

A photograph of three children in a classroom or workshop setting. They are focused on a project involving a white hexagonal grid board with various electronic components like LEDs and sensors attached. One child in a purple shirt is pointing at the board, while others look on. The background is slightly blurred, showing other children and workshop equipment.

MAKING WITH A SOCIAL PURPOSE

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MAKEABILITY LAB







Our Mission

**DESIGN, BUILD, & STUDY INTERACTIVE
TOOLS & TECHNIQUES TO ADDRESS
PRESSING SOCIETAL CHALLENGES**

FOUR FOCUS AREAS



**ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY**



**HEALTH
& WELLNESS**

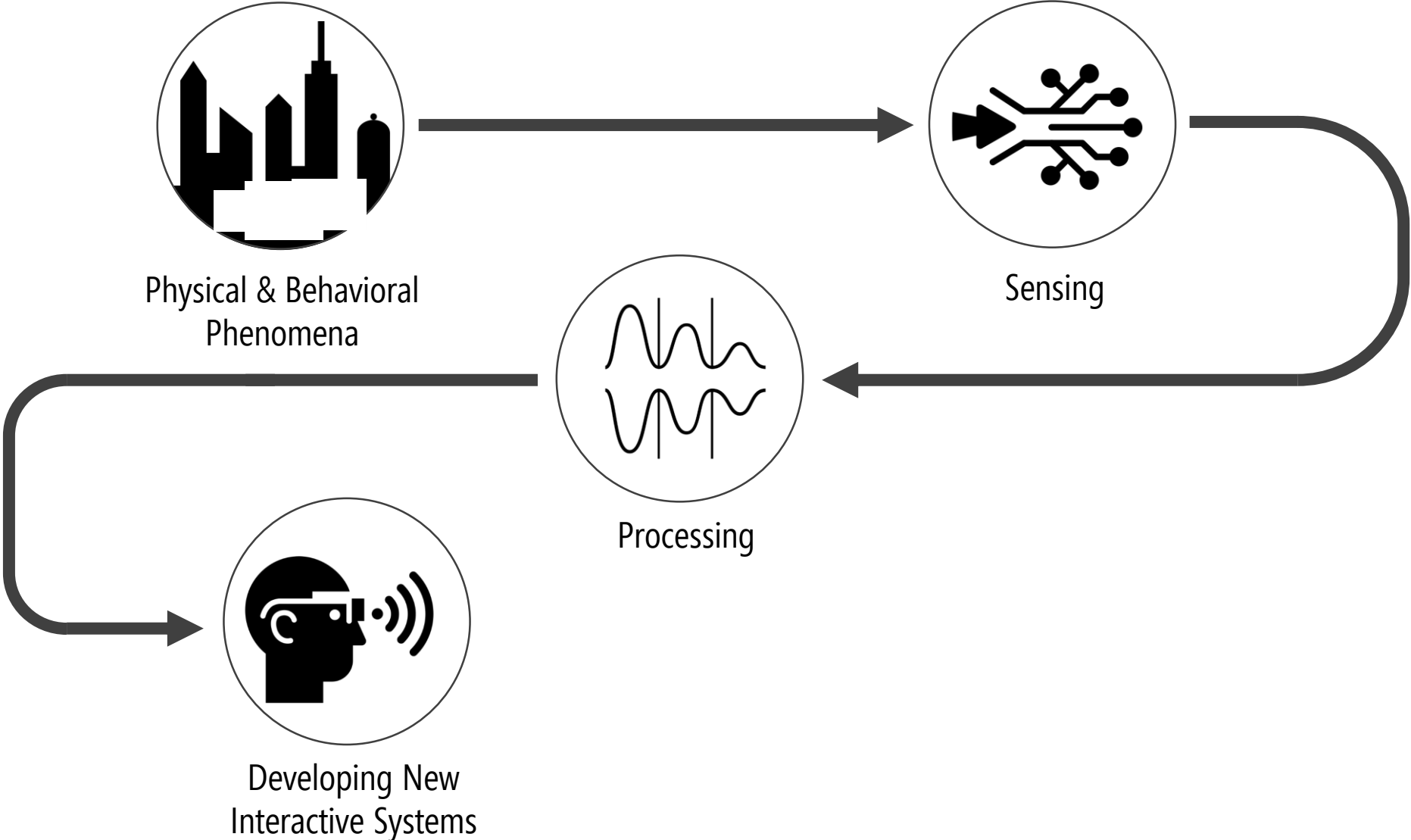


ACCESSIBILITY



**STEM
EDUCATION**

APPROACH



ITERATIVE RESEARCH PROCESS



Formative Studies



Prototyping



Lab-based Studies



Refinement



Field Deployments

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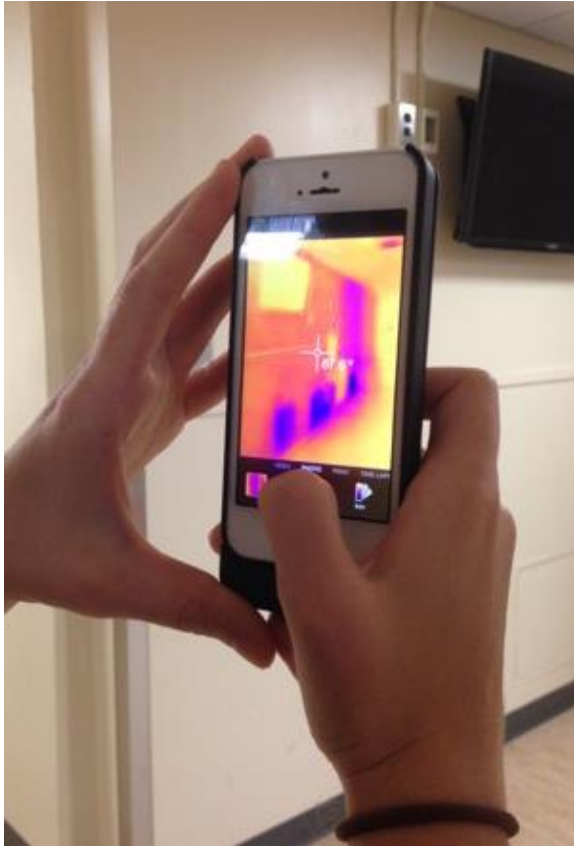
ACCESSIBILITY



STEM
EDUCATION

PERVASIVE THERMOGRAPHY

With UMD CS PhD Student Matt Mauriello



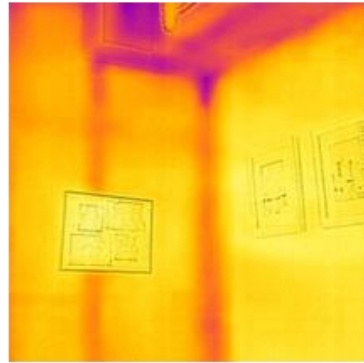
Context



(a) Indoor (64.2%)



(b) Outdoor (35.6%)



(c) Walls (71.6%)



(d) Windows (30.3%)

Subjects



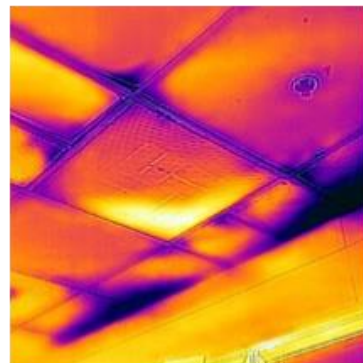
(e) Electronics (24.7%)



(f) Doors (24.4%)

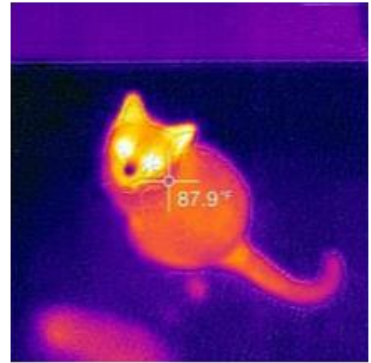


(g) Light Fixtures (23.8%)

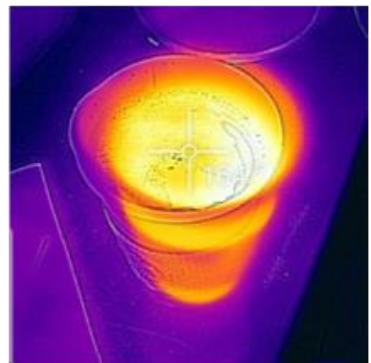


(h) Ceilings (22.7%)

Misc./Fun



(i) People/Pets (4.7%)



(j) Play/Experiments (1.0%)

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

DESIGNING HEALTH SUPPORT SYSTEMS



[CHI'13 Best Paper, CHI'14]

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ACCESSIBILITY



**STEM
EDUCATION**

HEALTH + STEM
BODYVIS



[IDC'13, CHI'15 Honorable Mention, ICLS'16, IDC'16, CHI'17]

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How to...

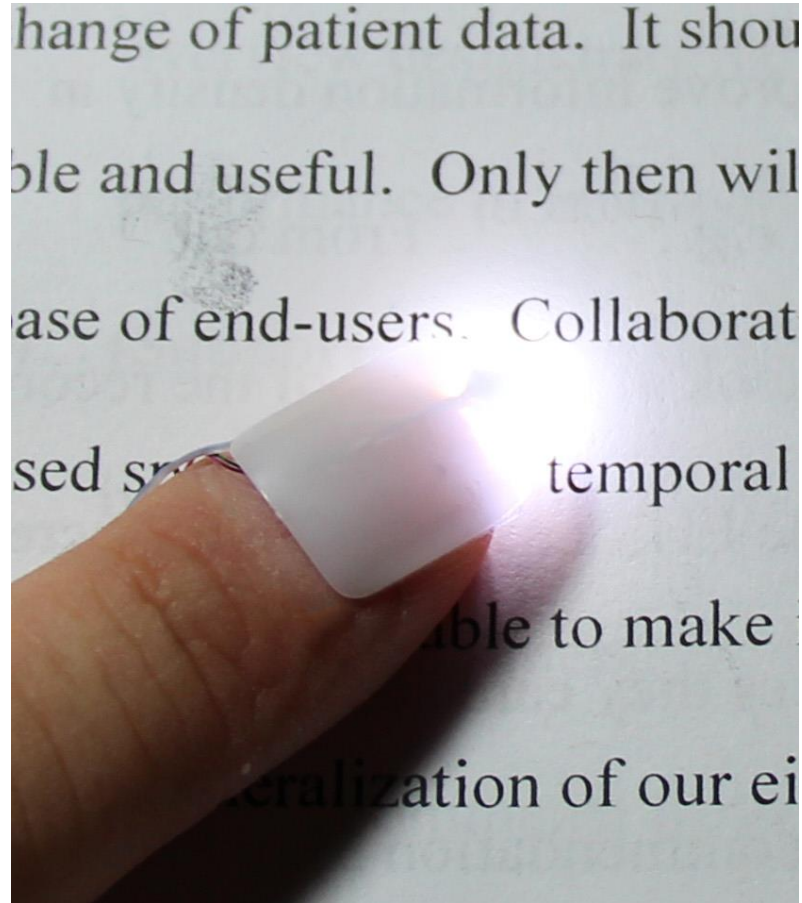
make the *physical world* more
accessible for people with disabilities

IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL WORLD



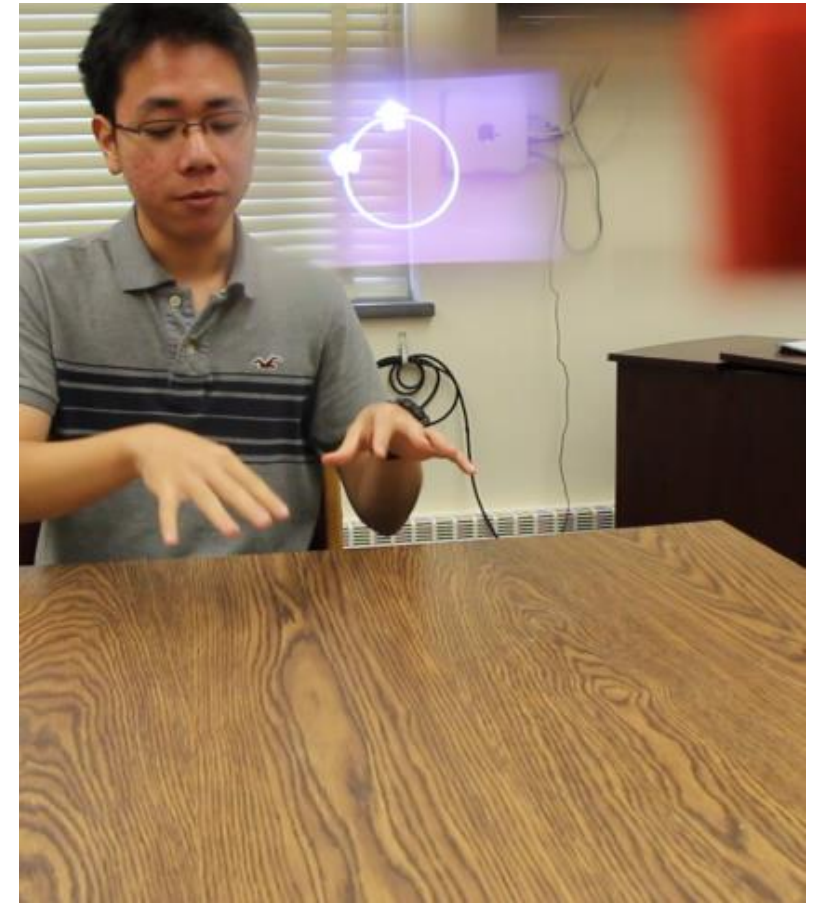
PROJECT SIDEWALK

[ASSETS'12, CHI'13, HCOMP'13, ASSETS'13 Best Paper, UIST'14, TACCESS'15, SIGACCESS'15, CHI'16]



HANDSIGHT

[ACVR'14, ASSETS'15, GI'16, TACCESS'16]



GLASSEAR

[CHI'15]

IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL WORLD



How can we...

develop scalable solutions that map the accessibility of urban infrastructure?

PROJECT SIDEWALK

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30.6

million U.S. adults
have a mobility impairment



Source: US Census, 210

15.2

million use an assistive aid





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ONE WAY

NO PARKING

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NO CURB RAMPS

A photograph of a sidewalk with a wooden utility pole in the foreground, illustrating a physical obstacle. The sidewalk is made of concrete slabs and a brick-patterned section. A metal fence is visible in the background. A white text box with the words "PHYSICAL OBSTACLES" is overlaid on the image, with a white line pointing to the base of the wooden pole.

PHYSICAL OBSTACLES



INCOMPLETE SIDEWALKS

SURFACE PROBLEMS





PHYSICAL OBSTACLES

NO CURB RAMP

SURFACE DEGRADATION

Accessible infrastructure
has a significant impact
on the **independence**
and **mobility of citizens**

[Thapar *et al.*, 2004 ; Nuernberger, 2008]





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Tokyo Fashion Clips & Hair Pieces Salon

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The National Council on Disability noted that there is **no comprehensive information** on “the degree to which sidewalks are accessible” in cities.



National Council on Disability, 2007

The impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act: Assessing the progress toward achieving the goals of the ADA

We are pursuing a **two-fold solution**



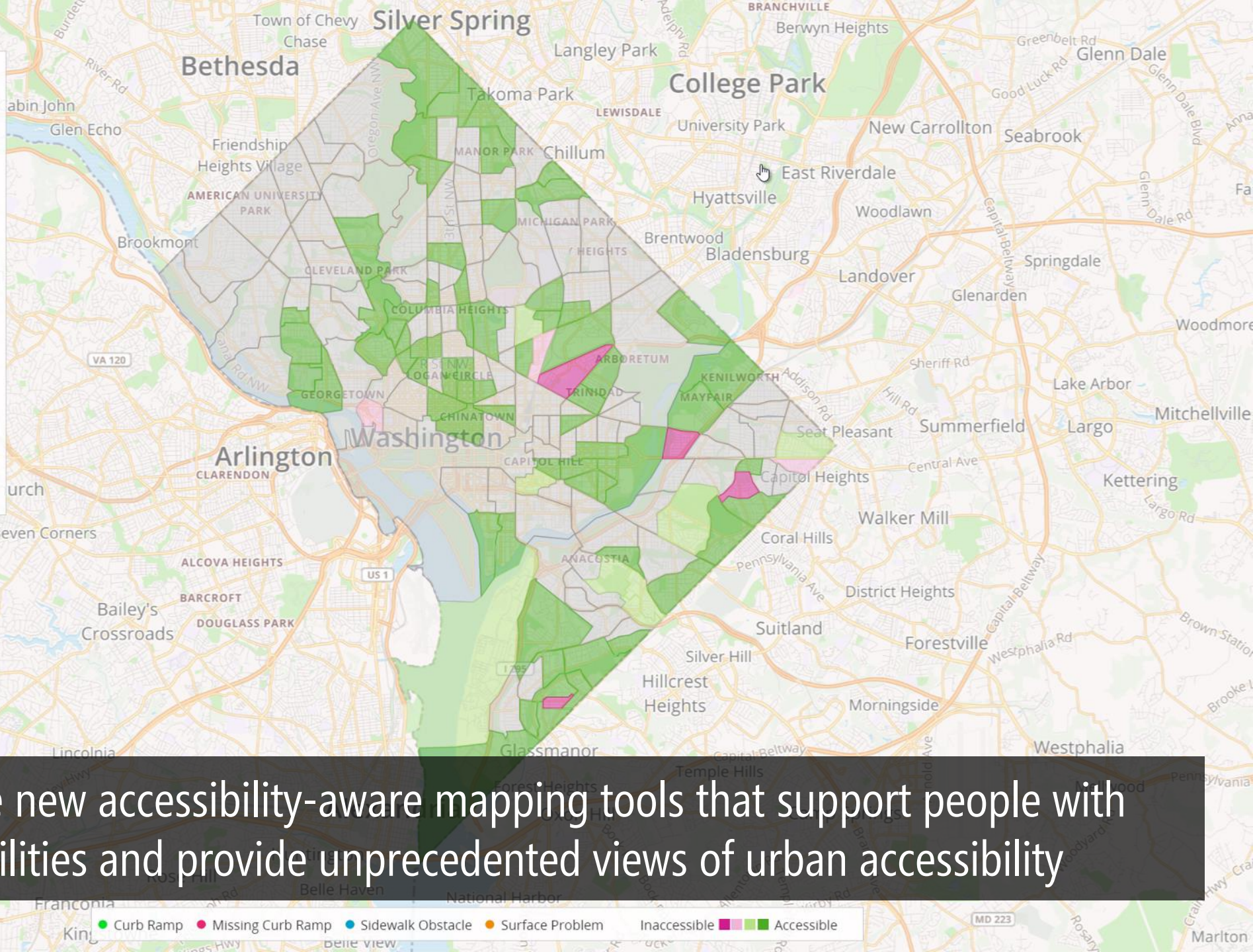
1

To develop scalable methods that mine massive repositories of online map imagery to identify accessibility problems semi-automatically

Access Score^{beta}

Use the sliders below to adjust the significance of each accessibility feature.

	Significance
Curb Ramp	<input type="range" value="52"/> 52
No Curb Ramp	<input type="range" value="100"/> 100
Obstacle	<input type="range" value="50"/> 50
Surface Problem	<input type="range" value="48"/> 48



2

To create new accessibility-aware mapping tools that support people with disabilities and provide unprecedented views of urban accessibility

● Curb Ramp ● Missing Curb Ramp ● Sidewalk Obstacle ● Surface Problem ● Inaccessible ● Accessible

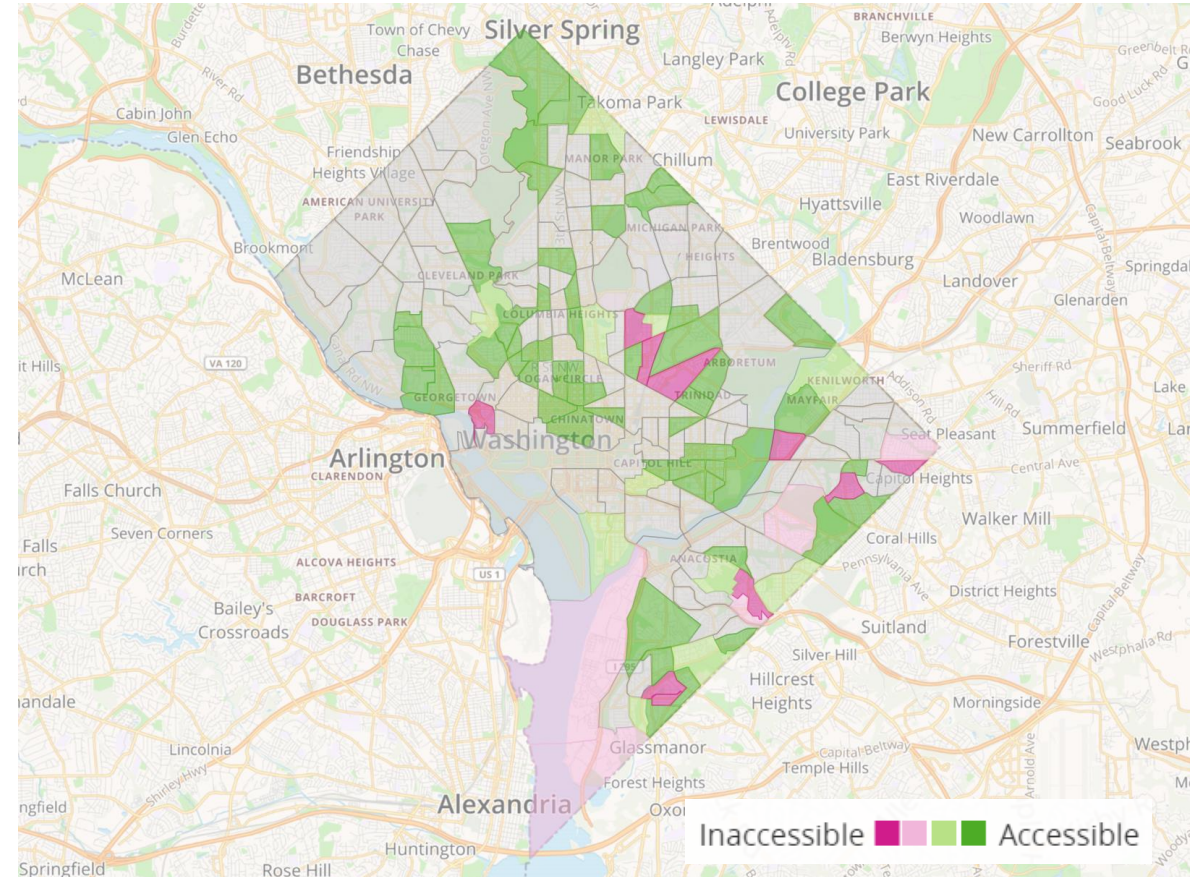
MAPPING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE WORLD

TWO FOCUS AREAS



SCALABLE DATA COLLECTION METHODS

[ASSETS'12, CHI'13, HCOMP'13, ASSETS'13, UIST'14, TACCESS'15]



NEW ACCESSIBILITY GIS TOOLS

[SIGACCESS '15, CHI'16]

KEY RESEARCH QUESTIONS



SCALABLE DATA COLLECTION METHODS

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Is online map imagery a good source for accessibility data?

Can we create interactive tools that enable crowd workers to find accessibility problems?

How can we leverage computational techniques to scale our approach?

MAPPING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE WORLD

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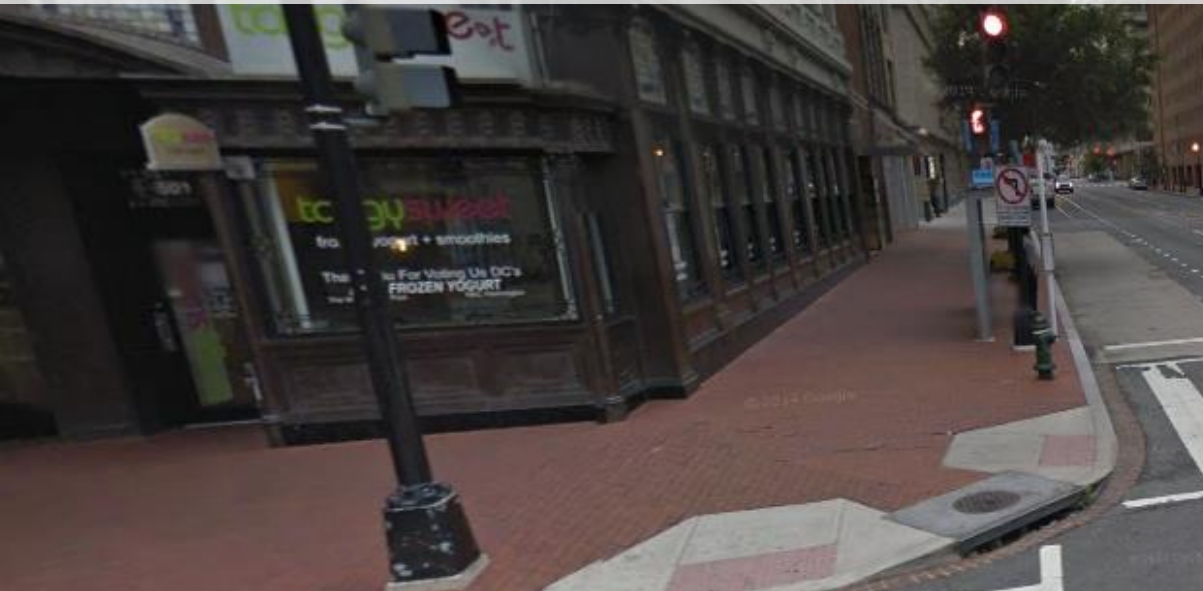
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503 7th St NW
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Washington, District of Columbia

Street View - Aug 2014

GOOGLE SV PHOTO



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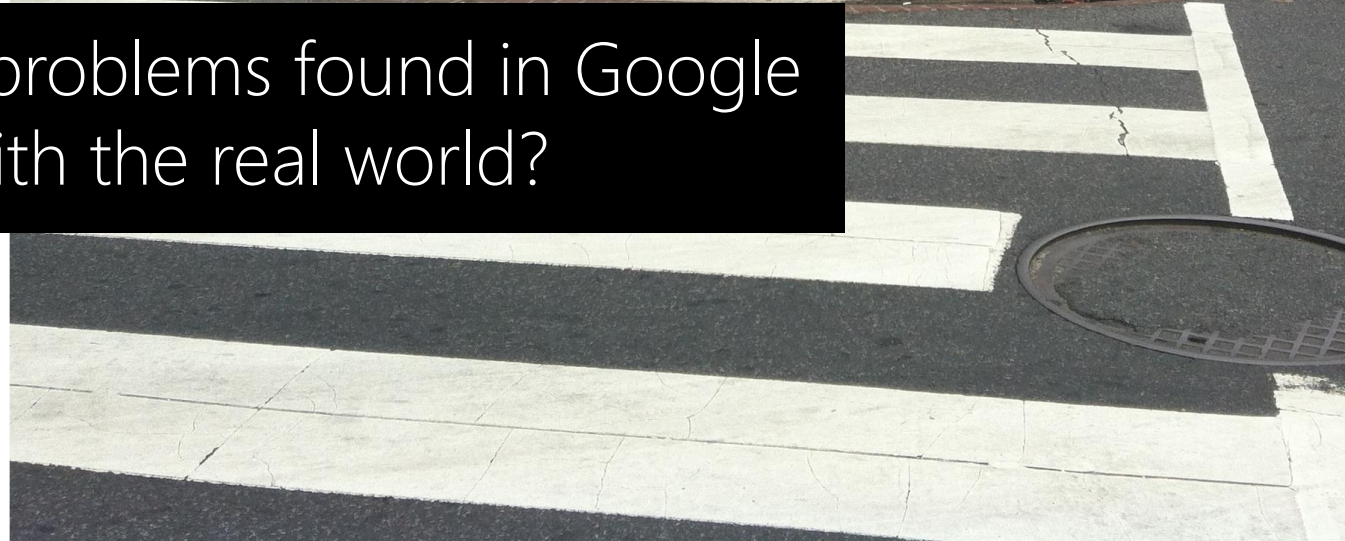
REAL WORLD



How well do accessibility problems found in Google Street View correspond with the real world?



Back to Map



IS GSV A GOOD DATASET FOR ACCESSIBILITY AUDITS?

PHYSICAL AUDITS VS. GOOGLE STREET VIEW



179 BUS STOPS

Washington DC & Seattle | 42 km surveyed



273 INTERSECTIONS

Washington DC & Baltimore | 34 km surveyed

IS GSV A GOOD DATASET FOR ACCESSIBILITY AUDITS?

COMPARISON RESULTS: SPEARMAN RANK COEFFICIENTS

BUS STOPS



vs.



PHYSICAL AUDIT DATA

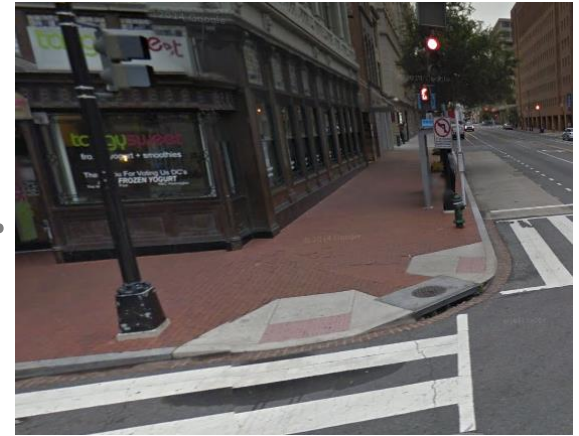
GSV AUDIT DATA

$$\rho = 0.88$$

INTERSECTIONS



vs.



PHYSICAL AUDIT DATA

GSV AUDIT DATA

$$\rho = 0.98$$

All results statistically significant at $p < 0.001$

IS GSV A GOOD DATASET FOR ACCESSIBILITY AUDITS?

CITY INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGES SLOWLY



AVG IMAGE AGE IN BUS STOP DATASET

1.7 yrs (SD=0.7)

AVG IMAGE AGE IN INTERSECTION DATASET

1.5 yrs (SD=0.7)

Google Street View is a reasonable proxy for studying the state of street-level accessibility

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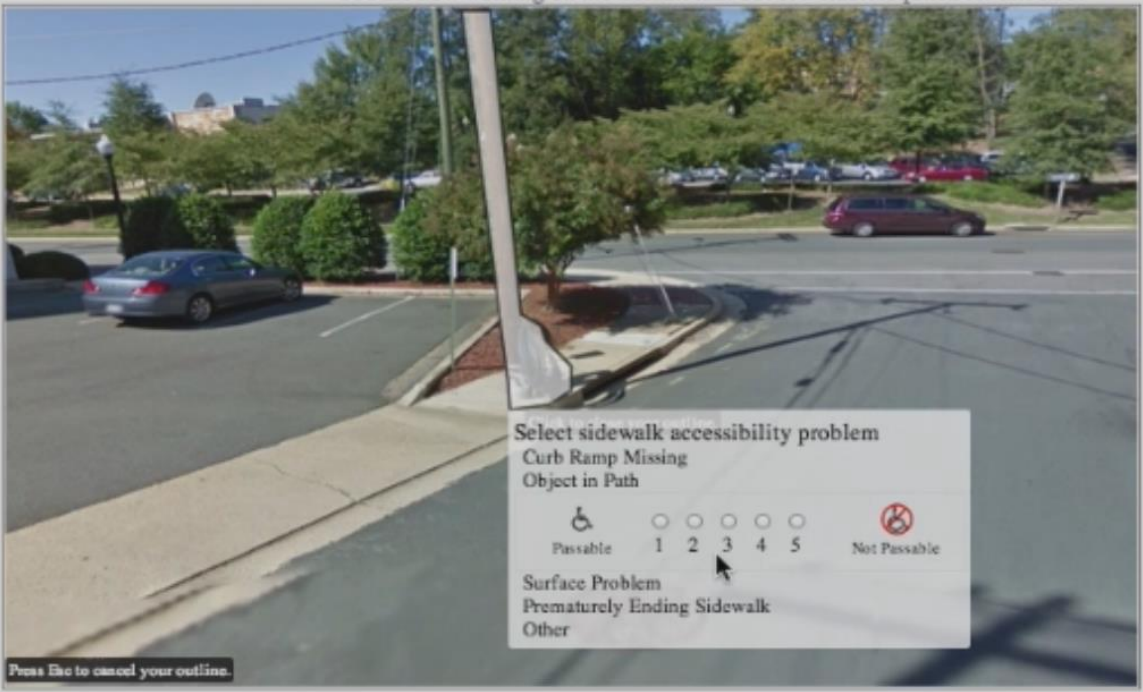
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INITIAL CROWDSOURCING SYSTEM



LABELING INTERFACE



VERIFICATION INTERFACE

LABELING INTERFACE

4-STEP PROCESS

1. Find & label problem

Show instruction

You are now working on the Default task out of Default required for this HIT.



Problems found: Curb Ramp Missing (0) Object in Path (0) Surface Problem (0) Prematurely Ending Sidewalk (0) Other (0)

Please enter any additional comments about this street or sidewalk that may affect mobility impaired persons or feedback on the hit itself (optional)

Skip the image

There are no accessibility problems in this image

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LABELING INTERFACE

4-STEP PROCESS

- 1. Find & label problem
- 2. Categorize problem

Show instruction

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Select sidewalk accessibility problem

- Curb Ramp Missing
- Object in Path
- Surface Problem
- Prematurely Ending Sidewalk
- Other





Press Esc to cancel your outline.

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LABELING INTERFACE

4-STEP PROCESS

- 1. Find & label problem
- 2. Categorize problem
- 3. Rate problem severity

Show instruction

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Select sidewalk accessibility problem

- Curb Ramp Missing
- Object in Path**
- Surface Problem
- Prematurely Ending Sidewalk
- Other


Passable 1 2 3 4 5 Not Passable

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Curb Ramp Missing



Object in Path



Surface Problem



Prematurely Ending Sidewalk

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Curb Ramp Missing

Object in Path

Surface Problem

Prematurely Ending Sidewalk


LABELING INTERFACE

4-STEP PROCESS

- 1. Find & label problem
- 2. Categorize problem
- 3. Rate problem severity
- 4. Submit work

Show instruction

You are now working on the Default task out of Default required for this HIT.



Select sidewalk accessibility problem

- Curb Ramp Missing
- Object in Path
- Surface Problem
- Prematurely Ending Sidewalk
- Other

Severity: 5
Not passable

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LABELING INTERFACE



4-STEP PROCESS

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Receive another image to label & process repeats.

Show instruction

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VERIFICATION INTERFACE

3-STEP PROCESS

1. Verify label
2. Verify rating
3. Provide details



STUDY METHOD

1. Create image dataset
2. Generate ground truth labels
3. Deploy our tools to crowd
4. Compare performance to ground truth

1

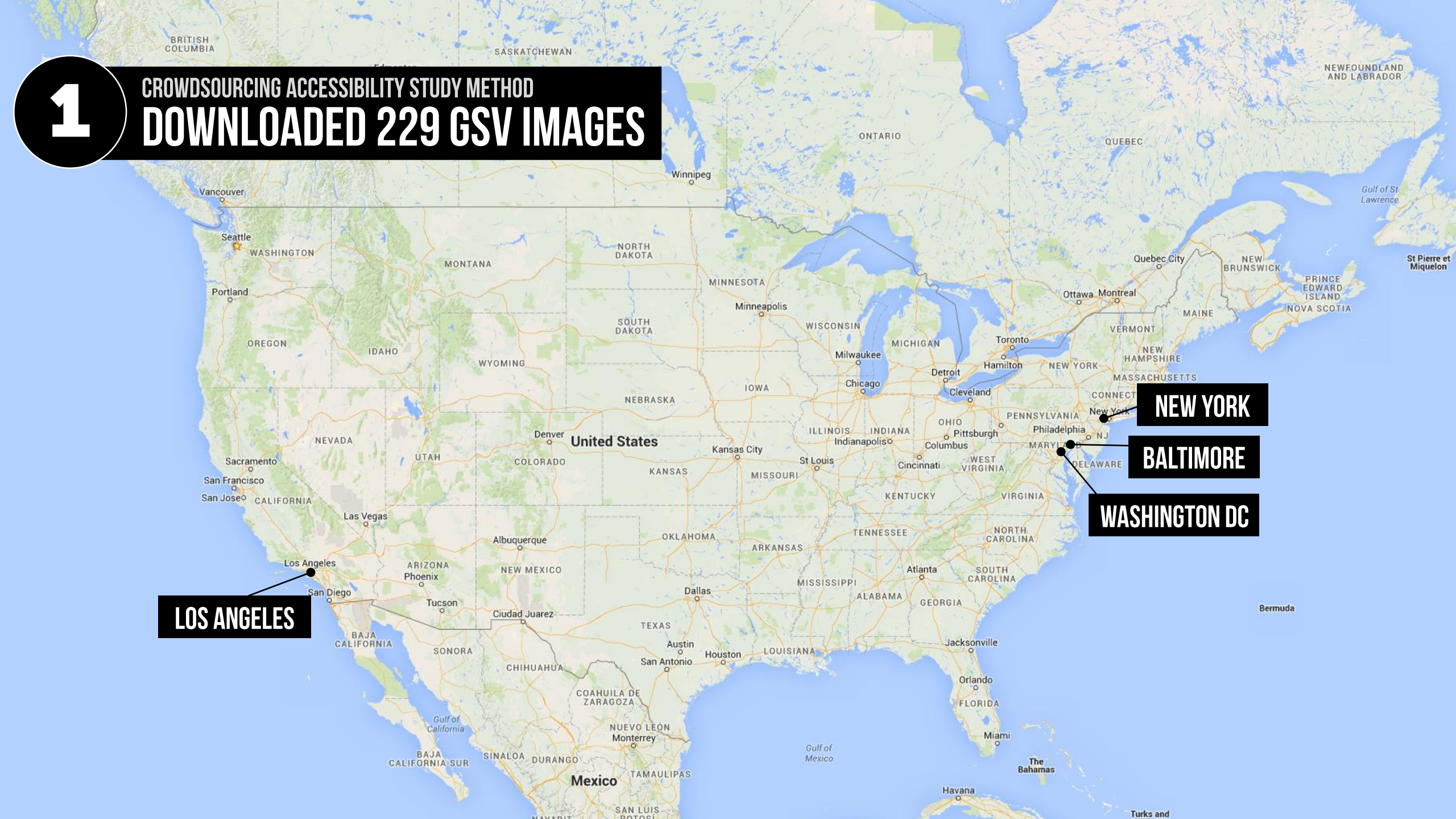
**CROWDSOURCING ACCESSIBILITY STUDY METHOD
DOWNLOADED 229 GSV IMAGES**

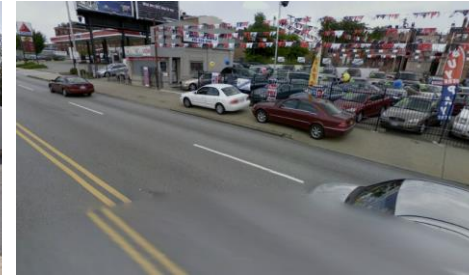
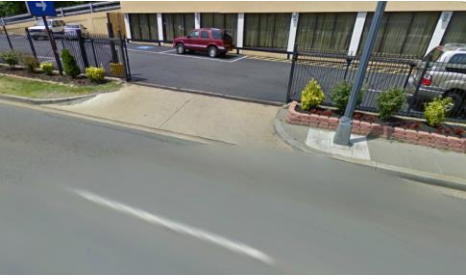
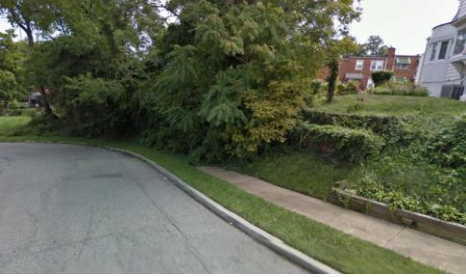
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NEW YORK

BALTIMORE

WASHINGTON DC

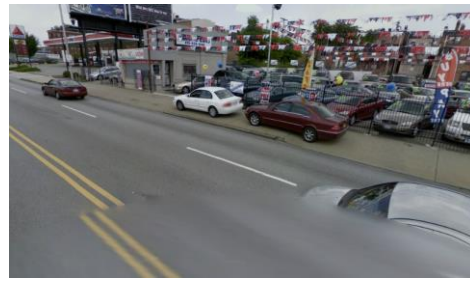




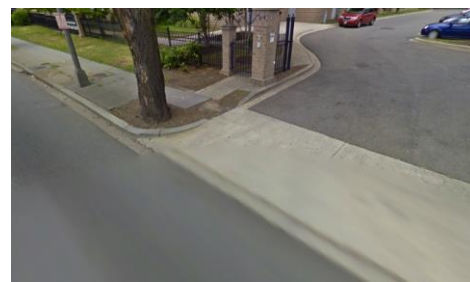
50 images
Sidewalk Ending



66 images
Object in Path



67 images
Surface Problems



47 images
Missing Curb Ramps



50 images
No Problems



STUDY METHOD

1. Create image dataset
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2

CROWDSOURCING ACCESSIBILITY STUDY METHOD CREATE GROUND TRUTH LABELS



Bob



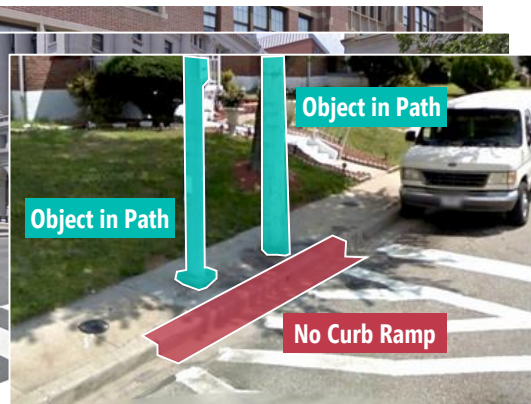
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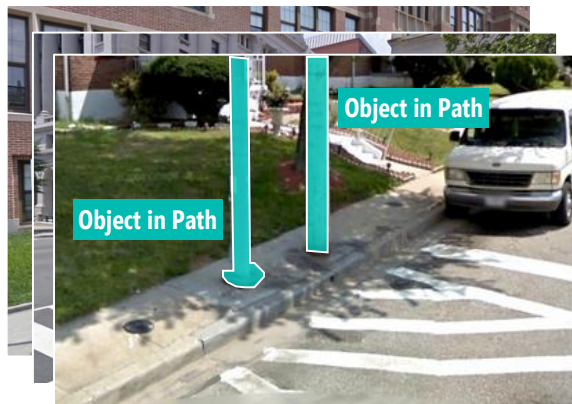
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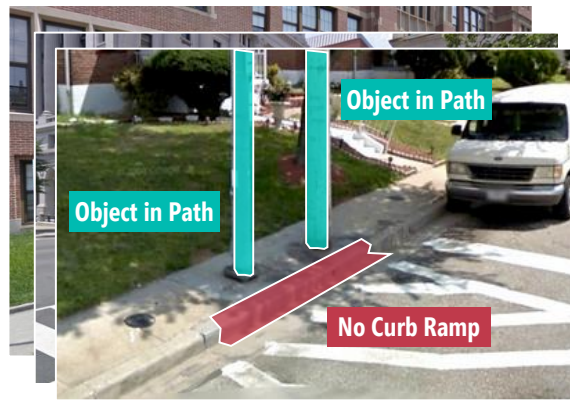
**Majority
Vote**



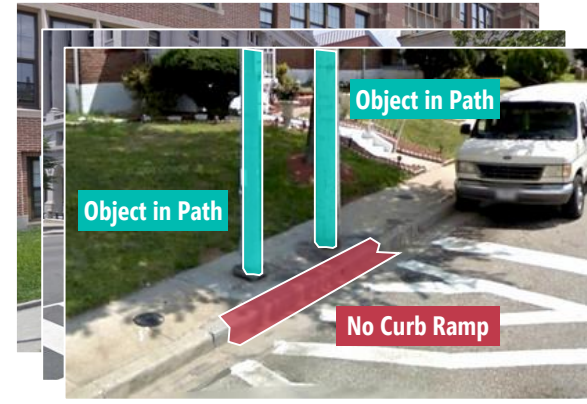
Bob's Labels



Sue's Labels



Alice's Labels



Researcher Ground Truth

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CROWDSOURCING ACCESSIBILITY STUDY METHOD

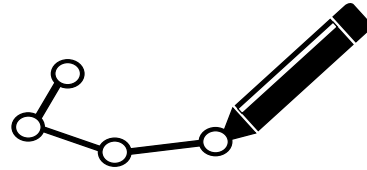
DEPLOY TOOLS TO MECHANICAL TURK



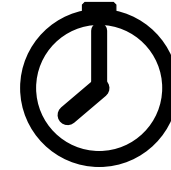
MTURK STUDY STATISTICS



185
LABELERS



7,517
LABELS



35.2s
LABEL AN IMAGE



273
VERIFIERS



19,189
VERIFICATIONS



3x as fast!
10.5s
VERIFY AN IMAGE

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Are crowd workers capable of **finding accessibility problems** in online map imagery?

CROWDSOURCING ACCESSIBILITY STUDY RESULTS

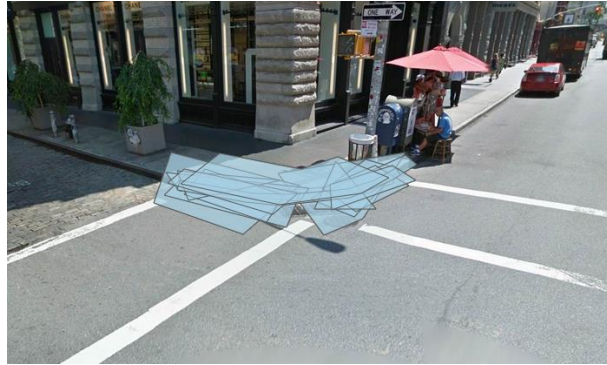
OVERALL LABELING ACCURACY

With one labeler per image



SIDEWALK ENDING

85%



MISSING CURB RAMPS

79%



SURFACE PROBLEM

77%



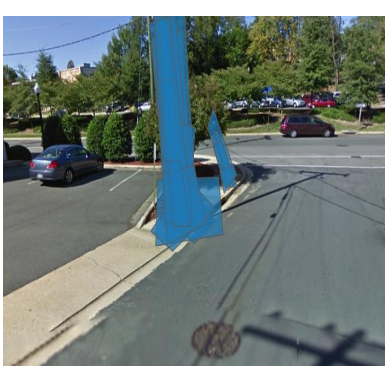
OBJECT IN PATH

73%

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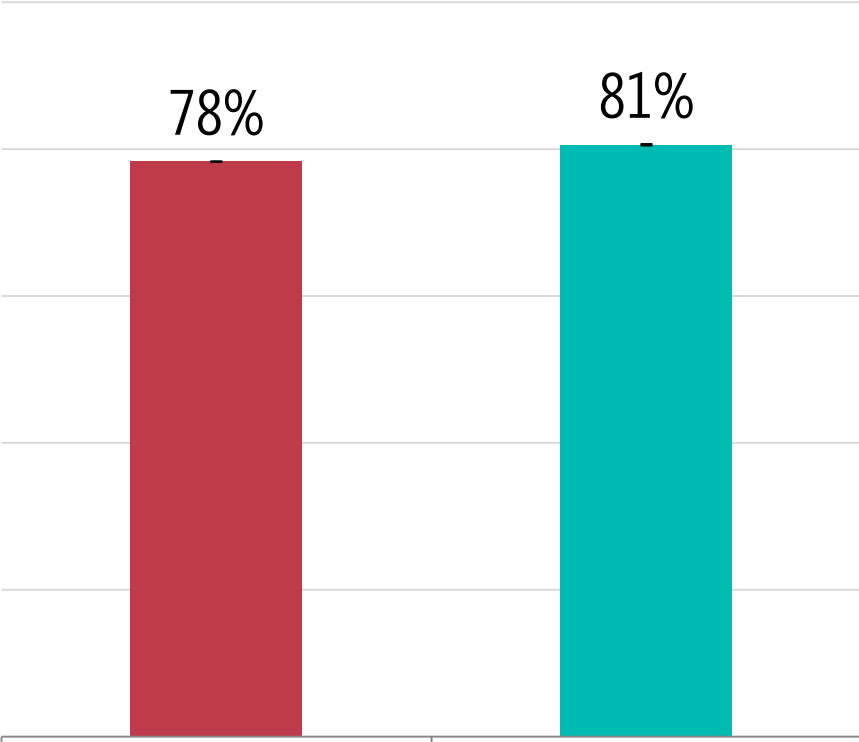
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AVERAGE OVERALL ACCURACY



Multiclass Overall

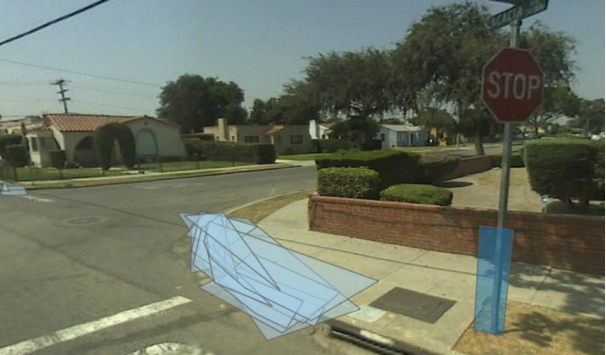
Binary Overall

- Sidewalk Ending
- No Curb Ramp
- Surface Problem
- Object in Path
- No Problem

- Problem
- No Problem

CROWDSOURCING ACCESSIBILITY STUDY RESULTS

COMMON LABELER MISTAKES



OVER LABELING

(i.e., tendency towards false positives)

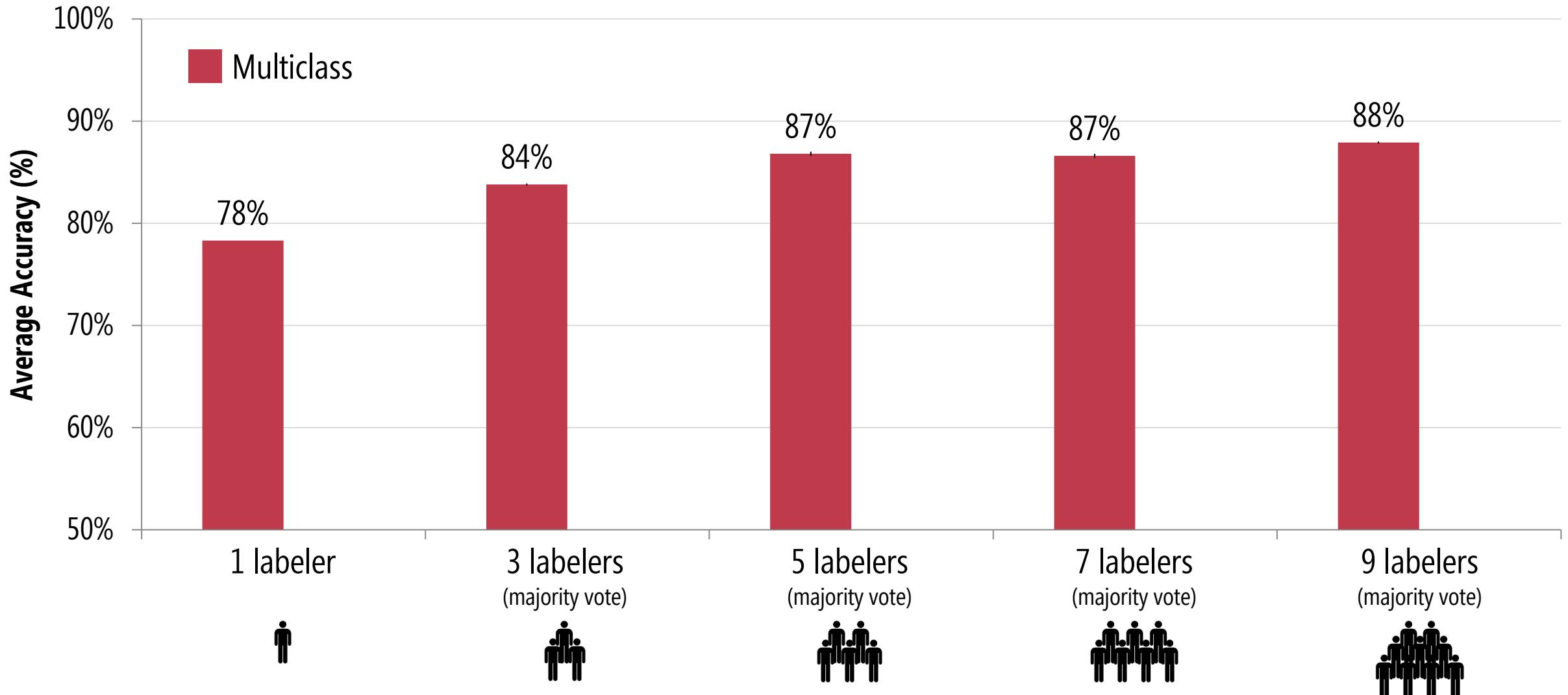
RANDOM LABELS

(e.g., misunderstanding, malevolence)

CATEGORY ERRORS

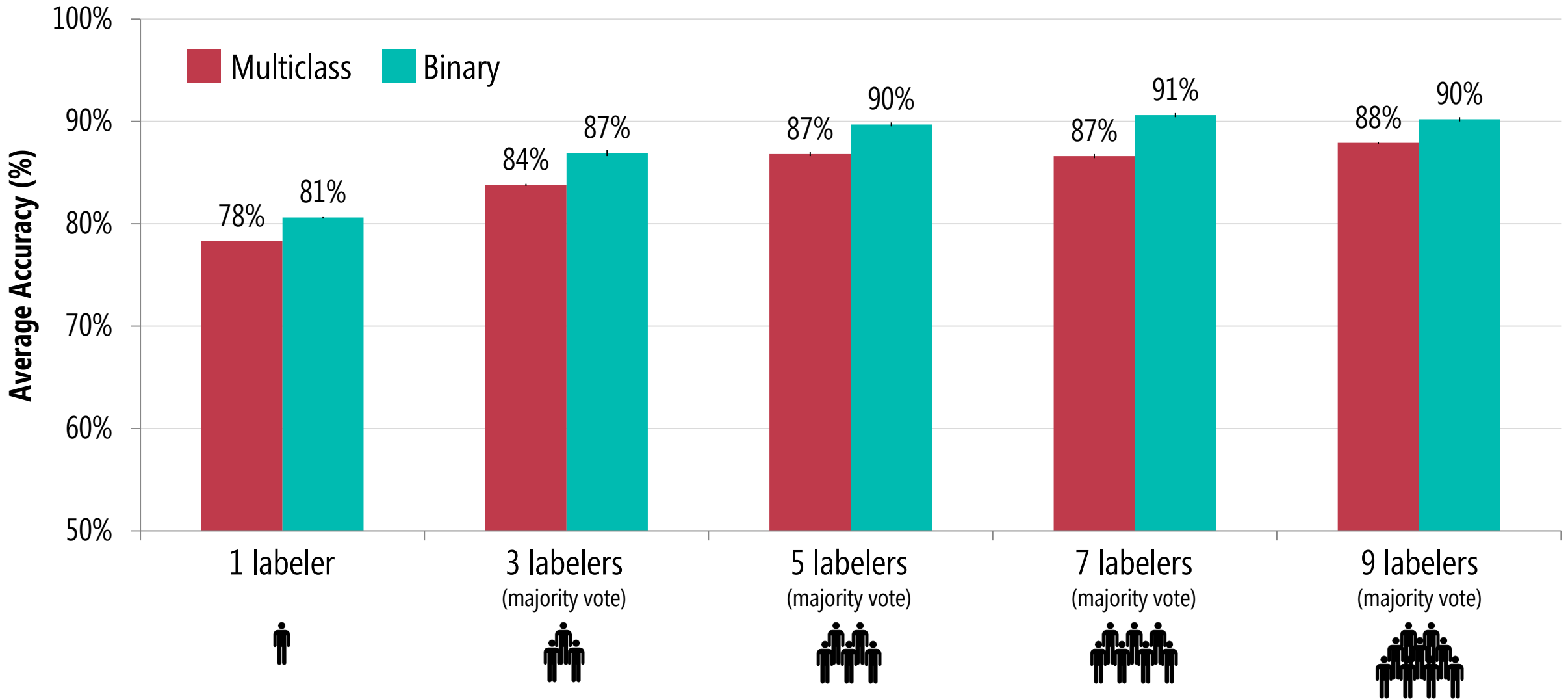
(i.e., ambiguous problem category)

ACCURACY AS A FUNCTION OF LABELERS PER IMAGE



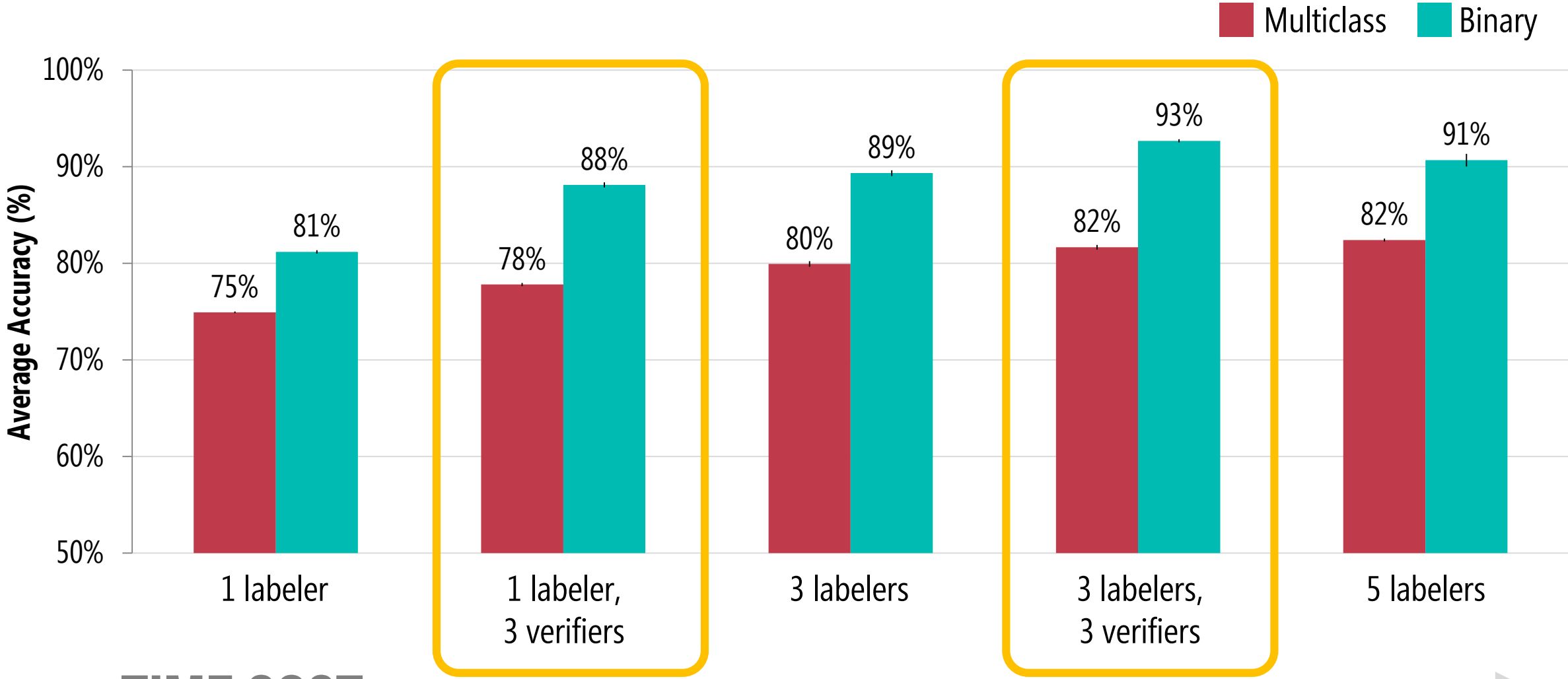
Error bars: standard error

ACCURACY AS A FUNCTION OF LABELERS PER IMAGE



Error bars: standard error

ACCURACY WITH CROWD VERIFICATION



TIME COST



Error bars: standard error; experiments run on subset of data

With basic quality control measures, **minimally trained crowd** workers can find accessibility problems with an accuracy of **~93%**

Relied **purely on manual labor**. Can we do better?

KEY RESEARCH QUESTIONS



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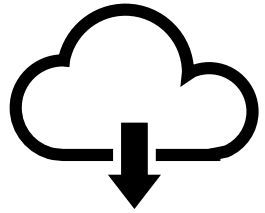
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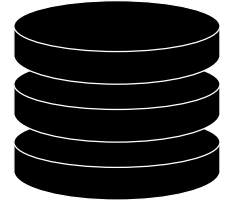
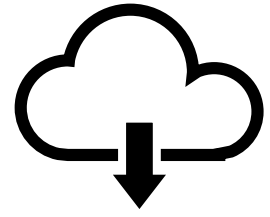
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遠目 · *Remote Eye*

① svCrawl
Web Scraper



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Web Scraper



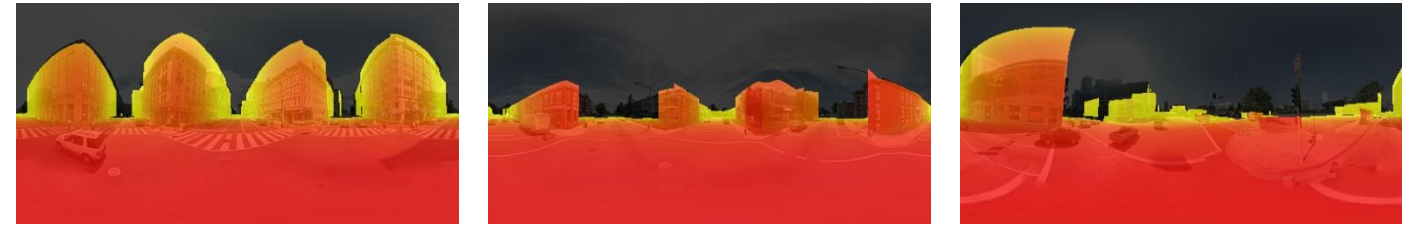
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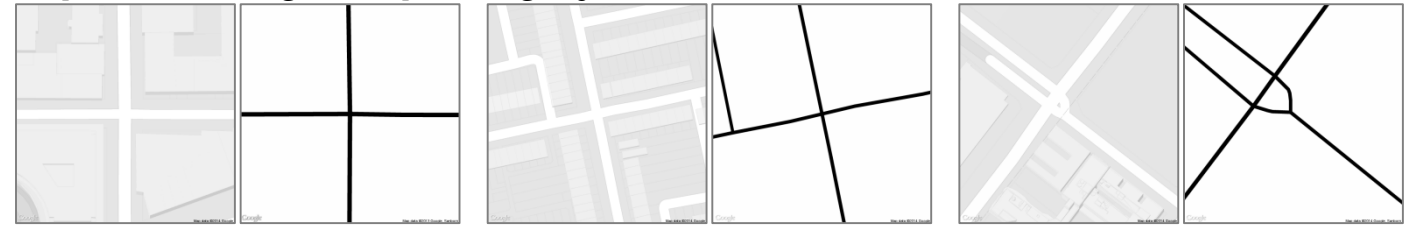
Google Street View Panoramas



3D Point-cloud Data



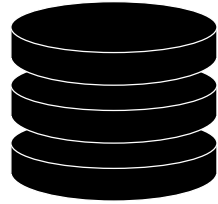
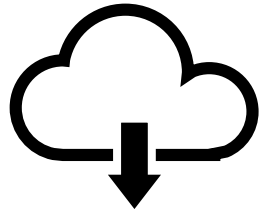
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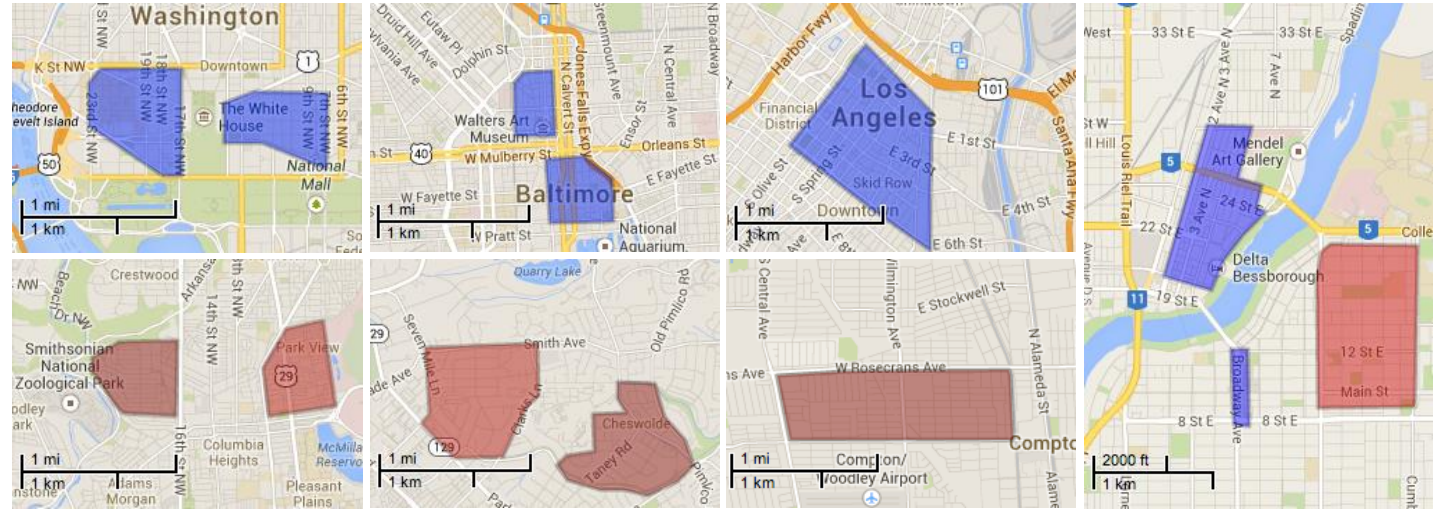
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Scraped Area: 11.3 km²

■ Urban ■ Residential



D.C.

Baltimore

Los Angeles

Saskatoon

Dataset Statistics



1,086
intersections



2,877
curb ramps

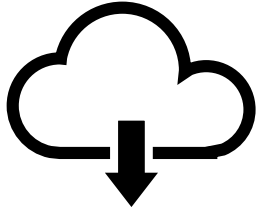


647
missing
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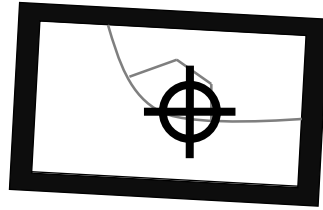


2.2 yrs (SD=1.3)
average GSV image age

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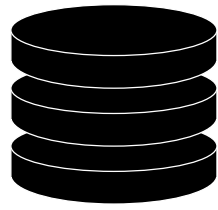


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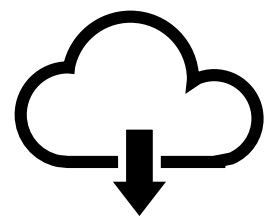


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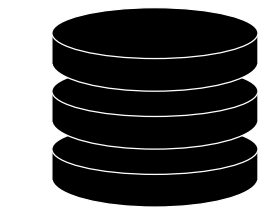
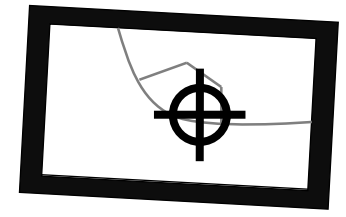
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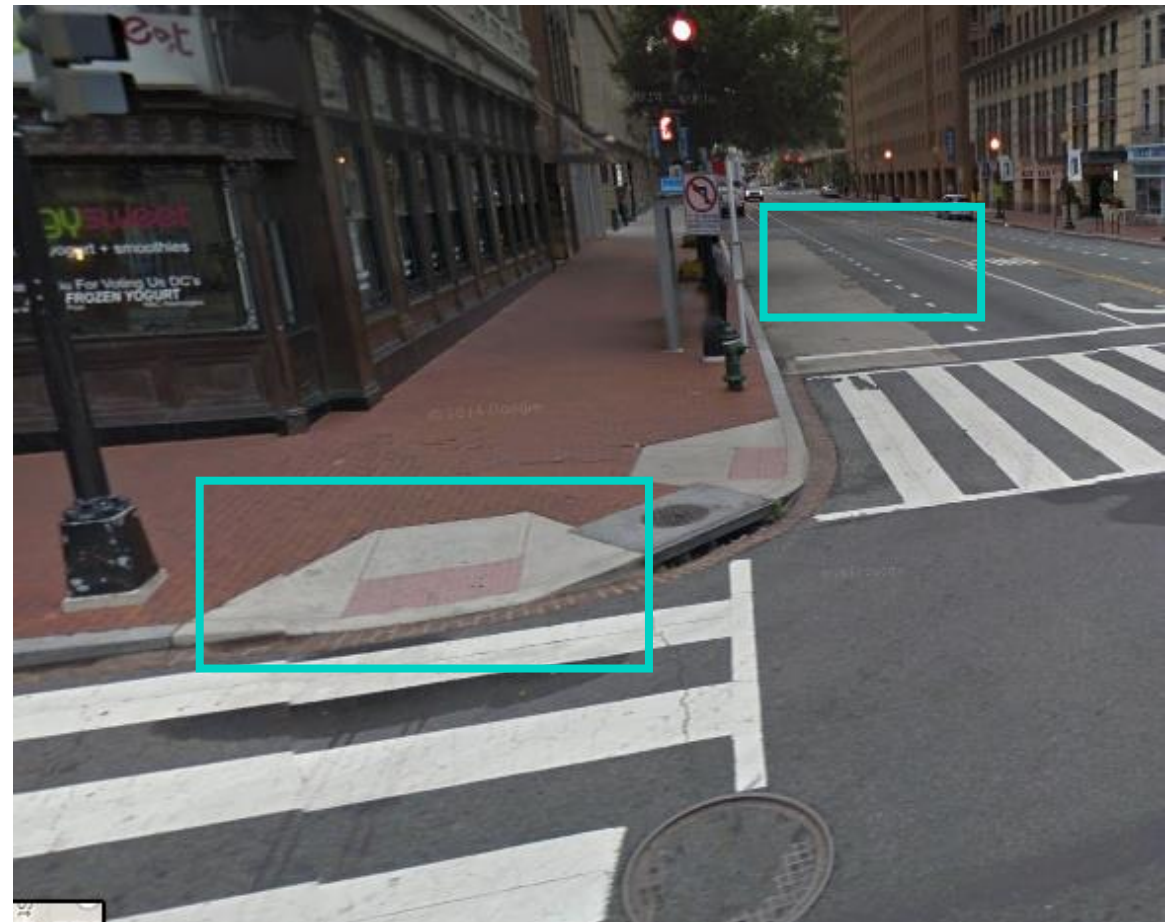
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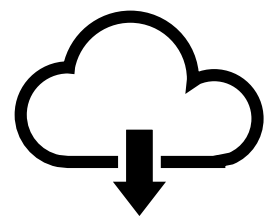
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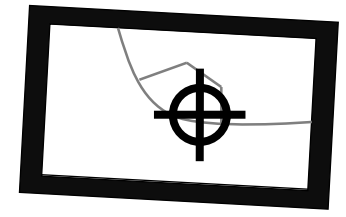
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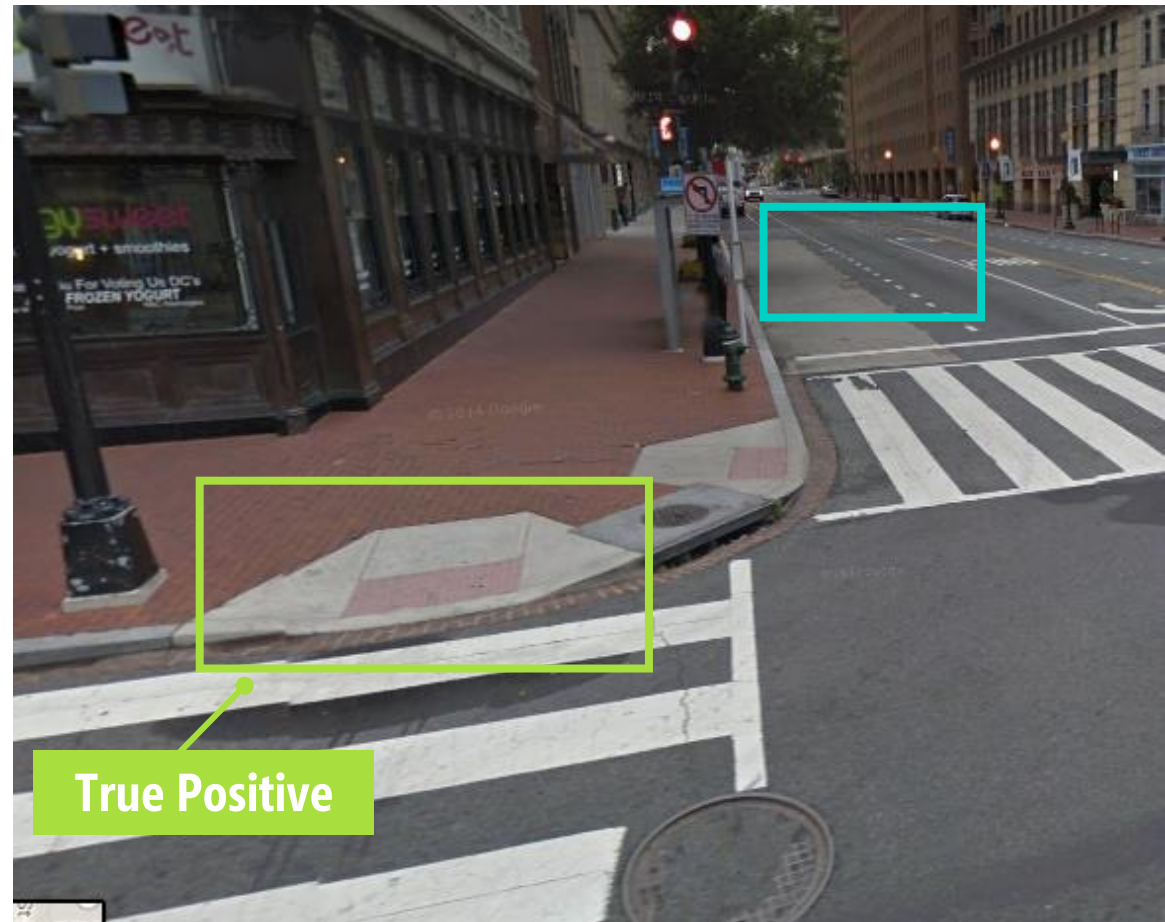
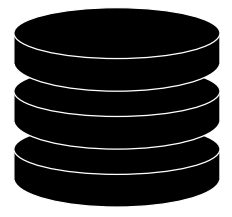
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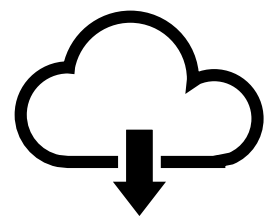
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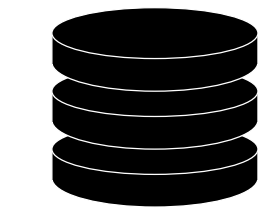
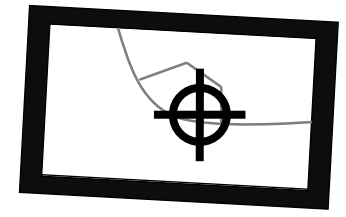
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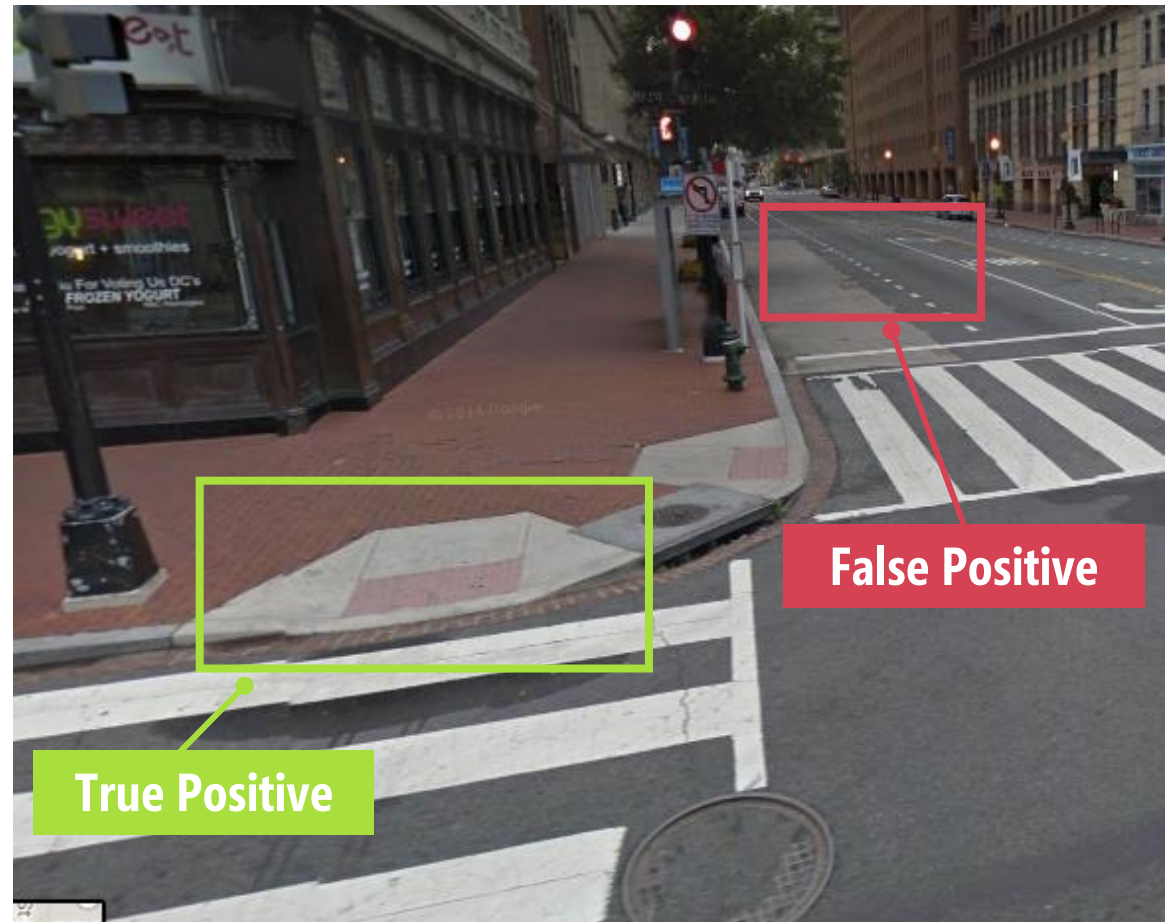
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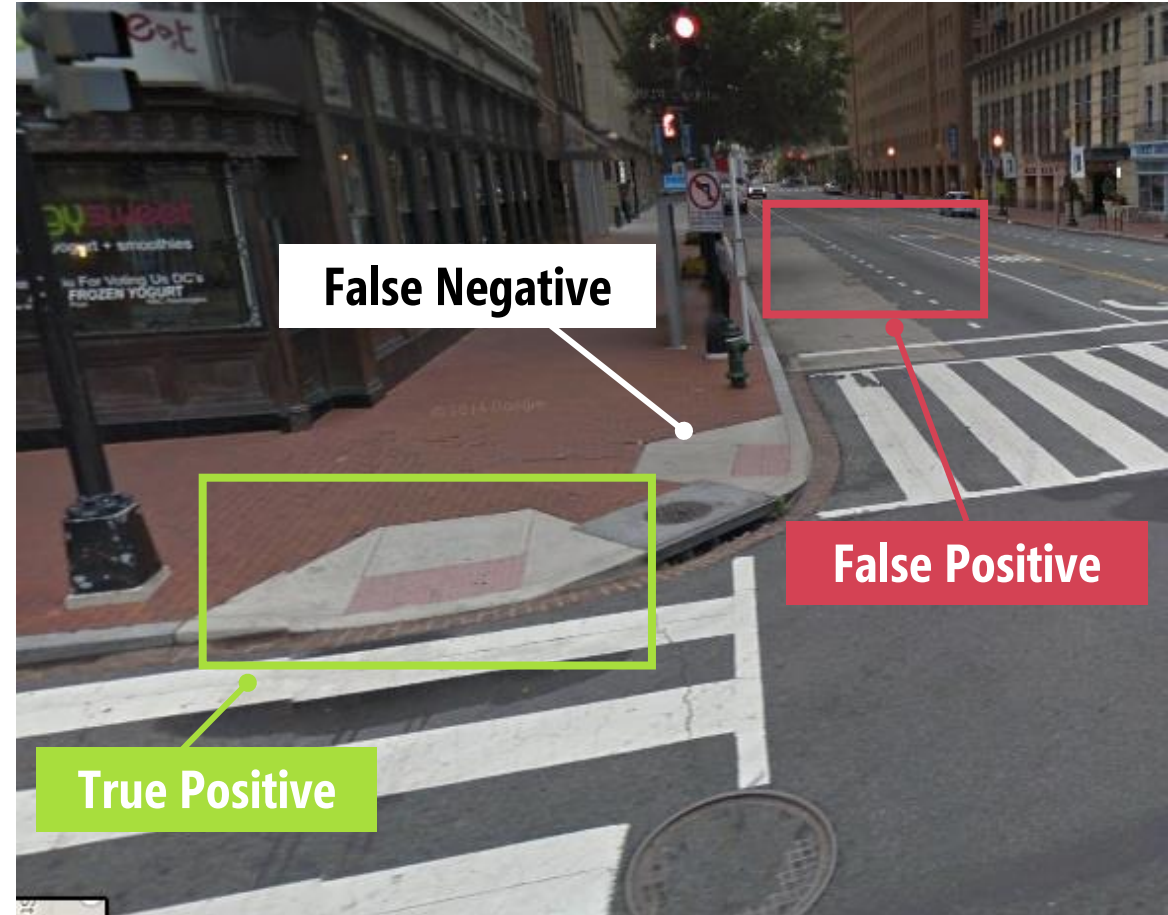
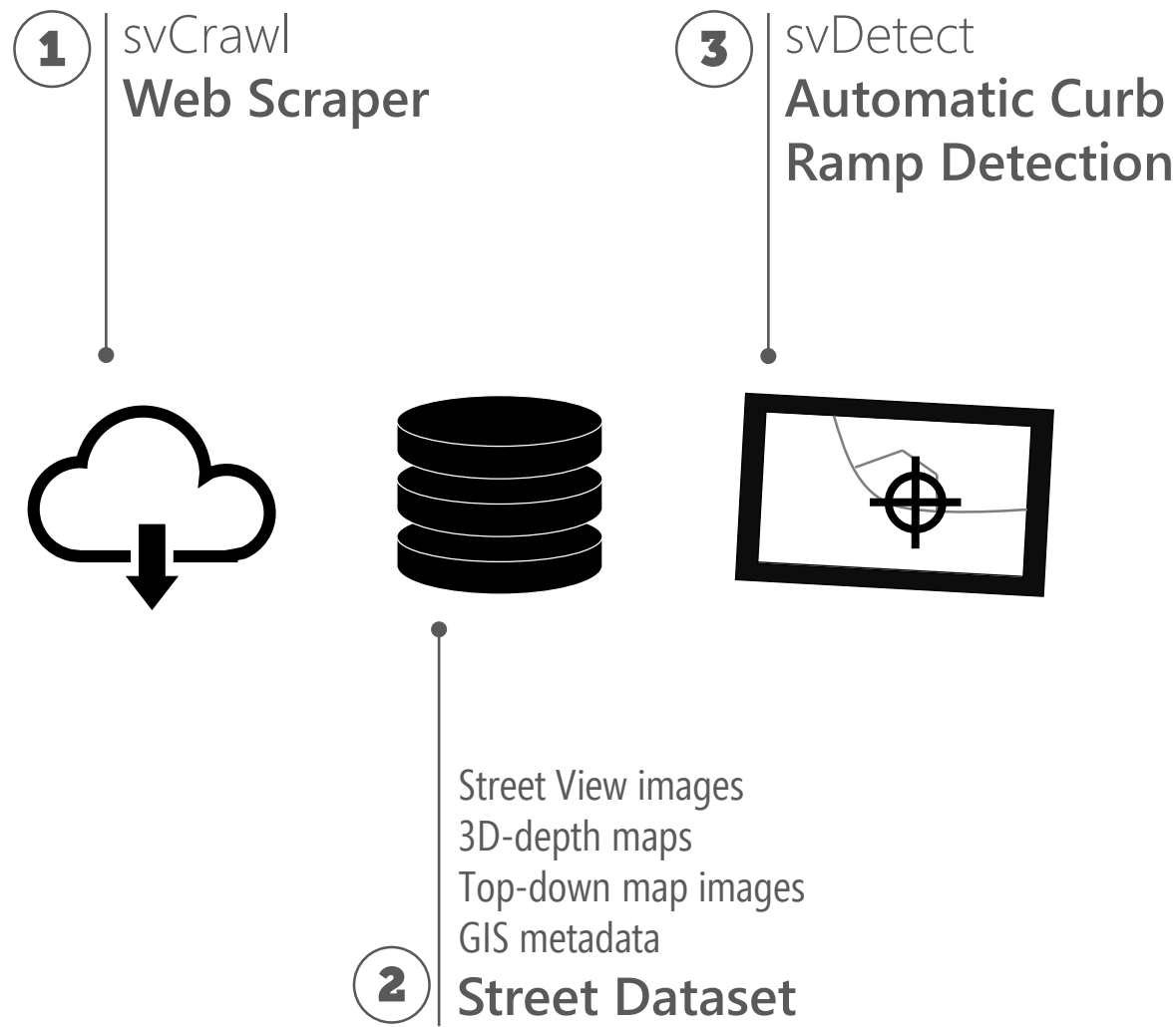


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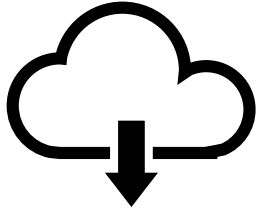


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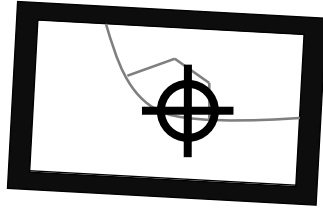




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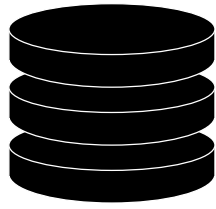
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⑤ svVerify
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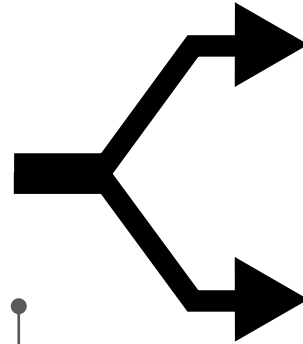


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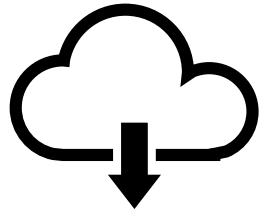


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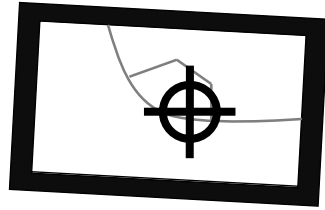
Predicted
CV success



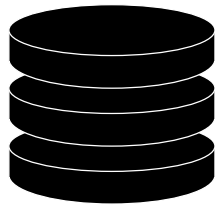
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③ svDetect
**Automatic Curb
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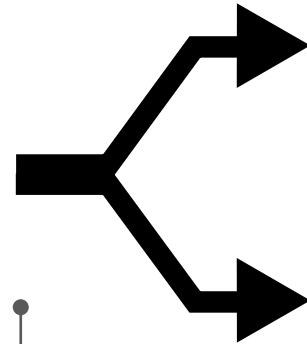
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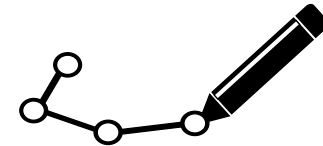
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**Automatic
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Predicted
CV success

Predicted
CV failure

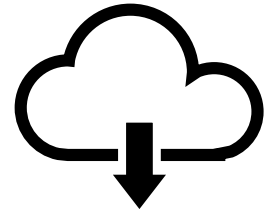


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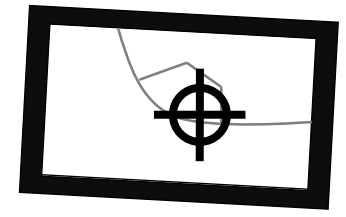


⑥ svLabel
Crowd Labeling

1 svCrawl
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3 svDetect
**Automatic Curb
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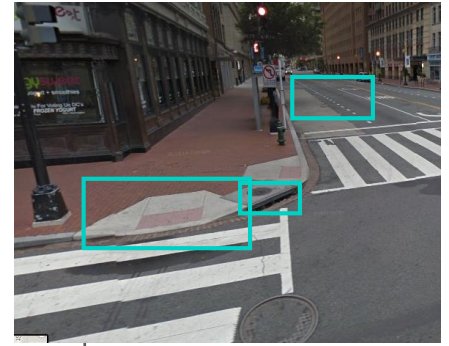


5 svVerify
Crowd Verification

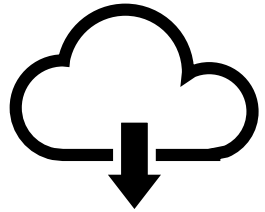


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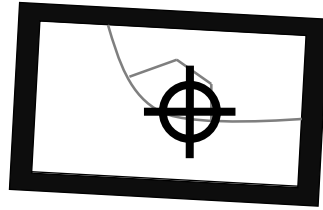
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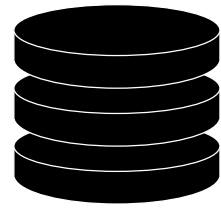
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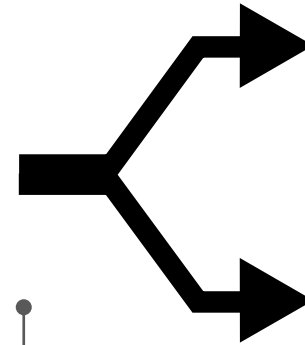


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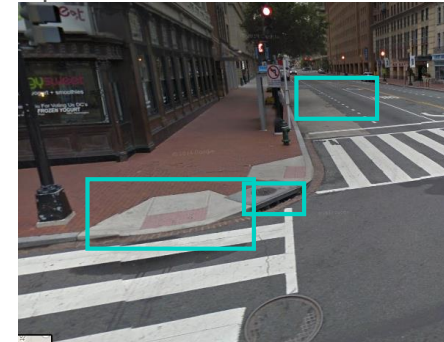


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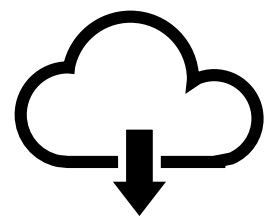


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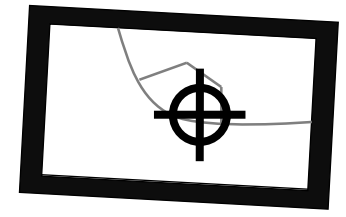


Predicted
CV success

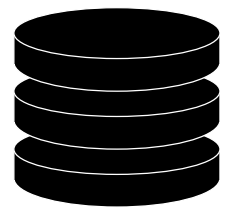
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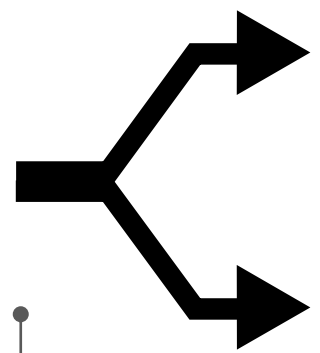
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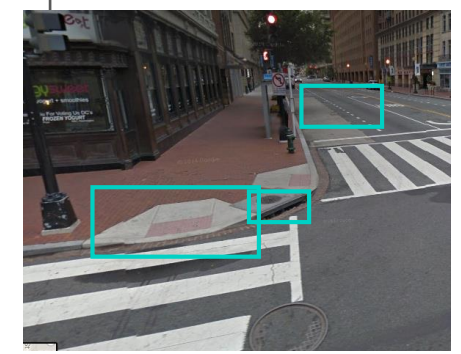
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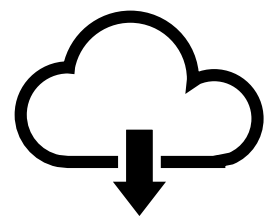


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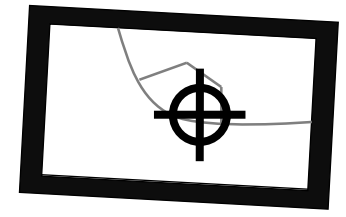


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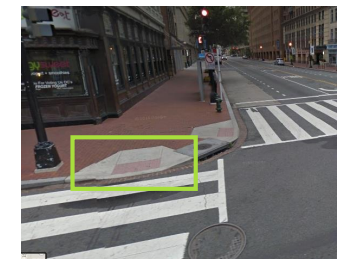
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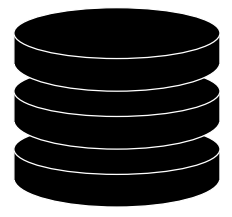
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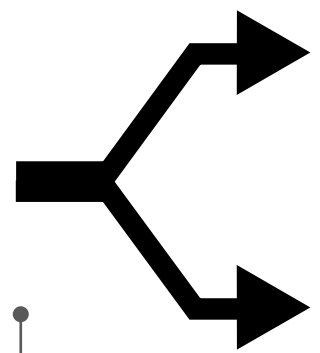


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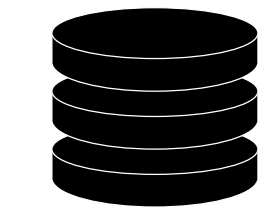
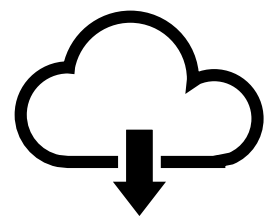


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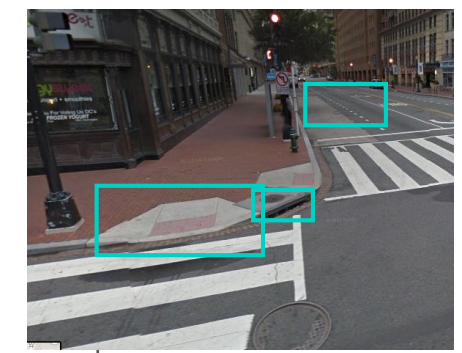
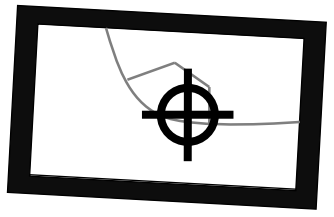


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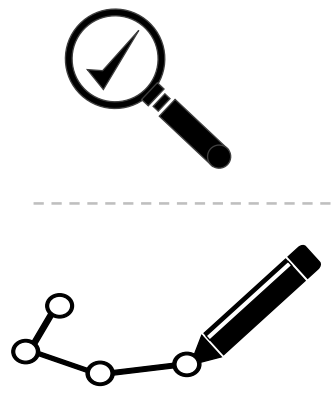
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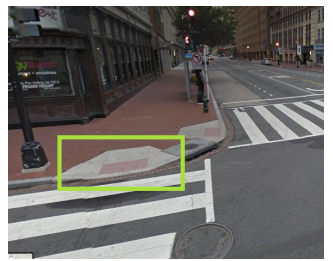


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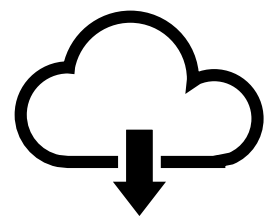
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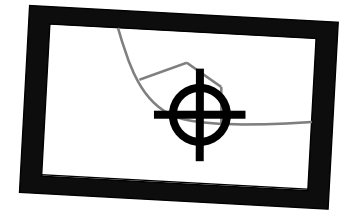
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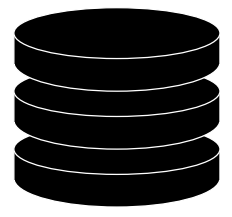
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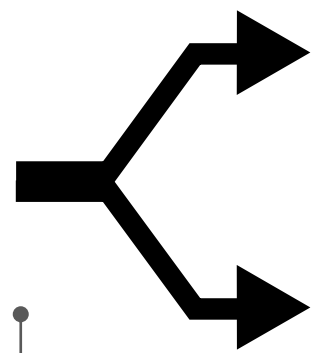
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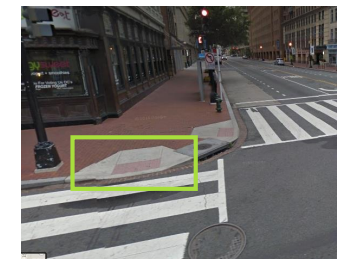
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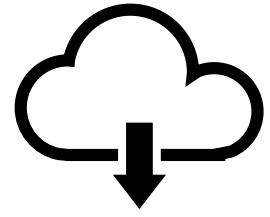


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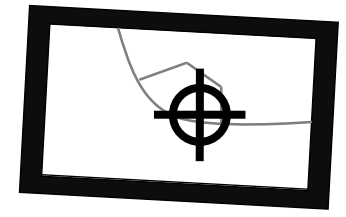


Predicted
CV failure

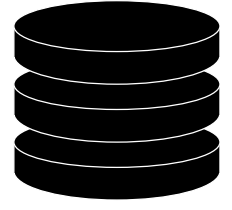
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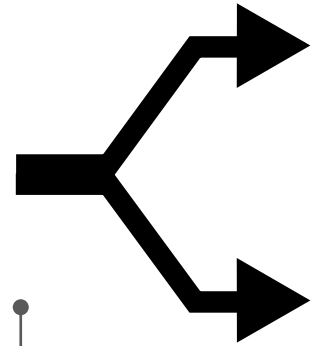
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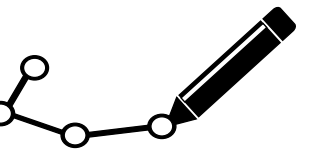
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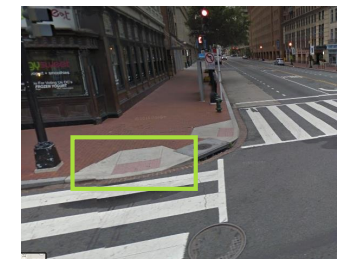
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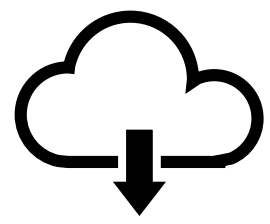


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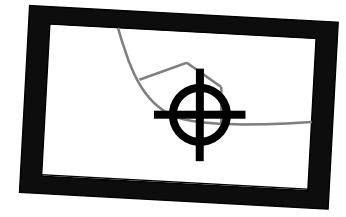


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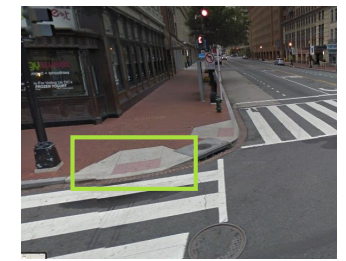
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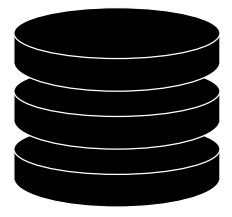
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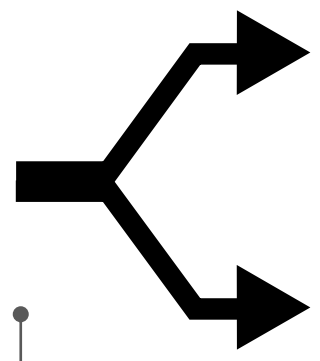
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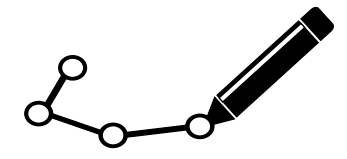
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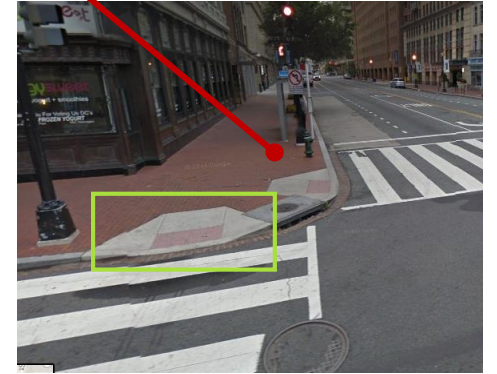
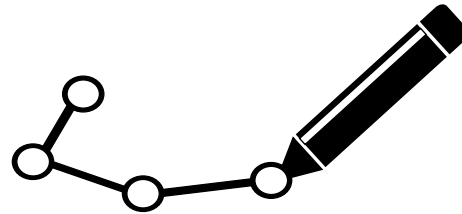
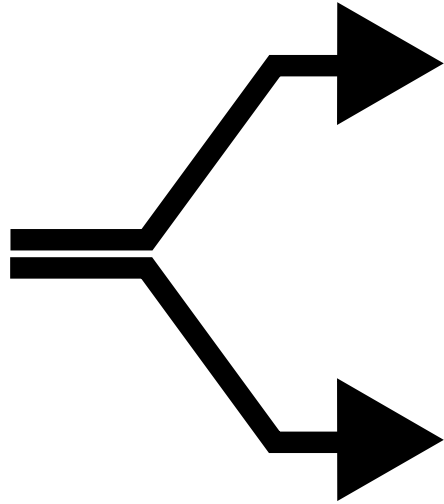
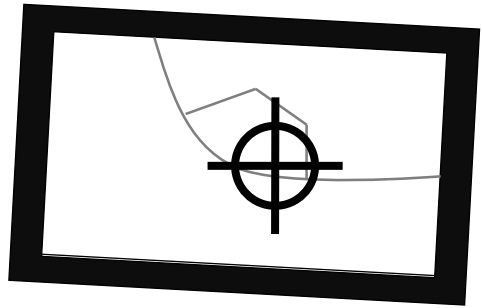
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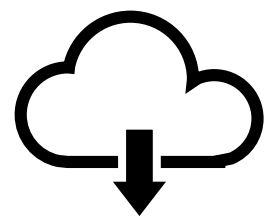
6 svLabel
Crowd Labeling



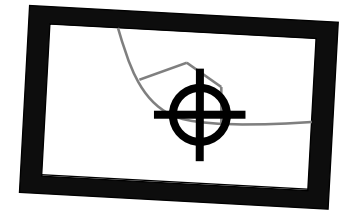
Verifiers cannot fix false negatives
(*i.e.*, they cannot add new labels)



① svCrawl
Web Scraper



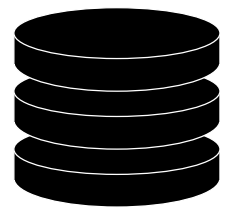
③ svDetect
**Automatic Curb
Ramp Detection**



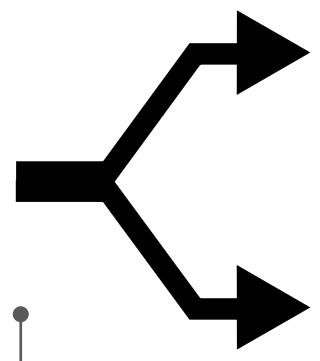
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Crowd Verification



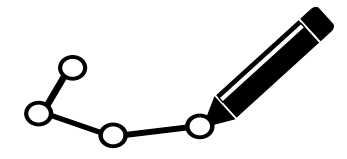
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Street View images
3D-depth maps
Top-down map images
GIS metadata
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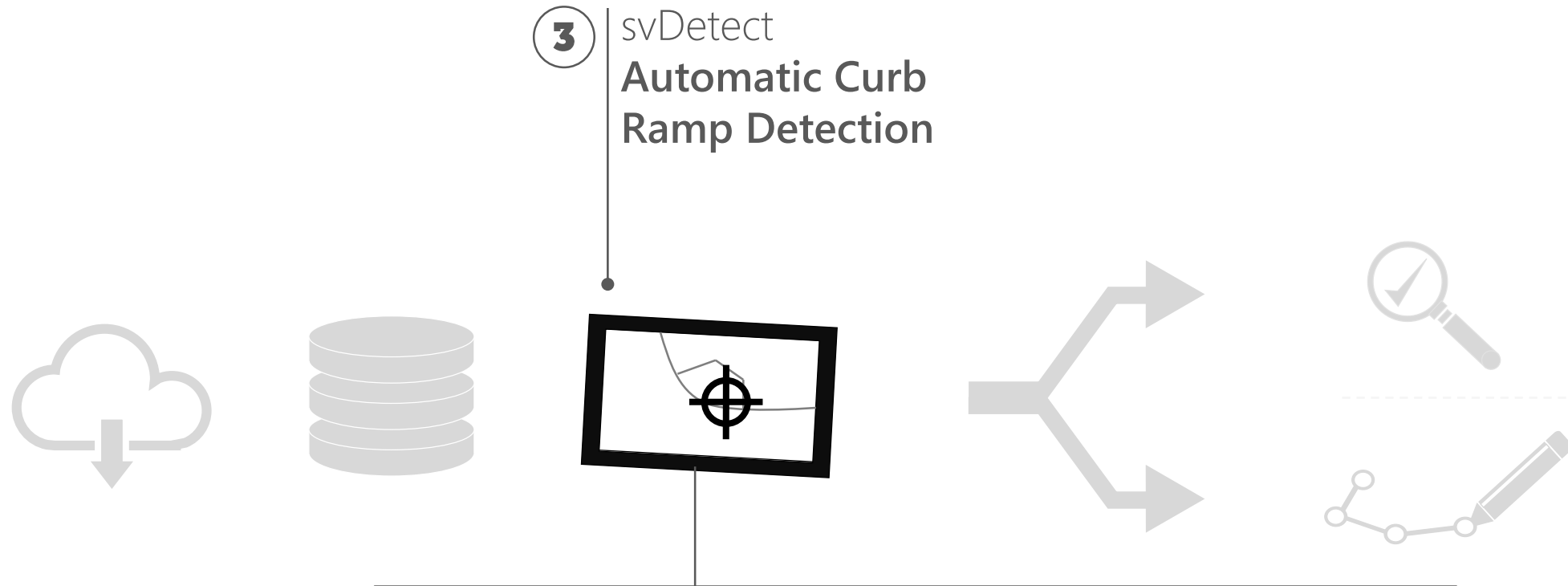


④ svControl
**Automatic
Task Allocation**



⑥ svLabel
Crowd Labeling

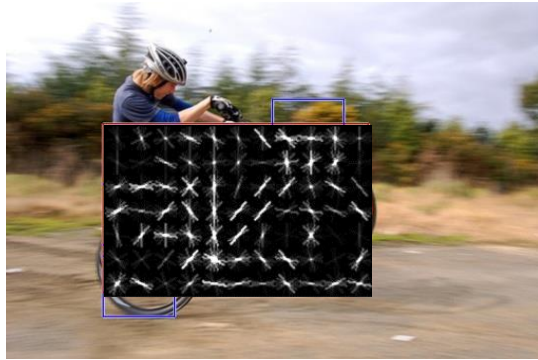
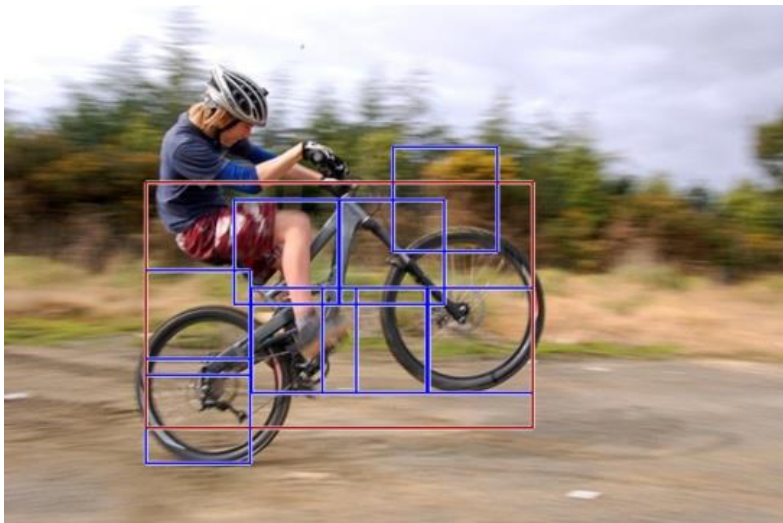




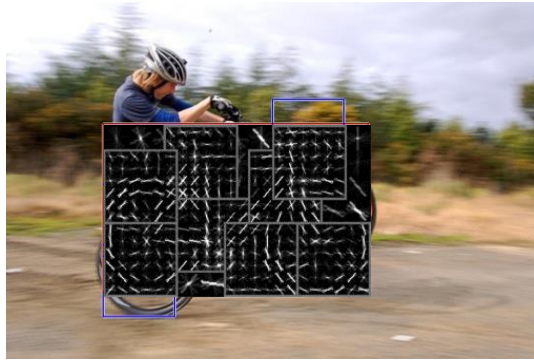
1. Deformable part model (DPM)
2. Post-processing DPM
3. SVM-based classifier

1

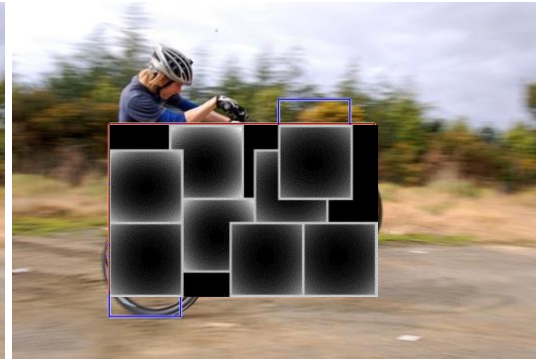
AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR DEFORMABLE PART MODEL



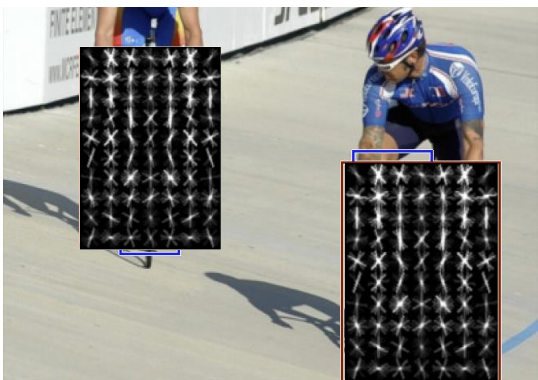
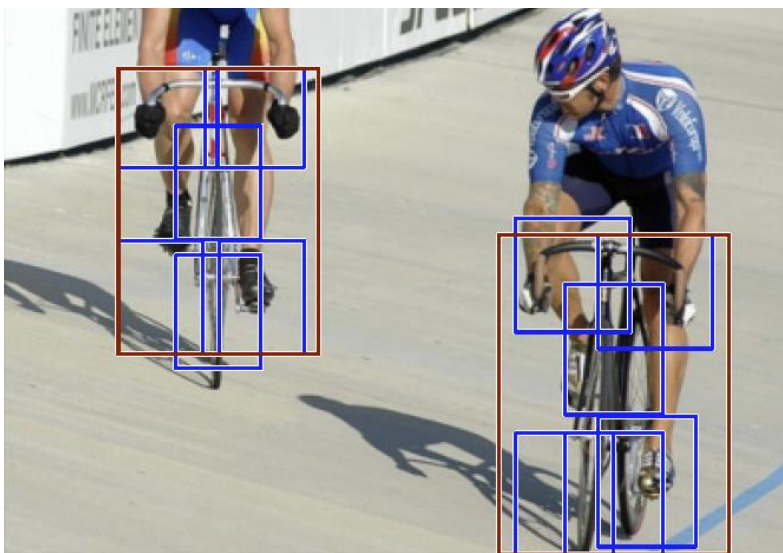
Root filter



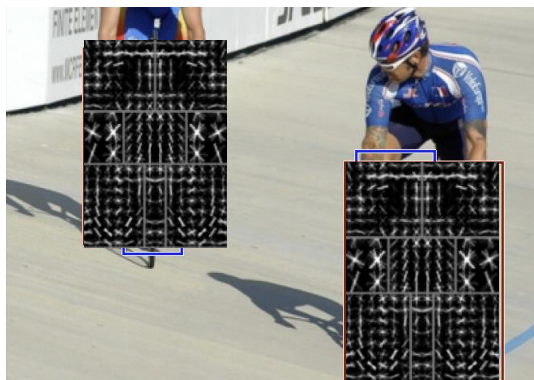
Parts filter



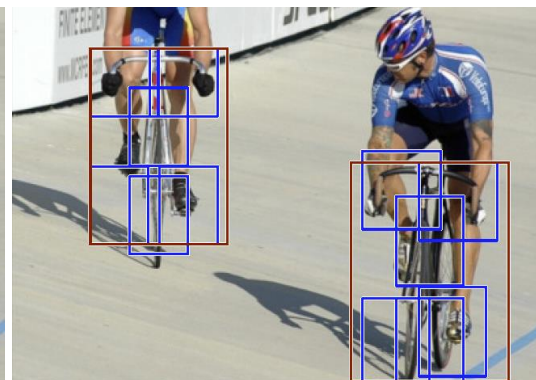
Displacement cost



Root filter



Parts filter



Displacement cost

1

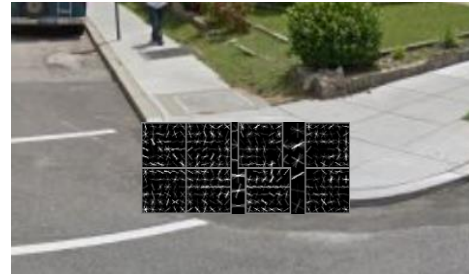
AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR DEFORMABLE PART MODEL



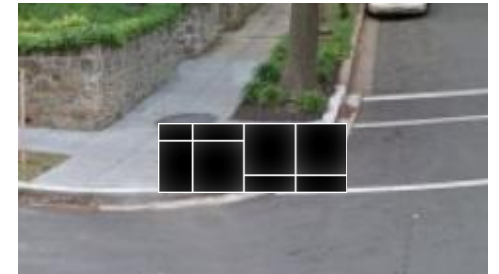
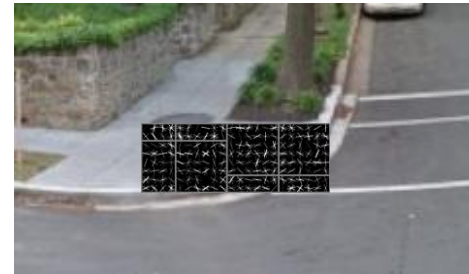
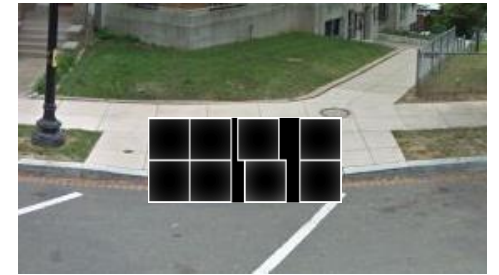
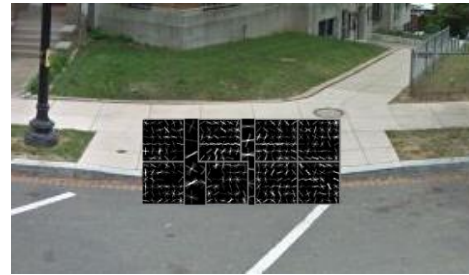
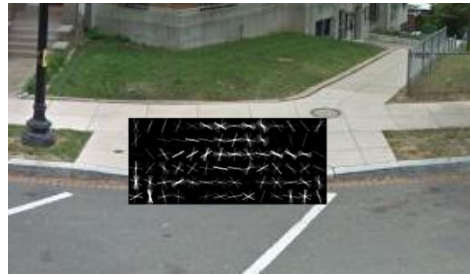
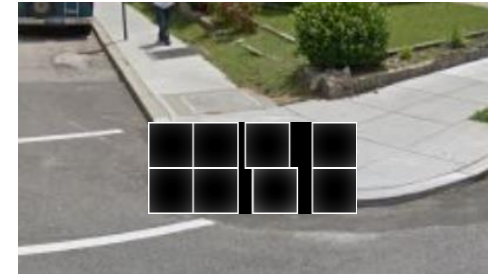
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Parts filter



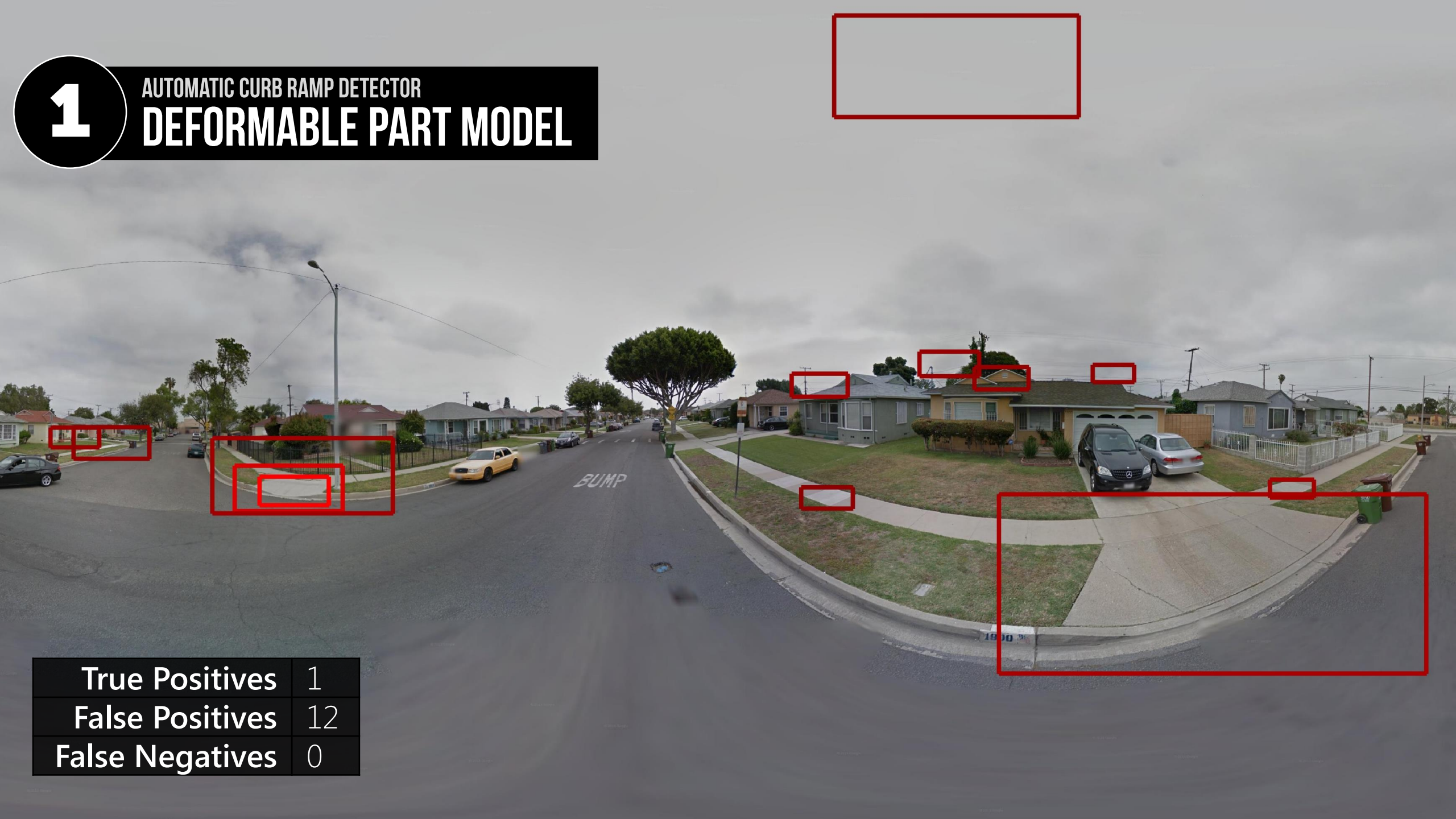
Displacement cost



1

AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR

DEFORMABLE PART MODEL



True Positives	1
False Positives	12
False Negatives	0

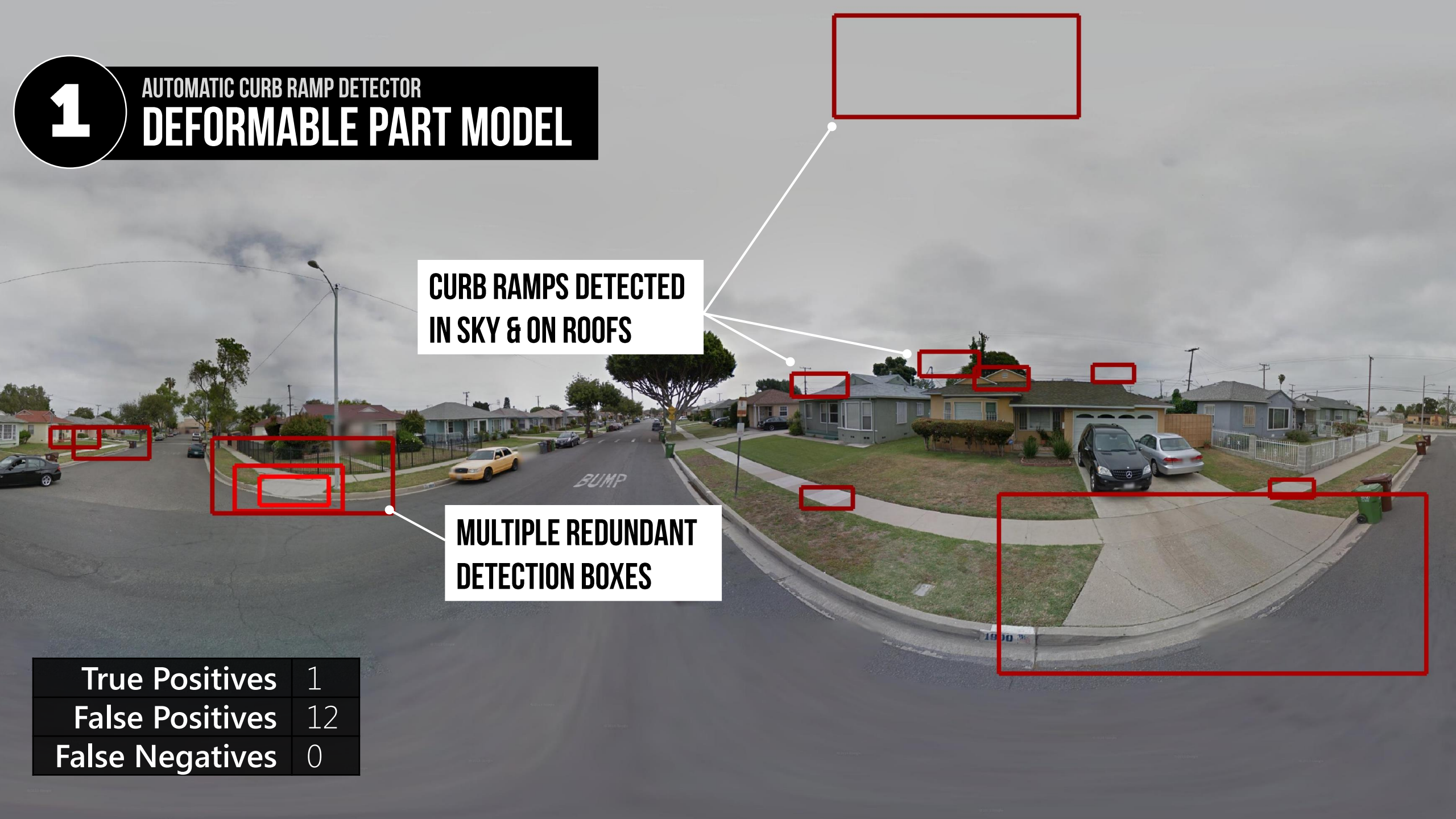
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**AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR
DEFORMABLE PART MODEL**

**CURB RAMPS DETECTED
IN SKY & ON ROOFS**

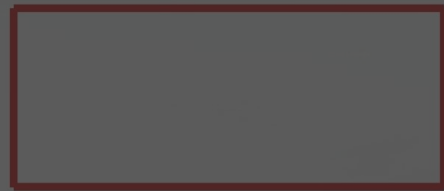
**MULTIPLE REDUNDANT
DETECTION BOXES**

True Positives	1
False Positives	12
False Negatives	0



2

**AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR
POST-PROCESS DPM OUTPUT**



**3D-POINT CLOUD TO REMOVE
CURB RAMPS ABOVE GROUND**

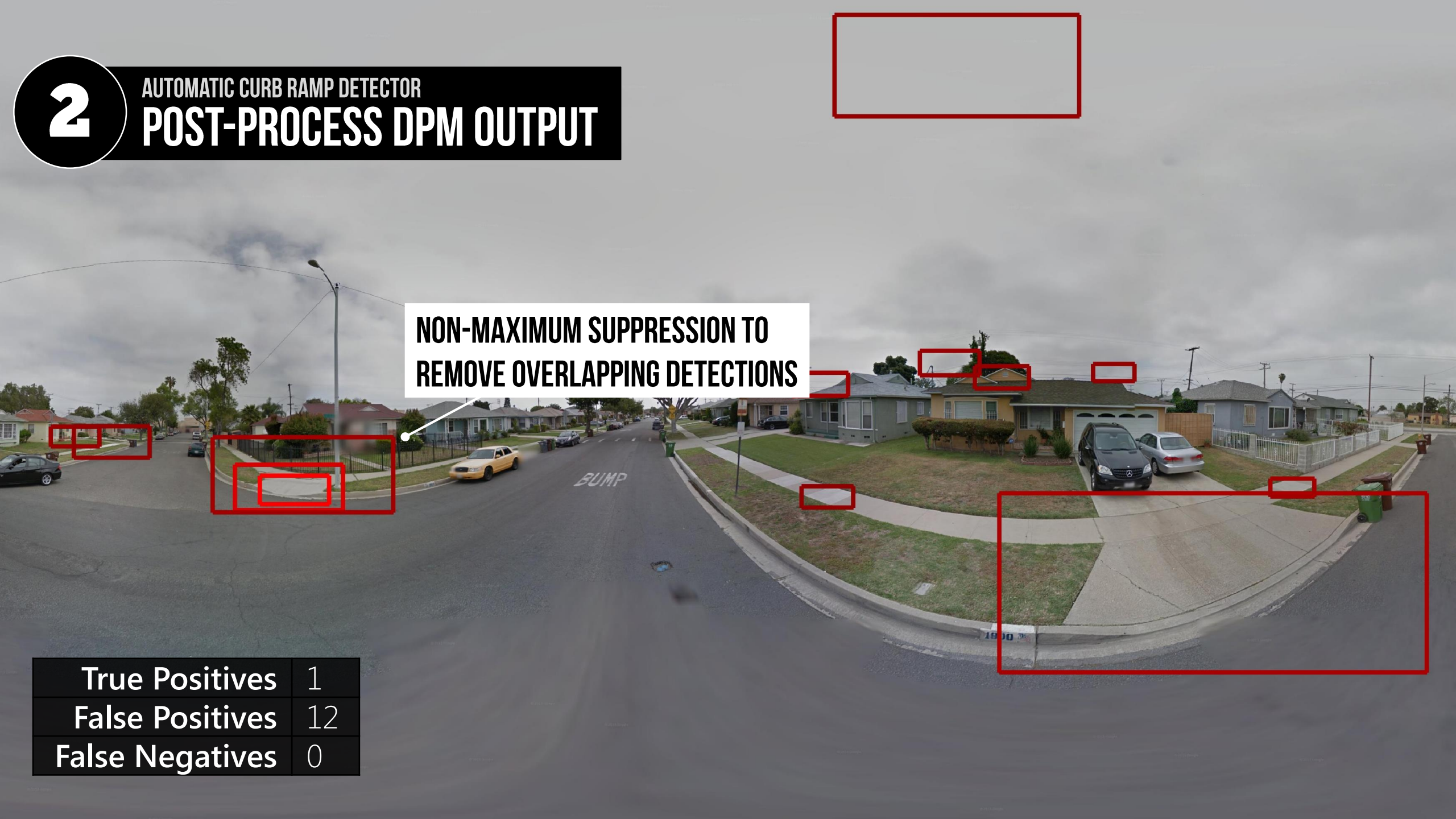


2

**AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR
POST-PROCESS DPM OUTPUT**

**NON-MAXIMUM SUPPRESSION TO
REMOVE OVERLAPPING DETECTIONS**

True Positives	1
False Positives	12
False Negatives	0



2

AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR
POST-PROCESS DPM OUTPUT



True Positives	1
False Positives	5
False Negatives	0

3

AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR SVM-BASED REFINEMENT

**SVM FILTERS DETECTIONS BASED ON
SIZE, COLOR, & POSITION IN SCENE**



True Positives	1
False Positives	5
False Negatives	0

3

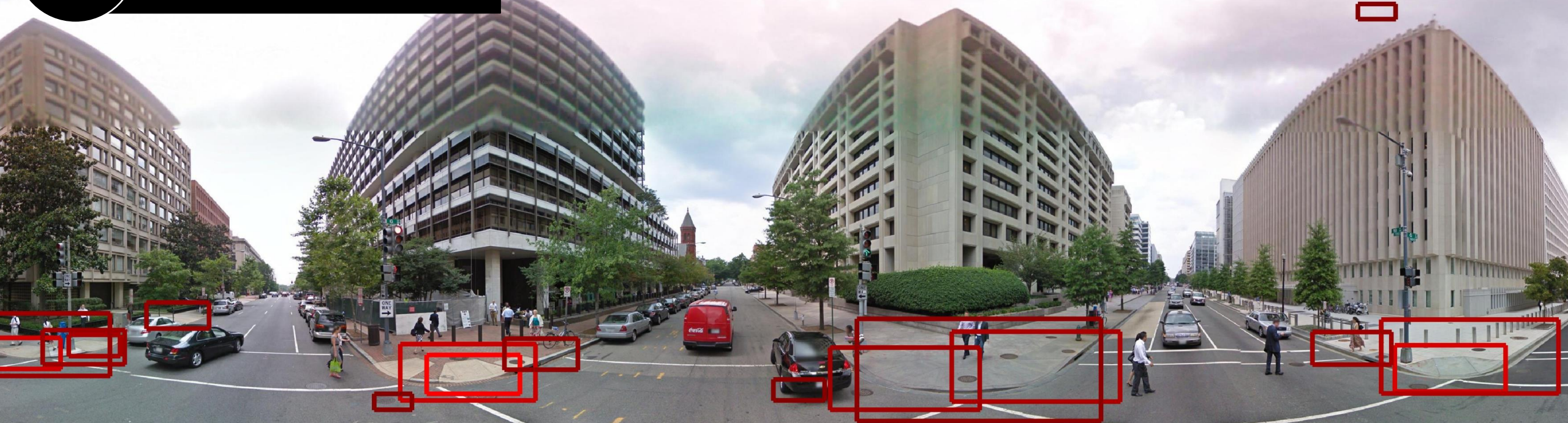
AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR
FINAL OUTPUT



True Positives	1
False Positives	3
False Negatives	0

1

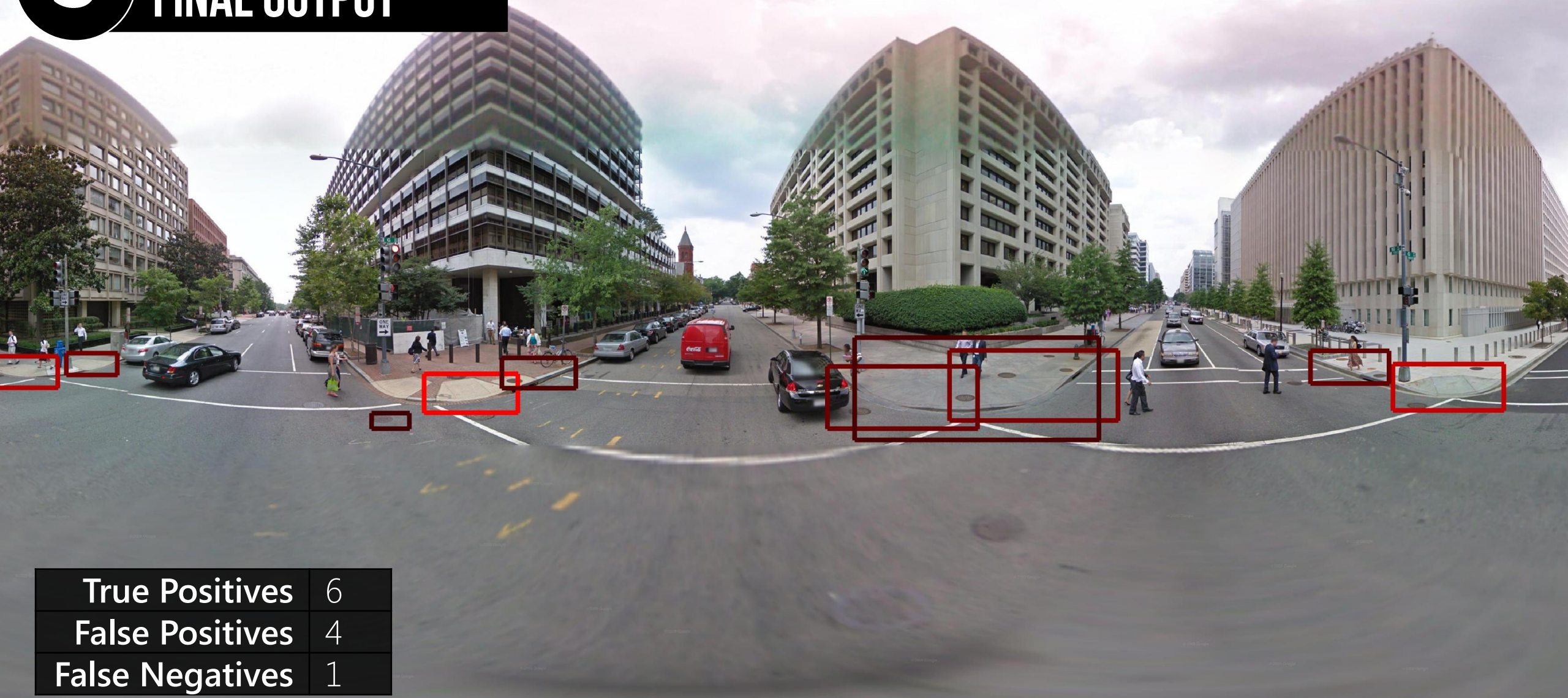
**AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR
DPM OUTPUT**



True Positives	6
False Positives	11
False Negatives	1

3

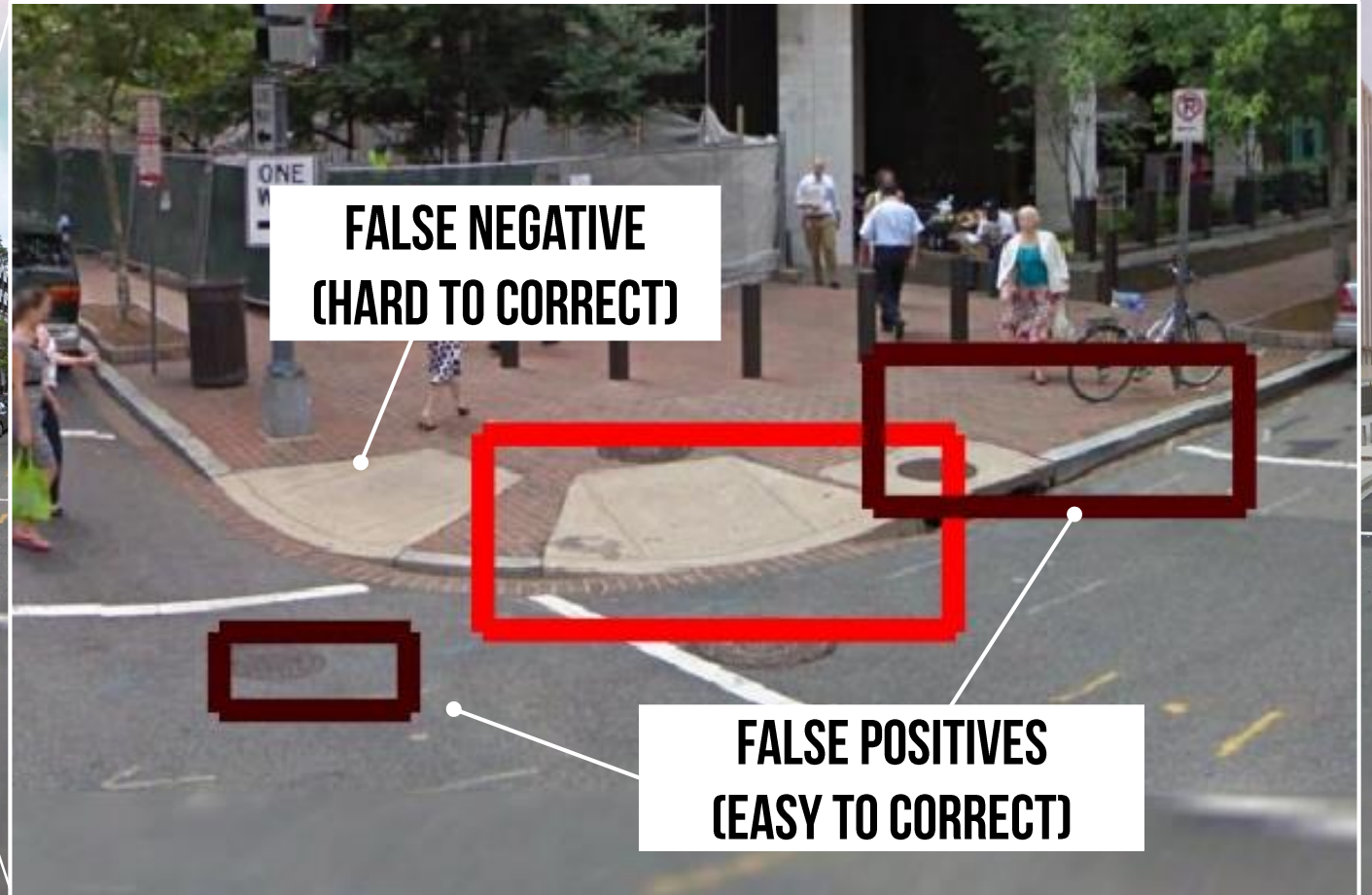
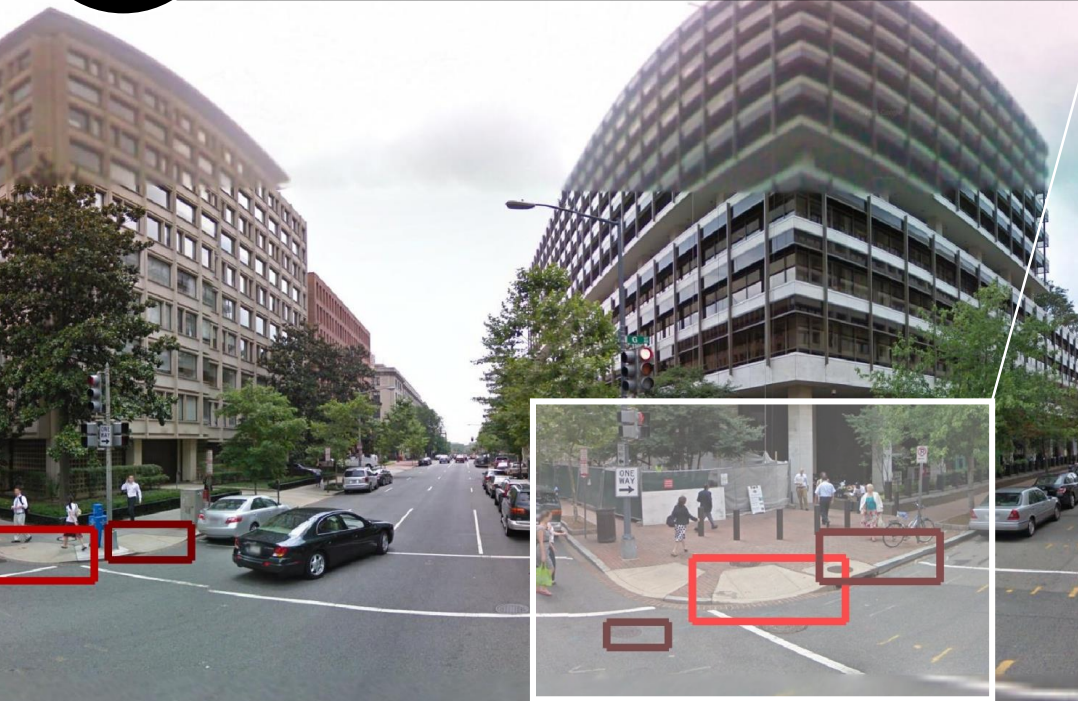
**AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR
FINAL OUTPUT**



True Positives	6
False Positives	4
False Negatives	1

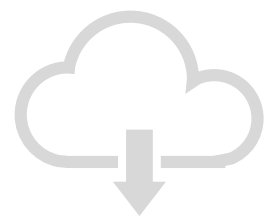
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AUTOMATIC CURB RAMP DETECTOR FINAL OUTPUT

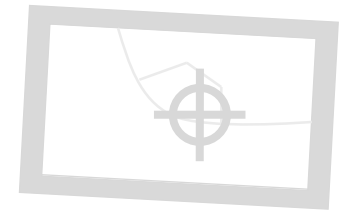


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① svCrawl
Web Scraper



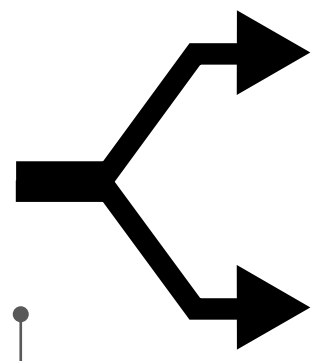
③ svDetect
Automatic Curb
Ramp Detection



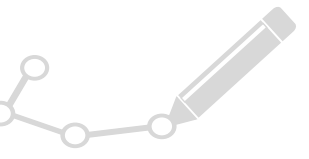
② Street View images
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Top-down map images
GIS metadata
Street Dataset



④ svControl
**Automatic
Task Allocation**



⑤ svVerify
Crowd Verification

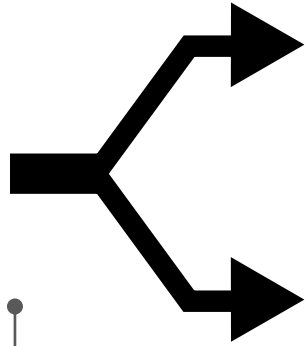


⑥ svLabel
Crowd Labeling



SVM TRAINED WITH 23 INPUT FEATURES

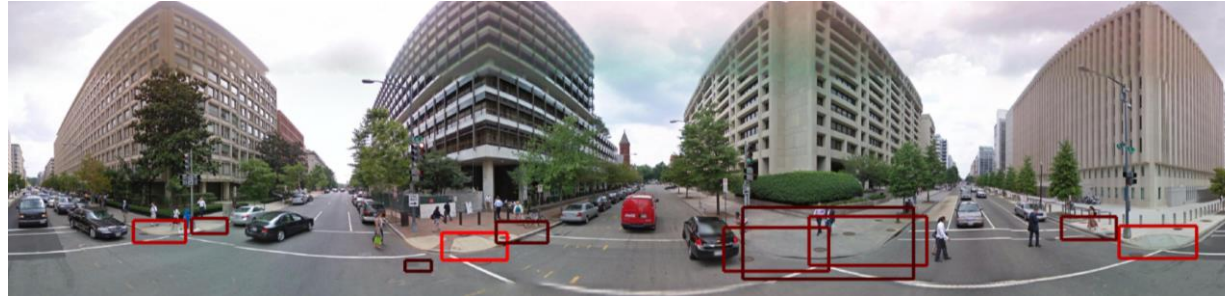
Binary classifier trained to predict occurrence of false negatives from svDetect stage



4

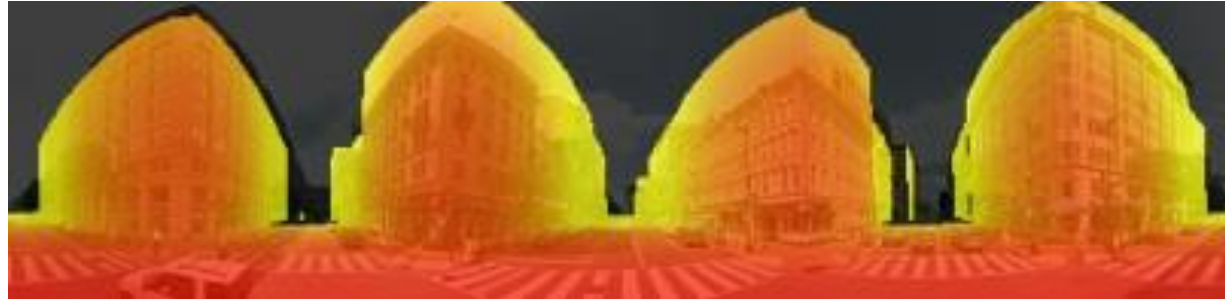
svControl
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Curb Ramp Detector Output (16 Features)



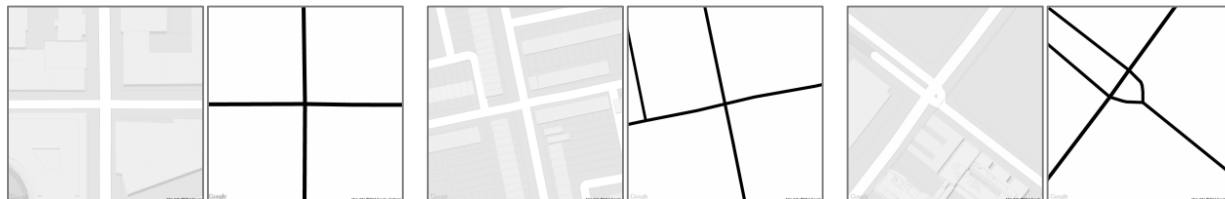
Raw # of bounding boxes
Descriptive stats of confidence scores
Descriptive stats of XY-coordinates

3D-Point Cloud Data (5 Features)



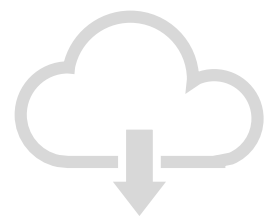
Descriptive stats of depth information
(*e.g.*, average, median, variance) of
pixel depth

Intersection Complexity (2 Features)

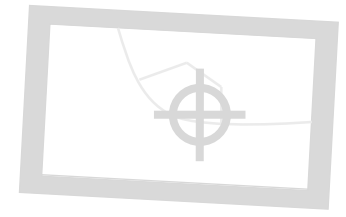


Cardinality (# of connected streets)
Amount of road

1 svCrawl
Web Scraper



3 svDetect
Automatic Curb
Ramp Detection



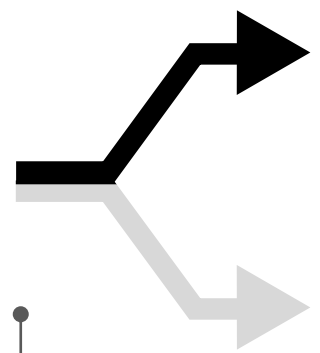
2 Street View images
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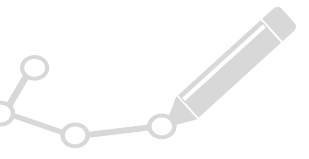
4 svControl
Automatic
Task Allocation

Predicted
CV success

Predicted
CV failure



5 svVerify
Crowd Verification



6 svLabel
Crowd Labeling

VERIFICATION TOOL

Correct false positives from computer vision

Zoom In Zoom Out Undo Redo





Status

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Your mission is to **verify** the presence of curb ramps at intersections.

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You have finished 0 out of 1.

Labeled Curb Ramps:

  11

Keyboard Shortcuts:

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The area of the scene you have observed: 14%



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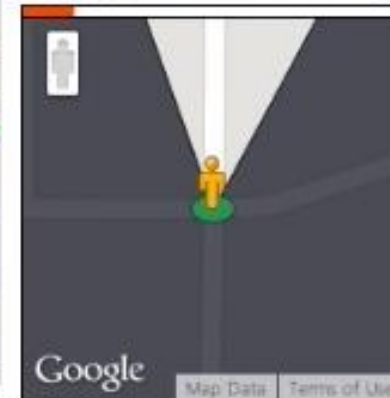
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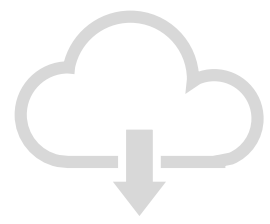


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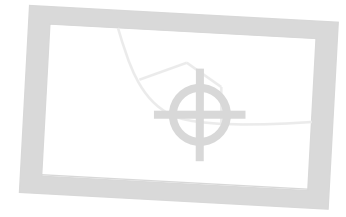
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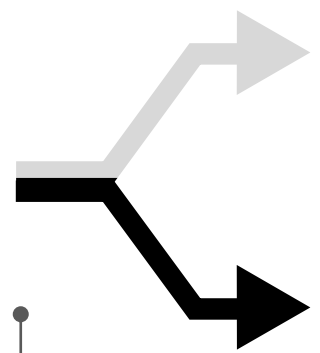
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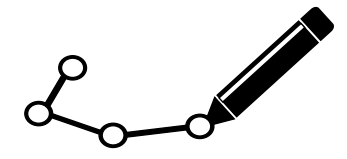
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LABELING TOOL


Find and label the following




Explore




Curb Ramp




Missing Curb Ramp




Zoom In




Zoom Out



Undo



Redo




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Status

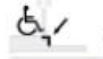
Mission:
Your mission is to **find and label** the presence and absence of curb ramps at intersections.

Progress:
You have finished 0 out of 5.

Labeled Landmarks:



0



0

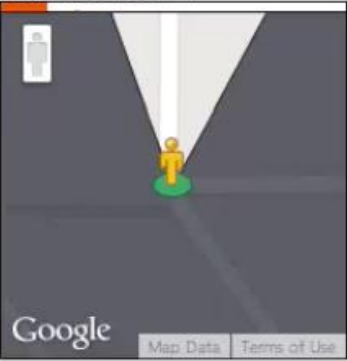
You've submitted 0 curb ramp labels and 0 missing curb ramp labels.

Keyboard Shortcuts:

ESC: Cancel drawing

Z / Shift+Z: Zoom in / Zoom out

Observed area: 14%



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Please enter any comments about this intersection that may affect people with mobility impairment (optional)


Skip


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
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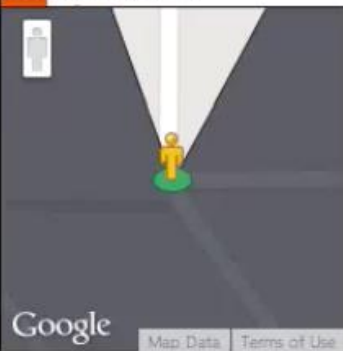
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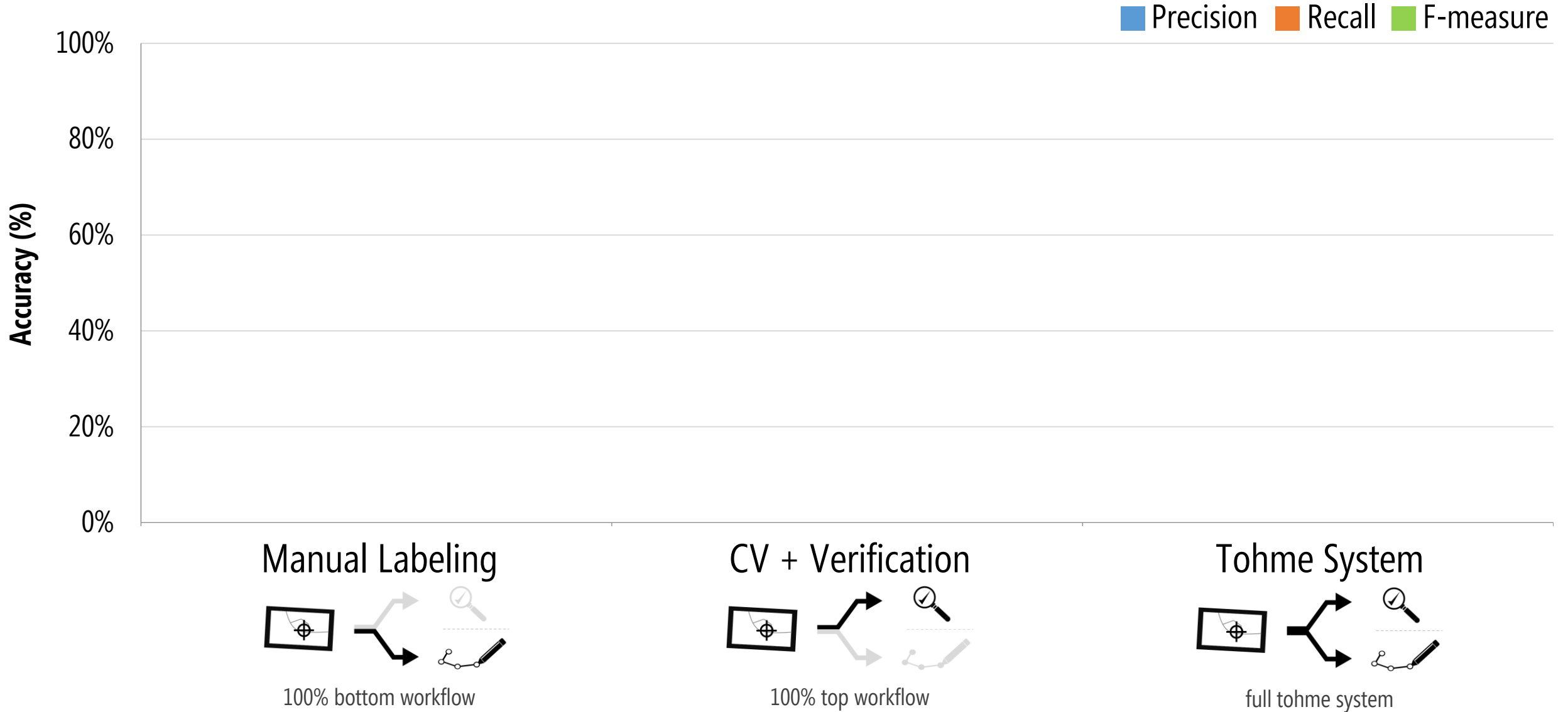
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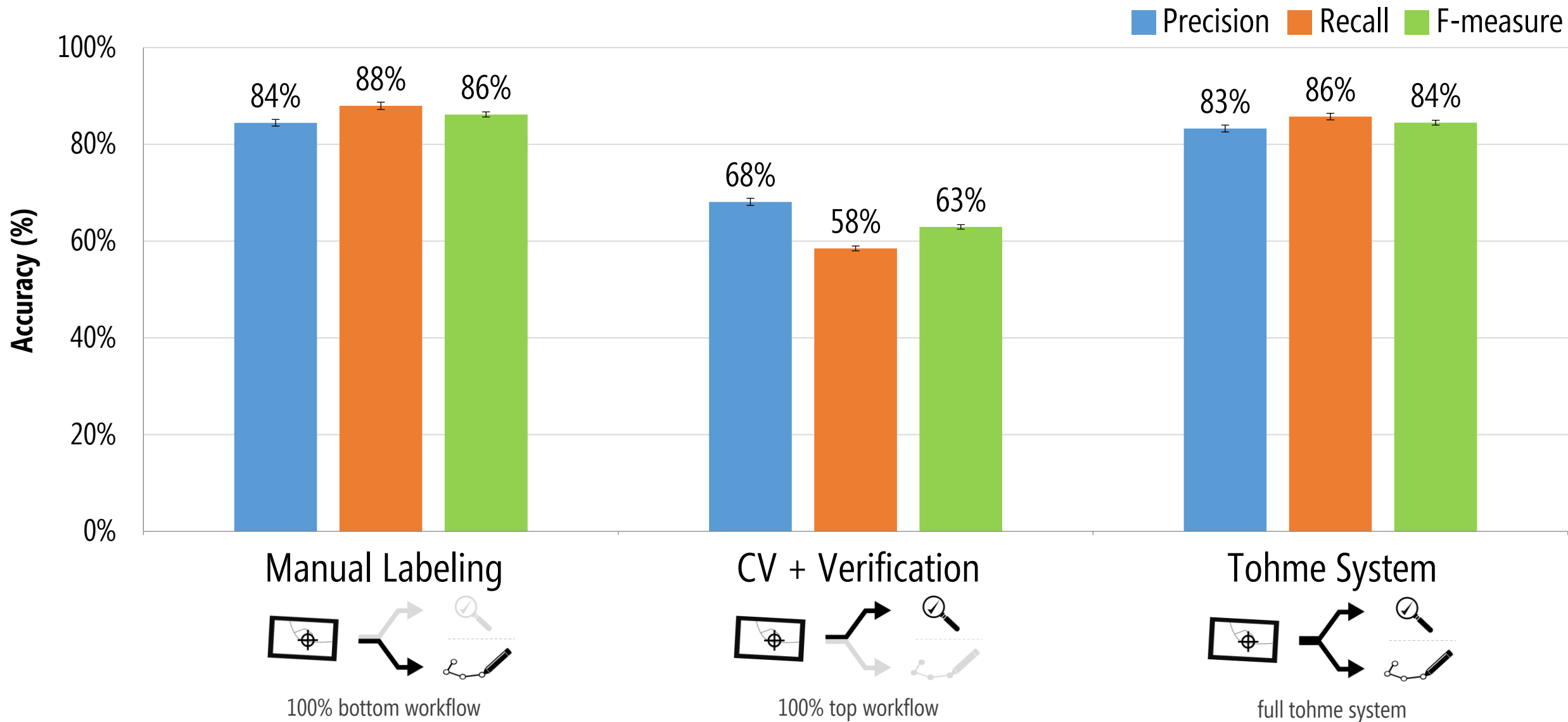
STUDY METHOD

1. Generate ground truth labels
2. Train computer vision & task controller
3. Deploy Tohme to Mechanical Turk
4. Compare Tohme to baseline

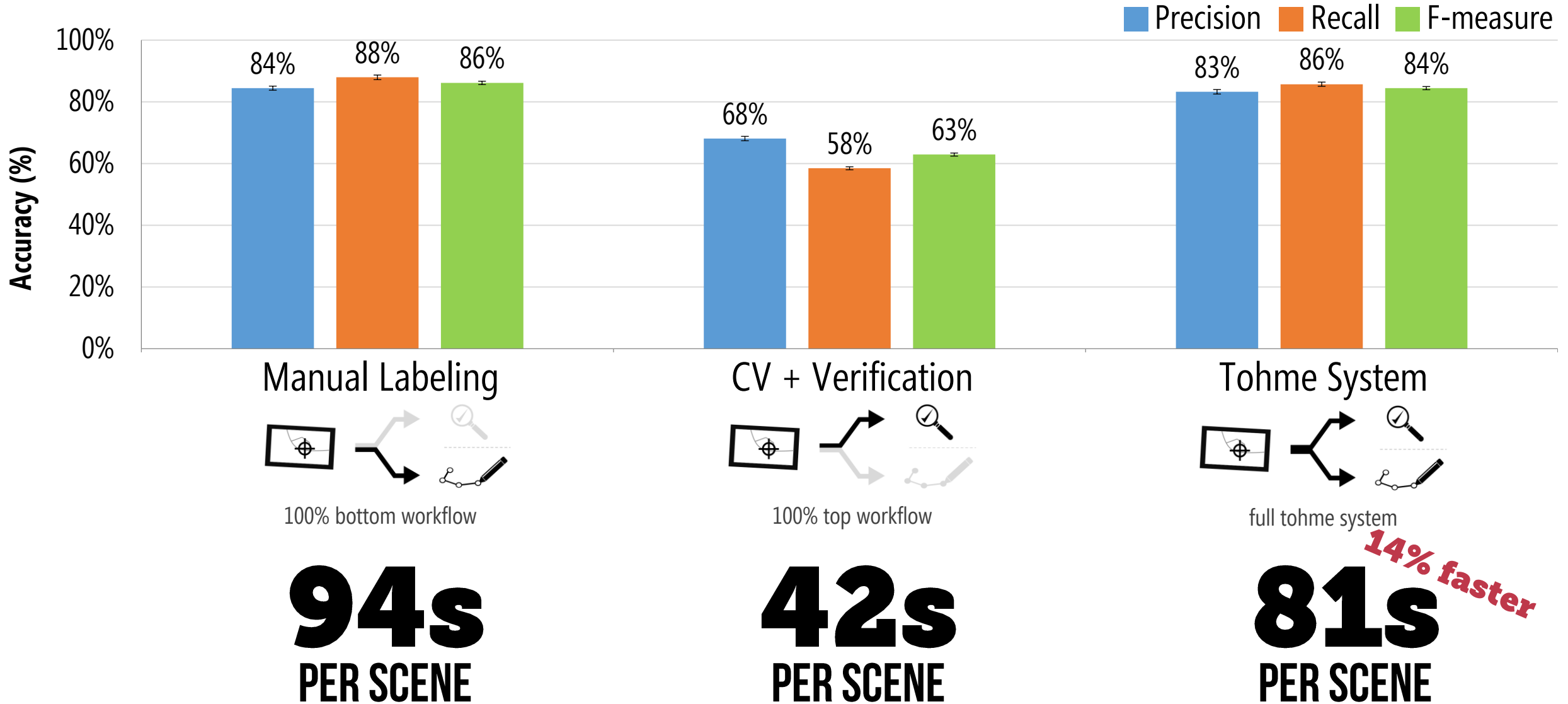
OVERALL RESULTS



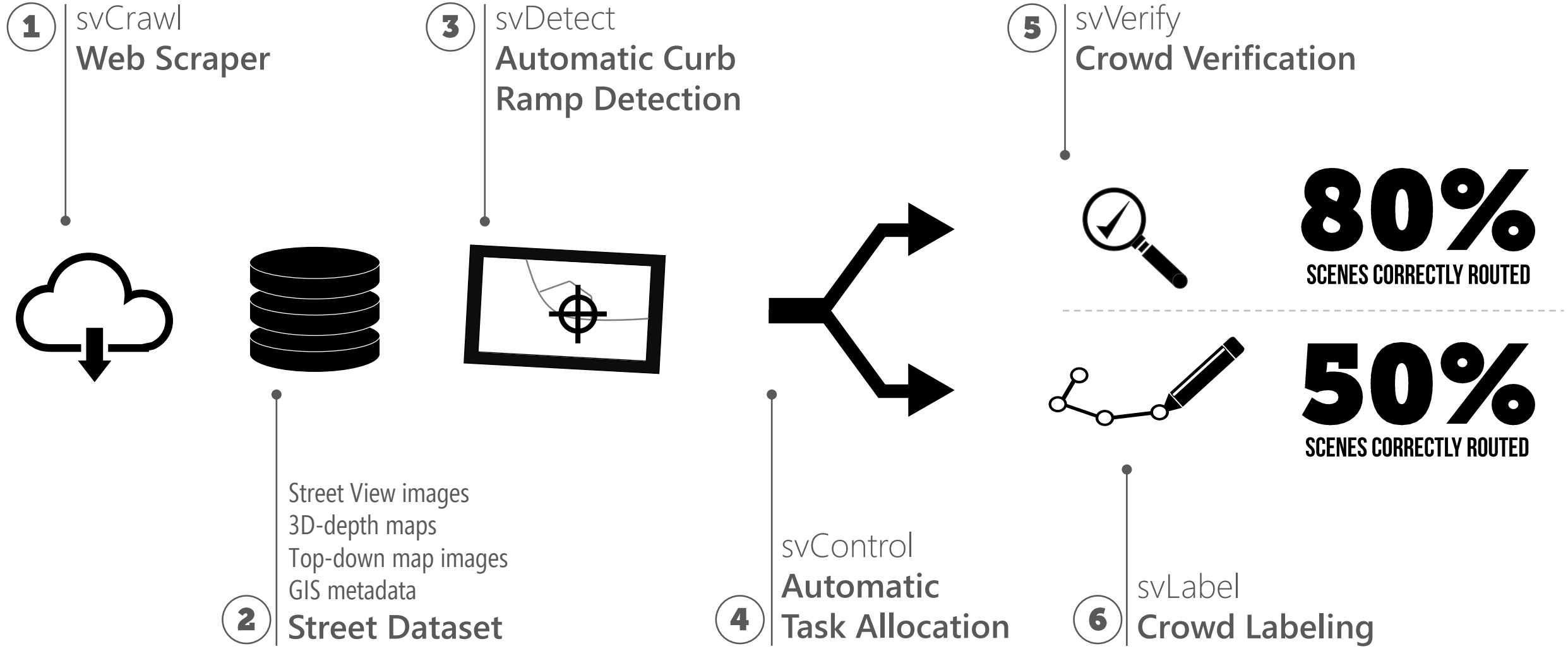
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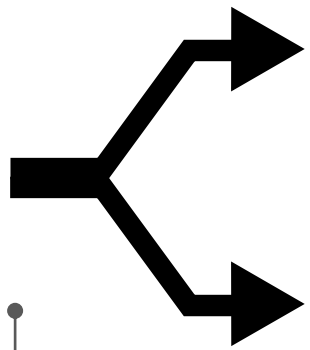


TASK CONTROLLER PERFORMANCE



SIMULATED PERFECT TASK CONTROLLER

rb
on

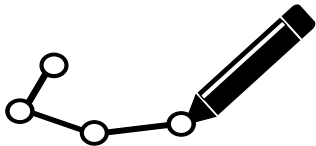


5 svVerify
Crowd Verification



Simulated perfect task controller

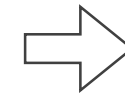
100%
SCENES CORRECTLY ROUTED



100%
SCENES CORRECTLY ROUTED

OVERALL SPEEDUP INCREASES OVER MANUAL BASELINE

14%
SPEEDUP



27%
SPEEDUP

4 svControl
Automatic
Task Allocation

6 svLabel
Crowd Labeling

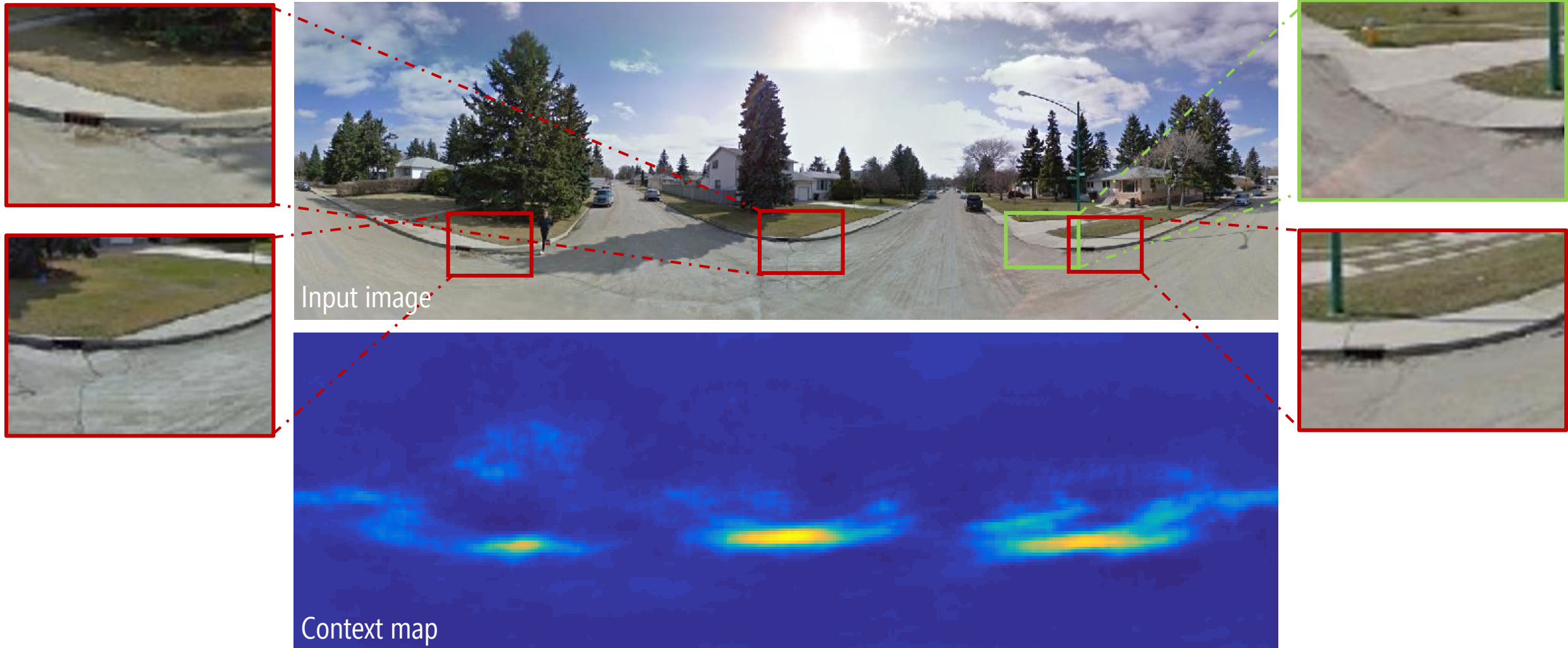
CURRENT & FUTURE WORK

1. Improving detection algorithms
2. Project Sidewalk
3. New workflows & interfaces
4. Developing new assistive technologies

CURRENT & FUTURE WORK

APPLYING CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS

Recently accepted to CVPR'17





PROJECT
SIDEWALK

[HTTP://PROJECTSIDEWALK.IO](http://PROJECTSIDEWALK.IO)

A man wearing glasses and a dark jacket is sitting in a wheelchair on a paved path. He is looking to the right. The background shows a grassy area and trees with some autumn leaves.

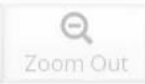
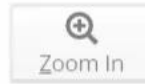
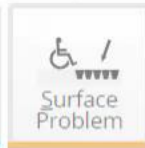
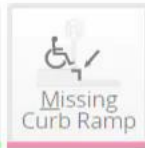
Let's create a path for
everyone

[Start Mapping](#)

How you can help

Virtually explore city streets to find and label accessibility

Find and label the following



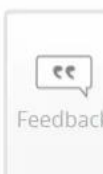
Current Neighborhood
Fort Stanton, D.C.

Audit 1000ft of Fort Stanton



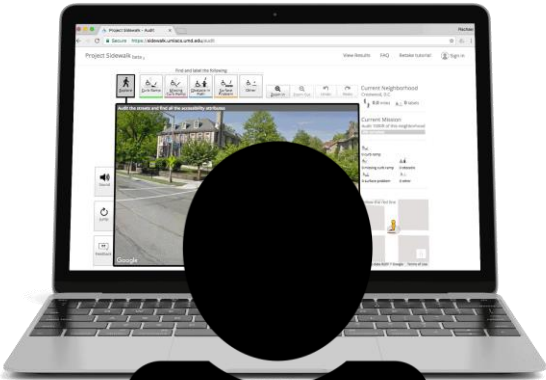
Your mission is to audit 1000ft of Fort Stanton and find all the accessibility features that affect mobility impaired travelers!

OK

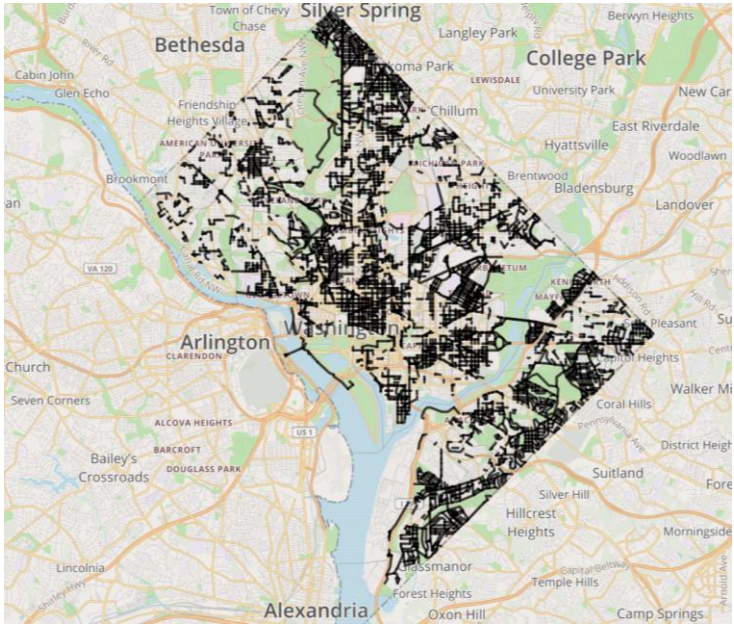


CURRENT & FUTURE WORK

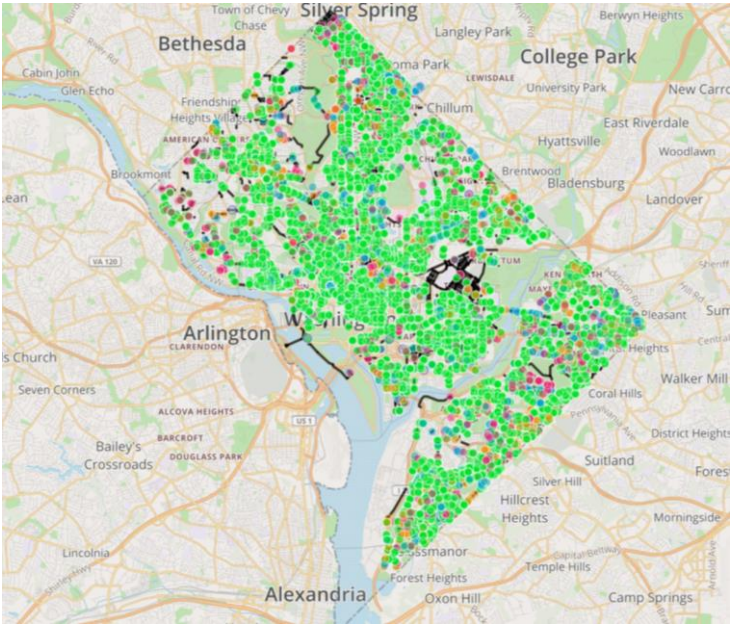
PROJECT SIDEWALK CONTRIBUTIONS



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USERS



470
MILES



66,000
LABELS



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Washington, District of Columbia

Street View - Sep 2007



Back to Map

Google

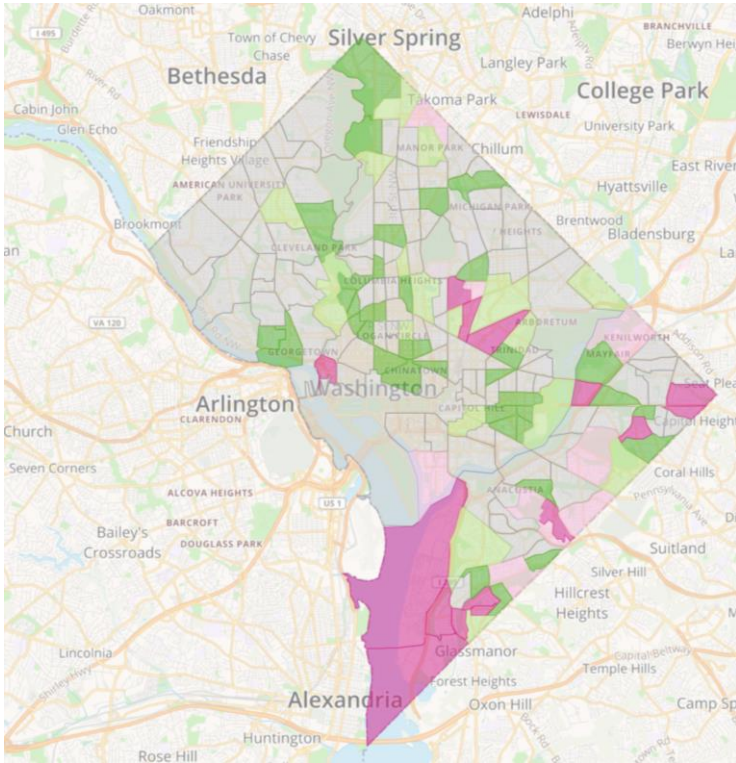


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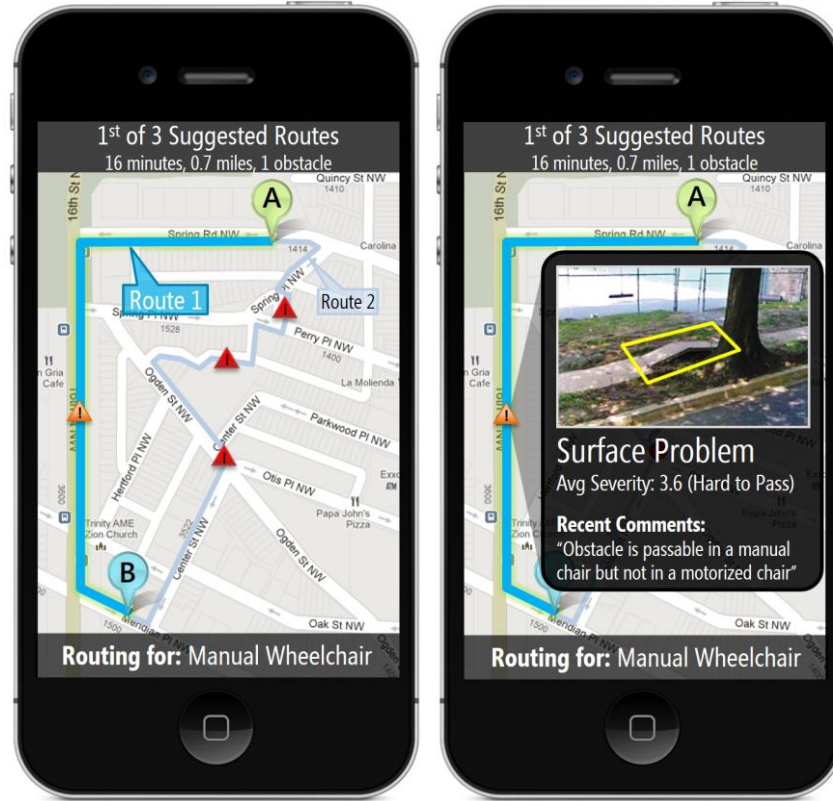
TRACKING ACCESSIBILITY INFRASTRUCTURE OVER TIME



NOVEL ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS



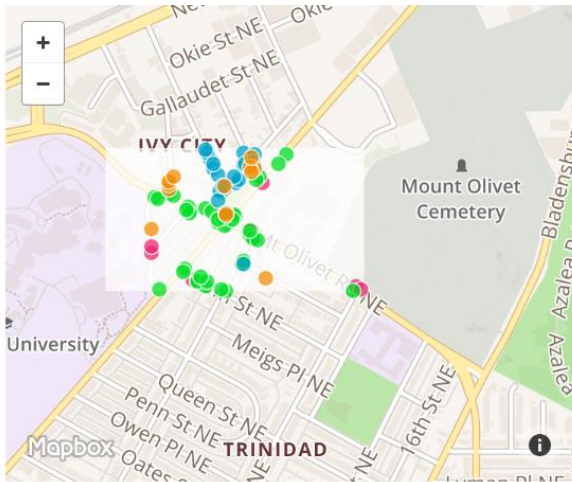
New models & viz of city accessibility



Smart routing for people with impairments



Cross-city comparison tools



Access Features

This API serves point-level location data on accessibility features. The major categories of the features include: "Curb Ramp," "Missing Curb Ramp," "Obstacles," and "Surface Problem." You would occasionally find an accessibility feature like "No Sidewalk."

URL `/v1/access/features`

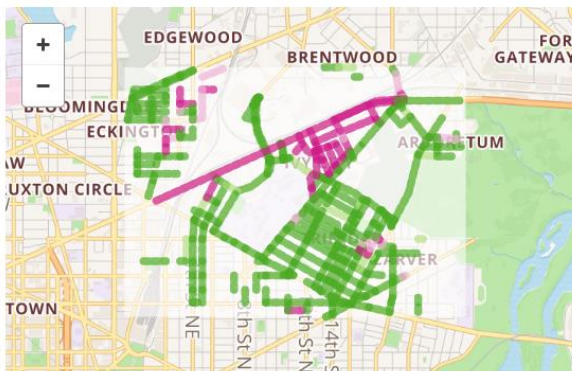
Method GET

Parameters Required:
You need to pass a pair of latlng coordinates to define a bounding box, which is used to specify where you want to query the data from.

- `lat1=[double]`
- `lng1=[double]`
- `lat2=[double]`
- `lng2=[double]`

Success Response **200**
The API returns all the available accessibility features in the specified area as a [Feature Collection of Point features](#).

Example `/v1/access/features?lat1=38.909&lng1=-76.989&lat2=38.912&lng2=-76.982`



Access Score: Streets

This API serves Accessibility Scores of the streets within a specified region. Accessibility Score is a numerical value between 0 and 1, where 0 means inaccessible and 1 means accessible.

URL `/v1/access/score/streets`

Method GET

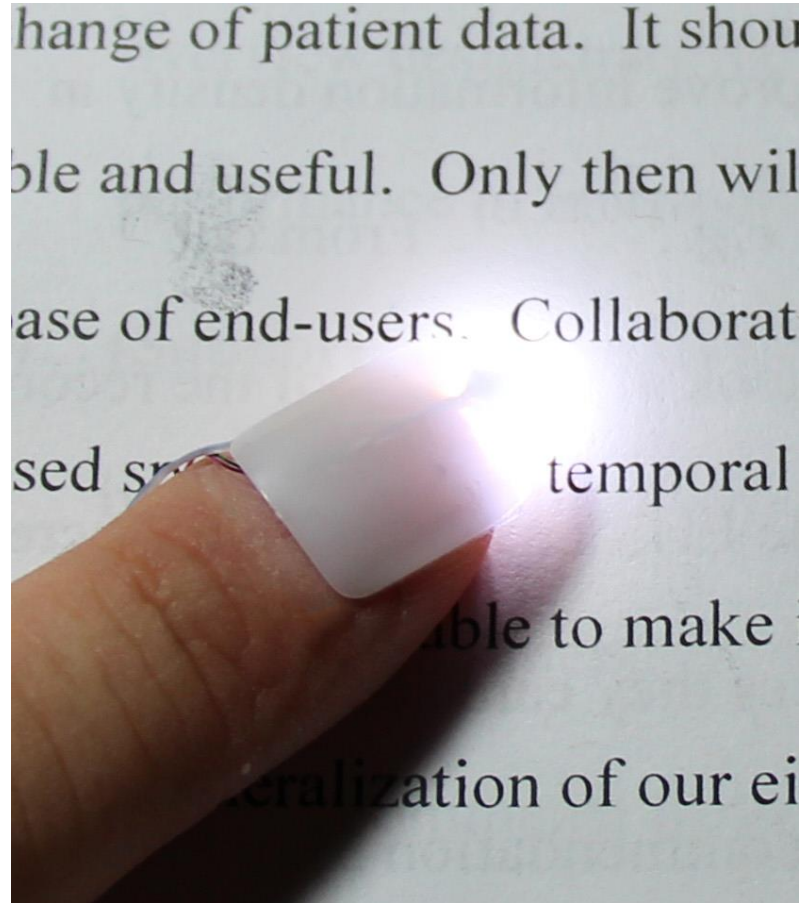
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IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL WORLD



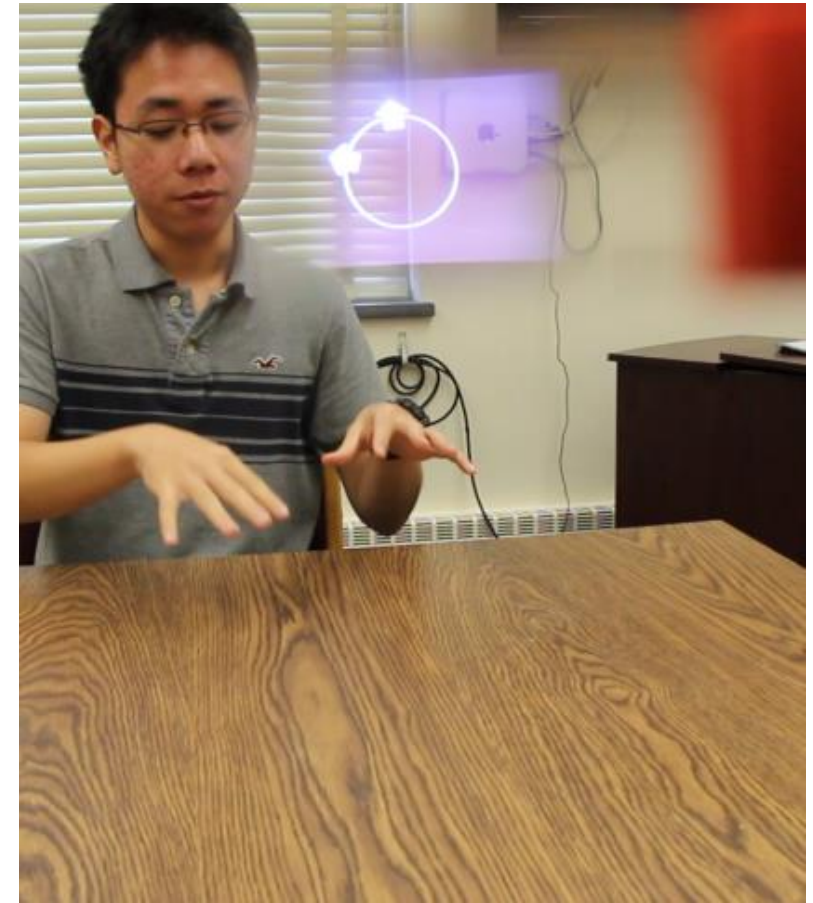
PROJECT SIDEWALK

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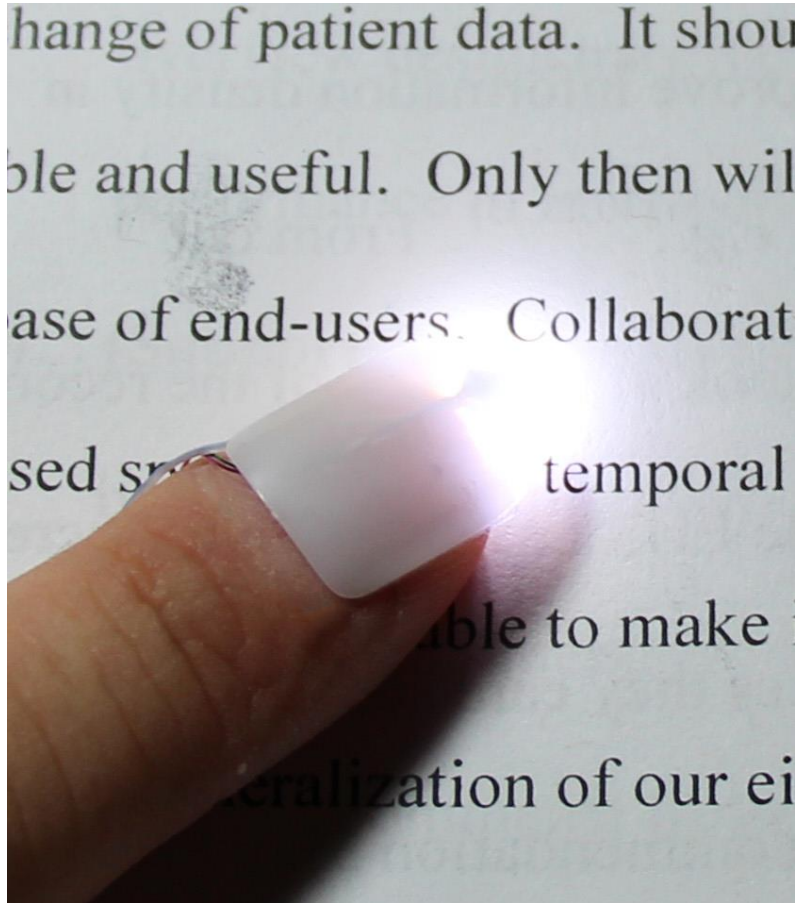
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GLASSEAR

[CHI'15]

IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL WORLD



How can we...

we sense & feed back non-tactile information about the physical world *as it is touched?*

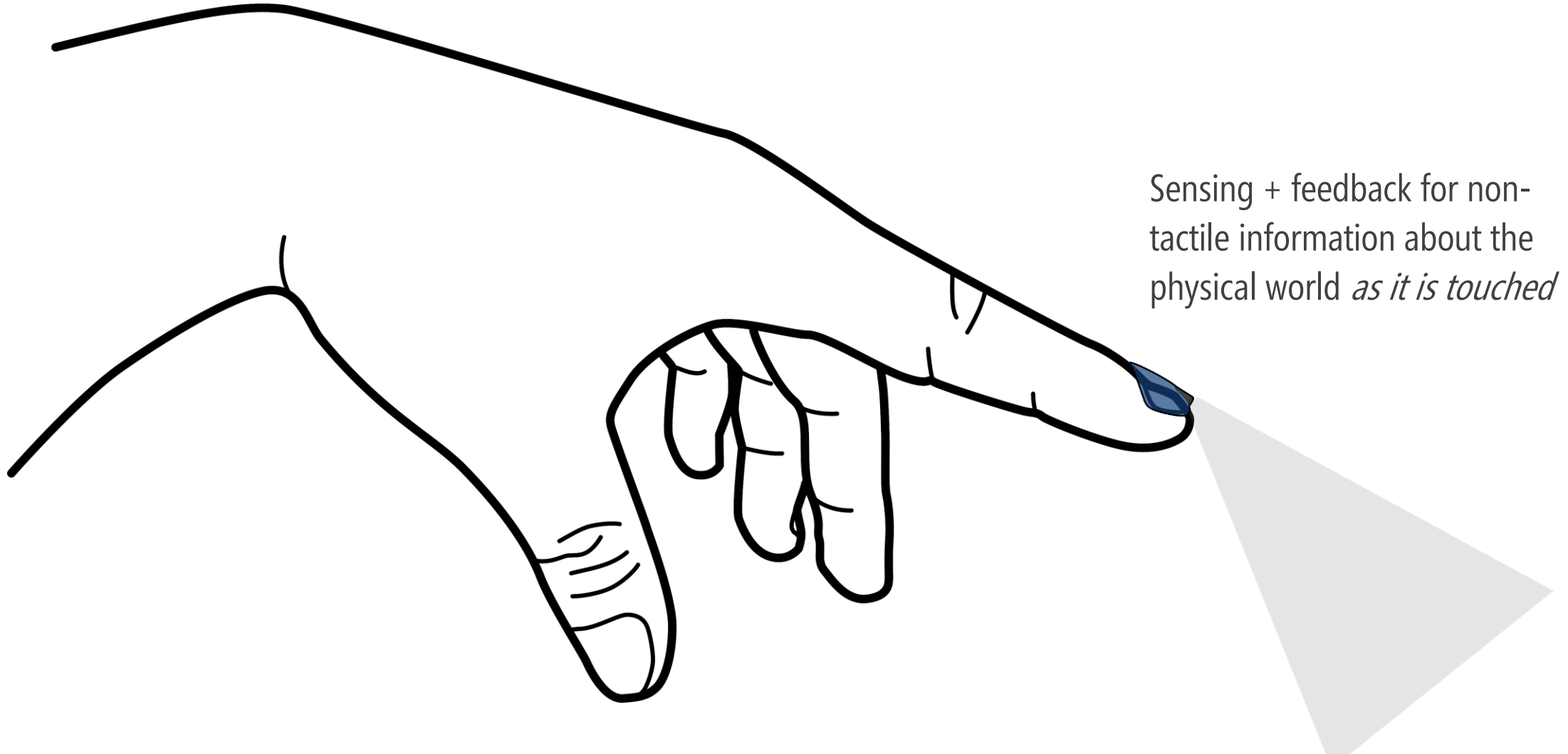
HANDSIGHT

[ACVR'14, ASSETS'15, GI'16, TACCESS'16]



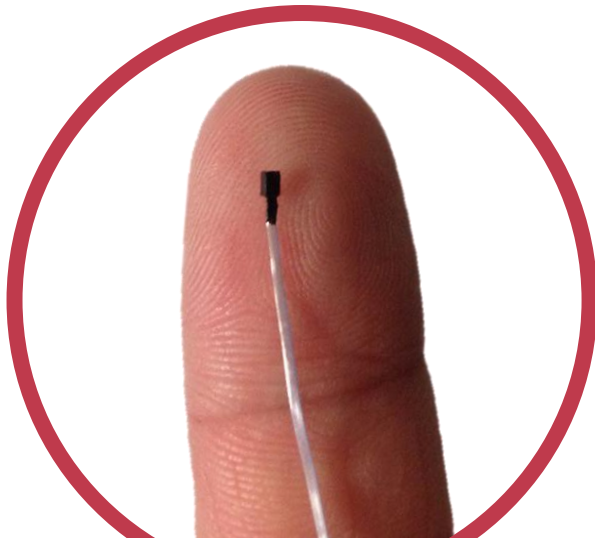
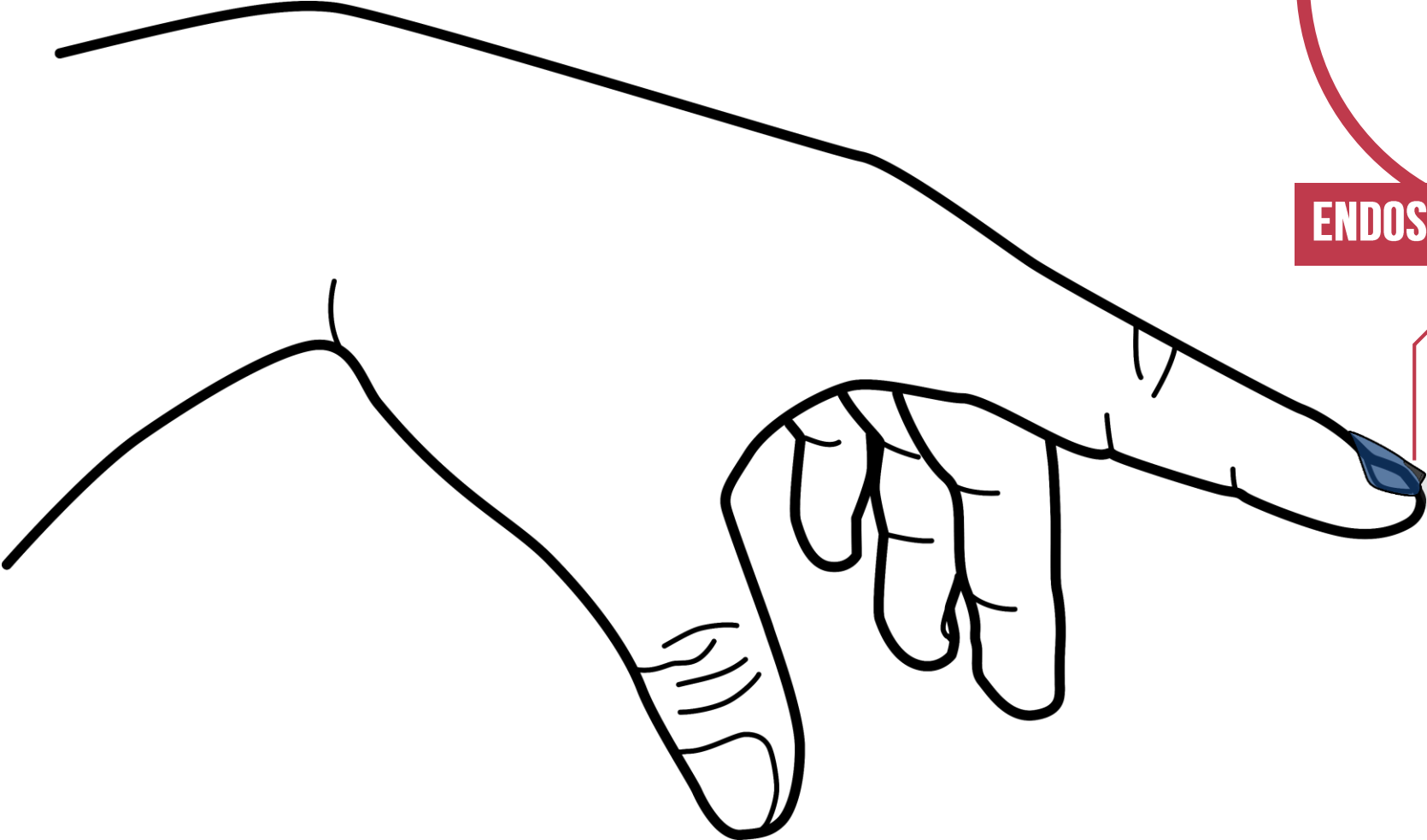
In our work, we are exploring:
How to computationally augment a blind person's sense of touch to interpret non-tactile information about the world?

VISION-AUGMENTED TOUCH
HANDSIGHT

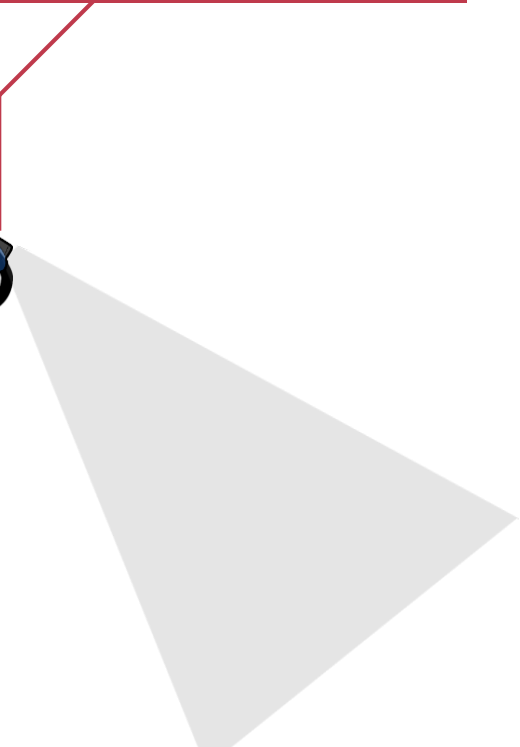


Sensing + feedback for non-tactile information about the physical world *as it is touched*

VISION-AUGMENTED TOUCH
HANDSIGHT

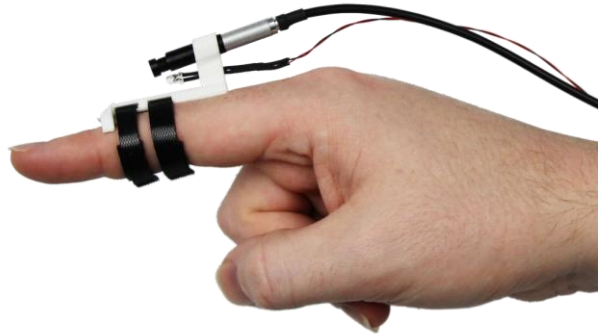
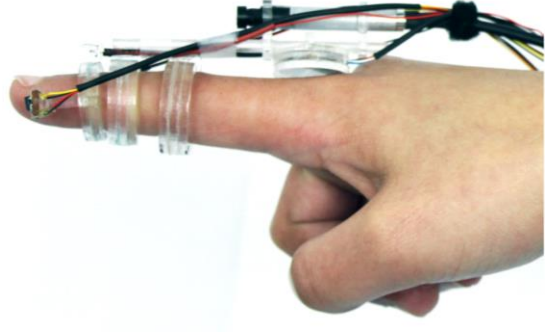
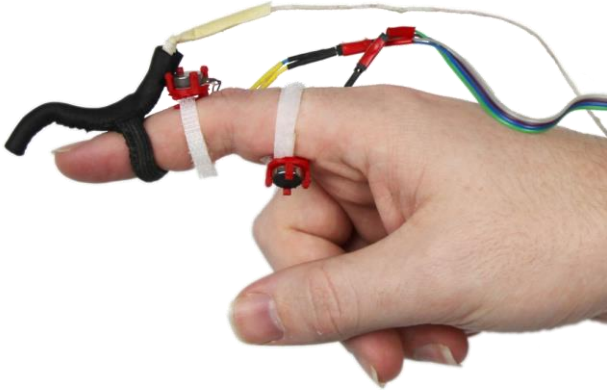
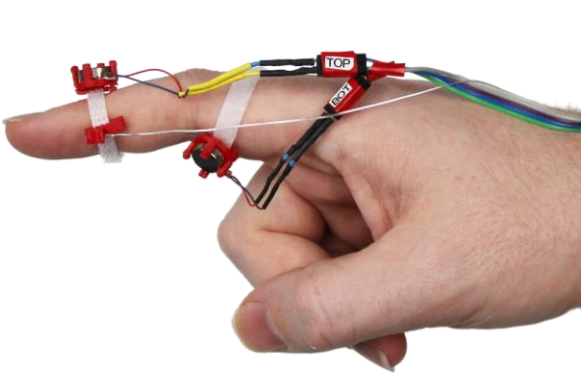
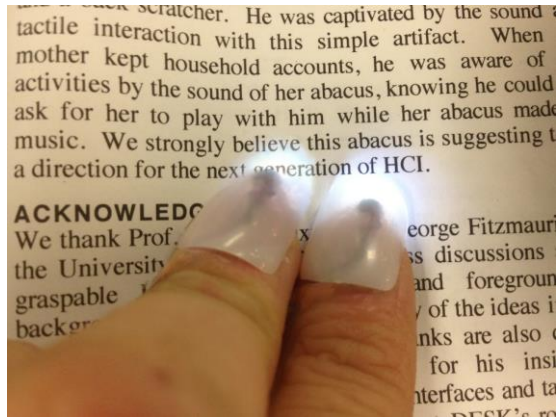


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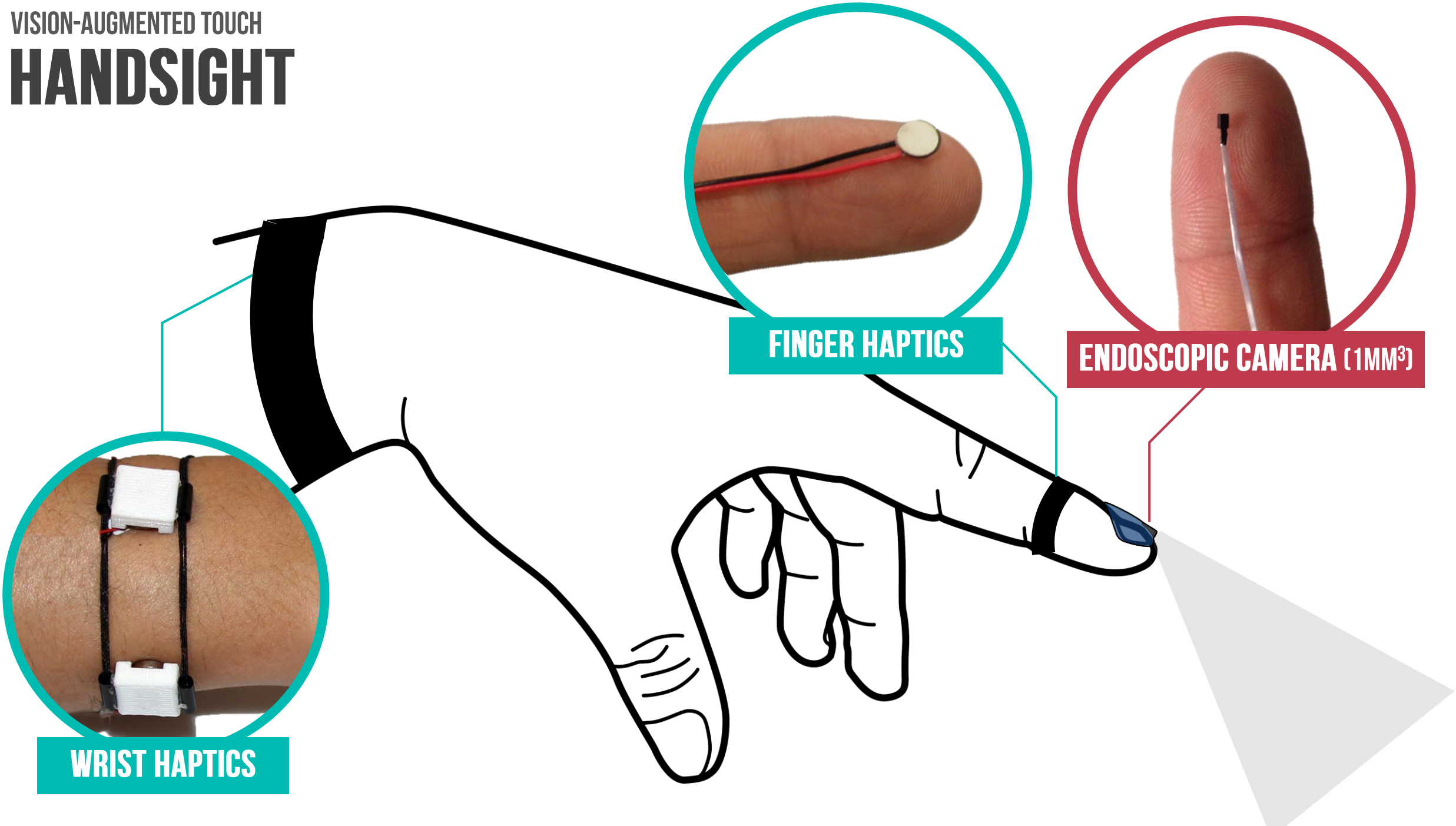


HANDSIGHT

PROTOTYPE EXPLORATIONS



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HANDSIGHT

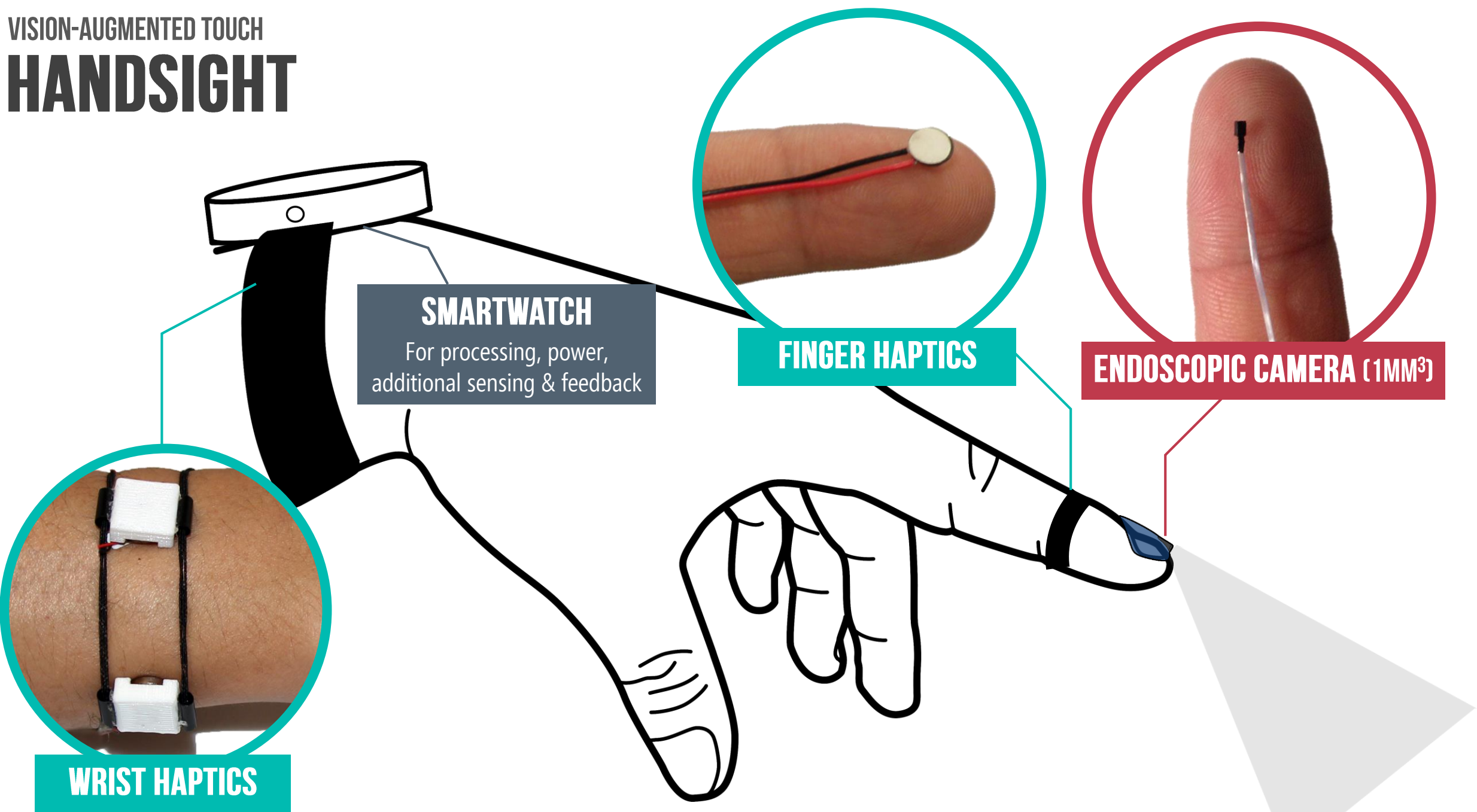


FINGER HAPTICS

ENDOSCOPIC CAMERA (1MM³)

WRIST HAPTICS

VISION-AUGMENTED TOUCH
HANDSIGHT



SMARTWATCH
For processing, power,
additional sensing & feedback

FINGER HAPTICS

ENDOSCOPIC CAMERA (1MM³)

WRIST HAPTICS

HANDSIGHT

FOCUS AREAS



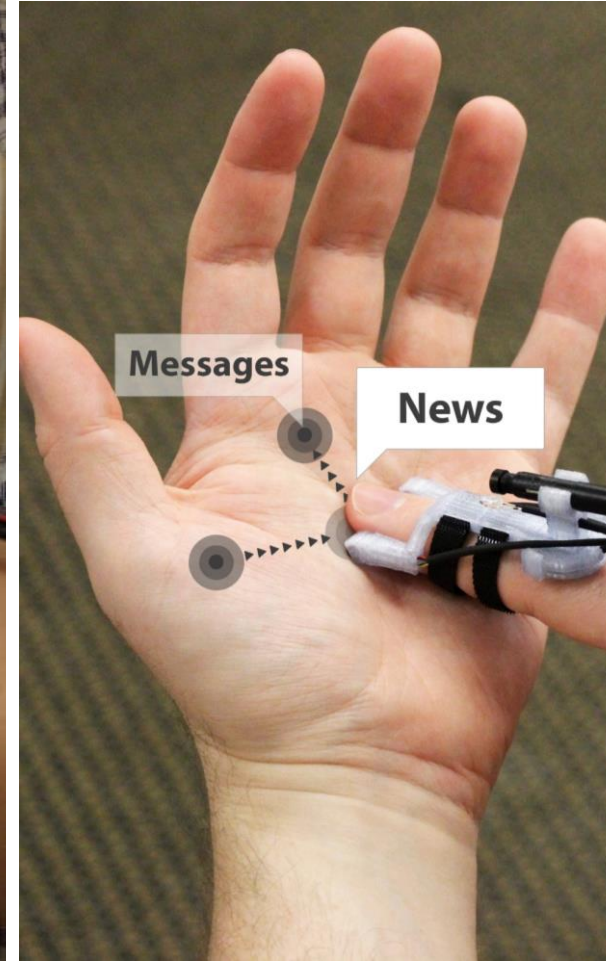
READING SUPPORT

[ACVR'14, TACCESS'15]



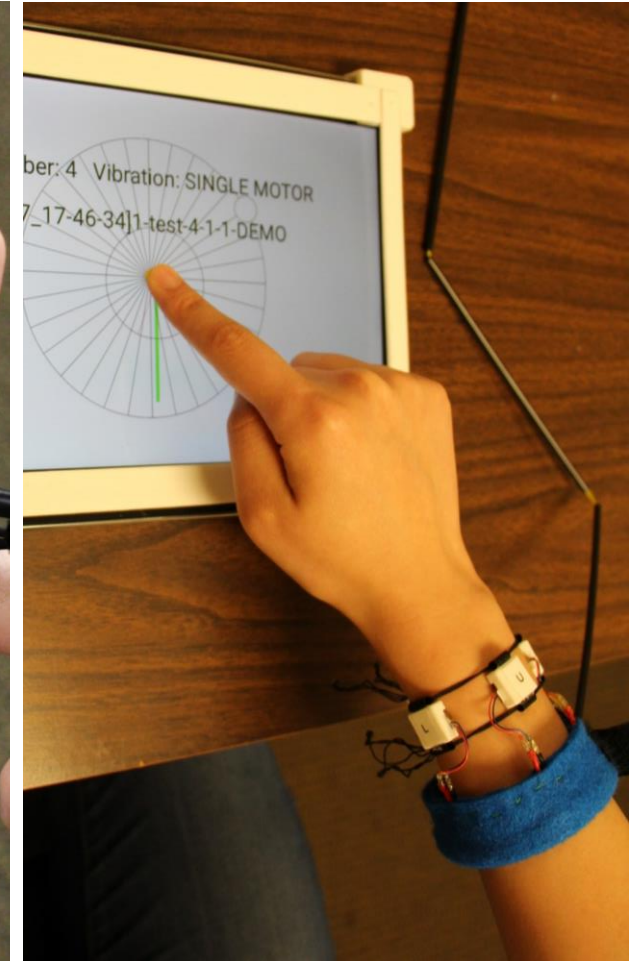
COLOR/TEXTURE RECOGNITION

In progress



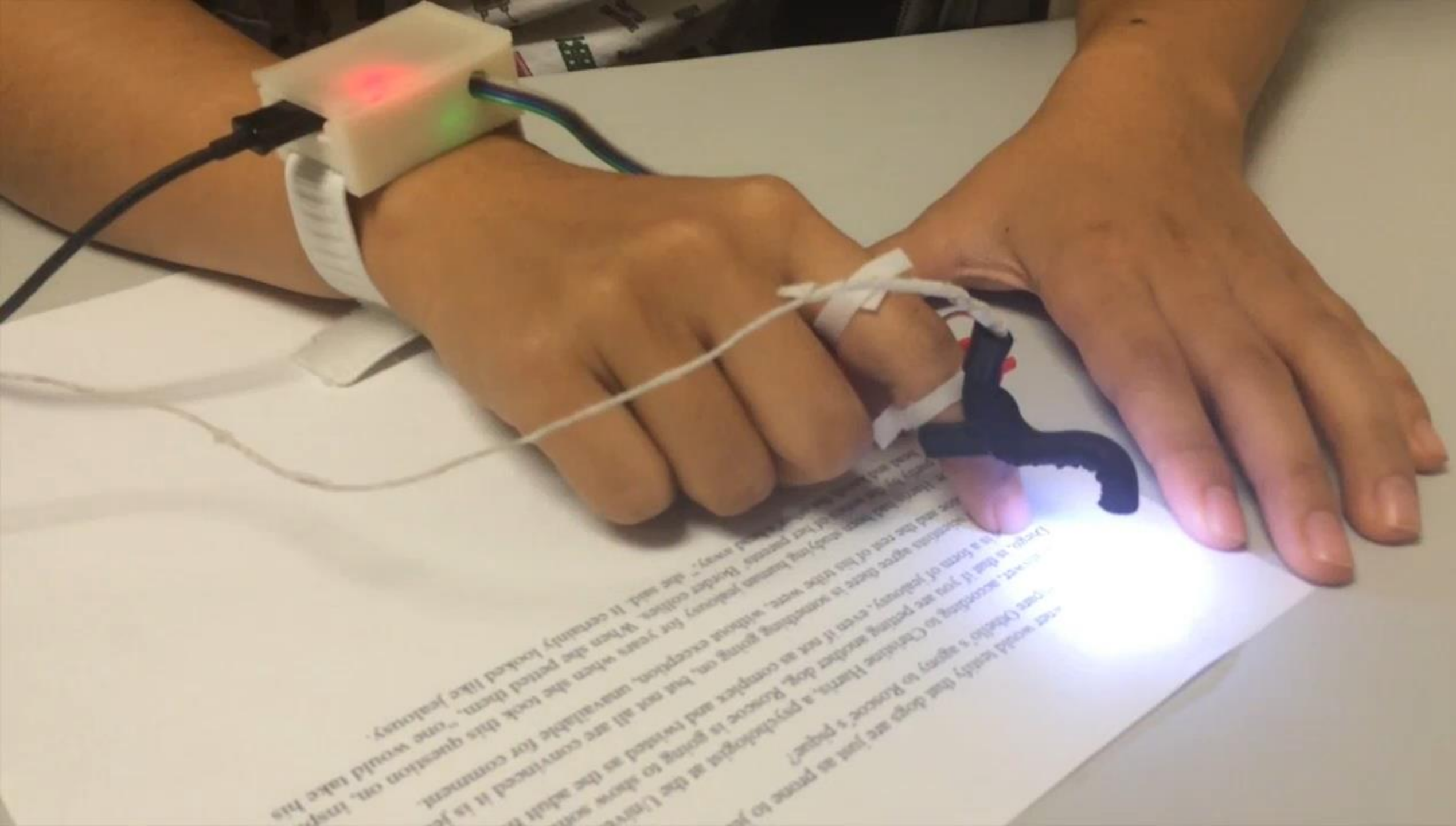
TOUCH-BASED CONTROL

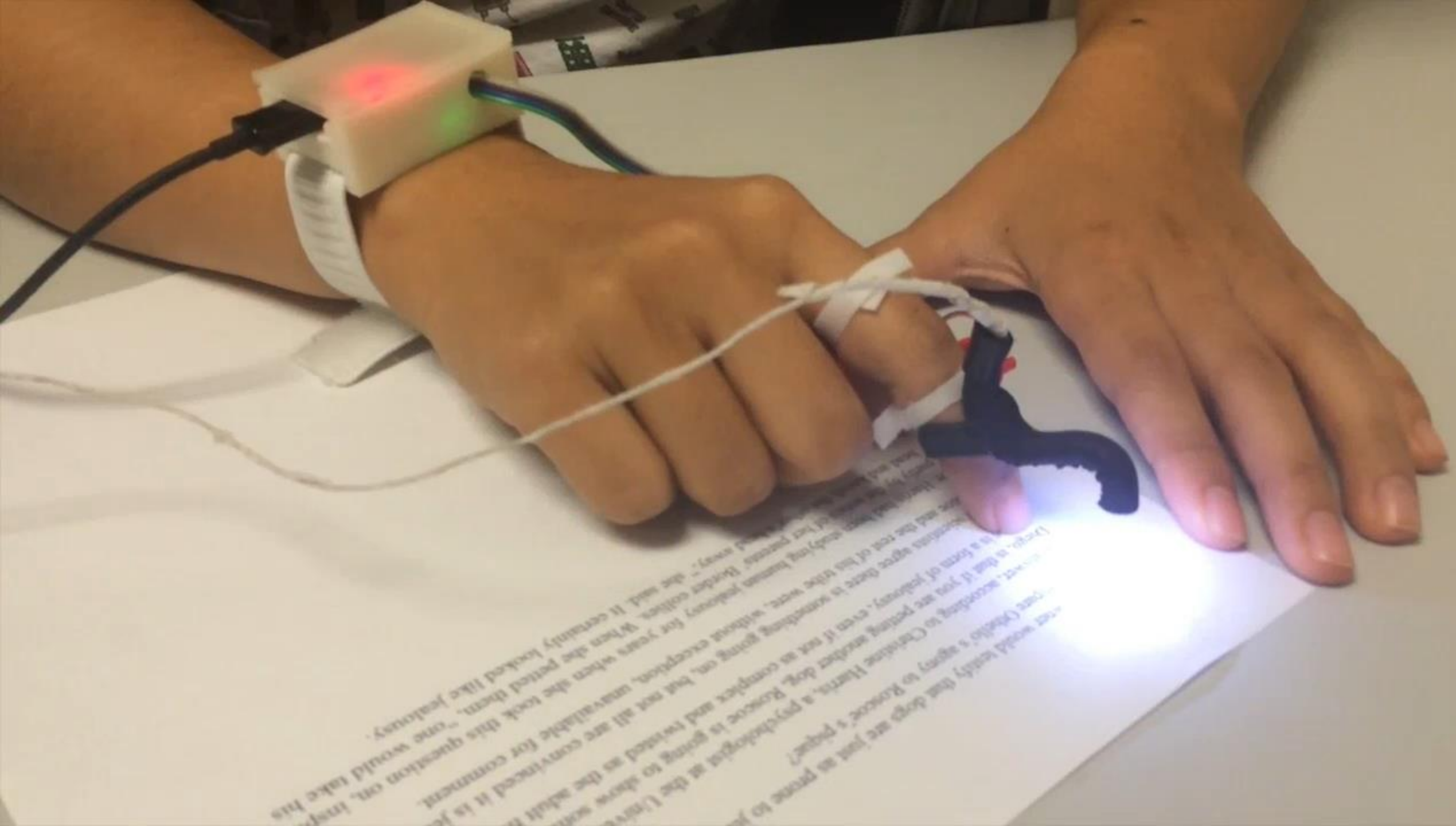
[ICPR'16]



HAPTIC + AUDITORY FEEDBACK

[TACCESS'15, GI'16]





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essed in Gibson
neral extended over
ossible to talk about perception
a long time to discern: for instance, per
a town over a period of days walking around
strange, consider watching a bird fly close to you
you recognise it as a red cardinal, and then flying into the
distance until it is just a black dot against the sky. You
still know that it is the red cardinal, and it is your eyes that
are telling you this, although you would be strained
alone would not carry that information. It was a cardinal,
to say that you had "learned" that it was a cardinal,
when that learning will be discarded of it was an act
sight: better to say that your perception of it was an act
extended over time.) Never mind that it was an act
in considering how to see it, and in particular
about whether users will see it, and in particular
whether they will perceive it, and in particular
compared to the general act of seeing it, and in particular
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... however is when
... e.g. is a doo
... specially

Conclusion

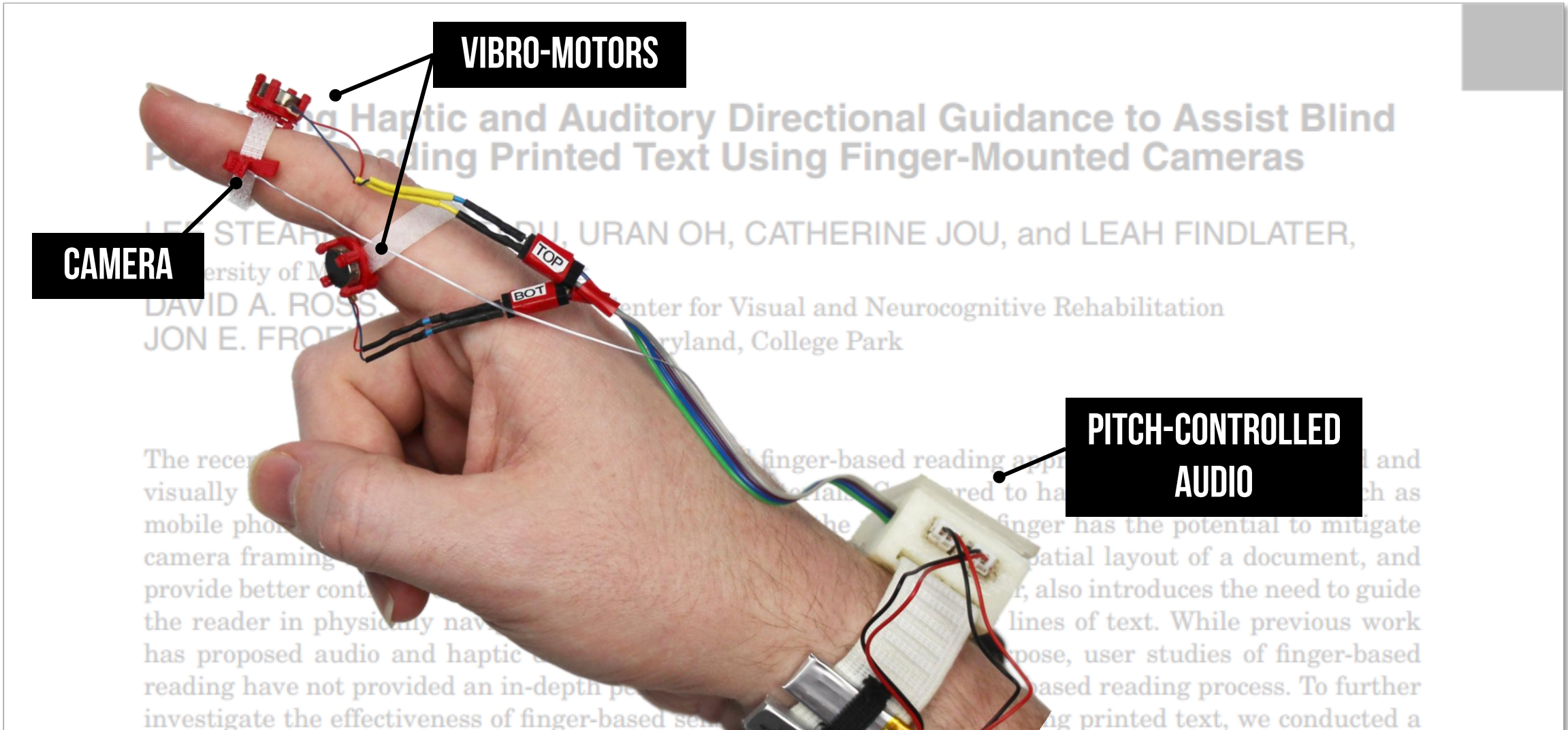
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HAPTIC VS AUDIO LINE GUIDANCE

TACCESS'16



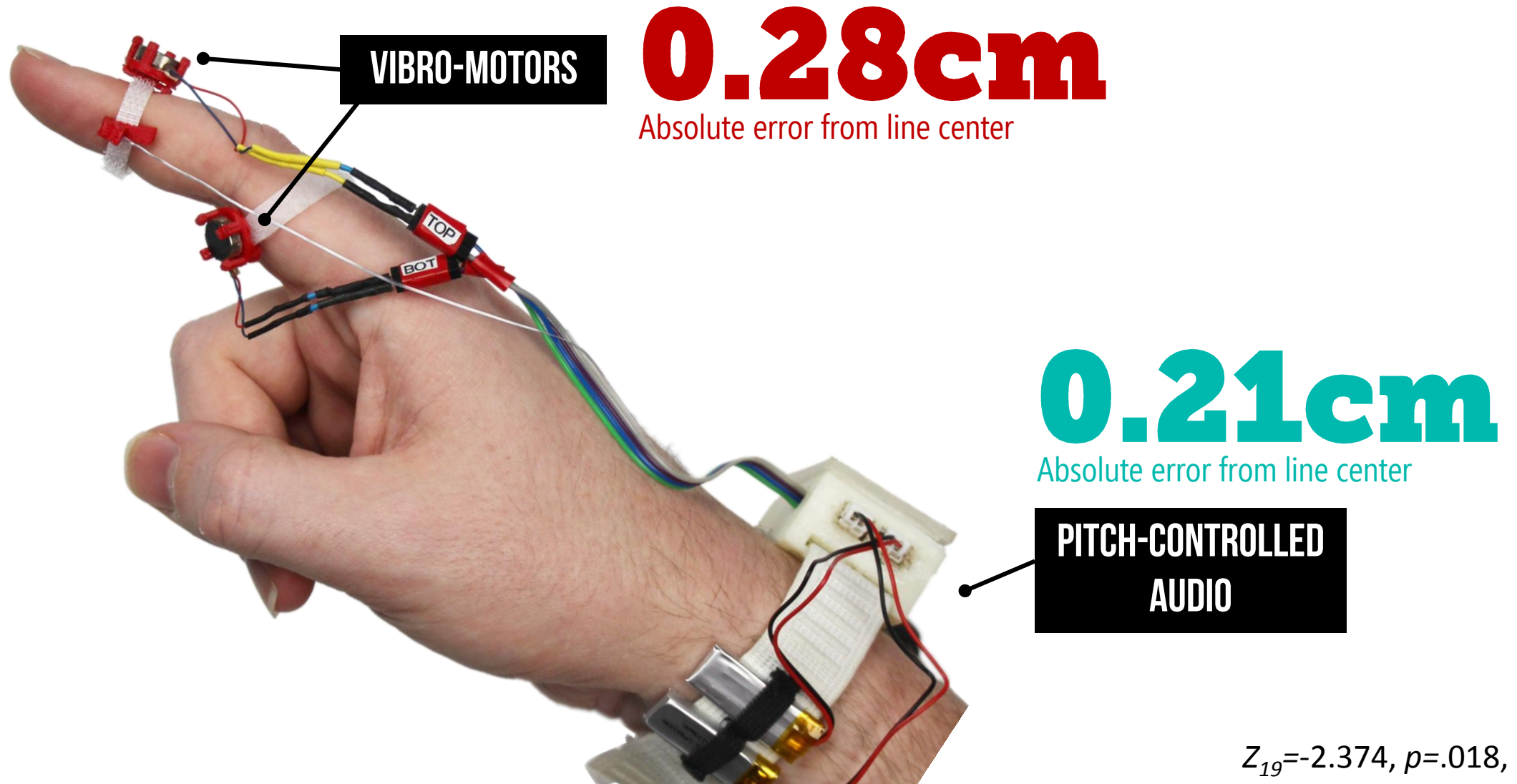
CAMERA

VIBRO-MOTORS

**PITCH-CONTROLLED
AUDIO**

HAPTIC VS AUDIO LINE GUIDANCE

TACCESS'16



$Z_{19}=-2.374, p=.018, r=.54$

WRIST HAPTICS

GI'16

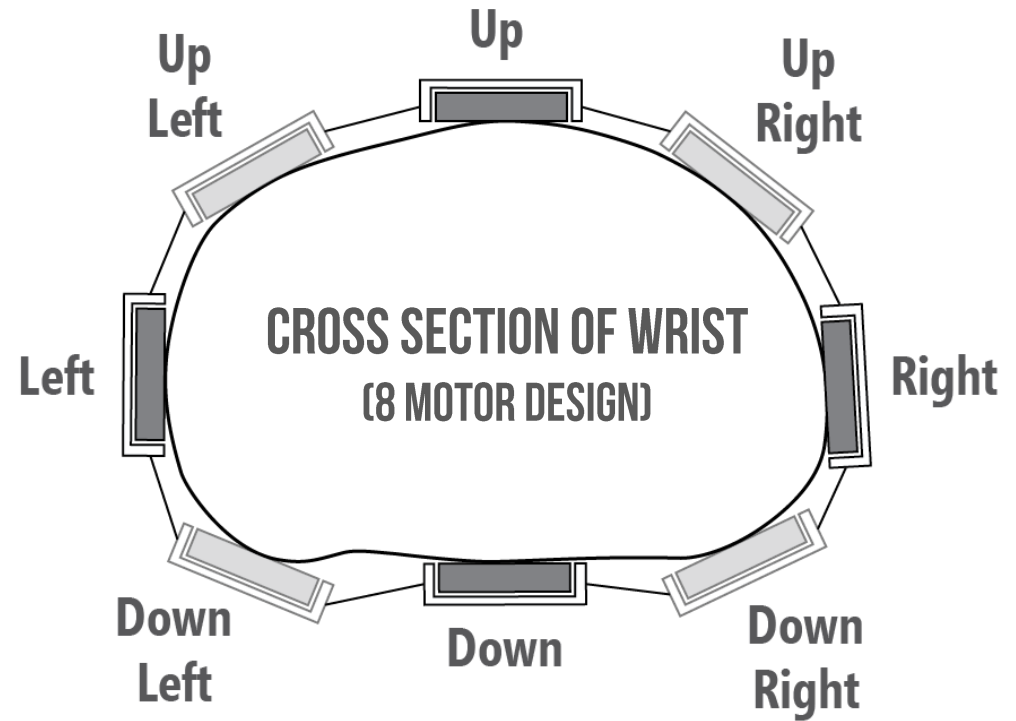
4 Motor Wristband



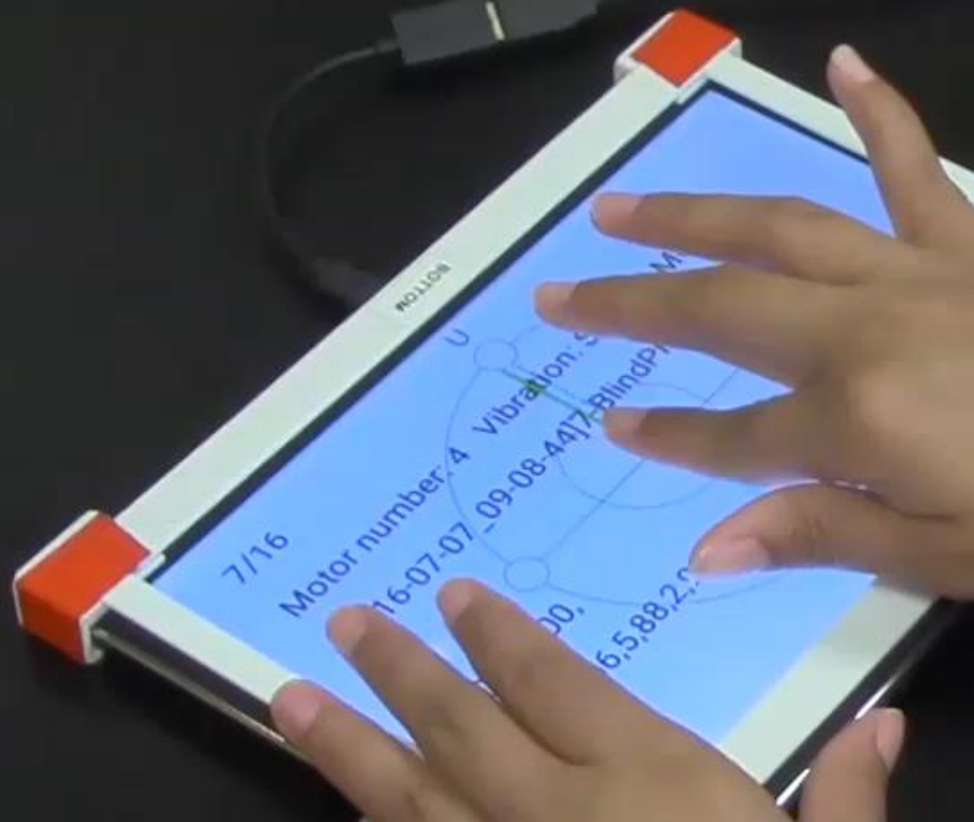
Wiring

Vibro-motors

8 Motor Wristband



TESTED 32 MOVEMENT DIRECTIONS
(11.25° INTERVALS)



POLLON

7/16

Motor number: 4
16-07-07
09-08-44
Vibration: S
Blindp
6.5.882.0



A1) Elastic M



WRIST HAPTIC STUDY RESULTS

GI'16

4 Motor Wristband



25.4°

Directional movement error



8-motor wristband resulted in 9% lower movement error

23.2°

Directional movement error

Wiring

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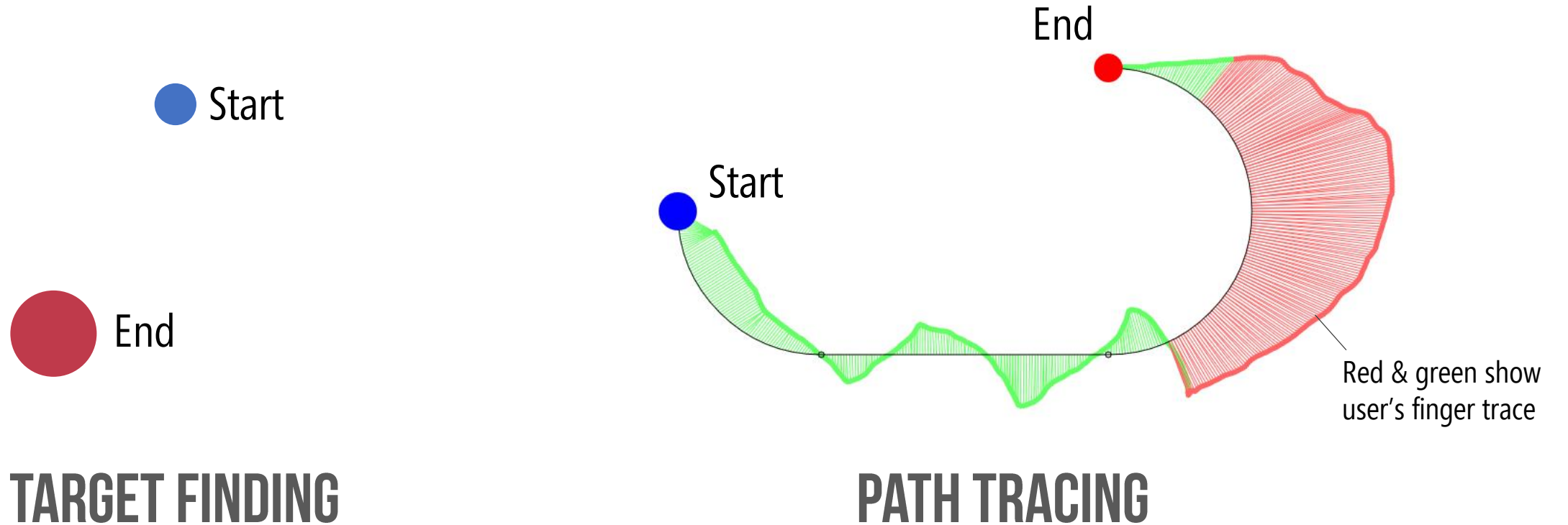


$t_{17} = -1.95, p = .034, d = 0.46$

HANDSIGHT

WRIST HAPTICS FOLLOW-UP STUDY

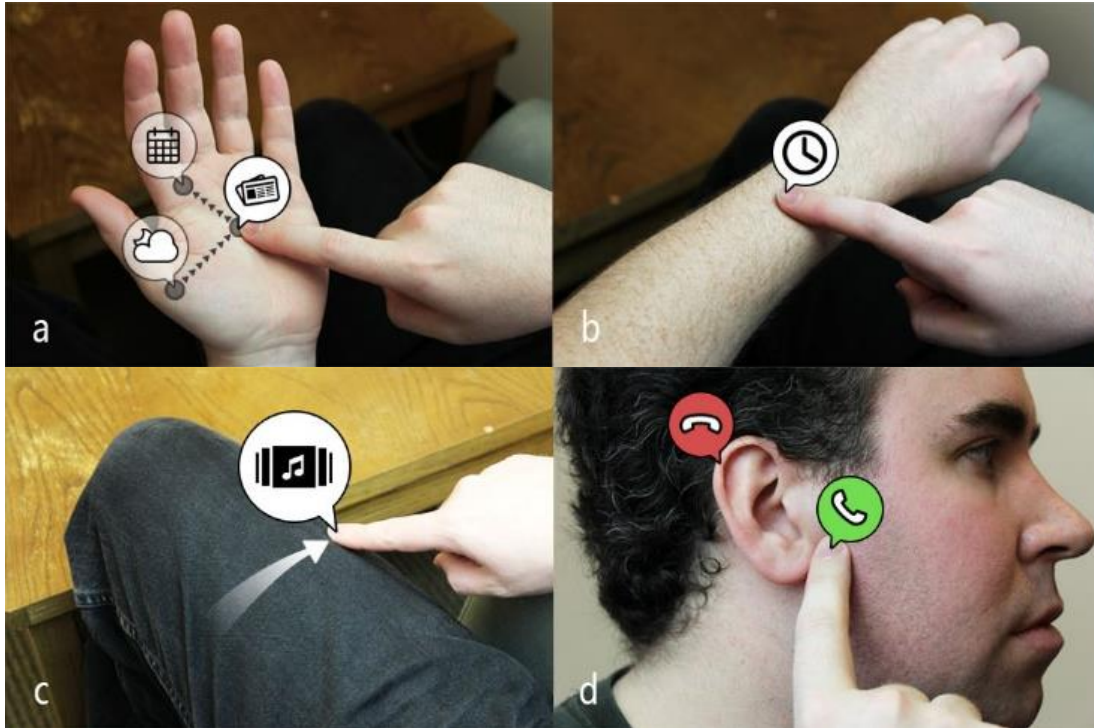
Paper in preparation



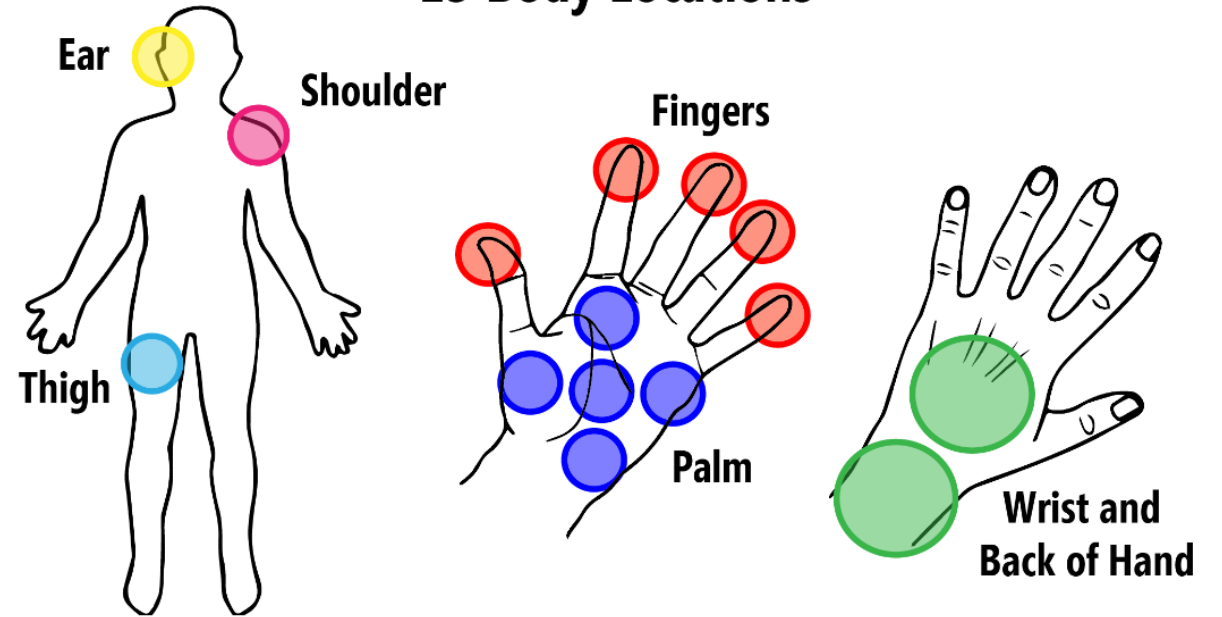
HANDSIGHT

ON-BODY INTERACTION FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

ICPR'16, two papers in submission



15 Body Locations





Daily Summary



Clock



Voice Input





Clock



Voice Input



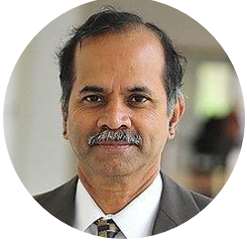
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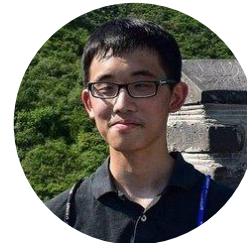
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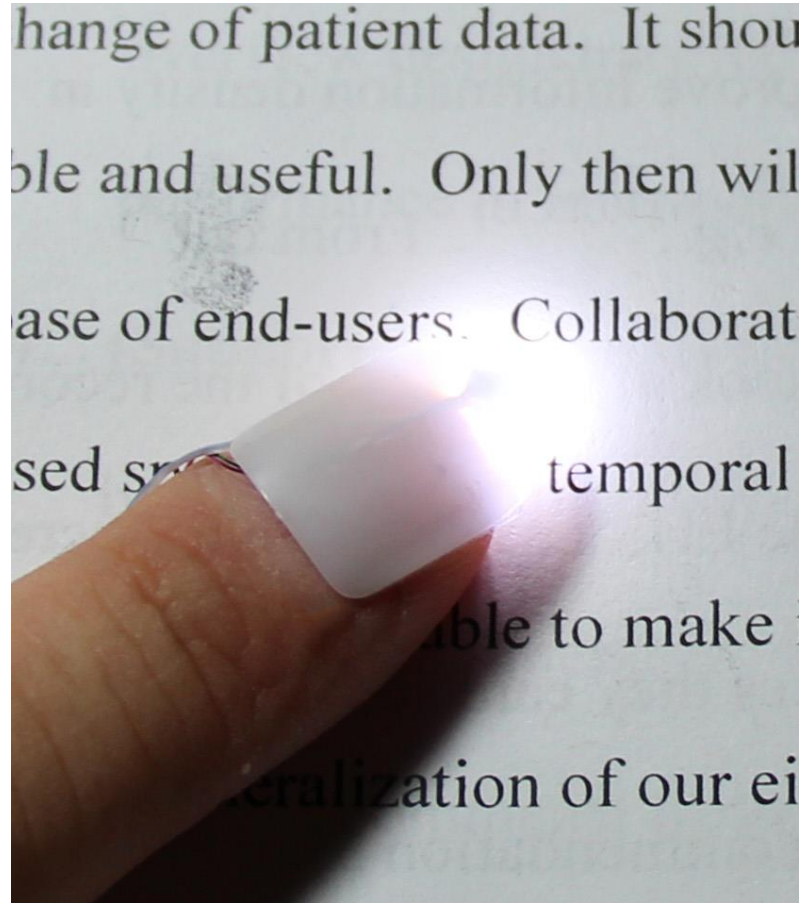
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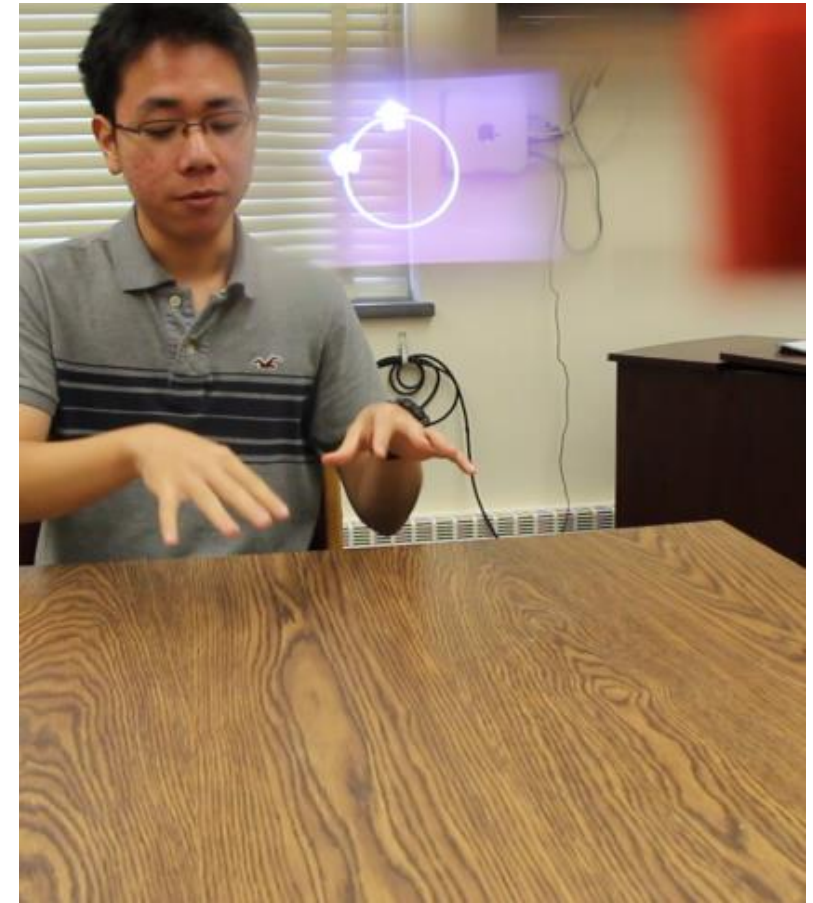
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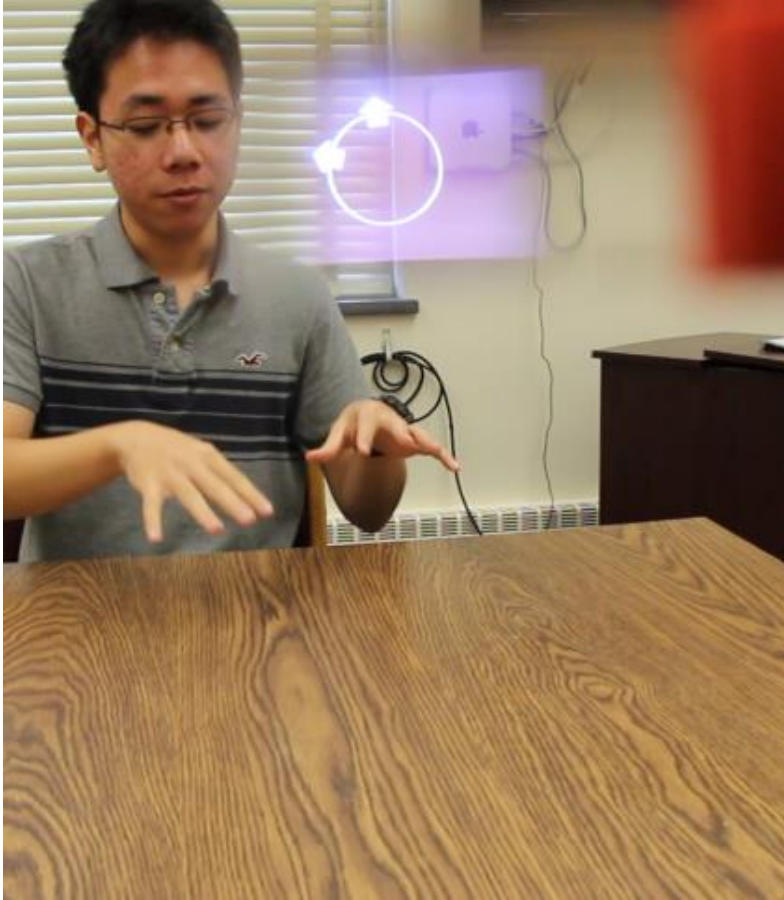
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GLASSEAR

[CHI'15]

IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL WORLD



How can we...

we sense & visualize sound information on an HMD to improve sound awareness for people who are deaf or hard of hearing?

GLASSEAR

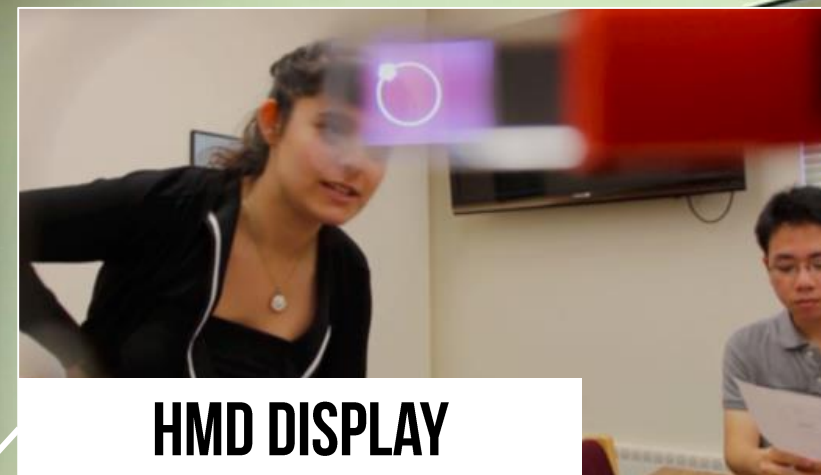
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**HMD CONVEYS SOUND
DIRECTION & MAGNITUDE**



**NON-WEARABLE
MICROPHONE ARRAY**



HMD DISPLAY





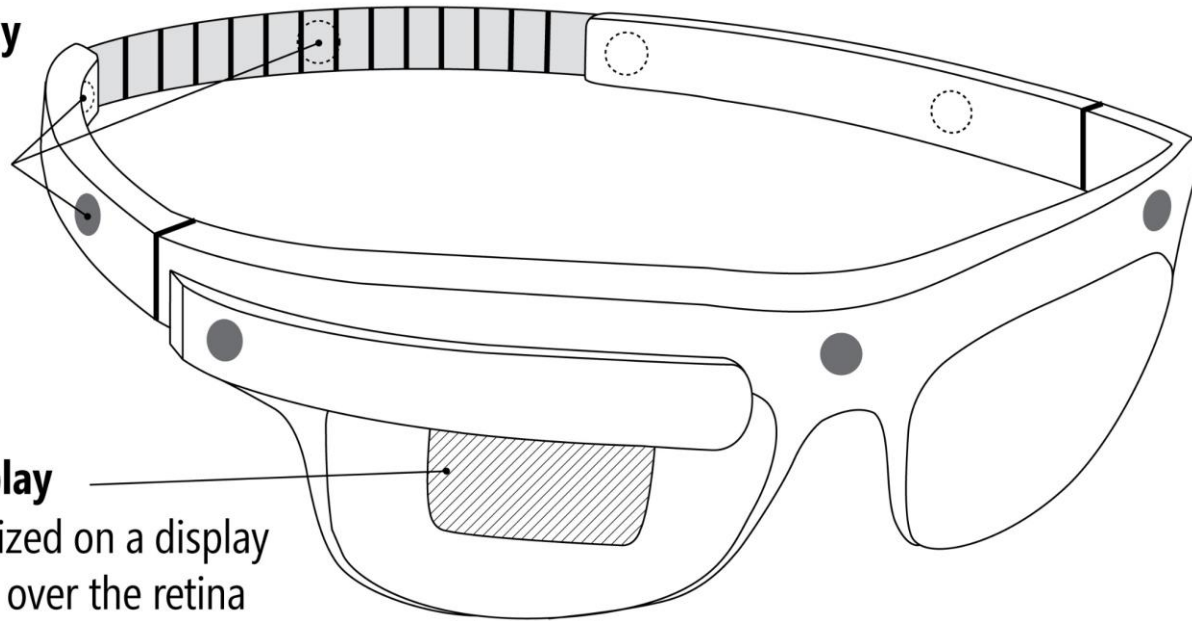
CURRENT & FUTURE WORK

GLASSEAR

Collaborators: Leah Findlater, Ramani Duraiswami, Dmitry Zotkin, Christian Vogler, & Raja Kushalnager

Microphone Array

8-16 equispaced microphones will be embedded in the HMD



Transparent Display

Sounds are visualized on a display that is positioned over the retina

MAJOR OBJECTIVES:

True wearable design

Precise localization & sound separation algorithms

Oral conversation support

Visualization design

GLASSEAR

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**STEM
EDUCATION**



National Research Council, *A Framework for K-12 Science Education*, 2012



See: Barton, *et al.*, 2008; Naiser & Hand, 2008; Kafai, *et al.*, 2014;



Kirjojen
tapahtuma
paikkoja



ENVIRONMENTAL
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**STEM
EDUCATION**

How can we...

design wearables that engage and scaffold children in life-relevant, personally meaningful STEM learning experiences.

POTENTIAL OF WEARABLES TO SUPPORT LEARNING

Unprecedented amount of data

Inherently personalized & life-relevant

Can go where the child goes

Engages the body in learning (*i.e.*, “*embodied learning*”)

Pecher, 2005; Lindgren, 2013; Lee, 2014)

ENABLING NEW STEM LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH WEARABLES



BODYVIS

[IDC'13, CHI'15 Honorable Mention, ICLS'16, IDC'16, CHI'17]



MAKERWEAR

[IDC'15, CHI'16 Best Poster, CHI'17 Best Paper]

Complex Problems

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

BODYVIS DESIGN IDEAS & INITIAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES



ENABLING NEW STEM LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH WEARABLES



How can we...

design wearables that use the human body and physical activity as a platform for experimentation & scientific inquiry?

BODYVIS

[IDC'13, CHI'15 Honorable Mention, ICLS'16, IDC'16, CHI'17]

“Does my heart beat faster when running vs. reading a book? Why?”

“How does my breathing rate compare to my classmate’s and why may this be?”

“How does food travel through my body?”

ADVANCING SCIENCE LEARNING & INQUIRY EXPERIENCES THROUGH WEARABLES

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BODYVIS PROTOTYPES



PROTOTYPE 1: MID-FI

Stuffed fabric organs
Heart rate Only
LEDs, EL-Wire
Arduino Uno



PROTOTYPE 2

Improved Anatomy
Heart rate, Breathing
LEDs
LilyPad Arduino



PROTOTYPE 3

Labeled, Removable Anatomy
Heart rate, Breathing, Digestion
LEDs, Sound, Touchscreen
Arduino Uno, Smartphone



PROTOTYPE 4: HI-FI

Added Organs (*e.g.*, Bladder)
Heart rate, Breathing, Digestion
LEDs, Sound, Haptics, Touchscreen
Arduino BLE Mini, Smartphone

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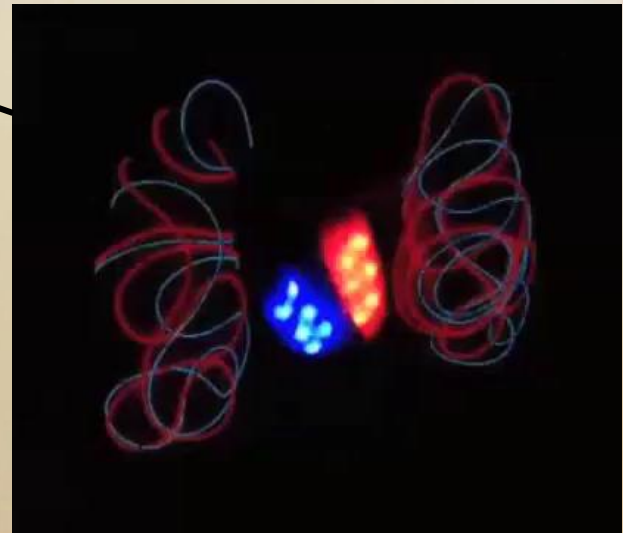
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PROTOTYPE 4

Added Organs (*e.g.*, Bladder)
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LEDs, Sound, Haptics, Touchscreen
Arduino BLE Mini, Smartphone

Optical heart rate sensor



BODYVIS: FOUR GENERATIONS



PROTOTYPE 1

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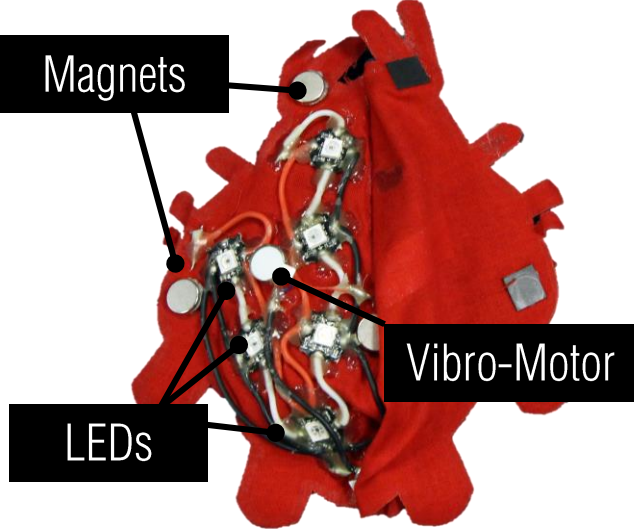


The heart and lungs visualize wearers' live heart and breathing rate.

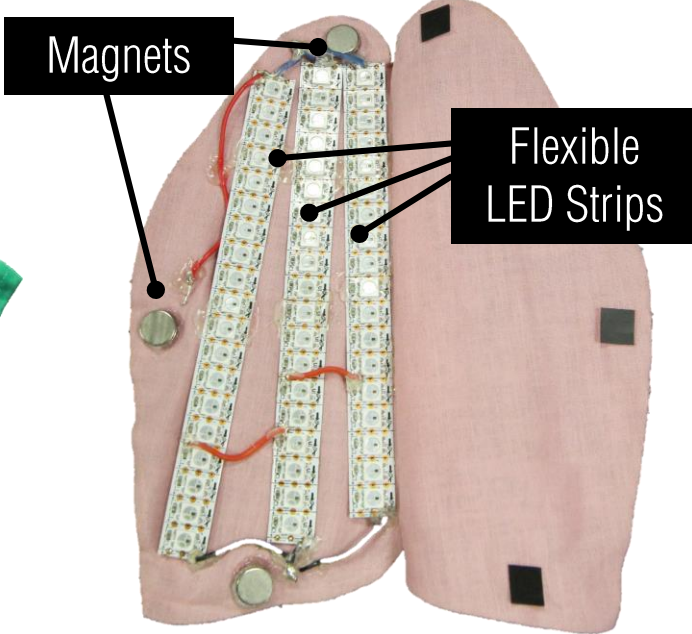
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HOW IT WORKS

HEART



LUNGS



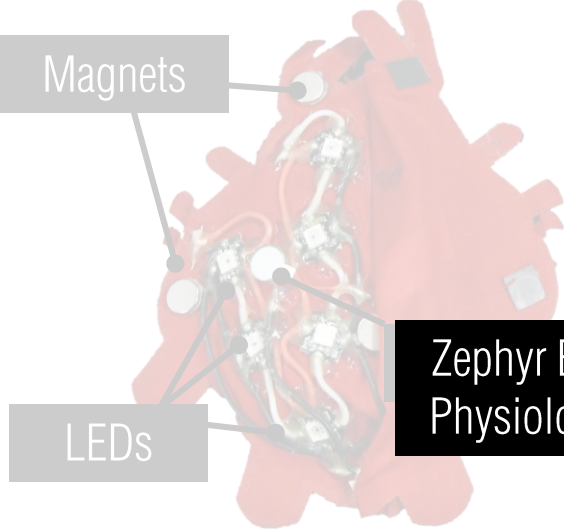
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BODYVIS

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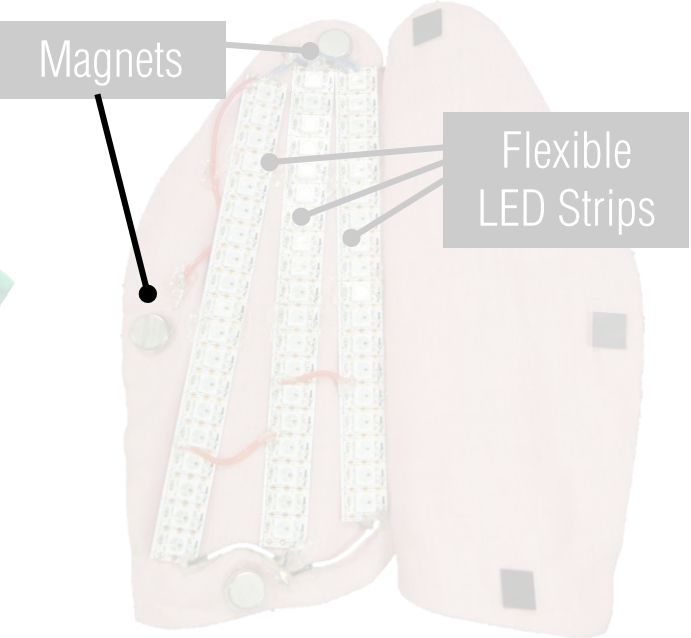
HEART



Zephyr BioHarness 3
Physiological Sensor



LUNGS



STOMACH



BODYVIS SENSING SYSTEM



Wirelessly transmits
via Bluetooth



Wirelessly transmits
via BLE



ZEPHYR BIOHARNESS 3

Worn directly on skin
Senses heart, breathing, movement

SAMSUNG GALAXY S4 MINI

Serves as stomach
Processes physiological data
Plays sound & vibrates

REDBEARLAB BLE MINI ARDUINO

Sewn into shirt
Directly wired to LEDs, Vibro-motors,
digestion button, etc.

BODYVIS

EVALUATIONS (N=200)



TEACHER INTERVIEWS



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS



SCIENCE CAMPS



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

FINDINGS

Overall reactions

BodyVis interactions & experiments

Learning potential

Unexpected things

OVERALL REACTIONS

High Engagement



OVERALL REACTIONS

High Engagement

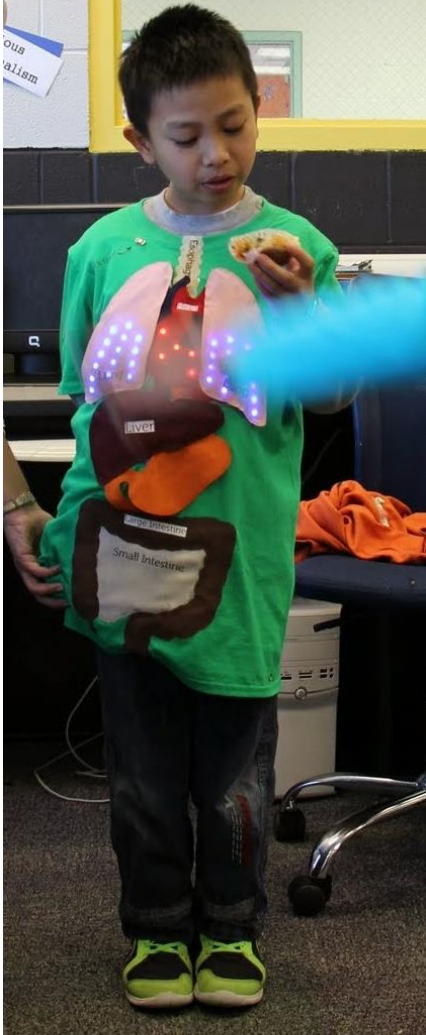


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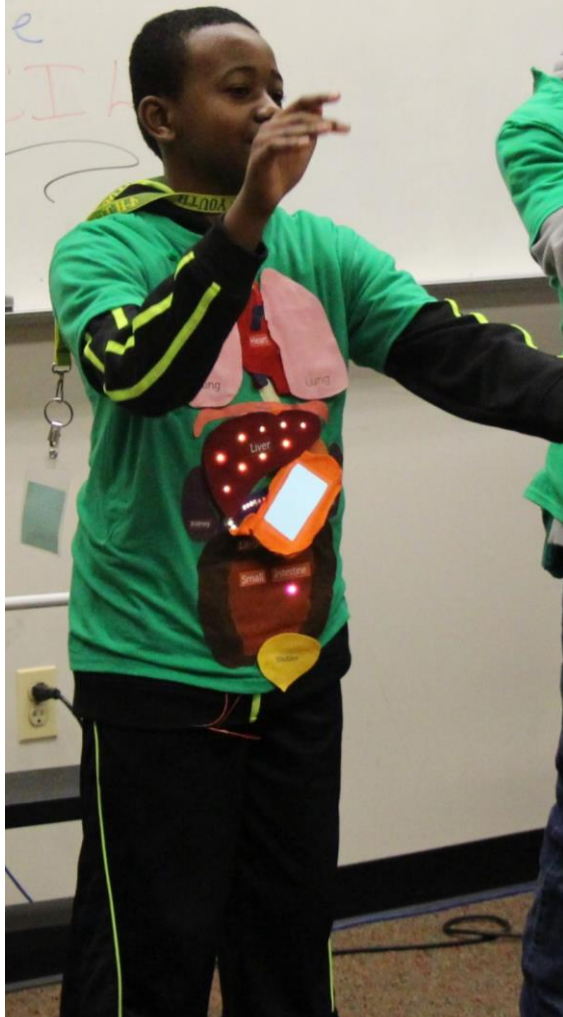
Actively Engaging Body



Running



Eating



Jumping Jacks



Dancing



Resting

LEARNING POTENTIAL

Pre- & Post-Questionnaires



LEARNING POTENTIAL

Body Map Drawing: Before & After



Body map drawing method: Cuthbert, 2000; Garcia-Barros *et al.*, 2011

LEARNING POTENTIAL

Body Map Drawing: Before & After

73%

Included at
least one
new organ

56%

Corrected
positions of
organs

30%

Improved
organ
shapes

I now want to touch on two unexpected findings

UNEXPECTED FINDING 1

Disembodied Use

Her physiology
visualized on shirt

She's wearing sensor





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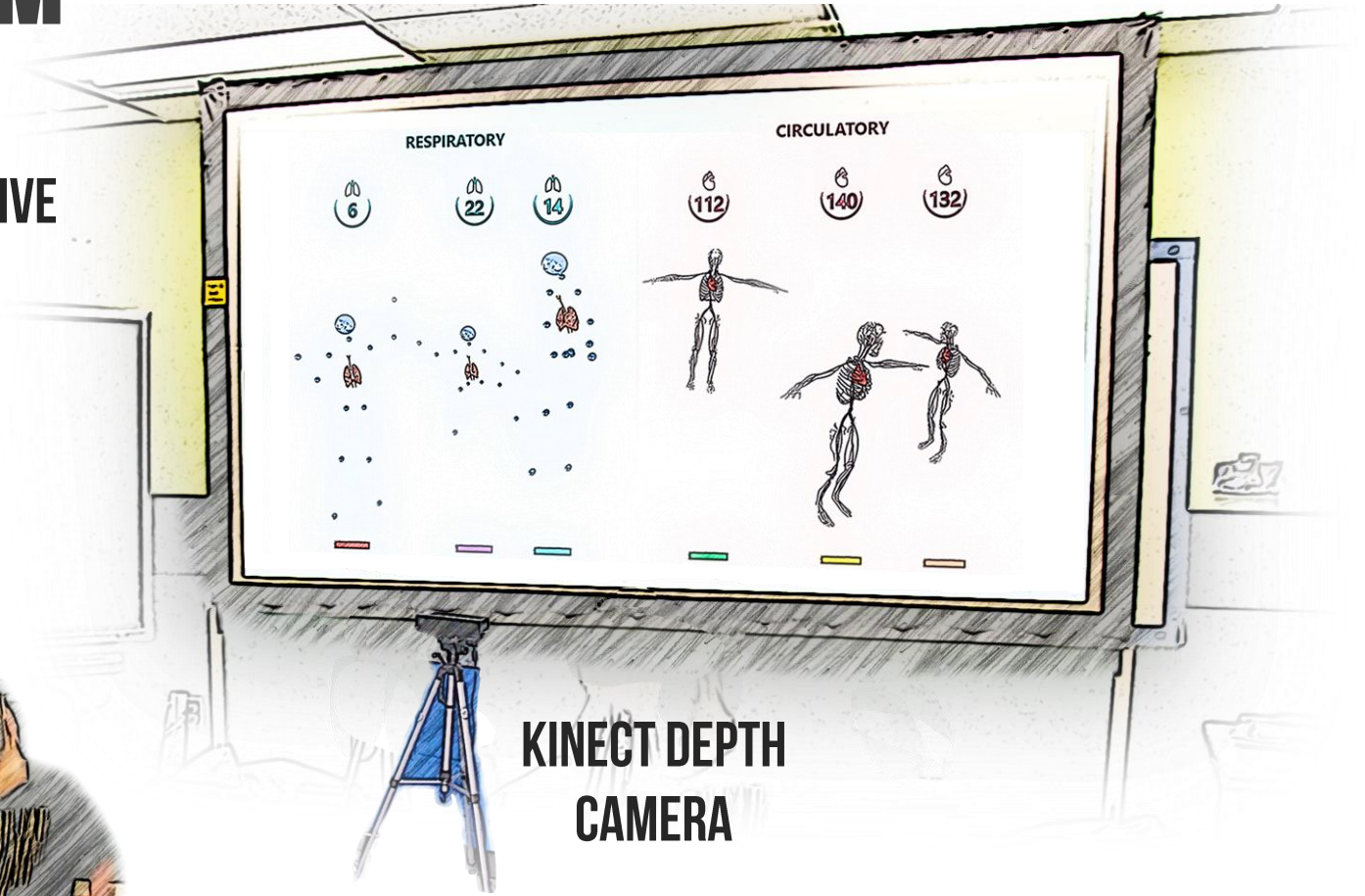
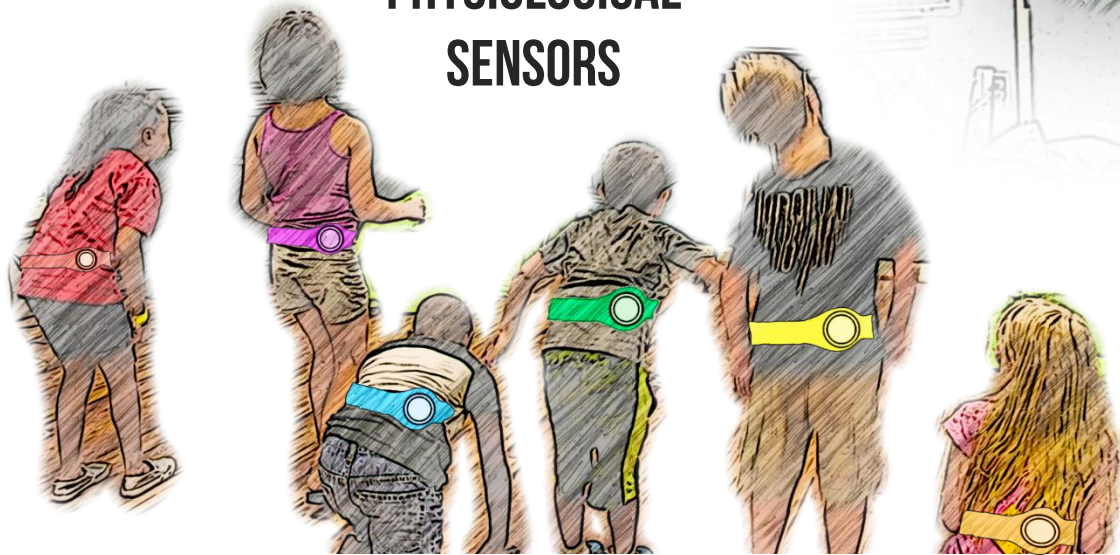
MIXED-REALITY SYSTEM

IDC'16, CHI'17

LARGE, COLLABORATIVE
DISPLAY

WIRELESS
PHYSIOLOGICAL
SENSORS

KINECT DEPTH
CAMERA



UNEXPECTED FINDING 2

How Does It Work?



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How can we...

enable young children to build their own interactive wearables?

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LILYPAD ARDUINO





See: Buechley & Hill, 2010; Kafai, Lee, *et al.*, 2014; Kafai, Fields, & Searle, 2014

CURRENT WEARABLE TOOLKITS

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Blink | Arduino 1.6.3
File Edit Sketch Tools Help
Blink$
/**
 * LilyPad sample code, blink an LED attached to pin 13
 */

// the setup function runs once when you press
// reset or power the board
void setup() {
  // initialize digital pin 13 as an output.
  pinMode(13, OUTPUT);
}

// the loop function runs over and over again forever
void loop() {
  digitalWrite(13, HIGH); // turn the LED on via voltage HIGH
  delay(1000);           // wait for a second
  digitalWrite(13, LOW); // turn the LED off via voltage LOW
  delay(1000);           // wait for a second
}

6 LilyPad Arduino, ATmega328 on COM8
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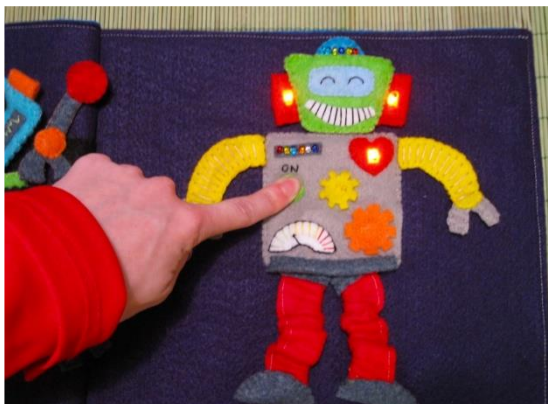
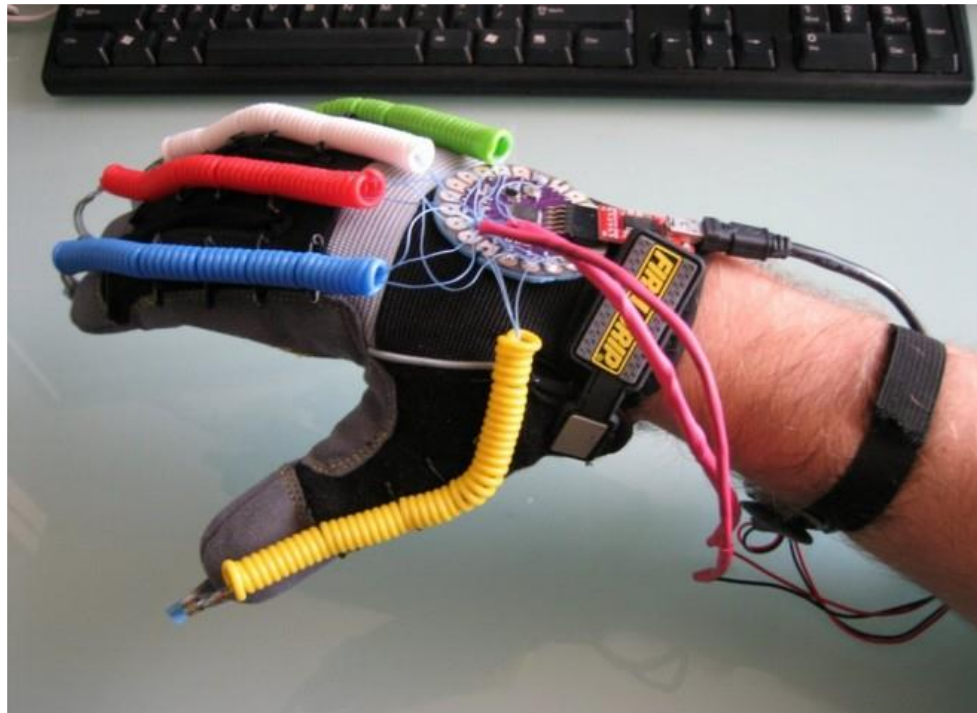
EMBEDDED PROGRAMMING

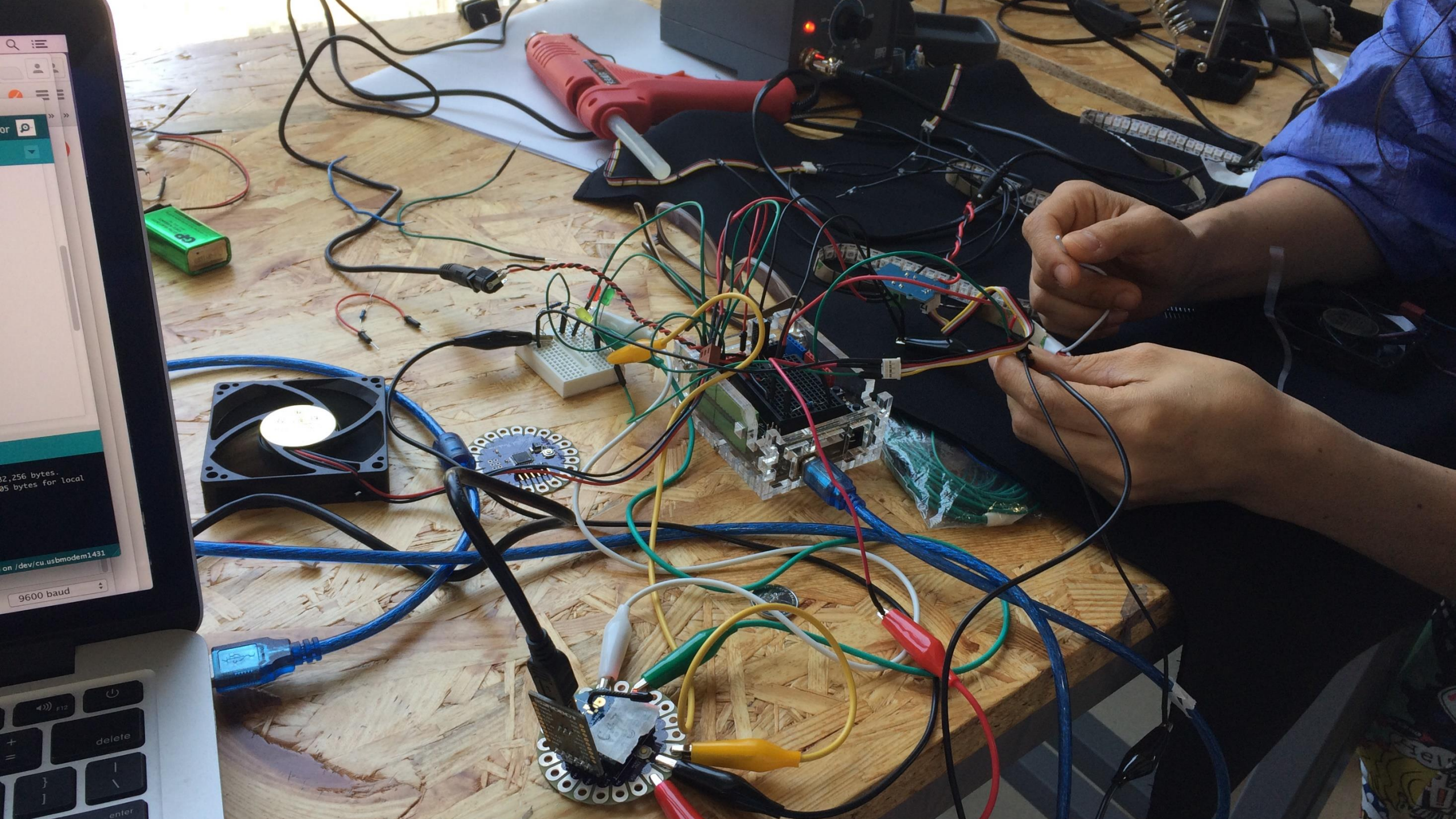


BASIC CIRCUIT & ELECTRONICS KNOWLEDGE



MANUAL SKILLS LIKE SEWING / SOLDERING







Buechley, 2006; Davis, *et al.*, 2013; DuMont & Lee, 2015; Dunne *et al.*, 2015; Kafai *et al.*, 2014; Katterfeldt *et al.*, 2009; Ngai *et al.*, 2013; Richard & Kafai, 2015; Searle, *et al.*, 2014

OVERARCHING RESEARCH QUESTIONS



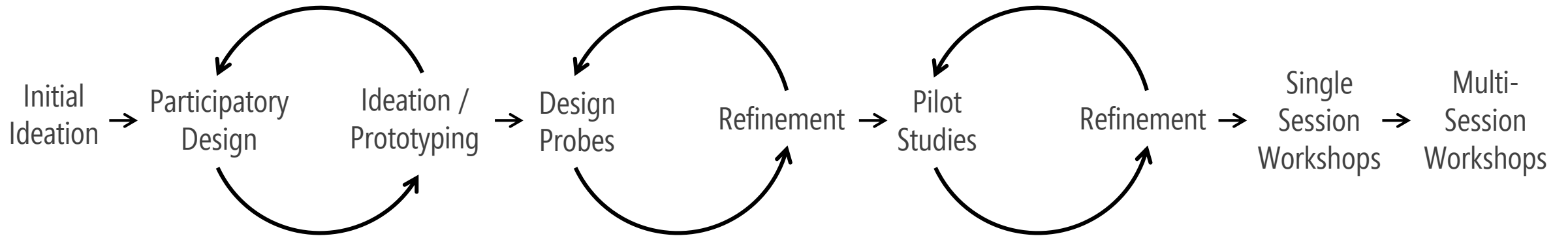
How can we enable young children (elementary age) to design & build their own interactive wearables?

What do children *want* to build and *how* can we support these goals?

How does working with our tools & techniques impact skill development & perceptions of STEM?

MAKERWEAR

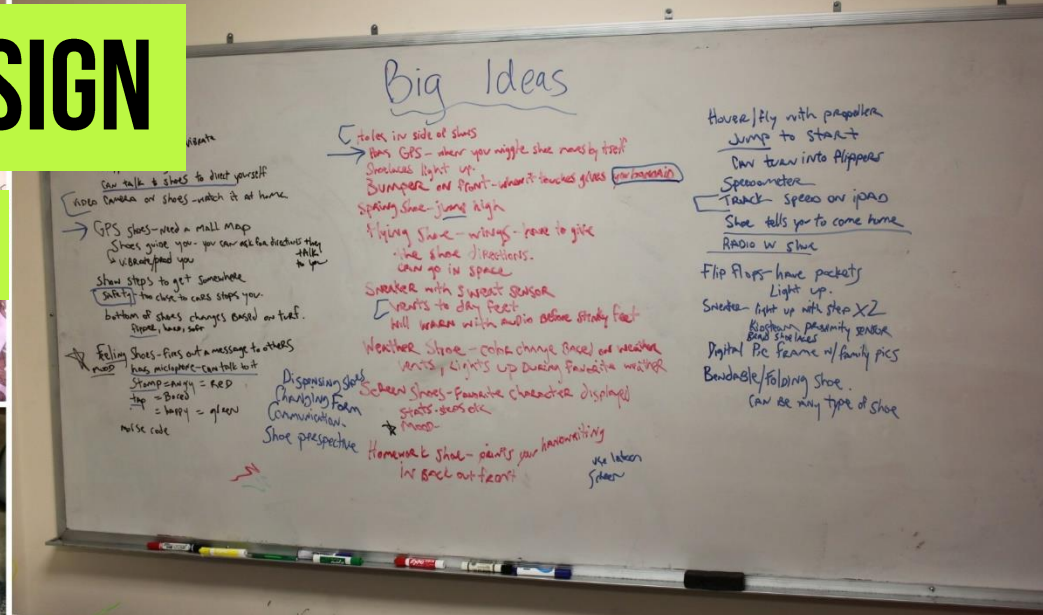
DESIGN & EVALUATION PROCESS



TWO-YEAR ITERATIVE DESIGN PROCESS

PARTICIPATORY DESIGN

Cooperative Inquiry



Cooperative Inquiry: Guha, Druin, & Fails, 2013

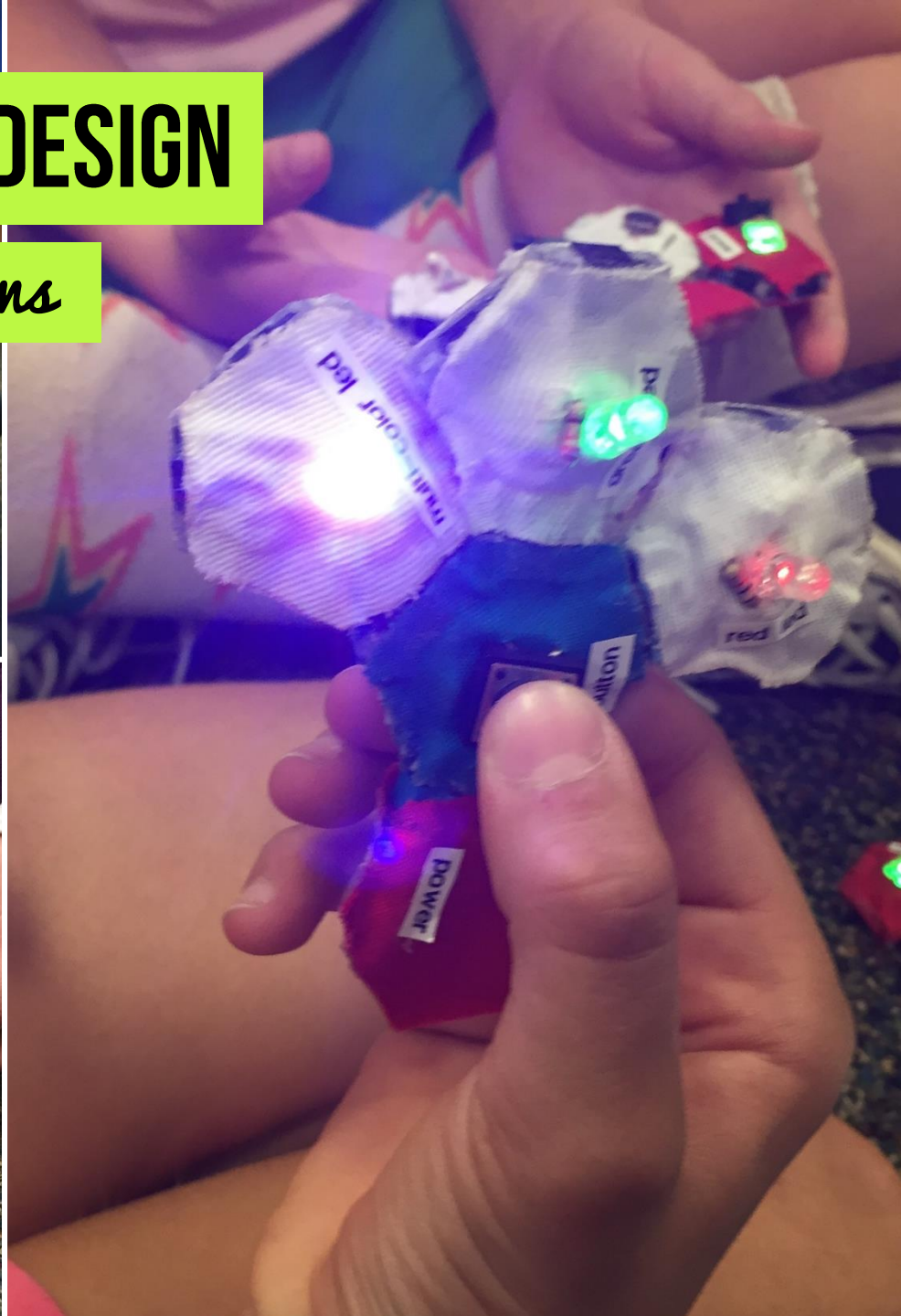
PARTICIPATORY DESIGN

Initial Sessions



PARTICIPATORY DESIGN

Follow-up Sessions



DESIGN PROBE

STEM Educators



WHAT DO CHILDREN WANT TO DESIGN WITH WEARABLES?

React to body movement & physiology (*e.g.*, heartrate)

Recognize gestures & physical actions (*e.g.*, recognize a jump)

Support social interaction (*e.g.*, vibrate when friend nearby)

Augment play experiences (*e.g.*, freeze tag)

Respond to environment (*e.g.*, increase visibility at night)

WHAT DO CHILDREN WANT TO DESIGN WITH WEARABLES?

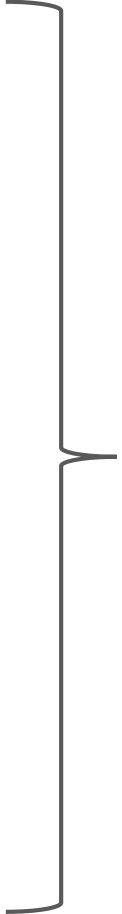
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Recognize gestures & physical actions

Support social interaction

Augment play experiences

Respond to environment



These are the **key things** that any wearable toolkit for children should support



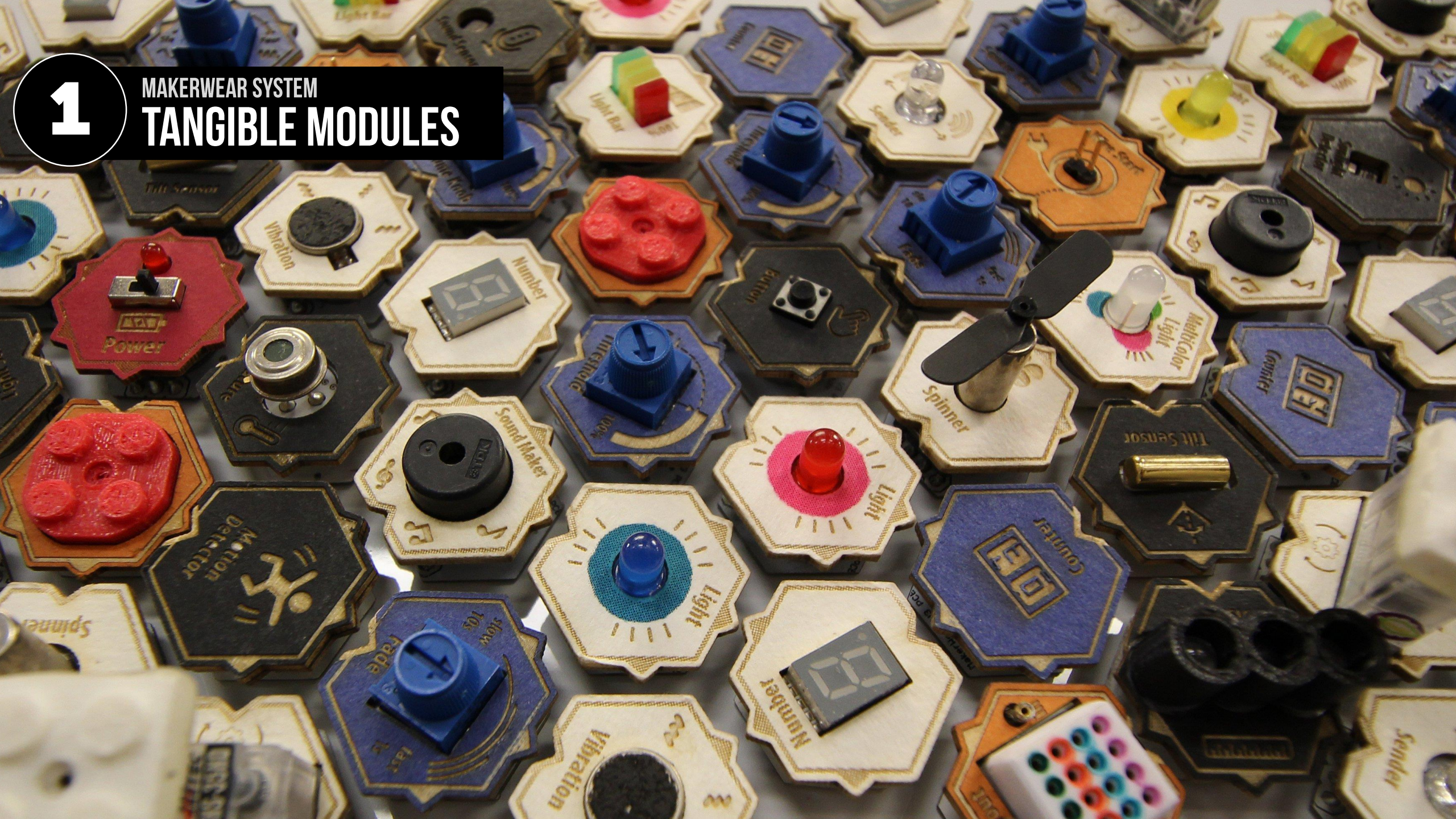
THE MAKERWEAR SYSTEM

<https://github.com/MakerWear>



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MAKERWEAR SYSTEM
TANGIBLE MODULES

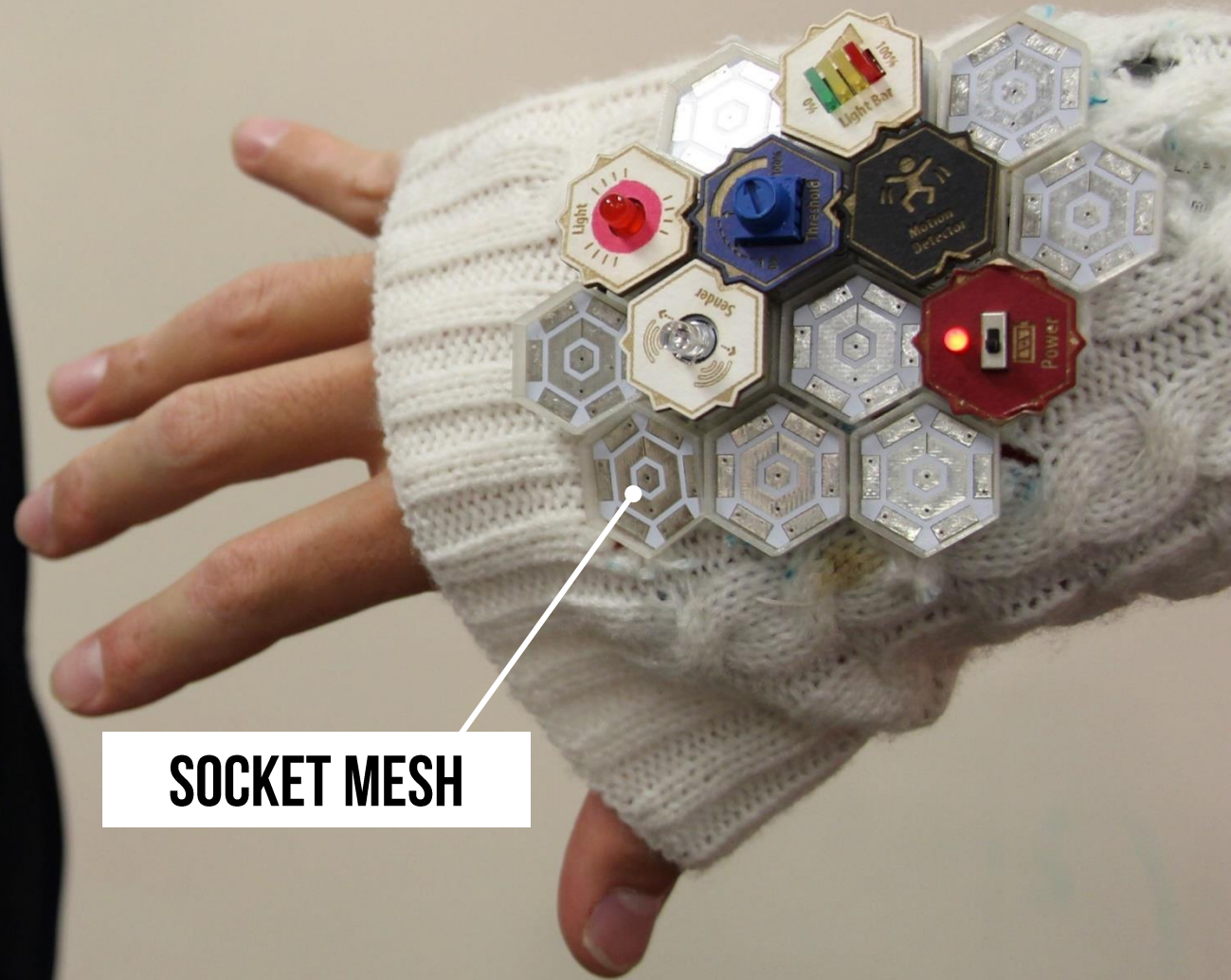


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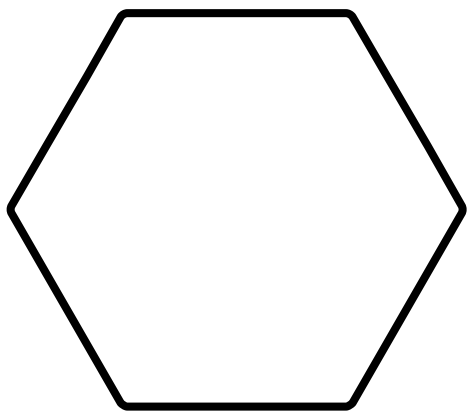
MAKERWEAR SYSTEM
MAGNETIC SOCKET MESH

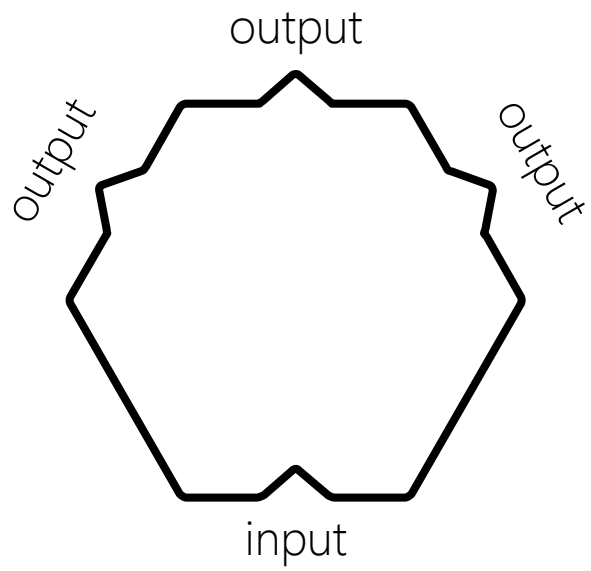


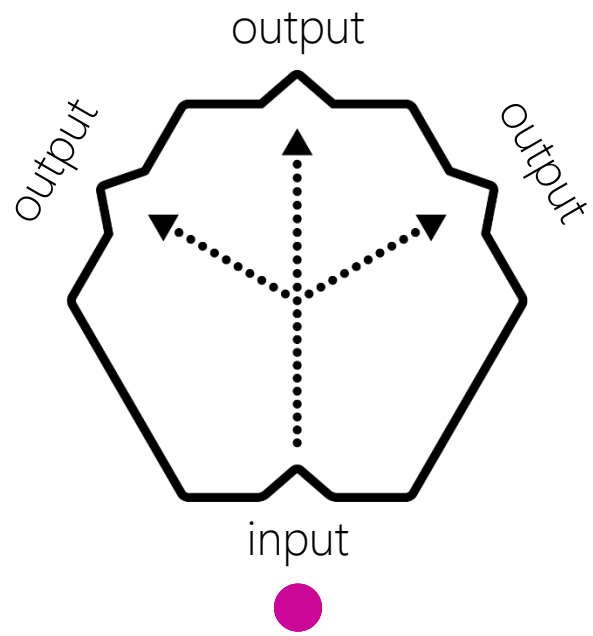
SOCKET MESH

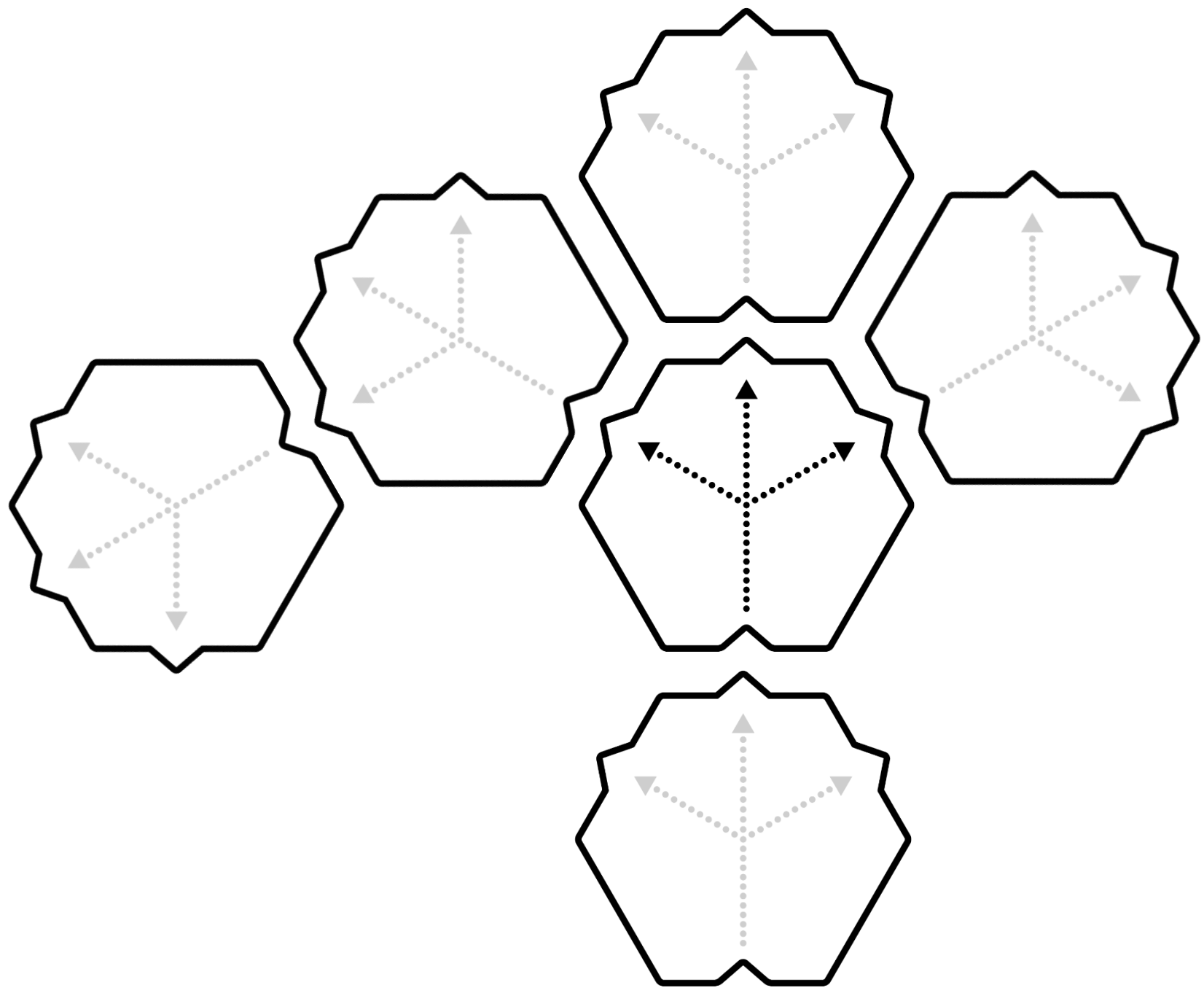


SOCKET MESH

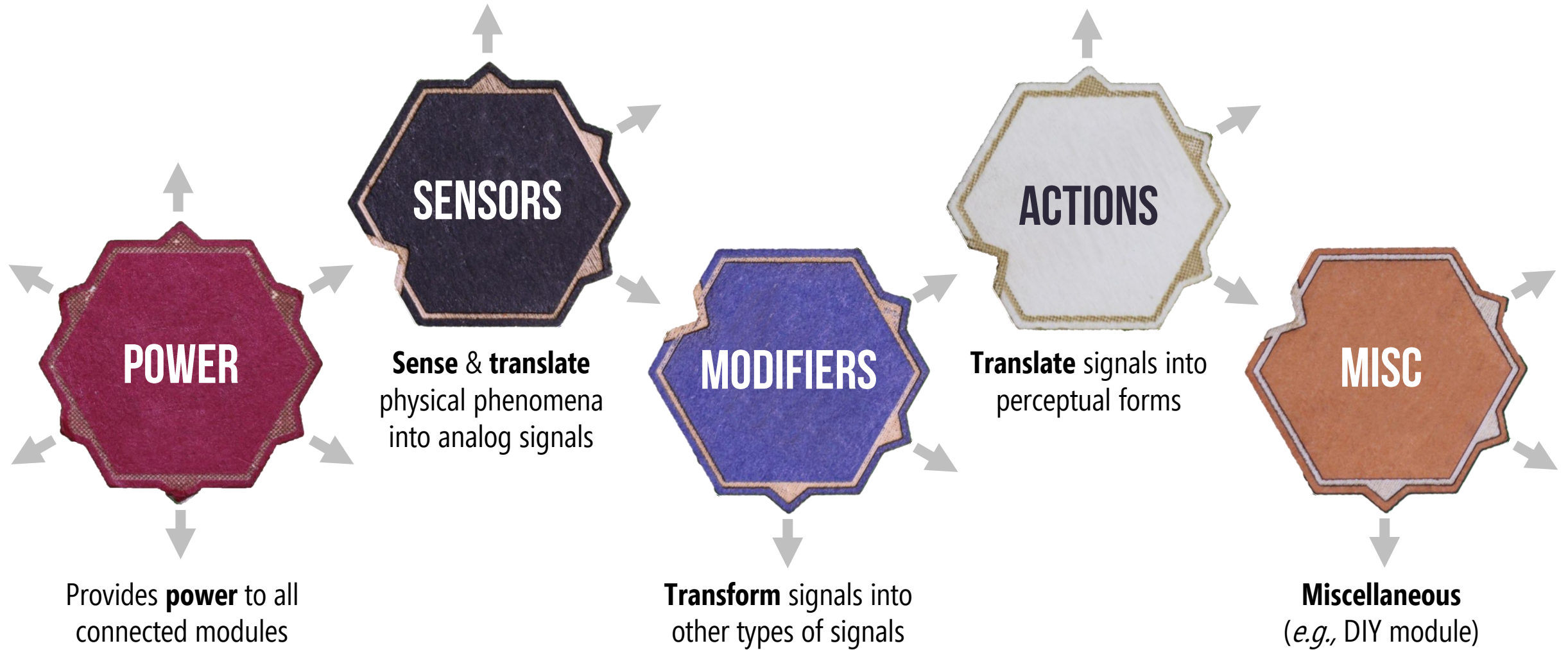








5 MODULE TYPES



MODULE LIBRARY: 33 MODULES

12 SENSORS



Motion Detector



Distance



Sunlight Detector



Tilt Sensor



Light Sensor



Receiver



Impact Sensor



Color Detector



Heartbeat



Button



Temperature



Sound Sensor

9 ACTIONS



Light Bar



Yellow Light



Rotator



Green Light



MultiColor Light



Spinner



Blue Light



Number



Vibration



Red Light



Sender



Sound Maker

7 MODIFIERS



Volume Knob



Sine Wave



Threshold



Counter



Fade



Inverter



Square Wave

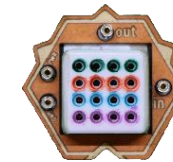
4 MISC



Wire Start



Wire End



DIY Electronic



Bridge

1 POWER



Power

MOVEMENT & PHYSIOLOGY



Motion Detector



Distance



Heartbeat



Impact Sensor



Tilt Sensor



Button



Rotator



Vibration



Spinner

CHANGING ENVIRONMENT



Sunlight Detector



Color Detector



Temperature



Sound Sensor



Light Sensor



Single Light



Sound Maker



MultiColor Light

COMMUNICATION



Wire Start



Receiver



Wire End



Sender

DEBUGGING



Number



Light Bar

DIY



Bridge



DIY Electronic

SIGNAL MODIFIER



Volume Knob



Inverter



Fade

SIGNAL ANALYZER



Threshold



Counter

SIGNAL GENERATOR



Square Wave

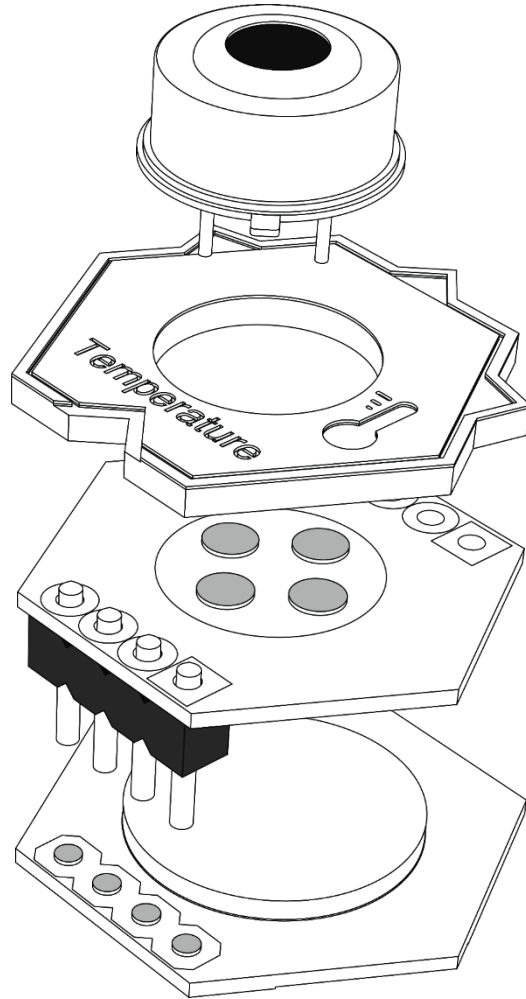


Sine Wave

MODULE EXPLODED VIEW



**Temperature
Sensor**



LAYER 1

Exposed electronic component

LAYER 2

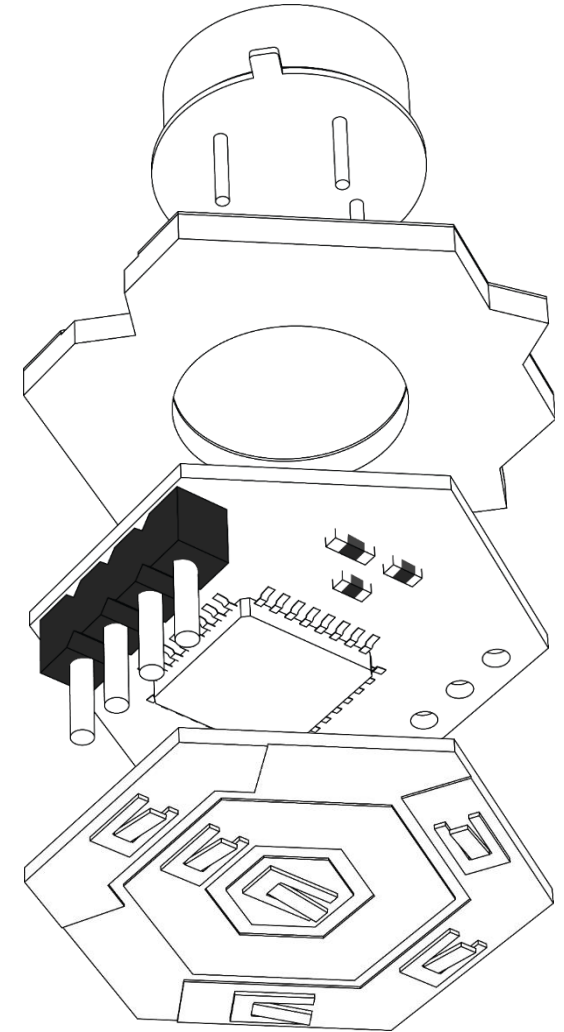
Laser cut module cover

LAYER 3

Custom PCB with embedded
microcontroller & SMD
components

LAYER 4

Custom PCB with neodymium
magnet & contact spring for
socket connection



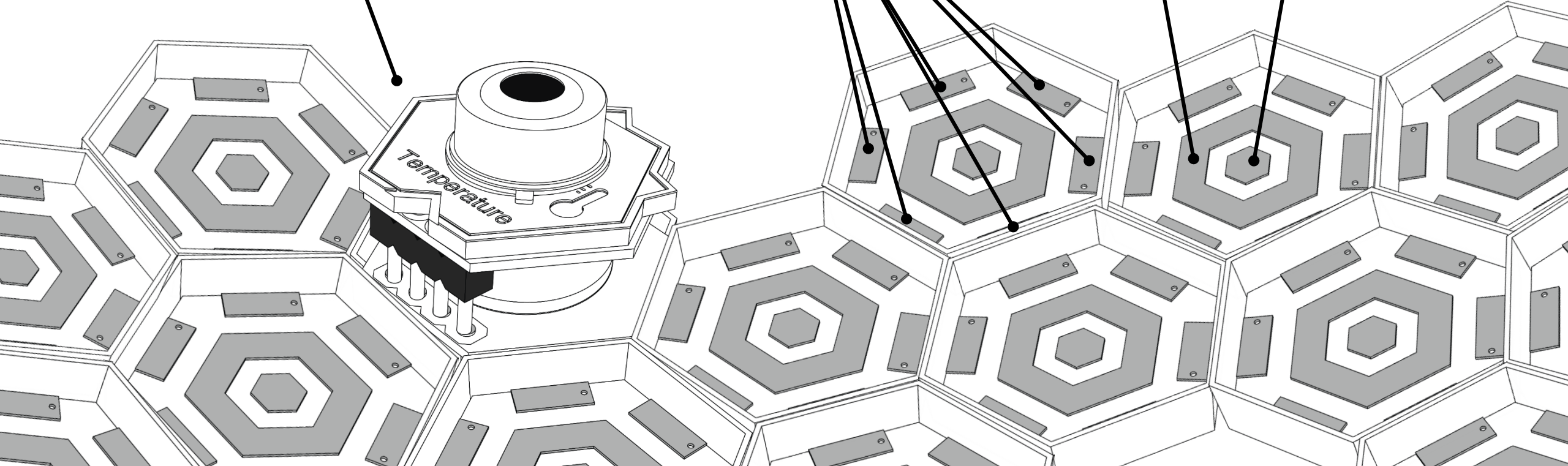
SOCKET MESH

“PLUG-AND-PLAY”

6 I/O PINS

VCC

GND



MAKERWEAR SYSTEM

TWO TYPES OF SOCKET MESHES

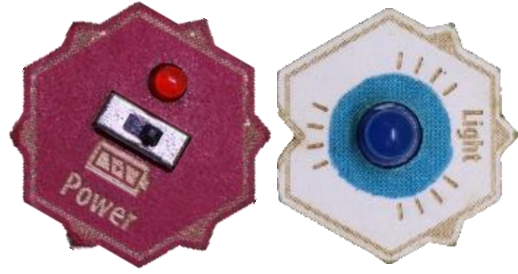
The number of sockets per mesh ranges from 14-23



1. SEWN INTO CLOTHES

2. FABRIC PATCH







MAKERWEAR EXAMPLES

“MOTION-REACTIVE CLOTHES”



Motion-reactive clothes!

MAKERWEAR EXAMPLES

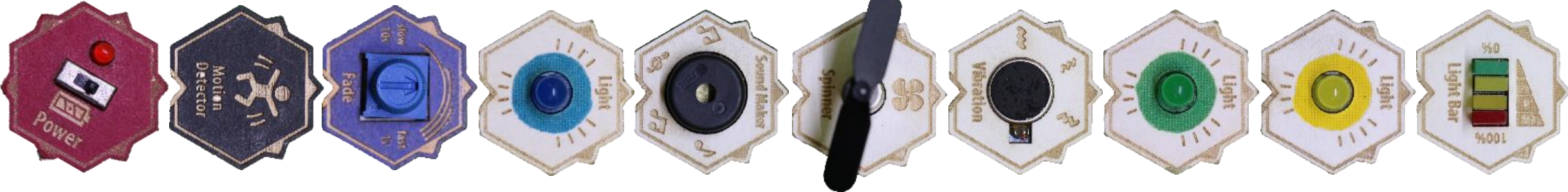
“MOTION-REACTIVE CLOTHES”



Now with fade effect

MAKERWEAR EXAMPLES

“MOTION-REACTIVE CLOTHES”



MAKERWEAR EXAMPLES

“MOTION-REACTIVE CLOTHES”



MAKERWEAR EXAMPLES

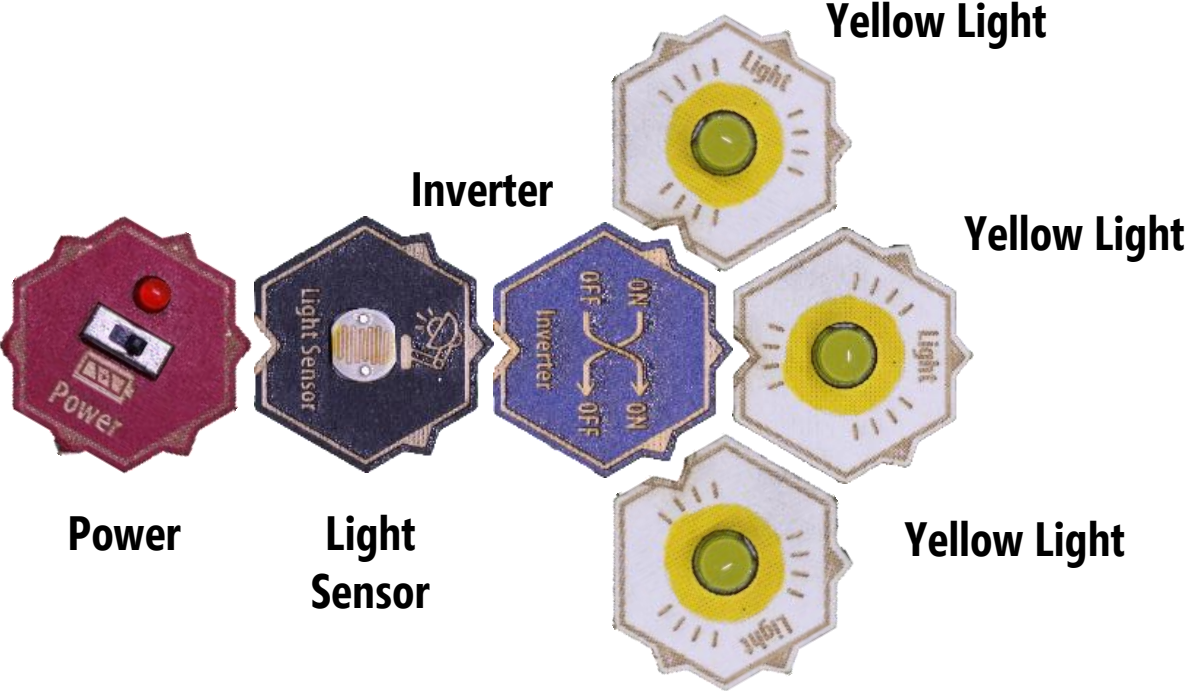
“MOTION-REACTIVE CLOTHES”



We can create a diverse set of designs tangibly

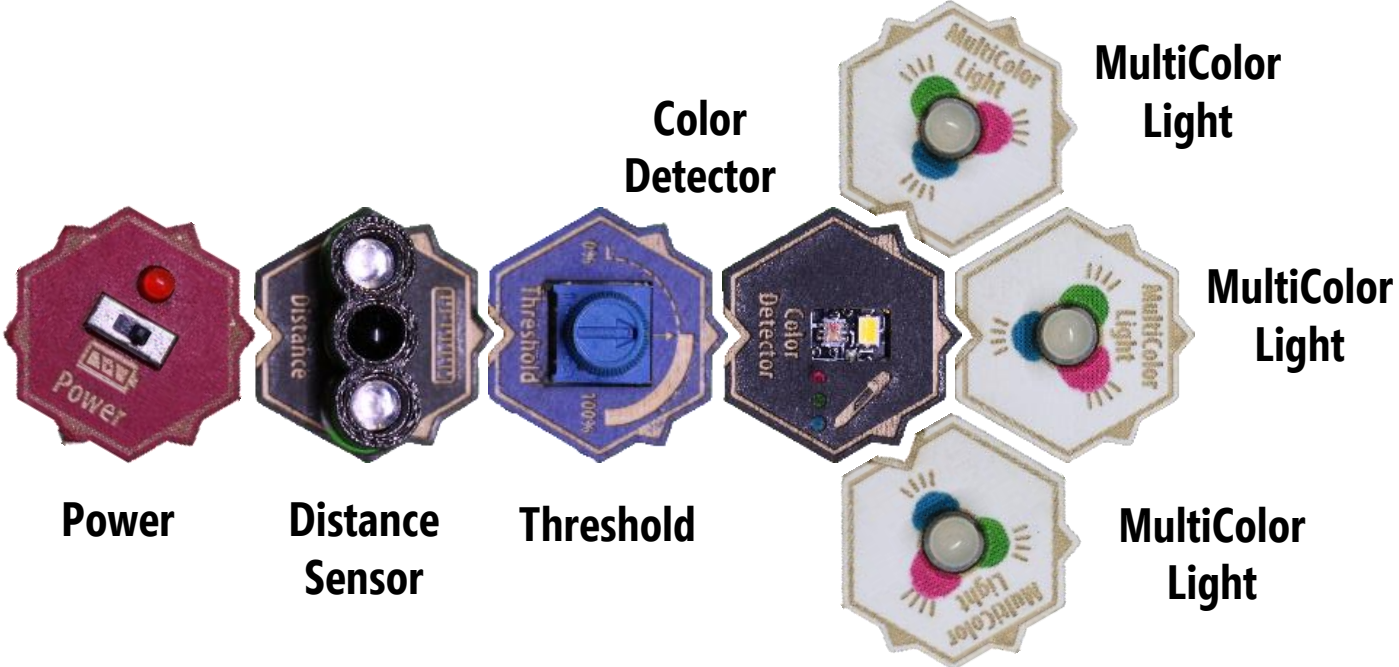
MAKERWEAR EXAMPLES

“AUTO-HEADLAMP HAT”



MAKERWEAR EXAMPLES

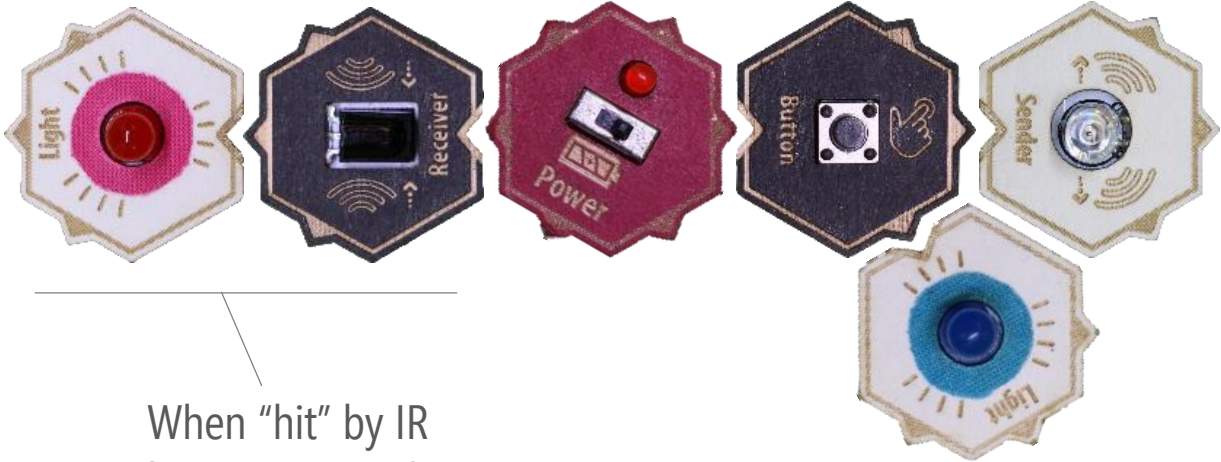
“CHAMELEON CLOTHES”



MAKERWEAR EXAMPLES

“LASER TAG ARMBAND”

When button pressed, shoots “laser”
(IR beam) and turns on blue LED



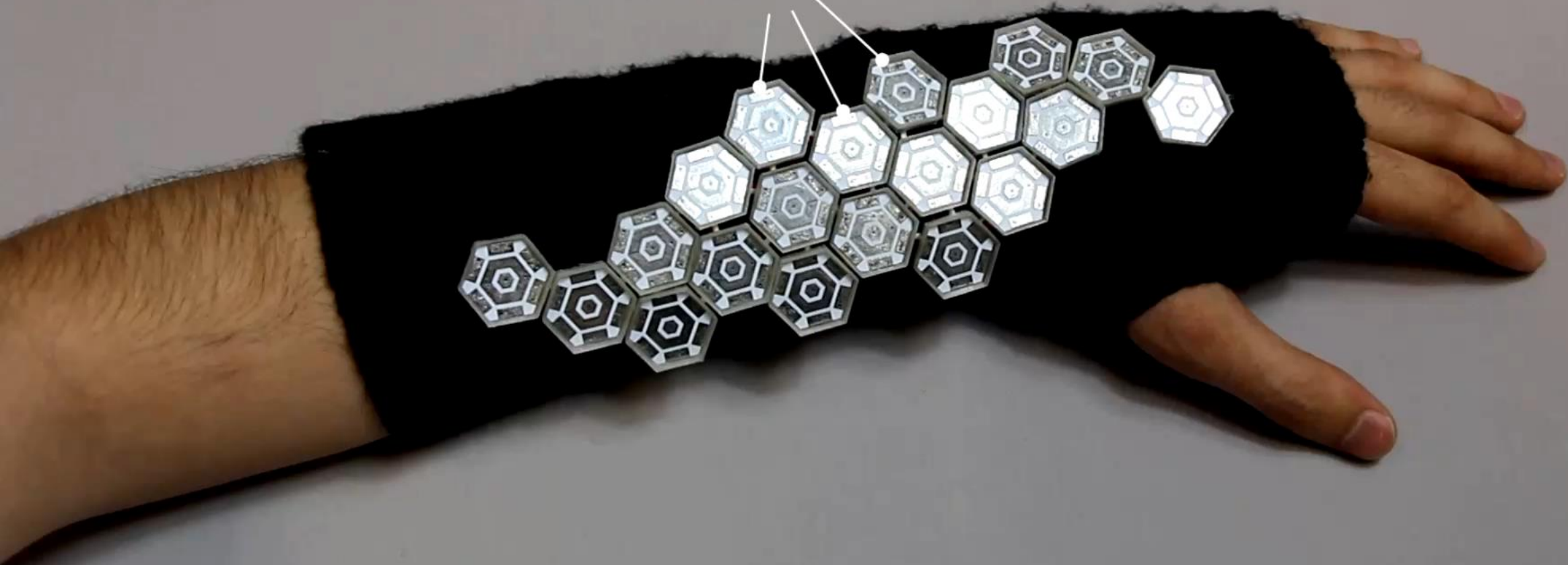
When “hit” by IR
beam, turns red

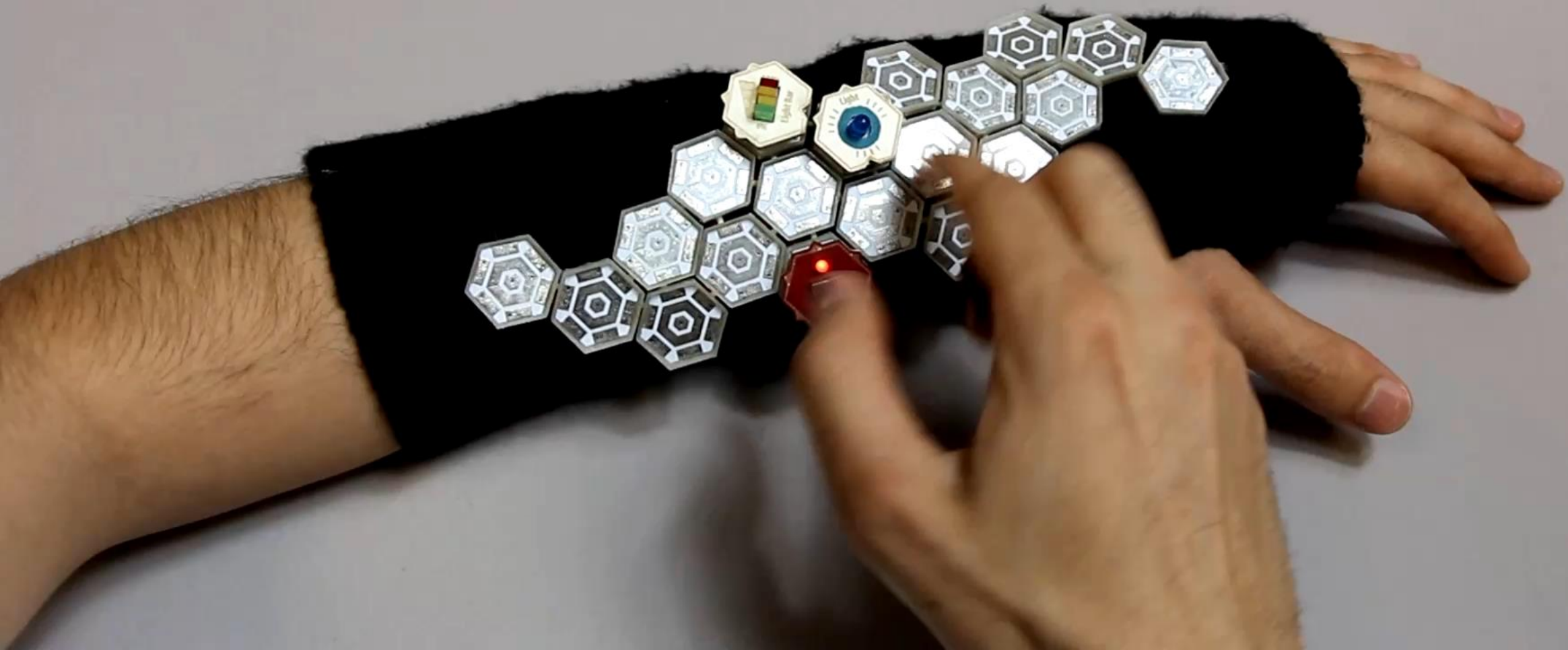
MAKERWEAR EXAMPLES

“LASER TAG ARMBAND”



Socket Mesh







MAKERWEAR EVALUATION

WORKSHOP-BASED EVALUATIONS

32 children (16 female; ages 5-12; *avg*=8.3)

Two single-session workshops (*N*=13)

Three four-session workshops (*N*=19)

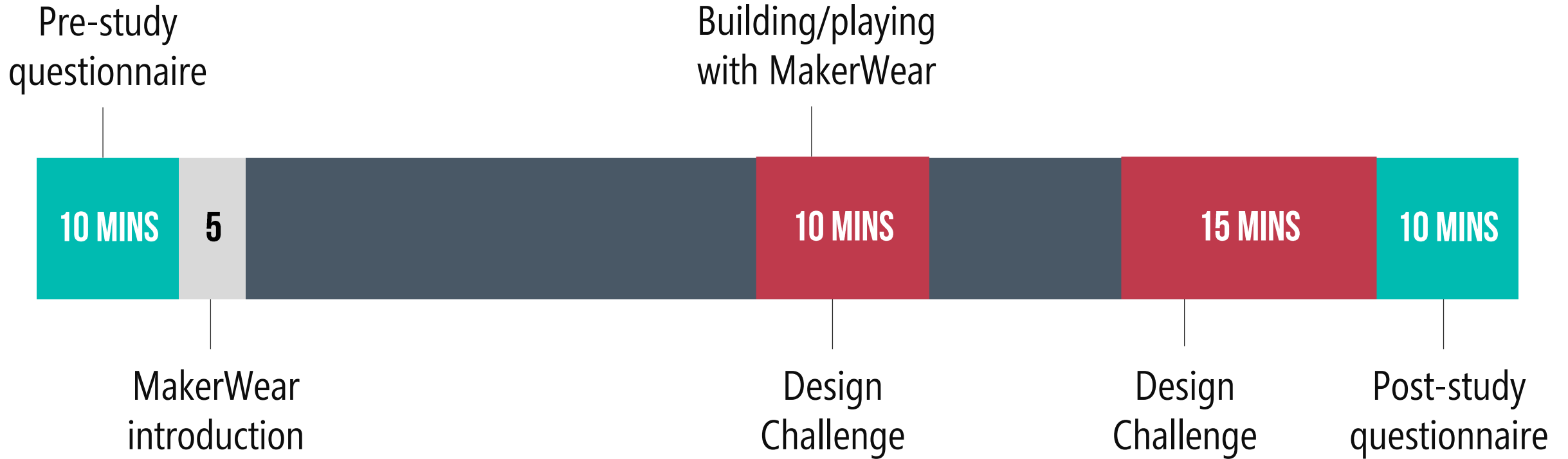
WORKSHOP SESSIONS & DEMOGRAPHICS

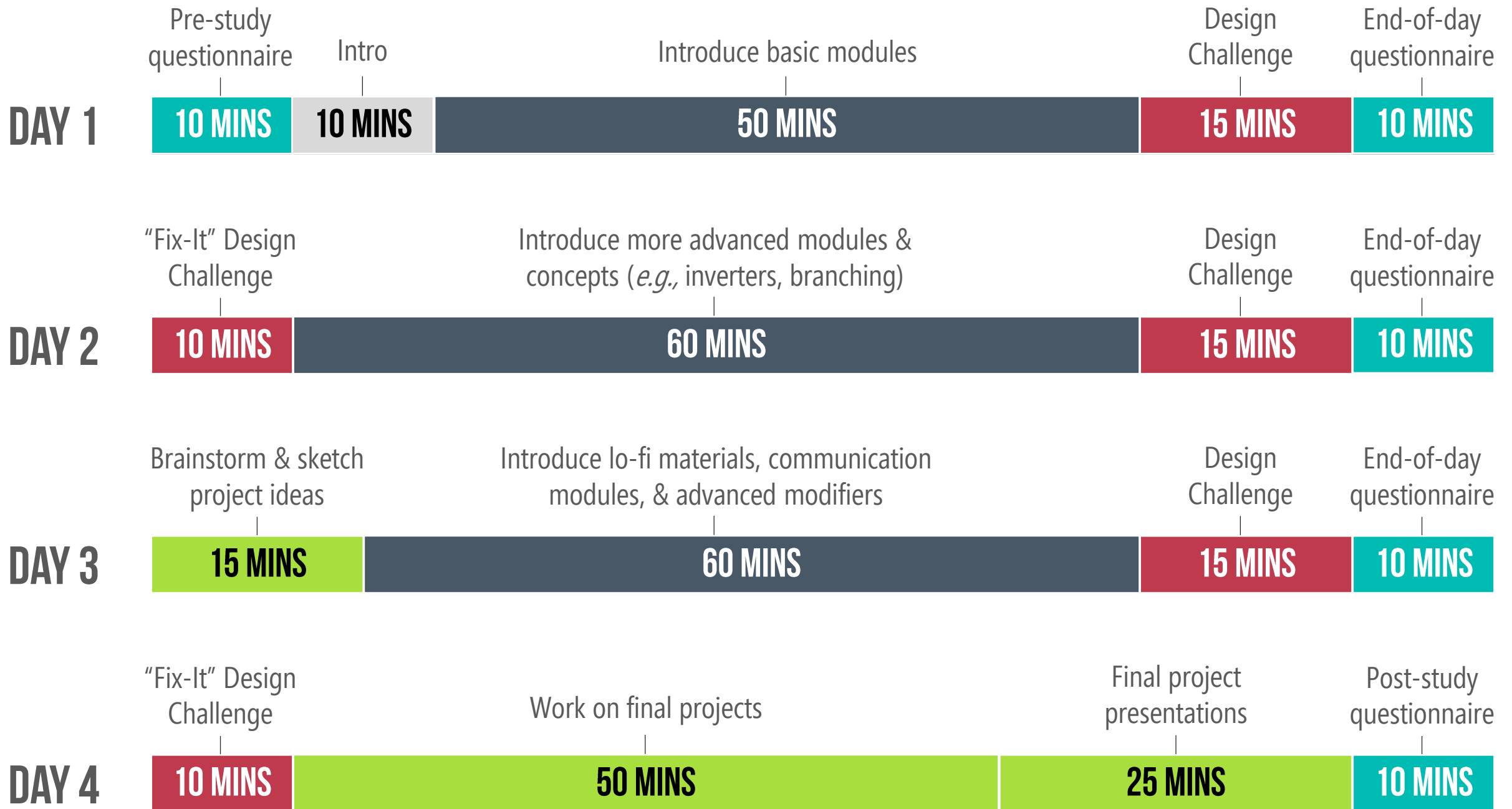
	Group	Ages (Avg)	N (female)
SINGLE SESSION	1	5-7 (6.0)	5 (5)
	2	8-12 (9.9)	8 (3)
MULTI-SESSION	1	5-7 (6.3)	7 (3)
	2	8-9 (8.8)	6 (1)
	3	8-12 (10.2)	6 (4)
	Total	5-12 (8.3)	32 (16)

WORKSHOP SESSIONS & DEMOGRAPHICS

	Group	Ages (Avg)	N (female)	Uses computer at least a few times a week	Has used a graphical programming system (<i>e.g.</i> , Scratch)	Has used an electronic kit (<i>e.g.</i> , Snap Circuits, Lego Mindstorms, littleBits)
SINGLE SESSION	1	5-7 (6.0)	5 (5)	100%	40%	20%
	2	8-12 (9.9)	8 (3)	88%	38%	50%
MULTI-SESSION	1	5-7 (6.3)	7 (3)	100%	57%	57%
	2	8-9 (8.8)	6 (1)	83%	50%	66%
	3	8-12 (10.2)	6 (4)	83%	83%	66%
	Total	5-12 (8.3)	32 (16)	91%	53%	53%

SINGLE-SESSIONS WORKSHOP PROCEDURE





DATA & ANALYSIS

Session video

Design challenge performance (Radar *et al.*, 1997)

End-user creations (Duncan *et al.*, 2014; Hansen *et al.*, 2015)

Artifact-based interviews (Brennan & Resnick, 2012)

Pre & post-study questionnaires

A photograph of three children in a school hallway showcasing their makerwear projects. The child on the left wears a yellow shirt and a black fuzzy glove with a sensor. The child in the middle wears a red shirt and a white glove with a sensor. The child on the right wears a grey hoodie, a red and black baseball cap with a sensor, and a yellow wristband with a sensor. A fire extinguisher is visible in the background.

MAKERWEAR FINDINGS

MAKERWEAR FINDINGS OVERALL

Highly engaged in making

Wide variety of designs

Applied computational thinking



MAKERWEAR

MAKERWEAR FINDINGS

MakerWear understanding & CT

What did children make?

Some unexpected things

INPUT/OUTPUT & SEQUENCING

EXAMPLE FIX-IT DESIGN CHALLENGES

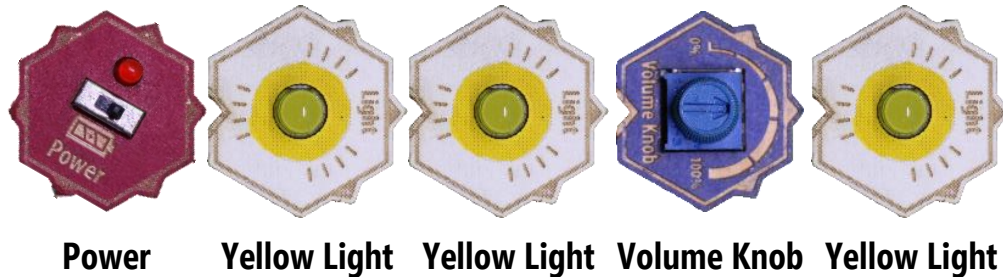
Fix this so the light responds to the sensor



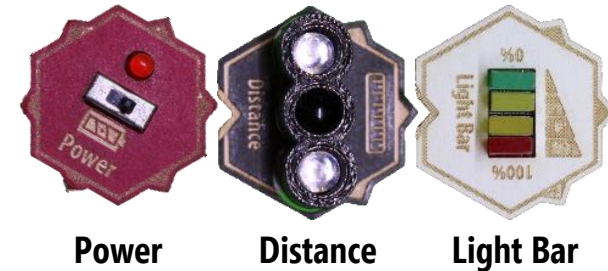
Fix this so the lightbar responds to the sensor



Fix this so all light levels are controlled by the volume knob



EXAMPLE SOLUTIONS



MAKERWEAR FINDINGS

INPUT/OUTPUT & SEQUENCING

Youngest=6.3; Middle=8.8; Oldest=10.2 years old

EXAMPLE FIX-IT DESIGN CHALLENGES



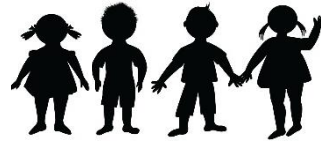
Power Light Sensor MultiColor Light



Power Light Bar Distance



Power Yellow Light Yellow Light Volume Knob Yellow Light



Youngest

81%



Middle

100%



Oldest

100%

MAKERWEAR FINDINGS

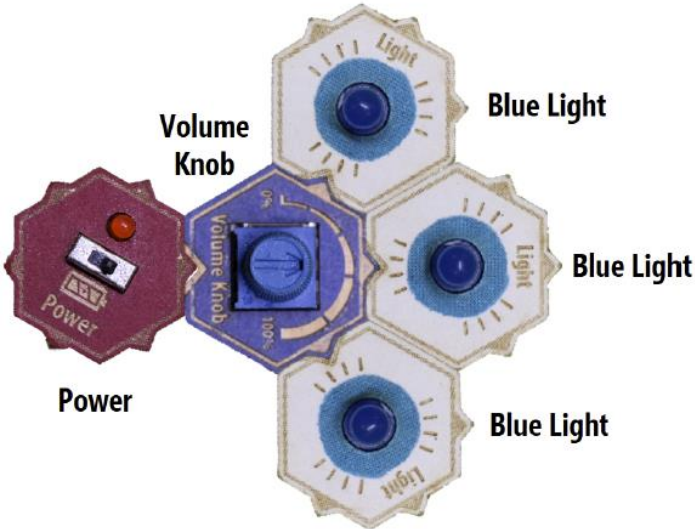
BRANCHING

Youngest=6.3; Middle=8.8; Oldest=10.2 years old

Do these two designs behave differently?



Power Volume Knob Blue Light Blue Light Blue Light



Power Volume Knob Blue Light Blue Light Blue Light



Youngest

43%



Middle

100%



Oldest

100%

PROGRESSIONS

Youngest=6.3; Middle=8.8; Oldest=10.2 years old

FIRST DAY

47%

Sequencing

LAST DAY

77%

Sequencing

FIRST DAY

20%

Conditional Logic

LAST DAY

78%

Conditional Logic



Middle & Oldest Groups Only

MAKERWEAR FINDINGS

FINAL PROJECTS



Omar, Age 6



Justin, Age 8



Tyrese, Age 5



LeShawn, Age 6



Sarah, Age 9



Keisha, Age 6



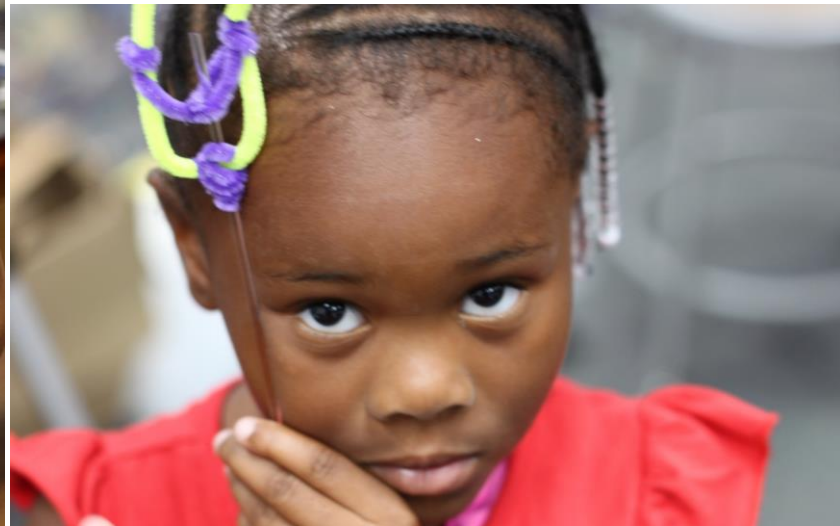
Austin, Age 9



Amelia, Age 10



Tina, Age 8



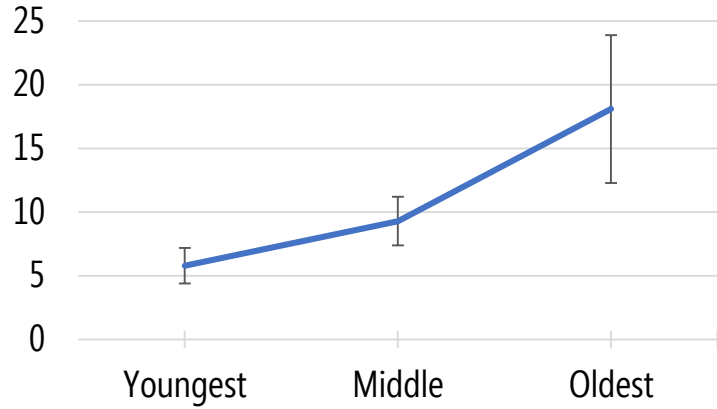
Kayla, Age 6

MAKERWEAR FINDINGS

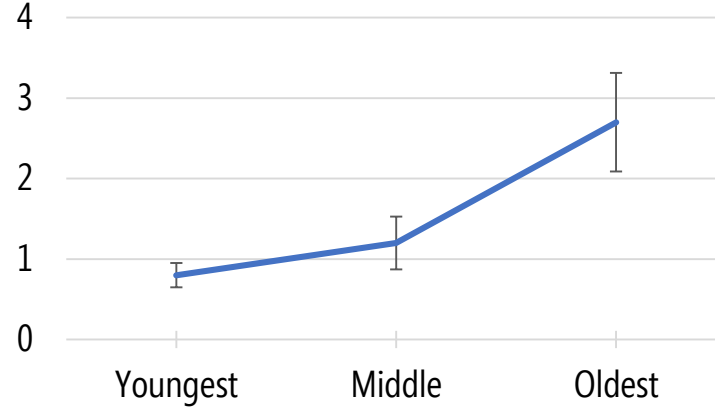
AGE-RELATED DIFFERENCES IN FINAL PROJECTS

Youngest=6.3; Middle=8.8; Oldest=10.2 years old

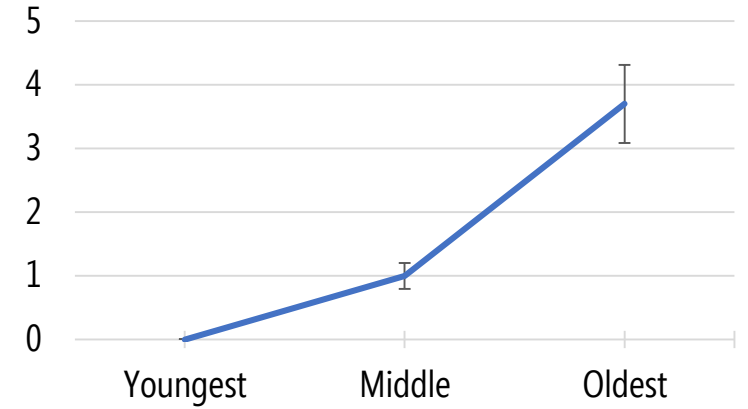
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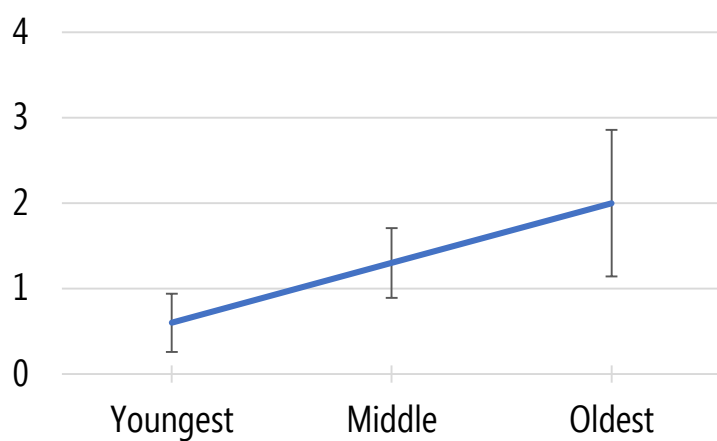
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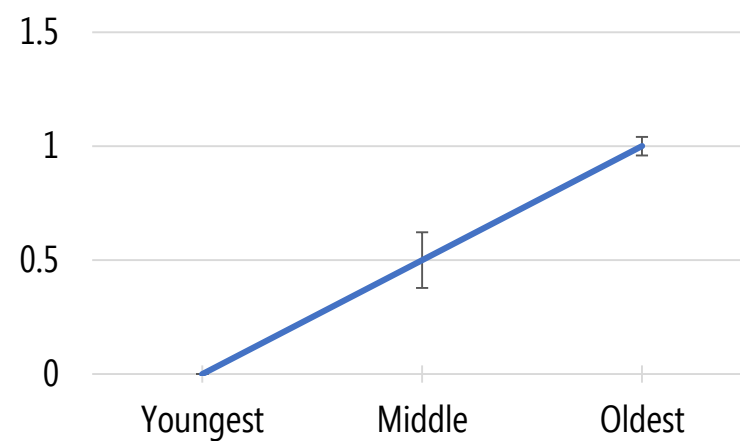
AVG MODIFIER COUNT



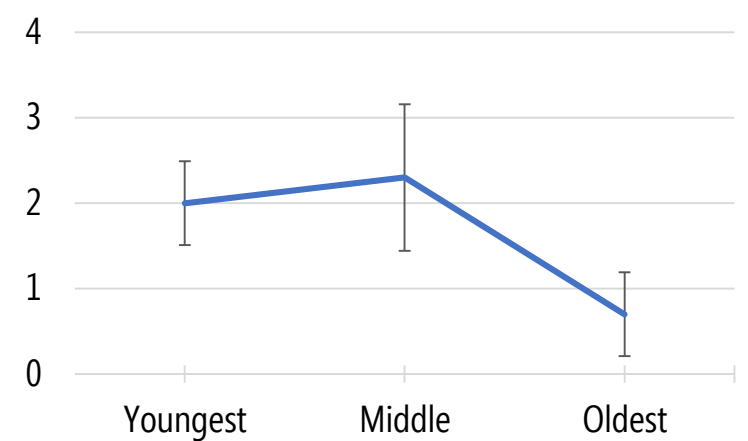
AVG NUM OF BRANCHES



AVG NUM OF CONTROL STRUCTURES



AVG NUM OF LO-FI MATERIALS



MAKERWEAR FINAL PROJECTS

WHAT DID CHILDREN MAKE?



SPORTS/FITNESS

38%



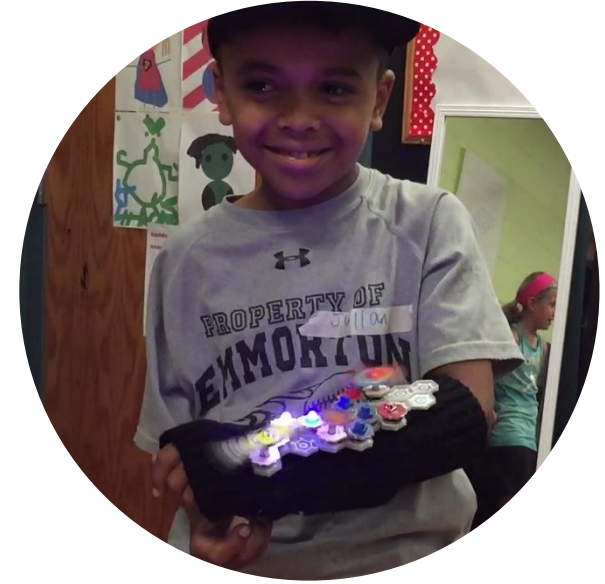
ROLE PLAY

31%



SOCIO-DRAMATIC PLAY

19%



OTHER

13%

WHAT SENSORS DID THEY USE?



Motion Detector



Distance



Volume Knob



Temperature



Sunlight Detector



Light Sensor



Wire Start



Receiver



Impact Sensor



Tilt Sensor



Button



Color Detector



Sound Sensor



Heartbeat



Wire End



Sender

MOVEMENT

33%

MANUAL INPUT

24%

ENVIRONMENT

19%

PHYSIOLOGY

14%

SOCIAL

10%

I want to highlight a few projects that demonstrate the **breadth of designs**, the span of **technical sophistication**, & illustrate the aforementioned **themes**

MAKERWEAR FINAL PROJECTS

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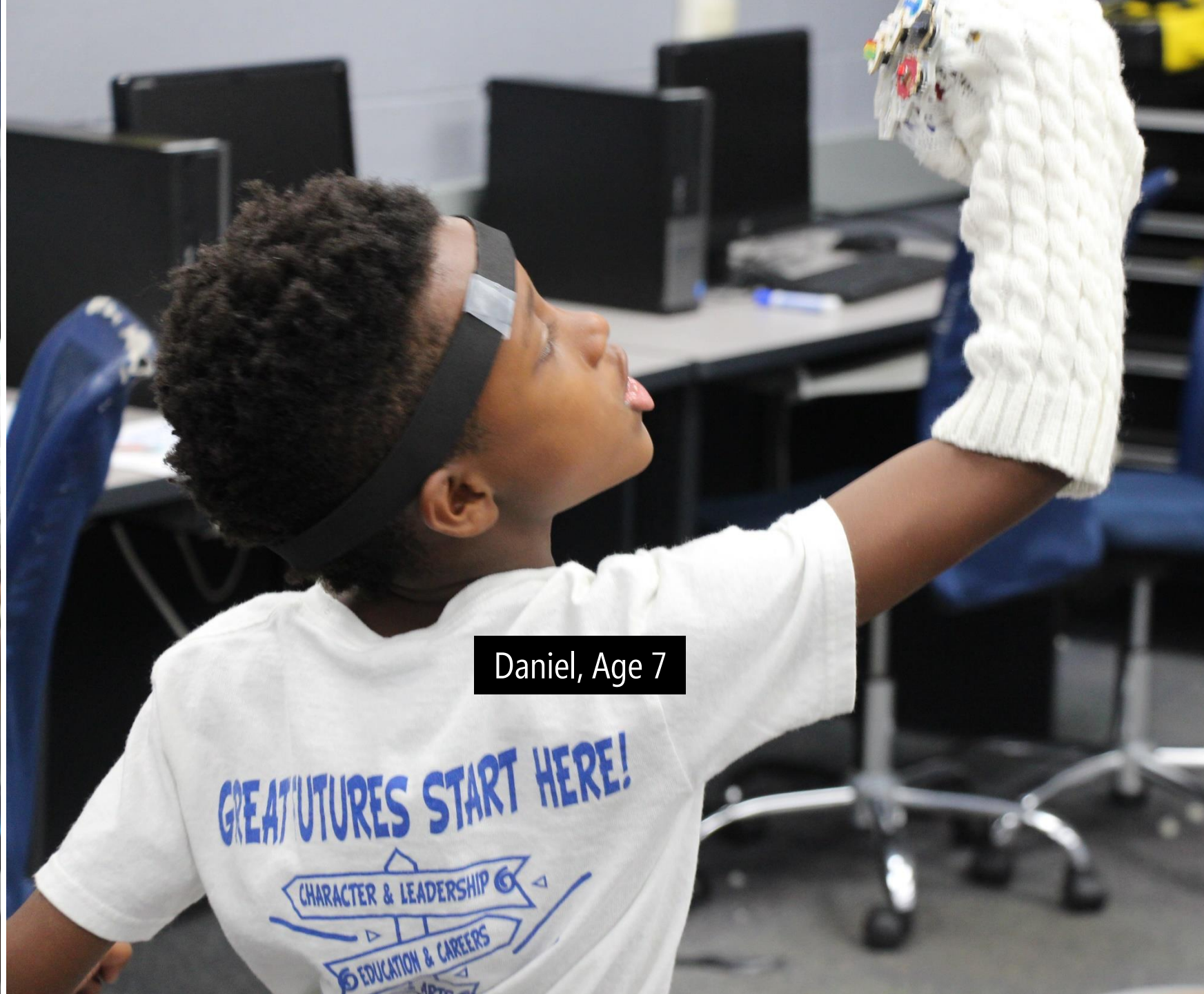


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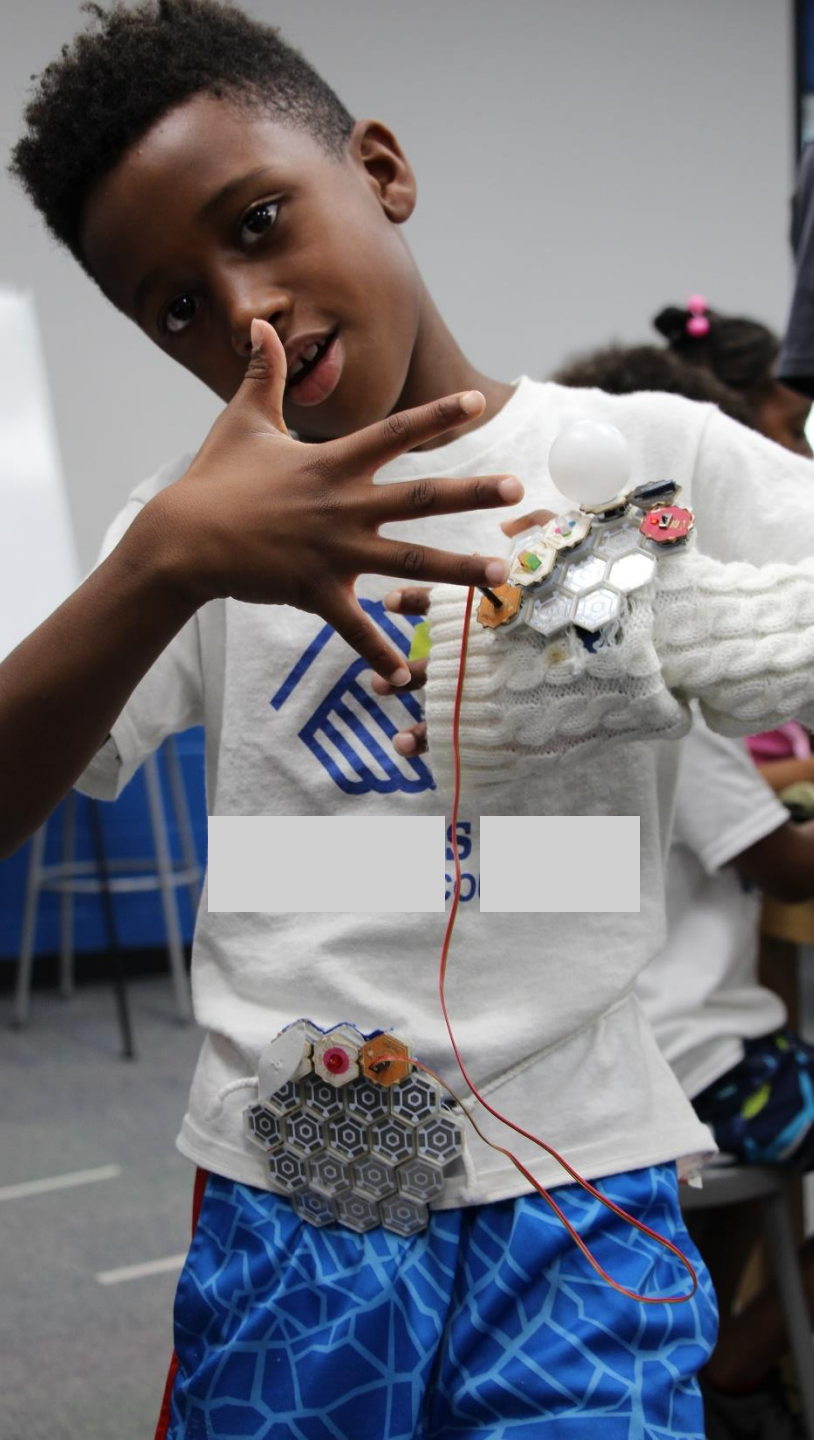
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MAKERWEAR FINAL PROJECT

“SUPER NINJA”



Daniel, Age 7



SUPER NINJA

Maker: Daniel, Age 7

9 modules: 5 actions, 2 misc, 1 sensor

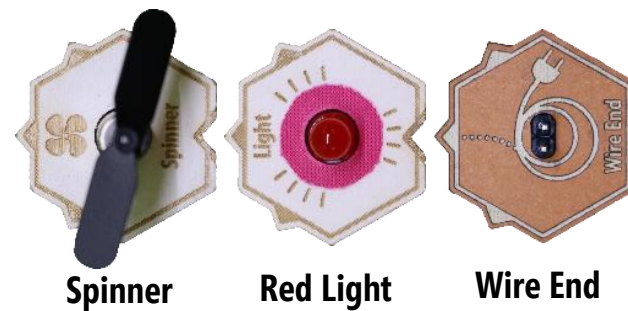
2 socket meshes

2 lo-fi pieces

“UPPER CUT” ARMBAND



“NINJA” BELT



MAKERWEAR FINAL PROJECTS

WHAT DID CHILDREN MAKE?



SPORTS/FITNESS

38%



ROLE PLAY

31%



SOCIO-DRAMATIC PLAY

19%



OTHER

13%

MAKERWEAR FINAL PROJECT

“MAGIC POKÉMON”



Austin, Age 9







MAGIC YVELTAL POKÉMON

Maker: Austin, Age 9

14 modules: 9 actions, 2 sensors, 1 modifier

2 socket meshes

3 lo-fi pieces + pokemon



VEST



POKÉMON DOLL



WHAT DID CHILDREN MAKE?



SPORTS/FITNESS

38%



ROLE PLAY

31%



SOCIO-DRAMATIC PLAY

19%



OTHER

13%

MAKERWEAR FINAL PROJECT

“SMART LACROSSE STICK”



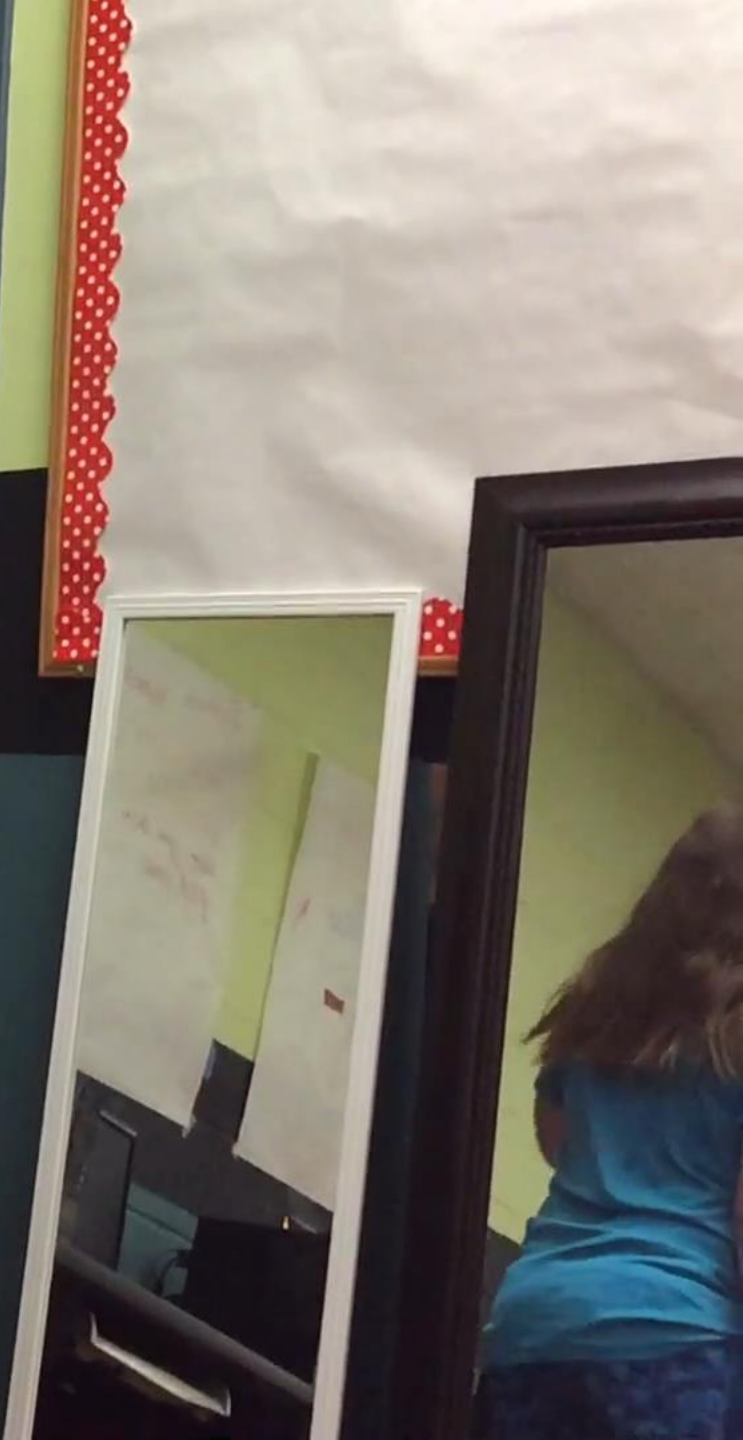
Sarah, Age 9



...HAVE...
...personal...
~~BAD AD'S~~

SUPERMAN
LOVES STEM

KEEP
GOING
GOING





SMART LACROSSE STICK

Maker: Sarah, Age 9

8 modules: 6 actions, 1 sensor

1 socket mesh

3 lo-fi pieces + lacrosse stick



MAKERWEAR FINAL PROJECT

“NEXT GEN RUNNING CLOTHES”



Amelia, Age 10





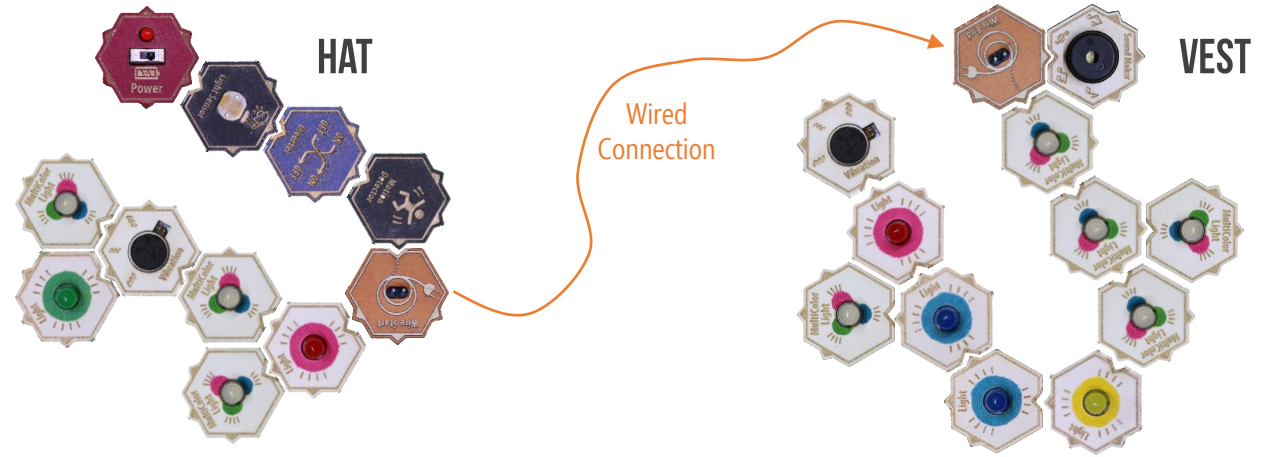
NEXT GENERATION RUNNING CLOTHES

Maker: Amelia, Age 10

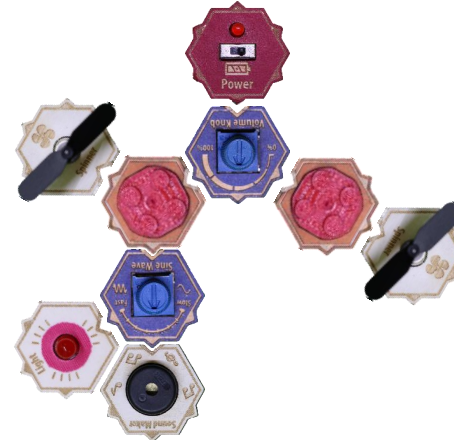
40 modules: 25 actions, 3 sensors, 5 modifiers

4 socket meshes; 2 lo-fi pieces

MOTION-REACTIVE LIGHT-UP SAFETY HAT & VEST



“AIR CONDITIONING” ARMBAND



“HEART TRACKER” ARMBAND





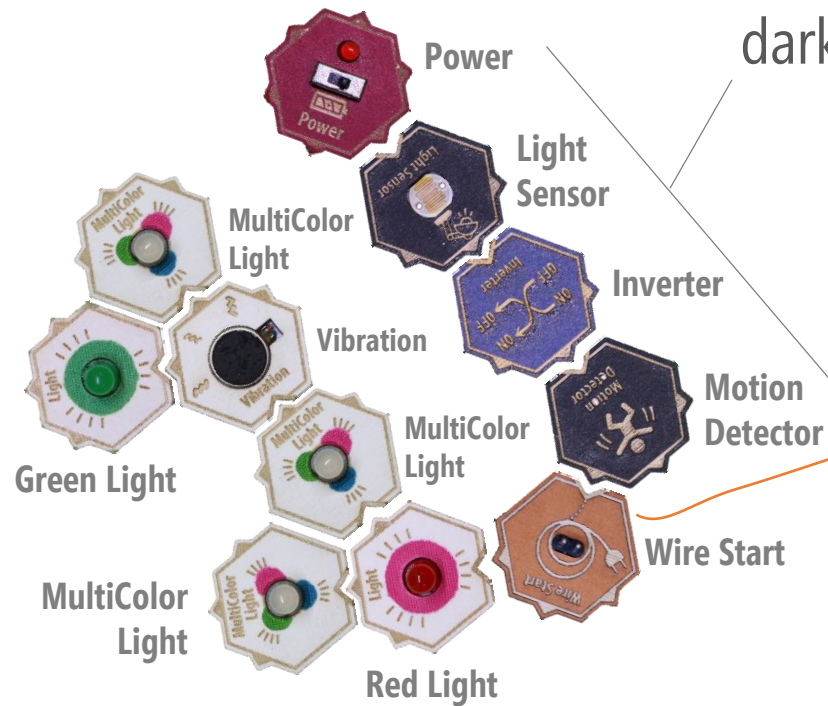
NEXT GENERATION RUNNING CLOTHES

Maker: Amelia, Age 10

40 modules: 25 actions, 3 sensors, 5 modifiers

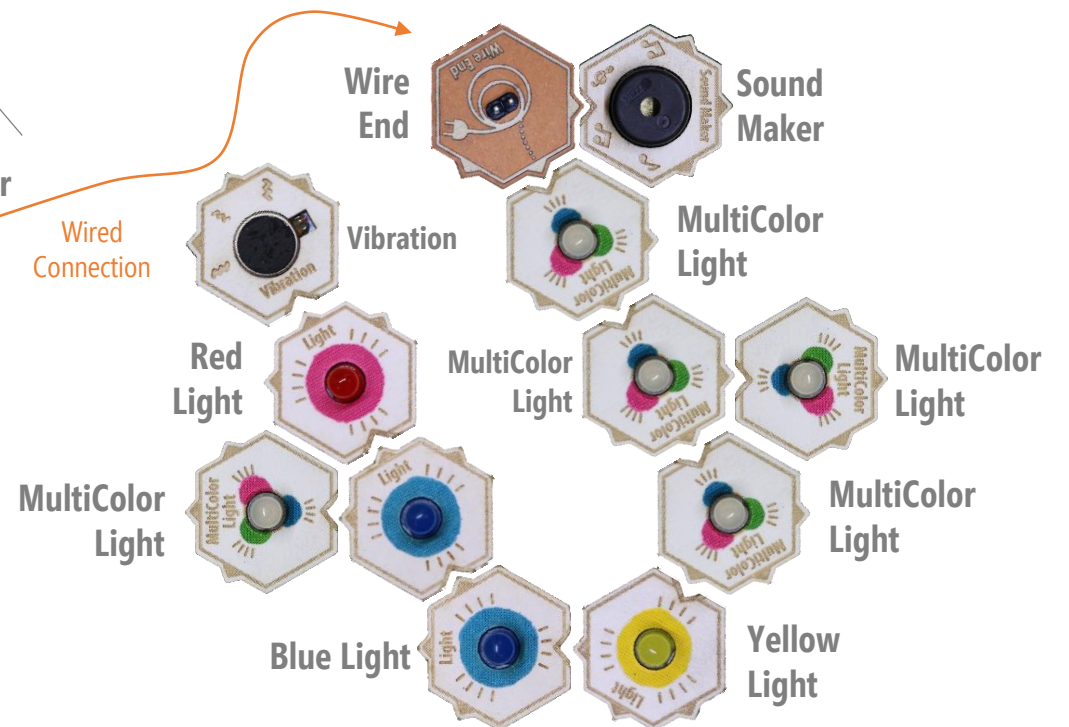
4 socket meshes; 2 lo-fi pieces

MOTION-REACTIVE HAT



Activate hat & vest only when it's dark **AND** the wearer is moving

MOTION-REACTIVE VEST





NEXT GENERATION RUNNING CLOTHES

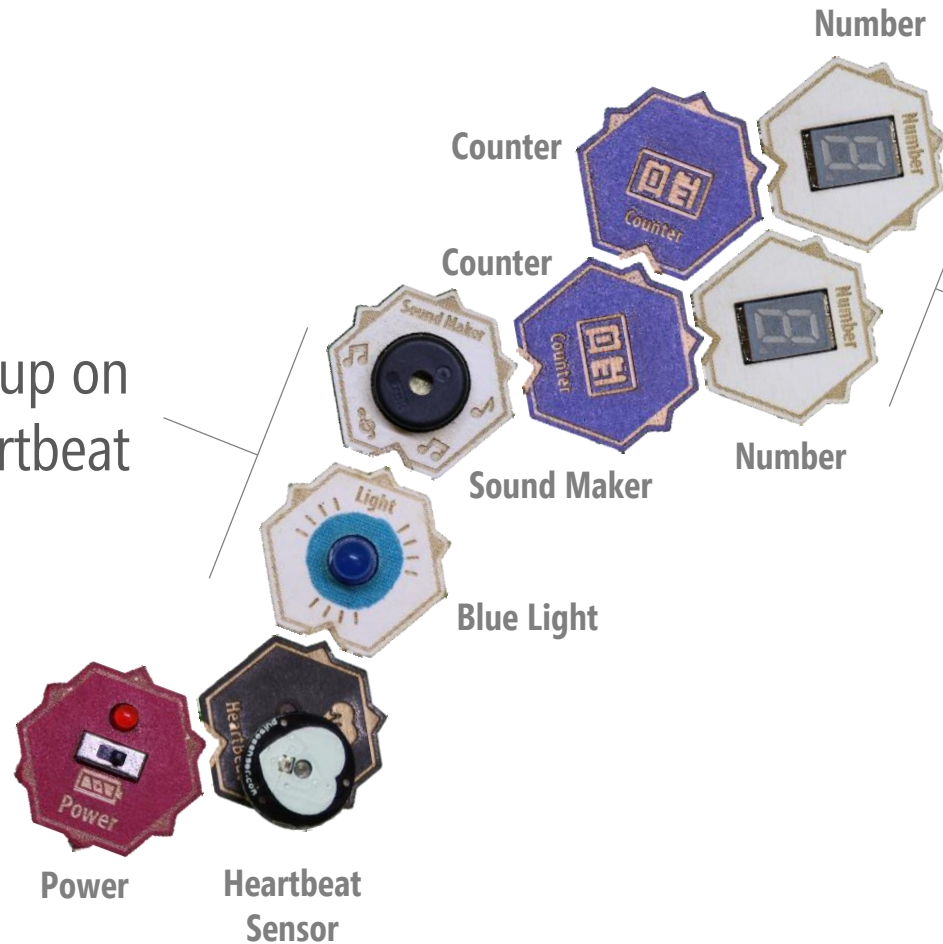
Maker: Amelia, Age 10

40 modules: 25 actions, 3 sensors, 5 modifiers

4 socket meshes; 2 lo-fi pieces

“HEART TRACKER” ARMBAND

Beeps & lights up on each heartbeat



Counts heartbeats up to 99

Finally, some unexpected things

CUSTOM OSCILLATOR

8 year old maker



CUSTOM OSCILLATOR

8 year old maker



MUSEUM EXHIBIT

4 year old maker



"[he] hasn't been captivated like that for any other activity in the museum"

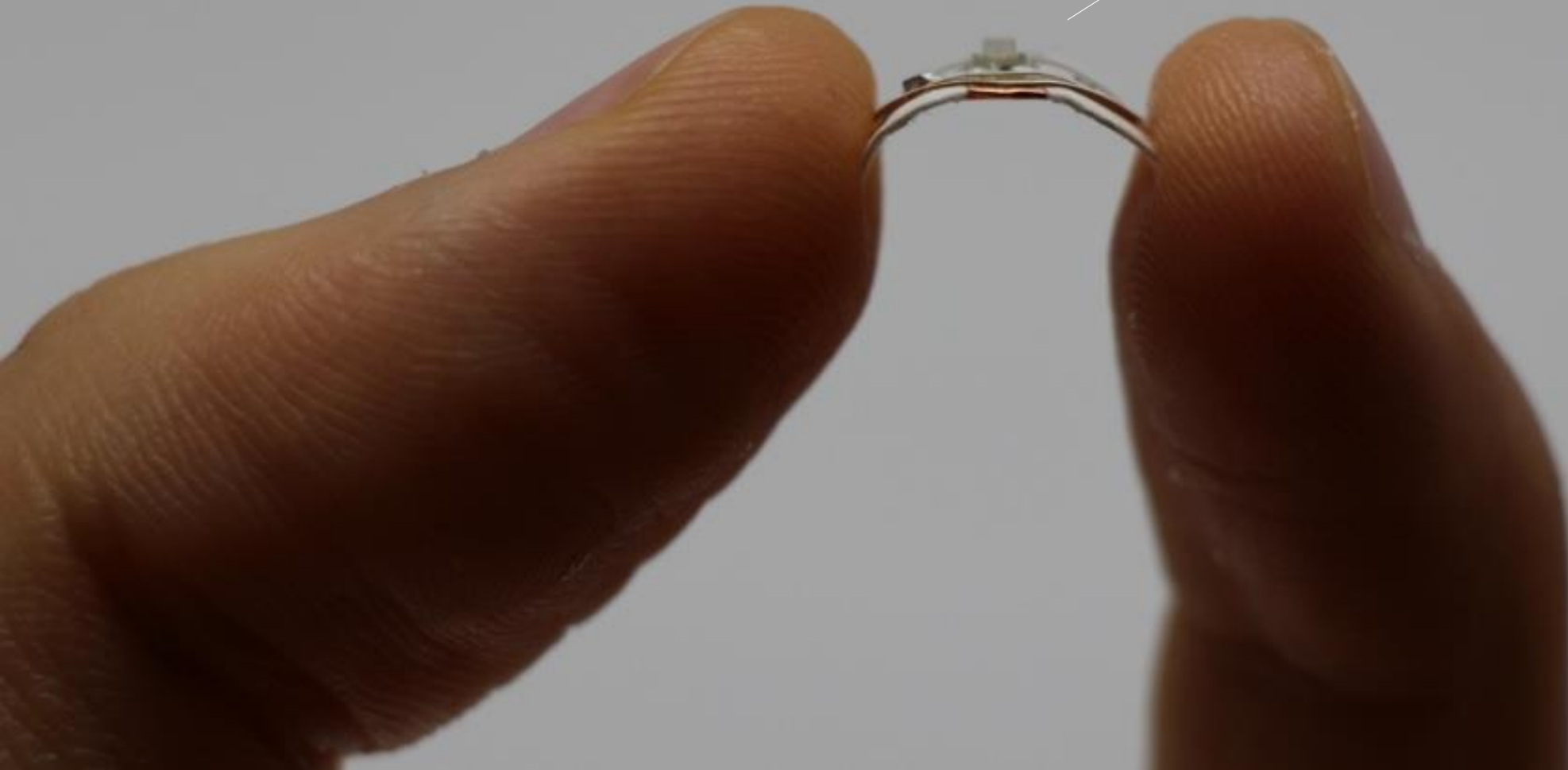
A photograph of two young boys in a classroom setting. The boy on the left is smiling and wearing a grey hoodie with a white, textured smart glove on his right hand. The boy on the right is looking intently at the camera, wearing a purple t-shirt with space-themed graphics and a black smart glove on his left hand. Both gloves are covered in white hexagonal sensors. The background shows a blurred classroom with a colorful poster on the wall.

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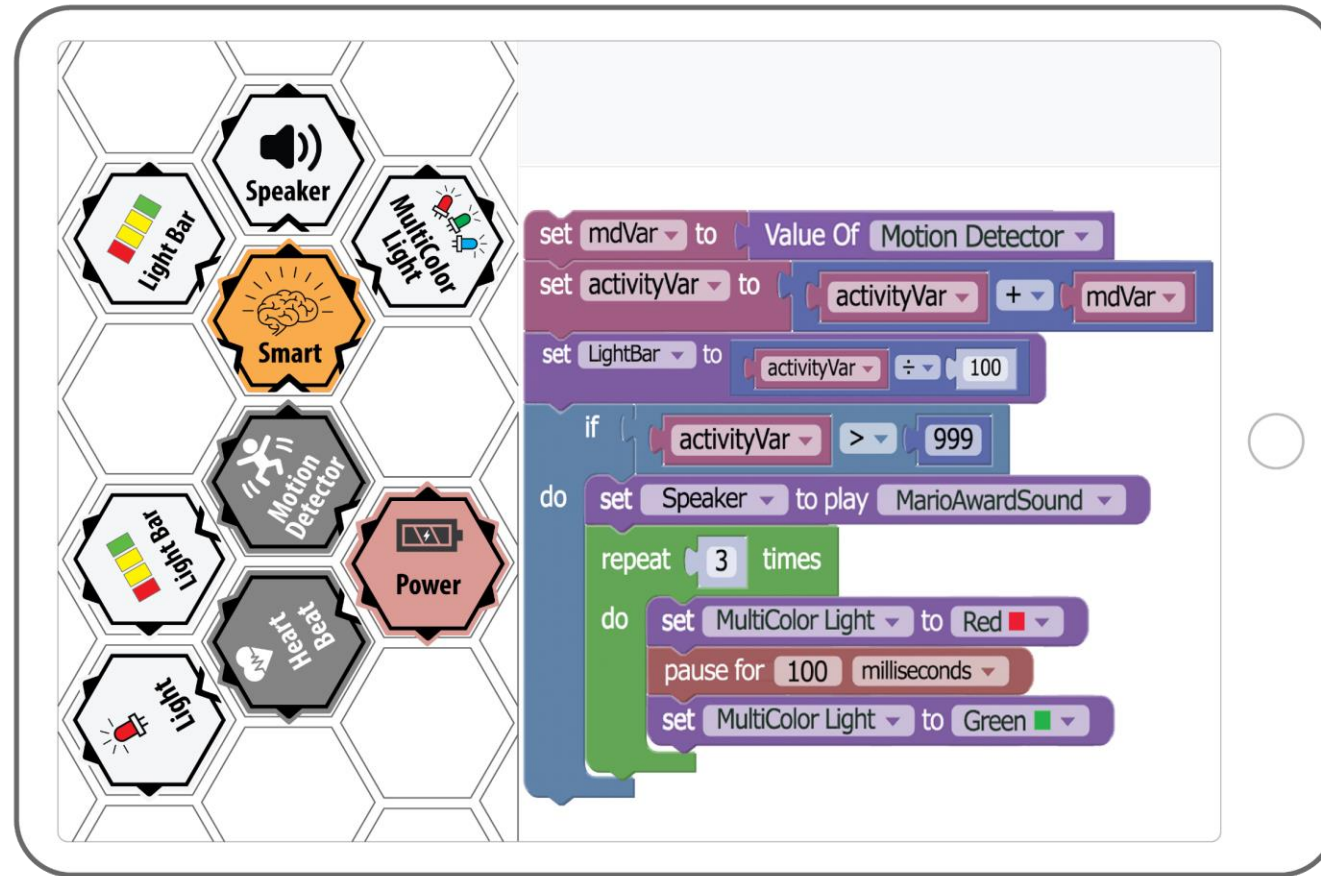
More flexible
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Thinner



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HYBRID TANGIBLE-GRAPHICAL PROGRAMMING INTERFACE

Modules will be wirelessly programmable via a custom tablet programming interface



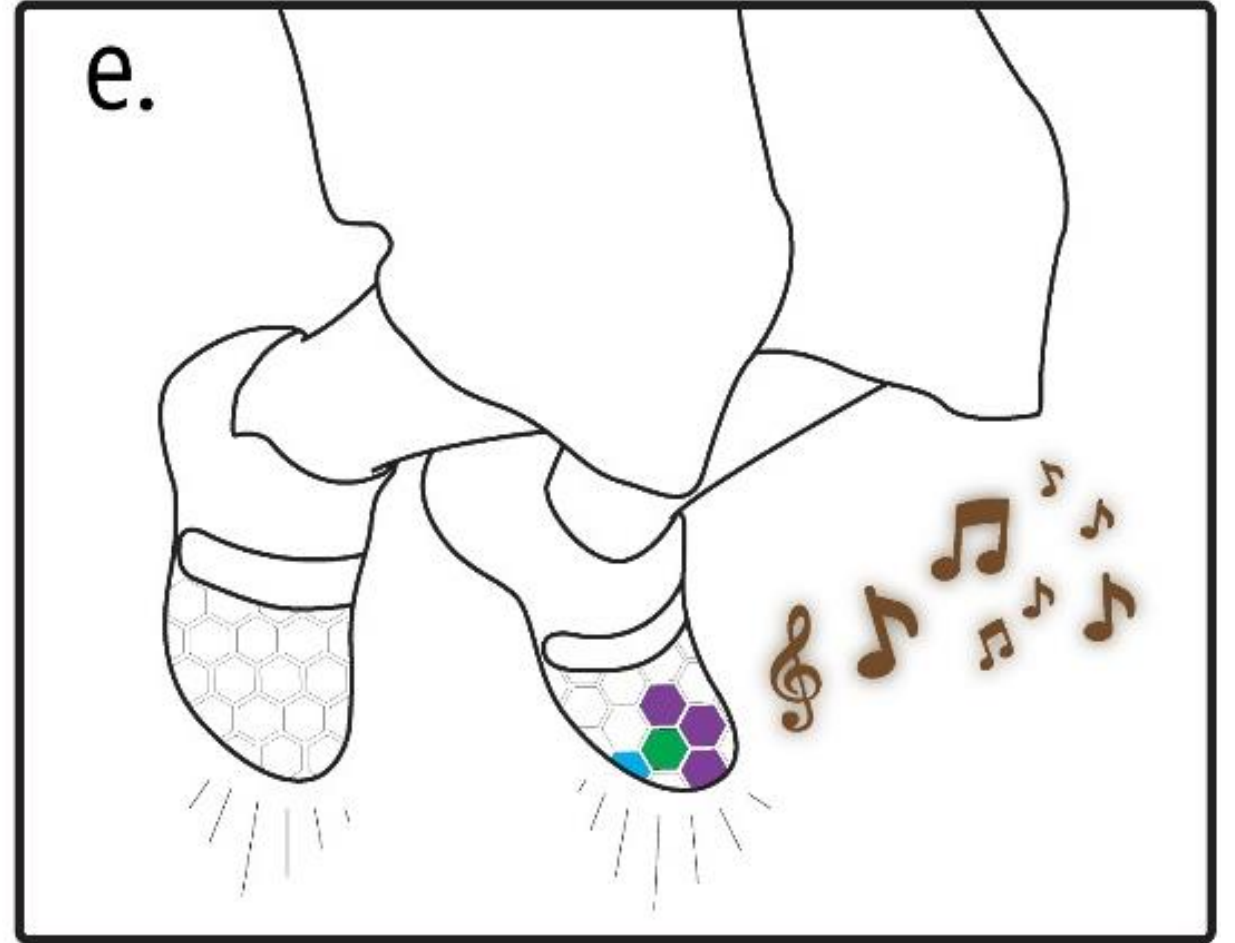
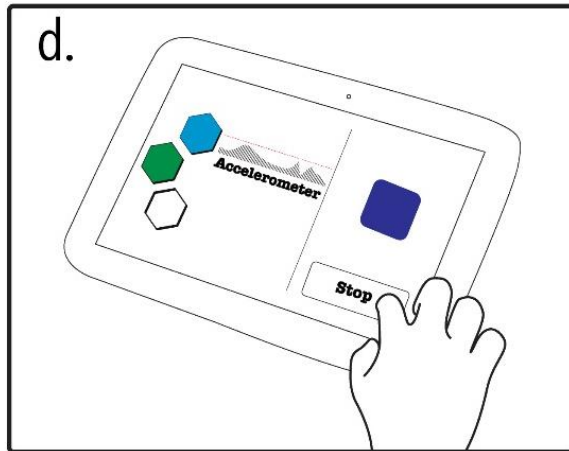
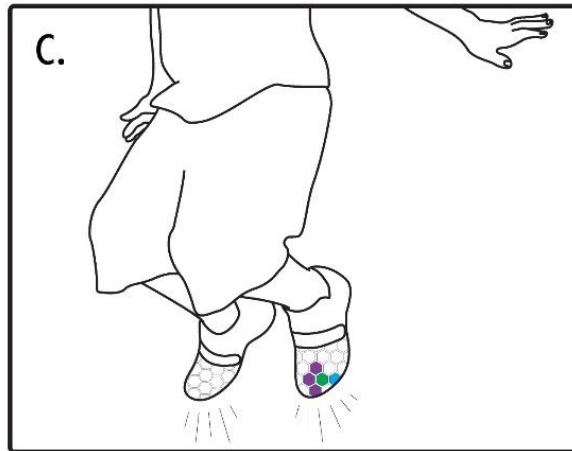
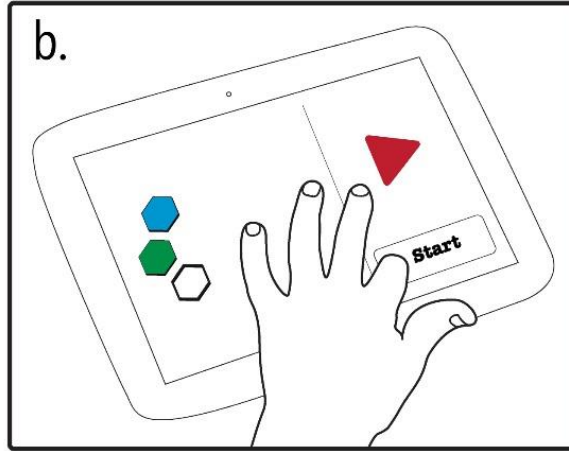
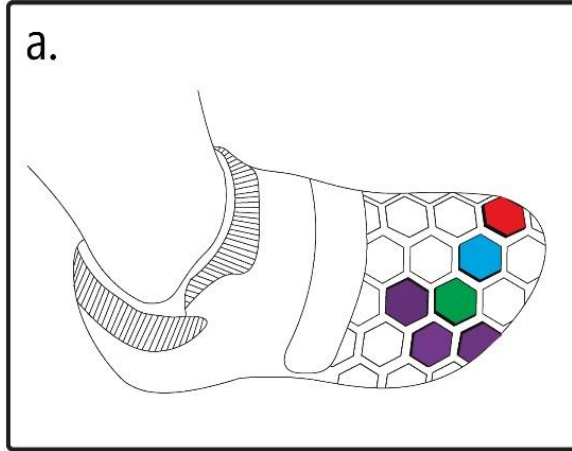
Sample Application:

Making a fitness tracker using a *Motion Detector* and a *HeartBeat Detector*.

FUTURE WORK

INTERACTIVE MACHINE LEARNING

Children can program complex behavior via a novel machine learning interface



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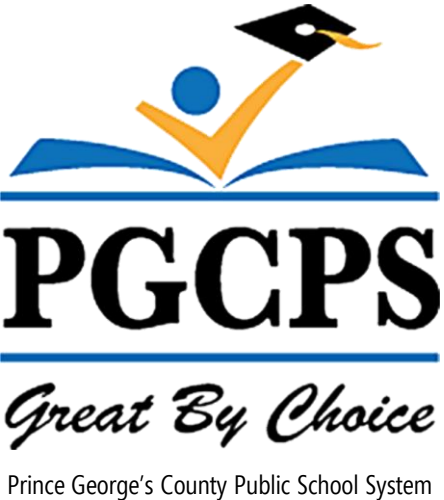


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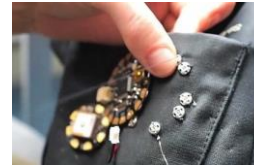
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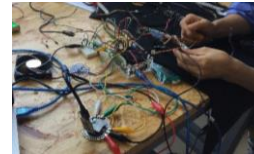
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