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# Move Better with a Robot

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# Manipulation Execution: Toward Human Dexterity







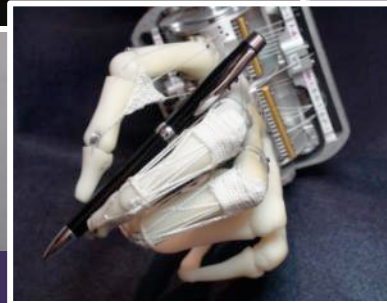
# What can be done with robotics?

## Retraining



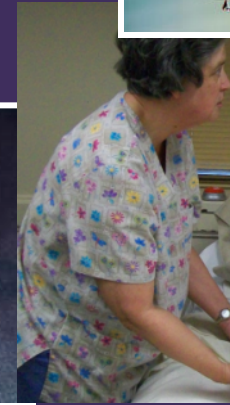
Robotic Rehabilitation  
Home-Based Therapy

## Augmentation



Dexterous Prosthetics  
Exoskeleton

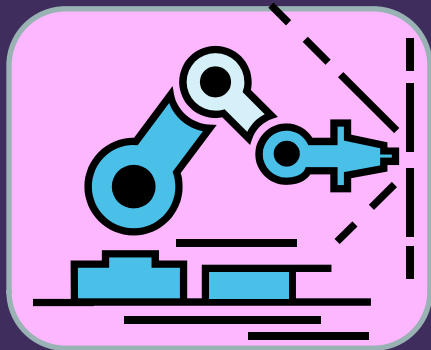
## Remote Assistance



Home-Based Assistance



Design, Control



Physical  
Human-Robot  
Interaction



Daily activities re-enabled!



Learn  
and  
Model

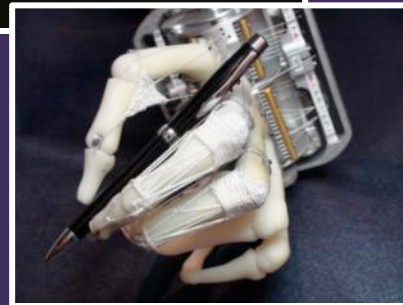


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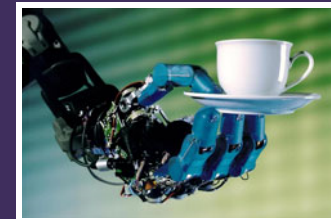
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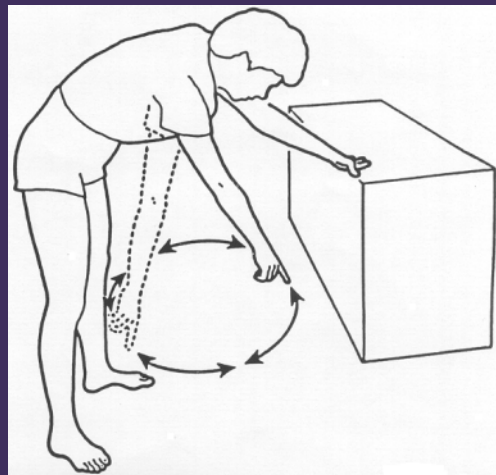
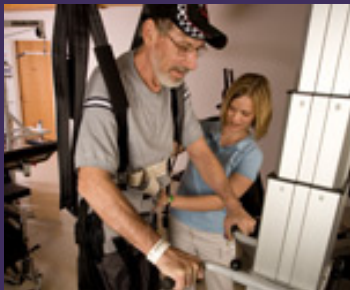
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# Retraining Movements



**TABLE 1**  
*Therapy Session Check Sheet [TSCS]*

Patient \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Therapist \_\_\_\_\_ Session# \_\_\_\_\_  
(FILL OUT DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER SESSION!)

	None- Slight	Some	Mod.	Much	Very Much	Notes:
<b>PATIENT:</b>						
Reflective .....	1	2	3	4	5	_____ Technical Problems
Receptive .....	1	2	3	4	5	_____ Symptoms
Anxiety .....	1	2	3	4	5	_____ Therapeutic Change
Depression .....	1	2	3	4	5	
Hostility .....	1	2	3	4	5	
Other Affect .....	1	2	3	4	5	
Specify:						
<b>TRANSFERENCE:</b>						
Amount .....	1	2	3	4	5	
Manifest .....	1	2	3	4	5	
Latent .....	1	2	3	4	5	
Positive .....	1	2	3	4	5	
Negative .....	1	2	3	4	5	





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# Robotic Rehabilitation



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VA/Stanford



**LOCOMAT**



**MIT-MANUS**

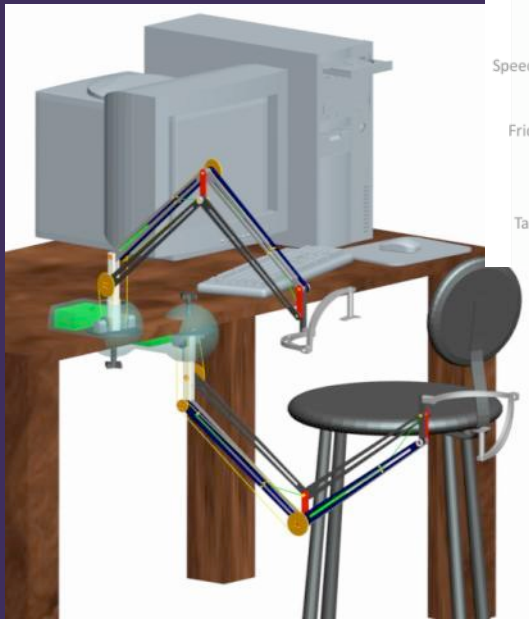
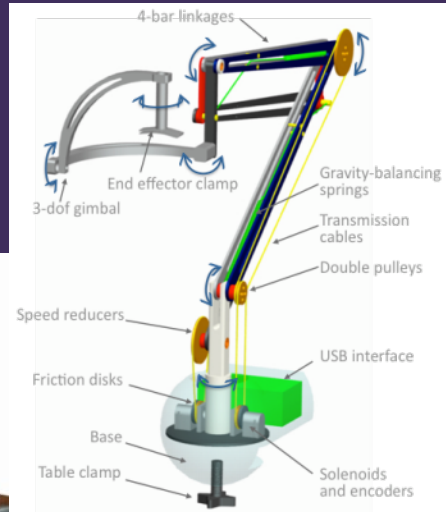
## Advantages:

- Multiplication without fatigue
- Repetitive movements shown to have efficacy

## Challenges:

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- Patients have learned-nonuse

# Robotic Rehabilitation: Safer & Cheaper



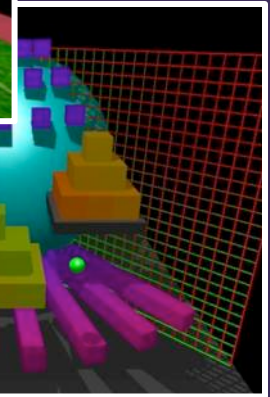
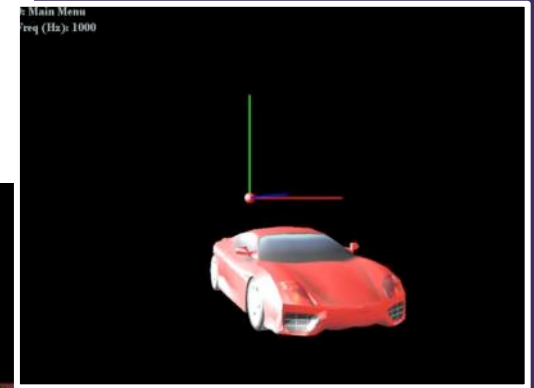
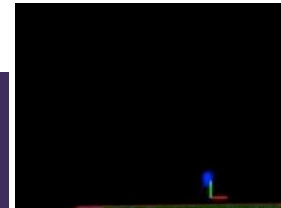
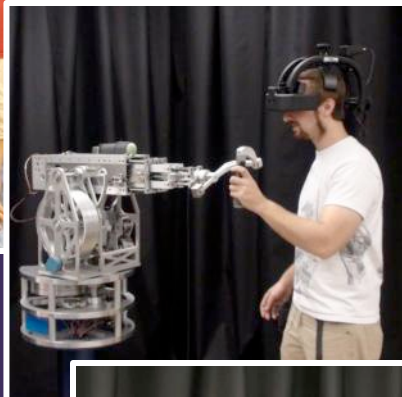
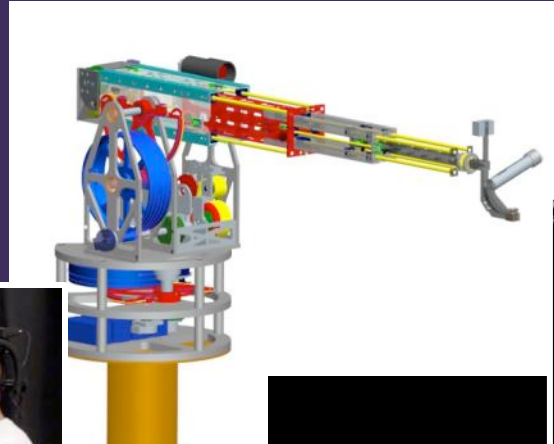
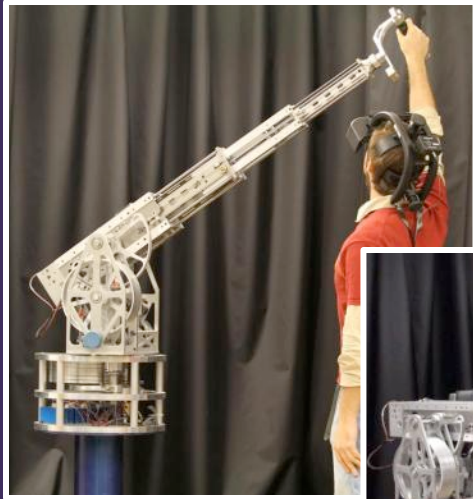
Just funded from NSF:  
cheaper home-based therapy robot

Part	Quantity	Price	Sub Total	Total
Base including plates	1	8	8	112.95
Electronics/connectors	1	10	10	
Pulleys	7	1	7	
Solenoid	2	8	16	
Linkage	11	1.2	13.2	
Spring	2	4	8	
Cables	5	1.5	7.5	
Clamp screw	1	2	2	
Gimbal linkages	3	1	3	
Plastic mold for attachment	1	1.5	1.5	
Bearings	10	1.5	15	
Low-resolution Encoders	3	7.25	21.75	



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# Robotic Rehabilitation: Safer & Cheaper



Brake  
Actuated  
Manipulator  
(BAM)

US Patent#5,755,645

Large Workspace



[Matsuoka & Townsend, 2001]  
[Vande Weghe et al. 2004]



# Robotic Rehabilitation: Safer & Cheaper

Passivity  $v^T f = v^T (-cv) = -cv^2 < 0$

$v^T f = \dot{\theta}^T J^T (J^T)^{-1} \tau = \dot{\theta}^T \tau < 0$

$\dot{\theta}^T \tau = \sum_i^n \dot{\theta}_i \tau_i < 0$

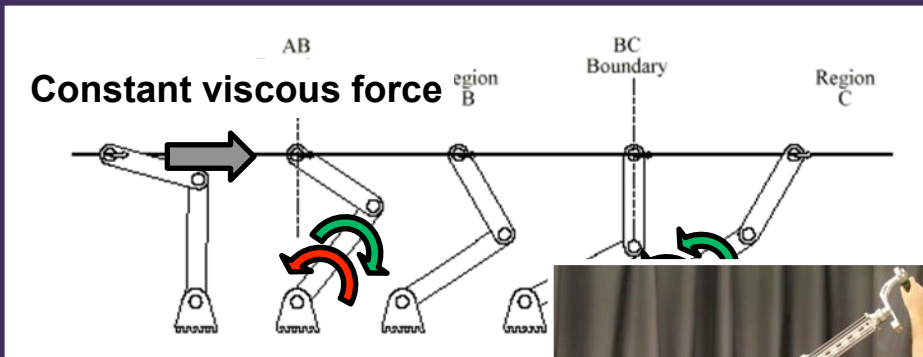
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Revolute kinematic robots violate this eqn

Creates swiss-cheese environment

Orthogonal kinematic robots:

Swiss-cheese never occurs

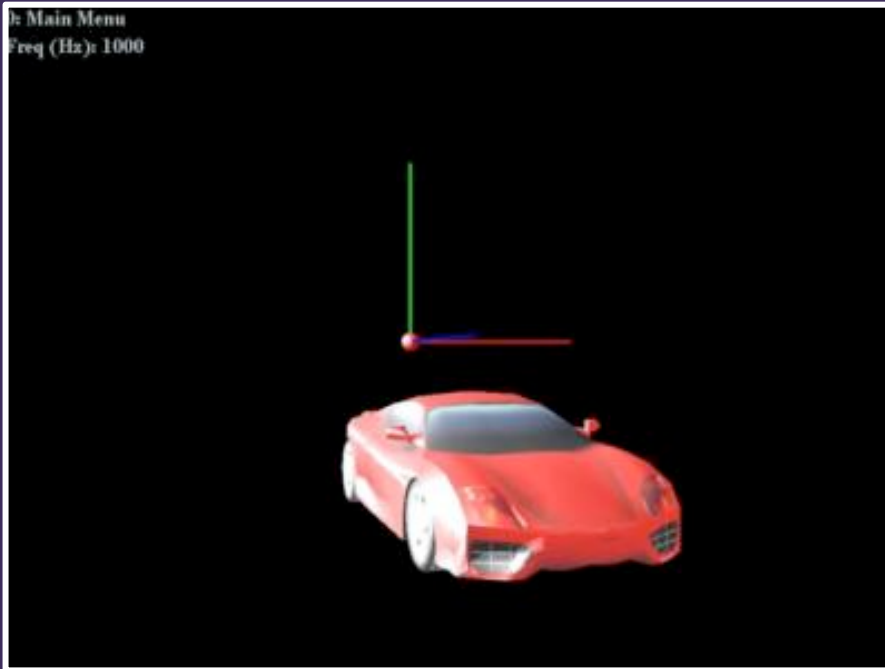


Kinematic arrangement	# of revolute joints	# of prismatic joints
Cartesian	0	3
Cylindrical	1	2
Sphere	2	1

[Matsuoka & Townsend, 2008]  
[Dellon & Matsuoka, 2008]



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Active robots can push back  
but not passive robots

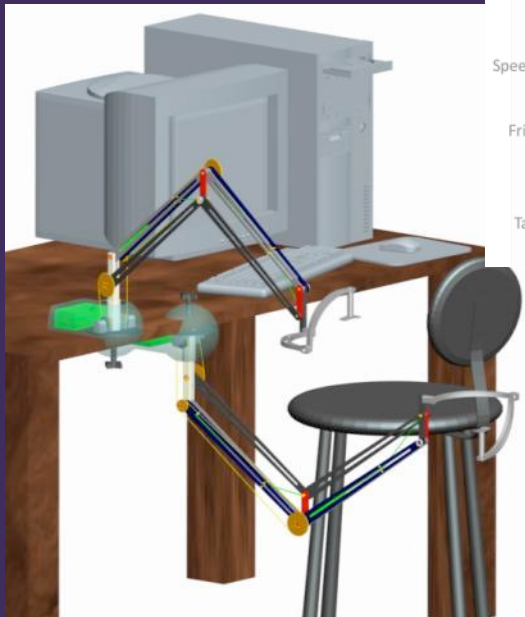
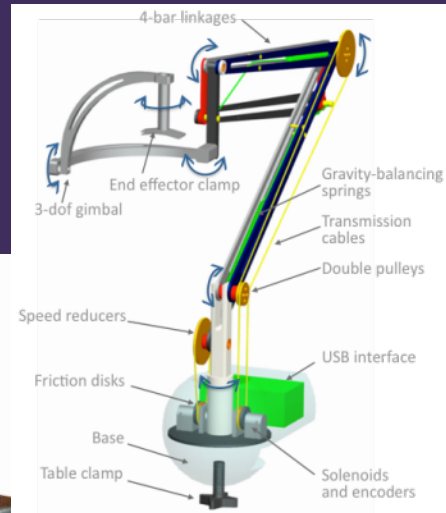


[Optic illusion](#) changes body movements [NIH funded --- experiments just conducted]

[Another optic illusion](#) changes arm movements [preliminary test conducted]



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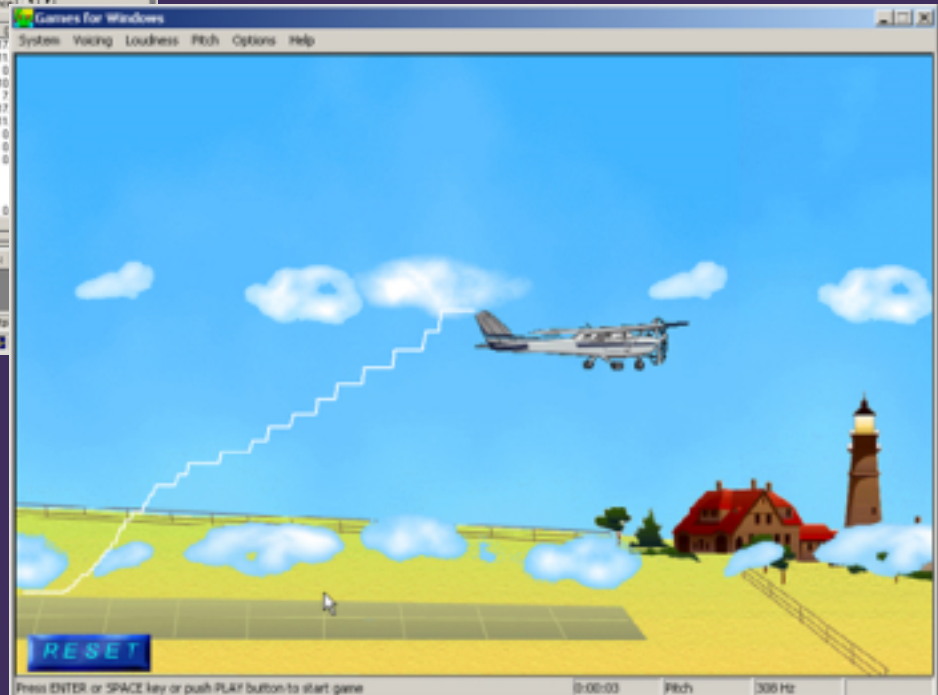
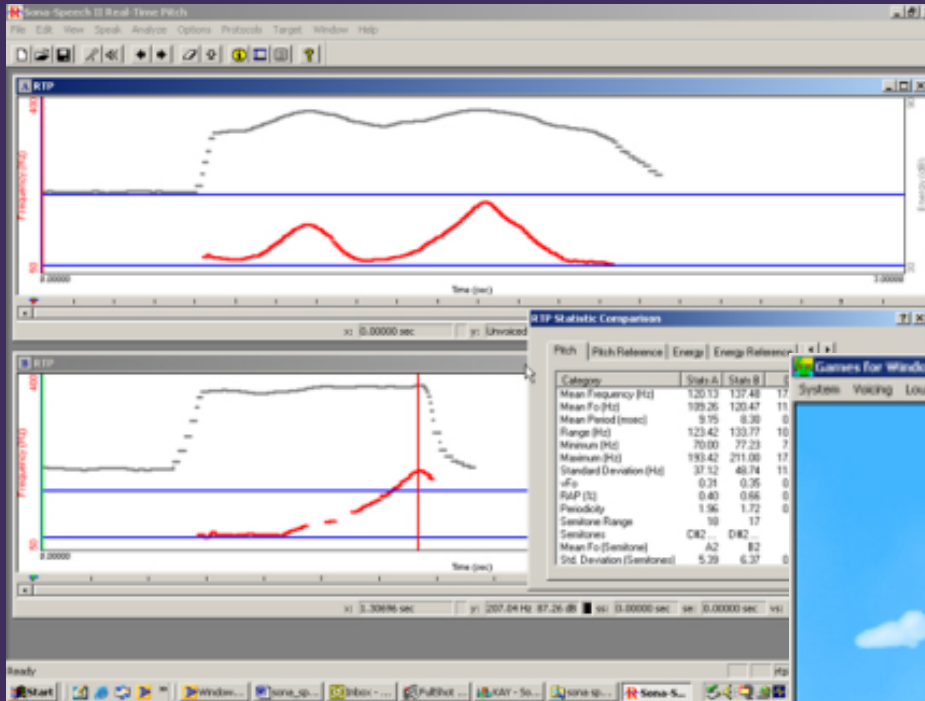


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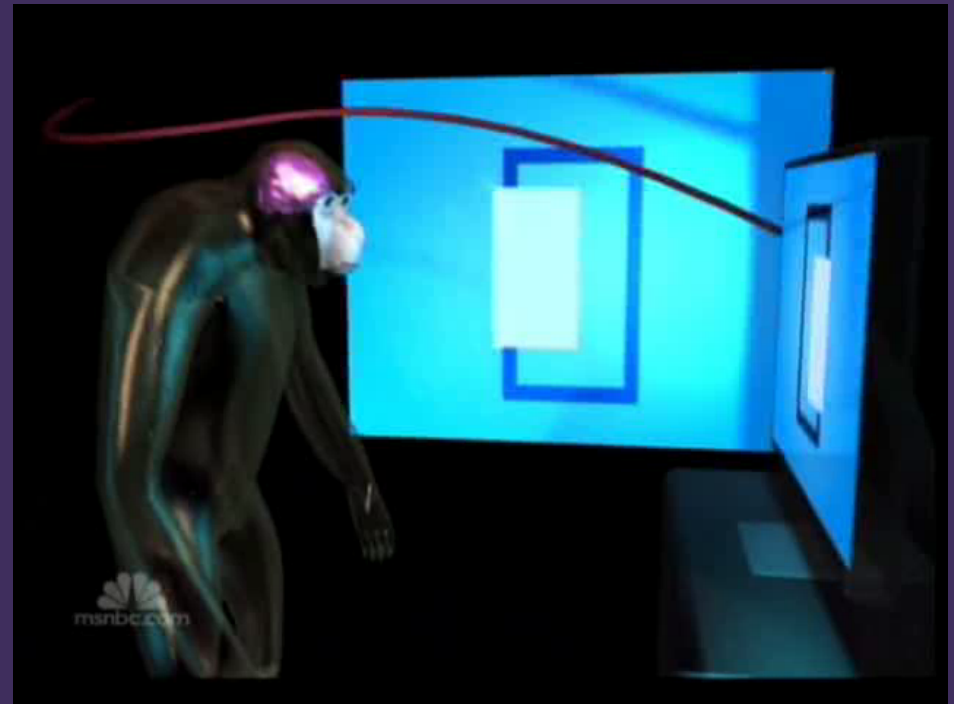
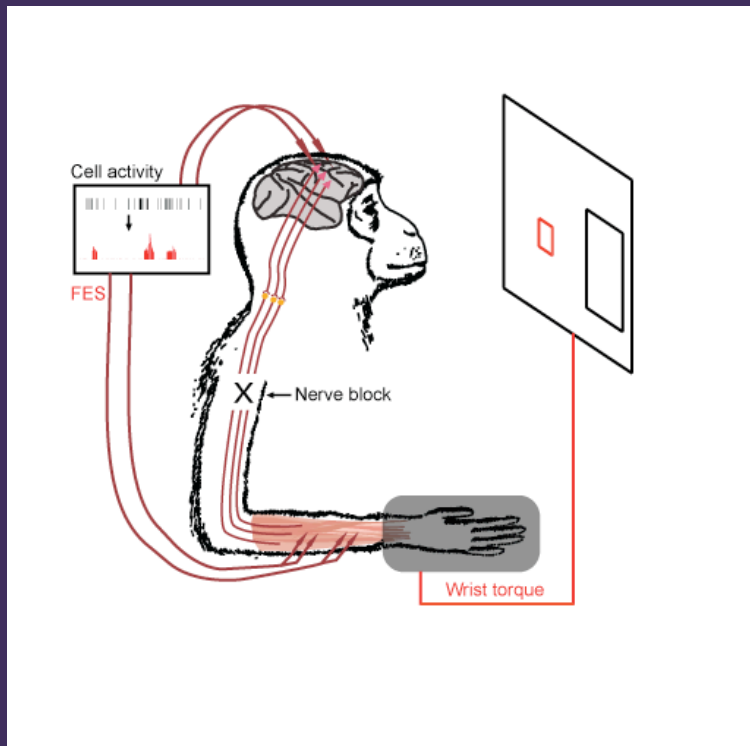
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# Robotic Rehabilitation: Feedback & Monitoring



Courtesy of KayPentax

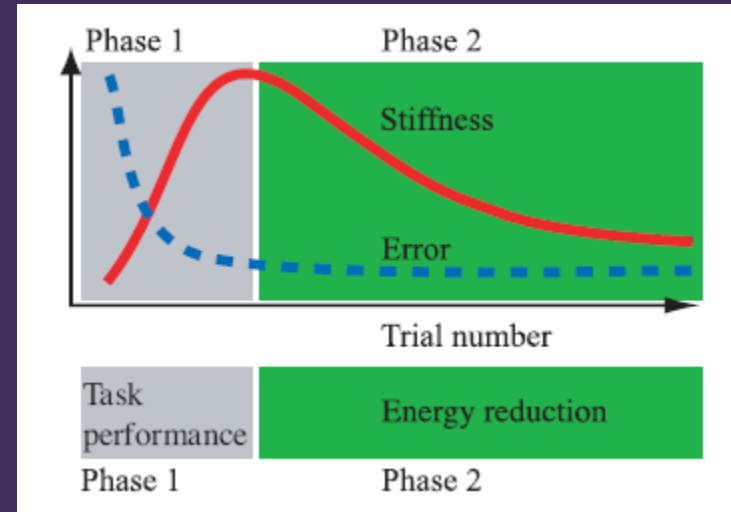
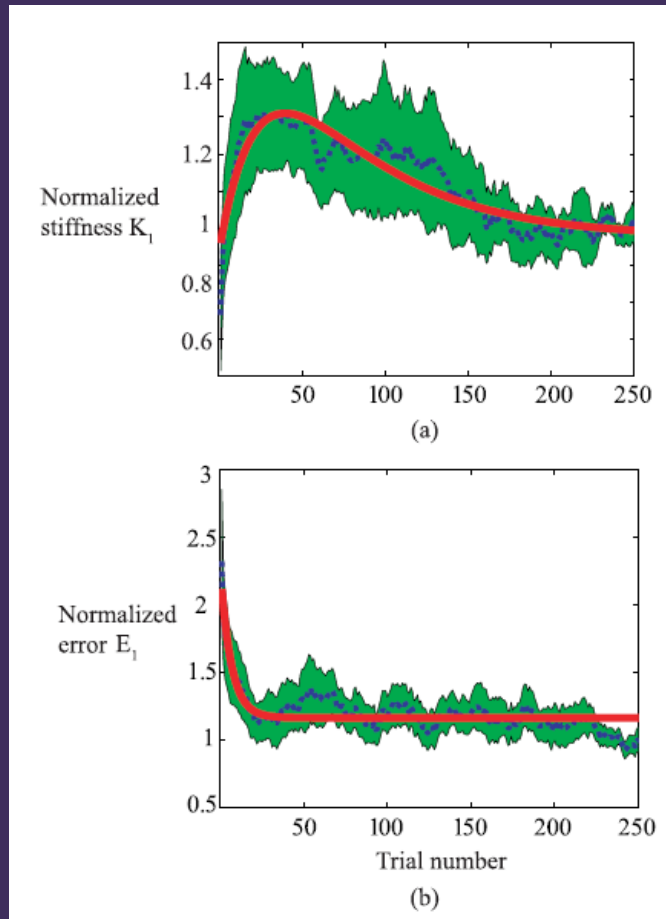
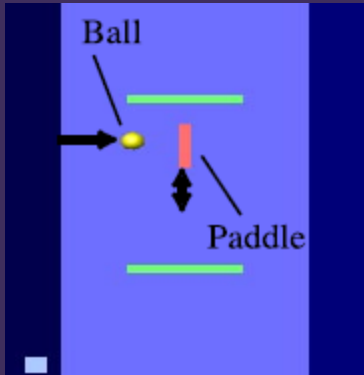
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[Moritz, Perlmutter & Fetz, 2008]



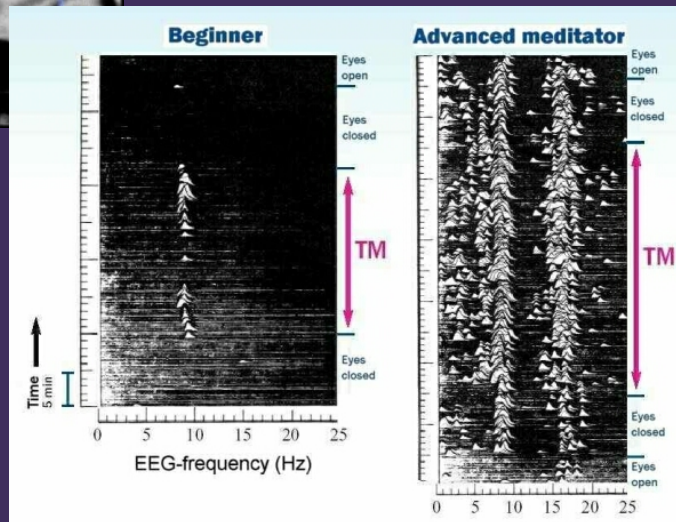
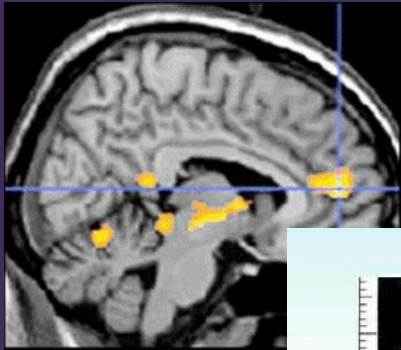
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[Balasubramanian, Howe & Matsuoka, 2009]

# Robotic Rehabilitation: Feedback & Monitoring

## Neural (and physiological) coherence



More coherence observed while learning (EEG, EEG & EMG, etc)

### Hypothesis:

If bio/neural feedback can modulate the level of coherence, can the learning rate be changed?

### Qualitative evidence:

Listening to music  
Learns better

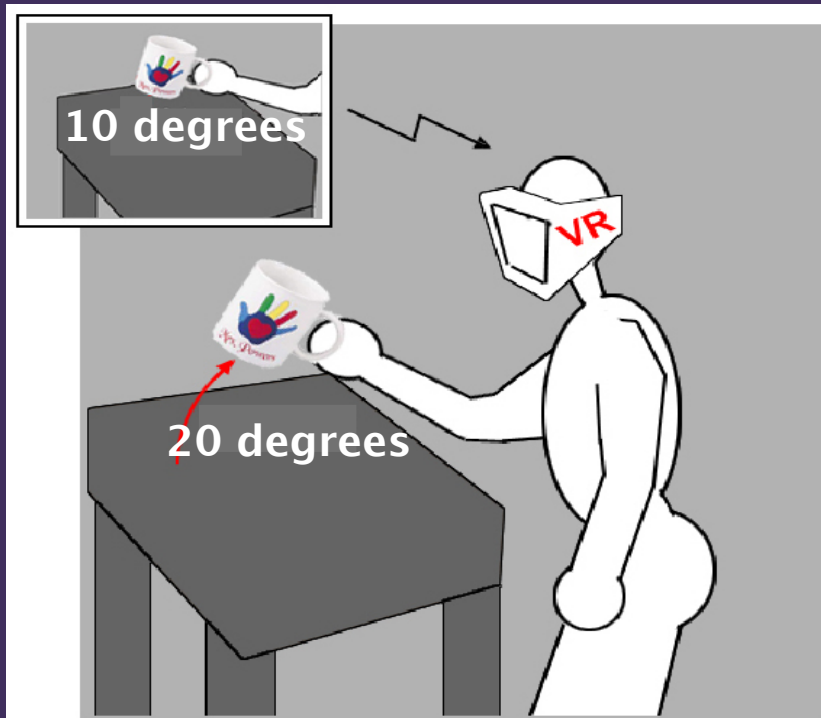
### Quantitative evidence:

1-2 weeks away...

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# Robotic Rehabilitation: Overcoming Learned-Nonuse



Proprioceptive sensors not as sensitive as vision.



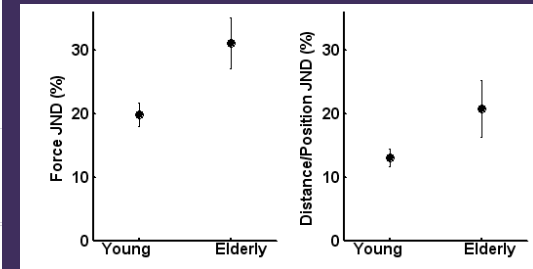
“Rehabilitation by Distortion”

Other feedback manipulation in rehabilitation [Pisella, 2002; Rode 2004; Patton, 2005]

- Quantification of Imperceptible Distortion Size



	Younger subjects (age 18-35)	Elderly subjects (age 61-80)	Motor disabled subjects
Force JND	19.7%	31.0%	46.0%
Distance JND	13.0%	21.1%	45.0%



[Brewer, Fagan, Klatzky & Matsuoka, 2004]

- The distorted feedback in force/distance is not reliably detected till up to 3 JNDs.

[Matsuoka, Allin & Klatzky, 2002]

- Perceived physical effort follows distortion.

[Fagan, Klatzky & Matsuoka, 2003]

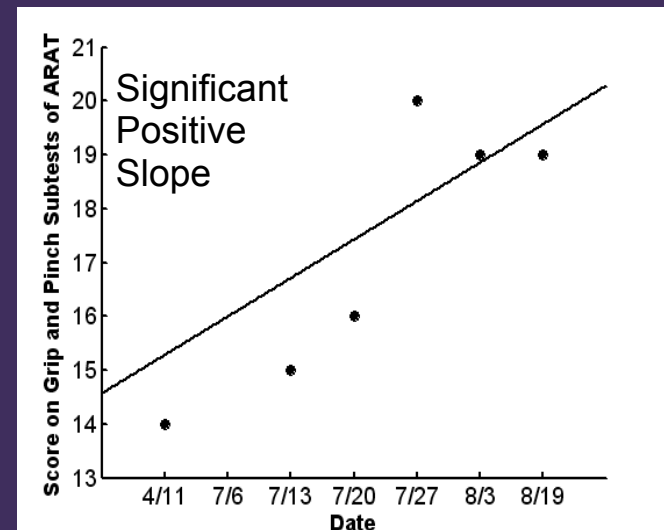
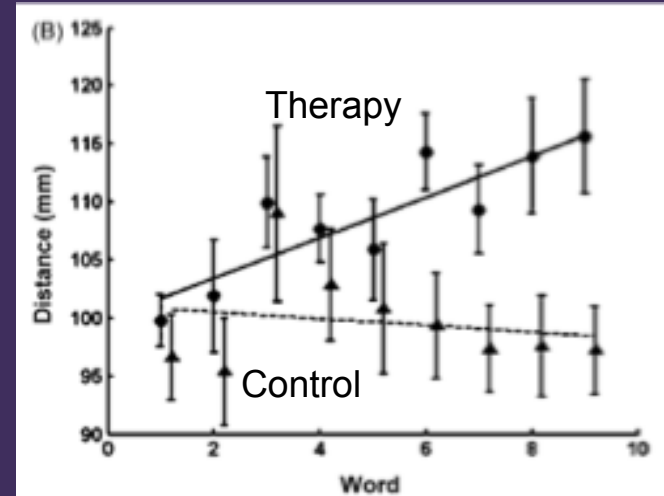
## Preliminary study



- Focused on finger pinching movement
- 6-week therapy with feedback distortion
- 1 stroke (age 71), 2 TBI (ages 25, 34)
- Between 2 to 8 years post-injury

### Example improvements:

- Index MCP active range of motion: 40° to 68°
- Reduced hypertone in index and thumb (Ashworth 2/3 to 1)
- Increase in maximum exertable force
- improvement on ARAT
- Retention shown after 12 weeks







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# Robotic Rehabilitation: Moving Forward

Home based therapy



Other ongoing projects:

Cheap, safe, online home-based therapy

Parkinson's diagnostic and monitoring

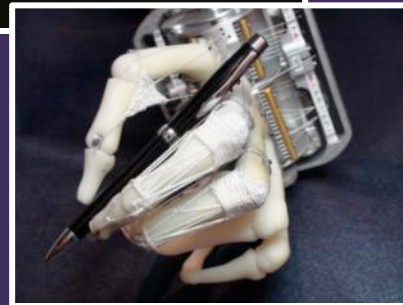
Multi-finger movement coordination therapy

## Retraining



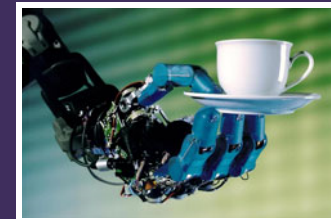
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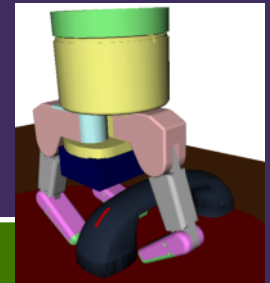


Home-Based Assistance

# Chronic Manipulation Assistance



Intention



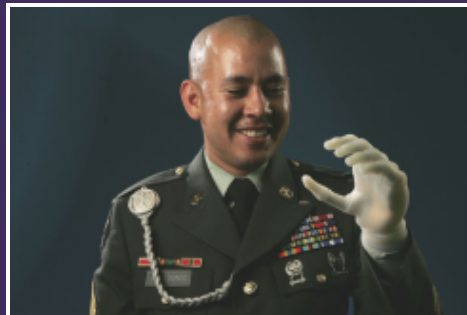
Planning



Execution

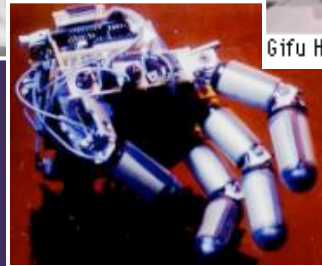
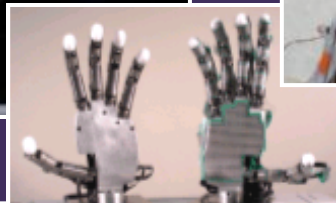
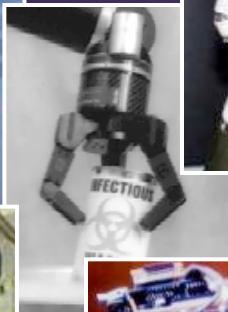


Grasping --- minimum  
Manipulation --- critical

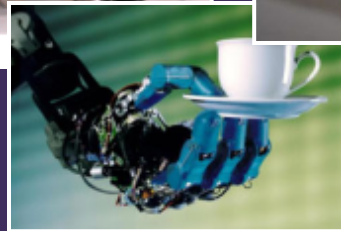


Execution

Prosthetics on the market



Gifu Hand III



Robotic hands 1983 to 2009



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Understand

- musculoskeletal details
- neural control of movement
- robust behavior execution



That enable human level dexterity



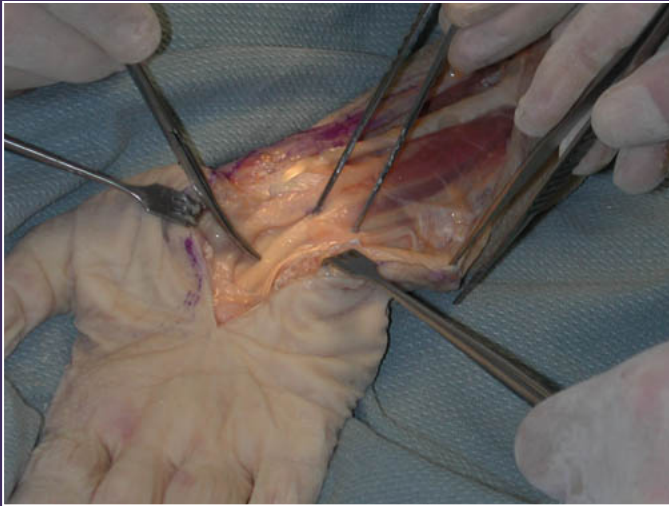
Provide solutions to those with injuries







## Anatomically Correct Testbed

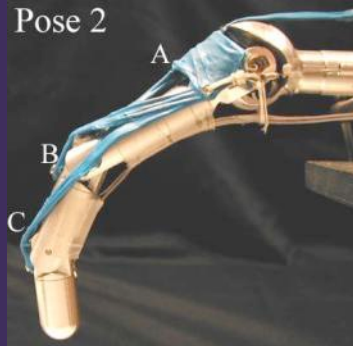


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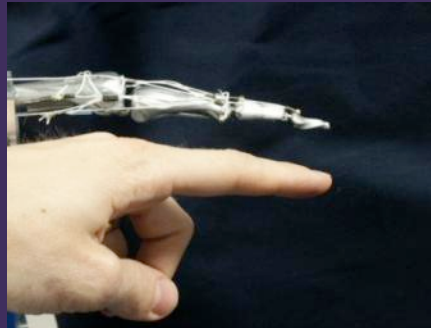


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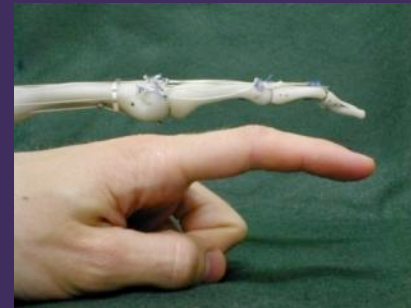
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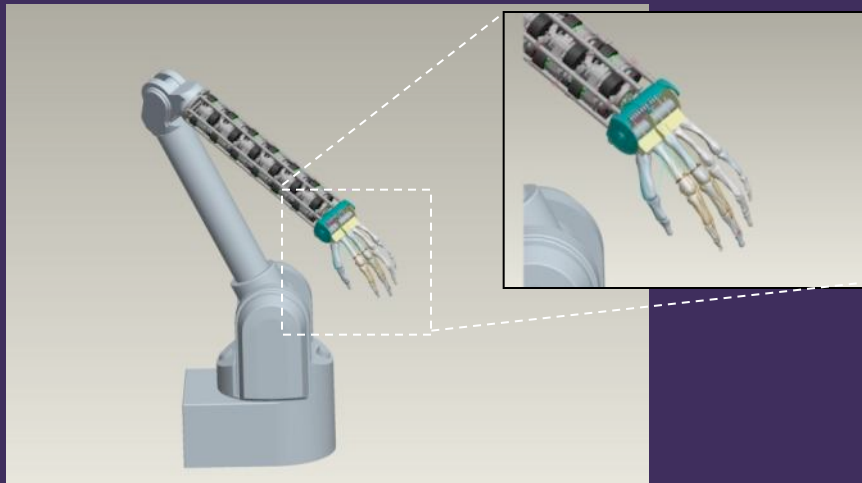
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v3.1



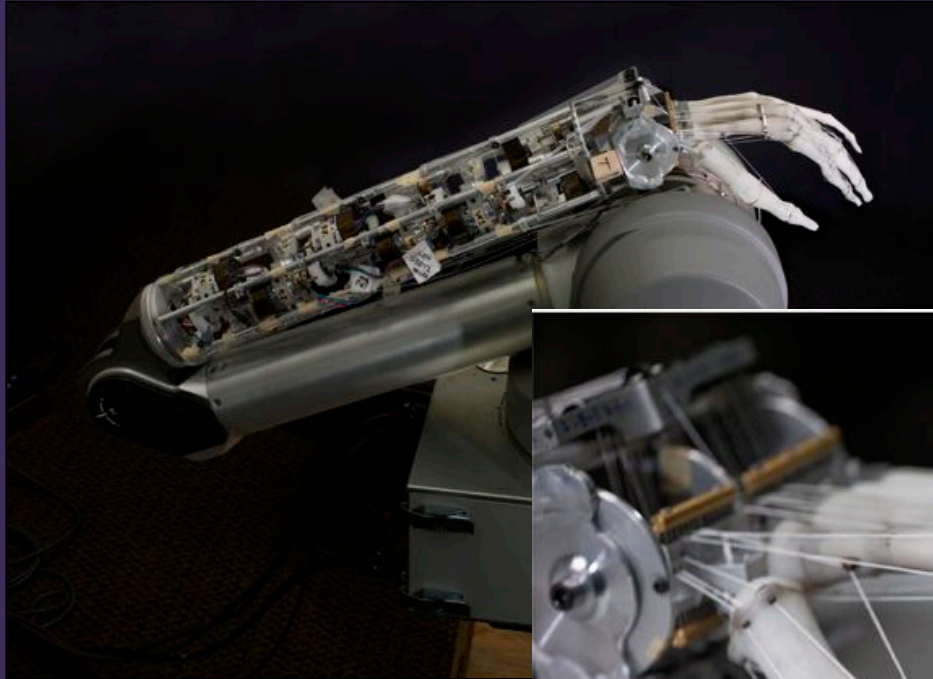
v4.0 and current



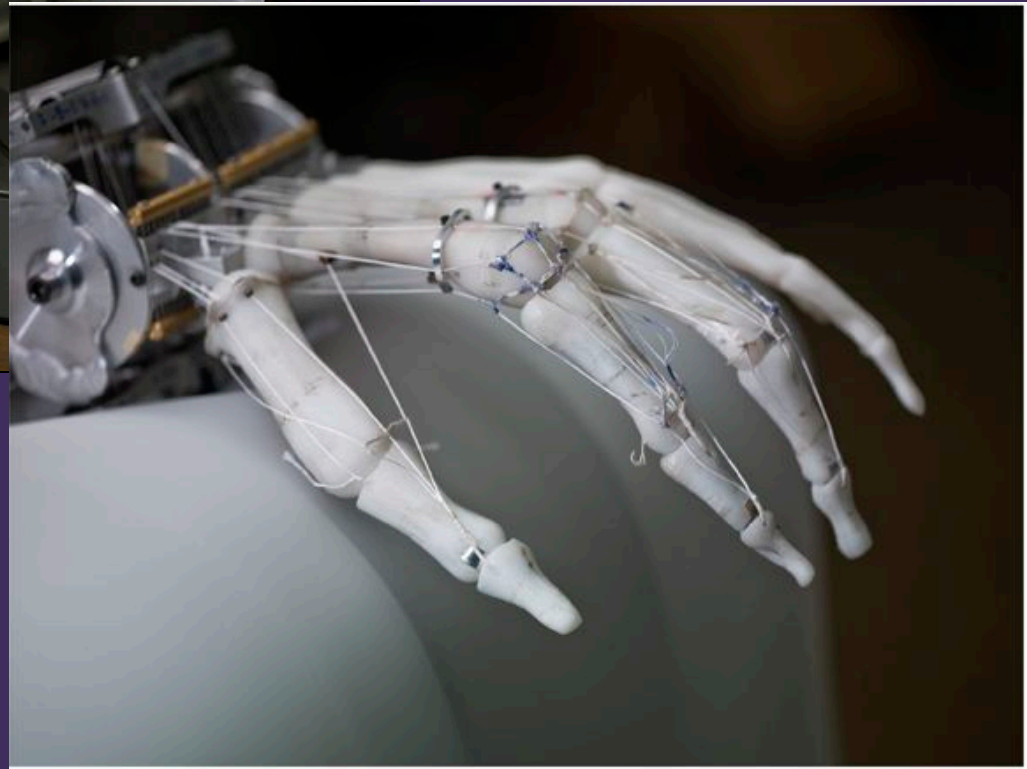


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# Muscles = # actuators

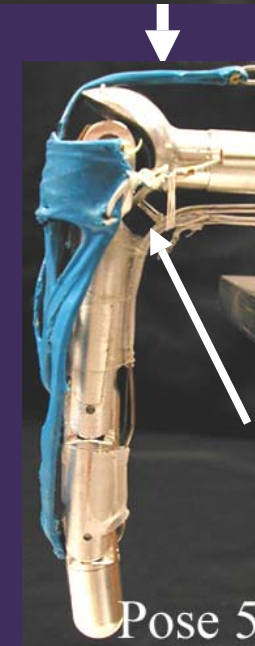
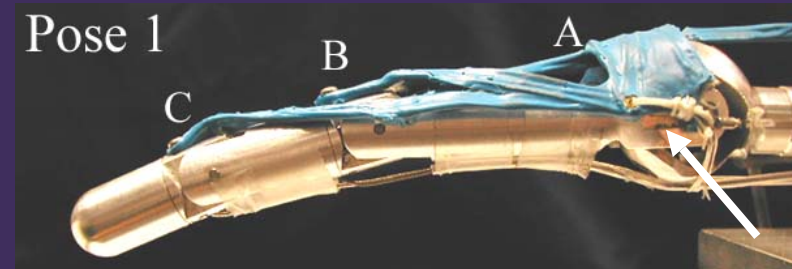
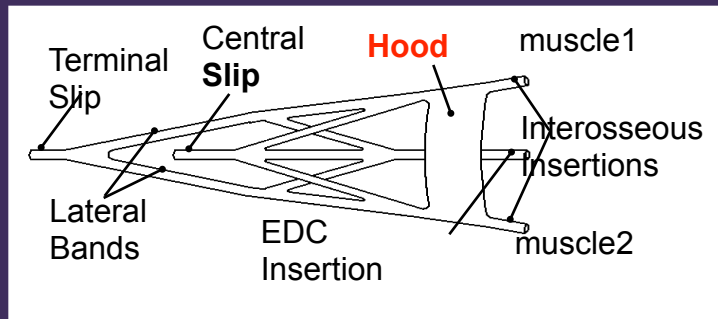
Thumb = 8

Index = 7

Middle = 6

Wrist moves anthropomorphically but not anatomically.

## Complex tendon routing reduces muscles



- Complex web of tendons
  - Evolutionary marvel or baggage?
  - Allow special finger posture with limited number of muscles

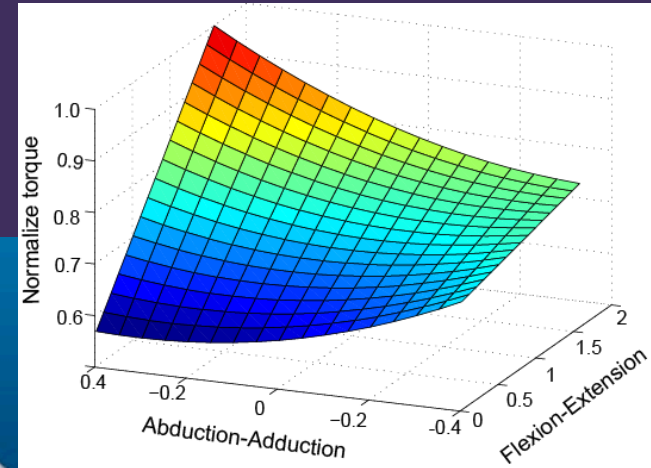
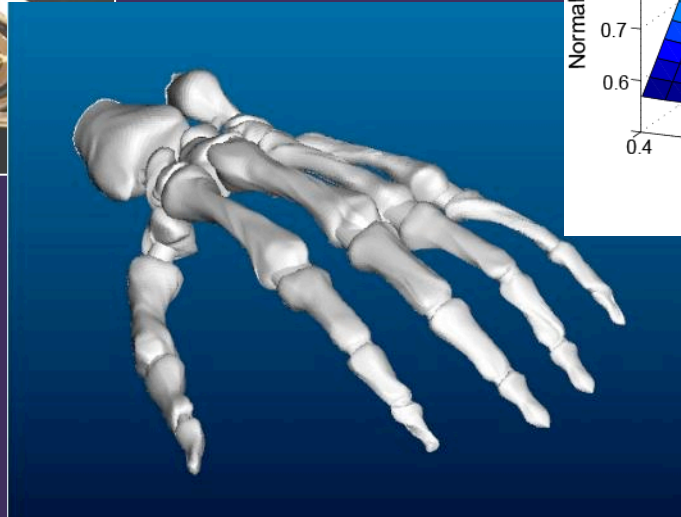
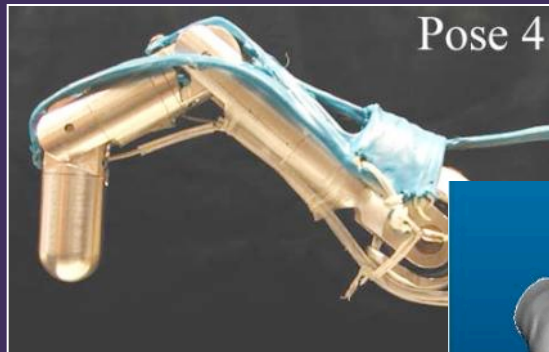
[Wilkinson, Vande Weghe & Matsuoka, 2003]  
[Valero-Cuevas et al. 2007]





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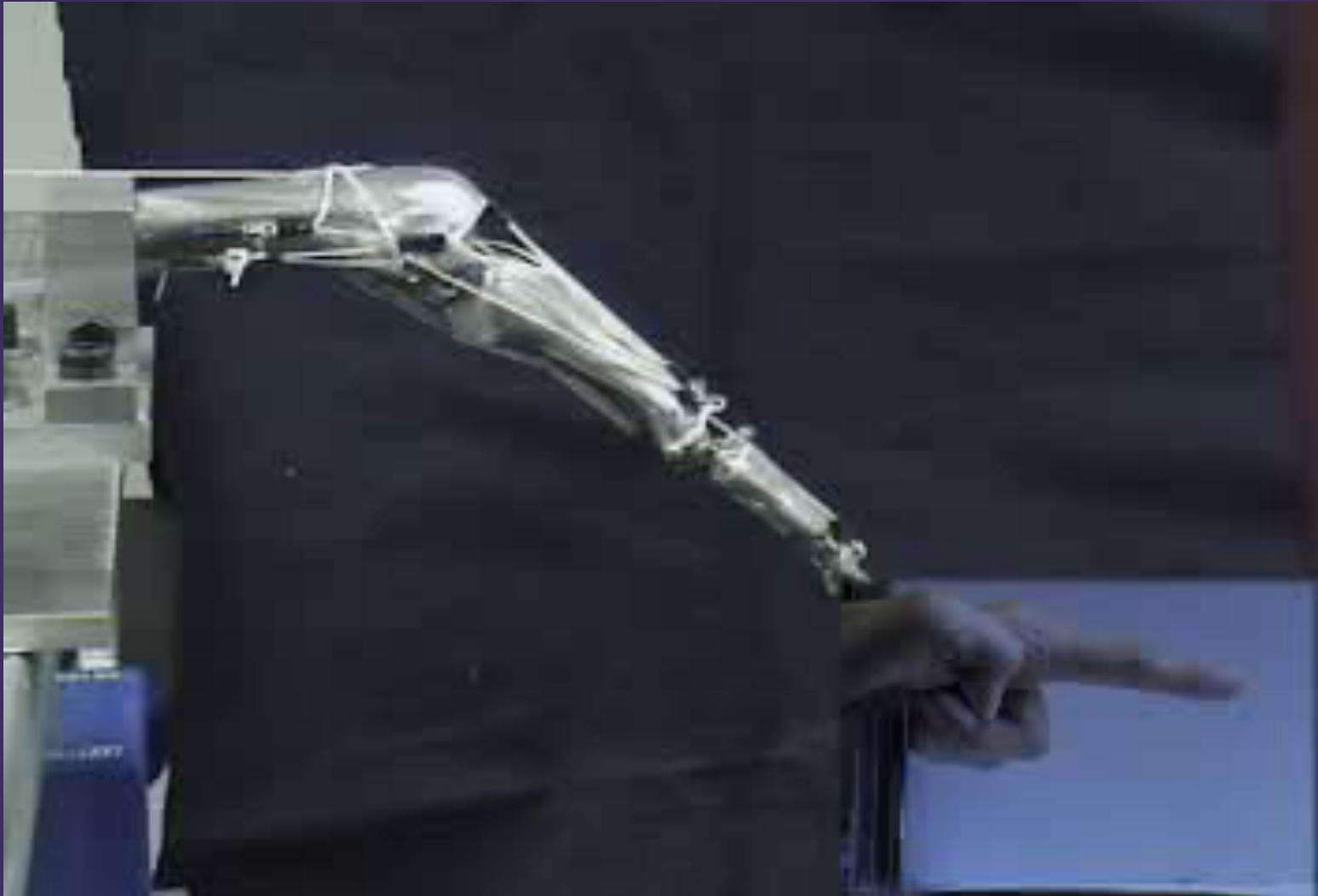
## Shape of the bones saves neural effort



[Vande Weghe, Rogers, Weissert, & Matsuoka, 2004]  
[Deshpande, Balasubramanian, Lin, & Matsuoka, 2008]

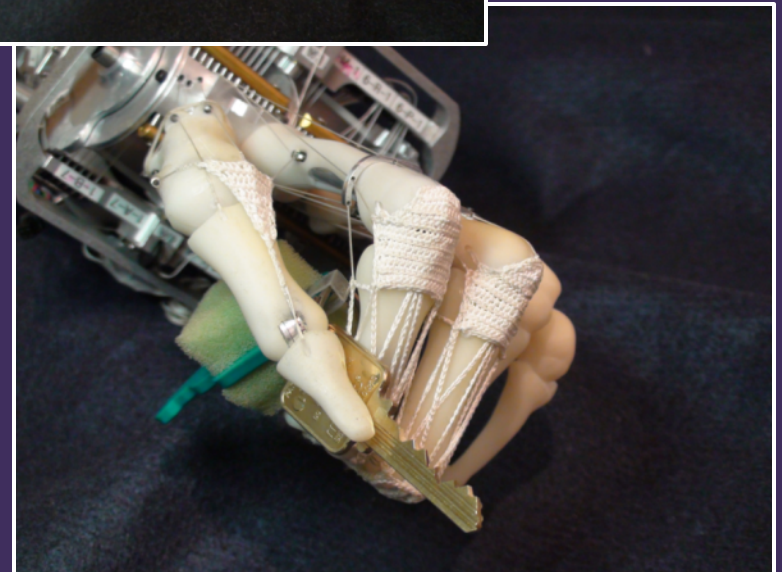
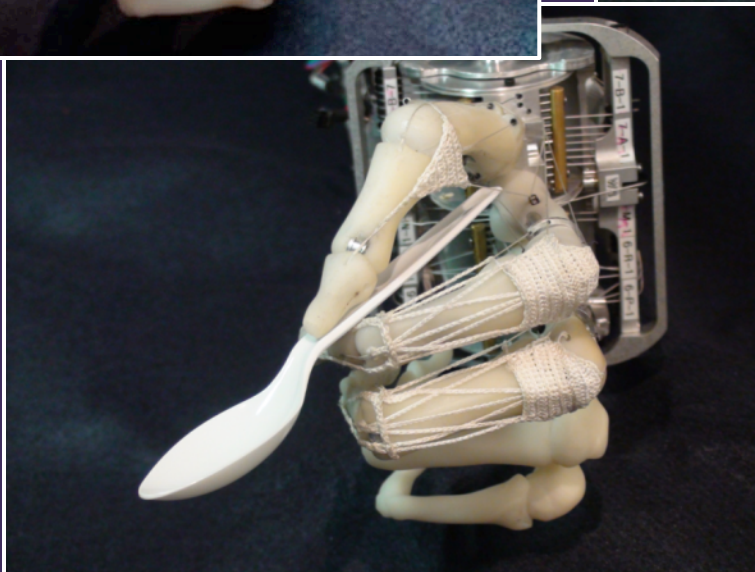
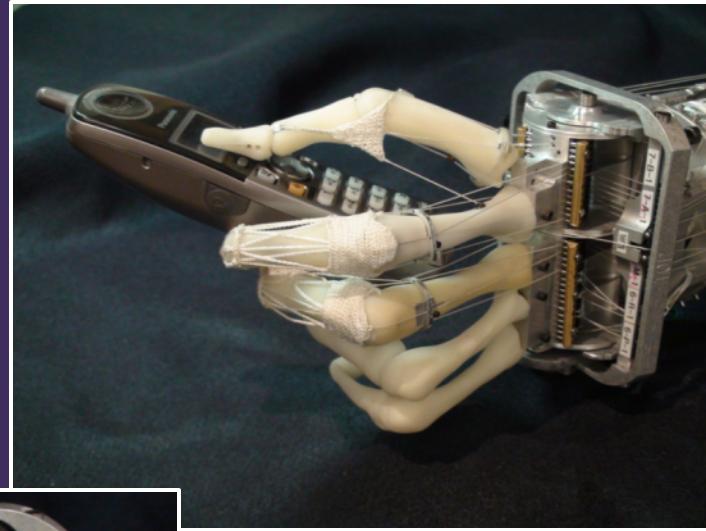
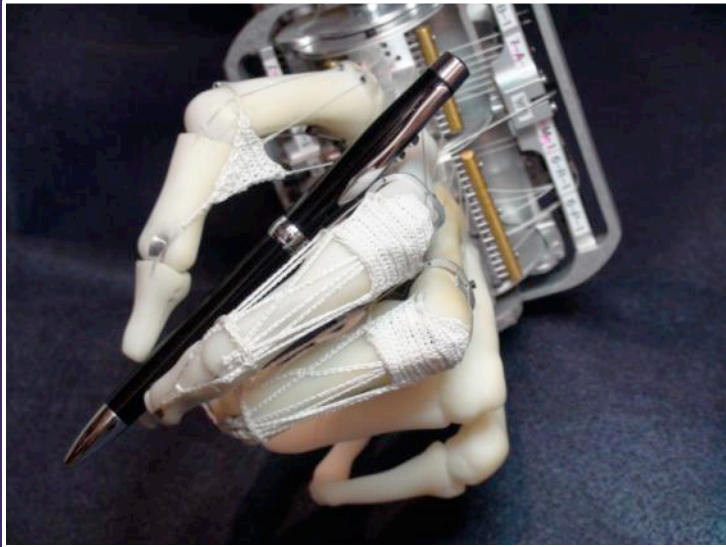


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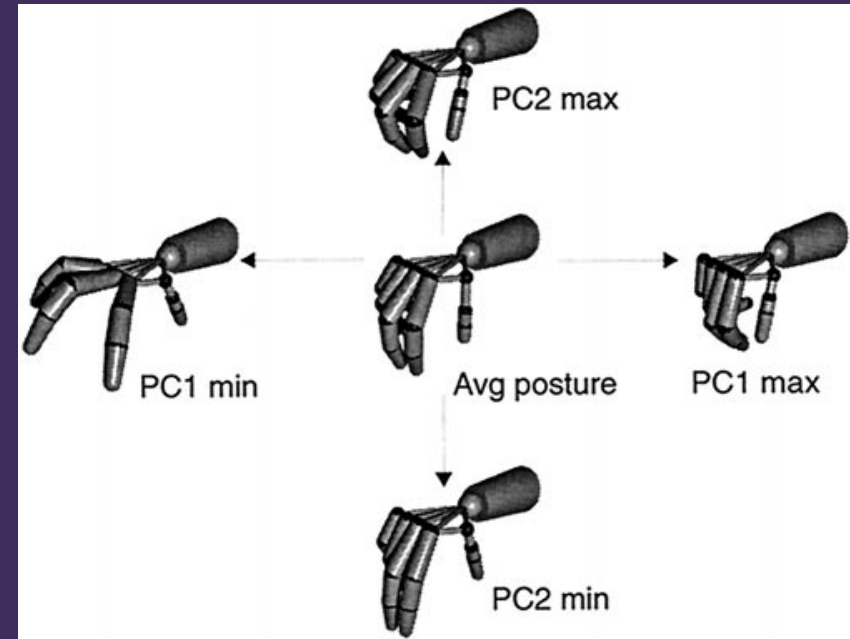
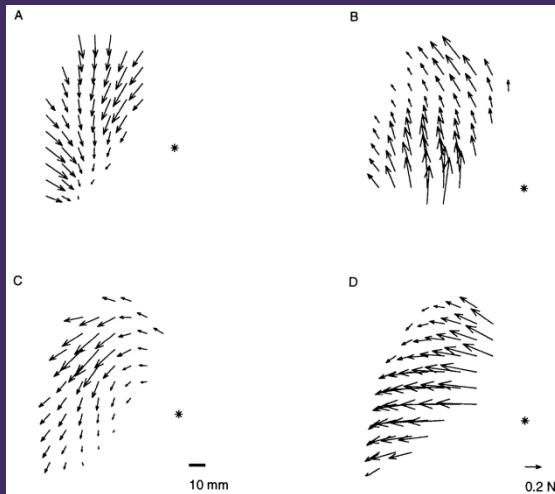
What we can do now!



Hand writing video

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How does the nervous system control a whole bunch of muscles elegantly?

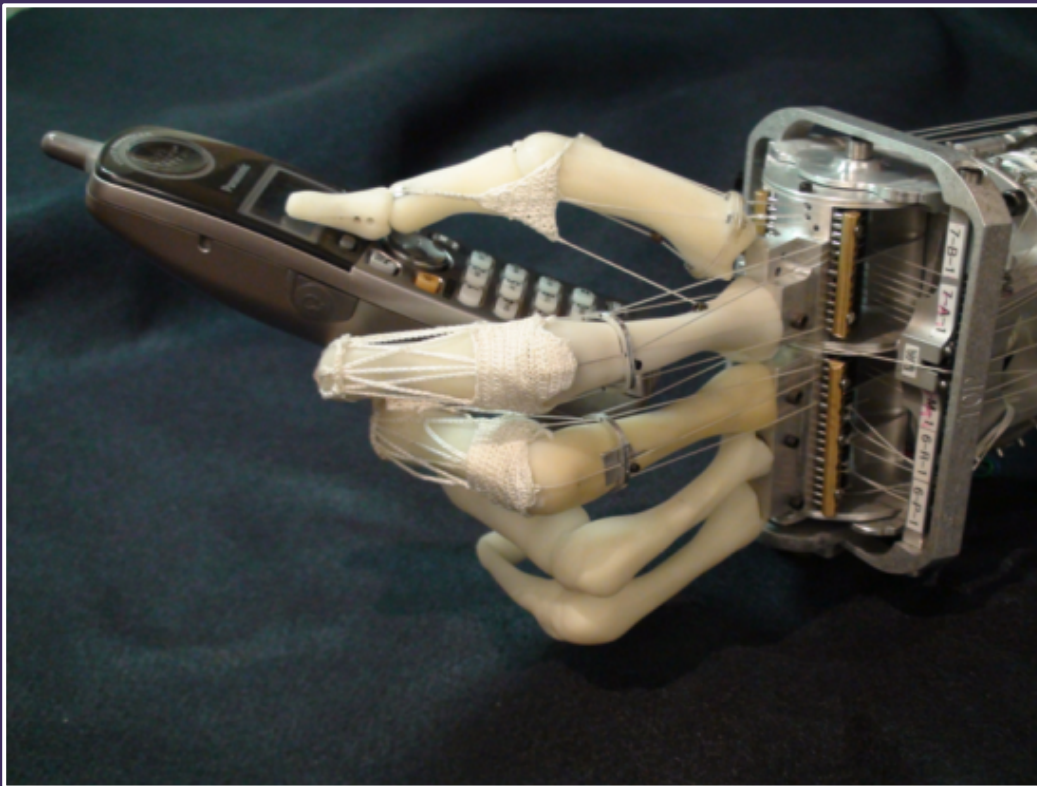


[Bizzi, et al. 80's & 90's]

[Santello et al. 1998]

Starting to give out copies of the ACT hand

Mechanical simplification is good if not investigating details



Full Human Scale

Thumb	8
Index	7
Middle	6

97% range of motion

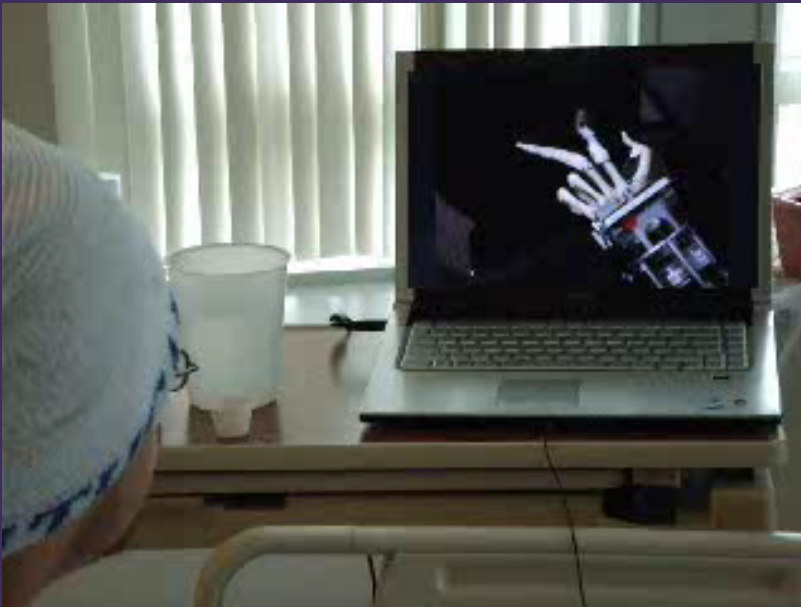
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Compromise on force vector,  
and stiffness ellipsoid

[Malhotra & Matsuoka, 2010]

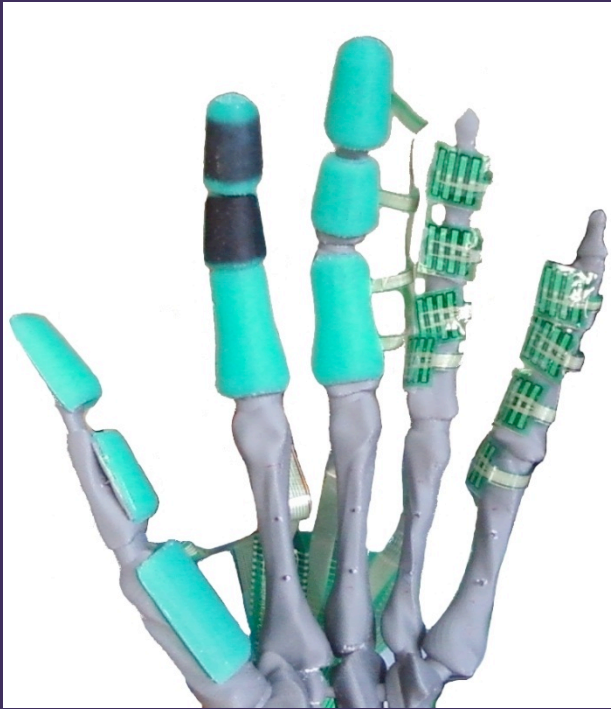


## ECoG human control of the ACT hand

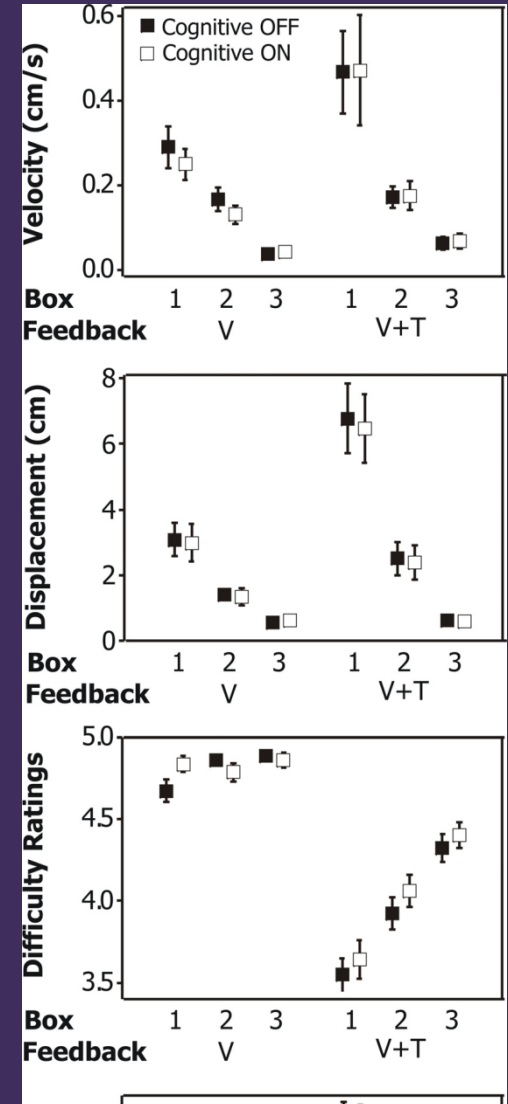


Finger movements decoded video

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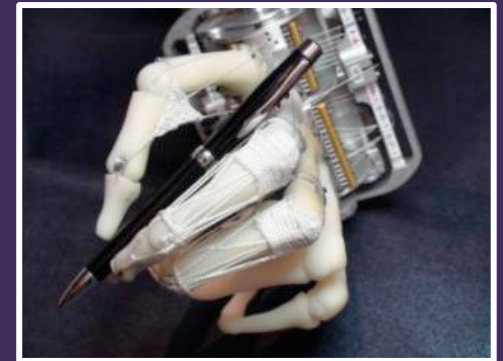
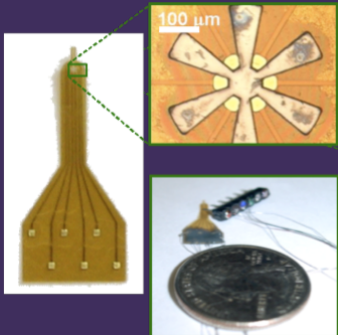
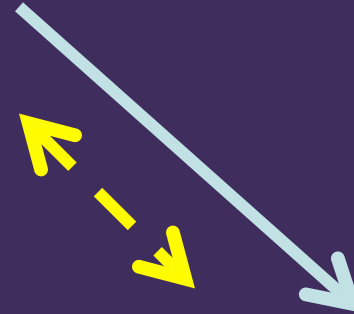
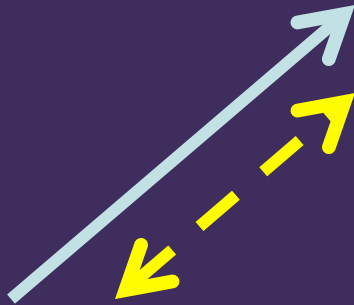
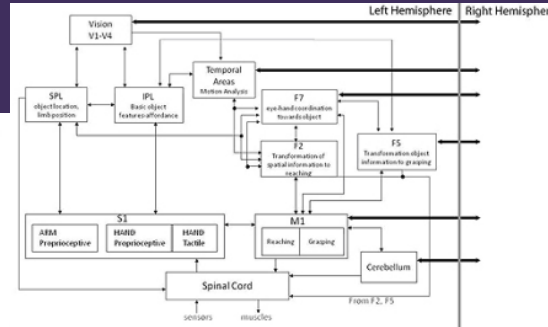


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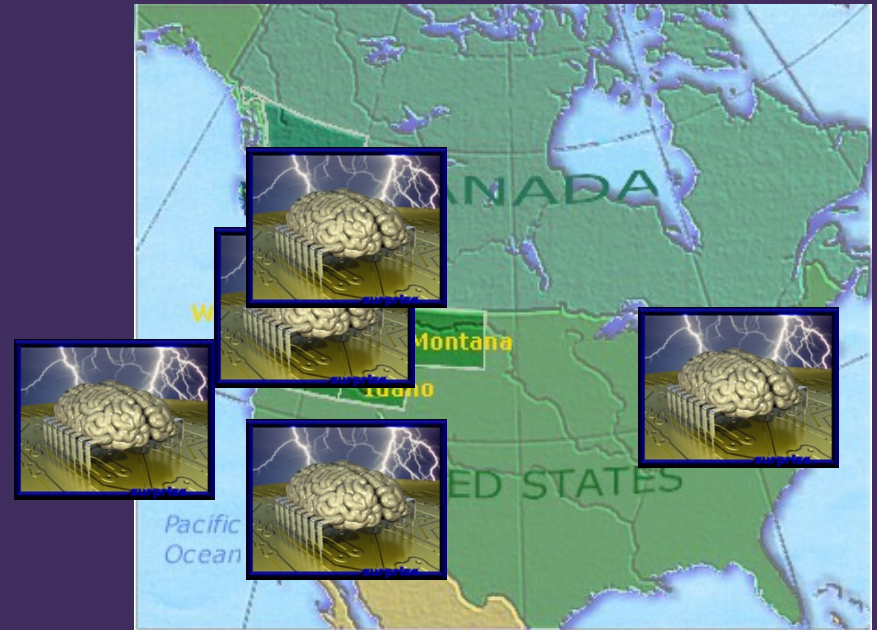




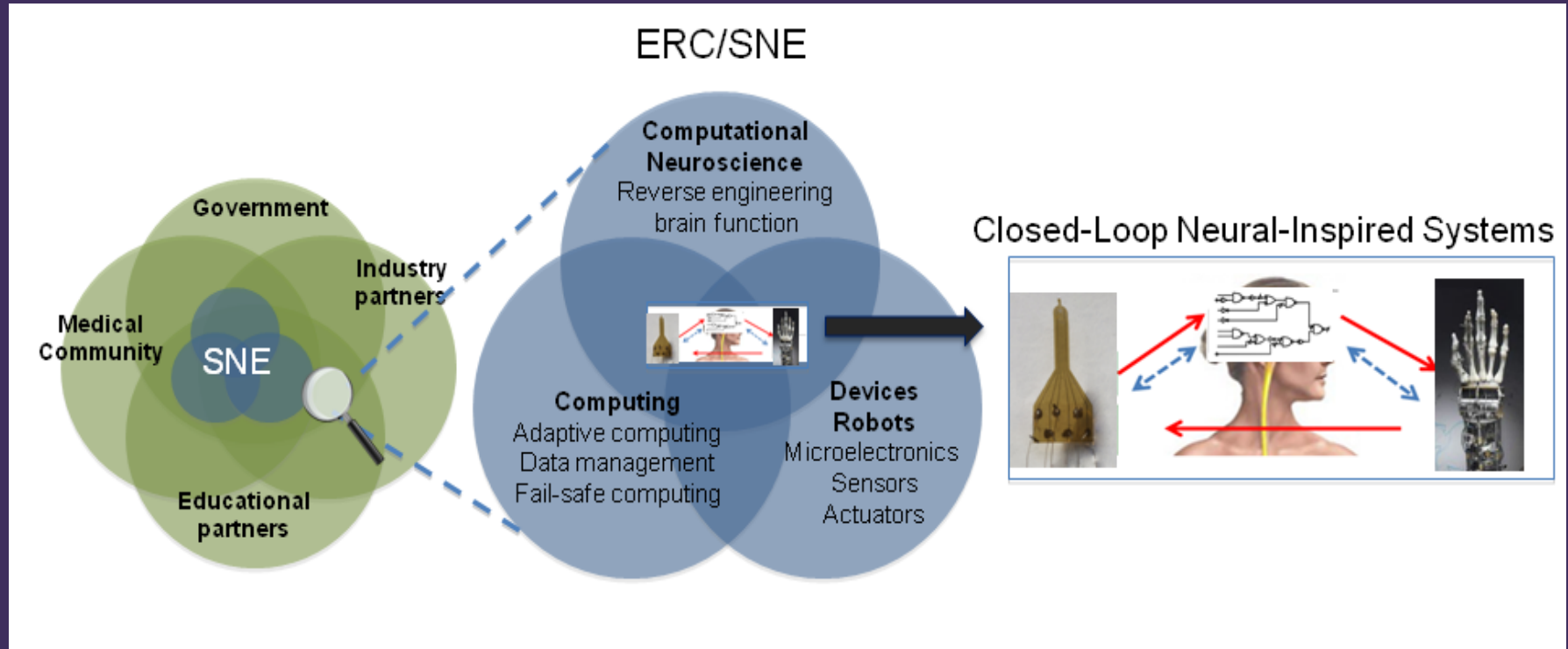
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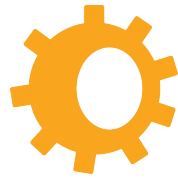
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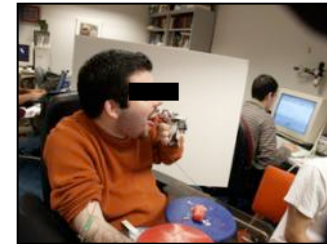
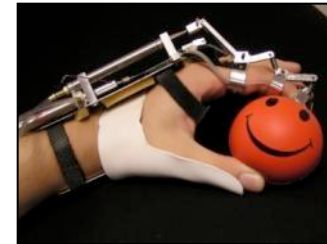
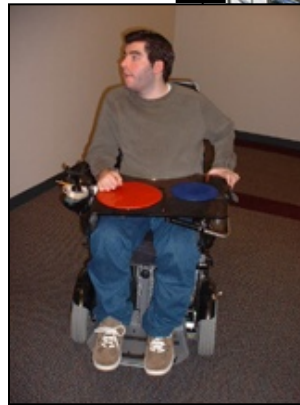
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