



**Liberation from Biological Limitations  
via Physical, Cognitive and Perceptual  
Augmentation**

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# Societal Issues to be solves

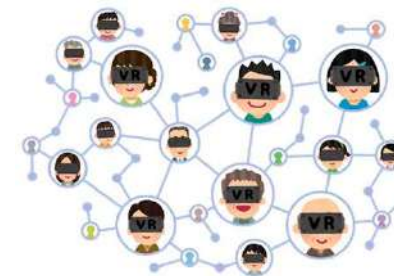
## Limitations of body and brain

### Mitigation of negative conditions

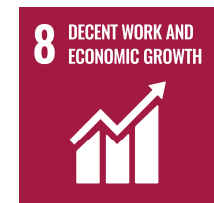
- Loss of muscle control (e.g. ALS).
- Fatigue from stress and work
- Suffering from past trauma

### Positive augmentation

- Learn new skills efficiently
- Execute many tasks simultaneously
- Improve the speed of comunication

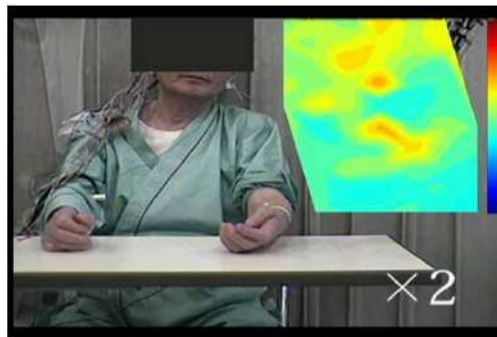
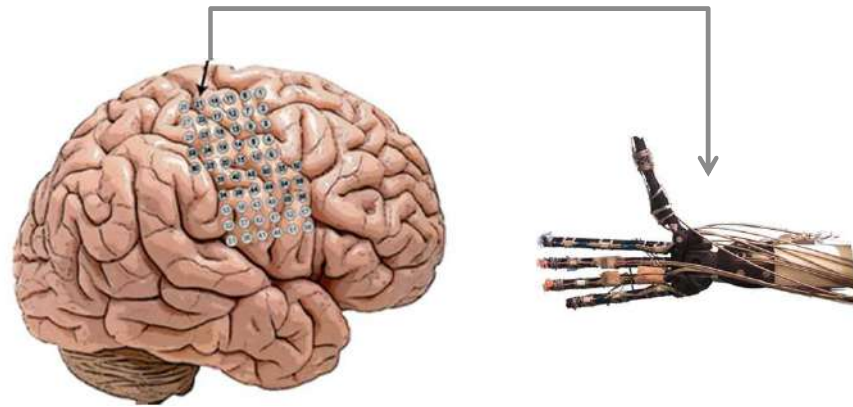


## Relevant SDGs



# AI-assisted BMI–Cybernetic Avatars

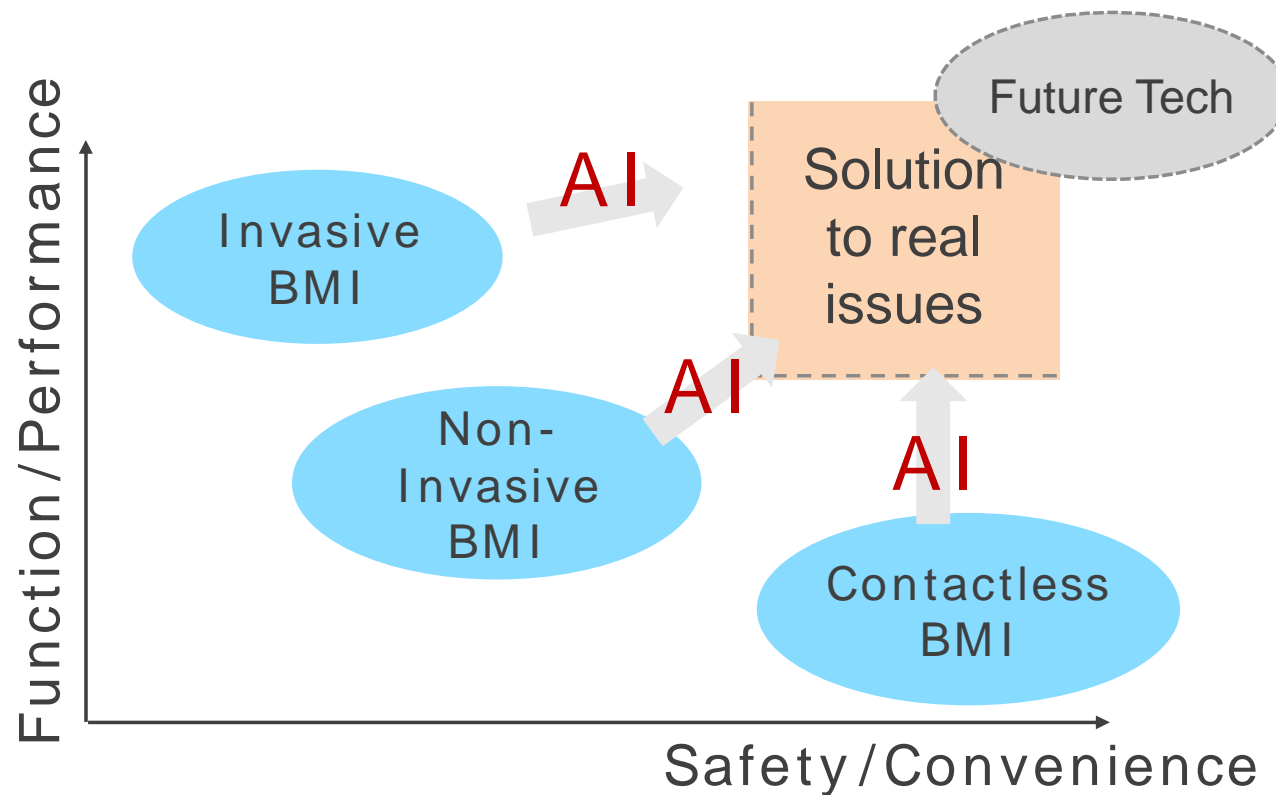
Decoding neural signals to control avatars



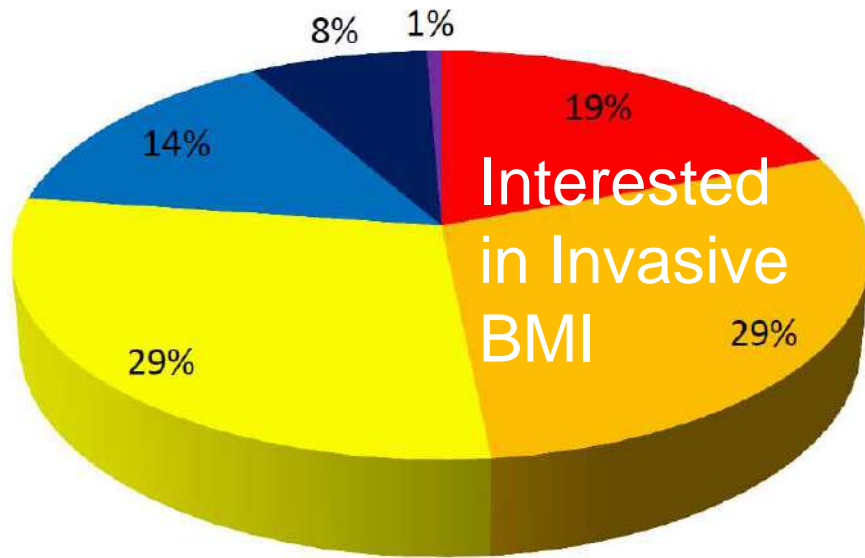
T. Yanagisawa et al., Ann. Neurol., 2012

# Three types of BMI-CA

- We prioritize the benefit of the user and employ multiple levels of invasiveness.
- AI will be fully utilized to maximize the potential of existing BMI technologies.



# Interest in invasive BMI among ALS patients

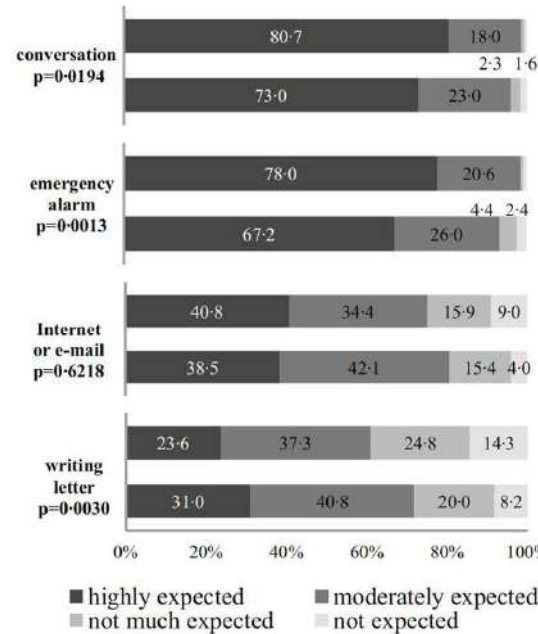


- Invasive BMI
- Both
- Non Invasive BMI
- Neither
- No Response
- Other

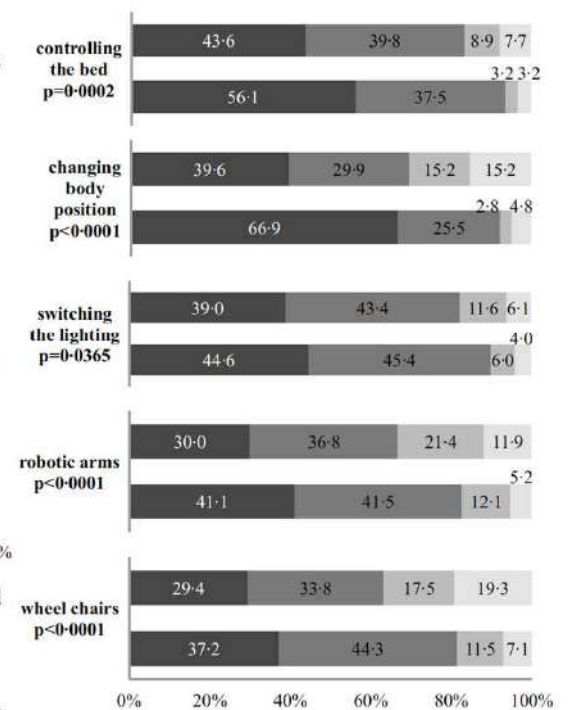
ALS 1918  
 Resp Rate 40.7%  
 M:F 461:319  
 Source : Japan ALS Association

## Expected functions

### Communication



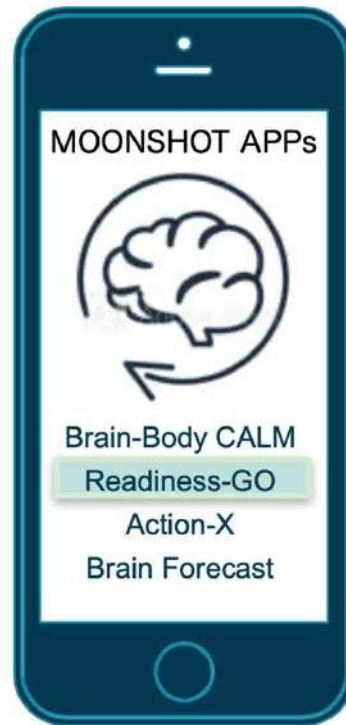
### Physical Support



Upper row; with tracheostomy  
 Lower row; without tracheostomy

# Quantifying psychological states

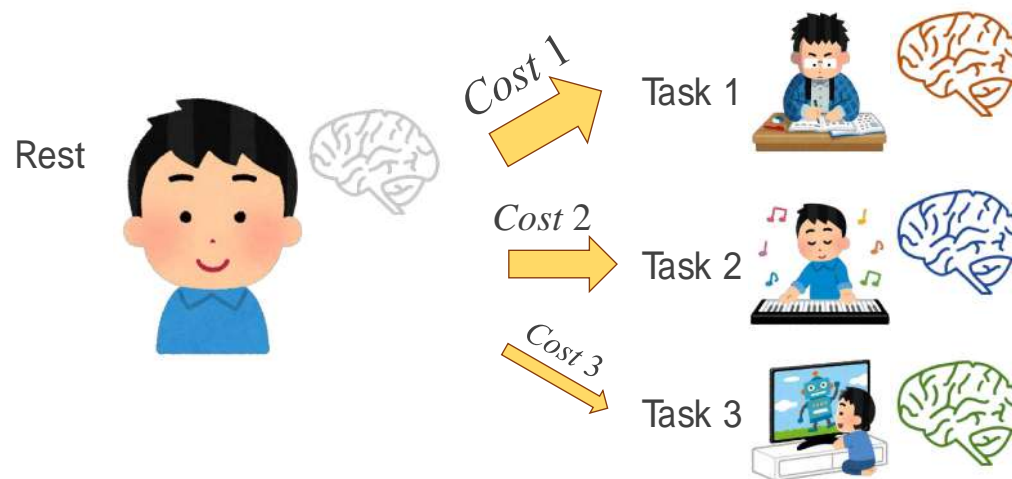
Estimating mental state from external behavior and EEG signals.



(e.g. Project of Ushiba Team at Keio University)

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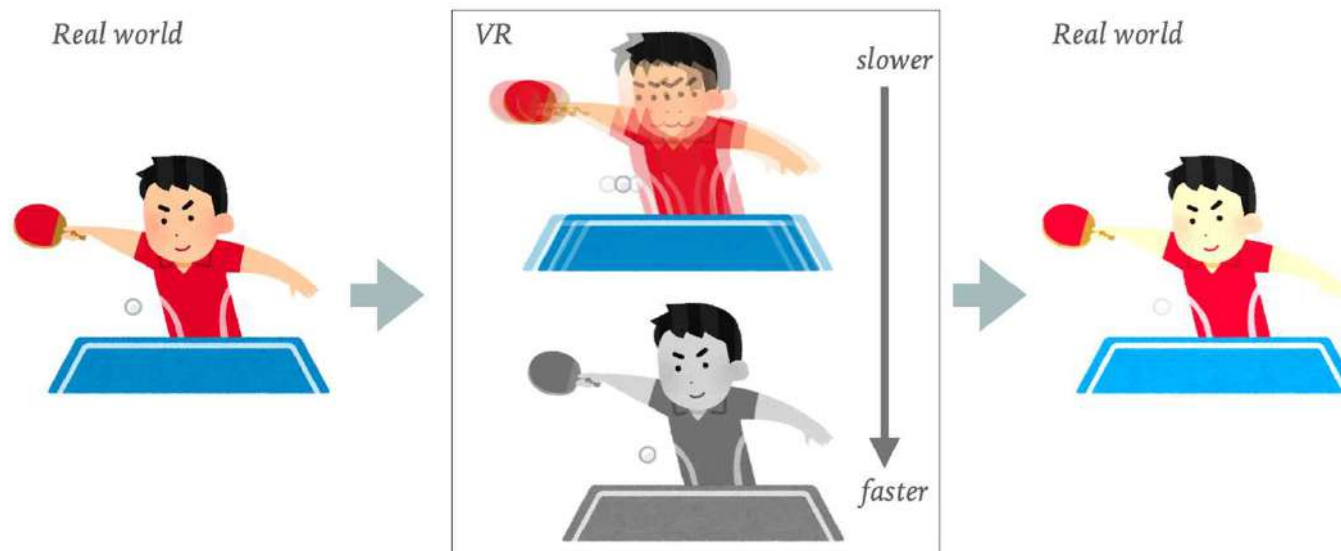
Quantification of “effort” needed to perform a given task.



Proposal of a new method to quantify effort

# Improving bodily control in VR space

Changing the speed of flow of time in VR allows otherwise impossible conditions for training.



We aim to improve efficiency in sport training.

(e.g. Project of Koike's Team)



# Liberation from memory

We aim to mitigate trauma by modifying the past in VR.



(e.g. Project of Koizumi's Team)



# Motivation self-control

Activations of Nacc are lowered among depressed individuals. We explore the possibility of improving the condition by direct stimulation.

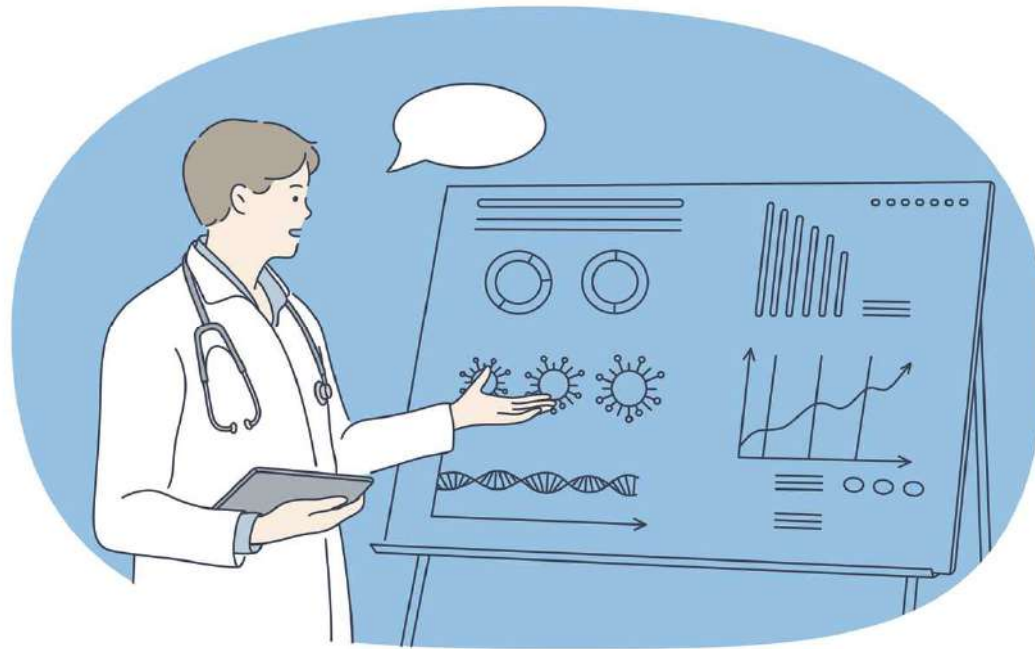


(e.g. Project of Nishimura's Team)



# Trustable Neurotech

**We will establish guidelines for neurotech applications that consumers can trust.**

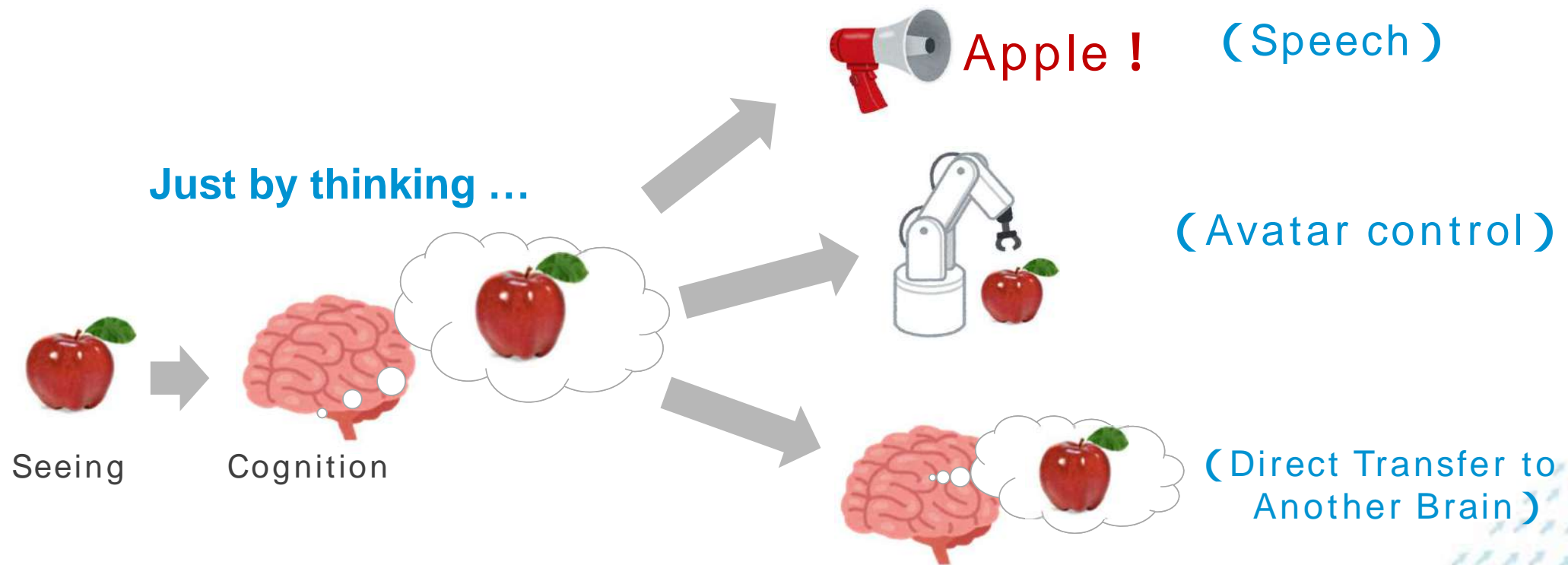


Promoting evidence-based consumer Apps



# Brain-to-AI, Brain-to-Brain Communication

Converting brain signals to various outputs



# Our Team



PD/PM  
Hagita/Kanai

## Non-Invasive Contactless BMI-CA

## AI for Neurotech

## Invasive BMI-CA

## Platform

### Non Inv.



Keio U  
Ushiba



Sony CSL  
Furuya

### Contact less



Waseda  
Watanabe



U Tokyo  
Nakazaw



Sony CSL  
Koizumi

### IoA BMI



U Tokyo  
Rekimoto



Tokyo Tech  
Koike

### AI



Araya  
Sasai



AIST  
Hayashi



U Tokyo  
Oizumi

### RL



Araya  
Arulkumaran

### BMI

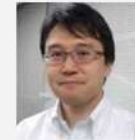


RIKEN  
Komatsu

### BMI



TMiMS  
Nishimura



Osaka U  
Yanagisawa

### Guideline



Araya  
Kanai

### Explore