## DjembeDance @ MSP

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## TOC

- Brief outline of DjembeDance
- Current work-task: synching mocap to audio
- Future work within DjembeDance

## **Project ambitions**











## Audio





## Audio and Video













## Motion Capture











## **Recording situations**



## Synchronizing mocap to audio





## **Calibration procedure**

- Include in a single recording
  - calibration event: tick, rise-time:
    - <1 msec audio
    - <1frame (4.16msec) mocap
  - test event: clapperboard slate



- Calculate expectation for mocap slate from audio timings
- Interpret mocap data plot at expected time-point
- Result: Impact occurs
  - On the frame showing the steepest slope in resultant acceleration (XYZ)
  - 1-3 frames before first peak

## Example Tick 1



Right hand, Raw sensor data, Free acceleration

## Tick 1 (zoom-in)



## Example Slate 1 (Test event impact)



Impact (timing calculated from audio) \_\_\_\_\_ Steepest slope

## Slate 1 (zoom-in)



## Slate 2 (zoom-in)



### **Cross Modal Synchronization**

#### Step 1: Select segment with clap onsets



#### Step 2: Set threshold for peak detection



Fig. 3: Threshold selection for peak detection

Fig. 4: Extracted Peaks

#### Step 3: Normalizing Peak Value to Unity and Mocap Up-sampling



Fig. 5: Normalization of peaks

#### @240Hz

mocap onsets: [79.175, 89.0375] mocap peak frame: [19002 21369]

#### @48KHz

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#### @48KHz

audio onsets: [19.1212917, 28.9886042, 41.612375, 94.571375, 95.6385833, 96.7002083, 97.7877708]

audio peak frame: [ 917822 1391453 1997394 4539426 4590652 4641610 4693813]

#### Step 4: Apply correlation and find offset



Audio Frames to shift for sync. : 2882462 Time shift: 60.051 seconds

Synchronized Peaks: [79.175, 89.0375]

Fig. 6: Synchronization of mocap and audio

#### Step 5: Mocap Frame Correction



#### Visualization of 8 Frames Preceding and Following 1st Slate Peak Onset

Fig. 7: Synchronization of mocap and audio

## Future work within DjembeDance

- MIR: Extract from audio
  - Drum stroke onsets (timings)
  - Drum stroke sounds (pitch/timbre)
  - Vocals pitch over time (melody)
- Dance analysis in MoCap
  - Distribution of perceptually salient events (contrasts) across a reference periodicity (metric cycle)
    - Kinetic energy (aggregated velocity, acceleration)
    - Directional change
  - Spatiotemporal patterns:
    - Movement motifs per body-part (Basic gestures)
    - Full-body composite rhythms
- Music-Dance analysis: Correlational, Causal

# Movement patterns and musical meter: periodicity coordination (Toiviainen et al. 2010)

- Objective: Analyze periodicity in music-induced movement across various tempi
- Methodology:
  - Focus on potential and kinetic energy of the body.
  - Utilize location markers for movement analysis.
  - Principal Component Analysis (PCA) of body segments to identify dominant movement patterns
- Key Findings:
  - Participants synchronized with periods of one, two, and four beats
  - Systematic relationship of body part size/mass and periodicity/tempo
    - Large size/mass body parts (e.g., torso) tend to use longer periodicities/slower tempos (e.g., 2/4-beat cycles)
    - Smaller size/mass body parts (e.g., arms) tend to use shorter periodicities/faster tempos (e.g., 1-beat cycle)

## Movement patterns and musical meter: periodicity coordination (Toiviainen & Carlson 2022)

- Objective: Investigates how eigen movements in music-induced dancing depends on musical content and genre.
- Methodology:
  - Use of trial-space-frequency tensor for capturing the complexity of movements
  - Decomposition of data using tensor decomposition techniques
  - Identification of 12 principal movement components
- Key Findings:
  - Time-frequency domain decomposition is better
  - Some eigen movements synchronized with music
  - Difference found in eigen movement amplitude between genres

## Limitations of the Toiviainen approache(s)

- Principal Components are noncorrelated thus movement patterns synchronized to the different metrical levels are noncorrelated as well.
- Assumes stationary data within the analysis window of PCA which may not capture certain dynamics of movement (e.g., translation and rotation).
- Their (2010) calculation of kinetic energy from speed excludes kinematic variables of velocity and acceleration from the analysis.
- Phase information is lost in the (2022) frequency-domain analysis, which is good for the analysis of frequency-locked body parts, but not good for phase-dependent analysis, e.g.,
  - the synchronization quality (accuracy and precision) between music and dance;
  - composite rhythm patterns emerging from coordinated but phase-shifted bodyparts.

## Further analysis

- Empirical Mode Decomposition
- Independent Component Analysis
- Denoising Source Separation
- Multidimensional Scaling

## Further ideas (collaboration? qualification?)

#### • Use video

- Use video as additional information to improve beat tracking algorithms
- Compare mocap:video (1 dancer)
  - Use MoCap as ground-truth/training data for 3D  $\leftarrow$  2D/video estimation
- Compare lead dancer (mocap/video) with other dancers (video)
- Acknowledge audience member behaviours
  - Compare audience:dancers
  - Estimate audience contribution to music:dance correlation