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This symposium -conducted in two parts - explores the confluence of empirically-based qualitative research in the cognitive and psychological sciences, focusing on visual and spatial cognition, with computationally-driven analytical methods, rooted in artificial intelligence, in the service of communications, media, design, and human behavioural studies. With a focus on architecture and visuo-auditory media design, the twin symposia will demonstrate recent results and explore the synergy of research methods for the study of human behaviour in the chosen (design) contexts of socio-cultural, and socio-technological significance.

The symposium brings together experts and addresses methods and perspectives from:

- Visuo-Spatial Cognition and Computation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cognitive Systems
- Cognitive Science and Psychology
- Design Cognition and Computation
- Multimodality and Interaction
- Neuroscience
- Communications and Media Studies
- Architecture, Built Environment
- Design Studies (focus on architecture and visuo-auditory media)
- Evidence Based Design

The symposium particularly emphasis the role of multimodality and mediated interaction for the analysis and design of human-centred, embodied, cognitive user experiences in everyday life and work. Here, the focus is on multimodality studies aimed at the semantic interpretation of human behaviour, and the empirically-driven synthesis of embodied interactive experiences in real world settings. In focus are narrative media design, architecture and built environment design, product design, cognitive media studies (film, animation, VR, sound and music design), and user interaction studies. In these contexts, the symposium emphasises evidence-based multimodality studies from the viewpoints of visual (e.g., attention and recipient effects), visuo-locomotive (e.g., movement, wayfinding), and visuo-auditory (e.g., narrative media) cognitive experiences. Modalities being investigated include, but are not limited to:

- visual attention (by eye-tracking), gesture, speech, language, facial expressions, tactile interactions, olfaction, biosignals
- human expert guided event segmentation
(e.g. coming from behavioural or environmental psychologists, designers, annotators, crowd-sensing)
- deep analysis based on dialogic components, think-aloud protocols.

The scientific agenda of the twin-symposia also emphasises the multi-modality of the embodied visuo-spatial thinking involved in "problem-solving" for the design of objects, artefacts, and interactive people-experiences emanating therefrom. Universality and inclusion in "design thinking" are of overarching focus in all design contexts relevant to the symposium; here, the implications of multimodality studies for inclusive design, e.g., creation of presentations of the same content in different modalities, are also of interest. The symposium provides a platform to discuss the development of next generation embodied interaction design systems, practices, and (human-centred) assistive frameworks and technologies encompassing the multi-faceted nature of embodied design conception and synthesis. Individual contributions / talks within the two symposia address the themes under consideration from formal, computational, cognitive, design, engineering, empirical, and philosophical perspectives.

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- Embodied Architecture Design: On People-Centred Design of Visuo-Locomotive Cognitive Experiences
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- Healthcare Environments and Evidence-Based Design: The Missing Role of Spatial Cognition
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- Precedent-Based Parametric Design: Computationally Generated Spatial Morphologies Satisfying Behavioural-Based Design Constraints
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- Multi-Cultural Design Communication: Cognition, Design Information, and Spatial Language
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- On the relations between cognitive maps and images of cities
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On Visuo-Auditory Perception and the Moving Image

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- Cognitive Media Studies: Potentials for Spatial Cognition and AI Research
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- Designing Game-based Narratives and Interactive Worlds for Cultural Engagement
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EMBODIED ARCHITECTURE DESIGN: ON PEOPLE-CENTRED DESIGN OF VISUO-LOCOMOTIVE COGNITIVE EXPERIENCES

This presentation focusses on the analysis and design of human-centered, embodied, cognitive user experiences from the perspectives of spatial cognition and computation, artificial intelligence, and human-computer interaction research. Focussing on large-scale built up spaces (in particular hospitals), this presentation will particularly address:

“how can human-centred cognitive modalities of visuo-locomotive perception constitute the foundational building blocks of design education, discourse, systems, and the professional practice of spatial design for architecture. (In other words: addressing technology-mediated design of built-up environments in order to better engineer the spaces of everyday life and work)”

The presentation will emphasise evidence-based multimodality studies from the viewpoints of visuo-locomotive (i.e., pertaining to vision, movement, and wayfinding) cognitive experiences. Modalities being investigated include: (1). visual attention (by eye-tracking), gesture, language, facial expressions; (2). human expert guided event segmentation (e.g. coming from behavioural or environmental psychologists, designers, annotators); (3) deep analysis based on dialogic components, think-aloud protocols.

We call for an integrated approach combining analytical methods (rooted in AI & computational cognition) and empirical methods (rooted in psychology & perception studies) for developing human-centred architectural design technologies, and technology-mediated design synthesis.

Keywords: spatial cognition, artificial intelligence, design cognition – architecture, evidence-based design, architectural education

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HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTS AND EVIDENCE-BASED DESIGN: THE MISSING ROLE OF SPATIAL COGNITION

"You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave!" The lyrics from this well-known song "Hotel California" by the American rock band The Eagles points to a major problem in the design of healthcare environments today: the relative lack of attention given to the role of successful wayfinding in the healthcare experience. The aim of the session is to present an overview of evidence-based design within the healthcare arena, with specific attention to the findings related to navigation and wayfinding, pointing to opportunities for researchers to further contribute to this domain and the challenges in conducting research in healthcare settings. In addition, consideration will be given to the role of wayfinding in architectural education and practice.

Keywords: evidence-based design, theory of supportive design, wayfinding, architectural education

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PRECEDENT-BASED PARAMETRIC DESIGN: COMPUTATIONALLY GENERATED SPATIAL MORPHOLOGIES SATISFYING BEHAVIOURAL-BASED DESIGN CONSTRAINTS

Parametric design systems serve as powerful assistive technologies in the design process by providing flexibility and assisting at the generation of a vast number of design alternatives. However, parametric systems currently are focusing more on low-level engineering and structural forms and less on people-centered aspects of design. We propose a precedent-based design approach for parametric systems that introduces people-centred criteria rooted in empirical behavioural evidence. We present examples from a list of precedents defined through a behavioural multi-modal analysis of a wayfinding study conducted in two healthcare environments, and we formulate design constraints that can be embedded into parametric design systems, such as freeCAD and Python-Grasshopper. Finally, we present a number of morphologies generated in parametric design systems that satisfy people-centred design rules for wayfinding.

Keywords: precedent-based design, design computing, parametric design, behavioural studies, wayfinding

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MULTI-CULTURAL DESIGN COMMUNICATION: COGNITION, DESIGN INFORMATION, AND SPATIAL LANGUAGE

Language is not only a system of communication, but it is also a reflection of the way we think and of our sociocultural differences and values. From a linguistic perspective it is accepted that language necessarily shapes the explication of spatial and formal concepts. But doesn't this also imply that, in a general sense, language shapes design, or more specifically, that design cognition is linguistically dependent? This research investigates the impact of linguistic and cultural differences on design communication and cognition in the architecture studio.

This talk illustrates the results of a study that compares the cognitive processes of three cultural groups of architectural designers. The research develops cognitive and linguistic approaches to investigate multi-cultural design process. At the core of this research is a triple-coding system for protocol analysis, which can formally capture both cognitive and linguistic characteristics of the design process. The results of the experiment demonstrate the effectiveness of the coding system facilitate the in-depth exploration of design cognition and its relationship to spatial language. The research also confirms that there are similarities and disparities in design communications between three cultural groups. This multi-focused approach contributes to advancing fundamental knowledge about the relationship between design and language.

Keywords: design cognition, spatial language, protocol analysis, design communication

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ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN COGNITIVE MAPS AND IMAGES OF CITIES

Tolman's "Cognitive maps in rats and me" and Lynch's *The Image of the City* are two of the seminal works at the foundations of studies on spatial cognition and the built environment. The apparent similarity between the notions 'Cognitive map' and 'Image', has deceived many scholars in this domain to erroneously assume that the 'Image' (of the city) is a synonym of, just another name for, a 'Cognitive map' (of the city). Approaching the processes of cognitive mapping and imaging from the conjunctive perspective of SIRN (synergetic inter-representation networks) and IA (information adaptation), I show that while cognitive maps and images ontologically differ from each other, they are still interrelated in several interesting ways.

Keywords: cognitive maps, images, information adaptation, inter-representations

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CROSS-CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN VISUALIZATIONS

As the world becomes increasingly mobile and increasingly pixellated, visual communications become more ubiquitous and more important. They map meanings to marks in space and place in space and are consequently more transparent than words, whose mapping to meaning is arbitrary. Despite their ubiquity, cultural differences are evident in their design, differences that could lead to misunderstandings. Here we present research showing effects of culture and language in a variety of visual communications including comics, covers of children's books, and math diagrams.

Keywords: visualization, diagram, cultural differences, language differences

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COGNITIVE MEDIA STUDIES: POTENTIALS FOR SPATIAL COGNITION AND AI RESEARCH

Cognitive media studies has developed as an area of research at the interface of disciplines as diverse as aesthetics, psychology, neuroscience, film theory, and cognitive science. In this context, the focus of this talk is on the foundational significance of artificial intelligence and visuo-spatial cognition and computation for the design and implementation of integrated analytical–empirical methods for the (multi-modal) analysis of human behaviour data vis-a-vis a range of digital visuo-auditory narrative media. The presentation focusses on the methodological foundations and assistive technologies for systematic formalisation and empirical analyses aimed at, for instance, the generation of evidence, establishing and characterising correlates between principles for the synthesis of the moving image, and its cognitive —perceptual, embodied visuo-auditory, emotional etc— recipient effects and influence on observers.

In the backdrop a completed and ongoing experiments, we emphasize the core results on the semantic interpretation of human behaviour vis-a-vis digital narrative media and their visuo-auditory reception. We demonstrate the manner in which semantic interpretation of human behaviour, founded on AI-based models for machine coding, inference and learning, serves as basis to externalise explicit and inferred knowledge about embodied visuo-auditory reception, e.g., using modalities such as diagrammatic representations, natural language, complex (dynamic) data visualisations.

DEMONSTRATION

The presentation will particularly showcase methods and tools developed to perform perceptual narrativisation or sensemaking with multi-modal, dynamic human-behaviour data (e.g., visuo-spatial imagery such as video, eye-tracking, head-tracking) for a chosen set of experimental material based on existing films, as well as lab-developed experimental content.

Keywords: visual perception, event perception, computational models of narrative, cognitive vision, cognitive film studies

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MULTIMODAL RHETORIC IN ONLINE MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

The proliferation of media channels enables political sub-communities to manage and control the creation and dissemination of alternative rhetorical discourses that are increasingly supplanting traditional consensus based media frameworks to perpetuate various viewpoints of world events. Multimodal discourse analysis, which is the study of the meaning arising from the integration of language, images and other resources in texts, interactions and events, is integrated with social network theories, computer vision, machine learning and natural language understanding systems to provide evidence-based assessment of the multimodal strategies (text, images and videos) which are used and how the global community responds in terms of re-using the images and videos for various purposes.

Keywords: media communications, multimodal rhetoric, language, image, video

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ACTIONS, INTENTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS BIOLOGICAL MOTION PERCEPTION

In many ways, human cognition is importantly predictive. We predict the sensory consequences of our own actions, but we also predict, and react to, the sensory consequences of how others experience their own actions. This ability extends to perceiving the intentions of other humans based on past and current actions. We present research results that show that social aspects and future movement patterns can be predicted from fairly simple kinematic patterns in biological motion sequences. The purpose of this presentation is to demonstrate and discuss the different environmental (gravity and perspective) and bodily constraints on understanding our social and movement-based interactions with others. In a series of experiments, we have used psychophysical methods and recordings from interactions with objects in natural settings. This includes experiments on the incidental processing of biological motion as well as driving simulator studies that examine the role of kinematic patterns of cyclists and driver's accuracy to predict the cyclist's intentions in traffic.

The results we present show both clear effects of "low-level" biological motion factors, such as opponent motion, on the incidental triggering of attention in basic perceptual tasks and "higher-level" top-down guided perception in the intention prediction of cyclist behavior. We propose to use our results to stimulate discussion about the interplay between expectation mediated and stimulus driven effects of visual processing in spatial cognition the context of human interaction. Such discussion will include the role of context in gesture recognition and to what extent our visual system can handle visually complex environments.

Keywords: biological motion, intention recognition, attention, social cognition

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DESIGNING GAME-BASED NARRATIVES AND INTERACTIVE WORLDS FOR CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

Games have long been recognized as powerful tools to mediate complex stories connecting players to material and virtual worlds through strategic narrative design and complex modes of embodied, critical play. Digital games are increasingly used outside the “entertainment only” sector, for example, to explore and activate social change, in diverse educational contexts (in schools, healthcare and military practice), and to support cultural stakeholders (in museums and heritage sites). Designing the narrative structures to support such interactions requires a nuanced understanding of their complex interfaces structures that work across and among these intra-active material and virtual domains. New compositions and configurations that bring technological devices, bodies, and socio-cultural contexts for use together can benefit from deeper consideration of their embodied, affective, performative and storytelling dimensions.

In my talk I will focus on narrative-based game design for cultural applications (within heritage sites and museum settings). With reference to Mixed Reality projects developed in my research group (Media, Technology and Culture), I will demonstrate the ways in which multimodal and multisensory design aesthetics can enhance user experience. Drawing on principles of “postdigital play” and focusing on “locative”, “augmented”, “pervasive” and “affective” dimensions of performative game-based narrative structures, I illustrate an interdisciplinary framework for socio-cultural/technical development with the embodied user/interface at the centre.

Keywords: postdigital play, embodiment, game-based narrative, mixed reality

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HOW PEOPLE REPRESENT SPACE AND EVENTS WHILE VIEWING CINEMA

Recent research on event perception has made excellent progress not only by specifying how perceptual changes signal new events but also by exploring the representational basis of event segmentation and understanding. One key question that remains unanswered is the degree to which intensive visual representational processes occur by default, or occur only when they are functional. One reason that previous research may have overestimated the degree to which visual representations are typically useful is that many lab tasks either explicitly or implicitly force viewers to create representations that they might not rely upon in more naturalistic settings where their goal is to understand events instead of create representations in preparation for a test. I will discuss several lines of research suggesting that visual representations of event sequence and space may not be created by default in the naturalistic task of film viewing. In addition to suggesting that visual representations may be more sparse than previously assumed, this work also develops filmmaker' insights about perceptual continuity to help understand when visual representations are created and compared across views. Thus, visual cognition research inspired by the art of cinema can not only provide evidence about the representational efficiency of visual cognition, but it can also inspire novel hypotheses about when, exactly, visual represents do become important in naturalistic settings.

Keywords: visual cognition, visual representations, event, space, cinema

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MACHINE CODING OF NARRATIVE STRUCTURES IN VISUO-SPATIAL IMAGERY

We present our research on computational models for representation and interpretation of narrative structures in dynamic visuo-spatial imagery. The main focus herein is on declarative models describing the semantics of visuo-spatial dynamics in the moving image, focusing on perceptual sensemaking in terms of abstraction, reasoning, and learning with dynamic visuo-spatial imagery. We demonstrate the work in the area of cognitive film studies investigating attention and recipient effects in observers vis-a-vis the moving image.

Our primary goal is to develop the conceptual, formal, and computational foundations for declarative representation and reasoning about visuo-spatial narrative structures in the moving image. These computational models are based on (declarative) qualitative abstractions of the visuo-spatial dynamics, encompassing space, motion, objects, and interaction, and build on perceptual structures (e.g., cinematographic tools, such as cuts, relative character placement, camera movement, shot types, symmetry) extracted from the visual imagery based on state-of-the-art computer vision methods. In this context, high-level interactions and events are represented using motion patterns defined as relational structures between elements of the visual imagery.

Focussing on film, we demonstrate these aspects with select case-studies from a large-scale cognitive film study, showcasing how declarative models of visuo-spatial dynamics serve as a backbone for grounding narrative structures of the moving image in the extracted visual elements, and thus facilitate deep semantic analysis aimed at computational question-answering.

Keywords: commonsense space & motion, dynamic visuo-spatial imagery, deep semantics

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COHESION IN FILM AND GRAPHIC NOVEL

In this talk, we present that a particular definition of cohesive ties in film and graphic novels can be used to explain the construction of mental models during film interpretation.

In particular, I will show results from the framework concerning how precisely particular clues, formalised in terms of multimodal cohesive chains (Tseng, 2013, 2017), can be called upon to explain how the interpreting subject is guided to particular interpretations and then kept within particular specifiable bounds of interpretative freedom. The resulting interpretations are necessarily abstract, in that they build on particular structural configurations organising the events, characters, relationships and states of knowledge within the multimodal artefact, and support particular 'grounded' interpretations by means of a process similar to metaphor resolution (cf. Gentner, 1988). Furthermore, I will show how the cohesion analysis can be further applied to examine perennial issues in film, media and aesthetic studies such as authorship and genre blending.

Keywords: film, comics and graphic novels, authorship, multimodality, narrative analysis, stylistics

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