Exploring the Impact of Agency on Human-Computer Partnerships

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What is agency ?

- The feeling of controlling one's own actions and, through them, events in the external world. [1]

- The sense that I am the one who is causing or generating an action. [2]

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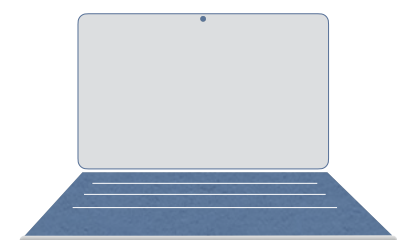Micro-project in:

HUMANE AI

Motivation

- The understanding of agency is a key factor in achieving realistic collaboration for human-centred AI research

- Investigate theoretical and empirical the role of agency for successful human-computer partnership

- Special focus on interaction and how to build systems with collaborative agency that can be manipulated

Research questions

1. Identify parameters relevant to the description of the system agency?

2. What impact these parameters have on the perceived agency?

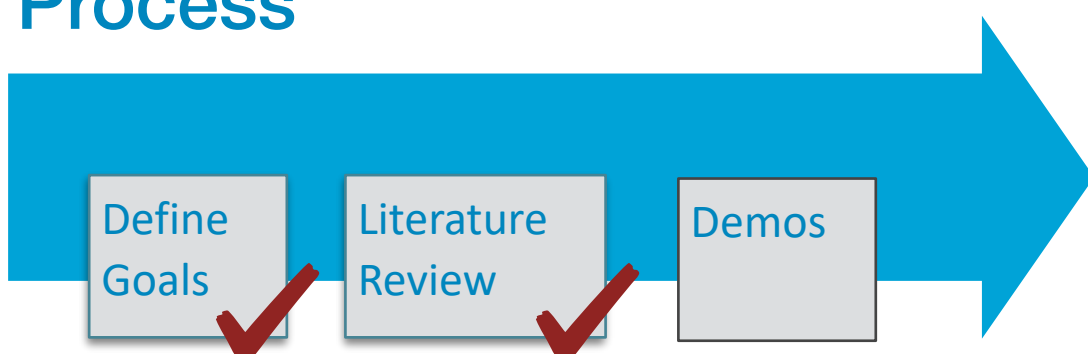3. How to modify them to achieve different roles of systems in a process?

Perception of agency based on interaction
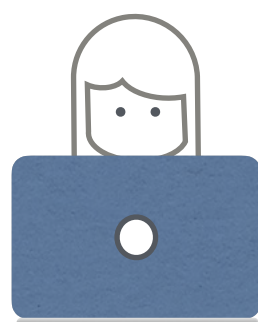
Human agency

Machine agency

Process

Define Goals ✓

Literature Review ✓

Demos

Expected results

- Create usable definitions of human and AI agency (research paper)

- Define a methodology for how to share agency (research protocol)

- Demonstrate examples of successfully sharing agency (video / interactive)

[1] Haggard, Sense of agency in the human brain, Nat Rev Neurosci, 2017

[2] Gallagher, Trends in Cognitive Sciences, 2000