CSCW 2023: Emerging Telepresence

Emerging Telepresence Technologies for Hybrid Meetings: an Interactive Workshop

Local chairs: Marta Orduna & Jason Dekarske

09.30: Attendees arriving 10.00 –10.15: Introductions & Welcome 10.15 –10.45: Coffee break All remote users should join the main zoom session Please join the Zoom session at all times. Chat will be used for important communications by workshop chairs

11.00 -13.00: Activity 1) Position & System presentations

There will be only one group for this activity composed of all remote users (joining in Zoom session). At every presentation, one participant (local or remote) will have the chance to try the Owl 2.0 or Double 3.0 (TBA in zoom chat)

2) **Position**: Design Heuristics for XR Tools to Support Social Presence in Hybrid Teams. Presenting: Daniel Griffin (Remote), Trinity College Dublin ------ Q & A + Change of Users Testing The Owl 2.0 and the Double ------

3) **System**: Towards Immersive Digiphysical Conference Experiences Presenting: Markus Fielder (Local) and Jonas Svegland, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden -----Q & A + Change of Users Testing The Owl 2.0 and the Double -----



4) **System**: The Double 3 – A Mobile Robotic Telepresence system Presenting: Andriana Boudouraki (Remote) ----- Q & A + Change of Users Testing The Owl 2.0 and the Double -----

5) **Research presentation** by Pragathi Praveena (Local)

6) **Research presentation** by Huidong Bai (Remote)

7) **System**: The Owl 2.0: An Enhanced Immersive Telepresence Low-Cost Prototype for Hybrid Events. Presenting: Juan Torres (Local) ----- Q & A + Change of Users Testing The Owl 2.0 and the Double -----

8) **Position**: The Tribrid-Meeting-Setup – Improving Hybrid Meetings Using a Telepresence Robot. Presenting: Francisco Hernandez (Remote), Chemnitz University of Technology ----- Q & A + Change of Users Testing The Owl 2.0 and the Double -----

13.00 –14.00: Lunch break 14.00 –14.30: System's testing 14.30 –15.00: Coffee break (additional systems testing)

Use the Miro Website to provide feedback throughout the workhop!



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15.00 -16.30: Activity 2) Small hybrid groups discussion

Main zoom session will be divided into two break-out rooms

Every group will be composed of some local users, and some remote users. At the end of every discussion topic, there will be a change of who is using the Double 3 or the Owl 2.0

Group 1 (Double 3): Daniel (R), Juan Torres (L), Huidong (R), Andriana (R), Pragathi (L), Pablo César (R), Marta (L) Group 2 (The Owl 2.0): Alejandra (R), Markus (L), Álvaro (L), Francisco José (R), Pablo Pérez (R), Jesús (R), Jason (L)

Discussion Q1: What types of hybrid meetings do you think there are? What are the main challenges of such hybrid meetings that telepresence technologies need to solve? How do we assess the success of meetings (metrics for different configurations/setups) ------ Change of Users Testing The Owl 2.0 and the Double ------

Discussion Q2: What resources and infrastructure are necessary to successfully run hybrid meetings? How could emerging technologies mitigate this?

Discussion Q3: What role does movement play in hybrid meetings? What forms of movement are beneficial (e.g., head movements, gesturing, full embodied movement)? How important do you consider the possibility to see/interact with real objects from the local scene (e.g.: blackboard, projector, regular object)?

Discussion Q4: In comparison to face-to-face, how well do the systems support communication, including non-verbal cues? Are you able to express yourself accurately? Are you able to take part in conversations comfortably (e.g., interrupting)?

Discussion Q5: System comparisons.

What are the key differences you noticed between the systems? Which features did you find most useful for supporting hybrid meetings? What was the quality of local-to-remote communication, and remote-to-remote? What has been missing from the systems?

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Discussion Q6: Directions for future work.

On what areas should future work on telepresence focus? What methodologies, modalities, and approaches should be considered?

16.30 -17.30: Discussion + Closing

All remote participants should come back to the main zoom session

Every group will present 3–4 key ideas discussed during A2 to the rest of the group.