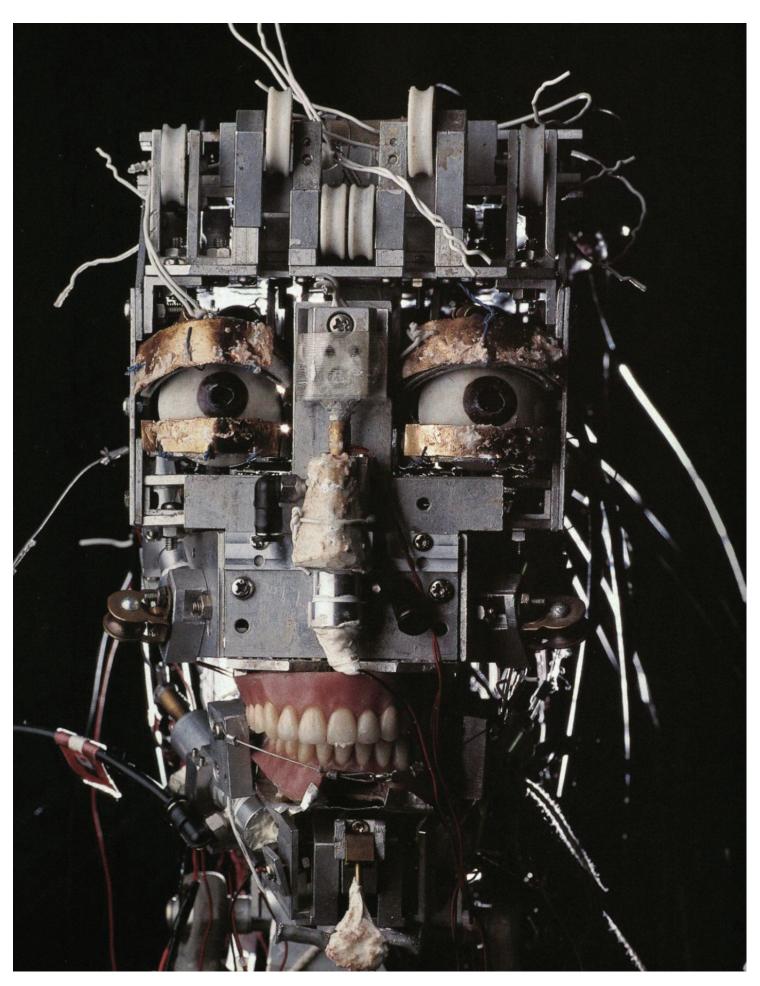
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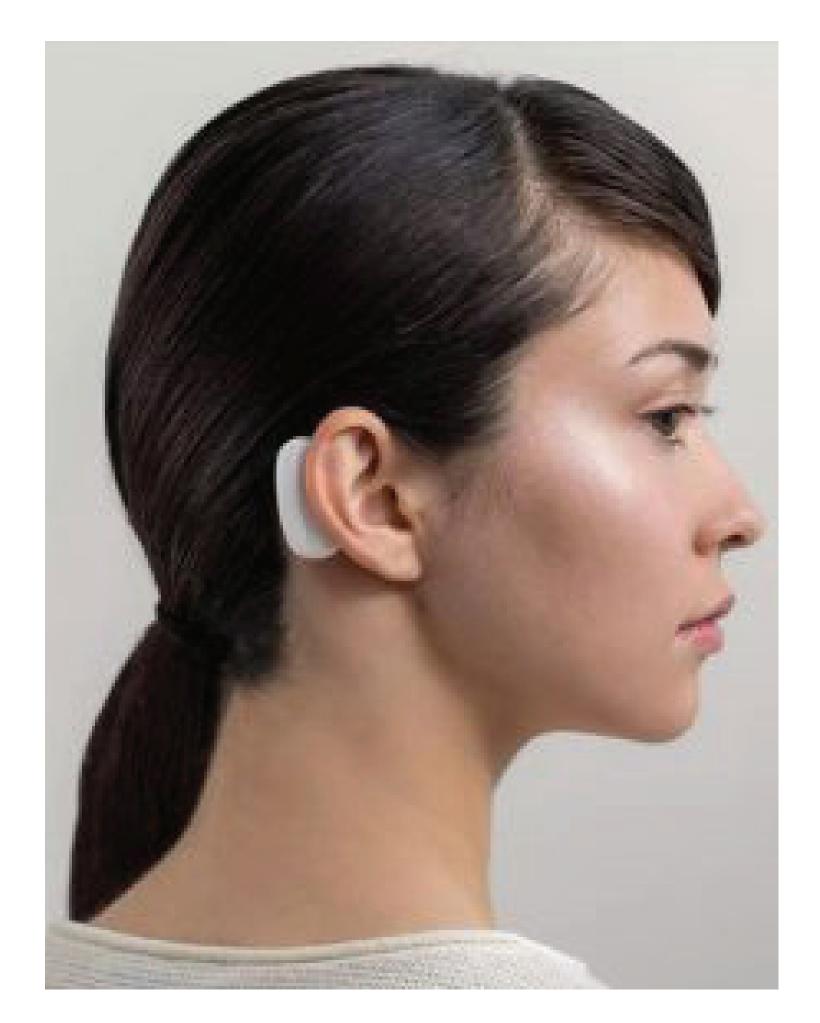
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# SOFT TECH Fabrics, Electronics and the Body

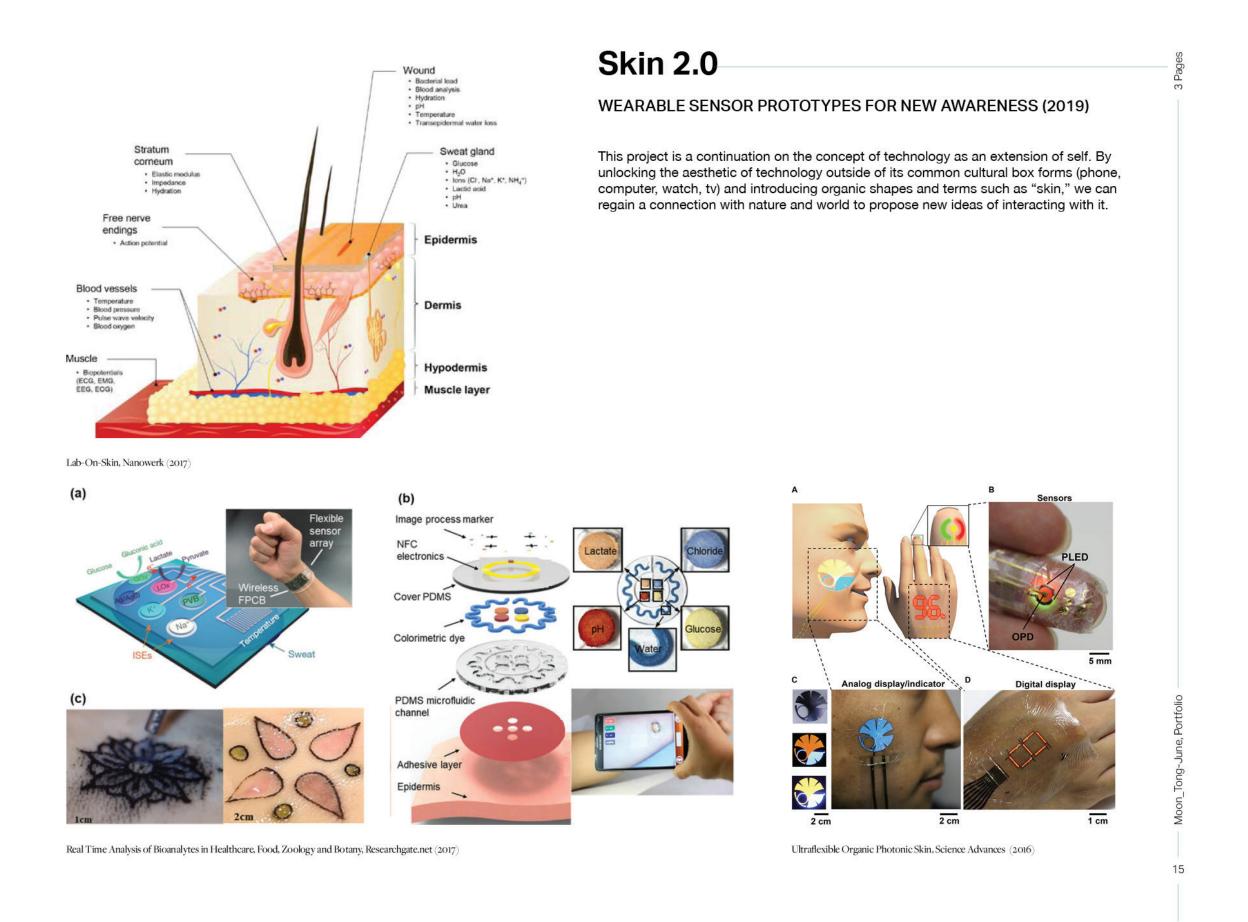
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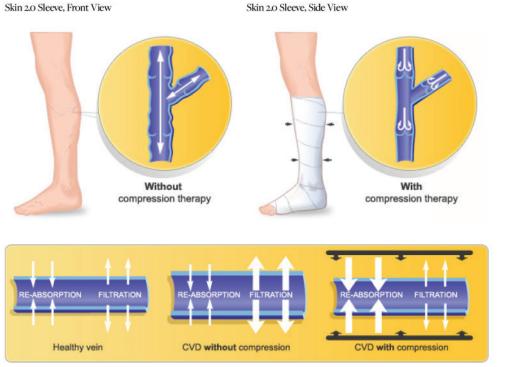




#### Compression Sleeves

Compression sleeves are used across a variety of end users from the elderly, hospital patients, to professional athletes and astronauts. It applyies pressure to veno-lympatic systems for better blood flow and vessel tension which are key to efficient recovery or during high performance stress.

Skin 2.0 (a full body layer of sensors) connects us more deeply with our internal bio rhythms and external environments. A smart compression system would extend the interface (a bodysuit, sleeves, leggings) functionality with particular multi-sensor combinations, warning us of low blood sugar or toxic gas gas leak in our proximity. It will alert us of extreme weather conditions such as high UV rays as well as let us regulate our bodily functions more effectively.





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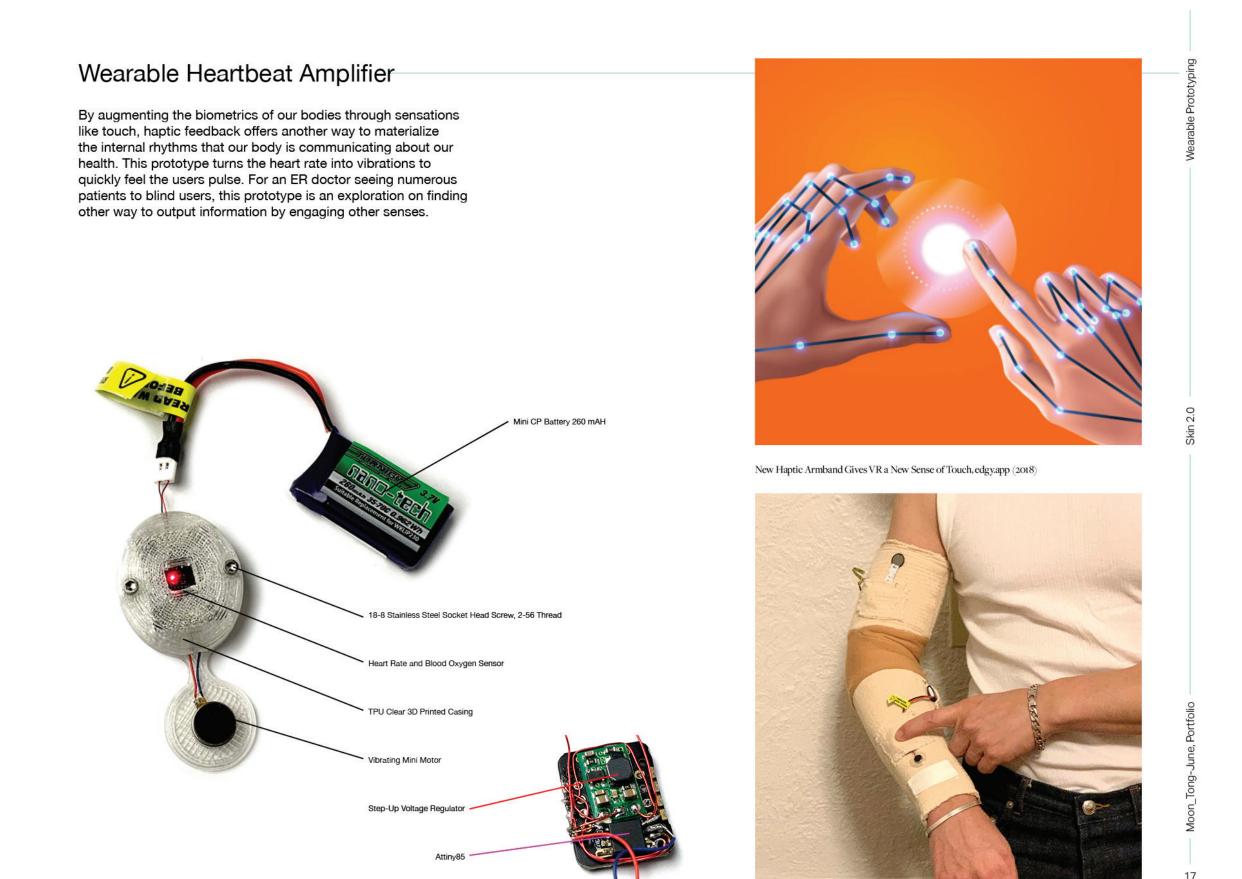
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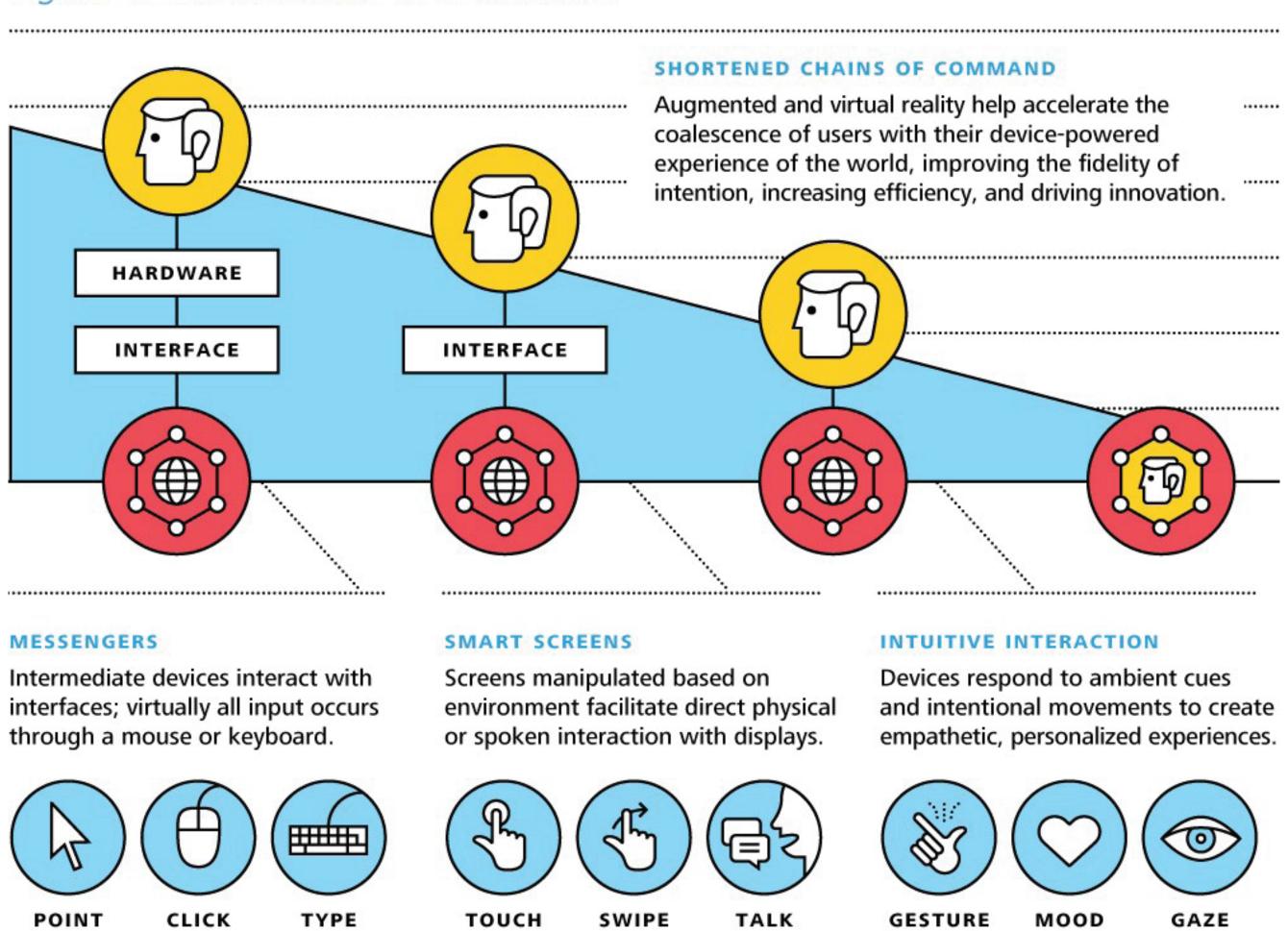
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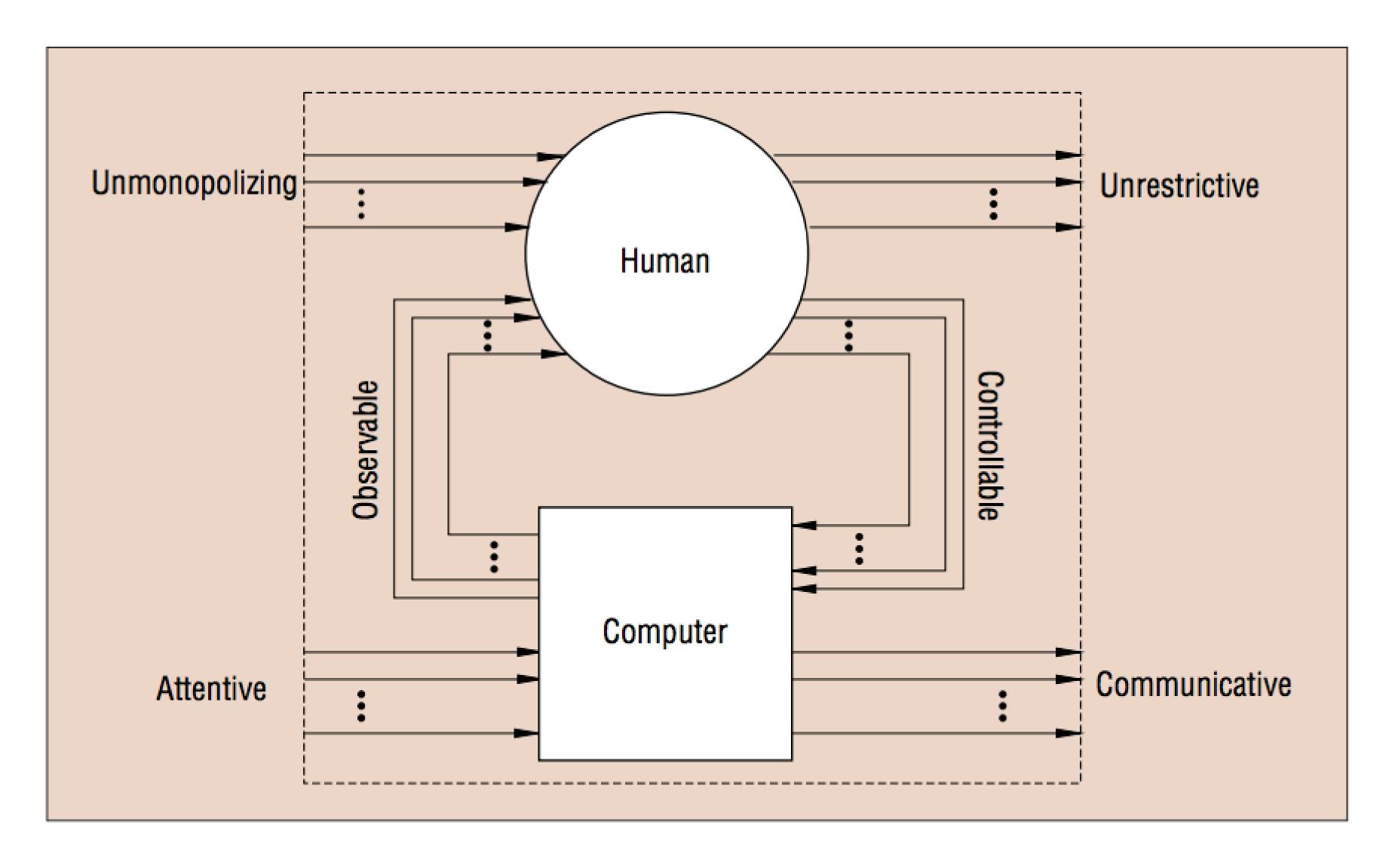
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Figure 1. The evolution of interaction



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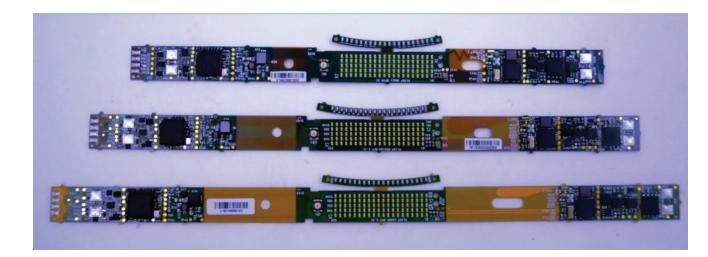
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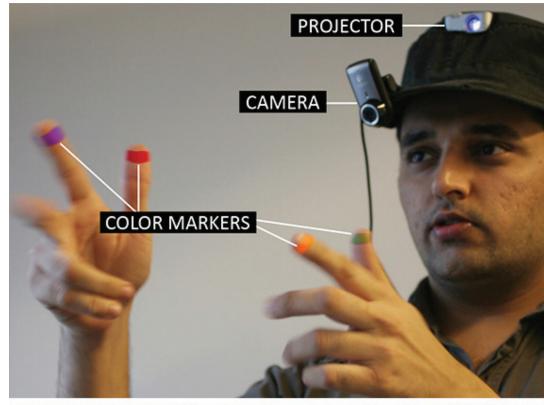


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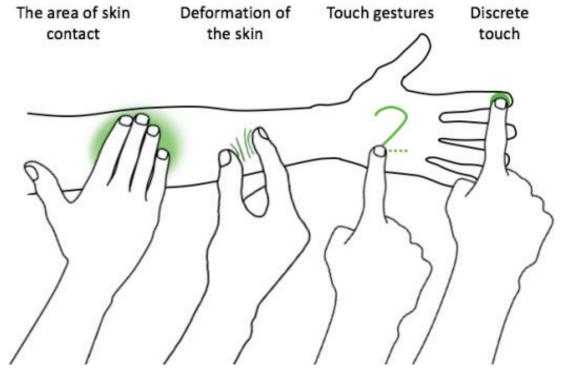




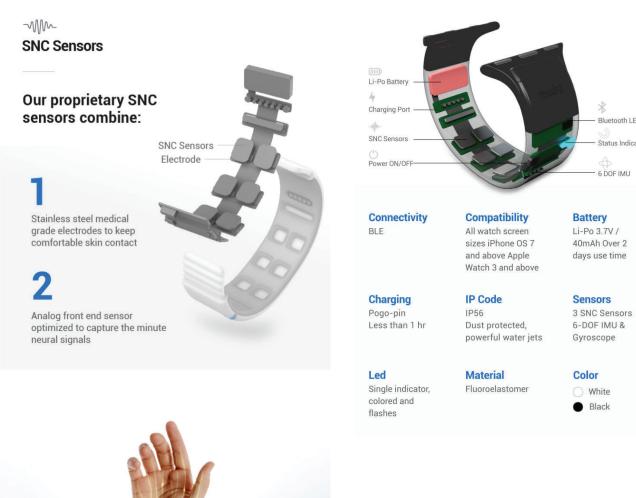












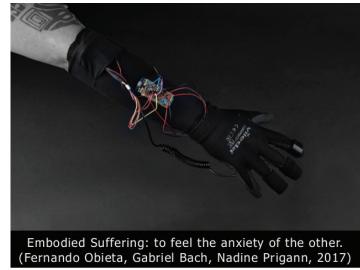
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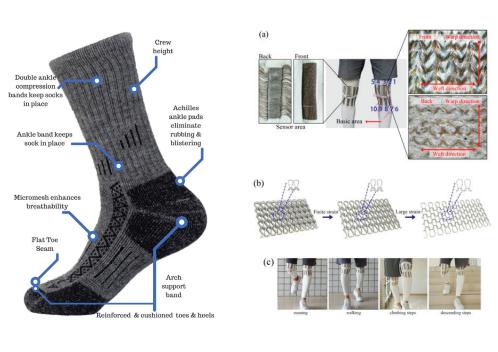








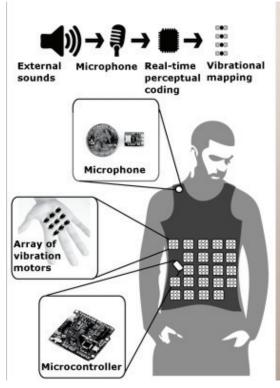




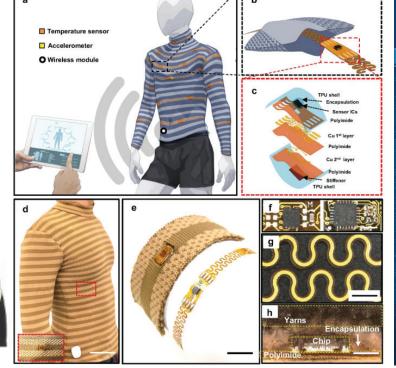










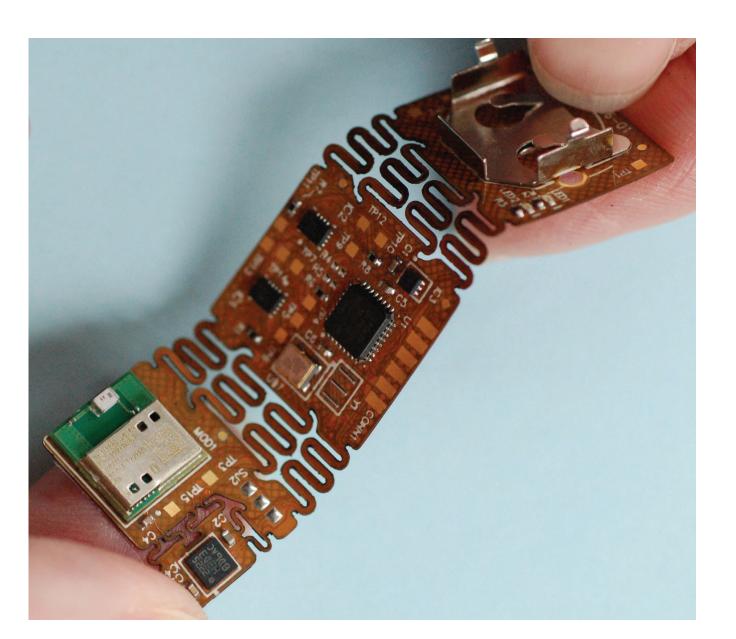




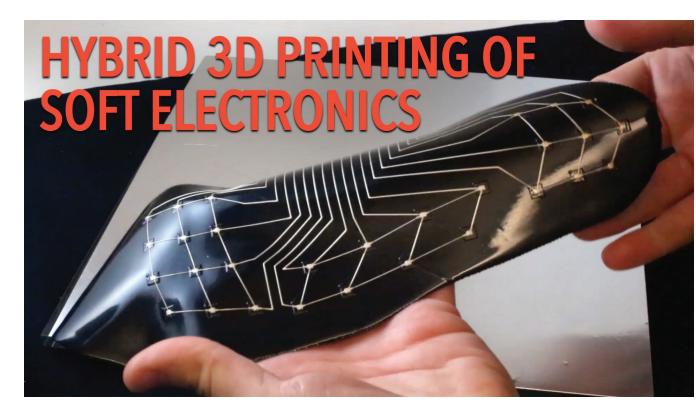
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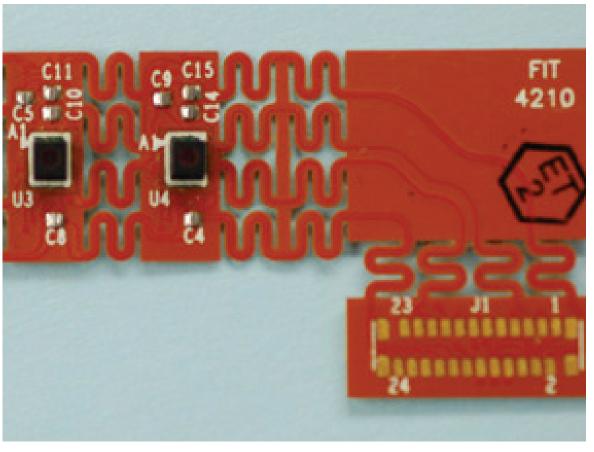
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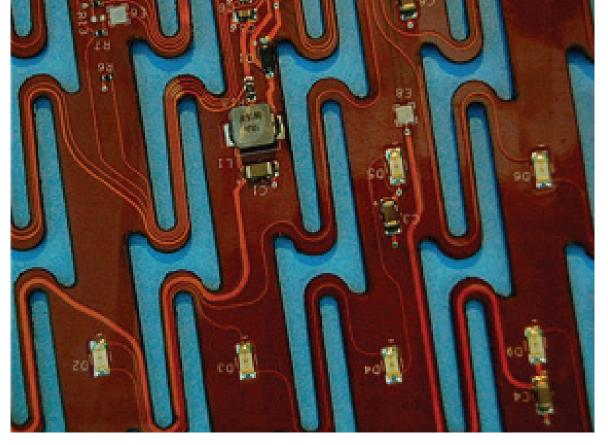
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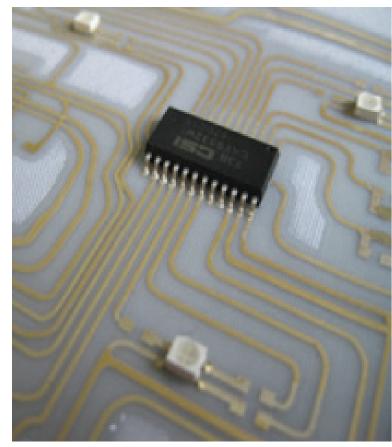




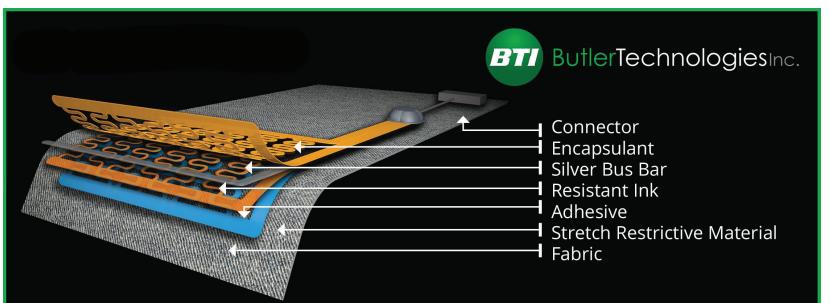


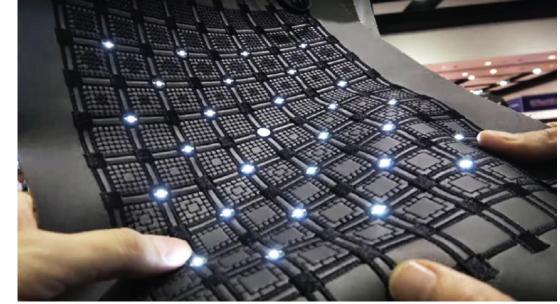


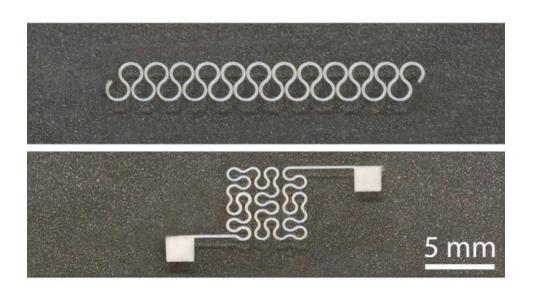


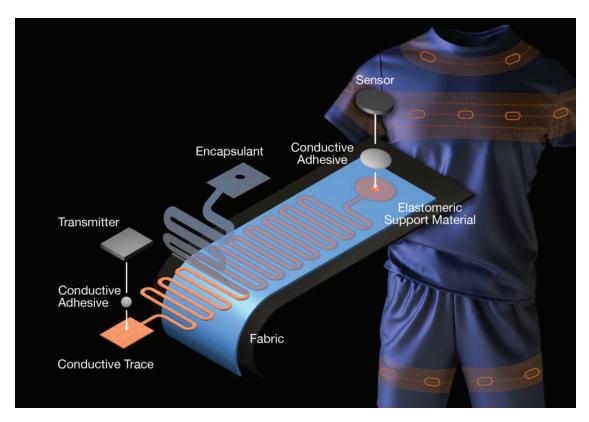


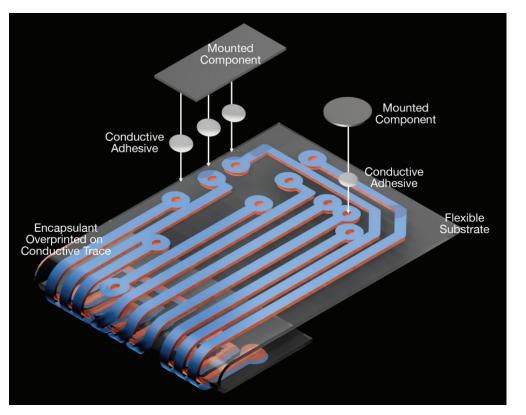
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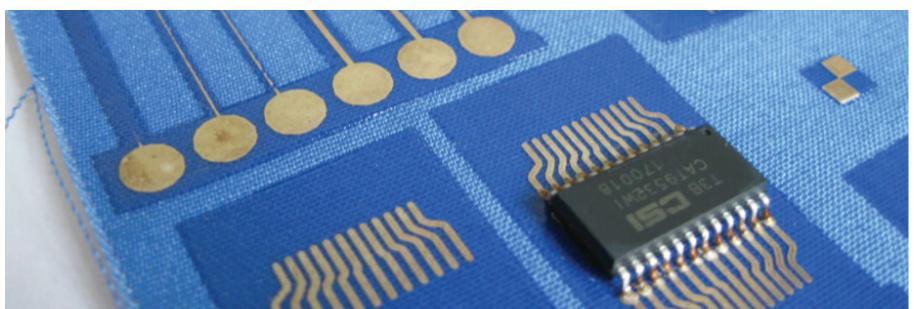


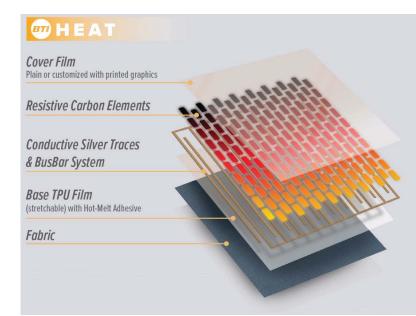






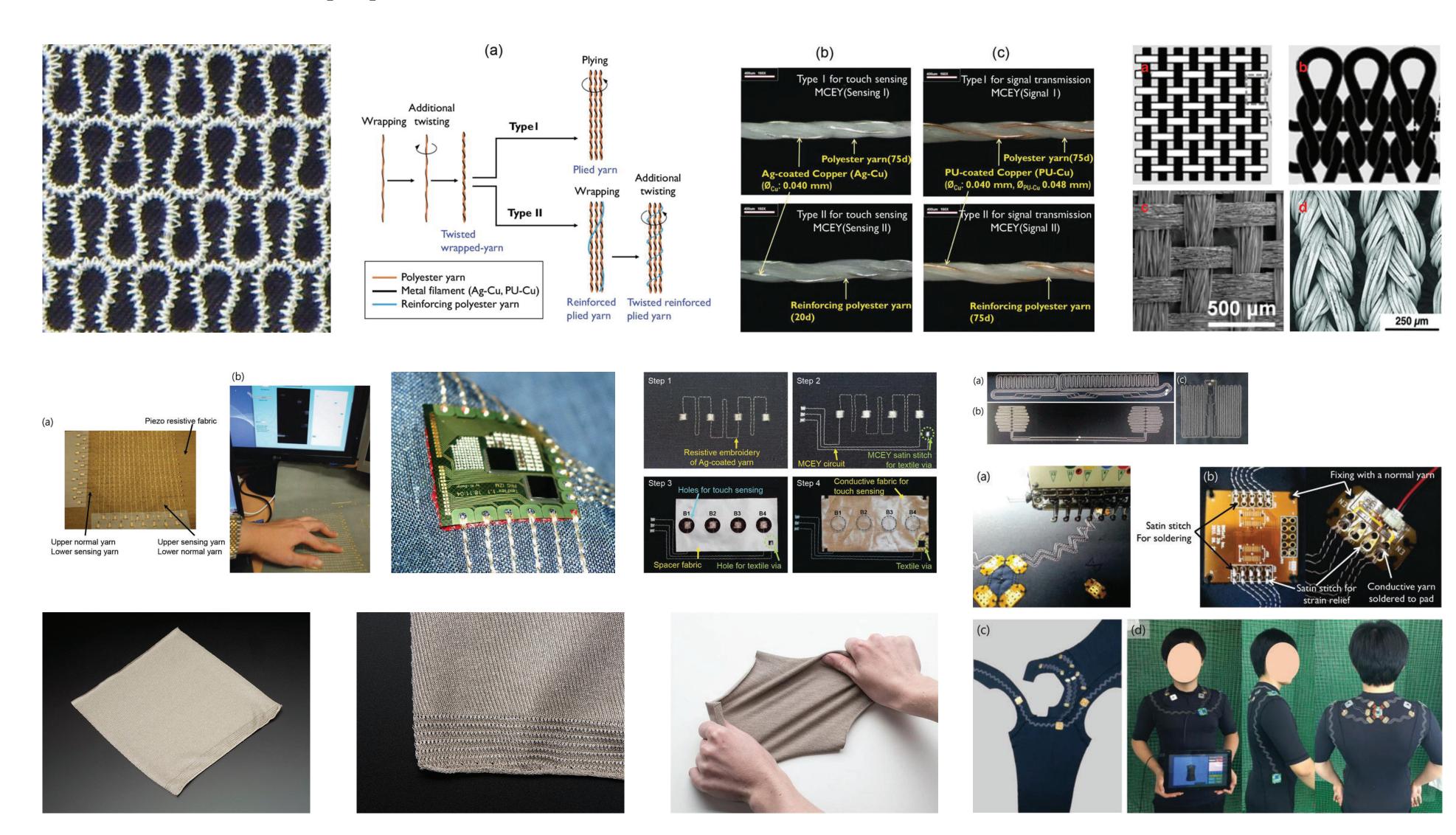




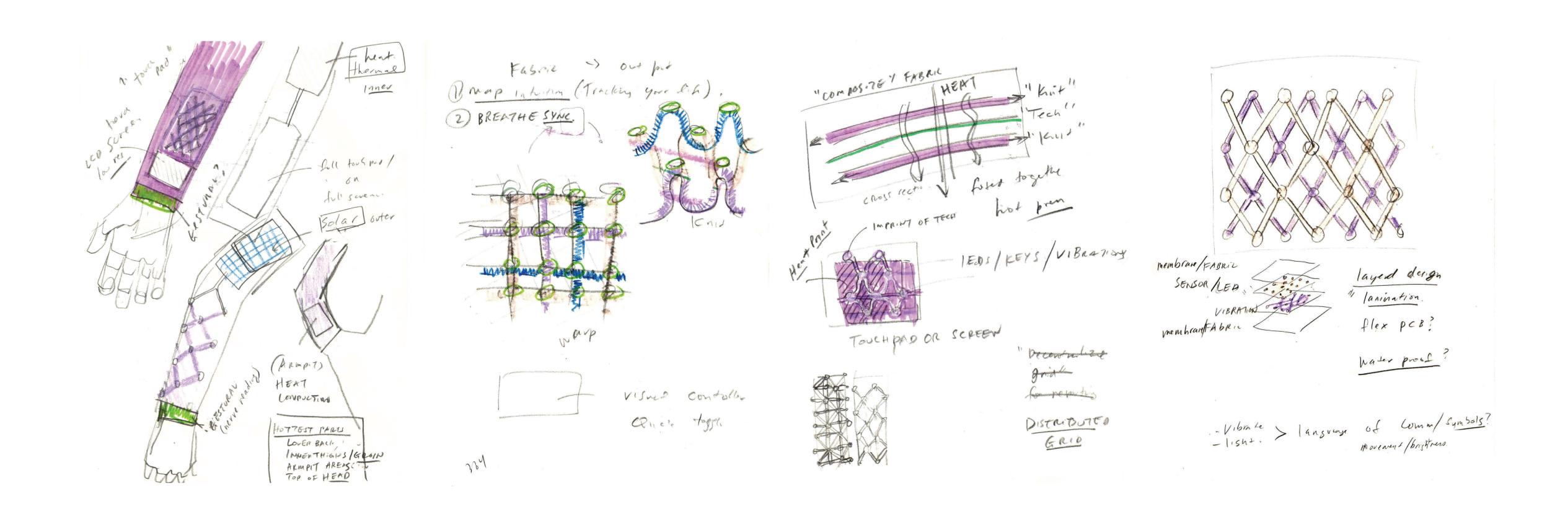




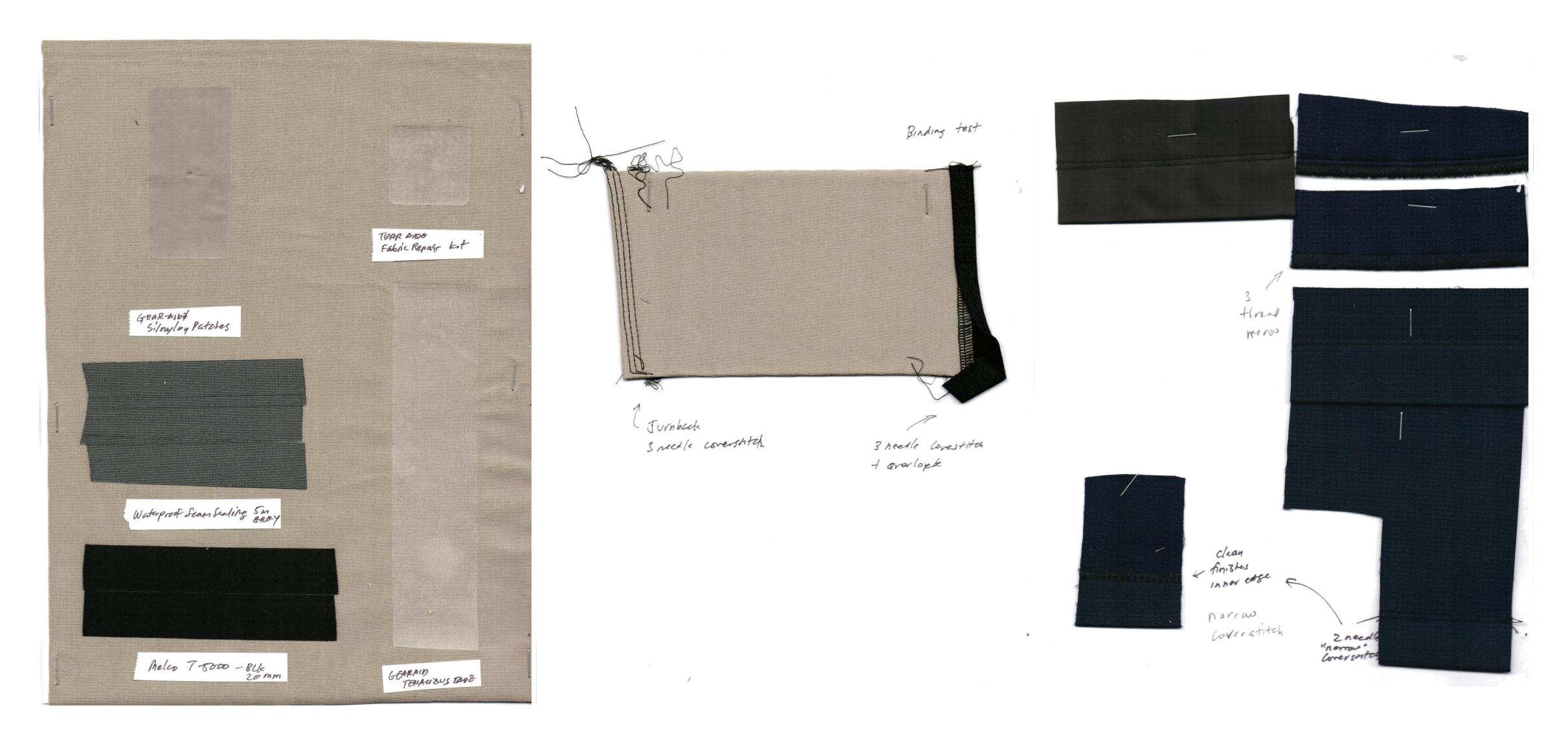
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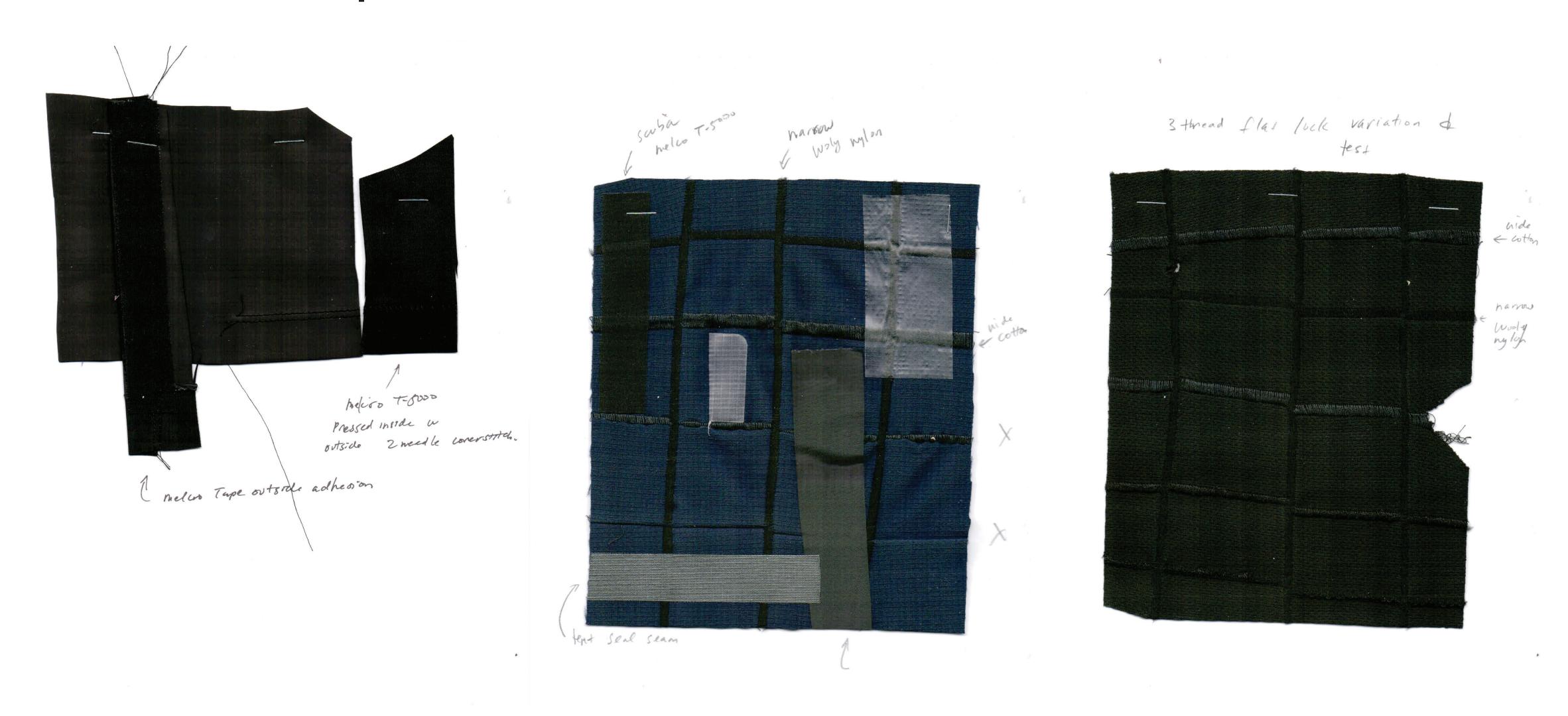
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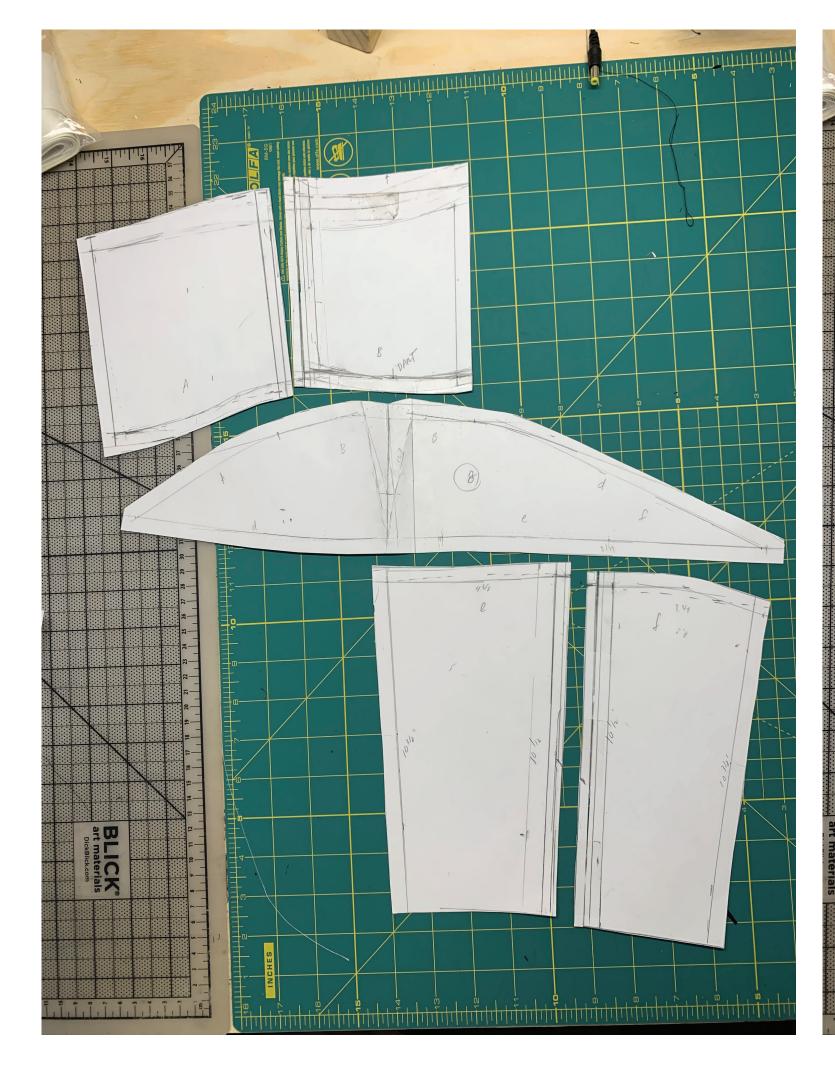
# Fabric Experimentation



# Finish Experimentation



# Pattern Making







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# Finishing Details



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#### Electroluminescence

#### **PrintScreen: Fabricating Highly Customizable Thin-film Touch-Displays**

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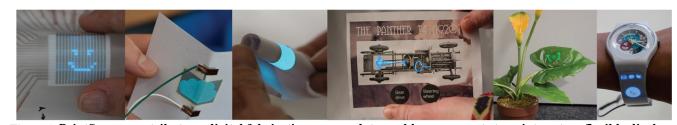


Figure 1. PrintScreen contributes a digital fabrication approach to enable non-experts to print custom flexible displays. They can be fully folded or rolled and enable manifold applications in ubiquitous, mobile and wearable computing.

PrintScreen is an enabling technology for digital fabrication of customized flexible displays using thin-film electroluminescence (TFEL). It enables inexpensive and rapid fabrication of highly customized displays in low volume, in a simple lab environment, print shop or even at home. We show how to print ultra-thin (120 µm) segmented and passive matrix displays in greyscale or multi-color on a variety of deformable and rigid substrate materials, including PET film, office paper, leather, metal, stone, and wood. The displays can have custom, unconventional 2D shapes and can be bent, rolled and folded to create 3D shapes. We contribute a systematic overview of graphical display primitives for customized displays and show how to integrate them with static print and printed electronics. Furthermore, we contribute a sensing framework, which leverages the display itself for touch sensing. To demonstrate the wide applicability of PrintScreen, we present application examples from ubiquitous, mobile and wearable computing.

#### Author Keywords

Flexible display; Thin-film display; TFEL; Electroluminescence; Printed electronics; Digital fabrication; Rapid prototyping; Touch input; Ubiquitous Computing.

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Printed electronics is becoming a powerful and affordable enabling technology for fabricating functional devices and HCI prototypes that have very thin and deformable form factors. For many years already, printing has been a powerful means allowing end-users to produce customized static print products rapidly, inexpensively and in high quality. Recent work has contributed methods for easily printing custom interactive components on thin and flexible substrates. While sensing of user input has been successfully demonstrated [7, 13], it has not been possible so far to print customized flexible displays rapidly and inexpensively. Printing flexible displays, such as OLEDs or Electronic Paper, required a high-end print lab, complex machinery and expert skills, making it prohibitive to fabricate custom displays in low volume.

We present PrintScreen, a versatile platform that enables non-expert users to design and fabricate highly customized flexible interactive displays. The displays are technically based on thin-film electroluminescence (TFEL).

The platform proposes a novel perspective on displays: instead of buying an off-the-shelf display, the designer can create a custom digital design, which meets the specific demands of the application, and then simply print the display. Printing customized flexible displays empowers makers and designers to create customized interactive print products, digital signage, smart objects, personalized computing devices and crafts with embedded display. For HCI researchers and practitioners, this is a powerful enabling technology for mobile, wearable and ubiquitous computing interfaces. It enables rapid and high-fidelity prototyping of functional HCI devices with embedded displays of highly custom shapes, on deformable and on unconventional mate-

nochromic [19] and electrochromic [3] displays an complicated to manufacture. However, they have ver switching intervals and precise control of thermo-ic displays is challenging, as the ink is influenced by bient temperature.

notent temperature. Toulminescent (EL) displays are very robust, have fast hing times and a long lifetime of up to 50,000 hours herefore the technology is often used for lighting apions [4, 21]. Inspired by [4, 35], we propose electrosescence for custom-printed displays. The technology, ple form of OLED, is based on phosphoric inks, which luminescent material. The print process requires only ers [15]. Recent chemical advancement allow for inks and be easily processed and need low curing tempera-EL displays require higher AC voltages but very little to operate. Previous work proposed creating simple isplays by cutting out segments from an EL film [2]; and st, our approach relies on high-resolution printing and

bstantially different approach is based on 3D printed s [36]. Printed light pipes transmit light from a convening discount of the printed by the custom points on the surface of a 3D sd object. This allows for easily designing 3D shaped type of custom shapes, supporting full color and a high ation. However, designed for 3D printing the approach to compatible with thin-film form factors, since the 3d optical elements need some volume.

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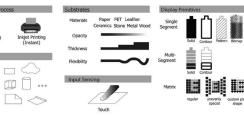
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nee modifying the phosphor layer is preferable to mod 3 one of the electrode layers, as the former approach es that the full electrode remains conductive, inde

ontour of a segment can be solid or made of a dashed m. If realized as two separate electrodes, contour and area can be separately controlled. Displayed dots d have a minimum diameter of 300 microns.

Segment lti-segment splits a single segment up into several

e print the rows of the matrix as the bottom electrode e columns of the matrix as the top electrodes. The for layer and dielectric are continuous. Time lexing between rows and columns allows for address



DESIGN SPACE OF CUSTOMIZED DISPLAYS

in our case 30 parallel lines per inch, leading to 30 pixels DISPLAY SHAPES

Contour: They can be more directly integrated. For in-stance, a static printed headline can be augmented by a lu-minescent contour. As long as the segment is not filled, visual print inside the segment remains fully visible.

glow though static print on the front side and act as a dynamic highlight. The example in Fig. 8c demonstrates a highlight printed on the reverse side of office paper.

Translucent Display Segments
To fabricate translucent display segments, the back electrode is printed with translucent conductive ink on the reverse side of a transparent PET film (see Fig. 3b). The film itself acts as the dielectric, eliminating the need for non-transparent dielectric ink. The phosphor and top electrode layers are printed on the front side. The conductor and phosphor inks are translucent, leading to a translucency of 32% at positions where segments are printed. Note that the tisplay is fully transparent at locations without segments. Fig. 8b shows an application example for a shop window showcase.

Display Primitives: What to print

outlines, moreover it enables custom 3D shapes, which are created by bending and folding. Moreover, displays can be made shape-adaptable and resizable, using bending, folding or rolling, but are not stretchable.

In the following main part of the paper, we will discuss

The approach is based on the key insight that the phosphor layer only lights up when a high AC voltage is applied on one electrode while the electrode on the other layer is grounded. If does not light up when DC or a low voltage AC (we identified < 14 V) is applied, or when one electrode



layer made of phosphor and a dielectric layer. If a high

For screen printing, the designer generates four adjacent identical copies of the design – one for each print layer (see Fig 3). If segments and pixels shall be printed in more than one color, one more layer is added for each additional color. Laying out the copies adjacently allows to create one single

Screen Printing for High Quality
For screen printing, we used off-the-shelf equip hobbyists (approx. 200 €). We follow a standard m screen-printing process [22], which is commonly





when is important for design iterations in rapid prototyping. No screen print equipment is required. However, it
offers fewer design options.

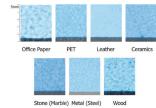
The designer uses a prefabricated display film (Fig. 3b and
fig. 5). This film contains all printed layers except the bottom electrode. It consists of a sheet of coated paper
(fistubish in NeWr-3GF100), which acts as substrate and
dielectric. On top of it, a fully filled layer of phosphor (in
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printing, as describe above; in the future a paper manufacturer could make it commercially available for purchase.

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The designer uses conductive inkjet printing I]41 to print the digital design (aka the bottom electrode layer) on the reverse side of the prefabricated display film. We use an off-the-shelf, consumer-grade inkjet printer (Canon IP-100) with Mistubish INBSI-MUIO solver mk, Finally, to seal the bottom electrodes, insulating spray is applied, or a thin layer of dielectric (e.g. office paper) is glued or laminated onto the reverse side of the display.



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In the prefabricated film, the top electrode, phosphor and dielectric cover the entire surface. This restricts what types of display can be realized. In particular, the display is uncolored. Only segments, but no matrix, can be designed. Segments always have a solid fill, and wires used for tethering the electrodes with the controller light up on the distance. Touch sensing is restricted to a single touch contact and the controller (currently Szem) small, small optocouplers (TLP26G) can be ussed.

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APPLICATION EXAMPLES

We present five application examples of custom-printed displays. They instantiate various dimensions of the design space and demonstrate the potential for applications in ubiquitous, mobile and wearable computing. The applications are illustrated in Fig. 10

\*\*Trinted Pong\*\*

To demonstrate interaction with a printed matrix display and its responsiveness, we implemented an instantiation of the Pong game. The 16x16 matrix display features two capacitive touch buttons to control the paddle. Technical Evaluation.

TECHNICAL EVALUATION

ured a maximum luminance of approx. 170 cd/m². On very smooth materials (steel and marble), 280 and 250 cd/m³ are reached. On wood, a quite porous material, we measured only 120 cd/m² in our experience, the strength of the inverter is the main limiting factor. In experiments with a stronger inverter, we measured intensities between 270 and 570 cd/m² at 18V DC. When using the mobile driver IC chip [28] with JV DC, the displays are less bright, ranging between 15 and 35 cd/m². This is comparable to a super bright white LED.

Bending and Folding

To analyze how robust the display is when repeatedly between the control of the comparable test setting the comparable test setting the comparable to the comparable test setting th

10,000 times to a radius or 1-2 section 2. The play was still functional and did not show any decrease in luminance. We tested this high number of repetitions to account for continuous deformations occurring when the display is used in wearable applications.

In a second test, the apparatus fully folded (with a sharp folding crease) and unfolded a different display sample a total of 3.411 times before parts of the segment ceased to emit light. During the test, the display did not show any decrease in luminance

Ease of Fabrication
All displays samples presented in this paper were printed by two persons who both were not familiar with screen printing before joining this project. They used online turbings and videos on the Web to learn the process. It took them between 3 to 5 hours to get familiar with the thory and another day to get practical experience. They did not encounter any real difficulties. One of the persons first and problems with homogeneously applying the UV-sensitive emulsion onto the mesh for IVI bilhography, but had learned doing it correctly after a few trials. Fine prints with thin lines require a steady hand. Despite the imprecision of the manual process, our non-experts could robustly print the manual process. Our non-experts could robustly print the manual process of the display and custom the process. It can be not be not provided the process that allows direct integration of displays with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, very thin dual-sided and transluctions with various base substrates, ve

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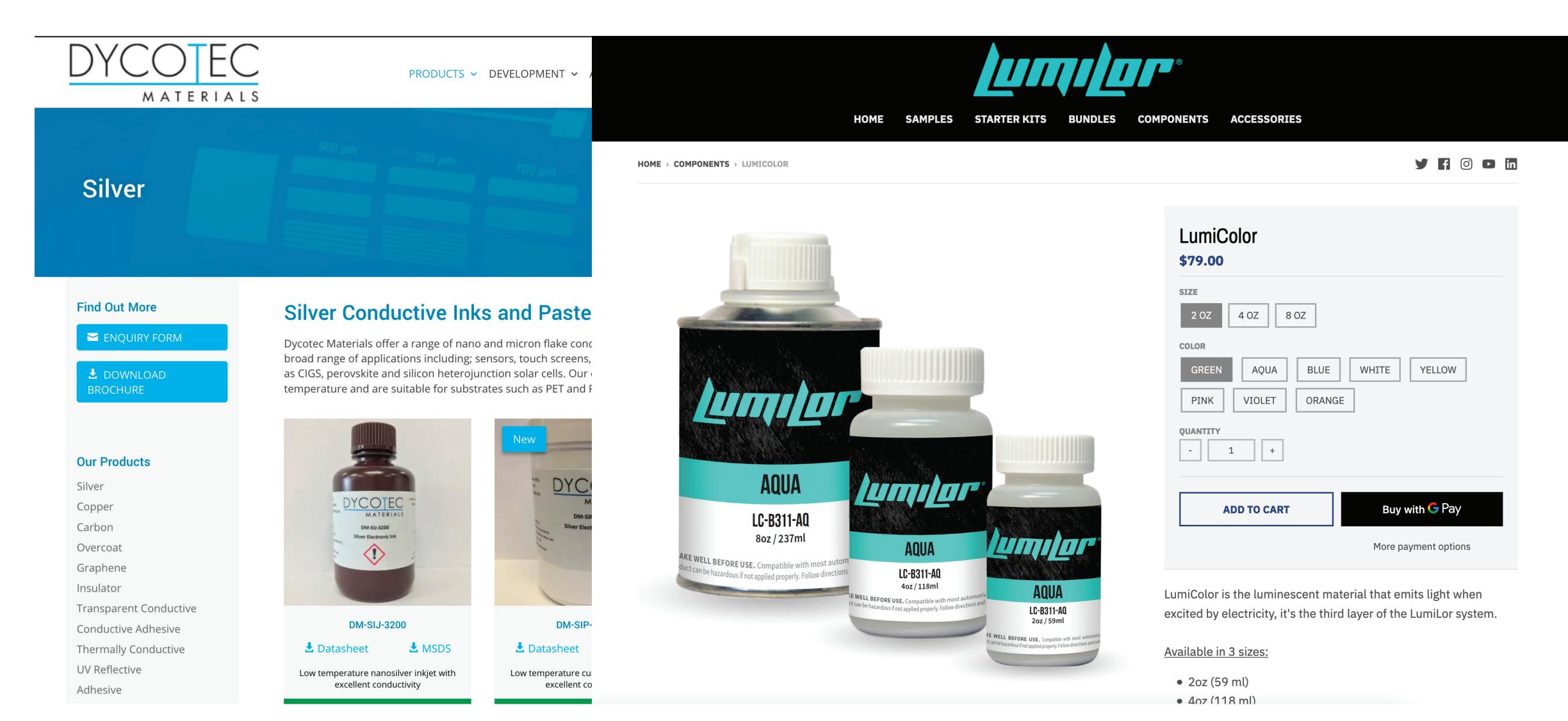
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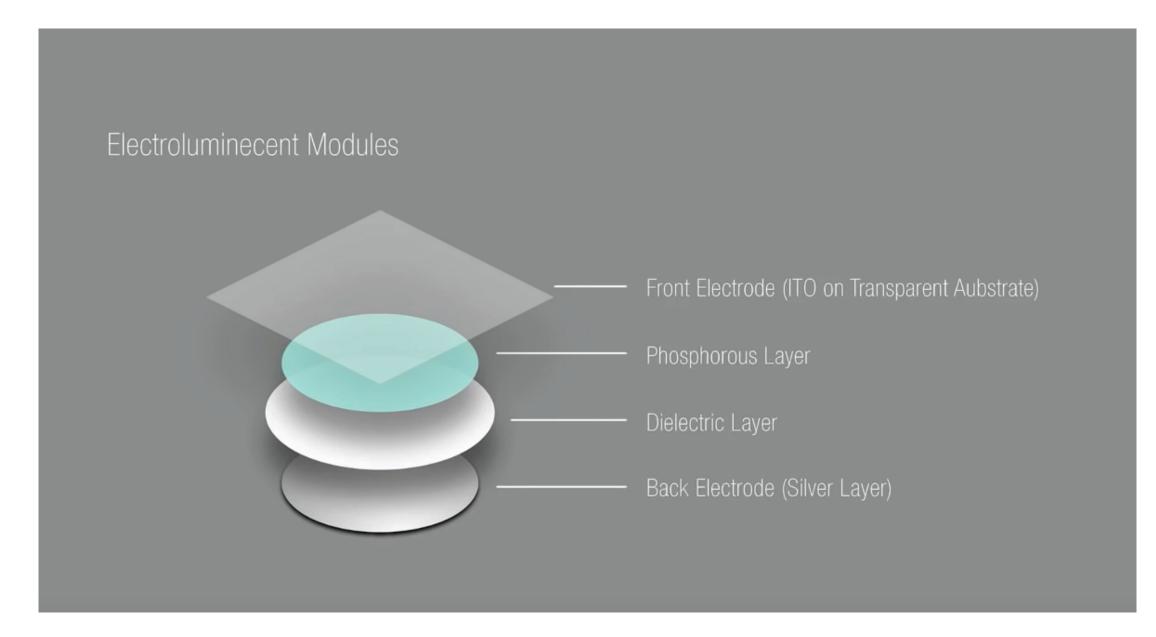
# Emerging Materials



#### Flexible Printed Touch Screens







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