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Steer by ear: wagging those lobes guides new-fangled wheelchairs

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Steer by ear!

Scientists have developed a computer chip that senses movements of the ear muscles, allowing a rider to stop, start and turn an electrically powered wheelchair. The breakthrough could help paraplegics, who are unable to move their arms or legs. The specially adapted wheelchair will be steered with the help of a chip implanted behind the ear of a paraplegic user. The chip picks up signals from the ear muscles. DPA