

Building Large Sets of Haptic Icons: rhythm as a design parameter, and between-subjects MDS for evaluation

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Abstract:

Haptic icons (brief, tactile stimuli with associated meanings) are a useful new way to convey information through the modality of touch, but they are difficult to create because of our lack of understanding into what makes good haptic stimuli and how people will perceive them. This thesis aims to enlarge our capabilities to design and evaluate haptic icons, despite these problems. We seek to do this via two overlapping threads of research. In the first thread, we introduce the design parameter of rhythm as a means of extending the expressive capabilities of the simple tactile stimuli used in haptic icons. This allows us to create a set of expressive and perceptually distinguishable haptic stimuli larger by almost an order of magnitude than any previously created. In the second thread of research, we tackle the problem of how to evaluate the perceptual characteristics of such a large set of stimuli with real people. We develop a means of evaluation that allows us to collect perceived difference data by present each user with only a subset of the total stimulus collection, and then stitch together an aggregate picture of how the stimuli are perceived via data collected from overlapping subsets from different users.

To advance these two threads of research, two user studies are run in order to examine how our haptic stimulus set is perceived and to validate our new method of gathering perceptual difference data. One study uses an established but cumbersome technique to study our stimulus set, and finds that haptic rhythms are perceived according to several different aspects of rhythm, and that users can consistently differentiate between haptic stimuli along these aspects. The second study uses our newly developed data collection method to study the same stimulus set, and we find that the new technique produces results that show no significant difference from the established technique, but using a data collection task that is much quicker and less arduous for users to perform. We conclude by recommending the use of our new haptic stimulus set and evaluation technique as a powerful and viable means of extending the use of haptic icons to larger sets.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Can you touch abstract information? What does it feel like? These questions drive us in our research into haptic communication. We wish to convey information to people from computers enabled with haptic displays, and we wish to do so in the simplest and most transparent fashion possible. To accomplish this we build upon the concept of *haptic icons*: brief tactile stimuli that have been associated with a meaning. We believe that haptic icons present a new means of displaying information to people that can be discrete, convenient and informative while simultaneously decreasing the dependence on the visual and auditory channels of communication.

In our vision, we see haptic icons being integrated into almost any interface in which the visual and auditory channels are already used extensively, where haptic icons could provide information to users without requiring them to visually monitor the interface. We foresee haptic icons integrated into handheld devices, where they can support interaction without the user looking directly at the device, a considerable advantage in busy environments, or social situations in which discretion is required. We see haptic icons as a general-purpose design tool to help ease the flow of information from computer to human.

Researchers have worked hard to design haptic icons and test them with users. Across many different haptic devices and technologies, robust design parameters such as frequency, amplitude and waveform have been used to create haptic stimuli that users can easily discern and recognize [19, 6]. Multiple applications have been created using haptic icons, and have been found to be successful in conveying information in practical work contexts [10, 18]. These promising results are opening up a much larger area of research for work in haptic icons.

Yet many challenges still remain, not least of which is the gap in understanding between the design of haptic stimuli and how they will be perceived by users. Because our understanding of the sense of touch is quite primitive when compared to sight or hearing,

we are constantly forced to test our stimulus sets with users to determine how their members are perceptually related. Another consequence of this is that we lack insight into what the important perceptual parameters of touch are, such that creating new design parameters is often simply done by guess-and-test. What is required is further sophistication in all aspects of our work on haptic icons: greater sophistication in how they are designed, and greater knowledge in how they will be perceived. This thesis works to fill this void, though much more work remains to be done.

1.1 Motive

It has been posited that a haptic equivalent of visual icons could be used to increase information flow in an environment where computer interfaces are rich in the visual but poor in the haptic. Following theory with testing, multiple researchers across the globe have shown promising results in the use of various tactile stimuli to present iconic information. Now it is time to push beyond current capabilities, expand benchmarks outwards and determine how far this concept can go. Presented in this thesis are both an expansion of the methodology for building and evaluating haptic stimuli as well as new, multifaceted design parameters with enough depth to support the creation of an expansive set of expressive, distinct haptic stimuli.

The motivation for the use of haptic icons is fairly straightforward. In modern interface design, the visual modality is heavily relied upon. Especially in interfaces such as the cockpit of a plane or the driver's seat of a car, the user's visual field is almost overwhelmed with information. But even in a simpler interface such as that of a cell phone, if it is placed in a busy environment where, either for social or practical reasons, the user cannot spend all his/her time looking at the device, the over-reliance on visual communication creates a bottleneck in information flow from device to user. The haptic modality opens up a new channel between device and user, one that can be constantly in contact with the user without him or her constantly attending to it. This is not to claim that simply moving something from the visual to the haptic domain will necessarily free the attentional resources formerly used to track the visual information: attention and multi-modal perception interact in complex ways that we are still only beginning to

understand, and other, cognitive bottlenecks exist in aside from basic perception of stimuli.

Nevertheless, as an addition to interfaces already heavily dependant on other modalities, the advantages of using the haptic channel to display information have been consistently shown. For both critical control tasks and social communication, haptic icons can be used as a simple, straightforward means of conveying information to the user through the haptic channel. This simple, one-degree-of-freedom communication makes them, perhaps, the most basic building blocks of abstract haptic communication.

Research into haptic icons has generally focused on the use of short, simple vibrotactile stimuli to convey information to users [19, 6]. This focus should make them easy to create, easy to display on a device and easy to evaluate. Unfortunately, this claim has been the goal, but not the reality. In truth, research is still hamstrung by poor haptic displays on which even simple design of stimuli presents serious challenges. Poor displays lead to noisy results which make evaluation difficult, and evaluation of complex human interaction with technology is not a simple task to begin with, as the very existence of the field of Human Computer Interaction (HCI) attests.

Nevertheless, we are seeing more technology equipped with more advanced haptic displays every day, especially in handheld devices. If haptic display becomes more common, then the opportunity for new haptic-enabled applications increases sharply, in no small part due to increased user familiarity with the medium. Furthermore, as discussed above, handheld devices are often operated in busy, demanding environments where a different, discrete modality such as haptics can help make the difference between an easy-to-use, helpful application and one that simply causes the user more stress and frustration. Consequently we are applying our research to the development and application of haptic icons in the *real* world, in hope that they can solve real-world problems positively and efficiently.

We are not there yet. Research into haptic icons has generally been preliminary, involving relatively small numbers of icons used in laboratory environments. Developing stimuli has been done on a per-experiment basis, and has differed widely across researchers (see [27] and [18] as comparisons). What this thesis aims to do is to greatly increase the number of coordinated haptic stimuli that can be used in an experiment or in an application: increase via *gross number of stimuli in existence*, and increase via *easing development*. We hope to create the beginning of a general reference set of haptic stimuli that has been evaluated for consistency and distinctness. Moreover, we also aim to create a robust process for the creation and evaluation of large number of haptic stimuli, allowing other researchers to follow in our footsteps. Increasing by roughly an order of magnitude the number of haptic stimuli in a single, coordinated set that are available to researchers, we will be allowing for the creation of larger, more complex applications that can use haptic icons. These applications can then be applied to real-world situations, studied over longer periods of time, and evaluated for their usefulness and usability. Thus the contributions of this thesis are to be viewed as major steps towards a more wide-scale, ecologically valid evaluation of haptic icons. This thesis aims to break haptic icons out of the domain of “toy” research and into the domain of grounded, practical application work.

1.1.1 Icons vs. Stimuli

It should be made clear that, because our work deals strictly with the haptic stimuli themselves, and at no point attempts to attach meaning to them, we do not often refer to haptic *icons* throughout this document, instead haptic *stimuli*. Only when a stimulus has a meaning associated with it does it become an icon, and this semantic process is not the concern of this work as the stimuli must be designed first, before meaning can be attached to them. The process of assigning meaning is left to the designers of application who wish to use our stimuli to make haptic icons.

1.2 Overview and Approach

Two main problems stand in the way of our goal of creating a large, diverse set of haptic stimuli; solving them comprises the bulk of the contributions of this thesis. Both issues

stem from the size of the set of stimuli that we wish to create. The first challenge is how to create so many different stimuli which are distinctive and expressive to potential users. This problem is approached here by the systematic and wide-scale use of tactile rhythms, a little-explored parameter for use in haptic stimuli that we find greatly extends the number of perceptually distinct tactile sensations that can be created, even with a duration as short as 2 seconds. The second challenge is to evaluate larger sets of stimuli, when traditional means of evaluation do not scale well due to time and fatigue. Our solution to this problem is a new method of gathering perceptual data that requires users to judge only a manageable subset of the complete stimulus set, with the total, overall perceptual picture stitched together using judgment data from multiple users.

Thus this thesis contains two intertwined, interdependent strands of research, one of method and one of design. The design is the creation of a set of 84 haptic stimuli (much larger than the previous standard of 36 set by MacLean and Enriquez [19]), using amplitude, frequency and rhythm. The method is an extension of the data-gathering techniques for multidimensional scaling (MDS) that are used to determine the perceptual characteristics of a set of stimuli. This method has expanded the size of stimulus sets that can be dealt with by a factor of three, enabling 150 stimuli, where 50 was the previous maximum. By running two separate but related studies we are able to both evaluate our stimulus set and validate our new data-gathering method. This duality informs the structure of this thesis: Figure 1.1 lays out the logical structure of the thesis, in terms of the two interlocking research strands.

The key to understanding the logic of this thesis is to understand the role played by the two major studies discussed herein, and how they pertain to the two strands of research described. Both studies seek to perform MDS on the same stimulus set; they both follow the basic steps of (a) determining how people group our set of rhythmic haptic stimuli, and then (b) feeding this data into the MDS algorithm, producing a n-dimensional plot of the stimuli where the placement of each stimuli relative to each other stimuli represents how perceptually similar the two were on average judged to be. How the two studies differ is in the method by which perceived similarity ratings were gathered. The first

study uses the sorting technique developed by MacLean and Enriquez [19] to gather data. This is a proven method [20], but it is stretched to its limit by the sheer number of stimuli users are forced to deal with here. The second study uses a modification of the sorting technique that allows a larger number of users to each deal with a smaller subset of stimuli. This method, based on a form of between-subjects analysis, presents the user with a less taxing task that can be completed in a more reasonable timescale, but as an experimental technique the data integration must still be proven to produce valid results. The two studies thus provide two different looks in at the same stimuli set.

Since it utilizes a previously validated technique [20], we use the first study to investigate the perceptual characteristics of our haptic stimulus set. By completing an in-depth analysis of the MDS plot and examining precisely what characteristics of our stimulus set influences how they are perceived, we find strong and interesting effects of tactile rhythm—indicating its strength as a design parameter for use with haptic stimuli. Yet in performing this analysis, we also develop a “gold standard” against which our new data-gathering technique can be compared. Our second study uses the new method to examine the same set of stimuli, and produces results which are both quantitatively and qualitatively similar to the gold standard, thus allowing us to conclude that the technique itself is valid as well as more practical.

It might be noted that, if haptic icons are truly to be the touch-based equivalent of visual icons, the process that we are describing seems considerably more complex and involved than what would be expected of a visual icon design process. When needing a new visual icon, one might simply give a graphic designer some requirements as to what information the icon need convey, and then upon receiving the designers best guess at what the icon should look like, one would likely simply “eyeball” the result, ensuring its appropriateness. Even if more detailed user testing was performed, it would likely only be a part of a more wider usability analysis, and certainly would never reach the level of complexity and rigor exhibited in our MDS studies. Yet as a technology, as a psychological science, and as a symbolic medium, haptics and vision are by no means on the same playing field—thus comparing relative design processes leaves haptics at a

considerable disadvantage. We have been studying and using vision, figuring out different ways of displaying visual information, for far longer, and in far greater detail, than ever has been done for haptics.

Relatively primitive displays and lack of knowledge make working with haptic icons considerably more challenging than visual icons. If we were to limit visual icons to abstract expressions only (as haptic stimuli themselves are limited); if we were to require only 6-pixel visual icons, with no more than a dozen different shades of grey to choose from; if creating each individual visual icon required an extended period of work writing code or mathematically modeling a waveform; if all these limitations were required of visual icon design, then perhaps a fair comparison of methodologies would be possible. As the field stands, our current thorough design process represents our best attempt at overcoming the constraints, both perceptual and technological, that the haptic modality places on icon design.

Thus, at the end of this research what we have accomplished is setting up a solid basis from which to extend the expressiveness and diversity of haptic icons. We developed a new design parameter that greatly increases the number of different haptic stimuli that can be created. We also developed a new technique for analyzing these stimuli to ensure their success as useful, informative signals. This creates a toolkit and a process that any new haptic icon developer could use to quickly and easily create a large set of discernable haptic stimuli tailored to his or her needs.

Chapter 2: Related Work

2.1 Abstract Tactile Communication

Though it could easily be considered a small niche of the research world, work on abstract tactile communication has flourished in the last few years, with groups from several different research labs across the world contributing to a great increase in knowledge about the design and application of haptic icons and informative tactile signals in general. Their results have all been generally positive, indicating a clear ability of people to discern, recognize and use haptic icons or similar types of stimuli in a variety of applications and contexts.

2.1.1 Haptic Icons

In the work of MacLean *et al.*, which our own work largely builds upon, the design and use of haptic icons has been studied extensively across different platforms and applications. MacLean and Enriquez [19] created haptic icons using a force feedback knob, varying waveform, amplitude and frequency to create a set of 36 haptic stimuli. In order to determine how these icons were actually perceived, they were thoroughly analyzed using Multidimensional Scaling (MDS), an analysis technique that would prove invaluable for further work on haptic icons, and which is expanded upon in this thesis. They found that their three parameters, with some adjustment, could create an even spread of perceptually distinguishable stimuli. Their results showed both the utility of MDS as a tool for perceptual analysis of haptic sensations, and demonstrated that people can make consistent distinctions between well-designed haptic stimuli.

Following the work of MacLean and Enriquez were several more studies. Chan *et al.* [10, 11] developed a haptic icon-based protocol for turn-taking in a collaborative environment using a haptic mouse. It showed the efficacy of haptic icons used in cognitively loaded environments to communicate information unobtrusively to users. Luk *et al.* [18] used a novel piezo-driven skin-stretch display to present users with haptic icons in the context of a handheld device. Luk *et al.* showed that the haptic icon design paradigm could be

applied equally well to new, handheld and non-vibratory platforms. Such robustness is an encouraging result if we wish to continue extending haptic icons in new and interesting directions.

2.1.2 Tactons

Coining the term “tactons” to describe their vibratory tactile icons, Brown *et al.* have also explored somewhat similar terrain, with similarly encouraging results. Like the work of MacLean *et al.* they have both developed design parameters for creating informative tactile stimuli and analyzed these stimuli to determine their perceptual nature. In [5], they introduce several different design factors to be used to create tactons, starting with frequency, amplitude and waveform as in [19], but adding to it duration and rhythm, as well the body location at which the stimuli is presented. These ideas were tested in-depth in several later papers. Firstly in [6] they tested icons with three different amplitude-modulated textures and three different rhythms (based on previous audio icon designs) and found strong recognition rates for each of their two parameters (80% and 93% for texture and rhythm respectively). In a still-developing work [7], Brown *et al.* added in a third parameter, location of stimulus presentation, and found that recognition rates dropped somewhat for three-parameter icons, but could be designed around if needed. In collaboration with a variety of other researchers, both Brown and Brewster continue to expand their research into tactons by examining crossmodal effects [14], various musical techniques such as crescendos [8], and applications in mobile phones [9].

2.1.3 Other Vibro-tactile Work

Research into tactual perception has been done at a more general level as well, not just in attempt to create some form of haptic icon. Tan *et al.* [23] have studied the display of tactual signals, comparing a variety of stimuli to determine the overall level of information that can be transmitted using artificial stimuli. Though their results considering the informational capabilities of tactile stimuli are a positive indication for us, they make no discussion of designing of stimuli for use in practical considerations, nor do they proceed beyond basic tactile waveforms in their stimulus set. Other researchers such as Klatzky and Lederman have performed research into related areas, for example texture perception using a stylus [16], and have gained similarly positive

results. Representative of much of the work in this field, both of these works are directed at fairly low-level psychophysical findings, leaving considerable room still to be explored as we bring these tactile stimuli into more and more practical contexts.

Other important work on displaying tactile information has been done by van Erp [26], where he specified several design guidelines for communicating through vibro-tactile displays. He discusses several features present in the work of both MacLean and Brown, such as frequency, amplitude, temporal patterns (which are essentially rhythm), and display location. He also points out the dangers of masking and confusion that can occur using spatial and temporal effects. Van Erp has also worked on tactile melodies [27], which is, to date, the most significant analysis of tactile melodies and rhythms yet published. Van Erp and Spape take 59 real-world melodies and transfer them into the tactile domain. Using MDS along with other statistical methods, they determine two main perceptual characteristics: intrusiveness and tempo. However, these results are limited to a description of very complex and specific musical rhythms, such that direct application to the design of synthetic tactile stimuli from scratch would be difficult. Nevertheless, the results of their experiment show encouraging trends for tactile melodies and rhythms.

2.2 Multidimensional Scaling

Multidimensional Scaling (MDS) is a statistical technique that provides quantitative values describing the perceived dissimilarities between a given set of stimuli. The MDS algorithm takes an input of dissimilarity values and calculates a value describing the distance of each stimulus in relation to every other stimulus in a perceptual space. An appropriate number of dimensions are chosen based on the stress value, a measurement of model fit, where lower stress represents a better fit. Choice of the number of dimensions is determined by the benefits of an additional dimension in reducing the stress level against the loss of interpretability an additional dimension adds. Once an appropriate number of dimensions have been chosen, the data can be mapped visually and analyzed for clustering and trends [3].

The main reason that we use MDS in the study of haptic icons is its ability to pick out trends and grouping of stimuli, when no *a priori* knowledge exists about how the stimuli will be perceived. The application of MDS to the perceptual domain was pioneered by Roger Shepard at Bell Laboratories in the early '60s [21] as a general tool for analyzing interstimulus similarity amongst any grouping of stimuli for which the perceived differences were unknown. The technique was quickly picked up by many psychophysicists, being applied to such areas as, for example, musical timbre. Significant new understandings in how timbre was intuitively perceived were brought about by the use of MDS [13], an early positive indicator of its usefulness as an exploratory tool.

The haptic modality, compared to modalities such as vision or audition, is still largely lacking in a widely-accepted and intuitive description of its important perceptual characteristics, though the work of Tan [23] and other has taken great strides in gathering the basic perceptual knowledge to needed to gain such intuition. Lacking this intuition, MDS can provide clues to what these characteristic might be, without us knowing beforehand. MDS has thus been used extensively for the study of haptic stimuli, as well as other stimuli in different modalities for which there is a similar lack of intuitive understanding. In addition to the work of MacLean *et al.* described in section 2.1, other researchers have successfully used MDS to discover new information about novel stimuli. For example, [15] found a 3D percept map from a set of real tactile surfaces, finding dimensions such as hard/soft and slippery/sticky. Bonebright [2] used MDS to analyze everyday sounds, in hopes of furthering his work into designing informative sound icons.

Considerable effort has been applied to analyzing different types of MDS algorithms as well as different means of gathering dissimilarity data for analysis. However, for our purposes the standard SPSS MDS algorithm, ALSCAL, shall be used. Our main research interaction with MDS is in the means of gathering data; this shall be discussed in detail in Chapter 4.

2.2.1 Comparison of MDS Results

One aspect of MDS algorithms that does bear mentioning is how best to compare the results of different MDS analyses. Two different MDS output maps based on subjective dissimilarity ratings from different users are almost guaranteed never to be the same, even if the stimulus set is the same. In canonical research into MDS from the psychology and psychophysics fields (such as [22]), it was originally considered that Pearson's r , the product-moment correlation coefficient, was sufficient to measure whether two n -dimensional MDS outputs were statistically correlated. For clarity, note that Pearson's r is unrelated to r^2 which is used elsewhere in this document to describe goodness of fit for MDS results. Borg and Leutner [4], with a simple example, proved that the product-moment correlation is in fact inappropriate for use with MDS outputs:

Let A and B be two MDS configurations, consisting of $NP = 3$ points each, with distances $d(1,2) = 1$, $d(2,3) = 2$ and $d(1,3) = 3$ for A, and $d(1,2) = 2$, $d(2,3) = 3$, $d(1,3) = 4$ for B. The PM [Product-Moment] correlation of these distances is $r = 1$, indicating perfect similarity of A and B. This is false, of course, since the greatest distance in A is three times as great as the smallest, whereas in B it is only twice as long. Hence, A and B do not have the same shape: B forms a triangle, whereas A's points lie on a straight line, because they satisfy the equation $d(1,2) + d(2,3) = d(1,3)$.

Thus instead, Borg and Leutner proposed the use of the congruence coefficient defined as,

$$[1] \quad c = \sum_i d_{Ai} d_{Bi} / (\sum_i d_{Ai}^2 \sum_i d_{Bi}^2)^{1/2}$$

where d_{Xi} is the i -th distance value between stimuli, in configuration X, and the sum is over all pairs of distances in the MDS output map. Due to the tendency of c to cluster close to its upper limit of 1, a transformation was performed, giving us the alienation coefficient K ,

$$[2] \quad K = (1 - c^2)^{1/2}$$

This formula was then empirically tested on randomly created dissimilarity matrices, at different dimensions and numbers of points, providing empirically derived constants describing similarity of MDS outputs at a 95% confidence interval. The alienation coefficient thus provides the only statistical measure specifically designed and tested to measure similarity of MDS outputs, and still stands as the state of the art for statistical comparison of MDS results—Borg's own book on MDS confirms this status [2]

In our own work we rely on the alienation coefficient to help validate our newly designed method of gathering data for MDS. By using two different data gathering methods on the same set of stimuli, we produce two MDS results that we hope to be similar. The work of Borg and Leutner gives us a statistical tool to compare the two results, to be used in conjunction with our standard visual interpretation of the MDS map.

Chapter 3: Creation of Haptic Stimuli

The simple haptic stimulus sets developed by MacLean and Enriquez [19] and built upon in several ensuing publications [11, 18, 12] are based upon varying three parameters: waveform, frequency and amplitude. However, using these three components has only produced a relatively small set of stimuli, when varied using today's tactile display hardware. While these parameters provide a solid basis for building tactile stimuli, we sought to find a means of creating new and interesting stimuli supplementing some of with more complex parameters that might yield better results..

Previous work on haptic stimuli has investigated the application of rhythm [6] and melody [27] to vibrotactile stimuli, with fairly positive results. The approaches taken were, however, quite different, with the work on rhythm using only a handful of very basic rhythms, while the research into melody used a broad range of actual musical melodies transposed into the tactile domain. So while their results point towards a positive use of rhythm and melody in developing expressive tactile signals, their goals were such that they do not cover a broad enough sample of the possible design space to reveal a consistent framework for dealing with these parameters in the tactile domain. Both studies lacked results that could be broadly generalized to all types of tactile rhythms. The initial studies by Brown *et al.* [6] used only three rhythms, which were too different and too few to establish any clear patterns. Van Erp and Spape [27] used far more stimuli, but because their stimuli were sampled non-systematically from real-world examples of music, they both lack a systematic description of their structure and suffer from the many possible learned musical associations that a participant in the study might have.

3.1 Description of Possible Stimulus Space

For our own purposes we felt that it was wrong to assume that the standards that inform normal auditory musical composition would apply to the sense of touch; the skin's sensory capabilities are attuned to different things than the ear, to say nothing of the effects that cognitive aspects of musical appreciation might have. This is not to say an

approach attempting to utilize musical capabilities in the haptic domain might not be successful; rather, bringing the musical into the haptic is simply too large an issue to deal with within this thesis. Yet despite our wish to avoid borrowing too heavily from the musical domain, it was nonetheless considered most straightforward to represent rhythm and melody as a sequence of notes of varying length played at set intervals in a bar of "music."

For our purposes, we define rhythm as being the repeated, patterned recurrence of some set of variable length beats/notes, and we differentiate this from melody, which is concerned with the different tones that the notes in rhythm are played at. Changing the tones of the notes in a rhythm changes the melody, but not the rhythm; changing the length, number or placement of notes changes the rhythm and would also likely have an effect on the melody.

If we first simply look at the number of different combinations of notes that could be used in a rhythm or melody, we are immediately faced with an exponentially increasing set of possibilities. Limiting ourselves only to quarter notes in 4/4 time, we would have $2^4 = 16$ different way of arranging notes, with eighth notes $2^8 = 256$ variants, with sixteenth notes $2^{16} = 65536$. If we then consider playing melodies (*i.e.* the tone of each note is different, played at different vibratory frequency) or adding emphasis (*i.e.* playing different notes at different amplitudes) then the number of possibilities grows even larger.

Clearly we needed a means of reducing this huge number of variants down to a manageable handful, in a way that would produce tactile stimuli that were different enough to be perceptually distinguishable and while possessing shared features that would contribute to some natural perceptual groupings to increase learnability. We lacked a clear precedent into what would make a tactile rhythm or melody distinguishable yet also perceptually similar enough to the other stimuli used that some natural grouping would be evident. Thus we were forced to rely heavily on intuition and our own reasoning on how to move forward.

Very quickly it became clear to us that, as the above numbers indicate, some *a priori* design decisions were needed to limit the scope of this work. Our first observation was that all melodies have a rhythm, at least implicitly, and this suggested rhythm was a more fundamental parameter than melody and therefore should be focused on first. To eliminate melody as a confound and keep our search space manageable, we therefore utilized only monotone (non-melodic) rhythms: all notes in a particular rhythm were played at the same amplitude and frequency. The particular amplitude and frequency level at which a rhythm is played could still be varied, meaning that we have allowed rhythms that have the same number, type and placement of notes, but different overall frequency and amplitude levels. It is only variation of frequency and amplitude *within* a rhythm that we are choosing to disregard for the sake of simplicity. We felt that these initial design choices narrowed the field of possible stimuli down to an area that could be reasonably approached in a more rigorous manner. What follows is our analysis of the tactile rhythm space, and a description of how we narrowed down the field to our final selection of rhythms.

3.2 Sensory- and Hardware-Specific Limitations on Rhythm Space

Still without a set precedent on how we might partition the space of all possible tactile rhythms, we set out to study the space as best we could. By iteratively creating different haptic rhythms and observing how they felt, we were able to informally develop a set of rules that we felt tactile rhythms needed to obey in order to produce diverse yet associable stimuli. Some of these rules we believe, based on our own testing, to be necessary for creating any tactile rhythm, while others are more design heuristics that represent our own intuition on what makes good stimuli. In all cases though, these recommendations are based on our tests on a specific hardware platform (described in more detail in Chapter 5), and though it is likely that much of our work here is broadly generalizable, we cannot remove completely the confound of the specific hardware used. Nevertheless we feel that our extensive informal testing with a variety of different users has lead to consistent high-level recommendations.

3.2.1 High-level Limitations

Two facts were immediately obvious to us as soon as we started creating tactile rhythms. First, there needs to be a gap after each note played in a rhythm in order for the notes to be distinguished as separate. If the individual notes within a rhythm varied by frequency or amplitude, it would be possible to perceptually segment the different notes if the differences were large enough between adjacent notes; however, as we had already decided to limit ourselves to monotone rhythms, gaps in between notes were necessary.

The second fact was that unless a rhythm was repeated, it was not perceived as a rhythm, merely a set of isolated vibrations. Furthermore, the more times a rhythm was repeated, the stronger the sense of rhythm became. From our testing we found that four repetitions was a good compromise between having enough repetitions to create a strong sense of rhythm without requiring an overly long total duration for the stimuli. This observation led us to choose a total stimulus duration of 2 seconds, resulting in a 500 ms duration for each iteration of the rhythm. We felt two seconds to be about the longest a stimulus could last and still be useful in the context of a haptic icon, while the 500 ms duration was long enough to allow for a fair number of different notes to be packed into a rhythm (e.g. 4 bars of 4/4 time played at a brisk tempo, as elaborated below). Though from an auditory musical perspective 500 ms could be considered quite short for a bar of music, we were limited by our need to make the overall signal fairly short and yet still present enough repetitions. However, we did not find this to be too fast a pace to be playing our rhythms at, largely because we were not asking our users to pick out individual notes, just perceive an overall sense of the rhythm. Perception of the rhythms as a whole was still attainable, and benefit of the increased repetitions helped counteract the speed of the overall rhythm.

3.2.2 Shortest Note

With our single iteration time of 500 ms established, the next issue was to find the shortest length of note people could consistently perceive. From our informal testing we settled on a sixteenth of the total time (31.25 ms) followed by a break of a similar duration. We could have chosen to make the break shorter in time than the vibration, but

in order to make it easier for us to line up where different notes (and breaks) fell, we chose to keep the on and off time the same. Thus the total time required for the smallest note was 62.5 ms, or exactly one eighth of the 500 ms single iteration time. Consequently the smallest note we use is called an “eighth” note because it takes up exactly one eighth of the time of a single iteration of the rhythm. Having now determined the smallest interval, we built all our rhythms along the basis of 16 consecutive time slots, which can either be on or off.

3.2.3 Selection of Different Note Types

We next sought to determine what other note lengths we should use to build up our rhythms. To do this, we made a series of rhythms containing only one note, with a note length varying from one to fifteen of the sixteen, 31.25 ms time slots (the 16th slot was required to introduce a break between rhythm iterations). Of these fifteen possible note sizes, the following observations were made.

- The difference between a 31.25 ms vibration and a 62.5 ms vibration is noticeable (*i.e.*, one vs. two consecutive time slots set as “on”), though not overpoweringly so.
- The difference between a 62.5 ms vibration and a 93.75 ms vibration (*ie*, two time slots vs. three time slots) is *not* consistently noticeable.
- This finding holds true for all longer notes: differences of one time slot (31.25 ms) are not noticeable.
- However, differences of 62.5 ms *are* noticeable for all longer notes.

These observations resulted in the following five types of notes, also described in Figure 3.1 in terms of the number of time slots they occupy.

- Eighth note (62.5 ms total play time: 31.25 ms on, 31.25 ms off)
- Quarter note (125 ms total play time: 62.5 ms on, 62.5 ms off)
- Half note (250 ms total play time: 125 ms on, 125 ms off)
- Three-quarter note (375 ms total play time: 312.5 ms on, 62.5 ms off)

- Whole note (500 ms total play time: 437.5 ms on, 62.5 ms off)

We used the larger break time of 62.5 ms (two time slots) rather than 31.25 ms (one time slot) because we felt it gave greater distinction between notes. The 31.25 ms break time is used only for eighth notes, in order to allow us to have two eighth notes played within the same amount of time as one quarter note, which was a feature we used to create several of the different groups of rhythms described in the next section.

3.3 Description of Stimulus Set

At this stage in our design process, we had pruned down our selection of possible rhythms considerably through *ad hoc* and informal testing. However, the rhythm space still remained relatively large. Having done all we could to develop rules describing which types of rhythms *not* to use, we now had to develop some positive heuristics as to which rhythms we *should* use. Again, using our intuition along with iterative informal testing, we developed four heuristics, which in turn created five groups of rhythms, each defined according to one or more of these rules.

These groupings were designed into the stimuli set from the start, and represent our best attempt at creating a diverse yet logically grouped set of tactile rhythms. We do not claim that this will end up to be the best grouping of rhythms that could be used. However, without a clear precedent into how tactile rhythms might be grouped and perceived, our own intuition, along with continual informal testing, was the best tool we could use. In our study results we discuss how our intuitive groupings were, in part, confirmed: some of our groupings were held out by the study, while other unanticipated perceptual groupings were also found. For clarity we believe it important to specify what groupings we built in to our stimuli beforehand and differentiate them from the *post hoc* groupings that our studies later revealed. The groupings below represent our initial best guess at how tactile rhythms might be grouped.

3.3.1 Heuristic One: Quarter Notes

Our first heuristic was to consider all possible rhythms that contain only quarter notes and pauses. This decision was based upon both our initial testing results which found quarter notes to be an easily recognizable duration, as well as the consideration that a straight 4/4 rhythm with notes on every downbeat would likely be considered one of the most simple and basic rhythms available. As noted above, there are 16 possible all-quarter note rhythms. However, many of these are perceptually indistinguishable from each other because of the repetition of the rhythms. As a specific example, consider all rhythms containing just one quarter note: the note could occur in any of the four slots, and thus we have four different rhythms. Yet an issue with ‘monotone’ rhythms (those without varying emphasis and thus a discernible downbeat) is that while looping, there are no indicators of its starting point. Thus all four of the single-note rhythms will feel the same once they have started, as the spaces between the 4 played notes (one in each iteration) will be the same in all cases. Similar situations occur for some rhythms of two and three quarter notes per iteration, and we therefore used just one instance of each of these cases. Thus considering all possible quarter note-only rhythms that are perceptually distinct from each other, we arrive at Group 1, the first five rhythms as indicated in Table 3.2.

3.3.2 Heuristic Two: Long Notes

Our second heuristic was to consider all rhythms containing only notes that are *longer* than quarter notes: *i.e.* half notes, three-quarter notes, and full notes. This decision was based upon the observed difference in sensation that longer vibrations gave as compared to shorter notes such as the quarter note, and because we felt that having a variety of different note lengths in our rhythms would be prudent if we wanted to obtain a good cross-section of different types of rhythms. Thus we have categorized quarter notes as being “short” and notes longer than a quarter as being “long.” Similar issues of duplication due to repetition were present for this group, narrowing the number of possible rhythms down to four, creating Group 2 in Table 3.2.

3.3.3 Heuristic Three: Long and Quarter Notes

Our third heuristic was to consider rhythms which contained at least one quarter note, and least one of the longer notes used in Group 2. The goal here was to produce rhythms which had both quick and slow components. Again there were issues of duplication due to repetition, which pruned several rhythms, and the requirement that there be at least one quarter note meant that full notes could not be used. The final set of four possibilities is presented as Group 3 in table 3.2.

3.3.4 Heuristic Four: Substituting Quarter with Eighth Notes

Our fourth heuristic actually resulted in two groups of rhythms, as this heuristic was actually a means of modifying two of the groups already described. Because the number of different rhythms containing only eighth notes is 256 (to say nothing of rhythms containing combinations of eighth notes and other length notes), we felt daunted at the prospect of choosing some reasonable set of rhythms from this space. Consequently, we made the simple choice of taking the rhythms we created in Group 1 and Group 3, and in place of each quarter note (total playing time of 125 ms) we substituted in two eighth notes (playing time 62.5 ms a piece). This gave us a set of four eighth note-only rhythms (Group 4, analogous to Group 1) and four eighth note plus longer note rhythms (Group 5, analogous to Group 3). Group 4 has four rather than the five rhythms in Group 1 because the eighth note analog of rhythm 3 was felt to be very hard to distinguish from the eighth note analog of rhythm 2.

3.3.5 Complete Stimulus Set Used

With the 21 rhythms described in Table 3.2, we finally had set of diverse yet associable tactile rhythms. Thankfully we had chosen early on that, though each stimulus must be monotone in terms of the frequency and amplitude of all of the notes played within it, we can create different stimuli by simply playing the same rhythm at a different set level of frequency and amplitude. Keeping in mind our desire to have a large, but not overlarge set of stimuli, we thought it best to have two frequency levels (high and low) and two amplitude levels (high and low) that each of the 21 rhythms could be played at, creating $21 \times 2 \times 2 = 84$ different stimuli. By having only two levels of frequency and amplitude,

high and low, we hoped to ensure that the differences between each of the four frequency x amplitude levels would be quite strong. Table 3.3 gives the exact value, rhythm type by amplitude by frequency, that each of the 84 stimuli was given, and can thus be used as a lookup table for all further references to individual stimuli throughout this document.

3.4 The Space Untested

While our own selection of 21 different rhythms to use for our stimulus set was guided by a thorough loop of iterative testing, we by no means claim that our choices are the only ones that could have been made. Indeed there are many rhythms that we did not use, and that if studied, may well lead to further insights into tactile rhythms. As important as it is to understand the rhythms that we have chosen to use, it is also important to understand their relationship to the space of rhythms we did *not* choose.

Right away, the choices we made in Section 3.2 sharply decreased the number of possible rhythms that we were working with. First limiting ourselves to only monotone rhythms, and then specifying a time-span that could only allow notes no shorter than an eighth of a bar, we made somewhat arbitrary, yet we feel reasonable steps towards a choosing a well defined rhythm space to work within. Many other choices could be made at this level, such as having varying (and slower) tempos, varying amplitude of notes within a rhythm, using melody, using crescendos and many other musical techniques—not even to mention multi-bar musical compositions. All these choices could likely lead to interesting new developments, but they are left to others to explore. We do believe, however, that many of these choices represent additions of considerable complexity to the rhythm space, such that we feel that in most cases we chose to *decrease complexity* of the parameters we were working with.

3.4.1 Unused Rhythms Possible Given Hardware and Sensory Limitations

Even narrowing down our rhythm space to a more manageable size, we still had more rhythms than we needed for our purposes. The choices that we made to select our final 21 rhythms are outlined above, but it is worth considering the rhythms that we did not choose. It is possible that some of these rhythms might be worth revisiting at a later date,

especially if our chosen selection of rhythms does not truly represent an even cross-section of possible rhythms.

Given the limitation set out in Section 3.2 for the size and number of notes that can be fit into a rhythm, we can see that for rhythms containing only quarter or longer notes, we have exhausted all possible rhythms that could be used. Rhythm Groups 1, 2 and 3 specify all of the rhythms using only quarter notes, only notes longer than quarter notes, and both quarter and longer notes, respectively. Consequently for these note lengths we can be confident in the coverage of our different rhythms.

However, as specified in Section 3.3.4, we were not as thorough in our coverage of rhythms containing eighth notes. There are 256 rhythms containing only eighth notes, and though many of them are likely the same due to repetition, we still only use four. Though these four do have a good level of variance in terms of the number and placement of notes, we neglect many of the more complicated rhythms that could be created, as well as any rhythms with just one eighth note separated by pauses on both sides (this because we were echoing the rhythms in Group 1, replacing one quarter note with two eighth notes). These more complicated rhythms could well have produced interesting, more nuanced results, yet for this initial exploration it was thought best to start with relatively simple patterns. Moreover, it was noted that the subtle differences in placement of a single eighth note were often very hard to notice perceptually, so we felt that fully examining this space would lead to diminishing returns.

Considering the combination of eighth notes with other, longer notes, there are yet more possible combinations that were not used. In rhythm Group 5, we combined eighth notes with longer notes, but many other possible arrangements remain. Again, we felt that we had a fairly reasonable cross-section of different numbers and placements of eighth notes, but by no means exhaustive. Taking, for example, rhythm 18 (containing a two-thirds note followed by two eighths), we could have also made this rhythm using just one eighth note, placing it either in the last or next-to last slot. While one of these rhythms might have produced slightly different results than rhythm 18, it is doubtful it would have been

greatly different, given the shortness of the eighth notes. Furthermore, it is almost certain that users would not have been able to discern the difference between the single eighth note being in the last or next-to-last slot. This sense of diminishing returns is strong when considering eighth notes, given that they lie almost on the threshold of perceptual distinguishability.

One last combination of notes that we did not use at all was combinations of quarter notes and eighth notes. This was largely because, as described in Section 3.2.3, we found the difference between these two note types to be quite perceptually weak. Beyond this, we deemed 21 rhythms to be a fairly large number of rhythms, and so did not want to over-extend our reach. As we wished to test these rhythms at different amplitude and frequency levels, given the importance of these parameters in prior research into tactile stimuli, the number of rhythms we developed would provide us with a large set of stimuli as it was. So we chose not to use all possible rhythms that we could have, mostly for practical reasons. Nevertheless we feel that the majority of the rhythms we did not use would have been perceptually quite difficult to distinguish between, and we feel confident that the rhythms we did select represent the strongest and widest selection we could have reasonably chosen.

Chapter 4: Subset Data Gathering Methodology for MDS

In order to be able to analyze the large sets of haptic stimuli that we are creating, we need to gather dissimilarity ratings from users that we can then feed into the MDS algorithm. However, collecting judgment data from people on that many stimuli at once is unwieldy and impractical. Our insight is to present users with less than the total stimulus set, and then create a total, aggregate view of the stimulus set by averaging overlapping data from multiple users. If we gather data simply by presenting users with pairs of stimuli and asking them to rate their similarity, it is easy to safely use a subset of possible stimulus pairs in a set, but pairwise comparisons also take far too long to perform and suffer from calibration and drift problems as subjects are being asked to make absolute judgments. Conversely, using a different data gathering method such as asking users to sort the stimuli into different groups based on perceived similarity is a far quicker task, but makes splitting apart the stimulus set much harder. Herein we address these challenges by developing a means of sorting stimulus sets that allows us to present users with only a subset of the total stimulus set, greatly shortening the total time and effort required of an individual asked to provide perceptual judgments. In practical terms, this brings about a three-fold increase in the number of stimuli that can be examined (from 50 to about 150). This is a significant result for tactile stimuli which are particularly difficult to gather perceptual data from; further, 150 may approach the limits of distinct stimuli that can be displayed and eventually learned given today's tactile display hardware.

The challenges imparted by this new data gathering method are of two types. The first is in development of an algorithm for splitting up a stimulus set into subsets that can be sorted individually by users and then successfully stitched back together again to form an aggregate picture. Secondly this method faces several challenges in its experimental validity, there being some potentially confounding effects of judgments gathered from only part of the total stimulus set. As we are proposing a novel method for gathering dissimilarity data for MDS, and several potential problems are clearly extant, a means of

validating this method must be developed and applied in a real-world experiment. This validation process is described in Chapter 7, but first in this chapter we outline the new data gathering method and discuss its strengths and weakness.

4.1 Other Methods for Dealing with Large Set Sizes

One of the limitations of the basic MDS procedure is that it requires a dissimilarity rating for every pair of stimuli involved. A dissimilarity matrix for a stimuli set of size n contains $n(n - 1)/2$ dissimilarity values (since the dissimilarity ratings are symmetric it is only a half matrix, hence the division by two). Consequently the number of dissimilarity values required increases quadratically with the number of stimuli. As the number of stimuli being compared becomes large, it is an increasingly laborious task to gather all these dissimilarity values. Subject fatigue and loss of calibration quickly become a problem. If we are to study a set of 84 (or more) different haptic stimuli using MDS, then we will need a method of gathering data that overcomes this problem of size.

Tsogo *et al.* performed a review of established data gathering techniques for dealing with oversized sets of stimuli [25], i.e. set sizes which are too large for the acquisition methods available for those data. According to their review, there are two main simplifying approaches available to mitigate this problem: using incomplete dissimilarity matrices, and gathering comparisons via sorting tasks, rather than individual pair-wise comparisons. Both of these methods reduce the length of time and amount of work required from users to gather perceptual data, but both eventually come up against hard limitations as to the total number of stimuli they can handle. In this context “pair-wise comparisons” is the method whereby each possible pairing (disregarding order) of two different stimuli in a set are presented to a user, who is then asked to provide a rating of similarity; a “sorting task” is the method whereby users are presented with the entire stimulus set and ask to “sort” or categorize them into groups according to perceived similarity. A third data gathering method that we would also add to Tsogo’s accounting is the use of a pre-determined scale that can be applied individually to each stimuli. In this case, the user is presented with each stimulus individually, and asked to rate it on a pre-determined Likert-type scale, as used by Van Erp, for instance, to study tactile melodies

[27]. Since this method requires only one judgment per stimuli, it is only $O(n)$, while pair-wise comparisons require the full $O(n^2)$ comparisons. Sorting tasks require a number of comparisons between those two extremes, though the exact number is not fixed due to its dependence on the individual sorting strategies of each of the users. Nonetheless, these three techniques span the range of data gathering methods for MDS, each with their own strengths and weaknesses, to be discussed below.

4.1.1 Incomplete Dissimilarity Matrices

The insight behind incomplete dissimilarity matrices is that it is not always necessary to have difference ratings for all pairs of stimuli from all subjects. Spence and Domoney [22] investigated how incomplete dissimilarity matrices can be dealt with in perceptual MDS methods, when the data comes from a standard pair-wise comparison task. For every dissimilarity value $d(i,j)$, comparing the i th to j th stimulus, a pair-wise comparison task requires that those two stimuli are presented to a user, and that the user provides a rating of how perceptually similar the two stimuli are. In this case $d(i,j) = d(j,i)$ because judgments are symmetric and the order of stimuli does not matter, requiring $n(n - 1)/2$ total dissimilarity values.

Spence and Domoney make two important claims. First, that for an individual, it is not necessary to have a complete dissimilarity matrix in order to get an accurate result from MDS, though each stimulus must have at least one dissimilarity value (connecting it to at least one other stimulus in the matrix), and it should be possible to move from any one stimuli to any other, by chaining along dissimilarity values (*i.e.* there are no unconnected islands of stimuli). Second, that since each judgment in a pair-wise comparison task is independent, it is possible to combine multiple incomplete dissimilarity matrices from different users to create an average, complete dissimilarity matrix. The first claim frees us from having to always guarantee that each individual compares every stimulus in the set, while the second claim means that we can combine dissimilarity values from different individuals to make a total, averaged picture—though unfortunately Spence and Domoney's work on incomplete matrices was performed on data from individuals, rather than averaged values, so the combinations of these two claims cannot be directly made..

Most encouraging of Spence and Domoney's results was their finding that even with one-third of the entries in an individual's dissimilarity matrix removed (either at random or in a cyclical pattern), the resulting difference map (MDS output) varied less than 10% from the map derived from the complete matrix. This result is promising, indicating that we need not be overly concerned with getting *every* difference rating for a set of stimuli. That there is a certain amount of looseness to how many difference ratings must be gathered, and from whom they must be gathered from, gives us much greater room to devise new data gathering methods of our own.

However, if we wish to gather only particular dissimilarity values in either a cyclical or random fashion as Spence and Domoney recommend, we are required to use pair-wise comparison between each stimulus, because it is the only technique that allows you to individually pick the exact dissimilarity values you want without getting any other values, unlike other data gathering methods such as sorting. The number of pair-wise comparisons needed for a set increases exponentially with the number of stimuli. Removing one-third of all entries may be a fairly large amount, but it is still one-third of a quadratically increasing amount, meaning that the incomplete dissimilarity matrix method will always eventually run into issues of having too many stimuli to judge in one experimental task. Furthermore, pair-wise comparisons have been found to have almost twice the level subjective fatigue as compared to sorting tasks [1]. So this method is limited both in number of stimuli that can be compared as well as accuracy of ratings given.

4.1.2 Sorting Tasks

Whereas Spence and Domoney show that it is not necessary for each participant to compare every stimulus to every other stimulus in the set, the sorting task method seeks to make the act of comparing stimuli much more efficient by having subjects compare all stimuli at once and sort (or categorize) them into discrete groups based on perceived similarity. Dissimilarity matrices can then be created using the number of times that two stimuli occurred in the same group as a measure of their similarity (and inversely, their

dissimilarity). Often participants are required to sort the stimuli multiple times into different numbers of groups, in order to give varying levels of resolution.

A variant of this method was used by MacLean and Enriquez [19] and analyzed in [20], to determine the perceptual characteristics of a series of haptic stimuli. Their results show that allowing users to sort a large set of stimuli into different numbers of groups provides a strong and robust measurement of the perceived differences between a fairly large set of stimuli, while greatly shortening the overall time of the experiment. Unfortunately, even this method is still limited in the number of stimuli that can be judged. Maclean and Enriquez tested 30 stimuli in their study, a number significantly lower than our own goal, and informally guessed that a maximal reasonable set size by this method and using stimuli of this sort is 40 or 50.

4.1.3 Per-stimulus Judgment Tasks

The per-stimulus judgment task is a particular type of data gathering method, that differs largely from the previous two methods in that it provide a confirmatory rather than explanatory description of the stimulus set. Van Erp and Spape [27], in a study particularly relevant to our own, analyzed 59 different tactile melodies by asking participants to judge the melodies according to 16 different pre-determined criteria such as “cheerful” or “polished,” each on its own 5-point Likert scale. This allowed them to get judgments on all 59 melodies within a reasonable time-span and gave them data to which they were able to apply MDS. However, it is clear that they approached the data with a fixed belief about what aspects of the stimuli would be important to peoples’ perceptions—specifically the 16 criteria on which they asked participants to judge the stimuli. Though one could, by finding unexpected correlations between parameters, perhaps indirectly discover new features of the stimulus set, it would be difficult to directly discover any completely new and unforeseen perceptual parameters. While this technique may be acceptable when some idea about the nature of the stimuli already exists, in our own case we know so little about the stimuli that we wish to make no assumptions about how people will perceive them going into our experiment, so as to minimize any bias we might have on the results.

4.2 Design of Proposed Subset Data Gathering Method

Though the methods described in Section 4.1 have been widely used to handle large sets of stimuli, they still fail to sufficiently reduce the time and effort needed to gather data for the goals defined here. Though the per-stimuli judgment task would be fast enough, it contains too many assumptions about the stimuli for our purposes. Both sorting tasks and incomplete matrices are valid attempts at reducing the number of comparisons needed to get useful MDS data, but again, take too long to be practical. Sorting 84 haptic stimuli takes approximately two hours to perform.

Yet it might seem strange that we so quickly came to the limits of the existing methods for dealing with large stimulus sets. The reason this is so is because of the nature of haptic stimuli, especially in our own case. With a two second duration, the comparison of any two stimuli will take at a bare minimum four seconds, and likely much more if an individual wishes to feel the stimuli multiple times. Compared to visual stimuli, which can be viewed simultaneously and in the manner of a few milliseconds, it quickly becomes clear why data gathering for our own stimuli is so much more difficult. Add to this the general lack of experience people have with haptic stimuli (compared to aural or visual stimuli) and we are confronted with a situation where the cost of each single comparison is considerably higher for haptics compared to other modalities that MDS is regularly used for.

Given this difficulty, we asked whether the sorting task could be combined with incomplete matrices to further cut down on the number of comparisons need to gather perceptual data. This idea forms the basis for our novel MDS data gathering method: using a sorting task on a subset of the total stimuli, and building up an aggregate result by piecing together dissimilarity data from multiple differing subsets. By using less than the total number of stimuli in a sorting task, we can ensure that a participant will be able to complete their experimental task within a reasonable timescale. However, splitting up the stimulus set into subsets creates several difficulties which are discussed throughout the remainder of the chapter. As soon as each participant no longer experiences every stimulus in the set, many potential issues arise of study design (which and how many

stimuli should they get) and study validity (can judgments given from only a subset of the stimuli apply to the whole).

Through informal testing it was determined that a subset of size 50, with 3 complete sortings into 3 different numbers of groups, would take a participant roughly an hour to complete, and so this became our target subset size. By giving participants different subsets that cover different portions of the set of stimuli, we can gather dissimilarity data about all of the stimuli in the total set. Averaging together the results from the different participants can then give us a total picture of the perceptual space for a given set of stimuli. What this subset method of gathering MDS data does is essentially forego unreasonably long individual experiment session durations by using a larger number of participants to gather the same amount of data.

4.2.1 Creation of Subsets

The primary challenge to this new method is in determining how large to make each subset, and how to distribute stimuli amongst subsets in order to ensure each individual's results can be aggregated into the whole to produce accurate overall judgment ratings. Because we wished to avoid biasing results, we chose to create random subsets, giving each random subset to just one participant to judge. We hoped this would minimize data bias due to the way a particular subset was perceived. However, the creation of random subsets is actually a somewhat more complicated matter if we are concerned with gaining an even coverage of judgments across the entire dissimilarity matrix. Uniform coverage is desirable because it minimizes the number of participants needed in order to achieve a required number of observations for each point in the matrix.

To this end, we developed a program that attempts to minimize the number of randomized subsets required to ensure that each value in the dissimilarity matrix has at least the specified number of observations. The algorithm is given the total size of the stimulus set that is to be used, the size of the subsets desired, as well as the minimum number of observations that each point in the dissimilarity matrix needs to have, and produces as many randomized subsets as is required by the given parameters.

Unfortunately it is non-trivial to produce a group of subsets which provide *only* the requisite number of observations to each point, due to the fact that every stimulus that is added into a subset will be compared with all other stimuli in the subset. For example, if a subset contains stimulus 2, and we are still lacking comparisons of stimulus 2 with 3, and 2 with 4, it is impossible to get those comparisons without also getting a comparison between 3 and 4. If another subset already exists with stimuli 3 and 4, then an overlap between the two subsets is unavoidable. This problem becomes progressively more complicated as the number of subsets increases, requiring more and more comparisons in order to achieve a minimally overlapping set. We have dealt with this problem with the following algorithm.

Description of Subset Algorithm

Our algorithm contains a two-dimensional array which keeps track of the number of observations (*NO_cur*) for each value in the dissimilarity matrix, and tries to make sure each value reaches the minimum number of observations (*NO*) without going over. It does this by continually adding in stimuli to new subsets, trying to bring *NO_cur* up to *NO* for each value. Thus at all times a list is kept for each stimulus detailing how many observations are needed against which other stimuli. This list is called a stimulus' free-set (as in, there exists free space to add in new observations), and it is essentially a list of stimuli that this stimulus still needs to be compared with (which means they must appear in the same subset).

The algorithm begins by selecting the first stimulus to be placed in a new subset, choosing the stimulus with the largest free-set (*i.e.* the largest number of stimuli it still needs to be compared against). Thus the most "greedy" stimuli are always dealt with first. Then the following loop begins:

- A stimulus is selected that is in the free-sets of all the stimuli already in the subset.
- If there is not one single stimulus that all the stimuli already in the subset have in their free-set (as is often the case), then the new stimulus is selected according to the following criteria (in decreasing priority):

1. The new stimulus should occur in the largest number of free-sets of stimuli already in the subset. If the stimulus is *not* in an already selected stimulus' free-set, the previously selected stimulus will end up with more than *NO* observations for that point. By minimizing the number of values in the matrix that receive more than *NO* observations, we ensure that we get as even coverage of observations as possible.
 2. Provided the new stimulus is in as many free-sets as possible, the next check is how much of its own free-set overlaps with the other stimuli's free-sets. The stimuli with the largest amount of overlap is chosen. This will increase likelihood of meeting criteria 1 when more stimuli are selected in the future.
 3. The new stimulus should have the largest free-set possible (ie, it should be the most "greedy"). Though ultimately, the greedy stimuli need to be dealt with most urgently, if we only ever grabbed the greediest stimuli without regard to anything else, we might quickly reach a point where it is impossible to add in new stimuli to the subset without creating many values in the matrix with greater than *NO* observations.
- Once the new stimulus is chosen, it is noted which required observations have now been accounted for (and which non-required observations have now been added as well).
 - The process then repeats itself until the subset has been filled, and then starts again on a new subset until all required observations have been filled.

Pseudocode

User specified constants:

NO - minimum number of observations needed for each value in
dissimilarity matrix

Stimulus_set_size - size of the total stimulus set to be used

Subset_size - size of subset to be used

Main Loop:

Variables:

MATRIX - 2D array, of *Stimulus_set_size*, used to keep track of how many

observation each value in the dissimilarity matrix will have,
given the subsets thus specified
NO_temp - number of observations that we wish to obtain in this
iteration of the loop

For NO_temp = 1 to NO

While MATRIX still has values < NO_temp, do

Call **CreateSubset**

Add observation to MATRIX caused by new subset

Save new subset to file

End loop

End For

CreateSubset:

Variables:

SUBSET - array returned containing all stimuli in this subset

STIMULI - array of all available stimuli that could still be added
to SUBSET

While SUBSET < Subset_size Do

Populate STIMULI with all stimuli not in SUBSET

//

// First Criterion

//

For each stimulus in STIMULI

number_of_conflicts = how many values in MATRIX would
be > NO_temp, if stimulus was added to SUBSET

If number_of_conflicts < min_conflicts,

min_conflicts = number_of_conflicts

End For

Remove all stimuli from STIMULI with

number_of_conflicts > min_conflicts

If size of STIMULI is one,

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        add remaining stimulus to SUBSET, iterate loop

//
// Second Criterion
//
For each stimulus in SUBSET
    free_list = list of stimuli that still need to be compared
                to stimulus in order to reach NO_temp
End For

subset_free_list = intersection of all stimuli's free_list

If subset_free_list is empty,
    skip to Third Criterion

For each stimulus in STIMULI
    free_list = list of stimuli that still need to be compared
                to stimulus in order to reach NO_temp

    overlap_size = size of intersection of free_list
                  and subset_free_list

    If overlap_size < min_overlap,
        min_overlap = overlap_size

End For

Remove all stimuli from STIMULI with overlap_size > min_overlap

If size of STIMULI is one,
    add remaining stimulus to SUBSET, iterate loop

//
// Third Criterion
//
For each stimulus in STIMULI
    free_set_size = number of values in MATRIX along stimulus'
                  row or column that are < NO_temp

    If free_set_size < min_free_set_size,
        min_free_set_size = free_set_size

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End For

Remove all stimuli from STIMULI with
    free_set_size > min_free_set_size

If size of STIMULI is one
    add remaining stimulus to SUBSET, iterate loop
Else
    randomly choose stimulus from STIMULI,
    add to SUBSET, iterate loop

End Loop

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Problems with algorithm

Because this algorithm was not the focus of this thesis, the actual end program written takes one major shortcut for the sake of efficiency and simplicity. In order to find a truly minimal number of subsets, the calculation performed for Criterion 2 should not just check whether the next stimuli will have a maximum amount of overlap with the free-sets of the stimuli in the subset, but should also check whether stimuli that are in that overlapping free-set, if chosen, would produce good results. That is to say, it is possible that choosing a stimulus that has a smaller amount of overlap compared to some other stimulus might actually work out better in the long run, because the stimuli that are in that overlap might in fact be better choices than the stimuli in the larger overlapping free-set. That is, choosing these stimuli might not lead as quickly to a point where the only stimuli that can be added in will create overlap points where the number of observations is greater than *NO*. We realized this error, but had to cut short our development time in order to proceed with the rest of our research.

Consequently the subsets created are not necessarily the most mathematically optimal non-overlapping subsets, though for our purposes they do provide reasonable coverage and randomization (see Appendix C for examples of actual subsets used in our studies). One exception to this is the tendency for the distribution of overlapped and non-overlapped points to clump together, as stimuli chosen in earlier sets tend to be used less in the later sets, which are more constrained in which stimuli they can select. A more

thorough and mathematically complete algorithm could be developed, but is outside the scope of this work. This effect can be seen clearly in Chapter 7, Sections 7.2 and 7.3, where this subset method is used in a full study and its results are discussed.

4.2.2 Robustness and Scalability

As this new data gathering method is designed to accommodate larger sets of stimuli, it is reasonable to ask how large a set this method can handle. The tradeoff that our method offers is that instead of increasing the length of time that a particular individual must spend judging stimuli, an experimenter may simply increase the number of individuals judging stimuli, with the amount of time per individual staying constant. Once an experimenter has figured out how large a stimuli set a person can be reasonably expected to sort within a target time frame (usually an hour), and decided what the minimum number of observations each point in the aggregate dissimilarity matrix should have, then our subset algorithm will be able to provide as many subsets as needed to acquire the requisite number of observations. At this point it is simply an issue of finding enough participants to run through each of the subsets, and then the data will be collected. Thus, theoretically, whatever the set size, it is only an issue of using enough participants in order to gain the necessary data.

However, in reality there are several concerns in regard to the scalability and robustness of this technique in the face of increasingly large stimuli sets. The first is the size of the subsets used to gather judgments: the smaller the subset, the more participants required to gather data, as well as the greater the potential for disagreement in judgments from different subsets, especially if the superset is large or perceptually complex. Another concern is the number of subsets (and thus participants) that will be required to satisfy the total number of observations specified. Last is the number of overlapping observations required in order to overcome any variability brought about by the large number of different participants contributing to the overall average, as well as any noise brought about by subsets whose small size might create idiosyncratic judgments from participants.

Size of Subset Required For Data Collection

One of the first issues an experimenter must deal with when using the subset method is determining the size of the subsets to be used. In order to gather the necessary judgment data as quickly as possible, as large a subset size as possible is desired (the exact benefit, in terms of decreased number of participants, is discussed later below). Consequently, it is suggested that through trial runs with sample participants, the maximum size of stimulus subset that can be sorted within a reasonable timeframe (usually about an hour) be determined for a given hardware and stimulus set combination. However, the maximum size is not the only concern with regard to subset size: there is also the issue of whether there is a *minimum* size which a subset must be larger than, in order to gain judgments that, when averaged together, will accurately reflect the entire stimulus set.

Though finding a time-driven maximum subset size is not overly difficult to determine, the issue of minimum subset size is slightly less clear-cut. Small subset sizes would limit the number of different stimuli a participant was exposed to, giving them a smaller "world view" from which to make their judgments. While their judgments within this world view would be valid, averaging them with other judgments that came from different world views would likely cause noise in the data. It is always possible to gather more observations in an attempt to counter the noise, but if the subsets were different enough it could be that no amount of observations could cause the values to converge in agreement.

What would likely determine if a given subset size was too small to produce converging results would be the actual number of underlying perceptual dimensions of the total stimulus set. The more perceptually complex the stimulus set (*i.e.* the more dimensions it has), the more variability there might be in judgments from different subsets. If the stimuli were only ever perceived as being "A" or "B" then even with very small subset sizes, there would likely be very little disagreement about how each of the stimuli were grouped. It is when there is a wide variety of stimuli that subsets can end up with far more of one type of stimuli than another, and perhaps another type of stimuli not present at all. It is this type of uneven distribution that would cause greater variability between

subsets and thus would require greater numbers of observations to counteract. This creates a somewhat paradoxical situation: how can we know how complex the stimuli set is (and thus the size of subset needed), when that is the very thing that MDS is supposed to discover?

Thankfully, practical considerations ensure that we rarely come truly face-to-face with this issue. To begin with, as alluded to above, and discussed more thoroughly below, very small subset sizes are quite impractical since they require a huge number of subsets (and thus participants) even to gain a bare minimum number of observations. Secondly, when deciding upon a stimulus set to study, experimenters are rarely without any intuition as to how many perceptual dimensions there might be—it is usually clear roughly how perceptually complex a set of stimuli is. Furthermore, in analysis of perceptual MDS results, it is very rare to deal with a result of dimensionality greater than 4 due to problems of visualization; a quick review of papers involving perceptual MDS finds very few analyses larger than even 3 dimensions. Consequently the level of perceptual complexity that a stimulus set has is often specifically designed in order to ensure its interpretability. This does not mean experimenters could not unwittingly produce a stimulus set too complex for the size of subset they specified, but careful selection of stimulus set, as would be done for any MDS study, will likely minimize this danger.

As a general rule, an experimenter should ensure that the subset size is large enough such that several stimuli that exhibit any given type of parameter (and any of the particular levels that that parameter might have) be present in any random subset. Though, as discussed above, there is no guarantee that there might be unforeseen characteristics in the stimulus set, as long as each of the various known (or assumed) major parameters has some representation in each subset, then it is likely that most important perceptual characteristics will be gathered. The simplest way to achieve this is to have a subset size as close to the superset size as possible without the subset become too large to sort with a reasonable effort. Of course this is generally not possible (since it was too-large supersets that this technique was designed to deal with in the first place), and so, as the subset size decreases and the chances of particular dimensions of the stimulus set being left out of a

given subset increase, more randomized subsets (judged by more participants) are needed to counteract the increased level of noise and disagreement.

Number of Subsets Required For Data Collection

When each participant is tested on a unique subset, the number of subsets required is equal to the number of participants required. We will discuss here a version of our subset creation algorithm in which each participant is tested on a unique subset, which provides the specified number of observations in the fewest subsets possible. Repeating subsets with multiple participants can also be done if desired (this is, in fact, done in Chapter 7 to help validate the subset method), but is less efficient in terms of number of participants run.

In our subset creation algorithm, there are three factors that affect the number of subsets required for an experiment: the size of the total stimuli set (NT), the size of the subset (NS), and the minimum number of observations required (NO). In our own practical experience, a bare minimum of five observations per value in the dissimilarity matrix is required for reasonable results, though there are exceptions, as discussed below. Assuming that the size of the subsets is large enough to capture significant characteristics of the stimulus superset, as discussed above, and holding the minimum number of observations constant, it is the ratio between NS and NT that affects the total number of subsets required. The total size of the stimulus set does not have an effect, as the coverage of both subset and total set grows as a quadratic function of their size, thus ensuring that our subset algorithm will produce the same number of subsets for a pairing of $NS = 50$, $NT = 100$ as $NS = 5$, $NT = 10$; there will simply be a factor of ten fewer stimuli in the subsets produced for the latter as opposed to the former.

In Figure 4.1, we show a curve of the number of sets required to obtain at least five observations in each point in a dissimilarity matrix plotted against the NS/NT ratio. As can be seen, the smaller the ratio, the greater the number of subsets required, to the point that any ratio lower than approximately one third will likely require far more participants than any experimenter would be willing to run. What this means is that though our new

technique is theoretically unbounded, in reality there is a cap on how large a stimulus set can be tested with it. We cannot state exactly what the upper limit on total set size is though, because it is dependant on how many stimuli could be put in a subset. For our purposes, with our target subset size of 50, we would probably not want to have a total stimulus set size of much greater than 150. However, our target size of 50 is at least partly limited by our means of sorting and the nature of the stimuli themselves.

Number of Observations Required for Data Collection

The curve in Figure 4.1 represents, in truth, a lower bound for the number of subsets needed for a given NS/NT ratio, as NO is fixed at five, a value we have found sufficient for our own purposes, but may under other circumstances be insufficient. More observations are needed to deal with noisy data, which can result from two main causes: greater variance within the pool of participants, or too-small subsets. Individual differences will always be a factor, but the effect of subset size on the noisiness of the judgment data will vary from stimulus set to stimulus set.

As discussed above, the likely determining factor in the size of subset (and thus the number of observations needed) is actually the true underlying dimensionality of the stimulus set. Obviously if NS was equal to NT , then all subsets would be the same and the only cause of variance would be from individual differences. But as NS/NT gets smaller, the difference between individual subsets increases, as they have less chance of overlap. This means that the view each participant has on the stimulus set differs by more and more. We advocate completely randomizing subset selection in order to cover over differences between subsets, so that each aggregate dissimilarity value is built up of values from enough different subsets so as to cover over any large, subset-specific variances. Given this, it would seem clear that smaller subset sizes would require a larger number of observations per dissimilarity value, in order to deal with the higher level of variance. Perceptual judgments from an NS of 2, for example, would likely differ hugely, and it may even be that no number of observations would ever create a complete picture of the stimulus set with such a small NS .

Thus in each case, the particular combination of *NS*, *NT* and *NO* that will meet an experimenter's needs will have to be decided individually. Nevertheless, given a not too diverse set of stimuli, our method can cut the number of stimuli that need to be presented to a user by a third, while still only requiring a very feasible number of participants to run the experiment. Such a decrease is of great use for our own goals, but also of general use to anyone who wishes to gather perceptual dissimilarity data about a large set of stimuli.

4.3 Potential Threats to Validity of Method

The subset method combines two previously validated experimental methods—sorting tasks and incomplete dissimilarity matrices. Joining the two together, however, by no means implies the validity of the combination. Certain characteristics of the sorting method throw into question the validity of results produced by using comparisons collected using anything other than the entire stimulus set.

4.3.1 Incomplete Individual Results

Firstly, compared with the straight pair-wise comparison task where it is easy to remove just a single comparison (because each comparison is independent of all others), in the sorting task it is impossible to remove one comparison without removing all of the comparisons of a given stimulus. This is because in a sorting task all stimuli present are compared against all others, so removing one stimulus removes all the comparisons of that stimulus against all the other stimuli present. Thus there is no way to create an MDS plot from just one individual containing all of the stimuli in the set (as in the incomplete but completely connected set advocated by Spence & Domoney [21]), and if each individual is given a different subset, it also means that each individual's MDS plot will involve (at least some) different stimuli. Consequently it will be very hard to compare individual MDS plots directly with each other, as a means of determining how consistent different people were in judging the stimuli set. Comparison of individual results is a useful tool in proving the quality of the averaged results, and the subset method is hurt by not having a direct means of performing this comparison.

4.3.2 Subset-relative Judgments

Unfortunately, creating average results from a series of incomplete dissimilarity matrices is also problematic due to the inter-dependant nature of all perceptual judgments performed in a sorting task. In a pair-wise comparison task, each comparison is dependant only on the two stimuli being compared (subject learning effects over time are assumed to be negligible). However, in a sorting task, each stimulus is being compared, either explicitly or implicitly, relative to all other stimuli present, and thus a change of one stimulus could completely change the groupings of all other stimuli. What this means is that an incomplete dissimilarity matrix produced by a sorting task comparison of one subset of stimuli versus a different but overlapping subset of stimuli could produce radically different dissimilarity values even for the stimuli in the intersection of the two subsets.

As an example, consider a total stimulus set in which one stimulus was played at ten times the amplitude of any of the other stimuli. If a participant was presented with a subset without the very loud stimulus, the relative amplitude differences of the remaining stimuli would seem more salient. However, if the very loud stimulus was present in the subset, the participant might now judge all the remaining stimuli to be at the same amplitude level, because the differences between the rest of the stimuli is so small compared to the difference between the very loud stimulus and all the rest. In this way the presence or absence of one stimulus could potential produce very different sorting strategies leading to very different results. Thus any attempt at averaging over all dissimilarity values could be potentially covering over a very noisy set of data, producing averages that essentially reflect no real-world population. However, it is not clear how strong an effect the relative nature of these judgments would have on the resulting dissimilarity matrix; or stated another way, how many repetitions, assembled from many participants, would be required in order to diminish the effect of this noise (as discussed in Section 4.2.2). This potential threat to validity is why we emphasize the randomization of subsets. We believe that cases of the above happening will likely be fairly rare, if the stimulus set is well designed. Thus if all participants are presented with a unique,

randomized subset, we believe that instances of this problem occurring should, on average, be covered over by the far greater number of reasonable, well-formed subsets.

4.3.3 Ability to Discover Overall Perceptual Trends

An additional problem that arises from averaging together different subsets is that due to overlap points, some values in the dissimilarity matrix will be averaged over observations from a larger number of participants than other values. This might, in essence, make certain dissimilarity values more “trustworthy” than others—that is, less likely to contain aberrant, fluke results. One option for dealing with this problem is to use some sort of weighted MDS, with each dissimilarity value weighted according to the number of observations or the standard deviation. However, by choosing to use a method that specifically aims to make the number of observations per value in the dissimilarity matrix as even as possible, we can deal with this issue without resorting to more complicated MDS models. Thus it will be important in experimentation to check the number of observations and/or consistency of the standard deviation of the various values within the dissimilarity matrix to ensure that they are not having an adverse effect on the MDS results, though we will not have a strict mathematical means of analysis for these features.

4.4 Pilot Study: Initial Study on Voicecoil Vibrators

An exploratory pilot study was run to determine the issues involved with both the rhythmic haptic stimuli discussed in Chapter 3, as well as the subset method of data gathering for MDS discussed above. The results of this study were used to inform the more thorough and detailed studies discussed throughout the remainder of this thesis.

4.4.1 Apparatus

For this study, vibrotactile stimuli were emitted from the transducers VBW32 Skin Stimulators from Audiological Engineering Corp. MA. The peak frequency transmitted by the device is 250Hz with a usable output range from 100Hz to 800Hz. The transient response of the device is 5ms. The experimental software responsible for presenting the vibratory stimuli was written in VB6, which logged results in a .csv format. The experiment was run on a Dell laptop running Windows XP.

4.4.2. Participants

Thirteen university undergraduate and graduate students (8 females) with ages ranging from 19 to 36 years were recruited for this study.

4.4.3 Stimulus Set

Via brief preliminary psychophysical testing, two frequencies and two amplitude levels were determined for use with the 20 of the 21 rhythms discussed in Chapter 3. We were still in development of our stimulus set at the time, and so did not use rhythm 4 in our set (see Table 3.2 for explanation of rhythm numbers). The two frequency levels were 150Hz and 300Hz, and the amplitudes were defined as the maximum volume output of the vibrators, along with the threshold amplitude level, as determined for each of the frequency levels. This resulted in a set of 80 stimuli, comprised of 20 rhythms x 2 amplitudes x 2 frequencies.

4.4.4 Procedure

We generally followed the method of [19]. Participants sorted the entire 80-stimulus rhythmic haptic stimulus set using the apparatus described above. Each participant completed 3 sorting tasks on the same stimulus set. At the beginning of the study, participants were instructed to feel each stimulus by clicking on to each numbered tile organized at the bottom of the screen, and to group stimuli that felt the same in the same boxes. Participants were also told that they could feel the stimuli as many times as they needed by clicking on the tile again, and were allowed to change their mind about the groupings by clicking and dropping the tile in the desired box. In the first sort, participants were told to group stimuli into whatever number of discrete, non-overlapping groups they felt was appropriate to describe the perceived dissimilarity between stimuli. For the remaining two sorting tasks, participants were required to sort the stimuli into a specified number of groups, either 3, 9 or 15. Of these three group numbers, the one closest to the number of groups chosen in the first sorting task was not used, with the remaining two numbers randomly assigned to the second and third sorting tasks. Having three repetitions of the sorting task performed on the same set of stimuli and varying the

number of groups that the stimuli are sorted into as we have done has been shown previously in haptic MDS studies to yield good resolution for perceived differences [20].

4.4.5 Results and Discussion

An average dissimilarity matrix was constructed from the participants' data, and then run through the SPSS ALSCAL algorithm for 1 to 5 dimensions. Graphing the resulting stress values shows no clear elbow indicating a point of diminishing returns in terms of goodness of fit (Figure 4.2); instead both 2 and 3 dimensional results provide reasonable stress levels, while higher dimensions are somewhat decreased in improvement. For the sake of parsimony as well as ease of interpretation, the 2D solution was chosen as the primary solution for analysis, though the 3D solution is given some consideration as a secondary tool for analysis.

Several features are immediately evident from visual inspection of the 2-D perceptual map (see Figure 4.3). First is the clear circular arrangement of the stimuli around the center of the graph. According to MacLean and Enriquez [19] this circumplex arrangement is a common result in perceptual MDS studies, including those involving haptic stimuli, resulting from judgments of stimuli as either very similar or very dissimilar according to the frequency and amplitude of the vibrations used, regardless of rhythm. This trend is further emphasized by the projection of the design parameters of amplitude and rhythm onto the perceptual map, as they both neatly bisect the map in nearly orthogonal directions. This projection is done by averaging the location of all the stimuli that have one value of the parameter, plotting the points, and drawing an axis between these points. The length and placement of these axes on the map indicate their overall importance in the perception of the stimuli. This result is consistent with those of MacLean and Enriquez who found frequency and amplitude were both extremely important perceptual features, as well as being highly correlated in terms of perception.

The second salient point is the even spread of stimuli around the circumplex distribution and the general lack of clustering amongst the stimuli. A cluster of stimuli around one position indicates that people perceptually group them together as being related in the

visible dimensions. A lack of any such clustering indicates an overall level of distinctiveness and discernability of our stimulus set, such that even stimuli that are perceived as being perceptually similar to each other are nonetheless perceived as distinct and separate sensations. MacLean and Enriquez [19] with a similar circumplex arrangement, nonetheless also showed clear clustering in mid-process results, a result distinctly different from our own.

It is noted that in that previous work, iterations were performed for the distinct purpose of designing non-clustered stimuli set with maximum perceptual 'spread', with the MDS result guiding adjustments. In other cases, clustering might be desirable in order to promote 'family' associations of meanings (e.g. Enriquez, Chita & MacLean [12]).

Thus we are left with the question of why the MDS plot shows no clear clustering, while other similar studies have. Specifically we wonder what effects rhythm has had on the perception of the stimuli, and whether it has played any role in this lack of clustering. The only clear rhythm effect is the one outlier stimulus, situated far outside the circumplex of stimuli, which is the full 4 quarter note rhythm, stimulus 1, played at the highest frequency and amplitude. That this is the most distinctive of all rhythms is to be expected, as it was the simplest according to our interpretation of rhythm, and it was played at the most clearly discernable frequency and amplitude combination used. Yet the remaining stimuli's marked descent into a cloud of opaque rhythm effects is made all the more frustrating because of the tantalizing promise of this one outlier.

We are thus left with ambiguous, noisy results and several possible explanations for this ambiguity. Given that the experimental method used was untested, one obvious possible explanation is that the new data gathering method introduced too much noise into the data. However, since the stimulus set is also unique and untested, it could also be suggested that the results of this study accurately reflect the difficulties people had in perceiving similarities amongst rhythmic haptic stimuli. Yet another issue is that vibrators used to display the stimuli may have lacked sufficient dynamic range and responsiveness to effectively display the more complicated haptic stimuli used here. The

difficulty in resolving these possible explanations led us to design and implement the studies described in Chapters 6 and 7, hoping to determine the validity of the experimental method used and the true perceptual nature of the rhythmic haptic stimuli created.

Chapter 5: Methods

The apparatus used in the pilot study – voicecoil vibrators attached to the sound-card output of a PC – has been used before successfully to create and test haptic stimuli. However, we felt that we may have been approaching the limits of this setup. The voicecoil vibrators were not as precise in their output as might be desired, leading to worries that our more complicated haptic stimuli might not be being displayed in complete detail. Furthermore, the voicecoils were separate from the PC, making them somewhat awkward to naturally introduce into regular application use. Thus when the opportunity arose to use prototype hardware from Nokia based on piezo technology, we gladly took advantage of it. It offered more precise timing and control over feedback, and an embedded platform that could support new haptic applications without any additional peripheral devices. In 5.1, we describe the hardware, a relatively new type of handheld haptic display on which very little haptic icon work has been done previously. In 5.2, we discuss the sorting program that we were required to write, in order to perform data gathering on the new handheld platform.

5.1 Discussion of Hardware Platform

The Nokia 770 (Figure 5.1) is a handheld internet tablet, with a large (90x54 mm) high-resolution (800x480) screen, ARM-based processor, and runs a modified version of the Debian Linux distribution. While the 770 is already commercially available, Nokia has added haptic feedback to a prototype model, identified as the 770T (see [16] for details). Though visually identical to the 770, the 770T has a piezo-mounted touchscreen, which allows the screen to be pulsed with small displacements in the axis orthogonal to the screen, giving the sensation of a single “click” when done once, and of a continuous vibration when done repeatedly at tightly spaced intervals. This technique can give quite convincing and satisfying haptic feedback, all within the context of a handheld device.

We are much indebted to Nokia for supplying us with several of these devices along with their technical support. What follows is a discussion of the new hardware platform’s

suitability to our own ends, with regard to creating and analyzing a large set of rhythm-based haptic stimuli.

5.1.1 Control of Haptic Feedback

Haptic feedback in the 770T is controlled through the use of feedback scripts, which are compiled into byte-code and sent to the hardware that controls the piezos. The feedback scripts consist of a series of commands for driving the piezos. There are five main commands: *charge*, *discharge*, *delay*, *loop* and *voltage set*. The *charge* command tells the device to begin charging the piezos and can specify the speed (by specifying the resistance of a current limiting resistor) that the piezos will be charged at. This creates the leading edge of a single “click” motion. The *discharge* command causes the piezos to discharge, thus creating the trailing edge of a single “click” motion. The *delay* command is used to specify timing between clicks and between charges and discharges. The *loop* command is used, as would be expected, to simply specify the number of times a set of commands should be repeated. Lastly the *set voltage* command sets the overall voltage level to which the piezos will be charged. No more than 255 total commands can be used in any one feedback file.

These feedback files, once compiled and loaded into the hardware, can be associated with a given type of GUI widget (for example, a button or a scroll bar) or specific individual widgets, and the feedback will then be played whenever the click event for the specified widget is fired. The 770T hardware only has space for 16 user-defined feedback files to be loaded into the hardware at one time, though multiple widgets can be mapped to the same feedback file.

In order to create sustained vibrations which can be used to make up a rhythm, consecutive series of closely spaced clicks had to be placed together to build up what is essentially a square wave playing at a given frequency. These vibrations give us the notes that can be used to make rhythms, while the delay command gives us the off-notes. Thus a single haptic feedback file could be used to make an single haptic stimulus from our rhythm set.

5.1.2 Baseline Perceptual Data

According to [22] the most perceptually salient parameters to be varied with the piezo touchscreen are the duration of the voltage curve and the speed at which the leading edge of the curve rises. These parameters corresponded roughly to the perceived amplitude or “strength” of the feedback. This claim was confirmed via our own informal user testing; in further agreement with [22], our testing also showed that the height of the voltage curve had an insignificant effect on the perceived strength of sensation, thus it was decided that the default voltage level of 173 V would be used for all feedback.

In order to create rhythms, we first needed to determine how to make continuous vibrations that were distinct. This necessitated a small, informal experiment in which users were presented with different combinations of feedback strength and vibration frequency, and asked to order them from strongest to weakest. For amplitude, we used wave durations of 0.5 ms (low) 1 ms, 2 ms, 4 ms and 10 ms (high amplitude) and resistance levels starting at 13.2 (low) and moving up to 1.0 kOhm (high amplitude) in 10 even intervals, thus controlling the sharpness of the leading edge of the voltage curve (curve rise time) as well as the length of the curve. High resistance levels produced low perceptual amplitudes because they decrease current thus slowing curve rise time. Frequencies ranged from 150 Hz to 300 Hz, at 50 Hz intervals.

From this it was found that there were generally four levels of perceived intensity of signal. Frequencies of 150, 200 and 250 Hz were all perceived essentially the same; they felt very strong and distinct to the touch. Vibrations played at 300 Hz felt much softer. Only the two extremes of voltage curve rise time were distinctively different, but they did tend to dominate the perception of curve duration. Voltage curve durations of greater than 1 ms were found to cause no perceptual differences when occurring within a vibration, while the difference between 1 ms and 0.5 ms was evident, but perceptually it was generally overwhelmed by frequency and curve rise time. Thus for the purposes of creating rhythms, we selected one *wave duration* (1 ms), two *curve rise levels* (1.0 and 13.2 kOhm), and two *frequencies* (200 Hz and 300 Hz). Thus we have a high and a low

amplitude and a high and a low frequency vibration, providing 4 different vibrations that we could use for our rhythms.

5.1.3 Advantages and Disadvantages of Hardware

From our initial experiences using the 770T, we observed that compared to the voicecoil vibrators as used in the pilot study, the piezo-driven 770T provided much more crisp and precise feedback. Though it is perhaps not able to produce as strong a sensation, the quick reaction times of the piezos were felt to have delivered a much more distinct feedback with sharp starts and stops, whereas the voicecoils had more noise associated with its edges, creating feedbacks that were not as well defined, feeling “mushier” to the touch. This, coupled with the very precise timing control provided by the feedback scripts, gave us hope that the 770T would have an increased expressive capability, making it easier to distinguish small differences between haptic stimuli, and generally giving greater discriminatory power to our haptic stimulus set.

Nevertheless, the 770T did have its drawbacks. As mentioned, amplitude of feedback given was generally less than the voicecoil vibrators, but in addition to this there was a strong audio component to any feedback given on the 770T due to the vibration of the screen within the casing. This sound required noise-cancelling headphones to be worn at all times during any testing of feedback on the device, with fairly loud white-noise having to be played in order to drown out the sound, which can be fairly intrusive and annoying to users. Another serious drawback was the hardware limitations on the number of commands per feedback file and the number of feedback files that can be active at any given moment. Though these problems could be worked around, they did create difficulties in the development process and somewhat hampered the controllability (and ease of programming) of the overall system.

Overall, we felt that the quality of the haptic feedback was well worth the switch to the new device. Furthermore, with an open-source operating system and a large (for its size) graphical display, it was felt that the 770T represented a strong platform on which to

develop new haptic applications, and thus was worth choosing as a device to characterize and study.

5.2 MDS sorting program

As outlined in Chapter 1, two different MDS studies were required in order to both perceptually characterize our new rhythmic haptic stimuli set as well as validate our new method of gathering perceptual data. Both of these studies require gaining perceptual judgment data from users. Prior to this, we had used a simple PC setup, as in the pilot study. However, using a handheld, Linux-based platform for our studies necessitated a change in the stimuli sorting program that is used to collect perceptual dissimilarity data from the user.

For several reasons it was no longer feasible to use the box-sorting technique utilized in our pilot study (and developed by MacLean and Enriquez [18]); the format was too space-intensive to fit on a small screen, and it was felt that having the box-sorting GUI on a desktop PC while having the user still needing to hold the 770 and interact with it using a stylus would be needlessly complicated both from a usability and a technical standpoint. Usability-wise, it would require constant switching between two different tasks on two different platforms, and from a technical side, it would require detailed communication between handheld device and PC, as well as a complete re-write of the box-sorting GUI for Linux rather than the Windows platform. Consequently, we designed a new interface that would allow the stimuli to be sorted using strictly the 770 with no other devices necessary.

The main limiting factor in the design of the new interface was screen space. The 800x480, 90 x 54 mm screen does not provide enough space to simultaneously display buttons representing all stimuli as well as boxes which the buttons can be sorted in to. Especially when the user is expected to sort stimuli into a large number of groups, the box and buttons sizes required would be extremely small, something that is definitely a troublesome issue when we are relying on the hand-eye coordination of touch-screen interaction. The possibility of having multiple screens that the user must switch between

in order to access all stimuli and boxes was raised, but it was felt that it was important that all stimuli and groups be present and accessible at all times, so that no stimuli were neglected and all groups were at the same level of visual saliency.

The method thus decided upon was to have a spatially static field of buttons that could be grouped by assigning different colours to the buttons, with each colour representing a different group. While adding colour does bring with it certain limitations, such as inaccessibility to colour-blind users and unavoidable affective responses to certain colours, we felt that this was the simplest technique that would achieve our goals of having all groups and stimuli present in the interface simultaneously. With this interface, users can feel any of the stimuli by pressing on any of the buttons, each associated with one stimulus. The user can then add a button to a group by selecting one of the colours along the bottom and assigning it to the desired button. In order to decrease confusion, an automatic sorting function is provided, which simply places all of the buttons, sorted by colour, at the top of the screen, with the un-coloured placed after it. In order to aid with the sorting task, users were provided with sheets of paper with coloured squares printed on them corresponding to all the grouping colours, where they could write descriptive names for each group if they so desired. This helped users conceptualize and remember the groups they were sorting, as well as providing insight to the experimenters about how users were sorting the stimuli.

5.2.2 Loading Haptic Feedback

We were successful in having all stimuli and groups equally accessible at all times both visually and physically, but hardware limitations forced us to introduce load times for playing some of the stimuli. As mentioned in Section 5.1, the 770 maps specific feedback files to types of GUI widgets, or specifically named widgets, but only provides space for 16 different user-defined feedback files to be loaded at any one time. As a result of this, only 16 buttons can play their particular stimuli immediately after being pressed. Any other stimulus has to be loaded first (a process that takes no more than two seconds), which, in turn, unloads one of the other 16 buttons that already had its feedback loaded.

To load an unloaded button, the user simply presses it once to load it, and presses it again to feel it. Loaded buttons are indicated with a “!” next to their numbers.

In order to minimize the amount of loading required by the user, both pre-fetching and a history queue were implemented for feedback loading. Thus eight out of the sixteen feedback slots were used as a history of the last eight buttons the user had pressed, while the remaining eight feedback slots were used to pre-load the nearest buttons next to any newly-loaded button. What this allowed the user to do is move from the top-left down to the bottom-right, having most of the buttons loaded ahead of time for him or her. Furthermore, since the immediate neighbours of any non-loaded button would also be loaded along with it, returning to feel what any given button felt like in a colour group would load all of the other buttons in the group provided the buttons have been sorted (see Figure 5.3 for an example). Though this does not remove all loading times, it does greatly decrease the total amount, making the sorting task less frustrating and time consuming for the user.

Chapter 6: Investigation of Rhythmic Haptic Stimuli (Gold Standard Study)

In Chapter 3 we developed our stimulus set using a novel application of rhythm to tactile stimuli. As always with haptic stimuli, developing them was one challenge, but determining how they were actually perceived by people was another. The intuitive understanding of haptic perception that guided our design process is by no means a guarantor of how the stimuli will be perceived by the broader public. Especially in the case of haptic rhythm, on which so little research has been performed, our knowledge is lacking. Thus in this chapter we seek a clearer picture of the important perceptual characteristics of our stimulus set, and how these relate to the design parameters we used to create the stimuli.

6.1 Purpose and Structure of Study

The purpose of this study was to produce a thorough description of the perceptual characteristics of our rhythmic haptic stimulus set through the use of an existing, verified experimental method. In this study, we wished mostly to learn what characteristics of the stimulus set define its perceptual space—that is, the dimensions along which people perceive these stimuli as a group, as opposed to the engineering parameters used to construct them. Moreover, by using a verified method we also aim to produce a “gold standard” result, which our modified, subset method of data gathering can be compared against.

To this end, we decided to use the sorting method of data gathering with the full set of 84 haptic stimuli; and in fact, this decision influenced the maximum set size we could test here. Since participants sorted the entire stimulus set, there were no concerns about participants making judgments based on only part of the total set, and thus the resulting aggregate dissimilarity matrix could be taken as a reasonable representation of the average perception of the total stimulus set. While the sorting technique is a validated and widely used technique [19], it is generally used with a much smaller number of stimuli. Sorting a full set of 84 stimuli is a much longer and more involved process, with

participant fatigue becoming a major issue. At 2 hours, the experiment time is extremely long; realistically this was the absolute maximum set size that this sorting task can handle, and then only with carefully chosen subjects

In order to minimize worries of fatigue, as well as trying to guarantee that our results would indeed constitute a “gold standard,” several slightly unusual alterations were made to the study. Primarily, participants were solicited directly, with the express aim of choosing people who were dedicated and trustworthy enough to be vigilant throughout the task, as well as having already had some experience with vibratory tactile stimuli. This would help ensure the quality of the data gathered, with the obvious proviso that it may not reflect entirely accurately the perceptions of the general public. Furthermore, this resulted in all participants, in fact, being acquaintances of the experimenter, another biasing factor. However it was felt that using unmotivated, inexperienced users for a fairly long and arduous study would almost certainly give results too noisy and inconsistent to interpret. Several other allowances were made in an attempt to minimize the strain put on participants running the study, as will be discussed in the “Method” section. We feel that these allowances, while deviating somewhat from the standard experimental method, actually help to guarantee that our results stand up in the face of such a large stimulus set.

6.2 Full-set MDS study

As a well established standard for the study of haptic stimuli, MDS studies have been shown to be a great tool for discovering perceptual characteristics of novel sensations [19]. What follows is a description of the first of the two major MDS studies performed in this thesis. It represents our best attempt to create a clear perceptual description of the rhythm-centered stimulus set we made.

6.2.1 Method

Six expert participants were solicited directly for the study. While relatively few, the demanding criteria set for the participants made recruitment difficult but meanwhile

ensured a smaller amount of higher-quality data. Participants were 5 males and 1 female, all graduate students in computer science, with an age range between 24 and 40.

The experiment lasted two hours, but participants were given the choice of breaking the experiment up into two one-hour sessions in order to minimize the fatigue of running the experiment. Of the six, two chose to break the experiment up, and four chose to do it in one two-hour block. Participants were compensated \$20 in total for the experiment.

Participants sorted the entire 84-stimulus rhythmic haptic stimulus set on the Nokia 770T tactile platform described in Chapter 5, using the program also described there. Each participant completed 3 sorting tasks on the same stimulus set. In the first sort, participants were told to group stimuli into whatever number of discrete, non-overlapping groups they felt was appropriate to describe the perceived dissimilarity between stimuli. For the remaining two sorting tasks, participants were required to sort the stimuli into a specified number of groups, either 3, 9 or 15. Of these three group numbers, the one closest to the number of groups chosen in the first sorting task was not used, with the remaining two numbers randomly assigned to the second and third sorting tasks. Having three repetitions of the sorting task performed on the same set of stimuli and varying the number of groups that the stimuli are sorted into as we have done has been shown previously in haptic MDS studies to yield good resolution for perceived differences [20].

Because of the auditory noise made by the 770T when playing haptic feedback, users wore Bose Quiet Comfort 2¹ acoustic noise cancelling headphones during the experiment. While the normal procedure is to play white noise during testing to drown out the sound, it was felt that for obvious reasons listening to two hours straight of loud white noise would itself be an impediment to making well-reasoned judgments. Consequently, and since participants had already been selected for their trustworthiness and dedication, participants were allowed to listen to music self-chosen according to stated criteria, and told to self-monitor to ensure that no sound from the device could be heard. The criteria were simply that the music was consistently loud enough to mask the noise made by the

¹ http://www.bose.com/controller?event=view_product_page_event&product=qc2_headphones_index

770T, and that it be emotionally neutral enough that it would not overly affect the participant's mood. The music played by the participants was periodically checked to ensure that it followed these criteria, and no violations were observed.

6.2.2 Basic Results

As per the methods of MacLean and Enriquez [19], similarity values were created for each pair of stimuli by taking each instance of co-occurrence in the same sorted group as an indication of perceived similarity, adding a similarity score to that pair proportional to the number of total groups used in that particular sorting task. Thus higher similarity values were given when two stimuli were placed together during the 15-group sorting task than the 3-group sorting task. These total similarity values were then subtracted from 1000 to create a dissimilarity matrix for each subject. These individual dissimilarity matrices, covering the total 84x84 (symmetric) comparisons between stimuli, were then added together and averaged, to create an overall average dissimilarity matrix for the group.

Analysis of MDS Plot

The resulting dissimilarity matrix (Appendix A) was then run through the SPSS ALSCAL algorithm for 1 to 6 dimensions. Graphing the resulting stress values (Young's s-stress Formula 1 was used) shows no clear elbow indicating a point of diminishing returns in terms of goodness of fit (Figure 6.1); instead both 2 and 3 dimensional results provide reasonable stress levels, while higher dimensions are somewhat decreased in improvement. Specifically, the 2D solution has an s-stress value of 0.36668 and an r^2 of 0.47788, while the 3D solution has an s-stress value of 0.26630 and an r^2 of 0.58049. Both s-stress and r^2 values range from 0 to 1, with low s-stress values showing better fit, while low r^2 values show worse fit. These particular s-stress values are both relatively high, indicating the difficulty of fitting the data into the required dimensions; this is likely due to the number of stimuli used. Furthermore in both cases the r^2 values are fairly low, indicating that around half of the variance in the data set was not accounted for in the MDS model.

However, given our own experience with MDS plots of haptic stimuli, such levels of stress and r^2 are not necessarily signs that the plots themselves will not yield informative and trustworthy results [20]. Given this, and the diminishing returns of the s-stress plot, for the sake of parsimony as well as ease of interpretation, the 2D solution was chosen as the primary solution for analysis, though the 3D solution is given some consideration as a secondary tool for analysis. Despite the relatively poor s-stress and r^2 values, these solutions proved amenable to reasonable interpretation.

2D Results

Initial examination of the 2D plot (Figure 6.2) shows a clear circumplex arrangement in the data similar to that found in the pilot. Overall distribution of stimuli along this circumplex is fairly even. A few denser clusters are evident, but only as part of a general trend of dispersed stimuli. At best only three very large clusters could be said to exist, but they are almost too broad to be of any interpretive value. Instead, several grouping trends according to amplitude and rhythm are explored in the next section.

In analysis of MDS output, our main goal is to determine how the engineering parameters that were used to create the stimulus set map to the perceptual parameters that participants used to group the stimuli. In our stimulus set, three main engineering parameters were used: amplitude, frequency and rhythm type. Our main method of projecting engineering parameters onto the perceptual space is to average the values of all the stimuli in a given group as defined by some parameter, and treat the resulting point as a centroid representing the overall group that can then be compared against other groups. For example, one group might be all observations for a given amplitude, and another group all observations for another amplitude. Drawing a line between the centroids of two different groups (as done for amplitude and frequency in Figure 6.2) creates an axis from which we can further interpret the data. The length of this line can be interpreted as the strength of the effect of this parameter, because the length of the line is the distance between the two centroids of the two groups, and in MDS maps, distance in layout equates to magnitude of perceptual difference.

Thus projection of the design parameters of amplitude and frequency onto the perception space shows a very strong and very clean cut trend of amplitude, but almost no trend of frequency whatsoever (Figure 6.2). The dominance of amplitude in distinguishing stimuli is as expected, and agrees with the previous results in the study of haptic stimuli [19, 18, 20]. However the lack of effect of frequency is a unique result, counter to previous findings, and is discussed in the next section as well.

Analysis of Standard Deviation

Analyzing the standard deviation of the averaged values in the dissimilarity matrix provides encouraging results that broadly agree with the MDS output. The overall average standard deviation for all dissimilarity values for the matrix is 160.02, which, on scores of 0-1000 is fairly large, but not insurmountably so—prior research has shown positive results with comparable levels of SD [19]. More interesting is the distribution of the standard deviation over the dissimilarity matrix (Figure 6.4). Unlike the pilot study, where the spread of high and low points of standard deviation was, as far as could be distinguished, completely random, there are clearly two different areas of SD, one with a higher overall SD, one with lower overall SD. These can be seen as the rough square of low SD (light coloured squares) in the middle of the half-matrix displayed in Figure 6.4, and the two darker corners (high SD) of the triangle. As stimuli numbered 1-42 were high-amplitude, and those numbered 43-84 low-amplitude (see Table 3.3), the light square corresponds precisely to the area where stimuli with low amplitude are compared against stimuli with high-amplitude (or vice versa), while the darker areas are precisely where stimuli of the same amplitude level (either low or high) are compared against each other.

This distribution of standard deviation confirms the large role that amplitude played in how people characterized the stimuli, as evinced by examination of individual MDS results: almost everyone agreed that stimuli of different amplitude levels were indeed different, while there was much more disagreement about the similarity of stimuli of the same amplitude level, differing only by rhythm. Compared to the results of the pilot study, these results contain considerably more structure both in terms of MDS output and

distribution of standard deviation. This gives us much more confidence to delve deeper into the MDS results in order to investigate the effect of rhythm on the perception of haptic stimuli (below).

Quality of Judgments from Participants

Since we are treating the results of this study as a “gold standard” truth of how our stimulus set is perceived, we need to feel confident that the judgments given us by our participants are trustworthy. The use of only six participants has been shown to produce consistent results (i.e. low between-subjects standard deviation, and similar overall structure in MDS result) for haptic stimuli before [20]. However, the use of six participants with a more tiresome task is a concern. Fatigue was potentially a problem for this experiment, given the large size of stimulus set the participants were being asked to sort. Mitigating this concern, we observed that four out of the six participants elected to perform the experiment in one large 2-hour block, preferring to “get it over with,” though by their own reports the task was not overly taxing. Especially with being able to listen to music of their own choosing, most participants reported being fairly comfortable with making perceptual judgments for an extended period of time.

Furthermore, we find from analysis of the standard deviation that the level of disagreement between participants was fairly low. Aside from the trend of amplitude described in the above section, the level of SD is within a similar range for all values in the dissimilarity matrix. While we do not have a good threshold for a reasonable absolute value of standard deviation in a task of this type, consistency of the standard deviation values for the averaged dissimilarity matrix helps confirm that participants’ results did not suffer from random noise introduced by fatigue. Along with the strength of the MDS results we actually obtained, we feel that our participant pool has been shown to produce trustworthy perceptual judgments.

6.3 Analysis of Frequency and Rhythm

The clearest result from our initial data analysis was that of amplitude, neatly bisecting the MDS plot, indicating a strong perceptual role for our stimulus set. The strength of

amplitude is in accord with previous research [19], but other results require further examination, such as the absence of the effect of frequency, and the perceptual role played by the different rhythms. In particular, we will show that the frequency and rhythm results are intertwined, and thus discussed here in relation to one another.

6.3.1 Frequency

Unlike amplitude, in plotting the centroids from the two frequency (“tonal”) levels, we find almost no trend whatsoever (Figure 6.2); the two centroids are extremely close together in the middle of the MDS map. Since the frequency of stimuli did not seem to play a large perceptual role in dividing the overall map, it would be expected that stimuli with the same rhythm and amplitude but different frequencies should occur very closely together, which is largely, but not exactly, the case.

Pairs of low and high frequency stimuli with the same rhythm are usually within at least the same quadrant of the map, if not much closer. For example, in the upper-left quadrant, high-amplitude and high-frequency stimuli 15, 16, and 17 all sit close to their low-frequency equivalents 36, 37, and 38, and in the lower-right quadrant stimuli 50 and 52 are quite near their counterparts 71 and 74. However, if frequency had absolutely no perceptual salience, then it would have been expected that the pairs of stimuli differing only by frequency would have been exactly co-located, which is almost never the case. The observed difference in placement could be due to noise in the data, but given the consistency of the rest of the results, it would seem odd that there might be pockets of such high noise that coincidentally occur between stimuli of different frequencies. In Figure 6.4, there appear to be no distributions of standard deviation for between and within frequency level comparisons, as there are for amplitude (see 6.2.2 for discussion). Consequently it cannot be concluded that the frequency of stimuli had no effect whatsoever, merely that it did not have a consistent effect across all stimuli, and that in total magnitude its effect on distinguishing stimuli was less than that of amplitude, or indeed, certain types of rhythm.

Possible Explanation for Lack of Effect

This relatively small effect of frequency runs counter to the previous results of MacLean and Enriquez [19], who found that frequency dominated all other parameters, along with amplitude and waveform, among others. One potential explanation for the lack of effect is that the previous results were gained from continuous vibrations (in [19], of 2 second duration), while our results were gained from rhythms involving mostly quite short notes (e.g. a quarter note, the most frequently used, lasted for just 62.5 ms). Potentially, the short duration of the individual vibratory notes did not allow their overall frequency to be clearly perceived: a quarter note would allow just 12.5 repetitions at the lower frequency, 200 Hz (see Section 5.1.2 for frequency values used).

Pasquero *et al.* [20] have shown that performing MDS analysis on a sub-matrix of the total dissimilarity matrix can effectively unfold dimensions that were hidden in the perceptual map for the total stimuli set; essentially, a subsection of the stimuli might have a local dimensionality which is suppressed by a more dominant one that applies to the overall set. Thanks to this fact, we were able to look only at the rhythms containing longer notes, in hope that the longer vibration times would allow people more time to perceive frequency (Figure 6.5). However, when mapped and expanded, the stimuli behaved similarly to the larger group: they fell in a general circumflex arrangement, with amplitude being the largest distinguishing factor and frequency playing a considerably smaller role. Though the axis of frequency was slightly larger than in the full MDS plot, given the small sample size of long note stimuli (16 /84 stimuli contained only half-notes or longer, with an average on-time of 1312.5 ms allowing 26.25 cycles of the lower frequency level) it is hard to claim any clear effects.

With this explanation eliminated, only two other likely possibilities exist: either the two frequency levels were too similar to be consistently distinguished between, or rhythm dominated or masked frequency in a perceptual sense, essentially overriding any judgments that people might have made based on frequency. As outlined in Chapter 5, initial testing was done with different frequency and amplitude levels in order to determine values that would be perceptually quite different. These tests were performed

only on continuous vibrations, and not on rhythms, because we wished to avoid the confounding factor of which rhythm or rhythms should be tested. Furthermore, participants could feel each vibration for as long as they wished, furthering differing the sensation from the time-limit rhythms. Nevertheless, the frequency levels selected created sufficient perceptual separation in the continuous vibration test, and the rhythmic stimuli themselves were tested informally to ensure that rhythms at different frequency levels could be distinguished.

So despite there being *some* a priori evidence of perceptual difference between stimuli played at different frequencies, it was seemingly not large enough to create a difference that people noted and used as a grouping criterion when combined with rhythm. Perhaps this lack of difference is because the two frequency levels chosen were dissimilar enough to create a difference, but only at the edge of creating a difference big enough to be perceptually important in classifying. This borderline condition might be an explanation for the inconsistent effect of frequency, but without a more concrete theory, we chose to largely ignore the effect of frequency throughout the remainder of this analysis. In future work, it will be relevant to consider a larger frequency differential than that made possible with the present hardware.

6.3.2 Rhythm

In the pilot study no obvious trends over rhythm were discernable. For every possible common-sense grouping applied to the data, there were enough exceptions that flew in the face of the trend that it was impossible to be certain that we were not simply imposing our view of the data onto what was essentially noise. In contrast, in the results from the full-set study the separation on amplitude was much more obvious and pronounced, and some clear clustering was evident, as opposed to almost no clustering in the pilot study results. This gave us greater confidence that our new hardware, as well as evaluation using trusted experts, had in fact tapped into the real perceptual characteristics of our stimuli—which, though displayed on different hardware, were made using the exact same parameters as in the pilot.

Analysis of 2D Solution

As is often the case for analysis of MDS solutions, the 2D map was used as a landmarking tool; its easy-to-conceptualize nature makes distinguishing the broad features of a solution a much more feasible task. Examining the 2D plot of our data (Figure 6.2), there appeared to be two breaks across from each other in the circumflex, and if we drew a line between these two breaks we split the perceptual maps into two halves roughly orthogonal to the two halves created by amplitude. This seemed very encouraging, pointing towards the existence of a second major perceptual axis in the definition of the stimulus set's space, and since frequency had already been ruled out as a potential factor, the next reasonable place to look for a cause of this separation was rhythm.

Inspecting the stimuli that fell along the left side of the map and the stimuli that fell along the right, it soon became clear that, barring a handful of exceptions, the stimuli along the left all involved rhythms that were comprised of entirely "short" notes, while the stimuli along the right had rhythms that contained "long" notes (see Figure 6.3). For our purposes, a "short" note was either a quarter or an eighth of a bar long—thus stimuli from Groups 1 and 4 (see Section 3.3 for explanation) are rhythms containing only short notes. A "long" note is any note that is a half bar or longer; Groups 2, 3 and 5 all contain one or more long note. Plotting centroids for this split of "long" versus "short" note groups, we find an axis roughly as large in size, and orthogonal to, that of amplitude. The fact that such a strong grouping occurred according to pre-defined logical groupings of the rhythms was an encouraging result; these separations were *a priori* built into the stimulus set based on our intuitive understanding of how rhythms might be perceived. Finding these assumptions confirmed, at least in part, from our experimental results indicates that we are likely seeing evidence of peoples' true perceptual characteristics, rather than chance artifacts of the experimental and data analysis process. That we found evidence of the perception of parameters that we built into the stimulus set might seem to be a self-fulfilling prophecy; however, lacking knowledge of the overall possible space of rhythms, some assumptions and intuitions had to be used. That we have found these

assumptions and intuitions confirmed experimentally indicates that we were justified in our original decisions, and nevertheless allowed us to notice some unexpected trends.

Analysis of 3D Solution

Attempting to find a different perspective on rhythm, the 3D MDS solution was examined. Arbitrarily assigning the names X, Y and Z to the three axes produced by the MDS algorithm, it was noted that the X-Y plane (Figure 6.6) was structured according to the same parameters as the 2D solution (though without the circumflex arrangement), with the Y axis differing along amplitude values, and the X axis differing along the “long note” to “short note” rhythms. However, examining the X-Z (Figure 6.7) and Y-Z (Figure 6.8) planes, it became evident that the Z axis was defined according to a different set of criteria.

As discussed in Section 3.2, the rhythms were constructed to fall into 5 major groups. Since the grouping of “long notes” and “short notes” already fell along these grouping trends, the 3D data was examined to see where each of these 5 groups was situated. What was discovered was that along the Z axis Group 2, the group containing only “long” notes, appeared at the very extreme end of the axis, with all the other groups spread fairly evenly along the rest of the axis. This seemed to indicate that there might be something special with Group 2, distinguishing it from the rest of the rhythms containing long notes. This makes intuitive sense, as Group 2 contains only long notes, while Groups 3 and 5 contain both long and short notes.

This difference manifests itself in an important perceptual characteristic of rhythm that will be discussed further below, namely the feeling of “evenness” or regularity, versus “unevenness” or irregularity of a given rhythm. At a high-level, rhythms that contain only notes of the same length feel even, while rhythms that contain notes of different lengths (or rest notes of different lengths) feel uneven. Yet given only the 3D solution, all that was evident was the different place of the long-note, even rhythm group; there was no clear evidence of evenness similarly affecting the short-note rhythms.

Amplitude-Independent Analysis

The fact that in the 3D solution the Y axis accounts for most of the effect of amplitude, presumably allowed the Z axis to account for certain perceptual features of rhythm that could not be fit into the 2D solution. As mentioned above, by taking only one section of the total dissimilarity matrix and analyzing it using MDS, factors that were hidden in the larger solution can appear [20]. Thus if we remove completely the dominant factor of amplitude, the more subtle characteristics that define rhythm have a chance to manifest themselves. To this end, two sub-analyses were performed on the two halves of the stimulus set that had the same amplitude level. Unfolding the data in this way, it became clear that there were actually two perceptual axes involved in the perception of rhythm. As initially noticed in the 2D solution one of the dimensions was the length of the notes in the rhythm (presence of absence of the longest notes). The other dimension, as hinted at in the 3D solution, was the “evenness” of the rhythms.

The 2D MDS output for all the high-amplitude stimuli is shown in Figure 6.9. As can be seen, the map can clearly be split into two halves of even and uneven rhythms; a large gap separates the two halves. Here we also see evidence of evenness of rhythms affecting both short and long note rhythms, which was hidden in the 3D solution. The split between the rhythms containing long notes and those containing only short notes is not quite as distinct, but still clearly observable. Initially this result may seem counterintuitive; the length of notes was the major discriminating factor in the 2D solution, so it would seem reasonable to assume that in the unfolded single-amplitude solution it would have the strongest effect. However, the likely cause of this is the fact that the “note length” axis actually contains a range of potential values, and can be somewhat ambiguously defined at certain points, while rhythms can be fairly unambiguously classified as either “even” or “uneven.”

Note Length

Generally speaking, the definition of a “long note” rhythm is any rhythm containing at least a one half, three-quarters or whole note. Seemingly the longest note present in a rhythm defines how it is perceived along this perceptual axis. Rhythms with three-

quarters or whole notes tend to fall near the ends of the axis, while rhythms containing half notes fall closer towards the middle, and those containing only short notes fall towards the opposite end, all as would be anticipated. Furthermore, if short notes are also present in a rhythm, the more short notes there are relative to long notes, the further towards the middle of the axis the rhythm will fall. This is especially evident for rhythms 11 and 19, which consist of a half note followed by two quarter notes or four eighths respectively, and both of which fall roughly in the middle between the long note and short note groups. This placement only serves to reinforce that note length is indeed the trend that is being displayed here, as the rhythms contain long and short notes in equal measures; their placement directly in the middle of the axis is exactly where one would expect them to be.

The trend of note length is not perfectly consistent throughout. Given the position of rhythms 1, 2 and 3 in the map, it may be claimed that the *number* of notes in a rhythm is also confounded somewhat with overall note length. Seemingly by having multiple short notes, these rhythms have moved towards the center of the axis. Under this explanation, it might actually be more accurate to describe the trend as one of overall time spent with notes playing versus not playing: if we add up the total duration of all notes played in the rhythms near the center of the axis, they come to a similar total, though the *number* of notes might be quite different for each rhythm. But this description is not strictly true either, as the three rhythms that are the equivalent of rhythms 1, 2, and 3, but with two eighth notes replacing each quarter note (and therefore with the same amount of total playing/not playing time), are placed much farther towards the “short” end of the note length axis. It is sufficient to say, then, that increasing the number of notes present can have an effect of moving rhythms more towards the “long” end of the note length axis, but that effect is not stronger than the overriding effect of the longest note present in the rhythm.

Evenness of Rhythm

As opposed to the note length axis, the even/uneven perceptual axis is very clearly delineated, with essentially no middle ground between the two groups. This can be felt

quite distinctly when the stimuli are actually displayed on the haptic device. Even rhythms have a regular repeating nature in which each part of the rhythm feels the same as every other part, throughout the duration of the stimulus. Uneven rhythms have an irregular, lurching feel to them; even with our monotone, same-amplitude stimuli, there is an emphasized portion of the rhythm and a deemphasized portion, such that the rhythm has an overall two-part structure, with a perceived emphasis on the first part of the rhythm. The most obvious examples of uneven rhythms are those in Groups 3 and 5, which consist of one long note followed by a number of shorter notes. Thus the longer note draws the emphasis, while the smaller notes are deemphasized, creating a skipping, *one-two* emphasis within the rhythm.

By only looking at the structure of the rhythms (as shown in Table 3.3), it is easy to conceptualize that Groups 2 and 5 might be perceived as uneven given the above description, yet it far less intuitive as to why rhythms 2, 3 and 15 also feel uneven, despite containing only notes of the same length. Yet upon feeling these rhythms, the sensation of unevenness is distinct. What appears to create the feeling of “unevenness” in these stimuli is actually the rest that occurs after the notes; the initial set of notes played thus creates the emphasized portion of the rhythm, with the blank occurring as the deemphasized portion. A caveat to this is that the rhythm must contain more than one note before the rest in order for it to be perceived as uneven. In the case of rhythms like 5, 7 and 8, which all contain only one note and then a rest for the remainder of the bar, the rhythm is seemingly recontextualized into one longer, slower pace rhythm containing a single bar consisting of a note played four times, instead of a bar repeated four times containing one note per bar. What appears to be causing this are the different sizes of the blank periods in the rhythm: in 2, 3 and 14, there are the blank periods that separate each note, as well as a longer rest note at the end of the bar. Thus what appears to define an “uneven” rhythm, in terms of how our subjects have placed them here, is that it either contains notes of two different lengths, or blank periods of two different lengths. The blank space between pairs of eighth notes, however, does not seem to count towards this effect. Consequently rhythms such as 16 and 17 are perceived as even.

As a last, confirmatory point, each of the four groups, from the four perceptual quadrants found in the amplitude-independent data (long-even, long-uneven, short-even, short-uneven, as seen in Figure 6.9), were individually run through the MDS algorithm (Figure 6.10). The resulting outputs were fairly similar in layout to the full 2D solution, with amplitude playing the largest defining role, but now with stimuli more spread out. No further insights were gained into how tactile rhythms are perceived. The most significant result of this sub-analysis was the stress and r^2 values produced by these solutions (Table 5.1). As can be seen, stress values are lower and r^2 values higher than the overall 2D solution. While some of this improvement can be attributed to the smaller number of stimuli, it should be noted that the long-uneven group has a lower stress value than the short-even group, even though it has 8 more stimuli. Consequently, we can see this as further evidence that the stimuli in these groups naturally “fit” together, as it is fairly easy algorithmically for MDS to deal with them.

Rhythm Groupings in 2D Solution

Returning to the 2D solution, we can see how these two axes manifest themselves when forced to contend with the overriding factor of amplitude (Figure 6.11). Plotting the mid-points of the 4 groups (short-even, short-uneven, long-even, long-uneven), several features can be noted. Firstly, the mid points all fall roughly in a line orthogonal to the line of the axis created by amplitude. Secondly, it is clear that of the two factors, note length has a stronger effect than evenness of rhythm, such that stimuli are grouped first by note length, and then within that group they vary according to evenness of rhythm. However, by introducing unevenness as a criterion, it explains the position of several stimuli whose placement was somewhat counter to the trend using strictly note length. For instance, without considering evenness stimuli 44 and 45 appear to wrongly be positioned with the long-note rhythms, despite consisting only of quarter notes. With evenness considered, it becomes evident that 44 and 45 are uneven rhythms, and are actually positioned in a group containing long-note rhythms *as well as* uneven rhythms. This result gives further weight to the claim that these two dimensions of rhythm are truly being perceived by people and that this is not a case of over-analysis of the data.

6.4 Summary

In Chapter 3 we created a set of 84 different haptic stimuli by varying three design parameters: amplitude, frequency and rhythm. In this chapter, we set about studying how these stimuli were actually perceived when presented to users. Since the other main challenge this thesis deals with is how to present such a large number of stimuli to users, certain concessions had to be made in order to successfully examine these stimuli. Nevertheless, the results we achieved were extremely encouraging, especially in regards to the effect of rhythm within tactile stimuli. Our analysis showed clearly that different aspects of rhythm could be distinguished, and that coupled with amplitude could create a very wide range of perceptually different haptic stimuli.

Our study consisted of asking six expert users to sort all 84 stimuli into groups, using the standard sorting method of data gathering for MDS. Since sorting 84 stimuli using a small handheld display is quite a tiresome task, only devoted and diligent participants were solicited. An elite subject pool is not always possible to recruit, and nor are its results necessarily reproducible by the general public. Yet despite the challenges in gathering participants, their willingness to accept a more difficult commitment and their prior experience and knowledge in the field made certain that data quality was high, and gave it credence in establishing ground truth.

After gathering the subjective perceptual data and running it through the MDS algorithm, we performed analysis, primarily on the 2D solution. We found amplitude to be the strongest perceived differentiating factor, while frequency was almost completely absent from the picture. The strength of amplitude agreed with previous findings [19], but the lack of frequency did not, an effect that can mostly be explained by the strong role of rhythm (which was conversely *not* present in the earlier analyses).

From our analysis, it appears that the two primary characteristics on which our rhythms are distinguished between are the length of the longest note present in a rhythm, and the “evenness” of the rhythm (“even” rhythms only have notes and rests of the same length, “uneven” rhythms have notes or rests of different length). Controlling for the effect of

amplitude, these two criteria are perceived roughly orthogonally, with note length being the slightly more dominant of the two. Though the rhythms that we tested in our stimulus set do not by any means cover the range of all possible rhythms, their simplicity should make these trends quite generalizable. Indeed, the consistency with which these two criteria were used to judge our rhythms is very encouraging, and should prove extremely useful to those wishing to use tactile rhythms in the future.

Our results have provided interesting new insights into how tactile stimuli are perceived, and specifically how haptic stimuli can be designed in order to maximize both perceptual differentiability and grouping. Furthermore, using an established, validated technique with committed, expert users has provided us with a clear “gold standard” as to what constitutes ground truth for the human perception of this stimulus set. Thus we now have an empirically derived standard that can be used to compare the results from our as-yet unvalidated novel data gathering method, a goal we pursue in the next chapter.

Chapter 7: Subset Method Validation Study

In Chapter 6, we examined our haptic stimulus set through the use of the sorting method often used to gather MDS data on haptic stimuli [19] [11] [18]. However, using this method with the full set of 84 stimuli created an extremely arduous task which was demanding even for skilled participants—problems outlined in depth in Chapter 6. In fact, if our total stimuli set had been any larger, we likely could not have performed the full-set study at all, sorting 84 stimuli at once being about the absolute maximum that could be done by a single participant. Consequently, this makes the full-set study described in Chapter 6 a unique, one-off experiment. With the goal of creating a general, easy-to-use method for evaluating large numbers of haptic stimuli, a less arduous technique must be developed.

As proposed in Chapter 4, by combining several existing methods that deal with large stimulus set sizes in MDS, we devised the subset method of data gathering for MDS that allows users to sort only a subset of the total stimulus set, thus greatly shortening experiment times, loosening restrictions on potential participants, and yet still producing a total picture of the perceptual space of a given stimulus set by averaging over a series of overlapping subsets. The cost of this method is in requiring a considerably larger number of participants for a given set size (to obtain sufficient overlap and reduce noise due to between participant variability), as well as the increased complexity of experiment design and analysis.

This chapter is concerned with validating the accuracy of this new method, by testing the hypothesis that the subset method of data-gathering for a perceptual MDS analysis can produce results comparable to the normal, full-set sorting method, but with a considerably shorter and less taxing experimental task. Thus, in addition to providing new results about rhythm stimuli, the full-set study also played the role of “gold standard” in this scheme.

7.1 Validation Overview

As discussed in Chapter 4, our main concern with collecting dissimilarity data from subsets of the total stimuli set is that the specific composition of each subset might affect how participants judge each stimulus. As an analogy, consider a quiet library in which everyone is whispering: if someone were to talk at a normal voice level, they might be considered “loud” compared to everyone else being “quiet.” But if someone were then to start yelling, the person talking at a normal level might also be considered “quiet” compared to the “loud” yeller; conversely, the yeller might be considered “very loud” while the normal talker would still be “loud.” Thus a subset without the yeller might produce different results across the board compared to a subset with the yeller. This is essentially a question of relative versus absolute judgments, and how great their effect might be on judgments within a subset.

At a slightly higher level, we are also concerned that participants might miss some of the larger patterns existent in the stimuli due to their lack of representation in the particular subset that participants are presented with. Especially if there is a small but highly distinct group of stimuli, there is a definite chance that some subsets might not have any of these stimuli, causing the user to completely miss their existence. Missing these stimuli would, in turn, create problems when averaging together the results from the different users, as different subsets would highlight different aspects of the stimuli, creating noisy averages that cover over incongruent pieces. On the other hand, it is possible that this will not be an issue, because the particular trends are only noticed when the stimuli that manifest these trends are present in a subset, thus making each subset fit together like a jigsaw, with different subsets providing coverage for the particular trends that are most evident in their stimuli. In fact, this situation could even serve to highlight subtle aspects of the stimuli that might be obscured in a full-set analysis. What we hope is that the relative difference values assigned to stimuli by participants stays at least roughly the same regardless of the composition of the subsets. The presence or absence of particularly “loud” stimuli would thus function in a way similar to a fish-eye lens on the MDS plot—distorting and compacting the positioning of all the stimuli around it, yet keeping their relative positioning. This kind of mild distortion can then be dealt with in a

convergent manner by averaging together observations collected from different randomly-generated subset comparisons.

Our criteria for validation of the subset data-gathering method are thus as follows. Firstly, stimuli that occur together in different subsets multiple times (such that dissimilarity values for that pair of stimuli will come from more than one subset) must still be given comparable dissimilarity ratings by users. "Comparable" in this case will mean that the level of standard deviation between ratings from overlapped stimulus pairs is no larger than the overall level of noise in users' dissimilarity ratings. Secondly, the averaged dissimilarity matrix must produce MDS results that are reasonable and logically sound, standing alone. Thirdly, the results must be similar to the gold-standard study, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Criterion one checks for the effect of subset-relative judgments, while criteria two and three check whether the averaged result in fact reflects the real nature of the stimulus set. Criterion two is thus a lighter version of criterion three, assuming the accuracy of the gold-standard result.

7.1.1 Criterion 1: Consistency of Results Obtained from Different Subsets

Inter-subset consistency is checked largely through examination of the uniformity of standard deviations of the averaged dissimilarity matrix elements. By looking at the standard deviation of values in the matrix where multiple subsets contributed to the dissimilarity rating, and comparing them to those points that have been covered only by a single subset (provided multiple participants judged the subsets, so that standard deviation can be calculated), we can see whether the points of overlap have higher variability compared to the points of non-overlap. There is always some disagreement among different users when it comes to perceptual judgments (and, indeed, users can often disagree with themselves on different repetitions). However, if different subsets do indeed produce highly different results for the same stimulus pairs, then it would be assumed that there would be a much higher level of disagreement (and thus standard deviation) for those areas of overlap, compared to the normal level of noise (disagreement) between ratings given by participants.

In order to be able to perform this particular test on the data, a slight variation on the proposed experimental method had to be made. Our original design called for complete randomization of the stimuli in each subset, such that each participant would be presented with a unique subset. Randomization was to be performed in order to minimize any possible effect due to subsets, so that the damage of any particularly unfortunate grouping of stimuli in a subset would be covered over by the bulk of reasonable subsets. It was also done to ensure an even coverage of the dissimilarity matrix with as few participants as necessary.

However, if we wished to compare the standard deviation of matrix points that average over multiple different subsets versus points that are averaged only over the *same* subset, then subsets must be repeated in order to develop a baseline level of noise/standard deviation that is to be expected when different participants are presented with the exact same set of stimuli. In this way we can compare the baseline level of standard deviation from individual difference to the level of standard deviation that occurs from individual differences *plus* differences due to participants experiencing different stimulus subset. To make this comparison possible, the minimal number of subsets needed to cover the entire dissimilarity matrix with one observation was created, which in our case took 5 subsets. These five subsets were used multiple times, such that each of the five subsets was sorted by several participants, allowing us to determine our baseline level of standard deviation while getting multiple observations per stimulus pair. This baseline level could then be compared against the standard deviation of areas where the five subsets overlapped, giving us a measure of how much comparisons from different subsets disagree with each other compared to the overall level of disagreement.

7.1.2 Criteria 2 & 3: Overall Accuracy of Results

Criteria two and three both pertain to the resulting MDS output map: they seek to determine whether the output has real-world traction, and specifically whether it compares favorably to our gold standard. We perform much of the analysis required for these criteria in an *ad-hoc* method similar to the analysis performed in Chapter 6 on the output of the full-set study. Yet calling our analysis *ad-hoc* is not meant as a slight to its

efficacy. Computerized clustering algorithms have yet to consistently attain the results of detailed human analysis; their lack of semantic reasoning and “common-sense” appreciation of the dataset is usually their downfall. Nevertheless, since this type of analysis can be considered as quite qualitative, a statistical means of testing similarity has been considered as well. As the accepted statistic for the comparison of MDS results, the coefficient of alienation, K , is also used to determine statistical similarity, using the empirically-derived values presented by Borg and Leutner [4] to determine similarity at the $p = .05$ level (as discussed in Section 2.2.1). However, statistical significance is not always practical significance, so it is important that our qualitative analysis—our assessment of reasonableness of result—agrees with the statistical measures on the similarity of the results of the two studies; both measures of analysis are required if we are to consider criteria three to have been met.

7.1.3 Strengths and Weaknesses of Validation Process

Overall, the main weakness of this validation process is the degree of bootstrapping involved in the creation of the stimuli and the design of our studies: we are testing a new study methodology on a new stimulus set. Furthermore, the gold standard that we are comparing the results of our new study against comes from stretching an already established technique potentially to its breaking point.

However, these two studies were carefully designed to minimize any circularity in their reasoning and to minimize the amount of bootstrapping. The full-set study uses an already valid technique to gather data, and its main weakness is the potential fatigue of its participants, which we watched closely for. The subset study uses an unvalidated technique, but its potential weaknesses are in the logic of the study itself, and it is, in fact, designed to minimize the issue of fatigue that troubles the full-set study. So each study's weaknesses are designed to counteract the weaknesses of the other, with the full-set study providing the solid ground-truth, produced at a heavy cost, while the subset study can be compared to this ground-truth with data much more easily gleaned from the user.

7.2 50-Stimulus Subset MDS Study

Our study using the subset method of data gathering for MDS takes place in two parts. In the first part we ran a study on 15 participants using the subset method, specifically designing our experiment to allow us to analyze several different characteristics of our new methodology in order to test for validity. While this experiment did produce several very important insights into the strengths and weaknesses of our new method, it also failed to produce an MDS plot that was sufficiently similar to our gold standard due to the experimental design decisions we made (specifically, it was derived from non-uniform number of observations across the full-set dissimilarity matrix). Thus in the second part of our study, we ran an additional 7 participants with the specific aim of gaining a better coverage of perceptual data across the entire stimulus set. By adding these supplementary data points, we were able to increase the quality of the resultant MDS plot such that it was both qualitatively and quantitatively similar to our gold standard. At the same time, we gleaned an important methodological insight, i.e. the importance of uniform coverage.

7.2.1 Method (Study Part One)

Fifteen participants, 5 female, 10 male, ages ranging from 22 to 35 were recruited to run this experiment. All were graduate students at UBC. The experiment lasted approximately one hour, and participants were compensated \$10 for their time.

As in the full-set, gold standard study, participants sorted a set of haptic stimuli on the Nokia 770T using the program described in Chapter 5. Each participant sorted a particular stimulus set three times during the experiment session. In the first sort, participants were told to group stimuli into whatever number of discrete, non-overlapping groups they felt was appropriate to describe the perceived dissimilarity between stimuli. For the remaining two sorting tasks, participants were required to sort the stimuli into a specified number of groups, either 3, 9 or 15. Of these three group numbers, the one closest to the number of groups chosen in the first sorting task was not used, with the remaining two numbers randomly assigned to the second and third sorting tasks. Participants wore Bose Quiet Comfort 2 acoustic noise cancelling headphones during the

experiment, which played white noise loudly enough to mask the sound made by the haptic feedback on the device. White noise was substituted for music, which was used for the gold-standard study, because (a) the experiment time was shorter (and so the noise less tiresome) and (b) we had recruited 'normal' rather than especially trustworthy participants, and were not comfortable allowing them to self-monitor their own music choice. The use of white noise is a much simpler and more realistic experimental setup.

Unlike the full-set study, participants were not presented with the full 84 haptic stimulus set, but instead with a subset of 50 haptic stimuli. Subsets of size 50 were chosen as the target size as, in initial testing, it was found to be the largest number of stimuli that could be consistently sorted in approximately an hour, using the technique described above. Using the subset algorithm described in Chapter 4, and employing the modifications to our method described in Section 7.1.1, we produced 5 randomly distributed subsets (see Appendix C for specific subsets used) that we could use multiple times in order to test if judgments differed from subset to subset. Our algorithm ensured that every two stimuli appeared together at least once in one of the subsets, and guaranteed that a dissimilarity value would be present for each combination of stimuli. While our algorithm attempts to minimize the amount of overlapping coverage, certain points in the dissimilarity matrix are overlapped by as many as four different subsets, though most points are covered by only one or two subsets. This overlap is unfortunate but some amount is unavoidable due to the nature of the sorting task. Each one of the 15 participants performed their sorting task on one (and only one) of the five subsets, meaning that each subset was sorted by three participants, with 3 participants x 5 subsets giving the total 15 participants, as shown in Table 7.1.

7.2.2 Results

Dissimilarity values for each participant were calculated in the same manner as described in Section 6.2.2. Full 84x84 symmetric dissimilarity matrices were then created for each participant, containing the dissimilarity values for those stimuli present in the subset they were tested with, and a value of -1 for all stimuli not presented, to mark them as missing. These dissimilarity matrices were then averaged over all users, with only the non-missing

values used to create the average value for each point within the matrix (many of the final values were thus averaged over different numbers of individuals).

This averaged dissimilarity matrix was then run through the SPSS ALSCAL algorithm for dimensions 1 to 4. The resultant stress values were plotted (see Figure 7.1), and a marked elbow was looked for, but no obvious candidate was forthcoming. The most likely candidate for an elbow was the 2D solution, though the overall curve of the graph was fairly even. The 2D solution had S-Stress = 0.38949 and $r^2 = 0.23463$, while the 3D had S-Stress = 0.28216 and $r^2 = 0.35597$. These stress values are reasonable, though the r^2 values are very low, indicating that a large amount of variability in the data was not accounted for in the solutions. However, this trend occurs across all dimensions, so we were forced to use the data as it was. Therefore, as in our full-set study, for parsimony as well as ease of interpretation, the 2D solution was selected for analysis, and the 3D solution was consulted for clarifying purposes.

Upon an initial analysis of the 2D solution, several features were evident (see Figure 7.2). Firstly, the strength of the amplitude axis is still quite evident, which is encouraging if we are concerned about the results being realistic: the subset technique has at least captured this, the strongest trend in the data according to our gold standard. Additionally, essentially no effect of frequency was found, just as in the gold standard. However, applying the rhythm trends as established in our gold standard, we see that the placement of the four groups has shifted. In the gold standard, the 2D solution was split, orthogonally to the trend of amplitude, first according to the note length of the rhythms, short to long, and then within those two halves, from even rhythms to uneven rhythms. In the 2D solution for the subset study, however, the solution is split first according to evenness of rhythm, and then by note length. The major manifestation of this is that the group of stimuli that has long notes and an even rhythm has shifted over to the far extreme left of the map, pushing the other three groups towards the right.

Comparing the subset study MDS output statistically with the gold standard, we find a result contradictory to our visual inspection: the coefficient of alienation, K , is 0.4485,

which, at $NP = 84$, $ND = 2$, is less than K critical = 0.55, and is significant for $p = .05$, according to the work of Borg and Leutner [3] and described in detail in Section 2.2.1. This result means that the similarity between the MDS maps of the subset and full-set studies is statistically similar, at a 95% confidence interval. Here we are presented with a case where statistical significance does not seem to agree with our practical analysis. The reason for these troublesome results is discussed in the following section

7.2.3 Reasons for Difference in MDS Results

The discrepancy between our statistical and practical analysis was a major concern to us. The placement of the “long-even” group in a different position as opposed to the gold standard study was a potentially fatal result for our new study methodology. This result is the primary reason why we determined that we needed to run additional participants, as described in Section 7.2.4—a choice that would result in a successful validation of our new technique. First, however, we will describe how a limited number of observations caused this group of stimuli to be placed differently, the key insight leading us to run additional participants.

Analysis of Standard Deviation

As visual inspection and statistical comparison differed in their conclusions, greater importance was placed upon our third means of analysis, comparison of the standard deviation values of the averaged dissimilarity matrix. The average standard deviation of all values in the dissimilarity matrix is 346.27, which is considerably higher than the gold standard’s average SD of 160.02, so right away we were presented with a potential explanation for the difference in the two MDS outputs (gold standard and subset study) as being some source of additional noise in the subset data.

Next we observed the distribution of the SD values over the dissimilarity matrix for the subset study, and noted a marked difference in the distribution of high and low SD values as compared to the gold standard (see Figure 7.3). The gold standard generally contained high SD values for points in the matrix where two stimuli of the same amplitude level were being compared, and low SD values for points where stimuli of different amplitude

levels were compared. By contrast, the subset study has distinct “stripes” of high SD values running through the dissimilarity matrix. These stripes occur along groups of four or five stimuli, and extend through comparisons with other stimuli of both different and the same amplitude level. No overall trend of between and within amplitude comparisons can be seen.

As noted in Figure 7.4, many of these stripes of high SD occur along stimuli from the “long-even” group —the same group whose placement in the MDS map is the primary difference between the full-set and subset study’s results. Though there are two other stripes that correspond to stimuli in parts of other groups (the high-amplitude and frequency members of Group 4 from Table 3.2, and the high-amplitude, low-frequency members of Group 5), the long-even group has by far the largest number of stimuli that are part of these high SD stripes. Certainly it can be noted that not all of the stimuli in the long-even group correspond to areas of high standard deviation; indeed several of the stripes are off by one or two stimuli from the actual stimulus groups. However, as we will argue later, this is because such stripes of high SD are the result of a combination of certain hard-to-judge groups with areas that received low numbers of observations, and so this lack of exact correspondence is to be expected.

Nevertheless, a high degree of variability would explain why the long-even group appears in a different position in the subset study’s results compared to the full-set study. What requires an explanation is the source of this high degree of disagreement among participants. Comparison of individual MDS plots is not overly fruitful, as most participants saw different sets of stimuli than the others and thus have, by definition, different MDS plots (see Appendix B for individual plots). Consequently we continue to rely on standard deviation as our main method of analysis.

Hypothetical Explanations for Divergent Long-Even Group Results

There are several possibilities for the observed strips of high standard deviation associated with the long-even group in the subset MDS result. It could be that by a fluke, these stimuli only ever occurred in one of the subsets, thus biasing their results

(Hypothesis 1); it could be that this is the result of different subsets producing different results for the stimuli in this group (Hypothesis 2); it could be that there was simply not enough data gathered for the stimuli in this group to gain a statistically reasonable average (Hypothesis 3); or it could be that the long-even group is inherently harder to judge than the other groups (Hypothesis 4). Hypothesis 4 is hard to prove definitively; instead it becomes the default conclusion by elimination if the other explanations are actively disproved.

In the following, we will address Hypotheses 1-3.

Hypothesis 1: Fluke Distribution of Stimuli

As the subsets were randomly created, it would be expected that the stimuli in the long-even group would appear fairly evenly throughout all five different subsets used, and this is indeed the case. All five subsets contained between 7 to 12 out of the 16 total stimuli in the long-even group (see Appendix C for subsets used). Thus all of the subsets would have contributed values to describing this group, so Hypotheses 1, the 'fluke' uneven distribution of stimuli, is eliminated.

Hypothesis 2: Subset-Relative Judgments

We know that long-even note rhythm stimuli occurred at roughly the same frequency in all 5 subsets; however, we do not know if one or more of these subsets had a distribution of stimuli that would cause the judgments in the set to be skewed and/or noisy. If such outlier subsets existed in our study, it could be that they contributed to the long-even group being placed differently in the MDS plot (hypothesis 2). If this were the case, we would notice this most distinctly for dissimilarity values that were averaged using data from different (conflicting) subsets.

A simple way of determining whether the averaged dissimilarity values for the long-even group came mostly from overlapping subsets or just from single subsets was to look at the number of values used in the average of each dissimilarity value in the group. If we plot the number of observations for each dissimilarity value in a similar way to the

standard deviation values (see Figure 7.5), we can see which values were produced only from a single subset (evaluated by three participants, and shown in dark purple), and which values were produced with data from more than one subset (run by some multiple of three participants (shown as light purple or white cells, i.e. lightest means highest number of both observations and distinct subsets used).

By lining up the columns and rows that contained the long-even group (orange) with the plot of the number of observations, we can see that for the most part, the dissimilarity values for the long-even group have been aggregated from single subsets (dark purple; though the particular subset that has contributed to each value does differ). Given the high standard deviation that the long-even group is correlated with (as illustrated in Figure 7.4), a possible explanation is that the noise was due to judgments for different subsets being distinctly different as a consequence of between-subset variations--yet this appears not to be the case. These levels of high SD seem to be occurring despite the values being averaged from only one subset, so we can claim that Hypothesis 2, noise from conflicting subsets, does not appear to be a convincing explanation for the source of the higher overall noise exhibited in the subset analysis compared to the single set analysis.

It should be noted that there is another way that subset-relative judgments could have affected the placement of the long-even group, but it is not an effect that would have produced the distinctive , long-even group associated stripes of high SD that are evident. If there were any subsets that produced judgments for the long-even group which were distinctly different from that of the other subsets (i.e. these stimuli substantially rearranged on the MDS output, as opposed to their relative positions 'stretched' a little), then stitching together the results from these subsets could create a contradictory picture of the entire stimulus set, as evinced by high noise associated primarily with members found in the idiosyncratic *subset* as opposed to just the problematic stimuli group. However, the stripes of high SD occur across all five different subsets (since the long-even group that corresponds with them appears in all five subsets)--so either all the subsets produced idiosyncratic results for the long-even group, or none of them did. If

each subset skewed its judgments consistently, we would *not* notice a trend of higher SD for the long-even group, a consistent skew should produce similar results for each of the subsets which in turn produce a low SD when aggregated. In fact the only way in which we would be able to determine such a skew would be in comparison to the gold standard.

Alternatively, if the subsets caused judgments to skew unpredictably for each *participant* (between-participant variations rather than between-subsets, but in a subset-specific way) then we would expect to see levels of high SD across all stimuli and not just in the long-even group (Hypothesis 4 already accounts for there being something particular about the long-even group that tends to create noise).

Hence it is not the case that our observed noise resulted from the fact that in some instances, dissimilarity values in the long-even group were averaged from multiple-individual evaluations of a single subset, as we can see no evidence that any of the subsets produced ‘bad’, outlier results. In Section 7.3.2 we further discuss how we found no evidence of subset-relative skewing of judgments overall, but for our current argument pertaining to the long-even group it suffices to say that such subset-relative judgments do not appear to have caused the high SD exhibited by this group. Thus we are left with either Hypothesis 4 (long-even group is inherently hard to judge) or Hypothesis 3 (this group did not receive sufficient observations).

Hypothesis 3: Insufficient Observations

While one can view the plotted observations (Figure 7.5) as a means of determining how many different subsets contributed to an average value, we can also simply consider the number of observations as a raw value in itself, disregarding how many subsets these observations came from. Performing this mental switch, we notice that the long-even group largely corresponds to areas with the minimum number of observations (three, represented by dark purple). A low n value in the calculation of standard deviation allows outliers to more strongly affect the value, and so the high standard deviation that the long-even group corresponds to could well have been caused by have an n of 3 for many of its values. It is thus possible that outliers from such a small sample of data (as

evidenced by the high SD) caused the long-even group to be placed differently in the subset study's MDS output, as compared to the gold standard. Given that the subsets were randomized, we can only conclude that it was simply an unfortunate distribution that caused the long-even group to have so few observations for many of its dissimilarity values.

Thus far, our data analysis allows us to make this claim specifically about the long-even group, but we have not yet presented a general analysis of how the number of observations (as well as the number of subsets) can affect the quality of the MDS results. In Section 7.4 we discuss this topic in much greater detail. Nevertheless this analysis is key to understanding why we decided to run additional participants: i.e. we needed to distinguish between Hypothesis 3 (insufficient observations) and Hypothesis 4 (inherent difficulties in judging) to explain the placement of the long-even group. Thus, we chose to obtain additional data to rigorously test Hypothesis 3.

To bring the current analysis to closure, we will thus make a forward reference to the conclusions derived from this augmentation of our study in Section 7.3, where we do indeed find that increasing the number of observations (apparently independently of the number of subsets) to a level that is relatively uniform across all stimulus pairs, diminishes the stripes of high SD. That is, low observation numbers seem to correlate to high SD, and this compounded with the fact that the long-even group, by chance, appeared to particularly suffer from receiving a low number of observations. Further, the augmented subset study produced an MDS result in which the long-even group is placed consistently with the gold-standard result. We therefore will conclude that Hypothesis 3 is upheld.

Hypothesis 4: Long-Even Group is Inherently Hard to Judge

Our results to this point do not allow us either to firmly accept nor refute Hypothesis 4, that the long-even group was inherently harder to judge. Compounded with the lack of observations, this inherent difficulty could well have been an additional source noise. We

therefore must conclude that it may also have contributed to the stripes of high standard deviation seen associated with this group in Figure 7.5.

Summary of Long-Even Results

Overall, these findings are very encouraging: we were initially worried that subsets might produce poor results, but have found instead that they can produce strong results quite similar to the gold standard. Along the way, we discovered the importance of maintaining uniform coverage, of at least 5 observations per point, across the whole dissimilarity matrix. Below we will further disambiguate the role of the subsets themselves in the result (7.3.2).

7.2.4 Study Part Two: Additional Participants with New Subsets

The fact that many values in the averaged dissimilarity matrix for the initial subset study only came from a single subset, tested three times on three different participants, was due to a particular choice in the study design of using only 5 subsets for 15 participants. We made this choice so we could gather a baseline level of variance due to individual differences, and compare it against the level of variance between different subsets. However, this choice had the negative side effect that there was a fairly large range in the number of observations that a given value in the aggregate dissimilarity matrix could be averaged over. Values where subsets overlapped were replicated three times, meaning that while some values had as few as three observations, others had as many as twelve. Since it appeared that these values with a low number of observations might be causing the MDS output to differ from the gold standard (Hypothesis 3), it was decided that we should run more participants, using new subsets designed to “fill in the gaps” left by the first subsets, thus evening out the number of observations across the entire dissimilarity matrix.

Method

Seven additional participants were run through the same procedure as described in 7.2.1, but this time each with a *unique* subset of 50 stimuli designed to even the coverage provided by the first subset study. Participants were all graduate students at UBC, ages

ranging from 22 to 29. The seven additional subsets ensured that each point in the aggregate dissimilarity matrix had a minimum of 5 observations (filled from a minimum of 3 different subsets), while the majority of points had between 6-10 observations and some points had as many as 17.

Results

Adding the dissimilarity matrices produced from the 7 additional participants to those produced from the original 15 participants, we created a new aggregate dissimilarity matrix, which we then ran through the SPSS ALSCAL algorithm as before. Figure 7.6 shows the stress plot for the new MDS solutions, from dimensions one to six. Though the stress curve is very similar to Figure 7.1, again with no marked elbow, there is a significant increase in r^2 values for both the 2D and 3D solutions at 0.32848 and 0.47007 respectively, indicating a greater amount of variability in the data has been accounted for in the solution.

Graphing the MDS output with the additional participants' data, and applying again the grouping of stimuli from the gold standard, we find a much more encouraging result (see Figure 7.7). The trend of amplitude is just as strong as before; but now the trend of rhythms, from long note to short note with uneven to even nested within, is present in the exact same order as the gold standard (Figure 6.10), though mirrored left-right. As relative, not absolute, position is what is important in MDS plots, mirrored results are equivalent. Mapping an axis along the centroids of all four of these groups creates a line almost perfectly perpendicular to the axis of amplitude, precisely as it does in the gold standard. Additionally, idiosyncratic placements of stimuli such as 44 and 45 (from the short-uneven group) amongst a generally long-uneven cluster are replicated quite similarly to the gold-standard solution. Further qualitative similarities and analysis are described in Section 7.3.1.

Two quantitative values also point towards an increase in similarity to the gold standard. The average standard deviation is down from 346.27 to 245.78, which is still higher than the gold standard's value of 160.02, but greatly decreased from the initial subset study,

indicating that these results are more internally consistent. Furthermore, the new, lower K value of 0.3534, a roughly 21% decrease from the previous value of 0.4485, is consistent with the theory that the additional participants run have increased the similarity between the subset study's results and the gold standard—though as discussed before and further elaborated in 7.3.1, K cannot be taken as a complete guarantor of similarity.

Running additional participants was done in order to address our analysis in Section 7.2.3. The results of this addition back up Hypothesis 3, i.e. that insufficient observations can explain altered placement of the long-even group in Part 1 of this study.

7.3 Validation of Subset Technique

We set out to prove the validity of the subset method of data gathering for MDS by ensuring that it met three criteria: that different subsets did not produce significantly different results for the same stimuli; that the resultant MDS plot was reasonable and believable in terms of interpretability; and that the MDS output compared favorably to that of the gold standard. Below, Section 7.3.1 describes how the output of the MDS algorithm is structured and how it compares to the gold standard, thus validating our method in terms of the second and third criteria, given sufficient data as collected in Part Two of this study. After this, Section 7.3.2 describes how the standard deviation of the dissimilarity values shows where discrepancies between individuals arose, disproving the theory that these discrepancies arose from the use of subsets, thus satisfying the first criterion. The analysis of standard deviation (7.3.2) is made easier by first considering the shape of the MDS output, which is why it is discussed second.

7.3.1 Criteria 2 and 3: Reasonableness of Results & Comparison to Gold Standard

The initial MDS results of our subset study could be said to have met the second criterion of reasonable and believable results, but failed on the third criterion of similarity to the gold standard. The strength of amplitude and the lack of effect of frequency were as expected, and grouping according to certain aspects of rhythm on an axis perpendicular to that of amplitude were also evident. Without a gold standard referent, we could have

concluded that these results in fact represented ground truth as to the perceptual characteristics of the rhythmic haptic stimulus data set. Even with the gold standard, according to our statistic of similarity, K , the two results were similar. However, according to our visual, *ad hoc* analysis of the MDS outputs, the two trends of rhythm were without a doubt different: the four main groups differed in order of appearance along the rhythm axis, which would lead to different conclusions about which aspects of rhythm were more perceptually important in differentiating between stimuli.

Happily, running additional participants closed the gap between the subset study and gold standard, greatly increasing their similarity even to detailed visual inspection. Though rotated roughly 45 degrees clockwise, and mirrored along the rhythm axis (both simply products of random variations within the MDS algorithm itself, and therefore inconsequential), the two MDS maps maintain the same order of grouping along the rhythm axis, and have an even stronger and cleaner separation along the amplitude axis. K was similarly more positive, approaching more closely its ideal value of 0. Thus at a broad level, the subset results did seem to resemble those of the gold standard to a reasonable and practically useful degree (in the absence of other objective measures).

Sub-Group Analysis for Higher Resolution

However, these trends were fairly high level, and so a more detailed analysis was performed in order to determine how well the subset method captured the more nuanced characteristics of the stimulus set. In the analysis of the gold standard, a sub-analysis of all the stimuli with a high amplitude level was performed in order to examine more closely what effects rhythm had on the stimuli's perception, regardless of amplitude; we performed a similar sub-analysis on the data produced by the subset method, to see if it yielded the same insights.

In Figure 7.8, the high-amplitude sub-group is analyzed in isolation and graphed. Applying the same groupings as in the gold standard and plotting their axes, we see that they are almost exactly the same length and in similar directions. Indeed the general layout of the two graphs, Figures 7.8 and 6.9, is strikingly similar. The evenness of a

given rhythm makes up one axis, going from even in the top right to uneven in the bottom left, while note length makes up the second axis, going from long notes in the top left to short notes in the bottom right.

However, there are some differences between the two MDS maps, most notably that the short-even and short-uneven groups are not totally separated, as they are in the gold standard. The two stimuli with a four quarter-note rhythm, and the two stimuli with an eight eighth-note rhythm are situated amongst the short-uneven group, which is counter to their placement in the gold standard. This placement may indicate that, at least for short-note rhythms, the number of notes in a rhythm is sometimes considered as the same thing as the perceived evenness of the rhythm. However, at this level of detail, we are entering into a realm of very precise pronouncements about how very small numbers of stimuli are perceived, from a study that involved the judgment of a very large number of stimuli. Insights at this level are probably better served by studies run on small sections of the data, looking for particular characteristics of individual stimuli. Thus at a secondary level of detail (with amplitude removed) the results from the subset study can be said to be similar to that of the gold standard, though at an even further level of detail, discrepancies begin to appear. This level of correspondence is likely greater than we can expect between any two experiments run on the same stimuli, so for our purposes, the MDS results of the subset study and the gold standard can be said to be both qualitatively and quantitatively similar.

Questioning the Statistical Analysis

One last question that might be asked is why the K statistic failed to account for the differences in MDS outputs that were observed through our own analysis. A potential explanation for this is due to dependence of K on the distances between each data point on the map, as K is calculated by comparing the distances between each data point in the first map against the same distances in the second map. Since both 2D results were arranged in a circumflex, most points in the MDS map have large distances between them, across the circumflex. Consequently, the similarity of these large distances may have had a large enough effect on the K statistic that the change in position from one side

of the circumflex to the other, of a small number of stimuli, created too small a difference to greatly change the overall K value. Since K does not encode the relative importance of any particular stimuli, it could not reflect the significance that the change in position of those particular stimuli had. Indeed, a similar change in position (distance-wise) of a different but similar number of stimuli could likely have produced more-or-less the same ordering of rhythm groups, which we would have then used as an argument for the similarity of the two MDS results. This result only serves to confirm to us the importance of cross-checking conclusions using several means and of looking for practical significance as well as statistical significance; which our results, in the end, have indeed demonstrated.

7.3.2 Consistency of Results: Do Subsets Introduce Too Much Noise?

The standard deviation of each averaged dissimilarity value can be used as an indicator of the degree to which different participants disagreed on how dissimilar a pair of stimuli appear: the higher the standard deviation, the higher the disagreement between participants. If all the participants were tested with the same subset, then the level of disagreement can be attributed solely to individual differences, and/or variability in repeated observations by the same individual, in their perception of the given stimuli. If the participants were judging the same stimuli, but in different subsets, then an additional potential source of disagreement is the relativizing effect of different subsets on perceptual judgments. Thus if we are concerned about whether splitting the stimuli up into subsets will cause too much variability in judgments (Criterion 1 in Section 7.1.1), analysis of standard deviation is where we need to concern ourselves.

Noise Due to Subset-Relative Judgments: Between-Subsets Analysis

The need to check for this effect drove our initial 3 participant x 5 subset study design: we required replicated data for a small number of unique subsets, as opposed to a larger number of non-replicated unique subsets, with their more complex overlapping pattern. The data from the additional participants is discussed in the next section, but this particular analysis requires the 3x5 structure of the first part of the study. As we had three participants sort each subset in the first round of our study, we can create an average for

the dissimilarity values for each subset, and examine the standard deviation of those averaged values to determine the baseline level of noise that comes solely from individual differences. The baseline SD gives us a reference point to compare against the SD of dissimilarity values averaged with data from multiple, overlapping subsets—values indicating the level of noise from individual differences *plus* the effect of different subsets. If the SD for these overlap values is substantially greater than the baseline, then we would have strong evidence for there being an effect of subset on the judgments given by participants.

This comparison is performed by plotting the SD of all values in the dissimilarity matrix, aside by side with the number of subsets involved in the average of each dissimilarity value, as is shown in Figure 7.9. By comparing back and forth between the two halves of the matrix, various trends can be discerned. Through choice of colouring we highlight that the darker areas of high SD (and specifically the distinct “stripes”) generally occur where there are darker areas indicating a single subset – i.e. non-overlap areas; and that the lighter areas of low SD generally occur where there are lighter areas of high numbers of subsets. This result is in contrast to our original concern that increasing the number of subsets in play would increase SD for observations from overlapping subsets, although it is countered by the fact that these points *also* have more observations overall. Nevertheless, it does appear that dissimilarity values from overlapping subsets converge towards an appropriate value for this stimulus set.

If some particular subsets affect peoples’ judgments by consistently skewing them a certain way (for all individuals), then we would expect to see the result of overlapped dissimilarity values having higher SD, a result that we did not see. However, if some subsets by chance contain combinations which generate confusion or disagreement and simply make everyone’s judgments noisier, then we would expect to see that some subsets exhibit overall levels of noise higher than others. This too, is not evidenced by our data, most strongly by the instances of stripes of high SD. These stripes occur across values from all five of the subsets used originally, and as noted above, *generally only have single subsets contributing to each of its dissimilarity values*. The consistency of

these stripes of SD across all five subsets seems to indicate that no one subset was noisier than the other.

The fact that the levels of high SD found in the first round of the study cannot seemingly be attributed to the negative effects of subsets is strong support for the subset method meeting the first criterion of validity (no effect of subset-relative judgments).

Evidence from Additional Participants

Further evidence for the lack of subset-relative effects is the results from running additional participants, each with their own, unique subset. If each unique subset did tend to produce judgments that were unique for the stimuli contained in the subset, then adding in seven new subsets to a data set already built up of five different subsets should increase the overall noise level in the aggregate matrix. Yet the net effect was to *reduce* standard deviation and increase the MDS result's similarity to the gold standard. This reduction confirmed our initial hypothesis (Section 4.2) that the best way to counteract any effect of subset, large or small, is to completely randomize the selection of each subset used and to use overall a 'reasonably' large number of subsets relative to the size of the complete stimulus set. In this way, if any one subset did have a strong relativizing effect on judgments, its effect would be minimized due to its data being mixed in with many other subsets, which should, on average, contain a reasonable cross-section of stimuli. Another way of saying this is that we wished to have as many different subsets as possible, to minimize the effect of each one; randomized subset construction maximizes this effect. By giving multiple participants the same subset (Part One of this study), we were able to observe this trend, but this technique is not recommended for regular use: instead complete subset randomization, as originally specified, will minimize overall noise levels in the data, as well as the number of participants needed to obtain a desired number of observations for each data point.

In summary, we cannot claim that there will be *no* effects of subsets; and to some extent, the low impact of subsets observed here could be a function of characteristics of the particular overall stimulus set which we have explored in the present research. Other sets,

e.g. those containing small groups of highly salient stimuli, could potentially be more vulnerable to such problems. However, it appears that (a) potential subset effects can be mitigated by using *more* and randomly created subsets, as opposed to fewer; and (b) the effect of subsets handled in this way are likely to be small, or even negligible (as observed here) in comparison to that of individual differences. Since the problem of individual differences is one that is never going to be removed completely from an experiment, we can assume that the effect of subsets, if any, will manifest itself very infrequently if handled properly. Individual differences are a problem that any MDS data gathering technique suffers from, so we feel we can conclude that our new subset technique suffers from no problems worse than those confronted by any other method known to this author.

7.4 Reflections on the Design of the Subset Data Gathering Method

With a strong case made for the validity of the subset method of data gathering, we turn next to a reflection on the overall nature of the technique, its strengths, weaknesses and peculiarities. Especially in our analysis of the standard deviation of the dissimilarity matrix, we found many interesting features indicating where our experimental technique succeeded, and where it struggled. As we wish this technique to be taken up by other researchers in the field, we outline here several important features of the subset method that any experimenter who wishes to use it should be aware of.

7.4.1 Observations vs. Subsets

In validating our method, we showed that subset-relative judgments did not appear to have a strong negative effect on our results (7.3.2). If judgments did differ from subset to subset, this difference was not evident to us. Furthermore, in our analysis of the long-even group (in Section 7.2.3), we concluded that its improper placement in the MDS plot from the first part of our study was due to it receiving an insufficient number of observations in conjunction, perhaps, with it being an innately difficult group to judge. These two results together seem to indicate that to ensure the quality of MDS results using the subset method, one should concern oneself most with gathering enough

observations, and not be too concerned about the effect of subsets; and potentially to even employ *more* subsets to reduce the skewing influence of 'outlier' stimulus groups. We pursue this argument to its conclusion here.

Importance of Having Sufficient Observations

A low n value in the calculation of standard deviation allows outliers to more strongly affect the value. Thus analyzing Figure 7.9, we cannot be too surprised to find that having high SD in dissimilarity values seem to consistently occur where there are a low number of observations, though the converse is not always the case. It is important to note that a low number of observations has not *in all cases* resulted in high standard deviation, especially the noticeable "stripes" of high SD. Referring back to Figure 7.5, we see that these stripes also largely correspond with several different groups of stimuli from particular types of rhythms. Thus a second condition for creating high SD seems to be that the stimuli being averaged are from either the long-even group, or the two additional small subgroups of stimuli that also have high SD.

The nature of these two conditions is largely quite encouraging. By design, the areas of the dissimilarity matrix with the highest number of observations are also the areas with the greatest amount of overlap between subsets. Yet these areas of high overlap in fact generally correspond to values with *low* standard deviation; and even with the noise-reducing role of increased observations, if subset overlap was a source of truly discrepant data, we would not expect to see this. What this correspondence seems to indicate is that having observations coming from multiple different subsets has not been a noticeable source of noise in our data—the judgments from different subsets have generally converged. Instead, our major source of noise appears to be simply the effect of individual differences, regardless of subset, causing havoc within an average only when it contains too few observations. Furthermore, adding in more observations (as was done in the second part of the study) served to decrease overall standard deviations levels (see Figure 7.10) while simultaneously adding in more subsets.

Value of Having Many Subsets

However, a potential confound to the claim that increased observations brought about better data is that, in adding in seven more participants we also added in seven more subsets. Thus it could be argued that it was adding in subsets and not observations that increased the quality of the data. Though we had previously been concerned that different subsets would produce markedly different judgments, we had also tried to mitigate this problem by creating random subsets that would, on average, not suffer too heavily from this problem. Thus it could be argued that adding in more subsets simply allowed for the differences between subsets to be covered over more evenly (indeed, a positive role which we originally hypothesized in our argument for subset randomization).

We did not find evidence of the subset-specific effect which the problem subset randomization was meant to mitigate. Furthermore, the only positive effect we would supposedly be gaining from adding in more different subsets would be to counter this effect. It would almost then seem that our entire attempt to create randomized subsets was of no value, given that the main effect that it was meant to counter was not found – at least for this stimulus set.

Yet it would be premature to conclude that randomization is unnecessary, for two main reasons. First, we have not shown that there will *never* be subset-relative effects, merely that they were not evident in the current results. Indeed, it seems intuitive to us that there must be at least *some* variation due to subsets occurring, if only at a fairly small level, and that randomization would still be the best means of handling this problem. Thus we would argue that randomization acts as a sort of “safety net” that should help guard against effects of subset, should any manifest themselves; and further, could help to identify when larger subset effects do occur through a simple subset-overlap SD analysis.

The second point is efficiency: our subset randomization algorithm also helps to minimize the number of subsets needed in order to have a certain number of observations for all values in the dissimilarity matrix. This helps cut down on the number of participants needed to run a study using the subset method and at the same time optimizes uniformity of number of observations across all stimulus pairs, which is very important

given that one of the major tradeoffs of the subset method is the number of participants needed to gather data. In fact, if we had used unique randomized subsets from the start, we would only have required 17 participants to gain the same number of observations (as opposed to 22), and the distribution of observations would have been considerably more even, with a range of 5 to 12 rather than 5 to 17 observations per dissimilarity value.

Types of Outliers and Method to Deal with Them

Another way viewing the argument put forward above is in terms of outliers. In our analysis of standard deviation, it was noted that there were two main possible sources of outlier data points that could cause noise in the data: individual differences and idiosyncratic subsets. Furthermore it was noted that these two sources produced different types of outliers, and could be dealt with separately using different methods.

The common source of outliers in psychological experiments is from individual differences in perceptual, physical or cognitive ability. We found this most evident in the five groups of three participants that each judged the same subset. Despite all experiencing the same subset, they still exhibited a high degree of standard deviation, even more so than where subsets overlapped, though not at a level that their results were entirely different (see Appendix B for individual plots). Nevertheless these differences in opinion must be attributed to individual differences. The standard method of dealing with such individual differences is to ensure the participant pool is representative of the overall population and to use enough participants to gain a representative sample. While we made our best effort to ensure participants were representative, we found that we had initially gathered too few observations for many of the data points. Thus we used increased observations to guard against outliers from individual differences.

The second source of outliers was subsets, though we did not find strong evidence of this being a large source of outlier data in the present data set. Nevertheless, we have not disproven that subsets could exist that would greatly skew any judgments given from it. Thus it is useful to consider the fact that the outliers caused by such subsets would occur not at the level of individuals, but at the level of entire subsets. Instead of one individual

producing outlier results, one subset could produce outlier results over and over again, each time it was used by a new participant. To guard against this form of outlier, we used unique randomized subsets, so that the cost of any one outlier subset is mitigated by, on average, having many more subsets that do not cause strong subset-specific effects.

In essence, adding in more randomized subsets and adding in more observations both help reduce the effect of outliers, but at different levels. More subsets reduces the effect of outlier subsets, more observations reduce the effect of outlier individuals.

7.4.3 “Striping” of Standard Deviation

One last particular facet of the standard deviation results that does bear further examination is the “stripes” of high standard deviation in the aggregate dissimilarity matrix. As can be seen in Figure 7.3, the stripes are very distinct and generally occur in groups of four or five consecutive stimuli, though several single-stimulus stripes are also evident. While these stripes were observed to occur due to a combination of a low number of observations with certain groups of stimuli, adding more participants and subsets removed the stripes of extreme high levels of SD. Yet if we observe the distribution of SD within the new aggregate dissimilarity matrix (Figure 7.10) we find striping again, though at a much lower absolute level of standard deviation. Some of these stripes are in similar places as before, but many of them are not. Furthermore, their correspondence with areas of lower numbers of observations is less marked than before.

Thus we are forced to conclude that the striping at least somewhat comes from the algorithm that creates the subsets (see Chapter 4, Section 4.2 for details). The most likely explanation is that those stimuli which are placed into subsets made first by the subset algorithm (as is the case for many, but not all, of the stimuli that are part of stripes), end up not being used very often in later subsets, since they have already gotten the requisite number of observations assigned to them via the subset creation algorithm. This in turn causes other stimuli that occur more in the latter subsets to have a much more randomly distributed number of observations, since it becomes harder and harder for the subset algorithm to come up with stimulus pairings that do not create overlap. Thus stimuli used

in early subsets will likely appear in fewer different subsets, receiving fewer total observations, and thus higher standard deviation. This potential weakness of the subset algorithm was admitted early on, and it could possibly be dealt with through continued iterations on the subset algorithm. However, once lower than a certain threshold of SD, there seemingly appears to be no longer a great effect of the striping on the actual output of the MDS algorithm. Moreover, if we had used completely randomized subsets (rather than re-using the first five) this effect may have been even smaller to begin with.

7.5 Summary

With all 22 participants run through our subset study, the results we produced were very similar, both qualitatively and quantitatively, to the gold standard which we produced using an established, validated data gathering technique. Furthermore, the addition of more subsets was found to increase rather than decrease the quality of the MDS output. Thus our three criteria for validating our new experimental method were met.

The effect of different subsets on judgments made in the sorting task was found to be negligible compared to individual differences in judgments, as evidenced by the relative distribution of standard deviation for within-subset averaged dissimilarities and between-subset dissimilarities. The fact that we saw areas of high SD generally being associated with values that only a single subset contributed too, and that adding in more new subsets resulted in lower SD values, all point towards subsets not having a negative effect on overall agreement within the data. Thus criterion one was met.

Criteria two and three were met due to the reasonable and interpretable results of running the dissimilarity matrix gathered by our subset method through the MDS algorithm, and its significant similarity to our gold standard. The 2D MDS output from the subset study exhibited very similar trends of amplitude and rhythm as those found in the gold standard, full-set study. Furthermore, the two outputs were statistically similar in layout according to the alienation coefficient K , the best statistical measure available for judging similarity of MDS results [4]; although we point out that this statistic must be used with caution in the current context, and paired with other means of analysis.

With all criteria met, and with results that are clearly similar to the gold standard, we can feel confident that our new subset method of gathering data for MDS will indeed produce valid results in future studies. Thus validated, we can recommend the method for use with any similarly large stimuli set, as a means of gaining perceptual dissimilarity ratings from users quickly and accurately.

Chapter 8: Conclusion

We set out in this thesis to accomplish two main goals. Firstly we wished to create a large and diverse set of haptic signals, by using rhythm as a parameter that could potentially increase a set's expressive range; and to ascertain the perceptual dimensions by which users actually categorize these signals. This first goal brought about the second goal, which was to develop a new means of evaluating the perceptual characteristics of such a large set of haptic stimuli. This we accomplished through the development and validation of a novel technique for allocating stimuli to participants, allowing smaller subsets to be tested separately on different users and greatly easing the task of data gathering.

In each of these goals we produced contributions to the field. The use of rhythms as a design parameter opened up a huge design space that easily allowed for the creation of a large set of different haptic stimuli. Prior work on haptic rhythms [24] [5] had only shown some evidence of this promise. Furthermore, people responded well to the use of rhythms in haptic stimuli; they were able to discern different aspects of rhythm within the stimuli, and distinguished the stimuli accordingly. Not only was the stimulus set successful, but our new experimental methodology proved valid as well. By producing results that are comparable both statistically and practically to an established gold standard we showed that breaking the data gathering task into subsets of the total, and then building the overall picture out of the pieces, is indeed a valid way to gather perceptual data about a stimulus set. The particular contributions of each of these successfully met goals are described in the sections below.

At a high level, these contributions mean that we have crossed a major hurdle in what we can do with haptic icons. No longer confined to small numbers used in restricted laboratory studies, haptic icons can now be produced and analyzed in set sizes of more broadly practical utility, given human perceptual abilities. Larger scale haptic icon production can ensure that a designer wishing to use haptic icons can find the types of stimuli that he or she wants, can find enough of them, and can know how each of them

will feel relative to each other. This is a strong step towards mainstreaming the use of haptic icons, and bringing them into the world of practical application development.

8.1 Conclusions on Rhythms for Haptic Icons

When we were trying to find a means of enlarging the number of haptic icons that could be made, rhythm intuitively seemed like it might have depth enough to allow this. Our intuition was amply repaid by the results we found. We made a simple first trial at creating haptic stimuli using rhythm, attempting to use as few parameters as possible in order to allow for easier interpretation. Thus we did not even tap all of the potential aspects of rhythm—not to mention melody—that could be used with haptic stimuli. Nevertheless we easily created a set of 84 haptic stimuli that we intuitively believed, and later confirmed, to be distinct.

As always with haptic stimuli, designing them was one problem, but determining how people actually perceived them was a second, and in many ways more difficult problem. By using an established data gathering technique, we were able to build a dissimilarity matrix for all stimuli which could be applied to MDS. Analyzing the resultant output map, we were able to gain great insight into how these rhythm-based stimuli were perceived.

Perceptually, our stimuli were distinguished first by their amplitude, though not by frequency. This result counters results of previous studies that found both amplitude and frequency to be of importance [17]. This difference is perhaps because after amplitude, it was the previously untested parameter of rhythm that appeared to be the most important distinguishing feature. Rhythms shortened the overall time people were exposed to the frequencies of the vibrations, the quick succession of relatively short notes overwhelming the effect of frequency. This strong role of rhythm, and the conclusions we were able to make about how haptic rhythms are perceived, is a major contribution of this thesis.

Our analysis showed that our haptic rhythms were perceived according to two orthogonal axes. Though these axes may be particular to the types of rhythms we chose to study, we

hope that the simplicity of our rhythms should make our insights a solid grounding for more complex instances. The first axis was what we termed “note length,” while the second was “evenness” of the rhythm. How a stimulus was perceived along the “note length” axis depended on the longest note present in the rhythm. If a rhythm contained a half note or longer, it would fall on the “long” end of the note-length axis; if it contained only notes shorter than a half note, then it would fall on the “short” end of the axis. The “evenness” of a rhythm was determined by whether there were notes or rests of differing lengths within a given rhythm. If so, then the rhythm will feel distinctly uneven or unbalanced; conversely if a rhythm has only the same length notes and rests, it will feel even. This was a consistently reported perception that showed itself clearly in the data, yet was an unexpected perceptual classification which was not part of our original rhythm creation scheme. Nevertheless, these two axes of perception for rhythm appear to be strong and robust. Not only that, but they provide useful tools for future designers to predict how the stimuli they make will be grouped perceptually.

Compared to previously created sets of haptic icons, we succeeded in making an icon set larger than any yet created. The next largest, the tactile melodies created in [24], was 53 icons, but these icons were collected at random from a database of real-world musical melodies. More systematic icon sets like those created in the work of MacLean and Enriquez [17] or Brown *et. al.* [16] are generally even smaller, at 36 and 27, respectively. Thus we have roughly doubled the size of any prior icons sets. Furthermore, the perceptual axes our icon set exhibited—such as “note length” and “unevenness”—have a much larger and more interesting space for growth compared to such prior axes as amplitude or waveform; as they are not strictly ordinal in nature there is much more room for creative design.

The different perceptual axes found for rhythmic haptic stimuli, even when using a fairly simple set of rhythms, already show interesting and novel ways that stimuli can be distinguished. Our stimulus set has shown very promising results, with interesting perceptual features leading to an easily diversified set of rules about perception of haptic rhythms. The detailed insight into how these haptic stimuli are perceived has made them

of great use to designers who wish to use haptic icons in their application, or to create more haptic icons themselves.

8.2 Validation of MDS Data Gathering Technique

Our new method of gathering perceptual judgment data also proved successful. By splitting the data gathering task into smaller subsets, we were able to greatly reduce the amount of time it takes for a user to perform a complete set of judgment tasks. This subsectioning allows for much more feasible experiment times, and ensures that fatigue is considerably less of an issue for the judgments given. Fatigue in particular is a very large issue, as other methods of data gathering such as pair-wise comparisons [20] can be heavily affected by drifts in judgment criteria caused by fatigue or loss of attention over time. Our new technique allows experimenters to select whatever size stimulus set they would like, giving them complete control over how hard they wish to push the participants in their study. The only major tradeoff of this technique is that the smaller the subset of stimuli presented to the user, relative to the superset, the more participants will have to be run in order to gain the same amount of data. For practical purposes, we suggest that a subset / superset size ratio less than one third will require an impractical number of participants; in our case, with a subset size of 50, this would allow for a superset of 150, which is almost twice again the size of our current—quite large—stimulus set. Thus we still have considerable room for growth before our data gathering method reaches its capacity.

To review the work we accomplished in designing and validating this new method of data gathering, we first proposed a simple study design based on combining two existing methods of gathering data for MDS. By using the sorting method as used by MacLean and Enriquez [17] among others, as well as the incomplete-set design described by Spence and Domoney [20], we developed the subset method, whereby each participant in the study was presented with a subset of the total stimulus set, with the average dissimilarity matrix being created out of the patchwork coverage of the various overlapping subsets.

We then validated our new technique by running a study using the new method on the same rhythmic haptic stimulus set that we had already studied using an established, but more cumbersome technique (the “gold standard”). What we found was extremely encouraging. Using 12 different subsets and 22 participants, we produced MDS results that both visually and statistically highly resemble the MDS results from the gold standard. The same trends of amplitude and rhythm that we found in the gold standard study were also found in the results of the subset study. Furthermore, the statistic of similarity K [3], also showed the two results to be statistically similar at $p=.05$.

Perhaps even more convincing, was that when presented initially with somewhat unclear results, it was running additional participants with *more* different subsets that improved the results to a point at which they were clearly similar to the gold standard. It was seen as a potential stumbling point of our method that participants would make their judgments completely relative to the stimuli present in their subset, and thus each set of judgments would be highly dependant on the subset they were from. However, we have shown that by randomizing subset selection, adding in more subsets (along with more participants) actually *increases* the accuracy of the averaged data.

Thus our main concern was allayed, and our resultant MDS output was confirmed as similar to the gold standard. Consequently we feel confident that our new subset data gathering method will produce valid results, and can be used in cases where the size of the stimulus set that needs to be tested is larger than any one user can be reasonably expected to make judgments on in a single sitting.

8.3 Future Work

There are two main areas of future work that start where this thesis ends off. The first is a further refinement of the haptic stimulus set using the insights we gained from our studies, and the second is a larger goal of applying these haptic icons in more in-depth applications.

Given what we found in our twin studies on the rhythmic haptic stimulus set, there are clear indicators of which design parameters we used were most important to people perceptually, and which were not. Certainly amplitude, length of notes present in rhythm and evenness of rhythm are among the former, while frequency (in the ranges tested, and in the presence of the more salient rhythmic variation) is among the latter. Thus if we wish to improve upon our stimulus set, making each stimulus more distinctive from the others as well as providing logical grouping for the stimuli, we need to take our findings into account and redesign the stimulus set accordingly. This redesigned stimulus set would have to be tested again with users (most likely using our new data gathering method), so that we could feel confident that our stimulus set actually exhibited the perceptual characteristics we anticipate.

With a well-designed stimulus set in tow, our next task, and the true aim of all the work that has gone into this, would be to apply the stimulus set as haptic icons in an interesting application and test it with users. Specifically, our hope is that with such a large stimulus set, we might be able to study the use of a haptic icon-enabled application over a longer period of time, in order to determine the upper maximum of how many different haptic icons a user can reasonably handle in an application. Due to the novel nature of the sensation haptic icons deliver, it is our belief that users have to struggle considerably with overcoming the novelty and unfamiliarity of the feeling before they are able to use haptic icons successfully. Yet if users were exposed to haptic icons for a longer period of time, to the point at which these sensations became normalized, then we might be able to determine such things as just how prevalent the use of haptic icons can be in an application, how many haptic icons people can learn to use, and how useful haptic icons can be for designing usable interfaces.

It is our sincere hope that the work done in this thesis will provide a key piece in answering these questions.

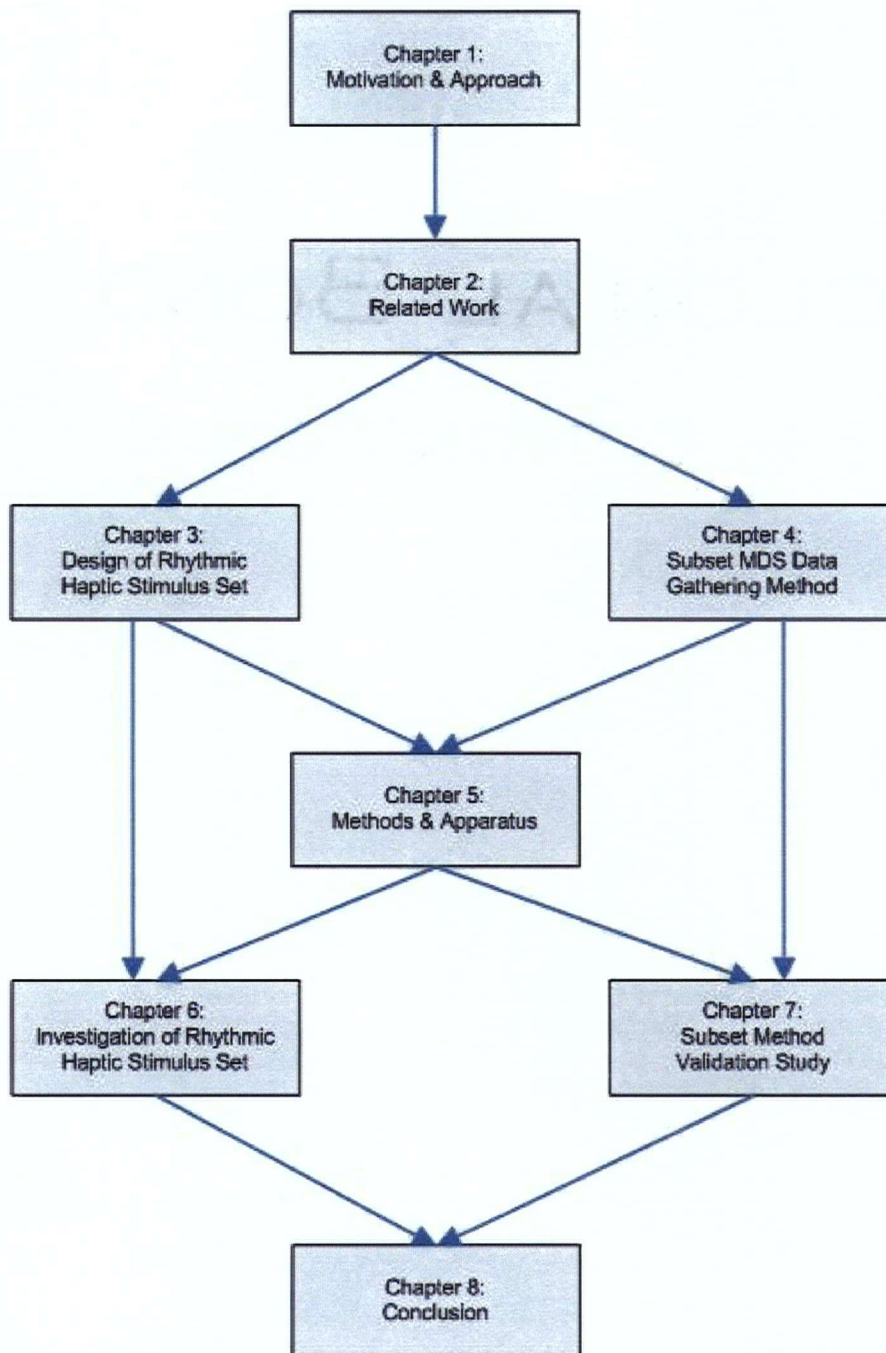


Figure 1.1 Logical structure of thesis. Chapters 3 & 6 pertain to the design and evaluation of the rhythmic haptic stimulus set. Chapters 4 & 7 pertain to the experimental design and validation of the new data gathering method. Chapter 5 describes the methods and apparatus that are shared by the studies described in Chapter 6 and 7.

Table 3.1. Note Types Used in Rhythms. Though at its smallest level of granularity there are 16 different slots in which vibration can be played, logically the notes are arranged either according to whole, three-quarter, half, quarter and eighth notes. Each note consists of both the time in which the vibration is played as well as the off-time where no vibration is played that is needed in order for one note to be distinguished from the next. Rest notes are referred to in the same manner as normal notes, except no vibrations are played.

R#	Note Type															
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Whole Note															
	Three-Quarters Note															
	Half Note								Half Note							
	Quarter Note				Quarter Note				Quarter Note				Quarter Note			
	Eighth		Eighth		Eighth		Eighth		Eighth		Eighth		Eighth		Eighth	

Table 3.2. Rhythms Used in Stimulus Set. Each row represents one “bar” that is repeated four times over a 2 second interval to make a rhythm. Within each bar, a note is demarcated by a pair of bold black lines. Notes contain both the on-time of the vibration plus the off-time that allows each note to be distinct from the next. Thus within each note there is a grey area indicating a time period where vibrations are playing and a white area indicating no vibrations are playing. This is except for rest notes, which are all white. See Table 3.1 caption for explanation of types of notes.

R#	Notes
	GROUP 1
1	
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	GROUP 2
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	GROUP 3
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	GROUP 4
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	GROUP 5
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Table 3.3 Lookup Table for Stimulus Set. Stimulus numbers are used to refer to individual stimuli throughout the remainder of this document. We used a total of 84 stimuli, which consisted of 21 rhythms which varied as described in this chapter, combined with 2 amplitudes and 2 frequencies, distributed as described here.

Rhythm #	High Amplitude		Low Amplitude	
	High Frequency	Low Frequency	High Frequency	Low Frequency
1	1	22	43	64
2	2	23	44	65
3	3	24	45	66
4	4	25	46	67
5	5	26	47	68
6	6	27	48	69
7	7	28	49	70
8	8	29	50	71
9	9	30	51	72
10	10	31	52	73
11	11	32	53	74
12	12	33	54	75
13	13	34	55	76
14	14	35	56	77
15	15	36	57	78
16	16	37	58	79
17	17	38	59	80
18	18	39	60	81
19	19	40	61	82
20	20	41	62	83
21	21	42	63	84

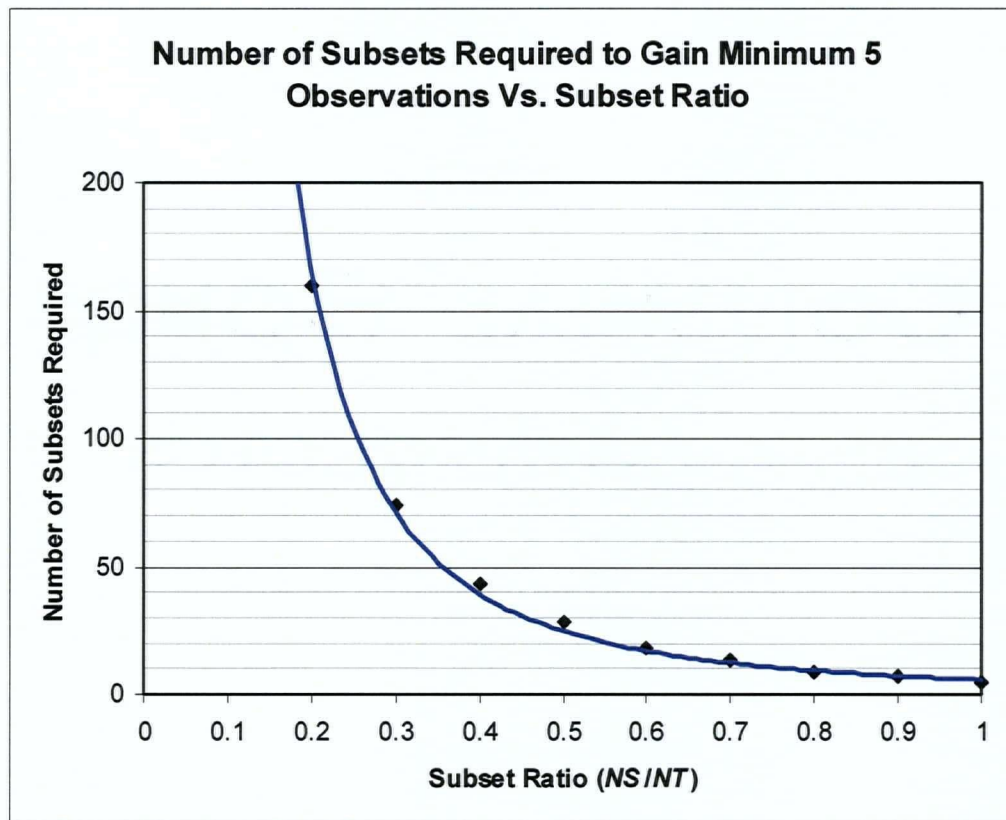


Figure 4.1. Graph of subsets versus subset ratio, for a desired minimum of five observations per dissimilarity value. For any ratio of subset size (NS) to total set size (NT), between 0 and 1, our subset creation algorithm attempts to create the minimal number of subsets that will ensure that at least the required number of observations are present for each point in the dissimilarity matrix. The resultant curve is shown above. As can be seen, anything lower than a ratio of roughly a third requires a number of subsets that is quite unreasonable for practical purposes.

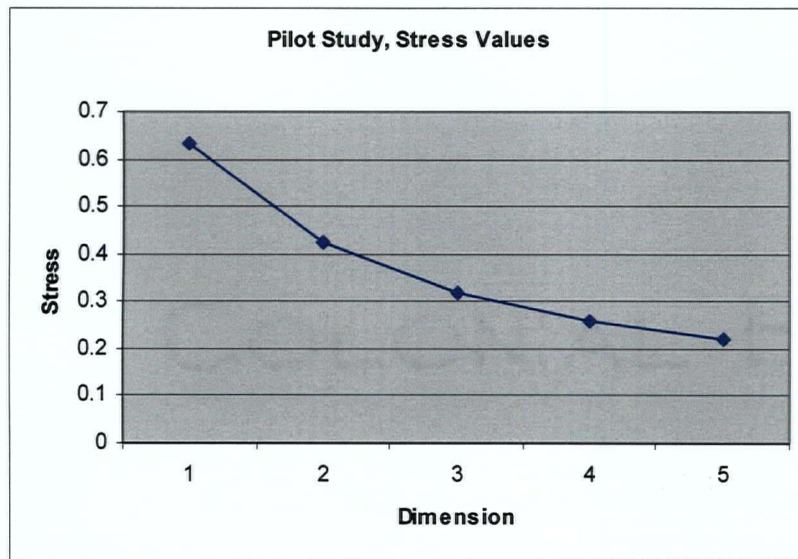


Figure 4.2. Stress values for the first five dimensional MDS solutions. No distinct elbow in the curve can be seen

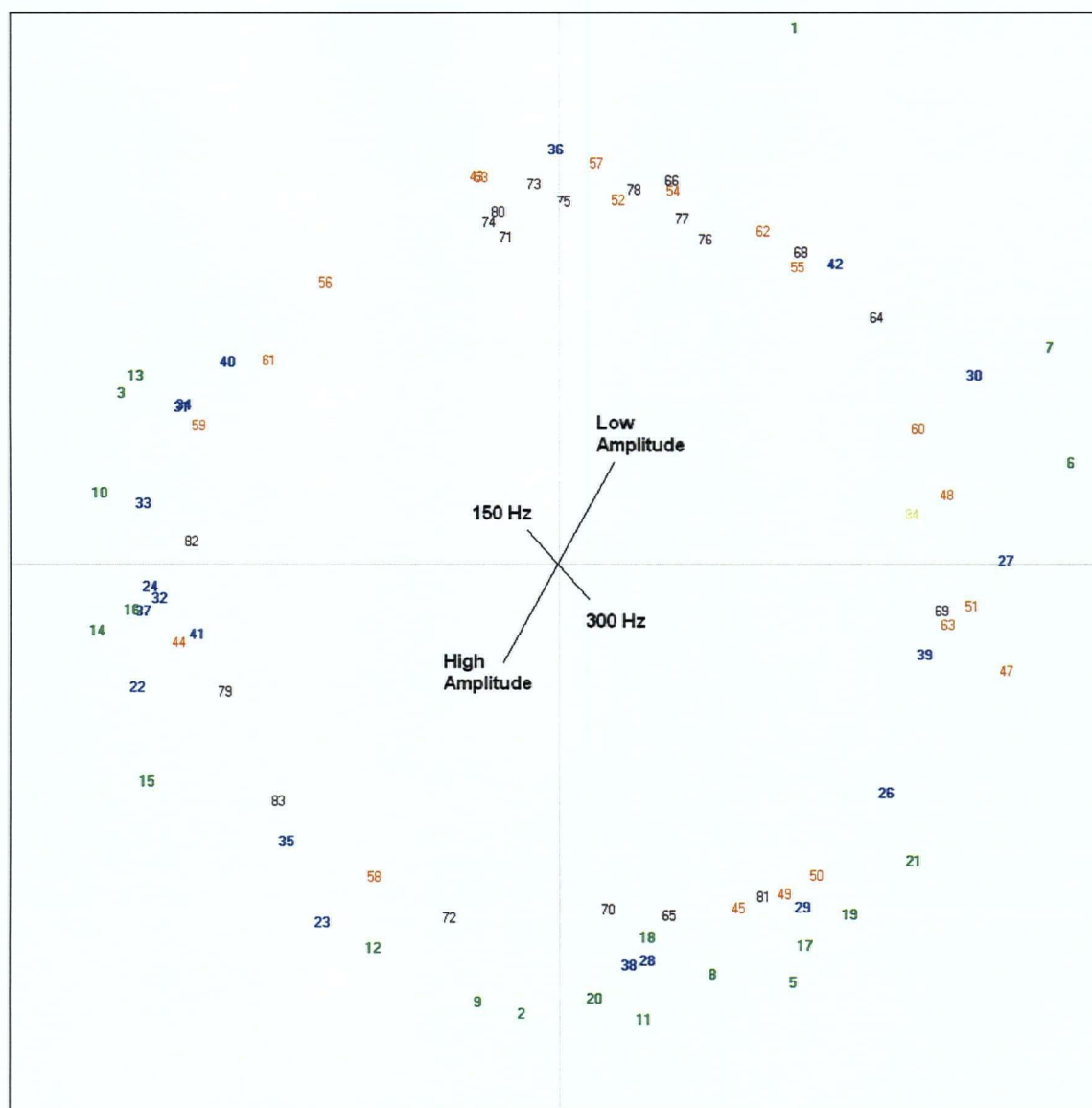


Figure 4.3. 2D Map of MDS Results. Trends of frequency and amplitude are as displayed. Green and blue stimuli are high amplitude, grey and orange stimuli are low. Green and orange stimuli are high frequency, blue and grey stimuli are low frequency. Icon numbers are as in Table 3.3. As can be seen, rhythms do not appear to be grouped together, and even frequency and amplitude do not appear to have an overly strong grouping effect.



Figure 5.1. The Nokia 770

30!	32!	12!	1!	46!	27!	48!	42!	2!	9!
49!	43!	23!	10!	4!	13!	47	18	8	45
6	5	3	11	15	37	38	19	31	50
21	14	41	20	35	34	39	7	25	28
17	29	33	44	40	16	26	22	36	24

Colour: System status:

Figure 5.2. The MDS stimuli sorting program, with 50 stimuli.

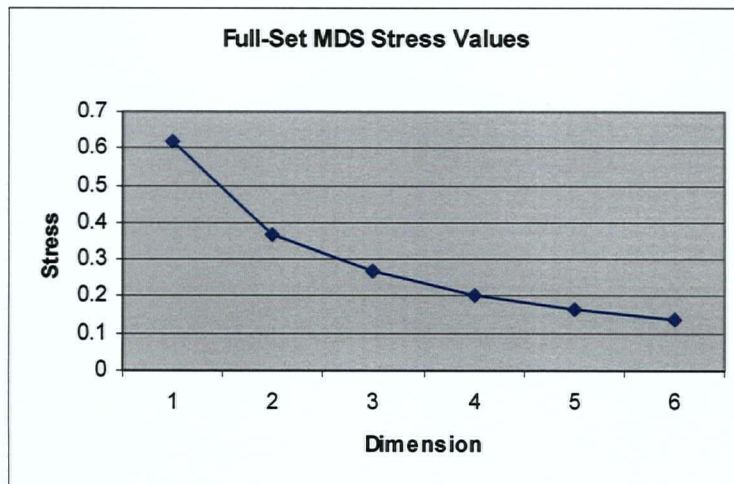


Figure 6.1. Stress values for the first six dimensional MDS solutions. No distinct elbow in the curve can be seen.

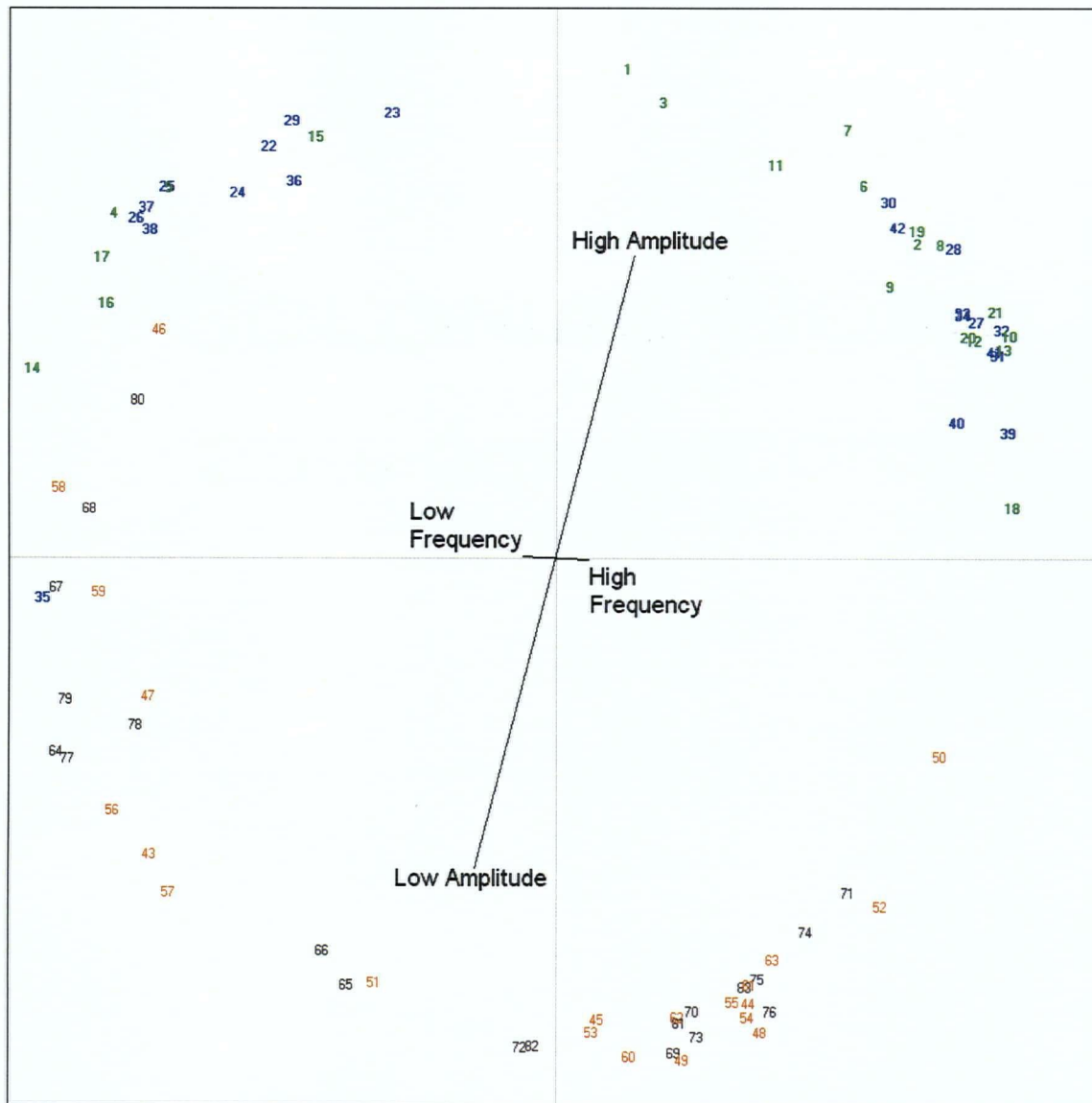


Figure 6.2. 2D MDS output, with all 84 stimuli plotted. Green and blue stimuli are high amplitude, grey and orange stimuli are low. Green and orange stimuli are high frequency, blue and grey stimuli are low frequency. Projected axes are labeled accordingly. See Table 3.3 for a lookup table of individual stimulus numbers, and in particular to identify their rhythm.

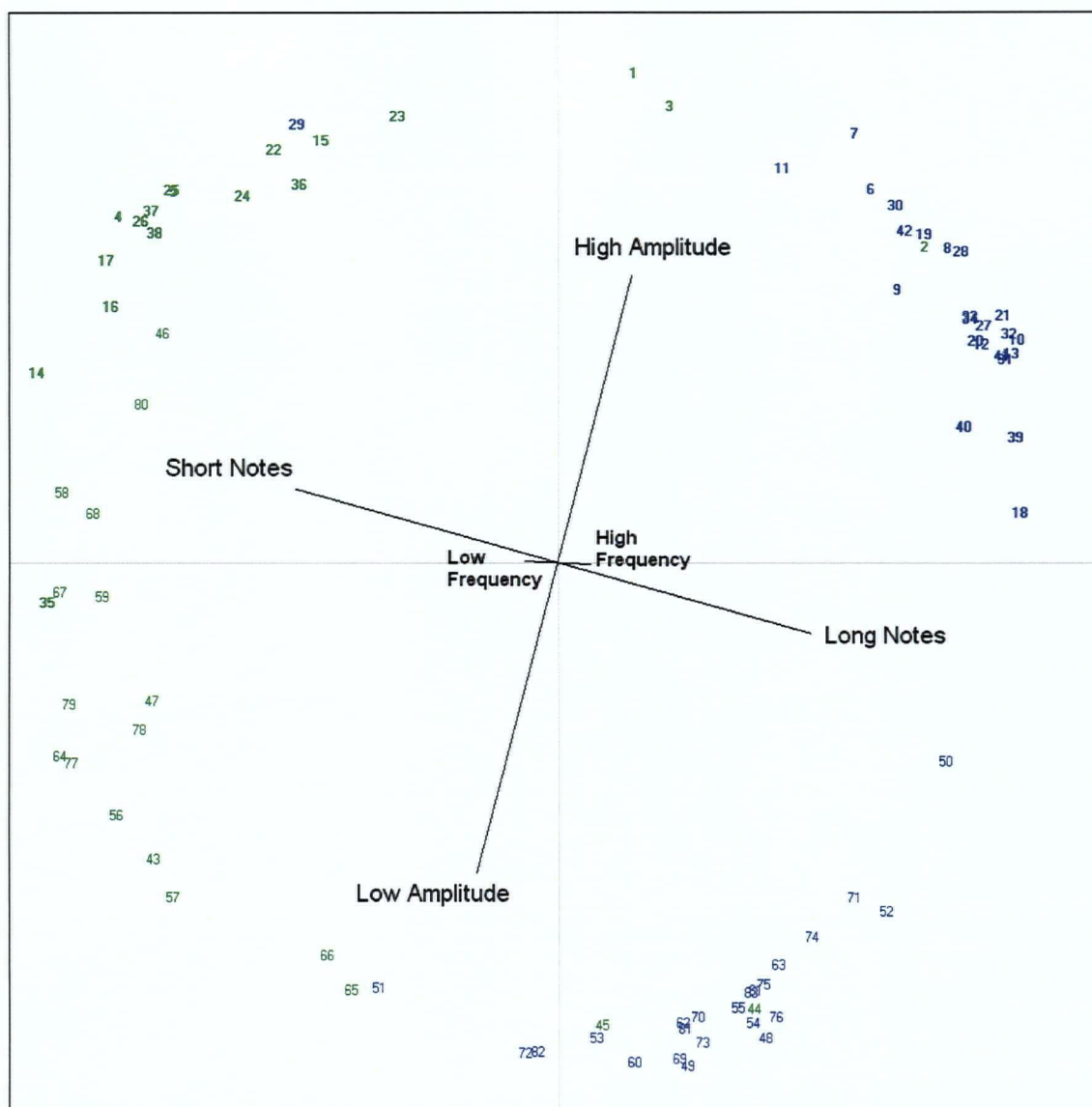


Figure 6.3. 2D MDS output, with all 84 stimuli plotted. Projected axes are labeled accordingly. Green stimuli are from Groups 1 and 4, containing only “short” notes; blue stimuli are from Groups 2, 3 and 5, containing “long” notes. See Table 3.3 for a lookup table of individual stimulus numbers and Table 3.2 for a lookup of rhythm groups.

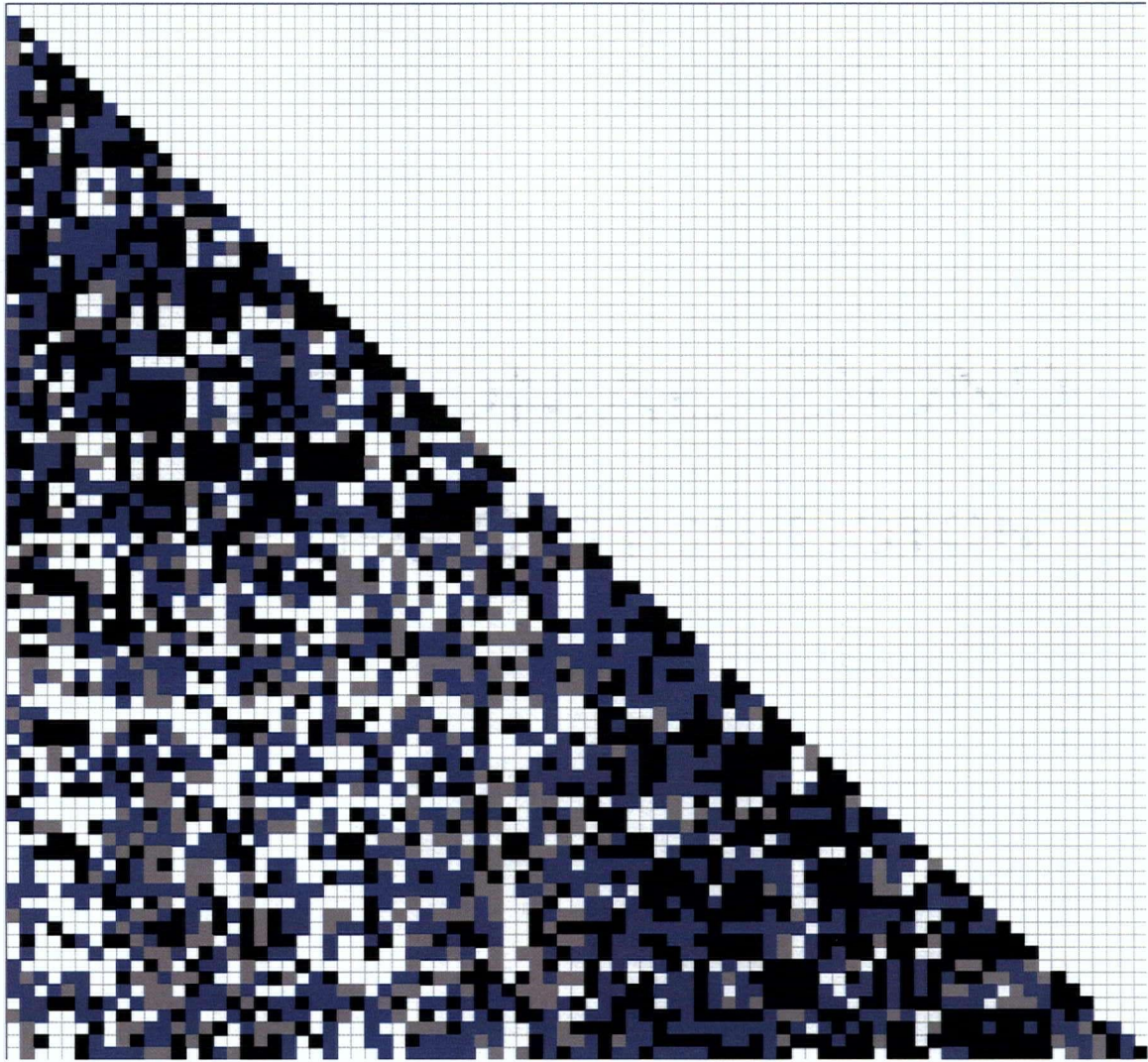


Figure 6.4. Distribution of standard deviation values for averaged dissimilarity matrix. Black squares indicate high SD, grey-blue medium-high, grey medium-low, and white squares have lowest SD.

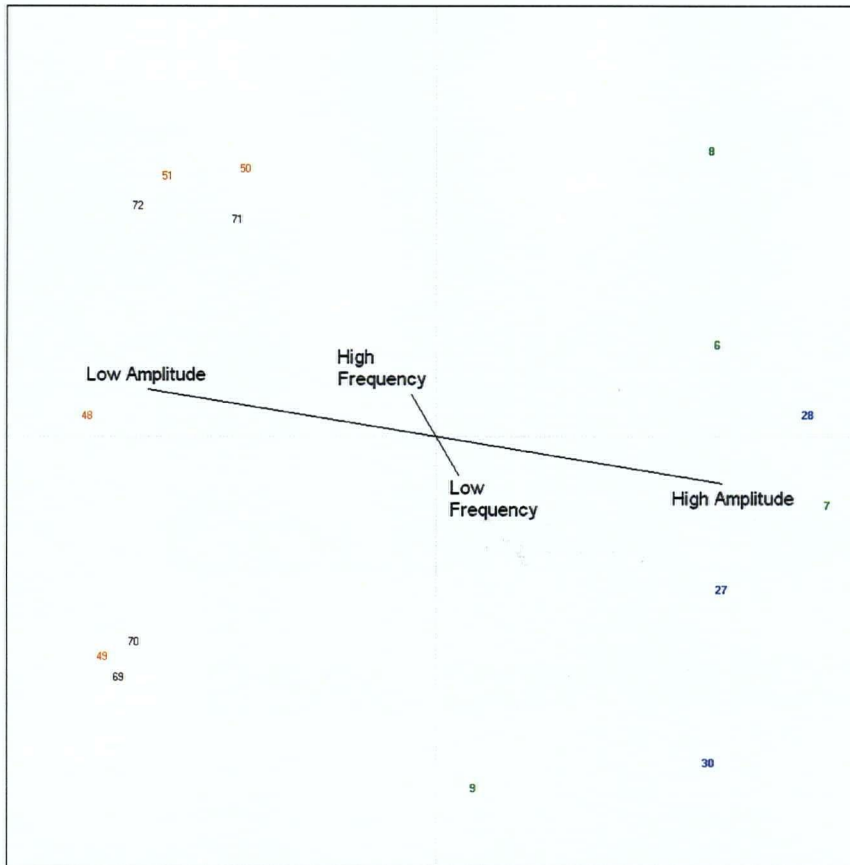
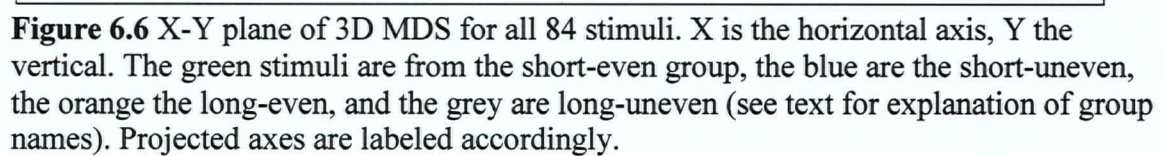


Figure 6.5 MDS plot for stimuli only containing long notes. Green and blue stimuli are high amplitude, grey and orange stimuli are low. Green and orange stimuli are high frequency, blue and grey stimuli are low frequency. Projected axes are labeled accordingly. See Table 3.3 for a lookup table of individual stimulus numbers.



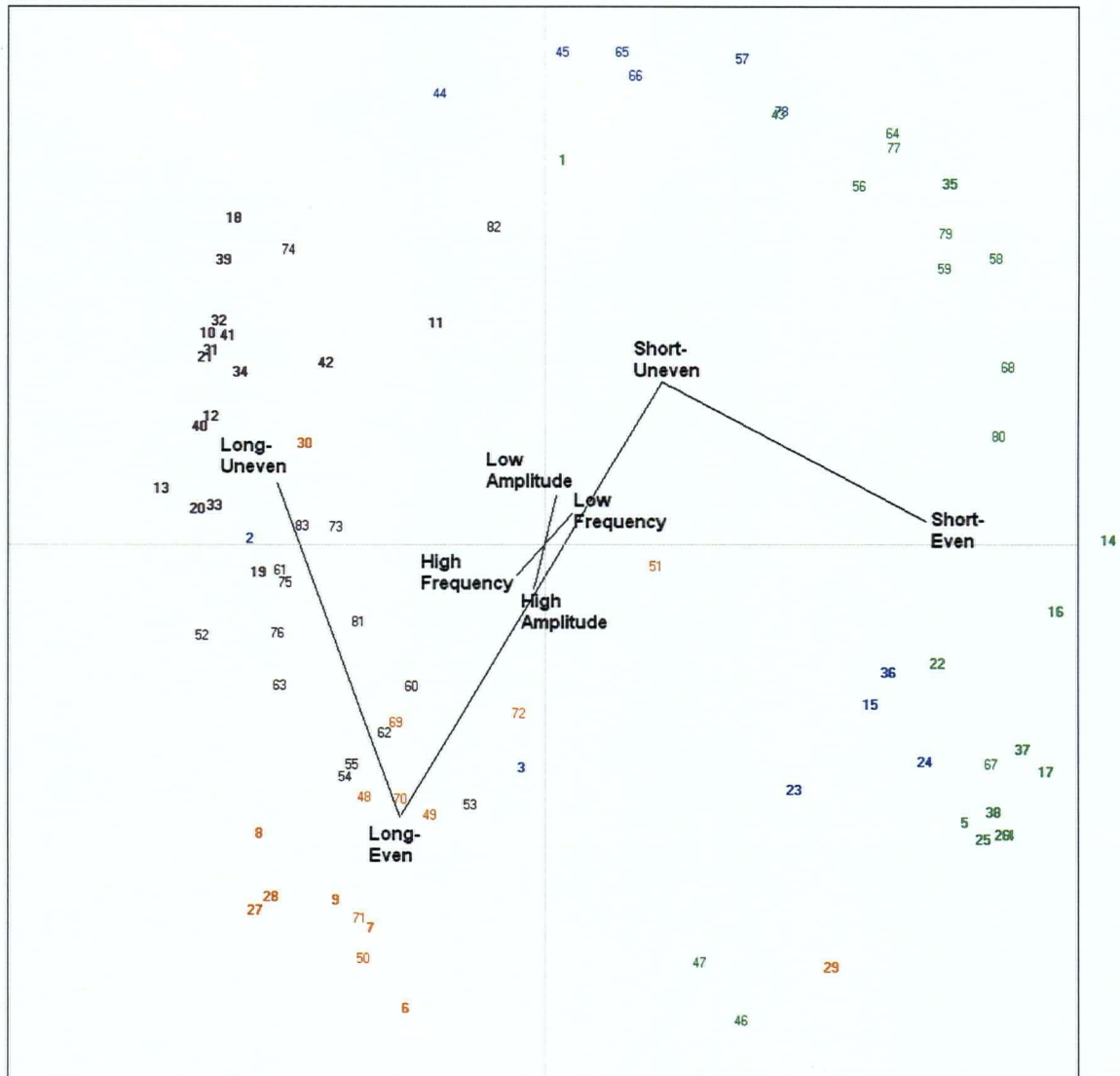


Figure 6.7 X-Z plane of 3D MDS for all 84 stimuli. X is the horizontal axis, Z the vertical. The green stimuli are from the short-even group, the blue are the short-uneven, the orange the long-even, and the grey are long-uneven

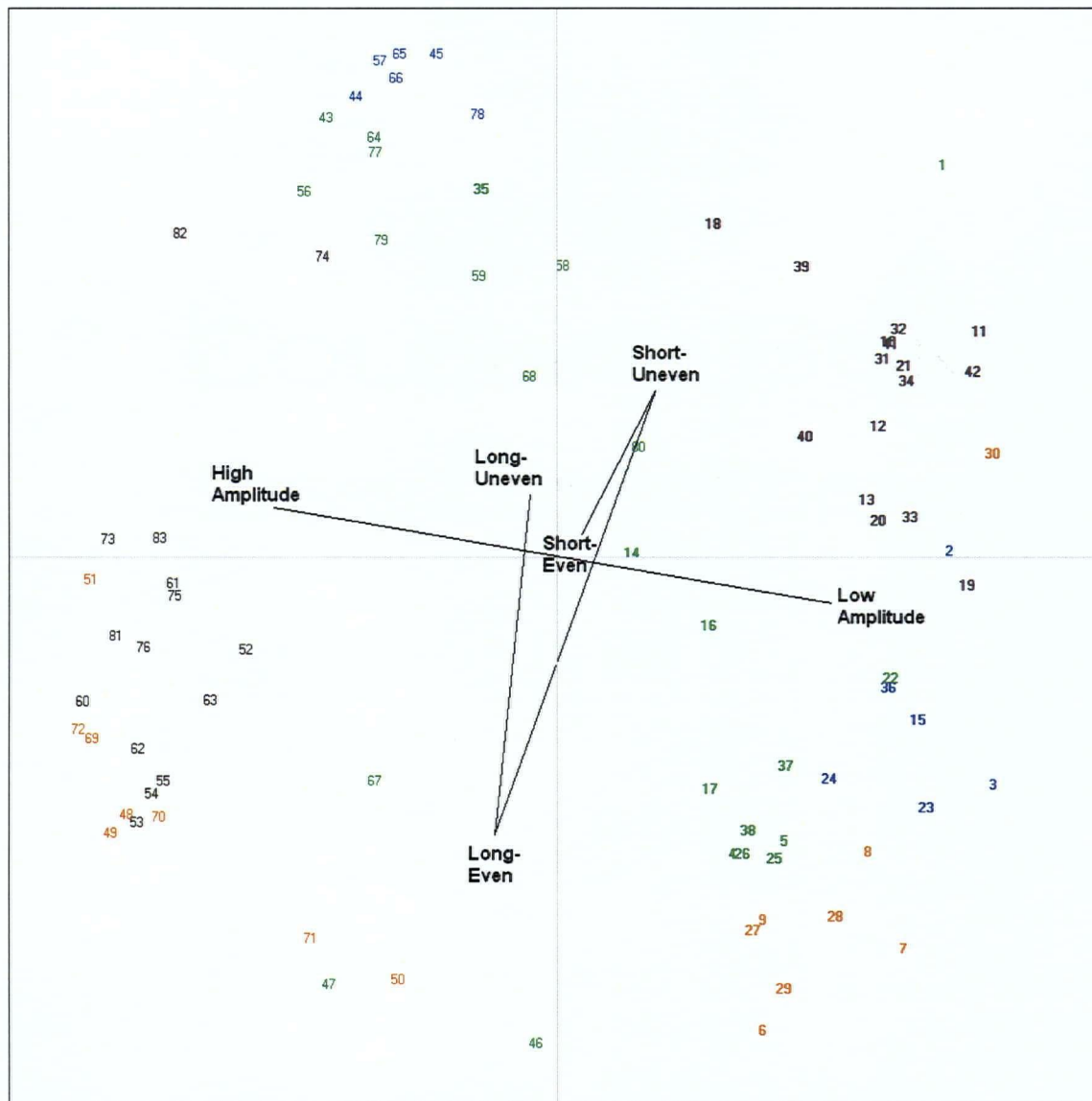


Figure 6.8 Y-Z plane of 3D MDS for all 84 stimuli. Y is the horizontal axis, Z the vertical. The green stimuli are from the short-even group, the blue are the short-uneven, the orange the long-even, and the grey are long-uneven. Frequency axis is omitted due to space constraints, but is similar in size to Figures 6.6 and 6.7.

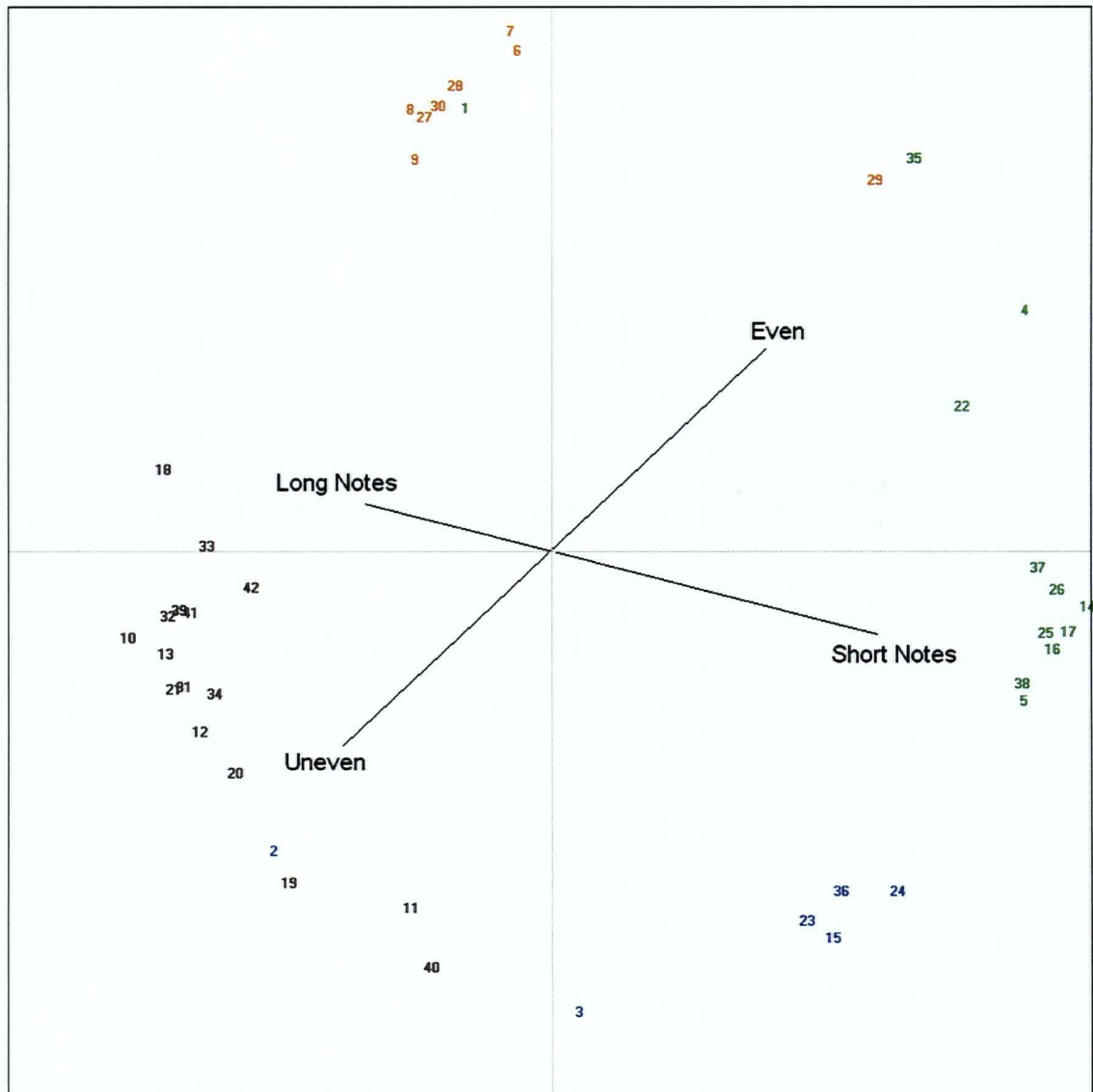


Figure 6.9. High-amplitude only MDS sub-analysis. The green stimuli are from the short-even group, the blue are the short-uneven, the orange the long-even, and the grey are long-uneven. Projected axes are labeled accordingly.

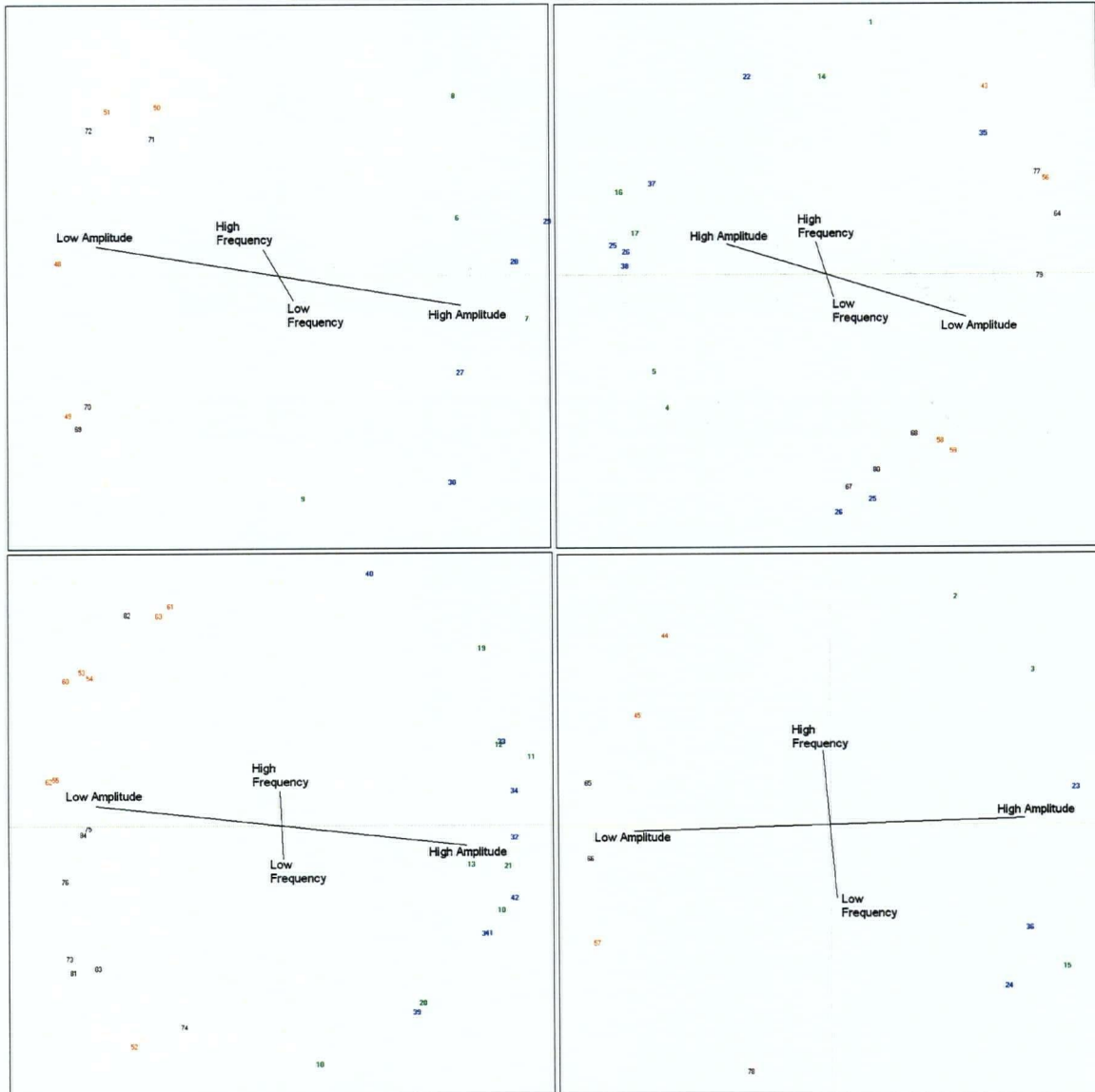


Figure 6.10 Individual MDS plots for the four rhythm groups. Clockwise from top left: long-even, short-even, short-uneven, long-uneven. Green and blue stimuli are high amplitude, grey and orange stimuli are low. Green and orange stimuli are high frequency, blue and grey stimuli are low frequency..

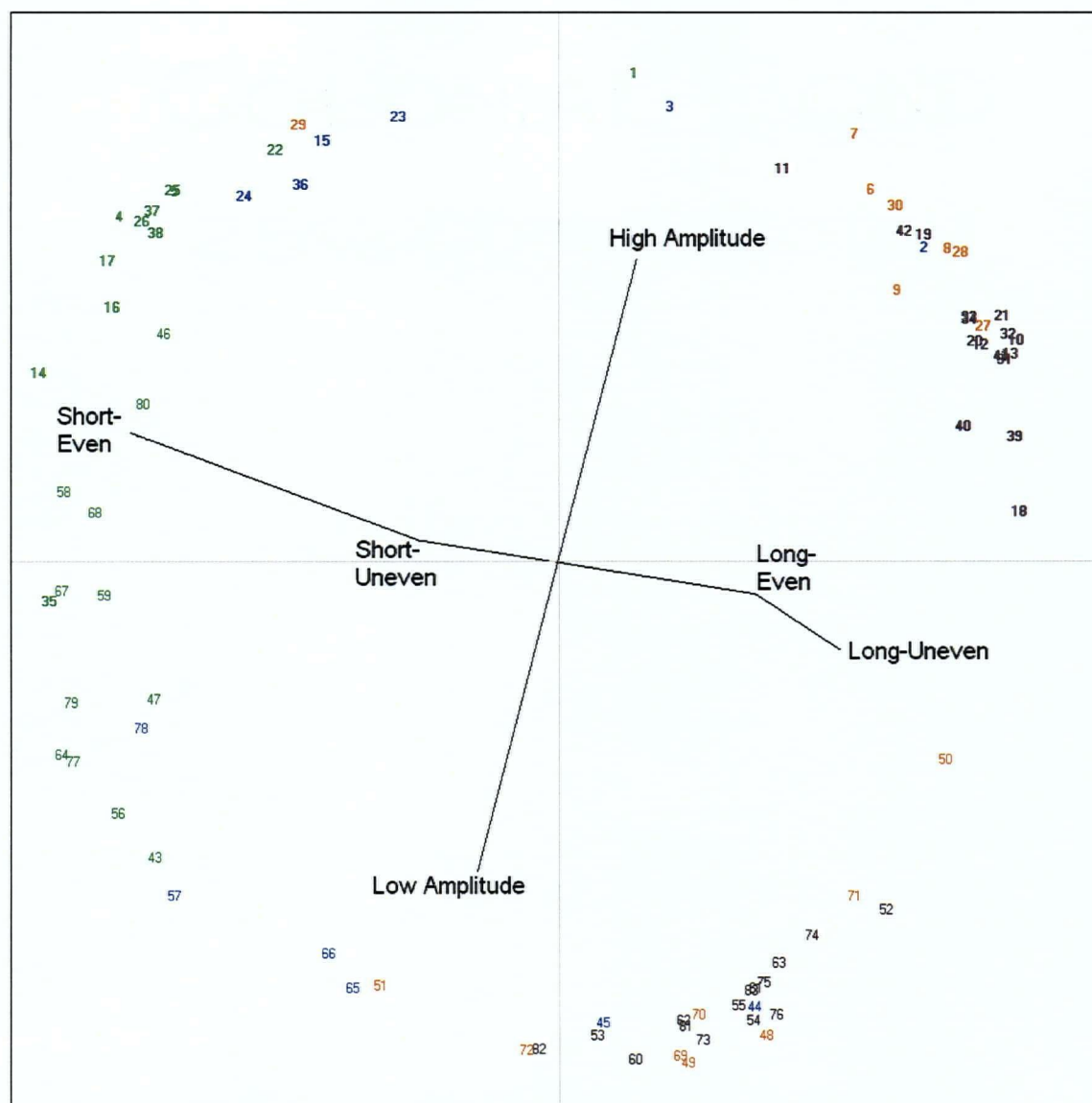


Figure 6.11. 2D MDS output with all stimuli. The green stimuli are from the short-even group, the blue are the short-uneven, the orange the long-even, and the grey are long-uneven. The middle axis is made up of the plotted centroids of the 4 groups, as labeled. We consider this to be the gold standard MDS map for our stimulus set.

Table 6.1. S-Stress and r^2 values for individual groups 2D MDS output

Group	S-Stress	r^2
Long-even	.23096	.82260
Long-uneven	.27128	.73703
Short-even	.27397	.71022
Short-uneven	.22747	.79722

Table 7.1. Mapping of Subsets to Participants. Subsets are defined in Appendix C.

	Subset 1	Subset 2	Subset 3	Subset 4	Subset 5
Participants	1,6,11	2,7,12	3,8,13	4,9,14	5,10,15

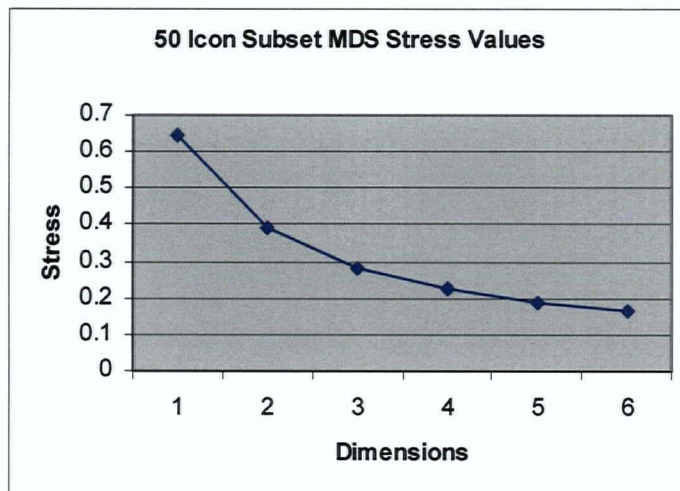


Figure 7.1. For first round of subset study, stress values for dimension 1 to 6 of the MDS solutions.

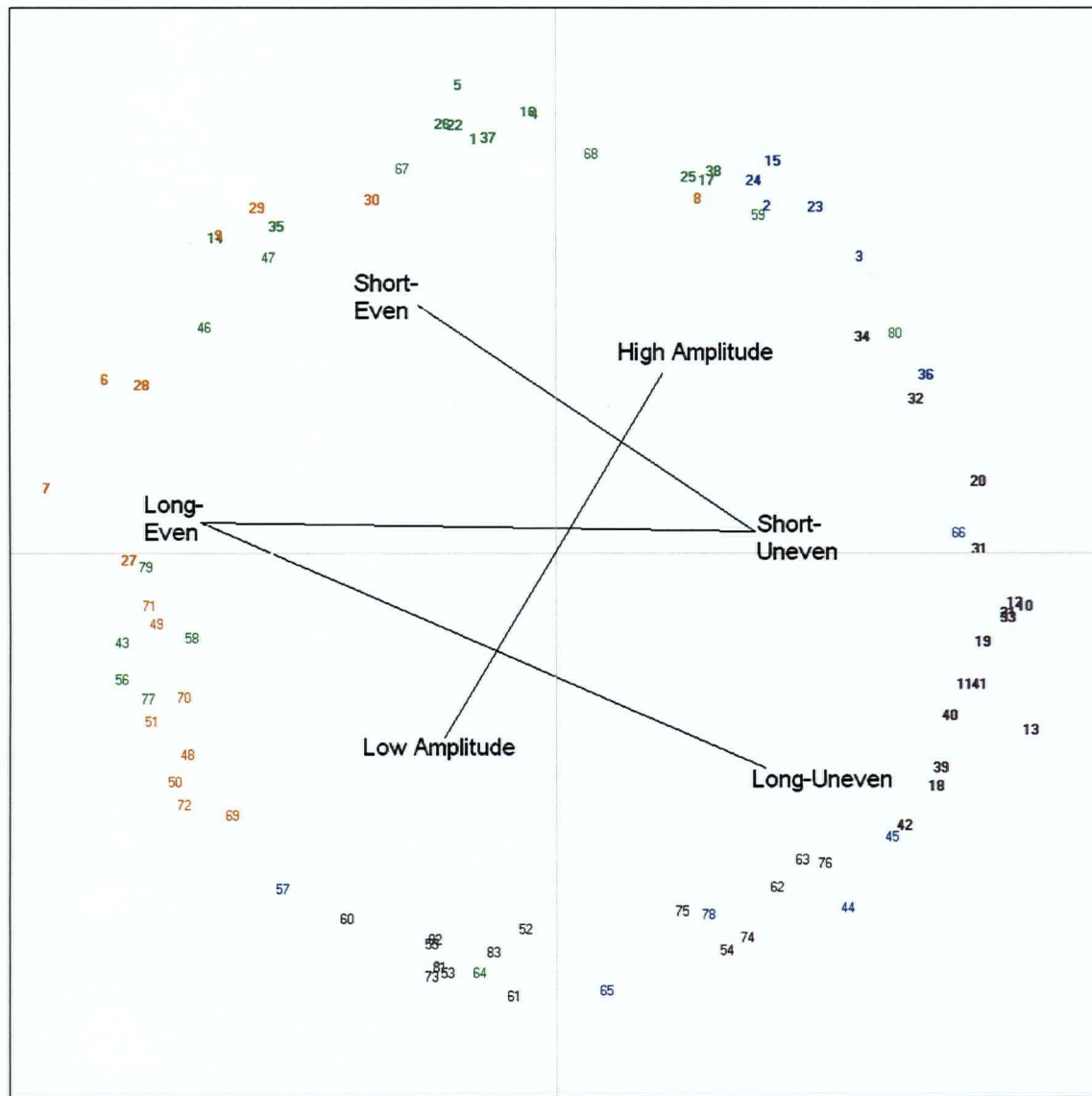


Figure 7.2. For first round of subset study, 2D MDS output map of results. Grouping is the same as in Chapter 6. Green is the short-even group, blue is short-uneven, orange is long-even, and grey is long-uneven. As can be noted, the orange long-even group is significantly out of place from the ordering in the gold standard, out on the far right of the map.

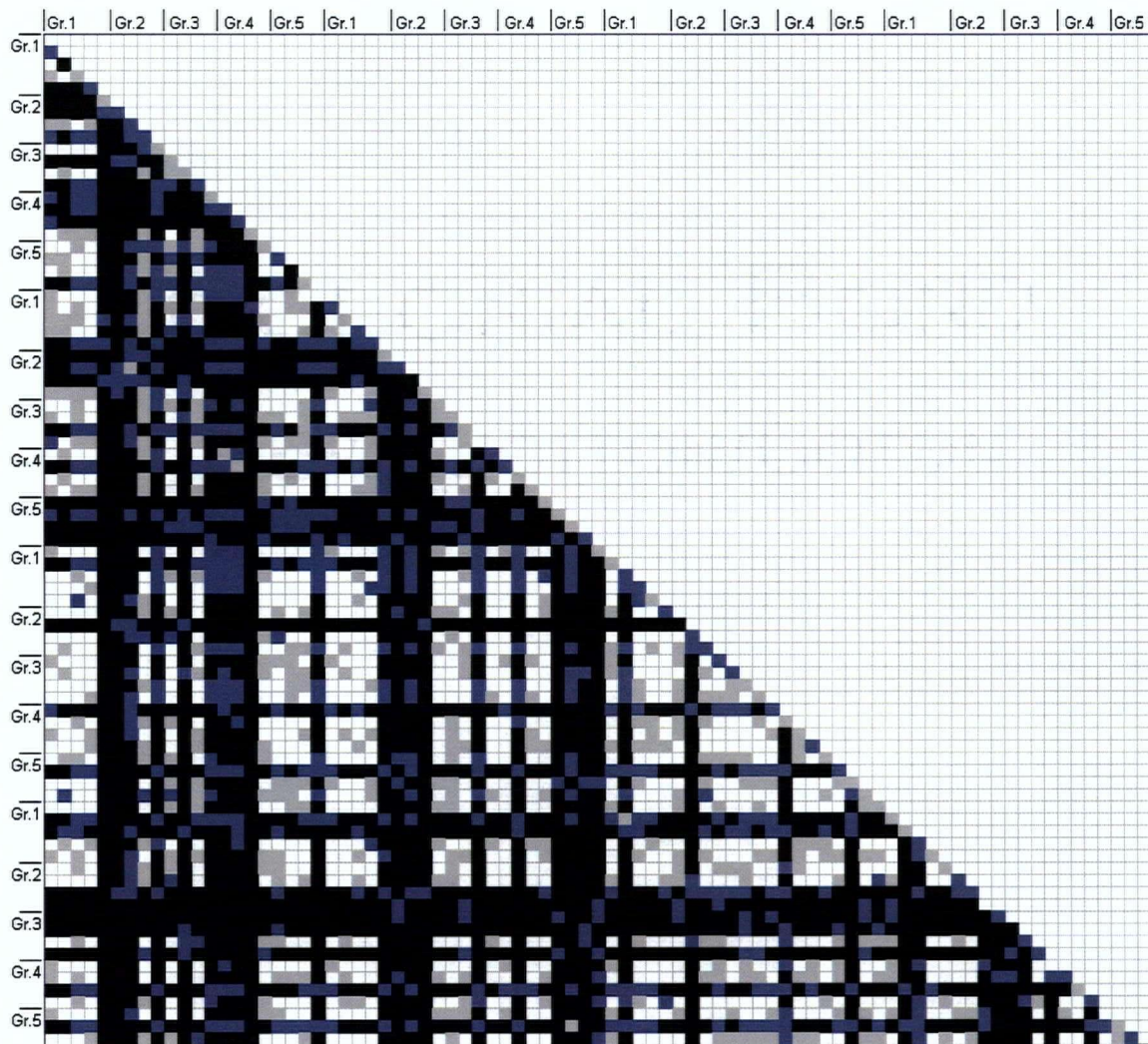


Figure 7.3. For first round of subset study, distribution of standard deviation values for averaged dissimilarity matrix. Black squares have the highest levels of standard deviation, blue-grey squares the next-highest, light-grey lower still, and white the lowest. Note the distinct stripes of darker (higher standard deviation) values, running along various columns and rows.

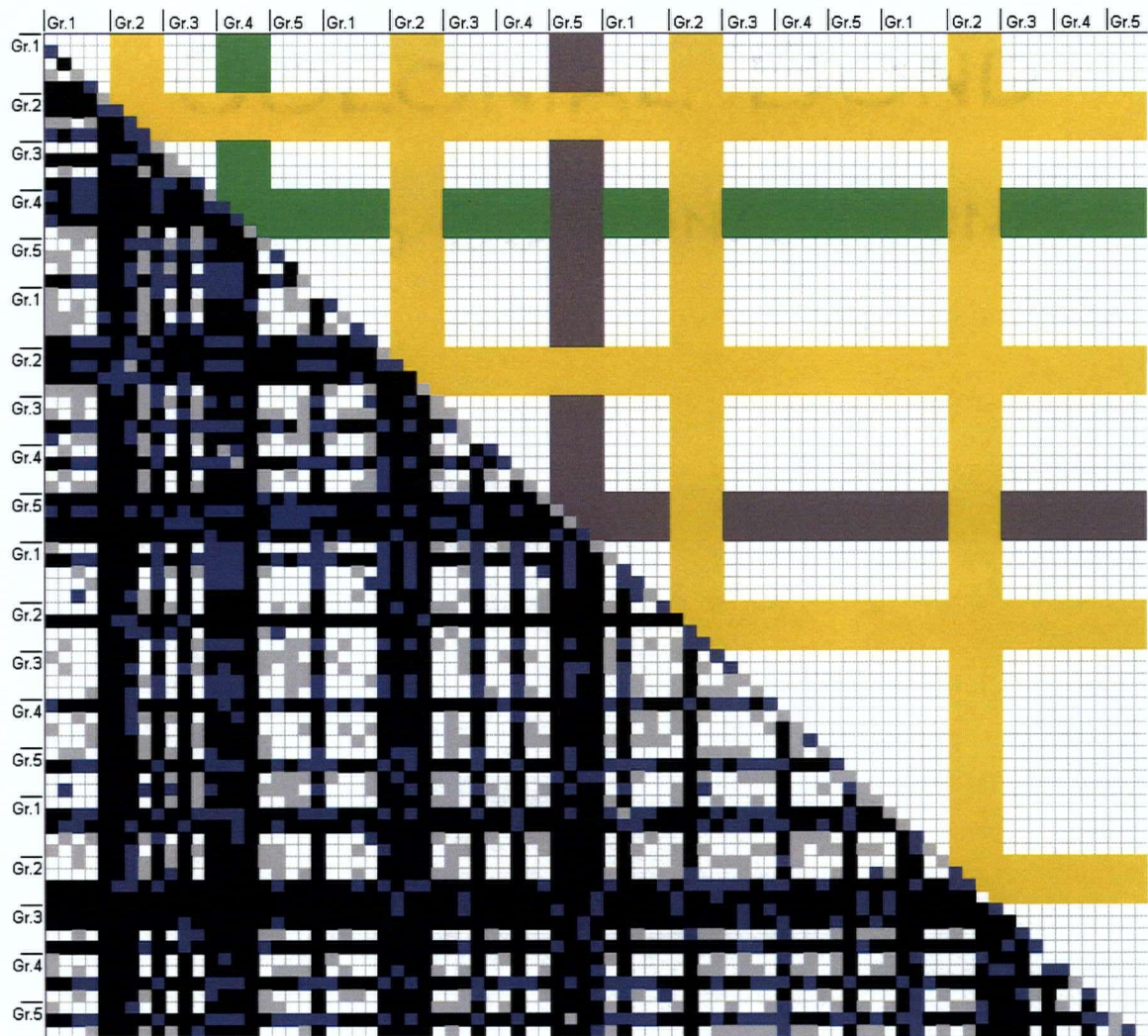


Figure 7.4. For first round of subset study, distribution of standard deviation values for averaged dissimilarity matrix with stimuli groups marked in opposite half of matrix. Stimulus groups are labeled along the side and top; note that each is spread across 4 places in the matrix, once for each combination of amplitude and frequency. The four orange columns/rows correspond to the “long-even” group. The green columns/rows correspond to stimuli 14-17, members of Group 4 in Table 3.2, played at high amplitude and high frequency. The grey columns/row correspond to stimuli 39-42, members of Group 5 in Table 3.2, played at high amplitude and low frequency.

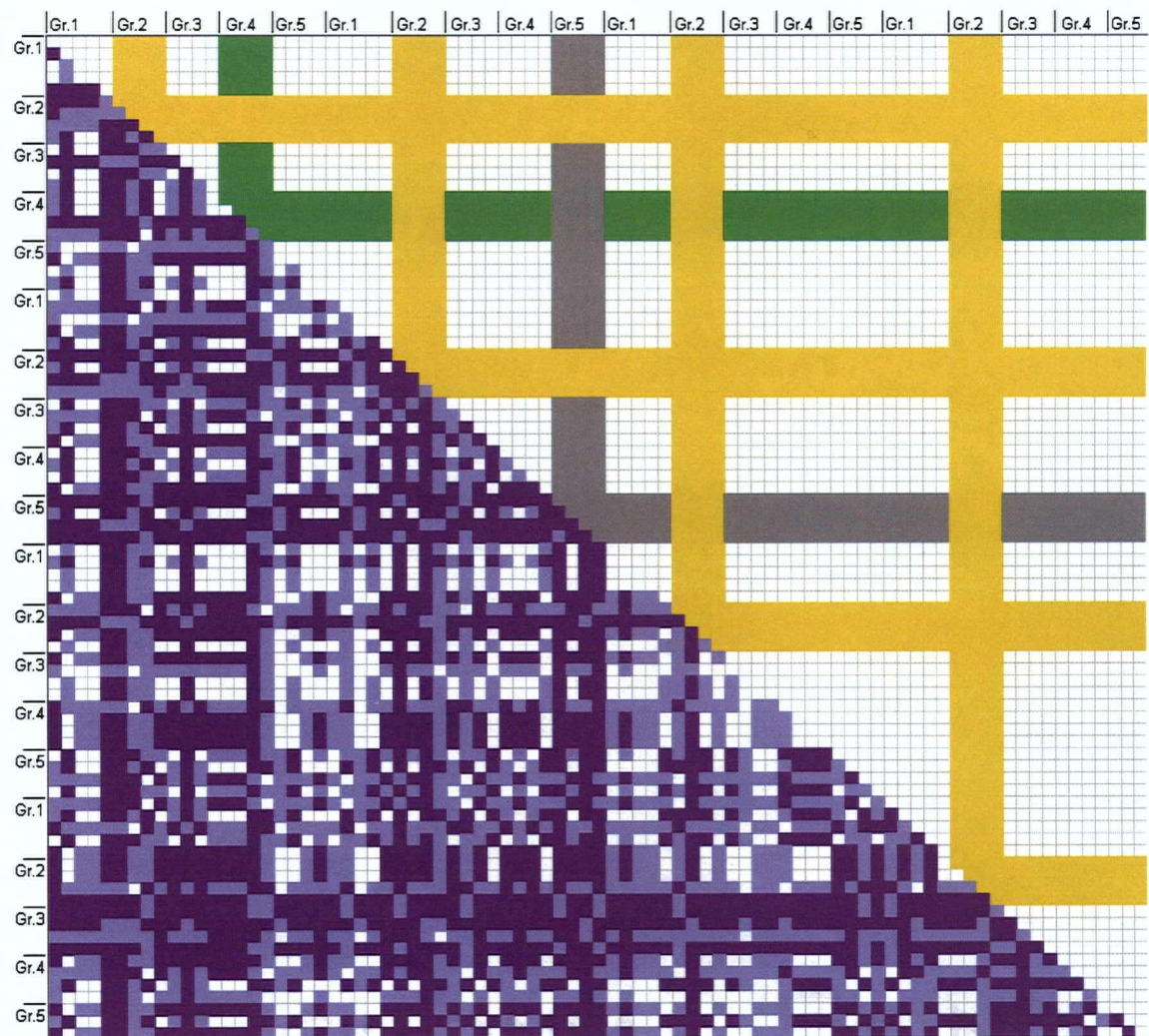


Figure 7.5. For first round of subset study, distribution of number of observation per value of averaged dissimilarity matrix with stimuli groups marked in opposite half of matrix. Stimulus groups are labeled along the side and top. The colour coding for the number of observations is that dark purple values have 3 observations, light purple have 6, white values have 9 or greater. Coding of stimuli groups is the same as in Figure 7.4

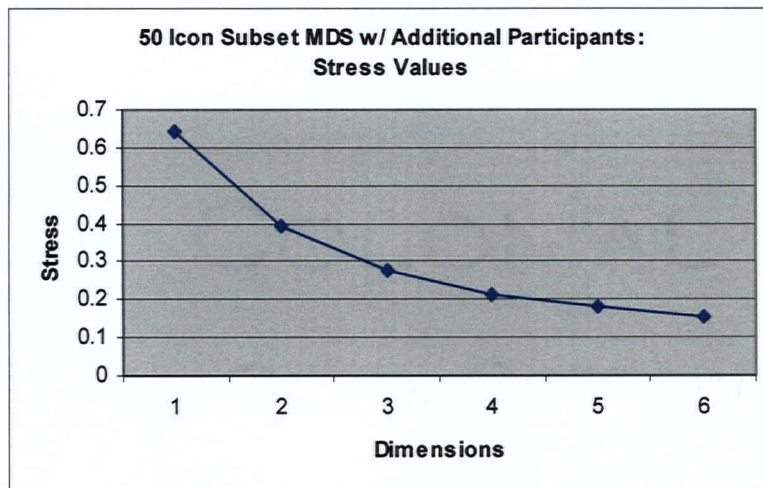


Figure 7.6. Stress values for dimension 1 to 6 of the MDS solutions for the subset study with additional participants (second round of subset study).

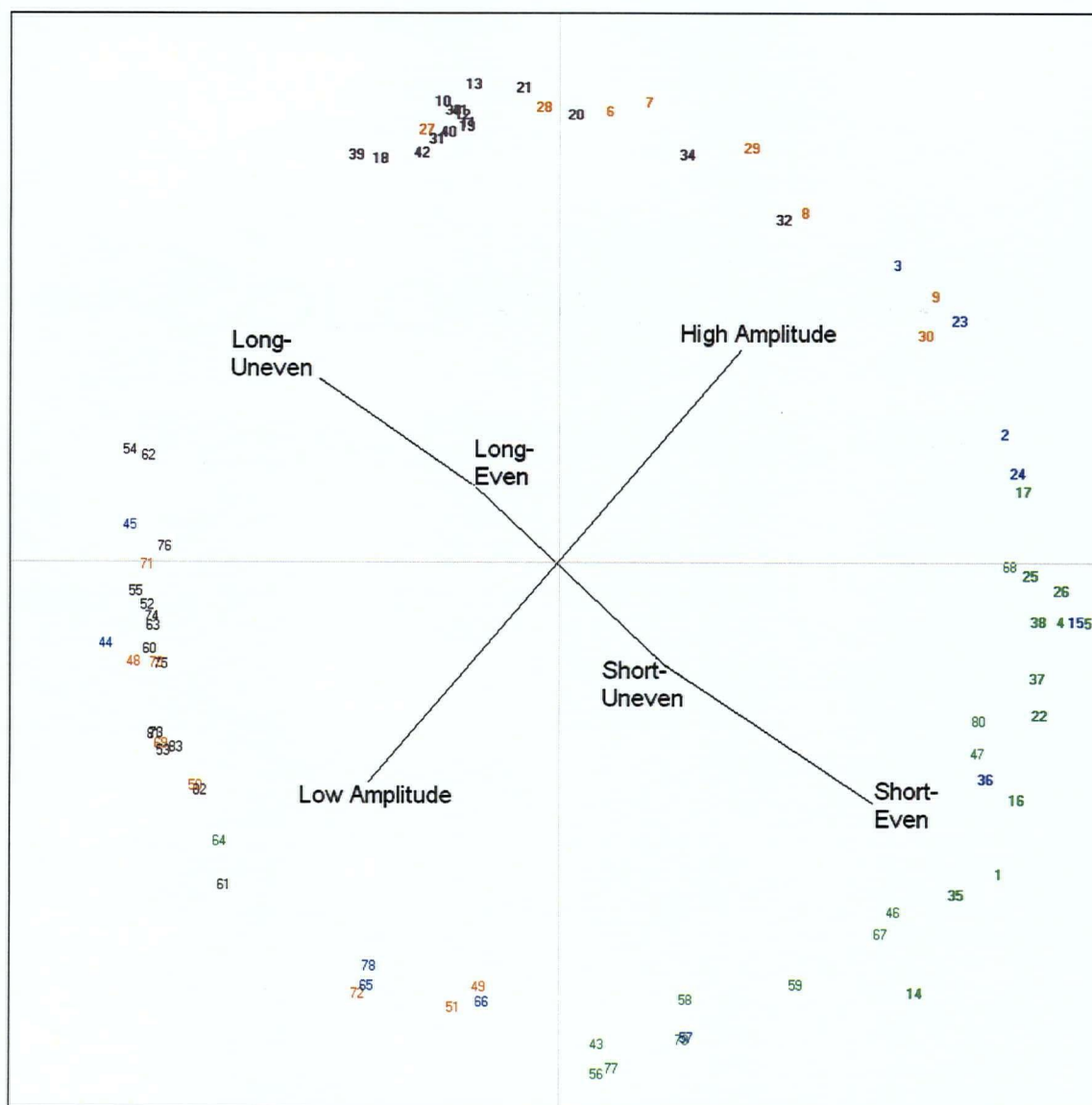


Figure 7.7. 2D MDS output map for subset study with additional subjects (second round of subset study). Green is the short-even group, blue is short-uneven, orange is long-even, and grey is long-uneven.

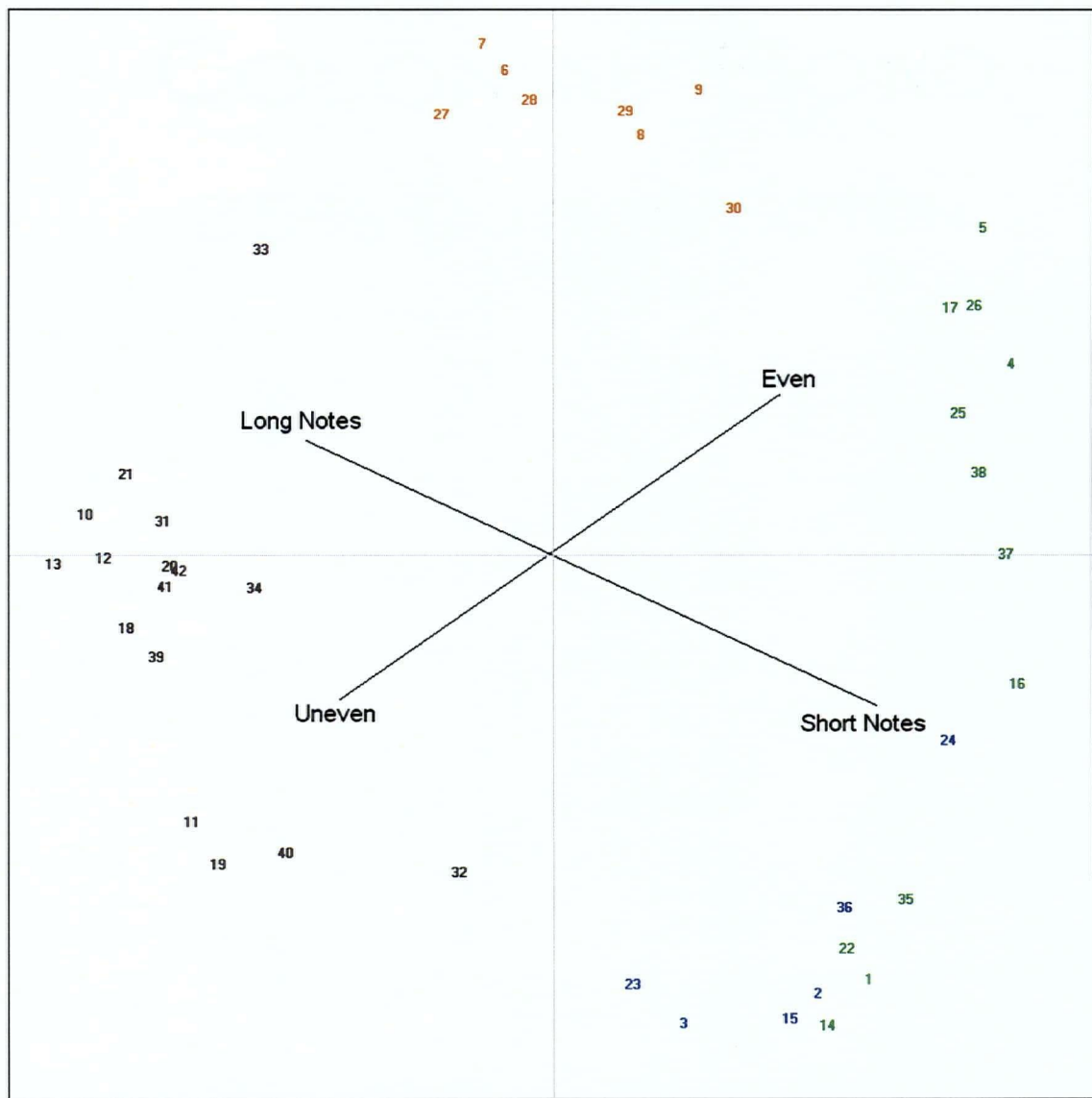


Figure 7.8. 2D MDS map of only high amplitude stimuli (second round of subset study). Green is the short-even group, blue is short-uneven, orange is long-even, and grey is long-uneven. Two perceptual axes are labeled accordingly.

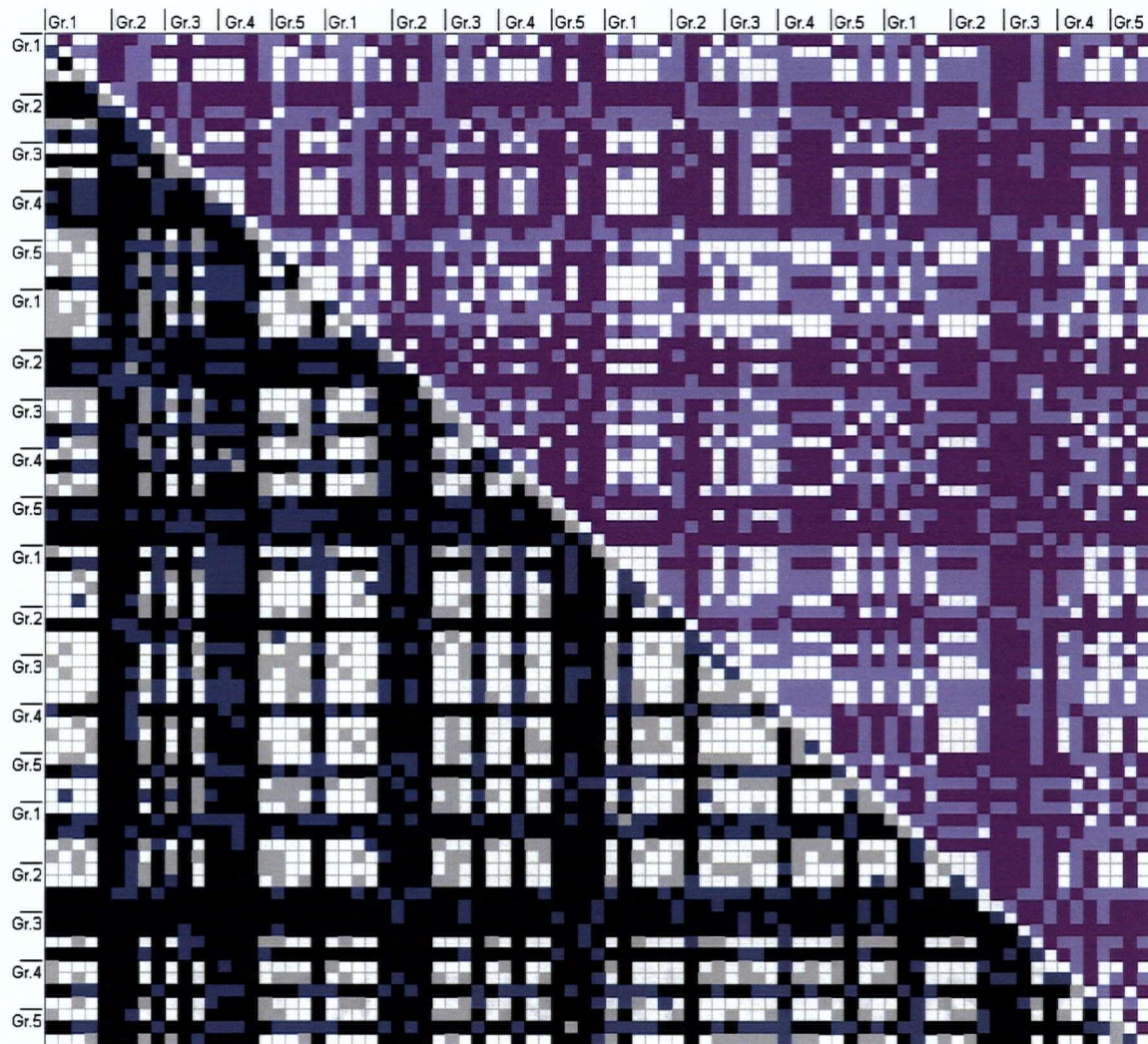


Figure 7.9. For the first round of the subset study: one half of this matrix shows standard deviation (bottom left triangle) while the other half shows the number of observations (top right triangle). Stimulus groups are labeled along the side and top. Color coding of SD: Black squares have the highest levels of standard deviation, blue-grey squares the next-highest, light-grey lower still, and white the lowest.. Colour coding of number of observations: dark purple values have 3 observations, light purple have 6, white values have 9 or greater. It can be seen how the (darker black) stripes of high SD correspond to the (darker purple) areas of low numbers of observations. There are however many areas of low observations that do not correspond to areas of high SD; thus we claim that both low numbers of observations plus more “difficult” stimuli are needed to create stripes of high SD.

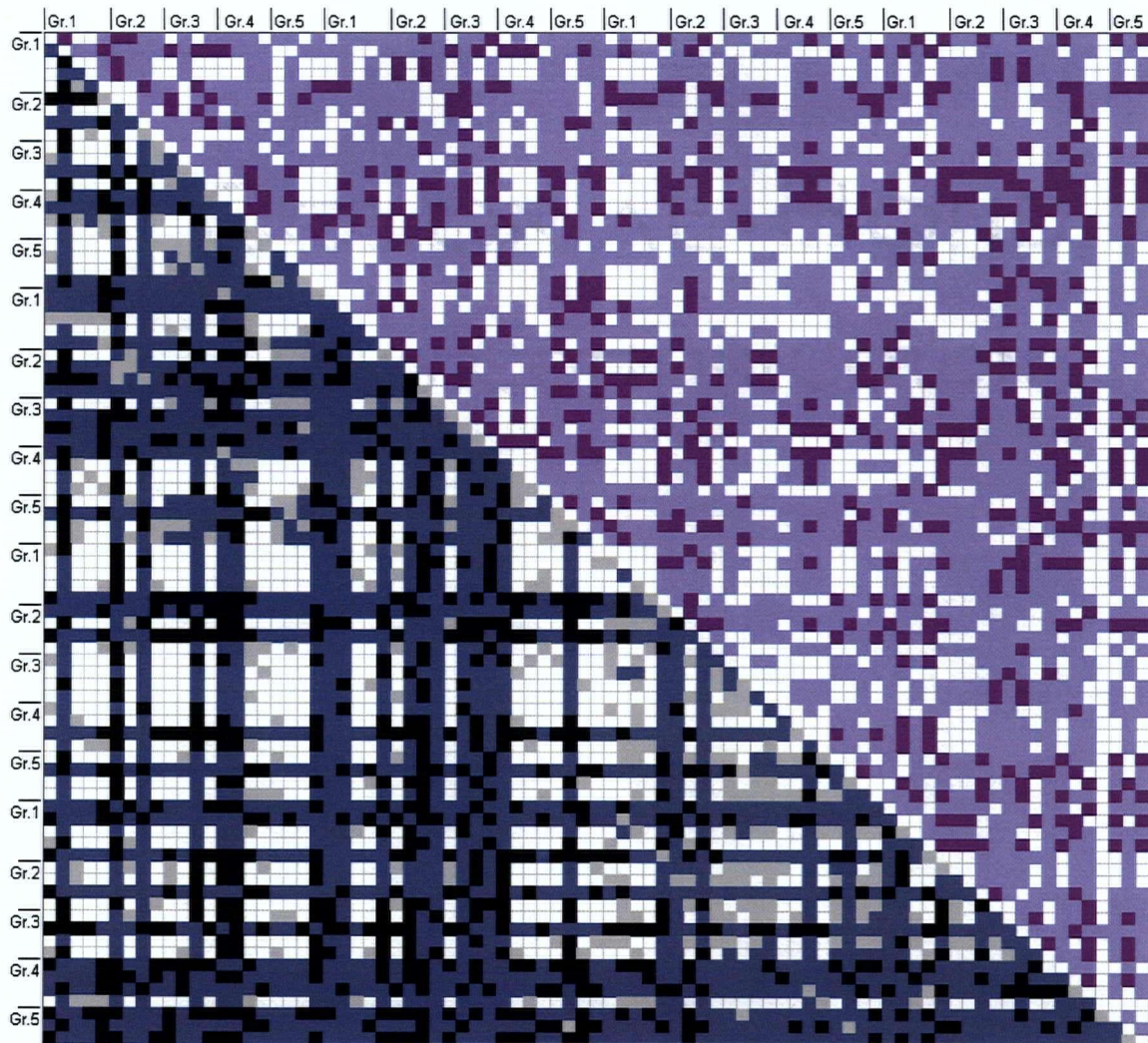


Figure 7.10 Standard deviation and number of observation for subset study with additional participants (second round of study). Format is same as in Figure 7.9. Stimulus groups are labeled along the side and top. Color coding of SD: Black squares have the highest levels of standard deviation, blue-grey squares the next-highest, light-grey lower still, and white the lowest. Colour coding of observation values differs slightly, dark purple values have 5 observations, light purple between 6 and 9 observations, white values greater than 9 observations. As can be seen, overall level of SD is much lower, and overall level of observations is much higher and more evenly spread

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Appendix A: Dissimilarity Matrices

Proceeding pages display the averaged dissimilarity matrix for the pilot study described in Section 4.4.

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Proceeding pages display the averaged dissimilarity matrix for the full-set (gold standard) study described in Chapter 6.

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81	983.5	752.5	794.1667	821.8889	934	934	967	983.5
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7	960.4	943.4286	938.125	950.5	864.3333	571	0	
8	833.25	804.375	847.1429	790.5714	861.4	615	670	0
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10	920.2308	937.8	869.5833	943.8333	917.5	821.8	960.4	717.75
11	736	829.5	884.5	934	991	838	901	846
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14	457.85715	874.6	887.8	947.2	950.5	943.4286	978	983.5
15	946.375	752.5	828.4	953.8	967	912	943.4286	980.2
16	659	912	846	653.5	820.8571	924.5714	983.5	868
17	906.7778	880.1429	775.5	804.375	582	841.6	950.5	711.25
18	895.125	832	781	941.7273	978	835	909.25	730.125
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20	905.3333	767	889.06665	829.6667	950.5	835	901	719.8571
21	943.4286	967	923	956	894.4	769	649.375	824
22	610.6	806.7143	911.1539	857.8461	960.4	950.5	967	864.3333
23	868	645.25	839.7143	910.4286	920.8	884.5	829.5	850.2308
24	858	584.7273	480.5	813.8	769	985.8571	916	645.25
25	667.6667	826.3077	903.375	457.875	917.5	802	975.25	734.25
26	917.5	763.5	808.6	706.3	318	917.5	872.7143	782.2
27	967	912	947.2	967	967	631.5	543.5	842.3333
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30	763.125	808.5	880.1429	644.4286	962.875	824	875.3333	807.2
31	960.8461	918	853.0833	957.5833	901	802	940.6	886.875
32	796.125	620.8571	800	738.7143	861.4	920.8	861.4	788.25
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47	980.2	984.7692	915.1429	943.4286	637	901	759.5714	779
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69	911.4	902.46155	833	875.4286	722.8	934	858.5714	797.875
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72	960.4	987.625	987.625	962.875	912	683.2	760.75	868
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80	987.625	983.5	980.2	821.8	967	983.5	971.7143	907.6
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20	871.3	667.25	807.5	475.66666	745.9	990.1	901	846
21	870.53845	721.8571	554.5	772.6667	683.75	983.5	917.5	960.4
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23	851.5	872.125	879	760.75	980.2	956	861.4	863.875
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75	983.5	881.2	802	796.5	920.8	825.5714	983.5	853.8571
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60	971.7143	851.5	943.4286	879.7857	982	938.125	822.625	930.3333
61	851.5	673.8	716.7273	585.1667	738.375	751.1	787.4	868
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67	908.3333	896.2857	937.6667	872.125	784	888.625	843.25	954.3077
68	841.6	960.4	912	960.4	956	964	961	950.5
69	920.8	832.46155	985.8571	991.75	982	830.2857	896.2857	1000
70	646.4286	721.0833	696.2857	739.7143	656.7273	717.75	825	842.3333
71	533.2857	683.75	816.1429	800.6429	701.2727	909.25	853.25	989
72	743.3333	583.375	872.125	847.375	868	847.375	773.125	921.3077
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80	714	983.5	846	971.7143	943.4286	960.4	808.6	839.125
81	962.875	817.2308	958.75	901	917.5	958.75	928.5	937
82	1000	932.9231	903.7143	689.25	487	818.8571	816.1429	797.875
83	901	983.5	683.2	752.5	628.75	919.3333	915.6667	814.375
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71	971.7143	840.5	893.9286	813	884.5	769	785.5	911.625
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79	593.375	800	962.875	851.1429	808.6	958.75	758.375	792.5833
80	915.1429	384	858.5714	863.875	909.25	980.2	929.875	821.8
81	949.5	913.6923	644.0714	970.3	960.4	908.61536	934	944.1539
82	906.5	818.3077	925.75	627.6	598.5	771.7143	858.6	839.125
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73	829.5	983.5	877.4286	917.5	851.5	840.5	795.4	0
74	736	851.5	967	950.5	846	950.5	785.5	600.7
75	844.4286	901	841.6	1000	884.5	884.5	881.2	868
76	854.8	871.6667	886.3333	882.1429	758	769	818.5	846
77	714	675.5	862.5	928.5	901	934	912	897.7
78	980.2	839.7143	980.2	976.0769	879	891.5833	896.875	796.5
79	782.2	874.6	934	955.5714	840.875	936.375	841.6	901
80	763	844.4286	457.85715	917.5	915.1429	971.7143	987.625	775.6
81	930.7	811.9	846.8	744.6923	957.5714	950.5	930.7	973
82	841.6	896.2857	980.2	961.9231	743.0833	767.4167	822.625	829.5
83	909.25	913.375	905.125	978	967	796.5	863.875	642.5
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79	891.5714	960.4	781.55554	721.8571	743.4286	0		
80	901	917.5	920.8	874.6	983.5	894.4	0	
81	973	756.625	917.5	901	977.1539	958.75	848.2	0
82	692	901	856.5714	769	903.53845	943.4286	934	946.6923
83	696.4	785.5	782.2	901	884.5	802	884.5	901
84	703	697.5	625.5714	785.5	939.0769	971.7143	802	817.2308

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Appendix B: Individual MDS Plots

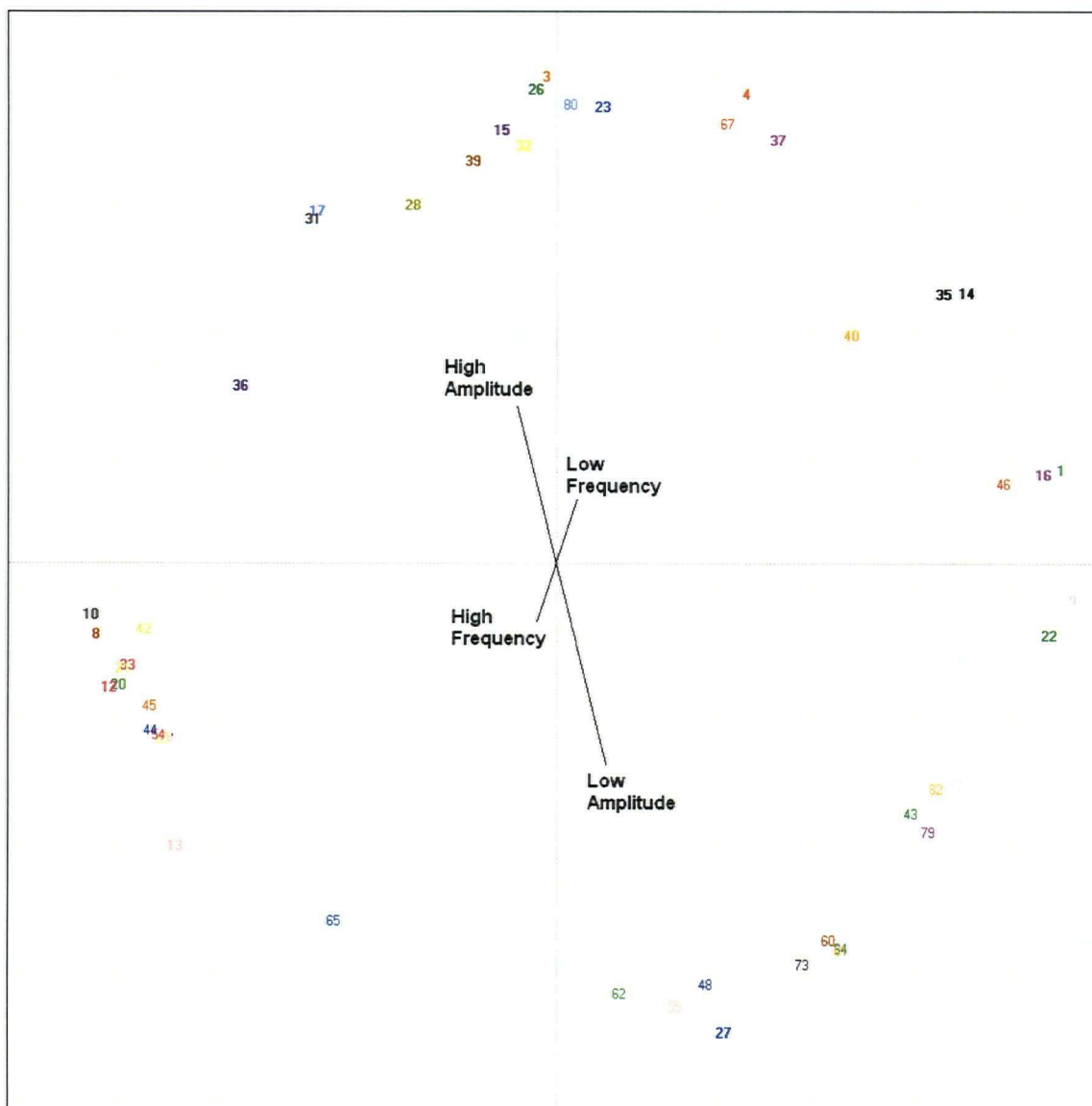


Figure 1. MDS plot for subject 1 of subset study. Axes labeled accordingly. Stimuli numbers as in Table 3.4. Colours are to help distinguish between rhythms. All proceeding figures are presented in the same manner, for the next 14 subjects.

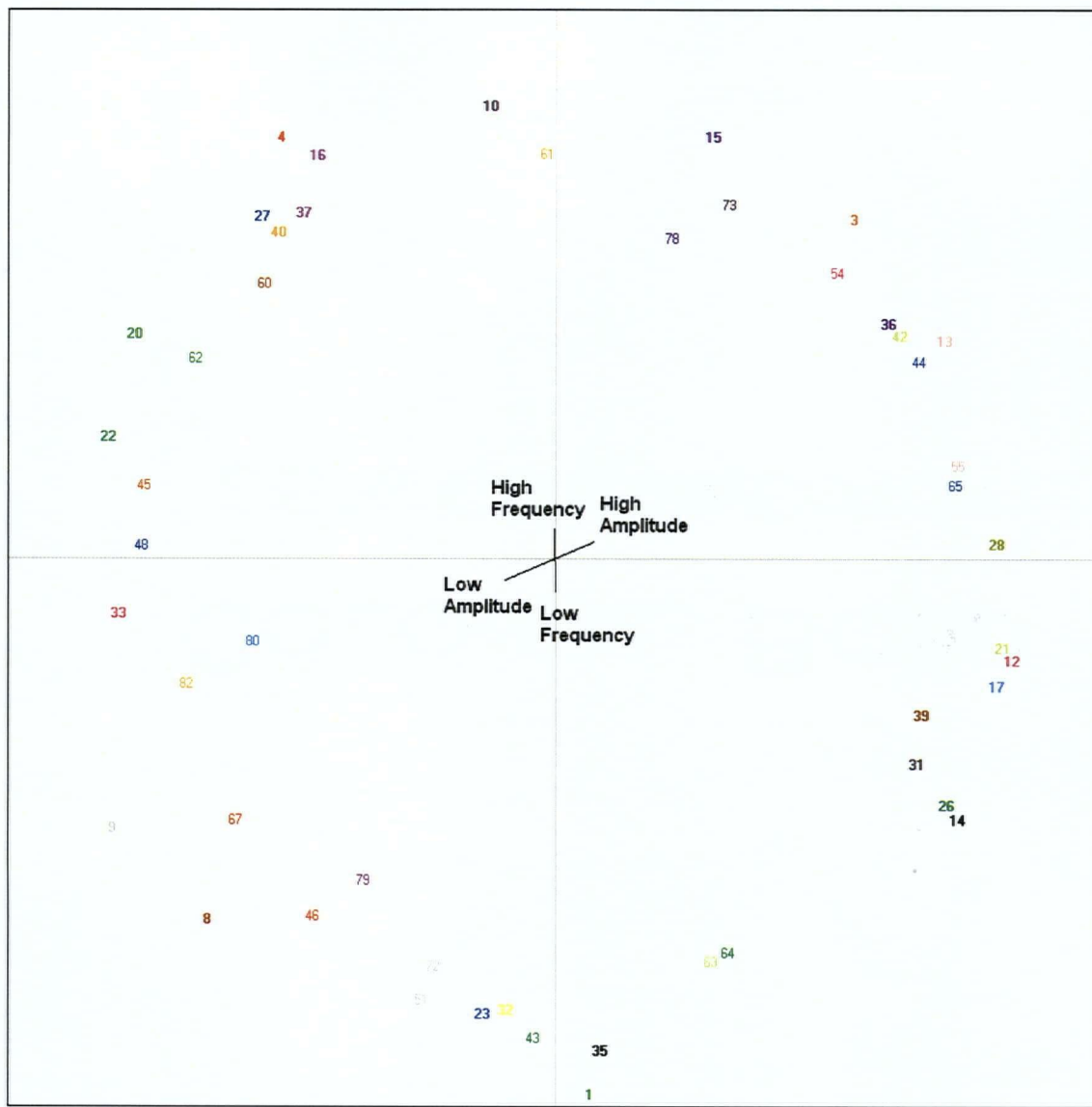


Figure 2. MDS plot for subject 2 of subset study.

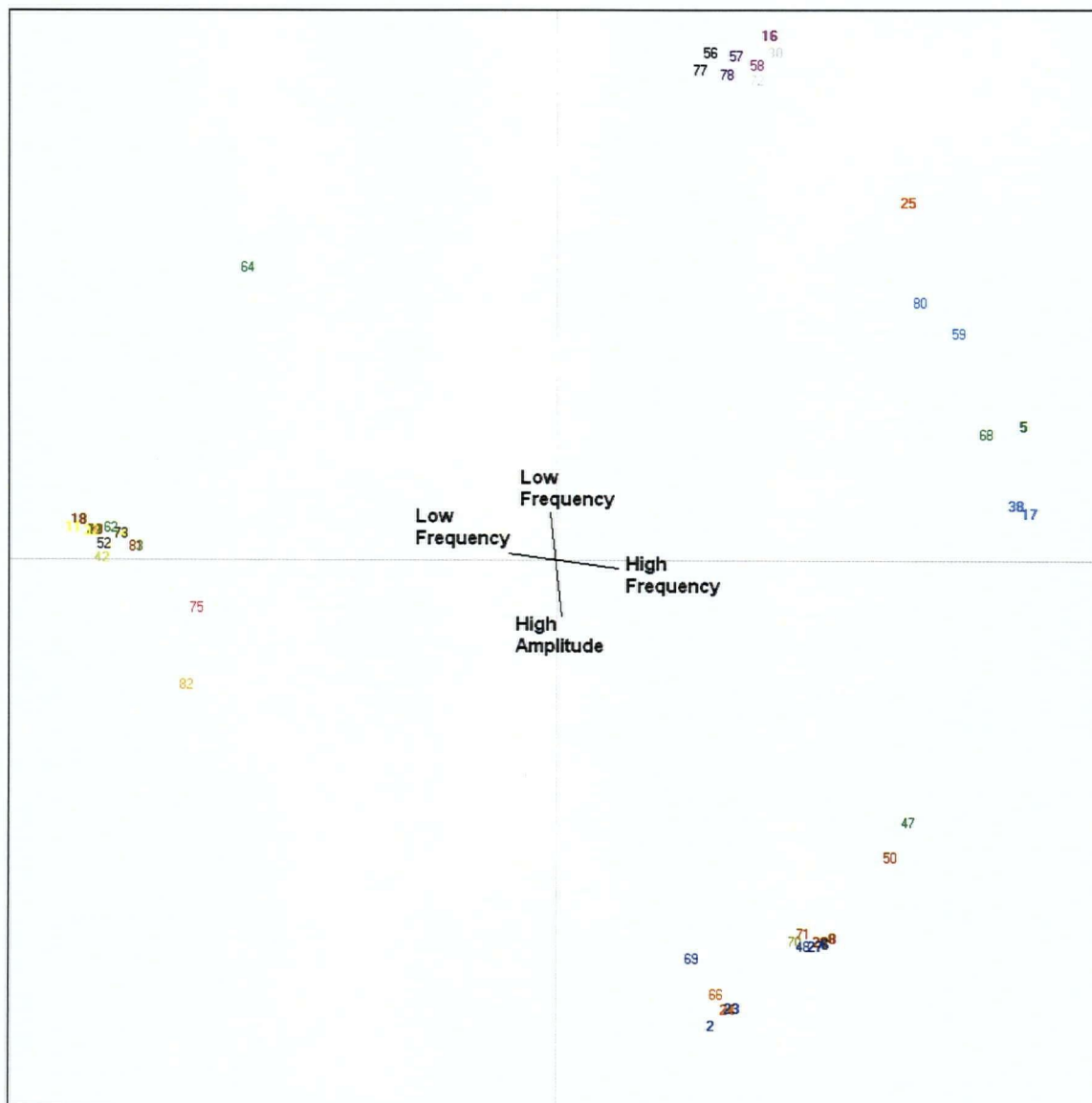


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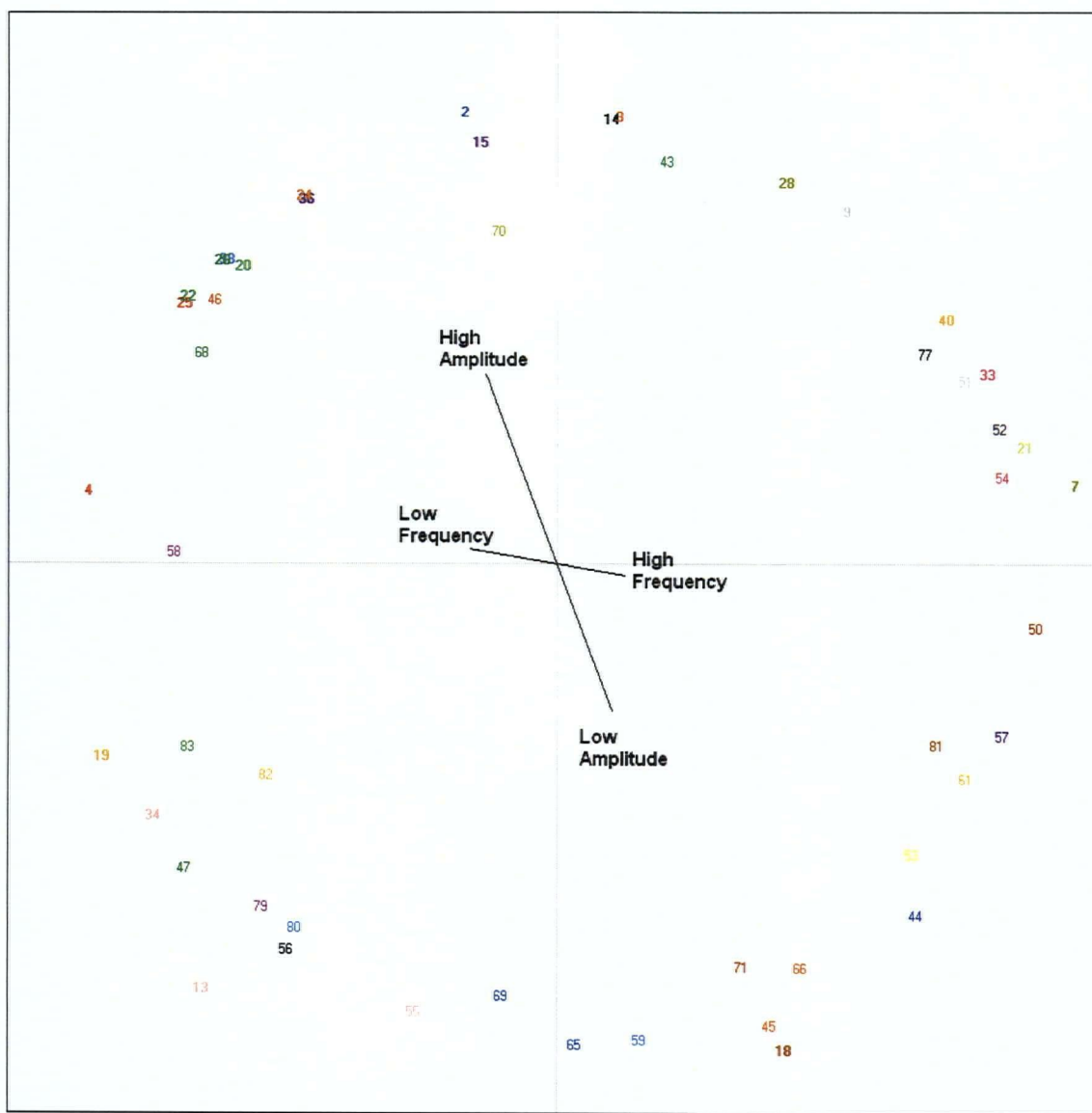


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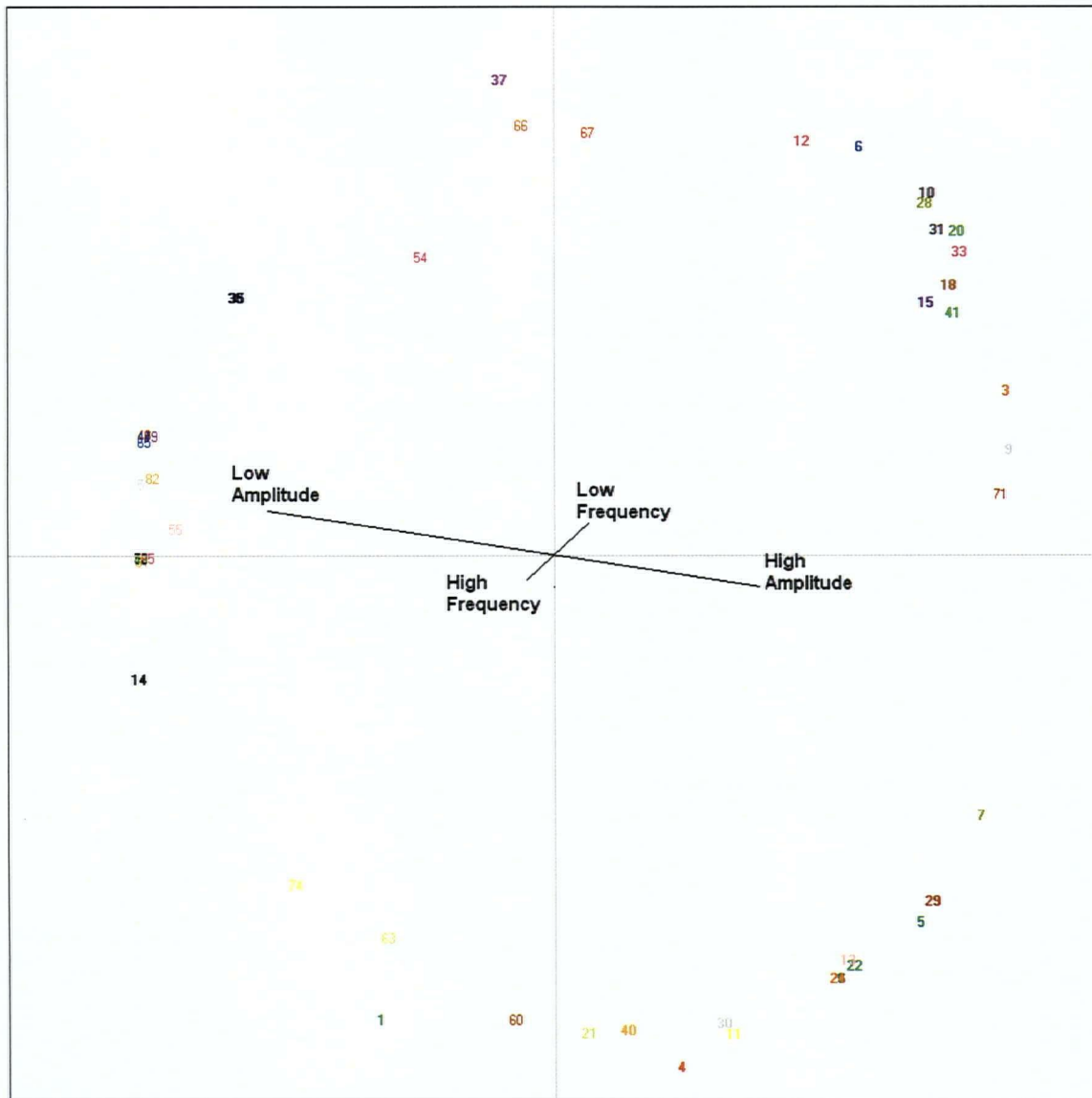


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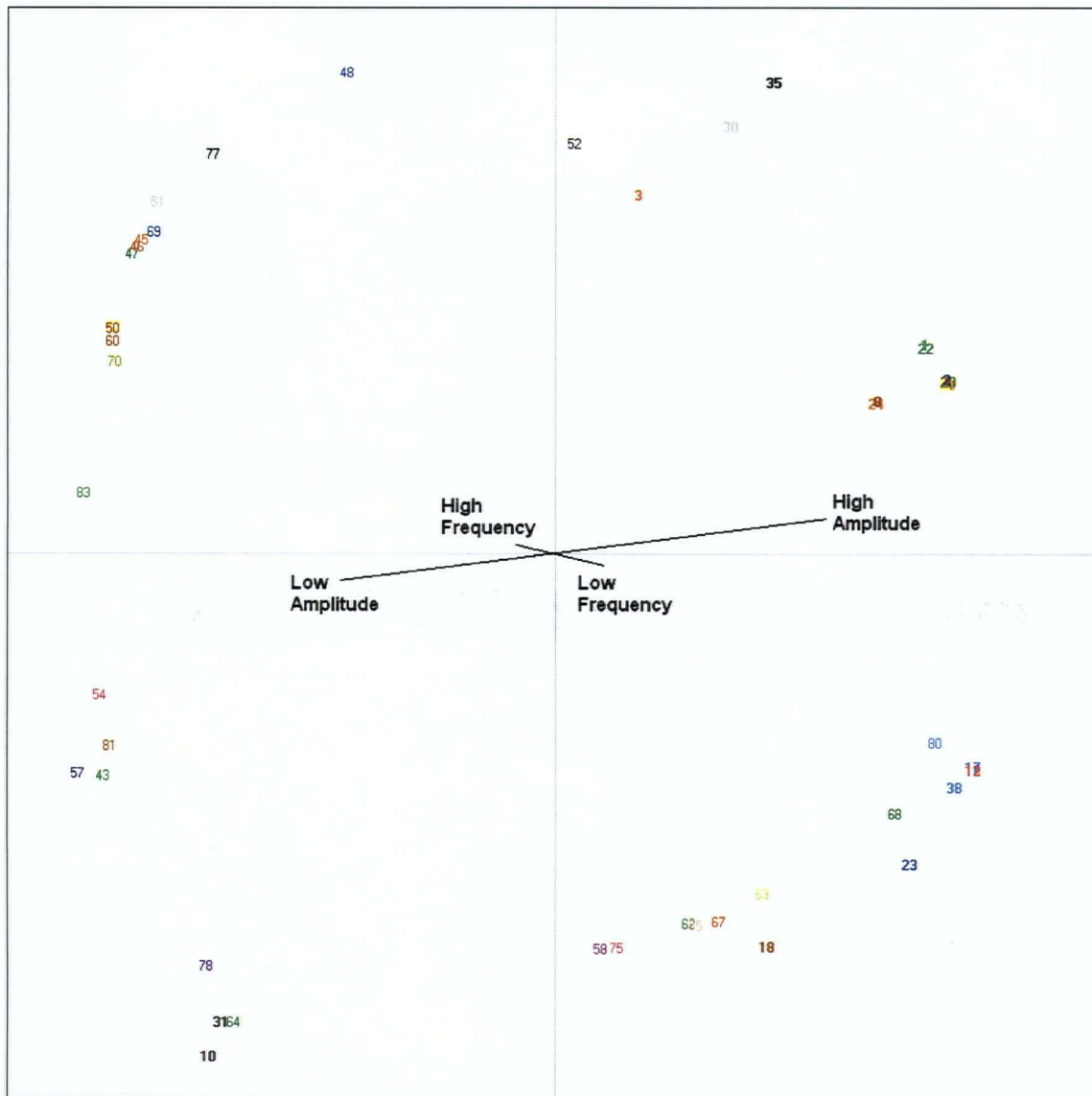


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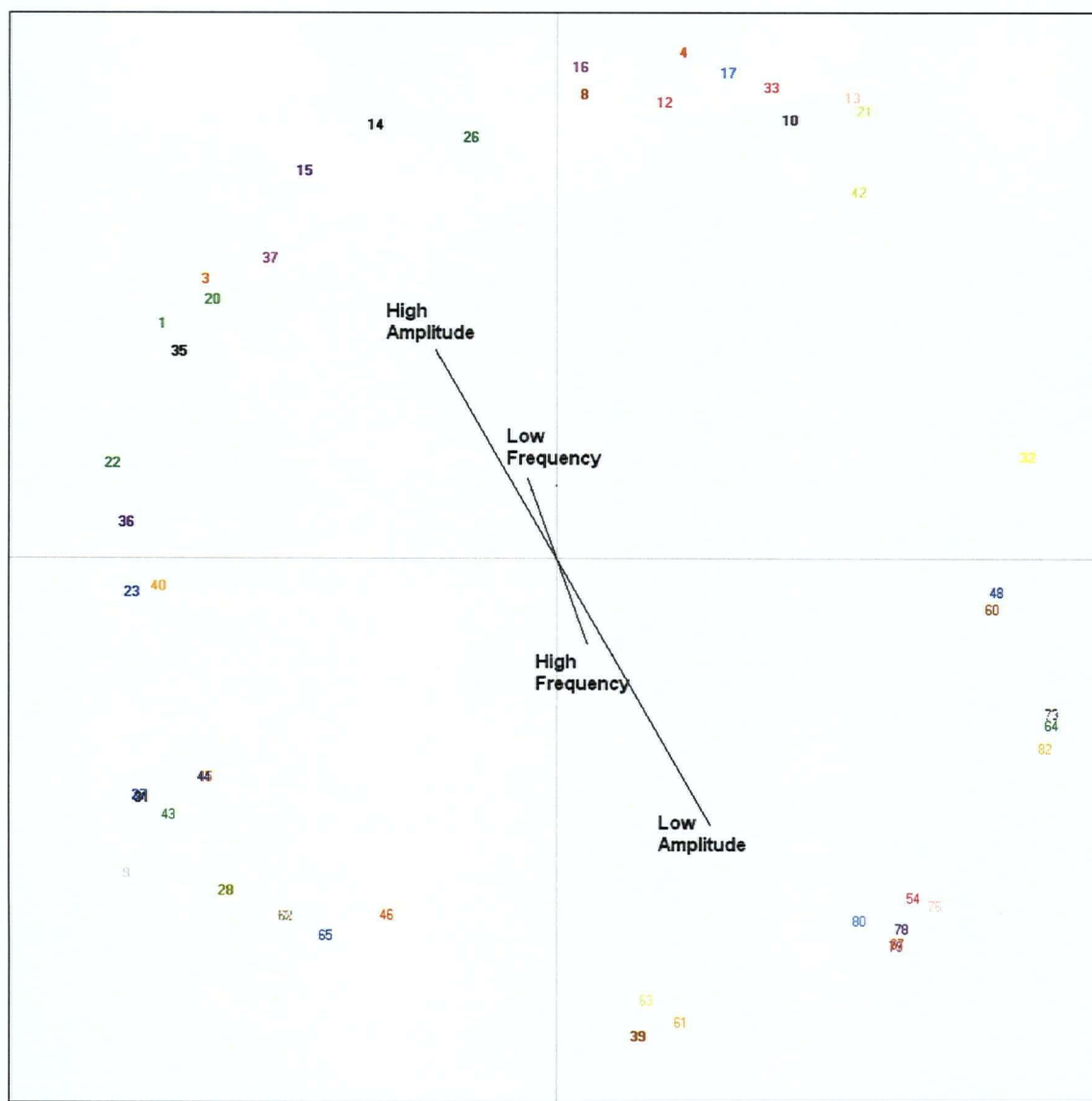


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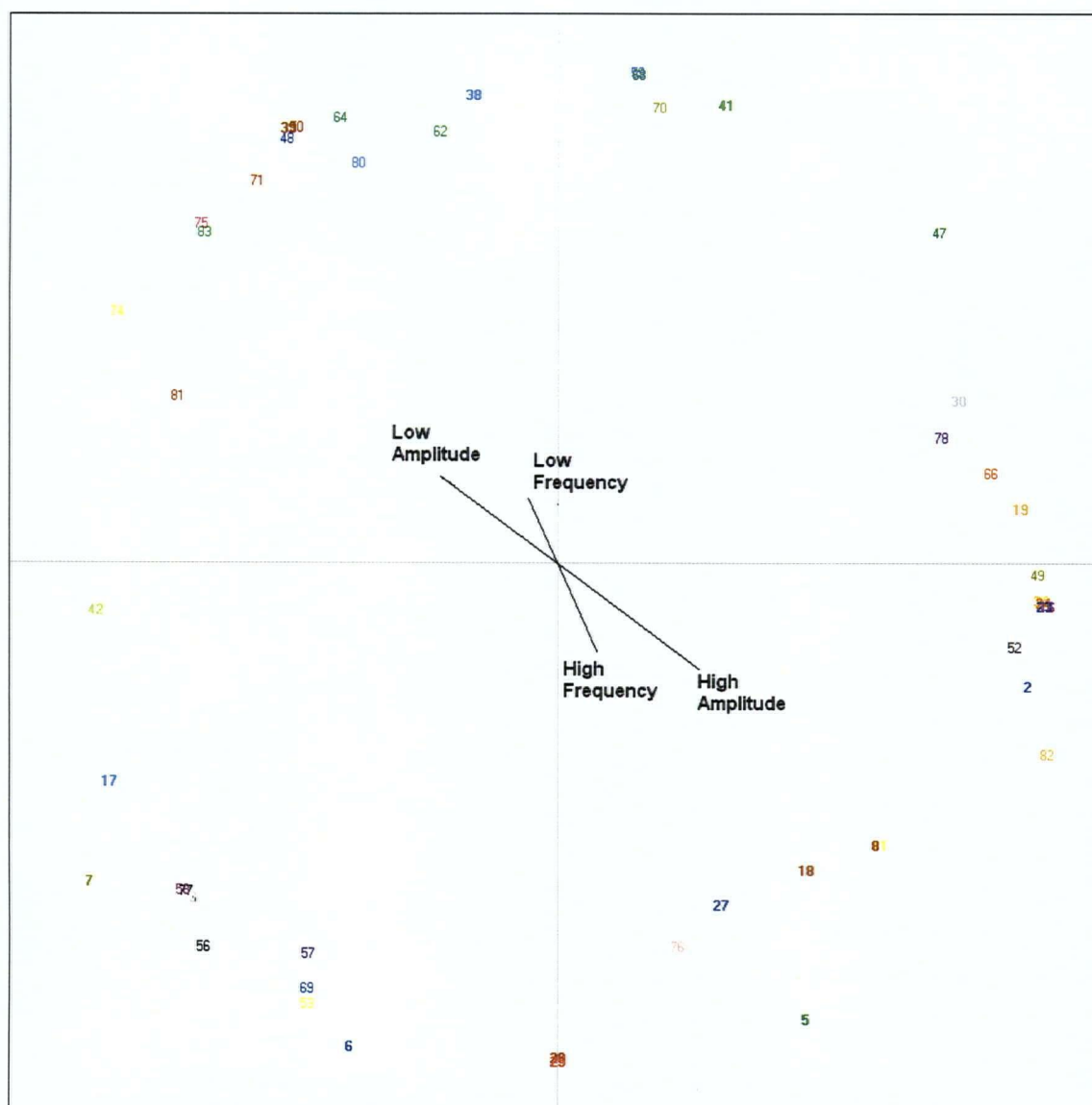


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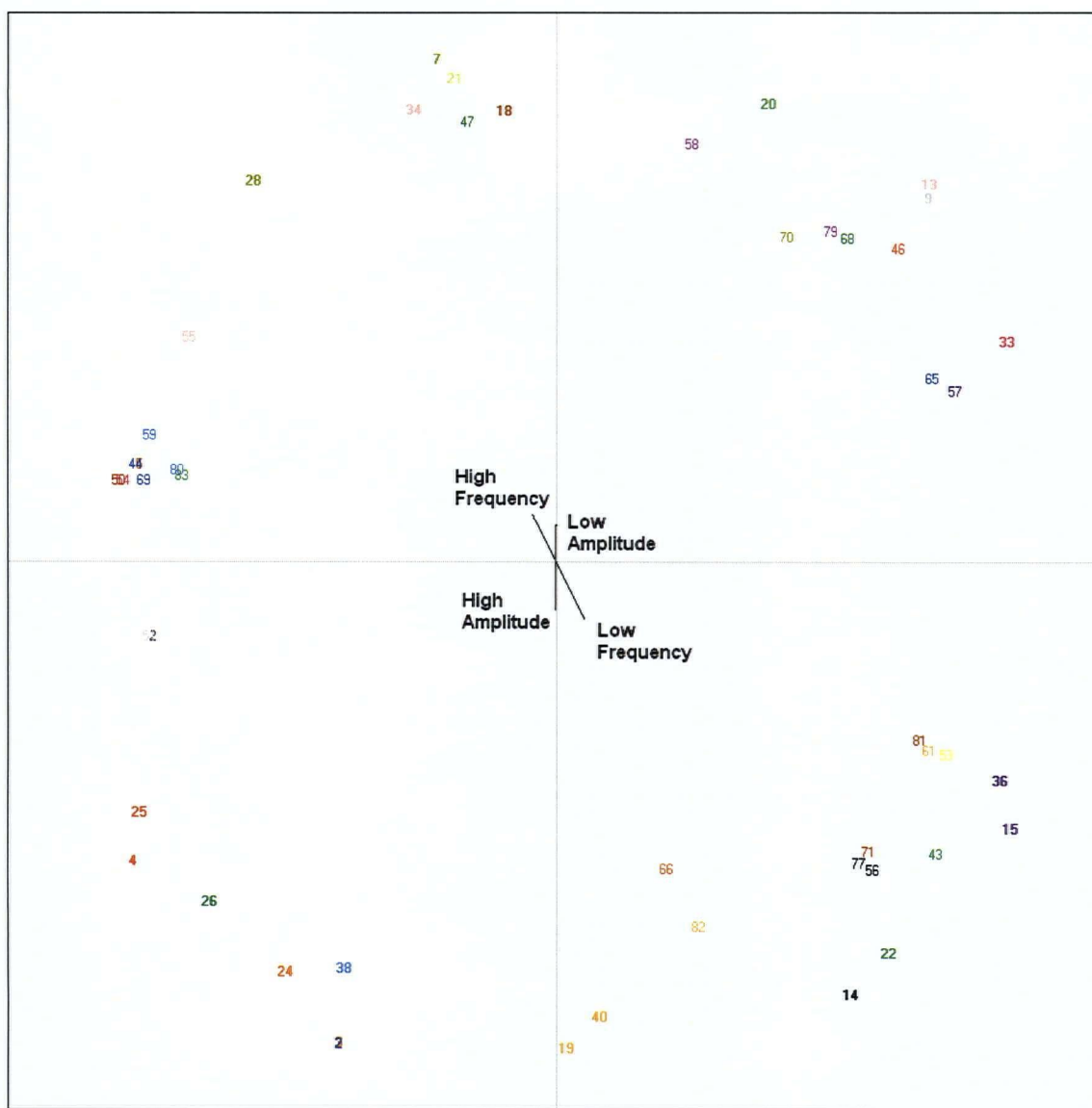


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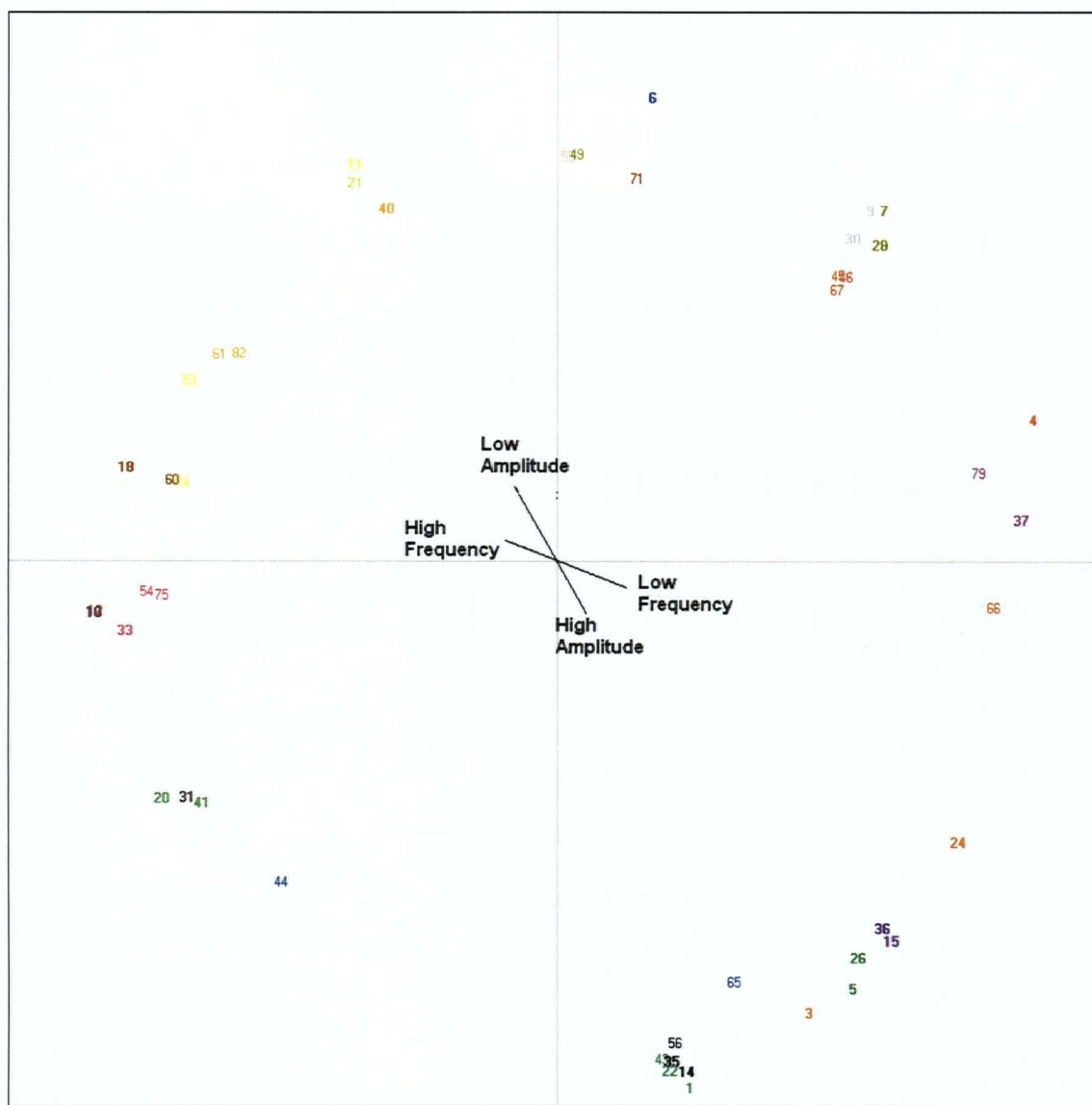


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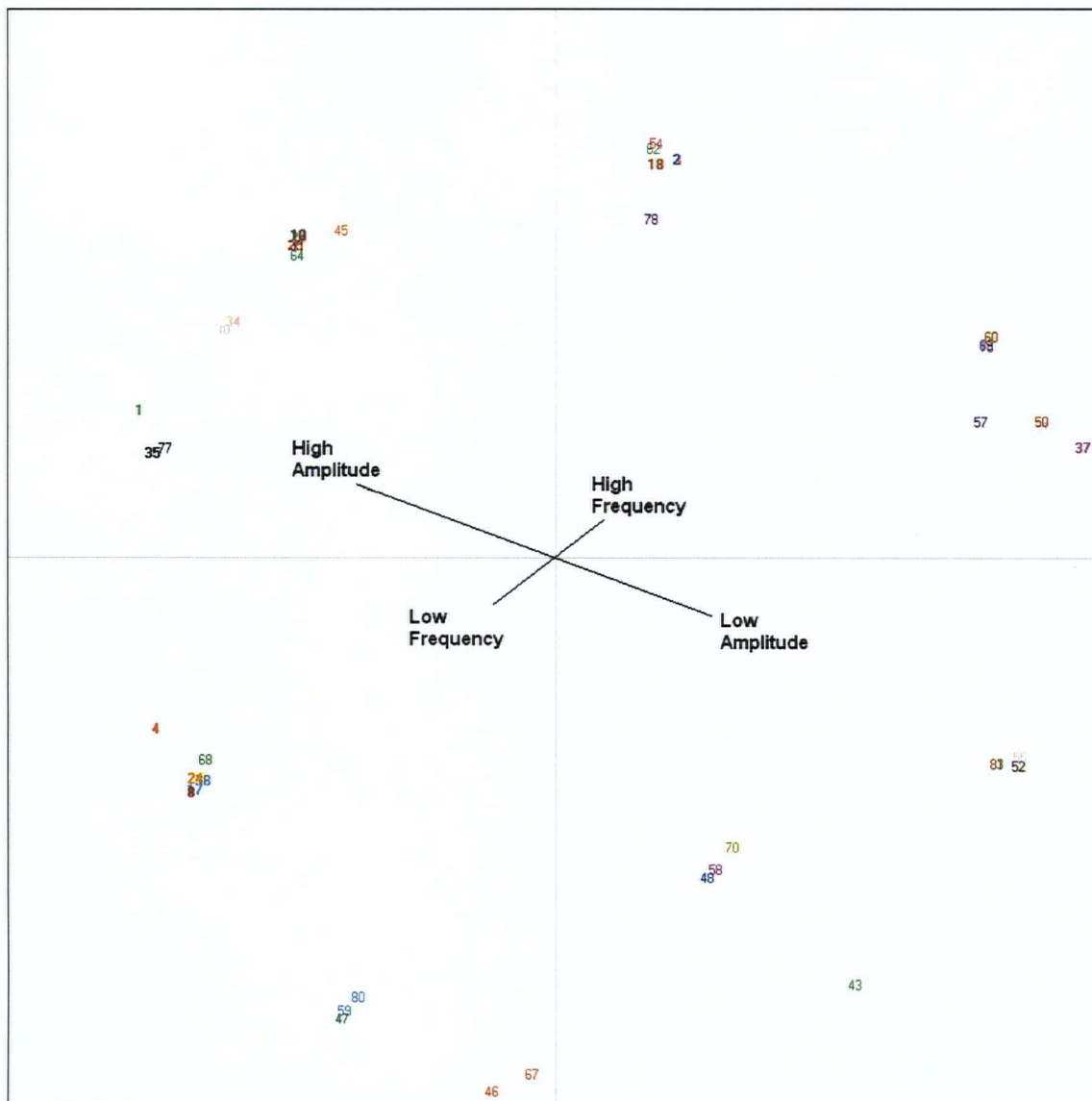


Figure 11. MDS plot for subject 11 of subset study.

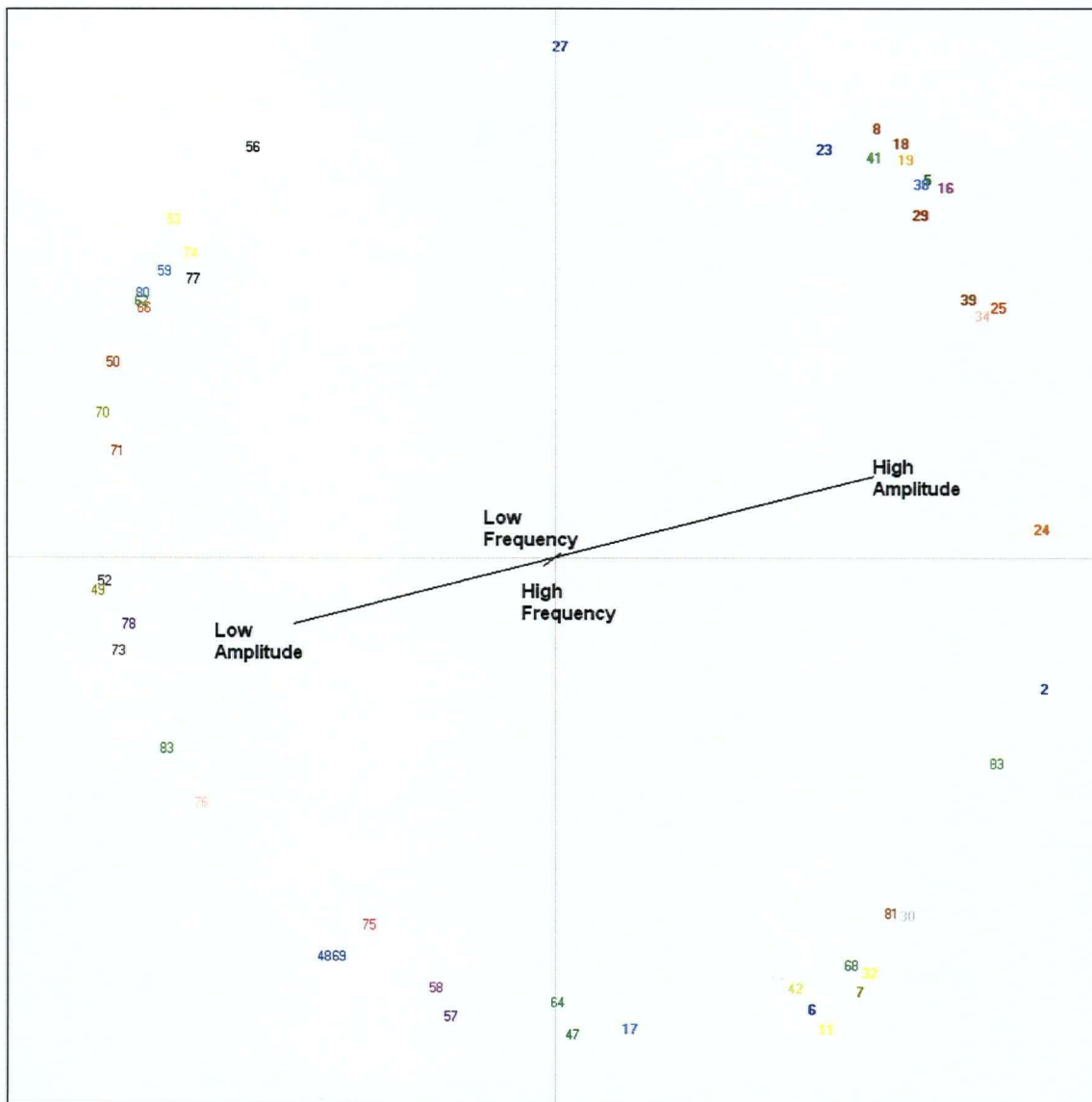


Figure 12. MDS plot for subject 12 of subset study.

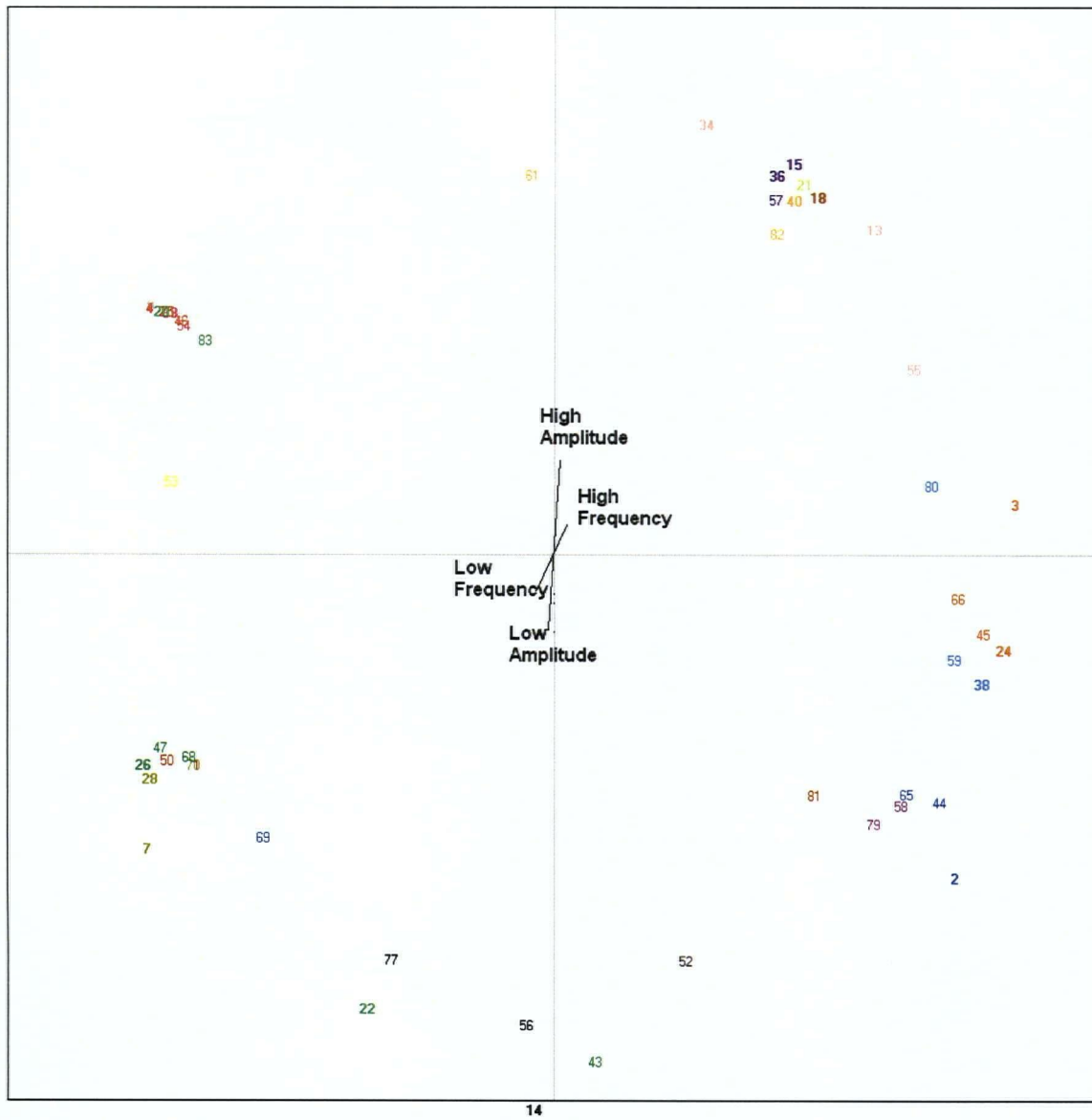


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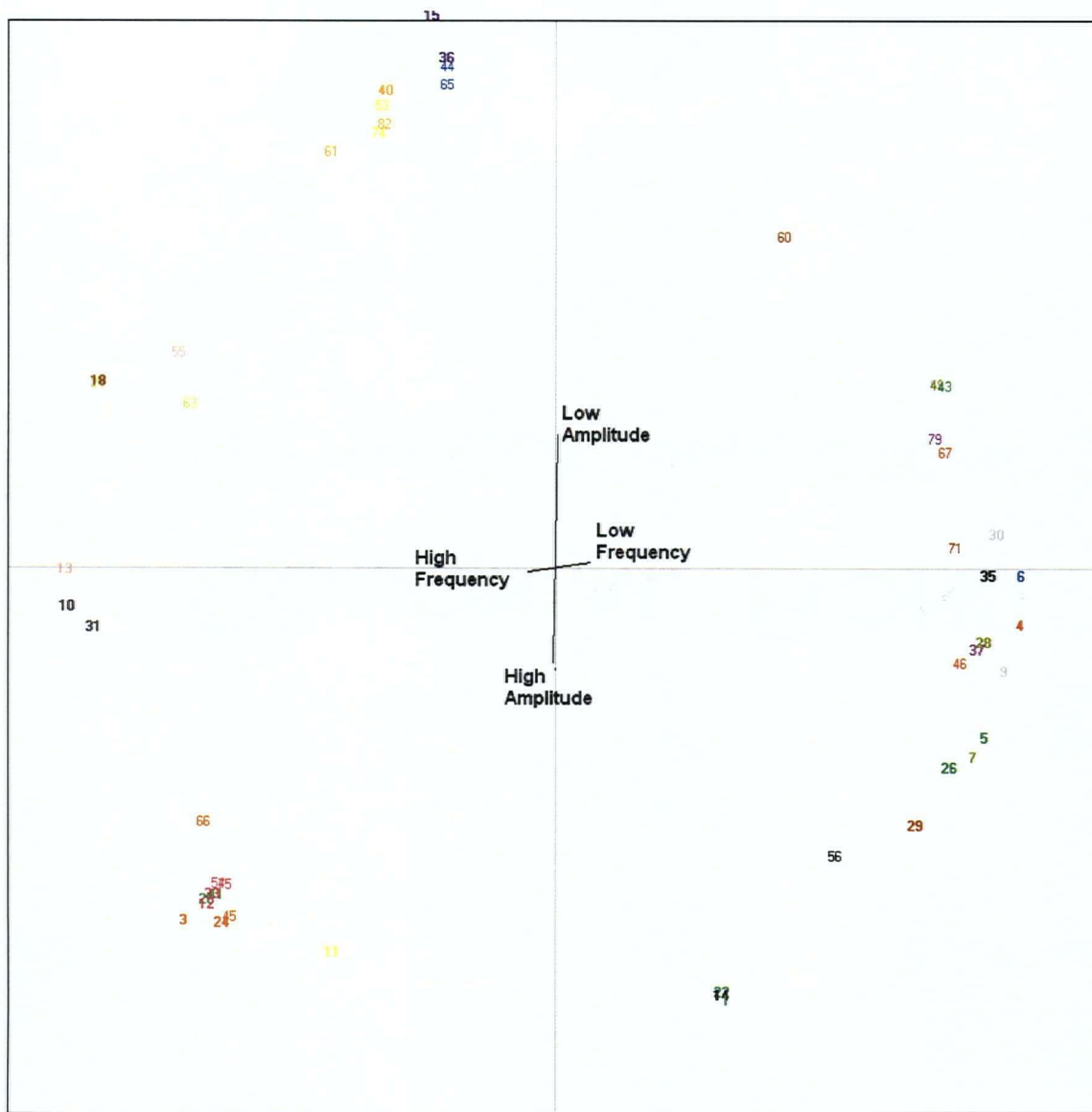


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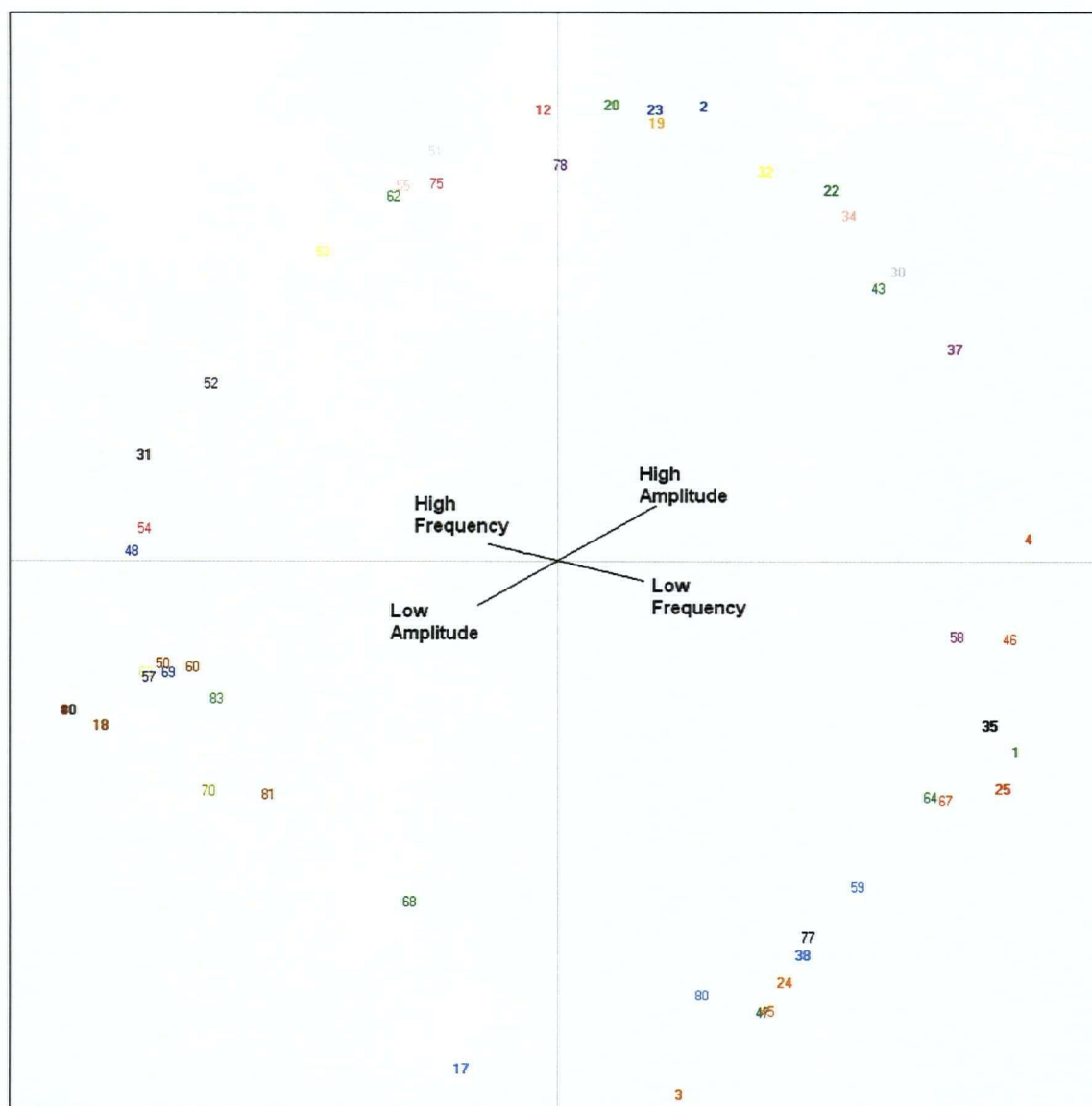


Figure 15. MDS plot for subject 15 of subset study.

Appendix C: Subsets

Table 1. Subsets Used in First Part of Subset Study. Listed are the numbers of all the stimuli used in each of the 5 subsets given to participants in the study described in Section 7.2.1

Subset 1	Subset 2	Subset 3	Subset 4	Subset 5
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3	5	3	3	2
4	6	4	4	3
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9	8	9	6	8
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Table 2. Subsets Used in Second Part of Subset Study. Listed are the numbers of all the stimuli used in each of the 7 additional subsets given to participants in the second part of the subset study described in Section 7.2.4

Subset 6	Subset 7	Subset 8	Subset 9	Subset 10	Subset 11	Subset 12
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Figure 4. Ethics Approval Form



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Behavioural Research Ethics Board
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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL- MINIMAL RISK RENEWAL

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INSTITUTION(S) WHERE RESEARCH WILL BE CARRIED OUT:		
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Other locations where the research will be conducted: N/A		
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SPONSORING AGENCIES: Innovation and Science Council of British Columbia - "Physical and multimodal user interfaces - usability & psychophysics" Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) - "The design of multi-modal symbolic information displays" - "Orsil title - Physical user interfaces: Communication of information and affect" Various Sources		
PROJECT TITLE: Orsil title - Physical user interfaces: Communication of information and affect		
EXPIRY DATE OF THIS APPROVAL: June 14, 2008		
APPROVAL DATE: June 14, 2007		
The Annual Renewal for Study have been reviewed and the procedures were found to be acceptable on ethical grounds for research involving human subjects.		
Approval is issued on behalf of the Behavioural Research Ethics Board		