

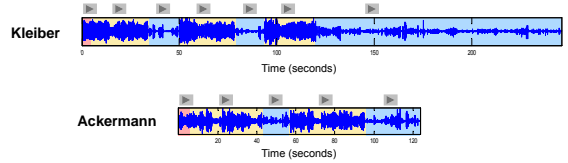
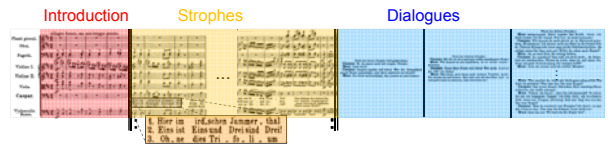
Tutorial Audio Structure Analysis of Music

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Music Structure Analysis

Example: Weber, Song (No. 4) from "Der Freischütz"



Music Structure Analysis

General goal: Divide an audio recording into temporal segments corresponding to musical parts and group these segments into musically meaningful categories.

Examples:

- Stanzas of a folk song
- Intro, verse, chorus, bridge, outro sections of a pop song
- Exposition, development, recapitulation, coda of a sonata
- Musical form ABACADA ... of a rondo

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Challenge: There are many different principles for creating relationships that form the basis for the musical structure.

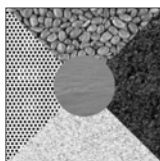
- **Homogeneity:** Consistency in tempo, instrumentation, key, ...
- **Novelty:** Sudden changes, surprising elements ...
- **Repetition:** Repeating themes, motives, rhythmic patterns, ...
- **Variation:** Modification and transformation

Music Structure Analysis

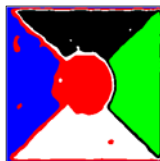
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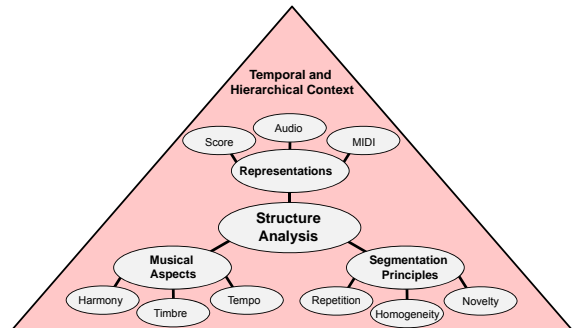
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Repetition



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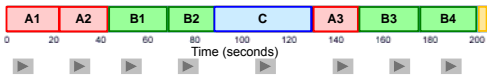
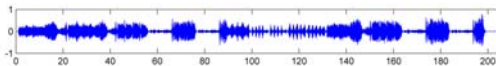
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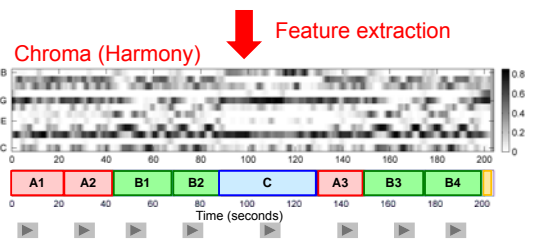
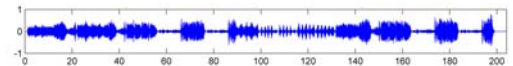
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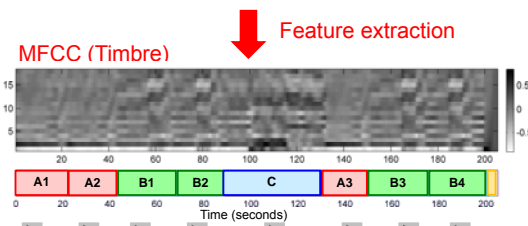
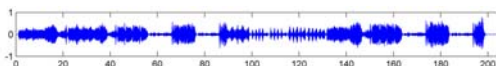
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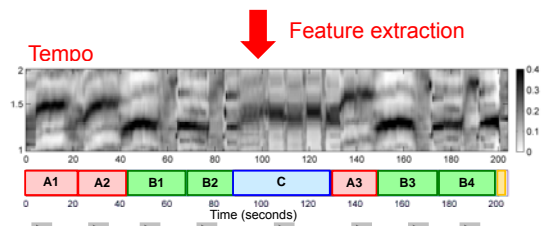
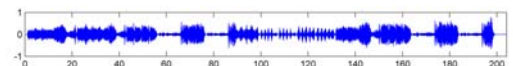
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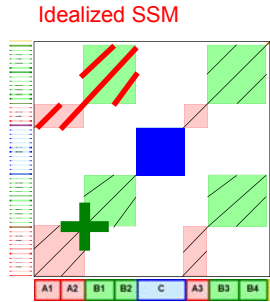
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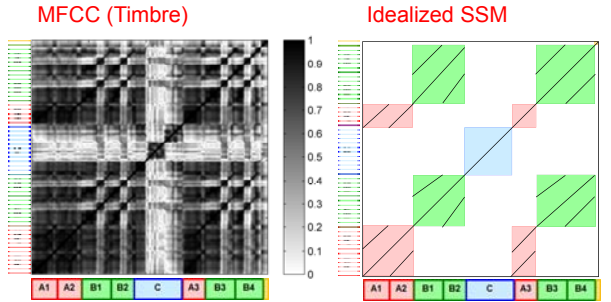
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- Blocks: Homogeneity
- Paths: Repetition
- Corners: Novelty



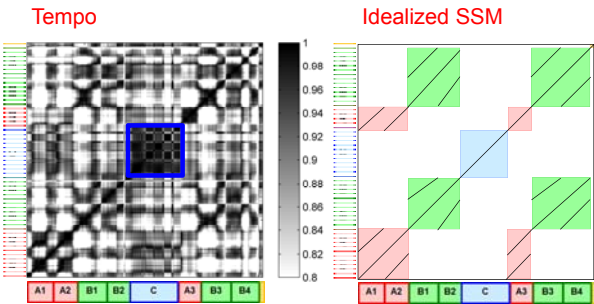
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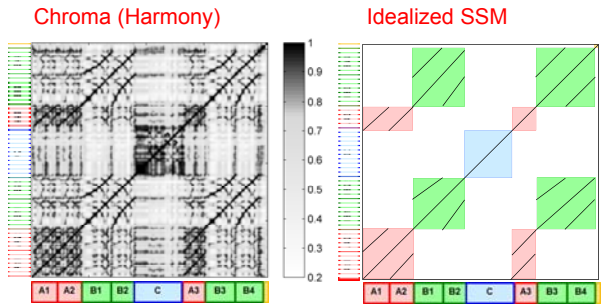
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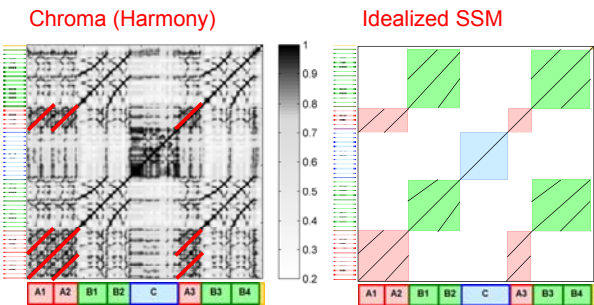
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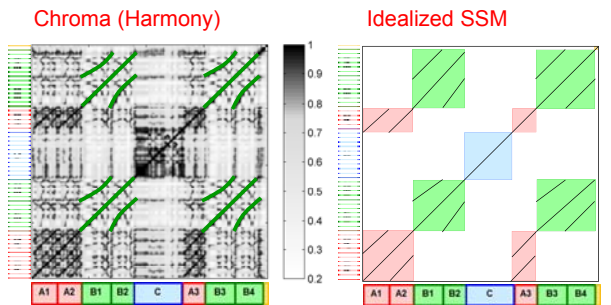
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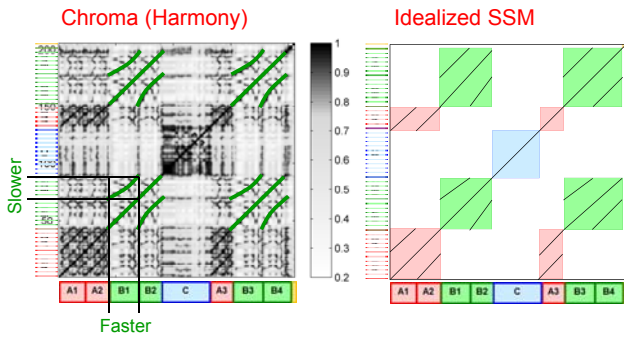
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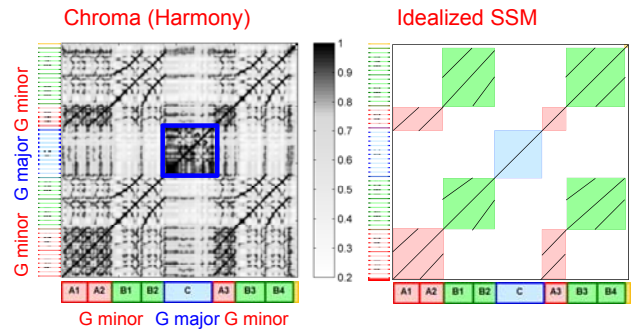
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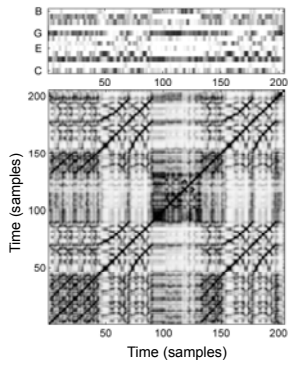


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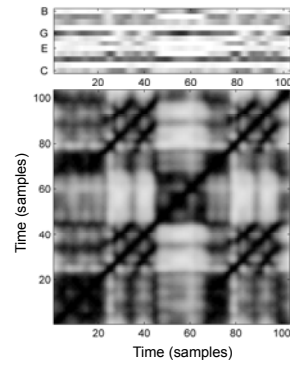
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- Coarsening

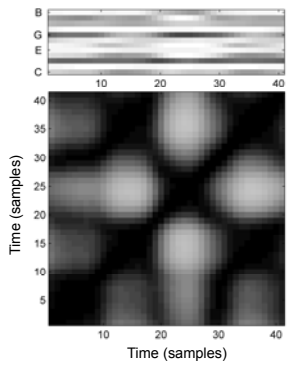
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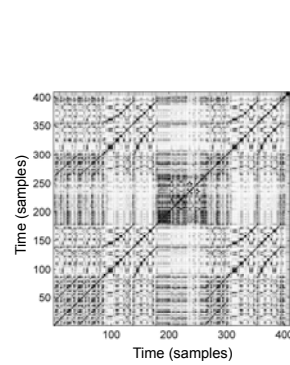
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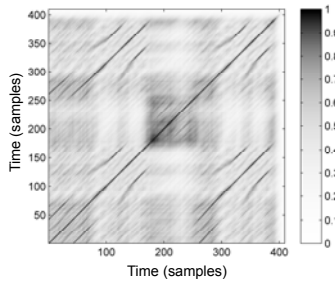
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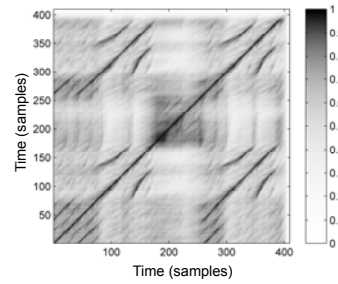
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- Diagonal smoothing

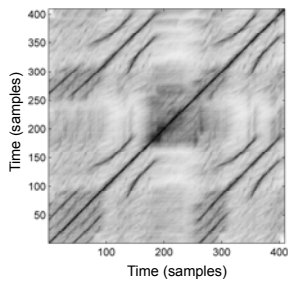
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- Diagonal smoothing
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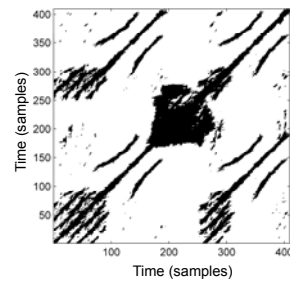
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Path Enhancement

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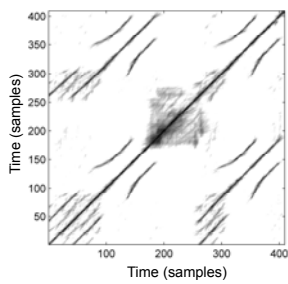
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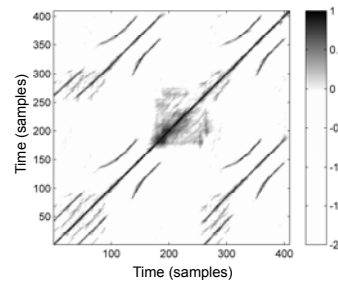
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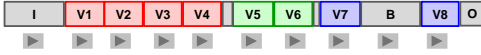


Path Enhancement

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- Scaling & penalty

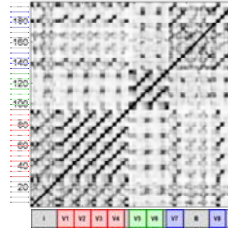
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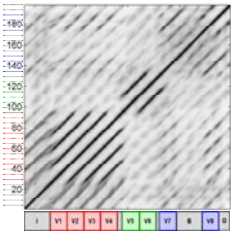
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Missing relations because of transposed sections

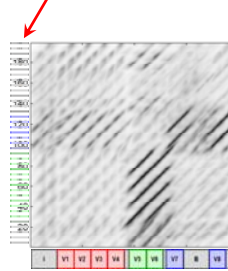


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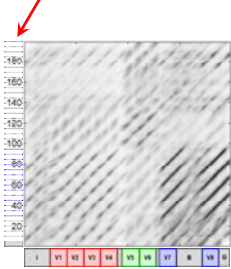


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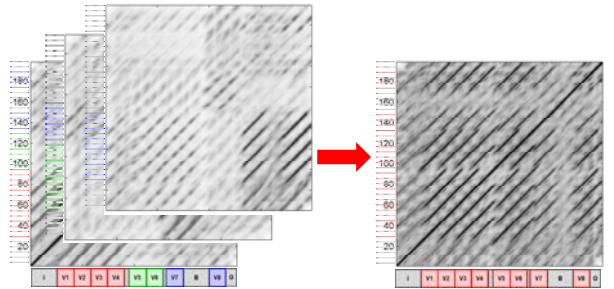
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Idea: Overlay & add up → Transposition-invariant SSM

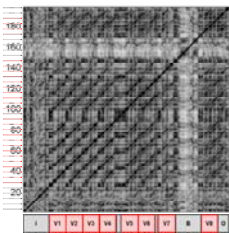


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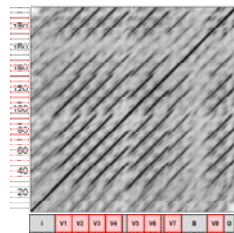
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Note: Order of enhancement steps important!

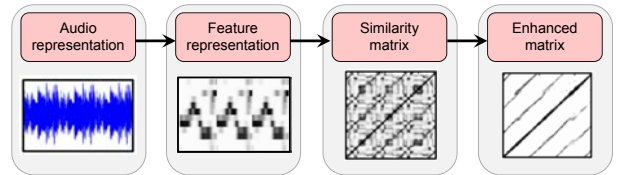
Adding up



Smoothing & adding up



Similarity Matrix Toolbox



Meinard Müller, Nanzhu Jiang, Harald Grohanz
SM Toolbox: MATLAB Implementations for Computing and Enhancing Similarity Matrices

<http://www.audiolabs-erlangen.de/resources/MIR/SMtoolbox/>

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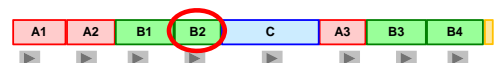
Audio Thumbnailing

General goal: Determine the most representative section ("Thumbnail") of a given music recording.

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Example: Brahms Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Ormandy)



Thumbnail is often assumed to be the most repetitive segment

Audio Thumbnailing

Two steps

1. Path extraction

Both steps are problematic!

- Paths of poor quality (fragmented, gaps)
- Block-like structures
- Curved paths

2. Grouping

- Noisy relations (missing, distorted, overlapping)
- Transitivity computation difficult

Main idea: Do both, path extraction and grouping, jointly

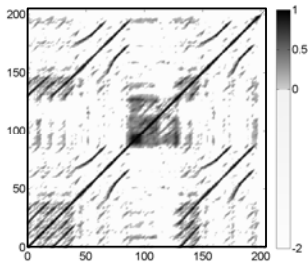
- One optimization scheme for both steps
- Stabilizing effect
- Efficient

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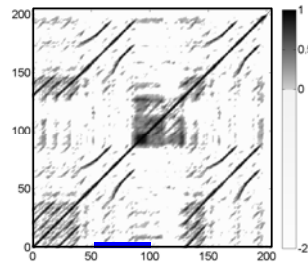
- For each audio **segment** we define a **fitness** value
- This fitness value expresses "how well" the segment explains the entire audio recording
- The segment with the highest fitness value is considered to be the **thumbnail**
- As main technical concept we introduce the notion of a **path family**

Fitness Measure



Enhanced SSM

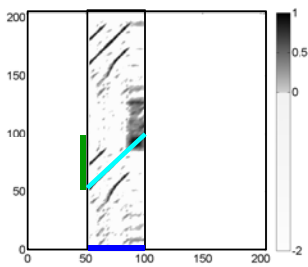
Fitness Measure



Path over segment

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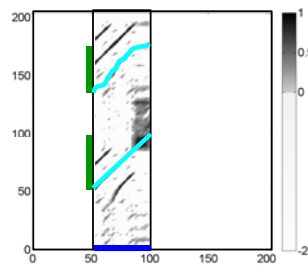
Fitness Measure



Path over segment

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- Induced segment**
- Score is high

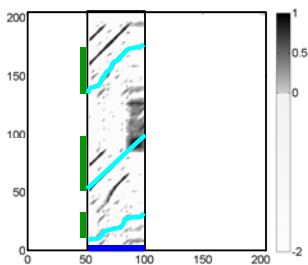
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- A second path** over **segment**
- Induced segment**
- Score is not so high

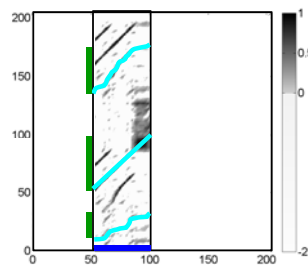
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- Score is not so high
- A third path** over **segment**
- Induced segment**
- Score is very low

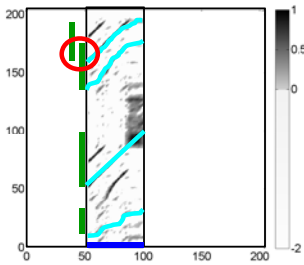
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Path family

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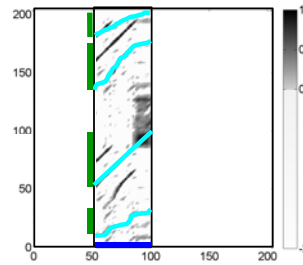


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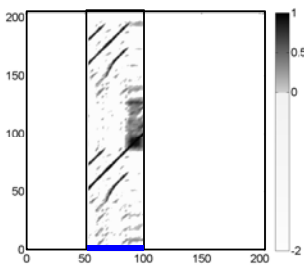
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This is a path family!

(Even though not a good one)

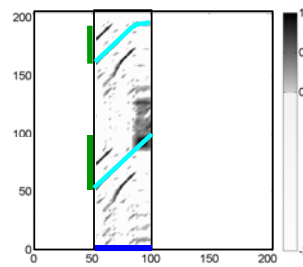
Fitness Measure



Optimal path family

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Fitness Measure

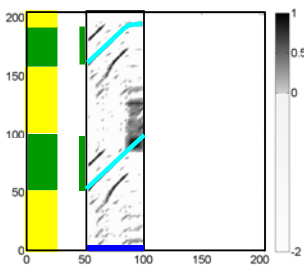


Optimal path family

- Consider a fixed **segment**
- Consider over the **segment** the **optimal path family**, i.e., the path family having maximal overall score.
- Call this value: $\text{Score}(\text{segment})$

Note: This optimal path family can be computed using dynamic programming.

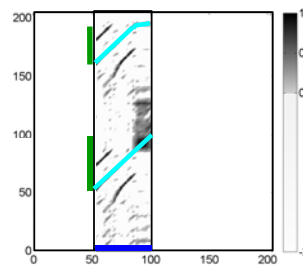
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Optimal path family

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- Furthermore consider the amount covered by the **induced segments**.
- Call this value: $\text{Coverage}(\text{segment})$

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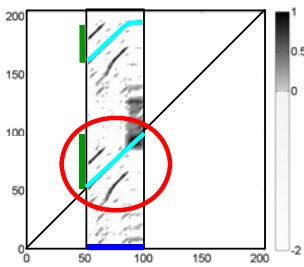


Fitness

- Consider a fixed **segment**

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Fitness Measure



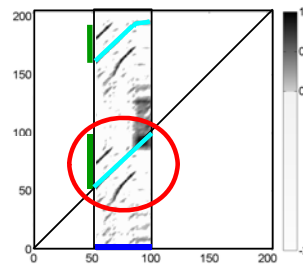
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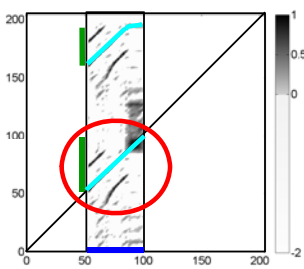
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Fitness Measure



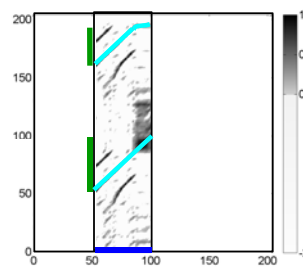
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- Normalization

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Fitness

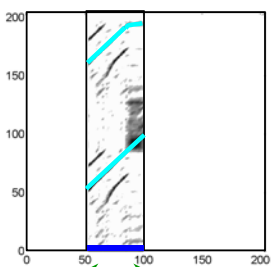
- Consider a fixed **segment**

$$F := 2 \cdot P \cdot R / (P + R)$$

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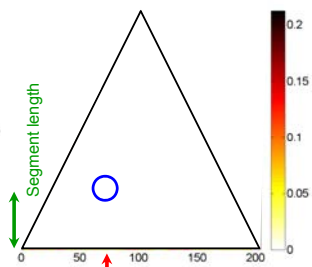
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Thumbnail



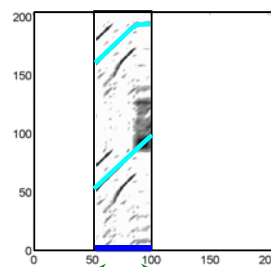
Segment length
Segment center

Fitness Scape Plot



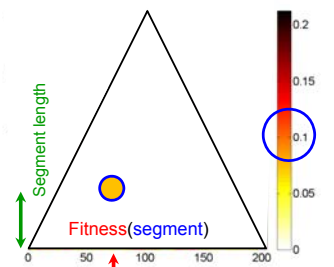
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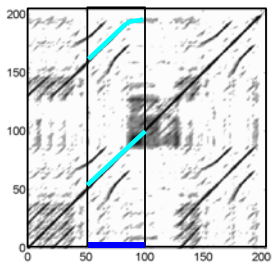
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Fitness Scape Plot

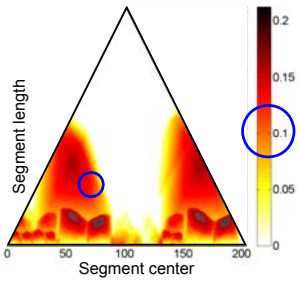


Segment length
Segment center
Fitness(segment)

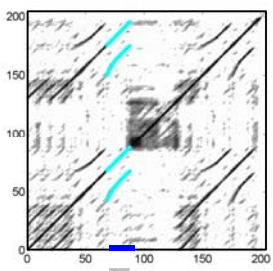
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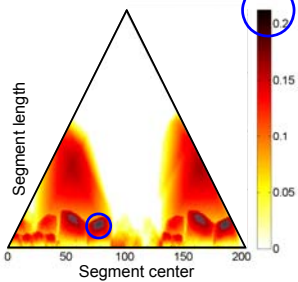
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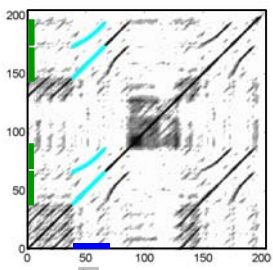


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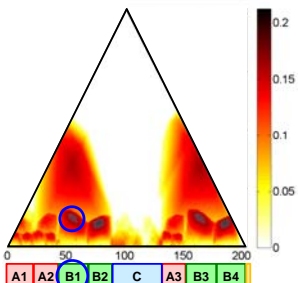


Thumbnail := segment having the highest fitness

Thumbnail

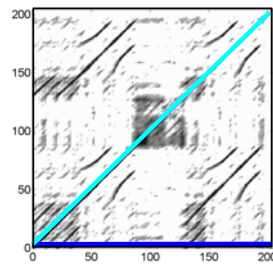


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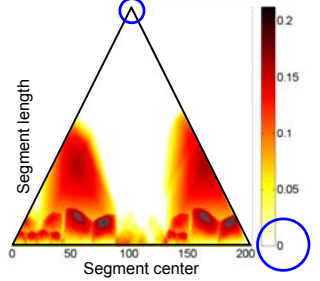


Example: Brahms Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Ormandy)

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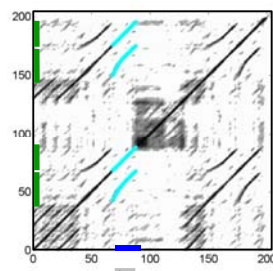


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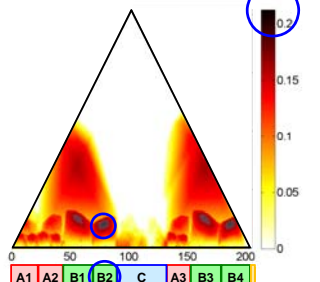


Note: Self-explanations are ignored → fitness is zero

Thumbnail

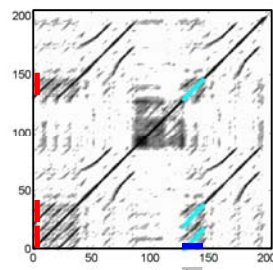


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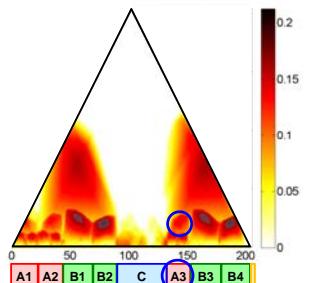


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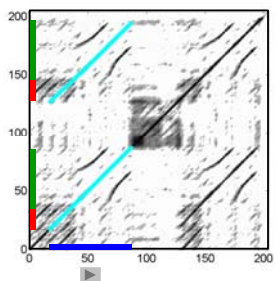


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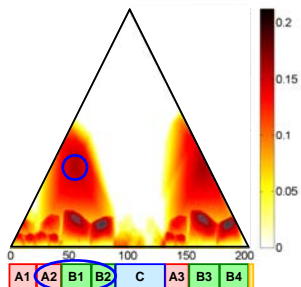


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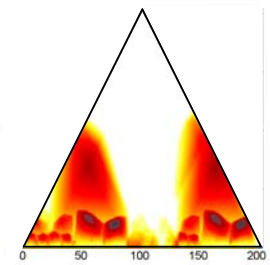


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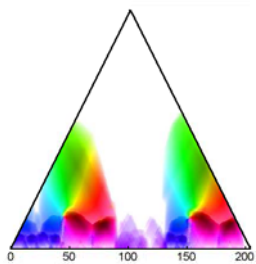
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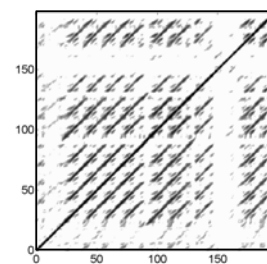
Scape Plot

Coloring according to clustering result (grouping)

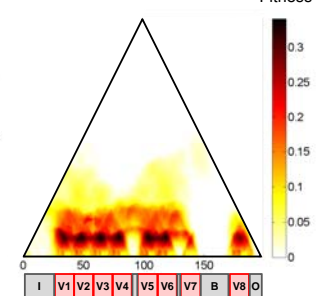


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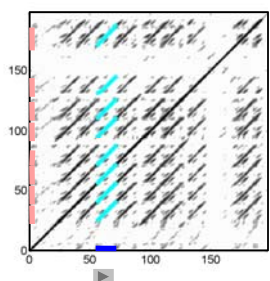


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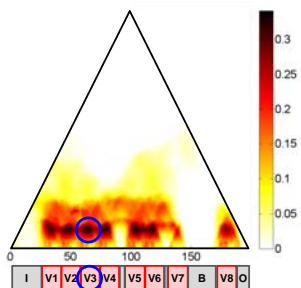


Example: Zager & Evans "In The Year 2525"

Thumbnail



Fitness Scape Plot



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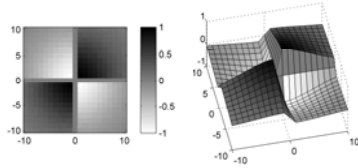
Novelty-based Segmentation

General goals:

- Find instances where musical changes occur.
- Find transition between subsequent musical parts.

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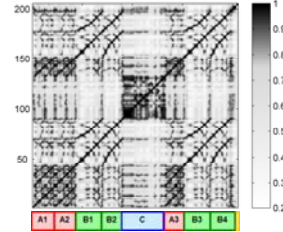
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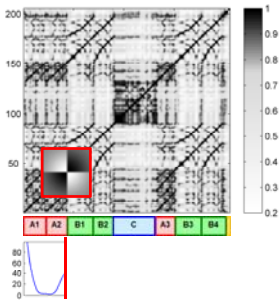
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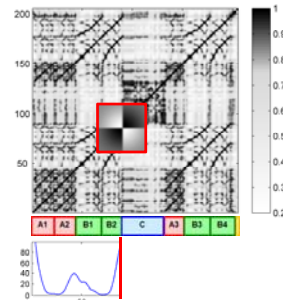
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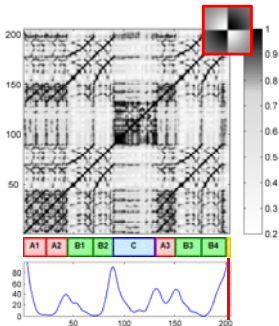
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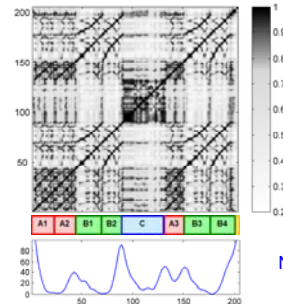
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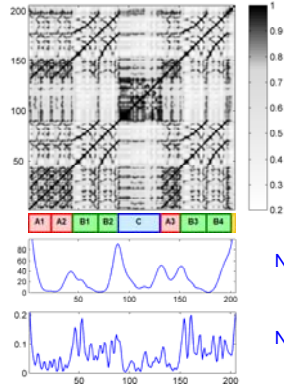
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Novelty function using



Novelty-based Segmentation



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Novelty function using



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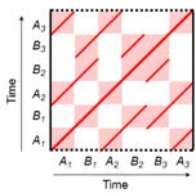
Novelty-based Segmentation

Idea:

- Find instances where **structural** changes occur.
- Combine **global** and **local** aspects within a unifying framework

Structure features

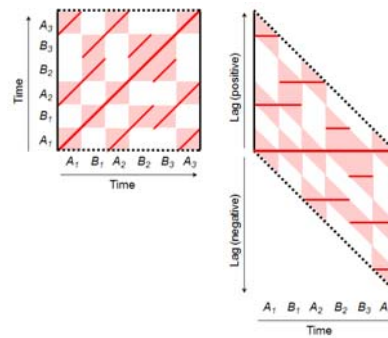
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Structure features

- Enhanced SSM

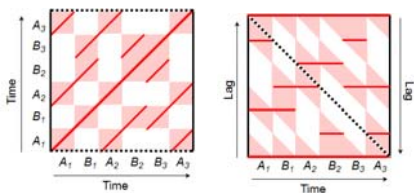
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Structure features

- Enhanced SSM
- Time-lag SSM

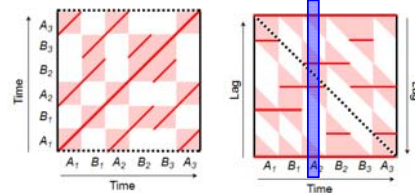
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Structure features

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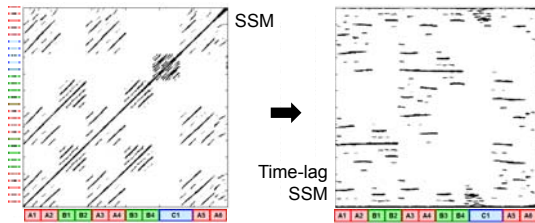


Structure features

- Enhanced SSM
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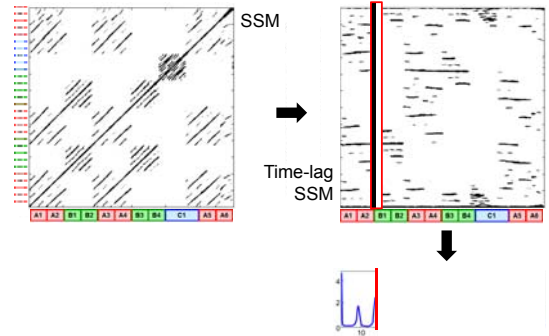
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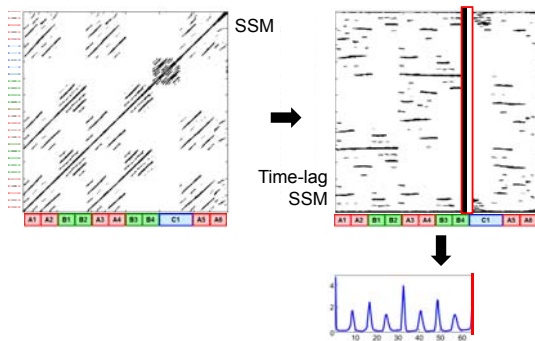
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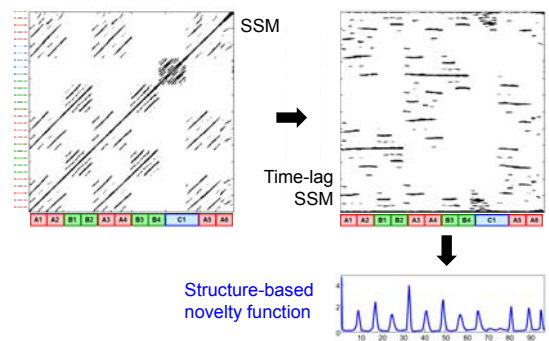
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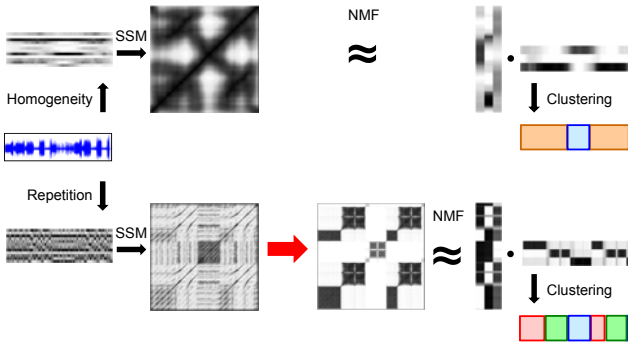
Converting Path to Block Structures

Motivation

- Perform joint analysis using repetitive as well as homogeneous aspects
- Make homogeneity-based methods applicable to repetition-based analysis

Converting Path to Block Structures

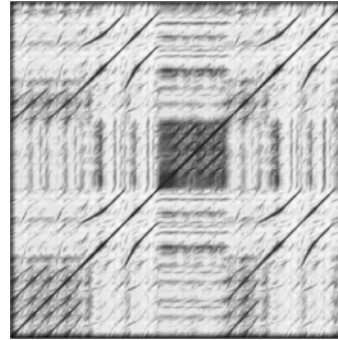
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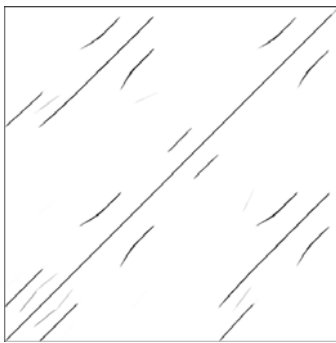
Converting Path to Block Structures

Procedure

- Enhanced SSM



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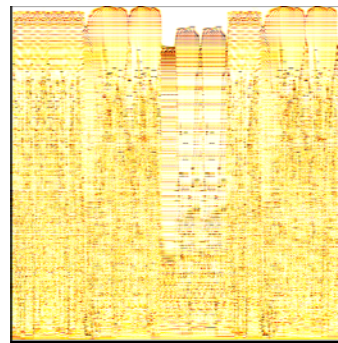
Procedure

- Enhanced SSM
- Thresholding & image processing

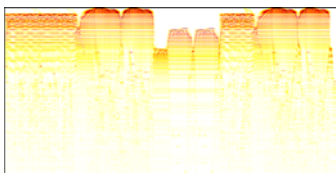
Converting Path to Block Structures

Procedure

- Enhanced SSM
- Thresholding & image processing
- Eigenvalue decomposition



Converting Path to Block Structures



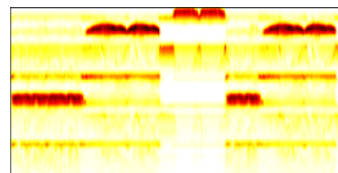
Procedure

- Enhanced SSM
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- Weighting

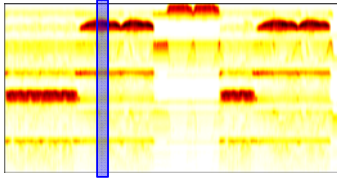
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Procedure

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- Clustering & smoothing



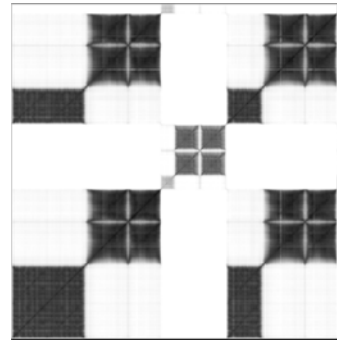
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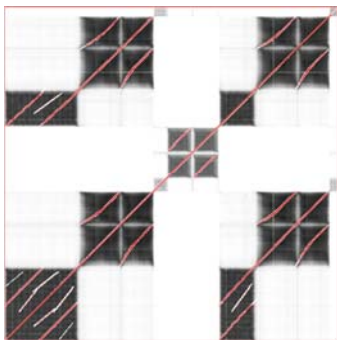
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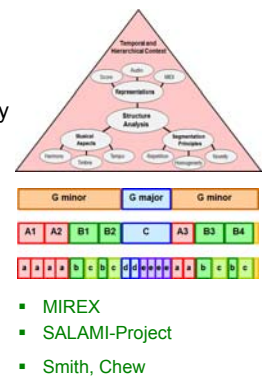
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Final matrix shows paths as blocks

Conclusions

- Repetition, Homogeneity, Novelty
- Combined Approaches
- Hierarchical Approaches
- Evaluation
- Explaining Structure



- MIREX
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PhD Projects (Final Stage)

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Book Project

A First Course on Music Processing

Textbook (approx. 500 pages)

- Music Representations
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- Chord Recognition
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