
Interaction Homme-Machine Interaction multimodale

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Laurence Nigay est Professeur à l'Université Joseph Fourier et responsable de l'équipe "Ingénierie de l'Interaction Homme-Machine" (IIHM) du LIG. Le CNRS lui a décerné la médaille de bronze en 2002 pour ses travaux de recherche. Depuis septembre 2004, elle est membre de l'Institut Universitaire de France.

Elle est responsable depuis 2006 du Master 2 Professionnel Génie Informatique (M2Pro GI). Elle enseigne les modèles (conception ergonomique et conception logicielle) pour l'Interaction Homme-Machine, l'interaction multimodale, l'interaction sur supports mobiles et les collecticiels en M2Pro GI, en 3^{ème} année de Polytech' Grenoble filière RICM (Réseaux Informatiques et Communication Multimédia), en 1^{ère} année de Polytech' Grenoble filière TIS (Technologies de l'Information pour la Santé) et en M2 Recherche.

Ses travaux de thèse présentés en 1994 ont trait à l'interaction multimodale et à ses aspects logiciels. Ses travaux de recherche actuels ont trait à la conception et à la modélisation logicielles des systèmes interactifs. Parmi les systèmes, ses travaux portent particulièrement sur les interfaces utilisateur qui intègrent les aspects innovants de la technologie en communication homme-machine : les systèmes multimodaux, les systèmes sur supports mobiles et les systèmes de réalité augmentée et les collecticiels. Elle a effectué plusieurs séjours à l'Université de Carnegie-Mellon (USA) et a été visiteur scientifique à l'Université de Glasgow pendant un an (2002). Elle a été co-responsable du groupe de travail international WG 2.7 "Ingénierie de l'interaction" de l'IFIP jusqu'en juillet 2004 et a participé pendant 5 ans aux travaux du projet européen ESPRIT AMODEUS puis le réseau européen TMR-TACIT. Elle a ensuite participé au réseau d'excellence européen SIMILAR (FP6, 2003-2007) sur la multimodalité et a été coordinatrice du projet européen OpenInterface (FP6, 2006-2009). Dans le cadre du GDR-PRC I3, elle a été co-responsable du groupe de travail sur l'interaction multimodale et celui sur les collecticiels et est actuellement co-responsable du groupe de travail sur l'informatique mobile et ubiquitaire. Elle est aussi membre du comité de programme des colloques AVI, CHI, MobileHCI, DSVIS, EHCI, INTERACT, EIS, IHM et UBIMOB. Elle a publié plus de 150 articles dans des conférences internationales, chapitres dans des livres, articles de revues et est co-auteur du livre "Design Principles for Interactive Software" (Chapman&Hall, Groupe WG2.7 de l'IFIP).

Contenu du cours

Le cours a pour thème la conception et la réalisation des systèmes interactifs. Parmi ces systèmes, nous étudions les interfaces utilisateur qui intègrent les aspects de la technologie actuelle en interaction homme-machine : les interfaces multimodales. Nous soulignons aussi que la multimodalité est un vecteur intégrateur de nombreuses techniques d'interaction innovantes comme les interfaces tangibles, manipulables (Embodied User Interface) et les interfaces sur supports mobiles.

Le cours comprend trois parties :

- Introduction : domaine en évolution permanente, panorama des modalités d'interaction et exemples de systèmes multimodaux
- Espaces de conception et de classification des systèmes multimodaux : cette partie est dédiée à la conception ergonomique des interfaces multimodales
- Plateforme logicielle : Lien entre la conception et une approche à composants

Les concepts avancés d'interaction seront illustrés au moyen de nombreux exemples par le biais de vidéos et démonstrations.

Mots-clefs

Multimodalité, modalité d'interaction, système interactif, interface homme-machine, espace de conception, langage d'interaction, dispositif physique.

Multimodality: Introduction


Domain
Definitions
Path to evolution

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Introduction


Man-Machine Interface

Handling multimodal interaction



A modality
A multimodal system

Software architecture model for multimodal systems




Fusion of different objects from various modelling techniques:
How ?
At which level of abstraction?

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Domain and definitions

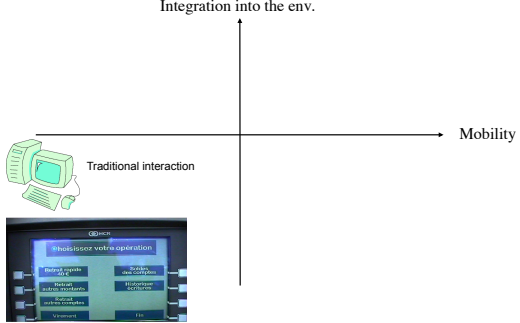
- Beyond the traditional User Interface (UI)
 - Windows: scroll, resize, move
 - Icons: representations, drag/drop
 - Menus: pop-up, pull-down
 - Pointers: mouse, digitizer, trackball, etc.
- Multimodal systems
 - Multi-modal refers to interfaces that support non-GUI interaction
 - Speech and pen input are two common examples - and are complementary



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From WIMP to Post-WIMP

Integration into the env.



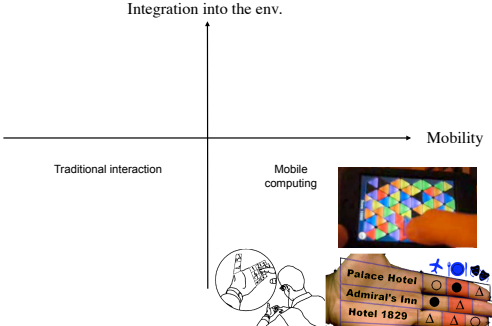
Traditional interaction

Mobility

[Lyytinen & Yoo 2002]

From WIMP to Post-WIMP

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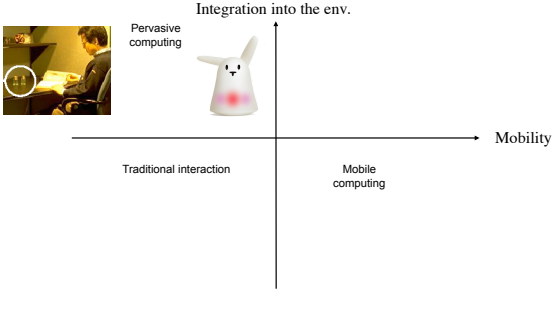
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Mobile computing

Conclusion: From WIMP to Post-WIMP

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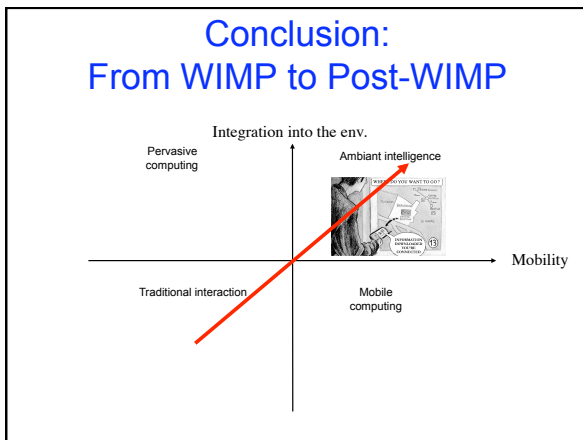


Traditional interaction

Mobility

Mobile computing

Pervasive computing



Domain and definitions

"New Interfaces" extend the sensori-motor capabilities of computer systems

Multimodal ≠ Multimedia

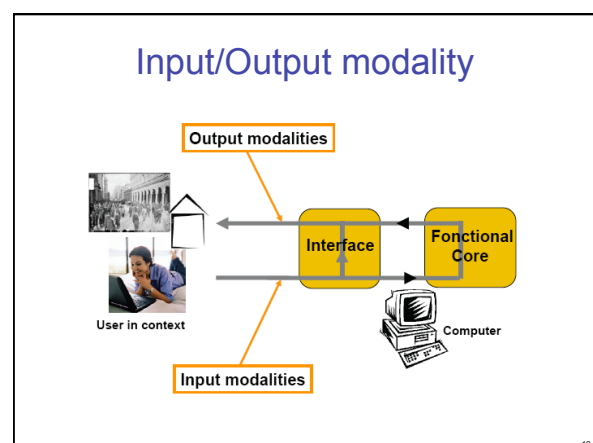
Multimodal ≠ Speech interface

New interaction capabilities appear

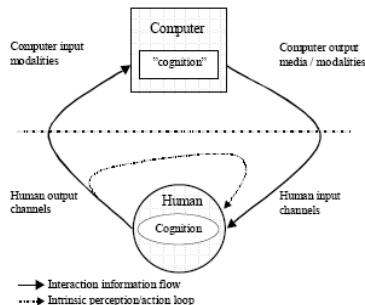
- ### Media - Modality
- Media
 - material (signal on a channel)
 - the support of communication
 - Modality
 - a channel or path of communication between the human and the computer
 - sensorial (audition, vision, etc.)
 - of communicating (voice, gestures, facial expressions, etc.)
 - A modality is a process of receiving and producing chunks of information

- ### Multimedia - Multimodality
- Multimedia system
 - transport signals of different kinds
 - For ex.: a sound clip attached to a presentation
 - Multimodal system
 - interpret signs belonging to various sensory and communication modalities
 - For ex.: the combined input of speech and typing in a word processor

- ### Multimodal and crossmodal
- Multimodal interaction makes use of several input and/or feedback modalities in interacting with a computer system.
 - Examples of modalities: manual gestures, gaze, touch, speech, head & body movements
 - Modality: human sensory channel, different representation modality, or different input method
 - Crossmodal interaction makes use of a different human sensory modality to present information typically presented through another modality.



Multimodal interaction



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Why multimodal?

- Most technologies are mature
- Seek to optimize the distribution of information over different modalities
- For adaptive, cooperative and flexible interaction among people

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Why multimodal?

- Naturalness
 - provide more “natural” interfaces Usability
- Usability / flexibility
 - improve ease-of-use
- Robustness/Efficiency/Accuracy
 - decrease error rates (Mutual disambiguation of recognition errors)
- Perception
- Relieve burden on the visual channel
- Support users with disabilities

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Natural interaction and multimodality

- Natural interaction is the long-term goal of being able to communicate with machines in the same ways in which humans communicate with one another
 - Input/output audiovisual speech, facial expression, gesture, gaze, body posture, physical action, touch, etc.
- **Natural interaction is multimodal by nature**

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Why multimodal?

- Flexibility for Robustness
 - Advantages for error recovery
 - Users intuitively pick the modality that is less error-prone
 - Language is often simplified
 - Users intuitively switch modality after an error, so that the same problem is not repeated
- Flexibility for
 - Users with disability (permanent or temporary)
 - Variable usage context (**mobile support**)
- The flexibility of a multimodal interface can accommodate a **wide range of users, tasks, and environments** for which any given single mode may not suffice

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Input Multimodality

- Because of the user’s circumstances – including her task, her background, her training, her knowledge, and the physical and interactive behaviour of the computer interface – the user may well have preferences as to how she communicates with the computer.
 - A familiar example is that if the user is engaged in a task which occupies her hands, she may prefer to use speech.
 - Another example: Suppose that the user wishes to book a flight from somewhere in Europe to Las Vegas. She may not know what is the nearest international airport, so she would prefer to indicate her destination by pointing on a map – or at the very least, by choosing from an appropriately filtered list of airports.

Why multimodal?

- What do these persons have in common?



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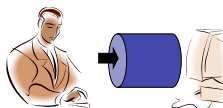
Why multimodal?

- Enabling the user
- New multimodal technologies enable the user to be better engaged in the interaction to receive more information through several modalities
- Multimodal interaction makes using of information technology possible for people with special needs, e.g., for blind and visually impaired people

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Why multimodal?

- The combination of human output channels effectively (multimodal input interaction) increases the bandwidth of the human machine channel.
 - *This has been discovered in many empirical studies of multimodal human computer interaction*



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Why multimodal? Nevertheless...

- Adding extra output modality requires more neurocomputational resources and will lead to deteriorated output quality resulting in reduced effective bandwidth.
- Two types of effects are usually observed:
 - a slowdown of all output processes, and
 - interference errors due to the fact that attention cannot be divided between the number of output channels.
- Two examples of this: writing when speaking, and speaking when driving a car.

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Three paradigms for multimodality

- **Computer as tool**
- Multiple input modalities are used to enhance direct manipulation behavior of the system
 - the computer is a passive tool and tries to understand the user through all the different input modalities that the system recognizes
 - the user is responsible for initiating the actions
 - follows the principles of direct manipulation [Shneiderman, 1982]

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Three paradigms for multimodality

- **Computer as partner**
- The multiple modalities are used to increase the anthropomorphism of the user interface
 - agent based conversational user interfaces
 - multimodal output is important: talking heads and other humanlike presentation modalities
 - speech recognition is a common input modality in these systems, and speech synthesis is used as an output modality



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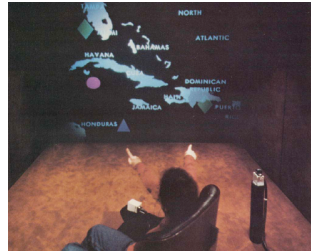
Three paradigms for multimodality

- **Proactive computing (ubiscomp, PUI, ...)**
- The multiple modalities are used to sense the user and the environment
 - multimodal (multisensory) input is important
 - the functionality of the system depends on the level of deduction (AI) the system is capable of
 - proactive functionality is often in the background and only indirectly visible for the user, predicting his/her actions and needs

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Multimodality: Path to evolution

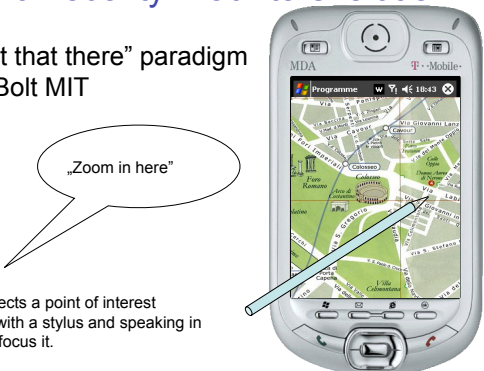
- Since 1980 “Put that there” paradigm
R. Bolt MIT



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Multimodality: Path to evolution

- “Put that there” paradigm
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User selects a point of interest clicking with a stylus and speaking in order to focus it.

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Multimodality: Path to evolution

- “Put that there” paradigm
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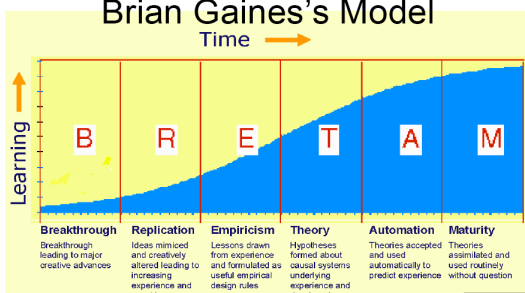
User selects a sound logo by clicking on the title with a stylus and speaking in order to hear it

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Multimodality: Path to evolution

Brian Gaines’s Model

Time →



Breakthrough	Replication	Empiricism	Theory	Automation	Maturity
Breakthrough leading to major creative advances	Ideas mimicked and creatively altered leading to increasing experience and new ideas	Lessons drawn from experience and formulated as useful empirical design rules	Hypotheses formed about causal systems underlying experience and developed as theories	Theories accepted and used automatically to predict experience	Theories assimilated and used routinely without question

In the 80’s, Brian Gaines introduced a model on how science technology develops over time

Brian Gaines

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Readings

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- Turk, M., Robertson, G. Eds, Perceptual user Interfaces. Comm. of the ACM, 43, 3 (2000), 32-70

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Readings

- **ACM SIGCHI: ACM's Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction**
 - <http://www.sigchi.org/>

- **ICMI conference**
 - International Conference on Multimodal Interfaces
- **CHI conference**
 - Computer Human Interface
- **UIST conference**
 - User Interface Software and technology
- **MobileHCI conference**
 - Human Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services

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Multimodal systems

Application domains
Examples

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Application domains

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Three paradigms for multimodality

- **Computer as tool**
 - Multiple input modalities are used to enhance direct manipulation behavior of the system
- **Computer as partner**
 - The multiple modalities are used to increase the anthropomorphism of the user interface
- **Proactive computing (ubicomp, PUI, ...)**
 - The multiple modalities are used to sense the user and the environment

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Three paradigms for multimodality

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Active/Passive modalities

- Active modalities are used by the user to issue a command to the computer (e.g., a voice command)
- Passive modalities are used to capture relevant information for enhancing the realization of the task, information that is not explicitly expressed by the user to the computer such as eye tracking location/orientation tracking etc.
- Combination of active and passive modalities

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Three paradigms for multimodality

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Computer as tool Multimodality

- Computer as tool
- The user is responsible for initiating the actions
- Multiple input/output modalities are used to enhance direct manipulation behavior of the system
 - Interaction modalities

Computer as tool Augmented Reality / Augmented Virtuality

The diagram consists of two trapezoidal shapes representing the 'Digital world' on the left and the 'Real world' on the right. In the top diagram, labeled 'Augmented Reality', an arrow points from the Digital world to the Real world, with a box 'D→R' to the right. Below it, the text reads 'Purpose of the task = real world'. In the bottom diagram, labeled 'Augmented Virtuality', an arrow points from the Real world to the Digital world, with a box 'D←R' to the right. Below it, the text reads 'Purpose of the task = computer'.

Augmented virtuality

The diagram shows a horizontal line between 'Digital world' and 'Real world' with 'Augmented Virtuality' in the center. Below this line, several vertical boxes list interaction modalities: 'keyboard UI', 'graphical UI', 'Speech gestural UI', 'tangible UI', and 'embodied UI'. To the right of these boxes are two small images: one of a person using a handheld device and another of a person in a virtual environment.

Once upon a time HCI ...

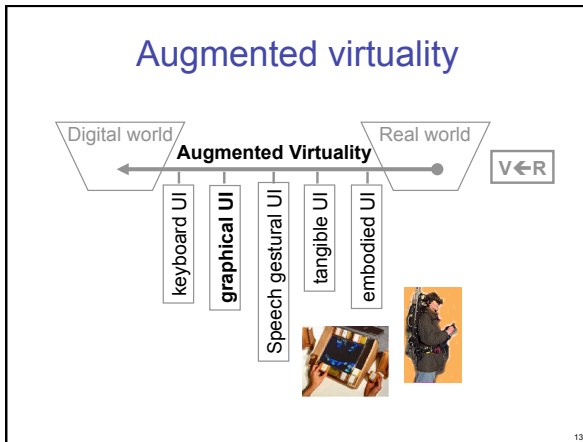
- Ivan Sutherland 1963 (PhD thesis MIT)
- Sketchpad
 - Drawing tool
 - Optical pen and buttons
 - Direct manipulation
 - Icons
 - Zoom
 - Copy/Paste

Once upon a time HCI

- Douglas Engelbart
- 1968 NSL oN Line System
- Augment/NSL
 - Text edition
 - Video conference
 - Two dimensional screen
 - Device on knee
 - Mouse

Once upon a time HCI

- Macintosh 1984
 - Direct manipulation
 - Mouse and Keyboard



Graphical UI

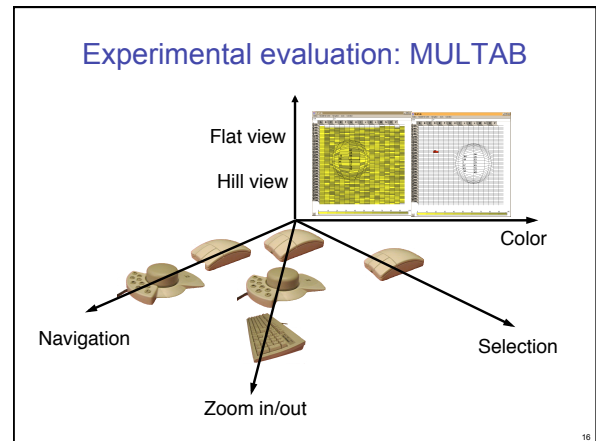
- Vitesse: LIG-IIHM
- Multiple output modalities
– Video VITESSE/MultipleView.avi

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Graphical UI

- MULTAB
- LIG-IIHM

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Graphical UI

- MERL table
– Video: *TableRondeVernier.mpg*

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Graphical UI

- Multi-surface interaction

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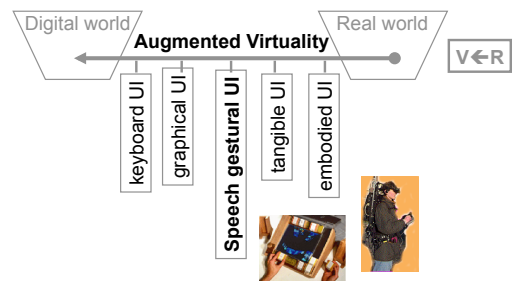
Manipulation and stereo

- Input modalities
 - 3D gesture
 - Speech
- Sensing modalities
 - Head tracker
 - Eye gaze tracker



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Augmented virtuality



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Meditor: Multimode Text Editor

- MEDITOR: Y. Bellick LIMSI-Paris
- Combines keyboard, Braille terminal, a French text-to-speech synthesiser, and a speech recognition system
- Allows Blind people to perform simple Document editing tasks

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Meditor



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Meditor Commands

- To put a word in italic
- The user says "*italic*" while clicking on any character of the word on the Braille terminal.
- To place a character into an exponent position
- The user says "*character exponent*" while clicking on the corresponding character.
- To delete a part of the text
- 1) The user says "*begin selection*" while clicking on the first character of the string to be deleted, 2) then says "*end selection*" while clicking on the last character, and 3) says "*delete*" to complete the command. The message feedback "*selection deleted*" is then generated by the speech-synthesizer.

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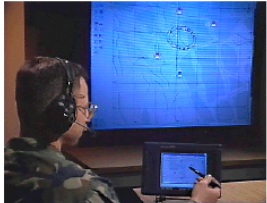
Speech + gesture

- VoicePaint LIG-IIHM
 - Graphical editor
 - Mouse + speech
 - Change colors using speech while drawing using the mouse

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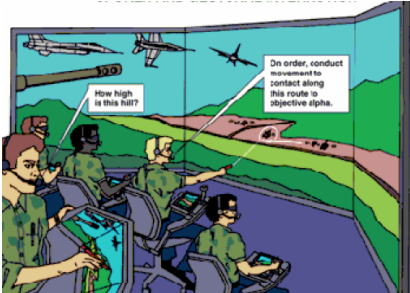
Quickset Spoken and gestural interaction

- Speech
- Pen input
 - Pointing (selection)
 - Gesture recognition




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Quickset Spoken and gestural interaction



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Quickset Spoken and gestural interaction



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Quickset - RASA: Multimodality and Augmented Reality

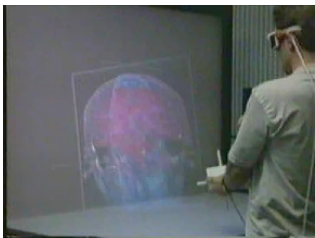
– Video DEMOMULTI/Rasa.mpg



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Gestural UI

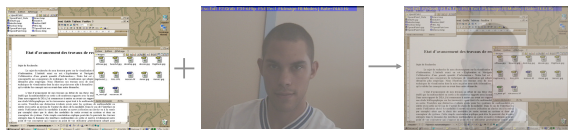
- 3D cubic mouse
 - Video CubicMouse.mov



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Gestural UI

- Mirror Pixels
- Fusion of two images, one is the user interface, one is a video pointing to the user or to his/her hand



Interface Video Result

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Gestural UI

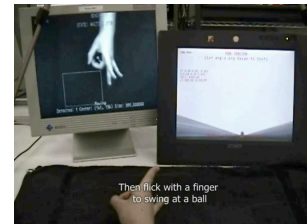
- Mirror Pixels: Drawing application
 - Input modality based on a pen
 - Video *PIXMIRROR/App_Dessin.mpg*



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Gestural UI

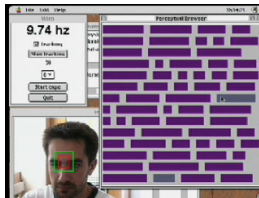
- Flicking gesture
 - Vision-based tracking
 - Video: *DEMOMULTI/BilleGestureVision-UIST06.mpg*



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Gestural UI

- Perceptual Browser LIG-IIHM
 - Two modalities
 - Head movement (vision based tracking) + mouse
 - Video *PBrowserMac.mpg*



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Gestural UI

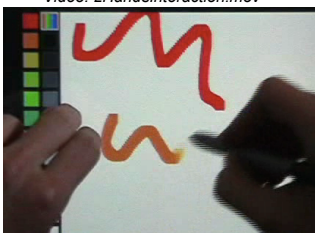
- Thumb and Fore-Finger Interface Microsoft
 - Modality based on vision-tracking
 - Video *DEMOMULTI/HandsOverKeyboard.wmv*



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Two-handed interaction

- Drawing editor: Berkeley
 - Two modalities (one per hand)
 - Video: *2HandsInteraction.mov*



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Two-handed interaction

- NavGRAPH: LIG-IIHM
- NAVRNA: a system to visualize, explore and edit RNA Ribonucleic Acid
 - Video: *NAVGRAPHE/AVI_2.wmv*



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Augmented virtuality

Augmented Virtuality

Digital world \leftarrow \rightarrow Real world

V \leftarrow R

keyboard UI
graphical UI
Speech gestural UI
tangible UI
embodied UI

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Tangible UI

- AmbientRoom : MIT Medialab
– Video: AmbientRoom.mpg

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Tangible UI

- Lumino:
tangible blocks for tabletop computers
– Video: Lumino.mp4

3D structures made from luminos can be tracked using a regular diffuse illumination table

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Tangible UI

- Rapid Construction of physical interfaces
CMU
– Video: PhysicalPrototype-UIST06.mov

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Augmented virtuality

Augmented Virtuality

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Embodied User Interface

- Embodied UI: Rank Xerox

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Embodied User Interface

- Embodied UI: Rank Xerox

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Embodied User Interface

- Tilt and gesture based user input
 - Compaq project

Rock'n'Scroll
Video: RocknScroll.mov

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Embodied User Interface

Peephole Displays
Ka-Ping Yee
Univ. of California, Berkeley
Video: CHI03VIDEO/Yee.avi

Herb, I'm looking at that subway map again.

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Embodied User Interface

- Camera phone based motion sensing

Uni. of California, Berkeley & IBM
Video: Phone3DMvt-UIST06.mov

Menu Navigation

Text input by pressing and tilting the camera phone.

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Embodied User Interface

- Prototyping tool for embodied UI
 - Stanford HCI group

design

analyze

test

—Video: MapPDADesignplatform-UIST06.mov

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3D sound

- Spatialized sound
- Mobile setting

Meeting at 10

Soundbeam Neckset

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Keyboard

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Keyboard

<http://mozillalabs.com/conceptseries/2010/09/23/seabird/>

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Keyboard

- Oulu University (Finland)
- Video: *Main.mpeg*

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Interaction: LucidTouch:

- A See-Through Mobile Device
- LucidTouch.avi

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Multi-surface interaction

- Pick&Drop
- Video: *Rekimoto_PickAndDrop.mov*


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Multi-surface interaction



- TouchProject
- Video: *TouchProjector.wmv*

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Direct manipulation and mobility

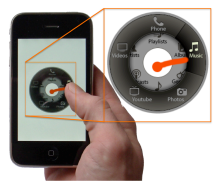


- Key issues: Transparency/Usability of mobile devices
- Challenges for HCI
 - Limited interactional resources
- Interaction in mobility


Direct manipulation and mobility

- Wavelet menu
 - Video: MenuWavelet.video
- Problem space
 - Space on screen
 - No keyboard for shortcuts
 - One-hand interaction
 - Eye-free interaction



MATCH

- Multimodal Access to City Help
- A Multimode Portable Device that accepts speech and pen gestures created by ATT&T




MATCH

- Part of a multi-million, multi-year contract from DARPA
- Enables users to interact using speech, pen, or synchronized combinations of speech and pen
- Essentially a testbed for designing portable multimodal applications

- Video: DEMOMULTI/CityPlannerATT.mpeg

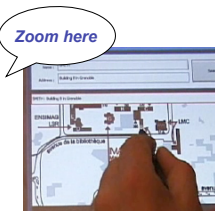
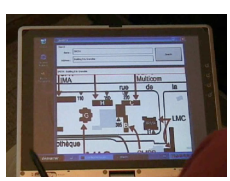
MATCH Testing Statistics

- Exchanges 338
 - Speech only 171 (51%)
 - Multimodal 93 (28%)
 - Pen only 66 (19%)
 - GUI actions 8 (2%)



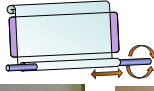
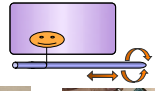
YellowPages




- YellowPages: LIG-IIHM
 - Voice command + Pointing using stylus
 - Video: YellowPages-CLIPS.wmv

RodDirect

- Two types of stylus movement in the stylus holder are associated with parameters
 - (1) Twist (Rotation)
 - (2) Push/Pull (Sliding)

Map Browser
Application Switching
Scheduler

JAIST: Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, JAPAN
Video: RodDirectDemo.mpg

Multimodality on mobile phone

- Contact manager application on a mobile phone: LIG-IIHM
 - Devices : keyboard + microphone
 - Enabling forms filling using the stylus and speech commands

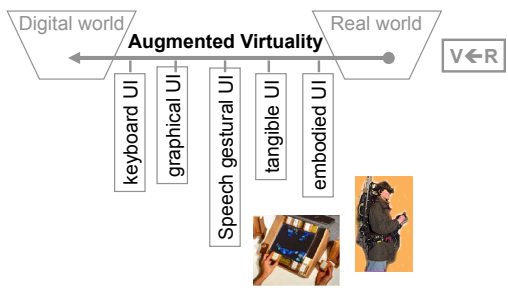


Commercial product

- www.kirusa.com/multimodality.html



Augmented virtuality

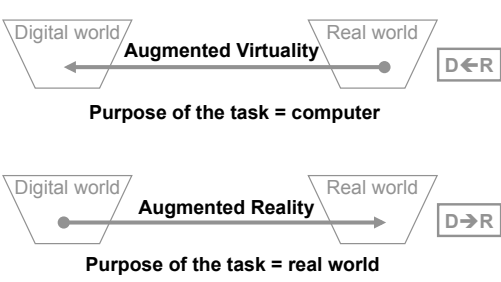


Digital world ← **Augmented Virtuality** → Real world

V ← R

keyboard UI graphical UI Speech gestural UI tangible UI embodied UI

Computer as tool Augmented Reality / Augmented Virtuality

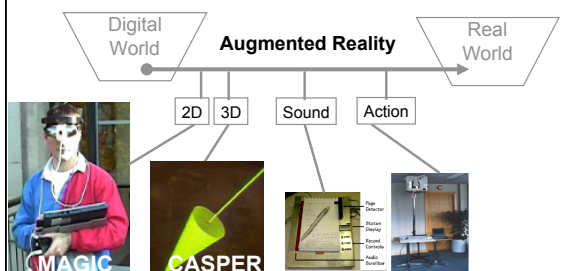


Augmented Virtuality D ← R
 Purpose of the task = computer

Augmented Reality D → R
 Purpose of the task = real world

Augmented Reality

- New interaction modalities



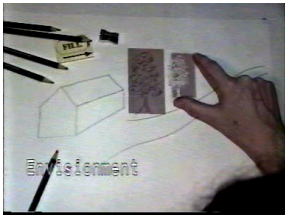
Digital World **Augmented Reality** Real World

2D 3D Sound Action

MAGIC CASPER

Augmented Reality

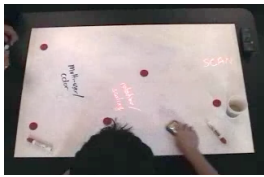
- First AR system
 - P. Wellner DigitalDesk
 - Video: DigitalSketching.mpg



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Augmented Reality


- MagicTable: LIG-IIHM
 - Brainstorming
 - Video: MAGICBOARD/magicboard.mov



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Context-aware interactive system



- Sensing modalities



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Context-aware interactive system

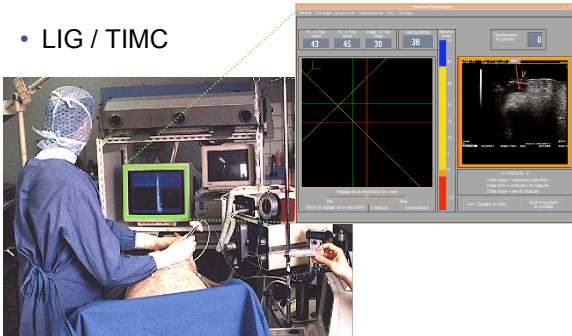
- Input modalities
 - Sensing modalities
 - 3D Location
 - 3D Orientation
- Output modality
 - Textual information displayed on HMD
 - Integration of virtual information and actions in the real world of the user through modalities

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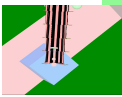


Augmented surgery: CASPER

- LIG / TIMC

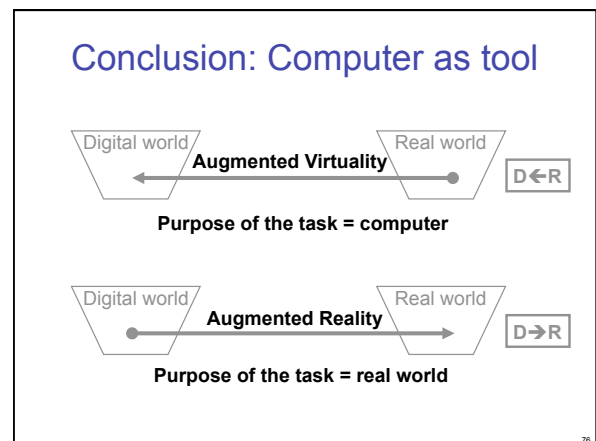
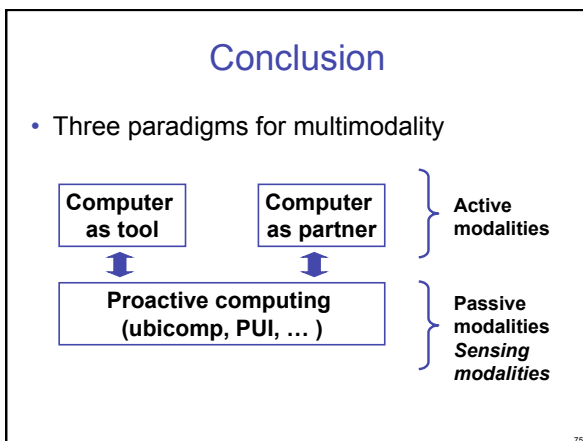
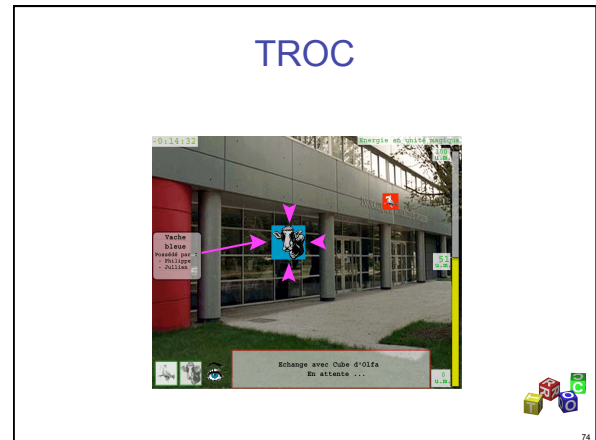
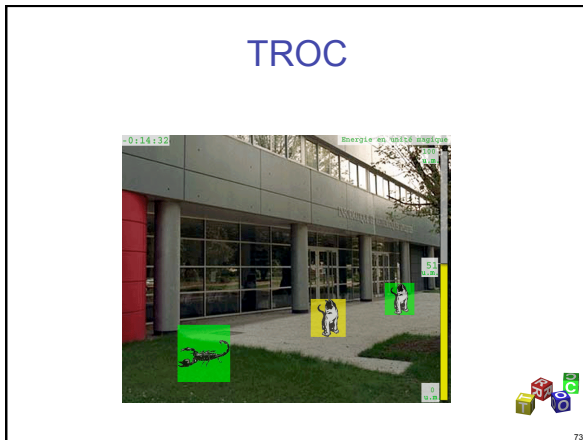


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Augmented surgery: CASPER

- Output modality
 - Perceptual continuity
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 - Cognitive continuity
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- ### Conclusion
- Modality and multimodality:
 - **A VAST space of possibilities to be explored**
 - Multimodality is an integrating vector for several recent interaction paradigms that include:
 - perceptual user interfaces
 - tangible interfaces
 - Visualisation:
 - Modality = Output graphical interaction technique
 - Augmented Virtuality / Augmented Reality:
 - Modality based on physical objects
 - Multimodality:
 - Real world (Action/Perception)
 - Digital world (Action/Perception)
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Readings

- Multimodal Communication for the Blind
<http://www.limsi.fr/Individu/bellik/francais/meditor.htm>
- Non-Visual Interfaces for Wearable Computers
http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/~stephen/papers/IEE_wearables_00.pdf
- MATCH: An Architecture for Multimodal Dialogue Systems
<http://www2.research.att.com/~johnston/matchacl02.pdf>
- MIPAD: A Multimodal Interaction Prototype
<http://research.microsoft.com/pubs/75373/2001-huang-icassp.pdf>
- RodDirect: <http://css.jaist.ac.jp/~miuramo/roddirect/index.php>
- DigitalDesk: Communications of the ACM Volume 36, Issue 7 (July 1993) Special issue on computer augmented environments: back to the real world

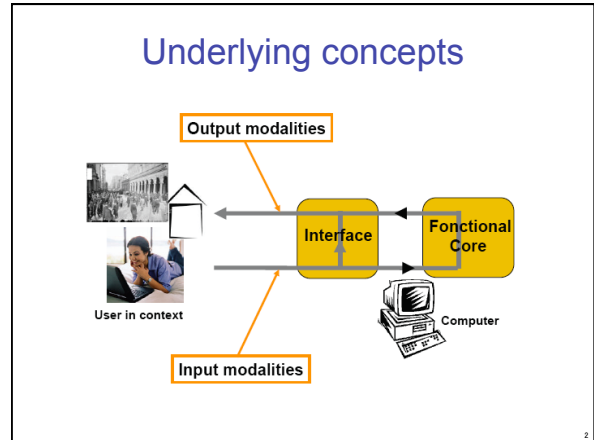
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Readings

- Berkeley Institute of Design - Uni. of California at Berkeley
<http://bid.berkeley.edu/>
- Stanford HCI group
<http://hci.stanford.edu/research/>
- Georgia Tech <http://www.gvu.gatech.edu>
- MIT Media Lab <http://www.media.mit.edu/research/>
- Carnegie Mellon Uni. - HCI Institute <http://www.hcii.cmu.edu/>
- Uni. of Glasgow - Multimodal Interaction Group
<http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/~stephen/>
- Microsoft Research <http://research.microsoft.com/research/>

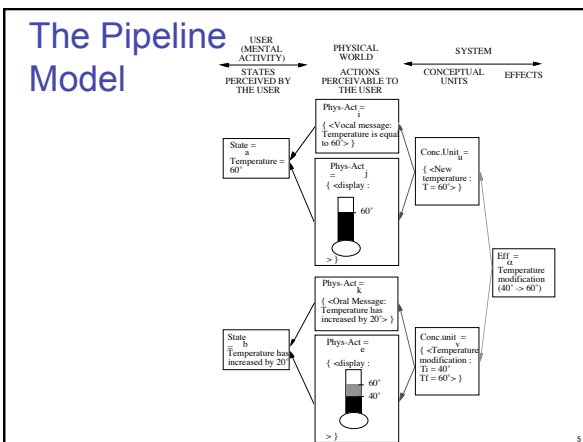
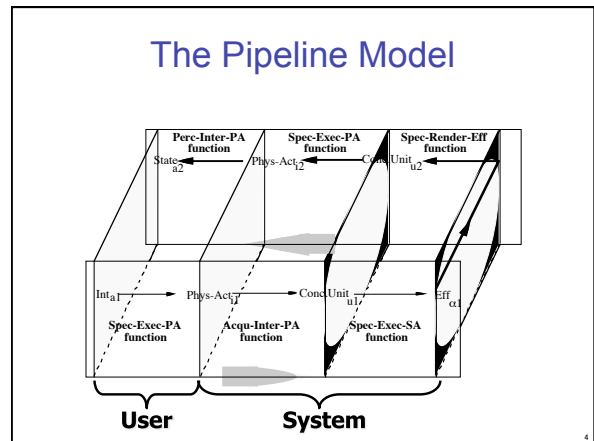
Multimodality: Design

Underlying concepts
Design space
Software Platforms



Underlying concepts The Pipeline Model

- A data flow model:
 - user's intention -> user's physical actions
 - system's acquisition function:
 - user's physical actions -> input conceptual units
 - system's action:
 - input conceptual units -> an effect (a system state change)
 - system's rendering function:
 - effect -> output conceptual units
 - output conceptual units -> system's physical actions
 - user's perception, interpretation, evaluation
 - systems' physical actions -> new mental model



The Pipeline Model

- 2 concepts as point of contact between the user and the system:
 - interaction language
 - physical device
- Interaction language: set of well formed expressions used by the system or the user to exchange information
- Inter. language & phys. device = 2 facettes of an expression
 - interaction language = the structure (Hemjslev's form)
 - physical device = the observable (Hemjslev's substance)

The Pipeline Model: the utility

- A bridge between user and system perspectives using simple concepts: L&D
 - interaction language
 - physical device
- Derivation of properties that may be of interest for user modelers: the CARE props.
 - complementarity, assignment, redundancy, equivalence
- Classification of interactionally rich systems in terms of L&D: the UOM method
 - multiplicity of L&D
 - in a given state, options for the system/the user between multiple L&D
 - in a given state, usage by the system/the user of L&D
- Implication on software architectures
 - which components are L-dependent, D-dependent, etc.

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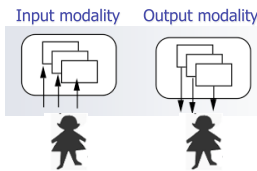
Underlying concepts Definition of a modality

- Built-in cognitive capability of the system for interpretation and rendering
- Input modality
Interpretation function: sequence of transformations from input "raw information"
- Output modality
Rendering function: sequence of transformations to output "raw information"

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Definition of a modality

- Modality = (device, interaction language)
 - A set of sensors (input devices) or effectors (output devices)
 - A processing facility based on a language



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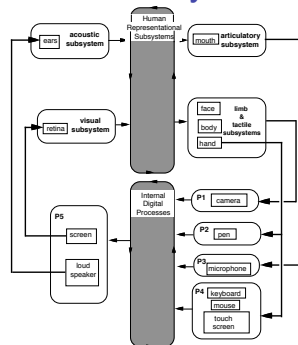
Perception/Action

Cognition

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Definition of a modality

- Theory ICS
 - APU Cambridge



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Definition of a modality


- Modality = (device, interaction language)
- Multimodality
 - Multi device Mono Language
 - Multi device Multi Language
 - **Mono device Multi Language**
- e.g. table and graph displayed on screen as two different modalities
 - M1 = (screen, table) and M2 = (screen, graph)

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Definition of a modality


- Modality = (device, interaction language)
- Recent interaction paradigms such as perceptual User UI, tangible UI and embodied UI open a **vast world of possibilities**


- M1 = (microphone, natural language)
- M2 = (keyboard, command language)
- M3 = (mouse, direct manipulation)
- M4 = (PDA, 3D gesture) **embodied UI**
- M5 = (HMD, 3D graphics) **AR**
- M6 = (bottle-sensor, 3D gesture) **tangible UI**
- M7 = (GPS, localization) **perceptual UI**
- M8 = (Tongue display, 2D shape)



Definition of a modality

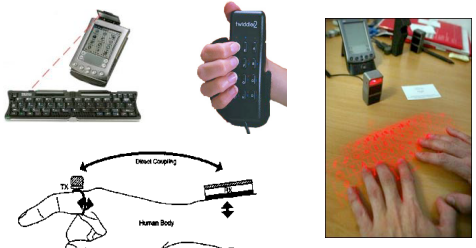
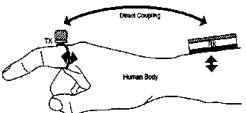
- Input Modality = <d, l>

Speech = < , natural language >

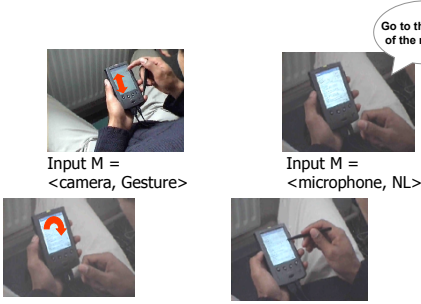


Definition of a modality

- Input M = <device, text>

Definition of a modality



Go to the middle of the message

Input M = <camera, Gesture>

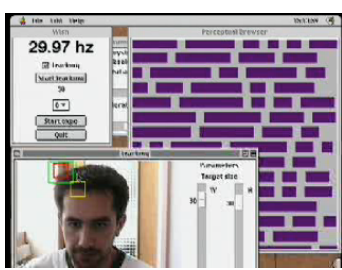
Input M = <microphone, NL>

Input M = <PDA, Gesture>
Embodied modality

Input M = <stylus, direct manipulation>


Definition of a modality

- Input M = <camera-head, gesture>




Definition of a modality

- Input M = <camera-token, direct manipulation>



Definition of a modality

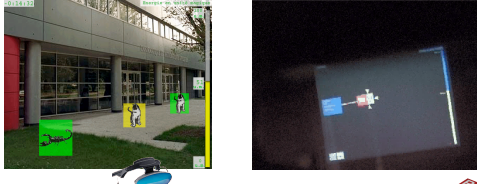
- Input M = <bottle-sensor, gesture>



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Definition of a modality

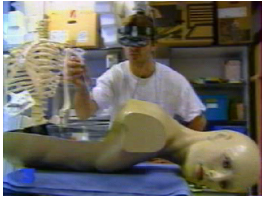
- Input Modalities (*sensing modalities*)
- M1 = <GPS, localization>
- M2 = <magnetometer, orientation>



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Definition of a modality

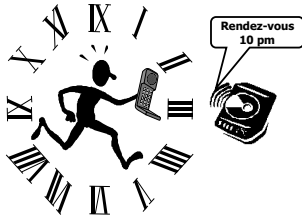

- OUTPUT Modality = <d, l>
- M = <HMD, 3D graphics>



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Definition of a modality

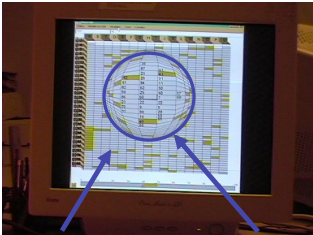
- Output M = <loudspeakers, NL>
- 3D sound:

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Definition of a modality

- Complementarity of output modalities



Output M1 = <screen, table>

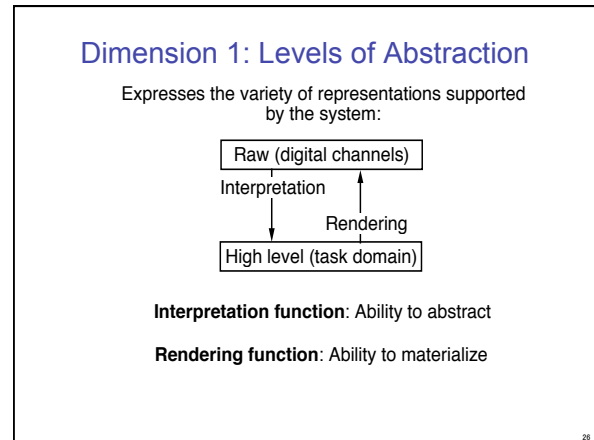
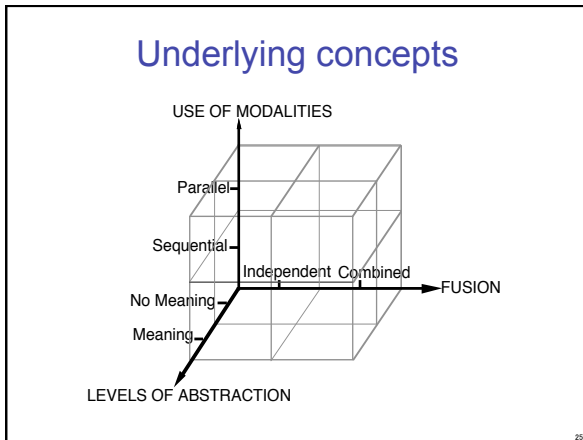
Output M2 = <screen, deformed table>

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Underlying concepts

- Modality = (device, interaction language)
 - Input modality
 - Interpretation function: sequence of transformations from input "raw information"
 - Output modality
 - Rendering function: sequence of transformations to output "raw information"
- Four intertwined ingredients (for both):
 - 1. Levels of abstraction
 - 2. Context
 - 3. Fusion and fission
 - 4. Granularity of concurrency

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Dimension 1: Levels of Abstraction

Example: Speech input and output

Interpretation function Ability to abstract to	Rendering function Ability to materialize from
Digital signal	Symbolic representation of meaning
Word or a pattern of words	Pre-stored text message (text to speech)
Meaningful sentence	Pre-recorded vocal message

We consider two values only:
MEANING / NO MEANING

- ### Dimension 1: Levels of Abstraction
- The capacity of abstraction may vary with the context
 - Example : VI text editor
 - command mode: text is processed -> high level
 - input mode: text is recorded only -> raw
 - Context of commands
high level interpretation
 - Context of task-domain data
low level interpretation

- ### Dimension 2: Use of Modalities
- Supported use of modalities
 - Sequential:
Use of the modalities one after another
 - Parallel:
Use of multiple modalities simultaneously
 - Multiple devices used simultaneously

- ### Dimension 3: Fusion
- Fusion: Combination of chunks
 - It occurs at multiple levels of abstraction
 - Lowest level: chunks from distinct modalities
 - Higher levels: chunks from distinct contexts

Dimension 3: Fusion

- **Lowest level: chunks from distinct modalities**
- Independent: (Absence of fusion)
Independent interpretation/rendering process for each modality
- Combined: (Presence of fusion)
Fusion of data expressed using different modalities
 - "Put that there" paradigm
 - => Combination of different types of data

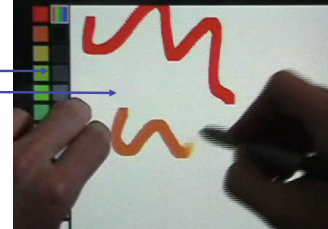
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Dimension 3: Fusion

- **Higher levels: chunks from distinct contexts**
- Single input channel, multiple context

• For example:

- Fusion of events
 - Palette
 - Drawing area



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Multimodal versus multimedia

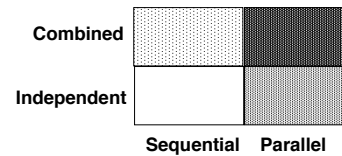
A multimodal system:
Value "Meaning" along the axis "Levels of Abstraction"

=> Four types of multimodal systems

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Multimodal system: four types

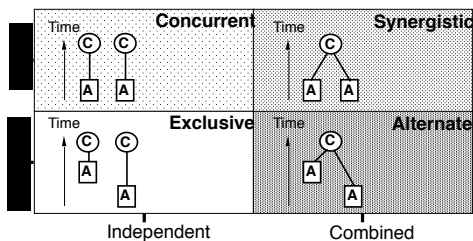
- ➡ Exclusive: (Sequential, Independent)
- ➡ Alternate: (Sequential, Combined)
- ➡ Concurrent: (Parallel, Independent)
- ➡ Synergic: (Parallel, Combined)



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Multimodal system: four types

A multimodal system:
Value "Meaning" along the axis "Levels of Abstraction"



A User's actions
C Command, smallest fusion of user's actions that changes the system state

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Multimodal system: four types

- Examples: www.kirusa.com



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How to classify a system

To classify a given system:

- A set of its features f_i :
 $f_i = (p_i, w_i)$ w_i : the weight
 p_i : the position
- The position P of the system is defined by:

$$P = \frac{1}{\sum w} \times \sum p_i \times w_i$$

$$\sum w = \sum w_i$$

Multimodality: Design

Underlying concepts
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 Software Platforms

Multimodality: Design space

Set of atomic/combined modalities

Multimodality Actor of the selection

- Who is performing the selection

Multimodality Actor of the selection

Multimodality Adaptability

Multimodality Adaptability

- Usage of the modalities
- All sessions / All subjects

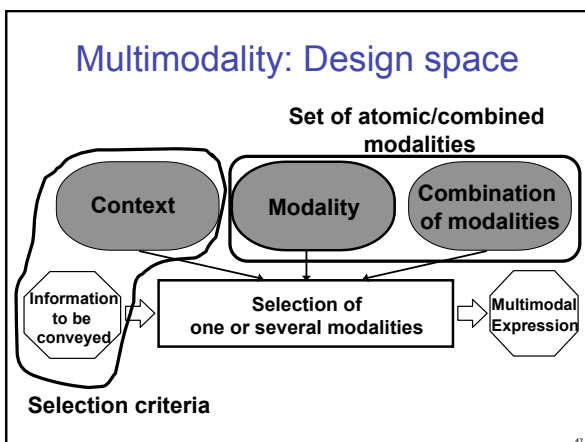
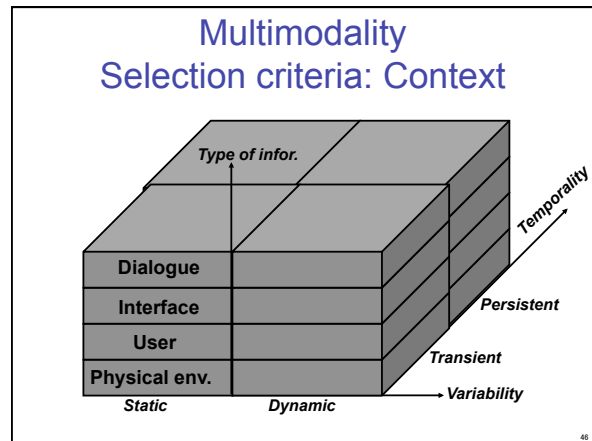
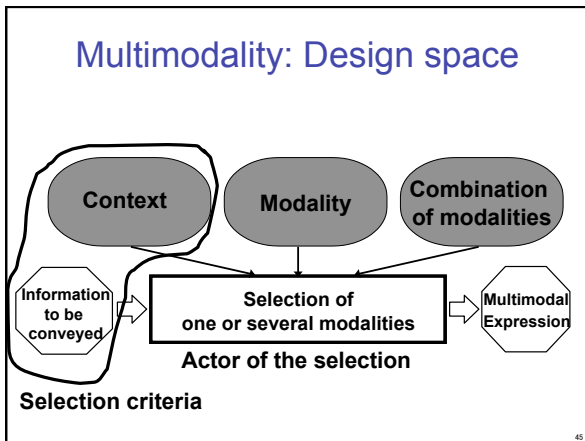
Legend:

- Speech
- Direct manipulation
- Gesture
- Embodied

Multimodality Adaptativity

- Selection of the modalities by the system
- Context-aware systems

Ring Vibration



Multimodality Characterisation of a modality

- Definition of a modality
- Modality = (device, interaction language)
 - A set of sensors (input devices) or effectors (output devices)
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Input modality Output modality

Multimodality Characterisation of a modality

- **ACTIVE MODALITIES**
 - For inputs, active modalities are used by the user to issue a command to the computer such as a pedal to move a laparoscope in a CAS system.
- **PASSIVE - IMPLICIT MODALITIES**
 - Passive modalities are used to capture relevant information for enhancing the realization of the task, information that is not explicitly expressed by the user to the computer (PUI). For example tracking position.

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Multimodality Characterisation of a modality

- Human sense
- Passive/Active
- Private / Public
- Spatial
 - Location
- Temporal
 - Transient/Persistent

- Dimension: 1D 2D ...
- O. Bernsen 93
 - Linguistic
 - Analogue
 - Arbitrary

Physical level



Modality = <device,

Logical level

interaction language >

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Multimodality Characterisation of a modality

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Multimodality Characterisation of a modality

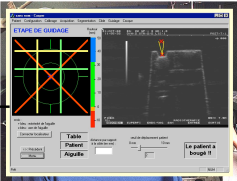
- **Physical level**
 - Human sense: Sight
 - Spatial: Location = operating field
 - Temporal: Persistent
- **Logical level**
 - 3D
 - Analogue
 - Non arbitrary



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Multimodality Characterisation of a modality

- **Physical level**
 - Human sense: Sight
 - Spatial: Location = screen
 - Temporal: Persistent
- **Logical level**
 - 2D
 - Non Analogue
 - Arbitrary

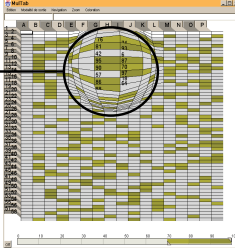


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Multimodality Characterisation of a modality

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Multimodality

Characterisation of a modality

- Phycons as input modalities

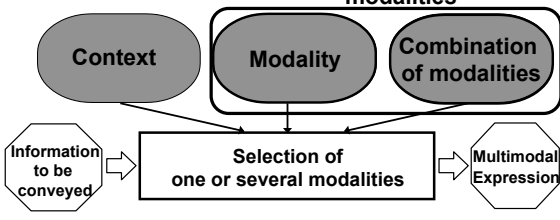
- Physical level**
 - Human manipulation
 - Spatial: Location = desk
 - Temporal: Persistent
- Logical level**
 - 3D gesture
 - Analogue
 - Non Arbitrary



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Multimodality: Design space

Set of atomic/combined modalities



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Multimodality

Combination of modalities

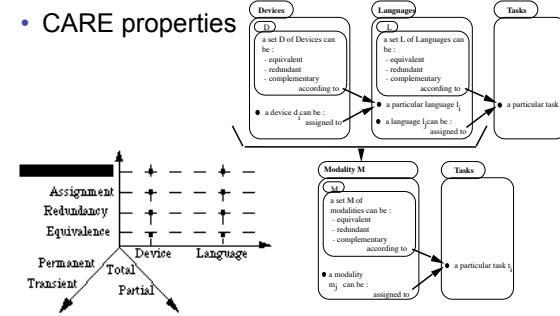
- Several studies
 - UOM 94 / TYCOON 95 / CARE 95
- CARE properties
 - Relationships between Devices, Interaction languages and Tasks
 - C : Complementarity
 - A : Assignment
 - R : Redundancy
 - E : Equivalence

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Multimodality

Combination of modalities

- CARE properties



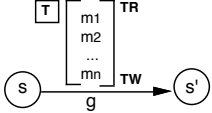
	Device		Language	
Assignment	+	-	+	-
Redundancy	+	-	+	-
Equivalence	+	-	+	-
Permanent	Total		Partial	
Transient	Total		Partial	

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Multimodality

Combination of modalities

- CARE properties
- The formal expression of the CARE properties relies on the notions of state, goal, modality, and temporal relationships.
- A modality is an interaction method that an agent can use to reach a goal.

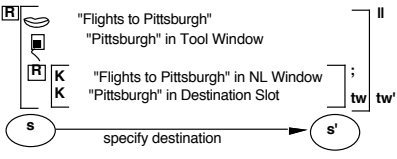


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Multimodality

Combination of modalities

- Redundancy : Modalities of a set M are used redundantly to reach state s' from state s, if they have the same expressive power (they are equivalent) and if all of them are used within the same temporal window, tw.



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Multimodality Combination of modalities

- Redundancy : Modalities of a set M are used redundantly to reach state s' from state s, if they have the same expressive power (they are equivalent) and if all of them are used within the same temporal window, tw.
 - Redundancy (s, M, s', tw) \Leftrightarrow Equivalence (s, M, s') \wedge (Sequential (M, tw) \vee Parallel (M, tw))
 - Parallel (M, tw) \Leftrightarrow (Card (M) > 1) \wedge (Duration(tw) $\neq \infty$) \wedge ($\exists t \in tw \cdot \forall m \in M \cdot \text{Active}(m, t)$)
 - Sequential (M, tw) \Leftrightarrow (Card (M) > 1) \wedge (Duration (tw) $\neq \infty$) \wedge ($\forall t \in tw \cdot (\forall m, m' \in M \cdot \text{Active}(m, t) \Rightarrow \neg \text{Active}(m', t))$) \wedge ($\forall m \in M \cdot \exists t \in tw \cdot \text{Active}(m, t)$)

Multimodality Combination of modalities

- TYCOON

Each type of cooperation may be involved in several goals. For instance, redundancy between messages uttered and typed on the keyboard by the user may improve recognition. Only redundancy and complementarity need fusion which may use combination of several criteria (dotted arrows).

Multimodality Combination of modalities

- TYCOON
- Logical formalism to describe the combination
- M = { P, D, R, C }
 - A process P
 - controlled by a set of parameters C (CI Input parameters CO Output parameters)
 - analyzing a set of data D
 - to give a set of results R

Multimodality Combination of modalities

- TYCOON M = { P, D, R, C }
- Redundancy
 - for each possible result r3 of modality M3, the results r1 obtained by modality M1 and r2 obtained by modality M2 have been merged by an intermediate process R and have the same value for an attribute att. The criterion used by R is a parameter of the redundancy definition and may be a combination of temporal coincidence, spatial coincidence...

Multimodality Combination of modalities

TROC: a game based on the technique of barter

M1 = (Magnetometer, orientation)

M2 = (GPS, location)

Complementarity of M1 and M2 for selecting an object

Multimodality Combination of modalities

Multimodality Combination of modalities

- Several studies
 - UOM 94 / TYCOON 95 / CARE 95
- New combination space
 - Different schemas and aspects of combinations
 - 5 aspects: temporal, spatial, articulatory, syntactic and semantic
 - 5 schemas: [Allen 83]

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Multimodality: Combination of modalities

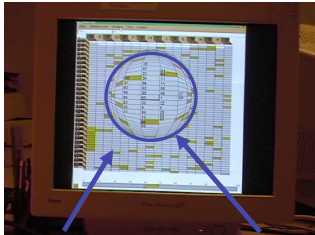
Combination schemas

Combination aspects	Combination schemas				
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Articulatory	Independence	Fission	Fission Duplication	Partial Duplication	Total Duplication
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Multimodality: Combination of modalities

- Complementarity of output modalities



M1 = <screen, table> M2 = <screen, deformed table>

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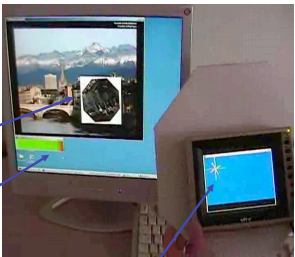
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Multimodality: Combination of modalities

- Puzzle




M1 = <screen, 2D image>
M2 = <screen, color>
M3 = <mini-screen, crosses>

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Multimodality: Combination of modalities

- Puzzle
 - Video: PUZZLE-OUTPUT/Puzzle-CHI.avi



cross language on the mini-screen

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Multimodality: Combination of modalities

- Puzzle

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Multimodality: Combination of modalities

- Combination of
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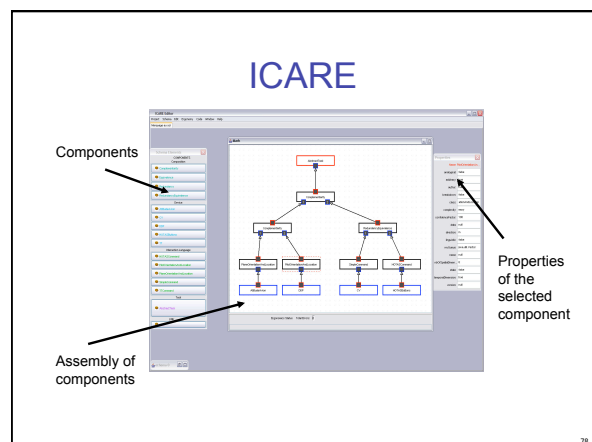
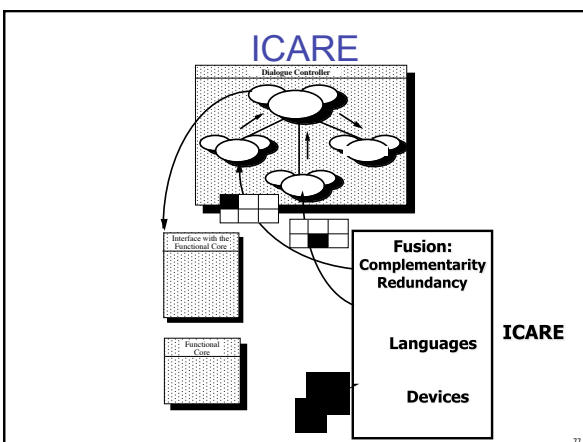
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Multimodality: Design


Underlying concepts
 Design space
Software Platforms


ICARE


- ICARE:
- A component-based approach for the design and development of multimodal interfaces (CHI'04)
 - elementary components that describe pure modalities
 - composition components (Complementarity, Redundancy and Equivalence)
- Editor to graphically assemble components
- Automatic generation of the code (fusion mechanism)




ICARE

MEMO RA / PDA 

Aircraft cockpit simulator 

Puzzle in RA 

Multimodal IDentification 

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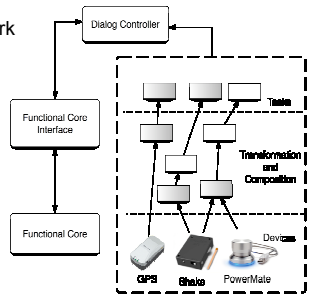
OpenInterface OI

- Open source framework for multimodal interaction
- <http://www.oi-project.org/> for download, demos and publications

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OI Framework

- Scope of the framework



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OI Framework

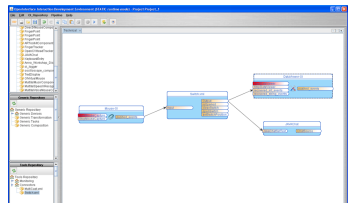
- The framework is made
 - 1) Runtime kernel: underlying platform
 - 2) OIDE OpenInterface Interaction Development Environment
 - Construction tool
 - Debugging / Logging tool
 - 3) Repository of interaction modalities

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OI Framework

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Construction tool:
Assembling components



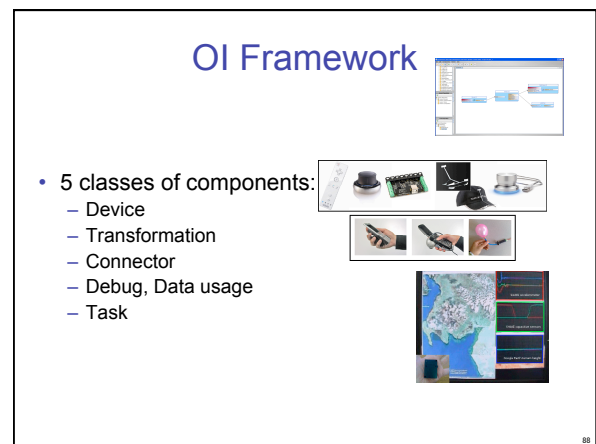
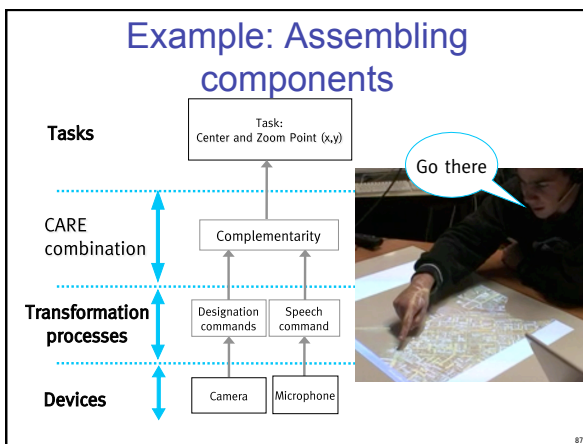
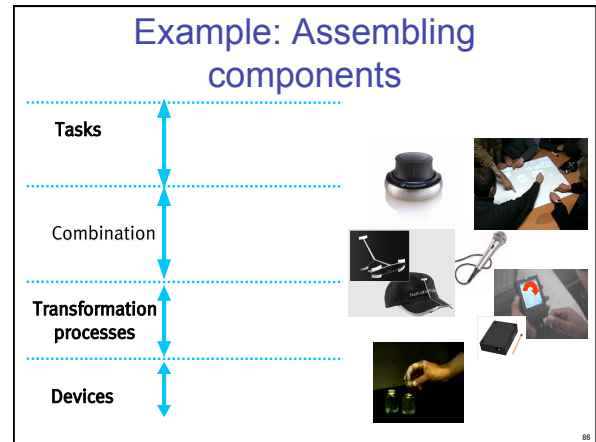
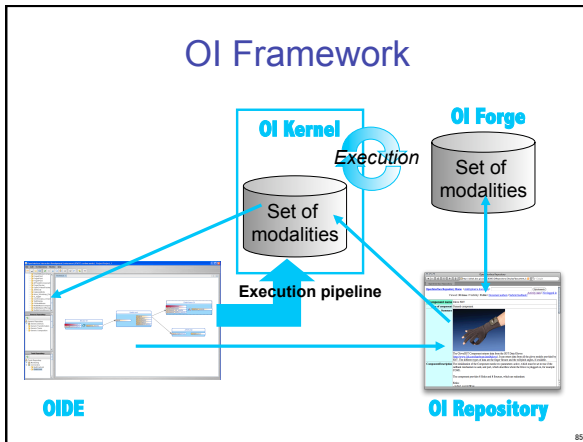
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Design: Main points

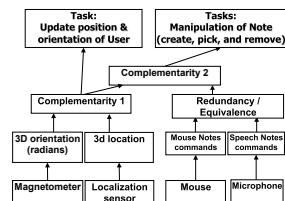
- Design space for multimodal interaction
 - Characteristics of a modality
 - Composition space
- Mapping of functionalities onto modalities not always straightforward
 - Support from guidelines and tools
 - Experimental study

Design: Main points

- Design space for multimodal interaction
 - Characteristics of a modality
 - Composition space
- For the design
 - For each task:
 - a CARE diagram with devices, languages and CARE composition
 - Characteristics of the devices and languages
 - Description of the CARE composition based on the composition space

Design: Main points

- For the design
 - For each task: a CARE diagram with devices, languages and CARE composition
- For example:



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