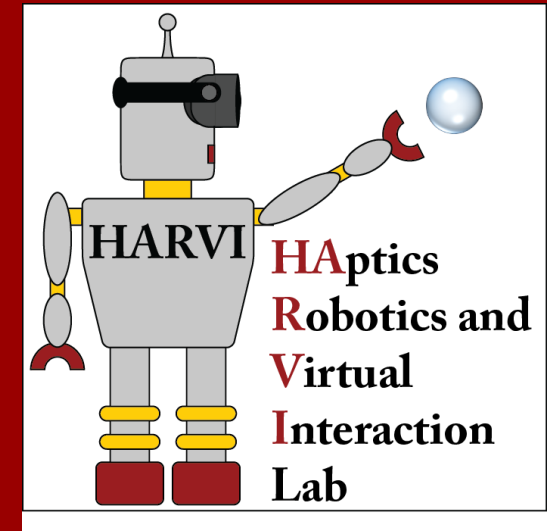




# HAPTICS



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> hearing

> sight

> smell

> taste

> touch

> What sense is most valuable to you?

> Which sense would you relinquish last?



## DEFINITION: HAPTIC

- › adj. Of or relating to the sense of touch [Greek haptikos, from haptesthai, to grasp, touch. (1890)]

### **Kinesthesia:**

Location/configuration

Motion

Force

Compliance



The haptic senses work together with the motor control system to:

- Coordinate movement
- Enable perception

### **Cutaneous/Tactile:**

Temperature

Texture

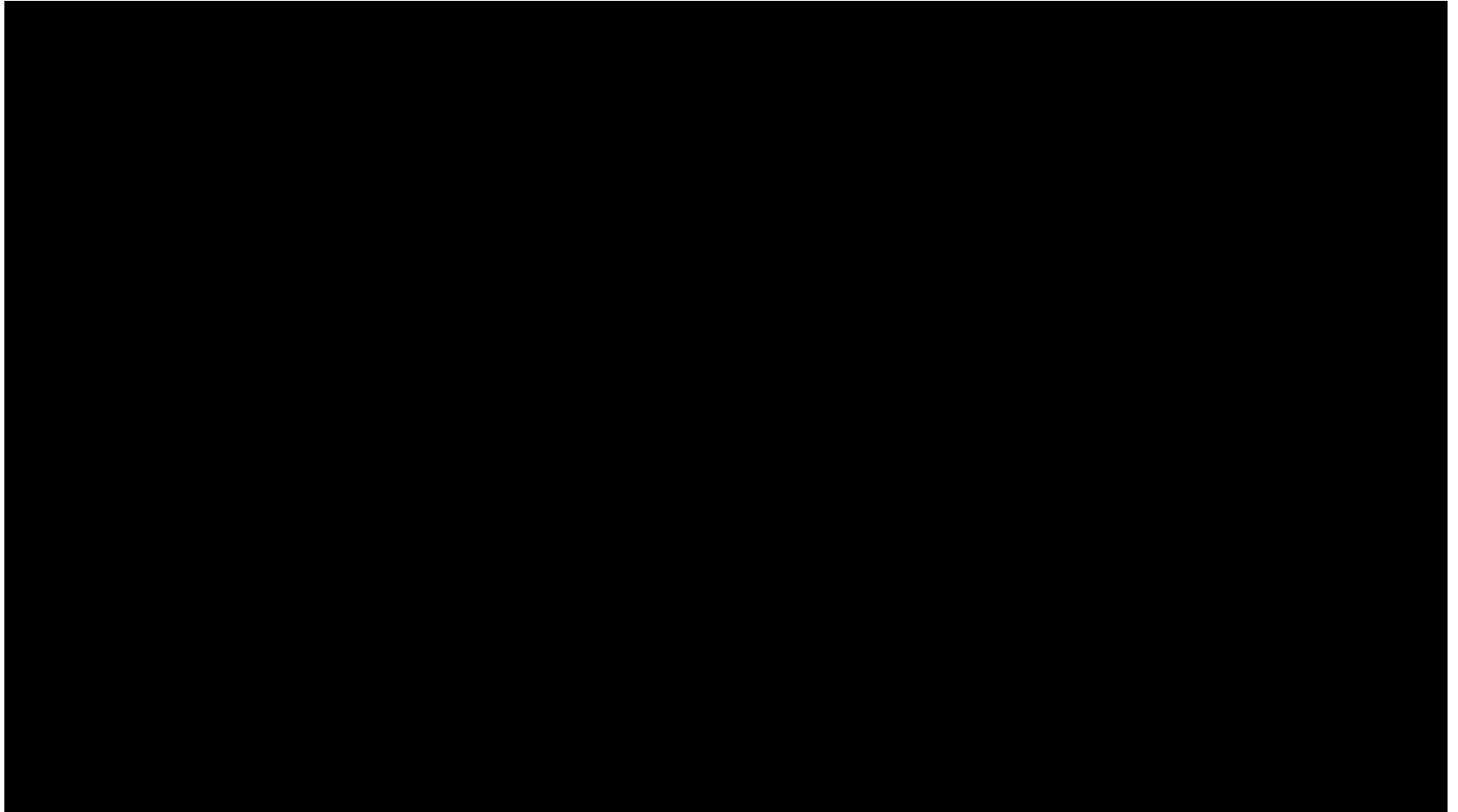
Slip

Vibration

Force



# WHAT WOULD LIFE BE LIKE WITHOUT TOUCH?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Lfj3M3Kn80>



## WHAT IS THE EVOLUTIONARY PURPOSE OF HAPTICS?

- › What does common sense say?
- › Not sure what you just came up with, but my summary is:
  - » Evaluation: know what is good and what is bad
  - » Manipulation: climb trees, use tools
- › Research (sort of) supports this:
  - » Density of RA afferents (which are found only in glabrous skin) correlates with fruit consumption; possibly also with arboreal living

Hoffmann, Joscelyn N., Anthony G. Montag, and Nathaniel J. Dominy. "Meissner corpuscles and somatosensory acuity: the prehensile appendages of primates and elephants." *The Anatomical Record Part A: Discoveries in Molecular, Cellular, and Evolutionary Biology* 281.1 (2004): 1138-1147.

# HOW YOUR COMPUTER SEES YOU

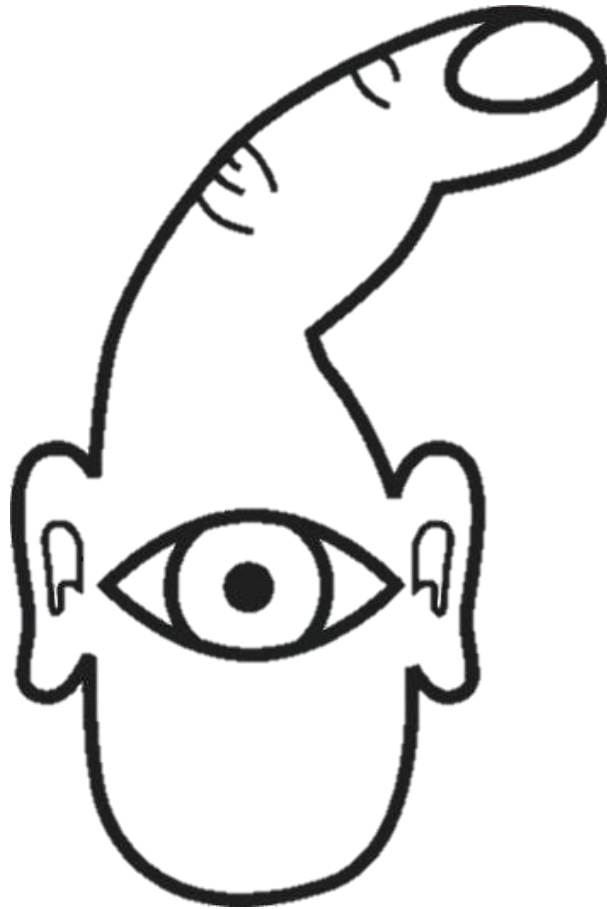
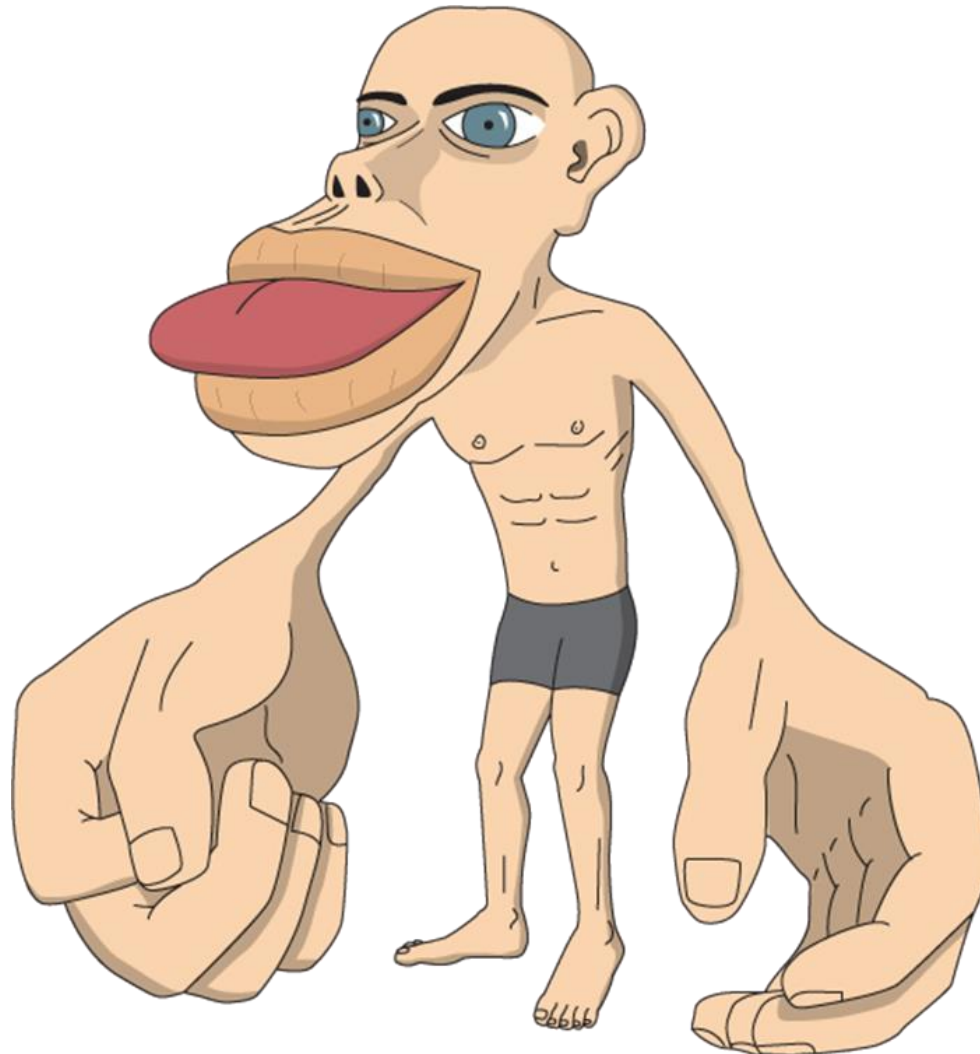


illustration by Tom Igoe

# HOW YOUR SENSES ARE REALLY DISTRIBUTED

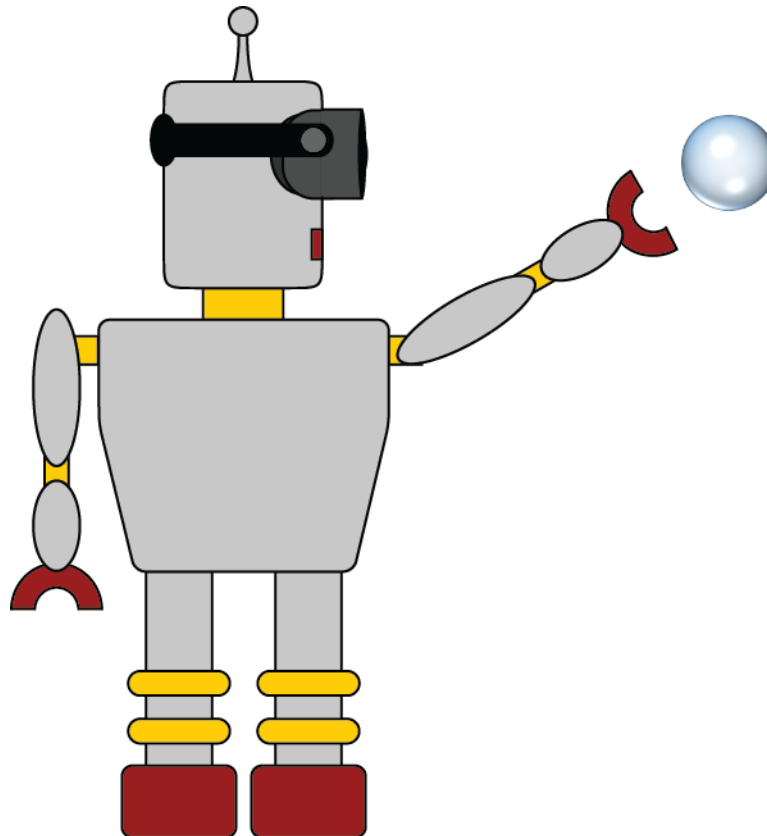




# HAPTIC DEVICES

## HAPTICS:

- › Touch-based interaction between an intelligent agent and a real, remote, or virtual environment

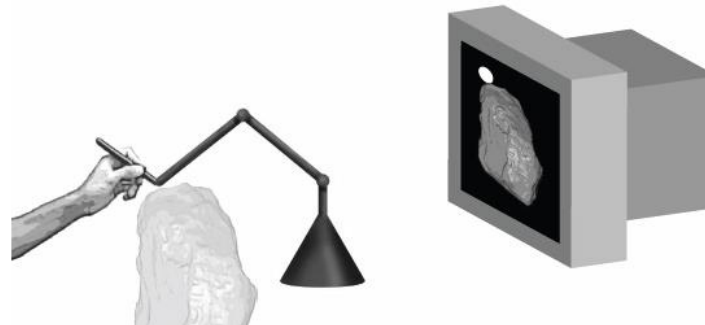


## WHAT CAN HAPTICS BE USED FOR?

- › Real – Assistive Interaction
  - › Augments human sensing and/or motion capabilities in real physical environments
- › Remote – Teleoperation
  - › Extends the reach of the human hand to remote, hazardous, unreachable environments



- › Virtual – Simulation
  - › Enables humans to touch geometric and dynamic computer-based data and models



## A LITTLE HISTORY

- › Ray Goertz, Argonne National Lab, 1940s



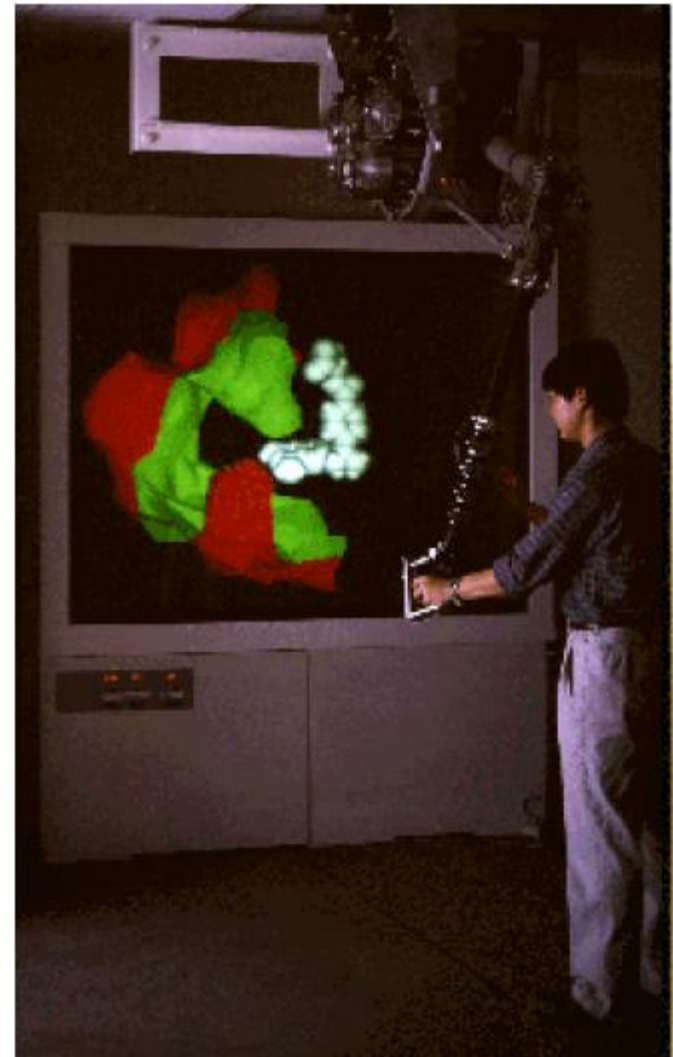


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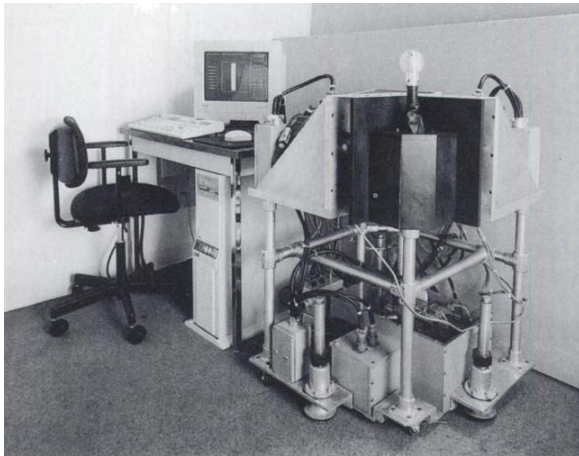
## COMPUTER SIMULATION REPLACES THE SLAVE MANIPULATOR

- › Fred Brooks, UNC Chapel Hill, 1970s
- › Developed to study molecular docking
- › User feels interaction force between molecules
- › Master was one of Goertz's
- › Didn't work very well...

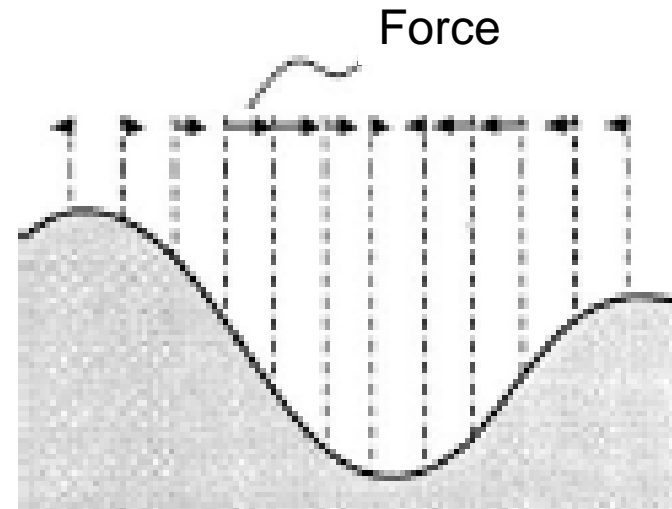


# ~1990 – HAPTIC INTERFACE EMERGES AS AN ENGINEERING DISCIPLINE

- › Margaret Minsky's "virtual sandpaper" system developed at the MIT Media Lab
- › Dov Adelstein's force reflecting joystick developed in the MIT Biomechanics Lab



Minsky, 1990



## PHANTOM HAPTIC DEVICE

- › In 1995, Massie and Salisbury developed the PHANTOM (Personal Haptic iNterface Mechanism) system
- › This cable-driven device design became incredibly popular





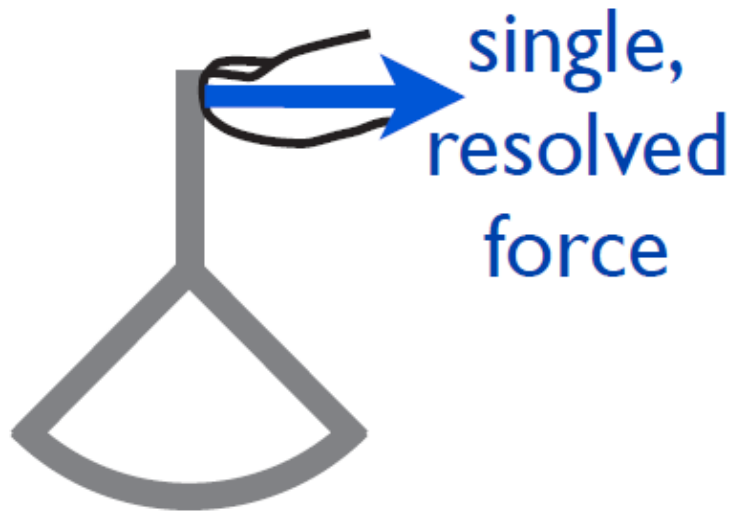


## APPROACHES TO HAPTIC DEVICES

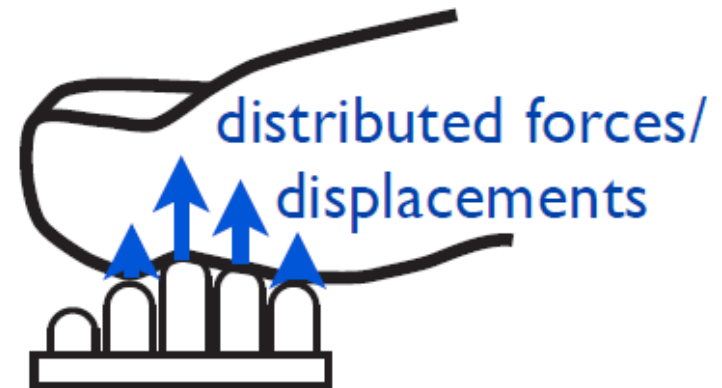
- › Grounded force feedback devices
- › Body-grounded & wearable devices
- › Vibrotactile devices
- › Inertial vibrotactile devices
- › Pin arrays
- › Surface haptic devices
- › Mid-air haptics
- › ...

## HAPTIC DEVICES

Kinesthetic haptic devices display forces or motions through a tool.

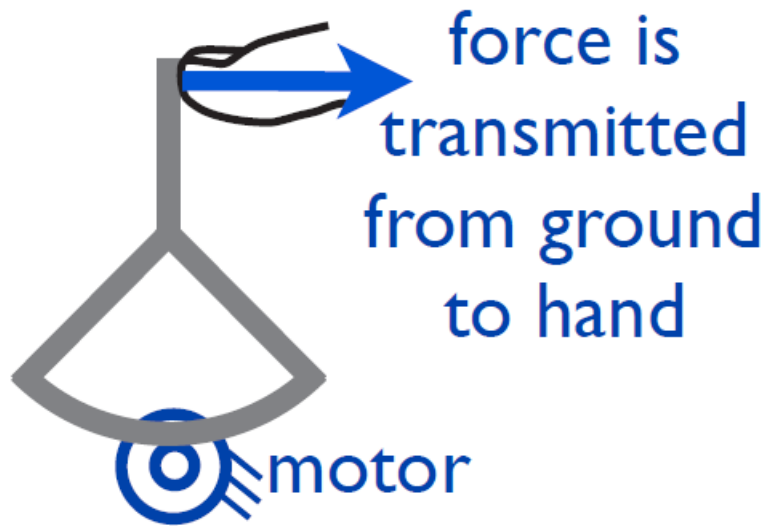


Tactile haptic devices stimulate the skin



## HAPTIC DEVICES

Kinesthetic haptic devices are usually **grounded**



Tactile haptic devices can more easily be **wearable**



# KINESTHETIC DEVICE CONFIGURATIONS

- › Manipulandum



- › Grasp



- › Exoskeleton

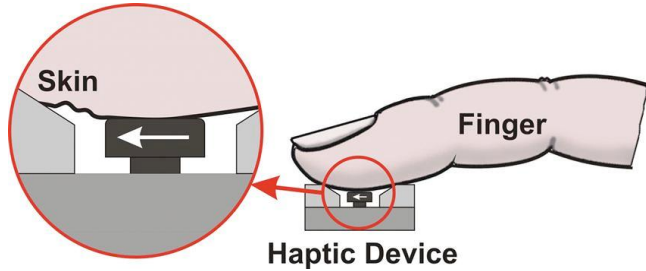


## GROUNDING DEVICES

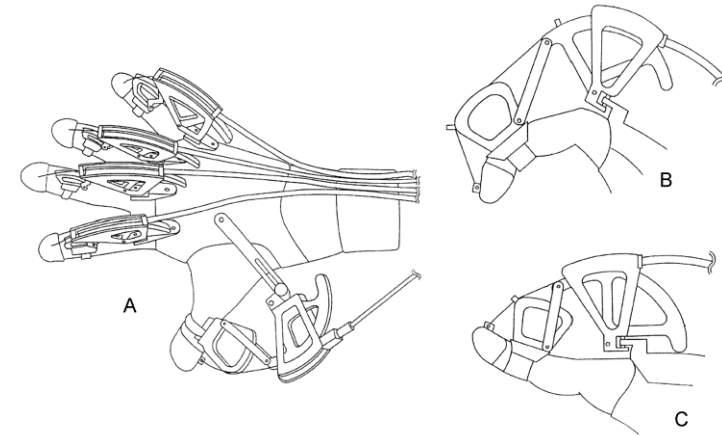
- › Phantom and Novint Falcon (impedance style)
- › Haptic Master (admittance style)
- › List goes on...



## BODY-GROUNDED DEVICES



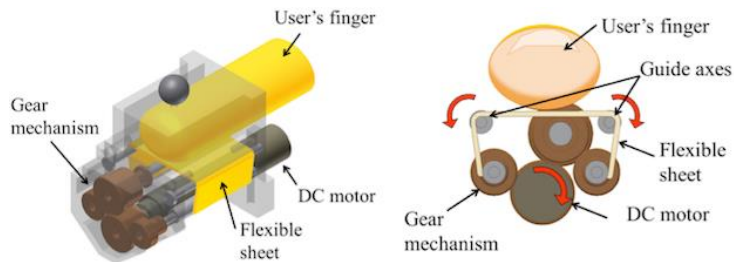
Skin stretch devices (W. Provancher)



Cybergrasp



Contact Location (Provancher & Tan)

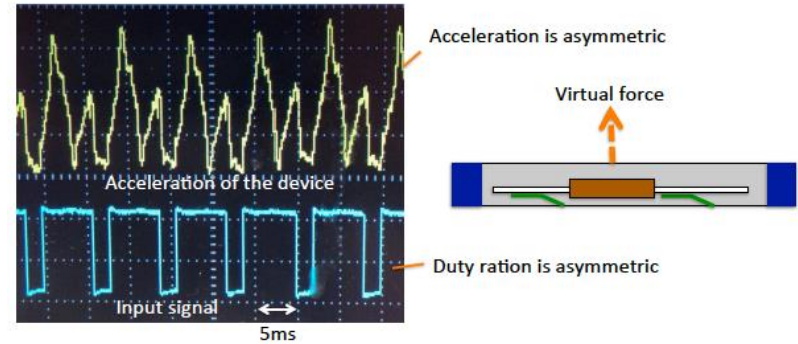
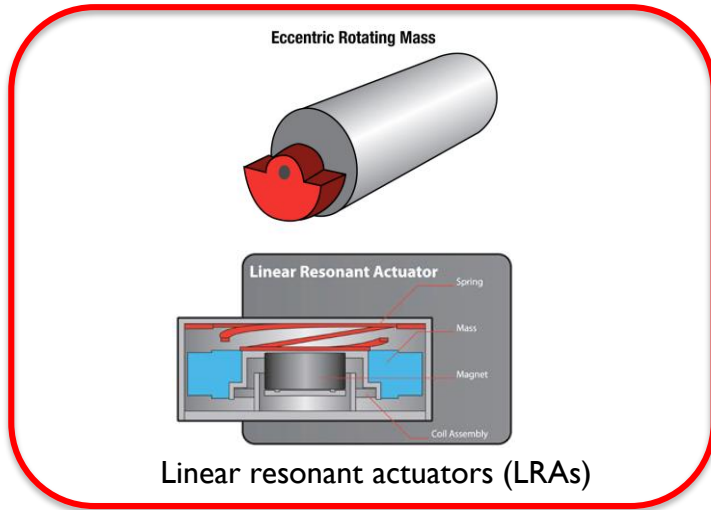


Softness Display (Kawasaki)

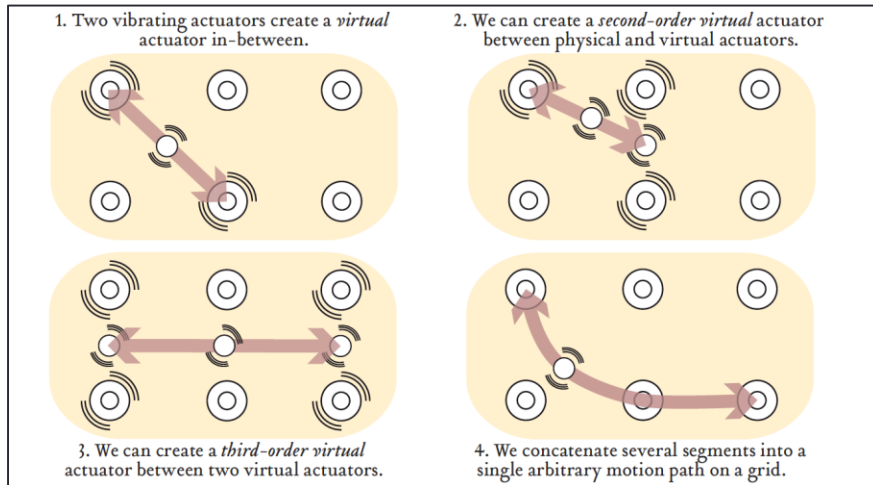


Contact Orientation (D. Prattichizzo)

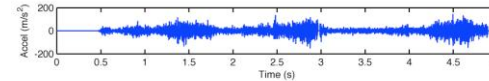
# VIBROTACTILE DEVICES



Asymmetric acceleration produces virtual force (Rekimoto)



Array of tactors coupled with tactile illusions (Israr)



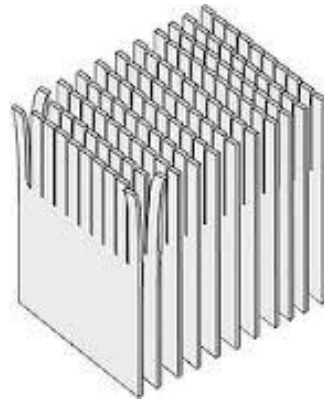
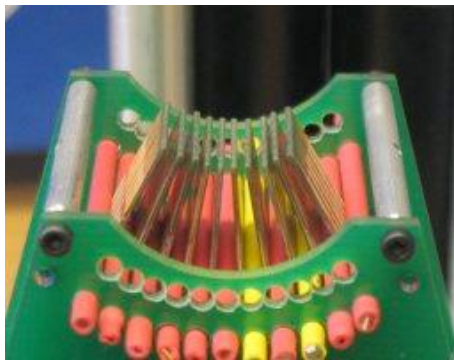
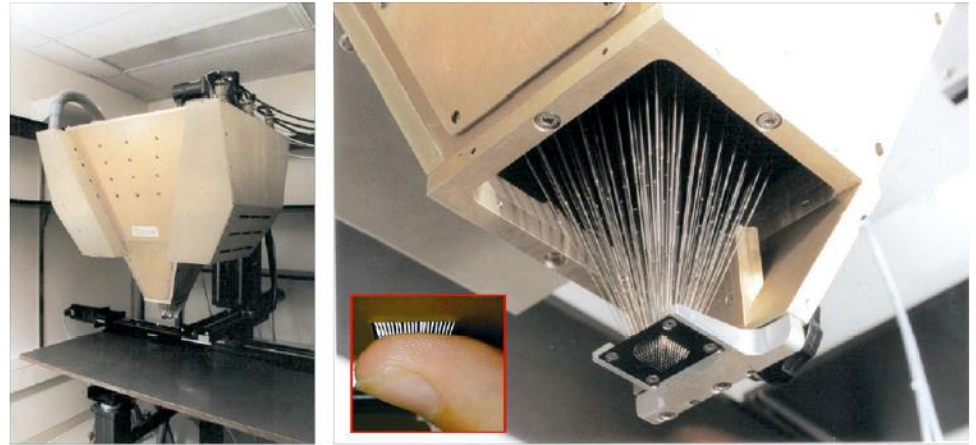
Voice Coil for  
“Haptography”  
(Culbertson)

Using “Haptuator” from  
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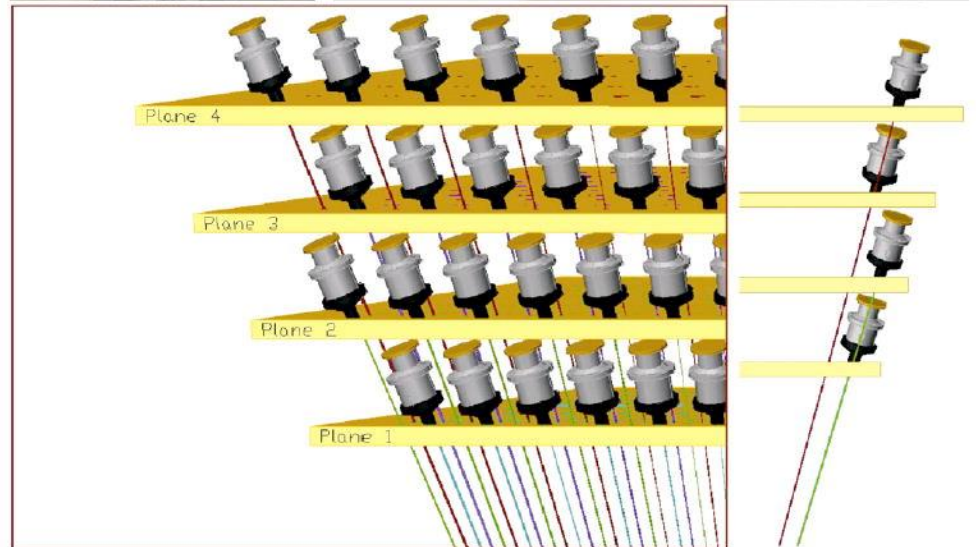
## PIN ARRAYS



Typical pin array (source unknown)

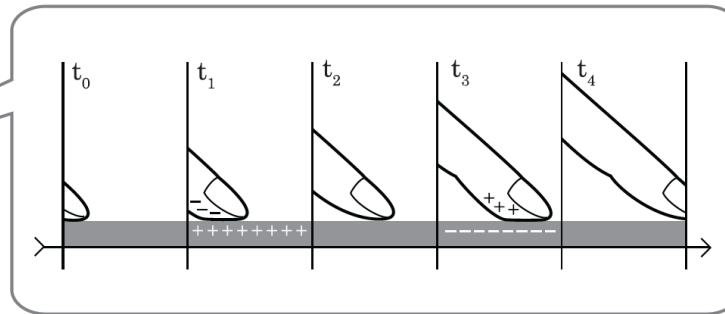
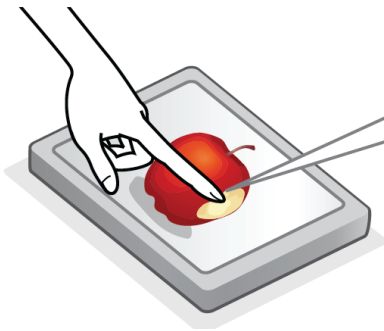


STReSS Lateral Skin Stretch (Hayward)



400 probe stimulator from Johnson lab at JHU

## SURFACE HAPTICS

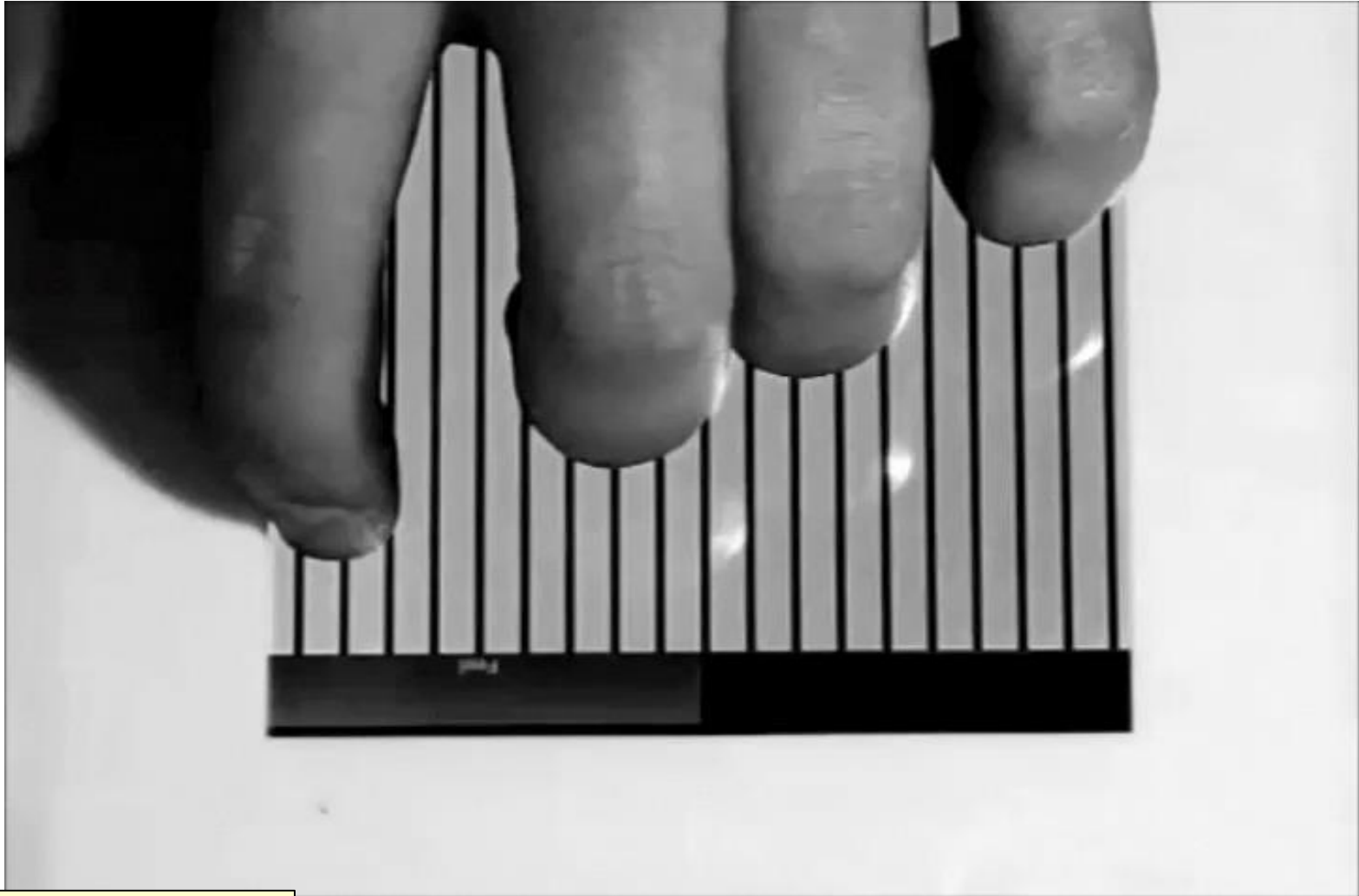


Electrostatic attraction increases friction (Poupyrev, Disney Research)

TPad – ultrasonic vibrations reduce friction (Colgate, Northwestern)

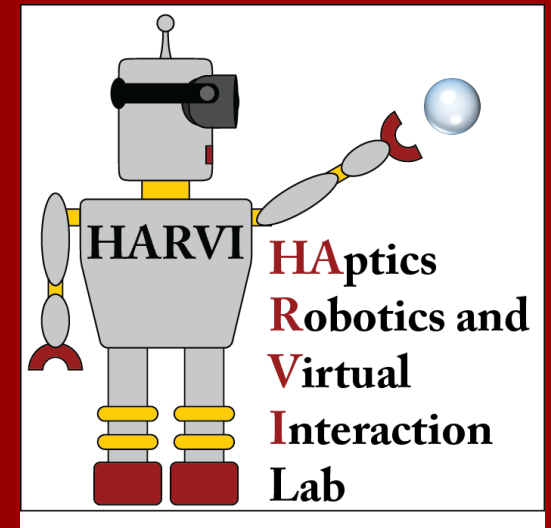


## **HAPTIC EFFECTS SUCH AS TEXTURE ARE CREATED BY MODULATING FRICTION AS FINGER MOVES**

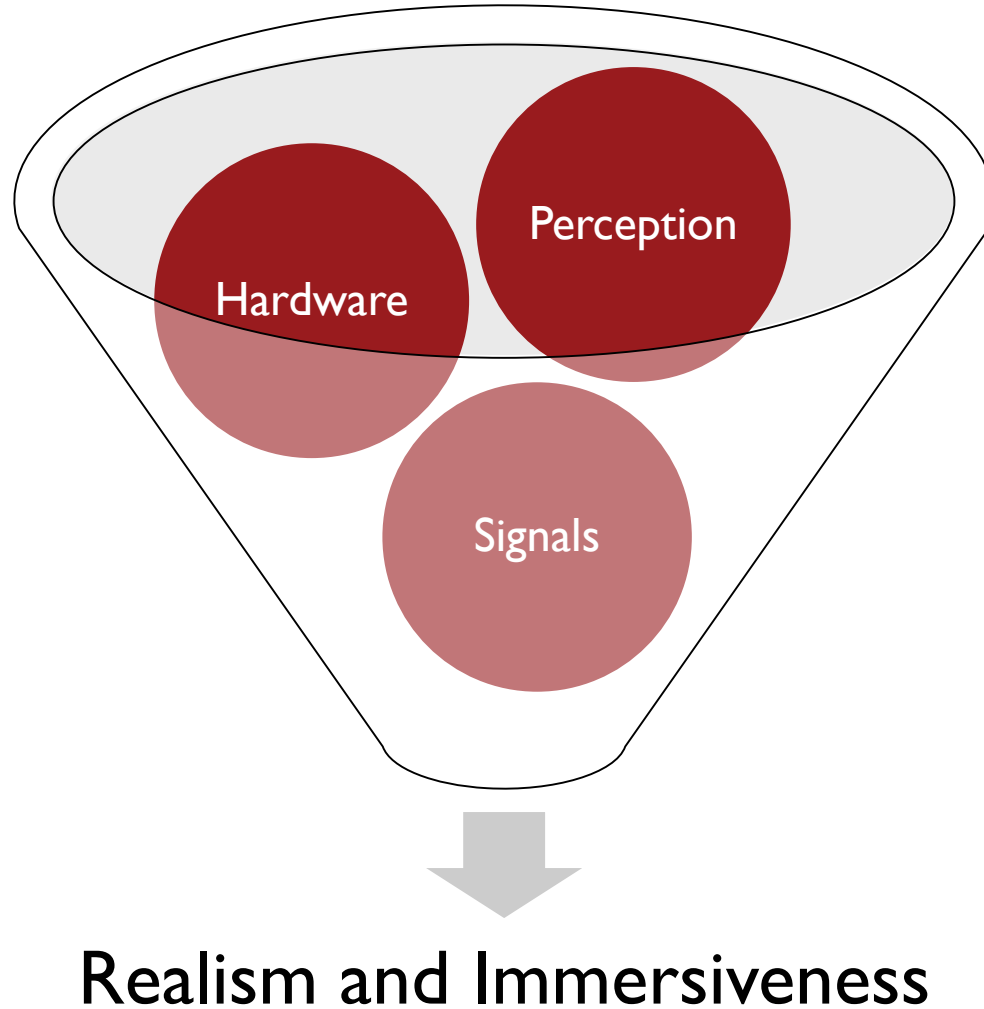


Video courtesy of J. Mullenbach

# HARVI LAB



## OUR APPROACH



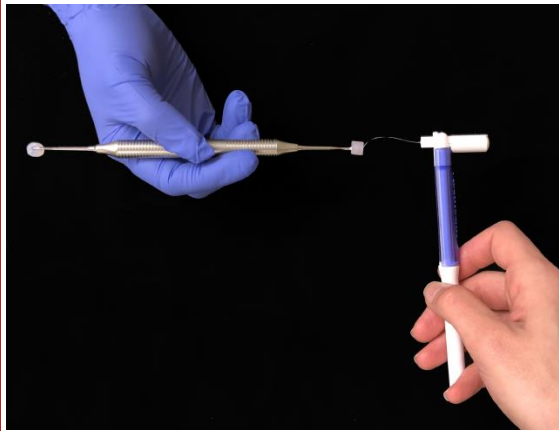


# **EFFECTS OF DENTAL GLOVES ON PERCEPTION**

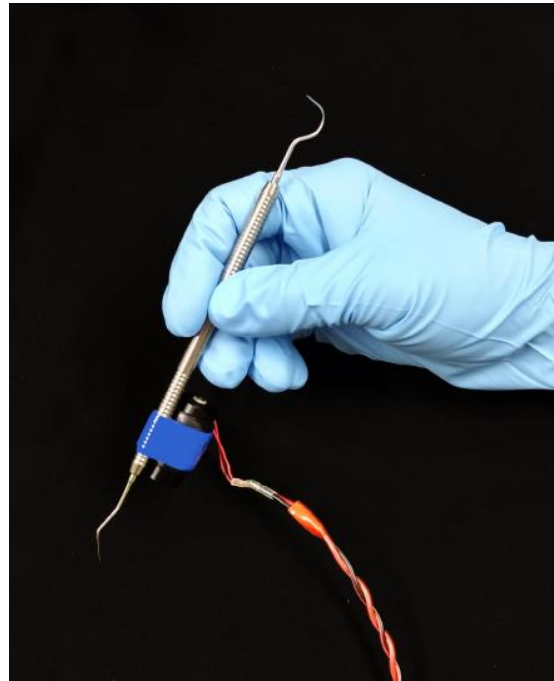
# TOOL VS. FINGER CONTACT



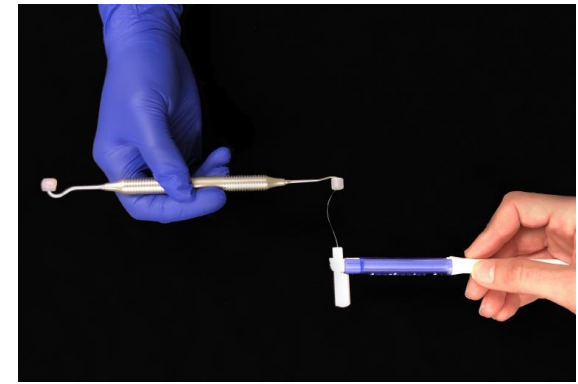
## KEY TOUCH SENSATIONS



Force

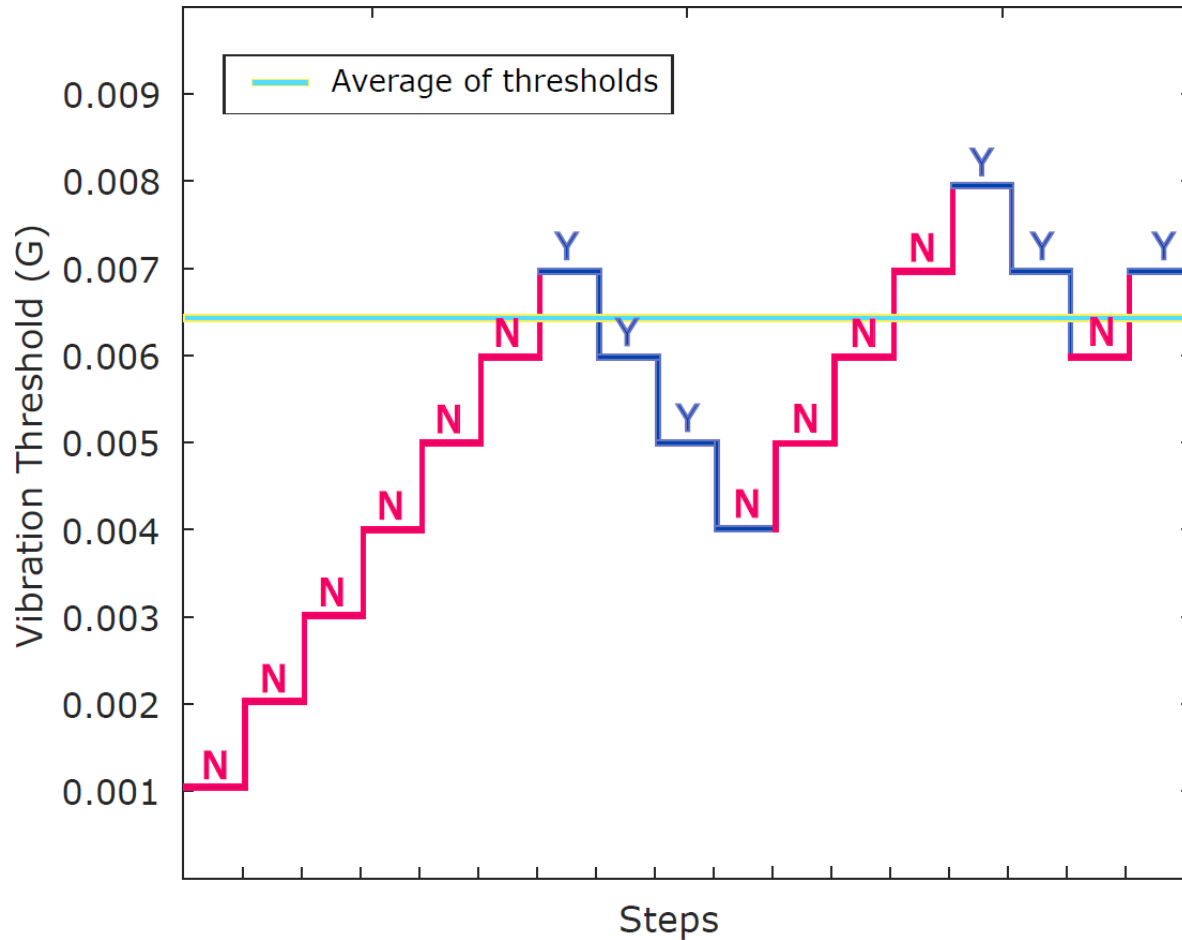


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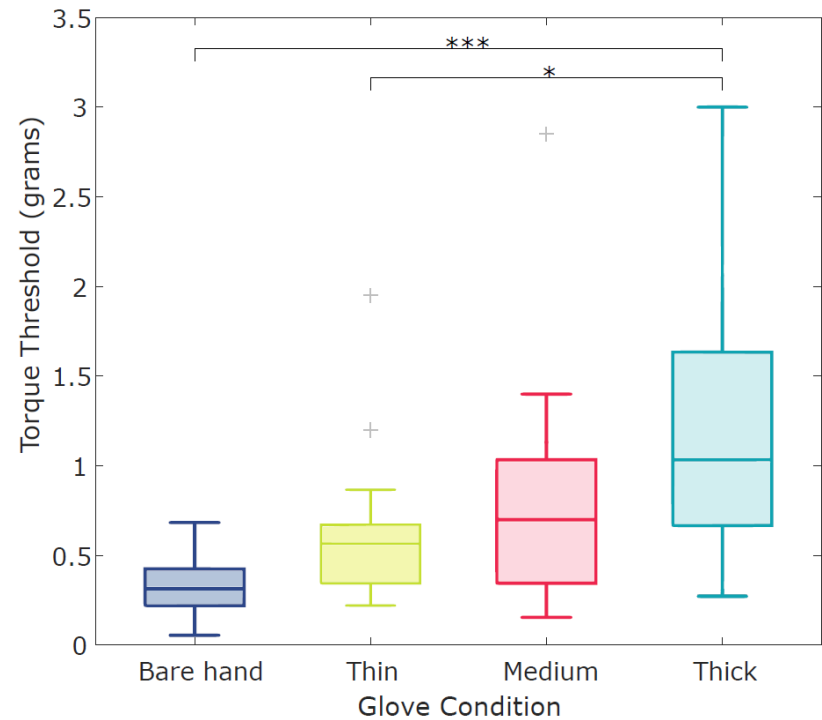
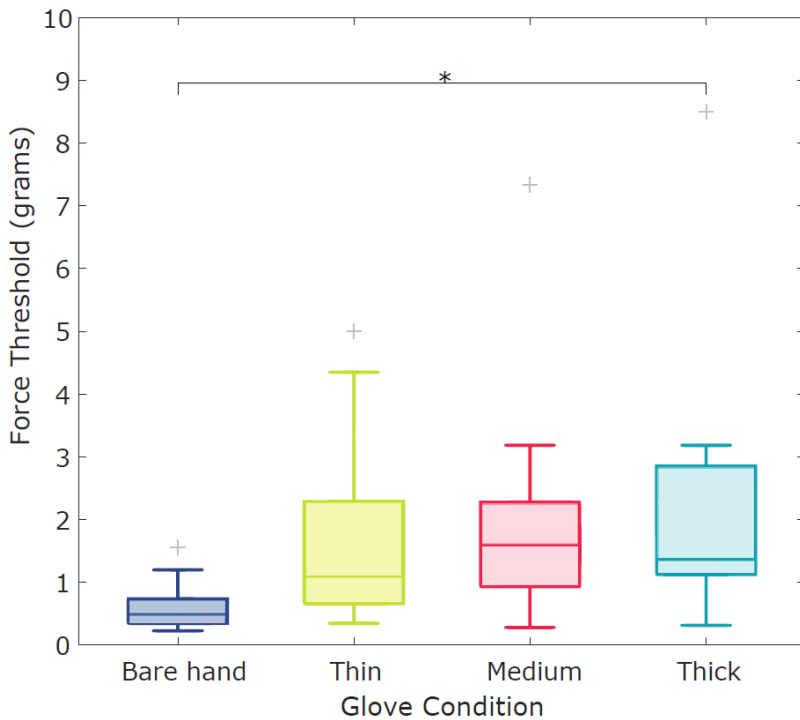


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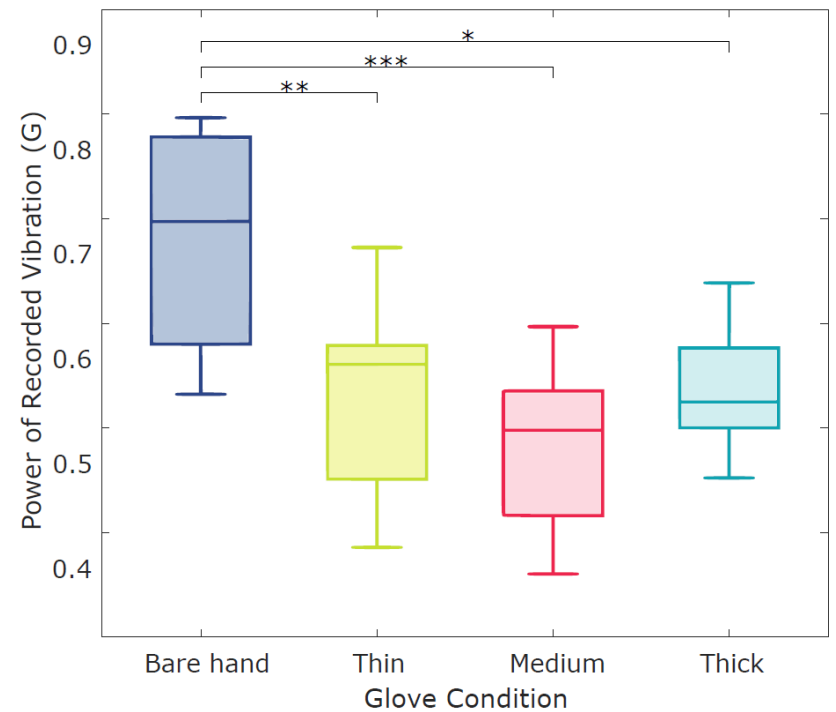
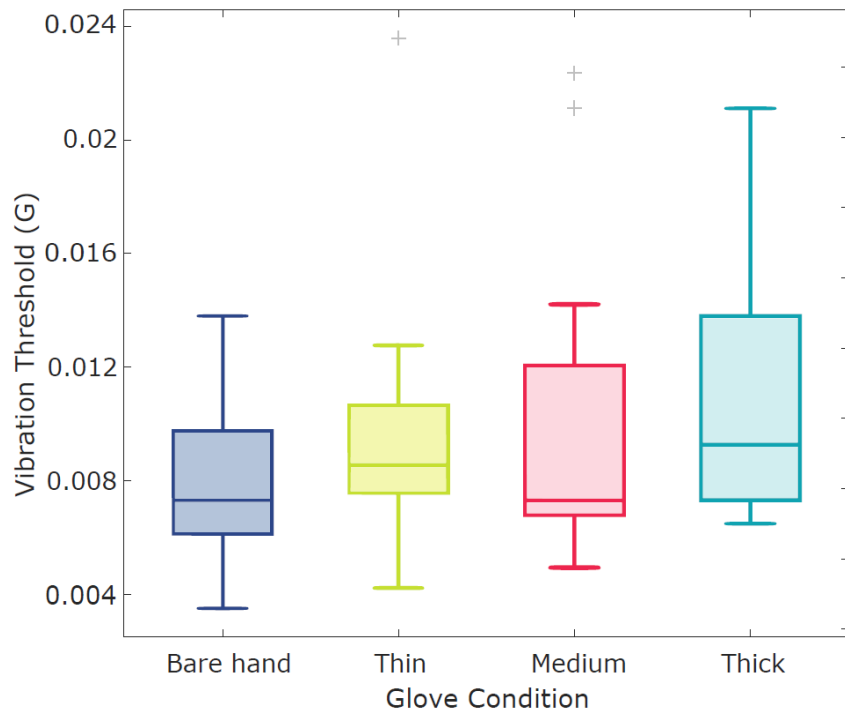
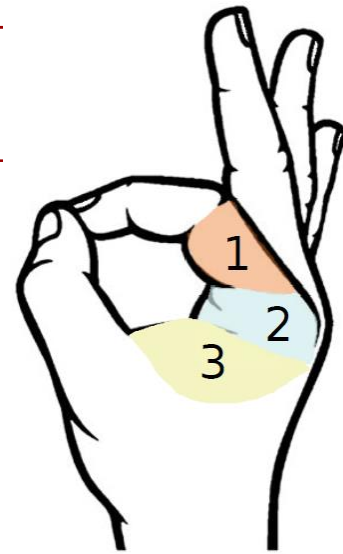
# PERCEPTUAL THRESHOLD



# FORCE/TORQUE THRESHOLDS

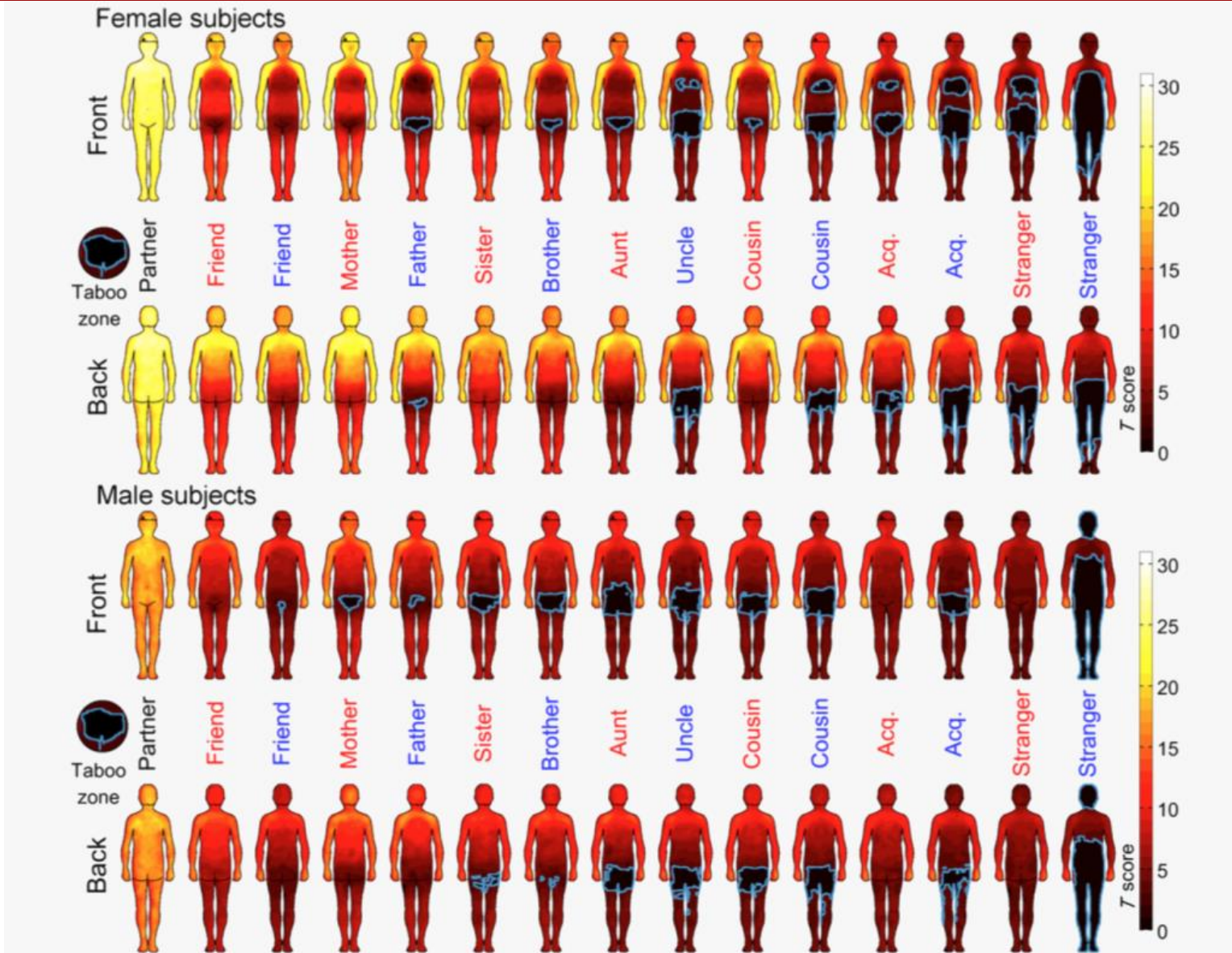


# VIBRATION THRESHOLD



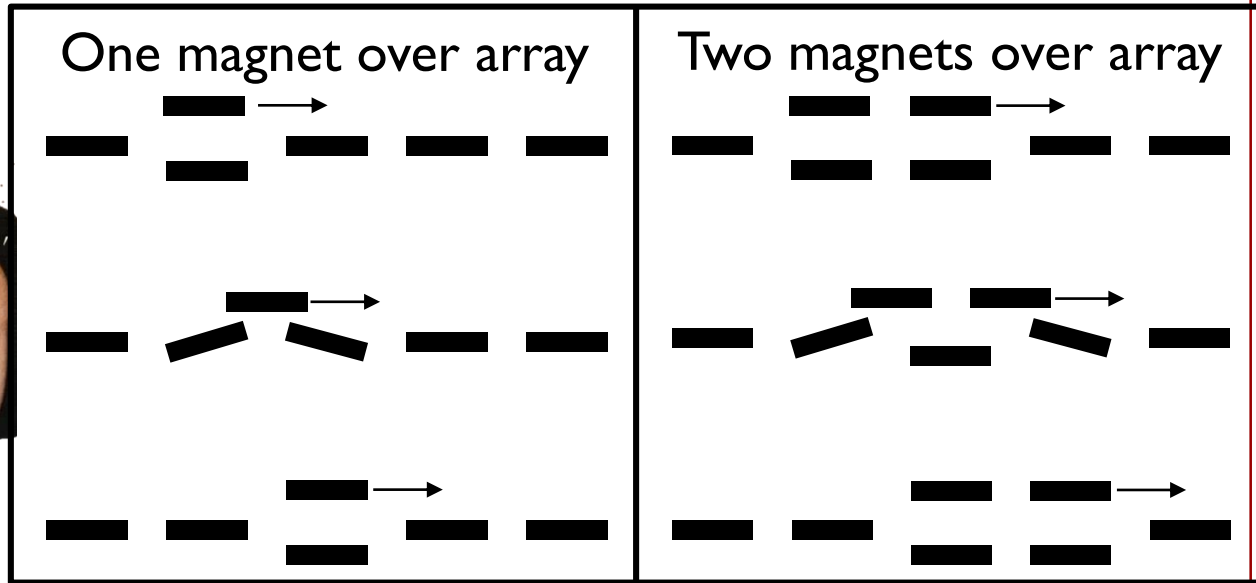


# SOCIAL TOUCH



Suvilehto et al., "Topography of social touching depends on emotional bonds between humans", 2015.

# HAPTIC SKETCHING

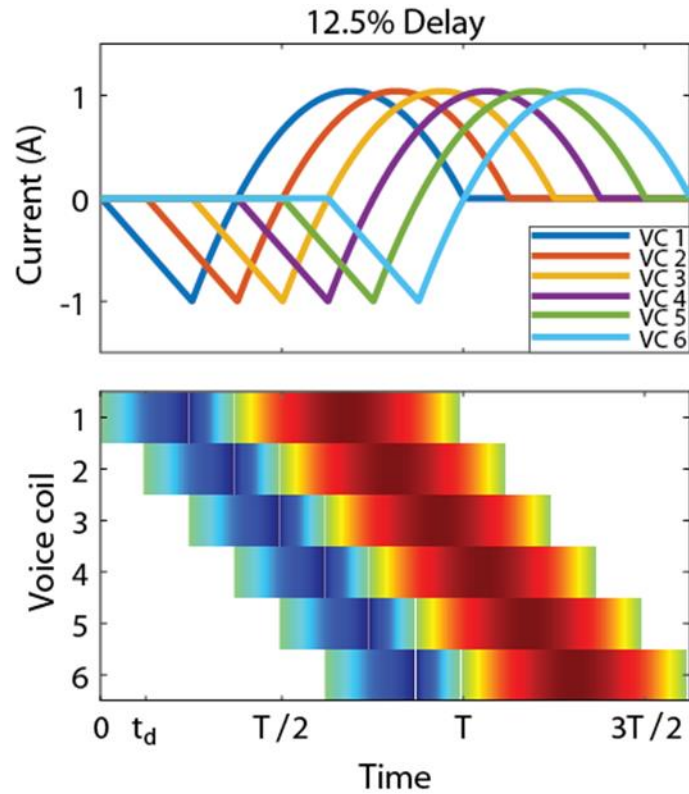


## VOICE COIL ARRAY

- Hardware Requirements:
  - Apply 1 N force
  - Actuate at low frequencies (1-5 Hz)
  - At least 3 mm of motion

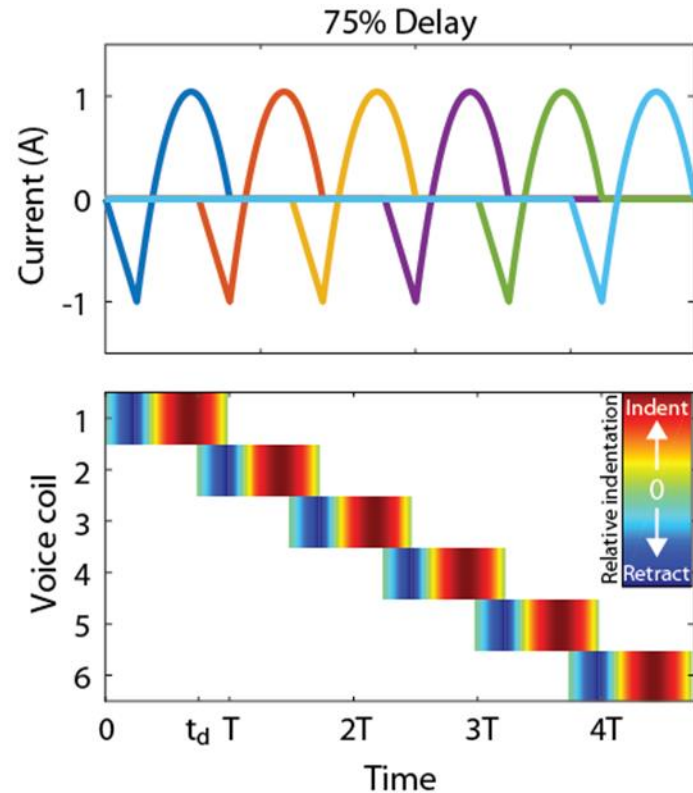
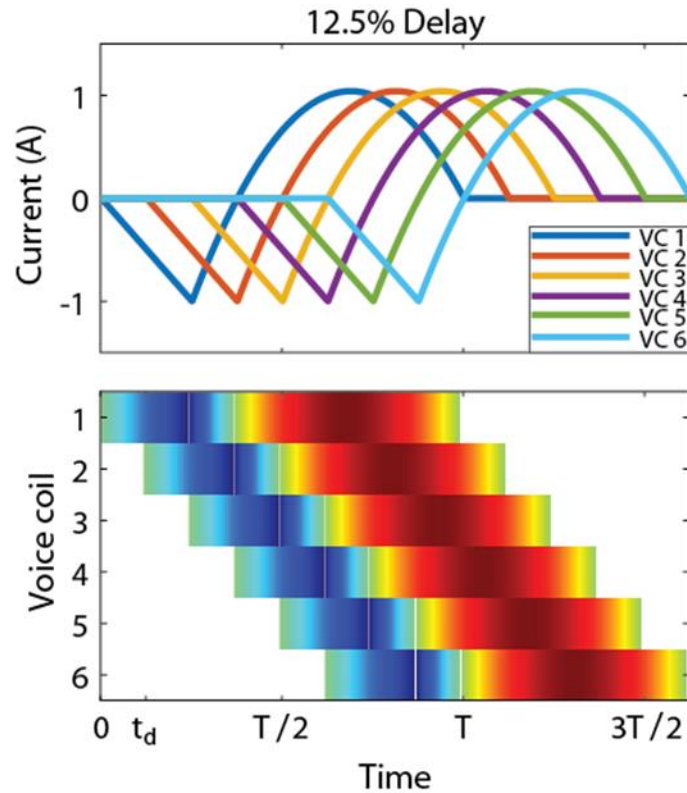


# SEQUENTIAL ACTIVATION





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The voice coils are controlled to sequentially press into the user's arm



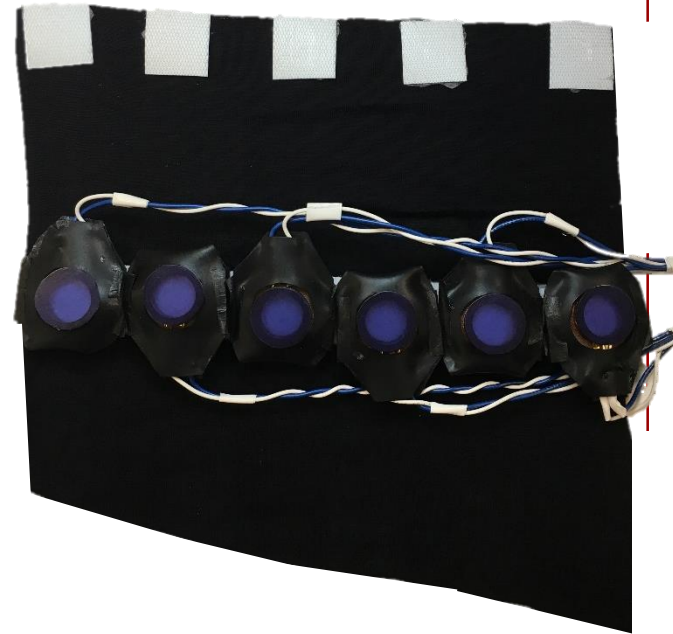
Fast pulses with short delays feel unpleasant



Long pulses with short delays create the most continuous and pleasant sensation



# WEARABLE SYSTEM



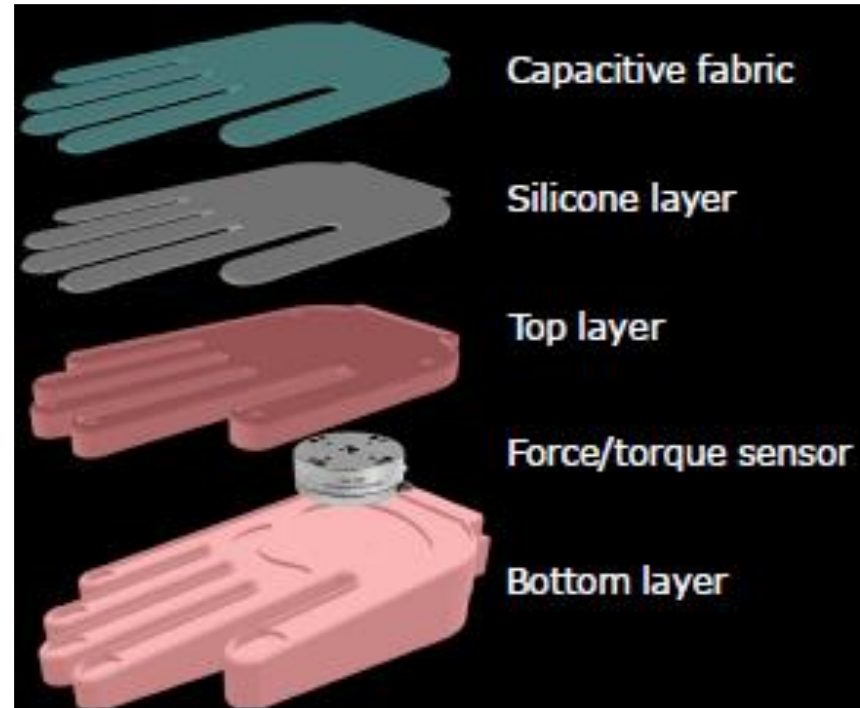


# ROBOT SOCIAL TOUCH

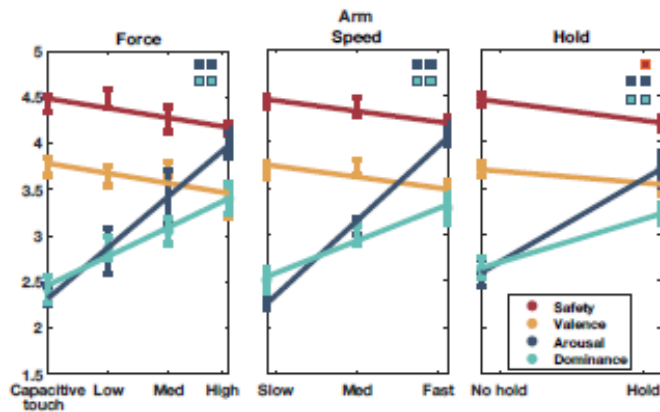
# ROBOT PATTING



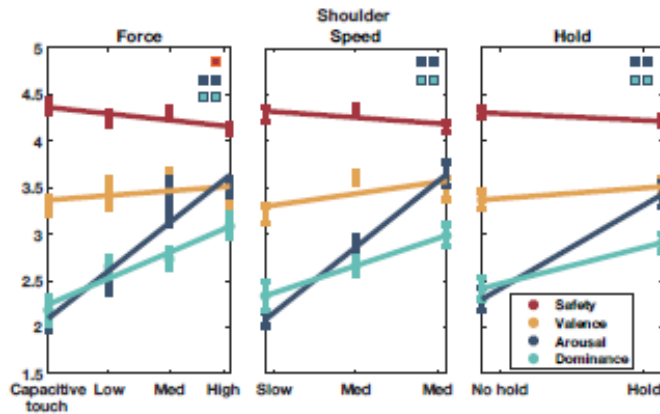
# SENSING



# RESULTS



(a)



(b)

TABLE 1  
Mean and standard deviation of post survey ratings

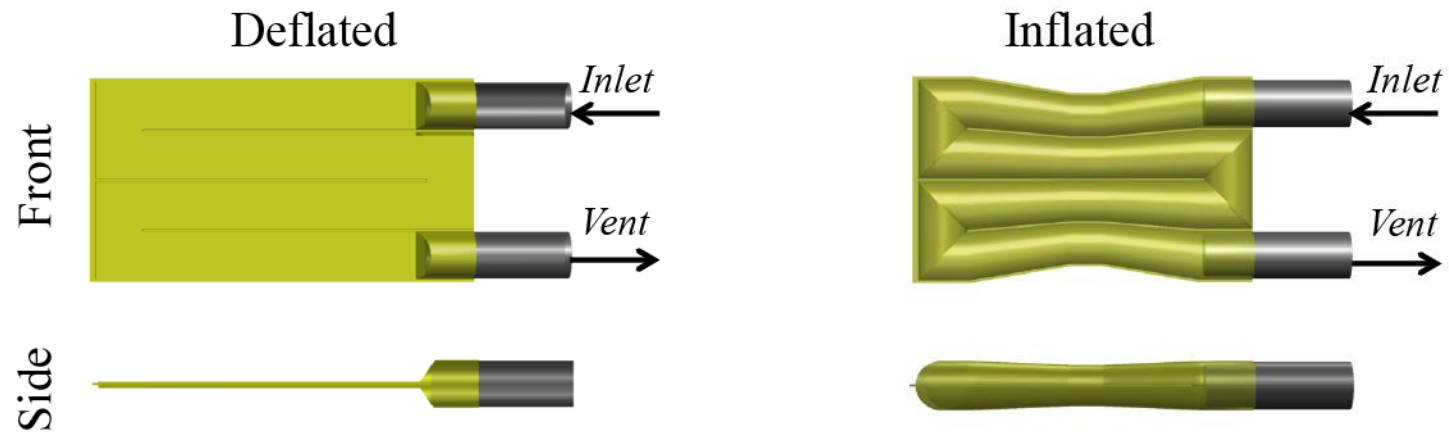
Questions	Mean	Std
I could cooperate with the robot	3.7	0.8
I like the presence of the robot	3.5	1.3
I could do activities with this robot	3.5	1.4
I felt threatened by the robot	1.2	0.4
I consider the robot to be a social agent	3.1	1.6
I feel comfortable while interacting with the robot	3.7	1.4
I trust the robot	3.5	3

\*5=strongly agree, 1=strongly disagree

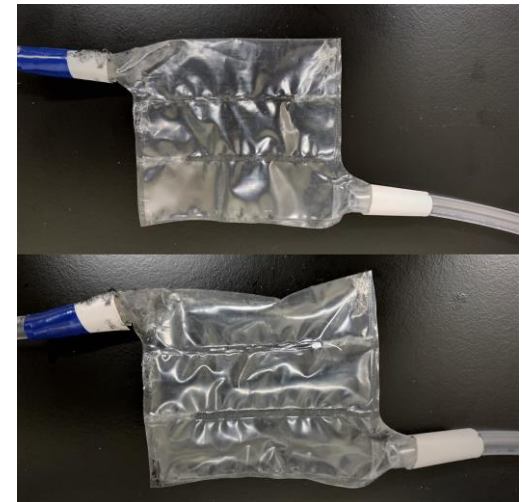
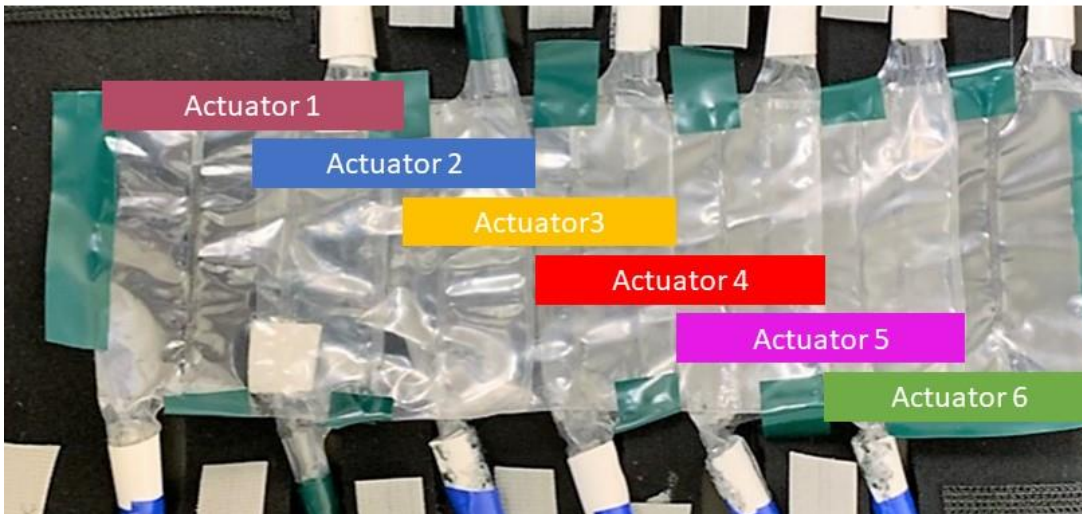


# LIGHTWEIGHT WEARABLE HAPTICS

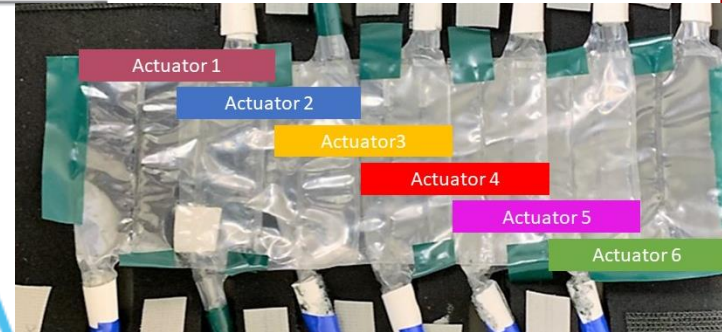
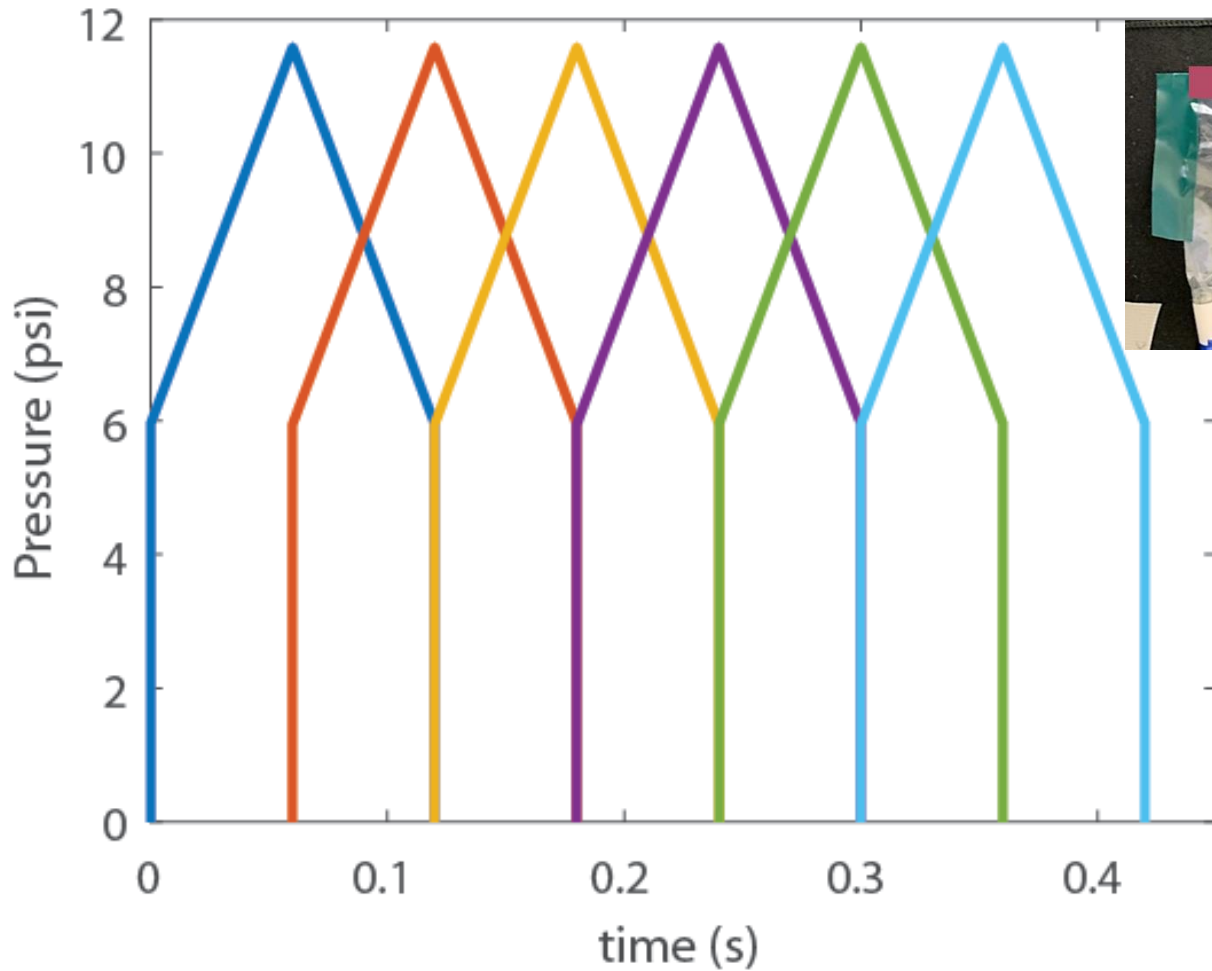
# THERMOPLASTIC PNEUMATIC ACTUATORS



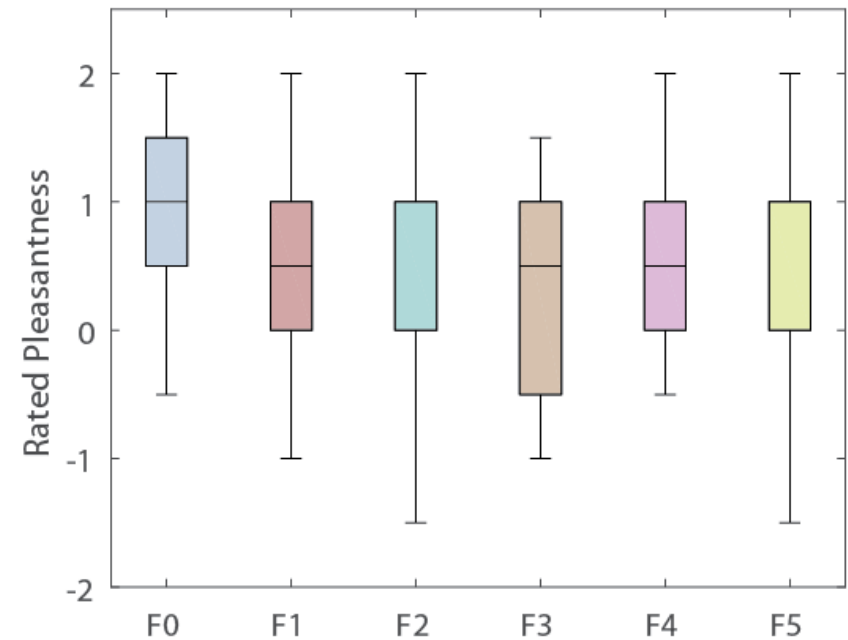
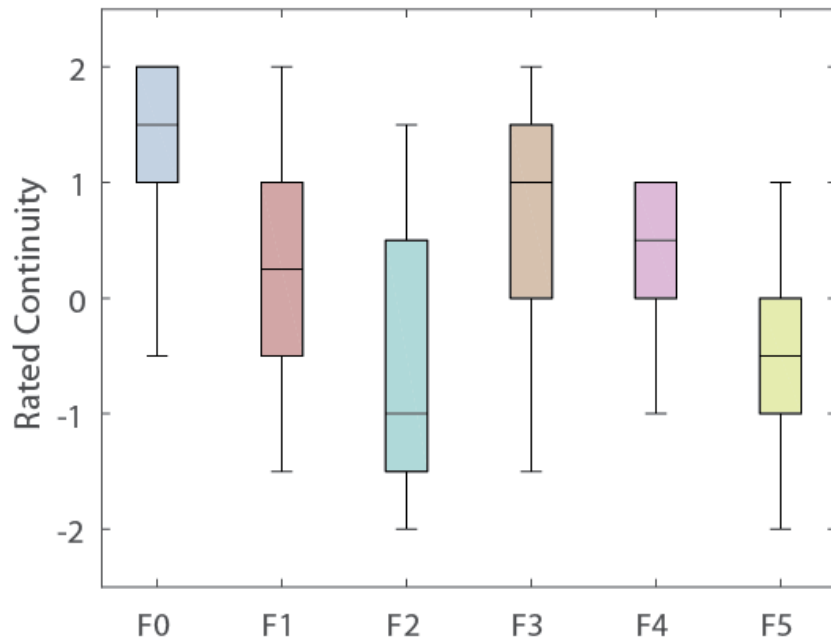
# ARRAY OF PNEUMATIC ACTUATORS



# ARRAY CONTROL SIGNALS

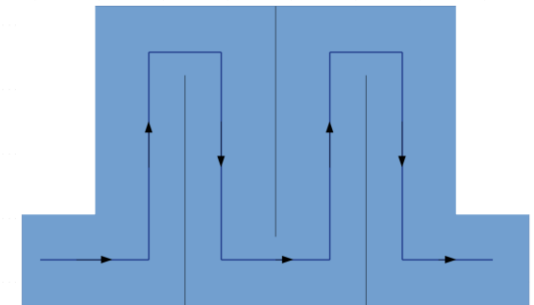
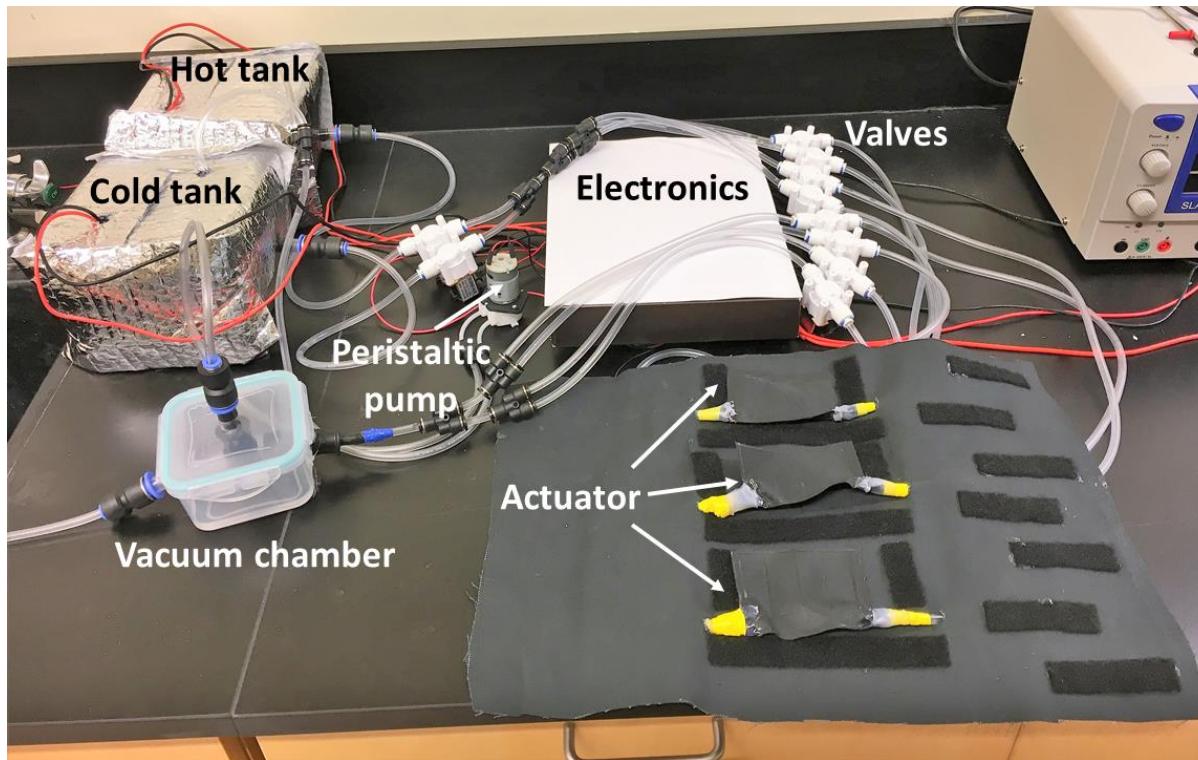


# TUNING ARRAY CONTROL SIGNALS

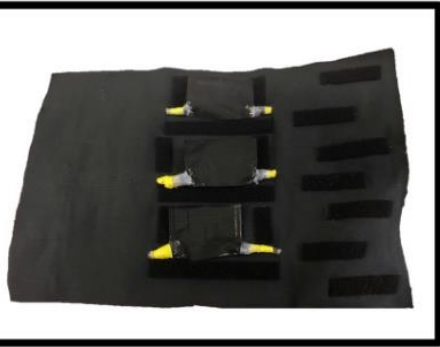


	$t_l$	$A_{min}$	$A_{max}$
<b>Function0</b>	120 ms	5.95 psi	11.59 psi
<b>Function1</b>	240 ms	5.95 psi	11.59 psi
<b>Function2</b>	480 ms	5.95 psi	11.59 psi
<b>Function3</b>	120 ms	5.02 psi	6.65 psi
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<b>Function5</b>	480 ms	5.02 psi	6.65 psi

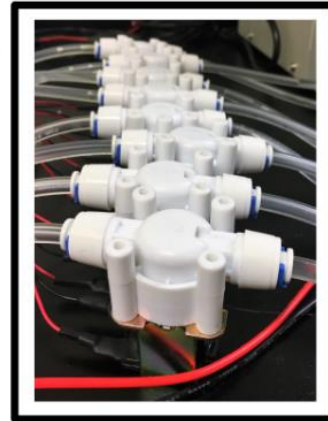
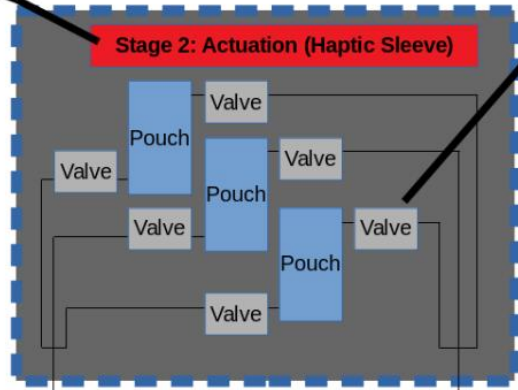
# PATCH: PUMP-ACTUATED THERMAL COMPRESSION HAPTICS



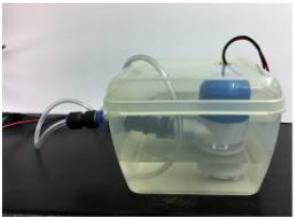
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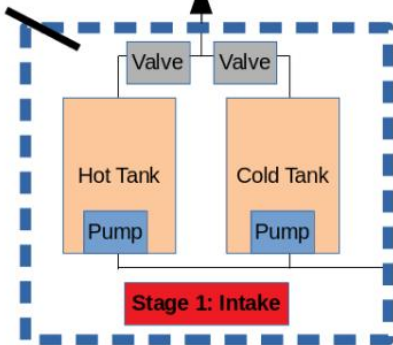
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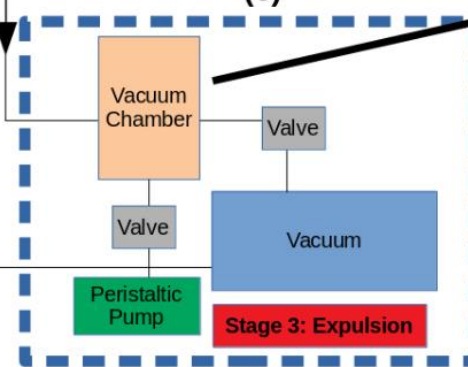
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Stage 1: Intake



Stage 3: Expulsion

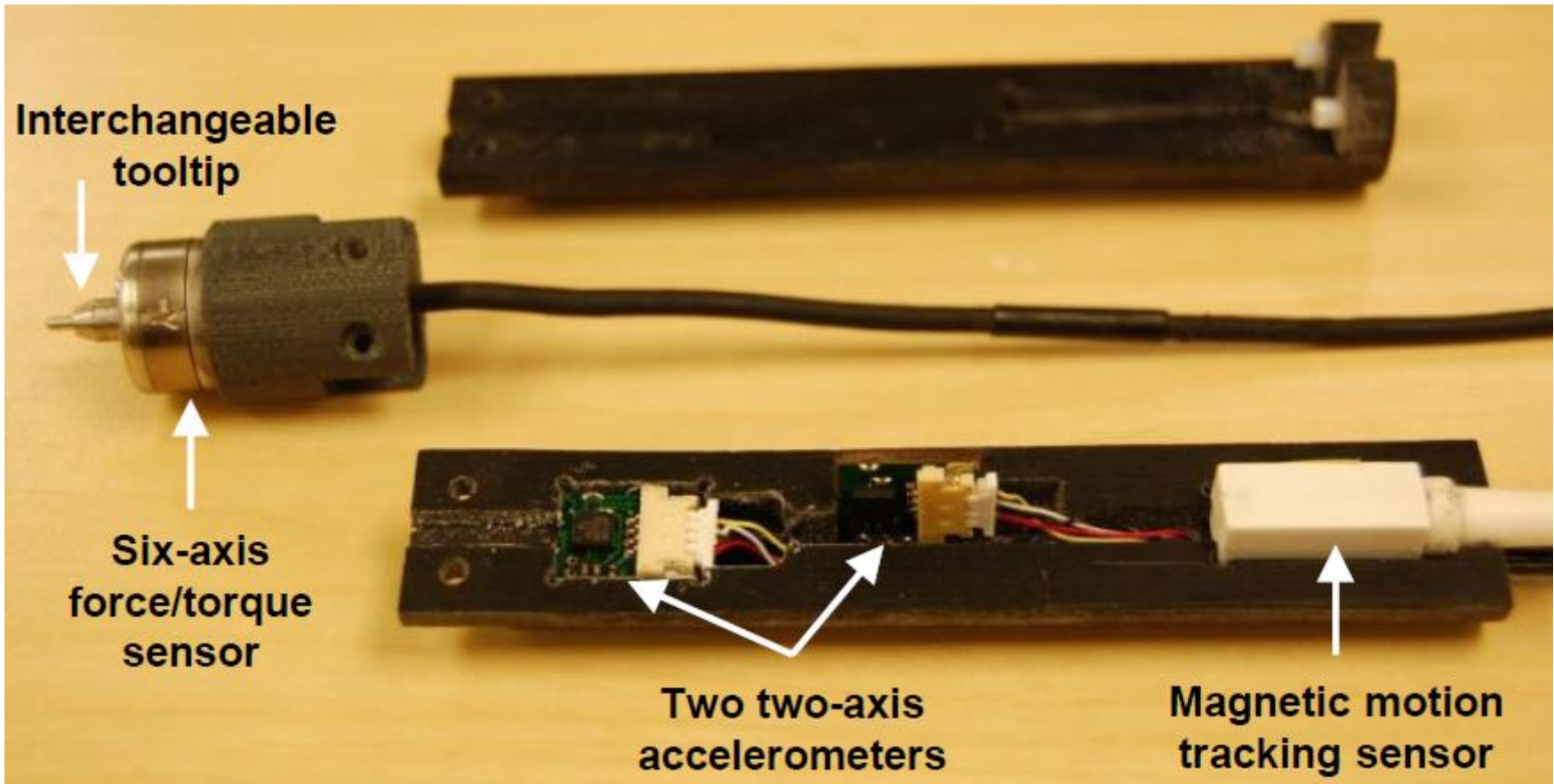


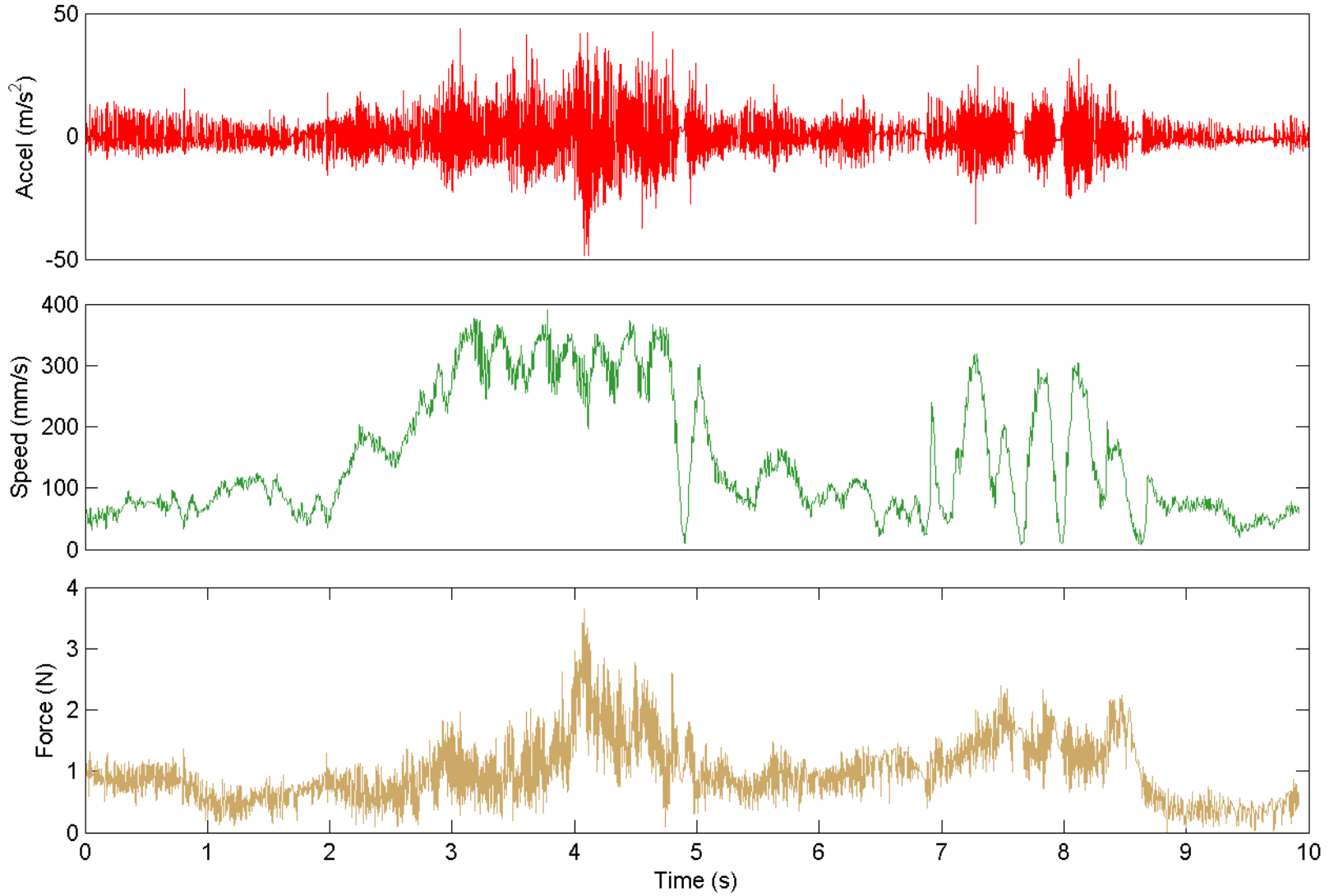
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# DATA-DRIVEN HAPTICS FOR INCREASED REALISM

## HAPTIC RECORDING DEVICE

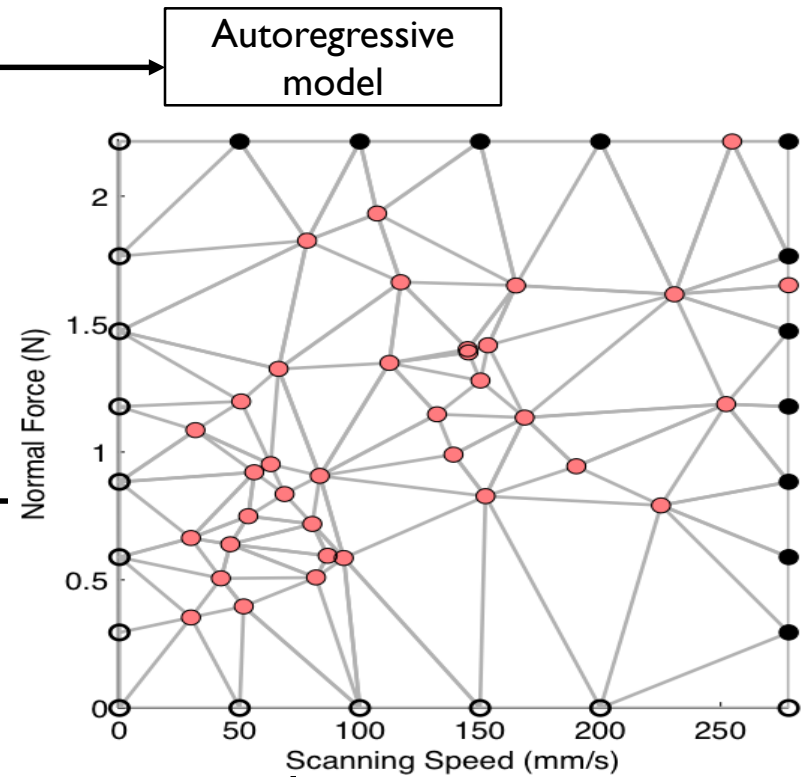
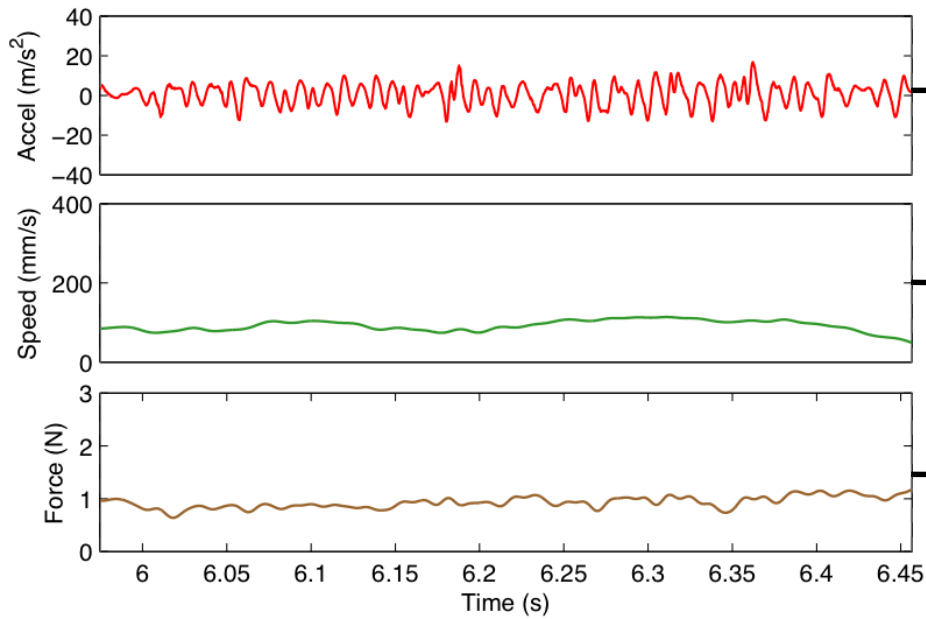






$$H(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{k=1}^p A_k z^{-k}}$$

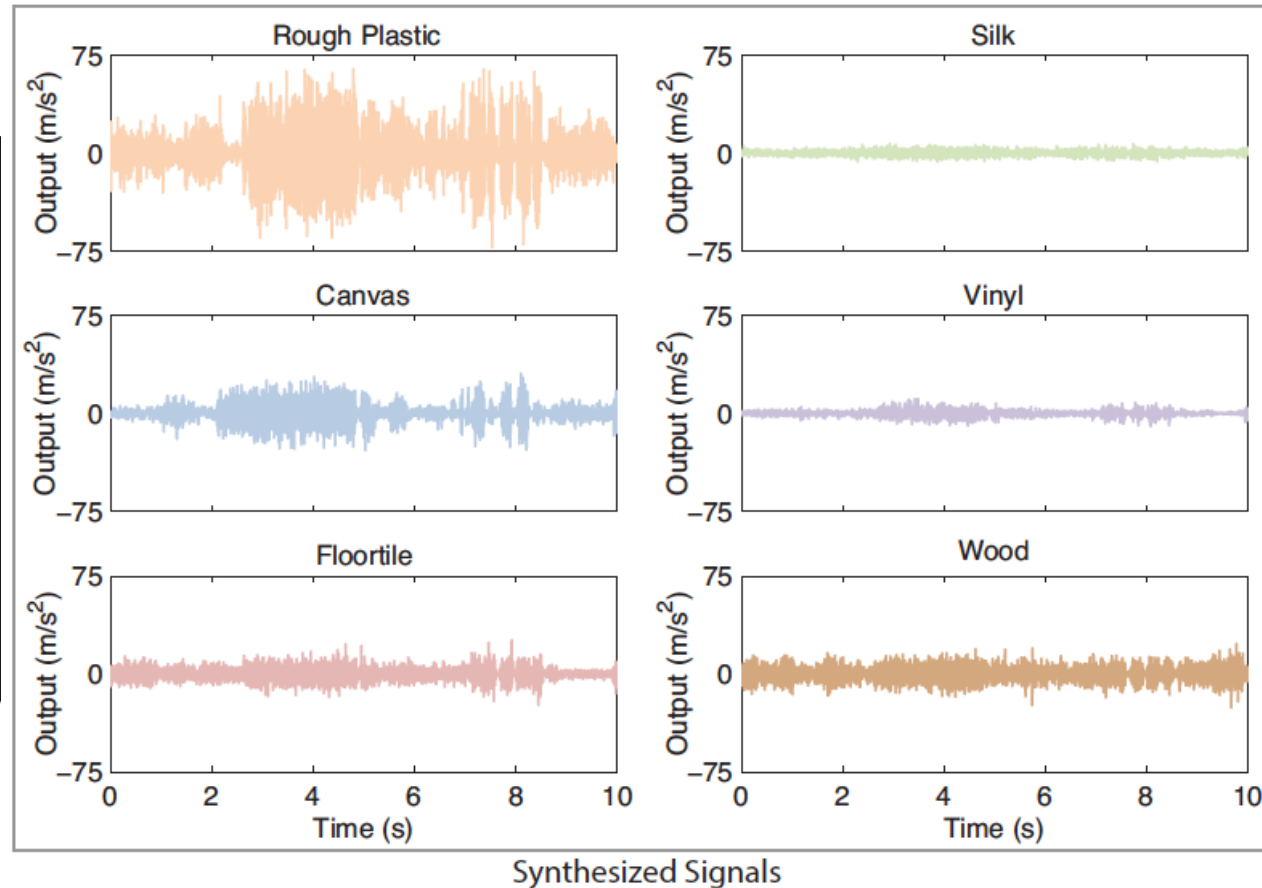
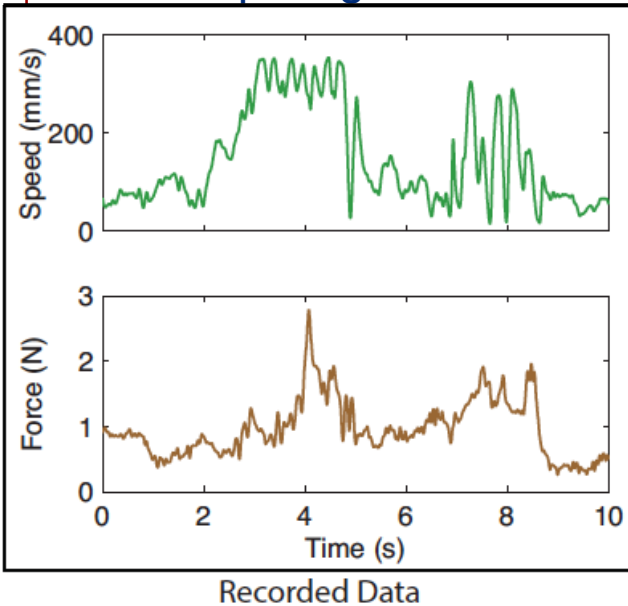
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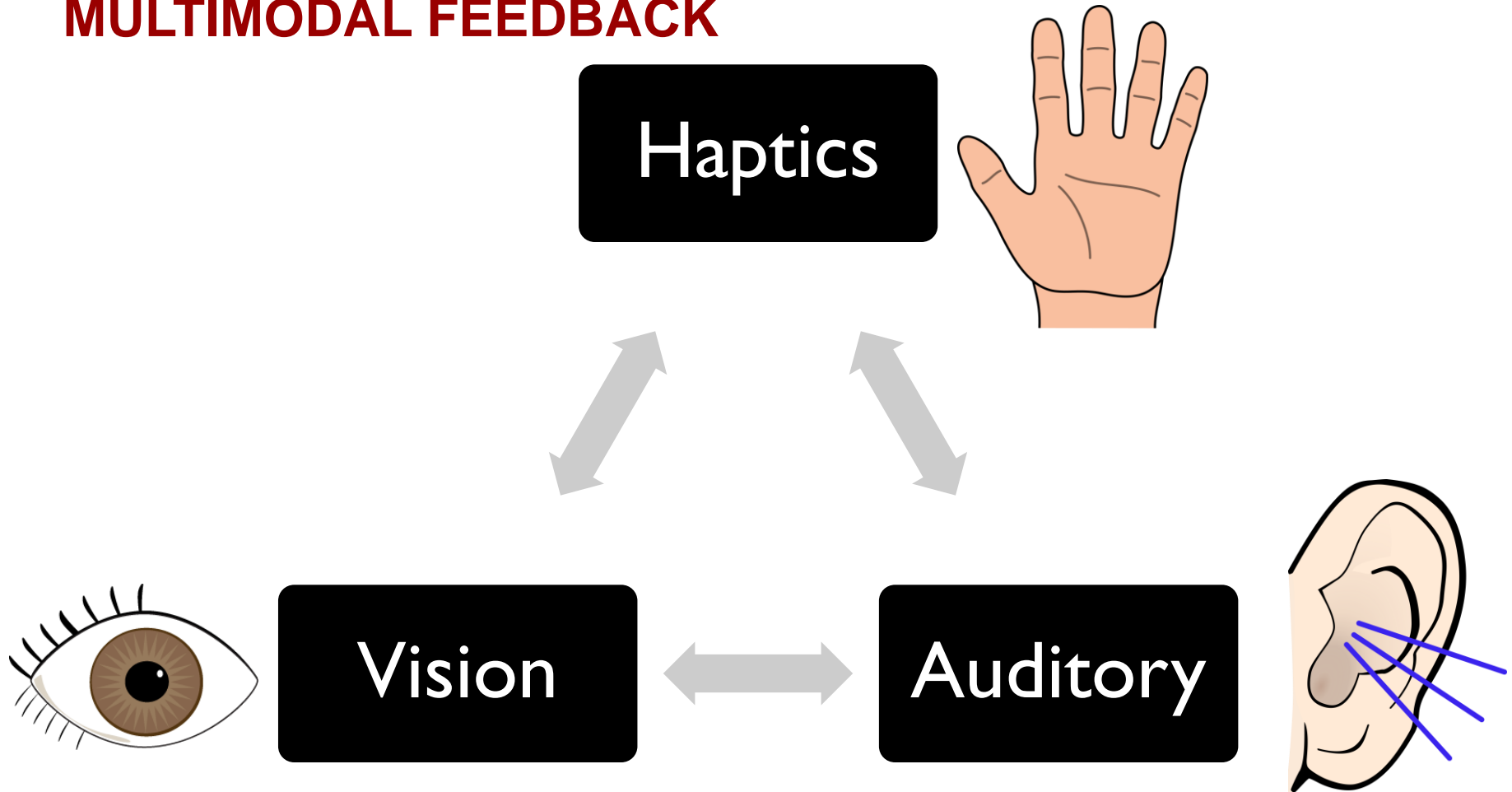
# SYNTHESIZING A NEW TEXTURE OUTPUT

## Six Synthetic Texture Signals

### Input Signals



# MULTIMODAL FEEDBACK

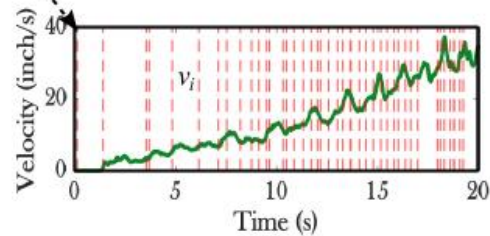
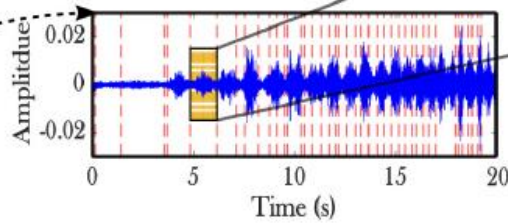


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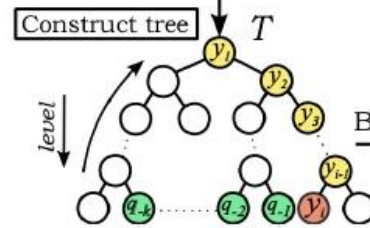
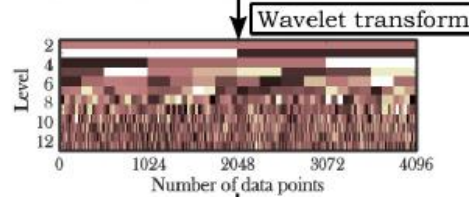
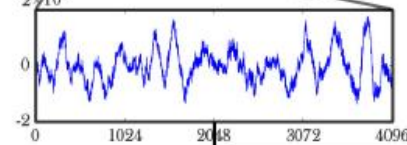
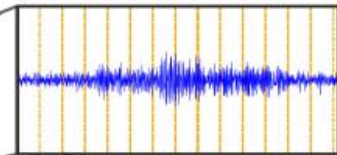
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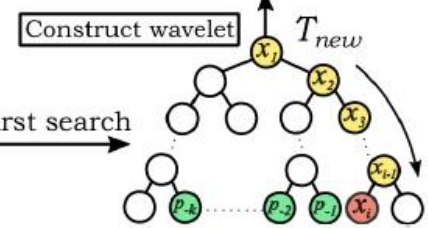
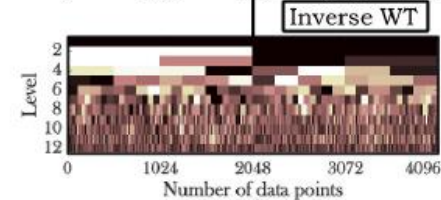
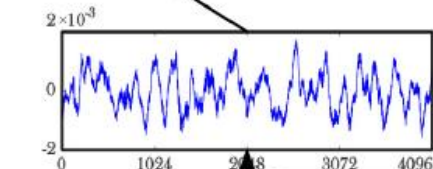
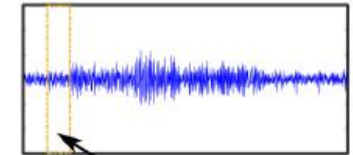
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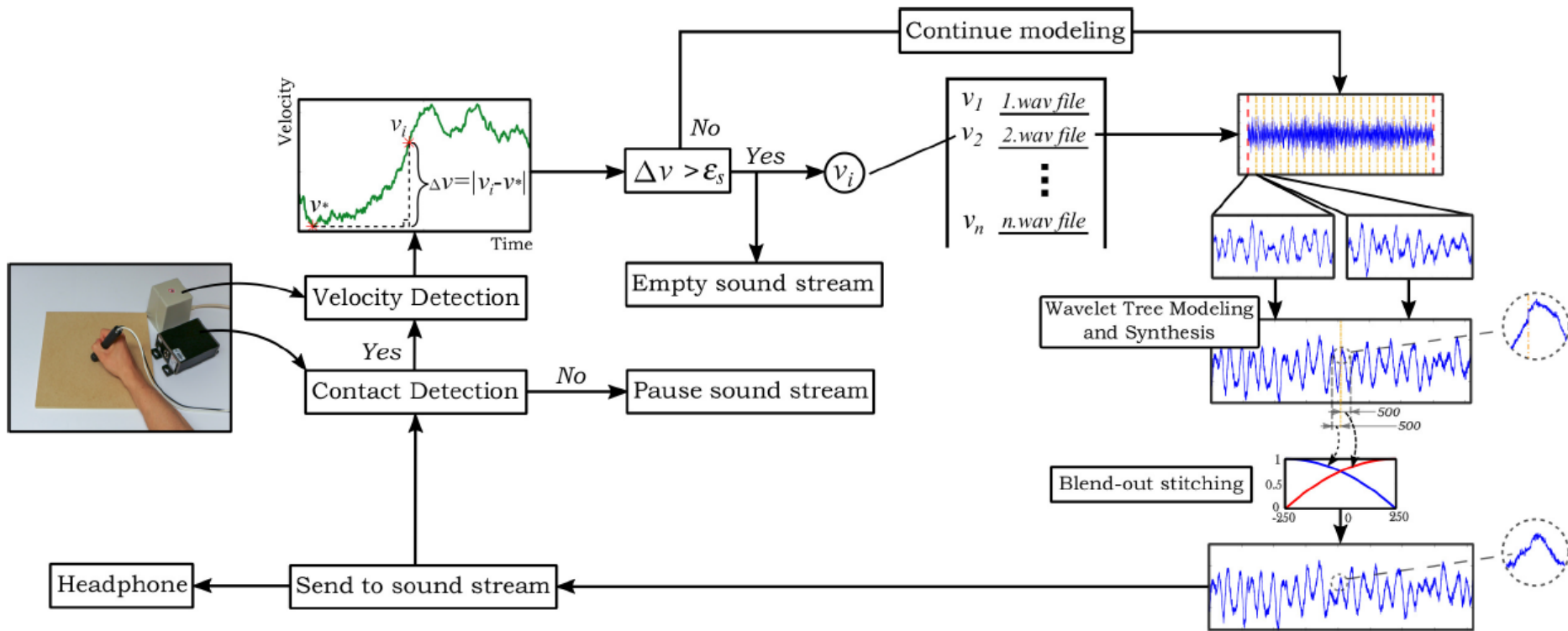
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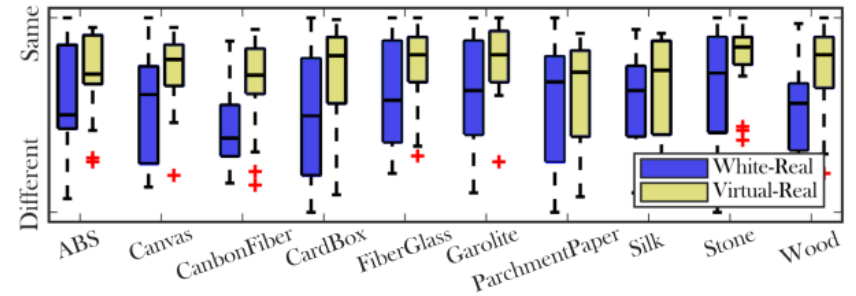
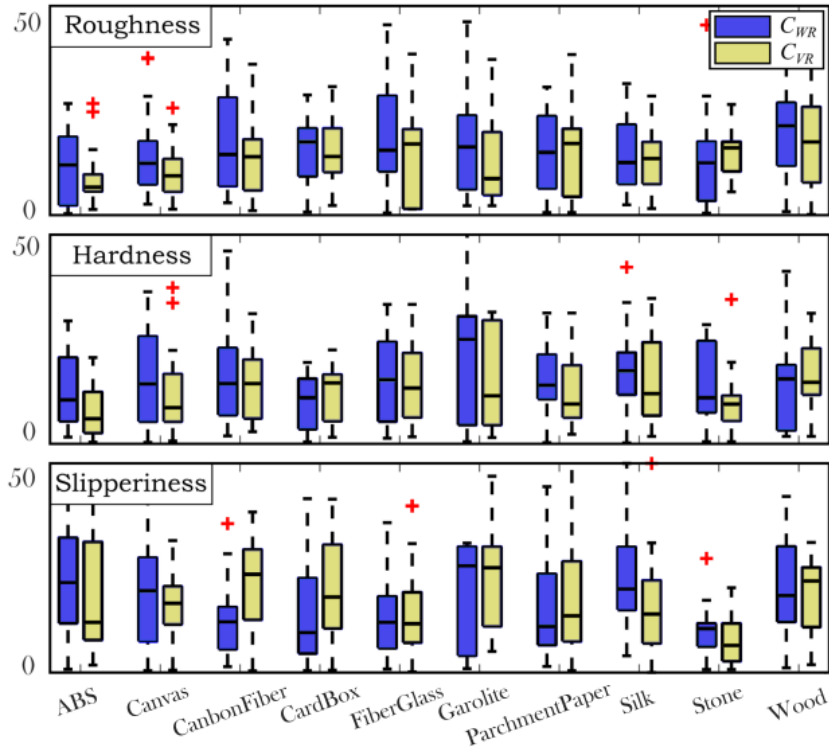
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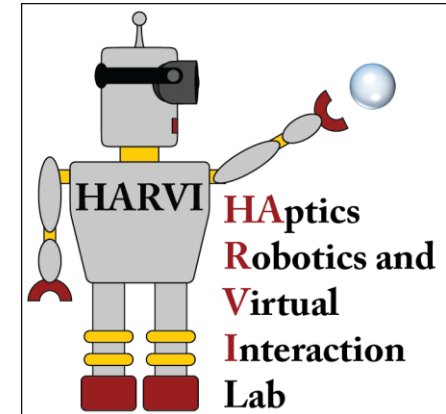


# SOUND TEXTURE SYNTHESIS



# RESULTS





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**THAT'S ALL!**

**Any Questions?**