# Development and Applications of Flexible Ferrofluid Magnet Sensors



#### What is a Flexible Magnet Sensor (FMS)?





Uses silicone as a flexible medium to contain ferrofluid

- Interaction with the silicone causes displacement of of the ferrofluid which can be detected by a change in the magnetic field
- A Hall effect sensor array is used to detect the change magnetic field formed by the ferrofluid

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## What properties are being explored?

- Touch location sensitivity
- Load Sensitivity
- Shear load detection

Unexplored Topics

- Tilt Detection
- Stretch detection
- Multi-touch capabilities



Application



#### Experiments

## Testing sensor viability:

- Differentiate nine probing locations in a 3x3 grid
  - Probing was performed at multiple loads
- Detecting direction of shear in the cardinal and intercardinal directions
  - Shear was performed at multiple distances



Concepts

### Results

## Probing



#### Neural Networks



## Extracted peak data was run through MATLAB's neural network plug-in





### Future Work



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