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Research Summary

HCI, XR, AI, Visualization, Physical Computing I work at the intersection of Human-Computer Interaction and Data Visualization. My work leverages interactive data visualization as a platform for delving into **post-WIMP user interfaces** (*windows, icons, menus, pointer*). I am interested in designing multimodal-interaction techniques that support **situated** and **ad-hoc** interaction.

Education

2019 – **University of Maryland**, College Park, MD, United States

present **Ph.D. in Computer Science**, Advisor: *Dr. Niklas Elmqvist & Dr. Huaishu Peng*

Research: Enabling Ubiquitous Analytics (ad-hoc interactive environments in physical spaces) through Physical Computing and XR

2017 – 2019 **University of Maryland**, College Park, MD, United States

M.S. in Human-Computer Interaction, Advisor: *Dr. Niklas Elmqvist*

Research: Olfactory Analytics: Exploring the design space of smell for data visualization

2012 – 2016 **National Institute of Technology**, Rourkela, India

B.Tech. in Industrial Design

Work Experience

Jul - Aug **Center for Anytime Anywhere Analytics**, *Visiting Scholar*, Aarhus University, Denmark.

2024 *Advisor*: Dr. Clemens Nylandsted Klokmose, Dr. Niklas Elmqvist

Project: Gestural Interaction in Multi-display Environments

Jun - Aug **Sussex Computer Human Interaction Lab**, *Visiting Scholar*, University of Sussex, UK.

2019 *Advisor*: Dr. Marianna Obrist, Dr. Sriram Subramanian, Dr. Niklas Elmqvist

Project: Exploring mid-air haptics for human-data interaction

May - Aug **Human-Computer Interaction Group**, *Research Intern*, Hasso-Plattner Institute, Germany.

2018 *Advisor*: Dr. Patrick Baudisch

Project: Designing low-cost force feedback mechanisms for haptic devices for blind users

Feb - May **Wearable Computer Lab**, *Research Intern*, University of South Australia.

2017 *Advisor*: Dr. Ross Smith, Dr. Bruce Thomas

Project: Investigating collaborative shape display interactions

May - Jul **Keio-NUS CUTE Center**, *Research Intern*, National University of Singapore.

2015 *Advisor*: Dr. Nimesha Ranasinghe, Dr. Ellen Yi-Luen Do

Project: Designing user interface for digital-taste (simulating taste with electrical-stimulation)

May - Jun 2014 **Ergonomics Lab**, *Research Intern*, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, India.
Advisor: Dr. Sougata Karmakar
Project: Designing ergonomic interventions for factory workers in blending workstations

Publications

Journal Papers

- J1. **Biswaksen Patnaik**, Huaishu Peng, Niklas Elmqvist. Sensemaking Sans Power Interactive Data Visualization Using Color-Changing Ink. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2022.
- J2. Pramod Chundury, **Biswaksen Patnaik**, Yasmin Reyazuddin, Christine W. Tang, Jonathan Lazar, Niklas Elmqvist. Towards Understanding Sensory Substitution for Accessible Visualization: An Interview Study. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2022.
- J3. **Biswaksen Patnaik**, Andrea Batch, Niklas Elmqvist. Information Olfactation: Harnessing Scent to Convey Data. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2018.
- J4. J Sanjog, **Biswaksen Patnaik**, Thaneswer Patel, Sougata Karmakar. Context-specific design interventions in blending workstation: an ergonomics perspective. *Journal of Industrial and Production Engineering*, 2015.

Conference Papers

- C1. **Biswaksen Patnaik**, Huaishu Peng, Niklas Elmqvist. VisTorch: Interacting with Situated Visualizations using Handheld Projectors. *In Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, to appear, 2024. [1,060/4,028, 26.3% acc. rate]
- C2. Andrea Batch, **Biswaksen Patnaik**, Moses Akazue, Niklas Elmqvist. Scents and Sensibility: Evaluating Information Olfactation. *In Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, 2020.
- C3. Mohammed Rajik Khan, **Biswaksen Patnaik**, Sonalisa Patel. Design and Development of a Novel Sit-to-Stand and Mobility Assistive Device for Ambulation and Elderly. *In Proceedings of the International Conference on Research into Design*, 2017.

Workshop Papers

- W1. **Biswaksen Patnaik**, Andrea Batch, and Niklas Elmqvist. Olfactory Analytics: Exploring the Design Space of Smell for Data Visualization. *AVI Workshop on Multimodal Interaction for Data Visualization*, 2018.

Awards

- 2019 – 2021 **Dean's Fellowship**. Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland College Park
- 2018 **Travel Award**. HCIM Student Travel Award, iSchool, University of Maryland College Park

Skills

Programming: Python; *Web*: HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Library: Matplotlib, NumPy, Pandas

Design & Analysis: d3.js, A-Frame, Autodesk (Inventor/Fusion360), CATIA, SOLIDWORKS, Adobe (Photoshop, Illustrator, PremierePro), Unity, Ansys, Tableau, UX Research, Human Factors, User Study

Hardware: Arduino, Raspberry Pi, (Edge)TPU, 3D Printing, Rapid Prototyping, Workshop Technology

Teaching & Service

Fall 2024 **Teaching Assistant**. *CMSC434: Human-Computer Interaction*, Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland College Park

Spring 2024 **Teaching Assistant**. *CMSC425: Game Programming*, Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland College Park

CHI **Reviewer**. ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
2024,2025

April 2019 **Student Volunteer**. Human-Computer Interaction Lab Symposium, University of Maryland

Fall 2018 **Teaching Assistant**. *INST362: User-Centered Design*, iSchool, University of Maryland College Park

References

CA³ **Dr. Niklas Elmqvist**

Center for Anytime Anywhere Analytics (CA³)

Department of Computer Science, Aarhus University, Denmark

College of Information Studies, University of Maryland College Park, USA

Smart Lab **Dr. Huaishu Peng**

Small Artifacts Lab (Smart Lab)

Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland College Park, USA