




Equipe IHM :
Ingénierie de l'Interaction Homme-Machine

EHCI group:
Engineering for Human-Computer Interaction


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EHCI group

- **“EHCI” for Engineering for Human-Computer Interaction**
 - Created in 1990
 - 9 professors and assistant professors
 - 1 CNRS researcher
 - 1 CNRS research engineer part time
 - 14 PhD students
 - 5 project engineers
 - 1 visiting researcher
 - 10 master students



EHCI group

- **EHCI group belongs to LIG (Computer Science Laboratory of Grenoble)**

- 188 academic researchers
- 367 doctoral / post-doctoral students, visitors, engineers
- 45 technical and administrative staff

- 23 autonomous research teams

- Principal themes
 - Infrastructure (networks and data)
 - Software (foundations and design models)
 - Interaction (perception, action and dialog)
 - Knowledge (learning, agent models and web-ontologies)

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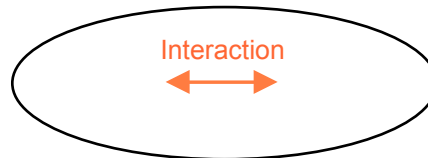
- **Scientific overview**
 - Scientific themes
 - Scientific approach
- **Research themes and results**

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Scientific themes

▪ Software Engineering for HCI

Computer science
contribution



Supported by
Human sciences

- Understanding the human-computer phenomena
- Establishing links between psychology-ergonomics and software engineering
- Designing, developing and evaluating interaction techniques
- Developing conceptual and technical tools based on HCI principles: Utility, Usability, Context

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Scientific themes

▪ Software Engineering for HCI in the context of “Ambient Intelligence”

- a seamless computing environment
- unobtrusive, everywhere
- often invisible and yet in our consciousness



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Scientific themes



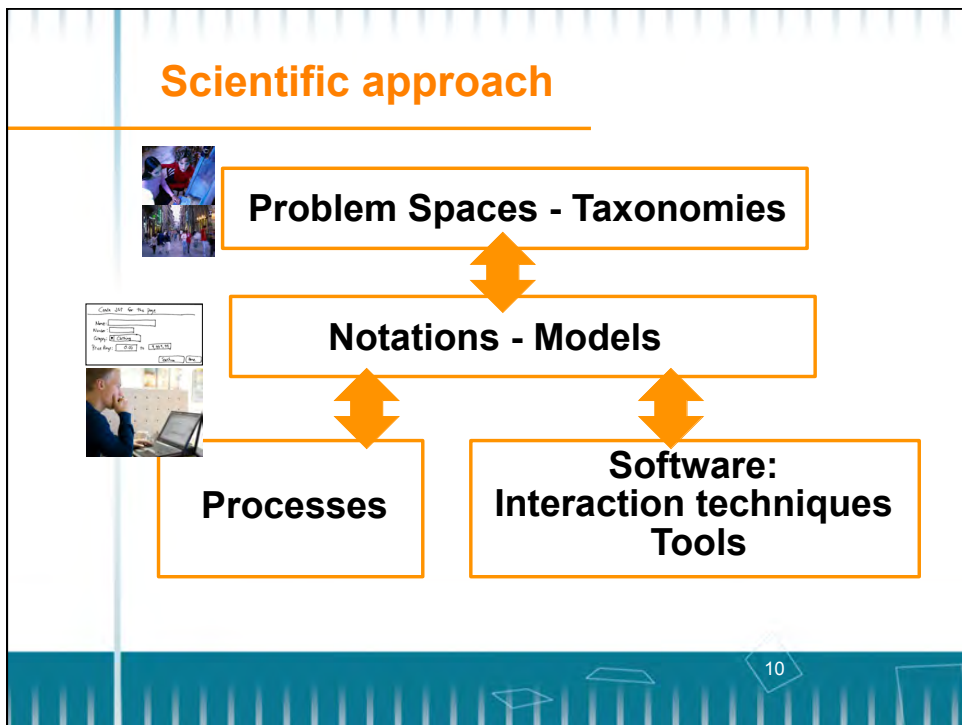
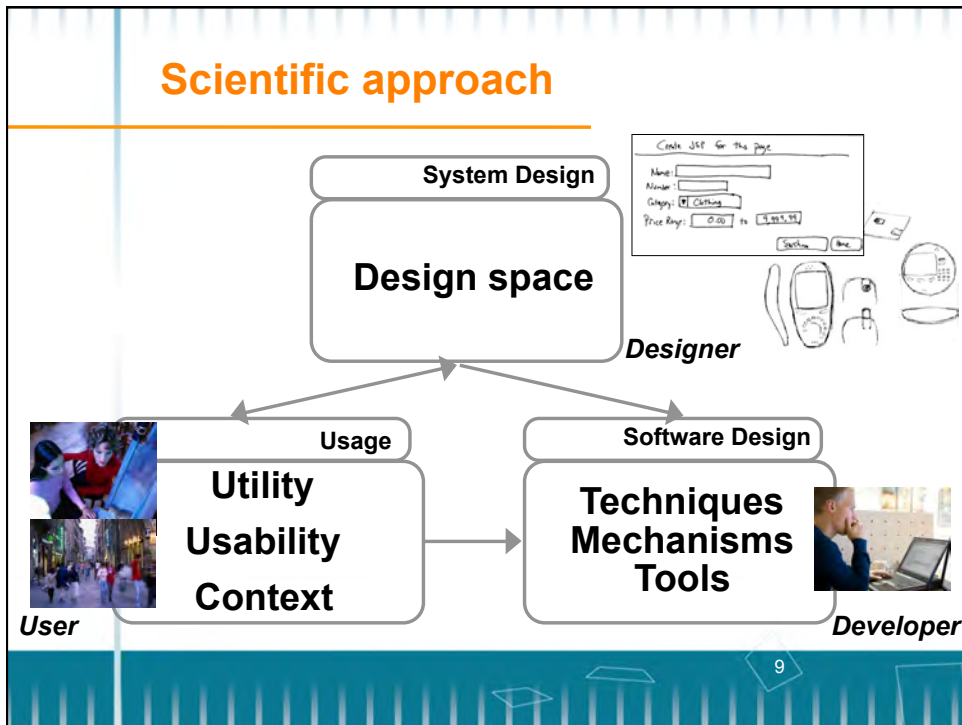
- **Software Engineering for HCI in the context of “Ambient Intelligence”**
- **Unprecedented challenges for interaction design**
 - Combining the real and virtual worlds
 - Multiple interaction devices/modalities
 - Small and large interaction surfaces
 - Dynamic contexts of use
 - Interaction adaptation – plasticity

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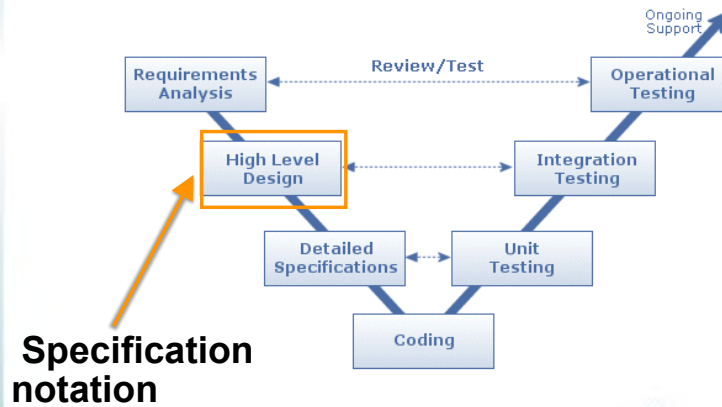
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Scientific approach: Example

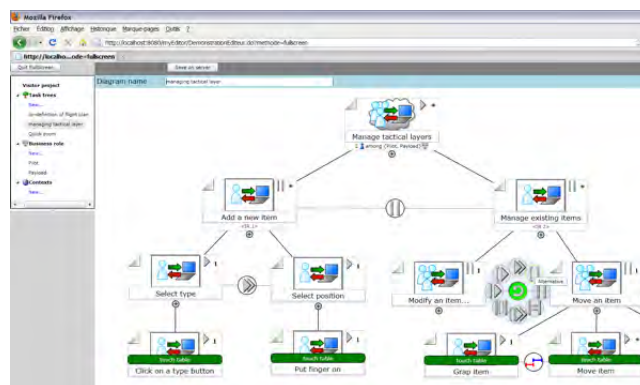
- **COMM notation for specifying collaborative and multimodal systems**



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Scientific approach: Example

- <http://e-comm.liglab.fr/>



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Research themes



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Multimodality

- **Modality <device, language>** < , gesture >
- **A vast world of atomic and combined modalities**
 - any physical object can be involved in interaction as a device
- **Multimodality is an integrating vector for several recent interaction paradigms that include:**
 - perceptual user interfaces
 - tangible interfaces
 - augmented reality, etc.

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Multimodality

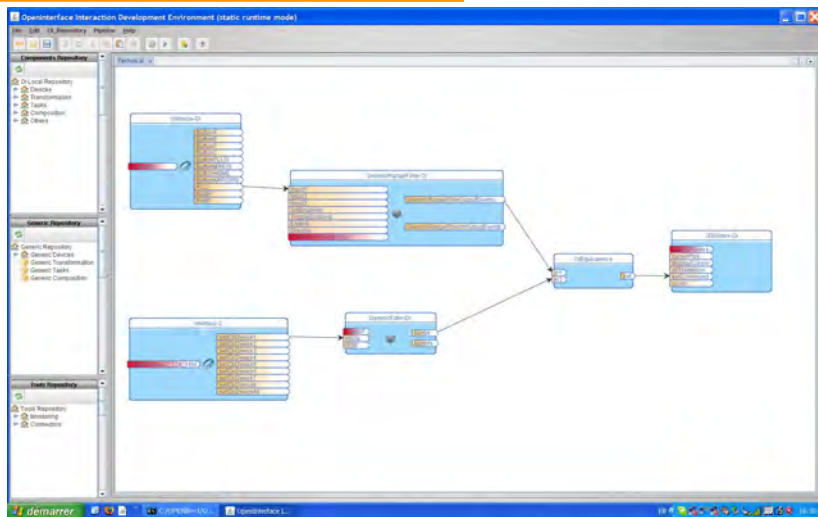
- **Facing the vast set of atomic and combined modalities**

Tools for the rapid development

- Developing multimodal interaction: a difficult task (ad-hoc development)
- Exploring the vast set of possibilities

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Multimodality: Focus



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Research themes

- Multimodal interaction
- Interaction with small handheld devices
- Mixed reality interaction
- User interface plasticity
- New interaction techniques

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Mobility


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



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Mobility

- **Lack of input/output bandwidth**
- **New forms of interaction**
- **Toolkit**
- **Interaction techniques**



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Mobility: Focus

- **Wavelet menu**

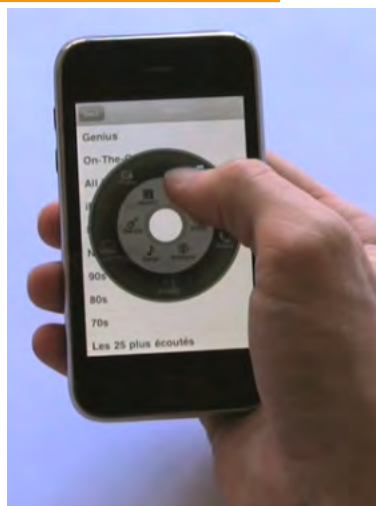


- **Problem space**

- Space on screen
- No keyboard for shortcuts
- One-hand interaction
- Eye-free interaction

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Mobility: Focus



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Mixed Reality

- **Merging the physical and the digital worlds so that users can take advantage of the two worlds in a smooth and seamless manner**
- **Augmented object: Conceptual model and prototyping tool**
- **Augmented surface: Interaction techniques and toolkit**
- SE method
- Mobile AR

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Mixed Reality: Focus

- **Bringing Digital Services to the Physical Workspace**

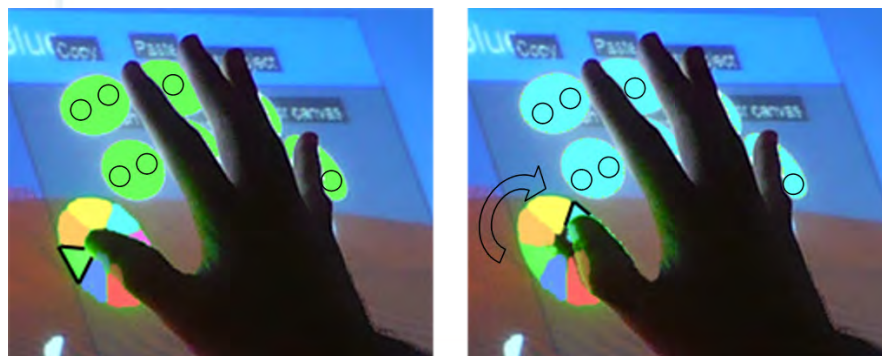
Adding single-user dual-finger interaction to the MERL DiamondTouch



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Mixed Reality: Focus

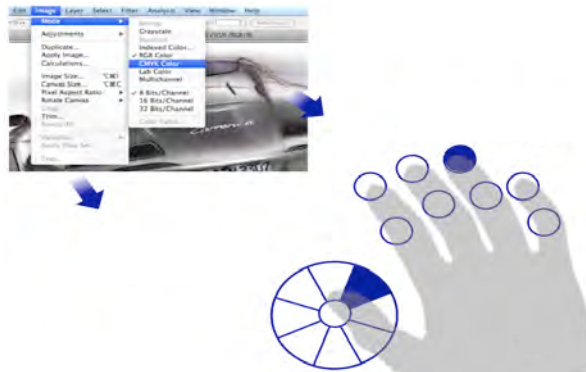
- **Multitouch menu: MTM**



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Mixed Reality: Focus

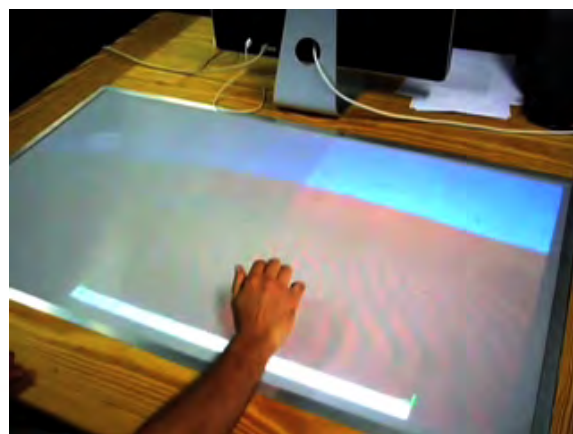
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Mixed Reality: Focus

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Plasticity

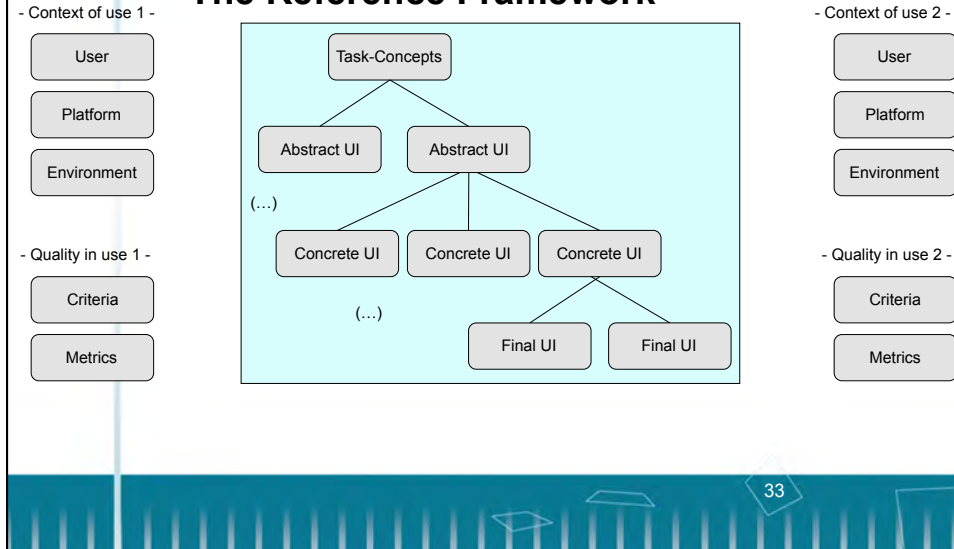
- **UI adaptation to the context of use while preserving human-centered values**

- Reference framework (W3C)
- Models at runtime
- Processes
- MDE, Plastic widgets, Component model/middleware

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Plasticity: Focus

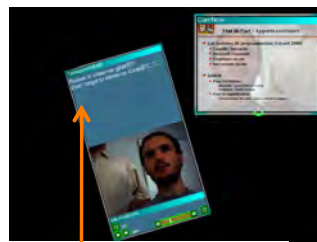
▪ The Reference Framework



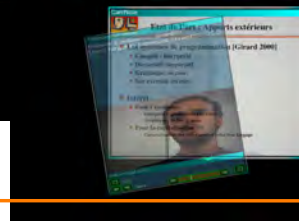
Plasticity: Focus

▪ Example

When a PDA arrives ...

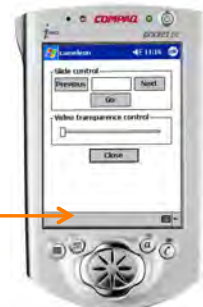


... the remote controller migrates to the PDA ...



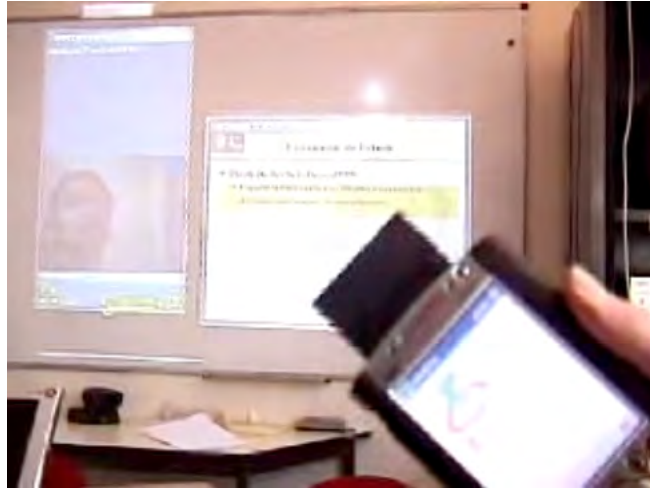
While migrating, the remote controller is remolded at the task level: it is no more possible to take notes on the PDA

... so that the user is mobile !



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Plasticity: Focus



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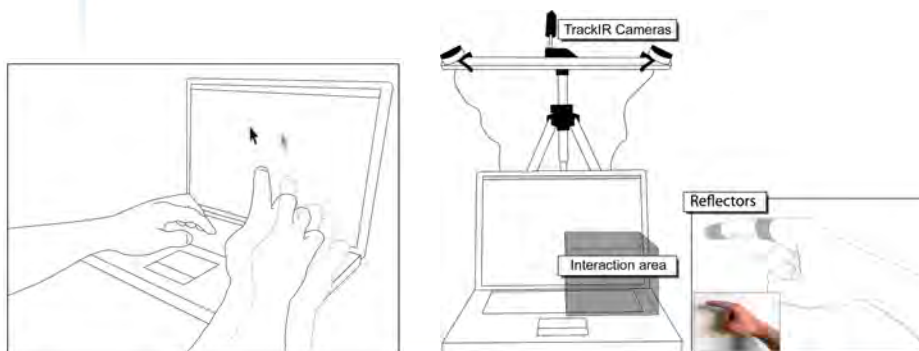
New Interaction Techniques

- Novel GUI-based interaction techniques to improve efficiency, comfort, and pleasure for generic HCI tasks
- Interactive visualization
- Pointing techniques
- Menu techniques
- 3D interaction

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New Interaction Techniques: Focus

- Pointing techniques: 3D
- AirMouse



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New Interaction Techniques: Focus

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Conclusion




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- Thank you for your attention

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The Engineering Human-Computer Interaction (EHCI) research group is one of the 24 research teams of the [Grenoble Informatics Laboratory \(LIG\)](#). EHCI is primarily concerned with the software aspects of Human-Computer Interaction. Our mission is to define new concepts, models and software tools for designing, implementing, and evaluating interaction techniques that are effective, usable, and enjoyable. This group has extensive experience in software architecture for interactive systems, multimodal and mixed reality interaction, context-aware distributed and migratory user interfaces.

To know more about the team: [Identity card](#), [Oral presentation](#), and [Activity report \(2005–2009\)](#).

Research themes:

- Engineering for human-computer interaction: model, method, software architecture