

# SoniBand: Understanding the Effects of Metaphorical Movement Sonifications on Body Perception and Physical Activity

Supplementary Material

## 1 DEMO OF SONIBAND

Here is an example of the metaphorical sonifications and the SoniBand interface.

<https://youtu.be/Ibzw-tCF10k>

## 2 SEMISTRUCTURED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

The questions below are from the semistructured interviews in both studies. The last set of 2.1.3 questions were specifically tailored to the inactive population

### 2.1 Interview prompts

- How was the movement? How did you feel?
- How does the sound fit the movement? What do you think of the sound in this exercise?
- Did it feel like the sound you heard was produced by you? If so, how? If not, why not?
- This sound, what does it make you think about when doing the exercise?
- What are you paying attention to now? / Where is your attention?
- Does the sound help in any way or the opposite?
- Does the sound change how you perceive the exercise?
- Did you feel tired doing the exercise? Why, why not? / Was it difficult to perform the exercise? Why/why not?
- What is your overall impression and feeling of doing the exercise (which this sound)? How did it feel? Why? Why not?

#### 2.1.1 Specific questions for the BodyMaps

- Does the sound reflect any of the properties here? Where in the body, anywhere in particular?
- What do you mean/understand by <property>?
- In what ways you felt <property>?
- Do you think that the sound <x> had any effect on how you perceived <property>?
  - If so, how?
  - If not: What did have an effect on you feeling <property>?
- Did the sound <x> effect what you felt in any other way?
- Was your movement <property> or you felt your body <property>?
- Why do you think you felt <property> during the exercise?
- Do you think that the sound <x> affected how you felt during the exercise?
  - If so, how? What properties?

#### 2.1.2 Comparison at the end of the session

<open all the bodymaps and put them side by side if they have illustrated them> <depending on what they had -differences, similitudes- tailor the questions>

- How would you compare the different exercises with the different sounds?
- Which one (movement and sound) do you prefer the most and which one the least? Why?
- Which property was more interesting or meaningful for you? And why?
- Which sound was more interesting or meaningful for you? And why?
- Which exercise was more interesting or meaningful for you? And why?

### 2.1.3 Reflection at the end of the week (inactive people)

- Let's look at the diary. Could you tell me your general thoughts this week?
- What did you think of the sound <x> as the week progressed?
- What sounds facilitated your exercise? Why?
- What sound / s did you like for this exercise? Why?
- Tell me, how <sound> helped you the most with your movement?
- Do you think <sounds> alter or change the feelings in your body?
- What <sound> would you use to represent each of these qualities?
- What <sound> would you choose for each exercise and why?

**TABLE A: SUMMARY OF THE SOUND-MOVEMENT STRUCTURE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS IN THE LITERATURE**

Table A. Overview of the characteristics of each sound, offering a general description of the sound and reflecting changes in the sound characteristics (i.e., in frequency, intensity, speed or timbre) at different moments of the movement structure: in the calibrated positions (start and end of the movement), or throughout the movement (trajectory). \* indicates sounds used in study AP and ^ indicates sounds used in study IP (home study).

| Sound   | Description  | Sound-Movement Structure  |  |   | Psychological barriers to PA addressed (based on previous findings)  |
|---------|--|---|--|---|--|
| Water*^ | Continuous sound of running water, plays during the whole movement with a “splash” sound (with different timbre) at 10% after the start/end position   | Underwater sound when stationary. Splash sound on passing 10% in calibrated movement range        | Lingering sound of water   | Splash sound at 10% of the movement range. It continues for 0.8 s after the movement ends | -Perception of poor fitness status and dissatisfaction with perceived body appearance: e.g., low level of fitness [28] or not able to move faster [37] (“Water” affected sense of lightness, speed, agility, flexibility and body fluidity in [18]);<br>-negative emotional state [28] (“Water” elicited feelings of playfulness and calmness in [18]) |
| Wind*^  | Continuous filtered pink noise sound, imitating wind sounds, plays uninterrupted throughout the whole movement, changing in frequency (from 600 to 1100 Hz peak frequency) in relation to angular movement | Frequency of 600 Hz on start of movement progressively increasing in peak frequency and intensity | Continuous sound, increasing/decreasing in frequency and intensity – depending on the movement direction | Frequency of 1100 Hz at the last point and while the person stays still there             | Perception of poor fitness status [28] (“Wind” affected sense of flexibility, speed and body fluidity in [18]); lack of sense of control and confidence in one’s body, self-efficacy [28] (information on angular movement increased both in [32,37])  |

| Sound            | Description   | Sound-Movement Structure  |  |  | Psychological barriers to PA addressed (based on previous findings)   |
|------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| Mechanical<br>*^ | Discrete sound similar to rusty gears that plays throughout the movement with gradual changes in frequency (700 – 1100 Hz) and speed  | Gears sounds play after passing 10% in the range of movement                            | Discrete beeps gradually transitioning to a higher frequency and speed | Gear sounds keep playing at highest frequency and speed as the person stays there                                      | -Lack of sense of progress and achievement; lack of sense of control and confidence in one's body, self-efficacy [28] (discrete information on angular changes was shown to enhance sense of achievement, self-efficacy and sense of control in [37]) |
| Tone*            | A sound akin to a spring (tonal sound with fast-incremental change in frequency, from note C5 to C6), that plays a short time (0.9 s) at the start/end calibrated positions | A spring sound - from note C5 to C6 - is triggered after passing the 10% movement range | No sonification  | Reverse spring sound (from note C6 to C5) triggered after passing the 10% from end to start calibrated movement range. | -Perception of poor fitness status (e.g. agility) [28] and sense of "feeling stuck" (i.e., not able to initiate movement) [34](explore potential effect of triggering a sound that "pulls the body" [42].   |
| Beep^            | Flat tone with frequency of 440 Hz sine wave) that plays only for a short time at the start/end calibrated positions  | Flat tone without changes   | No sonification  | Flat tone without changes  | None (used as a "control" or baseline sound)  |

### 3 TABLE B: SUMMARY OF THE SONIFICATIONS' IMPACT ON BODY PERCEPTION

Table B. Summary of the effects of specific sonifications on each quality, depending on the study.

| Sound      | Study | Impacted Qualities |   |         |   |          |   |        |   |        |   |     |   |
|------------|-------|--------------------|---|---------|---|----------|---|--------|---|--------|---|-----|---|
|            |       | Strength           |   | Control |   | Fluidity |   | Weight |   | Effort |   | Joy |   |
|            |       | +                  | - | +       | - | +        | - | +      | - | +      | - | +   | - |
| Mechanical | AP    |                    |   |         |   |          | x | x      |   |        |   |     | x |
|            | IP    | x                  |   | x       |   | x        |   | x      |   |        |   |     | x |
| Wind       | AP    |                    |   | x       |   | x        |   |        | x |        |   | x   |   |
|            | IP    | x                  |   | x       |   | x        |   |        | x |        |   | x   |   |
| Water      | AP    | x                  |   |         | x |          | x |        |   |        | x | x   |   |
|            | IP    |                    |   | x       |   | x        |   |        |   |        |   |     | x |
| Tone       | AP    |                    |   |         |   | x        |   |        | x |        |   | x   |   |
| Beep       | IP    |                    | x |         |   | x        |   |        | x |        |   |     | x |

#### 4 TABLE C: SUMMARY OF THE SONIFICATIONS' IMPACT ON PA

Table C. Summary of the effects of specific sonifications on PA, depending on the study.

| Sound      | Study | Movement Pace      |               |               |           | Movement Structure  |                      |                   | Motivation  |              |                 |
|------------|-------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
|            |       | Increase Awareness | Gauge & Adapt | Follow rhythm | Slow down | Awareness start/end | Awareness trajectory | Guide on movement | Finish reps | Do more reps | Push boundaries |
| Mechanical | AP    |                    |               | x             |           | x                   | x                    |                   |             |              | x               |
|            | IP    |                    |               | x             |           | x                   | x                    |                   |             |              | x               |
| Wind       | AP    | x                  | x             | x             |           | x                   | x                    | x                 | x           | x            |                 |
|            | IP    | x                  | x             | x             |           | x                   | x                    | x                 | x           |              |                 |
| Water      | AP    | x                  | x             | x             | x         |                     |                      |                   |             |              |                 |
|            | IP    | x                  | x             |               | x         |                     |                      |                   |             | x            |                 |
| Tone       | AP    |                    |               | x             |           | x                   |                      |                   | x           | x            |                 |
| Beep       | IP    |                    |               |               |           | x                   |                      |                   |             |              |                 |