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# Physiological sensing

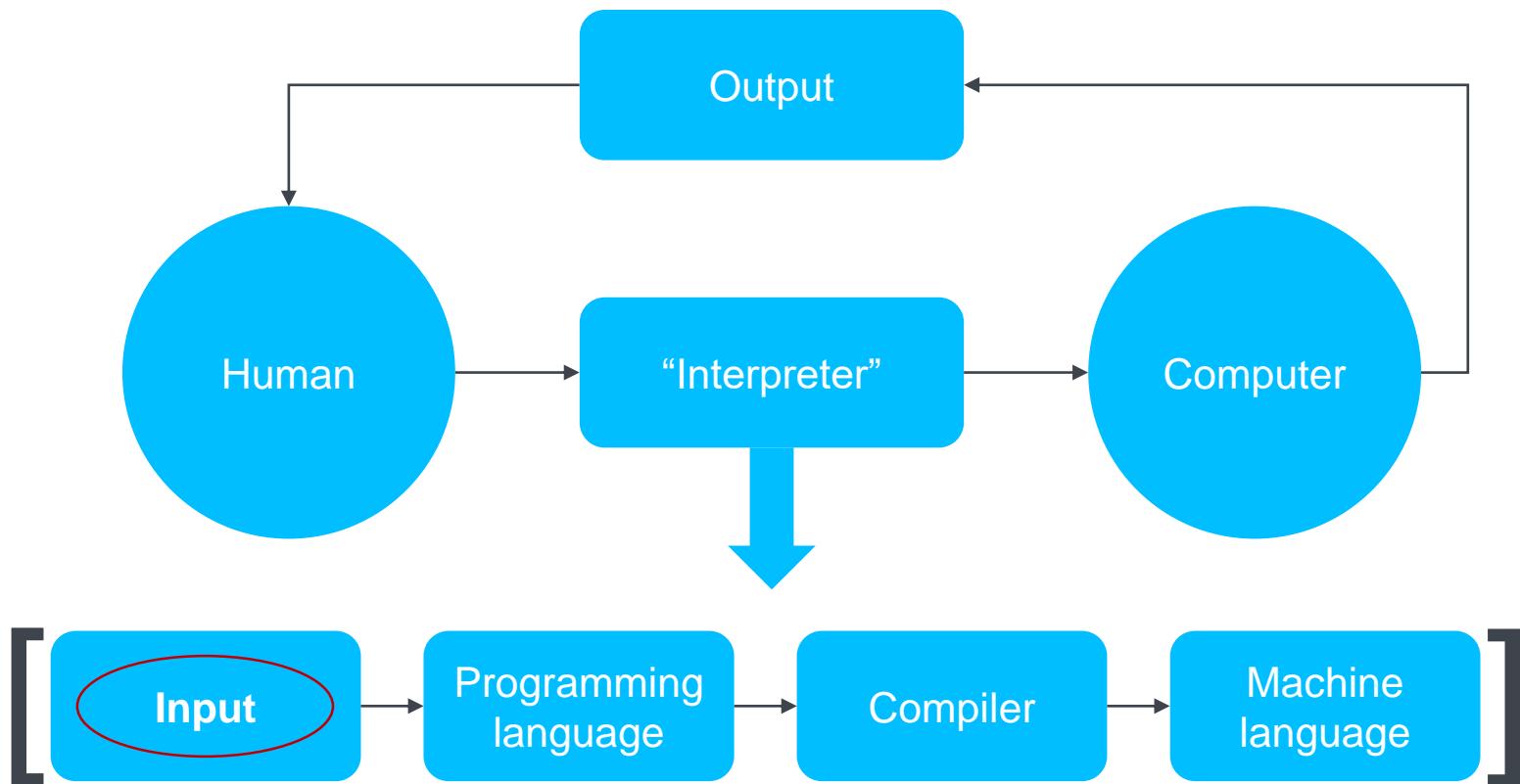
For Human Computer Interaction

Leonardo  
Gizzi

# Motivation

- Physiological sensing = probing a living system
- Tons of information (intrinsic coherence)
- We need to know what we are dealing with
- Reduce the distance between human and computer

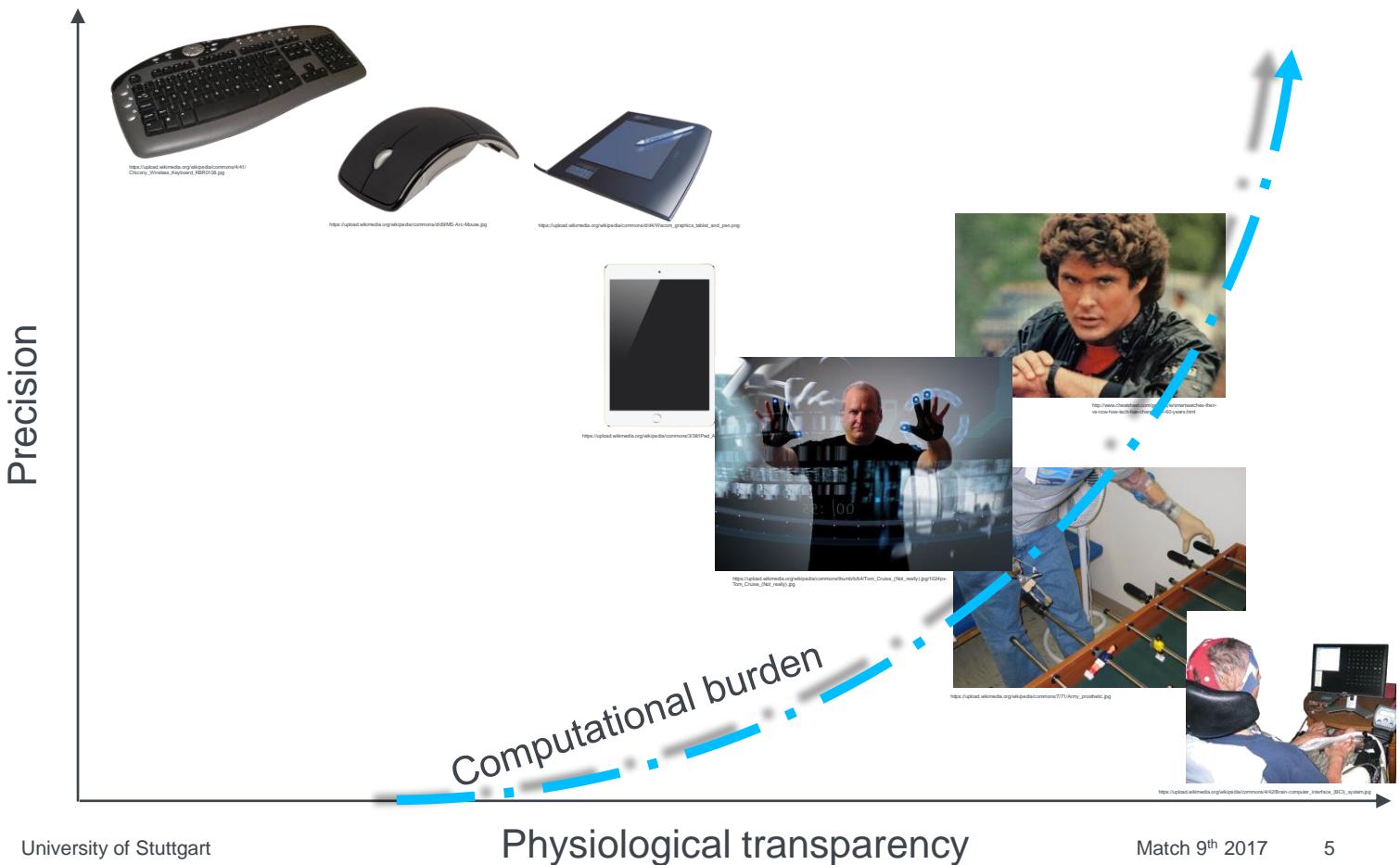
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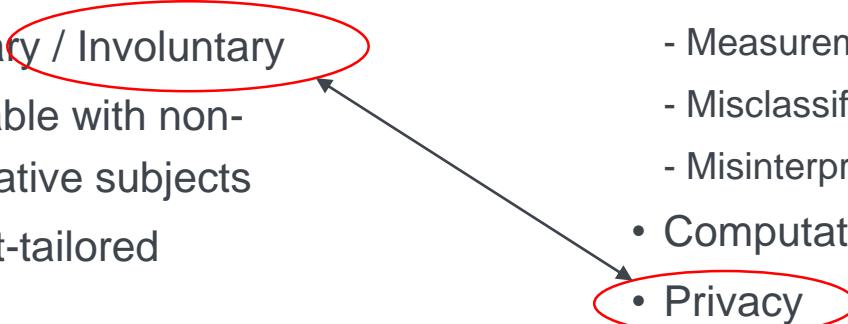
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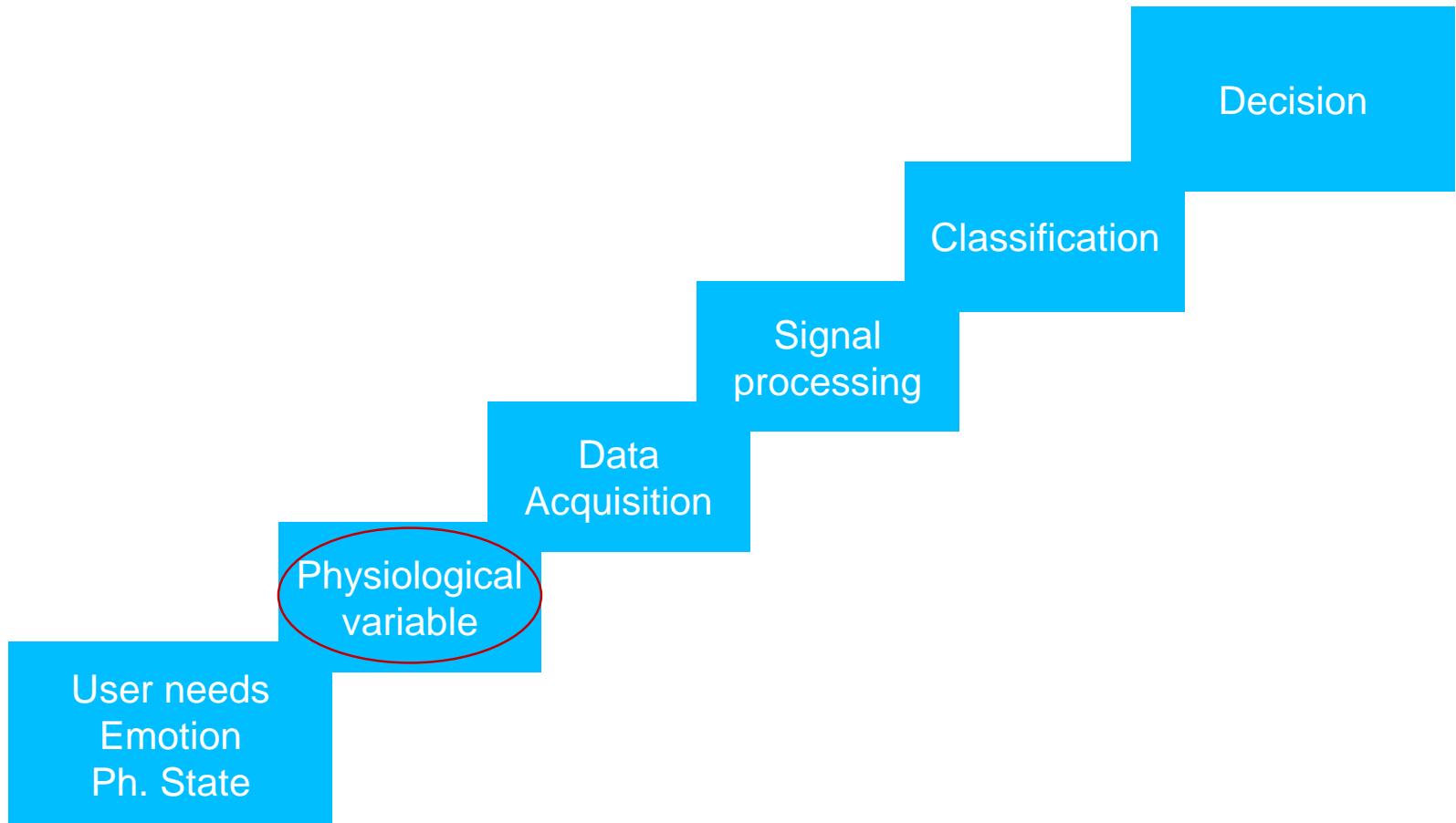


# Why should we use physiological sensing ... for HCI?

- Pros
    - Intuitive / Trainable
    - Voluntary / Involuntary
    - Applicable with non-cooperative subjects
    - Subject-tailored
  - Cons
    - Prone to errors:
      - Measurement
      - Misclassification
      - Misinterpretation
    - Computational burden
    - Privacy
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# What do we need

...for a happy physiological sensing?



# Behaviour and Physiological variables

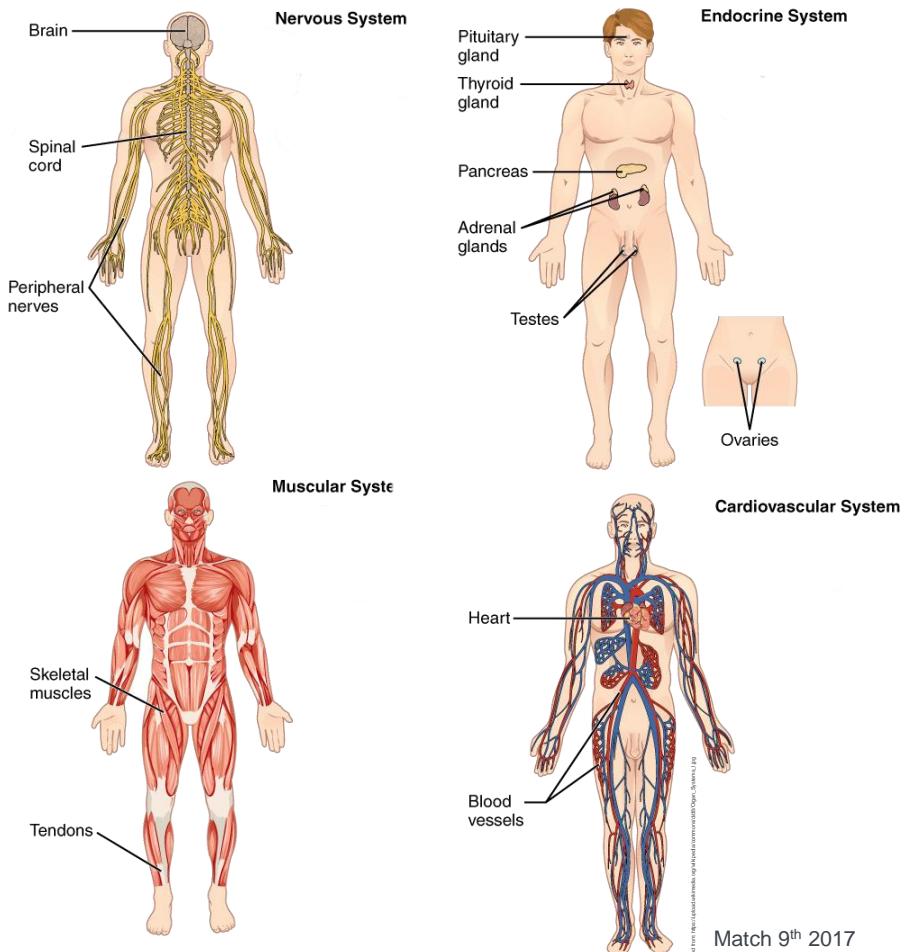
Behaviour to model



System

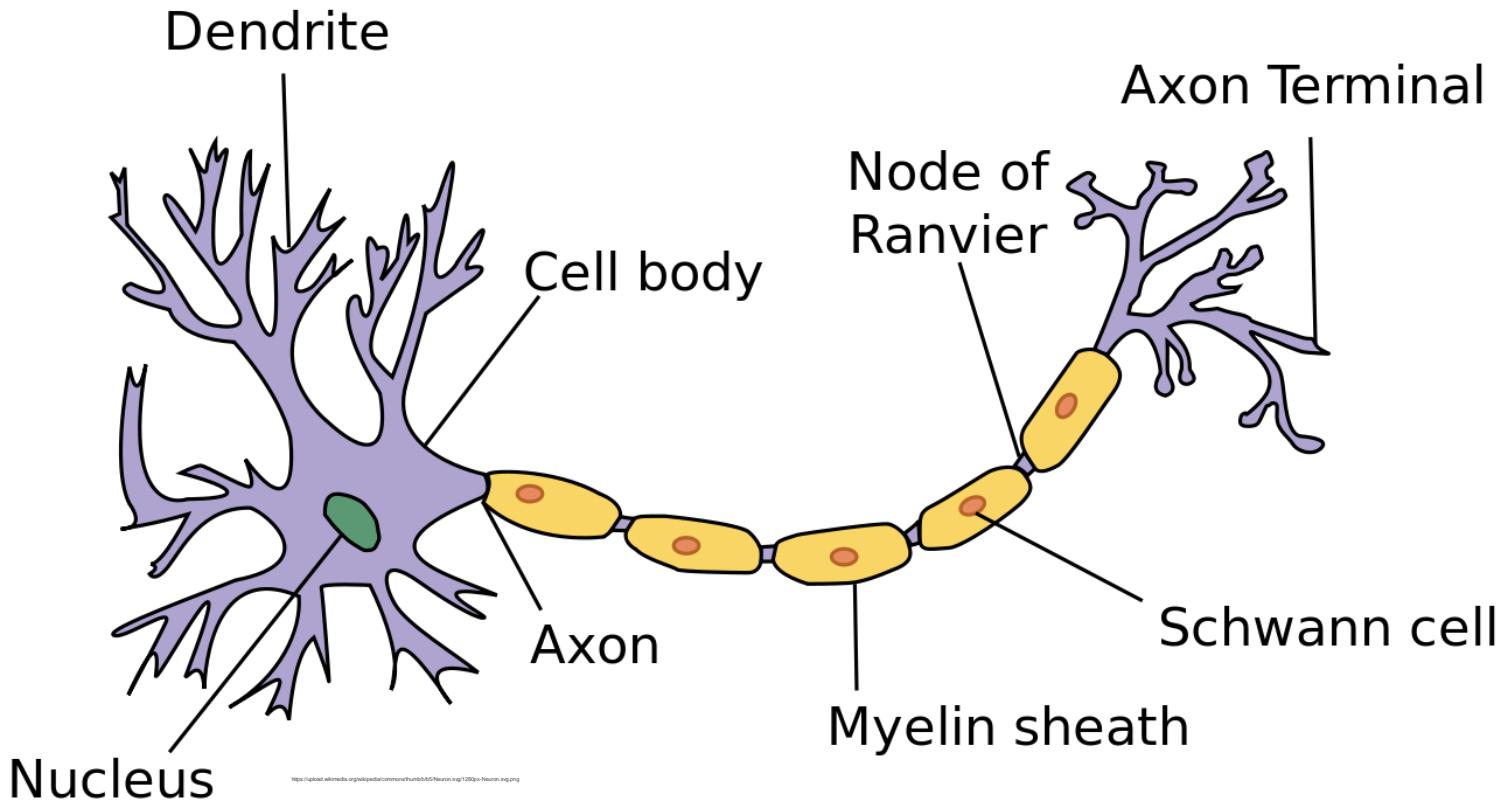


Physiological variable



# Excitable cells

## Anatomy of a neuron



# Excitable cells

Kyudo = Archer + Bow

... + target

Provides trigger

Stores energy

Provides energy

Ready to shoot!

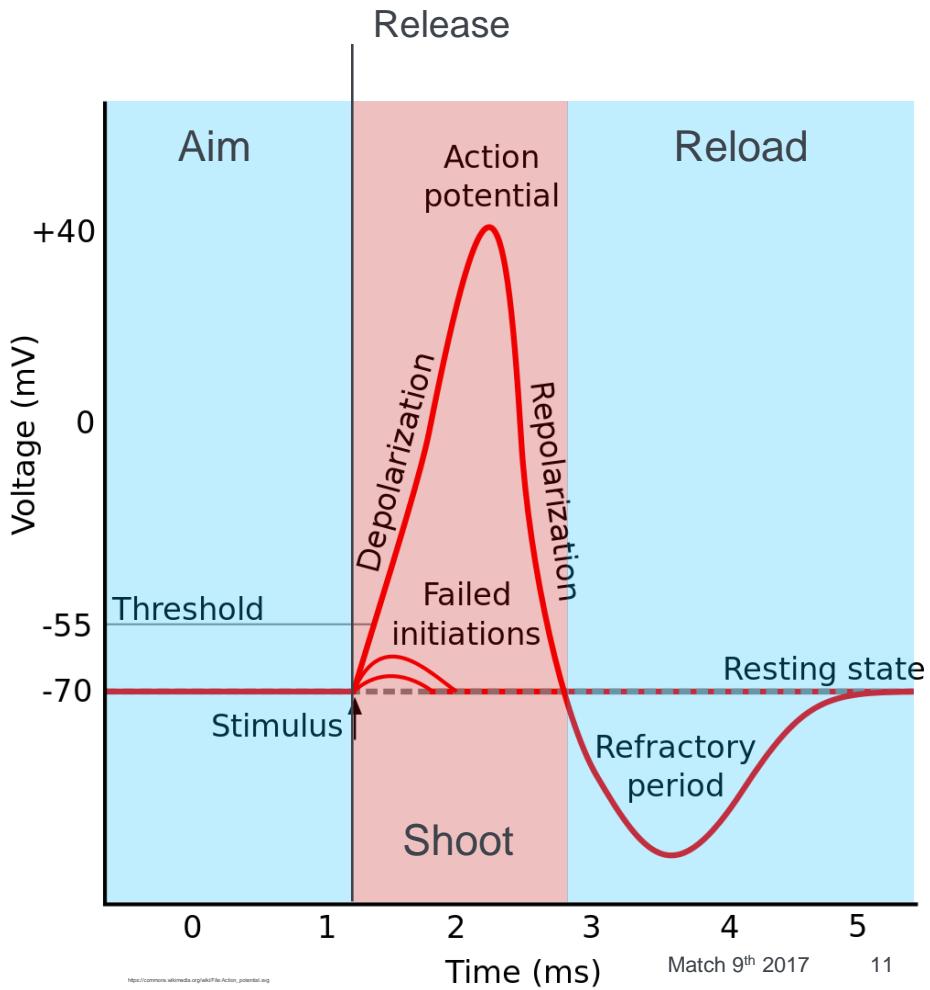


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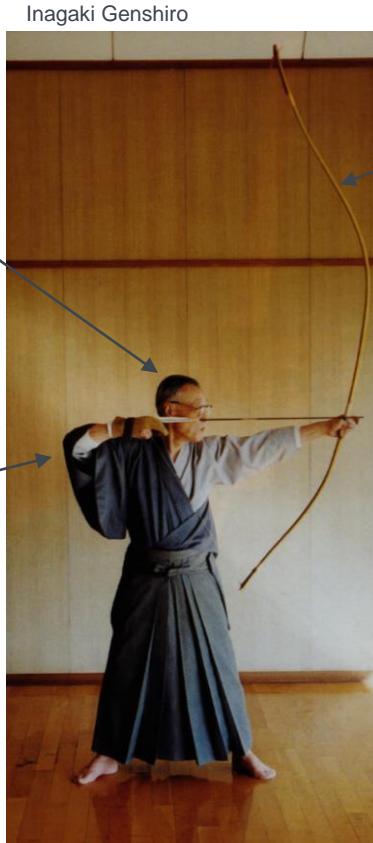
## Kyudo and Neurons

Inagaki Genshiro



# Excitable cells

## Resting potential



Provides trigger  
(other neurons\*)

Stores energy  
(The cell membrane)

Resting potential  $\neq 0$   
(faster)

Provides energy  
ATP  
(sodium-potassium pump)

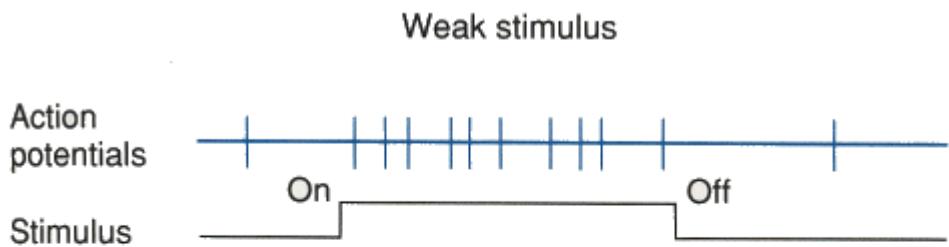
Moving ions = fun!

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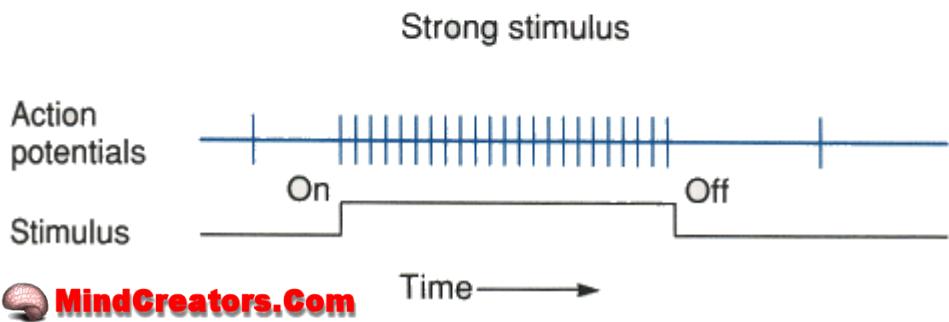
Rate-coded

Maintaining potential  
(Cheaper and faster)

No news, good news!



Do you see your nose?  
Can you feel your clothes?



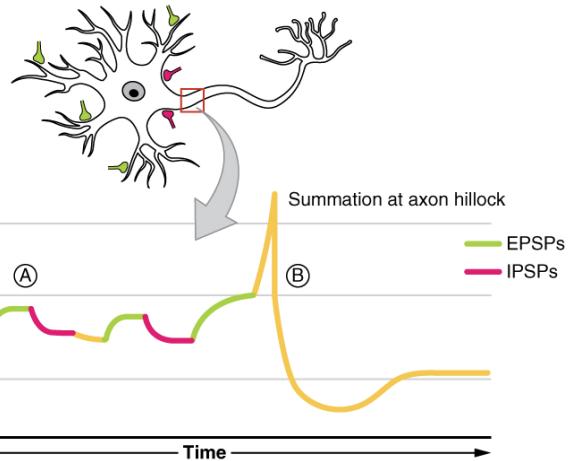
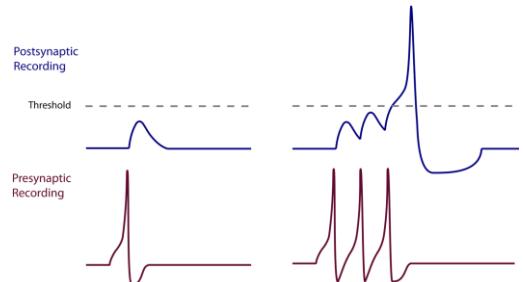
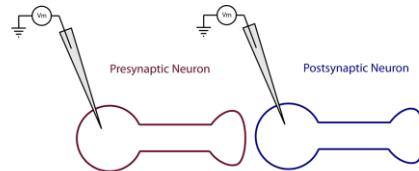
# Excitable cells

“Integrate and fire”

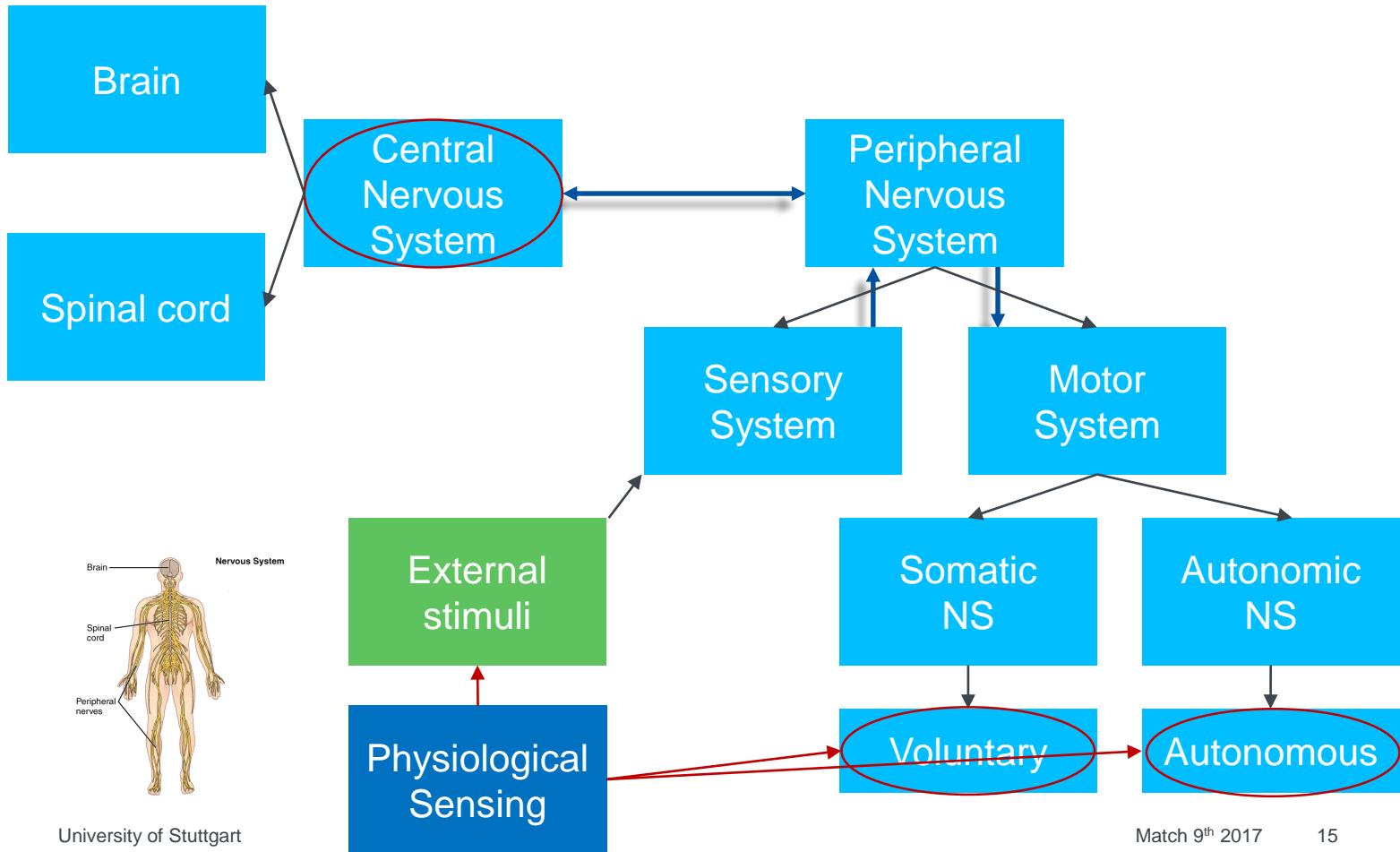


Dindal 2000

Action potentials



# Target: The Nervous System



# Autonomic Nervous System



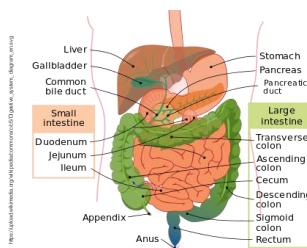
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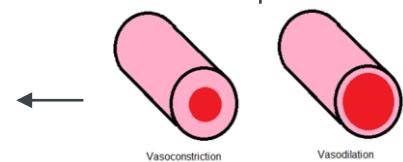
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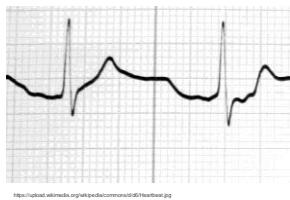
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# Autonomic Nervous System

Fight or Flight!



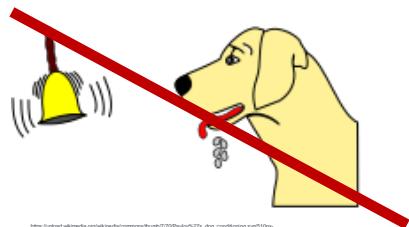
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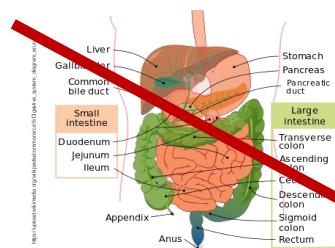
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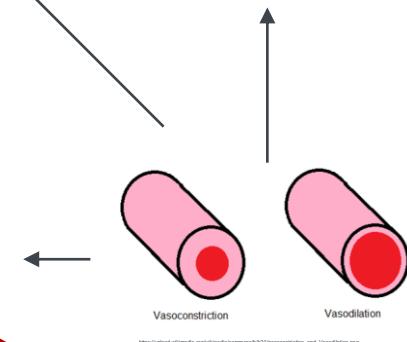
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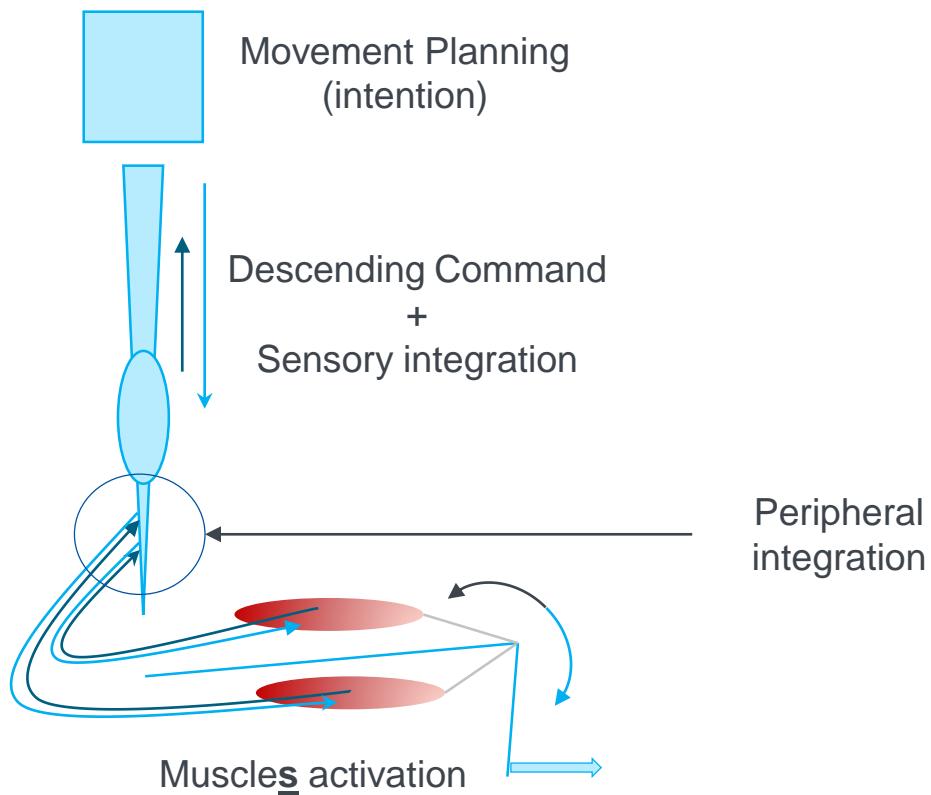
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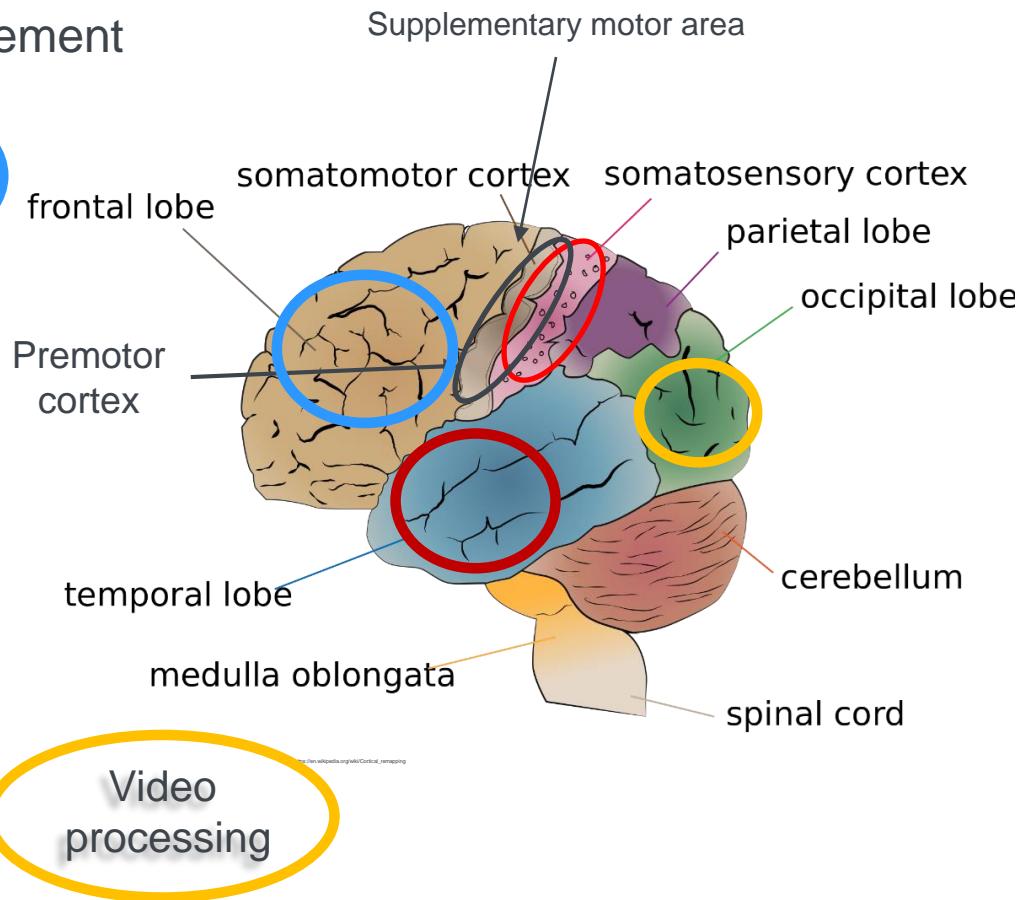
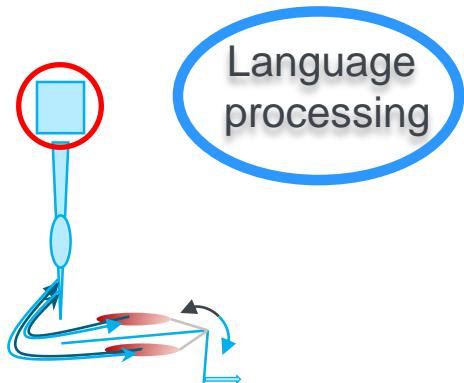
# Motor Nervous system (AKA: Neuromuscular system)

From an idea to a movement



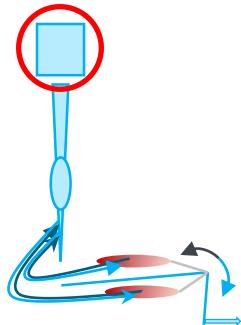
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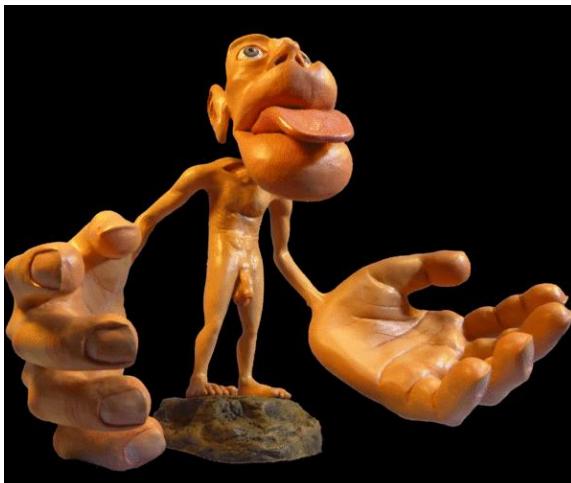
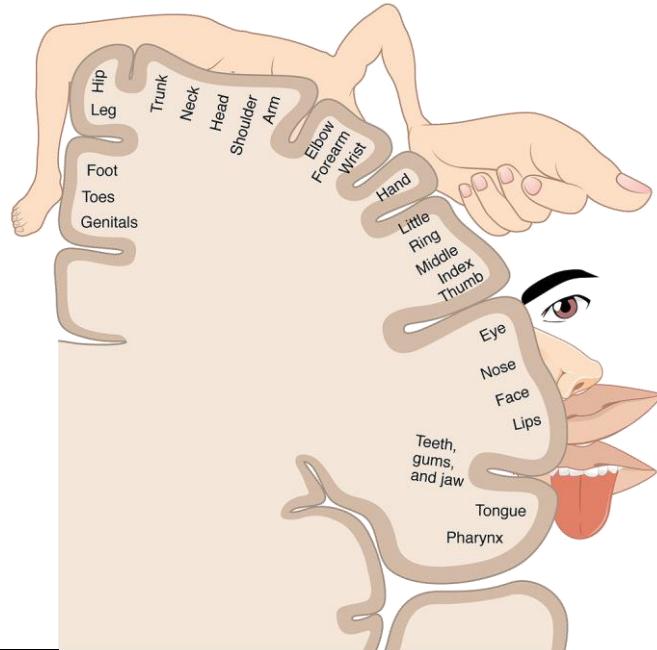


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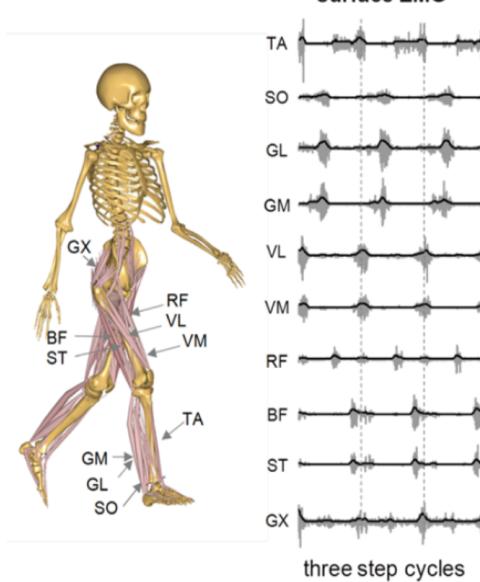
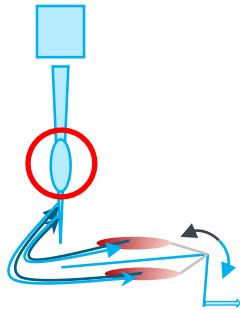
Sensory Cortical Map  
(Penfield and Boldrey 1937)



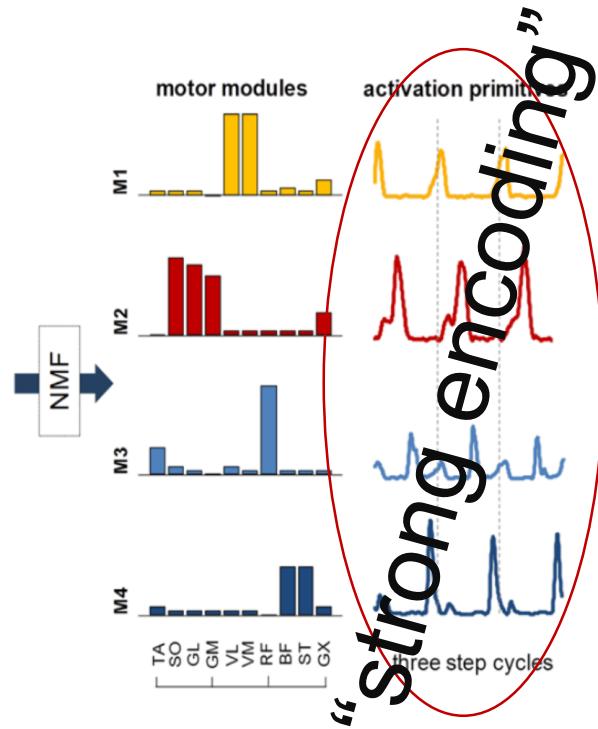
Sensory Homunculus  
(Price-James S. 2016)

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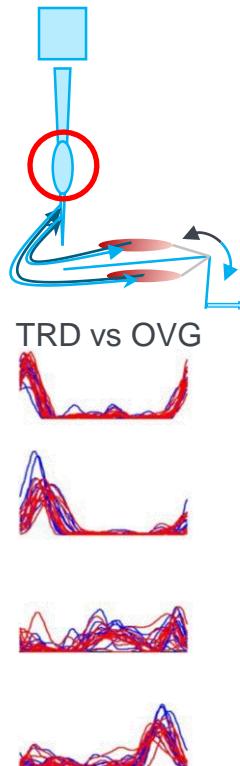


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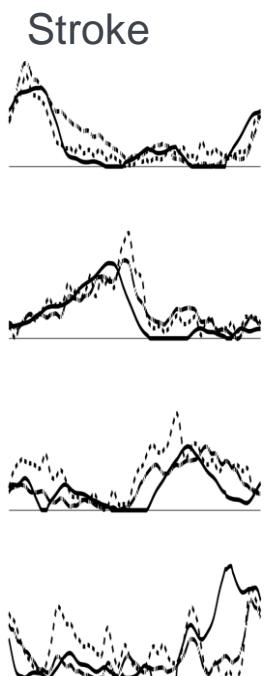


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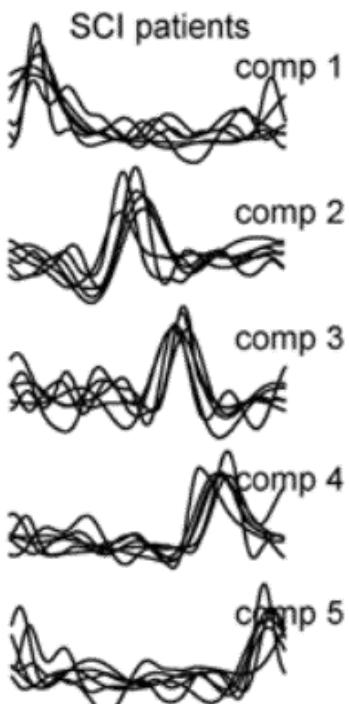
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Oliveira 2016

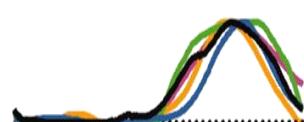
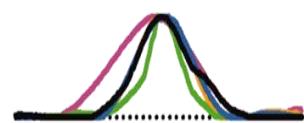
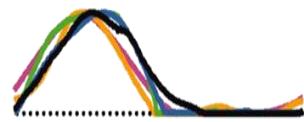


Gizzi 2011



Ivanenko 2003

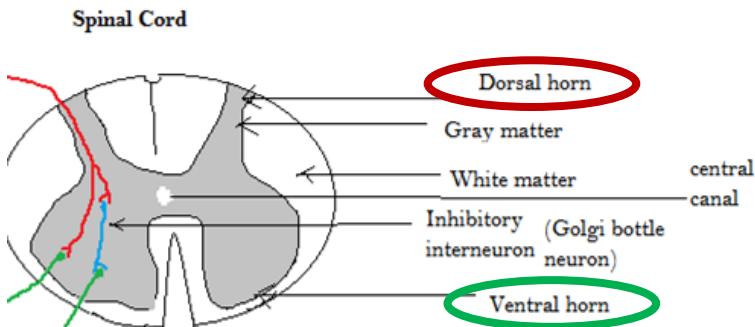
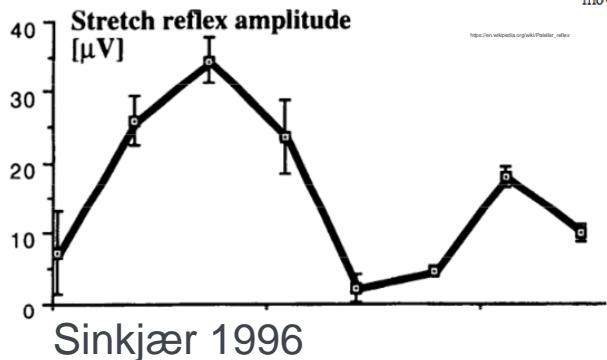
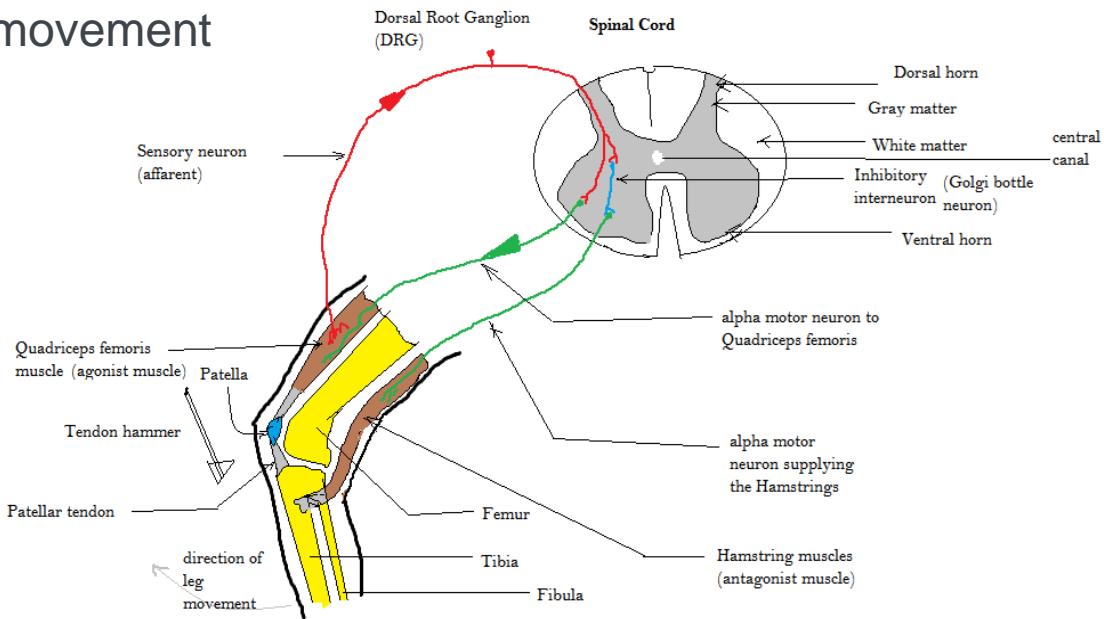
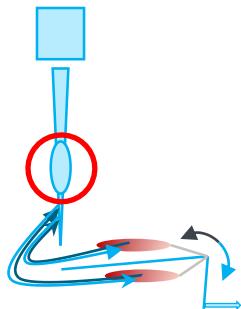
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- Cat — Rat
- Guineafowl



Dominici 2012

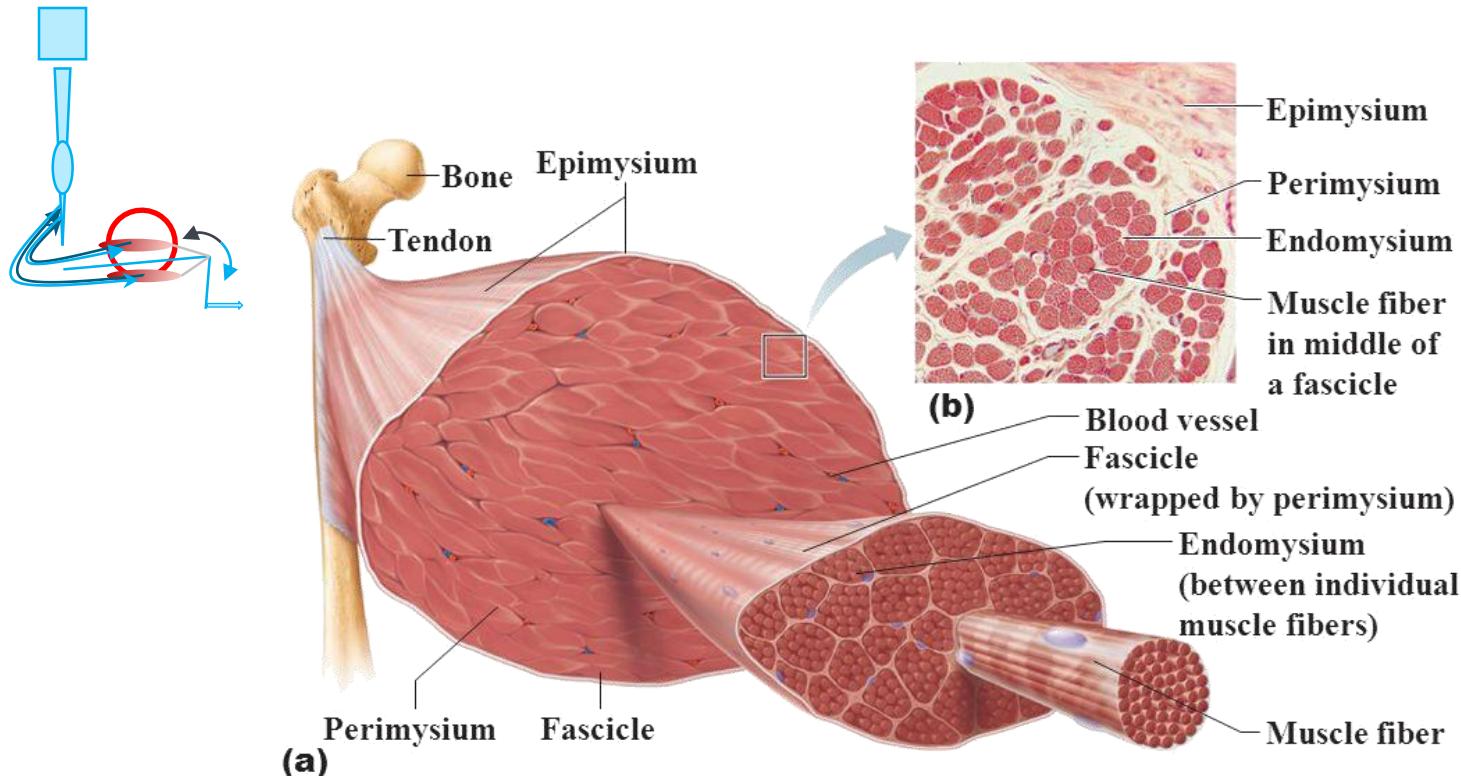
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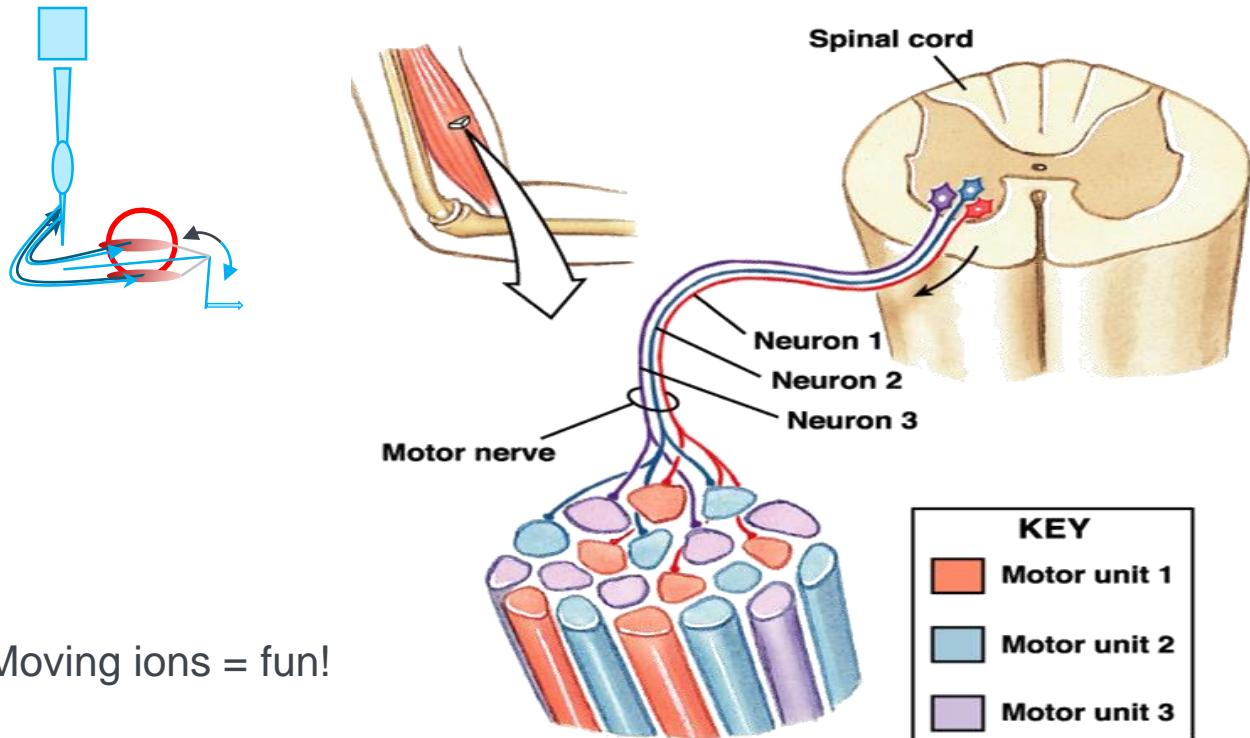
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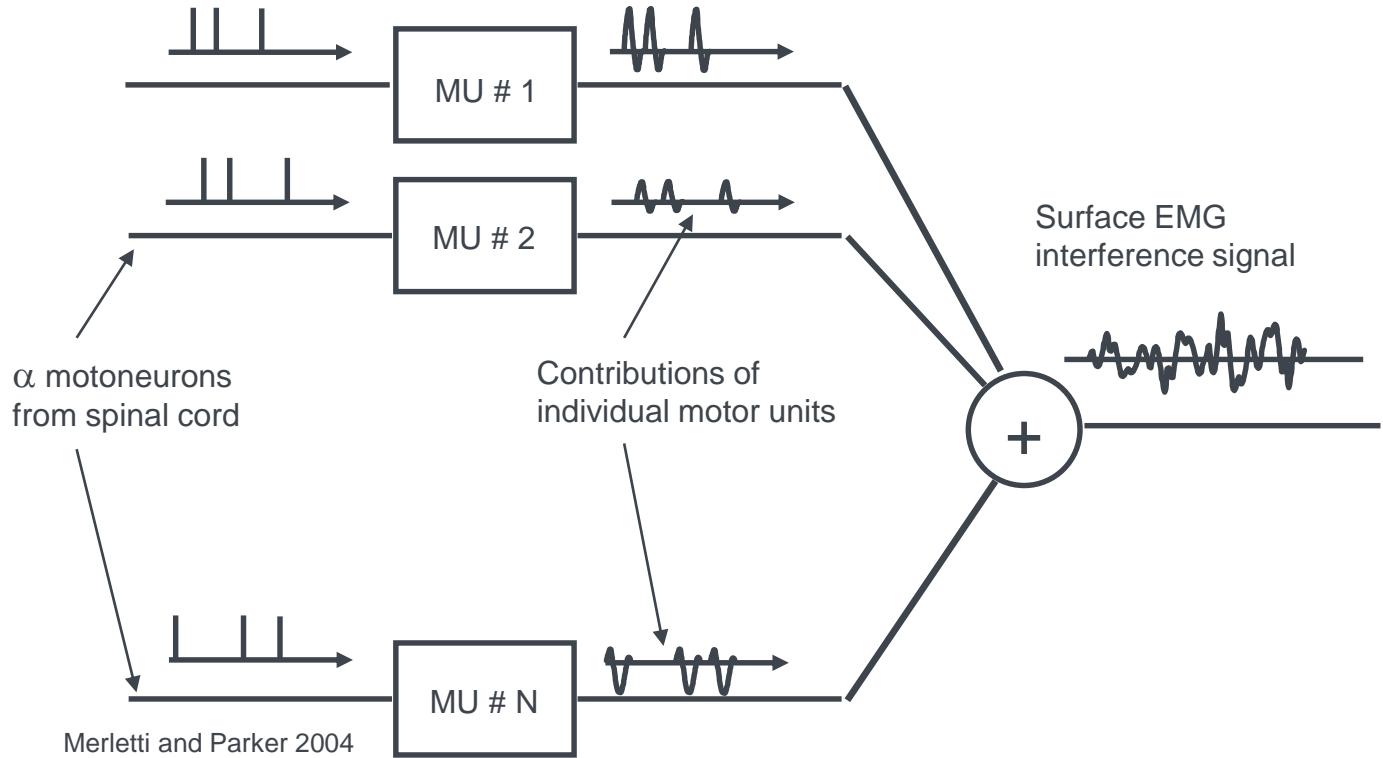


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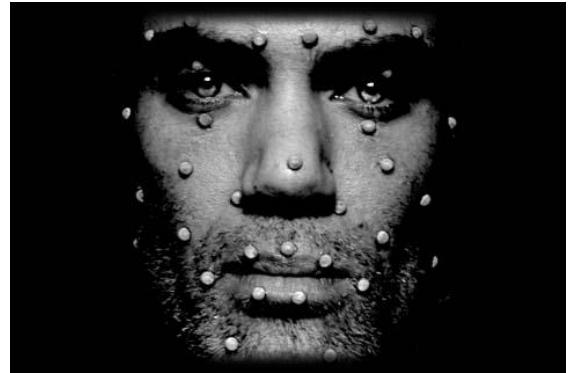
Central control strategies:  
rate and recruitment



# Probing the Human Body



- Electrophysiology
  - EMG (s)
  - ECG (a)
  - EEG (s)
  - Skin impedance(a)
  - Arc Reflex (s)



- Movement analysis
  - Motion capture (s)
  - IMU (s)
  - Actigraphy (s)
  - Pupillary reflex (a)

## Example: myoelectric prosthesis control

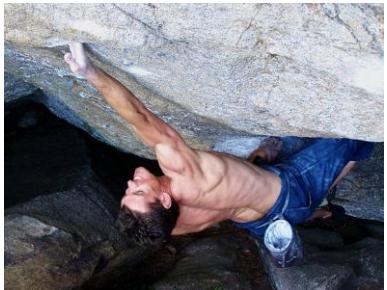


- Human hand: 27DOF
- Robotic hand: 27DOF\*
- Myoelectric control: 3DOF

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# Example: prosthesis control

The task at hand...



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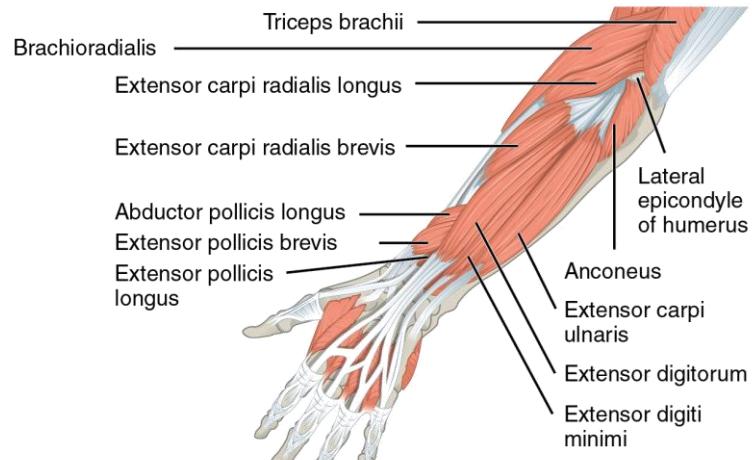
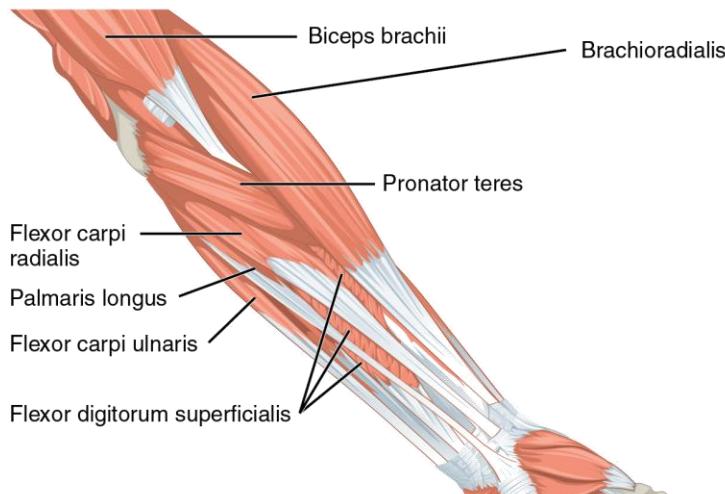
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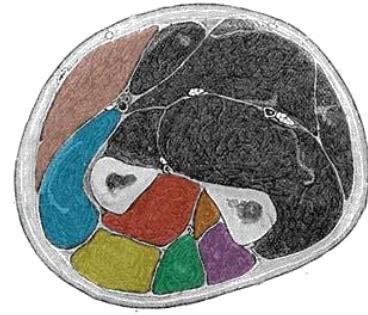
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# Example: prosthesis control

Why is it so complicated?



- EMG detection
- Flexible control
- Multiple solutions

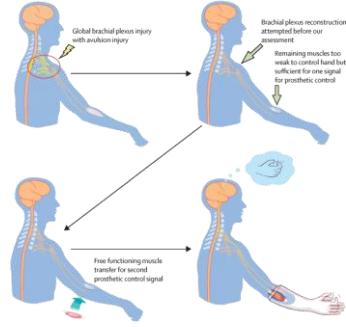


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	Extensor digitorum
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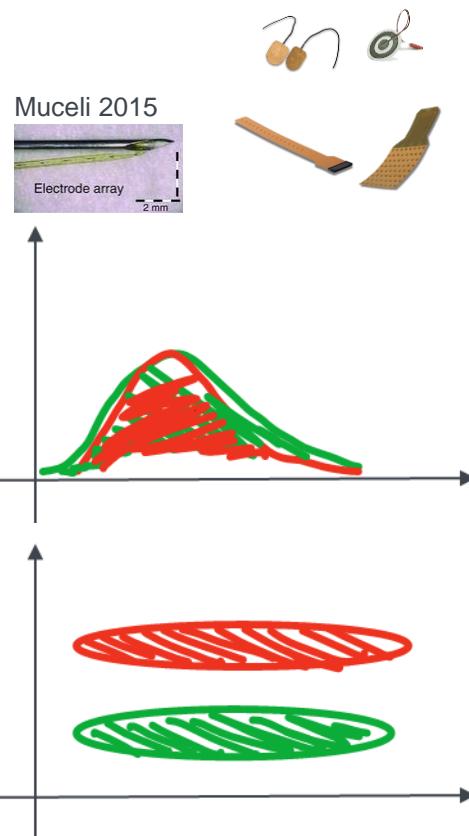
# Example: prosthesis control

## Mitigation

- EMG detection (bipolar, high density, multimodal)
- Classification algorithms
- Get 'creative' – Quality of life first!



Aszmann 2015



# Example: myoelectric prosthesis control

Put things in perspective: neural plasticity and learning



<http://www.nagehu.org/content/Projekte.html>



[www.goettinger-tageblatt.de/](http://www.goettinger-tageblatt.de/)

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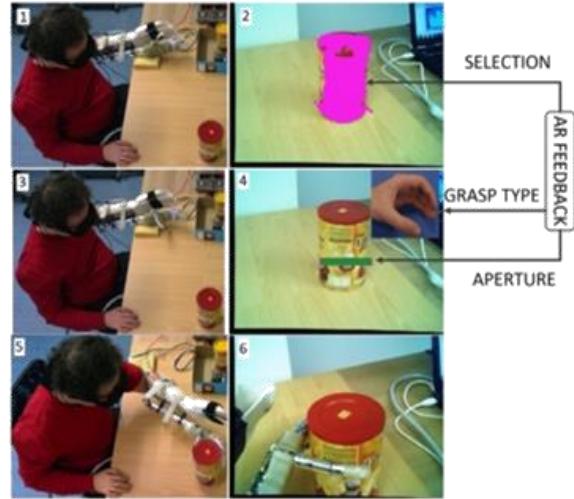
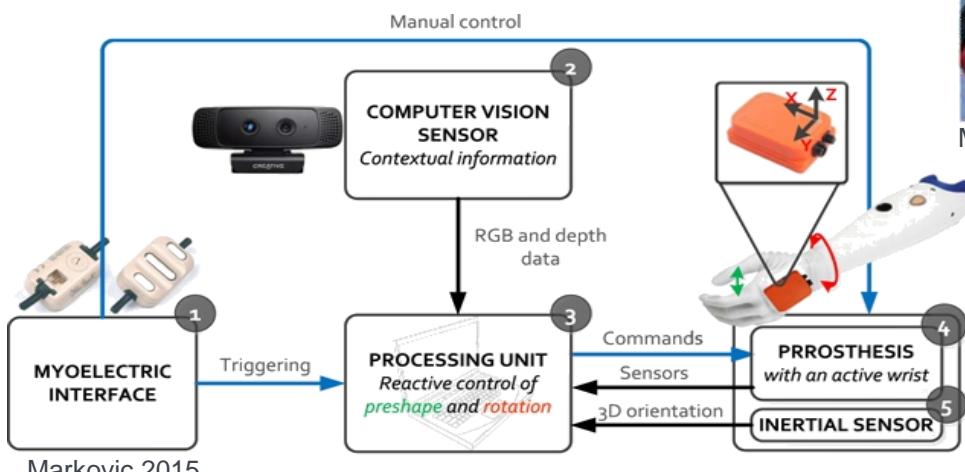
Nachhaltig gegen Hunger

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Put things in perspective: machine intelligence

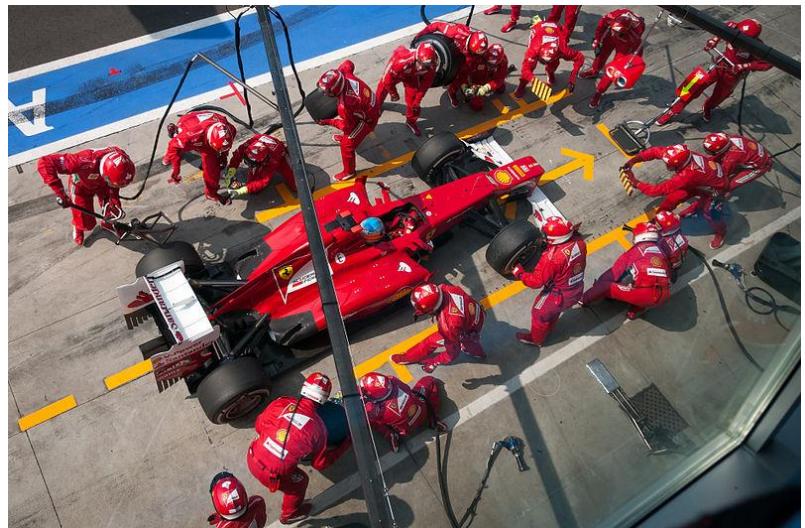
Prosthesis awareness



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## Summary

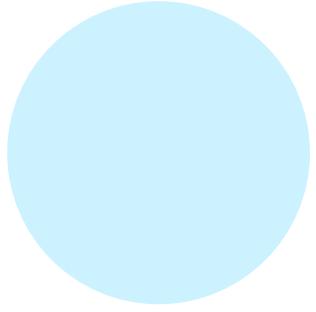
- There is a lot of measurements that we can use
- We need to keep in mind the user's needs
- Signal quality is crucial
  - Physiology = ally
  - Noise = enemy
  - Multimodal rocks!
- We must get creative
  - Neural plasticity
  - Machine intelligence
  - Teamwork



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