

Bridging the Gap: Adaptive HMI Innovations for Next-Gen Fighter Cockpits

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I. Nomenclature

<i>AAA</i>	=	Anti-Aircraft Artillery
<i>AHMI</i>	=	Adaptive Human-Machine Interface
<i>AI</i>	=	Artificial Intelligence
<i>AR</i>	=	Augmented Reality
<i>AUI</i>	=	Adaptive User Interfaces
<i>CAS</i>	=	Context Aware Systems
<i>DEAD</i>	=	Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses
<i>EEG</i>	=	Electroencephalography
<i>ECG</i>	=	Electrocardiogram
<i>fNIRS</i>	=	Functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy
<i>HMI</i>	=	Human-Machine Interface
<i>IEEE</i>	=	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
<i>PRISMA</i>	=	Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses
<i>QoC</i>	=	Quality of Context
<i>SA</i>	=	Situation Awareness
<i>SAMs</i>	=	Surface-to-Air Missiles
<i>SEAD</i>	=	Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses
<i>UEQ</i>	=	User Experience Questionnaire
<i>UI</i>	=	User Interface
<i>UX</i>	=	User Experience
<i>VA</i>	=	Virtual Assistant
<i>VR</i>	=	Virtual Reality

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II. Introduction

In the rapidly evolving and challenging domain of military aviation, the sophistication of avionics systems plays a pivotal role in ensuring operational efficacy and pilot safety. As modern combat and reconnaissance missions grow in complexity, the interconnectivity and collaborative demands within network-centric operations necessitate advanced HMIs that empower pilots to maintain optimal control and situational awareness. These interfaces must adeptly handle increased data streams from diverse airspace and battlespace elements, making the understanding of human-machine interaction dynamics crucial [1]. For instance, during DEAD or SEAD missions, pilots are required to operate in environments characterized by a high density of sophisticated enemy air defense systems, including SAMs and AAA. An AHMI has the potential to enhance pilot performance and survivability by dynamically adjusting to the rapidly evolving threat landscape. Suppose the aircraft approaches a SAM site, the AHMI could autonomously prioritize and present critical threat data, such as the geographic location, classification, and engagement status of the enemy radar systems. Concurrently, non-immediate data could be de-emphasized to mitigate cognitive overload. Additionally, if electronic warfare systems detect radar signals indicative of an imminent missile launch, the AHMI could deliver immediate, intuitive visual and auditory alerts, directing the pilot's attention to optimal evasive maneuvers and countermeasure deployment procedures. This real-time, context-sensitive modulation of information ensures that the pilot's cognitive resources are concentrated on the most pertinent threats, thereby facilitating expedited and informed decision-making under high-pressure conditions. We hypothesize that continuous adaptation to the dynamic mission parameters, the AHMI might not only enhance situational awareness but also substantially improve the overall efficacy and safety of i.e. SEAD and other operations.

AHMIs represent a significant evolution in avionics, designed to dynamically adjust to the changing operational context and the pilot's cognitive needs. Unlike traditional systems where modifications are manually initiated by operators, AHMIs proactively adapt, either through user-driven customization or system-initiated modifications, enhancing decision-making processes during flight [1,2]. Hence, an AHMI is a system that can adjust its behavior and interface to accommodate the changing needs and abilities of the user. It is designed to dynamically adapt to the user's context and preferences, in order to optimize their interaction with the system.

This capability is particularly vital in next generation fighter jet cockpits, where rapid environmental changes and high-stakes scenarios are supposedly common. AHMIs that can intelligently adjust their behavior based on real-time data significantly contribute to reducing the pilot's manual and mental workload.

Technological advancements have led to the integration of numerous complex systems within the cockpit, increasing the information available to pilots but also potentially elevating cognitive strain. In this context, AHMIs are not merely reactive but are designed to predict and mitigate challenges in information management. They ensure that pilots remain 'in the loop' with (semi-) autonomous systems [2, 4]. For instance, we assume that, given the current advancements in AI, VAs will potentially play a substantial role in future generations of fighter jets, providing crucial information with clarity and precision via an AHMI. The design of these interfaces focuses on presenting the right information at the right time and in the most effective format, thus significantly aiding pilots in maintaining situational awareness even in the most demanding conditions. In order to achieve this functionality, an AHMI needs to transition its content and interaction modes from one state to another. These changes are influenced by adaptation triggers. These triggers require the system to either be context aware itself or to have interfaces to other (sub-)systems which push the information when a contextual change is detected.

In this literature review, we envisage a broad state-of-the-art analysis of AHMIs. The goal is to provide a solid overview to current gaps and recommendations to inspire future research. Hereby we focus on the use of AHMIs in future fighter jet cockpits.

III. Theory

In the realm of adapting user interfaces, various terms are employed, such as Context-Aware System (CAS), Adaptive User Interface (AUI), and AHMI. Most AHMIs typically focus on adapting to either individual users or specific tasks and situations, though some consider both factors. A common feature in nearly all AHMIs is the use of models. This shall be described by some examples for the reader to better grasp the underlying logic. For instance, Ref. [5] discuss only the user model they utilize, whereas Ref. [6] describe the implementation of task, user, machine, and world models. Additionally, Ref. [7] used spatio-temporal models (see Figure 1).

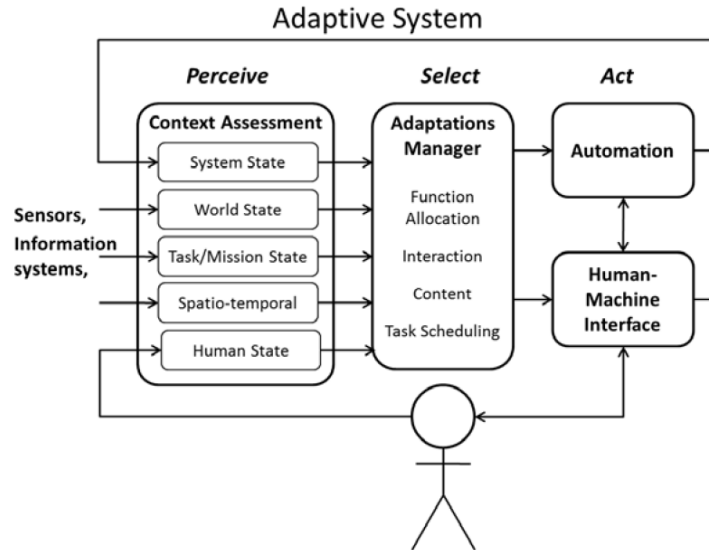


Fig. 1: Concept of an adaptive system [7].

In their paper "Intelligent Adaptive Systems," Ref. [6] explain the distinctions among various HMI concepts. Conventional interfaces are focused on technology and the immediate task, without the ability to adapt or be adapted. Intelligent interfaces, however, incorporate both task and user models, enabling them to adjust to user inputs and current tasks (for example, Word modifies the menu options when a table is selected). Adaptive interfaces similarly consider task and user models but also use external information, such as the situation and the operator, to adapt. Intelligent adaptive interfaces integrate the functionalities of both intelligent and adaptive interfaces, allowing them to adjust based on internal factors (like user inputs, active tasks, and system state) as well as external factors (like the situation and the operator). To accomplish this, these interfaces utilize task, system, and world models, see Figure 2.

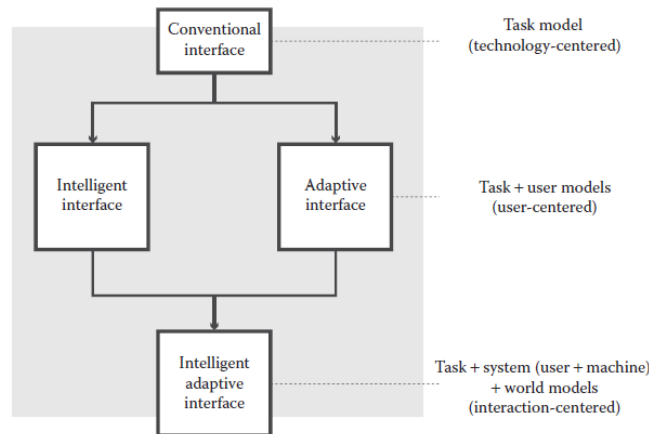


Fig. 2: Figure about IAI out of Intelligent Adaptive Systems: An Interaction-Centred Design Perspective [6].

Another concept is presented in the article "An Adaptive User Interface in Healthcare." Unlike the intelligent adaptive interface, this article discusses an entire adaptive system. This system is designed to enhance usability and efficiency for both medical professionals and patients. In the study, they implemented user agents and resource agents. The resource agent handles data management, allowing for future retrieval and analysis. The user agent is tailored to each individual, learning user patterns and medical expertise to adapt the UI accordingly [5].

The article also details the system architecture, which is illustrated in three figures on the next page. In the system view (Figure 3), user agents communicate with each other and the resource agent, while the resource agent also interacts with the data storage.

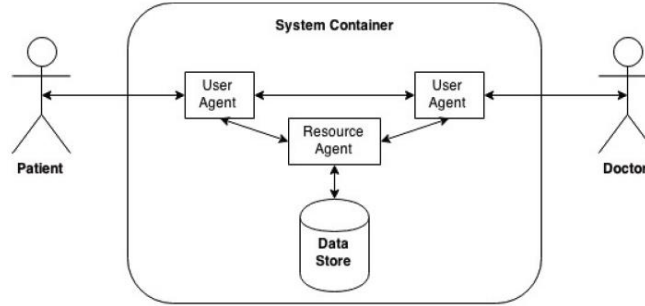


Fig. 3: An adaptive user interface in healthcare – 1 [5].

The user agent comprises a sensor component, a communication component, a learning component, and a user model (illustrated in Figure 4). The sensor component gathers environmental information and distributes it accordingly. The communication component processes information from the resource agent and responds to requests from other user agents. The user model stores the user's usage history, starting with a default model that is gradually refined by the learning component, which aims to learn the user's usage patterns and behavior.

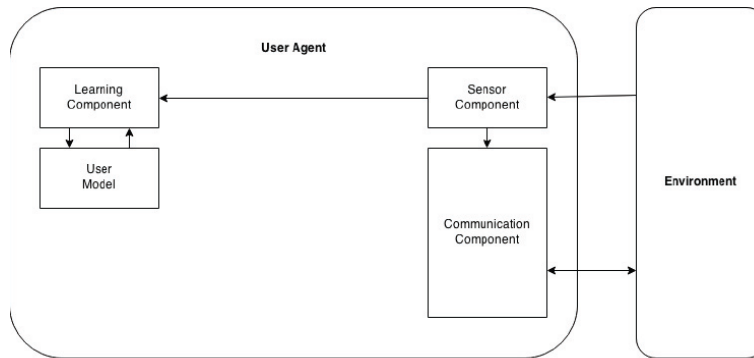


Fig. 4: An adaptive user interface in healthcare – 2 [5].

Further, a reinforcement learning component consists of the learning component, an evaluation component, and an adaptation component. The learning component receives usage data, which includes usage actions and previous interactions. This data is passed to the evaluation component, which identifies new interaction patterns. When new patterns are detected, they are forwarded to the adaptation component, which updates the user model accordingly. In their exploration of adaptive systems, Ref. [5] illustrate how user agents, equipped with sensor, communication, and learning components, continuously gather and process environmental and user-specific data. This allows for real-time adaptation of the user interface based on the evolving patterns of user behavior. The user model, which evolves from a default state to a more personalized configuration, exemplifies the dynamic nature of AHMI systems. Reinforcement learning plays a pivotal role in refining the user model, as demonstrated by the iterative process involving the learning, evaluation, and adaptation components. Usage data and interaction patterns are constantly analyzed and compared against existing models, ensuring that the system adapts to new behaviors and preferences effectively. The integration of task, system, and world models, as discussed by Ref. [6], further emphasizes the multifaceted approach of AHMI systems. These models enable the system to consider both internal factors (such as user inputs and system state) and external factors (such as situational context and operator characteristics), thus providing a holistic adaptive experience.

These studies collectively highlight that AHMI systems are designed to improve usability and efficiency by leveraging advanced modeling techniques and continuous learning mechanisms. By incorporating various models and components, these systems can dynamically adjust to meet the unique demands of individual users and their specific operational contexts.

IV. Methodology

The methodology for this literature review is grounded in the PRISMA statement, which emphasizes transparency and replicability, ensuring a rigorous and comprehensive exploration of the literature [8]. The initial phase involved defining the research questions and objectives. For this review, the primary aim is to provide a broad overview of recent trends, insights, and research gaps in the domain of AHMI, specifically focusing on the conceptual logic of adaptation (e.g. models and frameworks) and its interaction with the user or pilot. We developed our search strategy with specific inclusion criteria in mind. For instance, we included papers published within the last 24 years, focusing exclusively on journals and conferences. The emphasis was on papers that delve into the concept of how the adaptation logic works, rather than technological aspects like display properties. Data extraction was carried out by four authors, with a systematic approach to ensure accuracy and consistency. Each paper was first assessed by its title, followed by its abstract, and finally, a full-text review was conducted. This multi-step process ensured that only the most relevant papers were included, and the double-checking mechanism by the authors further enhanced the reliability of the extracted data.

While every paper indexed in Scopus was considered of sufficient quality for inclusion, it's worth noting that relying solely on Scopus might introduce certain biases. However, Scopus is one of the most comprehensive and reliable databases for scientific literature, ensuring a broad and diverse range of high-quality articles. One limitation of our review is the focus on English literature, which might exclude relevant studies published in other languages. However, given the global reach and acceptance of English as a primary language for scientific communication, this limitation is mitigated to some extent. The overarching intention of this review is to offer a panoramic view of the current landscape of AHMI research, highlighting recent trends, providing insights into current practices and methodologies, and pinpointing research gaps that can guide future investigations.

For the process of identifying relevant research in the field of adaptive human-machine interfaces, we searched different literature databases by domain specific keywords and variations of these keywords. The search engines considered are Scopus, IEEE Xplore, and Google Scholar.

Scopus is an abstract and citation database by the academic publisher Elsevier. Scopus features more than 94 million records (including open access items, conferences papers and patents) and over 330 thousand books – as of January 2024. The publications are mostly related to social and physical sciences. For the research of literature on Scopus, we used the following query:

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TITLE (
    "Context Aware System" OR "CAS" OR "Adaptive HMI" OR "AHMI" OR
    "Adaptive User Interface" OR "AUI" OR "Dynamic User Interface" OR "DUI" OR
    "Intelligent Adaption" OR "IA" OR "User Behavior Customization" OR "UBC" OR
    "User Behavior Interface" OR "UBI" OR "Contextual User Interface" OR "CUI" OR
    "Plastic User Interface" OR "PUI" OR "Multi-Adaptive User Interface" OR "MAUI" OR
    "Responsive User Interface" OR "RUI" OR "Intelligent Adaptive Interface" OR "IAI"
) AND (
    "algorithm" OR "human factors" OR "user feedback" OR
    "technology evaluation" OR "cognitive load" OR "user experience" OR
    "UX" OR "personalization" OR "context-awareness" OR
    "usability" OR "accessibility" OR "real-time adaptation" OR
    "machine learning" OR "AI" OR "multi-modal interaction" OR
    "safety"
) AND (LIMIT-TO (LANGUAGE, "English"))
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As one can see from this query, we used the “Advanced Search” feature to filter for all records that include at least one of the denoted terms or their abbreviations in the title of the document. Additionally, the record should also include at least one of the terms from the second block. The last line limits the search results to records that are only in the English language. From that, a total of 5460 records were found in the Scopus database. Further filtering for document type, this total amount could be classified into 1001 short surveys, 876 conference papers, 546 reviews, 2771 articles and 278 documents that are identified as books, book chapters, letters, etc. These numbers do not add up as some

documents could be assigned to multiple categories. As a next step, we manually looked through those results and rated by the title if a document is eligible for our literature review. With respect to the 5460 results from Scopus, only 49 documents remained.

IEEE Xplore is the online platform for the access to scientific and technical content published by the IEEE. The library contains more than 6 million documents on the topics of electrical engineering, computer science and related fields of research. The research work on the IEEE Xplore database consisted of multiple queries. First, “adaptive hmi” was searched while using the filters for conference papers and journal papers that were published between 2001 and 2023. This resulted in a total of 93 entries. These were manually browsed through and selected by promising paper titles which reduced the number down to six papers. The same process was conducted with the search term “adaptive user interfaces”. From the 99 entries that resulted we found three to be eligible for further investigation. For “context-sensitive user interface” using no filters IEEE Xplore found 3 entries from which none was rated relevant by us.

Google Scholar is Google’s search engine on scholarly research. It is estimated to have indexed approximately 389 million records – as of 2018 – making it the most comprehensive academic search engine. For the query “adaptive user interface” only literature published between 2001 and 2023 was allowed. Google Scholar proposed 4110 entries. However, only six papers have been manually selected for our literature body. To create a unified literature compilation, we merged the remaining papers of each literature database removing any doubles. Figure 5 depicts the distribution of our compiled literature over the years. As we limited our queries to only find results from this century, this diagram starts at 2001. Over the last two decades an increase in literature on AHMIs and related topics is noticeable – especially in the recent 2020s. A reason for this might be the increased computation power of modern hardware, the increasing awareness for the users’ mental state in research and the commercial availability and higher than ever precision of sensors for eye tracking and neurological states (EEG, ECG, fNIRS, etc.). Among others, such factors potentially allow the assessment of the users’ mental state in real time. Hence, one can imagine that it might be beneficial for the system of interest to change according to these parameters.

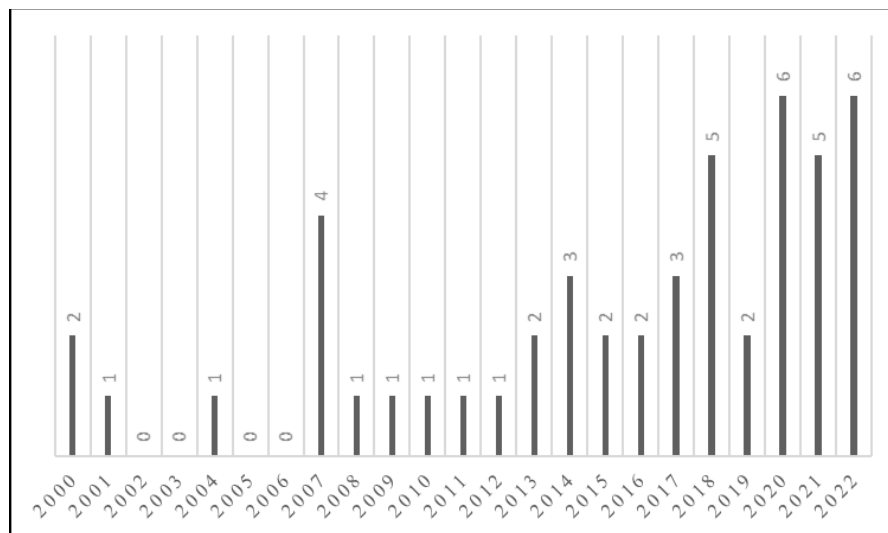


Fig. 5: Records per year in the compiled literature body

V. Results

The review of the selected literature on AHMIs for future fighter jet cockpits reveals significant advancements and identifies critical research gaps. This section synthesizes findings on usability and user experience, performance and efficiency, adaptation and customization, technological integration, and safety and reliability.

A. Usability and User Experience

The literature consistently highlights the importance of usability and user experience in the development of adaptive HMIs. Studies such as Ref. [9], [10], and [11] emphasize the role of user-centric design in enhancing user satisfaction and interaction quality. Additionally, studies by Ref. [12] and [13] underscore the significance of tailoring interfaces to individual user characteristics and providing contextual help, respectively. Ref. [12] found that individual human

abilities significantly impact interface adjustments, enhancing interaction efficiency and usability in scientific problem-solving environments. Ref. [13] introduced the CHAIN framework, which maintains the usefulness of help materials across different interface adaptations, thereby improving user satisfaction and engagement. Adaptive interfaces significantly improve user satisfaction by tailoring the interface to user preferences and contexts. This is evidenced by high usability scores and positive feedback in pilot studies [9, 10]. Ref. [9] found that adaptive systems using the UEQ scored higher in hedonic dimensions, indicating a positive user experience driven by novelty and stimulation.

Context-aware systems that dynamically adjust to changing environments and user states are crucial for maintaining usability in high-stress scenarios. Ref. [10] developed ontology-based models like AdaptUI, which integrate user preferences, context situations, and device capabilities to enhance adaptability and user satisfaction. Additionally, Ref. [14] emphasize the importance of multimodal interfaces, which combine visual, auditory, and haptic feedback to improve user engagement and reduce cognitive load. Furthermore, Ref. [15] provide a structured method for designing context-aware systems that effectively operate in complex environments, thereby enhancing usability and system effectiveness. Ref. [16] discuss the benefits of adaptive interfaces in maintaining high levels of situational awareness and reducing the risk of human error, particularly in complex and dynamic environments like fighter jet cockpits. Their findings indicate that pilots using adaptive HMIs exhibit lower error rates and higher task completion rates compared to those using static interfaces.

B. Performance and Efficiency

AHMIs have been shown to enhance performance and efficiency in high-stakes environments. Several studies, including Ref. [12], [13], and [14] demonstrate improvements in operator performance through adaptive automation and intelligent interfaces. [12] highlight that intelligent adaptive interfaces enhance situation awareness by providing relevant information timely, which is crucial for mission success. These interfaces facilitate better collaboration between human operators and automated systems, significantly reducing cognitive workload and improving operational efficiency. Ref. [13] found that adaptive systems reduce cognitive load, allowing pilots of UAVs to focus on critical tasks without being overwhelmed by information. Their model-based framework for adaptive user interfaces in supervisory control demonstrated significant improvements in user performance by balancing automation levels across various tasks. Ref. [14] emphasized the importance of real-time adaptation in reducing information overload. Their study showed that machine learning classifiers could successfully detect overload states, allowing the system to adjust the information presented to users, thus improving performance and reducing cognitive load.

C. Adaptation and Customization

The ability of HMIs to adapt to individual user preferences and situational contexts is obviously a central theme in the literature. Ref. [15], [16], and [17] show the benefits and challenges of adaptation and customization. Ref. [15] demonstrated that adaptive systems considering user feedback and preferences result in higher user satisfaction and system usability. Their development of user, context, and device models to store relevant information for UI adaptation enhances usability by providing tailored interfaces based on user context. However, effective handling of dynamic and uncertain context data remains a significant challenge, requiring sophisticated algorithms and real-time processing capabilities [14]. The AdaptUI model of Ref. [19] supports aggregated context handling, allowing for more accurate and relevant adaptations in complex environments. Additional insights from Ref. [18] and [19] emphasize the importance of accessibility and delivering the right information at the right time. [18] survey context-aware systems designed for people with disabilities, highlighting the need for adaptive systems to cater to diverse user needs. Ref. [19] presents a multidimensional framework for context-aware systems, focusing on providing relevant information in an optimal manner.

D. Technological Integration

The integration of AHMIs with existing and emerging technologies certainly is and will be a highly relevant aspect for their effective deployment in highly demanding use cases like a fighter jet cockpit. Here, Ref. [23], [24], and [25] discuss the architectural and technological considerations necessary for successful integration. Ref. [18] emphasize the need for scalable and flexible architectures to integrate AHMIs with diverse systems and platforms. Their study highlights the importance of developing a context-aware system architecture that distributes context-aware frameworks

across mobile devices and context servers, facilitating real-time context sharing and processing. Ref. [25] propose a two-tier architecture for mobile context-aware systems, which ensures scalable and flexible deployment in various computing environments. Their UniOWL framework for representing unified context information enhances the ability to systematically manage context data, supporting advanced context reasoning. Ref. [26] and [27] and also provide substantial evidence supporting the positive impact of adaptive systems on performance and efficiency. Ref. [26] highlight the evolution of context-aware systems and their ability to enhance performance through intelligent processing and ontological models. Ref. [27] emphasize the integration of pervasive computing with context-aware systems, improving efficiency and adaptability across various domains.

E. Safety and Reliability

Ensuring the safety and reliability of AHMIs in high-stakes environments is crucial to facilitate the operators trust in the system. Studies such as Ref. [14], [21], and [22] provide insights into the challenges and solutions related to safety and reliability. Ref. [14] highlight the importance of real-time adaptation to user states and environmental changes. Their study demonstrates that machine learning classifiers can detect information overload states, allowing the system to adjust the information presented to users, thus improving performance and reducing cognitive load. Ref. [21] introduce the concept of QoC to enhance privacy and security in context-aware systems. Their framework allows users to specify the maximum quality of context information they are willing to share, ensuring robust privacy and security measures in handling sensitive context information.

The synthesis of these findings suggests that while significant advancements have been made in the development of AHMIs for fighter jet cockpits, several areas require further research and improvement. These include enhancing the scalability of adaptive systems, improving dynamic context handling, integrating advanced context reasoning, and ensuring the long-term usability and safety of these systems.

F. Research Gaps

Several research gaps have been identified from the reviewed literature, which are crucial to address for advancing AHMI systems in fighter jet cockpits. One significant gap is the need for holistic approaches that integrate various development methodologies into cohesive frameworks. Ref. [30] emphasize the importance of combining user-centered design, agile development, and systems engineering to create robust adaptive systems. For example, a study might investigate how agile development practices can be integrated with systems engineering to rapidly iterate and refine AHMIs while ensuring they meet rigorous safety and performance standards. However, there is a lack of studies exploring the integration of these methodologies in the context of AHMIs for high-stakes environments like fighter jet cockpits.

Closely related to the integration of methodologies is the lack of standardized tools and methods for developing scalable and interoperable adaptive systems. Ref. [14] highlight the challenges in creating standardized ontologies and frameworks that can be universally applied. Developing a standardized ontology for context-aware adaptive systems would enable different HMI components to interoperate seamlessly, regardless of the manufacturer. This standardization is crucial for the seamless integration of AHMIs with existing and future technologies in fighter jet cockpits.

In addition to the need for standardization, more empirical studies are required to validate the effectiveness of AHMIs in real-world applications. Ref. [15] stress the need for extensive field trials and usability studies to assess the performance of adaptive systems real operational conditions. In this case, “operational conditions” would most likely refer to training missions. A longitudinal field study could be conducted to evaluate how AHMIs impact pilot performance and safety over several months of operational use in a simulator or in training missions. Current literature primarily focuses on laboratory-based evaluations, which may not fully capture the complexities of actual flight scenarios. Long-term usability studies are also necessary to assess the sustained impact of AHMIs on satisfaction. Ref. [31] point out that short-term studies may not reveal the long-term benefits or potential drawbacks of adaptive systems. A study could track pilot interactions with AHMIs over several years to identify changes in user satisfaction, performance, and safety. Longitudinal research is essential to understand how AHMIs affect pilot performance, safety, and satisfaction over extended periods.

Another issue is the development of sophisticated algorithms capable of handling complex and dynamic contexts. Ref. [32] discuss the limitations of existing adaptation algorithms in dealing with real-time changes in user states and environmental conditions. Future research should focus on creating more advanced algorithms that can provide timely

and accurate adaptations in rapidly changing scenarios. For instance, machine learning algorithms that predict pilot stress levels and adjust HMI elements accordingly could enhance pilot performance and safety.

Handling sensitive context information securely is another major concern, requiring robust privacy frameworks and secure data handling practices. Ref. [28] introduce the concept of QoC to address privacy issues, but further research is needed to develop comprehensive privacy protection mechanisms that can be seamlessly integrated into AHMIs for fighter jet cockpits. For example, developing encryption techniques that protect context data in real-time without compromising system performance could be a critical advancement.

Effectively aggregating and reasoning about context data in real-time remains a significant challenge. Ref. [25] propose a unified context representation framework, but further research is needed into efficient algorithms and architectures that can process large volumes of context data quickly and accurately. Real-time data aggregation algorithms that integrate sensor data from multiple sources to provide a coherent and actionable understanding of the pilot's environment are essential. While user-centric design is emphasized in the literature, there is a gap in understanding how to best tailor AHMIs to individual pilot preferences and needs. Ref. [33] and [10] highlight the benefits of customization, but more research is needed to develop adaptive systems that can intuitively and seamlessly adjust to varying user requirements. AHMIs that learn from pilot interactions and automatically adjust interface elements to optimize usability and performance could be beneficial.

As new technologies emerge, ensuring that AHMIs can integrate smoothly with these innovations is crucial. [23], Ref. [24] discuss the need for adaptable architectures, but specific strategies for achieving interoperability with technologies such as AR, VR, and advanced communication systems require further exploration. Research could focus on developing adaptive AR interfaces that overlay and adapt critical flight information onto the pilot's view, seamlessly integrating with existing HMI systems.

Addressing these research gaps seems essential for advancing the development of AHMIs for next generation jet cockpits. Integrating methodologies, standardizing tools and frameworks, validating systems empirically, developing advanced algorithms, conducting long-term usability studies, ensuring privacy and security, improving context reasoning, customizing user interfaces, and achieving interoperability with emerging technologies will collectively enhance the effectiveness and reliability of AHMIs in such high-stakes environments.

VI. Conclusion

The review of the selected literature on AHMIs for future fighter jet cockpits reveals significant advancements and identifies critical research gaps. The synthesis of findings on usability and user experience, performance and efficiency, adaptation and customization, technological integration, and safety and reliability highlight the transformative potential of AHMIs in enhancing pilot performance, reducing cognitive load, and improving situational awareness. Despite these advancements, several areas require further research and improvement, such as enhancing the scalability of adaptive systems, improving dynamic context handling, integrating advanced context reasoning, and ensuring the long-term usability and safety of these systems. Addressing these research gaps is essential for the development of robust, efficient, and reliable AHMIs for future fighter jet cockpits.

While this review focuses on the application of AHMIs in military aviation, the insights and advancements discussed have broader implications that extend to various civilian domains. For instance, commercial aviation can benefit from adaptive interfaces that enhance pilot performance and safety in increasingly complex air traffic environments. In the automotive industry, AHMIs can improve driver assistance systems in autonomous and semi-autonomous vehicles, enhancing safety and user experience. Additionally, the healthcare sector can utilize AHMIs in critical care and surgical settings to aid medical professionals in making precise decisions under high-pressure conditions. Furthermore, consumer electronics can leverage adaptive interfaces to provide personalized experiences based on user behavior and preferences, improving overall usability and satisfaction.

Overall, the principles of adaptive interface design, real-time data integration, and user-centered customization have the potential to significantly enhance the effectiveness and user experience across a wide array of civilian applications, contributing to safer, more efficient, and user-friendly technologies.

VII. Limitations

This paper exclusively includes public sources in its analysis, thereby inherently excluding the state of the art in the industrial-military domain due to classification barriers and restricted access. Consequently, the advancements and implementations of AHMIs within classified military research and development are not reflected in this review. The

literature surveyed represents the publicly available state of the art, which may not encompass the latest innovations and applications that are being developed and utilized within secure and confidential military environments. This limitation should be acknowledged when considering the scope and applicability of the findings presented, as they are based solely on accessible academic and industrial research.

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