

[0083] FIG. 6a shows the cell phone in FIG. 1 provided with a second exemplifying tactile touchscreen 20d comprising a display 24 and an exemplifying touch-surface 22b arranged between a first electrode 30aa and a second electrode 30ab. Here it is preferred that the touch-surface 22b or at least an upper layer of the touch-surface 22b is formed of an electroactive polymer, e.g., an electroactive polymer as described in connection with the first exemplifying tactile touchscreen 20a. However, the electrodes 30aa, 30ab are preferably the same as the electrodes 30aa, 30ab though other electrodes are clearly conceivable. As can be seen in FIG. 6a it is preferred that the electrodes 30aa, 30ab are arranged on substantially opposite sides of the touch-surface 22b forming a region of an electroactive polymer or an upper layer of the touch-surface 22b forming a region of an electroactive polymer. However, in the same or similar manner as described in connection with the first exemplifying touch screen 20a there are other positions wherein the electrodes 30aa, 30ab may be arranged to operatively affect the touch surface 22b formed by an electroactive polymer or an upper layer of the touch-surface 22b formed by an electroactive polymer. It is also preferred that the electrodes 30aa, 30ab are connected or at least controlled by the tactile control 42 of the cell phone 10 and that the tactile control 42 is arranged so as to operatively apply a voltage to the electrodes 30aa, 30ab as a response to a touch on the touch-surface 22b. In this manner the touch-surface 22b formed by an electroactive polymer or at least an upper layer of the touch-surface 22b formed by an electroactive polymer can be actuated by applying a voltage across the polymer by means of the electrodes 30aa, 30ab as a response to a touch on the touch-surface 22b, e.g. being repeatedly deformed by being contracted and then returned to its original position as described above for the first exemplifying actuator 30a.

[0084] FIG. 6b shows a section of the cell phone 10 and the fourth exemplifying tactile touchscreen 20d seen in the direction indicated by the arrows A-A in FIG. 6a. As can be seen in FIG. 6b the tactile touchscreen 20d comprises a display 24 where the above mentioned touch-surface 22b is arranged above the display 24 so as to substantially cover the display 24. In this respect the touchscreen 20d is similar to the first tactile touch screen 20a as described above with reference to FIG. 3b.

[0085] However, as already indicated above the tactile touchscreen 20d has an actuator 30d that differs from the actuator 30a of the previously described touchscreen 20a. As mentioned above it is preferred that the touch-surface 22b or at least an upper layer of the touch-surface 22b is made of an electroactive polymer. It is even more preferred that substantially the entire touch-surface 22b or at least an entire upper layer thereof is made of an electroactive polymer. As can be seen in FIG. 6b the electrodes 30aa, 30ab that are preferably arranged on opposite sides of the intermediate touch-surface 22b or at least an upper layer thereof are preferably attached to the body 10' or similar of the cell phone 10 or similar. As a person skilled in the art realizes, in this manner it is possible to affect substantially the entire touch surface 22d or an entire upper layer of the touch-surface 22b by applying a suitable voltage to the electrodes 30aa, 30ab. As the observant reader realizes, in this embodiment the actuator arrangement 30d comprises the touch-surface 22b or at least an upper layer of the touch-surface 22b and the electrodes 30aa, 30ab.

[0086] In particular, it is preferred that the touch-surface 22b or at least an upper layer of the touch-surface 22b is

arranged so that it can be oscillated by the tactile control 42 applying a voltage to the electrodes 30aa, 30ab as a response to a touch on the touch-surface 22a detected by means of the tactile control 42 comprising such hardware and software that is well known to those skilled in the art as being suitable for detecting a touch on the touch-surface 22a as previously discussed. The oscillation caused by a voltage applied over the electrodes 30aa, 30ab is preferably generating a wave or similar that propagates in the touch-surface 22b. This implies that the touch-surface 22a or an upper layer of the touch-surface 22b can be substantially rigidly attached, e.g. rigidly attached to the cell phone 10 at the edges of the touch-surface 22a, whereas the touch-surface 22a itself moves and/or oscillates or similar. The movement and/or oscillation or similar of the touch-surface 22a may occur in the horizontal as well as in the vertical direction as indicated by the two pairs of opposite arrows in FIG. 6b. This is generally so in case a wave or similar propagates in the touch-surface as described in connection with the embodiment herein.

[0087] A person skilled in the art realizes that the exemplifying actuator arrangement 30d of the second exemplifying tactile touchscreen 20d in FIGS. 6a-6b is designed so that the deformation of the touch-surface 22b causes movements that can be perceived by a user of the cell phone 10 touching the touch-surface 22b. The deformation may e.g. cause the touch-surface 22b to oscillate in a manner that can be felt by a user touching the touch-surface 22b.

[0088] In an alternative embodiment the oscillation caused by a voltage applied over the electrodes 30aa, 30ab and the touch-surface 22b or an upper layer of the touch-surface 22b in FIGS. 6a-6b is preferably generating a sound wave or similar that propagates in the air surrounding the touch-surface 22b. This can e.g. be utilized to propagate speech and 10 other sounds from the cell phone 10 into the air. In this manner the loudspeaker 13 of the cell phone 10 may be replaced or supplemented by the sound generating touch-surface 22b of the tactile touchscreen 20d. The same or similar applies mutatis mutandis to the touch surface 22a of the touchscreens 20a-20c described above, which by suitable selections of the properties of the actuator 30a and the touch-surface 22a can be made to vibrate and/or oscillate so as to generate audible sounds perceivable to a user of the cell phone 10.

[0089] As explained above, a cell phone 10 according to an embodiment of the present invention comprises a touchscreen provided with a touch-surface arranged to be actuated, and an actuator of an electroactive polymer arranged to operatively actuate the touch-surface. In particular, as will be explained in more detail below, the actuator is arranged to be operatively actuated by the tactile control 42 as a response to a touch on the touch-surface detected by the tactile control 42 comprising such hardware and software that is well known to those skilled in the art as being suitable for detecting a touch on the touch-surface.

[0090] Advantageous embodiments of the present invention use an actuator comprising a electroactive polymer arrangement, which provides a shockproof and highly flexible actuator with high compliance, low density, low power consumption, simple manufacturing and low cost.

[0091] The attention is now directed to the steps in an exemplifying method for providing a tactile response to a touch on the touch-surface detected by the tactile control 42, which exemplifying steps will be described with reference to the exemplifying flowchart in FIG. 7. The steps of the method