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## Wie gut können Computer hören? – Über die Anwendung musiktheoretischer Konzepte auf Audiodaten

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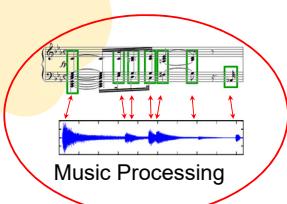
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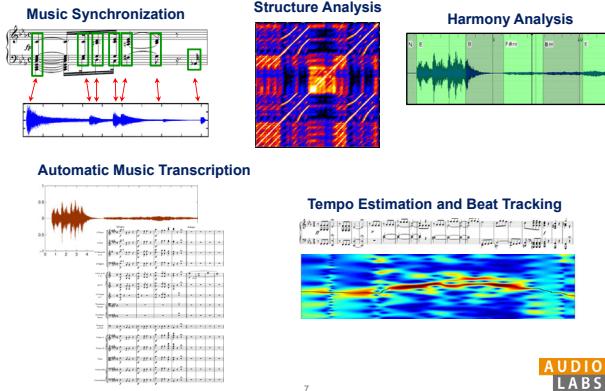
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## Music Processing / Music Information Retrieval (MIR)



## Outline

### 1. Spectral Analysis and Chroma Features



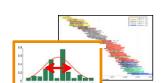
### 2. Local Tonality Analysis



### 3. Cross-Version Analysis of Wagner's Ring



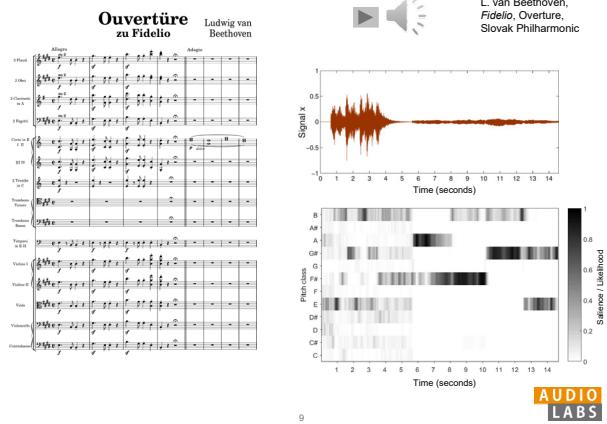
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## Chroma Representations



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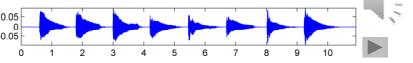
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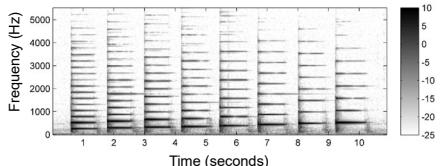
▪ Score



▪ Audio – Waveform



▪ Audio - Spectrogram

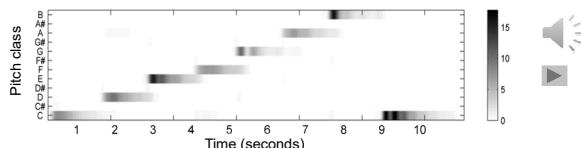


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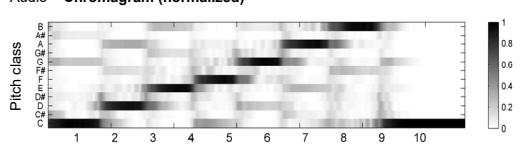
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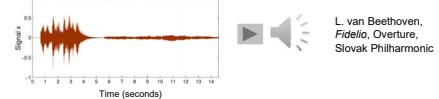
▪ Audio – Chromagram



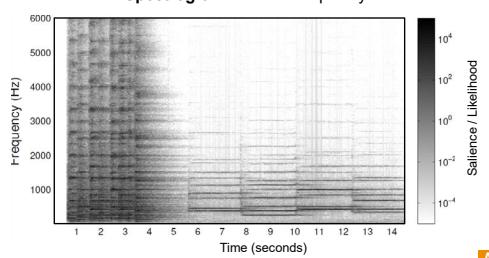
▪ Audio – Chromagram (normalized)



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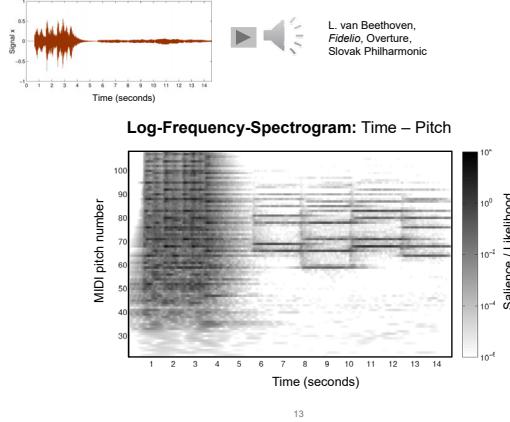


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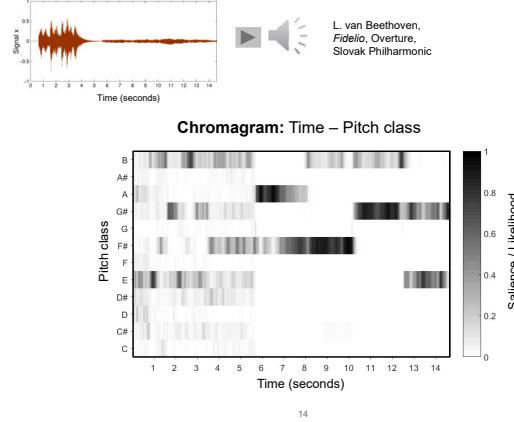
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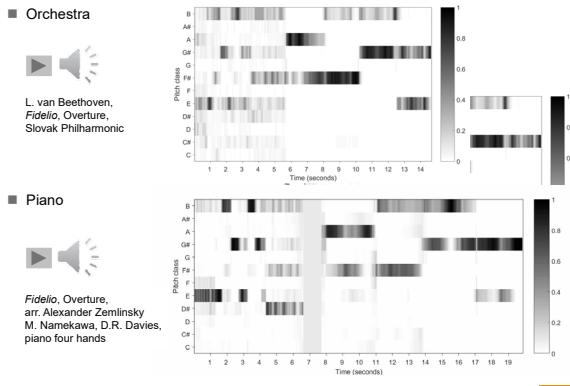
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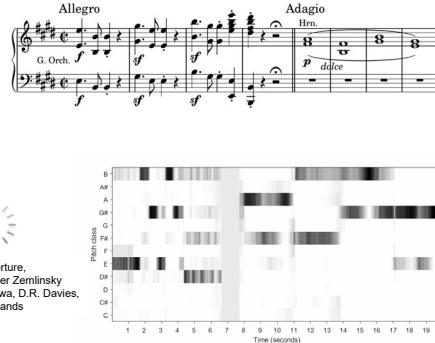
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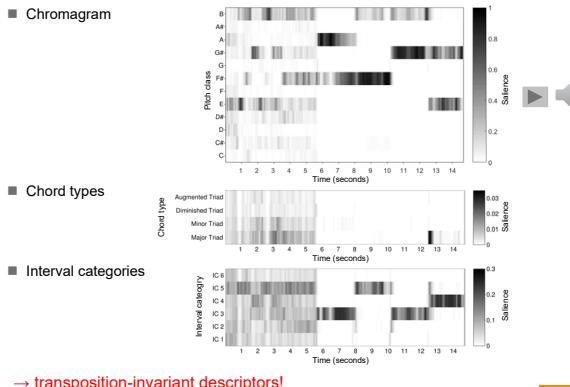
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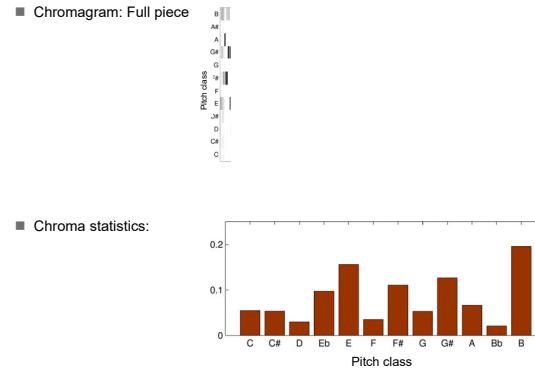
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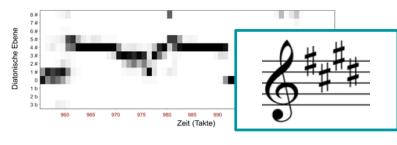
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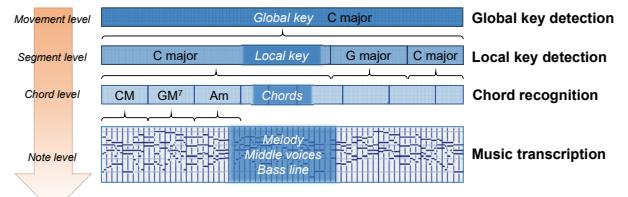


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## Motivation

- **Harmony analysis** of music:
  - Different concepts
  - Concepts relate to different **temporal granularity**

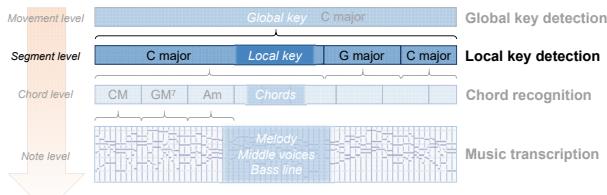


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## Musicological Foundations

- Method: estimate **diatonic scales** – 7 fifth-related pitches
- Relationship of diatonic scales:
  - Fifth-neighbouring scales share 6 of 7 notes
  - Ordering of scales according to the **circle of fifths**:



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## Visualization of Diatonic Scales

- Example: J.S. Bach, Choral "Durch Dein Gefängnis" (*Johannespassion*)
- **Score** – Piano reduction

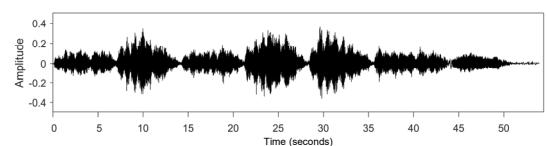


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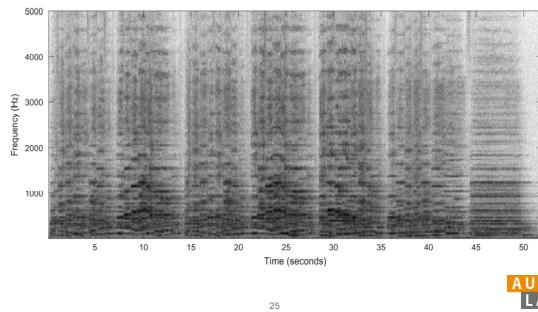


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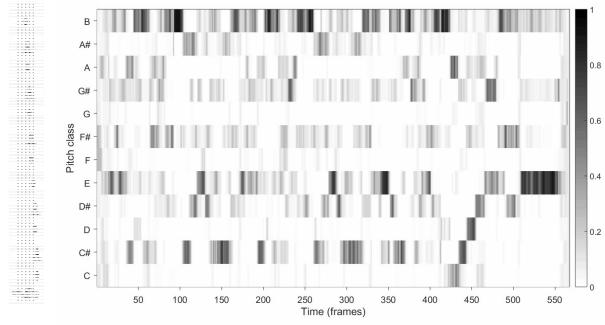


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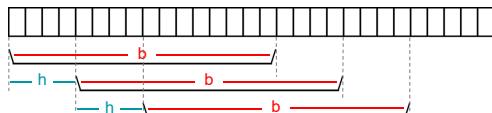
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## Visualization of Diatonic Scales

- Summarize pitch classes over a certain time
- Chroma smoothing**
- Parameters: blocksize **b** and hopsize **h**

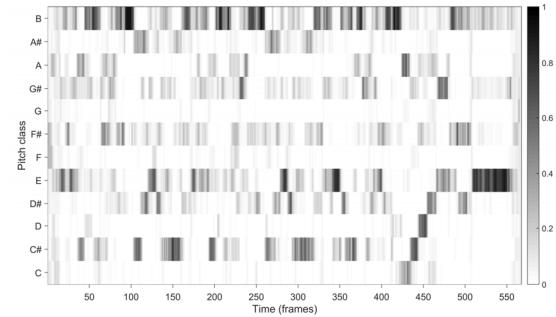


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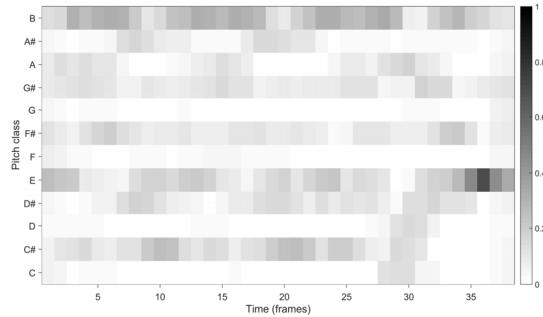
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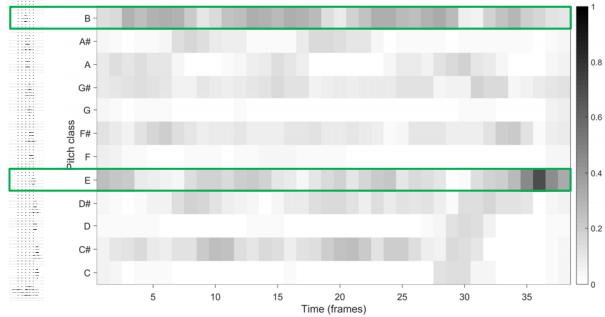
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- Choral (Bach) — smoothed with **b** = 42 and **h** = 15



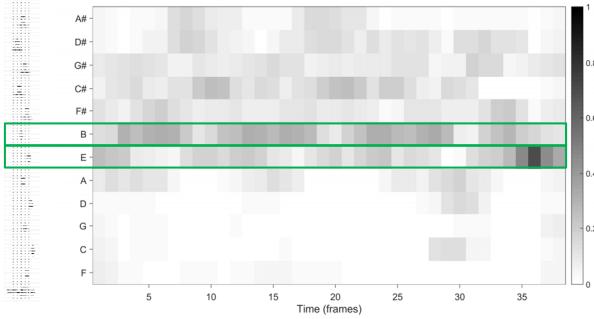
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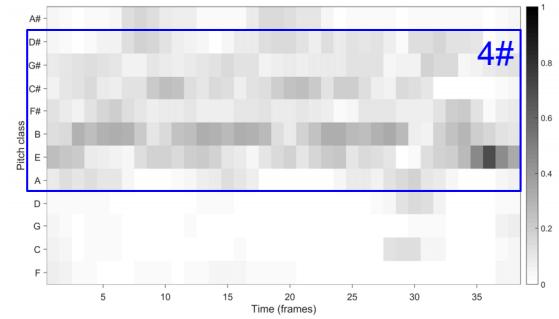
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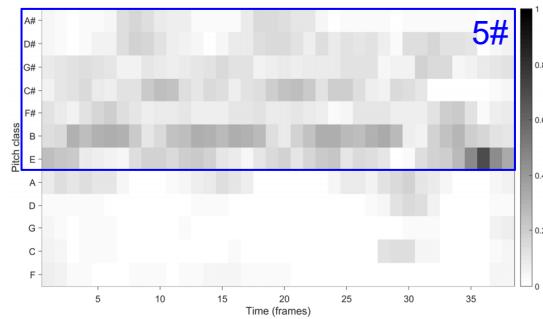
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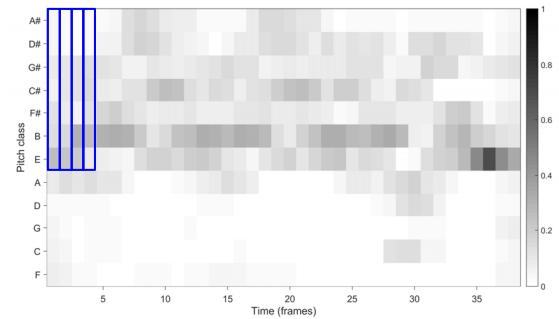
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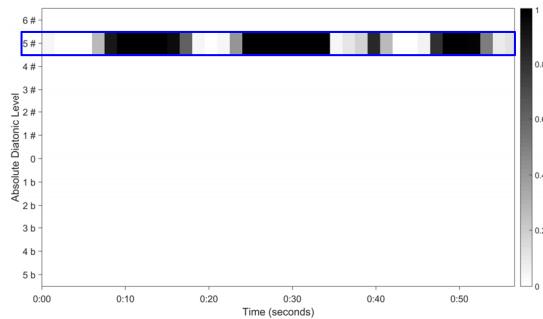
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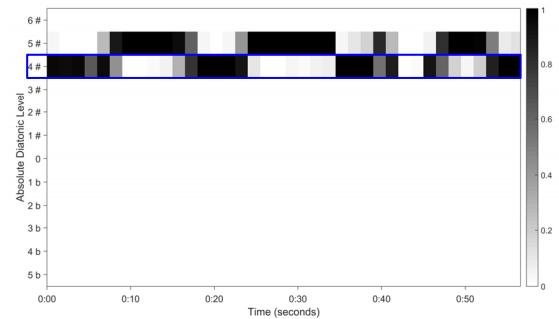
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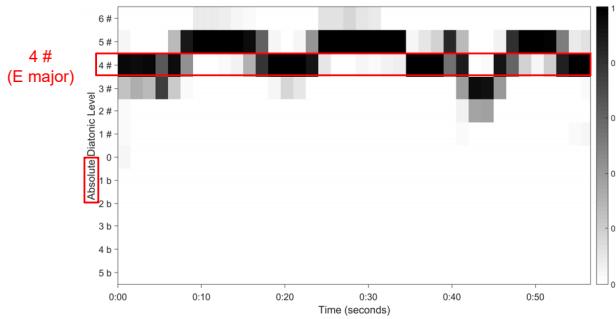
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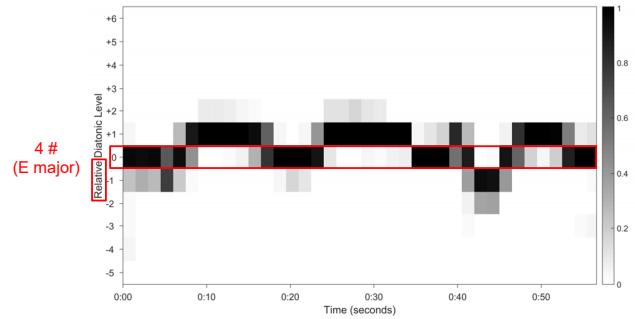
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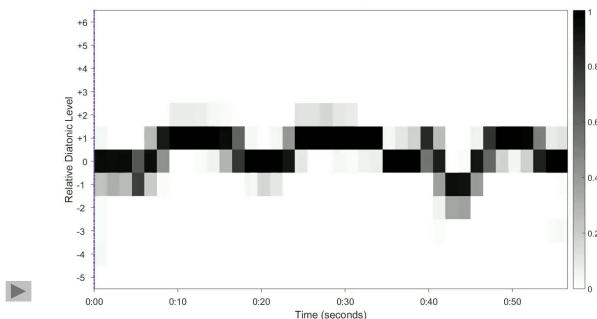
- Choral (Bach) — Diatonic Scale Estimation: Shift to global key



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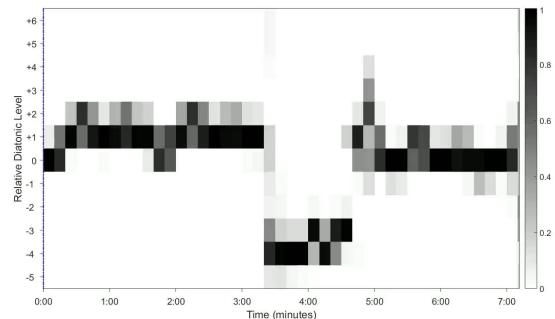
- Choral (Bach) —  $0 \triangleq 4\#$

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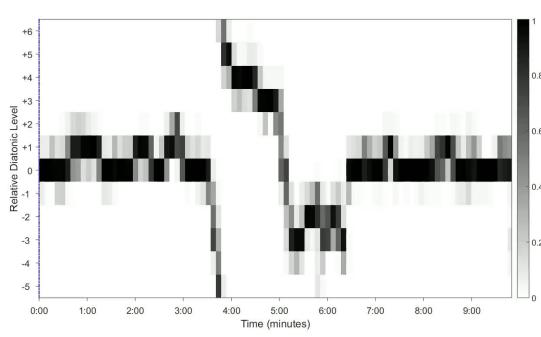
## Visualization of Diatonic Scales

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

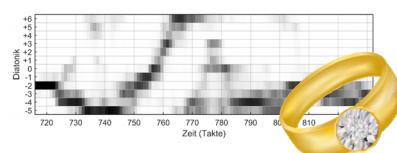


## Visualization of Diatonic Scales

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

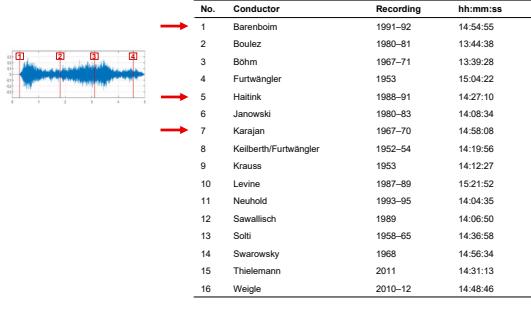


## 3. Cross-Version Tonality Analysis of the Ring



## Cross-Version Analysis

- Up to 18 versions
- 3 versions manually annotated



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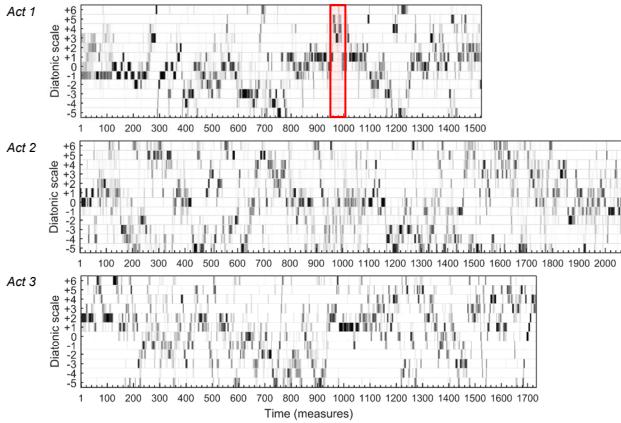
## Cross-Version Analysis

- Idea: Use analysis results based on different interpretations (versions)
- Tonal characteristics should not depend on interpretation  
→ Test reliability of the method
- Visualize consistency with gray scheme

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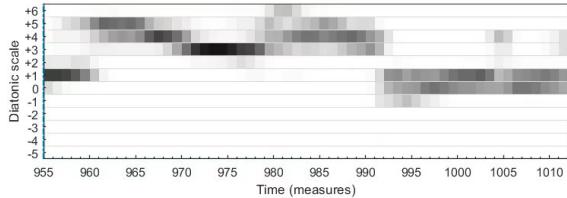
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## Die Walküre WWV 86 B



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

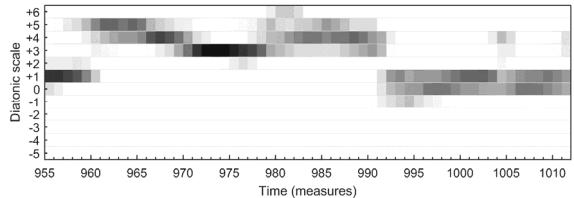


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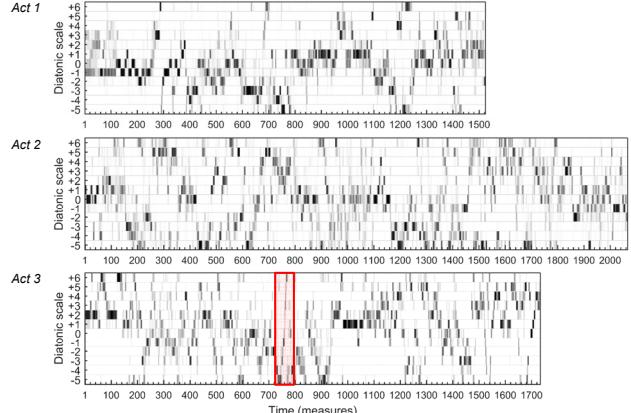
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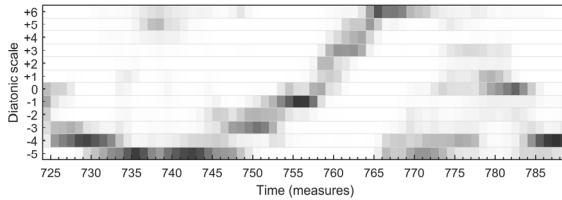
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- Act 3, measures 724–789
- Wotan's punishment

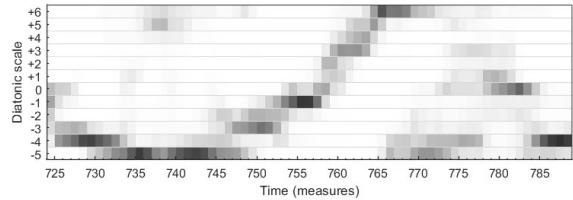


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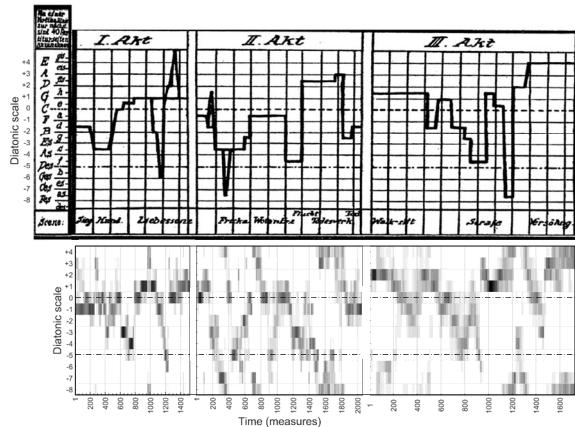
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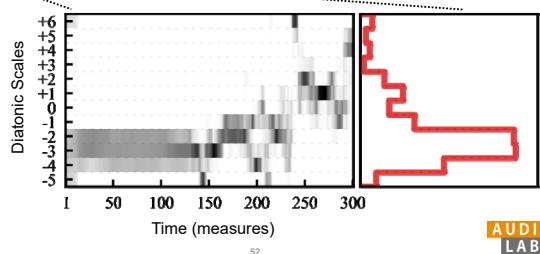
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## Exploring Tonal-Dramatic Relationships

- Histograms of Analysis over time

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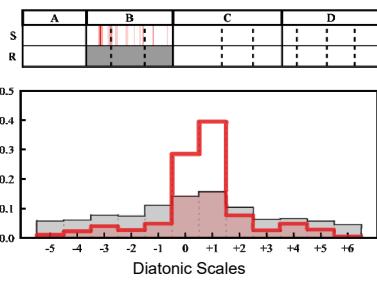


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### Sword motif – Die Walküre

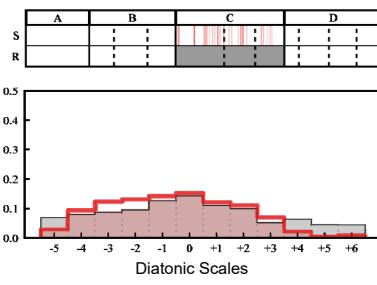


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### Sword motif – Siegfried

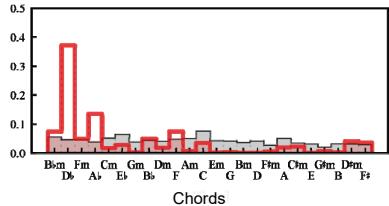
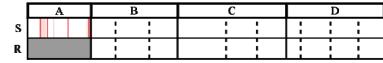


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### Valhalla motif – Das Rheingold

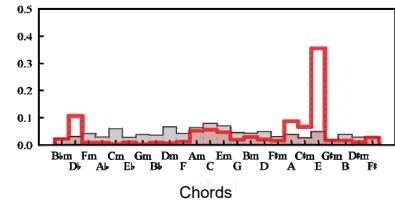
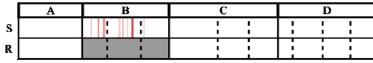


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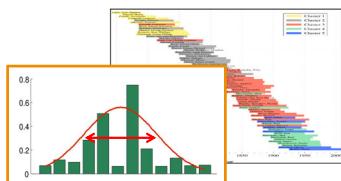
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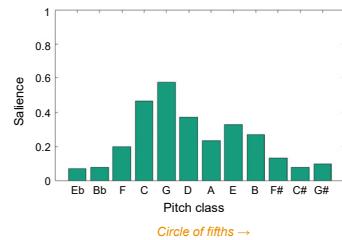


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## Tonal Complexity

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

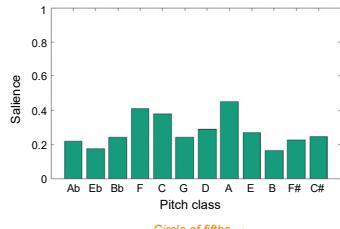


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- Global chroma statistics (audio)
- 1883 – J. Brahms, Symphony No. 3, 1. Allegro con brio (F major)

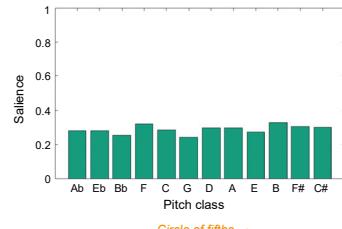


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- 1940 – A. Webern, Variations for Orchestra op. 30



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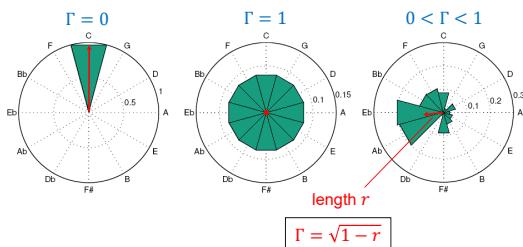
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## Tonal Complexity

- Realization of complexity measure  $\Gamma$

Entropy / Flatness measures

Distribution over Circle of Fifths

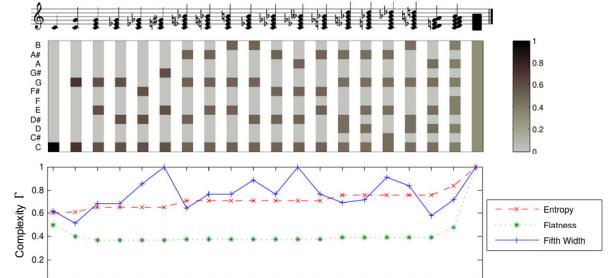


- Relating to different time scales!

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## Tonal Complexity – Chords

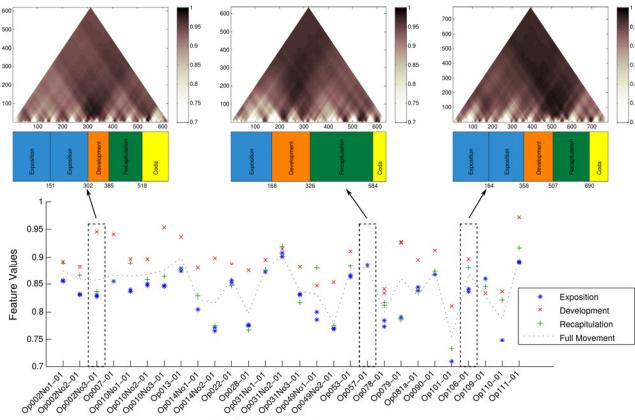


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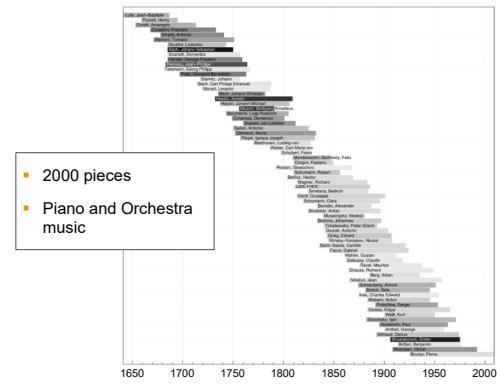
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## Tonal Complexity – Beethoven's Sonatas



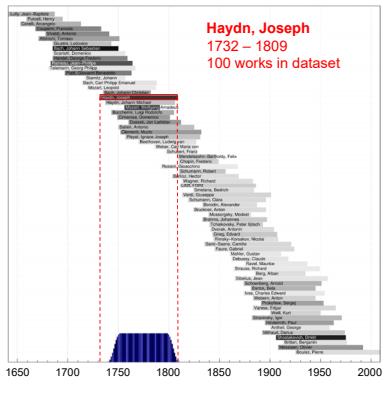
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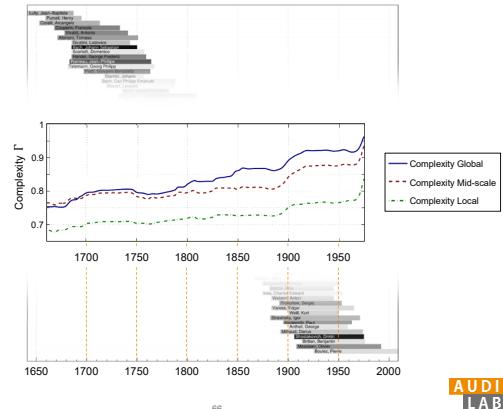


**Haydn, Joseph**  
1732 – 1809  
100 works in dataset

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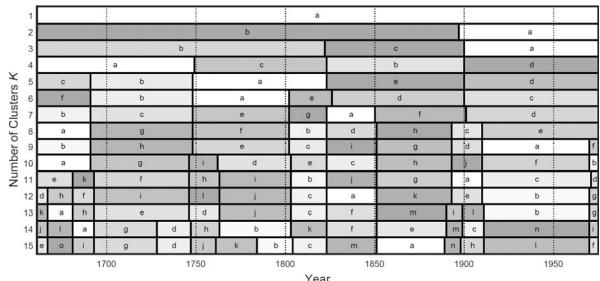
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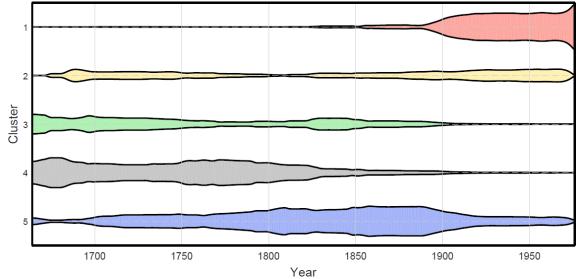
## Clustering Composition Years



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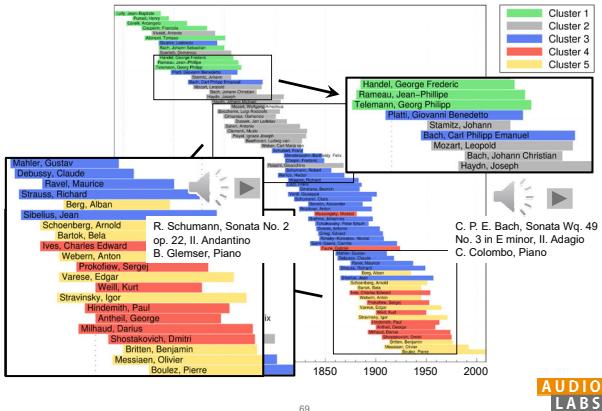
## Clustering Individual Pieces



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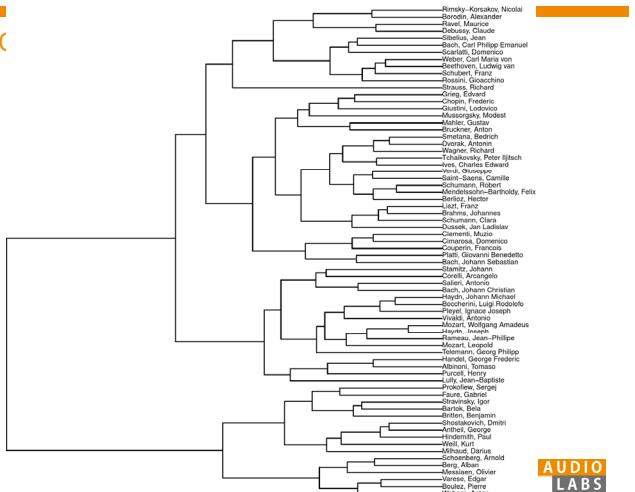
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# Clustering Composers



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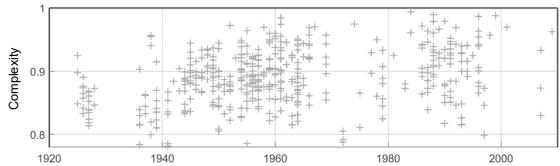
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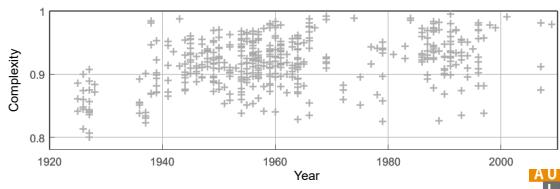
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## Tonal Complexity: Jazz Solos

- **Symbolic** transcription



- **Audio** recording (harmonic part)

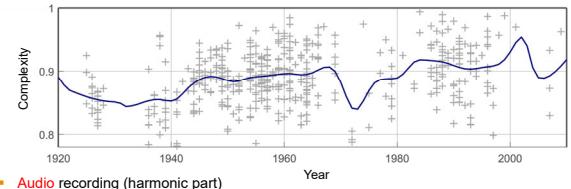


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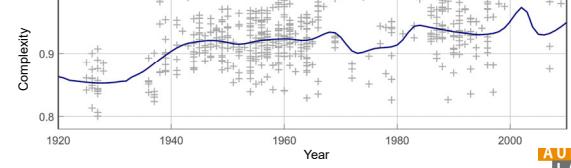
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- ## Tonal Complexity: Jazz Solos

- **Symbolic transcription**



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## 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 Philharmon.

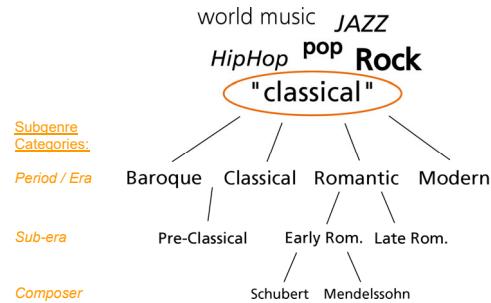
R. Schumann,  
Sonata No. 2 op. 22,  
II. Andantino  
B. Glemser, Piano

A. Webern,  
Variations for Orchestra op. 30  
Ulster Orchestra

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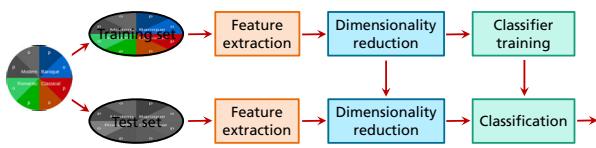


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## Music Genre Classification

- Typical approach: Supervised machine learning



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## Music Genre Classification

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

	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

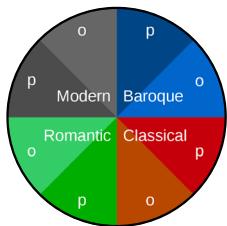


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## Classification Scenario

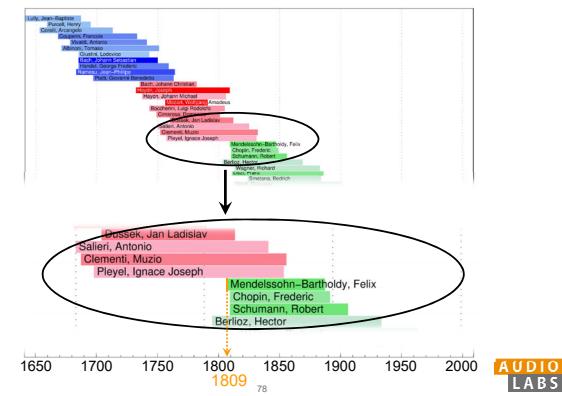
- Dataset: CrossEraDB (Historical Periods)
- Balanced Piano (p) – Orchestra (o)
- Each 200 pieces → 1600 in total



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## Classification Scenario



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## Classification Features

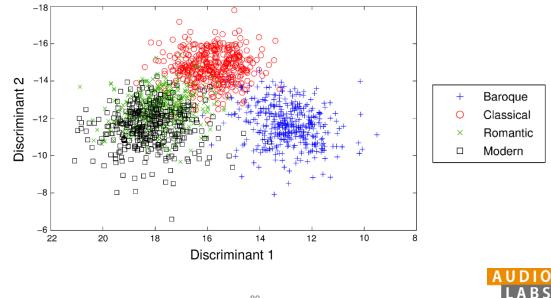
Standard	Dim.	Tonal	Dim.
MFCC	16	Interval cat.	6 x 4
OSC	14	Triad types	4 x 4
ZCR	1	Complexity	7 x 4
ASE	16	Chord progr.	11 x 5
SFM	16		
SCF	16		
SC	16		
LogLoud	12		
NormLoud	12		
Sum	119	Sum	123
Mean & Std	x 2	Mean & Std	x 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

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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, ...)

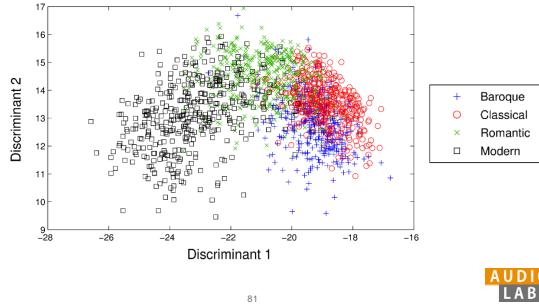


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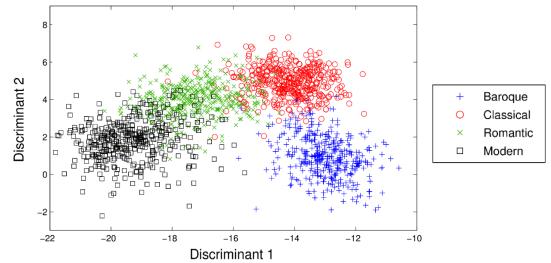


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- Using **tonal & standard features**

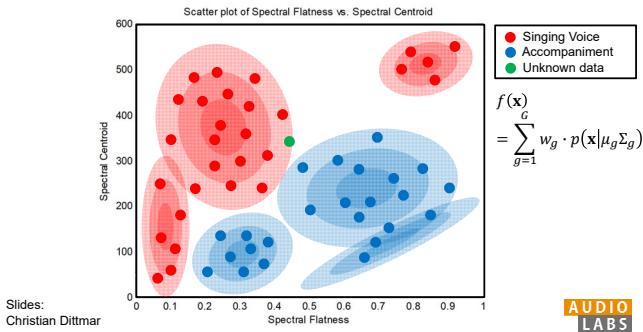


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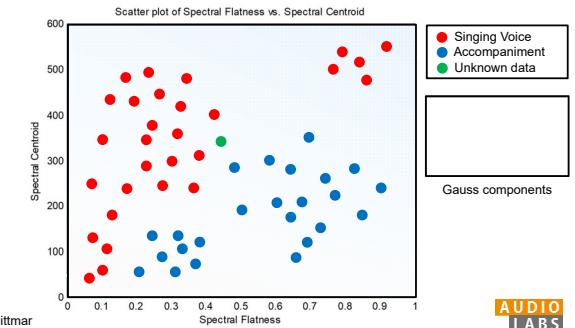
## Classification methods

- Gaussian Mixture Models (GMM)

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

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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)

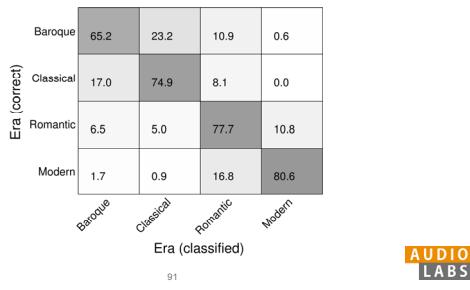
Bob Sturm, *Classification Accuracy is not enough*, Journal of Intelligent Information Systems, 2013

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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 %**



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## Classification Results: Error Examples

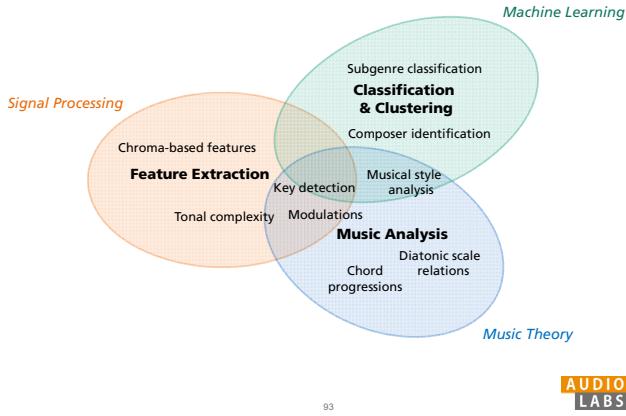
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- Look at **consistently** and **persistently** misclassified items

Class	Composer	Piece	Classified
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano I, Prelude in E minor BWV 853	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano I, Prelude in F major BWV 856	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano I, Prelude in A minor BWV 865	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano I, Prelude in B major BWV 866	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Well-Tempered Piano I, Prelude in B minor BWV 867	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	English Suite No. 3 in G minor BWV 808, Sarabande	Romantic
Baroque	Bach, J. S.	Brandenburg Concerto 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 LWV 12, Galette 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.	Kinderzettel op. 15, "Haschemann"	Baroque
Romantic	Grieg, E.	Holberg 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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## Conclusions



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