

Aesthetic touch

More or less joint action of **aesthetic feeling** and **purposeful perception** in the touch modality. A purposeful perception of the aesthetic feeling and pleasure related to the perceived object or for the purpose of aesthetic evaluation. Everyday examples: caressing or a sensual touch of a person or animal (in such a case most often both sides experience pleasure). Moving hand over the object to feel its surface or obtain pleasure; taking a shower; pouring water over one's body; playing in water; massage; flirting games and sexual intercourse (not for the purpose of reproduction). Differently from an ordinary act of touching, aesthetic touch is a form of behavior because it has its own need. Aesthetic touch is sometimes accompanied by other types of purposeful activity, like viewing (e.g. flirting games).