

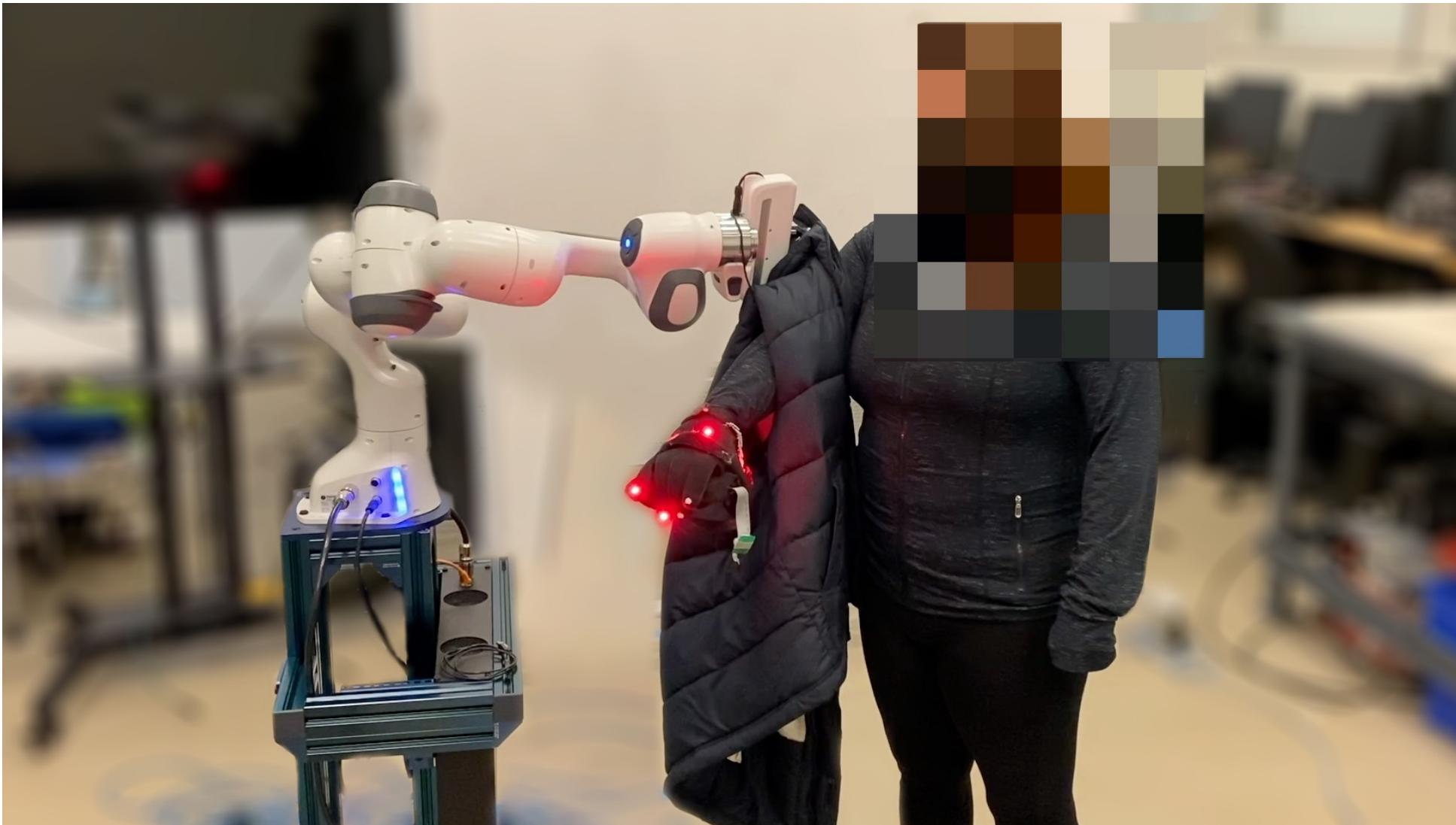
Provably Safe and Efficient Motion Planning with Uncertain Human Dynamics

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<https://safe-dressing.github.io/>



Robot-assisted Dressing



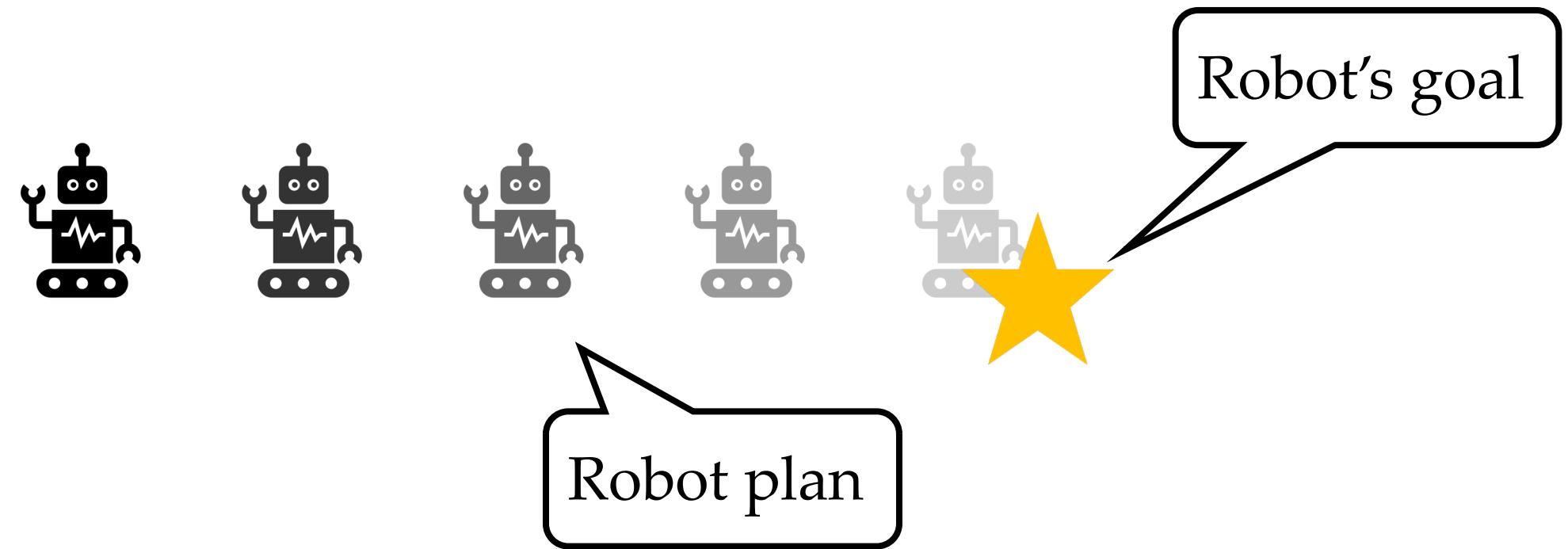
Human Physical Safety



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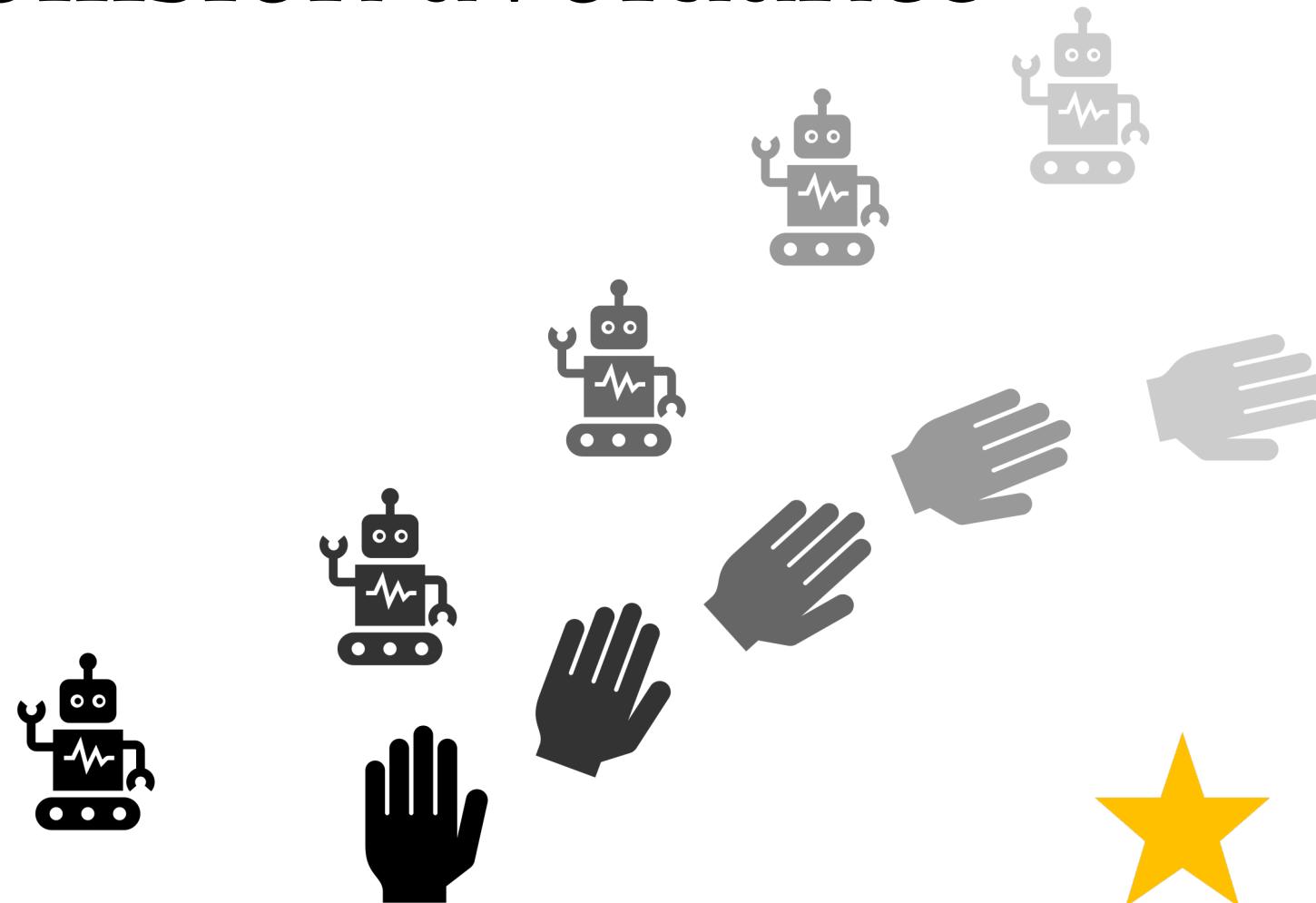


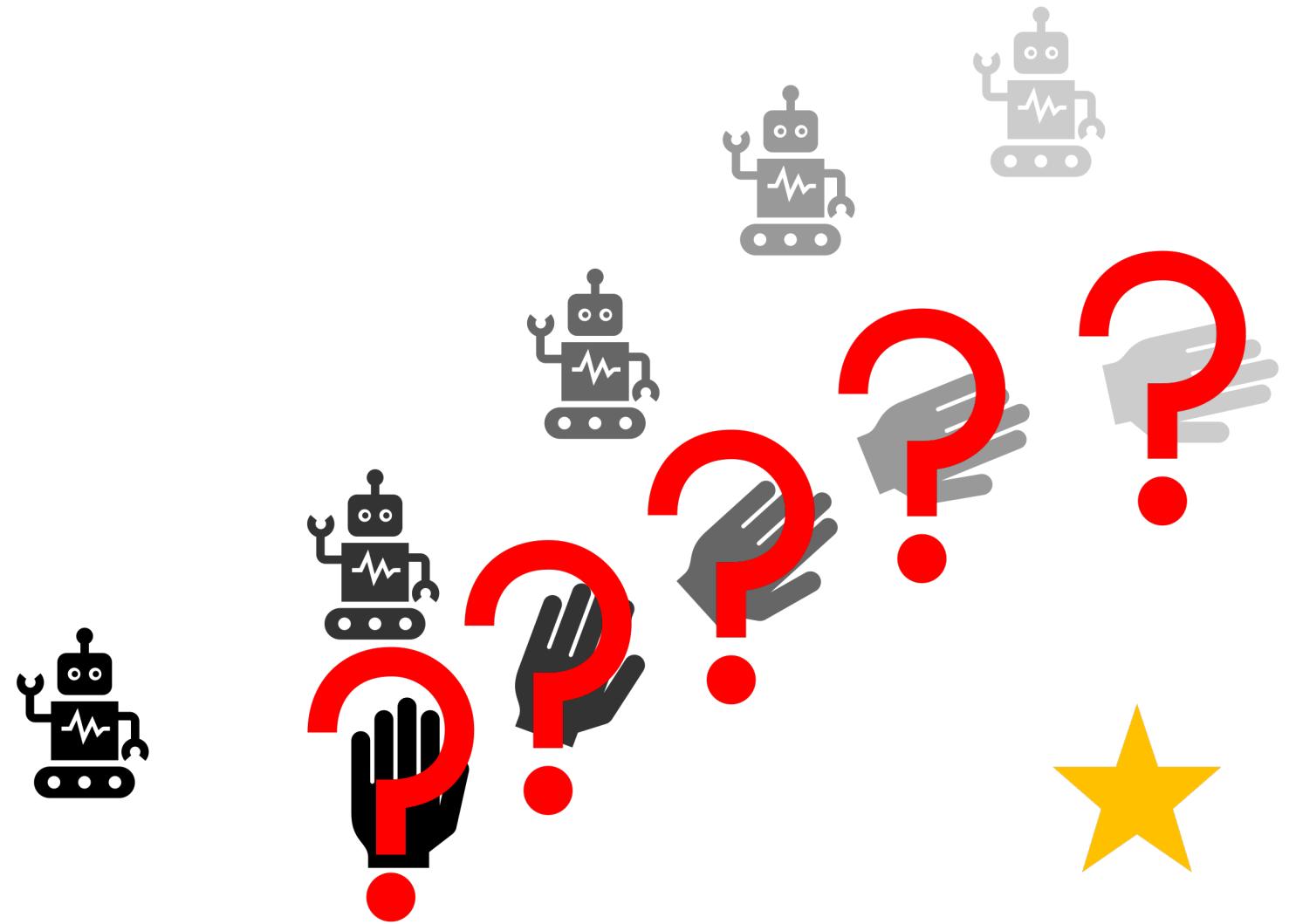
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in human dynamic model



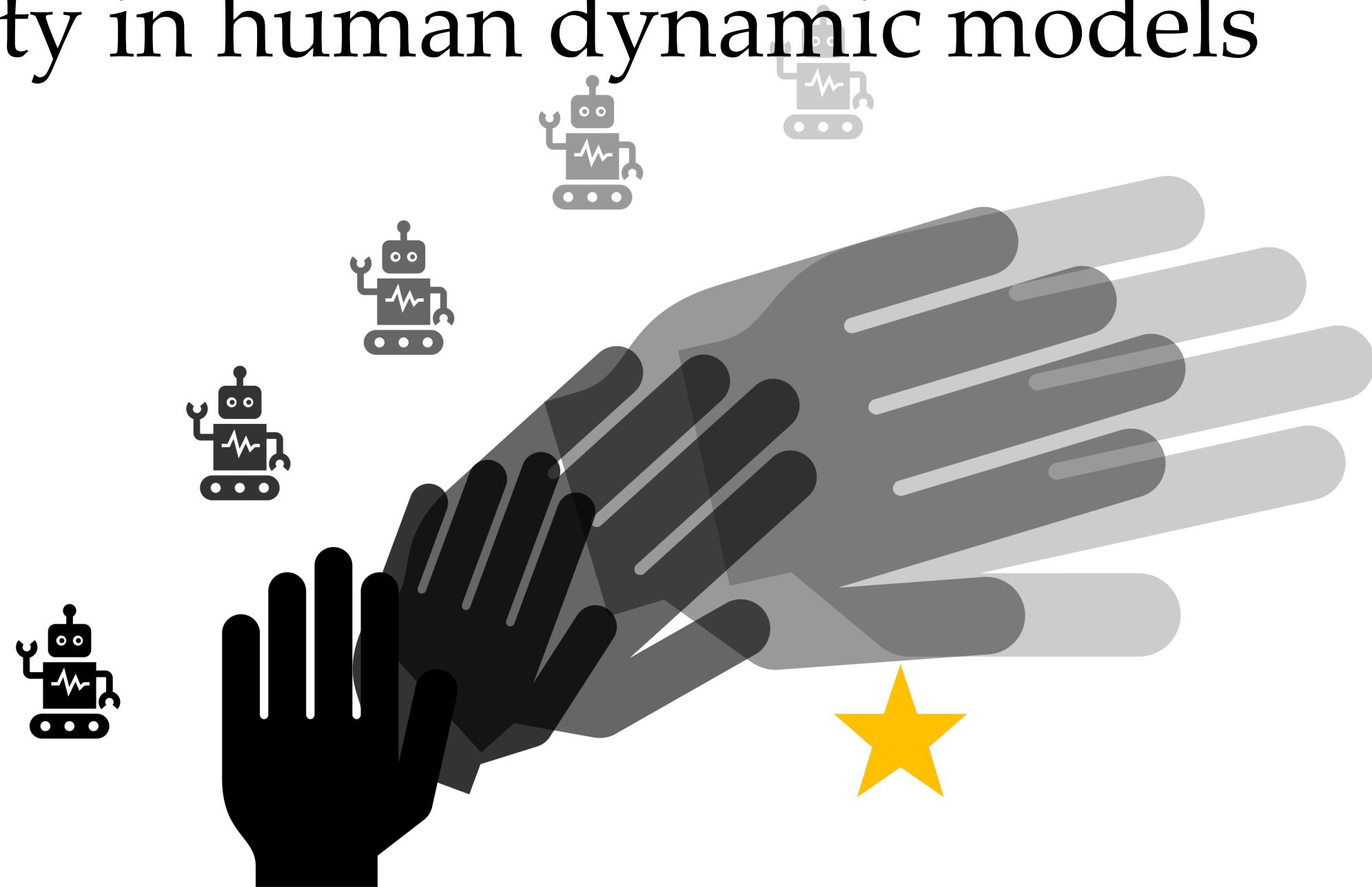
Human-aware motion planners

Safety = collision avoidance





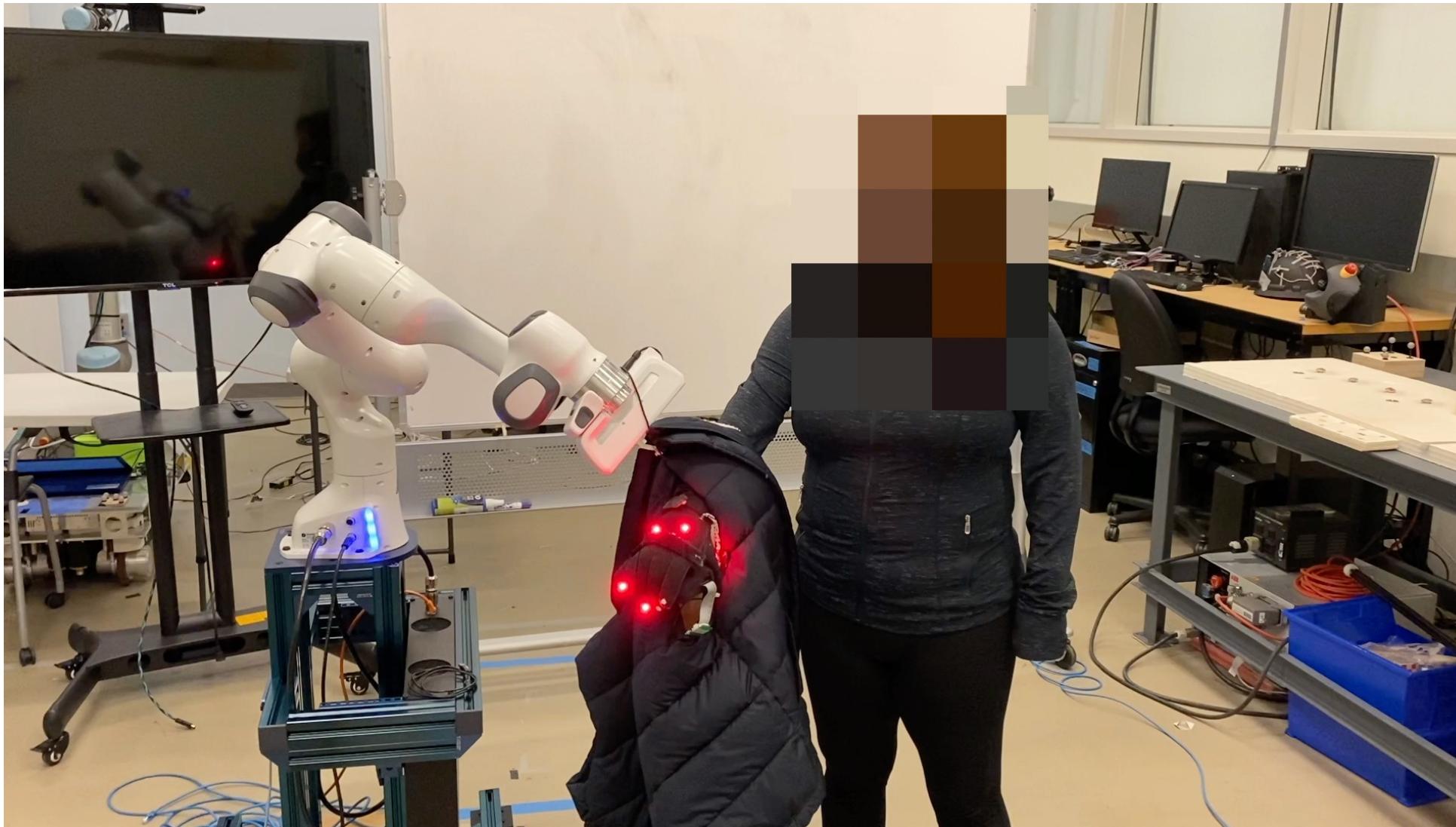
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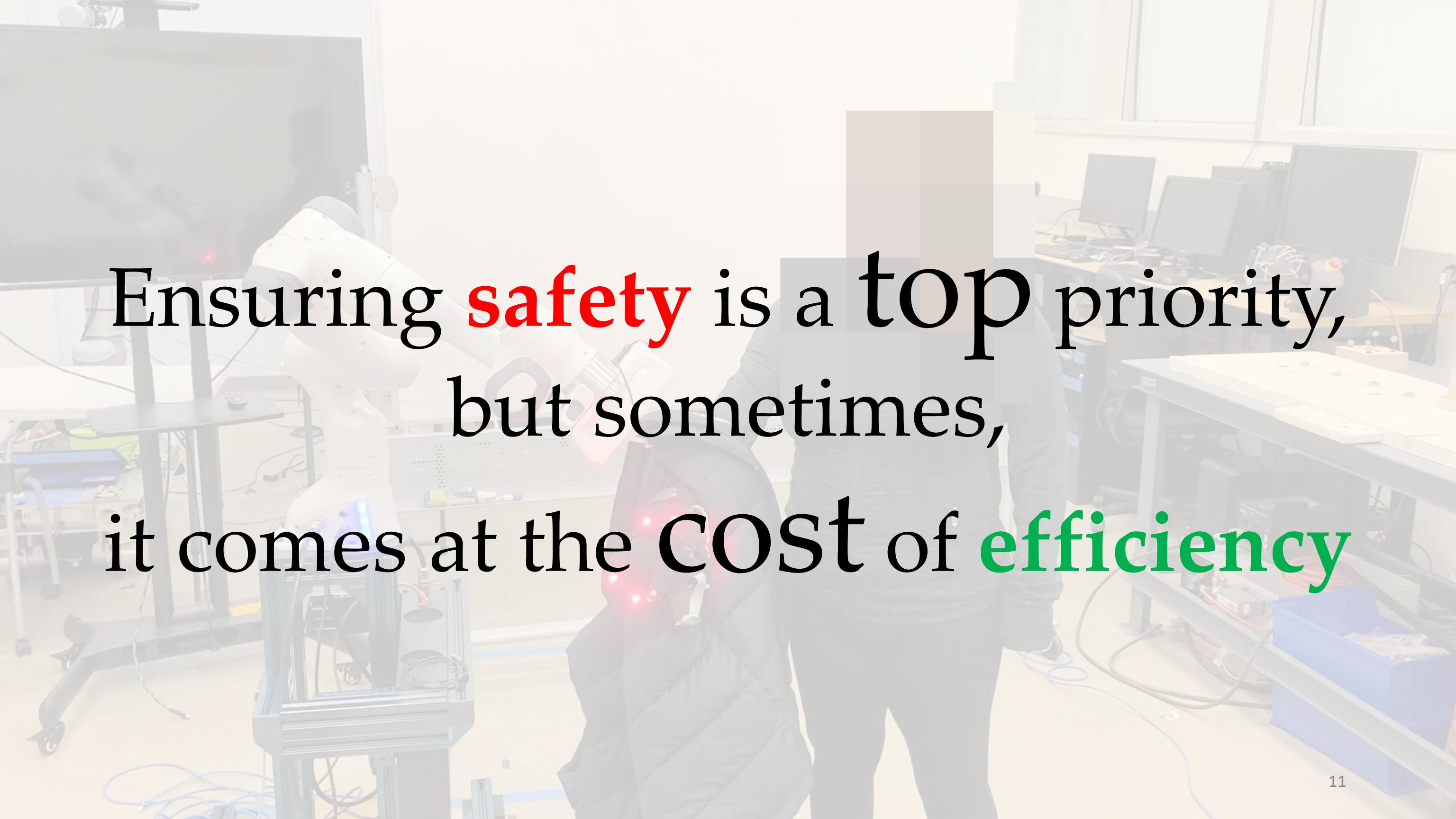


Overly conservative
=> Inefficient



“Freezing robot problem” under uncertainty





Ensuring **safety** is a top priority,
but sometimes,
it comes at the cost of **efficiency**

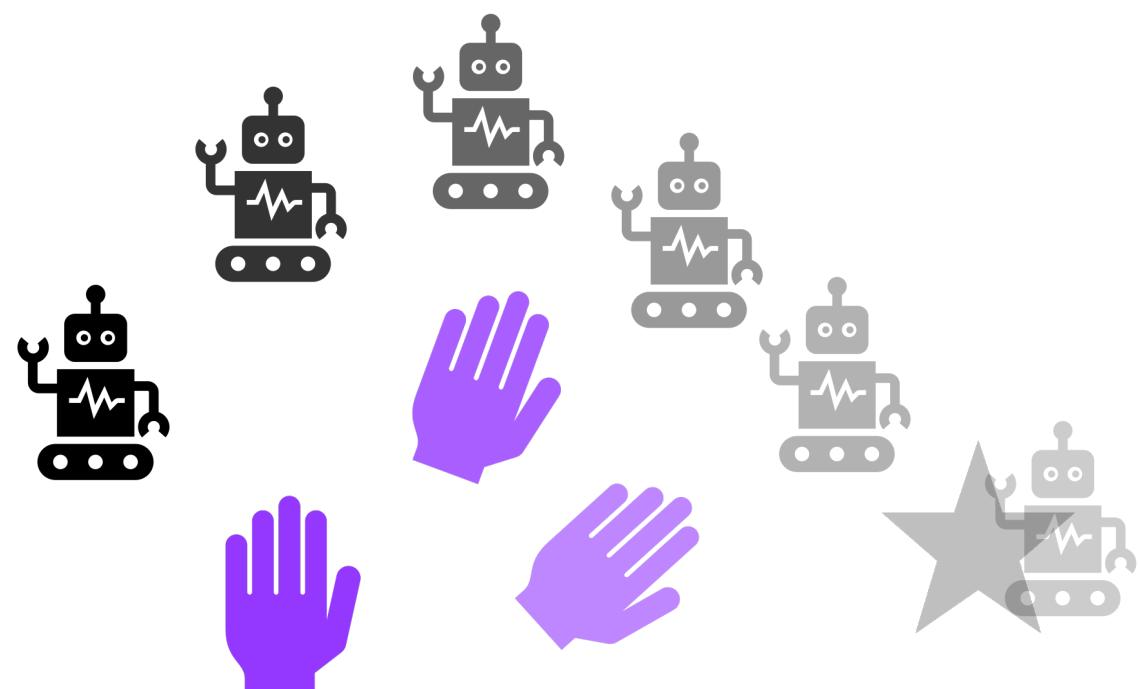
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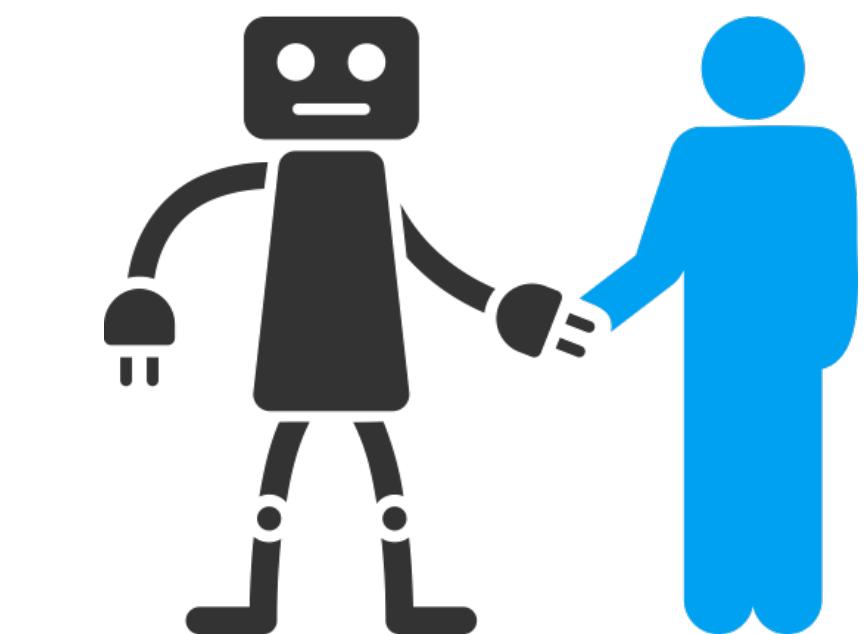
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Collision avoidance

Compliant controllers



Reduce contact force

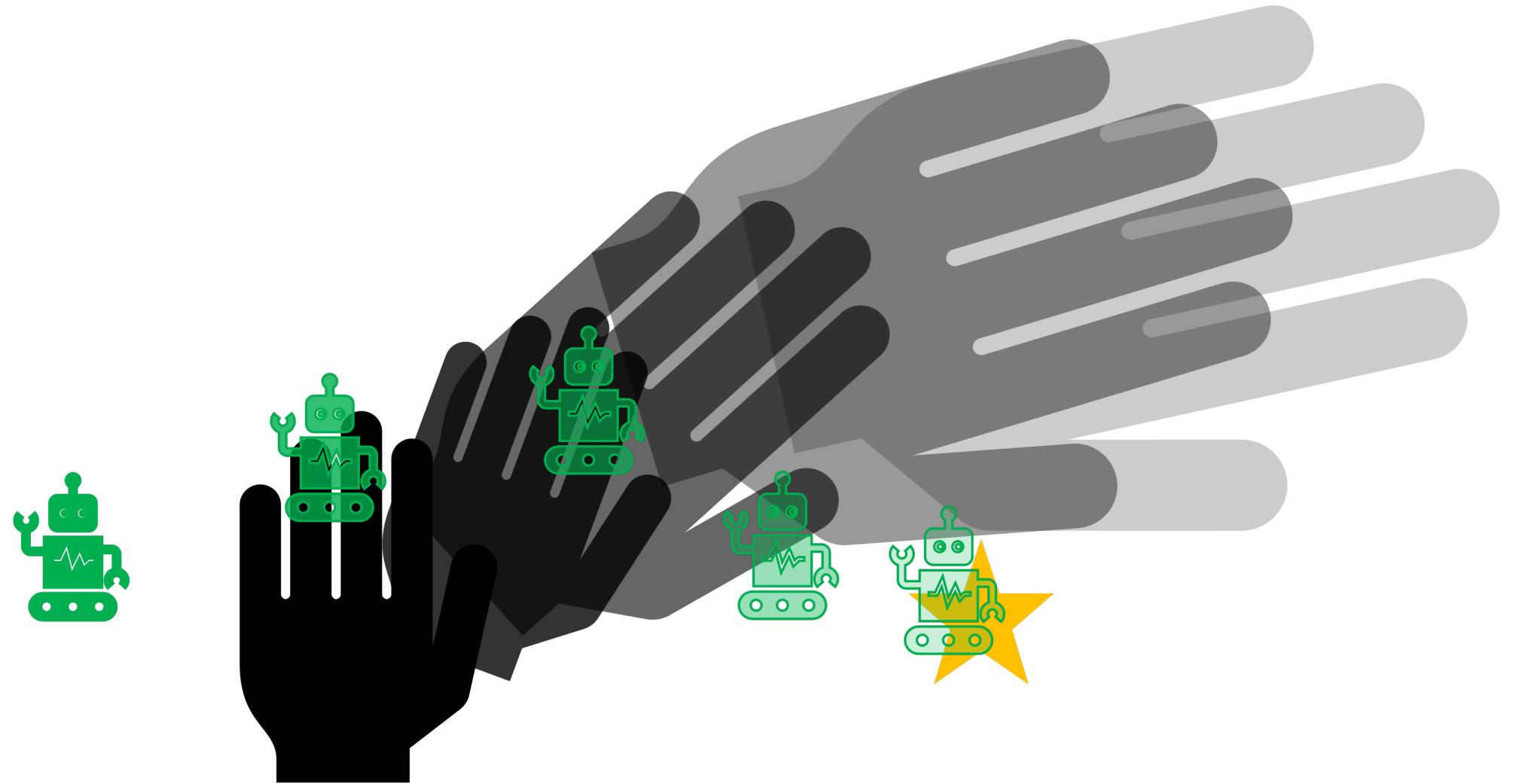
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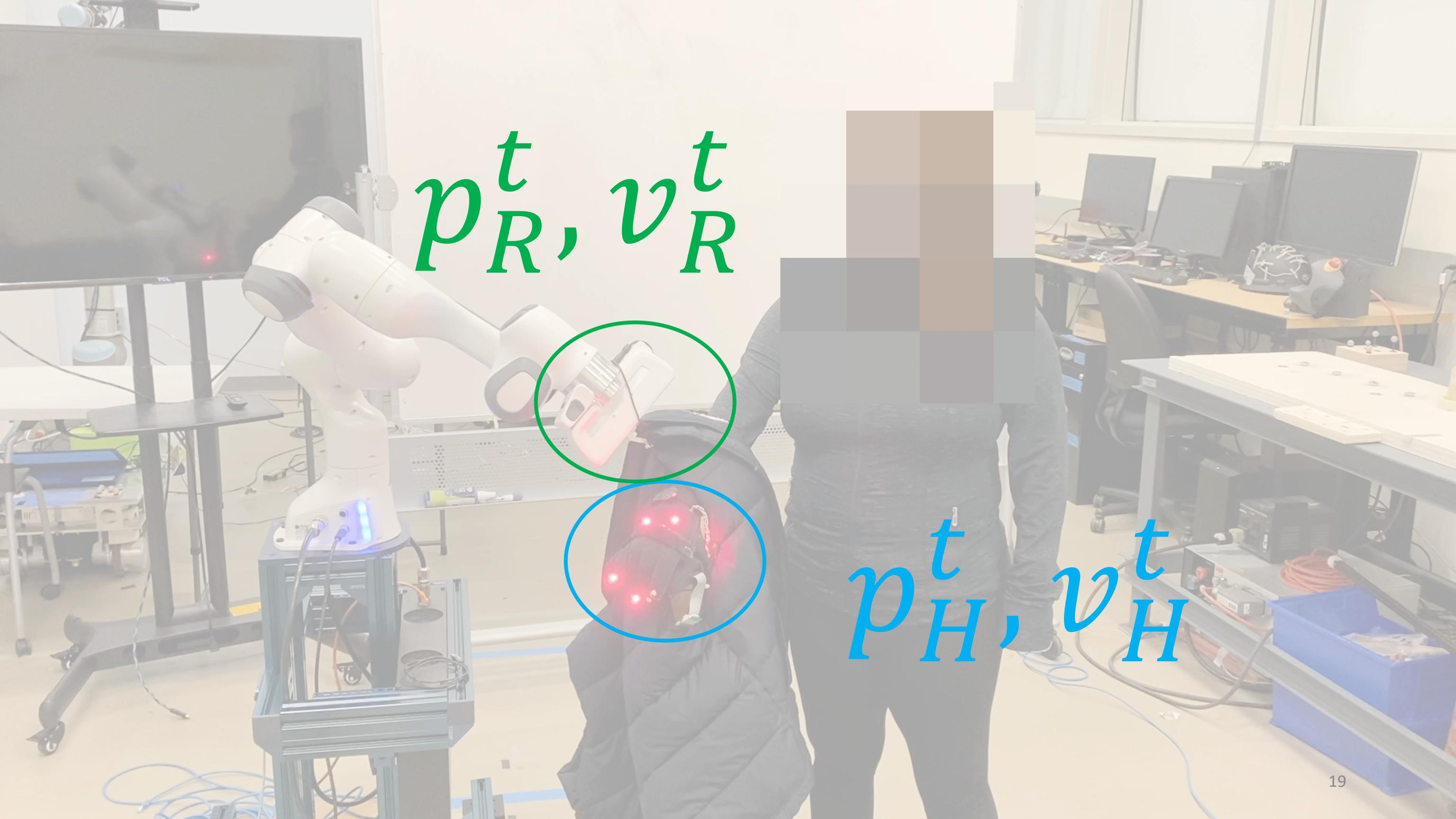
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 p_R^t, v_R^t p_H^t, v_H^t

Assumption: deterministic && “smooth”

$$p_H^{t+1} = p_H^t + g(p_H^t, p_R^t)$$

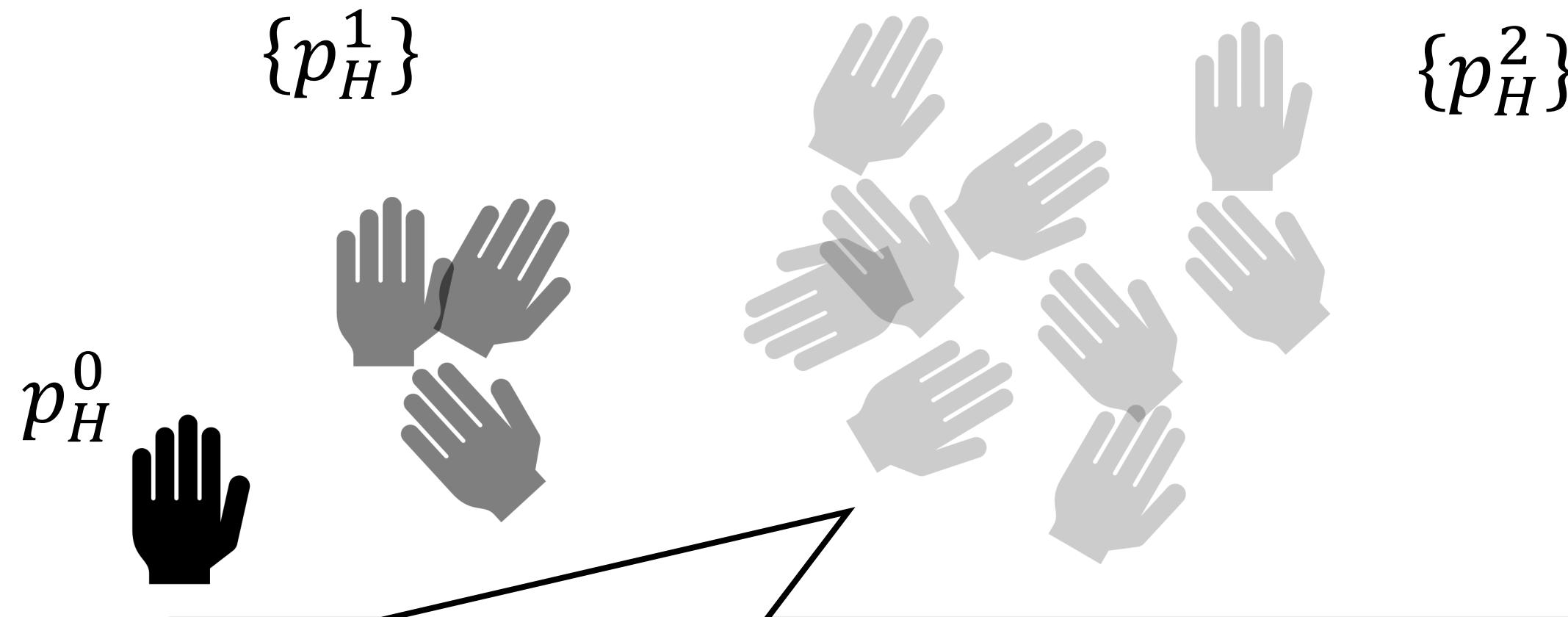
Gaussian Process

$$v_H^{t+1} = \frac{1}{h}(p_H^{t+1} - p_H^t)$$



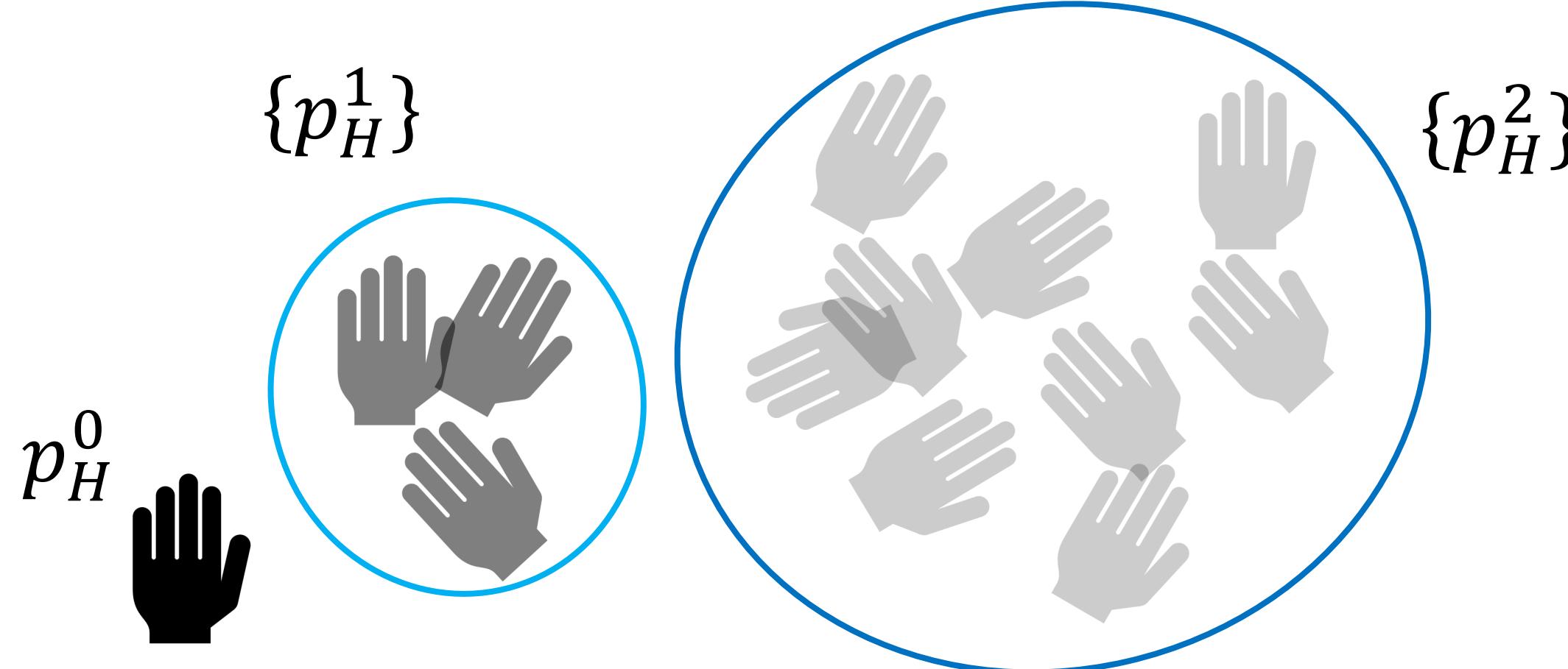
The length of time-steps

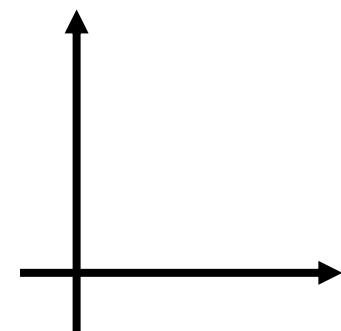
Human motion prediction



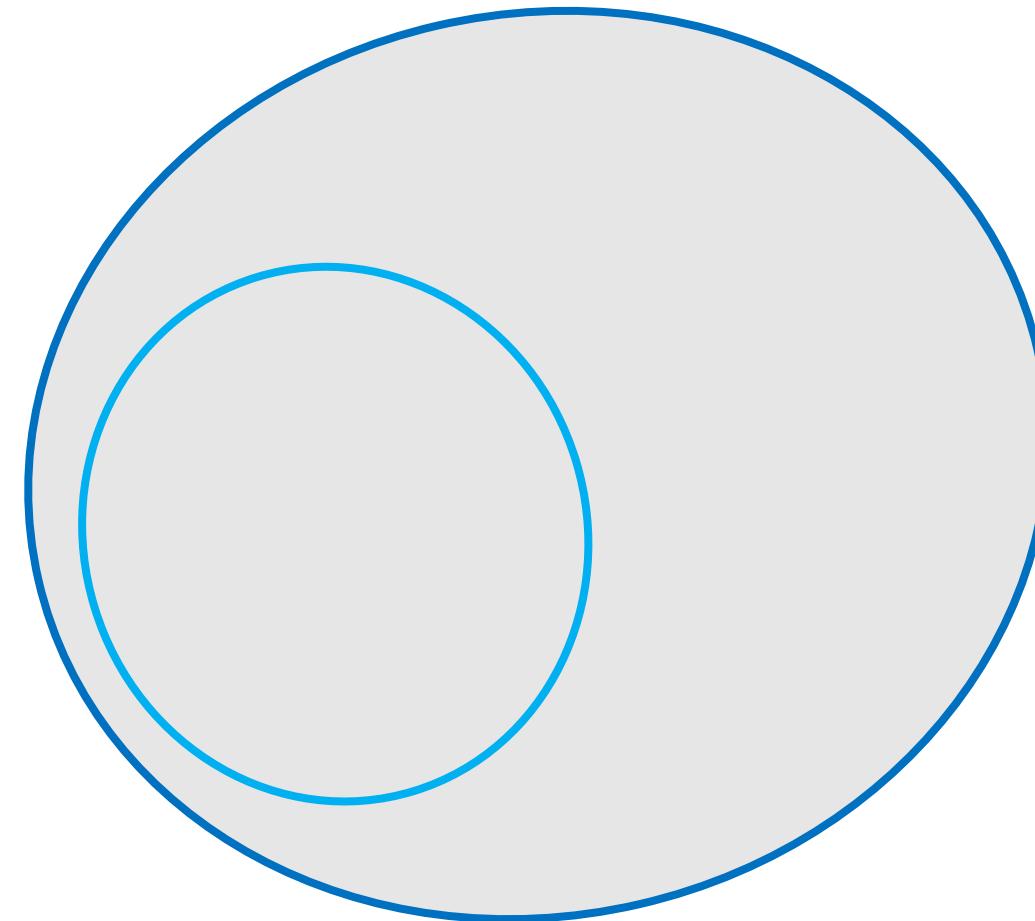
Uncertainty in the human dynamic model:

$$p_H^{t+1} = p_H^t + g(p_H^t, p_R^t)$$





Velocity space



Koller, Berkenkamp, Turchetta, Boedecker, and Krause. Learning-based model predictive control for safe exploration and reinforcement learning. 2019. 27

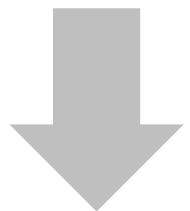
Corollary 1:

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With a high probability:

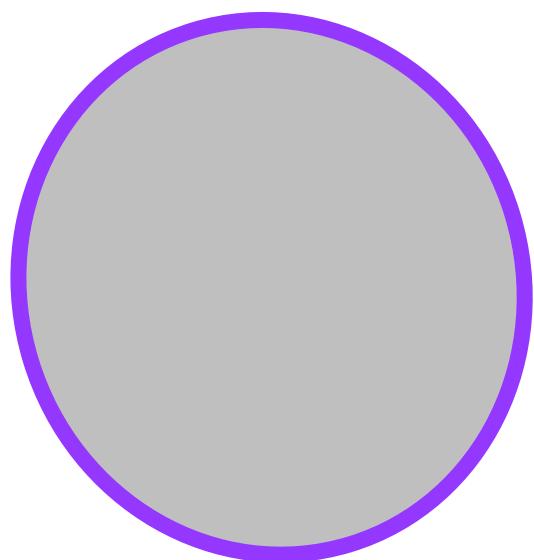
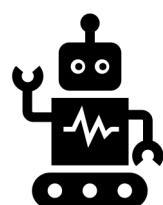
$\forall t \in [1 \dots T]$, human pos, vel \in ellipsoids

Collision avoidance

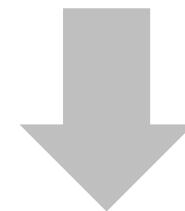


A constraint over

- Robot pos
- Human pos ellipsoid

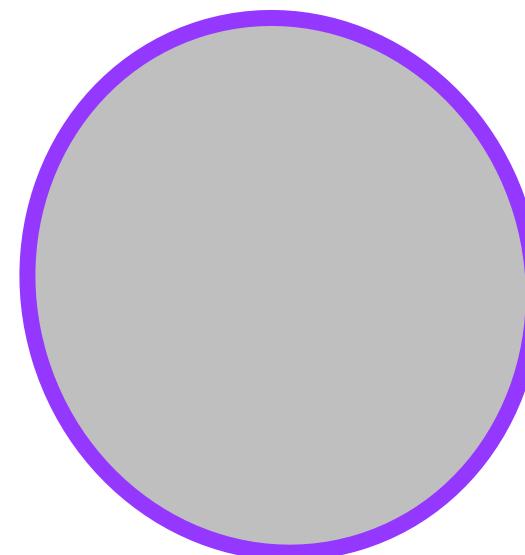
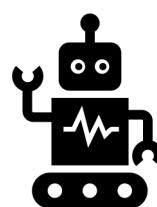


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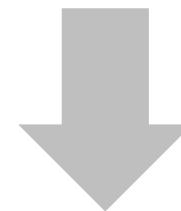


A constraint over

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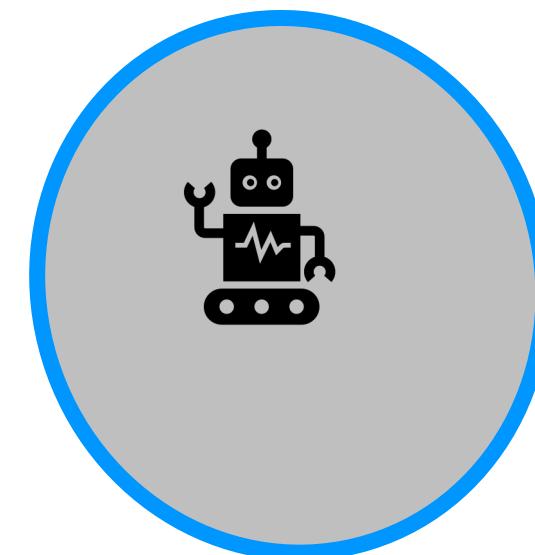
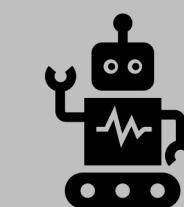


Safe impact

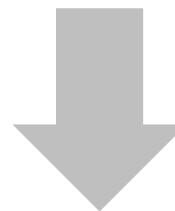


Constraints over

- Robot **vel**
- Human **vel** ellipsoid



Collision avoidance



A constraint over

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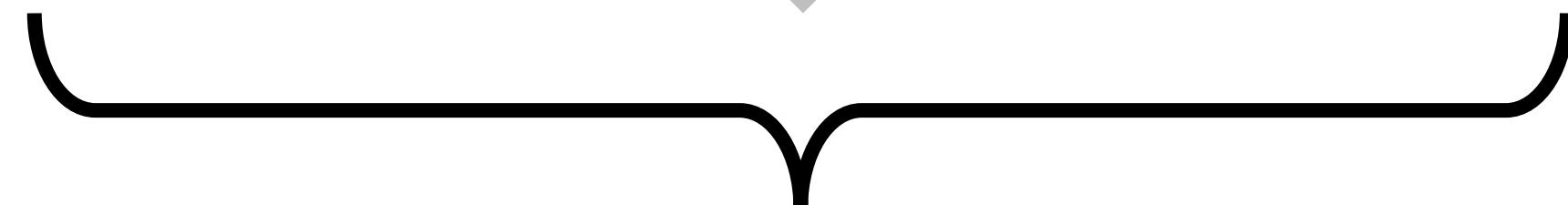
OR

Safe impact

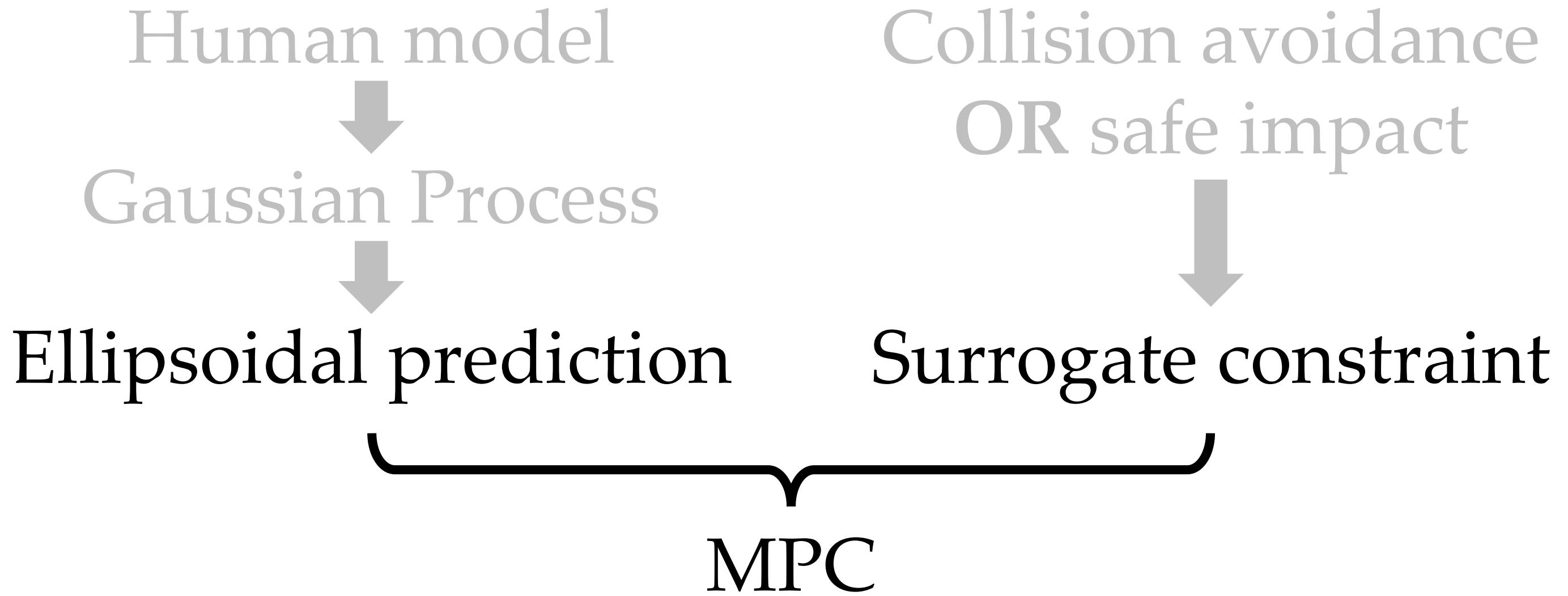


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Surrogate constraints



High probability safety guarantee
 $\Pr[\forall t \in \mathbb{N}, \text{safe}] > 1 - \delta$

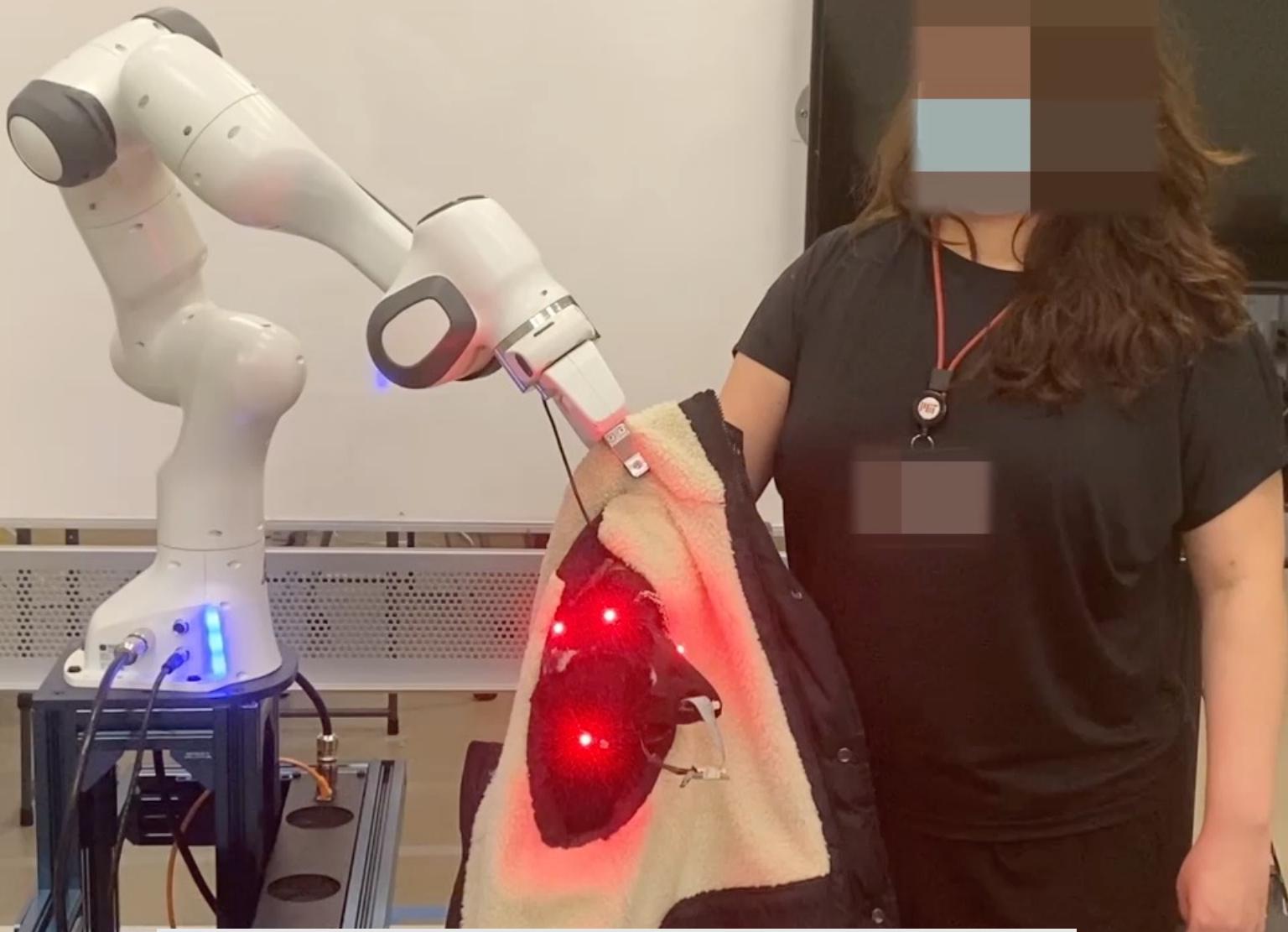
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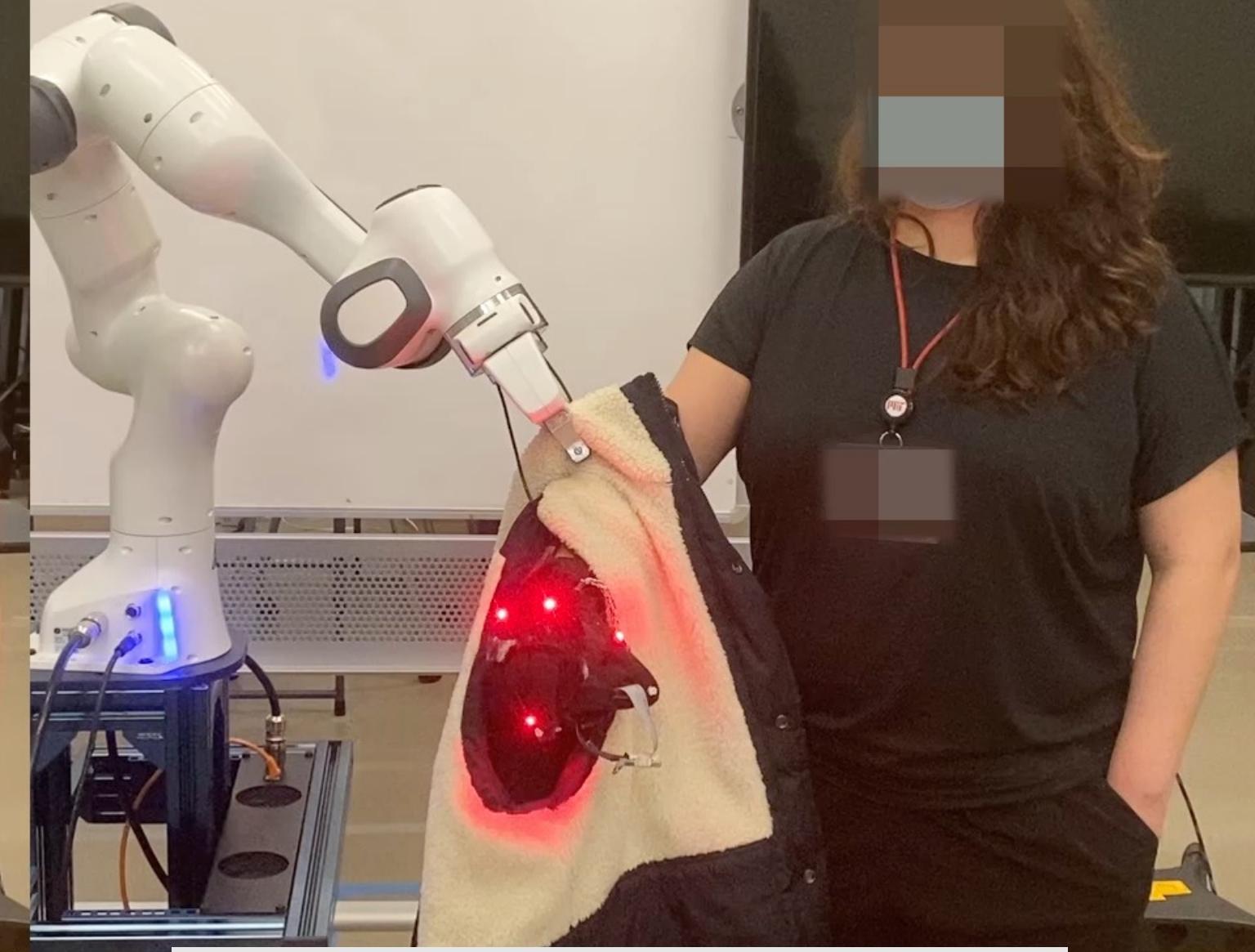
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$$d_{HR}^{max} = 0.085m$$



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