Axes and Coordinate Systems Representations for Immersive Analytics of Multi-Dimensional Data

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Research Directions

- Immersive analytics using virtual reality
- User immersed inside the data volume
- Multi-dimensional data



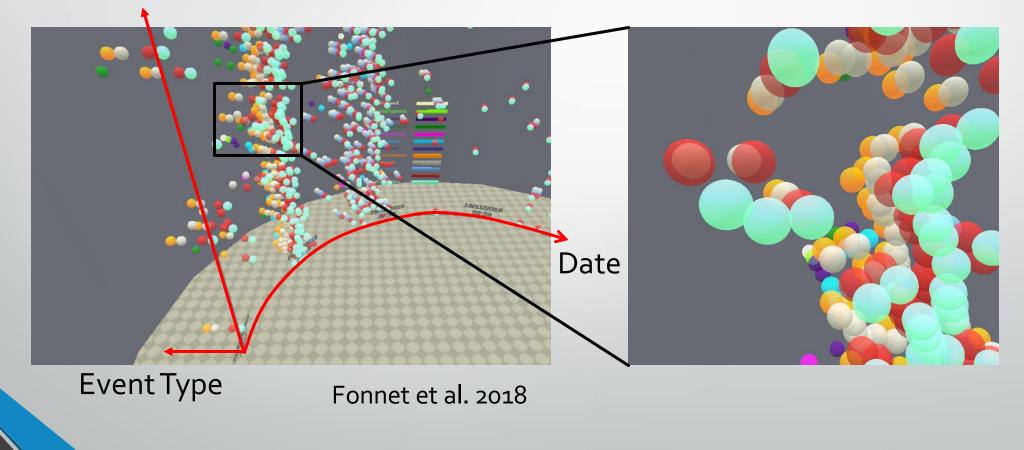


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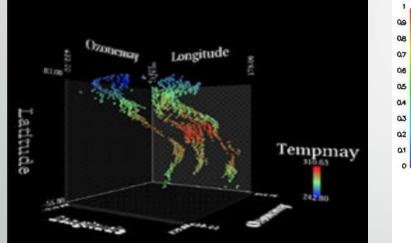
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Limitation of using classical axes representation: An illustration on the IDEA system

Actors



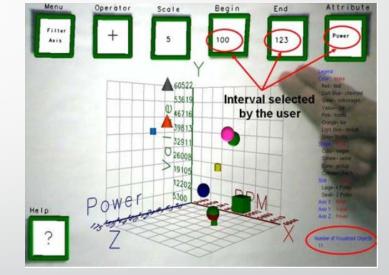
Axes in immersive analytics literature



Sawant et al. 2000

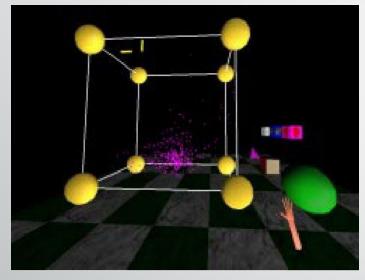
Age of patient

Nagel et al. 2001

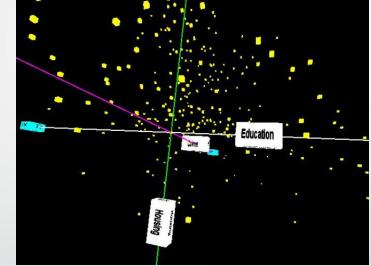


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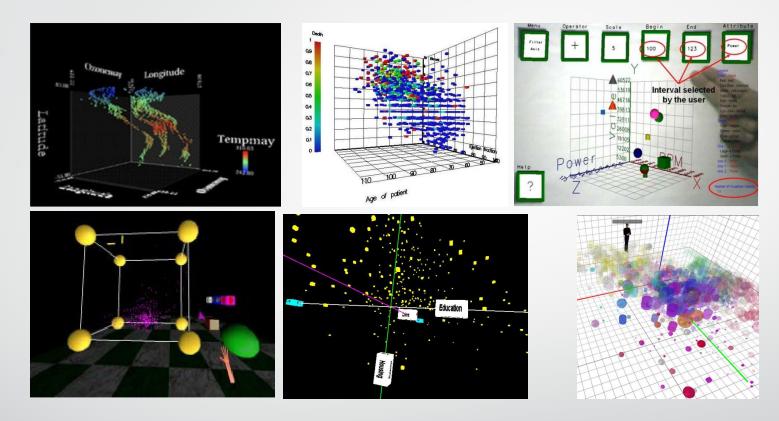
Symanzik et al. 1996



Datey et al. 2002

Donalek et al. 2014

Axes in immersive analytics literature



Axes are considered self-evident, though they cannot be considered as such for immersive analytics

Research Questions

 How to represent axes and coordinate systems in immersive analytics?

 What are coordinate system representations in immersive analytics used for?

Contributions

1. Task-based definition of coordinate system representations

2. Design space for coordinate system representations in immersive analytics

3. Results of an exploratory study

A Task-Based Definition of Coordinate System Representation

A **Coordinate System Representation** is a component of a data visualization which serves as a tool for the reader to:

1- Understand the space

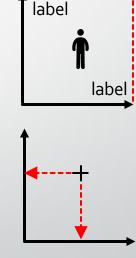
- Limits / Scale / Semantics
- Get ones position inside the space

2- Get information about datapoints

- Coordinate of point / group of points
- Difference between point / group of points

3- Search for datapoints

- From a specific value(s) for one (several) attribute(s)
- From interval values for one (several) attribute(s)





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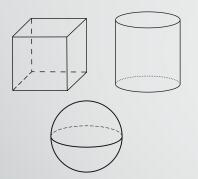
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A 7-dimensions Design Space Proposal for Coordinate System Representation

1- Type of coordinate system



2- Modality of representation

3- User positions with regards to the data

4- Dependancy to user position



5- Data Reachability

6- Data orientation variability



7- Complexity variability

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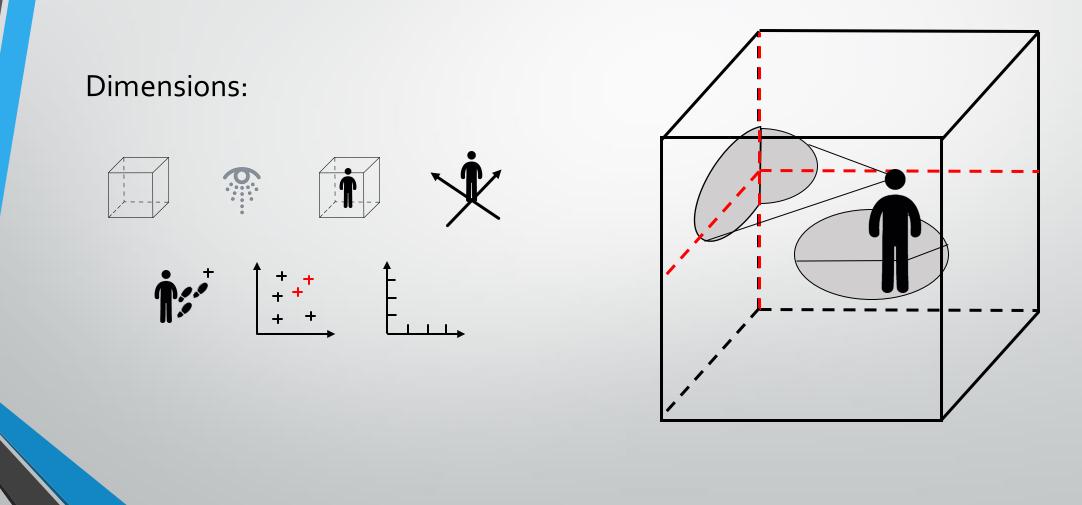
Design Space applied to the Wizard system

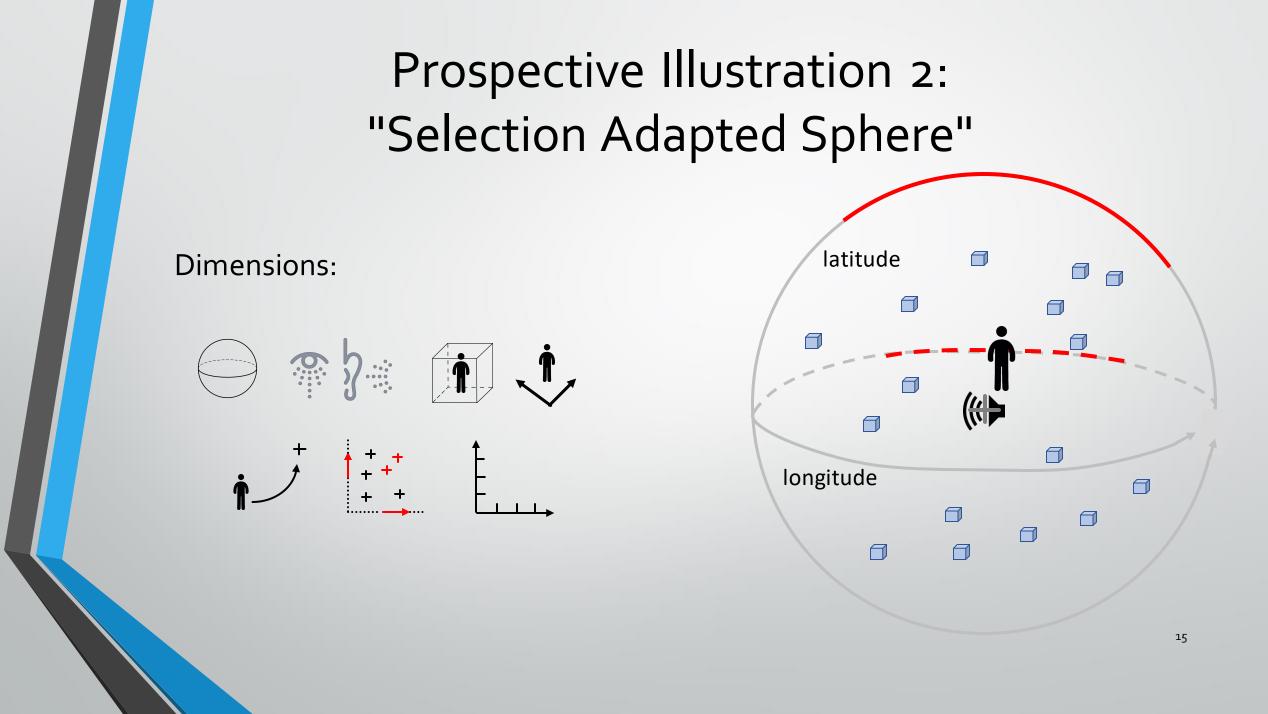
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Education

Prospective Illustration 1: "Mobile Axes"





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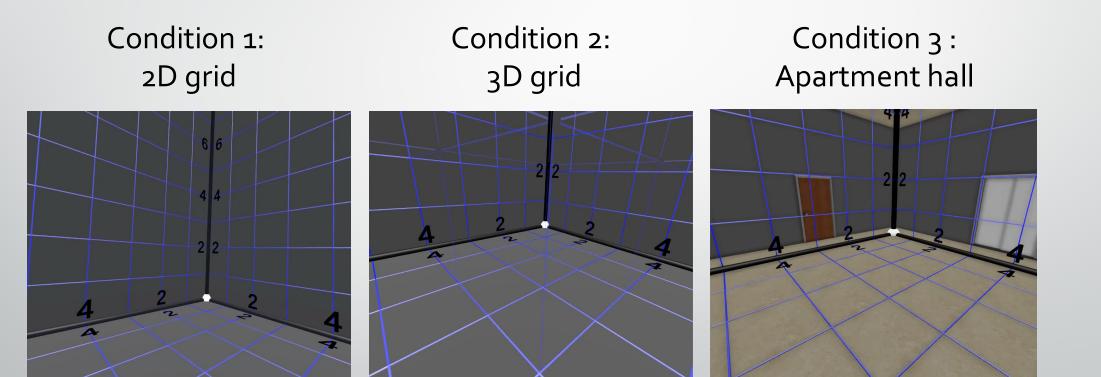
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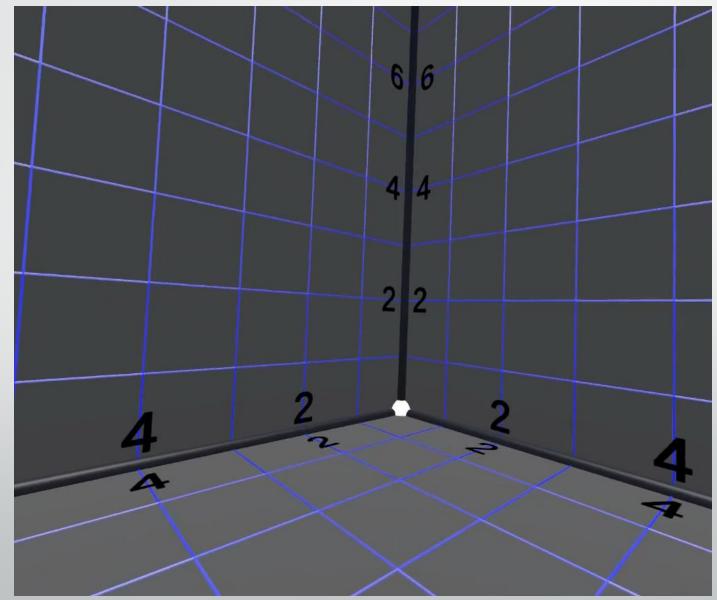
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Objective

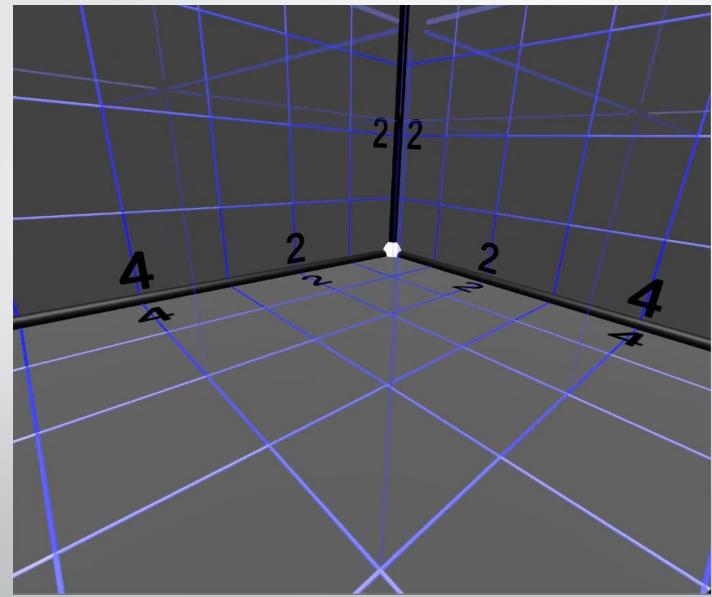
How do users behave in 3 different coordinate system representations?



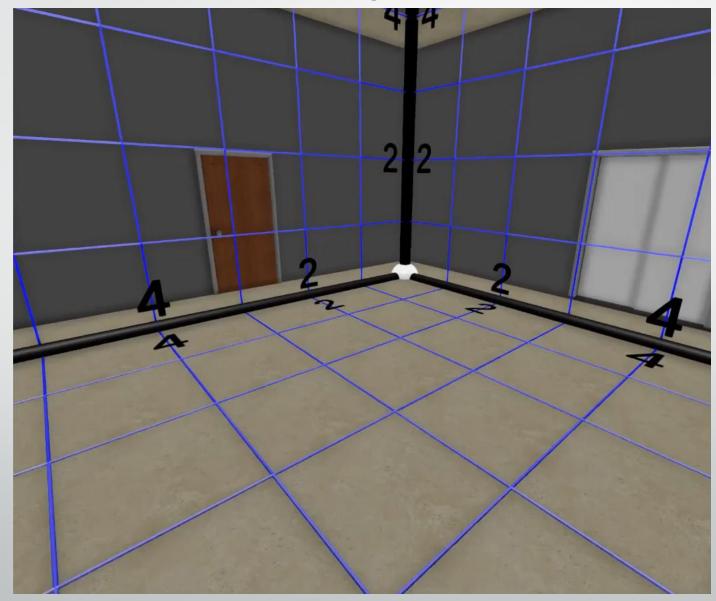
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Condition 2: 3D grid

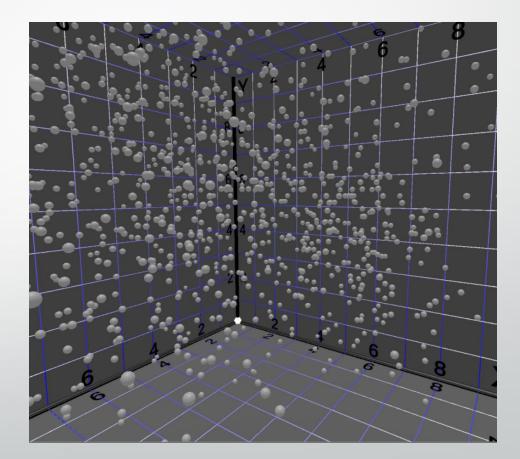


Condition 3: Apartment hall



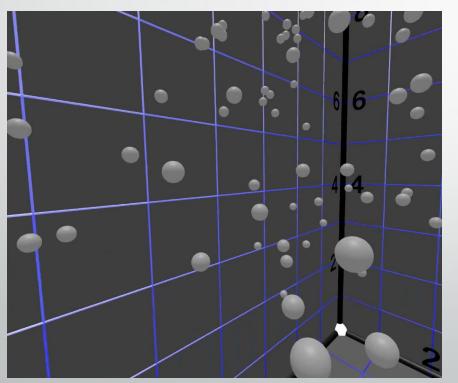
Experimentation Material

- Dataset: 1000 datapoints from the "wine" dataset, 3 attributes (pH, alcohol, and total sulfure dioxyde)
- Data Mapping: spheres, coordinates from o to 10
- Unity3D, HTC Vive

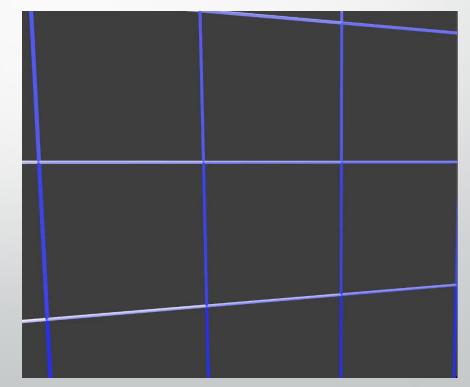


Experimental Protocol

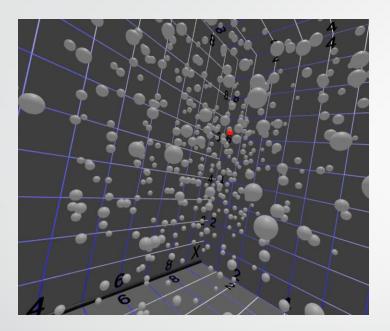
Task 1: Determine coordinates (x,y,z) of a point (10 times per condition)

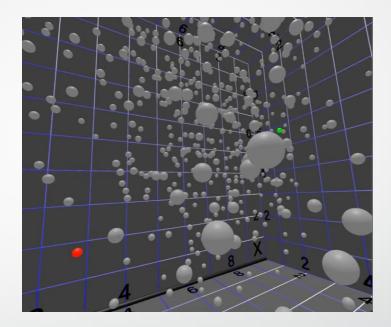


Task 2: Determine delta coordinates (x,y,z) between a couple of points (5 times per condition)



Data Collected





- User's answer (accuracy)
- Completion time
- User's feedback through Likert Scale and interview

Quantitative Results from Friedman's test

	2D grid	3D grid	Appt hall	$\chi^2_E(2)$	p-value
Point coordinate – acc (m)	0.79 ± 0.55	0.83 ± 1.08	0.83 ± 0.97	3.62	0.164
Delta coordinate – acc (m)	1.07 ± 0.69	0.8 ± 0.84	0.99 ± 0.67	3.73	0.155
Point coordinate – time (s)	31.9 ± 14.1	37.7 ± 15.2	32.6 ± 11.5	9.45	0.009*
Delta coordinate – time (s)	48.2 ± 22.8	52.6 ± 19.7	48.8 ± 18.6	3.9	0.142

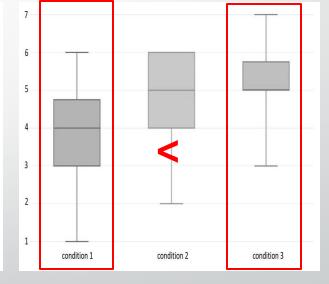
Qualitative Results – 7-point Likert Scale

Easiness to determine coordinate of one point

Easiness to determine delta coordinate of two points Appreciation of the environnement







 $p - value = 0.001^*$ $\chi^2_F(2) = 13.64$ $p - value = 0.005^*$ $\chi^2_E(2) = 10.71$ $p - value = 0.024^*$ $\chi^2_{E}(2) = 7.48$

Discussion

- No significant effect on accuracy
- However impact on behaviour and strategy of user
 - 3D grid allowed user to compute delta directly
 - Multiple users used proprioception to help them in the apartment hall
- Moreover qualitative feedback shows positive result
 - 3D grid is considered better to give accurate answer
 - Apartment hall improved user enjoyment

Conclusion & Future Works

Contribution	Importance	Limitation		
Task-Based Definition of CSR for IA	Allows to consider immersive coordinate system representations			
Design Space Proposal of CSR for IA	Supports the reflexion for future immersive analytics systems	A first version that should be refined and solidified		
Exploratory StudyImage: Image of the second se	Interesting user behaviours have been observed	Small number of users		

Questions?