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What your moves say about you: Action-perception dynamics and mental health

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In this presentation, we will emphasize the informational nature of human coordination, together with its consequences for the understanding of how the way we move reveals who we are. The notion of Individual Motor Signature (IMS) will be presented, reducing to one low-dimensional variable the interaction of multiple degrees of freedom at various levels of the human body. A novel way to evaluate how these signatures are influenced, when interacting in a dyad or in a group, by physical and movement similarity, social competences and mental deficits, will be introduced. We will present a recently developed digital architecture that modulates IMS in real-time during social interaction with artificial agents (avatars and robots), and we will show how this architecture can be used for the rehabilitation of patients suffering from mental and social disorders.

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