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# INTERACTION AND REPRESENTATION CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABILITY RELATED INFORMATION — **THE QUEST FOR USABLE SUSTAINABILITY**

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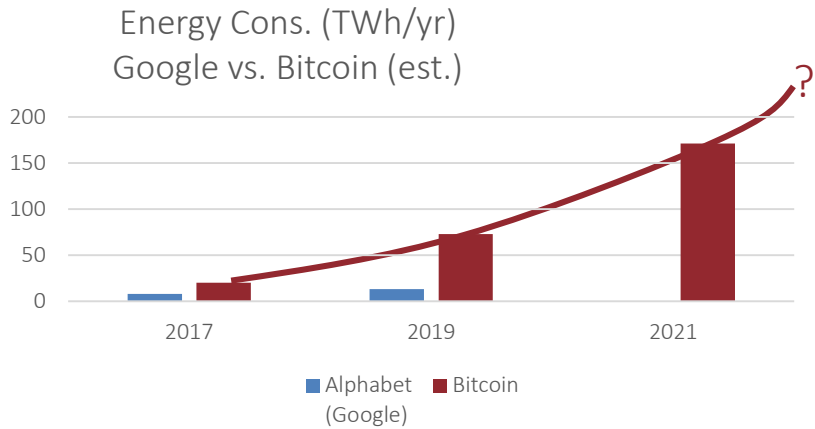
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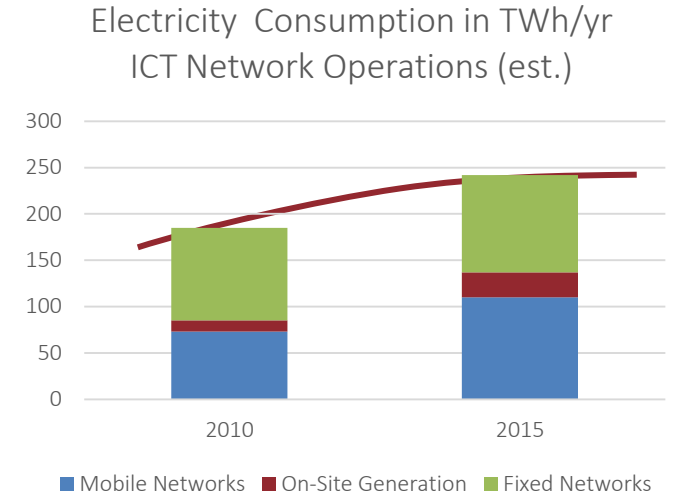
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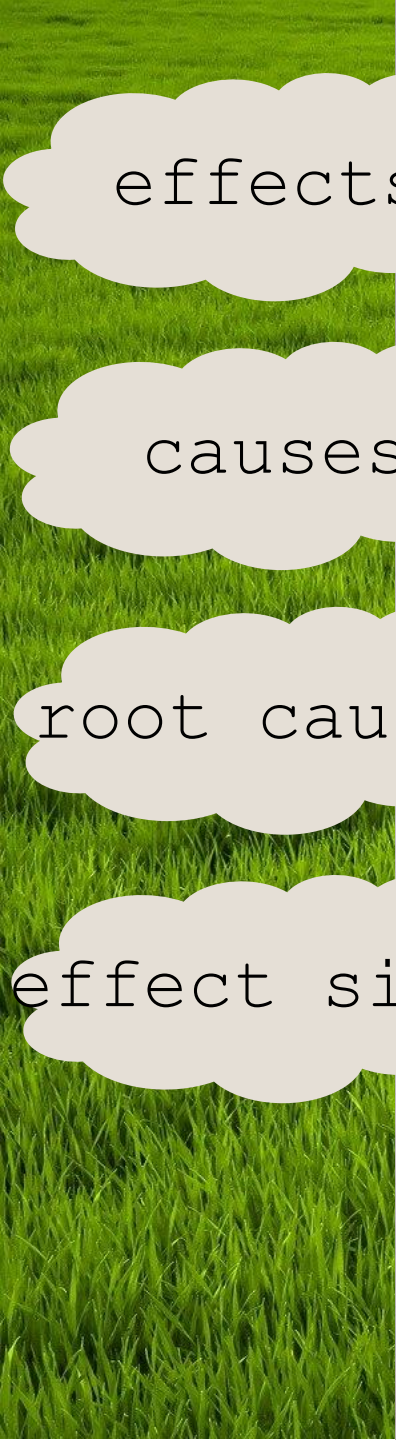
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why?

informatics



effects

causes

root causes

effect sizes



**Danger Droughts**



**Danger Resource Scarcity**



**Danger Nondegradability**



**Danger Floods**



**Danger Malnutrition**



**Danger CO<sub>2</sub>/Global Warming**



**Danger Bushfires**



**Danger Pollution**<sup>1</sup>

effects

causes

root causes

effect sizes



production

materials

Resources, e.g. water footprint

packaging

logistics

consumption / waste

recycling

...



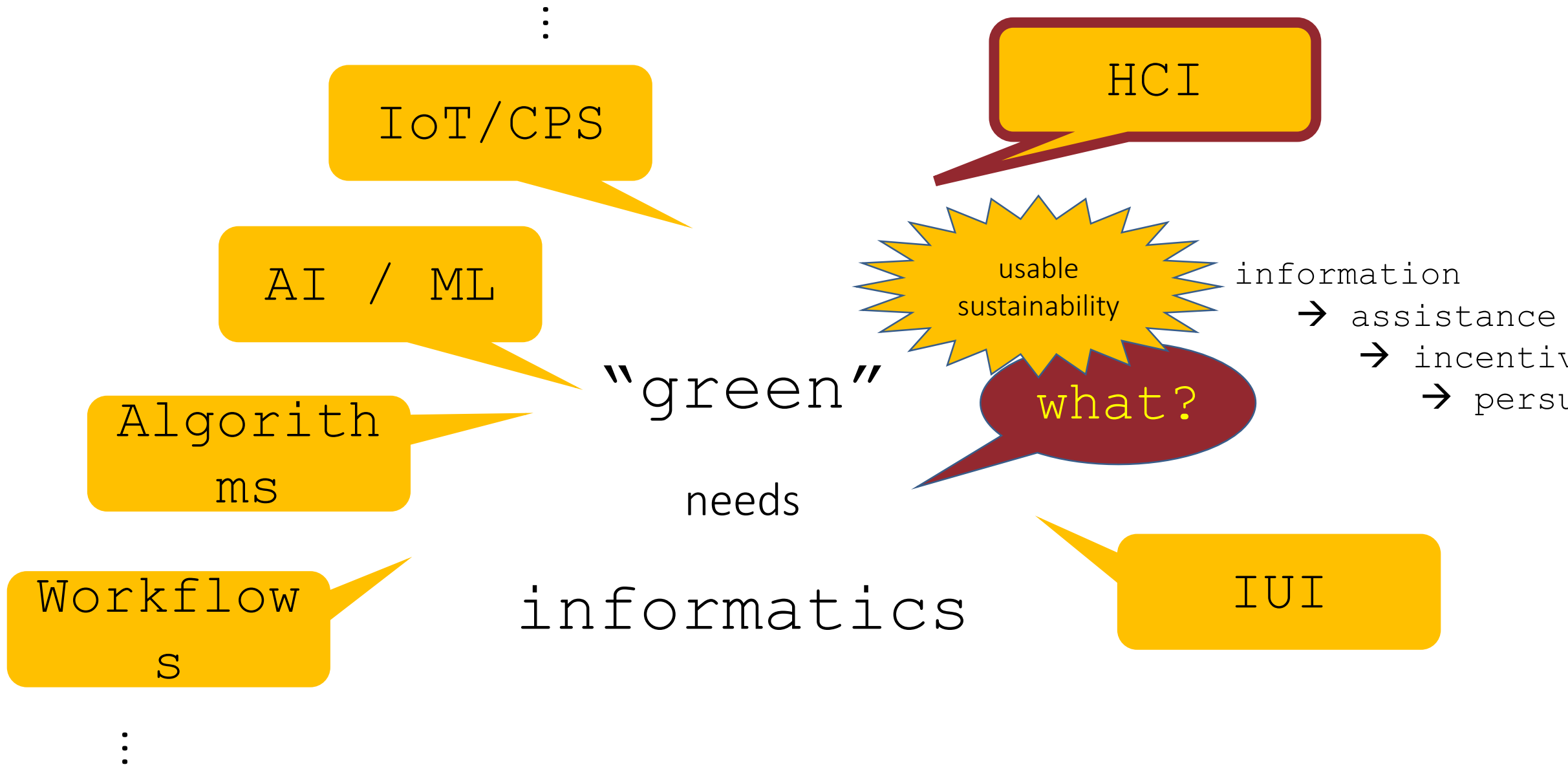
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# Challenge: Cyber↔Physical Integration *in the Wild*

 Lucas Campbell 

**2.1 kg** **17**  
Saved CO<sub>2</sub> AYR

 David Wade 

**0.8 kg** **9**  
Saved CO<sub>2</sub> AYR

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 Angello Philippe 

**0.9 kg** **9**  
Saved CO<sub>2</sub> AYR

 John Smith 

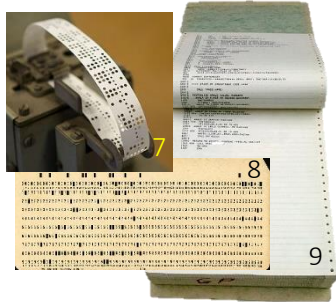
**1.5 kg** **14**  
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 Jessica Matias 

**0.5 kg** **7**  
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# HCI Evolution

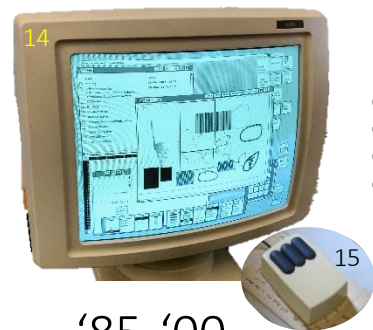
For 50 years: glass walls separate analog (human) from digital!



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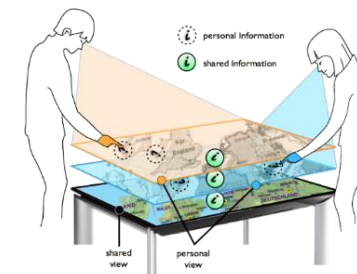
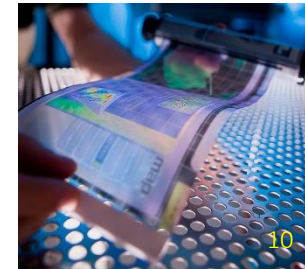


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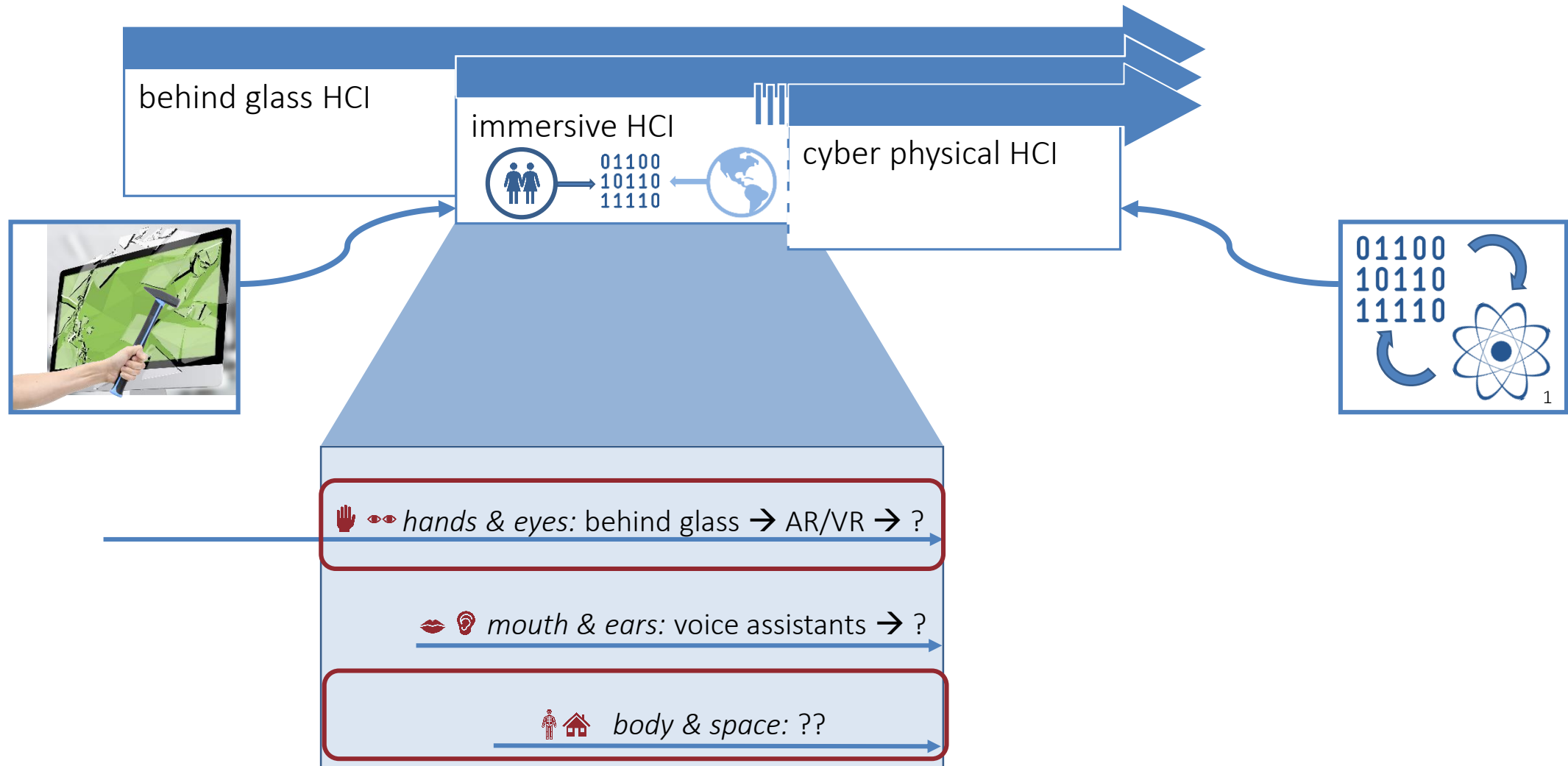


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# HCI Evolution





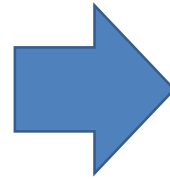
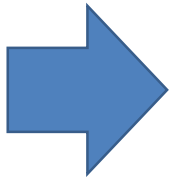
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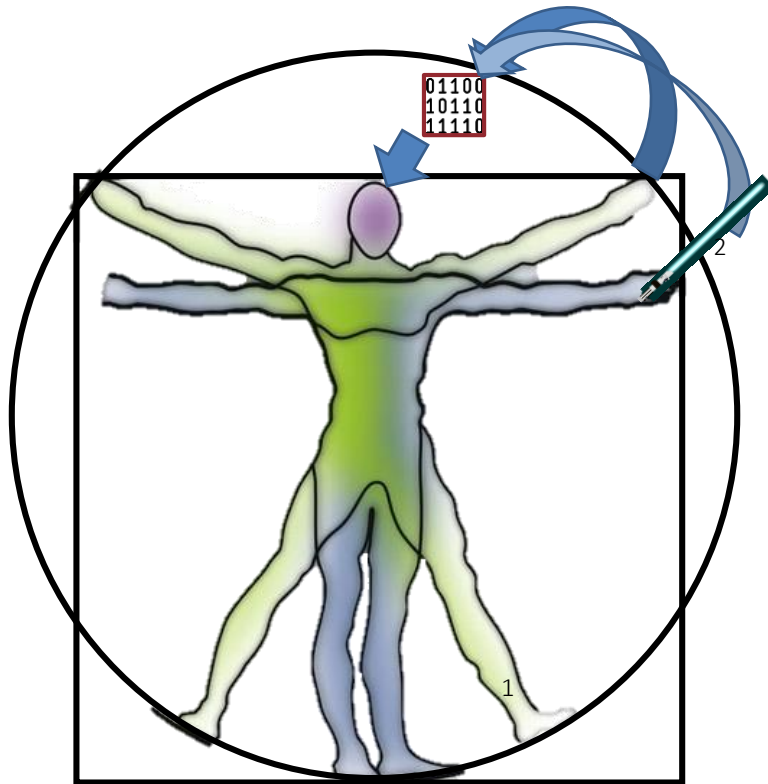
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- Don't get distracted by clumsy lab prototypes
- Remember Ivan Sutherland's „Sword of Damokles“



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# Today: Visual Immersion + Simple Hand Input



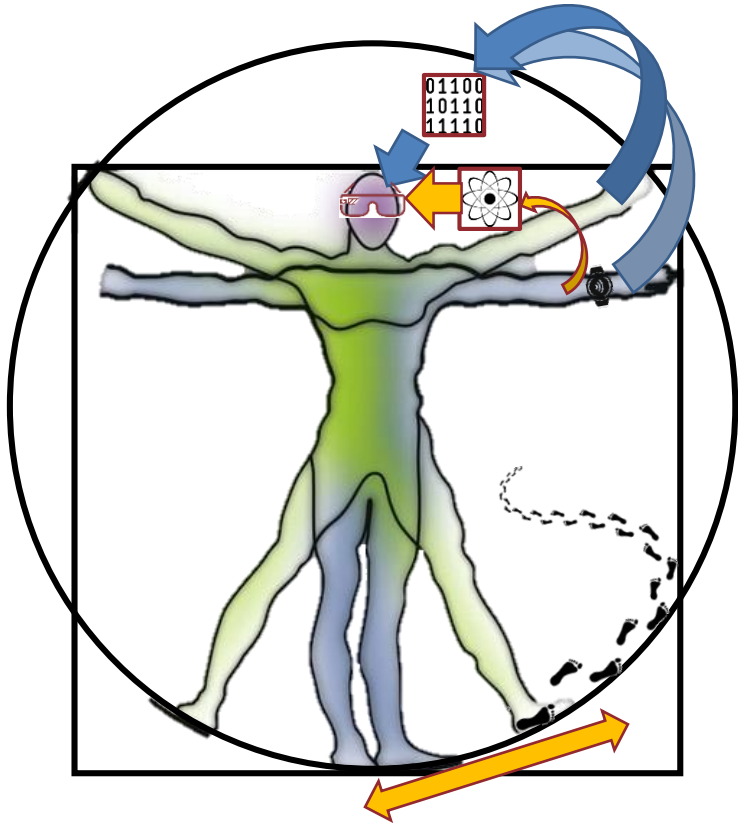
- AR/VR today: **Cyber Touch / Cyber Gestures**
  - (eyes and) hands ...
    - ... + optional: controller
    - ... navigate **in** cyber model
    - ... perform touch/gesture **on** cyber model

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Step: From Hands to Arms, AR-to-Go



## ■ Cyber-Physical Upper-Limb Interaction

- perception → motion of upper limbs ...
  - (+optional: Smartwatch or similar)
  - ... *immediately & continuously interacts* with cyber model
  - ... *location independent* → enables interaction *on the go*

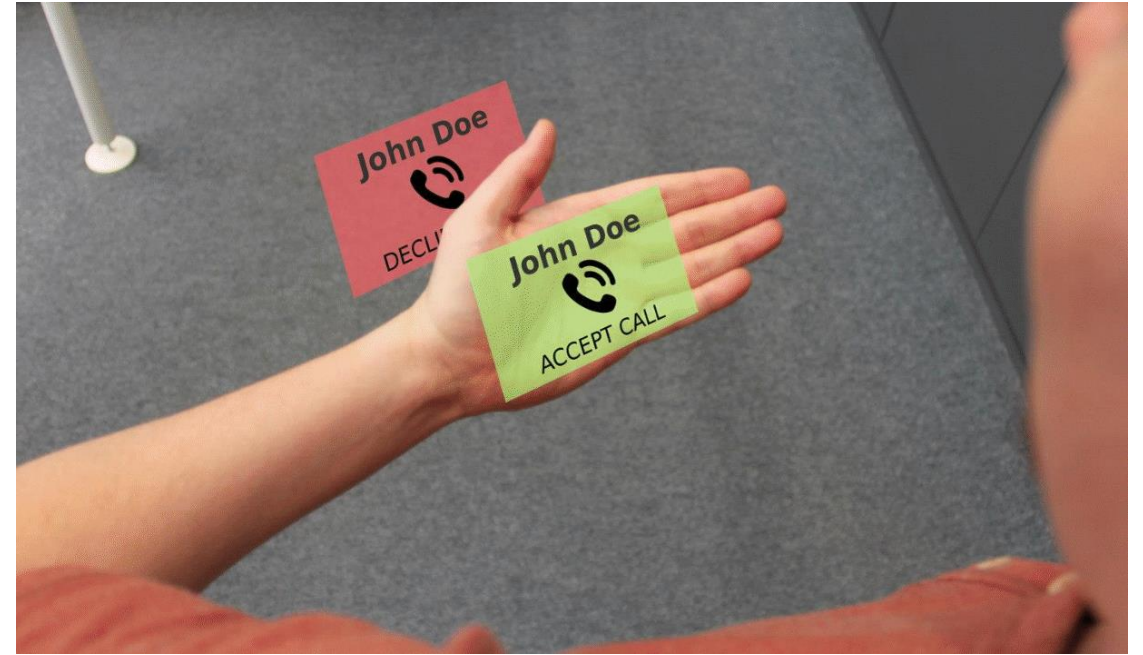


# Proximity-based Interaction

# Immediate & Continuous Interaction ...



... with continuous model



... with discrete model

# Numerous Applications



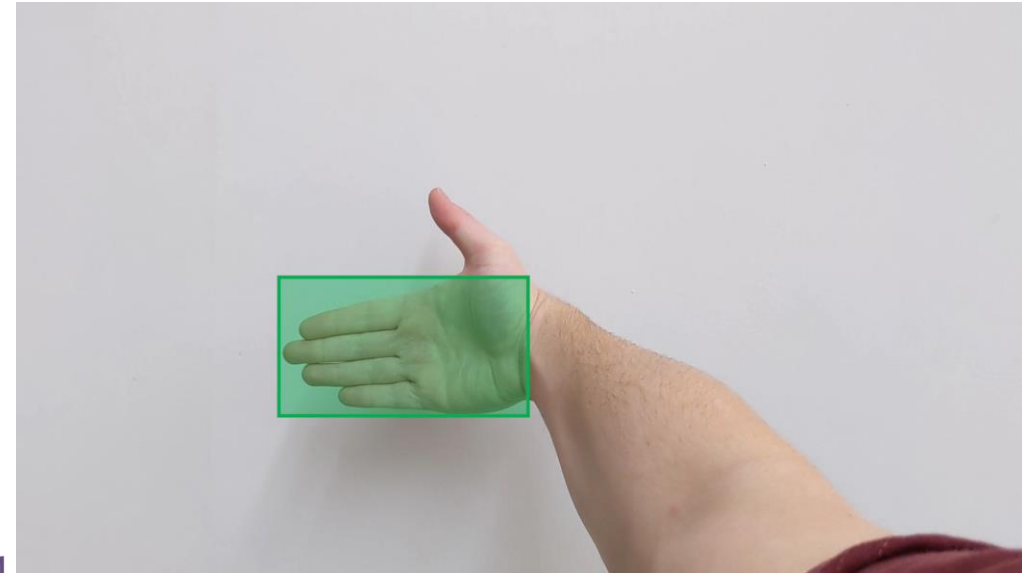
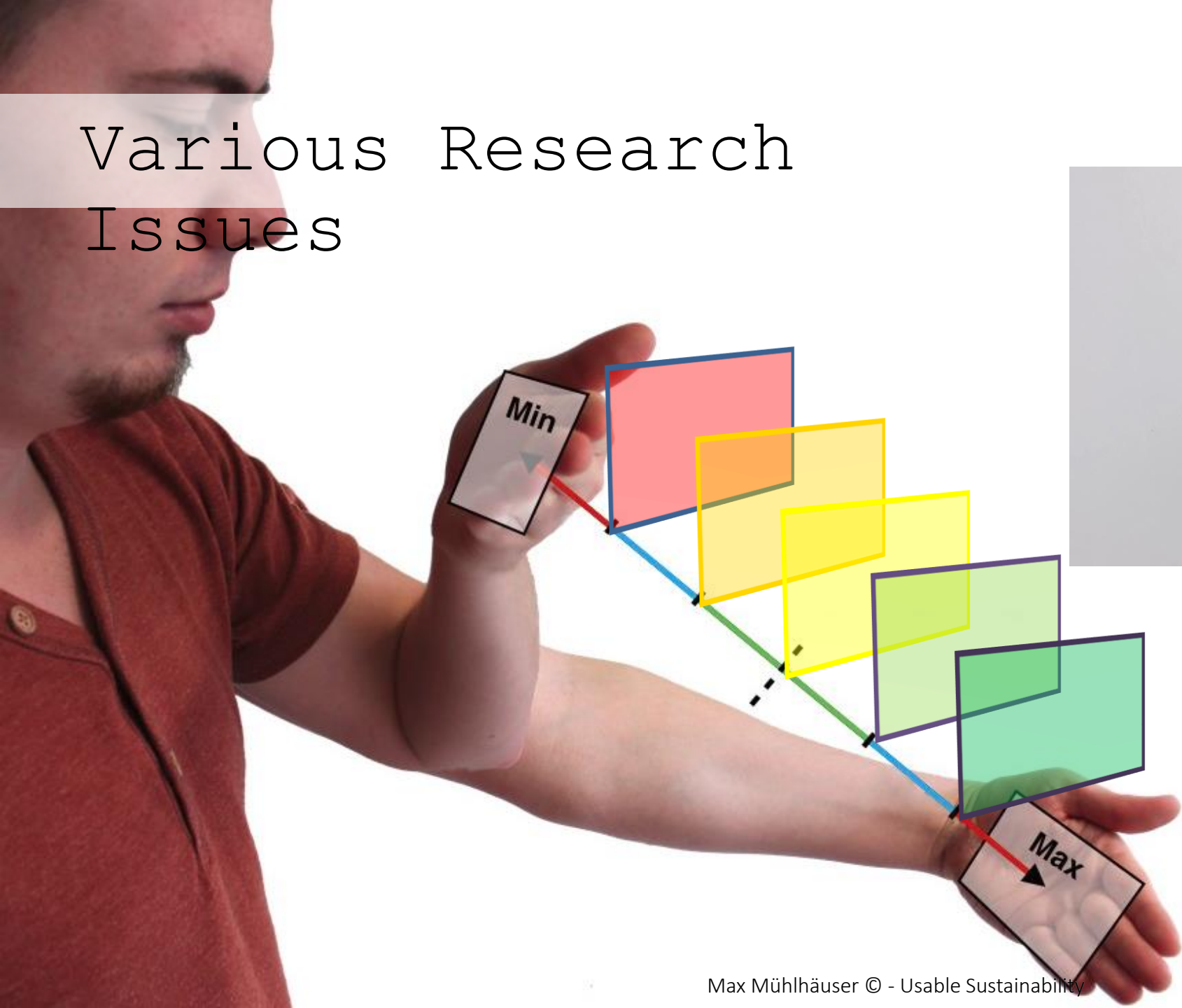
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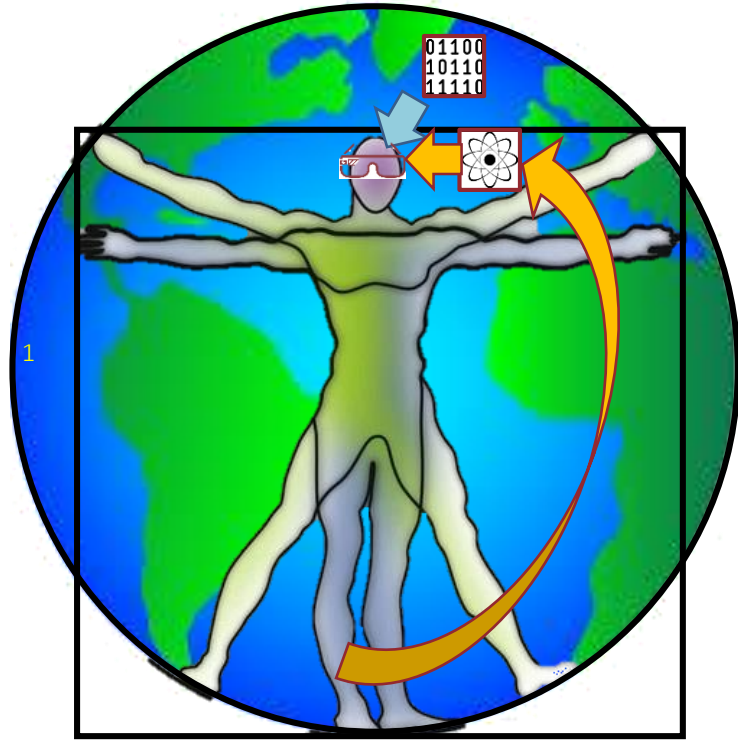
# Use Case *Smartwatch Interaction*



# Various Research Issues



# Next Step: Lower Limbs, True Outdoor Immersion



## ■ Outdoor Cyber-Physical Interaction

- immediate interaction at large scope (city → global) ...
  - ... leveraging the *lower limbs*
  - ... keeping hands free for physical world

# Today's interaction with HMDs



# Mind The TAP

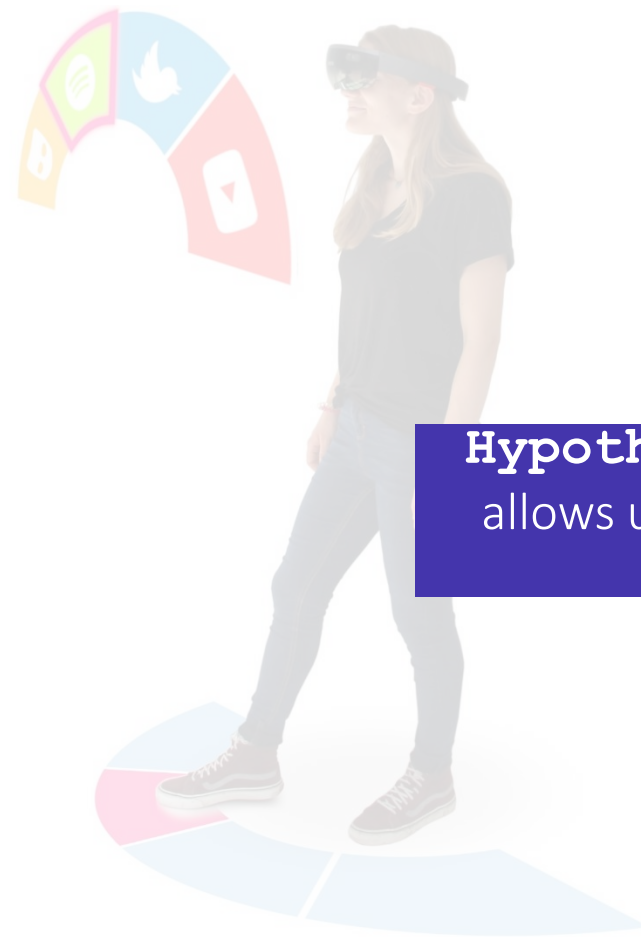


 **Taxi confirmed!**  
Your driver will arrive soon.

# MIND THE TAP: Concept



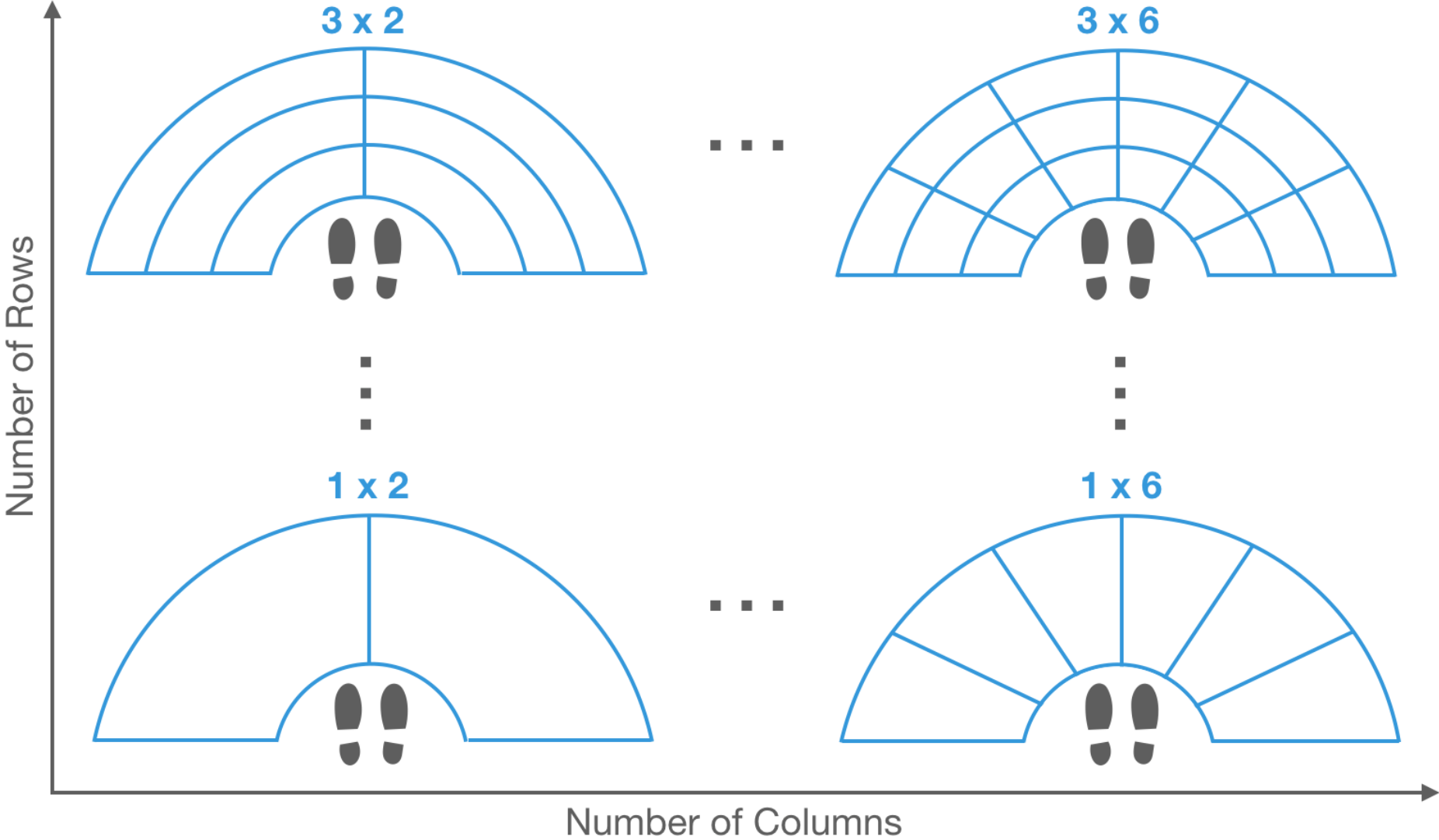
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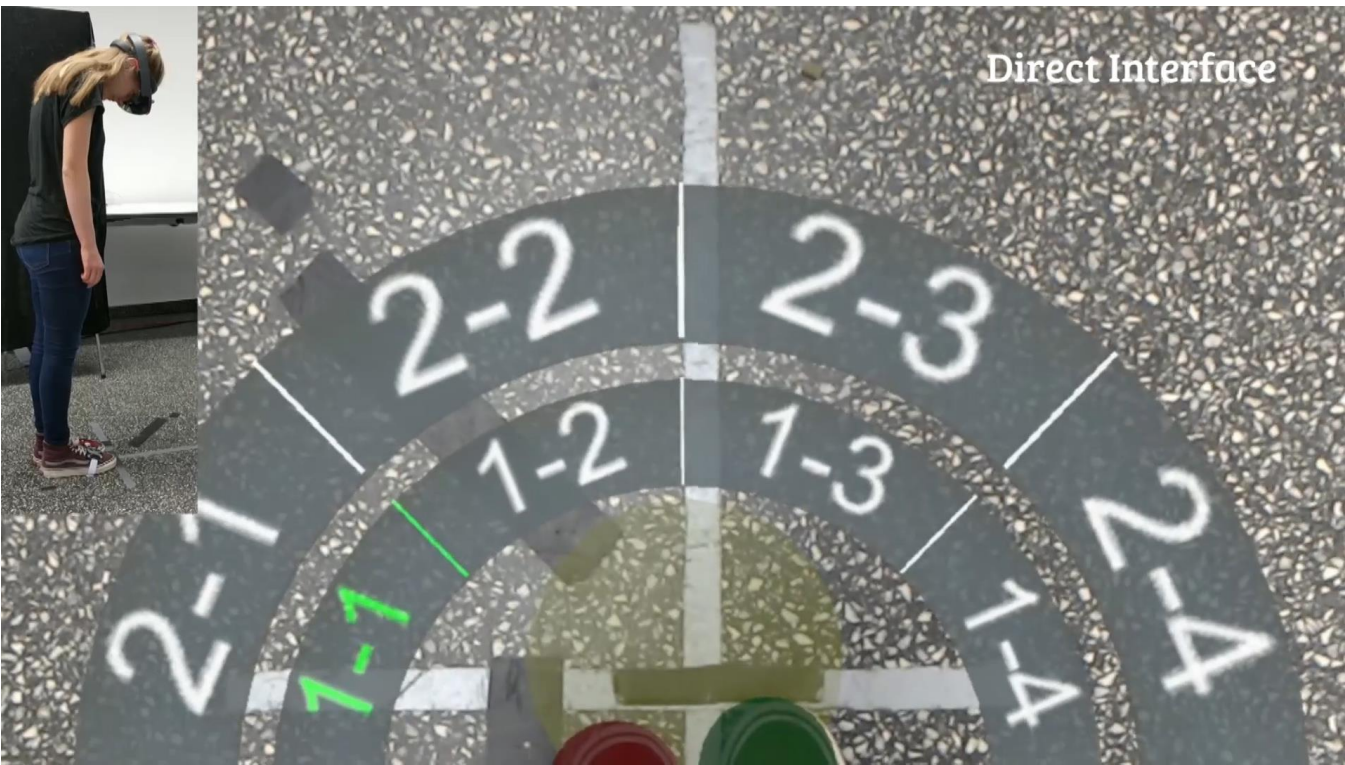
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**Hypothesis:** Proprioception allows users to operate indirect interfaces.

# Rows and Columns



# Controlled Experiment: Direct Interaction



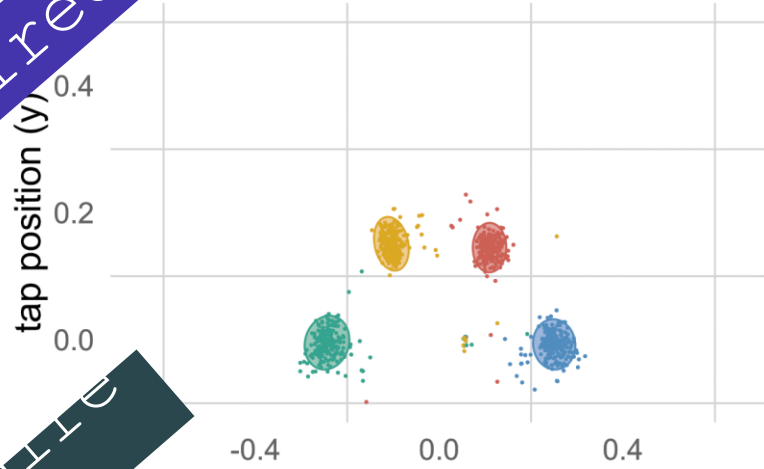
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# Initial Results: Accuracy and Area

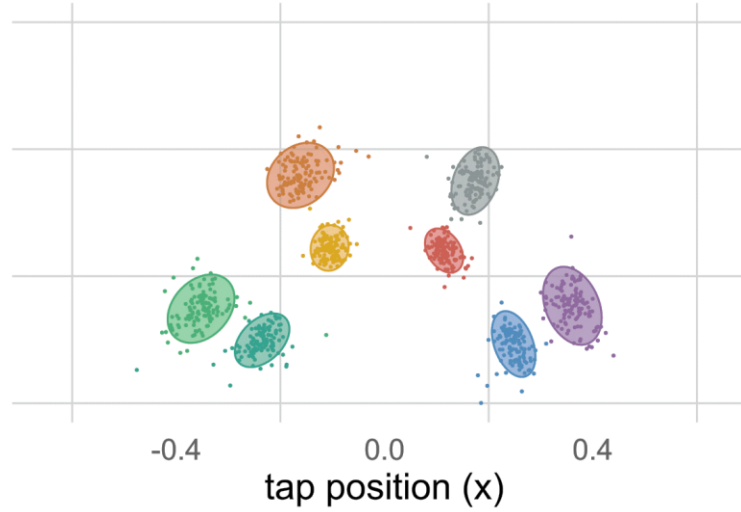
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indirect

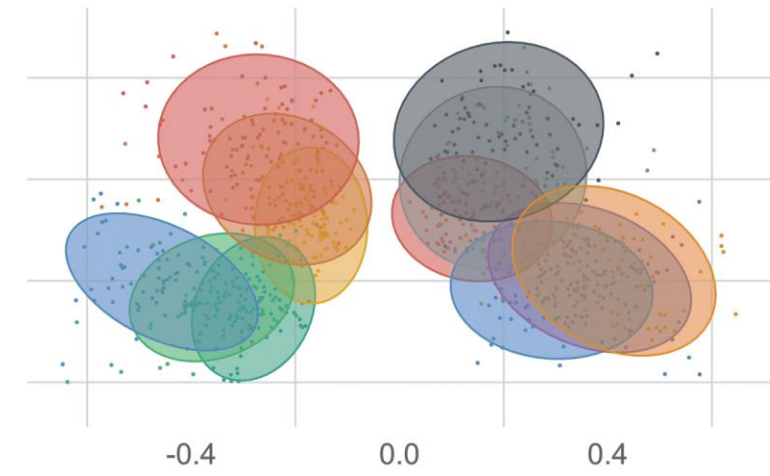
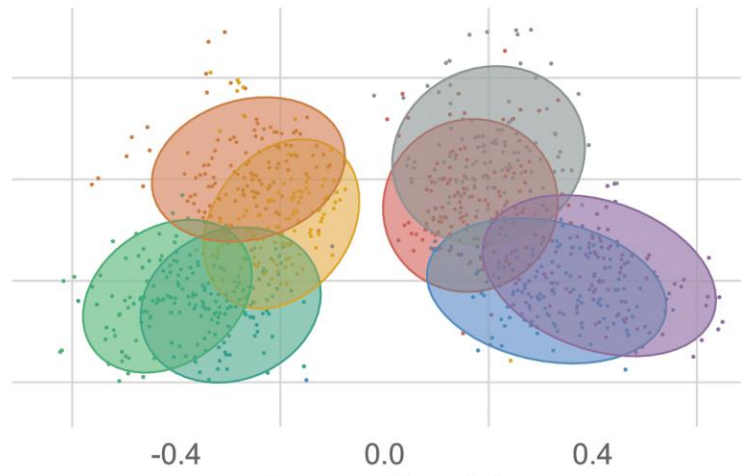
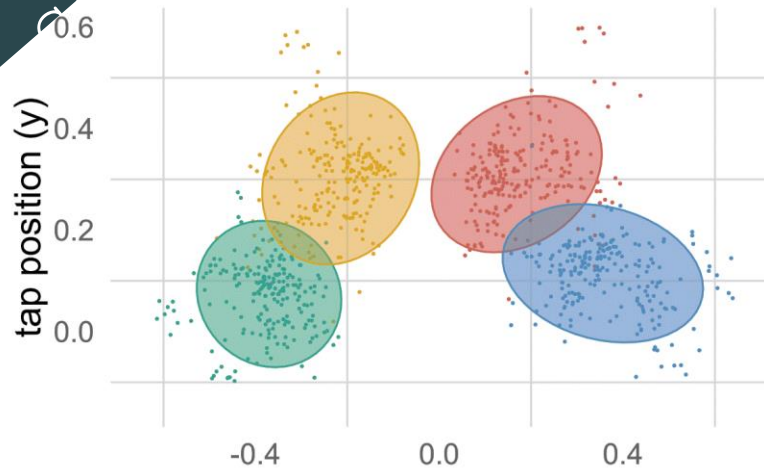
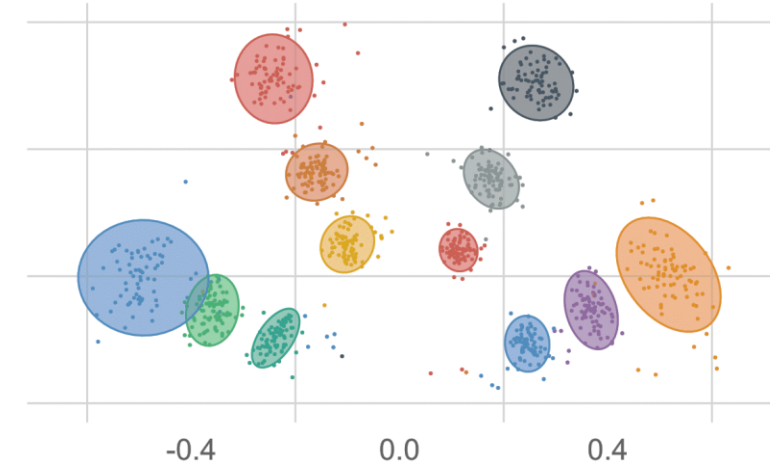
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2 rows, 4 columns

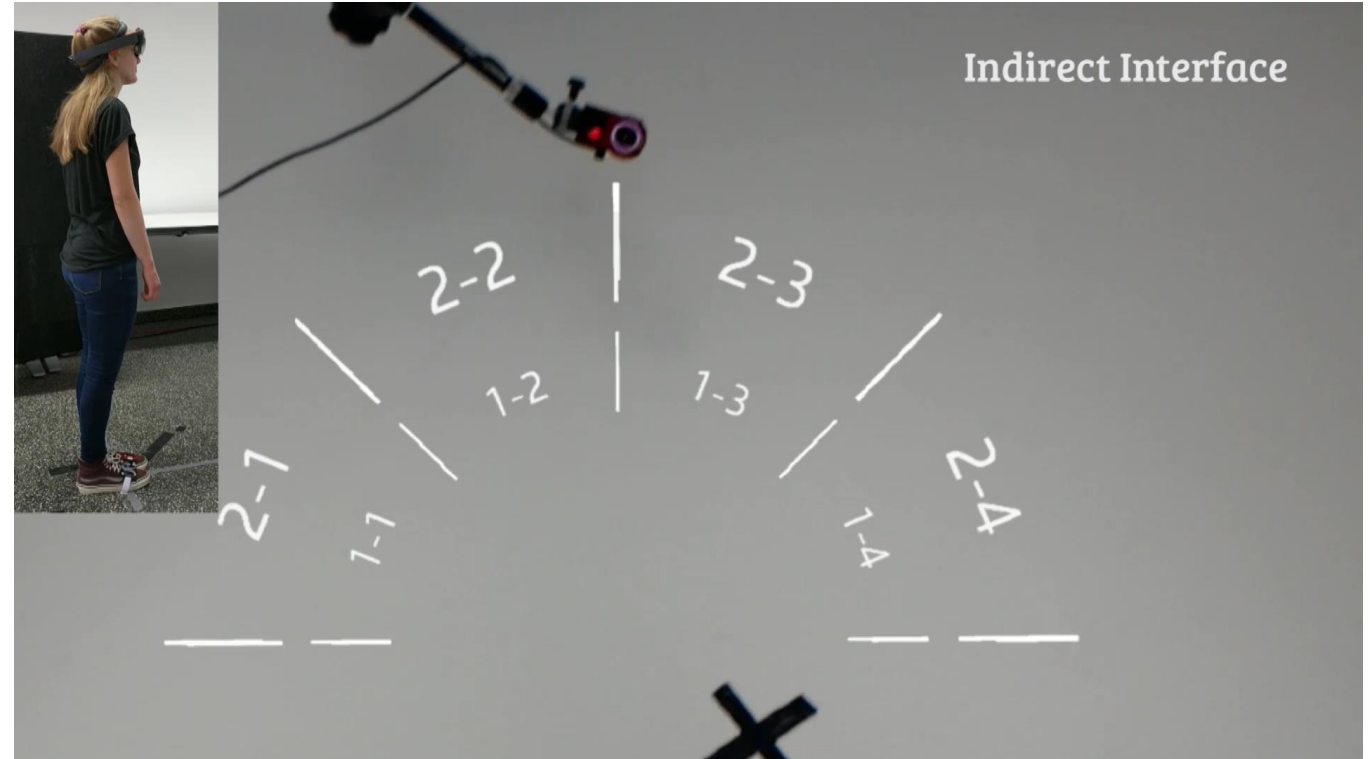


3 rows, 4 columns



Target (Row - Column) 1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 2-1 2-2 2-3 2-4 3-1 3-2 3-3 3-4

# Controlled Experiment: Indirect Interaction



on indirect interaction

# WALK THE LINE

## Message from: Bob



Alice,  
thanks for the coffee. Was  
nice meeting you. ☺  
Safe trip home, B

*Where am I walking?*

*Thanks! See you soon!*

*My taxi cab is coming in 5 minutes.*

*Call you later..*

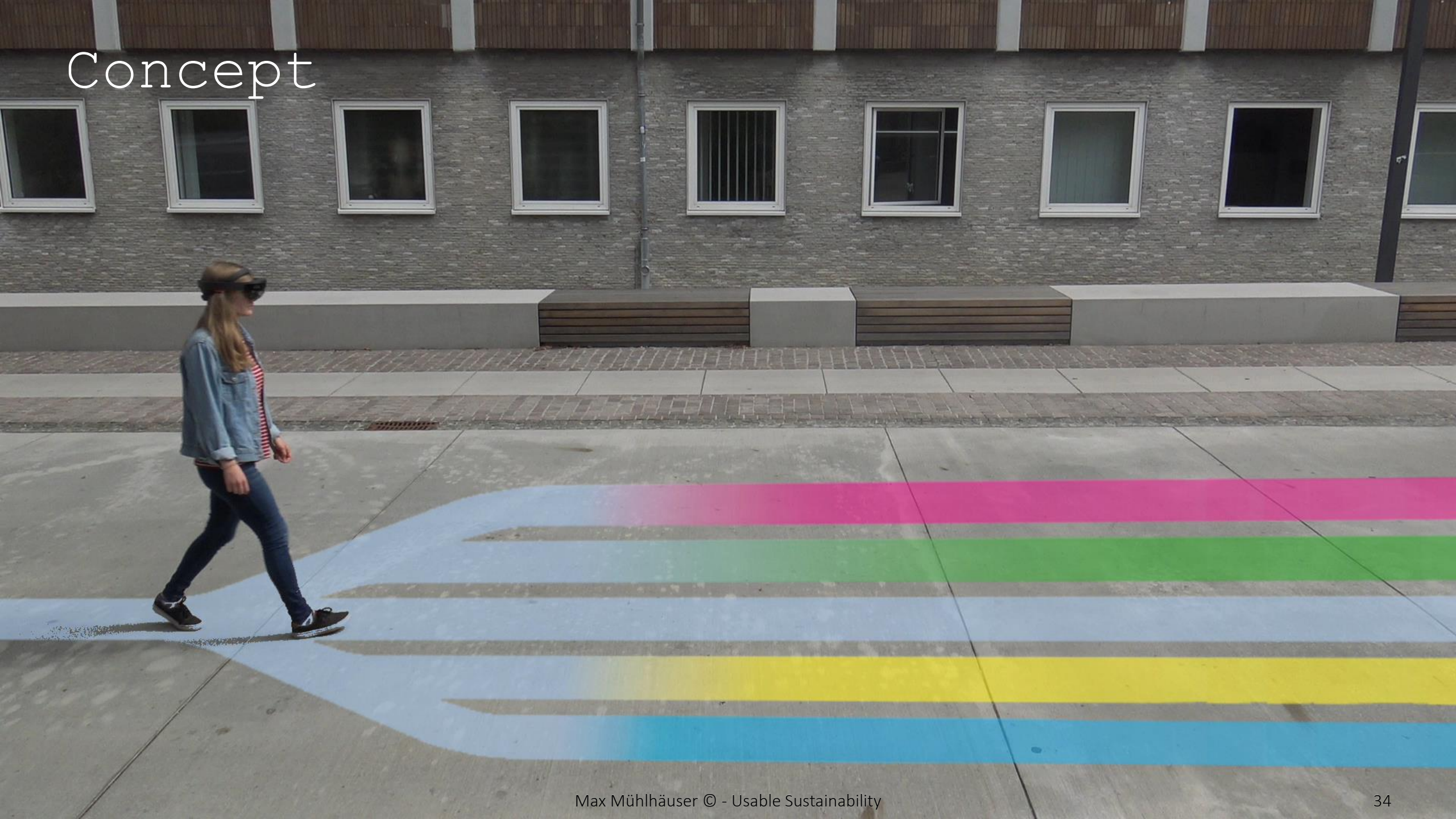
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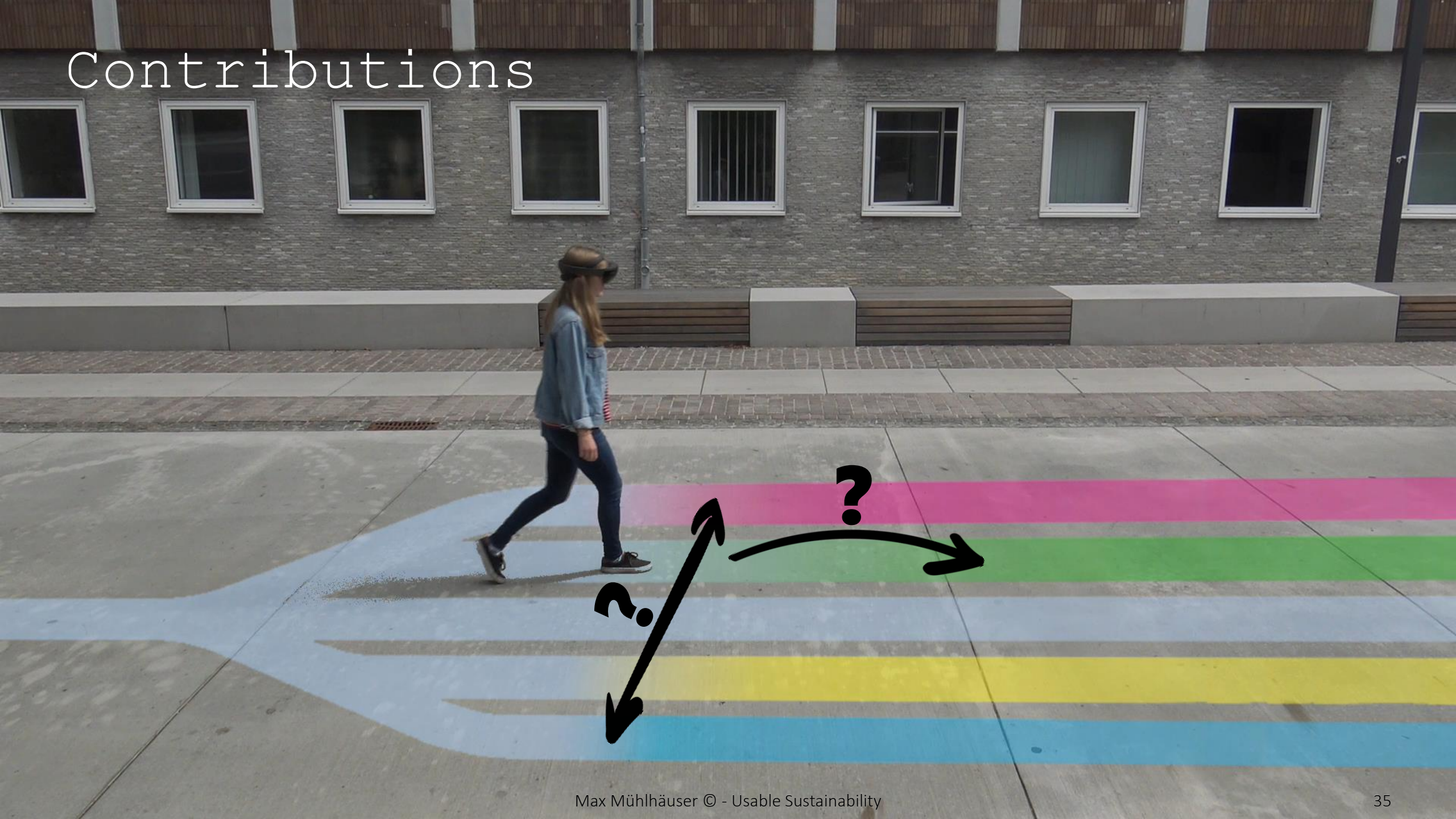
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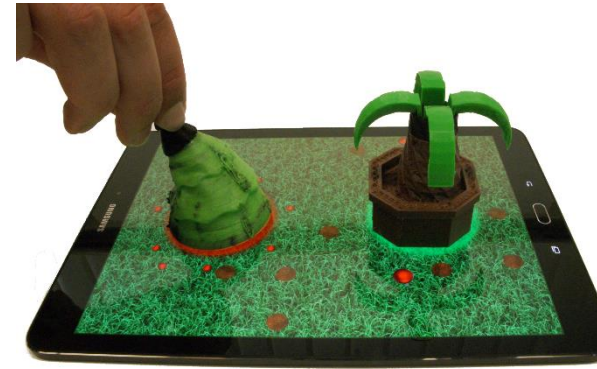
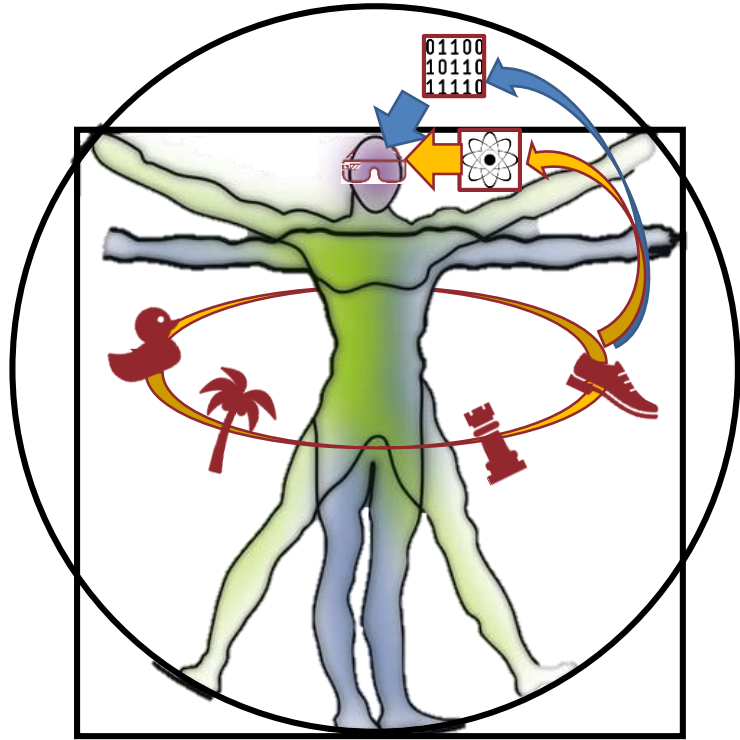
# Concept



# Contributions



# Big Step: Turning The Physical World Interactive



## ■ Interaction with Cyber-Physical Objects

- Physical world becomes part of the system
  - AR up to now: digital world only overlaid on physical world
  - issue here: how to fabricate interactive objects with ease
  - (Lead Researcher: Dr. Martin Schmitz)

# CHECKMATE: 3D-print & AR

Demo App: combines AR and 3D printed cyber-physical objects

- scenario: check across two distant locations
- check board: tabletop or tablet PC
- own figures: 3D printed, interactive
- remote figures: AR based



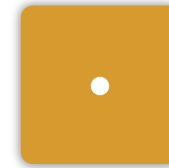
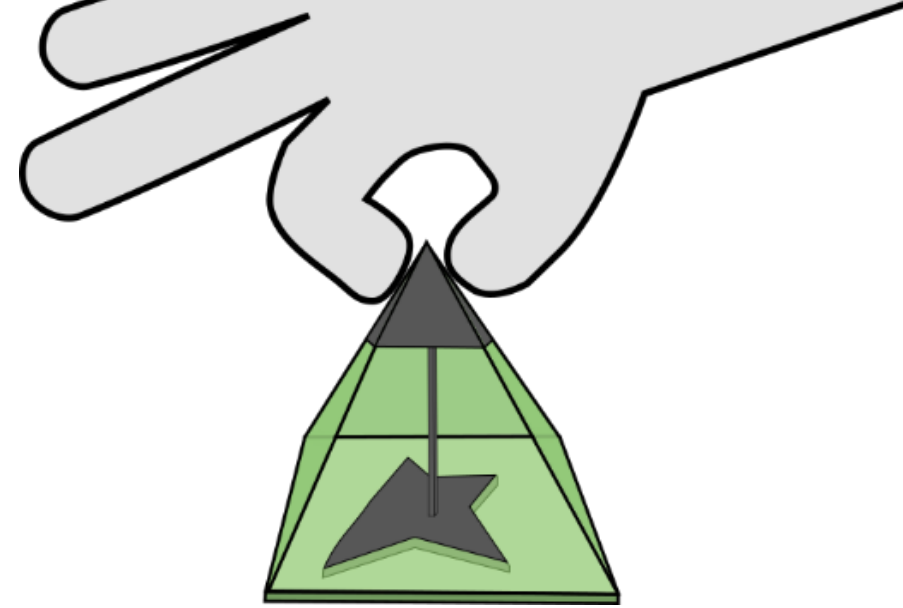
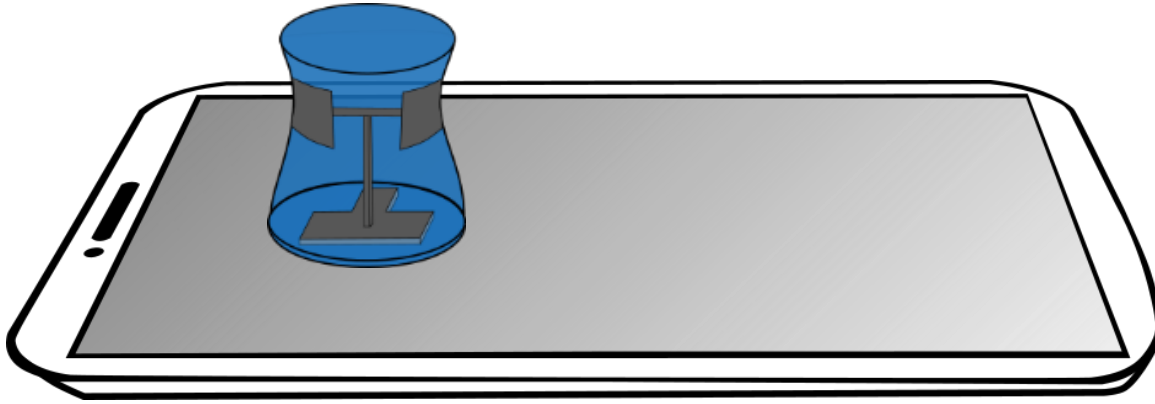
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Exploring a Tangible Augmented Reality  
Interface for Remote Interaction

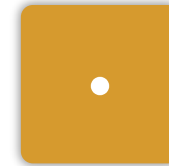
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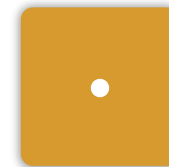
# Itsy-Bits



Identify



Position & Rotation



Track

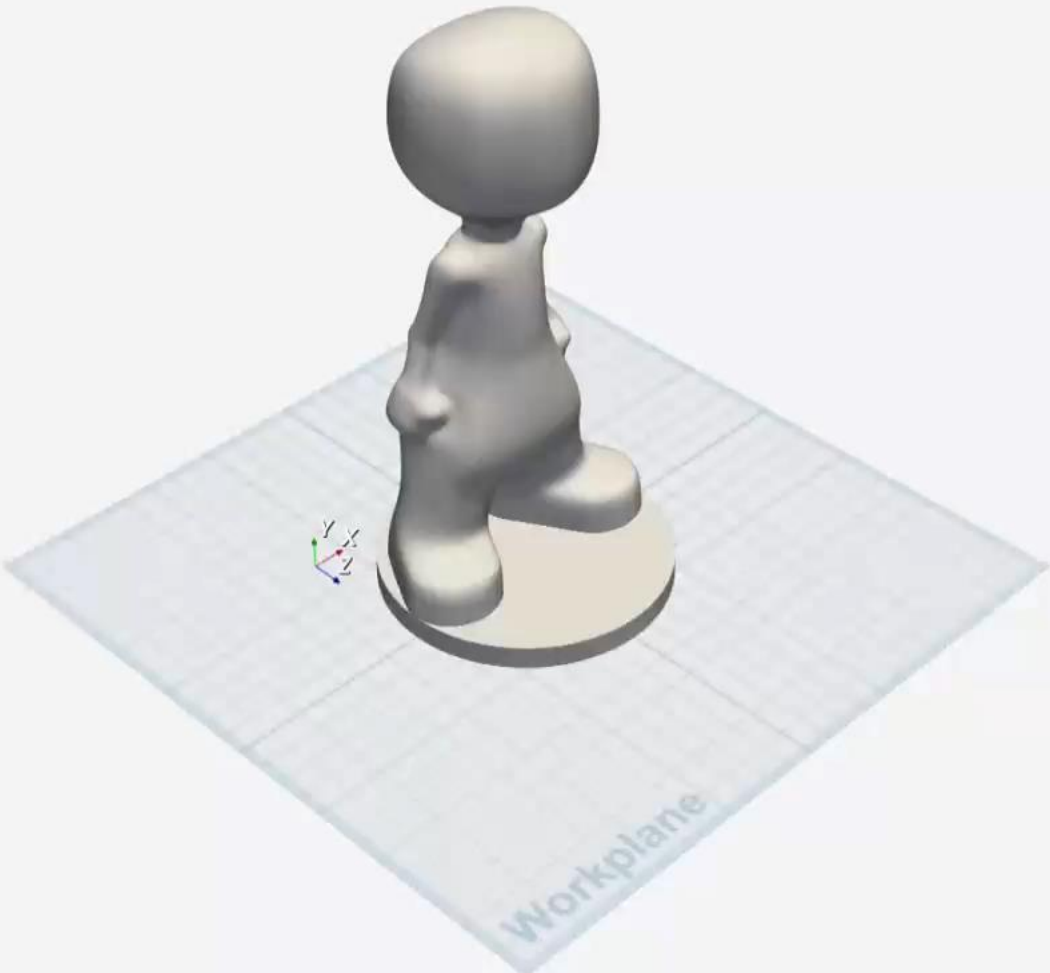


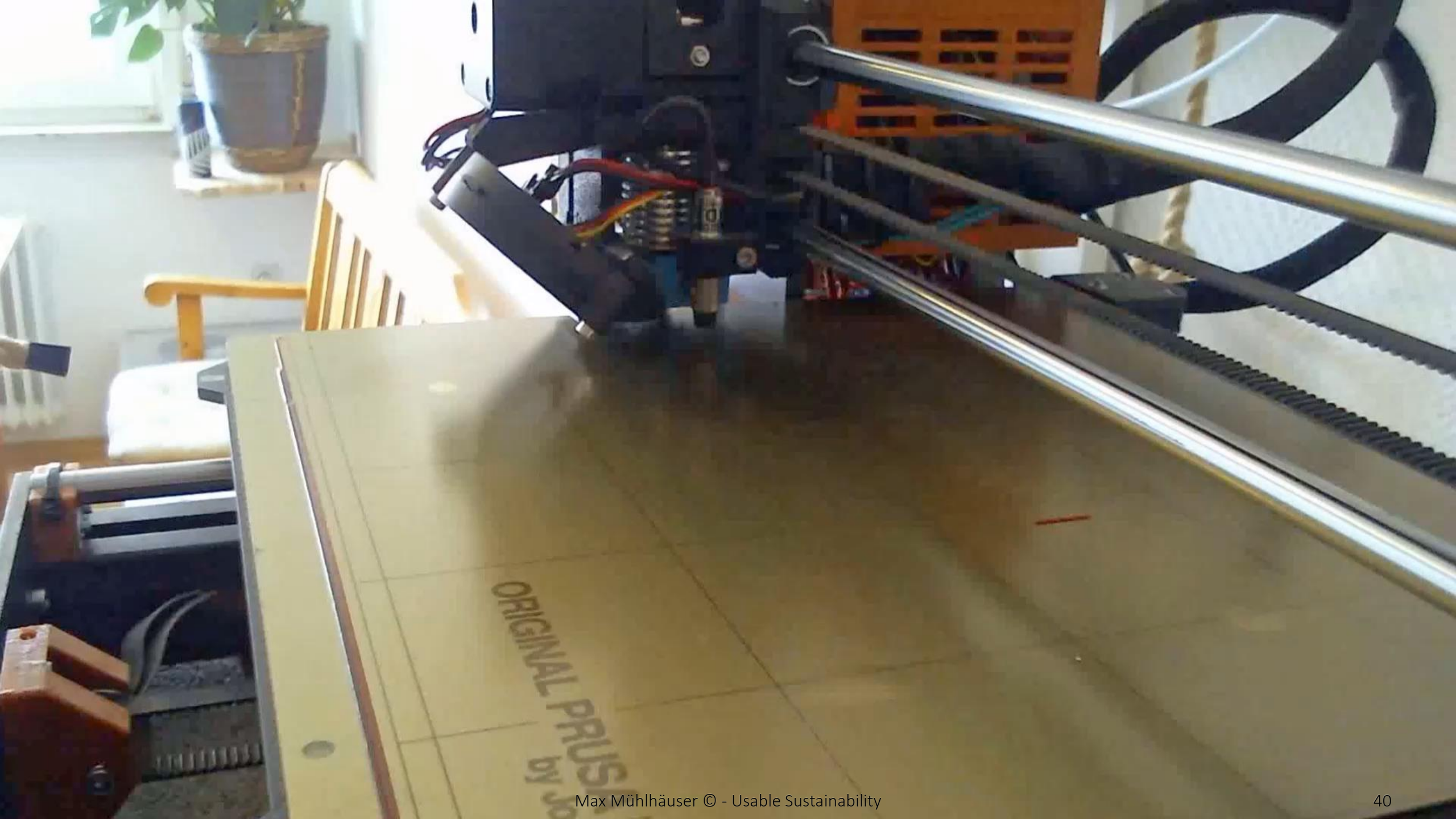
Touchpoints

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- Moon
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- Square
- Circle
- Heart
- Star
- Parallel

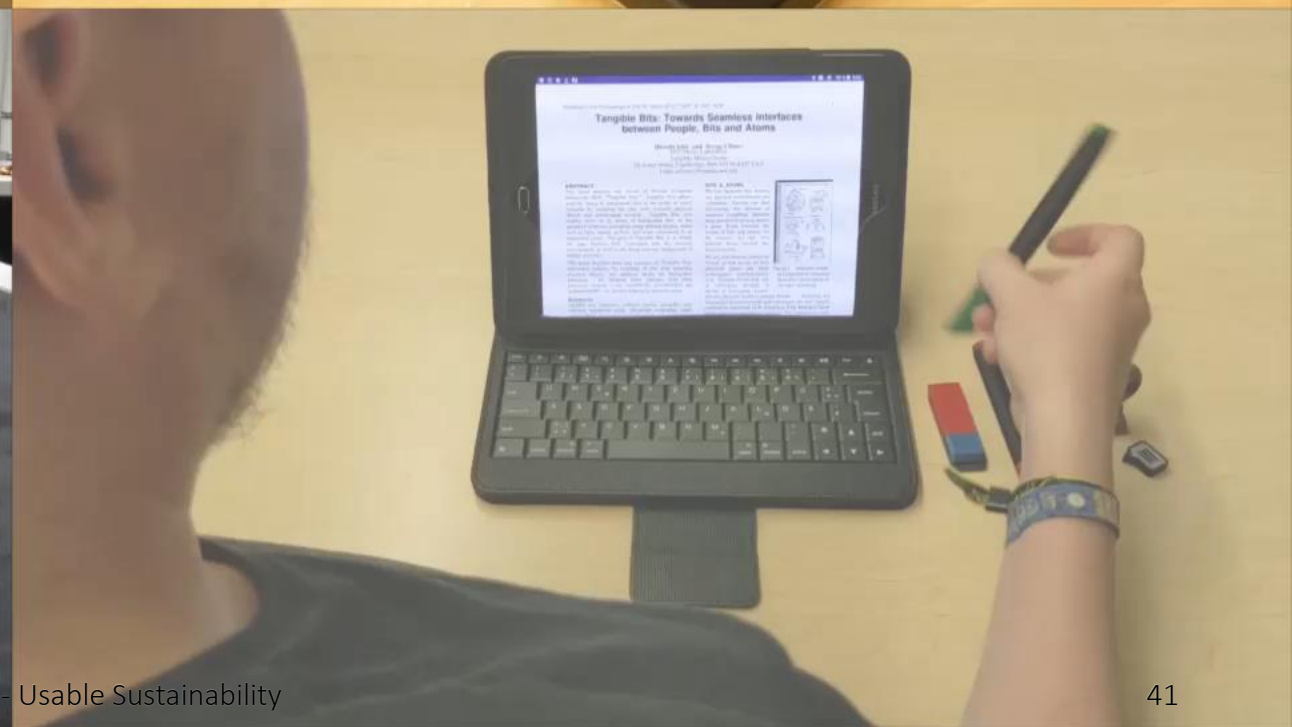
Shape Size

Medium

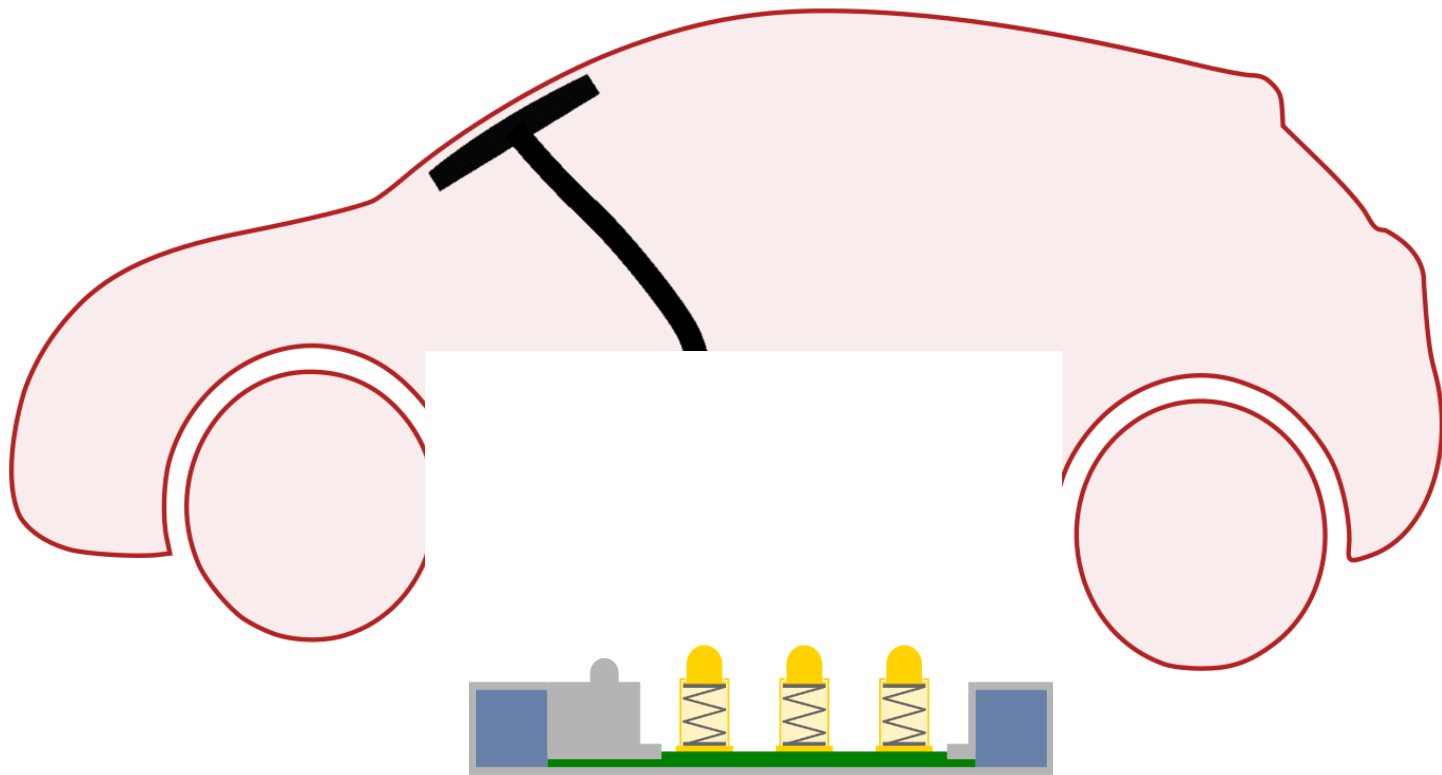




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# Oh Snap! -- *Self-Contained* 3D-printed objects



Printed Sensor

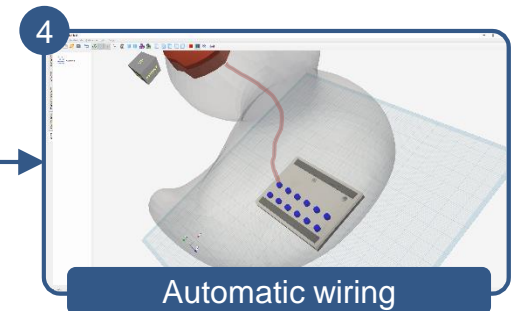
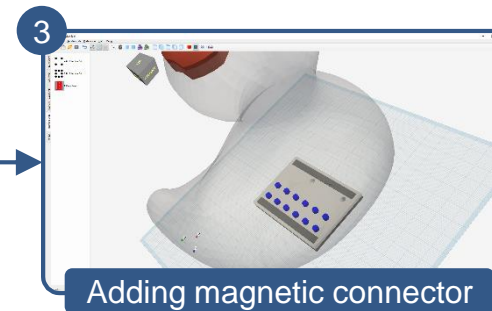
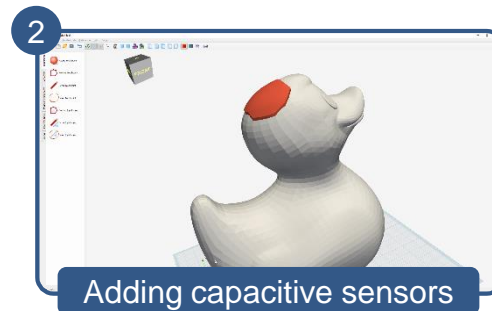
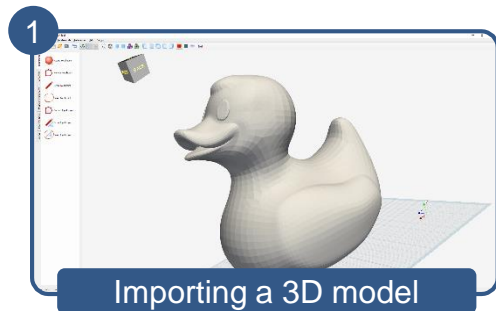
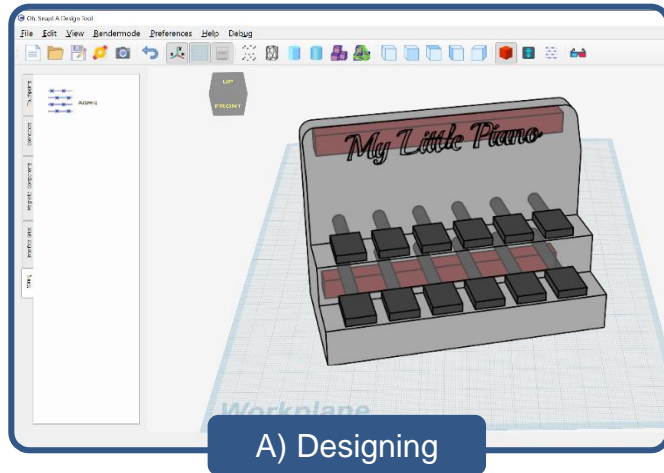


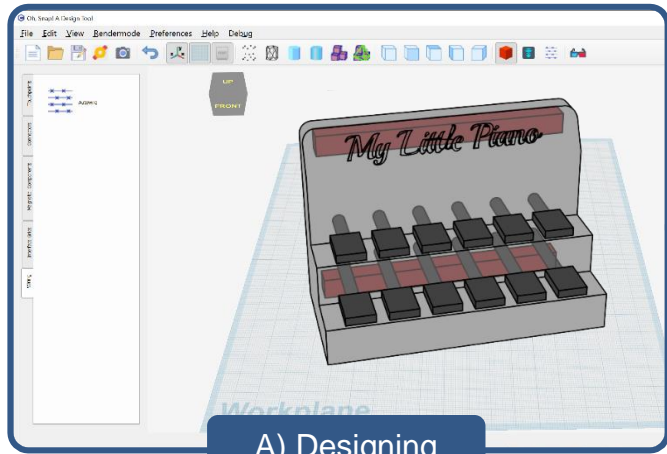
3D-Printed Port



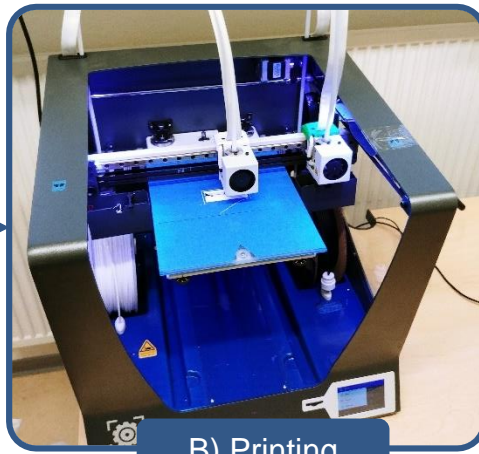
Magnetic Board

# Process for Step A: Design





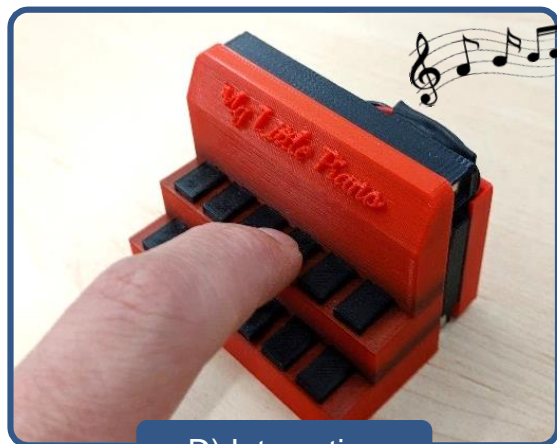
A) Designing



B) Printing



Printed Object with  
Magnetic Interface



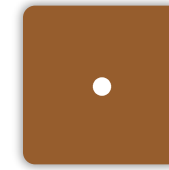
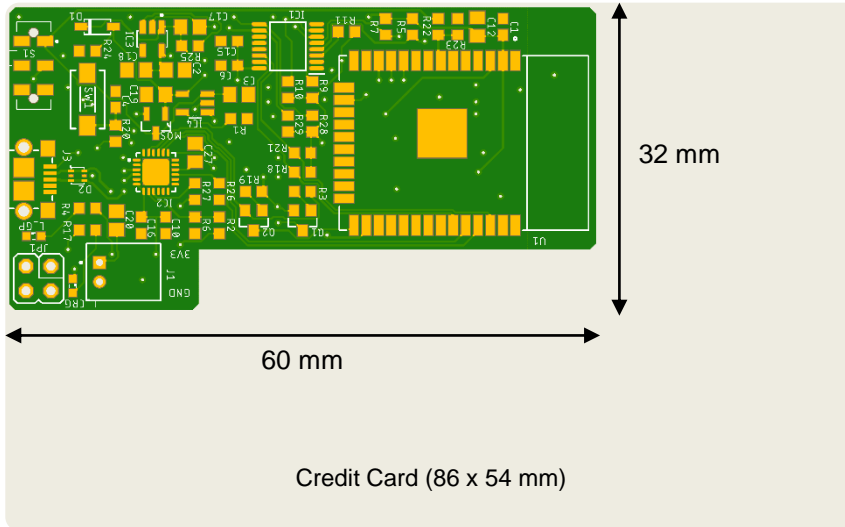
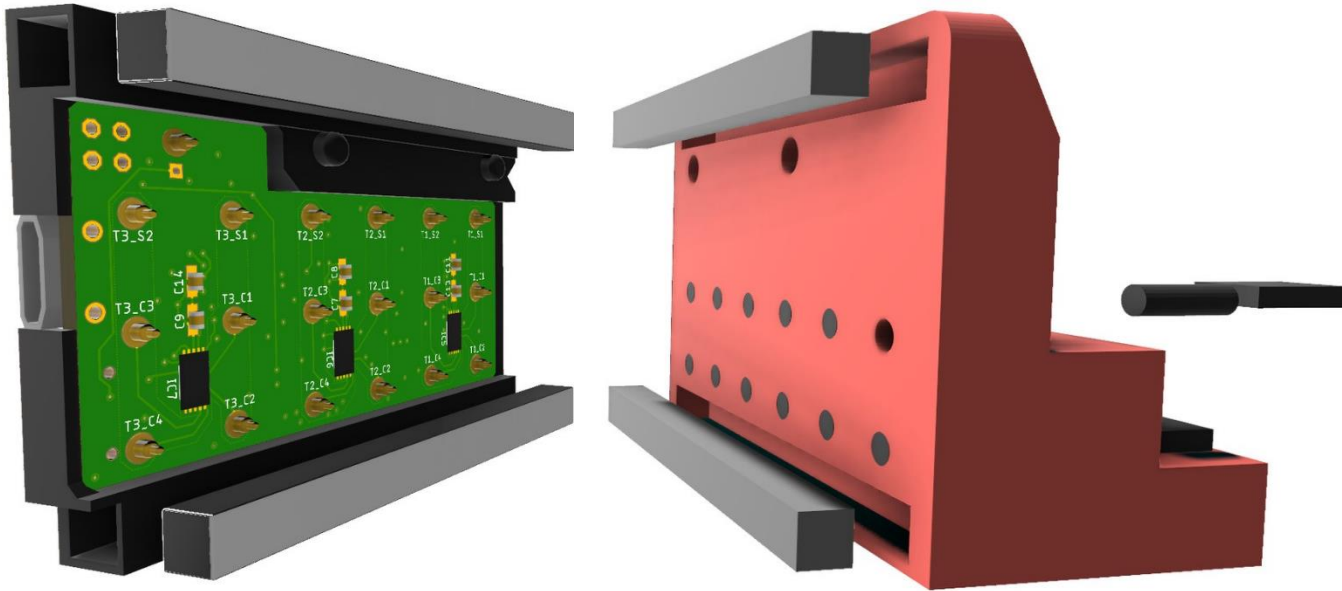
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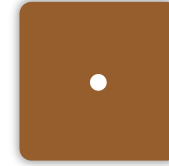
C) Snapping



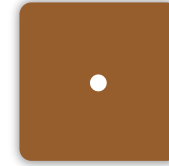
Oh Snap Board



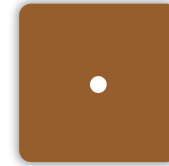
12 sensing channels



WiFi & BLE



Battery on board



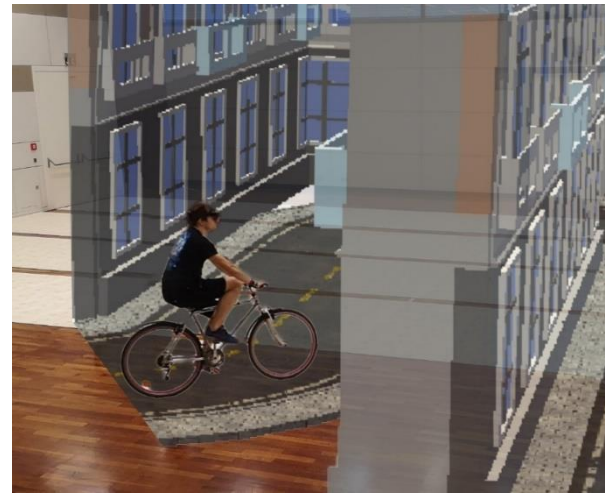
WebSocket & MQTT

# Applied Research: Sustainable-Mobility HCI

- Sustainable mobility is very dangerous
  - Large safety gap: cars ↔ sustainable individual mobility (bike, eScooter ...)
- Research challenge: digital assistance → HCI in the wild



Cyclists' Assistance Systems



Training & Evaluation Methods



Autonomous Cycling 😊

# Summary

- **Usable sustainability** informatics is *the* enabling technology → consider HCI!
  - Remember usable security: took *decades* to get recognized as key enabler
- HCI has „departed from“ behind-glass interaction ...
  - ... and embarked on **immersive** interaction: AR, VR → **cyber-physical** interaction
  - Challenge: interaction in the wild / on the go
  - Challenge: integration with physical world
    - E.g., with the help of 3D printing: custom-fabricated objects
- **SWOT** Threat: timeframe for acceptable devices
- **SWOT** Opportunity: key element of digitization in industry & life

# Credit Goes to TK Lab's HCI group

- ... postdocs,



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Martin Schmitz



Andrii Matviienko

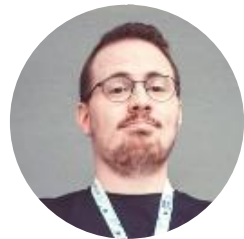


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- current PhD researchers,



Dominik Schön



Sebastian Günther



Hesham Elsayed



Julius von Willich

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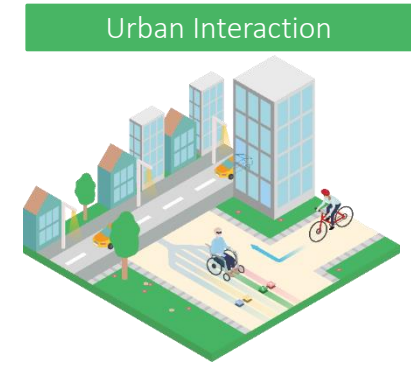
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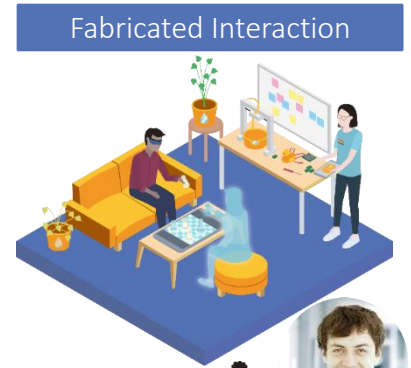
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