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Despite HCI's interest in topics around sexuality, pornography has remained underexplored. Specifically, the user experience (UX) of technology-mediated pornography has received little attention, even though it has been argued that it may contribute to a better understanding of pleasure and enjoyability of interactive systems. We surveyed 187 participants about a positive experience involving technology-mediated pornography. Autonomy and competence, as well as sexual arousal and desire emerged as the most characteristic dimensions of positive experiences with pornographic content. However, preliminary qualitative analysis suggests that many participants also experienced mixed feelings due to technology. Overall, our findings provide first insights into the complexity of the user experience of technology-mediated pornography.

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