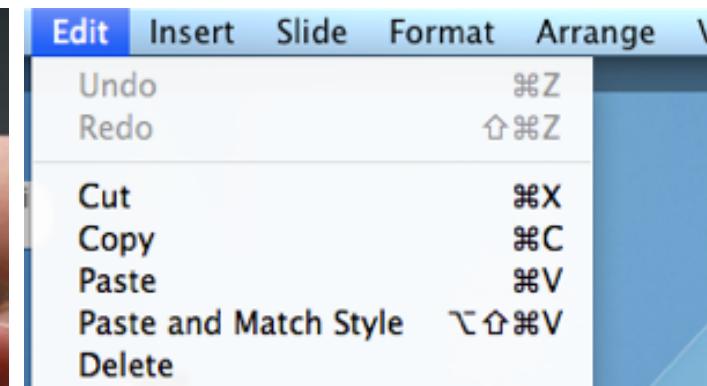


Basic Tasks in HCI

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Pointing

Text entry

commands



iPad 2



iPhone



iPod touch



iPod nano



iPod shuffle



iPod classic



MacBook Air



MacBook Pro



iMac

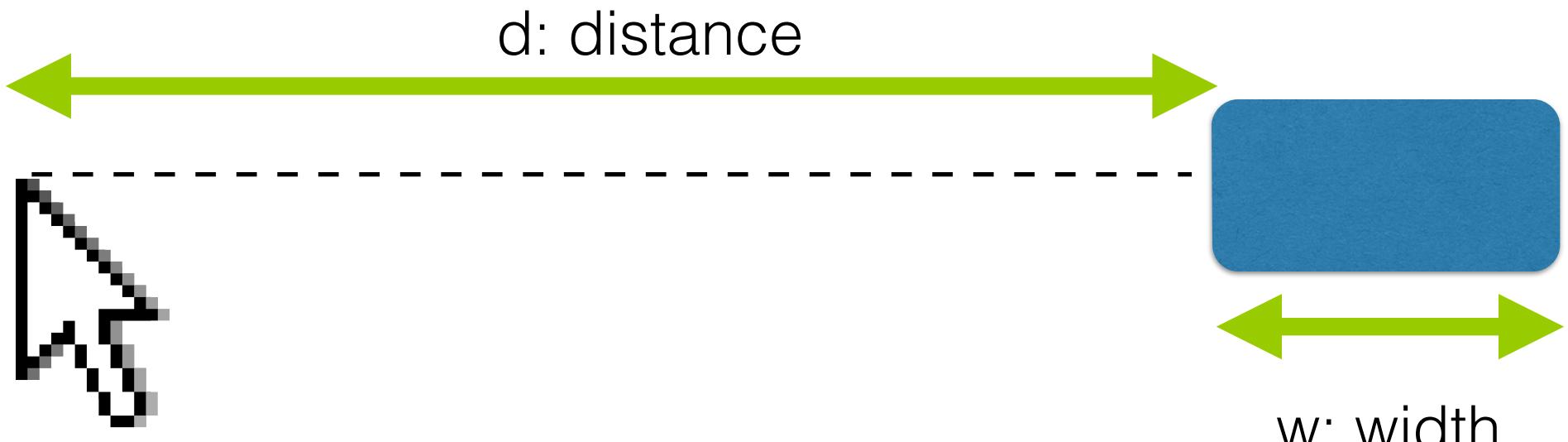


Pointing

30s Brainstorming

How to predict **selection time**?

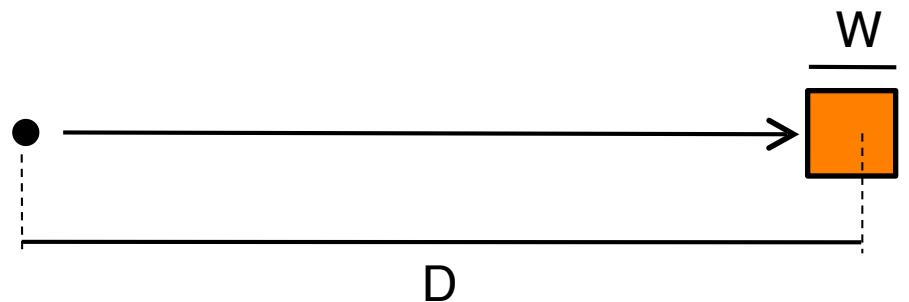
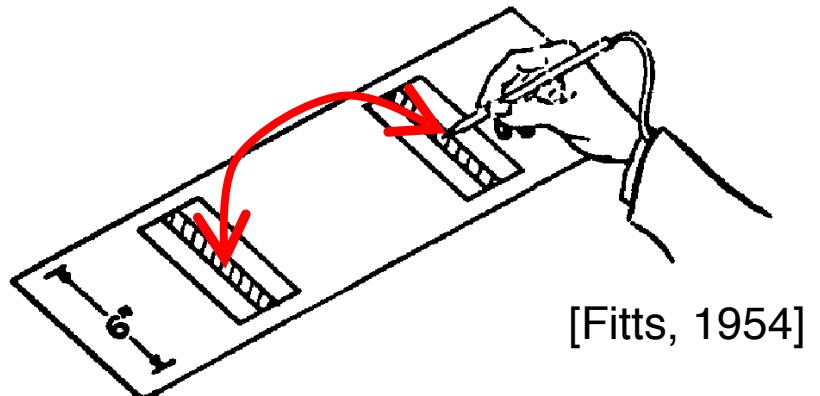
Which **variables**? which **formula**?



$$T = a + b \log_2(d/w + 1)$$

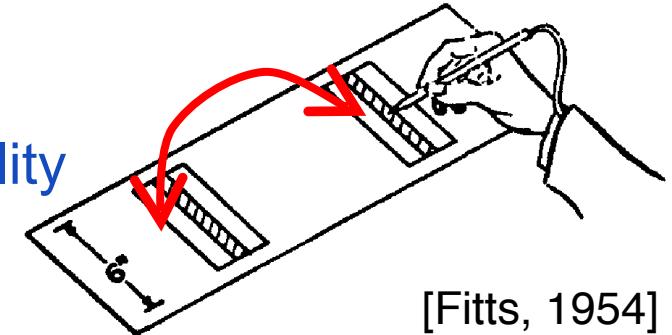
Motor System: Fitts' Law

- Directed movement as an information processing task
 - Not limited by muscles, but by ability to process sensory input
- Index of difficulty (ID)
 - $ID = \log_2(D / W + 1)$
 - $MT = a + b * ID$
- Paul Fitts' original experiments
 - Tapping, disk, and pin transfer
 - Influenced by Shannon's information theory $C = B \log_2((S+N) / N)$
- Robust performance model
 - Originally 1-D movements
 - Applies to 2-D movements

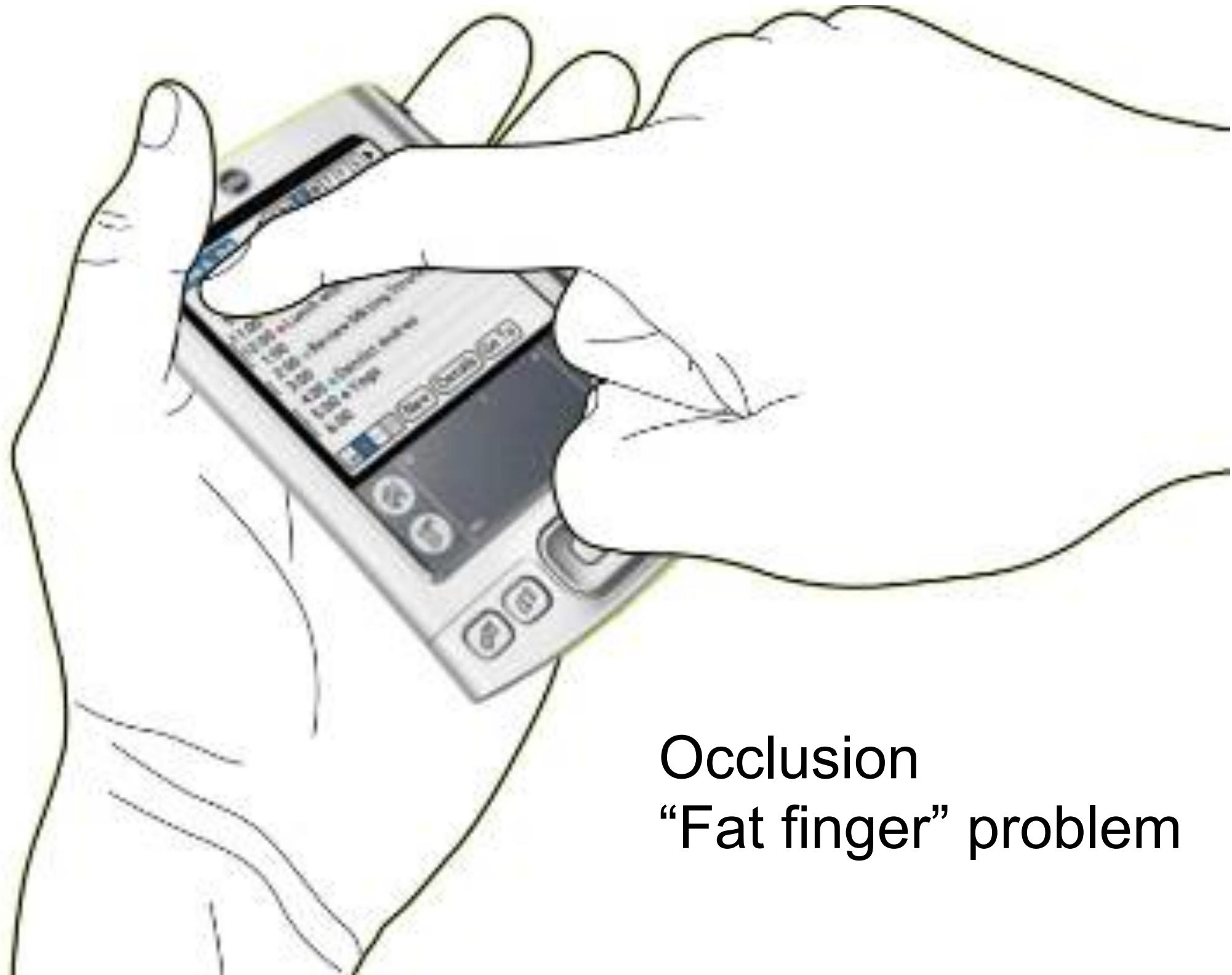


Index of Performance or Throughput

- Fitts' thesis
 - Fixed information-transmission capacity of the motor system
- Tradeoff between speed and accuracy
 - cf. handwriting
 - Relates amplitude, movement speed, variability
- Movement generates information
 - ID = information (number of bits) required to specify movement (amplitude within given tolerance)
- Index of performance
 - IP = ID / MT [bits / sec]



[Fitts, 1954]

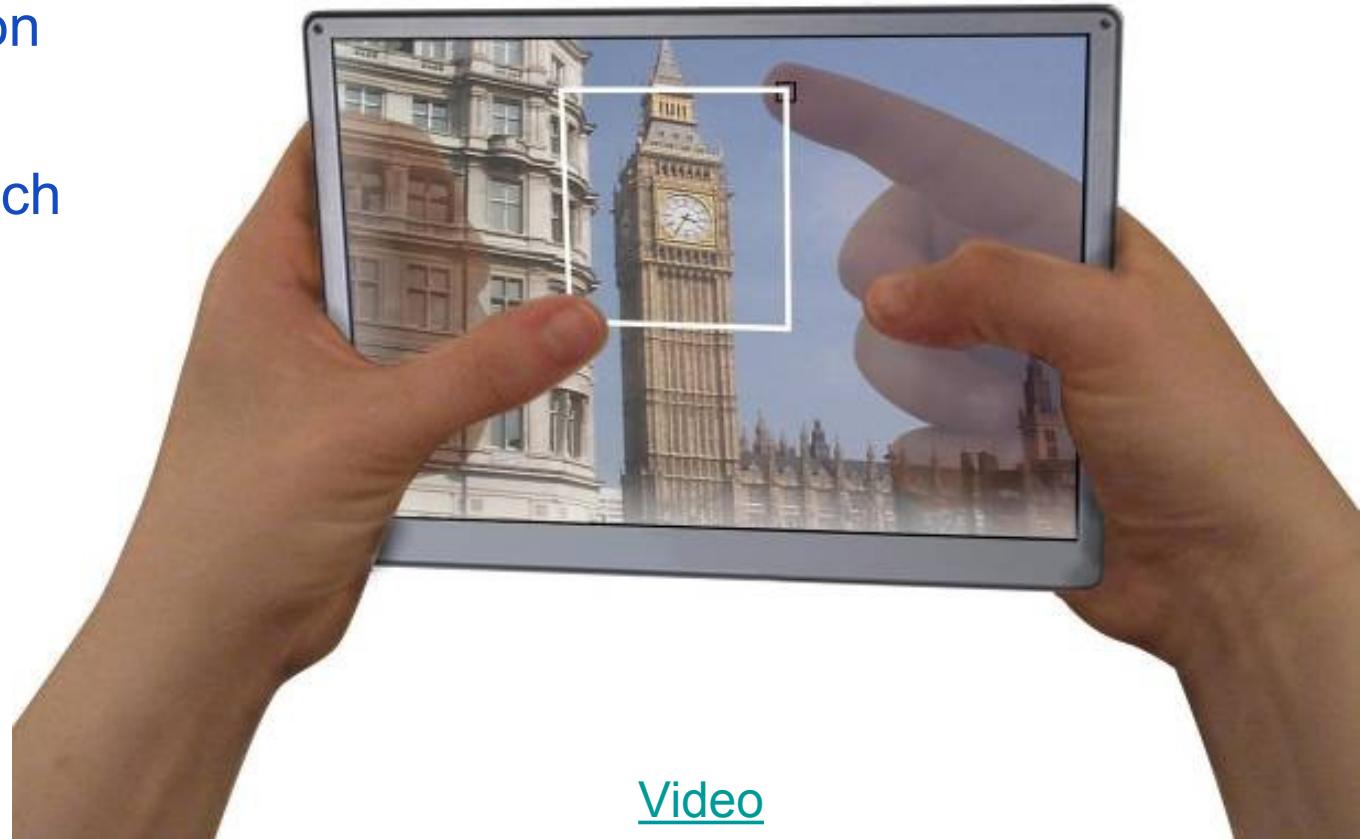


Occlusion
“Fat finger” problem

LucidTouch

Wigdor, Forlines, Baudisch, Barnwell,
Shen: *LucidTouch: A See-Through Mobile
Device*. UIST'07.

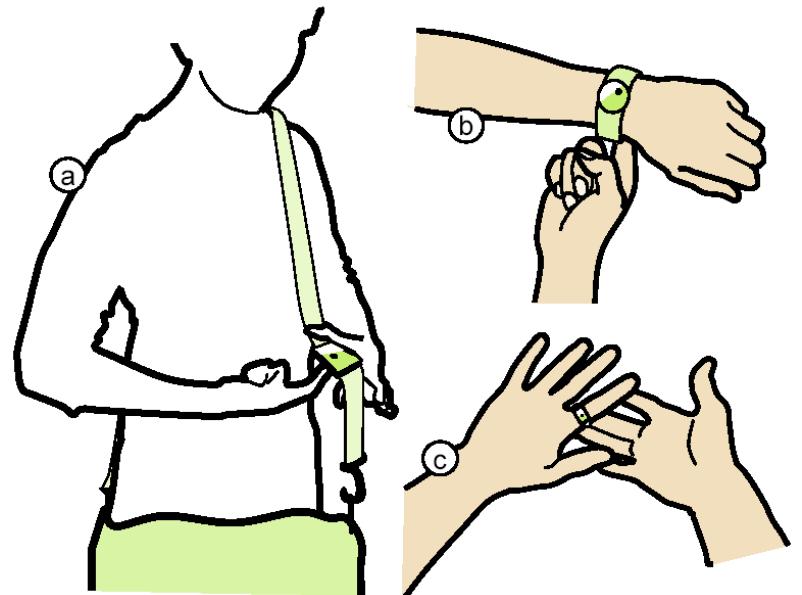
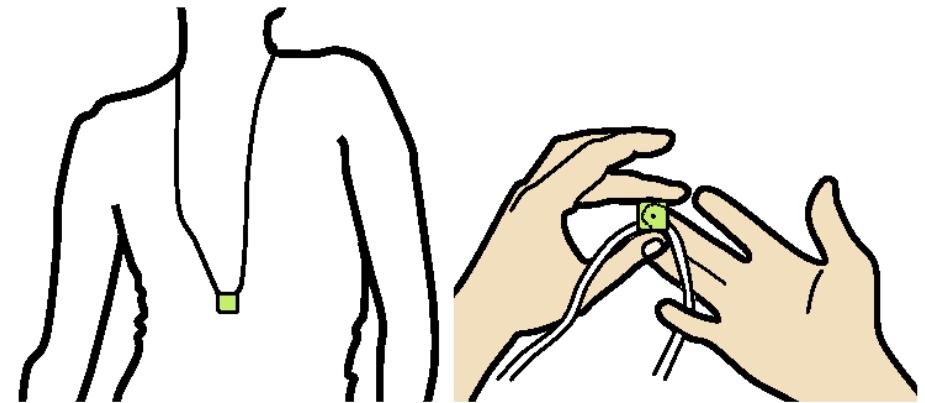
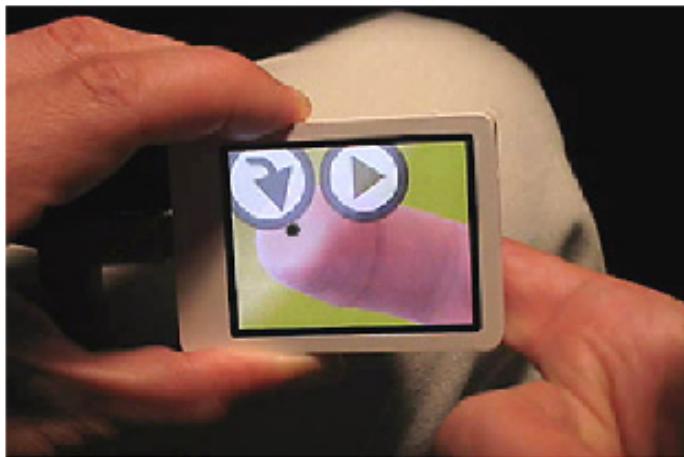
- Behind-the-device multitouch input
- Pseudo transparency
 - Enabling back of the device pointing
 - 3 states + visual feedback
 - = land-on selection
- Form-factor
 - Enabling multi-touch with all ten fingers



[Video](#)

Back-of-Device Interaction Works for Very Small Screens

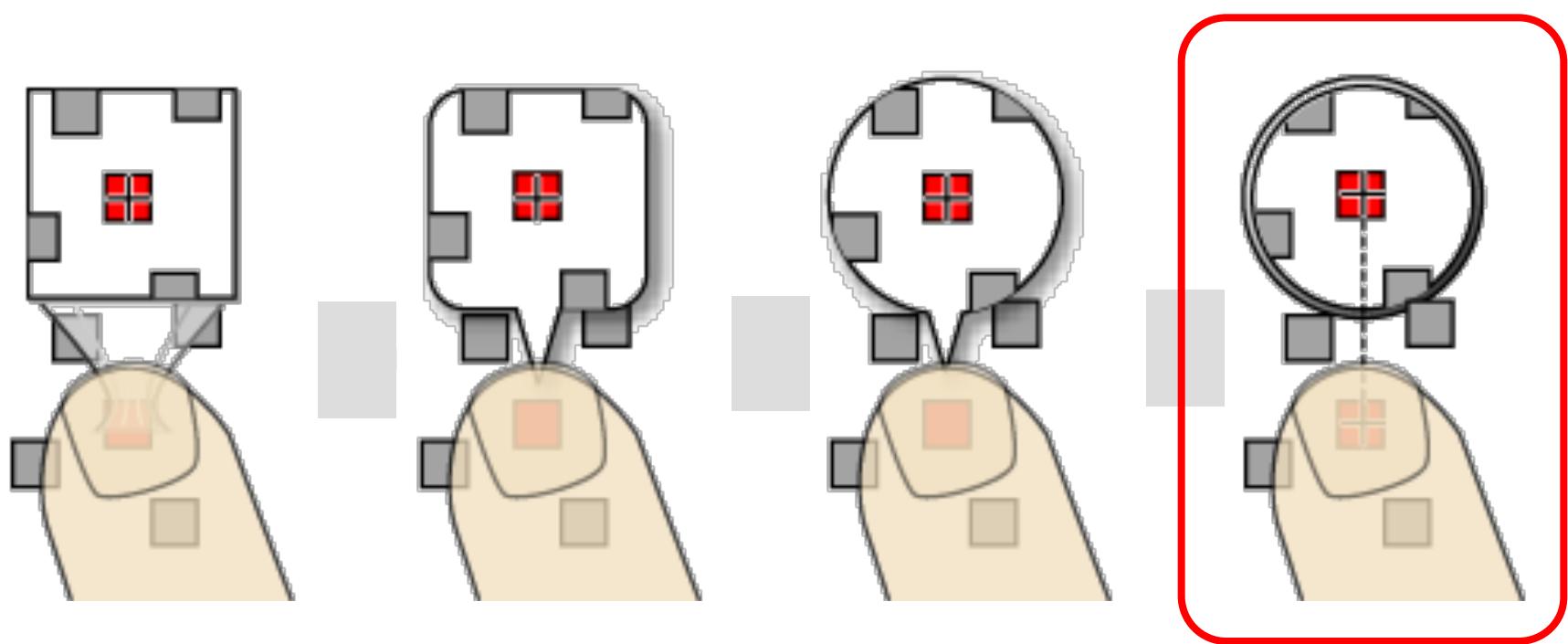
- Jewelry, watches, etc.
- Pseudo transparency
 - Capacitive touch pad
 - Clickable touch pad



Baudisch, Chu: *Back-of-Device Interaction Allows Creating Very Small Touch Devices*. CHI'09.

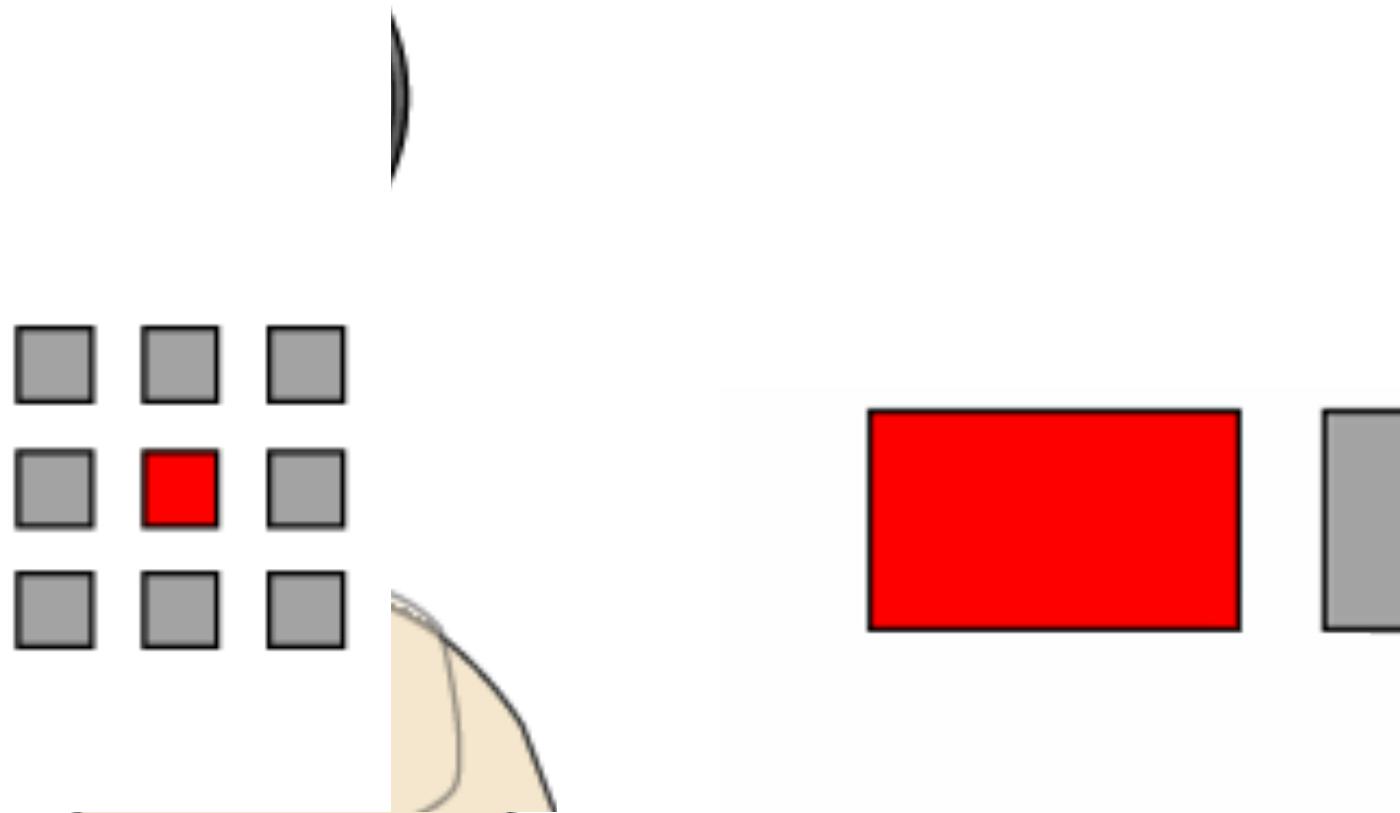
Shift Callout (Vogel & Baudisch, 2007)

- Only shift callout
- Enough context around target
- 26mm circular shape → occluded area under finger



Source: Patrick Baudisch

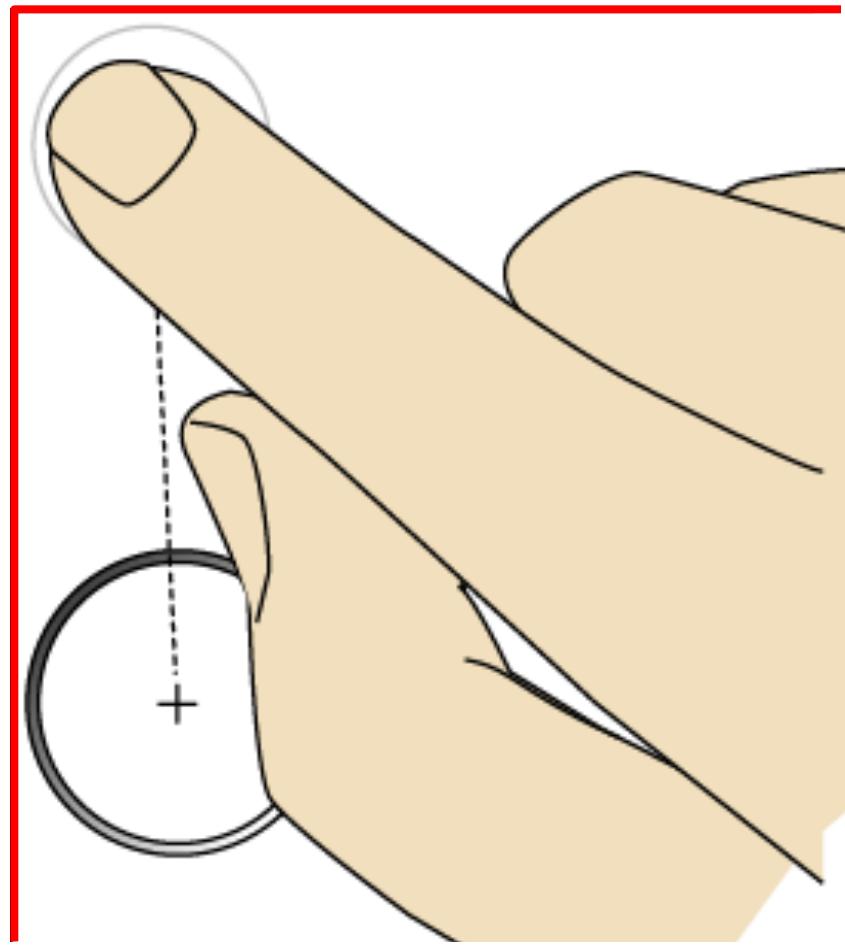
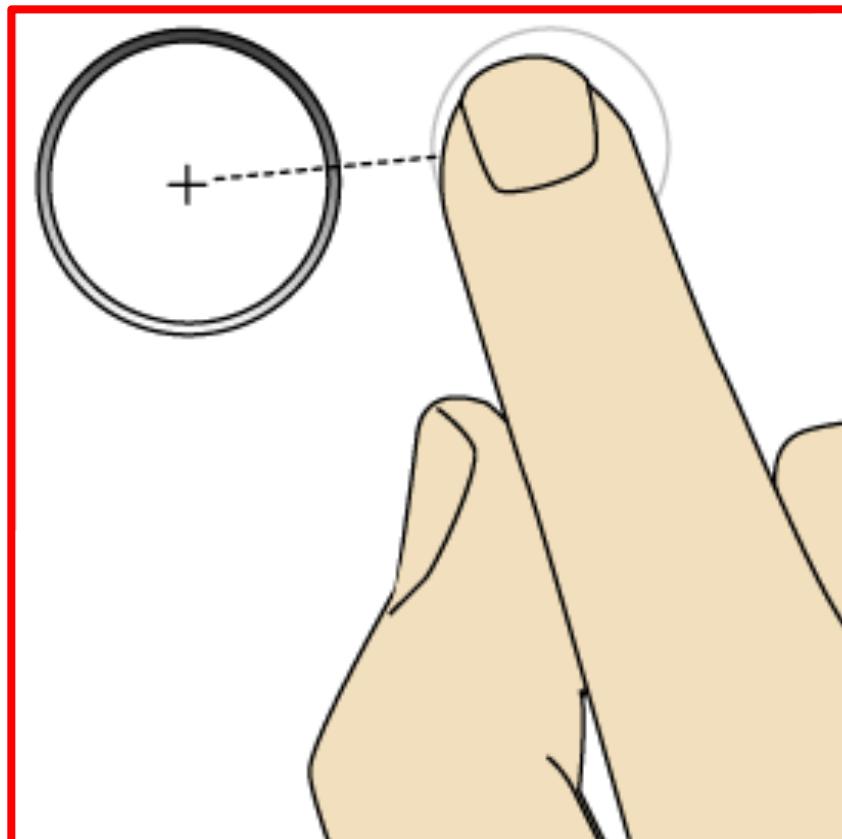
Shift Needed Only for Small Targets



no offset, click on the target itself

Source: Patrick Baudisch

Corners and Edges

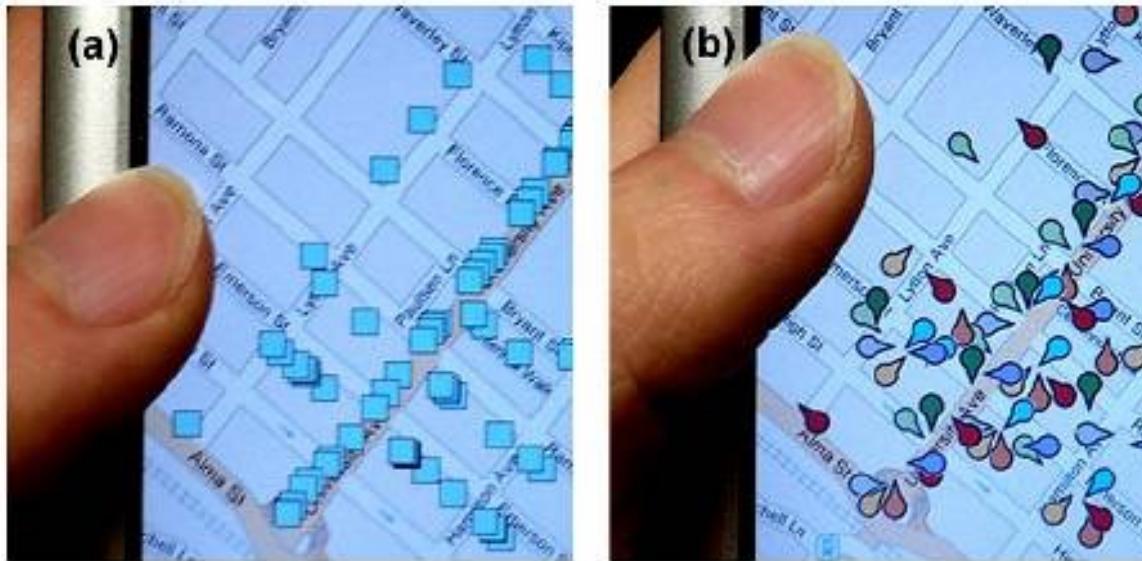


callout can go anywhere, no edge problems

Source: Patrick Baudisch

Escape: A Target Selection Technique Using Visually-cued Gestures

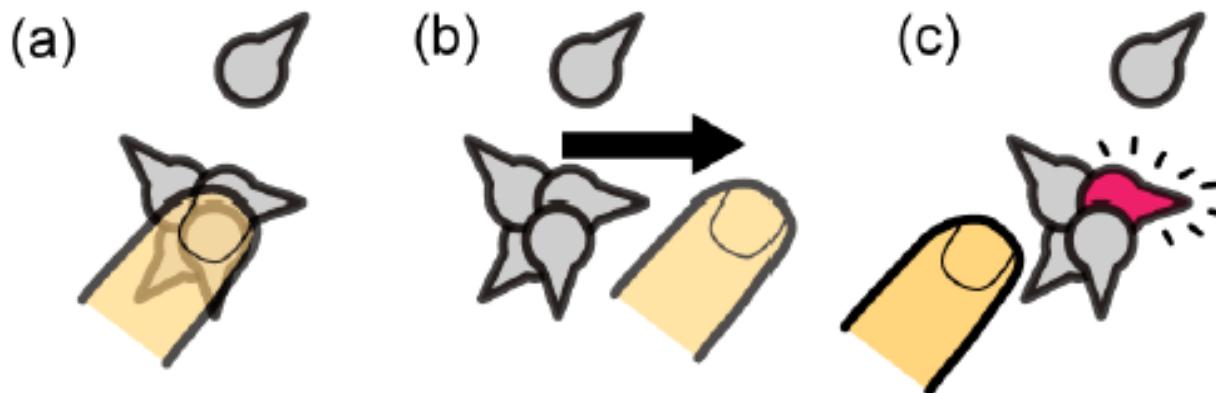
- **Problem:** Selecting a target on a touch-screen that is surrounded by other selectable objects
- **Solution:** The icons in “Escape” indicate directions. A finger tap followed by a movement in this direction enables disambiguation.



Yatani, Partridge, Newman: Escape: A Target Selection Technique Using Visually-cued Gestures, CHI 2008

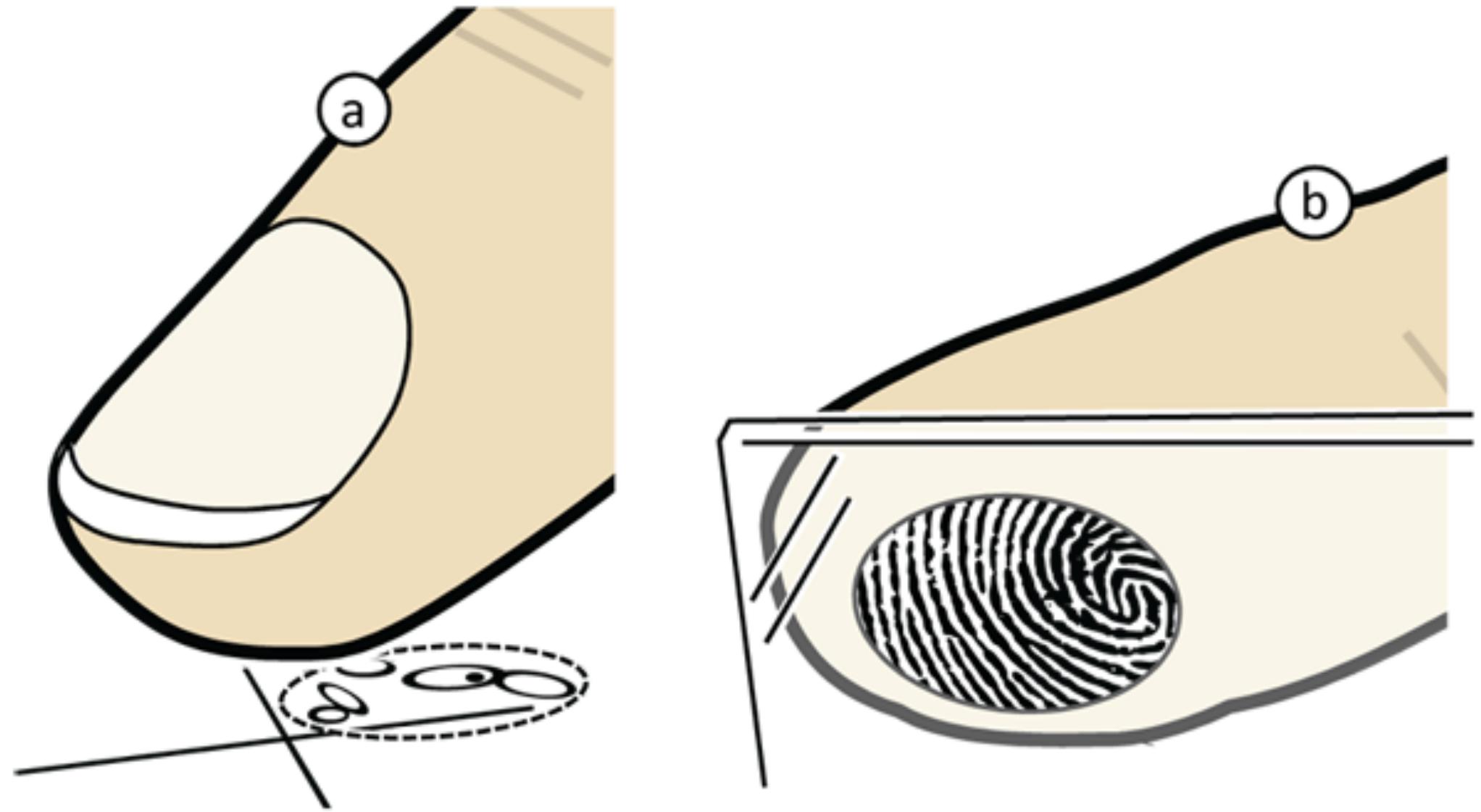
Escape: A Target Selection Technique Using Visually-cued Gestures

- The icons in “Escape” indicate directions. A finger tap followed by a movement in this direction enables disambiguation.



- Can handle 2.3 icons per square centimeter
- Find an assignment that separates gestures
 - Similar to graph coloring → NP-complete
 - “Escape” uses heuristic algorithm

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3NeZswKkKw>





results

