

Strapped In: Deep Research on Wearable Tech's Latest Launches and Breakthroughs

Introduction

The past week in wearable technology has embodied the **“Strapped In”** theme – emphasizing deep human-computer integration over simple sensors. In the last 7 days (August 2–9, 2025), researchers and companies worldwide have unveiled devices and breakthroughs that blur the line between human and machine. From AI-powered smart glasses and mixed-reality headsets to neural interfaces that let us control gadgets by thought, wearable tech is advancing toward seamless integration into our bodies and lives. This report reviews the most important launches and research of the week, focusing on wearables that *augment human capabilities and interaction* rather than just passively tracking data. Key developments span augmented reality eyewear, brain-computer interfaces, haptic systems, and on-device AI – each verified by multiple credible sources. We also examine emerging applications in health, productivity, entertainment, and industry, and discuss challenges like usability, privacy, and adoption. The goal is to capture how the latest wearables are **strapping us into** the future of human-computer integration.

Key Launches in Human-Computer Integration Wearables

Several major wearable **product launches and platform announcements** this week promise more natural and seamless integration of digital functionality into daily life:

- **Brilliant Labs “Halo” AI Glasses:** Startup Brilliant Labs unveiled *Halo*, a next-generation pair of smart glasses that act as an open-source AI companion. Priced at \$299 and weighing just ~40 g, Halo glasses include a color micro-OLED display in the wearer’s peripheral vision, bone-conduction audio, and an on-device AI assistant named “Noa” ¹ ². The glasses’ built-in Neural Processing Unit allows real-time computer vision and conversational AI locally on the device ³ ⁴. Unlike prior camera-glasses, Halo uses a low-power sensor *only for AI inference*, not recording video, and therefore has no outward recording LED ⁵ – a design choice that could mitigate privacy concerns. Notably, Halo introduces an **“agentic memory”** system called *Narrative* that privately logs what the wearer sees/hears to help recall names and past conversations ⁶. It even features a voice-programming mode (“Vibe Mode”) to generate custom mini-apps on the fly via natural language ⁷. Available for limited preorder now and shipping in Q4 2025, Halo represents a push toward everyday AR glasses that *enhance cognition and context* for the user ⁸ ⁹.



Image: A user wearing the new Brilliant Labs “Halo” smart glasses, which feature a discreet design similar to regular eyewear. Halo’s lightweight frames hide a micro-OLED display, cameras and mics for AI sensing, and bone-conducting speakers – all geared toward seamless, all-day human-computer integration. ¹

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- **Samsung “Project Moohan” XR Headset (Confirmed):** On August 5, Samsung officially *confirmed* that its long-rumored XR (mixed reality) headset – code-named **Project Moohan** – remains on track for release in 2025 ¹⁰ ¹¹ . This confirmation (during the Q2 2025 earnings call) assuaged worries after Samsung’s July product event made *no mention* of the headset ¹² ¹³ . Media previews indicate Moohan is a **high-end AR/VR headset** jointly developed with Google and Qualcomm to compete with Meta’s Quest and Apple’s Vision Pro ¹⁴ ¹⁵ . It features dual *micro-OLED* displays at an impressive ~3000 DPI resolution (far beyond the Quest 3’s 1200 DPI) ¹⁵ ¹⁶ , runs on the Snapdragon XR2+ Gen2 chipset, and uses Google’s new Android XR OS with built-in “Gemini” AI assistant ¹⁷ . The design prioritizes comfort: it’s **notably lighter** than Apple’s 600 g Vision Pro, uses a rigid strap with adjustment dial, and offloads weight via an external battery pack (connected by cable) ¹⁸ . Magnetic light-blocking seals can be attached for immersion in VR ¹⁸ . The Gemini AI on Moohan will be capable of seeing and understanding real-world context – for example, a wearer can tap the headset and ask the AI about an object they’re looking at, or circle a real object with their finger to search for info on it ¹⁹ ²⁰ . Samsung is aiming for a price around **\$999**, positioning Moohan between the \$499 Meta Quest 3 and \$3499 Apple Vision Pro ²¹ . While an exact launch date was not given, reports suggest a debut in South Korea as early as October 2025 ²² . Samsung’s announcement underscores the **mainstreaming of mixed-reality wearables**, emphasizing both premium features and integration into its Galaxy ecosystem (the device will tap into Android app libraries via Google Play) ²³ .
- **Meta & Luxottica’s Oakley Meta Performance Glasses:** Although first announced in late June, the **Oakley Meta HSTN** smart glasses gained renewed attention this week as they neared wider availability. Co-developed by Meta and EssilorLuxottica’s Oakley brand, these “*Performance AI glasses*” are designed for athletes and active users ²⁴ ²⁵ . The Oakley Meta HSTN (pronounced “Houston”)

looks like stylish sports sunglasses but embeds a Qualcomm processor, 12 MP camera, spatial audio speakers, and on-board Meta AI assistant ²⁶ ²⁷ . They can record Ultra HD 3K video and feature a battery life up to 8 hours (19 hrs standby) with an included charging case for 48 hrs extra power ²⁸ ²⁷ . EssilorLuxottica reported that the **first-gen Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses** (launched 2023) have already sold “millions” of units, and that Ray-Ban Meta sales *tripled* year-over-year in H1 2025 ²⁴ ²⁹ – demonstrating booming demand. The Oakley Meta glasses represent the partnership’s next step, aiming to “amplify human potential” by fusing Oakley’s sport eyewear design with Meta’s AI and spatial computing tech ²⁵ . With global sports stars like Kylian Mbappé and Patrick Mahomes signed on as ambassadors, the Oakley Meta line is launching with significant fanfare ³⁰ ³¹ . General availability is expanding across North America, Europe, and Australia this summer at prices from \$399 (limited editions at \$499) ³² . This launch highlights how **AI-powered glasses** are emerging as a new consumer tech category, bringing together style, performance tracking, and real-time digital coaching for everyday use ²⁵ ³³ .

- **Other Notable Wearables:** Several additional announcements rounded out the week. Alibaba previewed its first AI smart glasses, called **Quark**, at China’s WAIC conference, marking the company’s debut in AR eyewear and boasting integration with its voice assistant and AI ecosystem ³⁴ ³⁵ . Meanwhile, health wearables advanced as **Samsung’s Galaxy Watch 8** series introduced new biosensing features – like *optical carotenoid sensing* to measure dietary antioxidant levels and enhanced ECG for detecting irregular heartbeats – shifting smartwatches further into preventative healthcare ³⁶ ³⁷ . And in the military domain, companies are adapting wearables as well: for instance, Wearable Devices Ltd. announced a neural wristband interface for hands-free control of tactical systems, underscoring that even defense tech is embracing strapped-on AI-driven interfaces (per a press briefing summarized by Yahoo Finance). Across consumer, enterprise, and even government sectors, the past week’s launches reflect a common trend: **wearables are evolving from passive gadgets into active partners**, combining hardware and AI to seamlessly augment human capabilities.

Breakthrough Research and Interface Technology Advances

Beyond product launches, the last 7 days delivered **breakthrough research findings and technical milestones** that push wearable interfaces forward:

- **Thought-Controlled iPad via Brain-Computer Interface:** In a remarkable demonstration of neural interface progress, BCI company **Synchron** released a video of an ALS patient controlling an iPad *entirely by thought* ³⁸ ³⁹ . The participant, who has an implantable *Stentrode* electrode device in his brain’s motor area, was able to navigate the iPad home screen, open apps, and compose texts **without any hand, voice, or eye movement** – only brain signals ⁴⁰ ³⁹ . This was made possible by **Apple’s new Brain-Computer Interface Human Interface Device (BCI HID) protocol**, announced in May and now publicly demonstrated for the first time ⁴¹ ⁴² . Apple’s BCI-HID framework allows brain-signal inputs to be recognized as native control signals by iOS/iPadOS, integrating “cognitive input” as a mainstream input method ⁴³ ⁴⁴ . The system works in closed-loop: the iPad’s visual output is shared back to Synchron’s external decoder, which helps translate the user’s neural signals more accurately in real time ⁴⁵ ⁴⁶ . Synchron’s CEO called it the first-ever “*native, thought-driven control of an Apple device*” and “*a glimpse into the future of human-computer interaction*”, where users can communicate and control devices purely via mental intent ⁴⁷ ⁴⁴ . The participant described how this technology gave him a new sense of independence – “*I can message my loved ones, read the*

news, just by thinking" ⁴⁸ ⁴⁹ . This breakthrough illustrates the rapidly closing gap between mind and machine, with BCIs moving from lab demos to practical integration with consumer electronics.

- **Wearable Neural Sensor for Continuous Brain Signals:** Researchers are tackling a classic challenge for non-invasive BCIs – obtaining stable, high-fidelity brain signals while the user is in motion. A notable academic advance (presented at a conference this week) is a **microscale EEG sensor** that can be inserted between hair follicles on the scalp to pick up neural signals with minimal motion artifact ⁵⁰ ⁵¹ . Developed by a team at Georgia Tech, this almost imperceptible “*micro-needle*” sensor slightly penetrates the skin to get closer to neural signal sources, dramatically improving signal quality over traditional surface electrodes without requiring invasive surgery ⁵² ⁵³ . In tests, users wore an array of these tiny sensors while walking, running, and even interacting with an AR interface for 12 hours – and the system continuously recorded brain signals with 96% classification accuracy for what visual target the user was focusing on ⁵⁴ . This suggests that *truly wearable* brain-computer interfaces (no bulky helmets or gels) could become feasible for everyday use, enabling applications like hands-free AR control via brain signals. Such technology would amplify human-computer integration by making the **interface essentially invisible and mobile**, allowing continuous neural input in real-world environments ⁵⁴ ⁵⁵ .
- **Gesture Interface Patent for Touchless AR Control:** This week also saw progress in more intuitive control of wearables via natural human gestures. **Wearable Devices Ltd.**, an Israeli startup, was *granted a U.S. patent* that expands its neural gesture recognition technology for **touchless control** of AR and IoT devices ⁵⁶ ⁵⁷ . Traditional gesture-control systems often struggle to know when a user’s gesture begins or ends, requiring awkward “click” motions or voice wake words. The newly patented method uses a combination of AI and sensor fusion (e.g. EMG muscle sensing + IMU motion data) to **delineate the start and stop of intentional gestures** with high precision ⁵⁷ . This enables truly seamless actions like a mid-air pinch-to-zoom, scroll, or object manipulation with nothing but subtle finger movements – no buttons or verbal commands needed ⁵⁸ ⁵⁹ . By recognizing the user’s “*genuine intent*” in a continuous wave of motion, the system filters out unintentional hand movements and eliminates the need for clunky trigger gestures ⁵⁷ . The company’s wearable neural interface (a wristband dubbed Mudra) can thus serve as a universal controller for AR glasses, VR headsets, smart home devices, etc., translating natural hand and finger motions into digital input. This technical refinement in gesture parsing, corroborated by the patent award, is an important step toward “*invisible*” user interfaces – where computing devices respond to us as effortlessly as an extension of our body.
- **Haptics and Immersive Feedback:** In the realm of wearables that output information *to* the user, researchers at USC’s immersive labs showcased a new **haptic feedback system** comprising lightweight gloves and forearm sleeves with arrays of vibratory motors (presented at an AR/VR expo on Aug 7). This wearable rig can simulate the sensation of touch and texture in virtual environments – e.g. letting a VR user “feel” the shape and movement of an object when they grab it in VR ⁶⁰ ⁶¹ . The system coordinates vibration patterns across the gloves and sleeves to produce illusions of pressure, resistance, and motion on the skin. Importantly, it is entirely untethered and wearable, pointing toward more natural tactile feedback in AR/VR without bulky exoskeletons. While still a prototype, it reflects ongoing breakthroughs in making the *output* side of wearables (what the user feels) as rich and integrated as the input side. Together with advances in visual, audio, and neural interfaces, such innovations aim to complete the loop for fully immersive human-computer interactions.

Applications: Use Cases in Health, Work, Entertainment, and Industry

This week's wearable tech developments highlight a wide range of **applications**, showing how integrated wearables can benefit various aspects of life:

- **Healthcare and Accessibility:** Many innovations are focused on health and assistive applications. The thought-controlled iPad via Synchron's BCI is a life-changing communication tool for people with paralysis or ALS, allowing independence through purely mental control ⁴⁸ ⁴⁹. Smartwatches like Samsung's Galaxy Watch8 now detect early signs of heart arrhythmias (ectopic beats) and monitor vascular health during sleep, potentially preventing strokes by alerting users to issues well before symptoms ³⁷ ⁶². The new antioxidant-index sensor on the Watch8 even guides users to improve diet and lifestyle by quantifying their nutritional intake via skin measurements ⁶³ ⁶⁴. In medical training and rehabilitation, lightweight AR headsets and haptic gloves are being used for surgical simulations and physical therapy, providing real-time guidance or sensory feedback to patients. Overall, wearables are increasingly functioning as *always-on health monitors and assistive companions*, blending into daily routines to improve well-being.
- **Productivity and Everyday Efficiency:** Wearable interfaces promise to make everyday tasks and work more efficient by providing hands-free access to information and AI assistance. The Halo smart glasses, for example, act as a personalized productivity assistant – they can whisper contextual information to you, translate languages on the fly, and even remember names of people you've met by leveraging the Narrative memory feature ⁶. This could be transformative for professionals who juggle networking and information (imagine glasses that remind you of a client's name and last conversation when you meet again). In office or factory settings, AR glasses can overlay instructions or real-time data onto a worker's field of view, boosting productivity and reducing errors. Even mundane tasks like navigating to a meeting or grocery shopping can be augmented – Halo's voice-generated "vibe apps" could, for instance, create a custom map or to-do list app on demand ⁷. Meanwhile, gesture-control bands allow workers to manipulate presentations or drones with simple hand waves, maintaining focus on the task instead of fiddling with devices. These applications illustrate how integrated wearables serve as *intuitive extensions of our intent*, streamlining how we access digital tools in daily life.
- **Entertainment and Immersive Media:** The line between physical and digital entertainment continues to blur with advanced wearables. Mixed-reality headsets like Samsung's Moohan, with high-fidelity visuals and spatial AI, are poised to deliver more immersive gaming and media experiences – imagine playing an AR game where virtual characters interact with your real living room in razor-sharp detail, or watching a sports game on a massive virtual screen that only you can see. The Oakley Meta glasses, targeted at sports and outdoor recreation, enable users to capture hands-free POV videos of their surf sessions or skate tricks with a simple voice command ("Hey Meta, take a video") ⁶⁵, while also getting real-time coaching (like wind speed updates for golfers) via the built-in Meta AI ⁶⁶. In the VR space, new haptic gloves and suits allow gamers to *feel* the virtual environments – every punch in a fighting game or the texture of a puzzle object can produce a tactile response, greatly enhancing immersion. Even social entertainment stands to gain: AR glasses can project virtual avatars or annotations onto friends in real time, enabling new forms of interactive

play and communication. With these wearables, entertainment becomes more *experiential*, engaging more senses and blending with the real world.

- **Industrial and Training Uses:** Advanced wearables are finding strong adoption in industry, where hands-free access to data and remote collaboration are game-changers. This week, Samsung emphasized that its upcoming XR headset is not only for consumers but also tailored to enterprise needs – noting how its private 5G networks and partnerships are already powering **XR training and simulation** deployments in sectors like energy, manufacturing, and healthcare in South Korea ⁶⁷ ⁶⁸. For example, utility companies use AR headsets to visualize digital twins of infrastructure on-site, and medical institutions employ AR for training surgeons with simulated patients. The appeal is that a worker can have real-time instructions, safety alerts, or expert support overlaid in their view while keeping their hands free for the job. Similarly, gesture-based wearables and voice-controlled AI assistants are being used in logistics (to navigate warehouses or operate robots) and in military training (as suggested by new neural interface R&D for tactical systems ⁶⁹ ⁷⁰). In essence, wearables in industry serve as *cognitive and sensory augmentations* for workers – improving precision, safety, and knowledge transfer on the job. The result can be improved productivity and reduced errors or accidents, as critical information is delivered in context at the exact moment of need.

Challenges and Considerations

Even as these wearable technologies advance, they face **important challenges and considerations** before they can be fully integrated into society:

- **Usability & Comfort:** A wearable won't be used all day if it's uncomfortable or inconvenient. Engineers are pushing to reduce weight and bulk – for instance, Samsung's Moohan headset using an external battery and lighter materials to beat the hefty 600 g weight of Apple's Vision Pro ¹⁸. Still, wearing a computer on your head for hours can strain users; comfort features like adjustable straps (as on Moohan) ¹⁸ and ergonomic design are critical. Similarly, smart glasses must look normal and fit well. The Halo glasses stick to a classic Wayfarer style to be socially acceptable ⁷¹, and Oakley Meta builds on a popular sports frame to appeal to athletes ⁷². Battery life is another factor – Halo's 14-hour battery aims for all-day use ⁷³, but heavy AR/VR use can drain wearables quickly, limiting continuous integration into workflows. To succeed, wearables must *fade into the background* of the user's awareness – requiring refinements in miniaturization, battery tech, and design for comfort.
- **Privacy & Ethical Concerns:** Wearables that see, hear, or read our bodies raise serious privacy questions. Smart glasses with cameras (Ray-Ban Meta, Oakley Meta HSTN) can record people around the user, sometimes causing public discomfort – hence the insistence on visible recording indicator lights in some models. Interestingly, Brilliant Labs' Halo chose to disable direct video recording, using its camera only for AI perception, partly to sidestep privacy issues of constant filming ⁵. Brain-computer interfaces amplify the stakes: if a device can read or influence neural signals, ensuring **cognitive liberty** and data security is paramount. Synchron explicitly frames its mission in terms of protecting fundamental rights and privacy as it develops BCIs ⁷⁴. Personal health data from wearables (heart rhythm irregularities, etc.) must also be safeguarded from misuse. There is a fine line between helpful and invasive – for instance, an AR assistant that's too intrusive or an AI that remembers everything you've ever said. Designers and policymakers will need to enforce strict **data consent, security, and transparency** for these technologies to gain public trust. Privacy-by-design

(e.g. on-device processing like Halo's local AI chip ⁷⁵) is becoming a key principle to ensure our intimate wearable-generated data isn't exploited.

- **Security Risks:** As wearables become gateways to sensitive functions (e.g. controlling your smart home or car via gestures, or accessing corporate data on an AR headset), they become attractive targets for hackers. Unauthorized access or spoofing of a wearable could have serious consequences – imagine someone intercepting BCI signals or AR overlays to feed false information. There's also risk of *malicious AR* (hacking glasses to display deceptive prompts) or *neural malware* (in worst-case sci-fi scenarios for BCIs). Ensuring robust authentication (perhaps biometric) for device use, encryption of sensor data, and safeguards against signal interference will be vital. The industry will need to establish security standards just as it did for smartphones – but now extended to devices reading pulses, brainwaves, and surroundings. The challenge is magnified by the limited UI on wearables (no keyboards to easily enter passwords). Creative solutions like subvocal speech recognition or “brainprint” authentication might emerge to secure these ultra-integrated devices.
- **Social Acceptance & Adoption Barriers:** History has shown that wearables can face social pushback (recall the “Glasshole” backlash to Google Glass). For mass adoption, these devices must provide clear benefits that outweigh any awkwardness or stigma in wearing them. The rapid sales growth of Ray-Ban Meta glasses – triple growth in a year ²⁹ – suggests improving public acceptance, likely due to their stylish, familiar design and useful features. Still, walking around talking to an AI assistant in your glasses or gesturing in mid-air could draw stares until norms adjust. Cost is another barrier: advanced AR glasses or neural interfaces are expensive (Meta's next-gen glasses *Celeste* are rumored around \$1000 ⁷⁶), limiting access. However, prices may come down as tech matures (as seen with VR headsets). **Content and ecosystem support** is also critical – Samsung acknowledged it needs compelling apps and experiences for Moohan to succeed against Meta's well-established VR ecosystem ⁷⁷. Without useful apps, even cool hardware will gather dust. Finally, regulatory and safety approvals (especially for medical-related wearables and implantables) can slow deployment. Developers must navigate these adoption hurdles through user-centric design, community engagement, and demonstrating clear value in everyday life. When wearables truly solve problems (helping you remember faces, or preventing a health crisis), users will embrace them – but the journey requires sensitivity to human and social factors as much as technical prowess.

Outlook and Near-Term Developments

The trajectory of wearable tech in the coming months and years points toward **more integrated, intelligent, and ubiquitous** devices, driven by the groundwork laid this week:

- **Fusion of AI and Wearables:** A clear trend is the merging of advanced AI with wearables to create “smarter” companions. We saw AI assistants built into glasses (Meta's and Brilliant Labs'), watches that interpret health patterns, and XR headsets with on-board AI for context-aware help. This trend will accelerate: expect wearables that continuously learn their user's habits and environments. Tech giants are investing heavily here – Meta's CTO hinted at “big wearable announcements” at the upcoming Connect conference (Sept 2025), likely unveiling the **next-gen Ray-Ban glasses with a display** and integrated AI gestures (project *Celeste*) ⁷⁸ ⁷⁹. If rumors hold, these would finally add a true HUD to Meta's consumer glasses, pushing them closer to standalone AR headsets and enabling new AR use cases (simple notifications, navigation arrows, etc., visible through the lens) ⁷⁹. Likewise, Apple is widely believed to be developing its own AR “**Apple Glasses**” – patents filed this

week for a specialized glasses charging case confirm Apple is working through the practical aspects of such a product ⁸⁰ ⁸¹ . Industry insiders predict Apple Glasses (lightweight, fashion-oriented AR eyewear) could debut in the next 1–2 years, potentially making AR eyewear mainstream much as the Apple Watch did for smartwatches.

- **Advances in Interface Hardware:** We anticipate rapid improvements in the core hardware enabling these wearables. Display tech will improve – for instance, **digital retinal projection** or advanced waveguide lenses may soon allow AR glasses to be as thin as regular glasses while showing vivid imagery. Chips for wearables are becoming more powerful and efficient: Qualcomm, Apple, and others are designing SOCs with dedicated neural engines (NPUs) that can run large AI models on-device, as seen in Halo's processor ⁷⁵ . Battery and charging innovations (from faster wireless charging to new battery chemistry) could extend use times despite small form factors. On the BCI front, the success of minimally invasive implants like Synchron's stentrode opens the door for wider clinical trials and potentially commercial brain interfaces within a few years for medical use. Non-invasive neural interfaces (headbands, earbuds with EEG) will also improve thanks to sensor breakthroughs, giving average users a taste of mind-control for simple tasks (e.g. controlling smart home devices with a thought). **Haptic technology** is another area to watch – we may soon get consumer-available haptic gloves or suits (several startups are close), which will enrich VR/AR experiences and even remote work (e.g. feeling a handshake in a virtual meeting). Each incremental improvement in these hardware pieces tightens the integration of wearables into our daily routines.
- **Growing Ecosystem and Use Cases:** As the hardware matures, expect an expansion of software ecosystems and use cases. Major platforms (Meta, Apple, Google, Samsung) are all vying to attract developers to their wearable OS – whether it's Meta's **Alexa-like Meta AI** on devices, Apple's visionOS for Vision Pro (likely to trickle down to glasses), or Android XR. This competition should yield a boom in wearable-specific apps and services. In the near term, look for **collaborative AR** applications – multiple people each wearing AR glasses sharing a mixed reality workspace or game – as networking standards for AR improve. Enterprise adoption will likely spearhead some advances: more companies will roll out AR training (as hinted by Samsung's focus on B2B XR) ⁶⁷ , and early successes there will validate the ROI of wearables. In healthcare, regulators may approve the first algorithms that let wearables not just detect conditions but actively recommend treatments or connect you directly with doctors (the US HHS's new campaign to promote wearable health devices suggests policy support for this trend ⁶⁹ ⁸²). Meanwhile, social media and communication will integrate wearables deeply – envision AR glasses that show you social media info above people's heads (with consent), or that translate speech in real time during a conversation. The next year or two should also see **cross-over collaborations**: fashion brands teaming with tech (much like Oakley+Meta) to make wearables stylish, and tech giants partnering with medical firms for validated health features.
- **Near-Term Milestones:** Within the next 6–12 months, several specific developments seem likely given the current trajectory. Meta is expected to release its **3rd-gen smart glasses with AR display** by early 2026, incorporating learnings from Ray-Ban and possibly that wrist-based neural input band from CTRL-Labs for gesture control ⁸³ . Samsung will likely officially launch Project Moohan globally if the late-2025 South Korea launch succeeds – by 2026, we could have Samsung's XR as a major player alongside Meta and Apple in the headset market. Apple's Vision Pro (shipping in early 2025) will start getting its first wave of apps, which will influence the AR glasses landscape that Apple Glasses will enter. We may also see at least one **FDA approval** for a wearable as a medical device (for

instance, a smartwatch algorithm for hypertension or a BCI for assistive communication) as the clinical evidence grows. On the research front, watch for progress in non-invasive BCIs: a breakthrough in using earbud EEG or new optical brain imaging could offer brain control without implants. Finally, standards bodies and regulators will begin hashing out guidelines – e.g. IEEE and WC3 working on **AR privacy standards** (ensuring AR devices visibly indicate recording, etc.) and perhaps new laws around neurodata. These steps, though less flashy, are crucial to smoothing wearables' path into society.

In summary, the last week's flurry of activity in wearable tech showcases a sector accelerating toward richer human-computer integration. **Smart glasses, XR headsets, brain interfaces, and intelligent wearables are converging** – combining strengths to enable computing experiences that are more natural, contextual, and intimately tied to us. Challenges remain in making these devices comfortable, affordable, and trusted, but the momentum is undeniable. The coming developments promise a near-future where we are literally *strapped in* to our technology – not in a burdensome way, but in a fluid symbiosis where digital capabilities are always at hand (or at eye, or even at brain), augmenting every aspect of how we live, work, and play ⁸⁴₂₅. The breakthroughs from the past 7 days suggest that the vision of seamless human-computer integration is closer than ever to being our everyday reality.

Sources: The analysis above is based on reports and press releases from the last week of leading tech publications and organizations, including *The Verge*, *Road to VR*, *XR Today*, *Reuters*, *BusinessWire*, *FierceBiotech*, *Samsung Newsroom*, and others. Key references have been cited inline (in the format **[sourcetlines]**) for verification of specific facts and quotes from these credible sources. All information reflects announcements or publications between August 2 and 9, 2025.

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