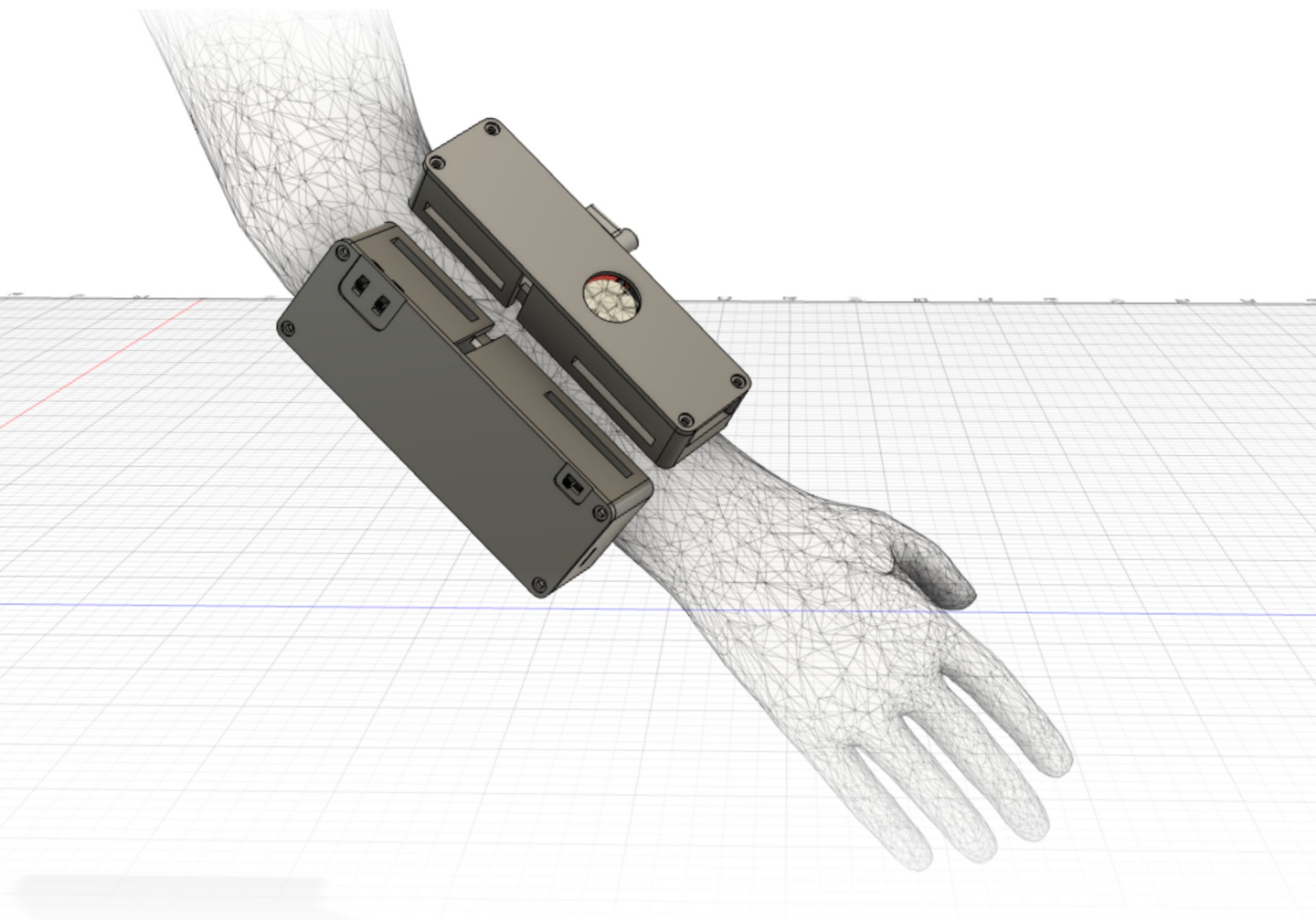


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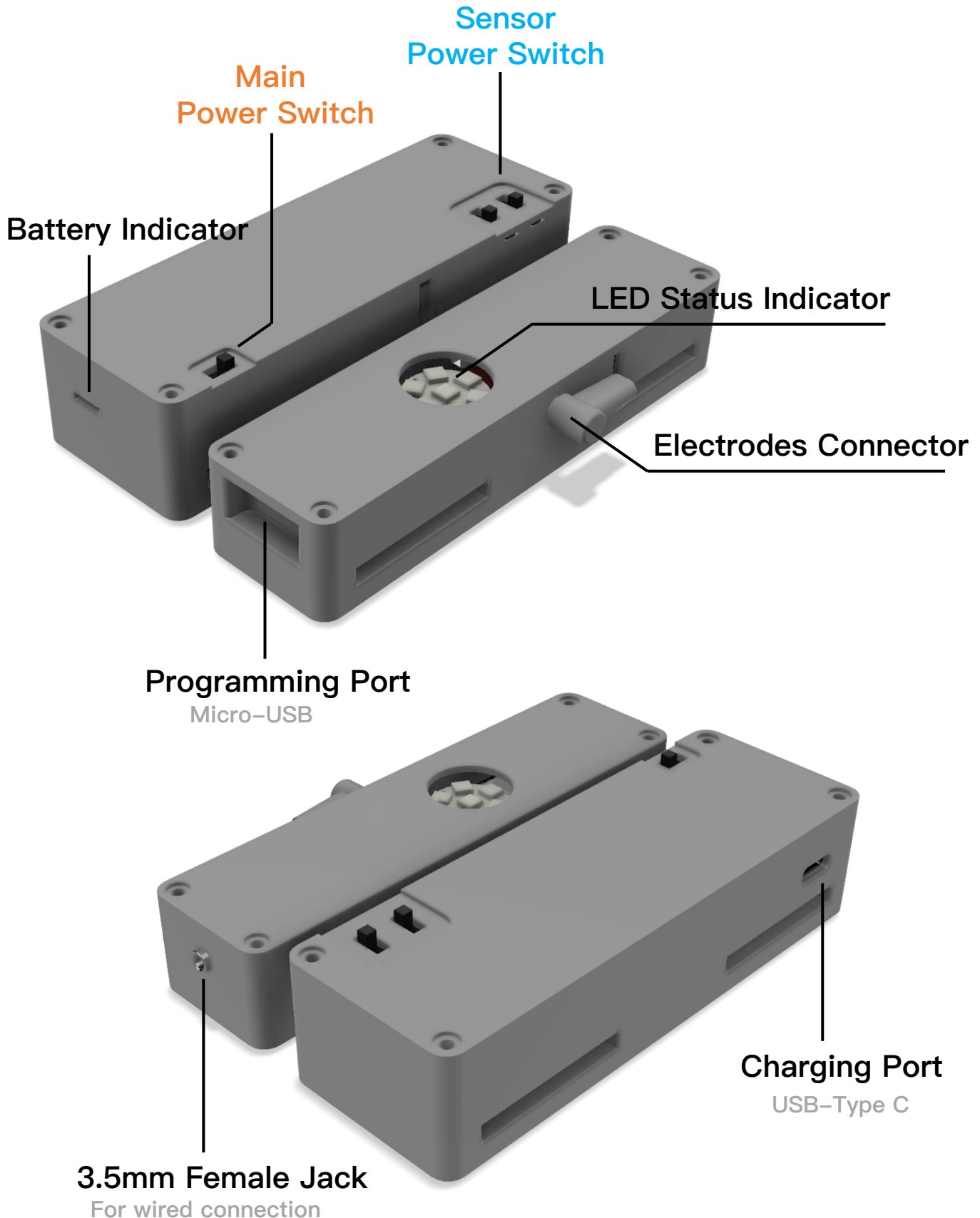
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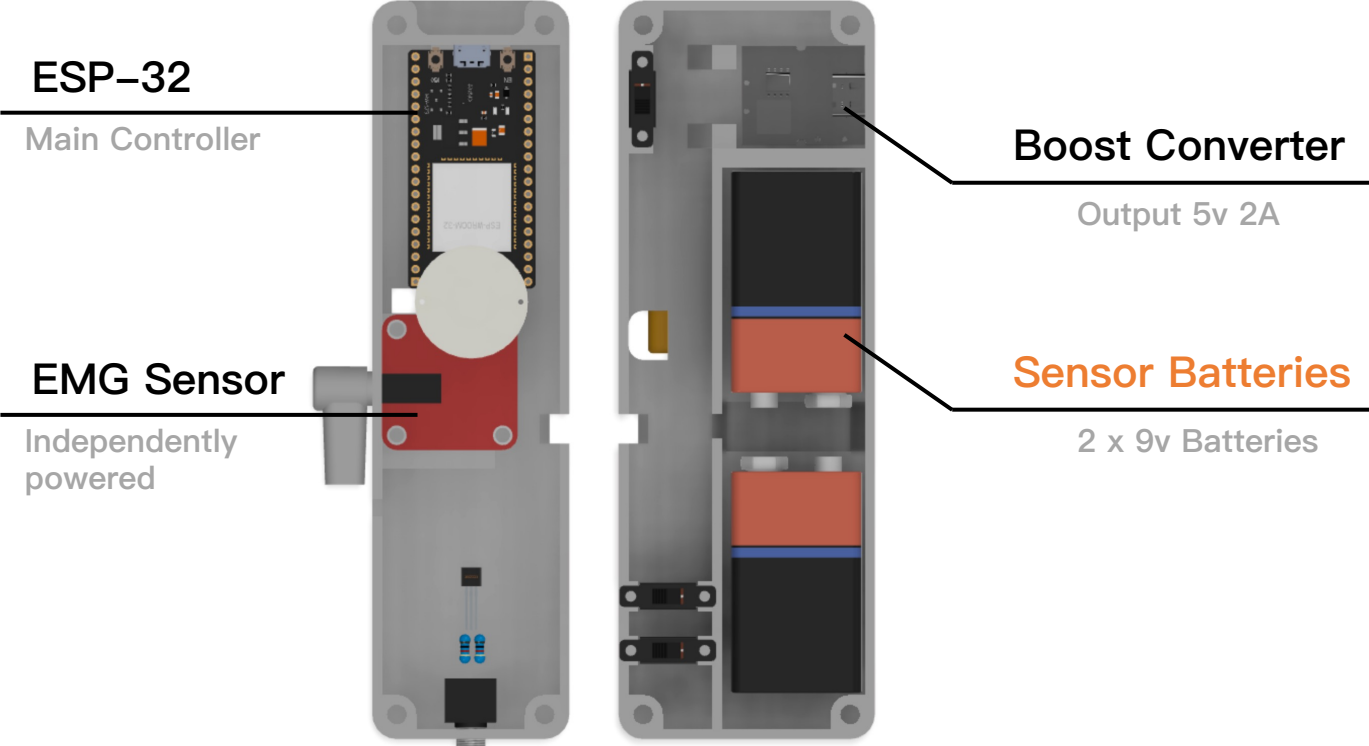
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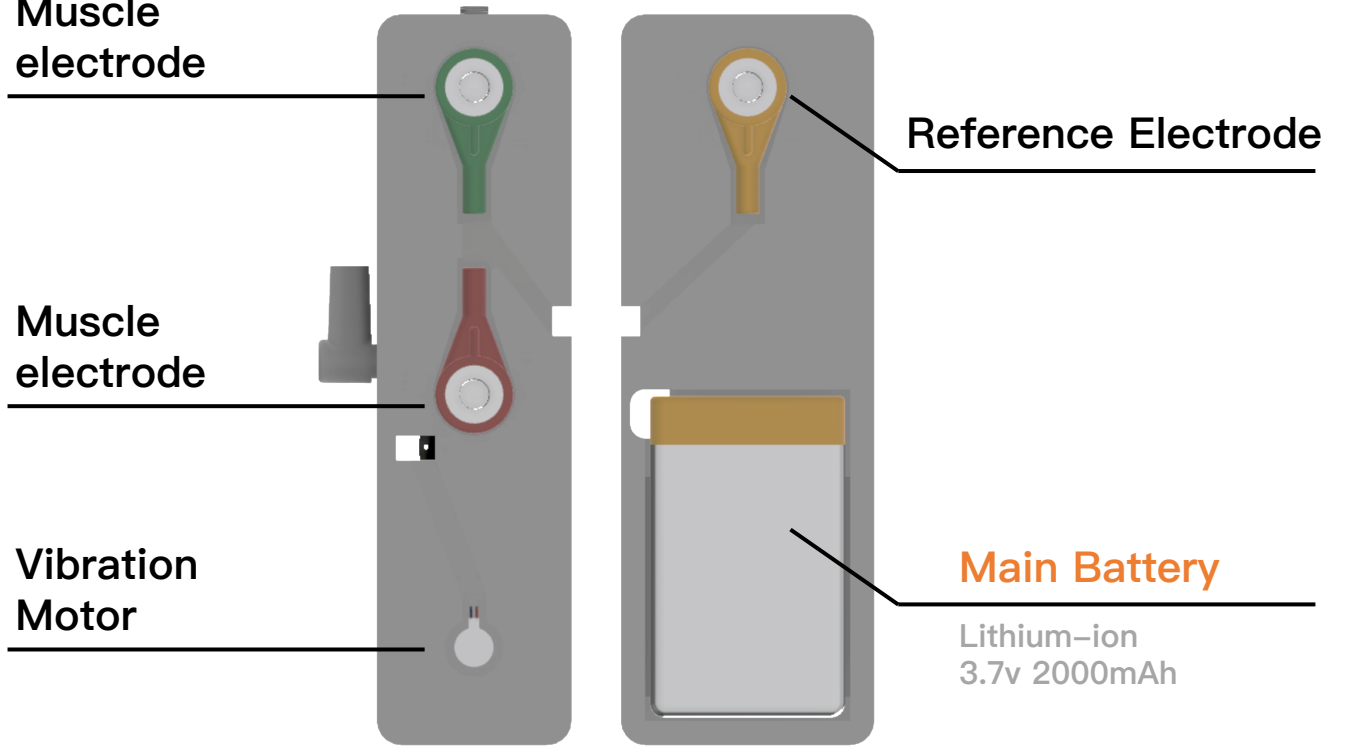


# Hardware

Top View



Bottom View



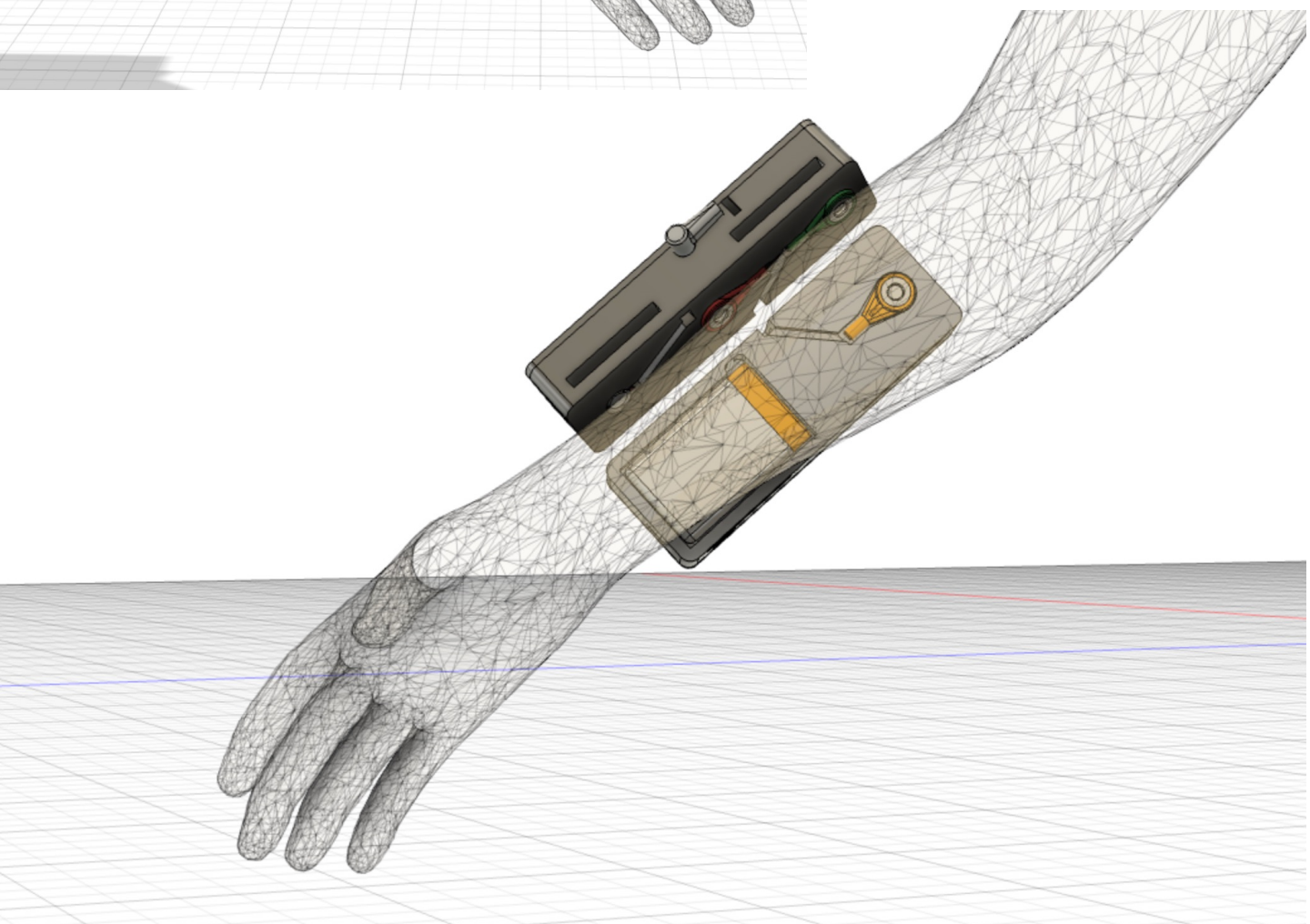
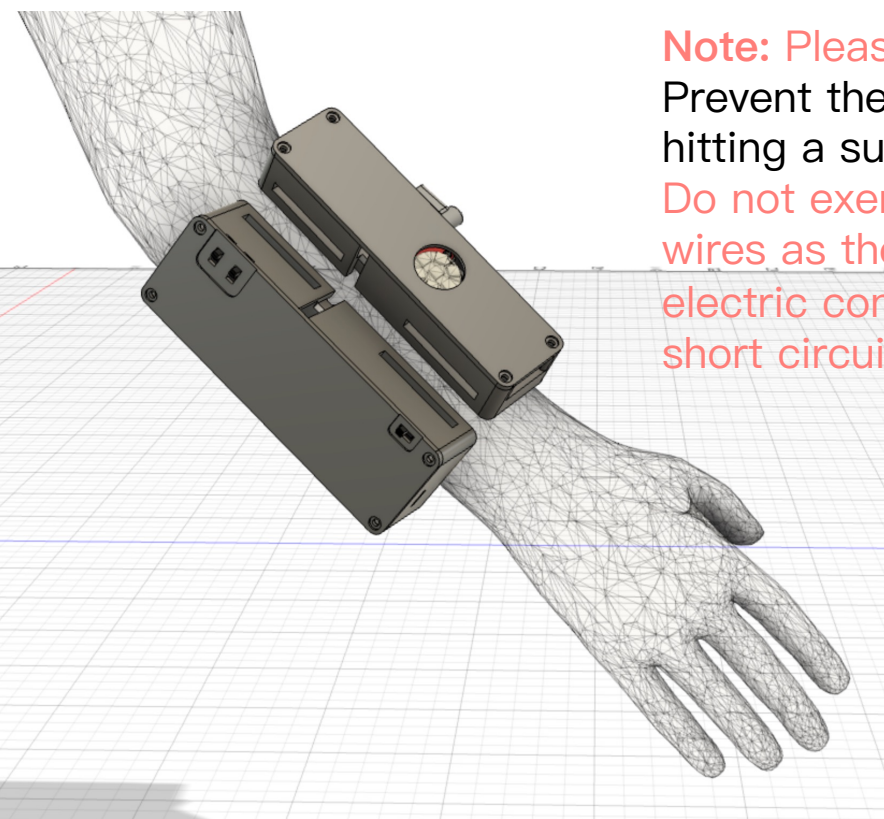
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**Note:** Please handle device with care.

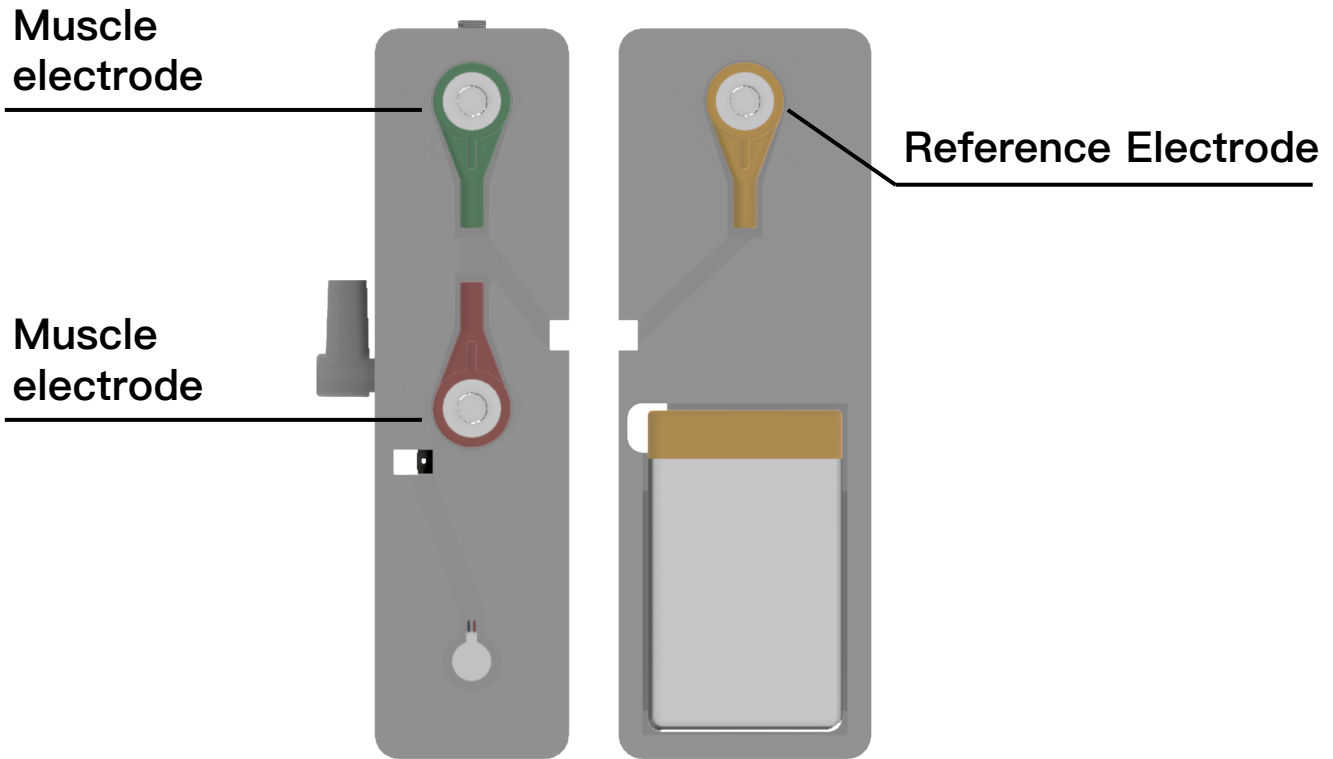
Prevent the device from falling or hitting a surface too hard.

Do not exert excessive force on the wires as these forces may break electric connections and may cause short circuit!



# How to position the sensor

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## Step 1:

After determining which muscle group you want to target, clean the skin thoroughly.

## Step 2:

Position the **GREEN** muscle electrode in the middle of the muscle body.

## Step 3:

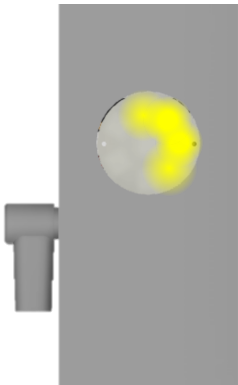
Position the **RED** muscle electrode in the end of the muscle body.

## Step 4:

Position the **YELLOW** reference electrode on a bony or non-muscular part of your body near the targeted muscle.

# Usage

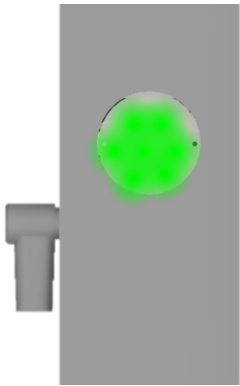
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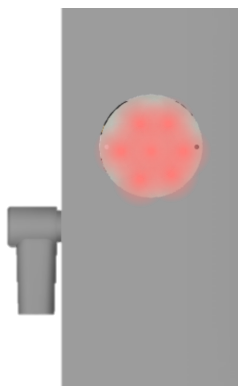
## Step 1

Turn on the **main power switch**  
If successful, the LED will display a yellow loading animation.

Then turn on BOTH **sensor power switches**



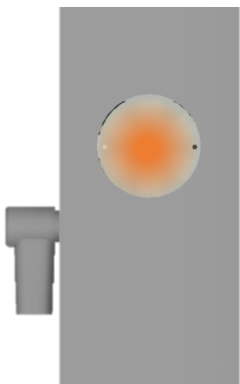
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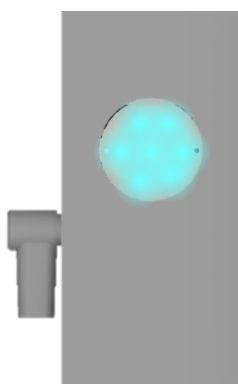
Connection  
Unsuccessful

## Step 2

**Green** indicator means  
successful Wi-Fi connection,  
**Red** Light means Wi-Fi  
connection failed.



Normal  
Stand-by



Activated  
Switch  
Engaged

## Step 3

After successful connection, the  
device will turn on a single  
colored LED indicator and  
entering stand-by, waiting for  
activation.



# Visit Device Settings

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## Step 1

Make Sure your phone is connected to the **same Wi-Fi Network** as the EMG Switch



### Website NFC Tag

Open "emgswitch01.bc.edu" in Safari

now



## Step 2

Tap your phone on the front of the Wireless Transceiver to access the website hosted by the transceiver.

## Alternatively

If the EMG Switch is connected to Boston College "eduroam" network, manually visit <http://emgswitch01.bc.edu> on your browser.

If the EMG Switch is connected to other home Wi-Fi, manually visit <http://emgswitch01.local> on your browser.

\* If the webpage failed to load, check if the EMG switch is turned on and connected to the network,  
Or restart the EMG Switch if necessary.

# Visit Device Settings

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## Change Activation Threshold:

The EMG Sensor will read a value between 0 and 4095. When the muscle is exerting force, the higher the force (e.g. the tighter you grab the fist), the higher the reading.

The EMG Switch is set to trigger when the reading is **above the threshold value**.

**Accessible EMG Switch**

This page is for settings and configurations.

**EMG Sensor Settings**  
Current Reading: %READING%  
Current Threshold: %THRESHOLD%  
Adjust Threshold Value:   
**Update Threshold**

As muscle strength differs from people to people, you might want to set a custom activation threshold for optimal user experience. You can do this by visiting device settings on any browser.

### WARNING:

The EMG Switch uses EEPROM to remember your settings, it has a **limited number of write/erase cycles (you are only allowed to update threshold value ~100,000 times before unpredictable corruption in the EEPROM memory)**. Therefore, do not frequently update this value!



# Visit Device Settings

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## Enable/Disable Device Vibration:

The EMG Sensor is equipped with a vibration motor that will provide user haptic feedback when being activated.

You can enable and disable this behavior by visiting device settings on any browser.

### Vibration Control

Device Vibration: %VIBSET%

Enable

Disable

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# Troubleshoot

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**Q: After I turn on the switch, there is no yellow light?**

**A:** Switch off, wait for the blue battery indicator to go off and try again.



**Q: What to do if I got red lights on?**

**A:** This means that the Wi-Fi connection is unsuccessful. Check Wi-Fi availability/signal strength/ or check if Wi-Fi password is changed.

By default, the wireless transceiver is configured to connect to Boston College's “**eduroam**” network (unless someone changed *wireless\_config.h* file in the source code)

In the case of changed Wi-Fi credentials (password, login), refer to “How to configure Wi-Fi” page and reupload the program.

However, you can always keep using the device (regardless of internet connection) by connecting a 3.5mm mono audio cable to the switch accessible device that you wish to control.

# Troubleshoot

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**Q: I can't activate the switch with my gripping action, or the switch activates itself when I don't want it to?**

**A: First check if the sensor power switch is on, Or check if the sensor 9V batteries are depleted.**

**You can then adjust the threshold (sensitivity) of the EMG switch by visiting device settings on the browser**

**See “Visit Device Settings” page for details.**

# How to configure Wi-Fi

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## Step 1:

Find the source code for this project under:

[https://github.com/EvanZhou1999/Accessible\\_EMG\\_Switch](https://github.com/EvanZhou1999/Accessible_EMG_Switch)  
download it, and open with Arduino IDE.

## Step 2:

Locate “wireless\_config.h” file and open it.

```
1 // =====
2 // This is the header file for storing wireless configurations
3 // =====
4
5
6 // WiFi - Configuration
7 //=====
8 const char* ssid = "ENTER YOUR WIFI NAME HERE";
9 const char* password = "ENTER YOUR WIFI PASSWORD HERE";
10 //=====
11
12 // WiFi - WAP2 Enterprise Configuration
13 // set this to true if you want to connect to eduroam
14 // set this to false if you want to connect to other Wi-Fi
15 bool UseWAPEnterprise = true;
16 //=====
17 const char* WAP2_SSID = "eduroam";
18 const char* EAP_IDENTITY = "ENTER YOUR EDUROAM USERNAME WITH @BC.EDU";
19 const char* EAP_PASSWORD = "ENTER YOUR EDUROAM PASSWORD";
20 //=====
21
22
23 // new Mac Address (not used)
24 // !!Becareful with reuse this code and cause duplicated Mac Address!!
25 uint8_t newMACAddress[] = {0x32, 0xAE, 0xA4, 0x07, 0x0D, 0x66};
26
27 // Server Configuration
28 // Once domain/Host name is changed, wait sometime for it to propagate (1-2h)
29 const char* domainName = "wifiswitch01";
```

## If you want to connect to eduroam:

1. Put your username on **line 18** after **EAP\_IDENTITY** (with double quotes)
2. Put your password on **line 19** after **EAP\_PASSWORD** (with double quotes)
3. Change **line 15** to:  
    **bool UseWAPEnterprise = true;**

# How to configure Wi-Fi

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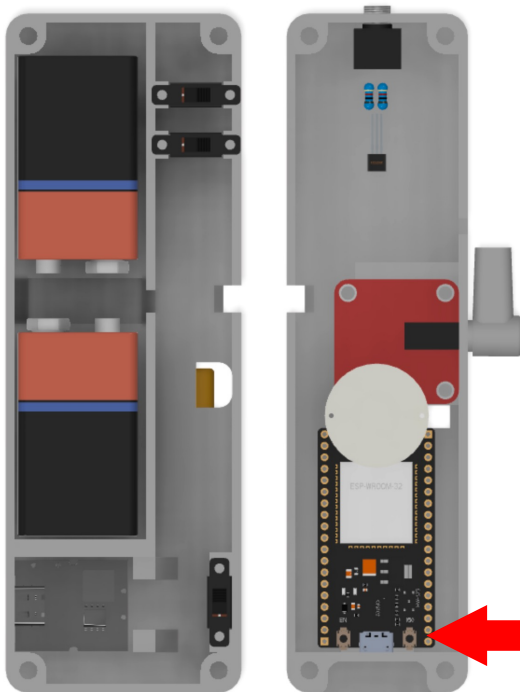
If you want to connect to other Wi-Fi networks:

1. Put your Wi-Fi name on **line 8** after **ssid** (with double quotes)
2. Put your password on **line 9** after **password** (with double quotes)
3. Change **line 15** to:  
`bool UseWAPEnterprise = false;`

## Step 3:

Save file and hit upload button to upload the program to device

Follow instructions online to [setup Arduino IDE for Esp32-WROOM-DA Module](#):



Remove top panel of the EMG Switch and use a micro-USB cable to connect the device to the computer.

Hold down this button while the console says “Uploading....”,