

# NRI: FND: Customizable Haptic Co-Robots For Training Emergency Surgical Procedures

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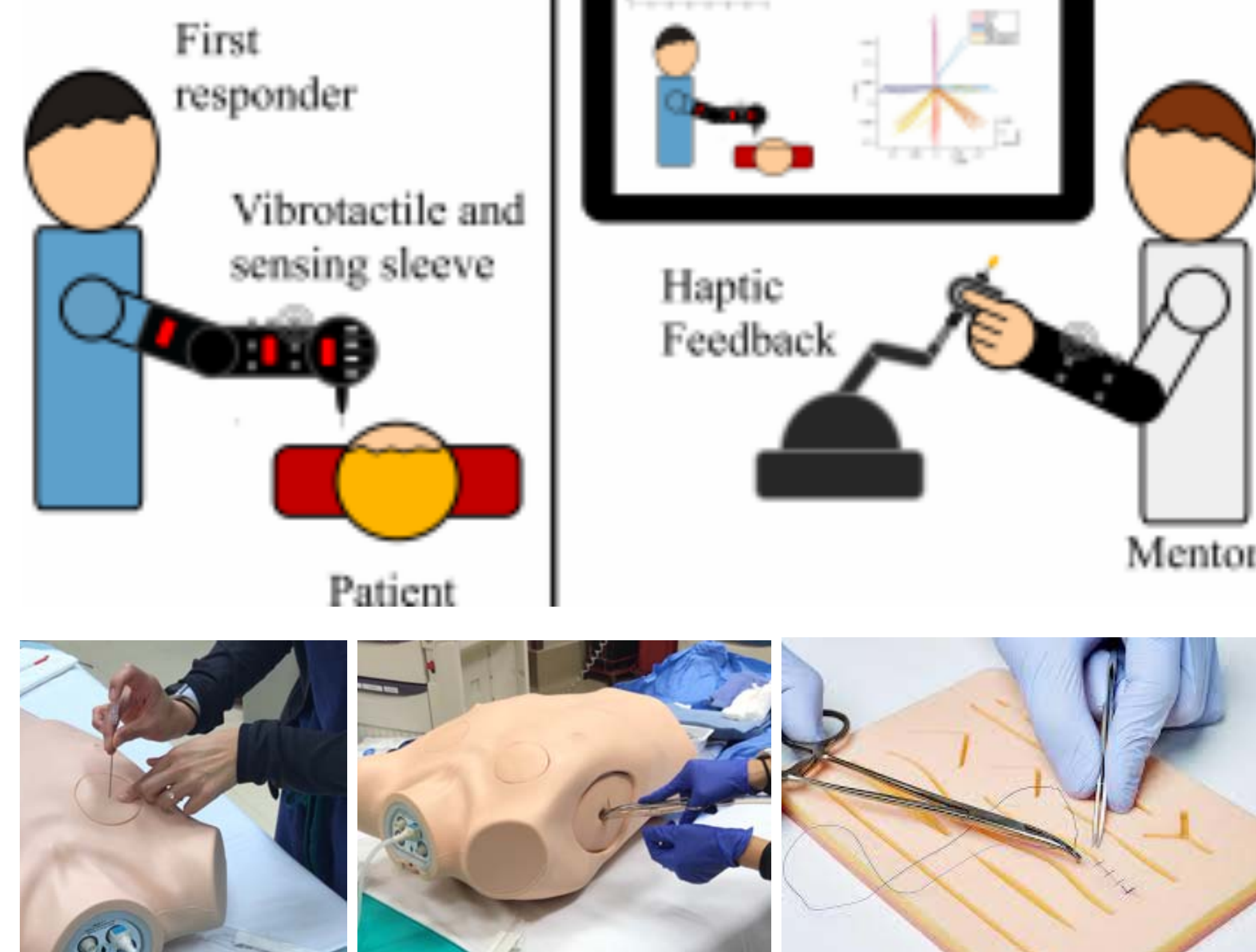
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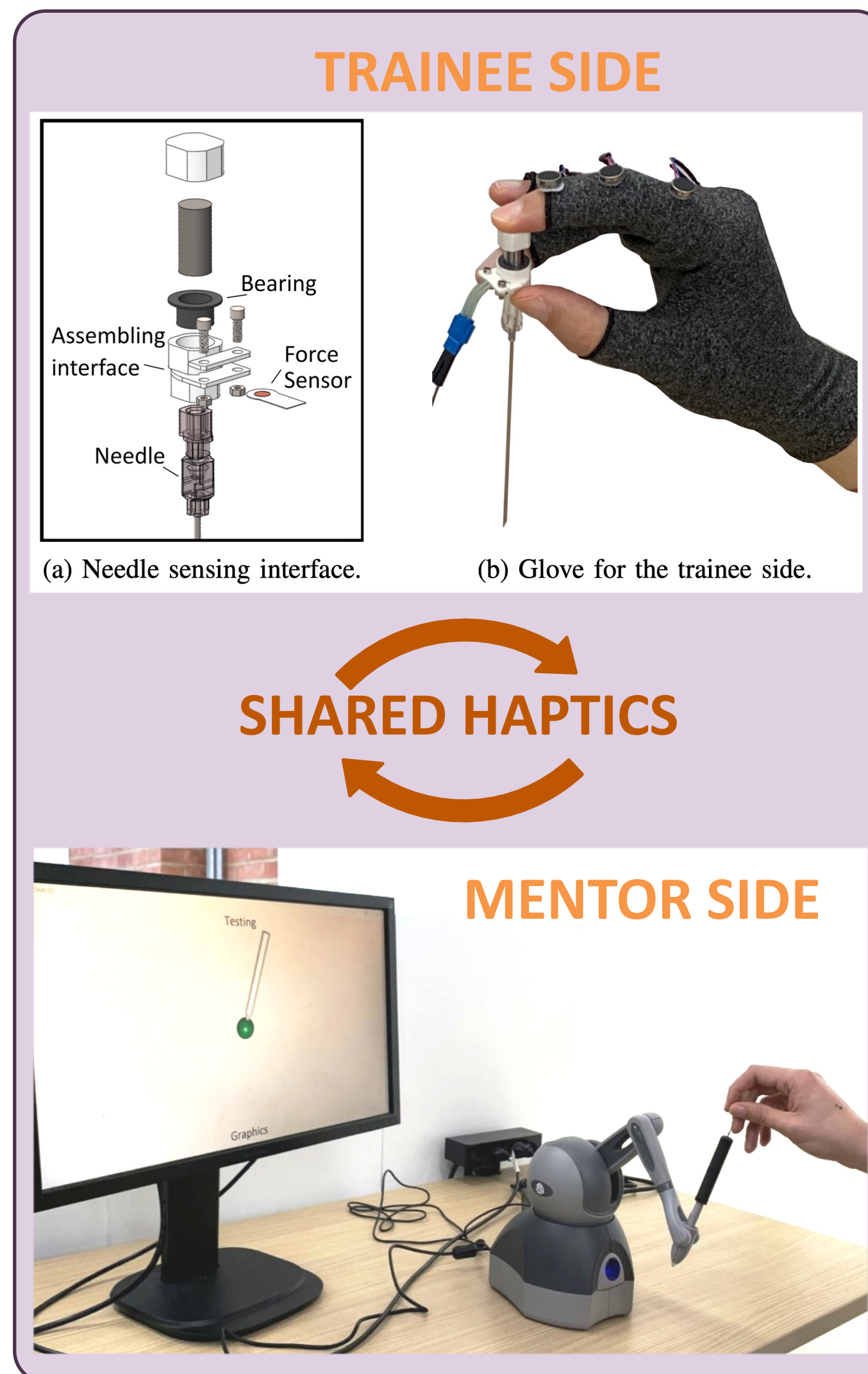
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## SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGE

Trauma skills require complex spatial coordination, a delicate sense of touch, and ability to work under intense time pressure – all are skills that are challenging to train.



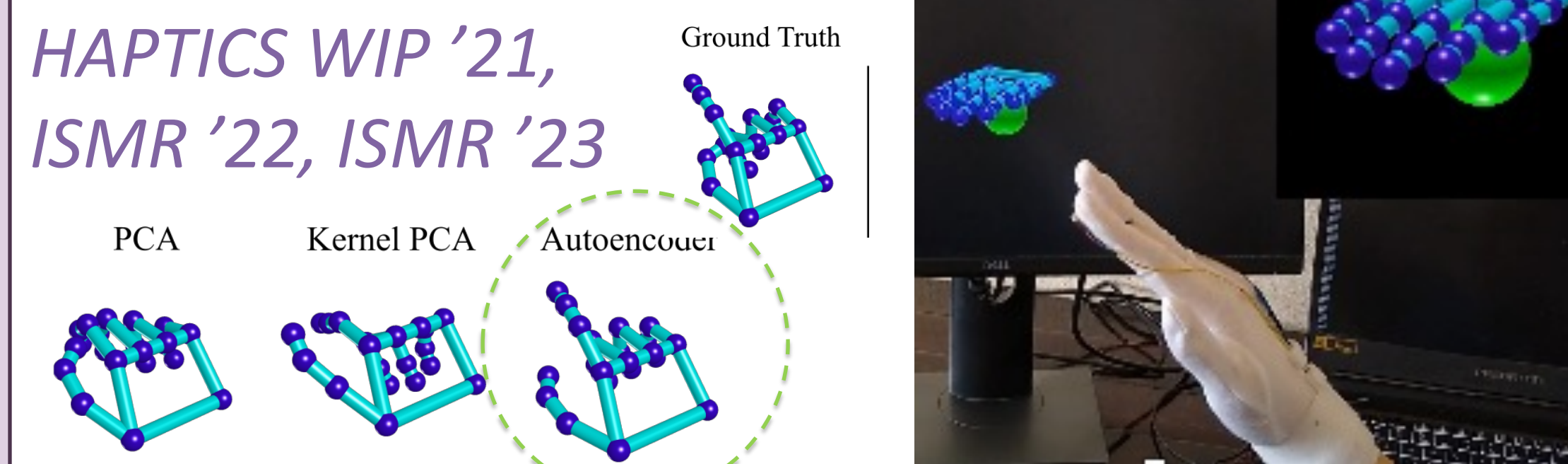
## SOLUTION: HAPTIC TELEMENTORING SYSTEM



Example applications for training include needle insertion, chest tube placement, and suturing.

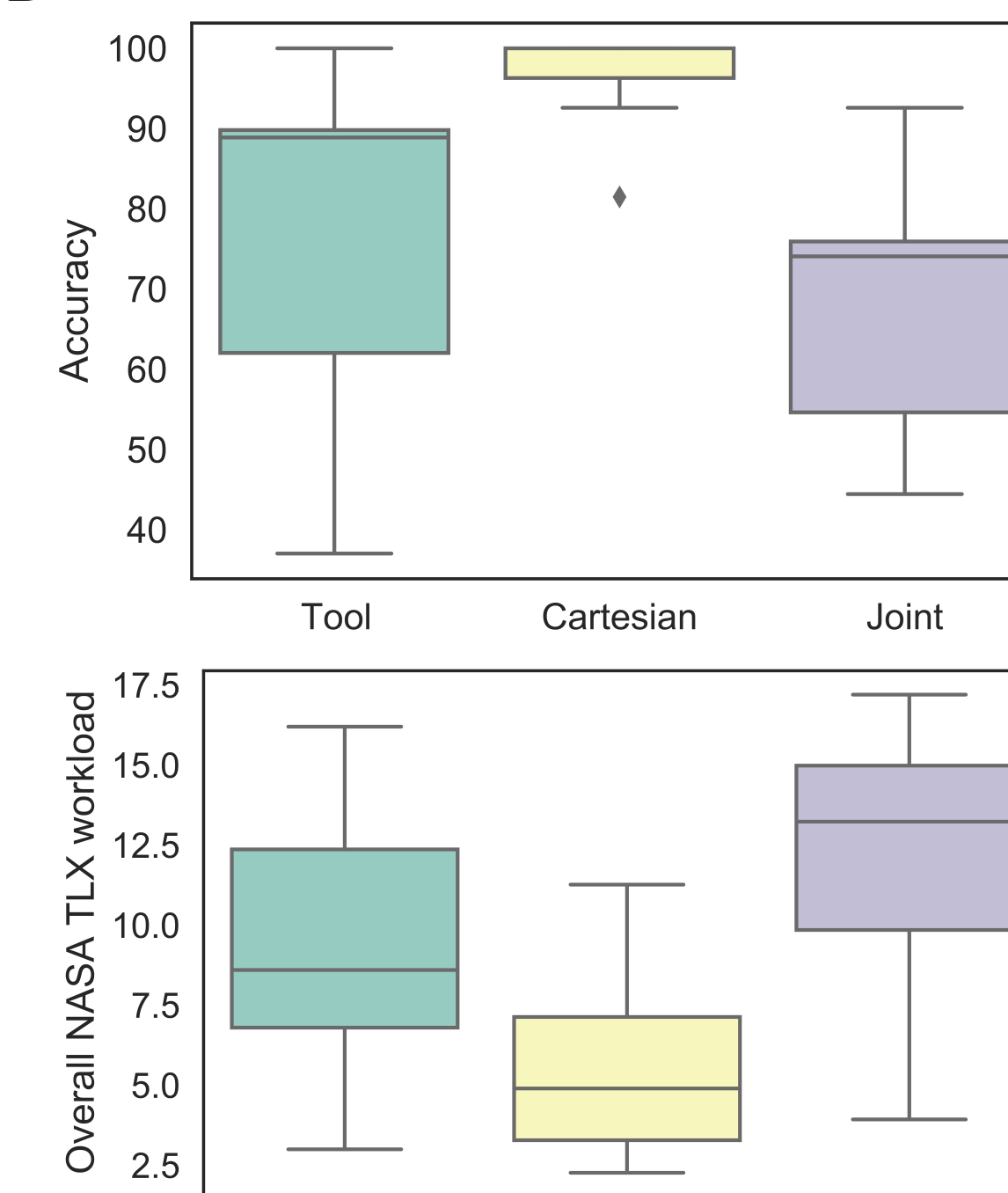
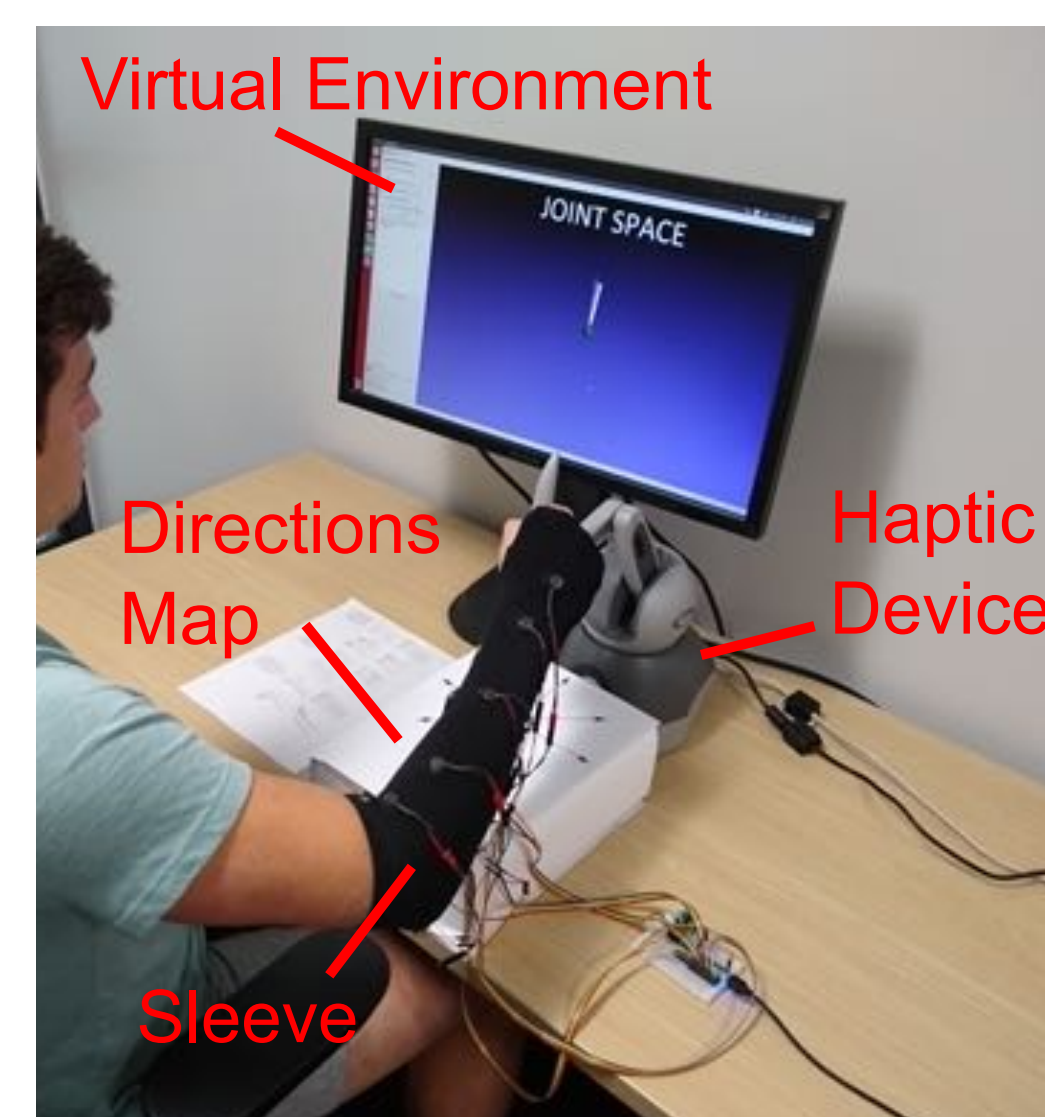
**A1.1:** Hand posture dimensionality reduction and reconstruction.

HAPTICS WIP '21, ISMR '22, ISMR '23



<https://github.com/ebattaglia/cHand>

**A2:** Intuitive Real-Time Tele-mentored Guidance for 2D and 3D Motion HAPTICS '22



## SCIENTIFIC IMPACT

- Fundamental science of human movement guidance via haptics
- Design of co-robots for medical applications

Towards A3: Real-Time Guidance

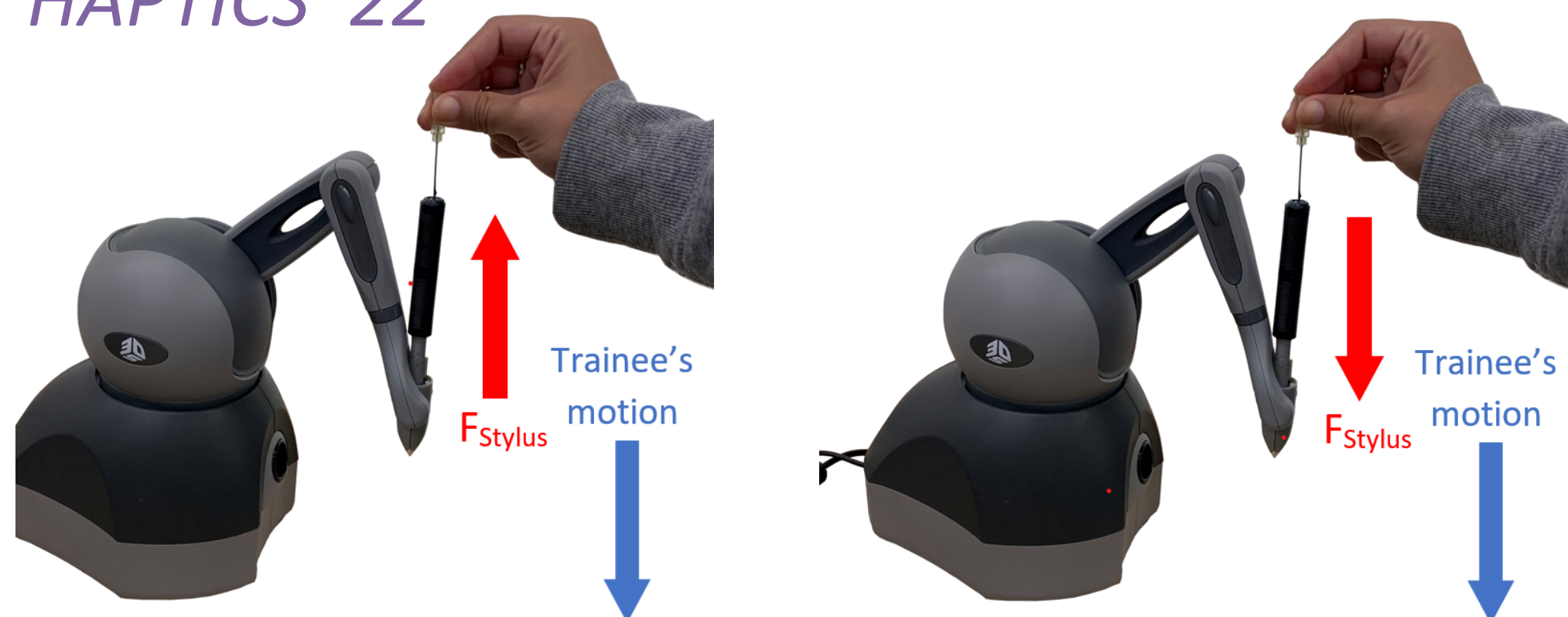


## BROADER IMPACTS

- Improving healthcare and quality of trauma education through telementoring.
- Team includes 2 REU students + 2 female/URM graduate students.
- Engaging Engineering World Health Undergraduate Students

**A1.2:** Mentor Perception of Trainee Applied Forces

HAPTICS '22



|              |   | C1    |       |       |
|--------------|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Ground truth | h | 92.0% | 8.0%  |       |
|              | m | 5.3%  | 92.0% | 2.7%  |
|              | l |       | 2.7%  | 97.3% |
|              |   | h     | m     | l     |

Graphics + Pushing

|              |   | C2    |       |       |
|--------------|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Ground truth | h | 84.0% | 14.7% | 1.3%  |
|              | m | 26.7% | 72.0% | 1.3%  |
|              | l |       | 10.7% | 89.3% |
|              |   | h     | m     | l     |

Graphics + Pulling

|              |   | C3    |       |       |
|--------------|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Ground truth | h | 94.7% | 5.3%  |       |
|              | m | 9.3%  | 85.3% | 5.3%  |
|              | l |       | 9.3%  | 90.7% |
|              |   | h     | m     | l     |

Identified force levels  
Graphics Only