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**A Basic Introduction to Audio-Related  
 Music Information Retrieval**

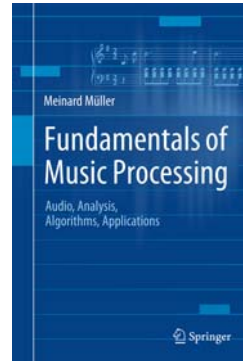
## Audio Structure Analysis

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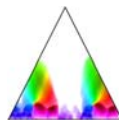
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## Chapter 4: Music Structure Analysis

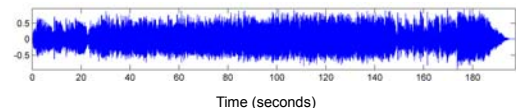
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- 4.4 Novelty-Based Segmentation
- 4.5 Evaluation
- 4.6 Further Notes



In Chapter 4, we address a central and well-researched area within MIR known as music structure analysis. Given a music recording, the objective is to identify important structural elements and to temporally segment the recording according to these elements. Within this scenario, we discuss fundamental segmentation principles based on repetitions, homogeneity, and novelty—principles that also apply to other types of multimedia beyond music. As an important technical tool, we study in detail the concept of self-similarity matrices and discuss their structural properties. Finally, we briefly touch the topic of evaluation, introducing the notions of precision, recall, and F-measure.

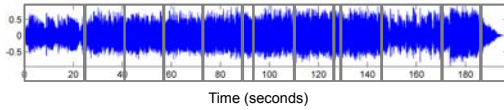
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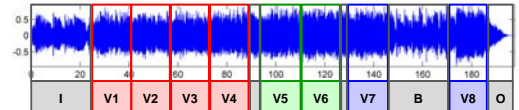
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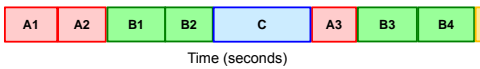
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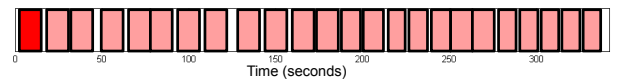
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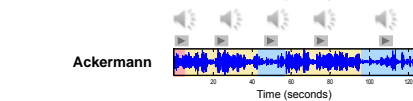
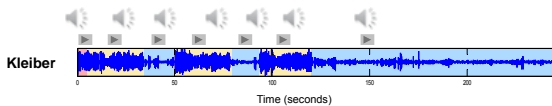
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**Example:** Folk Song Field Recording (Nederlandse Liederbank)



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



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**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

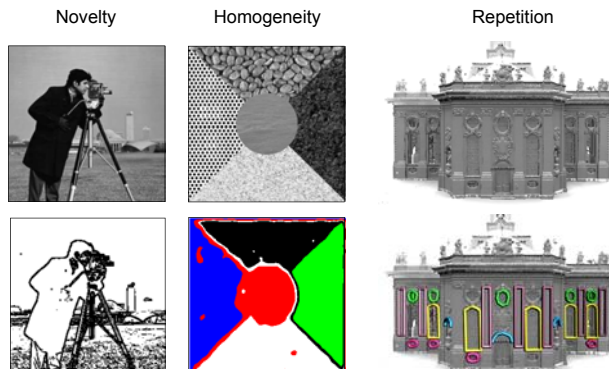
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**Challenge:** There are many different principles for creating relationships that form the basis for the musical structure.

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

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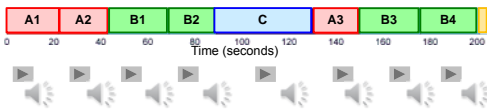
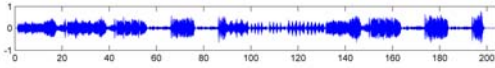
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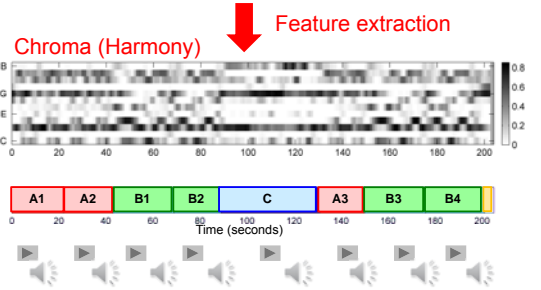
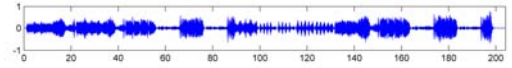
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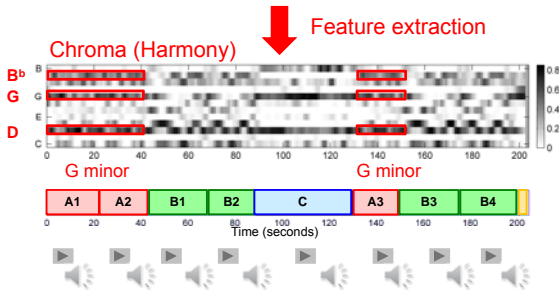
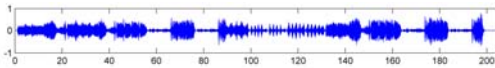
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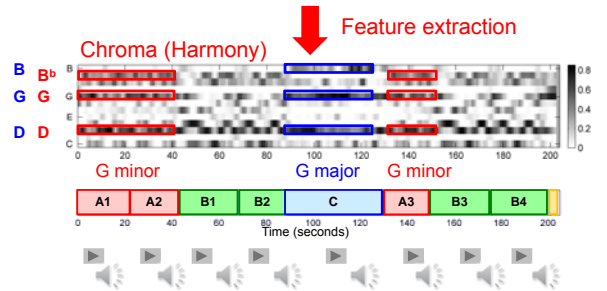
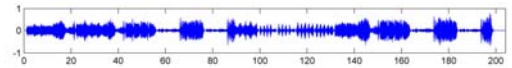
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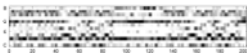
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**General idea:** Compare each element of the feature sequence with each other element of the feature sequence based on a suitable similarity measure.

→ Quadratic self-similarity matrix

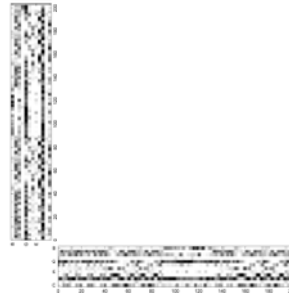
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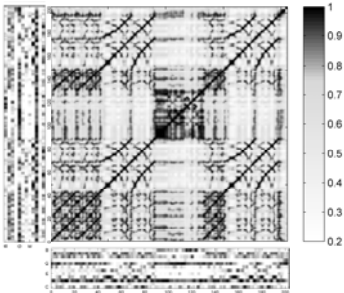
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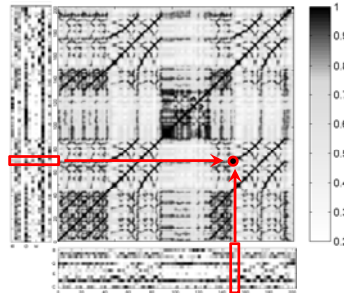
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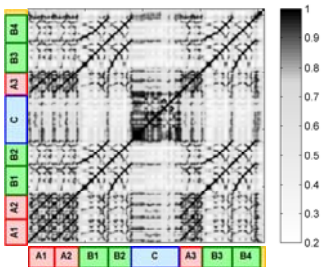
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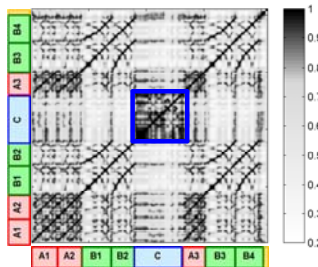
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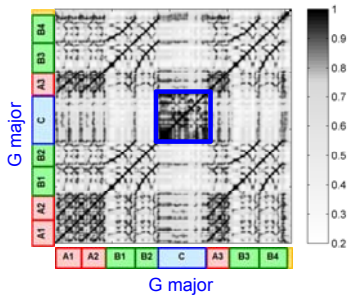
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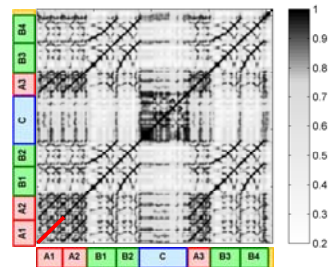
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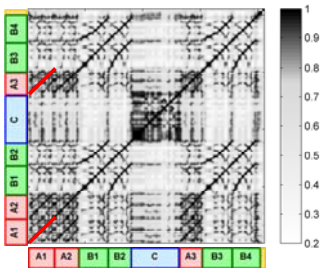
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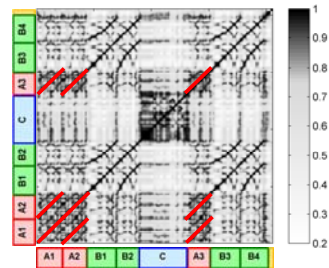
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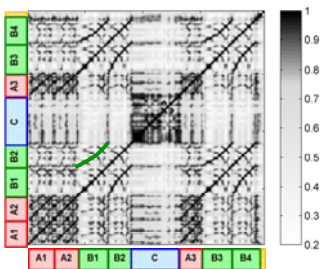
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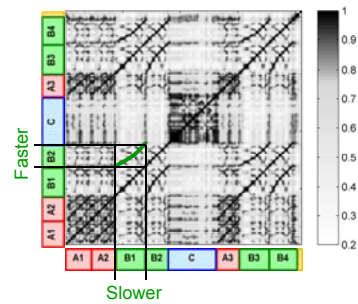
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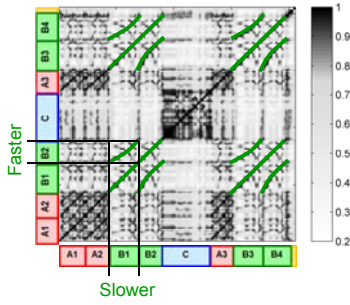
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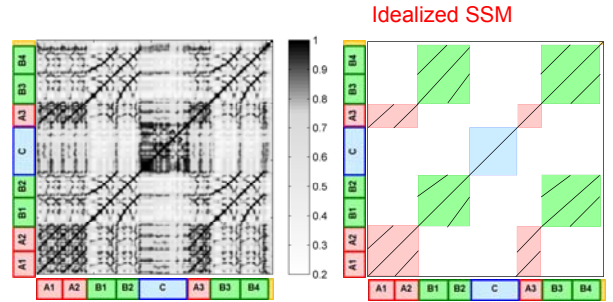
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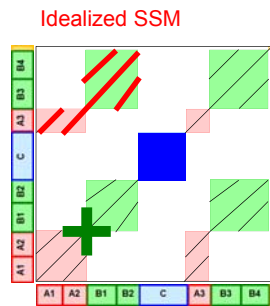
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**Blocks:** Homogeneity

**Paths:** Repetition

**Corners:** Novelty



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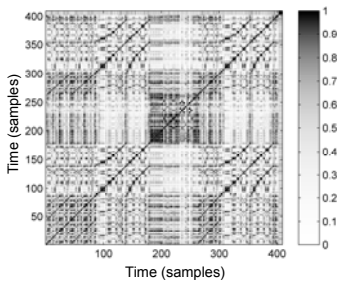
**Challenge:** Presence of musical variations

- Fragmented paths and gaps
- Paths of poor quality
- Regions of constant (low) cost
- Curved paths

**Idea:** Enhancement of path structure

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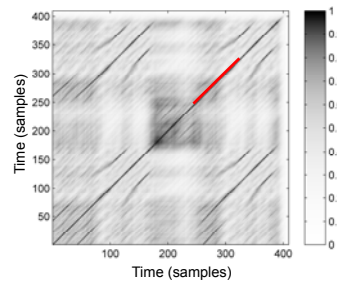
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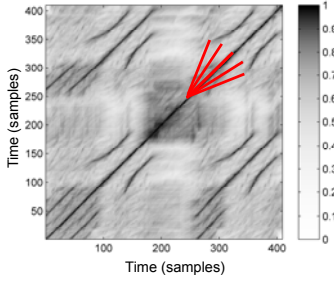
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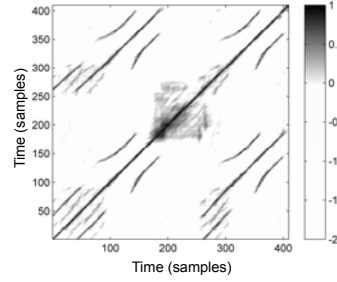
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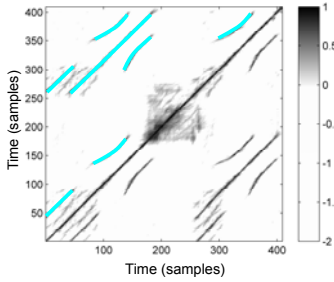
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- Thresholding (relative)
- Scaling & penalty

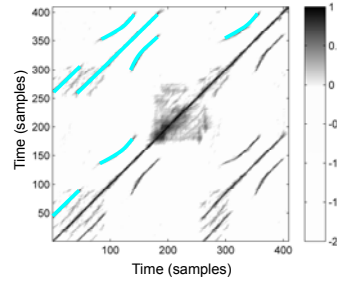
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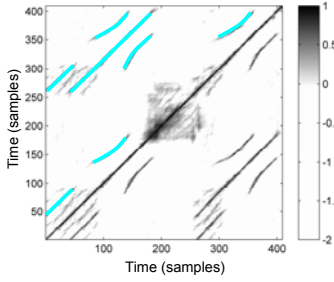
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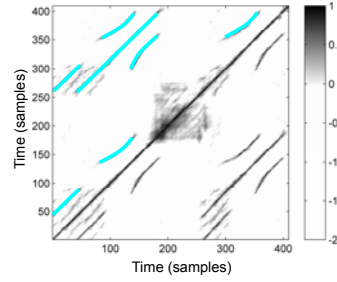
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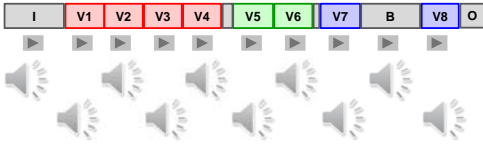
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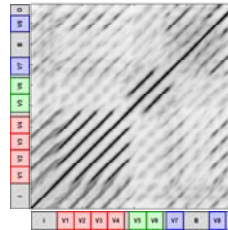
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Missing relations because of transposed sections

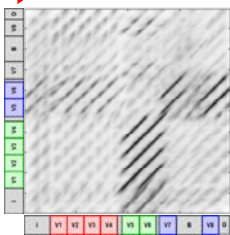


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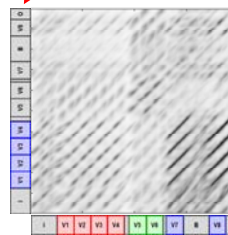


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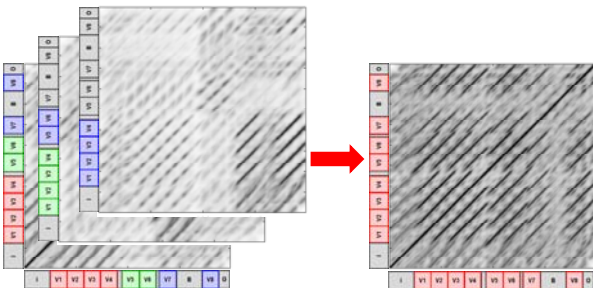
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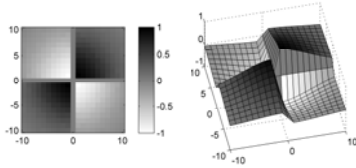
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- Find transition between subsequent musical parts.

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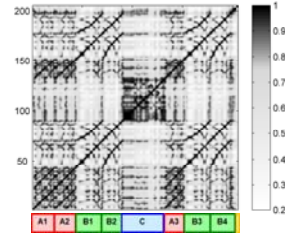
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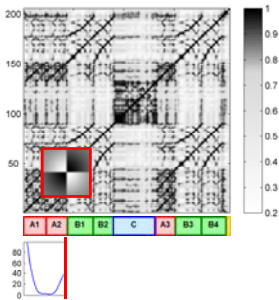
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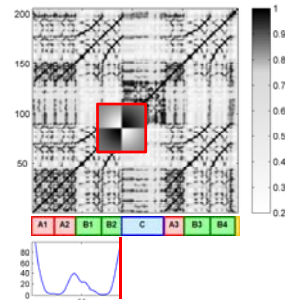
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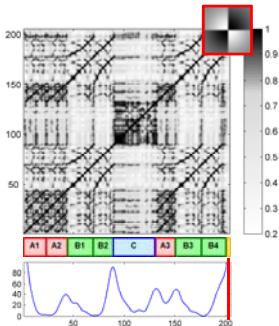
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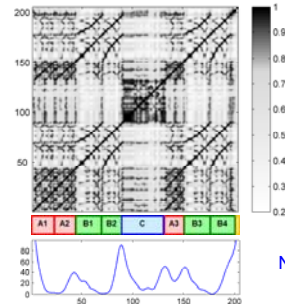
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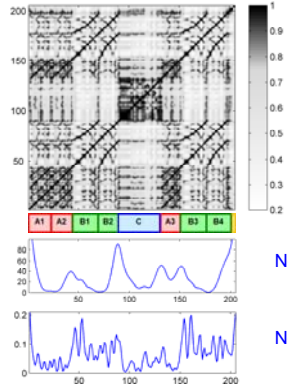
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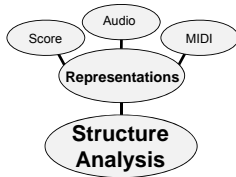
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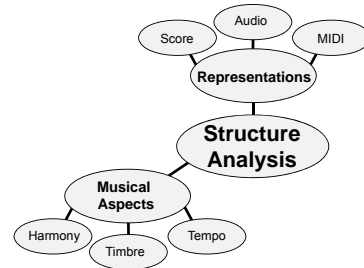
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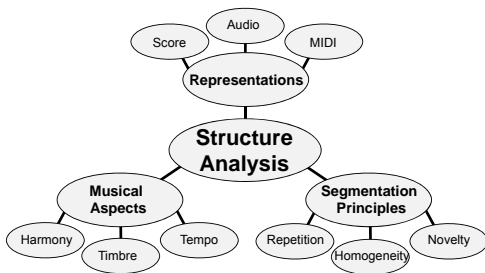
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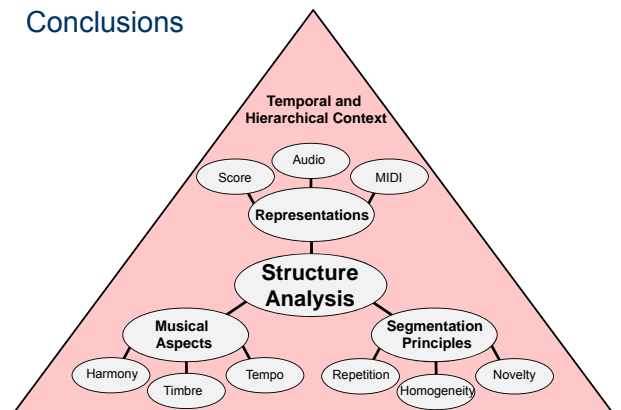
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- **MSAF: Music Structure Analysis Framework (Python)**  
<https://github.com/urinieto/msaf>
- **SALAMI Annotation Data**  
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