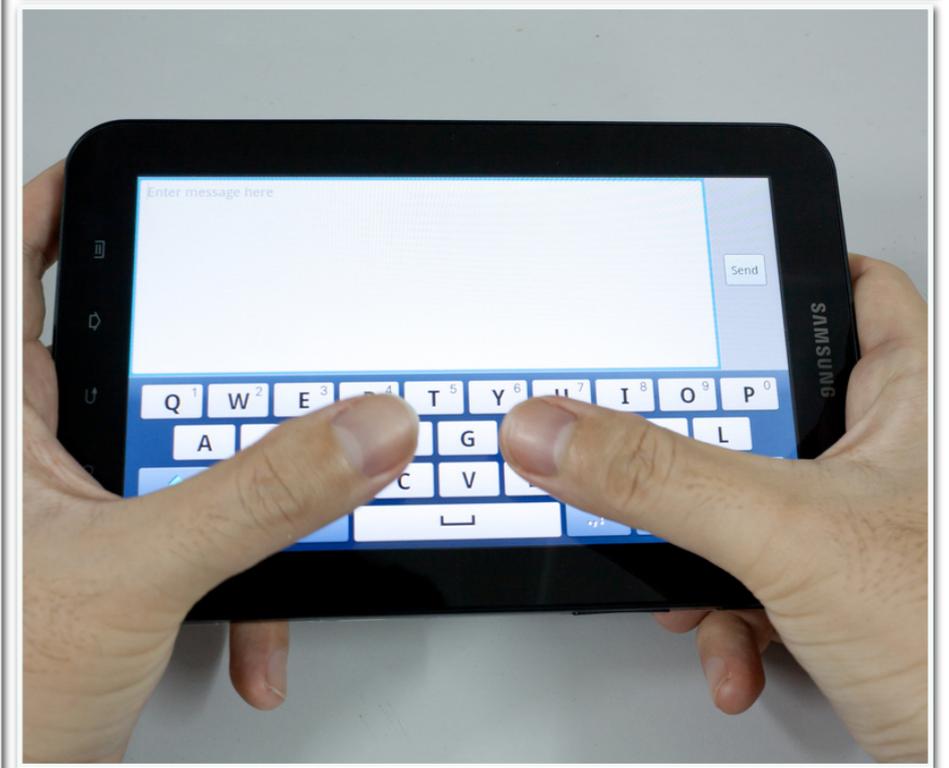




# TANGIBLE, EMBODIED AND PERIPHERAL INTERACTION

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*“Traditional” human-computer interfaces*



*Interaction with physical artefacts in everyday life*



# INTERACTION PARADIGMS INSPIRED BY INTERACTIONS IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD

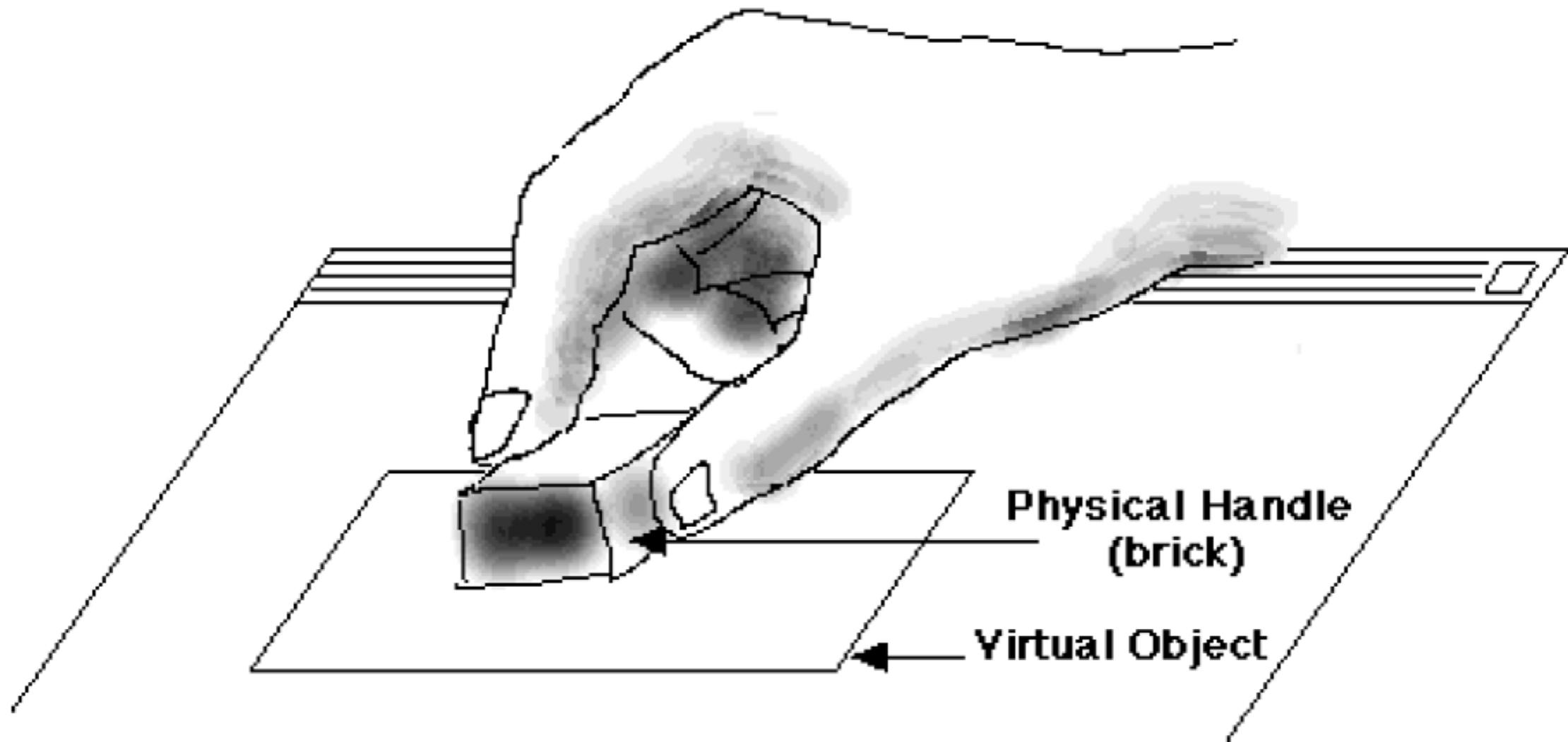
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- ▶ Inspired by physical movement and manipulation skills
  - ▶ Graspable User Interfaces
  - ▶ Tangible User Interfaces
  - ▶ Tangible Interaction
  - ▶ Embodied Interaction
- ▶ Inspired by attention management skills
  - ▶ Calm technology
  - ▶ Peripheral Interaction

# GRASPABLE USER INTERFACES

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- “Allow direct control of electronic or virtual objects though physical handles for control”



# GRASPABLE USER INTERFACES

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## **Bricks: Laying the Foundations for Graspable User Interfaces**

**George W. Fitzmaurice  
Hiroshi Ishii  
William Buxton**

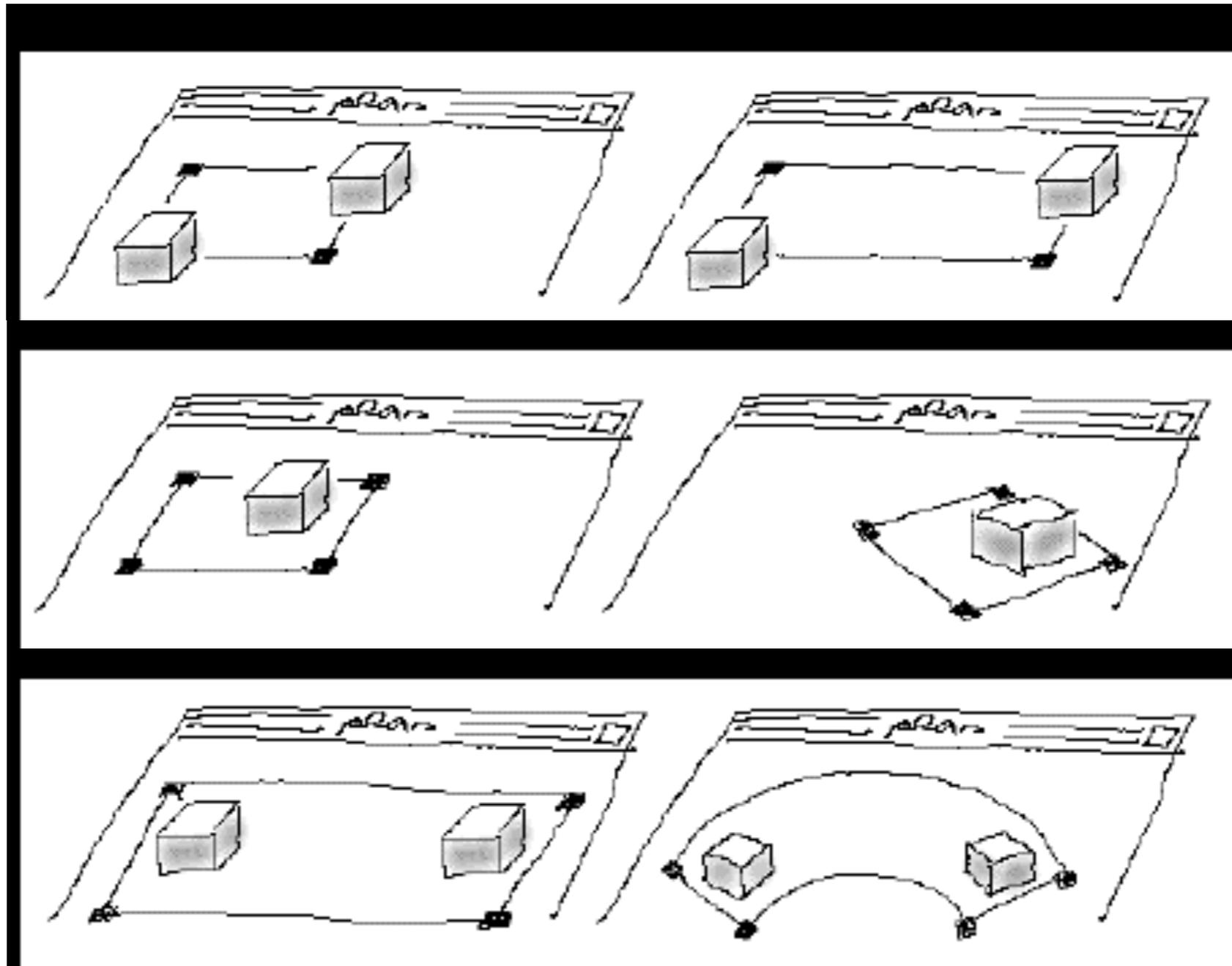
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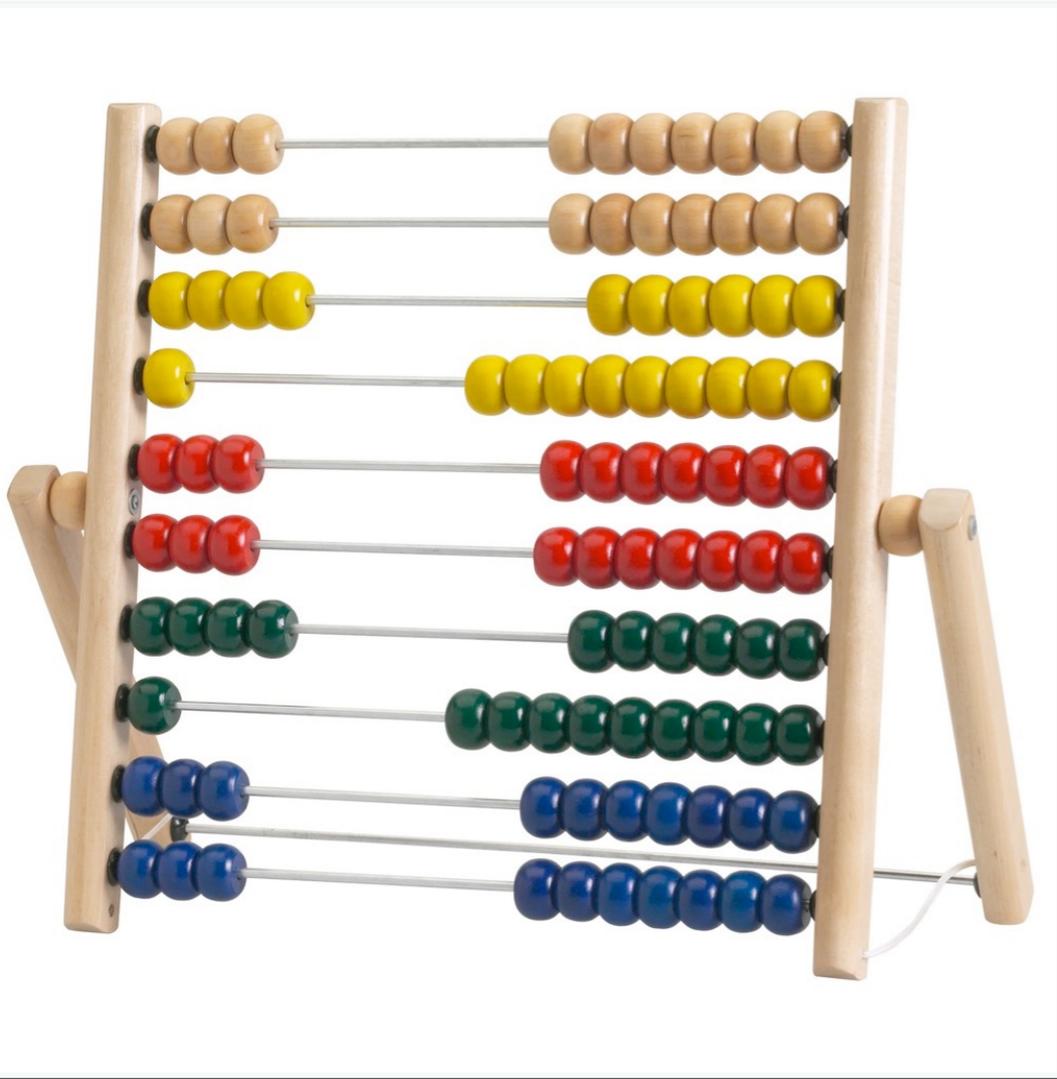
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# TANGIBLE USER INTERFACES

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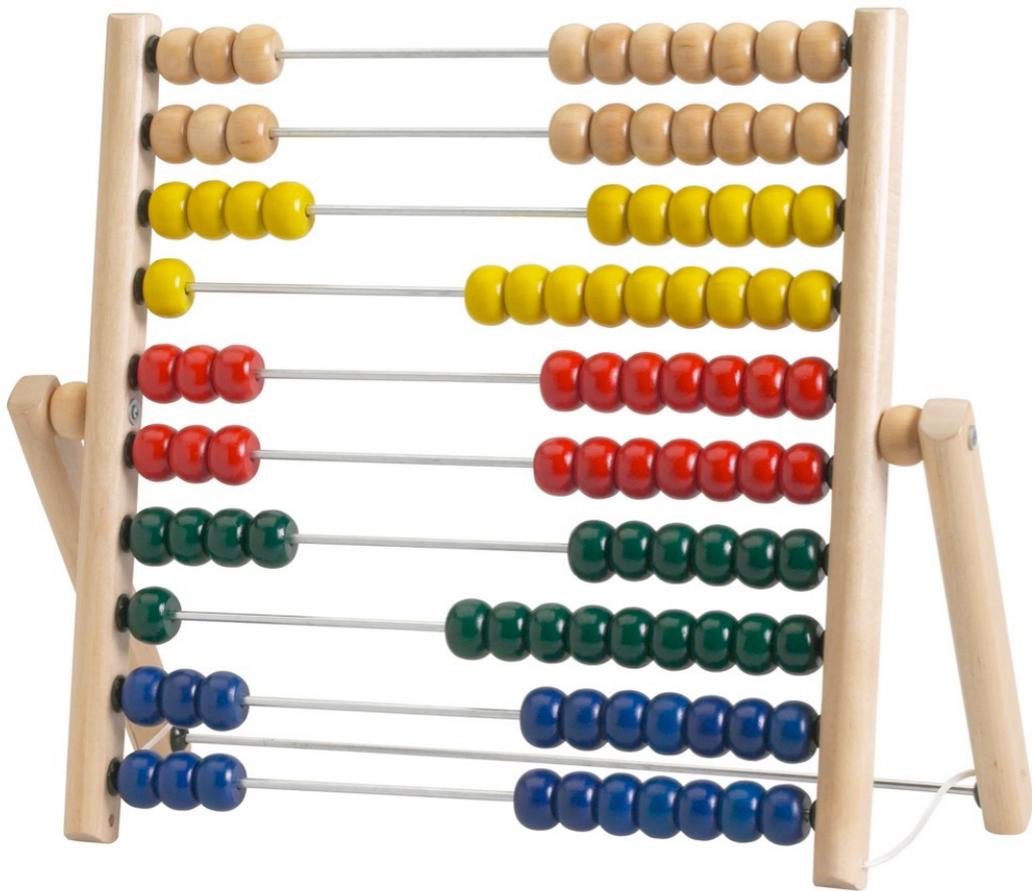


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# TANGIBLE USER

## INTERFACES

- ▶ “Give physical form to digital information, and employ physical artifacts both as representations and controls for computational media”

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# THE MARBLE ANSWERING MACHINE

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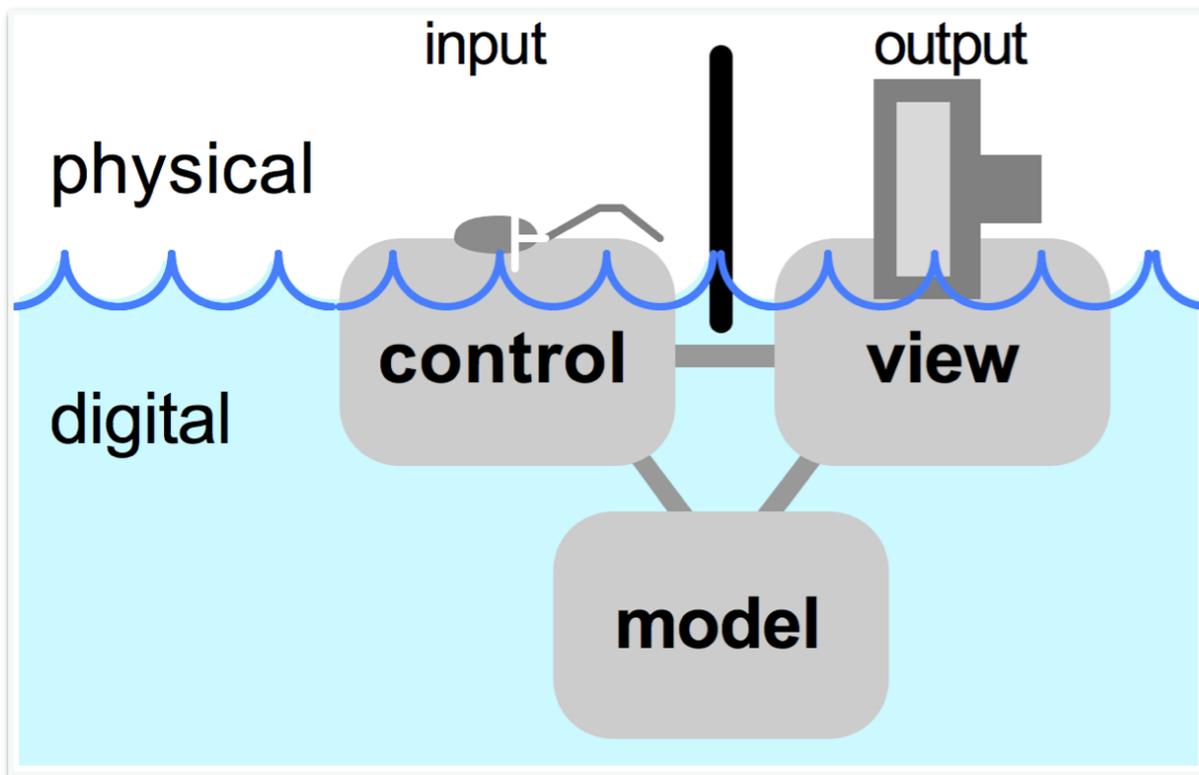
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# TANGIBLE USER INTERFACES

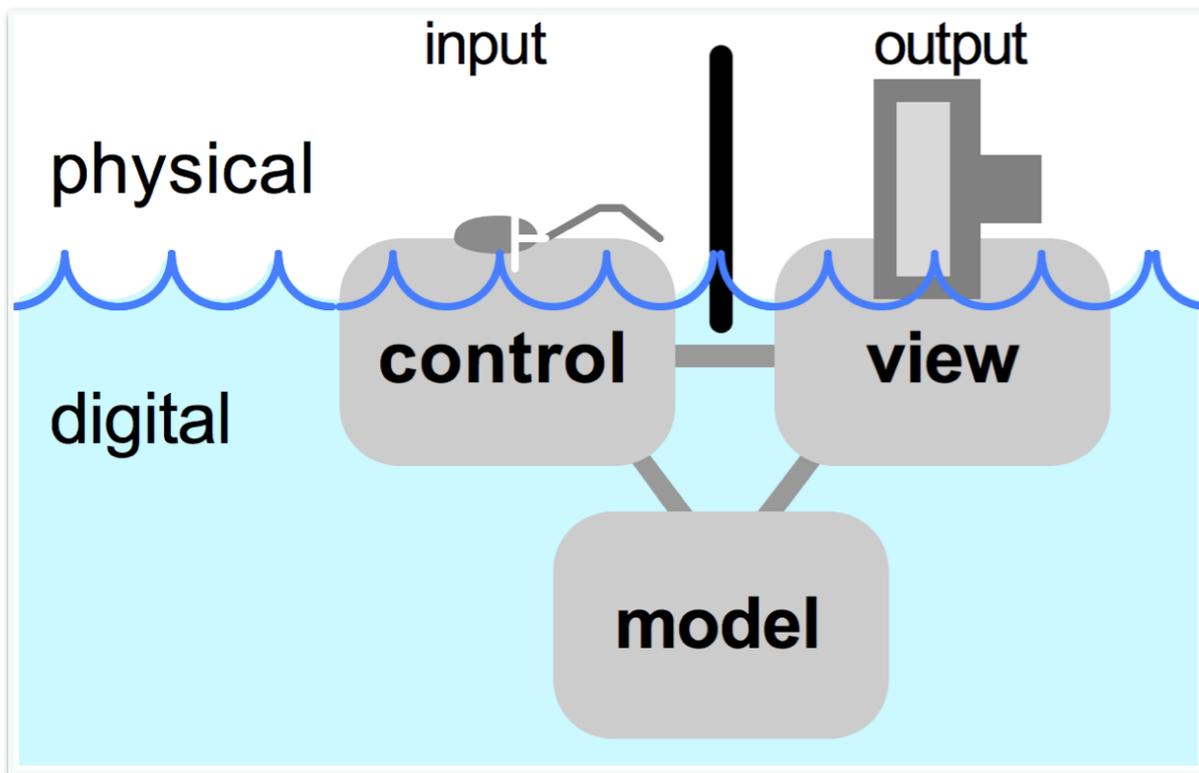
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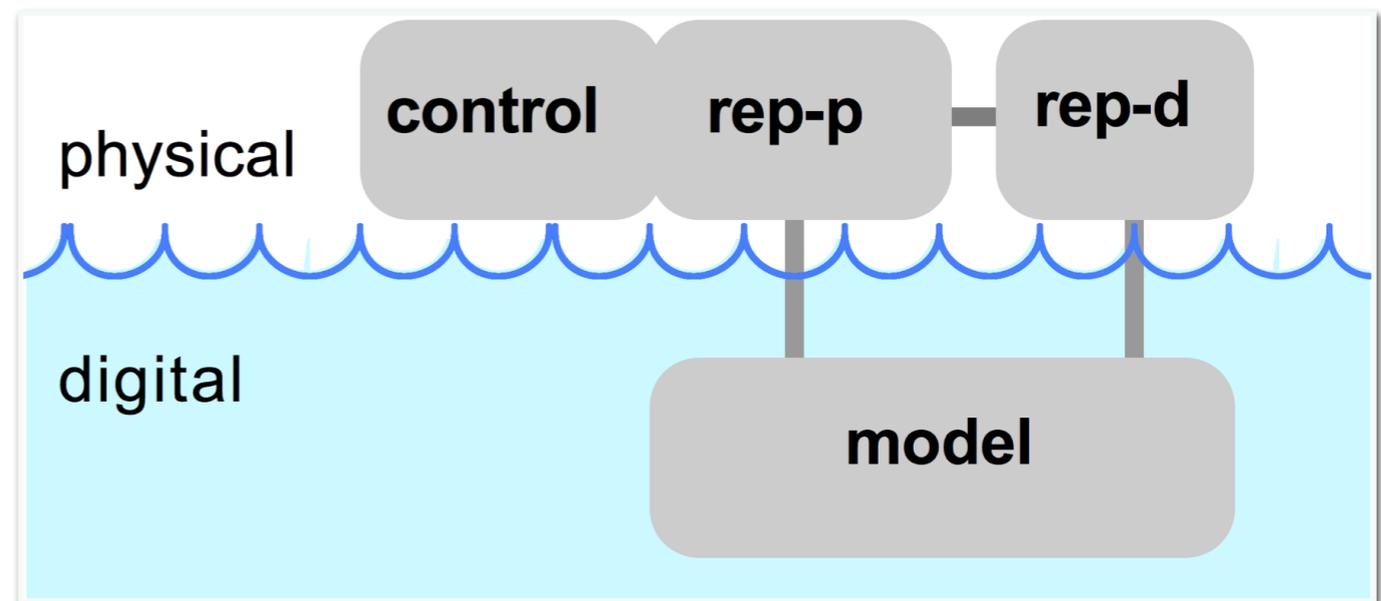
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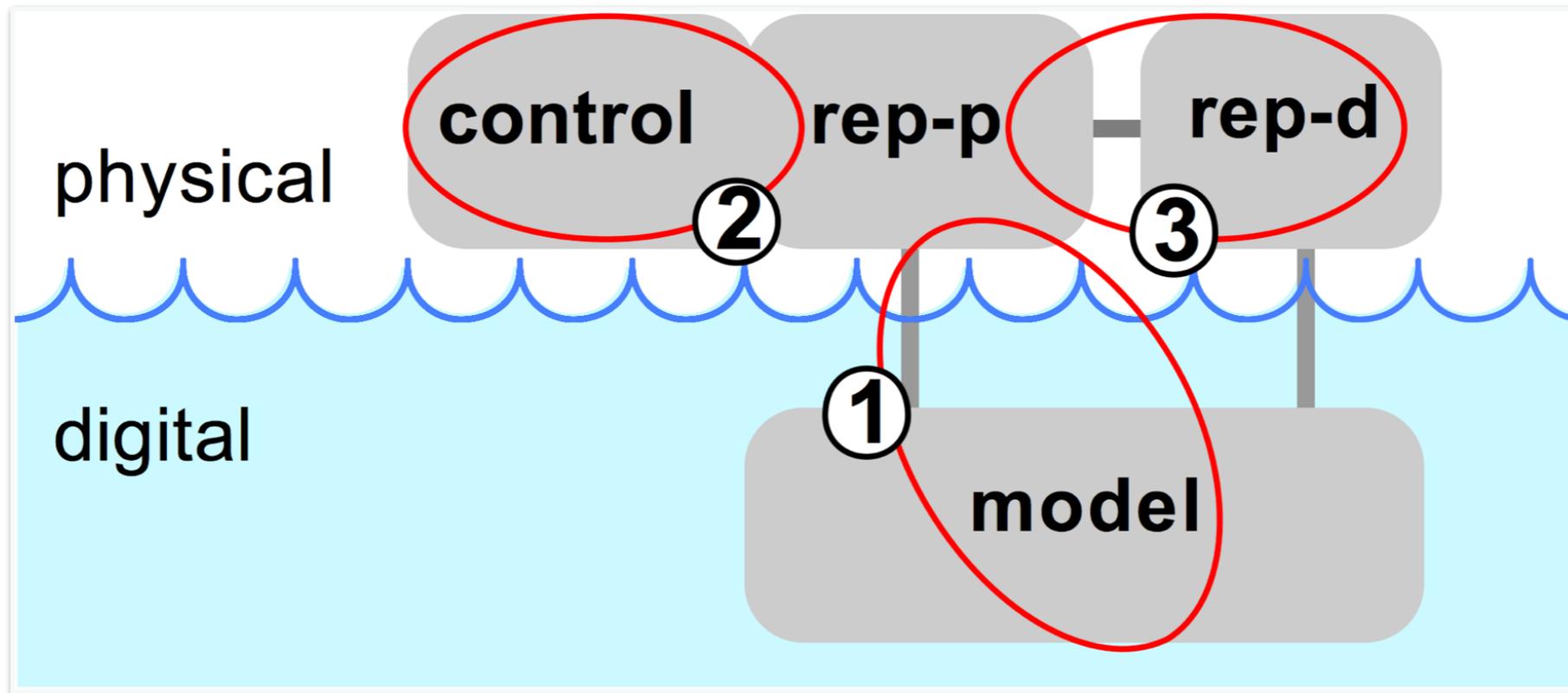
*GUI (graphical user interface)*



*TUI (tangible user interface)*

# TANGIBLE USER INTERFACES

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# TANGIBLE USER INTERFACES

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- 5 strengths of tangible interaction (Shaer & Hornecker, 2009)
  - *Collaboration*
  - *Situatedness*
  - *Tangible Thinking*
  - *Space-Multiplexing and Directness of Interaction*
  - *Strong-Specificness Enables Iconicity and Affordances*

# TANGIBLE USER INTERFACES

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- Limitations of tangible interaction (Shaer & Hornecker, 2009)
  - *Scalability*
  - *Risk of loosing objects*
  - *Versatility & Malleability*
  - *User fatigue*
  - *....*

# TANGIBLE USER INTERFACES

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- Application domains
  - *Learning*
  - *Problem solving and planning*
  - *Information visualisation*
  - *Tangible programming*
  - *Entertainment, play and edutainment*
  - *Music and performance*
  - *Social communication*
  - *Tangible reminders and tags*



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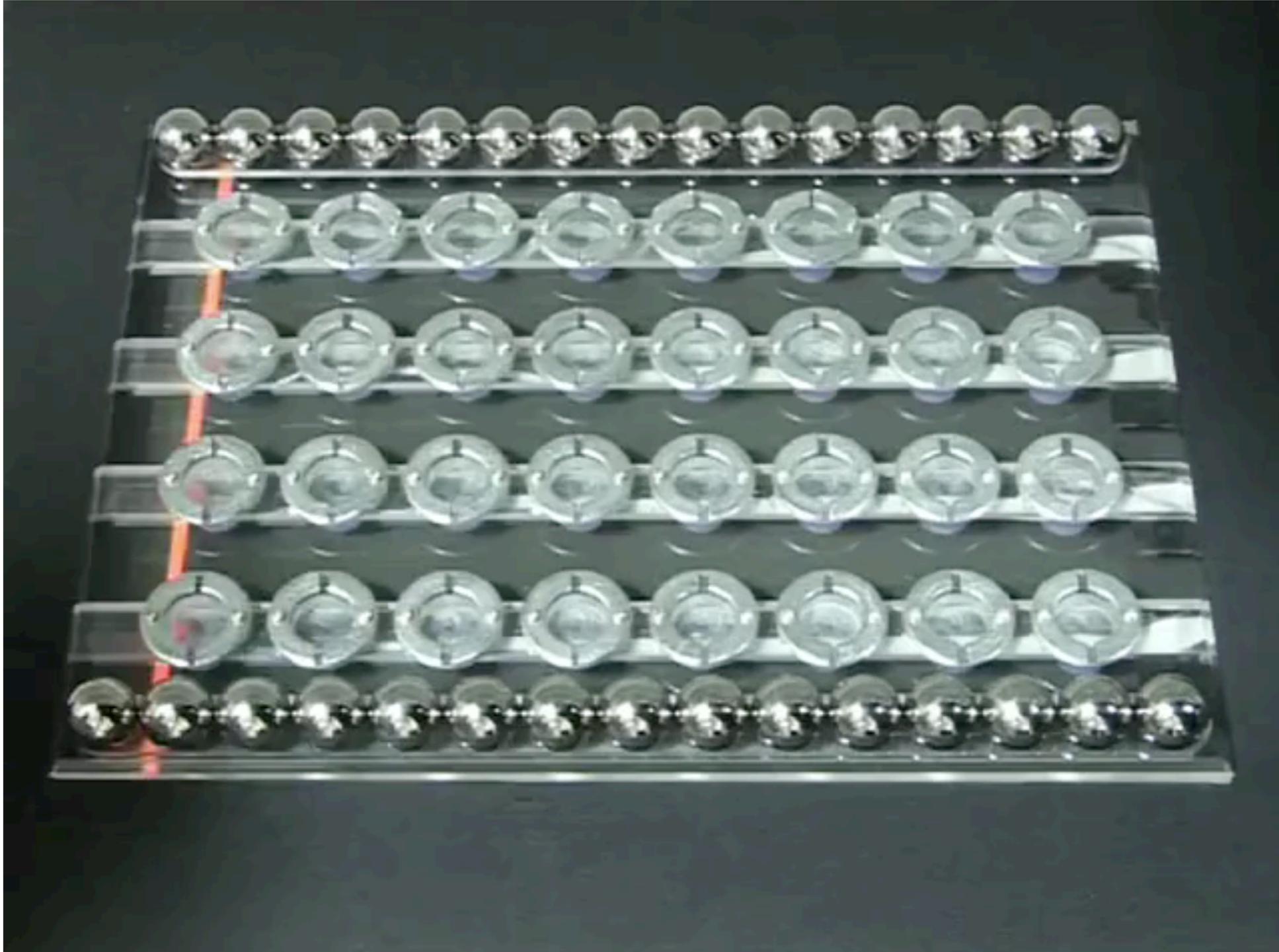
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- Spatial
- Symbolic
- Dynamic binding
  
- Tangible Thinking
- Space-Multiplexing and Directness of Interaction

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# TOPOBO

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- Constructive
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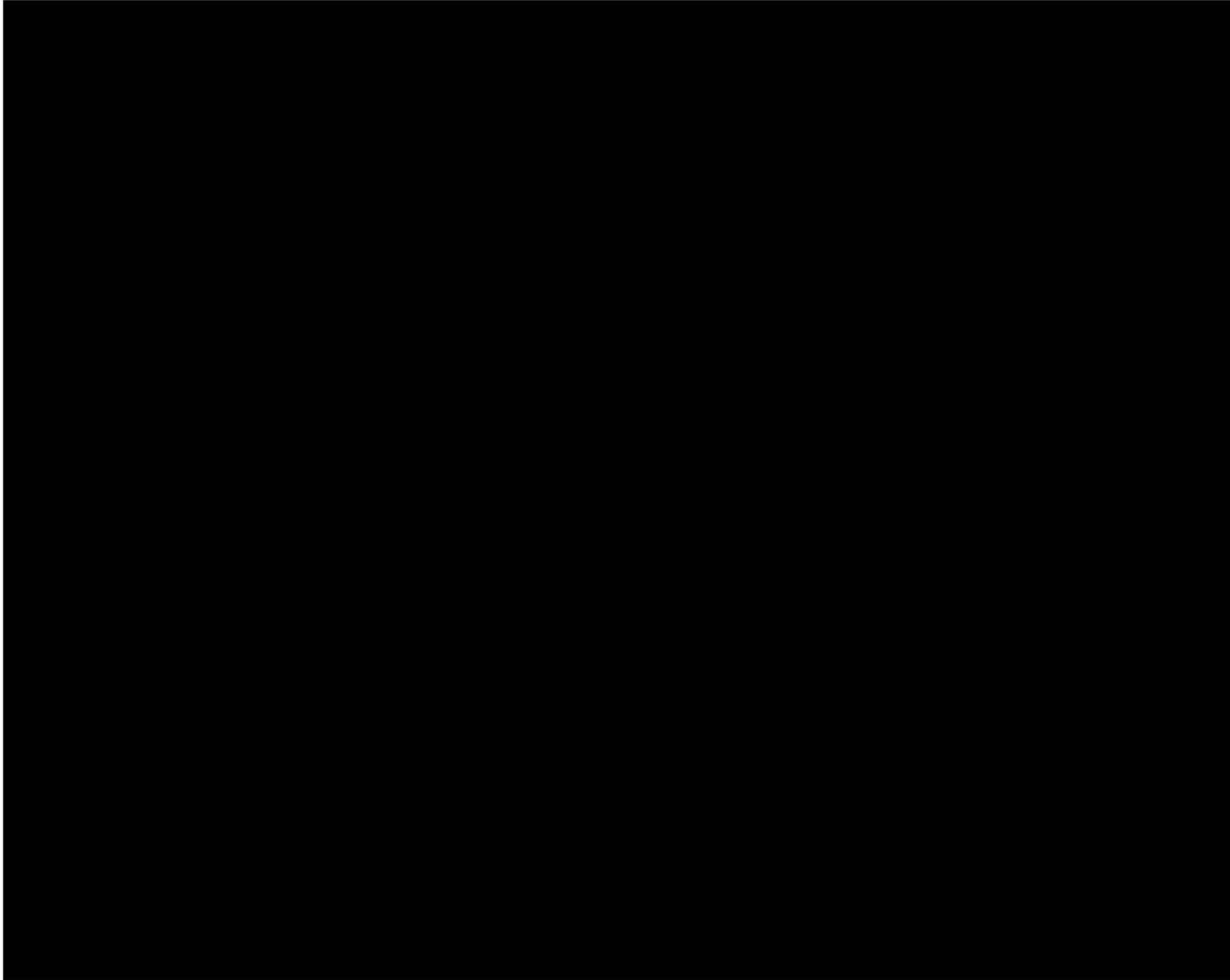
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- Relational
- Symbolic
- Dynamic binding
  
- Collaboration
- Space-Multiplexing and Directness of Interaction

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# TANGIBLE & EMBODIED INTERACTION

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## ➤ Tangible interaction

- *“Relies on tangibility and full body interaction and gives computational resources and data material form”*

## ➤ Embodied interaction

- *“The creation, manipulation and sharing of meaning through engaged interaction with physical artifacts”*

*Hornecker, E., and Buur, J. (2006). Getting a grip on tangible interaction: a framework on physical space and social interaction. In Proceedings of CHI'06, ACM Press, pp. 437–446.*

*Dourish, P. (2001). Where the action is: the foundations of embodied interaction. MIT Press.*

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# SHAPE CHANGING INTERFACE

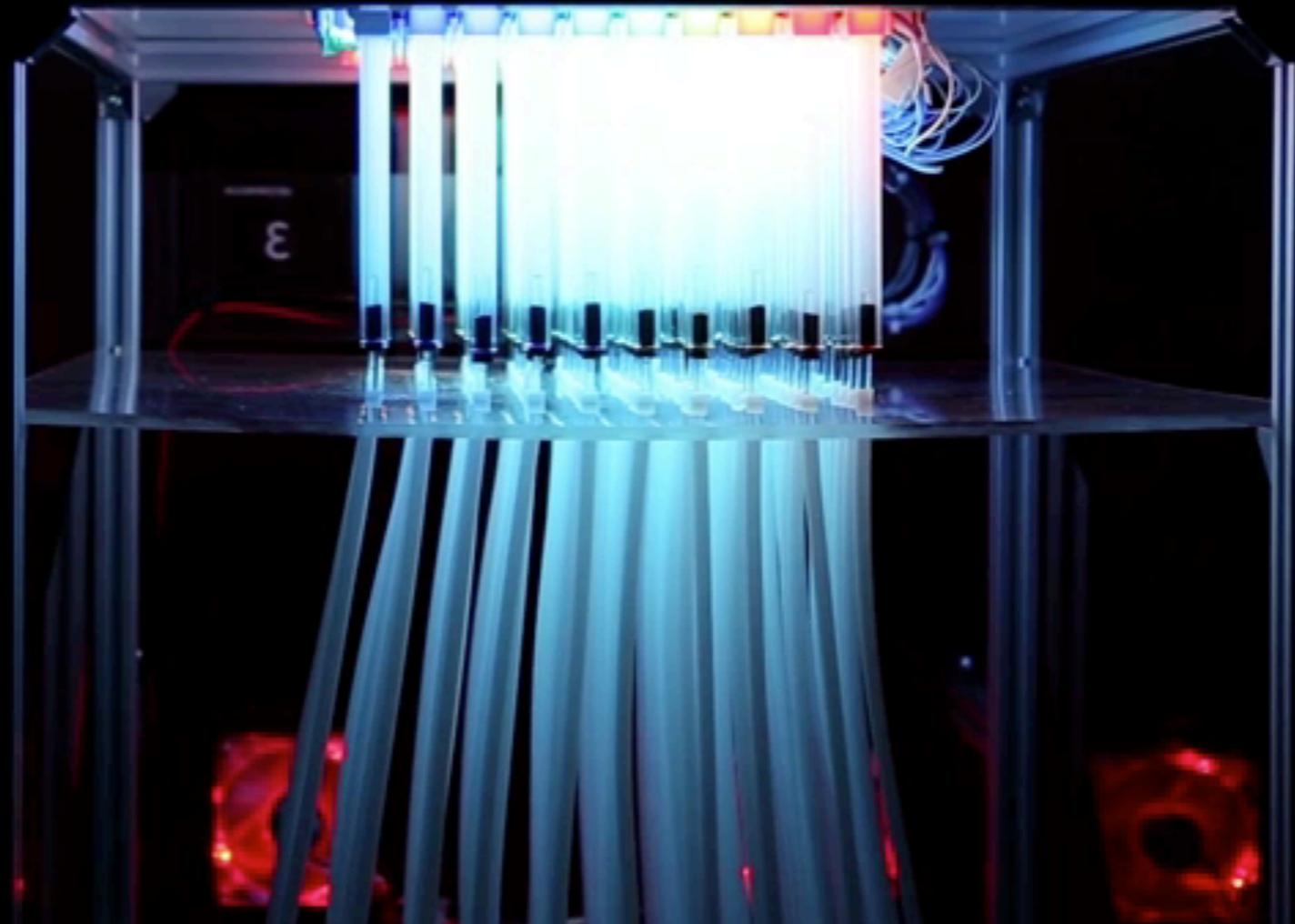
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## Exploring Interactions with Physically Dynamic Bar Charts

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# WRAP-UP TANGIBLE & EMBODIED INTERACTION

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- Inspired by human physical movement and manipulation skills
- Suitable in various application domains such as:
  - *office work*
  - *education*
  - *musical performance*
  - *gaming*
  - ....

# INTERACTION PARADIGMS INSPIRED BY ATTENTION MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Calm technology
- Peripheral interaction



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Everyday activities take place in the *periphery* and in the *center* of attention

Interactive devices are usually designed to be in the *center* of attention (i.e. 'focused interaction')

Can we design interactive systems such that they can also be used in the *periphery* of attention? (i.e. 'peripheral interaction')

# CALM TECHNOLOGY

a 'predecessor' of peripheral interaction

"Technology that engages both the center and periphery of our attention and in fact moves back and forth between the two"

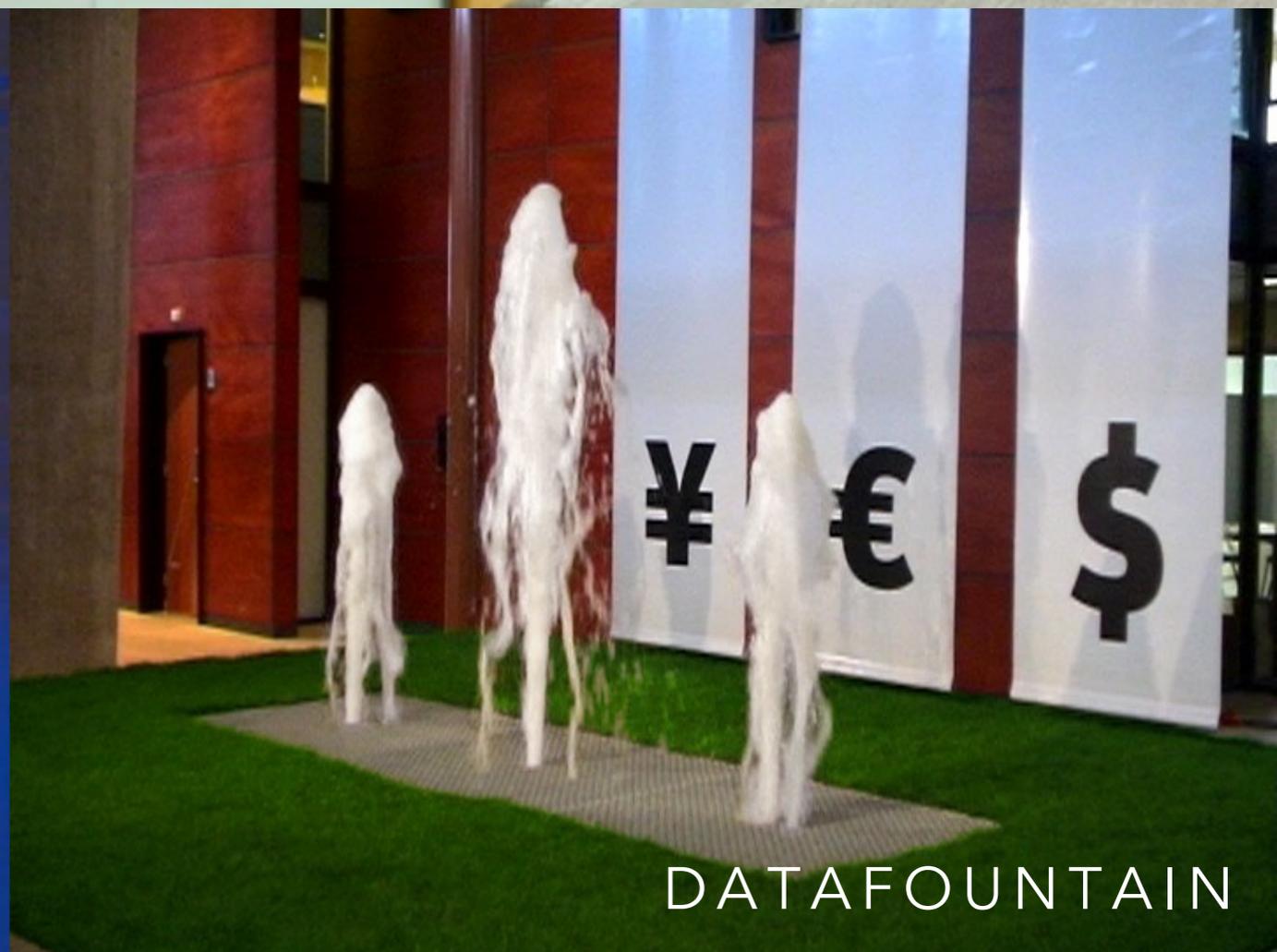


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**DataFountain:** Eggen, B., and Mensvoort, K. (2009). Making Sense of What Is Going on “Around”: Designing Environmental Awareness Information Displays. In *Awareness Systems: Advances in Theory, Methodology and Design* (pp. 99–124).



PINWHEELS



DATAFOUNTAIN

# PERIPHERAL INTERACTION

Interaction with computing technology that takes place in the **periphery** of attention and **shifts** to the **center** of attention when relevant for or desired by the user

Peripheral interaction encompassed both **perception** and **physical** interaction

WHY PERIPHERAL INTERACTION  
NEXT TO FOCUSED INTERACTION?

# WHY PERIPHERAL INTERACTION NEXT TO FOCUSED INTERACTION?

- Computing technology is becoming omnipresent in everyday life: we can interact with all these technologies through focused interaction
- Inevitably, we will interact with many technologies in our periphery of attention
- This can be anticipated in interaction design for everyday life
- Peripheral interaction aim to fluently embed interactive technology in people's everyday life routines

EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE IN THE  
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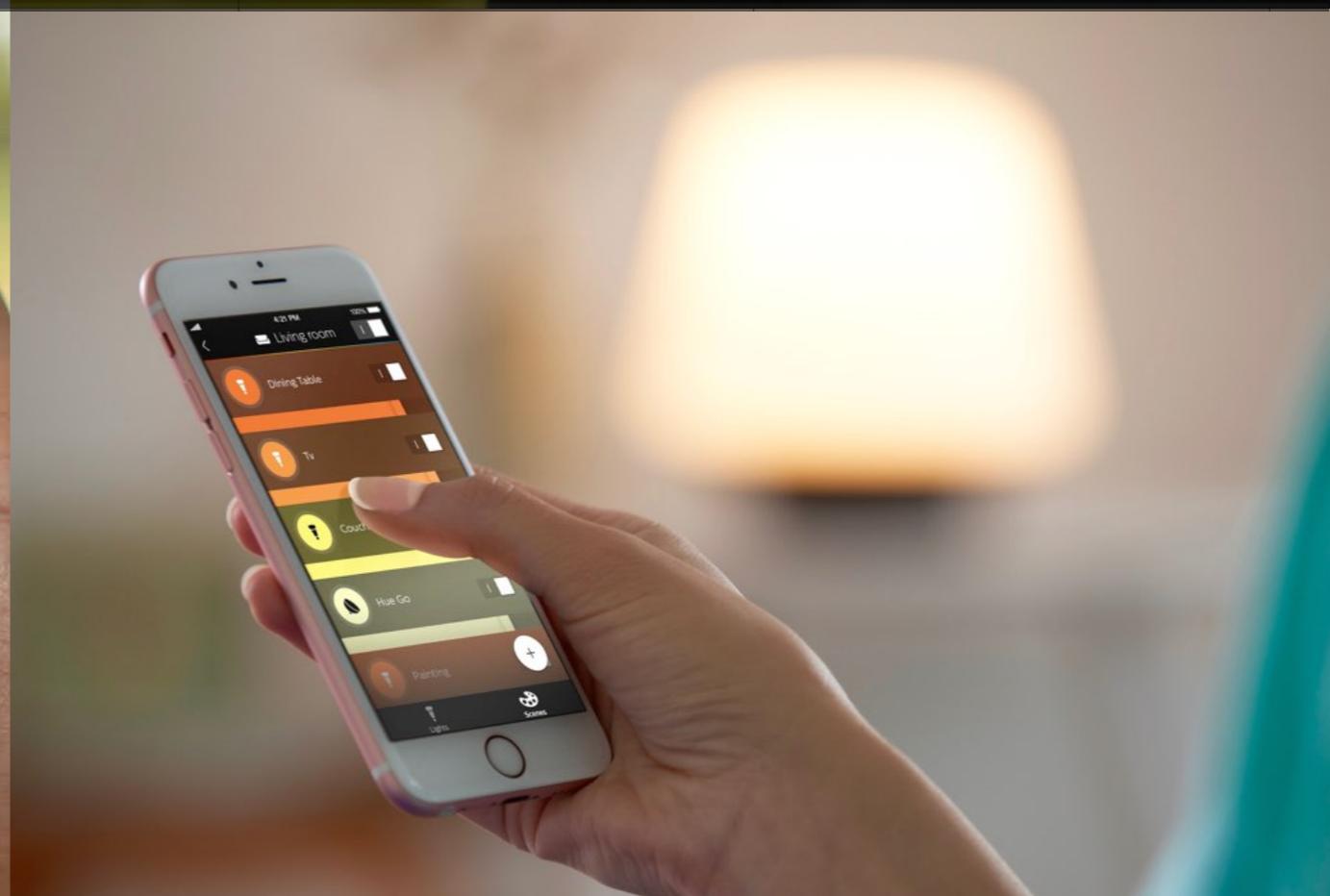
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... OR, INTERACTIVE DEVICES ARE DESIGNED  
TO OPERATE **OUTSIDE THE ATTENTIONAL FIELD**  
OF THE USER



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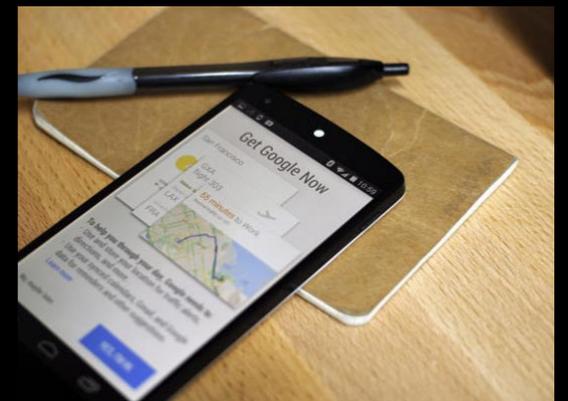
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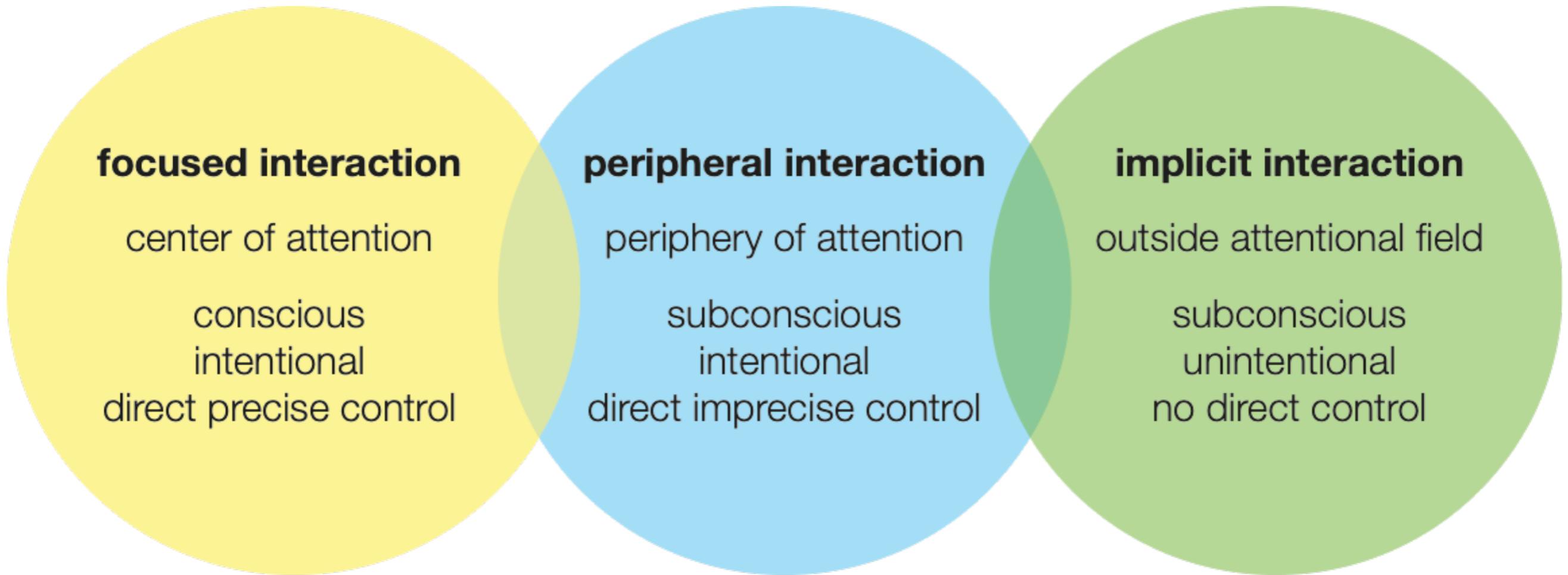
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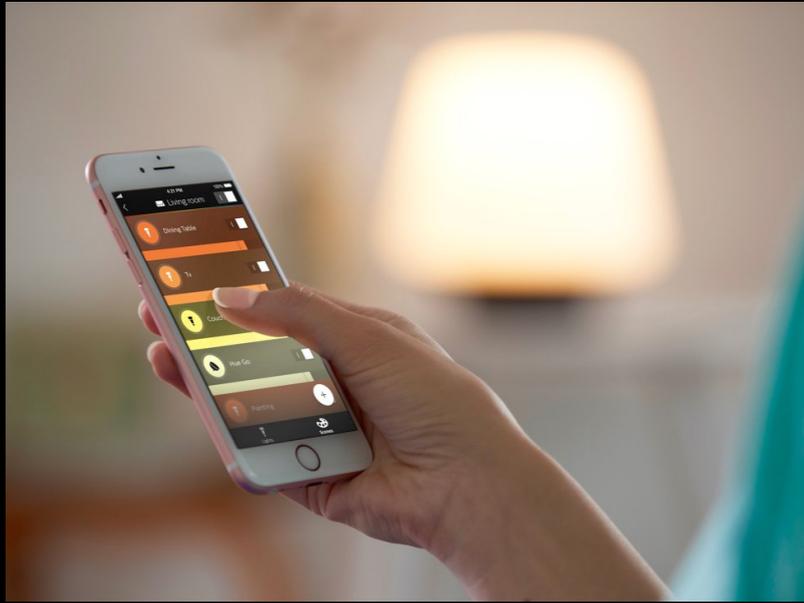


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fully focused  
attention

completely outside  
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### **focused interaction**

center of attention

conscious

intentional

direct precise control

### **peripheral interaction**

periphery of attention

subconscious

intentional

direct imprecise control

### **implicit interaction**

outside attentional field

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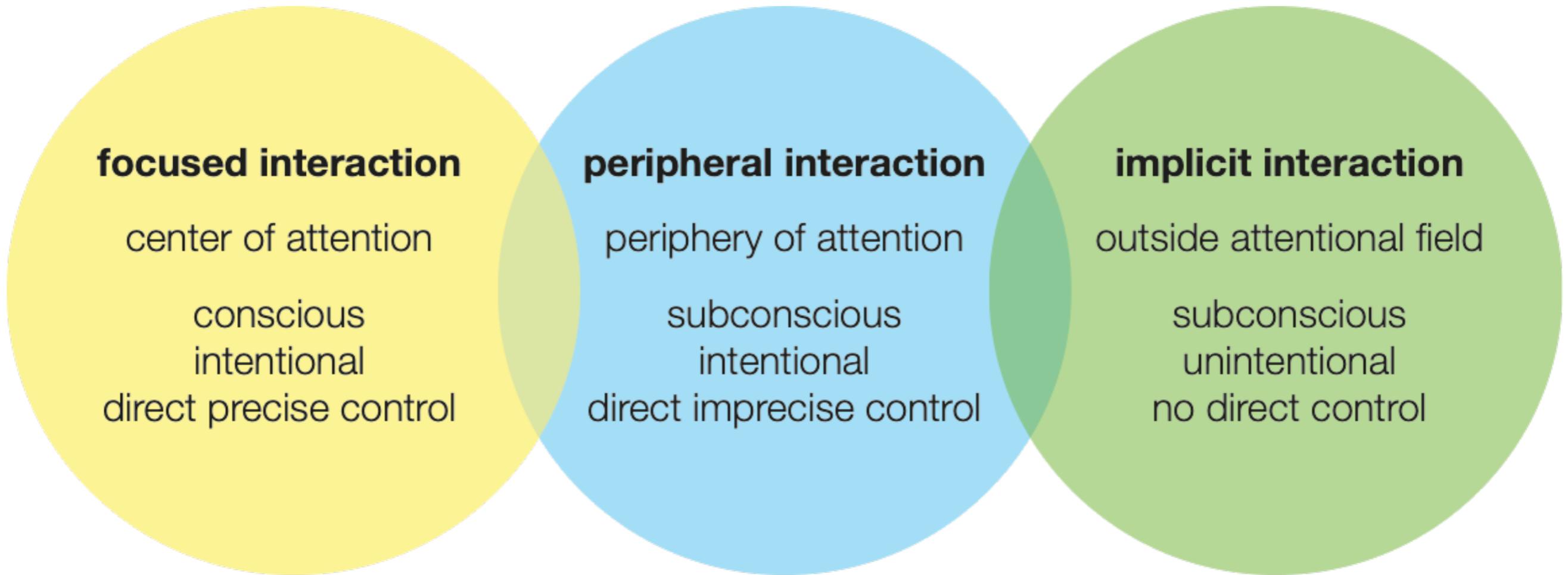
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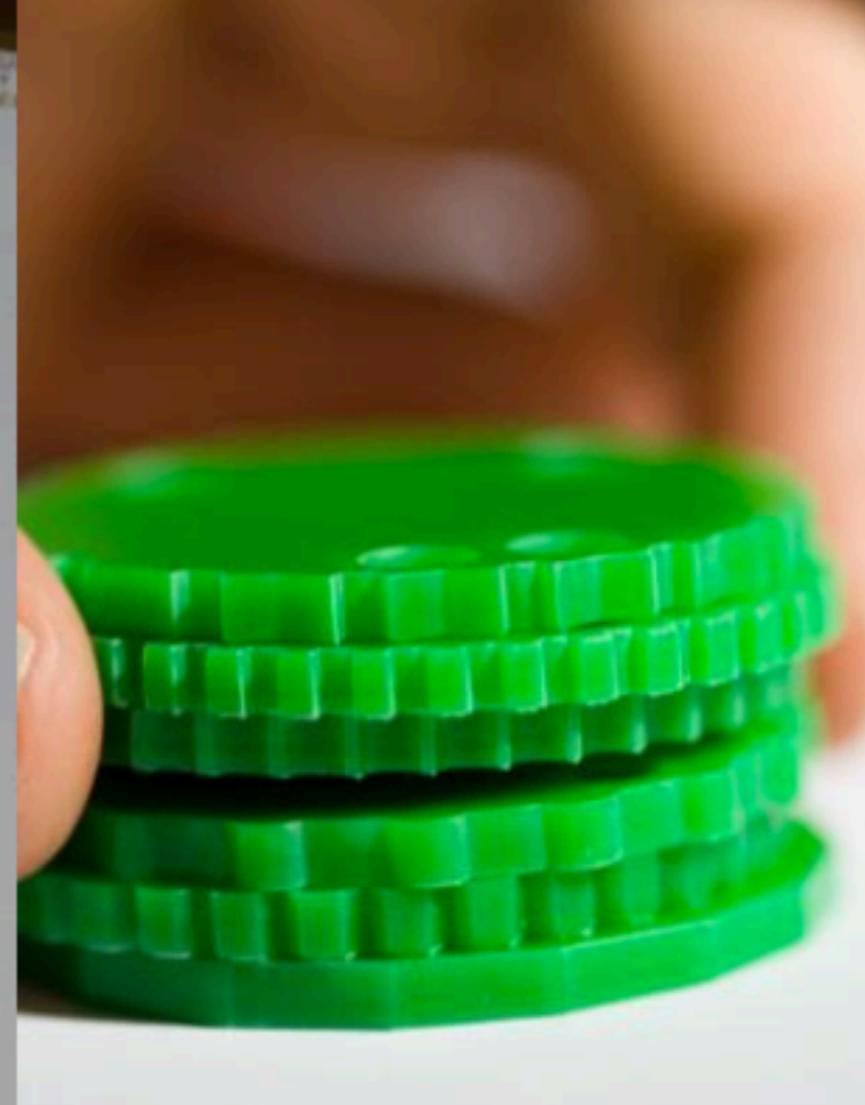
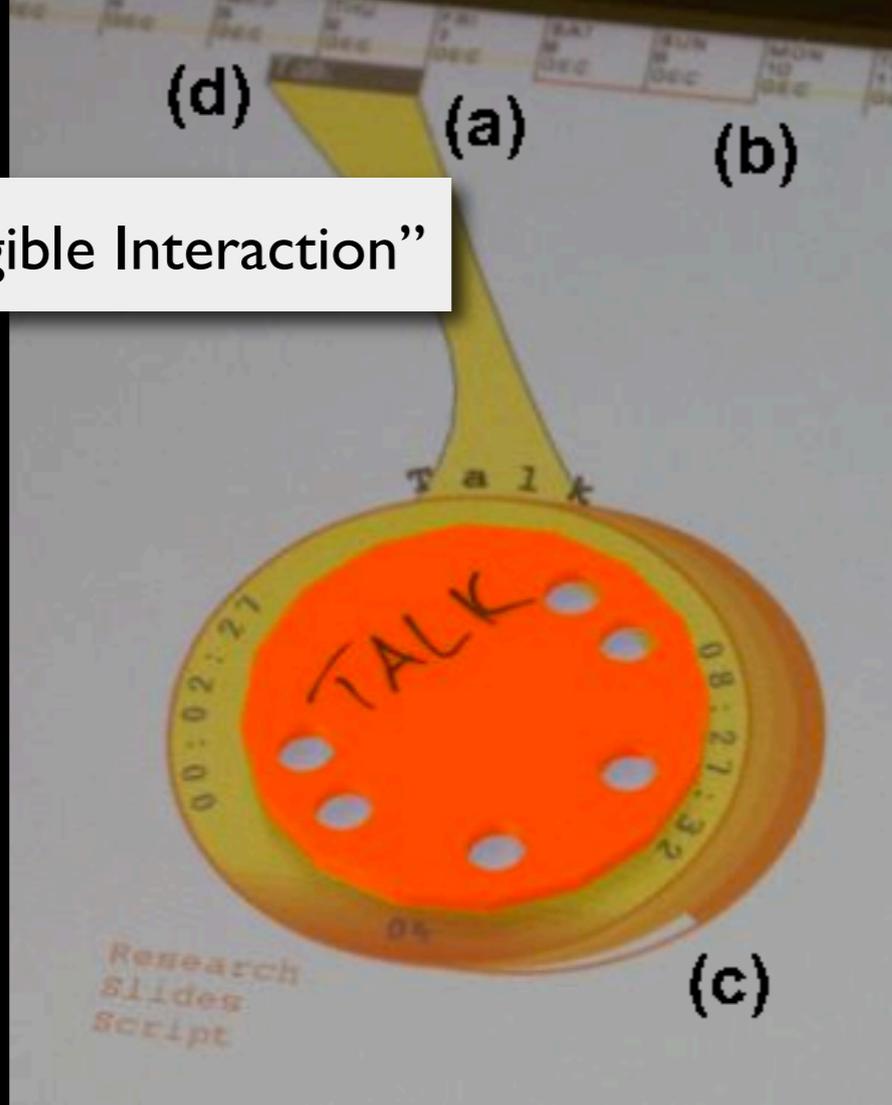




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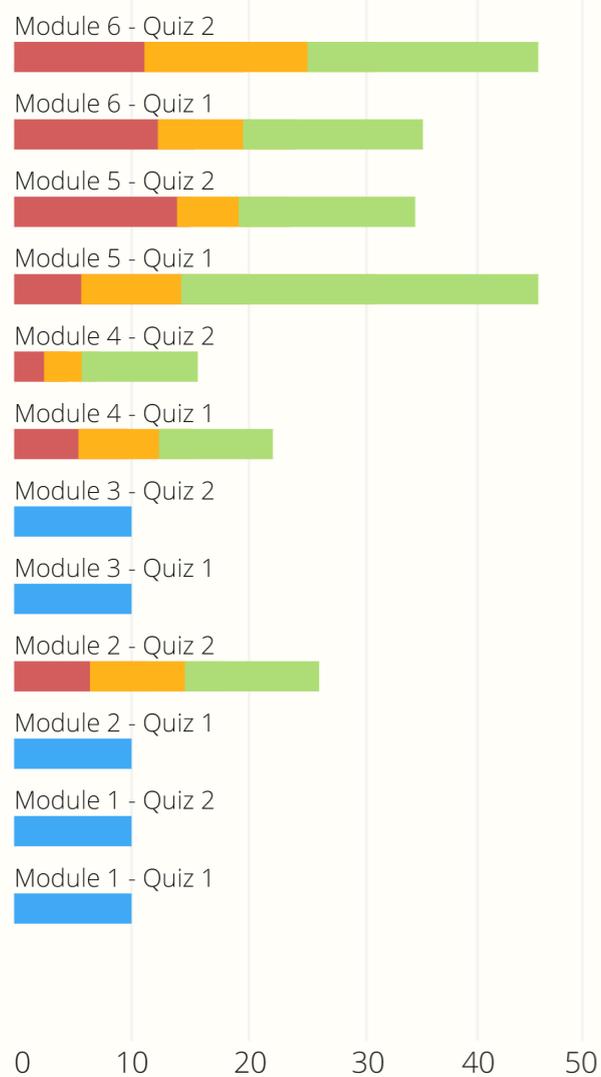
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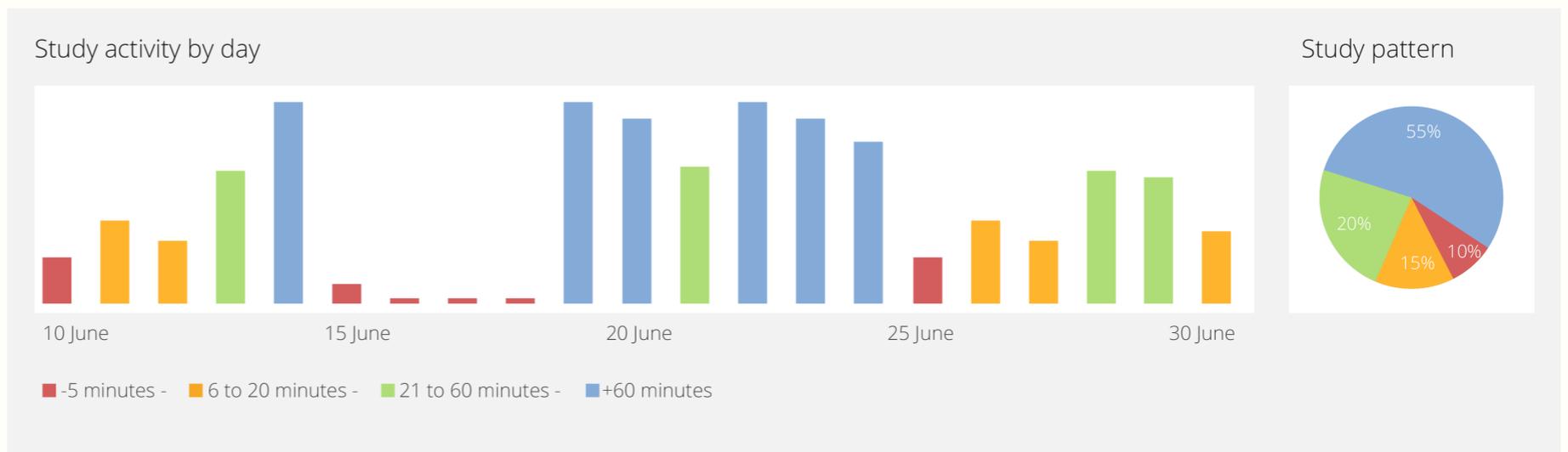
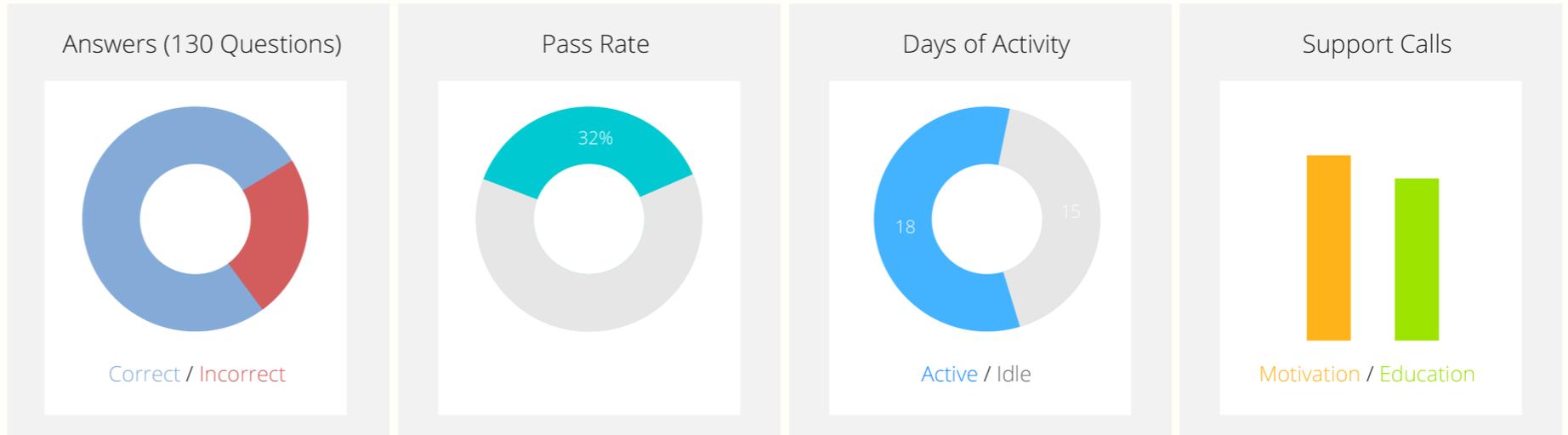
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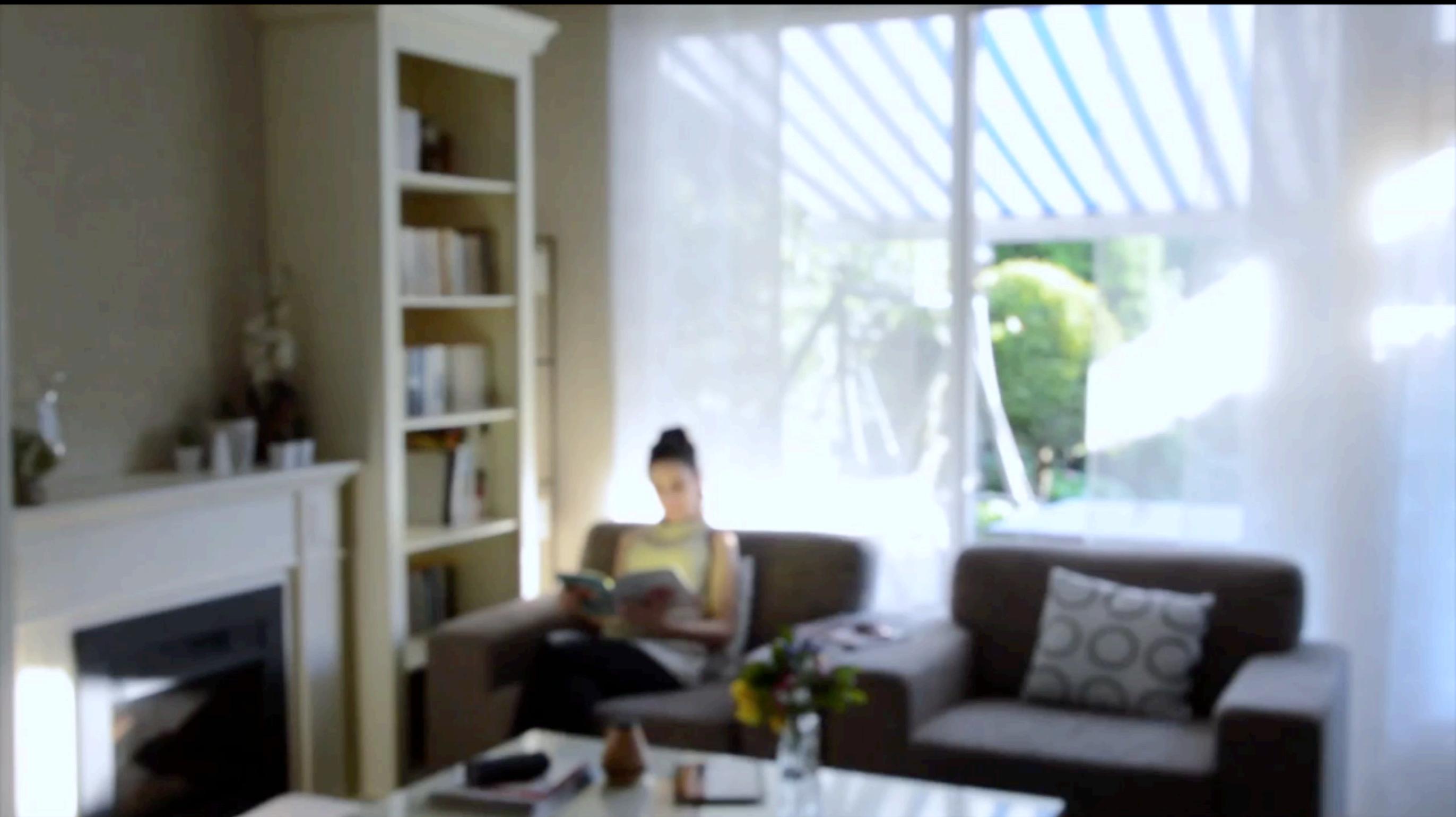
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# MUSICO

PERIPHERAL INTERACTION IN THE HOME

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- Inspired by human attention management skills
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  - *Information display*
  - *Office work*
  - *Education*
  - *Smart homes*
  - ....



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