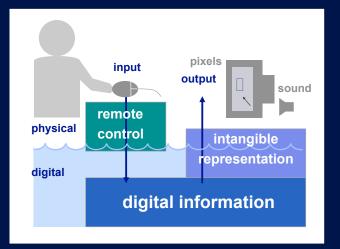


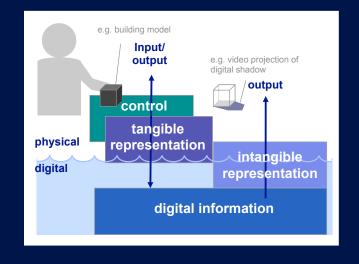
# Painted Bits (GUI)

General input devices as remote-controllers of intangible representation (pixels on a screen)



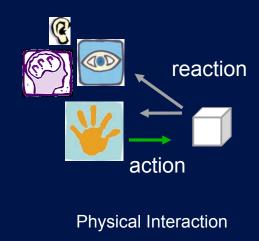
# **Tangible Bits (TUI)**

Tangible representation as interactive control mechanism to manipulate the information represented in both tangible and intangible forms

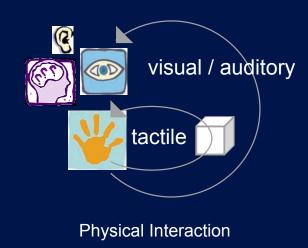


# **Double Interaction**

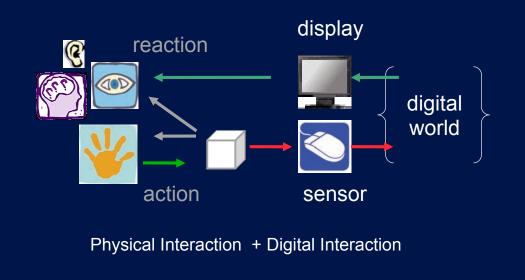
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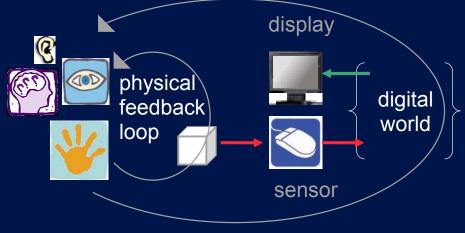


# Double Interaction Loops: Physical and Digital



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digital feedback loop



Physical Interaction + Digital Interaction

# workbench

#### **Evolution of Workbench** for Collaborative Design and Tangible Thinking

1999 PingPongPlus



1997-8 Illuminating Light

2001-02

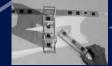
Senseboard

2000-02 Sensetable

2002 Actuated Workbench







1998-9 Urp



2000-02 **Luminous Table**  2001-02



**Illuminating Clay** 

# 

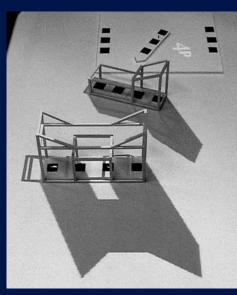
# I/O Bulb and Luminous Room

Underkoffler and Ishii, 1997 - 1999

- I/O Bulb
  - High resolution output, two-way information
- Luminous Room
  - Multiple I/O bulbs illuminating architectural space
- Give life to architectural surfaces and physical objects.
- Enable direct manipulation of digital world by grasping and manipulating objects with digital shadows.



#### **Urp: Urban Planning Workbench** (an I/O Bulb AP) Underkoffler and Ishii, 1997 - 1999





light reflections

wind

digital shadows

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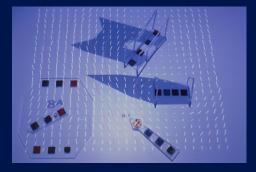
## Luminous Room with multiple I/O Bulbs

Underkoffler and Ishii, 1997 - 1999



### Integration of Tangible and Intangible Representations

Principle of Tangible Interface Design



Urp 99

## **Luminous Table**

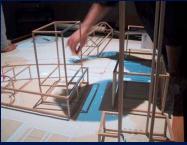
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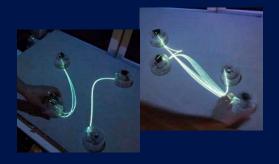
EXPERIENCE OF LUMINOUS TABLE IN THE PROCESS OF URBAN DESIGN

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#### Sensetable James Patten & Hiroshi Ishii

- TUI platform to track multiple objects and their states on a table with video projection
- Applications
  - Music "Audiopad" in collaboration with Ben Recht
  - System Dynamics simulatio for Supply Chain Analysis
  - Chemistry



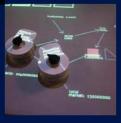
# Business

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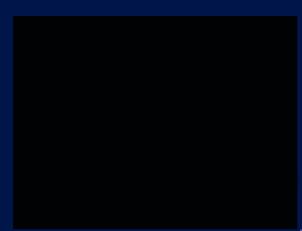
Theglible Media Group MIT Media Lab

#### Collaboration with Intel and MIT Sloan School



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#### IP Network Design Workbench NTT Comware + TMG

- Event-Driven Simulation + NTT Comware's network design consulting expertise
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IP Network Design Workbench

NTT Comware R&D Dept. MIT Mecia Lab., Tangible Mecia Group

#### IP Network Design Workbench NTT Comware + TMG



Thanks to Mr. Kase, Mr. Hirano, Mr. Narita, Ms. Kobayashi, Mr. Tanaka, and many other NTT Comware people.

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# **Sensetable**: TUI Platform + Applications

TMG

TMG + Intel + Sloan

**NTT Comware + TMG** 





Urp [fluid dynamics]



Audiopad



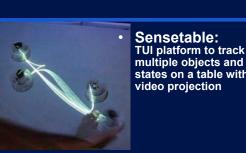
Supply Chain Visualization [System Dynamics]



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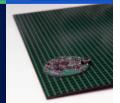


multiple objects and their states on a table with

CircuiTUI



NTT Comware Sensetable Product 2003



**Patten Studio** 

# EFFECTIVE EFFECT

# **Actuated Workbench**

Dan Maynes-Aminzade, Gian Pangaro & Hiroshi Ishii 02



#### Function

Magnetic forces to move objects on a table in two dimensions.

#### Application

Augment existing "Sensetable" providing an additional physical dynamic display capability.

#### Actuated Workbench Dan Maynes-Aminzade and Gian Pangaro & Hiroshi Ishii 02-03



without actuation



with actuation

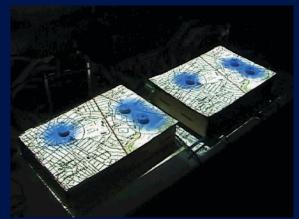
#### **Application 1**

• Clearing up inconsistencies that arise from the computer's inability to move the objects on the table

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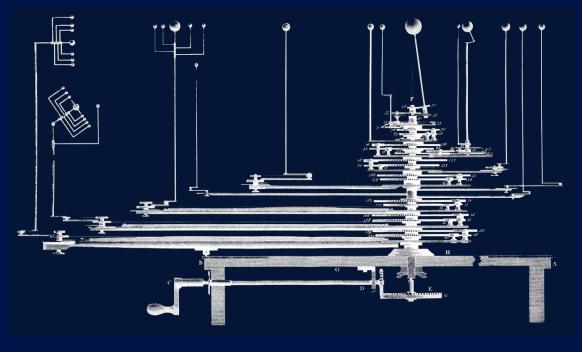




• Synchronization of distributed "Sensetables" in realtime remote collaboration

# Home Home

# Mechanical Representation of Knowledge: Orrery



# 機械成 制約 Mechanical Constraints

#### PICO Interaction Techniques James Patten and Hiroshi Ishii CHI 2007



Mechanical constraints, coupled with computer-controlled actuation, provide a novel and effective way to interact with computers.



ad hoc

# **Mechanical constraints**

Guiding the motion of physical objects to guide the computational process



### **Mechanical constraints**

- legible
- flexible
- ad hoc





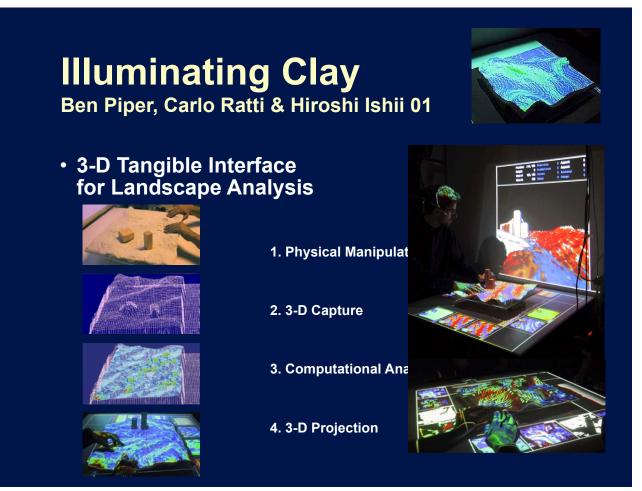


# Sensetable

James Patten, Patten Studio



# 3D Continuous

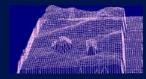


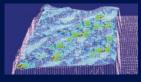
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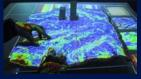


- Physical Clay as 3-D Physical Input & Visual Display for intuitive manipulation and understanding of spatial relationships
- 3D Laser Scanner + Video Projector









#### SandScape

Hiroshi Ishii, Carlo Ratti, Ben Piper, Yao Wang, and Assaf Biderman

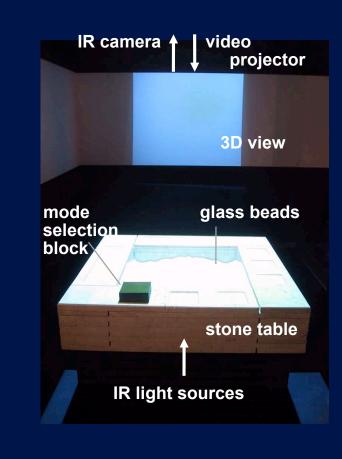
Tangible Media Group MIT Media Laboratory





Users can alter the form of the landscape model by manipulating sand while seeing the resultant effects of computational analysis projected on the surface of sand in real-time.

SandScape



## System

A ceiling mounted IR camera captures the radiance of the light passing through the sand model to determine the geometry of the surface.

The resulting landscape analysis is projected back on to the surface.



### **Physical Design Media**

- Clay
- Cardboard
- Wooden Blocks
- Found Objects



Frank O. Gehry, Architect

Physical Outcomes Stata Center 2002



# Lack of Continuity Between Physical and Digital Representation in Design

#### Physical

Ease of manipulation Clearer communication Aids spatial understanding



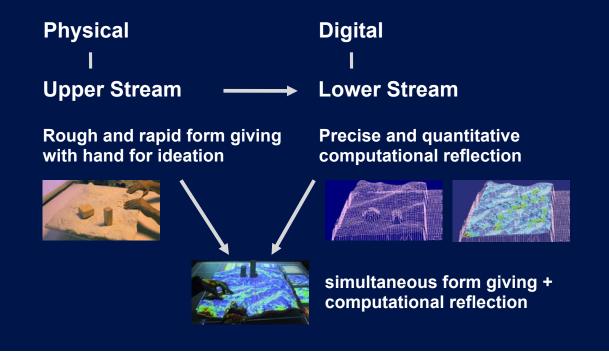
#### Digital

Greater precision Easy distribution Quantitative analysis

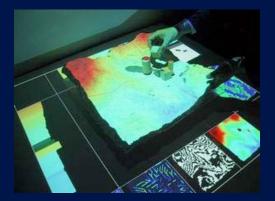


How can we merge these media?

#### Tangible Design Media for Seamless Form Giving & Computational Reflection



#### **Representation of Idea Matters ...**



e.g.

- Mathematical representation
- Drawings
- Physical models
- Computational models

... because the mental operations are made possible by the representation. ... GUI/CAD is not for ideation.



# **Media for Design Thinking**

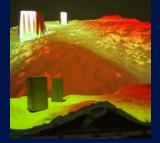
Visual Thinking
 -sketch

#### Tangible Thinking

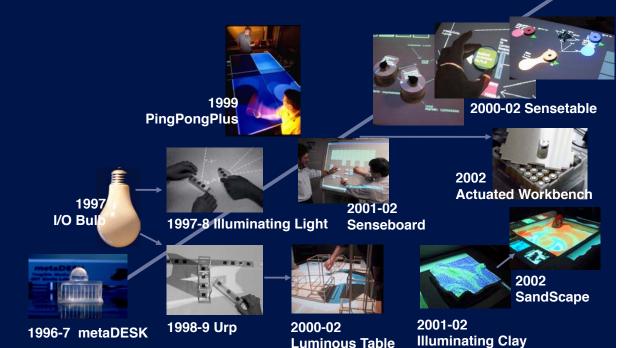
#### tactile manipulation of physical representations coupled with digital computation

-design + analysis





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## PingPongPlus

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- Victoria and Albert Museum, London 2005

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# Invisible extension of body - good fit



- customize
- personalize
- adapt
- co-evolve

# Visible center of focus - goal of task

- Critical representation of task
- Ball has to be always visible in the foreground with a table as reference
- You need an interface (paddle) to control the ball

