

Learning with Music Signals: Technology Meets Education

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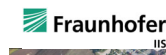
- Mathematics (Diplom/Master, 1997)
Computer Science (PhD, 2001)
Information Retrieval (Habilitation, 2007)
- Senior Researcher (2007-2012)
- Professor Semantic Audio Processing (since 2012)
- Former President of the International Society for Music Information Retrieval (MIR)
- IEEE Fellow for contributions to Music Signal Processing

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- Johannes Zeitler
- Peter Meier
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- Uli Berendes
- Ching-Yu Chiu (Sunny)
- Vlora Arifi-Müller
- Stefan Balke
- Yigitcan Ozer
- Michael Krause
- Christof Weiß
- Sebastian Rosenzweig
- Frank Zalkow
- Hendrik Schreiber
- Christian Dittmar
- Stefan Balke
- Jonathan Driedger
- Thomas Prätzlich
- ...



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- Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits IIS
- Largest Fraunhofer institute with ≈ 1000 members
- Applied research for sensor, audio, and media technology

- Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)
- One of Germany's largest universities with ≈ 40,000 students
- Strong Technical Faculty

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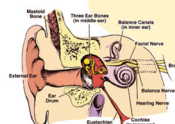
Audio Coding



3D Audio



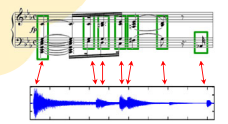
Audio



Psychoacoustics



Internet of Things



Music Processing

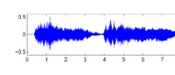


Music Information Retrieval (MIR)

Sheet Music (Image)



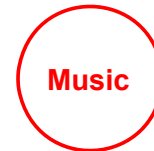
CD / MP3 (Audio)



MusicXML (Text)

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Dance / Motion (Mocap)



MIDI



Singing / Voice (Audio)



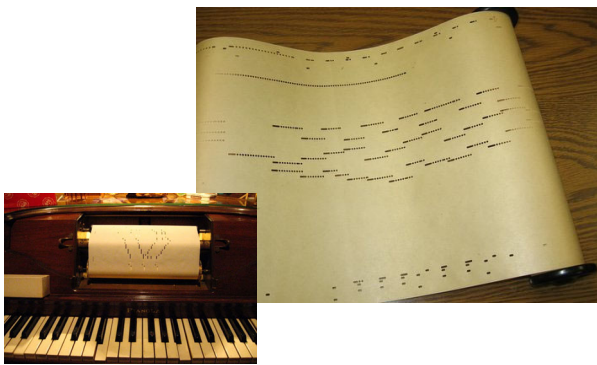
Music Film (Video)



Music Literature (Text)

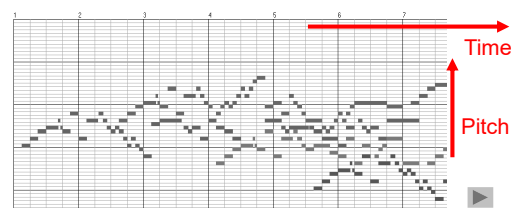


Piano Roll Representation (1900)



Piano Roll Representation

J.S. Bach, C-Major Fuge
(Well Tempered Piano, BWV 846)

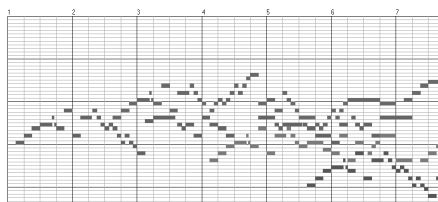


Piano Roll Representation

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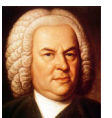


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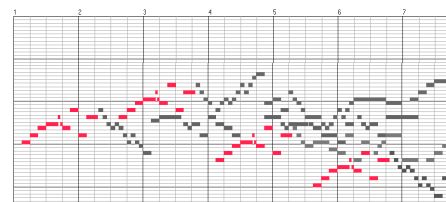
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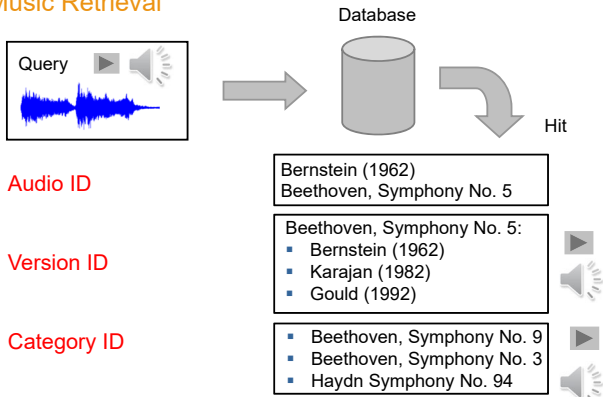


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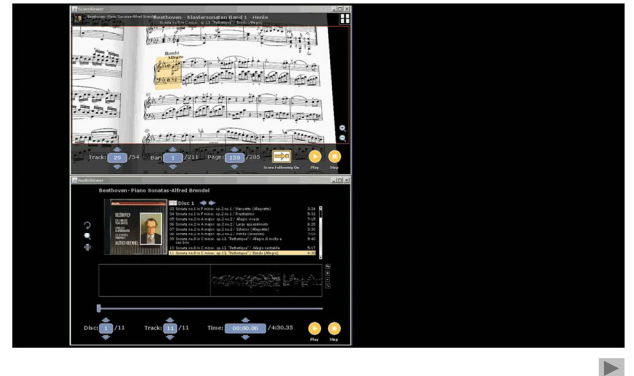
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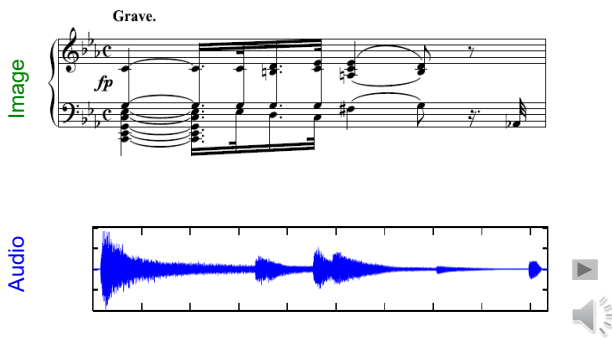
Music Retrieval



Music Synchronization

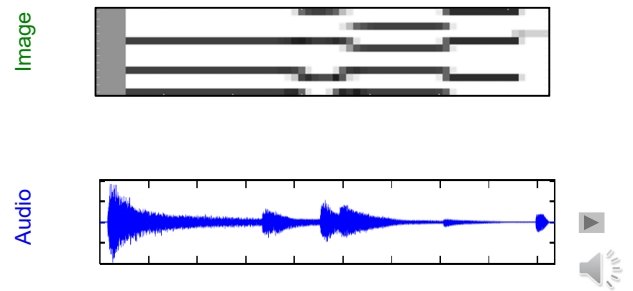


Music Synchronization: Image-Audio



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Image Processing: Optical Music Recognition



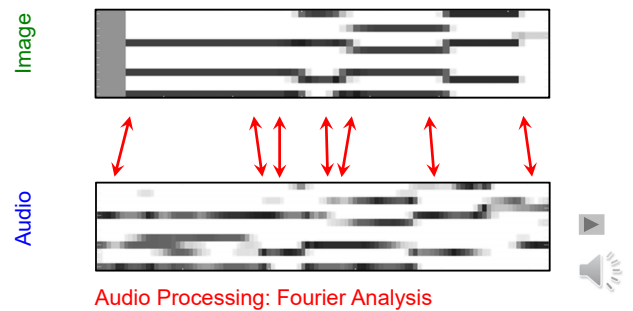
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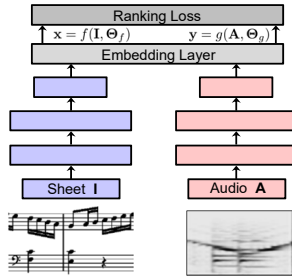


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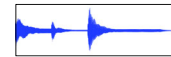


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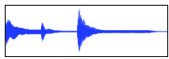
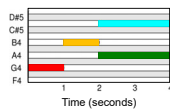


- Deep learning
- Embedding techniques
- Weak annotations
- Loss functions
- ...

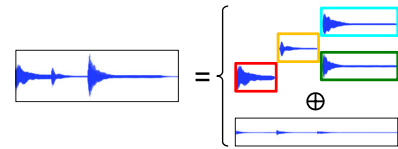
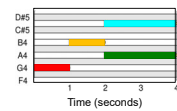
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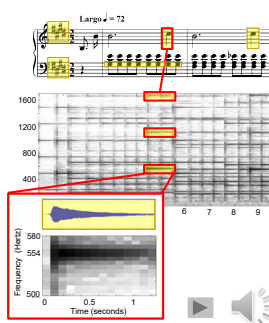
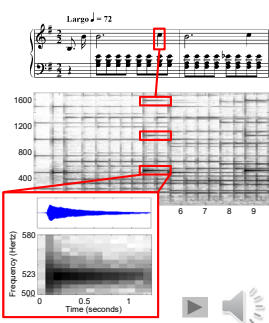
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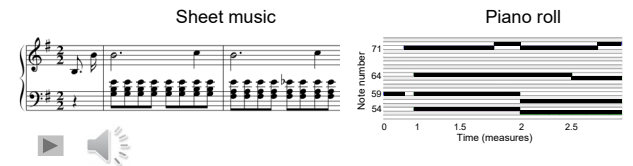
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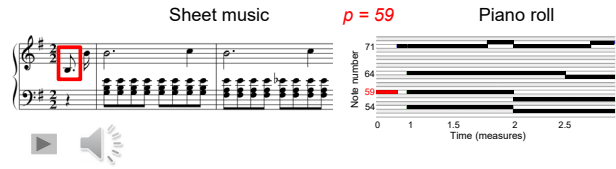
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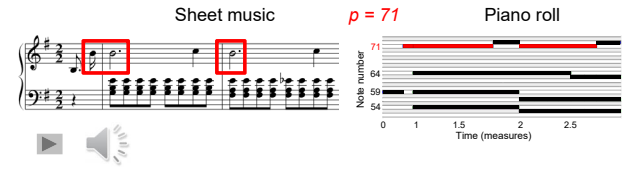
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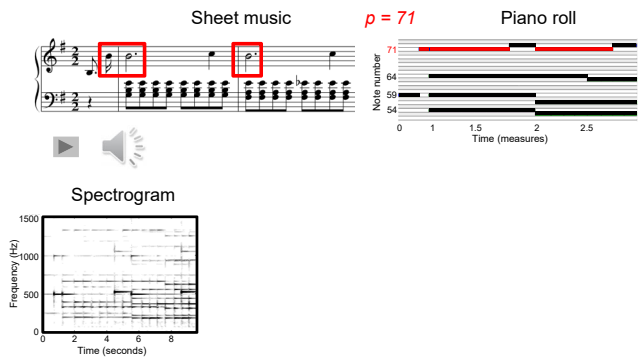
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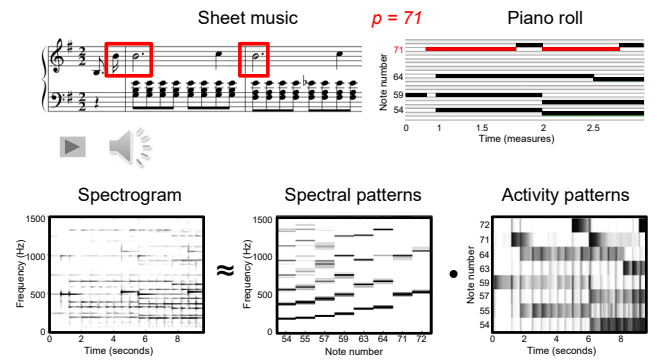
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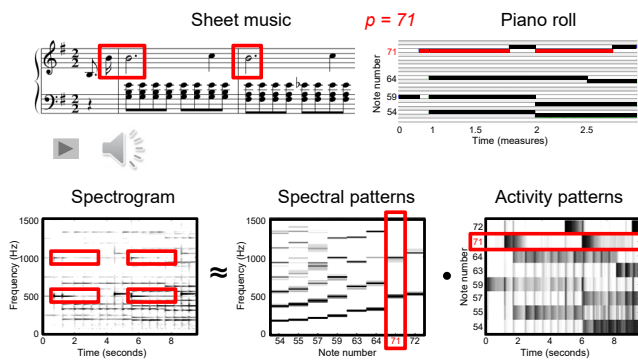
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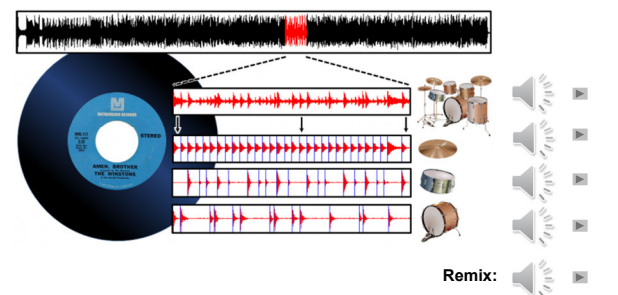


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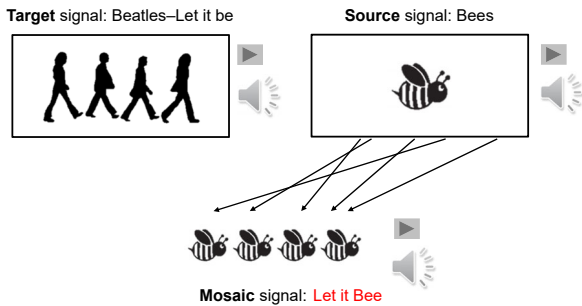
Score-Informed Audio Decomposition

Informed Drum-Sound Decomposition



Score-Informed Audio Decomposition

Audio mosaicing (style transfer)



Why is Music Processing Challenging?

Example: Chopin, Mazurka Op. 63 No. 3

Mazurka.

F. CHOPIN, Op. 63, No. 3

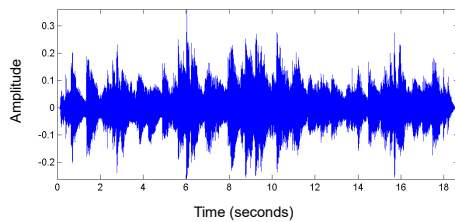
Allegretto.

41. *p*

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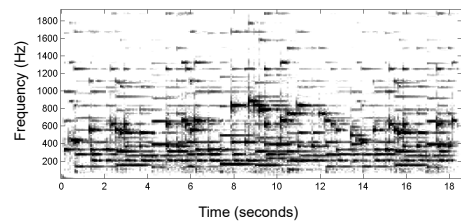
- Waveform



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- Performance

- Tempo
- Dynamics
- Note deviations
- Sustain pedal

■ Main Melody
■ Additional melody line
■ Accompaniment

- Polyphony

Source Separation

- Decomposition of audio stream into different sound sources
- Central task in digital signal processing
- “Cocktail party effect”

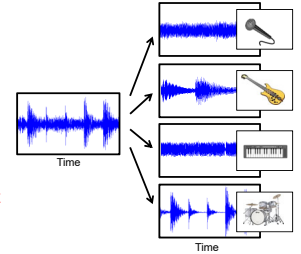


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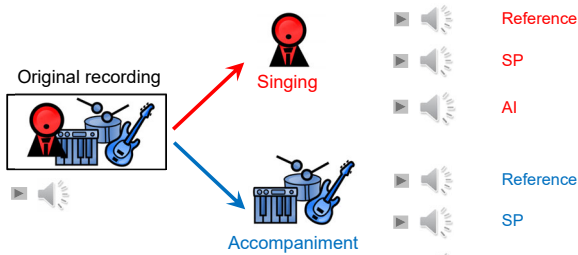
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- Several input signals
- Sources are assumed to be statistically independent

Source Separation (Music)

- Main melody, accompaniment, drum track
- Instrumental voices
- Individual note events
- Only mono or stereo
- Sources are often highly dependent



AI-Based Source Separation



- Reference: Best possible result
- SP: Using traditional signal processing
- AI: Using data-driven approach

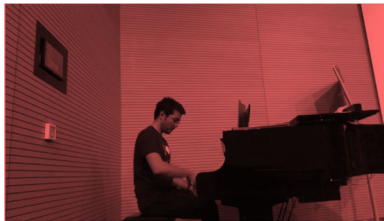
AI-Based Source Separation

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Only Piano!



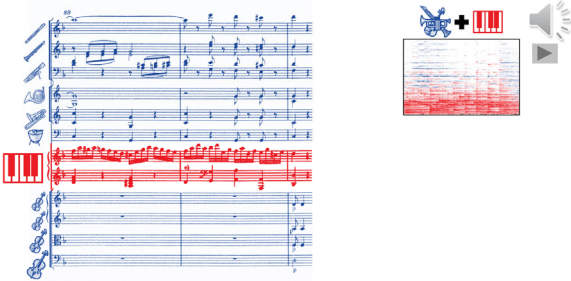
Where is the orchestra?



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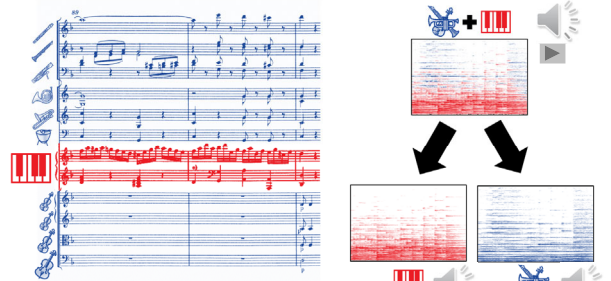
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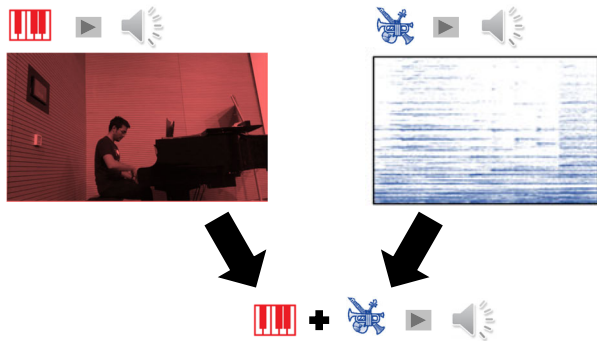
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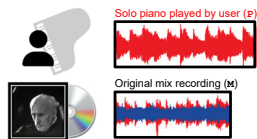
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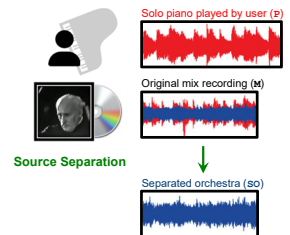
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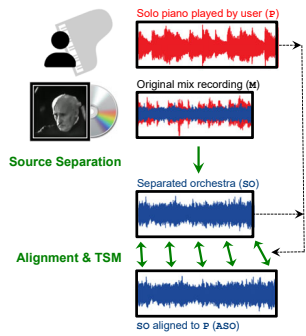
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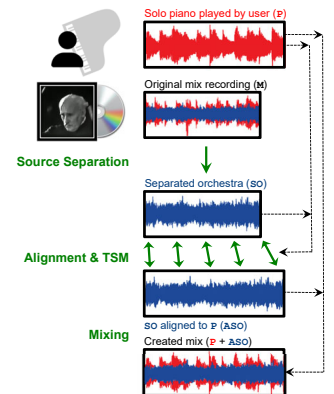
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- Align to the solo performance



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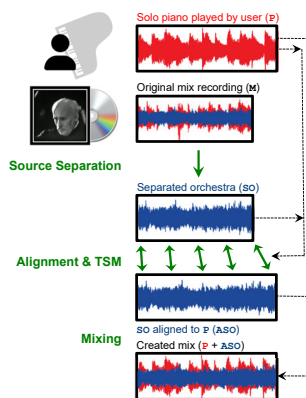
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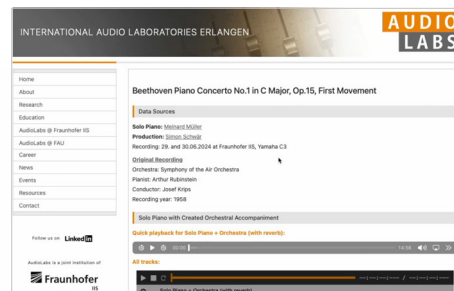
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Make lonely pianist happy with
"Berliner Philharmoniker"

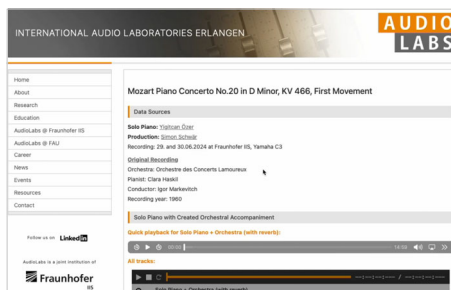
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Beethoven: Piano
Concerto No. 1
Lonely pianist:
Meinard Müller
Recording (1958):
Symphony of the Air
Orchestra

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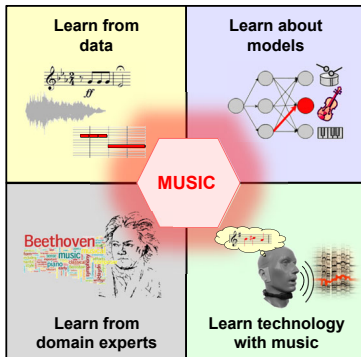
Mozart: Piano
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AI-Based Source Separation

- Understanding modern machine learning techniques
- Critical questioning of artificial intelligence (AI) concepts
- Developing explainable AI models
- Educating next generation of scientists
- ...

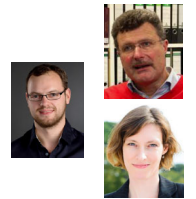
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- Machine learning for music signal processing
- Interpretable models and knowledge integration
- Music understanding and applications
- Interactive learning in engineering through music

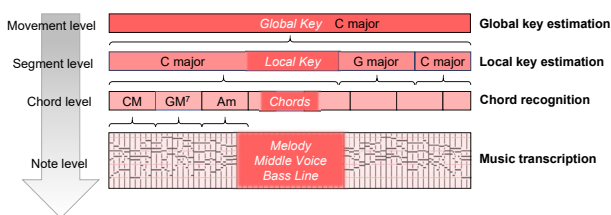
Computational Musicology

- Cooperation:
 - Rainer Kleinertz (Saarbrücken)
 - Stephanie Klauk (Saarbrücken)
 - Christof Weiß (Würzburg)
- Objectives
 - Harmony-based structural analysis
 - Beethoven Sonatas & Wagner's Ring
 - Interdisciplinary dialogue
- Since 2014: DFG-funded project



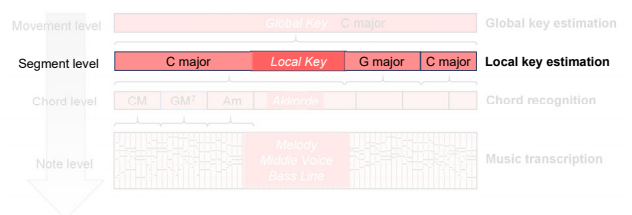
Computational Musicology: Harmony Analysis

- Different concepts
- Different temporal levels



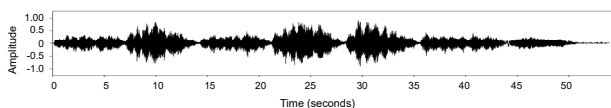
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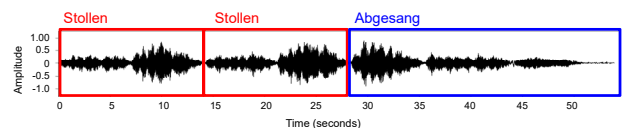
Local Key Estimation

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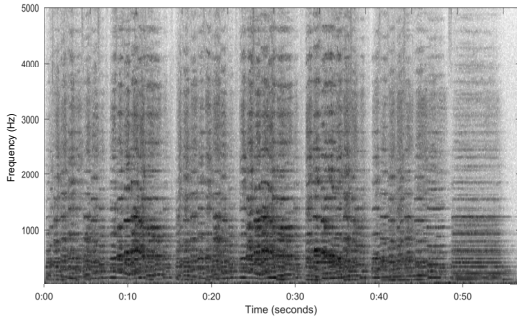
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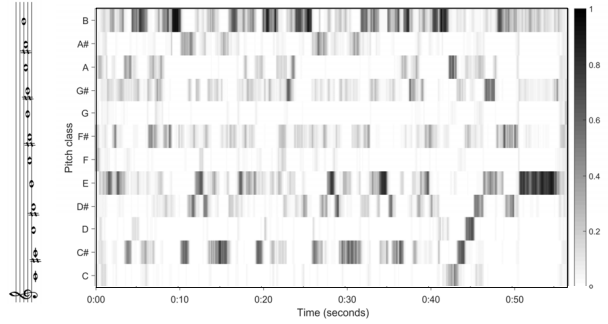
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Spectrogram



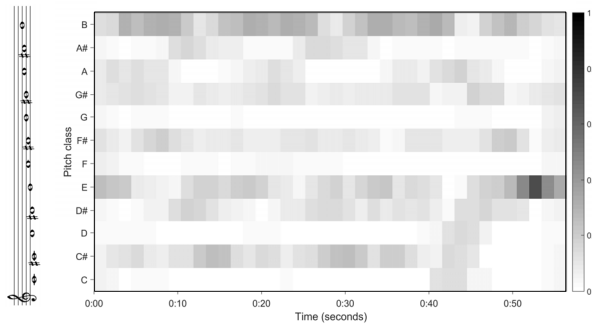
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Chromagram



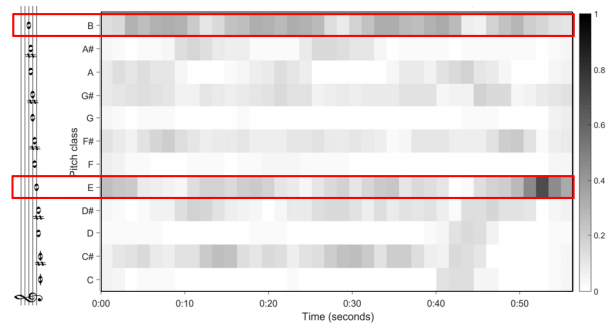
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Chromagram after smoothing



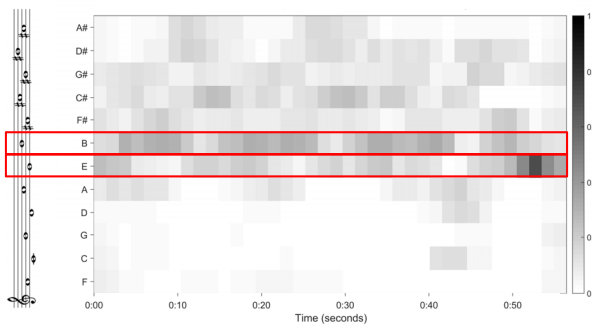
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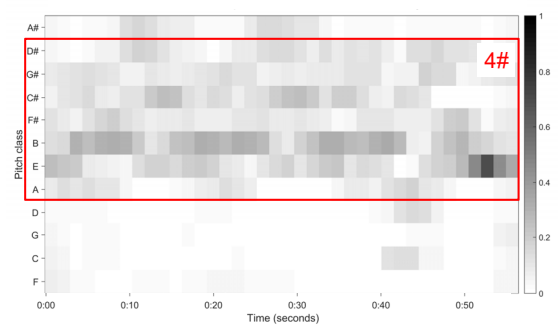
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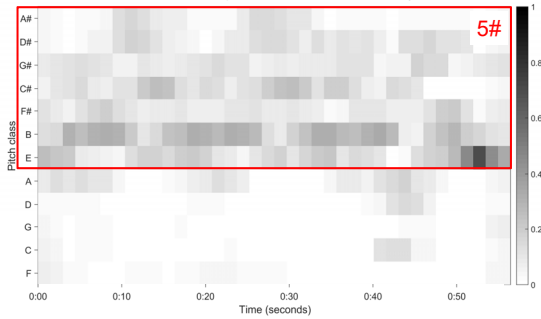
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Summarize pitch class content according to **diatonic scales**



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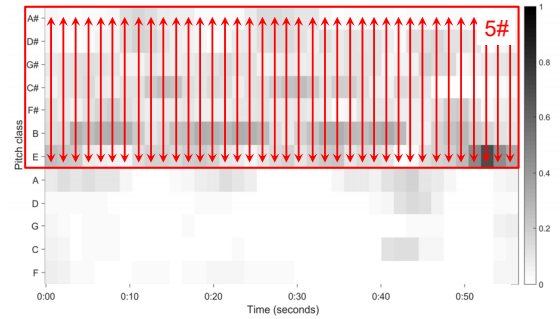
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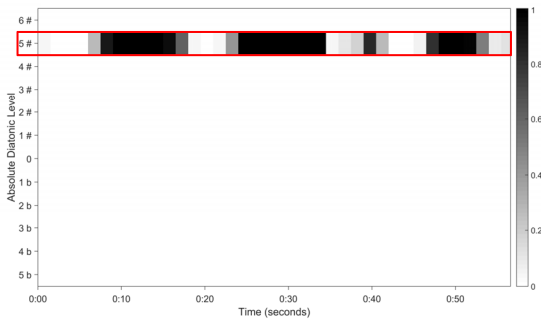
Multiply chroma values (in each column)



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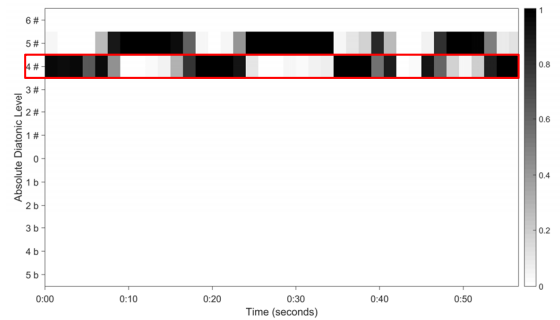
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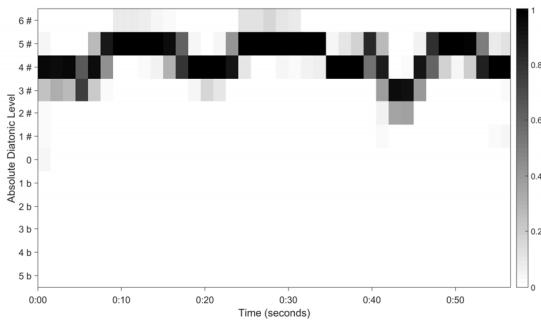
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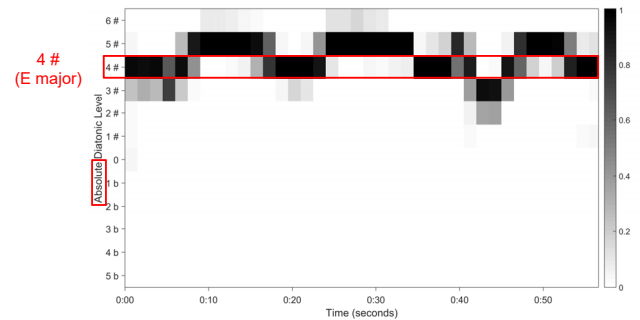
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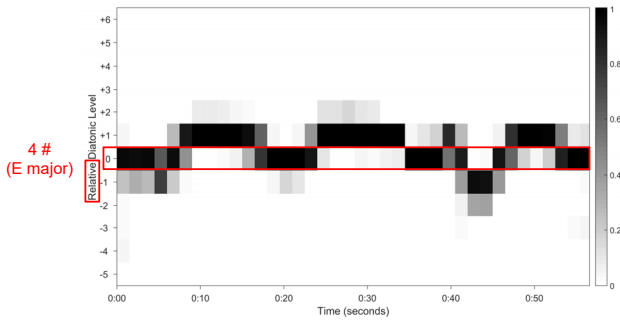
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Normalize representation relative to **global key**



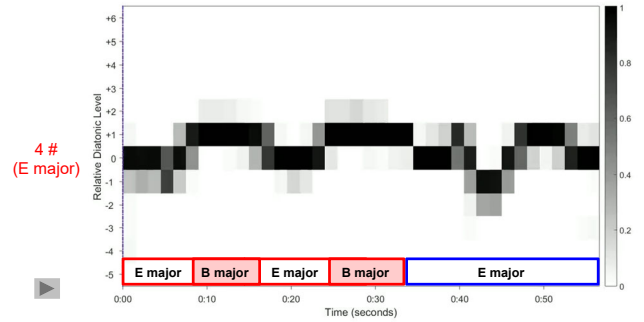
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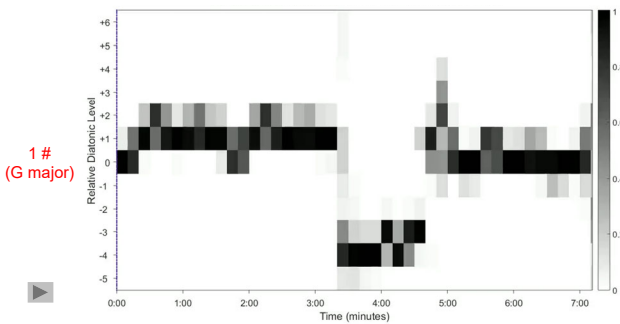
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J.S. Bach: Choral "Durch Dein Gefängnis" (*Johannespassion*)
Recording: Scholars Baroque Ensemble, Naxos 1994



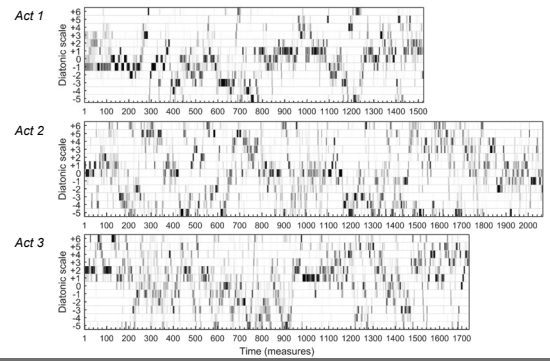
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L. v. Beethoven: Piano Sonata No. 10 (Op. 14 Nr. 2), 1. Allegro
Recording: Barenboim, EMI 1998



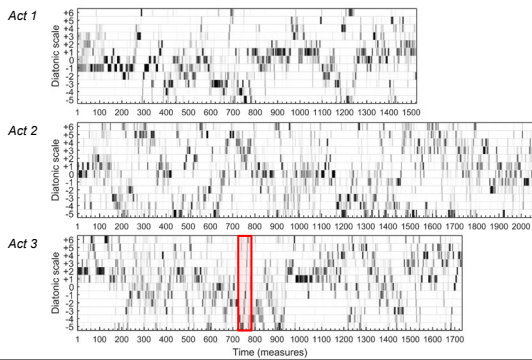
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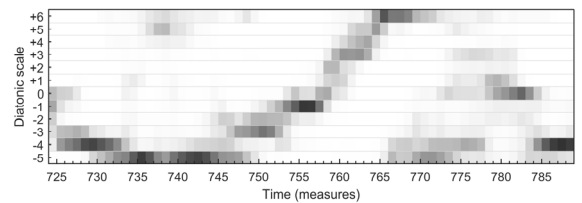
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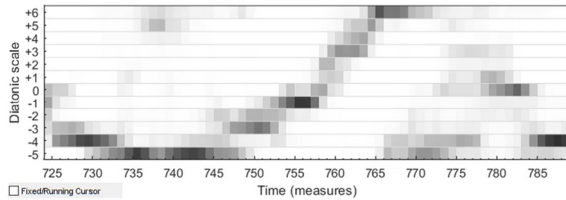
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Act 3, measure 724–789 (*Wotan's punishment*)



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Computational Ethnomusicology: Traditional Georgian Vocal Music

- Interdisciplinary research project
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 - Dr. Nana Mzhavanadze (Tbilisi)
 - Sebastian Rosenzweig (FAU)

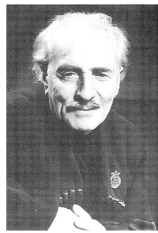


- Objective: Tonal analysis
- 2018 – 2022: DFG-funded project

Traditional Georgian Vocal Music

Example: Erkomaishvili corpus

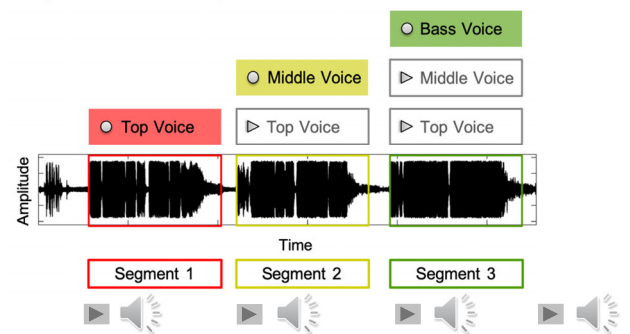
- Collection of traditional three-voice Georgian songs
- Performed by the former Georgian master chanter Artem Erkomaishvili (1887-1967)
- Recordings of 100 songs using tape recorders (1966)



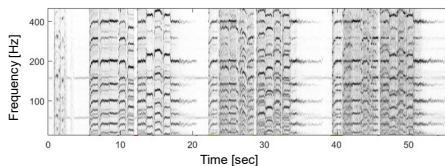
"Original masterpieces of Georgian musical thinking." (Shugliashvili, 2014)

Traditional Georgian Vocal Music

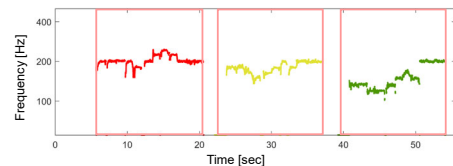
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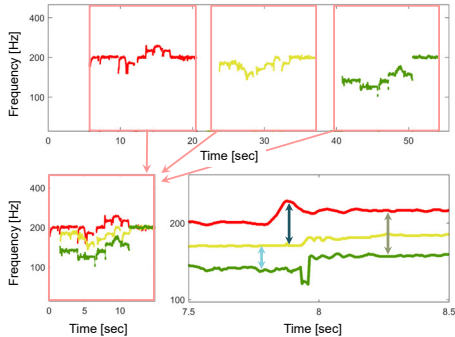
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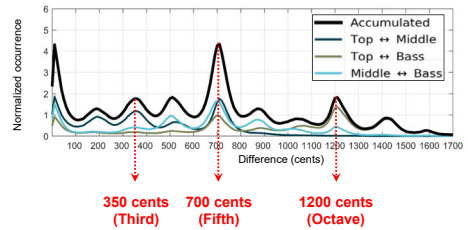
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- Peak at 350 cents (between minor and major third)
- Non-western temperament

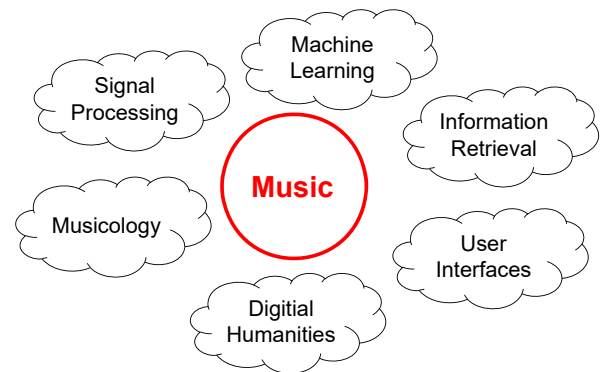
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- Recordings from field expedition in 2016
- 216 performances
- Multitrack audio + video
 - Room, HSM, LRX
- Total duration: 6 h

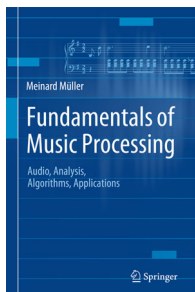


Room
Microphone

Music Information Retrieval (MIR)



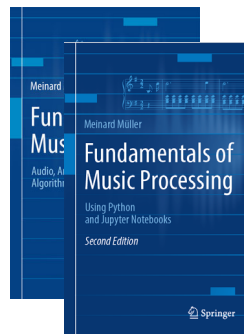
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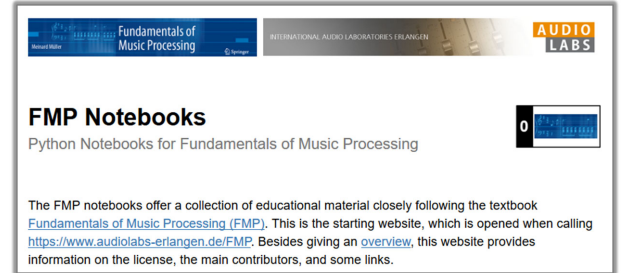
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