# Continuous gesture control of audio and visual media

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# Motivations - Context

- Expressive gestural control of digital media
  - Embodiment in music
  - Musical Expression (NIME)
- Applications in music and performing arts
  - Artistic and pedagogical applications
  - New interfaces (cell phone, Wii, etc)
- from « triggering » to « following »
  - push the button
  - lead the electronic music

### Goals

- <u>Hyp:</u> Gesture « meaning » is in temporal evolutions
- Real-time gesture analysis :
  - gesture following: time progression of the performed gesture
  - recognition/characterization: similarity of the performed gesture to prerecorded gestures
- Requirements
  - simple learning procedure, with a single example
  - adaptation to the user idiosyncrasies
  - continuous analysis from the beginning of the gestures



# Time Profile Modeling: HMM

Markov Models



Gesture ?

- Any datastream of continuous parameters
- typically 0.1 to 1000 Hz
- from motion capture systems:
  - image descriptors
  - accelerometers, gyroscope, magnetometers
- from sound descriptors
  - pitch, loudness
  - mfccs, ...
- multimodal data

# Music Pedagogy Applications

• Continuous control of audio



# Music Pedagogy Applications



### **Artistic Applications**

#### augmented string quartet (StreicherKreis - Florence Baschet)



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# Artistic Applications

• Dance performance - Continuous control of video



#### Implementation



+ FTMCo and Mubu Library : real time control of multimodal data and sound synthesis.

# Conclusions

- Reliable system for realtime
  - continuous time warping (time progression)
  - time profile characterization based on comparison with examples, recognition possible
- Successfully implemented in artistic and pedagogical applications in performing arts
- Current work:
  - anticipation, prediction
  - adaptive system
- Demos at Barcamp

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