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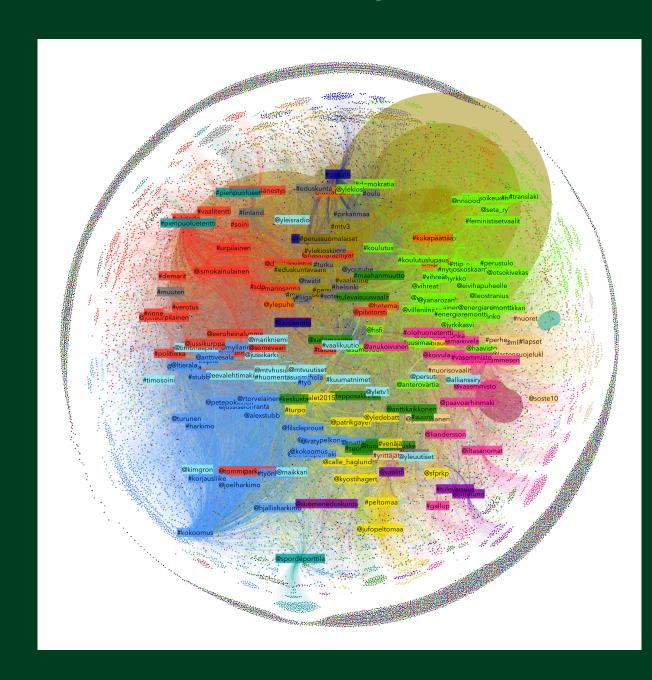
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HIIT in brief

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Total numbers	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Funding M€	12,1	10,5	11,5	10,0	10,5	9,1
External/competitive funding	83 %	78 %	83 %	79 %	82 %	80 %
Person-years	175	135	144	154	134	138
Refereed publications	222	213	209	238	274	257





Review of Year 2015

Augmented research, health and knowledge work, and other IT

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Professor Petri Myllymäki, a HIIT group leader and programme director, started as a new Director of HIIT in August 2015. Professor Samuel Kaski's 5-year term ended in July 2015.

Two main goals of HIIT are to (1) conduct high level strategic research bridging the two universities, and (2) coordinate big common ICT issues across departments to form a common "Helsinki ICT". Year 2015 again witnessed success along both lines.

In 2015 HIIT contributed to three Centres of Excellence of the Academy of Finland: Computational Inference (COIN, overlapping with HIIT's CI programme), Inverse Problems, and Cancer Genetics.

Tekes's strategic research openings are visionary and challenging projects aiming to make serious breakthroughs that will lay the foundation for entirely new areas of business in the future. The first strategic openings were chosen in 2013 when Re:Know, Revolution of Knowledge Work, was one of the two. Re:Know is coordinated by HIIT and the partners are University of Helsinki, Aalto University and Institute for Occupational Health. In 2014, Tekes funded three new strategic openings, two of which HIIT's researchers participate in: Digital Health Revolution and Living Factories. The vision of the Digital Health Revolution initiative is that future healthcare will allow citizens to control and make use of their personal data. The goal of Living Factories is to realise the full potential of Synthetic Biology in Finland. Synthetic Biology is based on the design and engineering of newto-nature biological systems.

Professor Hiroshi Mamitsuka from the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University, Japan, started as a FiDiPro Professor funded by Tekes in the beginning of 2015.













The Finnish Center of Excellence in Cancer Genetics Research







Nominations

Professor Samuel Kaski, Director of HIIT until July 2015, was nominated as an Academy Professor. He develops computational methods for interactive multi-source data analysis and machine learning. The aim of the Academy of Finland's funding for an Academy Professor is to facilitate full-time scientific research for internationally leading-edge researchers. Academy Professors are expected to greatly contribute to the progress of research in their fields and develop a creative research environment.

Dr Pekka Marttinen got Academy of Finland's 5-year Academy Research Fellow funding for his research on "Enhanced learning of hierarchical structured models with biomedical applications". Similarly, Dr Simon Puglisi's 5-year Academy Research Fellow funding is for "Fast and Efficient Indexes for Highly Repetitive Data". Dr Jukka-Pekka Kauppi got Academy of Finland's 3-year Postdoctoral Research funding for his research on "Neuroscientifically motivated novel decoding methods for multichannel electromyographic and magnetoencephalographic signals" and Dr Niko Välimäki was awarded a similar position for "Variation Calling on Population Genotypes: From Data Structures to Applications".

Professor Jukka Corander was selected as a Visiting Fellow at University of Cambridge. His research during the visit will concentrate on infectious disease epidemiology and genomics. Professor Corander was also awarded the Cozzarelli Prize in biomedical sciences by PNAS, for a revolutionary discovery concerning evolutionary mechanisms in bacterial populations.





Augmented research

Augmented search, research, and knowledge work are the main themes of the HIIT-wide research initiative that is a strategic research focus of HIIT. It is a big multidisciplinary project spanning several research groups of HIIT at Aalto University and University of Helsinki. Several research groups ranging from Human-Computer Interaction to Machine Learning and Complex Systems Computation collaborates to produce cutting edge research and demonstrations that go beyond individual research papers. The initiative is described in more detail on page 31.

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Collaboration in Helsinki IT

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In doctoral education, HIIT coordinates the Helsinki Doctoral Education Network in Information and Communications Technology (HICT). HICT is hosted jointly by Aalto University and the University of Helsinki, the two leading universities within this area in Finland. The network serves as a collaboration platform for doctoral education combining all the relevant subfields of computer science and information technology at Aalto University and the University of Helsinki. It involves at present 65 professors and almost 300 doctoral students, and the participating units produce altogether more than 40 new doctors each year.

HIIT also collaborates with **Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland FIMM** in recruiting PhD students to rotate between research groups at FIMM and HIIT. The collaboration is part of the Nordic EMBL Partnership for Molecular Medicine and the call is able to attract a large number of excellent doctoral candidates from all over the world.

Data Science is a big research focus for the whole HIIT, spanning over several application areas. Its objective is to provide the underlying theory and the necessary tools to cope with the current data revolution. The education in this area has been boosted by several education programmes such as the Master's Programme in Machine learning and Data mining (Madacamia) at Aalto and Data Science study profile at University of Helsinki. For interdisciplinary studies, Analytics and Data Science is a minor topic available for all MSc students at Aalto, jointly coordinated by professor Aristides Gionis from HIIT and professor Pekka Malo at Aalto BIZ. The goal of the minor is to educate students on how to become proficient in making sense of such big data, and how to apply data analysis skills on their own domain of expertise.





Aalto Digi Platform

Recruitment is an important means of collaboration. HIIT arranges joint Helsinki IT **postdoc and senior researcher calls** together with several departments in the field of computer science at Aalto University and University of Helsinki. These joint calls leverage on and further enhance the brand of Helsinki as a hub of computer science, and attract a wide range of high-level applicants.

Digi Platform is Aalto University's collaborative initiative in the field of ICT and digitalization. It is chartered to innovate, initiate and increase digitalization related cooperation broadly inside Aalto and with its industrial and academic partners. The Digi Platform facilitates and brings together Aalto's competences in this multidisciplinary area, in a bottom up manner, and increases Aalto's visibility. Expertise across Aalto is brought together to maximize the potential of IT to boost other sciences, technologies and society. The Digi Platform provides seed funding, arranges matchmaking events, acts as a collaboration platform within Aalto, and provides a "front desk" for external contacts. HIIT coordinates the Digi Platform, and University of Helsinki participates in the platform via HIIT.

International collaboration

All HIIT's activities are inherently international, mostly in a bottomup manner. Cooperation with key international research institutes and univarrersities is active: Berkeley (ICSI and UC Berkeley), MIT, Centre for Computational Statistics and Machine Learning (CSML) at UCL, European Bioinformatics Institute EBI, Human Technology Lab (HTLab) at University of Padova, and Waseda University, to name a few.

HIIT coordinates Aalto University's and University of Helsinki's strategic partnership with NSF Science and Technology Center for Science of Information (Sol). The member universities of the Sol center are Purdue (leader), Bryn Mawr, Howard, MIT, Princeton, Stanford, Texas A&M, UC Berkeley, UCSD and Urbana-Champaign. Other strategic partners in Europe are ETH (Zürich, Switzerland) and the LINCS network (Paris, France).

EIT Digital is an European initiative intended to turn Europe into a global leader in ICT innovation. It aims to fulfill this mission by establishing a new type of partnership between leading companies, research centres, and universities in Europe. One of the 5 nodes is Helsinki. Several HIIT researchers have research projects with EIT Digital.







HIIT's researcers are active in organizing high-profile international conferences and workshops: the most recent ones are International Conference on Computational Creativity ICCC 2015 and 4th International Workshop on Symbiotic Interaction.

Societal impact

HIIT aims to boost the competitiveness of the Finnish information industry and information society in the long run by linking scientific research with the long-term high-risk research and development of the information industry, and by contributing to the development of the information society. HIIT both anticipates developments of the information society and influences them. New technologies developed at HIIT are taken into use at the ICT sector or other fields in the commercial and public sector.

HIIT's researchers and alumni establish approximately one startup company per year. The newest one is Spaceify, a startup to webify spaces. The aim of Spaceify is to commercialise solutions that provide immediate interaction with smart spaces through web technologies. The core of the solution is a client-edge-server ecosystem that seamlessly integrates physical spaces with the web. Spaceify can give web apps controlled access to resources such as big screens, sensors and lighting in the space. The founding of Spaceify Oy is an example of long-term strategic research resulting in an impact beyond academic results.

The sleep monitor firm Beddit uses a sleep analysis software developed in the PhD work of Joonas Paalasmaa of HIIT.

HIIT researchers have been active in issues related to public policy having the profile of a vocal and visible participant in the public debate related to various important themes of information society, especially the discussion on emerging social forms of media use, immaterial rights, privacy and trust in the network society. MyData is a human-centric approach to the managing and processing of personal information. It is based on the right of individuals to access the data collected about them. The core idea is that individuals should be in control of their own data. The MyData approach aims at strengthening digital human rights while opening new opportunities for businesses to develop innovative personal data based services built on mutual trust. HIIT researchers Kai Kuikkaniemi and Antti Poikola are key figures behind MyData in Finland.

Views for 2016

The research programmes of HIIT will be renewed in 2016. The new programmes will be challenge-oriented, scientifically top-level, potentially high-impact with respect to HIIT's mission, interdisciplinary, and fixed term. Administratively all HIIT's activities at Aalto University merge with the Computer Science department of the School of Science at Aalto University as of 1 January 2016. This will not restrict HIIT's scientific activities, and HIIT researchers can also be affiliated with other departments at Aalto University.



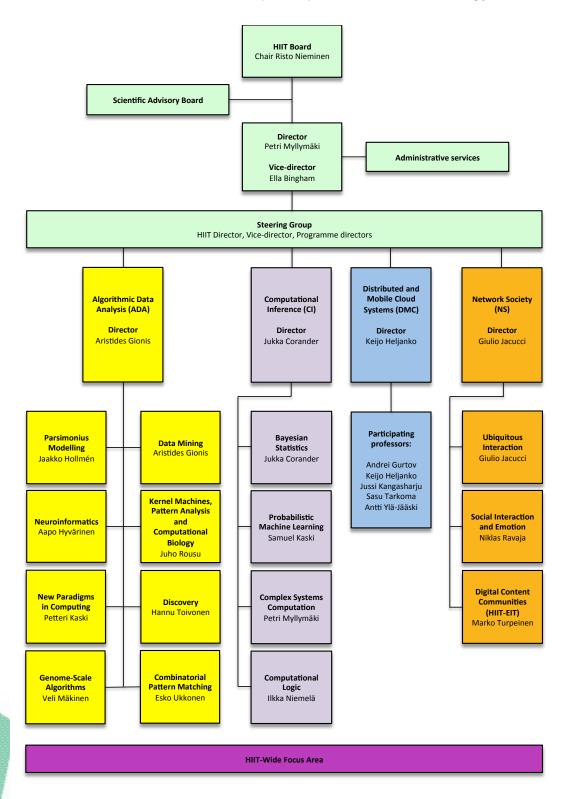








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Research

Algorithmic Data Analysis (ADA) Programme

The mission of the Algorithmic Data Analysis (ADA) research programme at HIIT is to develop useful algorithmic data analysis methods for other sciences and for industry. The work involves both basic research in computer science and applied work on problems arising from applications. The research focuses on the algorithmic and modeling problems of combinatorial pattern matching, data mining, and machine learning. The work is strongly interdisciplinary. Developing new concepts and algorithms is an iterative process consisting of interacting extensively with the application experts, formulating computational concepts, analyzing the properties of the concepts, designing algorithms and analyzing their performance, implementing and experimenting with the algorithms, and applying the results in practice. The main application areas of ADA are in biology, medicine, environmental studies, creativity, social networks, and neuroscience.



Combinatorial Pattern Matching, Professor Esko Ukkonen

The combinatorial pattern-matching group develops combinatorial algorithms and probabilistic modeling techniques for pattern search and synthesis problems in sequential and higher-dimensional data. The team is interested in the basic research of the theoretical aspects of the area as well as in various applications such as genome structure, gene regulation, and information retrieval.

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Data Mining, Professor Aristides Gionis

The data-mining group focuses on developing novel methods to extract knowledge from data, designing algorithms to summarize large volumes of data efficiently and effectively, and exploring new ways of using the extracted information. Specific areas of interest include: pattern discovery, clustering and outlier detection, graph mining, social-network analysis, analysis of information networks and social-network dynamics, and analysis of smart-city sensor data.

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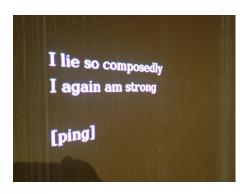
Discovery Group: Data Mining and Computational Creativity, Professor Hannu Toivonen

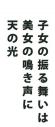
The Discovery research group develops novel methods and tools for data mining and computational creativity. Our focus is on algorithmic methods for discovering links and patterns in data and on their use in creative systems.

In data mining and graph mining we focus on analysis and exploration methods for text documents and weighted graphs. We identify relevant computational problems, develop new concepts and algorithms, and apply them.

A more recent focus area is computational creativity, interesting on its own right but also as an application area for data mining methods. We work on verbal creativity, i.e., computational poetry and humour, and also on automatic composition of music. We are developing novel methods that minimize the need for manually coded or language-specific knowledge.

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Neuroinformatics, Professor Aapo Hyvärinen

Neuroinformatics is widely defined as the cross-fertilization of informationprocessing and mathematical sciences on the one hand, and neural and cognitive sciences on the other.

Our group works on different aspects of neuroinformatics related to machine learning. We model the visual system in the brain by analyzing the statistical structure of the natural input images. We apply machine learning models on neuroimaging data, in particular MEG. We also develop the relevant theory of statistical machine learning, typically unsupervised.

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The research group Parsimonious Modelling develops novel computational data analysis methods and applies these methods on two application fields: cancer genomics and environmental informatics. Parsimonious modeling aims at simple, compact, or sparse models as a result of learning from data in the presence of very little or no a priori information about the modeled problem. Simplicity of the models facilitates understanding of the problem domain by humans.

Both application fields present similar challenges to the data analysis problems: the high dimensionality of observed data and the presence of moderate or large noise levels are both factors that bear fundamental problems for any data analysis. Seeking new areas of application and interfacing the newest application domains with lots of novel types of generated data helps in finding new, unsolved settings of problems.

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Kernel Machines, Pattern Analysis and Computational Biology, Professor Juho Rousu

The group develops machine learning methods, models and tools for data science, in particular computational metabolomics. The methodological backbone of the group is formed by kernel methods and regularized learning. The group focusses in learning with multiple and structured targets, multiple views and ensembles. Machine learning applications of interest include metabolite identification, metabolic network reconstruction and pathway analysis, chemogenomics as well as biomarker discovery.

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Genome-Scale Algorithms, Professor Veli Mäkinen

We develop algorithms and data structures for the analysis of genome-scale data. Such data is abundant due to modern molecular biology measurement techniques like high-throughput sequencing. We are especially interested in applications of compressed data structures, that make it possible to analyse the often highly redundant data within the space of their information content. We also study other scalability aspects like distributed computation/storage around genome-scale data.

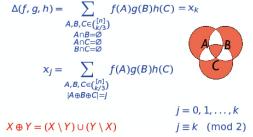
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New Paradigms in Computing, Professor Petteri Kaski

The group performs basic research at the intersection of core computer science (algorithm design and analysis) and discrete mathematics, with an emphasis towards novel techniques and less studied models of computation. We invest substantial effort to high-risk, high-yield research problems of relatively broad theoretical interest, selected on both problem and method driven basis. The current research themes of the group are threefold. (1) Exploring the interplay between algebraic, combinatorial, and geometric techniques in the design of exact deterministic algorithms. For example, many combinatorial problems can be cast in algebraic form, whereby a nontrivial algebraic algorithm yields a more efficient solution compared with direct combinatorial tools. (2) Restricted models of computation and tradeoffs in resources and/or objectives. (3) While we are a theory group, we occasionally engage in practical algorithm implementation. Examples include attacks on combinatorial classification problems and applications in computational geometry.



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The four groups of the CI programme are all members of the Finnish Centre of Excellence in Computational Inference Research (COIN), and the objectives of the programme are closely intertwined with those of COIN.

The main objective of CI is to develop methods for transforming the data produced by the current data revolution into useful information. The key methodology for achieving this goal is statistical and computational inference based on the data. The emphasis is on large data collections and computationally demanding modelling and inference algorithms. Our mission is to push the boundary towards both more complex problems, requiring more structured data models, and towards extremely rapid inference. We address a set of carefully chosen interdisciplinary "grand challenge" -level problems with high societal impact where solving the data intensive problems requires novel methodologies that can only result from combining the expertise of separate subfields

Our mission brings up four partially overlapping methodological focus areas: Learning of massive data-driven models; Learning from multiple sources; Statistical inference in highly structured stochastic models; and Extreme inference engine.

In applied research our work is also motivated by the big data and ubiquitous computing vision, where adaptivity, context-awareness and personalisation are key enablers. We see that our four methodological research areas support strongly each other, and they all address from a different perspective the key technological problems we face in our future "big data" information society. In our applied research we link our strong basic research work in machine learning and constraint reasoning to well-motivated applied research activities involving prototype applications and real-world deployments



Probabilistic Machine Learning, Professor Samuel Kaski

We develop new methods for probabilistic modeling, Bayesian inference and machine learning. Our current focuses are in particular learning from multiple data sources, Bayesian model assessment and selection, approximate inference and information visualization. Our primary application areas are digital health and biology, neuroscience and user interaction.

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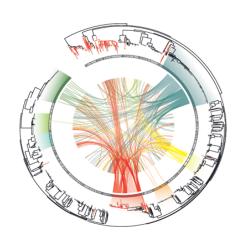




Bayesian Statistics, Professor Jukka Corander

We do research on theoretical and applied machine learning, biometry, bioinformatics and forensic statistics. Some specific areas of interest are clustering and statistical inference in highly structured stochastic models. Our main application area is computational biology, in particular models for evolution and transmission of bacteria and viruses. These findings have been enabled by our better scalable Bayesian inference methods for the analysis of bacterial whole-genome data that are several orders of magnitude faster than recent other methods based on standard Bayesian computation.

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Complex Systems Computation (CoSCo), Professor Petri Myllymäki

The CoSCo research group investigates computational problems related to complex systems, focusing on prediction and modeling tasks. The basic research areas addressed include machine learning, probabilistic modeling and data analysis, information theoretical approaches to inference and constraint reasoning and optimization. Central themes in the applied research include methods for analyzing and visualizing multidimensional and multimodal Big Data, intelligent information retrieval and context-awareness for ubiquitous computing.

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Computational Logic, Professor Ilkka Niemelä

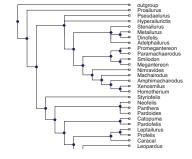
The group develops automated reasoning techniques for solving challenging computational problems in engineering and science. The current focus is on efficient computational methods for solving large constraint satisfaction problems formally represented as Boolean satisfiability (SAT) problems or their generalizations, or expressed in terms of rule-based constraints used in answer-set programming (ASP). The group has a strong track record in research on verification and testing of automation systems and software, as well as applying formal methods in the analysis of distributed systems.

In 2015, our research on ASP concentrated on various aspects of the paradigm. As regards aggregate functions used in ASP, we developed a polynomial, faithful, and modular translation into monotonic aggregates that lend themselves for efficient implementation with contemporary solver technology. In addition, the input language of the state-of-the-art ASP grounder Gringo was formally extended by a number of constructs such as intervals, pooling, and aggregates. We also developed new techniques for ASP solving in dynamic settings where new domain elements are gradually incorporated into a problem description. A variety of application problems were studied, including the inference of phylogenetic supertrees from partial, mutually conflicting phylogenies. A real-world dataset concerning the family of cats (Felidae) was used for benchmarking.

In the area of constraint-based planning and scheduling, we investigated the use of SAT modulo theories (SMT) framework in timed systems planning. The research has developed new modeling languages, discretization methods, and encodings of timed planning systems in SMT, leading to dramatic performance improvements over earlier SMT-based methods, and to far better plan quality than is possible with leading methods that do not take into account time information during the search phase, but handle action scheduling and selection separately.



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Distributed and Mobile Cloud Systems (DMC)

The focus of the programme is to bridge the gap between mobile devices and the cloud based server backend systems into a single seamless distributed and mobile computing platform. The main motivation behind this is that mobile devices are by their very nature very resource constrained in available battery power, CPU, memory, network, as well as storage capacity compared to the server hardware available in the cloud backend systems. Thus mobile devices need to be tightly integrated to the cloud backend systems in order to do computational tasks that are too heavy for them. However, this basic setup is not yet sufficient for highly interactive applications. The wide area network (WAN) communication latencies between the mobile device and the possibly quite physically remote cloud backend can often be too large for interactive mobile applications, e.g., for interactive augmented reality applications such as Google Glass, as well as computationally intensive mobile intelligent information access applications. Therefore, sometimes an additional layer of computing called cloudlets is called for, that is a collection of local cloud servers that acts as local computing service for mobile devices in its own network neighborhood area. This idea is also known as cyber foraging in the literature.

The research programme operates via close collaboration of the groups of Professors Andrei Gurtov, Keijo Heljanko, Jussi Kangasharju, Sasu Tarkoma and Antti Ylä-Jääski.











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Network Society (NS) Programme

The mission of the Network Society research programme is to empower ubiquitous users with transparent and resourceful ICT with the following example challenges:

Maximum User Performance in Mobile Interaction: Numerous factors limit the mobile user's ability to interact efficiently with a mobile device. We are interested in exposing these factors through controlled experimentation and developing interaction techniques and methods that improve user performance.

Engaging and Embodied Interaction Across Modalities: Developing techniques and interactive systems utilising implicit and explicit interaction to foster co-experience, learning, physical and creative activity. This research is carried out by coupling in-depth user studies with design in the area of novel interfaces.

Service design, Media Experience and Media Crowdsourcing: theories and methodologies for user-centered service design, understanding of critical elements of media experience (e.g. playfulness and co-experience) through user research, laboratory experiments, and explorative designs. Media crowdsourcing: co-creativity in digital content creation, optimization of crowdsourcing tasks, creation of applications and games that utilise/produce metadata and media.

Emotional-Social Interaction: To understand emotional and cognitive processess during ICT-mediated social interaction. This research is carried out by using neurophysiological recordings, for example.



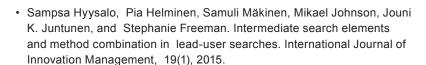
Digital Content Communities, Professor Marko Turpeinen

Our research focuses on social computing, i.e., information systems that enable and support social creativity, participatory media and distributed problem solving. However, to develop successful new technologies, and bear responsibility of design decisions, we as developers should understand and anticipate the dynamics of technology-society interaction. This requires multi disciplinary end-to-end research from technological platforms to various viewpoints to their impact on the use environment.

The goal of our research is to enable and encourage people to belong to communities of content creators, to develop service design methodology and business model development for social media, to study how people interact with each other using digital content, and to understand what new business opportunities and social structures emerge around community-generated content and technology. One of our strong focus areas is the rapidly expanding social forms of gaming and how to apply the findings from online games to other non-gaming domains. This includes virtual economies and virtual consumerism, and applying economics and business studies in virtual worlds.

Digital Content Communities is a joint research group of both HIIT and EIT Digital Helsinki node.





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Social Interaction and Emotion (SIE), Professor Niklas Ravaja

The mission of SIE is to increase our understanding of ICT-mediated social interaction. Our studies focus on: (a) emotional and cognitive processes during mediated social interaction, including mediated touch, interaction with virtual humans, and knowledge work, (b) the neuroscience of social ICT, (c) socially-mediated behavioral phenomena in SNSs, (d) the use of gamification to support the adoption of healthier lifestyles, and (e) user experience of ICT.

We use a wide methodological approach, from surveys and qualitative methods to neurophysiological recordings (e.g., EEG), to study users in the laboratory as well as in real-life contexts. By providing both fundamental and applied insight into social interaction, we help to create ICT and services that take the human social and emotional processes into account.

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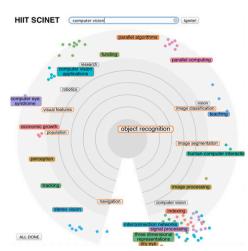
Ubiquitous Interaction contributes to research in human-computer interaction, in adaptive and affective interfaces, in multimodal interaction an in exploratory search and social computing. Application areas range from sustainability and environmental awareness, home computing, walk-up-and-use display, information exploration, and persuasive computing to scientific and knowledge work.

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HIIT-Wide Focus Area: Augmented Science

Augmented search, research, and knowledge work are the main themes of the multidisciplinary HIIT-wide research initiative that is a strategic research focus of HIIT. Several research groups ranging from Human-Computer Interaction to Machine Learning and Complex Systems Computation collaborate to produce cutting edge research and demonstrations that go beyond individual research papers. The project investigates how Human-Computer Interaction and Probabilistic Machine Learning can be combined to a loop that will increase, by order of magnitude, the effectiveness of search and knowledge work. We are applying our research to scientific data and work environments as well as industrial settings. The methods and tools will be able to better utilize the massive explosion of raw data, documents, distributed information and link structures between these, and sensory information recorded from the users. The methods and pilot applications are expected to revolutionize our work practices in datadriven fields such as modern biology, business intelligence, and others. In particular improving the general problem solving method of science, research, and development, in collaboration with the other fields, is the best way for our research community to contribute to solving the grand challenges of humanity.



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Administration

HIIT is a joint research institute of Aalto University and the University of Helsinki. The contract between the two universities was renewed in 2015, again emphasizing that the two universities will fund HIIT with equal shares and ensure the necessary basic funding. The Statutes of HIIT were renewed as well, with minor amendments.

Personnel and funding

At Aalto University, HIIT researchers currently work in the Department of Computer Science, School of Science. An administrative merge was made in the beginning of 2016 to provide HIIT's services via the Computer Science department. This does not restrict researchers from other departments in joining HIIT's activities. At University of Helsinki, our operations are at the Department of Computer Science, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and Department of Social Sciences. The personnel of HIIT are employed by the two parent universities. Many of HIIT's personnel have double affiliations. The most common is an affiliation with other Departments of one or both of the parent universities, but there are also some who share their time between HIIT and some other organisation. Thus the total number of HIIT affiliated personnel is much higher than the number of person-years, 138.

The total funding of HIIT in 2015 was 9 MEur, of which 80 per cent was competitive. The main funding sources were Academy of Finland, Tekes, EU and the mother universities. More details will be given in the Facts and Figures document found via http://www.hiit.fi/abouthiit

Board

The highest decision-making body of HIIT is the Board. It decides on HIIT's overall research strategy and research programmes. The statutory tasks of the Board are to approve the annual budget and activity plans, and follow up and comment on the work of HIIT through regular activity updates given by the Director of HIIT. In 2015 the Board convened four times.

The HIIT Board consists of nine members who are appointed for four years at a time. Each university appoints four board members, two of which are university staff and two are not employed by the university, and personal deputies to each of them. The staff of HIIT selects one board member and his or her deputy from among their colleagues. In 2015, the Board consisted of the following members (personal deputies in parentheses):

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A. Teaching

Courses given by HIIT researchers at participating departments at Aalto University and University of Helsinki

Spring Term 2015

- · Advanced Course in Algorithms, Petteri Kaski, Aalto
- Advanced Course in Computational Logic, Tomi Janhunen, Aalto
- · Algorithms in Molecular Biology, Veli Mäkinen, UH
- · Approximation Algorithms, Mikko Koivisto, UH
- · Artificial intelligence, Jussi Rintanen, Aalto
- Bayesilainen mallintaminen, Aki Vehtari, Aalto
- Bayesian theory with applications, Jukka Corander, UH
- Big Data Frameworks, Sasu Tarkoma, Mohammad Hogue, Ella Peltonen UH
- Biological Sequence Analysis (guided self study), Veli Mäkinen, UH
- · Data Compression Techniques, Simon Puglisi, UH
- · Data Mining (guided self study), Hannu Toivonen, UH
- Data Mining Project (guided self study), Hannu Toivonen, UH
- · Discrete Models and Search, Emilia Oikarinen, Aalto
- · Distributed Systems Project, Jussi Kangasharju, UH
- Energy-efficient Mobile Computing, Yu Xiao, Aalto
- · Information Retrieval, Tuukka Ruotsalo, Aalto
- Information visualization, Pekka Marttinen, Luana Micallef, Aalto
- · Interactive Systems, Salvatore Andolina, UH
- Internet and Computing Forum, Antti Ylä-Jääski, Aalto
- Johdatus ohjelmointiin yhteiskuntatieteissä, Matti Nelimarkka, UH
- Johdatus tietoliikenteeseen ja multimediatekniikkaan, Antti Ylä-jääski, Aalto
- Laboratory Works in Networking and Security, Andrey Lukyanenko, Aalto

- Machine Learning: Advanced Probabilistic Methods, Pekka Marttinen, Aalto
- Methodology for Research on Information and Communication Technology and Social Interaction, Niklas Ravaja, UH
- · Mobile Sensing, Petteri Nurmi, UH
- · Ohjelmistotekniikan erikoistyö, Keijo Heljanko, Aalto
- · Ohjelmointi 2, Petteri Kaski, Aalto
- · Overlay and P2P Networks, Sasu Tarkoma, UH
- · PhD Student Seminar, Petri Myllymäki, UH
- Programming Parallel Computers, Jukka Suomela, Aalto
- Project in Algorithms in Molecular Biology, Leena Salmela, UH
- Project in Biological Sequence Analysis, Daniel Valenzuela, UH
- · Project in Data Compression, Simon Puglisi, UH
- Project in Probabilistic Models, Petri Myllymäki, UH
- Satisfiability, Boolean Modeling and Computation, Matti Järvisalo, UH
- · Seminar: Hot Topics in IETF, Jussi Kangasharju, UH
- Seminar on Analysis and Assembly of Big Bioinformatics Data, Esko Ukkonen, UH
- Seminar on Computational Creativity, Hannu Toivonen, Ping Xiao, Anna Kantosalo, UH
- Seminar on Educational Data Mining and Learning Analytics, Hannu Toivonen, UH
- Soveltavan matematiikan pääaine, Jukka Corander, UH
- Special Assignment in Networking and Security, Keijo Heljanko, Aalto
- Special Course in Bioinformatics II, Juho Rousu, Aalto

- Special Course in Computer and Information Science II, Aristides Gionis, Aalto
- Special Course in Computer and Information Science III, Jaakko Hollmén, Aalto
- Special Course in Computer and Information Science VI, Manuel Eugster, Aalto
- Special Course in Computer and Information Science with Varying Content, Paul Blomstedt, Aalto
- Special Course in Computer and Information Science with Varying Content, Mrinal Das, Aalto
- Special Course in Computer and Information Science with Varying Content, Aristides Gionis, Aalto
- Statistical Natural Language Processing, Juho Rousu, Aalto
- · Tietojenkäsittelyteoria, Tommi Junttila, Aalto
- · Tietokoneverkot, Matti Siekkinen, Aalto
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- · Tietorakenteet ja algoritmit, Patrik Floréen, UH
- · Tilastotieteen pääaine, Jukka Corander, UH
- Unsupervised Machine Learning, Aapo Hyvärinen, UH
- · Warehouse-Scale Computing, Jussi Kangasharju, UH
- · Work Course on Bayesian Analysis, Aki Vehtari, Aalto
- xBayesian Statistics and Decision Analysis (EuroBayes), Jukka Corander, UH

Summer Term 2015

 Johdatus ohjelmointiin yhteiskuntatieteissä, Matti Nelimarkka, UH

Autumn Term 2015

- Algorithmic methods of data mining, Aristide Gionis, Aalto
- Answer Set Programming, Tomi Janhunen, Aalto
- Applications and Services in Internet, Zhonghong Ou, Aalto
- Attitudes and prejudice, Alessio Falco, UH
- · Bayesian Data Analysis, Aki Vehtari, Aalto
- Bayesilaisen mallintamisen erikoiskurssi 3, Aki Vehtari, Aalto

- Computational Creativity Project, Hannu Toivonen, UH
- · Computational Genomics, Elena Czeizler, Aalto
- Computer Networks II Advanced Features, Matti Siekkinen, Aalto
- · Concurrent Programming, Keijo Heljanko, Aalto
- · Datasta tietoon, Jaakko Hollmén, Aalto
- Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Veli Mäkinen, Alexandru Tomescu, UH
- · Distributed Algorithms, Jukka Suomela, Aalto
- Distributed Systems, Jussi Kangasharju, Ossi Karkulahti, UH
- Fragments of Structural and Algoritmic Graph Theory, Alexandru Tomescu, UH
- High-Throughput Bioinformatics, Elena Czeizler, Aalto
- Human-Computer Interaction, Kumaripaba Athukorala, Yi-Ta Hsieh, UH
- · Indoor Localization, Petteri Nurmi, UH
- Introduction to Analytics and Data Science, Aristides Gionis, Aalto
- Introduction to Computational Creativity, Hannu Toivonen, UH
- Introduction to programming in Social Science, Matti Nelimarkka, UH
- Kernel Methods in Machine Learning, Juho Rousu,
 Aalto
- · Kilpaohjelmointi, Topi Talvitie, Tuukka Korhonen, UH
- · Laskennallisen tekniikan erikoistyö, Aki Vehtari, Aalto
- Learning Markov Random Fields and Models of Statistical Physics from Data, Onur Dikmen, Michael Gutmann, UH
- Linux Fundamentals, Julien Mineraud, Samu Varjonen, UH
- Machine Learning: Basic Principles, Ritabrata Dutta, Aalto
- Machine Learning: Basic Principles, Pekka Marttinen, Aalto
- Markovian modelling and Bayesian learning, Jukka Corander, UH
- Mobile Cloud Computing, Yu Xiao, Aalto

teach

- Modelling and Analysis in Bioinformatics, Veli Mäkinen, Leena Salmela, Antti Honkela, UH
- · Nonlinear dimensionality reduction, Yang Zhirong, UH
- · PhD Student Seminar, Sasu Tarkoma, UH
- Research Project in Computer and Information Science, Aristides Gionis, Aalto
- · Robottiohjelmoinnin harjoitustyö, Joel Pyykkö, UH
- · Scalable Cloud Computing, Keijo Heljanko, Aalto
- Scientific Writing for MSc in Computer Science, Julien Mineraud, Ashwin Rao, UH
- Seminar: Information-Centric Networks, Jussi Kangasharju, UH
- Seminar: Machine Learning in Computer Vision, Markus Koskela, UH
- Seminar on Combinatorial Pattern Matching, Simon Puglisi, UH
- Seminar on Computational Creativity, Hannu Toivonen, UH
- Seminar on Fairness-aware machine learning, Indre Zliobaite, Aalto
- Seminar on Tractability, Johannes Wallner, Matti Järvisalo, UH
- Seminar: Software-Defined Networking (SDN) and Network Functions Virtualization (NFV), Ashwin Rao, UH
- Software Factory Project (period I), Fabian Fagerholm, UH
- Software Factory Project (period II), Fabian Fagerholm, UH
- Special Course in Computer and Information Science I, Aristides Gionis, Aalto
- Special Course in Computer and Information Science IV, Kerstin Bunte, Aalto
- Tieto- ja viestintäteknologian sosiaalipsykologiaa, Niklas Ravaja, UH
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B. Funding

We first list the funding sources and the distribution of expenses of each site separately. One should note that comparison between different years or between universities is not always straightforward due to different procedures of accounting. In 2015, HIIT operated administratively at University of Helsinki's Kumpula campus (Department of Computer Science and Department of Mathematics and Statistics) and Aalto University's Otaniemi campus (HIIT's own "department" at Open Innovation House, OIH, and Department of Computer Science, CS). In 2016, activities at OIH will be merged with CS at Aalto University.

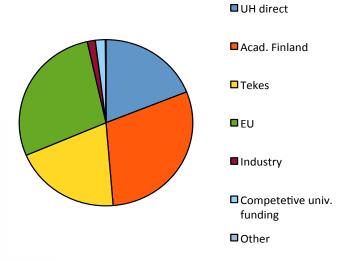
Kumpula's funding figures are shown in Table 1. Direct funding from University of Helsinki (UH) is a bit less than 1 MEur, of which a portion is directly transferred to Aalto University to account for common administrative duties.

Kumpula	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
Total funding	3 792 231	3 879 859	4 290 970	4 334 400	
UH direct funding	810 000	780 000	780 000	821 240	19%
Academy of Finland	1 694 815	1 806 589	1 020 354	1 289 084	30%
National Technology Agency Tekes	342 377	484 742	917 338	862 766	20%
European Union	528 457	325 067	1 107 425	1 210 979	28%
Industry	45 770	0	16 400	64 659	1%
Competetive univ. funding		237 397	449 269	80 816	2%
Other (Foundations, 2012 competitive univ. f.)	370 812	246 064	184	4 857	0%

Total expenses	3 720 441	3 738 007	3 961 395	4 247 727	
Salaries	2 535 348	2 602 229	2 609 278	2 889 940	68%
Other operational expenses	448 765	540 849	650 553	551 656	13%
Service charge to UH (rents included)	736 328	594 928	701 564	806 132	19%

Table 1: Kumpula funding 2012-2015.

Figure 1: Kumpula funding 2015.





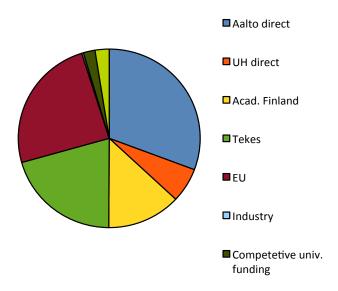
Otaniemi OIH's funding figures are shown in Table 2. HIIT's activities OIH are slightly decreasing.

OIH	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
Total funding	5 976 738	4 882 452	4 065 399	2 694 804	
Aalto direct funding	1 000 000	1 000 000	887 817	827 634	31%
UH direct funding	168 200	168 200	168 200	168 200	6%
Academy of Finland	2 194 628	1 129 727	587 221	353 915	13%
National Technology Agency Tekes	1 135 342	1 191 938	1 208 372	553 788	21%
European Union	519 359	722 156	741 460	659 596	24%
Industry	57 566	25 206	2 275	8 012	0%
Competetive univ. funding	0	233 356	248 357	56 000	2%
Other (Foundations, 2012 competitive univ. f.)	901 642	411 869	221 697	67 659	3%

Total expenses	6 159 939	4 718 032	3 977 803	2 976 962	
Salaries	2 999 485	2 978 904	2 557 426	1 981 379	67%
Other operational expenses	2 310 708	1 079 708	724 290	531 259	18%
Rents	396 274	265 002	322 378	293 714	10%
Service charge to Aalto	453 472	394 418	373 709	170 611	6%

Table 2: OIH funding 2012-2015.

Figure 2: OIH funding 2015.



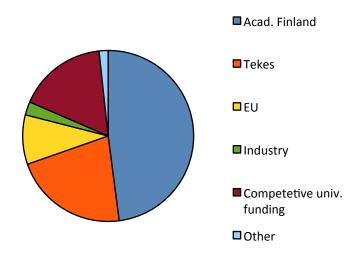
Otaniemi CS department's funding figures are shown in Table 3.

Otaniemi CS dept	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
Total funding	1 713 521	1 266 407	2 101 043	2 054 953	
Academy of Finland	858 812	771 810	1 296 749	985 117	48%
National Technology Agency Tekes	320 361	222 088	272 655	445 920	22%
European Union	72 999	81 071	62 366	192 155	9%
Industry	85 033	0	25 000	51 762	3%
Competetive univ. funding		155 050	320 837	345 000	17%
Other (Foundations, 2012 competitive univ. f.)	376 316	36 388	123 437	35 000	2%

Total expenses	1 637 327	1 117 904	2 016 376	1 725 631	
Salaries	1 070 927	865 979	1 563 122	1 199 999	70%
Other operational expenses	328 914	68 514	144 817	168 326	10%
Service charge to Aalto (rents included)	237 485	183 411	308 438	357 305	21%

Table 3: Otaniemi CS department funding 2012-2015.

Figure 3: Otaniemi CS department funding 2015.

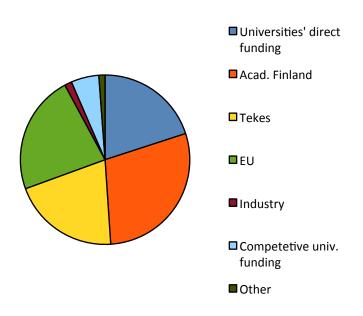


Finally we list the funding sources and the distribution of expenses for the whole HIIT in Table 4.

HIIT	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
Total funding	11 482 489	10 028 717	10 457 412	9 084 157	
Universities' direct funding	1 978 200	1 948 200	1 836 017	1 817 074	20%
Academy of Finland	4 748 256	3 708 126	2 904 324	2 628 116	29%
National Technology Agency Tekes	1 798 080	1 898 768	2 398 365	1 862 474	21%
European Union (EU)	1 120 815	1 128 294	1 911 251	2 062 730	23%
Industry	188 369	25 206	43 675	124 432	1%
Competetive univ. funding	0	625 803	1 018 463	481 816	5%
Other (Foundations, 2012 competitive univ. f.)	1 648 770	694 321	345 318	107 516	1%
Total expenses	11 517 707	9 573 942	9 955 574	8 950 320	
Salaries	6 605 761	6 447 112	6 729 826	6 071 318	68%
Other operational expenses	3 088 387	1 689 071	1 519 659	1 251 241	14%
Service charge to UH/Aalto incl.rents	1 427 286	1 172 757	1 383 711	1 334 047	15%
Rents at OIH	396 274	265 002	322 378	293 714	3%
Rents at OIH	473 016	396 274	265 002	322 378	3%

Table 4: HIIT funding 2012-2015.

Figure 4: HIIT funding 2015.



C. Personnel

In 2015 HIIT faculty and staff completed 138 person-years on HIIT funding. In addition, many persons affiliated with HIIT are funded by participating departments or personal grants either from the Academy of Finland or Foundations. The diversity of affiliations is characteristic of HIIT personnel: the most common is an affiliation with one or both of the parent universities, but there are also some who share their time between HIIT and some other organisation. Thus the total number of personnel (almost 300) is much higher than the number of person-years completed by HIIT funding.

The distribution of person-years per sites is shown in Table 1. In 2015 HIIT's activities at Aalto University were administratively at HIIT's own "department" at Open Innovation House (OIH) and at Computer Science department (CS). In 2016, these will be joined.

Staff (person-years)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Kumpula	40	58	57	60	64
Otaniemi OIH	66	50	60	47	41
Otaniemi CS dept	29	36	37	27	33
total	135	144	154	134	138

Table 5: Number of person-years paid by HIIT 2011-2015

Another way to visualize the personnel is to look at the distribution of personnel groups per person years, again only listing the person years completed by HIIT funding; see Table 6.

Staff (person-years)	Kumpula	Otaniemi OIH	Otaniemi CS dept	total
senior researchers	4	4	6	14
postdocs	12	13	10	35
doctoral students	21	11	9	41
project researchers		4	1	5
research assistants	23	5	7	35
administration	4	4	0	8
total	64	41	33	138

Table 6: Distribution of person-years by personnel groups 2015.

The number of non-Finnish staff members is large. Almost all non-Finns come from Europe, China, India and India's neighbouring countries.

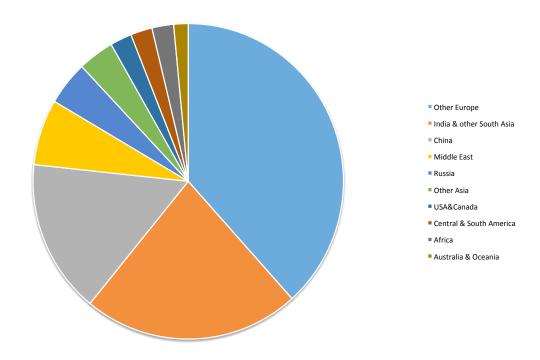


Figure 5: Nationalities of non-Finnish staff members 2015.

D. Publications

Publications 2008 - 2015	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Articles in international scientific journals with referee practice	67	51	69	79	81	101	122	128
Articles in international edited works and conference proceedings with referee practice	126	126	153	134	128	137	152	161
Scientific monographs and edited books	3	6	8	9	8	5	10	12
Other publications	40	25	25	29	31	16	13	9
Computer programs and algorithms	0	1	10	8	3	2	3	10
Doctoral theses	14	13	10	7	10	18	22	20
Licenciate theses	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Master's theses	76	27	33	53	55	53	45	74
Total	327	250	308	319	316	333	367	415

D.1. Articles in international scientific journals with referee practice

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