ICML 2020 Workshop on Real World Experiment Design and Active Learning

## Stochastic Multi-Player Bandit Learning from Player-Dependent Feedback

Zhi Wang\*, Manish Kumar Singh, Chicheng Zhang, Laurel D. Riek, Kamalika Chaudhuri





## Heterogenous Multi-Task Online Learning



- A group of assistive robots deployed to provide personalized healthcare services.
- Question: If the robots receive similar yet nonidentical feedback, how do they learn to perform their respective tasks faster in an online learning setting?

## (Stochastic) *ɛ*-Multi-Player Multi-Armed Bandit

• A set of *M* players (robots) concurrently interact with *K* arms.



• In each round, every player pulls one arm and the players share information at the end of each round.

## **Results and Future Work**

Approach: Adaptively and robustly aggregate rewards shared by other players to construct "high probability" confidence intervals

**Results:** 

- When ε is sufficiently small, we can obtain a problem-dependent upper bound on expected collective regret (sum of each player's regret) that has an *inconsiderable* dependence on M;
- Fall-back guarantee: for large ε's, our performance guarantee is never (by a constant factor) worse than that of running UCB-1 for each player individually.

Future Directions: unknown  $\varepsilon$ , extension to linear contextual bandits, etc.