

# Mobile Interaction

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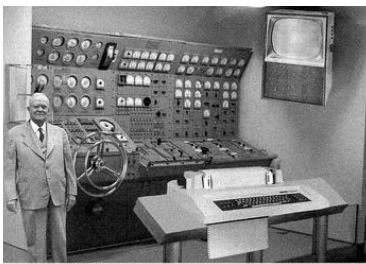
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## Half a century of evolution



1954: teletype



1984: WIMP model  
desktop metaphor



2007: multitouch,  
sensors



- smarter
- smaller
- more mobile
- closer to the body
- will eventually vanish?

## Early Mobile Devices



**1946: first commercial mobile phone service**

- ATT, for vehicles

**1948: the transistor was invented**

- beginning of miniaturization



**1960s: mobile radio telephone**



**1973: Hand held mobile phone**

## Evolution: Personnal Digital Assistants (PDA)



**1980: Radio Shack TRS-80 Pocket Computer**



**1984: Psion Organizer: first handheld computer**



**1993: Apple Newton**

**1996: Palm Pilot**



**1996: Windows CE**



**2000: Windows Mobile Pocket PCs**

# Evolution



## Black Berry & Windows Mobile in 2007 vs.2009

- output:
  - larger screen, higher resolution
- input:
  - keyboard + joystick, then resistive then capacitive touchscreen
  - the keyboard has disappeared!

# Evolution

## iPhone (June 2007) and modern mobile devices

### Output:

- high resolution screen
- audio
- vibrator

### Input:

- no physical keyboard!
- capacitive touchscreen
  - interaction with fingers
  - multitouch
- sensors



# Pointing: touchscreen vs. desktop

## Direct vs. indirect input

- **direct**: on-screen pointer = input position
  - **direct** : touchscreen
  - **indirect**: mouse, trackpad, graphics tablet
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## Absolute vs. relative movement

- **absolute**: "consistent" mapping between input and output
  - touchscreen, graphics tablet
  - "consistent" not necessarily 1 to 1!
- **relative**: maps displacement in input space
  - mouse, trackpad



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## Usually

- touchscreen = **direct** + **absolute**  
=> **no cursor**



## But

- touchscreen can be **indirect**, and even **relative**!
- touchpad can be **absolute**!



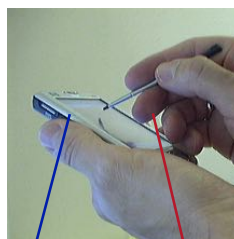
# Fat finger problem

Direct => **occlusion**

Direct + Absolute => **lack of precision**

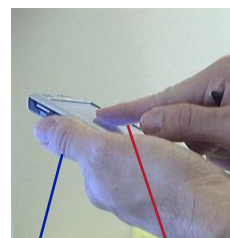
=> targets should be **large** ( $\geq 9.2\text{mm}$  [Parhi 06])

=> can be improved with better **technology** [Holz 10]



unique contact point

remove hand from screen



ambiguous  
contact point

finger occludes target

From [Vogel et al.  
CHI 07]

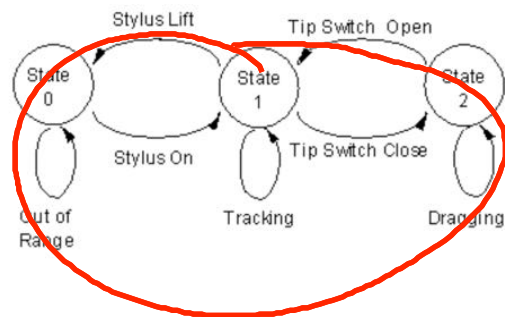
# Interaction states: touchscreen vs. desktop

## Desktop: 3 states or more

- mouse in air
- mouse on the surface
- button pressed

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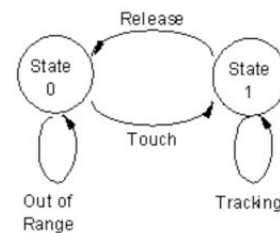
- **moving != dragging**  
=> position can be precisely adjusted
- hover mode: tooltips



**Buxton 3 state model, 1990**

## Touchscreen: 2 states

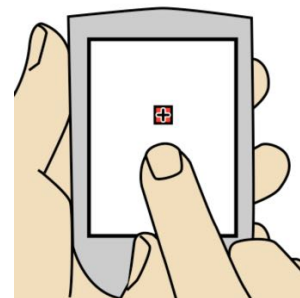
- **touching == pressing** mouse button
- => pointing performed "in the air"



# Strategies: Offset cursor

## Offset cursor [Potter et al. 88, Sears et al. 91]

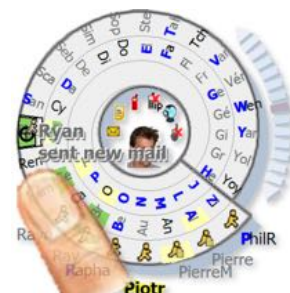
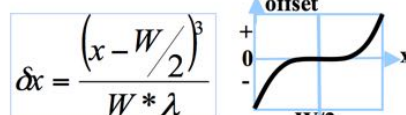
- cursor at a **fixed position** from finger
- *absolute but indirect*
  - better occlusion & precision but **slower**
  - bottom area not accessible



From [Vogel et al. CHI 07]

## Adaptative offset cursor [Huot et al. 06]

- **variable horizontal offset**
- *absolute but not 1 to 1*
  - distant objects easier to reach
  - requires training

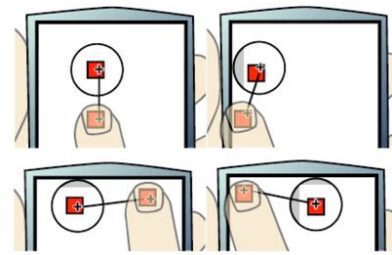




## Strategies: Cursor on demand

**Shift** [Vogel et al. 07]

- **cursor after a delay + magnification**
- *absolute & indirect + delay*
- **data aware**: delay depends on target size
  - 3x faster than Offset cursor (for 3mm targets)



**Commercial devices (iPhone, etc.)**

- similar but **data agnostic**
- **delay** or double touch



## Strategies: Object pointing

**ThumbSpace** [Karlson 07]

- **overview + object** pointing
- indirect, absolute?
- distant objects easier to reach



**Starburst** [Baudisch 08]

- Voronoï diagrams

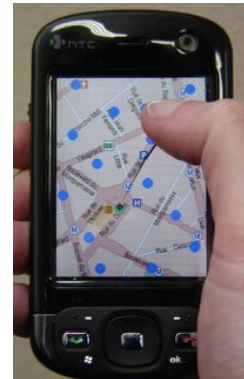
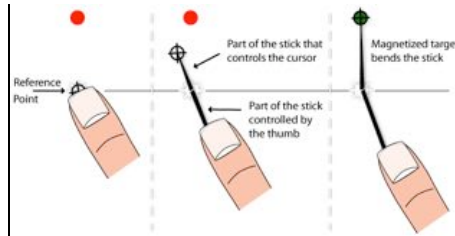




# Strategies: Telescopic cursor and zooming

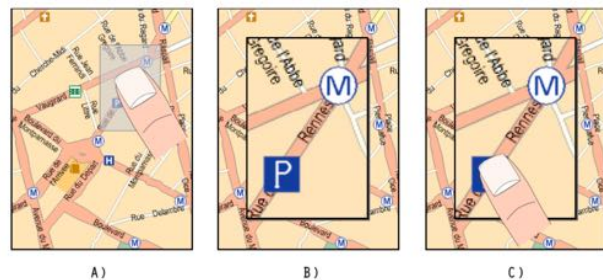
## MagStick [Roudaut et al. 08]

- **telescopic stick** : “magnetized” cursor
- fast and distant objects easier to reach



## TapTap [Roudaut et al. 08]

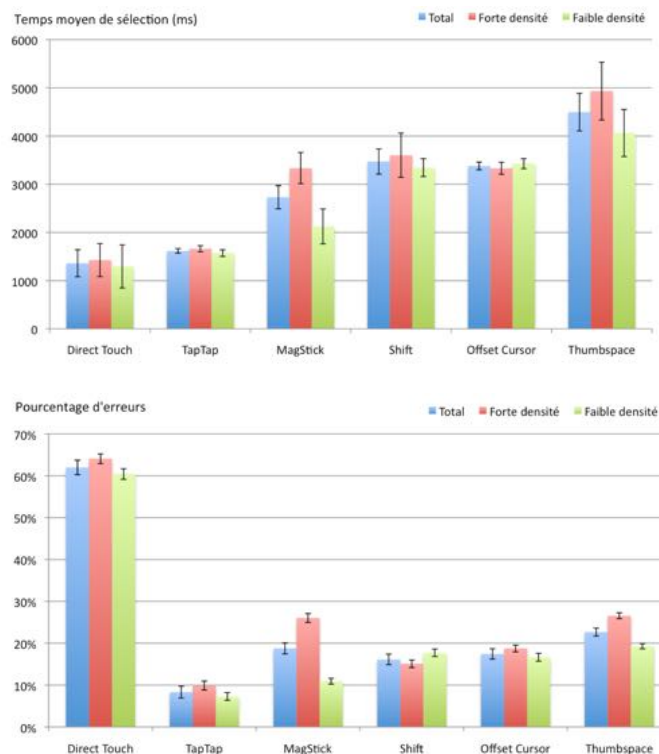
- double tap with **automatic magnification**
- **very fast** but always active



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# Comparison



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## Other Strategies

### Fingerprints: [Holz et al. 10]

- better touch model => better accuracy

### Back-of-device touch input: NanoTouch [Baudisch et al. 09]

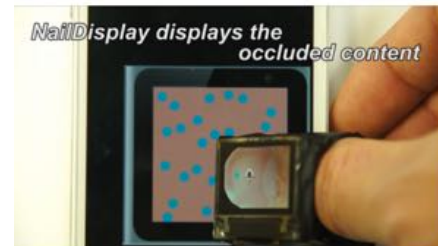
### NailDisplay [Su et al. 13]

### Gestures: Escape [Yatani et al. 08]

- directional gestures select small targets

### Hover Cursor: [Osberg et al. 15]

- hover sensing over a touchscreen



## Pre-Touch Sensing for Mobile Interaction

Ken Hinckley, Seongkook Heo, Michel Pahud, Christian Holz, Hrvoje Benko, Abigail Sellen, Richard Banks, Kenton P O'Hara, Gavin Smyth, William Buxton  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4KQVNpWu-s>

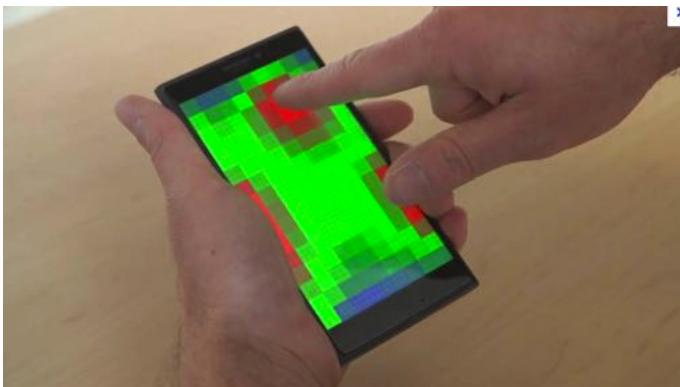
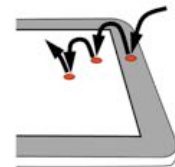
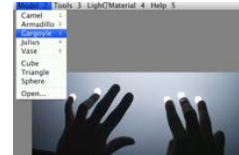
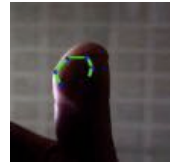


Figure 7. Our *calm* web browser reveals interactive affordances in a nuanced way that feathers off with the finger contours.

# Gestures = a large resource deposit

## Morphology

- Dimensionality (2D, 3D)
- Multitouch
- Shape
- Kinematics, temporal patterns
- Bumps
- With or without friction
- Pressure / pseudo-pressure
- etc.



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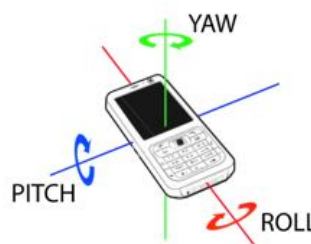
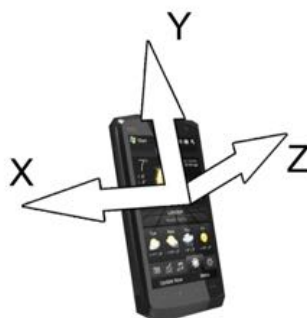
# Gestures = a large resource deposit

## Frame of reference

- 2D gestures:
  - movements **on** the device
- 3D gestures
  - movements **around** the device
  - movements **of** the device

- on the screen
- on the sides/back/bezels..

- 3 translations
- 3 rotations



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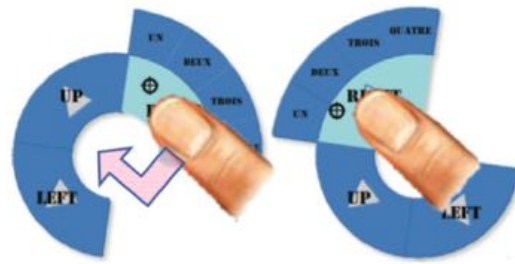
# Pie menus and Marking menus

## Pie menus

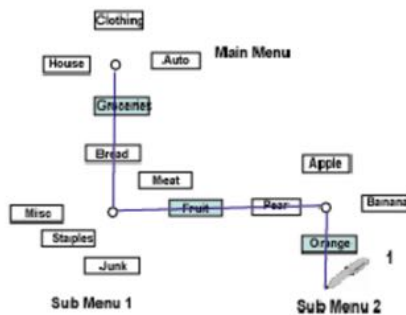
- straight lines
- no expert mode

## Marking menus

- expert mode
- N levels: "zig-zag" marks (too large)



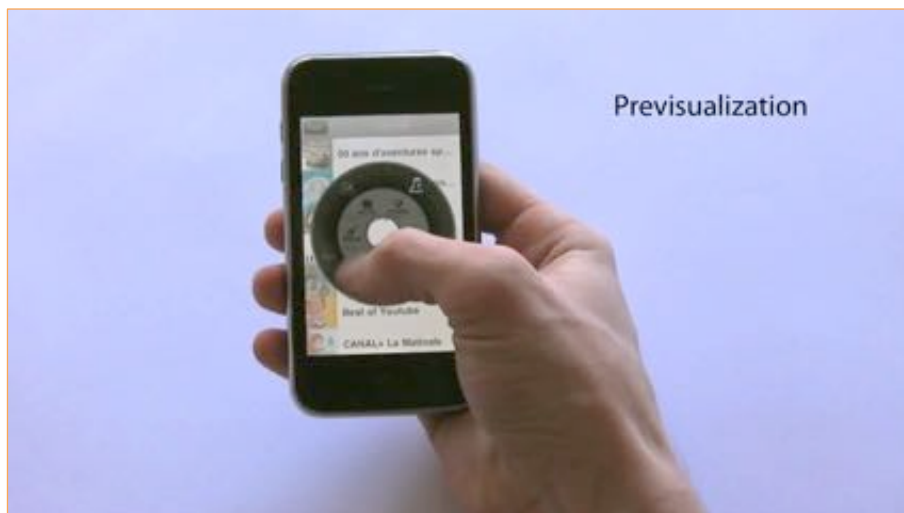
Thumb Menu [Huot et al. 07]



# Wavelet menus

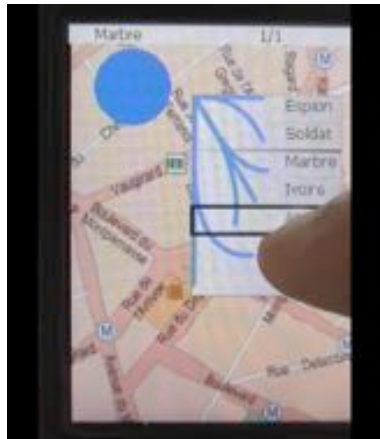
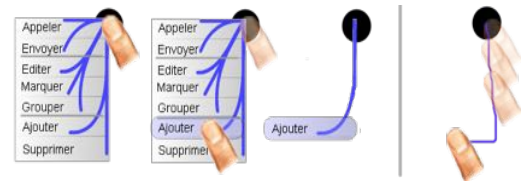
[Bailly et al. 10]

- novice mode: **inverted** rings
- expert mode: **superimposed** marks



# Using curvature

## Leaf menus [Roudaut et al. 09]



*novice mode*



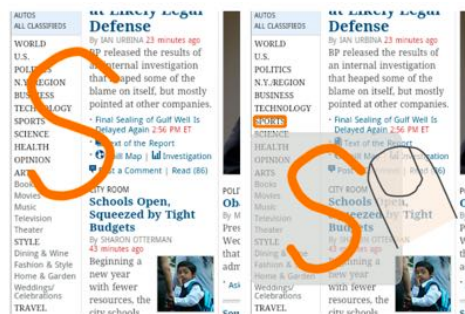
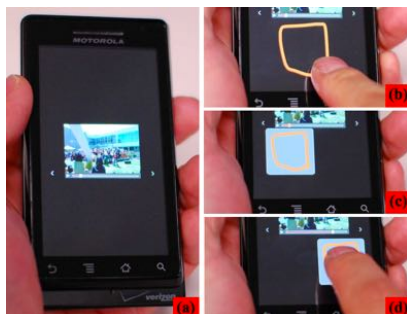
*expert mode*

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# Drawing & symbols

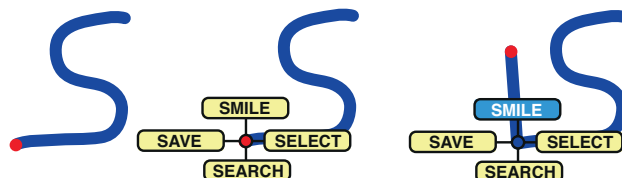
## Gesture Avatar [Lu & Li 11],

- the user can draw a letter or the shape of a widget
- less errors than Shift, faster for small targets (1mm)



## Augmented Letters [Roy et al. 13]

- symbols + Marking menus



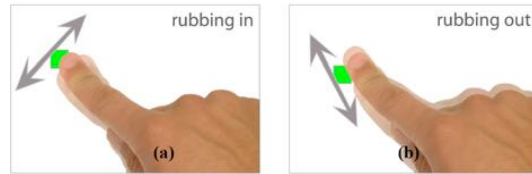
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# Using the shape or kinematics

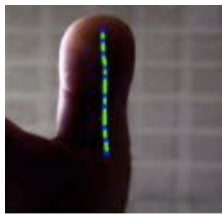
## Rubbing gestures [Olwal et al. 08]

- to-and-fro diagonal gestures
- act as delimiters

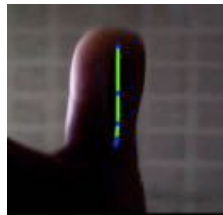


## MicroRolls [Roudaut et al. 09]

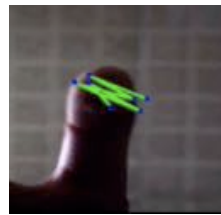
- rolling gestures of the thumb



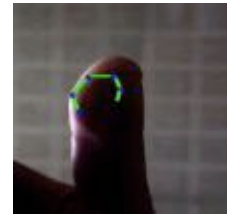
Drag



Flick /Swipe



Rubbing

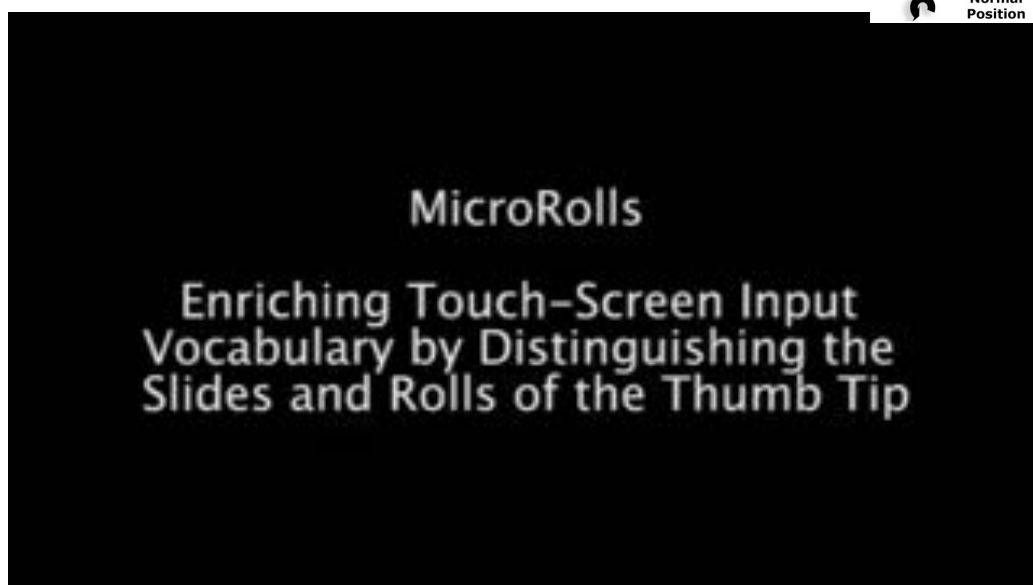
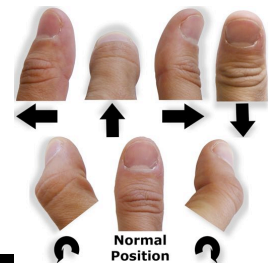


MicroRolls

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## MicroRolls [Roudaut et al. 09]

- do not conflict with ordinary gestures
- zero tangential velocity (no friction)



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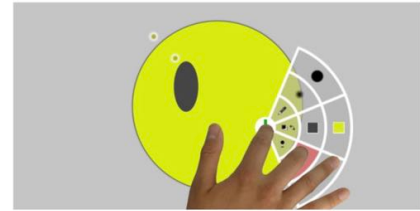
# Multitouch: which fingers?

## Hardware based

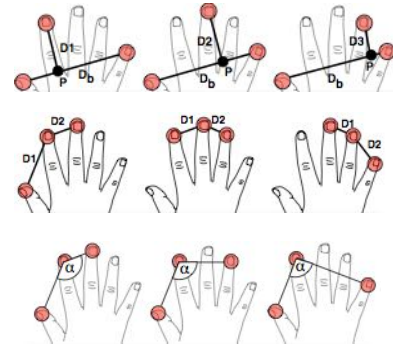
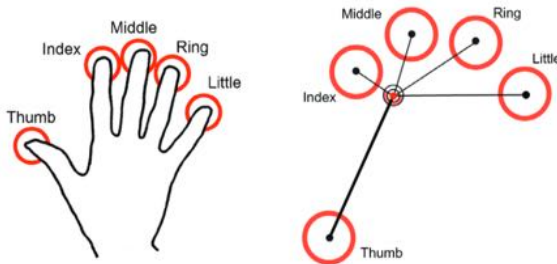
- vision-based, fingerprints [Holz et al. 10]

## Software based

- Lift-and-stroke [Lepinski et al. 10]
- Multitouch finger registration [Au and Tai 10]
- Multi-finger Chords [Wagner et al. 14]



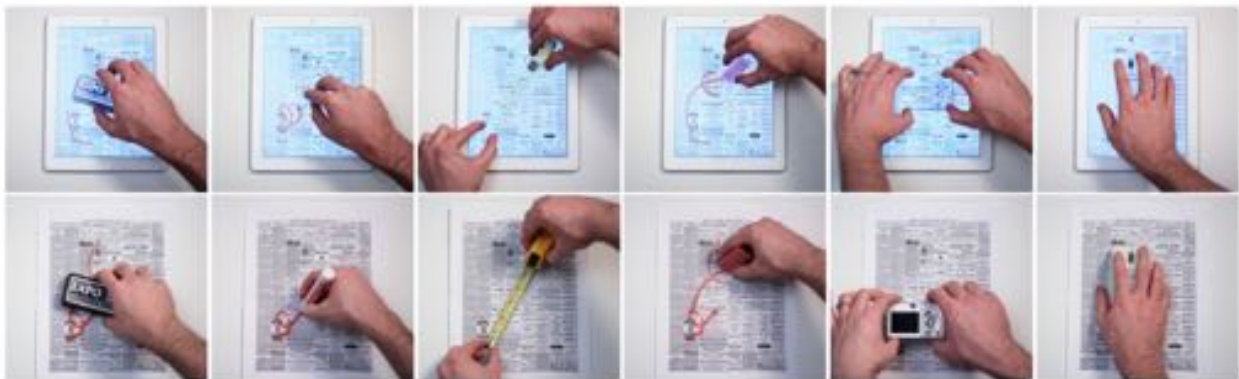
Multi-finger Pie Menu [Banovic et al. 11]



# Multitouch: ways of touching

FingerSense (Queexo)

TouchTools [Harrison et al. 14]



whiteboard eraser, marker, tape measure, rubber eraser, camera, mouse, magnifying glass.



## Two-handed

### BiTouch / BiPad [Wagner et al. 12]

- two-handed interaction
- special zones
- taps, chords, gestures

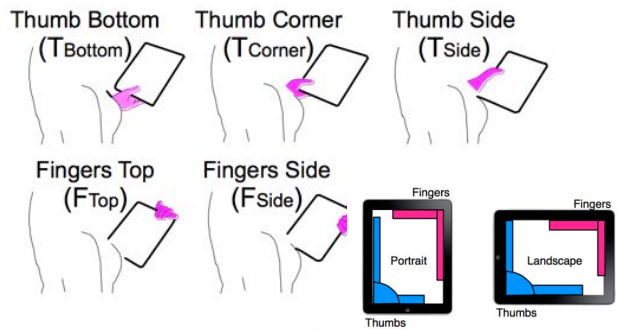
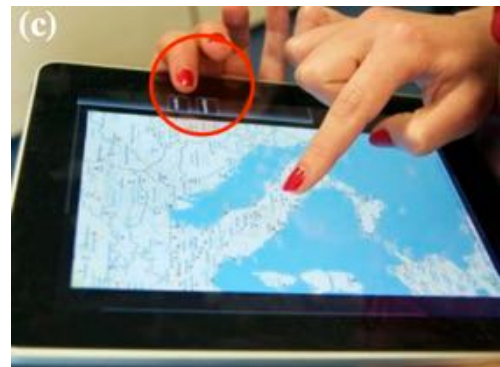
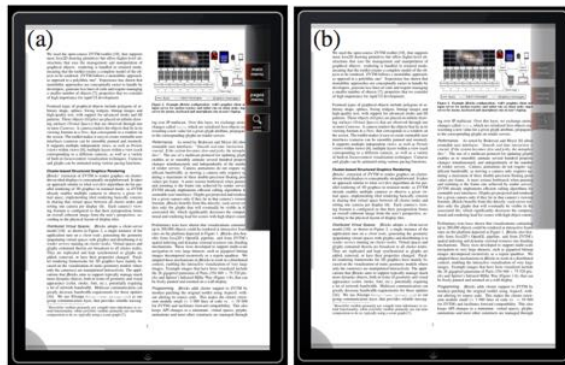


Figure 2. Five spontaneous holds (portrait orientation).



## 3D gestures

### SHRIMP [Wang et al. 10]

- tilting the phone to disambiguate

### TimeTilt [Roudaut et al. 09]

- tilt the phone to navigate between apps



# 3D gestures

## JerkTilts

- Avoid unintentional activation
- Auto-delimiting quick back-and-forth gestures



[Baglioni et al. 11]



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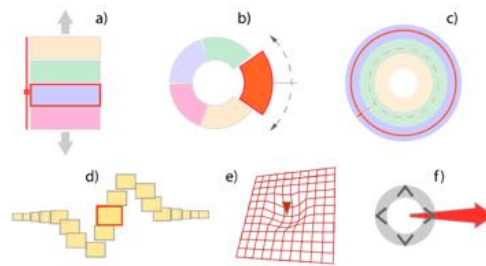
## Extending the device

- Input
- Output

# Input: Pressure and pseudo-pressure

## Pressure widgets

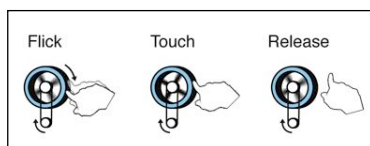
[Ramos et al. 04]



## Flick&Brake

[Baglioni et al. 11]

- Extends Flick metaphor



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# Input: Using the bezels

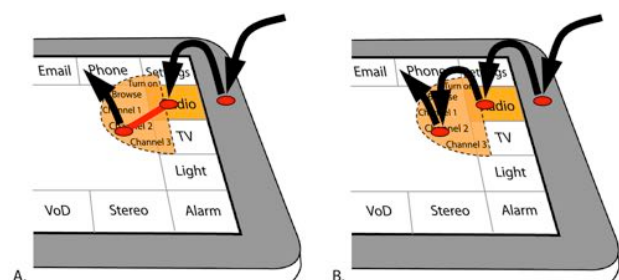
## BezelSwipe [Roth et al. 09]

- gestures start from the bezels



## BezelTap [Serrano et al. 13]

- accelerometer : **tap on the bezel** + tap or slide on the screen
- always active even in idle mode



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## BezelTap [Serrano et al. 13]



## Around the bezel and the screen

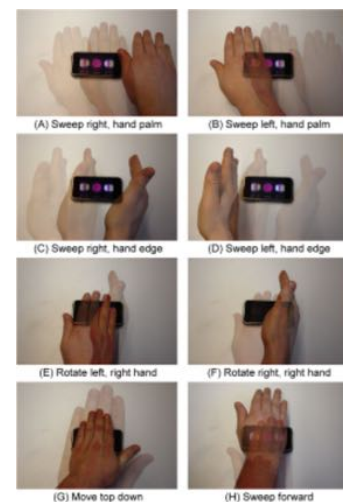
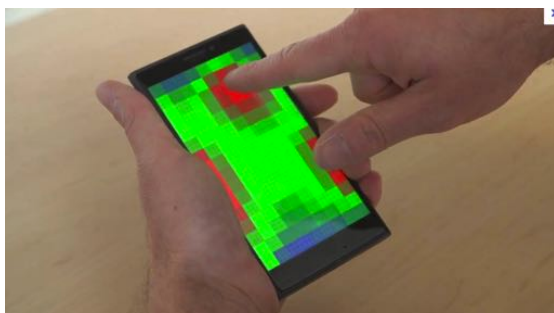
### HoverFlow

- IR distance sensors

HoverFlow  
[Kratz, Rohs 09]



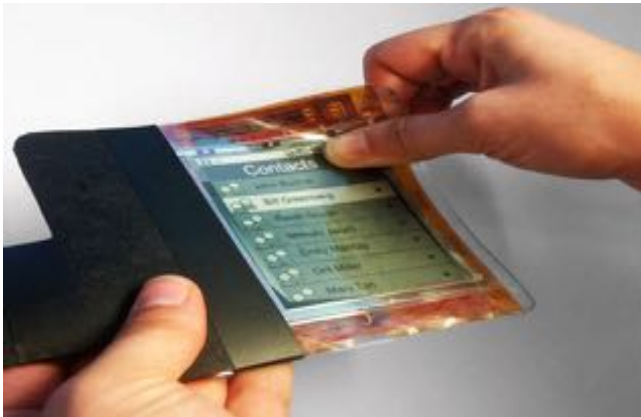
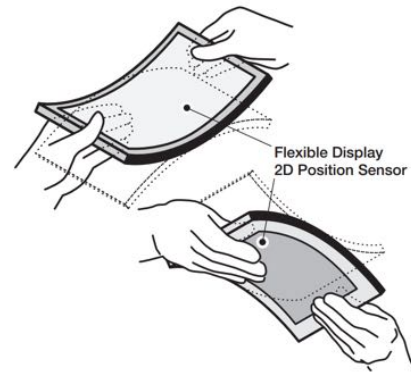
### Pre-Touch sensing [Hinckley et al. 16]



## Bending the tablet

**Gummi** [Schwesig et al. 04]

**PaperPhone** [Lahey et al. 11]



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## Output: Tactile feedback and Shape changing

**TeslaTouch** [Bau et al. 10]

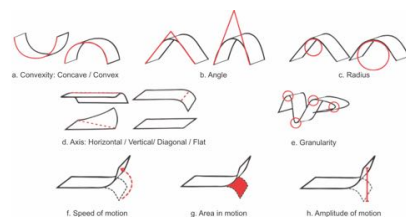
**Haptic Edge** [Jang et al. 16]

**Morpheus** [Roudaut et al. 13]

**Shapes and emotions** [Strohmeier et al. 16]



TeslaTouch (Bau et al, Disney)



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## Haptic Edge Display for Mobile Tactile Interaction

Sungjune Jang, Lawrence H Kim, Kesler Tanner, Hiroshi Ishii, Sean Follmer  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1InHeWsSMU>  
<http://www.sjjang.com/#!haptic-edge-display/a17g1>



## Smartwatches, etc.

Olsen: *"If I can fit my entire PC in a cubic inch, how will I interact with it?"*

### Abracadabra

- use of the (larger) space around a (very small) device
- magnets



Abracadabra [Harrison et al. 09]

### Nenya [Ashbrook et al., 11]

- micro-interactions with a ring



## The Flat Finger: Exploring Area Touches on Smartwatches

Ian Oakley, Carina Lindahl, Khanh Le, DoYoung Lee, MD Rasel Islam  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G52fvjBycpo>



## WatchIt [Perrault et al. 13]

- pointing/sliding gestures on the wristband
- shortcuts & continuous control
- eyes-free



## Watch It

Simple gestures for interacting  
with a watchstrap



## Gestures... elsewhere



CordInput  
(Schwarz et al 10)



Stane  
Murray-Smith et al. 08

Synchronous gestures  
(Hinckley)



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## Gestures on the body

**Skinput** [Harrison et al. 10]

**Skintrack** [Zhang et al. 16]

**iSkin** [Weigel et al. 15]

**Body-centric Design Space** [Wagner et al. 13]



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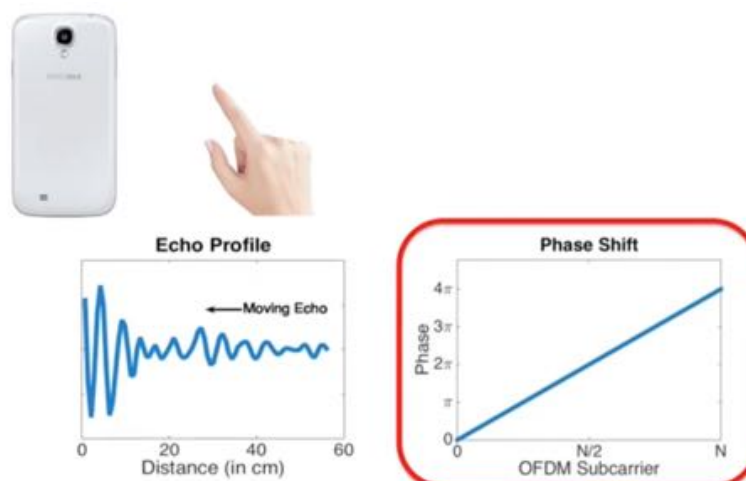


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## FingerIO: Using Active Sonar for Fine-Grained Finger Tracking

Rajalakshmi Nandakumar, Vikram Iyer, Desney Tan, Shyamnath Gollakota  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpVUCEZvNjI>  
<http://fingerio.cs.washington.edu/>



# Feedback

## Tactile displays on the body [Gupta et al. 16]

### Auditory menus [Zhao et al. 07] - eyes-free selection



## More...

### ExoSkin: On-Body Fabrication

[Gannon et al. 16]

- hybrid fabrication system for designing and printing digital artifacts directly on the body.



### Cillia 3D Printed Micro-Pillar Structures for Surface Texture, Actuation and Sensing

[Ouet al. 16]



# Mobile Augmented Reality



Here service



iOS App Metro Paris



Toolkits: Layar, Wikitude, etc.



Google Goggles

## AR glasses



Google Glass



[www.immersion.fr](http://www.immersion.fr)



Thad Starner

Head-Mounted displays

Eyeglasses

Contact lenses

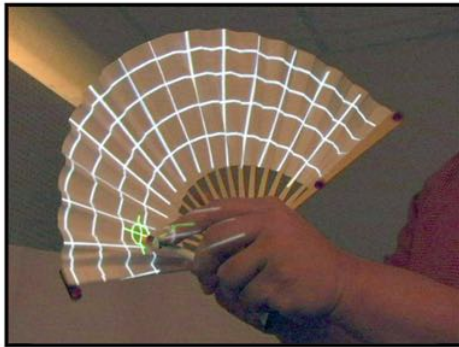
Virtual Retinal display



# Picoprojectors

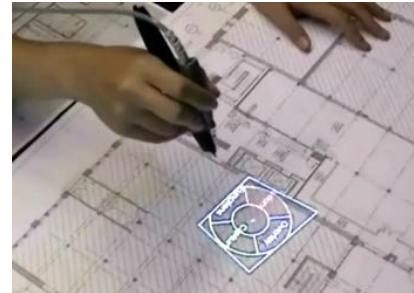


SixthSense [Mistry, Maes 2009]



Foldable interactive displays  
[Lee et al. 2008]

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PenLight [Song et al. 2009]

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## Interacting with the environment

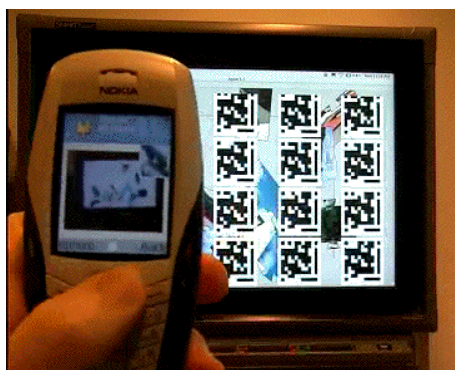
### QR Codes or Visual Codes

#### Visual Code Widgets [Rohs 2004]

- camera phone as “see-through tool”

#### Sweep, Point and Shoot [Ballagas et al. 2005]

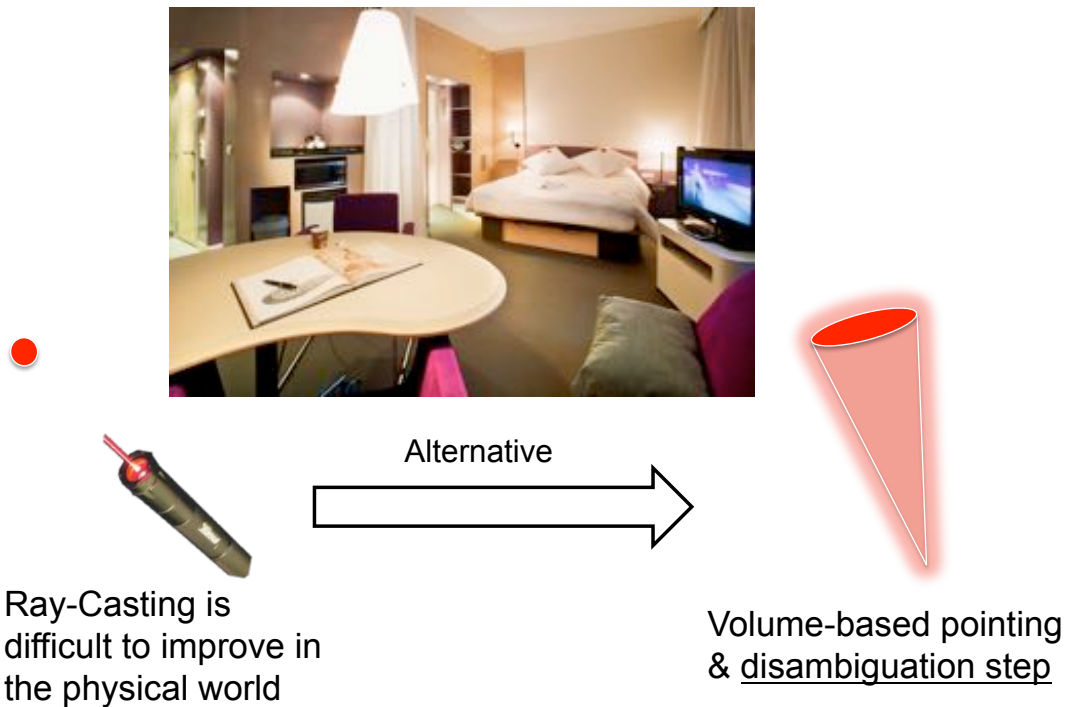
- the phone controls the screen



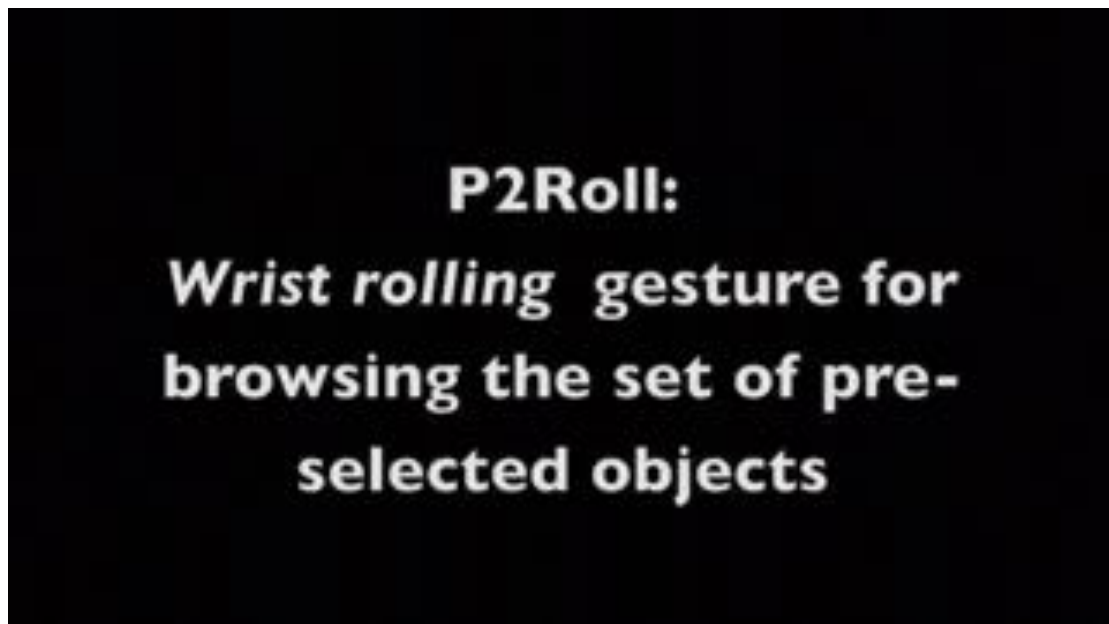
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## Pointing in the physical world [Delamare, Coutrix, Nigay 13]



## P2Roll [Delamare, Coutrix, Nigay 13]



## **P2Slide:** *Horizontal sliding gesture* **for browsing the set of pre-** **selected objects**

## Visualisation

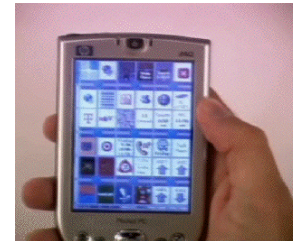
Halo [Baudisch 03]



Personalized Compass [Miau et al. 16]



# Visualization: zoomable interfaces



Fisheye View: DateLens [Berderson]

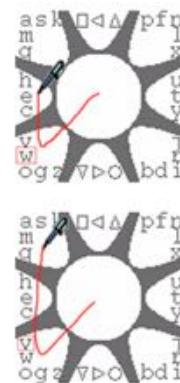
Semantic zooming : LaunchTile

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# Text entry



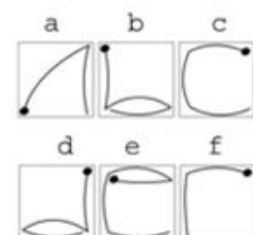
ShapeWriter [Zhai 08]  
and iPhone keyboard



QuickWriting



Graffiti (Palm OS)

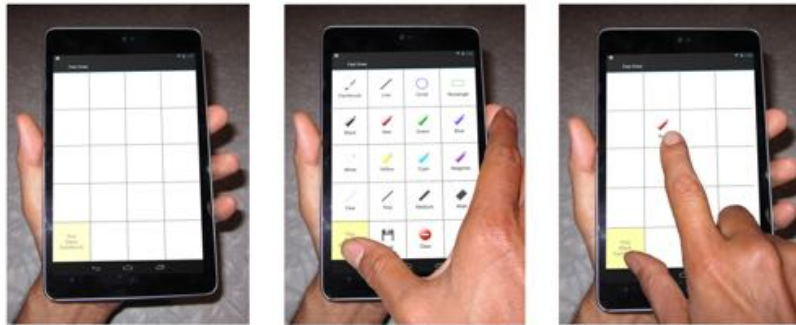


EdgeWrite  
[Wobbrock 06]

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**FastTap** [Gutwin et al. 2014]



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# Spatial memory



- **Spatial Pointing Shortcuts**
  - Inspired from method of Loci
  - Abstract links between commands and objects in the environment
- **Components**
  - Spatial memory
  - Object memory
  - Semantic memory (storytelling)

