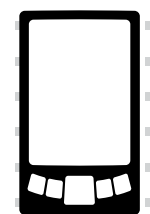


Getting Physical with Tablet Multiplayer

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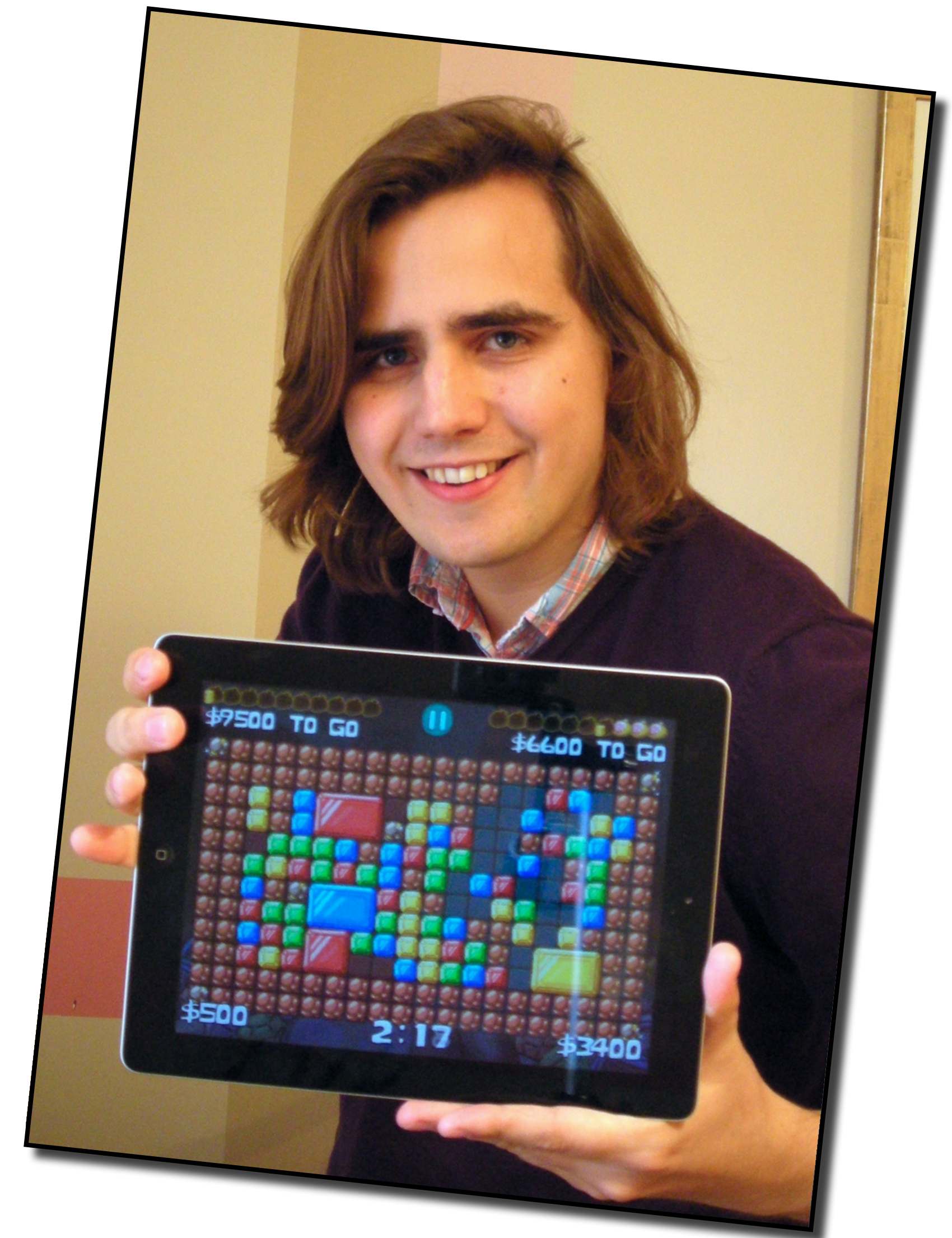
Sharing a single tablet

Physically interacting



Who am I?

- One-man studio
- Wiltshire, UK
- Maths graduate
- 3 years self-publishing
- *Develop* 30 Under 30

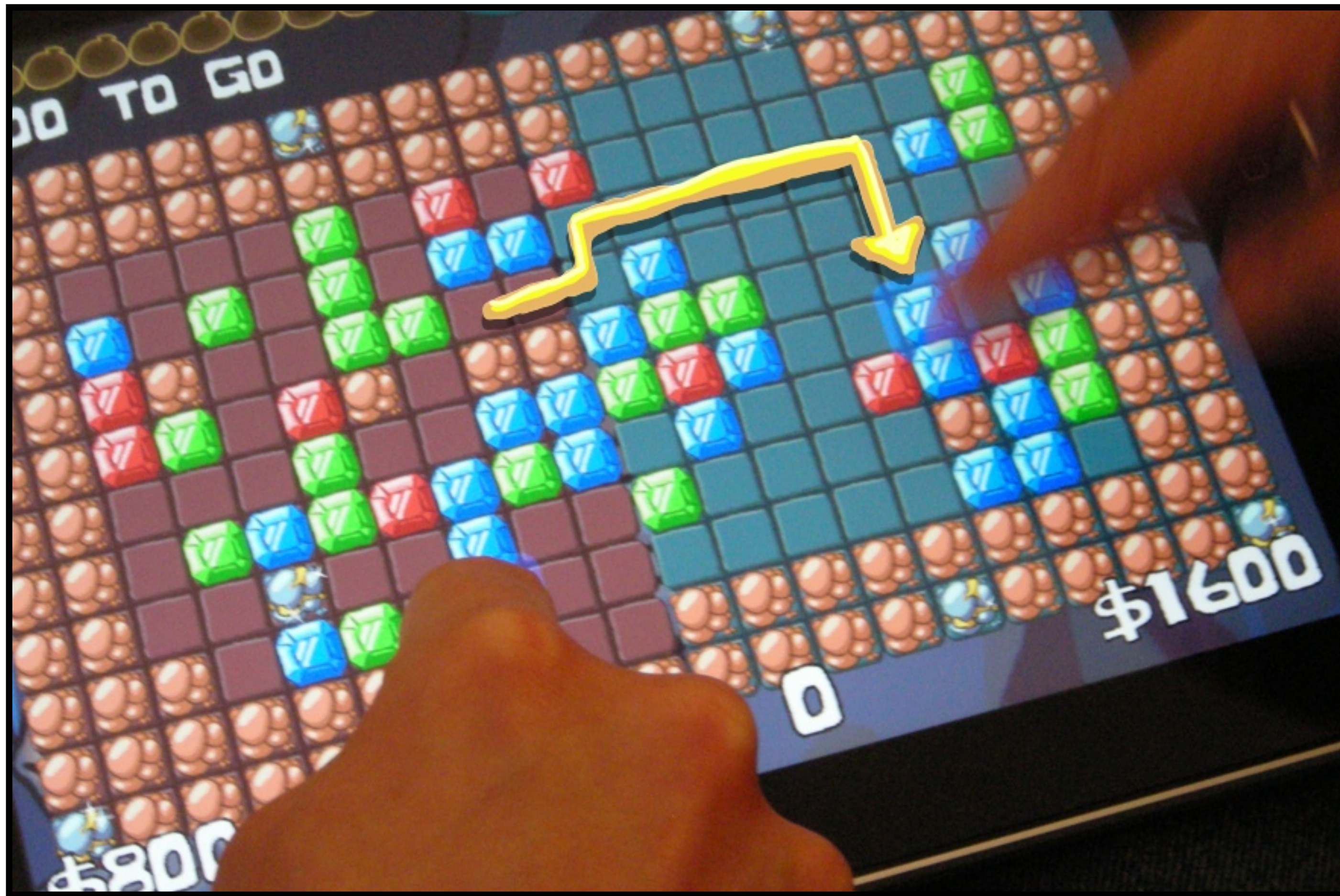


GREEDY BANKERS™ VS THE WORLD

- Simplex
- Multiplayer
- Sept 2011
- Eurogamer



Cheat and steal from your friends!



- Invading space
- Competitiveness
- Stories



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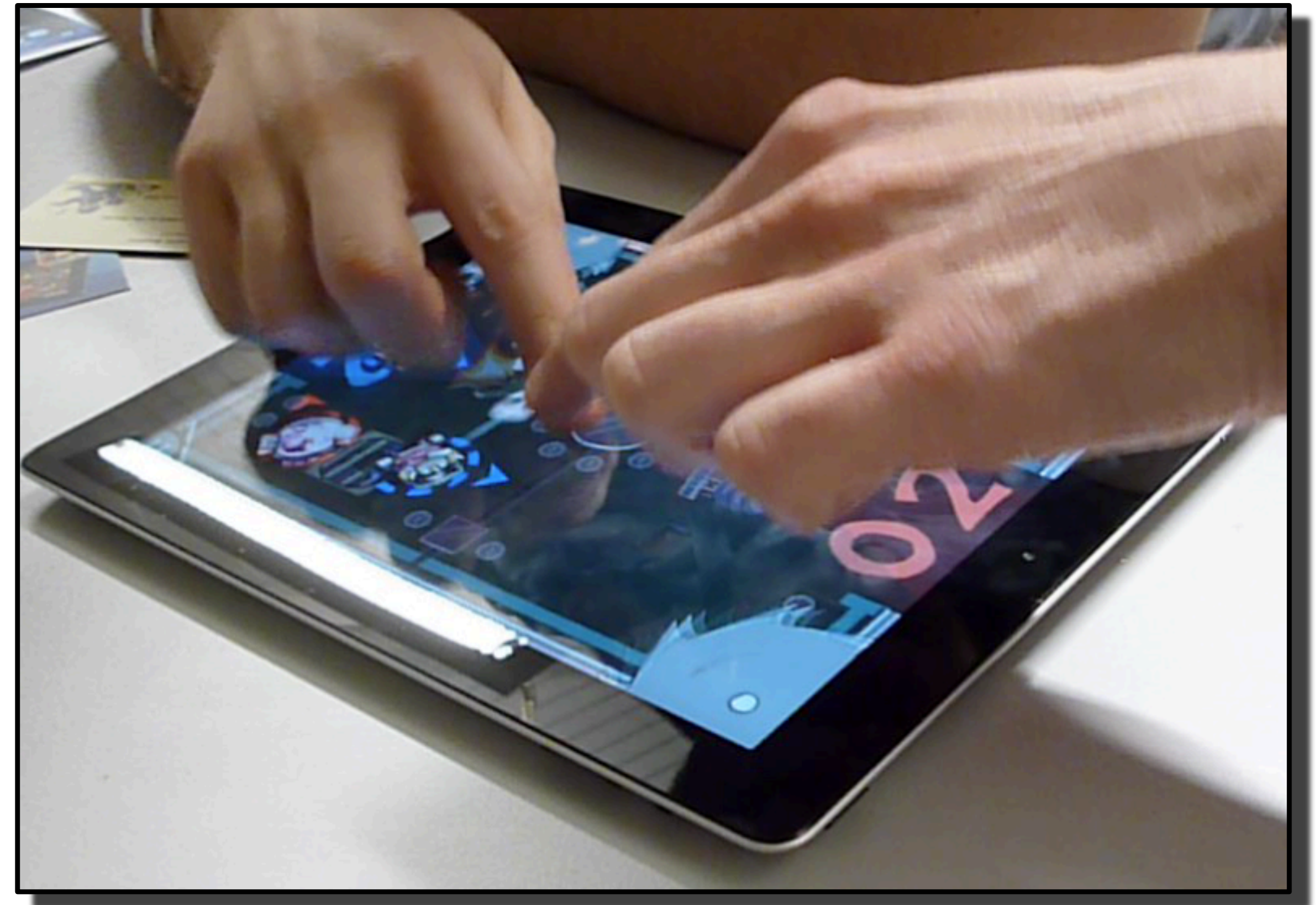
New & Noteworthy in 61 Countries



Won't players get in
each other's way?

Why is tablet social?

- Space for many hands
- Tactile
- Portable
- Force human contact



Physical contact helps us connect



Personal Space Invaders



- Cheekiness
- Not replicable with A.I.
- How close is too close?

Intimacy



Fingle
Game Oven



Physical space is
an infinite canvas

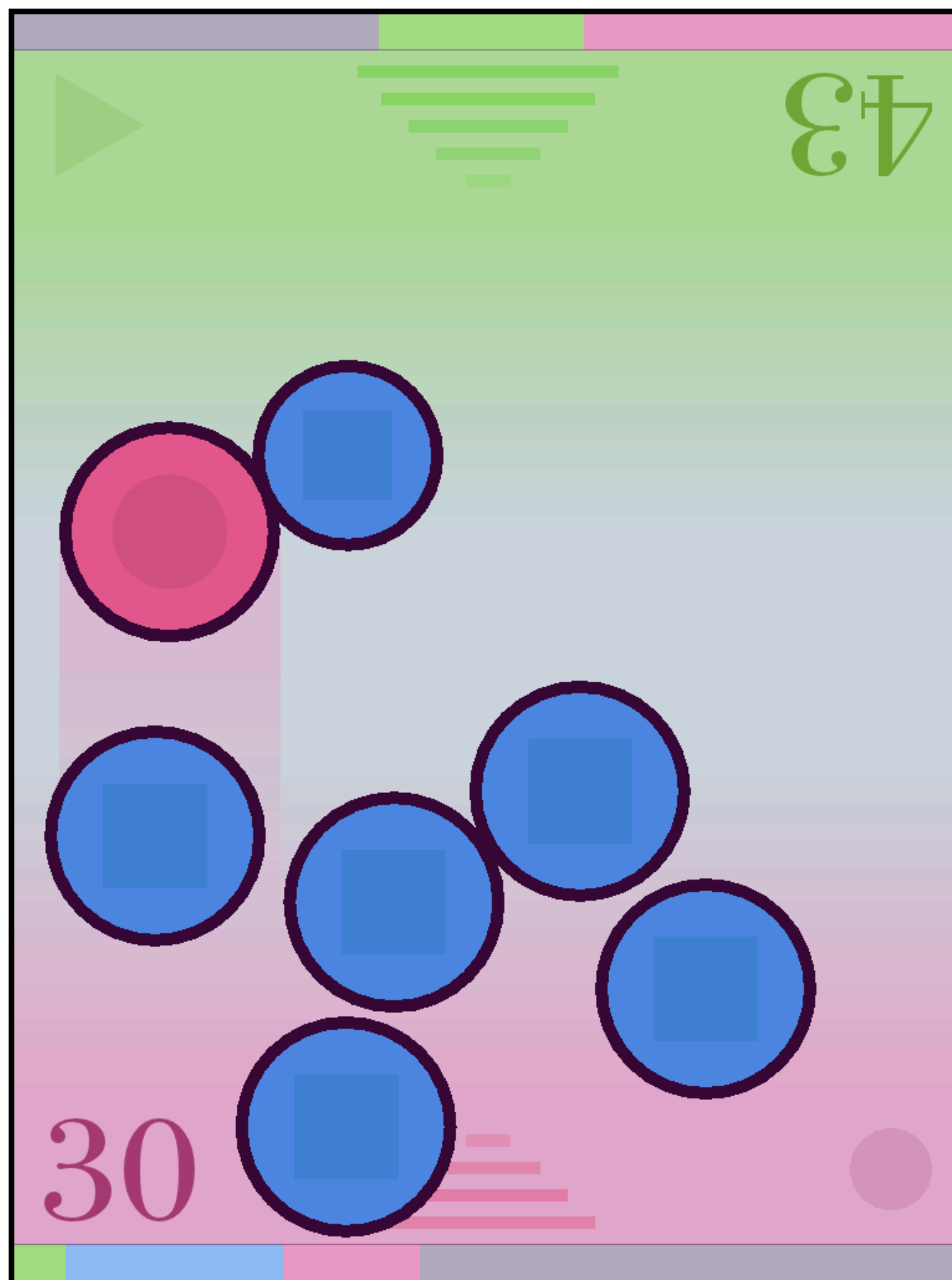
An infinite physical playspace



Chicanery

**Anna Anthropy,
Bennett Foddy**

Hands as obstacles



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Michael Brough



Blocking opponents

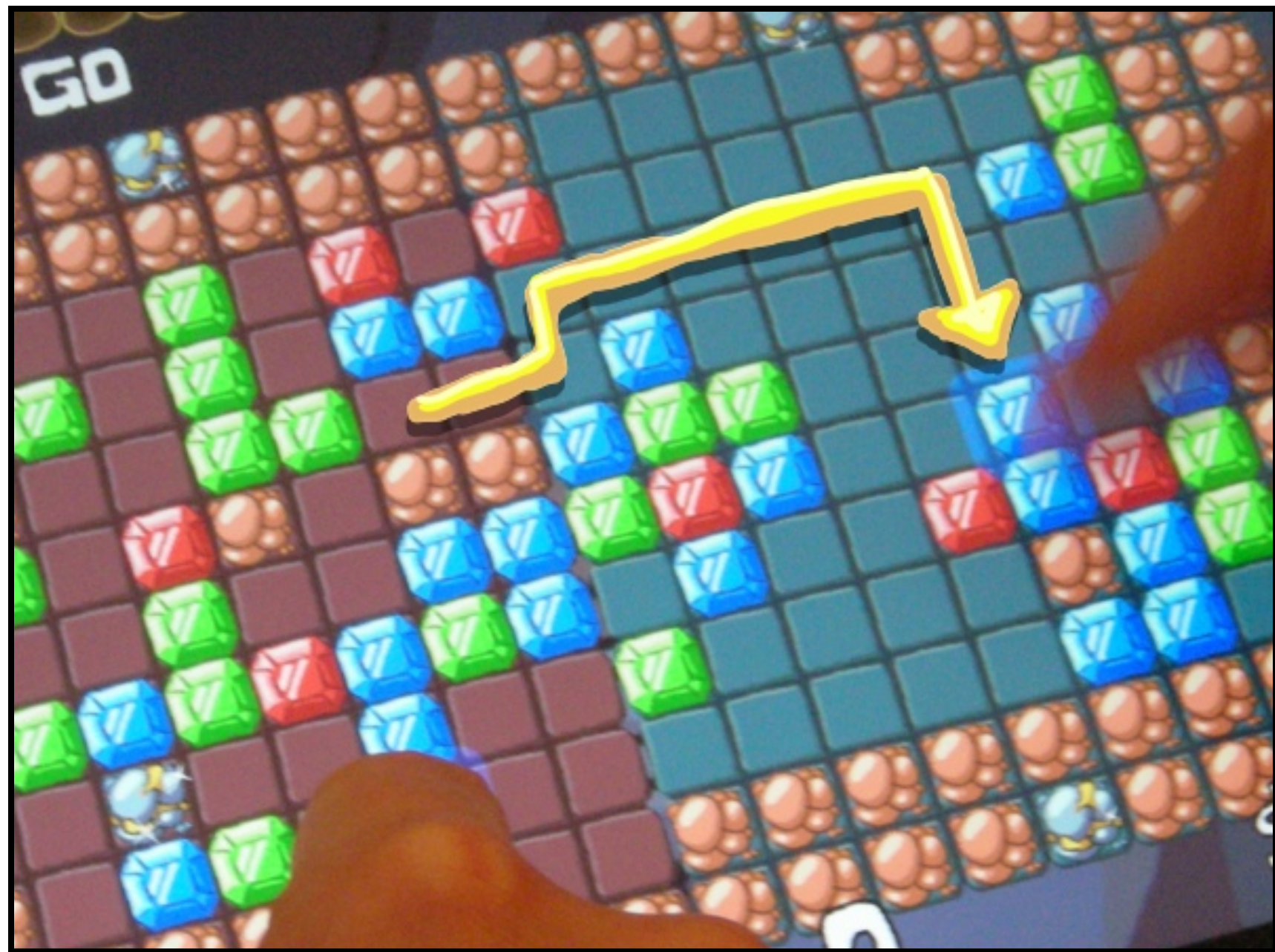


Finding an angle

It's good to be
bad!



Cheating



Device ignorance

Why is it okay to cheat?

- Expression
- Performance
- Creativity
- Beating the tech



Dealing with Rough-housing



"own goals are inevitable, power-ups are over-powered, and stealing your opponent's players is practically encouraged...

As long as neither player expects a fair fight, you'll have a blast."

Pocket Gamer (on *Slamjet Stadium*)



So what next?

Within games culture

• Public events

- GameCity
- IndieCade
- Wild Rumpus
- Local Multiplayer Picnic

• Installations

- MegaGIRP
- J.S. Joust
- Punch the Custard
- Get on Top



Within wider society

- Socialising
 - Pubs
 - Parties
 - Family
- Community
 - Museums
 - Schools
 - Social care

Truly social gaming



Evolving platforms



- Growing audience
- Table PCs
- Remarkability
- Showcasing

Let's get physical

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