# Touch <br> nput 

## CSE 510

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Nokia 5800, 2008


"we've invented..."


[Plato IV '72]
¢ http://www.billbuxton.com/multitouchOverview.html




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Inspiron 7000,1998


## Compaq PDA, 2000

[Matsushita et al., UIST '00]



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DiamondTouch [Dietz \& Leigh '01]


Fingerworks, 2005

iPhone 1, 2007

...and it prevailed


Bodyprint [CHI '15]

optical touch sensing

## walls \& tables

camera

illumination

imaging surface

## optical touch sensing

diffuse illumination



darker and blurry

## projection plane



## projection plane





Microsoft Surface, 2008



## frustrated total internal reflection the other camp

Multr-Touch Sensing through Frustrated Total Internal Reflectance
projection plane

[Han, UIST '05]
fingerprint scanners


[RAW CAMERA OUTPUT IS O MYE OM SURFACE]
[Han, UIST '05]

# weird mixes 

diffuse illumination + frustrated Fresnel reflection

diffuse reflection + surface reflection

diffuse reflection + surface reflection
diffuse reflection frustrated surface reflection
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what's the big difference?
30 second brainstorming
diffuse illumination
FTIR

Touch processing

typical processing pipeline

typical processing pipeline

\section*{| $\begin{array}{c}\text { segment } \\ \text { objects }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { find connected } \\ \text { components }\end{array}$ |
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| components | who sees the link to Buxton's Touch, Gesture \& Marking? 30 second brainstorming}

## typical processing pipeline


typical processing pipeline

Touch accuracy

Biometric Touch Sensing [UIST '15]

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input resolution: $42 \times 33$ across a $10^{\prime \prime}$ display
map to an accurate input location
screen resolution: 2,160 x 1,440

## center of gravity

if only it were that easy :-)


Information Kiosks [Plaisant et al. '88]


Home Automation [Plaisant et al. '90 and on]


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solution: "finger mouse", a cursor the user drags on the screen strategies: touch-down, first-contact, lift-off + offset cursor
okay, let's use cursors then...


High precision touch screen interaction [Albinsson and Zhai, CHI '03]


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[Albinsson and Zhai, CHI '03]

Touch Screen Pointing Test
Experiment Settings


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Precise Selection Techniques [Benko et al., CHI '06]

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contact area
flat finger pitch


## Direct-touch vs. mouse input

the culprit:
the fat-finger problem
fat finger

fat finger


[Baudisch and Chu, CHI '09]


Shift

## why did you read this paper?

30 second brainstorming

Shift
(a) user view

(b) hardware view

perceived input point problem
[Vogel and Baudisch, CHI '07]

## showing cursors is cheating!

...and they almost convinced us!


the problem is underspecified!


let's assume for a second that there is
no fat finger
instead, almost all observed targeting error comes from perceived input point
problem

## perceived input point problem

why we hope it's the perceived input point problem?
we can correct for it

the fat finger problem, in contrast is always noise = error

## our main hypothesis

while there is always an offset, we hypothesize that the offset depends on the pointing situation

## I yaw



## pitch



## 3 roll


\& users: finger shape


## $\Delta$ users: mental model



## current model


center of contact area


2D screen

## we propose


sensing the finger in 3D


2D screen


## independent variables

yaw

$0^{\circ}$
pitch
roll

$90^{\circ}$

$90^{\circ}$
$65^{\circ}$

$45^{\circ}$

$45^{\circ}$

$15^{\circ}$

$25^{\circ}$

$15^{\circ}$

$0^{\circ}$

$-15^{\circ}$
error metric


## error metric


spread
:= variation within a condition

## error metric


spread
:= variation within a condition
minimum button size
:= 95\% of samples across conditions

## study design

2 yaw
$\times 2$ sessions (pitch, roll)
$\times 5$ angles
$\times 6$ repetitions per angle $\times 5$ blocks
$=600$ trials / participant
12 participants

pitch

roll


## user

\#1
\#2
\#3

\#4

pitch

## user


which user is the most accurate?
30 secondi brainstorming

## minimum button size



## minimum button size


can we make this real?

## Ridgepad

optical fingerprint scanner
500 dpi
$1600 \times 1500$ pixels

## touchpad vs. fingerprint scanner



2D contact area


2D contact area

+ yaw, pitch, roll
+ participant ID



## minimum button size



## minimum button size


now we're done and touch is accurate.
no! there's a bug here!
we're still compensating...

systematic effect


## 2D



## 3D

## 2D



challenge

## challenge

we need a model
in HCl , models are typically obtained using an unambiguous device (e.g., mouse)

1. measure data points
2. fit a curve
but what shall we measure?
there are infinite ways how users might map these crosshairs to 3D
so we had to revert to
basic experimental process...

## guess a model

try it out in an experiment
if outcome is bad, repeat

## which model?

if it is not the contact area...

## creating models using visual features

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## evaluating the models


bad model large error offsets
good model small error offsets

3 user studies


## independent variables


pitch

## ...and head position



## study design

6 combinations of finger angles (pitch, roll)
$\times 4$ head positions
$\times 2$ blocks
$\times 4$ repetitions
$=192$ trials / participant
$30+12+12$ participants


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## minimum button size



touch input is a 3D operation
users target using features on top of the finger

current devices sense features at the bottom of finger

1) We implement users' mental models

2) We compensate for errors

Ridgepad
reconstructs the finger in 3D
input-only
not real-time


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