## Title: Synchronization to a bouncing ball with a realistic motion trajectory

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## **Supplementary Information**

Figure S1 to S2; Table S1 to S2; Videos S1 to S2.



**Fig. S1. Illustration of the negative mean asynchrony (NMA).** With the exception of the 300 ms IOI bouncing ball sequence in experiment 2, most subjects exhibited negative relative phases (RP) of tapping, representing the NMA that is typically observed in humans. The data of experiment 1, experiment 2, control experiment 1, control experiment 2, and control experiment 3 are shown in A, B, C, D, and E respectively. The example (one trial for each sequence type) angular distributions of the tapping phases relative to the beat with a 600 ms IOI from one representative subject in experiment 1 are illustrated in F on a unit circle. The radial axis is set between 0–1, which represents the proportion to the total number of taps. The resultant of the RPs is represented by the red arrow, with its length indicating stability (R) and its angle indicating mean asynchrony. Other conventions are as in Fig. 2 and Fig. 4.



**Fig. S2. Illustration of the velocity and trajectory of the control visual bouncing ball with a sinusoidally varying velocity in control experiment 2.** This control 600 ms IOI bouncing ball (corresponding to "MSI" in Fig. 4B) was the same as the 600 ms IOI bouncing ball in experiment 1, with the exception that its velocity was varied according to a sinusoid. (Note that the control bouncing ball in control experiment 1 also had a sinusoidally varying velocity, but with a long (1.74 cm) movement distance). Conventions are as in Fig. 1.

	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Experiment 1	600 ms		900 ms					
AT	.905	.046	.898	.075				
VF	.682	.259	.651	.276				
VB	.927	.040	.933	.029				
Experiment 2	300 ms		500 ms		700 ms		900 ms	
AT	.891	.044	.929	.032	.926	.030	.937	.032
VB	.630	.233	.939	.023	.943	.025	.946	.024
Control experiment 1	600 ms							
GES&MSI (VB)	.946	.022						
non-GES&non-MSI	.934	.025						
Control experiment 2	600 ms							
GES&MSI (VB)	.926	.049						
GES	.912	.066						
MSI	.914	.051						
Control experiment 3	600 ms							
VB	.933	.019						
VB (rotate)	.916	.032						

## Table S1. The mean and SD of the stability (R) for all sequence types and all IOI

**types in all experiments.** Conventions are as in Fig. 2 and Fig. 4. Note that in control experiments 1 and 2 GES&MSI refers to the 600 ms IOI bouncing ball sequence as in experiment 1.

	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Experiment 1	600 ms		900 ms					
AT	201	.085	266	.113				
VF	006	.164	003	.193				
VB	275	.101	300	.101				
Experiment 2	300 ms		500 ms		700 ms		900 ms	
AT	259	.116	241	.092	258	.092	316	.129
VB	060	.199	325	.105	297.	.098	336	.089
Control experiment 1	600 ms							
GES&MSI (VB)	279	.095						
non-GES&non-MSI	336	.083						
Control experiment 2	600 ms							
GES&MSI (VB)	295	.115						
GES	331	.121						
MSI	299	.123						
Control experiment 3	600 ms							
VB	221	.107						
VB (rotate)	249	.109						

Table S2. The mean and SD of lag-1 autocorrelation (AC-1) for all sequence typesand all IOI types in all experiments. Conventions are as in Table S1.

**Video S1. The video demo of the 600 ms IOI visual bouncing ball sequence in experiment 1.** Four cycles (5 beats) are shown.

**Video S2. The video demo of the control bouncing ball sequence in control experiment 1.** Four cycles (5 beats) are shown.