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# Prototyping for the Development of Ergonomic Interactive Surfaces

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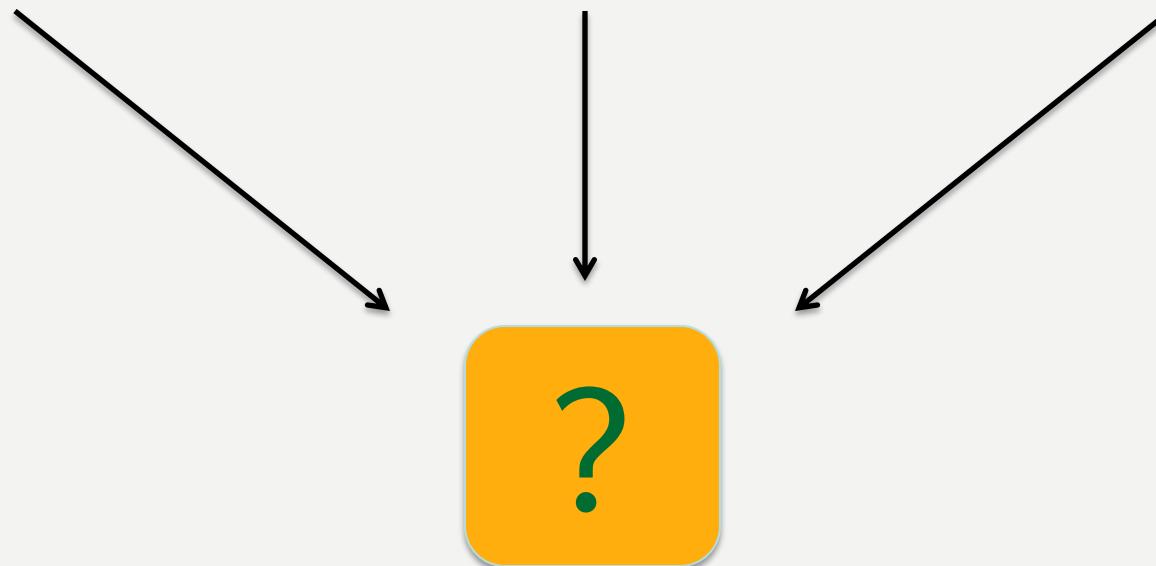


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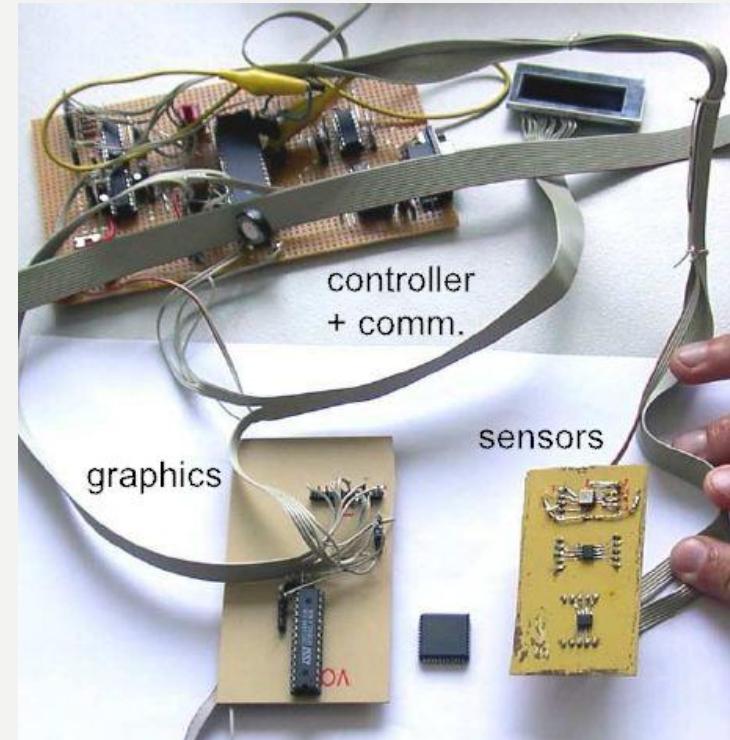
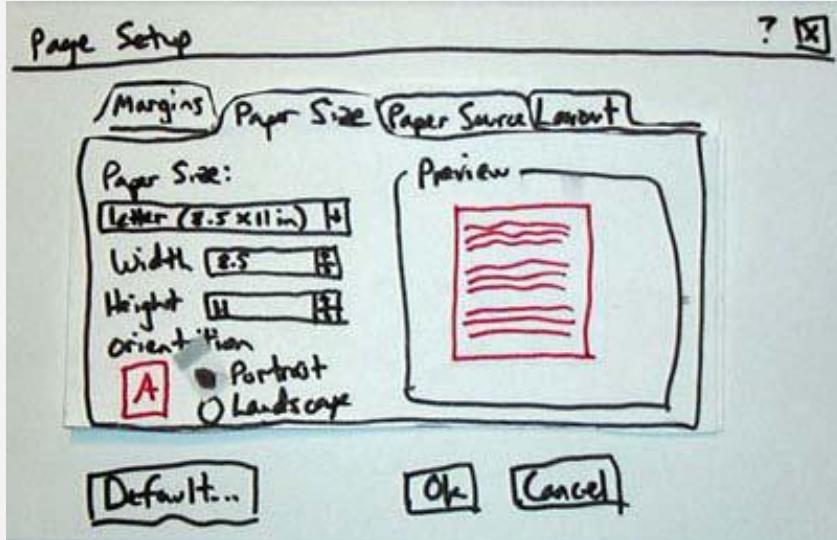
Interactive Surfaces

Ergonomics





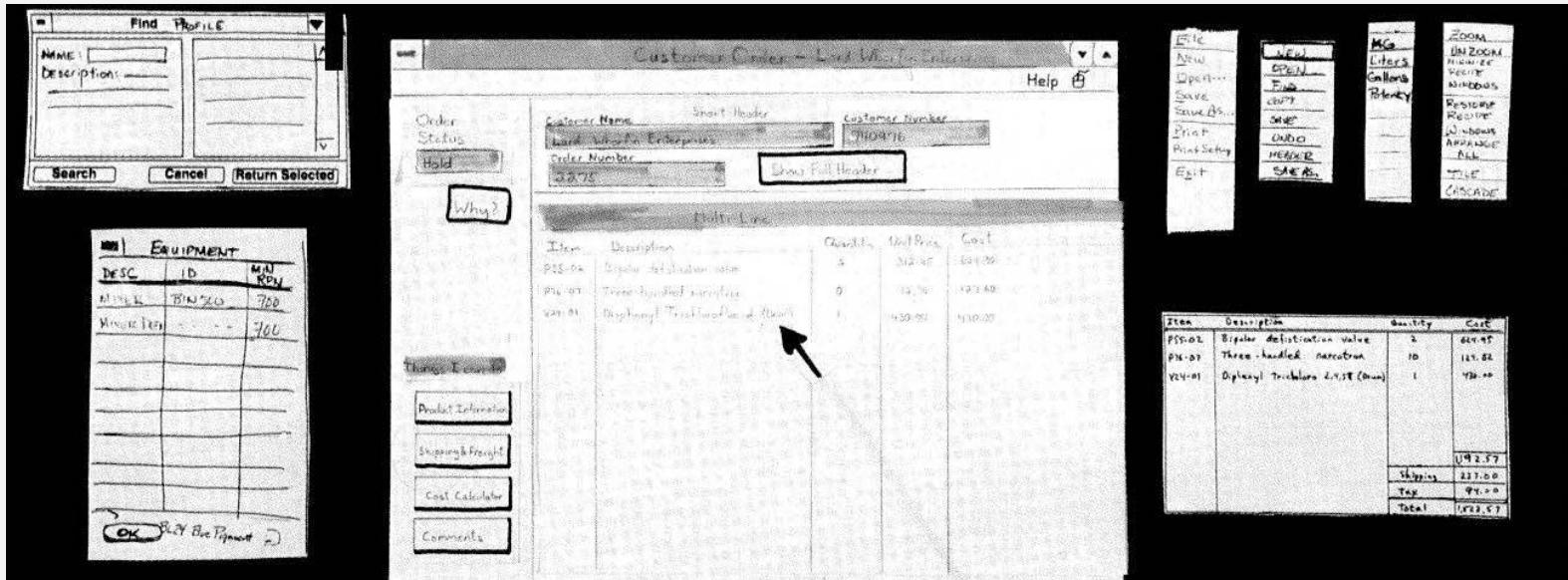
# Prototyping





# Paper Prototyping

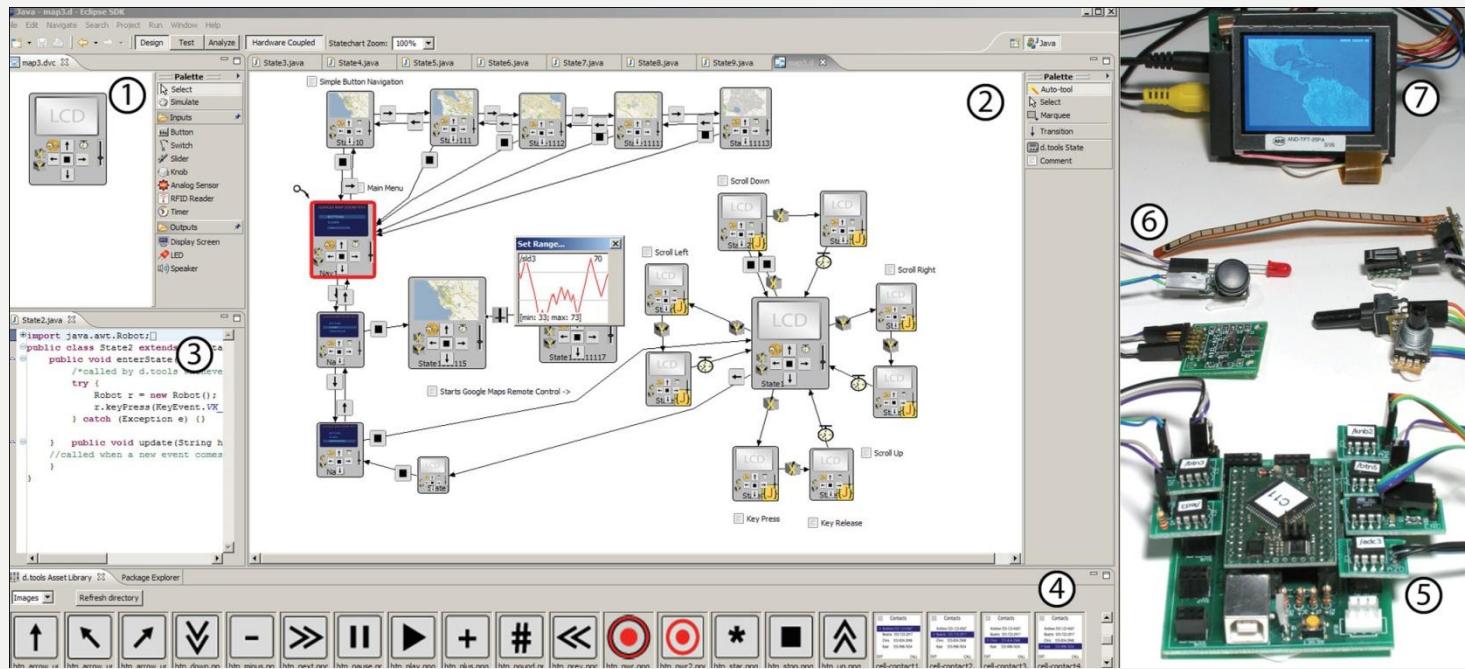
- Low-fidelity
- Fast and cheap
- Focuses on structure and interaction, not design





# Hardware Prototypes

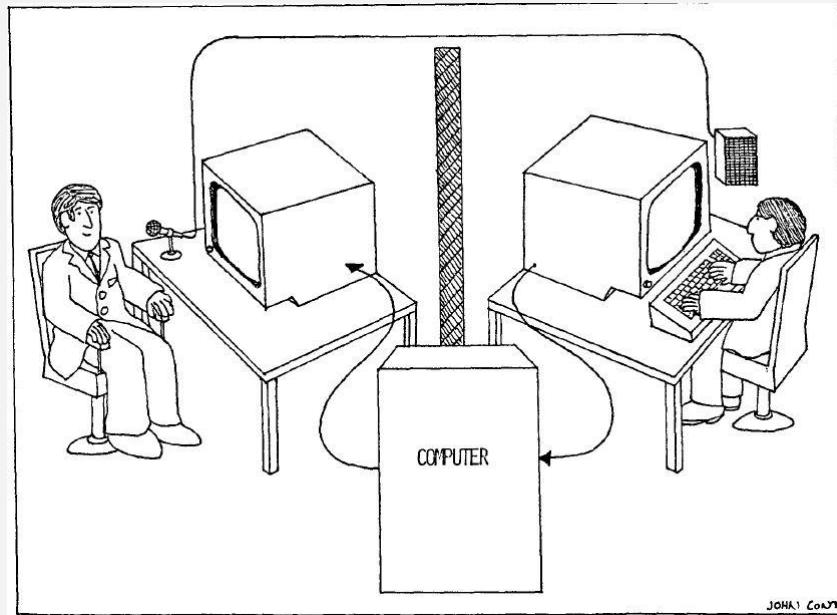
- Building a Prototype with given hardware
- Existing toolkits allow sketching with hardware





## Wizard of Oz

- Simulating a computer
- Works well for input forms that give the operator enough time to react
- Problems with unpredictable user input that requires an instant precise reaction





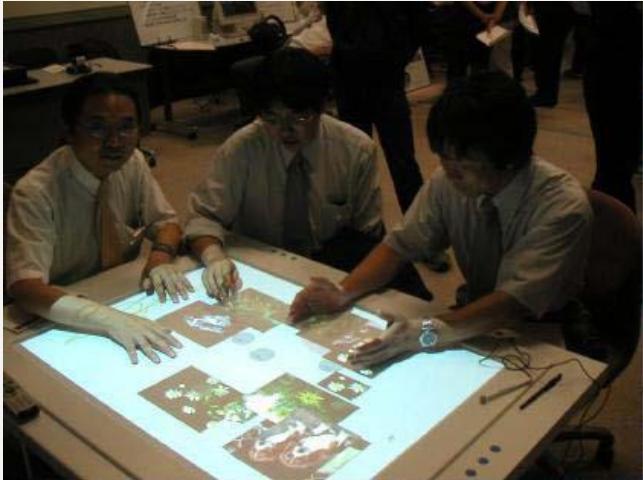
## Interactive Surfaces





## Interactive Surfaces - Concepts

- Planar
- Horizontal
- Vertical
- Non-planar





## Interactive Surfaces - Scenarios

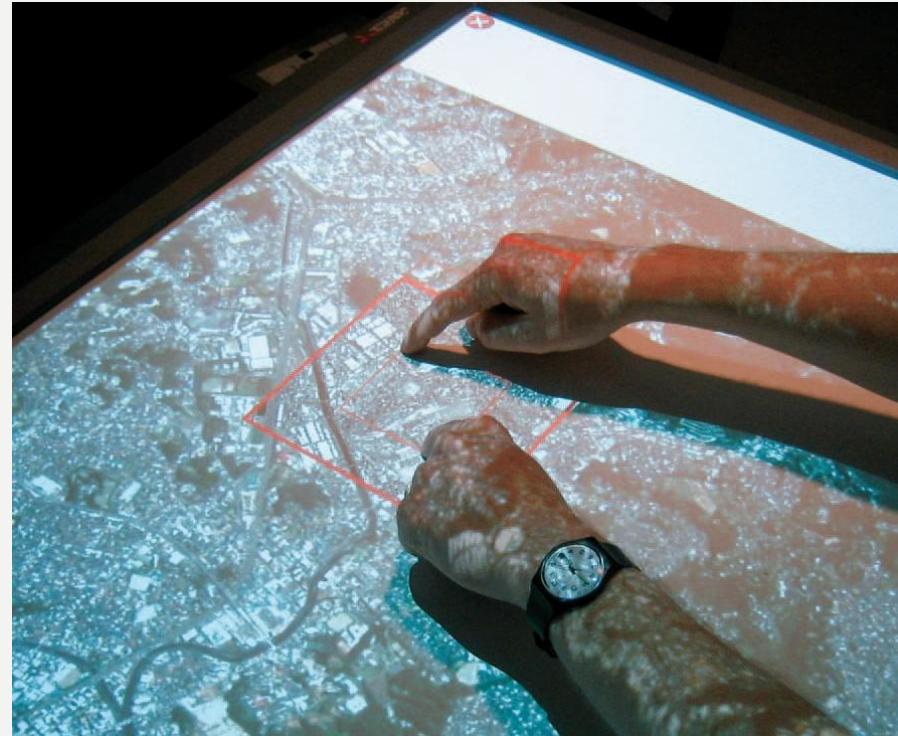
- Single-User / Multi-User
- Single-Touch / Multi- Touch
- Casual using / Real work





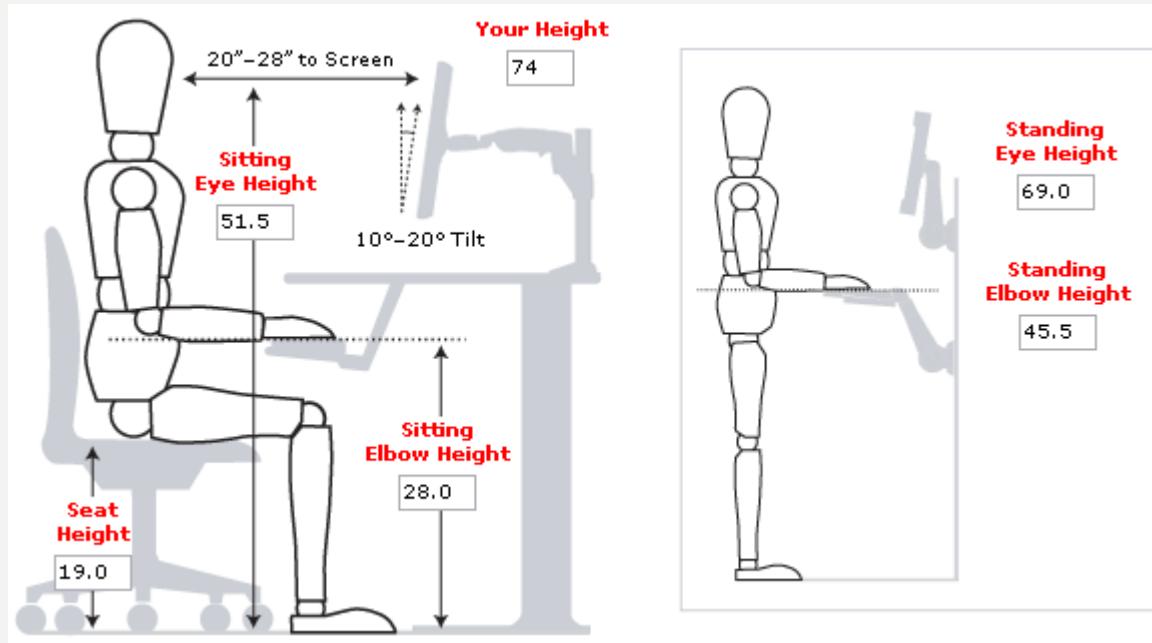
# Interactive Surfaces - Technology

- Display vs. Projection
- Projecting on curved surfaces
- Touch recognition





# Ergonomics





# Ergonomic Issues

- Size / adjustment
- Brightness / contrast
- Types of Gestures
- Surface characteristics



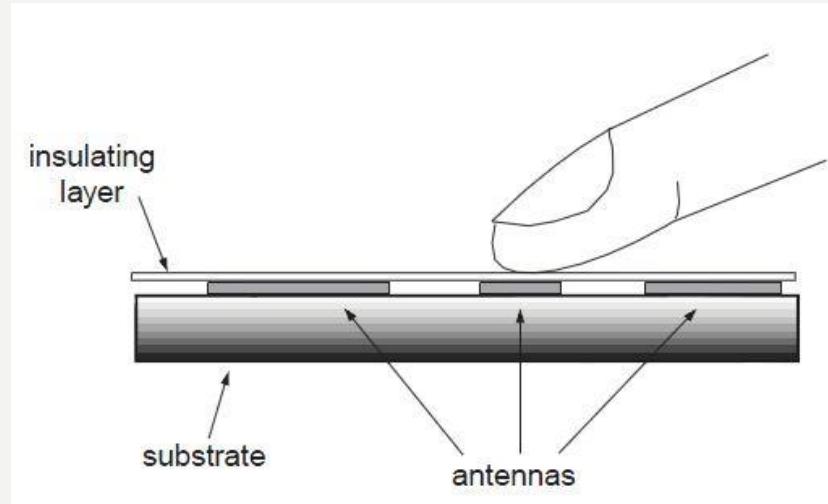
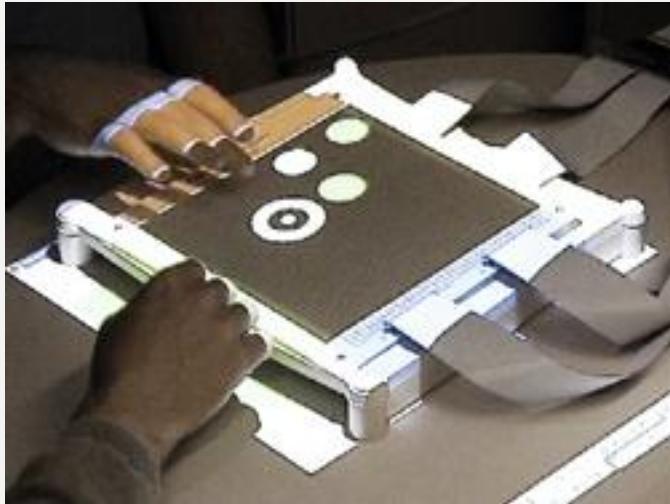
## Projects





## DiamondTouch

- Technology that supports multi-touch and multi-user capable surfaces

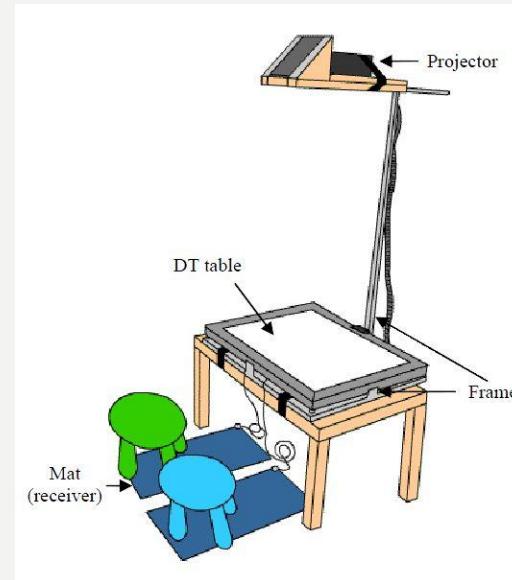


- Can be used in different sizes and resolutions
- No study concerning dimensions



## Fantasy Table

- Uses DiamondTouch technology
- Shall support playful learning for small children

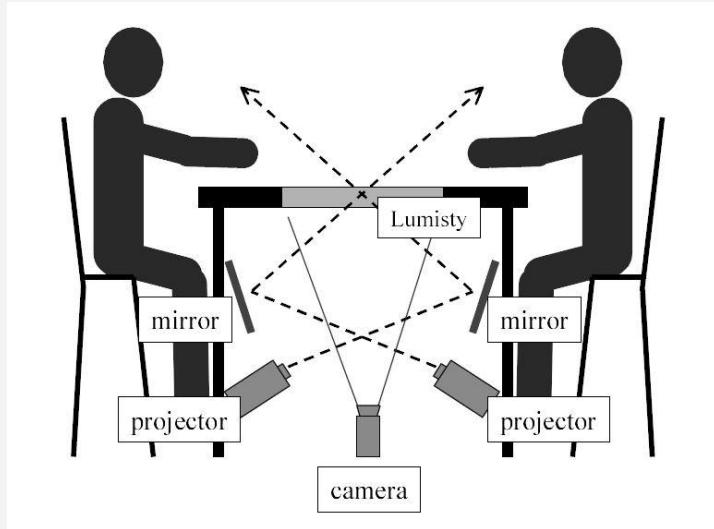


- No initial prototyping
- Errors in the first study could have been avoided



## Lumisight Table

- Deals with the problem of orientation on interactive surfaces

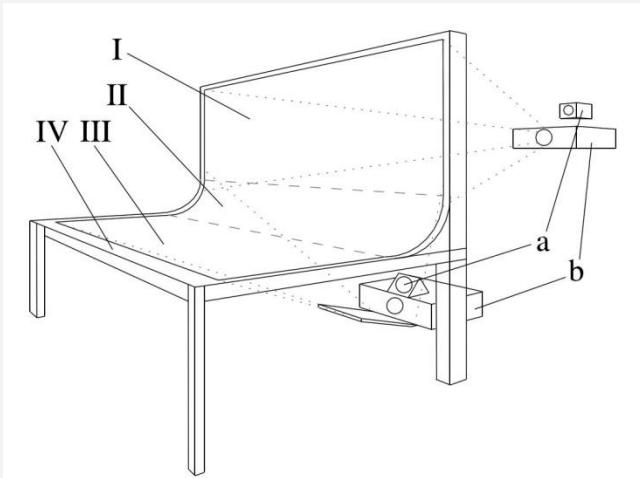


- No considerations of ergonomic aspects



## BendDesk & Curve

- Blending horizontal and vertical surfaces



- No information on the derivation of the dimensions

- Paper prototyping
- User study to find out dimensions



## Results

- Very few projects
  - consider ergonomic issues
  - build early prototypes
- Working interactive prototypes are used for studies
- Wizard of Oz is not used
  - not suitable for interactive surfaces?
  - user input is unpredictable for the operator





# Results





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# Thank You!



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