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## Look Over Here! Comparing Interaction Methods for User-Assisted Remote Scene Reconstruction Carina Liebers<sup>1</sup>, Niklas Pfützenreuter<sup>1</sup>, Marvin Prochazka<sup>1</sup>, Pranav Megarajan<sup>2</sup>, Eike Furuno<sup>2</sup>, Jan Löber<sup>1</sup>, Tim C. Stratmann<sup>2</sup>, Jonas Auda<sup>1</sup>, Donald Degraen<sup>1</sup>, Uwe Gruenefeld<sup>1</sup>, and Stefan Schneegass<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany <sup>2</sup> OFFIS- Institute for IT Oldenburg, Germany

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#### Abstract

Detailed digital representations of physical scenes are key in many cases, such as historical site preservation or hazardous area inspection. To automate the capturing process, robots or drones mounted with sensors can algorithmically record the environment from different viewpoints. However, environmenttal complexities often lead to incomplete captures. We believe humans can support scene capture as their contextual understanding enables easy identification of missing areas and recording errors. Therefore, they need to perceive the recordings and suggest new sensor poses. In this work, we compare two human-centric approaches in Virtual Reality for scene reconstruction through the teleoperation of a remote robot arm, i.e., directly providing sensor poses (direct method) or specifying missing areas in the scans (indirect method). Our results show that directly providing sensor poses leads to higher efficiency and user experience. In future work, we aim to compare the quality of human assistance to automatic approaches.

### Study

- 16 participants (2 female, 14 male)
- Placing sensor poses directly and indirectly in two scene constellations

#### Results

Direct method outperformed the indirect method (TCT, workload, perceived efficiency, easiness of placement, scene control, precision of placement, and user experience)

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#### Interaction method did not affect scan completeness

Participants Ratings of the Direct Method

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Strongly Disagree 📕 Disagree 📕 Slighly Disagree 📃 Neutral 📃 Slighly Agree 📕 Agree 📕 Strongly Agree