

Touch Technologies

Touching the World

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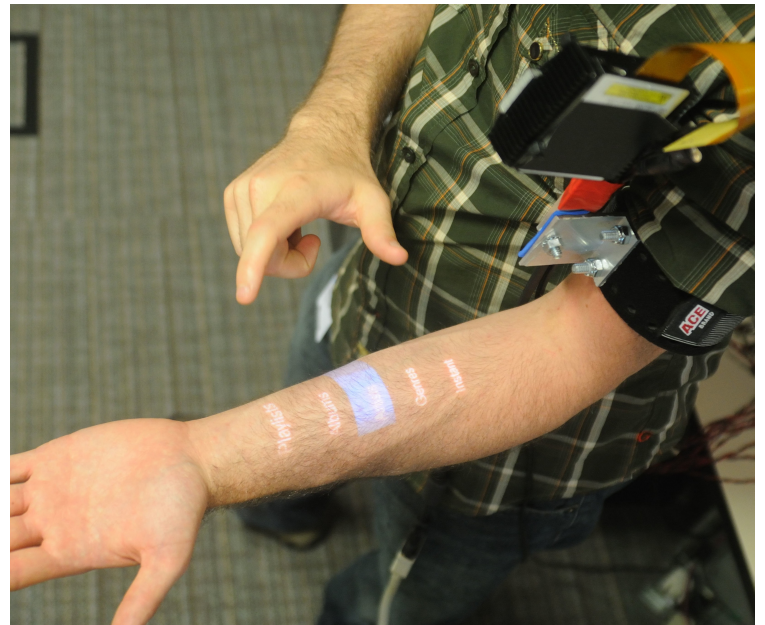


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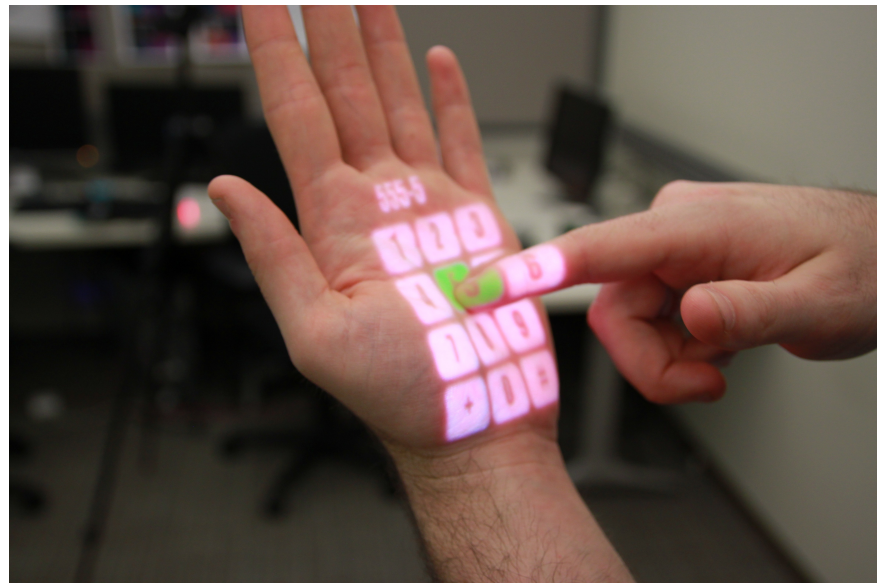
Overview

- Skin as touchscreen
 - Skinput



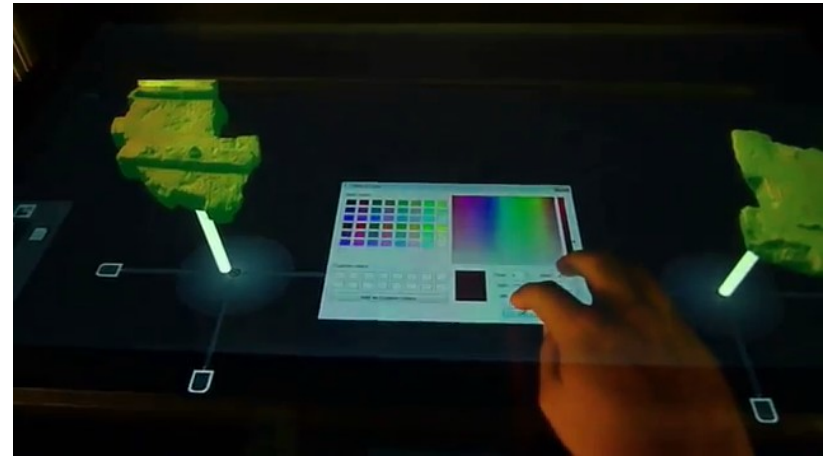
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- Touchscreen for virtual 3D
 - Toucheo

Skin as Touchscreen

Introduction

- Mobile phones like computers
- Small screen/keyboard size

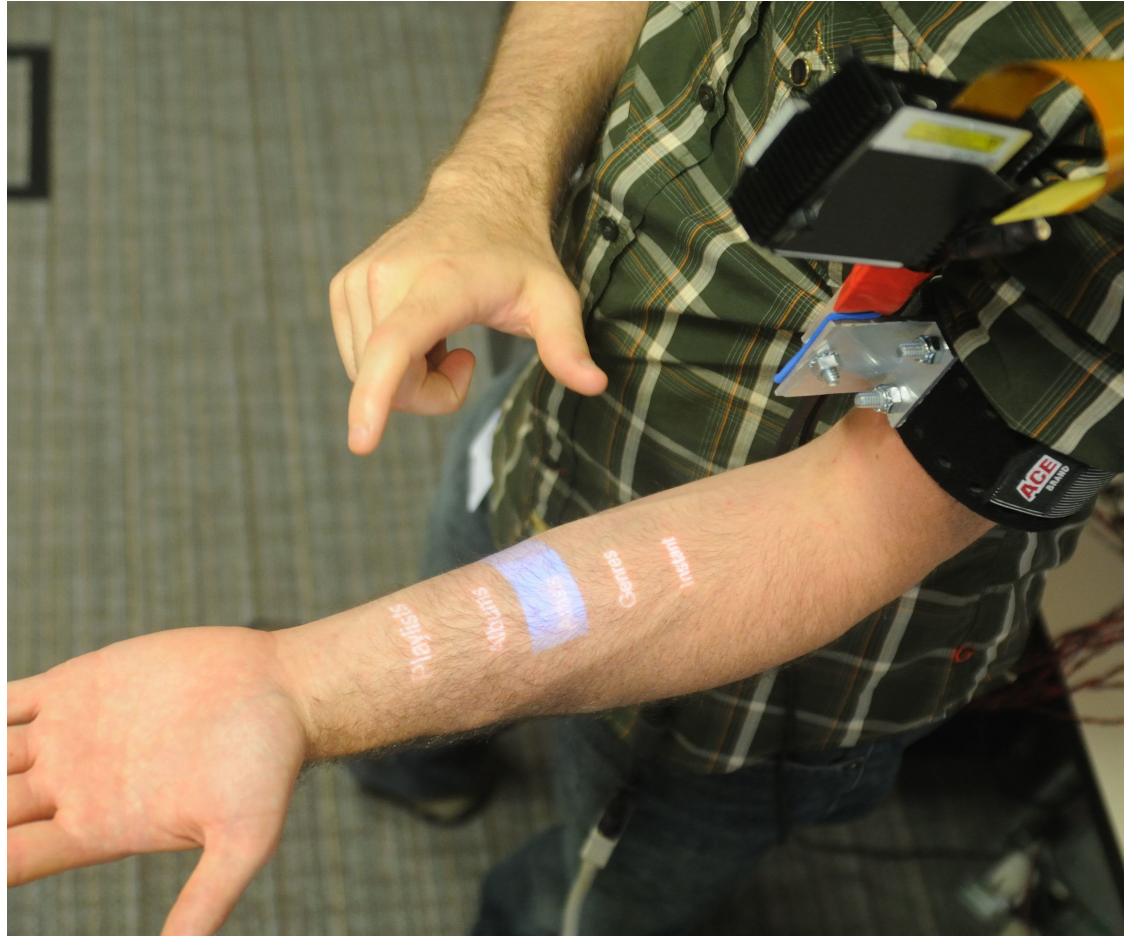


User becomes
bottleneck



Harrison et al. 2010

Skinput



Skinput

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Toucheo

Purpose

- Extend interface
- Using skin

Video

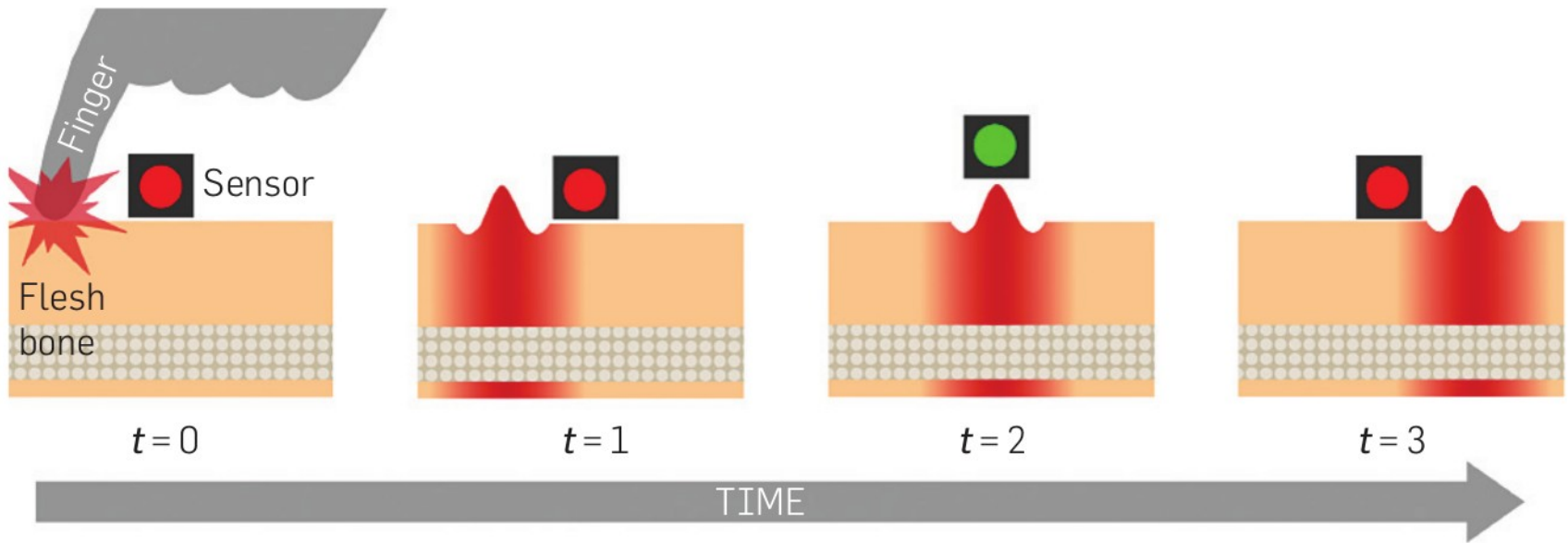
Video: o1_skinput.avi

Difficulty

- Touch → where?

How it works

The Waves



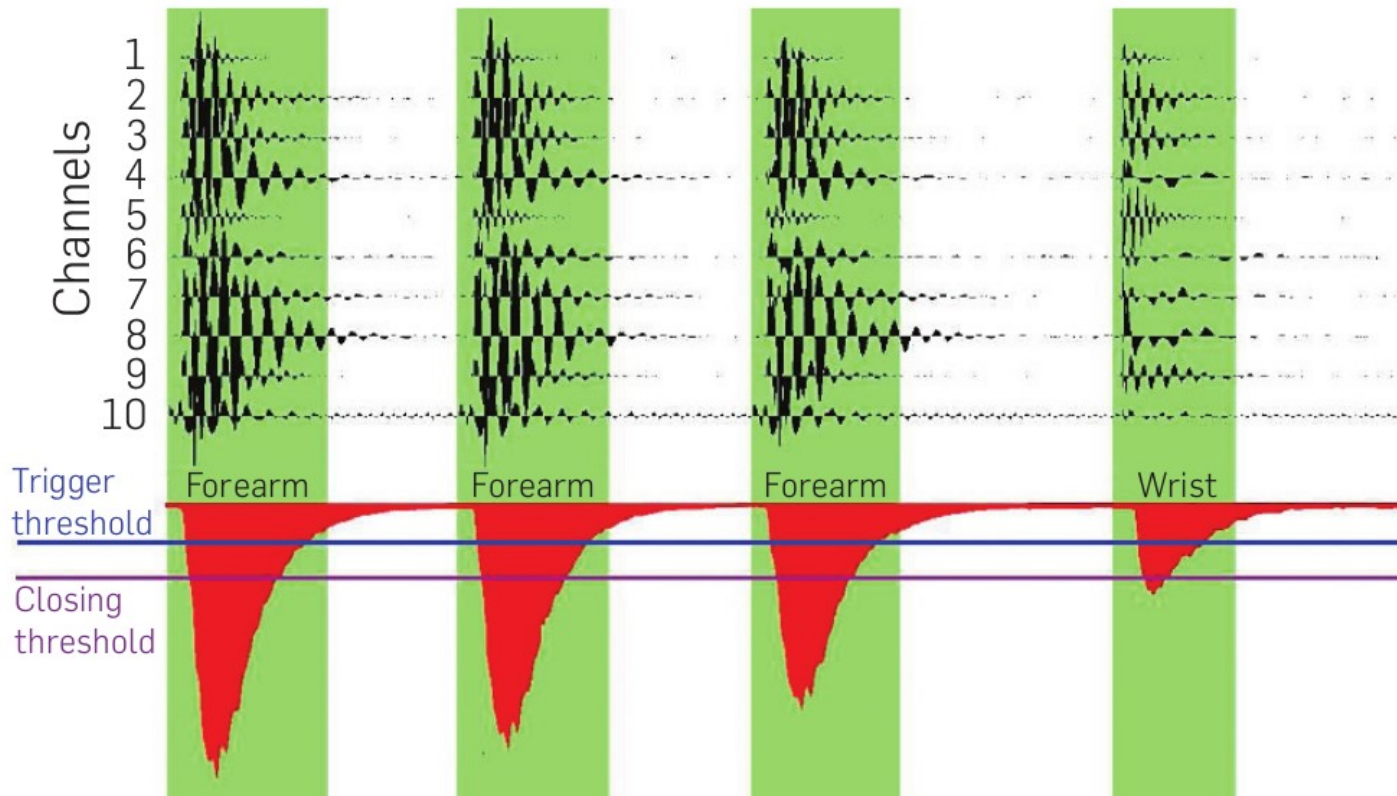
Skinput

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How it works

Processing the Waves



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How it works

Training SVM

Video: o2_skinput.avi

How it works

Recognition

Video: o3_skinput.avi

How well it works

- User study with 13 participants
- Touch event errors “negligible”
- Position not very accurate
 - Overall 87.6% (5 to 10 locations)
 - Up to 95.5% (5 locations)

How well it works

Video: o4_skinput.avi

Personal Opinion

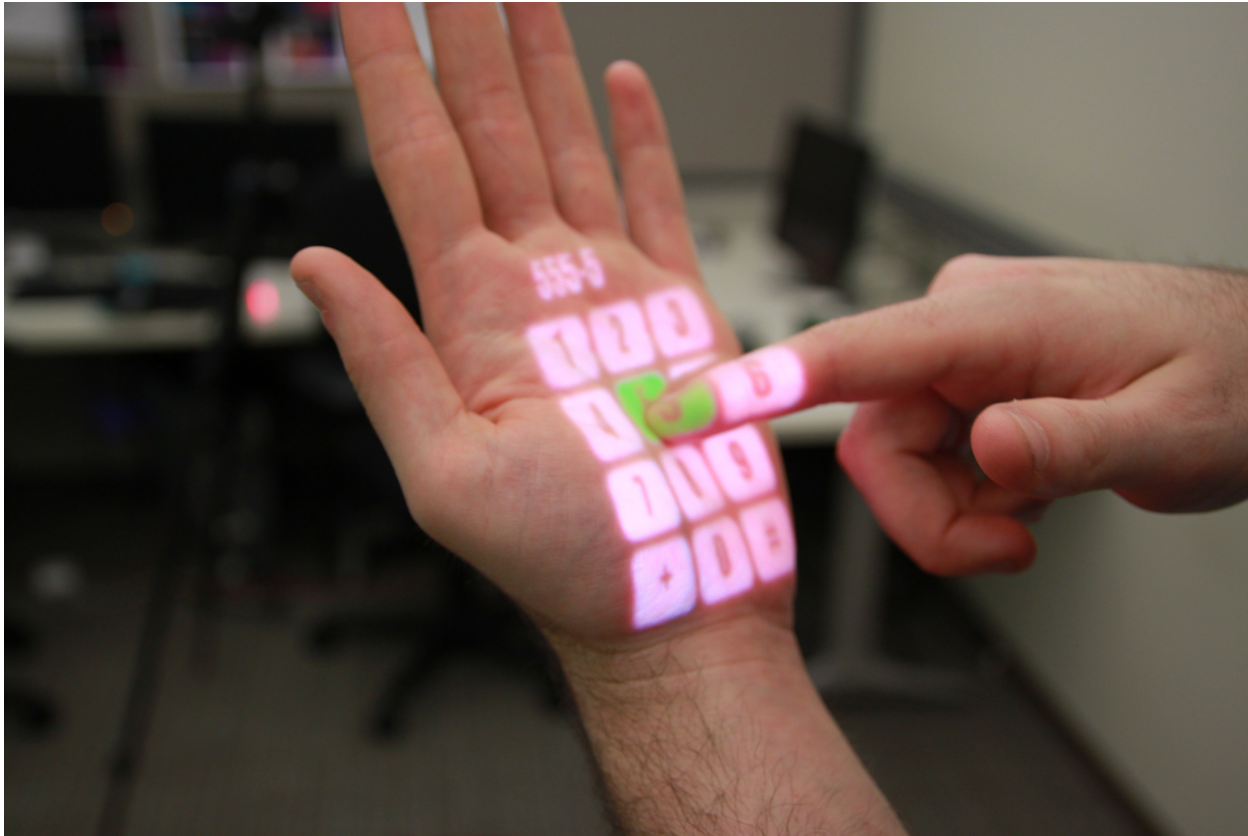
- Very innovative
- Requires lots of calibration
 - Did not work well in demos
- Lots of “magic” that isn't entirely understood
 - Hard to tune → gesture recognition?
 - Completely individual

Vision

- Armband will get smaller
- Use cases without projector
 - Car
 - Jogging
 - Audio Feedback?

Harrison et al. 2011

OmniTouch



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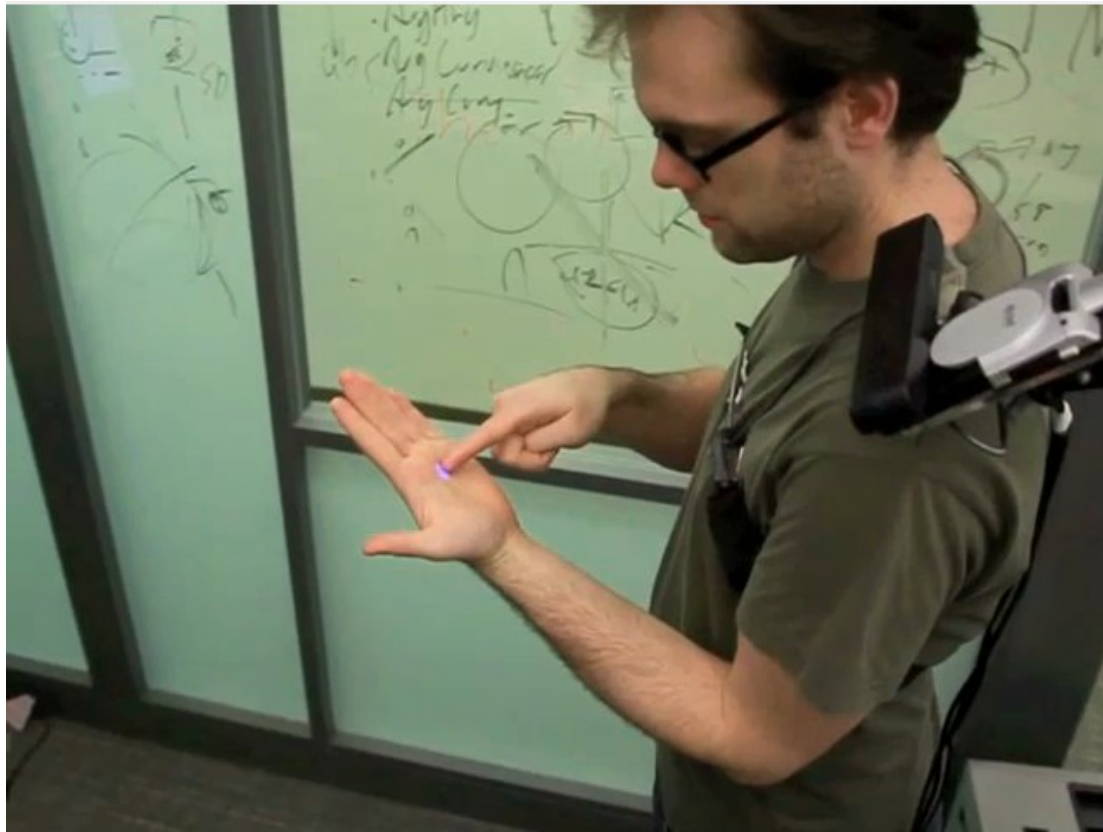
OmniTouch

Toucheo

Purpose

- Like Skinput, but
 - Needs a projector
 - Needs a depth-camera
 - Can be used on additional flat surfaces

Video



Skinput

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Video

Video: 05_omnitouch.avi

Difficulties Projection

- **Surface is uneven**
 - Distortion
 - Focus
- **Surface is moving**
 - Tracking



Difficulties Input Recognition

- Touch event recognition
 - Touch → when?
 - Touch → where?

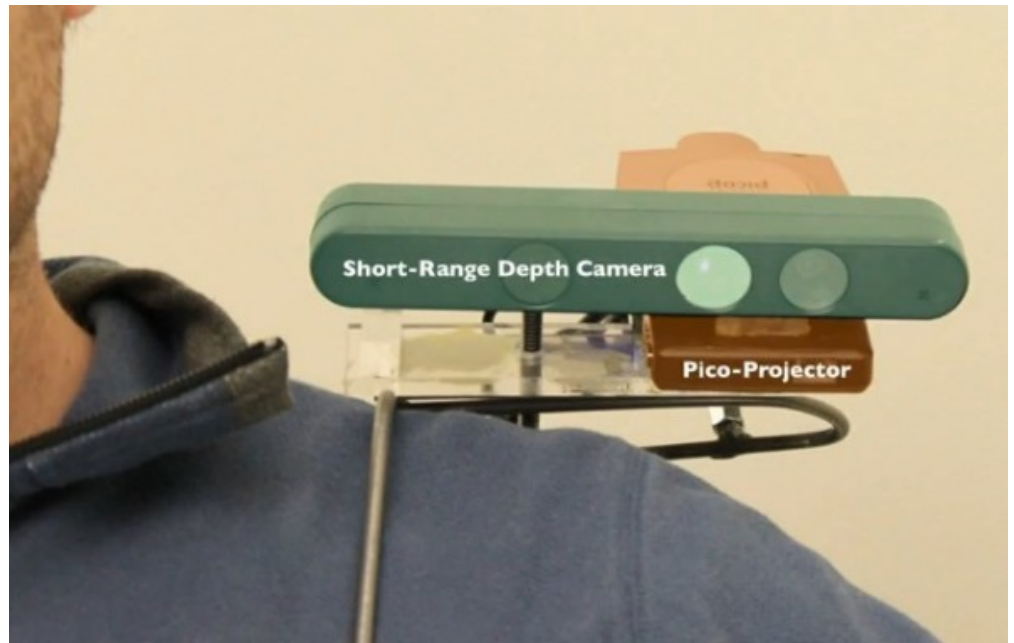


How it works

The Hardware



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How it works

Recognition of Fingers

Step 1:
Depth map of scene



How it works

Recognition of Fingers

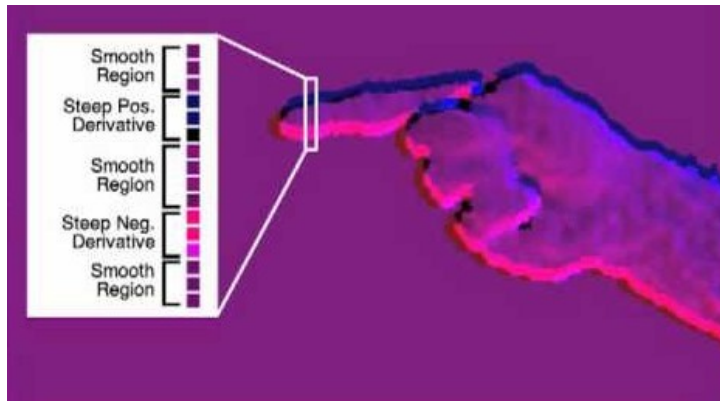
Step 2:
Derivatives



How it works

Recognition of Fingers

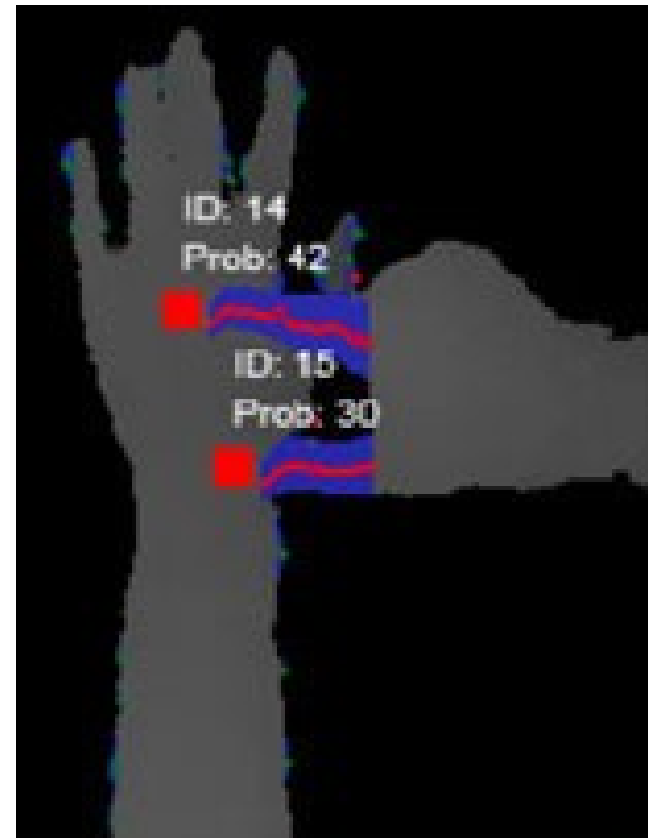
Step 3:
“Template matching”



How it works

Recognition of Fingers

Step 4:
Group slices &
find fingertips



How it works

Recognition of Touch Events

Flood fill the finger



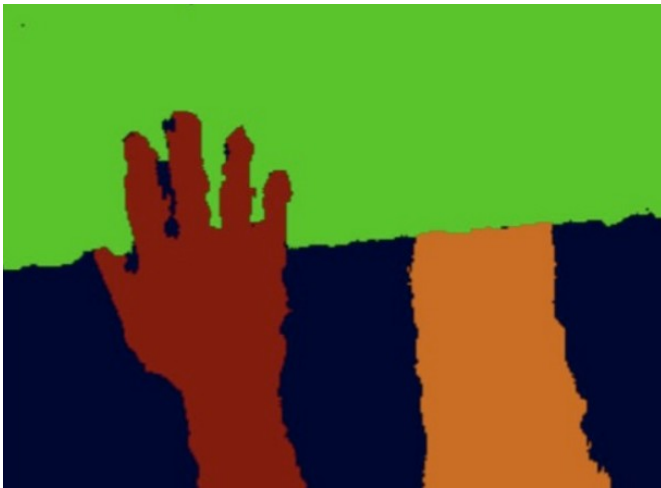
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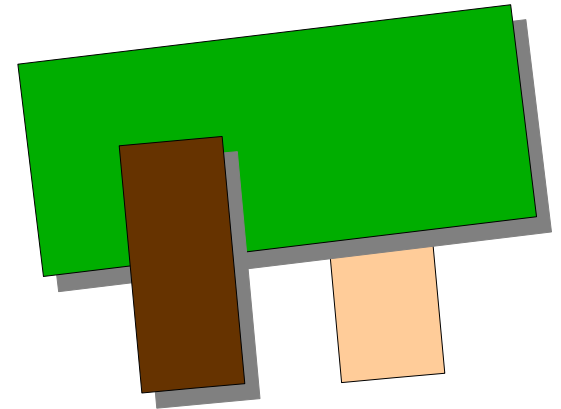
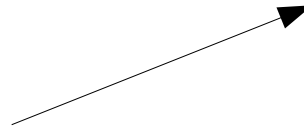
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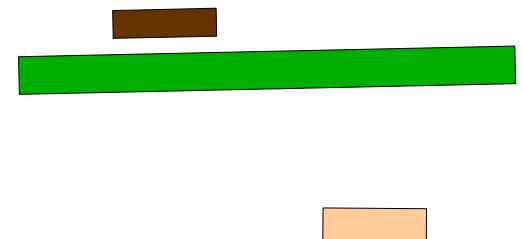
Recognition of Surfaces



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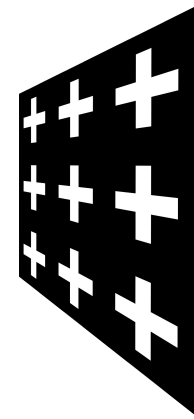
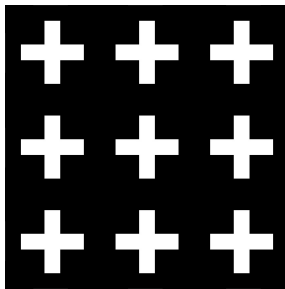


Toucheo

How it works

Displaying Interfaces

- Projective texturing



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How well it works

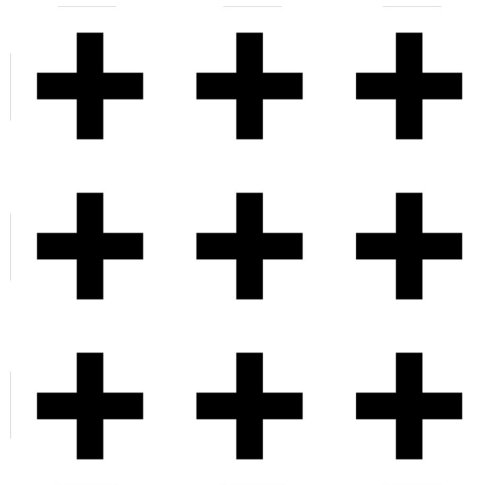
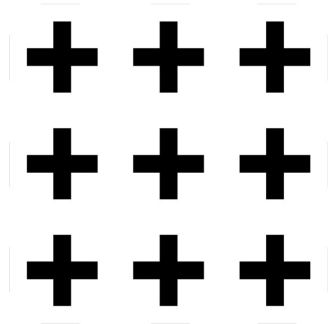
Click Accuracy

- User study with 12 participants
- Click recognition: 96.5%

How well it works

Location Accuracy

Touchscreen: 15mm



Omnitouch, hand: 25mm

Personal Opinion

- Fascinating paper
- Popular on web
- No real applications yet
- Use self-made algorithms
 - possible to improve

Vision

- Entire world as touchscreen
- Device will get smaller and more comfortable

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OmniTouch

- Touch accuracy
- Use cases without projector

- Location accuracy
- Use more surfaces
 - More applications

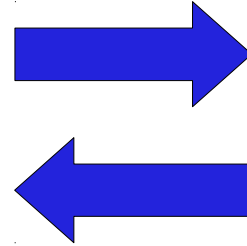
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OmniTouch

- “Impact” press needed
 - No long press
 - No dragging
- Setup & calibration
- Stable arm position
- Predefined points

- Finger detection
- Where to place hardware?
- Bright light

Touchscreen ⇔ World



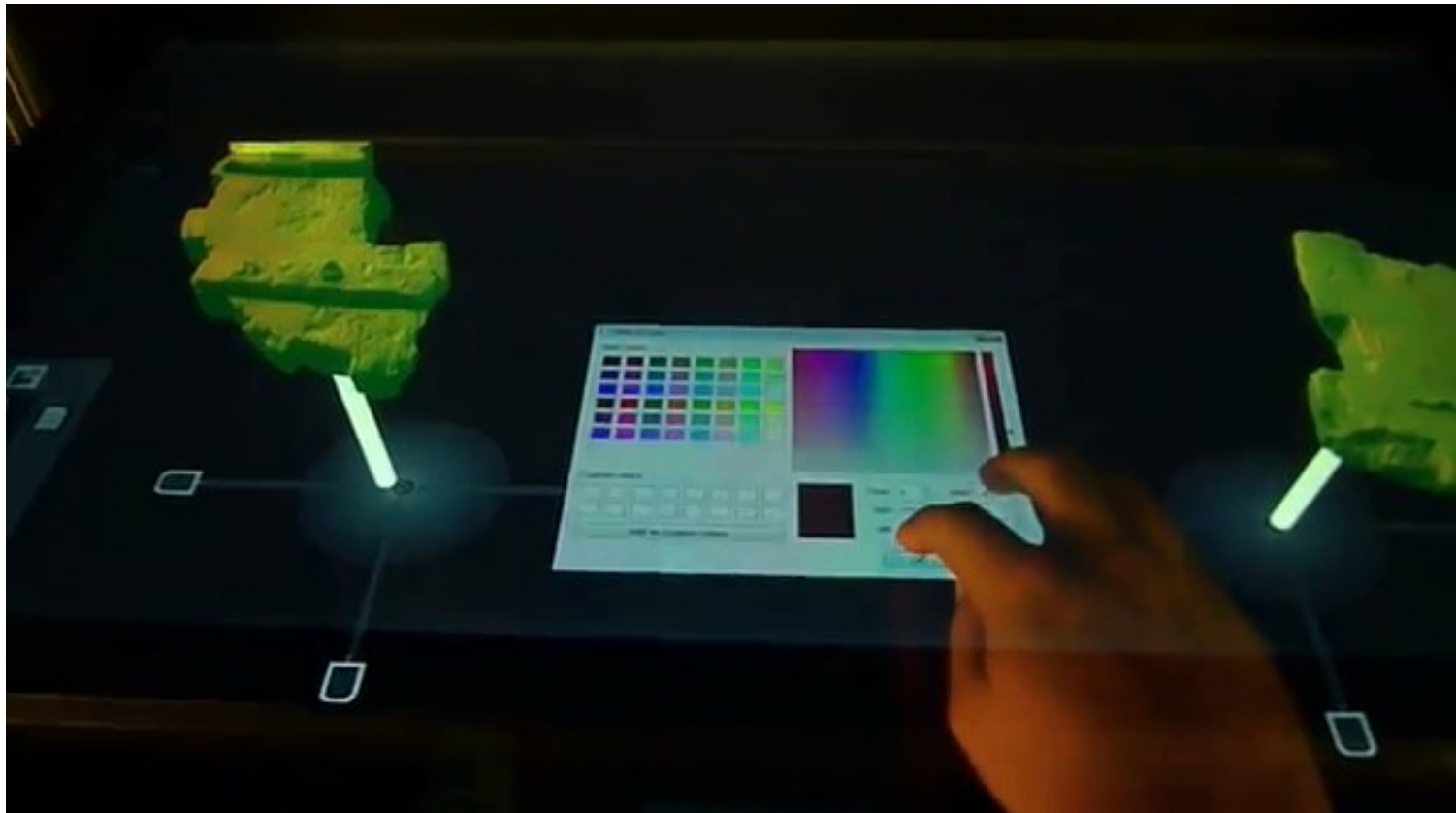
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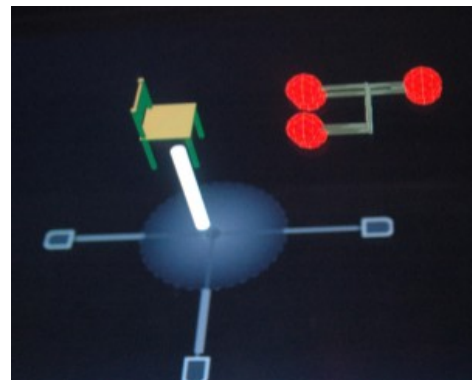
Toucheo

Purpose

- Merge trends
 - Multitouch touchscreen
 - Stereoscopic screen

Easy interaction with virtual 3D objects!

- Solve difficult tasks
 - e.g. 3D docking task



Video



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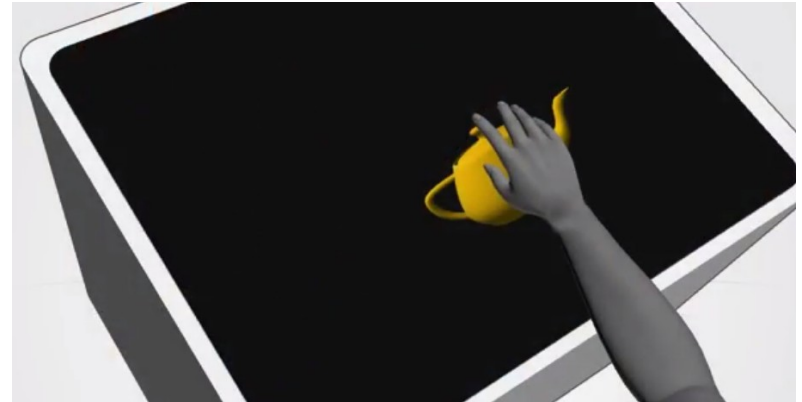
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Video: o7_toucheo.avi

Difficulties 3D and the Hands

- Occlusions

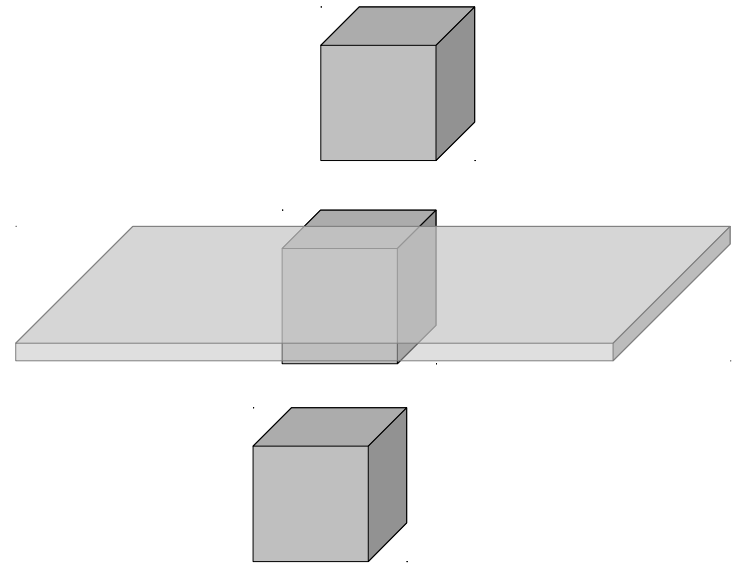


- Depth collision



Difficulties Eye Related

Contradiction



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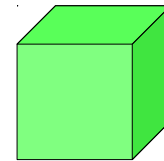
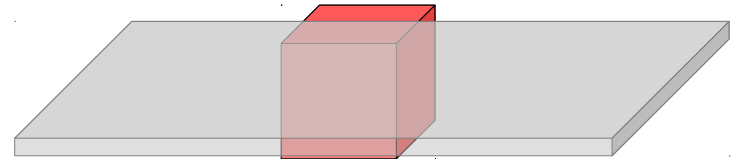
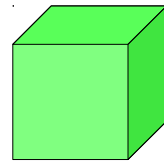
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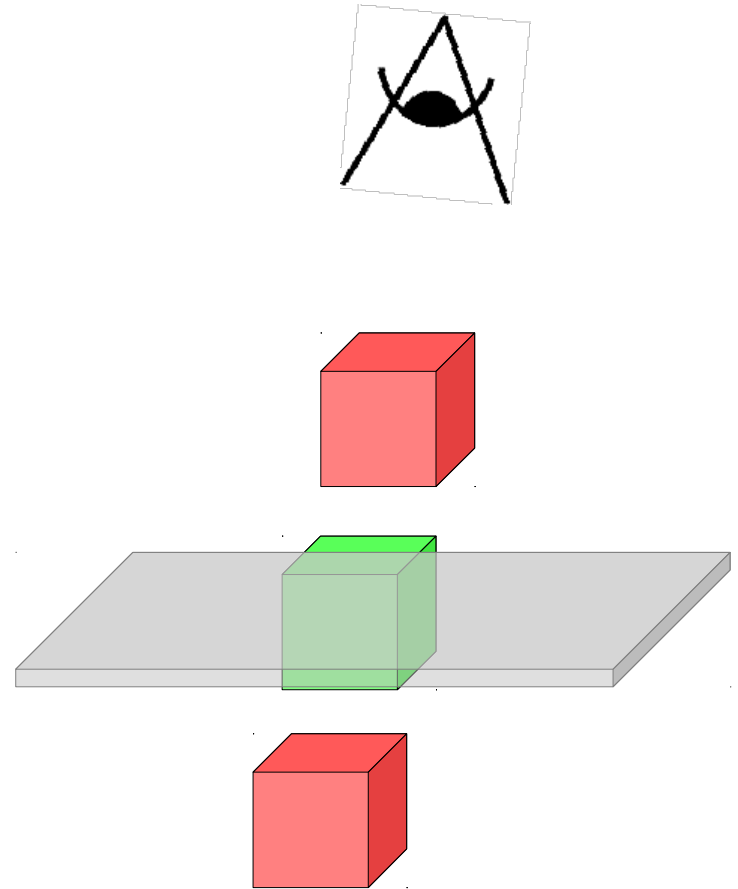
- 3D useful
above/below plane



Difficulties Eye Related

Contradiction

- 3D useful
above/below plane
- Touchscreen only
in plane



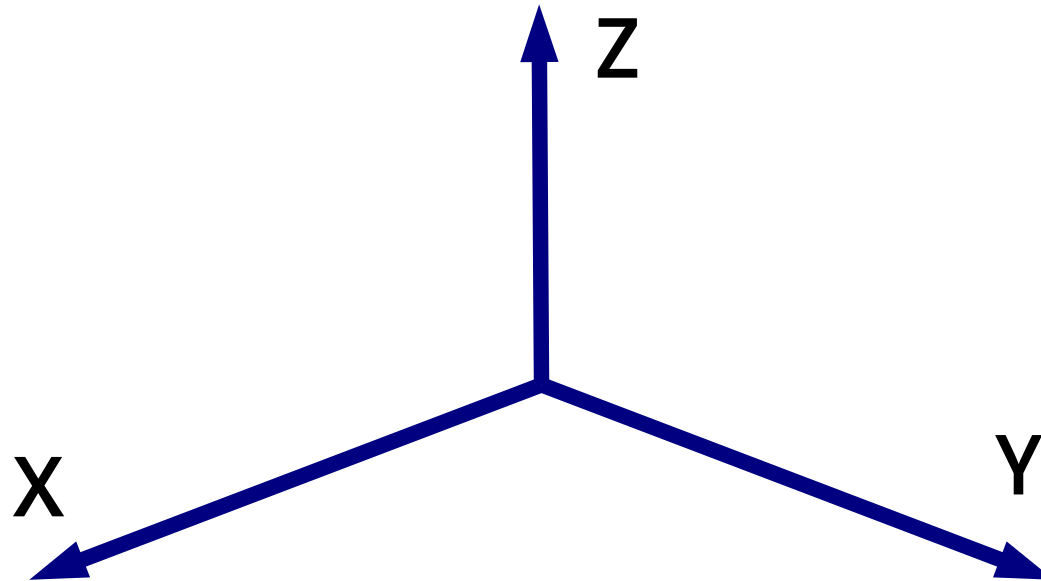
Difficulties Usable Interface

- Typical smartphone has 3+1 DOF, Toucheo has 9+1
- Intuitive interface?

Difficulties

The 9+1 DOF

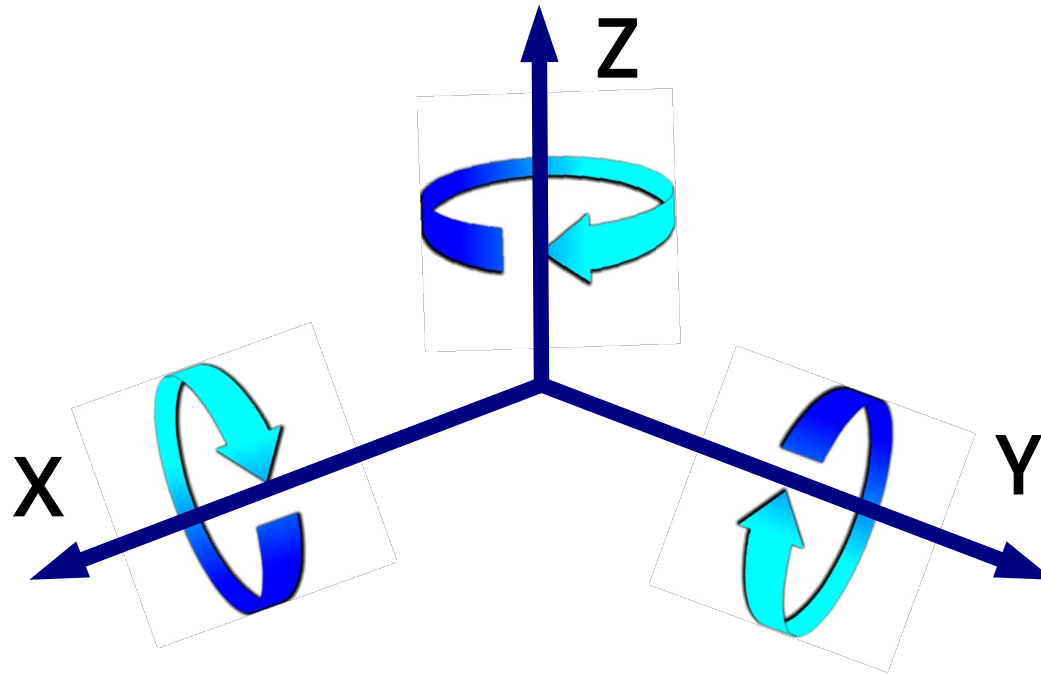
Translation: 3 DOF



Difficulties

The 9+1 DOF

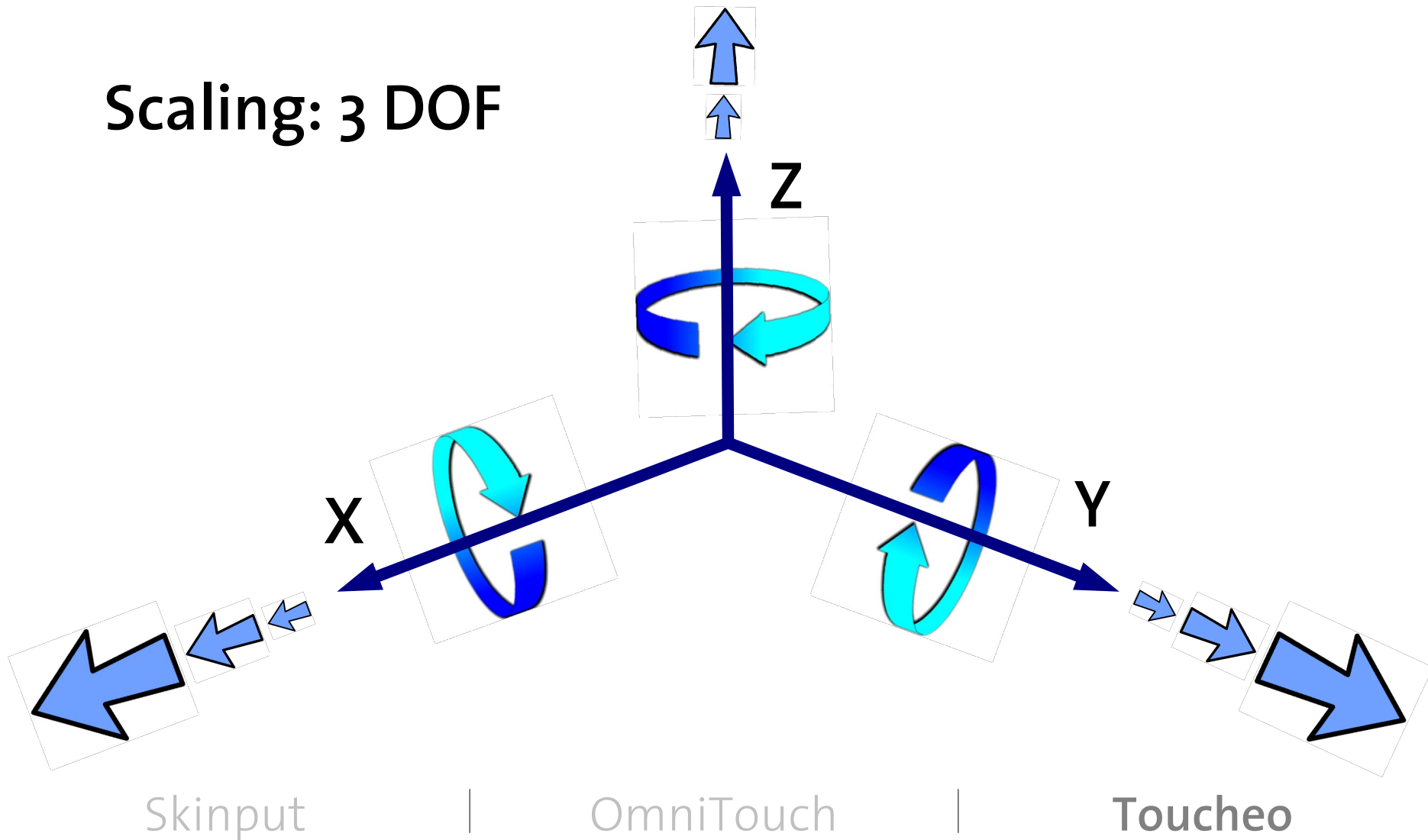
Rotation: 3 DOF



Difficulties

The 9+1 DOF

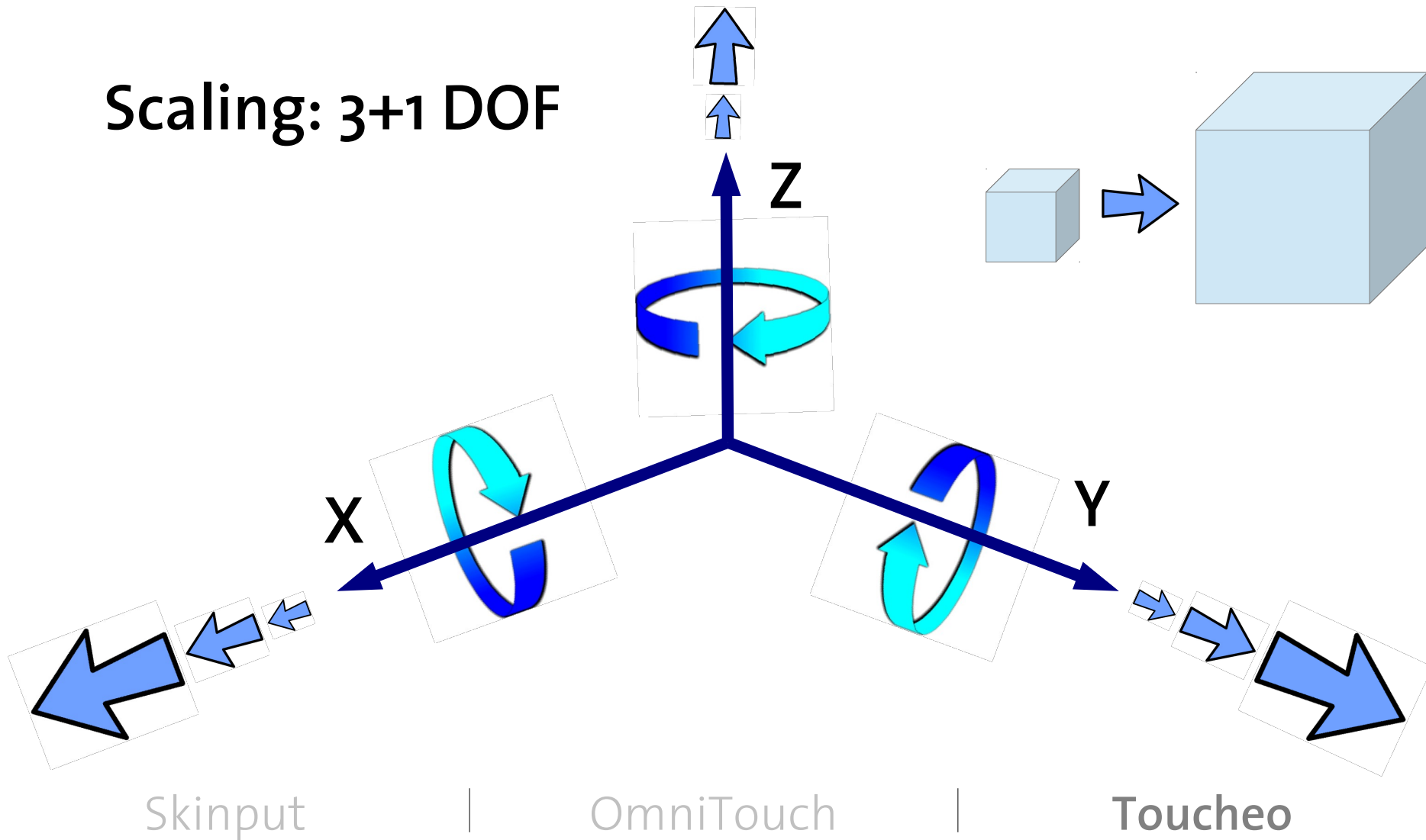
Scaling: 3 DOF



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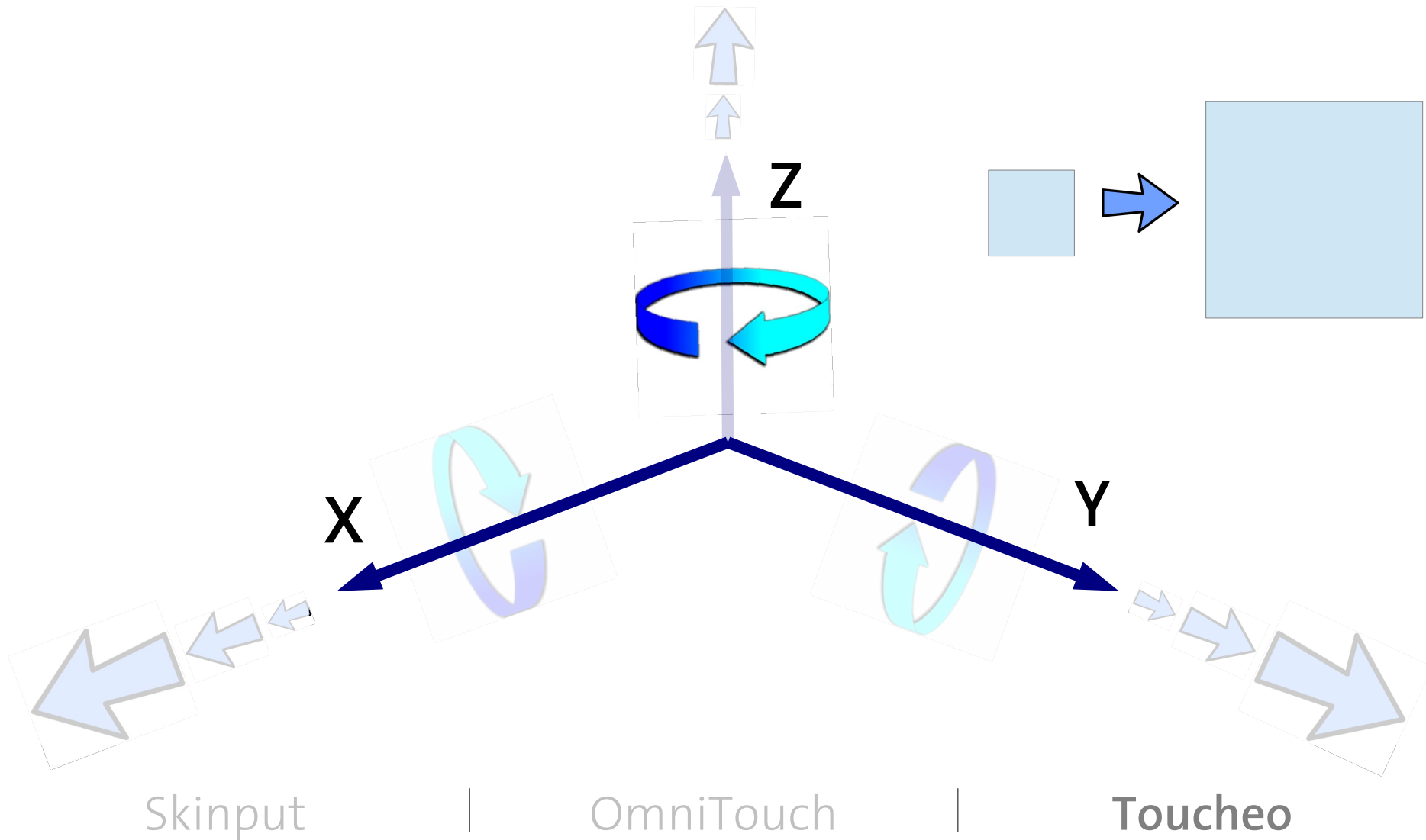
The 9+1 DOF

Scaling: 3+1 DOF



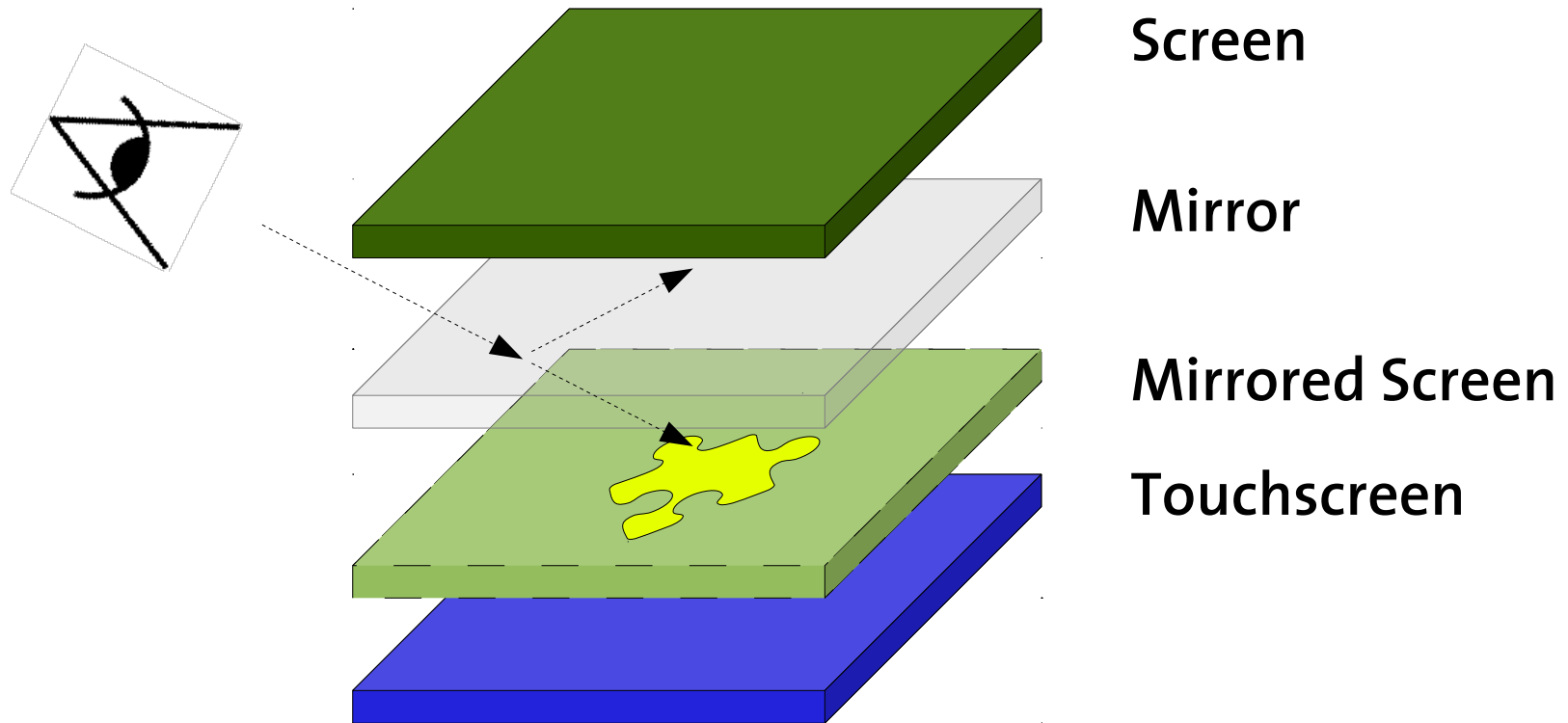
Difficulties

Smartphone: 3+1 DOF



How it works

The Setup



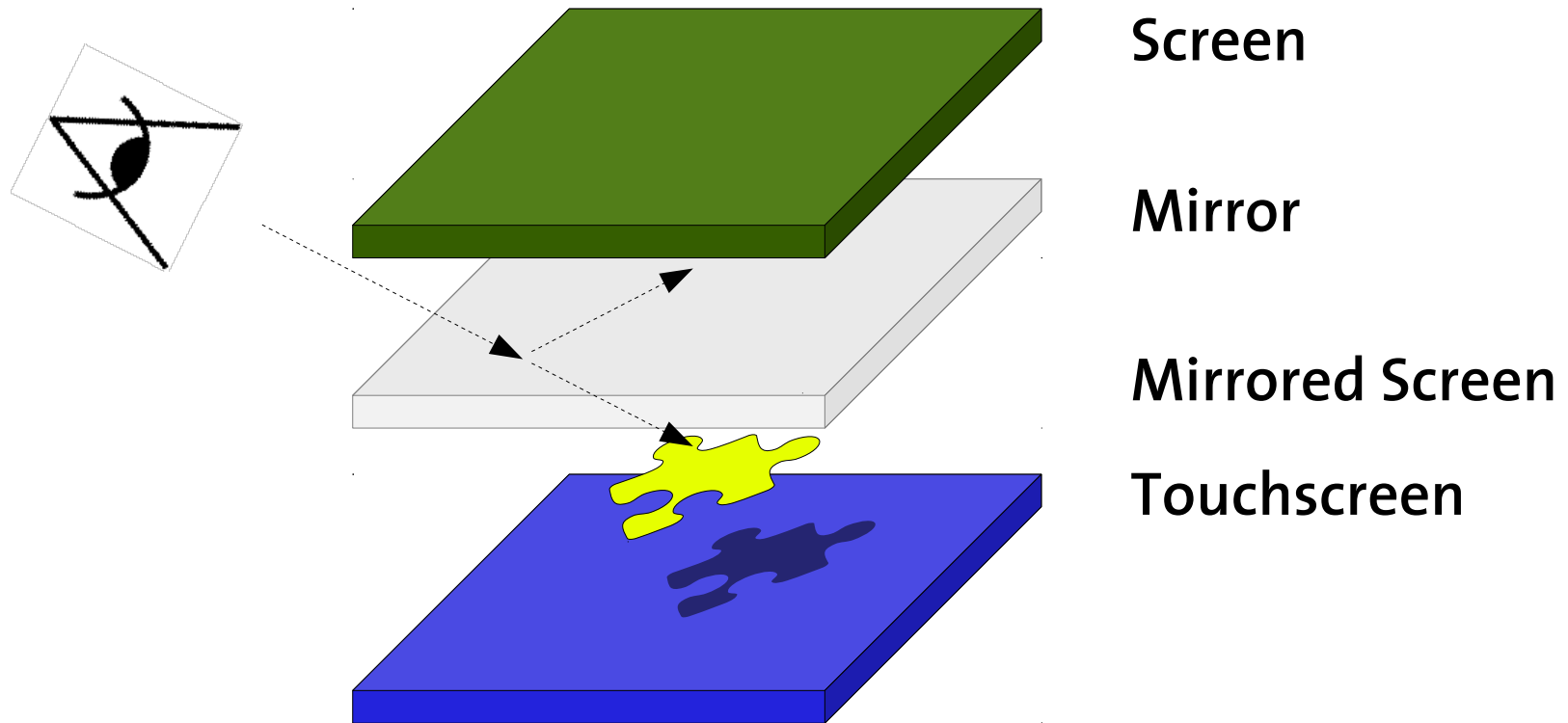
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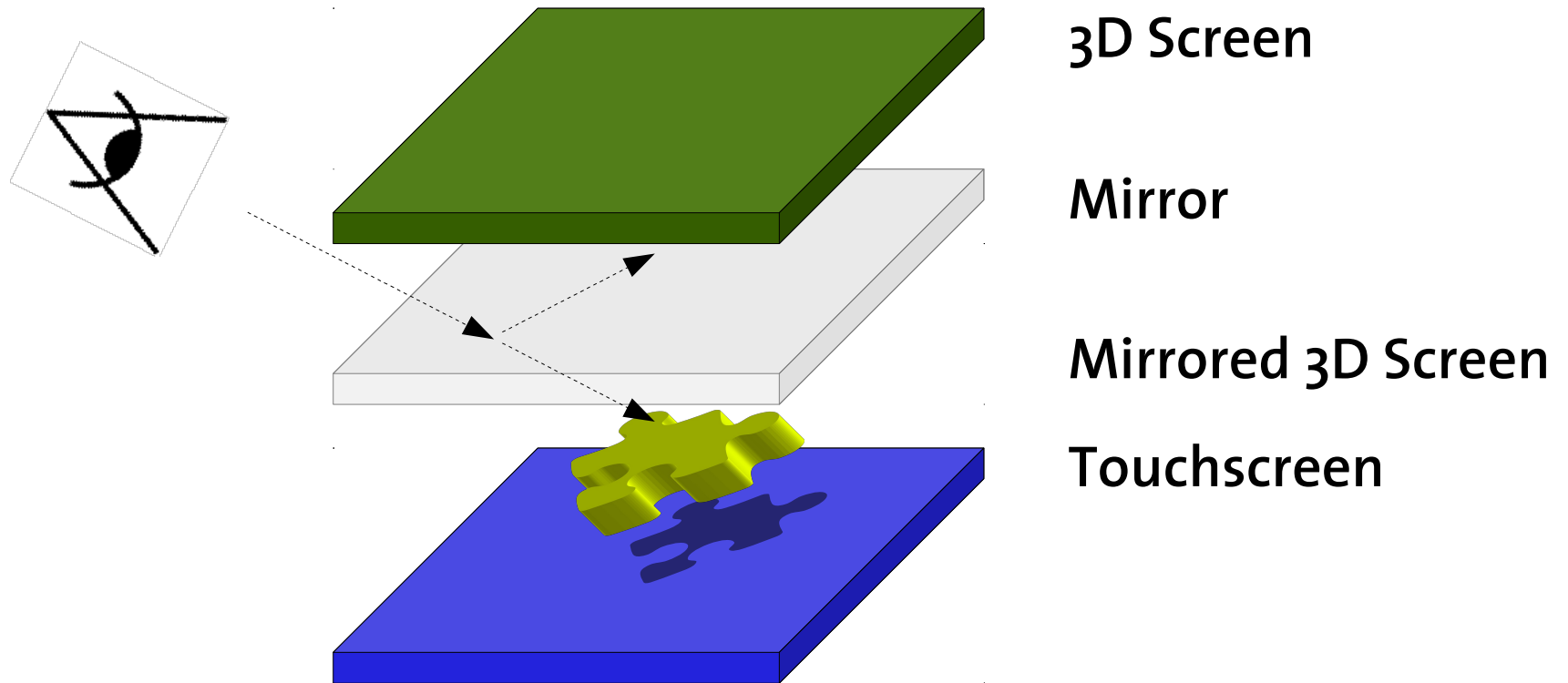
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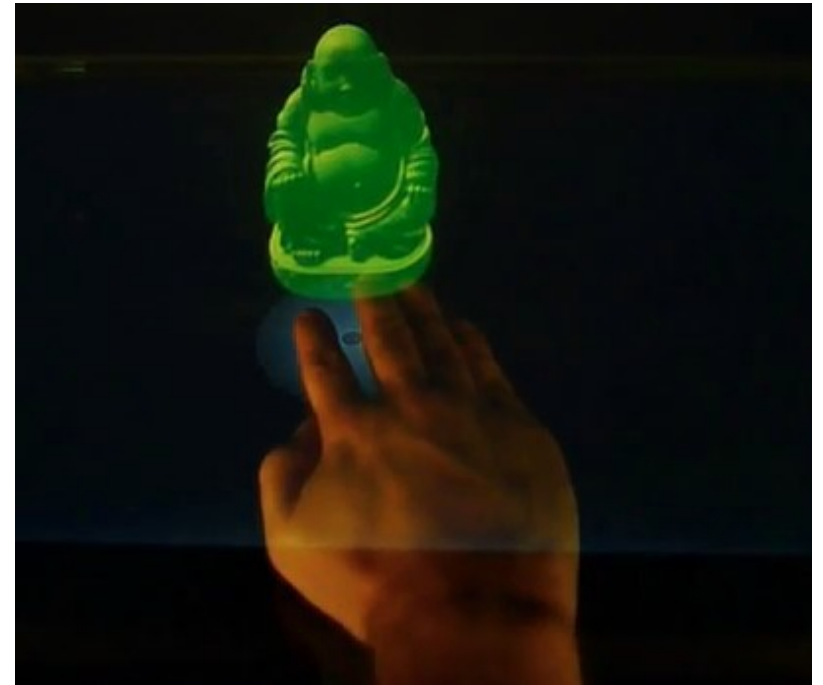
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How it works

The Setup

- Occlusion problems eliminated
- Depth collision problems reduced



How it works

3D to 2D - „Virtual Ray”



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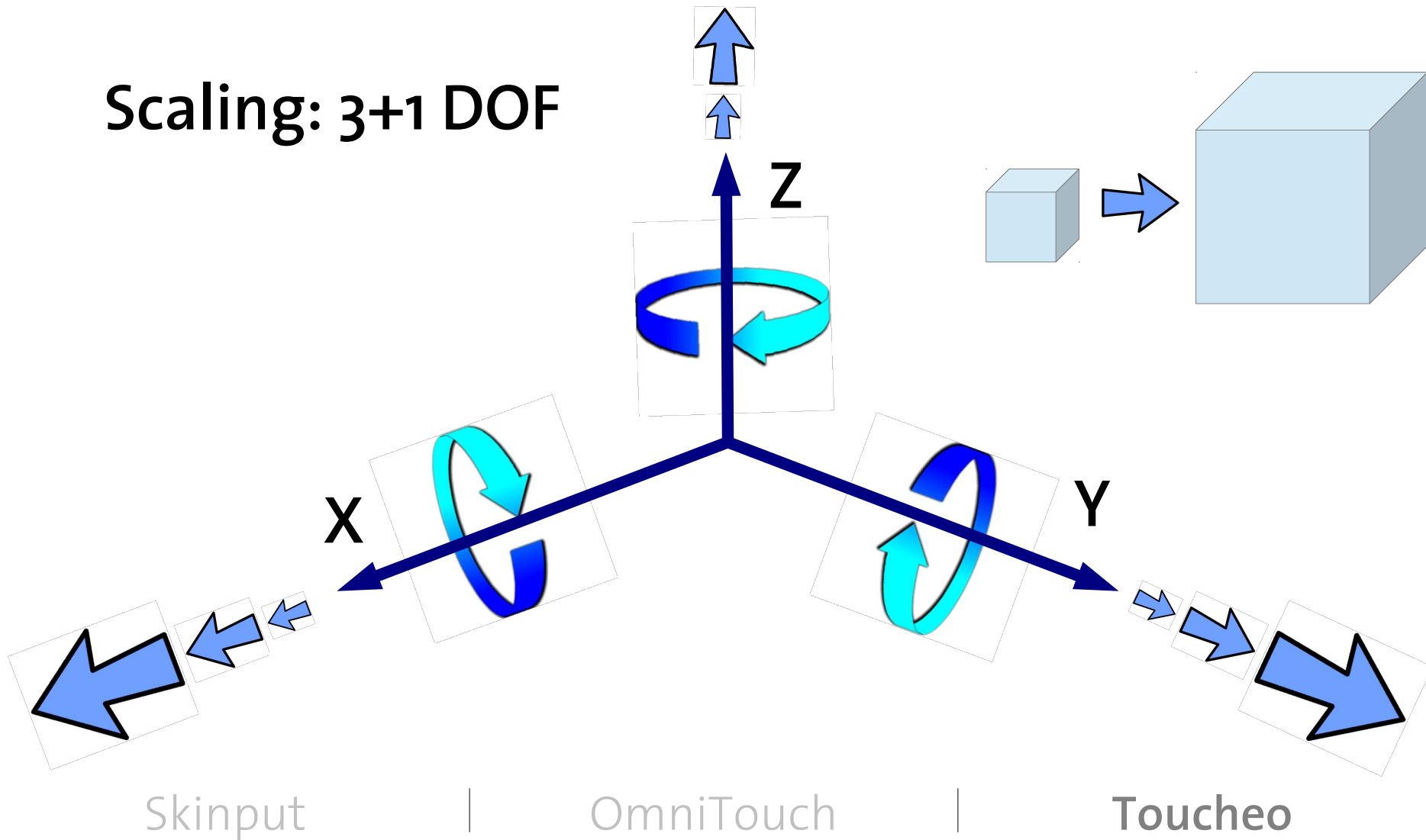
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How it works

The 9+1 DOF

Scaling: 3+1 DOF



How it works

The 9+1 DOF

Video: o8_toucheo.avi

How well it works

- User study, 16 participants
 - Bulky, quite big
 - 3D-docking task solved well
 - Feedback used to improve interface

Personal Opinion

- Clever setup to solve common problems
- Interface: independent achievement

Vision

- Interface used in other applications
- New generation less bulky



Toucheo

**OmniTouch /
Skinput**

Touchscreen

Touch of non-planar objects

Virtual 3D objects

Real 3D objects

**Input from traditional
touchscreen**

**Input from camera /
vibration sensors**

How to use touch events

How to get touch events

Novel GUI

Standard GUI

**Display with
stereoscopic screen**

**Display with pico-
projector**

Static / big

Mobile / small

Displays of the Future

- Assumption
 - Increase in screen size = increase in device size
- Alternative
 - Displays → non-planar surfaces
- Market direction?

Displays of the Future

Video: 09_future.avi

Video: 10_future.avi

Video: 11_future.avi

Video: 12_future.avi

Video: 13_future.avi

Video: 14_future.avi

