
MyoChallenge 2023

Towards Human-Level Dexterity and Agility

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Abstract

1 Humans move nimbly and with ease, capable of effortlessly grasping items of
2 many shapes and qualities. Over millions of years, the musculoskeletal structure,
3 central and peripheral neural systems have evolved together to provide this
4 capacity. Understanding the underlying mechanisms of this complex system helps
5 translate benefits to other fields, from robot locomotion to rehabilitation. To illicit
6 new insights into the generation of diverse movements and precise control as well
7 as foster collaboration between the biomechanics and the ML community, the
8 *MyoChallenge* at the NeurIPS 2023 Competition featured two tracks: Manipulation
9 and Locomotion. Manipulation involved precisely manoeuvring an object of
10 varying shape by controlling a 63-musculoskeletal arm model and generating stable
11 grasps. Locomotion involved the combination of abstract reasoning and low-level
12 control, as agents have to chase or evade from a moving object by controlling
13 an 80-musculoskeletal model of human legs. These tasks best highlighted our
14 overarching theme of dexterity and agility, requiring the generation of skilled
15 and efficient movements with realistic human limbs. The Myosuite framework
16 enabled the challenge through a realistic, contact-rich and computation-efficient
17 virtual neuromusculoskeletal model of the human arm and legs. This was the
18 second iteration of the MyoChallenge with 59 teams participating, and over 500
19 submissions. Each task involved two phases, increasing in difficulty over time.
20 While many teams achieved high performance in phase 1 for the Manipulation
21 track, locomotion showed variable performance across participants. In phase
22 two, scores for all teams dropped significantly as the focus shifted towards
23 generalization under uncertain conditions, highlighting the need for stronger
24 generalization in agents. In future challenges, we will continue to pursue the
25 generalizability in dexterous manipulation and agile locomotion, which is crucial
26 for understanding motor constructs in humans.

27 **Challenge Webpage:** <https://sites.google.com/view/myochallenge>
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29 1 Introduction

30 The excellence of humans in performing complex and highly agile movements is fundamentally
31 linked to the nuanced and simultaneous control of various muscle groups. Our musculoskeletal
32 system, composed of bones of differing lengths connected by an array of skeletal muscles, tendons
33 and other types of connective tissue, is an extremely complex biological system, resulting from
34 millions of years of evolution. The neuromuscular structure that governs this system operates within
35 a high-dimensional space, involving approximately 600 muscles coordinating around 300 joints [1].
36 This system’s redundancy, where multiple muscles can act on a single joint, and its multi-articular
37 nature, where a single muscle may influence multiple joints, are critical for the versatility and
38 efficiency of our movements. However, this complexity comes at a cost: it is still not understood how
39 the brain controls all aspects of the neuro-musculoskeletal system

40 Modeling human motor control poses a significant scientific challenge with wide-reaching implica-
41 tions across numerous fields, including neuroscience, biomechanics, ergonomics, assistive robotics,
42 and rehabilitation medicine. The development of various models has been instrumental in under-
43 standing motion control, yet many remain abstract and do not fully capture the complexities of how
44 movements are generated [2, 3, 4]. Moreover, musculoskeletal models are typically designed for
45 specific tasks, which restricts their applicability and scalability to more complex or diverse actions.
46 Furthermore, while neuromechanics models and simulations serve as vital platforms for testing
47 control theories and illustrating motion production through physiologically plausible musculoskeletal
48 dynamics, there remains a significant gap in creating models that are versatile, adaptable, and gener-
49 alizable for both manipulation and locomotion domains. Bridging this gap is crucial for advancing
50 our understanding and enhancing the practical applications of human motor intelligence, aiming to
51 develop models that accurately reflect the sophisticated nature of human movement.

52 In recent years, significant advancements in the fields of biomechanics, machine learning [5, 6, 7],
53 neuroscience, and physics simulators [8, 9, 10, 11] have been observed. However, these disciplines
54 have largely evolved independently. In order to leverage new developments in algorithmic control and
55 complex learning architectures to further our understanding of human motor control, MyoChallenge
56 was launched while seeing an opportunity to bring together experts from these varied fields to
57 enhance understanding of human motor control. This renewed approach was motivated by the desire
58 to leverage state-of-the-art simulators and machine learning techniques. The aim is to address the
59 existing gap by creating models that are not only versatile and adaptable but also generalizable across
60 both manipulation and locomotion domains, thus pushing the boundaries of what is currently possible
61 in modeling human movement. Specifically, the question that we want to address with this challenge
62 is: *Can we match human level dexterity and agility with physiological digital twins?*

63 Building on the NeurIPS 2022: MyoChallenge’s success [12], *MyoChallenge 2023* proposes two
64 unique challenges, one: to control a realistic musculoskeletal arm model for a more complex
65 manipulation task, and two: to control a musculoskeletal leg model in a chase/evade task, inspired by
66 the ChaseTag game [13].

67 To handle the above complexity, *MyoChallenge* leverages MyoSuite² - an open-source framework
68 that implements highly efficient computational biomechanical models and allows muscle-driven
69 simulations of these models to solve skilled tasks [14]. MyoSuite offers physiologically accurate
70 musculoskeletal full hand models [15] in a framework that is several orders of magnitude (up to
71 4000x) (see Figure 7 in [11]) faster than the state of art musculoskeletal simulators [16, 17] used in
72 previous challenges. MyoSuite also support full contact dynamics, which most competing alternatives
73 lack, to enable contact rich manipulation behaviors.

²<https://sites.google.com/view/myosuite>

74 **2 MyoChallenge 23': Task and evaluations**

75 Modeling human motor control to produce human-like, versatile, adaptable, and generalizable ma-
76 nipulation and locomotion has far-reaching implications in neuroscience, biomechanics, assistive
77 robotics, and rehabilitation medicine. However, a significant gap still exists between current neu-
78 romechanical simulations and biomimetic behaviors. Extending from MyoChallenge 22', we present
79 a competition track in *MyoChallenge 23'* that requires control of full arm movement with multiple-
80 object manipulations and lower-limb locomotion tasks. Here, we present the rationale behind the
81 tasks (Sec. 2.1), the *MyoArm* and *MyoLeg* model (Sec. 2.2), and finally the tasks proposed (Sec. 2.3).

82 **2.1 Design philosophy**

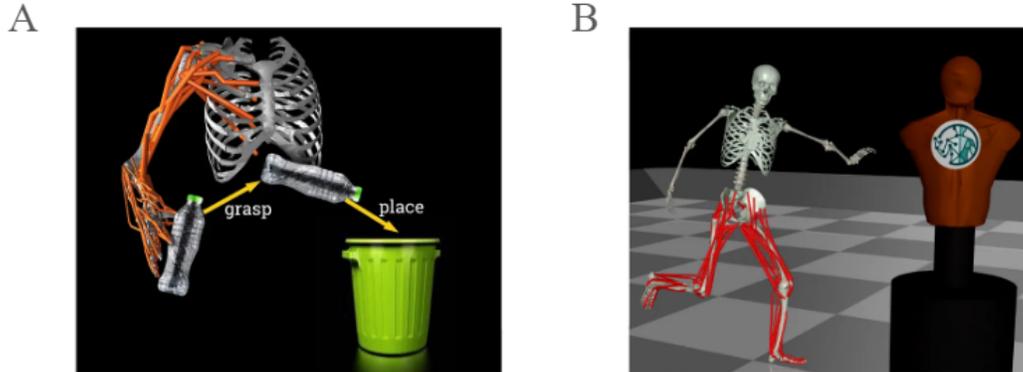


Figure 1: Two tracks of MyoChallenge 2023: **A.** the manipulation track where a full musculoskeletal arm model will be reaching, grasping, controlling, and moving a real object to achieve a goal and **B.** the locomotion track, where a bilateral musculoskeletal leg model will be controlling a human body to chase or evade a moving target.

83 This year’s MyoChallenge consists of two distinct tracks focusing on manipulation and locomotion.

84 **1. Manipulation Track** (Fig.1-A), presents a task of reaching to grasp and properly maneuver an
85 object to move it to a target location of the workspace. This task entails the high complexity of single
86 arm-hand dexterity to manipulate the surrounding objects to achieve the goals of moving and placing.

87 **2. Locomotion track** (Fig.1-B), represents the locomotion task to chase or evade a moving goal with
88 a musculoskeletal model of the lower limbs. The complexity of this task is within the nimble and
89 agile dynamic control and decision-making in the lower body.

90 **2.2 Musculoskeletal Arm and Leg Models**

91 The manipulation track uses the *MyoArm*, a neuromusculoskeletal model representing the torso and
92 the right arm consisting of 63 muscles and 27 internal DOFs. The locomotion track uses *MyoLeg* to
93 present the whole body with articulated legs, consisting of 80 muscles and 16 internal DOFs. This
94 model is based on [18] and follows its definitions and conventions. Both models feature a skin layer
95 that enables full contact with the environment.

96 **2.3 Tasks**

97 The participants could participate in either track, consisting each of two phases with increasing
98 difficulties and randomization.

99 **2.3.1 Manipulation Tasks**

100 In this track, the participants were asked to develop a general manipulation policy capable of
101 interacting with common household objects, such as children’s toys. The action space consists of a

102 63-dimensional vector representing the muscle stimulation signals of the MyoArm. The observation
 103 state space is a vector containing the kinematic and muscle states of MyoArm and the object state.

104 In Phase 1, the task focuses on training a policy capable of picking up a specific object and manip-
 105 ulating it toward a receptacle bin with randomized orientation and position. Goals were randomly
 106 sampled to assess the generalization capabilities of the acquired behaviors. The second phase involved
 107 applying the policy to objects with new geometries and physical properties (e.g., mass and friction).
 108 Additionally, the object and MyoArm’s initial configuration were randomized.

Task - Phase	Position [mm]	Orientation [rad]	Size (L,W,H) [m]	Mass [kg]	Friction Coefficient
Relocate - 1	± 10	± 1.57	(0.0284, 0.0284, 0.0284)	0.18	(1.0, 0.005, 0.0001)
Relocate - 2	± 20	± 3.14	(0.02, 0.02, 0.02) \pm 0.005	0.175 ± 0.125	\pm (0.2, 0.001, 0.00002)

Table 1: Summary of task variations for Manipulation track

109 2.3.2 Locomotion Tasks

110 The task for locomotion resembled the World Chase Tag competition, the MyoLeg musculoskeletal
 111 model is required to chase or evade an opponent in a 12 x 12-meter arena, known as the Quad.
 112 The participants were asked to develop policies that control the MyoLeg to efficiently navigate the
 113 environment to avoid or pursue an opponent during each 20-second round. The action space is an
 114 80-dimensional vector representing the muscle control signals of the MyoLeg and the observation
 115 state consists of information on kinematic, ground reaction force, and muscle states of the MyoLeg,
 116 the opponent’s location information, and the Quad map.

117 In Phase 1, the task focuses on training the agent to pursue an opponent within a 20-second timeframe
 118 on a plain Quad. The opponent’s behavior varied from remaining stationary to actively running
 119 away from the agent across different rounds. During the second phase, the agent alternated between
 120 chasing and evading the opponent and the terrain of the arena changed randomly into uneven grounds.
 121 In the evading task, the agent had to avoid the opponent as long as possible without leaving the arena.

Task - Phase	Task [Prob]	Terrain Height [m]	Opponent behavior [Prob]	Opponent velocity range [m/s]
Chasetag - 1	Chase [1]	Flat [0]	Stationary [0.55] Random [0.45]	Stationary [0] Random [0 \pm 2]
Chasetag - 2	Chase [0.5] Evade [0.5]	Flat [0] Hills [0.13 \pm 0.1] Steps [0.2 \pm 0.1] Rough [0.075 \pm 0.025]	Stationary [0.45] Random [0.35] Repeller [0.2]	Stationary [0] Random [0 \pm 2] Repeller [0.65 \pm 0.35]

Table 2: Summary of task variations for Locomotion track

122 2.4 Submissions and Evaluation

123 In order to succeed, participants needed to obtain the highest success (in terms of goal achievement)
 124 with the minimum effort (in terms of lowest overall muscle activation) for manipulation. In locomotion,
 125 the participants are ranked based on both chase duration (in seconds) and highest success. The
 126 EvalAI platform (<https://eval.ai>) was used for hosting the challenge and to run the evaluation.

127 **Evaluation Metrics.** The manipulation task used a negative distance error $D_{t=H} = -|X_t - X_{goal}|$
 128 at the end of the task horizon as a performance metric. Additionally, a physiological metric calculated
 129 from the total muscle activation was used to estimate metabolic power. The teams scoring above
 130 90%³ were instead ranked based on the physiological effort to encourage less muscle activations.
 131 The locomotion tasks used a score based on chase/evade duration (in seconds): $s = 1 - \frac{t}{T}/s = \frac{t}{T}$.

³Note that this threshold changes to 30% during the second phase

132 Additionally, another performance metric *Points* was used based on the number of successful tags
133 over 100 evaluation episodes.

134 For quantitative evaluations of the submissions, participants were asked to upload their behavior
135 policies to Eval AI which automatically evaluated them and updated results on a score-board. Final
136 scores were averaged over multiple seeds and task variations.

137 3 Solution strategies

138 In this section, we describe the methods employed by the top three participating teams in each track.
139 Imitating movements from a dataset is one of the common training paradigm for the Locomotion track,
140 where all winning teams trained their policies using datasets of human-like movement to produce
141 gait. Curriculum learning is also commonly observed in both tracks, as teams used this method to
142 shape the way their policies learn. In this Challenge, we noticed a novel method to constrain policy
143 exploration, which allowed one team to clinch the top place in the Manipulation track.

144 3.1 Manipulation Track Approach

145 3.1.1 Team Lattice (FIRST)

146 Team Lattice comprising Alberto
147 Chiappa, Alessandro Marin Vargas,
148 and Alexander Mathis from EPFL,
149 emerged as the first-place winners.
150 Their solution was the result of four
151 key ingredients: on-policy reinforce-
152 ment learning with Recurrent PPO
153 ([19, 20]), latent exploration via Lat-
154 tice ([21]), curriculum learning and domain randomization ([22]). Code is available at ⁴.

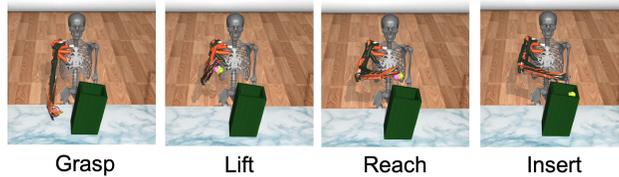


Figure 2: Curriculum steps (Lattice - Manipulation).

155 **Network architecture.** To address the partial observability of the environment, the team included
156 an LSTM layer ([23]) before the two fully-connected layers of the policy network. In this way, the
157 policy had the potential to keep in memory the inaccessible features of the environment, such as the
158 shape of the object, inferring them from the transition dynamics.

159 **Lattice exploration.** To improve exploration, the stochastic policy followed a Lattice distribution,
160 a multivariate Gaussian whose covariance depends on the learnt policy weights. In contrast to the
161 original implementation of the exploration method ([21]), the exploration was modified for this
162 challenge to sample actions in a state-independent manner, improving computational efficiency.

163 **Curriculum learning.** The agent was trained via a curriculum of task of increasing complexity
164 (Figure 2). First, the agent learnt how to grasp the object with all the fingers. Second, the agent learnt
165 to lift the object after grasping it. Third, the target was positioned above the receptacle. Fourth, the
166 target was positioned inside the receptacle.

167 **Domain randomization.** To improve the robustness of the policy to unknown object shapes and
168 environment conditions, the team widened the range of values from which the environment parameters
169 (object size, mass and friction) could be sampled.

170 Finally, the team designed an early stopping criterion after which the agent would output minimum
171 muscle activation thereby limiting the energy consumption. The early stopping criterion was designed
172 to identify when the object has already reached the target location or when there is no hope to
173 successfully place the object in the receptacle in time.

174 3.1.2 Team GaitNet (SECOND)

⁴<https://github.com/amathislab/myochallenge-lattice>

175 The second place in the Manipulation Track is Team GaitNet,
 176 with members consisting of Jungnam Park and Jungdam Won
 177 from Seoul National University. They used deep reinforcement
 178 learning (DRL) to train a controller with proximal policy opti-
 179 mization (PPO) [19] to move the MyoArm to desired locations.
 180 By looking at the object’s initial position, goal position, and
 181 relative orientation, Team GaitNet proposed an **object trajec-
 182 tory generator**. By defining four initial key positions (blue
 183 circles in Figure 3), the generator produces the object’s position
 184 $\hat{p}(t)$ as a function of time (red circles in Figure 3). The agent
 185 is then rewarded for correctly following the predefined target
 186 trajectory at each time step. Additionally, their reward function
 187 differentiates conditions between objects within and outside the
 188 box to encourage grasping and releasing the object at appropriate timesteps. The episode is truncated
 189 if the reward value doesn’t meet a specific threshold value for learning efficiency, as proposed by [24].

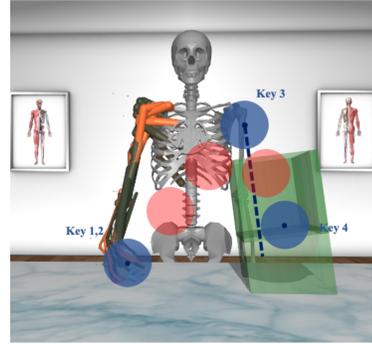


Figure 3: Training methods (GaitNet - Manipulation).

190 3.1.3 Team CarbonSiliconAI (THIRD)

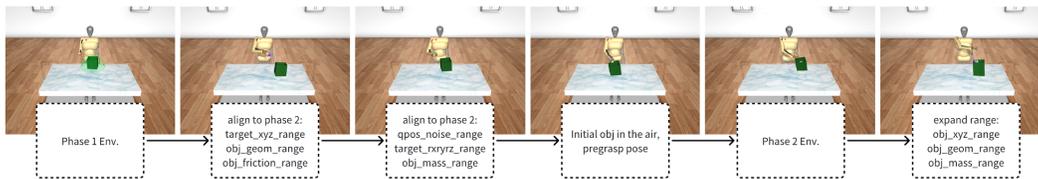


Figure 4: Curriculum steps (CarbonSiliconAI Manipulation)

191 The third place in the Manipulation track is Team CarbonSiliconAI, a team from CarbonSilicon AI
 192 Technology Co. Ltd. in Beijing, China. The team utilized Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO)[19]
 193 for curriculum learning, gradually increasing the difficulty of the task. As depicted in Figure 4,
 194 they aligned the model from the first phase environment to the second phase environment through
 195 multi-step curriculum learning, enabling a smoother transfer of prior experiences. It is worth noting
 196 that in the Phase 2 environment, objects are initialized in the air, which presents a more challenge
 197 for learning compared to alterations in shapes or physical parameters. To address this, they initialize
 198 the objects in the air and ensure that the palm is sufficiently close to the object before aligning to
 199 the Phase 2 environment, resulting in a more easily achievable pre-grasp posture. Additionally, they
 200 intensified the task difficulty based on the second phase environment by expanding the range of object
 201 properties (object location, size, and mass), resulting in improved performance of the model on edge
 202 cases.

203 3.2 Locomotion Track Approach

204 3.2.1 Team GaitNet (FIRST)

205 The winner of the Locomotion track is Team
 206 GaitNet, from Seoul National University, Korea,
 207 comprising of two members, Jungnam Park and
 208 Jungdam Won. The team employed a three-stage
 209 approach to train their policy. Proximal Policy
 210 Optimization (PPO) [19] was used to train their
 211 policies.

212 **First stage.** The goal was to mimic walking
 213 mocap data in various directions. They selected
 214 eight motion clips from the Mixamo dataset [25],
 215 which include walking at 45-degree rotation intervals. Their controller was trained on three rewards,

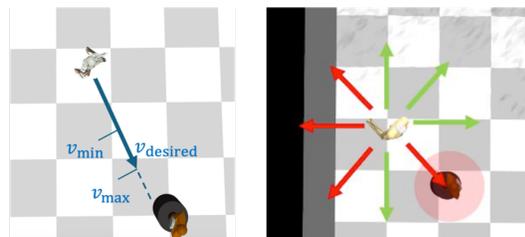


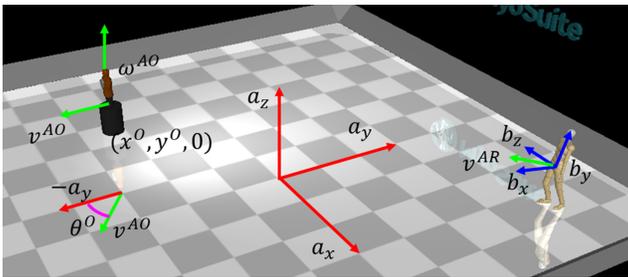
Figure 5: Desired velocity generation for the Chase task (Left) and the Evade task (Right).

216 given by $r = r_{\text{imit}} \times r_{\text{vel}} \times r_{\text{act}}$, where r_{imit} denotes how well the policy matches the joint angles and
 217 relative feet positions from the center-of-mass, r_{vel} denotes how well the policy matches a desired
 218 velocity, and r_{act} rewards the policy for avoiding large changes in actions. The training was performed
 219 over all the terrain types provided by MyoChallenge.

220 **Second stage.** The goal is to move towards any given velocity. In this stage, they removed r_{imit} from
 221 the reward function used in the first stage and added r_{face} to align the agent’s velocity and facing
 222 direction with the desired values. This allowed the controller to learn a variety of walking motions
 223 unrestricted by mocap data. They reported that the controller learned agile turns and other movements
 224 not presented in the mocap data during this stage.

225 **Third stage.** For the Chase task, the desired velocity was computed using the direction from the agent
 226 to the opponent as shown in Figure 5. For the Evade task, candidate velocities were first generated
 227 at 2-degree intervals from the agent, excluding velocities that move towards the boundaries or the
 228 opponent (see the red arrows in Figure 5). They then evaluated the value function (from the stage 2)
 229 for all the remaining velocities and selected the velocity with the highest value as the desired velocity.

230 3.2.2 Team MSKBioDyn (SECOND)



240 Figure 6: Model observations on the global and local refer-
 241 ence frames. (MSKBioDyn)

242 applied. However, the team noticed that the model could not walk robustly or realistically without
 243 prior knowledge of human motion. Accordingly, the style reward from adversarial motion priors [26]
 244 was applied to guide the agent in generating motion within the database. The comprehensive dataset
 245 required for the task comprised human motion clips of walking, running, and standing from the [27].
 246 This data was converted into generalized coordinates for the MyoLeg model using inverse kinematics
 247 calculations in the OpenSim software [28]. The given observations for the global frame (red) were
 248 transformed into data for the local frame (blue) to reduce redundancy in learning (Figure 6). Since the
 249 team considered that kinematics and kinetics of the skeletal model would include information about
 250 muscle variables, muscle observations were not used for training. Although the agent could achieve
 251 some tasks without rewards based on muscle activation, the effect of activation minimization was not
 252 tested. Lastly, the agent was trained on tasks with increasing difficulties, from the level surface to
 253 full-scale terrain, via curriculum learning [29].

The second place in the Locomotion track comes from Team MSKBioDyn, a team from KAIST, comprising Gunwoo Park, Beomsoo Shin, Minseung Kim, and Seungbum Koo. Their strategy involved training two multi-layer perceptron policy networks with PPO [19], one dedicated to chasing and the other to evading. Initially, only task rewards, calculated from the model’s heading direction and velocity, were

254 3.2.3 Team CarbonSiliconAI (THIRD)

255 The third place in the Locomotion
 256 track is Team CarbonSiliconAI, a
 257 team from CarbonSilicon AI Technol-
 258 ogy Co. Ltd. in Beijing, China. The
 259 team applied the two-stage framework
 260 (pre-training and task training) to the
 261 MyoChallenge Locomotion task. Dur-
 262 ing Pre-training, a low-level policy
 263 comprised of 3 hidden layers with
 264 [1024, 1024, 512] units, which could
 265 produce actions based on the current state and a latent variable representing a specific skill depicted

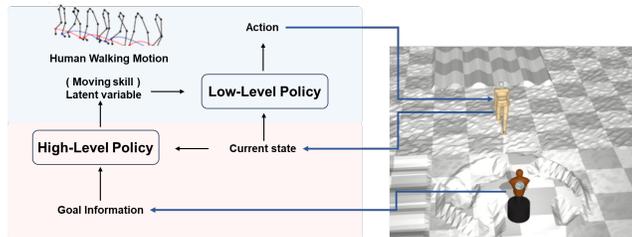


Figure 7: Two-stage framework (CarbonSiliconAI)

266 in human motion clips (including turn left, turn right, walk forward, walk backwards, slow down,
267 speed up ...), and a discriminator that evaluated the realism of a motion were trained using PPO [19]
268 and Adversarial Skill Embeddings (ASE) [30].

269 In consideration of the distinct skeleton differences between the MyoLeg and humans, the human
270 walking clips provided by Adversarial Motion Priors ([26]) and Control-VAE ([31]), around 4 minutes,
271 were retargeted to the MyoLeg’s framework by straightforwardly mapping local joint rotations, root’s
272 scaled translation and orientation onto the MyoLeg’s skeleton. After the low-level policy had the
273 ability to perform life-like actions according to latent skills, a high-level policy was modeled using
274 fully-connected network with 2 hidden layers of [1024, 512] units that took as input the current
275 state and goal information, then specified latent to change the behaviors of the low-level policy to
276 accomplish goals of chasing or evading. The high-level policy is trained using PPO [19] to satisfy a
277 task reward while also trying to fool the discriminator by perform realistic behaviours that resemble
278 motions shown in the human walking data. The state describes the configuration of MyoLeg, includes
279 internal qpos, internal qvel, ground reaction force, torso angle, root position, root velocity, muscle
280 length, muscle velocity, muscle force and action in the last time step. The goal information was
281 comprised of task type (chase or evade), opponent linear speed, opponent rotation velocities, opponent
282 position and opponent face direction in the MyoLeg’s local frame.

283 **4 Results**

284 For phase 2, we computed standard deviations over 5000 episodes to differentiate potentially close
285 scores.

286 **4.1 Manipulation Track Results**

287 During the first phase, Team Lattice obtained a score of 95.9% with their methods in 3.1.1. During
288 the second phase, Team lattice secure the winning place with a success rate of $33.5\% \pm 3\%$

289 The second place Team GaitNet achieves a perfect score (100%) using the methods described in 3.1.2.
290 In the second phase, GaitNet held the top spot on the leaderboard for a period, before achieving a
291 final score of $32.3\% \pm 1\%$

292 In the first phase, Team CarbonSiliconAI obtained a score rate of 97%, with a final score of $21.5\% \pm$
293 2% in the second phase, with the methods described in 3.1.3

294 **4.2 Locomotion Track Results**

295 In the first phase, the winning team GaitNet obtained first place, with a success rate of 97%. They
296 maintained their lead in the second phase, with a final score of $62.7\% \pm 4\%$, using the methods in
297 3.2.1

298 During the first phase, Team MSKBioDyn secured the second spot with a success rate of 61% and
299 49% in score. In the second phase, Team MSKBioDyn maintains its advantage by having a final
300 score of $21.2\% \pm 3\%$, with the methods in 3.2.2

301 In the first phase, Team CarbonSiliconAI obtained a success rate of 36% maintaining their position at
302 3rd place, with a final score of $13\% \pm 3\%$ in the second phase, using the methods described in 3.2.3

303 **5 Discussions**

304 **5.1 Impact and Participation**

305 This year’s *MyoChallenge* had a total participation of 59 teams from over 15 countries. Across both
306 phases, we had a total of 536 submissions. This widespread competition has also yielded remarkable
307 results for MyoSuite, with over 6,000 total downloads during the competition phase, underlining its
308 growing impact in the field. Additionally, 70% of the participants this year were newcomers, with

309 16.7% postgraduate researchers 50% graduate students, and one-third of master-level students. To
310 promote diversity in science, we started a special DEI award for participants from an underrepresented
311 population. We also have a Student award to promote participation among undergraduate students.

312 This competition was associated with a workshop at the NeurIPS 23 conference: MyoSymposium⁵.
313 The MyoSymposium allowed us to bring together scholars and experts in the fields of biomechanics,
314 ML, neuroscience, and health care.

315 5.2 Limitations and Lessons Learnt

316 **Lack of physiological accuracy.** Although we have seen great advancements in the use of machine
317 learning to achieve both agility and dexterity in this edition of MyoChallenge, there is a lack of
318 solutions arising from the biomechanical experts. All proposed solutions were based on reinforcement
319 learning, which, while strong solutions, are limited due to their mismatch with human motor control
320 mechanisms. Solutions inspired by fields other than machine learning could also help solve muscu-
321 loskeletal control tasks. For example in lower-limb control, reflexes [32], sensorimotor connectivity
322 priors [33] or central pattern generator [34] are simple yet extremely powerful solutions and they
323 can create stable locomotion. Given the current reliance on imitating existing datasets of human
324 movement, encouraging the creation of cross-disciplinary teams (biomechanics, neuroscience, and
325 machine learning) that could facilitate the development of hybrid solutions is important for future
326 challenges. One possible way to inspire such collaborations could be to provide biologically realistic
327 sensory feedback, for example, with muscle spindles [35, 36], which might suffer from delays and
328 incomplete information. This will bring us closer to the goal of understanding the human neurological
329 control system.

330 **Underrepresented participation.** Another limitation was the small participation of an underrep-
331 resented population. For example, no participants came from South America or Africa in the past
332 two challenges. Additionally, the involvement of women is low, with no winning teams containing
333 women.

334 5.3 Future Challenges

335 **Promote participation in students.** Organizing such a large-scale event comes with numerous
336 challenges requiring both technical e.g. setting up a website, helper code, infrastructure set-up and
337 management, and logistical e.g. advertising and finding sponsors. Future challenges will promote the
338 participation of students to help with different aspects of the technical and logistical planning and
339 execution.

340 **Promote participation in underrepresented groups.** Additionally, we hope to lower the barriers
341 to include researchers from underrepresented groups, underdeveloped countries, and students of
342 all levels (e.g., high school, undergraduate, and master’s). Efforts to achieve those goals include
343 providing workshops and Q&A sessions throughout the challenge period and offering detailed
344 tutorials and baseline code for newcomers of MyoSuite and MyoChallenge.

345 **Promote representation for people with limb loss.** Future editions of the *MyoChallenge* will be
346 centered around the incorporation of bionic prosthetic limbs (both lower and upper) as part of a
347 controller for dexterous motor tasks. Those topics would help explore how symbiotic human-robotic
348 interaction needs to be coordinated to produce agile and dexterous behaviors. We hope to explore the
349 opportunity to regain mobility and functionality for bionic limb human users and reclaim aspects of
350 their former motor abilities.

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