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# USER-CENTRIC INTERACTION CHALLENGES

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CAN INTERACTIONS  
INVOLVE MULTIPLE  
SENSES?

HUMAN-  
ROBOT  
INTERACTIONS

**MINA TERAUCHI:**

INTERACTIONS FOR  
SPECIAL USER  
GROUPS

SIGN  
LANGUAGE  
FOR JAPANESE  
DEAF  
USERS

**KARLHEINZ  
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ELECTRONIC  
DISPLAY  
INTERACTIONS

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INTERACTIONS IN A  
MUSEUM

FUN,  
IMMERSIVE  
ENVIRONMENTS

# WHAT ARE THE BIG CHALLENGES IN USER-CENTRIC INTERACTIONS?

# UBIQUITOUS, PERSONAL DEVICES

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” ?

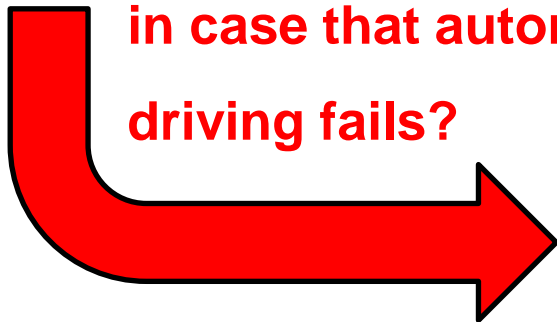
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## Future: (Fully) Automated Driving



**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?*



## Gestural Skills ?



- Progressive Reward
- Non-overlapping Design
- Gradual content unlocking
- Skill  $\updownarrow$  Color

# Providing a clear Interface?



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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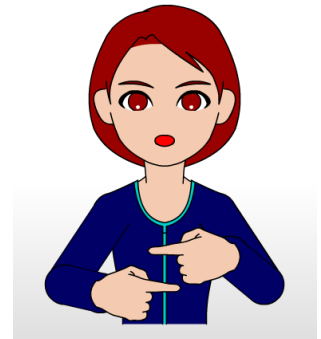
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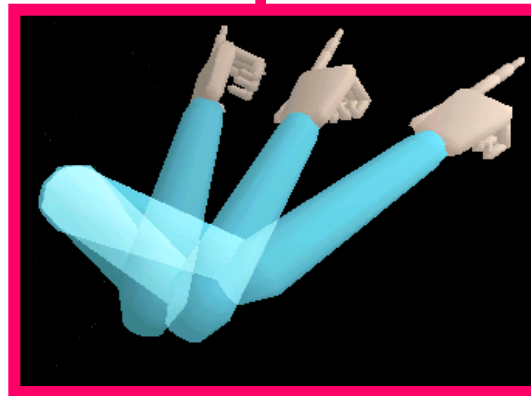
# Component of Sign Language

Manual Signals  
(MS)

Non Manual Signals  
(NMS)

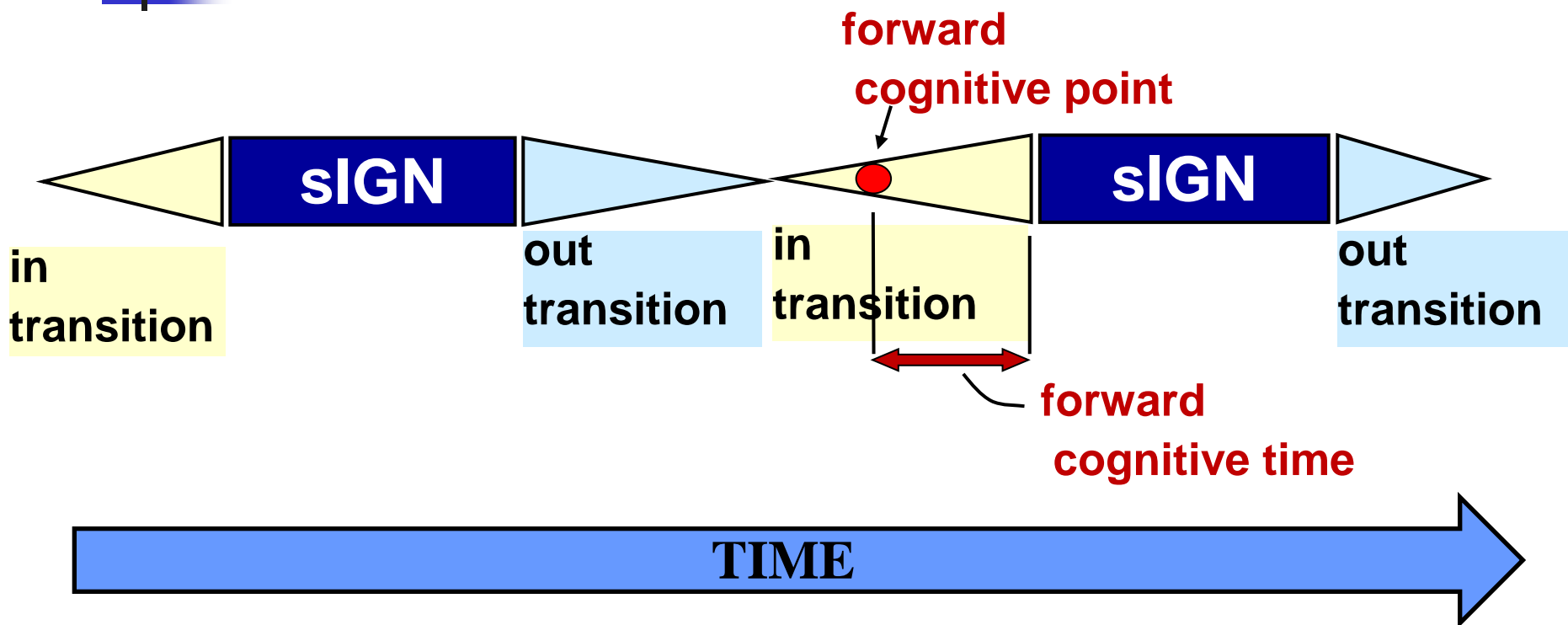


Used to form words



used for semantic and syntactic purposes

# Temporal Structure of Sign Language



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

