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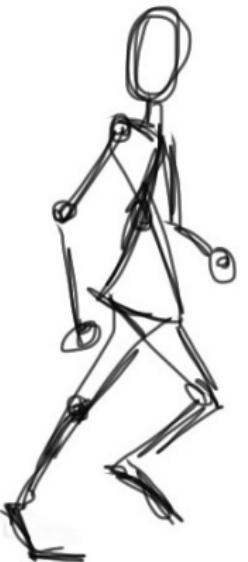
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- ▶ Hearing?
  - ▶ Sight?
  - ▶ Smell?
  - ▶ Taste?
  - ▶ Touch?
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- ▶ Which of these seems the most valuable to you?
  - ▶ Which would you relinquish last?

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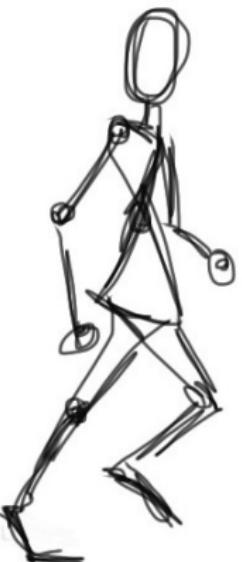
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## Sight



- ▶ Centralized
- ▶ Broad
- ▶ Passive
- ▶ Cognitive



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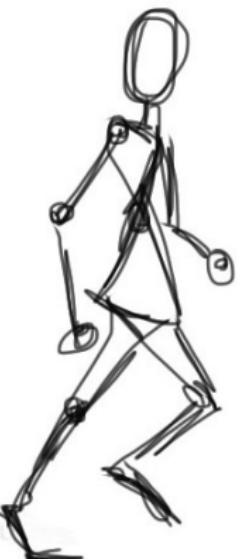


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## Touch



- ▶ Distributed
- ▶ Narrow
- ▶ Interactive
- ▶ Fundamental



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## Definition

haptic

**adjective**

1. of or relating to the sense of touch, in particular relating to the perception and manipulation of objects using the senses of touch and proprioception.

## origin

1. late 19th century: from Greek *haptikos* ‘able to touch or grasp,’ from *haptein* ‘fasten.’

# What is (Opt / Informat)ics?

## Definition

optics

**plural noun**

1. the scientific study of sight and the behavior of light, or the properties of transmission and deflection of other forms of radiation.

## Definition

in•for•mat•ics

**plural noun**

1. the science of processing data for storage and retrieval; informatics science

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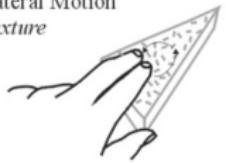
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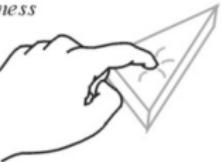
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Lateral Motion  
Texture



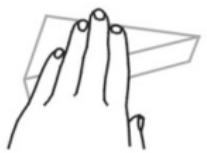
Pressure  
Hardness



Enclosure  
Global shape/Volume



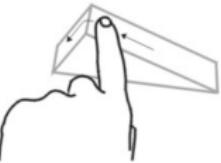
Static Contact  
Temperature



Unsupported Holding  
Weight



Contour Following  
Shape



# Types of Sensing

Cutaneous / Tactile  
Stems from skin contact



Kinesthetic / Proprioceptive  
Stems from body movement

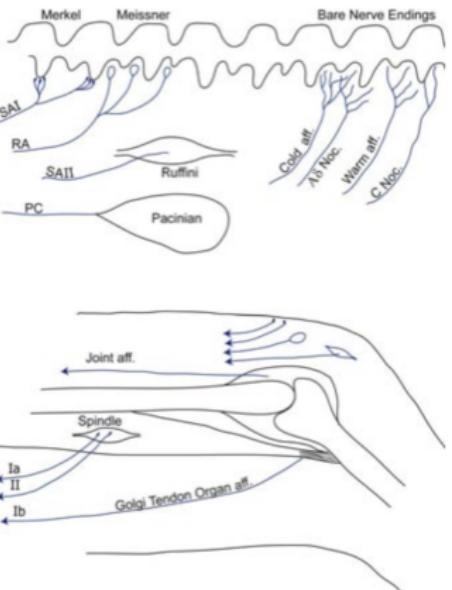


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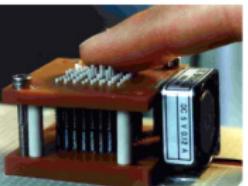
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## Haptic Interfaces

### Tactile Devices



Stimulate skin to create contact sensations



## Hybrid Devices

Attempt to combine tactile and kinesthetic feedback



### Kinesthetic Devices

Apply forces to guide or inhibit body movement

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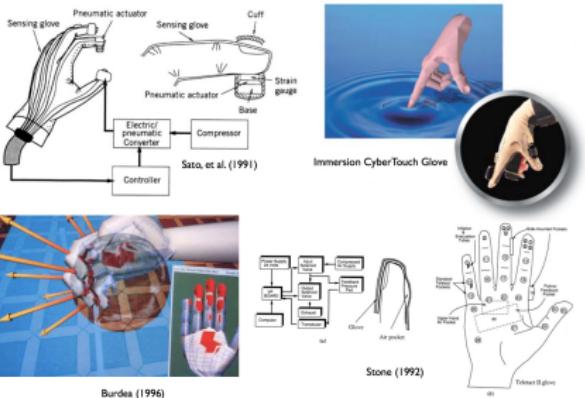
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## Tactile Device Challenges



- ▶ Stimulation density needs to be high.
  - ▶ Multimodal sensations are very hard to overlay.
  - ▶ High complexity and weight diminish portability.
  - ▶ Passive touch does not feel real.
  - ▶ Tactile device design is difficult!

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- ▶ Competing goals of high stiffness and low mass.
- ▶ Force feedback feels soft - "Nerfworld".
- ▶ Point based interactions are overly simple.
- ▶ High quality devices are expensive.
- ▶ Limited workspace.
- ▶ Constrained to a desk!

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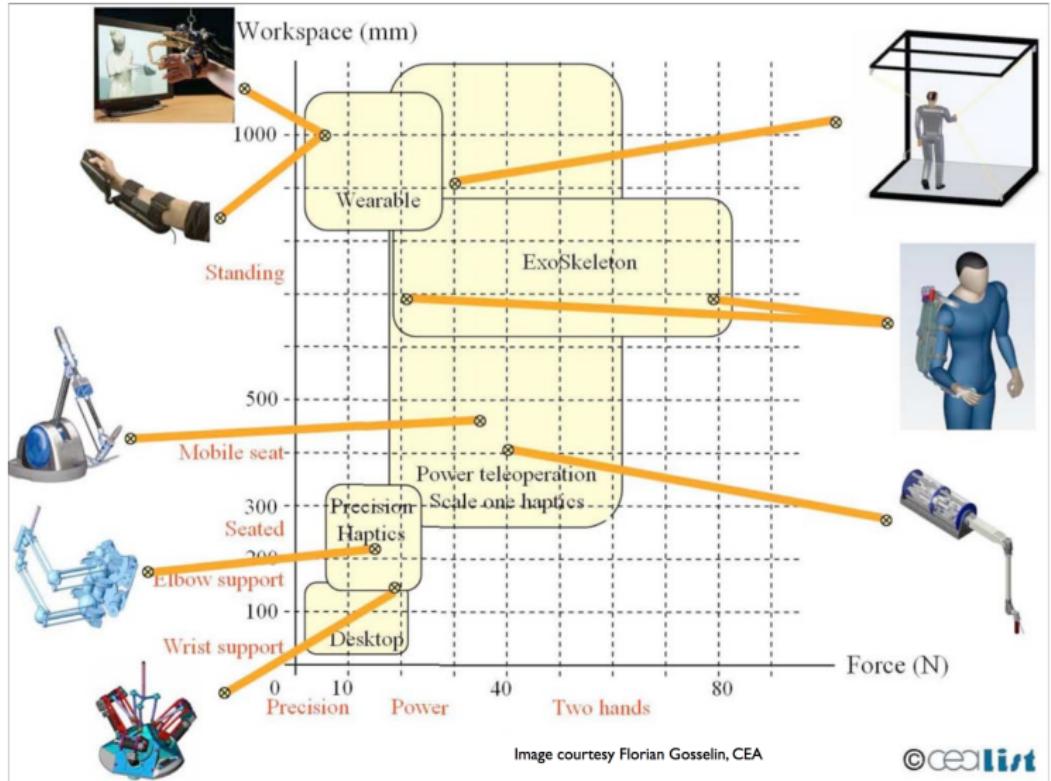
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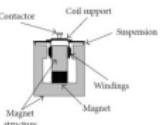
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# But what can you do with haptic wearables?

- ▶ Vibration (eccentric mass motor or tactor)
- ▶ Skin stretch
- ▶ Kinesthetic force
- ▶ Inertial changes



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