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## Neue Wege für die Musikforschung mittels Digitaler Signalverarbeitung

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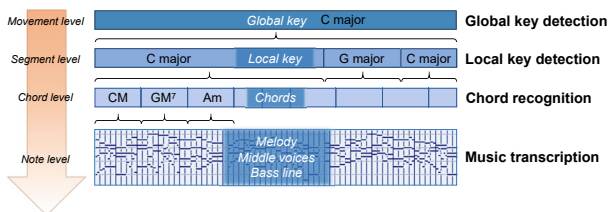


- Physics Diploma  
Universität Würzburg
- Composition  
HfM Würzburg
- Ph. D. in Media Technology  
Fraunhofer IDMT, Ilmenau
- Postdoc in Music Processing & Composer  
AudioLabs / Erlangen-Nürnberg University
- 2018: KlarText award for science communication



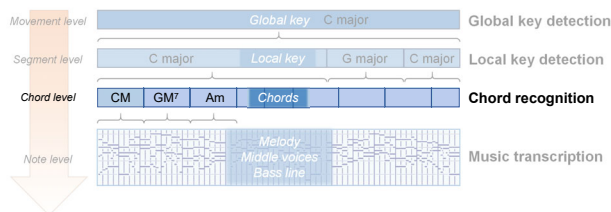
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- Concepts relate to different **temporal granularity**



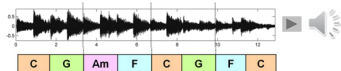
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## Harmony Analysis

- The Beatles, *Let it be* – Chords



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Let It Be chords
The Beatles 1970 (Let It Be)

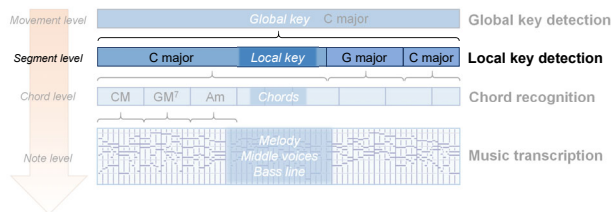
[Intro]
C G Am F C G
F C Dm C

[Verse 1]
C G Am F
When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me
C G F C Dm C
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be
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Source: www.ultimate-guitar.com

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## Harmony Analysis: Local Keys

- Johann Sebastian Bach, Choral "Durch Dein Gefängnis" (St. John's Passion) – **Local keys**

**Circle of fifths**

**Series of fifths**

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## Visualization of Diatonic Scales

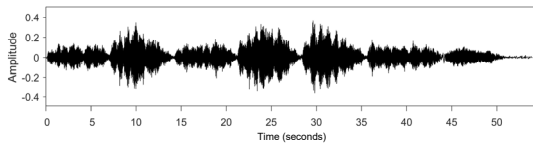
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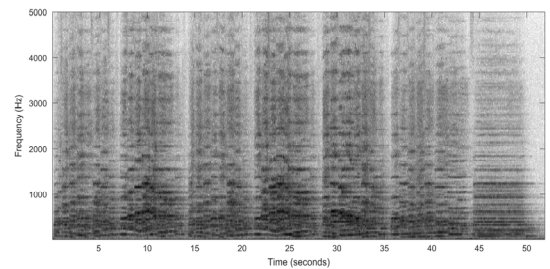
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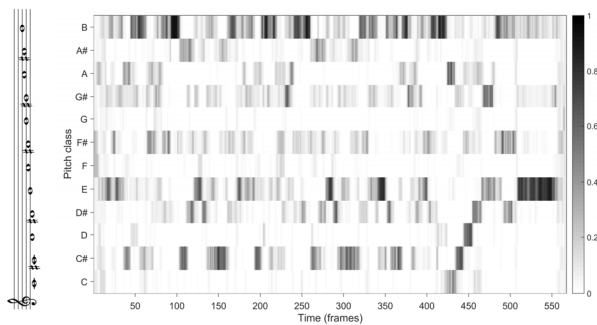
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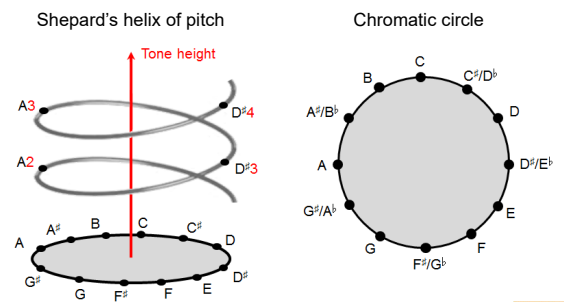
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## Chroma Features

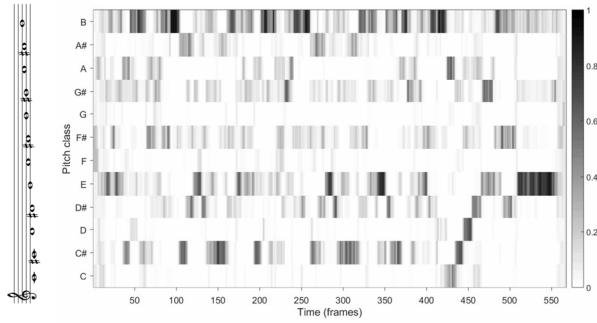
- Human perception of pitch is periodic
- Two components: **tone height** (octave) and **chroma** (pitch class)



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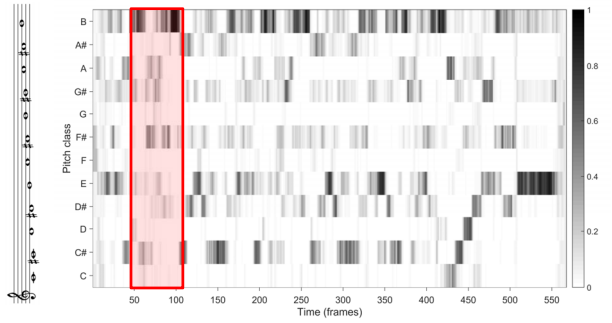
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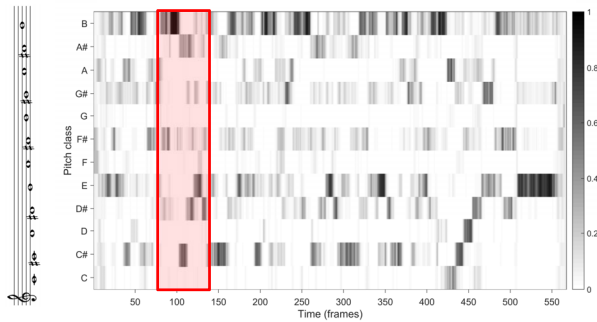
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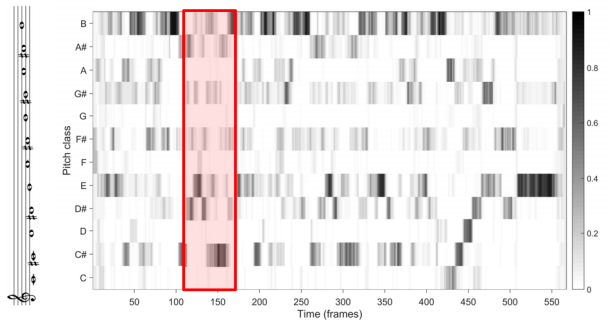
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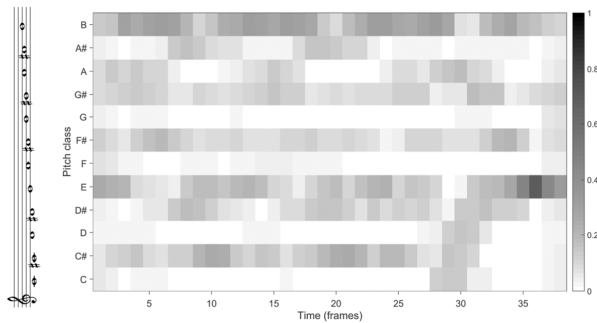
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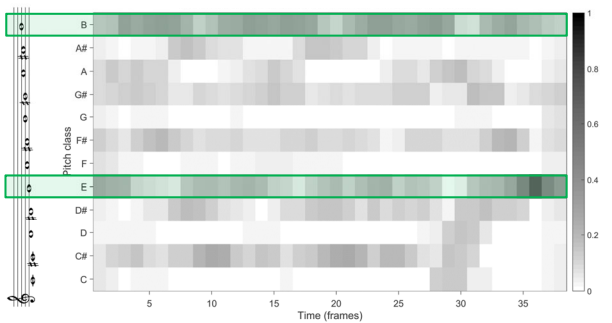
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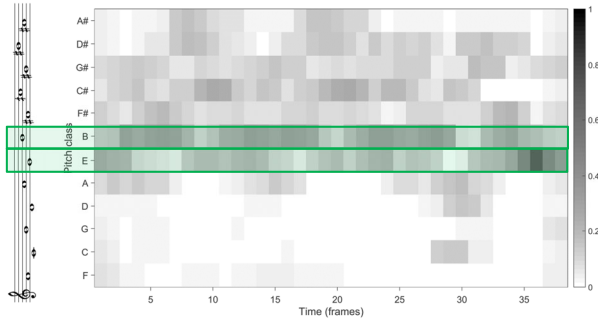
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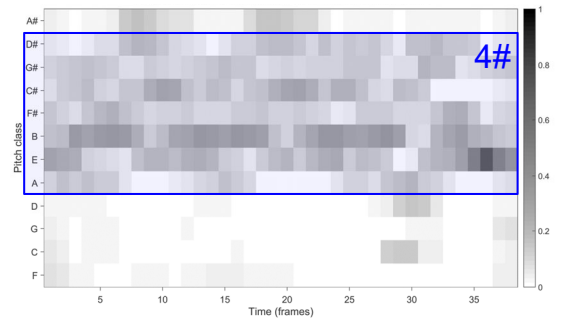
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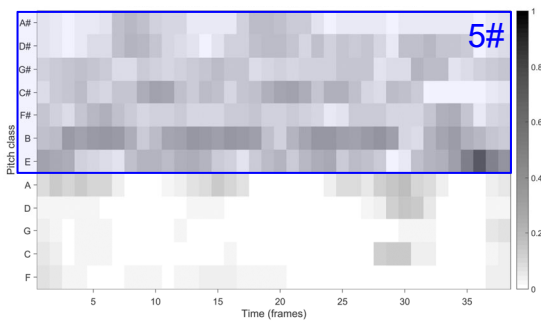
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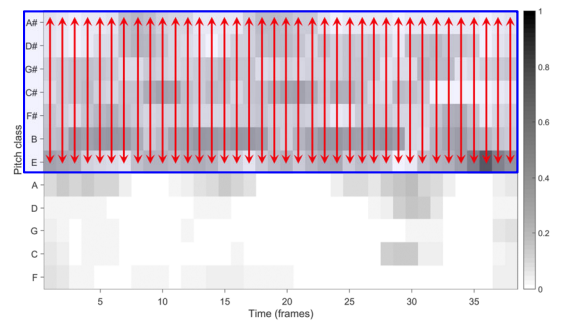
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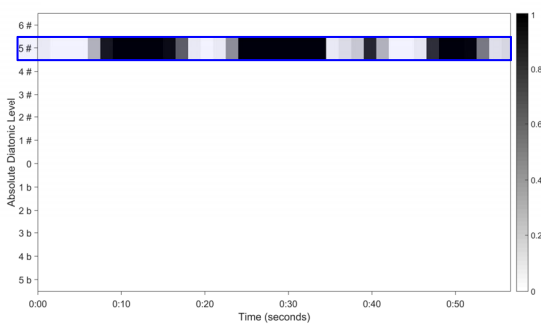
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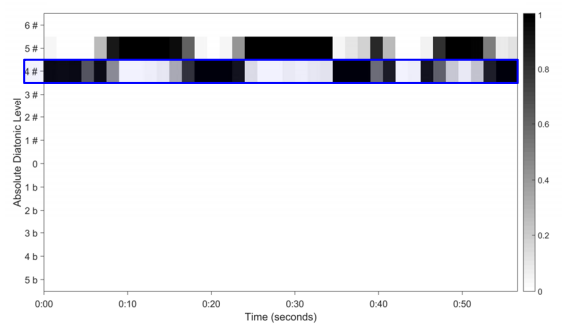
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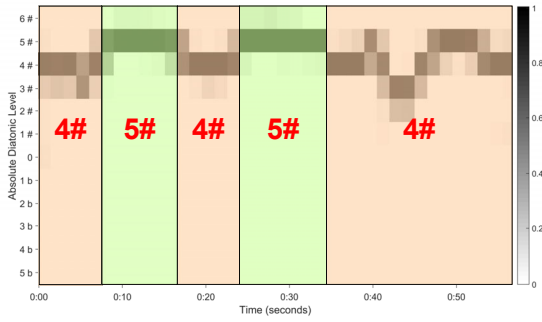
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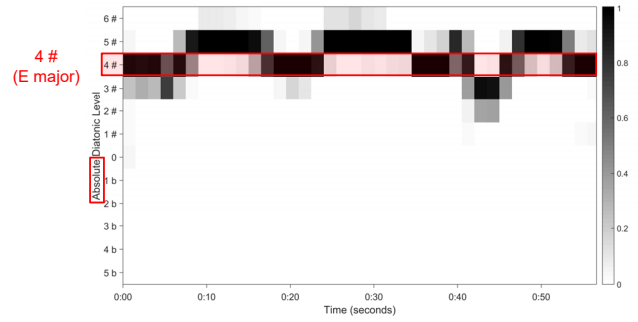
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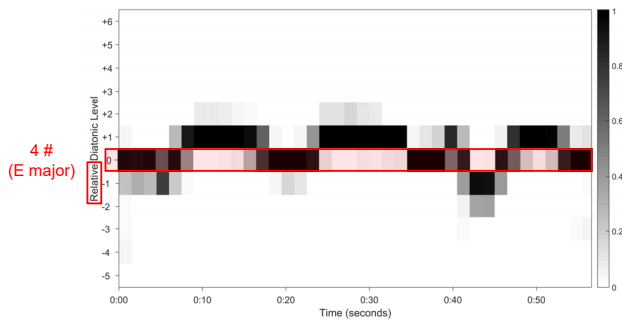
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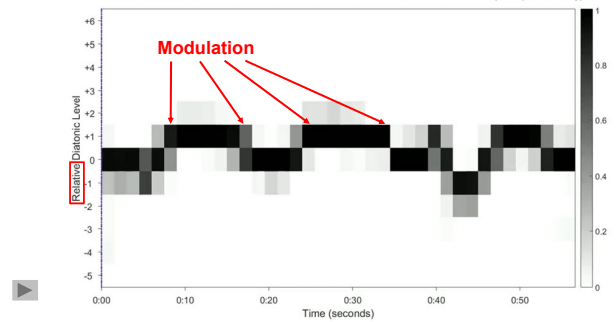
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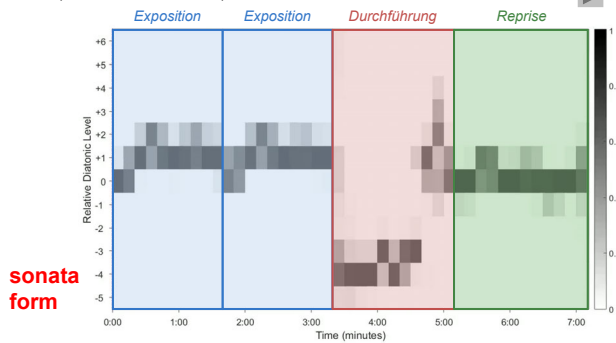
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- Diatonic Scales – relative

[1] C. Weiß, J. Habryka, "Chroma-Based Scale Matching for Audio Tonality Analysis" *Proc. Conference on Interdisciplinary Musicology*, 2014.



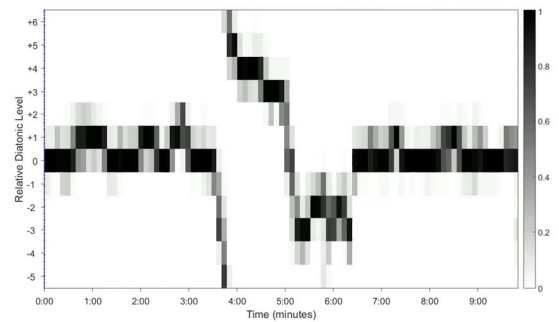
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- L. v. Beethoven – Sonata No. 10 op. 14 Nr. 2, 1. Allegro — 0  $\triangle$  1 (Barenboim, EMI 1998)



## Visualization of Diatonic Scales

- R. Wagner, *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*, Vorspiel — 0  $\triangle$  0 (Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, J. Wildner, Naxos 1993)



## Cooperation: Musicology

- DFG-funded project: "Computer-Assisted Analysis of Harmonic Structures"
  - Harmony analysis and visualization
  - 1st phase: 2014–2018, 2nd phase: 2019–2023



### Partners:

- Rainer Kleinertz, Musicology Univ. Saarland
- Stephanie Klauk, Musicology Univ. Saarland
- Meinard Müller, AudioLabs FAU
- Christof Weiß, AudioLabs FAU



- Central work: Richard Wagner, *Der Ring des Nibelungen*

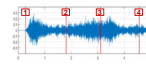


- *How is harmony organized at the large scale?*

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- 16 different performances (*versions*)
- Manual **measure annotations** for 3 versions



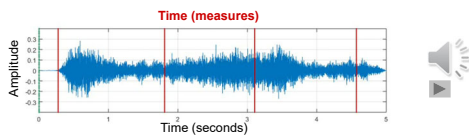
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4	Furtwängler	1953	15:04:22
5	Haitink	1988–91	14:27:10
6	Janowski	1980–83	14:08:34
7	Karajan	1967–70	14:58:08
8	Keilberth/Furtwängler	1952–54	14:19:56
9	Krauss	1953	14:12:27
10	Levine	1987–89	15:21:52
11	Neuhold	1993–95	14:04:35
12	Sawallisch	1989	14:06:50
13	Solti	1958–65	14:36:58
14	Swarowsky	1968	14:56:34
15	Thielemann	2011	14:31:13
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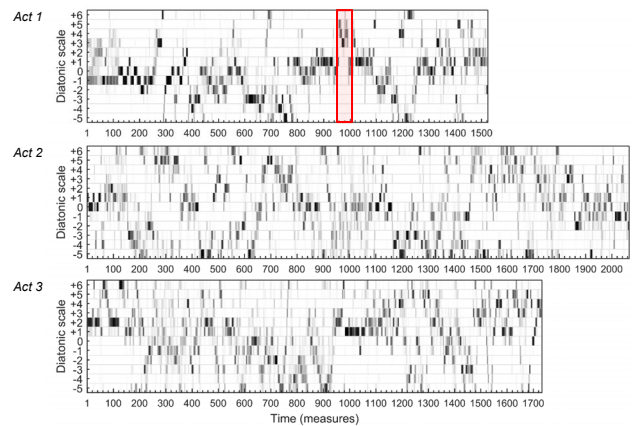


- Visualize cross-version consistency with gray scale



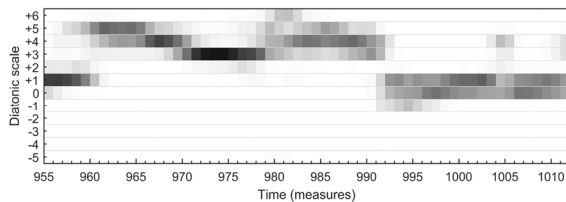
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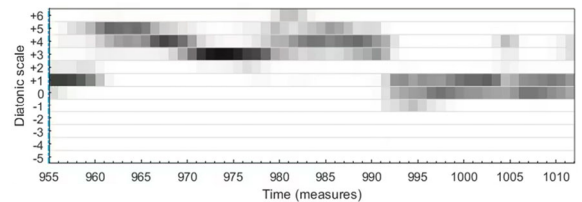
- Act 1, measures 955–1012
- Sieglinde's narration



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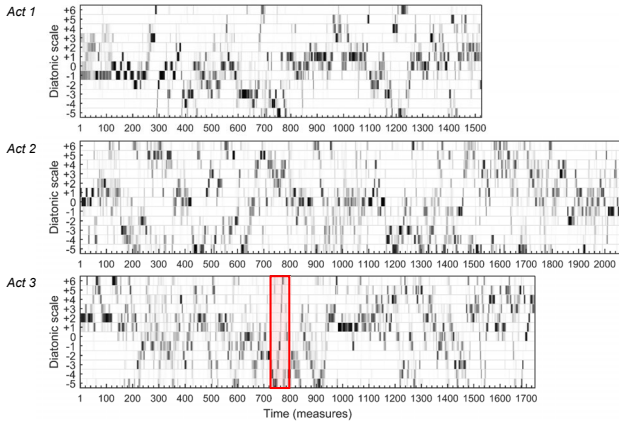
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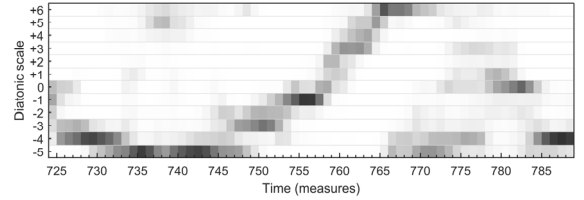
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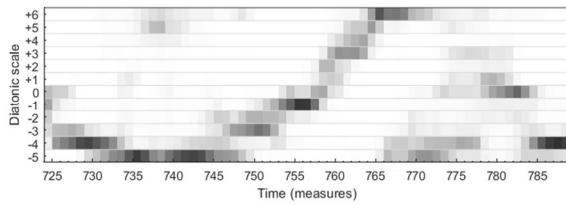
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- Act 3, measures 724–789
- Wotan's punishment



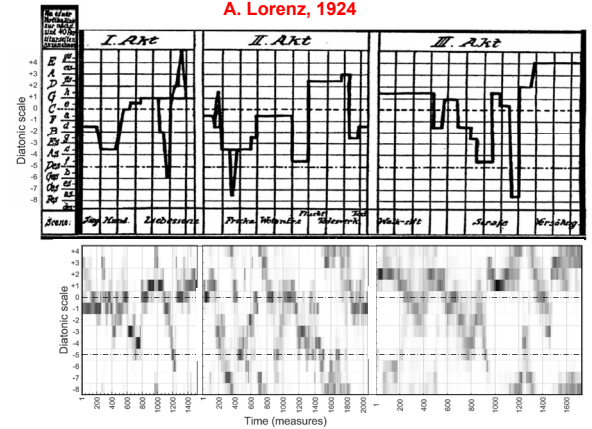
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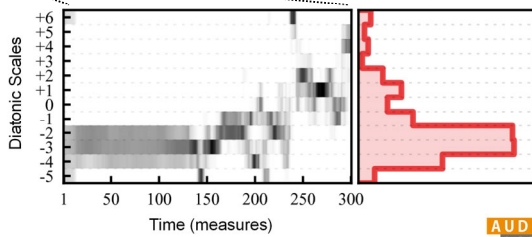
A. Lorenz, 1924



## Exploring Tonal-Dramatic Relationships

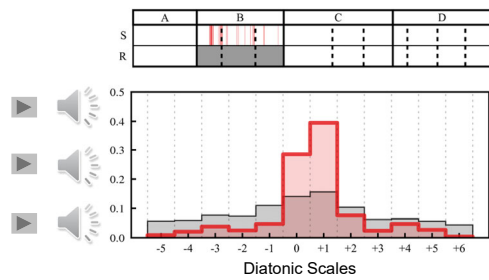
- Histograms of Analysis over time

Das Rheingold WWV 86 A	Die Walküre WWV 86 B	Siegfried WWV 86 C	Götterdämmerung WWV 86 D
3897 measures	5322 measures	6682 measures	6040 measures



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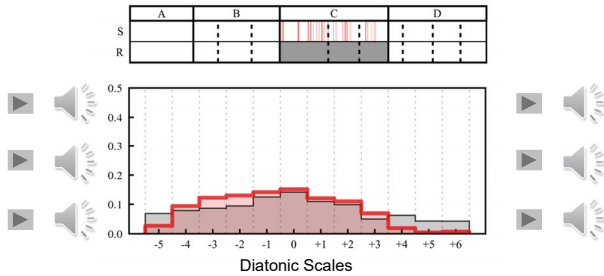
### Die Walküre – Sword motif





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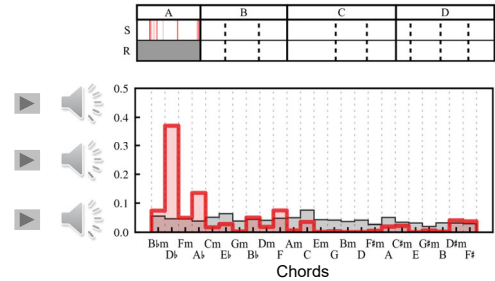


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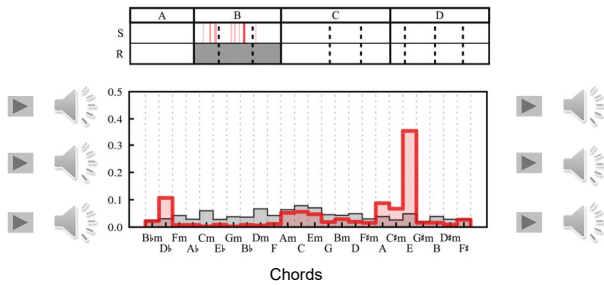


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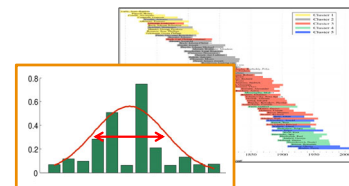
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## Corpus Analysis: Composer Styles

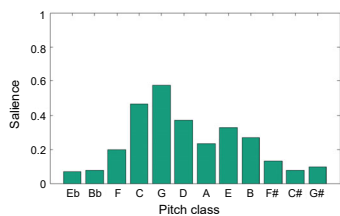


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## Tonal Complexity

- Global chroma statistics (audio)
- 1783 – W. A. Mozart, „Linz“ symphony KV 425, 1. Adagio / Allegro



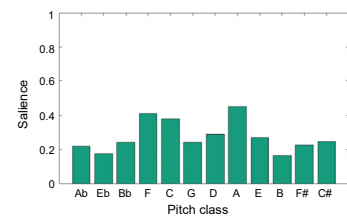
Circle of fifths →

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- 1883 – J. Brahms, Symphony No. 3, 1. Allegro con brio (F major)



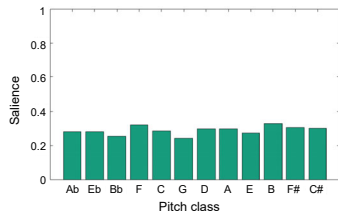
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- 1940 – A. Webern, Variations for Orchestra op. 30

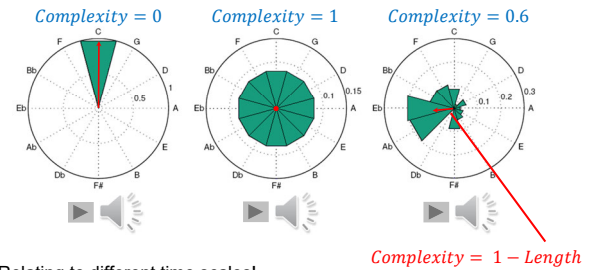


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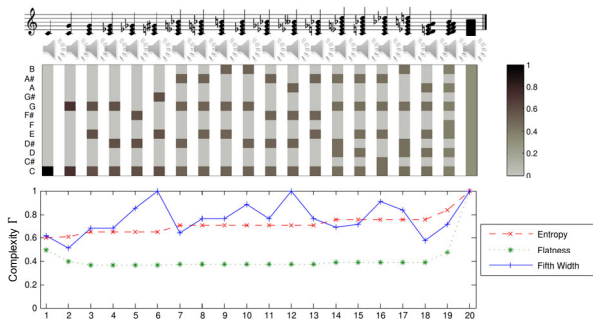
- Realization of complexity measure  $\Gamma$
- Distribution over Circle of Fifths



- Relating to different time scales!

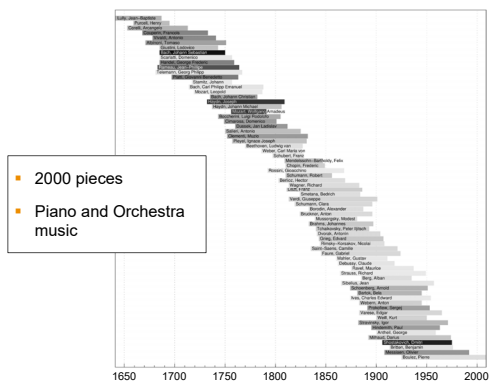
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## Tonal Complexity – Chords



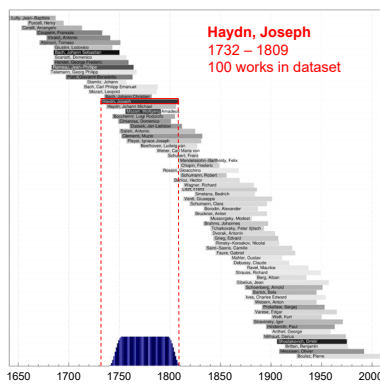
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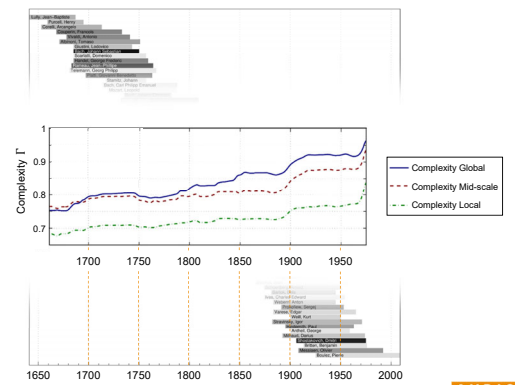
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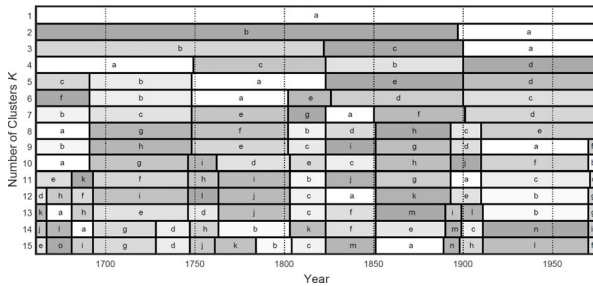
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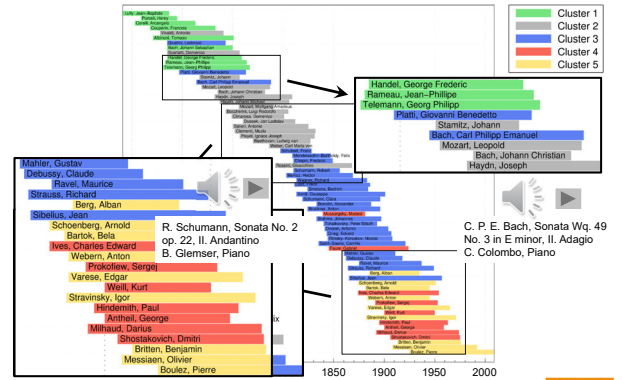
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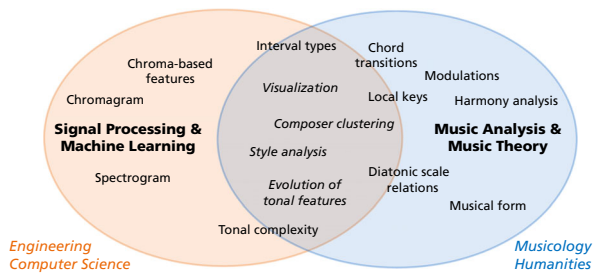
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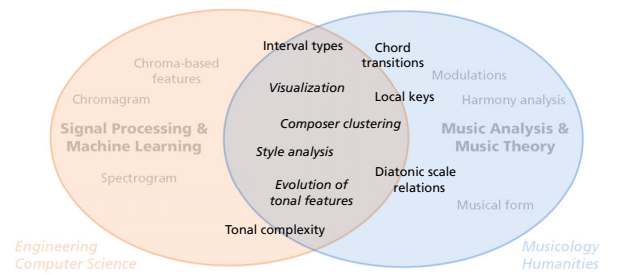


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phenomena!

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## Lecture: Summer Term 2020

### Digitale Musikanalyse: Wie gut können Computer hören?

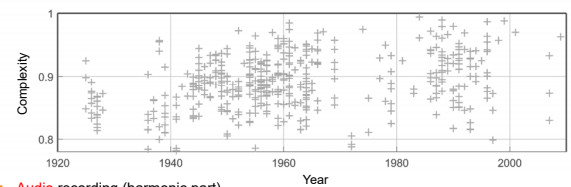
Dr. Christof Weiß

- BA Digital Humanities and Social Sciences
- Lecture + Exercises (5 SWS)
- Summer term 2020
- Time and place to be announced
- No musical prerequisites!

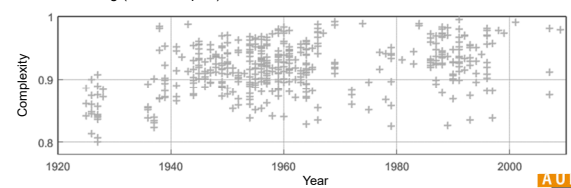
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- Audio recording (harmonic part)

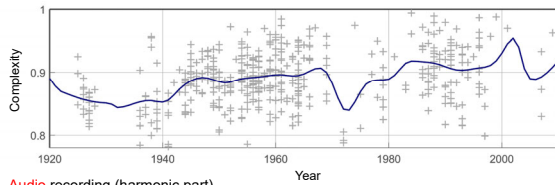


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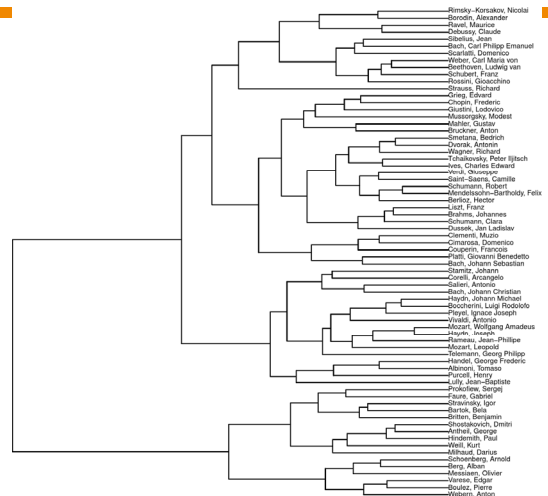
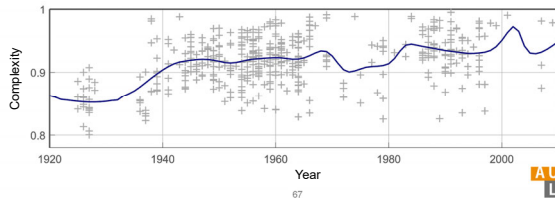
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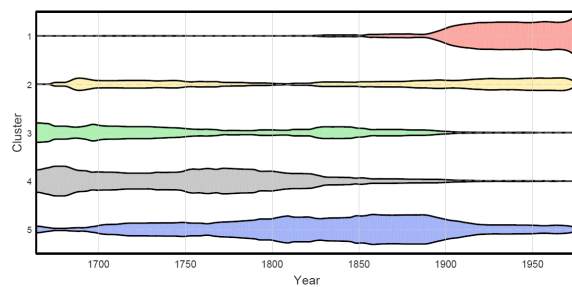
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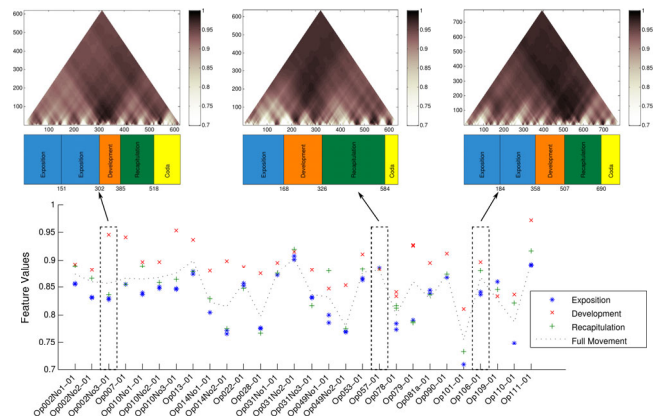
- Audio recording (harmonic part)



## Clustering Individual Pieces



## Tonal Complexity – Beethoven's Sonatas



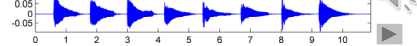
## Signal Processing: Chroma Features

- Example: C major scale (piano)

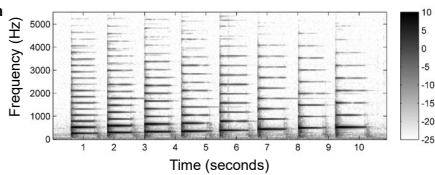
- Score



- Audio – Waveform



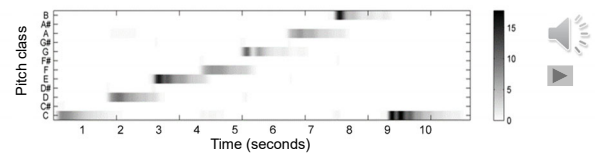
- Audio – Spectrogram



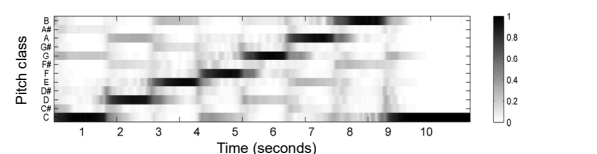
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- Audio – Chromagram



- Audio – Chromagram (normalized)



## Music Genre Classification

world music JAZZ  
HipHop pop Rock  
"classical"

J. S. Bach, Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F major, I. Allegro, Cologne Chamber Orch.  
L. van Beethoven, Fidelio, Overture, Slovak Philharm.  
R. Schumann, Sonata No. 2 op. 22, II. Andantino B. Glemser, Piano  
A. Webern, Variations for Orchestra op. 30 Ulster Orchestra

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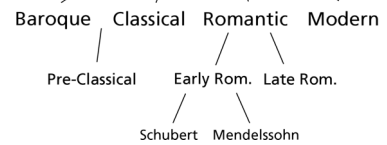
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Subgenre Categories:

Period / Era

Sub-era

Composer

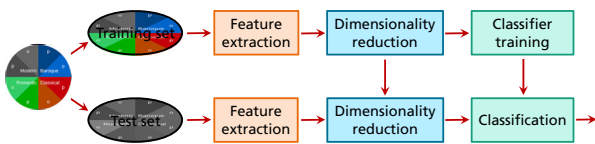


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## Music Genre Classification

- Typical approach: Supervised machine learning



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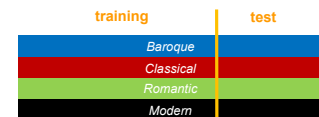


## Music Genre Classification

- Experimental design: Evaluation with Cross Validation (CV)
- Separate data into different parts (folds)

	Fold 1	Fold 2	Fold 3
Round 1	Training fold	Training fold	Test fold
Round 2	Training fold	Test fold	Training fold
Round 3	Test fold	Training fold	Training fold

- Distribution of classes balanced for all folds

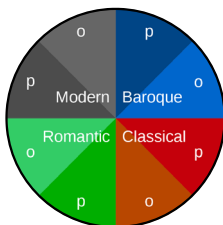


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## Classification Scenario

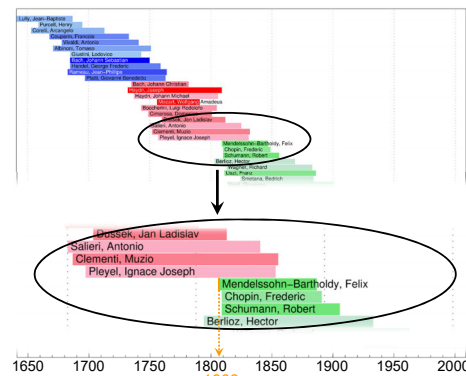
- Dataset: CrossEraDB (Historical Periods)
- Balanced Piano (p) – Orchestra (o)
- Each 200 pieces → 1600 in total



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## Classification Scenario



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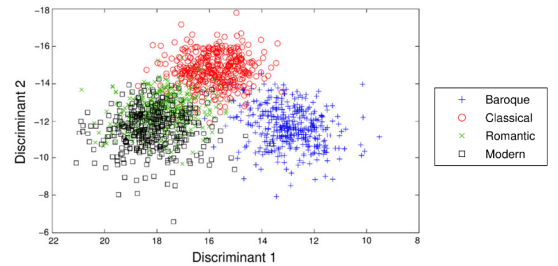
## Classification Features

Standard	Dim.	Tonal	Dim.
MFCC	16	Interval cat.	6 x 4
OSC	14	Triad types	4 x 4
ZCR	1	Complexity	7 x 4
ASE	16	Chord progr.	11 x 5
SFM	16		
SCF	16		
SC	16		
LogLoud	12		
NormLoud	12		
Sum	119	Sum	123
Mean & Std	x 2	Mean & Std	x 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

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## Dimensionality Reduction

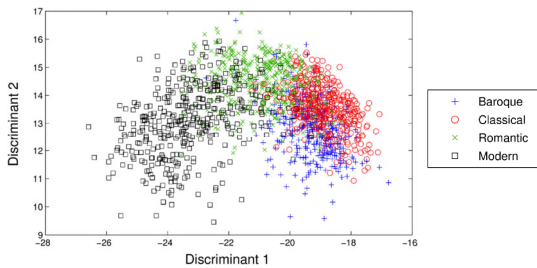
- Reduce feature space to few dimensions (prevent **curse of dimensionality**)
- Maximize separation of classes with **Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)**
- Using **standard features** (MFCC, spectral envelope, ...)



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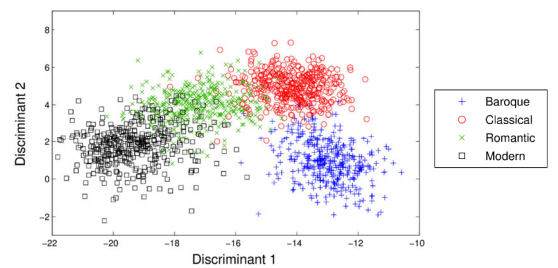
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- Using **tonal features** (interval, triad types, tonal complexity, ... 4 time scales)



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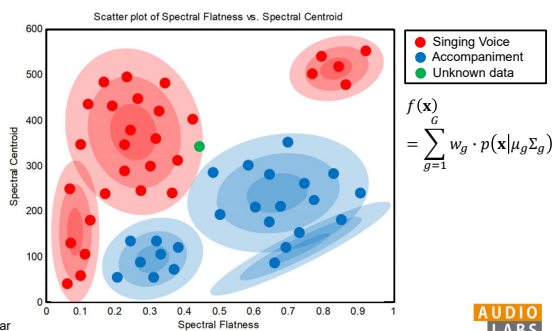
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- Using **tonal & standard features**



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## Classification methods

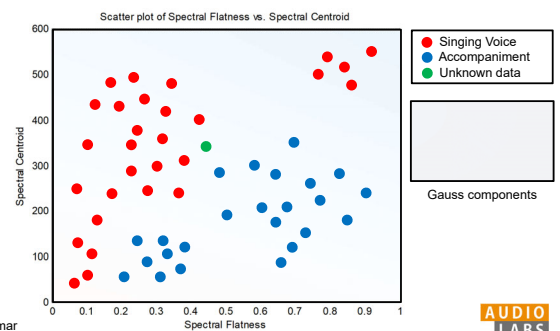
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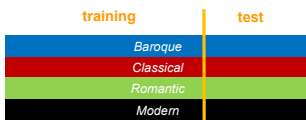
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Flexer, *A Closer Look on Artist Filters for Musical Genre Classification*, ISMIR 2007

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Weiss / Müller, *Tonal Complexity Features for Style Classification of Classical Music*, ICASSP 2015

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## Classification Results

- What is actually learned?
- Pay attention to:
  - Overfitting
  - „Curse of dimensionality“ – use dimensionality reduction techniques
  - Artist / album effects
- Evaluation: „Figures of merit“:
  - Confusion matrix
  - Error examples: Consistently misclassified items
  - Listening tests
- Evaluation on unseen data (no cross validation)

Bob Sturm, *Classification Accuracy is not enough*, Journal of Intelligent Information Systems, 2013

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## Classification Results – Confusion Matrix

- 80 tonal features, GMM with 1 Gaussian, LDA, composer filtering
- Full dataset
- Mean accuracy: 75 %
- Inter-class standard deviation: 6.7 %

Era (correct)	Baroque	65.2	23.2	10.9	0.6
	Classical	17.0	74.9	8.1	0.0
	Romantic	6.5	5.0	77.7	10.8
	Modern	1.7	0.9	16.8	80.6
		Baroque	Classical	Romantic	Modern
		Era (classified)			

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## Classification Results: Error Examples

- 80 tonal features, GMM with 1 Gaussian, LDA
- Look at consistently and persistently misclassified items

Class	Composer	Piece	Classified
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano 1, Prelude in E $\flat$ minor BWV 853	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano 1, Prelude in F major BWV 856	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano 1, Prelude in A minor BWV 865	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano 1, Prelude in B $\flat$ minor BWV 866	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano 1, Prelude in B $\natural$ minor BWV 867	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	English Suite No. 3 in G minor BWV 808, Sarabande	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Brandenburg Conc. No. 1 in F major BWV 1046, Adagio	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Overture No. 2 in B minor BWV 1067, Badinerie	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Overture No. 3 in D major BWV 1068, Gigue	Romantic
Baroque	Couperin, F.	27 Ordres, Huitième ordre, IX. Rondeau passacaille	Romantic
Baroque	Corelli, A.	Concerto grosso op. 6 No. 2, III. Grave – Andante largo	Romantic
Baroque	Lully, J.-B.	Ballet de Xerxes LXV 12, Gavotte en rondeau	Romantic
Baroque	Purcell, H.	Opera "Dido and Aeneas" Z. 626, Overture	Romantic
Baroque	Vivaldi, A.	"The Four Seasons," RV 293 "Autumn," Adagio molto	Romantic
Romantic	Schumann, R.	Kinderszenen op. 15, "Haschemann"	Baroque
Romantic	Grieg, E.	Hållberg suite op. 40, Gavotte	Baroque
Romantic	Mendelssohn, F.	Symphony No. 4 in A major, IV. Saltarello, presto	Baroque
Modern	Shostakovich, D.	Preludes & Fugues op. 87 Fugue No. 1 in C major	Baroque
Modern	Shostakovich, D.	Preludes & Fugues op. 87 Fugue No. 5 in D major	Baroque

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