



IMG Work Plan - what's next?

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Task based / interactive use cases The problem

- Imagine you have a bi-directional immersive communication system
 - How do you test it?
 - Evaluate effect of technical factors in QoE (e.g. variations of latency / bitrate / etc.)
 - Compare with other systems / experiments
- ITU-T P-920 Interactive test methods for audiovisual communications
 - Some tasks proposed to evaluate effect of technical factors:
 - E.g.: one of the subjects shows and describes a plastic building block and the other one is required to reproduce it;
 - Centered on video-conference (05/2000)
- ITU-T P.QXM QoE Assessment of eXtended Reality (XR) Meetings
 - Best practices for QoE assessment of telemeetings with extended reality elements
 - Not to the detail of proposing evaluation tasks or methodologies



Task based / interactive use cases Proposal of joint experiment

- Gather a set of **immersive communication systems**, e.g.
 - Real-time 360 video telepresence
 - Social VR with pointcloud transmission / with avatars
 - AR collaboration
- Create an experiment with covers all basic functionalities
 - Conversation between people
 - Discussion about objects in the immersive space
 - Interaction with (local / remote / virtual) objects in the immersive space
- Run a cross-lab experiment using any available collaboration technology
 - "The same" experiment in completely different setups



Task based / interactive use cases

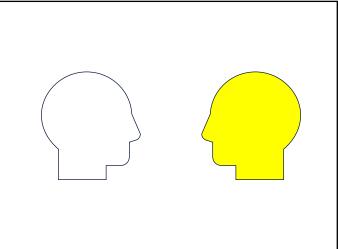
We did a bit of literature research since last meeting

- How many **different systems** are there?
 - Basic features of immersive communication systems
- How many different tasks do people use to evaluate those systems?
- Which system factors (independent variables) are typically evaluated?
- Which QoE elements are typically measured?

Pablo Pérez, Ester González-Sosa, Jesús Gutiérrez, and Narciso García, *Emerging Immersive Communication Systems:* Overview, Taxonomy, and Good Practises for QoE Assessment, arXiv preprint: <u>https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.05953</u>

Looking through a window Project Starline - Google





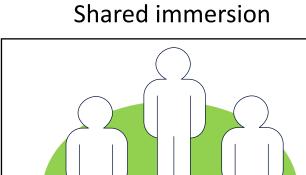
Visual communication



A Shared Virtual Environment Social VR Platforms

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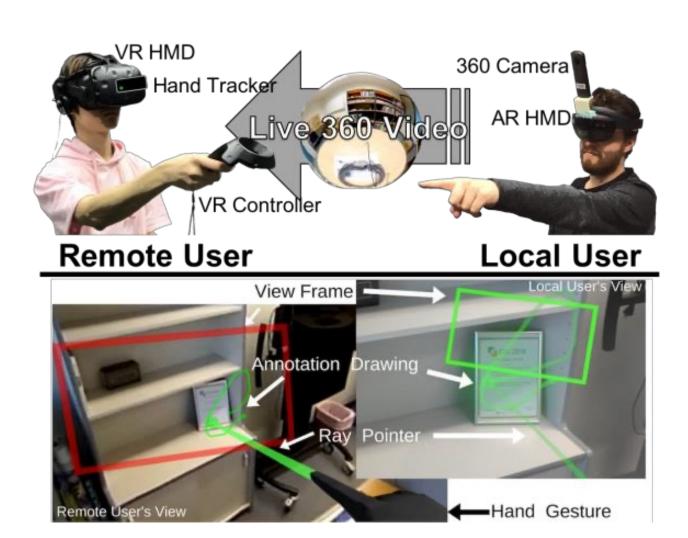


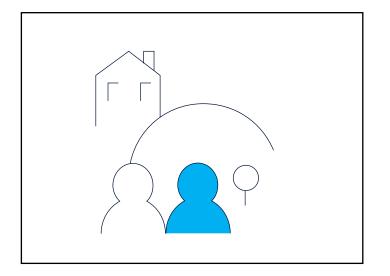




Remote Collaboration







Remote Presence

Teo, Lee., Billinghurst, & Adcock (2019). Investigating the use of different visual cues to improve social presence within a 360 mixed reality remote collaboration.

Interaction with the World

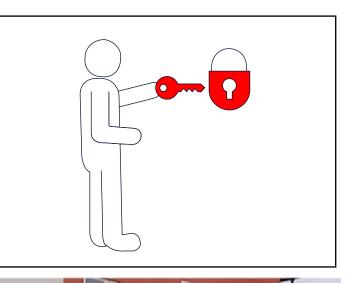
Brunnström, Kjell, et al. "Latency impact on Quality of Experience in a virtual reality simulator for remote control of machines." (2020):



Embodied

Interaction







VISIT

Remote Presence Shoulder-to-shoulder *I see what you see*

Technological / perceptual building blocks

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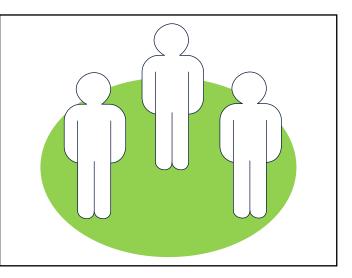
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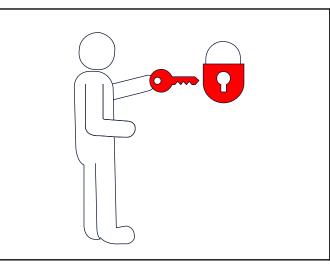
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Face to face

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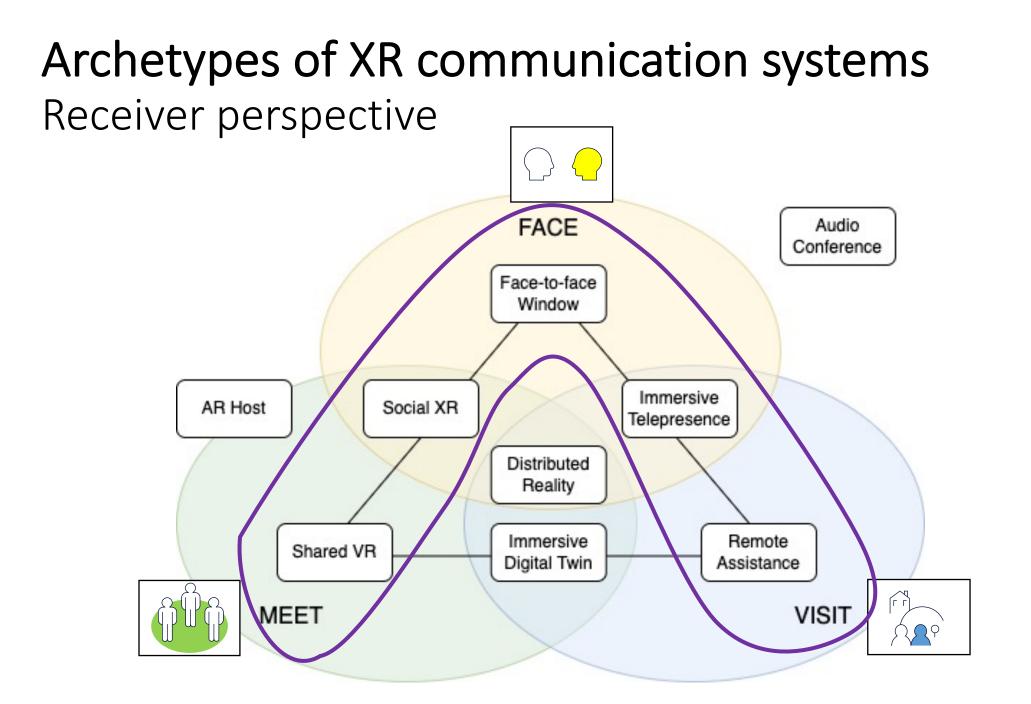
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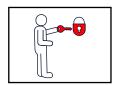


MOVE

Embodied interaction Hands-on I control objects







MOVE



Archetypes of XR communication systems Implementation

- Systems of the same archetype have similar technical implementations
- They should be comparable (up to some point)

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Archetype	Elements [†]	Display	Avatar View	World View	Action*
Face-to-face Window	F	2D/3D Screen	2D/3D Video	N/A	-
Shared VR	Μ	VR HMD	CGI	CGI	O, P, L (virt)
Remote Asssistance	V	VR HMD	N/A	2D/360 Video	P (twin/phy)
Social XR	F, M	HMD	2D/3D Video	CGI	O, P, L (virt)
Immersive Digital Twin	M, V	VR HMD	CGI	3D Photo	O, P (twin)
Immersive Telepresence	V, F	HMD	360	video	O, P, L (phy)
Distributed Reality	F, M, V		Concept Only		
AR Host	M (simple)	AR HMD	CGI cues	N/A	P (twin)
Audio conference	onference - Screen		Icons	-	-
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[†]F(ace), V(isit), M(eet).

*O(bject), P(ointer), L(ocomotion); phy(sical), virt(ual), twin.



The basic questions

- Which is the minimum number of **tasks** which
 - allow us to test all the basic features, and
 - apply to as many systems as possible?
- How (if anyhow) are those tasks affected by **technical limitations**?
- Which are the **low-level QoE features** that we can measure?
 - Task performance
 - Visual quality, responsiveness, etc.
- Which are the **high-level QoE features** that we can measure?
 - Place/social presence
 - Are standard metrics possible (i.e. applying to all scenarios)
- How can we **measure**?
 - Questionnaires (subjective), behavioural metrics (e.g., gaze/head movements), physiological measures (e.g., EEG, EDA, ECG), and performance measures (e.g., time logging, success rates, etc.).



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- Tasks: all tasks are communication tasks!
 - **Deliberation**:
 - Commenting on shared content (videos, photos, games,...)
 - Negotiation
 - Play games (tell-a-lie, riddles, etc.)
 - Semi-structured interviews
 - Exploration:
 - Identifying and locating objects in the task space
 - Exploration of the remote environment
 - Follow characters
 - Manipulation:
 - Manipulating/placing physical objects (e.g., Lego blocks)
 - Interact with virtual objects (e.g., press buttons, objects used in games, ...)



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	Orts-Escolano et al. (2016)	Social XR	Play and collaborate remotely	Tell a lie game and dialogue to build blocks	-	Building blocks	VR vs. AR	Semi-structured interview for: presence, interaction, explorability, etc.	Semi-structured interview for: visual quality and latency
			Wetch a mania			┓╴ /	System performance	RGQ: Social presence, interaction, explorability, and global QoE	RGQ: visual and audio quality
Conditi	ons:					Pong ayer game	System performance	Feedbak on presence and overall quality	-
- Analy	zed system	n vs n	revious/a	alternative to	echnologie	s of lego blocks	Audio only, video fixed to HMD, and video fixed to host world	NMM-SPI	-
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- Displa	ay types					the target on the desk	Dependent view vs. independent view	MEC spatial for presence NMM-SPI for social presence SMEQ for workload SSQ for cybersickness	CT for task performance
- Visua	lization of	pointe	ers/cues ((remote coll	aboration)	-	Three ways of interaction	IPQ for presence NMM-SPI for social presence and emotions SSQ for cybersickness	_
- Ways	of interact	tion b	etween h	ost and visit	tor.	a bookshelf ig objects	No cues, hand gestures, pointer, and hand gestures + pointer	MEC for spatial presence NMM-SPI for social presence SMEQ for workload	SUS for usabilty
	odiment ty oning of th	•	tor ronro	sentation		target objects ific location	360 image mode vs. 360 projection mode	MEC for spatial presence NMM-SPI for social presence SSQ for cybersickness SMEQ for workload SEQ + 3 custom questions for global QoE	SUS for usabilty CT for task performance
	Ŭ			Schlation		mbly of blocks	Cursor pointer, head pointer, and eye-gaze pointer	TQ: co-presence, interactivity, and explorability NASA-TLX for mental workload	TQ: Visual and audio quality
- Laten	•					mbly of blocks	Verbal only, eye gaze, hand gesture hand gaze + hand gesture	MEC for spatial presence NMM-SPI for social presence NASA-TLX for mental workload	SUS for usabilty CT for task performance
- Use o	of controlle	rs				-	System performance	-	Semi-structured interview for task performance
- Overa	all perform	ance	of the svs	tem		-	Video Stabilization	SSQ for cybersickness	HM for non-verbal behaviours
	Piumsomboon et al. (2019)	Telepresence	Remote collaboration	Guess objects of interest	House inspection	Arrange objects	Types of virtual representations, levels of miniature control, levels of 360-video view dependencies, and 360-camera placement positions	MEC for spatial presence NMM-SPI for social presence SSQ for cybersickness SMEQ for workload	SEQ for task performance
	Zhang et al. (2020)	Immersive Telepresence	Telepresence	-	Locate / indicate remote user's gaze	-	Distance to avatar and display (AR, tablet)	-	AE for task performance
	Piumsomboon et al. (2018)	Immersive Digital Twin	Remote collaboration	_	Identify objects	Place objects to a specific location	Fixed life-size full-body avatar with and without Mini-me	NMM-SPI for social presence SMEQ for workload	SEQ for task performance
	Brunnström et al. (2020)	No communication	Remote control	_	_	Control a crane to load logs	Latency	RC: Comfort, immersive, and overall quality	RC: Picture, responsiveness, and task accomplishment quality
	Pérez et al. (2021)	No communication	Escape room game	-	_	Manipulate game objects	Real hands vs. VR controllers	WS for presence Embodiment DREQ for Global QoE	-
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	Work	Archetype	Context	Dialogue	Exploration	Manipulation	Conditions	High Level feature	Low Level Feature
	Kim et al. (2019b)	Face2Face Window	Watch a movie	Comment on the movie	-	-	Big display / small display with following gaze / corner display	Subscale from NMM-SPI for emotions Likes/dislikes about gaze following	-
	Lawrence et al. (2021)	Face2Face Window	Conferencing	Semi structured conversation with a research confederate	-	-	3D video conferencing vs. 2D video conferencing system	HOLO for presence, attentiveness, connectedness, reaction-gauging	HG, HN, and EM for non-verbal behaviour
	Pan and Steed (2017)	Shared VR	Play games	-	_	Solving puzzles (pieces)	Embodiment types: no self-avatar, self-avatar, and face2face	IT for trust	CT for task performance
	Li et al. (2019)	Shared VR	Photo sharing	Comment on shared photos	-	-	Face2face, skype, and Facebook Spaces	SocialVR for social presence PMRI for emotions	-
	Orts-Escolano et al. (2016)	Social XR	Play and collaborate remotely	Tell a lie game and dialogue to build blocks	-	Building blocks	VR vs. AR	Semi-structured interview for: presence, interaction, explorability, etc.	Semi-structured interview for: visual quality and latency
	Gunkel et al. (2018)	Social XR	Watch a movie and play a game	Comment on the movie or game	-	-	System performance	RGQ: Social presence, interaction, explorability, and global QoE	RGQ: visual and audio quality
	Prins et al. (2018)	Social XR	Play a game	-	-	Pong (two-player game)	System performance	Feedbak on presence and overall quality	-
	Lawrence et al. (2018)	Social XR	Conferencing	Negotiation	-	Assembly of lego blocks	Audio only, video fixed to HMD, and video fixed to host world	NMM-SPI	-
	Li et al. (2021)	Social XR	Watch a VR Movie (inside the scene)	Questions raised by movie characters	Follow Characters	Interact with environment (e.g., click buttons)	HMD vs. screen with game controller	WS for presence SocialVR for social presence SSQ for cybersickness NASA-TLX for mental workload	VQoE for visual quality
Features:								MEC spatial for presence NMM-SPI for social presence SMEQ for workload SSQ for cybersickness	CT for task performance
- High-leve	el features:	constructs)	IPQ for presence NMM-SPI for social presence and emotions SSQ for cybersickness	_					
- Low-leve	I features:	evalu	ate techn	ical aspects	of the sys	stem		MEC for spatial presence NMM-SPI for social presence SMEQ for workload	SUS for usabilty
	Teo et al. (2020)	Remote Assistance	Remote collaboration	-	Find a set of target objects in the task space	Place the target objects to a specific location	360 image mode vs. 360 projection mode	MEC for spatial presence NMM-SPI for social presence SSQ for cybersickness SMEQ for workload SEQ + 3 custom questions for global QoE	SUS for usabilty CT for task performance
	Wang et al. (2020)	Remote Assistance	Remote collaboration on physical tasks	-	Locate blocks and follow remote pointers	Assembly of lego blocks	Cursor pointer, head pointer, and eye-gaze pointer	Q: co-presence, interactivity, and explorability IASA-TLX for mental workload	TQ: Visual and audio quality
	Bai et al. (2020)	Remote Assistance	Work together remotely	-	Search blocks and follow remote indications and visual cues	Assembly of lego blocks	Verbal only, eye gaze, hand gesture hand gaze + hand gesture	MEC for spatial presence NMM-SPI for social presence NASA-TLX for mental workload	SUS for usabilty CT for task performance
	Anjos et al. (2019)	AR Host	Play games.	Solve riddles	-	-	System performance	-	Semi-structured interview for task performance
	Kasahara et al. (2017)	Immersive Telepresence	Cleaning up a lab room	-	Locate objects and clean them	_	Video Stabilization	SSQ for cybersickness	HM for non-verbal behaviours
	Piumsomboon et al. (2019)	Immersive Telepresence	Remote collaboration	Guess objects of interest	House inspection	Arrange objects	Types of virtual representations, levels of miniature control, levels of 360-video view dependencies, and 360-camera placement positions	MEC for spatial presence NMM-SPI for social presence SSQ for cybersickness SMEQ for workload	SEQ for task performance
	Zhang et al. (2020)	Immersive Telepresence	Telepresence	_	Locate / indicate remote user's gaze	_	Distance to avatar and display (AR, tablet)	-	AE for task performance
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Features:

- <u>High level</u>: mainly through questionnaires
 - Presence (sometimes evaluated in terms of spatial, social, and co-presence)
 - Workload
 - Simulator/cyber-sickness
 - Quality of Interaction
 - Interactivity
 - (Social) Connectedness
 - Emotions
 - Explorability
 - Attentiveness and reaction/gauging
 - Embodiement
 - Immersion
 - Comfort
 - Trust
 - Global QoE

- Low level: questionnaires and objective measures
 - Task performance
 - Visual quality
 - Audio quality
 - Usability
 - Exploration
 - Responsiveness
 - Latency
 - ...



Questionnaires:

Questionnaire	Measure, N. items, Scale, Subscales, Factors			
Interpersonal Trust (IT) Johnson-George and Swap (1982)	Interpersonal trust in social situations. 21 items for male version, 13 items for female version. 9-point Likert scale. Subscales: reliableness (male & women), emotional trust (male & women), and general trust (male).			
Nasa Task Load Index (NASA-TLX) Hart and Staveland (1988)	Workload of task. 6 items 21-point Likert scale Measuring mental, physical and temporal demand, performance, effort and frustration.			
Simulator Sickness Questionnaire (SSQ) Kennedy et al. (1993)	Users' levels of cybersickness symptoms. 16 items. 4-point scale. 3 subscales: Nausea (N),Oculomotor (O), and Disorientation (D)			
Subjective Mental Effort Question (SMEQ) Zijlstra (1993)	One question that measures the mental effort. 1 item. 9 labels scale (from "Not at all hard to do" to "Tremendously hard to do").	Single Ease Question (SEQ) Sauro and Dumas (2009)	Assessment of how difficult users find a task. 1 item. 7-point Likert scale.	
Witmer and Singer (WS) Witmer and Singer (1998)	Sense of presence. 32 items. 7-point Likert scale.	Pictorial Mood Reporting Instrument (PMRI) Vastenburg et al. (2011)	Emotions. 9 items. 5-point scale. Nine moods: excited, cheerful, relaxed, calm, bored, sad, irritated, tense and neutral.	
System Usability Scale (SUS) Brooke (1996)	Subscales: Involvement/Control, Natural, Auditory, Haptic, Resolution, Interface Quality Factors: Involvement/Control, Natural, Auditory, Haptic, Resolution. Usability. 10 items. 5-point Likert scale.	 Embodiment Gonzalez-Franco and Peck (2018) 	User embodiment on immersive experiences. 25 items. 7-point Likert scale. Subscales: body ownership, tactile sensations, location of the body, external appearance, and response to external stimuli.	
Igroup presence questionnaire (IPQ) Schubert et al. (2001)	Presence. 14 items. 	Feedback Prins et al. (2018)	Requirements gathering to understand user expectations for social VR. 6 items. 7-point Likert scale. Subscales: Social presence, interaction, explorability, visual quality, audio quality, and overall quality.	
Networked Minds Measure Social Presence Inventory (NMM-SPI) Harms and Biocca (2004)	Social presence and emotions. 36 items. 9-point Likert scale. Subscales: co-presence, attention allocation, perceived message understanding, perceived affective understanding,	Requirements Gathering Questionnaire (RGQ) Gunkel et al. (2018)	Short questionnaire to gather feedback form users' immersive experiences. 2 items. 5-point Likert scale. Subscales. Presence and overall quality.	
	perceived emotional independence, and perceived behavioral independence. Spatial presence. 32, 48, 64, items (4, 6 and 8 items per each of the 8 subscales),	 SocialVR Questionnaire Li et al. (2019) 	Social and interactive experiences in immersive media. 24 items. 5-point Likert scale. 3 subscales: Presence / Immersion (PI), Social Meaning (SM), and Quality of Interaction (QoI).	
MEC Spatial Presence Questionnaire (MEC-SPQ) Vorderer et al. (2004)	5-point Likert scale. Subscales: attention allocation, higher cognitive involvement, suspension of disbelief, spatial situation model, spatial presence self location, spatial presence possible actions, domain specific interest, visual spatial imagery.	Distributed Reality Experience Questionnaire (DREQ) Perez et al. (2019)	Presence and quality aspects. 10 items. 5-point scale. Subscales: presence, video quality, cybersickness and quality of experience.	
		Remote Control (RC) Brunnström et al. (2020)	QoE aspects. 6 items. 5-point Likert scale Subscales: picture quality, comfort quality, immersive quality, overall quality, responsiveness quality, and task accomplishment quality.	
		Tele-collaboration Quality (TQ) Wang et al. (2020)	Social presence (slightly modified from Gupta et al. (2016) and Harms and Biocca (2004) to better reflect the experiment) 7 items 7-point Likert scale. Subcodes concessence interactivity explorability visual anality and o mality fatime	

Visual Quality of Experience (VQoE) Li et al. (2021)

Holoportation Questionnaire (HOLO)

Lawrence et al. (2021)

Global QoE for holoportation systems.

5-point scale for 6 items and 7-point scale for one.

2 items. 5-point Likert scale.

7 items.

Subscales: co-presence, interactivity, explorability, visual quality, audio quality, fatigue.

Subscales: presence, attentiveness, personal connection, reaction-gauging, engagement, closeness, eye-contact.

Visual quality of self and others' volumetric representations.

Next steps



- Identify interested people/groups:
 - UPM (Spain), Nokia Bell-Labs (Spain), CWI (The Netherlands), RISE (Sweden), TU Ilmenau (Germany), Ghent University (Belgium), Wuhan University (China), University of Surrey (United Kingdom), AGH University of Science and Technology (Poland), University of Brasilia, Meta (US).
 - You?
- Available systems to be evaluated:
 - CWI SocialVR, Nokia Owl, UPM FVV Live, RISE Crane control
 - More?

Next steps (II)



- Then:
- 1. Characterize the available systems (according to the archetypes)
- 2. Determine the system factors to be tested:
 - The system is being compared with others: verify whether all the systems under consideration share the same fundamental elements or not.
 - Different configurations/conditions of the same system are being tested.
- 3. Identity a set of tasks
- 4. Identify the relevant QoE factors to measure
- 5. Refine the tasks so that they cover the QoE factors
- 6. Select the right assessment tool for each QoE factor:
 - Questionnaires, sensors... as non-intrusive as possible.
- To be done in future audio calls...