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Current status of professional ergonomics

- Increasing number of university degree programs that address design and usability
- Human-Computer Interaction rather than Human Factors
- Several societies
 - German UPA (User Experience Professionals Association)
 - Germany Society for Informatics
 - HFES Europe
 - DGPS SIG Engineering Psychology

Current challenges

- An increasing but still small number of degree programs (and labs)
- Difficult to attract funding for HF/HCI research
- New functionality and technology drives innovation/attracts attention/is funded
- Large variety (degree programs and commercial courses)

Thank you for your attention!

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