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NRI: FND: COLLAB: AN OPEN-SOURCE ROBOTIC LEG PLATFORM THAT LOWERS THE BARRIER FOR ADVANCED PROSTHETICS RESEARCH Elliott J Rouse (UM/Lead PI), Robert Gregg (UTD PI) Hartmut Geyer (CMU PI), Levi Hargrove (AbilityLab Co-I)



## Introduction

**Motivation** 

- Many researchers in prosthesis control and developing robotic legs
- Difficult to compare results across platforms
- Substantial investment of time and resources Goal
- Common hardware platform for control comparison
- Lower the barrier to entry
- Study in the lab, community, and at home

## Control





- Low Level: Current and position loops local to drive
- High Level: Open source Python API with range of communication bus options (USB shown)

Performance





- Modular 2 DOF knee-ankle prosthesis  $\bullet$
- **Mass:** Knee: 2300 g, Ankle: 1700 g  $\bullet$
- Transmission Ratios: ~50:1

**Selectable Series Elasticity** 

- Custom torsional spring disks:  $k = \sim 100 \text{ Nm/rad}$  $\bullet$
- o-6 spring disks can be stacked inside knee output pulley  $\bullet$





## **Thermal Modeling**



- **Position Control:** Rise time: 25 ms, Bandwidth: 10-20 Hz **Current Control**: Rise time: 29 ms, Bandwidth: >200 Hz
- Thermal Resistance: 3.9 °K/W
- Thermal Time Constant: 486 s



## Future Work: Comparison of Control Strategies

**UTD Phase Based Control** 

**CMU Reflex / Stumble Recovery** 

NU / AbiltyLab Intent Recognition















