
- > Recorded hand-over attempts: 147
- > Successful hand-overs to novices: 7



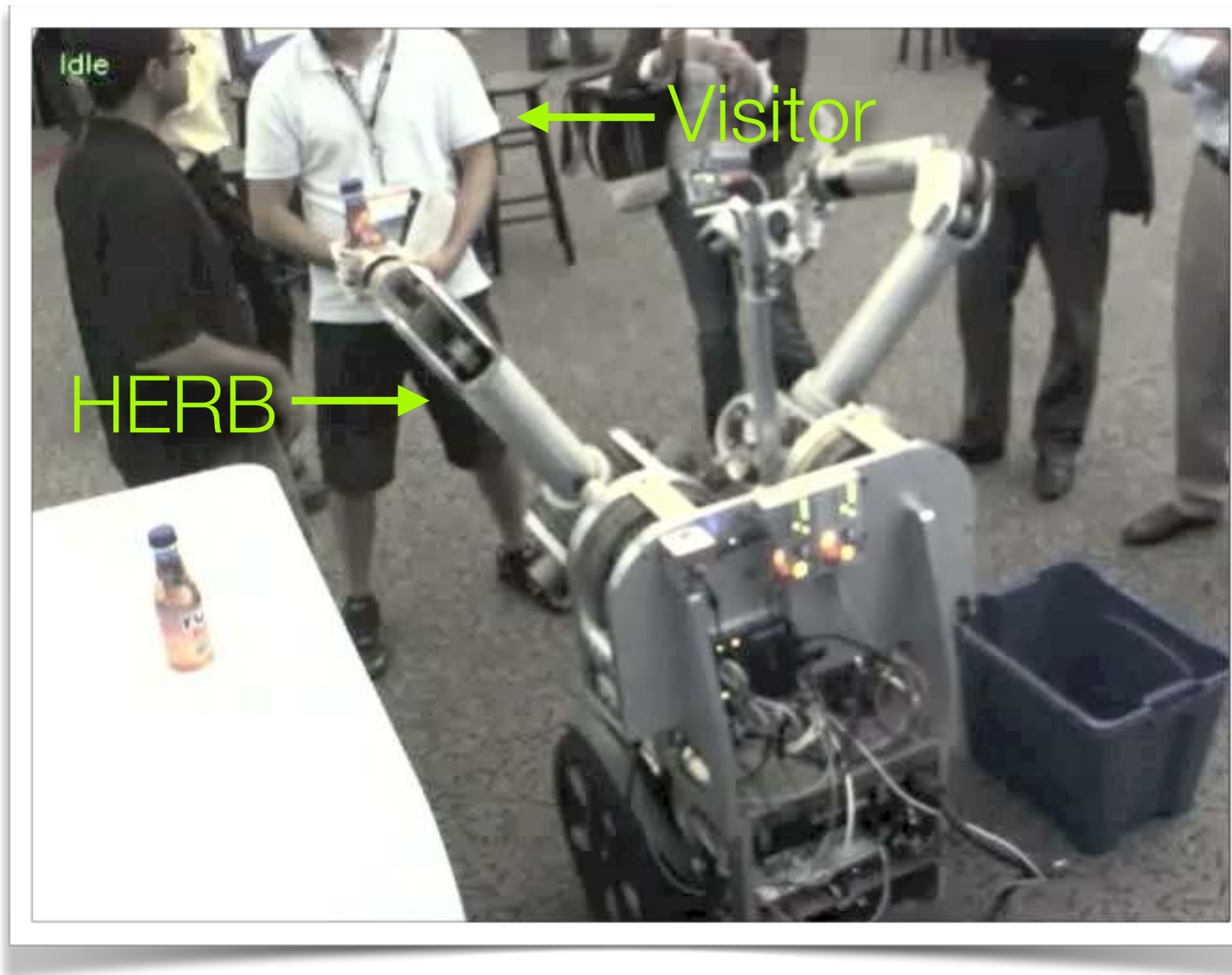
HERB 2.0 | RESEARCH@INTEL DAY | 2010



PROBLEM 1 - COMMUNICATION OF INTENT



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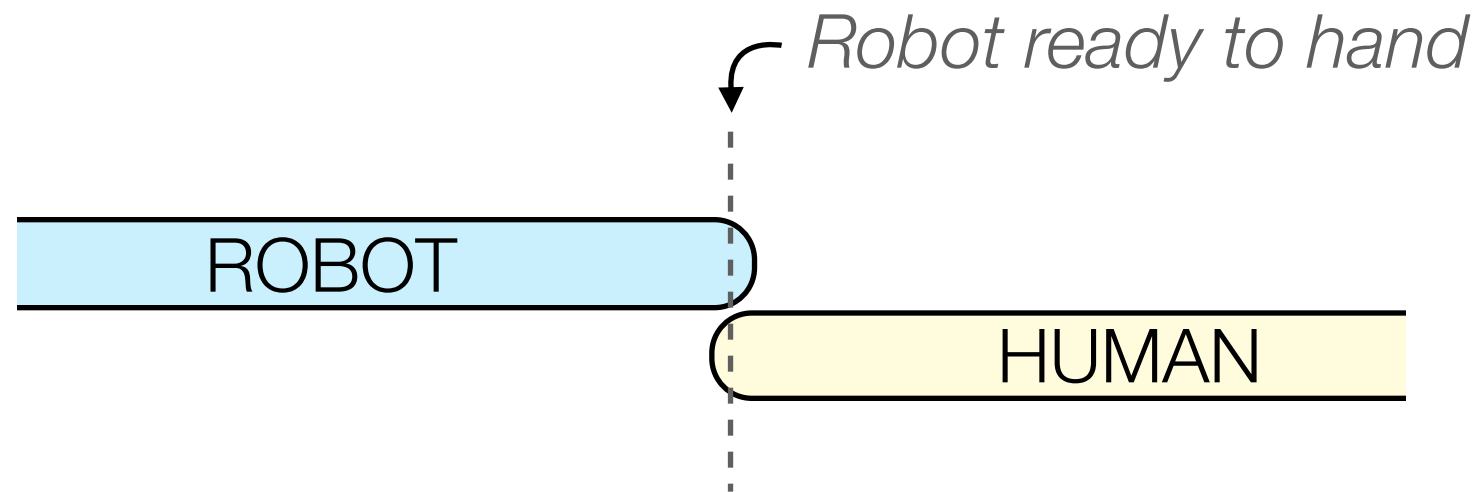


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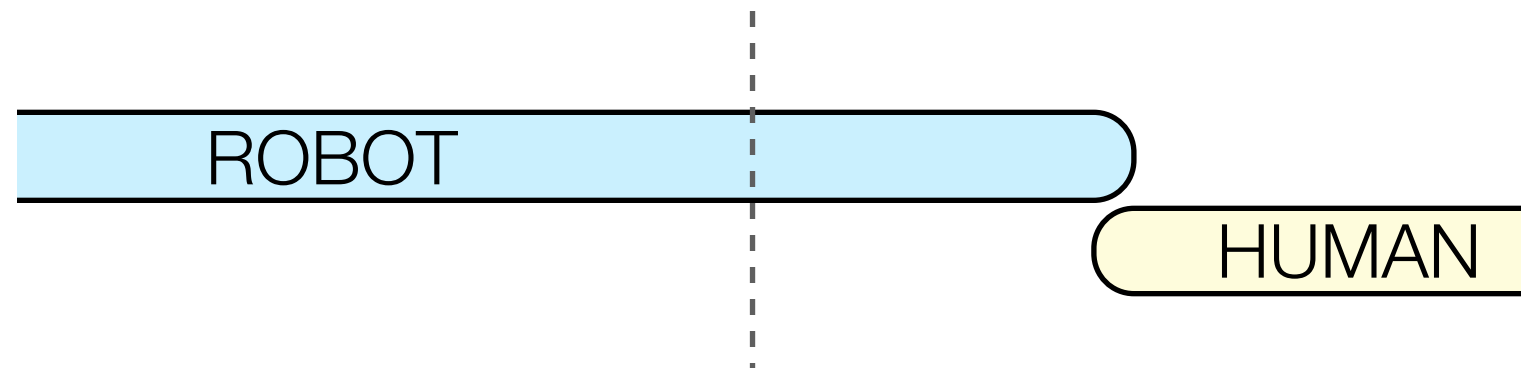


NOT JUST HERB...

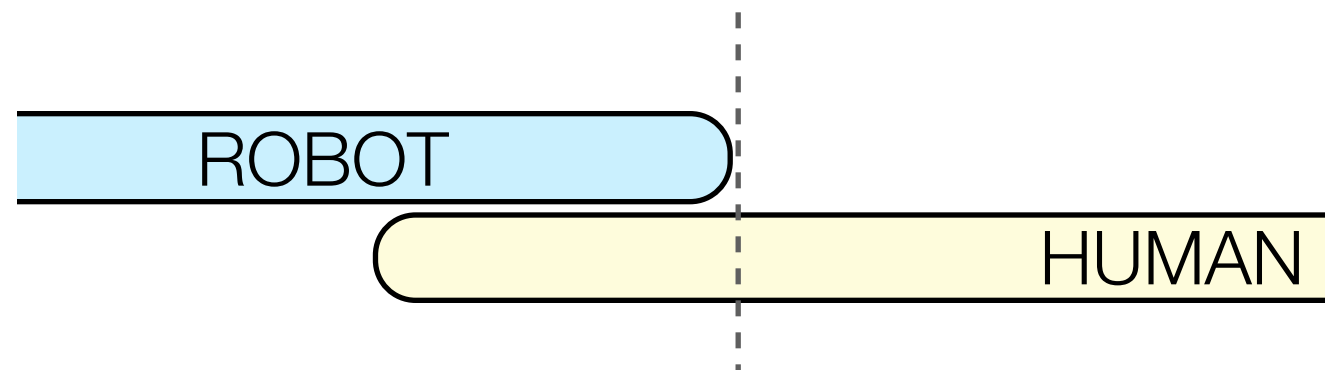
IDEAL



PROBLEM 1



PROBLEM 2



PROBLEMS IN FLUENCY

VERSUS



COMMUNICATION OF INTENT



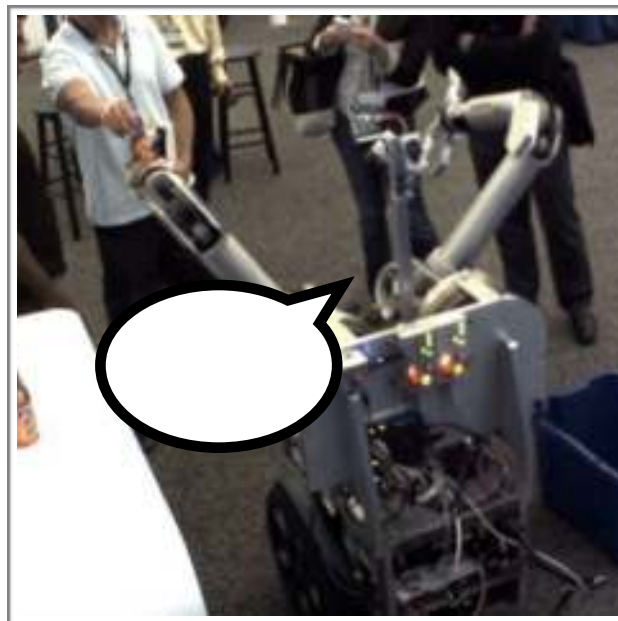
COMMUNICATION OF TIMING

PROBLEM 1



Spatial
Contrast

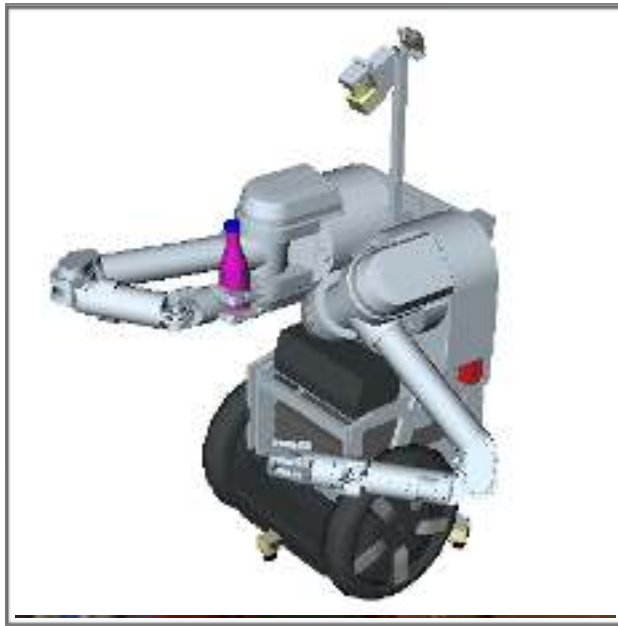
PROBLEM 2



Temporal
Contrast

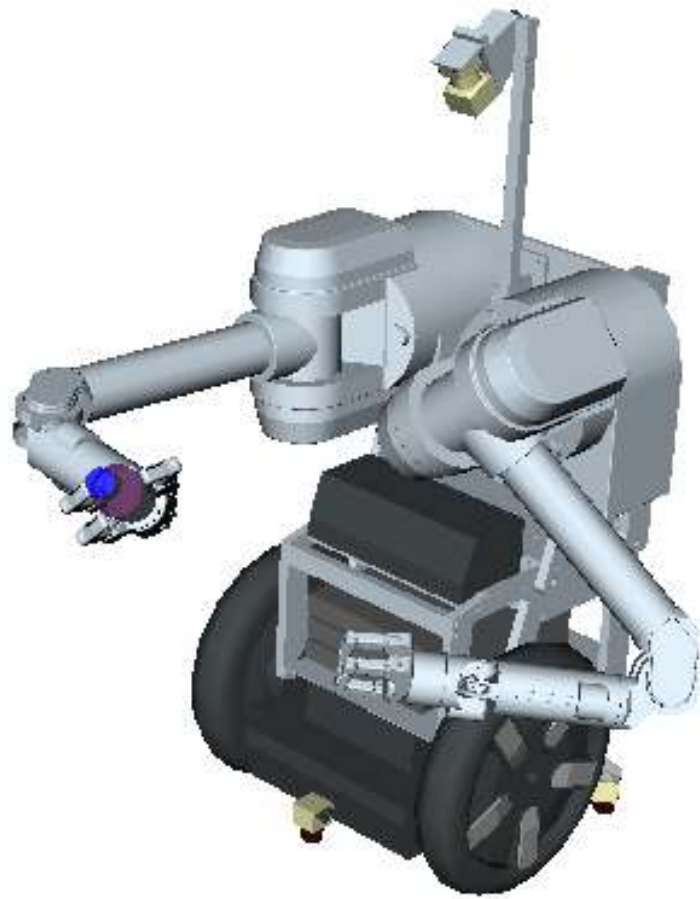
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

HANDING OVER?



HAND-OVER POSES FOR HERB

Survey: What is the robot doing?

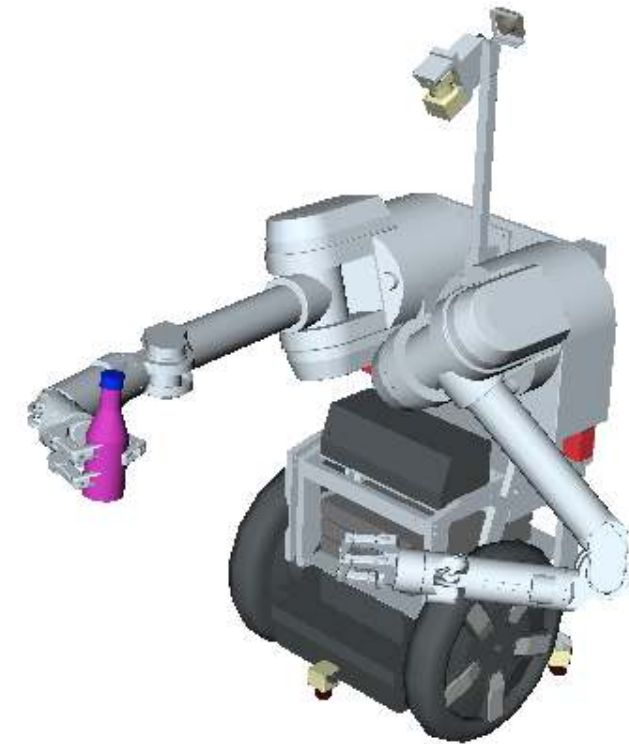
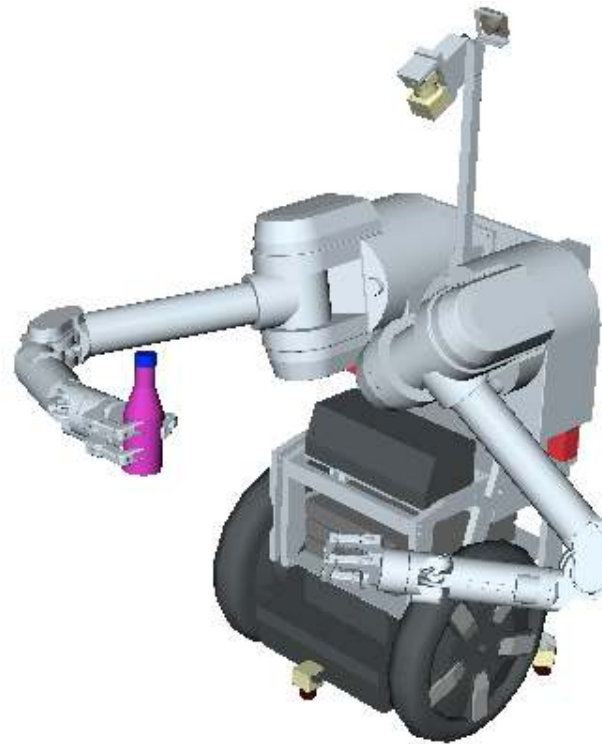
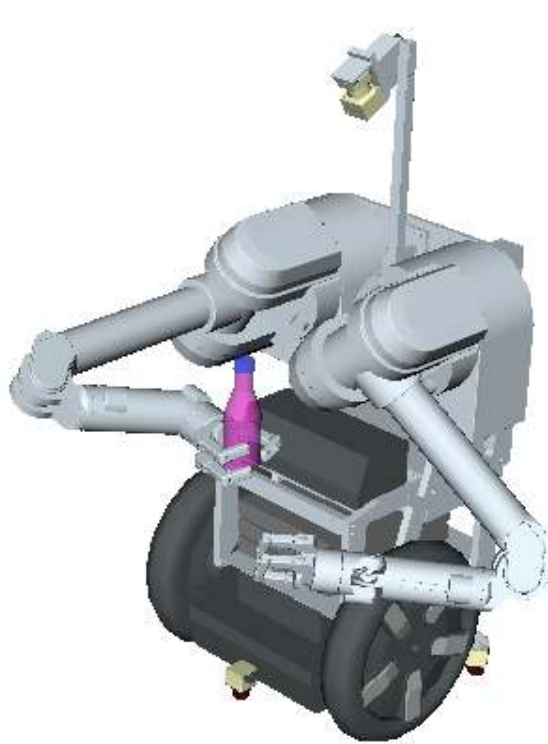


- ☐ Holding the bottle
- ☐ Looking at the bottle
- ☒ Handing the bottle
- ☐ Showing the bottle
- ☐ Other

HAND-OVER POSES FOR HERB

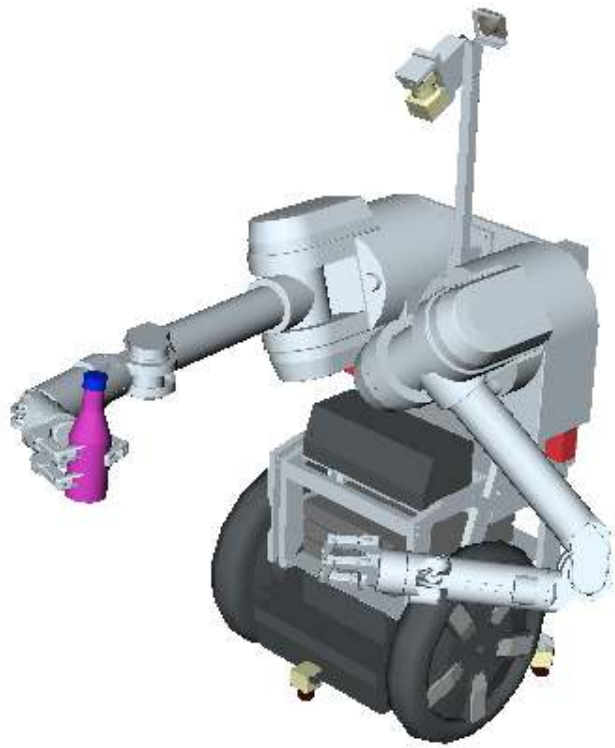
POSE PARAMETERS

Angle extraction

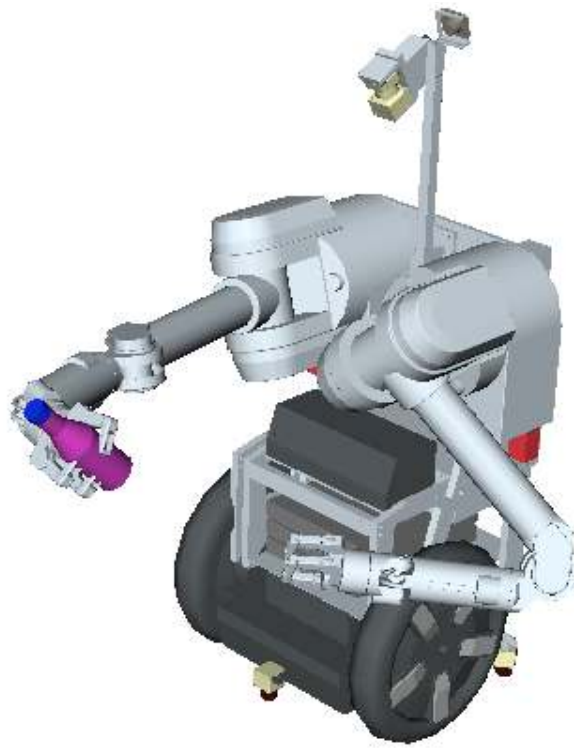


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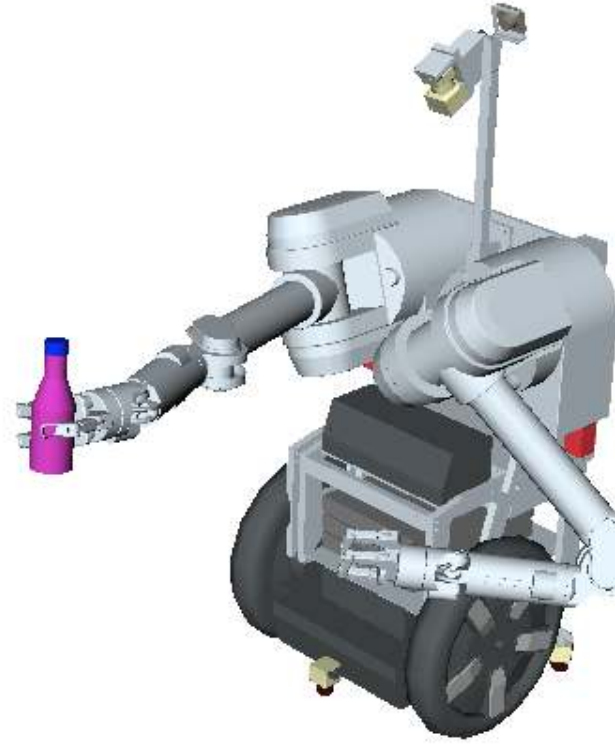
Spatial contrast: Arm extended, object exposed



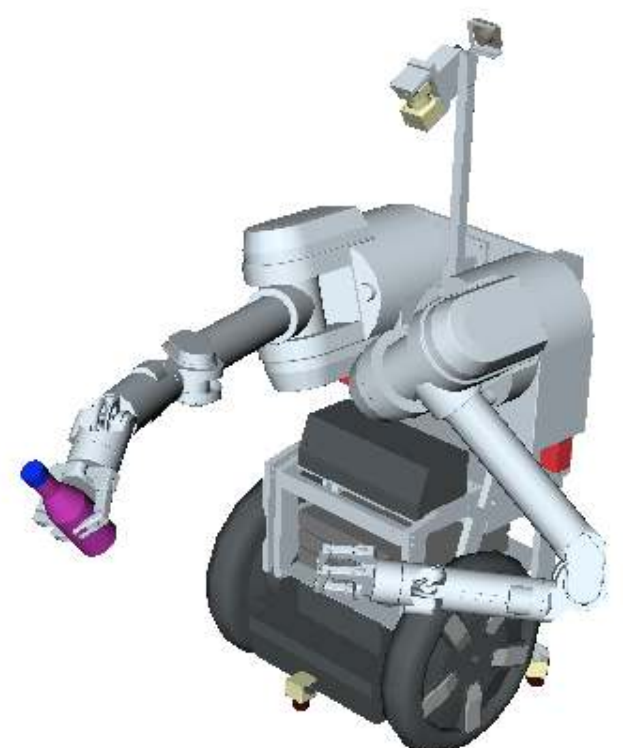
37%



40%



81%

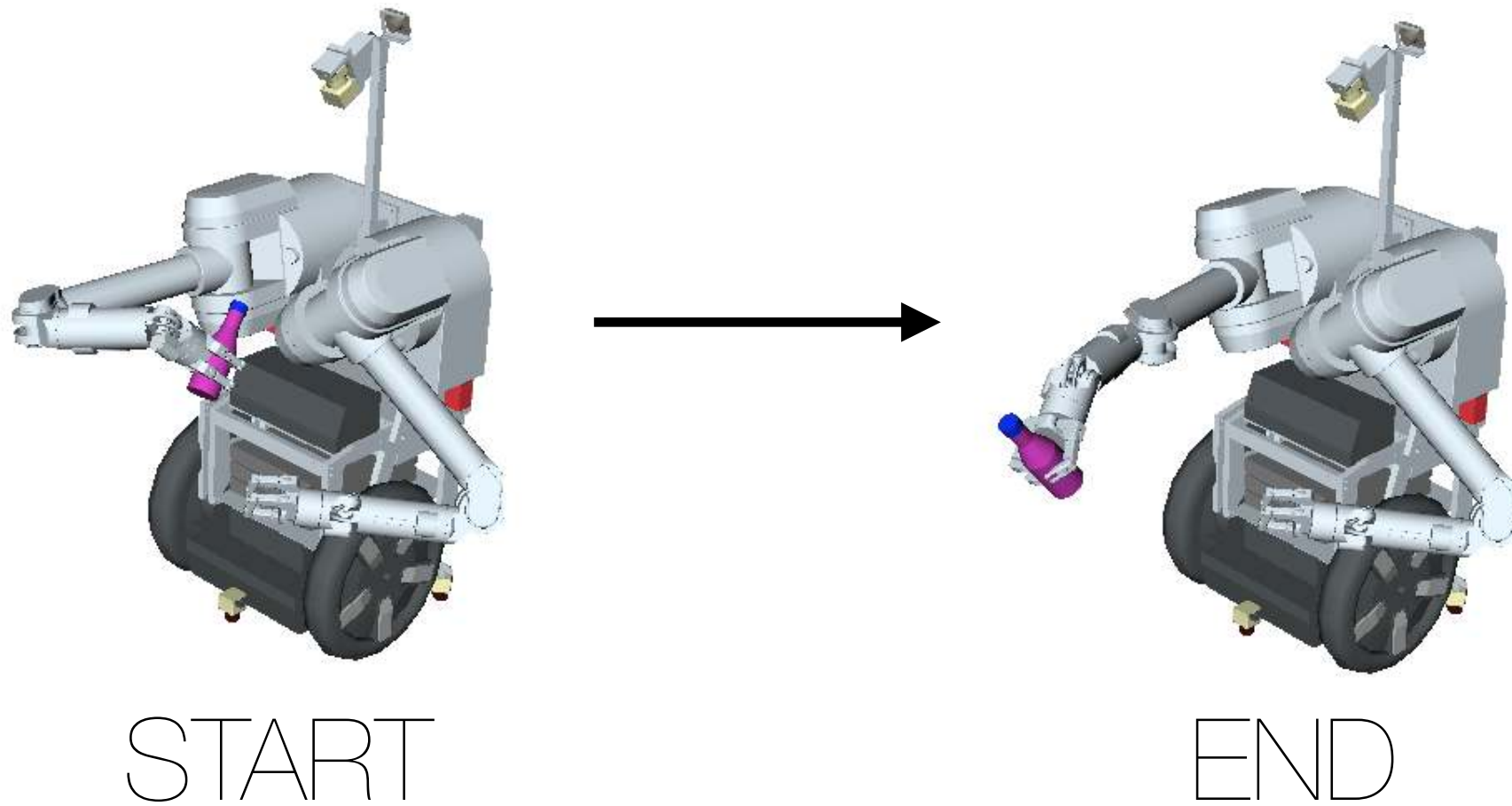


92%

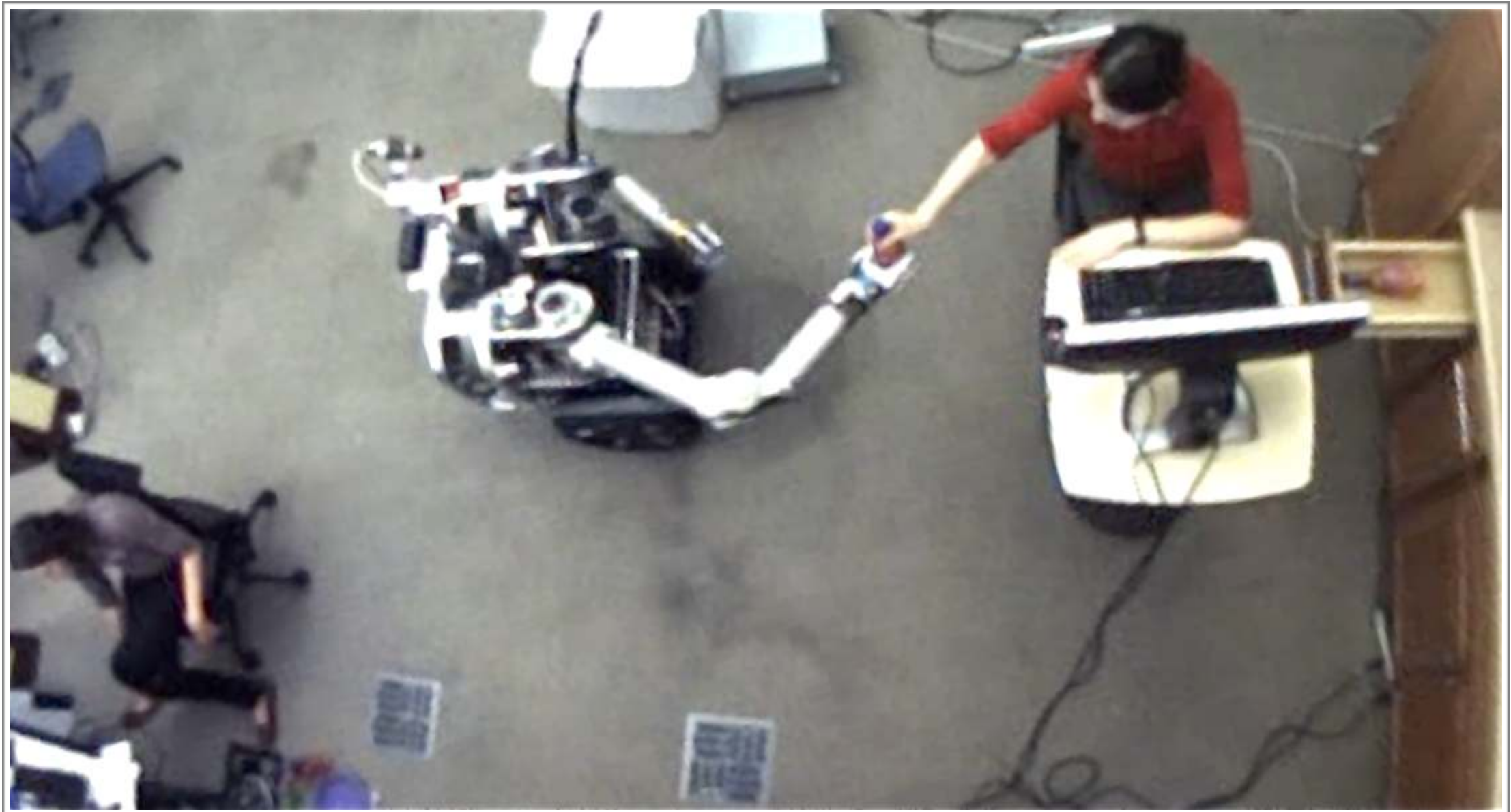
Poses that are picked as handing more (N=50)

HAND-OVER POSES FOR HERB

Temporal contrast: Non-handing to handing



HAND-OVER *MOVEMENTS* FOR HERB

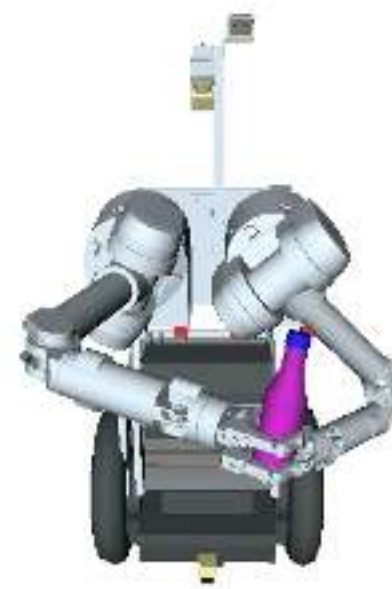
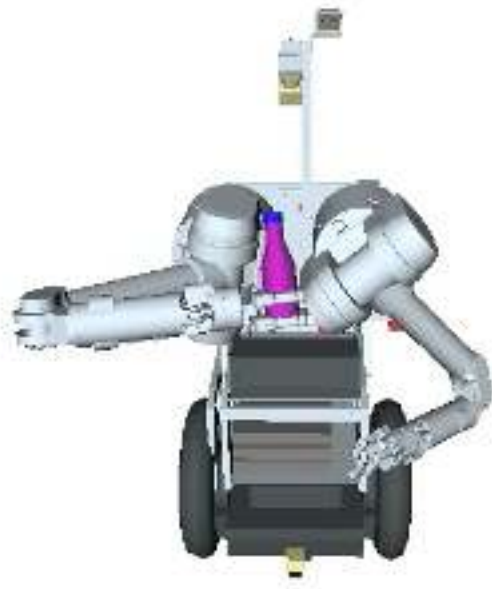


N=24 (9 female & 15 male, Ages: 20-45)

EXPERIMENT

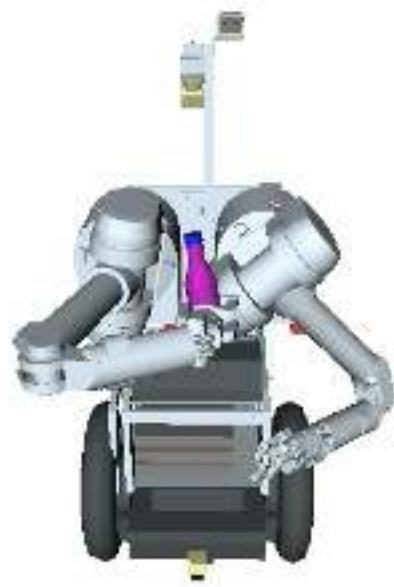
Temporal Contrast

NO

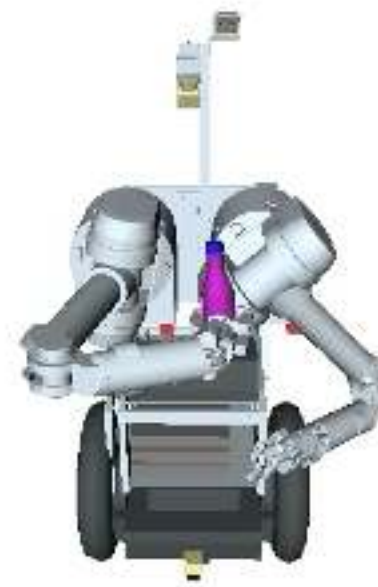


YES

NO



YES

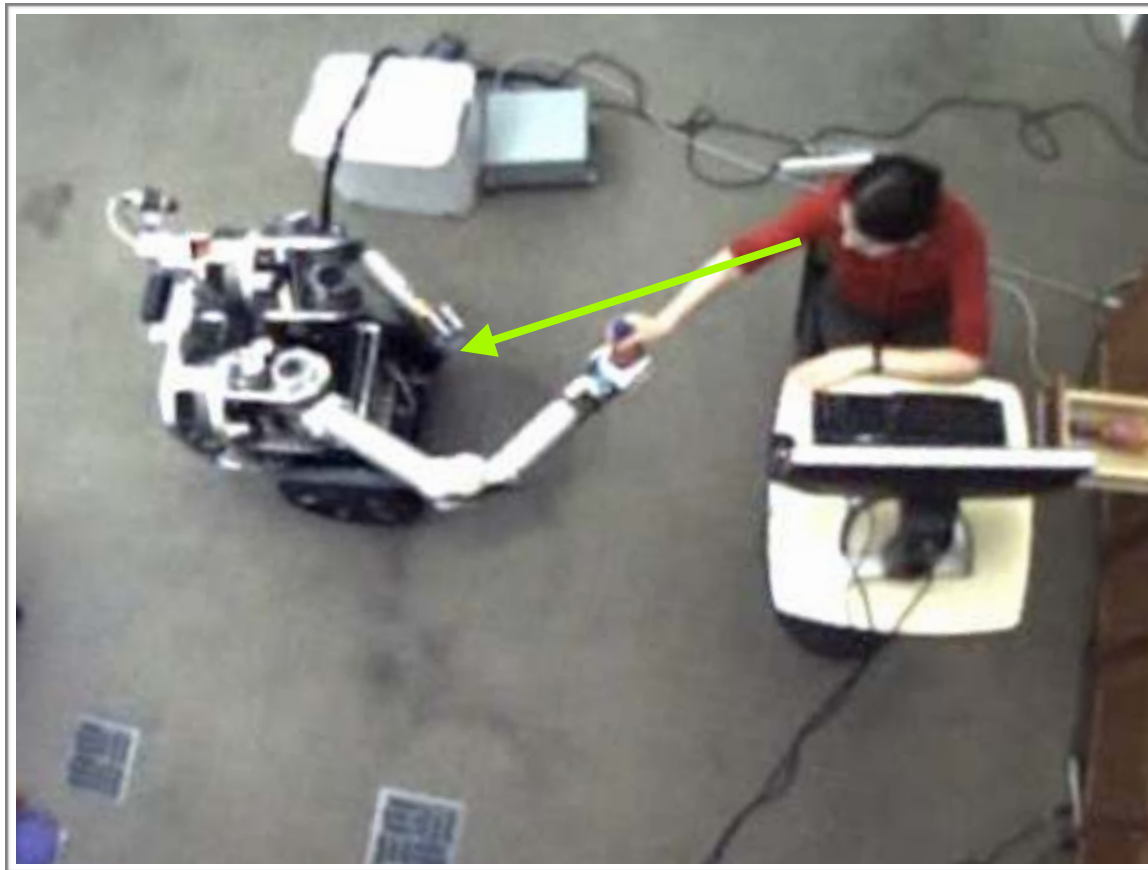


Within-groups, order counter-balanced

INDEPENDENT VARIABLES

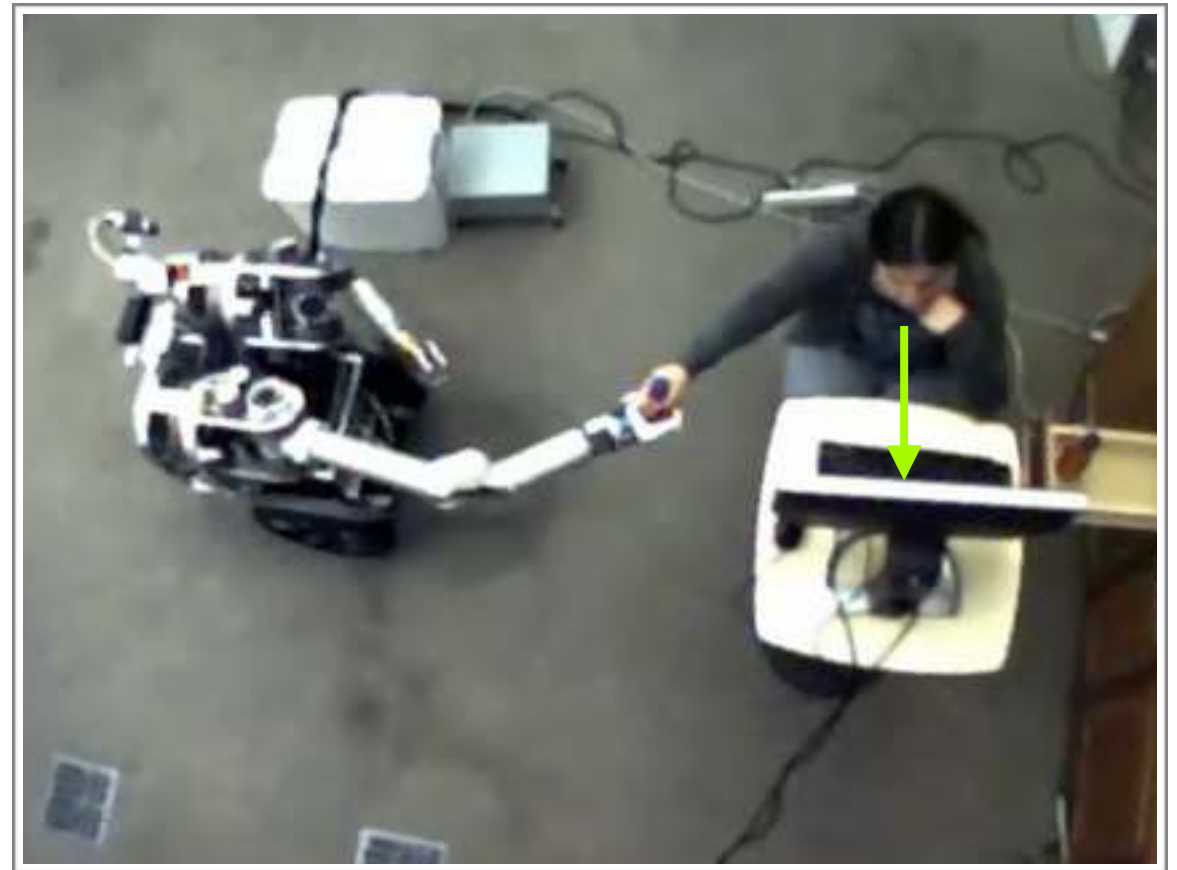
Spatial Contrast

AVAILABLE



Watching the robot

BUSY



Doing attention test

Between-groups

EXTRANEIOUS VARIABLE

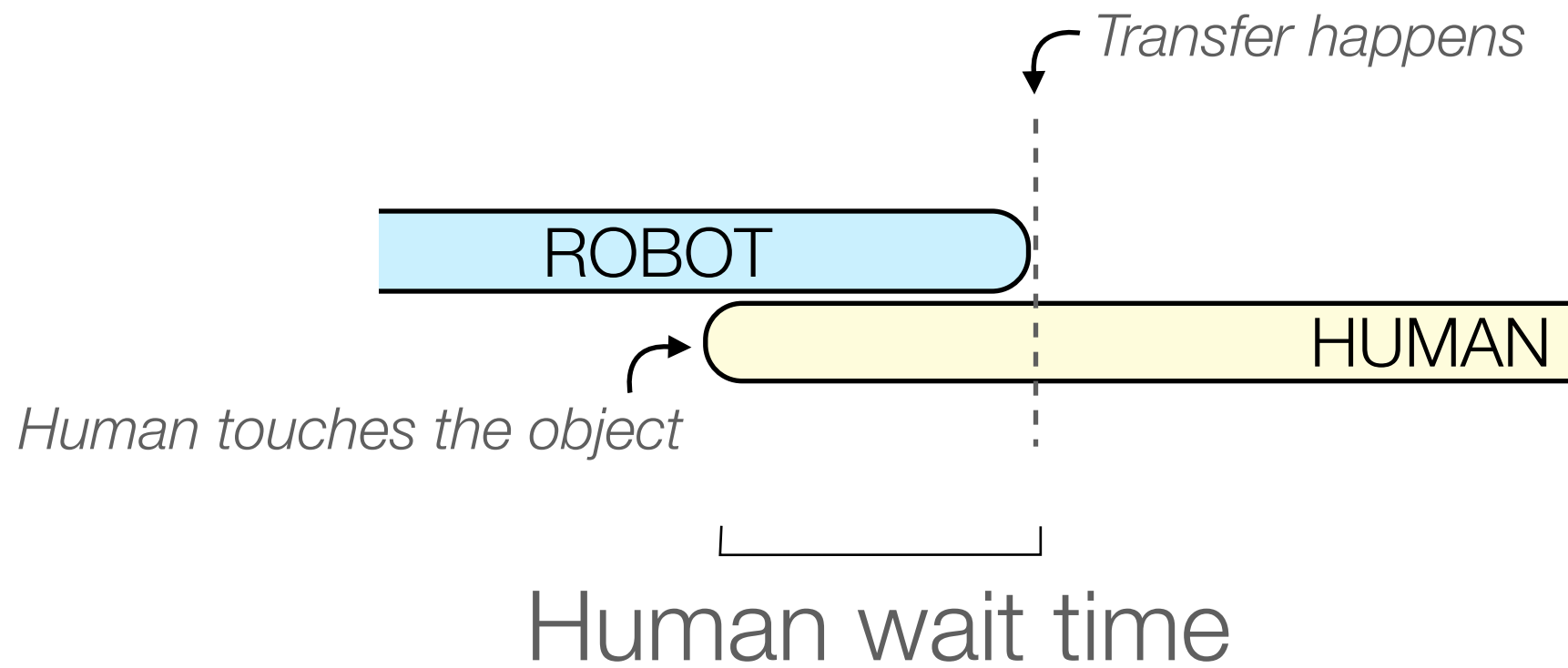
- Object transfer location



- Trajectory splining method
- Arm movement speed

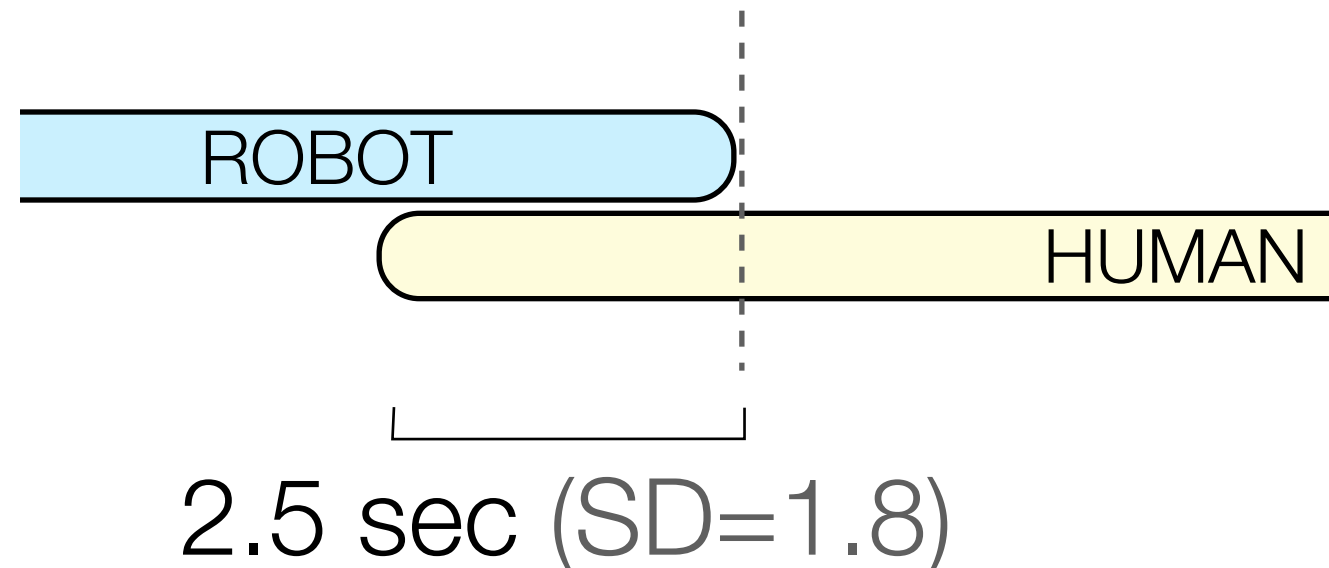
FIXED VARIABLES

- ☐ Temporal contrast improves fluency
- ☐ Spatial contrast has no effect

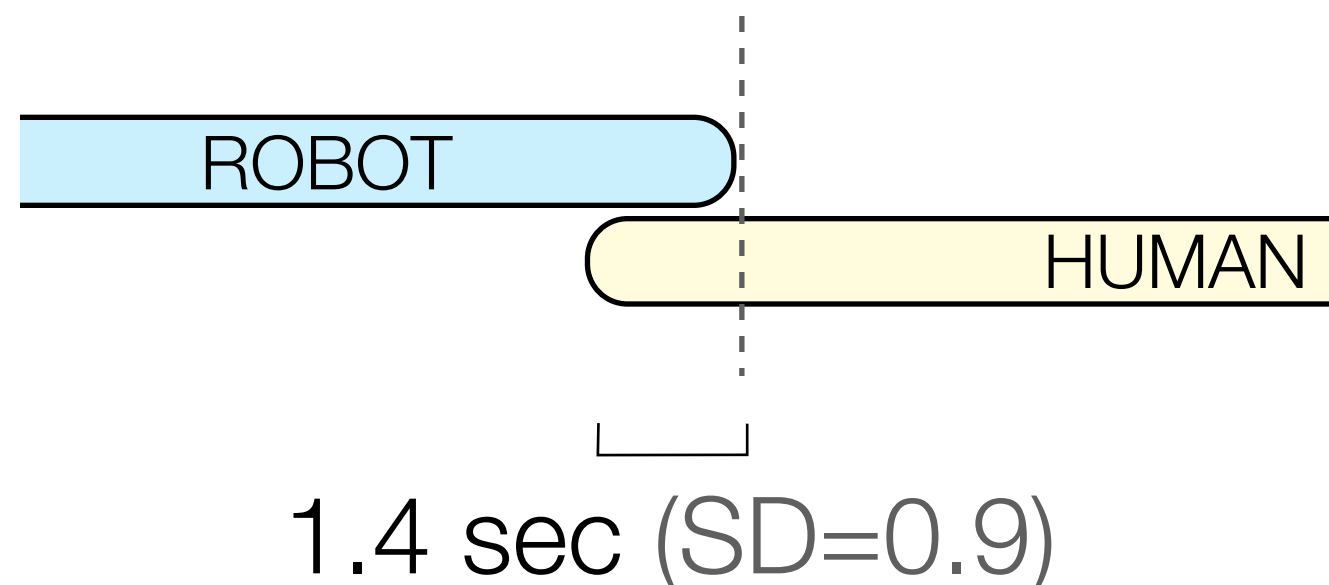


EFFECT OF TEMPORAL CONTRAST

No
Temporal
Contrast



Temporal
contrast



EFFECT OF TEMPORAL CONTRAST



EXAMPLES | NO TEMPORAL CONTRAST

Early hand-over attempts



No
Temporal
Contrast

9 attempted

Temporal
Contrast

0 attempted

EFFECT OF TEMPORAL CONTRAST

Missed responses in attention test



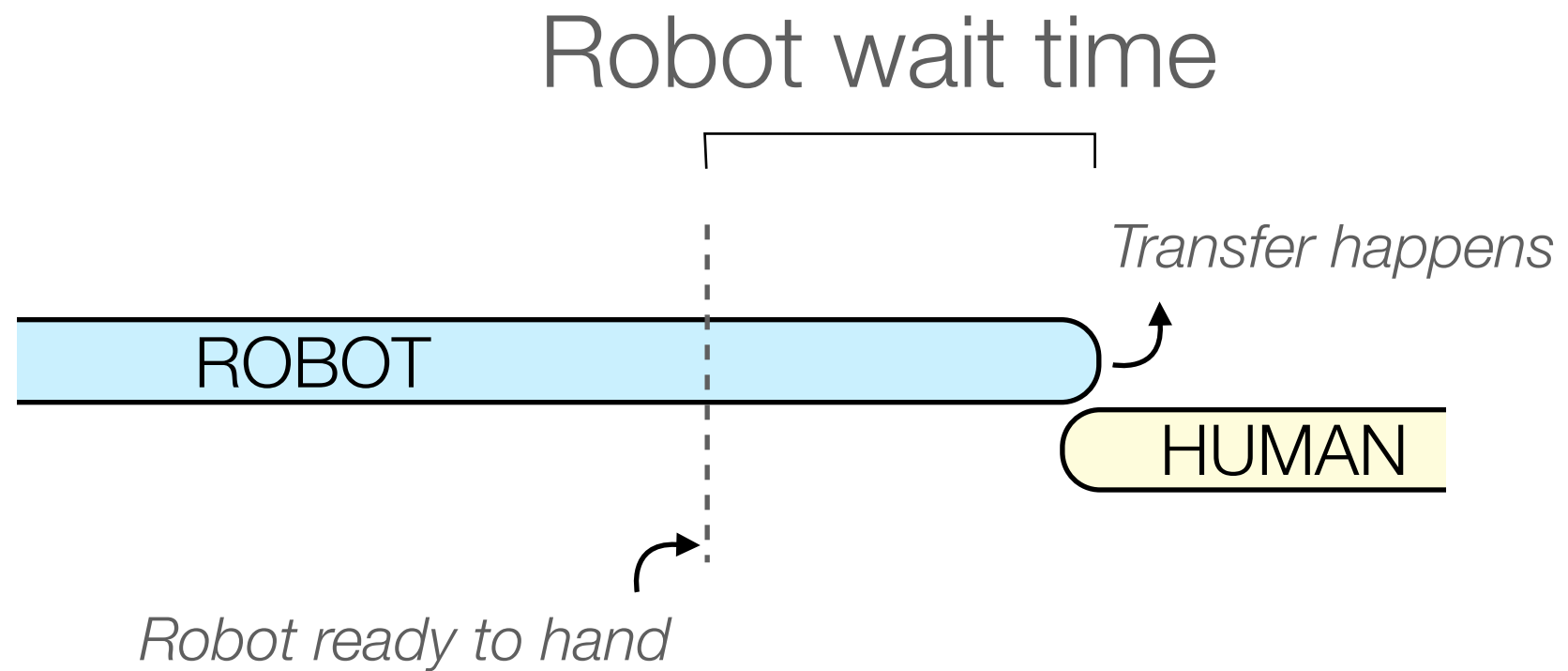
No
Temporal
Contrast ~3

Temporal
Contrast ~2

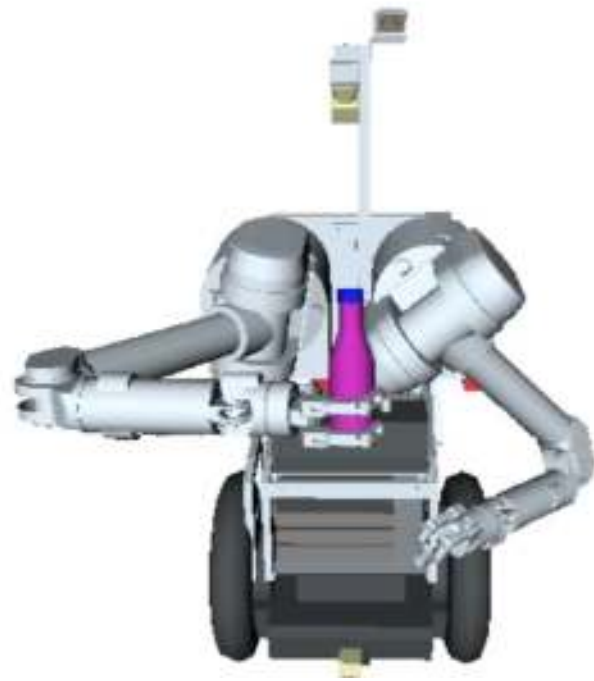
EFFECT OF TEMPORAL CONTRAST



EXAMPLES | WITH TEMPORAL CONTRAST



EFFECTS OF SPATIAL CONTRAST



VERSUS



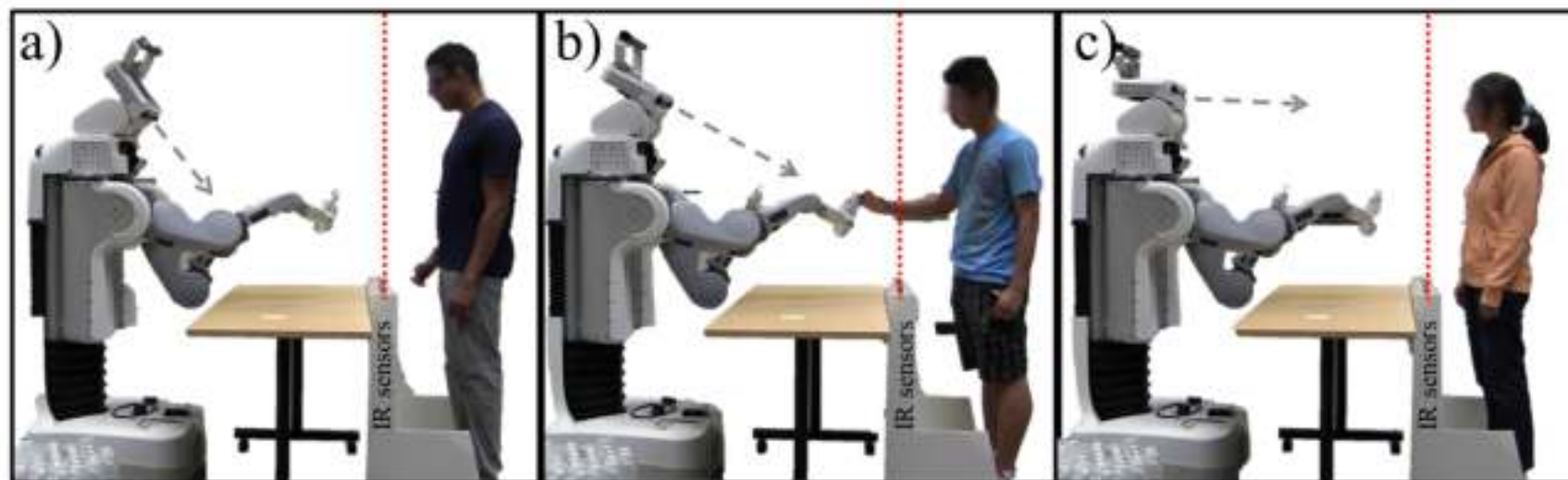
NO EFFECT. WHY?

- Conveying intent was not an issue
- Intent was also conveyed by arm movement

EFFECTS OF SPATIAL CONTRAST

- Spatial contrast to communicate hand-over intent
- Temporal contrast to communicate hand-over timing

HIDE & REVEAL

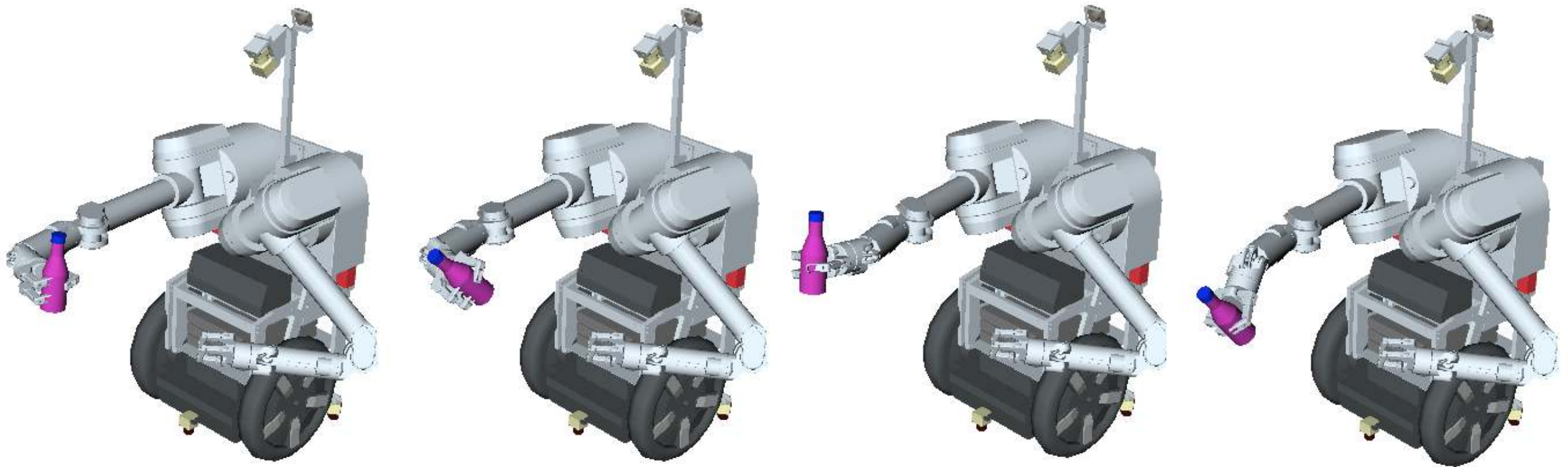


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SUMMARY

HOW TO PRESENT THE OBJECT?

to convey intent

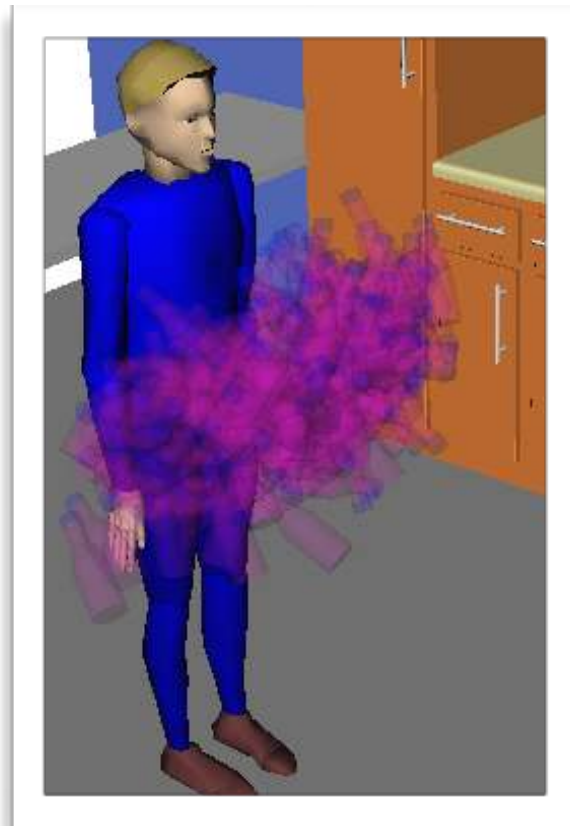


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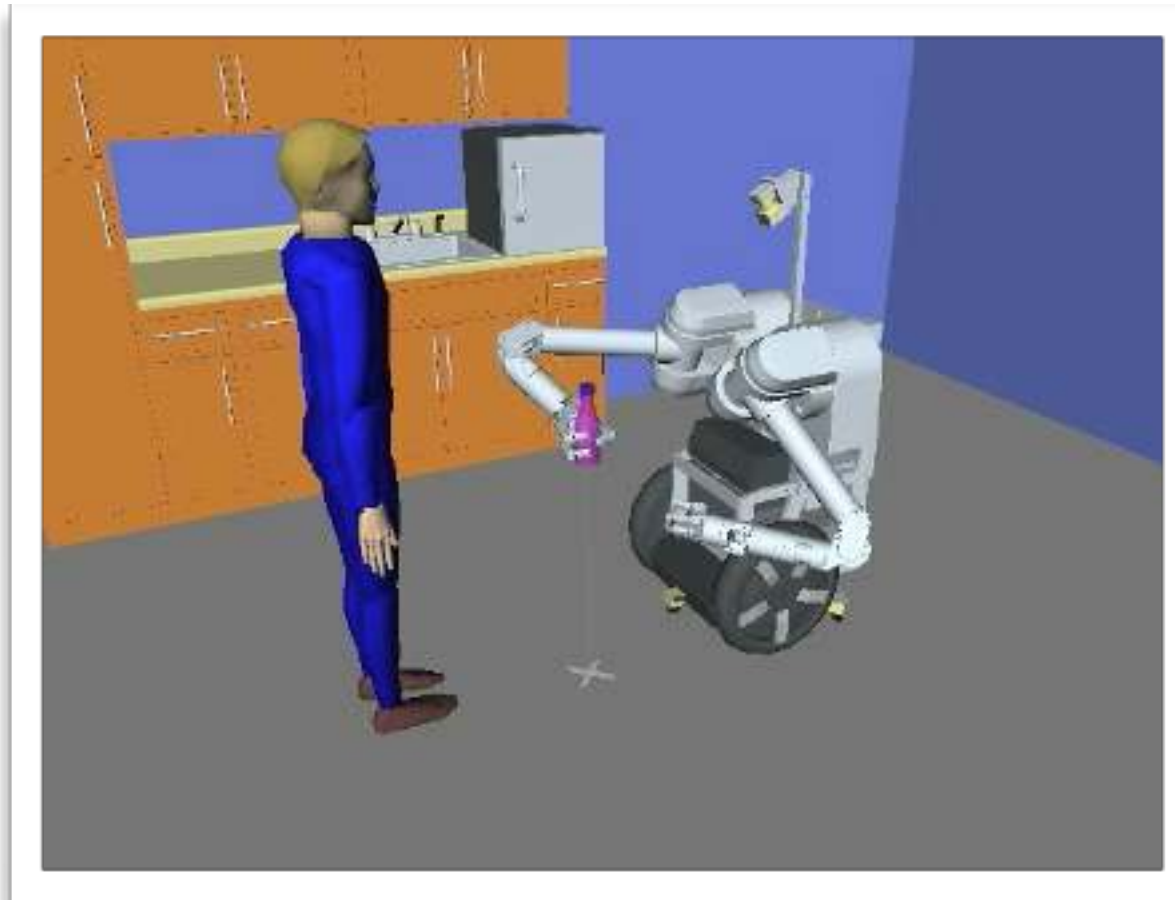
HOW TO PRESENT THE OBJECT?

to convey intent

to make it easy/intuitive to take for human



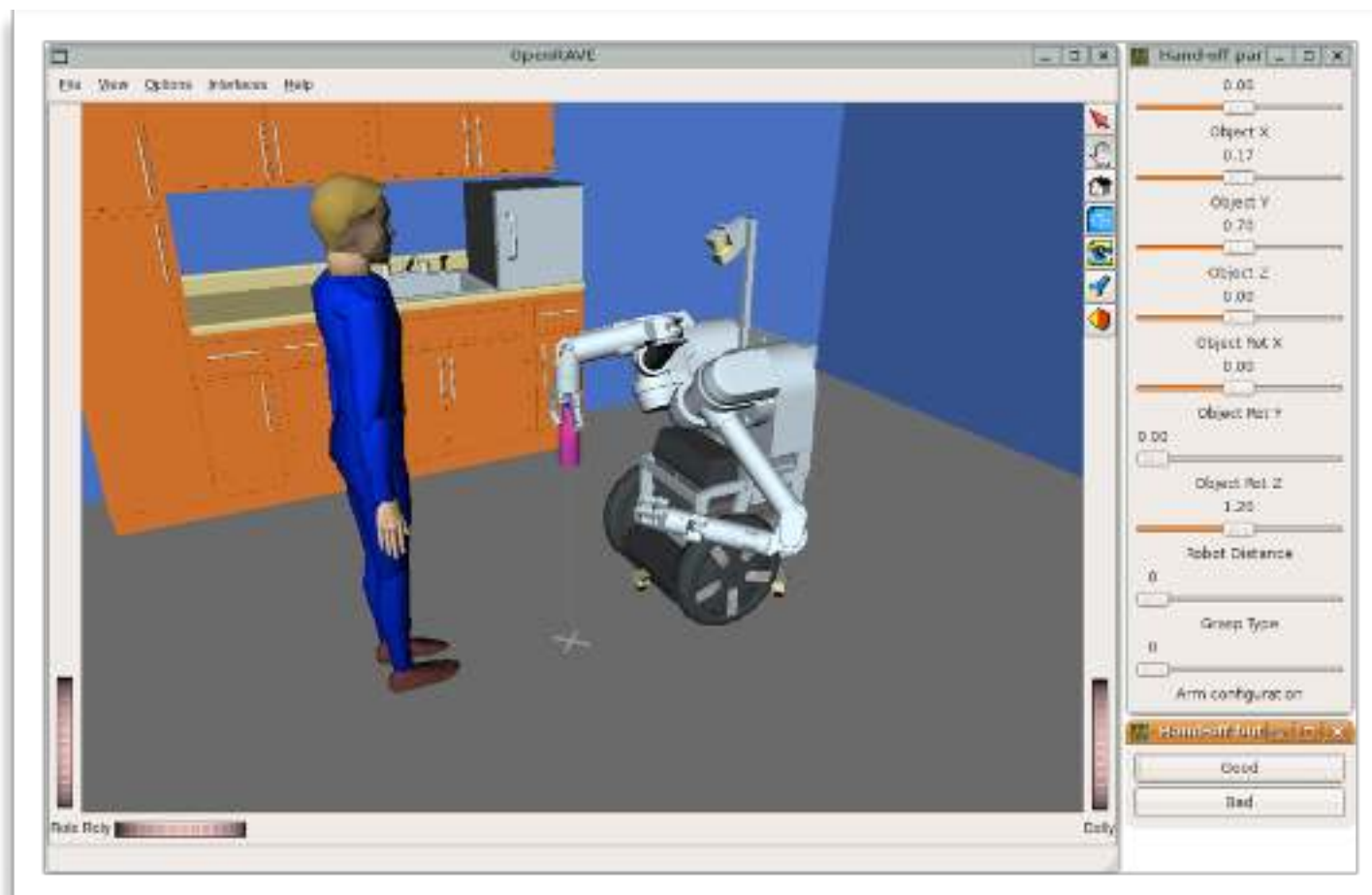
HUMAN-ROBOT HAND-OVERS



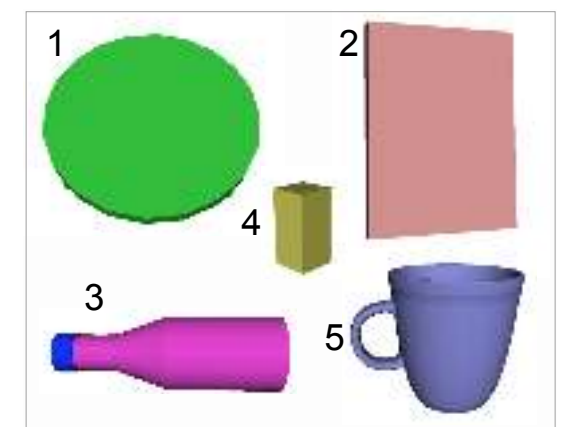
PLANNING/
OPTIMIZATION

LEARNING
FROM EXAMPLES

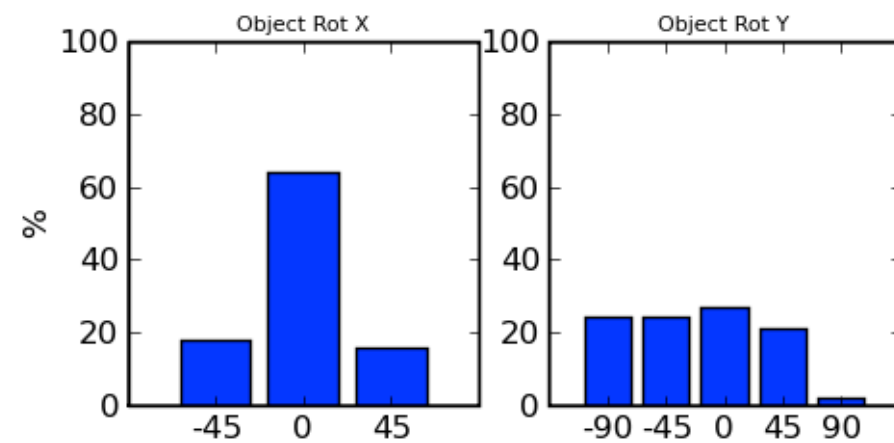
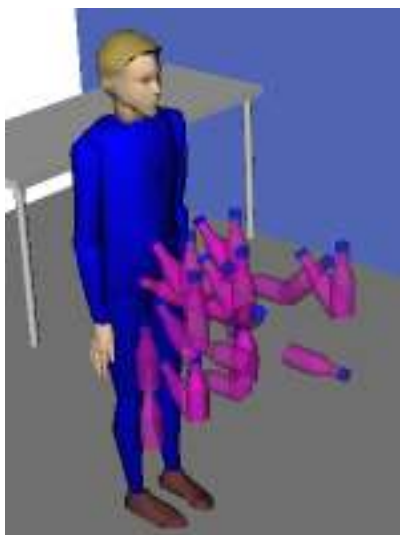
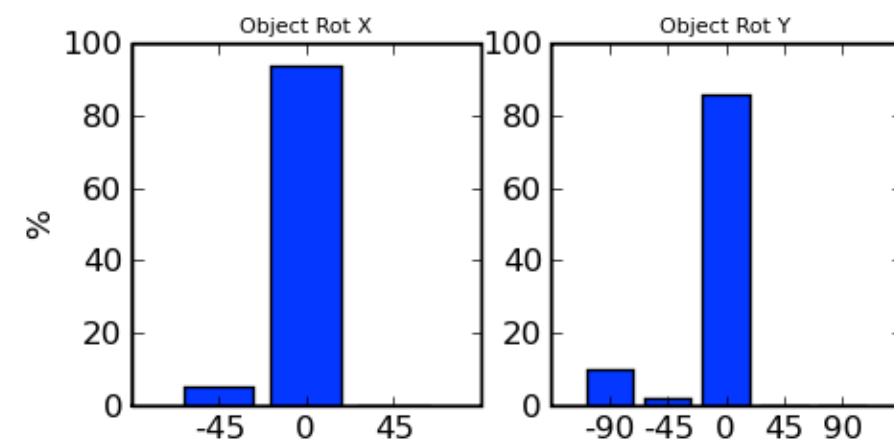
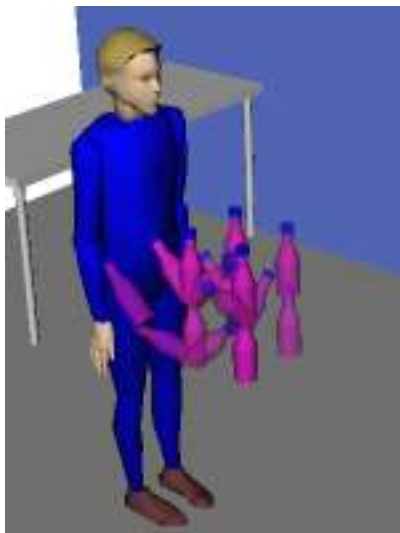
HAND-OVER PARAMETERS



N=10 (8 male, 2 female)
 3 good 3 bad examples
 5 objects

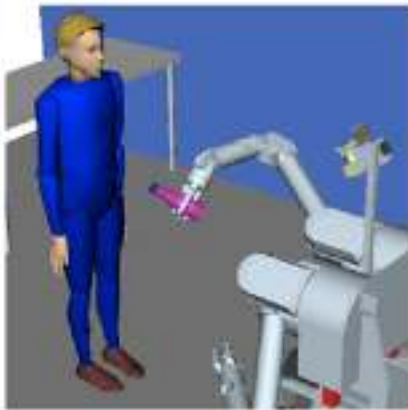


LEARNING HAND-OVER CONFIGURATIONS

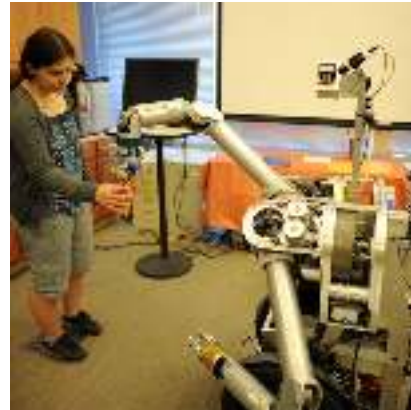


COLLECTED DATA

PLANNING



LEARNING



Which one did you prefer?

Which one looked more natural?

Which one was easier to take?

Which one was more appropriate?

EVALUATION

N=10 (6 male, 5 female), 5 objects

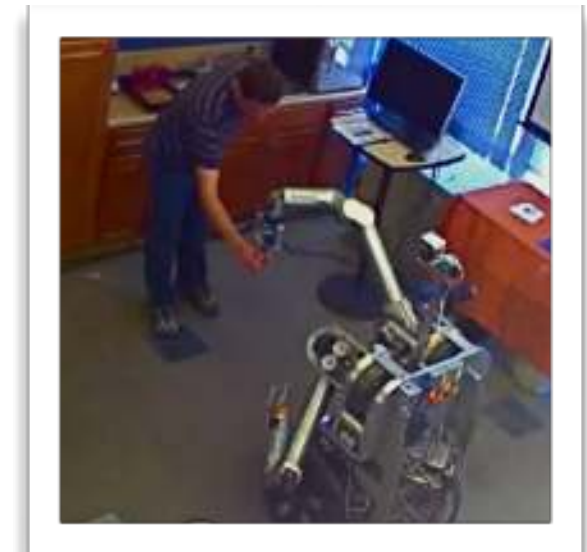
	PLANNING	LEARNING		
Preference	38%	62%	$\chi^2(1, N=50)=2.88, p=.09$	*
Naturalness	36%	64%	$\chi^2(1, N=50)=3.92, p=.05$	
Practicality	46%	54%	$\chi^2(1, N=50)=0.32, p=.57$	
Appropriateness	38%	62%	$\chi^2(1, N=50)=2.88, p=.09$	

Subjective user evaluation

FINDINGS



	PLANNING	LEARNING
Bottle	2	16
Mug	5	1
Notebook	2	7
Plate	6	3
Shaker	13	19



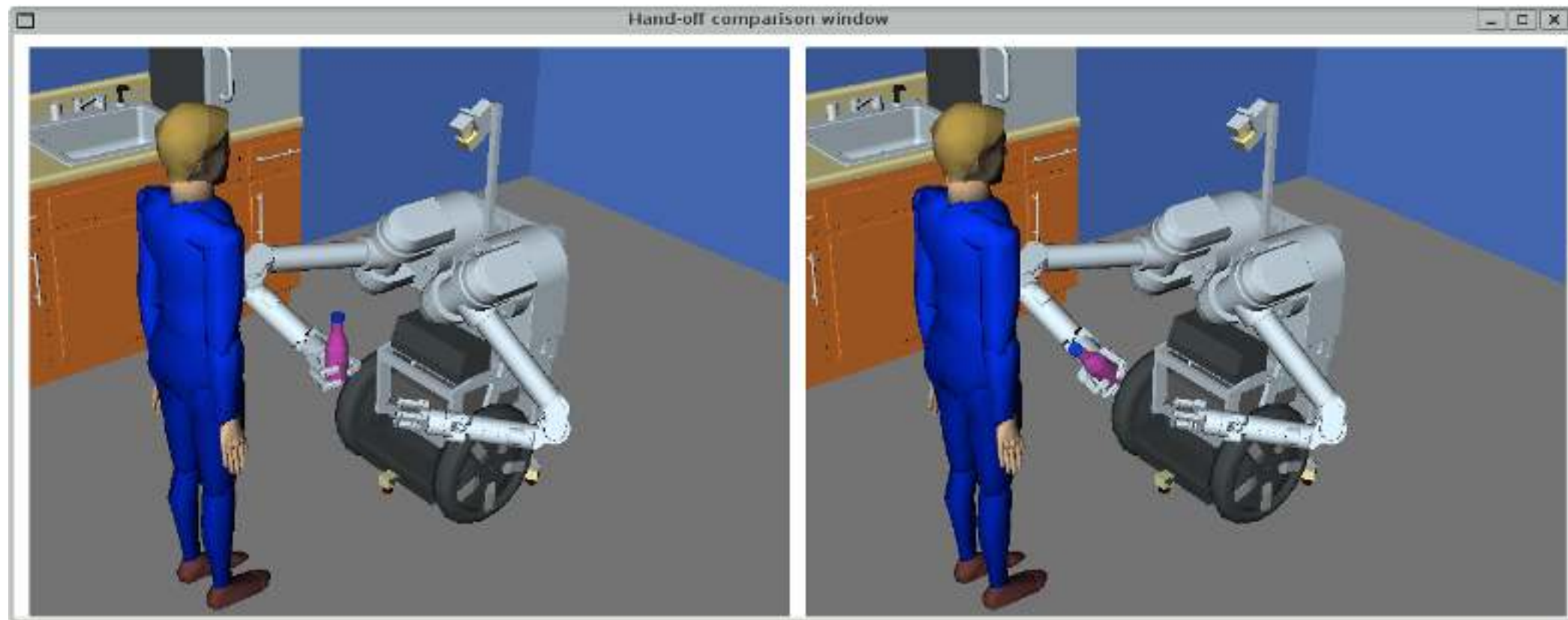
Number of events: bending, stepping forward, full arm extension

FINDINGS



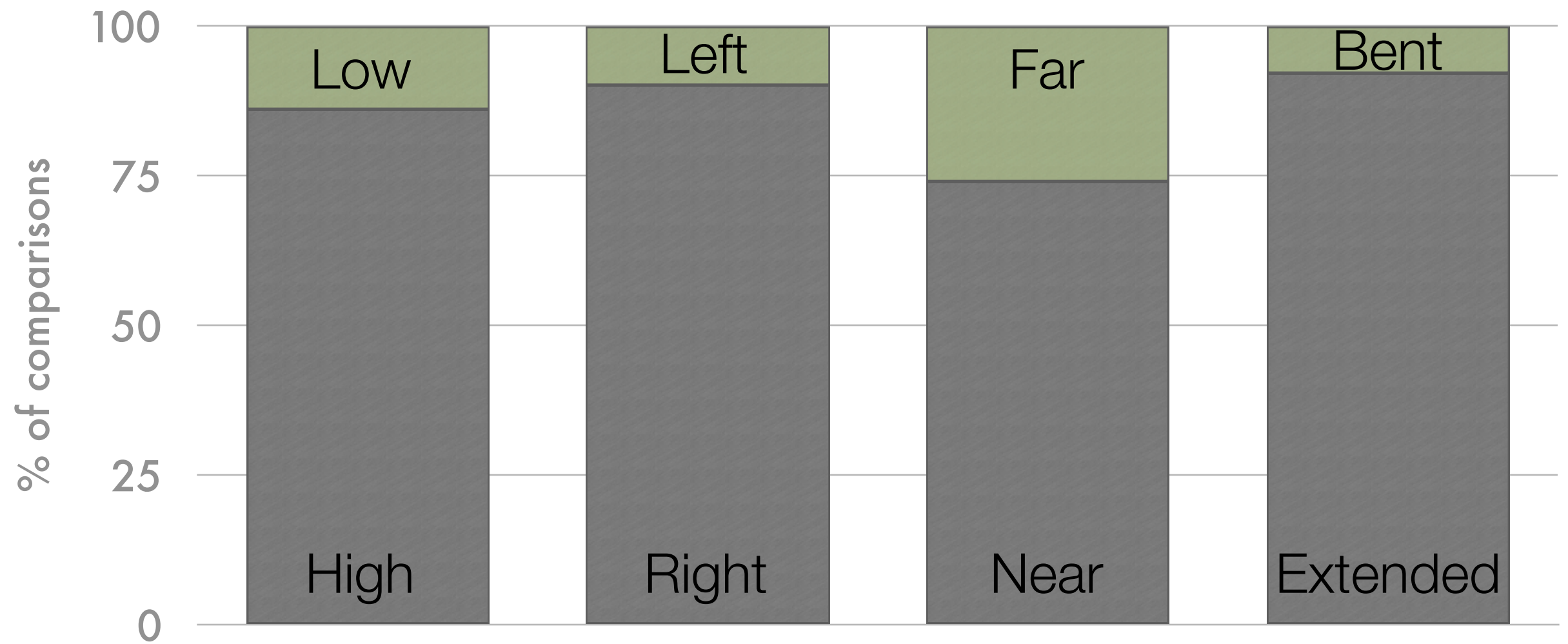
TEXT

WHICH ONE IS BETTER?

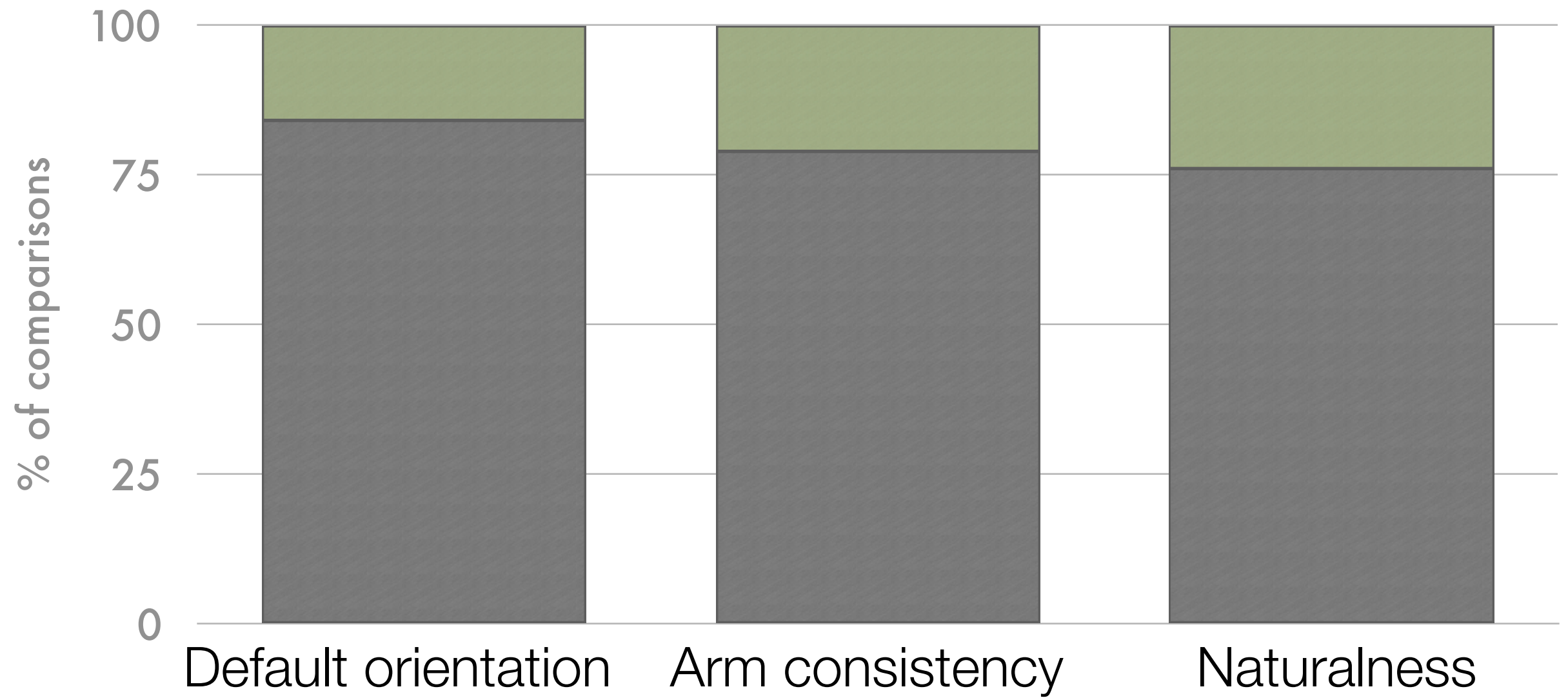
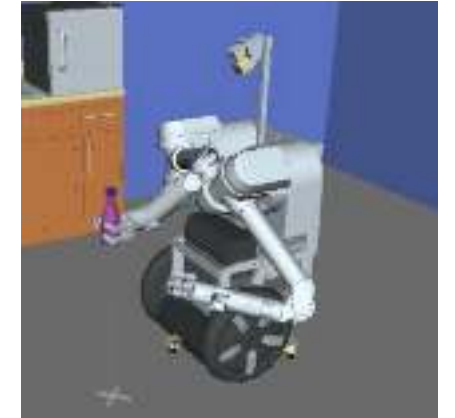
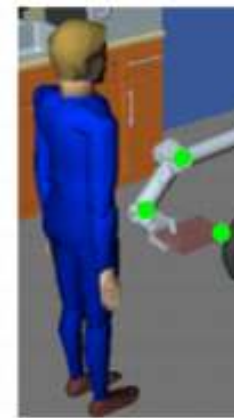
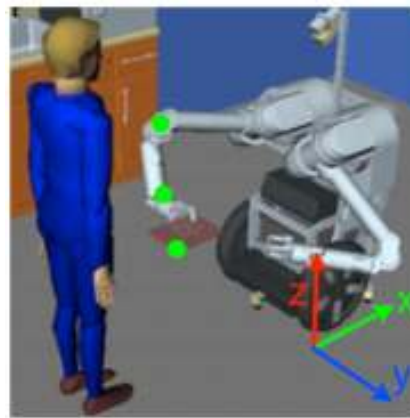


N=10 (8 male, 2 female)
61 pairwise comparisons

FINDINGS



PREDICTIVE VARIABLES



PREDICTIVE (LATENT) VARIABLES

PLANNING/
OPTIMIZATION



Scalable/generalizable

HEURISTICS



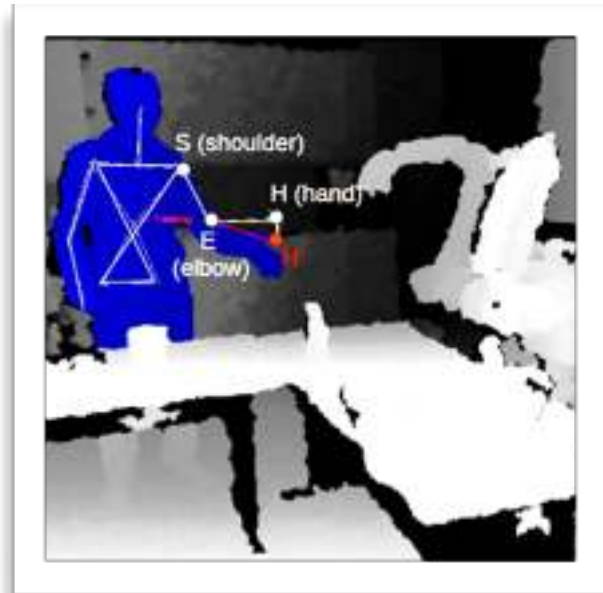
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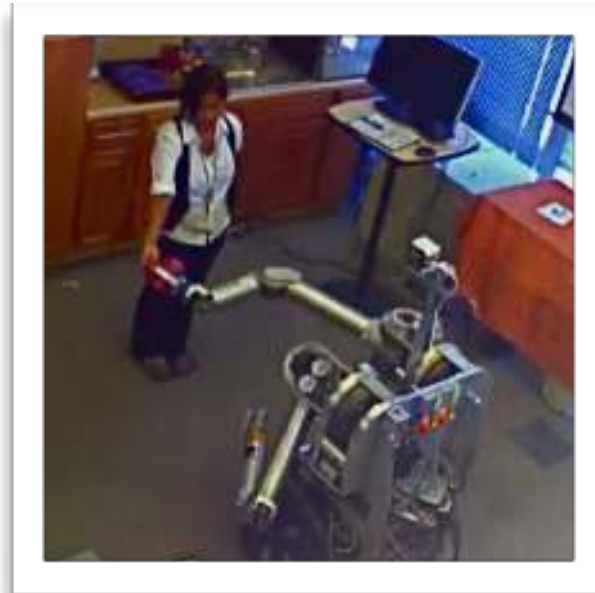
Preferred

SUMMARY

WHAT? WHO? WHEN? WHERE? HOW?



Perception



Object affordances



Human-to-robot

MORE PROBLEMS

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