Topic

Understanding User Cognition for Human-Computer Interaction

Intro

Researchers of Human-computer Interaction (HCI) often adapt behavioral indicators or self-report methods to proxy users' cognitive states. However, it is difficult to determine how the interventions influence users' different cognitive states via behavioral and self-report methods alone. Moreover, some implicit and constantly changing cognitive states that heavily affect users' experience and decision-making (e.g., attention shifting and working memory) are hard to be measured by these methods without interrupting users during experiments. These challenges often cause inconsistent results and superficial interpretations in prior studies. Hence, I will present the projects utilizing brain-sensing techniques to measure users' cognitive states that are critical for the research topic related to audio notification and social bias in online rating. These works generate neural-based design implications for designers and researchers to effectively and appropriately designate users' cognitive resources to tailor to various tasks and contextual environments. In the end, I will share some thoughts about future research directions combining HCI and cognitive neuroscience.

Bio

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