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HAPTICS FOR COMMUNICATION IN A SOCIALLY DISTANCED WORLD

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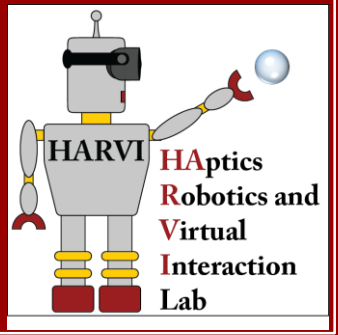

SOCIAL DISTANCING

New York Times, 2020

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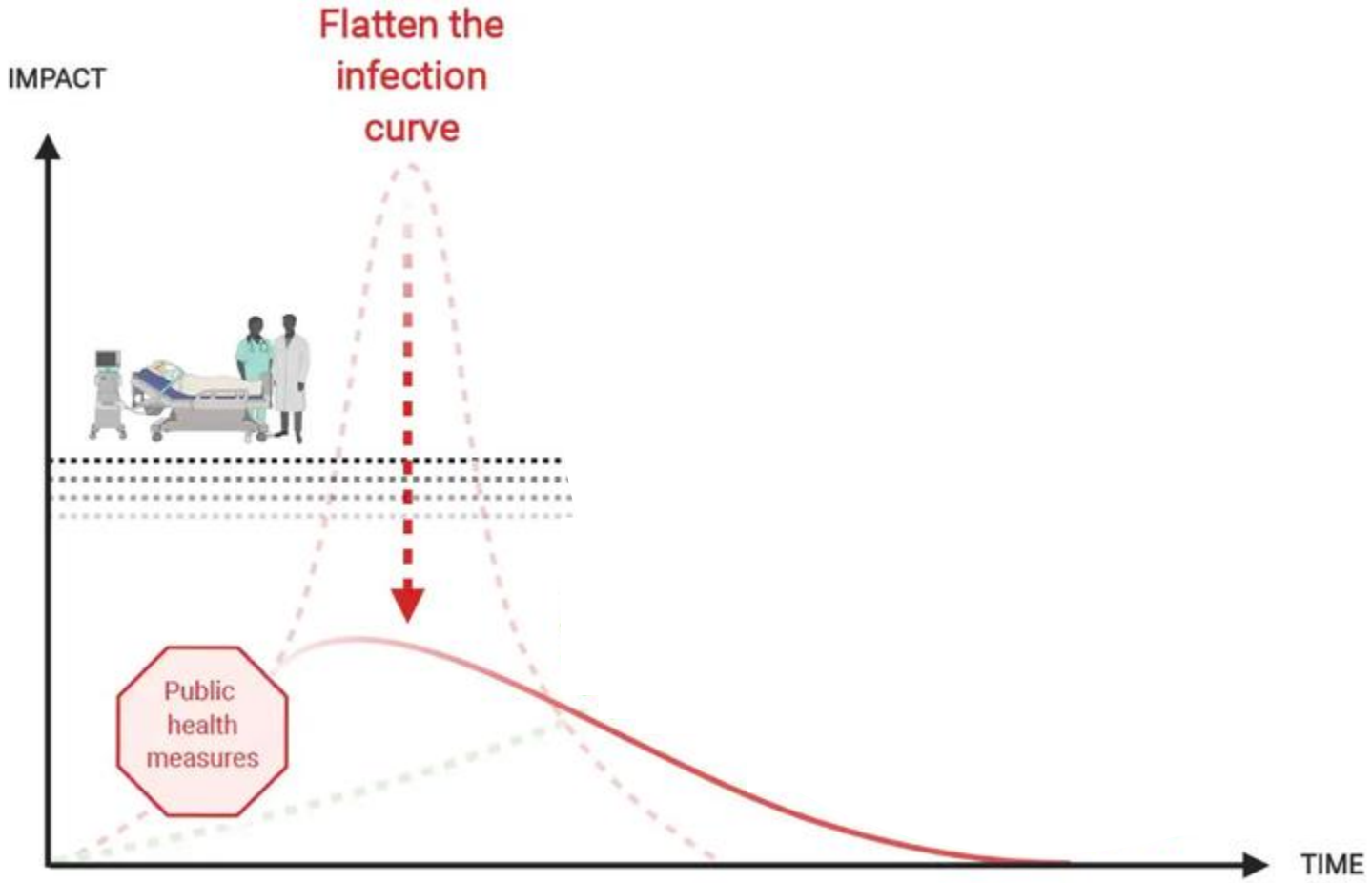

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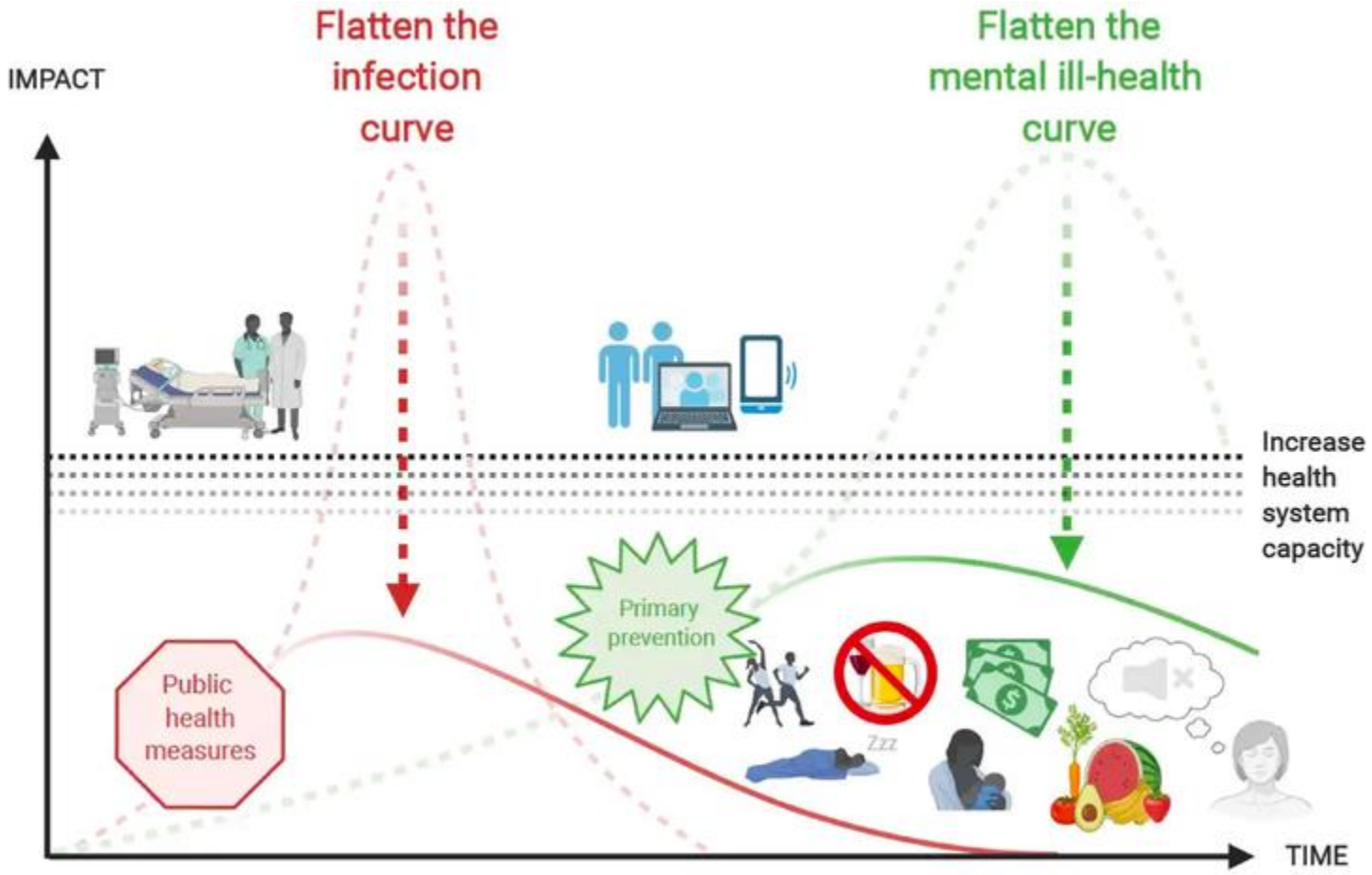

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DISTANT SOCIALIZING

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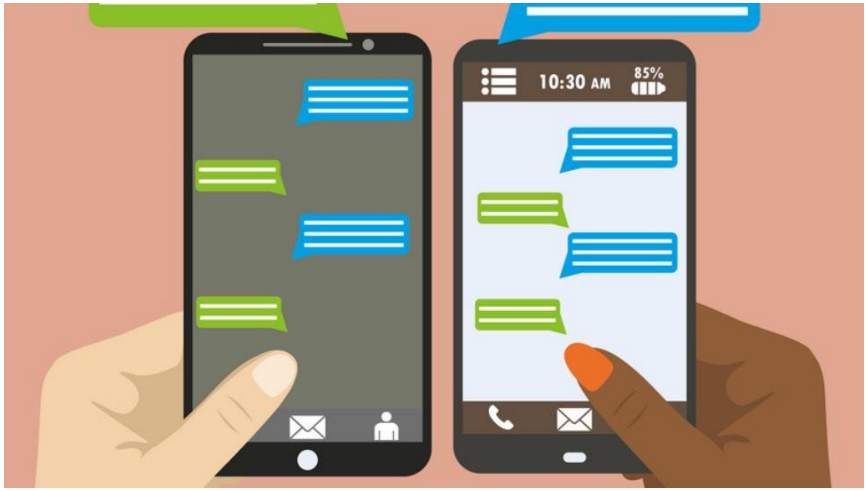

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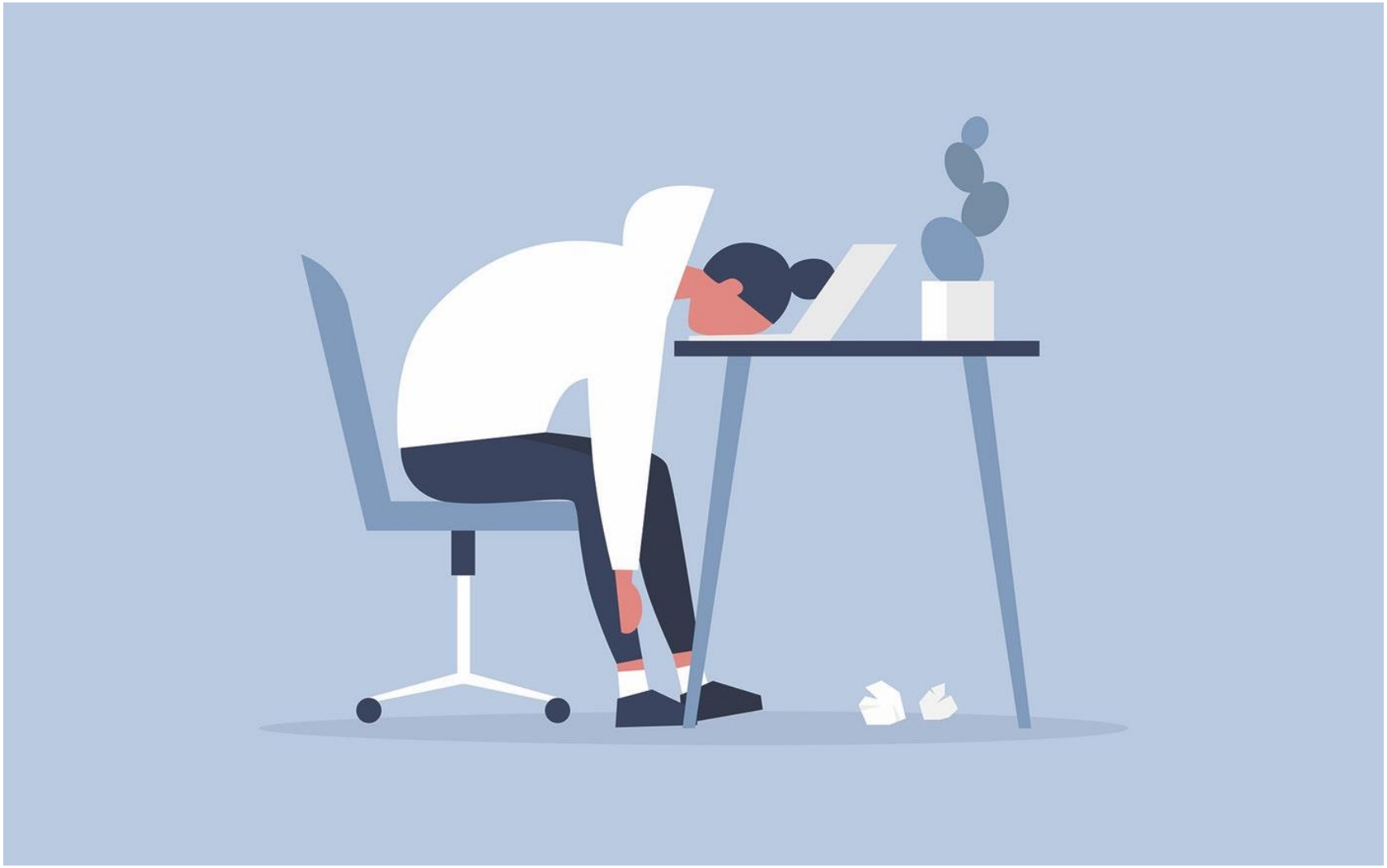

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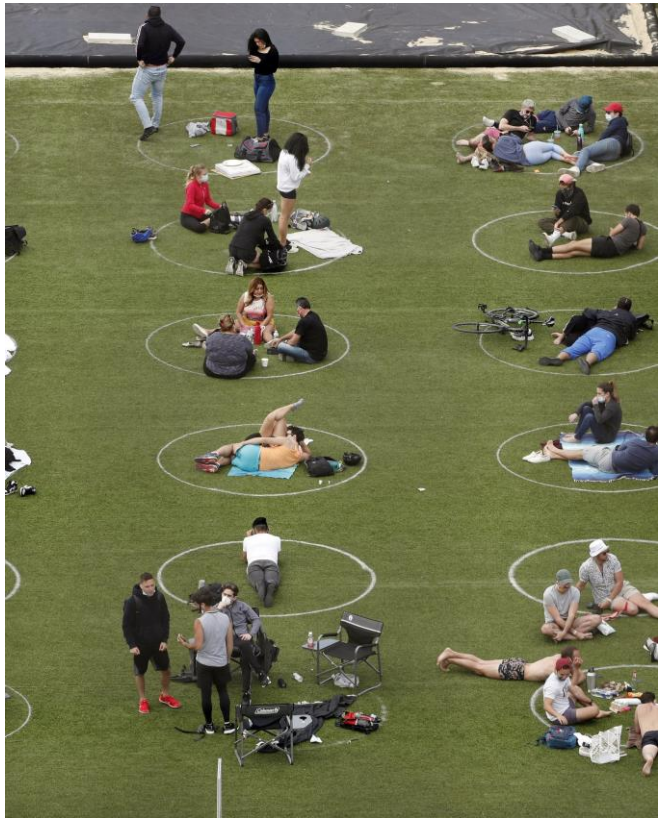

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TOUCH STARVATION

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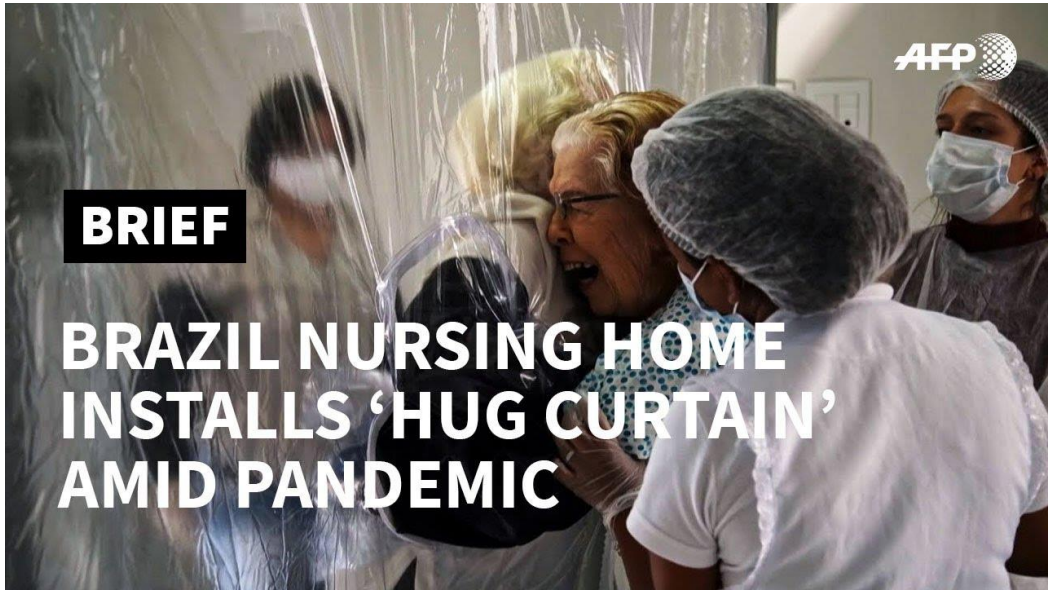

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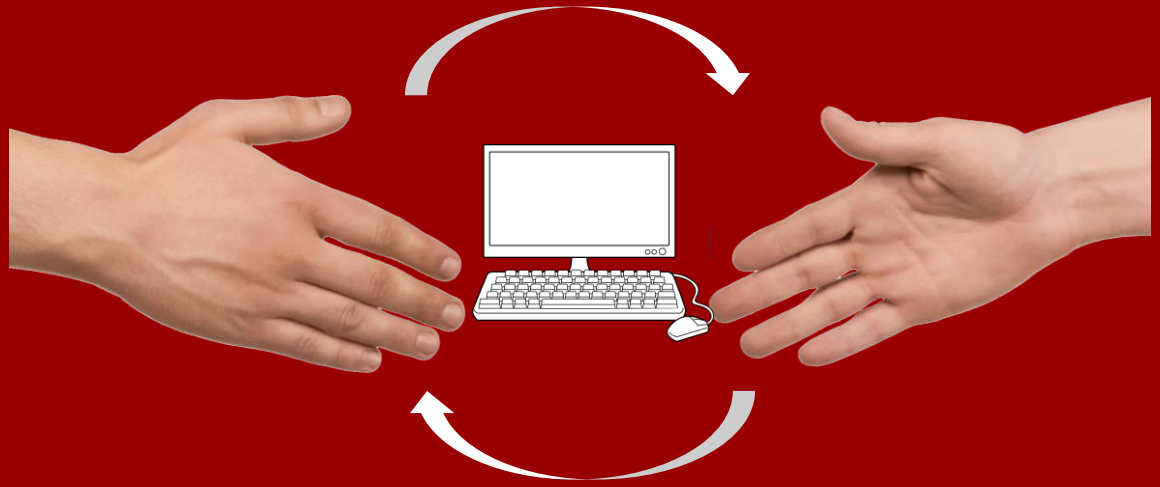
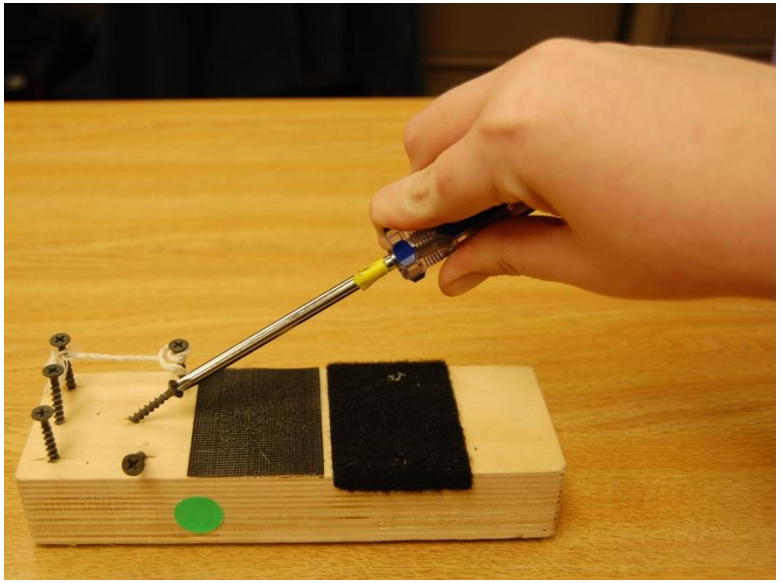
HAPTICS: A NEW WAY TO DISTANTLY SOCIALIZE



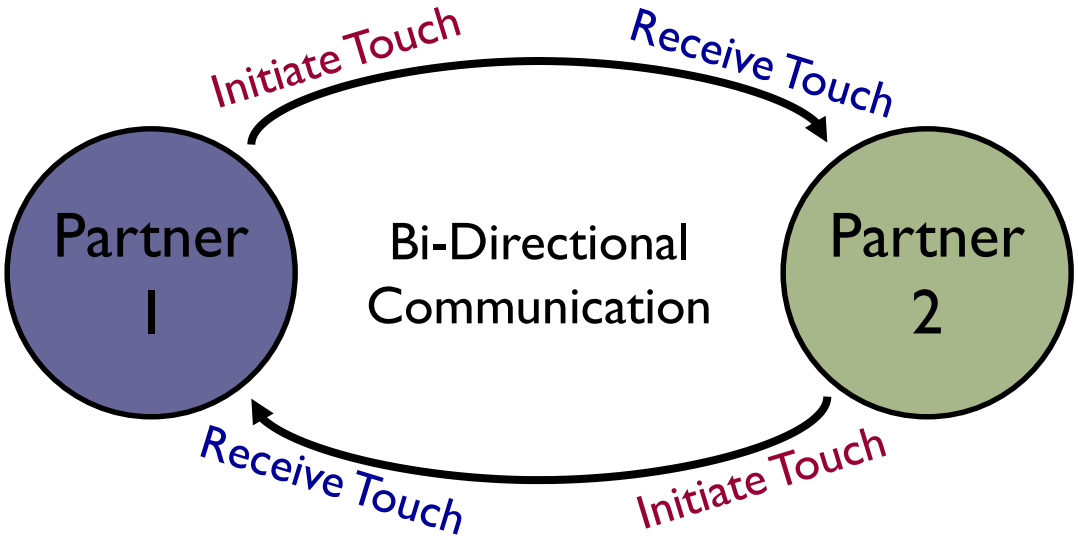
WHAT IS haptics?

Adj. Of or relating to the sense of touch.
[Greek *haptikos*, from *haptesthai*, to grasp, touch.]

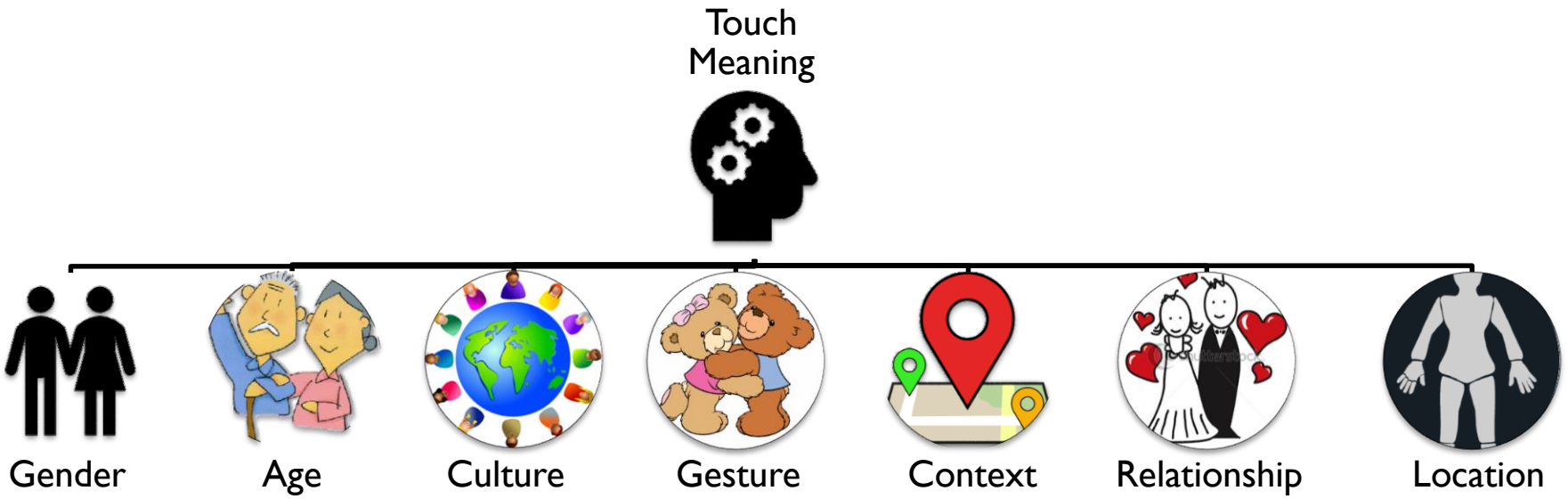


GRASP
LABORATORY

SOCIAL TOUCH



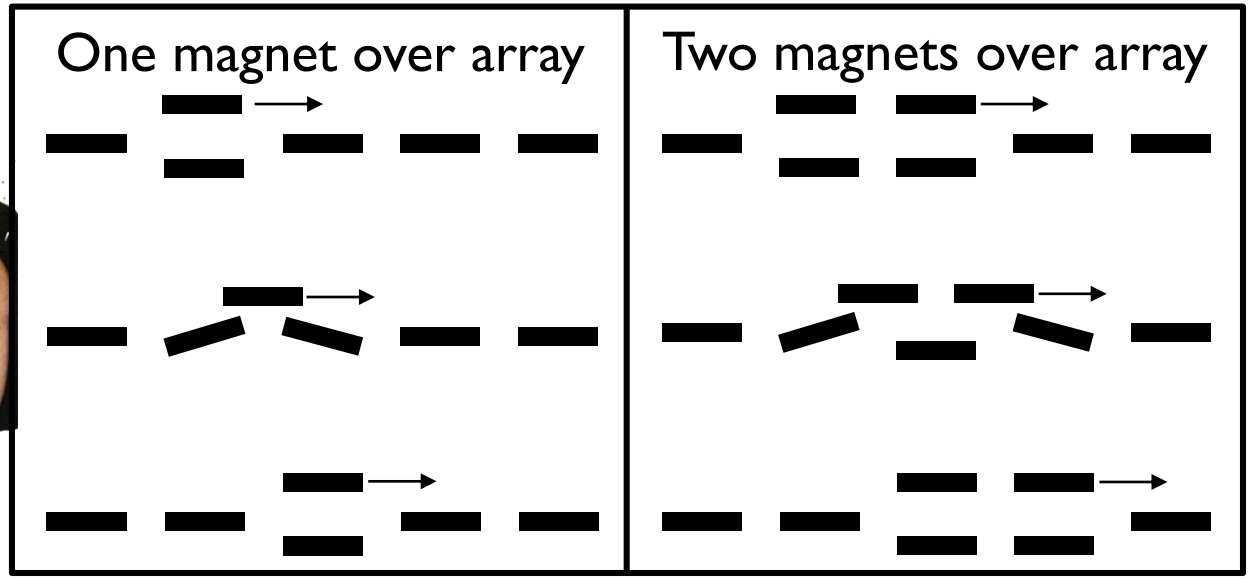
FACTORS AFFECTING SOCIAL TOUCH



CONVEYING EMOTION

- Love
- Sympathy
- Sadness

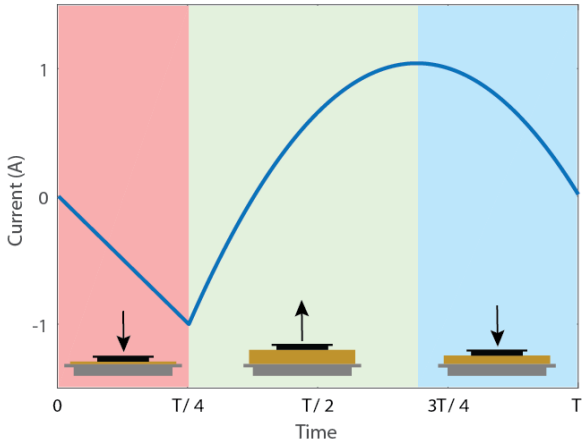
HAPTIC SKETCHING

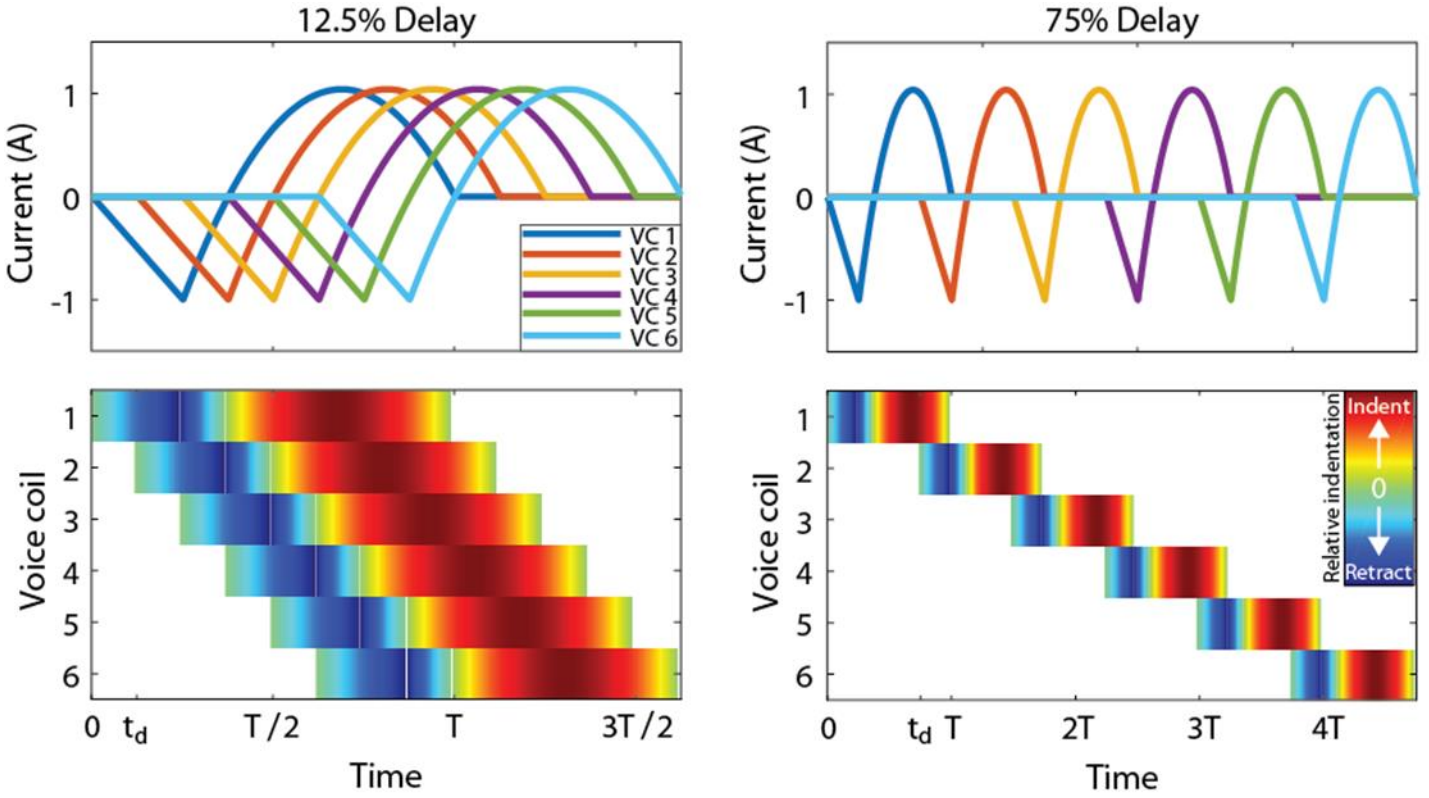


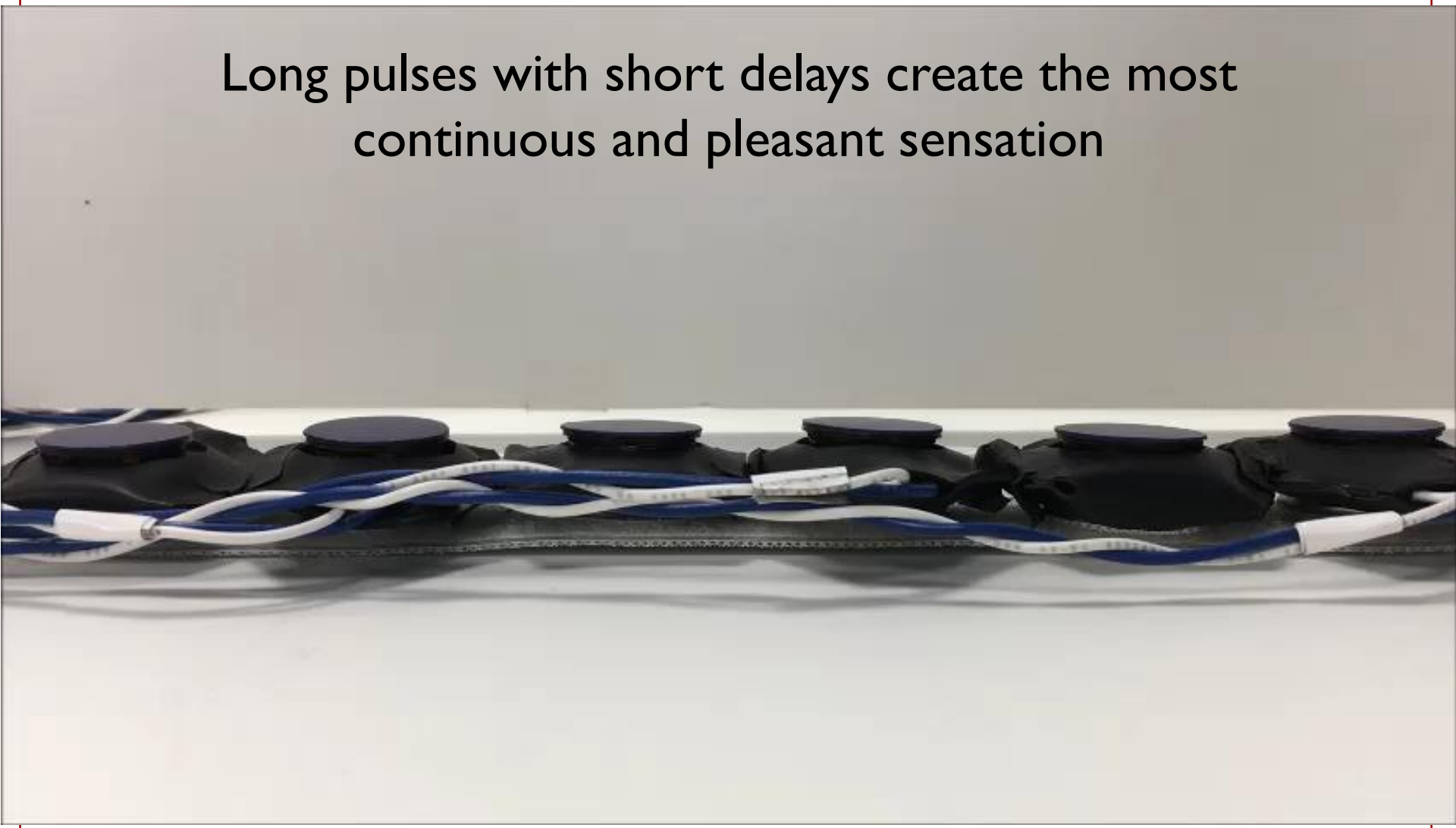
VOICE COIL ARRAY

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

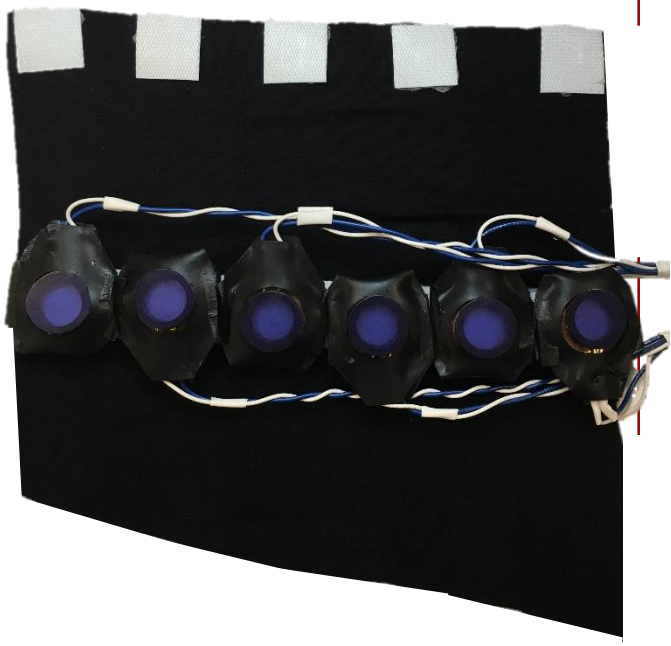
SEQUENTIAL ACTIVATION



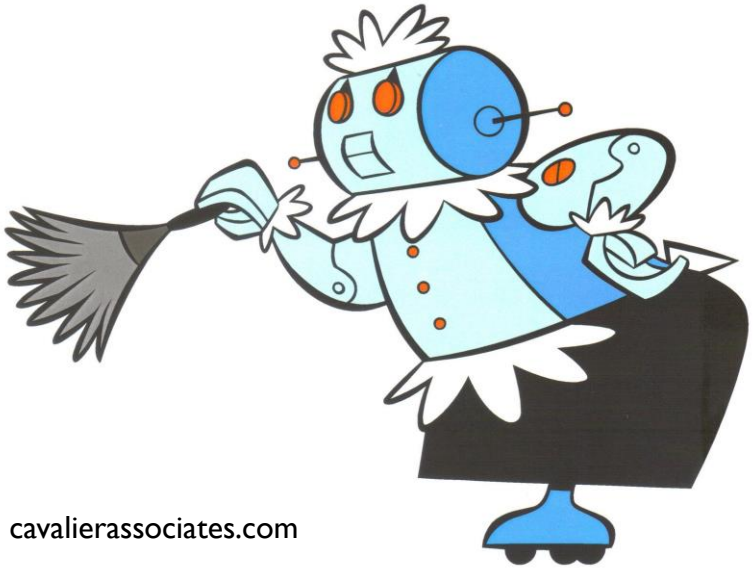



Long pulses with short delays create the most continuous and pleasant sensation

WEARABLE SYSTEM



ROBOT SOCIAL TOUCH



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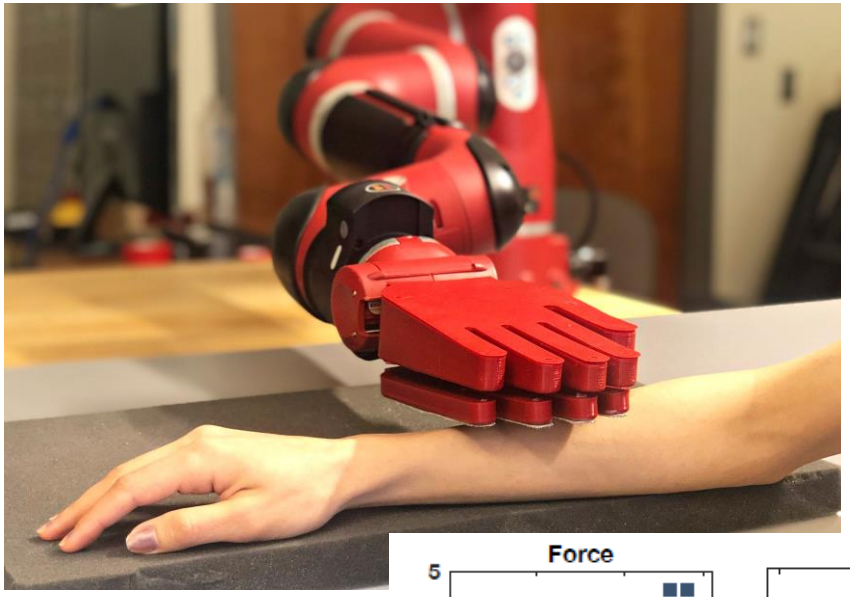

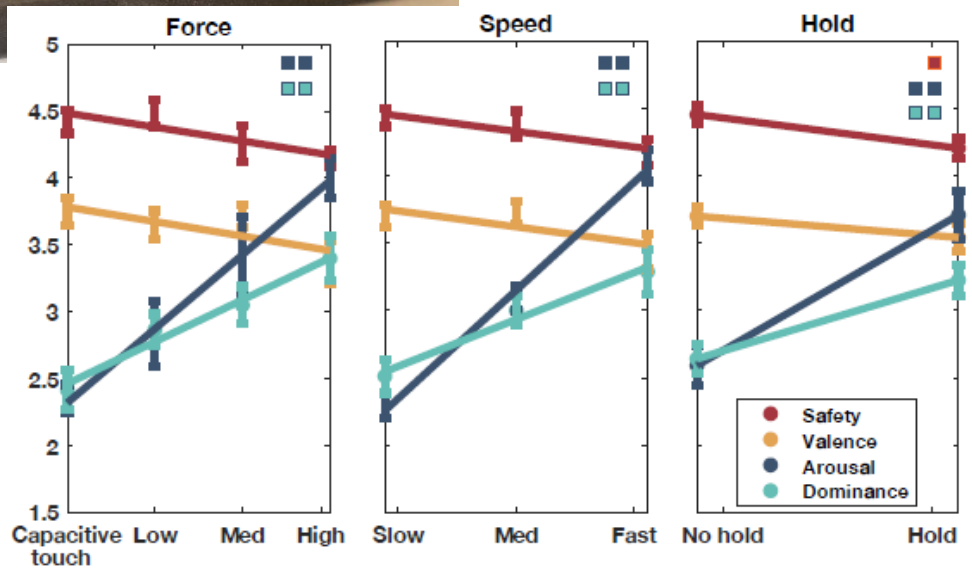

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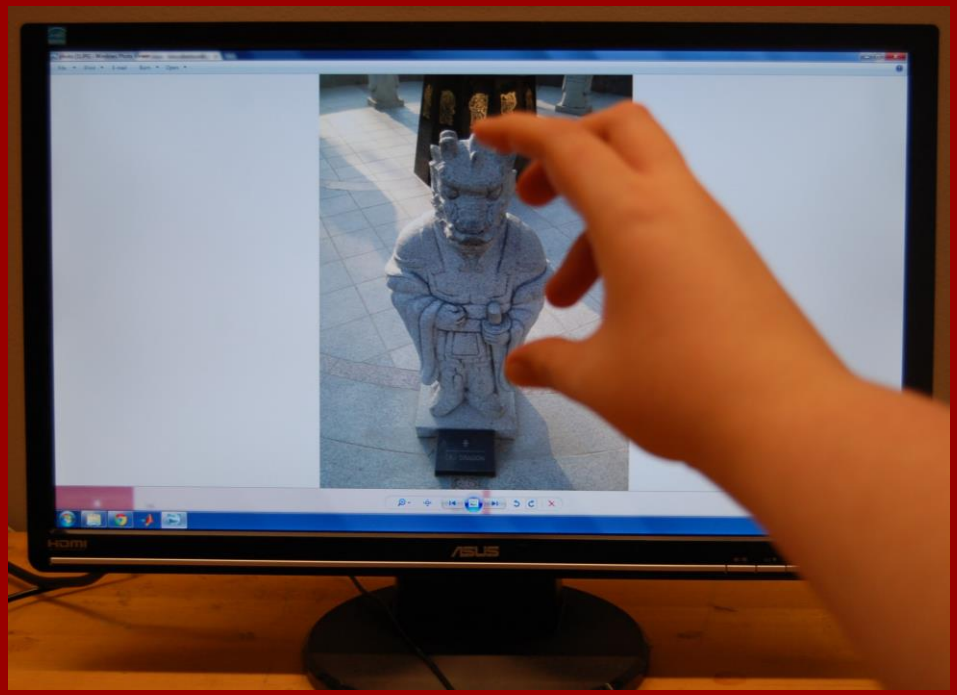
DATA-DRIVEN HAPTICS FOR FEELING THE INTERNET



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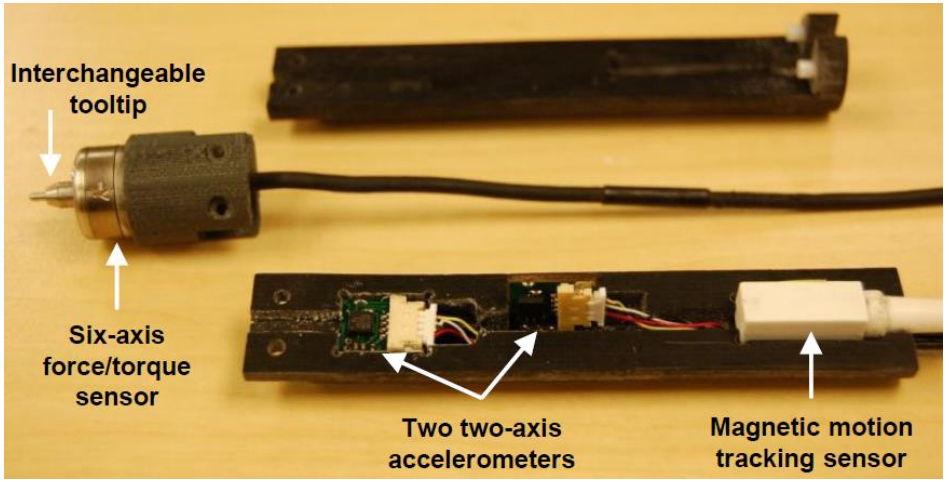
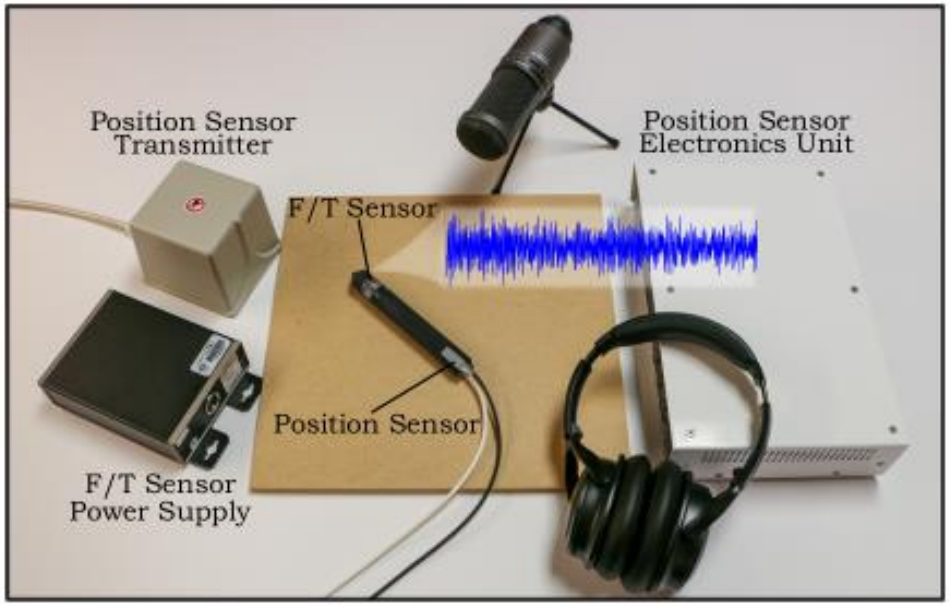
Haptic + Photography

HAPTIC RECORDING DEVICE





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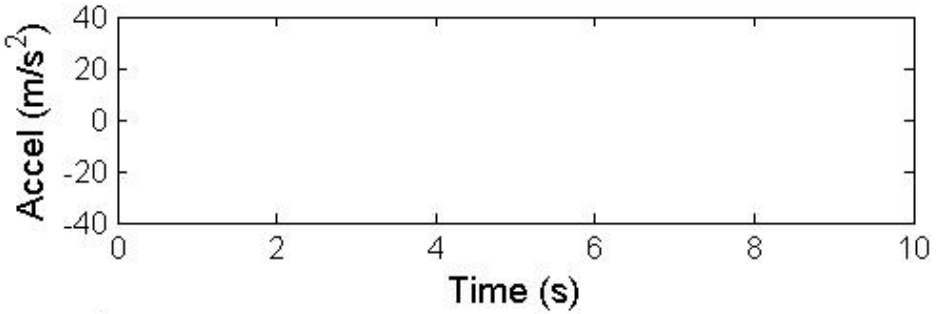

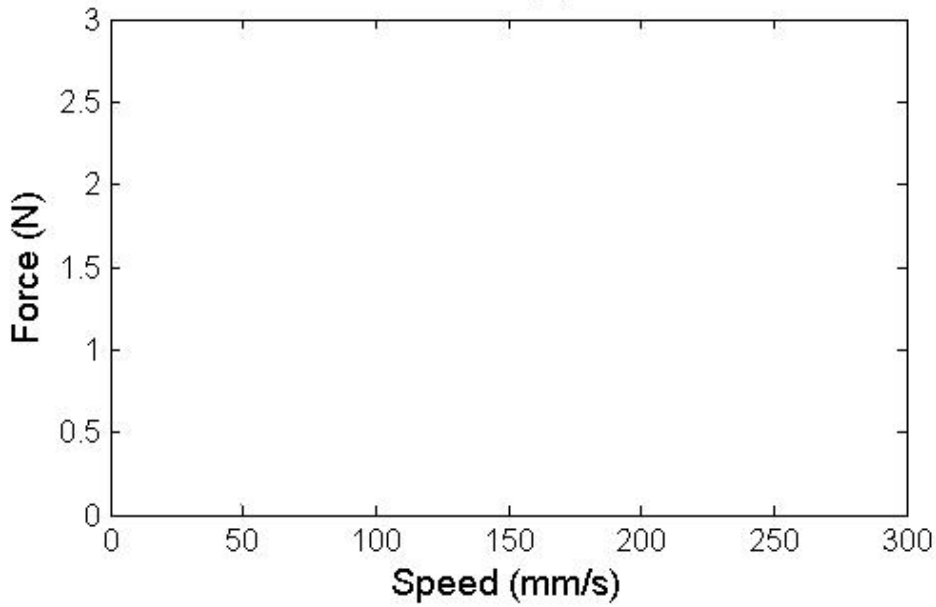

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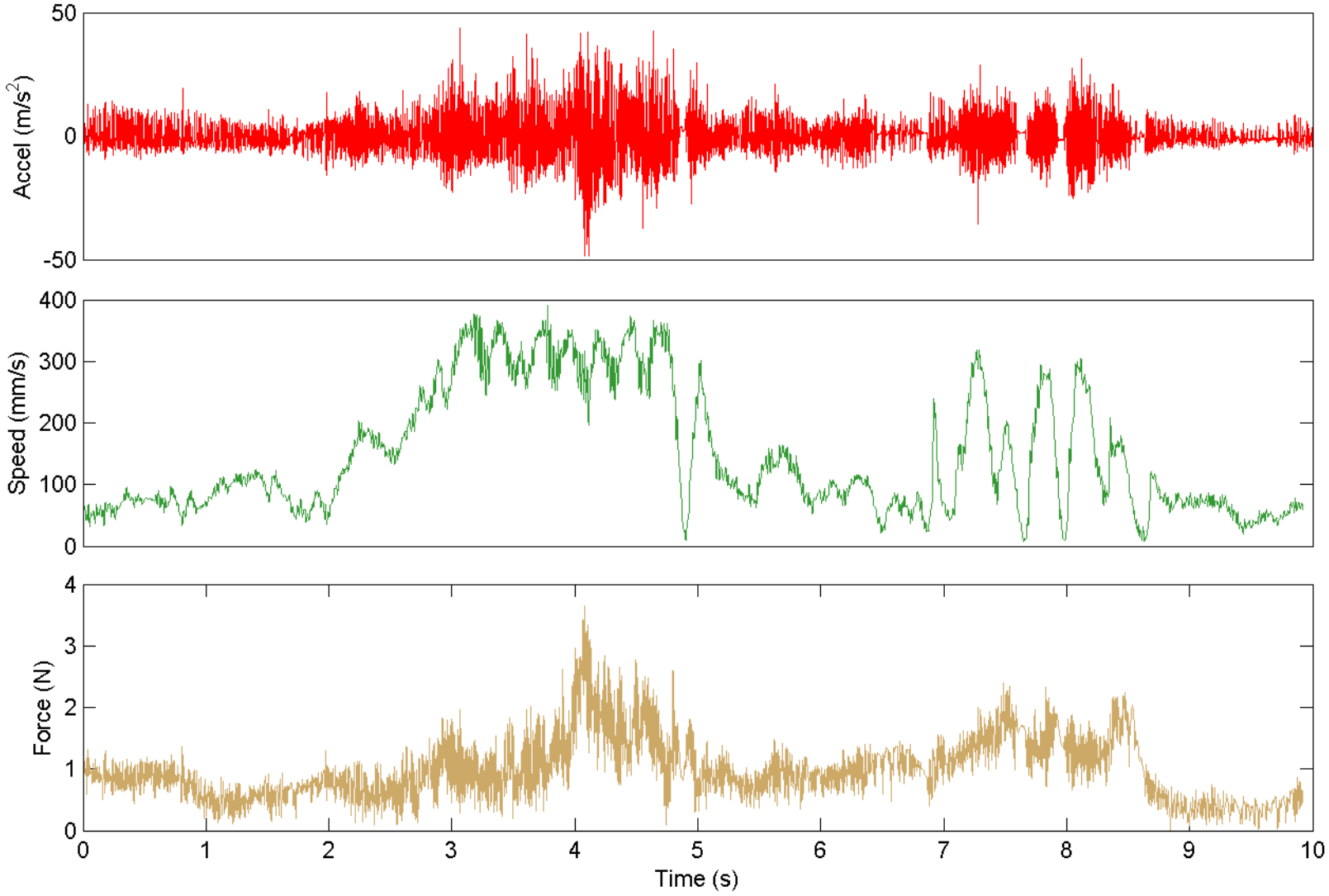
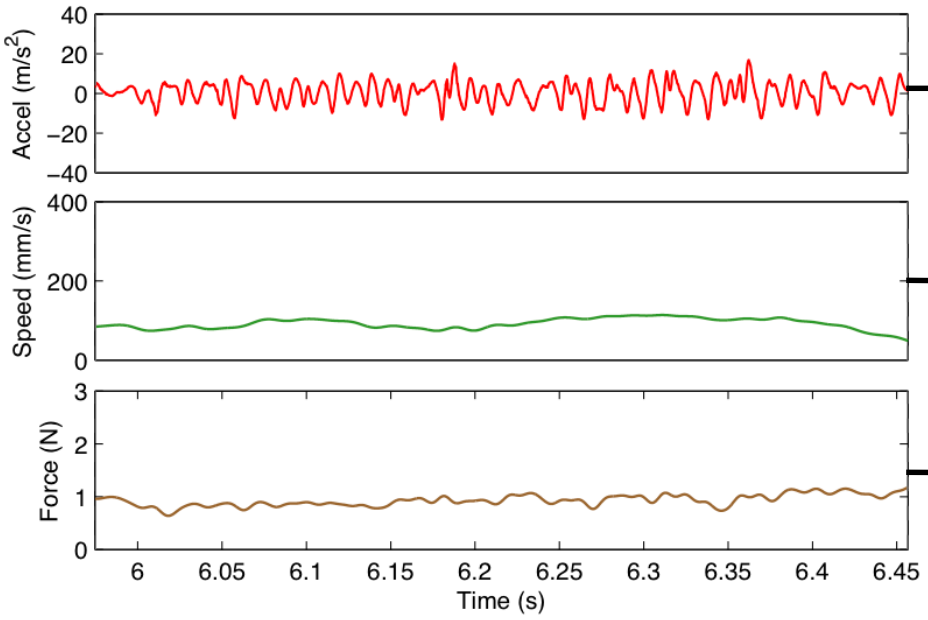
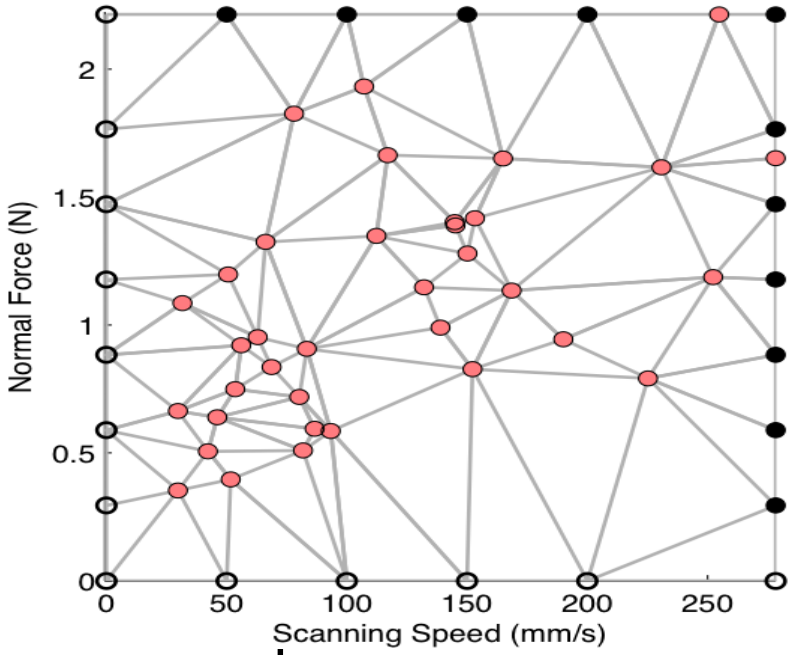


TEXTURE MODELING

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

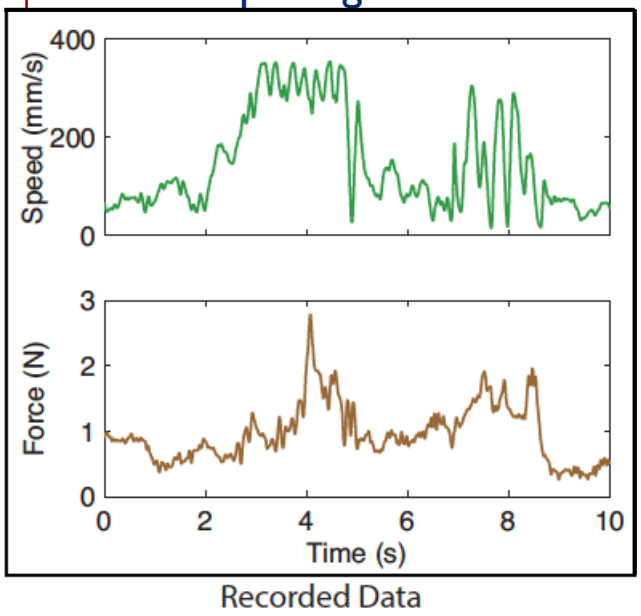
Autoregressive model





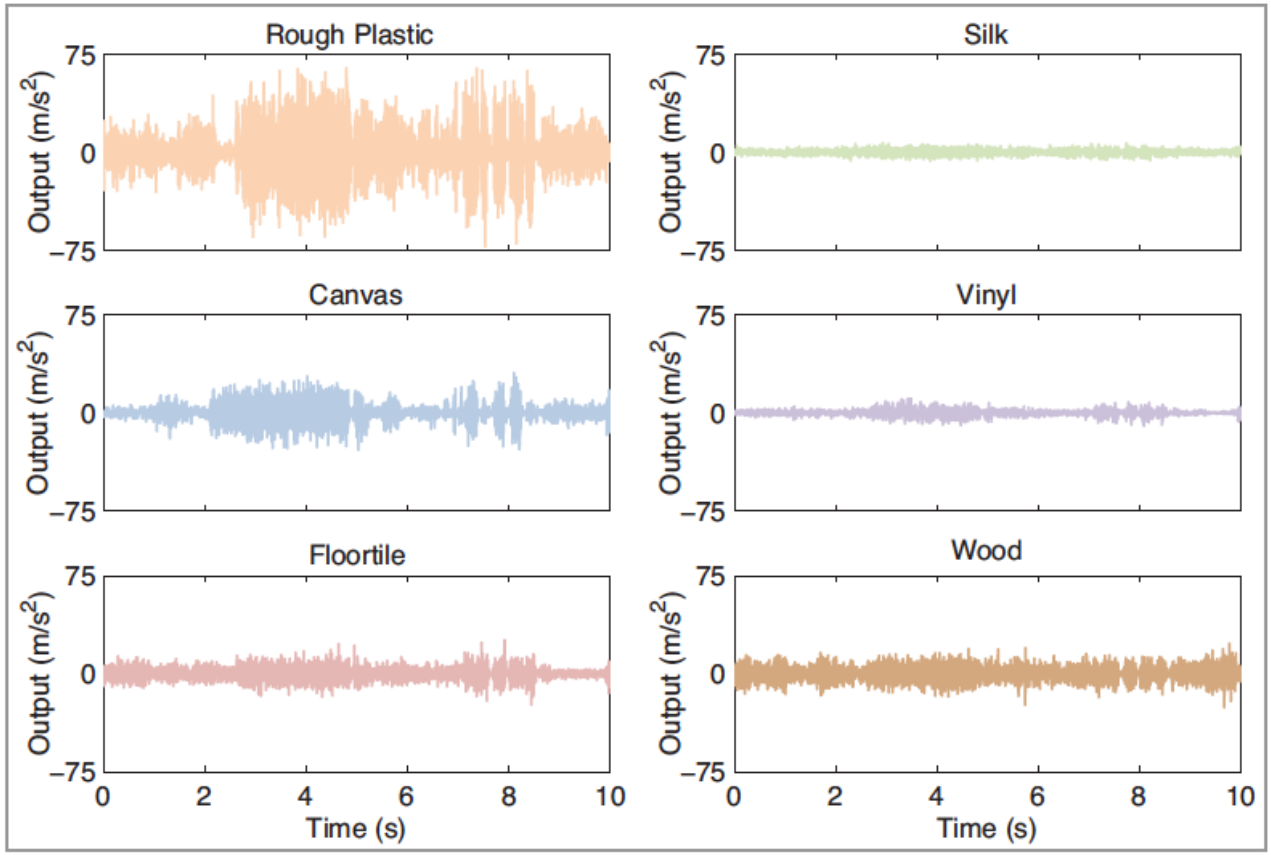
SYNTHESIZING A NEW TEXTURE OUTPUT

Input Signals



Recorded Data

Six Synthetic Texture Signals



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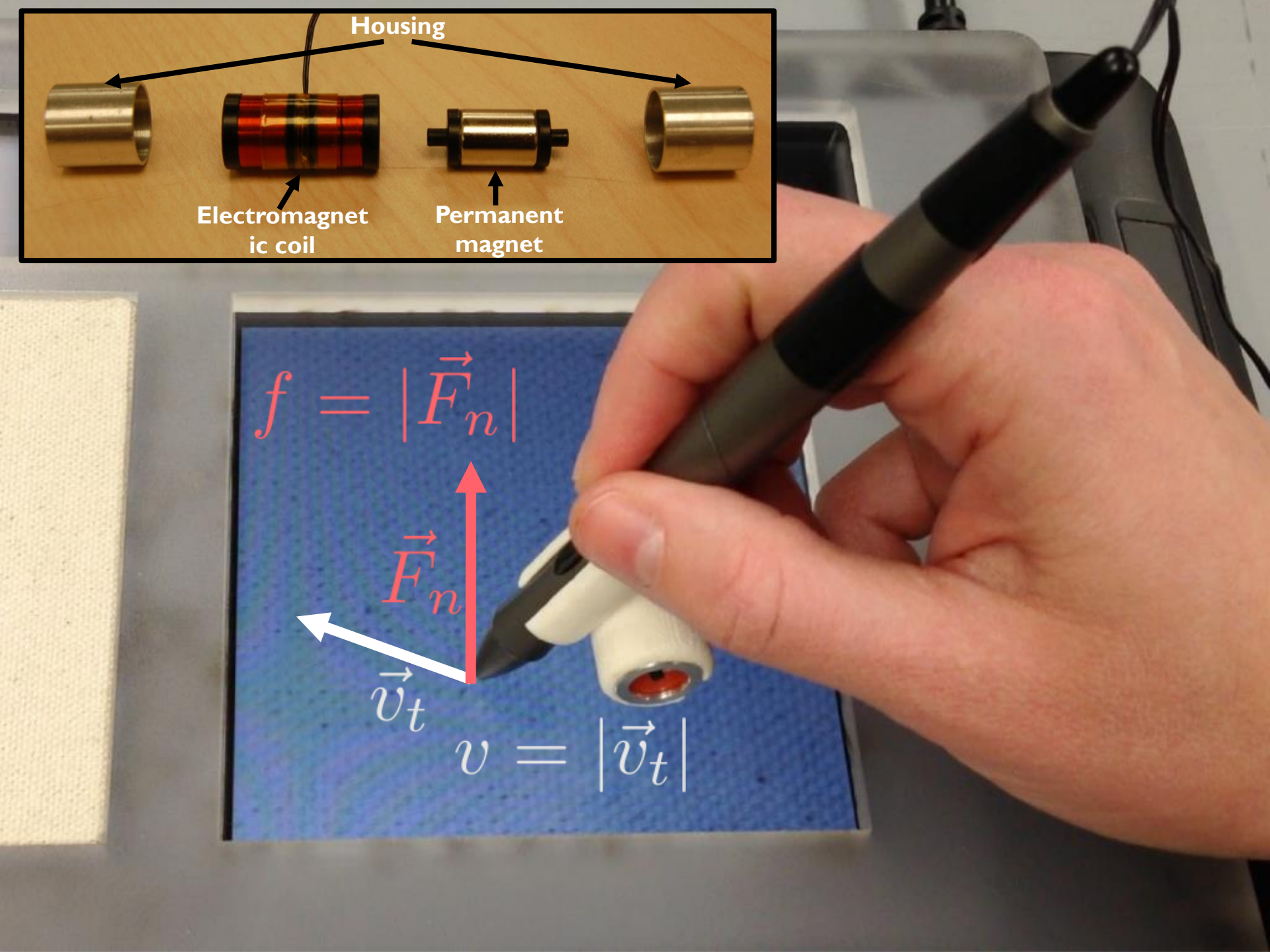
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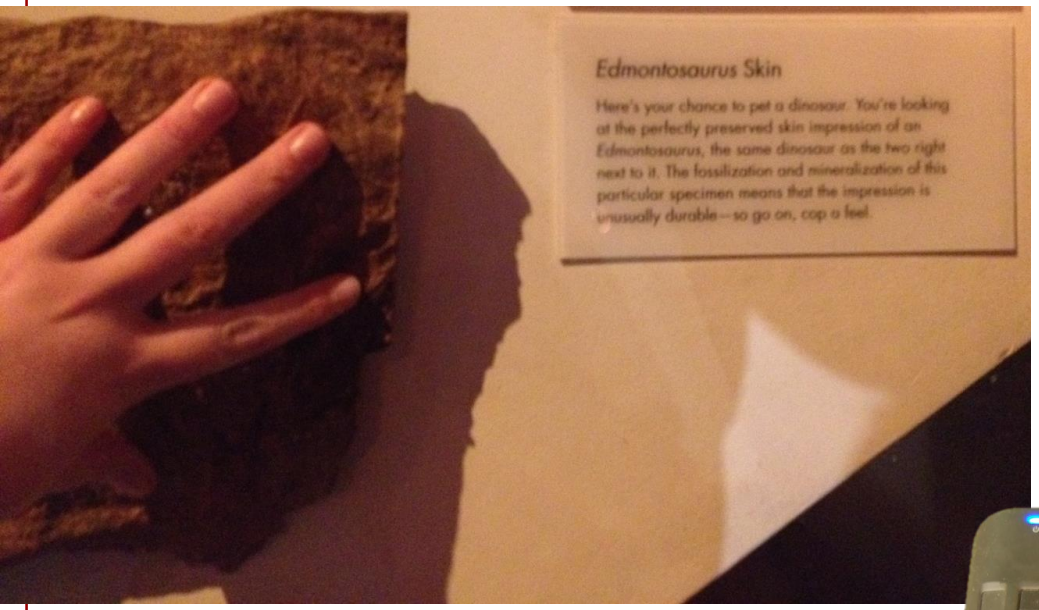

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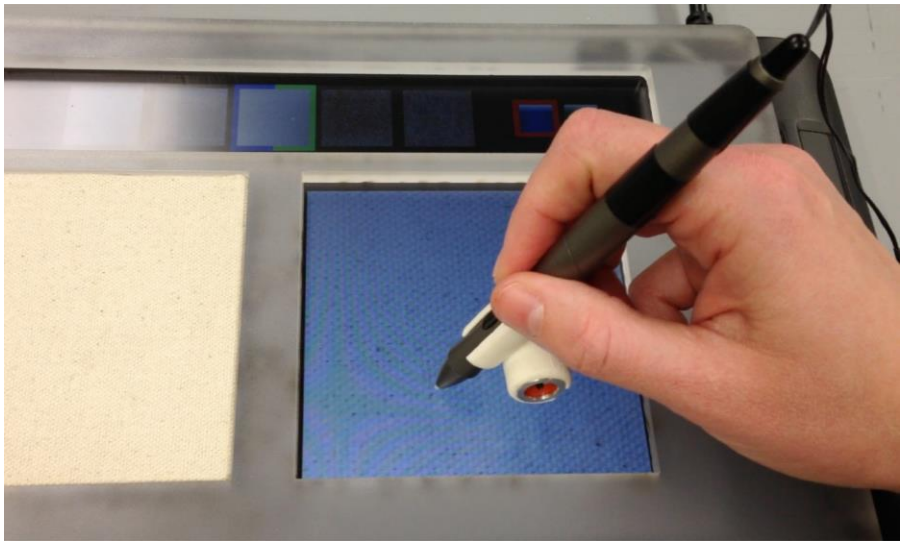

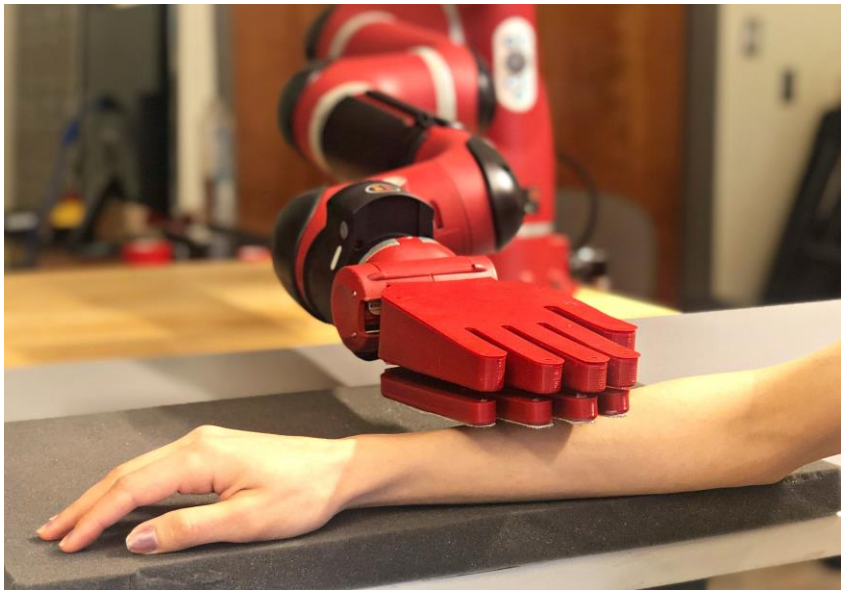

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