

# Detection and segmentation of locomotor cycle in mice movement using processed data from marker-based 3D motion capture on voluntary treadmill running

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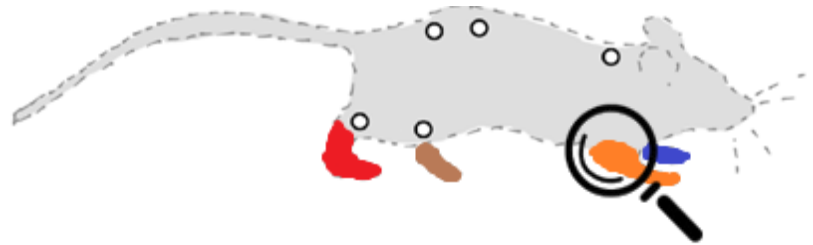
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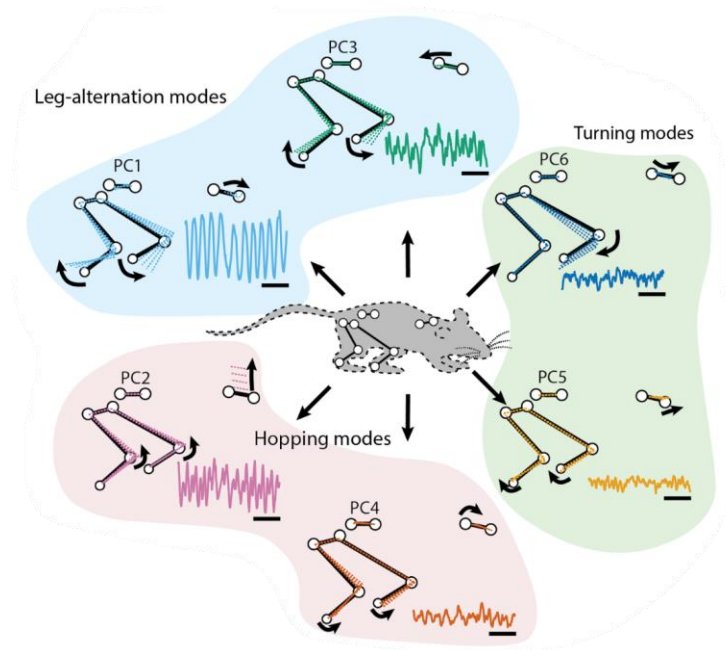
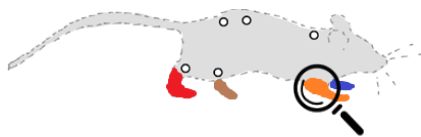
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# Exploring Information Hidden in Movement

*What are the  
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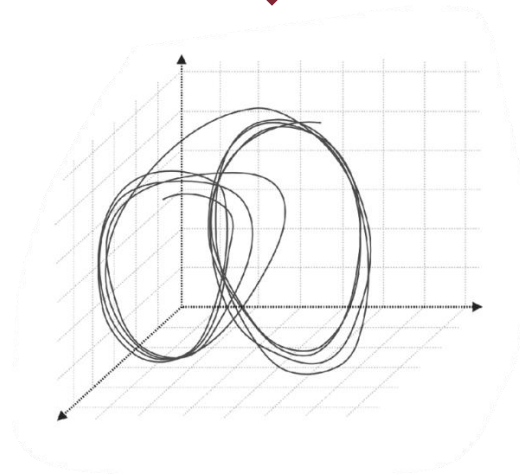
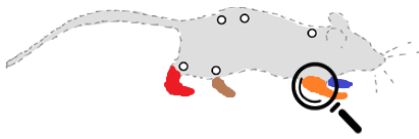
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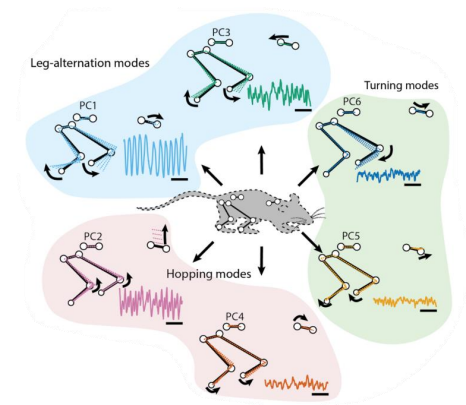
# Exploring Information Hidden in Movement

*What is the structure of a gait?*

*What does the whole body do when a mouse takes a step?*



*What are the components of movement?*



# Data Science Approach

## 1. Data Collection

↓  
3D Motion Capture

## 2. Data Processing

↓  
Labeling and Gap-filling

## 3. Data Analysis

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Movement Decomposition

PCA

↓  
*What are the components of movement?*

↘  
Unitary Movements

RQA and Delay Embedding

↓  
*What is the structure of a gait?*

## 4. Data Visualization

→  
*What does the whole body do when a mouse takes a step?*

# Neuronal Rhythms in Movement Unit

Research Internship at Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology

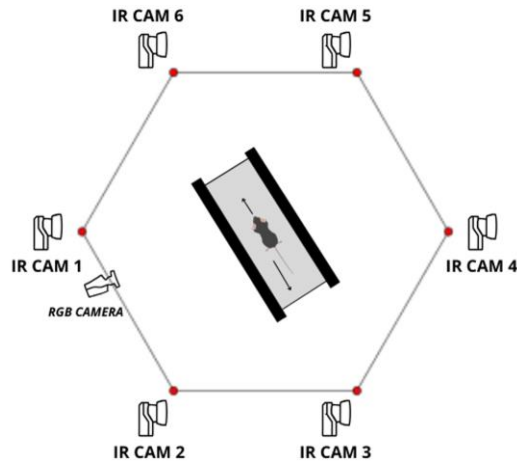


My contribution to the research:

- Data Processing
- Delay Embedding Threshold Criterion
- Data Visualization

# Data Collection

## High-Quality 3D Marker-based Motion Capture



*3D Motion Capture environment setup*

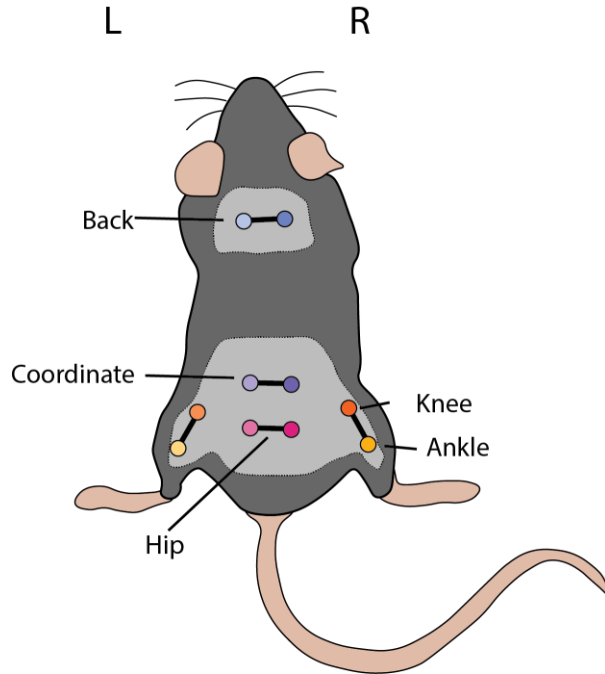


*Qualisys Track Manager calibration process*



# Data Collection

## High-Quality 3D Marker-based Motion Capture



*10 markers skin implantation setup*



*Mouse running on treadmill at 30 m/min*

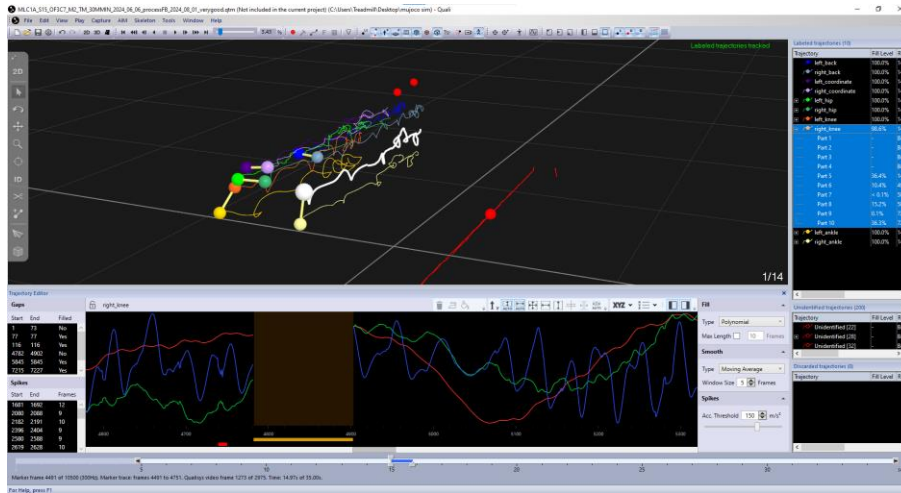


*Mouse running on treadmill at 30 m/min slowed to 25% speed*

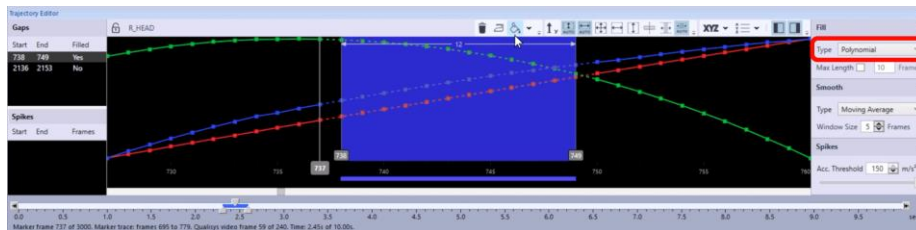


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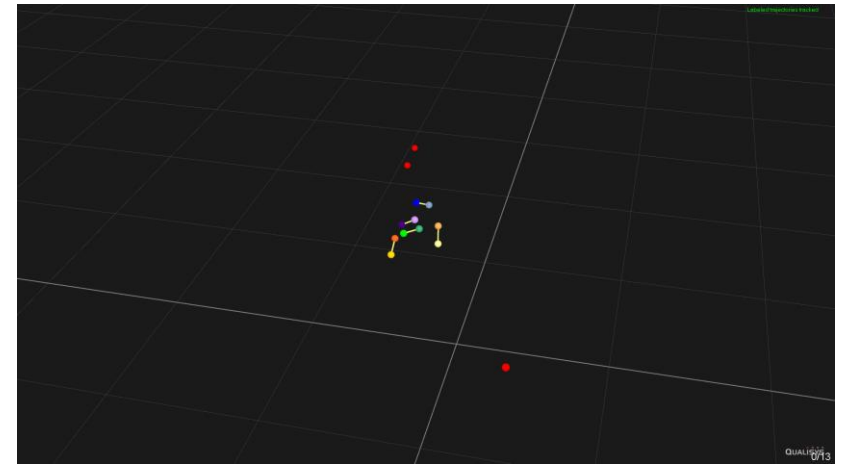
## Labeling and Gap-filling



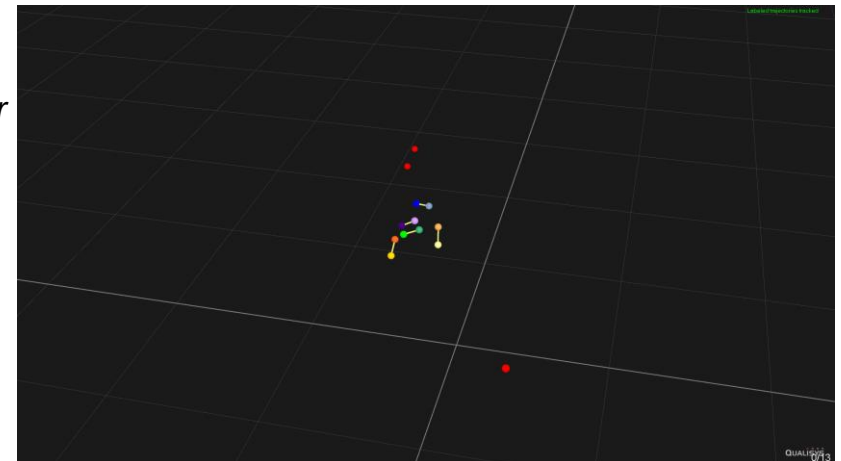
Manual labeling and gap-filling editor on Qualisys Track Manager



Gap-filling with polynomial interpolation



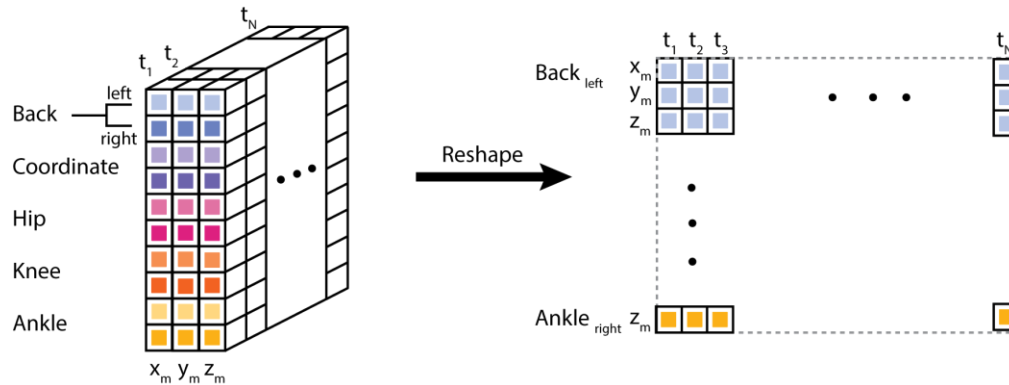
Labeled and gap-filled running animation at 30 m/min



Running animation at 30 m/min slowed to 25% speed

# Data Processing

## Reshape and Egocentric Transform

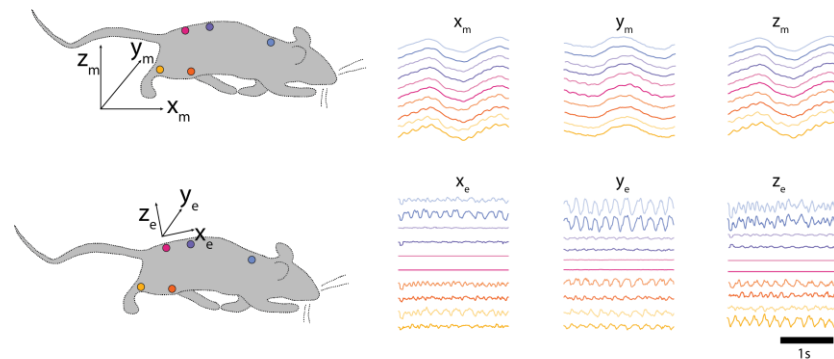


$$(10, 3, T) \rightarrow (30, T)$$

Where:

- $T$  is the total number of frames

- Highlight how different parts of the move relatively to each other
- Remove translation and rotation

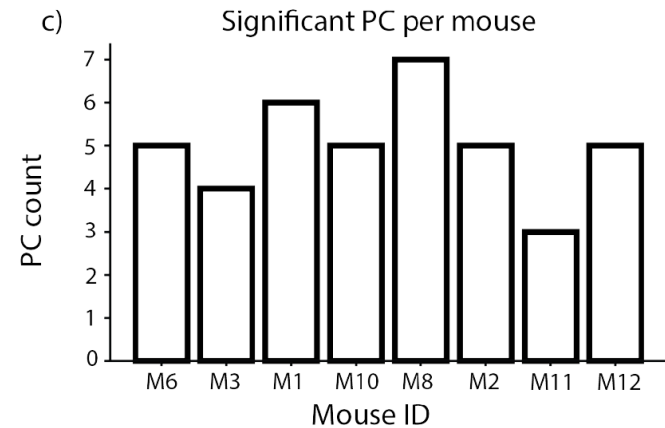
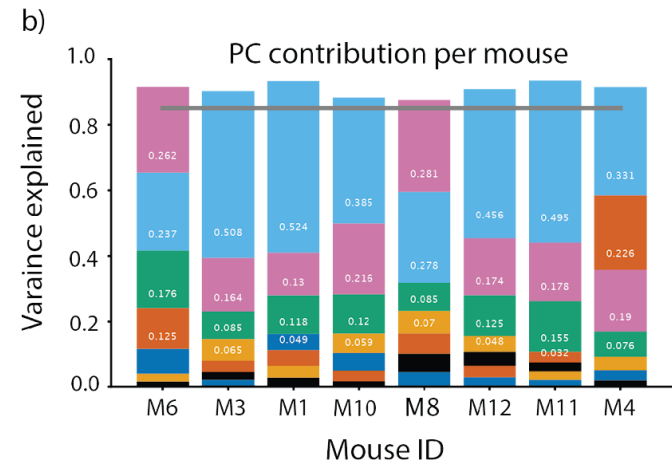
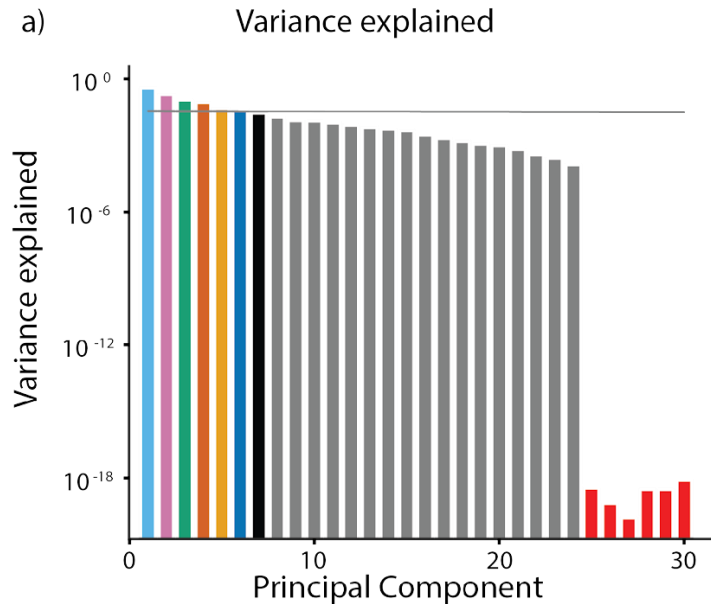


# Data Analysis: Movement Decomposition

## Principal Component Analysis

PCA data pre-processing:

- Mean Subtraction
- Dataset Shuffle
- Parallel Analysis
- No Standardization

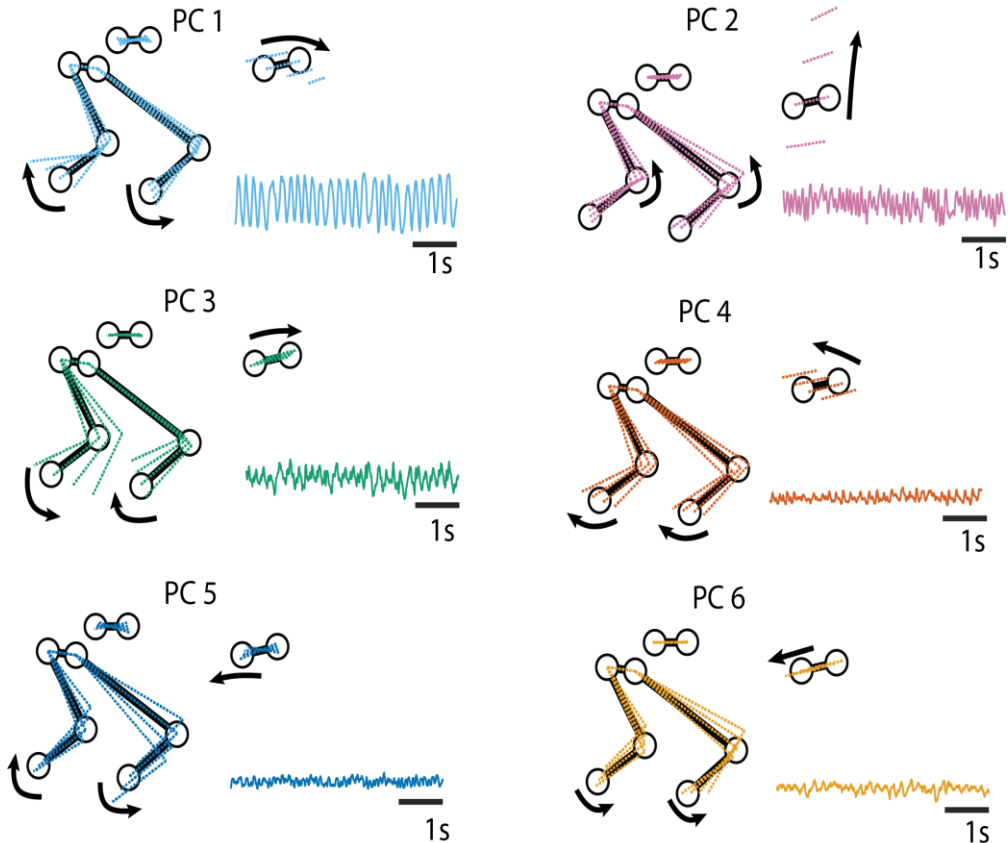


# Data Analysis: Movement Decomposition

## Modes of Deformation

Project data on a Principal Component to observe the variation along a specific direction

Study the **deformation** of the mean body configuration and compare the movement with traditionally defined gaits

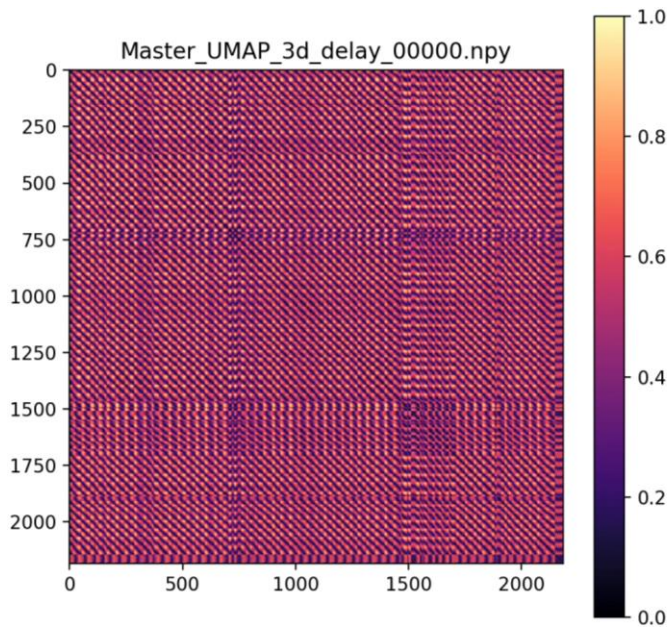


# Data Analysis: Unitary Movements

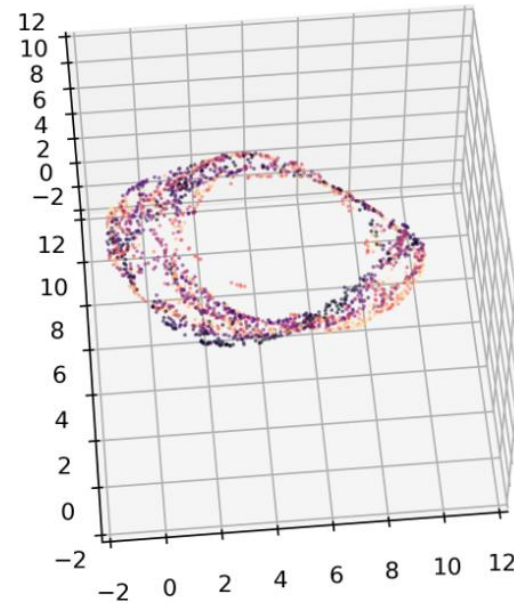
## Recurrence Quantification Analysis

Reduce dimensionality with UMAP:  $(30, T) \rightarrow (3, T)$

Compute matrix of distances  
and obtain **recurrence plot**

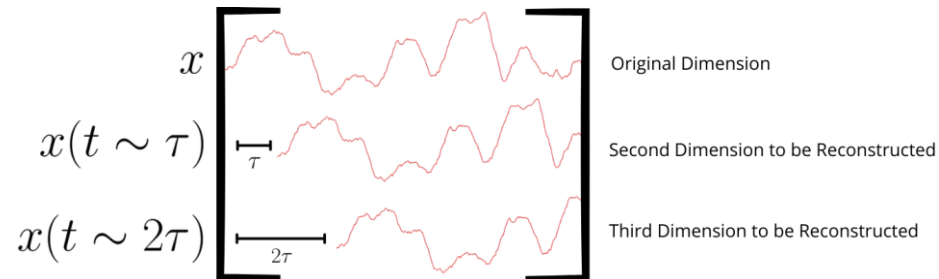


Visualize 3-dimensional time series  
on X, Y and Z axes



# Data Analysis: Unitary Movements

## Delay Embedding

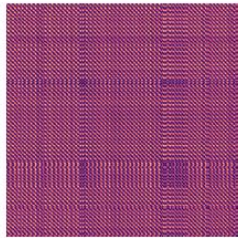


$$\tau = 1 \text{ frame} = \frac{1}{300} \text{ ms}$$

40 m/min

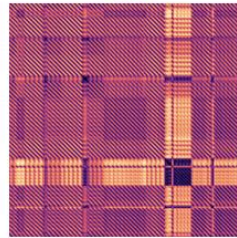
0 ms delay

UMAP



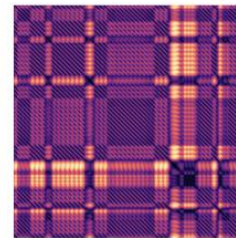
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167 ms delay



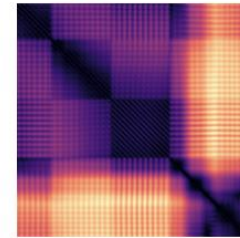
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333 ms delay

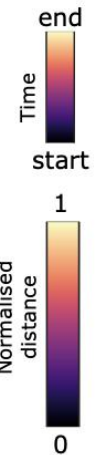


5 s

1667 ms delay



5 s



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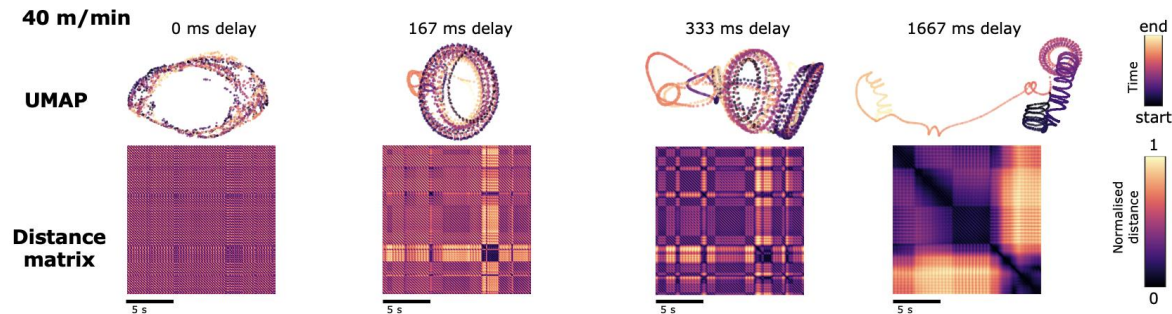
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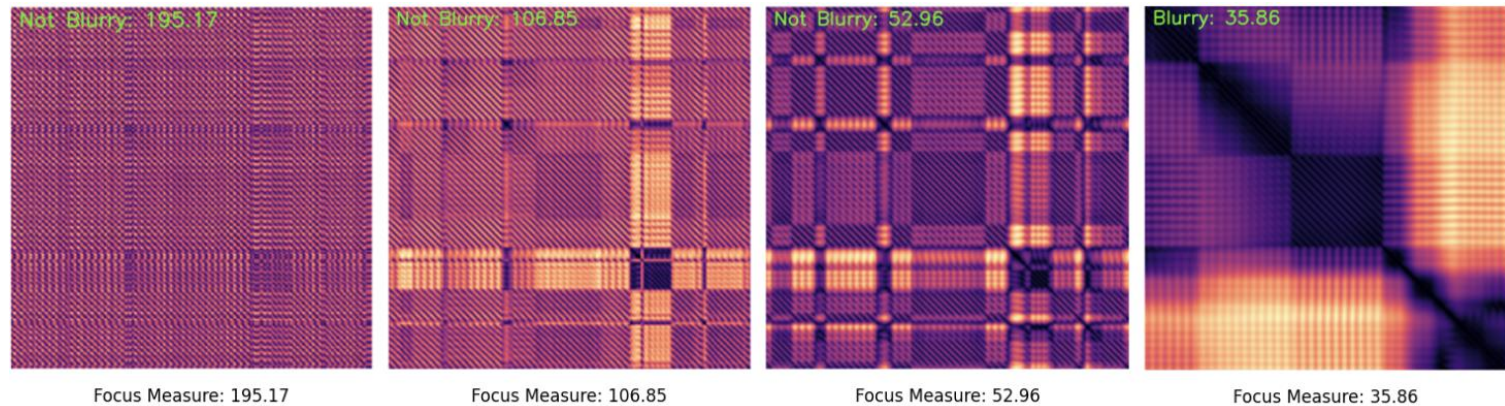
# Data Analysis: Unitary Movements

## Overembedding Handling



**Focus Measure**  
=  
Variance of the Laplacian  
Operator on an Image

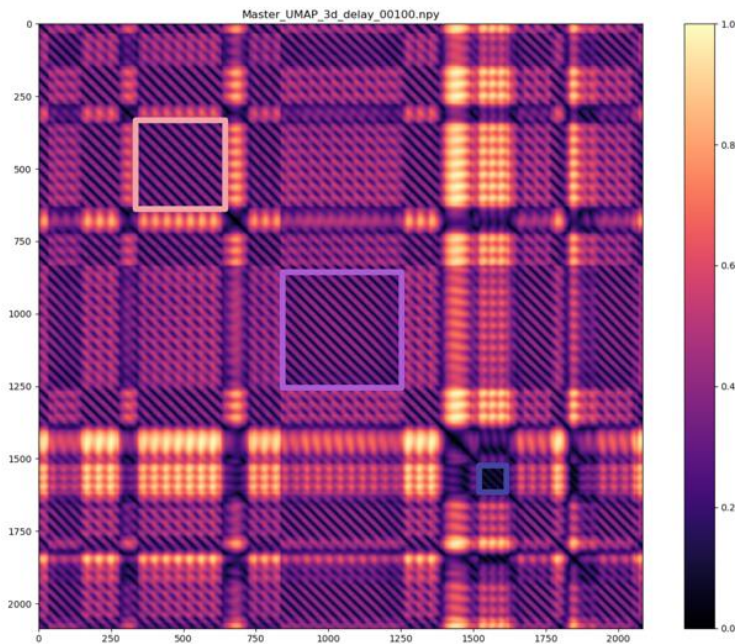
Quantify the **unfolding** of the underlying attractor obtained from the delay embedding



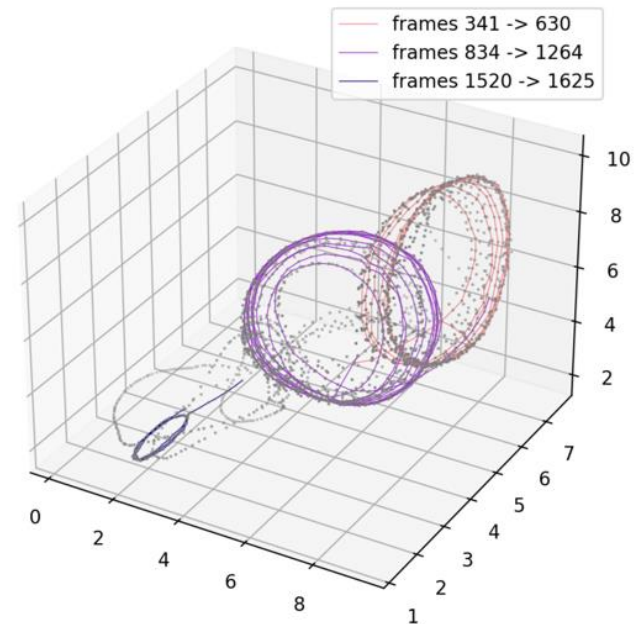
# Data Analysis: Unitary Movements

## Unitary Movements and Segmentation

**Unitary Movement** = coordination pattern + unit of locomotion

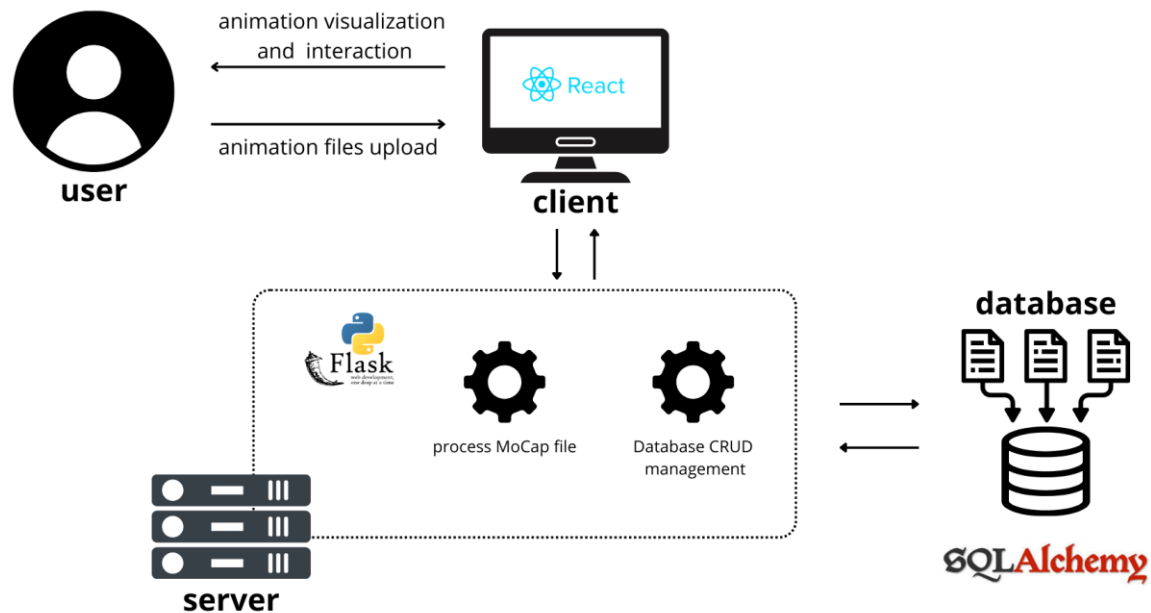


*Plots obtained from a correct 333ms delay*



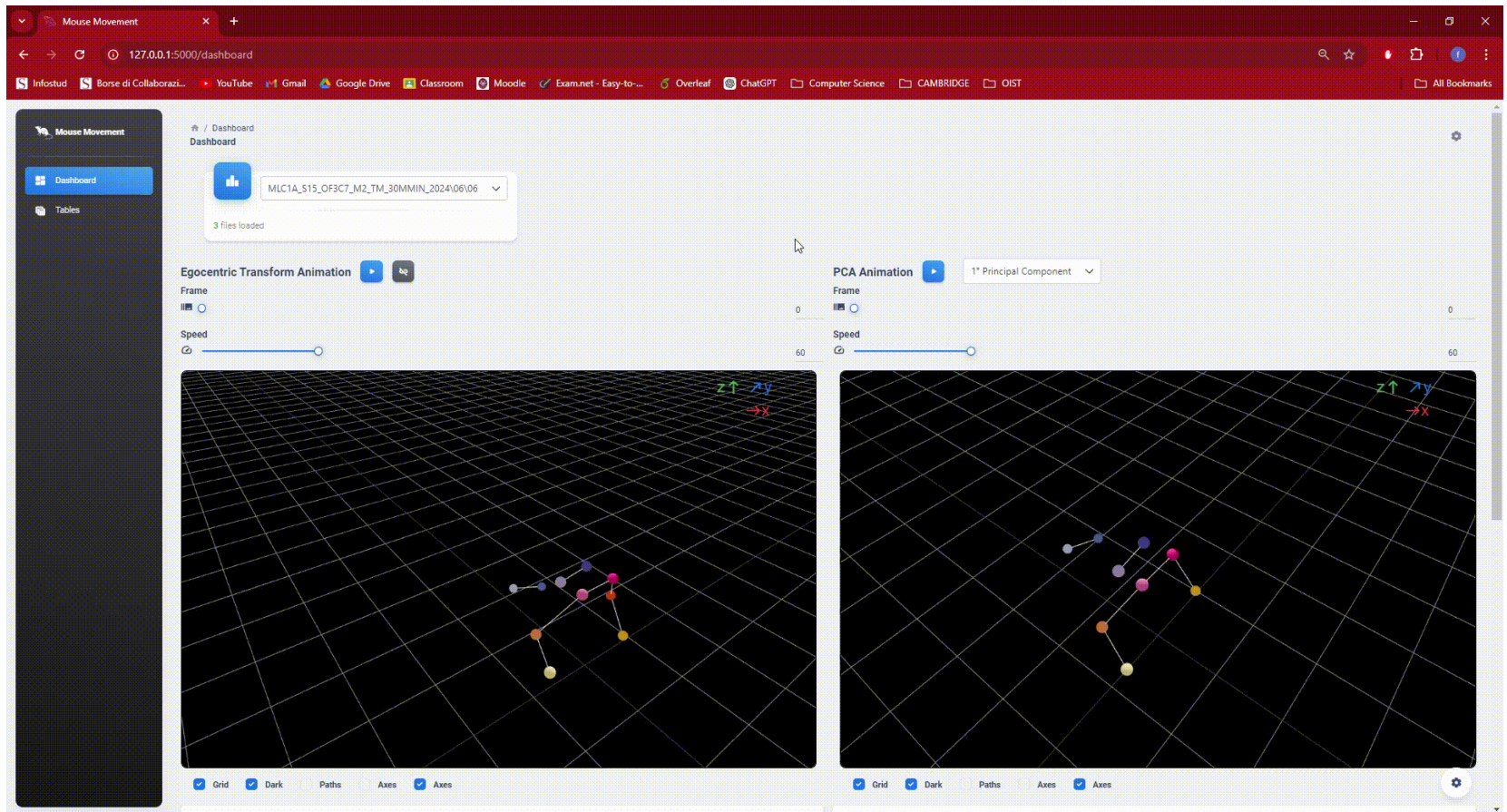
# Data Visualization

## Mouse Movement: A Web Application for 3D and 2D Visualization and Interaction



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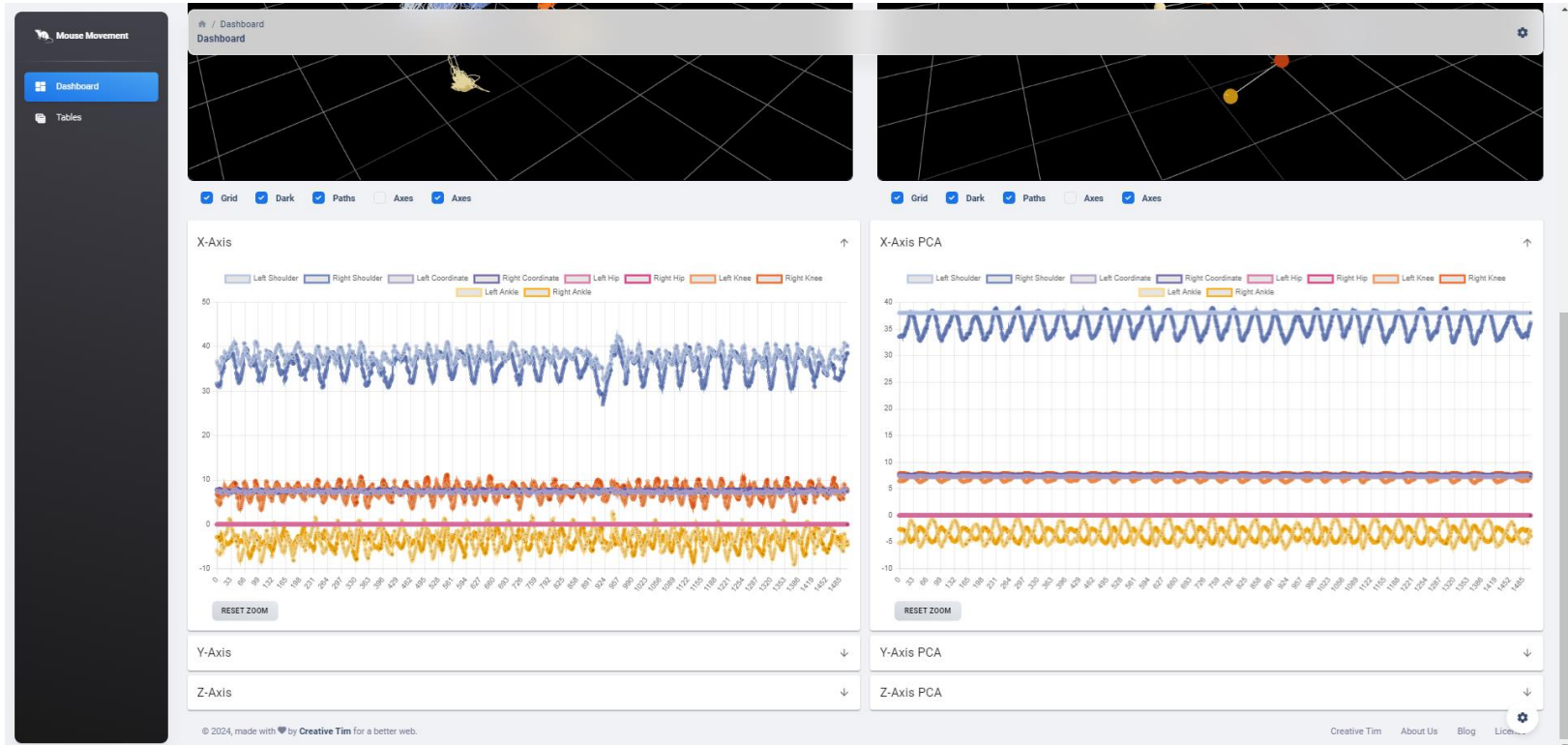
## Mouse Movement: 3D Visualization and Interaction





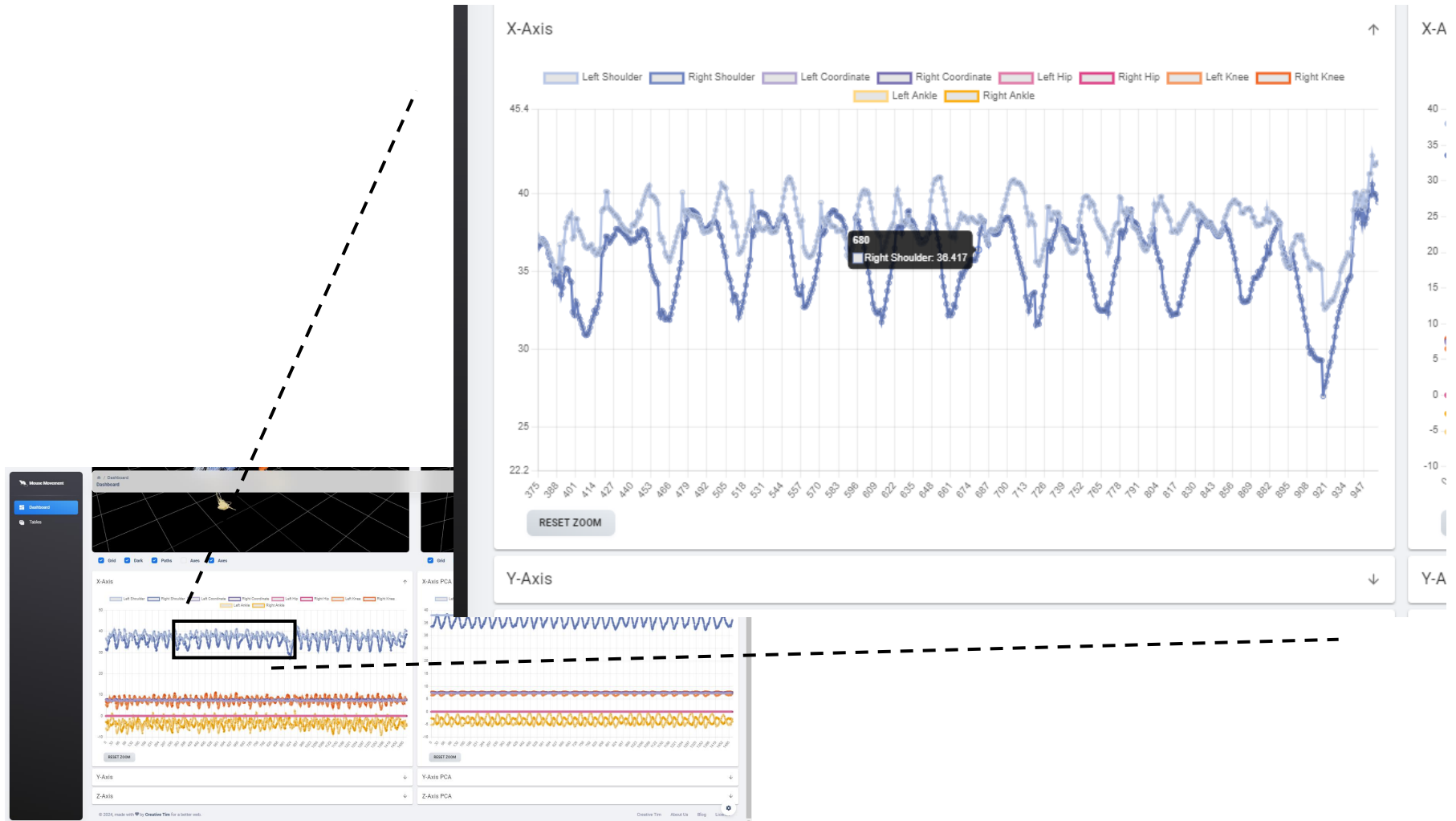
# Data Visualization

## Mouse Movement: 2D Visualization and Interaction



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## Mouse Movement: 2D Visualization and Interaction



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# Thank you for your attention!