

The head of Openai will invest in a competitor to Neuralink Mask developing brain chips

In the midst of public enmity between Ilon Mask and Sam Altman, it became known that Openai could support a new startup by neuro interface called Merge Labs. The project is already looking for funding with an estimate of about \$ 850 million. According to media sources, the venture unit Openai may participate.

Merge Labs plans to cooperate with Alex Blania, the head of Tools for Humanity, a company that was engaged in a disputed eye scan for identification. The purpose of the technology is to ensure a direct connection between the human brain and computers. Here, in fairness, Neuralink has already achieved significant success. Neuralink itself is estimated at \$ 9 billion and is now testing devices for people with heavy paralysis, allowing them to control the technique of thought by the power of thought.

If Merge Labs is being implemented, this will become a new stage of rivalry between Altman and Musk. Previously, they exchanged reproaches on social networks: Altman accused the mask of manipulating algorithms, Musk of dishonesty, and also criticized Apple for the "priority promotion of ChatGPT in the App Store."