ACHI 2014 PANEL
USER-CENTRIC INTERACTION CHALLENGES

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Human-Robot Interactions

Mina Terauchi: Interactions for special user groups

Sign Language for Japanese Deaf Users

Karlheinz Blankenbach: Electronic Display Interactions

Bruno Fanini: Interactions in a Museum

Fun, Immersive Environments

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What are the Big Challenges In User-centric Interactions?
In addition to personal and mobile devices, and traditional desktops, we increasingly interact with

- Large screens
- Sensors
- Tangibles etc.

Which senses are used in these interactions?
Main Challenges – Alma’s View

- Move from user-centric view to human-centric view of interactions
- Fewer devices, no to planned obsolescence, yes to more careful consideration of innovation in relation to interaction
- This implies a larger view over what we do as HCI practitioners, including careful consideration of values, sustainability, diversity, adaptability…
Conclusions from panelists

- Make use of other senses in interactions
- It is important to consider special user groups and their needs
- Make interactions, in particular in cars, simpler and safer
- Not all interactions need to be fun, but fun and pleasurable interactions are important in many contexts
- Emersive environments certainly have their role and space in public spaces such as museums
Human Machine Interfaces

The Visual sense is only one of several senses

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Human Machine Interfaces
Usually use:

1. Visual sensing
2. Visual and auditive 'performative'
   - language (signs/symbols) based/like - information presentation

• Diagnosis: over-reliance on 1&2 with too little attention paid to alternative modalities and missing out on their potential.
Other senses

- Audition, hearing
- Touch
- Proprioceptive
  - (Smell)
  - (Taste)
- Full/optimal use requires a rethink
  - not visual language based 'digital' signs/symbols
- Adapted, different form of presentation
  - for instance hearing provides a full 3D spatial presentation
User-centric Interaction Challenges: Automotive

Automotive interaction vs. driver distraction"

• Even today’s HMIs are needed to "operate" the car.
• Knobs & pushbuttons disappear as haptic devices.
• Head Up Displays becoming more widespread.
• How can the driver interact with various displays?
• Consequences for HMI for automated driving?

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Examples of Automotive Input and Output Devices

Driver distraction?

Duration for action steps?

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"Alerting the Driver … “

- Less than 3 glances with less than 1 sec each recommended for automotive HMIs.
- 2 sec of HMI distraction causes to lane departure rate of > 1% for 3 m lane width.
- How to “alert” the “driver” when in “automated driving mode”? 

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Future: (Fully) Automated Driving

How to alert the driver to take control of the car in case that automated driving fails?

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Challenges of Gesture-based interaction for engaging Virtual Environments

Engaging Interaction of a Virtual Museum

Low-cost sensors available to consumer market

Effective Design through Rewarding strategies?

CH Communication through Comparison?

How to Design “natural” Navigation Gestures?

Is this enough to engage visitors?

Gesture-based Navigation in large environments

Gestural Skills?

- Progressive Reward
- Non-overlapping Design
- Gradual content unlocking
- Color
- Skill
Providing a clear Interface?

Unlocked gestural skill

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How to transmit CH knowledge?
Visual Comparison?
On-site information?
Fun factor?

Improving User Experience:
- Color-based (visual) hints?
- Audio hints?
- Natural Gestures? How?
Experimental Study into the Time Taken to Understand Words when Reading Japanese Sign Language

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Component of Sign Language

Manual Signals (MS)
Used to form words

Non Manual Signals (NMS)
used for semantic and syntactic purposes
Native Signer:
Predict and understand words at the ends of sentences when reading JSL
Deaf people to predict and understand words when reading Japanese sign language

Effectively utilizing the information required to form correct sentences, including expressions and intonation

- Can be learnt through sign language education
- Helpful in generating sign language animation