

Supporting Non-Native Speaker Contribution in Multilingual Collaboration

「非母語話者との対話の支援」

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Fundamental Problems in Multilingual Collaboration

Non-native speakers (NNS) have trouble contributing their ideas and opinions

 Need more time to process second language utterances, resolve unknown or difficult words/vocabulary, and think about their own response

Native speakers (NS) need more information about the problems NNS experience

- NS move on to next topic without realizing NNS are still processing their response
- NS may misattribute NNS silence, non-responsiveness or lack of non-verbal cues to (negative) personality traits instead of language problems

Unequal contribution in multilingual collaboration

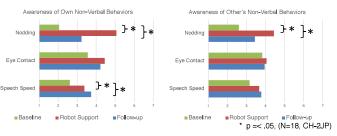
Supporting Multilingual Face-to-Face Meetings

Third-Person View of Multilingual Meeting With Robotic Nodding 'Avatars'



Robotic 'avatar' mimics user's nodding in real-time

- Increase awareness of own and other's non-verbal behaviors during face-to-face group discussions
 - Signal attentiveness, level of mental processing, non-comprehension, etc.
 - Effects carry to subsequent discussions without robot support (learning effect)

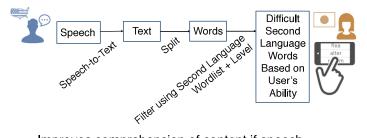


Automated Display and Translation of Difficult Second Language Words



Mobile application detects and displays difficult second language words in real-time

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- Improves comprehension of content if speech includes unknown words to the user without increasing cognitive load (NASA-TLX, p = n.s.)
 - Evaluated using video of group discussion (noninteractive setting)

Awareness Support for Multilingual Text-Based Chats

Detect and share NNS background behaviors during text chats to increase NS awareness of NNS status

- Time it takes to read second language messages (reading)
- Translating unknown words or sentences (translating)
- Writing and editing own messages (writing)



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Interface prototype for detecting and sharing NNS status to NS





Absent from Present @ iiiExhibition 20 Installation exploring non-responsiveness in text chats