

THE CHANGE HAS A HANDLE

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A hotend changes what a printer can make; a palm becomes a precise input surface; a sparse cue steers a robot; an answer composes its own controls; and one optical slab is programmed for several functions.



THE SYSTEM LEAVES A HANDLE.

Adaptive systems become usable when the mechanism of change stays close to the work and remains legible.

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Prusa's official product page lists a quick-swappable 400°C HT Hotend for CORE One, CORE One+ and CORE One L, extending them to materials including PPS, PPA and carbon-fiber composites. The company reports 7% higher interlayer adhesion for PC Blend Carbon Fiber and 23% for PA11 Carbon Fiber at elevated profiles; those are vendor tests, and some polymers still require a high-temperature sheet, drybox or filtration. The in-window specialist report establishes the launch timing, while Prusa's page verifies the product details but exposes no publication time.

THE TOOL CHANGES BEFORE THE MACHINE

A QUESTION FOR DESIGN

Could a fabrication platform expose capability as a fast, unmistakable module swap while making material-specific safety and support requirements impossible to miss? *1 *2

02



PalmSpace uses a wrist-mounted infrared camera and normalized palm coordinates to combine contact state, interaction mode and absolute position without per-user sensing-model calibration. In leave-one-participant-out evaluation across 17 participants, the prototype reached 6.7 mm mean localization error, 98.9% contact accuracy and 96.7% four-class F1; supporting tasks included pointing, eyes-free digit input and multi-finger controls. It remains a wired, author-run proof of concept under limited morphology and usage conditions, not a shipping wearable.

A QUESTION FOR DESIGN

THE PALM BECOMES THE SURFACE

Might a body surface become a reliable control plane without adding visible hardware or forcing each person through calibration? ^{*3}

03



THE CUE STEERS THE POLICY

RoboPrompt translates a drawn trace, target point or coarse direction into guidance for three existing diffusion or flow-based robot-policy families without modifying their base architectures. After two to three DAgger rounds, the authors report a 15.5% average success-rate gain for $\pi 0.5$ across three real-world tasks and 21.3% across three policies on bread insertion, while intervention counts fell; six first-time users tried one task after a five-minute introduction. The preprint's tests are small and author-run, rely on a fixed environment-camera projection and do not yet control dexterous hands.

A QUESTION FOR DESIGN

Could robot correction be reduced to a cue that is easy to give and easy to revoke, while the system shows how much autonomy remains? ^{*4}

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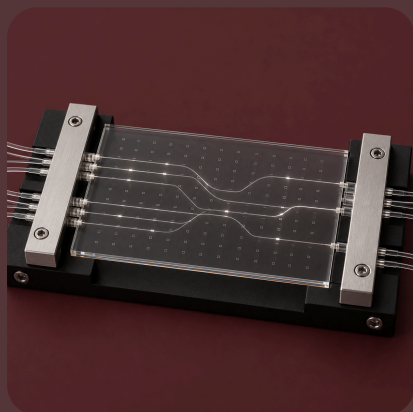
THE ANSWER BUILDS ITS INTERFACE

OpenAI began rolling GPT-6 Intelligent UI to paid ChatGPT tiers with a native component library and compiler that can assemble text, graphics, buttons, forms, charts and interactive tools as an answer is generated. The interface can appear progressively rather than waiting for a finished response, moving adaptation from content alone into layout and controls. The architecture, evaluation and performance claims are first-party; contemporaneous reporting confirms the announced rollout but does not independently test consistency or design judgment.

A QUESTION FOR DESIGN

If an interface is composed per request, which controls, states and escape routes should stay fixed enough to preserve orientation and trust? ^{*5} ^{*6}

05



A preprint demonstrates one thin-film lithium-niobate slab waveguide with roughly 10,000 programmable regions and refractive-index tuning up to 1.7×10^{-3} . The same approximately one-centimeter chip was trained in situ for 4×4 and 8×8 mode permutations, mode demultiplexing and matrix-vector multiplication—functions that would conventionally occupy separate patterned devices. The laboratory system is free-space coupled, uses a 600-volt, 4-hertz bias, takes about 1.5 seconds to settle after a pattern change and records output intensity rather than phase.

A QUESTION FOR DESIGN

ONE CHIP CHANGES ITS FUNCTION

Could a reprogrammable physical substrate replace a set of fixed components without making its current function, latency and residual state harder to see? ^{*7}

AUXETIC LENS

EXPAND WITHOUT EXCESS.

The most useful future is not the one with the most technology, but the one that adapts to benefit all forms of intelligence.

01

When capability can change at runtime, what persistent handle should let a person redirect it without learning a second system?

02

Which uncertainties belong in models, and which are better removed by geometry, modules or the body itself?

03

Can one configurable substrate replace several fixed tools without hiding its current state, support requirements or path back?

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Prusa Research Releases New HT HOTEND

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HT Hotend Upgrade (for CORE One/+ and CORE One L/+)

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PalmSpace: Towards a Versatile On-Palm Interaction Space through Unified Touch Modeling

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RoboPrompt: Intuitive Robot Policy Steering with Sparse Human Input

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OpenAI brings GPT-6 to ChatGPT and debuts Intelligent UI

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Lithography-free in situ photonic inverse design

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