Oral Presentation #2 Clinical Analysis of Speech Rhythms in Language Development using MATLAB

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#### **Problem Statement**

Preliminary research has been conducted that indicates a correlation exists between an **individual' s rhythmic capabilities and language development**.

Currently, the data analysis process used to determine an individual's rhythmic abilities is **inefficient** and **impractical** in a clinical setting.

No data analysis process or system exists to assess an individual's speech rhythm. There is a need in the industry for **a diagnostic technique** that efficiently analyzes the individual's recorded speech to determine whether their rhythm is considered good or bad.

There is an immediate need in the Gordon lab for **a data analysis** process that quickly and efficiently judges rhythm in speech. Beyond the Gordon lab, there is a **clinical need for a device** with an intuitive interface that is capable of immediate analysis and display of feedback



# **Design Components**

- MATLAB program:
  - Collect and analyze speech and metronome tracks
  - Utilization of toolbox functions and circular statistics
  - *Feedback and user interface to assess patient rhythm consistency and accuracy*
- Data analysis program must be compatible with:
  - Various computer operating systems
  - A microphone
  - Headphones
  - Analog filter
- The design of the study will:
  - Determine the rhythm baseline by sampling a population of individuals with normal speech development
  - Longitudinally assess impact of musical training on speech rhythm therapy

# **Progress-Simulink**

- We have used Simulink to successfully:
  - Save a metronome track
  - Simultaneously play the metronome track while also recording
  - Graph (in real time) the metronome while being played & the recording
  - Export data into MATLAB



## **Progress-Lag**



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Speech and Metronome Adjusted for Lag

## **Next Steps**

- Eliminating initial spike in amplitude -
- Obtaining the metronome signal in MATLAB 🗸
- Determining the best way to compare the two signals- 🗸
- Further investigation of lag with headphones-
- Testing variability in recording distance, pitch, etc.
- Further research and use old analytics code
- Filter and smooth the sound signal to get an intensity curve

#### **Peak Identification**





#### **Deepening Project Understanding**



- Director of Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Music and Media Technology. CIRMMT
- Guest lecturer brought in for Science and Music NSC class
- Attempting to use playing the flute (a high velocity low pressure instrument) to help COPD patients

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