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Choreographic Transductions Across Media:
Problems and Objects in the *Double Skin/Double Mind* Project.

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Abstract

This article looks upon the individuation of dance-related knowledge in the context of the project *Double Skin/Double Mind*, developed by the research group Art Practice and Artistic Development, of the Amsterdam School of the Arts, in relation to the joint work of dancer and choreographer Emio Greco and dramaturgist Pieter Scholten. It does so by depicting some of the problems at stake in the making of a series of multimedia objects, designed for transmitting such knowledge with a structure analogous to the concepts that order the dancing itself. Such concepts are here theorized as corresponding to movement principles that allow for the knowledge to be transmitted by means of transduction, both across bodies and from medium to medium. Transduction is proposed to be an operation fit for thinking choreographic transmission, one which encompasses the intensive and extensive expressions of dance as much as the abstract and concrete processes by which its related knowledge emerges. The problems approached regard the disparity between dancing and choreographic writing from the point of view of the differences between qualitative and quantitative multiplicities. The *Double Skin/Double Mind* research project dealt with this one set of problems in relation to the transmission of choreographic knowledge in the age of digital multimodality, not without coming across with the diagrammatic and linguistic constraints required to determine a continuity of choreographic ideas across discrete bodies and media.

Resumo

O foco deste artigo é a individuação de conhecimento coreográfico no contexto do projecto *Double Skin/Double Mind*, desenvolvido pelo grupo de investigação Prática e Desenvolvimento Artístico, da Escola das Artes de Amsterdão, em torno do trabalho conjunto do coreógrafo e bailarino Emio Greco e do dramaturgista Pieter Scholten. O artigo expõe alguns problemas associados à concepção e desenho de uma série de objectos multimédia, criados com o intuito de transmitir o conhecimento coreográfico destes artistas através de estruturas análogas aos conceitos organizadores das próprias danças. Estes conceitos correspondem a princípios de movimento cuja transmissão se dá por meio de transduções, tanto entre corpos como entre diferentes média. A transdução é aqui proposta como uma operação adequada ao pensamento da transmissão coreográfica, abrangendo tanto as expressões intensivas e extensivas da dança como os processos abstractos e concretos pelos quais o conhecimento que lhe está associado emerge. Os problemas abordados referem-se sobretudo à disparidade entre a dança e a escrita coreográfica, vista da perspectiva da diferença entre multiplicidades qualitativas e multiplicidades quantitativas. O projecto de investigação *Double Skin/Double Mind* debruçou-se sobre este conjunto de problemas no que respeita à transmissão de conhecimento coreográfico em tempos de multimodalidade digital, não sem ter de lidar com as restrições diagramáticas e linguísticas necessárias à determinação de uma continuidade de ideias coreográficas através de corpos e média descontínuos.

Keywords

Dance, Choreography, Knowledge, Transduction, Multimedia.

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Transmitting

When asked to deliver a workshop at the Internationale Tanzwochen Wien in 1998, choreographer and dancer Emio Greco and dramaturgist Pieter C. Scholten (EG|PC) decided to create a structure capable of transmitting their creative method, which they named *Double Skin / Double Mind* (DS/DM). After delivering this workshop in different contexts for some years, the two artists felt “the need to understand the logic of the workshop and its structure better” (Delahunta, 2007a: 20). In order to do this, the EG|PC dance company, in cooperation with the research group Art Practice and Artistic Development, of the Amsterdam School of the Arts, headed by Marijke Hoogenboom, developed from 2004 to 2007 the *Notation Research Project* (NRP).¹ With this project, the two artists and a multi-disciplinary team of specialists strived for finding a notation system capable of capturing “the inner intention as well as the outer shape of gestures and [dance] phrases” (*ibidem*, 5). Remarkably, this research generated multiple outcomes: a documentary, a DVD-ROM, a book and an interactive installation, all published together under the title (*Capturing Intention*): *Documentation, Analysis and Notation Research Based on the Work of Emio Greco/PC* (CI).²

The workshop *DS/DM* was intended to facilitate the transmission, from Greco's body to the body of other dancers, of a series of movement principles. As it can be seen in the *DS/DM* documentary, such transmission is based on exemplification and reproduction.³ The dancers watch Greco dancing, listen to his oral instructions and then try to dance in accordance with the same movement principles. To say that a movement principle is reproduced from body to body is not the same as saying that one body mimics another. Rather than formal outcomes, what is here

1 This project was followed by the *Inside Movement Knowledge* (IMK) project, which occurred between 2008 and 2010. For a detailed account of both projects' history see www.insidemovementknowledge.net.

2 I had the chance to meet part of the *NRP*'s team at the first Annual Arts and Sciences Laboratory of the *Transmedia Knowledge Base for Performing Arts* Project (TKB), which took place at the choreographic centre “O Espaço do Tempo” in Montemor-o-Novo, Portugal, between 22 and 28 May 2010. For more on the *TKB* project, see <http://tkb.fcsh.unl.pt/>. By then the *NRP* had already finished, but its outcomes were still being developed in the frame of the *IMK* project. Since this Laboratory was dedicated to “new models of documentation for contemporary dance”, the *NRP/IMK*'s team had there the opportunity to set up the interactive installation *DS/DM* and present their remaining work. This was the only time I accessed the interactive installation's actual set up and experienced its workings.

3 The *DS/DM* documentary can be watched at <https://vimeo.com/38974588>, or found enclosed in the publication (*Capturing Intention*): *Documentation, Analysis and Notation Research Based on the Work of Emio Greco/PC* (Delahunta, 2007a).

transmitted across bodies is a principle of individuation. In dance, movement principles are principles of individuation, for they correspond to a mediation between orders of movement that brings about determinate regimes of expression.

Transducing

This notion of individuation is here taken from the work of Gilbert Simondon—the French philosopher who in the fifties and sixties engaged in reactivating the philosophy of individuation in order to deal with contemporary issues such as the rise of machines and the relationship between culture and nature—, for whom “the sole principle by which [individuation] is guided is that of the conservation of being through becoming” (Simondon, 1992: 301). Which amounts to saying that individuation is the process by which the potentials of one system are conserved. From an ontogenetic perspective, the principle of individuation corresponds to the operation by means of which “the system of energy that is individuating [...] realizes in the individual this internal resonance of the matter taking form and a mediation between orders of magnitude” (*idem*, 1964: 44).⁴ From the outset, the system of individuation conserves in communication potentials belonging to different orders of magnitude, which can exert a force strong enough to dephase it and individuate a determinate state of affairs. Such force is the potential of disparity. From phase to phase, which is to say from individual to individual, the system restructures the distribution of its energetic potentials, only to keep itself becoming. As Simondon writes, “the true principle of individuation is mediation, which generally presumes the existence of the original duality of the orders of magnitude and the initial absence of interactive communication between them, followed by a subsequent communication between orders of magnitude and stabilization” (*idem*, 1992: 304). The system’s becoming is therefore tantamount to its own internal resonance. As long as potentials belonging to different orders of magnitude keep affecting one another, the system can individuate adequate resolutions to its self-incompatibility. The principle of individuation is a principle of resonance.⁵

To transfer movement principles across bodies is therefore a transductive process, an operation which can be understood according with the following definition by Simondon:

“[Transduction] denotes a process (...) in which an activity gradually sets itself in motion, propagating within a given domain, by basing this propagation on a structuration carried out in different zones of the domain: each region of the constituted structure serves as a constituting principle for the following one, so much so that a modification progressively extends itself at the

4 This is a 2007’s unpublished translation by Taylor Atkin, taken from his website at the following address: <https://fractalontology.wordpress.com/2007/11/28/a-short-list-of-gilbert-simondons-vocabulary/>

5 For more on the notion of individuation, see Gilbert Simondon’s *L’individuation à la lumière des notions de forme et d’information* (Simondon, 2005).

same time as this structuring operation. (...) The transductive operation is an individuation in progress; it can physically occur most simply in the form of progressive iteration. However, in more complex domains, such as the domains of vital metastability or psychic problematics, it can move forward with a constantly variable step, and expand in a heterogeneous field.” (Simondon, 1995: 30–31).⁶

In regard to knowledge, transduction corresponds to the formation of correlated subjects and objects, a process by which the individuation of the object known acts as a functional and structural source for the individuation of the knowing subject. By transferring principles of individuation from body to body, transduction facilitates the operational analogy of knowledge and distributes the resources from where the axiomatics emerge. In fact, only because a system individuates through a progressive structuration of potentials, can knowledge receive from this same individuation the principles necessary for its own constitution, which is why transductive knowledge “can be used as the foundation (...) of analogical paradigms so as to enable us to pass from physical individuation to (...) psychic individuation, and from psychic individuation to the subjective and objective level of the transindividual” (*idem*).

Mediating

The movement principles of Greco's characteristic dancing are known to comprise a strong component of internal movement, that is, of bodily movements that occur at orders of magnitude unperceivable to other bodies. Hence, the name of the publication: *Capturing Intention*. For intention, here, regards the intensive qualities of bodily movement and the problematic potentials that these pose to the individuation of extensive expressions. And if it can be argued that it is an impossible task to express continuity as such by means of film, software or text, it can also be argued that each of the *CI*'s objects attests the systematic tentative of dealing with this one problem: the fundamental and apparently insurmountable difference between qualitative and quantitative multiplicities. Because of this, each of these objects can be said to express, if not a solution, at least an approximation to the problem itself.

To transfer principles of intensive movement either across bodies or from the dancing body to each of the *CI*'s different domains is tantamount to transduce choreographic problems. First, this regards the fact the body is intensively problematic and therefore capable of transducing the principles according to which itself moves.⁷ Second, it regards the fact that the extensive expression

6 This translation was taken from Adrian Mackenzie's *Transductions: bodies and machines at speed* (Mackenzie, 2002, p. 16). For more on the notion of transduction, see Gilbert Simondon's *L'individuation à la lumière des notions de forme et d'information* (Simondon, 2005).

7 For an account of the generative capacity of problems, see Gilles Deleuze's theory of ideas (Deleuze, 1994: 168–221).

of such intensive problems necessarily implies problems that are of the extensive domain itself. When the ones do not coincide with the others (e.g. the transduction of movement principles from the dancing body to the digital domain), not only is the heterogenous multiplicity doubled with a difference, as it is also submitted to conditions of individuation that require different modes of experimentation. In this sense, EG|PC's knowledge of the *DS/DM's* movement principles is much more easily transferred to other dancing bodies than to the target domains used to express the *CT's* objects. Expressing movement principles in these latter domains requires specific modes of experimentation and the resolution of problems foreign to the knowledge that comes with the experience of dancing. It should nonetheless be noticed that, of the four *CT's* objects mentioned above, only the DVD and the Interactive Installation were in fact created with the intent of being autonomous transducers of the *DS/DM's* movement principles. Which is to say that, even if all the *CT's* objects resulted primarily from the knowledge that EG|PC had of the *DS/DM* workshop, only these two have individuated from the resolution of problems posed by the encounter between given ideas of dance and the domains targeted to express these ideas. With such resolution, these objects acquired a truly choreographic character. They have become choreographic propositions with which it is possible to learn how to dance according to the *DS/DM's* movement principles, similarly to what happens in a workshop delivered by EG|PC themselves. These two objects are capable of transducing the *DS/DM's* movement principles into other dancing bodies, facilitating the individuation of a renovated knowledge with regard to the intended dancing. Together with the workshop itself, these two choreographic objects attest the expressive variability that one same system of choreographic individuation is capable of.

Naming

It is here worth following the *NRP's* development and the fact that its first outcome was the workshop's video documentary, filmed and directed by Maite Bermúdez in 2005. Curiously, the structure of the documentary follows the structure of the workshop, as delivered at ImPulsTanz Festival, in August that year. The latter is shown to be divided in five main parts, designated respectively in regard to their succession as: 1) "*Breathing*"; 2) "*Jumping*"; 3) "*Expanding*"; 4) "*Reducing*"; and 5) "*Transfer*". Whereas the first four of these parts correspond to different principles of movement (or, in other words, movement qualities), the last part is shown to be structured by a dance phrase that is to be filled with (or fuelled by) them. The fact that these successive parts are designated like this shouldn't be understood in any general way whatsoever. Their names are not meant to correspond to the common understanding that they might pertain to in any other particular context. Rather, they are meant to specifically depict the problematic structure

of the *DS/DM*'s movement qualities. The fact that there is a tension between the limits of a signifier and the unbounded openness of the signified multiplicity is remarked by Scott deLahunta (one of *NRP*'s specialists in dance and technology) as having been one of the difficulties faced by EG|PC when naming and describing the workshop's structure:

“This difficulty of finding the right words and explanations was, in part, due to the dialectical tension between [the artists] that is inherently a feature of their artistic work [...]. To ‘decide’ what and how to name or explain these parts of *DS/DM*, was to allow it to become fixed, to make it concrete in terminology. However, as mentioned, the result of this difficult work served the needs of the making of the documentary. It also produced the hierarchy of sections and subsections so that the DVD and Installation versions of *DS/DM* could be created.” (DeLahunta, 2007a: 21).

This is to say that the tension between signifieds (the variable experiences and expressions of dance) and signifiers (the words used to name the workshop's movement qualities) was sufficiently problematic to foster the technical individuation of these two choreographic objects. After all, despite their possible reduction to the limited expression of phonetic or graphic signifiers, monemes are but multiplicities of heterogeneous elements.

With no regard to the structures that followed from naming movement principles in this way, the *DS/DM* workshop always had a linguistic dimension. As dancer Bertha Bermúdez explains, “passing these dances onto others is [normally] done through instruction with the body and words. [As such] the body has to be clear and the words have to be right.” (DeLahunta, 2007a: 6). And it is to this latter requirement that the specification of names attends. If both the DVD and the Interactive Installation are to be capable of transmitting the *DS/DM*'s movement principles, their expressions have to be structured in a precise and determinate manner. It could nonetheless be argued that, instead of being given names, the different parts of the workshop could have been given, for example, numbers. But in contrast to numbers, what the artists' endeavour to find the right words for each of the workshop's movement qualities attests, is the existing connection between the somatic experience of the moving body and the ways in which language and conceptual knowledge are structured in and by the body. The oral explanation of dance is directly related to the conceptual structures according to which the *DS/DM*'s movement principles are organized. It allows for understanding both the knowledge that the artists have of what they do and how this is structured.

Conceiving

That both the *NRP* and the *IMK* have turned towards cognitive linguistics to think and analyse the conceptual structures implicated in the *DS/DM*'s movement qualities, attests not only

these projects' concern with the underlying principles of dancing but also the acknowledgement that the latter are known both somatically and conceptually. According to Bermúdez and cognitive linguist Carla Fernandes, two of the researchers here involved, the interest was in:

“[...] searching for the implicit knowledge that is embedded in choreographic processes and the possible ways of presenting or expressing it. In practice this means [to] start from the premise that the translation and transmission of the imagetic thought of a contemporary choreographer into an embodied-type of thought, via the dancers' bodies, is above all metaphoric (cf. Johnson, 1987 on image schemata in the human brain as being prior to awareness).” (Fernandes/Bermúdez, 2010: 29).

This metaphorical character of choreographic transductions can be understood both in regard to the dancing body's orientation relatively to the charged ground of its perceptive-affective milieu (i.e. imagetic thought being structured in accordance with this orientation) and in regard to the influence that knowledge has on dancing (i.e. extensive movement being determined by the structures of thought). It regards both the transfer of physical resolutions to the resolution of thought and the transfer of conceptual resolutions to the resolution of dance. After all, “the essence of metaphor is understanding and experiencing one kind of thing in terms of another” (Lakoff/Johnson, 1980: 5). But these are not symmetrical processes. The process by means of which the resolutions of thought follow from the body's physical orientation is not the same as the one whereby conceptual structures affect the actual organization of dance. On the basis of this asymmetry is the assumption that knowledge is characteristically imagetic. It structures images (or it imagines structures) that are neither the body's actual orientation in its milieu nor any of its other possible expressions. In other words, there is an abstract level of experience that has its own processual autonomy and that allows for the complexification of knowledge to a point where the concepts of the understanding can move the body in its extensions with ever more complexity. This corresponds to the idea proposed by cognitive linguist Mark Johnson that the perceptual patterns arising from bodily experience correspond to primary structures that nonetheless organize our abstractions. Such structures, to which Johnson calls “image schemata”, serve as a basis for the more complex operations of associative thinking, which allow for the formation of structured meanings, concepts and reasonings.

“The VERTICALITY schema, for instance, emerges from our tendency to employ an UP-DOWN orientation in picking out meaningful structures of our experience. We grasp this structure of verticality repeatedly in thousands of perceptions and activities we experience every day, such as perceiving a tree, our felt sense of standing upright, the activity of climbing stairs, forming a mental image of a flagpole, measuring our children's heights, and experiencing the level of water rising in

the bathtub. The VERTICALITY schema is the abstract structure of these VERTICALITY experiences, images, and perceptions.” (Johnson, 1987: xv).

From an order recurrently perceived in the physical relations between body and milieu arises an abstraction that, because it bears a particular structure, has its own autonomy and can be related with different situations as experience unfolds. Importantly, the autonomy of such abstractions in relation to the concrete experiences from which they emerge allows for the association between image schemata and for the formation of more complex levels of abstraction and cognition. Such associations between abstractions do not occur without movements of thought, which Johnson considers primarily in metaphorical terms. For the author, metaphors correspond to the way in which image schemata are used to structure a domain of experience different from the one where they have first emerged. The relation between patterns of physical experience and the abstract patterns of thought is therefore one of dependency, whereby the image schemata of the latter serve to structure the former. To this passage from concrete experience to abstract thinking, Johnson calls “metaphorical projection”, being that such operation can also occur between different levels of abstraction. So conceived, metaphors underly the ordering of cognition to such a point that considering them only linguistically falls short of their importance.⁸ An importance from which it follows that the physical experience of a body moving through a milieu of charged and problematic potentials is the very foundation of thought. In Johnson’s words:

“Understanding via metaphorical projection from the concrete to the abstract makes use of physical experience in two ways. First, our bodily movements and interactions in various physical domains of experience are structured (as we saw with image schemata), and that structure can be projected by metaphor onto abstract domains. Second, metaphorical understanding is not merely a matter of arbitrary fanciful projection from anything to anything with no constraints. Concrete bodily experience not only constrains the ‘input’ to the metaphorical projections but also the nature of the projections themselves, that is, the kinds of mappings that can occur across domains.” (Johnson, 1987: xv).

From this standpoint, it is possible to understand how both dance and speech are capable of providing access to the underlying conceptual structures and implicit instances of knowledge. Since the focus here is the dancing body, both modes of expression can be said to correspond to resolutions that not only implicate movement principles but also the thoughts that with them arise.

⁸ Another prominent cognitive linguist, George Lakoff, with whom Johnson wrote the book *Metaphors We Live By*, argues that metaphors can be considered as a mode of thought in their own right because of three fundamental characteristics: “1) The systematicity in the linguistic correspondences; 2) The use of metaphor to govern reasoning and behaviour based on that reasoning; 3) The possibility for understanding novel extensions in terms of the conventional correspondences” (Lakoff, 2006: 191). From these characteristics follows that metaphors organize the experience of the world in specific ways and that they can be expressed by means other than speech.

Insofar as knowledge in general can be addressed on the basis of image schemata, and therefore as being grounded on bodily experiences, both knowing how to dance and knowing how to verbalize this experience necessarily correspond to one same conceptual structure. It follows that it is possible to not only address this relation between expressions and abstractions on the basis of the mappings that occur across domains, but also to use these mappings to further express choreo-knowledge. It is precisely this that both the DVD and the Interactive Installation do.

Structuring

By determining ideas of dance in the form of concepts, here synthesized by words, and by using these structures to individuate digital expressions, the concretization of these objects has extended the knowledge of the *DS/DM* workshop into domains that, because they are problematic on their own, have allowed for novel resolutions and renovated perspectives on the workshop. As Pieter Scholten remarks, the knowledge of the workshop didn't change “but it has gotten more layers through this research project” (Delahunta, 2007b: 21). Such layers correspond both to a glossary (which beyond the names already mentioned was fabricated with the intent of discontinuing movement qualities into a greater degree of resolution) and to the multimodal contents created to provide different perspectives on the *DS/DM*, as structured by the glossary. “The *DS/DM's* glossary has been the first attempt by EG|PC to break down the creative process through the use of words. Such a process provided the different disciplines involved within the research project with a common basis of understanding around *DS/DM* workshop.” (Fernandes/Bermudez, 2010: 31).⁹ Not only this, but it allowed to depict the conceptual structure of the workshop to a point that was new even to the artists. As much as the *DS/DM's* glossary comprises a list of interrelated terms—a signifying double of the heterogeneous multiplicity that it represents—, and each of these terms implicates a concept, the glossary can be said to represent the conceptual structure of the workshop. A fact reiterated by the very process of its individuation, as here described:

“Definitions and descriptions were constructed through interviews and different transcriptions of the live transmission of the workshop, in some cases complemented by visual demonstrations. Divided in two parts, Inside and Outside, the glossary tried to present the language used by the company (Inside section) versus a more general definition of the same terms gathered from dictionaries (Outside section)” (Ibid.).

9 The disciplines involved within the research project were dance notation, motion capture, new media design, cognitive neuroscience, cinematography and dance analysis (*apud* Delahunta, 2007a).

It is not of interest here to consider the specificities of the lexicon used in the *DS/DM's* glossary. It rather matters to acknowledge that all its terms refer to resolutions of the dancing body. The glossary didn't result from a random depiction of choreographic expressions, but rather from a knowledge that primarily regards the dancing body's capacity to differentiate movement qualities. Rather than being an external factor of determination imposed on the workshop for the expression of resolute forms, the glossary should be understood as a possible expression of the diagram according to which the dancing body develops and undergoes phase-shifts, from one movement quality to the next. It is nonetheless noticeable that, in order to create it, much effort was put into defining the terms in relation to the narrow context of the *DS/DM* workshop, in relation to the broader context of EG|PC's artistic work, and in relation to the even broader context of dance and movement analysis. Here, there are different individuations at stake: there is the individuation of the *DS/DM's* movement qualities and there is the individuation of the concepts created by the multi-disciplinary team of specialists. Whereas the results of the former correspond to the glossary's structure, the results of the latter correspond to its contents. The one condition that these two individuations share is the *DS/DM's* dancing body. After all, both take it to be a body capable of moving ideas with the potential to determine conceptual and physical resolutions. By using the glossary for indexing and organizing the different contents of the *DS/DM's* DVD (as shown in Illustration 1, below) and Interactive Installation, it became possible to express digitally not only the workshop's structure but also the diagram of its potentials. Precisely because of this, says Bermúdez, “[t]he structure that is used in the Installation and the DVD contains the core of what *DS/DM* [i.e. *NR P* and *IMK*] has achieved in ten years” (Delahunta, 2007a: 21).

Each of the *DS/DM* workshop's sections and subsections is expressed in the DVD and in the Interactive Installation with a variety of contents. For example, the section “*Breathing*” is expressed in the DVD (see Illustration 2, below) with: 1) a written explanation; 2) an oral explanation, i.e. the video recording of a “talking head”; 3) the dancing body's video recording; 4) a close up of the previous; 5) a Labanotation score; 6) a Benesh notation score; and 7) and the “*Gesture Follower*” software. All these contents express the *DS/DM's* choreographic nexus and define it further by being in relation to one another. This is what the interface designs of the DVD and Interactive Installation allow for: to relate in continuity, i.e. the continuity of the user's experience, the differences between the extensive series. The expressive multimodality of these graphic interfaces not only explicits the contents' similarity but also the ways in which they differ. In fact, it is precisely this contrast between the same and the different that offers an insight into the *DS/DM's* invariant functions, that is, into the principles of individuation of the choreographic ideas that these objects simultaneously express and hold in potential.

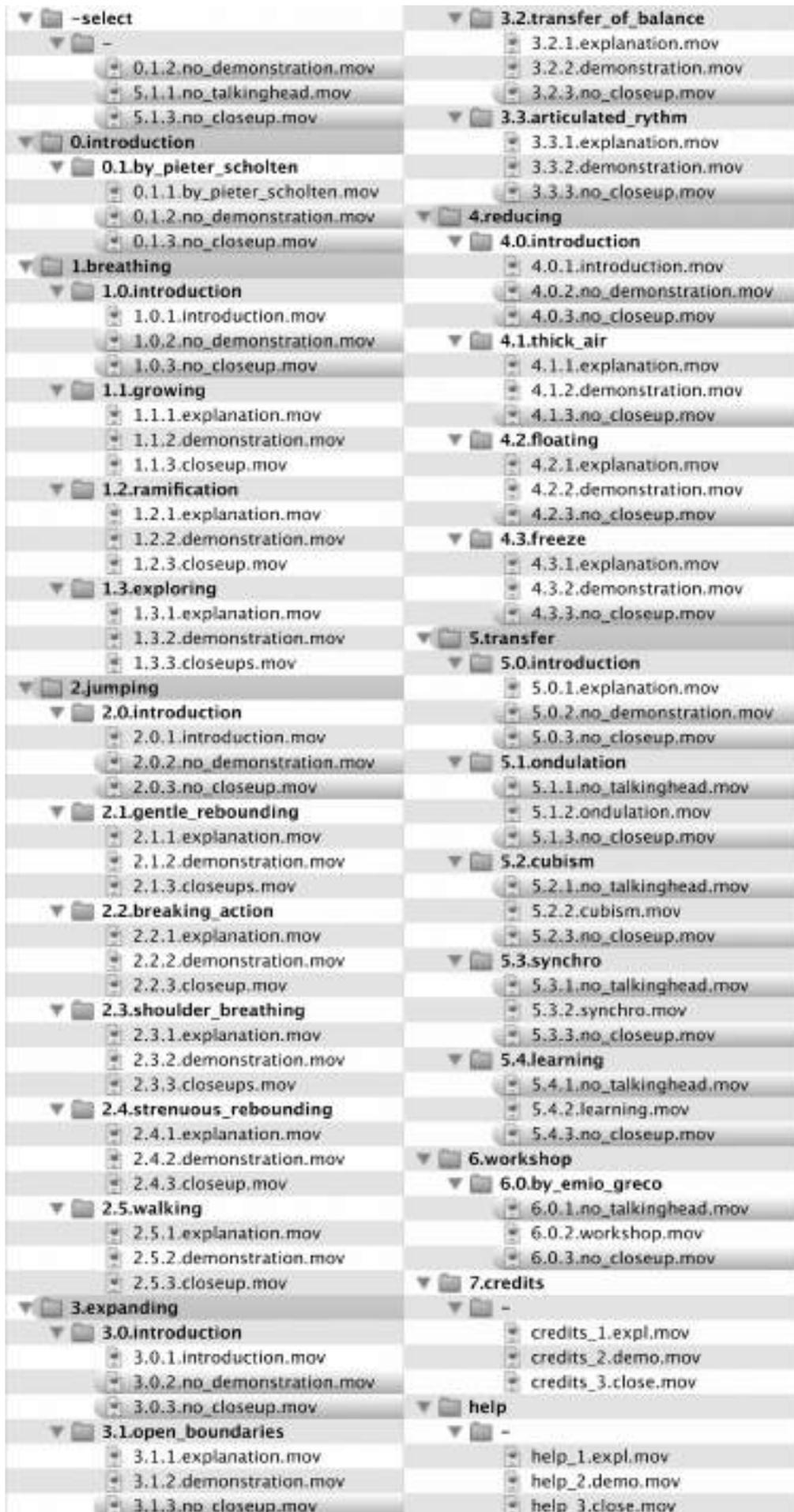


Illustration 1: "Double Skin / Double Mind" DVD-ROM's conceptual structure. Sections and subsections as seen from the perspective of the videos' folder and as named after the glossary.

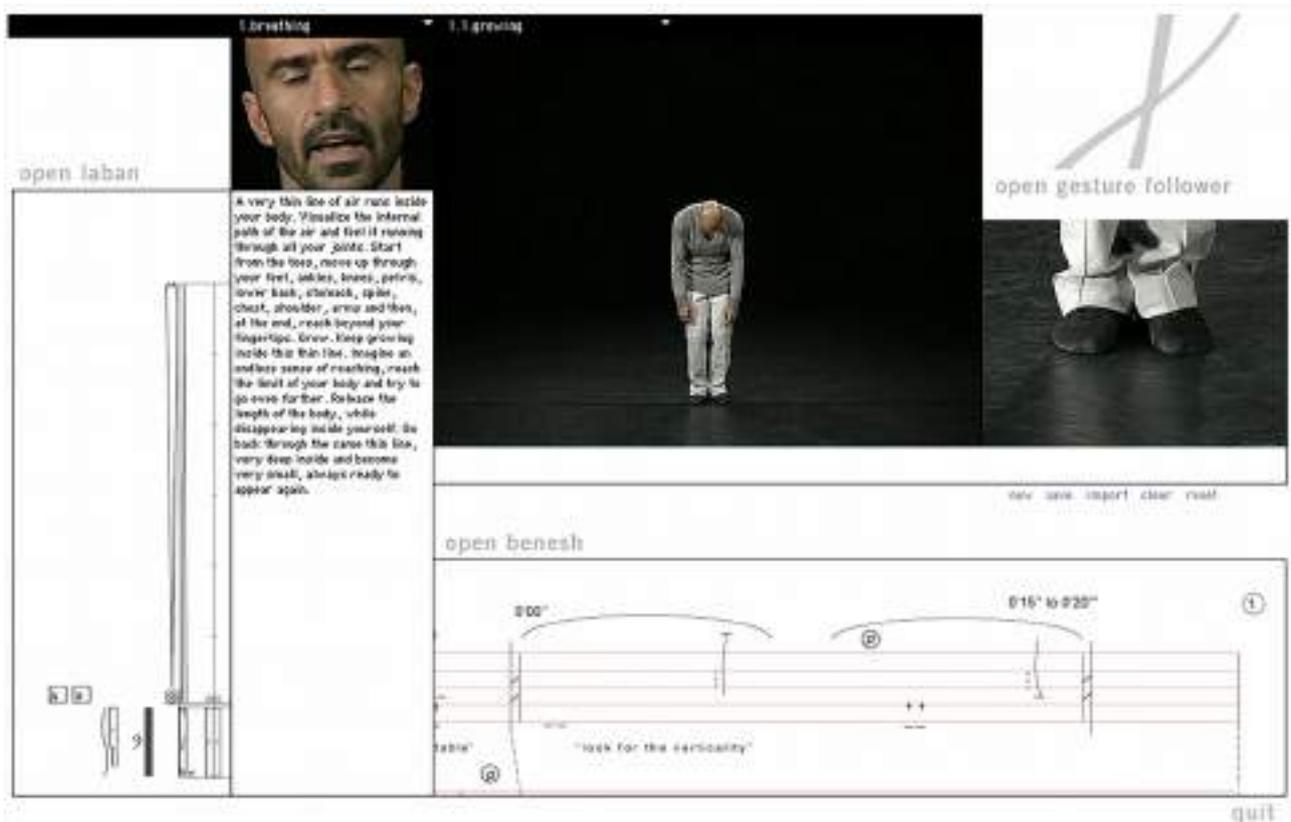


Illustration 2: Interface of the “Double Skin / Double Mind” DVD-ROM, showing one of the workshop’s sections (with the dancing body’s full figure, oral and written explanations, close ups, notational scores and the “Gesture Follower” software).

Importantly, the glossary’s structure is the formal condition of the different contents’ relation. Both in the DVD and in the Interactive Installation the matters of content are differentiated from and related to one another by means of indexation. For example, all the contents indexed with “Breathing” are enclosed within one same set, which is determined not only by the index itself but also by the nexus resulting from the contents’ relation. This function of indexation is therefore a function of expression. It constrains the many possible relations between matters of content with determinate ideas. In a sense, such function is the same required for a body to dance in accordance with the *DS/DM*’s movement principles. Only by having in mind the concepts according to which to move, can the dancing body move accordingly.

Concluding

This capacity of the *DS/DM* to structure different domains can be understood as force that, when encountering contents with a variable degree of indetermination, mediates the problematic potentials therein towards the expressive resolution of a particular set of movement principles. This is the force of the *DS/DM*’s choreographic ideas. Their determination holds in potential the capacity to constrain matters of content, regardless of the domain of individuation. It should nonetheless be noticed that one does not go without the other. If the *DS/DM*’s choreographic nexus is to be

transduced and expressed, the structure of its abstractions needs to be related with actual matters of content. Only by means of this encounter can choreographic ideas be expressed and constituted as the actual ground of other potential transductions. A relation between abstractions and expressions that the *DS/DM*'s DVD and Interactive Installation mediate in an exemplary way, for they hold the potential of transducing the workshop's movement principles as much as the artists themselves. Overall, this is a capacity that allows us to think of the *DS/DM* as one same choreographic object, independently of the domains in which it is or might be expressed.

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