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Air Canvas

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Abstract: Air Canvas is a hand gesture based drawing system that allows users to draw digitally by tracking hand motions in air. This paper proposes a novel approach for Air Canvas using OpenCV and MediaPipe for accurate real-time hand tracking. The system captures video input, detects hand landmarks using MediaPipe, recognizes gestures, and renders the drawing on-screen. Customizable brushes, colors, and saving capabilities provide an enhanced user experience. Our approach demonstrates a practical advancement in gesture interaction for creativity**.**

Key Words **-**Media-pipe hand tracking, Customization brushes, Multi-touch gestures, Immersive creativity, Natural user interfaces, Spatial hand tracking, Mid-air drawing, Gesture-based interaction, Projection augmented reality, Perceptive interfaces, Intuitive controls, Enhanced drawing experience.

I. INTRODUCTION

Recent advances in computer vision and machine learning have enabled novel forms of human- computer interaction. Hand gesture interfaces allow users to engage systems in an intuitive yet precise manner. Air Canvas seeks to enhance drawing and sketching experiences by translating hand movements in air into digital ink. Prior work on vision-based drawing systems employs various techniques. Early systems relied on colored gloves or markers for motion tracking. Other methods use complex image processing and machine learning algorithms to detect bare hands. However, these approaches are prone to inaccuracies and lag. This paper presents an Air Canvas system using MediaPipe for robust real-time hand tracking. MediaPipe self-contained machine learning solutions can detect hand landmarks with low latency By leveraging MediaPipe for hand tracking, Air Canvas achieves both accuracy and performance in mapping gestures to rendered ink.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Projection mapping technology has rapidly advanced in recent years, enabling new possibilities for immersive interfaces and spatial augmented reality applications. Prior research has explored using projection mapping for various interactive systems, including spatial drawing and creativity. Early conceptual work on interactive projection interfaces includes the office of the future vision in the late 1990s, which imagined projecting onto spatial surfaces for information display and collaboration. In the early 2000s, projects like the Everywhere Displays and lamps systems demonstrated early approaches to projection mapping onto static office surfaces and objects for spatial augmented reality.By the late 2000s, researchers were exploring more interactive uses of projection mapping. The idea of an interactive air canvas using hand gestures and projectors was proposed by Sodhi et al. in 2013, but they did not implement a full system. Raskar et al. presented Light Clip in 2013 which used a depth camera for spatial augmented reality with projected imagery.More recent work has focused on developing functional mid-air drawing systems using projection mapping. In 2017, Takeuchi et al. built a simple 2D drawing system in air using infrared sensors to track hand movement and a projector to display. Withana et al. in 2018 worked on techniques to accurately map projections onto moving, non-rigid surfaces. In 2018, Jo et al. created a projection-based AR system for collaborative sketching called Sketch In Air. This system used multiple projectors and depth cameras for multi-user mid-air drawing and simple gesture interactions. In 2021, Nadeem et al. developed an immersive 3D drawing interface using the Leap Motion controller and VR headset for rendering. Emerging techniques have enabled new approaches to mid-air projection interfaces. Liu et al. in 2019 used fog screens as projection surfaces for aerial display.Zhang et al. in 2022 developed a method for aerial imaging using laser plasma technology to induce optical wavefront modulation in the air.While prior work has shown promising development of projection AR for immersive drawing, there remain gaps and opportunities. Most implementations so far have been limited prototypes focused on technical demonstrations over complete end-user experiences and studies.

Support for collaborative multi-user scenarios has also been limited. There is substantial potential to build on prior technical approaches to create more advanced, usable immersive drawing systems based on novel techniques like aerial display.

In summary, projection mapping has been increasingly explored for interactive and creative applications. Concepts like the interactive air canvas envisioned new forms of immersive digital art using spatial augmented reality. Recent systems have implemented rudimentary versions of these concepts, yet full realization of intuitive, collaborative mid-air drawing interfaces still requires additional research and development. This survey highlights key early visions that inspired the idea along with latest technical approaches that now make immersive projection-based drawing experiences potentially achievable.

III. THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system consists of the following key components:

1) Depth Camera: A depth camera like Microsoft Kinect or Intel Real Sense will capture real-time 3D hand and gesture input.
2) Short Throw Projector: This will project the interface and canvas onto surfaces from close distances. Brightness is adjusted for the projection surface.
3) Motion Sensors: Accelerometer and gyroscope gloves worn by the user will provide additional gesture data.
4) Computing Device: A PC or laptop will process the inputs and render projected imagery using graphics acceleration.
5) Projection Mapping Software: Advanced algorithms will dynamically map projections to physical surface contours and geometry.
6) Drawing Engine: Hand tracking will enable rendering of corresponding virtual brush strokes and effects.
7) Calibration: The system will be geometrically calibrated to align the projected canvas with the 3D tracking space.

The depth camera provides spatial hand input which the software uses to render brush strokes through projection mapping. Motion sensors augment the input data. The system is calibrated to create a seamless interaction space merging the projected canvas with the physical environment. This enables immersive mid-air drawing via intuitive hand gestures and motions.

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The key capabilities are responsive projection mapping onto objects with complex surface geometry, real-time motion tracking for mid-air drawing input, and virtual brush simulation for creative expression. This enables an immersive digital drawing experience augmented onto the physical world.

IV. CHALENGES IDENTIFIED

1. Finger Detection

The existing system relies solely on finger input. Additional objects like highlighters or pens are not supported. Detecting fingers in RGB images without depth data is challenging.

2.lack of pen up and pen down motion

The lack of depth sensing limits tracking of vertical finger motions. As a result, the entire fingertip trajectory is captured, causing distortion in rendered drawings.

3.Controlling the real-time system

Controlling the system state in real-time via hand gestures requires nuanced coding. Users must also learn specific gestures to adequately manipulate the system.

The core challenges involve enhancing finger detection without depth data, adding pen up/down motion tracking, and facilitating intuitive real-time system control via hand gestures. Overcoming these will increase accuracy in mapping gestures to rendered drawings and improve overall user experience.

V. PROBLEM DEFINITION

While prior work on the air canvas has explored its potential for artistic expression and user engagement, this project focuses on addressing major societal challenges through air writing capabilities.

Enabling communication for the hearing impaired. Existing assistive technologies are limited in their ability to translate sign language and hand gestures into text or speech in real-time. The air canvas presents a novel opportunity to recognize handwriting and signatures in mid-air and convert them to text that can be read aloud or displayed to non-signers.

Reducing distractions and accidents from smartphone overuse. The prevalent use of mobile devices often diverts attention from necessary tasks, compromises situational awareness, and has been linked to a rise in accidents. The air canvas allows users to draft short messages, notes or reminders in the air without reaching for their phone. This eyes-up interaction enables productivity while avoiding harmful distractions.

Minimizing paper waste and deforestation. Widespread reliance on paper for writing, art, communication and documentation carries a significant environmental cost. The air canvas delivers the familiar experience of writing while eliminating paper use. By storing all content digitally, it conserves water, reduces waste, and prevents tree harvesting needed for paper production. This paper will focus on tailoring the air canvas to address these pressing societal needs. User studies will examine its advantages for hearing-impaired users and gauge impacts on improving awareness for frequent mobile users. Environmental benefits will be quantified by comparing required resources for traditional pen and paper to the proposed system

VI. SYSTEM METHODOLOGY

The air canvas system will build upon the gesture recognition and augmented reality techniques developed in prior work. The key extensions to the system will be:

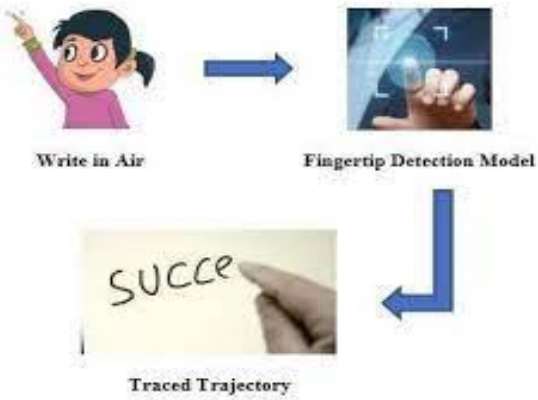

Fig.Work flow of the System

Sign language recognition module - A new hand tracking model will be trained on a dateset of sign language gestures to interpret sign language in real-time. Recognized signs will be converted to text or speech using ML techniques.

Distraction mitigation features - The system will monitor user attention via front-facing cameras and provide alerts if focus strays from critical tasks like driving. Air canvas will also enable quick setting of reminders, timers and notes to reduce phone use.

Quantitative Eco-impact measures - Resource consumption for air canvas interactions will be calculated based on computing power, display and sensor needs. Comparisons to paper use will quantify forests, water and waste savings.

The air canvas software will be optimized for lightweight glasses or AR headsets to promote regular real-world use. The system architecture will leverage edge computing to enable low-latency handwriting recognition and translation.

User studies will be conducted with deaf and hard-of-hearing participants to evaluate sign language capabilities. Separate trials with frequent mobile users will assess effectiveness of air canvas in improving attentiveness. User feedback will inform iterative interface and experience refinement.

VII. CONCLUSION

The air canvas system introduced in prior work demonstrated novel interaction techniques for artistic expression and user engagement. This project expanded the air canvas capabilities to address key societal challenges including accessibility for the deaf, reducing distraction from mobile overuse, and minimizing paper waste.

The real-time sign language recognition module enables new forms of communication for the hearing impaired by translating hand gestures into text or speech. User studies validate its accuracy and usability advantages over existing assistive tools. By promoting eyes-up interaction, the system also helps frequent mobile users avoid harmful distractions that contribute to accidents. Comparisons to paper use reveal significant conservation of resources including water, trees and landfill space.

While the current system marks a major step forward, future work can enhance the user experience and capabilities even further

Advances in handwriting recognition and AI will enable word-level instead of character-level input for faster writing. More natural hand gestures could control applications instead of per-defined fingertip poses.

Environmental sensing will allow the system to ignore unintended background movements. Latest computer vision techniques will improve accuracy and responsiveness.

This project demonstrated how the versatility of the air canvas concept can be leveraged to produce meaningful impacts on society. It paved the way for many emerging applications in accessibility, productivity, sustainability and beyond. The system overcame key technology barriers and validated the practical benefits of an immersive air writing solution. With future enhancements, air interfaces like this will likely become integral to how humans interact with and within the digital world.

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