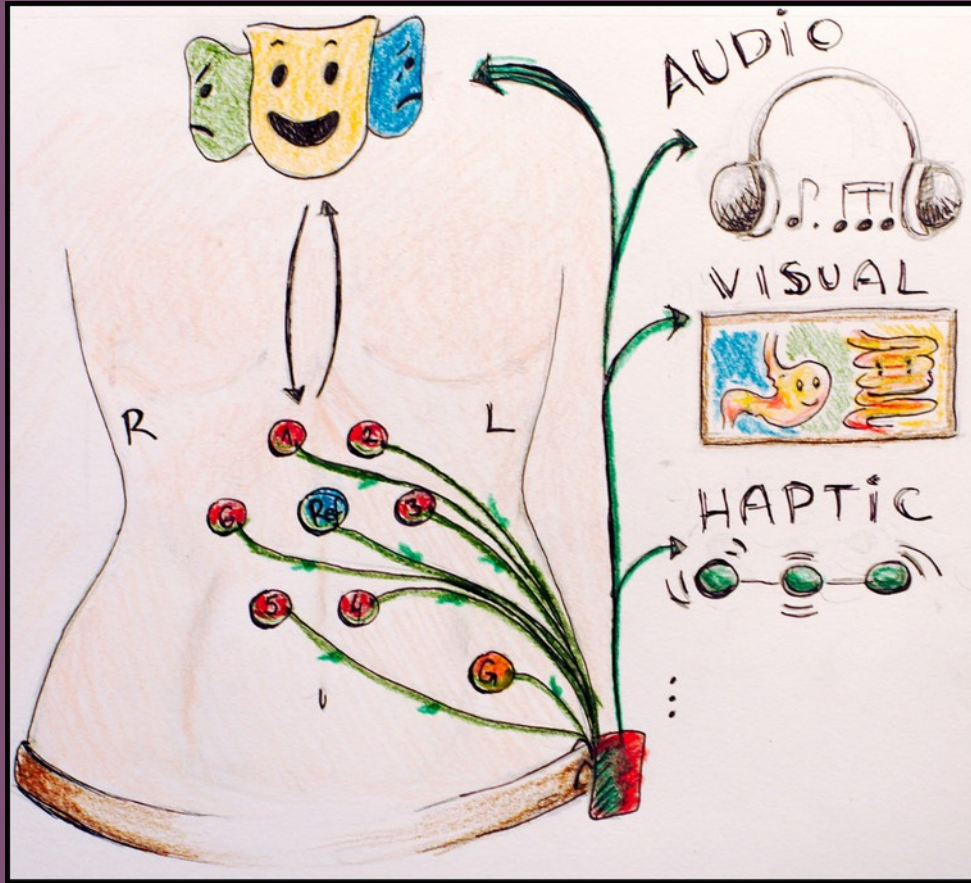


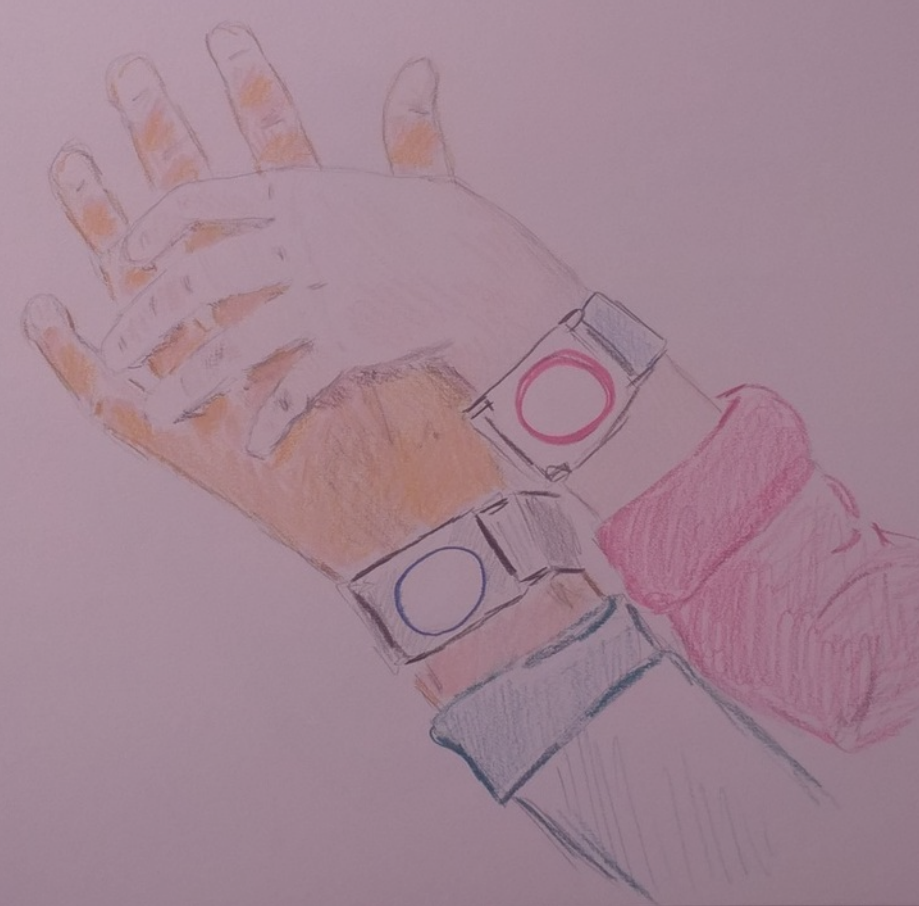
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Physiological sensors in HCI

Need for Wearable, Robust, Affordable



Physiological sensors in HCI

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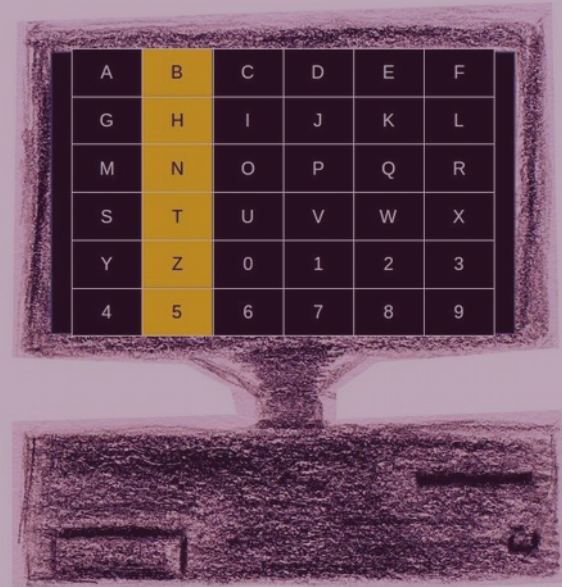
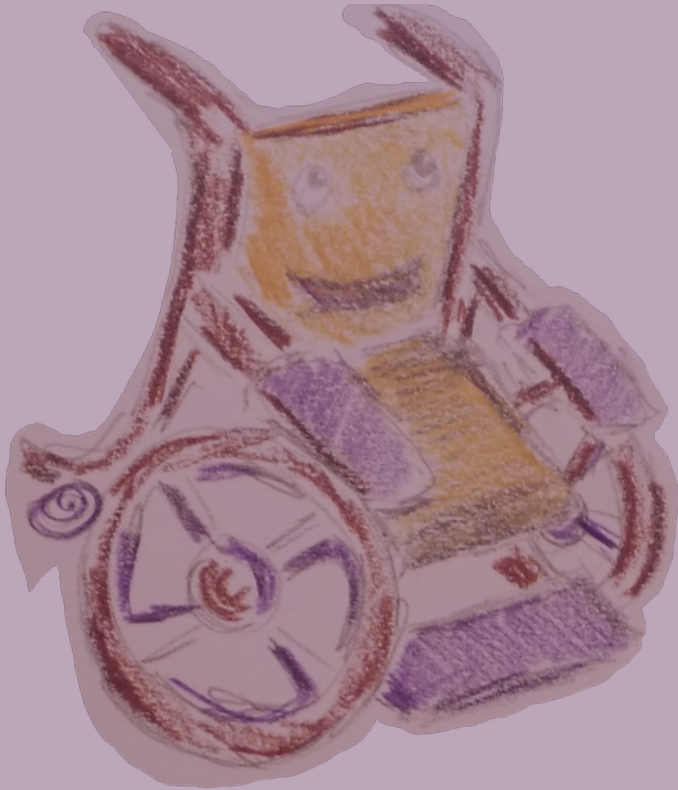
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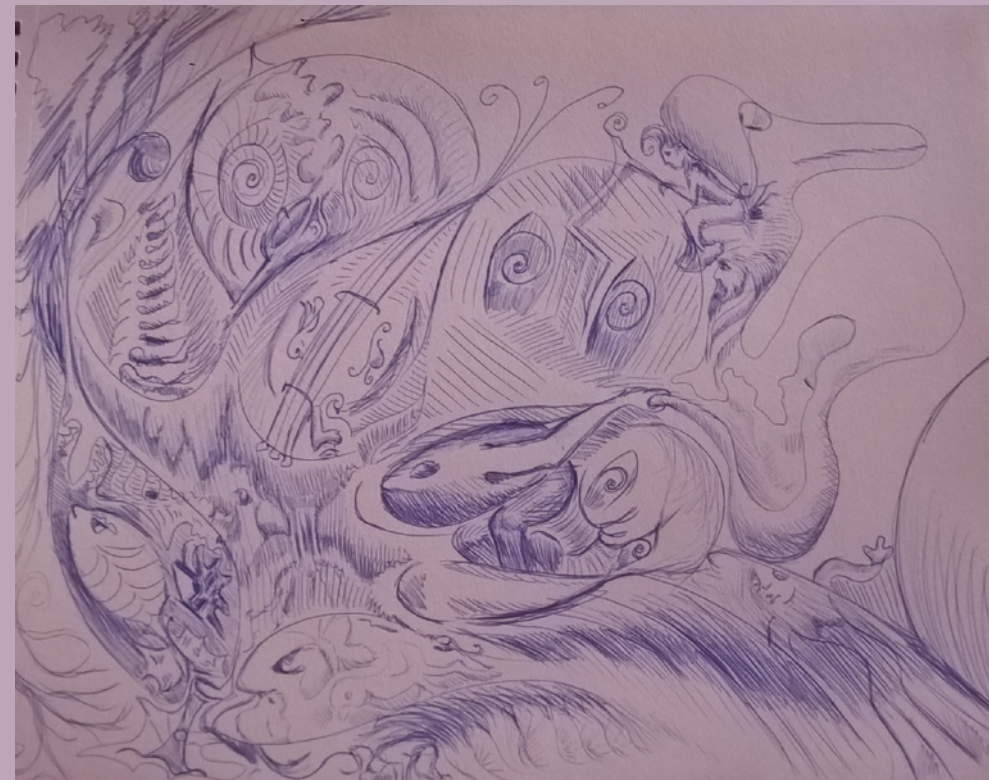
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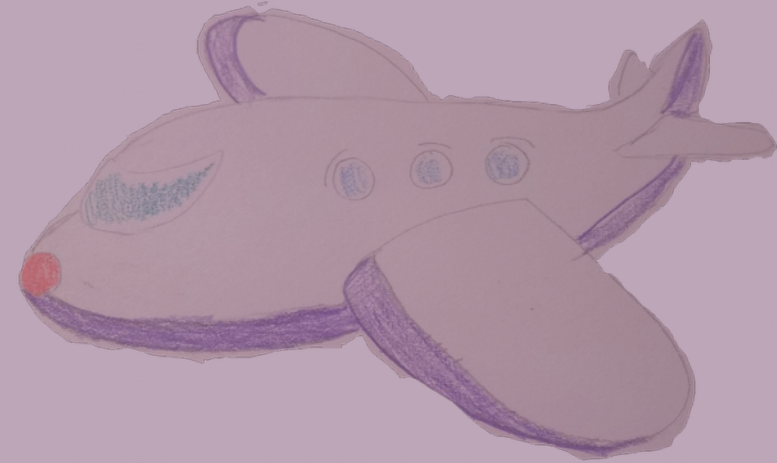
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Application :

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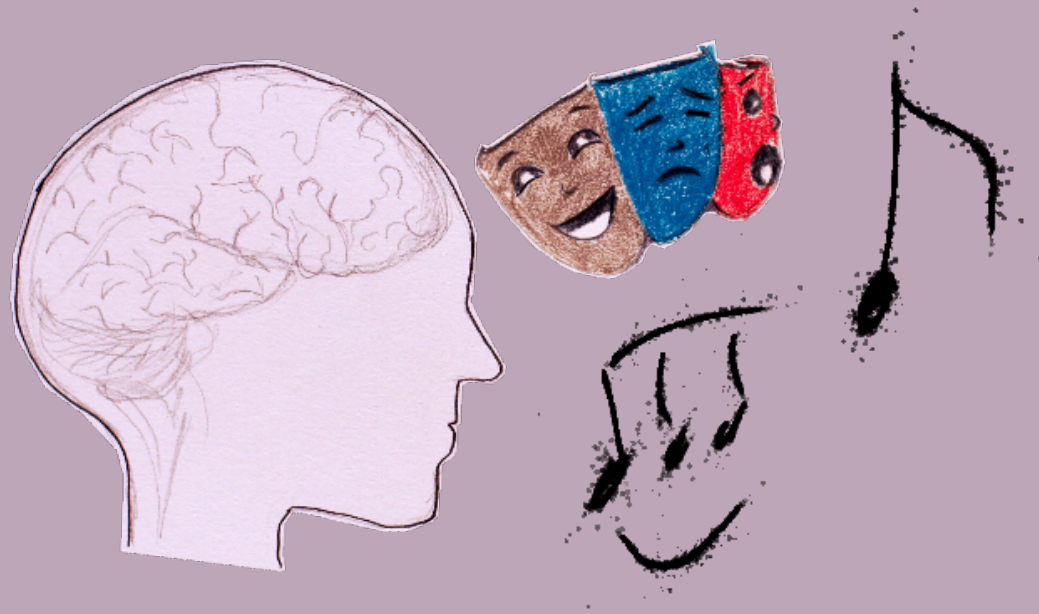


Roo, et al. Inner Garden: Connecting Inner States to a Mixed Reality Sandbox for Mindfulness. CHI '17

Physiological sensors in HCI

Application :

(iv) affective computing



Physiological sensors in HCI

Devices:

EDA,



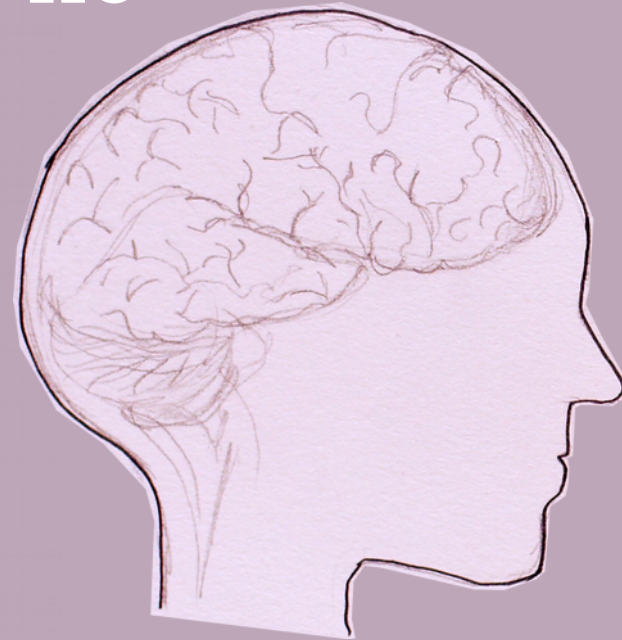
ECG,



Respiration,



EEG



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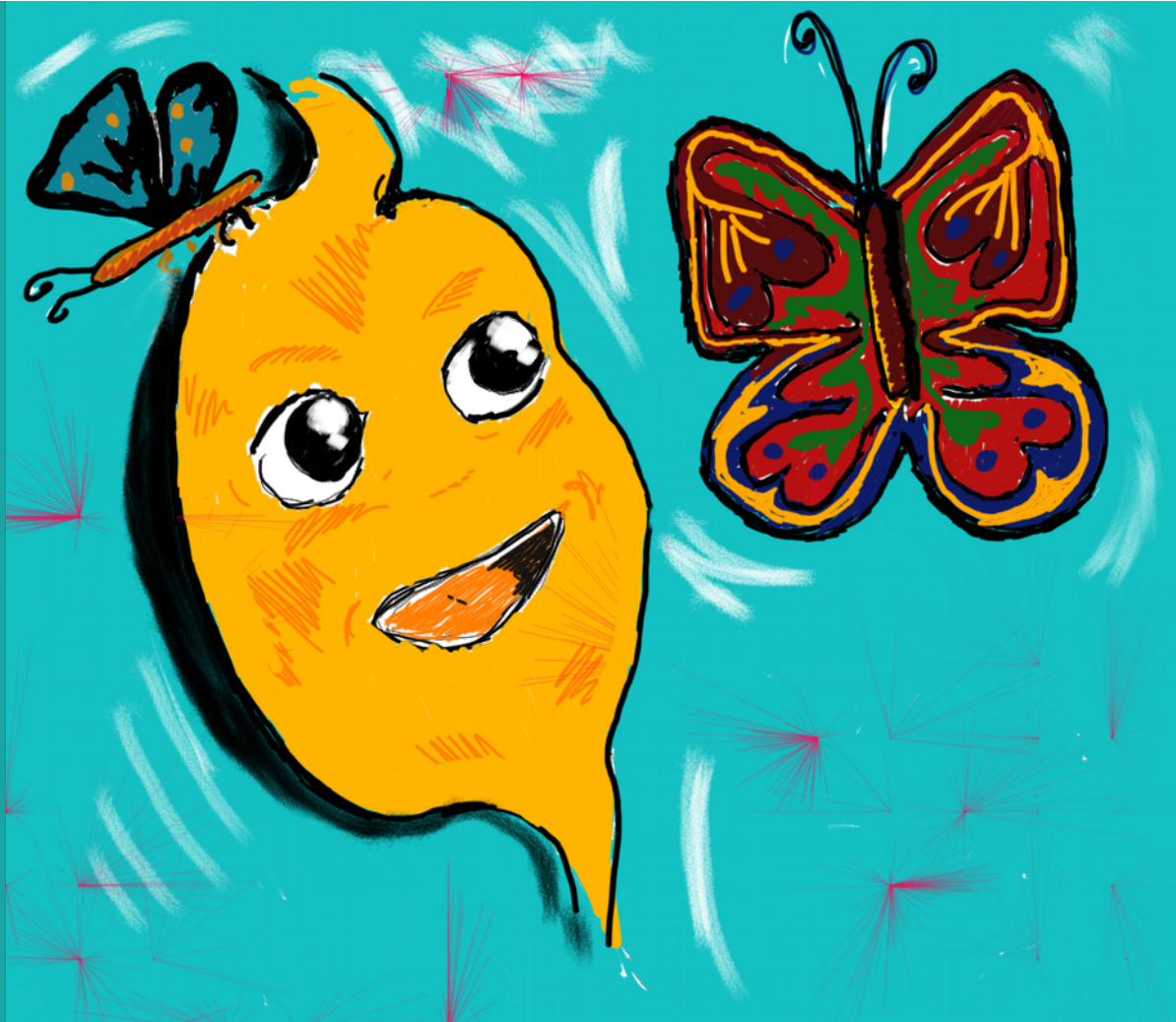
1. Wearable, Robust, Affordable
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NO GUT

The Gut

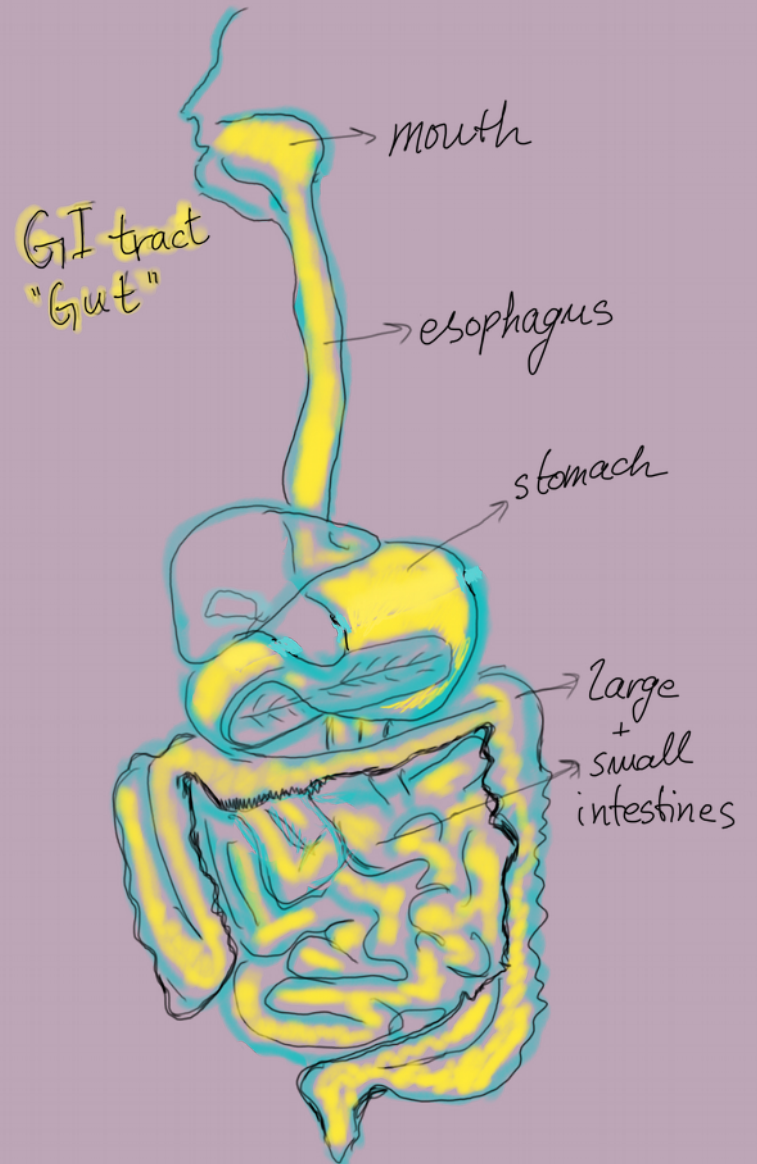
Changes in gut influence
behavior, mood, motivation...

“Nervous stomach”,
“Butterflies in the stomach”,
“A gut feeling”



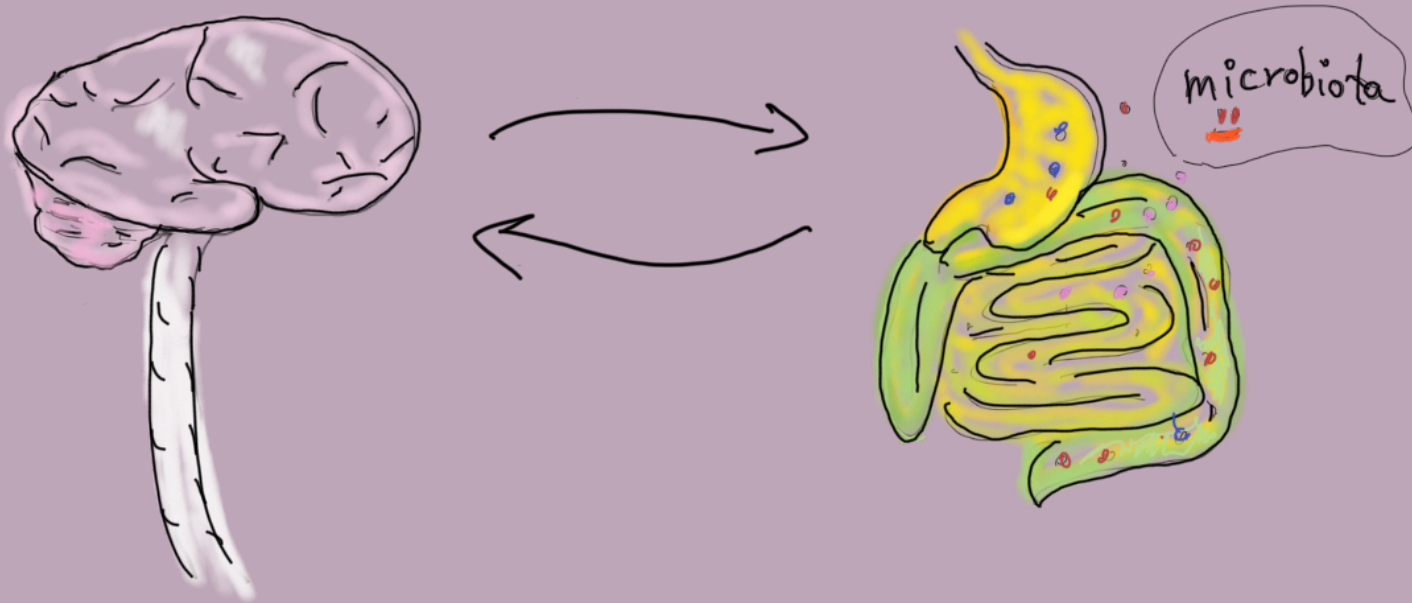
The Gut

Gastro-Intestinal tract (GI) :
mouth, esophagus,
stomach and intestines.



The Gut

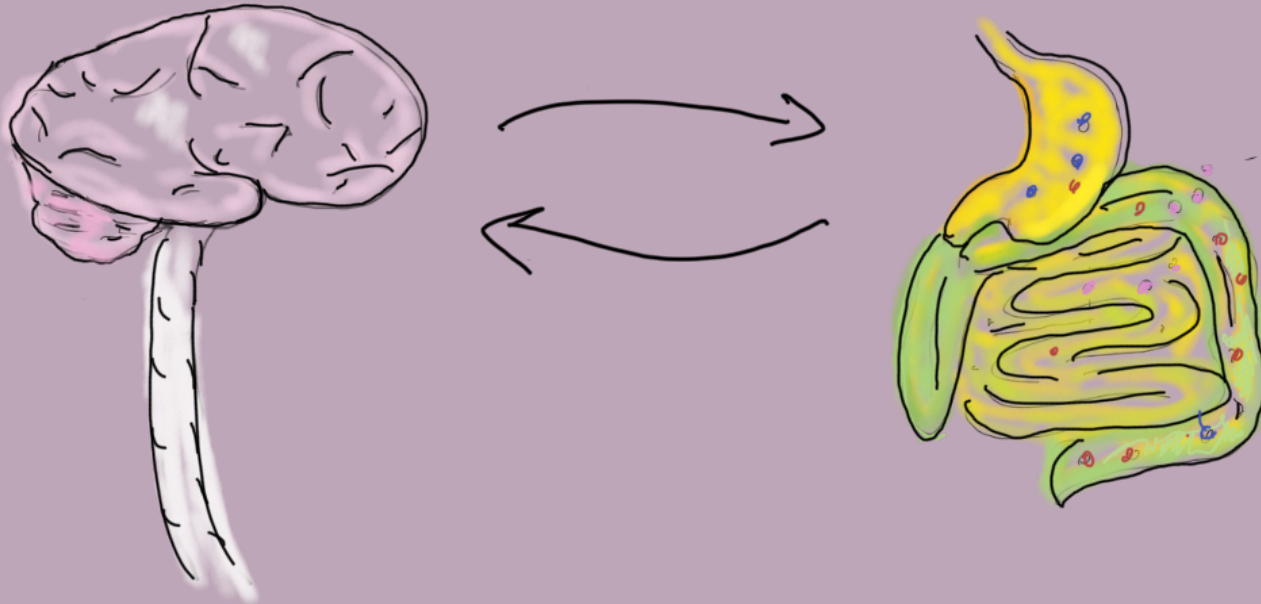
Largest number of microbiome is in the gut,
they Influence behavior



The Gut

Gut-brain axis – a bidirectional communication
Parasympathetic, Sympathetic NS

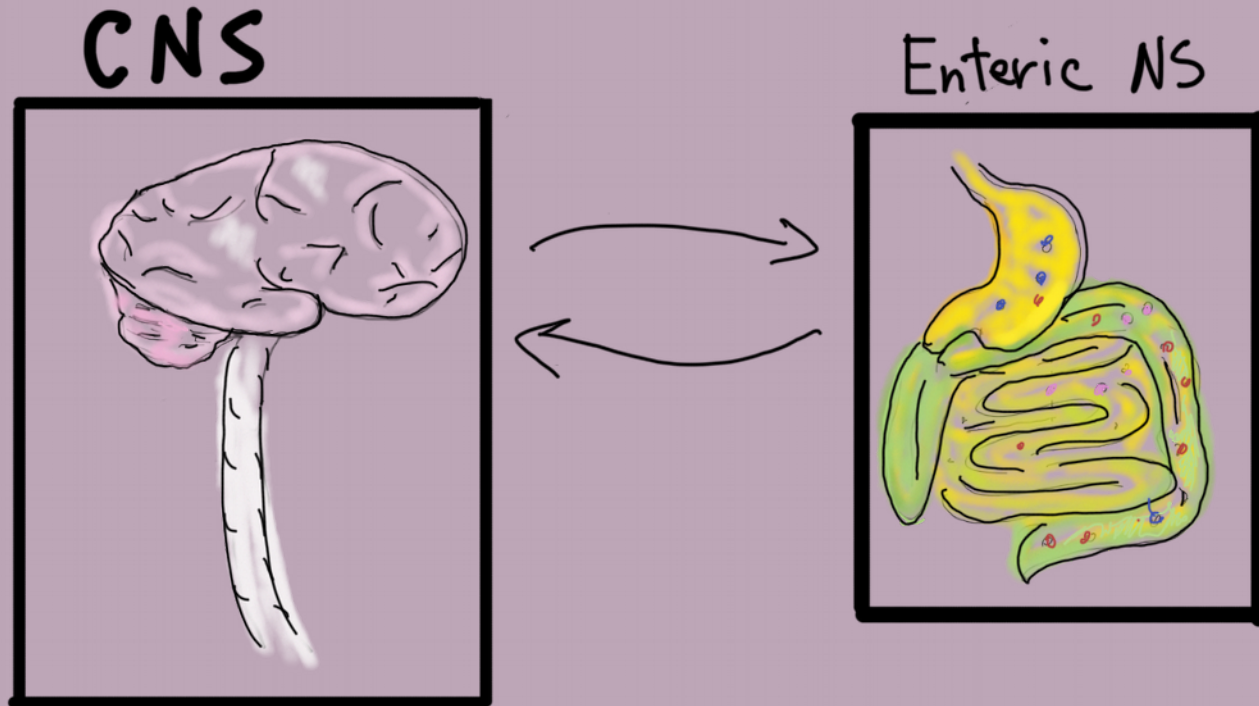
Autonomic NS (Parasympathetic,
Sympathetic)



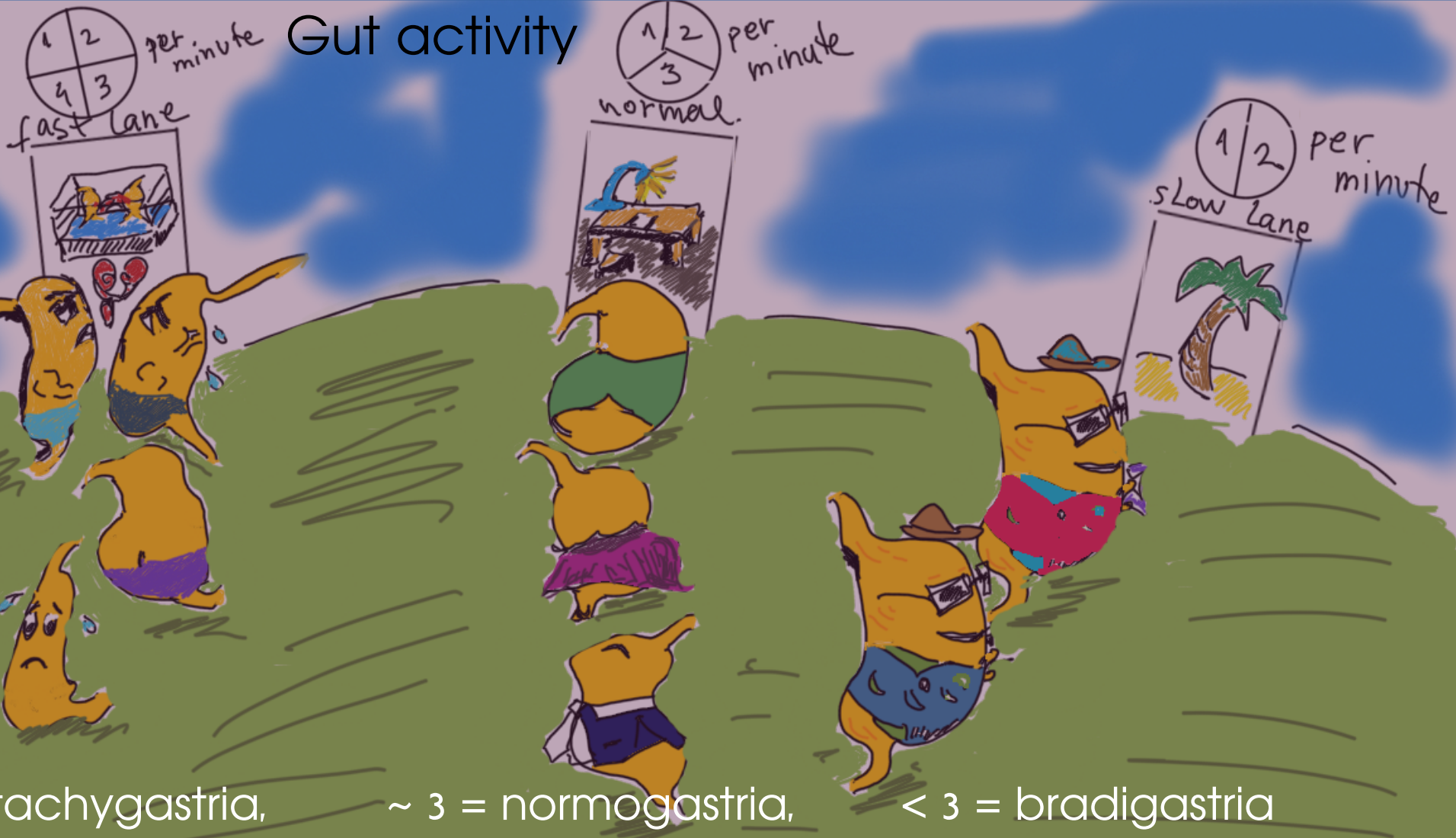
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Gut-brain axis – a bidirectional communication

Enteric system (second brain) – over 500 million nerves



Gut activity



4-9 = tachygastria,

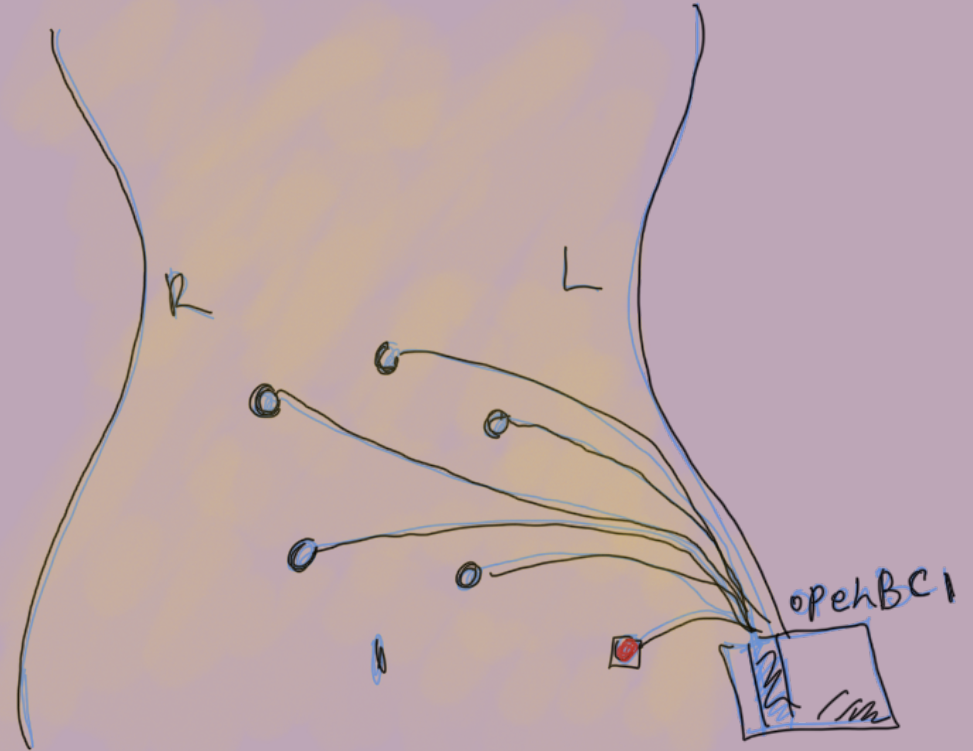
~ 3 = normogastria,

< 3 = bradigastria

Gastric myo-electrical activity creates gut contractions

The Gut sensor – EGG

Reliable, Non-invasive (as for EEG)
OpenBCI



Gharibans A. ... Coleman, T (2018). Artifact Rejection Methodology Enables Continuous , Noninvasive Measurement of Gastric Myoelectric Activity in Ambulatory Subjects.
Scientific Reports

EGG for emotion

Horror, stress, disgust – tachygastria (fast contractions)

J Yin et al. 2004. Inhibitory effects of stress on postprandial gastric myoelectrical activity and vagal tone in healthy subjects.
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Relax – slower gut contractions

Biofeedback

Externalize
internal body
activity



Biofeedback

Breathing exercises with tangible, ambient biofeedback

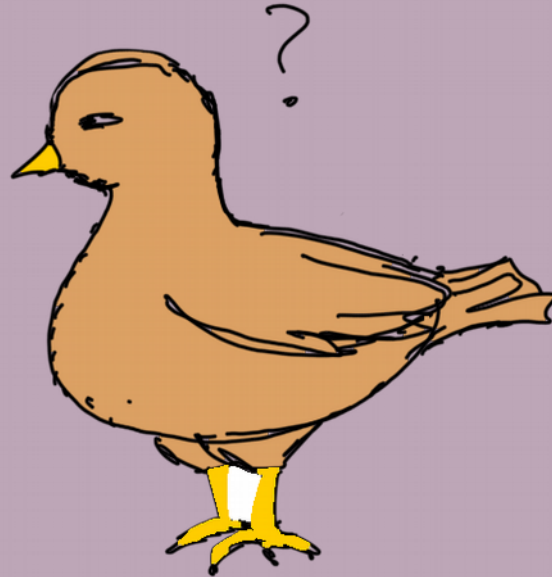
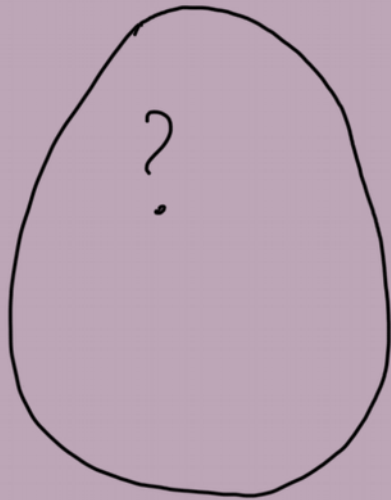


Mladenovic, Frey, Cauchard.
Dišimo: Anchoring Our Breath.
CHI '18 Interactivity

Biofeedback

Assumption :

- physiological changes interpreted as emotion.
- regulating physiology regulates emotion.



Emotion and physiology

James Lang theory – there is no emotion without physiology

William James. 1884. What is an emotion? Mind



Emotion and physiology

Emotion is critical for decision making;

“For us, then, in the beginning it was being,
and only later was it thinking.”

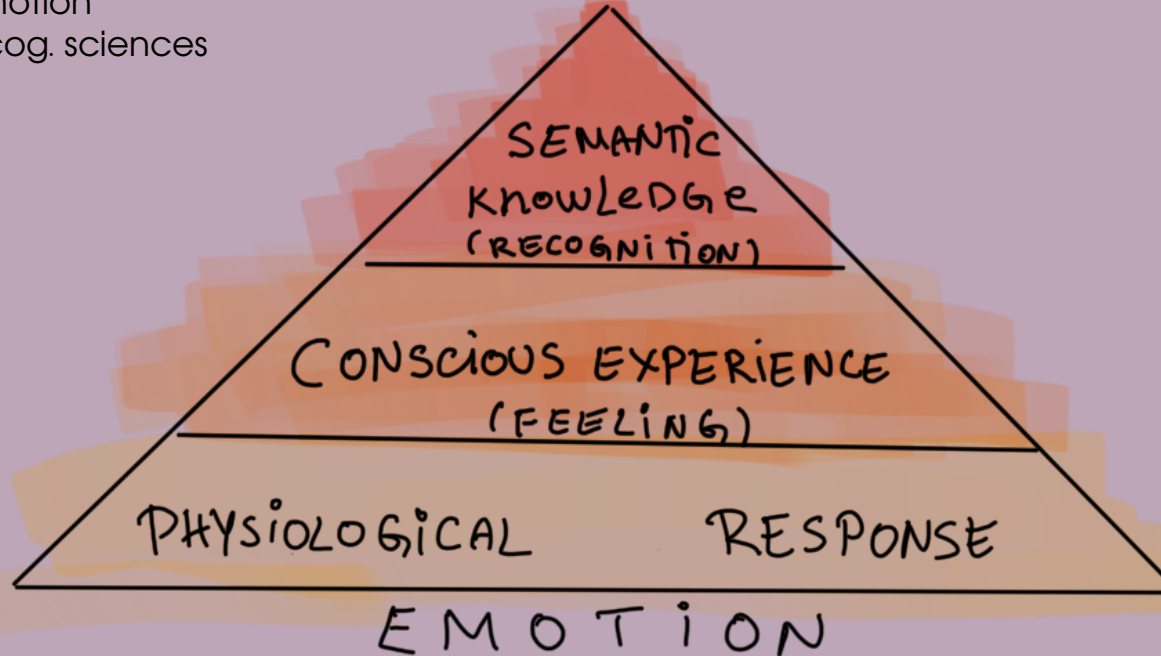
Damasio, A. R. (1994). *Descartes' error: emotion, reason, and the human brain.*
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Emotion and physiology

1. physiological changes = response
2. conscious experience of emotions = feelings
3. semantic knowledge = recognition

Tsuchiya and Adolphs. 2007. Emotion and consciousness. Trends in cog. sciences



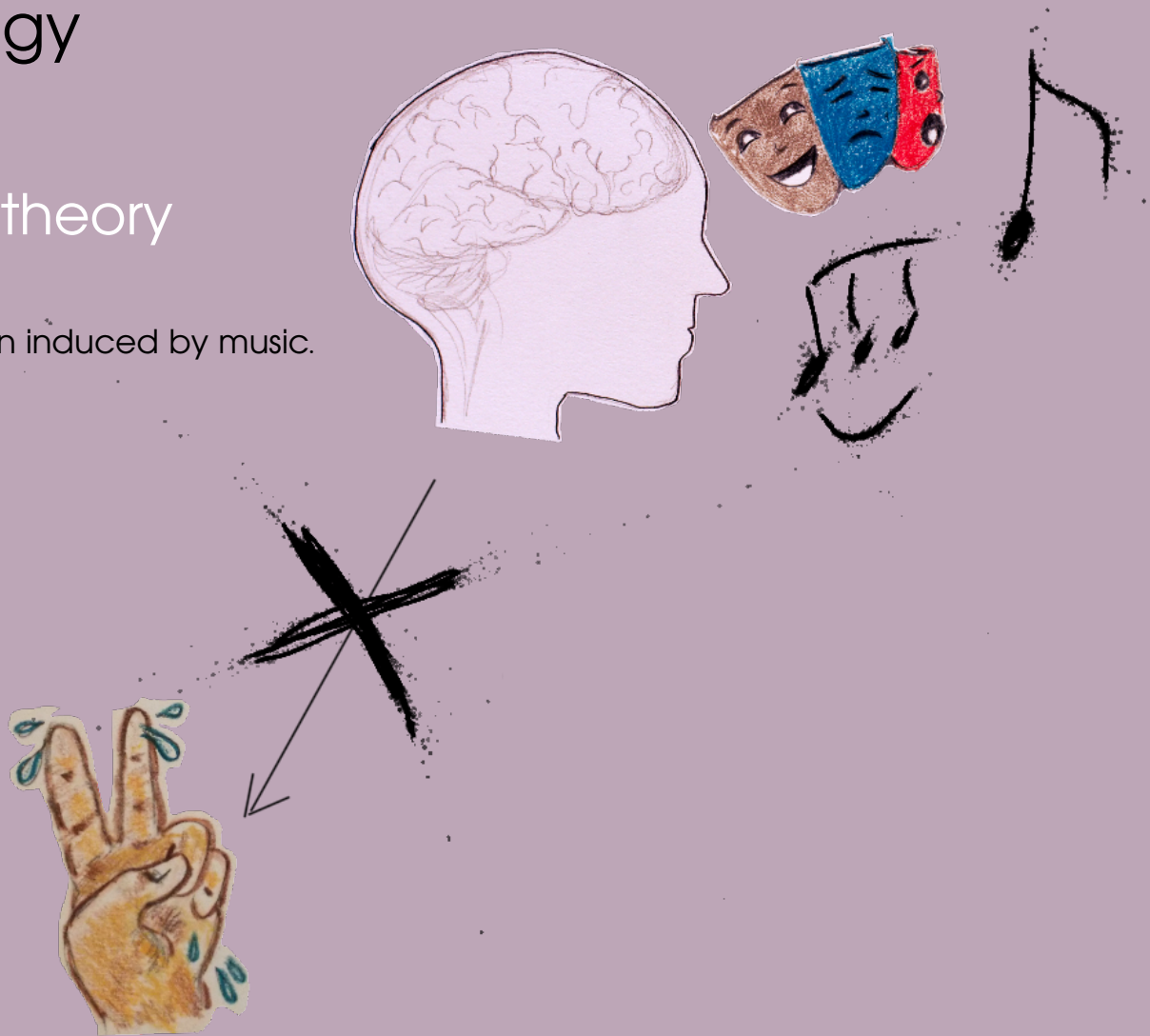
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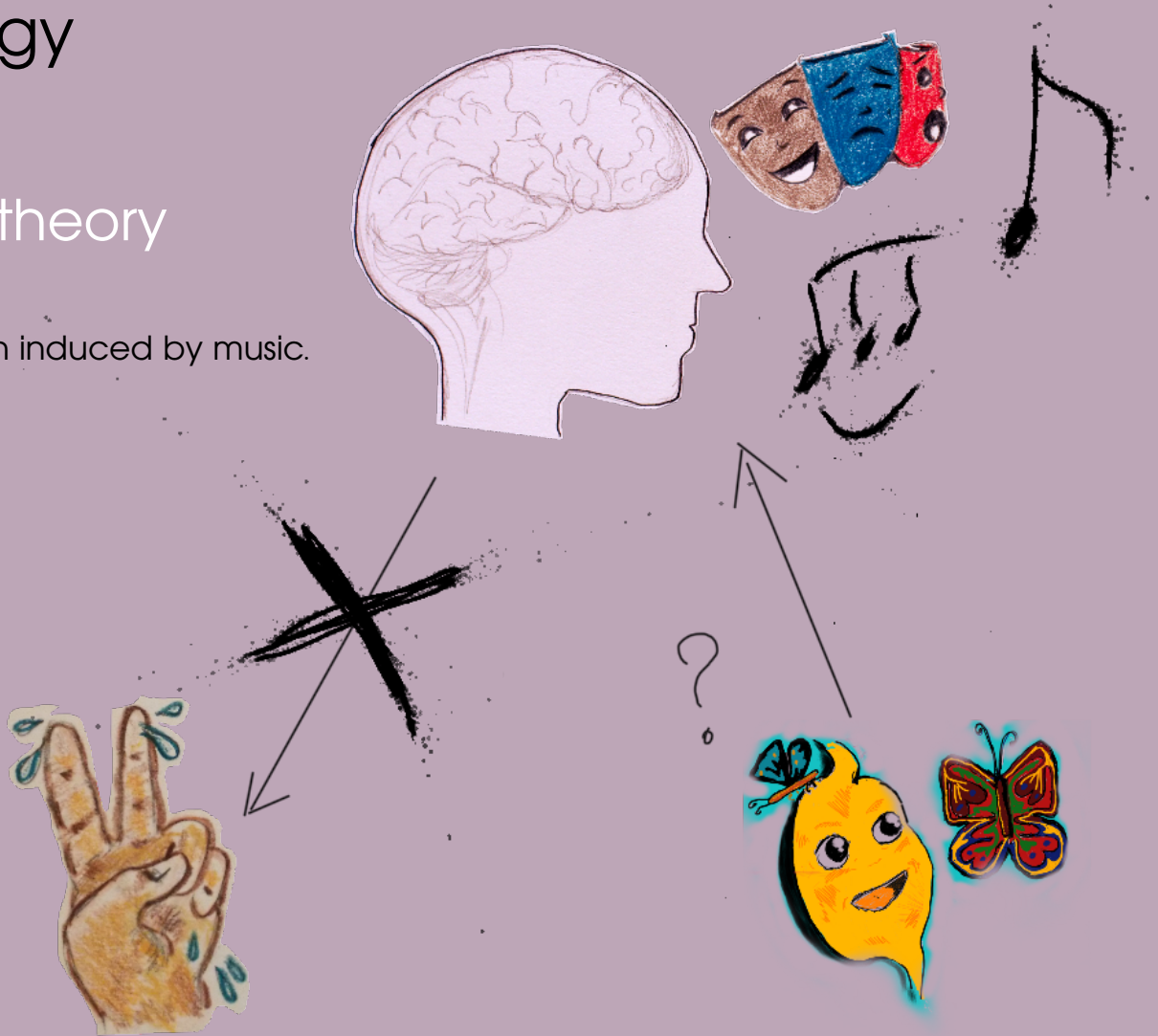
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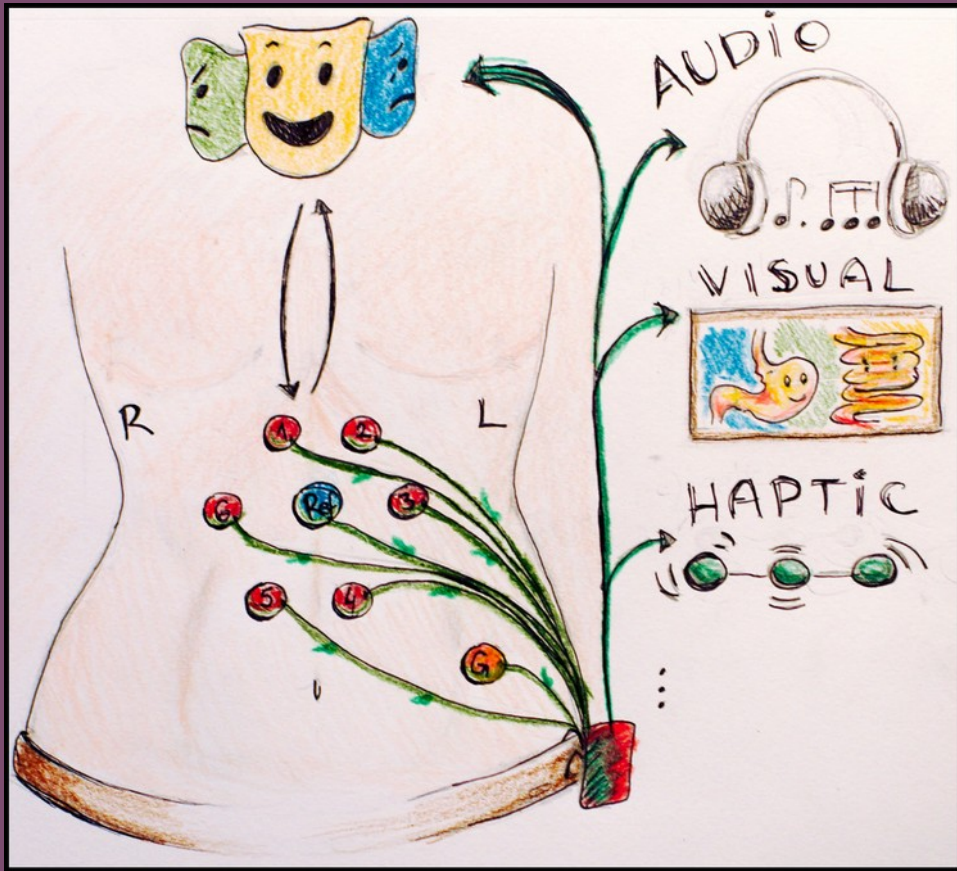
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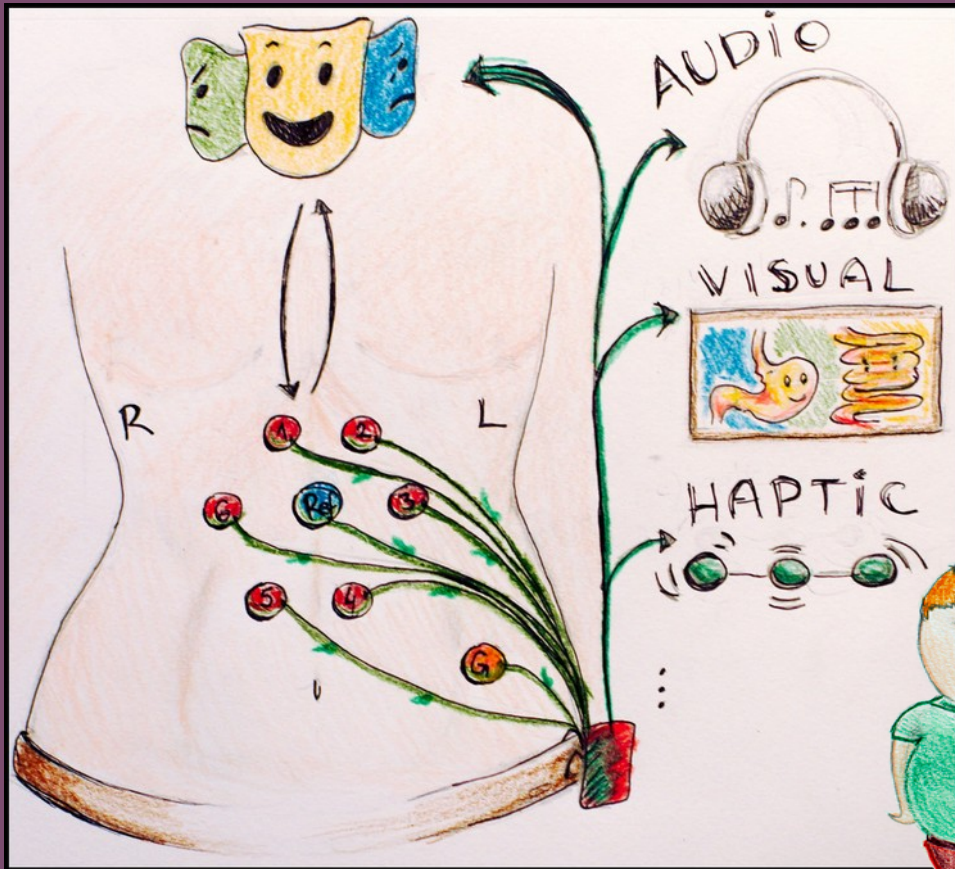


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THANK YOU.

