

Interaction with Large Public Displays using Phonecams

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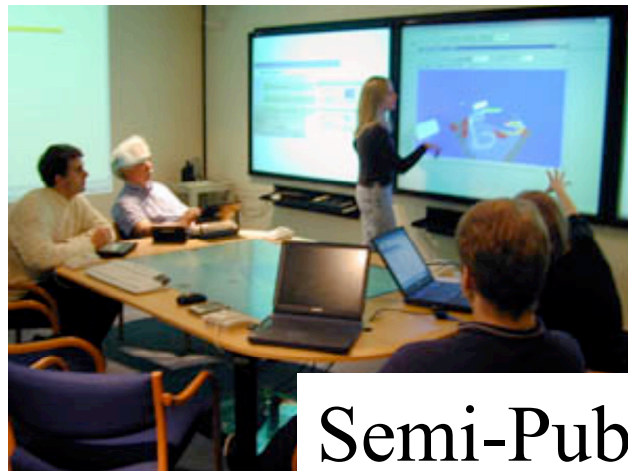


Overview

- Introduction / Motivation
 - **Large Public Displays**
 - **Phones vs. Other Interaction Techniques**
- New Phonecam Interaction Techniques
 - **Sweep**
 - **Point & Shoot**
- Future Directions
 - **Potential Improvements**
 - **Deployment Opportunities**
- Demo

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Potential Applications

Large Public Displays

- Games
- Interactive art
- Digital bulletin boards
- Advertising

Direct surface interaction

- Clear affordance
- One-to-one mapping
- High Serendipity

But...

- Physical Security
- Scalability
- Perspective
- Sanitation / Maintenance
- Multi-user



Mobile Phones

- Inherent Multi-user support (1 device / person)
- Physical Security not an issue
- User familiarity
- Connectivity standards
- Many built-in sensors / actuators



Mobile Phones for Pointing Tasks

Two Camera-based Techniques

- Sweep
- Point & Shoot



Sweep

- Optical Flow Technique
 - **Allows the phone to be used like an optical mouse**
- The joystick is used as a clutch
 - **Allows user to reposition arm**
- User can focus attention on the large display





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Point and Shoot



- Aim using cross-hair cursor on phone screen
- Take a picture
- Item that you selected through the camera lens becomes selected on the large display.



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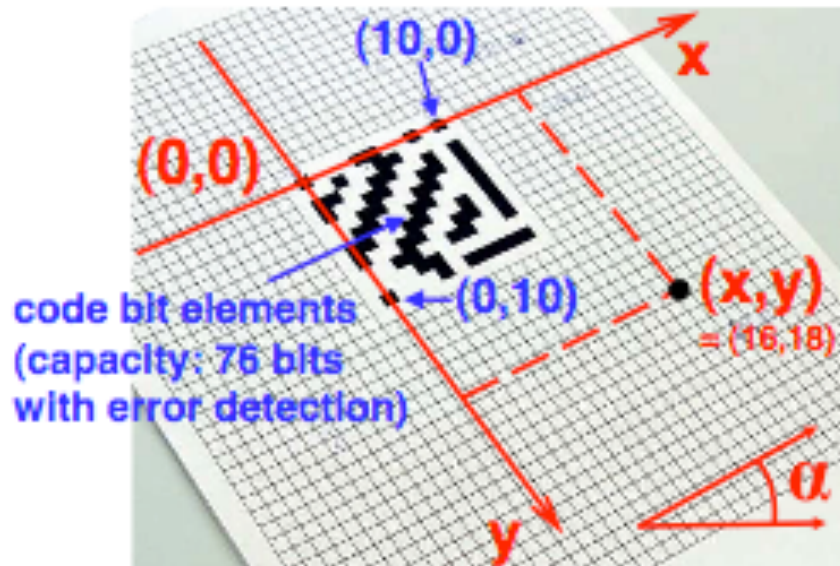
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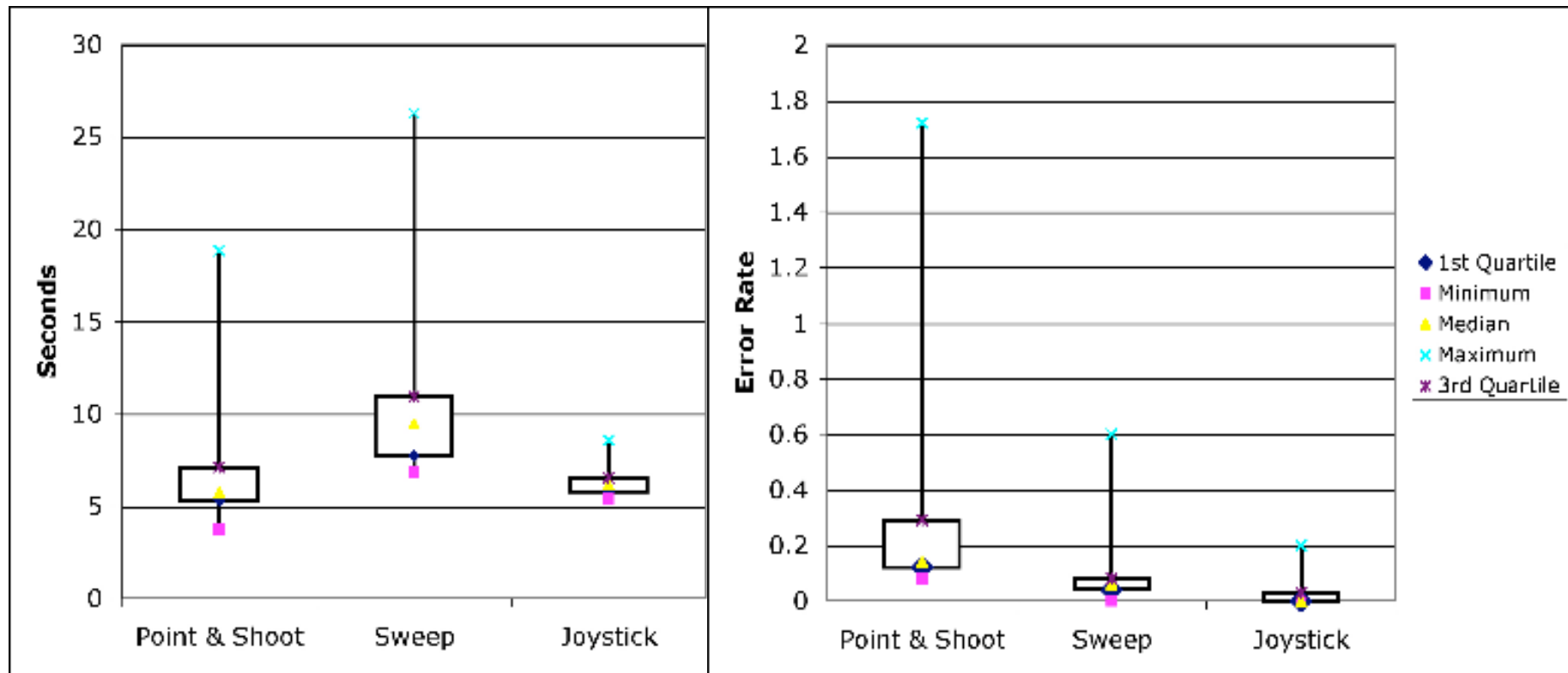
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Visual Codes

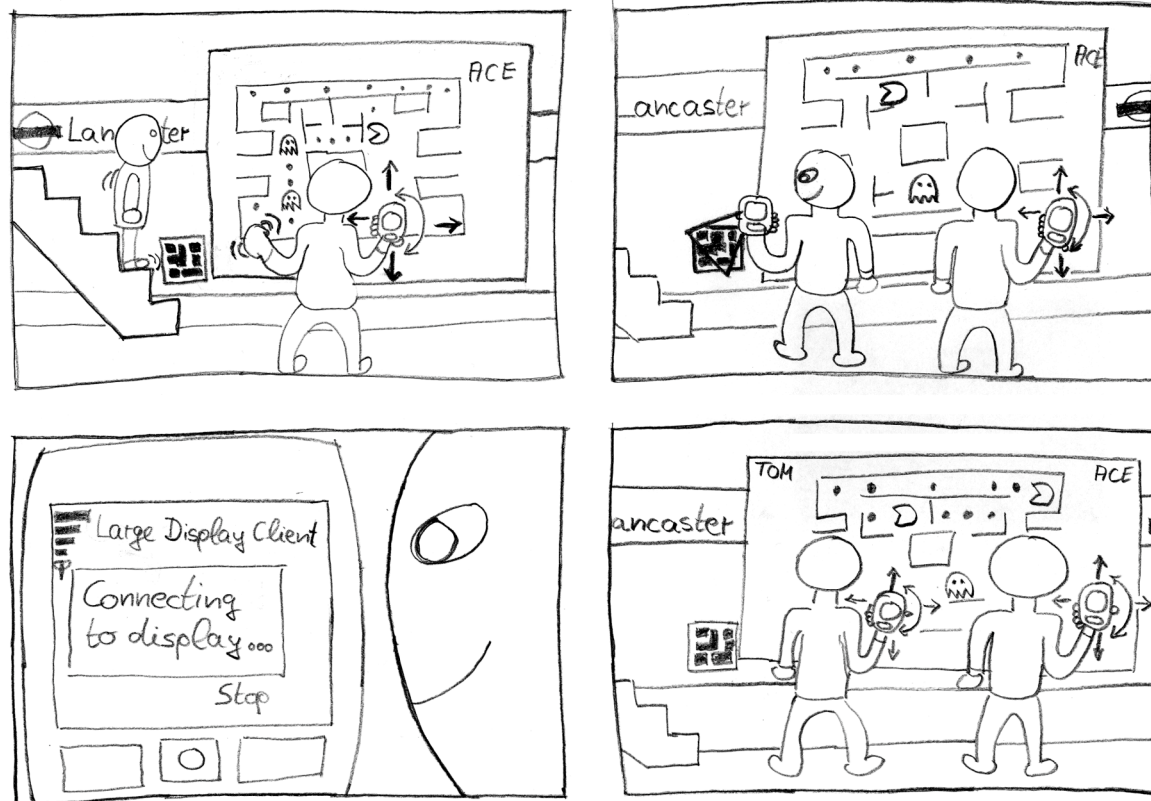


- Arbitrary
 - Orientation
 - Tilt
 - Rotation
- In Point & Shoot they are used to derive coordinate system on the display surface.
- Currently 83 bits

Performance Evaluation



Example Scenario



Deployment Opportunities

- eCampus
- REXplorer

