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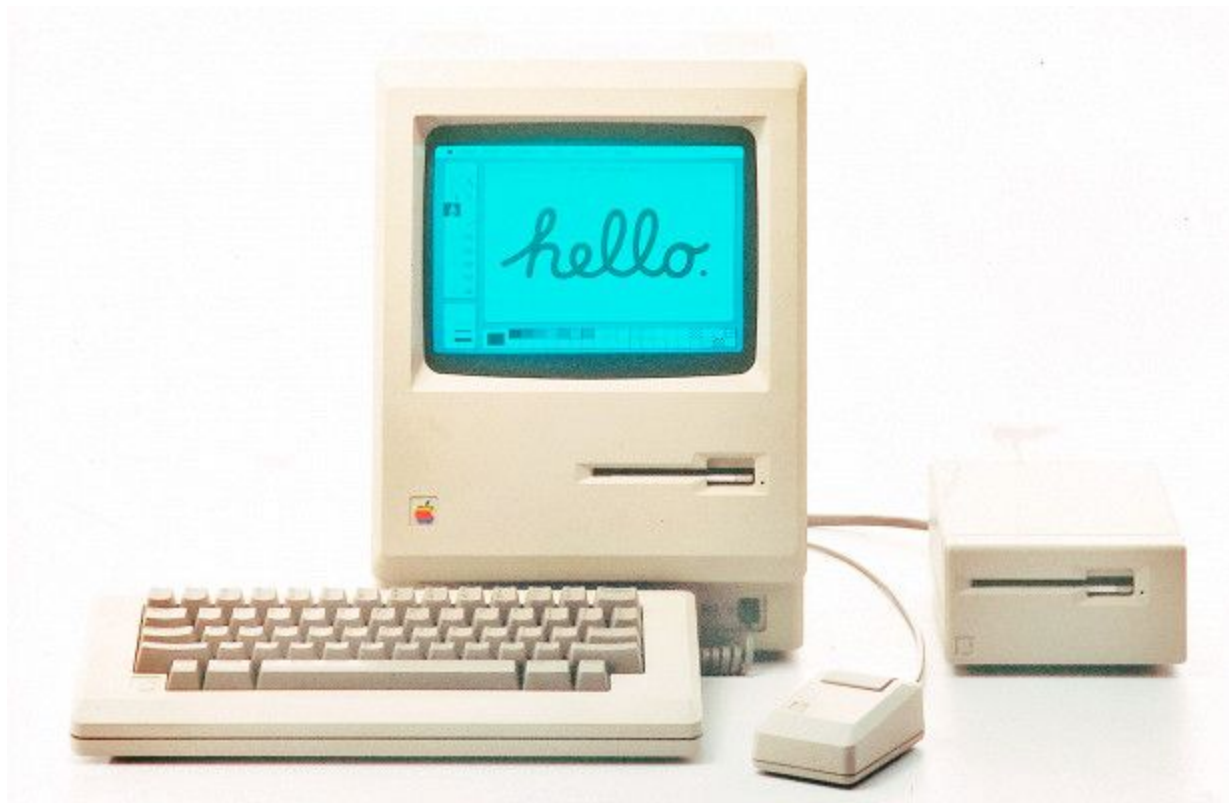
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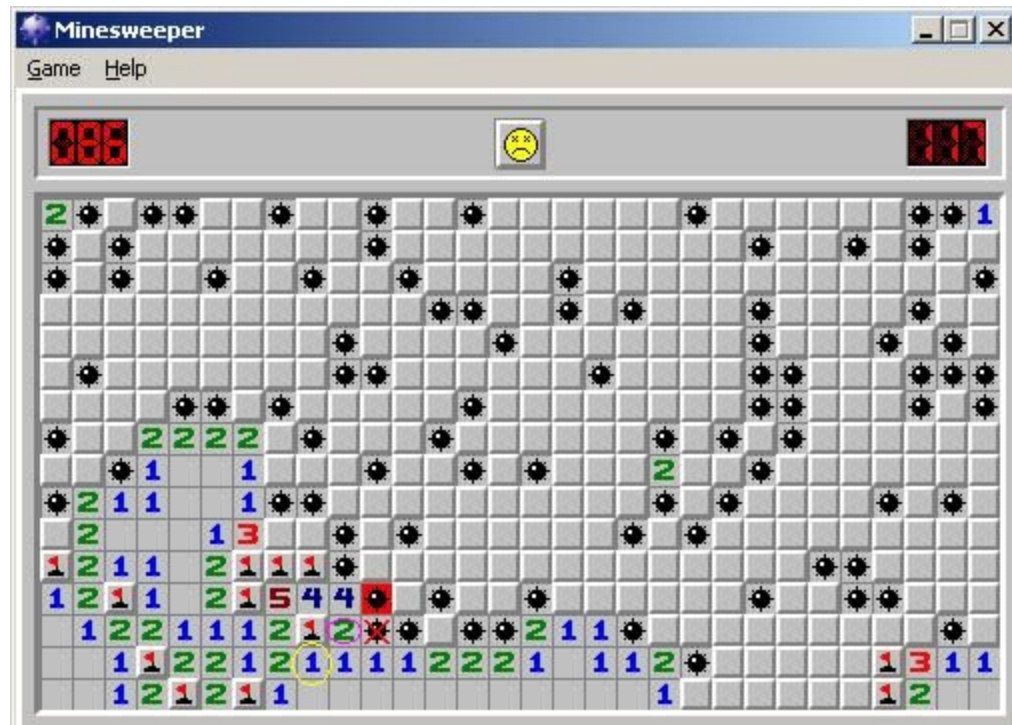
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MIT Wearable Computing (1993-)



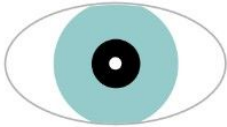
<http://www.media.mit.edu/wearable>



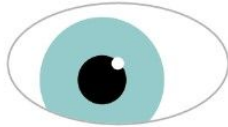


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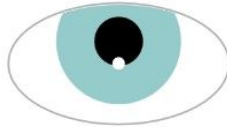




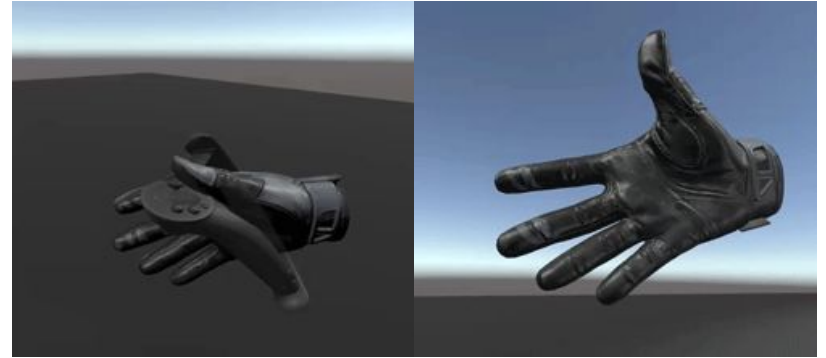
Looking straight at the camera

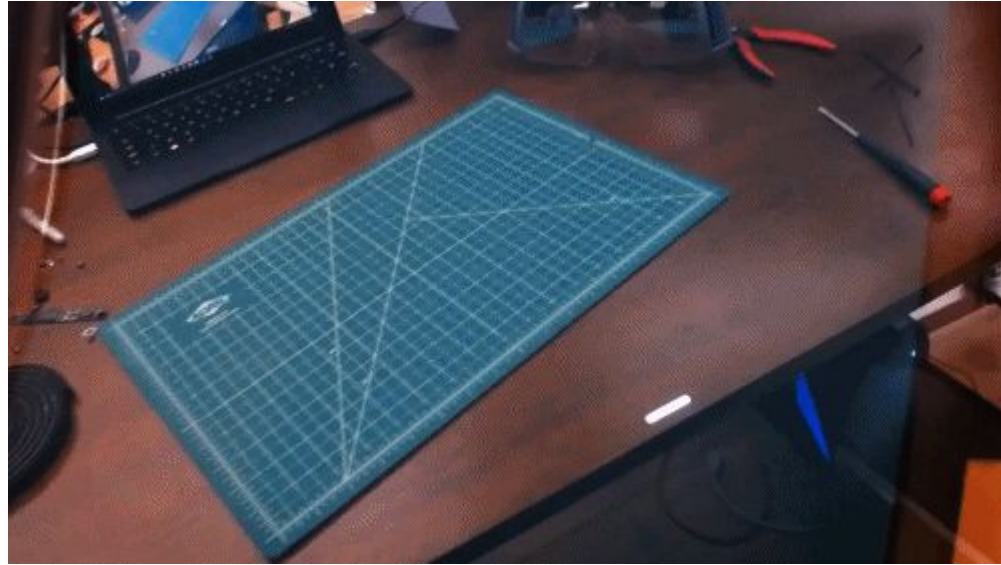


Looking down and to the right of the camera



Looking directly above the camera



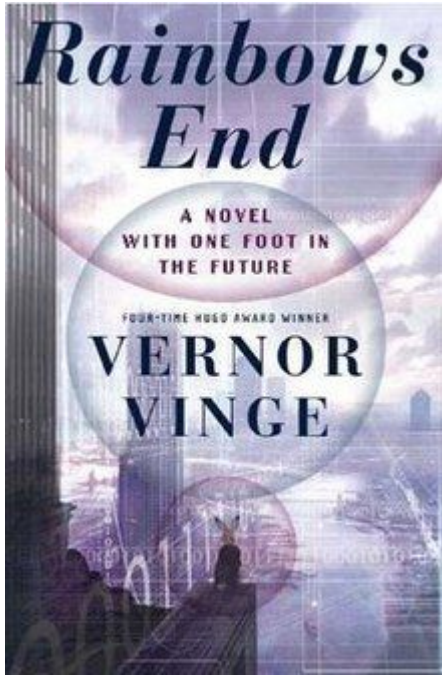


LEAP
MOTION



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Xiang's gaze dropped from his. He looked at Juan. "I never see you tapping your fingers."

"I'm a kid; I grew up with **ensemble coding**. Hey, even my mom mostly uses phantom typing."

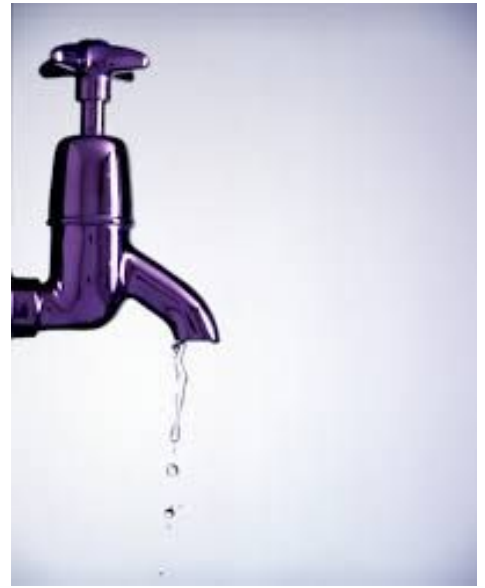
"Well, Xiu and I are retreads, Juan. We have learning plasticity and all that. Teach us the command gestures or eyeblinks or whatever."

"Okay! But this is not like the standard gestures you've already learned. For the good stuff, everything is custom between you and your wearable. The skin sensors pick muscle twinges that other people can't even see. You teach your Epiphany and it teaches you."

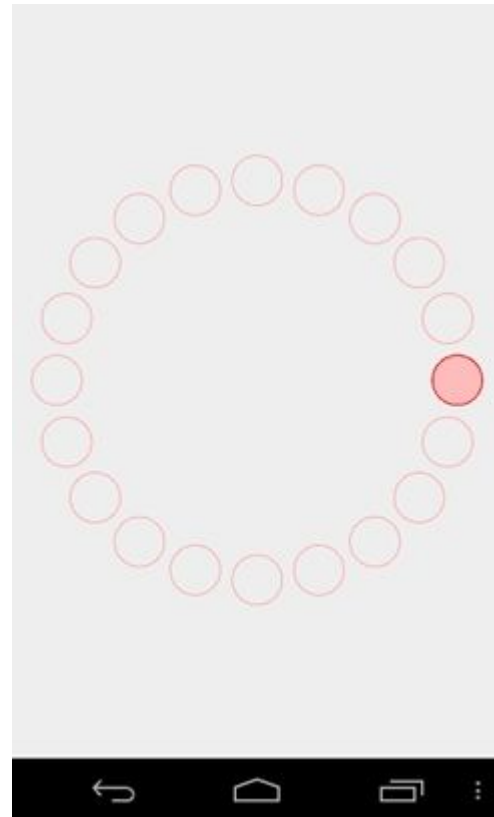
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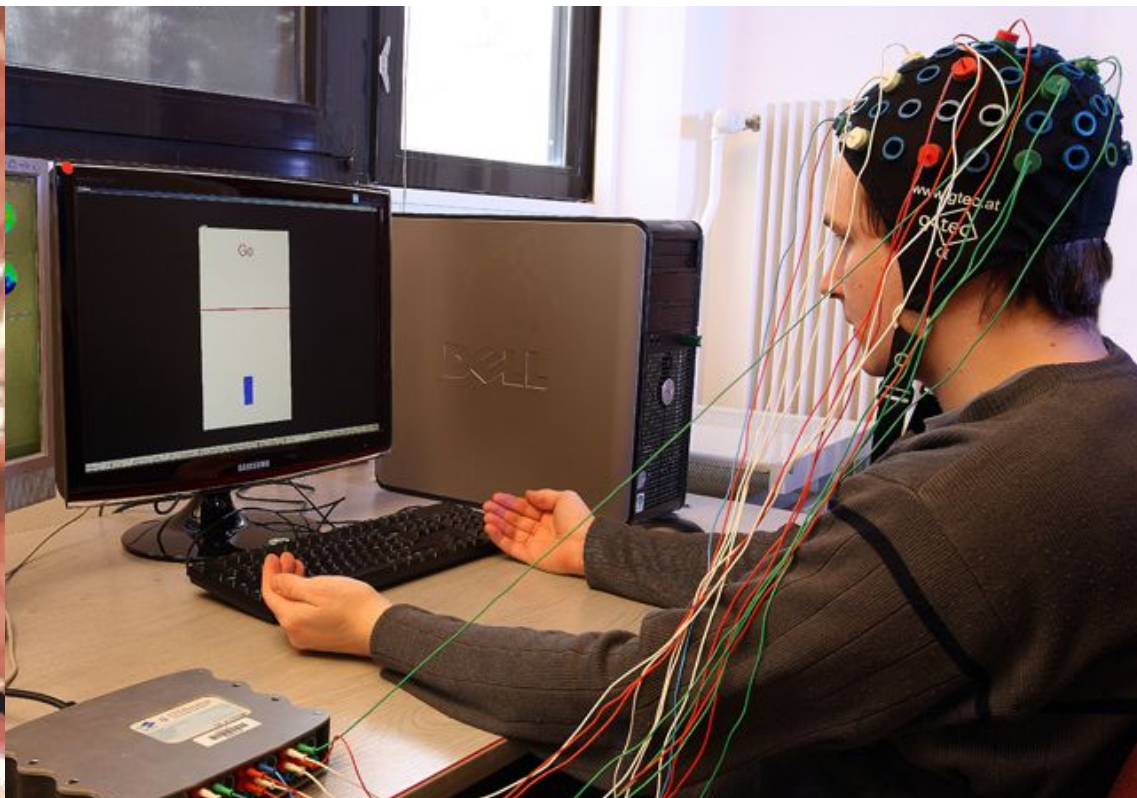
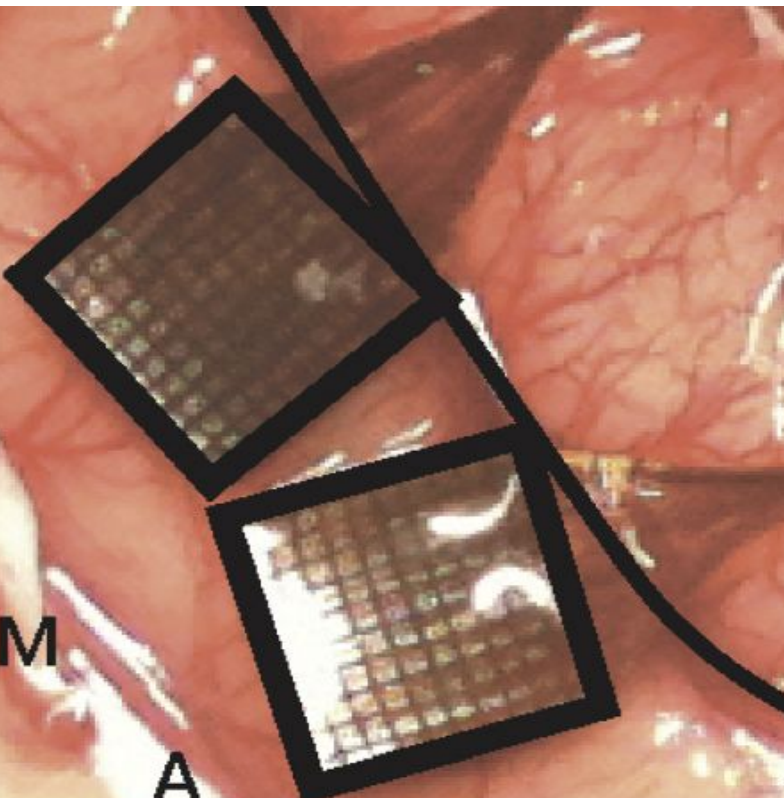
Human input
10,000,000 bits/s



Human output
30 bits/s



Cortical BMI is hard



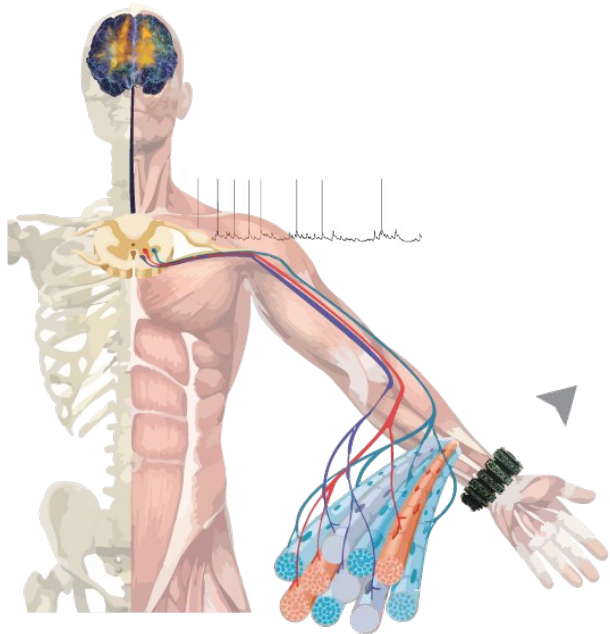
 Myo™ | Gesture Control Armband



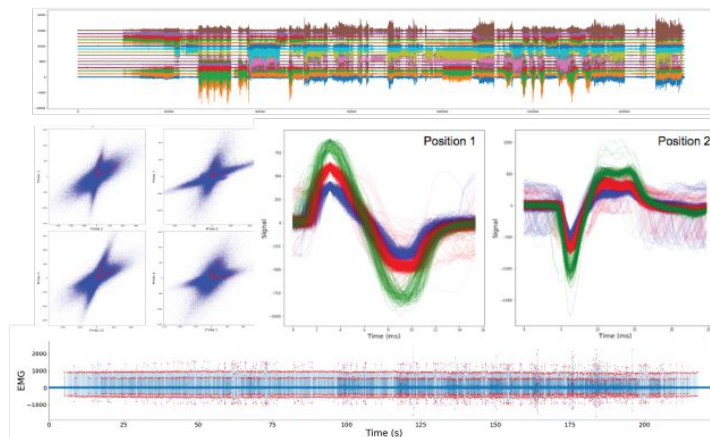
Surface EMG neural interface.

Biophysical signal to control signal.

Neural activity



EMG



Control



In the future you will connect your nervous system to everything.





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Neural Interaction Design Challenges

1. Robustness & Reliability
2. Novel Interactions
3. Ergonomics
 - a. Touchless Control vs. Spatial Computing
4. Learnability & Customization
 - a. Fun to learn, and it learns you.
5. Fit to Environment
6. Props



Neural Interaction Design Challenges

1. 3- and 6-DOF navigation
2. Activation, “wake-word” & mode switching
3. Simultaneous continuous & discrete control
4. Hand-object interaction in XR.
5. Text Input!!

Ergonomics & Comfort

1. Smaller is better -- motionless is best?
2. Anatomically informed
3. Variation is essential for comfort.
4. Force: brief or light.



Hand-Object Interaction in XR

1. Grasping, manipulating.
2. Spatial Computing vs. Touchless Control, i.e. direct vs indirect.
3. Haptics & feedback.

Use your arm, or use The Force?

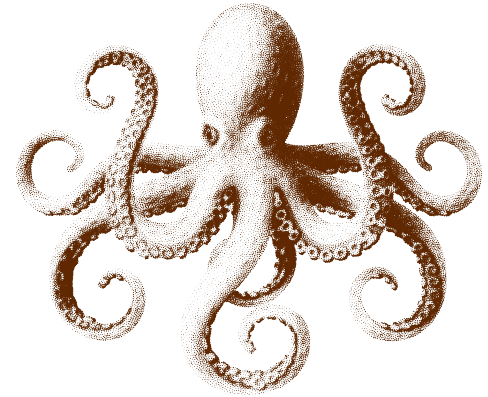


Novel Interactions

Co-evolution of software and controllers.



Control these with an xbox controller... or your hand?



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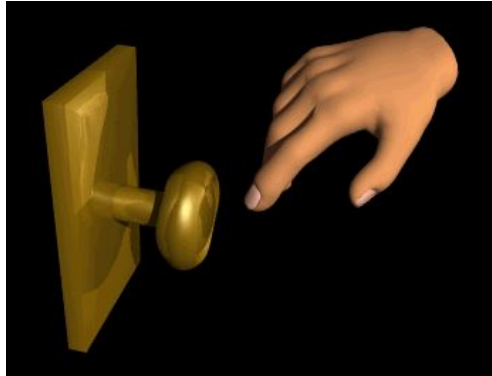
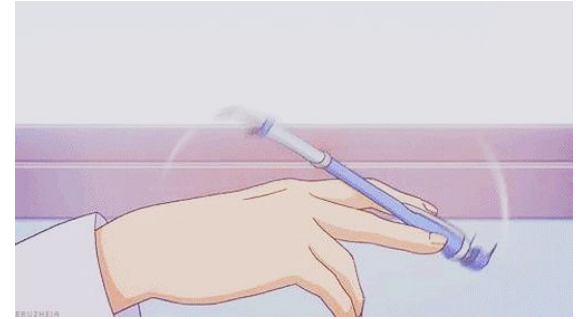
1. One-handed vs two
2. QWERTY-or-not
3. Visual, audio feedback
4. Swipe, chords, ...?



We can do better than this...

Props

1. Constrain hand shape & muscle activation
2. Something to push against
3. Feels cool
4. Optional scaffolding?

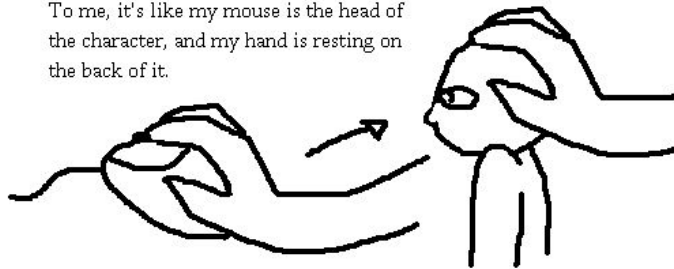




Some people think inverting the y-axis on games doesn't make any sense, but it does to me.

To me, it's like my mouse is the head of the character, and my hand is resting on the back of it.

Invert Y-Mouselook



To make them look down, I push the mouse forward, like I'm tilting their head down to look.



And to make them look up, I pull the mouse back, again as though I were craning their necks upward.

I know not everyone sees it this way



but that's how it makes sense to me.



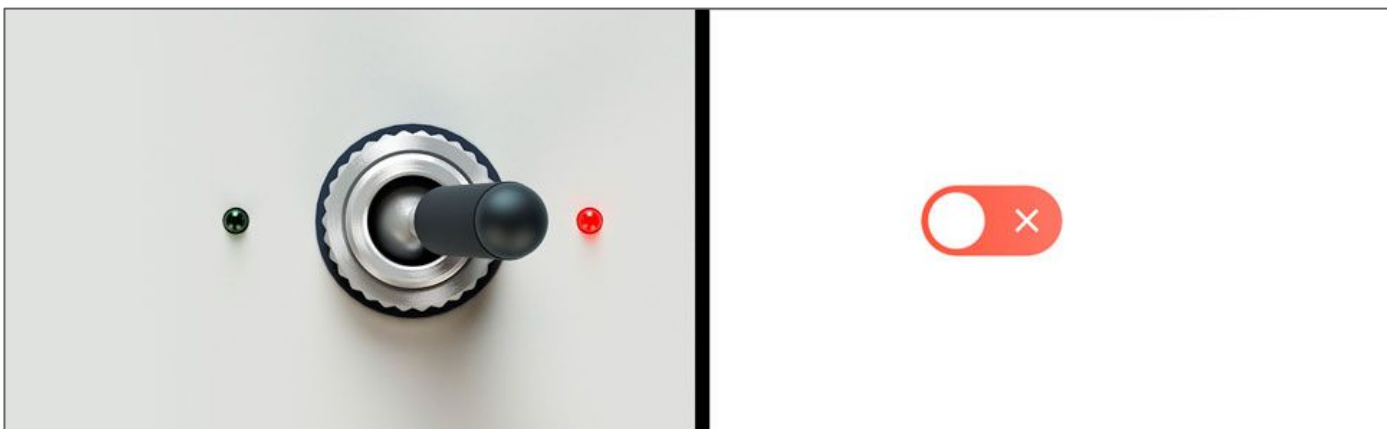
this man's head is really soft

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US FOR A SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE.**

Soft Dome

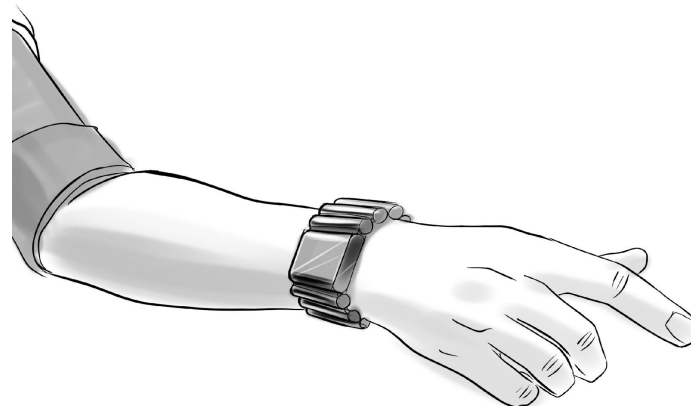
Classic Dome

Soft Rim





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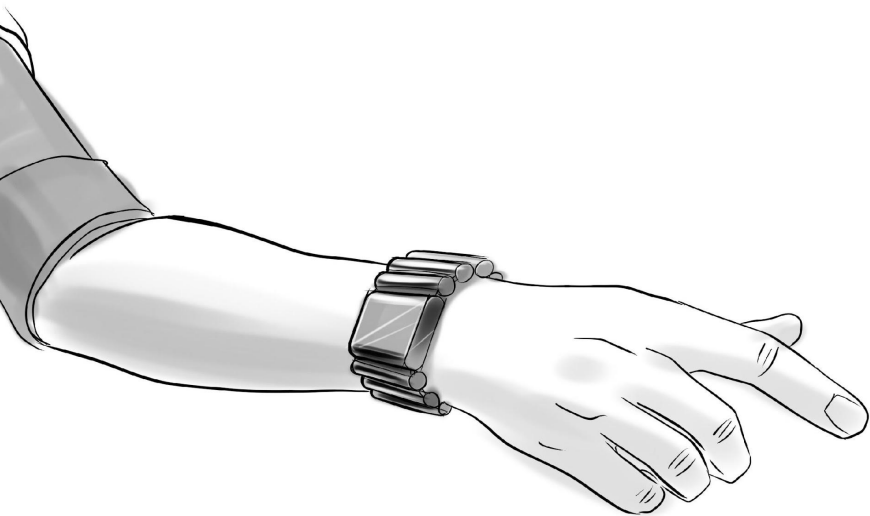


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CTRL-kit developer platform.



Hardware



SDK & API

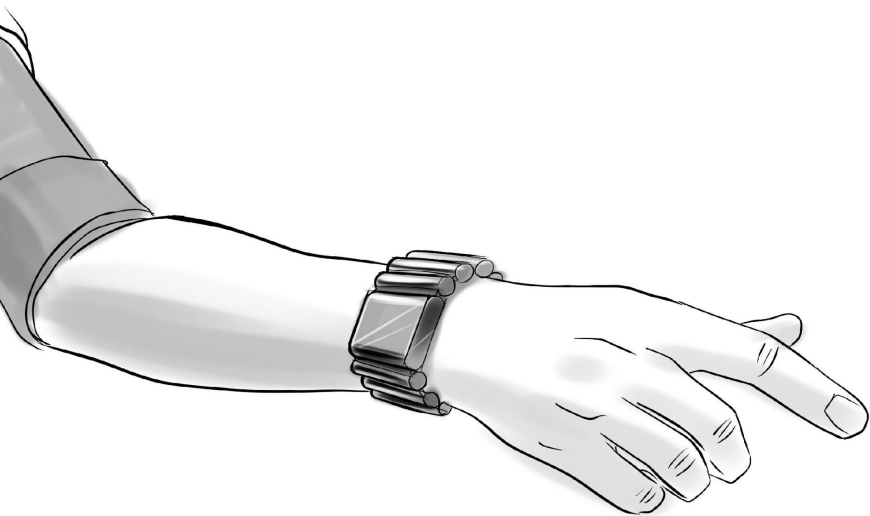


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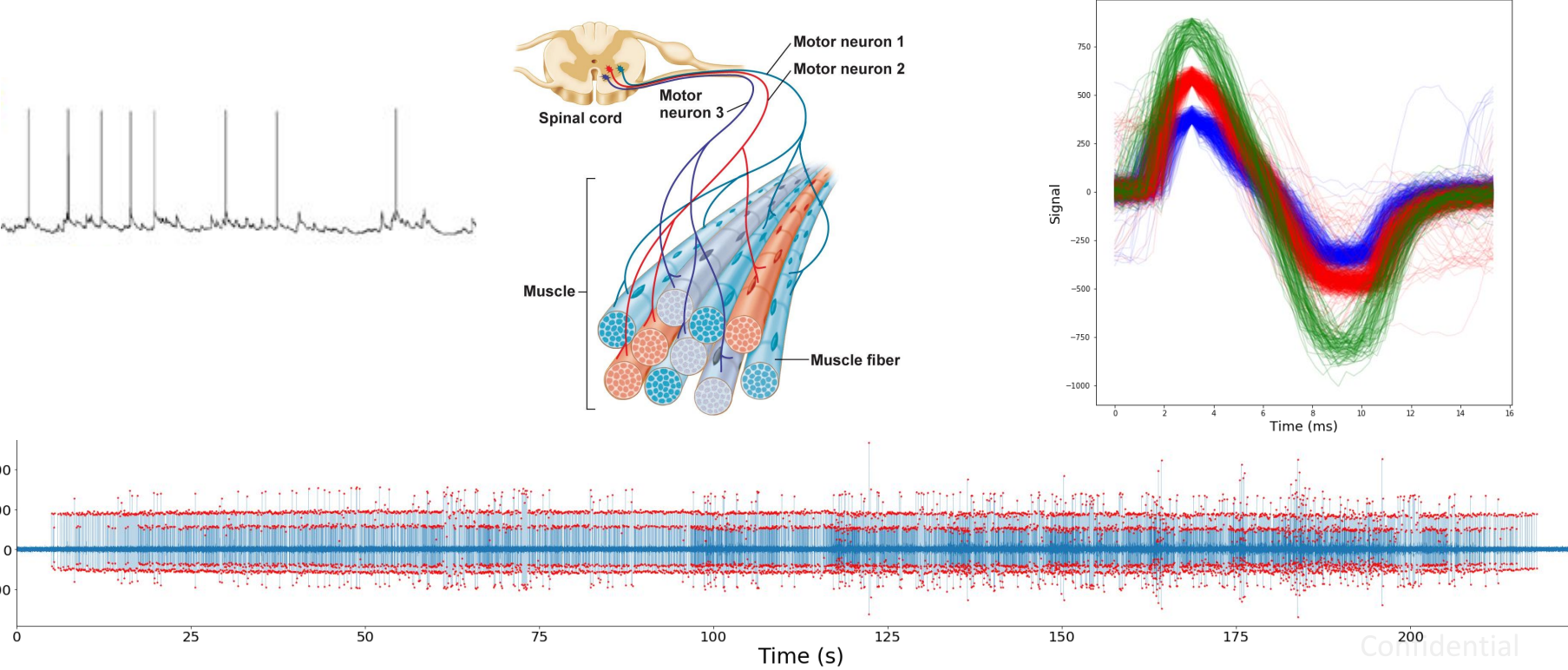
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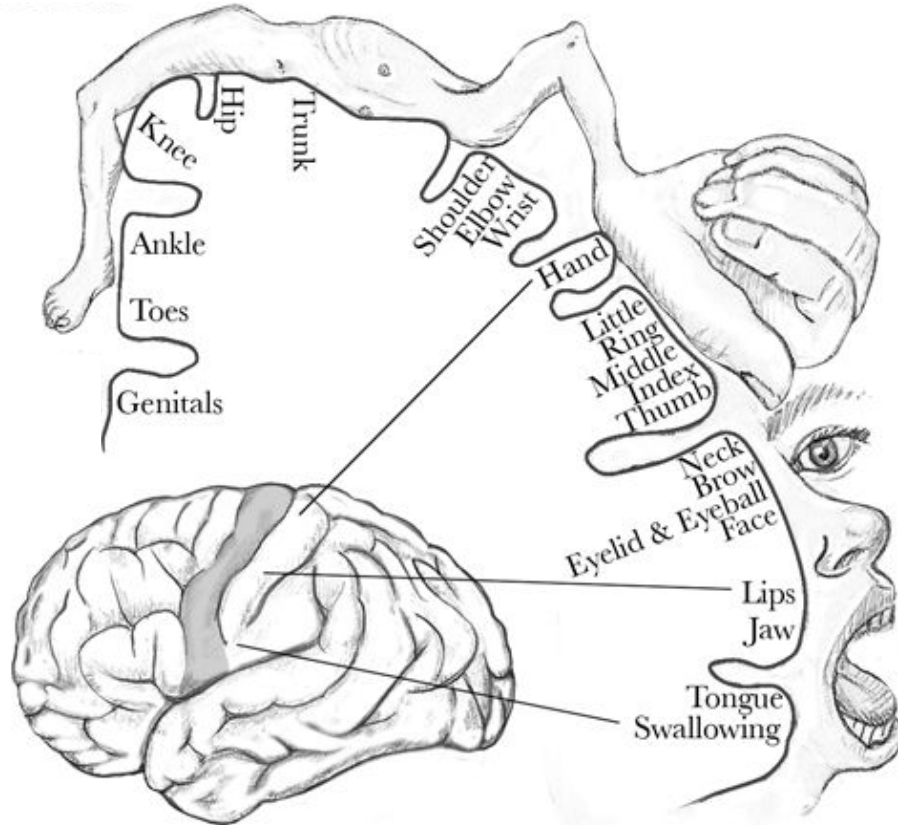
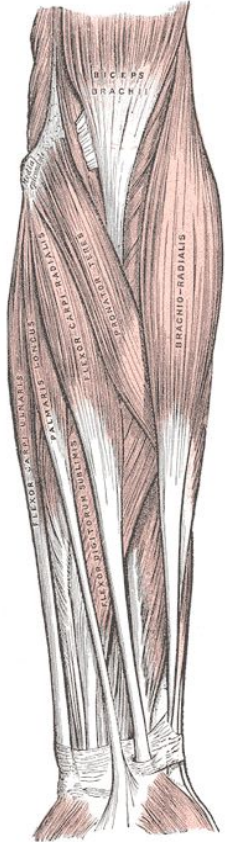
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[Extra slides]

Neurocontrol: EMG \rightarrow motor neuron activity



The richest signals are at the forearm.



Tool / object control

Spoken language