

ProvokArt

Speech-based interaction in a VR art gallery for HTC Vive

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The context. MakArt Project

- Translation of the **MakartNow project** (Hamburger Kunsthalle) into an immersive virtual environment
- Each painting is commented by a set of “**provocative**” questions
- Cognitive goal: **stimulate the visitor** and catalyze **personal reflection** on crucial themes



The painting depicts the entry of Charles V into Antwerp in 1549. Charles V is the central figure, mounted on a dark horse and wearing a highly ornate, golden armor with a large feathered plume on his helmet. He is surrounded by a dense crowd of people, including soldiers, nobles, and civilians. In the foreground, several women are shown in various states of undress, some looking up at the king with expressions of awe or devotion. The background is filled with more figures, some on horseback, and a sense of a grand, crowded event. The overall style is highly detailed and dramatic, with strong contrasts of light and shadow.

How do you see
power depicted
here?

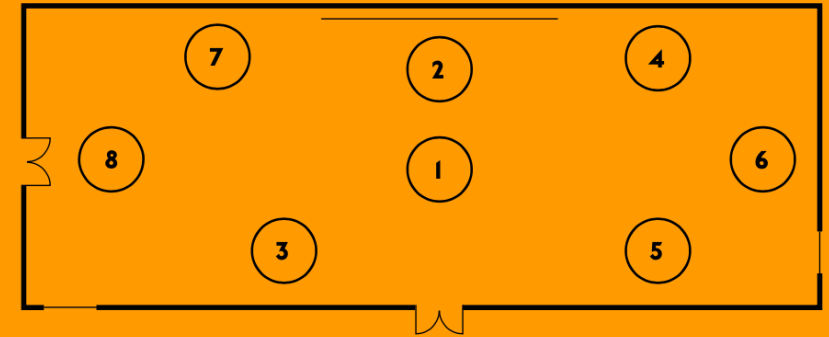
Facts – are they
as important as
imagination?

Do you find the
painting **provocative**?
Do you think it's
sexist?

Hans Makart, The Entry Of Charles V Into Antwerp, 1878

The environment and the hardware.

- 3D gallery based on the room of the Kunsthalle
- Exploration of the environment through **HTC Vive**



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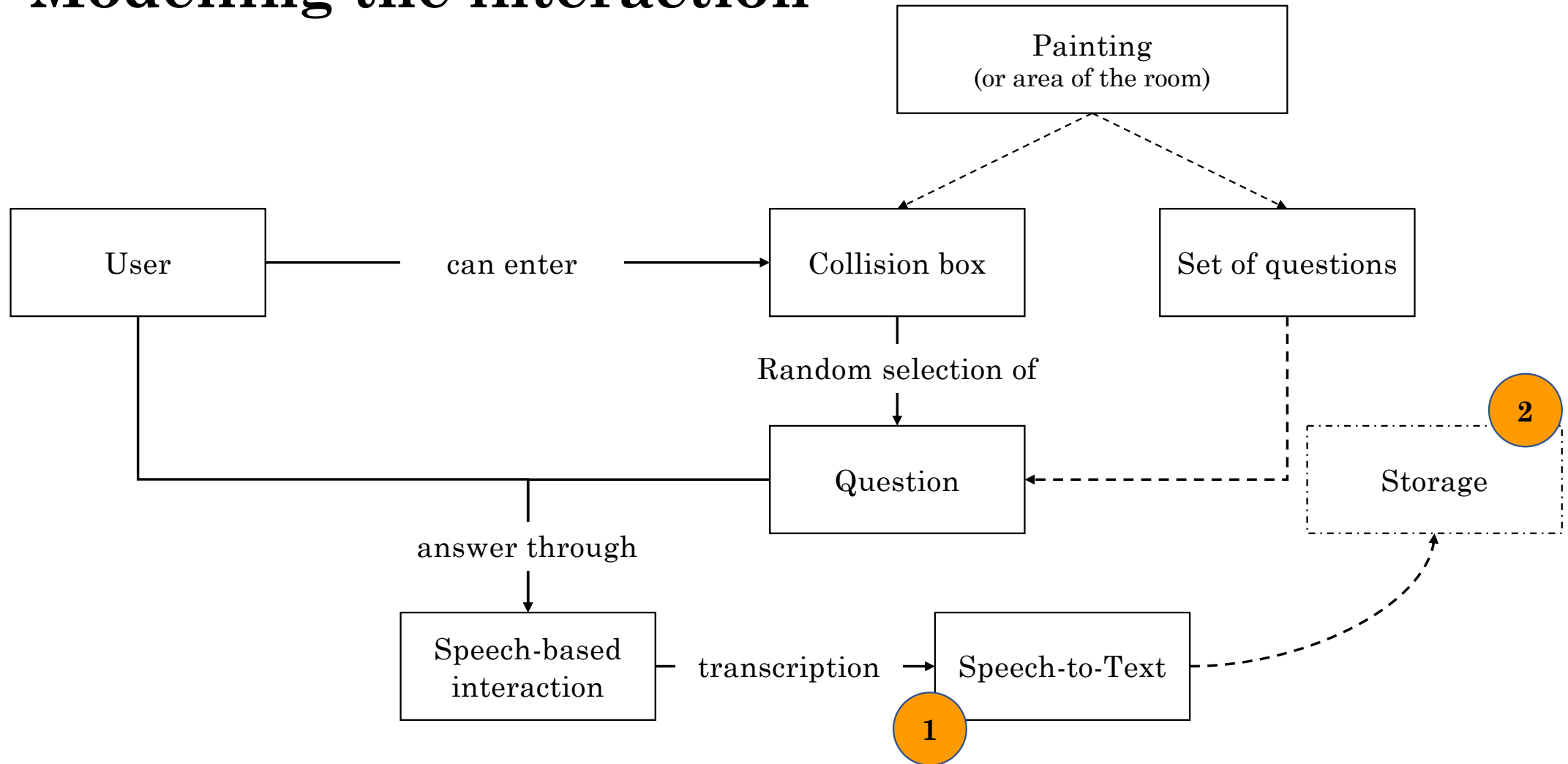
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Modelling the interaction



Open issues and possible solutions

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Speech-to-Text

- [Google Speech-to-Text](#)
- [Cognitive Speech SDK](#)
- [Voice input in Unity](#)

2

Saving the transcription

- Possibility of creating a **corpus** collecting all the interactions?
 - Possible advantage: NLP analysis on the corpus
- ...

Related projects

See, Hear, Play Kandinsky! – Hamburger Kunsthalle

- VR experience through HCTVive
- Same institution of MakartNow: Hamburger Kunsthalle
- Acoustic interaction with the work of art

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MoMA Exhibitions

MoMA - The Museum of Modern Art

Here are the exhibitions you asked for.

Bouchra Khalili: The Mapping Journey Project,
April 09, 2016 - October 10, 2016

Bruce Conner: It's All True, July 03, 2016 -
October 02, 2016



A case study on using voice technology to assist the museum visitor (Moore et al 2017)

- Non-immersive technology
- Speech-based interaction with the user (Alexa)

Natural Experiences in Museums through Virtual Reality and Voice Commands (Ferracani et al 2017)

- Immersive experience for a museal context (OculusRift for VR)
- Use of speech to give commands
- Relies on Microsoft Speech API



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