



## **ANIMAFLUID a dynamic liquid interface**

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# Metaphor: Water

Shapeless

Formless

Adopts shape

Adopts form



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1. <http://serc.carleton.edu/eslabs/drought/1.html>

2. <http://hdwallpc.com/fullwallpaperhdpc/water-wallpaper-hd-dekstop-free-download.html>

# Metaphor: Magnetism

Characteristics:  
Cohesion, Attraction

Signified:  
Act of “animation”

Liquidity + Magnetism

**Animated Liquidity**

3. [http://www.organicui.org/?page\\_id=74](http://www.organicui.org/?page_id=74)

4. <http://adhitsbgja.blogspot.com/2013/03/ferro-fluid-magic-liquid.html>



# Prior Work

## *Snoil*

Property\_physical display

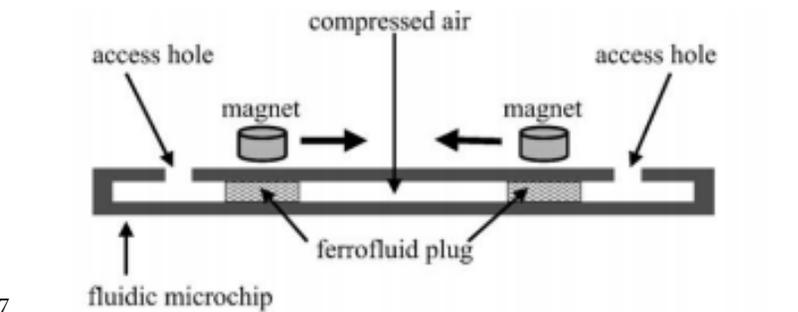
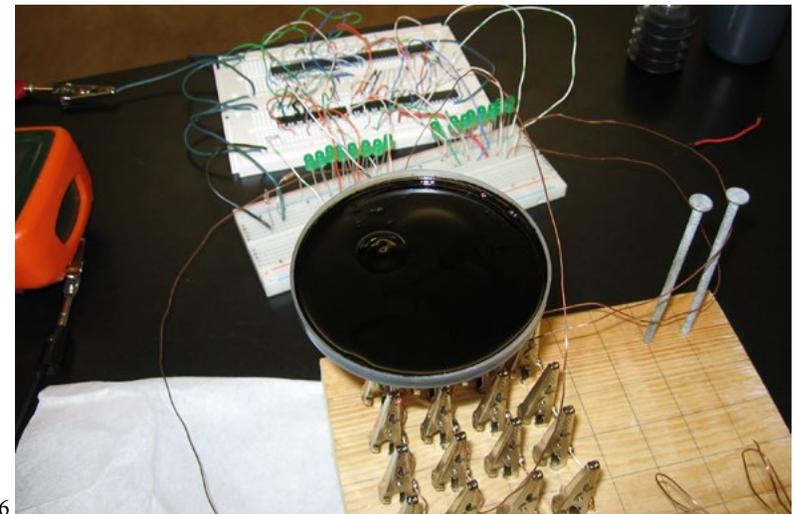
Material\_based on Ferrofluid

Ferrofluid-based microchip pump and valve (Hartshorne et al. 2004)

<http://www.freymartin.de/en/projects/snoil>

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0925400504000322>

5,6 snoil/ 7 Ferrofluid - based microchip pump



# Prior Work

## *Create a Chemical Reaction*

Sensetable (Patten et al. 2001)

## *.Fluid*

A reactive surface (ideation)

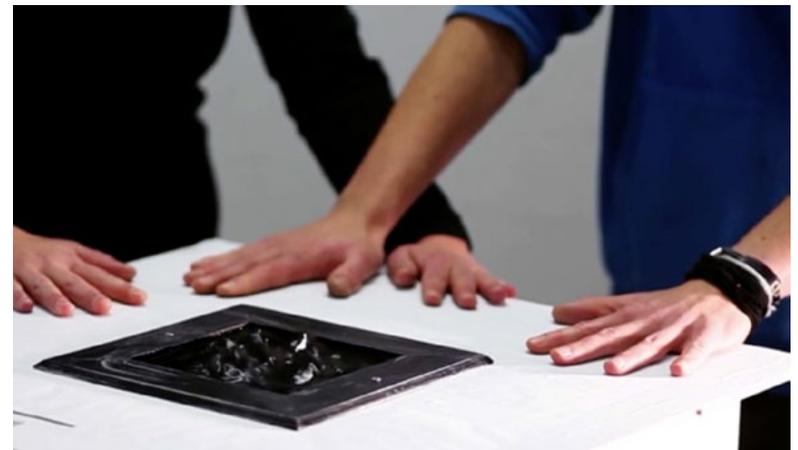
<http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=365112>

<http://cargocollective.com/hnx/fluid>

8 Create a chemical reaction from Patten studio/ 9,10 .fluid



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# Prior Work

## *Liquid Interfaces*

“A Malleable, Transient, Direct-Touch interface”  
from Mixed Reality Lab

<http://www.mixedrealitylab.org//media/all%20videos/Liquid/LiquidInterfacesPerformanceVideo.m4v>

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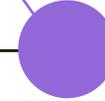
11,12,13 Liquid Interface



**Strong Matter Property  
Interaction with materials**



**ANIMAFLUID  
Liquid-Stream -Interface**



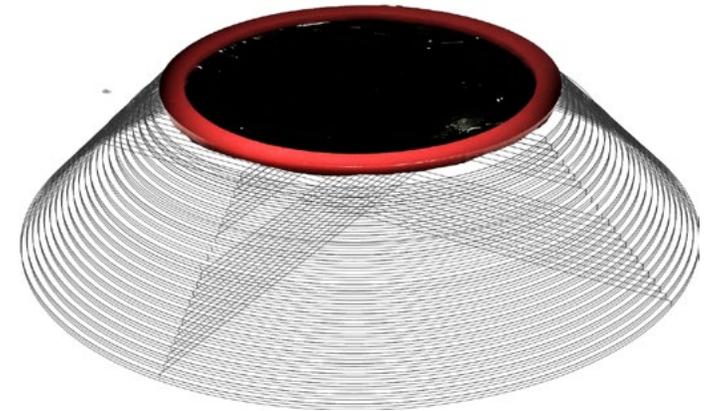
**Sensible Reactive surface**

# Dynamic liquid interface

*Ferrofluid controlled by programmable switches and electromagnets*

- \* Touch interface that actuates change, flux or movement
- \* Programmable material with a diverse range properties
- \* Could be programmed using touch, acoustic, magnetic and other sensors
- \* For instance, touching the material will invoke shape change

*User interaction*



*Touch interface*

# Dynamic liquid interface (contd.)

*Ferrofluid controlled by programmable switches and electromagnets*

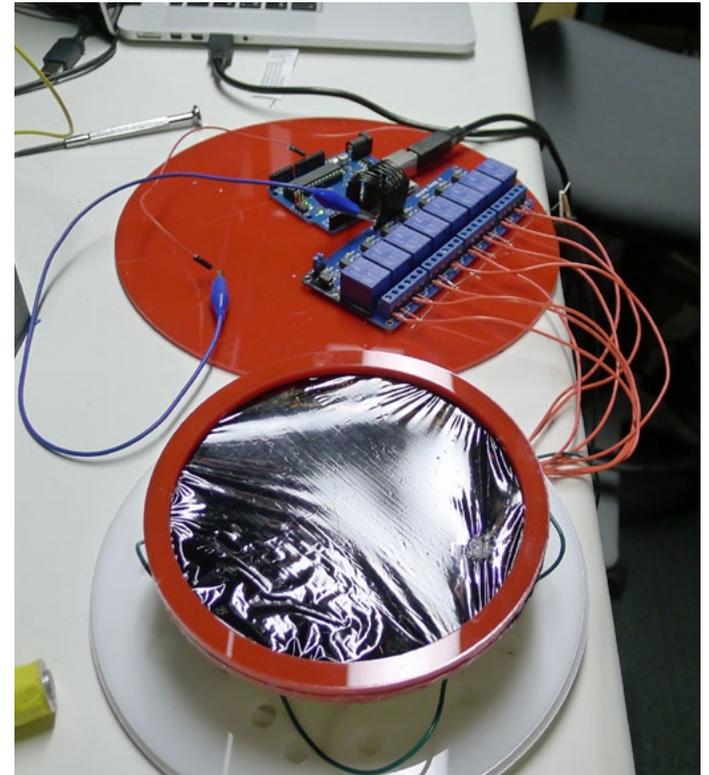
\* Type of interaction or modality could be changed by using different materials:

\* Materials:

silicone, plastic wrap, silicone-ferrofluid hybrid or any other material

\* Modalities:

rotation, retraction, depression, elevation, protraction, vibration, expansion

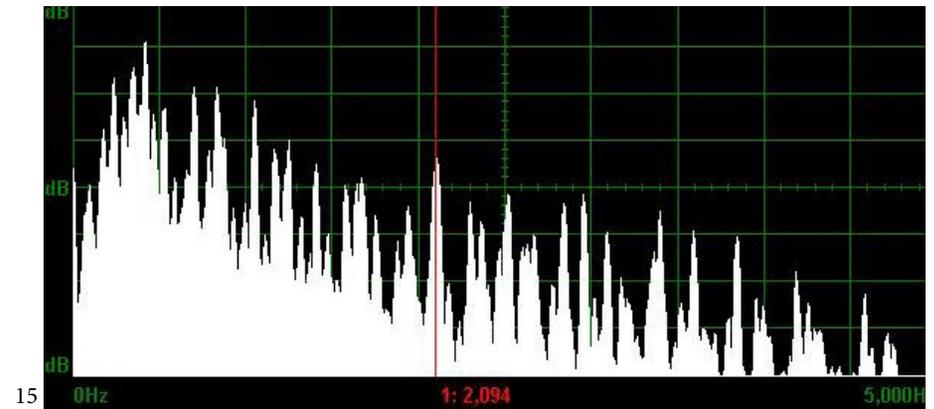


# Dynamic liquid interface (contd.)

*Ferrofluid controlled by programmable switches and electromagnets*

*Programmed interface & Automatic play*

- \* Visual interface for music or sound input  
(both tempo and volume)
- \* Translates musical form into liquid form  
(fractal effect, warping, morphing)



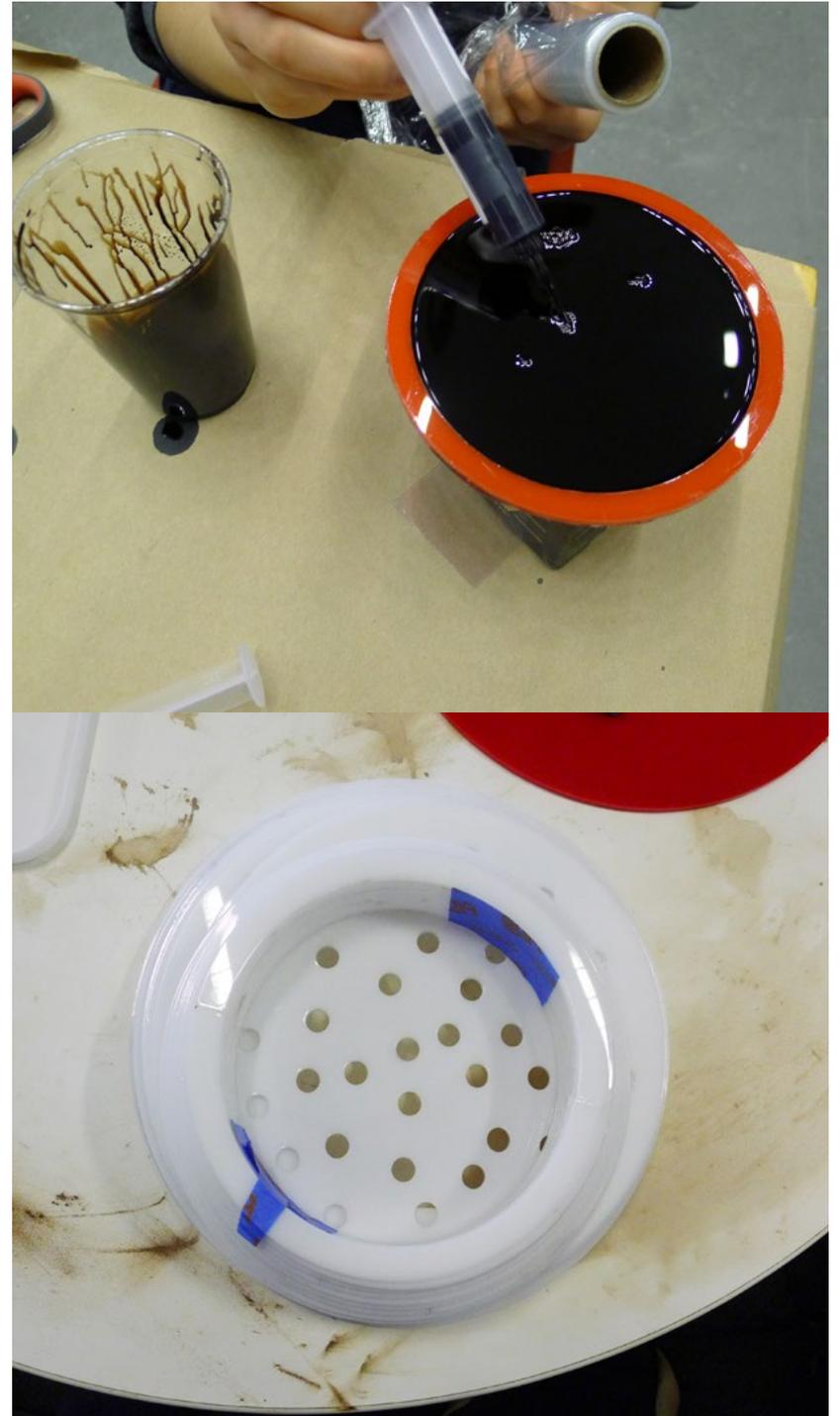
# Structure

Layer 1: Ferro-fluid in plastic pack

Layer 2: Pressure sensor

Layer 3: Electromagnets on a grid matrix

Layer 4: Controller

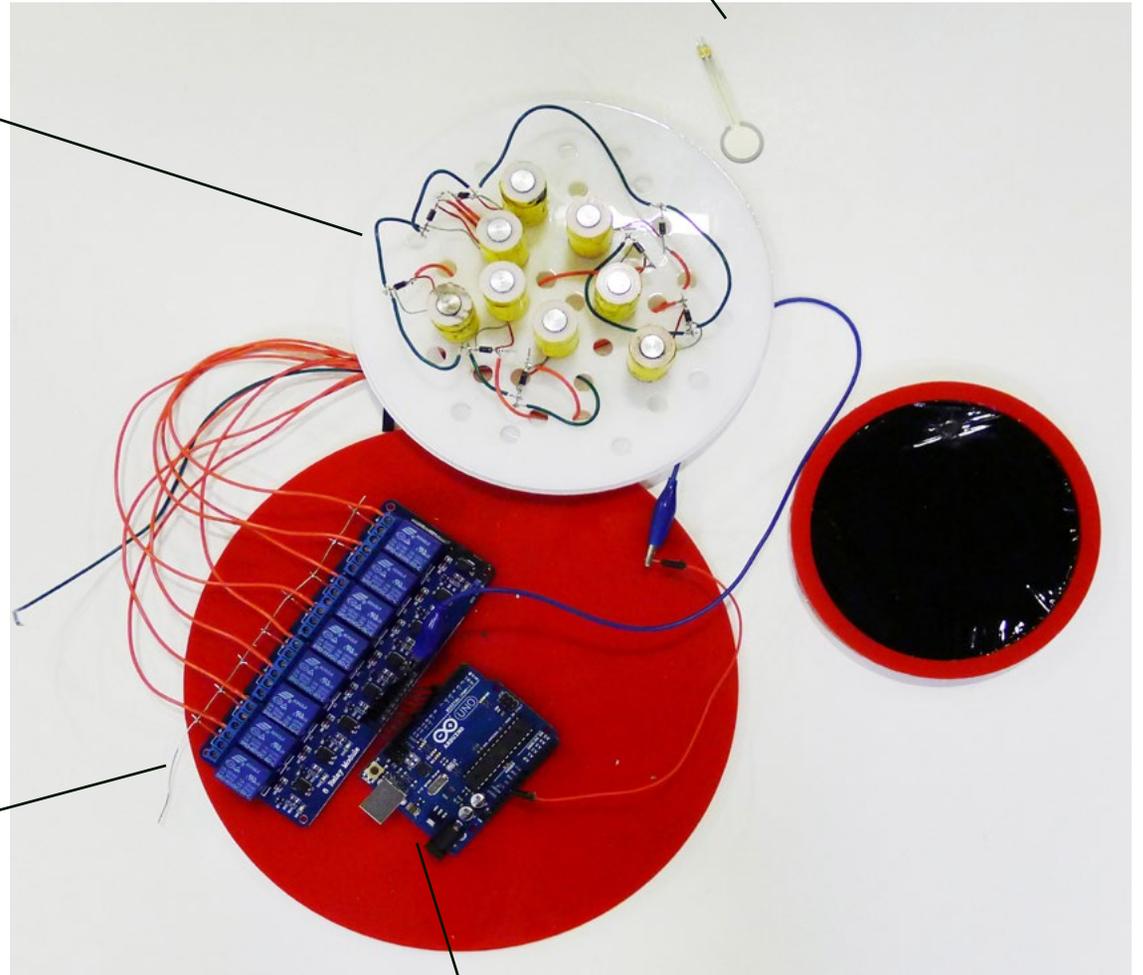


Touch sensors

Electromagnets on a grid matrix

Relays

Arduino





Programmed Interface with input channels

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music by Sang



Touch Interface

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# Process for

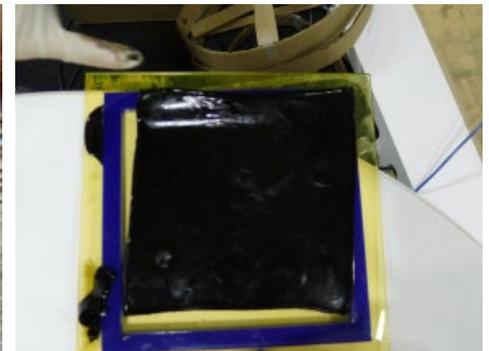
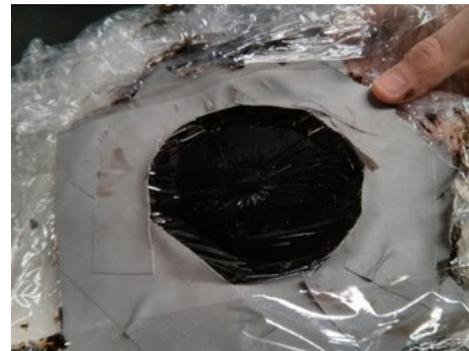
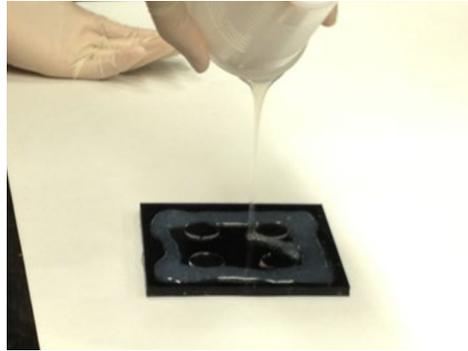
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Layer 2: Touch sensors

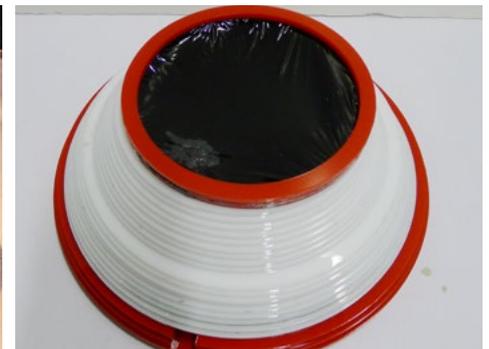
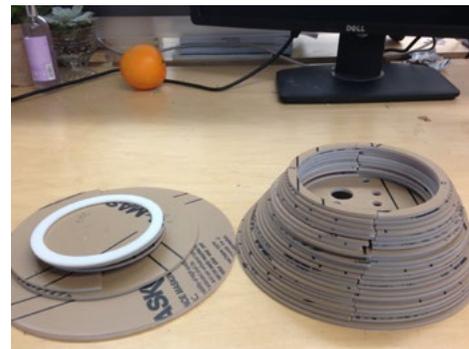
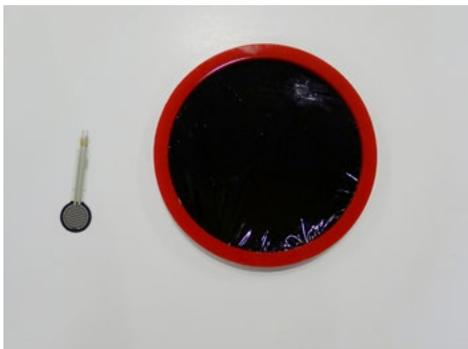
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Layer 4: Controller

Layer 1 & Layer 2



Layer 3 & Layer 4



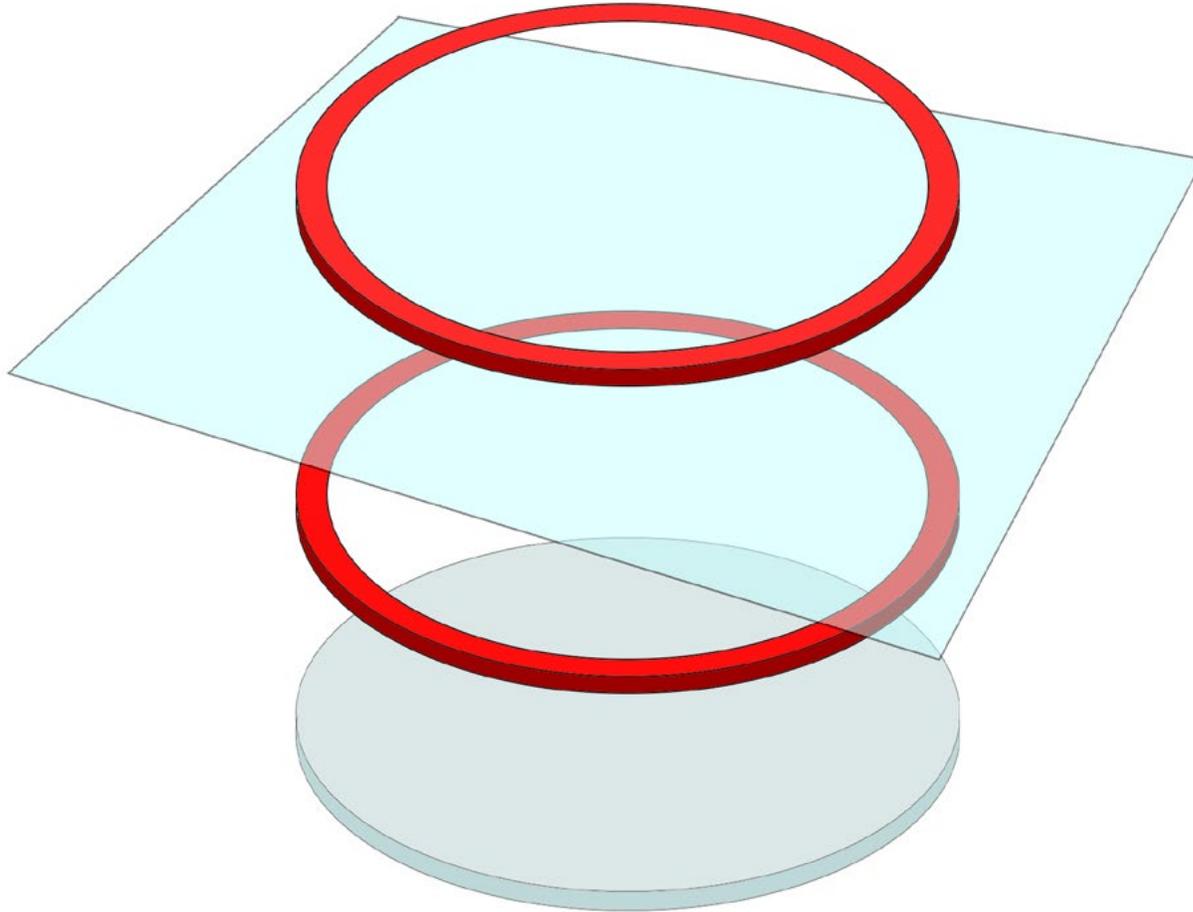
## Process for

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# Property: Responsiveness

Force: pull

Response:  
contraction, vector change



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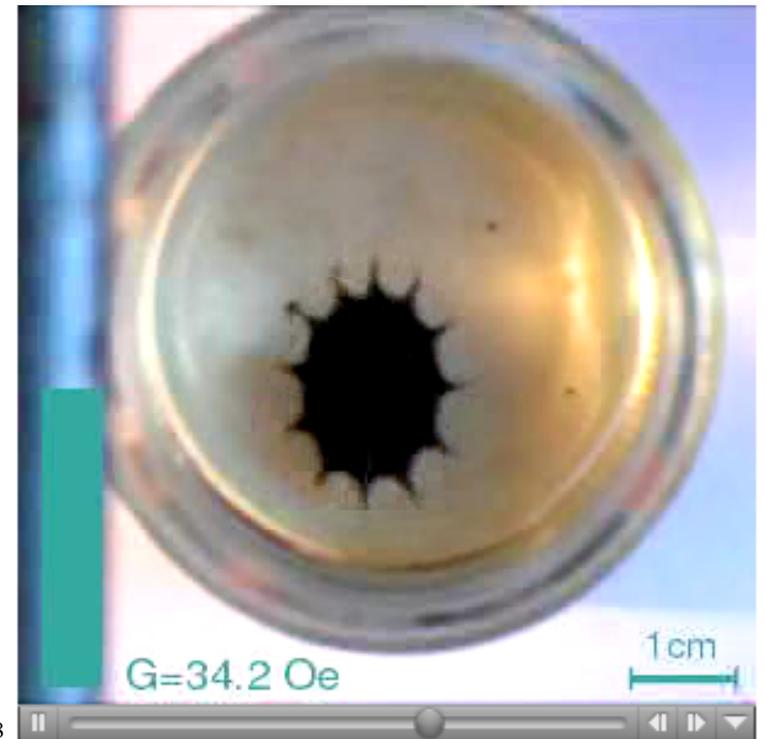
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16. [http://www.123rf.com/photo\\_6605902\\_blue-water-drops-background.html](http://www.123rf.com/photo_6605902_blue-water-drops-background.html)

17. <http://depositphotos.com/5645197/stock-photo-Woman-hand-in-water-splash.html>

# Property: Rotation

“Floating drops of magnetic fluid can be brought into rotation by applying a rotating magnetic field.” - K. I. Morozov et al 2002



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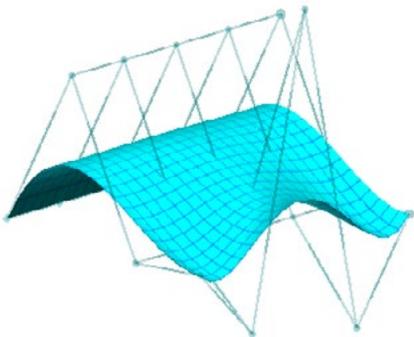
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<http://www.statphys.uni-oldenburg.de/research/movie1.mpg> Rotation  
[http://www.statphys.uni-oldenburg.de/research/magnetic\\_fluids.shtml](http://www.statphys.uni-oldenburg.de/research/magnetic_fluids.shtml)

# Future Direction

- \* Synthetic memory material combining properties of both ferrofluids and silicone
  - \* 3D surface interface instead of one plane surface
- \* Dynamic form adjustment:
  - \* Conforms to input form of an object:
  - \* Changes shape accordingly
  - \* Programmed using pressure and touch sensors

## Concept image

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19. <http://people.eecs.ku.edu/~miller/Courses/IntroToCurvesAndSurfaces/page5.html>

20. <http://global.rakuten.com/en/store/e-office/item/twistn30/>

21. [http://bangerzsunz.com/twist\\_n\\_flex.htm](http://bangerzsunz.com/twist_n_flex.htm)

22. <http://www.extremetech.com/extreme/152970-shape-changing-plastic-could-give-touchscreens-real-physical-clicky-keyboards>