

# Science Fiction to Science Fact

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A look at the Past, Present, and  
Future of Prosthetic Devices

# What is this all about?

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Prosthesis

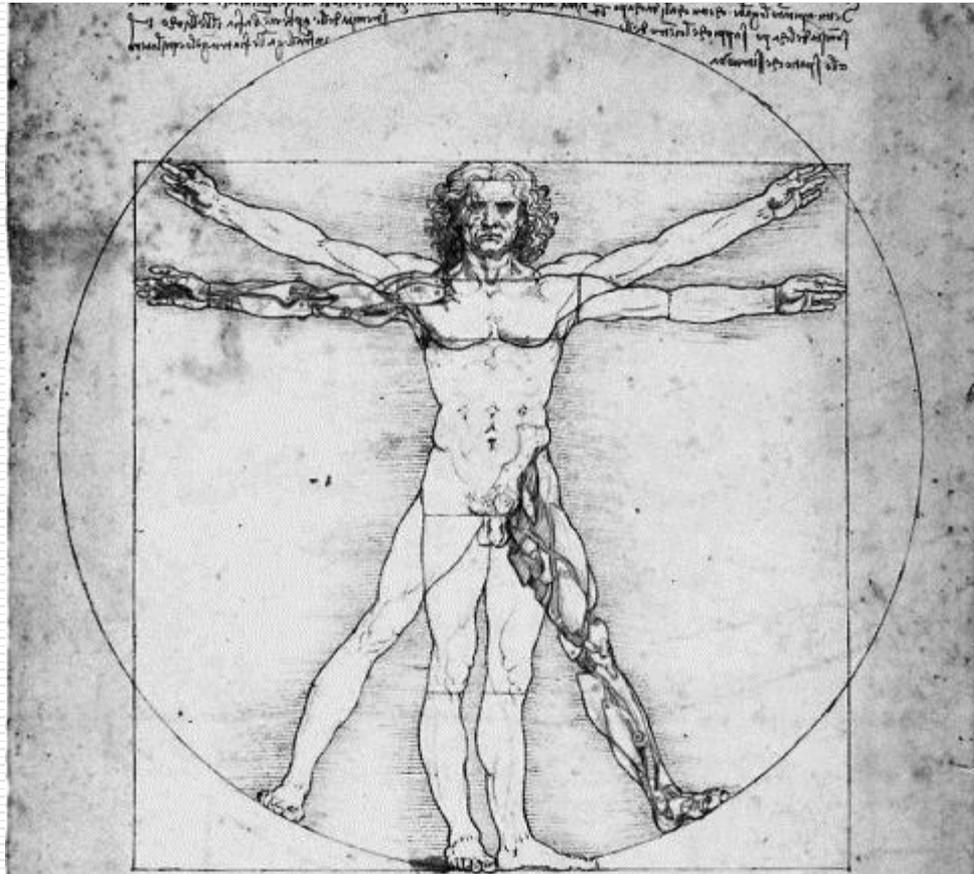


Orthosis

Do they have the anatomy?

# Where Art Meets Science

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# What do we need to know?

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## □ Knowledge of:

- Anatomy
- Biomechanics
- Material Science
- Physiology
- Psychology
- Computer science
- Physics
- Tissue mechanics
- Rehabilitation science
- Research
- Engineering & Design
- Marketing
- Statistics

# How do we do it?

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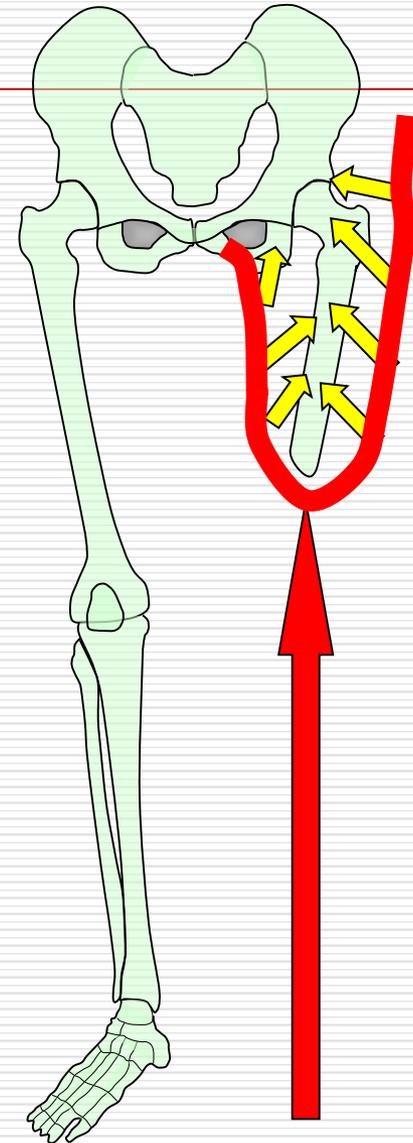
Situational  
Patient  
Specific  
Problem  
Solving



# Prosthetic Goals

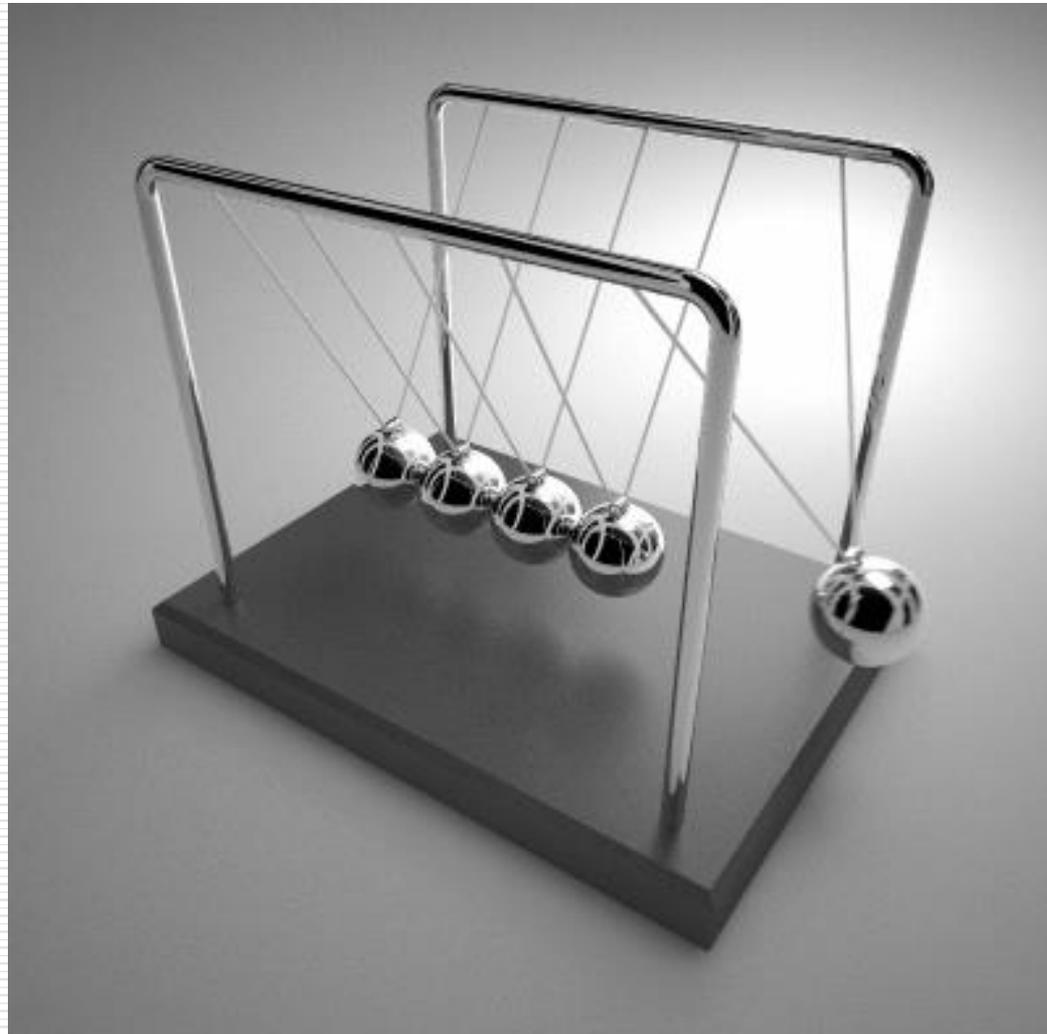
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- ❑ Replace structural support of skeletal system
- ❑ Transfer forces through the residual soft tissue to the femur
- ❑ Stabilize the bony anatomy in a natural position for posture and force production
- ❑ Restore function



# Newton's Cradle

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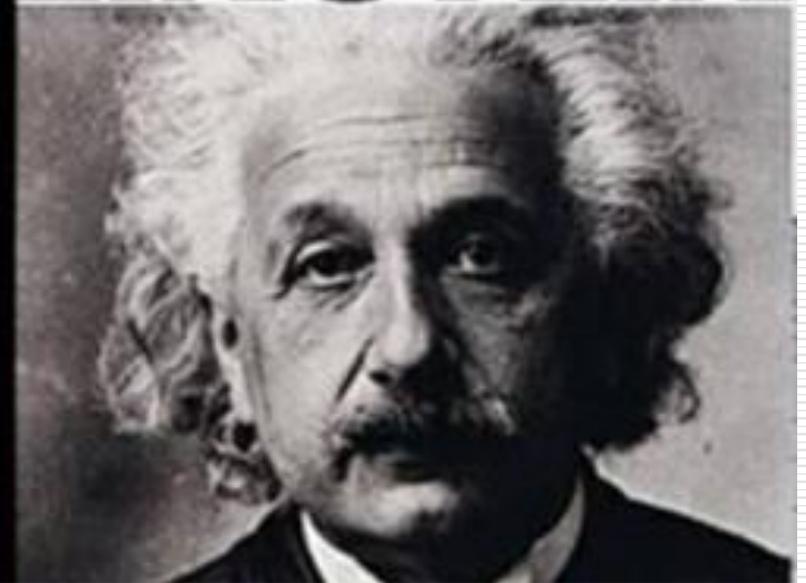
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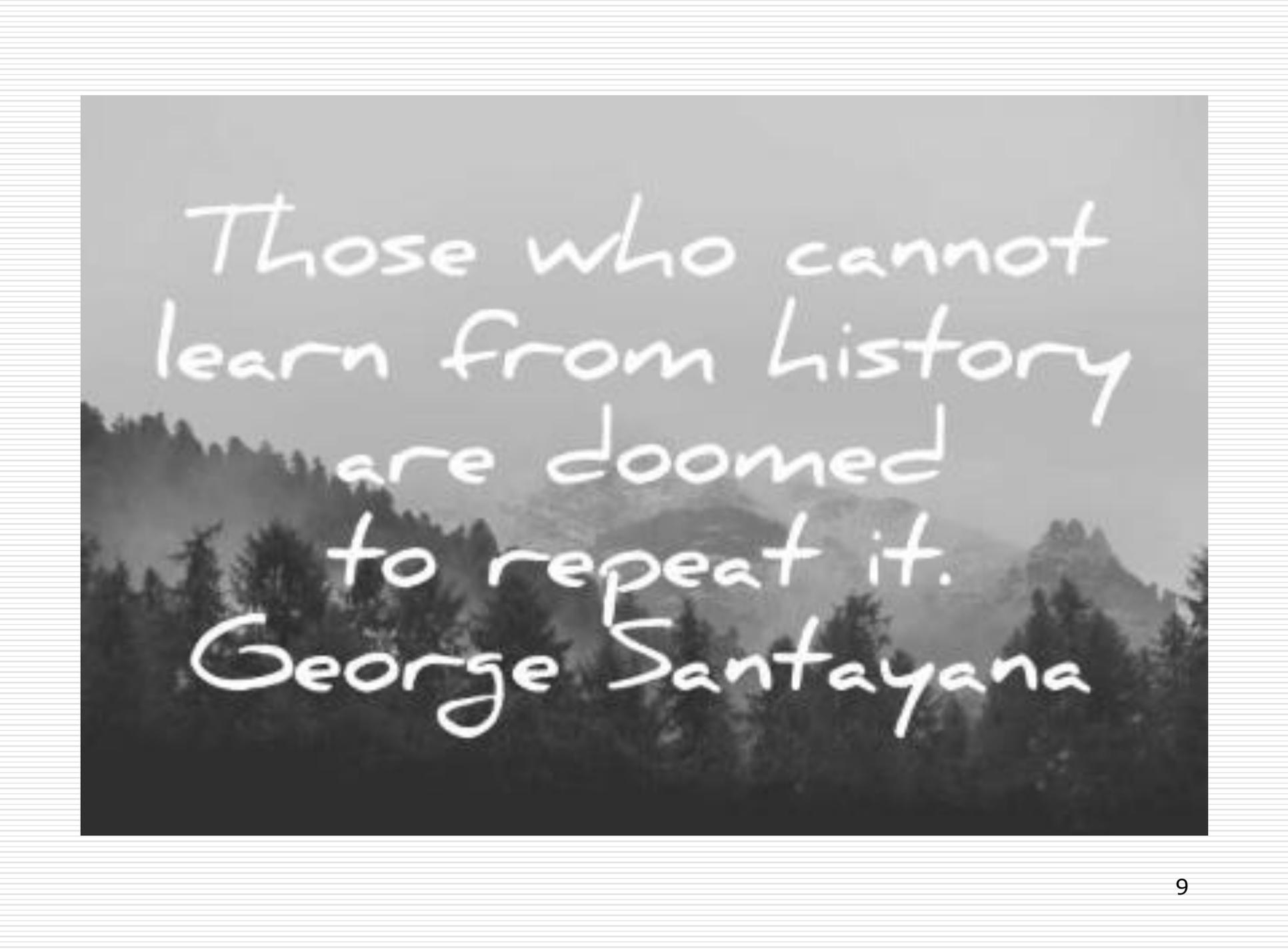
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“Learn from yesterday,  
live for today,  
hope for tomorrow.  
The important thing  
is not to  
stop questioning. .”

*Albert Einstein*

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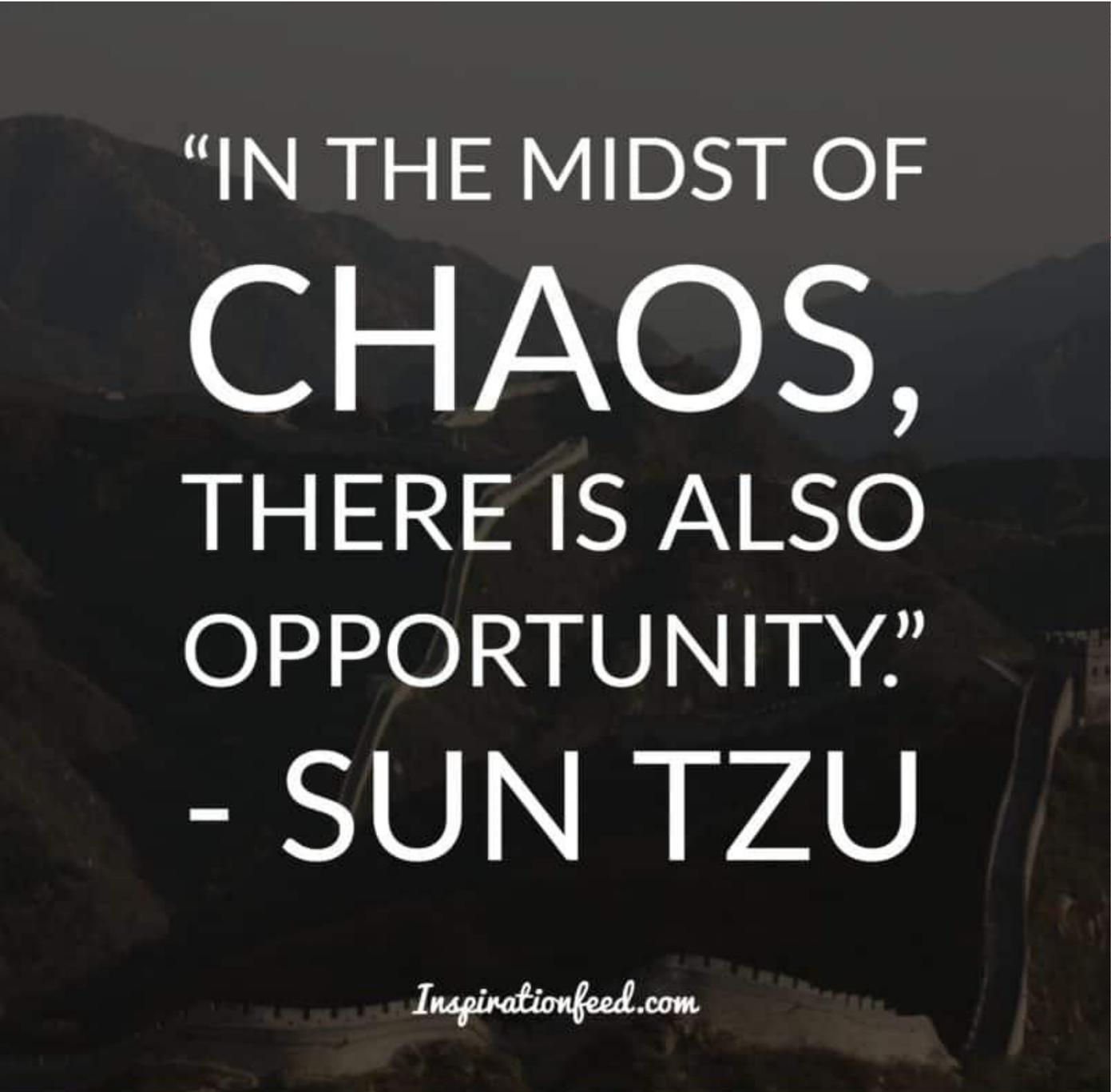


Those who cannot  
learn from history  
are doomed  
to repeat it.  
George Santayana

**THERE IS NO INSTANCE  
OF A NATION  
BENEFITTING FROM  
PROLONGED WARFARE.**

**Sun Tzu**

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“IN THE MIDST OF  
**CHAOS,**  
THERE IS ALSO  
OPPORTUNITY.”  
- SUN TZU

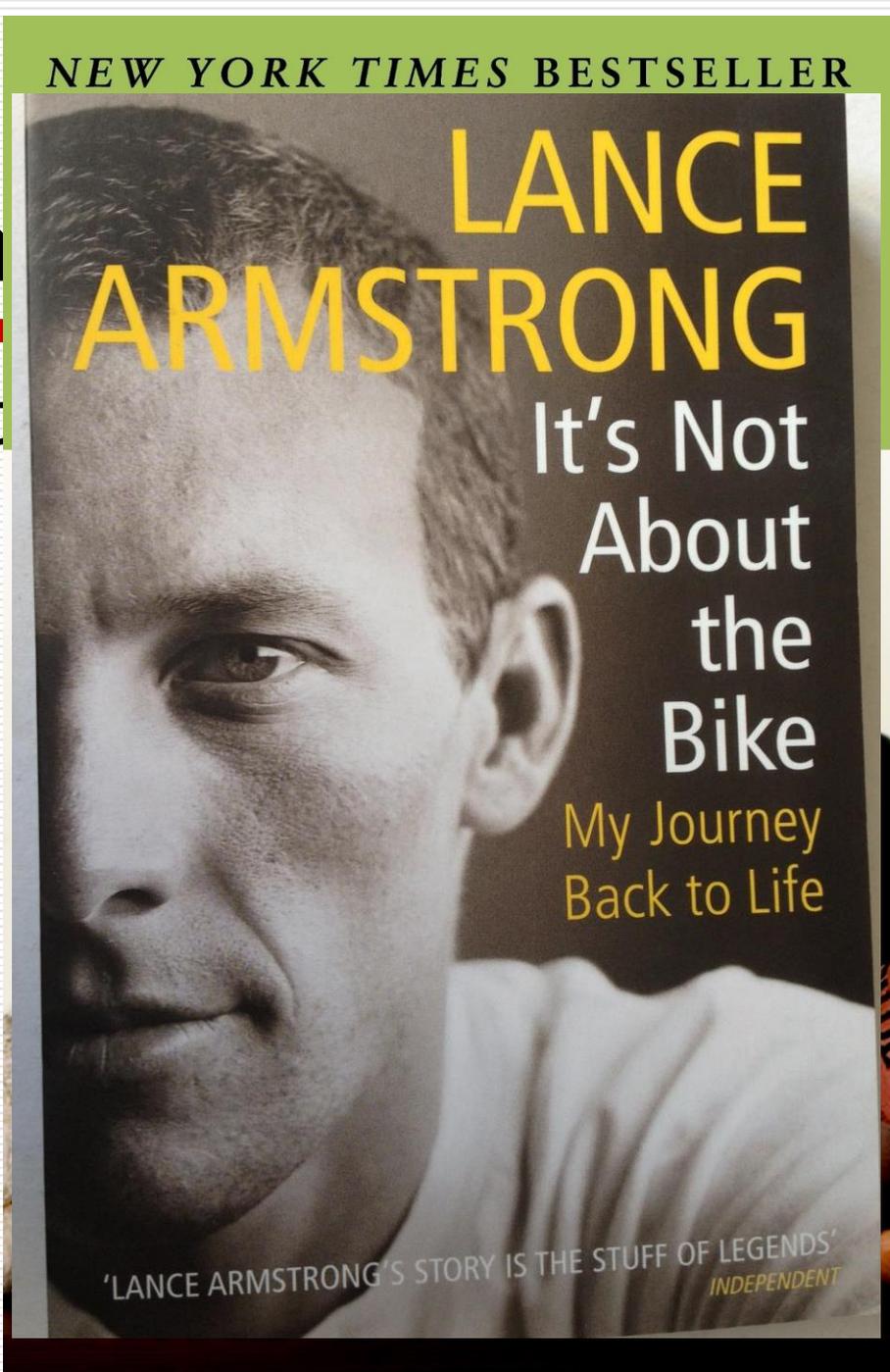
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□ Look t

The image shows the front cover of the book 'It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life' by Lance Armstrong. The cover features a close-up, black and white photograph of Lance Armstrong's face, looking slightly to the left. The title 'LANCE ARMSTRONG' is printed in large, bold, yellow capital letters at the top. Below it, the subtitle 'It's Not About the Bike' is written in white, and 'My Journey Back to Life' is in yellow. At the bottom, there is a quote from 'INDEPENDENT' magazine: 'LANCE ARMSTRONG'S STORY IS THE STUFF OF LEGENDS'. The book is set against a green background with a red horizontal line extending from the right side.

LANCE  
ARMSTRONG

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About  
the  
Bike

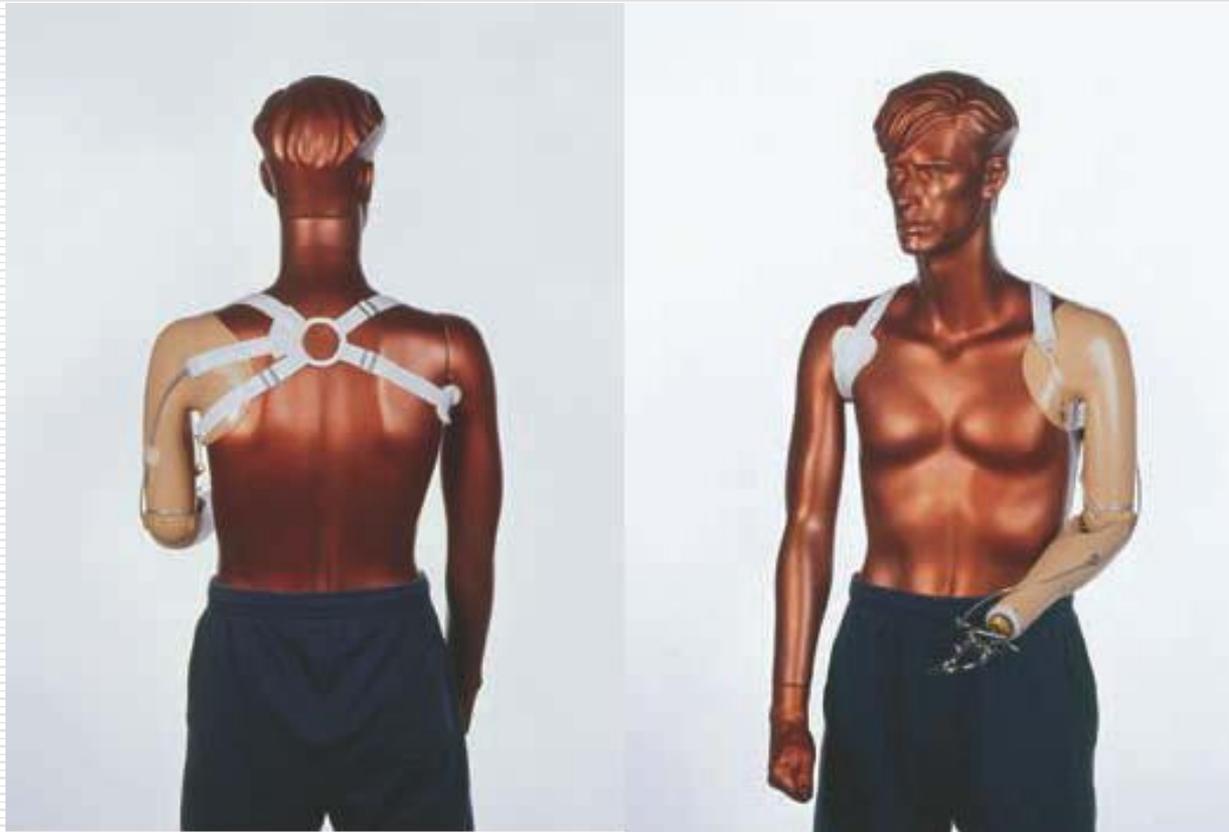
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# Back to the bike...

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# Back to the bike...

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# ARTIFICIAL LEGS

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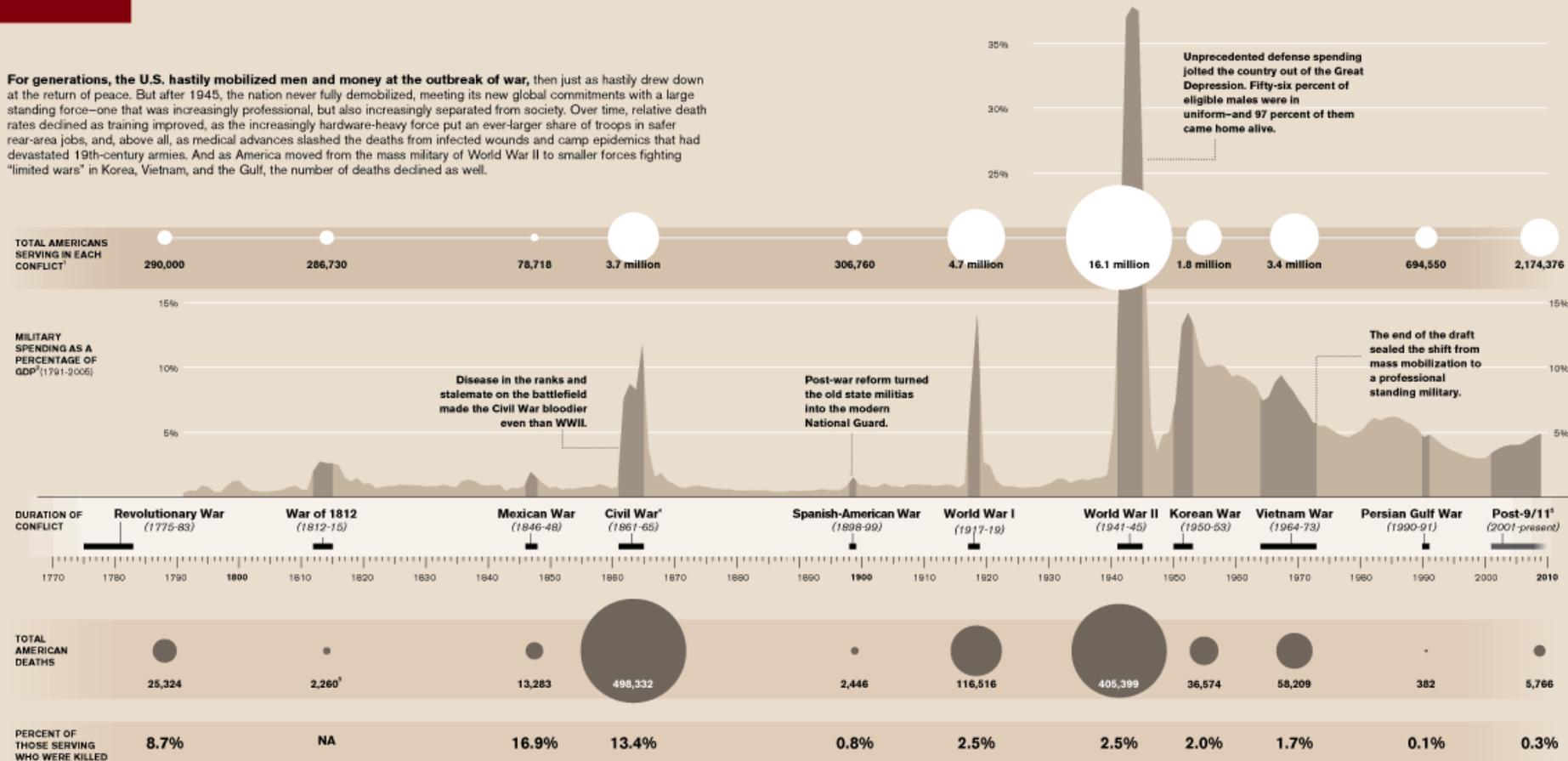
This line was omitted from the first edition for the reason we had not at that time determined what was the best practical leg made. We are now furnishing the medical profession the MOST DURABLE, UP TO DATE ARTIFICIAL LEG.

OUR LEGS EMBODY THE LATEST AND MOST RELIABLE IMPROVEMENTS

# 235 Years of War

BY THE NUMBERS

For generations, the U.S. hastily mobilized men and money at the outbreak of war, then just as hastily drew down at the return of peace. But after 1945, the nation never fully demobilized, meeting its new global commitments with a large standing force—one that was increasingly professional, but also increasingly separated from society. Over time, relative death rates declined as training improved, as the increasingly hardware-heavy force put an ever-larger share of troops in safer rear-area jobs, and, above all, as medical advances slashed the deaths from infected wounds and camp epidemics that had devastated 19th-century armies. And as America moved from the mass military of World War II to smaller forces fighting “limited wars” in Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf, the number of deaths declined as well.



Unprecedented defense spending jolted the country out of the Great Depression. Fifty-six percent of eligible males were in uniform—and 97 percent of them came home alive.

Disease in the ranks and stalemate on the battlefield made the Civil War bloodier even than WWII.

Post-war reform turned the old state militias into the modern National Guard.

The end of the draft sealed the shift from mass mobilization to a professional standing military.

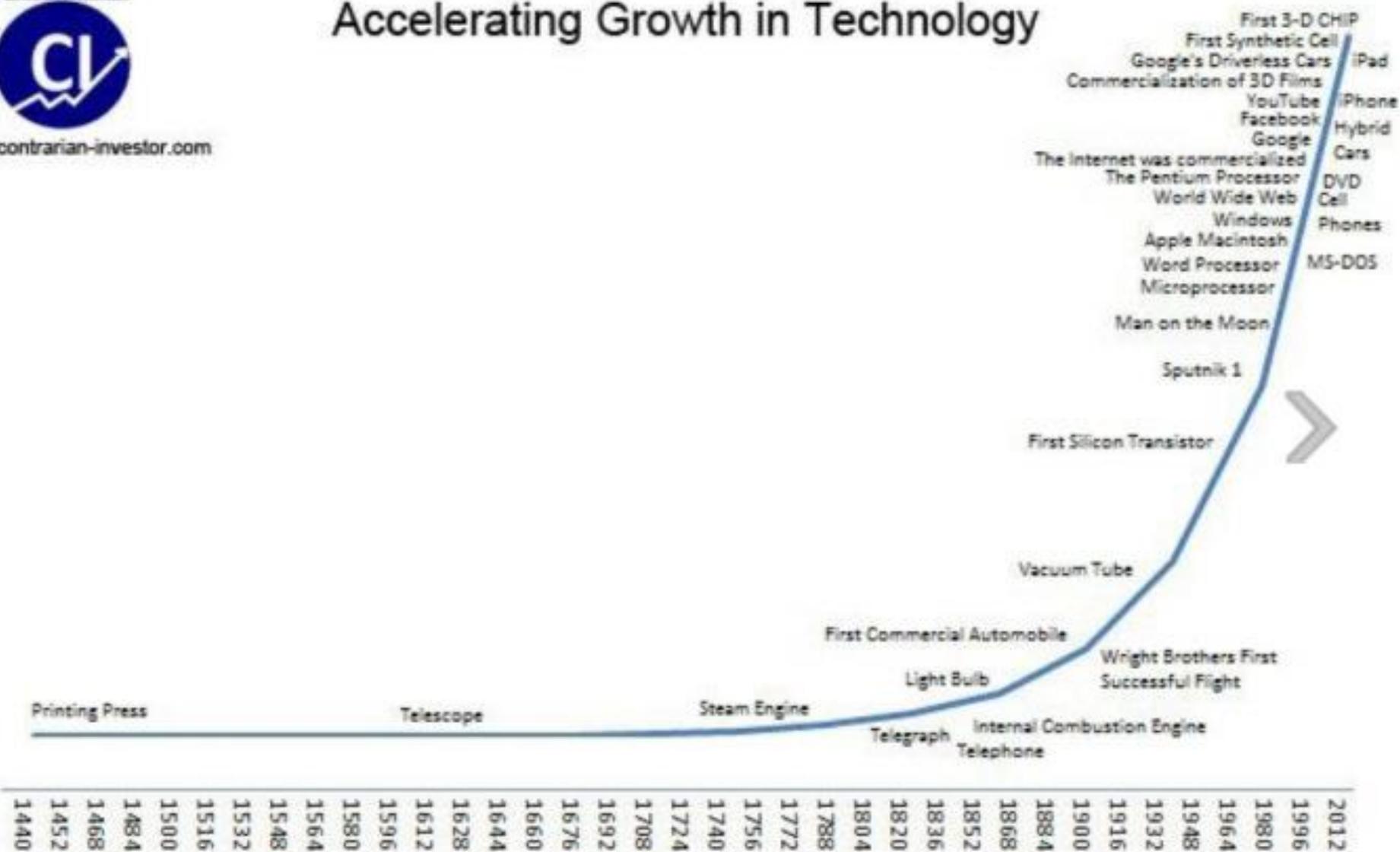
NOTES: [1] Revolutionary War and Civil War personnel figures are estimates. Post-1945 figures include only personnel serving in theater, not all personnel serving worldwide during the conflict. [2] Defense spending based on Treasury Department figures for War Department and Navy Department outlays for 1780-1939 and on Defense Department figures for total national defense outlays (including Energy Department and other non-DCD spending) for 1940-2010. [3] Noncombat deaths from the War of 1812 (disease, accidents, etc.) are not available. [4] Civil War data for “total serving” and “total deaths” include both Union and estimated Confederate figures; spending data is Union only, because of difficulties in adjusting for hyperinflation of Confederate currency and loss of records. [5] Post-9/11 deaths as of November 2010; post-9/11 total serving as of August 2010.

SOURCES: Department of Defense; Oxford Companion to American Military History; Economic History Services ([www.eh.net](http://www.eh.net)); Historical Statistics of the United States (Cambridge University Press).

Graphic by SYDNEY J. FREEDBERG JR. and RYAN MORRIS



# Accelerating Growth in Technology



From: [seekingalpha.com/article/453871-the-promise-of-accelerating-growth-in-technology](http://seekingalpha.com/article/453871-the-promise-of-accelerating-growth-in-technology)

*“We have much to learn by studying  
nature and taking the time to  
tease out its secrets.”*

*—David Suzuki*





# Wood & Leather

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# Early 1900's Mechanical Hand

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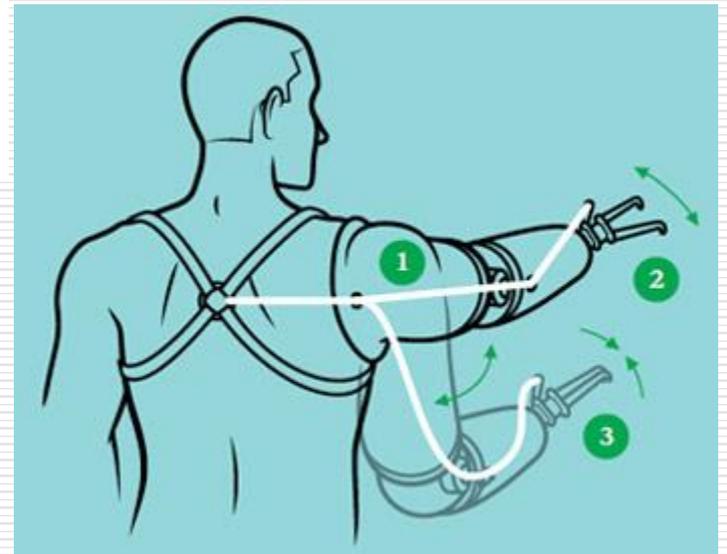
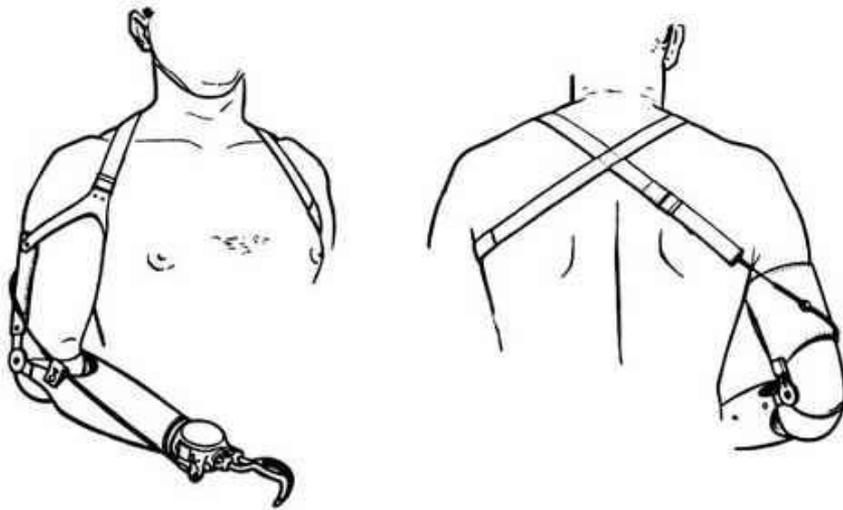
# WWI German Prosthetic Arm

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# Body-Powered Prosthesis

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# CAD (Insignia)

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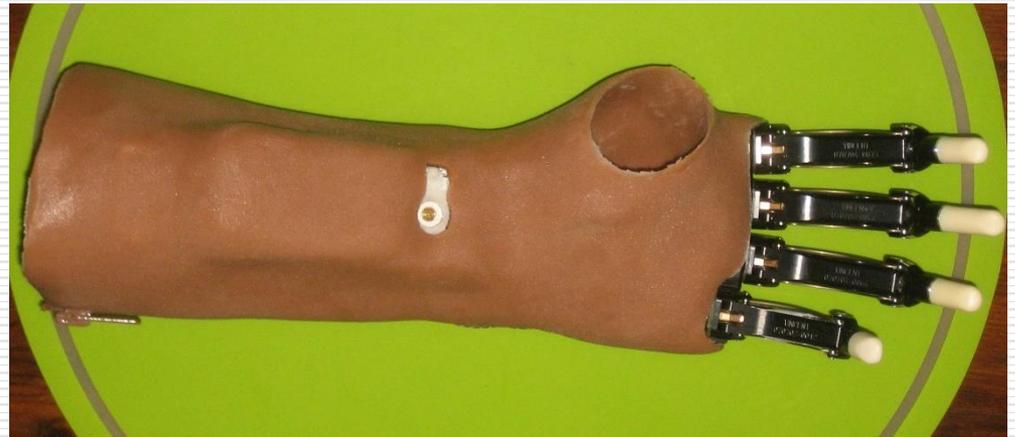
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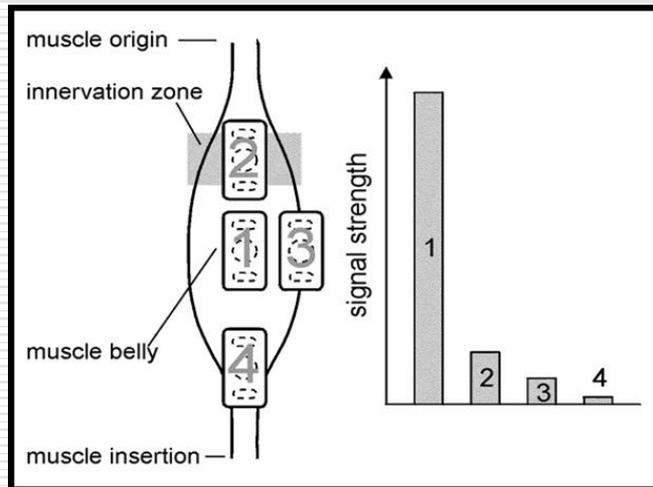
# Carbon, Silicone, & Composites

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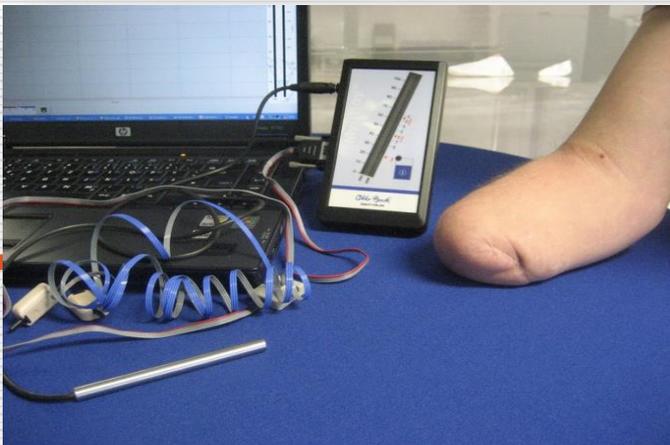
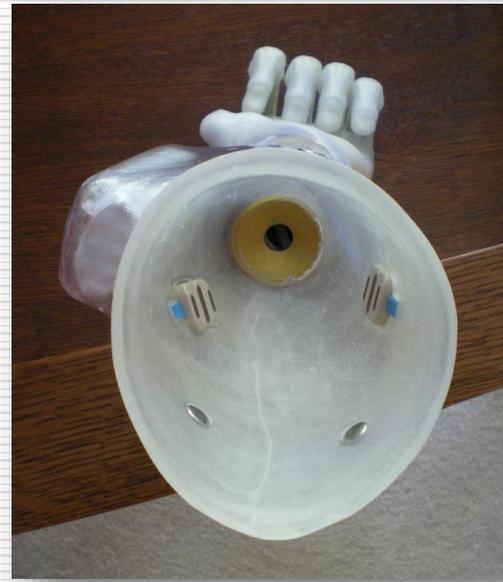


# Traditional Myoelectric Control

## Myoelectrode Position



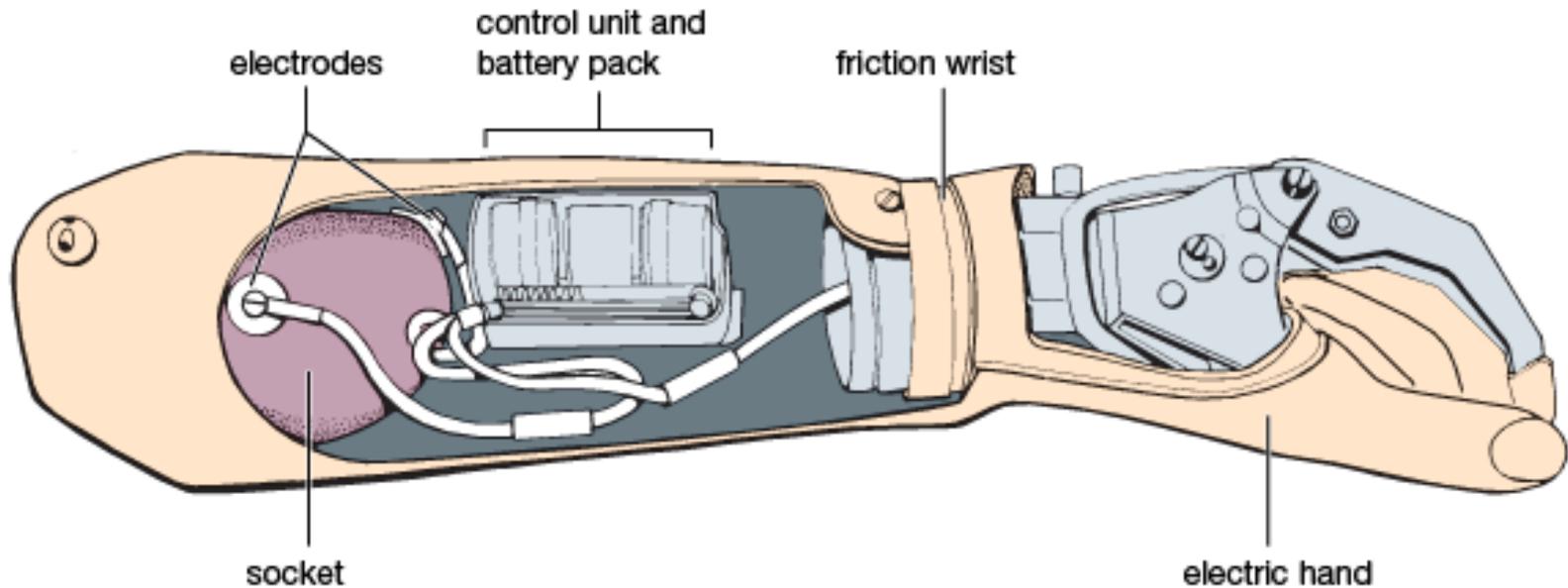
## Fit of Socket



# Traditional Myoelectric Prosthesis

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Parts of a below-elbow myoelectric prosthesis



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# HOW THE i-LIMB WORKS

**1** Bionic hand, attached to laminated socket, is slipped over arm

Fully articulated joints

Brain signals

**4** Computer activates the motors needed to move the fingers

**2** When patient decides to move hand, the brain signals are picked up by delicate electrodes

**3** Electrodes pass commands to a tiny computer concealed in the back of the artificial hand

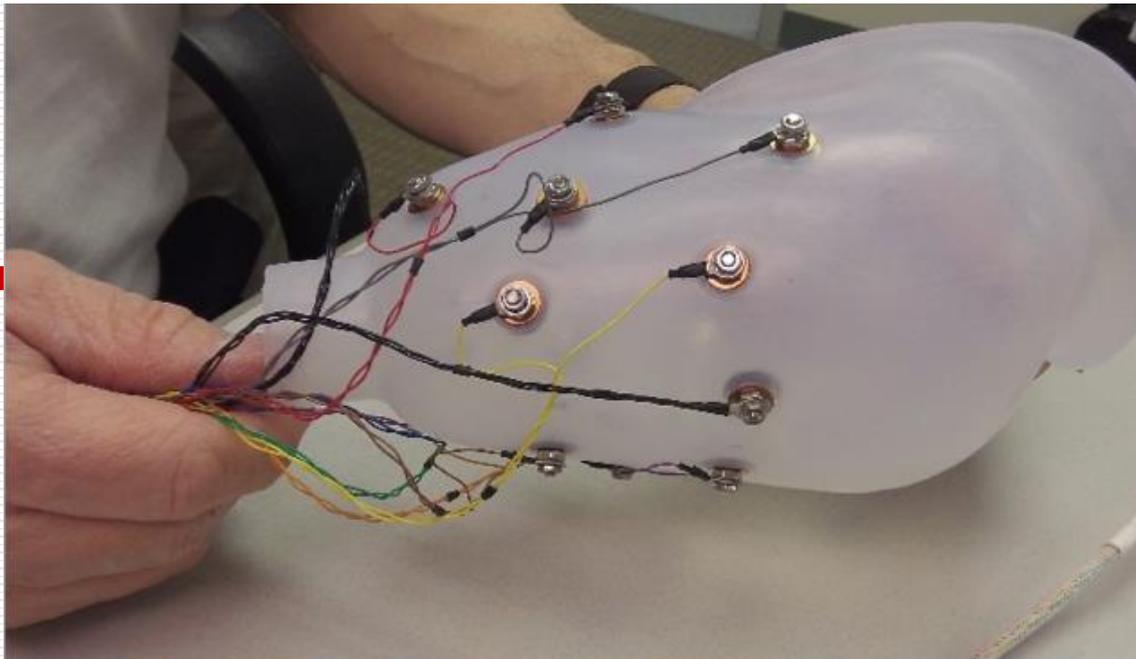
Index finger can be pointed, allowing the wearer to use a keypad

The bionic hand can be covered with artificial skin

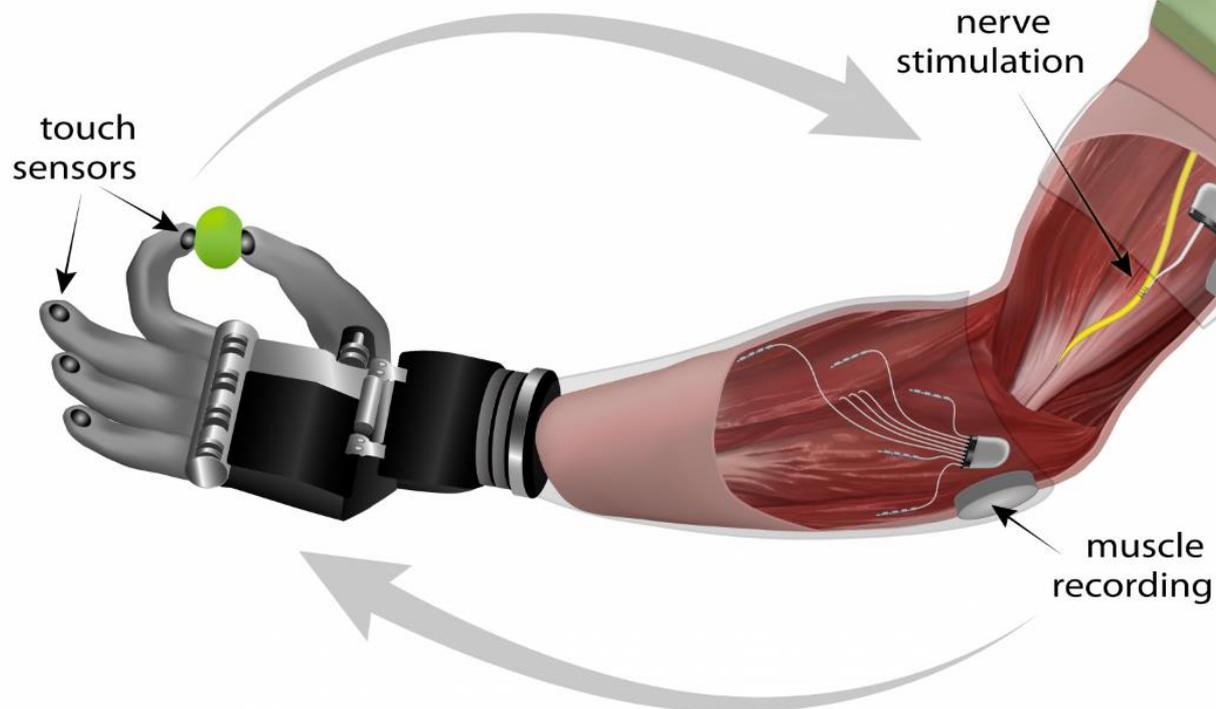
# i-Limb

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Sensor signals are transmitted to stimulate nerves to restore sense of touch



Prosthetic hand controlled by signals from arm muscles

# Multi Articulating hands

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- ❑ I-Limb Quantur
- ❑ BeBionic
- ❑ Vincent Hand
- ❑ Michelangelo



# Michelangelo

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- Very fast
- Powered positional thumb
- Natural appearance
- Natural relaxed hand posture
- Flexi-wrist
- Multiple grasp patterns



# BeBionic

- Thumb position determines grip pattern
- Individually powered fingers
- Many programmable grip patterns
- Small size now available



# BebBionic

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- 14 Grip patterns
- Can be used without glove
- 4 wrist options
  - MultiFlex
  - Flexion
  - Quick disconnect
  - Short version



# I-Limb

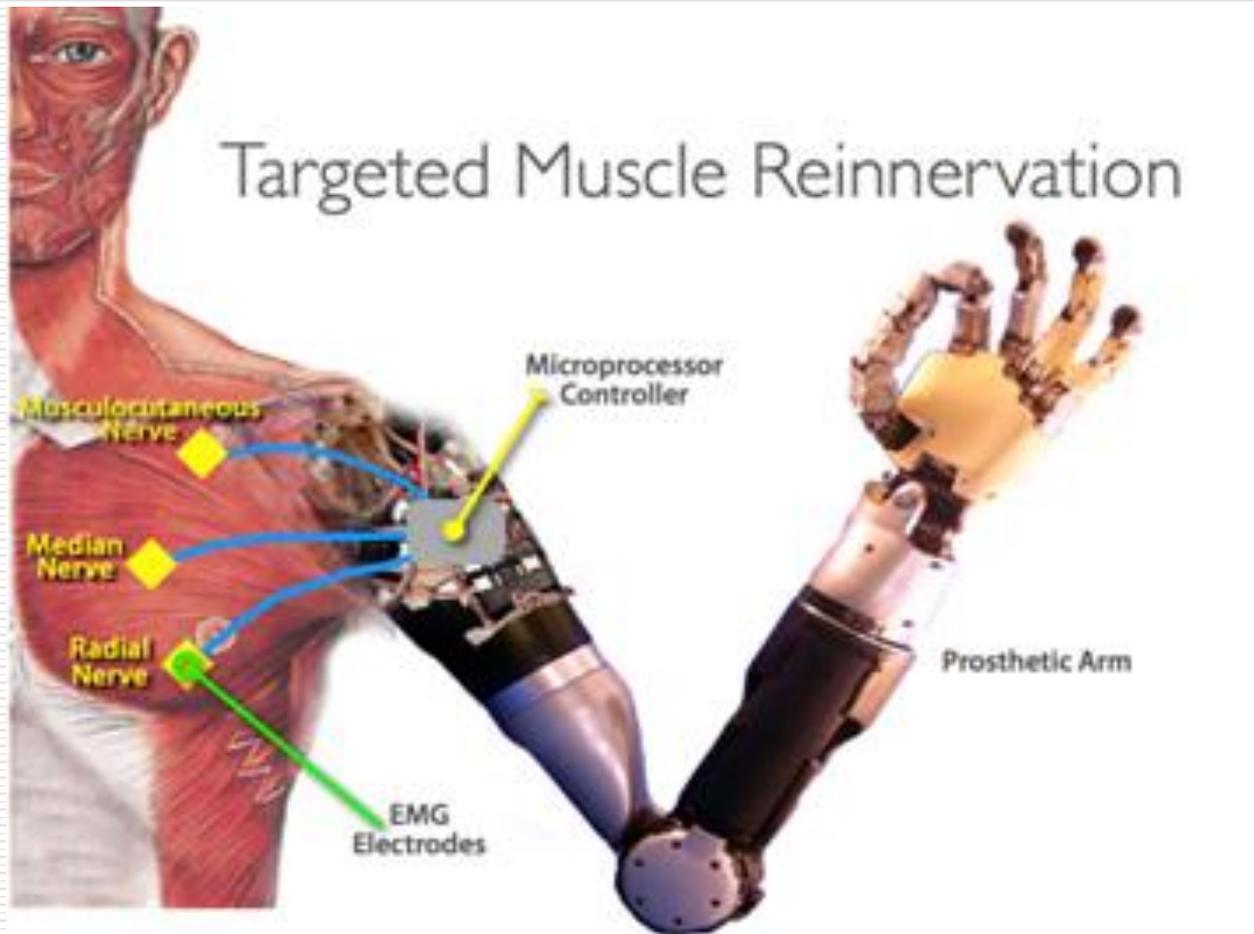
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- 5 powered digits
- Manually positional thumb
- 24 different grasp patterns
- Can create custom gestures
- Pulsing feature to increase grip strength
- Powered rotational thumb
- Flexion wrist option
- Now with gesture control



# Targeted Muscle Reinnervation

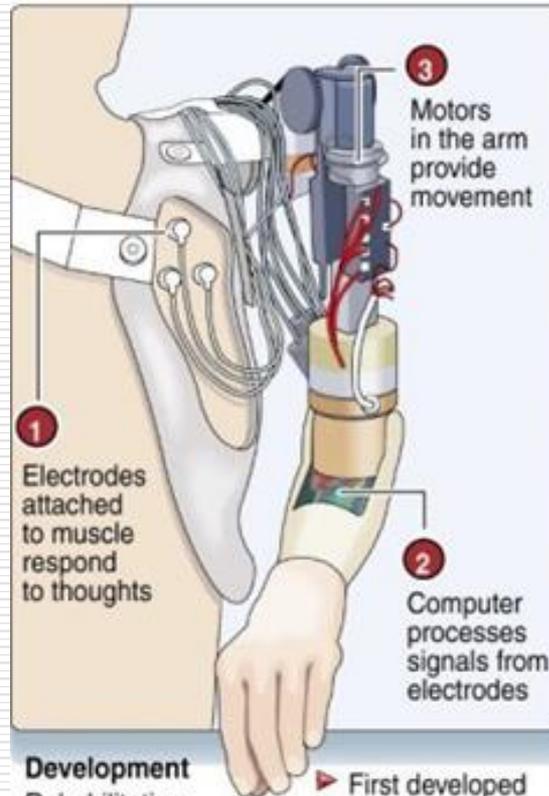
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# Mind-controlled Prosthesis

## Mind-controlled bionic arm

A mechanical prosthesis controlled by thought



### Development

Rehabilitation  
Institute of Chicago  
Project leader:  
Dr Todd Kuiken

- ▶ First developed in 2002
- ▶ Fitted onto more than 50 amputees

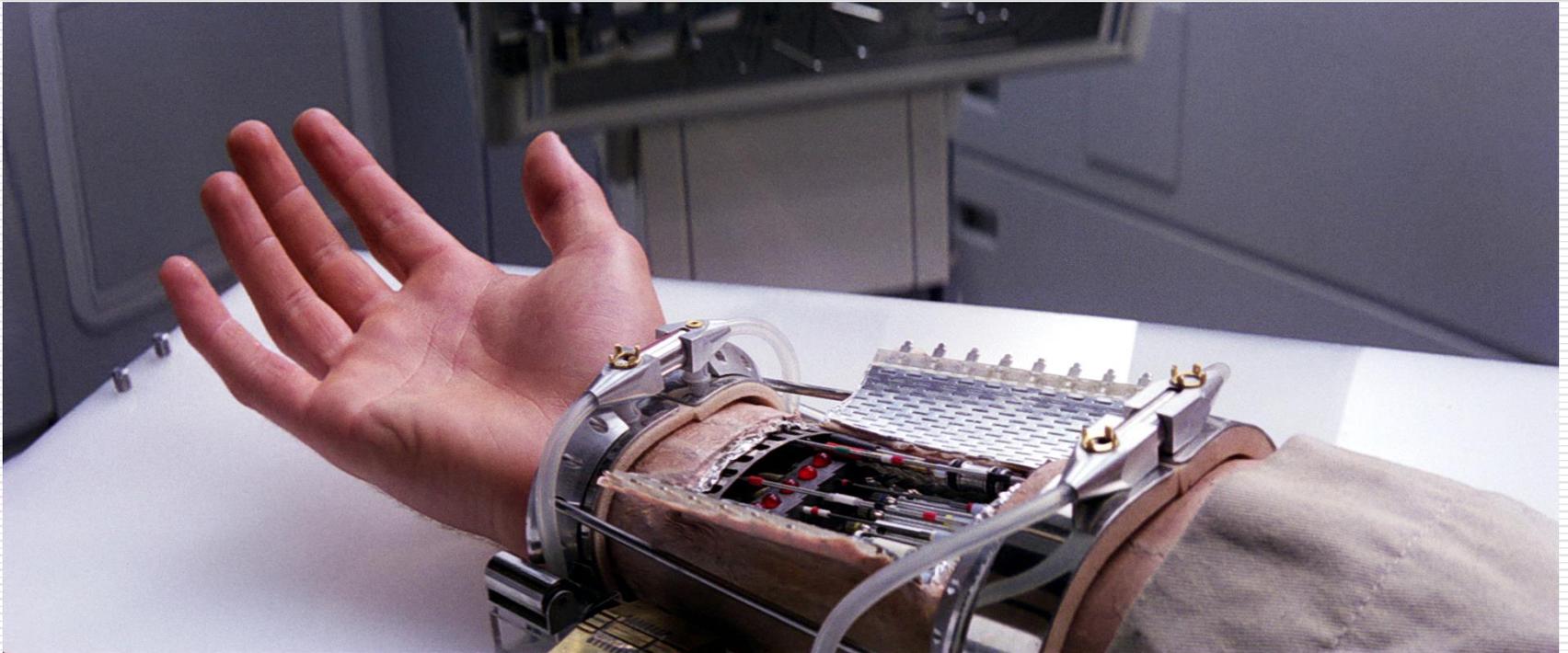
### Sending the message

- 1** Following amputation nerve endings remain
- 2** Nerves rerouted to healthy muscle "Targeted muscle reinnervation"
- 3** When patient thinks about moving arm, muscle contracts
- 4** Electrodes detect the movement, send signal to processor

Source: RIC AFP

# Luke Arm

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# Luke Arm

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- Requires TMR
- Has multiple degrees of freedom :
  - The shoulder configuration offers **10 powered** degrees of freedom.
  - The humeral configuration offers **8 powered** degrees of freedom.
  - The radial configuration offers **6 powered** degrees of freedom.
- Has multiple configurations for control:
  - EMG Measurement unit
  - Pressure Transducers
  - Rocker switch
  - IMU ( Inertial Measurement unit)
  - Pressure switch
  - Linear Transducers

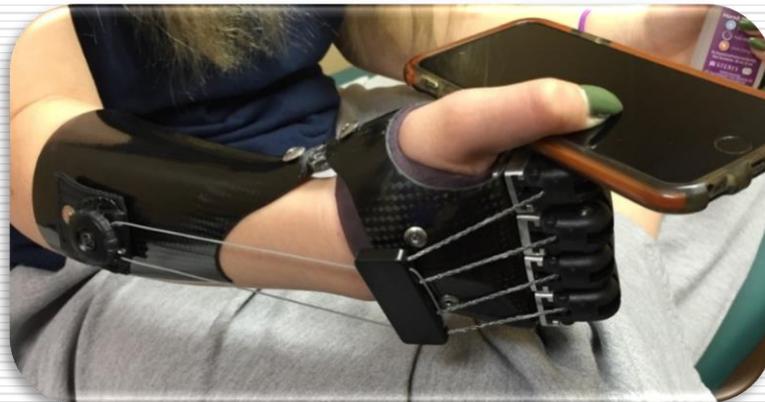
# 3-D Printed Hands

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# New Designs

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# Design process start to finish

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Partial Hand  
3D design  
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romwell, CT



# OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR SILICONE INTERFACING

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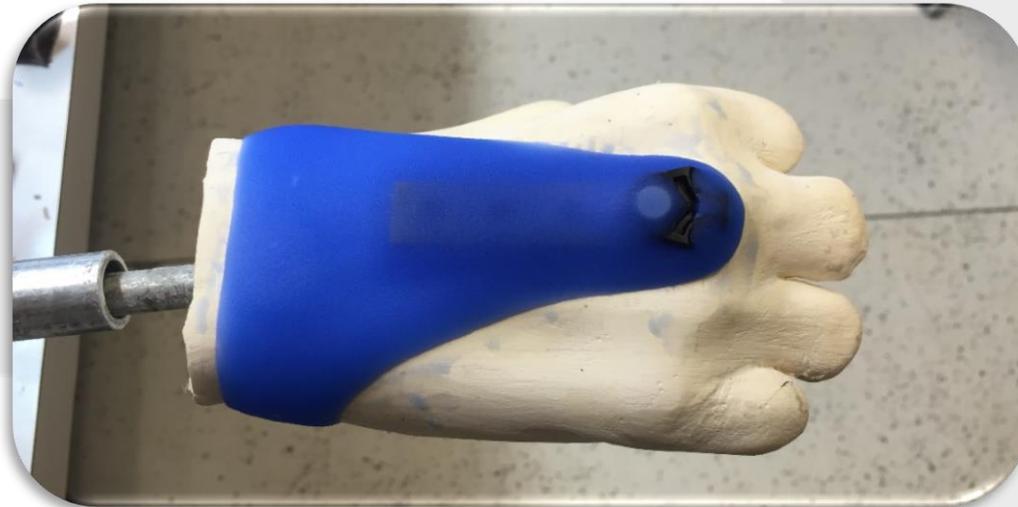
- Zippers
- Anchors
- Multi-durometer
- Multi-color
- Embedded reinforcement
- Variable thickness
- Endless color options
- Embedded electrodes
- Tattoos
- Embedded technology



# PREPARING THE SILICONE

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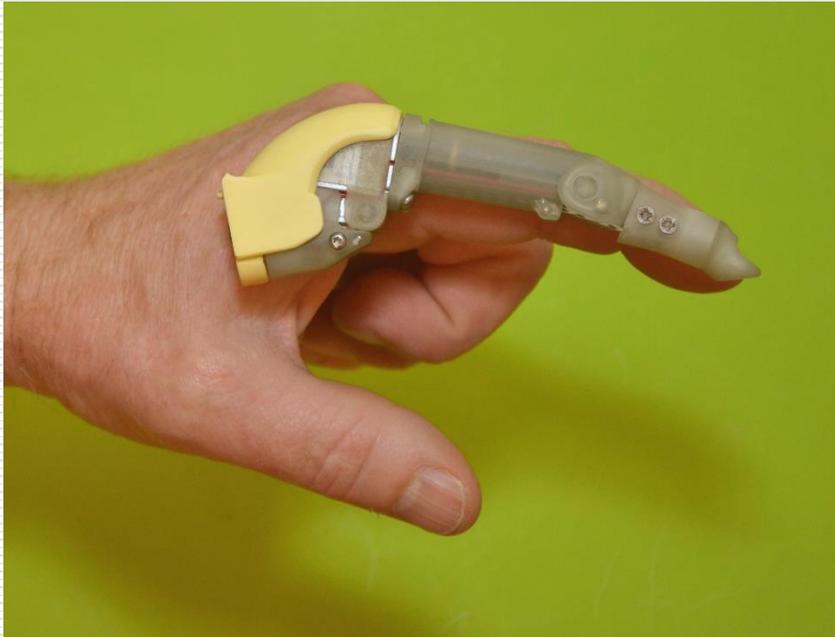
- Clean up trim-lines
- Remove any imperfections
- Cure in oven for 8 hours at 130 Degrees



# Electric Fingers

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ProDigits

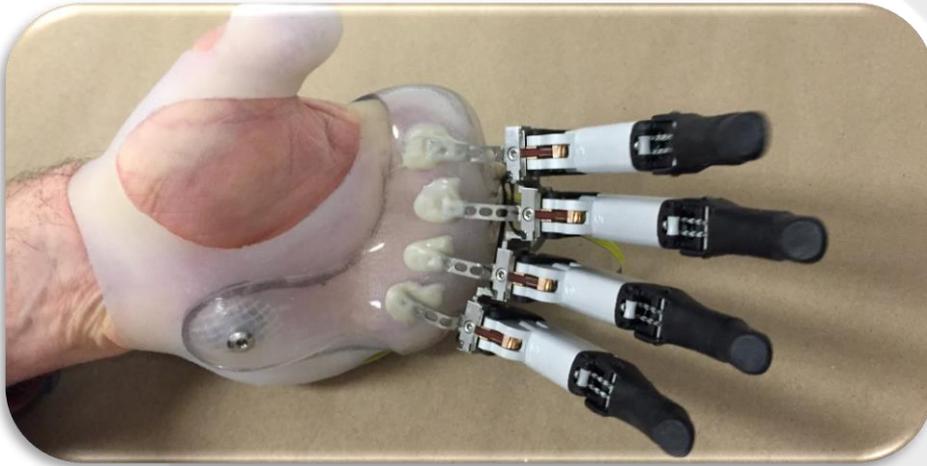


Vincent Finger



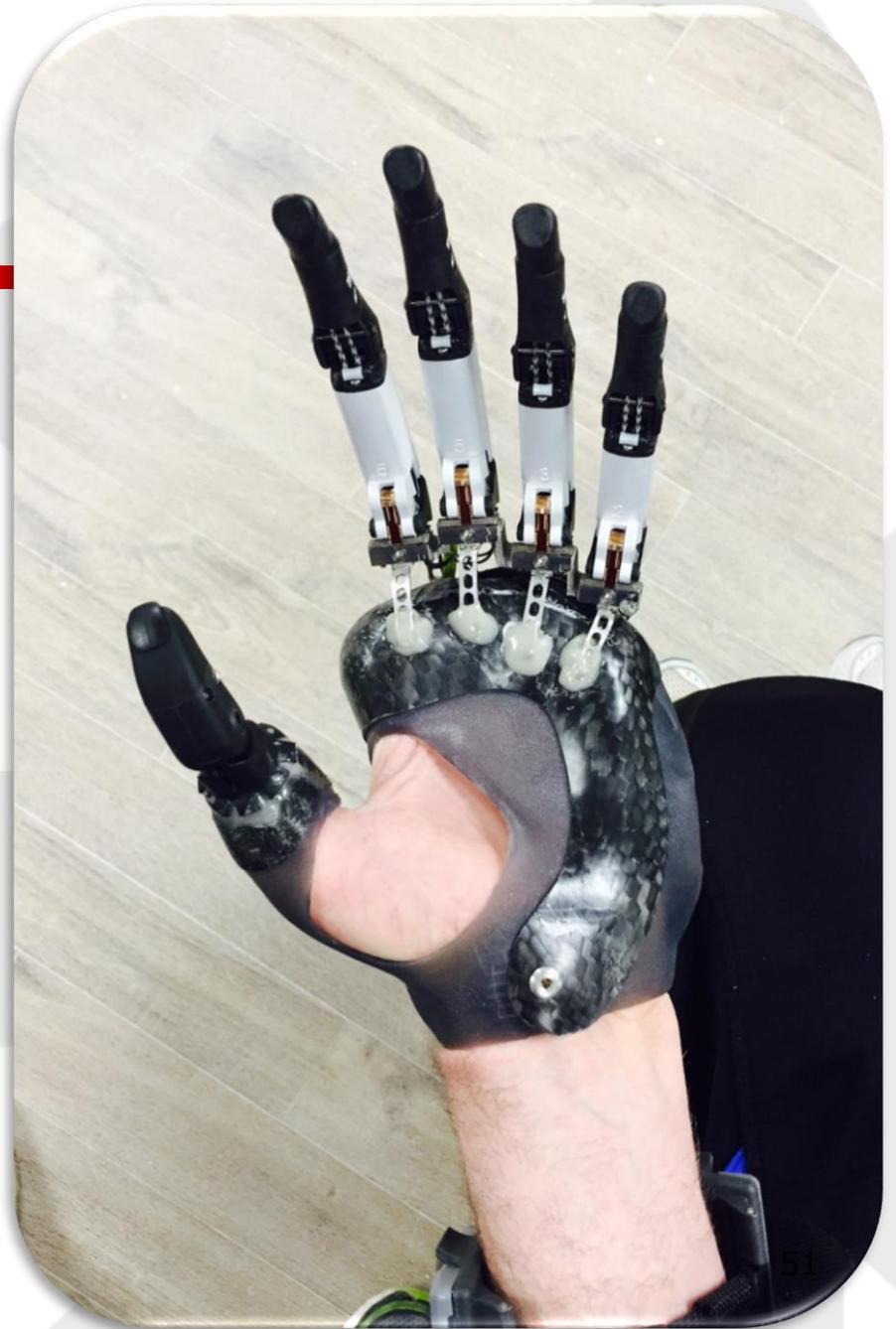
# PARTIAL HAND DESIGN

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# FINAL FABRICATION

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# Thank You!

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## **We Learn...**

**10% of what we read,**

**20% of what we hear,**

**30% of what we see,**

**50% of what we see and hear,**

**70% of what we discuss,**

**80% of what we experience,**

**95% of what we teach others.**

- William Glasser

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