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(54) BIMANUAL INTERACTIONS BETWEEN MAPPED HAND REGIONS FOR CONTROLLING VIRTUAL AND GRAPHICAL **ELEMENTS**

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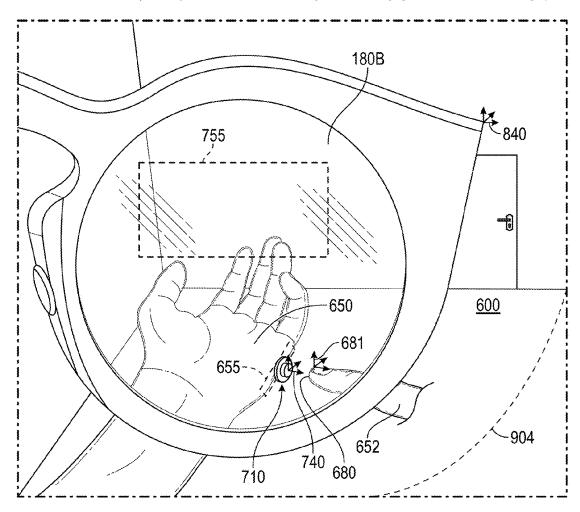
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(57)ABSTRACT

Example systems, devices, media, and methods are described for controlling the presentation of one or more virtual or graphical elements on a display in response to bimanual hand gestures detected by an eyewear device that is capturing frames of video data with its camera system. An image processing system detects a first hand and defines a mapped region relative to a surface of the detected first hand. The system presents a virtual target icon at a position within or near the mapped region. The image processing system detects a series of bimanual hand shapes, including the detected first hand and at least one fingertip of a second hand. In response to determining whether the detected series of bimanual hand shapes matches a predefined hand gesture, the system executes a selecting action that includes presenting one or more graphical elements on the display.



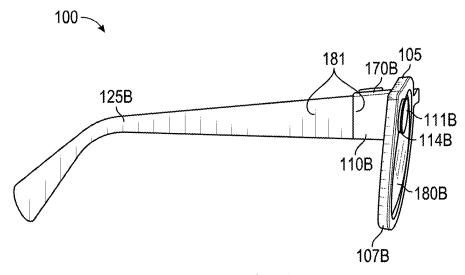
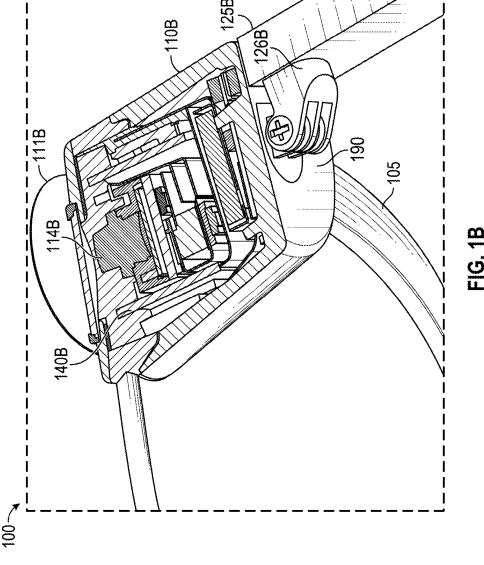


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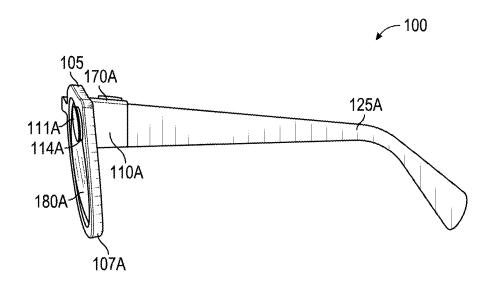
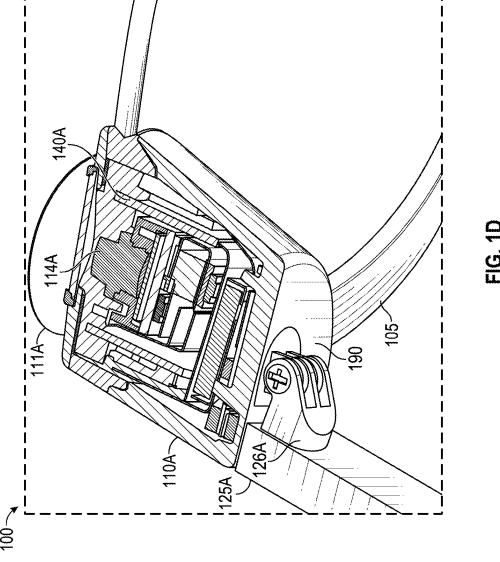
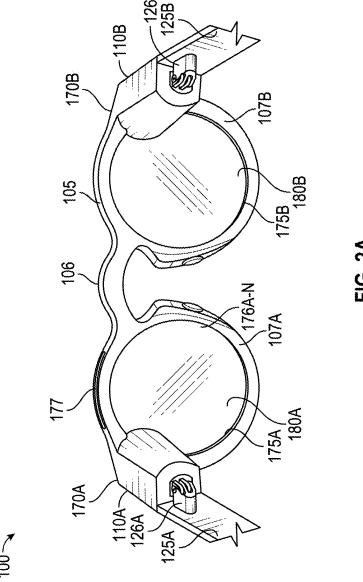
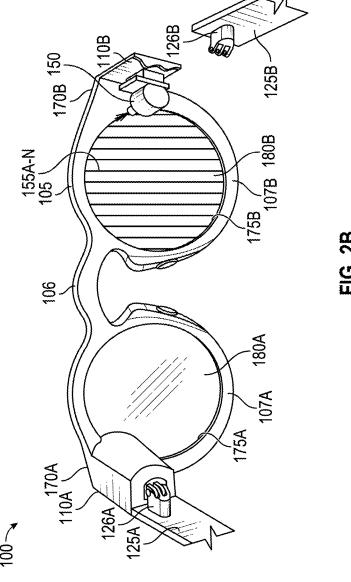


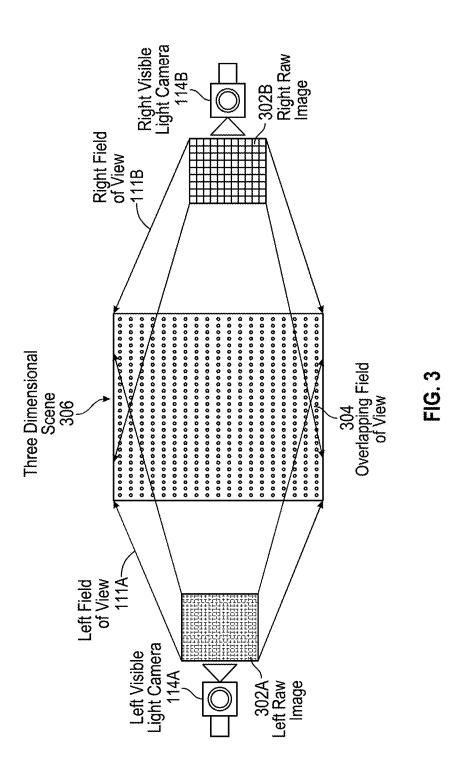
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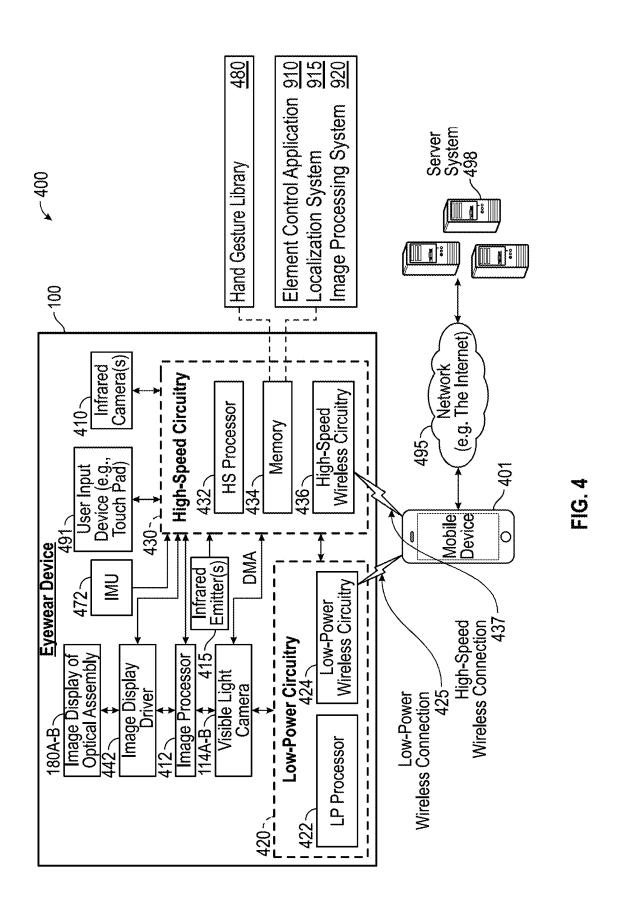












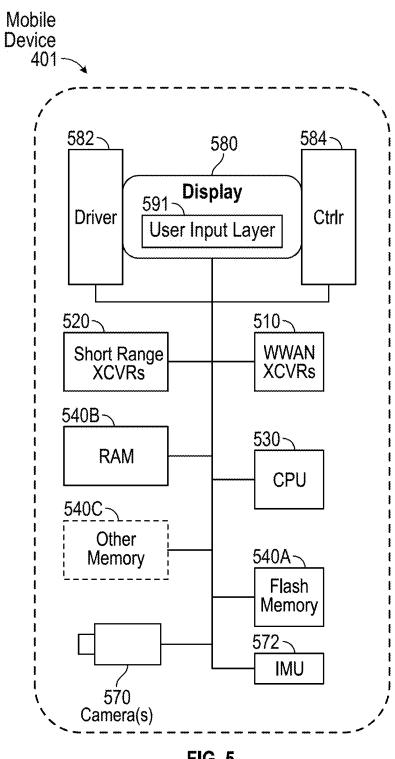
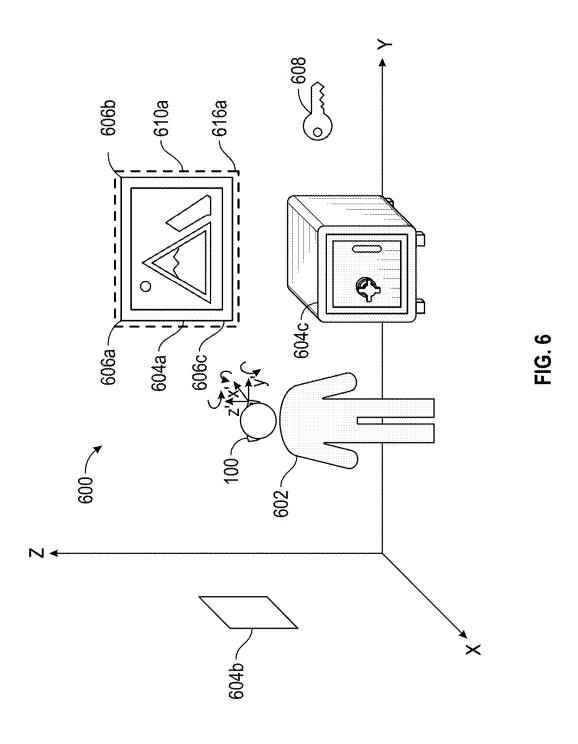
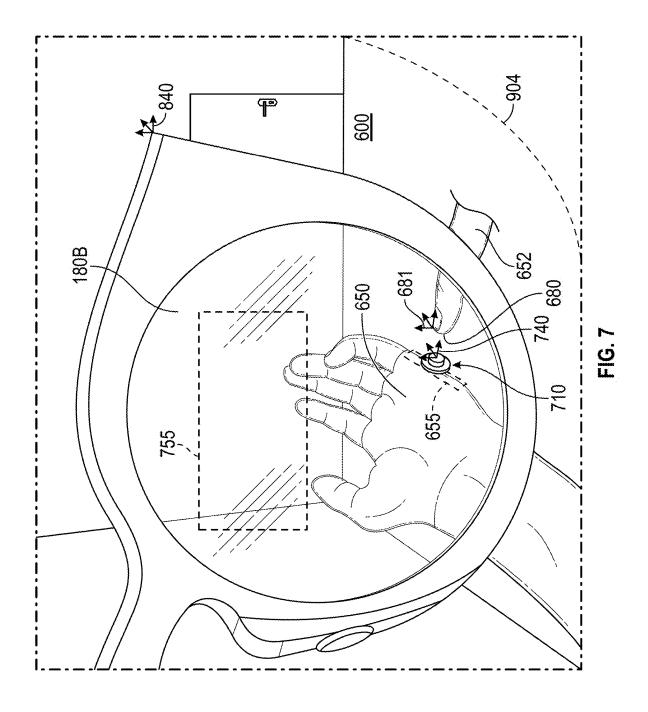
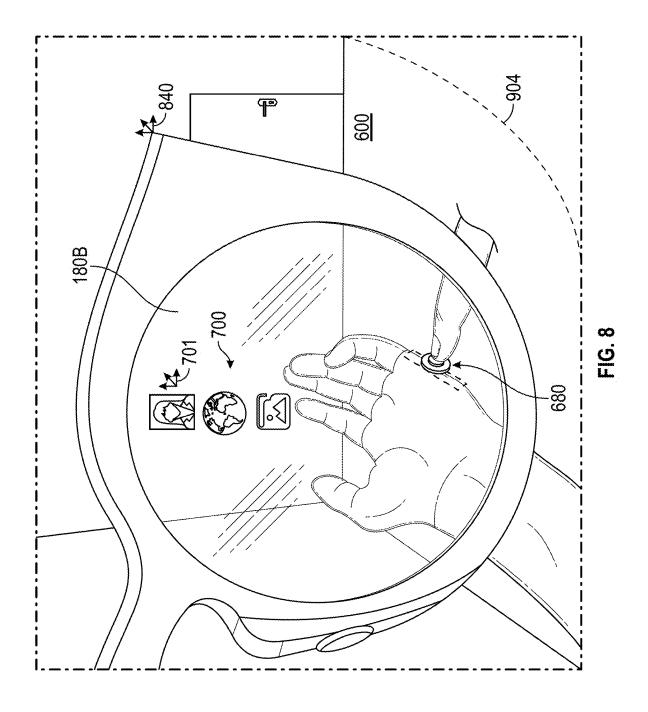
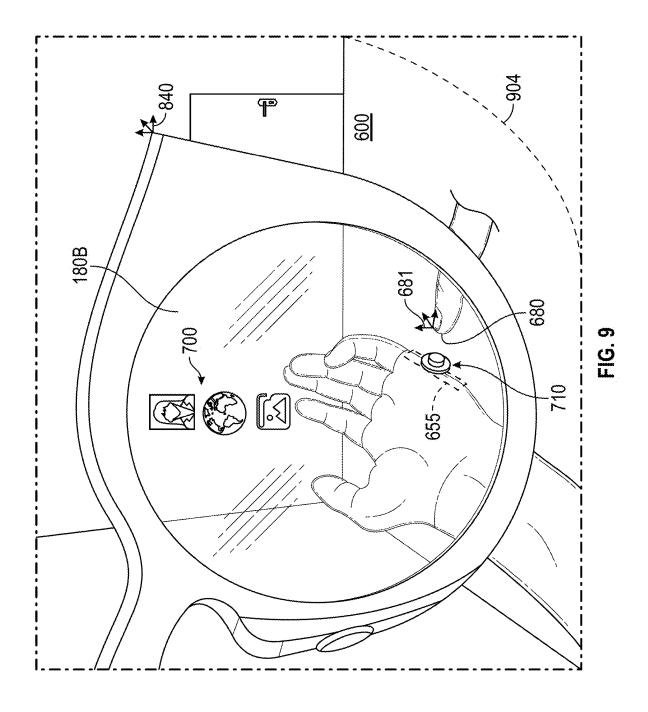


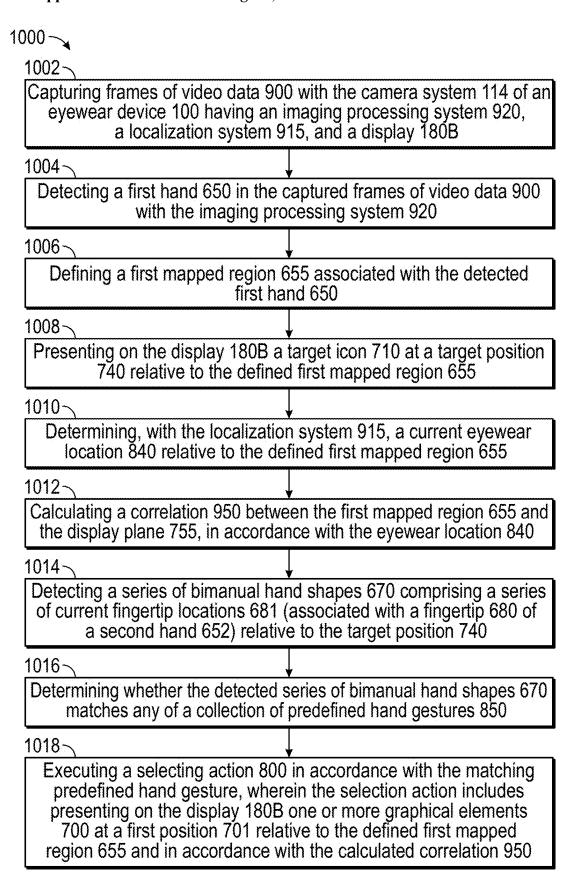
FIG. 5











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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a Continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 17/714,352 filed on Apr. 6, 2022, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 63/172,520 filed on Apr. 8, 2021, the contents of all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] Examples set forth in the present disclosure relate to the field of display control for electronic devices, including wearable devices such as eyewear. More particularly, but not by way of limitation, the present disclosure describes the real-time tracking of two-handed interactions between mapped hand regions for interacting with virtual elements on a display.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Many types of computers and electronic devices available today, such as mobile devices (e.g., smartphones, tablets, and laptops), handheld devices, and wearable devices (e.g., smart glasses, digital eyewear, headwear, headgear, and head-mounted displays), include a variety of cameras, sensors, wireless transceivers, input systems, and displays.

[0004] Graphical user interfaces allow the user to interact with displayed content, including virtual objects and graphical elements such as icons, taskbars, list boxes, menus, buttons, and selection control elements like cursors, pointers, handles, and sliders.

[0005] Virtual reality (VR) technology generates a complete virtual environment including realistic images, sometimes presented on a VR headset or other head-mounted display. VR experiences allow a user to move through the virtual environment and interact with virtual objects. Augmented reality (AR) is a type of VR technology that combines real objects in a physical environment with virtual objects and displays the combination to a user. The combined display gives the impression that the virtual objects are authentically present in the environment, especially when the virtual objects appear and behave like the real objects. Cross reality (XR) is generally understood as an umbrella term referring to systems that include or combine elements from AR, VR, and MR (mixed reality) environments.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0006] Features of the various examples described will be readily understood from the following detailed description, in which reference is made to the figures. A reference numeral is used with each element in the description and throughout the several views of the drawing. When a plurality of similar elements is present, a single reference numeral may be assigned to like elements, with an added lower-case letter referring to a specific element.

[0007] The various elements shown in the figures are not drawn to scale unless otherwise indicated. The dimensions of the various elements may be enlarged or reduced in the

interest of clarity. The several figures depict one or more implementations and are presented by way of example only and should not be construed as limiting. Included in the drawing are the following figures:

[0008] FIG. 1A is a side view (right) of an example hardware configuration of an eyewear device suitable for use in an example bimanual control system;

[0009] FIG. 1B is a perspective, partly sectional view of a right corner of the eyewear device of FIG. 1A depicting a right visible-light camera, and a circuit board;

[0010] FIG. 1C is a side view (left) of an example hardware configuration of the eyewear device of FIG. 1A, which shows a left visible-light camera;

[0011] FIG. 1D is a perspective, partly sectional view of a left corner of the eyewear device of FIG. 1C depicting the left visible-light camera, and a circuit board:

[0012] FIGS. 2A and 2B are rear views of example hardware configurations of an eyewear device utilized in an example bimanual control system;

[0013] FIG. 3 is a diagrammatic depiction of a three-dimensional scene, a left raw image captured by a left visible-light camera, and a right raw image captured by a right visible-light camera;

[0014] FIG. 4 is a functional block diagram of an example bimanual control system including a wearable device (e.g., an eyewear device) and a server system connected via various networks:

[0015] FIG. 5 is a diagrammatic representation of an example hardware configuration for a mobile device suitable for use in the example bimanual control system of FIG. 4; [0016] FIG. 6 is a schematic illustration of a user in an

example environment for use in describing simultaneous localization and mapping;

[0017] FIG. 7 is a perspective illustration of an example bimanual interaction between mapped hand regions for presenting graphical elements on a display;

[0018] FIG. 8 is a perspective illustration of an example bimanual hand gesture for presenting graphical elements on a display;

[0019] FIG. 9 is a perspective illustration of another example bimanual interaction for controlling the presentation of graphical elements on a display; and

[0020] FIG. 10 is a flow chart listing the steps in an example method of controlling the presentation on a display of virtual elements or graphical elements in response to detected bimanual hand gestures.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0021] Various implementations and details are described with reference to examples for presenting and controlling graphical elements and virtual elements in AR, VR, XR, or a combination thereof, using bimanual hand gestures. For example, a fingertip touching a virtual button on a mapped region of the other hand provides indirect virtual system input. In accordance with this example, active hand tracking detects the intersection of the fingertip with the virtual button, causing a system event that is closely correlated with the physical sensation of the fingertip touching the other hand.

[0022] Examples include a method of presenting a graphical element in response to bimanual gestures detected with an eyewear device. The eyewear device includes a camera system, an image processing system, a localization system, and a display. The method includes capturing frames of

video data with the camera system and detecting a first hand in the captured frames of video data with the image processing system. The method further includes defining a first mapped region associated with the detected first hand, wherein the first mapped region is defined relative to a display plane; and presenting a target icon on the display at a target position relative to the defined first mapped region. To correlate the first mapped region on the hand with the display plane, the method includes determining, with the localization system, a current eyewear location relative to the defined first mapped region and calculating a correlation between the defined first mapped region and the display plane, in accordance with the current eyewear location.

[0023] In addition, the method includes detecting, with the image processing system, a series of bimanual hand shapes comprising the detected first hand and a series of current fingertip locations associated with a fingertip of a second hand, relative to the target position. The method further includes determining, with the image processing system, whether the detected series of bimanual hand shapes matches a predefined hand gesture selected from a plurality of predefined hand gestures. In response to a match, the method includes executing a selecting action in accordance with the matching predefined hand gesture.

[0024] Although the various systems and methods are described herein with reference to capturing sill images with an eyewear device, the technology described may be applied to selecting and capturing still images from a sequence of frames of video data that were captured by other devices.

[0025] The following detailed description includes systems, methods, techniques, instruction sequences, and computing machine program products illustrative of examples set forth in the disclosure. Numerous details and examples are included for the purpose of providing a thorough understanding of the disclosed subject matter and its relevant teachings. Those skilled in the relevant art, however, may understand how to apply the relevant teachings without such details. Aspects of the disclosed subject matter are not limited to the specific devices, systems, and method described because the relevant teachings can be applied or practice in a variety of ways. The terminology and nomenclature used herein is for the purpose of describing particular aspects only and is not intended to be limiting. In general, well-known instruction instances, protocols, structures, and techniques are not necessarily shown in detail.

[0026] The terms "coupled" or "connected" as used herein refer to any logical, optical, physical, or electrical connection, including a link or the like by which the electrical or magnetic signals produced or supplied by one system element are imparted to another coupled or connected system element. Unless described otherwise, coupled or connected elements or devices are not necessarily directly connected to one another and may be separated by intermediate components, elements, or communication media, one or more of which may modify, manipulate, or carry the electrical signals. The term "on" means directly supported by an element or indirectly supported by the element through another element that is integrated into or supported by the element.

[0027] The term "proximal" is used to describe an item or part of an item that is situated near, adjacent, or next to an object or person; or that is closer relative to other parts of the item, which may be described as "distal." For example, the

end of an item nearest an object may be referred to as the proximal end, whereas the generally opposing end may be referred to as the distal end.

[0028] The orientations of the eyewear device, other mobile devices, associated components and any other devices incorporating a camera, an inertial measurement unit, or both such as shown in any of the drawings, are given by way of example only, for illustration and discussion purposes. In operation, the eyewear device may be oriented in any other direction suitable to the particular application of the eyewear device; for example, up, down, sideways, or any other orientation. Also, to the extent used herein, any directional term, such as front, rear, inward, outward, toward, left, right, lateral, longitudinal, up, down, upper, lower, top, bottom, side, horizontal, vertical, and diagonal are used by way of example only, and are not limiting as to the direction or orientation of any camera or inertial measurement unit as constructed or as otherwise described herein.

[0029] Advanced AR technologies, such as computer vision and object tracking, may be used to produce a perceptually enriched and immersive experience. Computer vision algorithms extract three-dimensional data about the physical world from the data captured in digital images or video. Object recognition and tracking algorithms are used to detect an object in a digital image or video, estimate its orientation or pose, and track its movement over time. Hand and finger recognition and tracking in real time is one of the most challenging and processing-intensive tasks in the field of computer vision.

[0030] The term "pose" refers to the static position and orientation of an object at a particular instant in time. The term "gesture" refers to the active movement of an object, such as a hand, through a series of poses, sometimes to convey a signal or idea. The terms, pose and gesture, are sometimes used interchangeably in the field of computer vision and augmented reality. As used herein, the terms "pose" or "gesture" (or variations thereof) are intended to be inclusive of both poses and gestures; in other words, the use of one term does not exclude the other.

[0031] The term "bimanual gesture" means and describes a gesture performed with both hands. One hand may be relatively stationary, while the other hand is moving. In some bimanual gestures, both hands appear relatively stationary; the gesture occurs in small movements between the fingers and surfaces of the two hands. Although the two hands may operate in relative opposition to perform a bimanual gesture, the term includes gestures made by both hands operating together, in tandem.

[0032] Additional objects, advantages and novel features of the examples will be set forth in part in the following description, and in part will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon examination of the following and the accompanying drawings or may be learned by production or operation of the examples. The objects and advantages of the present subject matter may be realized and attained by means of the methodologies, instrumentalities and combinations particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

[0033] Reference now is made in detail to the examples illustrated in the accompanying drawings and discussed below

[0034] FIG. 1A is a side view (right) of an example hardware configuration of an eyewear device 100 which includes a touch-sensitive input device or touchpad 181. As shown, the touchpad 181 may have a boundary that is subtle

and not easily seen; alternatively, the boundary may be plainly visible or include a raised or otherwise tactile edge that provides feedback to the user about the location and boundary of the touchpad 181. In other implementations, the eyewear device 100 may include a touchpad on the left side. [0035] The surface of the touchpad 181 is configured to detect finger touches, taps, and gestures (e.g., moving touches) for use with a GUI displayed by the eyewear device, on an image display, to allow the user to navigate through and select menu options in an intuitive manner, which enhances and simplifies the user experience.

[0036] Detection of finger inputs on the touchpad 181 can enable several functions. For example, touching anywhere on the touchpad 181 may cause the GUI to display or highlight an item on the image display, which may be projected onto at least one of the optical assemblies 180A, 180B. Double tapping on the touchpad 181 may select an item or icon. Sliding or swiping a finger in a particular direction (e.g., from front to back, back to front, up to down, or down to) may cause the items or icons to slide or scroll in a particular direction; for example, to move to a next item, icon, video, image, page, or slide. Sliding the finger in another direction may slide or scroll in the opposite direction; for example, to move to a previous item, icon, video, image, page, or slide. The touchpad 181 can be virtually anywhere on the eyewear device 100.

[0037] In one example, an identified finger gesture of a single tap on the touchpad 181, initiates selection or pressing of a graphical user interface element in the image presented on the image display of the optical assembly 180A, 180B. An adjustment to the image presented on the image display of the optical assembly 180A, 180B based on the identified finger gesture can be a primary action which selects or submits the graphical user interface element on the image display of the optical assembly 180A, 180B for further display or execution.

[0038] As shown, the eyewear device 100 includes a right visible-light camera 114B. As further described herein, two cameras 114A, 114B capture image information for a scene from two separate viewpoints. The two captured images may be used to project a three-dimensional display onto an image display for viewing with 3D glasses.

[0039] The eyewear device 100 includes a right optical assembly 180B with an image display to present images, such as depth images. As shown in FIGS. 1A and 1B, the eyewear device 100 includes the right visible-light camera 114B. The eyewear device 100 can include multiple visible-light cameras 114A, 114B that form a passive type of three-dimensional camera, such as stereo camera, of which the right visible-light camera 114B is located on a right corner 110B. As shown in FIGS. 1C-D, the eyewear device 100 also includes a left visible-light camera 114A.

[0040] Left and right visible-light cameras 114A, 114B are sensitive to the visible-light range wavelength. Each of the visible-light cameras 114A, 114B have a different frontward facing field of view which are overlapping to enable generation of three-dimensional depth images, for example, right visible-light camera 114B depicts a right field of view 111B. Generally, a "field of view" is the part of the scene that is visible through the camera at a particular position and orientation in space. The fields of view 111A and 111B have an overlapping field of view 304 (FIG. 3). Objects or object features outside the field of view 111A, 111B when the visible-light camera captures the image are not recorded in

a raw image (e.g., photograph or picture). The field of view describes an angle range or extent, which the image sensor of the visible-light camera 114A, 114B picks up electromagnetic radiation of a given scene in a captured image of the given scene. Field of view can be expressed as the angular size of the view cone; i.e., an angle of view. The angle of view can be measured horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

[0041] In an example configuration, one or both visible-light cameras 114A, 114B has a field of view of 100° and a resolution of 480×480 pixels. The "angle of coverage" describes the angle range that a lens of visible-light cameras 114A, 114B or infrared camera 410 (scc FIG. 2A) can effectively image. Typically, the camera lens produces an image circle that is large enough to cover the film or sensor of the camera completely, possibly including some vignetting (e.g., a darkening of the image toward the edges when compared to the center). If the angle of coverage of the camera lens does not fill the sensor, the image circle will be visible, typically with strong vignetting toward the edge, and the effective angle of view will be limited to the angle of coverage.

[0042] Examples of such visible-light cameras 114A, 114B include a high-resolution complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS) image sensor and a digital VGA camera (video graphics array) capable of resolutions of 480p (e.g., 640×480 pixels), 720p, 1080p, or greater. Other examples include visible-light cameras 114A, 114B that can capture high-definition (HD) video at a high frame rate (e.g., thirty to sixty frames per second, or more) and store the recording at a resolution of 1216 by 1216 pixels (or greater).

[0043] The eyewear device 100 may capture image sensor data from the visible-light cameras 114A, 114B along with geolocation data, digitized by an image processor, for storage in a memory. The visible-light cameras 114A, 114B capture respective left and right raw images in the two-dimensional space domain that comprise a matrix of pixels on a two-dimensional coordinate system that includes an X-axis for horizontal position and a Y-axis for vertical position. Each pixel includes a color attribute value (e.g., a red pixel light value, a green pixel light value, or a blue pixel light value); and a position attribute (e.g., an X-axis coordinate and a Y-axis coordinate).

[0044] In order to capture stereo images for later display as a three-dimensional projection, the image processor 412 (shown in FIG. 4) may be coupled to the visible-light cameras 114A, 114B to receive and store the visual image information. The image processor 412, or another processor, controls operation of the visible-light cameras 114A, 114B to act as a stereo camera simulating human binocular vision and may add a timestamp to each image. The timestamp on each pair of images allows display of the images together as part of a three-dimensional projection. Three-dimensional projections produce an immersive, life-like experience that is desirable in a variety of contexts, including virtual reality (VR) and video gaming.

[0045] FIG. 1B is a perspective, cross-sectional view of a right corner 110B of the eyewear device 100 of FIG. 1A depicting the right visible-light camera 114B of the camera system, and a circuit board. FIG. 1C is a side view (left) of an example hardware configuration of an eyewear device 100 of FIG. 1A, which shows a left visible-light camera 114A of the camera system. FIG. 1D is a perspective, cross-sectional view of a left corner 110A of the eyewear

device of FIG. 1C depicting the left visible-light camera 114A of the three-dimensional camera, and a circuit board. [0046] Construction and placement of the left visible-light camera 114A is substantially similar to the right visible-light camera 114B, except the connections and coupling are on the left lateral side 170A. As shown in the example of FIG. 1B, the eyewear device 100 includes the right visible-light camera 114B and a circuit board 140B, which may be a flexible printed circuit board (PCB). A right hinge 126B connects the right corner 110B to a right temple 125B of the eyewear device 100. In some examples, components of the right visible-light camera 114B, the flexible PCB 140B, or other electrical connectors or contacts may be located on the right temple 125B or the right hinge 126B. A left hinge 126A connects the left corner 110A to a left temple 125A of the eyewear device 100. In some examples, components of the left visible-light camera 114A, the flexible PCB 140A, or other electrical connectors or contacts may be located on the left temple 125A or the left hinge 126A.

[0047] The right corner 110B includes corner body 190 and a corner cap, with the corner cap omitted in the cross-section of FIG. 1B. Disposed inside the right corner 110B are various interconnected circuit boards, such as PCBs or flexible PCBs, that include controller circuits for right visible-light camera 114B, microphone(s), low-power wireless circuitry (e.g., for wireless short range network communication via BluetoothTM), high-speed wireless circuitry (e.g., for wireless local area network communication via Wi-Fi).

[0048] The right visible-light camera 114B is coupled to or disposed on the flexible PCB 140B and covered by a visible-light camera cover lens, which is aimed through opening(s) formed in the frame 105. For example, the right rim 107B of the frame 105, shown in FIG. 2A, is connected to the right corner 110B and includes the opening(s) for the visible-light camera cover lens. The frame 105 includes a front side configured to face outward and away from the eye of the user. The opening for the visible-light camera cover lens is formed on and through the front or outward-facing side of the frame 105. In the example, the right visible-light camera 114B has an outward-facing field of view 111B (shown in FIG. 3) with a line of sight or perspective that is correlated with the right eye of the user of the eyewear device 100. The visible-light camera cover lens can also be adhered to a front side or outward-facing surface of the right corner 110B in which an opening is formed with an outwardfacing angle of coverage, but in a different outwardly direction. The coupling can also be indirect via intervening components.

[0049] As shown in FIG. 1B, flexible PCB 140B is disposed inside the right corner 110B and is coupled to one or more other components housed in the right corner 110B. Although shown as being formed on the circuit boards of the right corner 110B, the right visible-light camera 114B can be formed on the circuit boards of the left corner 110A, the temples 125A, 125B, or the frame 105.

[0050] FIGS. 2A and 2B are perspective views, from the rear, of example hardware configurations of the eyewear device 100, including two different types of image displays. The eyewear device 100 is sized and shaped in a form configured for wearing by a user; the form of eyeglasses is shown in the example. The eyewear device 100 can take other forms and may incorporate other types of frameworks; for example, a headgear, a headset, or a helmet.

[0051] In the eyeglasses example, eyewear device 100 includes a frame 105 including a left rim 107A connected to a right rim 107B via a bridge 106 adapted to be supported by a nose of the user. The left and right rims 107A, 107B include respective apertures 175A, 175B, which hold a respective optical element 180A, 180B, such as a lens and a display device. As used herein, the term "lens" is meant to include transparent or translucent pieces of glass or plastic having curved or flat surfaces that cause light to converge or diverge or that cause little or no convergence or divergence. [0052] Although shown as having two optical elements 180A, 180B, the eyewear device 100 can include other

[100-2] Although shown as having two optical elements 180A, 180B, the eyewear device 100 can include other arrangements, such as a single optical element (or it may not include any optical element 180A, 180B), depending on the application or the intended user of the eyewear device 100. As further shown, eyewear device 100 includes a left corner 110A adjacent the left lateral side 170A of the frame 105 and a right corner 110B adjacent the right lateral side 170B of the frame 105. The corners 110A, 110B may be integrated into the frame 105 on the respective sides 170A, 170B (as illustrated) or implemented as separate components attached to the frame 105 on the respective sides 170A, 170B. Alternatively, the corners 110A, 110B may be integrated into temples (not shown) attached to the frame 105.

[0053] In one example, the image display of optical assembly 180A, 180B includes an integrated image display. As shown in FIG. 2A, each optical assembly 180A, 180B includes a suitable display matrix 177, such as a liquid crystal display (LCD), an organic light-emitting diode (OLED) display, or any other such display. Each optical assembly 180A, 180B also includes an optical layer or layers 176, which can include lenses, optical coatings, prisms, mirrors, waveguides, optical strips, and other optical components in any combination. The optical layers 176A, 176B, ... 176N (shown as 176A-N in FIG. 2A and herein) can include a prism having a suitable size and configuration and including a first surface for receiving light from a display matrix and a second surface for emitting light to the eye of the user. The prism of the optical layers 176A-N extends over all or at least a portion of the respective apertures 175A, 175B formed in the left and right rims 107A, 107B to permit the user to see the second surface of the prism when the eye of the user is viewing through the corresponding left and right rims 107A, 107B. The first surface of the prism of the optical layers 176A-N faces upwardly from the frame 105 and the display matrix 177 overlies the prism so that photons and light emitted by the display matrix 177 impinge the first surface. The prism is sized and shaped so that the light is refracted within the prism and is directed toward the eye of the user by the second surface of the prism of the optical layers 176A-N. In this regard, the second surface of the prism of the optical layers 176A-N can be convex to direct the light toward the center of the eye. The prism can optionally be sized and shaped to magnify the image projected by the display matrix 177, and the light travels through the prism so that the image viewed from the second surface is larger in one or more dimensions than the image emitted from the display matrix 177.

[0054] In one example, the optical layers 176A-N may include an LCD layer that is transparent (keeping the lens open) unless and until a voltage is applied which makes the layer opaque (closing or blocking the lens). The image processor 412 on the eyewear device 100 may execute programming to apply the voltage to the LCD layer in order

to produce an active shutter system, making the eyewear device 100 suitable for viewing visual content when displayed as a three-dimensional projection. Technologies other than LCD may be used for the active shutter mode, including other types of reactive layers that are responsive to a voltage or another type of input.

[0055] In another example, the image display device of optical assembly 180A, 180B includes a projection image display as shown in FIG. 2B. Each optical assembly 180A, 180B includes a laser projector 150, which is a three-color laser projector using a scanning mirror or galvanometer. During operation, an optical source such as a laser projector 150 is disposed in or on one of the temples 125A, 125B of the eyewear device 100. Optical assembly 180B in this example includes one or more optical strips 155A, 155B, . . . 155N (shown as 155A-N in FIG. 2B) which are spaced apart and across the width of the lens of each optical assembly 180A, 180B or across a depth of the lens between the front surface and the rear surface of the lens.

[0056] As the photons projected by the laser projector 150 travel across the lens of each optical assembly 180A, 180B, the photons encounter the optical strips 155A-N. When a particular photon encounters a particular optical strip, the photon is either redirected toward the user's eye, or it passes to the next optical strip. A combination of modulation of laser projector 150, and modulation of optical strips, may control specific photons or beams of light. In an example, a processor controls optical strips 155A-N by initiating mechanical, acoustic, or electromagnetic signals. Although shown as having two optical assemblies 180A, 180B, the eyewear device 100 can include other arrangements, such as a single or three optical assemblies, or each optical assembly 180A, 180B may have arranged different arrangement depending on the application or intended user of the eyewear device 100.

[0057] As further shown in FIGS. 2A and 2B, eyewear device 100 includes a left corner 110A adjacent the left lateral side 170A of the frame 105 and a right corner 110B adjacent the right lateral side 170B of the frame 105. The corners 110A, 110B may be integrated into the frame 105 on the respective lateral sides 170A, 170B (as illustrated) or implemented as separate components attached to the frame 105 on the respective sides 170A, 170B. Alternatively, the corners 110A, 110B may be integrated into temples 125A, 125B attached to the frame 105.

[0058] In another example, the eyewear device 100 shown in FIG. 2B may include two projectors, a left projector (not shown) and a right projector (shown as projector 150). The left optical assembly 180A may include a left display matrix 177A (not shown) or a left set of optical strips 155'A, 155'B, . . . 155'N (155 prime, A through N, not shown) which are configured to interact with light from the left projector 150A. Similarly, the right optical assembly 180B may include a right display matrix 177B (not shown) or a right set of optical strips 155"A, 155"B, . . . 155"N (155 double prime, A through N, not shown) which are configured to interact with light from the right projector 150. In this example, the eyewear device 100 includes a left display and a right display.

[0059] FIG. 3 is a diagrammatic depiction of a threedimensional scene 306, a left raw image 302A captured by a left visible-light camera 114A, and a right raw image 302B captured by a right visible-light camera 114B. The left field of view 111A may overlap, as shown, with the right field of view 111B. The overlapping field of view 304 represents that portion of the image captured by both cameras 114A, 114B. The term 'overlapping' when referring to field of view means the matrix of pixels in the generated raw images overlap by thirty percent (30%) or more. 'Substantially overlapping' means the matrix of pixels in the generated raw images—or in the infrared image of scene-overlap by fifty percent (50%) or more. As described herein, the two raw images 302A, 302B may be processed to include a time-stamp, which allows the images to be displayed together as part of a three-dimensional projection.

[0060] For the capture of stereo images, as illustrated in FIG. 3, a pair of raw red, green, and blue (RGB) images are captured of a real scene 306 at a given moment in time—a left raw image 302A captured by the left camera 114A and right raw image 302B captured by the right camera 114B. When the pair of raw images 302A, 302B are processed (e.g., by the image processor 412), depth images are generated. The generated depth images may be viewed on an optical assembly 180A, 180B of an eyewear device, on another display (e.g., the image display 580 on a mobile device 401), or on a screen.

[0061] The generated depth images are in the three-dimensional space domain and can comprise a matrix of vertices on a three-dimensional location coordinate system that includes an X axis for horizontal position (e.g., length), a Y axis for vertical position (e.g., height), and a Z axis for depth (e.g., distance). Each vertex may include a color attribute (e.g., a red pixel light value, a green pixel light value, or a blue pixel light value); a position attribute (e.g., an X location coordinate, a Y location coordinate, and a Z location coordinate); a texture attribute; a reflectance attribute; or a combination thereof. The texture attribute quantifies the perceived texture of the depth image, such as the spatial arrangement of color or intensities in a region of vertices of the depth image.

[0062] In one example, the bimanual control system 400 (FIG. 4) includes the eyewear device 100, which includes a frame 105 and a left temple 125A extending from a left lateral side 170A of the frame 105 and a right temple 125B extending from a right lateral side 170B of the frame 105. The eyewear device 100 may further include at least two visible-light cameras 114A, 114B having overlapping fields of view. In one example, the eyewear device 100 includes a left visible-light camera 114A with a left field of view 111A, as illustrated in FIG. 3. The left camera 114A is connected to the frame 105 or the left temple 125A to capture a left raw image 302A from the left side of scene 306. The eyewear device 100 further includes a right visible-light camera 114B with a right field of view 111B. The right camera 114B is connected to the frame 105 or the right temple 125B to capture a right raw image 302B from the right side of scene

[0063] FIG. 4 is a functional block diagram of an example bimanual control system 400 that includes a wearable device (e.g., an eyewear device 100), a mobile device 401, and a server system 498 connected via various networks 495 such as the Internet. As shown, the bimanual control system 400 includes a low-power wireless connection 425 and a high-speed wireless connection 437 between the eyewear device 100 and the mobile device 401.

[0064] As shown in FIG. 4, the eyewear device 100 includes one or more visible-light cameras 114A, 114B that capture still images, video images, or both still and video

images, as described herein. The cameras 114A, 114B may have a direct memory access (DMA) to high-speed circuitry 430 and function as a stereo camera. The cameras 114A, 114B may be used to capture initial-depth images that may be rendered into three-dimensional (3D) models that are texture-mapped images of a red, green, and blue (RGB) imaged scene. The device 100 may also include a depth sensor 213, which uses infrared signals to estimate the position of objects relative to the device 100. The depth sensor 213 in some examples includes one or more infrared emitter(s) 215 and infrared camera(s) 410.

[0065] The eyewear device 100 further includes two image displays of each optical assembly 180A, 180B (one associated with the left side 170A and one associated with the right side 170B). The eyewear device 100 also includes an image display driver 442, an image processor 412, low-power circuitry 420, and high-speed circuitry 430. The image displays of each optical assembly 180A, 180B are for presenting images, including still images, video images, or still and video images. The image display driver 442 is coupled to the image displays of each optical assembly 180A, 180B in order to control the display of images.

[0066] The eyewear device 100 additionally includes one or more speakers 440 (e.g., one associated with the left side of the eyewear device and another associated with the right side of the eyewear device). The speakers 440 may be incorporated into the frame 105, temples 125, or corners 110 of the eyewear device 100. The one or more speakers 440 are driven by audio processor 443 under control of low-power circuitry 420, high-speed circuitry 430, or both. The speakers 440 are for presenting audio signals including, for example, a beat track. The audio processor 443 is coupled to the speakers 440 in order to control the presentation of sound.

[0067] The components shown in FIG. 4 for the eyewear device 100 are located on one or more circuit boards, for example a printed circuit board (PCB) or flexible printed circuit (FPC), located in the rims or temples. Alternatively, or additionally, the depicted components can be located in the corners, frames, hinges, or bridge of the eyewear device 100. Left and right visible-light cameras 114A, 114B can include digital camera elements such as a complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS) image sensor, a charge-coupled device, a lens, or any other respective visible or light capturing elements that may be used to capture data, including still images or video of scenes with unknown objects.

[0068] As shown in FIG. 4, high-speed circuitry 430 includes a high-speed processor 432, a memory 434, and high-speed wireless circuitry 436. In the example, the image display driver 442 is coupled to the high-speed circuitry 430 and operated by the high-speed processor 432 in order to drive the left and right image displays of each optical assembly 180A, 180B. High-speed processor 432 may be any processor capable of managing high-speed communications and operation of any general computing system needed for eyewear device 100. High-speed processor 432 includes processing resources needed for managing high-speed data transfers on high-speed wireless connection 437 to a wireless local area network (WLAN) using high-speed wireless circuitry 436.

[0069] In some examples, the high-speed processor 432 executes an operating system such as a LINUX operating system or other such operating system of the eyewear device

100 and the operating system is stored in memory 434 for execution. In addition to any other responsibilities, the high-speed processor 432 executes a software architecture for the eyewear device 100 that is used to manage data transfers with high-speed wireless circuitry 436. In some examples, high-speed wireless circuitry 436 is configured to implement Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) 802.11 communication standards, also referred to herein as Wi-Fi. In other examples, other high-speed communications standards may be implemented by high-speed wireless circuitry 436.

[0070] The low-power circuitry 420 includes a low-power processor 422 and low-power wireless circuitry 424. The low-power wireless circuitry 424 and the high-speed wireless circuitry 436 of the eyewear device 100 can include short-range transceivers (BluetoothTM or Bluetooth Low-Energy (BLE)) and wireless wide, local, or wide-area network transceivers (e.g., cellular or Wi-Fi). Mobile device 401, including the transceivers communicating via the low-power wireless connection 425 and the high-speed wireless connection 437, may be implemented using details of the architecture of the eyewear device 100, as can other elements of the network 495.

[0071] Memory 434 includes any storage device capable of storing various data and applications, including, among other things, camera data generated by the left and right visible-light cameras 114A, 114B, the infrared camera(s) 410, the image processor 412, and images generated for display by the image display driver 442 on the image display of each optical assembly 180A, 180B. Although the memory 434 is shown as integrated with high-speed circuitry 430, the memory 434 in other examples may be an independent, standalone element of the eyewear device 100. In certain such examples, electrical routing lines may provide a connection through a chip that includes the high-speed processor 432 from the image processor 412 or low-power processor 422 to the memory 434. In other examples, the high-speed processor 432 may manage addressing of memory 434 such that the low-power processor 422 will boot the high-speed processor 432 any time that a read or write operation involving memory 434 is needed.

[0072] As shown in FIG. 4, the high-speed processor 432 of the eyewear device 100 can be coupled to the camera system (visible-light cameras 114A, 114B), the image display driver 442, the user input device 491, and the memory 434. As shown in FIG. 5, the CPU 530 of the mobile device 401 may be coupled to a camera system 570, a mobile display driver 582, a user input layer 591, and a memory 540A.

[0073] The server system 498 may be one or more computing devices as part of a service or network computing system, for example, that include a processor, a memory, and network communication interface to communicate over the network 495 with an eyewear device 100 and a mobile device 401.

[0074] The output components of the eyewear device 100 include visual elements, such as the left and right image displays associated with each lens or optical assembly 180A, 180B as described in FIGS. 2A and 2B (e.g., a display such as a liquid crystal display (LCD), a plasma display panel (PDP), a light emitting diode (LED) display, a projector, or a waveguide). The eyewear device 100 may include a user-facing indicator (e.g., an LED, a loudspeaker, or a vibrating actuator), or an outward-facing signal (e.g., an

LED, a loudspeaker). The image displays of each optical assembly 180A, 180B are driven by the image display driver 442. In some example configurations, the output components of the eyewear device 100 further include additional indicators such as audible elements (e.g., loudspeakers), tactile components (e.g., an actuator such as a vibratory motor to generate haptic feedback), and other signal generators. For example, the device 100 may include a userfacing set of indicators, and an outward-facing set of signals. The user-facing set of indicators are configured to be seen or otherwise sensed by the user of the device 100. For example, the device 100 may include an LED display positioned so the user can see it, a one or more speakers positioned to generate a sound the user can hear, or an actuator to provide haptic feedback the user can feel. The outward-facing set of signals are configured to be seen or otherwise sensed by an observer near the device 100. Similarly, the device 100 may include an LED, a loudspeaker, or an actuator that is configured and positioned to be sensed by an observer.

[0075] The input components of the eyewear device 100 may include alphanumeric input components (e.g., a touch screen or touchpad configured to receive alphanumeric input, a photo-optical keyboard, or other alphanumeric-configured elements), pointer-based input components (e.g., a mouse, a touchpad, a trackball, a joystick, a motion sensor, or other pointing instruments), tactile input components (e.g., a button switch, a touch screen or touchpad that senses the location, force or location and force of touches or touch gestures, or other tactile-configured elements), and audio input components (e.g., a microphone), and the like. The mobile device 401 and the server system 498 may include alphanumeric, pointer-based, tactile, audio, and other input components.

[0076] In some examples, the eyewear device 100 includes a collection of motion-sensing components referred to as an inertial measurement unit 472. The motion-sensing components may be micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) with microscopic moving parts, often small enough to be part of a microchip. The inertial measurement unit (IMU) 472 in some example configurations includes an accelerometer, a gyroscope, and a magnetometer. The accelerometer senses the linear acceleration of the device 100 (including the acceleration due to gravity) relative to three orthogonal axes (x, y, z). The gyroscope senses the angular velocity of the device 100 about three axes of rotation (pitch, roll, yaw). Together, the accelerometer and gyroscope can provide position, orientation, and motion data about the device relative to six axes (x, y, z, pitch, roll, yaw). The magnetometer, if present, senses the heading of the device 100 relative to magnetic north. The position of the device 100 may be determined by location sensors, such as a GPS unit 473, one or more transceivers to generate relative position coordinates, altitude sensors or barometers, and other orientation sensors. Such positioning system coordinates can also be received over the wireless connections 425, 437 from the mobile device 401 via the low-power wireless circuitry 424 or the high-speed wireless circuitry 436.

[0077] The IMU 472 may include or cooperate with a digital motion processor or programming that gathers the raw data from the components and compute a number of useful values about the position, orientation, and motion of the device 100. For example, the acceleration data gathered from the accelerometer can be integrated to obtain the velocity relative to each axis (x, y, z); and integrated again

to obtain the position of the device 100 (in linear coordinates, x, y, and z). The angular velocity data from the gyroscope can be integrated to obtain the position of the device 100 (in spherical coordinates). The programming for computing these useful values may be stored in memory 434 and executed by the high-speed processor 432 of the eyewear device 100.

[0078] The eyewear device 100 may optionally include additional peripheral sensors, such as biometric sensors, specialty sensors, or display elements integrated with eyewear device 100. For example, peripheral device elements may include any I/O components including output components, motion components, position components, or any other such elements described herein. For example, the biometric sensors may include components to detect expressions (e.g., hand expressions, facial expressions, vocal expressions, body gestures, or eye tracking), to measure bio signals (e.g., blood pressure, heart rate, body temperature, perspiration, or brain waves), or to identify a person (e.g., identification based on voice, retina, facial characteristics, fingerprints, or electrical bio signals such as electroencephalogram data), and the like.

[0079] The mobile device 401 may be a smartphone, tablet, laptop computer, access point, or any other such device capable of connecting with eyewear device 100 using both a low-power wireless connection 425 and a high-speed wireless connection 437. Mobile device 401 is connected to server system 498 and network 495. The network 495 may include any combination of wired and wireless connections. [0080] The bimanual control system 400, as shown in FIG. 4, includes a computing device, such as mobile device 401, coupled to an eyewear device 100 over a network. The bimanual control system 400 includes a memory for storing instructions and a processor for executing the instructions. Execution of the instructions of the bimanual control system 400 by the processor 432 configures the eyewear device 100 to cooperate with the mobile device 401. The bimanual control system 400 may utilize the memory 434 of the eyewear device 100 or the memory elements 540A, 540B, **540**C of the mobile device **401** (FIG. **5**). Also, the bimanual control system 400 may utilize the processor elements 432, 422 of the eyewear device 100 or the central processing unit (CPU) 530 of the mobile device 401 (FIG. 5). In addition, the bimanual control system 400 may further utilize the memory and processor elements of the server system 498. In this aspect, the memory and processing functions of the bimanual control system 400 can be shared or distributed across the processors and memories of the eyewear device 100, the mobile device 401, and the server system 498.

[0081] The memory 434, in some example implementations, includes or is coupled to a hand gesture library 480, as described herein. The process of detecting a hand shape, in some implementations, involves comparing the pixel-level data in one or more captured frames of video data 900 to the hand gestures stored in the library 480 until a good match is found.

[0082] The memory 434 additionally includes, in some example implementations, an element control application 910, a localization system 915, and an image processing system 920. In a bimanual control system 400 in which a camera is capturing frames of video data 900, the element control application 910 configures the processor 432 to control the movement of a series of virtual items 700 on a display in response to detecting one or more hand shapes or

gestures. The localization system 915 configures the processor 432 to obtain localization data for use in determining the position of the eyewear device 100 relative to the physical environment. The localization data may be derived from a series of images, an IMU unit 472, a GPS unit 473, or a combination thereof. The image processing system 920 configures the processor 432 to present a captured still image on a display of an optical assembly 180A, 180B in cooperation with the image display driver 442 and the image processor 412.

[0083] FIG. 5 is a high-level functional block diagram of an example mobile device 401. Mobile device 401 includes a flash memory 540A which stores programming to be executed by the CPU 530 to perform all or a subset of the functions described herein.

[0084] The mobile device 401 may include a camera 570 that comprises at least two visible-light cameras (first and second visible-light cameras with overlapping fields of view) or at least one visible-light camera and a depth sensor with substantially overlapping fields of view. Flash memory 540A may further include multiple images or video, which are generated via the camera 570.

[0085] As shown, the mobile device 401 includes an image display 580, a mobile display driver 582 to control the image display 580, and a display controller 584. In the example of FIG. 5, the image display 580 includes a user input layer 591 (e.g., a touchscreen) that is layered on top of or otherwise integrated into the screen used by the image display 580.

[0086] Examples of touchscreen-type mobile devices that may be used include (but are not limited to) a smart phone, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a tablet computer, a laptop computer, or other portable device. However, the structure and operation of the touchscreen-type devices is provided by way of example; the subject technology as described herein is not intended to be limited thereto. For purposes of this discussion, FIG. 5 therefore provides a block diagram illustration of the example mobile device 401 with a user interface that includes a touchscreen input layer 591 for receiving input (by touch, multi-touch, or gesture, and the like, by hand, stylus, or other tool) and an image display 580 for displaying content

[0087] As shown in FIG. 5, the mobile device 401 includes at least one digital transceiver (XCVR) 510, shown as WWAN XCVRs, for digital wireless communications via a wide-area wireless mobile communication network. The mobile device 401 also includes additional digital or analog transceivers, such as short-range transceivers (XCVRs) 520 for short-range network communication, such as via NFC, VLC, DECT, ZigBee, BluetoothTM, or Wi-Fi. For example, short range XCVRs 520 may take the form of any available two-way wireless local area network (WLAN) transceiver of a type that is compatible with one or more standard protocols of communication implemented in wireless local area networks, such as one of the Wi-Fi standards under IEEE 802.11.

[0088] To generate location coordinates for positioning of the mobile device 401, the mobile device 401 can include a global positioning system (GPS) receiver. Alternatively, or additionally the mobile device 401 can utilize either or both the short range XCVRs 520 and WWAN XCVRs 510 for generating location coordinates for positioning. For example, cellular network, Wi-Fi, or BluetoothTM based positioning systems can generate very accurate location

coordinates, particularly when used in combination. Such location coordinates can be transmitted to the eyewear device over one or more network connections via XCVRs 510, 520.

[0089] The client device 401 in some examples includes a collection of motion-sensing components referred to as an inertial measurement unit (IMU) 572 for sensing the position, orientation, and motion of the client device 401. The motion-sensing components may be micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) with microscopic moving parts, often small enough to be part of a microchip. The inertial measurement unit (IMU) 572 in some example configurations includes an accelerometer, a gyroscope, and a magnetometer. The accelerometer senses the linear acceleration of the client device 401 (including the acceleration due to gravity) relative to three orthogonal axes (x, y, z). The gyroscope senses the angular velocity of the client device 401 about three axes of rotation (pitch, roll, yaw). Together, the accelerometer and gyroscope can provide position, orientation, and motion data about the device relative to six axes (x, y, z, pitch, roll, yaw). The magnetometer, if present, senses the heading of the client device 401 relative to magnetic north. [0090] The IMU 572 may include or cooperate with a digital motion processor or programming that gathers the raw data from the components and compute a number of useful values about the position, orientation, and motion of the client device 401. For example, the acceleration data gathered from the accelerometer can be integrated to obtain the velocity relative to each axis (x, y, z); and integrated again to obtain the position of the client device 401 (in linear coordinates, x, y, and z). The angular velocity data from the gyroscope can be integrated to obtain the position of the client device 401 (in spherical coordinates). The programming for computing these useful values may be stored in on or more memory elements 540A, 540B, 540C and executed by the CPU 530 of the client device 401.

[0091] The transceivers 510, 520 (i.e., the network communication interface) conforms to one or more of the various digital wireless communication standards utilized by modern mobile networks. Examples of WWAN transceivers 510 include (but are not limited to) transceivers configured to operate in accordance with Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) and 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) network technologies including, for example and without limitation, 3GPP type 2 (or 3GPP2) and LTE, at times referred to as "4G." For example, the transceivers 510, 520 provide two-way wireless communication of information including digitized audio signals, still image and video signals, web page information for display as well as web-related inputs, and various types of mobile message communications to/from the mobile device 401.

[0092] The mobile device 401 further includes a microprocessor that functions as a central processing unit (CPU); shown as CPU 530 in FIG. 4. A processor is a circuit having elements structured and arranged to perform one or more processing functions, typically various data processing functions. Although discrete logic components could be used, the examples utilize components forming a programmable CPU. A microprocessor for example includes one or more integrated circuit (IC) chips incorporating the electronic elements to perform the functions of the CPU. The CPU 530, for example, may be based on any known or available microprocessor architecture, such as a Reduced Instruction Set Computing (RISC) using an ARM architecture, as com-

monly used today in mobile devices and other portable electronic devices. Of course, other arrangements of processor circuitry may be used to form the CPU 530 or processor hardware in smartphone, laptop computer, and tablet.

[0093] The CPU 530 serves as a programmable host controller for the mobile device 401 by configuring the mobile device 401 to perform various operations, for example, in accordance with instructions or programming executable by CPU 530. For example, such operations may include various general operations of the mobile device, as well as operations related to the programming for applications on the mobile device. Although a processor may be configured by use of hardwired logic, typical processors in mobile devices are general processing circuits configured by execution of programming.

[0094] The mobile device 401 includes a memory or storage system, for storing programming and data. In the example, the memory system may include a flash memory 540A, a random-access memory (RAM) 540B, and other memory components 540C, as needed. The RAM 540B serves as short-term storage for instructions and data being handled by the CPU 530, e.g., as a working data processing memory. The flash memory 540A typically provides longer-term storage.

[0095] Hence, in the example of mobile device 401, the flash memory 540A is used to store programming or instructions for execution by the CPU 530. Depending on the type of device, the mobile device 401 stores and runs a mobile operating system through which specific applications are executed. Examples of mobile operating systems include Google Android, Apple IOS (for iPhone or iPad devices), Windows Mobile, Amazon Fire OS, RIM BlackBerry OS, or the like.

[0096] The processor 432 within the eyewear device 100 may construct a map of the environment surrounding the eyewear device 100, determine a location of the eyewear device within the mapped environment, and determine a relative position of the eyewear device to one or more objects in the mapped environment. The processor 432 may construct the map and determine location and position information using a simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) algorithm applied to data received from one or more sensors. Sensor data includes images received from one or both of the cameras 114A, 114B, distance(s) received from a laser range finder, position information received from a GPS unit 473, motion and acceleration data received from an IMU 572, or a combination of data from such sensors, or from other sensors that provide data useful in determining positional information. In the context of augmented reality, a SLAM algorithm is used to construct and update a map of an environment, while simultaneously tracking and updating the location of a device (or a user) within the mapped environment. The mathematical solution can be approximated using various statistical methods, such as particle filters, Kalman filters, extended Kalman filters, and covariance intersection. In a system that includes a high-definition (HD) video camera that captures video at a high frame rate (e.g., thirty frames per second), the SLAM algorithm updates the map and the location of objects at least as frequently as the frame rate; in other words, calculating and updating the mapping and localization thirty times per second.

[0097] Sensor data includes image(s) received from one or both cameras 114A, 114B, distance(s) received from a laser range finder, position information received from a GPS unit 473, motion and acceleration data received from an IMU 472, or a combination of data from such sensors, or from other sensors that provide data useful in determining positional information.

[0098] FIG. 6 depicts an example physical environment 600 along with elements that are useful when using a SLAM application and other types of tracking applications (e.g., natural feature tracking (NFT)). A user 602 of eyewear device 100 is present in an example physical environment 600 (which, in FIG. 6, is an interior room). The processor 432 of the eyewear device 100 determines its position with respect to one or more objects 604 within the environment 600 using captured images, constructs a map of the environment 600 using a coordinate system (x, y, z) for the environment 600, and determines its position within the coordinate system. Additionally, the processor 432 determines a head pose (roll, pitch, and yaw) of the eyewear device 100 within the environment by using two or more location points (e.g., three location points 606a, 606b, and **606***c*) associated with a single object **604***a*, or by using one or more location points 606 associated with two or more objects 604a, $604\dot{b}$, 604c. The processor 432 of the eyewear device 100 may position a virtual object 608 (such as the key shown in FIG. 6) within the environment 600 for viewing during an augmented reality experience.

[0099] The localization system 915 in some examples a virtual marker 610a associated with a virtual object 608 in the environment 600. In augmented reality, markers are registered at locations in the environment to assist devices with the task of tracking and updating the location of users, devices, and objects (virtual and physical) in a mapped environment. Markers are sometimes registered to a highcontrast physical object, such as the relatively dark object, such as the framed picture 604a, mounted on a lightercolored wall, to assist cameras and other sensors with the task of detecting the marker. The markers may be preassigned or may be assigned by the eyewear device 100 upon entering the environment. Markers can be encoded with or otherwise linked to information. A marker might include position information, a physical code (such as a bar code or a QR code; either visible to the user or hidden), or a combination thereof. A set of data associated with the marker is stored in the memory 434 of the eyewear device 100. The set of data includes information about the marker 610a, the marker's position (location and orientation), one or more virtual objects, or a combination thereof. The marker position may include three-dimensional coordinates for one or more marker landmarks 616a, such as the corner of the generally rectangular marker 610a shown in FIG. 6. The marker location may be expressed relative to real-world geographic coordinates, a system of marker coordinates, a position of the eyewear device 100, or other coordinate system. The one or more virtual objects associated with the marker 610a may include any of a variety of material, including still images, video, audio, tactile feedback, executable applications, interactive user interfaces and experiences, and combinations or sequences of such material. Any type of content capable of being stored in a memory and retrieved when the marker 610a is encountered or associated with an assigned marker may be classified as a virtual object

in this context. The key **608** shown in FIG. **6**, for example, is a virtual object displayed as a still image, either 2D or 3D, at a marker location.

[0100] In one example, the marker 610a may be registered in memory as being located near and associated with a physical object 604a (e.g., the framed work of art shown in FIG. 6). In another example, the marker may be registered in memory as being a particular position with respect to the eyewear device 100.

[0101] FIG. 10 is a flow chart 1000 depicting an example method of controlling the presentation of a virtual element or graphical element on the display 180 of an eyewear device 100. Although the steps are described with reference to the eyewear device 100 described herein, other implementations of the steps described, for other types of devices, will be understood by one of skill in the art from the description herein. One or more of the steps shown and described may be performed simultaneously, in a series, in an order other than shown and described, or in conjunction with additional steps. Some steps may be omitted or, in some applications, repeated.

[0102] Block 1002 in FIG. 10 describes an example step of capturing frames a video data 900 with the camera system 114 of an eyewear device 100. In some implementations, the camera system 114 includes one or more cameras 114A, 114B, as described herein, for capturing either still images or frames of video data 900. The eyewear device 100 includes an image processing system 920, a localization system 915, and one or more displays 180A, 180B. For example, as shown in FIG. 7, the eyewear device 100 includes a semitransparent image display 180B which, as described herein, may include a semi-transparent lens layer and a display matrix layer configured to present images on the lens of the eyewear device. Graphical and virtual elements 700 (see FIG. 8) are presented as an overlay relative the physical environment 600. The effect, as shown, allows the viewer to see and interact with the presented elements 700 while the surrounding environment 600 also remains visible through the display 180B.

[0103] In some implementations, the high-speed processor 432 of the eyewear device 100 stores the captured frames of video data 900 with a camera system 114 as the wearer moves through a physical environment 600. As described herein and shown in FIG. 7, the camera system 114 typically has a camera field of view 904 that captures images and video beyond the limits of the display 180B.

[0104] The camera system 114, in some implementations, includes one or more high-resolution, digital cameras equipped with a CMOS image sensor capable of capturing high-definition still images and high-definition video at relatively high frame rates (e.g., thirty frames per second or more). Each frame of digital video includes depth information for a plurality of pixels in the image. In this aspect, the camera system 114 serves as a high-definition scanner by capturing a detailed input image of the physical environment. The camera system 114, in some implementations, includes a pair of high-resolution digital cameras 114A, 114B coupled to the eyewear device 100 and spaced apart to acquire a left-camera raw image and a right-camera raw image, as described herein. When combined, the raw images form an input image that includes a matrix of three-dimensional pixel locations. The example method, at block 1002, in some implementations, includes storing the captured frames of video data 900 in memory 434 on the eyewear device 100, at least temporarily, such that the frames are available for analysis.

[0105] Block 1004 describes an example step of detecting a first hand 650 in the captured frames of video data 900 with the image processing system 920. In some example implementations, the image processing system 920 analyzes the pixel-level data in the captured frames of video data 900 to determine whether the frame includes a human hand and, if so, whether the framed includes the upturned palm or palmar surface of the hand, as illustrated in FIG. 7.

[0106] Block 1006 describes an example step of defining a first mapped region 655 associated with the detected first hand 650. The defined first mapped region 655 is persistently associated with the detected first hand 650, such that the first mapped region 655 moves as the first hand 650 moves, over time, as detected in the captured frames of video data 900. The first mapped region 655 may or may not be presented on the display 180B for viewing by the user. [0107] FIG. 7 is a perspective illustration of an example bimanual interaction between mapped hand regions which includes an example first mapped region 655 along the ulnar side of the first hand 650. The ulna is the thinner of the two bones in the forearm, located on the side opposite the thumb. For an upturned left hand, as shown, the ulnar side lies along the palmar surface near the shortest or pinkie finger. Any of a variety of other suitable hand surfaces may be identified for use in defining the first mapped region 655. The first hand 650 may be predefined to be the left hand, as shown. In some implementations, the first hand to be detected with the palmar side up is defined as the first hand 650. In some implementations, the system includes a process for selecting and setting the hand, right of left, which will serve as the first hand 650.

[0108] The first mapped region 655, in some implementations, is defined relative to one or more landmarks on the first hand 650. For example, the ulnar side of the palm is gently curved and extends from about the wrist crease to the digital crease (i.e., the start of the fingers). The first mapped region 655 in some implementations is bounded by lines and curved lines that approximate the size and curved shapes detected along the first hand 650. For example, a generally rectangular first mapped region 655 like the one shown in FIG. 7 includes short sides having a generally convex shape that follow the thickness of the palm and longer sides that follow the lengthwise contour of the ulnar side of the palm. In other implementations, the first mapped region 655 includes one or more planar segments that are sized and shaped to approximate the ulnar side of the palm.

[0109] In one aspect, the defined first mapped region 655 operates as a simulated or virtual input component (e.g., a virtual touch screen or touchpad). Compared to virtual elements displayed in mid-air, the use of a mapped region 655 on the hand provides tactile feedback to the user. In addition to feeling one or more input actions (e.g., a fingertip touching the hand near the mapped region 655), the accuracy of touch inputs is generally reliable and accurate due to proprioception (i.e., awareness of the location and movement of body parts, including of course the hands and fingers). Tactile feedback and proprioception will facilitate the learning, case of use, endurance, and efficacy of various bimanual gestures performed by both hands. For example, the touching gesture described herein includes a fingertip 680 touching and making a small indentation into the flesh

of the first hand **650**. This and other gestures are based on tactile sensations that are familiar, easy to learn and execute, and less prone to fatigue, compared to mid-air or surface-bound gestures. Moreover, the use of both hands, in front of the body, allows the user to brace the weight of the arms and hands against the torso or while resting on another surface such as a tabletop.

[0110] The process of defining a first mapped region 655 at block 1006, in some implementations, is accomplished by the image processing system 920. After the first hand 650 is detected at block 1002, the image processing system 920 determines whether the detected first hand 650 matches a start shape selected from a plurality of predefined starting hand shapes, as stored in a library of hand gestures 480. The predefined starting hand shapes, as described, include shapes that expose the palmar surface, for example, and any other suitable surface of a hand. In a related aspect, the process of exposing the palmar surface may include a rotating motion of the hand over time. Accordingly, the predefined starting hand shapes may include gestural movements, such as supinating the hand to expose the palmar surface. In this aspect, the process at block 1006, in some implementations, includes comparing the detected first hand 650 captured in the video data 900, over a period of time, sometimes on a pixel-by-pixel level, to the plurality of predefined starting hand shapes that are stored in the hand gesture library 480 until a match is identified. As used herein, the term match is meant to include substantial matches or near matches, which may be governed by a predetermined confidence value associated with possible or candidate matches. The detected hand shape data may include three-dimensional coordinates for the wrist, up to fifteen interphalangeal joints, up five fingertips, and other skeletal or soft-tissue landmarks found in a captured frame. In some examples, the detecting process includes calculating the sum of the geodesic distances between the detected hand shape fingertip coordinates and a set of fingertip coordinates for each hand gesture stored in the library 480. A sum that falls within a configurable threshold accuracy value represents a match.

[0111] As shown in FIG. 6, the display plane 755 may be defined by one or more discrete points or positions along or near the lens of the display 180B. For example, the display plane 755 may be defined by a rectangular shape, as shown, which lies along a plane that is generally parallel to the display 180B. The display plane 755 may or may not be presented on the display 180B for viewing by the user.

[0112] Block 1008 in FIG. 10 describes an example step of presenting a target icon 710 on the display 180B. The target icon 710 is presented at a target position 740. The target position 740 is defined relative to first mapped region 655, such that target position 740 moves as the first mapped region 655 on the hand moves, over time, as detected in the captured frames of video data 900.

[0113] As the name suggests, the target icon 710 provides a target within or near the first mapped region 655 on the first hand. The target icon 710 in some implementations includes a highlighted area extending along all or part of the first mapped region 655, an area defined by a pattern (e.g., a color, marking, shading, or other decoration), or a closed area defined by a boundary. The target icon area may include a circle, polygon, or other shape, appearing in two or three dimensions; it may or may not be conformed to the shape of the mapped region 655. As shown in FIG. 7, the target icon 710 may be a virtual button that includes an apparently

movable button cap supported by a housing. Any of a variety of other icons may be designed and presented as a target for the fingertip 680 approaching the mapped region 655.

[0114] Block 1010 in FIG. 10 describes an example step of determining, with the localization system 915, a current eyewear location 840 relative to the defined first mapped region 655. The localization system 915, in some implementations, configures the processor 432 on the eyewear 100 to obtain localization data for use in determining the current eyewear location 840 relative to the defined first mapped region 655. The localization data may be derived from the captured frames of video data 900, an IMU unit 472, a GPS unit 473, or a combination thereof. The localization system 915 may construct a virtual map of various elements within the camera field of view 904 using a SLAM algorithm, as described herein, updating the map and the location of objects at least as frequently as the frame rate of the camera system 114 (e.g., calculating and updating the mapping and localization of the current eyewear location **840** as frequently as thirty times per second, or more).

[0115] Block 1012 describes an example step of calculating a correlation 950 between the defined first mapped region 655 (associated with the hand 650) and the display plane 755, in accordance with the current eyewear location 840 (as determined in block 1010). The term correlation 950 refers to and includes one or more vectors, matrices, formulas, or other mathematical expressions sufficient to define the three-dimensional distance between the defined first mapped region 655 and the display plane 755, in accordance with the current eyewear location 840. The current eyewear location 840, of course, is tied to or persistently associated with the display plane 755 that lies along the display 180B supported by the frame of the eyewear device 100. In this aspect, the correlation 950 performs the function of calibrating the motion of the eyewear 100 (and the display plane 755) with the motion of the hand 650 (and the defined mapped region 655). The correlation 950 mathematically translates locations along the mapped region 655 to corresponding positions on the display plane 755. Moreover, because the localization process at block 1010 occurs continually and frequently, the correlation 950 is calculated continually and frequently, resulting in accurate and near real-time tracking of the hand 650 relative to the eyewear

[0116] Block 1014 describes an example step of detecting a series of bimanual hand shapes 670 in the captured frames of video data 900 with the image processing system 920. The image processing system 920 analyzes the pixel-level data in the captured frames of video data 900 to track the motion of both the second hand 652 and the first hand 650. The series of bimanual hand shapes 670 in some implementations includes the detected first hand 650 and a series of current fingertip locations 681 (i.e., the fingertip 680 of the second hand 652). The process in some implementations includes detecting the series of current fingertip locations 681 in three-dimensional coordinates relative to the target icon position 740 or to another known position, such as the mapped region 655 or the display plane 755.

[0117] The fingertip 680 may be associated with any finger or thumb of the second hand 652. In a relates aspect, the fingertip 680 operates as a second mapped region associated with the second hand 652. In some implementations, other surfaces of the second hand 652 may be defined as the

second mapped region (e.g., knuckles, joints, sides of the fingers or hand) and tracked using the processes described herein.

[0118] FIG. 8 is a perspective illustration of an example bimanual hand gesture in which the hands perform a touching gesture (e.g., the fingertip 680 is touching ulnar side of the first hand 650 near the target icon 710). In this example, the detecting a series of bimanual hand shapes 670 includes one or more frames of video data 900 in which at least one of the series of current fingertip locations 681 is detected within a predefined threshold distance of the target icon position 740.

[0119] The example process at block 1016 includes determining whether the detected series of bimanual hand shapes 670 matches any one of a plurality of predefined hand gestures 850 stored in the hand gesture library 480. The data stored in the captured frames of video data 900 is compared to the predefined hand gestures 650 stored in the library of hand gestures 480. Any of a variety of other predefined hand gestures 850 may be established and stored in the hand gesture library 480.

[0120] In the example shown in FIG. 8, the image processing system 920 analyzes the pixel-level data in the captured frames of video data 900 to determine whether the fingertip 680 is performing a touching gesture. The predefined touching gesture, in this example, includes a sequences of hand poses in which a fingertip is intersecting a surface of another hand, such as the ulnar side of the palmar surface.

[0121] The hand gesture library 480 includes a large number of poses and gestures, including descriptions of a hand in various positions and orientations. The stored poses and gestures are suitable for ready comparison to a hand shape that is detected in an image. A hand gesture record stored in the library 480 in some implementations includes three-dimensional coordinates for a number of landmarks on the hand, including the wrist, the fifteen interphalangeal joints, and the five fingertips, as well as other skeletal and soft-tissue landmarks. A hand gesture record stored in the library 480 may also include text identifiers, point of view annotations, directional references (e.g., palmar, dorsal, lateral), rotational references (e.g., stable, flexing, extending, pronating, supinating), and other data and descriptors related to each predefined hand gesture 850. Each hand gesture record stored in the library 480 may include a set of exemplary three-dimensional coordinates for each joint and the tip, a hand position identifier (e.g., neutral hand), and a finger position identifier (e.g., index, flexed, partial). For a hand gesture (e.g., a series of hand poses observed over time), a hand gesture record stored in the library 480 may include a set of exemplary three-dimensional coordinates for each joint and the tip at each location of the index finger, over a particular time interval (e.g., two seconds or longer), a hand motion identifier (e.g., pronating, supinating, stable), and a finger motion identifier (e.g., index flexing and extending continually).

[0122] For the touching gesture, the record stored in the hand gesture library 480, in some implementations, includes a gesture identifier (e.g., touching), a first motion identifier (e.g., fingertip detected within a predefined threshold distance of a defined surface on another hand), a minimum pressing duration (e.g., one second), and a subsequent motion identifier (e.g., removing the fingertip away from the other hand)—along with a series of exemplary three-dimen-

sional coordinates for each hand and finger landmark during the time interval (e.g., twenty coordinate sets, every five milliseconds).

[0123] Other selecting gestures, in some implementations, include tapping the fingertip, sliding the fingertip along the hand, and hovering the fingertip for a predefined or configurable time duration. Moreover, although the gestures are described herein with reference to a single finger of the second hand, one or more fingers may be used to execute a selected hand gesture.

[0124] Referring again to FIG. 10, the example process at block 1018 includes executing a selecting action 800 in accordance with the matching predefined hand gesture (e.g., touching, pressing, tapping). In some implementations, the selecting action 800 includes presenting on the display 180B one or more graphical elements 700 at a first position 701 relative to the defined first mapped region 655 and in accordance with the calculated correlation 950. The first position 701 in some implementations is a predefined default position near the top of the display 180B, as shown in FIG. 8. The first position 701 is defined relative to the defined first mapped region 655 so that the elements 700 at the first position 701 appear to move as the first hand 650 moves. In this aspect, the graphical elements 700 are apparently anchored to the first hand 650 (as opposed to remaining anchored to the display plane 755 for the display 180B). The elements 700 are presented in accordance with the calculated correlation 950, so that the elements 700 have a size and shape which is correlated with the relative distance between the current eyewear location 840 and the current location of the first mapped region 655 on the first hand 650. [0125] As used herein, the one or more graphical elements 700 means and includes any collection of graphical elements presented on a display, including but not limited to virtual objects associated with VR experiences and graphical elements such as icons, thumbnails, taskbars, and menu items. For example, the graphical elements 700 in FIG. 8 represent selectable menu items including friends, maps, and photos. [0126] In a broader context, the process steps and methods may be executed in relation to another system or application that is currently running on the eyewear device 100. Such an application may include a series of actions which logically proceed to an option of presenting one or more graphical elements on the display. At such a point, the running application may access the process described herein, starting in some implementations with presenting a target icon 710 on the ulnar side of the detected first hand 650. After presenting the graphical elements 700, the running application may then include processes and tools for executing additional actions or otherwise facilitating additional interactions with the graphical elements 700. The process steps and methods described herein may be terminated when the first hand 650 is detected in a palm down position (e.g., revealing the distal surface of the hand), when one or both hands 650, 652 is partly or completely removed from the field of view 904, or when a predefined stopping gesture is detected.

[0127] In some implementations, the selecting action 800 at block 1018 includes generating a response to determining at block 1016 that the detected series of bimanual hand shapes 670 matches one of the predefined hand gestures 850. The response includes an indicator or signal designed to inform the user that the input has been received; preferably at a time that nearly coincides with the physical experience

of the fingertip touching the hand. The response indicator, in some implementations, includes one or more of presenting visual indicia, playing a sound, and generating a vibration. Visual indicia, for example, may include a color change, highlight, flash, or other change associated with one or more items presented on the display, such as the target icon 710 or the mapped region 655. For example, when the target icon comprises a button, the visual indicia may include presenting the button cap in an actuated position. In another example, the response indicator includes playing a sound through a loudspeaker (e.g., a loudspeaker coupled to the eyewear device 100 or a loudspeaker coupled to a separate device). In yet another example, the response indicator includes generating a vibration using a vibrating actuator (e.g., an actuator coupled to the eyewear device 100 or an actuator coupled to a separate device).

[0128] The target icon 710 in some implementation includes a virtual button having a button cap supported by a housing. The button cap may be movable from a default position to an actuated position and may include a spring that urges the cap toward its default position. As described briefly above, the responds indicator includes presenting the button cap in an actuated position in accordance with the matching predefined hand gesture so that the apparent motion of the cap is correlated with the detected series of fingertip locations 681. In this aspect, the cap moves at an apparent speed that is correlated with the detected speed of the fingertip 680 in motion. Upon release or removal of the fingertip 680, the button cap may return to its default position, as illustrated in FIG. 9. As shown, the graphical elements 700 may be persistently presented on the display 180B after the fingertip 680 is no longer detected near the target icon position 740. In a related aspect, the target icon 710 may be configured to act as a toggle switch; alternatively presenting or removing the graphical elements 700 from the display in response to subsequent touches by the fingertip 680.

[0129] In another example implementation, the process at block 1016 of determining whether a detected series of bimanual hand shapes 670 matches a predefined hand gesture 850 involves using a machine-learning algorithm to compare the pixel-level data about the hand shape in one or more captured frames of video data to a collection of images that include hand gestures.

[0130] Machine learning refers to an algorithm that improves incrementally through experience. By processing a large number of different input datasets, a machine-learning algorithm can develop improved generalizations about particular datasets, and then use those generalizations to produce an accurate output or solution when processing a new dataset. Broadly speaking, a machine-learning algorithm includes one or more parameters that will adjust or change in response to new experiences, thereby improving the algorithm incrementally; a process similar to learning.

[0131] In the context of computer vision, mathematical models attempt to emulate the tasks accomplished by the human visual system, with the goal of using computers to extract information from an image and achieve an accurate understanding of the contents of the image. Computer vision algorithms have been developed for a variety of fields, including artificial intelligence and autonomous navigation, to extract and analyze data in digital images and video.

[0132] Deep learning refers to a class of machine-learning methods that are based on or modeled after artificial neural

networks. An artificial neural network is a computing system made up of a number of simple, highly interconnected processing elements (nodes), which process information by their dynamic state response to external inputs. A large artificial neural network might have hundreds or thousands of nodes.

[0133] A convolutional neural network (CNN) is a type of neural network that is frequently applied to analyzing visual images, including digital photographs and video. The connectivity pattern between nodes in a CNN is typically modeled after the organization of the human visual cortex, which includes individual neurons arranged to respond to overlapping regions in a visual field. A neural network that is suitable for use in the determining process described herein is based on one of the following architectures: VGG16, VGG19, ResNet50, Inception V3, Xception, or other CNN-compatible architectures.

[0134] In the machine-learning example, at block 1016, the processor 432 determines whether a detected series of bimanual hand shapes substantially matches a predefined hand gesture using a machine-trained algorithm referred to as a hand feature model. The processor 432 is configured to access the hand feature model, trained through machine learning, and applies the hand feature model to identify and locate features of the hand shape in one or more frames of the video data.

[0135] In one example implementation, the trained hand feature model receives a frame of video data which contains a detected hand shape and abstracts the image in the frame into layers for analysis. Data in each layer is compared to hand gesture data stored in the hand gesture library 480, layer by layer, based on the trained hand feature model, until a good match is identified.

[0136] In one example, the layer-by-layer image analysis is executed using a convolutional neural network. In a first convolution layer, the CNN identifies learned features (e.g., hand landmarks, sets of joint coordinates, and the like). In a second convolution layer, the image is transformed into a plurality of images, in which the learned features are each accentuated in a respective sub-image. In a pooling layer, the sizes and resolution of the images and sub-images are reduced in order isolation portions of each image that include a possible feature of interest (e.g., a possible palm shape, a possible finger joint). The values and comparisons of images from the non-output layers are used to classify the image in the frame. Classification, as used herein, refers to the process of using a trained model to classify an image according to the detected hand shape. For example, an image may be classified as a "touching action" if the detected series of bimanual hand shapes matches the touching gesture stored in the library 480.

[0137] Any of the functionality described herein for the eyewear device 100, the mobile device 401, and the server system 498 can be embodied in one or more computer software applications or sets of programming instructions, as described herein. According to some examples, "function," "functions," "applications," "instruction," "instructions," or "programming" are program(s) that execute functions defined in the programs. Various programming languages can be employed to develop one or more of the applications, structured in a variety of manners, such as object-oriented programming languages (e.g., Objective-C, Java, or C++) or procedural programming languages (e.g., C or assembly language). In a specific example, a third-party

application (e.g., an application developed using the ANDROIDTM or IOSTM software development kit (SDK) by an entity other than the vendor of the particular platform) may include mobile software running on a mobile operating system such as IOSTM, ANDROIDTM, WINDOWS® Phone, or another mobile operating system. In this example, the third-party application can invoke API calls provided by the operating system to facilitate functionality described herein. [0138] Hence, a machine-readable medium may take many forms of tangible storage medium. Non-volatile storage media include, for example, optical or magnetic disks, such as any of the storage devices in any computer devices or the like, such as may be used to implement the client device, media gateway, transcoder, etc. shown in the drawings. Volatile storage media include dynamic memory, such as main memory of such a computer platform. Tangible transmission media include coaxial cables; copper wire and fiber optics, including the wires that comprise a bus within a computer system. Carrier-wave transmission media may take the form of electric or electromagnetic signals, or acoustic or light waves such as those generated during radio frequency (RF) and infrared (IR) data communications. Common forms of computer-readable media therefore include for example: a floppy disk, a flexible disk, hard disk, magnetic tape, any other magnetic medium, a CD-ROM, DVD or DVD-ROM, any other optical medium, punch cards paper tape, any other physical storage medium with patterns of holes, a RAM, a PROM and EPROM, a FLASH-EPROM, any other memory chip or cartridge, a carrier wave transporting data or instructions, cables or links transporting such a carrier wave, or any other medium from which a computer may read programming code or data. Many of these forms of computer readable media may be involved in carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions to a processor for execution.

[0139] Except as stated immediately above, nothing that has been stated or illustrated is intended or should be interpreted to cause a dedication of any component, step, feature, object, benefit, advantage, or equivalent to the public, regardless of whether it is or is not recited in the claims.

[0140] It will be understood that the terms and expressions used herein have the ordinary meaning as is accorded to such terms and expressions with respect to their corresponding respective areas of inquiry and study except where specific meanings have otherwise been set forth herein. Relational terms such as first and second and the like may be used solely to distinguish one entity or action from another without necessarily requiring or implying any actual such relationship or order between such entities or actions. The terms "comprises," "comprising," "includes," "including," or any other variation thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion, such that a process, method, article, or apparatus that comprises or includes a list of elements or steps does not include only those elements or steps but may include other elements or steps not expressly listed or inherent to such process, method, article, or apparatus. An element preceded by "a" or "an" does not, without further constraints, preclude the existence of additional identical elements in the process, method, article, or apparatus that comprises the element.

[0141] Unless otherwise stated, any and all measurements, values, ratings, positions, magnitudes, sizes, and other specifications that are set forth in this specification, including in

the claims that follow, are approximate, not exact. Such amounts are intended to have a reasonable range that is consistent with the functions to which they relate and with what is customary in the art to which they pertain. For example, unless expressly stated otherwise, a parameter value or the like may vary by as much as plus or minus ten percent from the stated amount or range.

[0142] In addition, in the foregoing Detailed Description, it can be seen that various features are grouped together in various examples for the purpose of streamlining the disclosure. This method of disclosure is not to be interpreted as reflecting an intention that the claimed examples require more features than are expressly recited in each claim. Rather, as the following claims reflect, the subject matter to be protected lies in less than all features of any single disclosed example. Thus, the following claims are hereby incorporated into the Detailed Description, with each claim standing on its own as a separately claimed subject matter. [0143] While the foregoing has described what are considered to be the best mode and other examples, it is understood that various modifications may be made therein and that the subject matter disclosed herein may be implemented in various forms and examples, and that they may be applied in numerous applications, only some of which have been described herein. It is intended by the following claims to claim any and all modifications and variations that fall within the true scope of the present concepts.

What is claimed is:

1. A method of presenting a graphical element on a display coupled to an eyewear device, the method comprising:

capturing frames of video data using a camera system coupled to the eyewear device;

detecting a hand in a physical environment using the frames of video data;

generating a mapped region relative to one or more physical landmarks associated with the hand;

determining a current eyewear location relative to the mapped region;

presenting on the display a virtual target icon at a target position relative to the mapped region in accordance with the current eyewear location, wherein the virtual target icon comprises a highlight extending along the mapped region;

iteratively detecting according to a configurable time interval, using the frames of video data, a series of current fingertip locations associated with a fingertip of a second hand relative to the virtual target icon;

detecting a bimanual gesture based on the series of current fingertip locations, wherein the bimanual gesture comprises an interaction selected from a group consisting of the fingertip physically touching the hand, the fingertip tapping relative to the hand, the fingertip sliding relative to the mapped region, and the fingertip hovering within a threshold distance of the mapped region for a configurable duration;

presenting on the display an indicator in response to detecting the gesture; and

executing an action associated with the virtual target icon in accordance with the bimanual gesture, wherein the action comprises presenting on the display a graphical element at a first position relative to the virtual target icon in accordance with the current eyewear location.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein detecting the hand comprises detecting a palmar surface, and wherein generating the mapped region comprises:
 - identifying a palmar landmark associated with the palmar surface; and
 - generating the mapped region relative to the palmar landmark.
 - 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - determining whether the hand matches a start shape selected from a plurality of predefined starting hand shapes; and
 - generating the mapped region in response to the start shape.
- **4**. The method of claim **1**, wherein presenting the virtual target icon comprises presenting a virtual switch apparently movable between a default position and an activated position and
 - wherein detecting the series of current fingertip locations comprises detecting the fingertip intersecting at least one of the default position or the activated position, wherein the activated position is characterized by the fingertip physically touching the hand.
- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein executing the action comprises presenting the virtual switch in a series of switch positions in accordance with the bimanual gesture, such that the series of switch positions is correlated with the series of current fingertip locations.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein detecting the bimanual gesture comprises detecting the fingertip within a threshold distance of the virtual target icon.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein presenting the indicator comprises at least one of presenting on the display visual indicia associated with the target icon, playing a sound through a loudspeaker, or generating a vibration using an actuator.
 - 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - calculating a correlation between the mapped region and a plane associated with the display, in accordance with the current eyewear location;
 - translating the series of current fingertip locations to corresponding positions relative to the plane, based on the correlation; and
 - executing the action in accordance with the correlation.
 - 9. A bimanual control system, comprising:
 - an eyewear device comprising a processor, a memory, a camera system, and a display; and
 - programming in the memory, wherein execution of the programming by the processor configures the eyewear device to perform functions, including functions to:
 - capture frames of video data using a camera system coupled to the eyewear device;
 - detect a hand in a physical environment using the frames of video data;
 - generate a mapped region relative to one or more physical landmarks associated with the hand;
 - determine a current eyewear location relative to the mapped region;
 - present on the display a virtual target icon at a target position relative to the mapped region in accordance with the current eyewear location, wherein the virtual target icon comprises a highlight extending along the mapped region;
 - iteratively detect according to a configurable time interval, using the frames of video data, a series of current

- fingertip locations associated with a fingertip of a second hand relative to the virtual target icon;
- detect a bimanual gesture based on the series of current fingertip locations, wherein the bimanual gesture comprises an interaction selected from a group consisting of the fingertip physically touching the hand, the fingertip tapping relative to the hand, the fingertip sliding relative to the mapped region, and the fingertip hovering within a threshold distance of the mapped region for a configurable duration;
- present on the display an indicator in response to detecting the gesture; and
- execute an action associated with the virtual target icon in accordance with the bimanual gesture, wherein the function to execute the action comprises a function to present on the display a graphical element at a first position relative to the virtual target icon in accordance with the current eyewear location.
- 10. The bimanual control system of claim 9, wherein the function to detect the hand comprises a function to detect a palmar surface, and
 - wherein the function to generate the mapped region comprises functions to:
 - identify a palmar landmark associated with the palmar surface; and
 - generate the mapped region relative to the palmar landmark
- 11. The bimanual control system of claim 9, wherein the execution of the programming further configures the eyewear device to perform additional functions, including functions to:
 - determine whether the hand matches a start shape selected from a plurality of predefined starting hand shapes; and generate the mapped region in response to the start shape.
- 12. The bimanual control system of claim 9, wherein the function to present the virtual target icon comprises a function to present a virtual switch apparently movable between a default position and an activated position,
 - wherein the function to detect the series of current fingertip locations comprises a function to detect the fingertip intersecting at least one of the default position or the activated position, wherein the activated position is characterized by the fingertip physically touching the hand, and
 - wherein the function to execute the action comprises a function to present the virtual switch in a series of switch positions in accordance with the bimanual gesture, such that the series of switch positions is correlated with the series of current fingertip locations.
- 13. The bimanual control system of claim 9, wherein the function to detect the bimanual gesture comprises a function to detect the fingertip within a threshold distance of the virtual target icon.
- 14. The bimanual control system of claim 9, wherein the function to present the indicator comprises at least one of a function to present on the display visual indicia associated with the target icon, a function to play a sound through a loudspeaker, or a function to generate a vibration using an actuator.
- 15. The bimanual control system of claim 9, wherein the execution of the programming further configures the eyewear device to perform additional functions, including functions to:

calculate a correlation between the mapped region and a plane associated with the display, in accordance with the current eyewear location;

translate the series of current fingertip locations to corresponding positions relative to the plane, based on the correlation; and

execute the action in accordance with the correlation.

16. A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing program code which, when executed, is operative to cause an electronic processor to perform the steps of:

capturing frames of video data using a camera system coupled to an eyewear device;

detecting a hand in a physical environment using the frames of video data;

generating a mapped region relative to one or more physical landmarks associated with the hand;

determining a current eyewear location relative to the mapped region;

presenting, on a display coupled to the eyewear device, a virtual target icon at a target position relative to the mapped region in accordance with the current eyewear location, wherein the virtual target icon comprises a highlight extending along the mapped region;

iteratively detecting according to a configurable time interval, using the frames of video data, a series of current fingertip locations associated with a fingertip of a second hand relative to the virtual target icon;

detecting a bimanual gesture based on the series of current fingertip locations, wherein the bimanual gesture comprises an interaction selected from a group consisting of the fingertip physically touching the hand, the fingertip tapping relative to the hand, the fingertip sliding relative to the mapped region, and the fingertip hovering within a threshold distance of the mapped region for a configurable duration;

presenting on the display an indicator in response to detecting the gesture; and

executing an action associated with the virtual target icon in accordance with the bimanual gesture, wherein the action comprises presenting on the display a graphical element at a first position relative to the virtual target icon in accordance with the current eyewear location. 17. The non-transitory computer-readable medium storing program code of claim 16, wherein detecting the hand comprises detecting a start shape characterized by an exposed palmar surface, and

wherein generating the mapped region comprises:

identifying a palmar landmark associated with the exposed palmar surface; and

generating the mapped region relative to the palmar landmark.

18. The non-transitory computer-readable medium storing program code of claim 16, wherein presenting the virtual target icon comprises presenting a virtual switch apparently movable between a default position and an activated position.

wherein detecting the series of current fingertip locations comprises detecting the fingertip intersecting at least one of the default position or the activated position, wherein the activated position is characterized by the fingertip physically touching the hand, and

wherein executing the action comprises presenting the virtual switch in a series of switch positions in accordance with the bimanual gesture, such that the series of switch positions is correlated with the series of current fingertip locations.

19. The non-transitory computer-readable medium storing program code of claim 16, wherein presenting the indicator comprises at least one of presenting on the display visual indicia associated with the target icon, playing a sound through a loudspeaker coupled to the eyewear device, or generating a vibration using an actuator coupled to the eyewear device.

20. The non-transitory computer-readable medium storing program code of claim 16, wherein the program code, when executed, is operative to cause an electronic processor to perform the steps of:

calculating a correlation between the mapped region and a plane associated with the display, in accordance with the current eyewear location;

translating the series of current fingertip locations to corresponding positions relative to the plane, based on the correlation; and

executing the action in accordance with the correlation.

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