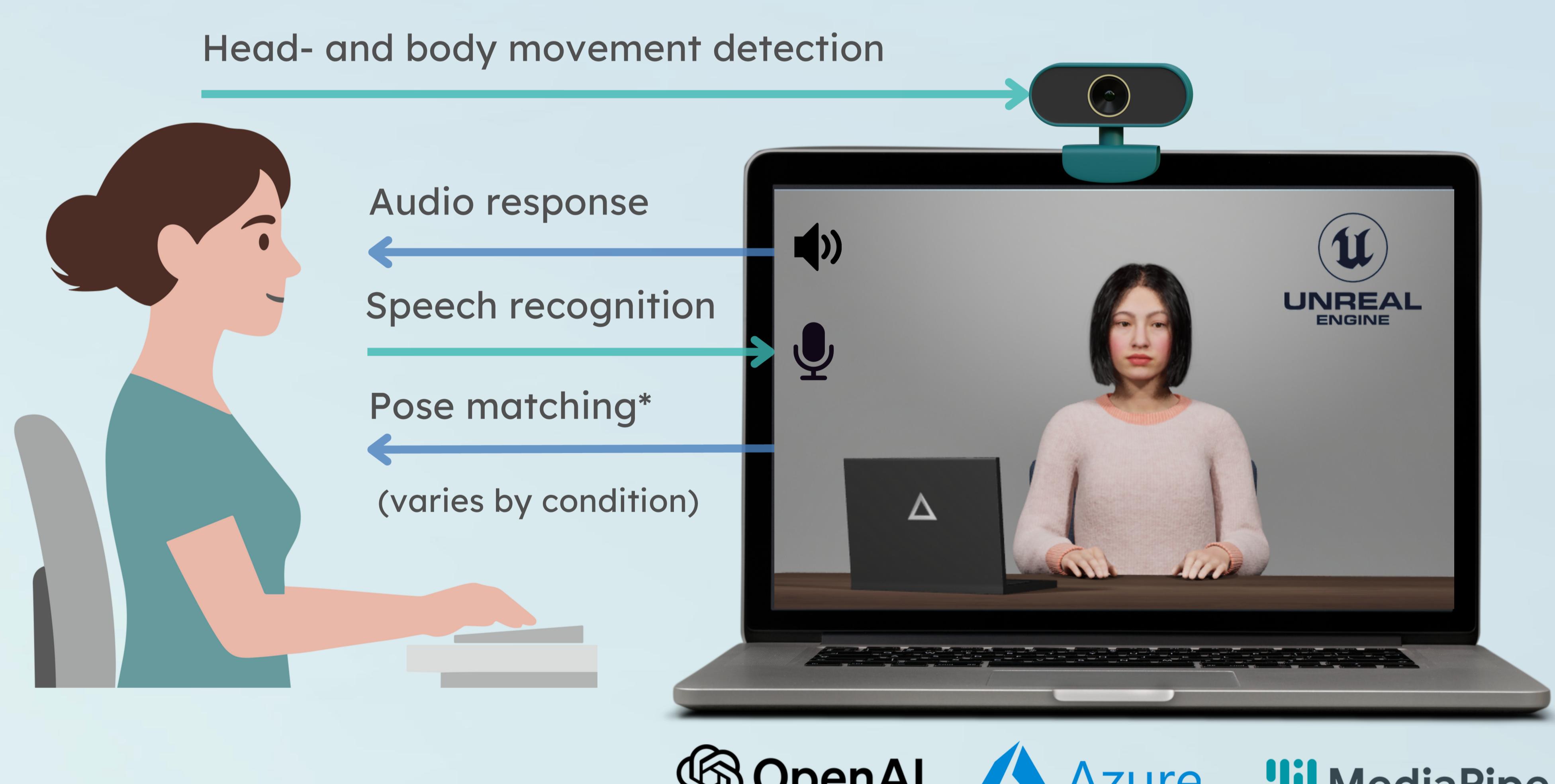
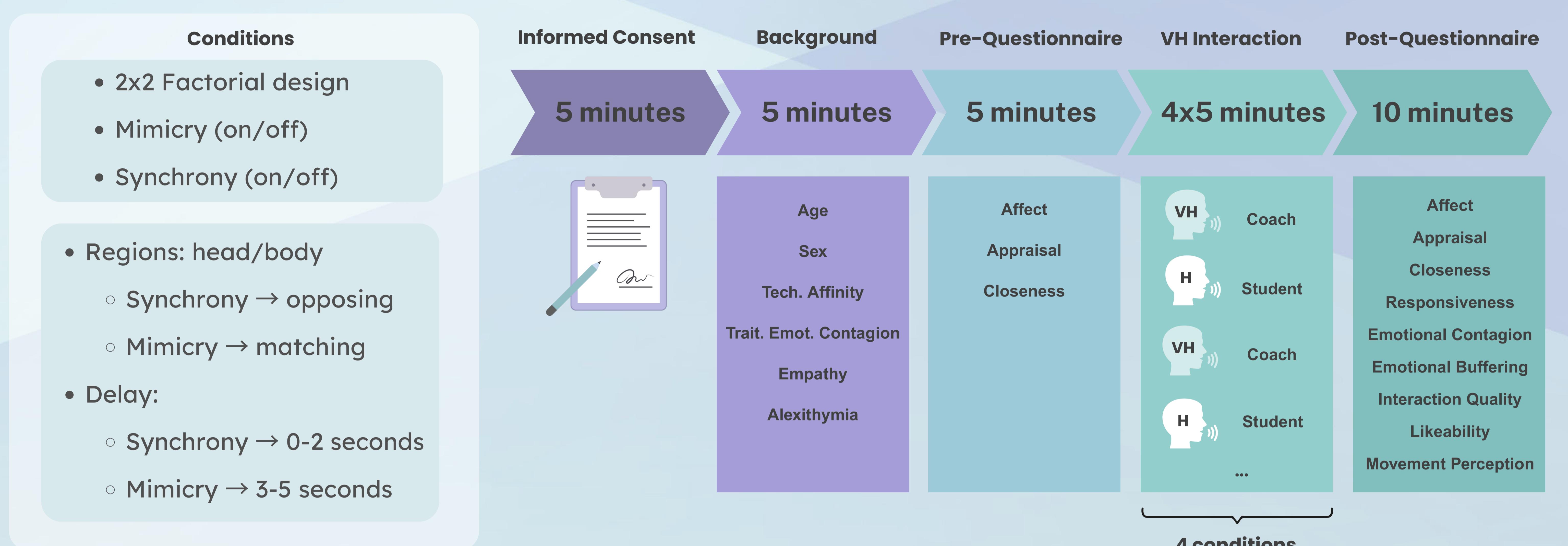


MIMICRY AND SYNCHRONY IN EMOTION REGULATION AND BONDING: A HUMAN-VIRTUAL HUMAN INTERACTION STUDY

How do the form and timing of nonverbal coordination contribute to emotional and relational outcomes in human-virtual human interaction?

- Nonverbal coordination shapes communication outcomes like trust, rapport, and emotional contagion [1-3]
- It involves two dimensions: form (mimicry) and timing (synchrony) [3-4]
- Their individual effects are hard to separate in natural interaction.
- Virtual humans allow precise control of form and timing.
- Insights can advance understanding of nonverbal coordination and its components...
- While also improving virtual humans' nonverbal behavior, which lags behind verbal communication.



- Task**
- Task: Emotional discussion
 - Virtual Human: Coach
 - Participant: Student
 - Role of VH: offering emotional support, focused on validating feelings.
 - Topics: academic stress, loneliness, feeling down, uncertainty about future (study/career).

Participants

- N = 80
- University students

Analysis

- Primary analyses will use linear mixed-effects models with Mimicry, Synchrony, and their interaction as predictors for outcome variables related to bonding and emotion regulation.
- Participants' nonverbal behavior will be analyzed as a possible mediator for the outcomes.

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