

ART in Motion

A Performative, Immersive Tool for Low-Fidelity, Improvisational Motion Sketching

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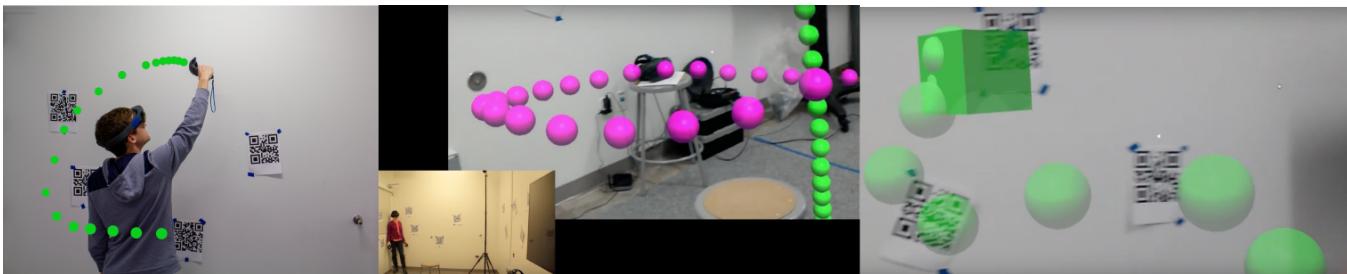


Figure 1: Left: A mock-up of the authoring system as viewed from a 3rd person perspective. Note the proximity of the trajectory waypoints, which represents the speed at which the trajectory was captured. Center: A choreographer admiring her work, and the first-person view of the trajectories. Right: a first-person view of the ‘replay’ mode where most waypoints are invisible, and only the next 5 are projected forward in space.

ABSTRACT

Low-fidelity prototyping is an effective way to quickly generate and communicate novel ideas. Current tools to author 3D motion are complex for non-experts to use, and limiting: they don’t take full advantage of human kinesthetic understanding of 3D space. We present a low-fidelity authoring tool that uses Augmented Reality as a platform to support 3D motion creation in a completely immersive environment to accurately track, edit, and replay spatial and temporal information. Through a user study, we show that a full-body, immersive gestural tracking system affords deeper engagement with 3D motion trajectories. Finally, we present design guidelines for designing systems that support improvisational motion sketching in AR.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Low fidelity prototyping is an integral part of the design process for many organizations. From web-based user interfaces to wearables, the importance of a rapid iterative design process that invites critique has been well established. In contrast, prototyping movement through 3D space remains difficult, complex, and limited. Current tools for designing 3D animation are typically on the desktop, using 2D animation to define 3D movement. These interfaces allow high

107 fidelity editing tools but do not support quick sketching,
 108 which is essential for low-fidelity prototypes. Additionally,
 109 the use of animation techniques like drawing a path in 2D
 110 space and animating along the path, or selecting keyframes
 111 and interpolating between them keeps designers focused on
 112 low-level mechanisms rather than allowing them to quickly
 113 move between levels of abstraction, a common approach in
 114 the creative process [16]. To address this problem, we lever-
 115 age Schon's philosophy of Reflective Practice and Segura's
 116 notion of "Embodied Sketching"[11], and construct an in-
 117 terface that exposes movement as the manipulable material,
 118 enabling a conversation that is more expressive, playful, and
 119 exploratory. We view this work as an initial step towards
 120 a comprehensive animation tool, that serves as a proof of
 121 concept, demonstrating the potential and feasibility of such
 122 an authoring system in AR.

123 We focus on tools that support choreographers in quickly
 124 prototyping 3D trajectories. Choreographers are creative
 125 experts in defining movement. Through years of dedicated
 126 training, they are adept at manipulating the trajectory of
 127 bodies through space. Thus, we built a tool that leverages
 128 the full motor, somatosensory, and kinesthetic capabilities of
 129 these experts throughout their creative process. In building
 130 these tools, we begin to address the following question: in
 131 what ways can a digital interface afford a rich, expressive
 132 environment for designing 3D movement?

133 We propose on Augmented Reality as a promising medium:
 134 the ability to see and interact with objects as though they are
 135 around you affords a deep engagement with our somatosen-
 136 sory systems, realizing the advantages of *thinking through*
 137 *doing, performance, and thick practice* as described by Klem-
 138 mer et al. [8].

139 Specifically, our tool uses:

- 140 • Centimeter-accurate tracking of the HTC Vive
- 141 • A head-mounted AR display (the Hololens)

142 Choreographers move the HTC Vive controllers through
 143 space. Their movements are accurately tracked by the HTC
 144 Vive, and the HoloLens displays the final performed trajec-
 145 tories in augmented reality around them. A menu enables
 146 creators to scale, translate, rotate, and replay their work, all
 147 displayed in the room where it was authored.

148 To evaluate this system, we recruited participants from a
 149 wide range of backgrounds to rate our system on the Cre-
 150 ativity Support Index [5]. We also present qualitative results
 151 from an informal user study. Following a Grounded Theory
 152 approach, we present design guidelines generated from a
 153 thematic analysis of responses.

154 In this project, we focus on the *development* stage of the
 155 choreographic process [17], where choreographers prefer to
 156 work on movement creation by directly manipulating bodies.
 157 Our system supports this process by enabling the creation of

158 AR rigid bodies that will 'perform' the trajectories created
 159 by choreographers.

2 RELATED WORK

160 In this section, we briefly highlight the major inspirations
 161 and insights that our work draws on from across this body of
 162 research. However, we do not claim that such a bibliography
 163 is complete, and instead present selected related works to
 164 help frame our research and its contribution.

Choreography Support Tools

165 Meadow et al. used live motion capture to explore the role
 166 of mixed reality in a live dance production [12]. They found
 167 that the improvisational nature of choreography was funda-
 168 mentally at odds with the lifecycle of complicated computer
 169 graphics. This inspired our focus on low-fidelity prototyping
 170 and quick sketching.

171 Other computationally mediated choreography tools in-
 172 clude Calvert et al.'s Life Forms, the front-end of a more
 173 general-purpose 3D animation system that allows choreog-
 174 raphers to use keyframes and inverse kinematics to create
 175 movement sequences [3]. Schiphorst et al. uses menus of pos-
 176 tures to compose a movement sequence in time and space
 177 [15]. Both systems are limited to pre-defined poses, while our
 178 system allows for more flexible authoring of 3D movement.

179 A thorough overview of computational tools used in choro-
 180 graphy by Alaoui et al. identifies four 'types' of technologi-
 181 cal systems, organized by purpose: *reflection, generation, real-*
time interaction, and annotation [1]. We position our work as
 182 a 'generative' tool since it is used during the 'development'
 183 stage of choreographic practice [17]. The term "generative"
 184 can refer to autonomous algorithms that computationally
 185 produce movement trajectories within set parameters, but
 186 we are referring to the more general, high-level definition
 187 common in choreographic practice of creating or 'generating'
 188 work. Like the Dynamic Brush system from Jacobs et al., our
 189 tool is designed to extend the manual skills of a movement
 190 creator as they *generate* movement rather than replace them
 191 [7].

192 The majority of choreography-support tools focus on an-
 193 notation rather than creation. Singh et al. created a multi-
 194 modal annotation tool that allows dancers and choreogra-
 195 phers to collaborate outside of the normal rehearsal space
 196 [17]. Our work focuses on the authoring step, but could be
 197 easily extended to allow remote collaboration and annota-
 198 tion.

AR authoring tools

199 Lee et al. showed that an 'Immersive Authoring' technique,
 200 where designers are able to create AR applications while
 201 immersed within augmented reality [10], were preferred
 202 for tasks that include 3D spatial understanding, showing

213 that augmented reality is an appropriate medium for our
 214 choreography task.

215 Hagbi et al. explored the use of AR for ‘sketching’: quickly
 216 generating content in a mixed reality setup for use in a broad
 217 array of applications [6]. Their primary examples revolve
 218 around paper and pencil style sketching, but they identify
 219 three patterns: *Sketching then playing* (the sketch is a play-
 220 ing area for future gameplay), *sketching as playing* (the pur-
 221 pose of the activity is sketching - it is the main activity),
 222 and *sketching while playing* (where participants alternate
 223 between sketching content and manipulating it). Our system
 224 embodies the ethos of ‘sketching while playing’, but inter-
 225 preted the notion of ‘sketching’ more broadly, supporting 3D
 226 motion tracking rather than on-paper drawing.

227 Langlotz et al. designed a system to support in situ au-
 228 thoring of AR objects on mobile phones [9]. We are similarly
 229 motivated to support in-situ AR content generation, and
 230 believe HMDs will become as accessible as smartphones in
 231 the future. In contrast to Langlotz et al.’s work which en-
 232 abled placement of objects in an unprepared environment,
 233 our proposed use case involves movement through space,
 234 and relies on the room-tracking HTC Vive Lighthouses. Our
 235 system is therefore not as portable or accessible as theirs, a
 236 shortcoming we expect to be addressed over the long term
 237 as hardware improves.

239 Animation Tools

240 Thorne et al. explored the use of sketching for creating dig-
 241 ital character animation[19]. Their ‘motion doodles’ used
 242 2D sketches and generated 3D motion. Our work enables
 243 direct authoring of 3D motion instead. Another performative
 244 animation tool is the video system from Barnes et al., that
 245 uses overhead tracking to capture the movement from the
 246 puppeteer and then digitally removes the hands to create
 247 a live, performative interface for cutout animation [2]. Our
 248 tool is not meant to be used live, and does 3D animation
 249 instead of 2D.

250 Willet et al. explored other ways to offload cognitive load
 251 from animation artists: their system automatically adds sec-
 252 onary motion to 2D animation [21]. This secondary anima-
 253 tion could be added to motion generated with our system.

255 Human Robot Interaction

256 Walker et al. found that AR is an effective medium through
 257 which to communicate robot motion intent [20]. Similarly,
 258 Rosen et al. found that a mixed-reality interface improved
 259 task speed and performance when identifying whether ro-
 260 bot arm motion would collide with a block on a table [14].
 261 Together, these demonstrate that AR is a suitable tool for
 262 interacting with robots and robot trajectory paths. Our work
 263 builds on these findings.

264 Researchers at Microsoft also created an authoring system
 265 to control robot movement in AR ¹. However, in their project
 266 participants use gestures and voice control to edit the way-
 267 points directly. In contrast, our tool abstracts the low-level
 268 knowledge of waypoints away, and views motion as the core
 269 material, allowing choreographers to directly manipulate the
 270 movement of a drone in the way that would be most familiar
 271 and natural to them.

272 Suzuki et al. created a tool that enables the control of
 273 swarm interfaces through direct physical manipulation. They
 274 focus on supporting high-level user interface design rather
 275 than low-level controls [18]. Our work also abstracts the
 276 low-level controls away, and allows the choreographer to
 277 generate the movement directly. To enable comparison with
 278 existing 3D animation tools, we kept a menu interface rather
 279 than enabling direct manipulation of the output, but the
 280 system is capable of allowing such embodied interactions.
 281 See the discussion for an extended discussion.

283 3 TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE

285 Our system is comprised of two parts: an HTC Vive and a
 286 Hololens. Figure 2 is an example of our system setup. Figure
 287 3 explains the data flow.

288 We use the HTC Vive for hand tracking and user in-
 289 put. Users hold two HTC controllers that are automatically
 290 tracked by the HTC Lighthouses for cm-accurate precision
 291 location tracking. The HTC headset is required to read data
 292 from HTC trackers; furthermore, it handles the network
 293 connection coming from Hololens.

294 The Hololens displays virtual objects in AR, and acts as
 295 the Heads-Up Display (HMD) for the system. The Hololens
 296 connects to the HTC Vive through a local area network,
 297 reads tracking data from the HTC Vive, and displays virtual
 298 objects. Hololens also handles the computation (rotation,
 299 translate, scale) and state management.

301 Tracking

303 Accurate tracking is fundamental to our system. We need
 304 a tracking system that is accurate while providing enough
 305 freedom for users to perform and be expressive. Hololens’s
 306 hand tracking system ² works only when the hand is visible
 307 to the device. A user needs to keep the hand visible when
 308 authoring, which would undermine the performative power
 309 of our system.

310 We chose the HTC Vive for hand tracking because this
 311 solution provides good accuracy [13] and enough freedom.
 312 HTC Vive is also easy to set up, as is shown in Figure 2.

¹<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amV6P72DwEQ>

²<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/mixed-reality/gestures>

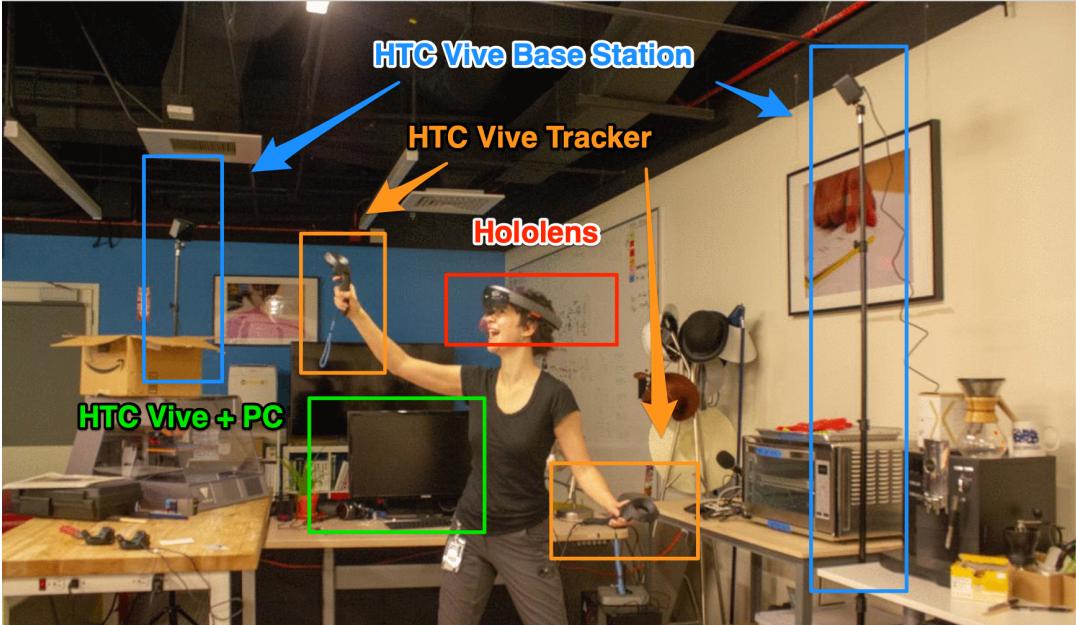


Figure 2: An example of the system setup.

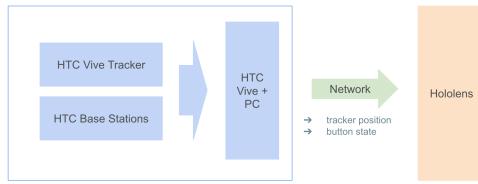


Figure 3: HTC Vive sends tracker position and button states to HoloLens via network.

One constraint that our system poses to performers is the space. Users must stay in the space set by the HTC Light-house. We have experienced tracking issues when the controllers are removed from the space, but we expect that this problem would be resolved with more advanced devices and tracking techniques.

Calibration

Our system requires a calibration step to translate HTC Vive's coordinates into Hololens's coordinates. We assume that, given a coordinate $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ from HTC Vive's coordinate system, the corresponding x' in Hololen's coordinate system is

$$x' = kAx + b$$

where $k \in \mathbb{R}$ is a scaling factor, $A \in \mathbb{M}_{3 \times 3}$ is a rotation matrix, and $b \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is a translation vector.

Our simple calibration procedure is described below. The variable t represents a reasonable unit of distance that is up to the choice of the system designer.

- (1) User aligns the HTC tracker with a cube at $(0, 0, 0)^T$ in HoloLens space, which gives a reading of tracker's position x_0 in the Vive space.
- (2) User aligns the HTC tracker with a cube at $(t, 0, 0)^T$ in HoloLens space, which gives a reading of tracker's position x_1 in the Vive space.
- (3) User aligns the HTC tracker with a cube at $(0, t, 0)^T$ in HoloLens space, which gives a reading of tracker's position x_2 in the Vive space.
- (4) User aligns the HTC tracker with a cube at $(0, 0, t)^T$ in HoloLens space, which gives a reading of tracker's position x_3 in the Vive space.

Then, let

$$a_1 := x_1 - x_0$$

$$a_2 := x_2 - x_0$$

$$a_3 := x_3 - x_0$$

Given a reading of tracker's position x , the Hololens's position is given by

$$x' = t \left(\frac{(x - x_0) \cdot a_1}{\|a_1\|^2}, \frac{(x - x_0) \cdot a_2}{\|a_2\|^2}, \frac{(x - x_0) \cdot a_3}{\|a_3\|^2} \right)^T$$

In this algorithm, we choose three orthogonal vectors as the basis of the HoloLens's coordinate system. A reading from HTC Vive's coordinate system is projected onto each direction, translated into Hololens's coordinate system, and

recomposed as the position in HoloLens's world. We choose $t = 0.1$ to keep the calibration cubes close to each other.

As a future work, the calibration step can be improved leveraging HoloLens's hand tracking functionality. The user can stare at the hand to get a reading of the hand's position in HoloLens's coordinate system. Repeating this step at various locations, we can get several pairs (x_i, x'_i) , each satisfies

$$x'_i = kAx_i + b$$

Then we could solve kA and b with least squares. Furthermore, we could readjust the matching with more readings during the authoring process.

4 INTERACTION DESIGN

When designing the user interaction experience, we placed a high priority on embodied interaction, direct manipulation, and creating a closed loop editing tool. One of the more frustrating experiences when working with VR/AR applications is having to frequently take the headset on and off to test. In VR, this frustration is compounded by the fact that the real world is not visible to users. For our application of 3D trajectory creation, it is important for users to be able to be untethered and see the world around them.

Our AR editing tool lets users move freely within the real world while also allowing for embodied interaction with the virtual environment and direct manipulation of their creations. Users can calibrate their system then enter the design loop without taking the headset off. This creates a closed loop that is critical to our goal of providing a low-fidelity prototyping tool for non-technical users. A diagram of the user experience when running our application can be seen in Figure 4.

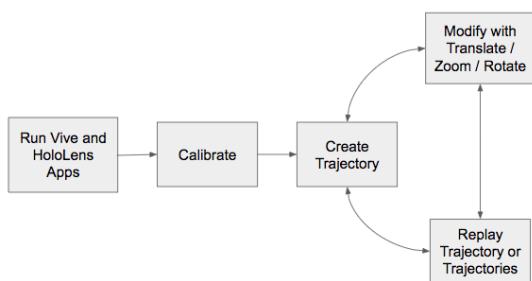


Figure 4: The user interaction process.

Creating a Trajectory

An advantage of relying on HTC Vive trackers for drawing trajectories is that users can use the entire space around them to perform. In contrast, with HoloLens tracking alone, users would have to hold a tracker in front of their faces while they created.

To start a trajectory, users can tap the right trigger and then move their right controller anywhere within the tracking area. While they are drawing their trajectory, the program keeps track of timing data so that slowly drawn trajectories will have waypoints placed closer together, and quickly drawn trajectories will be spread apart. To stop, users simply tap the right trigger again. From here, users have the opportunity to move around within the space to see their trajectory from different angles. Then, users can choose to create another trajectory, edit trajectories, or replay trajectories.

Editing Trajectories

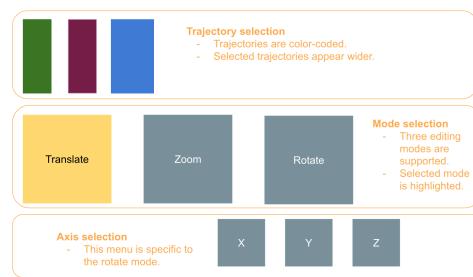


Figure 5: A sketch of system's menu. Elements in orange are annotations. There are three parts of the menu. Menu is body-locked, so it follows the user's orientation while allowing for item selection via a gaze cursor.

After creating a trajectory, users can edit the trajectory in three ways. These editing modes are accessed through a menu where users select the trajectory or trajectories, the editing mode, and the axis (if rotating). We created this menu to replicate some aspects of current animation tools like Blender in an attempt to allow for a more direct comparison against those tools. This design decision is further examined in the Discussion section.

- **Translate:** Users should feel as though they are manipulating the trajectory by grabbing it. Users touch the right touchpad and then move the controller to translate trajectories in three dimensions proportional to the movement of their controller.
- **Rotate:** Users tap left and right on the left touchpad to rotate trajectories along their chosen axis. X is "right", Y is "up", and Z is "out". The left and right side of the touchpad are used to control clockwise or counter-clockwise rotation.
- **Zoom:** Users tap left and right on the left touchpad to zoom trajectories in and out. The zoom function works as an expand/contract function, making points either further away or closer to the center of the trajectory.

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531 **Replay**

532 When users wish to see movement displayed along their
 533 created trajectories, they can replay.

534 The replay function sends a cube that simulates a drone
 535 or end effector along the trajectories at a speed proportional
 536 to the speed at which the user drew the trajectories. As the
 537 cube moves, the trajectories are made transparent except
 538 for the five waypoints in front of the cube. This allows the
 539 user to track movement even in a space busy with large or
 540 complicated trajectories. Users can stop the replay at any
 541 point and draw other trajectories at that time. This allows
 542 for the simulation of movements that start at different times.
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544 **5 EVALUATION**

545 We invited 5 participants to compare our system to the popular
 546 3D modeling and animation tool Blender, and provide
 547 feedback on the experience of using both tools. We collected
 548 quantitative data on the use of both systems. The goal of
 549 our user study was to understand how enabling the use of
 550 the body in a digital environment alters the design decisions
 551 made by practitioners. We first survey the current repertoire
 552 of actuation design practices, evaluate the usability of the sys-
 553 tem, and describe the material conversations that occurred
 554 with the system.

555 *Participants.* We sent an initial screening survey to the Design mailing list on campus. One participant did not show up,
 556 so we recruited another participant (P1) from the Makerspace
 557 where the study was taking place instead. Participants were
 558 selected to have a diversity of backgrounds:

- 559 • P1 - (physical animator): one year of experience doing
 560 stop-motion animation with clay, no other movement
 561 experience, 3 years doing model design with Fusion
 562 360.
- 563 • P2 - (choreographer): had more than 2 years of experience
 564 with performing and choreographing traditional forms of Chinese dance, minimal experience with 3D
 565 animation tools.
- 566 • P3 - (dancer and 3D designer): 5 years of dance experience and 5 years of experience using 3D design
 567 software, including Maya.
- 568 • P4 - (AR interface researcher): experience designing authoring systems in AR, and working with drone
 569 trajectory paths.
- 570 • P5 - (roboticist): 7 years experience controlling drone
 571 swarms and a jumping robot.

572 *Procedure.* Participants were invited to the study location
 573 for a one-hour workshop. After gathering some background
 574 information and discussing their experiences with creating
 575 movement (either in digital or in physical interfaces), partici-
 576 pants first created two motion paths in Blender, then created

577 two motion paths with our system. Participants were asked
 578 to imagine they were designing a drone performance for
 579 a stage show. In both cases they were instructed to create
 580 the path two drones would take from a landed position on a
 581 piece of furniture (in Blender a mesh cube and in our system
 582 a stool) placed in the center of the “stage”. Throughout the
 583 study, participants were encouraged to follow a “think-aloud”
 584 protocol. Finally, we followed up with a subset of the Creativity Support Index (we omitted questions on collaboration
 585 since our study did not focus on that).

586 **6 QUALITATIVE RESULTS**

587 We first present qualitative results, collected from interviews.
 588 Following a Grounded Theory approach, we did a thematic
 589 analysis of responses, organized into themes below.

590 **Challenge of using a New System**

591 All participants had zero prior experience with both Blender
 592 and our system. All participants had some trouble with both
 593 interfaces: the mouse control for Blender has a non-standard
 594 mapping, so participants with experience using Fusion 360
 595 struggled to override their muscle memory when interacting
 596 with Blender. Similarly, participants who had experience
 597 with AR or VR systems (such as Tiltbrush) had trouble learning
 598 our system’s non-standard mapping of buttons. Because
 599 both systems had unfamiliar controls and were new to all
 600 participants, experimenters answered all questions about
 601 how to use either system. Despite these challenges, people
 602 were able to complete the tasks in both interfaces.

603 **Embodied interface affords complexity**

604 In both conditions, participants expressed a desire to generate
 605 complex paths with many turns and curves to make
 606 the paths “more interesting”. In Blender, participants quickly
 607 became discouraged

608 **P2** This is way harder than I thought.

609 **P3** I'm not sure [my design is] possible with these tools.

610 **P4** Clearly I couldn't get my design here.

611 In contrast, with our tool all participants indicated they
 612 were better able to create a design they were satisfied with:

613 **P5** You kind of get a trajectory right off the bat that is
 614 what you want.

615 **P4** I was trying to draw hearts in 3D...the authoring part
 616 was straightforward

617 Physical skill or experience moving through space did not
 618 affect satisfaction. Instead, our tool was immediately accessible
 619 to all participants, regardless of movement background.
 620 Participants tended to create much simpler trajectories in
 621 Blender, and much more complicated designs in our tool,
 622 even though all participants were new to both systems. Our
 623

embodied interface supports immediate engagement with movement as a material.

Mixed Reality guidelines don't support direct manipulation in AR

While we followed best practices for Mixed Reality development in the current version, it's clear that for an immersive experience participants would have preferred direct manipulation techniques as much as possible. In particular, 3 participants mentioned wanting to directly edit specific waypoints:

P1 Can I edit individual balls? I'd like to be able to move one ball up or down to see how the curve follows.

One participant described how a menu damaged the sense of immersion:

P4 I would prefer to have more direct manipulation..it would be nice if I didn't have to select a menu.

4 out of 5 participants indicated that they wanted increased editing powers in our AR system.

Choreography background shapes experience

The roboticist, with only minimal movement experience, wanted to create sub-sequences of a trajectory and chain them together rather than creating them all in one movement. In contrast, the choreographer preferred to completely perform her movements in full, and wanted to see her trajectories in greater fidelity than was afforded by the tool:

P2 I kind of can't tell the trajectory for some of them. [The yellow one] looks kind of spaced out. I feel like they should be closer together.

The other participants, with varying ranges of movement experience, requested more editing tools such as the ability to 'cut' a trajectory and bounding box style scaling.

Importance of Spatiality

While using Blender, participants struggled with creating 3D shapes in the 2D environment. All participants would frequently rotate their view around while attempting to translate their trajectories, acknowledging the difficulty designing in one fewer dimension:

P5 Oh my I am trying to move something in 3D while looking at it in 2D!

In contrast, while using our tool participants did not comment on the difficulty as they moved their bodies physically around the space to see how their trajectory was placed:

P2 I like that you can just do it with your hand instead of trying to do it in 2D space with a computer.

Two participants indicated that they had no need to edit and were satisfied with the trajectories they had created. While editing the paths in Blender, the roboticist explicitly identified speed control as a feature he would like:

Higher Scores on Expressiveness and Exploration

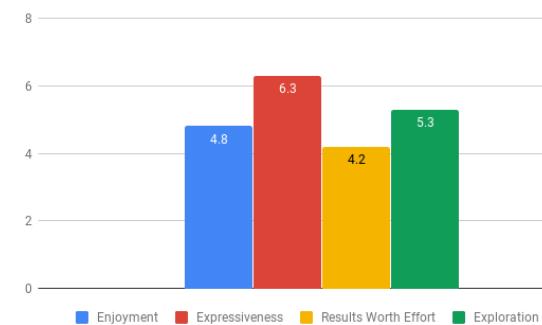


Figure 6: Quantitative responses were gathered from 10-point Likert scales as suggested by the authors of the CSI. Participants were asked the standard CSI questions for Enjoyment, Expressiveness, Results Worth Effort, and Exploration. None of these ratings are very high (over 70 would be good). See Discussion for more details.

P5 I would like to be able to control speed

This validates our initial intuition about the importance of speed in defining creative, expressive movements. However, the roboticist did not perceive our tool as providing this functionality. We suspect this is due to the fact that our replay functionality was very fast, and therefore difficult to perceive within the narrow field of view of the HoloLens.

7 QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Our participants filled out a standard CSI questionnaire for Enjoyment, Expressiveness, Results Worth Effort, and Exploration. The questions were on a 10-point Likert scale as suggested by the authors of the CSI, with 1 being Strongly Disagree and 10 being Strongly Agree (see Figure 6). Our tool scored highest on Expressiveness and Exploration scores, and low on Results Worth Effort and Enjoyment. One of the 'Enjoyment' questions is: "I would be happy to use this system or tool on a regular basis." One participant elaborated that the Hololens headset is quite uncomfortable, and this caused them to rate the system lower on that question. We are confident that hardware will improve over time, making the headset much lighter and more comfortable, so this issue may be unrelated to our system. We're happy to see the quantitative results match what we noticed behaviorally: participants felt that the system did a better job of supporting exploratory behaviors than the desktop system, but there is clear room for improvement. See the Discussion section for more details.

8 DISCUSSION

Here we discuss our findings and go into detail about how our user study can inform future directions of research. We'll

743 use this section to clarify our design recommendations for
 744 future researchers.

745 We designed our interface to have a ‘menu-selection’ interface similar to Blender’s specifically to keep the overall
 746 design closer to Blender’s style and allow us to compare
 747 the two. However, this limitation undercut some of the ad-
 748 vantages of such an immersive environment. Additionally,
 749 our system did not follow common practices for designing
 750 AR interfaces, which caused frustration with more ex-
 751 perienced participants. Next time, we would minimize friction
 752 by reusing the details of interface design when possible (for
 753 example, instead of the trigger being a ‘click on/off’ button,
 754 we could follow TiltBrush and only track controller loca-
 755 tion when the trigger is held down). In hindsight, closely
 756 mimicking Blender’s menu interface wasn’t an important
 757 constraint, and it would have been better to fully embrace
 758 the immersive capabilities of AR.

759 While the *authoring* style of our tool was preferred over
 760 Blender’s interface, the increased precision of Blender’s tool
 761 was preferred during the *editing* stage. This positions our
 762 tool as a low-fidelity, early prototype “sketching” style inter-
 763 face for quickly generating a rough example of a trajectory.
 764 But, to support more detailed work, we think a mix of in-air
 765 and on-screen editing would be best. For future work, we
 766 propose using our system for sketching a first draft, sup-
 767 ported by a desktop interface that allows live previewing
 768 of more high-fidelity changes in AR. We think this balance
 769 would best support the style of creative practitioners, while
 770 still leveraging their physical skills.

773 9 LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE WORK

774 There were several hardware limitations to our project that
 775 we anticipate will be overcome in the future. We were limited
 776 by the HoloLens’ narrow field of view. This made it difficult
 777 for users to see their creations in full. During user studies,
 778 we frequently saw users quickly pan back and forth to try
 779 to see their trajectories, especially during replay mode. Just
 780 recently, Magic Leap announced that its AR product, the
 781 Magic Leap One, will have an increased field of view com-
 782 pared to the HoloLens³. This could potentially solve this
 783 issue. Users also commented on and struggled with how un-
 784 comfortable the HoloLens can be. This could be solved with
 785 future hardware developments as well. Another limitation
 786 was the HoloLens tracking. This led us to use the HTC Vive,
 787 but that brings its own set of challenges by constricting
 788 users to a predefined space, increasing cost, and requiring
 789 difficult networking code.

790 Future work will focus on adding features to the editing
 791 environment. Results from our user study suggested that

793 ³<https://creator.magicleap.com/learn/guides/field-of-view>

794 users would like more control over their creations. For ex-
 795 ample, 3 mentioned that they would like to edit individual
 796 waypoints, and 1 mentioned that they would prefer to be
 797 able to chain trajectories and change timing information in
 798 a more fine-grained way. Our tool is intended to be a low-
 799 fidelity prototyping tool, so some of these functions are out
 800 of scope, but some would improve performance. Addition-
 801 ally, adding the ability to port a trajectory to an application
 802 like Blender would increase the effectiveness of the project.
 803 Then, users could prototype and establish a rough idea of
 804 what they want in our application, but then finely tune their
 805 idea into a high-fidelity project in Blender.

806 Another important aspect of future work will be to make
 807 the environment more immersive. One user commented that
 808 the controls were counterintuitive to someone experienced
 809 with AR/VR. Our controls were not mapped like some com-
 810 mon applications were. Another user commented that in the
 811 Google VR application Tilt Brush, they appreciated the abil-
 812 ity to directly manipulate their creations without having to
 813 access a menu. For example, they could grab and move lines.
 814 We could add functions like this and a two-handed motion
 815 to expand or contract points, among other improvements, to
 816 increase the feeling of immersion within our environment.

817 Finally, we could add functionality much like Cappo et al.
 818 to translate online input into non-colliding dynamically fea-
 819 sible trajectories [4]. We would add this onto our outputted
 820 trajectories to ensure they don’t collide.

821 10 CONCLUSIONS

822 As digital creativity tools evolve, we aim to bring many of the
 823 same familiar fluid elements of creativity found within the
 824 established artistic practices to this domain in the hope that
 825 such efforts will broaden participation, improve inclusivity,
 826 and enable new forms of creativity, innovations, products,
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