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Reply on RC1

Marianne Métois et al.

Author comment on "Deep oceanic submarine fieldwork with undergraduate students: an immersive experience with the Minerve software" by Marianne Métois et al., Solid Earth Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/se-2021-89-AC1>, 2021

We thank Reviewer1 for its support and acknowledgment of our efforts. We agree with the scope of the journal, but the special issue is common between SE and GC so we hope the paper would reach a broad audience in the teaching community.

"The overall intent of the experiment, while rushed as explained by the authors because of the Covid pandemic breakout, relies on a strong premise and allows to get a solid understanding of what to expect from such practice. The choice of the object was also pertinent. Initiation to controls and having the student look at the artifacts to prevent misinterpretation is a very good point. As one feedback points out, maybe the social distancing and mandatory wear of a facial mask were also setbacks that prevent the student to be completely comfortable. This assertion should figure in the conclusive lines of 4.2 as the Covid situation is mentioned and should be more considered regarding this experience."

Agreed. We now state at the end of 4.2 this specific context : "We also must recognize that the VR lab-session took place in a very specific context, i.e. the situation of partial restrictions in teaching activities due to Covid-19 pandemics in spring 2021 in France. This overall context has imposed the partial use of facial masks in the virtual lab and physical distancing, which could influence the student's confort during the VR experiment."

All technical corrections have been addressed in the new version of the manuscript to be submitted.