HAPLÓS: STRUCTURED VIBROTACTILE STIMULATION FOR EMBODIED LEARNING

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Computing science + Contemporary dance / theater

COGNOVO

THINKING



VALUE JUDGMENTS AND CREATIVE CREATIVITY IN DECEPTIVE COMMUNICATION

HOME ABOUT +

Investigate the role of value based decision Compare the roles of creativity and visual making in creative cognition. (more) imagery in honest and deceptive communication, using behavioural and



PROJECTS - PEOPLE + NEWS EVENTS CONTACT

MODELLING CREATIVE DECISION MAKING

Investigate aesthetic pleasantness in the visual domain, in an inter-disciplinary manner. (more)



Exploring the roles of flow experience and metacognitive strategies: imagery and sense

awareness in group creativity in dance improvisation. (more)



BODYSHAPING THE MIND

Designing technologies and aesthetic experiences to support embodied cognition. (more)



DESIGNING PLAYFUL SYSTEMS IN MIXED REALITY

Investigate the nature of play in a practicebased manner by designing and developing playful systems in mixed reality. (more)



PREDICTING CREATIVITY FROM SPATIAL ABILITY & PERSONALITY

Investigate the neurobiological basis for creativity, exploring how biological tendencies or temperament may shape the creative personality. (more)



UNCONSCIOUS CREATIVITY: THE EUREKA MOMENT

Investigate the 'Eureka' moment, using experimental observations of unconscious problem solving in architectual design (more)



Build a neural system that learns a

conceptual hierarchy of (sound-)objects, autonomously searches the underlying conceptual space, and presents the retrieved associative concept-sequence audio-visually (more)



NEURALLY INSPIRED ALGORITHMS OF INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN VISUAL HUMAN COGNITION AND PROBLEM

SOLVING Explore the neurophysiological basis of generative creative processes, using realistic neural models of cortical function and



cognitive neuroscience methods and paradigms. (more)

AND AUDITORY BISTABILITY

Investigate the relationships between switching rates in multistable perception, executive functions, creativity and personality and how inter-individual and social abilities in adults and children, and determine the influence social creativity in adults and



Investigate the cognitive impact of analogue and digital cinematic film projection technologies. (more)



DEVELOPING CREATIVITY IN COGNITIVE ROBOTS

Hierarchical Reinforcement Learning. (more)

I aim to build robots capable of insight using



SIGNS OF ALARM FATIGUE

Investigates the cognitive-behavioural correlates of the subjective experience of 'alarm fatigue'. (more)



THE ROLE OF COUNTERFACTUAL THINKING IN DECEPTION

Investigate how people use alternatives to reality in order to deceive whilst also examining the mechanisms that underlie this





Investigating the role of personality traits and arousal factors on moral decision making and creative thinking. (more) the moral action and judgement disparity

ATTENTION, ASSOCIATIVE LEARNING AND CREATIVITY

Exploring learning about non-informative cues and how this relates to measures of

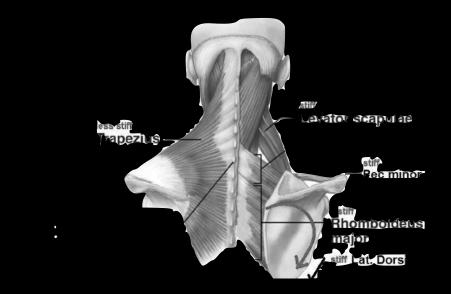


CREATIVITY THROUGH SOCIAL INTERACTION CREATIVITY Investigate how creative products emerge through interactions in collaborative teams,

EARLY CINEMA AND COGNITIVE







- DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN AREAS OF THE SHOULDER, NECK, AND CHEST
- FINDING MOVEMENT IN THE SHOULDERS
- FINDING MOVEMENT IN THE CHEST
- FINDING NEW MOVEMENT IN THE NECK, HEAD, AND EYES
- SEEING AND RELATING TO THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY



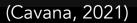
The conspicuous body

Conspicuous – as opposed to transparent. Gallagher & Zahavi (2008, 163) speak of the body as experientially transparent: "The body thes to stay out of our way so that we can get on with our task; it tends to efface itself on its way to its interfloring goal."

The descriptions of the FL speakers experiences in relation to their body reveal: A sense of disconnection and alienation with the own body and a sense of lack of control Similar characteristics have been described in relation to feeling pain (Svenaeus, 2015): body displaying "foreign and uncontrollable sides"

The experience of illness (Carel, 2016): "disruption", "frustration of bodily intentionality".

FL speakers describe a sort of disrupted intentionality, of reaching out, but not achieving, the connection of my body with the world is disrupted.





BEING, MOVING, AND INTERACTING WITH MORE EASE WITH MYSELF AND WITH OTHER PEOPLE (especially in a foreign land)

The soma

• The "living, self-sensing, internalized perception of oneself [that] is radically different from the externalized perception of what we call a 'body'" (Hanna, 1988, p. 20) • The body as experienced from within

Hanna, Thomas. 1988. Somatics: Reawakening the Mind's Control of Movement, Flexibility, and Health. Cambridge, MA: Da Capo Life Long.

Design research process

Wearable technology for enhancing body awareness

The Feldenkrais Method Shusterman's somaesthetics Sally Dean's somatic costumes Effects of vibrotactile stimuli on somatotopy

Sarka: Sonification and Somaesthetic Appreciation Design

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ARSTRACT

We often take for granted that we have immediate access to our perception and experience of and through our bodies. But inward listening is a demanding activity and thus not easy to learn to perform or design for. With the Sarka mat we want to support the ability to direct attention by providing sound feedback linked to the weight distribution and motion intensity of different parts of the body, and to provide an exemplar for how such design may be conducted. The process of Sarka's creation is informed by Somaesthetic Appreciation Design. We discuss how a sonic feedback signal can influence listeners, followed by how we, in this design, worked to navigate the complex design space presented to us. We detail the design process involved, and the very particular set of limitations which this interactive sonification presented.

Author Keywords

Somaesthetics: Sonification: Carnet: Biofeedback: Feldenkrais; Somatic Appreciation Design; Somatic practices.

ACM Classification Kew ords

H.5.m. Information interfaces and presentation (e.g., HCI): Miscellaneous.

INTRODUCTION

This article details the creation of the Sarka mat: the design process involved, and the particular set of limitations this interactive sonification [13] presented. With Sarka the small movements and weight distribution of a person in supine position are interactively sonified, from the real-time data captured by 8 piezonsesistive force sensors distributed across two wooden sections under the person's torso and pelvis. We often take for granted that we have immediate access to our perception and experience of and through our bodies. But inward listening is a demanding activity and thus not easy to design for. With the Sarka mat (Figure 1) we want to support the ability to direct attention by providing sound feedback of the weight distribution and motion intensity of different parts

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of the body. Our intention is to create a sonic feedback device that can serve as an alternative or complement to existing somatic practices and body awareness practices. Its' creation is a result of our continuing exploration on how somaesthetic theory can serve as theoretical foundation for design of technologies on or around the body. The Somaesthetics theory explores somatic practices and demonstrates how they can lead to the attainment of fulfilling experiences [29]. The process of Sarka's creation is informed by Somaesthetic Appreciation Design [14]. Briefly, it addresses how we can translate somaesthetic theory to design, opening up a design space where the interaction subtly supports users' attention inwards, towards their own body, enriching their sensitivity to, enjoyment and appreciation of their own somatics. This previous work proposes four main qualities that are essential when designing for somaesthetic appreciation: using subtle guidance of attention, providing a space for reflection, creating intimate correspondence, and encouraging the articulation of the experience. We will further expand upon somaesthetic appreciation design, and keep referring back to it throughout the article, to connect to how it has informed our design choices.



Figure 1 - Illustration of Sarka. The sewn patterns help align the body of the person lying down with the sensors underneath the mat, Cabling and speakers/headphones are not shown.

Vibrotactile and Vibroacoustic Interventions

into Health and Well-Being

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Abstract

Parmone: We designed a utbratactile west with physical original monitoring that interacts with a vitroacoustic urban environment. The Harryther Wall. We structured wheence the patterns and built a vibrotactile language to convey information and to instruct researds and from the vibroacoustic environment in order to elicit variations and encourage particular body movements. The potterns were structured to sensitive calming and activating sensations and to mide or warn the uset awarer. In addition, actions such as swiping or knocking on the wall were replicated on the vest for the vest meaner, and participants could 'feel' (otheracoustically) and hear their own heartheats and breath mass at the wall. Methods: A field trial with 39 participants was conducted over a 5-week paried in an urban park. Participants avening the yest completed a set of defined tasks. We knowed use and remones, videoed all activities, and conducted interviews and meshannaires post-experiment Results: The results depicted the participants' experience, engagement and impressions while wenting the vibrotectile yest and interacting with the well. The findings show convincing, stoong and positive responses to nevel interactions between the responsive vibroncountic environment and the vibrotectile vest. We found compelling evidence to support further exploration into wheaterile and wheaterastic solutions for immediate bealth and neil-being. Conclusions: The work presented demonstrates the capacity for health and well-being solutions with multiple use cases. Additionally, this work constitutes, the first field trial with a vibrotactile secondly responding to and driving vibroacoustic displays with an interactive vibroscenatic environment

Keywords: wearable computing; vibrotactile; healthcare and well-being; The Humming Wall: happic patterns: sibroscoustic:

the wall itself

3.1 Vibrotactile vest



Fig. 2. The vibrotuctile vest: adjustible harmess (a) front and (b) back and (c) other shell and skirt-spren.

The yest is made of two layers, an inner layer consisting of a one-size-fits all adjustable harness (see Fig. 2s, 2b) and an outer layer consisting of an enclosing vest (see Fig. 2c). The hamess houses 32 actuators, moveable to ensure they are placed accurately on each different shaped body. The lower harness fits around the

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Re-sensitising the body: interactive art and the Feldenkrais method

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and discernment; for example, the movement of the arms forward and upward, coordinated with eye movement, was added to activate extension, a crucial functional component of this gesture - affecting expressive purpose and whole body motor efficiency

Figure 5 shows a series of photos of an audience participant in action, annotated with excerpts from the ATM lesson

Figure 5 A participant listening and moving to the ATM lessen





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to follow with your evens as you take VILLAND LINEAR

The 'lessen' builds swareness of the organisation of the body in gravity through movement. Through being invited to engage with subtle movement components of the functions of standing, reaching and balance, the participant's attention is directed toward

Functional Integration lesson

Awareness Through Movement lesson

THE FELDENKRAIS METHOD

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Just noticeable differences: The Weber-Fechner Law (or Stevens' power law?)



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- **Pain** (Lundblad et al, 1999; Lundqvist et al., 2014)
- Self-regulation (Ives, 2003)
- Interoceptive awareness (Paolucci et al., 2016)
- Quality of life in individuals with degenerative neuromuscular disease (Teixeira-Machado et al., 2015)

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... to help with refining the selfimage • Creating a learning environment that affords safe, distraction-free attentiveness

• Facilitating curiosity and not correcting errors

• Moving gently and within the range of comfort in order to perceive just noticeable differences

• Experiencing ease after variation, complexity, and temporary restriction

• Providing opportunities for making distinctions by using bilateral symmetry

• Using oscillation to explore movement reversibility

Resting

Learning principles in the Feldenkrais Method...

"Move yourself"

You are your body **and** you have a body (Shusterman, 2008)

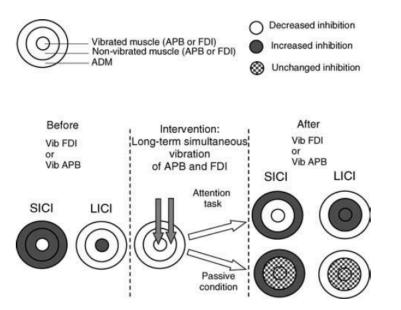
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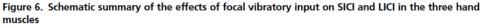
Somatic costumes (Dean, 2014)



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Effects of vibrotactile stimuli on cortical representation of motor action





In this diagram, the hand muscle representations are drawn as circles with the vibrated muscle (either APB or FDI) in the centre, and the 'near' (either FDI or APB) and 'far' (always ADM) non-vibrated muscles surrounding it. Shades represent the level of intracortical inhibition: white symbolizes a reduction of SICI or LICI, grey an increase, and patterned, an unchanged SICI or LICI compared to the non-vibration condition. Before the intervention (baseline), short-term vibration of one muscle reduces SICI in that muscle ('homotopic' effect) and increases it in other muscles ('heterotopic' effect), as symbolized here by the white centre surrounded by grey for SICI, and vice versa for LICI. After the long-term simultaneous vibration of the APB and FDI, the 'homotopic' effect of vibration spreads onto the co-vibrated muscle if subjects had attended to the vibratory stimulus (attention task). If subjects did not attend, vibration of the ADB and effect on APB. The 'heterotopic' effects of short-term APB or FDI vibration on the ADM are preserved.

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Effects of vibrotactile stimuli on cortical representation of motor action

"The objective was to investigate if whole-hand mechanical stimulation (MSTIM) in the tapping-flutter frequency range induces outlasting post-stimulus changes in the hand region of the primary motor cortex. MSTIM was delivered to 12 healthy subjects for 20 min using a therapeutic stimulation device (Swisswing BMR 2000)... We conclude that 20 min MSTIM with a frequency of 25 Hz induces outlasting plastic changes in the primary motor cortex. Paired-pulse stimulation further confirms that intrinsic intracortical mechanisms are involved in these changes... These results could be of relevance for hemiplegic patients with motor deficits, to improve the rehabilitation outcome with vibration exercise in combination with motor training.

Christova, M., Rafolt, D., Golaszewski, S., & Gallasch, E. (2011). Outlasting corticomotor excitability changes induced by 25 Hz whole-hand mechanical stimulation. European Journal of Applied Physiology, 111(12), 3051–3059. https://doi.org/10.1007/s00421-011-1933-0

Effect of cutaneous electrical stimulation on cortical representation of motor action

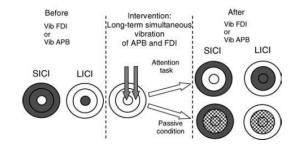
"The long-term effect of daily somatosensory stimulation with transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) on reorganization of the motor cortex was investigated in a group of neurologically intact humans. The scalp representation of the corticospinal projection to the finger (APB, ADM) and forearm (FCR, ECR) muscles was mapped by means of transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) before and after a 3-week intervention period, using map area and volume, and topographical overlaps between the cortical motor representations of these muscles as primary dependent measures. Findings revealed a significant increase in cortical motor representation of all four muscles for the TENS group from pre to posttest (all, P 0.026). No significant changes in cortical motor representations were observed in the control group."

Meesen, R. L. J., Cuypers, K., Rothwell, J. C., Swinnen, S. P., & Levin, O. (2011). The effect of long-term TENS on persistent neuroplastic changes in the human cerebral cortex. Human Brain Mapping, 32(6), 872–882. https://doi.org/10.1002/hbm.21075

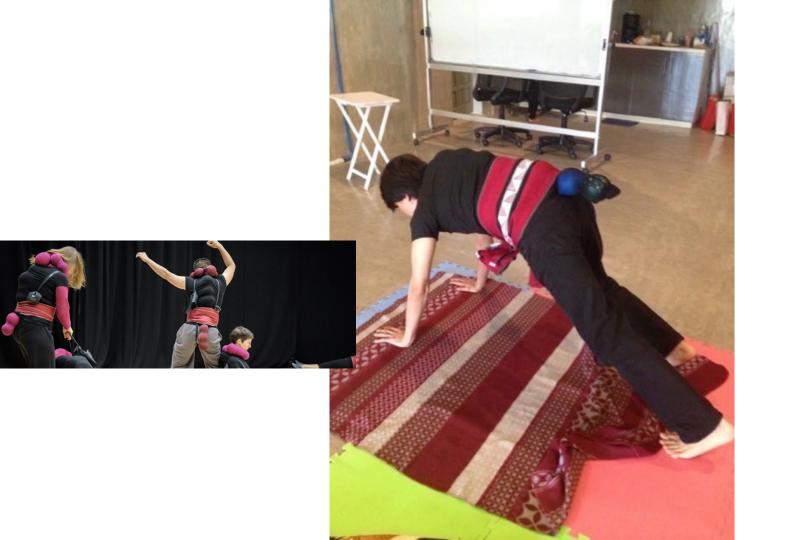


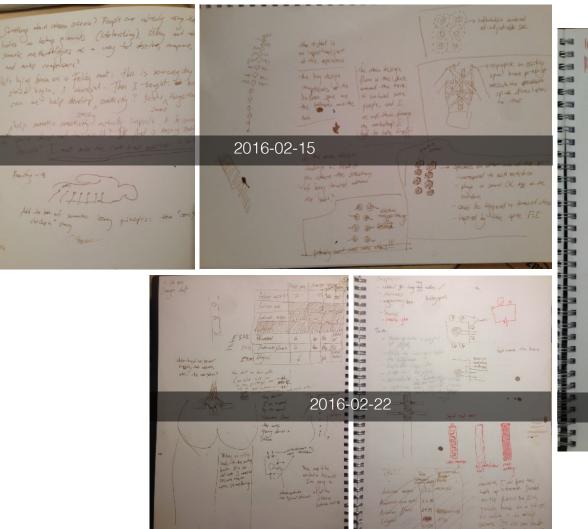


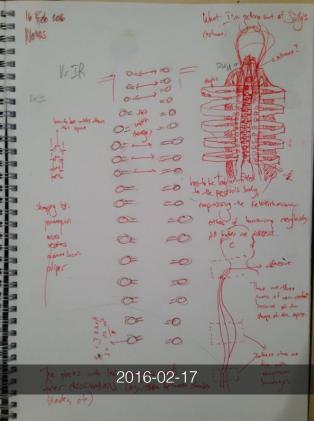




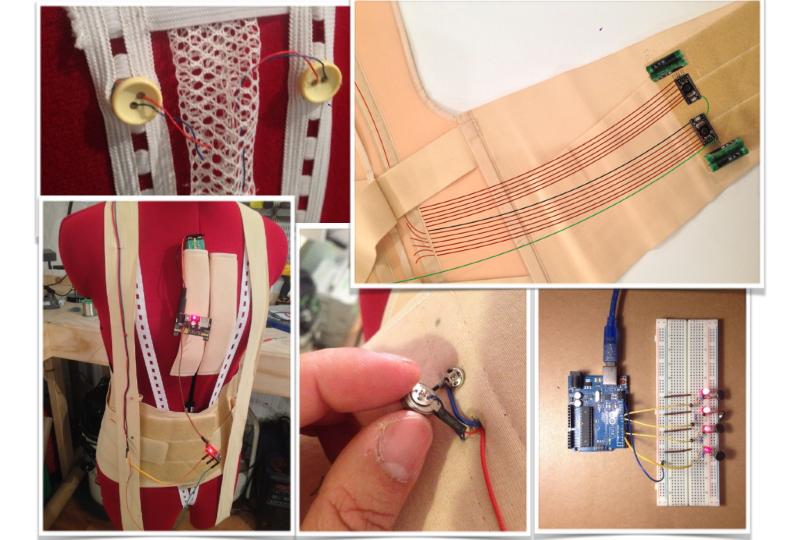
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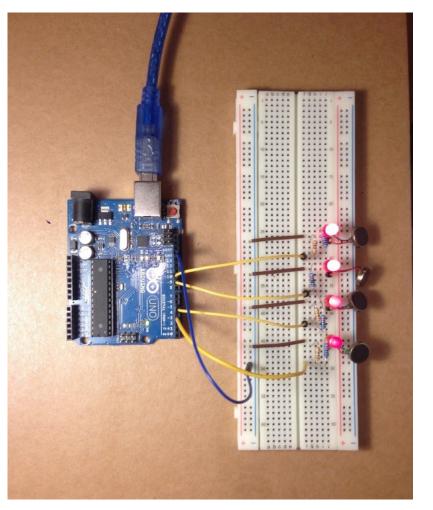


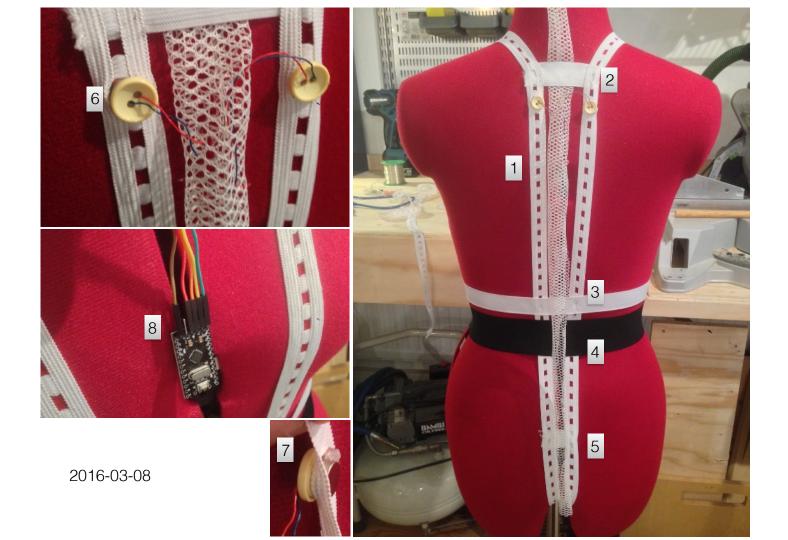






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These could be stranded wire OR conductive thread

Green wires are communication wires between Arduinos. I think they will be daisy chained instead of being fed by one single master.

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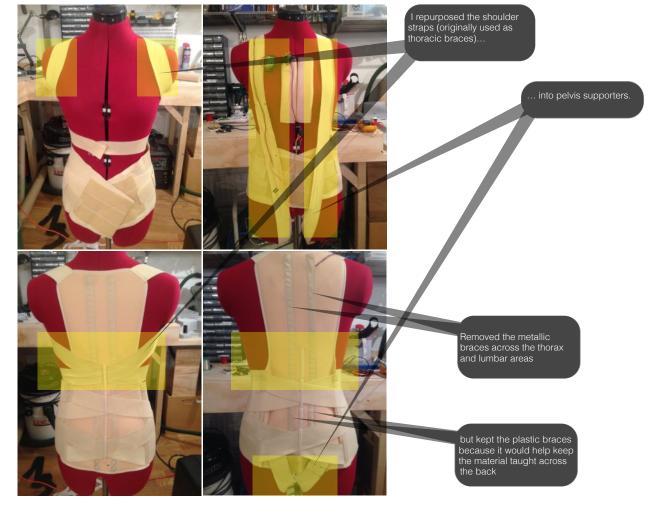
Not yet sure how to connect the wires from the motors to the wires leading to the Arduino. Can neural structures help? Yes! How about magnets, the way the Mac power adaptors work? Alternating polarities, too, so adjacent magnets don't accidentally attach to on another.

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This solution has several advantages over user a a single wire mesh "spinal column":

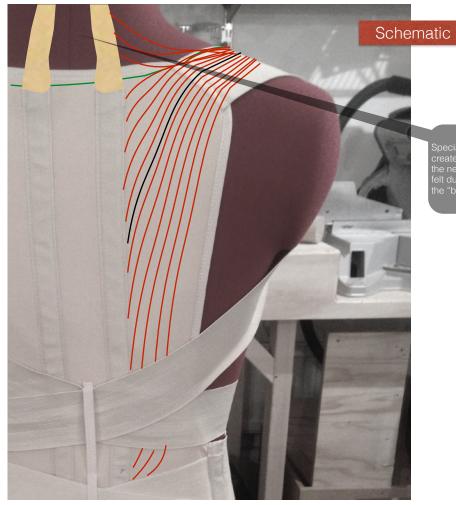
- 1) Keeps the wires tight and neat
- Because of the other features in the back of the brace, i have to bifurcate the spinal column at some point anyway. Better bifurcate now than later.
- The elastic band has some structure to it (related to point 1). but this also means that i can sew in additional components if needed (e.g., resistors).
- 4) I could also put the magnet attachment solution here as opposed to the obliques. However, that would mean sewing a lot of conductive thread down the spine. I want to minimise the use of conductive thread. Also, this begins to really limit the number of motors I can put on. I could always just use thinner wires f i decide to increase the number of motors (e.g., half the gauge and double the number of motors, approximately)





Experimenting with different placement positions for the Arduino boards and the battery

Found a way to easily reposition and power motors: have the entire snap fastener act as a ground connection.



Special extension for the cervical spine must not create a feeling of constriction around the back of the neck and the throat, which some participants felt during my workshop in Manila when trying out the "ballon spine legs costume"





Modified back support brace



Very light, custom-built, undergarment

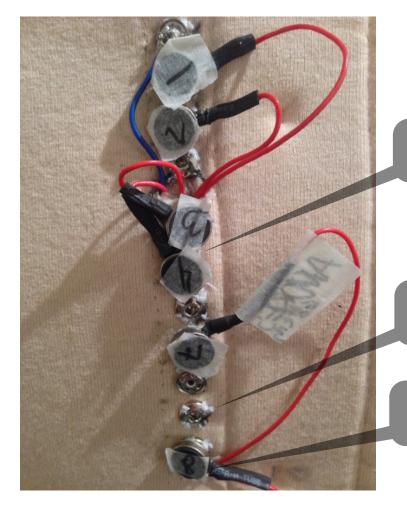


Modified clothing and accessories (e.g., men's braces/ suspenders)

Directly stuck on skin (using skinspecific adhesive)

Different planned versions of how Haplós can interface with the body. Currently developing version 2.

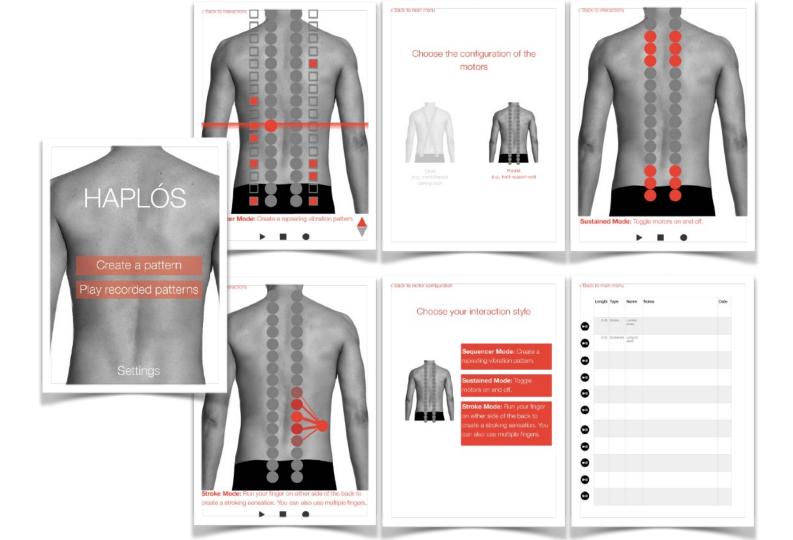


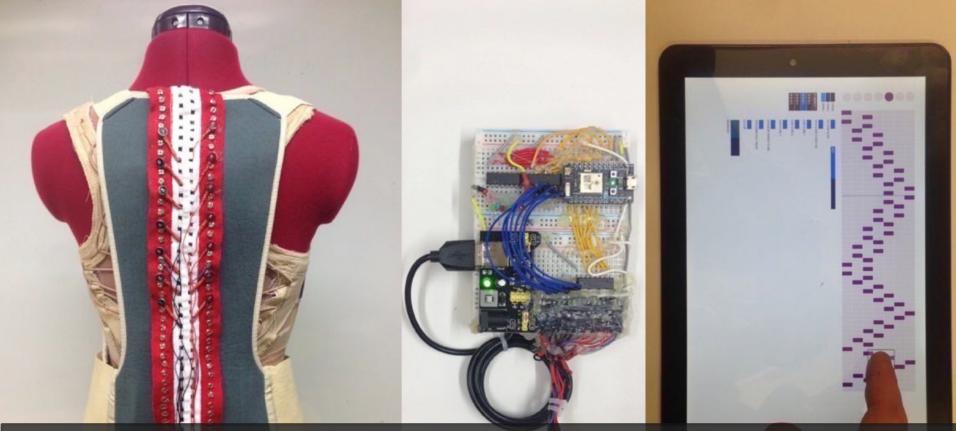


Snap spacing may need to be optimised so that motors can sit comfortably one after another.

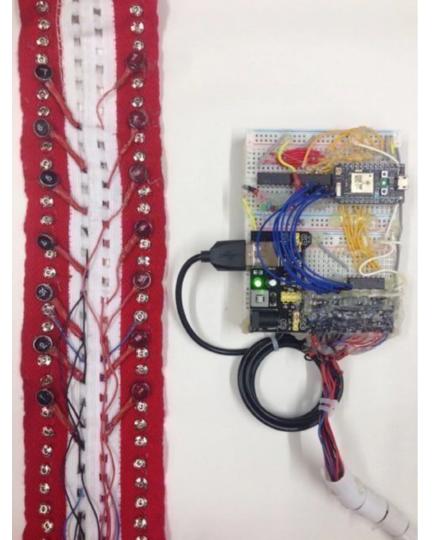
Snaps may need to be sewn of entirely using conductive thread, or may need to be soldered on!

After plugging all six motors into one Arduino Pro Mini, realised that the battery source needs to have sufficient amperage, otherwise the motors are too gentle! But otherwise, i think this will do the trick. I powered this with a smartphone power bank.

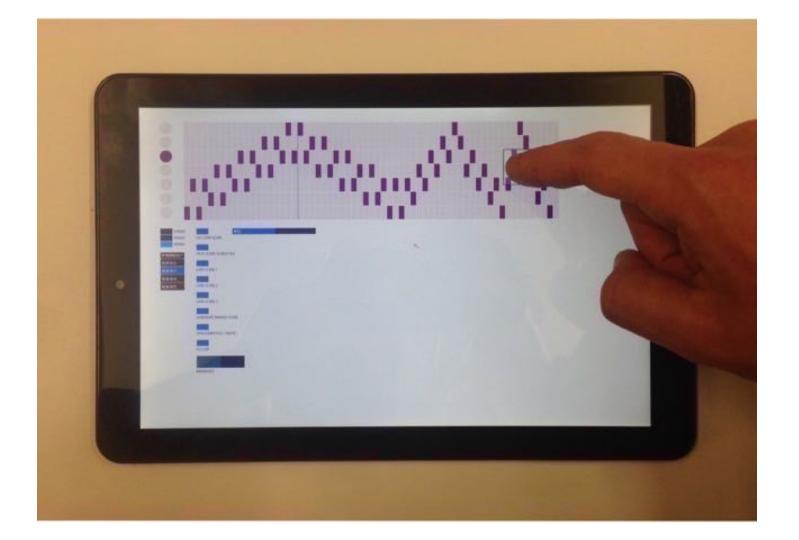


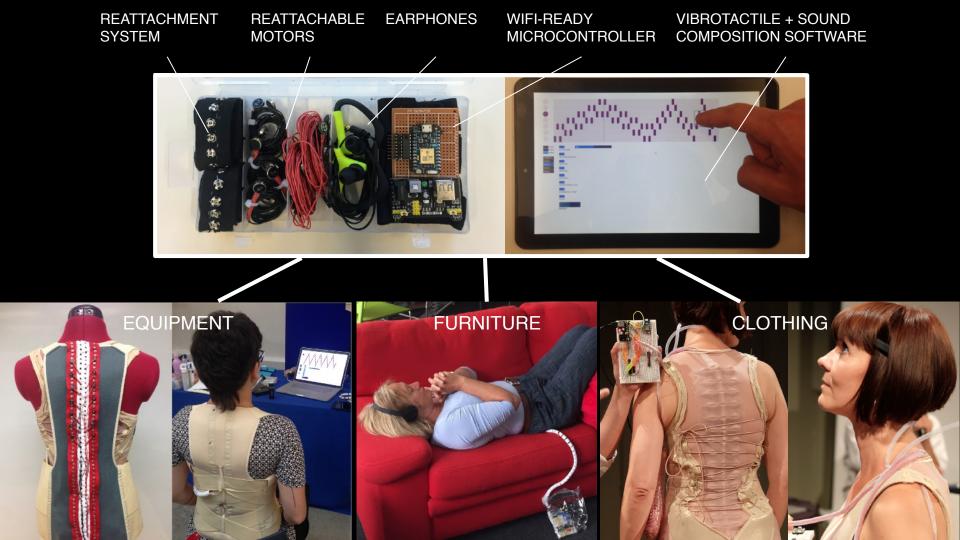


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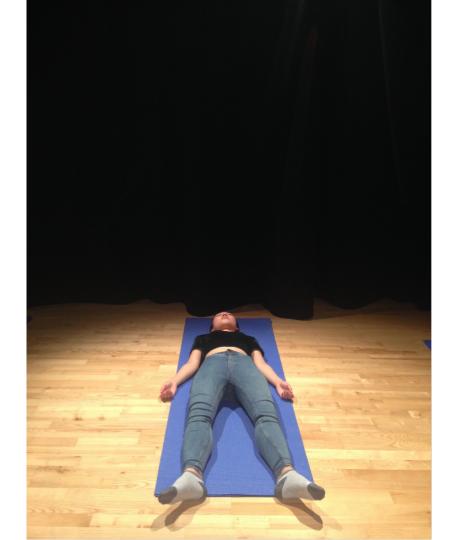


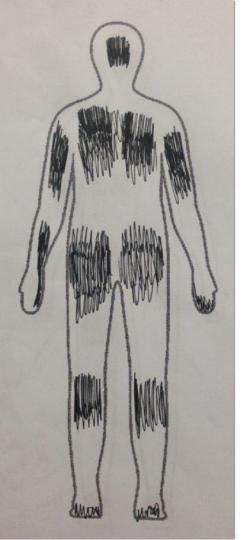


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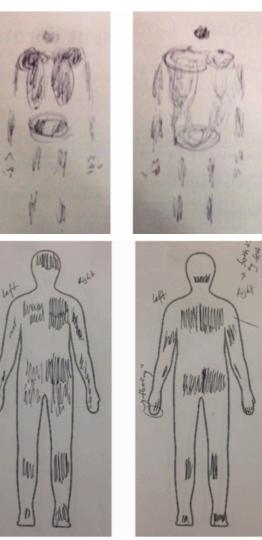
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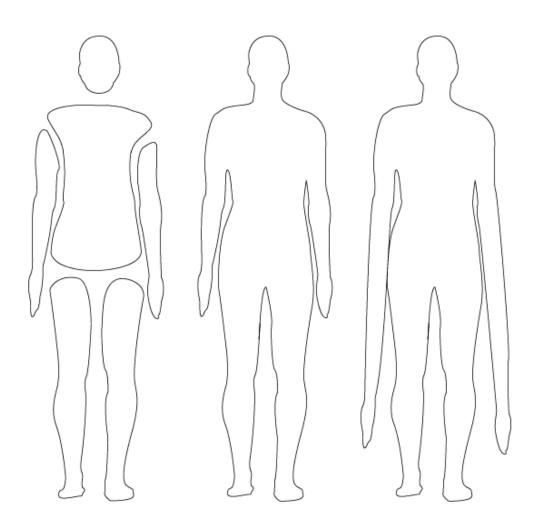




[I could] feel more of myself ... I couldn't feel myself as much before. (#P22.161022.PublicDemo.a5)

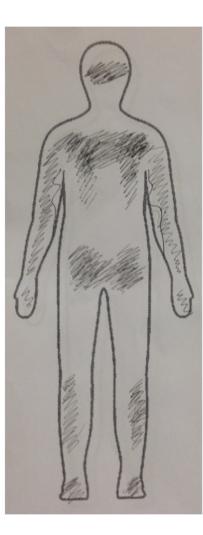
Definitely felt more sensation/awareness of this particular spot... I just notice my back a lot more from doing that (#P10.161020.Manufactory1.a5)

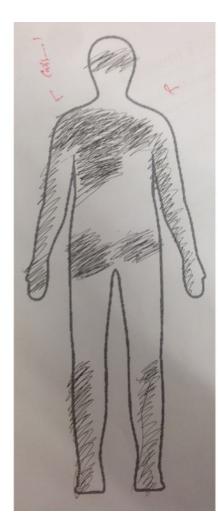
Was slightly more aware of my left side than i was beforehand... i was more sensitive to its location and which parts were making contact with the floor. so if anything, the resolution with which i can feel my back increased. i feel like i have a sharper image. (#P14.161020.Manufactory1.a5)



RE/CONNECT : RE/IMAGINE

BODILY WELL-BEING BODILY CREATIVITY

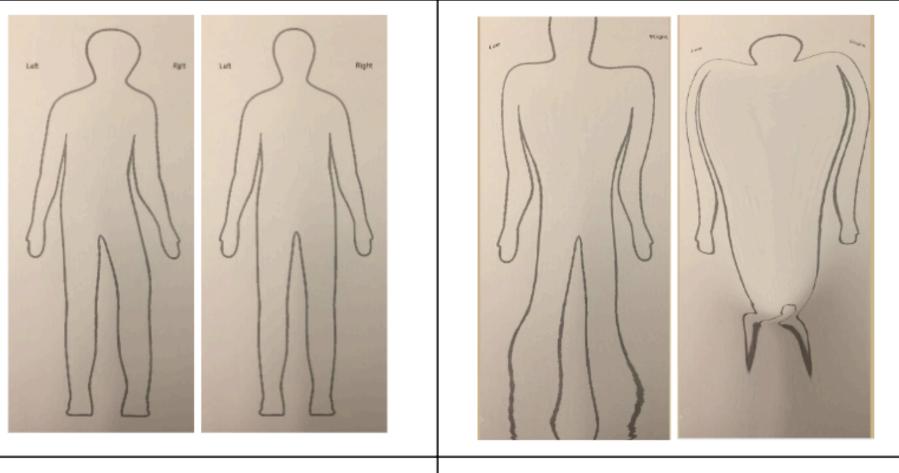






RE/ME measurably fills in gaps in awareness in one's body.

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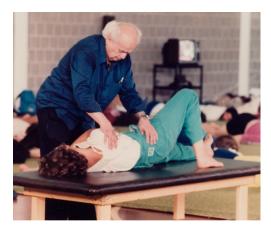
Before and after (example 1)

Before and after (example 2)

Design research process

Wearable technology for enhancing body awareness

The Feldenkrais Method Shusterman's somaesthetics Sally Dean's somatic costumes Effects of vibrotactile stimuli on somatotopy



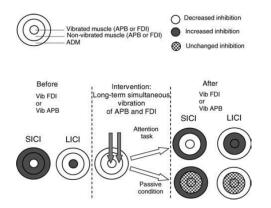
Wearable technology for enhancing body awareness

Wearable technology to aid with refining the self-image



Wearable technology for enhancing body awareness

Wearable technology to aid with transforming the felt experience of the body (soma)



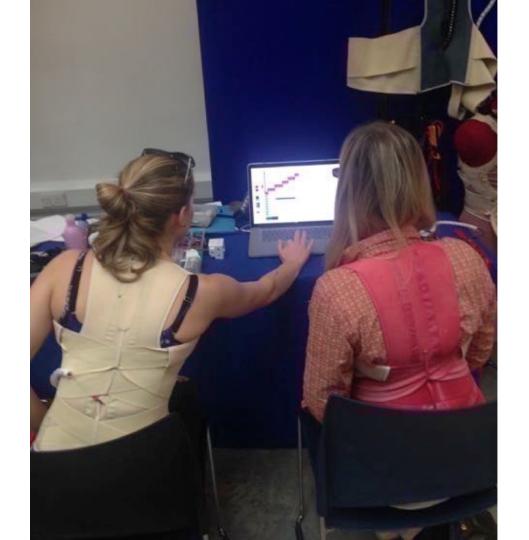
Wearable technology for enhancing body awareness

Wearable technology to increase the resolution of bodily representations in the somatosensory cortex

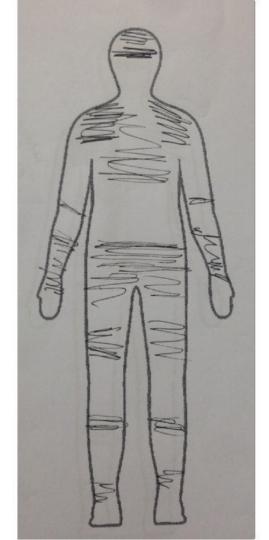
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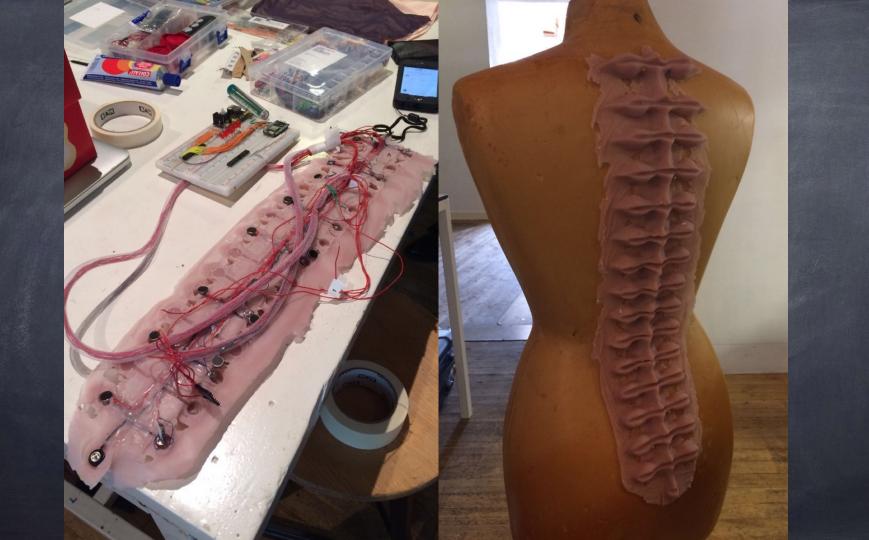


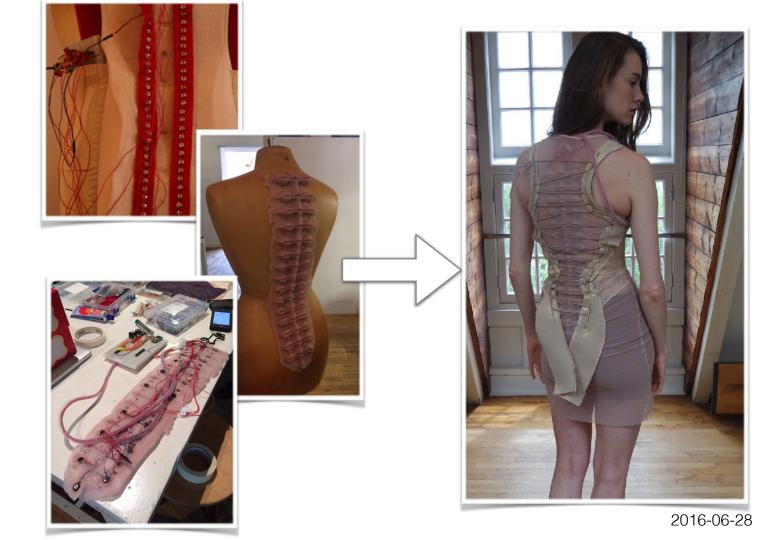
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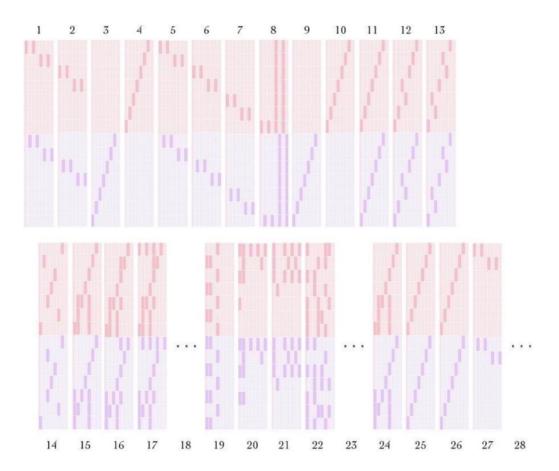
Individualised neuroadaptive therapies

Elaborated Intrusion Theory of Desire



Kavanagh, D. J., Andrade, J., & May, J. (2005). Imaginary Relish and Exquisite Torture: The Elaborated Intrusion Theory of Desire. Psychological Review, 112(2), 446–467.

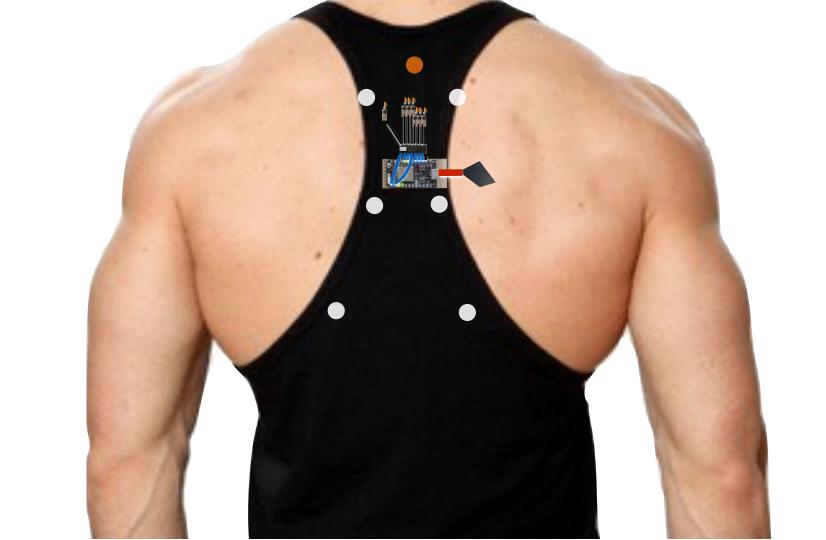
Haplós for food cravings



- Randomised control trial, n = 60
- Cravings Experience Questionnaire (CEQ)
- Significant results between the experimental group and the control group for the CEQ frequency scores, t = 2.12(df = 46), p = 0.039, with the experimental group having an average craving of 2.07 and the control group having an average craving of 3.074, suggesting that those who wore the body vest with the motors in experienced a lower frequency of chocolate cravings







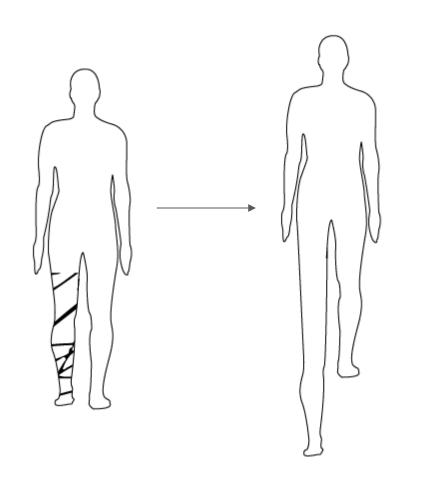


the disconnected self

not feeling whole

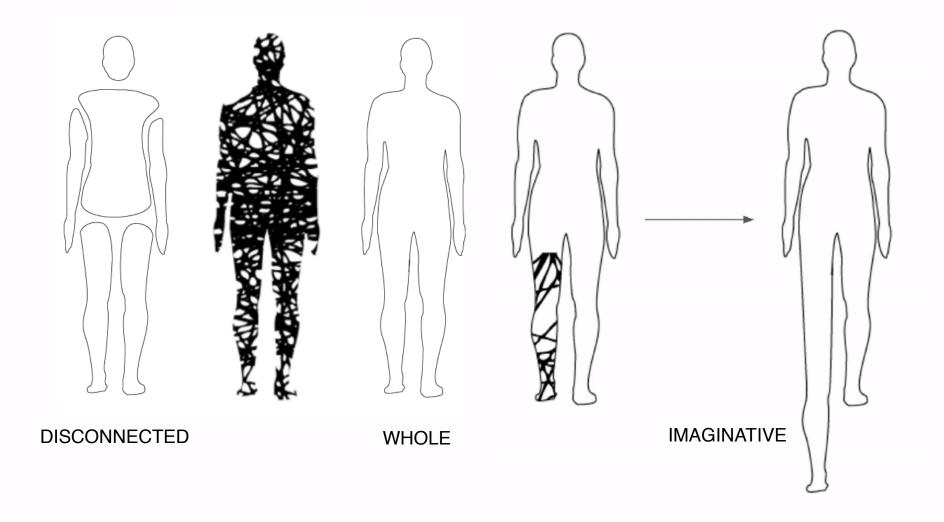
not feeling comfortable with sensing your own body

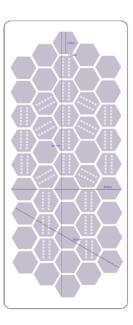
in the extreme: disorders like body dysmorphia, depersonalization

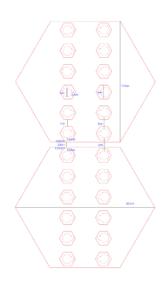


RE/ME changes the perception of the size and shape of one's body

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RE/ME studies: SF Public





Takeaways

• Haplos and RE/ME *patterns as aid* for enhancing self-monitoring and proprioceptive/motor awareness (just as Feldenkrais Method is). Still requires patient to attend to movement. Recognition of differences. Creating movement choices, creating awareness of movement po

• Haplos and RE/ME *vibrations as stimulus* similar to (but more targeted than and less invasive (?) than) TENS

• Subtlety matters; First-person approaches matter

• Somatic approaches (e.g., Feldenkrais Method) as a potential intervention. Hillier and Worley (2015): "FM works on a learning paradigm rather than disease-based mechanisms. Further research is required; however, in the meantime, clinicians and professionals may promote the use of FM in populations interested in efficient physical performance and self-efficacy."

Body awareness Musical/aesthetic/sensory pleasure Neuroadaptive possibilities Intrusive thoughts Sleep aid Stroke rehabilitation Fine motor skill improvement Hemineglect Phantom limb Meditation, mindfulness Chronic pain Communication/alarms Remote presence



THANK/YOU

- The Feldenkrais Method™
- Sally Dean's Somatic Costumes™
- Shusterman's somaesthetics
- Designing for bodily experience
- Effects of vibrotactile stimuli on somatosensory cortical representations

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