WILD

Wall-size Interaction with Large Datasets

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A UNIQUE PLATFORM

- Wall display
- Interactive table
- Motion/Object tracking
- Mobile devices
- Visualization cluster



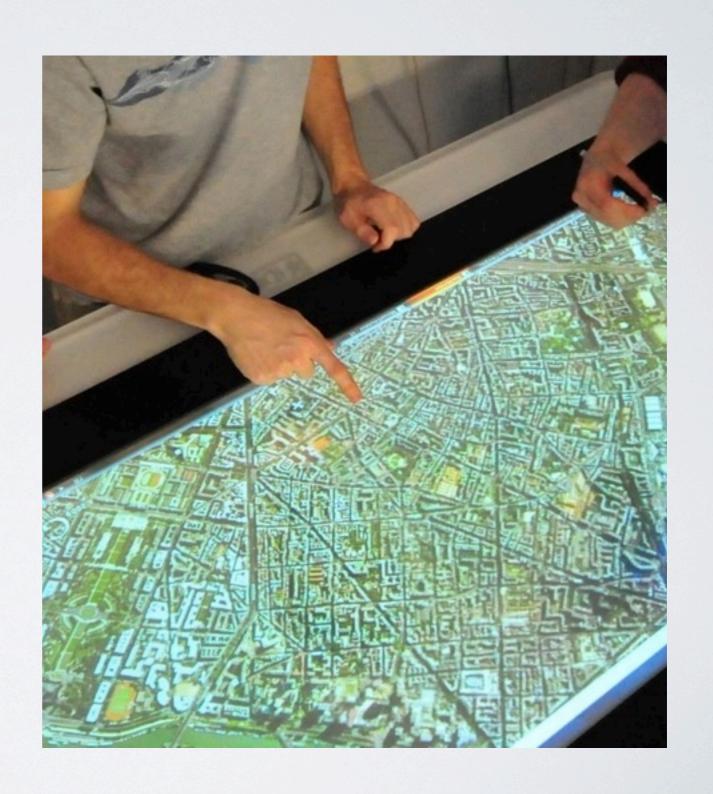
WALL DISPLAY

- 32 monitors, 30" each, 5m50 x Im80 (18 x 6 feet)
- about 20 000 x 6500 pixels, or 130 million pixels



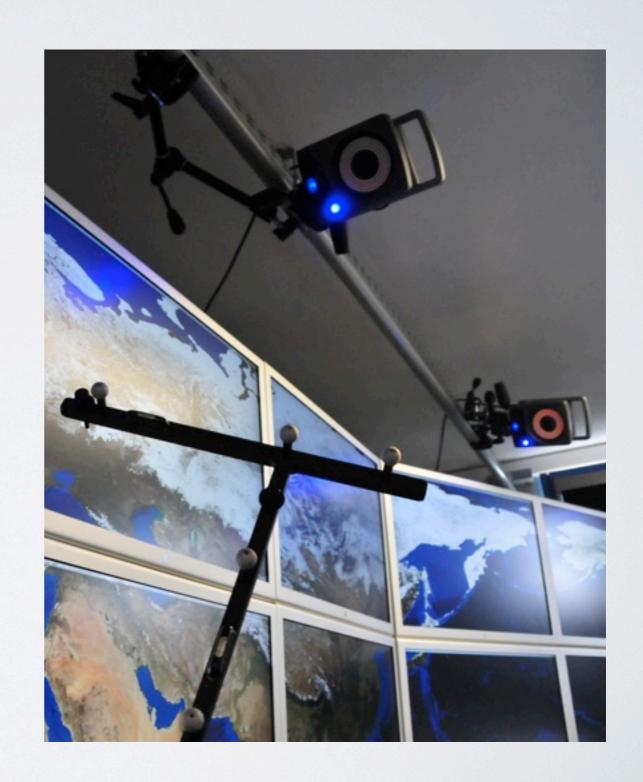
INTERACTIVETABLE

- Multitouch table
- 1280 x 1024 resolution
- FTIR technology
- RFID tag reader



MOTION/OBJECT TRACKING

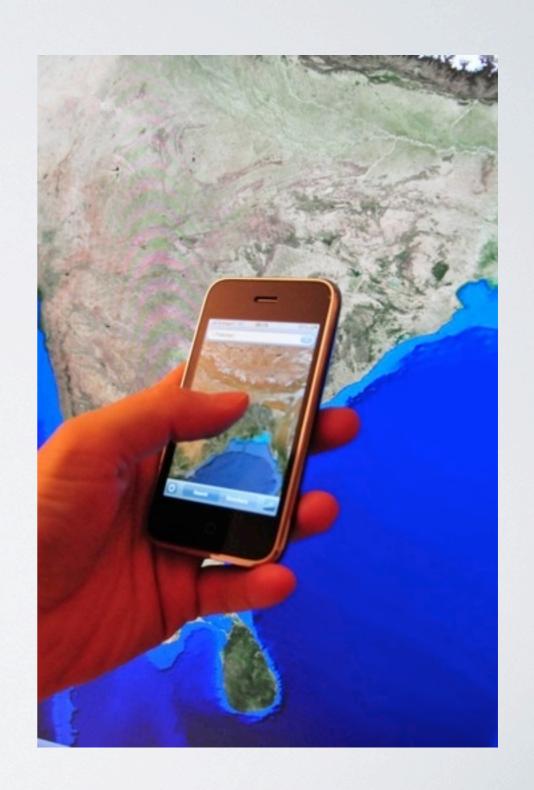
- 10 camera VICON system
- .5 mm resolution across the whole room
- Object tracking,
 People tracking,
 Gesture tracking, ...



MOBILE DEVICES

- iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad
- Gyroscopic mouse
- Custom-made devices

Wifi or Bluetooth



VISUALIZATION CLUSTER

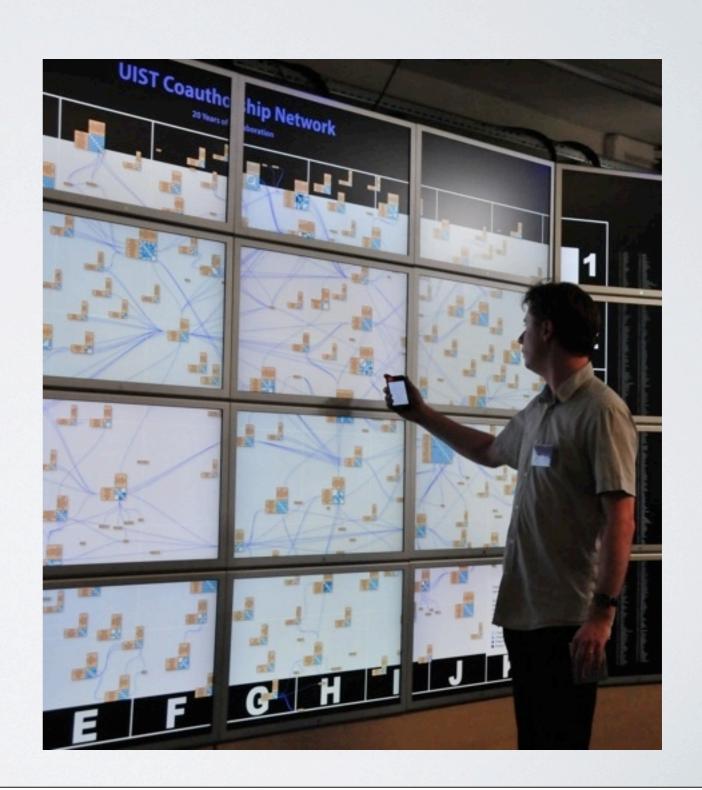
- 16 computers + 2 front-ends, Mac OSX/Linux/Windows
- 2 graphics cards, IO Gb RAM, 2Tb hard drive per computer
- Gigabit network
- Connected to a computational cluster



WHY?

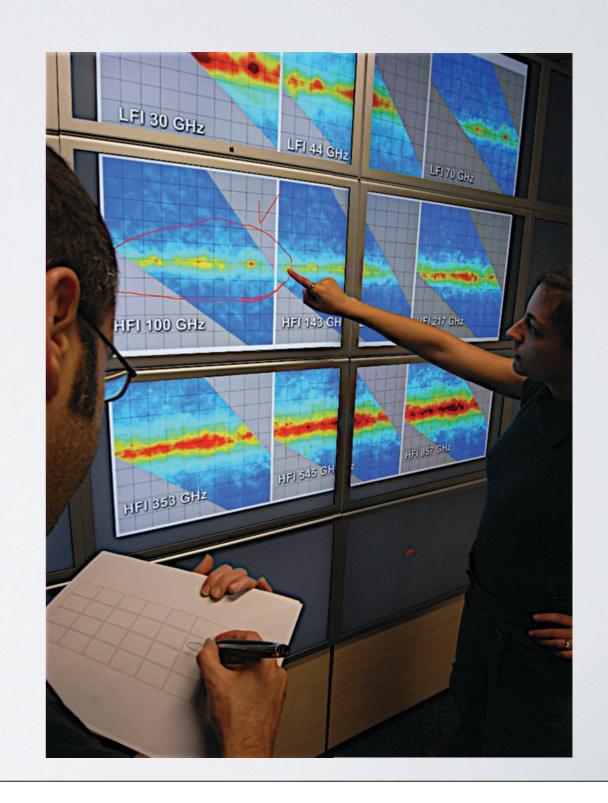
- Very large size
- Ultra-high resolution
- Multiple surfaces

- Interaction
- Collaboration



MULTISURFACE INTERACTION

- Interact across multiple input and output surfaces: wall display, table, laptop, iphone, paper, ...
- Move content seamlessly
- Use devices as instruments



MULTISURFACE INTERACTION













APPLICATION: SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

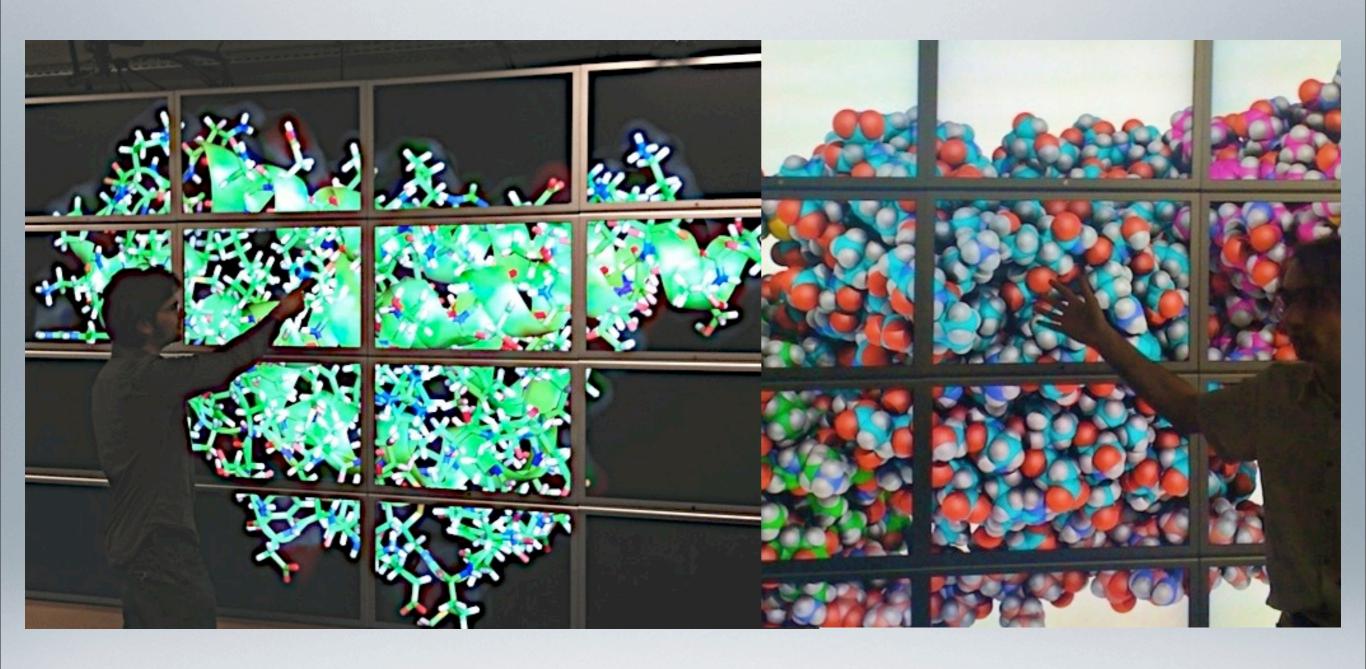
• 8 partner labs

 Help scientists better explore complex data

- IAS astrophysics
- IBBMC biochemistry
- ICMMO chemistry
- IGM biology
- LAL particle physics
- LIMSI mechanical eng.
- MAS simulation
- Neurospin neuroimagery



IAS - astrophysics (Hervé Dole)



PyMol: molecules



Neurospin: brain scans

OUR GOAL

· Use computer to enhance/augment/expand human capabilities



PARTICIPATORY DESIGN

Create new ways to interact with complex data

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Prototyping with Neurospin

INTERACTING WITH COMPLEX DATA









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WHAT WE HAVE DONE (SO FAR)

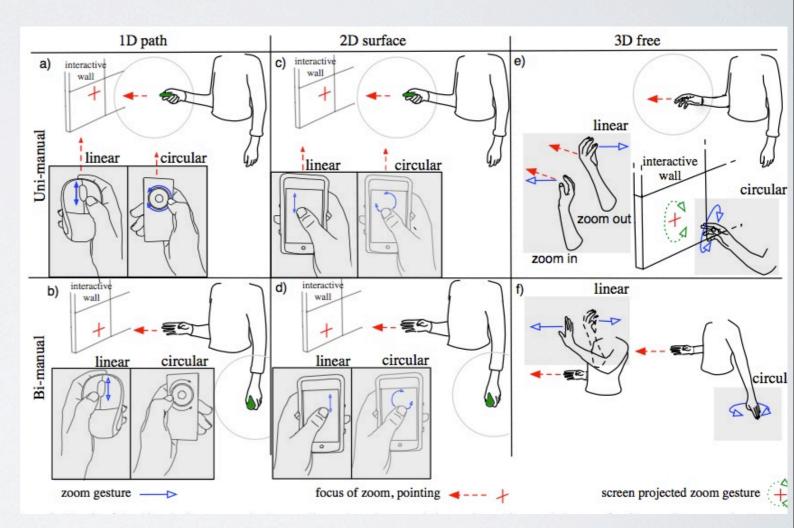
BASIC INTERACTION: POINTING

- Pointing at a distance
- Combine large size and ultra-high resolution
- Dual-mode techniques:
 absolute mode (coarse)
 + relative mode (precise)



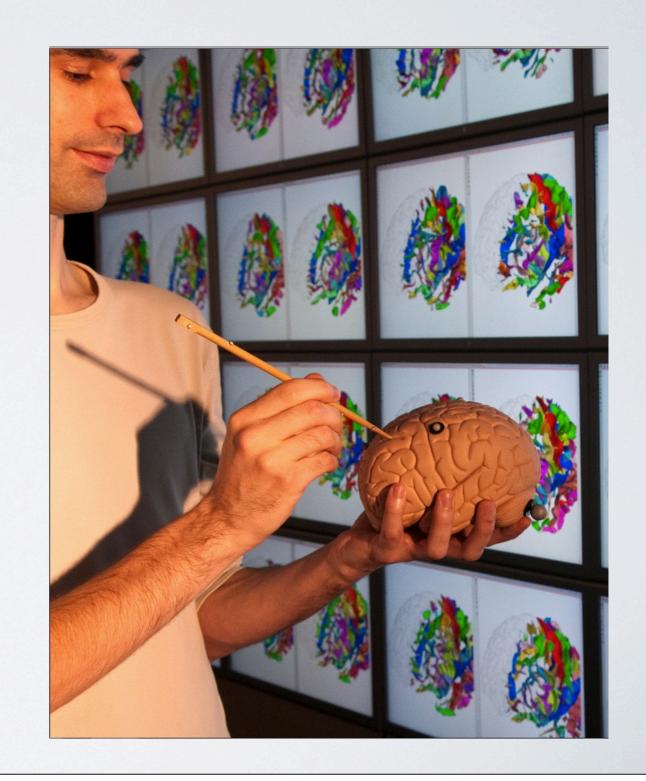
BASIC INTERACTION: NAVIGATION

- Compare 12 interaction techniques
- Free-hand vs. device,
 one-hand vs. two-hand,
 linear vs. circular gestures
- "Minority Report" looses



SOFTWARE: WILD INPUT SERVER

- Aggregate input from multiple devices,
 e.g. touch input on iPhone + 6D position of iPhone
- Easily reconfigure input
- Uses the OSC protocol



SOFTWARE: ZVTM

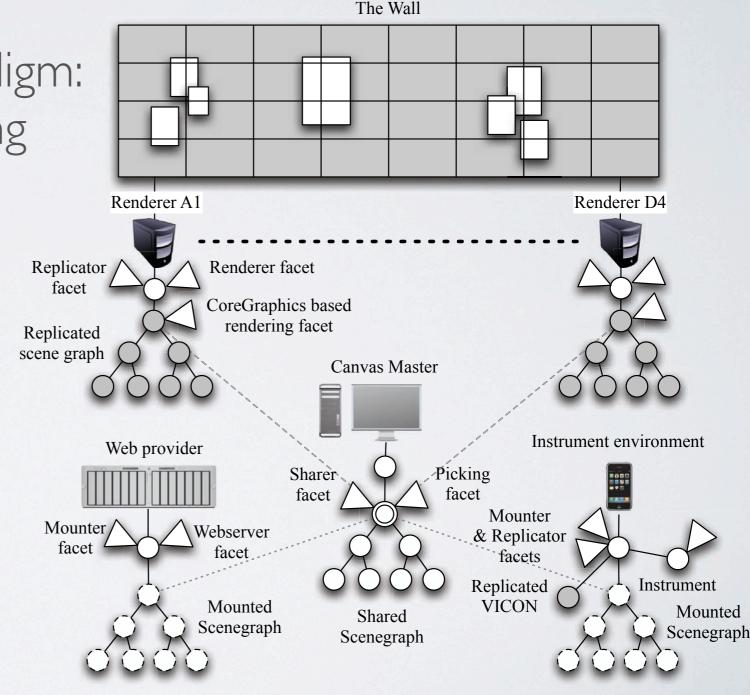
- Zoomable User Interface toolkit
- Distributed over the cluster
- Manage gigapixel images and complex multiscale scenes in real time

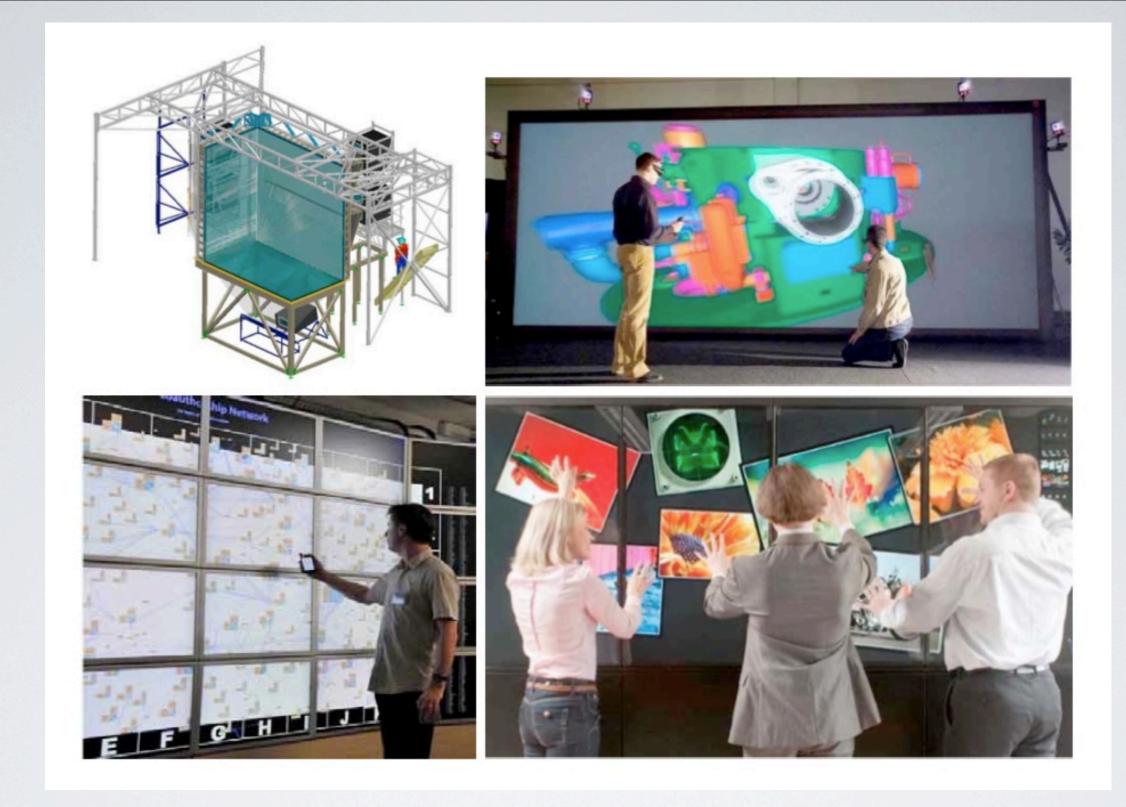




SOFTWARE: SUBSTANCE

- Novel programming paradigm: data-oriented programming
- Separate data (nodes) from behavior (facets)
- Sharing nodes and facets: replication or mounting
- Multisurface instrumental interaction





NEXT STEP: DIGISCOPE

Network of 9 rooms interconnected by a telepresence system

MY INTERESTS

- Understanding interaction (not interfaces)
- Creating novel interaction techniques
- Supporting mediated communication
- · Creating tools, toolkits, and computational models



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