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ABSTRACT

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1. INTRODUCTION

- motivation
 - challenges
 - the Vicon system

2. STATE OF THE ART

- Vicon & related projects
 - interactive / movement sonification examples[1].

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION3.1 Concept

- Performance aesthetic
 - Gestures, virtual objects, dynamic mapping
 - Visual environment

3.2 Implementation

- Character design (Nexus)
 - Vicon extensions (SDK plugin)

3.2.1 Max modules

- Objects generation & performance mechanics



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In order to create interactive sounds, attractive grapichs and special effects, MAX creates a connection between virtual objects and subpatches¹. Manipulating objects algorithm consists of 3 steps: object generation, finding the object and releasing the object on the floor. Object generation is performed by random generators, functioning within certain limits. These limitations are influenced by the dimensions of the room in which the Vicon system is installed. Finding the object supposes continuous mathematic relations between the coordinates of the object and coordinates of the selected marker. When these coordinates are close enough one to another, the object is retreived and manipulated by performer (eg. define gesture); After all these actions are completed, a simple comparison between the coordinates of the floor and the value of the z axes of the marker is done in order to put down the object.

- Gesture recognition

Interaction between sound control and human gesture has constantly increased over the last years [2]. Probabilistic models for analysing motion and sound relationships became a necessity and a forthcoming tool [3]. Mubu containers provided by Ircam laboratories in MAX/MSP software represents a handy tool to record and analyze gesture, captured with Vicon system [4]. Our gesture recognition algorythm is based on Hierarchical Hidden Markov Model implemented in mubu.hhmm object of MAX/MSP. Hierarchical Hidden Markov Model is a generalization of HMM where each state is considered to be a self-contained probabilistic model [5]. First, we train the system with captured data asociated with a gesture. This process requires a predefine indicator to delimitate gestures from all data flow. Second, the algorythm analyze all input data and generate a probability of similarity between data and gestures saved. For every object generated, are associated 2 or 3 gestures saved by performer which can control the object to be continued...

- Sound design
- Visualisation (jitter)

4. CASE STUDIES

4.1 Interactive Installation

4.2 Performance

¹See http://www.cycling74.com/.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

- Areas of improvement
 - Eye tracking?

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