Input

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Input

Input

- How do these devices work for getting information into the computer?
- Some Frameworks:
  - How do input devices effect the nature of the interaction?
- What's coming next?


DELL
F1
F2
F3
F4
F5
F6
F7
F8
F9
F10
F11
F12
Print Screen SysRq
Scroll Lock
Insert
Home
Delete
Backspace
Enter
Shift
Ctrl
Alt
Alt
Q
W
E
R
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Y
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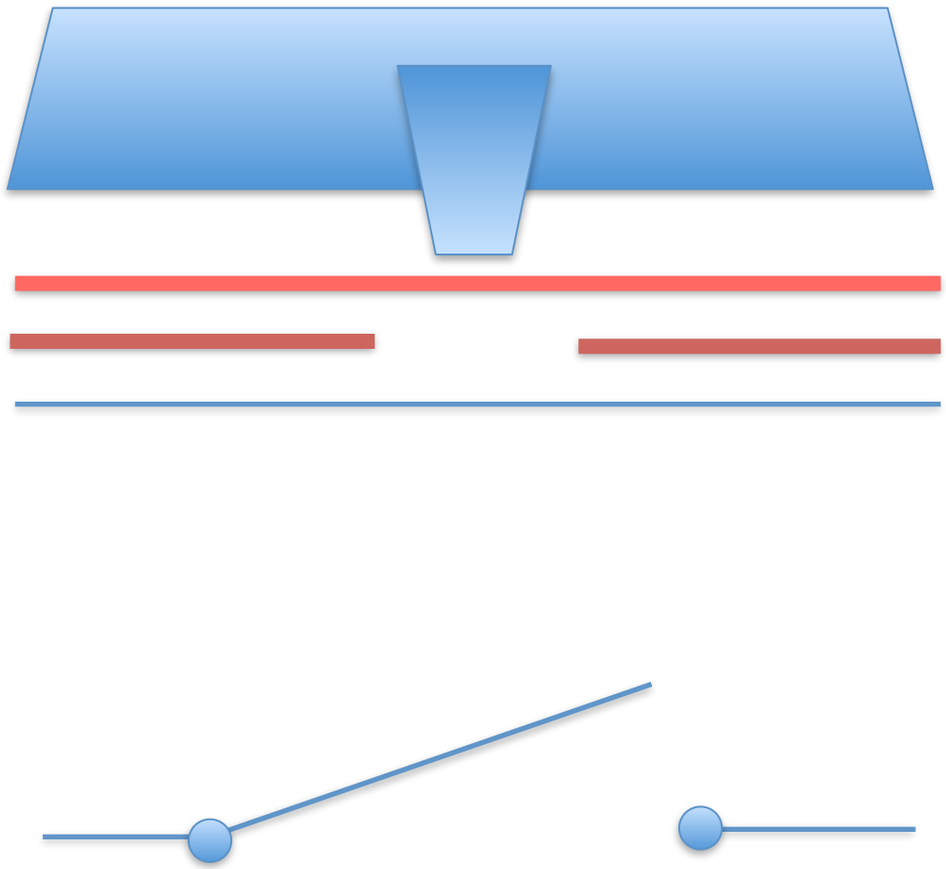
Separating layer (with hole)

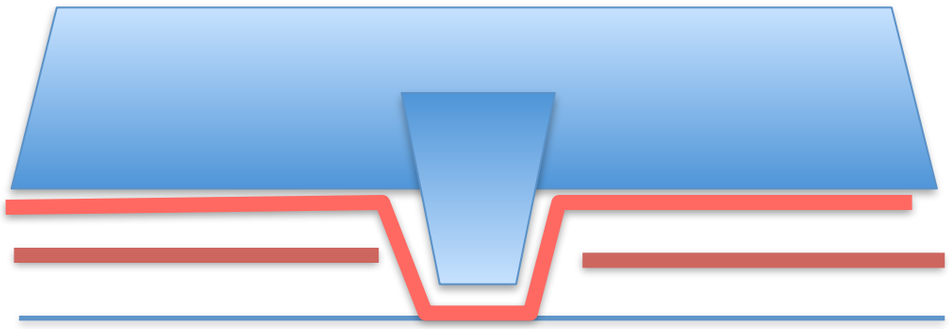


Key cap

Top conductive layer

Bottom conductive layer

Separating layer (with hole)



Key cap

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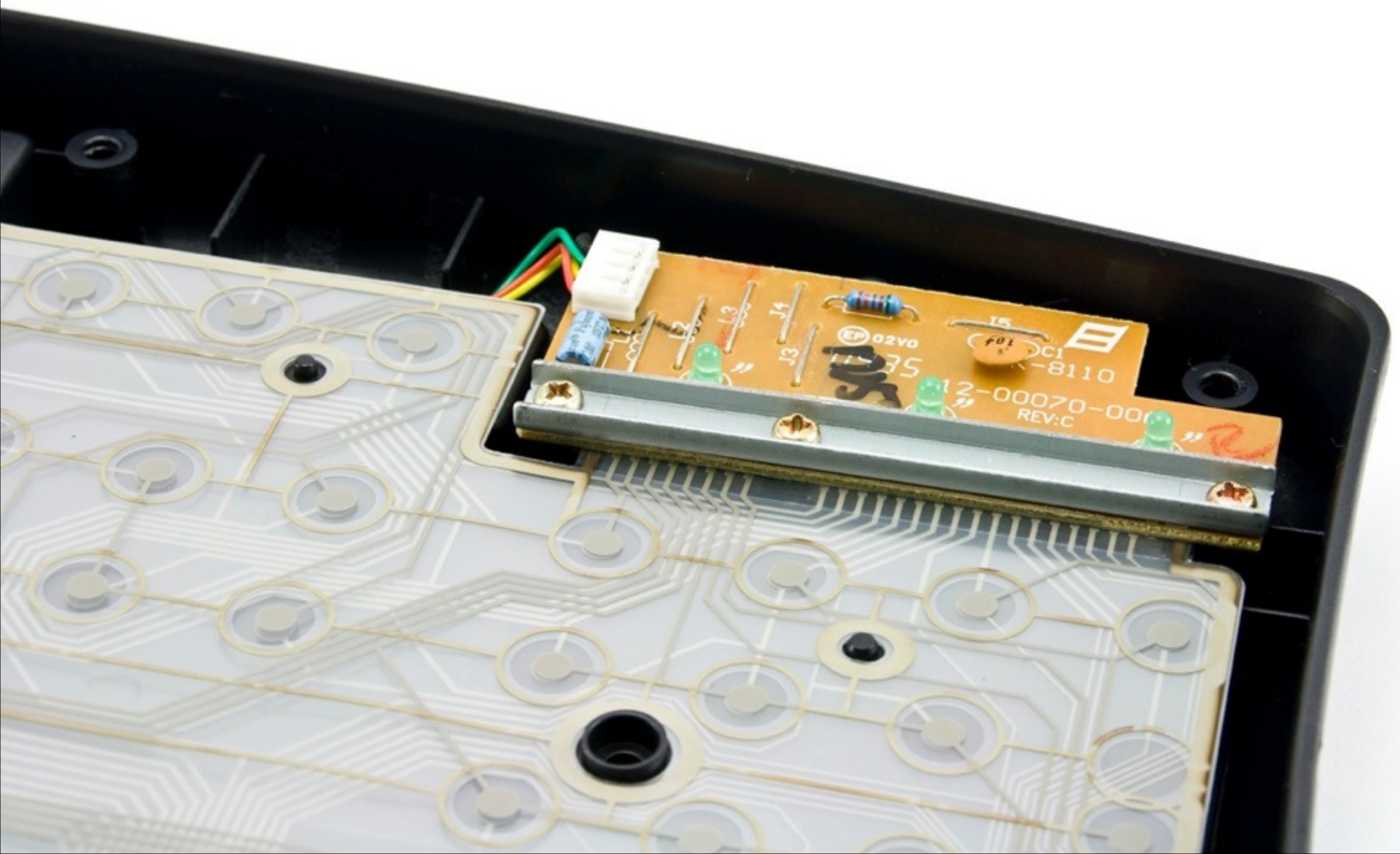
Bottom conductive layer

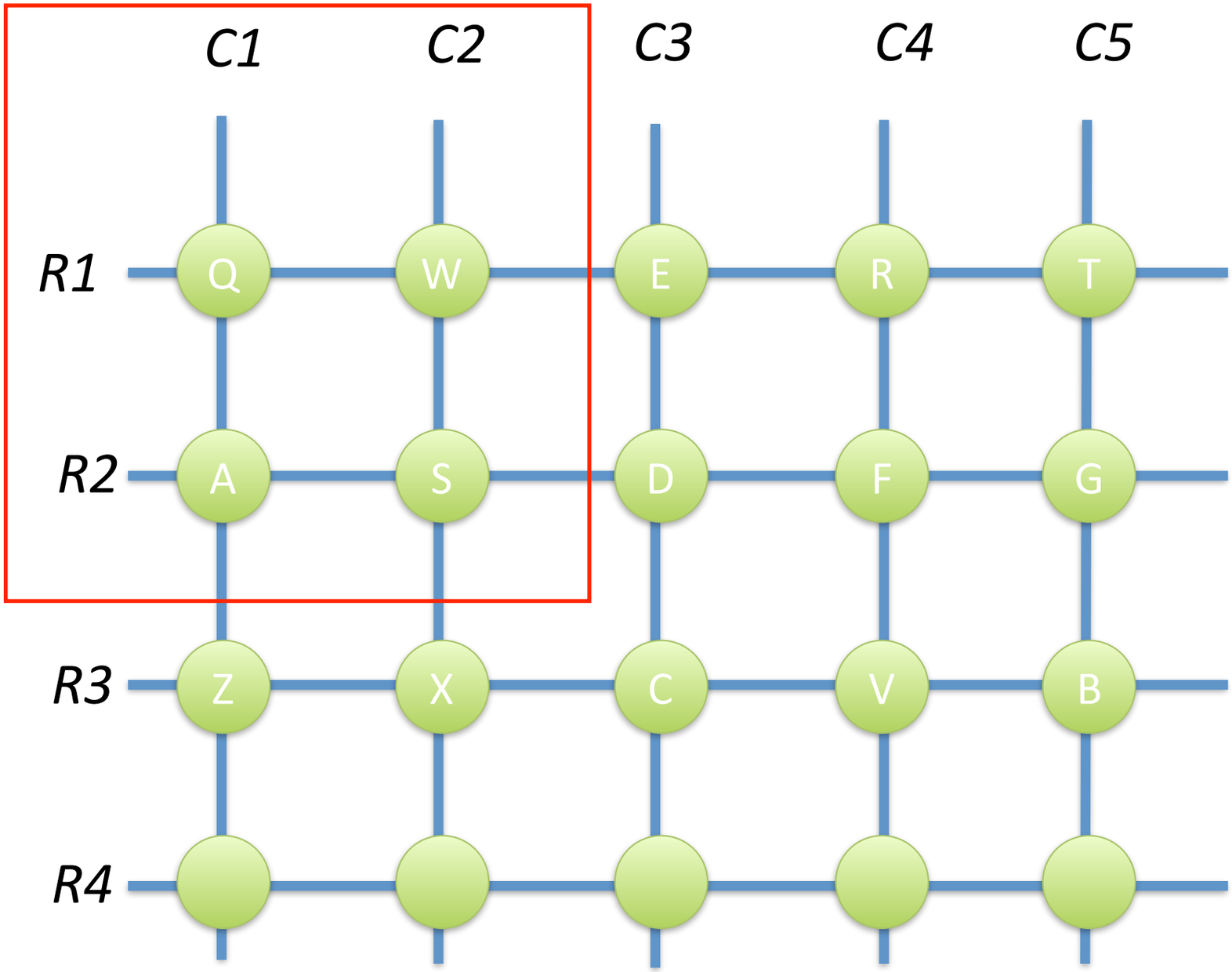
Keyboard Encoder



Row/Column Scanning

9 lines

20 keys



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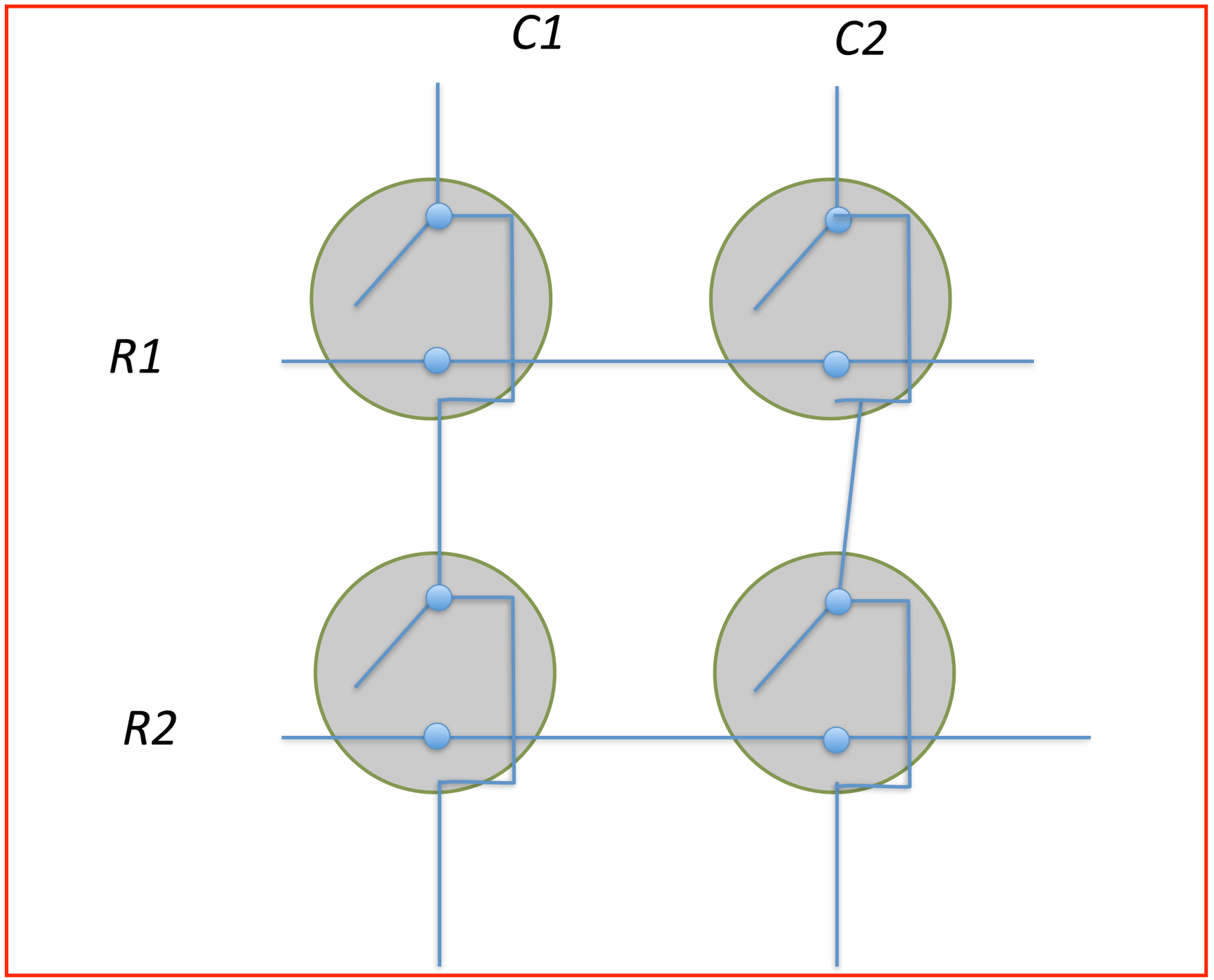
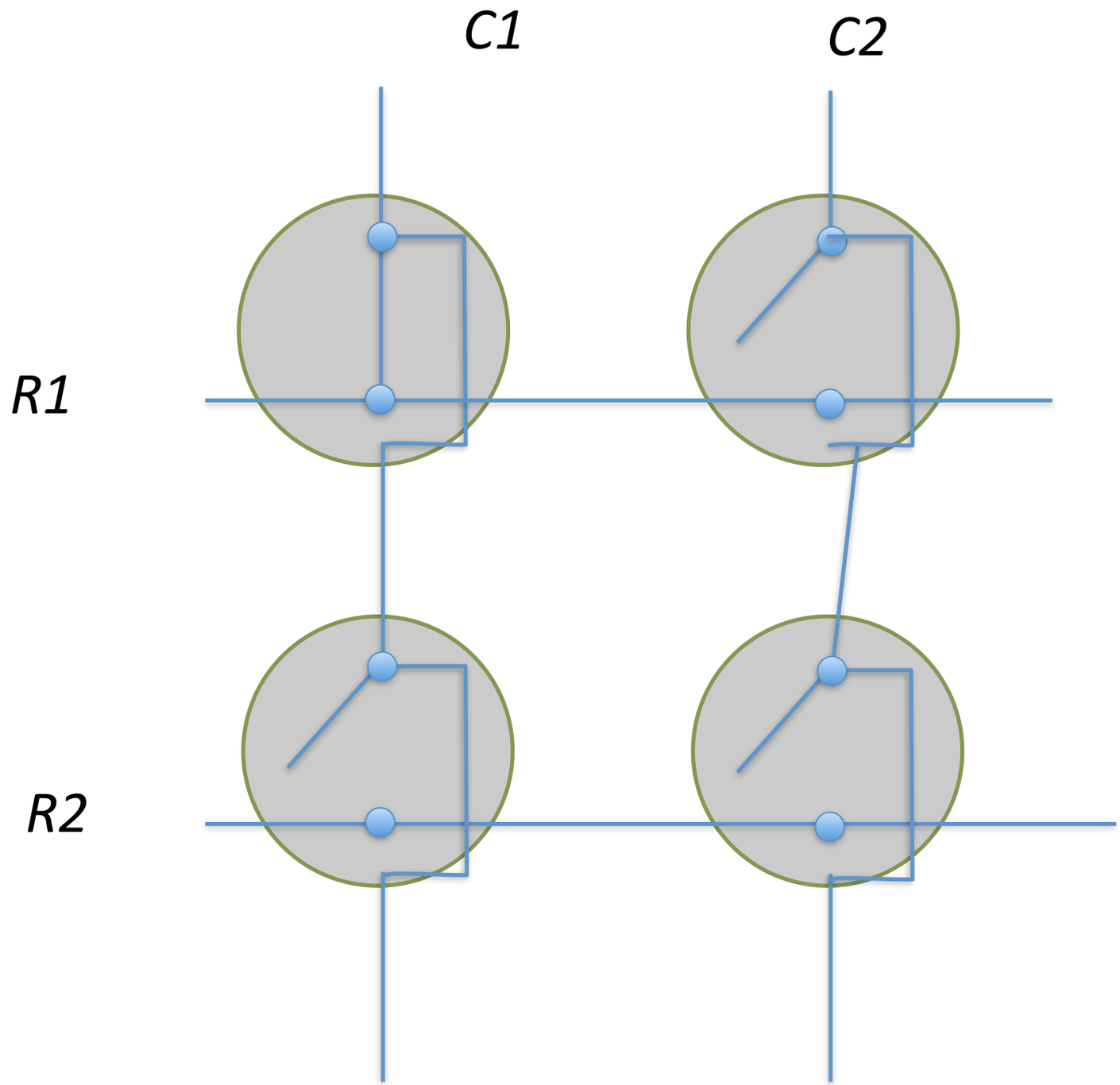


One Key Down



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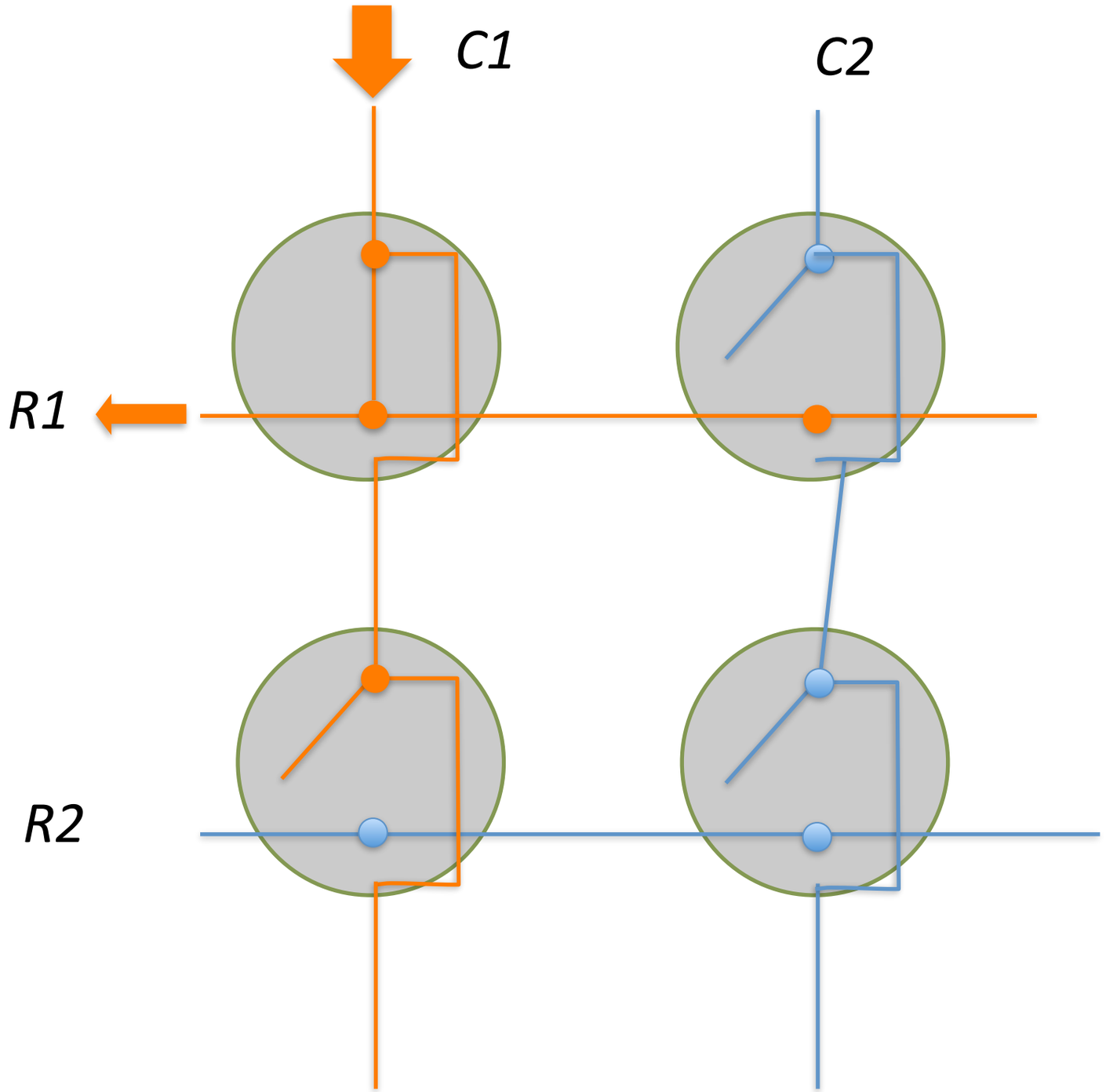

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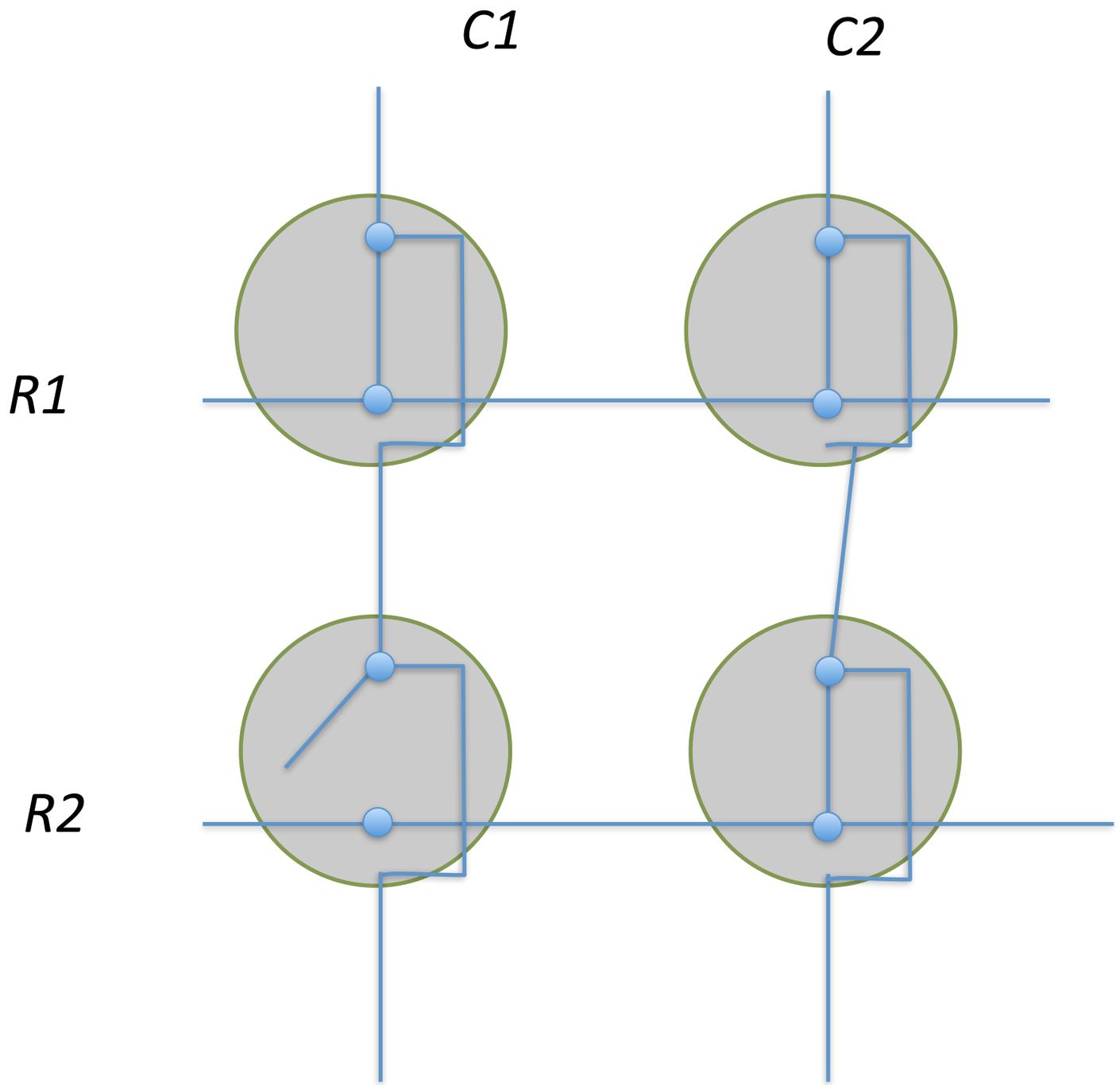

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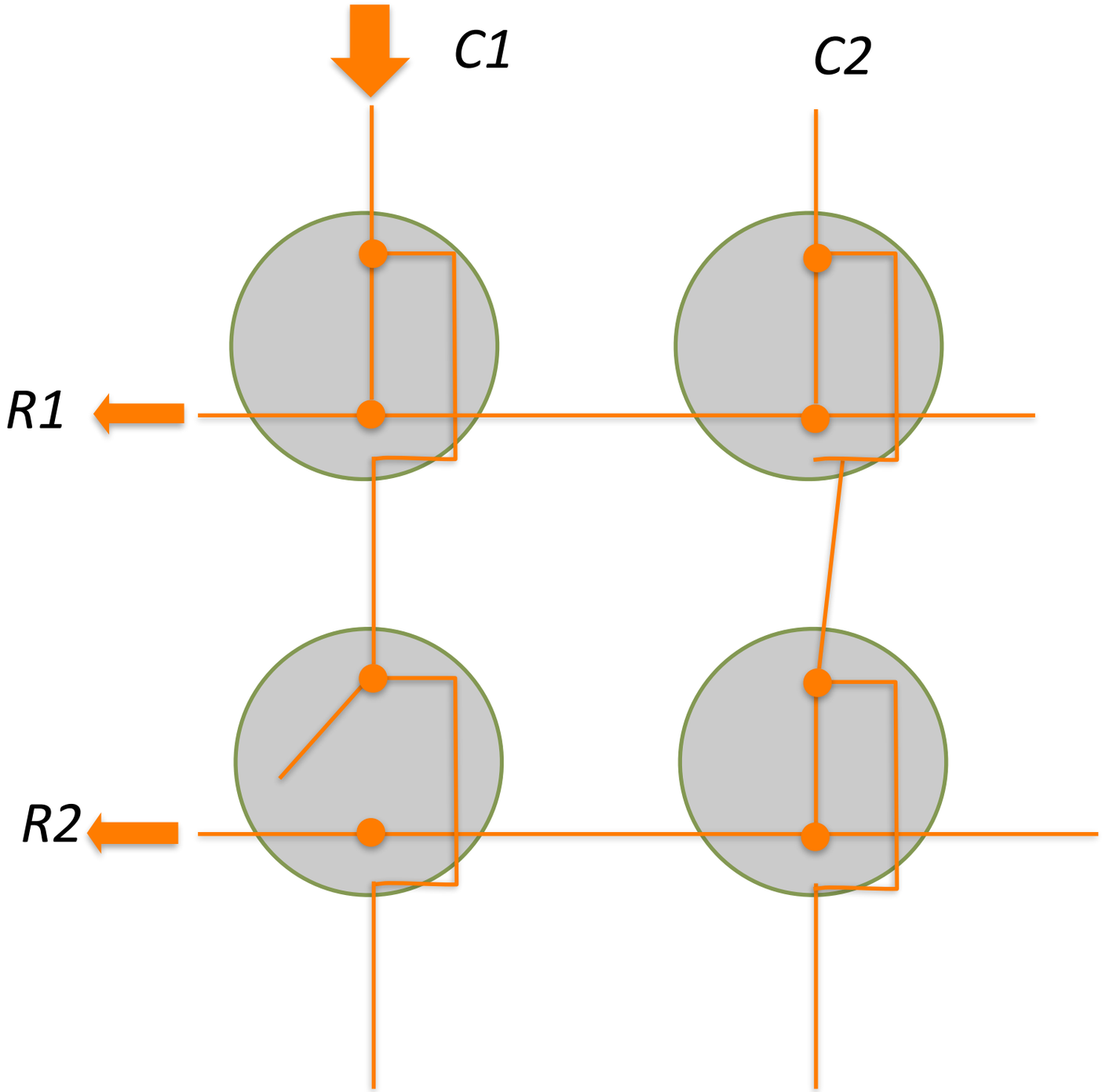


Keys → Scan Codes

Make (onPress) and Break (onRelease) codes

http://www.computer-engineering.org/ps2keyboard/

Keys (Scan Codes) != Characters

- Special keys - interpreted by the OS or App
  - F1, ..., F12
  - Insert, Delete, Home, ...
- Duplicated keys
  - Numbers on keypad vs. keyboard
  - Left-shift, Right-shift, Left-cmd, Right-cmd

Layered Model of Input

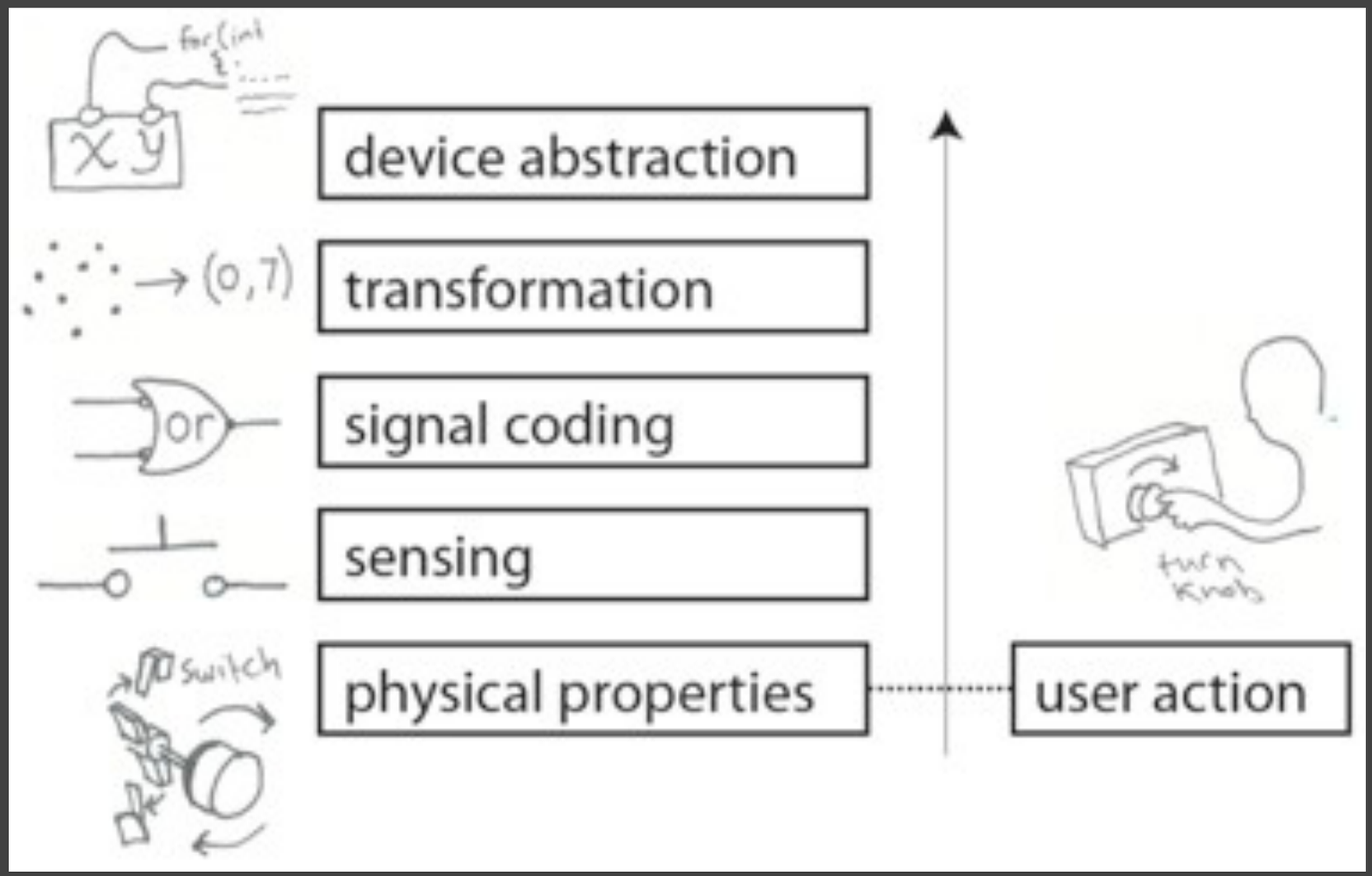
Keyboard

Characters

Scan Codes

Switches

Keys



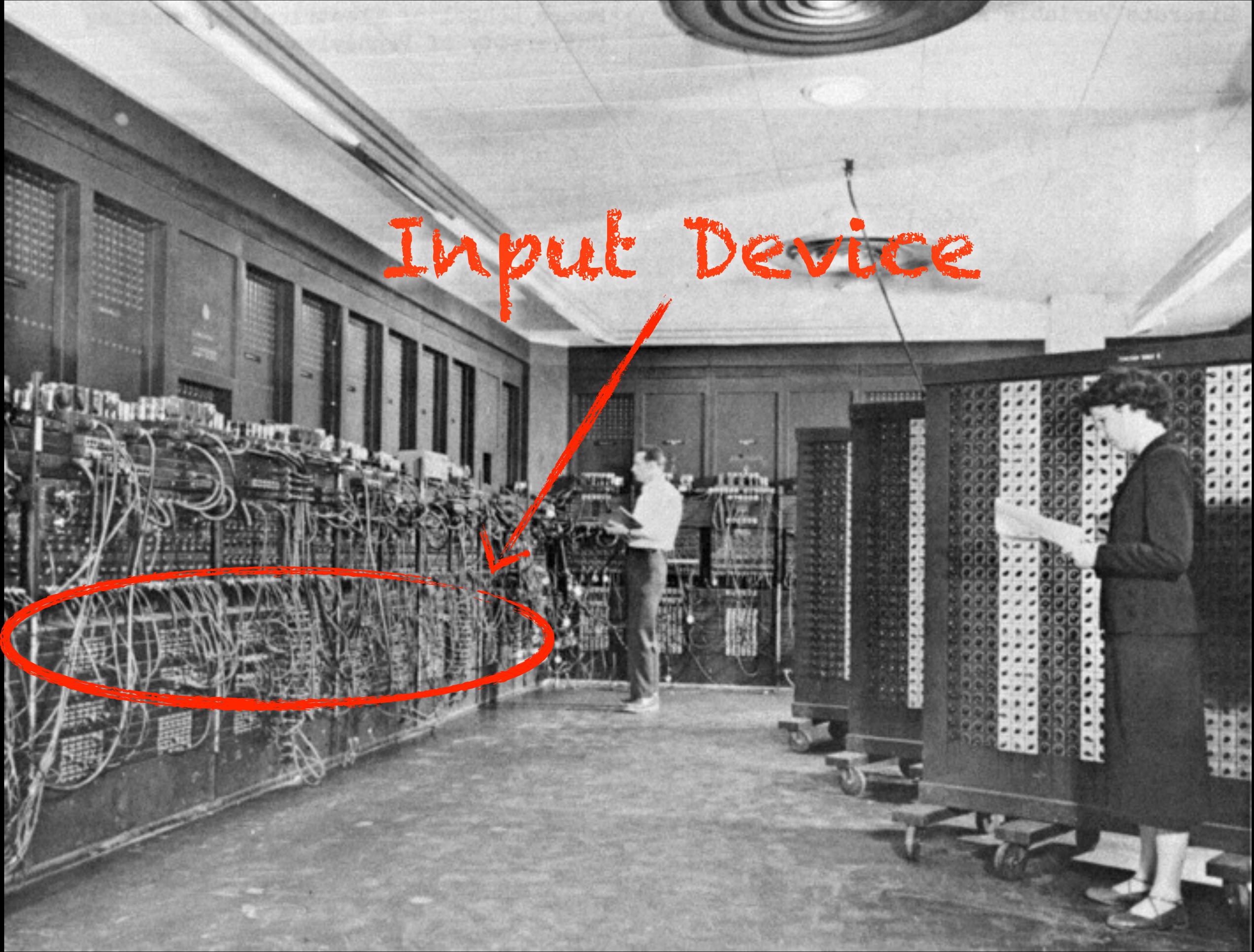
Keyboard

G

59h 34h F0h
59h F0h F12

b7a2 b1a6

SHIFT g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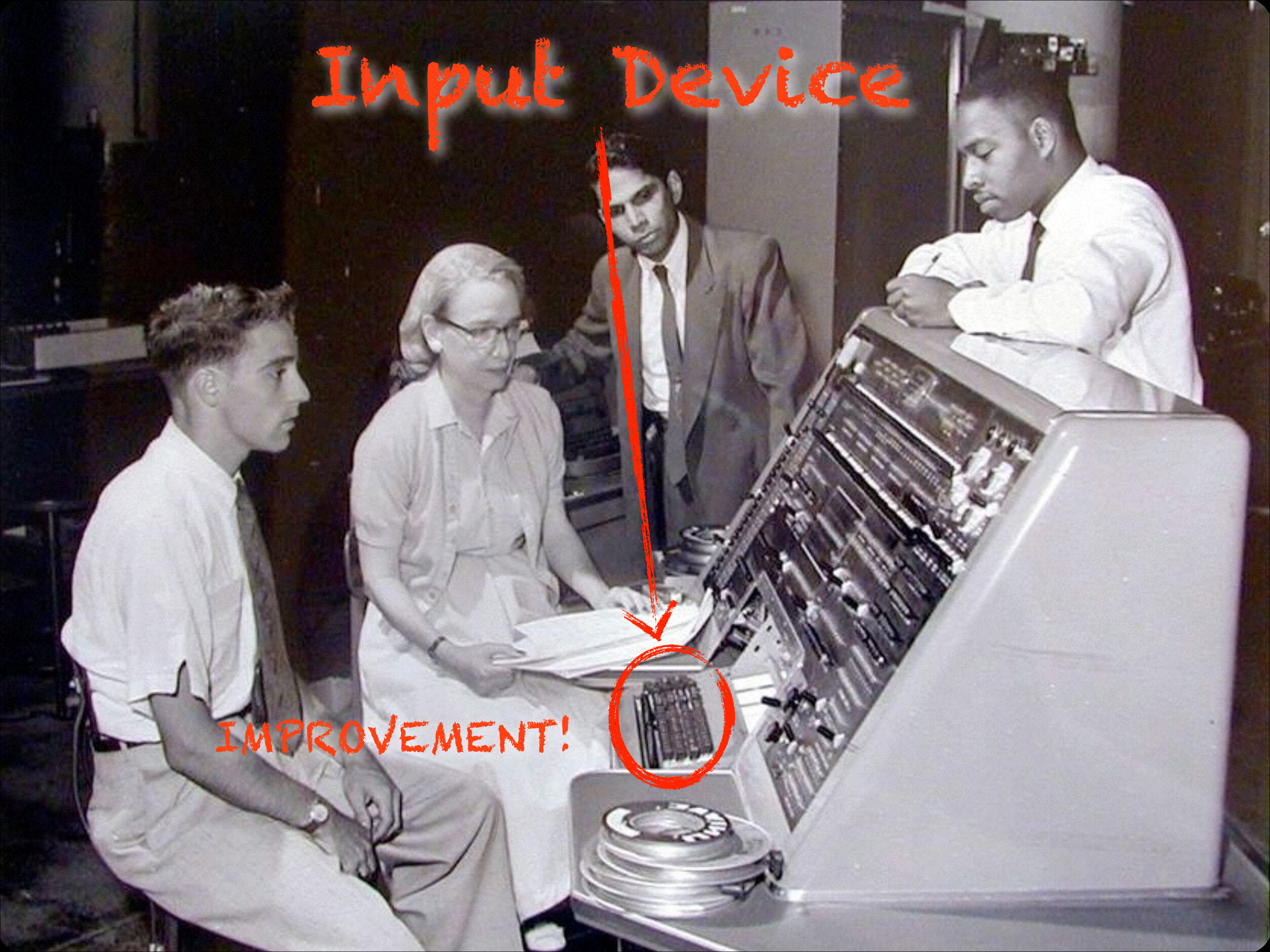


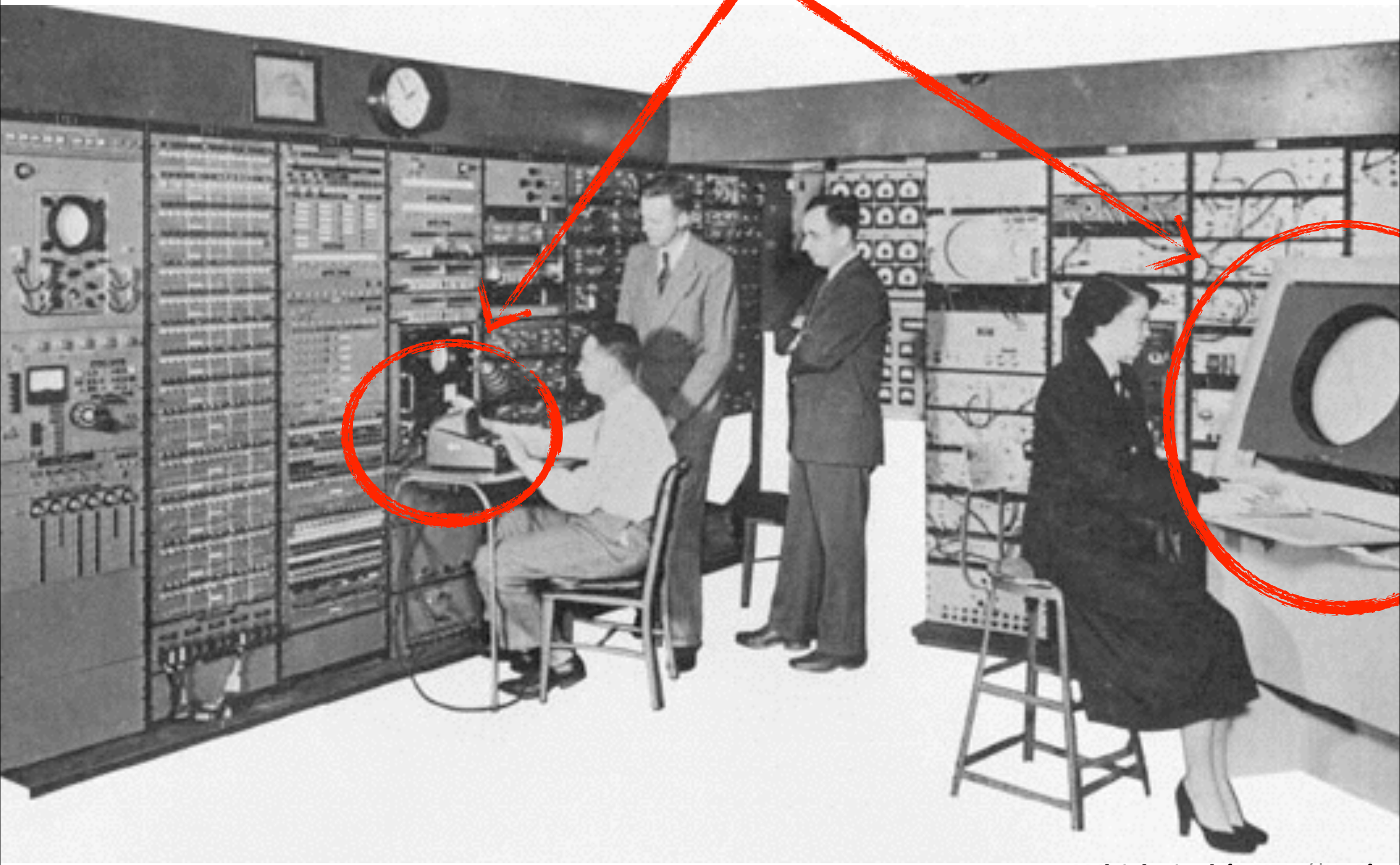
But we can do much better

The real problem:

ASYMETRY OF OUTPUT TO INPUT

Typewriter limits input speed (and expressibility)

Input Device

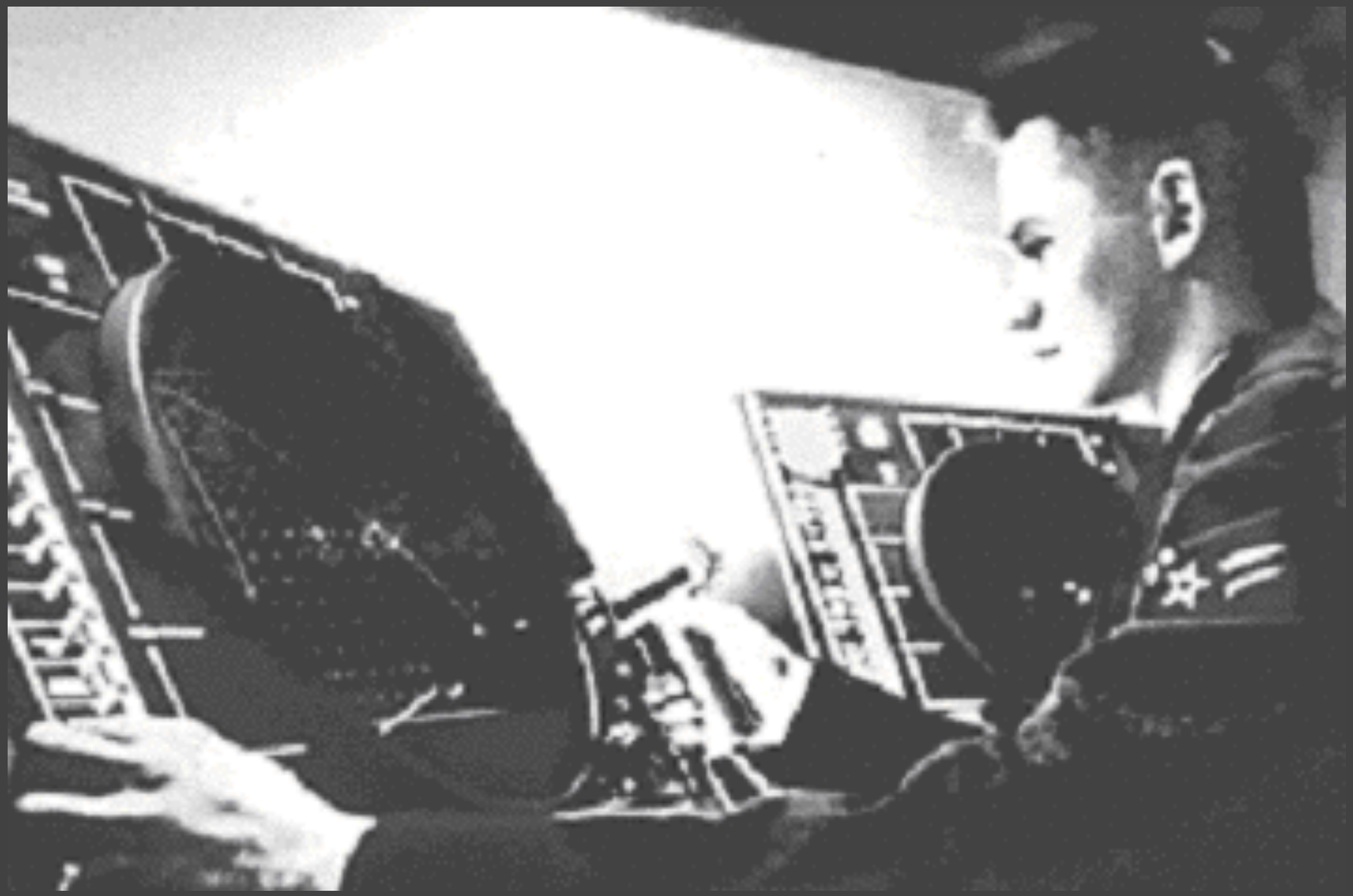


Whirlwind (MIT, 1951)

Big Idea:

INPUT ON OUTPUT

Input on Output



SAGE

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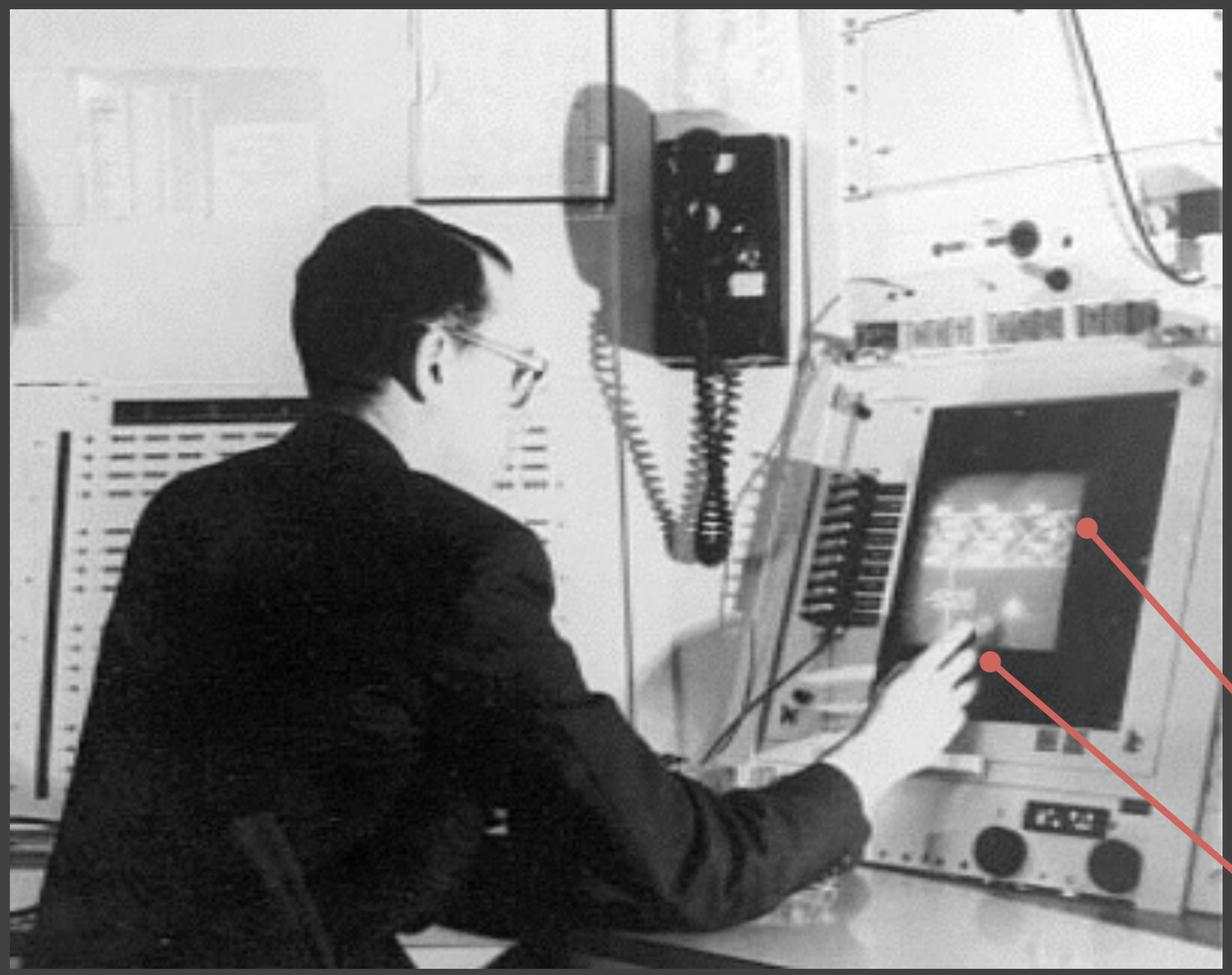
HUMAN-MACHINE SYMBIOSIS:

“The hope is that in not too many years, human brains and computing machines will be coupled together very tightly, and that the resulting partnership will think as no human brain ever thought.”

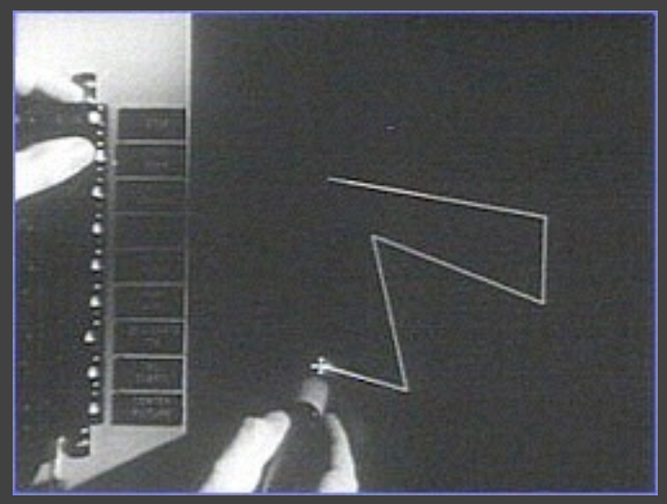
Graphical Direct Manipulation

SKETCHPAD (1963)



TX-2 (MIT, 1959)

- Direct Manipulation
- Tiled windows
- File icons
- Menus



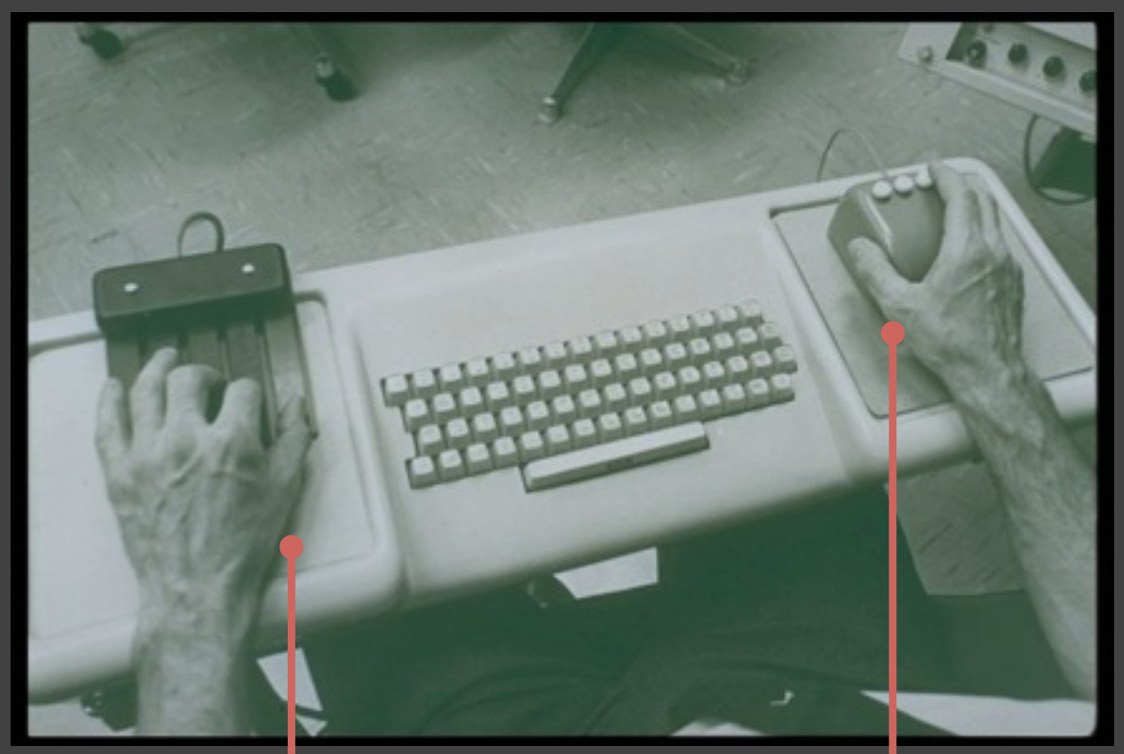
Changing visual element part of interaction loop

Lightpen

Point and Click, Hypertext

NLS (SRI, 1968)

- Mouse
- Point & Click editing
- Hypertext
- Rapid interaction
- Text/graphic integration



The Mouse:
Small, Cheap, Fast, Small Targets

Mouse. Engelbart and English ~1964

Source: Card, Stu. Lecture on Human Information Interaction. Stanford, 2007.

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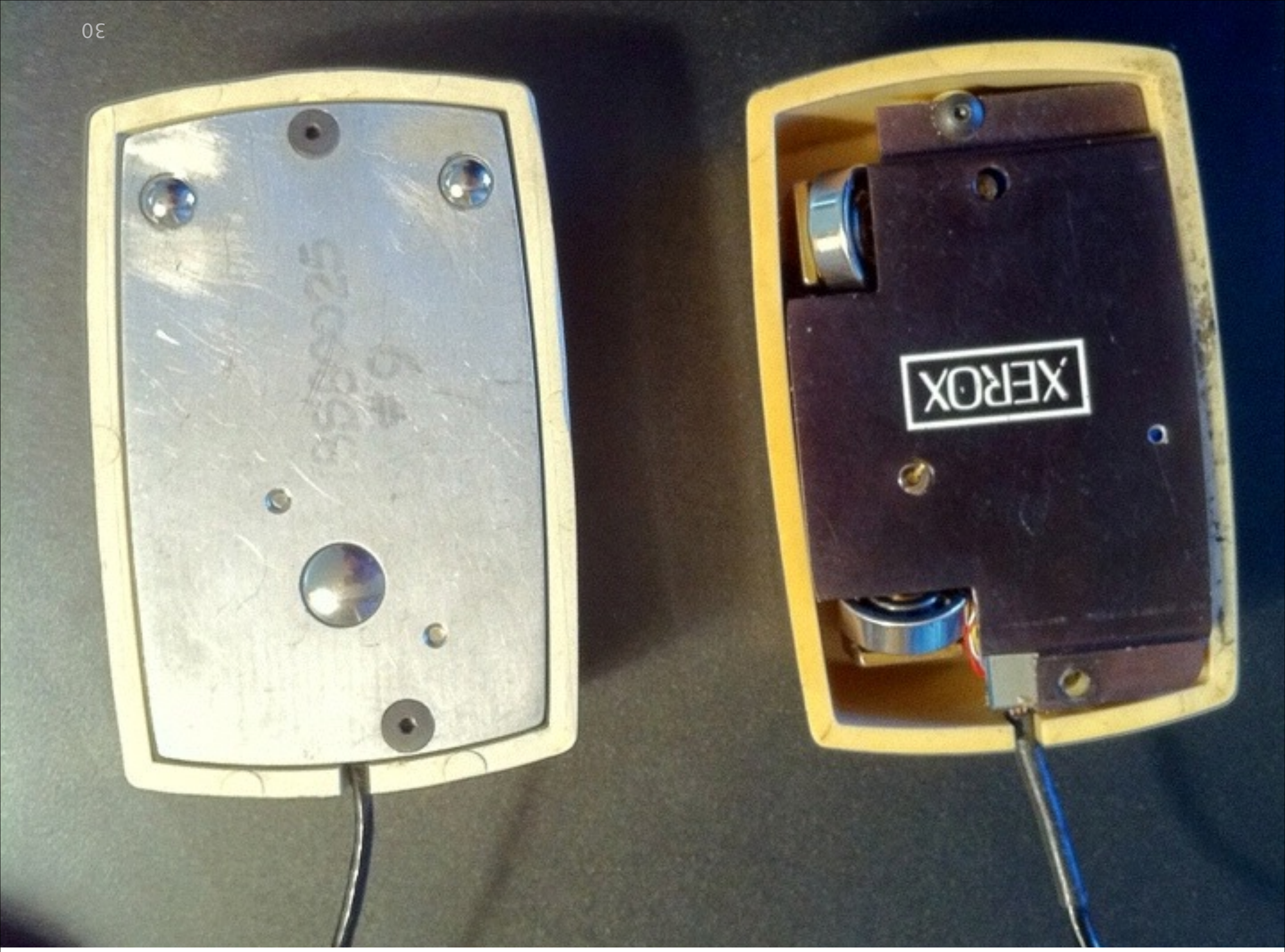
XEROX

SRI

Xerox Star

Kelly Eng. (IDEO)

CS147 You Are Here

Xerox PARC

Apple Lisa


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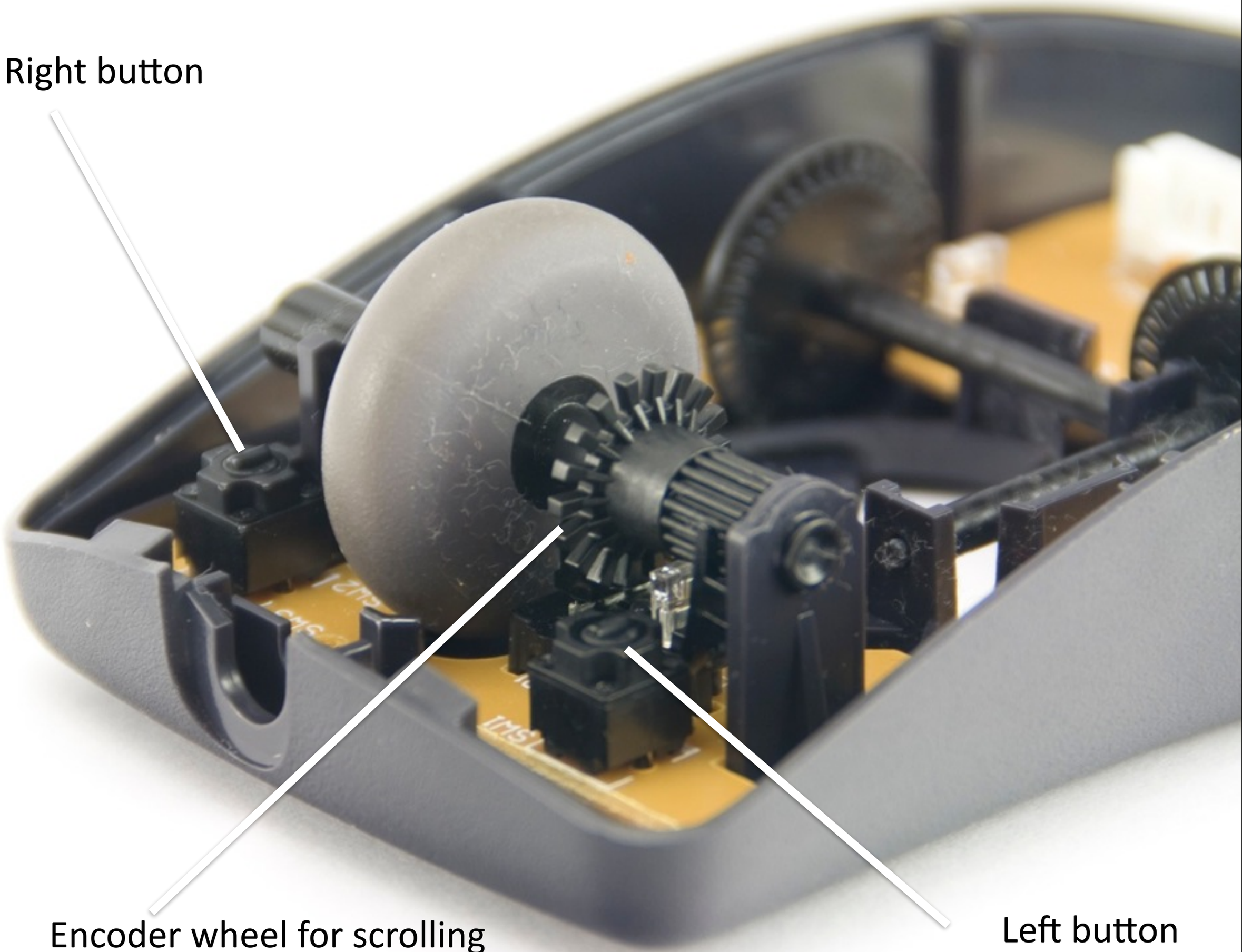
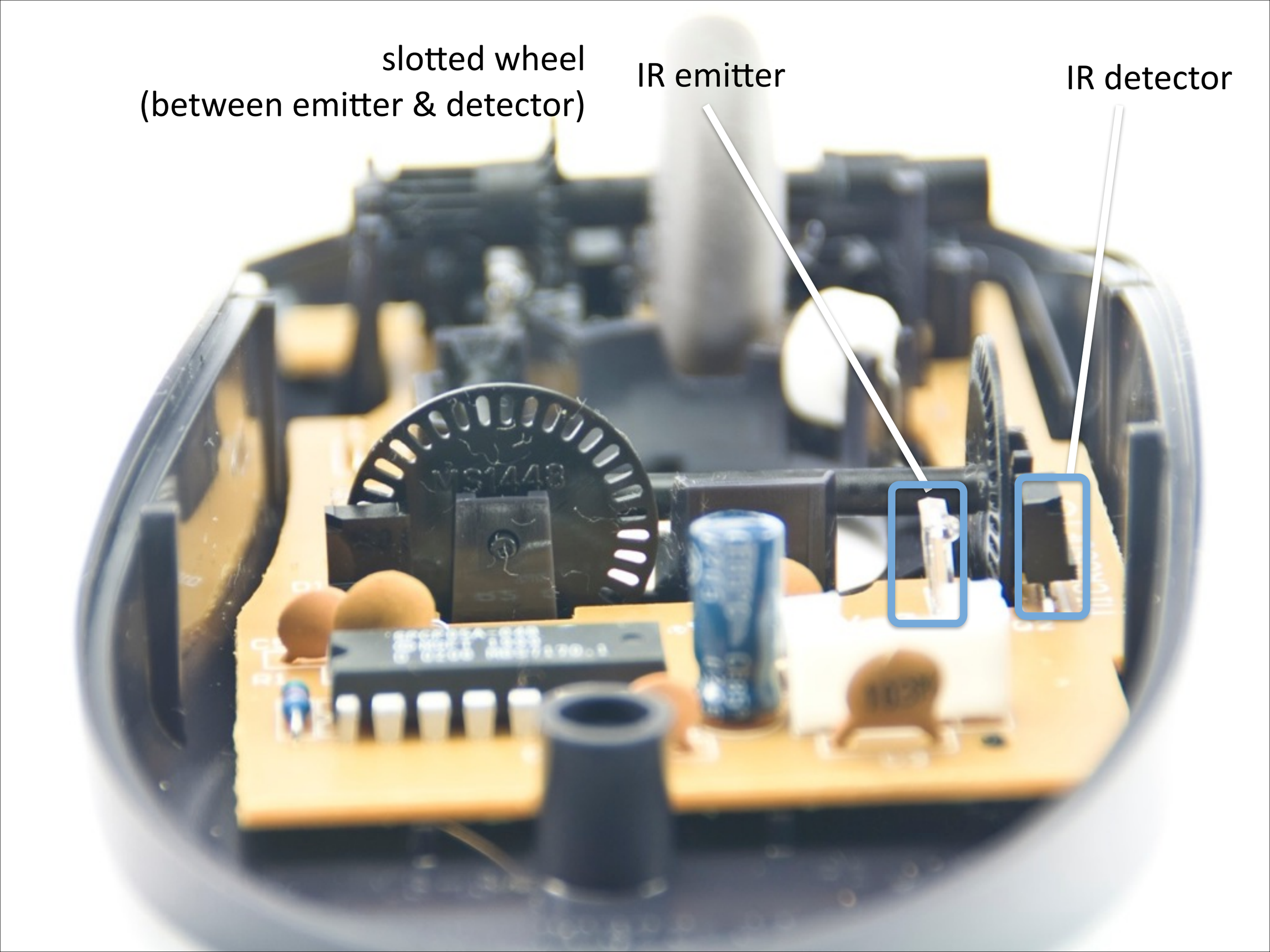
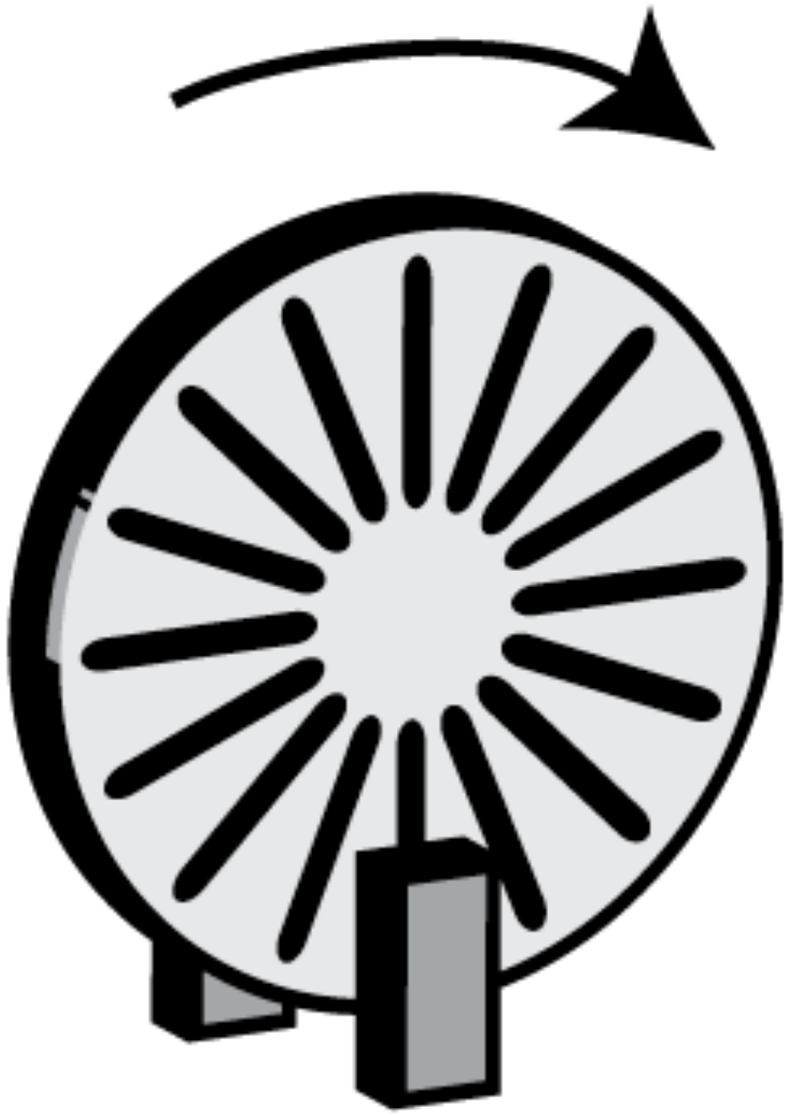
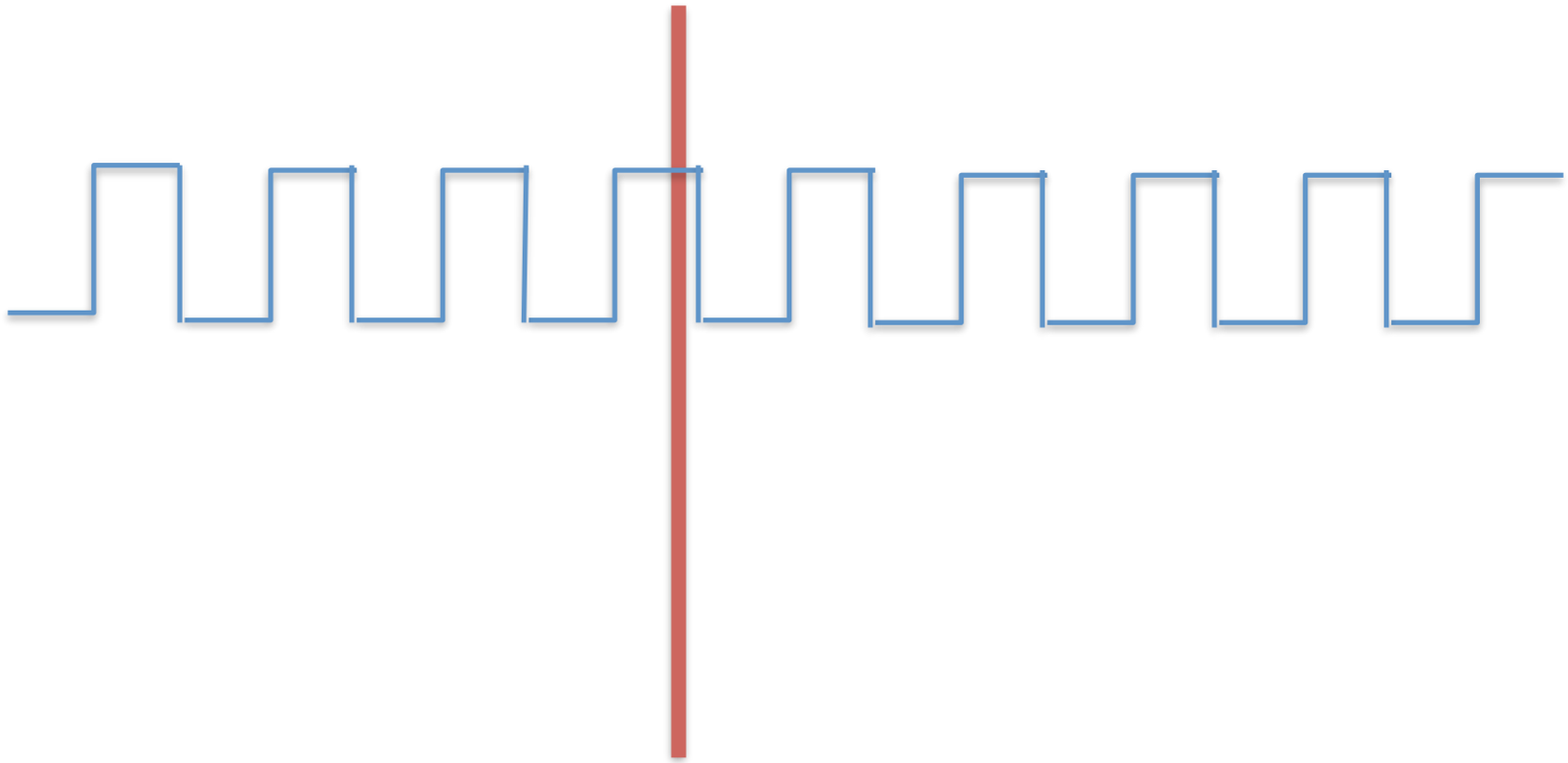

Right button
Encoder wheel for scrolling
Left button

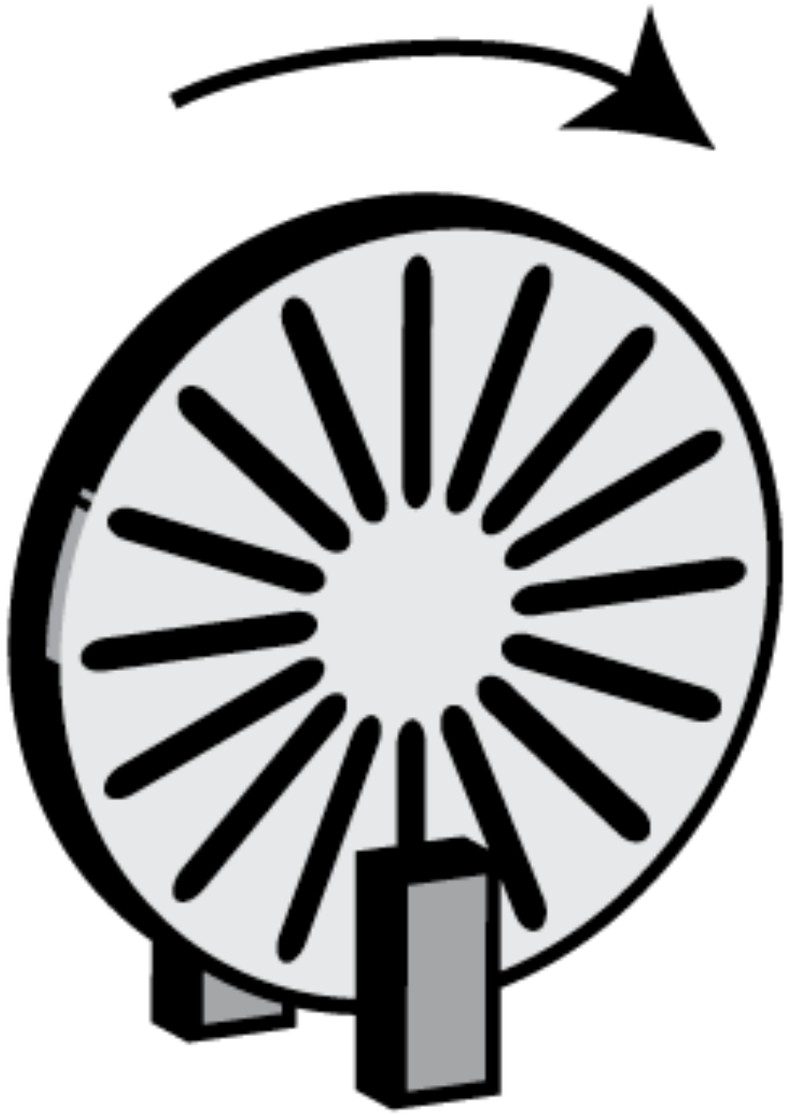

slotted wheel
(between emitter & detector)
IR emitter
IR detector

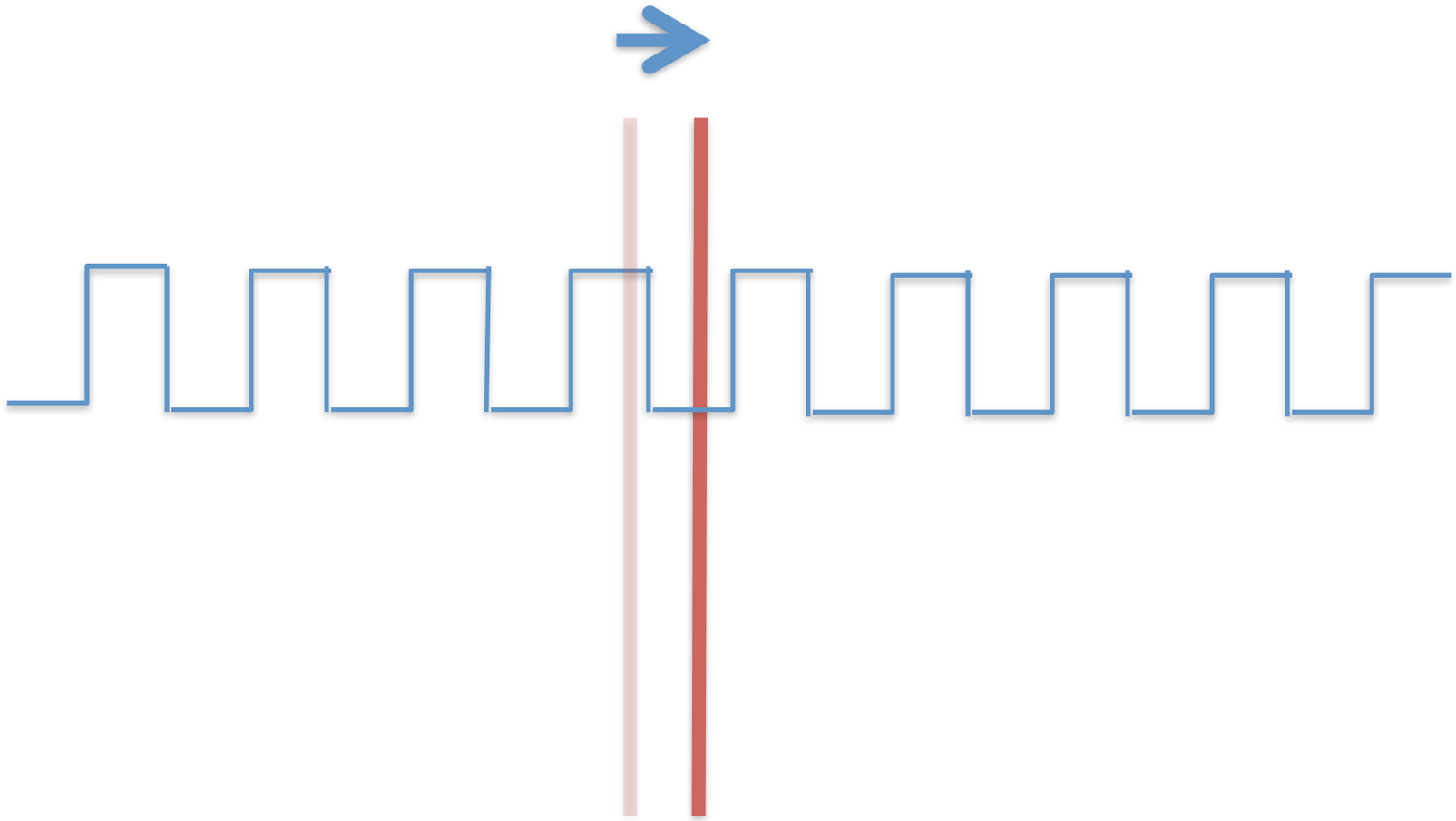
Sensing: Rotary Encoder





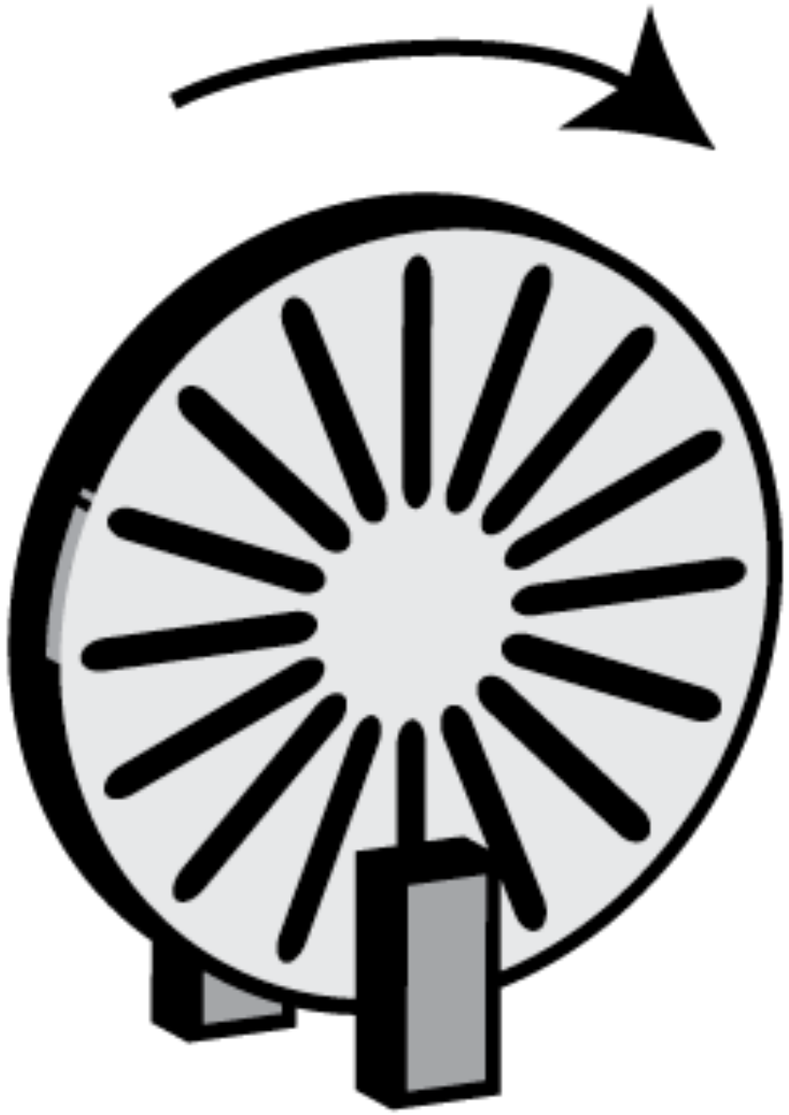
Sensing: Fwd Rotation

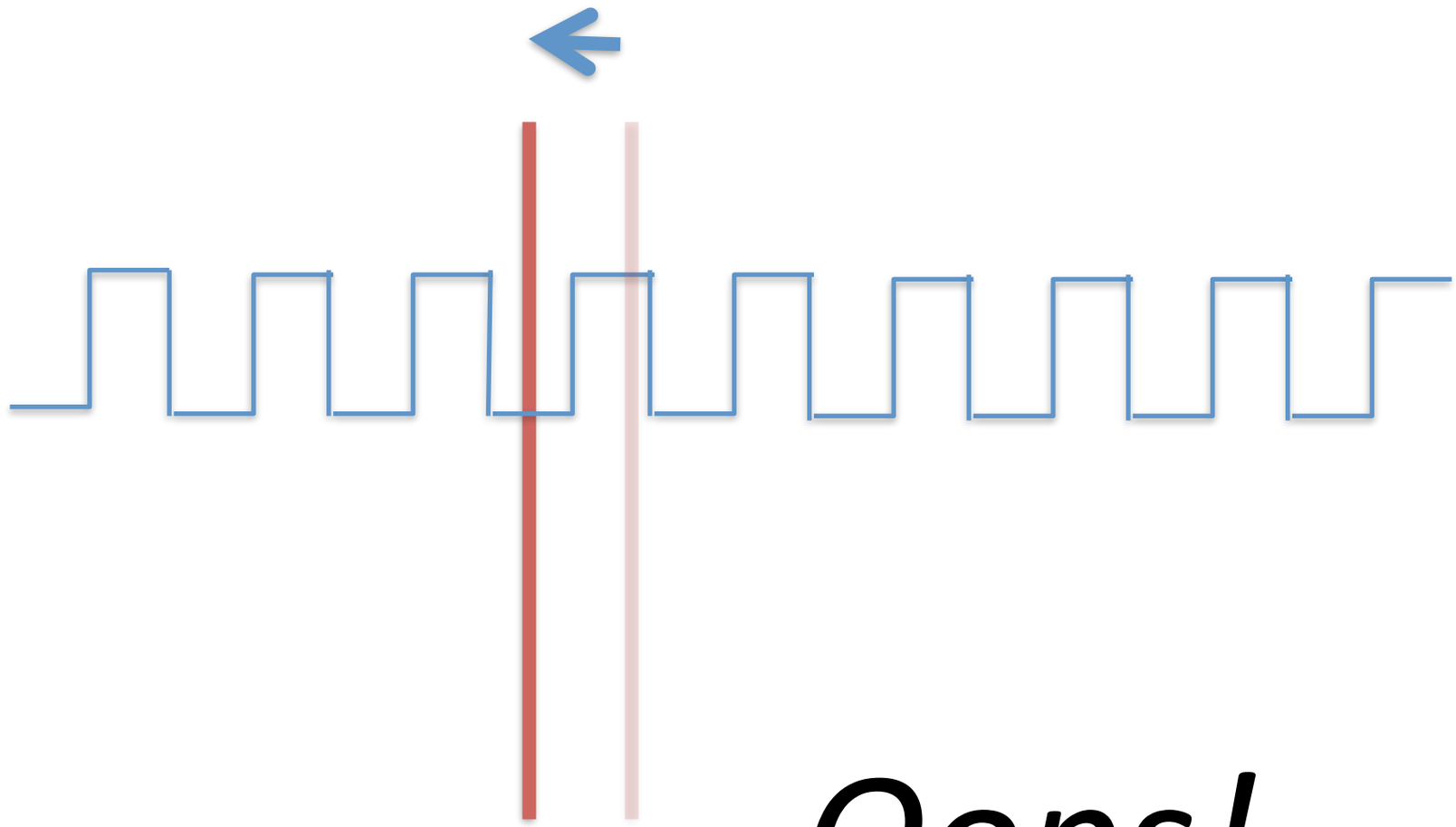




Low

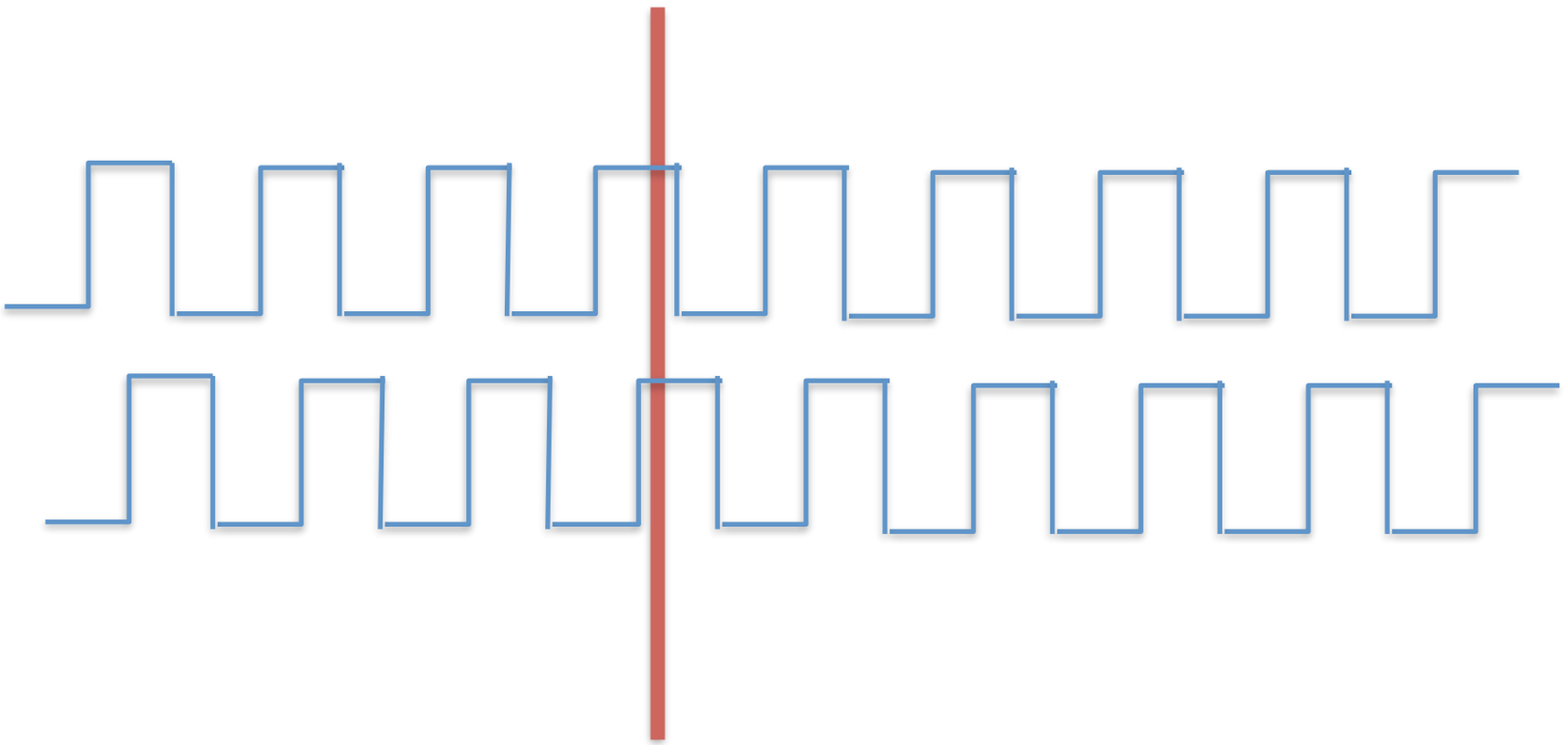
Sensing: Backwd Rotation





Oops!

Solution: Use two out-of-phase detectors



High

High

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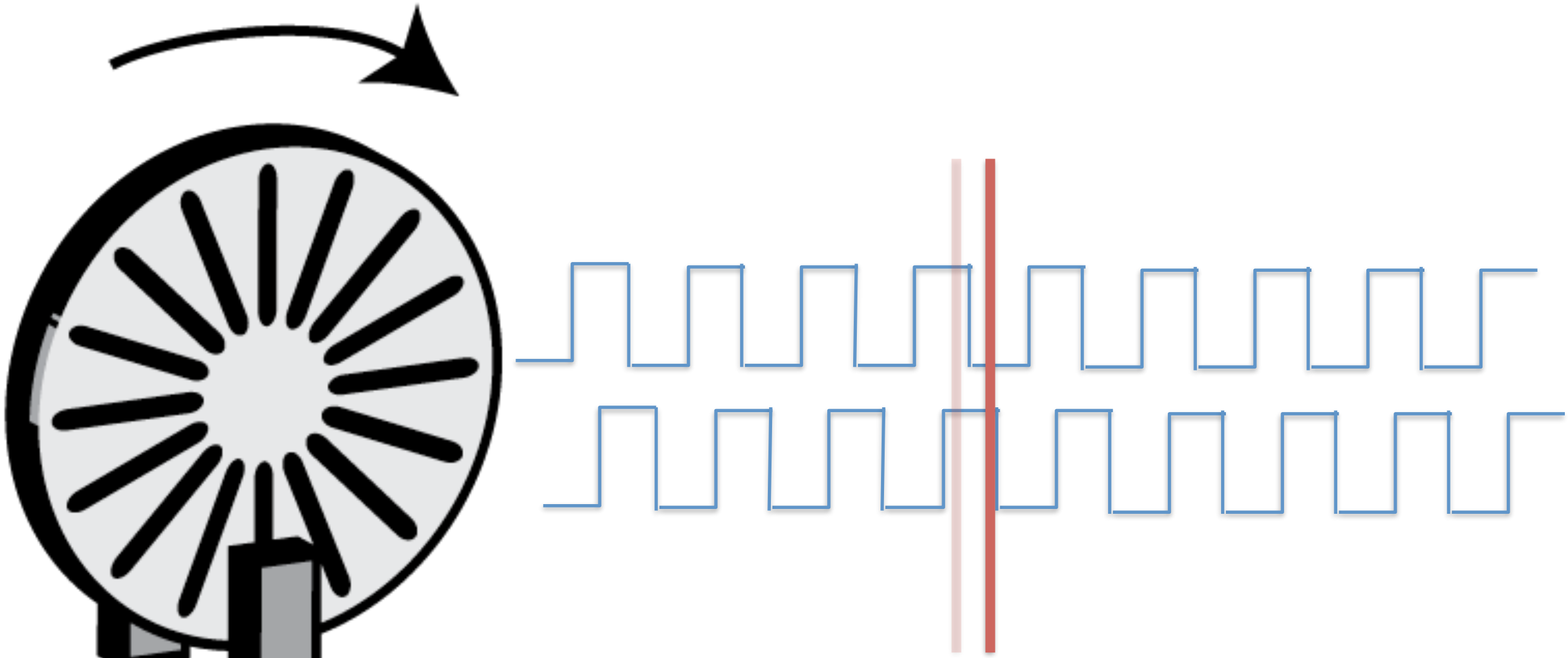

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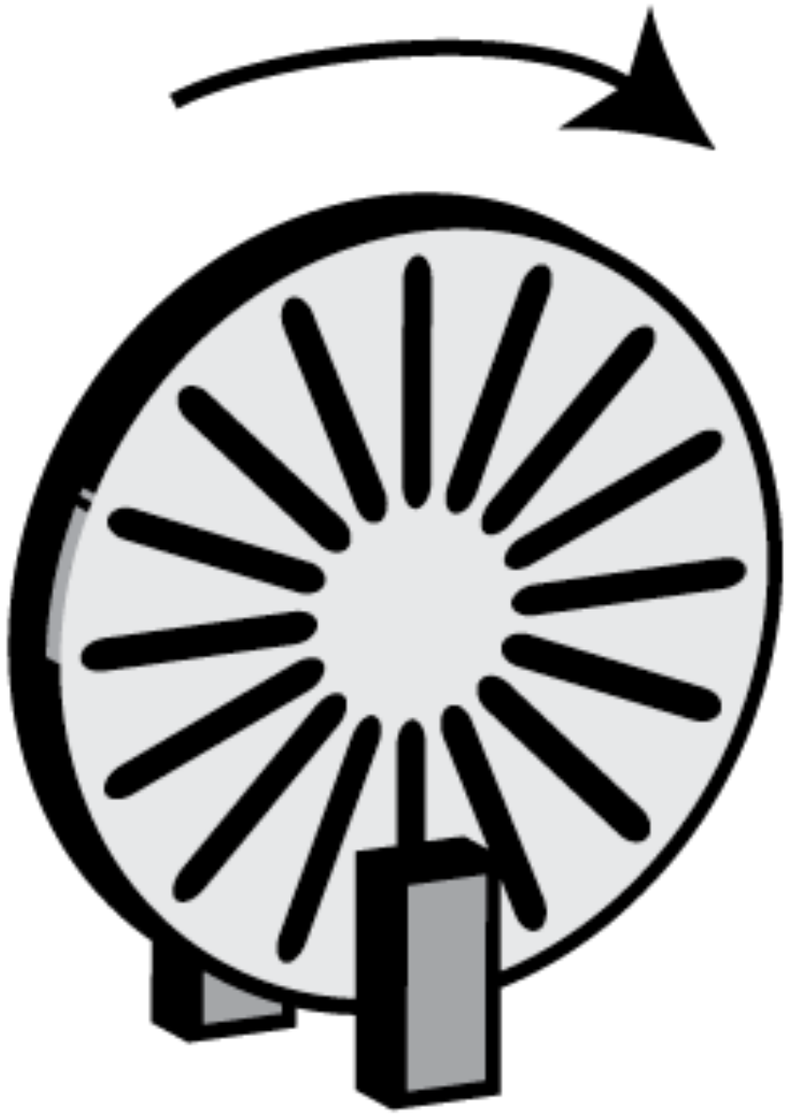
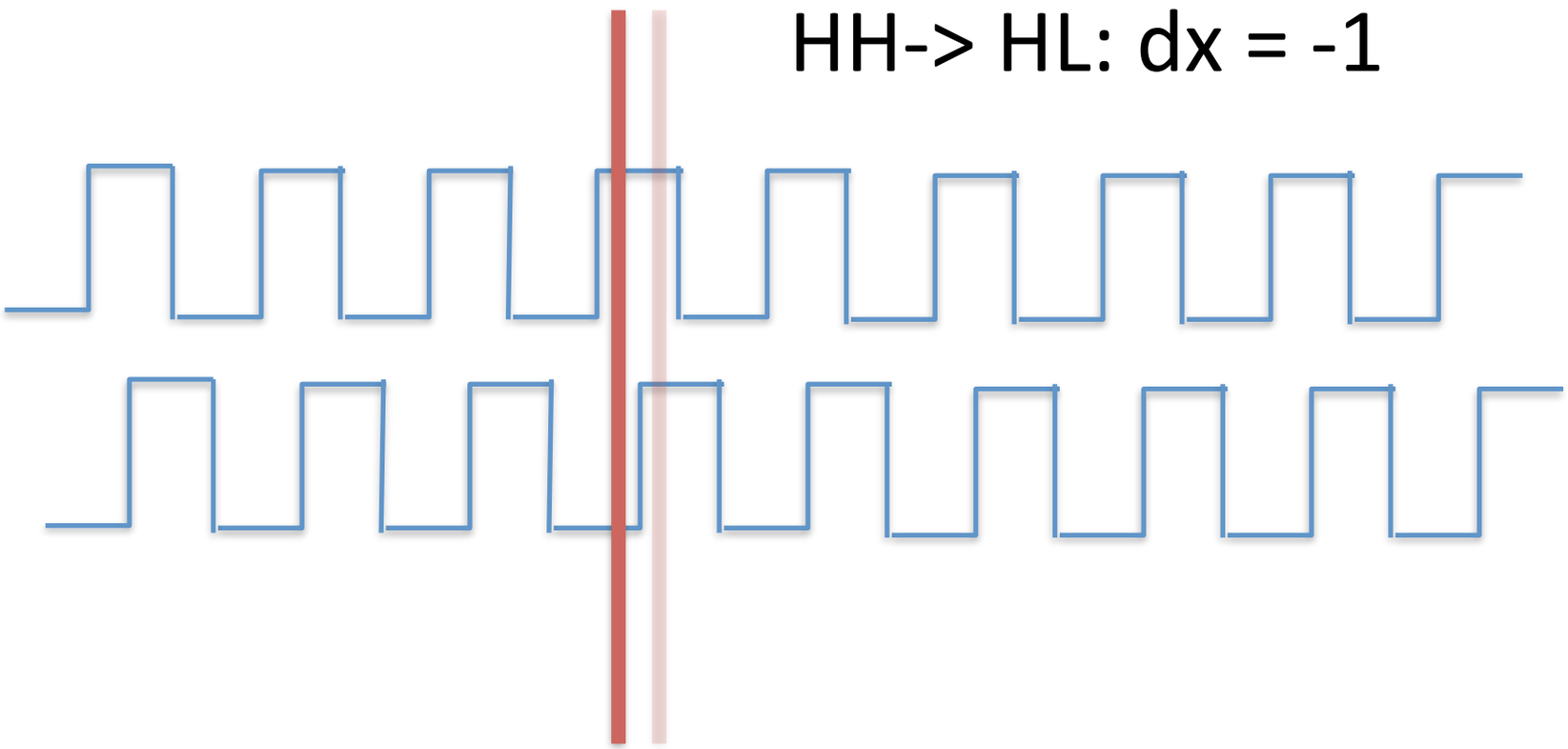


Coding:

HH-> LH: dx = 1

HH-> HL: dx = -1



High

Low

Transformation

$cx_t = max(0, min(sw, cx_{t-1}+dx*cd))$

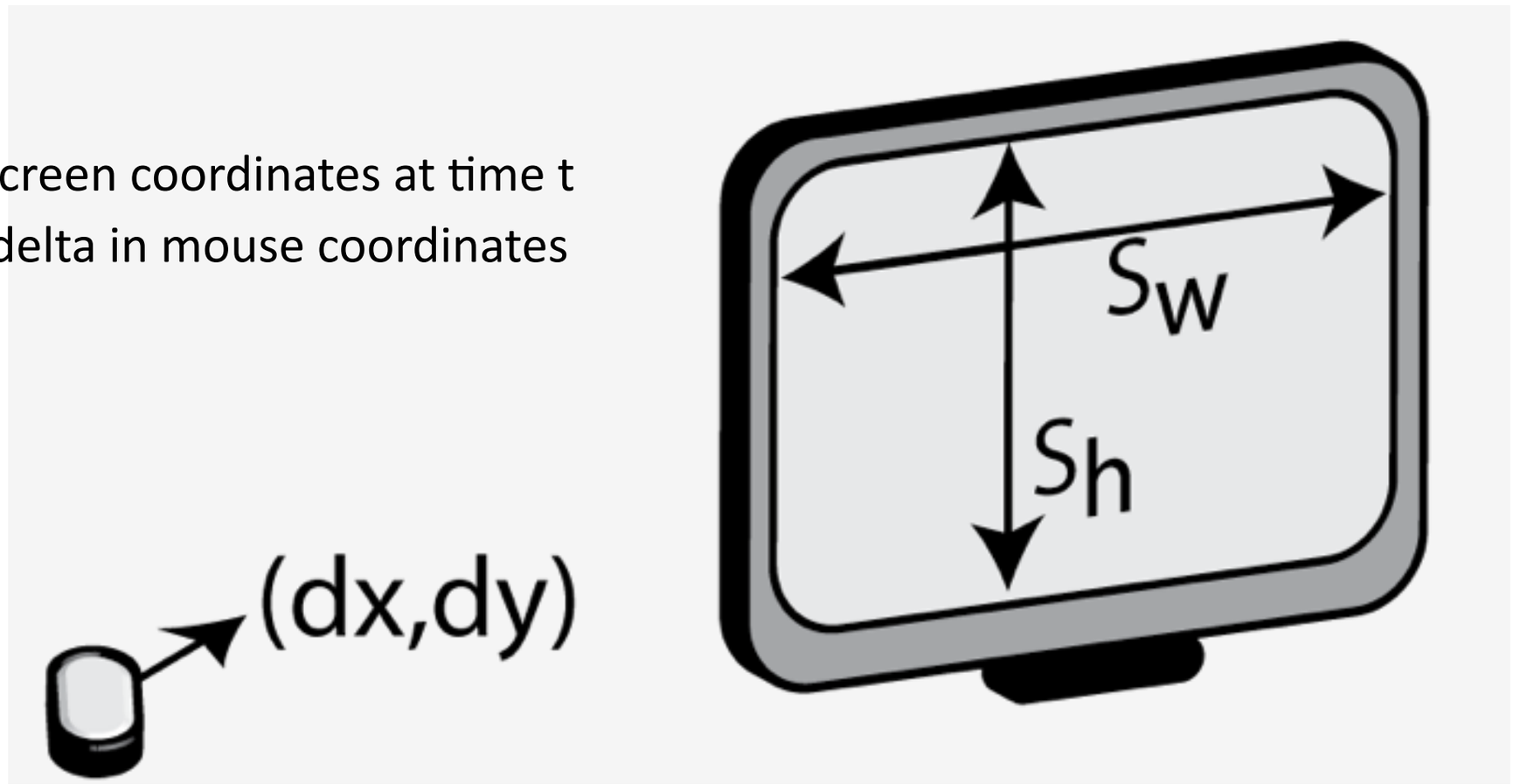
$cy_t = ...$

cx_t: cursor x position in screen coordinates at time t

dx: mouse x movement delta in mouse coordinates

sw: screen width

cd: control-display ratio



Optical Mouse

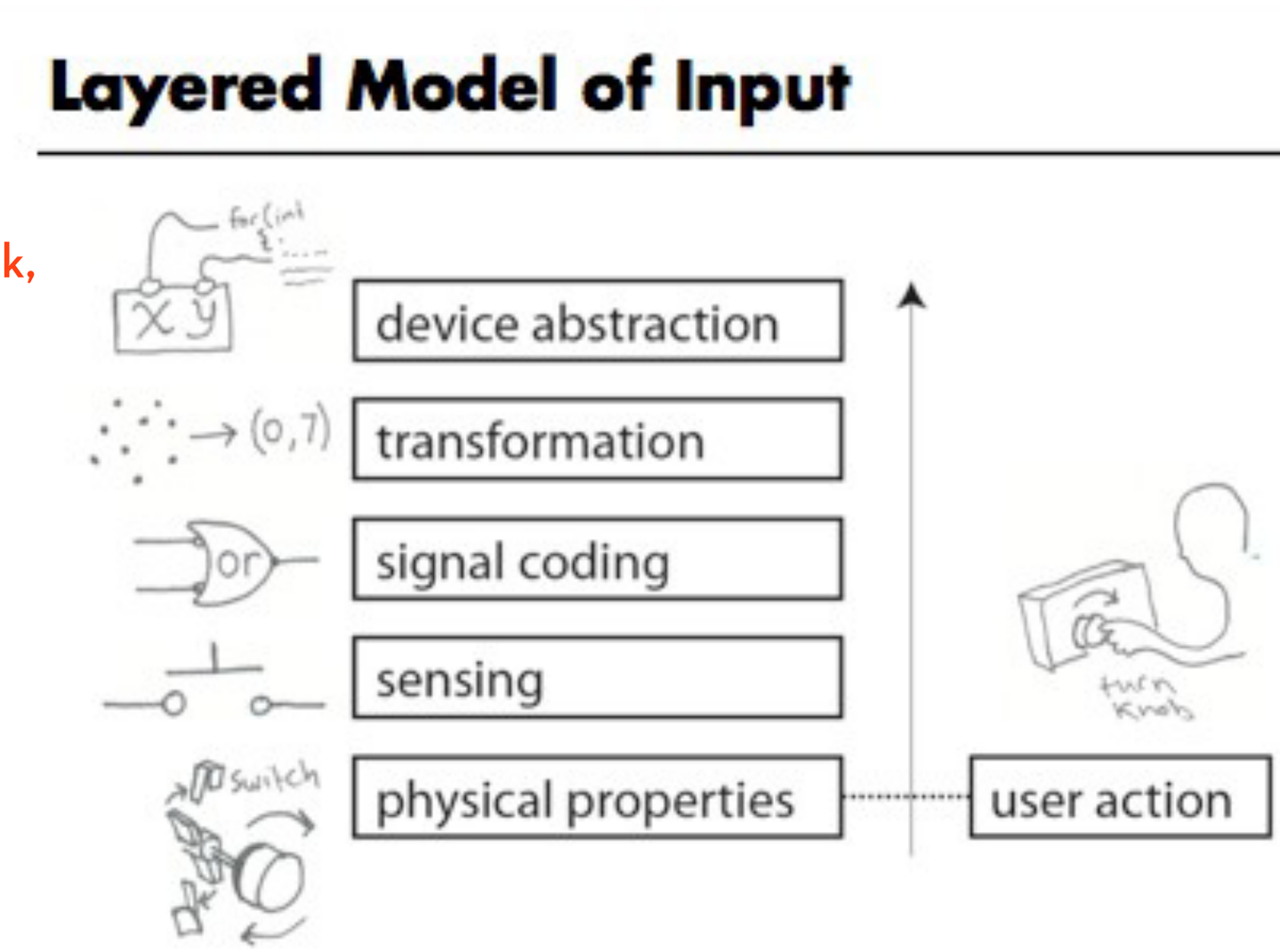
Move, DoubleClick, etc

Screen cursor Positio$_n$

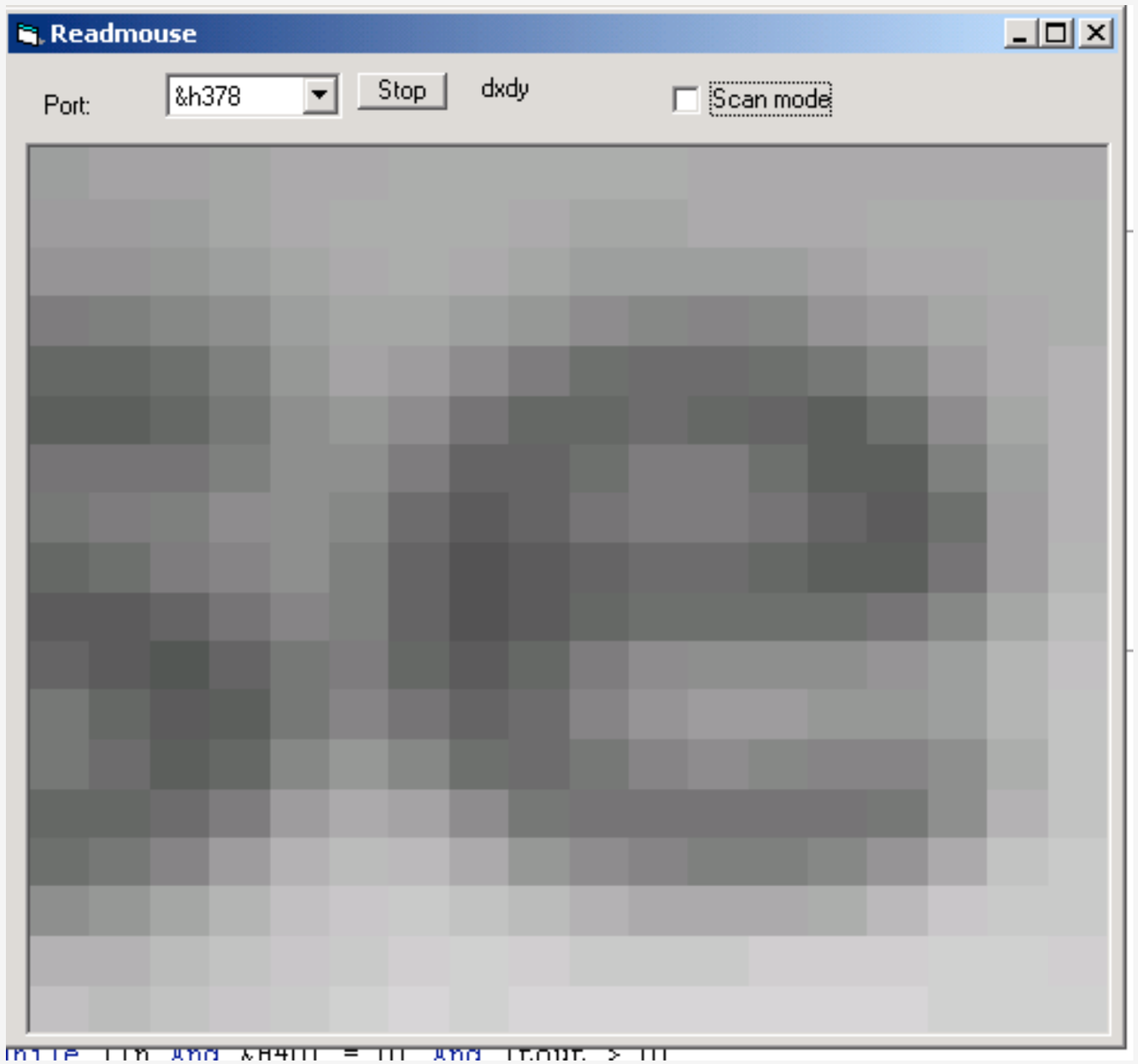
Quadrature Encoding

Rotary Encoder

Mover x,y



What about optical mice?



Source: http://spritesmods.com/?art=mouseeye

A design space of input devices…

Table I. Physical Properties Used by Input Devices

	Linear	Rotary
Position		
Absolute	Position **P**	Rotation **R**
Relative	Movement **dP**	Delta rotation **dR**
Force		
Absolute	Force **F**	Torque **T**
Relative	Delta force **dF**	Delta torque **dT**

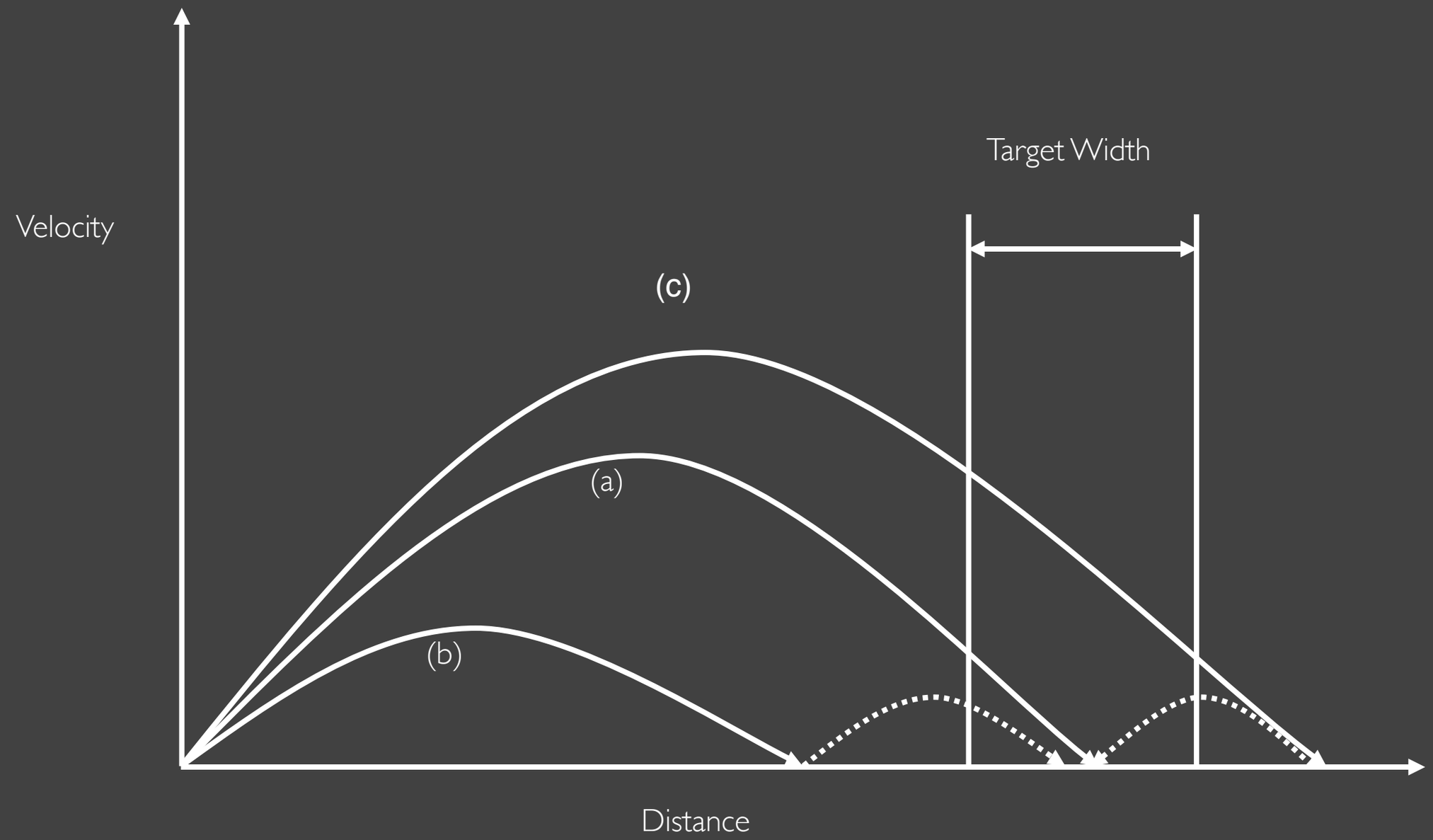
Card, S. K., Mackinlay, J. D., and Robertson, G. G. 1991.
A morphological analysis of the design space of input devices.
ACM TOIS 9, 2 (Apr. 1991), 99-122.

How about People?
Can we model human performance?

Principles of Operation

- Fitts' Law
  - Time Tpos to move the hand to target size S which is distance D away is given by:
    - Tpos = a + b log2 (Distance/Size + 1)
    - The log part is the "index of difficulty" of the target; it's units are bits
  - summary
    - time to move the hand depends only on the relative precision required

What does Fitts' law really model?

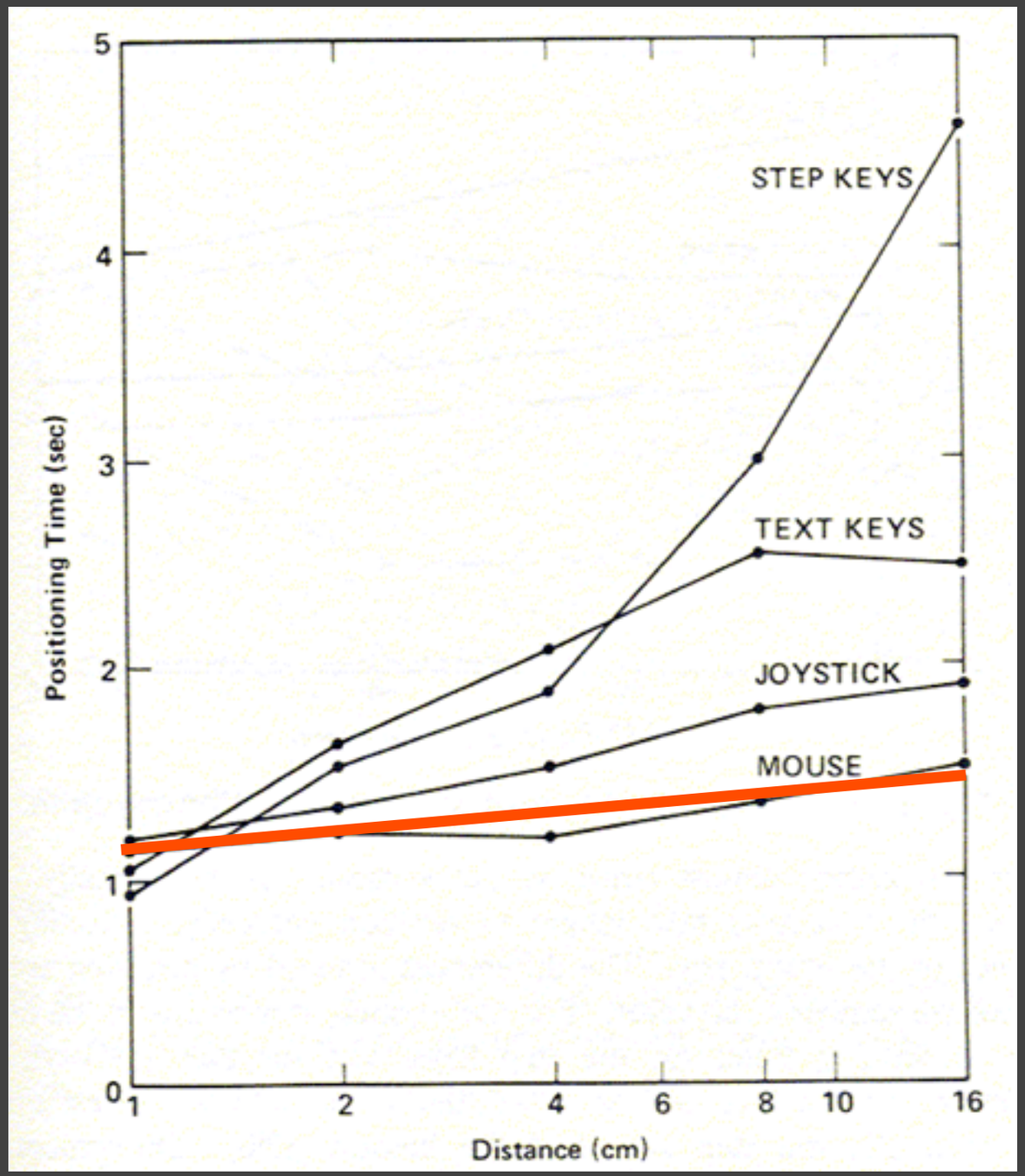


It was inspired by information theory

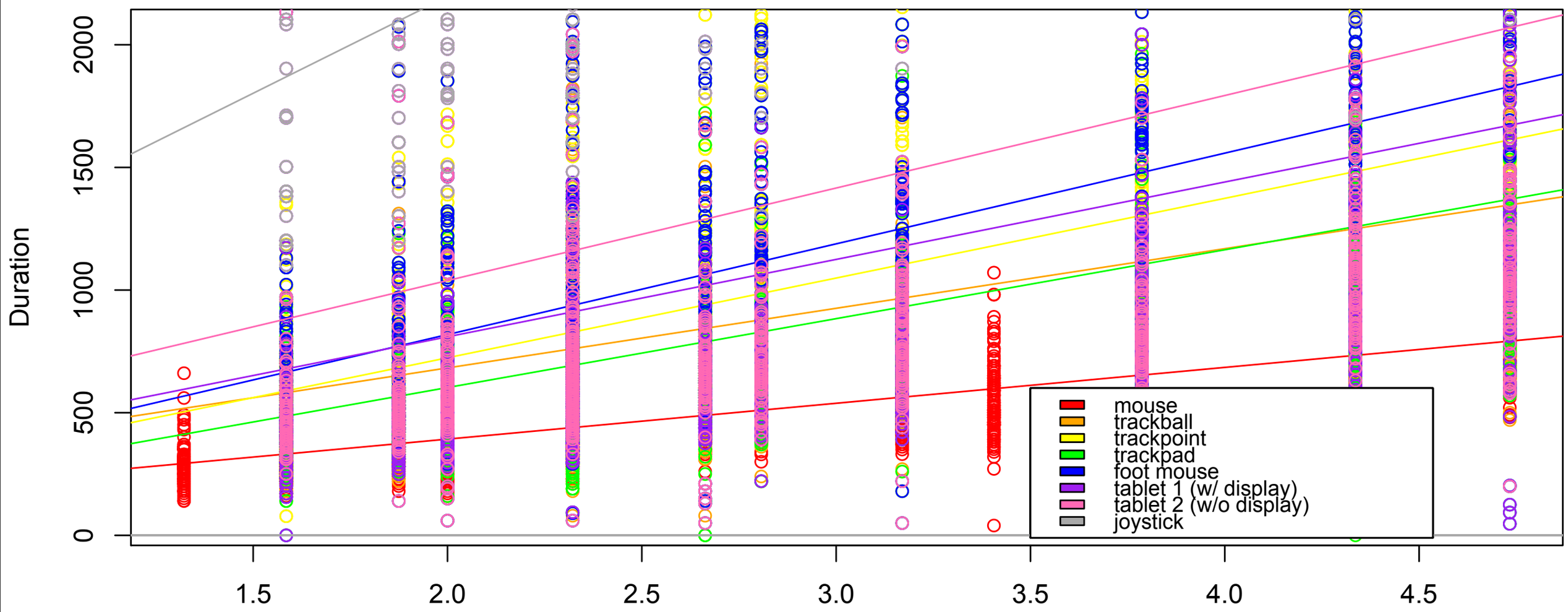
- It treats acquiring a target as specifying a number of bits
- i.e., in the Fitts' worldview, the human motor system is a noisy information channel
- Smaller target? More bits
- Further target? More bits

Experiment
Repeated Tapping

EXPERIMENT: MICE ARE FASTEST



Fitts' Law for Eight Devices



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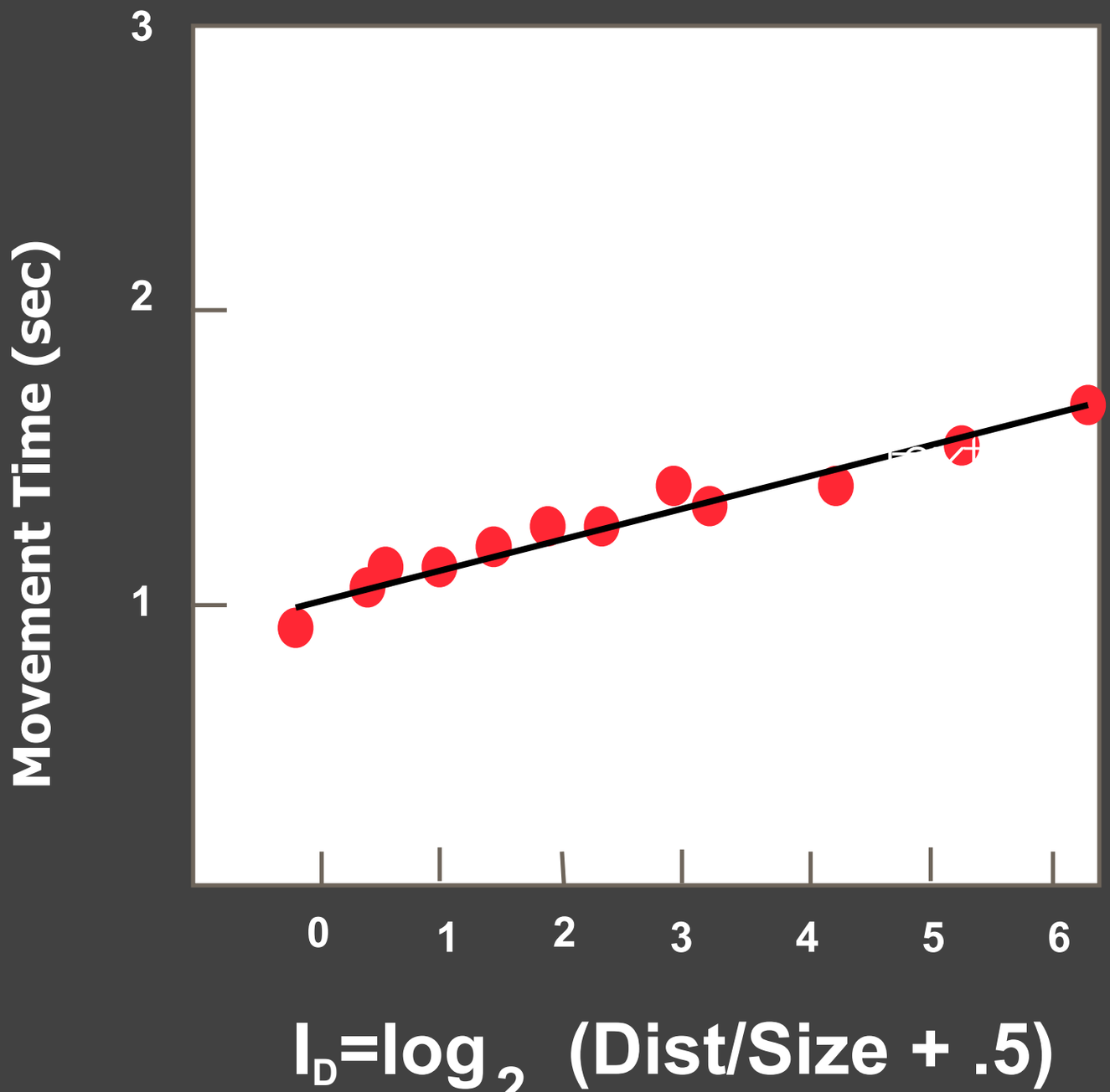


$I_D = \log_2 (\text{Dist/Size} + .5)$

Why these results?

Time to position mouse proportional to Fitts' Index of Difficulty I_D.

Proportionality constant = 10 bits/sec, same as hand.

Therefore speed limit is in the eye-hand system, not the mouse.

Therefore, mouse is a near optimal device.

50 years of data

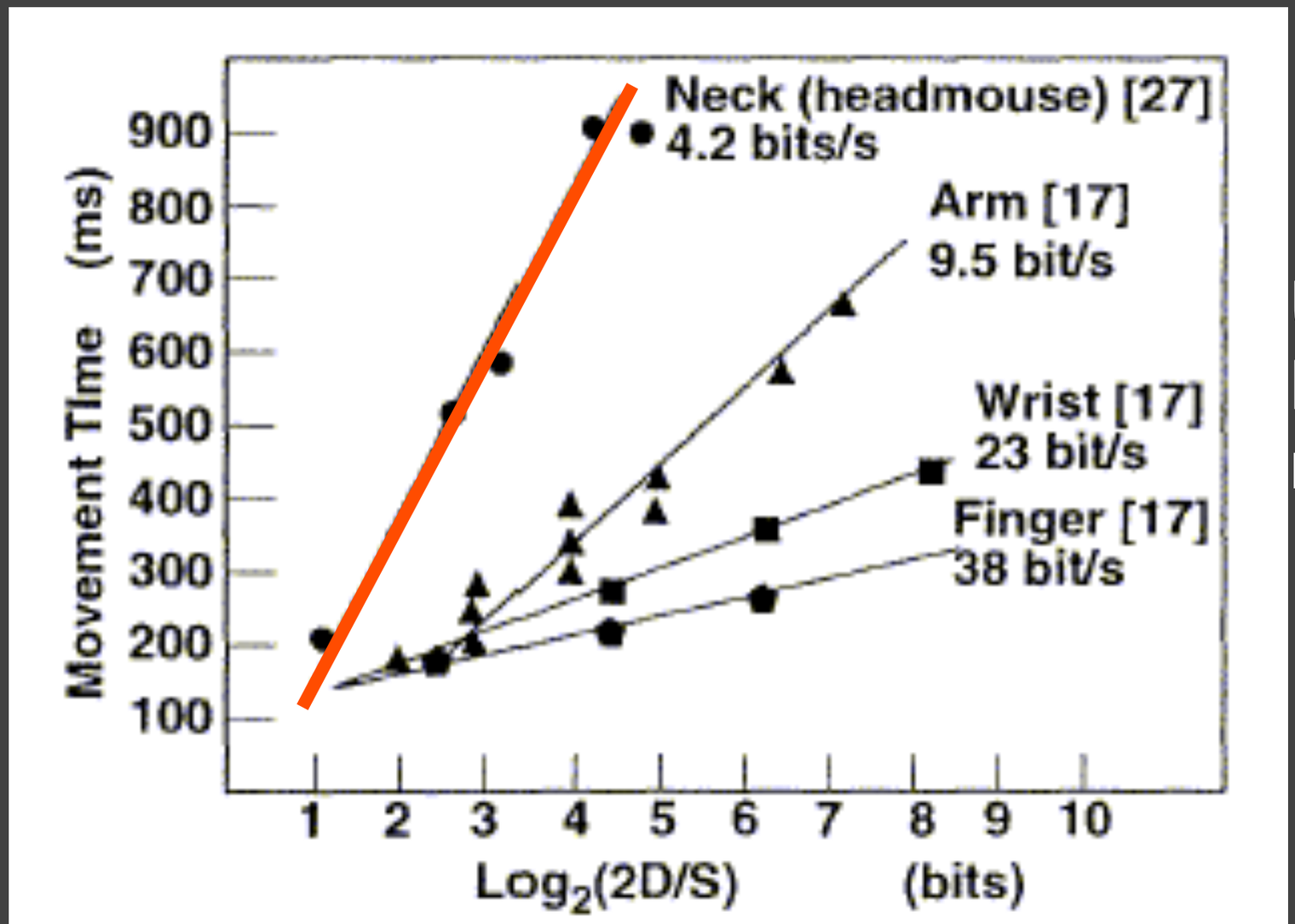
Device	Study	IP (bits/s)
Hand	Fitts (1954)	10.6
Mouse	Card, English, & Burr (1978)	10.4
Joystick	Card, English, & Burr (1978)	5.0
Trackball	Epps (1986)	2.9
Touchpad	Epps (1986)	1.6
Eyetracker	Ware & Mikaelian (1987)	13.7

Reference:
MacKenzie, I. Fitts' Law as a research and design tool in human computer interaction. Human Computer Interaction, 1992, Vol. 7, pp. 91-139

EXAMPLE: ALTERNATIVE DEVICES

Headmouse: No chance to win

ATTACHING POINTING DEVICE



Use transducer on high bandwidth muscles

Faster Input: Menu Selection

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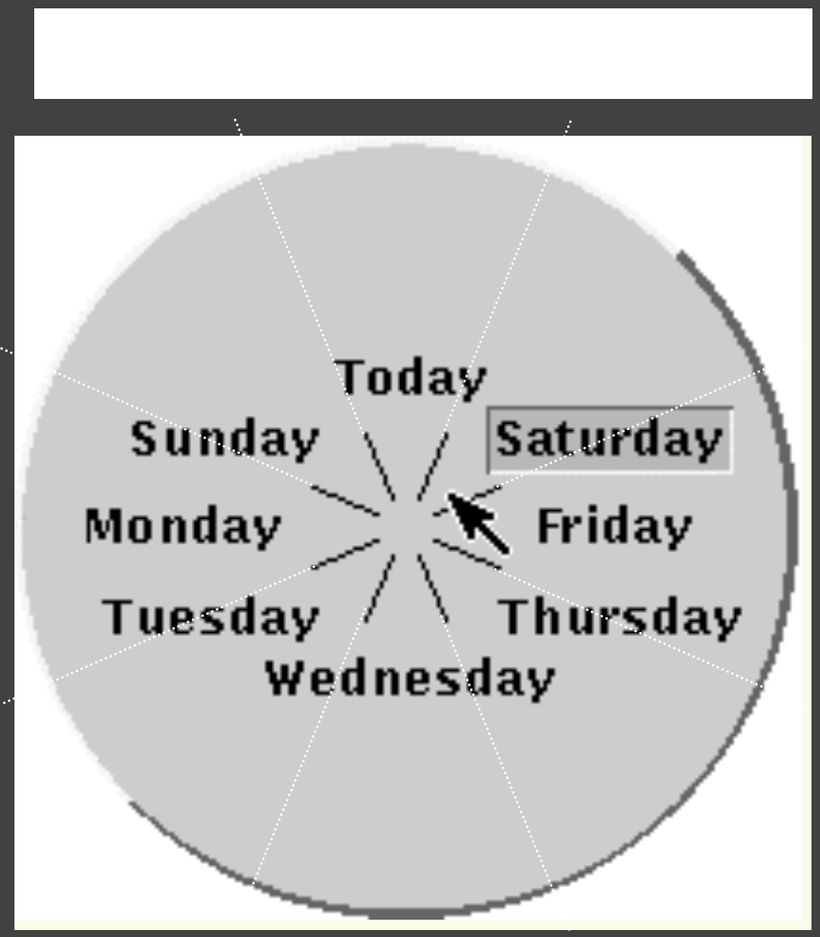
Pop-up Linear Menu

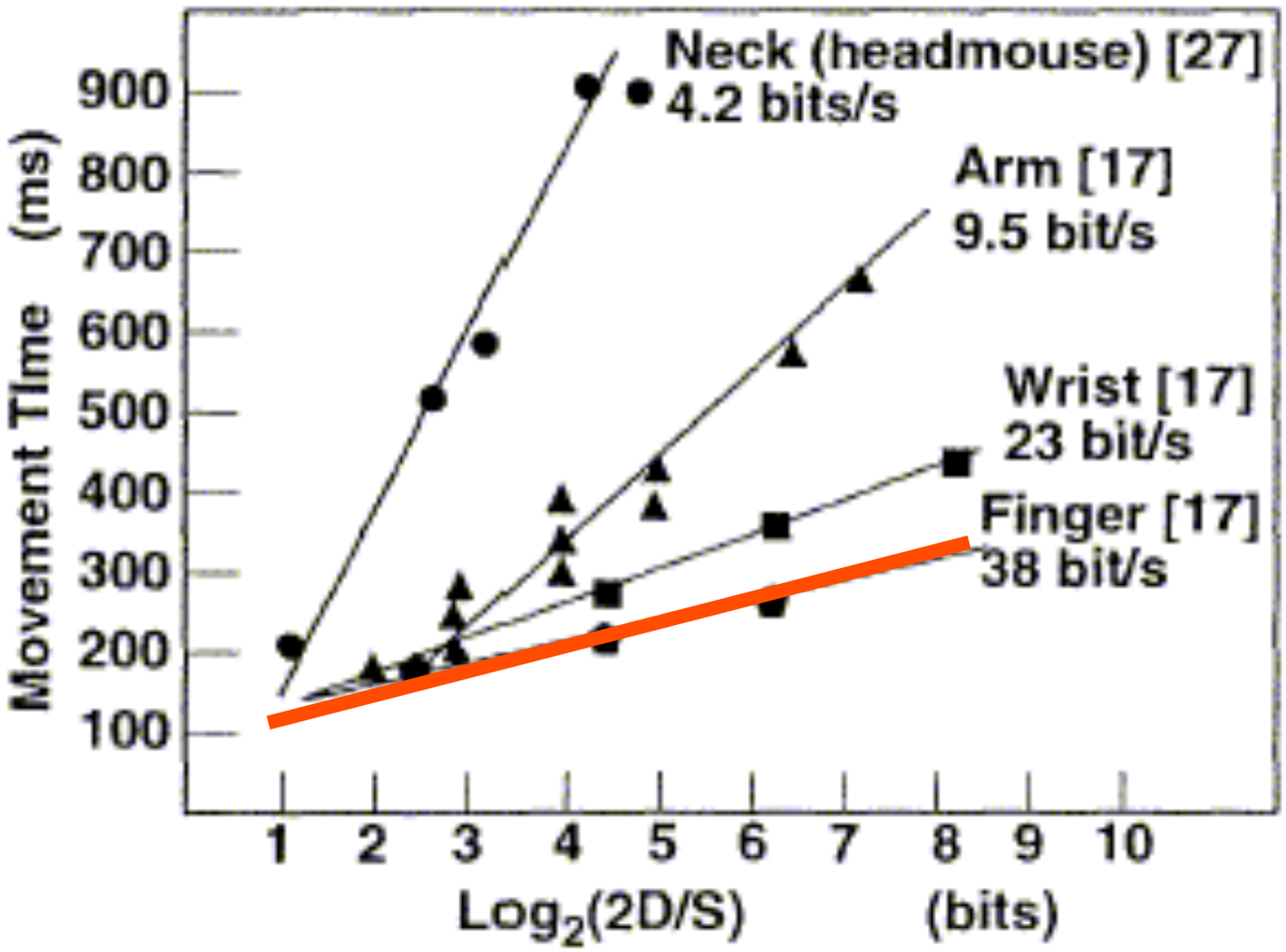
Today
Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday



Try to hit a target without looking

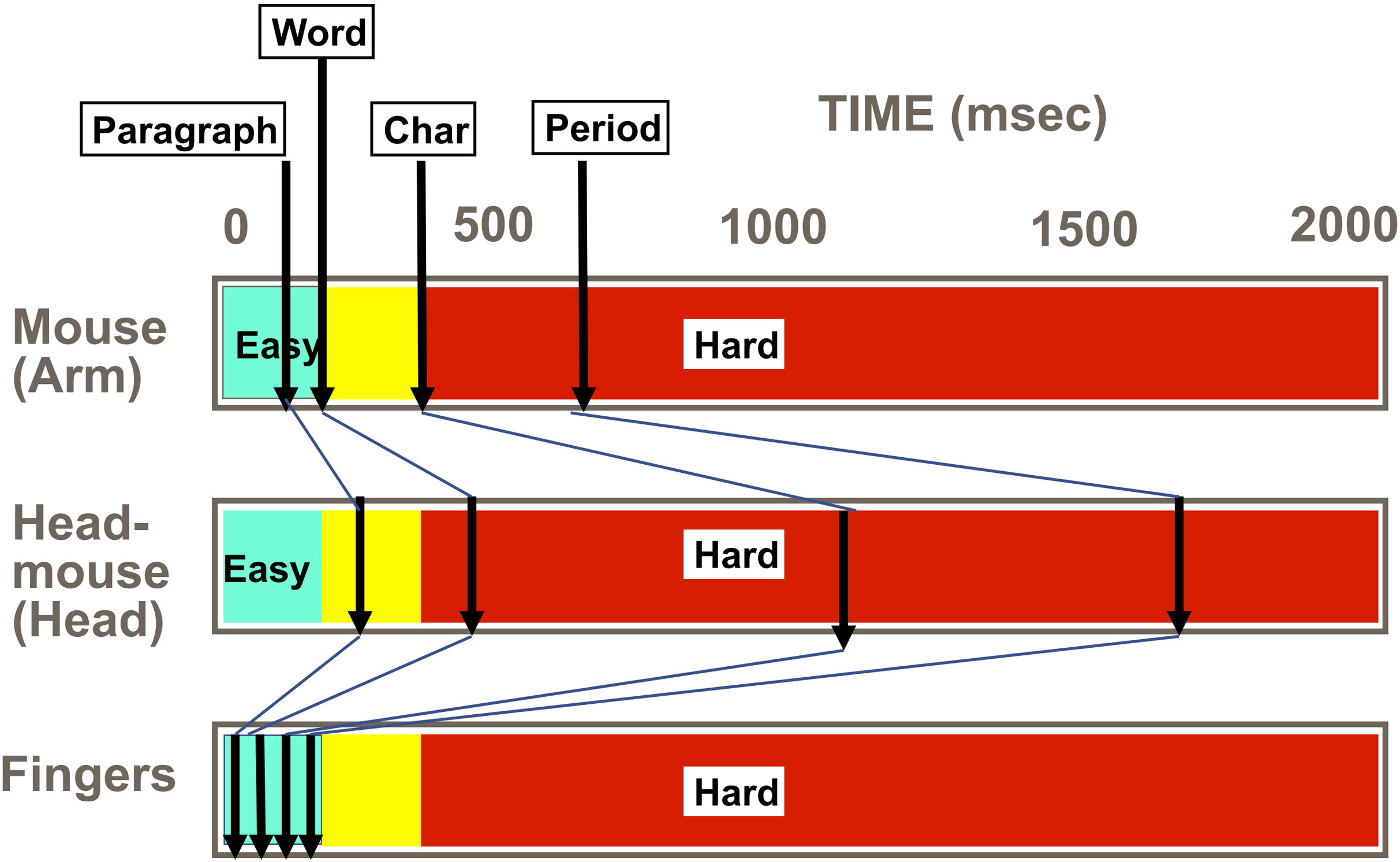
- You can open your eyes after each step
- Then, try it for both a mac-style and windows-style menu bar

EXAMPLE: BEATING THE MOUSE



Use transducer on high bandwidth muscles

EXAMPLE: STRUCTURING THE TASK SPACE BY PROJECTING THE MODEL



What else might we have measured?

- Time on Task -- How long does it take people to complete basic tasks? (For example, find something to buy, create a new account, and order the item.)
- Accuracy -- How many mistakes did people make? (And were they fatal or recoverable with the right information?)
- Recall -- How much does the person remember afterwards or after periods of non-use?
- Emotional Response -- How does the person feel about the tasks completed? (Confident? Stressed? Would the user recommend this system to a friend?)

CORSAIR

Ergonomic Keyboard For Pirates

Avast

!

Shift

R

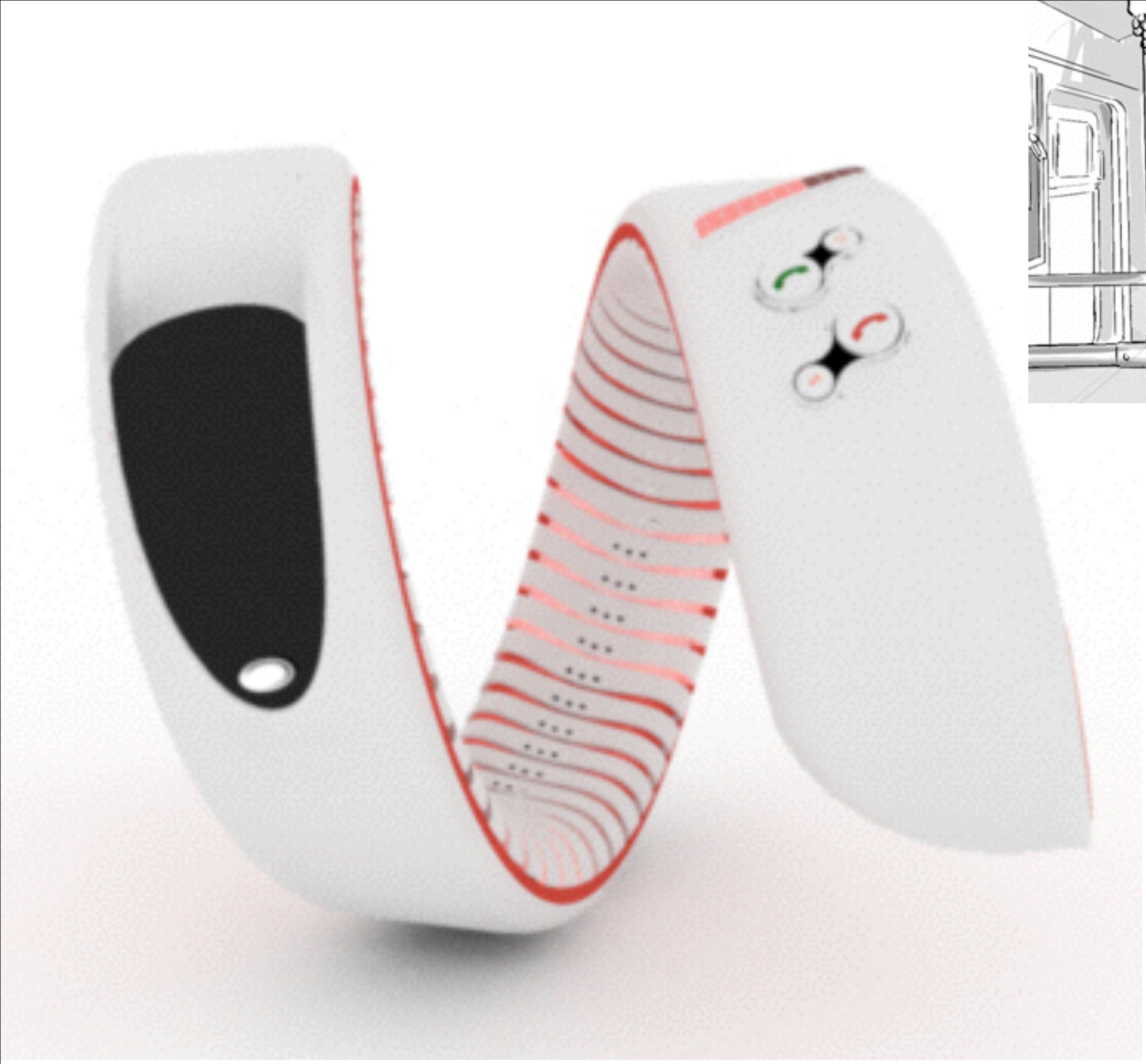
Enter

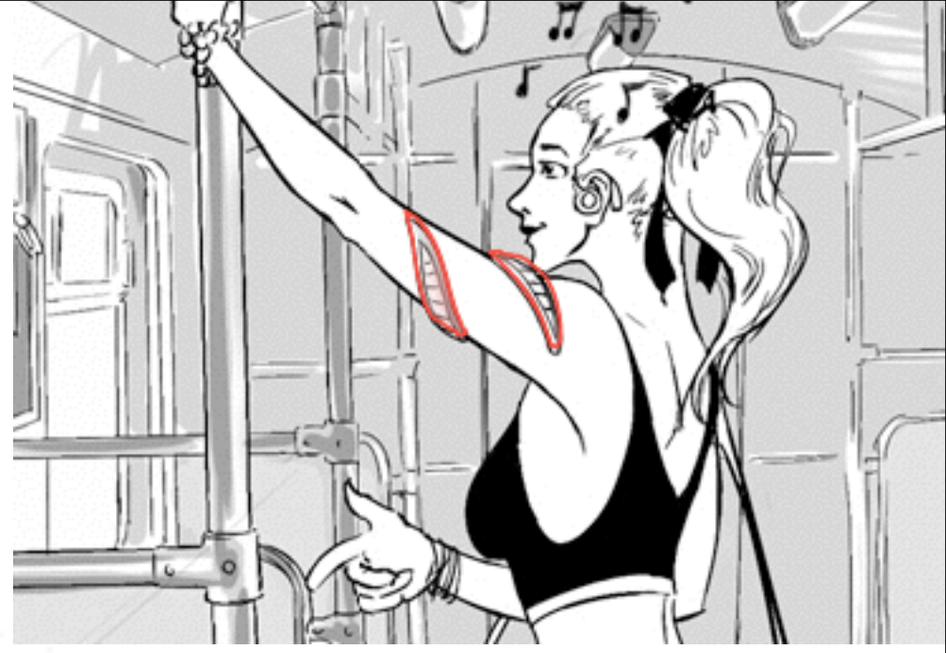
New Innovation Cycle for Input

- Driven by
  - Small Devices
  - Big screens
  - New technologies

Radius from PolymerVision

Nokia concept phone by Hugo Danti





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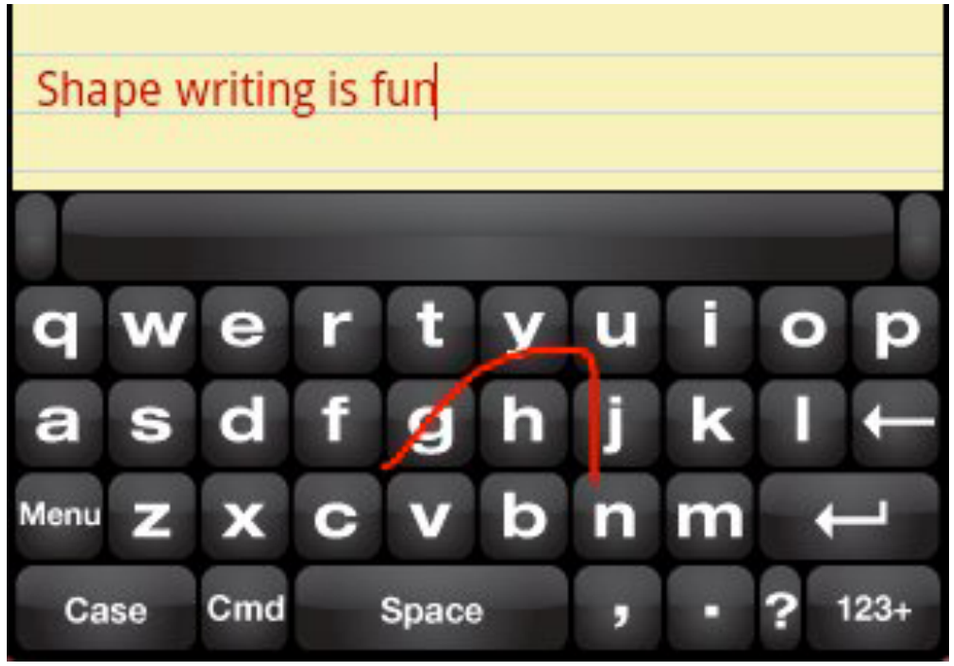
New Input Devices Using INPUT ON OUTPUT

courtesy Amazon.com

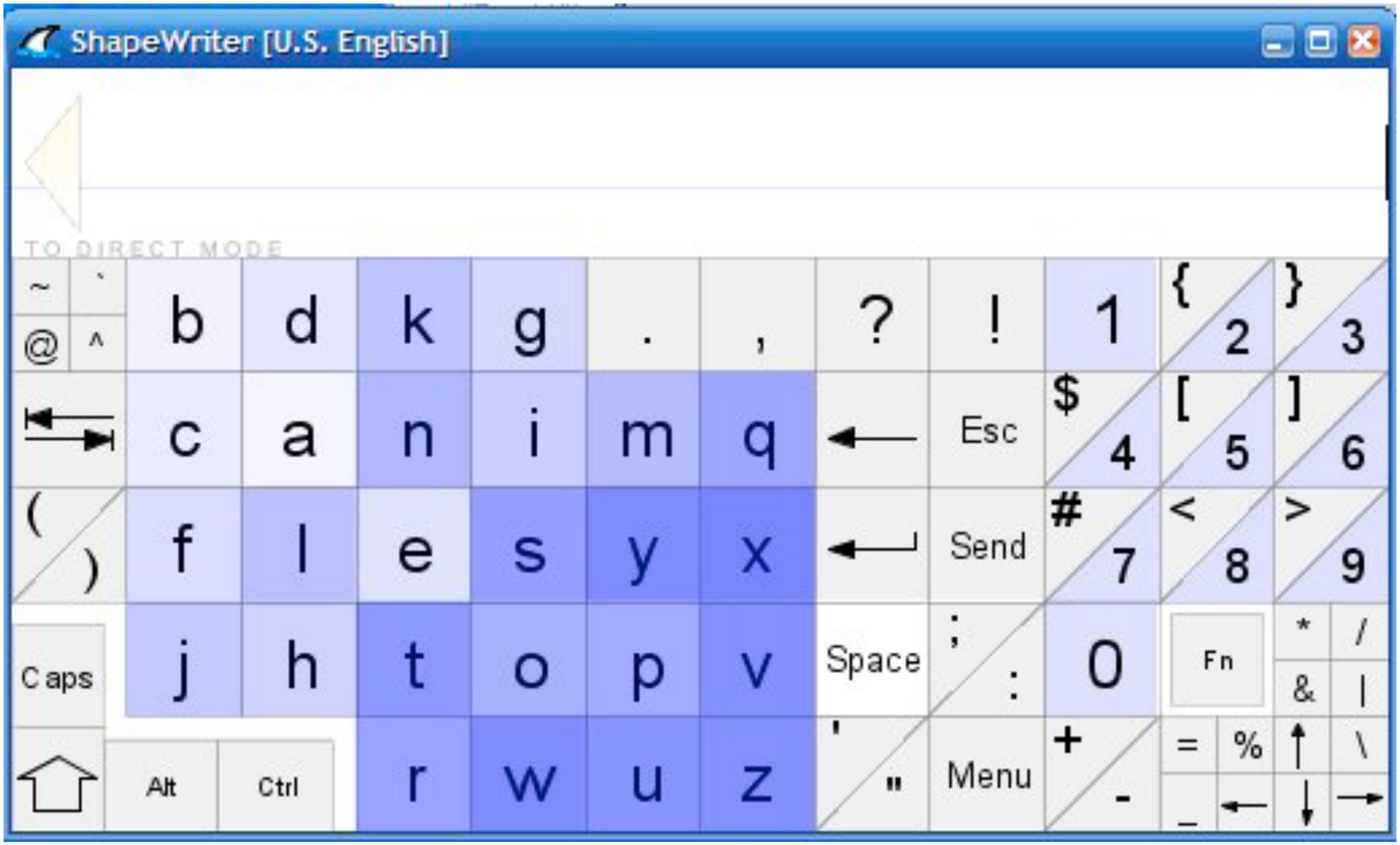
Baudisch et al., NanoTouch

ShapeWriter
(Input on tiny devices)

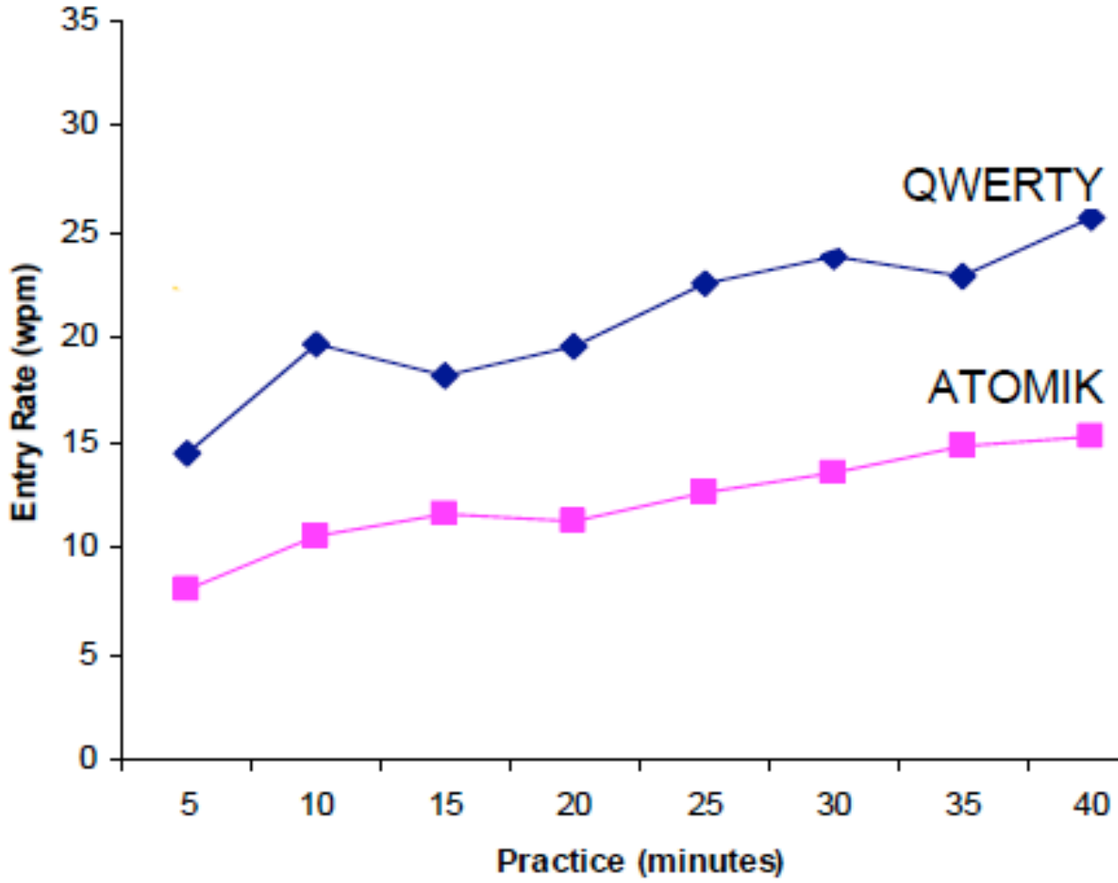


Zhai (IBM, ShapeWriter)

ShapeWriter With Optimized Key Arrangements (ATOMIK)



ShapeWriter Performance, first 40 min



- Error rate ~ 1%
- Average speed already > long term Graffiti and others.
- QWERTY faster at first, ATOMIK faster in long run.
- Experienced users can reach over 100 words/min

Shumin Zhai (IBM, ShapeWriter, Inc))

Big Idea:

INPUT ON CONTEXT

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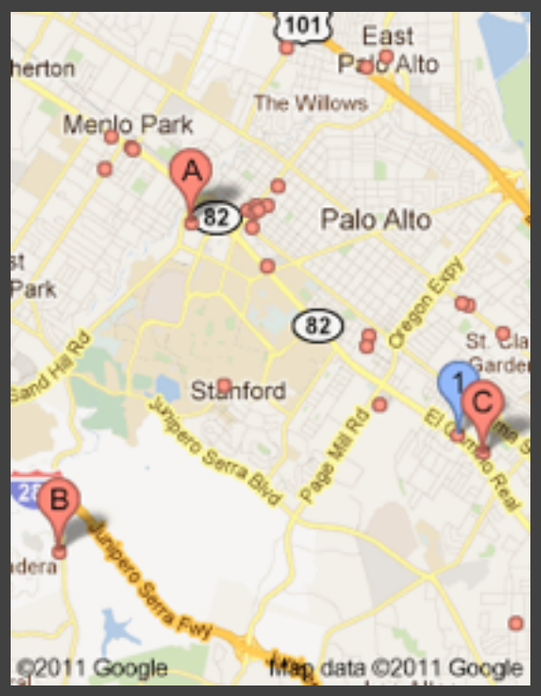
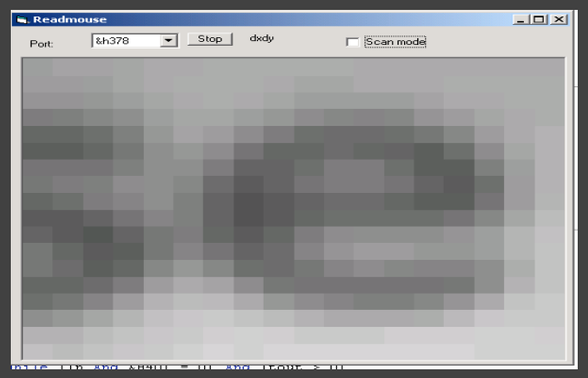
- Typewriter:
  >Find pizza in 94304
  ==> Places for pizza near 94304
  [1] California Pizza Kitchen
  [2] Round Table Pizza Menlo Park
  >Select [1]
- Input on Output:
  >Find pizza in 94304
  <click>
- Input on Context (GPS):
  > Pizza!
- <click>



Suunto Watch

- Altitude
- Heart rate
- Calories consumed
- Lap time
- Lap number
- Accumulated oxygen deficit
- Ambient temperature

Skinput: Using body surfaces



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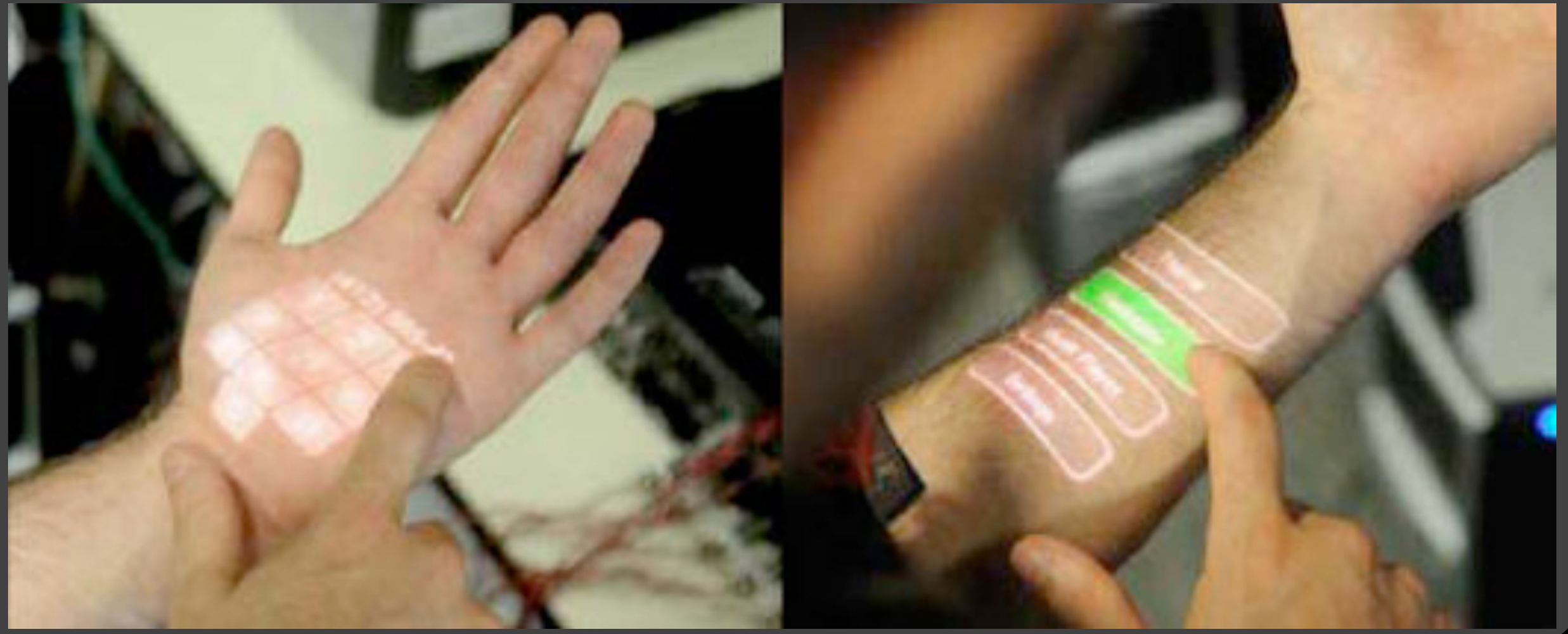
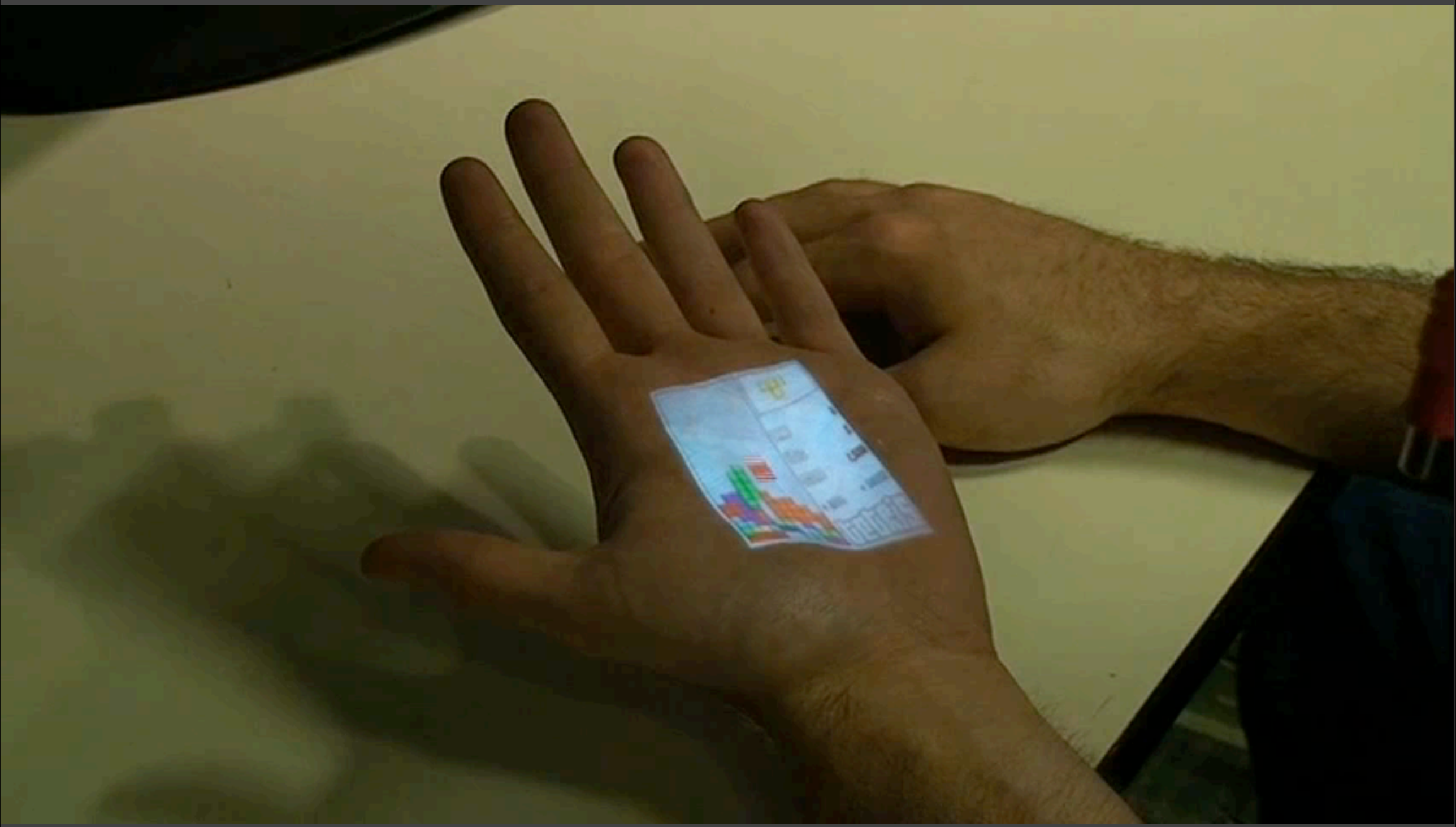
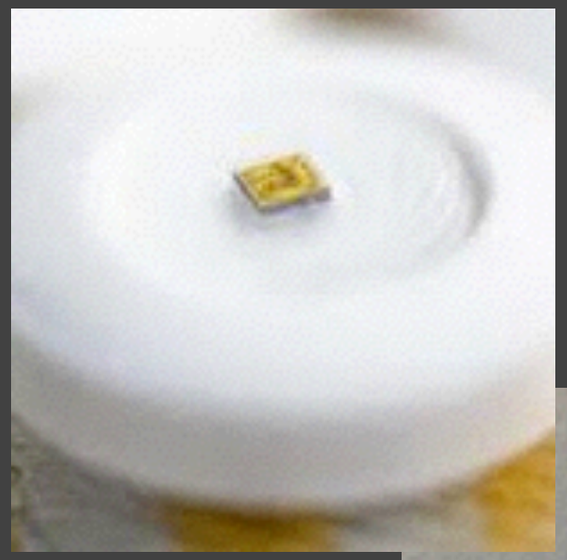


Skinput Tetris



Proteus Ingestable Networked Pill



- Sensor and transmitter encapsulates pill
- Stomach acid is part of battery
- Transmits pill
  --> patch
  --> iPhone
  --> Internet

Some Summary Points

- Input devices are more than just peripherals. They enable classes of dialogues of information.
- Communication is asymmetric to humans: high-bandwidth in, slow bandwidth out.
- Input-on-output enables complex objects and dialogs.
- Input-on-context enables even more complex dialogs.
- Rapid evolution of input devices is expected in the immediate future.

This week's assignment