

Synchrony in social interactions

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1. Examples of synchrony in social interactions.
2. Quick tutorial on how to extract and analyze non-verbal features from your videos.
 - Facial expressions: <https://tinyurl.com/openfacecolab>
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If you'd like to follow along later...

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(You will need to log in to Google)

You'll see a screen like this.

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2. Click the play button to install necessary packages on your cloud computing notebook!

Installation takes ~40 min.

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import os
from os.path import exists, join, basename, splitext

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project_name = splitext(basename(git_repo_url))[0]
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For some reason, we take pleasure in synchronizing.

We like dancing together



We like singing together



We like laughing together



We even like to jump together



Why is synchrony important?

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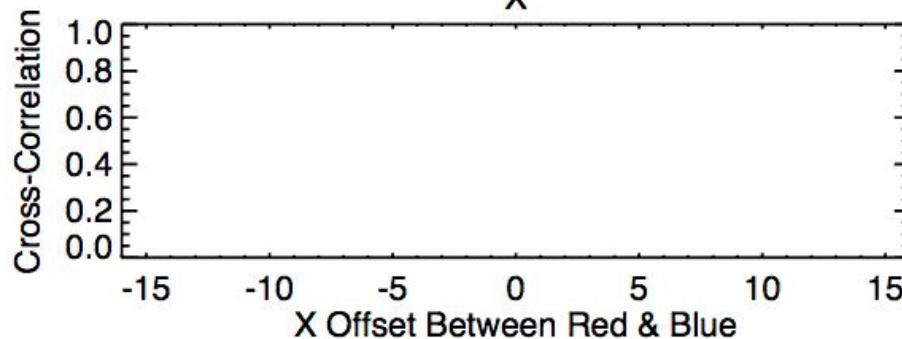
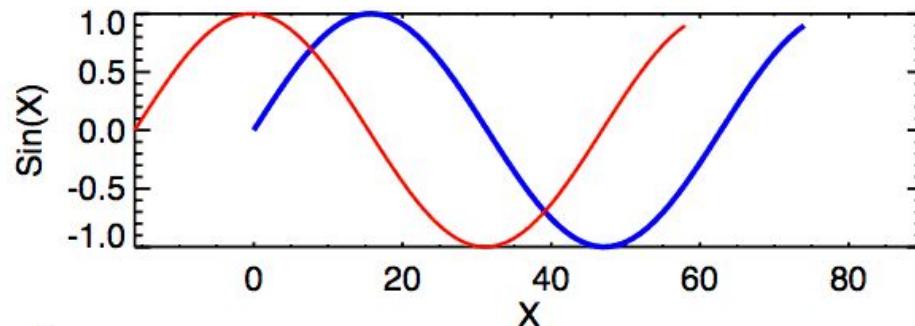
Time-lagged synchrony and social roles (leader-followers; 2015).

But what does synchrony mean?

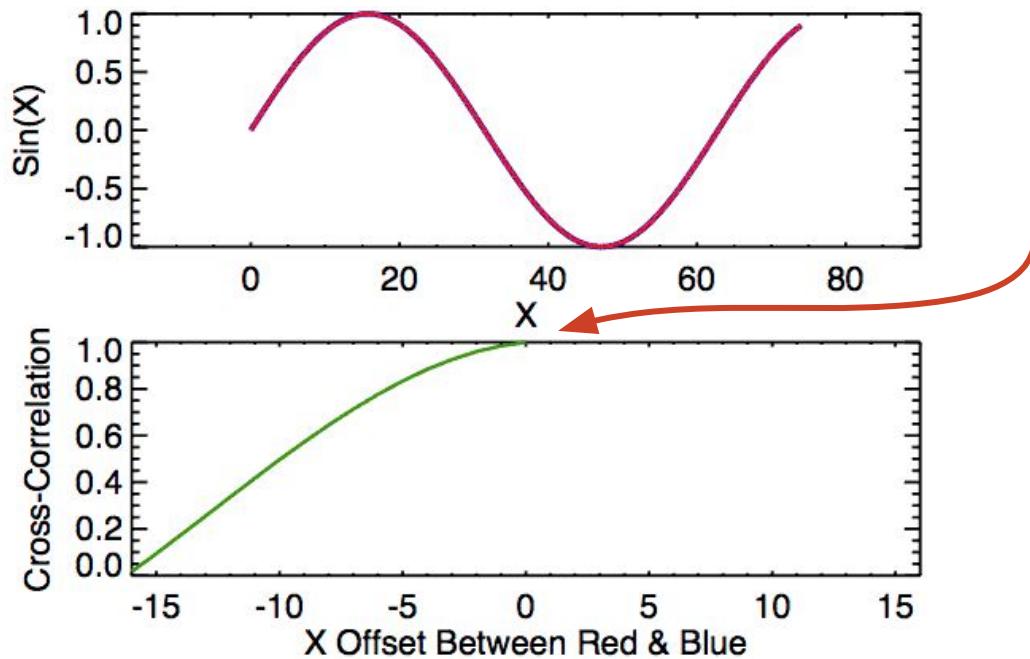
How do we define synchrony?

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simultaneous action, development or occurrence

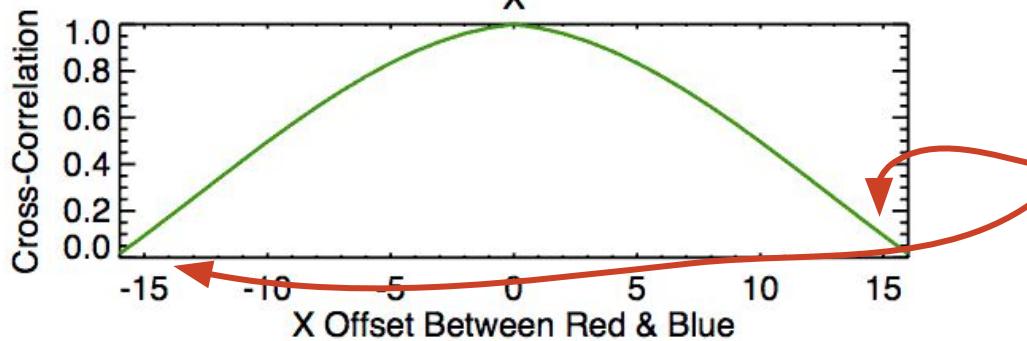
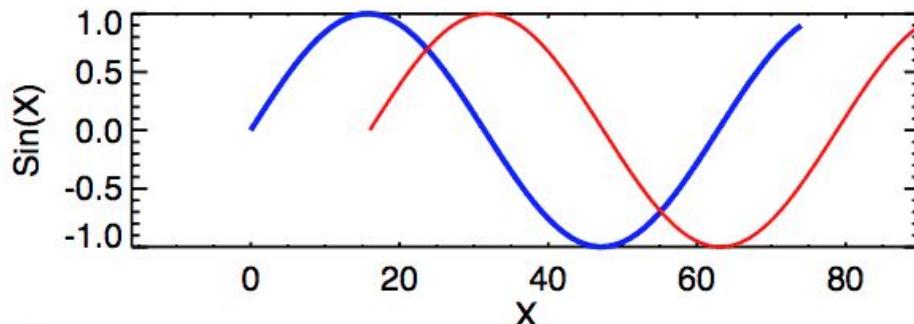


Perfect synchrony.

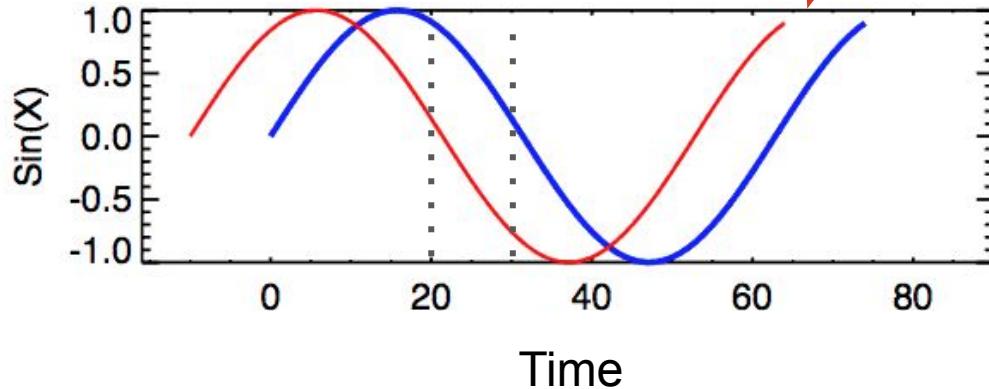


Most synchrony!

No synchrony



Mimicry or Time-lagged synchrony



Red: Leader

Blue: Follower

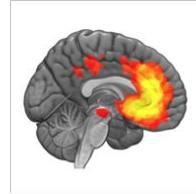
Red was 0 at $t=20$,
Blue hits 0 at $t=30$.

Where can we measure synchrony?

EEG



fMRI



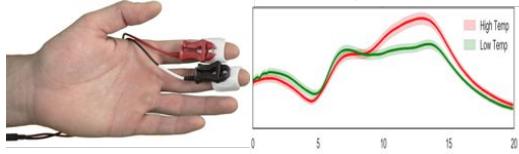
fNIRS



facial expressions



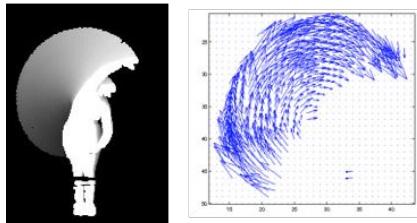
Electrodermal Activity (EDA)



Heart Rate (HR)



motion energy



body movements



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Chameleon effect

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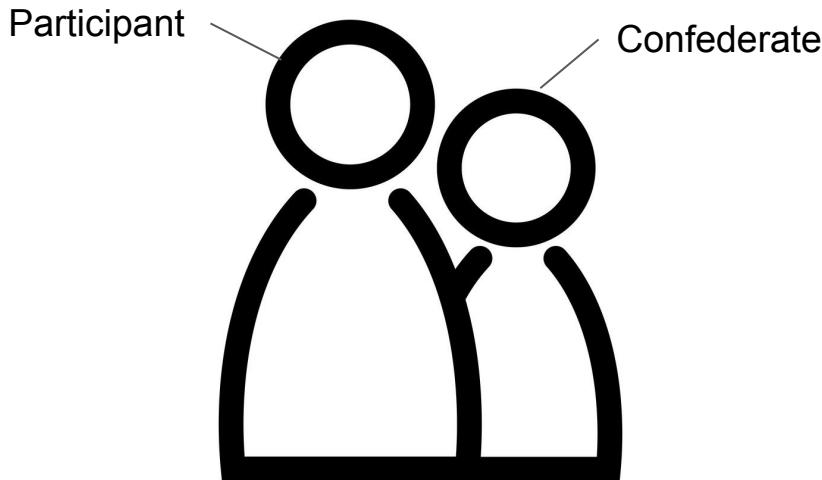
The Chameleon Effect: The Perception–Behavior Link and Social Interaction

Tanya L. Chartrand and John A. Bargh
New York University

The *chameleon effect* refers to nonconscious mimicry of the postures, mannerisms, facial expressions, and other behaviors of one's interaction partners, such that one's behavior passively and unintentionally changes to match that of others in one's current social environment. The authors suggest that the mechanism involved is the *perception–behavior link*, the recently documented finding (e.g., J. A. Bargh, M. Chen, & L. Burrows, 1996) that the mere perception of another's behavior automatically increases the

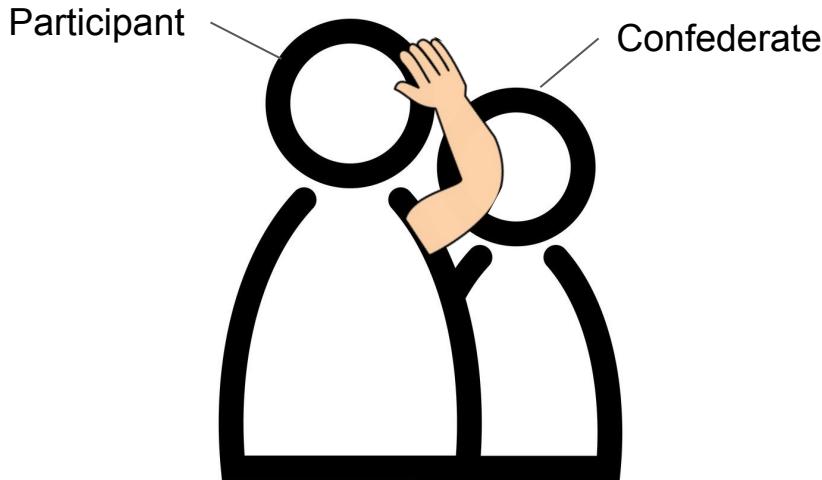
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Chameleon effect

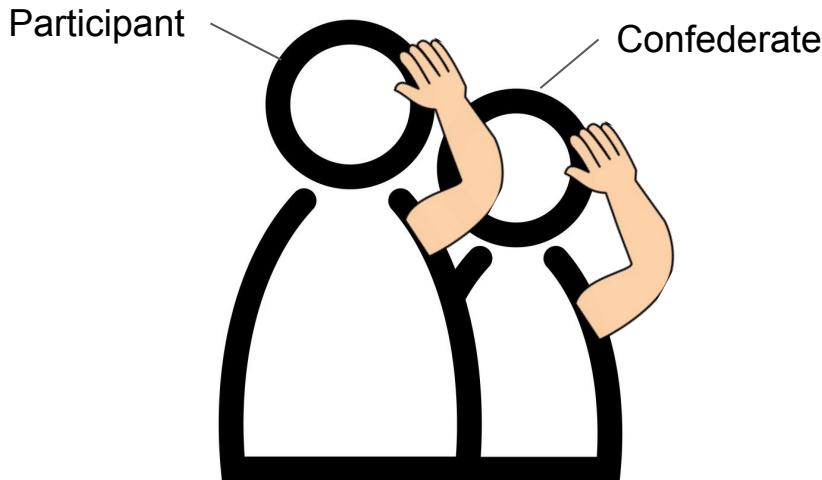
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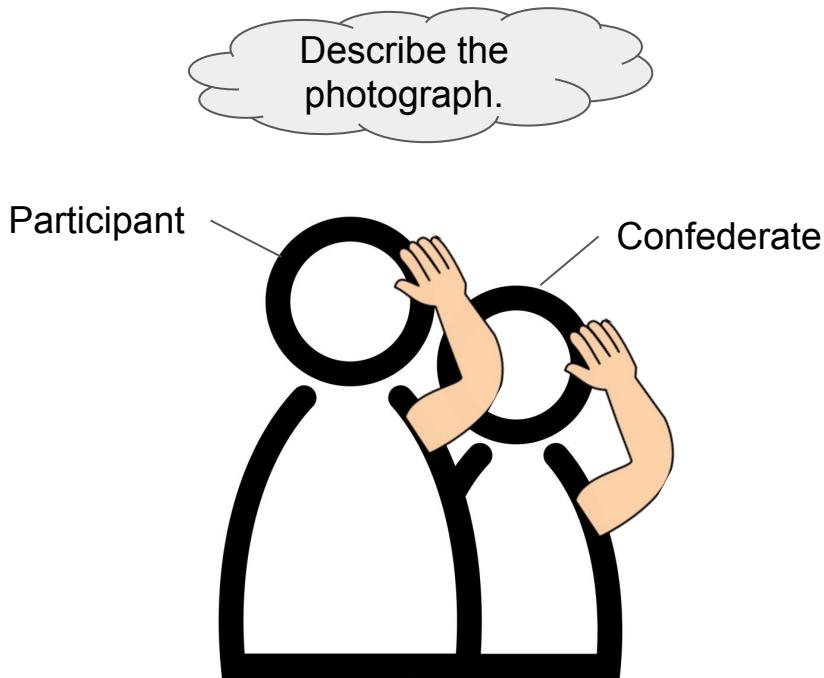
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Mimicry Condition

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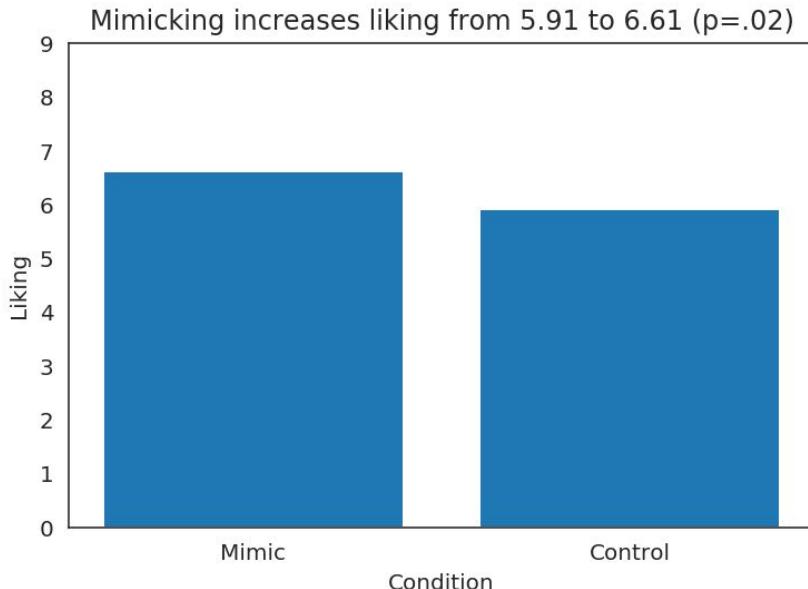


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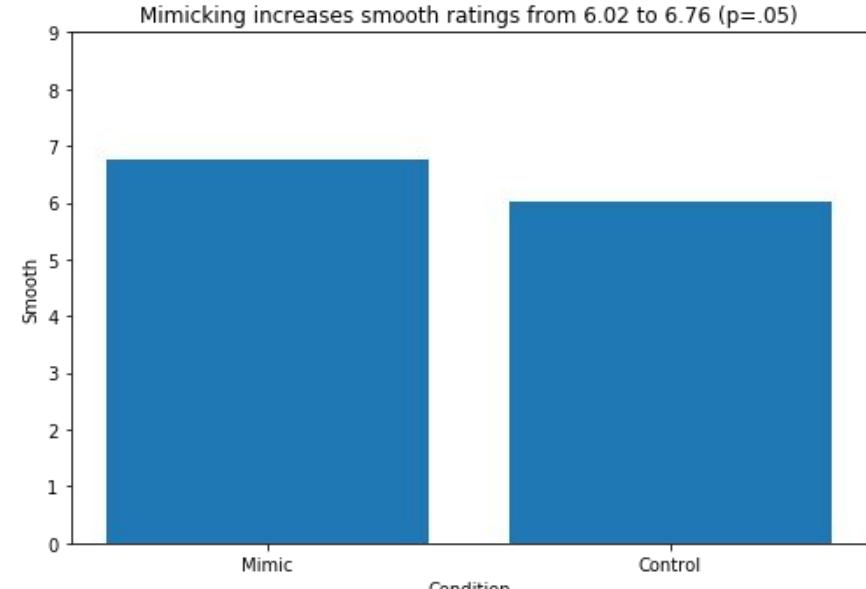
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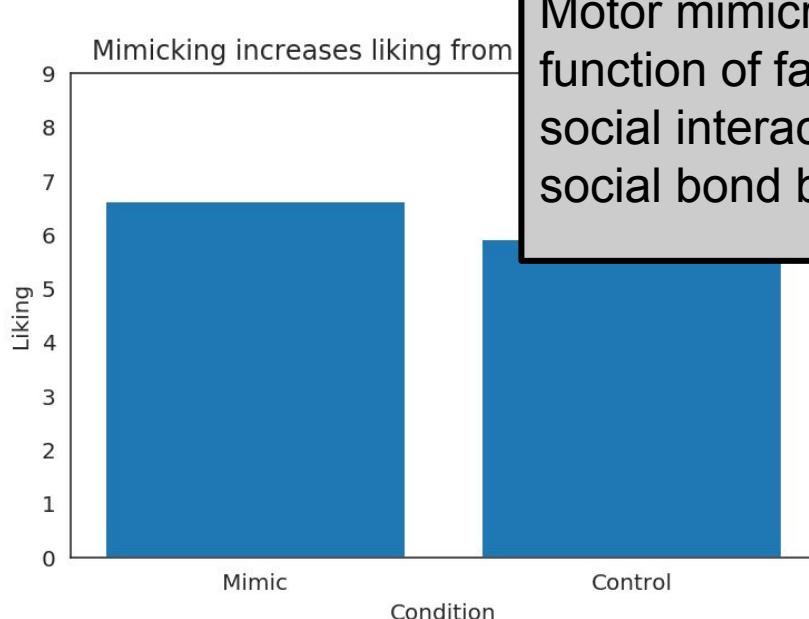


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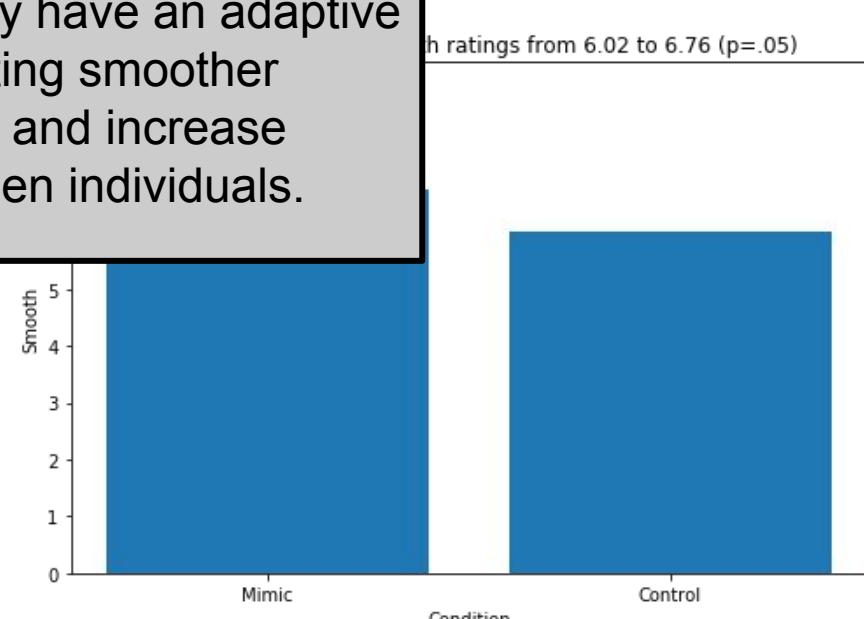


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Motor mimicry may have an adaptive function of facilitating smoother social interactions and increase social bond between individuals.

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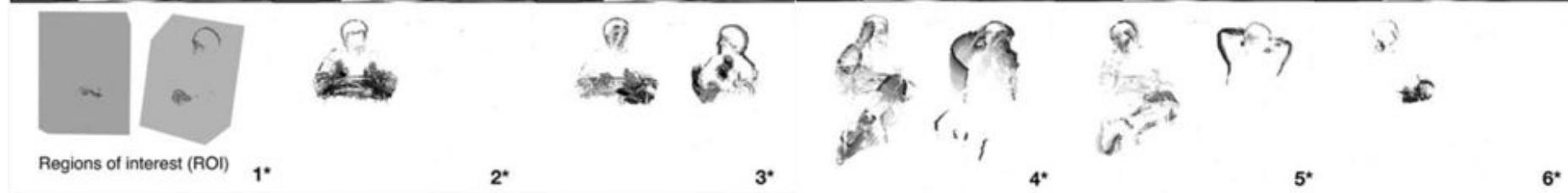
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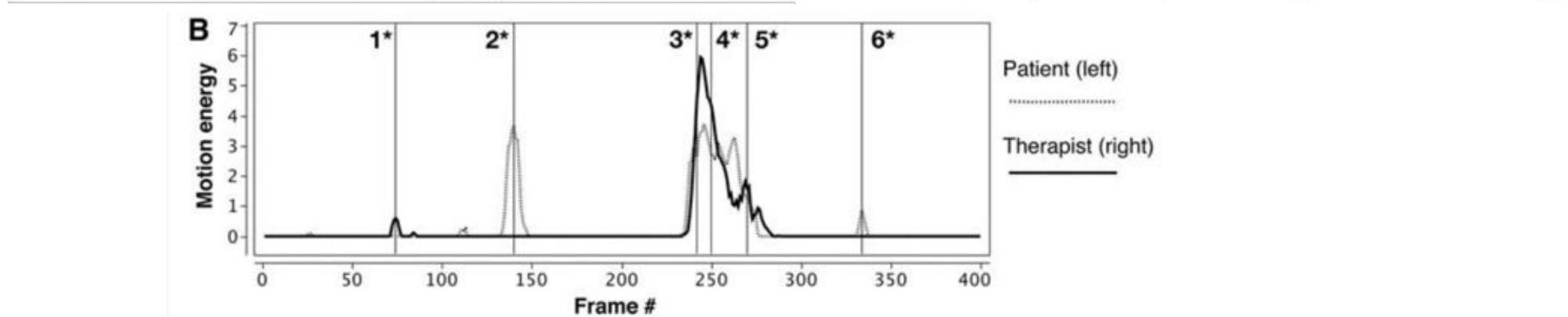


70 patients, on average 38 sessions Synchrony of Motion energy

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Regions of interest (ROI)

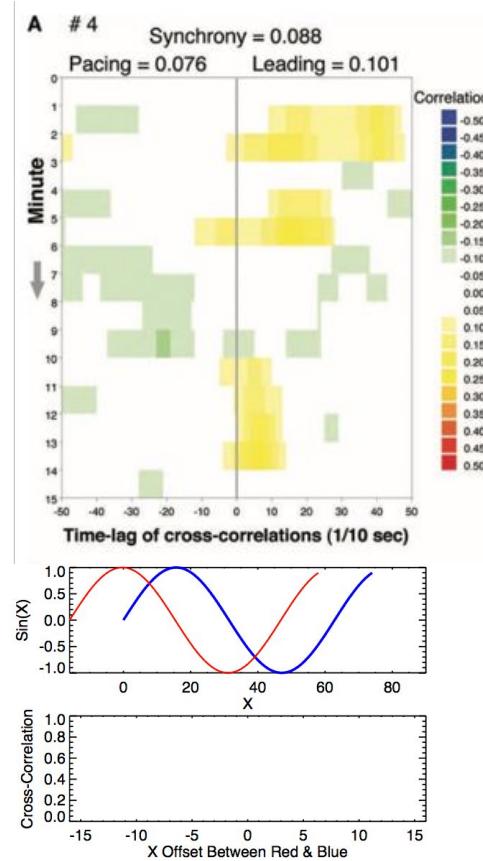




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Low synchrony

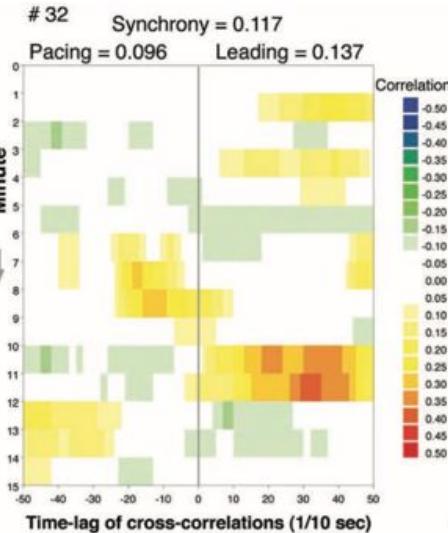
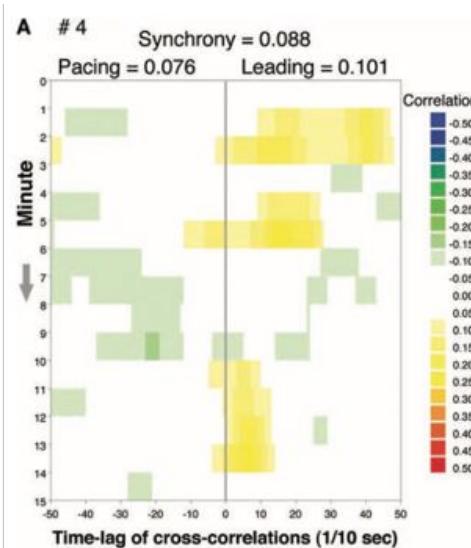




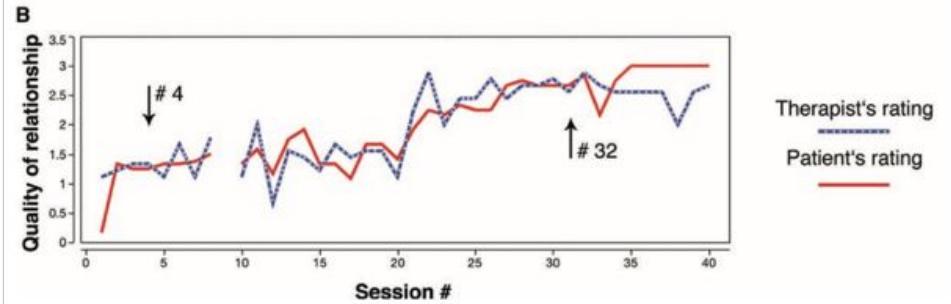
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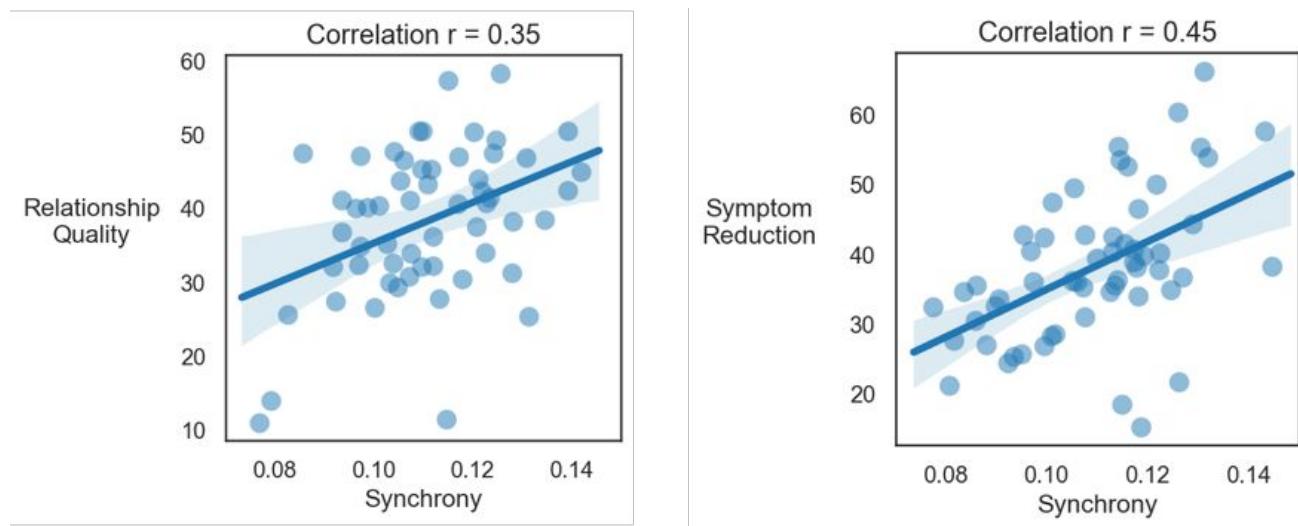
High synchrony





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Higher doctor-patient synchrony predicts better relationships and therapy outcomes.

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Network measured in November

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Synchrony of neural activity

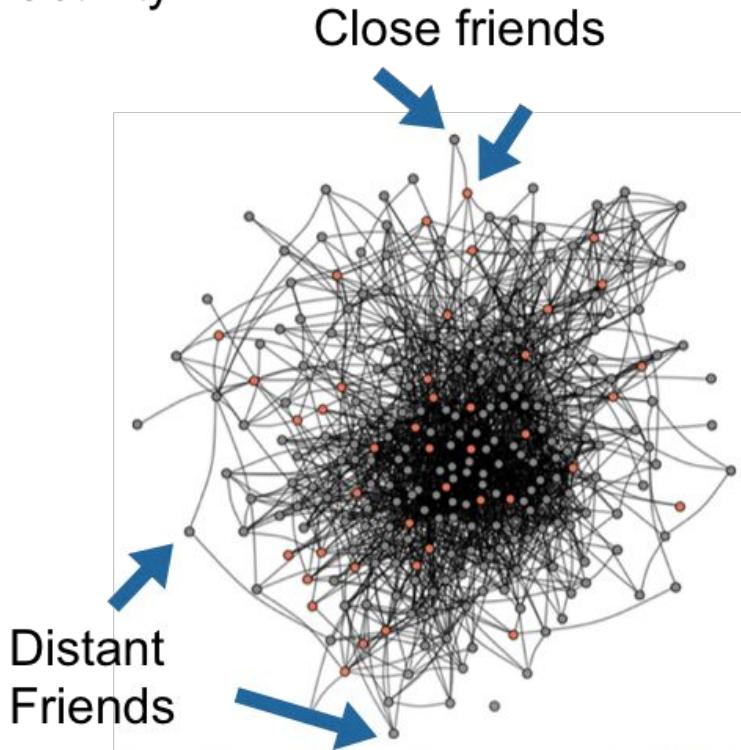


Fig. 1 Social network. The social network of an entire cohort of first-year graduate students was reconstructed based on a survey completed by all students in the cohort ($N = 279$; 100% response rate). Nodes indicate students; lines indicate mutually reported social ties between them. A subset of students (orange circles; $N = 42$) participated in the fMRI study.

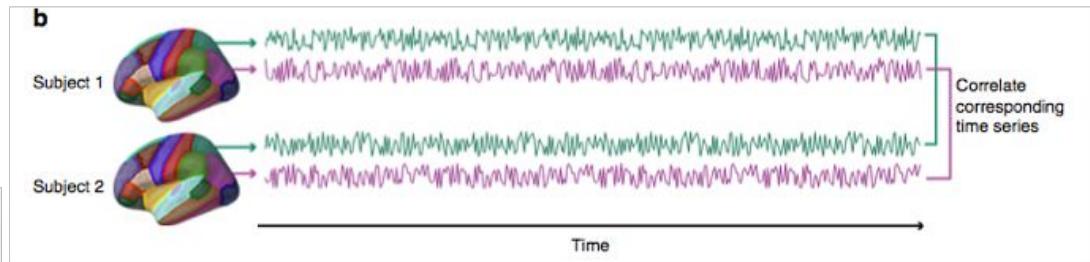


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fMRI collected next February
(3 months after network response collected)

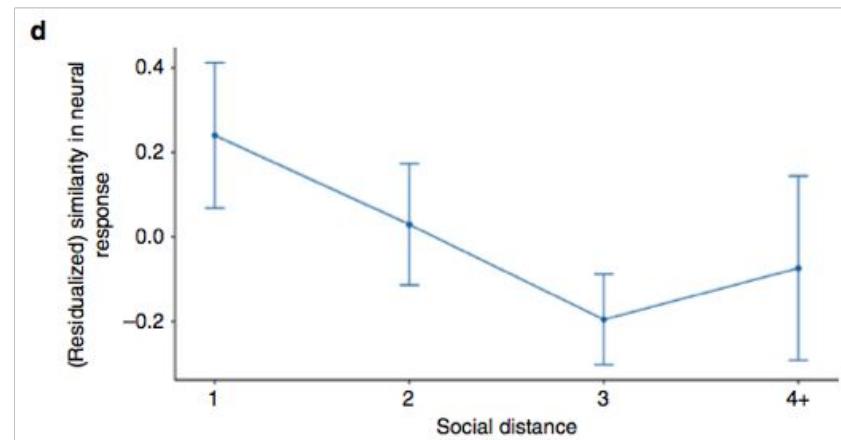
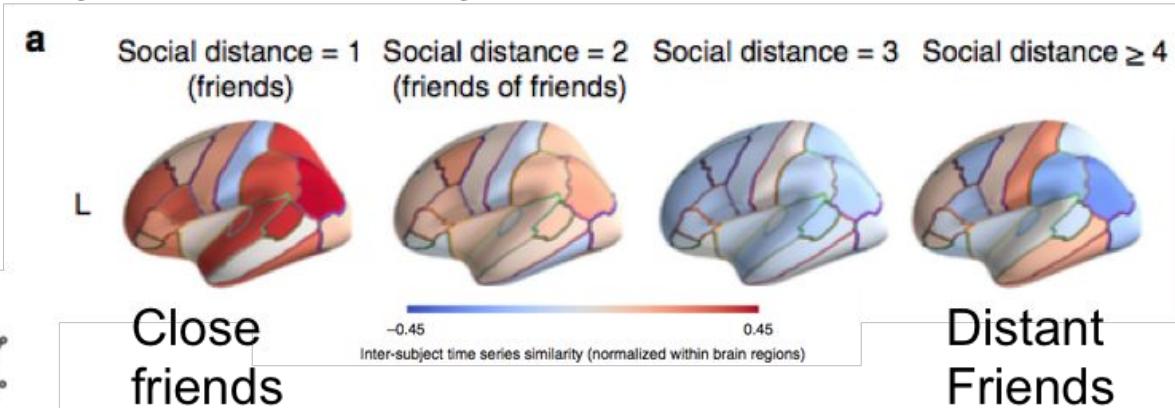
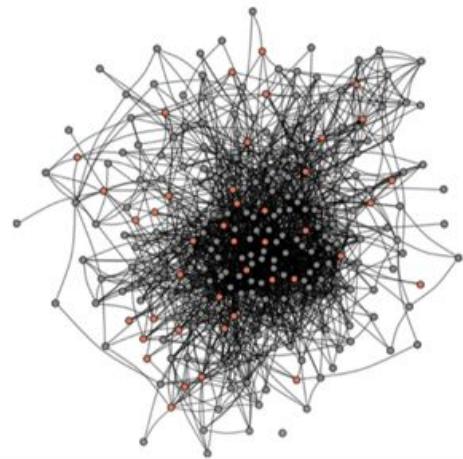


Example of videos used in study



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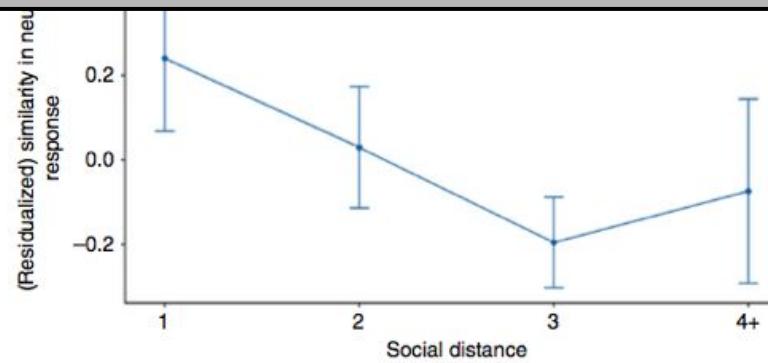
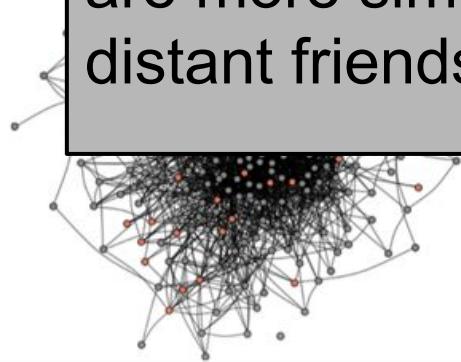
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(friends) (friends of friends)



Neural response to video clips watched alone
are more similar between close friends than
distant friends.





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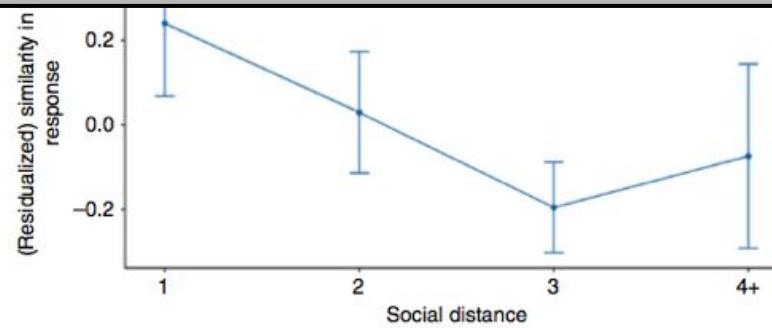
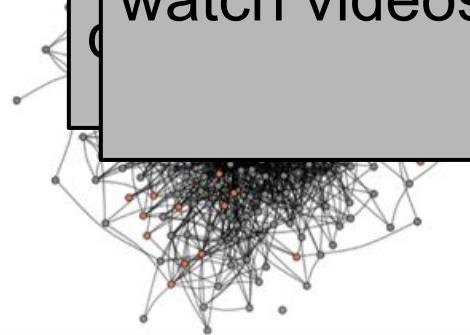
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What happens in a natural setting where you watch videos with another person?





Sushmita Sadhukha



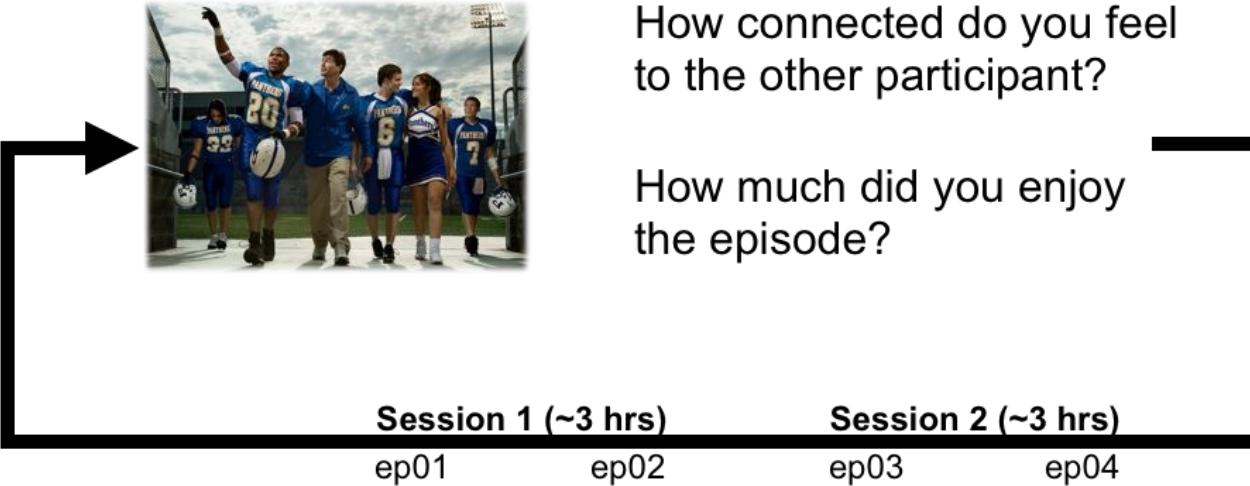
Zainab Molani



Luke Chang

Synchrony of emotions through facial expressions



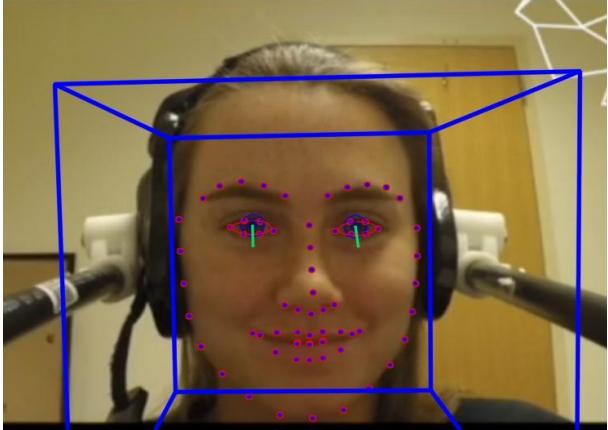


Group 1
(Dyad)
n = 64



Can we predict their connection from their emotional reactions?



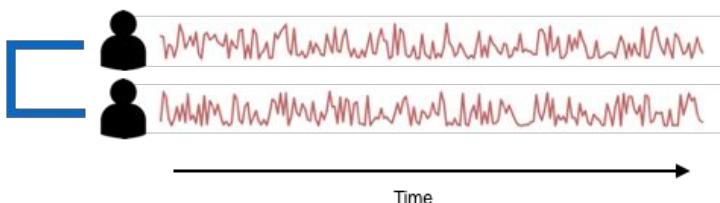


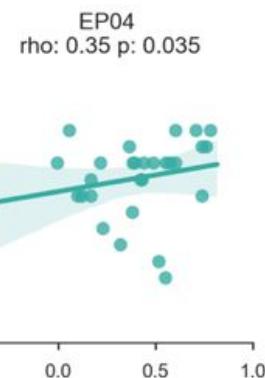
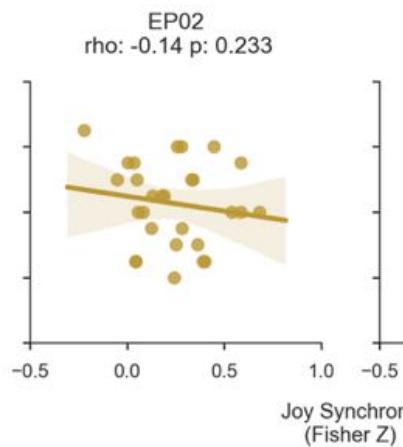
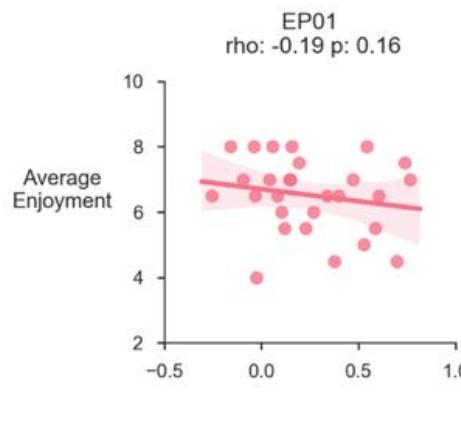
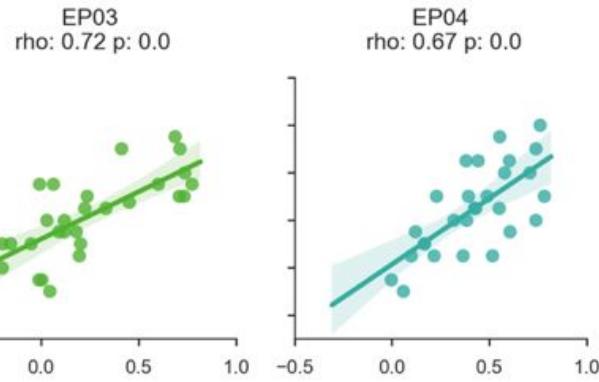
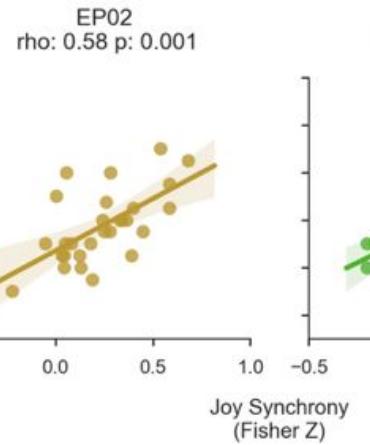
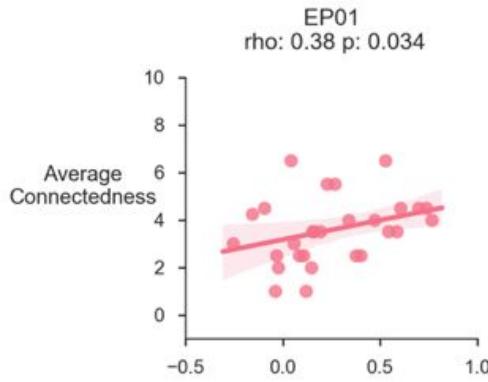
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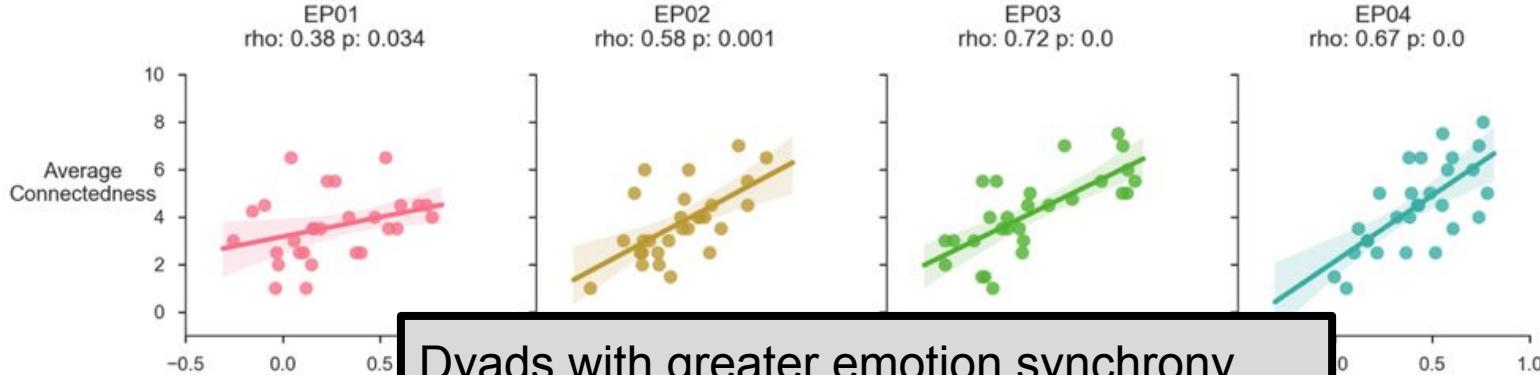
Synchrony of Dyad Pairs



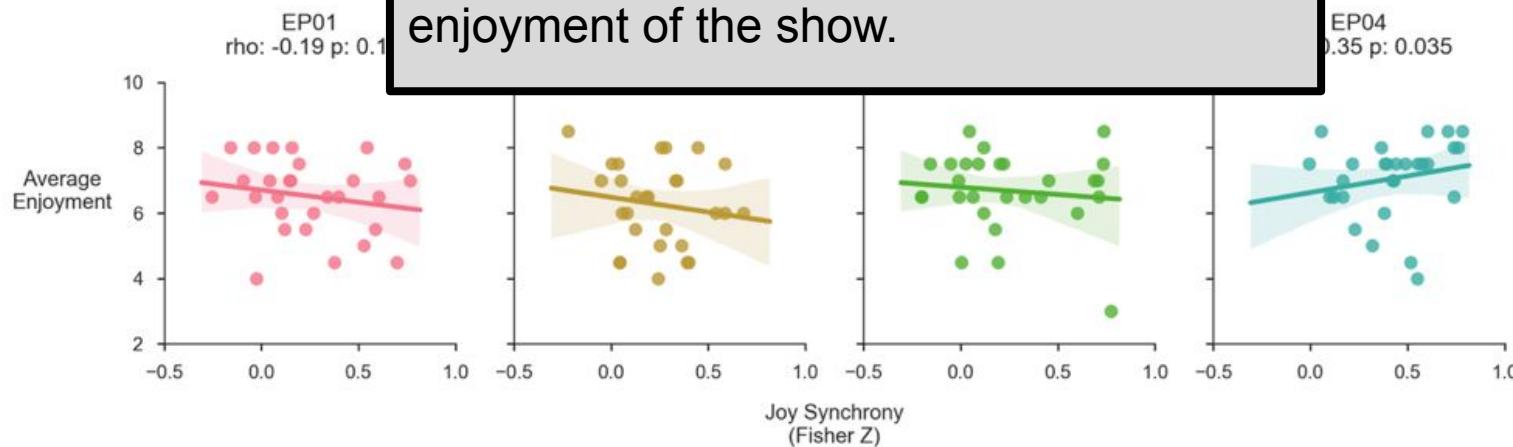
Joy Facial Expressions







Dyads with greater emotion synchrony
felt more connected to each other
but emotion synchrony did not affect
enjoyment of the show.



Please decide how to divide your support between these two fundraising campaigns.

Donate to Option 1

Donate to Option 2

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Stephanie's College Tuition

Who am I?

Hi, my name is Stephanie Mercado and I'm a first-generation college student enrolled to attend CSU Monterey Bay this Fall. I have worked very hard over the last four years to pursue my passion of becoming a veterinarian. I am also excited to discover all of the new opportunities my experience at CSU Monterey Bay will offer.

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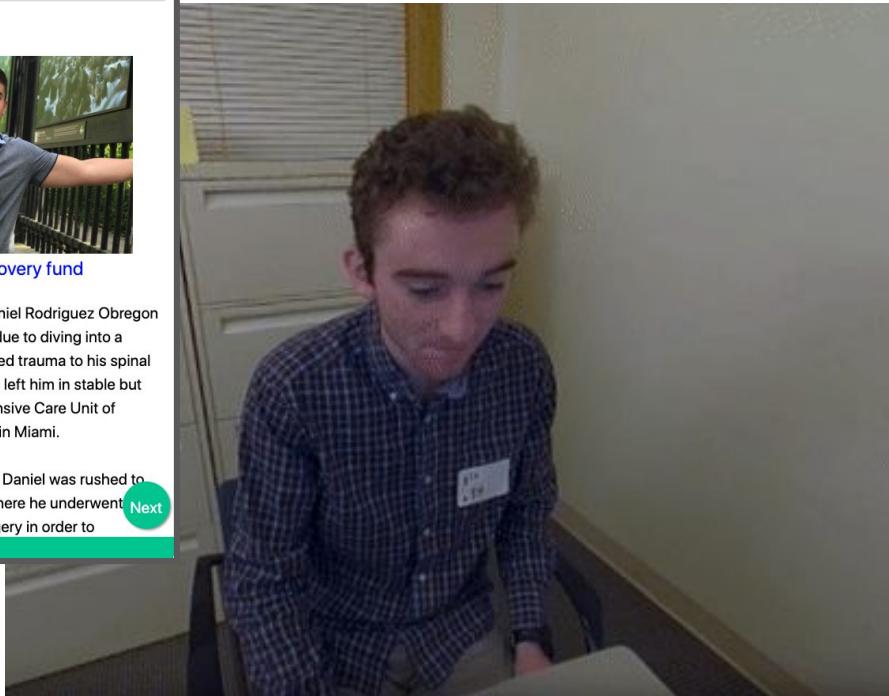
Daniel Rodriguez - Recovery fund

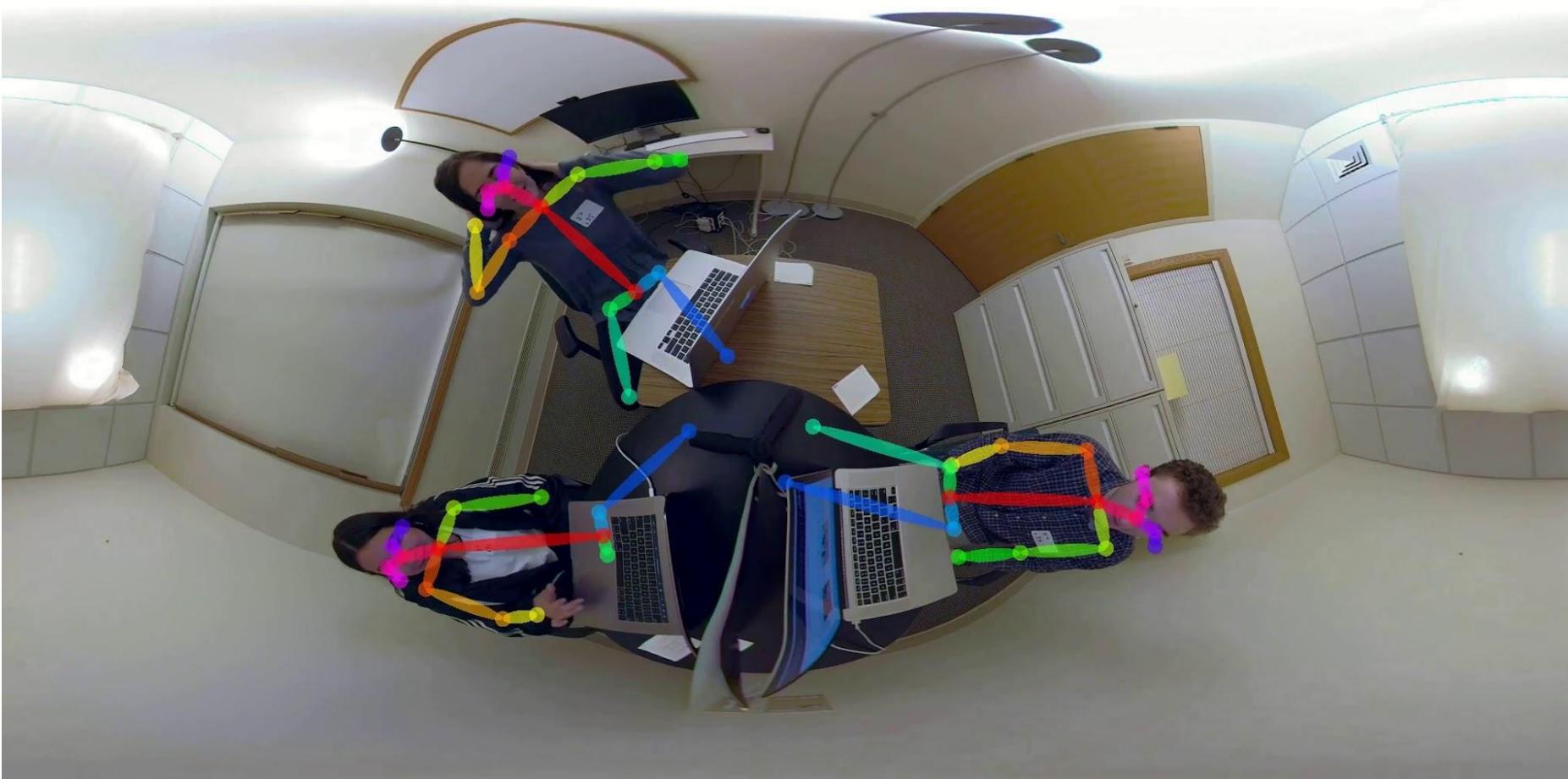
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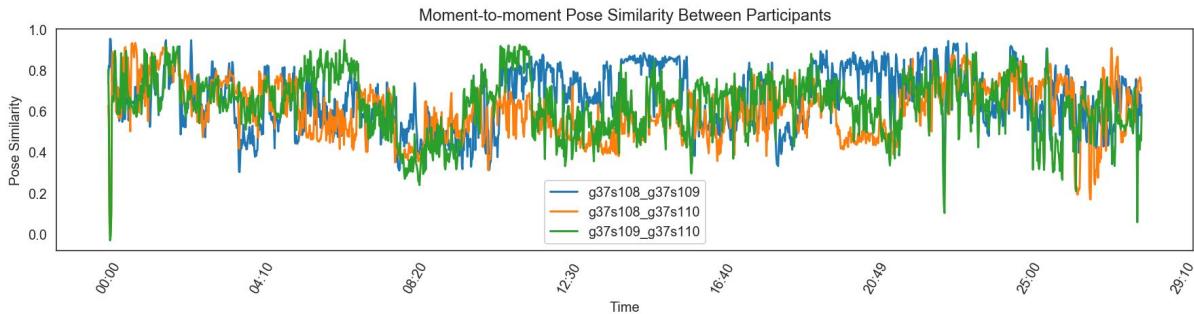
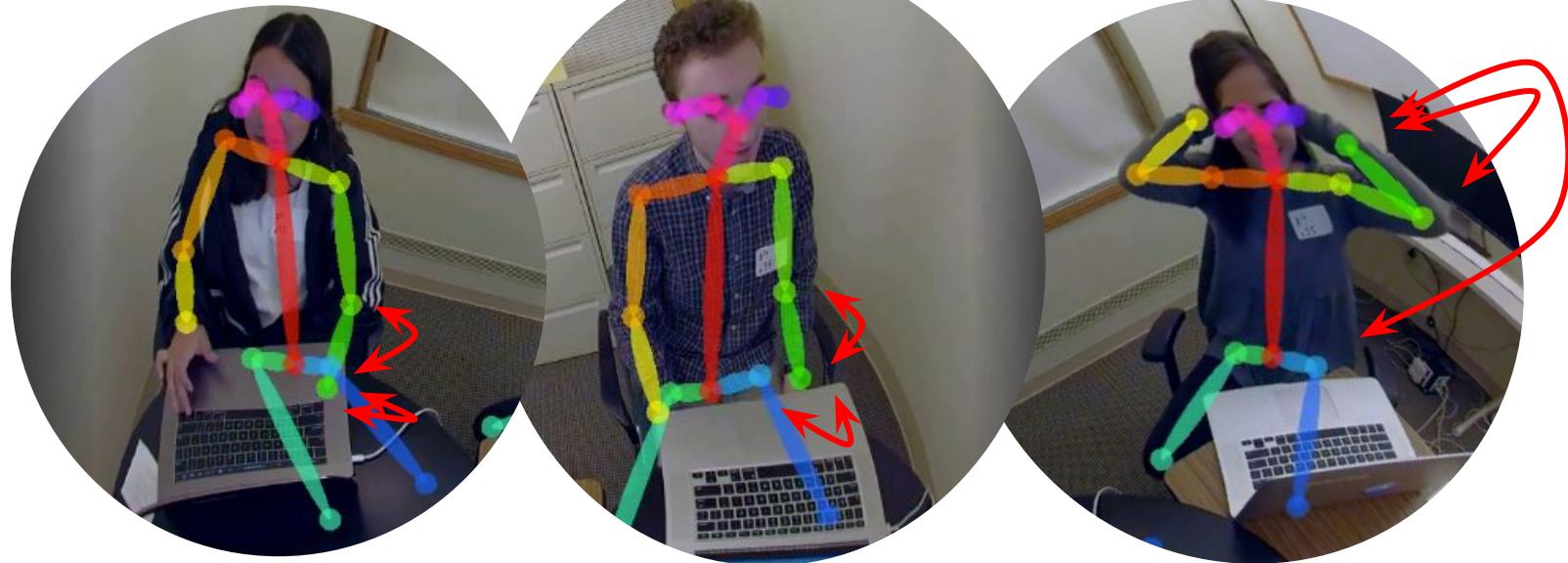
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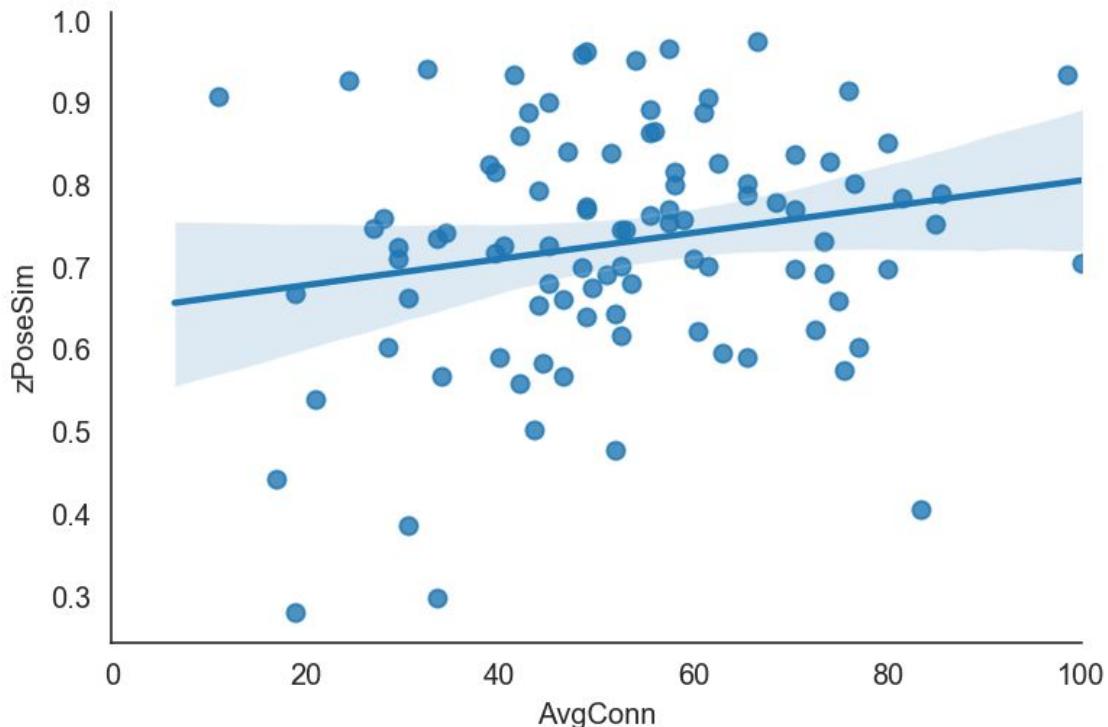


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Pose Sim X Avg Conn r: 0.22, p: 0.031



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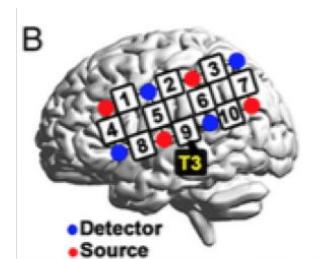
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Neural synchrony in discussions

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Leaderless
Group Discussion
5 minutes



fNIRS (functional Near Infrared Spectroscopy)
Measurement of local hemodynamic effect

Independent raters
rate who the leader was

Leader



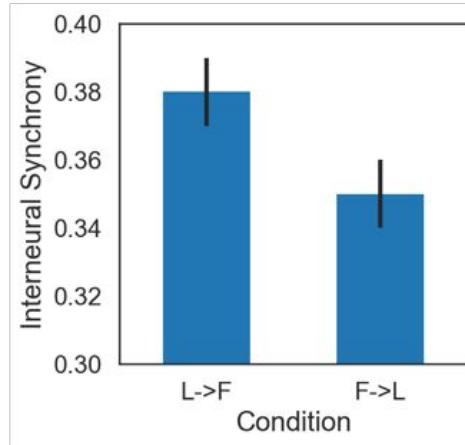
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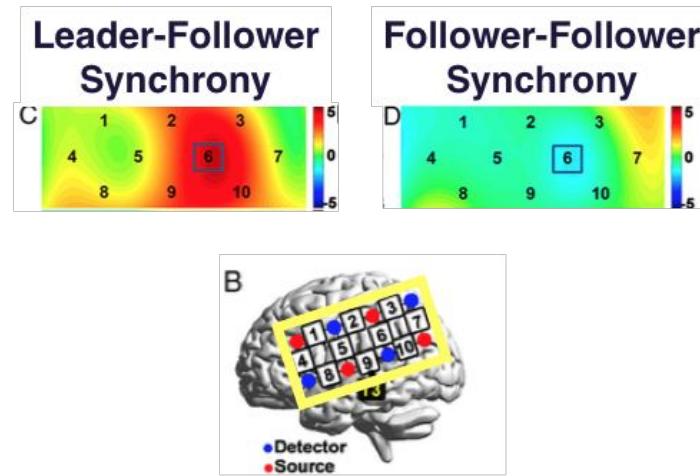


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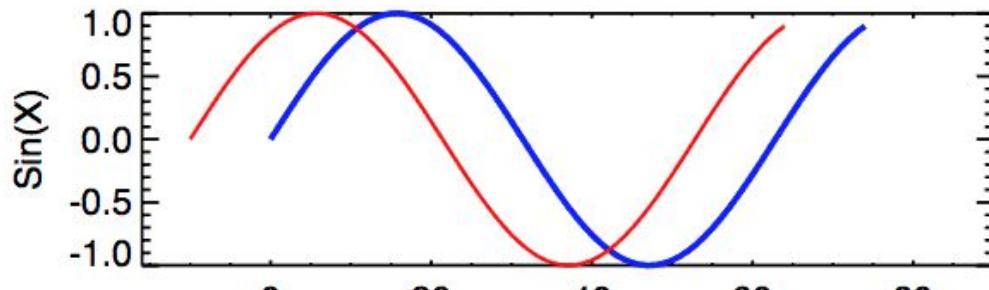


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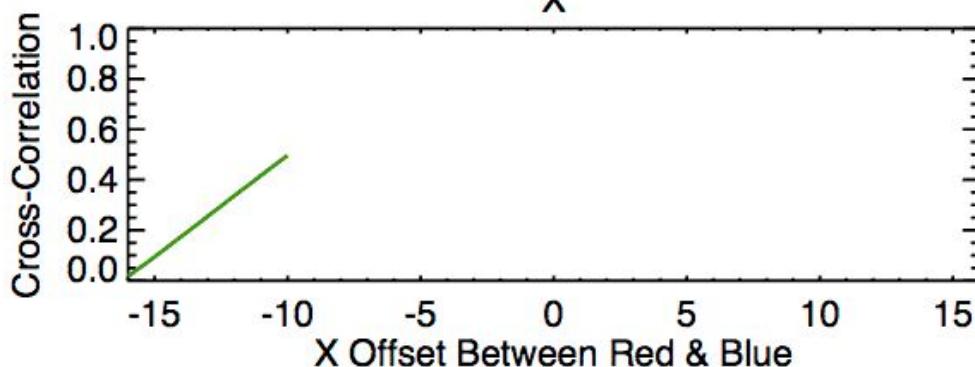


Greater neural synchrony (more red) along TPJ between Leader-Follower than between Follower-Follower

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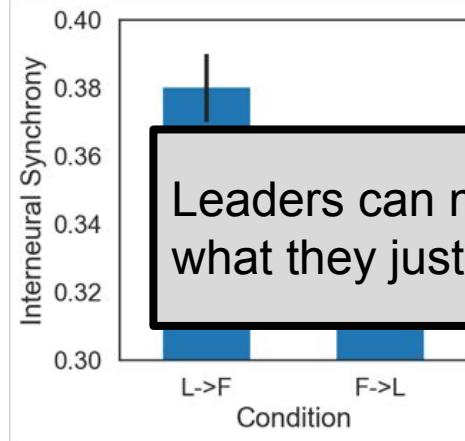
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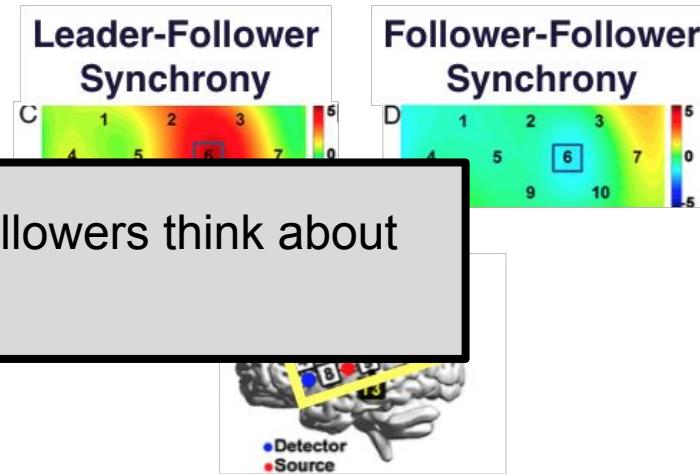


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Leaders can make followers think about what they just said.



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2. Click the play button which will install the necessary programs on a virtual notebook!

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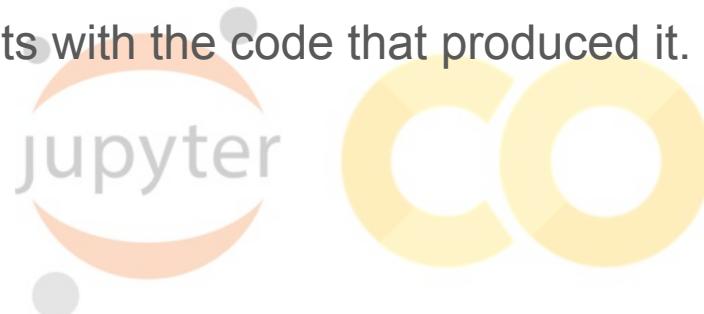
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Pose Detection with OpenFace  
This notebook uses an open source project OpenFace by Tadas Baltrusaitis to detect and track multi-person head movements on a given Youtube video. This notebook was inspired by DL-CoLab-Notebooks.  
Install OpenFace  
The first code snippet installs all the necessary dependencies and may take a while (30~40 minutes). Go make  
watch some Youtube videos to find the clips you'd like to extract facial features from while your environment se  
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Installation takes ~40 min.

Google Colab

Free computing cluster - Think Google Docs for coding!

- Free 12 GB of RAM memory!
- Free GPU (for 12 hours)!
- Download and install software without filling up your laptop.
- Share code with friends.
- Organize your results with the code that produced it.



Why use automated feature extraction?

Pros

- ~~No~~Less elbow grease required.
- Reliable & Reproducible.
- Analyze every frame of video.

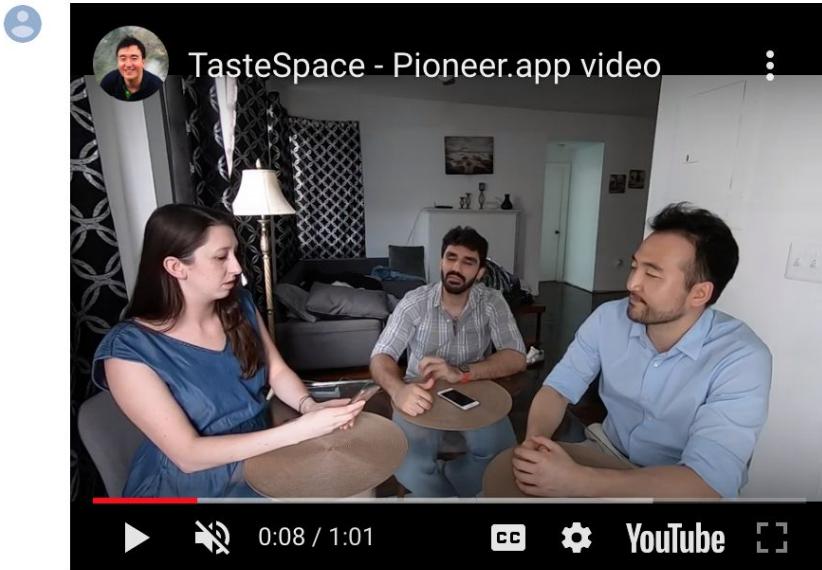
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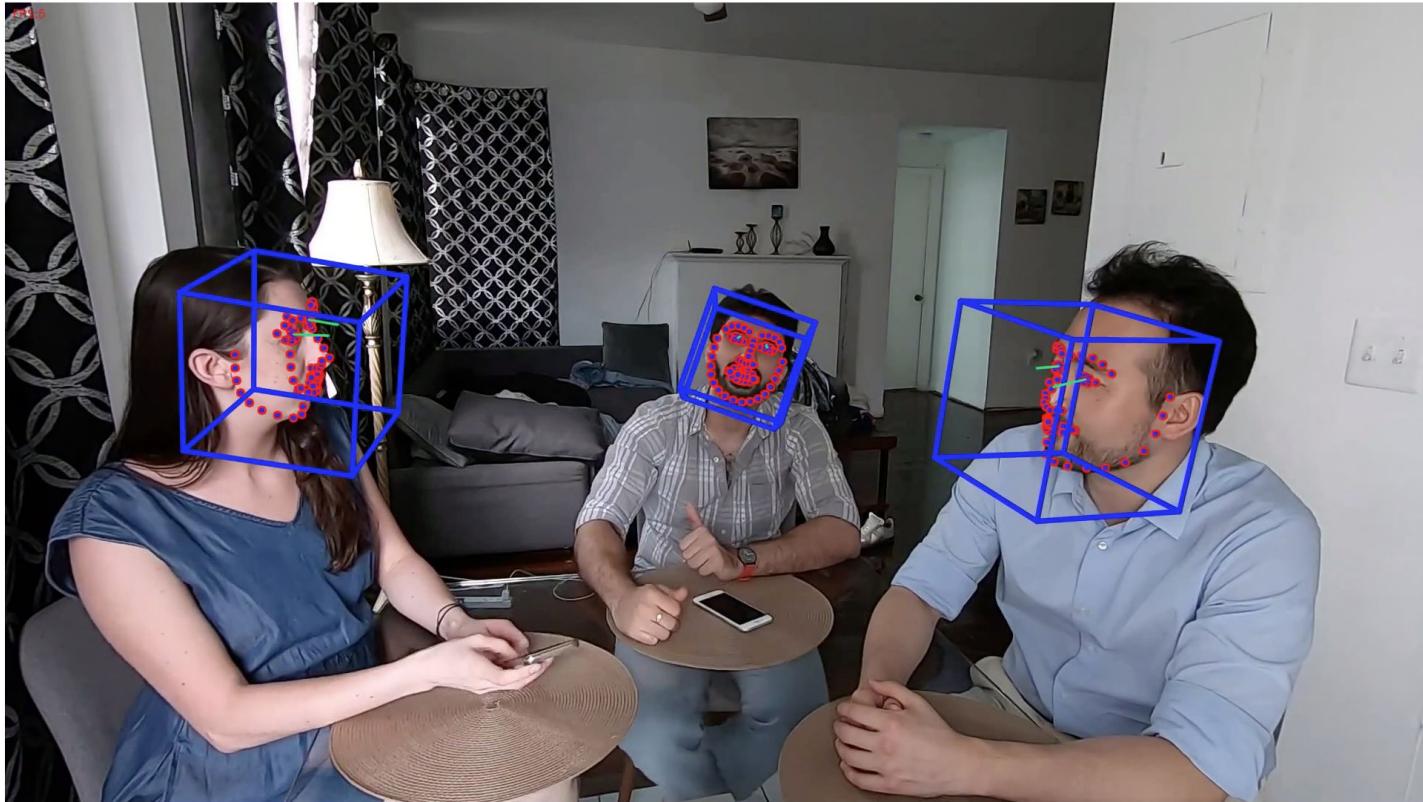
- Requires computing power.
- Limited by the model.

▼ Detect poses on a test video

We are going to detect facial features on the following Youtube video:

```
[ ] from IPython.display import YouTubeVideo  
  
# Change the YouTube_ID with the link to your group's video.  
YOUTUBE_ID = 'XtA6FQz8BHQ'  
  
YouTubeVideo(YOUTUBE_ID)
```







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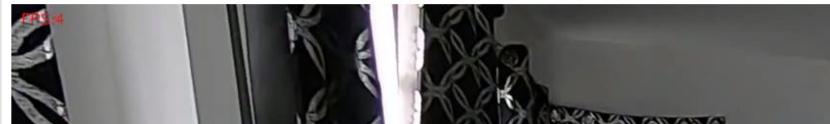
- ..
- OpenFace
- processed
- sample_data
- cmake-3.13.0-Linux-x86_64.tar.gz
- output.mp4
- video.mp4
- youtube.mp4

- Download
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- Refresh

Finally, visualize the result:

```
[102] def show_local_mp4_video(file_name, width=640, height=480):
        import io
        import base64
        from IPython.display import HTML
        video_encoded = base64.b64encode(io.open(file_name, "rb").read())
        return HTML(data='''<video width="{0}" height="{1}">
                            <source src="data:video/mp4;base64,{2}" />
                        </video>'').format(width, height, video_encoded)
```

```
show_local_mp4_video('output.mp4', width=960, height=720)
```



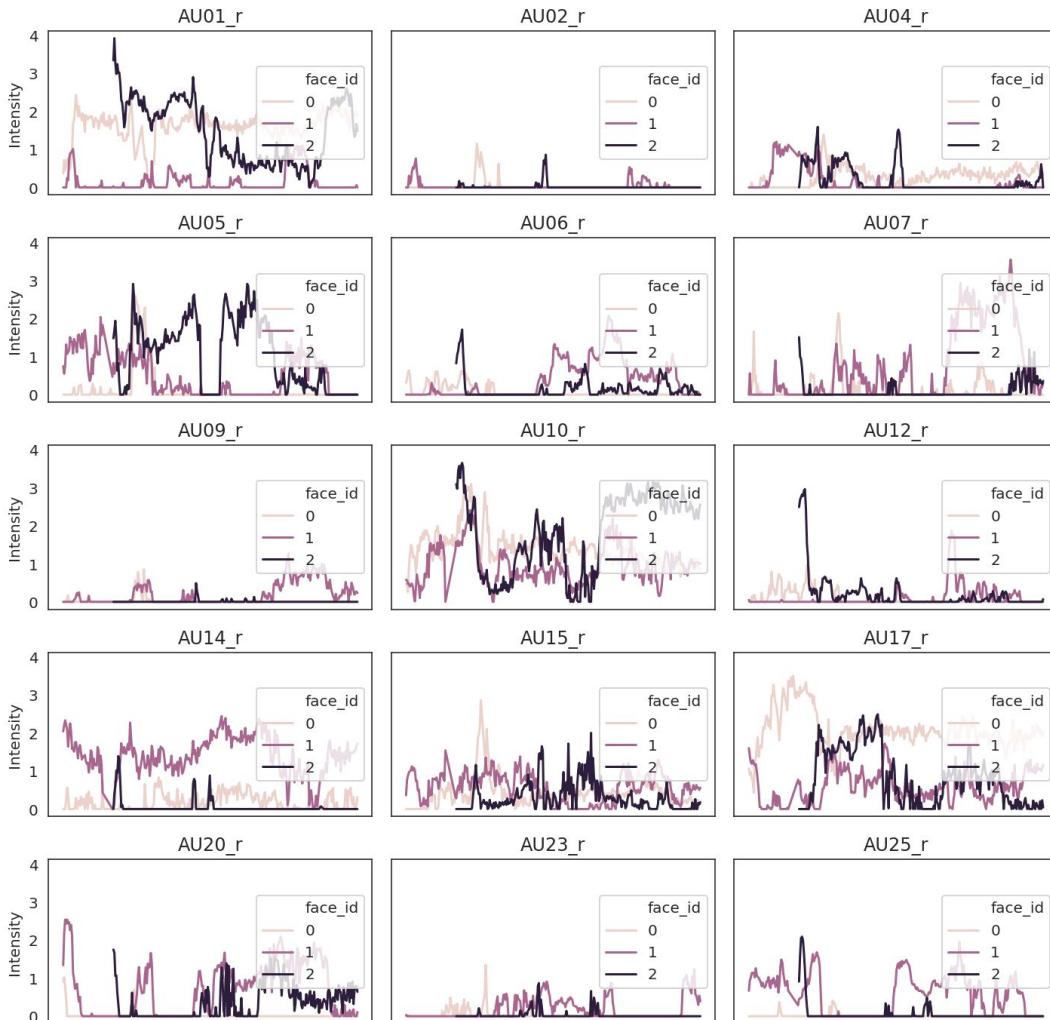
AU intensity predictions by time for each face

Upper Face Action Units

AU 1	AU 2	AU 4	AU 5	AU 6
Inner Brow Raiser	Outer Brow Raiser	Brow Lowerer	Upper Lid Raiser	Cheek Raiser
*AU 41	*AU 42	*AU 43	AU 44	AU 45
Lid Droop	Slit	Eyes Closed	Squint	Blink

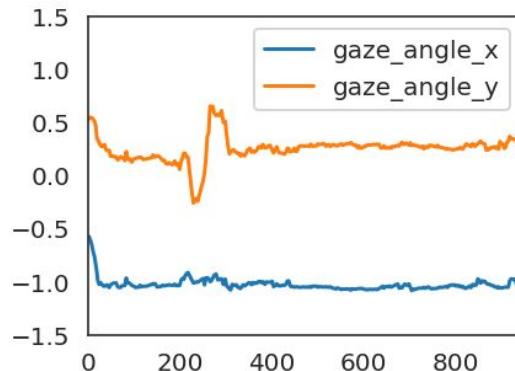
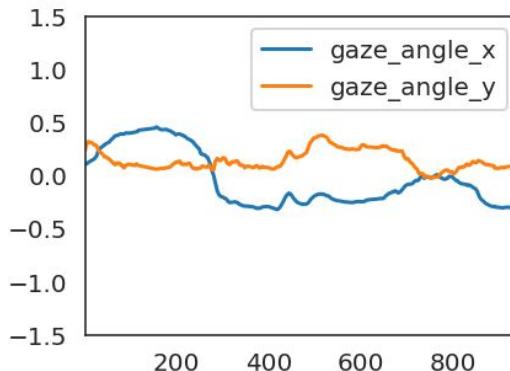
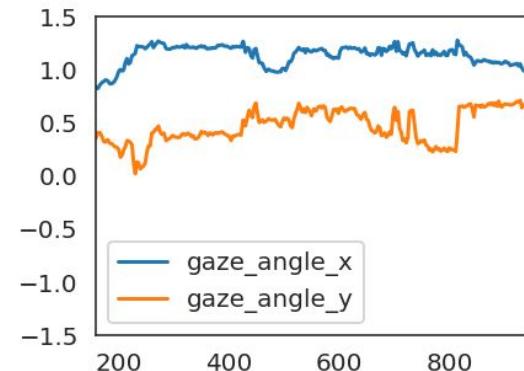
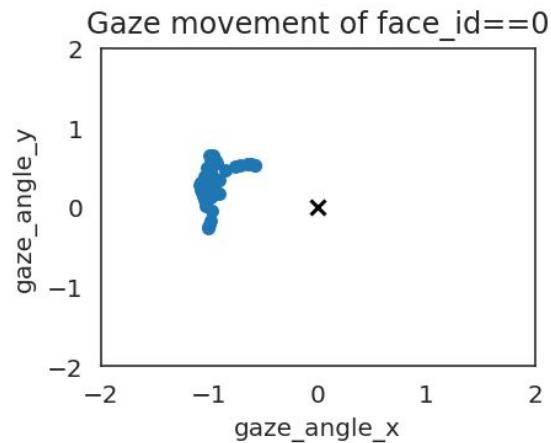
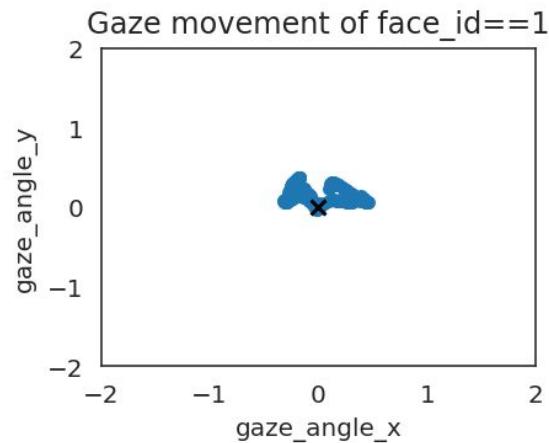
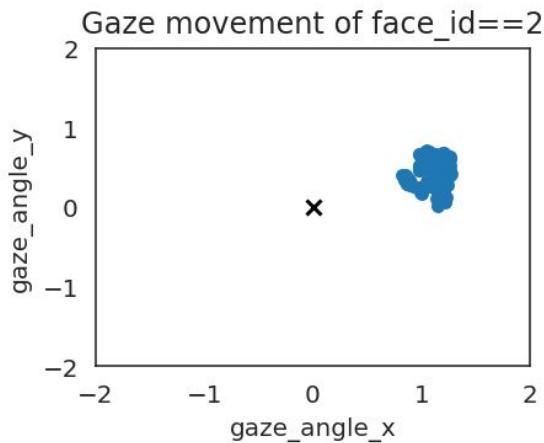
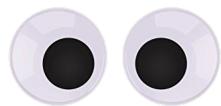
Lower Face Action Units

AU 9	AU 10	AU 11	AU 12	AU 13
Nose Wrinkler	Upper Lip Raiser	Nasolabial Deepener	Lip Corner Puller	Cheek Puffer
AU 15	AU 16	AU 17	AU 18	AU 20
Lip Corner Depressor	Lower Lip Depressor	Chin Raiser	Lip Puckerer	Lip Stretcher
AU 23	AU 24	*AU 25	*AU 26	*AU 27
Lip Tightener	Lip Pressor	Lips Part	Jaw Drop	Mouth Stretch



Let's compare how much AU12 (smiling) activity occurs at similar times across people.
df_clean.pivot(index='frame', columns='face_id', values='AU12_r').corr()

face_id	0	1	2
face_id			
0	1.000000	-0.145006	0.451838
1	-0.145006	1.000000	-0.124261
2	0.451838	-0.124261	1.000000



Resources

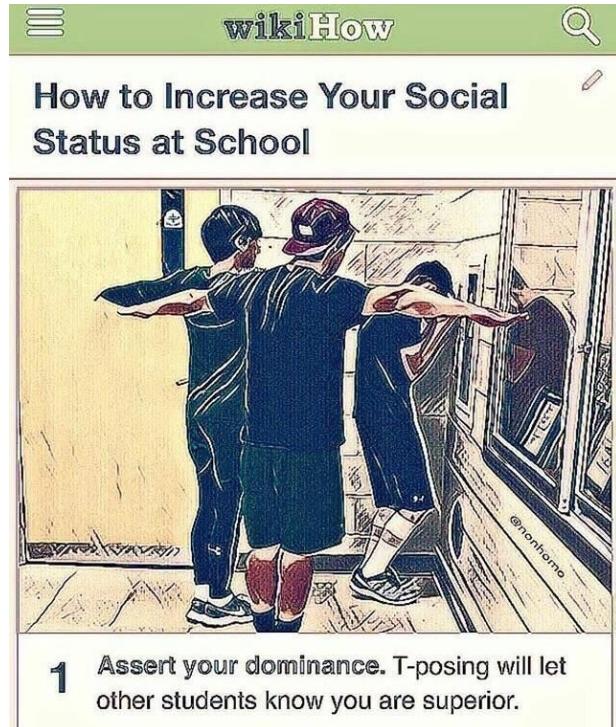
[Learn about the package OpenFace](#)

[Colab notebook for extracting faces.](#)

[Learn about the package OpenPose](#)

[Colab notebook for extracting pose data.](#)

[Tutorial on four different ways of analyze synchrony.](#)



The screenshot shows a mobile version of the wikiHow website. At the top, there's a green header bar with three horizontal lines on the left, the "wikiHow" logo in the center, and a magnifying glass icon on the right. Below the header, the title "How to Increase Your Social Status at School" is displayed in bold black text. Under the title, there's a sub-section heading "1 Assert your dominance." followed by the first step: "T-posing will let other students know you are superior." To the left of the text, there's a cartoon illustration of three boys standing near a bus, with one boy in the foreground pointing his finger towards the others.