

Interventions in restoring function in spinal injury with chronic paralysis

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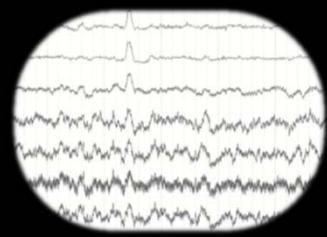
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Compares expected movement with real movement

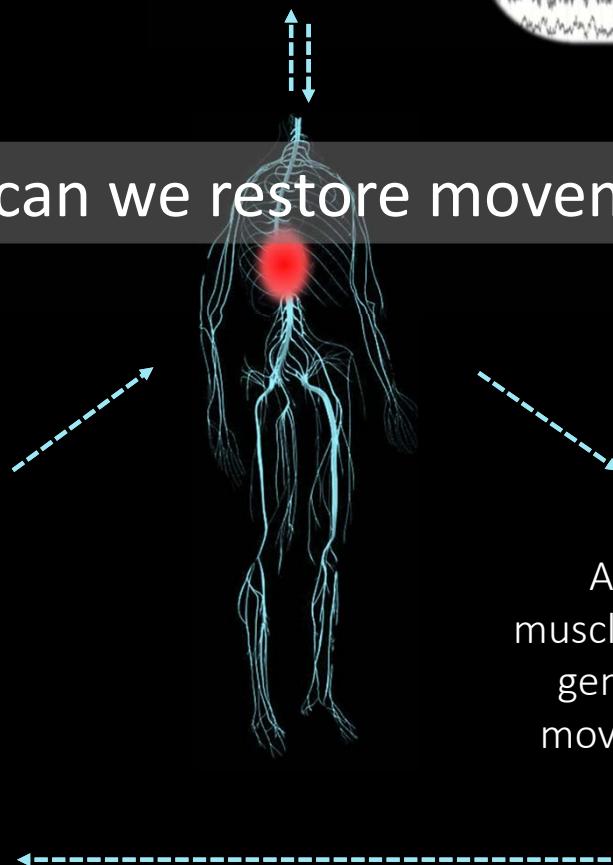
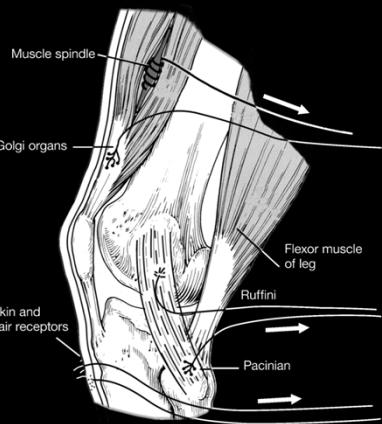


Think about performing a movement



How can we restore movement?

Sensors in muscles and joints



Activate muscles and generates movement

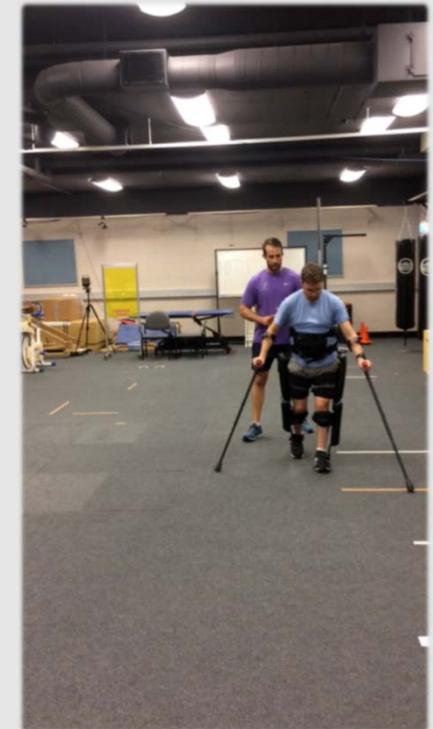


Traditional rehabilitation approaches

Physical therapy



Exoskeletons



Functional electrical stimulation

Channel Settings

	Start pulse	Stop pulse	Max. current (mA)	POS Pulsewidth (uS)	Interpulsewidth (uS)	NEG Pulsewidth (uS)	1=Pos. pulse first 0=Neg. pulse first	Ramp up time (ms)	Ramp down time (ms)	Channel
L Quadriceps	45	141	150	400	0	400	1	0	0	1
L Hamstrings	238	334	150	400	0	400	1	0	0	3
L Gluteus	77	174	150	400	0	400	1	0	0	5
Channel 7	0	90	150	400	0	400	1	0	0	7
R Quadriceps	225	321	150	400	0	400	1	0	0	2
R Hamstrings	58	154	150	400	0	400	1	0	0	4
R Gluteus	257	353	150	400	0	400	1	0	0	6
Channel 8	180	270	150	400	0	400	1	0	0	8

Cycle settings:

- Number of pulses of the crank sensor: 360
- Minimum crank revolutions per minute: 1

Stimulation settings:

- Stim. Frequency (Hz): 50
- Number of steps to max current: 10
- Maximum Voltage limit (V): 160

Manual current change settings:

- increment step (mA): 5
- Set absolute max. current

Program: 1

Buttons: Delete program, Upload settings to program, Get stimulator parameters, Save parameters to file, Load parameters from file, Ready

in- decrease current

Crank turns per minute: 0

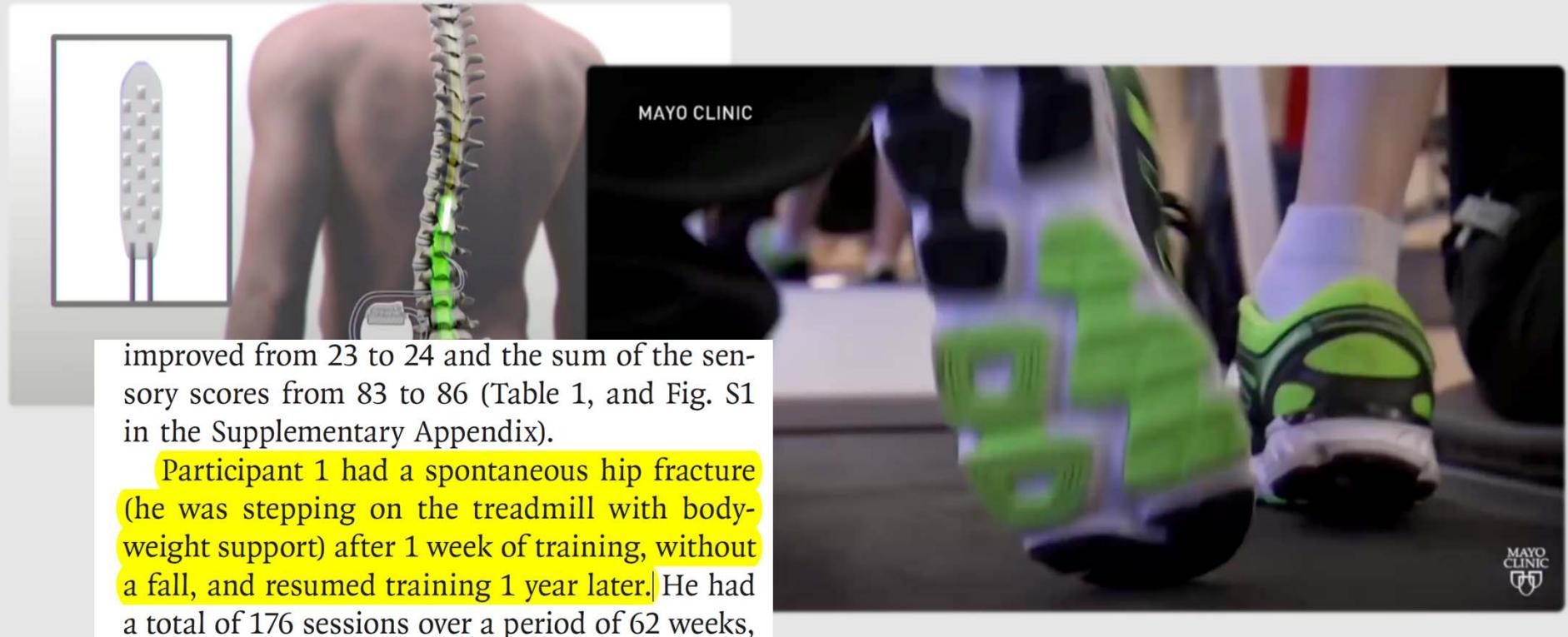
Angle: 270, 225, 180, 135, 90, 45, 0, 315

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Muscle test, Help

New rehabilitation approaches

Electrical stimulation of the spinal cord

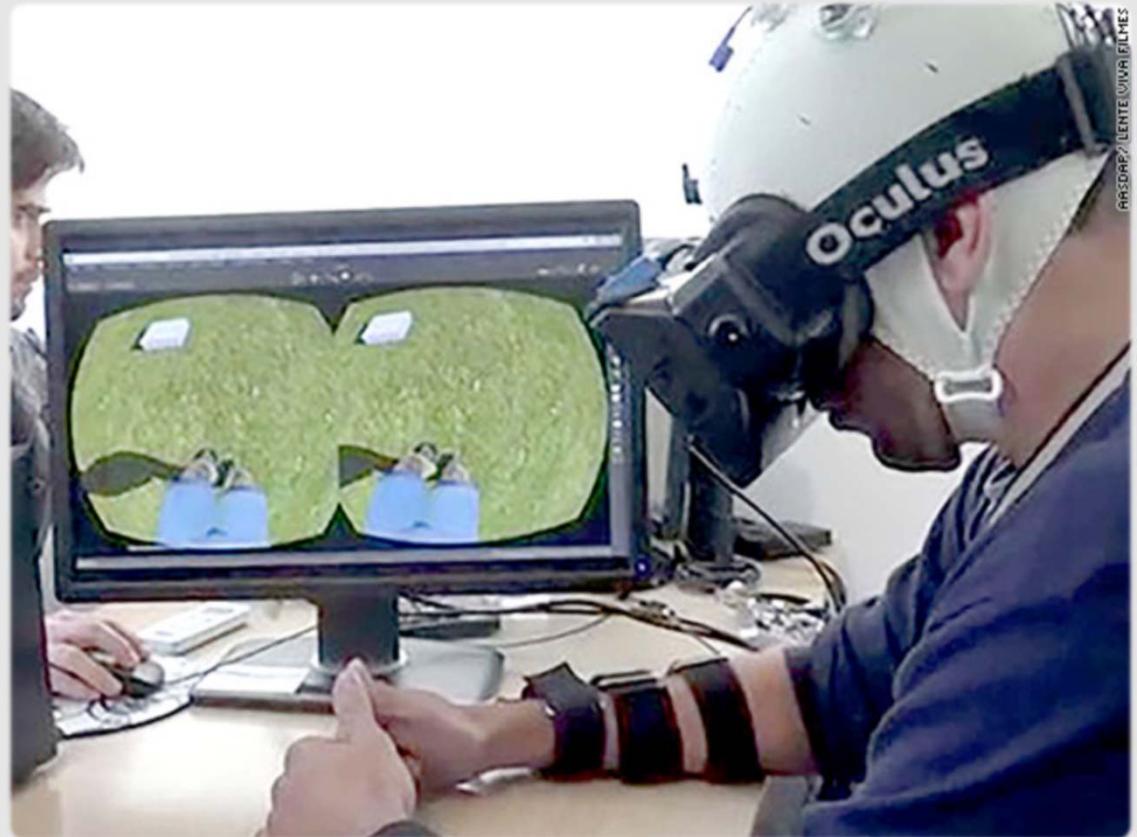


improved from 23 to 24 and the sum of the sensory scores from 83 to 86 (Table 1, and Fig. S1 in the Supplementary Appendix).

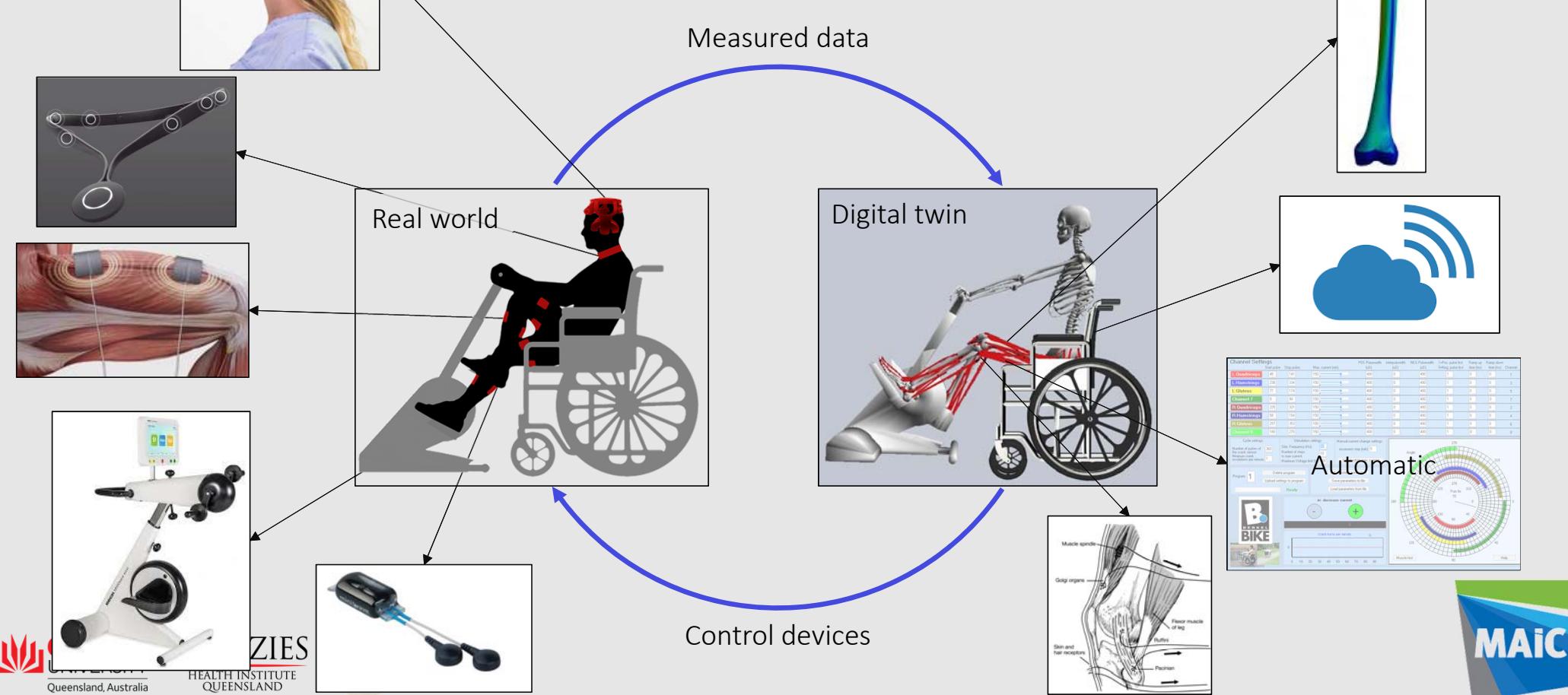
Participant 1 had a spontaneous hip fracture (he was stepping on the treadmill with body-weight support) after 1 week of training, without a fall, and resumed training 1 year later. He had a total of 176 sessions over a period of 62 weeks,

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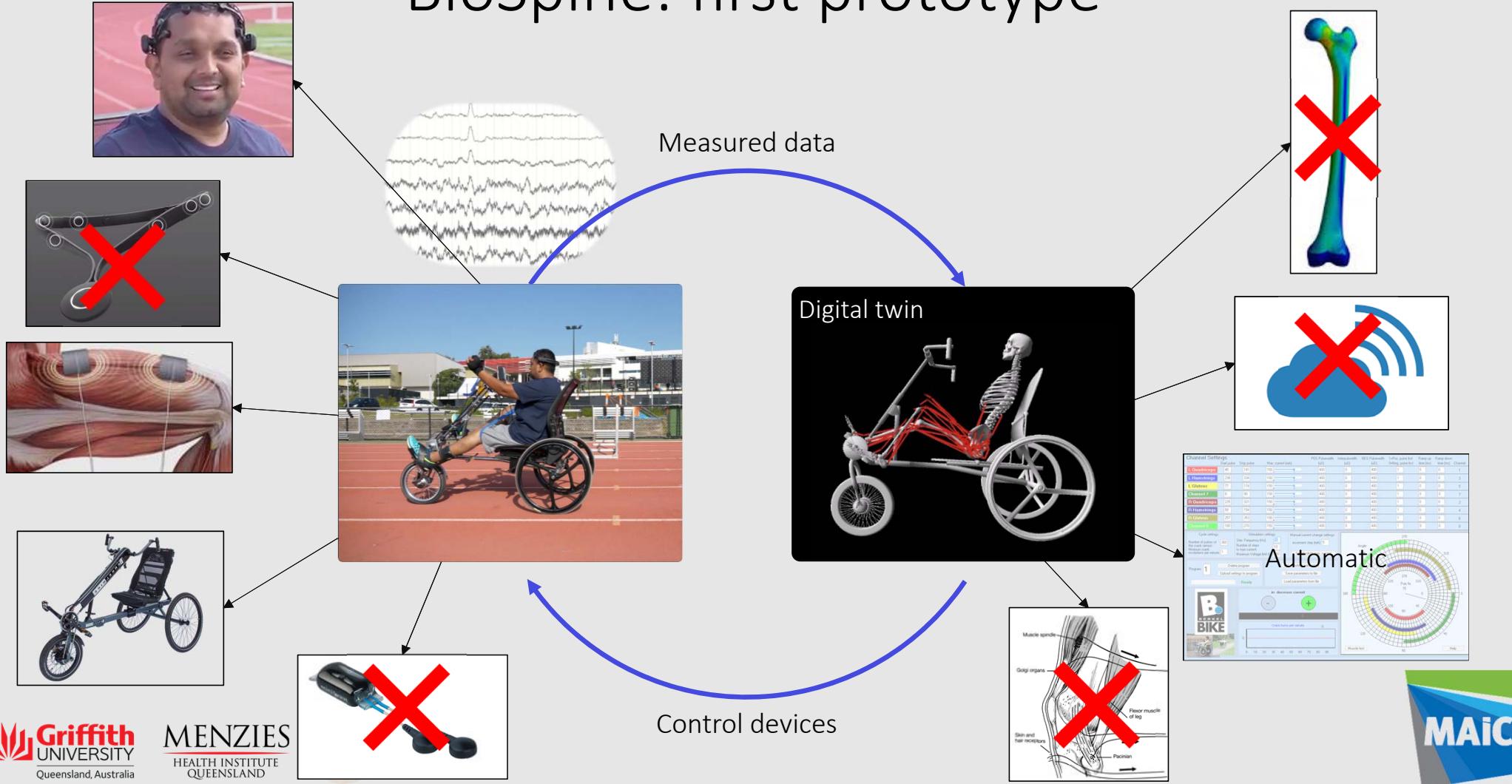
Thought-controlled rehabilitation



BioSpine: safe and simple to use



BioSpine: first prototype



BioSpine: improving thought-control

