

Review of: "Incorporating 'Effort' into Communication Models: An Exploratory Study"

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Interesting paper with the goal of critically analyzing the notion of communicative effort. The paper has two parts: a theoretical one, analyzing the definition (or rather the lack of definition) of the concept, and an experimental one, testing self-reports of communicative effort in a framework putting together effort, topic knowledge, communication skills and confort. The theoretical part, even if only takes into account a slice of the literature dealing to some extent with effort, is a very good example of analytic exercise, sometime missing in experimental research, using notions which seems intuitive just because they are familiar, and not because they have been objectively defined. The experimental part is also interesting, even if I find the description of the procedure difficult to follow, and even if it would have been useful to have more information about the material used for the experiment (what is exactly a communicative encounter here, and how is it structured?).

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