

# Intuitive Multifunctional Hand Prosthesis Control Performance and Satisfaction

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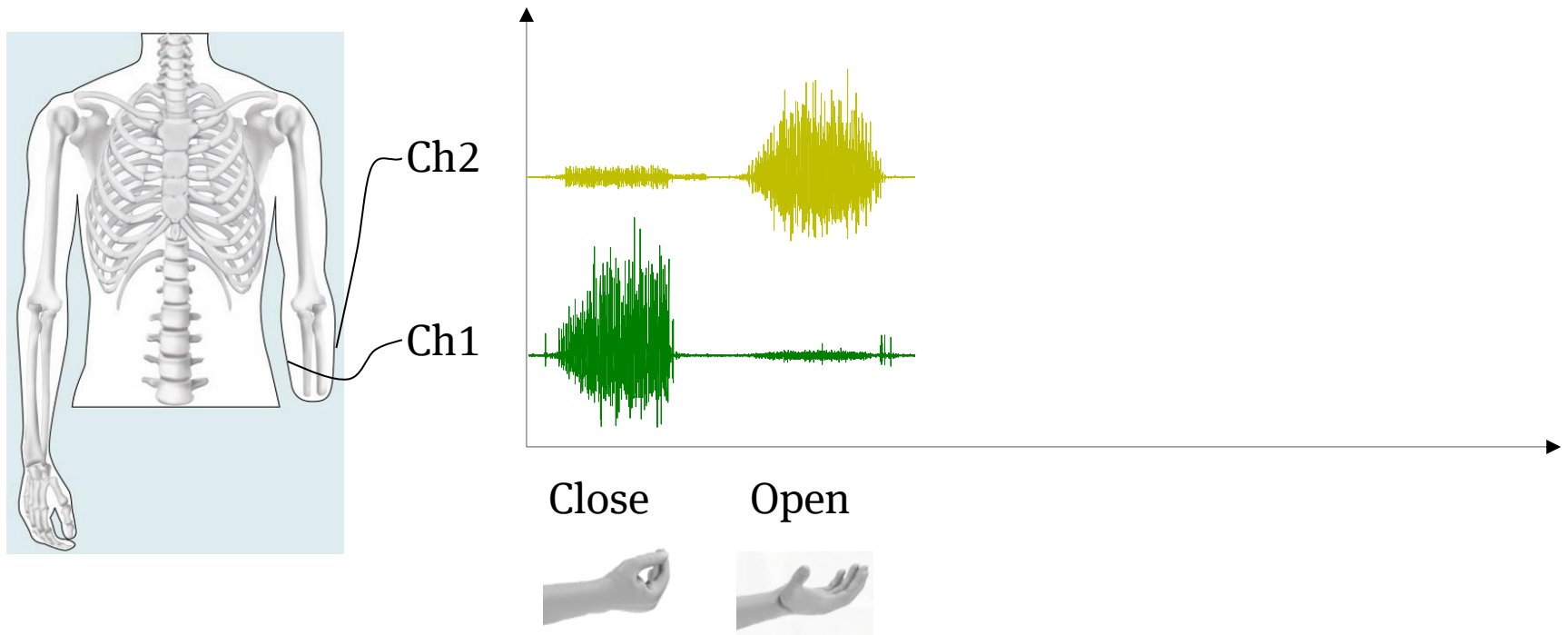


# Agenda

1. Introduction to intuitive multifunctional control
2. Results on performance and satisfaction
3. Outlook

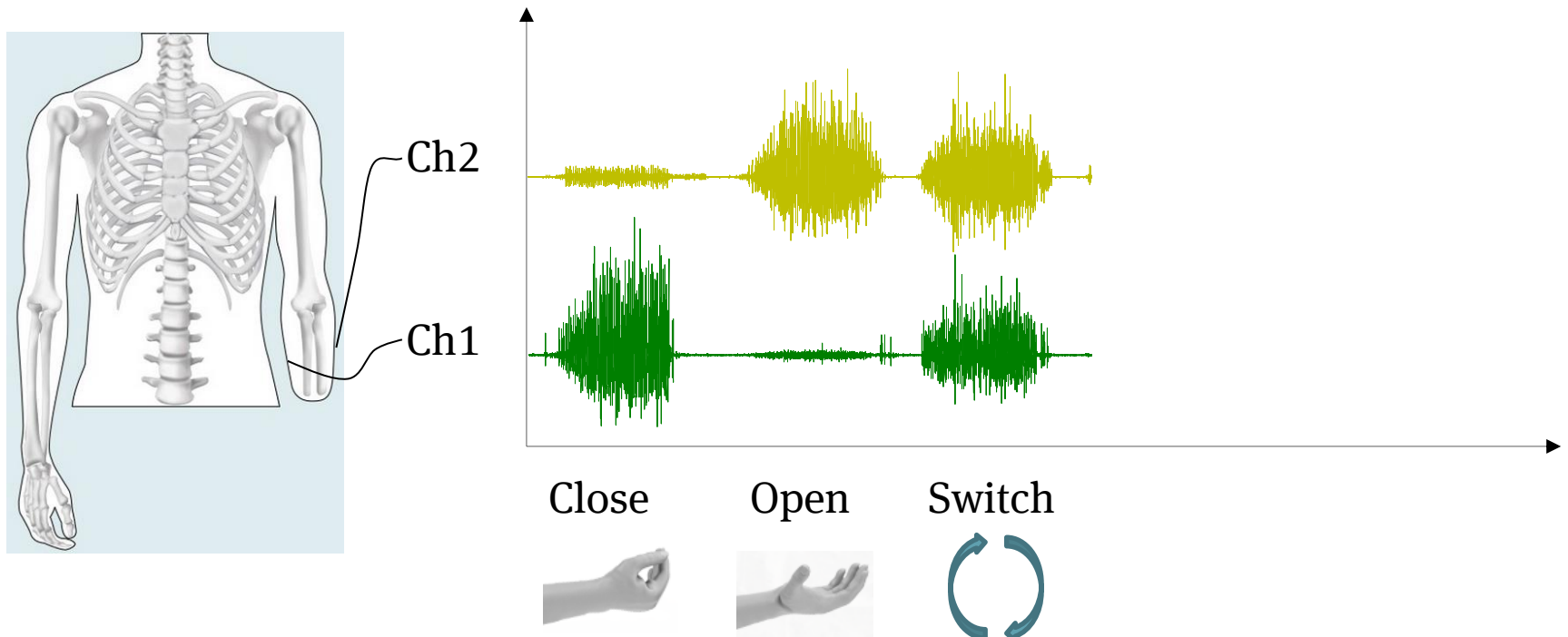
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## 2 channels for 2 functions



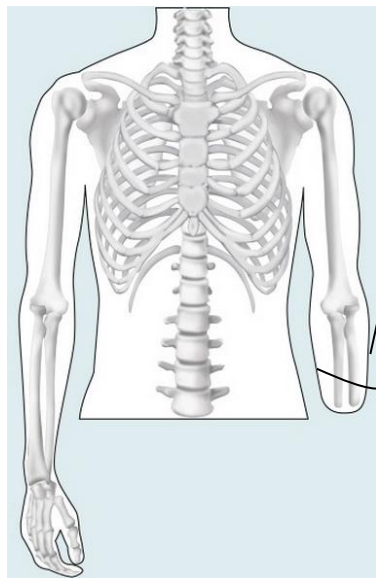
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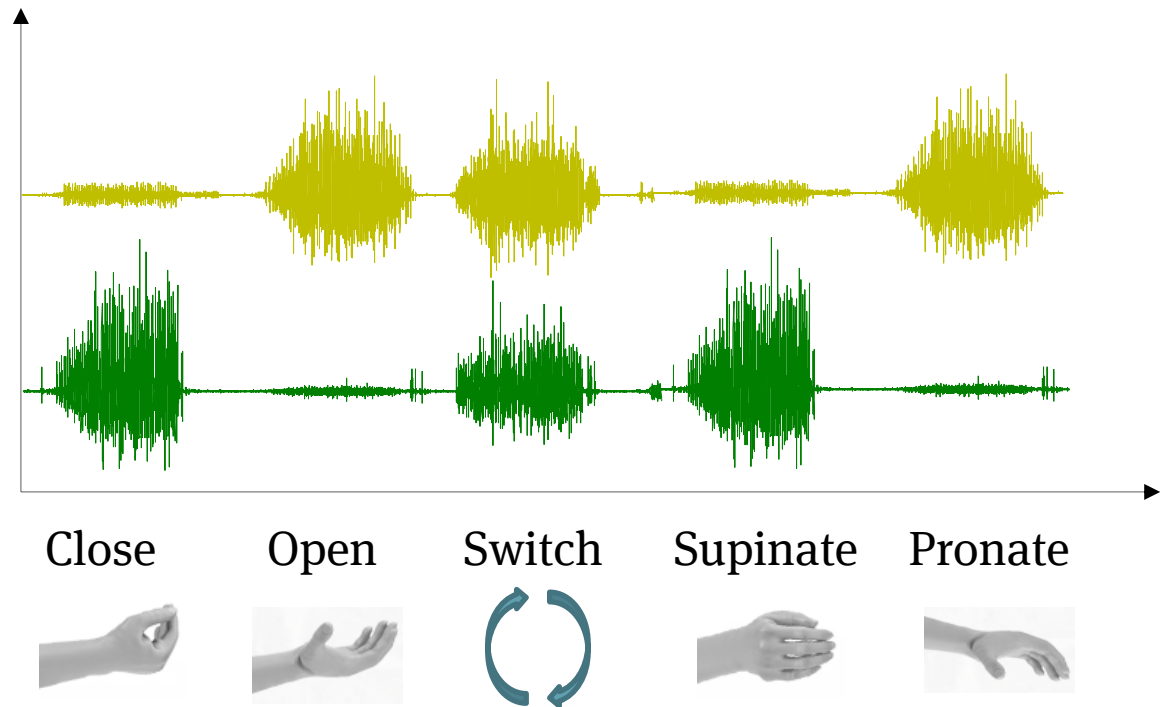
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## 2 channels for 4 functions



Ch2

Ch1



# Conventional prosthesis control

## How does it extend to more functionality?

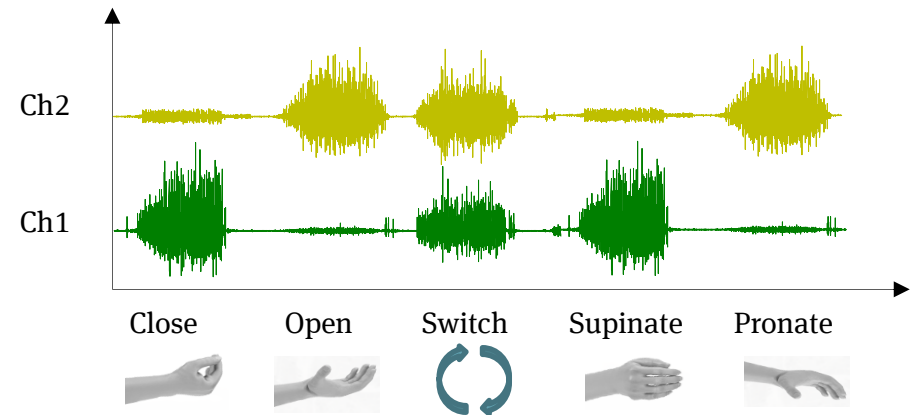


# Conventional prosthesis control

## Limitations



Feats of engeneering...

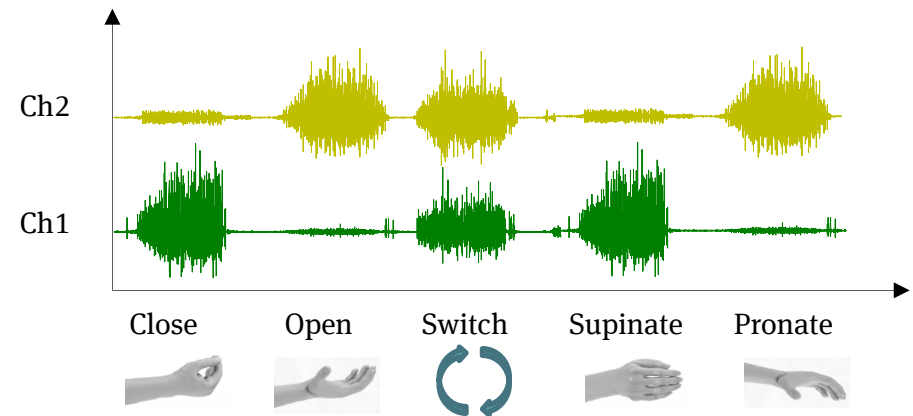


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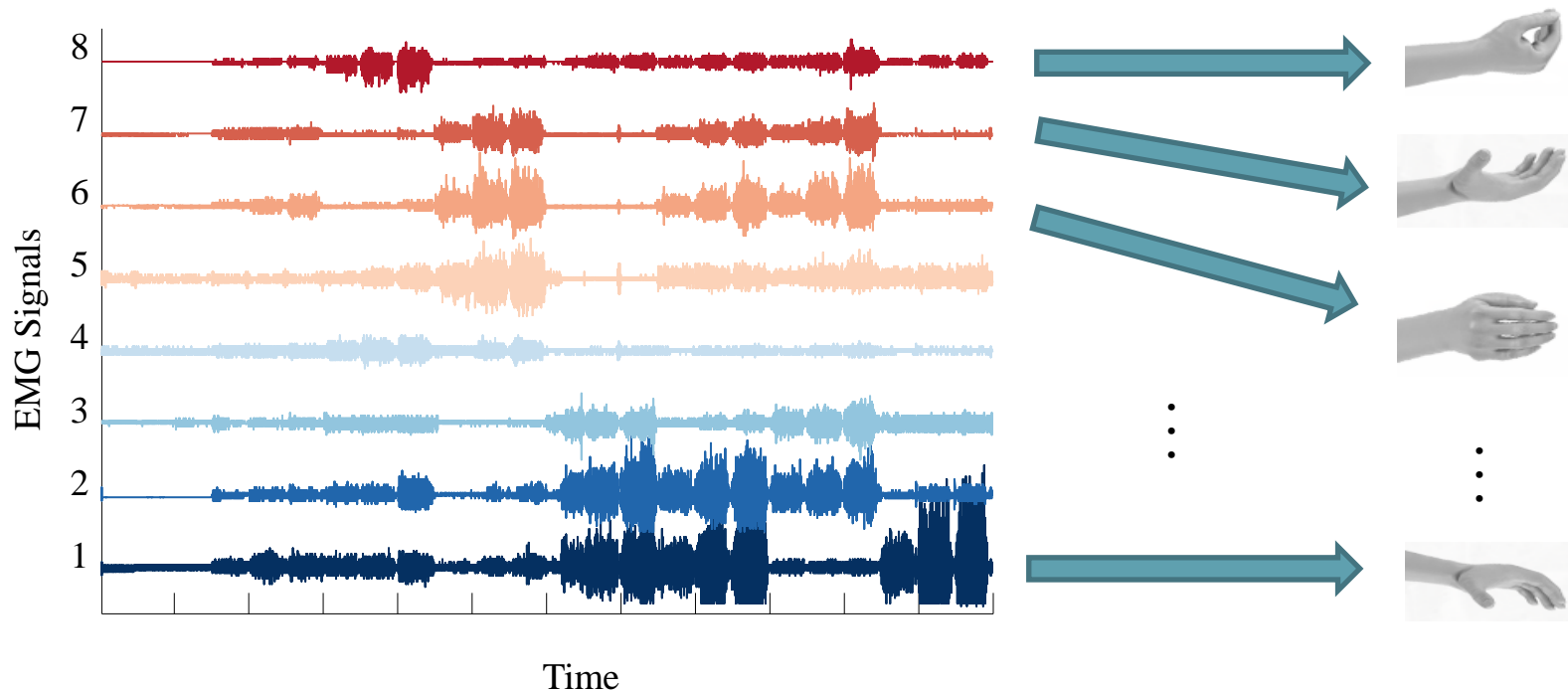
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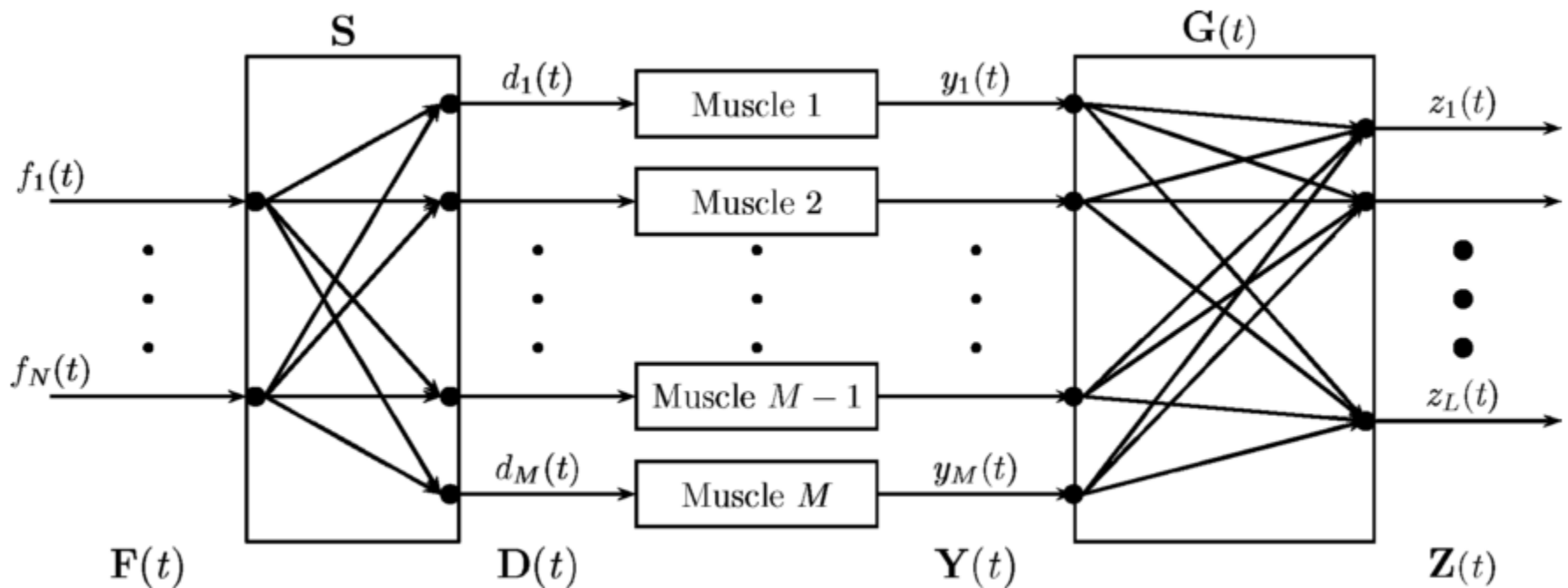
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Why not simply extend classic control to more channels?



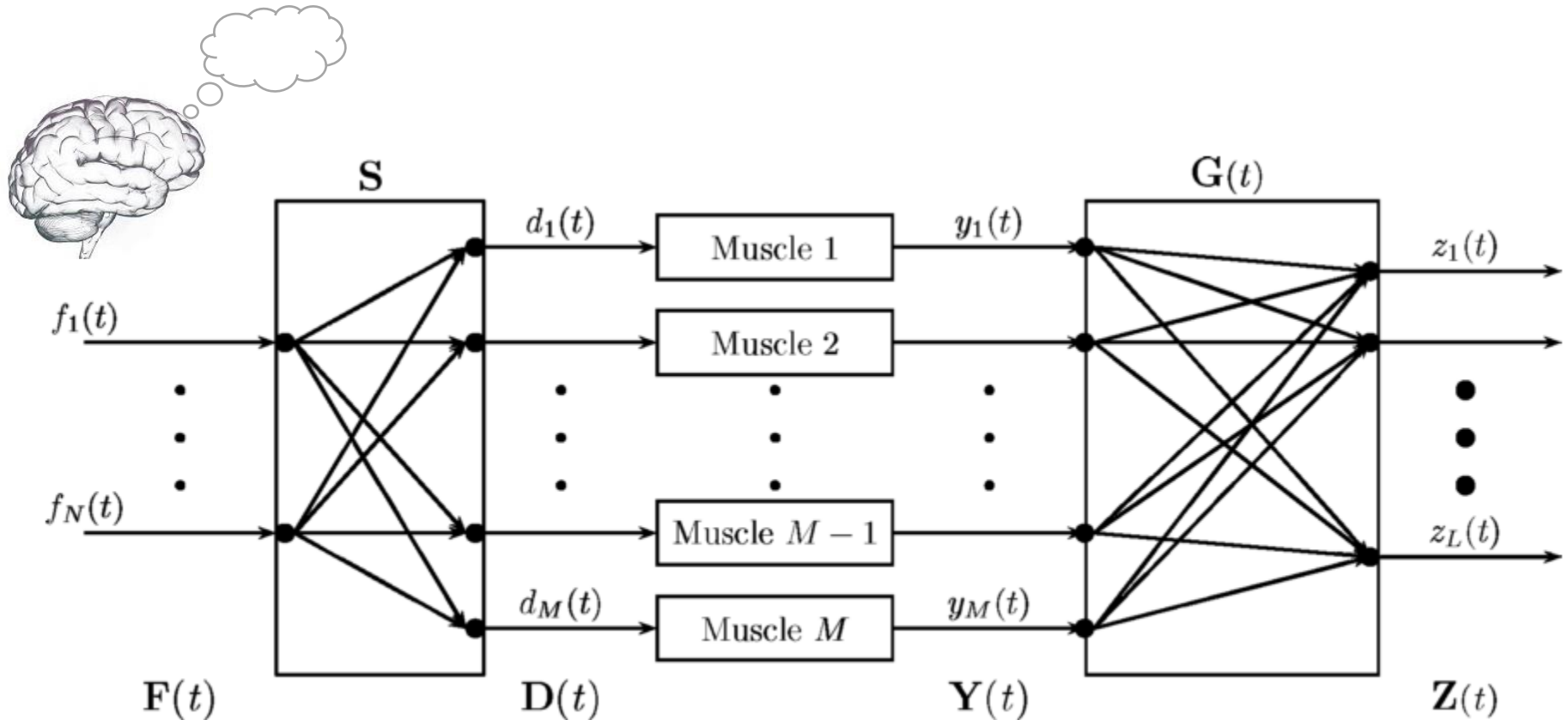
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## Muscle synergy and volume conduction



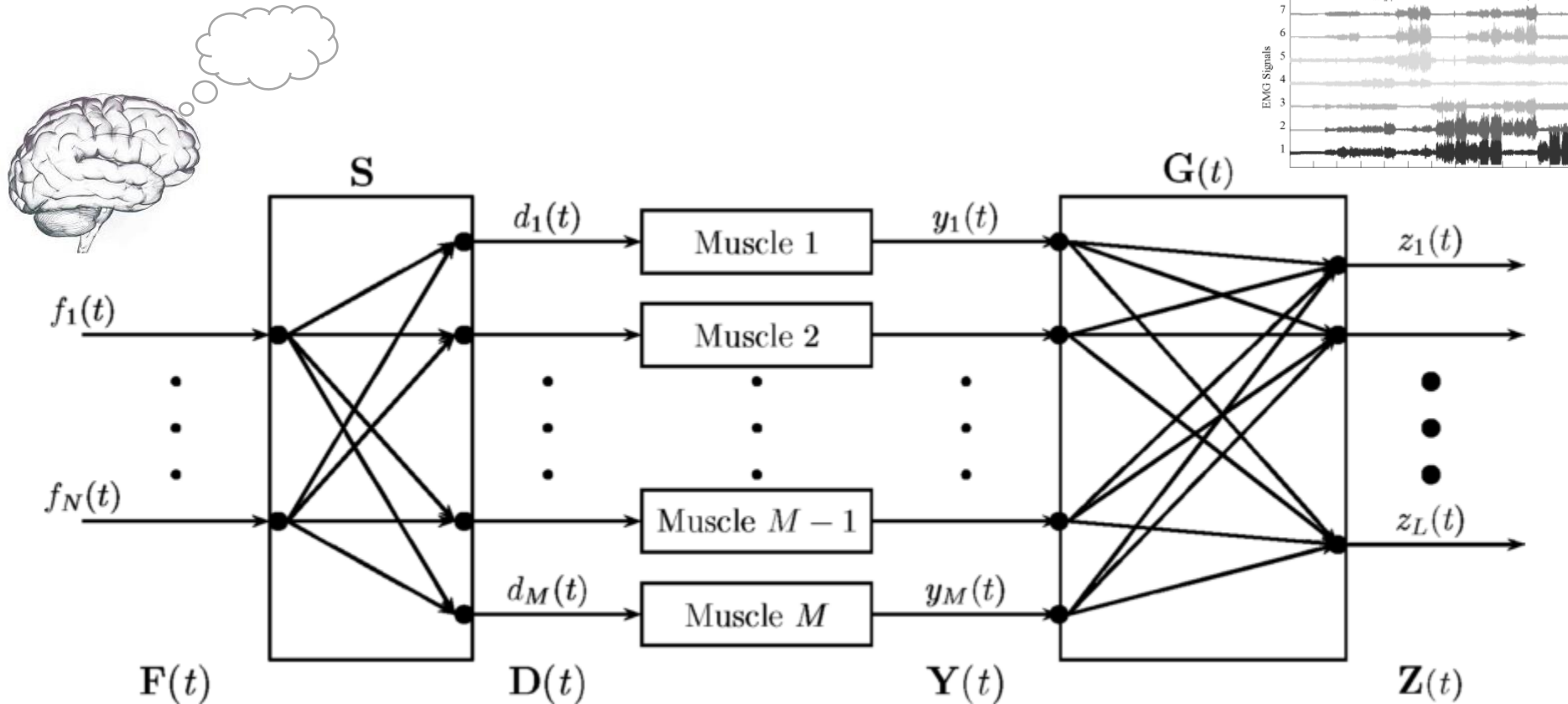
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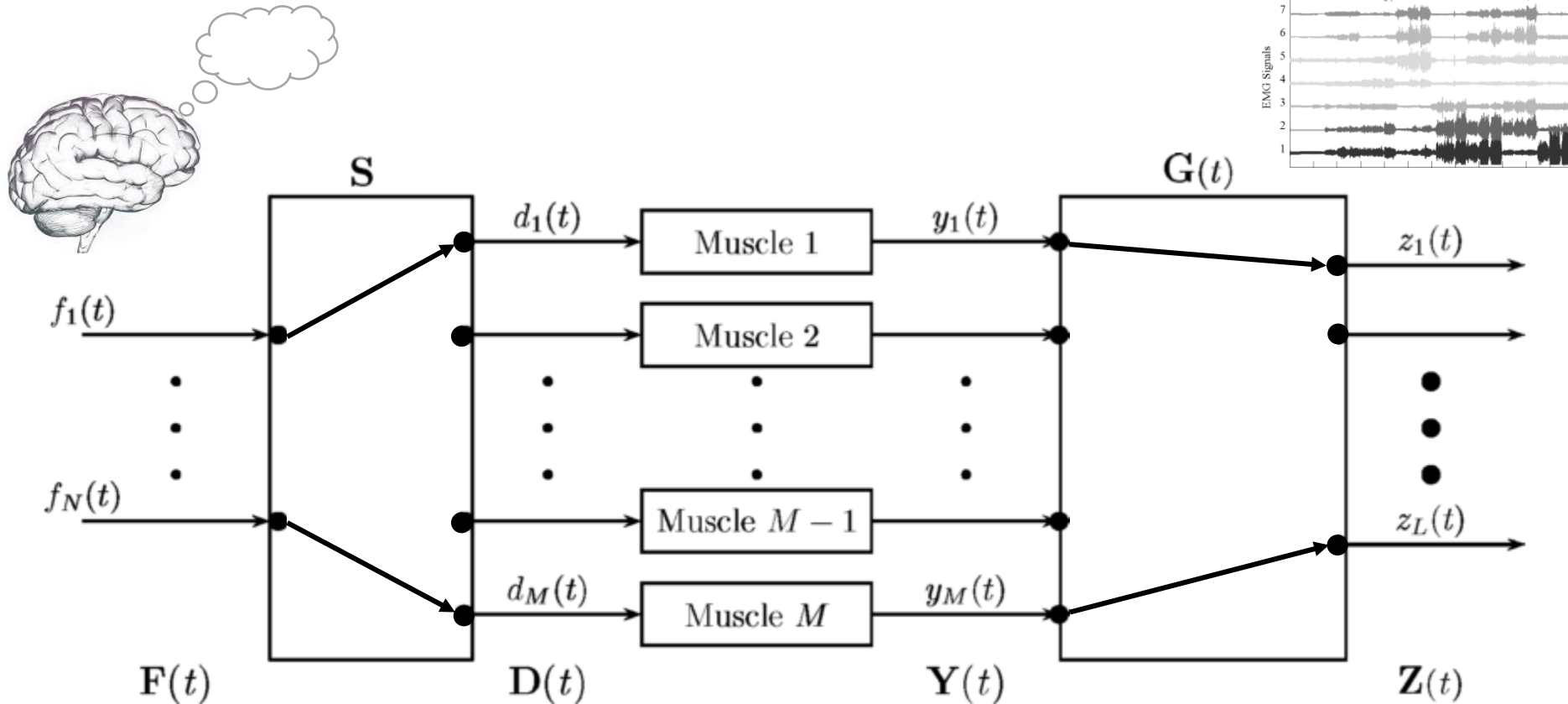
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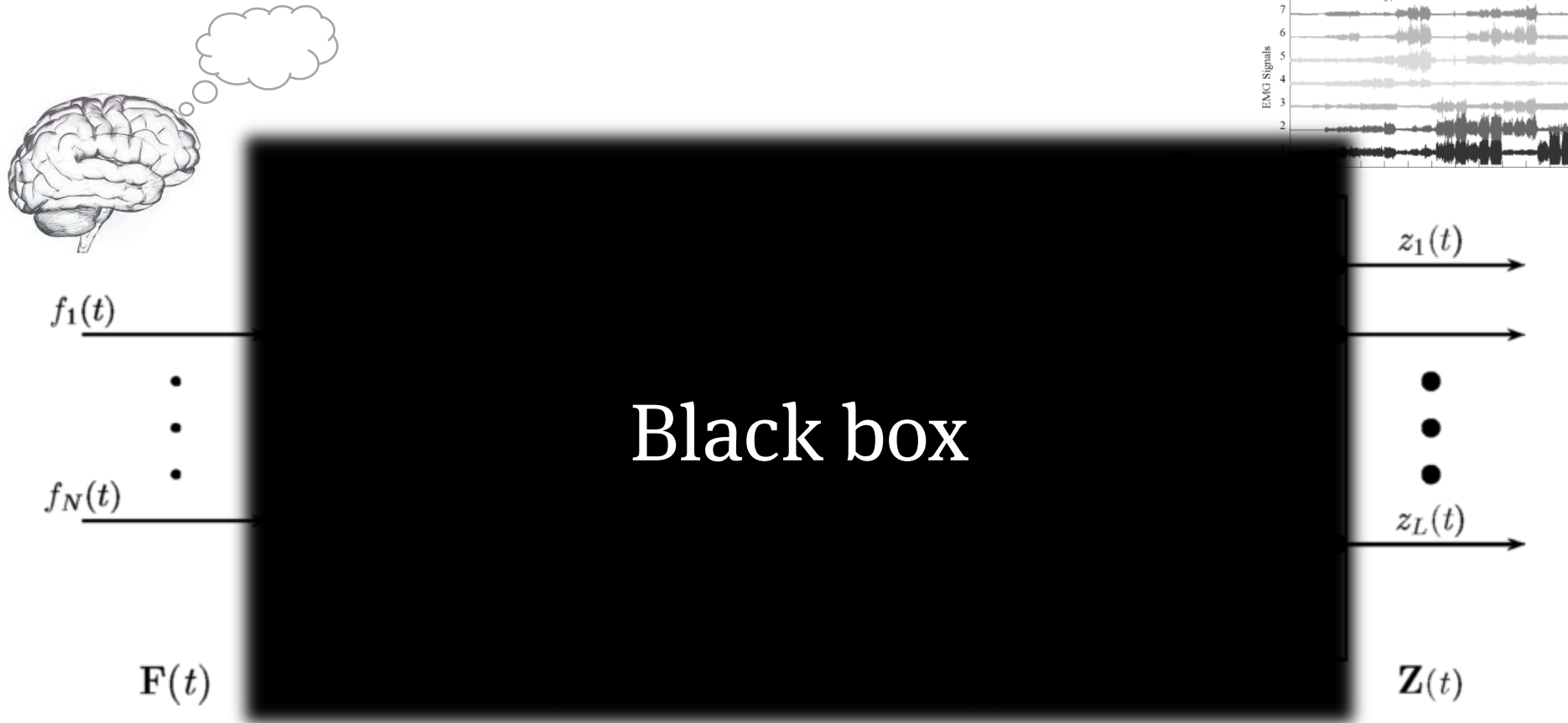
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## Solution 1: TMR



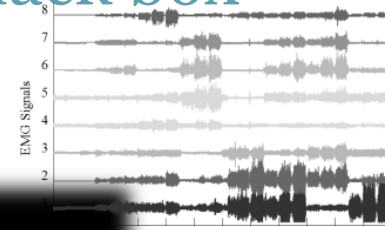
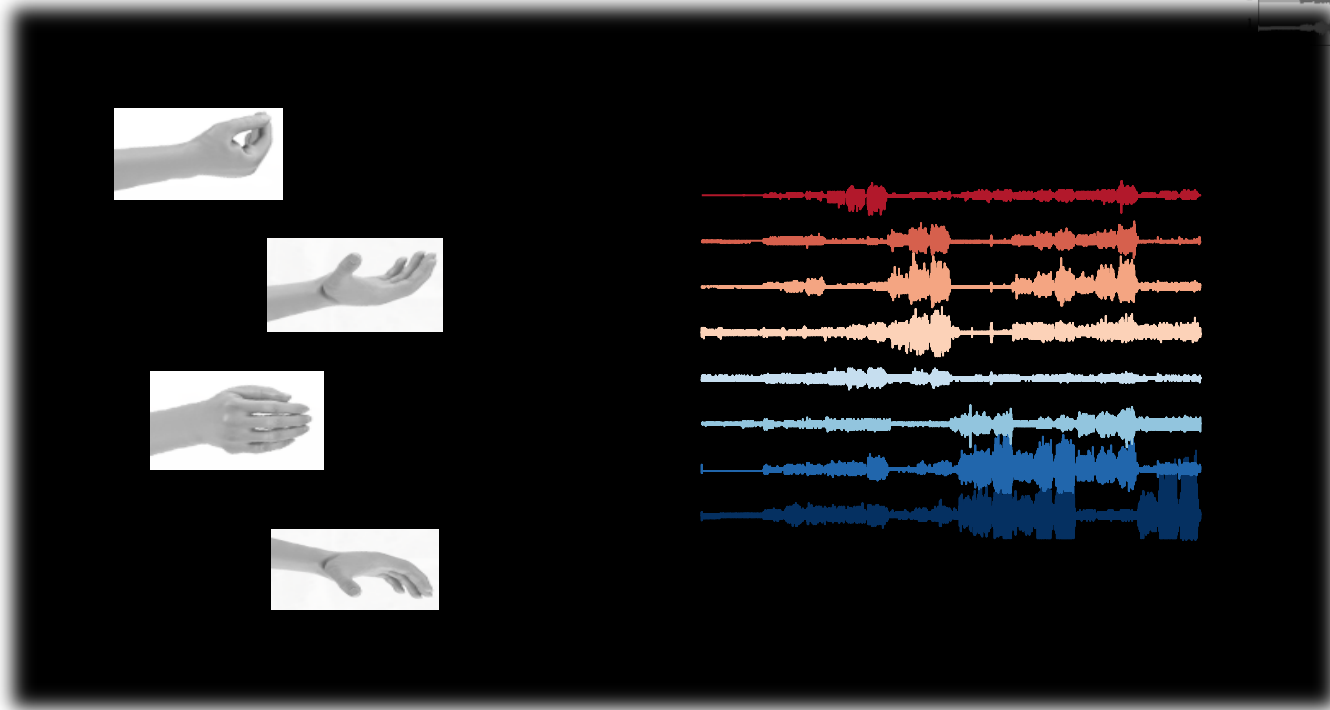
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## Solution 2: Pattern recognition



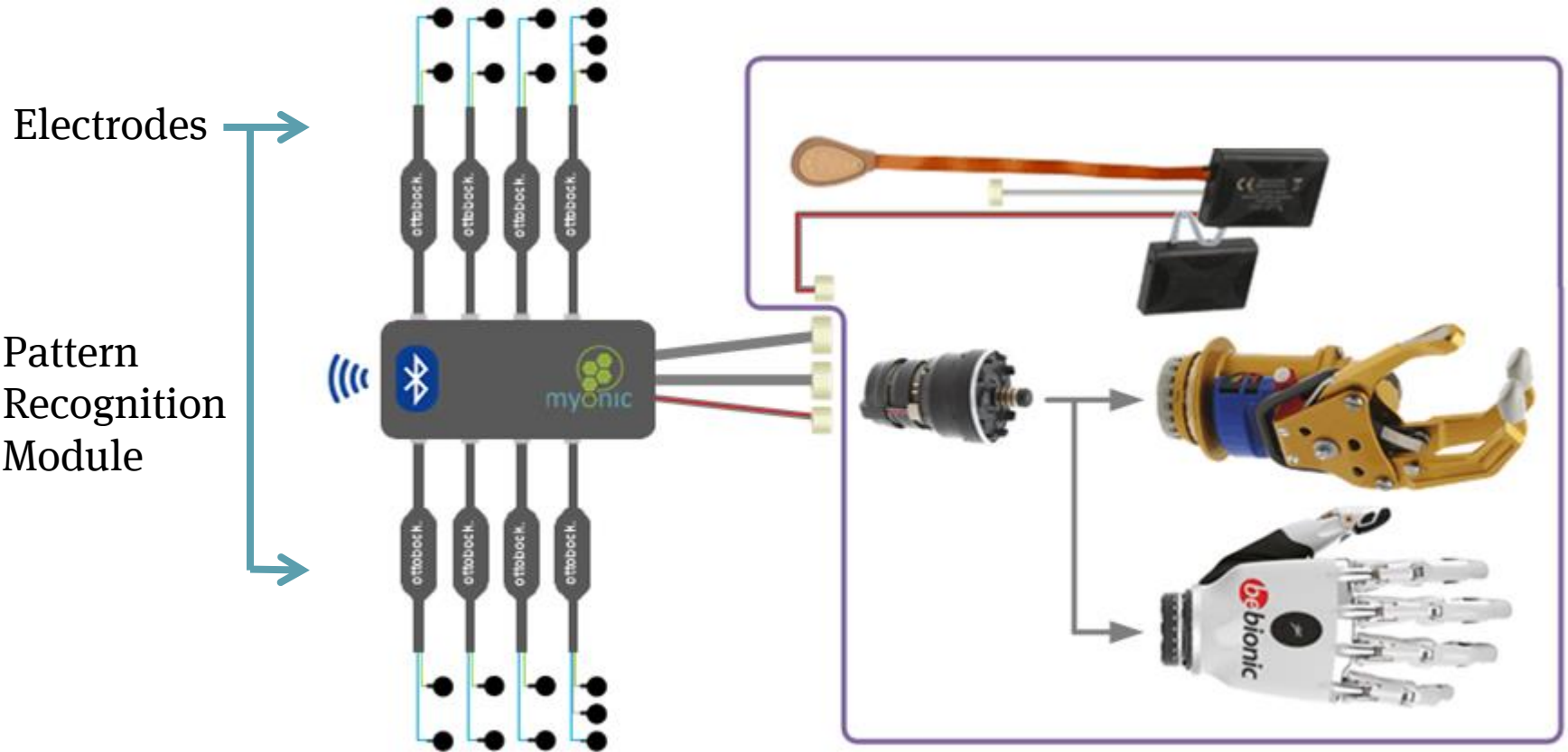
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## Solution 2: Pattern recognition - feeding the black box



# Intuitive multifunctional hand prosthesis control

## Pattern Recognition





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# Pattern recognition – home use study

## Aim

- (1) performance and satisfaction of **transradial amputees**  
conventional control ↔ PR control ↔ conventional control
- (2) feedback from **amputees, prosthetists and trainers**
- (3) prolonged home-use

Study was approved by Ethics Committee BC Tübingen, Germany.

# Pattern recognition – home use study

## Study protocol

Visit #1  
Recruitment

Visit #2  
baseline measurement

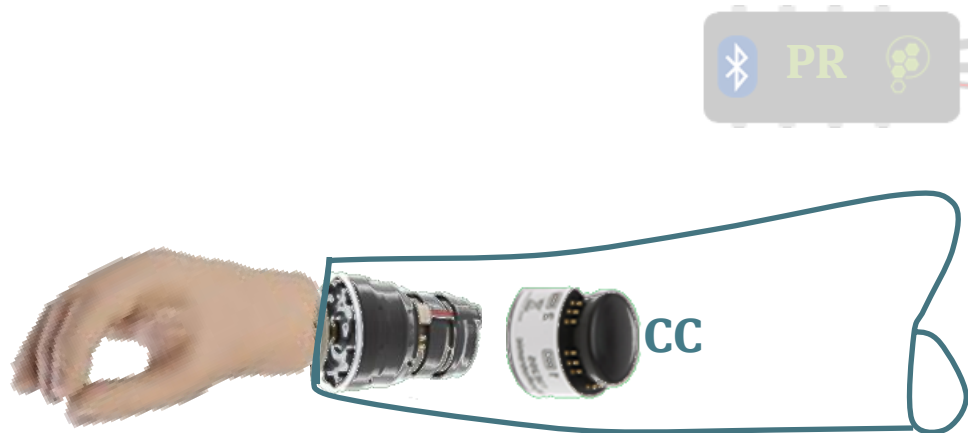
Socket production

Visit #3  
Test prosthesis  
**1<sup>st</sup> data collection**

**4 weeks home use**

Visit #4 (1/2)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> data collection**

Visit #4 (2/2)  
original prosthesis  
**3<sup>th</sup> data collection**



**Original prosthesis:**

1. transradial MYOBOCK hand prostheses and
2. MYOBOCK wrist rotator
3. **pattern recognition controller (in development)**

# Prosthetic control – home use study

## Participants

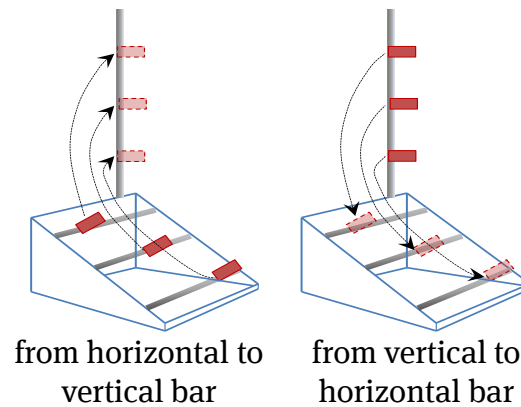
- 6 patients, 2<sup>nd</sup> follow-up for 5 participants

Demographic data	
age (year)	45 ± 16.0 (range: 22 - 68)
gender	83% male (5)
amputation cause	100% trauma (6)
<b>time since amputation (year)</b>	<b>7 ± 7.9 (range: 1 - 21)</b>
amputation side	83% left (5)
conventional control	33% co-contraction (2); <b>67% 4-channel control (4)</b>
<b>hours of wearing a prosthesis / day</b>	<b>8 ± 4.7 (range: 2 - 12)</b>

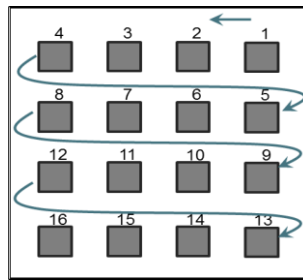
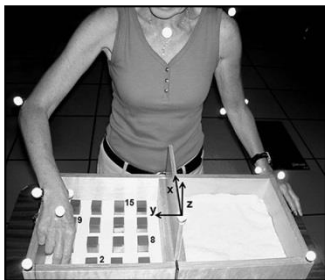
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## Clinical tests

Clothespin Relocation Test

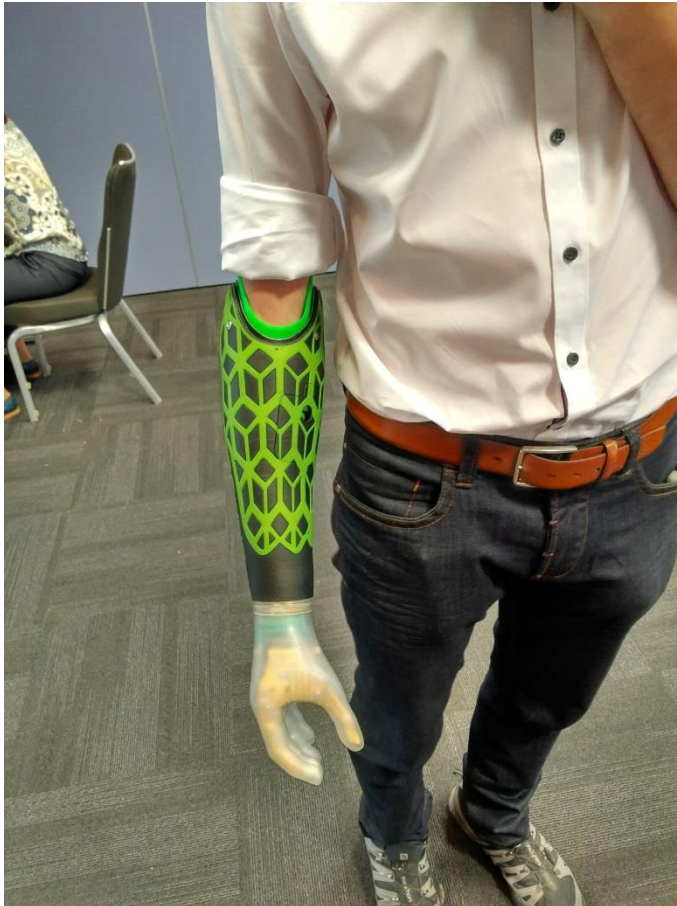


Modified Box and Blocks test



# Pattern recognition – home use study

## Socket examples (3D print)





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## Real-world use

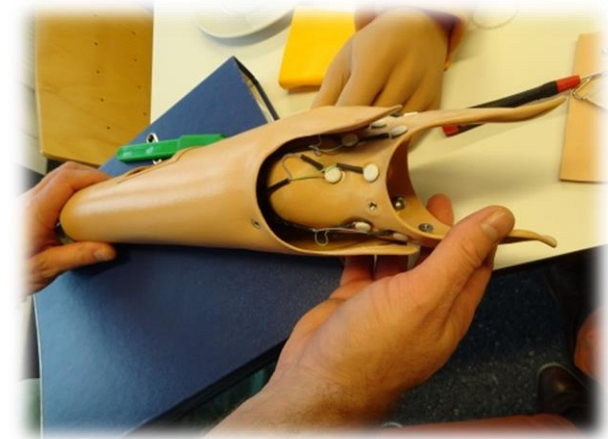
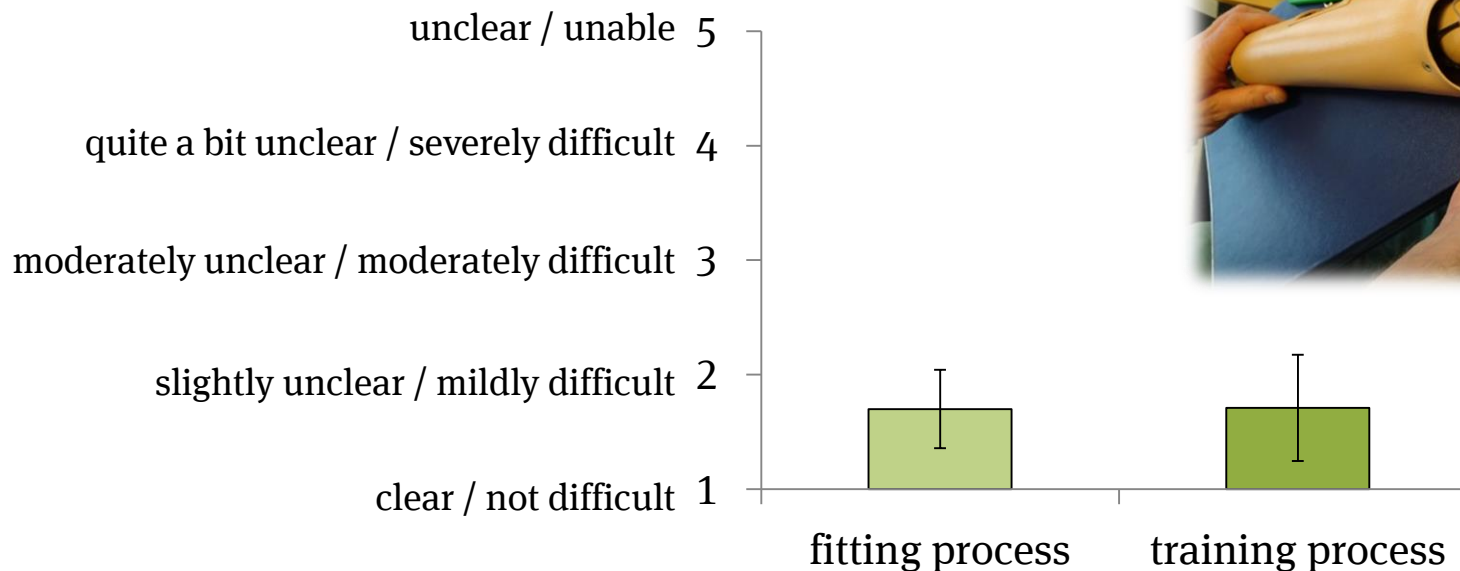


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## Results

### CPO evaluation of training and fitting process

- all participants were satisfyingly fitted within the first visit



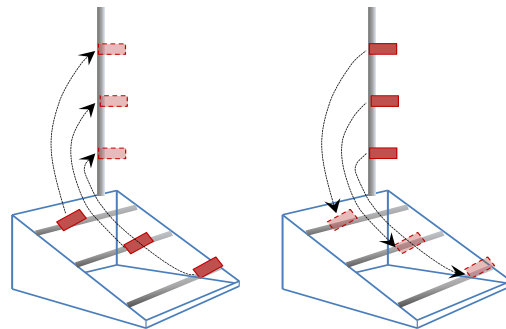


# Pattern recognition – home use study

## Results

### Performance based tests

#### Clothespin Relocation Test



from horizontal to  
vertical bar

from vertical to  
horizontal bar

- The ability to control **two degrees of freedom** was tested with clothespin relocation test.

conventional control



pattern recognition control

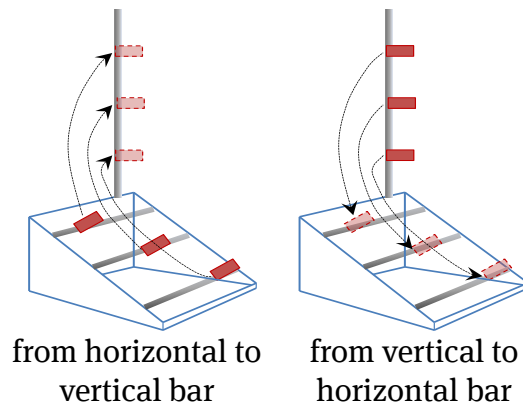


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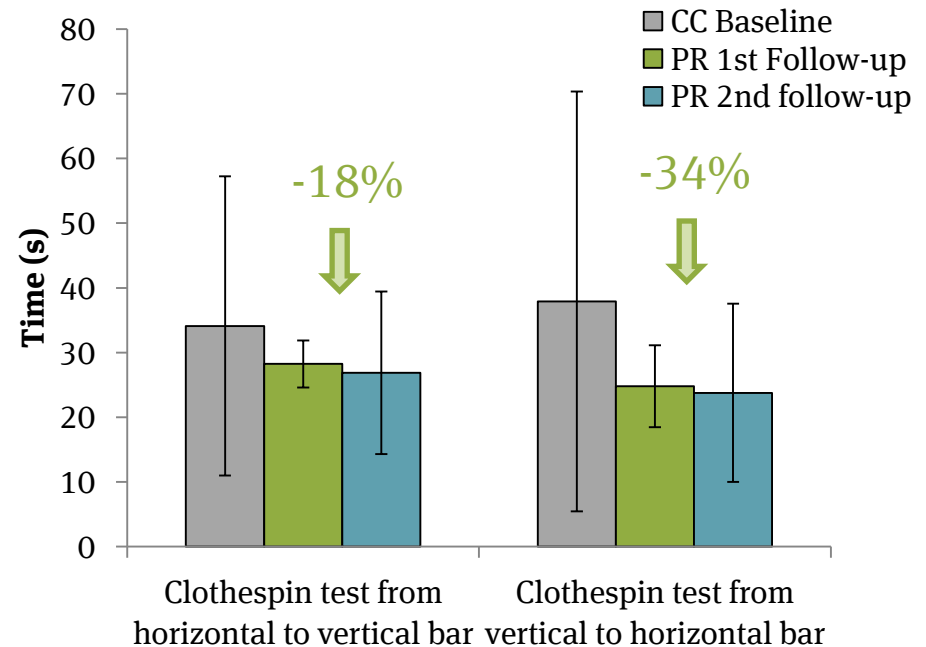
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### Performance based tests

Clothespin Relocation Test



- The ability to control **two degrees of freedom** was improved immediately after pattern recognition fitting and remained consistent after 1 month of PR home use.
- Improvement in **5 of 6** patients.

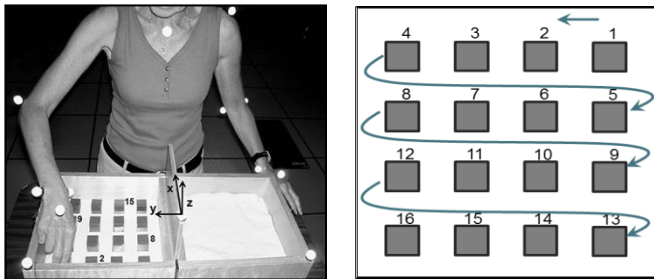


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## Results

### Performance based tests

Modified Box and Blocks test



- The ability to control **one degree of freedom** was tested with mB&B test.

conventional control



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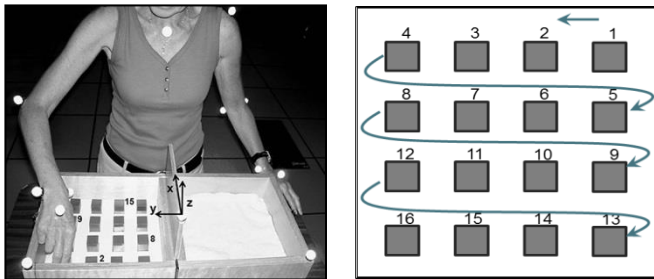


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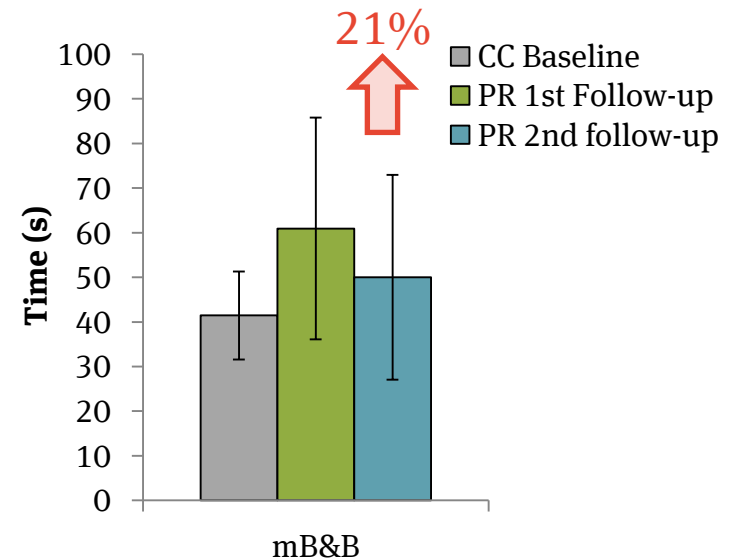
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### Performance based tests

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- The ability to control **one degree of freedom** was prolonged after the fitting with PR, and after 1 month of PR home use when compared to the baseline.
- Improvement in **1 of 6** patients.



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## Results

### Performance based tests

Proportional control test

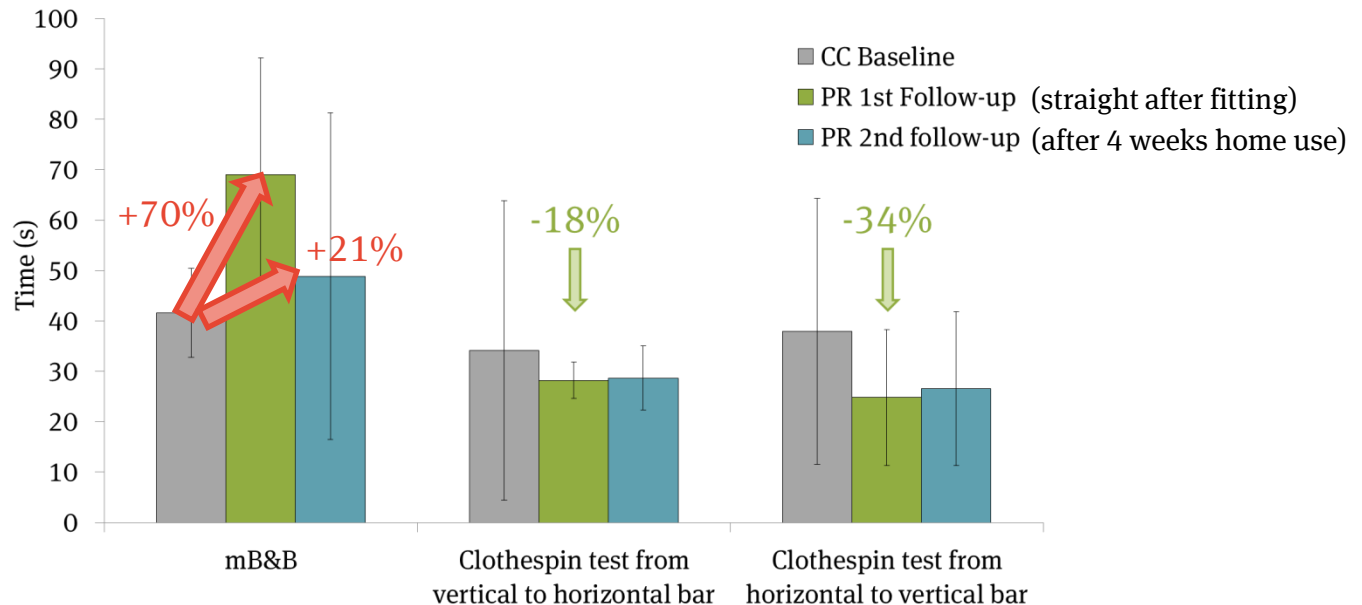


- User's proportional control was slightly improved with pattern recognition control.

	CC baseline	PR 1 <sup>st</sup> follow up	PR 2 <sup>nd</sup> follow up
<b>Yellow clothespin (5N)</b>	4.2 ± 1.15	5.2 ± 0.76	4.2 ± 1.30
<b>Blue clothespin (30N)</b>	4.1 ± 1.34	3.2 ± 0.27	3.0 ± 0.00

# Pattern recognition – home use study

## Results - Summary



### Conclusion:

Simple open-close manipulations:

Complex, life-like manipulations:

Conventional Control (CC) is preferred

Pattern Recognition (PR) is preferred

# Pattern recognition – home use study

## Unstructured feedback from users



- Signal artefacts compromised control
- A software update during the run-time of the study fixed this problem
- Major outcome of the study for our product in development!

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## Unstructured feedback from users





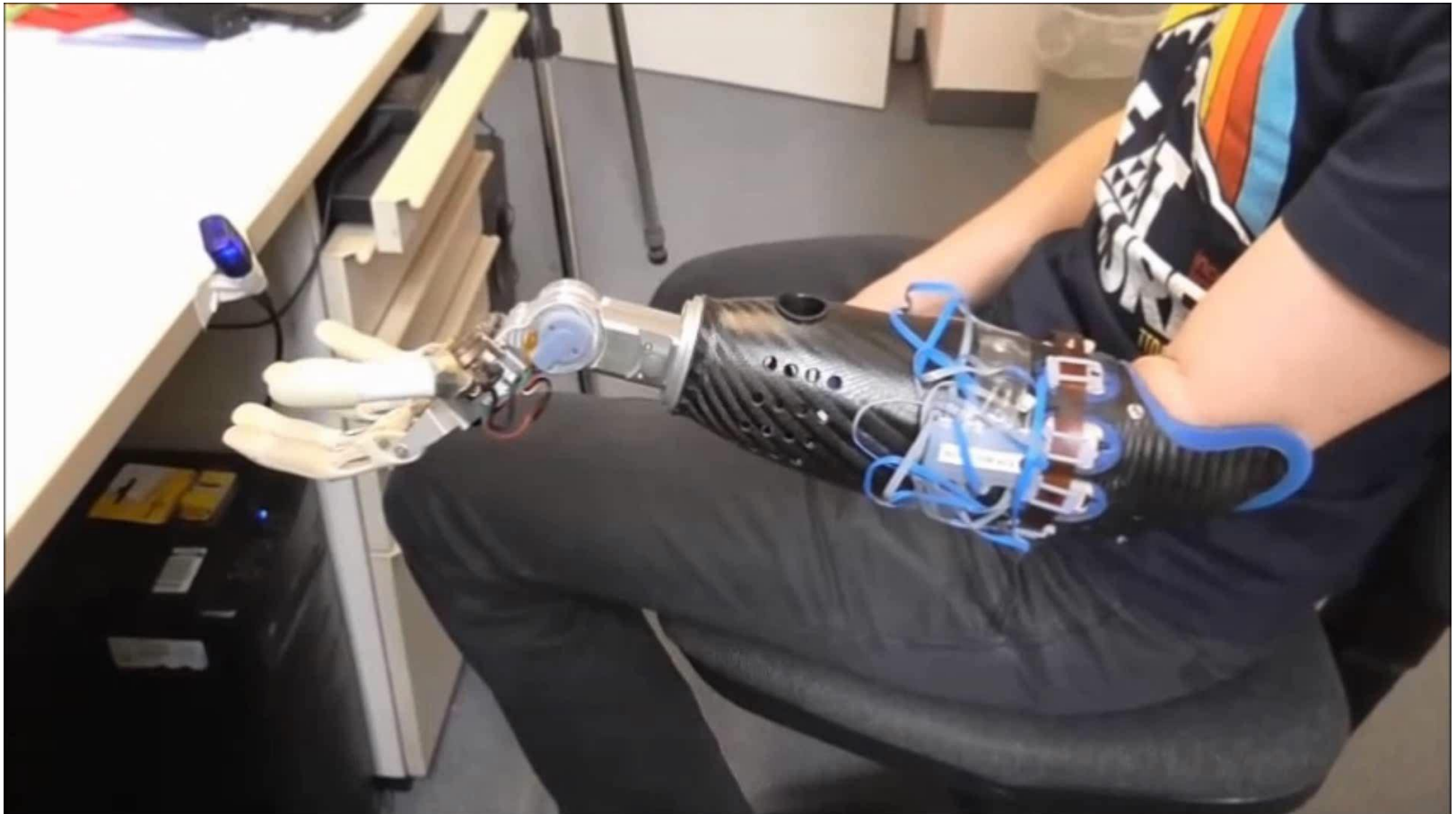
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## Study limitations

- **Only one month of home use**
- **Only 2-DOF (Open/Close and rotation)**
- **No data recording for usage statistics**
- **SHAP or other more complex tests were too time consuming**

# One step further

## Simultaneous control



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# One step further – simultaneous control

## User feedback

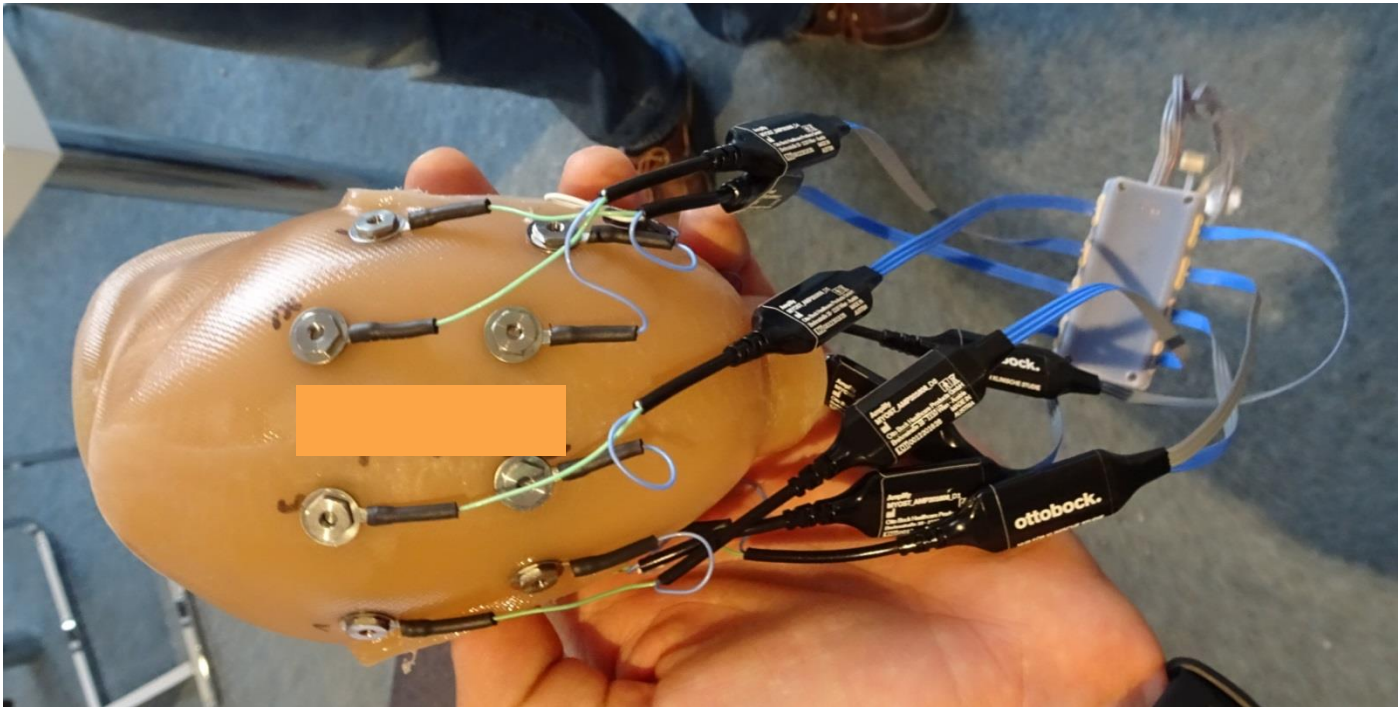


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## Early steps



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