Neuralink's Blindsight Implant

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Recently, the US Food and Drug Administration granted "breakthrough device" status to Elon Musk's Neuralink's Blindsight.

- This designation aims to speed up the development and review of innovative medical devices that address severe conditions.
- Blindsight is an experimental vision-restoring implant. It could help individuals who have lost both eyes and their optic nerve regain vision.
 - It also offers a **possibility of vision for those born blind**, as long as their visual cortex remains intact.
- Initially, the visual experience will be low resolution, similar to early video game graphics.
 However, with future advancements, Blindsight could surpass natural vision.
 - In addition to restoring sight, the device might enable users to perceive wavelengths outside the visible spectrum, such as <u>infrared</u>, <u>ultraviolet</u>, <u>or radar</u>, giving them superhuman-like vision abilities.
- In addition to Blindsight, the company is working on a device designed to help paralysed individuals control digital devices using only their thoughts.
- Neuralink, founded by Elon Musk in 2016, focuses on developing brain chip interfaces that could help restore vision, aid in movement, and facilitate communication for patients with disabilities.

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