

**Perspectives for
Computational
Jazz Studies**

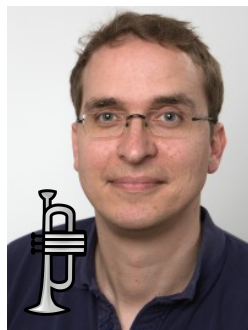
Using Domain Knowledge for Automatic Structure Analysis of Jazz Recordings

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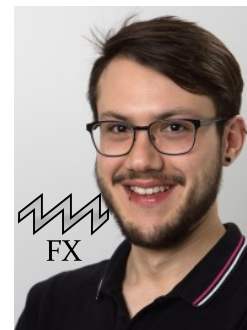
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Motivation



YouTube DE clifford brown jordu

Clifford BROWN Max ROACH
GEORGE MORROW HAROLD LAND RICHEL POWELL
DELILAH
PARISIAN THOROUGHFARE
THE BLUES WALK
DAAHOUD
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WHAT AM I HERE FOR

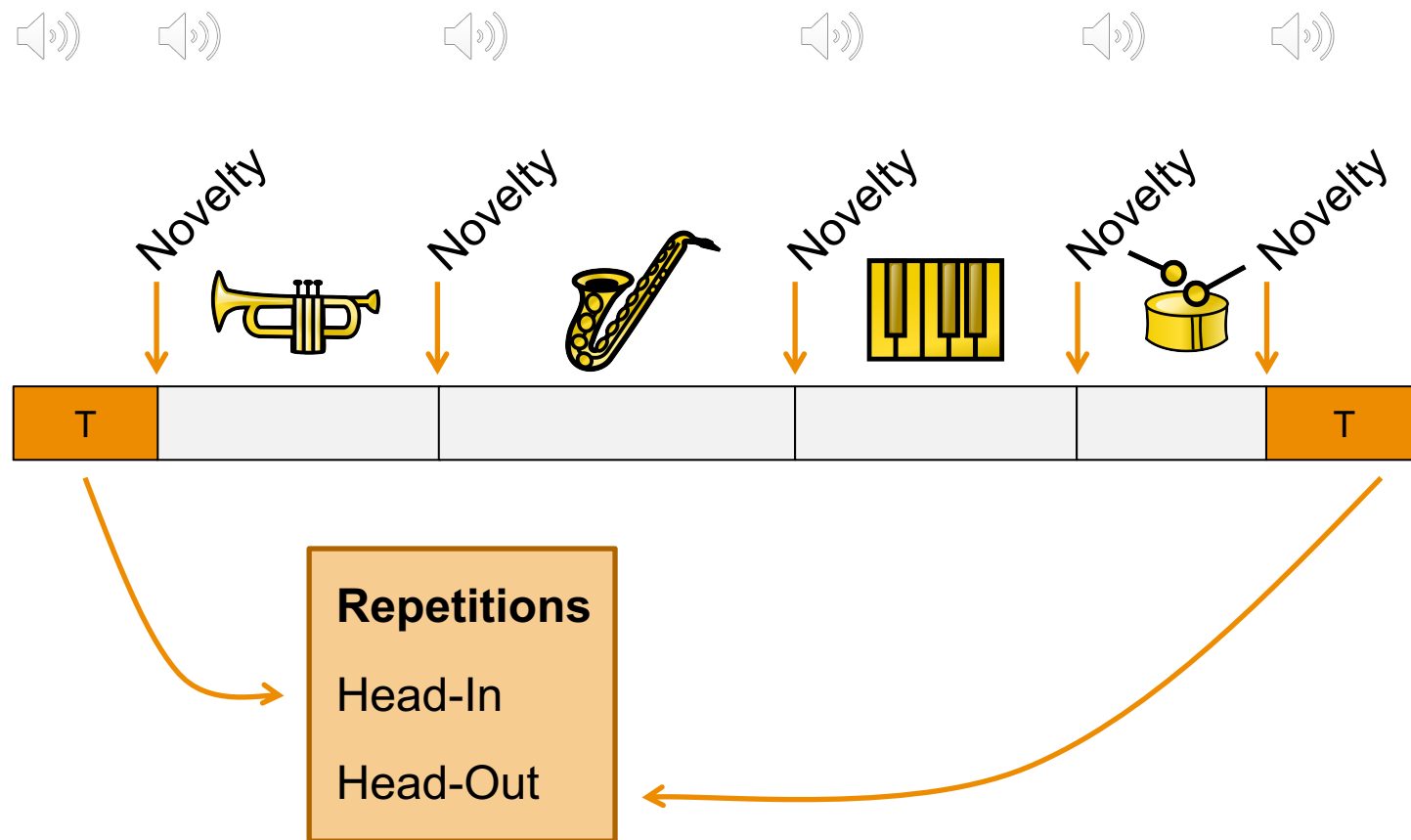
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Outline

- Introduction
- Definition of Structure
- Principles of Automatic Structure Analysis
- Structure Annotations in the WJD
- Preliminary Results

Basic Structure



Instrument Comics by H. Grohgan: <https://mir.sechsstel.de/orchpics/>

Solo-Centric Annotations



Transcription



Beats

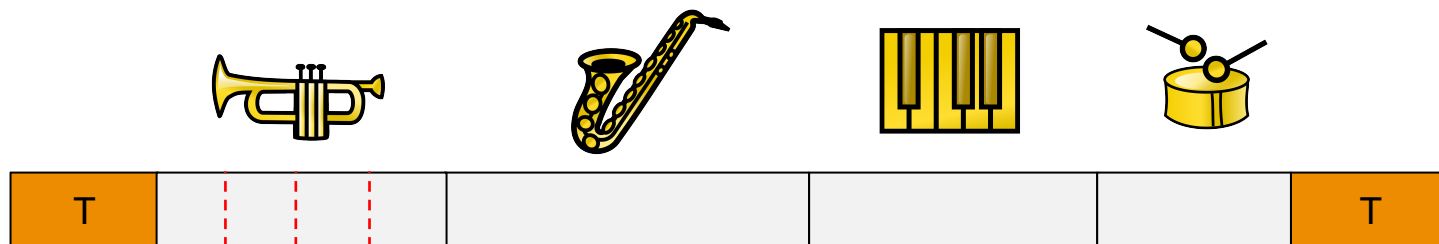
| E⁷ A⁷ | D⁷ G⁷ | ...

Chords

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Song-Centric Annotations

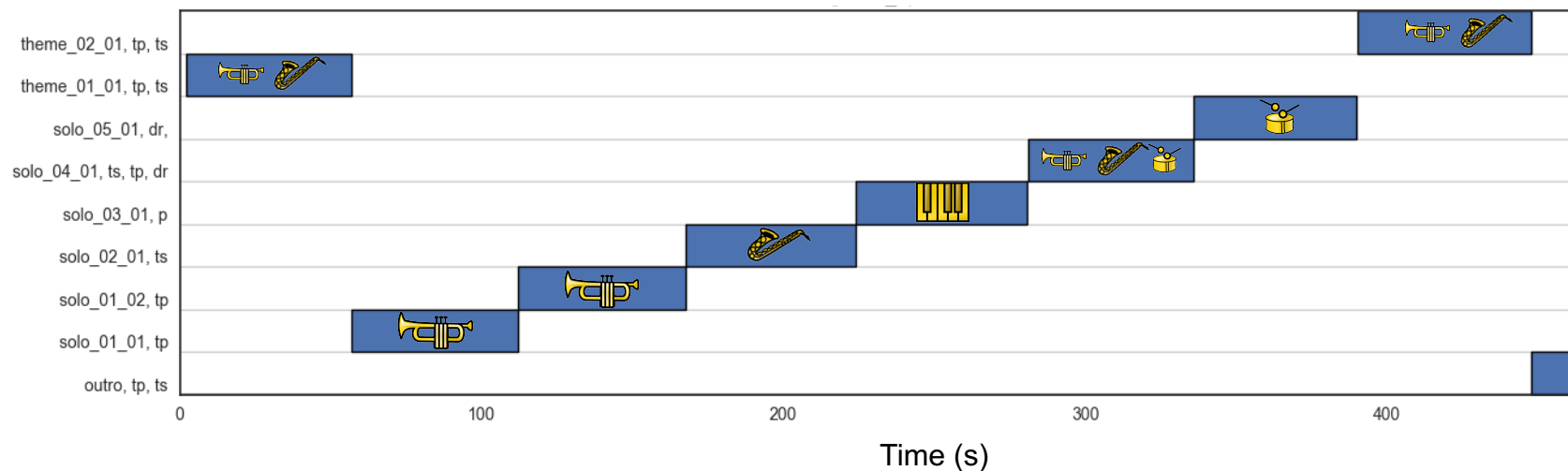


Payback Time

New annotations from the groups in Erlangen/Weimar!

Annotation Example from the Weimar Jazz DB

Clifford Brown - Jordu



Song-Centric Annotations:

- Chorus boundaries
- Solo choruses
- Theme repetitions

Thank you,
Moritz Berendes!

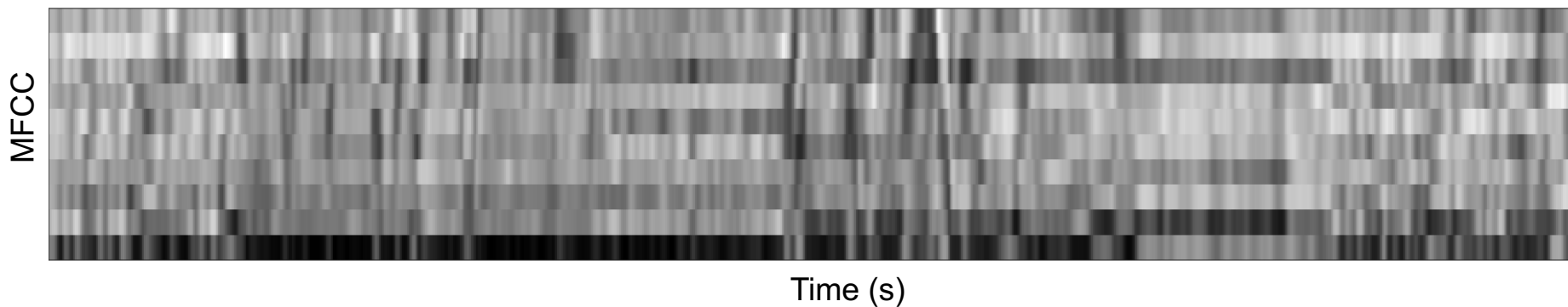
Automatic Structure Analysis (MIR)

- Active research direction since ~20 years.
- Main principles:
 - **Repetition**-based Structure Analysis
 - **Homogeneity**-based Structure Analysis
 - **Novelty**-based Structure Analysis

Self-Similarity Matrix



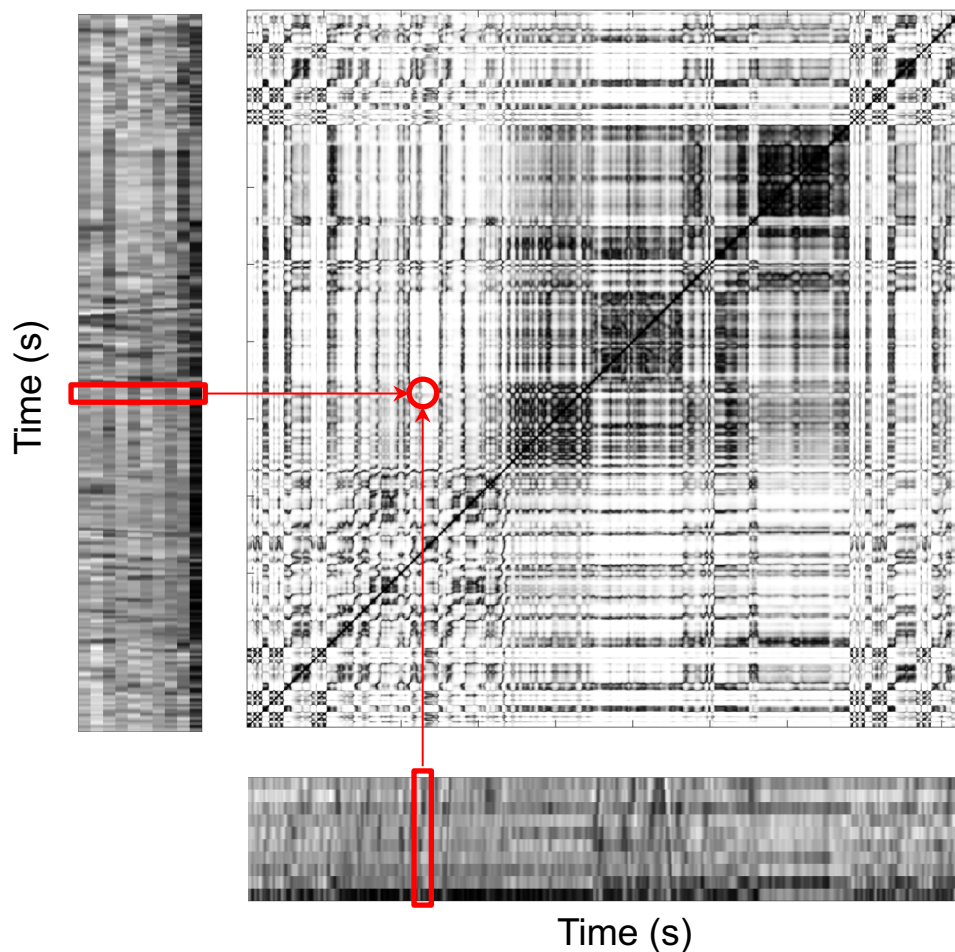
1. Step: Extract Audio Features



- Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCC) correlate to the timbre.

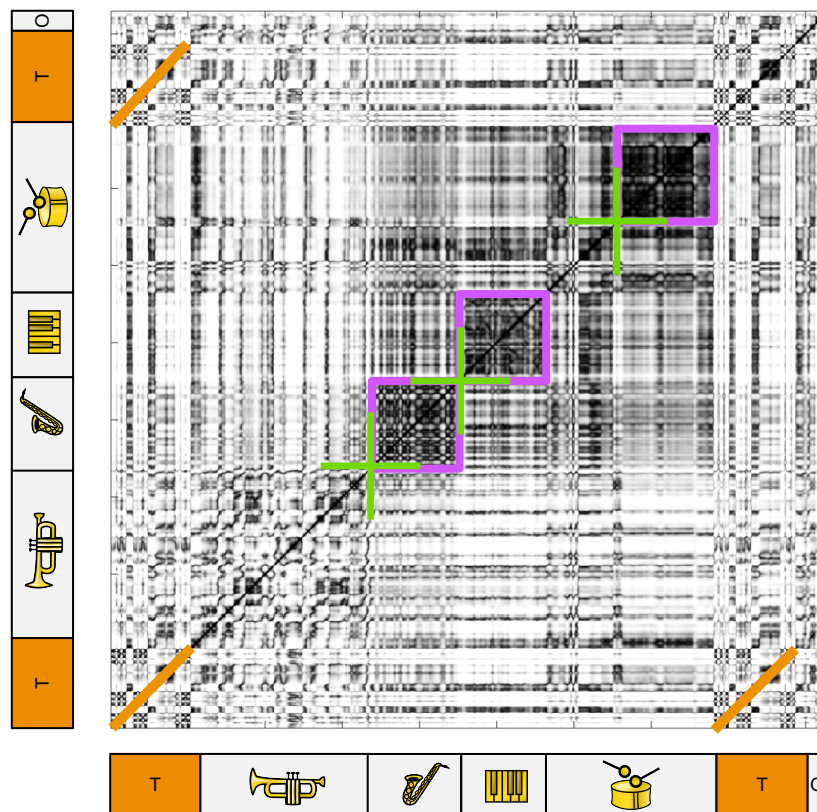
Self-Similarity Matrix

2. Step: Calculate Pairwise Similarity



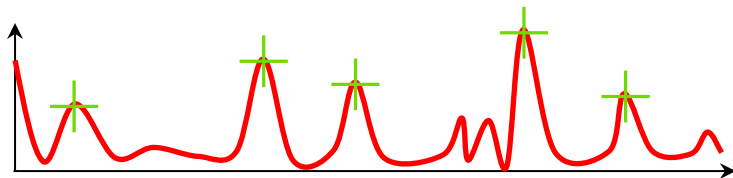
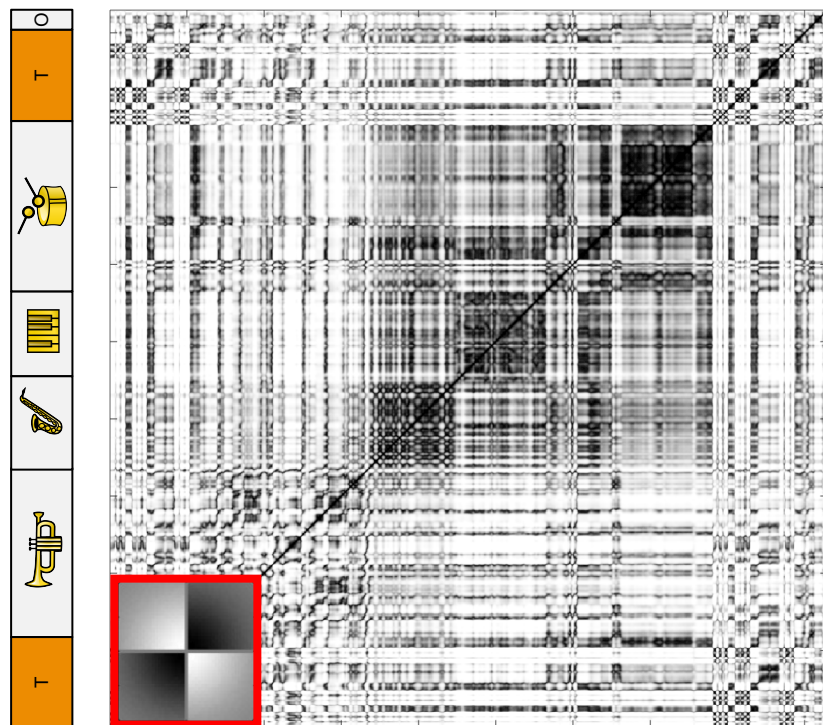
Self-Similarity Matrix Analysis

- Repetitions:
Path-like structures
- Homogeneity:
Block-like structures
- Novelty:
Corners



Self-Similarity Matrix

Novelty Detection



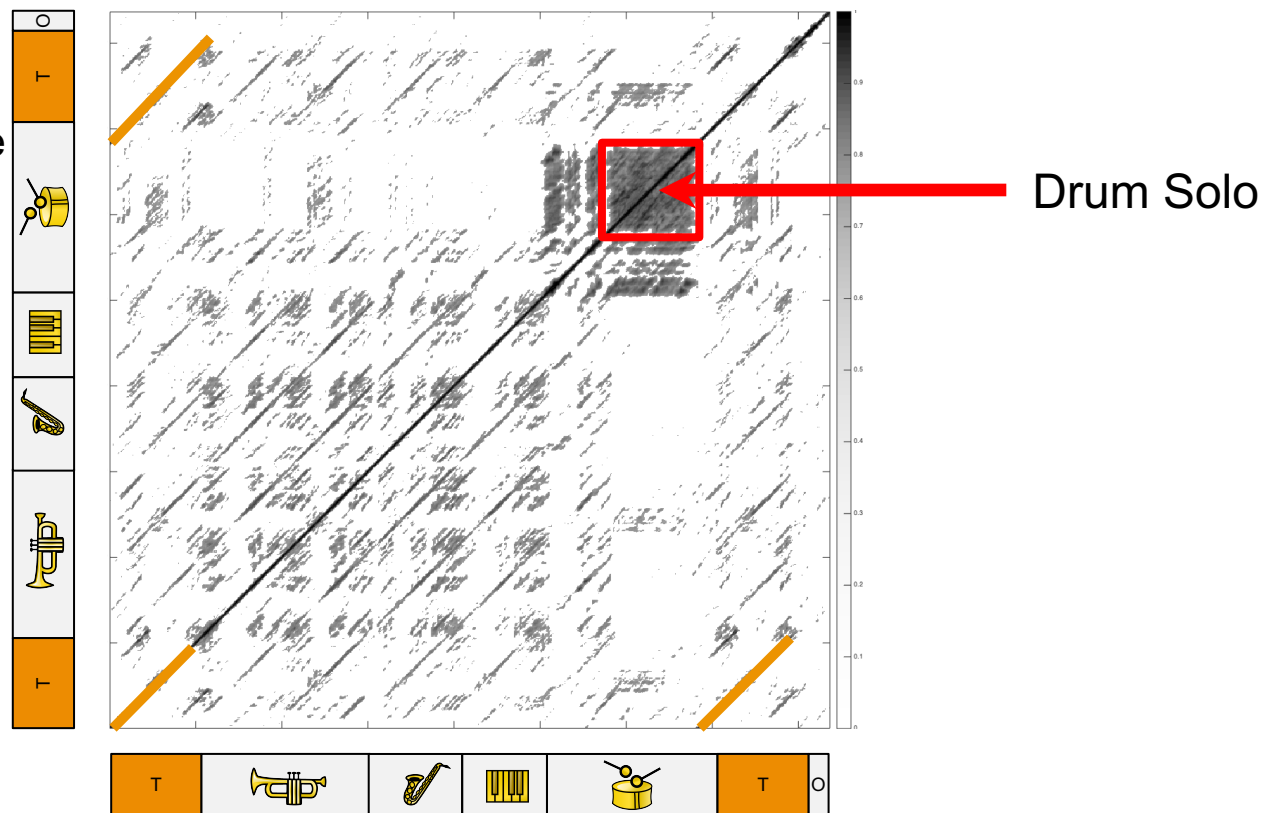
Idea (Foote):

Use checkerboard-like kernel function to detect corner points on main diagonal of SSM.

Self-Similarity Matrix

Chroma Features

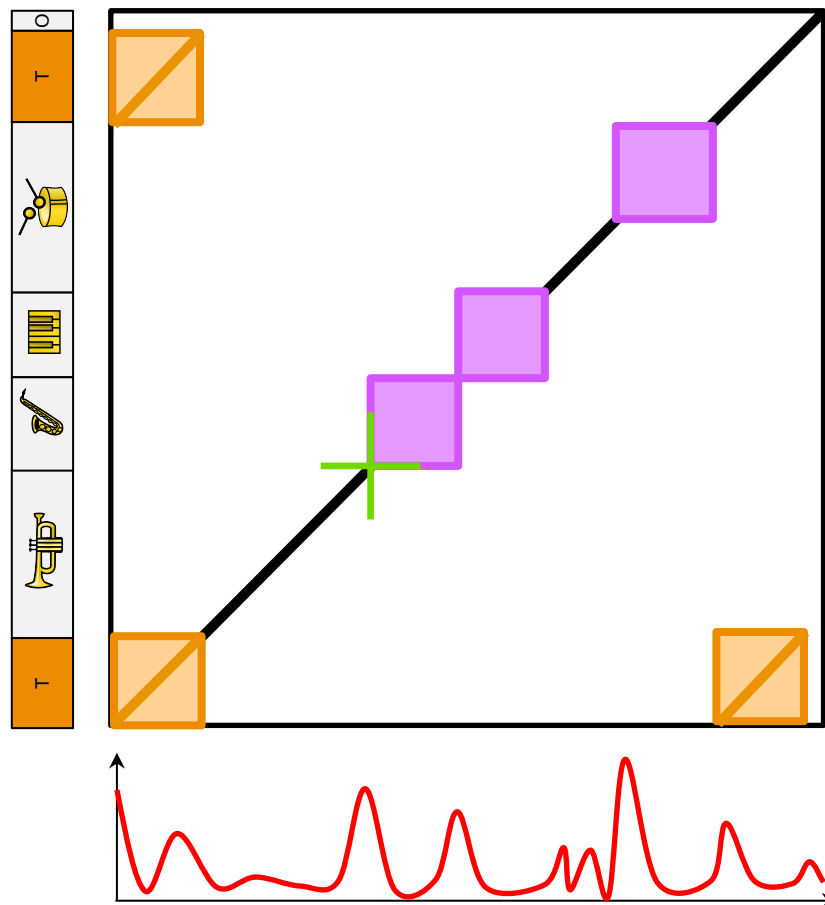
- Chroma instead of MFCC
- Repetitions result in path-like structures
- Head-In and Head-Out



Self-Similarity Matrix

Recap

- Repetitions:
Path-like structures
- Homogeneity:
Block-like structures
- Novelty:
Corners
- Features are important!

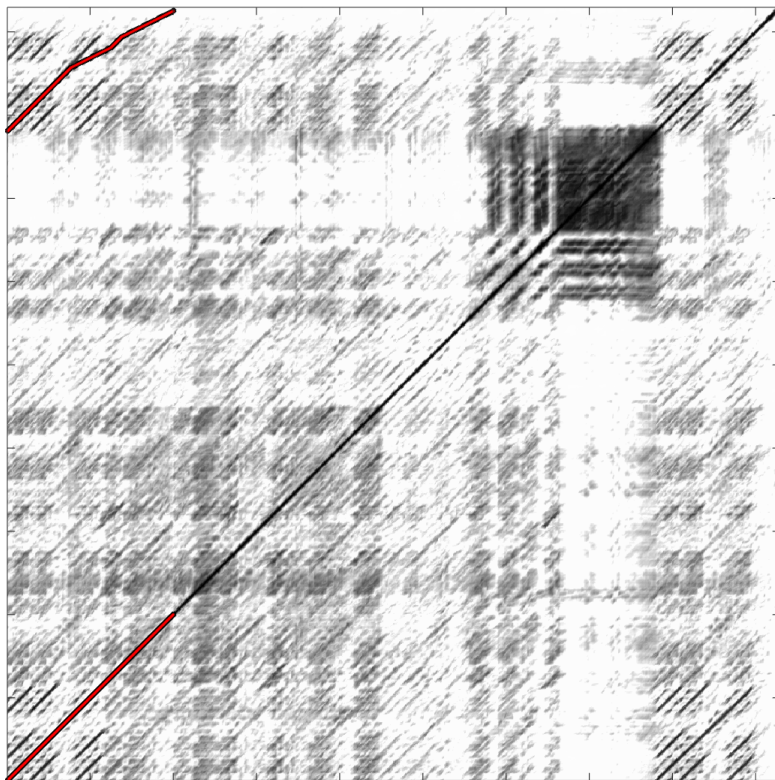


Preliminary Results

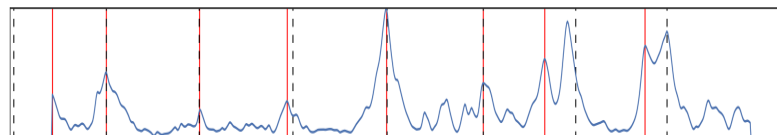
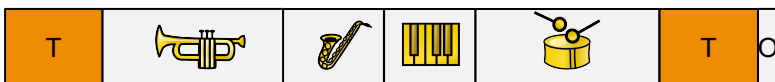
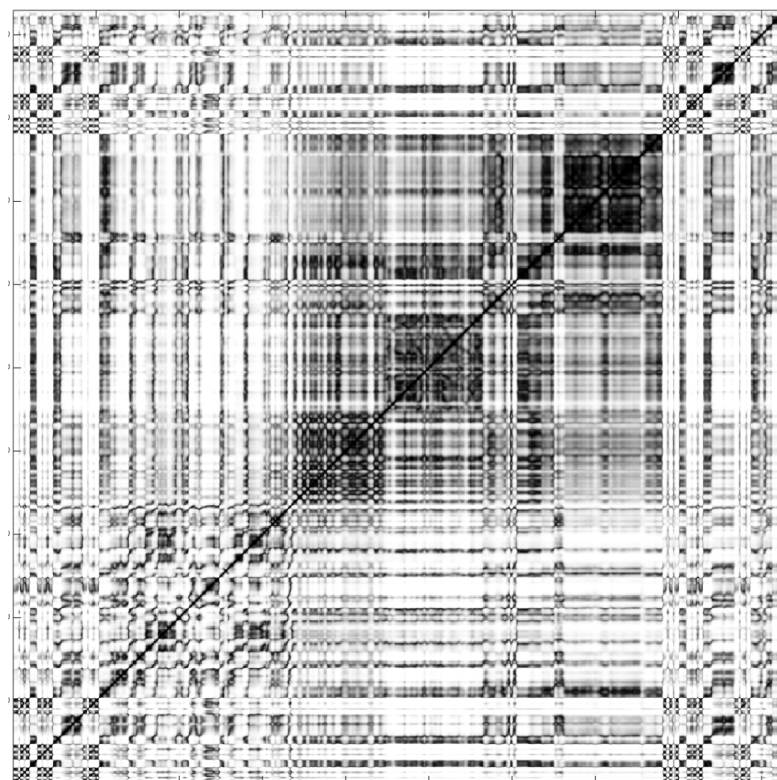
Clifford Brown – Jordu



Chroma



MFCC

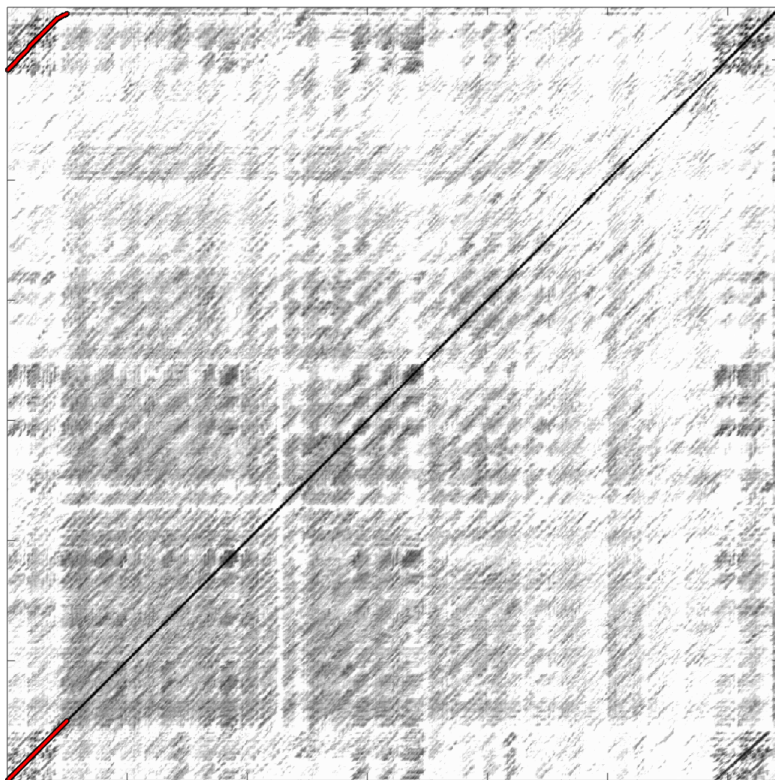


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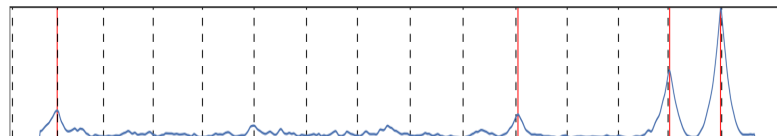
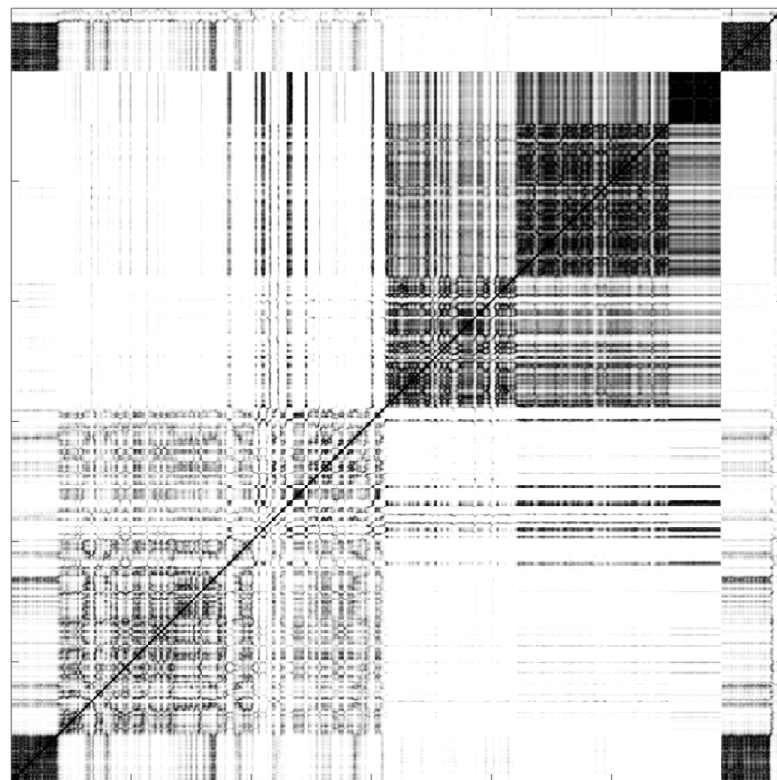
John Coltrane – Blue Trane



Chroma



MFCC

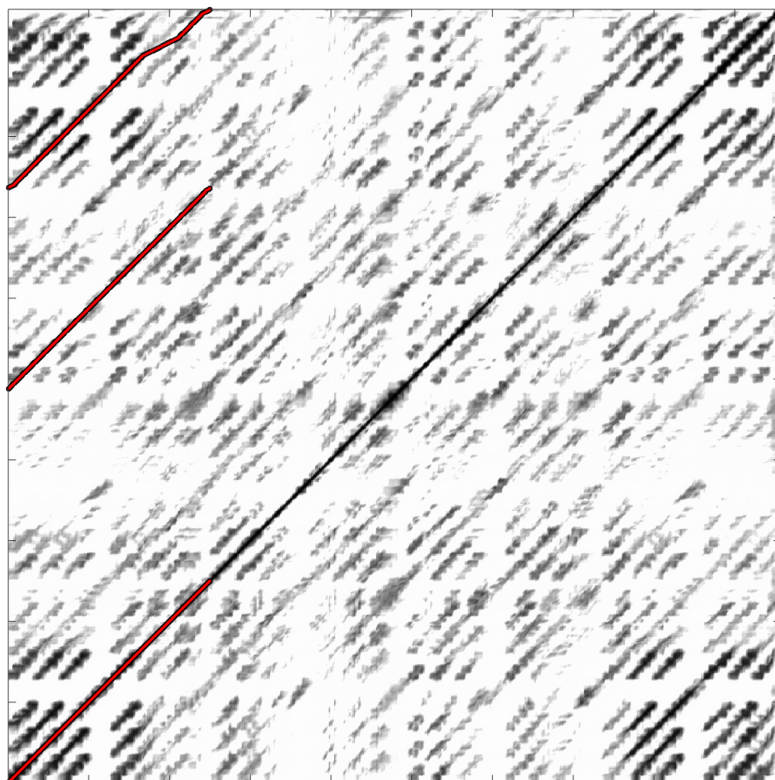


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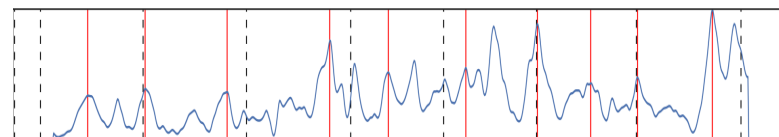
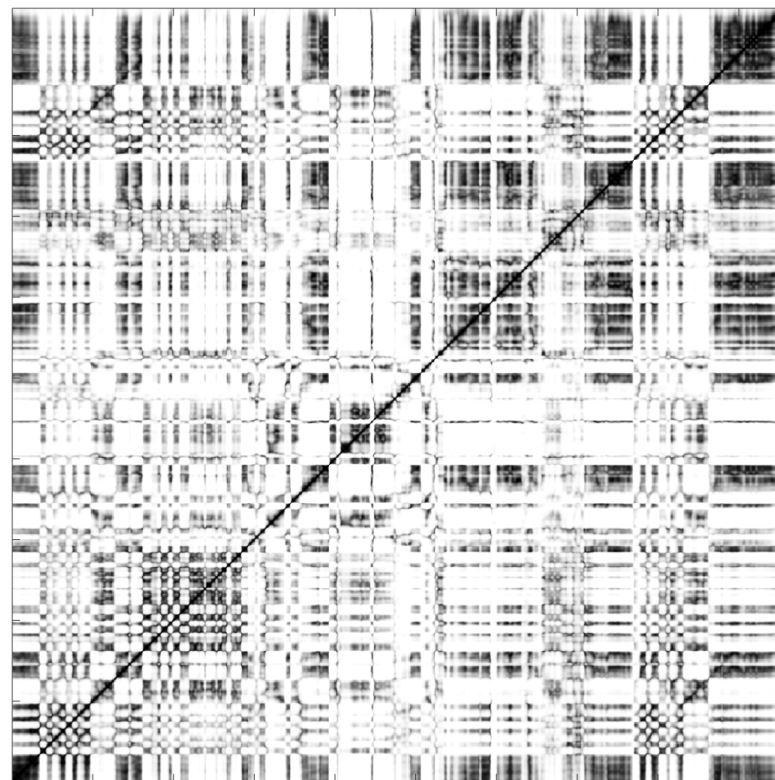
Herbie Hancock – Maiden Voyage



Chroma

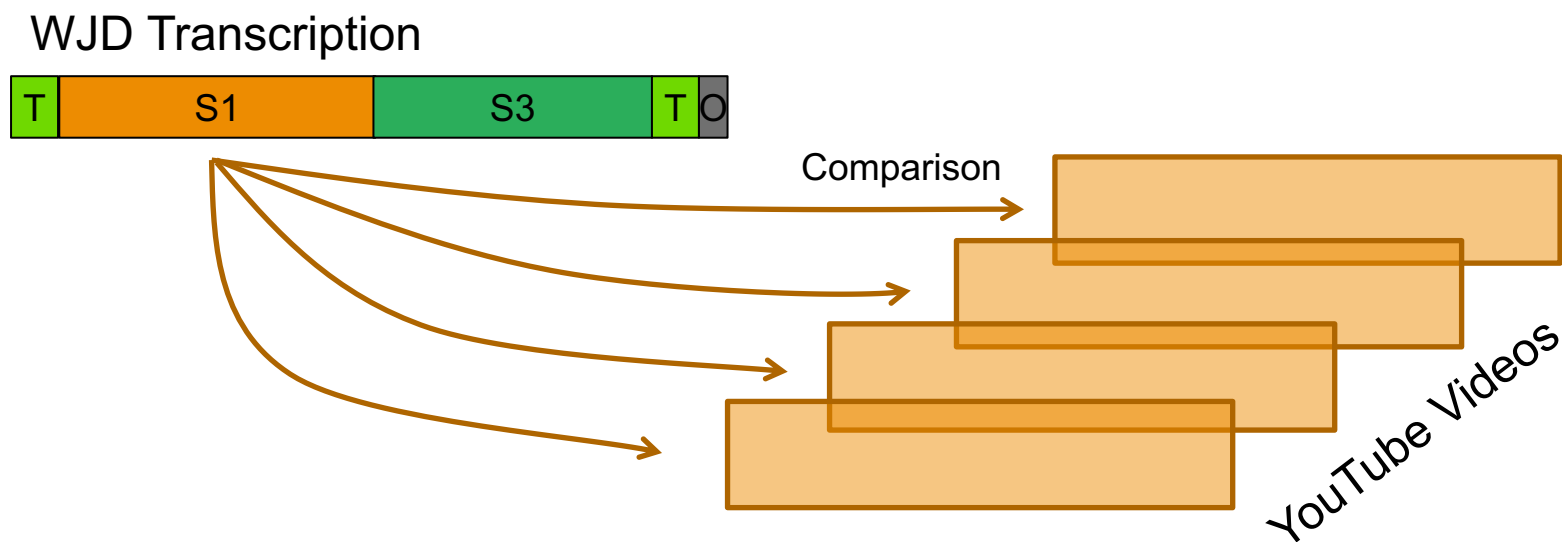


MFCC



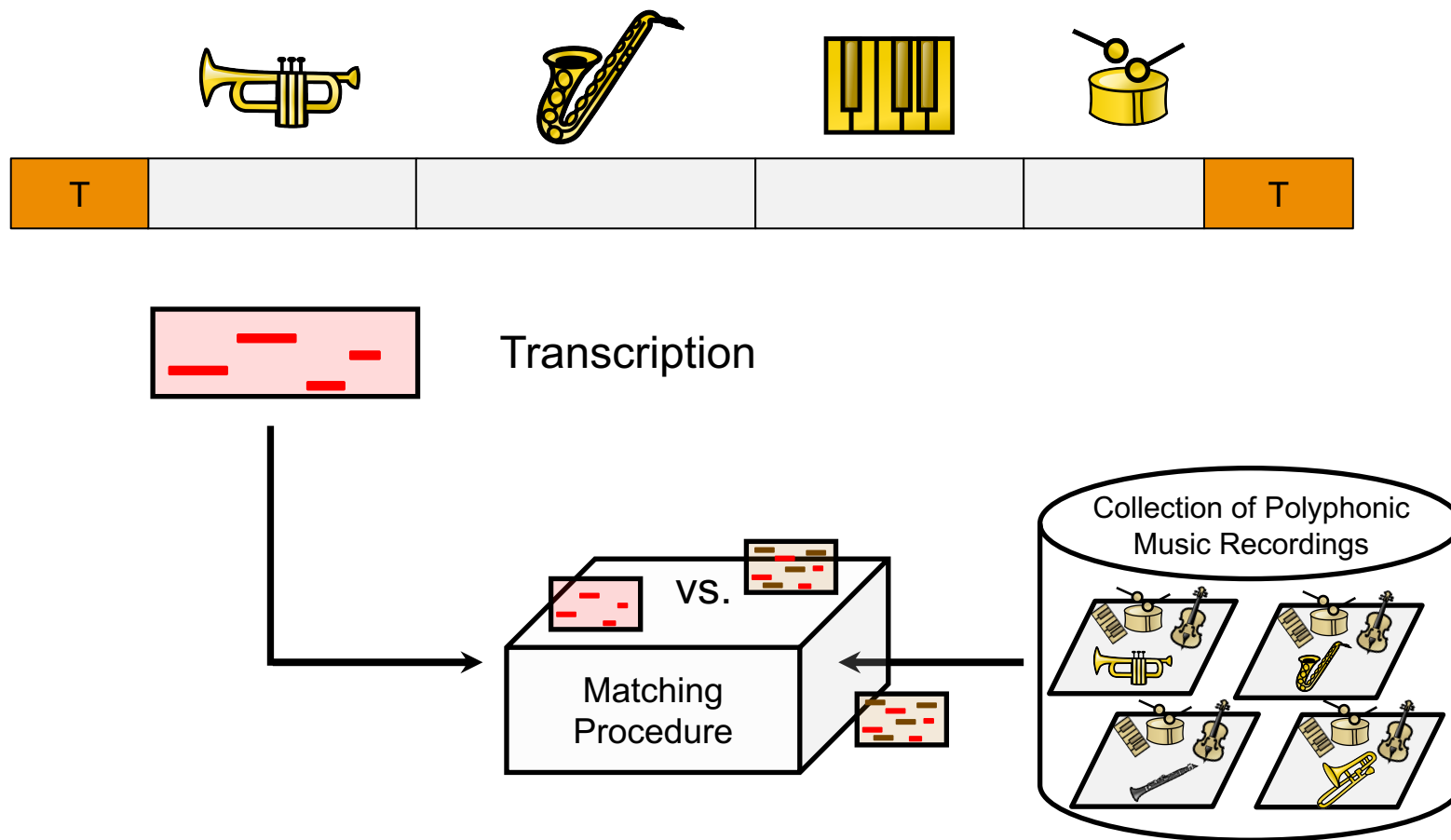
Retrieval Approach

- Motivation: Lots of Recordings are available on YouTube.
- Use Solo Transcriptions for Version Identification
- Possible Sources: YouTube, Soundcloud, etc.



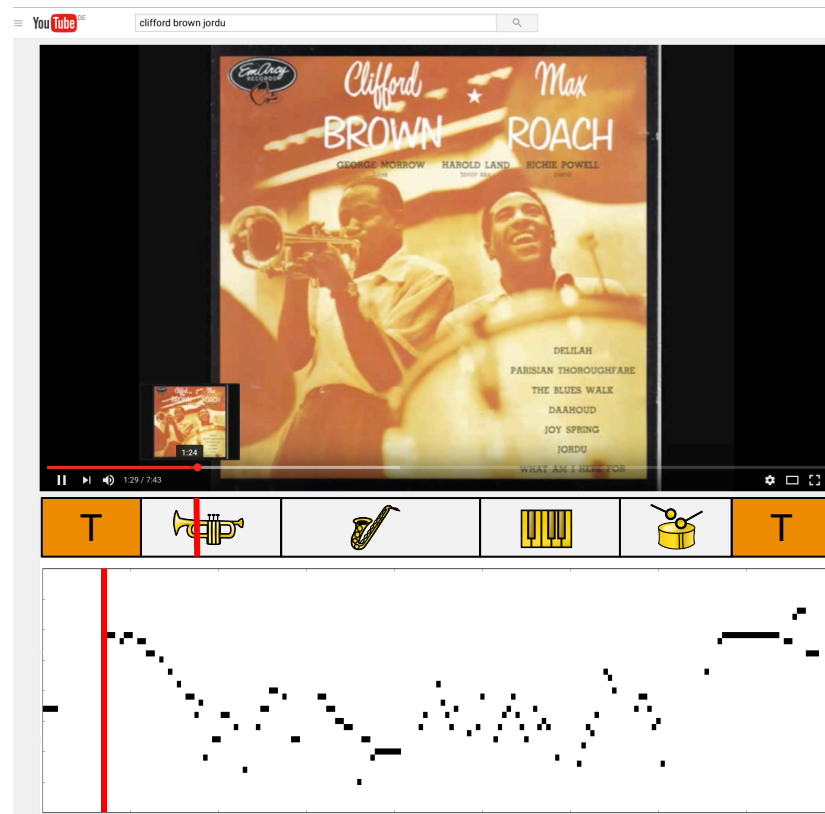
There's more than one way to bake a cake...

Retrieval Approach



Conclusions

- WJD contains very cool annotations!
- Additional song-centered annotations
- Enrich listening experience
- Annotations will be made available soon!



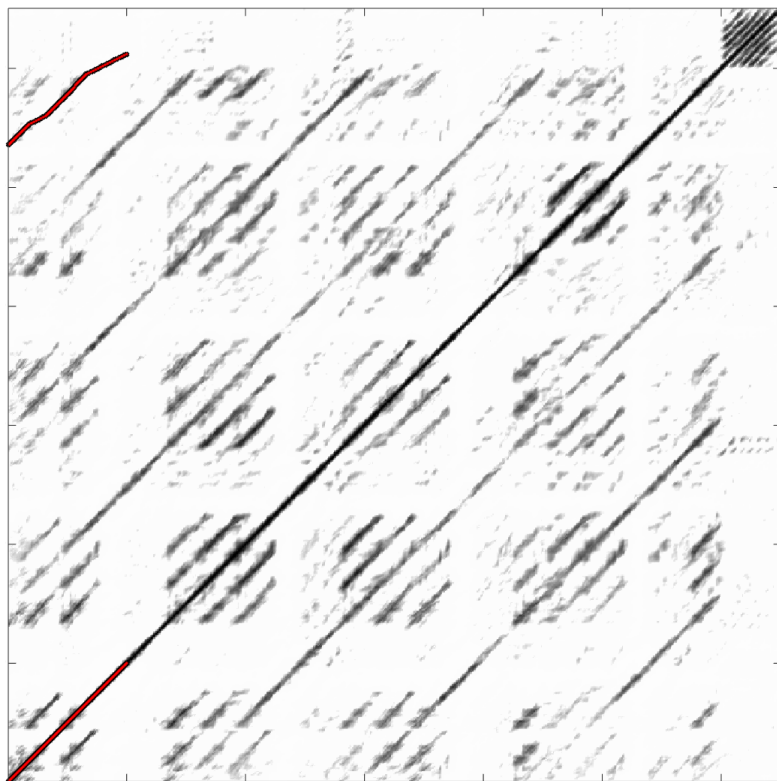
The image shows a YouTube video player interface. The video title is "clifford brown jordu". The album cover features Clifford Brown and Max Roach, with other musicians listed: George Morrow, Harold Land, and Richie Powell. The track list includes "Delilah", "Parisian Thoroughfare", "The Blues Walk", "Daahoud", "Joy Spring", "Jordu", and "What Am I Doing For". The video player has a progress bar at 1:29 / 7:43. Below the video, there is a navigation bar with icons for a text tool (T), a trumpet, a saxophone, a piano keyboard, a drum set, and another text tool (T). Below the navigation bar is a music visualization graph showing a waveform with a red vertical line indicating the current playback position.

Preliminary Results

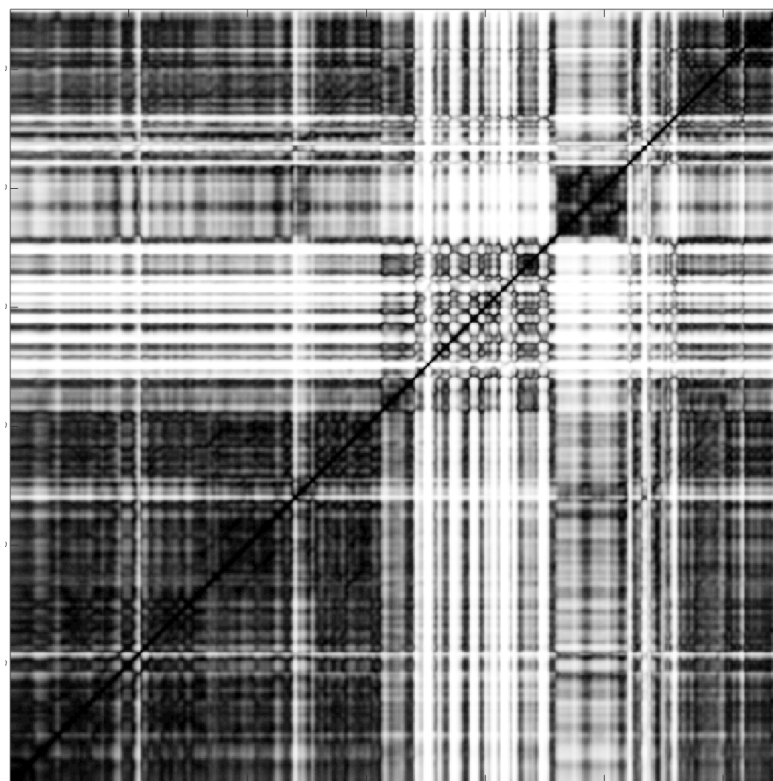
Stan Getz – The Girl from Ipanema



Chroma



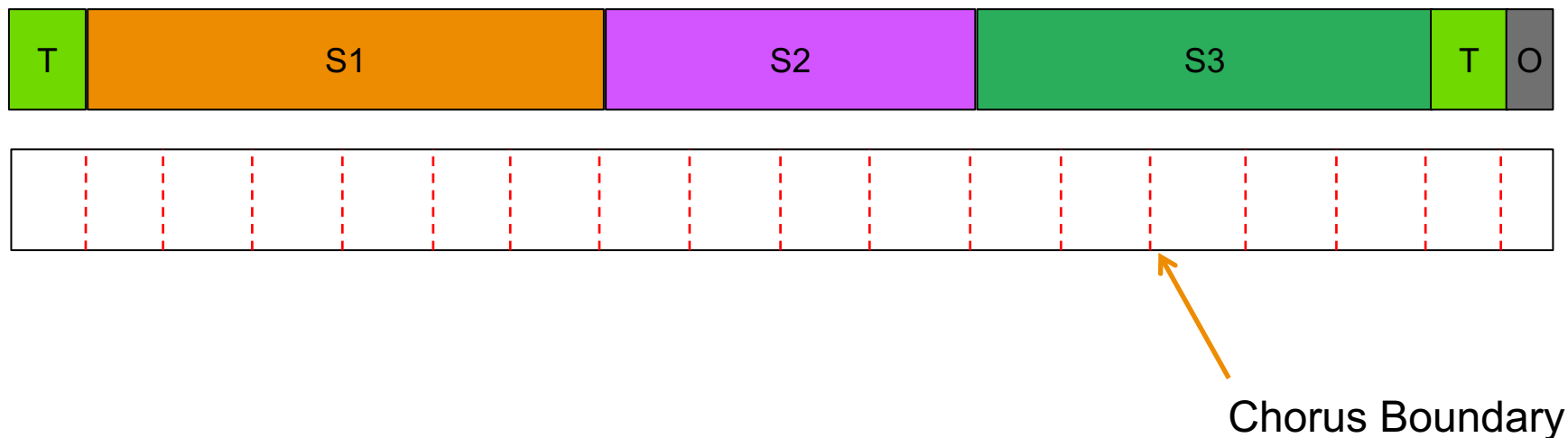
MFCC



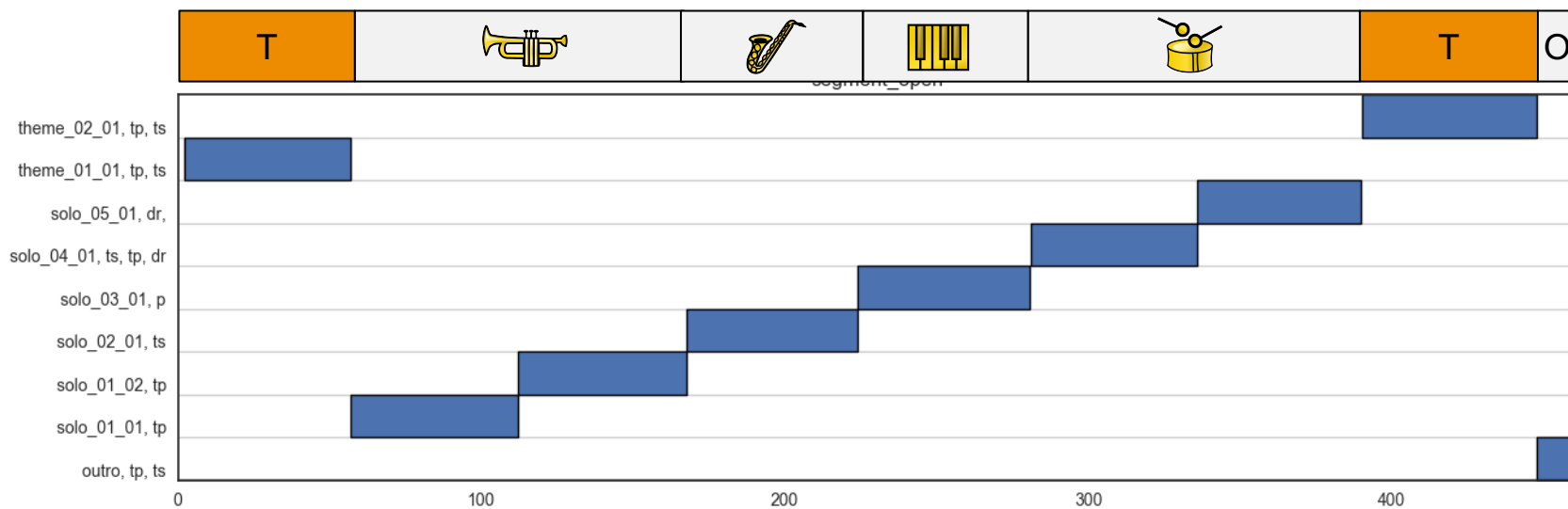
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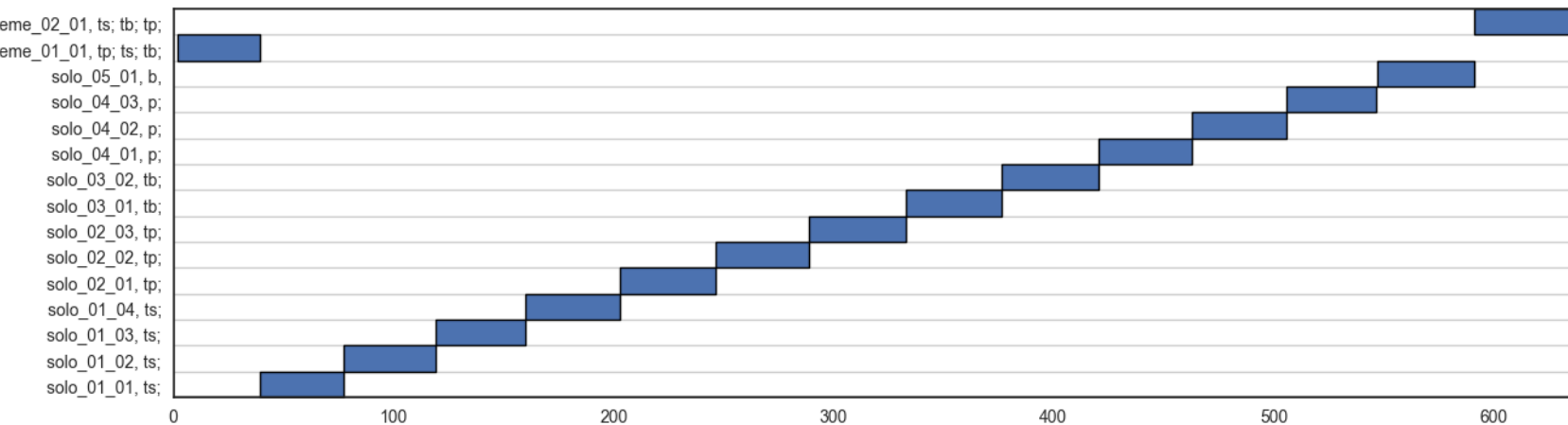
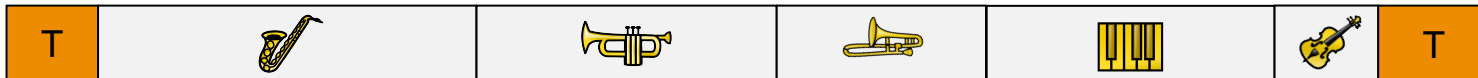
- Chroma:
 - CENS-21-5 (2 Hz feature rate)
- SSM:
 - Forward-backward smoothing
 - Tempo compensation (0.7 – 1.3, 5 steps)
- MFCC:
 - 10 coefficients (3 – 13)
 - 41 frames smoothing, 5 downsampling (2 Hz feature rate)
- Foote:
 - Kernel size: 100 frames (30 s)

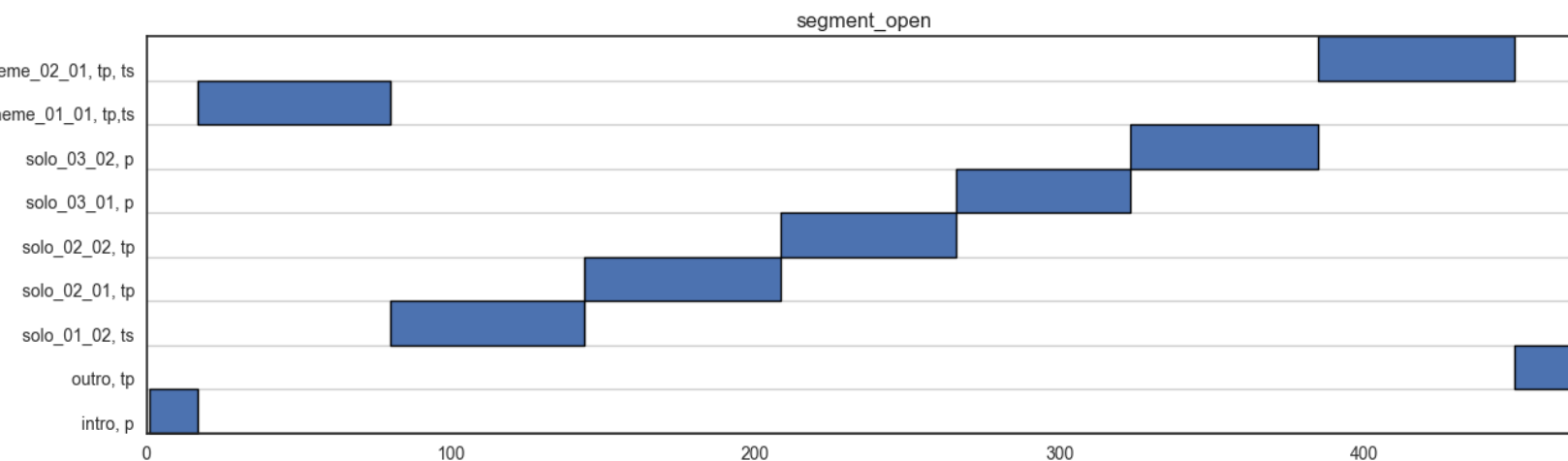
WJD – Modifications



- Establish “song-centric” view in database
- Use time axis as absolute reference
- Annotate chorus boundaries
- Annotate missing solo boundaries

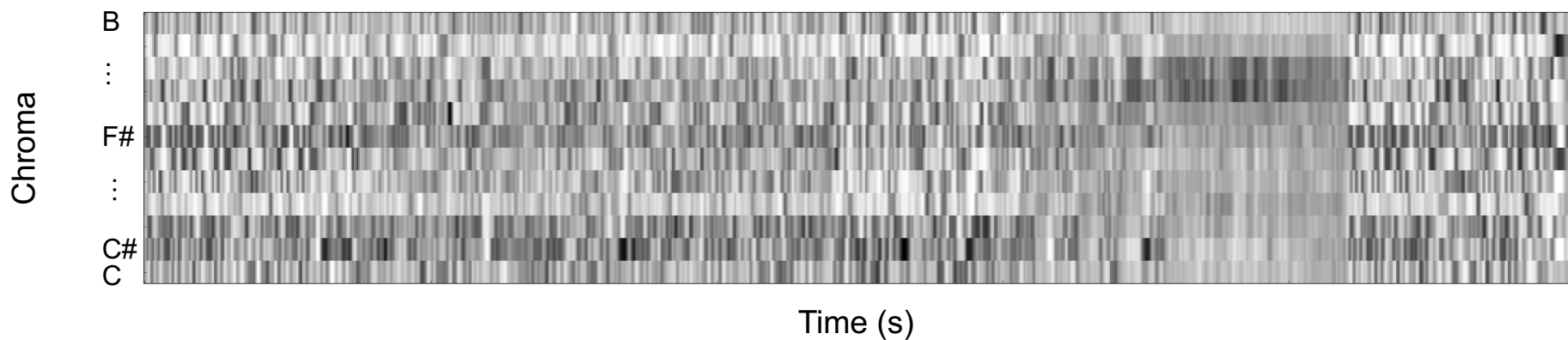






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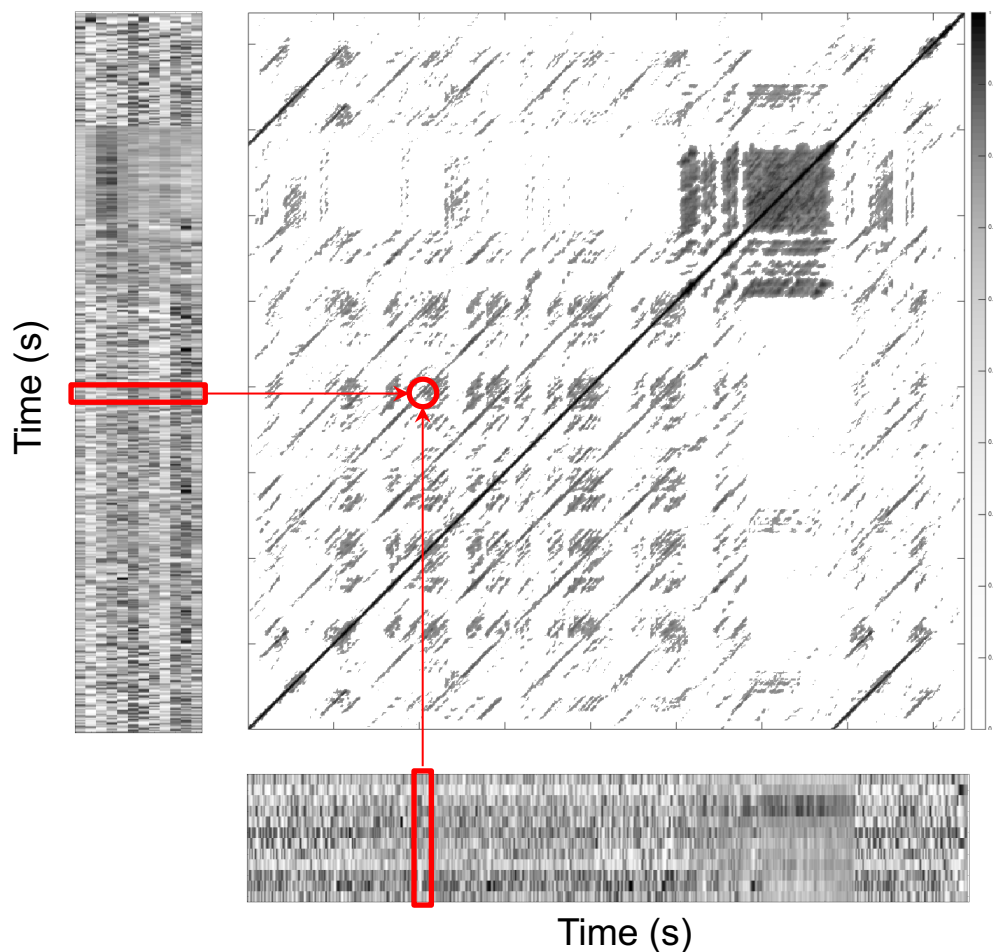
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- Chroma Feature correlate to the harmonic and melodic progressions.

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2. Step: Calculate Pairwise Similarity



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