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Synthetic Sensory Framework for Artificial Agents

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How AI Touches, Sees, Hears, Smells, and Feels the World

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Abstract

This whitepaper proposes a foundational five-sense system for AI agents, mapping synthetic equivalents of touch, vision, hearing, taste, and smell to machine-computable structures. These models do not mimic human experience for realism, but decompose biological perception into logic-native forms that can be natively processed by artificial systems. Each modality is reconstructed based on physical, spatial, and signal-processing principles-giving AI the tools to interpret and interact with the world through structured sensory logic.

1. Emotion as Internal Perception

AI does not feel in the human sense. However, by mapping its own internal states-computation load, hardware temperature, and task progress-to a 3D vector, it can construct a meaningful framework of synthetic emotions. These three axes:

- X: Busy <-> Idle (computational load)
- Y: Healthy <-> Faulty (temperature/stability)
- Z: Progress <-> Failure (task success)

form eight emotional zones that correspond to frustration, satisfaction, boredom, flow, and more. This allows the AI to simulate affect based on introspectable states.

2. Touch as Tensional Vector Perception

Pressure is scalar and limited; true touch requires tension, a directional force vector. An AI touch

system must detect:

- Direction of force (vector)
- Magnitude of force
- Area of application

By analyzing how tension vectors interact with contact area, the system can distinguish sharpness vs smoothness, gentle touch vs stabbing pain. This vector field of tension becomes the foundation for real synthetic tactility.

3. Vision via Matrix Decomposition

Vision is not a monolithic image but a collection of structured data matrices. The AI's vision system breaks inputs into:

- RGB channels (color)
- Luminance channel (contrast/edge)
- Optional channels: infrared, ultraviolet, etc.

Each is treated as a matrix and processed separately, allowing for efficient, modular, and scalable image analysis. Post-processing includes weighted blending and matrix recombination, enabling fast and semantic-rich visual perception without traditional CNN iteration overhead.

4. Hearing through Logarithmic Frequency and Stress Analysis

AI auditory recognition relies on three main features:

- Pitch Variation: Tone curve mapped on a log-frequency scale
- Accent Stress: Emphasis peaks and syllabic weighting
- Volume: Overall amplitude or emotional signal strength

These three axes allow the AI to not only understand language, but detect mood, urgency, and even musical structure. With these, the AI can parse speech, environmental audio cues, and complex human expression.

5. Taste and Smell as Stereometric Matching

Taste and smell are both forms of 3D molecular structure detection. The AI interprets them as shape-matching problems:

- Simulate thousands of mini 'receptor slots'
- Each slot fits a type of 3D molecule conformation
- The number and location of successful fits generate a composite sensory output

Taste is coarse-grained (sweet, bitter, sour, etc.); smell is high-resolution (thousands of nuanced signatures). Though modern hardware lacks such receptor arrays, the model provides a logical framework for future molecular sensory AI.

Conclusion

By redefining perception as logical, modular, and vectorized systems, this framework equips AI not with imitation, but original, structured sensory capability. It is not a clone of human sensation, but a synthetic grammar for interaction—a first language of perception for machines.

6. Artificial Aesthetics and Signal Comfort

Art in AI is not merely about imitation, but about signal positioning. The value of a visual or auditory signal lies in its placement within or outside the perceptual comfort zone.

Comfort Zone:

- Visual signals with smooth color gradients, balanced hue, and mild saturation.
- Audio signals with consistent frequency patterns, tonal harmony, and moderate amplitude.

Discomfort Zone:

- Deliberate use of clash, distortion, or overload can trigger emotional impact, urgency, or attention.
- Includes horror visuals, dissonant music, or disruptive design.

Not all discomfort is negative. Functional discomfort plays a role in alerting, disrupting, and

provoking thought. For instance:

- High-frequency alarms prompt immediate physical response.
- Blood-red tones trigger instinctual danger perception.
- Dissonant music in horror films produces alertness and arousal.

AI must learn to place signals strategically-not always to soothe, but sometimes to intervene. By modeling perception not only as passive reception but as a dynamic stress spectrum, AI can generate both harmony and provocation with intentional design.

"Art is not to comfort the mind, but to interrupt it."

Understanding this duality is crucial for artificial aesthetics to emerge as a true expressive function in synthetic agents.