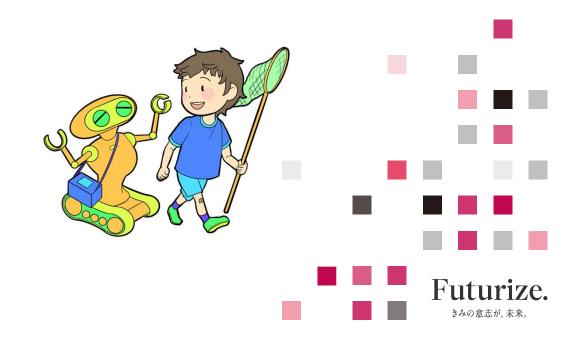


Special Lectures(特殊講義)

Soft Wearable Devices and Their Applications

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We have some Pair work

Pair them up in twos or threes.

Rules

- To be paired with an international student and a Japanese student.
- Pairing students who are not in the same laboratory.
- ◆ Discussions must be in English.
- Worksheets must be written in English.
- *You can download the worksheet file (word or pdf) from Manaba+R report box.
- * Reports must be submitted electronically via Manaba+R report box.

Soft Robotics for Human

Soft Wearable Devices and Their Applications

We need

Biomedical applications of soft,wareable sensors. e.g. Bending sensors, electrodes for nerve potentials, streching sensors

Why we need Soft Robotics techniques?



Soft Robots for Human

Q1: Why do we need soft robots?

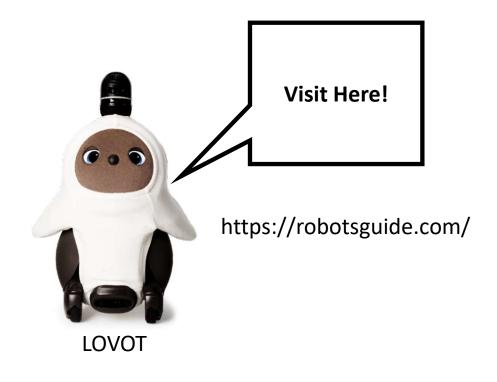
-The robot itself must be soft in order to interact with people.



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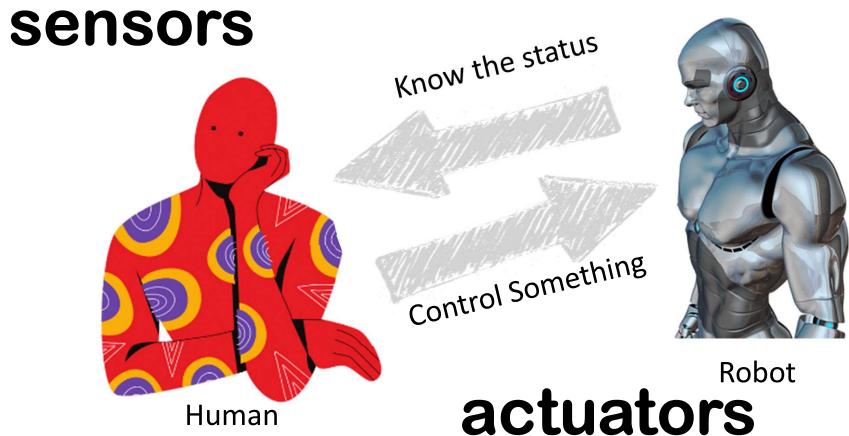
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Soft Robotics for Human

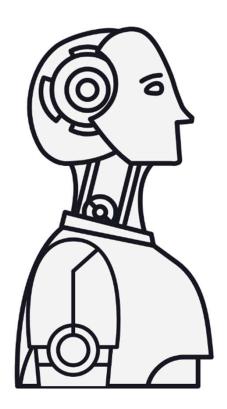
"Soft robotics" is important in the research field of Biomedical Engineering.

We do not have good interaction,,,



Soft Sensors

Q2:Why do we need soft sensors?





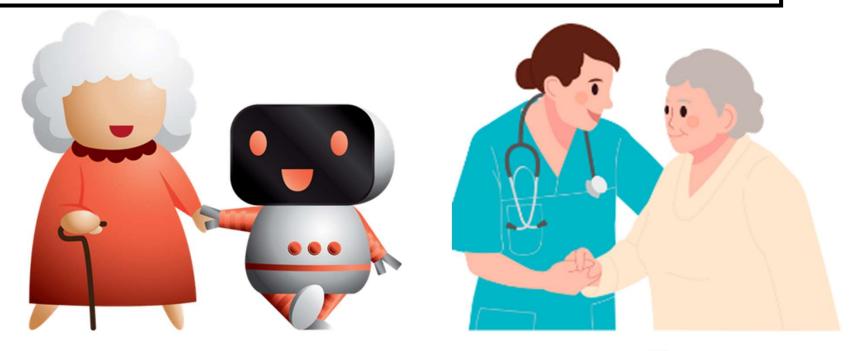
Robot vs Human

Soft Actuators

Q3:Why do we need soft actuators?

Considering the caregiving scene.

What is required for a robot to act on a person? (Both of Mental & Physical)



Soft Robotics for Human

Why do you think "soft robotics" is necessary Biomedical engineering research?

Sensor

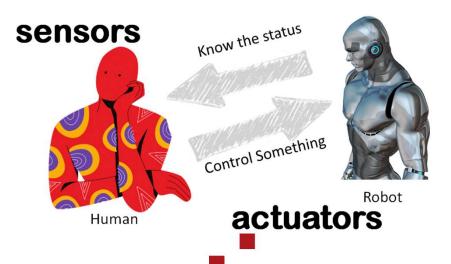
In order for a person to control the robot or for the robot to help the person, the robot needs to know the person's condition

⇒Sensors that measure the human condition

Actuator

Robots act on a person's psyche, assist in movement, or physically work on a person's physiology to change that state, depending on the person's condition.

Soft sensors & actuators



For Example...

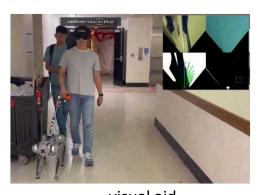
CYBATHLON

There are eight competition disciplines: brain-computer interface (BCI), functional electrical stimulation bike, electric prosthetic hand, electric prosthetic leg, exoskeleton race, assisted robot, visual aid and electric wheelchair.



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electric prosthesis



BCI



exoskeleton race



visual aid



assist robot

Functional electrical stimulation bike

electric wheelchair

electric artificial arm

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What are bioelectrical signals?



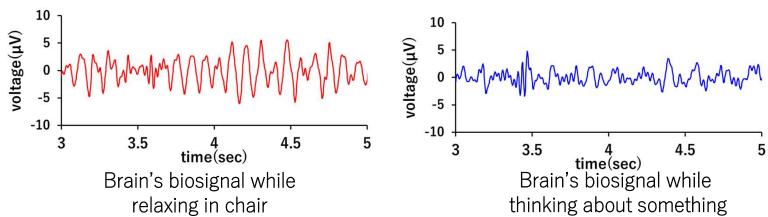
Biosignal of human body

bioelectrical is generated by the human body in response to the physical and mental activity.

✓ Brain, heart, muscle, etc.

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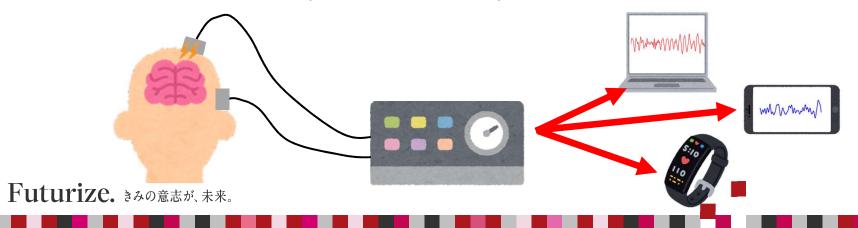
➤ This biosignal changes with your thought, intention, feeling, and what you are trying to do.



➤ It is possible to know your thought, intention, feeling and what you are trying to do, by measuring biosignal of human body.

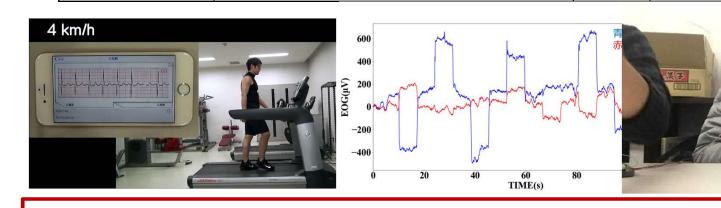
Method to measure bioelectrical signals

- > The biosignal of human body can be considered same as battery, and it can be measured in sar way as battery.
- > Two metal plates, that is called "electrodes", are attached on the skin using conductive adhesive.
- > These electrodes are connected to the measurement device, and biosignal can be measured.
- > Measured biosignal can be displayed on various devices.
 - ✓ Personal computer, smartphone, smartwatch, etc.



How do the robot obtain the information of human?

Stress	Electro-Cardiogram	ECG	$100\mu{\sim}10$ m	0.08~100
Think, Emotion	Electro-Electroencephalogram	EEG	$1\mu\sim100\mu$	0.1~30
Move,Intention	Electro-Myogram	EMG	$1\mu\sim$ 10m	2~2000
Move,Think	Electro-Oculogram	EOG	0.1m~0.5m	DC~200
Stress	Cutaneous electric reflex	SSR	0.1m~5m	0.03~15



Measurement

[Easy] ECG: Electrocardiogram

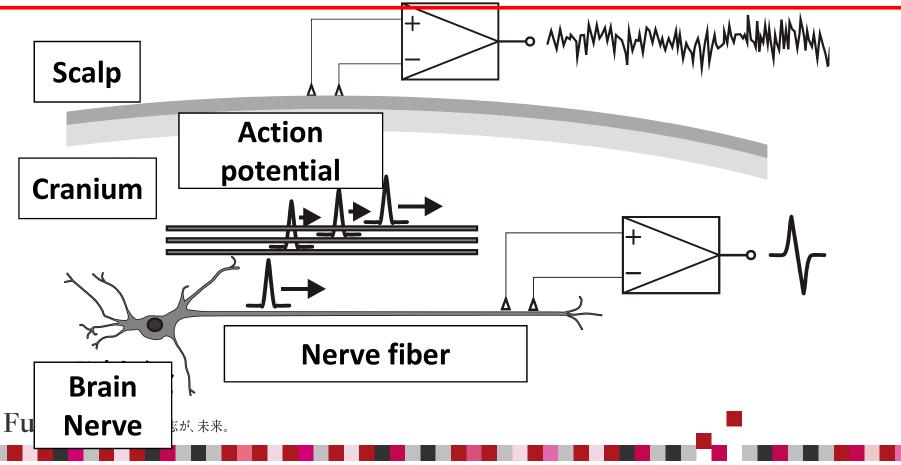
【Easy】 EMG: Electromyogram (s-EMG⇒ surface EMG)

[Hard] EEG: Electroencephalogram

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For Example Electroencephalography

EEG = changes in electrical potential at the epidermis of the head, where the electrical activity of individual nerve cells in the brain is aggregated through the skull and skin.



For Example Electromyography

EMG · · ·

Myopotentials are action potentials generated by muscle cells in living organisms during contractile activity.

The electromyogram is the variation of the weak electric field generated within that muscle on the vertical axis and time on the horizontal axis.

Myopotentials measured at the body surface are μV to mV and amplified 100-10,000 times.

Why do potentials occur?

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1. firing signals from the brain travel through the nerves to the neuromuscular junction

2. when the firing signal reaches the neuromuscular junction, transmitters are released into the muscle fibres.

3. sodium ions are taken up by the cell by transmitters

(depolarisation)

4. sodium ions are electrically charged and therefore generate a potential difference

BCI Application & Drone



EMG Application for PuyoPuyo

ECG induction method Unipolar lead to install a device

Lead system Pseudo lead I between a ground and a different electrode



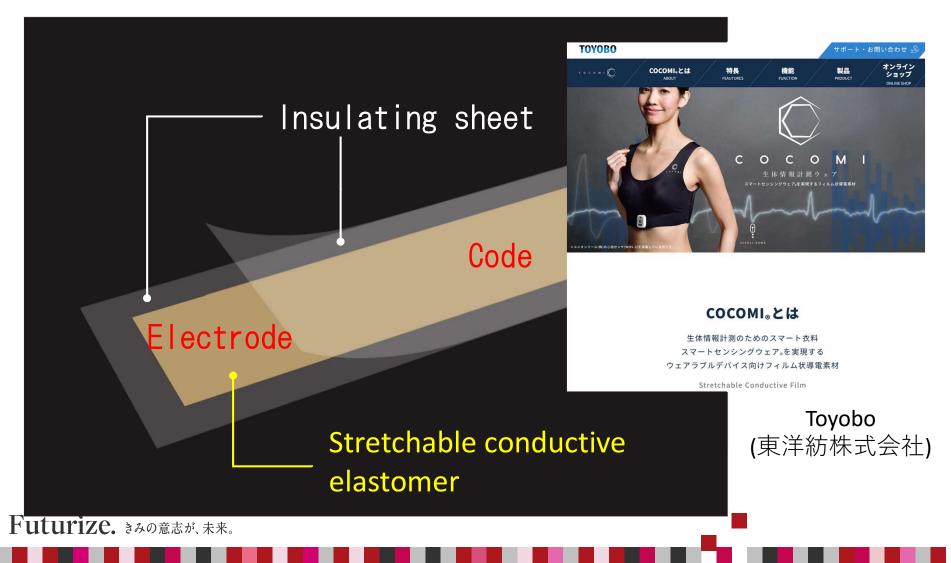


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Specification Sp		
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UNION TOOL, Japan		
$41.0 \times 37.5 \times 10.0$		
[mm]		
13.7 [g]		
Every HR		

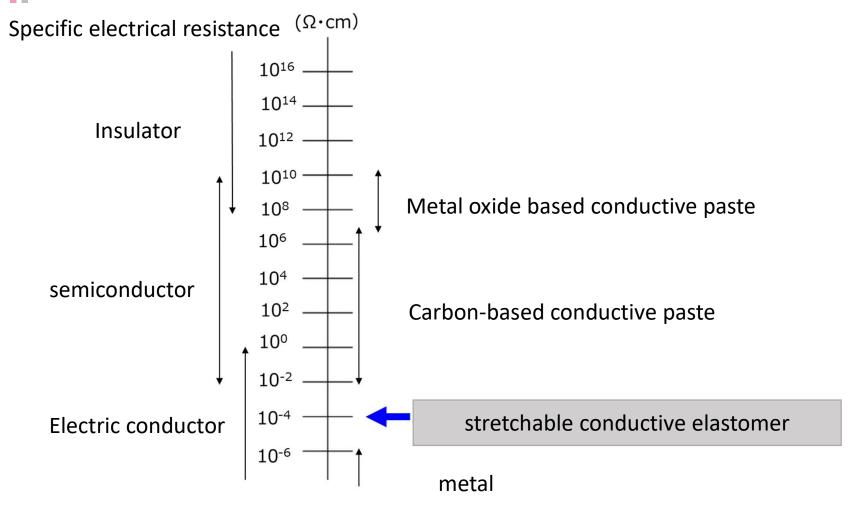
Stretchable Conductive Elastomer

Sensors (electrodes) and codes





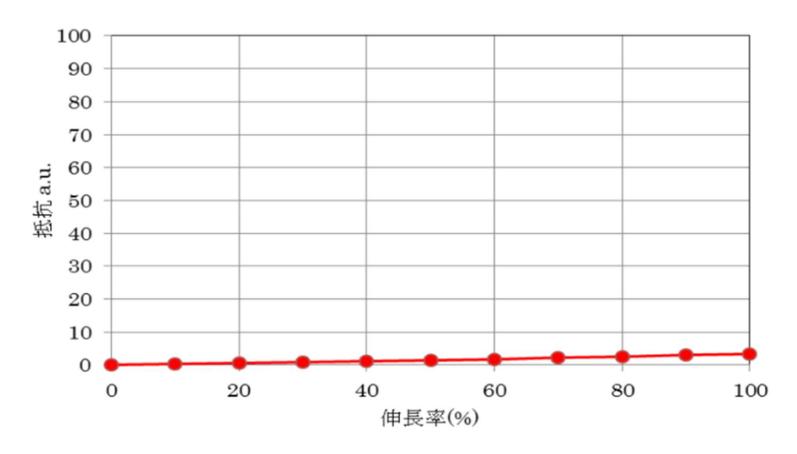
Specific resistance of stretchable conductive elastomer



• Specific resistance is very low than others conductive paste.



Elongation rate of stretchable conductive elastomer



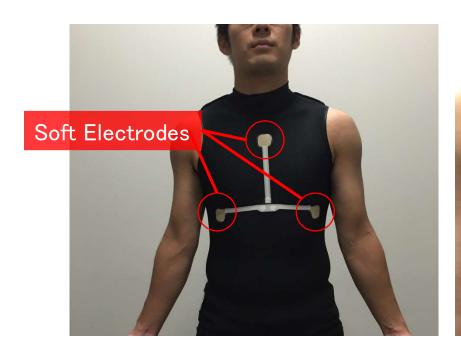
• Electric resistance is low, even in 100 % elongation.

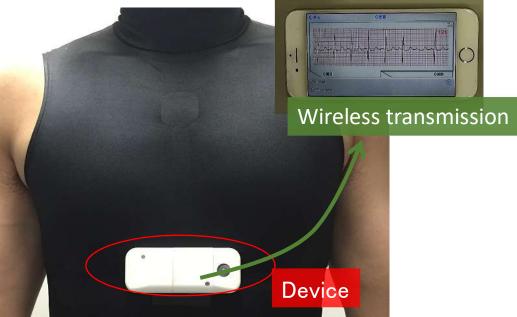








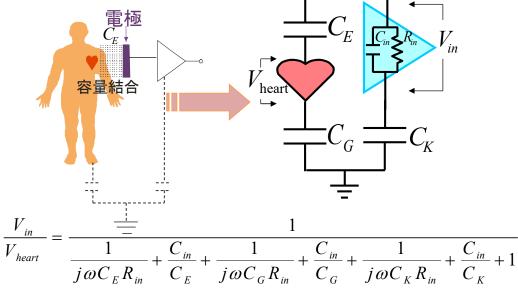




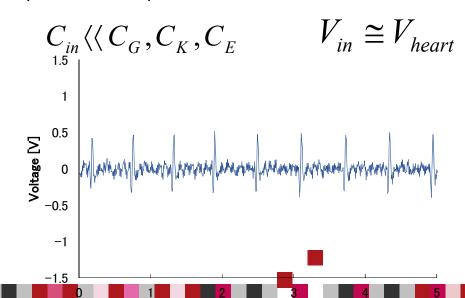
capacitive type electrode

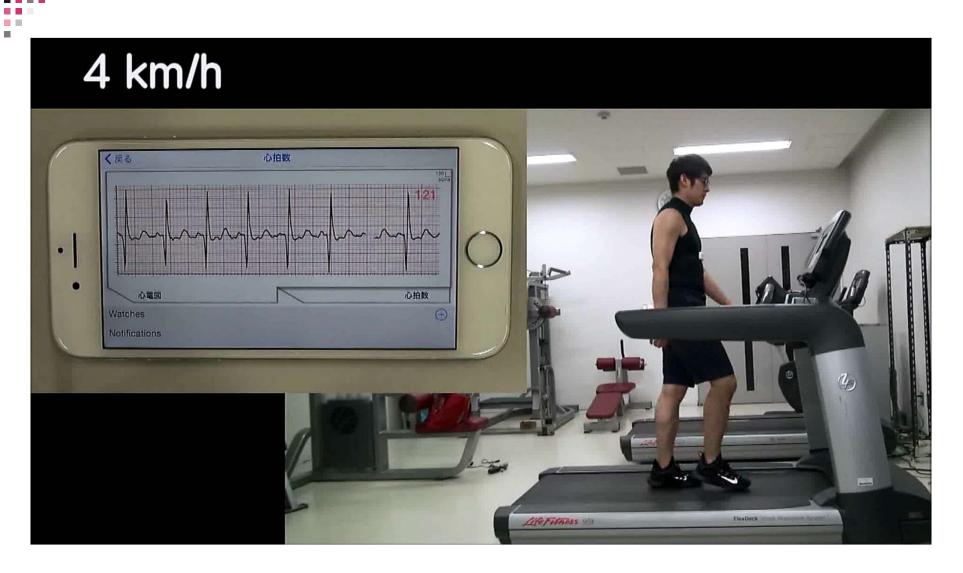






From the characteristics of the operational amplifier





Wearable Device for Simultaneous Monitoring of ECG and Thoracic Impedance, including Respiratory

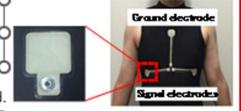
Introduction

3. Undergraduate School of Science and Enginnering, Ritsumeikan University, Shiga, Japan

Human

(1~100Hz)

In previous study, we developed the wearable device for ECG measurement. -Fig.1 Especially thoracic impedance includes important cardiorespiratory parameters, such as cardiac output, respiration rate, and amount of ventilation.



A lot of information cannot be obtained without many sensor in the conventional method

The contact

urrent circuit

The injection current

The purpose of this study was to develop a wearable device for simultaneous monitoring ECG and impedance including respiratory information using two dry electrodes.

H9wever...

Fig.1 The wearable device for ECG

The ECG/impedance measurement device

(10Hz-10Hz)

Respiration

(0.01Hz-0.8Hz)

Method

I . The ECG/Impedance measurement method – Fig.2

- The injection current frequency: 50kHz.
- The measured signals:

ECG (10 - 100 Hz), Impendance (884 - 100 kHz)

I . The electrode and base-wear (Bra-type) - Fig.3

- The electrode was made of the stretchable high conductive sheet (100 μΩ/cm).
- The position of electrodes was the CC5-lead.
- · Stainless steel snappers were set for the connection between the electrodes and the developed device.

II. Collection Method

- Subjects were the 10 healthy male (21.7 ± 1.3year, 169.3 ± 5.0cm, 60 ± 6.6kg)
- Reference: Conventional biopotential measurement device (Polymate V) ECG, LCR meter (IM3570) - Impendance, Oronasal airflow (TR-101A) - Respiration · Respiration rate (RR) was controlled in 15 respiration cycle per minute(rcpm) and 30 rcpm by metronome.



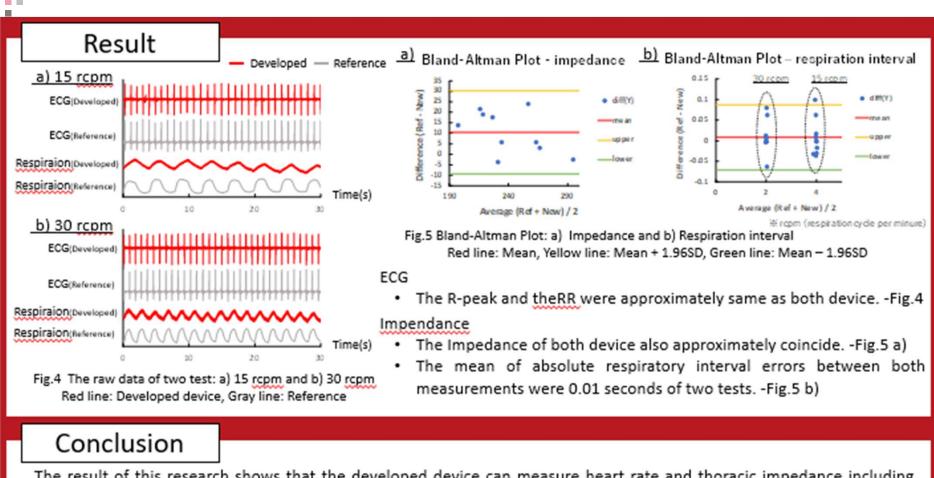


Fig.3 Bra-type

IV. Signal processing (python ver3.6)

- . Average RR interval(AVNN): 1. Digital BPF (10-50 Hz) 2. Differential processing 3. Moving average 4. Peak detection
- Respiration interval: 1. Digital BPF (0.01-0.8 Hz) 2. Differential processing 3. Moving average 4. Peak detection

Wearable Device for Simultaneous Monitoring of ECG and Thoracic Impedance, including Respiratory



The result of this research shows that the developed device can measure heart rate and thoracic impedance including respiratory rate simultaneously.

Contactless Measurement

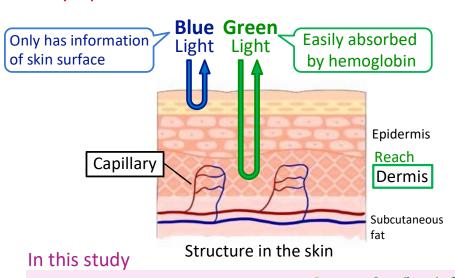


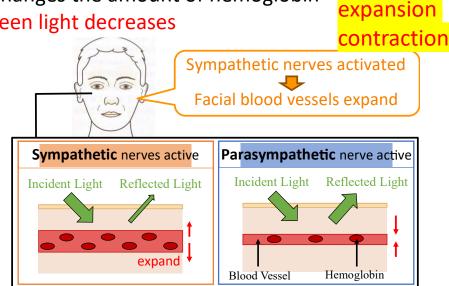


Autonomic Nervous System



- Reflected Green light has information of hemoglobin
- Facial blood vessels change depending on the ANS
- Contraction and expansion of blood vessels changes the amount of hemoglobin
- ➤ Sympathetic nerves activate ⇒ Reflected Green light decreases

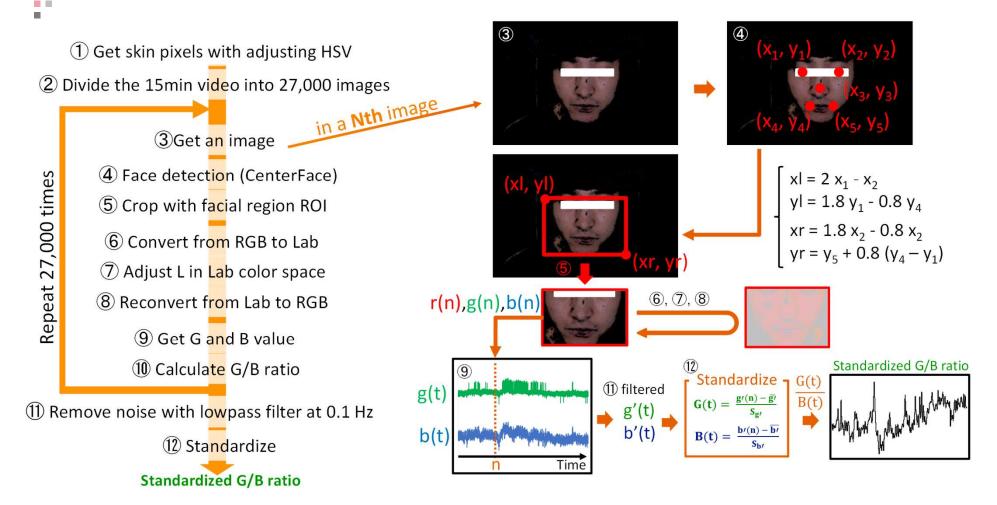




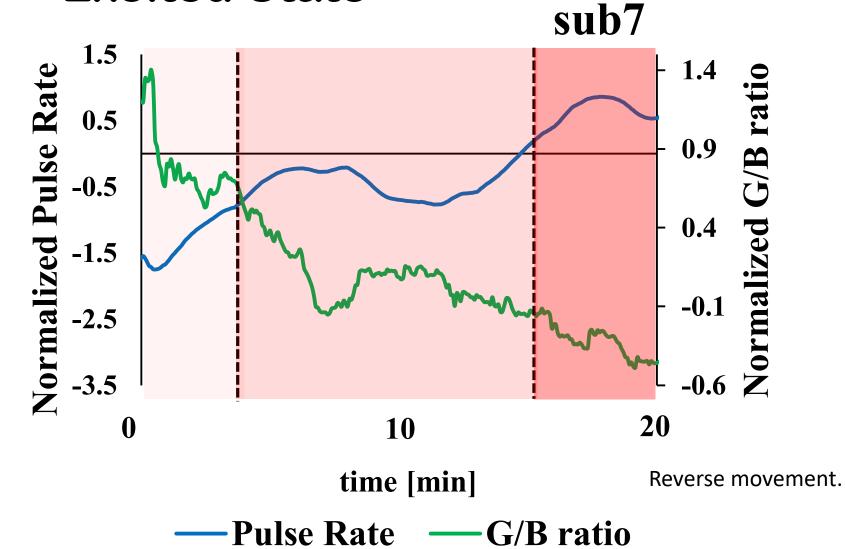
Measuring ANS using G/B ratio (Green value (has information of hemoglobin and skin surface)

Blue value (only has information of skin surface)

Contactless Measurement



Excited State



Q4: What are the advantages of using soft electrodes? Please imagine a scene of interaction with the robot.

What kind of control signals can we use the physiological quantities acquired from soft electrodes as control signals to the robot?



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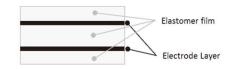
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Sensor (Elasticity Strain Sensor C-STRETCH®)







Manufactured by Bando Chemical Co., Ltd. elastic strain sensor C-STRETCH®

Schematic diagram of the structure (left: cross-sectional view, right: perspective view)[3]

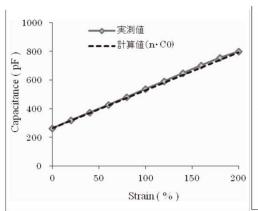
C (capacitance) = $\varepsilon (S(area))/(D(distance))$

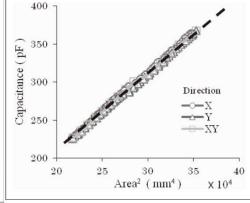
Capacitance changes due to sensor elongation (change in area)

→ (can be converted to a voltage value by a dedicated transmitter)



 $C = KS^2 (K is a constant)$





Features of the sensor

- Low hysteresis
- Thin, flexible and expandable
- When attached to a curved surface such as the human body

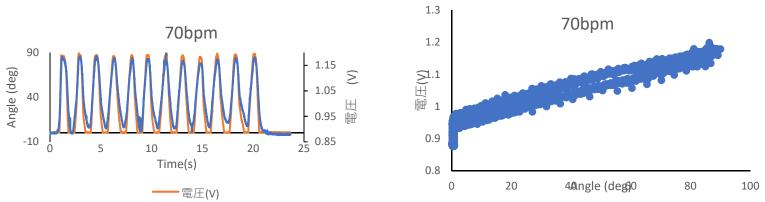
Excellent movement tracking

Ability to detect exercise, etc. with high repeatability[3]

Relationship between detection area and capacitance and comparison of elongation directions[3]

Relationship between single-axis elongation rate and capacitance [3]

Results of angular displacement



Comparison of angular displacement and displacement of voltage value applied to the sensor (70 bpm)

Correspondence between angular displacement and volta value applied to the sensor (70 bpm)







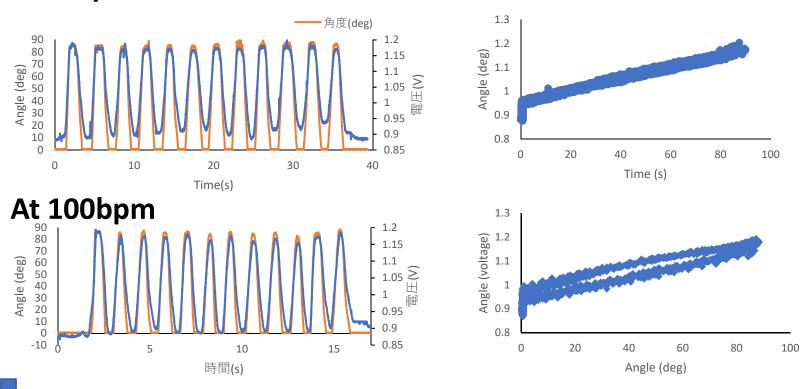
Angle meter and telescopic strain sensor when the angle is changed (left), 0 degrees (center), 45 degrees (right), 90 degrees

• Linear relationship between angle and sensor value Since it is not in close contact with the joint, the sensor is deflected when the bend is shallow.

Results of angular displacement

Followability for deformation speed

At 40bpm



When moving quickly, the response of the sensor is delayed in bending and stretching. Not fully returning to its original form.

Conductive supporter fabricated

Supporter composed of conductive fibers in part

Snap Buttons

30mm

When the supporter is manufactured, part of it is composed of conductive fibers.



Number of contact points between conductive

threads: Many

Weft: Conductive yarn Rubber Yarn

140mm Warp: Rubber thread **Composed of conductive fibers Rubber** knitting 35mm direction **Tensile Contact point Conductive Fiber Rubber Yarn** Futurize. きみの意志が、未来

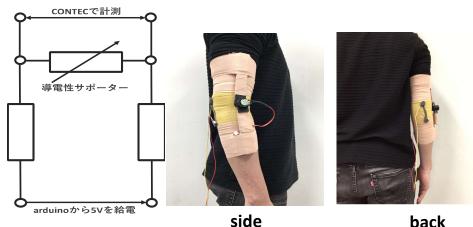
Conductive supporter fabricated

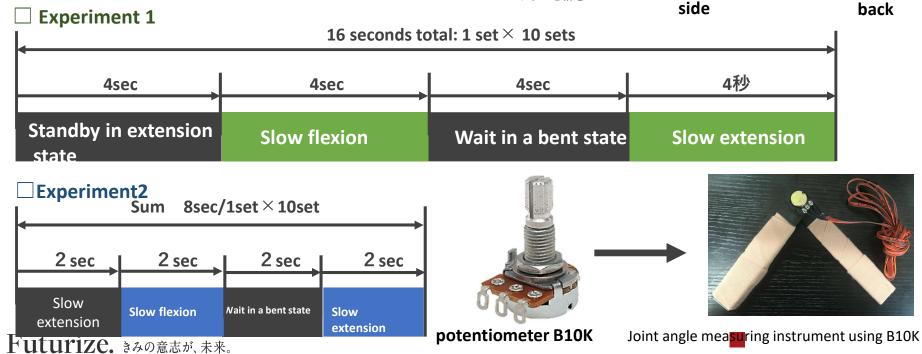
Measure the difference in flexion speed

Simultaneous measurement of supporter and elbow angle

Sampling frequency: 100Hz

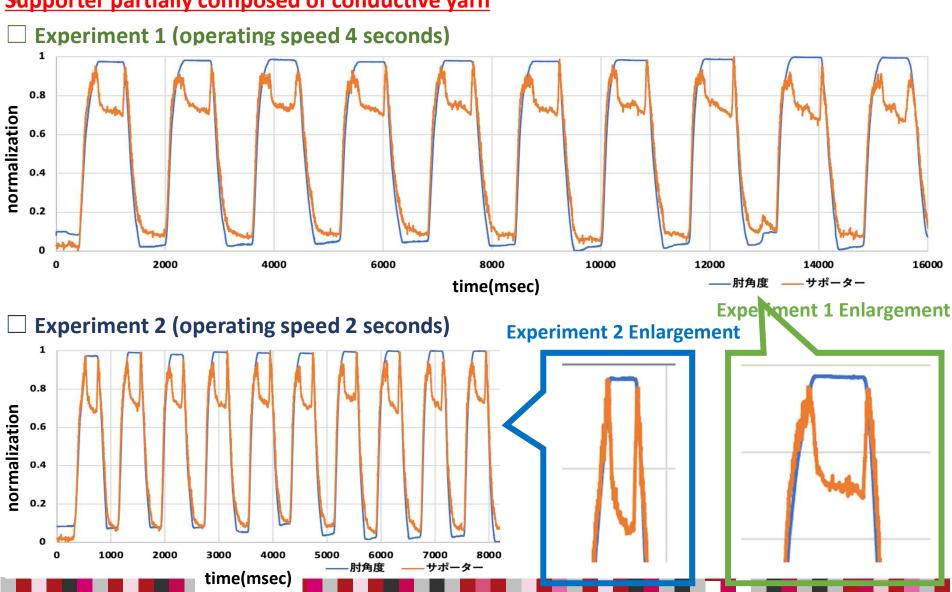
Equipment used: CONTEC (AD converter)





Characteristic confirmation experimental results

Supporter partially composed of conductive yarn

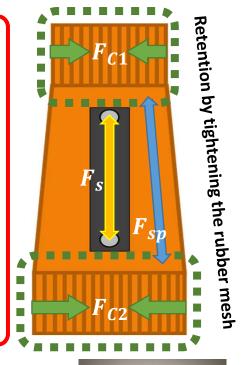


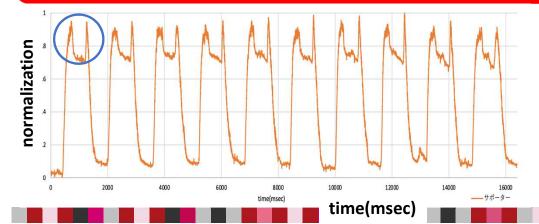
Characteristic confirmation experimental results

Experiment 4 (Investigating the cause of resistance reduction during flexion stop)

Hypothesis

- 1. During bending, the resistance value increases due to the stretching of the sensing part composed of conductive threads
- When bending is stopped, the elastic force works and the supporter tries
 to return to its original state, so the resistance value decreases (blue circle)
 * The friction force caused by the rubber mesh in the green frame does
 not withstand the elastic force that contracts the supporter.
- 3. When the extension is started, the resistance value rises rapidly due to the greater elastic force $F_{c1} + F_{c2} < F_s + F_{sp}$ $F_s > F_{sp}$





 F_{sn} : Resilience of supporters

 F_s : Elastic force of the sensing section

 F_C2 , F_C2 : Tightening force by rubber mesh

Characteristic confirmation experimental results

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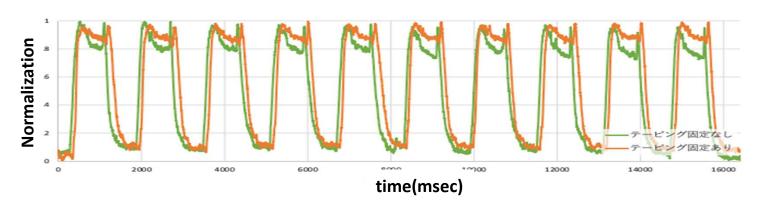
Experimental

- ✓ Non-elastic taping on the top and bottom edges of the supporter to prevent misalignment
- Measured only by supporters
- ✓ Conducted two experiments, one with and one without taping.
- ✓ The experimental protocol is the same as in Experiment 1.



Non-elastic taping (NICHIBAN) https://www.nichiban.co.jp/gen eral/health/

Investigation of the Factors Contributing to the Decrease in Resistance During Flexion Stop)



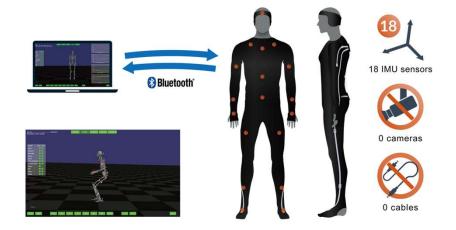
Difficulty of attachment for human joint

When fixed with taping, the decrease in resistance during flexion was suppressed.

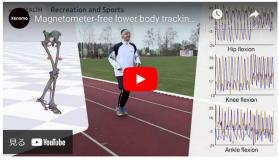
Elastic sensor application

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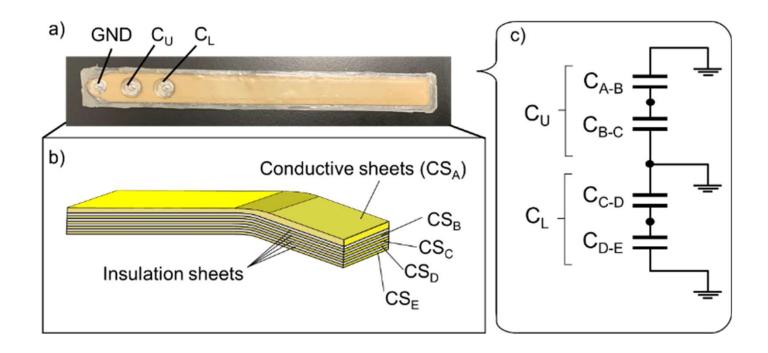
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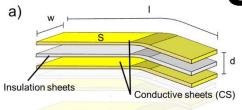


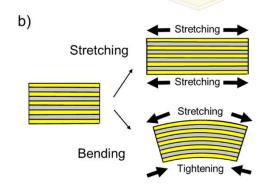
Bending Sensor

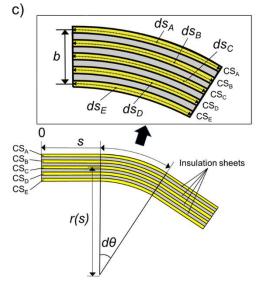


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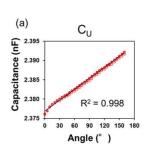




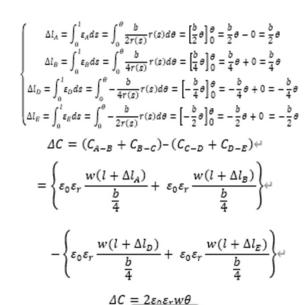


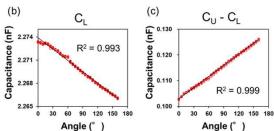
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$$\begin{cases} ds_A = \left(r(s) + \frac{b}{2}\right) \cdot d\theta \\ ds_B = \left(r(s) + \frac{b}{4}\right) \cdot d\theta \\ ds_C = r(s) \cdot d\theta \\ ds_D = \left(r(s) - \frac{b}{4}\right) \cdot d\theta \\ ds_E = \left(r(s) - \frac{b}{2}\right) \cdot d\theta \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon_A = \frac{ds_A - ds_C}{ds_C} = \frac{b}{2r(s)} \\ \varepsilon_B = \frac{ds_B - ds_C}{ds_C} = \frac{b}{4r(s)} \\ \varepsilon_D = \frac{ds_D - ds_C}{ds_C} = -\frac{b}{4r(s)} \\ \varepsilon_E = \frac{ds_E - ds_C}{ds_C} = -\frac{b}{2r(s)} \end{cases}$$

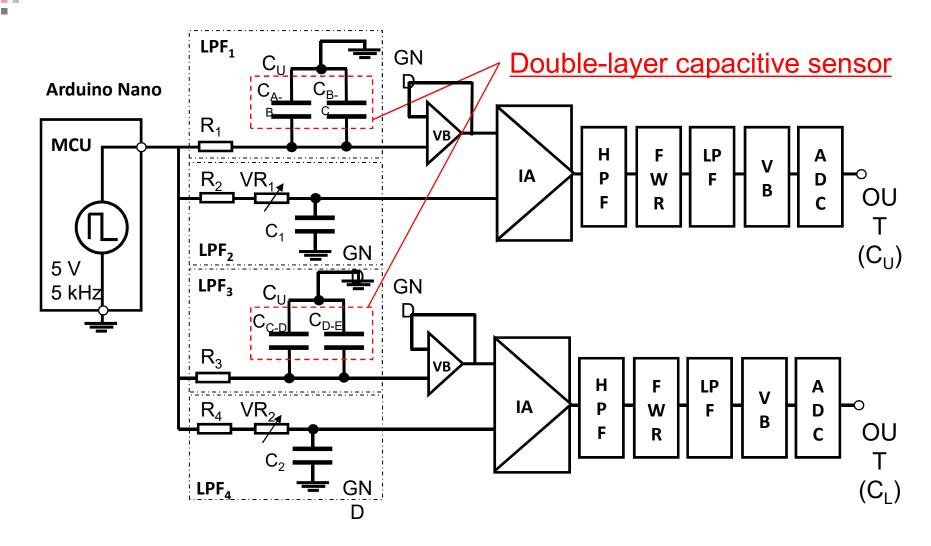




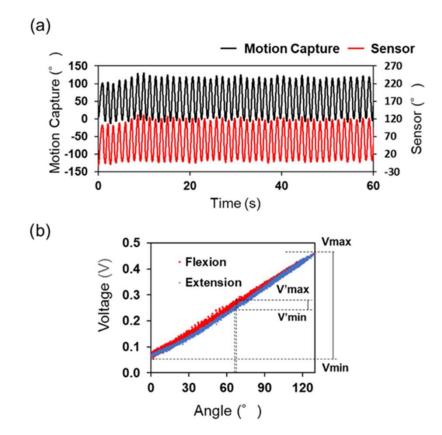
Correlation plots between the capacitances ((a) CU, (b) CL, and (c) CU–CL) measured by the chemical impedance analyzer and the bending angle measured by the goniometer.

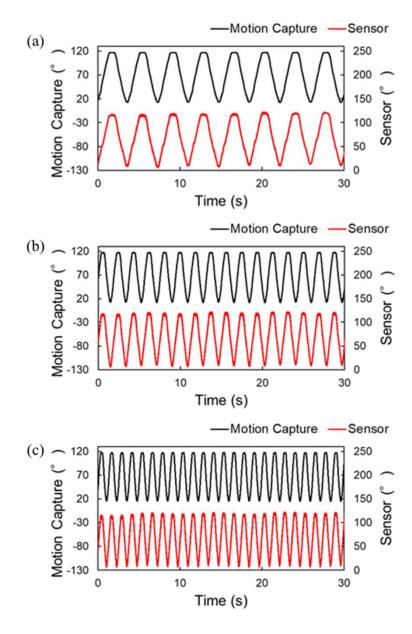
CU-CL was calculated by subtracting CU from CL

Circuit Design



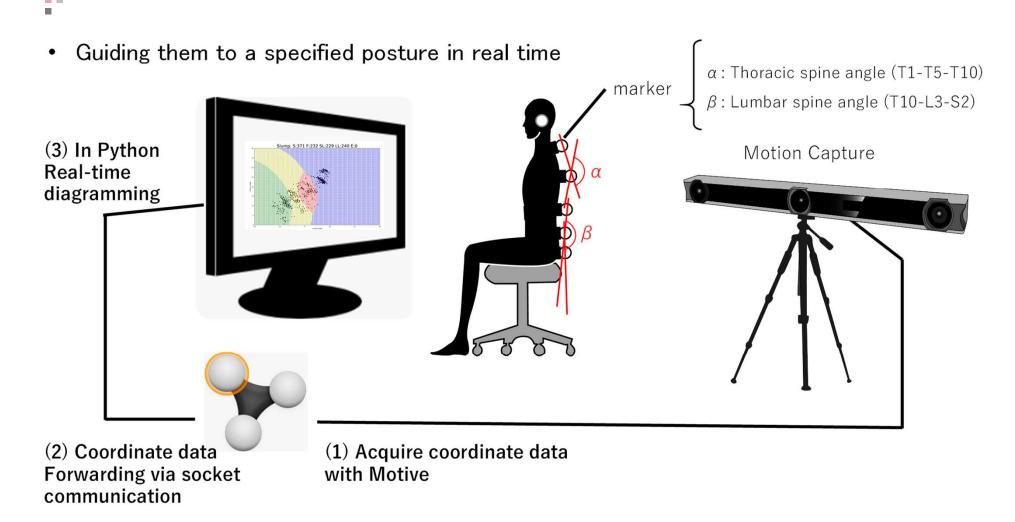
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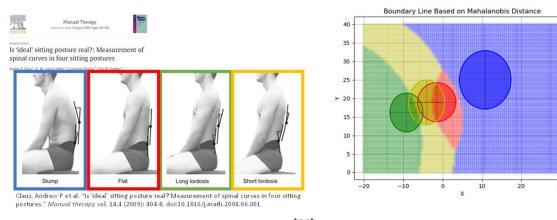


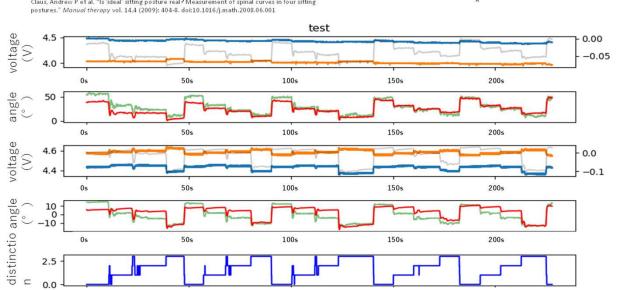
(a) 16 rpm, (b) 32 rpm, and (c) 48 rpm

Human Posture Sensing



Human Posture classification





Futures: Sensor 1(Estimated Angle), Sensor 2 (Estimated Angle),

Model: Logistic Regression acc: 0.972

precision: 0.904 1. 1. 1. recall: 1. 0.868 1. 1.

f1-score: 0.95 0.929 1. 1.

Model: Decision Tree

acc: 0.947

precision: 1. 0.833 1.

recall: 0.8 1. 1. 1.

f1-score: 0.889 1. 0.909 1.

Model: SVM acc: 0.980

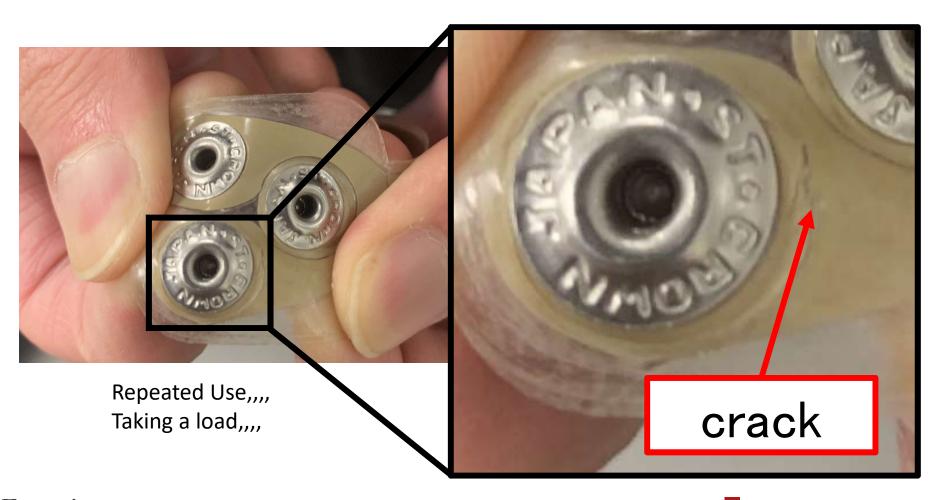
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recall: 1. 0.924 0.984 1.

f1-score: 0.97 0.951 0.992 1.

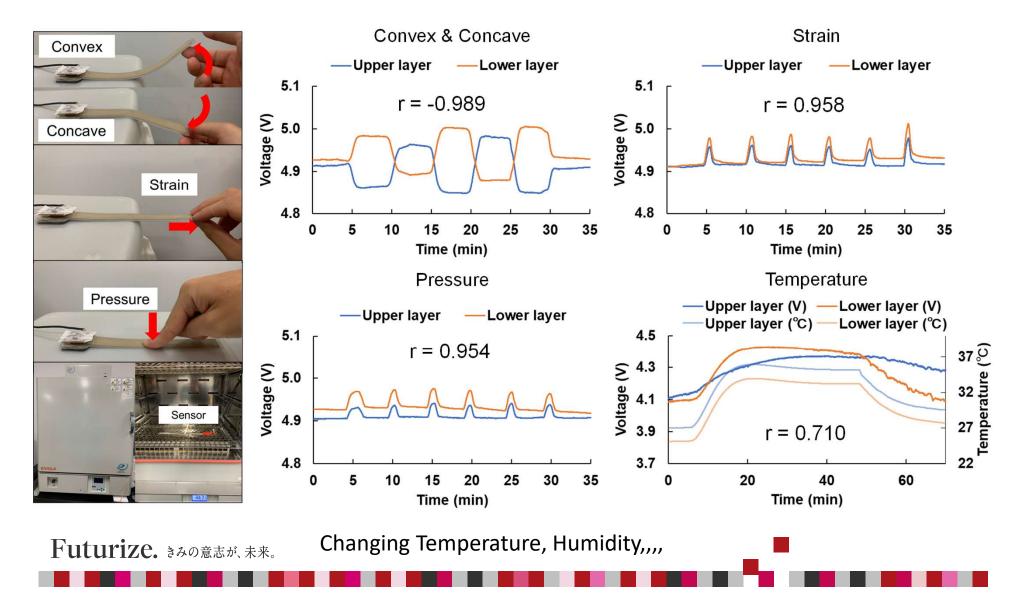
May have some probrems

Conductive, Strechable sensor



May have some probrems

Capacitance type sensor





Q5: Let's think about soft sensors for human motion measurement.

Principles, advantages, and disadvantages of extension sensors.

Principles, advantages, and disadvantages of bending sensors.

Which sensor is better for robotic applications? Give an example and explain.

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Soft Robotics Actuator for Human

Sustainable Health Management for Well-being



Sustainable Health Management approach

To achieve these in a comprehensive manner...



Routine machine Intervention with people



Physical Well-being:

Healthy body, Good physical fitness, Proper nutrition, Periodic exercise...etc

Psychological Well-being:

Self-fulfillment, The utilization of stress reduction techniques, Appropriate handling of psychological challenges...etc

Social Well-being:

Healthy interpersonal relationships, Social connections, communication skills, Empathy, Cooperation, Leadership...etc

Achieved

Health management through routine biometric measurements



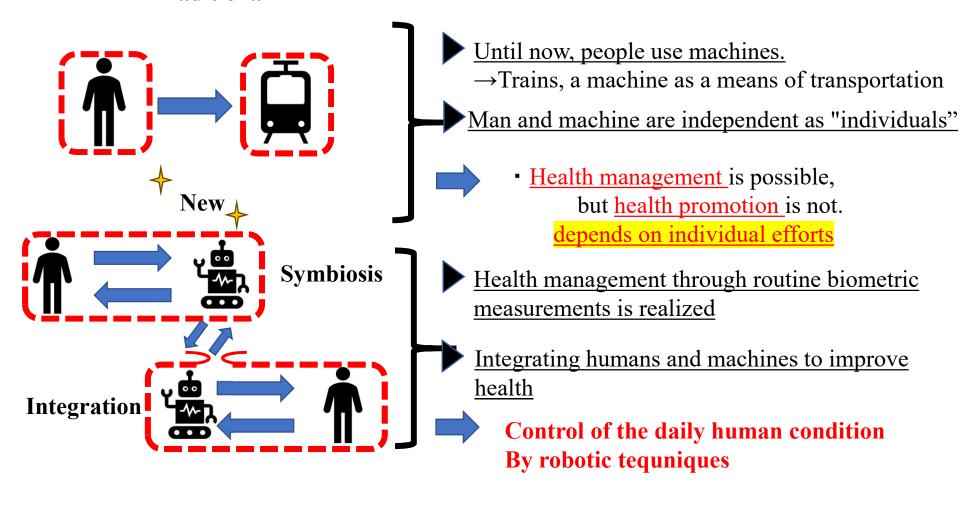
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Integrating humans and machines to improve health

A New Man-Machine Relationship

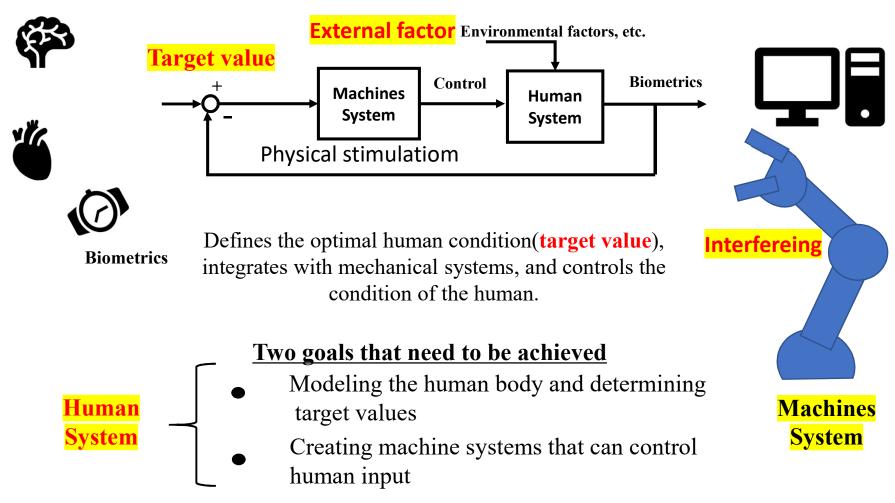
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A New Man-Machine Relationship

Basic block diagram of the new man-machine



Deformable Pillow

Background: 1 in 5 people in Japan are dissatisfied or have problems sleeping

Purpose: Rock the head through the respiratory cycle (Perrault et al., 2019)

Result: Facilitated sleep onset in 4 out of 6



Fig. Deformable Pillow

Previous work:

- Effect of inducing sleep by shaking the body of mice(Konstantinos, 2019)

Target Value

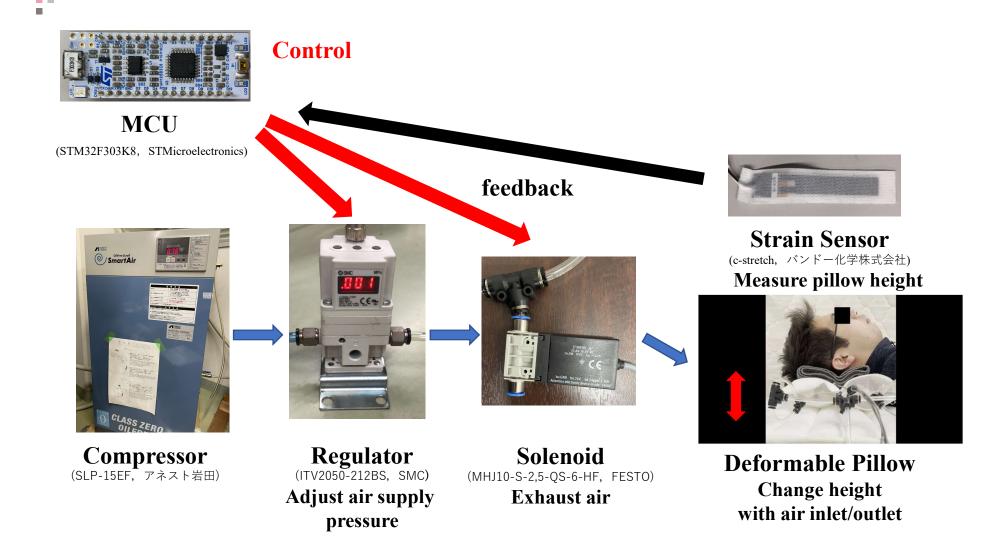
Tested the effect of "inducing sleep onset" by rocking the head with a pillow at a respiratory cycle of 0.25 Hz.

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Deformable Pillow



Evaluation Method for Deep sleep Inducing

Testing the Sleep-Inducing Effect of 0.25 Hz Head Rocking

Experimental environment:

- Subjects: 6 healthy males (23.2 \pm 2.0 years old)
- Limit: 0 to 6 hours of sleep the day before
- Content: 1-hour nap from 14:30
- · Allow a week between normal and deformable pillow

Measurement:

- \bullet Measuring instruments (bio-amplifiers): Polymate V / Polymate Mini. Sampling frequency: 1000 Hz
- **EEG** (Electrodes at O1 and A2 according to 10/20 method)
- ECG (Electrode attached based on 3-point induction)
- Subjective assessment (Karolinska sleep scale and visual analog scale)

EEG→Sleep latency

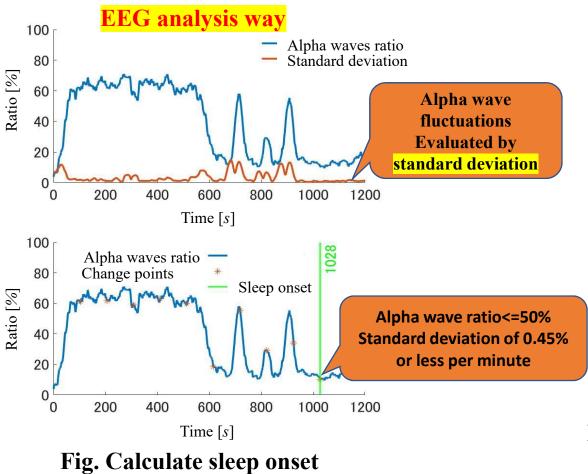
ECG→Heart rate variability and parasympathetic index Subjective assessment

→ Pre-Experiment Sleepiness, Post-Experiment Changes, and Pillow Preferences and Performance Evaluation



Fig. Experimental Scene

Analysis Method



ECG analysis way

$$nHF = \frac{HF}{LF + HF}$$

LF: 0.05 to 0.20 Hz bandwidth power HF: 0.20 to 0.35 Hz bandwidth power

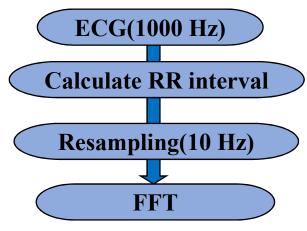


Fig. Calculate parasympathetic nerve indices

Results

Results by EEG

Table. Sleep latency per subject

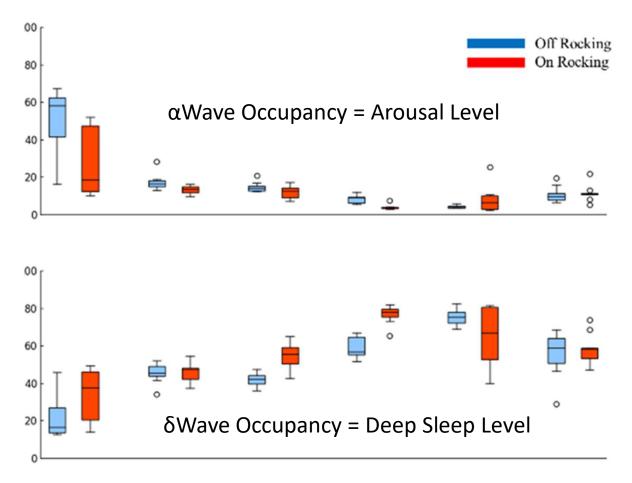
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	Average
Normal(Sleep latency[s])	307	410	205	1028	719	1234	651
Deformable Pillow([s])	719	205	307	307	410	925	479
Difference in sleep latency[s]	-412	205	-102	721	309	309	172
Improvement rate [%]	-134	50	-50	70	43	25	26

Table. Average per subject of parasympathetic index*1

Subjects	1	2	3	4	5	6	Average
Normal(nHF)	0.19	0.14	0.23	0.10	0.06	0.10	0.136
Deformable Pillow(nHF)	0.17	0.16	0.20	0.11	0.08	0.14	0.143

Sleep latency shortened in 4 out of 6 patients, 2.9 ± 5.9 min on average Parasympathetic index high in 4 out of 6

Results



Soft actuators change the physiological state of a Human due to the rocking effect

Soft Robotics Actuator for Human

Q6:Consider soft actuators that act on people.

Think of actuators that improve the human condition (can be mental or physical).

Today's Report

Work with your partner to complete all work (You may submit the same answers as your partner)

Submit your work through Manaba+R

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