

German Translation of the Multimodal Presence Scale

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Introduction

- Price drop and availability of consumer grade technology make VR simulations available to broad audiences.
- **Presence** is one of the **key variables in VR**, often generalized as “sense of being there” (e.g. [1])
- Important distinction of presence. facets: **Physical presence, social presence, self-presence** [2].
- Social presence is crucial for communicative success and collaborative work in general and is increasing in importance.
- Need to be able to differentiate types of presence.

Multimodal Presence Scale

- Developed by Makransky, Lilleholt & Aaby [3], **based on a theoretical framework** by Lee [2].
- Consists of 15 items; five each assessing physical, social and self-presence.
- **Formerly only available in English and Danish.**
- Need to make scale available in other languages and test sensitivity to various experimental conditions [3].

German Translation

Translation process

1. Independent translation by four researchers from the field of HCI and psychology.
2. Integration into one main version by one academic researcher and review by the translators.
3. Review and revision by a native bilingual speaker (researcher in the field of psychology).

Multimodal Presence Scale – German Edition

Die folgenden Aussagen beziehen sich auf Ihre Eindrücke in der virtuellen Umgebung. Wie haben Sie die virtuelle Umgebung erlebt?					
	stimme nicht zu	stimme eher nicht zu	neutral	stimme eher zu	stimme zu
Physical Presence					
1	□	□	□	□	□
2	□	□	□	□	□
3	□	□	□	□	□
4	□	□	□	□	□
5	□	□	□	□	□
Social Presence					
6	□	□	□	□	□
7	□	□	□	□	□
8	□	□	□	□	□
9	□	□	□	□	□
10	□	□	□	□	□
Self-presence					
11	□	□	□	□	□
12	□	□	□	□	□
13	□	□	□	□	□
14	□	□	□	□	□
15	□	□	□	□	□

Results

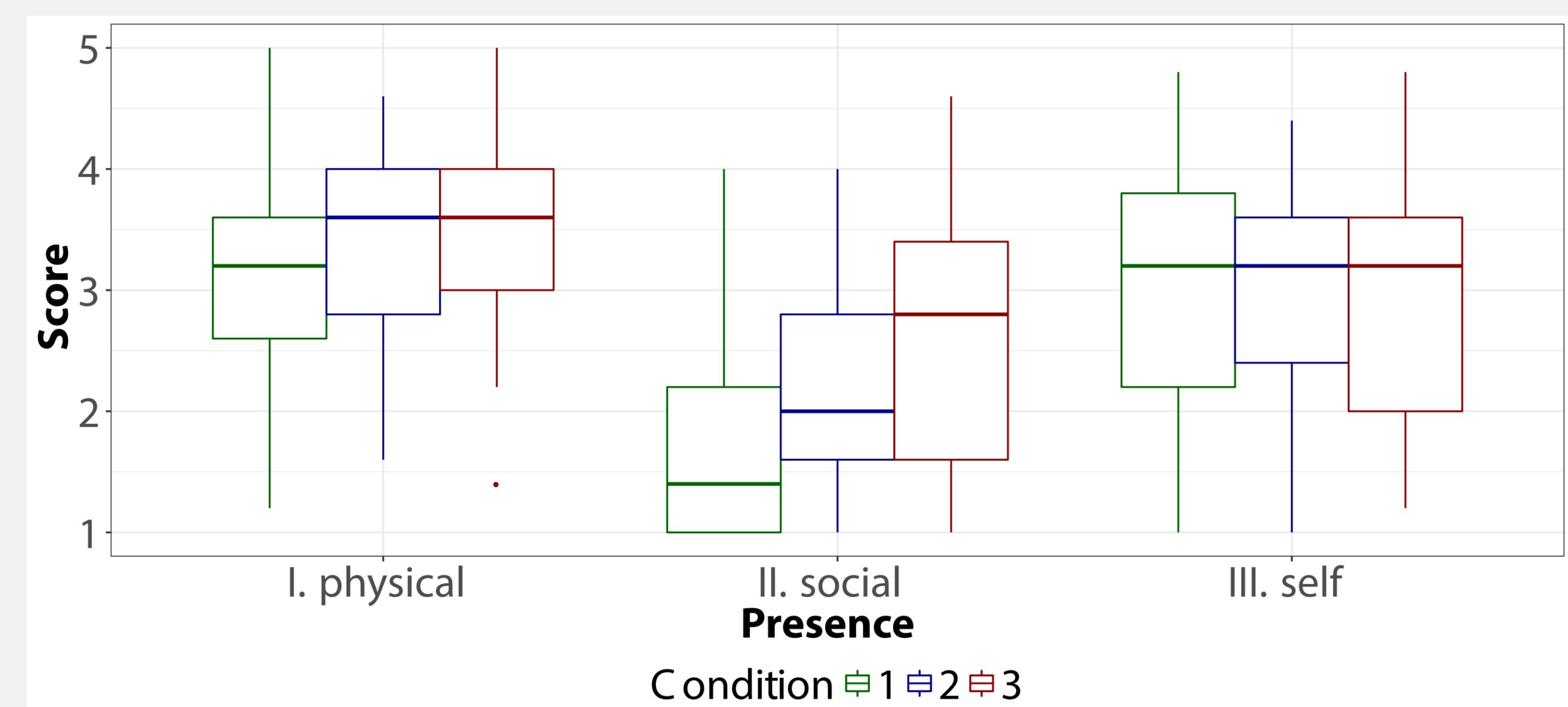
- We used a within-subjects design, $n = 45$ students.
- Examined in a VR environment with 3 different levels of social presence.
- Scale is sensitive to detect changes in social presence.
- No ceiling or floor effects could be found.

Experimental conditions



Cond.	Cronbach's α Presence		
	physical	social	self
1	.82	.88	.89
2	.75	.86	.84
3	.69	.89	.89

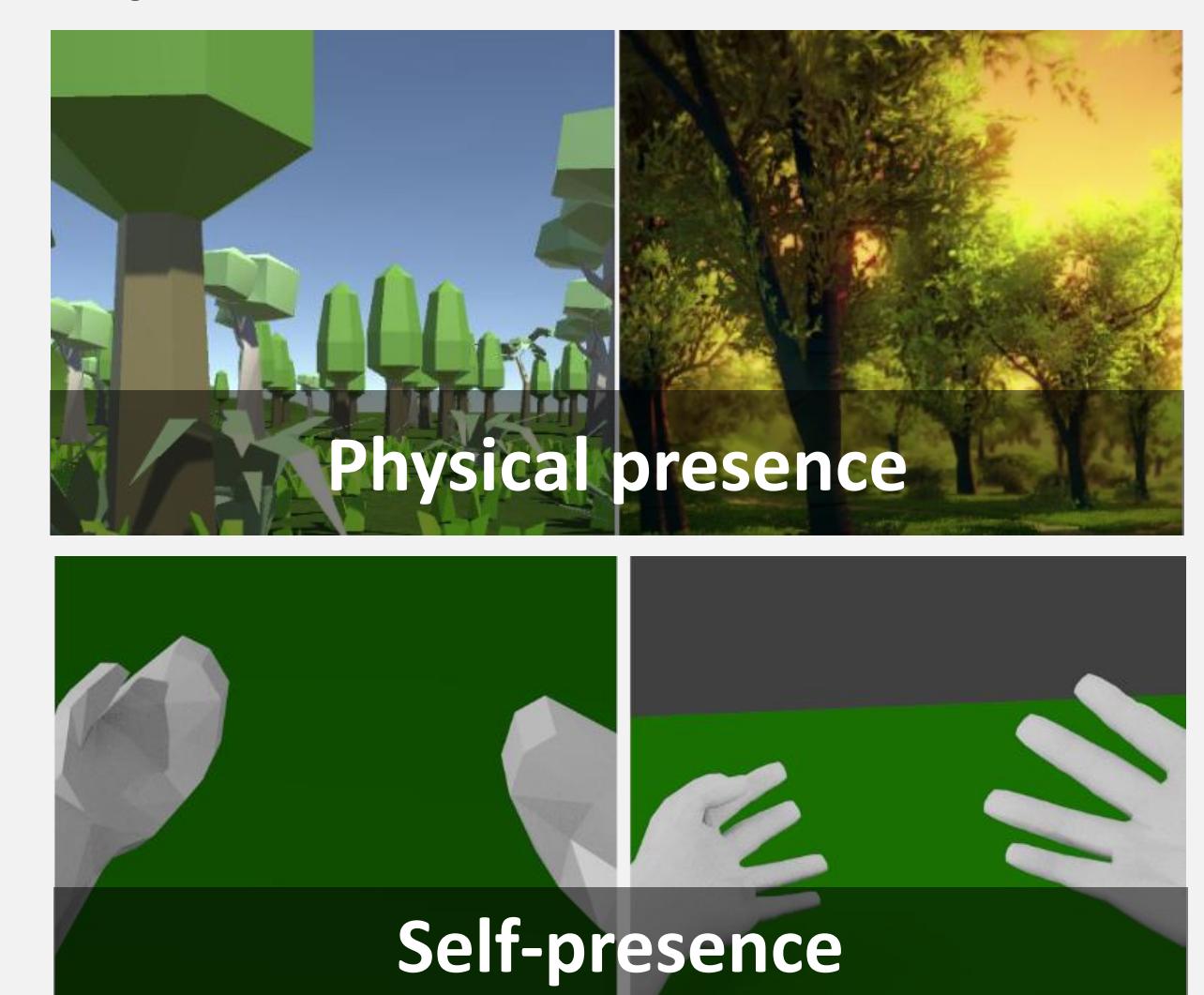
Results for the 3 different conditions regarding the presence facets



Conclusion and Future Research

- The translation makes Makransky’s et al. [2] **questionnaire available to the German speaking community**.
- Provides an **economical way to differentiate between presence facets**.
- Changes are found for social presence. Physical and self-presence need to be examined.
- A validation of the factorial presence is needed.

Suggestions for further experimental conditions



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