Focus discussion 2021-8-18

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For today

- Switch to slack, start a group call
 - Wow this is really challenging for anyone that is not already on slack
 - We tried two approaches, slack-connect from the Stanford slack inviting other labs, and a fresh workspace
 - The fresh workspace required money to enable calls, otherwise it was just a chat
 - The slack-connect required slack admin approvals from each participant's organization
 - Eventually we got everyone connected through a call once each organization approved, and we also ended up having to create another workspace which we connected to the slack-connect channel then invited a member of the team to, so they could access the slack-connect call.
 - All in all it took 0.5hr and a clever workaround to get everyone connected. It is not clear how to invite guests from outside the organization without administrative approval to a call.
 - This is what the link looked like for people not originally invited to the call: https://app.slack.com/free-willy/T1X4J8FJ8/R02BM50QUFM
 - Does this link work for anyone?
 - One plus for this is the nature of a channel call appearing in a particular channel, with current participants listed, for channel members to join as they like.
 - Emotes seem to be nearly at par with Zoom, sans hand raise, speed up, yes/no indicators.
 - MS Teams channel calls ping everyone in the channel. Imagine SLAC general (Slack, 1.2k members) getting buzzed XD
 - Simultaneous video and screen sharing not possible in a channel call
 - Scheduled meetings not possible with Slack (not really what they aimed for in the first place)
 - Video and audio quality seems fine
- Worked on the evaluation template RTC Spectrum

For next time

- Category definitions
 - Build our parameter space (A/V, haptic, chat, computer access, access control, etc.)
- Try MS Teams for next time
 - Holo lens demo Olaf
- Demo Slack API (Hari)
 - Headset deployments
 Realwear
 - Alex Wallace complete LCLS field deployment of HMT1 and make some slides to report how this was done
 - Hololens
 - Remote access and Guides Olaf + Alexis to demonstrate and discuss