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#### Major concerns:

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1. The authors describe the figures in the main body of the text in a way that makes the text and figures redundant. The authors should either remove the figures or they should provide a general description of the clusters, instead of providing an overly detailed description.
    - Thank you for this comment! This comment helped us to streamline the results sections of all three experiments. We have removed much of the description, so that the resulting text is much more concise and focuses on the “big picture” so that readers can focus on the figures for the detail, which we hope is more intuitive.
  2. There are many places in the document that words should be separated by a space or there are redundancies in words used. The authors should pay close attention to these typos and fix them.
    - This was an artifact of conversion between pdf and word that we thought we had addressed in the initial draft. Thank you for pointing this out, it has been fixed.
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### Reviewer 3

#### Major concerns:

1. Participants. Demographic information should be included about the participants, such as average age, gender, years of musical experience, language(s) spoken, etc. Minimally, this information could be represented in a chart in the supplemental material section. The recruiting methods, with an emphasis on UT undergraduates in Experiment 2, could lead to participants who differ in more ways than musical expertise across the two experiments.
  - Thank you for pointing this out. It was not our intention to be overly discreet with our participant demographics. We have added a table (Table 2) that includes much of this information. We also ran a separate analysis that included all participants who took the English language survey, including the participants who were originally excluded as a third group, that did not show any significant differences between the groups of English speakers. This plot (MDS) is included in the supplementary materials.

The participant loss should be addressed. In Exp. 1, only 27 of the 84 responses were included. In Exp. 2, only 278 of the original 520 were included after removing incomplete surveys and individuals who reported a nationality other than American (or an American-other nationality compound). The choice to include only complete surveys is a valid one, but the large number of participants who were not included should be mentioned in the discussion. What does this data loss tell us about on-line data collection?

- This is another excellent point. We apologize for our initial lack of clarity on how attrition affected our study. We intended to include this in the initial draft and we recognize that we were not as clear as we could have been. We have added more discussion of this specific issue in the general discussion under the limitations section. We hope that this addition is satisfactory.
2. The tasks in Exp. 1 and Exp. 2 are different and are performed by different populations. Please give stronger justification for directly comparing these results in Exp. 3. Is there literature

supporting this type of combination? How might experienced musicians perform on Exp. 2? Would they be expected to use the adjectives in a similar way?

- We apologize again for not being as clear as possible with the justification for Experiment 3. We included a new subsection under experiment 3 ("Justification") that we believe addresses these specific concerns. We have included a reference to Bigand and Poulin-Charronnat (2006), which suggests that experienced musicians and nonmusicians would not be expected to differ on the task in Experiment 2. Also, we appreciate you calling to our attention that we were unclear about the lack of group differences by musical training in experiment 2, which we mention in the results section of experiment two. We have also added a comment about that in the general discussion.
3. The methods of analysis are well described, beginning on p. 7. Although each analysis contributes a specific aspect or view of the data, it is not clear why so many methods are needed. Do some analyses offer a better picture, while other analyses contribute less to answering the initial research questions? It is worth emphasizing the contribution of each and why each is needed.
- Thank you for this comment! This helped us guide our writing in the new section under the general discussion ("Why these methods?") which we feel addresses these specific questions.

Minor concerns:

1. It appears that only the American undergraduate students were compensated by being given course credit. Were the other participants compensated? If so, how?
  - We have clarified this specific point in the methods sections of experiments 1 and 2. No participants besides the UTD undergraduates were compensated in any way.
2. Please check the spacing in the manuscript.
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## Cognitive Music Listening SpaceMusical Listening Qualia: A Multivariate Approach

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### Abstract

French and American participants listened to new music stimuli and evaluated the stimuli using either adjectives or quantitative musical dimensions. Results were analyzed using Correspondence Analysis (CA), Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA), Multiple Factor Analysis (MFA), and Partial Least Squares Correlation (PLSC). French and American listeners differed when they described the musical stimuli using adjectives, but not when using the quantitative dimensions. The present work serves as a case study in research methodology that allows for a balance between relaxing experimental control and maintaining statistical rigor.

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We have a data collection problem: World ~~E~~vents over the last ~~two~~ years have shown

that we need to be able to collect good data outside of the lab. In the lab, because we control

error sources, we measure, on relatively small sets of observations, a few well-defined ~~q~~

quantitative variables, analyzed using standard techniques such as analysis of variance

(ANOVA). But, with the labs closed (remember COVID?), how can we collect good data? Away

from the controlled environment of the lab, quantitative variables are hard to measure, but we

can collect, on large sets of observations, qualitative variables that can only be analyzed by

newer multivariate techniques. In the present paper, we present a case study illustrating this

tradeoff.

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~~demonstrated that something as simple as the sound of a crunch when eating a potato chip could~~

~~influence~~ its taste (Zampini & Spence, 2004). What about a signal as complex as a string quartet?

The present study was designed to quantify a music listening “space” that captures objective

stimulus and ~~cognitive qualia~~ dimensions to use in future studies investigating cross-modal

sensory mapping between food and music.

For the present study, we have defined stimulus dimensions as quantitative musical

qualities, such as tempo, range, and meter, and ~~cognitive qualia~~ dimensions as qualitative

descriptions of music, such as “Dark,” “Warm,” and “Round.” These ~~cognitive qualia~~/qualitative

dimensions are similar to the commonly investigated affective or emotional dimensions, but do

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concepts, we ran three separate experiments. The first experiment included highly trained

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11 musicians and featured a multiple-choice survey about the stimulus dimensions; the second  
12 experiment included participants with any level of music training performing a check-all-that-  
13 apply task (CATA, Katz & Braly, 1933; Meyners & Castura, 2014; also called “pick any N” by  
14 Coombs et al., 1956); and the third experiment incorporated both surveys in a single analysis.  
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18 To analyze our data, we selected a set of multivariate analyses that can visualize the  
19 answers to each of our questions. These multivariate analyses reduce the dimensionality of a data  
20 set by computing new variables—called dimensions, components, ~~or factors~~ or even latent  
21 variables—that extract the important information in the table; With these new variables, the  
22 original observations (and variables) can be plotted as points in maps that can be interpreted as  
23 conceptual or mental spaces because they represent the similarity among variables or  
24 observations by their inter-distances (Abdi & Williams, 2010; Shepard, 1980).  
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28 These mental spaces were analyzed with Correspondence Analysis (CA)—a method  
29 similar to Principal Components Analysis (PCA)—created to analyze multivariate qualitative  
30 data (by contrast with PCA which analyzes quantitative data). We used Multidimensional Scaling  
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32 participant groups. To find parallels between the surveys, we used Partial Least Squares  
33 Correlation (PLSC)—a method created to analyze two data tables comprising different sets of  
34 variables measured on the same set of observations. Finally, we used Multiple Factor Analysis  
35 (MFA) to evaluate how French and American participants’ responses differed. Each of these  
36 methods provided different visualizations and interpretations of the data, which are discussed in  
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### 50 *Music Perception*

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analytical paradigm. Most music or auditory perception studies have the inherent confound that small changes can affect listeners' perception, especially when the study involves timing, tuning, or sound localization. However, the experimental controls may be loosened slightly when investigating holistic music listening, because no single musical element is more important than the whole.

Quantitative and qualitative elements of music are theoretically distinct but practically inseparable (Bruner II, 1990). Listeners respond affectively to technical aspects of music using schemata informed by their individual musical experiences and personality traits (Kopacz, 2005), and composers use various musical and compositional techniques to convey the emotions they want to express (Battcock & Schutz, 2019; Bruner II, 1990). However, quantifying the perceptual interactions between more than one or two musical qualities is a challenge. One reason is that models such as ANOVA and its variations are limited by how many variables a researcher can include while remaining coherent. Another reason is that asking participants to respond to multiple aspects of a stimulus taxes participants' perceptual capacity and is thus difficult to measure (W. F. Thompson, 1994).

Music emotion research—in contrast to the research mentioned above—has attempted to capture a more multifaceted perspective on music listening. This is a well-trod domain—see, for example, Juslin and Sloboda (2010)—and the application of multivariate analyses to these questions is similarly well established. Early studies, including Gray and Wheeler (1967) and Wedin (1969) and Wedin (1972) used MDS to capture the affective space of various musical stimuli. MDS continues to be used commonly in more modern studies (Bigand et al., 2005; Madsen, 1997; Rodà et al., 2014), with a narrow focus on valence and arousal, which were the dimensions originally proposed to be the most salient for perception by Osgood and Suci (1955).

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12 example Rodà et al., 2014), and there are conflicting hypotheses about whether the valence-  
13 arousal plane or a different model of emotion perception represent the fundamental space around  
14 music emotion perception (Cowen et al., 2020; Juslin & Västfjäll, 2008). However, an important  
15 distinction between the present study and work in music emotion perception is that the adjectives  
16 we chose were informed by music composition and performance, rather than by emotion  
17 (Wallmark, 2019).

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20 With regard to musical expertise, many studies evaluate the differences between trained  
21 and untrained listeners, but the verdict is still out as to whether trained musicians are better  
22 listeners, an issue that could be due to ~~multiple views~~differences about how much training is  
23 required for a participant to be “highly trained” (Bigand & Poulin-Charronnat, 2006). There are,  
24 however, reported benefits with regard to sensitivity to the emotional content in music (Ladinig  
25 & Schellenberg, 2012) and familiarity with tonal systems (Bartlett & Dowling, 1980; Dowling,  
26 1978). Recent works suggest that these benefits may be limited to specific technical aspects, and  
27 depend on the extent of training (Raman & Dowling 2017). Although we do not specifically  
28 evaluate the differences between trained and untrained listeners in the present study, we included  
29 highly trained musicians because they are sensitive to these technical aspects of music and will  
30 be able to accurately quantify the stimuli. Additionally, some of the response options to questions  
31 on the survey for Experiment 1 would only be familiar to participants with significant music  
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### *Intercultural music perception*

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35 quantify the shared emotional experience between musical cultures (Balkwill et al., 2004;

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11 Balkwill & Thompson, 1999; Cowen et al., 2020; Darrow et al., 1987; Fritz et al., 2009; Gregory  
12 & Varney, 1996), and some ask participants to identify technical aspects of music from other  
13 cultures (Raman & Dowling, 2016, 2017). There are fewer studies that include the semantics of  
14 language in their evaluation of music perception (Zacharakis et al., 2014, 2015), which makes  
15 this topic a prime area for research.  
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19 The research program presented in Zacharakis et al. (2014, 2015) deals specifically with  
20 timbre perception, and their use of adjectives is similar to the way how we use adjectives here. In  
21 Zacharakis et al. (2014, 2015), Greek and English participants described timbre with adjectives  
22 from their native languages. These studies found that while there are some differences, overall,  
23 participants' descriptions of timbre do not differ much between languages (Zacharakis et al.,  
24 2014, 2015).  
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### ***Present questions & methods of analysis***

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37 Secondary questions include whether French and American participants describe music  
38 differently, and whether these differences may arise from cultural differences in music listening  
39 or preferences, or are purely semantic. To answer these questions, we employed a set of  
40 multivariate analyses that each offered a different perspective on the experimental results. We  
41 felt it may be useful to provide a quick overview of the data collection and analytical techniques  
42 for readers who may be unfamiliar with these methods.  
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### ***Check-all-that-apply (CATA)***

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47 under different names: Coombs et al., 1956; Katz & Braly, 1933; Meyners & Castura, 2014;  
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Valentin et al., 2012)—measures how participants describe a set of stimuli. In a CATA task, stimuli are presented one at a time, and for each stimulus, participants are shown a list of descriptors and are asked to select the descriptors that apply to the presented stimulus (Meyners & Castura, 2014). CATA easily assesses questions with multiple “correct” responses (Coombs et al., 1956), and places little cognitive demand on participants because they do not have to generate responses (Ares et al., 2010).

CATA data are analyzed by 1) computing a pseudo contingency table that records the number of times descriptors were associated with stimuli and 2) analyzing this data table with Correspondence Analysis in order to visualize the patterns of association between a) stimuli, b) descriptors, and c) stimuli and descriptors.

### *Correspondence Analysis*

The primary analysis used on the stimulus response data collected in the surveys is Correspondence Analysis (CA, Benzécri, 1973; Escofier-Cordier, 1965; Greenacre, 1984). ~~It is similar to Principal Components Analysis (PCA) but can be performed on qualitative data.~~ Specifically, just like PCA, CA analyzes ~~a~~ a contingency table ~~or any data structured similarly, and by computing components (whose number is the lesser of  $I - 1$  and  $J - 1$ , where  $I$  is the number of rows and  $J$  is the number of columns)~~ computes that capture the relationships between ~~within, respectively, the~~ rows (observations) and columns (variables) of the data table; in our case between musical excerpts and descriptors. ~~One helpful comment from our reviewers suggested that we should note that the number of dimensions analyzed in a CA is the lesser of  $i - 1$  or  $j - 1$ , where  $i$  is the number of rows and  $j$  is the number of columns. In CA, the components for the rows and the columns have the same variance and can, therefore be visualized in the same space. This makes CA a method of choice when the experimental~~

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### Hierarchical Cluster Analysis

Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA, Pielou, 1984) identifies groups, or clusters, of observations from the rows of a distance matrix, because HCA displays these observations as “leaves” on a tree computed to best represent the original distances. This method was used here to determine whether there were clusters of excerpts or adjectives that arose during participant ratings. These clusters were used as design or grouping variables and to select colors for visualizations.

### Multidimensional Scaling

Metric Multidimensional Scaling (MDS, Abdi, 2007; Borg & Groenen, 2005; Gower, 1966; Hout et al. 2013; Kruskal & Wish, 1978; Torgerson, 1958; Shepard, 1962)—a technique commonly used in music perception studies (Bigand et al., 2005; Madsen, 1997; Rodà et al., 2014; Wedin, 1969, 1972)—analyzes a distance matrix computed between observations and visualizes these observations by positioning them on a map such that the distance between observations on the map best approximates their distance in the data table. MDS is commonly used to evaluate represent the similarity between stimuli; Here, this technique is used as an omnibus method to evaluate the similarity between groups of participants.

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### Multiple Factor Analysis

Multiple Factor Analysis (MFA, Abdi et al., 2013; Escofier & Pagès, 1994) extends PCA to analyze multiple tables or blocks of variables that each describe the same

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11 observations. MFA computes a *compromise* and a set of *partial factor scores*, where the  
12 *compromise* is the average of (or compromise between) the normalized factor scores from each  
13 block, and the *partial factor scores* are the factor scores of each individual block. Plotting these  
14 factor scores allows for the comparison of observations (rows), and, for each observation, the  
15 relationships between the blocks of variables that contributed to that observation. The basic  
16 difference between MFA and PLSC is that PLSC extracts commonalities between two data  
17 tables, whereas MFA extracts similarities and differences between two or more data tables.  
1819 In the present study, MFA was used to evaluate differences between French and American  
20 participants in how they described specific excerpts and used specific adjectives. This  
21 application of MFA can be generalized to different groups of participants or other sources of data  
22 measured on the same set of observations. When the data take the form of a contingency table,  
23 MFA allows for the analysis of the contributions to both the observations and the variables.**Formatted:** Font color: Accent 424  
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35 Partial Least Squares Correlation (PLSC, Abdi & Williams, 2013; Tucker, 1958) analyzes  
36 two data tables that describe the same set of observations (rows) with two different sets of  
37 variables (columns). To extract the common information between the two data tables, PLSC  
38 separately combines the variables from each data table to create new variables—similar to factor  
39 scores and called *latent variables*—that have the largest covariance. This method is commonly  
40 used in neuroimaging studies to extract the common information between imaging and  
41 behavioral data (Krishnan et al., 2011). It was used in the present study to evaluate the  
42 similarities in how participants in either survey rated the excerpts.  
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11 methods outlined above are not inferential methods, and do not inherently allow for hypothesis  
12 testing. Bootstrapping evaluates the stability of the result of an experiment. This is displayed in  
13 the form of confidence intervals, as ellipses, in the plots below, computed from resampling the  
14 original observations (Hesterberg, 2011).  
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#### Permutation testing

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18 We used permutation testing (Berry et al., 2021) to evaluate the significance of results  
19 of the analyses described above. Permutation testing compares the signal present in the observed  
20 data to permutations of these data and computes test statistics on each permutation.  
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23 from the permuted data. The extremity of the observed values—e.g., the most extreme 5% for a  $p$   
24 < .05 significance level—indicates the significance of the signal in the data.  
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### Experiment 1: Musical Qualities Survey

#### Methods

##### *Participants*

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32 For the first experiment, we recruited highly trained musicians with a minimum of 10  
33 years of formal music training to evaluate the stimulus dimensions or musical qualities, and to  
34 ascertain whether these stimuli truly reflected the composer's intent of varying on a wide range  
35 of musical dimensions (Raman & Dowling, 2017). Participants in the United States and in  
36 France were recruited by word of mouth and social media. There was a total of 84 responses to  
37 the survey, of which 57 were removed for not completing the survey, leaving a total of 27  
38 ( $N_{\text{France}} = 9$ ,  $N_{\text{USA}} = 18$ ) for the analysis. All recruitment measures were approved by the UT  
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##### *Stimuli*

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All stimuli were new, original excerpts composed—in various Western styles using Finale composition software (Finale v25, MakeMusic, Inc.)—by the first author specifically for this study (scores and audio files available upon request). Each stimulus was ~~a~~ wav file generated using the Finale human playback engine, approximately 30 s in length (range: ~~27~~–40 s,  $M =$  32.4 s). The stimuli were all string quartets, a choice made to control for effects of timbre but also and otherwise vary on a number of musical qualities, specifically: Harmony, Tempo, Meter, Density, and Genre.

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### **Survey**

American and French participants received links to surveys presented via Qualtrics in (respectively) English and French. Participants were instructed to listen to the excerpts presented in the survey using headphones or in a quiet listening environment, but this was not controlled, nor was it assessed as part of the survey. After standard informed consent procedures, participants listened to 15 of the 30 excerpts, presented one at time in a random order, and answered ten questions per excerpt, one for each of the musical qualities being assessed. The musical qualities assessed and the levels associated with each quality are indicated shown in Table 1. Of these dimensions being assessed, all were multiple choice, allowing for a single response, except for meter, contour, and articulation, which were check-all-that-apply (See supplementary materials for the French translations of this table). Upon completion of the experimental task, participants were asked to provide demographic data, including age, gender identity, nationality, occupation, and musical experience.

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### **Data Processing**

To process the data, survey responses were converted into a “brick” of data, with the

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10 excerpts on the rows, the qualities on the columns, and the participants on the pages (See Figure  
11 1). For the current experiment, one quality is one variable, and we refer to the response options  
12 as levels of that variable. On any page, at the intersection of any row and column was a one or a  
13 zero, with a one indicating that this participant had selected this level of this quality (column) to  
14 describe this excerpt (row). [FIGURE 1 NEAR HERE] The responses in the French “brick” were  
15 all translated into English, and then the bricks from both nationalities were summed together  
16 across pages to obtain a single pseudo-contingency table<sup>1</sup> in which the intersection of a row and  
17 a column was the total number participants who selected a level of a musical quality to describe  
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32 After removing these columns, preliminary visualizations revealed a few variables that  
33 required recoding because they were having an outsized effect on the analysis. For the “Meter,”  
34 variable, there were initially seven levels: “Simple Duple,” “Simple Triple,” “Simple  
35 Quadruple,” “Compound Duple,” “Compound Triple,” “Compound Quadruple,” and “Complex,”  
36 but some participants misunderstood this question and selected multiple options for each level of  
37 “Duple,” “Triple” or “Quadruple.” These responses were recoded, removing “Simple,”  
38 “Compound” and “Complex,” (there were no excerpts with complex meter), and collapsed, so  
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47 <sup>1</sup> Whereas, in a contingency table, there is one and only one “1” in each row—a pattern  
48 indicating that each observation (row) is associated with a single variable (column)—by contrast,  
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51 like\*\*\*. In a real contingency table the observations are independent of each other and therefore  
52 one observation contributes to one and only cell of the table. By contrast with CATA one  
53 respondent provides a set of responses that therefore contributes to several cells of the data  
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11 that each excerpt had only one meter response per participant, “Duple,” “Triple,” or  
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15 There were multiple qualities for which a possible response was “I do not think this  
16 excerpt has a melody,” and this pattern created a problem in which multiple columns represented  
17 the same response, which had a similar effect to the one caused by the “Meter” variable before it  
18 was recoded. To avoid this problem, these responses were also recoded. A new variable,  
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20 “Melody,” was created, with two levels/columns, yes and no, and if participants responded “I do  
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22 not think this excerpt has a melody” to any of the Contour, Motion, or Range variables, a one  
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24 was counted in the “No” column for that participant and that excerpt. The other levels for each of  
25 these three variables were then recoded so that each other column for that variable in that row  
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27 had the value of one divided by the number of options for that variable—a procedure called  
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29 barycentric recoding. If the participant responded with “I do not think this excerpt has a melody”  
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31 for some but not all three of those variables, a one was still counted in the “no melody” column,  
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33 but only the variables for which “I do not think...” was selected were recoded using barycentric  
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46 matrix from the brick with participants on the rows and columns, such that the intersection of a  
47 row and column represented the number of common choices between participants. This co-  
48 occurrence matrix was then analyzed using MDS.

To analyze the excerpts and musical qualities and obtain the music quality space, we performed a CA on the contingency table. To identify potential clusters among the excerpts, we ran an HCA on the row factor scores obtained from the CA.

## Results

### Participants

The MDS performed on the co-occurrence matrix of participants was intended to identify potential clusters of participants. Visual examination of the results did not reveal any clusters—a pattern suggesting that the participants constituted a homogeneous group. To confirm this conclusion, we also computed average factor scores by nationality and gender identity and bootstrap-derived confidence intervals around these averages and did not find any significant differences (See supplementary materials for plots).

### Excerpts

The results of the CA and subsequent permutation testing performed on the contingency table revealed 18two significant dimensions. In such a scenario, it is important to remember that significant is not always synonymous with important, and the dimensions we consider are limited by interpretability. For the current study, we have focused on the first two dimensions, which, accounting together for 32.74% of the total variance. Figure 2 displays the scree plot, which shows for this analysis the percentage of variance explained by each dimension. Readers curious about dimensions three through five are recommended to the supplementary materials.- Figure 2 displays the scree plot, which shows for this analysis the percentage of variance explained by each dimension. [FIGURE 2 NEAR HERE]

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Preliminary plots of the factor scores obtained from the CA revealed that Excerpts 6 and 14 distorted the factor space, with these two excerpts dominating the second and third -

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dimensions. To help interpret the factor space, these two excerpts were removed from the data and the CA was rerun. Excerpts 6 and 14 were then added back in as *supplementary observations* (see Abdi & Béra, 2018, for details), a technique which visualizes the information that these elements share with the elements retained in the main sample without distorting the factor space. The proximity of these supplementary observations to the origin helps identify how much information is shared with the rest of the sample. The closer the supplementary observations are to the origin, the less information they share with the rest of the sample.

The HCA performed on the row factor scores of the CA revealed four clusters of excerpts (see supplementary materials for the tree diagram). Figure 3 displays the first two factorial dimensions for and the row factor scores calculated by the CA, colored according to the clusters revealed by the HCA, with Excerpts 6 and 14 as supplementary observations colored separately. Figure 3 also displays the column factor scores for the qualities calculated by the CA (right), with the levels of a given quality colored the same. For clarity, only the levels of qualities that contributed significantly more than the average (see below, and Figure 4) are displayed.

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[FIGURE 3 NEAR HERE]

The proximity between two points in Figure 3 indicates their similarity when these points are on the same map. Because the CA computes a space common to both rows and columns, points on different maps can also be compared. Proximity between points on separate maps reflects their association relative to the average, for example Excerpt 24 is more associated with Legato articulation than is the average excerpt (Abdi & Williams, 2010).

To evaluate the relative importance of the excerpts and musical qualities in defining each dimension, we computed their *contributions* to the dimensions. Contributions are similar to

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squared coefficients of correlation and vary between zero and one with zero indicating no importance and one indicating maximum importance (Abdi & Williams, 2010). Contributions—being squared—are positive, but to facilitate interpretation contributions are signed to express the sign of the corresponding factor scores. Contributions whose magnitude is larger than the average contribution (i.e., 1 divided by the number of scores) are considered important for their factorial dimensions. A plot of the contributions for all excerpts and variables is in the supplementary materials.

Figure 4 shows only the contributions of excerpts and qualities important for the first two

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dimensions. For Dimension 1 ordered by magnitude Excerpts 26, 4, 23, and 13 contribute to the positive side of the dimension, whereas Excerpts 24, 3, 10, 27, and 7 contribute to the negative side of the dimension. Low tempi (tempo.F2 and tempo.F1) contribute to the negative side, along with legato (smooth) articulation and soft dynamics. Finally, high tempi contribute to the positive side, along with marcato (accented) and staccato (separate) articulations and loud dynamics. Tempo, articulation, and dynamics contribute importantly/significantly to the first dimension, along with a few single levels from other variables also contribute to the first dimension: major harmony, classical genre, and undulating contour in the positive direction and disjunct motion and triple meter in the negative direction. Genre and meter, and to a lesser extent harmony, dynamics, and contour all contribute significantly to the second dimension. For both dimensions, the excerpts that are associated with these levels of variables also contribute importantly/significantly.

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For Dimension 2, Excerpts 27, 19, 12, 7, and 15 contribute to the positive side of the dimension, whereas Excerpts 3, 11, 17, and 2 contribute to the negative side. Newer genres (Contemporary, Jazz/Blues, and Modern) contribute to the positive side of Dimension 2, along

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12 ascending contour, “no melody,” and the slowest level of the tempo variable. Older genres  
13 (Baroque, Classical, and Romantic) contribute to the negative side of this dimension, along with  
14 soft dynamics, minor harmony, and triple meter  
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## Experiment 1 Discussion

22 Observing no group differences between French and American participants in the results  
23 of the MDS on the co-occurrence matrix suggests that the trained musicians perceived the  
24 excerpts with which they were presented similarly.

25 The results of the CA (Figure 3) reveal a few musical connections: for example, between  
26 tempo and articulation (on Dimension 1), and between genre and harmony (on Dimension 2).  
27 Staccato articulations, associated on this factor plot with high tempi, are played light and  
28 separate, and legato articulations, associated with slow tempi, are played smooth and connected.  
29 The coordinate mapping of jazz/blues harmony and genre, which are on top of one another, is the  
30 most extreme example of a genre being associated with certain harmonic material, but other  
31 connections are also revealed. The second dimension separates older styles, such as Baroque,  
32 Classical, and Romantic, from newer styles, Contemporary, Jazz/Blues, and Modern. Dimension  
33 2 similarly separates harmonies associated with those styles, specifically older and simpler  
34 harmonies of major and minor from the more complex harmonies of Quintal and Blues.  
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load from greater arousal (*i.e., higher tempos, greater dynamics*) in the positive direction to lesser arousal (*i.e., lower tempos, softer dynamics*) in the negative direction on the first dimension. Dimension 2 is less ~~clear, and clear and~~ does not seem to be tied to valence. Minor and major harmony, for example, both score negatively on Dimension 2. Instead, Figure 4 shows that while two levels of the meter variable are the most important for this dimension, that genre is also important, based on the number of levels of genre that contribute significantly to Dimension 2. Considering the contributions of the genre and the harmony variables, it may be that the second dimension represents complexity.

## Experiment 2: Musical Adjectives Survey

### Methods

#### *Participants*

Participants with self-reported normal hearing were recruited for Experiment 2 without regard to level of music training. Participants in the United States were recruited by the UT Dallas Psych Research Sign-up (SONA) System, by word of mouth, and by social media. French participants were recruited by word of mouth, email, and social media. Only participants who signed up via the SONA System were compensated (*i.e.,* with research participation credit).

~~Other participants—including all French participants and any US participants who did not sign up via the SONA System—were not compensated in any way.~~ Out of 520 survey responses received, ~~166-167~~ were incomplete and removed. The remaining 354 were filtered by nationality: American participants who answered the question “What’s your nationality?” with a compound nationality including American were retained, but those who indicated only a nationality other than American were excluded. For example, “Indian-American” was included, but “Ghanian” was not. This left a total of ~~278-277~~ ( $N_{\text{France}} = 112$ ,  $N_{\text{USA}} = 166$ ) survey responses for

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10 analysis. All recruitment measures were approved by the UT Dallas IRB.  
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12 ***Stimuli***

13 The stimuli used for Experiment 2 were the same as those used for Experiment 1.

14 ***Survey***

15 The procedures for participants in Experiments 1 and 2 were similar: American and  
16 French participants received links to surveys presented via Qualtrics in (respectively) English  
17 and French., and instructions regarding listening environment were the same as in Experiment 1.  
18 After standard informed consent procedures, participants listened to 15 of the 30 excerpts,  
19 presented one at a time, in a random order, and performed a CATA task. Participants were  
20 instructed to select all adjectives that they felt described the stimulus. Participants were provided  
21 with a list of 33 adjectives, presented in a random order for each stimulus, such as such as  
22 “Dark,” “Warm,” and “Colorful” (French: “Sombre,” “Chaleureux,” and “Coloré”). The  
23 adjectives for this survey were selected using Wallmark (2019) as a guide and in consultation  
24 with a French professional musician. Some adjectives were initially selected in French and some  
25 in English. In all cases, adjectives were selected for which there was a clear French (vis-à-vis -  
26 ~~E~~English) translation. The adjectives are listed in English and in French in the supplementary  
27 materials. Following the experimental task, the participants were asked to provide demographic  
28 data, including age, gender identity, nationality, occupation, and musical experience.

29 ***Data Processing & Analysis***

30 Data for the survey for Experiment 2 were processed similarly to Experiment 1. Due to a  
31 technical error, French participants were not presented with Excerpt 17, so the data for that  
32 excerpt were removed from the dataset for the American participants. Although Excerpts 6 and  
33 14 were removed from Experiment 1 data for being outliers, they were not found to be outliers in

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11 Experiment 2, and were, therefore, included in all ~~of the~~-analyses for this experiment. To process  
12 the data, first, all French survey responses were translated into English. Both sets of responses  
13 were then converted into “bricks” of data, with the excerpts on the rows, the adjectives on the  
14 columns, and participants on the pages. On a page, at the intersection of a row and column was a  
15 one or a zero, with a one indicating that this participant had selected this adjective (column) to  
16 describe this stimulus (row). The bricks were then summed across pages to obtain a pseudo-  
17 contingency table in which the intersection of a row and a column stored the number of  
18 participants who selected an adjective to describe an excerpt.

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21 matrix from the brick with participants on the rows and columns, such that the intersection of a  
22 row and column represented the number of common choices between participants. This co-  
23 occurrence matrix was then analyzed using MDS.

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25 To analyze the excerpts and adjectives and obtain the music quality space, we performed  
26 a CA on the excerpts by adjectives contingency table. To identify potential clusters of excerpts or  
27 adjectives, two separate HCAs were computed, one on the row factor scores (excerpts) and one  
28 on the column factor scores (adjectives) obtained from the CA.

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30 We performed two MFAs, one to explore differences between French and American  
31 participants from the perspective of their use of adjectives, and another to explore differences  
32 between French and American participants from the perspective of their descriptions of the  
33 excerpts. To prepare the data for these MFAs, we separated the brick into two separate bricks,  
34 one for the French participants and one for the American participants. Each brick was then  
35 summed to obtain excerpts by adjectives pseudo-contingency tables for each nationality. These  
36 tables were then transposed to obtain adjectives by excerpts pseudo contingency tables for each

group. The French and American excerpts by adjectives tables were then concatenated into a single large matrix in which each table represented a block, as were the transposed (adjectives by excerpts) tables. We then performed separate MFAs on each of these large matrices. Figure 5 sketches the data manipulation process.

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## Results

### *Excerpts*

#### *CA & HCA*

The CA performed on the AS pseudo-contingency table revealed two important dimensions, which together accounted for 73% of the total variance (see Figure 6).

[FIGURE 6 NEAR HERE]

Figure 7 displays the factor scores for the excerpts and the adjectives. [The interpretation](#) of these plots is similar to [the interpretation of](#) the factor plots [for](#) Experiment 1. Because this experiment captures participant behavior relative to the descriptions of the excerpts, adjectives that are near one another can be interpreted as having been used similarly, such as “Incisive” and “Complex.” This plot shows a clear valence-arousal plane, such that the first dimension represents valence, with adjectives such as “Sad” and “Dark” on the right contrasting with “Dancing” and “Happy” on the left, and the second dimension represents arousal, such that “Aggressive” is contrasted near the top with “Soft” near the bottom. Similarly, Excerpts 27 and 26 are defined almost entirely by valence, with their projections on Dimension 1 accounting for 84% and 86% of their variance, respectively, and Excerpt 28 could be interpreted as being

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defined almost entirely by arousal, with its projection on Dimension 2 accounting for 81% of its variance.

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The HCAs computed separately on the factor scores for the rows (excerpts) and columns (adjectives; see supplementary materials for tree diagrams) revealed four clusters for each set, and the excerpts and adjectives are colored according to these clusters for all plots for Experiment 2. The clusters of adjectives and excerpts identified by the HCA are grouped approximately by quadrant in Figure 7, with the top right representing negative valence/high arousal, the top left representing positive valence/high arousal, the bottom left representing positive valence/low arousal, and the bottom right representing negative valence/low arousal. A few adjectives do not conform to this pattern—such as “Monotonous” and “Dull”—because the factor scores for all dimensions were used for the HCA, and these adjectives were likely loading on higher dimensions.

Figure 8 displays the contributions of excerpts and adjectives important for the first two dimensions. For Dimension 1, adjectives that describe negative valence contribute to the positive side, while those that describe positive valence contribute to the negative side—in order of magnitude—Excerpts 27, 24, 3, 7, 18, and 10 contribute to the positive side of the dimension, whereas Excerpts 23, 13, 26, 4, and 19 contribute to the negative side. Adjectives “Sad,” “Dark,” “Melancholy,” “Slow,” “Mysterious,” “Solemn,” and “Disturbing” contribute in the positive direction, whereas “Fast,” “Dancing,” “Happy,” “Colorful,” and “Bright” contribute in the negative direction.

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For Dimension 2, adjectives that describe high arousal contribute to the positive side and those that describe low arousal contribute to the negative side. As in Experiment 1, the excerpts

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that are characterized by these adjectives contribute similarly to their respective dimensions and directions. Excerpts 6, 1, 25, 7, and 16 contribute to the positive side of the dimension, whereas Excerpts 28, 11, 20, 29, and 10 contribute to the negative side. Adjectives "Aggressive," "Fast," "Mysterious," "Disturbing," and "Complex" contribute to the positive side of Dimension 2, whereas "Warm," "Soft," "Slow," "Round," Happy," "Melancholy," and "Solemn" contribute to the negative side.

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### Participants

#### MDS

Figure 9 displays the factor scores obtained from the MDS performed on the co-occurrence matrix for the AS, along with group means and bootstrap-derived confidence intervals. The separation between the confidence intervals indicates significant differences between French and American participants ( $p < .001$ ). Group differences between French ( $M = 0.04, SD = 0.04$ ) and American ( $M = -0.03, SD = 0.08$ ) participants are confirmed by the results of a *t*-test on the factor scores on the first dimension,  $t(268.89) = 9.63, p < .001$ . Additional analyses using gender identity and level of music training as factors did not reveal any significant difference.

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An additional HCA performed post-hoc on the factor scores of the MDS revealed two clusters that somewhat aligned with the *a priori* nationality groupings. One group consisted of 101 French participants (90.2%) and 81 American participants (48.8%), and the other group consisted of 11 French participants (9.8%) and 85 American participants (51.2%). A plot of the MDS results using these results as a grouping variable is included in the supplementary.

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Figure 10 displays the results of the MFAs as partial factor score plots (see “Multiple Factor Analysis” above) highlighting differences in descriptions from the perspective of the excerpts (left) and the adjectives (right) between French and American participants. The two separate MFAs revealed slightly different factorial dimensions, as shown by the percentage of extracted variance ~~by~~ on each axis (~~and~~ denoted  $\tau$  in the Figures), but the general space for both plots is similar to the space revealed by the CA for Experiment 2 (Figure 7). Thus, we can interpret the space similarly, relative to the valence-arousal plane. However, in this case, we cannot compare elements between maps.

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The diamonds represent the compromise between the mental spaces of the French and American participants for each item, and the lines extending from the diamonds to the circles point to the partial factor scores for the items from the perspective of each group (Abdi et al., 2013). Excerpts and adjectives that were rated similarly by each group have short lines extending from them, and those that were rated differently by each group have longer lines. Examples of excerpts that were rated differently are numbers 6, 8, and 12. Adjectives that were used differently include “Disturbing,” “Round,” “Solemn,” and “Bright.”

## Experiment 2 Discussion

As suggested by the MDS on the participants (Figure 9), American and French participants differed in both their mean and their variance. The larger variance of the American participants likely indicates that American participants constitute a more heterogeneous group than French participants. This heterogeneity of the American participants is reflected in their

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17 confidence intervals are meaningful, but the proximity between individual participants can-not be  
18 directly interpreted as similarity. A better estimation of between-subject similarity would need to  
19 weight the similarity (i.e., the number of common adjectives chosen) between two participants  
20 by the number of common excerpts presented.<sup>3</sup>  
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23 The adjectives used in Experiment 2 were not selected to engage an affective appraisal,  
24 selected to engage a cognitive appraisal, but the first two factorial dimensions of the MFA  
25 nevertheless reveal that participants were answering using emotional-affective dimensions such  
26 as valence and arousal—a result that resonates with previous work investigating conceptual  
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30 As a consequence, differences between French and American participants include a large  
31 proportion of evaluative adjectives such as “Bright,” “Light,” “Round,” “Solemn,”  
32 “Melancholy,” and “Disturbing.” The adjective “Bright” (Brillant) may be the most extreme  
33 example of this intercultural difference, as the French partial factor score is close to the origin  
34 whereas and the American partial factor score is further away — a difference suggesting that this  
35 word has a more positive valence in English than in French. This interpretation is supported by  
36 information from the Extended Open Multilingual Wordnet (Bond & Foster, 2013), which shows  
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physical descriptions of color or light, whereas in English, “Bright” is also associated with happiness or positive qualities like promise. (e.g., “a bright future”). Additionally, the location of the American partial factor score for “Bright” suggests that Americans commonly grouped it with “Colorful” (Coloré) and “Dancing” (Dansant), in a contrast to with how the French participants used it. “Light” (Clair) shows a similar effect to that of “Bright” with respect to the magnitude of difference. The inverse of “Bright” and “Light” might be “Round,” (Tendre), whose French partial factor score is further from the origin than the American. In this case, the English associations with “Round” include physical descriptions, while the French associations include many more affective references (Bond & Foster, 2013). “Melancholy” (Mélancolique) and “Sad” (Triste) were almost synonymous in English, but not in French. The location of “Solemn” (Solennel) suggests that it carries more valence in English, but more arousal in French. “Disturbing” (inquiétant) is far from the origin for French participants but not for American participants. All of This difference mirrors early semantic differential and psycholinguistic work that suggests that the usage patterns of adjectives between French and English are different (Osgood et al., 1975). these differences highlight possible differences in semantic associations and frequency of use between languages.

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### Experiment 3: Combined Surveys

#### Justification

The data obtained in Experiments 1 and 2 capture different aspects of the perception of the excerpts. Experiment 1 asked participants to evaluate musical characteristics, on objective musical dimensions, and Experiment 2 asked participants to evaluate the music subjectively, not using musical characteristics. This method of gathering participant responses on two aspects of the stimuli is similar to that of Balkwill and Thompson (1999), although we differ here in that

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11 we use music-theoretical dimensions instead of psychophysical ones. The goal of Experiment 3  
12 was to evaluate which musical characteristics and subjective descriptors are associated with the  
13 same excerpts, and therefore with one another.

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16 We acknowledge that we are comparing—in addition to different data—different  
17 populations of participants. The participants for Experiment 1 were selected from a population of  
18 experts because we used technical terminology that musical novices would not have been  
19 familiar with and would probably not know how to use. The participants for Experiment 2 were  
20 selected without regard to training because it has been found that musically trained and untrained  
21 listeners evaluate music similarly with regard to affect (Bigand & Poulin-Charronnat 2006).

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27 The comparison of these two sets of data is not unlike the procedures used in Music  
28 Information Retrieval (MIR) studies, in which participant subjective appraisal is compared to  
29 data extracted from the music itself (see Panda et al., 2020 for a review). Although there have  
30 been massive strides in the field of MIR in aligning the information extracted by the computer  
31 with human perception, there is still a gap between the algorithmic extraction and human  
32 perception. It thus can be difficult to identify what information extracted by the computer is  
33 perceived by human listeners and vice-versa. However, in comparing two different types of  
34 human listener appraisal, we can directly compare these perceivable musical dimensions to the  
35 kinds of qualities listeners assign to that music during listening.

#### 41 Methods

42 Because Experiment 3 used the data tables computed for Experiments 1 and 2 for its  
43 analysis—Partial Least Squares Correlation (PLSC)—no additional data collection was  
44 necessary. However, because PLSC requires the same sets of observations, and because  
45 Experiments 1 and 2 removed different excerpts, we removed from the data the excerpts present

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in only one table. Specifically, Excerpt 17 was removed from the table used in Experiment 1 and Excerpts 6 and 14 were removed from the table used in Experiment 2. This way, both data tables comprised data from the same 27 Excerpts.

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The PLSC performed using the pseudo-contingency tables from Experiments 1 and 2 revealed two significant dimensions which accounted for 84.25% of the total variance (shown in Figure 11).

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PLSC displays the latent variable ~~scores of from~~ one table against ~~its equivalent the latent variable from for~~ the other table (e.g., LV1 from Table 1 ~~versus~~ LV1 for Table 2). Figure 12 displays the LVs plot for LVs 1 and 2. In these plots, the excerpts are colored according to the clusters identified by the HCA for Experiment 2, along with tolerance intervals comprising the elements from each cluster. The first LVs (Figure 12, left) separate the excerpts with positive valence and low arousal (gold) from those with negative valence and high arousal (green). The second LVs (Figure 12, right) separate the groups with positive valence and high arousal (red) from excerpts with negative valence and low arousal (blue).

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Figure 13 displays the contributions from the variables from each data table that are important for the first and second LVs. For these plots, the important levels of variables from Experiment 1 are displayed in green and the important adjectives from Experiment 2 are in blue. The first LVs from each table feature contributions from levels of variables identified as contributing to an arousal dimension in Experiment 1 and the adjectives identified as

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16 **Experiment 3: Discussion**

17 The goal of this experiment was to identify the common information in the data tables  
18 used in Experiments 1 and 2. The first and second latent variables separated the excerpts along  
19 dimensions similar to the dimensions extracted by Experiments 1 and 2. Specifically, the first  
20 LVs combined the arousal dimension from Experiment 1 with the valence dimension from  
21 Experiment 2, and the second LVs combined the complexity or genre dimension from  
22 Experiment 1 with the arousal dimension from Experiment 2.

23 **General Discussion**

24 We collected survey responses to musical stimuli and used multivariate analyses to  
25 explore the musical and cognitive listening spaces created by participants from France and the  
26 United States. The results revealed commonalities and differences between these two national  
27 groups. French and American participants agreed on: 1) a clear valence-arousal plane common to  
28 participants from both countries when describing the stimuli using adjectives, and 2) a space  
29 defined by arousal and complexity when evaluating stimuli using musical qualities. However,  
30 French and American participants disagreed on the way in which they used the adjectives when  
31 describing the stimuli, a result that suggests either cultural differences in the affective response to  
32 the stimuli or, more likely, differences in the use of the adjectives between the two languages.

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34 The results of the MDS analyses across experiments showed group differences between

French and American participants when they described excerpts using adjectives (Experiment 2), but these results did not show group differences when experts rated excerpts on specific musical qualities (Experiment 1). This pattern of results suggests that Experiment 1 reveals more about the excerpts themselves rather than about the behavior of participants.

Experiment 3 integrates the results of Experiments 1 and 2, because the first and second latent variables of Experiment 3 essentially combine integrate the dimensions of Experiments 1 and 2. For example, Excerpt 26—a very distal point in the first LV plot in Figure 12—is an important contributor to the first dimensions of the CAs for both Experiments 1 and 2 (see Figures 4 and 8 for the contributions), but is not an important contributor to the second dimensions of Experiments 1 and 2, and is therefore close to the origin in the second LV plot. By contrast, Excerpt 7—a large contributor to the first and second dimensions of the CAs of both Experiments 1 and 2—is far from the origin in both plots in Figure 12.

The differences in results between Experiments 1 and 2—specifically with regard to regarding Excerpts 6 and 14—demonstrate how small differences in experimental paradigm can provide large differences in perspective. In Experiment 1 (by contrast with Experiment 2), the experts rating the excerpts on specific musical qualities isolated two Excerpts: 6—a minimalist, ostinato based excerpt—and 14—a jazzy excerpt, each the only representative of their style. There are a few possible reasons for this pattern of results, including differences 1) in participant characteristics—experts in Experiment 1 versus non-experts in Experiment 2—and 2) in the way the questions in each survey assessed the excerpts—with specific musical qualities in Experiment 1 and subjective evaluations in Experiment 2. Of these two interpretations, the second is more likely, because the few participants in Experiment 2 with significant musical training did not differ in their descriptions of the excerpts from the untrained

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The different experimental paradigms in the present study all provide useful perspectives. For example, the paradigm from Experiment 1—which separates stimuli along concrete musical dimensions—effectively reveals stimulus differences, whereas the paradigm from Experiment 2 reveals stimulus ~~cognitive and~~ affective similarity. In addition, the combination of these two paradigms (as in Experiment 3) probes the “why” of the stimulus affective impact.

### Why these methods?

Whereas many readers may already be familiar with such methods as MDS or HCA (~~which are commonly used in many domains~~), one goal of the present work was to present less familiar options—such as CA, MFA, and PLSC—for consideration. Because each analysis offers a different perspective or is best suited to handle a specific type or shape of data, familiarity with a range of analyses is useful both when approaching existing questions and exploring new directions.

As stated above, CA is similar to PCA, but can be performed using qualitative data, which makes it a valuable addition to any qualitative analysis. Also, if a research question would benefit from visualizing variables *and* observations in the same space, CA is the method of choice. Biplots—that is, both plots on a single set of axes—were not used for the plots above for clarity, given the space and font size constraints.

MFA is, conceptually and practically, an exploratory ~~analysis~~ method. Its strength lies in the partial factor scores revealing how groups of participants, products, or stimuli have different perspectives on variables or observations. These groups might be defined *a priori* or could be determined *a posteriori* by an HCA or similar method. Although we only used two groups in the present study, MFA is not limited to two groups or data sets—the number of groups is only

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PLSC is commonly used in fMRI analysis to find which brain regions are active during behavioral tasks. However, this is only one possible use of this technique—it was initially developed for econometrics and chemometrics (Wold, 1982). As we show above, it can be used to identify what information is shared between two datasets, even when the shared information comprises some previously unidentified variables, or in a situation that is “data-rich and theory-skeletal” (Wold, 1982). We urge caution, however, against applying this method indiscriminately, becauseas the data common to the two tables may be spurious, as described by Bennett et al. (2011).

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Readers who are curious about the qualitative differences between MFA and PLSC are encouraged to review figures 10 and 12. Figure 10 shows how MFA is better suited for showing group perspectives on the existing variables via the partial factor scores. Figure 12 (PLSC) shows how the latent variables identify shared information between the two datasets that may not be apparent in the original data—thus PLSC is ideal when the research question involves identifying underlying structures or tertiary variables in the data. However, not shown in these two figures is the fact that MFA is usable with three or more data sets, while PLSC is limited to two.

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MDS and HCA are similar analyses because they evaluate similarity between items. However, the outputs of these methods offers different perspectives on the data. For example, MDS is best suited to provide an intuitive visualization of similarity as proximity. The distance visualization provided by HCA is not as intuitive as that of MDS, but it is better for identifying clusters and can help researchers make choices about those clusters when the

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### Limitations & future directions

One major difficulty in online data collection is attrition. As we mentioned in the introduction, in the lab, precise control over conditions allows for a ~~much smaller~~ number of participants, and the likelihood of usable data from every participant is much higher. In online data collection, because there is no control over whether the participant finishes, follows the experimental protocol, or even answers in good faith, much of the data may be incomplete. In Experiment 1, for example, only 32% of responses were usable. Many of these responses appeared to be participants who followed the link to the survey and accepted the consent form but did not start the survey. It is unclear whether any of these responses are from individuals who opened the survey multiple times and only completed it once or simply read through the form and then decided not to participate. The tradeoff, of course, is that it is easier to collect a larger volume of data, especially from participants who~~that~~ might not otherwise be accessible.

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Because the participants in Experiment 1 self-identified as only French or American, excluding participants who did not identify as American or an American-other nationality compound in Experiment 2 was necessary to control the comparison between ~~these~~ participants in Experiments 1 and 2~~participants in Experiment 1~~. A separate MDS analysis was performed on the data including the excluded participants as a third group. This analysis revealed similar differences between the third group and the French participants as between the American and French participants, however, no significant differences were revealed between the US participants who identified as American and those who did not. This highlights the fact that nationality is an imperfect surrogate for culture or language, especially in a diverse environment. It also indicates how recruitment and data cleaning procedures need to be robust to collect

enough data that there is enough data to analyze after attrition.

Although we evaluated scores and ratings of participants from different countries, we did not explicitly address multiculturality, because France and the United States are both Western countries that share the same Western musical culture. To address this multicultural question, an experiment would need to include music and/or participants from multiple and contrasted musical cultures. However, specific musical qualities, such as harmony, may not apply or translate well to other musical cultures, because the concepts of melodic and harmonic material are not the same across all musical cultures (Cohn et al., 2001; Raman & Dowling, 2017). We also suggest that data collected in this way have a much greater hypothetical reach, but the data collected for these experiments represent a convenience sample, and many of the participants were students. However, this limitation could be easily remedied in future studies.

~~One question that fell beyond the scope of this study was to pinpoint the source of the semantic differences between languages (i.e., “Bright,” “Light,” “Round,” “Solemn,” “Melancholy,” and “Disturbing”), illustrated in Figure 10. These differences may not reflect true cultural influence of music listening or preference, but simply linguistic differences, including the adjectives’ frequency of use in either language or the cultural associations of the words (B.-Thompson et al., 2020). Diving more into these questions would be, of course, a fascinating future study.~~

## 46 Conclusions

47 On-line data collection and multivariate analysis are not simply a palliative to be used in  
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Table 1

*Musical Qualities and the provided survey response options.*

Harmonic Material	Tempo	Meter	Density	Genre	Dynamics
Diatonic: Major	Very slow	Simple Duple	Very sparse	Baroque	Soft
Diatonic: Minor	Slow	Simple Triple	Moderately sparse	Classical	Moderate
Blues	Moderately Slow	Simple Quadruple	More sparse than dense	Romantic	Loud
Chromatic	Moderate	Compound Duple	More dense than sparse	Impressionist	Varied: gradual crescendo
Whole tone	Moderately Fast	Compound Triple	Moderately Dense	Modern	Varied: gradual decrescendo
Modal	Fast	Compound Quadruple	Very Dense	Jazz/Blues	Some of each, soft and loud
Quintal/Quartal	Very Fast	Complex		Contemporary	
Ambiguous				Other	
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Contour	Motion	Range	Articulation		
Ascending	Conjunct	Narrow	Staccato		
Descending	Disjunct	Moderate	Marcato		
Arch	Combination of conjunct	Wide	Legato		
Undulating	and disjunct	Very Wide	Tenuto		
Pendulum	I do not think this	I do not think this	Other		
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Experiment 1 Harmonic Material					
		Tempo	Meter	Density	Genre
Nationality	Diatonic: Major	Gender identity: Very slow	Simple Duple	Age (years)	Very sparse
France	Diatonic: Minor	F ( $N = 4$ ) Slow	$M = 41.25, SD = 13.59$	Simple Triple	Age range 28 – 60
Blues		M ( $N = 5$ ) Moderately Slow	$M = 32.0, SD = 2.73$	Simple Quadruple	Moderately sparse 29 – 36
Chromatic		Moderate		Compound Duple	More sparse than dense
US	Whole tone	F ( $N = 7$ ) Moderately Fast	$M = 27.71, SD = 10.7$	Compound Triple	$M = 15.50, SD = 3.32$
		M ( $N = 11$ )	$M = 30.91, SD = 11.69$	19 – 49	Romantic
All reported nationalities:					
France	Medal	French	Fast	Compound Quadruple	Impressionist
US		American		$M = 16.80, SD = 6.30$	Modern
Quintal/Quartal		Very Fast		$M = 17.14, SD = 12.38$	Dense
Ambiguous					
Other					Contemporary
					Other
Experiment 2					
		Contour	Motion	Range	Articulation
Nationality	Gender identity	Ascending	Age (years)	Conjunct	Years of Training
France	F ( $N = 72$ )	Descending	$M = 20.83, SD = 4.36$	Disjunct	Staccato
	M ( $N = 35$ )	Arch	$M = 20.14, SD = 1.77$	Combination of conjunct	Moderate
		Non-Binary/Did not disclose ( $N = 4$ )	$M = 20.25, SD = 0.96$	18 – 52	$M = 3.40, SD = 4.01$
		Undulating	and disjunct	18 – 24	Marcato
US	F ( $N = 102$ )	Pendulum	$M = 22.11, SD = 5.31$	Wide	$M = 4.60, SD = 4.88$
		Terrace	I do not think this	19 – 21	Legato
				Very Wide	$M = 3.25, SD = 2.62$
				18 – 51	Tenuto
				I do not think this	$M = 3.32, SD = 3.41$
					Other

Table 3

*Methods and their uses.*

Method	Some Similar methods	Kind of data	Useful for
<u>Correspondence Analysis (CA)</u>	<u>Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)</u> <u>Discriminant Correspondence Analysis (DiCA)</u> <u>Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA)</u> <u>Canonical Correspondence Analysis</u>	<u>Qualitative, as a contingency table or pseudo-contingency table</u>	<u>Visualizing sets of observations and variables in the same space. A number of extensions of CA, including Discriminant Correspondence Analysis (DiCA) can provide additional inferences.</u>
<u>Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA)</u>	<u>Additive tree clustering</u> <u>MDS</u>	<u>Sorting data, distance matrices, data that represent classification or ordination in some way</u>	<u>Identifying clusters or groups within the data that may not be identified a priori. If the data are a contingency table, this can be used to identify clusters of variables or observations. If the data are a distance matrix or similar, this can identify clusters of items on which distance is being measured.</u>
<u>Metric Multidimensional Scaling (MDS)</u>	<u>PCA</u> <u>DISTATIS</u> <u>Non Metric Multidimensional Scaling (NMMDS)</u> <u>HCA</u>	<u>Distance matrices, Confusion matrices, matrices of correlations, sorting data</u>	<u>Evaluating similarity or dissimilarity between observations, variables, participants, or groups. Visualizes distance on a plane.</u>
<u>Multiple Factor Analysis (MFA)</u>	<u>PCA</u> <u>DISTATIS</u> <u>STATIS</u>	<u>Multiple data tables (not limited to two), each with observations obtained on the same set of variables or vice-versa.</u>	<u>Visualizing how groups of observations have different perspectives on the variables.</u> <u>If the data are a contingency or pseudo-contingency table, the tables can be transposed to visualize the same for the observations.</u>
<u>Partial Least Squares Correlation (PLSC)</u>	<u>PLSCA</u> <u>PLSR</u> <u>Canonical Correlation Analysis</u>	<u>Two data tables with the same observations (rows), that may have different variables. Could also be the same set of variables taken at a different time, for example.</u>	<u>Used in brain imaging to evaluate what brain regions (as voxels, table one) are active during cognitive tasks (as performance scores, table two).</u> <u>Generalizable to any two sets or groups of variables gathered on a set of observations, to see what information is shared.</u>

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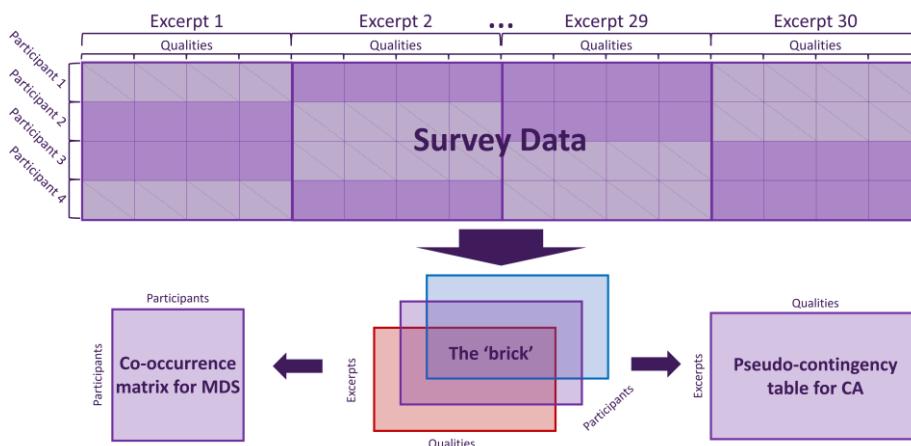
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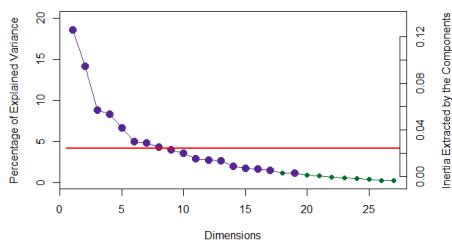
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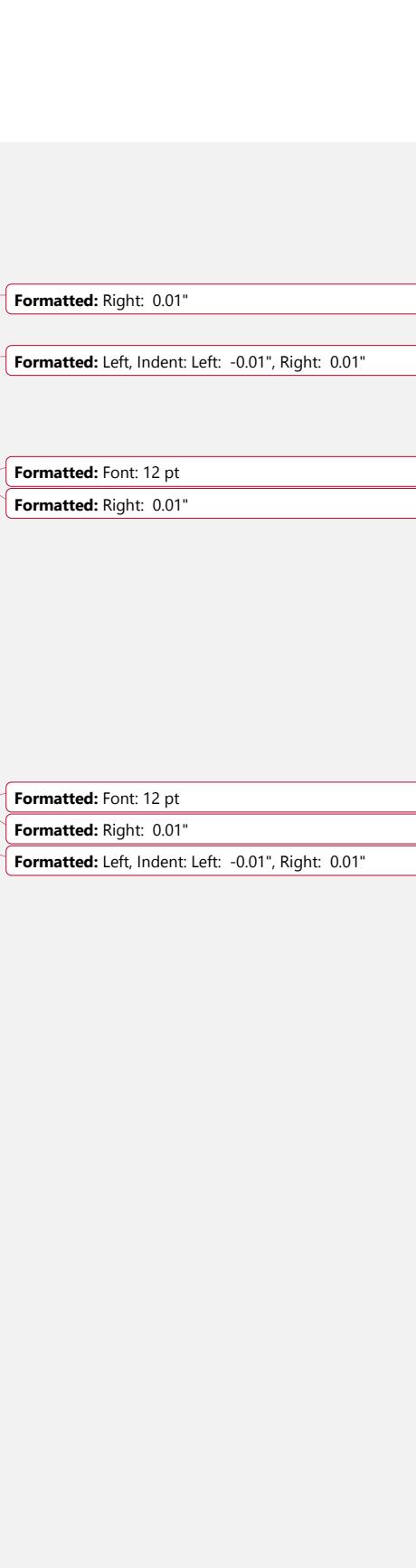
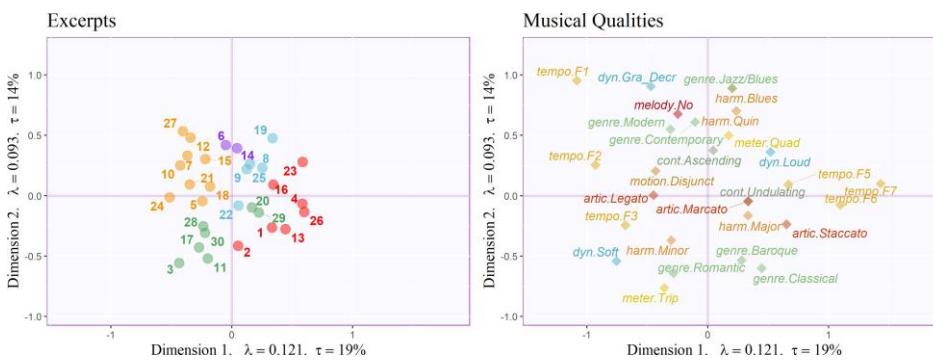
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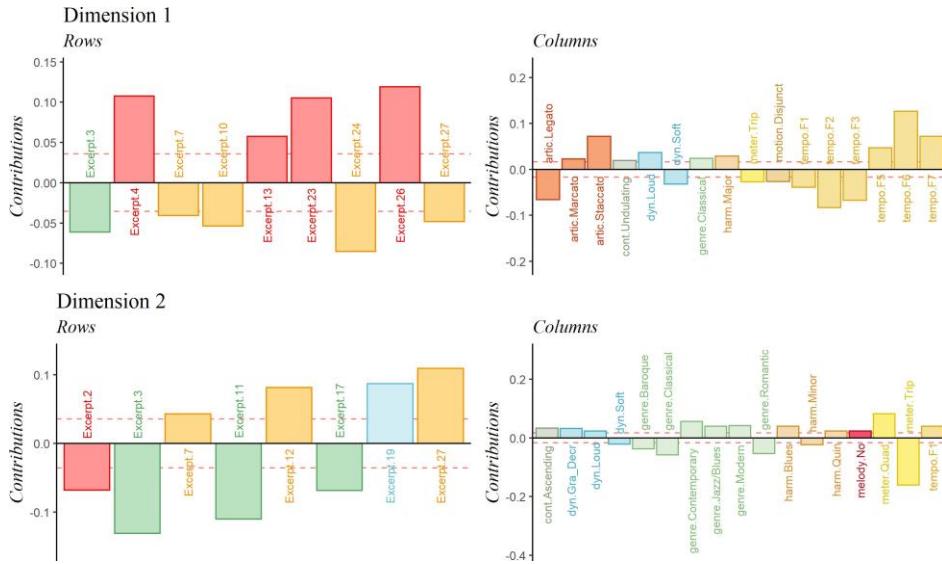
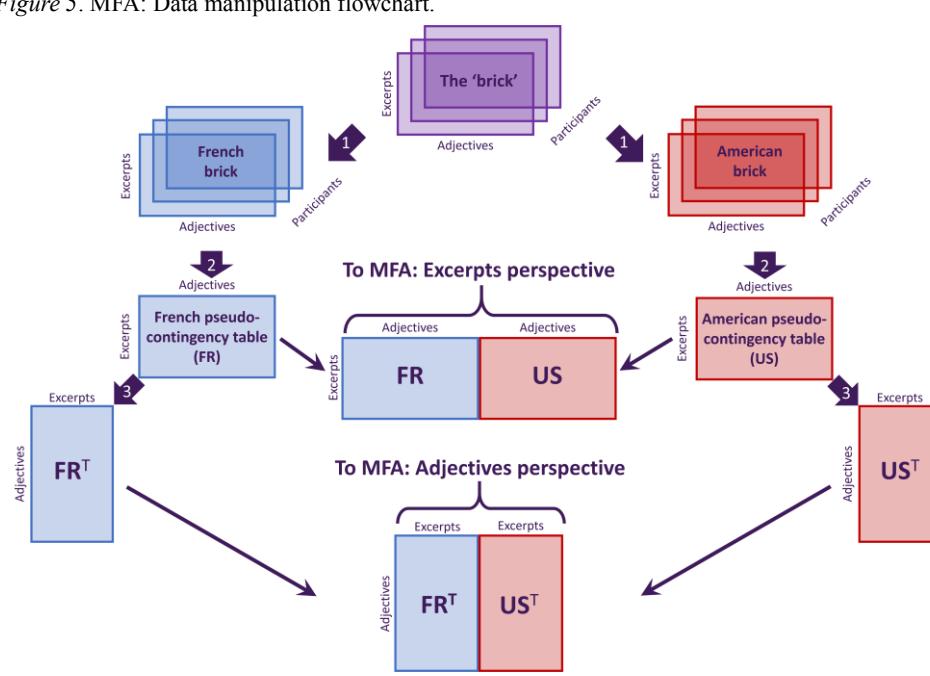


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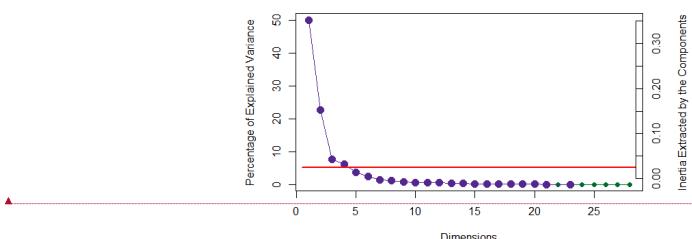
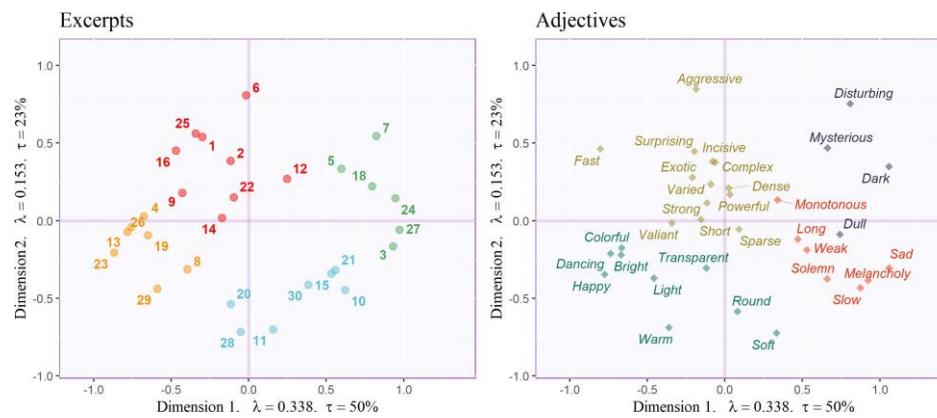


Figure 7-. CA: Adjective survey, factor plots for Excerpts and Adjectives, each colored according to clusters identified by their respective HCAs. Axis labels indicate dimension, eigenvalue, and explained variance for that dimension.



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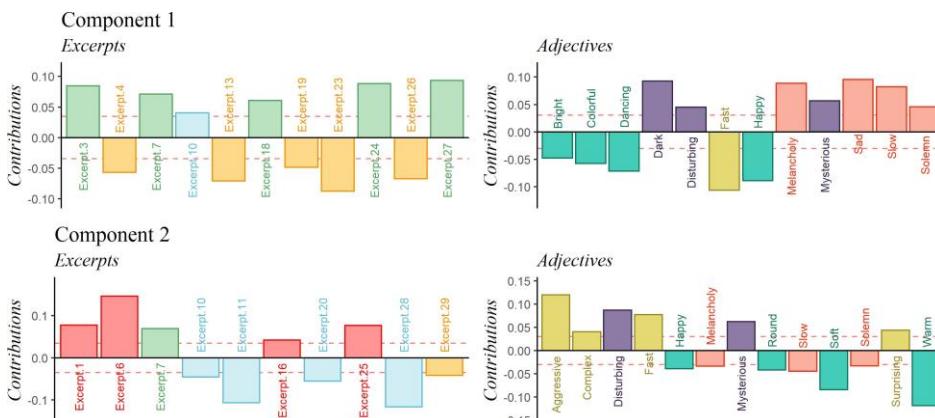
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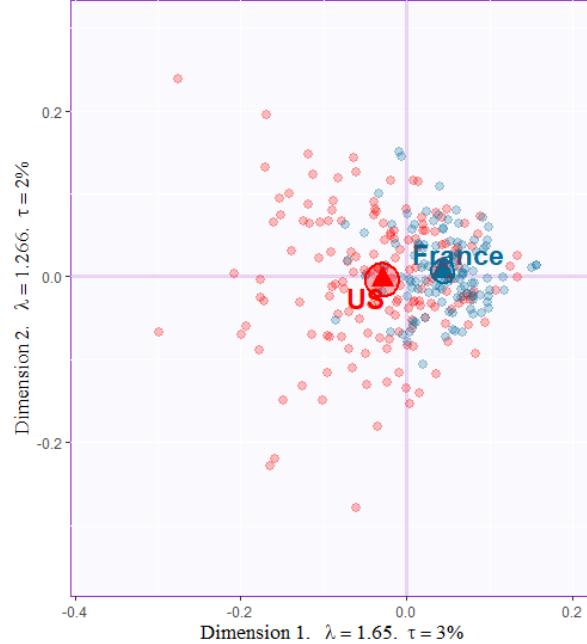
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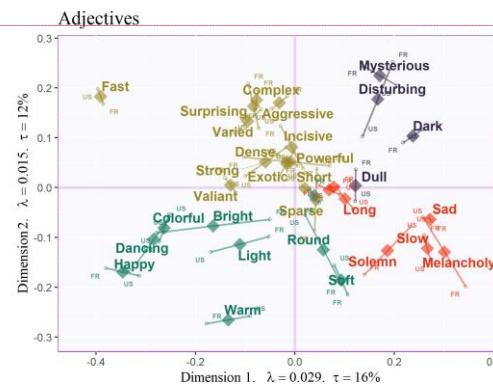
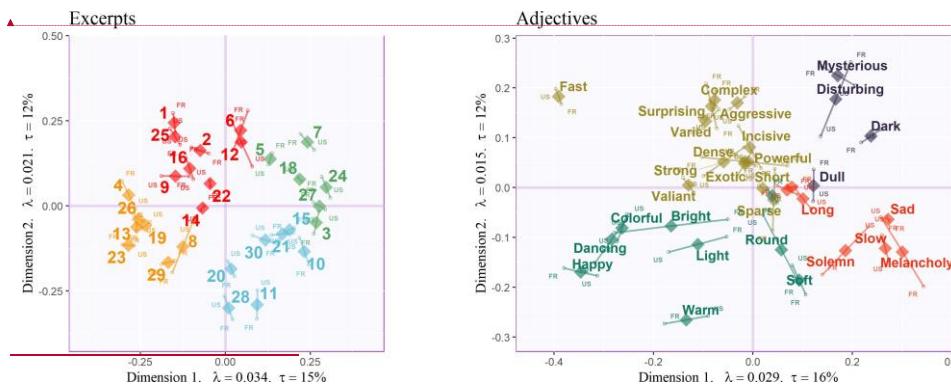
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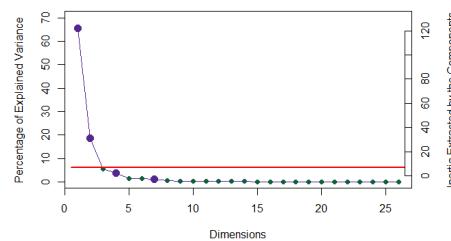


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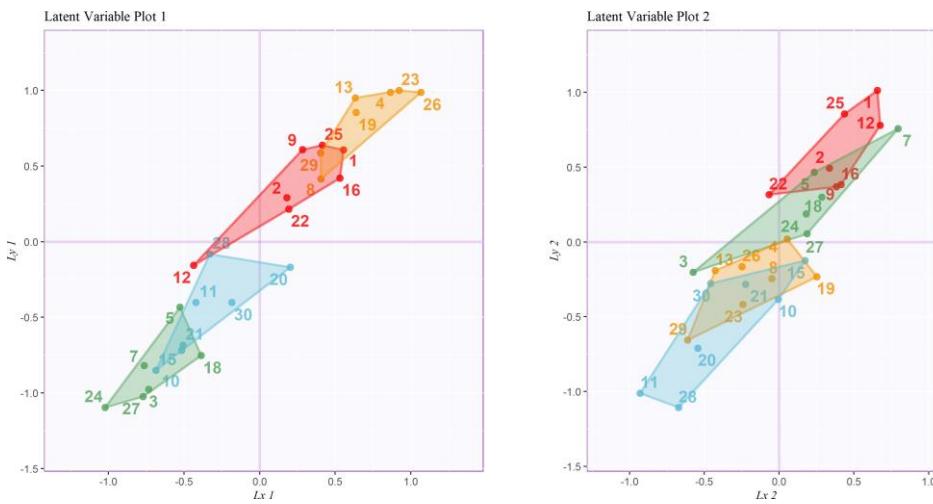
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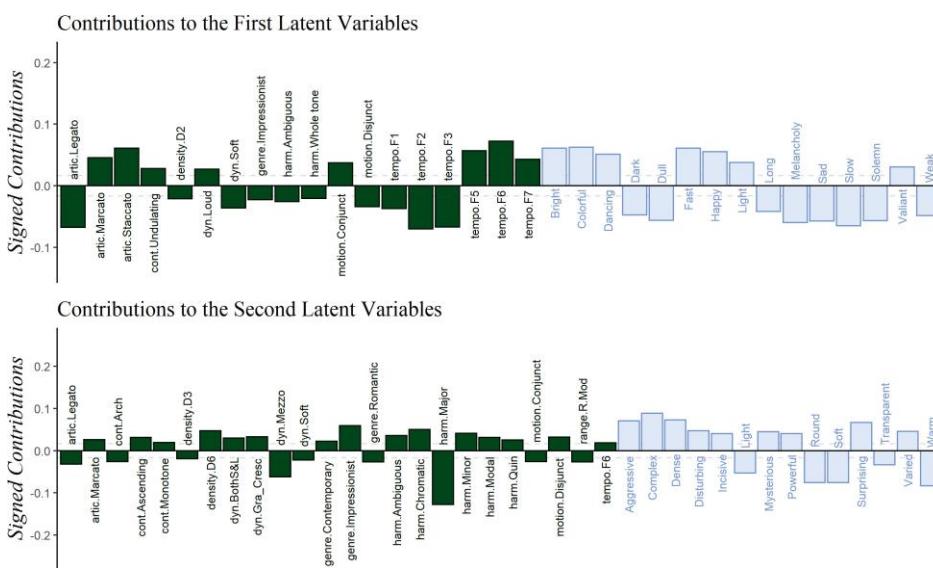
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Cognitive Music Listening SpaceMusical Listening Qualia: A Multivariate Approach

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### Abstract

French and American participants listened to new music stimuli and evaluated the stimuli using either adjectives or quantitative musical dimensions. Results were analyzed using Correspondence Analysis (CA), Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA), Multiple Factor Analysis (MFA), and Partial Least Squares Correlation (PLSC). French and American listeners differed when they described the musical stimuli using adjectives, but not when using the quantitative dimensions. The present work serves as a case study in research methodology that allows for a balance between relaxing experimental control and maintaining statistical rigor.

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We have a data collection problem: World ~~E~~vents over the last ~~two~~ years have shown

that we need to be able to collect good data outside of the lab. In the lab, because we control

error sources, we measure, on relatively small sets of observations, a few well-defined ~~q~~

quantitative variables, analyzed using standard techniques such as analysis of variance

(ANOVA). But, with the labs closed (remember COVID?), how can we collect good data? Away

from the controlled environment of the lab, quantitative variables are hard to measure, but we

can collect, on large sets of observations, qualitative variables that can only be analyzed by

newer multivariate techniques. In the present paper, we present a case study illustrating this

tradeoff.

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~~found~~~~can~~~~to~~ influence its~~the~~ taste (Zampini & Spence, 2004). In 2004, Zampini and Spence

~~demonstrated that something as simple as the sound of a crunch when eating a potato chip could~~

~~influence~~ its taste (Zampini & Spence, 2004). What about a signal as complex as a string quartet?

The present study was designed to quantify a music listening “space” that captures objective

stimulus and ~~cognitive qualia~~ dimensions to use in future studies investigating cross-modal

sensory mapping between food and music.

For the present study, we have defined stimulus dimensions as quantitative musical

qualities, such as tempo, range, and meter, and ~~cognitive qualia~~ dimensions as qualitative

descriptions of music, such as “Dark,” “Warm,” and “Round.” These ~~cognitive qualia~~/qualitative

dimensions are similar to the commonly investigated affective or emotional dimensions, but do

not specifically assess affective quality. To quantify individual and combined spaces for these

concepts, we ran three separate experiments. The first experiment included highly trained

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21 variables—that extract the important information in the table; With these new variables, the  
22 original observations (and variables) can be plotted as points in maps that can be interpreted as  
23 conceptual or mental spaces because they represent the similarity among variables or  
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28 These mental spaces were analyzed with Correspondence Analysis (CA)—a method  
29 similar to Principal Components Analysis (PCA)—created to analyze multivariate qualitative  
30 data (by contrast with PCA which analyzes quantitative data). We used Multidimensional Scaling  
31 (MDS)—a distance analysis method—to visualize the differences between participants and  
32 participant groups. To find parallels between the surveys, we used Partial Least Squares  
33 Correlation (PLSC)—a method created to analyze two data tables comprising different sets of  
34 variables measured on the same set of observations. Finally, we used Multiple Factor Analysis  
35 (MFA) to evaluate how French and American participants’ responses differed. Each of these  
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analytical paradigm. Most music or auditory perception studies have the inherent confound that small changes can affect listeners' perception, especially when the study involves timing, tuning, or sound localization. However, the experimental controls may be loosened slightly when investigating holistic music listening, because no single musical element is more important than the whole.

Quantitative and qualitative elements of music are theoretically distinct but practically inseparable (Bruner II, 1990). Listeners respond affectively to technical aspects of music using schemata informed by their individual musical experiences and personality traits (Kopacz, 2005), and composers use various musical and compositional techniques to convey the emotions they want to express (Battcock & Schutz, 2019; Bruner II, 1990). However, quantifying the perceptual interactions between more than one or two musical qualities is a challenge. One reason is that models such as ANOVA and its variations are limited by how many variables a researcher can include while remaining coherent. Another reason is that asking participants to respond to multiple aspects of a stimulus taxes participants' perceptual capacity and is thus difficult to measure (W. F. Thompson, 1994).

Music emotion research—in contrast to the research mentioned above—has attempted to capture a more multifaceted perspective on music listening. This is a well-trod domain—see, for example, Juslin and Sloboda (2010)—and the application of multivariate analyses to these questions is similarly well established. Early studies, including Gray and Wheeler (1967) and Wedin (1969) and Wedin (1972) used MDS to capture the affective space of various musical stimuli. MDS continues to be used commonly in more modern studies (Bigand et al., 2005; Madsen, 1997; Rodà et al., 2014), with a narrow focus on valence and arousal, which were the dimensions originally proposed to be the most salient for perception by Osgood and Suci (1955).

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14 music emotion perception (Cowen et al., 2020; Juslin & Västfjäll, 2008). However, an important  
15 distinction between the present study and work in music emotion perception is that the adjectives  
16 we chose were informed by music composition and performance, rather than by emotion  
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20 With regard to musical expertise, many studies evaluate the differences between trained  
21 and untrained listeners, but the verdict is still out as to whether trained musicians are better  
22 listeners, an issue that could be due to ~~multiple views~~differences about how much training is  
23 required for a participant to be “highly trained” (Bigand & Poulin-Charronnat, 2006). There are,  
24 however, reported benefits with regard to sensitivity to the emotional content in music (Ladinig  
25 & Schellenberg, 2012) and familiarity with tonal systems (Bartlett & Dowling, 1980; Dowling,  
26 1978). Recent works suggest that these benefits may be limited to specific technical aspects, and  
27 depend on the extent of training (Raman & Dowling 2017). Although we do not specifically  
28 evaluate the differences between trained and untrained listeners in the present study, we included  
29 highly trained musicians because they are sensitive to these technical aspects of music and will  
30 be able to accurately quantify the stimuli. Additionally, some of the response options to questions  
31 on the survey for Experiment 1 would only be familiar to participants with significant music  
32 training.

### *Intercultural music perception*

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34 There are a few common goals in intercultural studies of music perception. Some  
35 quantify the shared emotional experience between musical cultures (Balkwill et al., 2004;

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11 Balkwill & Thompson, 1999; Cowen et al., 2020; Darrow et al., 1987; Fritz et al., 2009; Gregory  
12 & Varney, 1996), and some ask participants to identify technical aspects of music from other  
13 cultures (Raman & Dowling, 2016, 2017). There are fewer studies that include the semantics of  
14 language in their evaluation of music perception (Zacharakis et al., 2014, 2015), which makes  
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19 The research program presented in Zacharakis et al. (2014, 2015) deals specifically with  
20 timbre perception, and their use of adjectives is similar to the way how we use adjectives here. In  
21 Zacharakis et al. (2014, 2015), Greek and English participants described timbre with adjectives  
22 from their native languages. These studies found that while there are some differences, overall,  
23 participants' descriptions of timbre do not differ much between languages (Zacharakis et al.,  
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### ***Present questions & methods of analysis***

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32 The primary question addressed in this study is: Can we quantify a cognitive-space  
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37 Secondary questions include whether French and American participants describe music  
38 differently, and whether these differences may arise from cultural differences in music listening  
39 or preferences, or are purely semantic. To answer these questions, we employed a set of  
40 multivariate analyses that each offered a different perspective on the experimental results. We  
41 felt it may be useful to provide a quick overview of the data collection and analytical techniques  
42 for readers who may be unfamiliar with these methods.  
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### ***Check-all-that-apply (CATA)***

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46 The CATA technique—a method widely used in sensory evaluation (and elsewhere but  
47 under different names: Coombs et al., 1956; Katz & Braly, 1933; Meyners & Castura, 2014;  
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Valentin et al., 2012)—measures how participants describe a set of stimuli. In a CATA task, stimuli are presented one at a time, and for each stimulus, participants are shown a list of descriptors and are asked to select the descriptors that apply to the presented stimulus (Meyners & Castura, 2014). CATA easily assesses questions with multiple “correct” responses (Coombs et al., 1956), and places little cognitive demand on participants because they do not have to generate responses (Ares et al., 2010).

CATA data are analyzed by 1) computing a pseudo contingency table that records the number of times descriptors were associated with stimuli and 2) analyzing this data table with Correspondence Analysis in order to visualize the patterns of association between a) stimuli, b) descriptors, and c) stimuli and descriptors.

### *Correspondence Analysis*

The primary analysis used on the stimulus response data collected in the surveys is Correspondence Analysis (CA, Benzécri, 1973; Escofier-Cordier, 1965; Greenacre, 1984). ~~It is similar to Principal Components Analysis (PCA) but can be performed on qualitative data.~~ Specifically, just like PCA, CA analyzes ~~a~~ a contingency table ~~or any data structured similarly, and by computing components (whose number is the lesser of  $I - 1$  and  $J - 1$ , where  $I$  is the number of rows and  $J$  is the number of columns)~~ computes that capture the relationships between ~~within, respectively, the~~ rows (observations) and columns (variables) ~~of the data table;~~ in our case between musical excerpts and descriptors. ~~One helpful comment from our reviewers suggested that we should note that the number of dimensions analyzed in a CA is the lesser of  $i - 1$  or  $j - 1$ , where  $i$  is the number of rows and  $j$  is the number of columns. In CA, the components for the rows and the columns have the same variance and can, therefore be visualized in the same space. This makes CA a method of choice when the experimental~~

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One key aspect of CA is that The nature of CA it allows for observations and variables to be visualized in the same space. Thus it is useful when the experimental questions include how all variables and observations are related to one another in the same space.

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### Hierarchical Cluster Analysis

Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA, Pielou, 1984) identifies groups, or clusters, of observations from the rows of a distance matrix, because HCA displays these observations as “leaves” on a tree computed to best represent the original distances. This method was used here to determine whether there were clusters of excerpts or adjectives that arose during participant ratings. These clusters were used as design or grouping variables and to select colors for visualizations.

### Multidimensional Scaling

Metric Multidimensional Scaling (MDS, Abdi, 2007; Borg & Groenen, 2005; Gower, 1966; Hout et al. 2013; Kruskal & Wish, 1978; Torgerson, 1958; Shepard, 1962)—a technique commonly used in music perception studies (Bigand et al., 2005; Madsen, 1997; Rodà et al., 2014; Wedin, 1969, 1972)—analyzes a distance matrix computed between observations and visualizes these observations by positioning them on a map such that the distance between observations on the map best approximates their distance in the data table. MDS is commonly used to evaluate represent the similarity between stimuli; Here, this technique is used as an omnibus method to evaluate the similarity between groups of participants.

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### Multiple Factor Analysis

Multiple Factor Analysis (MFA, Abdi et al., 2013; Escofier & Pagès, 1994) extends PCA to analyze multiple tables or blocks of variables that each describe the same

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11 observations. MFA computes a *compromise* and a set of *partial factor scores*, where the  
12 *compromise* is the average of (or compromise between) the normalized factor scores from each  
13 block, and the *partial factor scores* are the factor scores of each individual block. Plotting these  
14 factor scores allows for the comparison of observations (rows), and, for each observation, the  
15 relationships between the blocks of variables that contributed to that observation. The basic  
16 difference between MFA and PLSC is that PLSC extracts commonalities between two data  
17 tables, whereas MFA extracts similarities and differences between two or more data tables.  
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19 In the present study, MFA was used to evaluate differences between French and American

20 participants in how they described specific excerpts and used specific adjectives. This  
21 application of MFA can be generalized to different groups of participants or other sources of data  
22 measured on the same set of observations. When the data take the form of a contingency table,  
23 MFA allows for the analysis of the contributions to both the observations and the variables.**Formatted:** Font color: Accent 424  
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35 Partial Least Squares Correlation (PLSC, Abdi & Williams, 2013; Tucker, 1958) analyzes  
36 two data tables that describe the same set of observations (rows) with two different sets of  
37 variables (columns). To extract the common information between the two data tables, PLSC  
38 separately combines the variables from each data table to create new variables—similar to factor  
39 scores and called *latent variables*—that have the largest covariance. This method is commonly  
40 used in neuroimaging studies to extract the common information between imaging and  
41 behavioral data (Krishnan et al., 2011). It was used in the present study to evaluate the  
42 similarities in how participants in either survey rated the excerpts.  
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48 Bootstrapping

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11 methods outlined above are not inferential methods, and do not inherently allow for hypothesis  
12 testing. Bootstrapping evaluates the stability of the result of an experiment. This is displayed in  
13 the form of confidence intervals, as ellipses, in the plots below, computed from resampling the  
14 original observations (Hesterberg, 2011).  
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#### Permutation testing

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18 We used permutation testing (Berry et al., 2021) to evaluate the significance of results  
19 of the analyses described above. Permutation testing compares the signal present in the observed  
20 data to permutations of these data and computes test statistics on each permutation.  
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22 The test statistic of the observed data is then evaluated relative to the distribution of test statistics  
23 from the permuted data. The extremity of the observed values—e.g., the most extreme 5% for a  $p$   
24 < .05 significance level—indicates the significance of the signal in the data.  
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### Experiment 1: Musical Qualities Survey

#### Methods

##### *Participants*

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32 For the first experiment, we recruited highly trained musicians with a minimum of 10  
33 years of formal music training to evaluate the stimulus dimensions or musical qualities, and to  
34 ascertain whether these stimuli truly reflected the composer's intent of varying on a wide range  
35 of musical dimensions (Raman & Dowling, 2017). Participants in the United States and in  
36 France were recruited by word of mouth and social media. There was a total of 84 responses to  
37 the survey, of which 57 were removed for not completing the survey, leaving a total of 27  
38 ( $N_{\text{France}} = 9$ ,  $N_{\text{USA}} = 18$ ) for the analysis. All recruitment measures were approved by the UT  
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##### *Stimuli*

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All stimuli were new, original excerpts composed—in various Western styles using Finale composition software (Finale v25, MakeMusic, Inc.)—by the first author specifically for this study (scores and audio files available upon request). Each stimulus was ~~a~~ wav file generated using the Finale human playback engine, approximately 30 s in length (range: ~~27~~–40 s,  $M =$  32.4 s). The stimuli were all string quartets, a choice made to control for effects of timbre but also and otherwise vary on a number of musical qualities, specifically: Harmony, Tempo, Meter, Density, and Genre.

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### **Survey**

American and French participants received links to surveys presented via Qualtrics in (respectively) English and French. Participants were instructed to listen to the excerpts presented in the survey using headphones or in a quiet listening environment, but this was not controlled, nor was it assessed as part of the survey. After standard informed consent procedures, participants listened to 15 of the 30 excerpts, presented one at time in a random order, and answered ten questions per excerpt, one for each of the musical qualities being assessed. The musical qualities assessed and the levels associated with each quality are indicated shown in Table 1. Of these dimensions being assessed, all were multiple choice, allowing for a single response, except for meter, contour, and articulation, which were check-all-that-apply (See supplementary materials for the French translations of this table). Upon completion of the experimental task, participants were asked to provide demographic data, including age, gender identity, nationality, occupation, and musical experience.

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### **Data Processing**

To process the data, survey responses were converted into a “brick” of data, with the

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10 excerpts on the rows, the qualities on the columns, and the participants on the pages (See Figure  
11 1). For the current experiment, one quality is one variable, and we refer to the response options  
12 as levels of that variable. On any page, at the intersection of any row and column was a one or a  
13 zero, with a one indicating that this participant had selected this level of this quality (column) to  
14 describe this excerpt (row). [FIGURE 1 NEAR HERE] The responses in the French “brick” were  
15 all translated into English, and then the bricks from both nationalities were summed together  
16 across pages to obtain a single pseudo-contingency table<sup>1</sup> in which the intersection of a row and  
17 a column was the total number participants who selected a level of a musical quality to describe  
18 an excerpt. Levels for which the column sum was equal to one were considered as outliers and  
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32 After removing these columns, preliminary visualizations revealed a few variables that  
33 required recoding because they were having an outsized effect on the analysis. For the “Meter,”  
34 variable, there were initially seven levels: “Simple Duple,” “Simple Triple,” “Simple  
35 Quadruple,” “Compound Duple,” “Compound Triple,” “Compound Quadruple,” and “Complex,”  
36 but some participants misunderstood this question and selected multiple options for each level of  
37 “Duple,” “Triple” or “Quadruple.” These responses were recoded, removing “Simple,”  
38 “Compound” and “Complex,” (there were no excerpts with complex meter), and collapsed, so  
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47 <sup>1</sup> Whereas, in a contingency table, there is one and only one “1” in each row—a pattern  
48 indicating that each observation (row) is associated with a single variable (column)—by contrast,  
49 in a pseudo-contingency table, there are as many ones as variables the participant decided were  
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51 like\*\*\*. In a real contingency table the observations are independent of each other and therefore  
52 one observation contributes to one and only cell of the table. By contrast with CATA one  
53 respondent provides a set of responses that therefore contributes to several cells of the data  
54 table—a pattern that breaks the independence assumption.

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11 that each excerpt had only one meter response per participant, “Duple,” “Triple,” or  
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15 There were multiple qualities for which a possible response was “I do not think this  
16 excerpt has a melody,” and this pattern created a problem in which multiple columns represented  
17 the same response, which had a similar effect to the one caused by the “Meter” variable before it  
18 was recoded. To avoid this problem, these responses were also recoded. A new variable,  
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20 “Melody,” was created, with two levels/columns, yes and no, and if participants responded “I do  
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22 not think this excerpt has a melody” to any of the Contour, Motion, or Range variables, a one  
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24 was counted in the “No” column for that participant and that excerpt. The other levels for each of  
25 these three variables were then recoded so that each other column for that variable in that row  
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27 had the value of one divided by the number of options for that variable—a procedure called  
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29 barycentric recoding. If the participant responded with “I do not think this excerpt has a melody”  
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31 for some but not all three of those variables, a one was still counted in the “no melody” column,  
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33 but only the variables for which “I do not think...” was selected were recoded using barycentric  
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35 recoding. For all excerpts and participants for which “I do not think...” was never selected, a one  
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37 was added to the “Yes” column for the melody variable. Once the data were recoded, the brick  
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39 was once again summed across pages to obtain the data table that would be used for subsequent  
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41 analyses.

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43 *Analysis*

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45 To analyze the similarity structure between participants, we computed a co-occurrence  
46 matrix from the brick with participants on the rows and columns, such that the intersection of a  
47 row and column represented the number of common choices between participants. This co-  
48 occurrence matrix was then analyzed using MDS.

To analyze the excerpts and musical qualities and obtain the music quality space, we performed a CA on the contingency table. To identify potential clusters among the excerpts, we ran an HCA on the row factor scores obtained from the CA.

## Results

### Participants

The MDS performed on the co-occurrence matrix of participants was intended to identify potential clusters of participants. Visual examination of the results did not reveal any clusters—a pattern suggesting that the participants constituted a homogeneous group. To confirm this conclusion, we also computed average factor scores by nationality and gender identity and bootstrap-derived confidence intervals around these averages and did not find any significant differences (See supplementary materials for plots).

### Excerpts

The results of the CA and subsequent permutation testing performed on the contingency table revealed 18two significant dimensions. In such a scenario, it is important to remember that significant is not always synonymous with important, and the dimensions we consider are limited by interpretability. For the current study, we have focused on the first two dimensions, which, accounting together for 32.74% of the total variance. Figure 2 displays the scree plot, which shows for this analysis the percentage of variance explained by each dimension. Readers curious about dimensions three through five are recommended to the supplementary materials.- Figure 2 displays the scree plot, which shows for this analysis the percentage of variance explained by each dimension. [FIGURE 2 NEAR HERE]

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Preliminary plots of the factor scores obtained from the CA revealed that Excerpts 6 and 14 distorted the factor space, with these two excerpts dominating the second and third -

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dimensions. To help interpret the factor space, these two excerpts were removed from the data and the CA was rerun. Excerpts 6 and 14 were then added back in as *supplementary observations* (see Abdi & Béra, 2018, for details), a technique which visualizes the information that these elements share with the elements retained in the main sample without distorting the factor space. The proximity of these supplementary observations to the origin helps identify how much information is shared with the rest of the sample. The closer the supplementary observations are to the origin, the less information they share with the rest of the sample.

The HCA performed on the row factor scores of the CA revealed four clusters of excerpts (see supplementary materials for the tree diagram). Figure 3 displays the first two factorial dimensions for and the row factor scores calculated by the CA, colored according to the clusters revealed by the HCA, with Excerpts 6 and 14 as supplementary observations colored separately. Figure 3 also displays the column factor scores for the qualities calculated by the CA (right), with the levels of a given quality colored the same. For clarity, only the levels of qualities that contributed significantly more than the average (see below, and Figure 4) are displayed.

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The proximity between two points in Figure 3 indicates their similarity when these points are on the same map. Because the CA computes a space common to both rows and columns, points on different maps can also be compared. Proximity between points on separate maps reflects their association relative to the average, for example Excerpt 24 is more associated with Legato articulation than is the average excerpt (Abdi & Williams, 2010).

To evaluate the relative importance of the excerpts and musical qualities in defining each dimension, we computed their *contributions* to the dimensions. Contributions are similar to

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squared coefficients of correlation and vary between zero and one with zero indicating no importance and one indicating maximum importance (Abdi & Williams, 2010). Contributions—being squared—are positive, but to facilitate interpretation contributions are signed to express the sign of the corresponding factor scores. Contributions whose magnitude is larger than the average contribution (i.e., 1 divided by the number of scores) are considered important for their factorial dimensions. A plot of the contributions for all excerpts and variables is in the supplementary materials.

Figure 4 shows only the contributions of excerpts and qualities important for the first two

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dimensions. For Dimension 1 ordered by magnitude Excerpts 26, 4, 23, and 13 contribute to the positive side of the dimension, whereas Excerpts 24, 3, 10, 27, and 7 contribute to the negative side of the dimension. Low tempi (tempo.F2 and tempo.F1) contribute to the negative side, along with legato (smooth) articulation and soft dynamics. Finally, high tempi contribute to the positive side, along with marcato (accented) and staccato (separate) articulations and loud dynamics. Tempo, articulation, and dynamics contribute importantly/significantly to the first dimension, along with a few single levels from other variables also contribute to the first dimension: major harmony, classical genre, and undulating contour in the positive direction and disjunct motion and triple meter in the negative direction. Genre and meter, and to a lesser extent harmony, dynamics, and contour all contribute significantly to the second dimension. For both dimensions, the excerpts that are associated with these levels of variables also contribute importantly/significantly.

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For Dimension 2, Excerpts 27, 19, 12, 7, and 15 contribute to the positive side of the dimension, whereas Excerpts 3, 11, 17, and 2 contribute to the negative side. Newer genres (Contemporary, Jazz/Blues, and Modern) contribute to the positive side of Dimension 2, along

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11 with Blues and Quintal harmony, Quadruple meter, Gradual decrescendo and loud dynamics,  
12 ascending contour, “no melody,” and the slowest level of the tempo variable. Older genres  
13 (Baroque, Classical, and Romantic) contribute to the negative side of this dimension, along with  
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## Experiment 1 Discussion

22 Observing no group differences between French and American participants in the results  
23 of the MDS on the co-occurrence matrix suggests that the trained musicians perceived the  
24 excerpts with which they were presented similarly.

25 The results of the CA (Figure 3) reveal a few musical connections: for example, between  
26 tempo and articulation (on Dimension 1), and between genre and harmony (on Dimension 2).  
27 Staccato articulations, associated on this factor plot with high tempi, are played light and  
28 separate, and legato articulations, associated with slow tempi, are played smooth and connected.  
29 The coordinate mapping of jazz/blues harmony and genre, which are on top of one another, is the  
30 most extreme example of a genre being associated with certain harmonic material, but other  
31 connections are also revealed. The second dimension separates older styles, such as Baroque,  
32 Classical, and Romantic, from newer styles, Contemporary, Jazz/Blues, and Modern. Dimension  
33 2 similarly separates harmonies associated with those styles, specifically older and simpler  
34 harmonies of major and minor from the more complex harmonies of Quintal and Blues.  
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36 The first dimension can be interpreted as arousal—tempo, articulation, and dynamics all  
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load from greater arousal (*i.e., higher tempos, greater dynamics*) in the positive direction to lesser arousal (*i.e., lower tempos, softer dynamics*) in the negative direction on the first dimension. Dimension 2 is less ~~clear, and clear and~~ does not seem to be tied to valence. Minor and major harmony, for example, both score negatively on Dimension 2. Instead, Figure 4 shows that while two levels of the meter variable are the most important for this dimension, that genre is also important, based on the number of levels of genre that contribute significantly to Dimension 2. Considering the contributions of the genre and the harmony variables, it may be that the second dimension represents complexity.

## Experiment 2: Musical Adjectives Survey

### Methods

#### *Participants*

Participants with self-reported normal hearing were recruited for Experiment 2 without regard to level of music training. Participants in the United States were recruited by the UT Dallas Psych Research Sign-up (SONA) System, by word of mouth, and by social media. French participants were recruited by word of mouth, email, and social media. Only participants who signed up via the SONA System were compensated (*i.e.,* with research participation credit).

~~Other participants—including all French participants and any US participants who did not sign up via the SONA System—were not compensated in any way.~~ Out of 520 survey responses received, ~~166-167~~ were incomplete and removed. The remaining 354 were filtered by nationality: American participants who answered the question “What’s your nationality?” with a compound nationality including American were retained, but those who indicated only a nationality other than American were excluded. For example, “Indian-American” was included, but “Ghanian” was not. This left a total of ~~278-277~~ ( $N_{\text{France}} = 112$ ,  $N_{\text{USA}} = 166$ ) survey responses for

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10 analysis. All recruitment measures were approved by the UT Dallas IRB.  
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12 ***Stimuli***

13 The stimuli used for Experiment 2 were the same as those used for Experiment 1.

14 ***Survey***

15 The procedures for participants in Experiments 1 and 2 were similar: American and  
16 French participants received links to surveys presented via Qualtrics in (respectively) English  
17 and French., and instructions regarding listening environment were the same as in Experiment 1.  
18 After standard informed consent procedures, participants listened to 15 of the 30 excerpts,  
19 presented one at a time, in a random order, and performed a CATA task. Participants were  
20 instructed to select all adjectives that they felt described the stimulus. Participants were provided  
21 with a list of 33 adjectives, presented in a random order for each stimulus, such as such as  
22 “Dark,” “Warm,” and “Colorful” (French: “Sombre,” “Chaleureux,” and “Coloré”). The  
23 adjectives for this survey were selected using Wallmark (2019) as a guide and in consultation  
24 with a French professional musician. Some adjectives were initially selected in French and some  
25 in English. In all cases, adjectives were selected for which there was a clear French (vis-à-vis -  
26 ~~E~~English) translation. The adjectives are listed in English and in French in the supplementary  
27 materials. Following the experimental task, the participants were asked to provide demographic  
28 data, including age, gender identity, nationality, occupation, and musical experience.

29 ***Data Processing & Analysis***

30 Data for the survey for Experiment 2 were processed similarly to Experiment 1. Due to a  
31 technical error, French participants were not presented with Excerpt 17, so the data for that  
32 excerpt were removed from the dataset for the American participants. Although Excerpts 6 and  
33 14 were removed from Experiment 1 data for being outliers, they were not found to be outliers in

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11 Experiment 2, and were, therefore, included in all ~~of the~~-analyses for this experiment. To process  
12 the data, first, all French survey responses were translated into English. Both sets of responses  
13 were then converted into “bricks” of data, with the excerpts on the rows, the adjectives on the  
14 columns, and participants on the pages. On a page, at the intersection of a row and column was a  
15 one or a zero, with a one indicating that this participant had selected this adjective (column) to  
16 describe this stimulus (row). The bricks were then summed across pages to obtain a pseudo-  
17 contingency table in which the intersection of a row and a column stored the number of  
18 participants who selected an adjective to describe an excerpt.

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20 To analyze the similarity structure between participants, we computed a co-occurrence  
21 matrix from the brick with participants on the rows and columns, such that the intersection of a  
22 row and column represented the number of common choices between participants. This co-  
23 occurrence matrix was then analyzed using MDS.

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25 To analyze the excerpts and adjectives and obtain the music quality space, we performed  
26 a CA on the excerpts by adjectives contingency table. To identify potential clusters of excerpts or  
27 adjectives, two separate HCAs were computed, one on the row factor scores (excerpts) and one  
28 on the column factor scores (adjectives) obtained from the CA.

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30 We performed two MFAs, one to explore differences between French and American  
31 participants from the perspective of their use of adjectives, and another to explore differences  
32 between French and American participants from the perspective of their descriptions of the  
33 excerpts. To prepare the data for these MFAs, we separated the brick into two separate bricks,  
34 one for the French participants and one for the American participants. Each brick was then  
35 summed to obtain excerpts by adjectives pseudo-contingency tables for each nationality. These  
36 tables were then transposed to obtain adjectives by excerpts pseudo contingency tables for each

group. The French and American excerpts by adjectives tables were then concatenated into a single large matrix in which each table represented a block, as were the transposed (adjectives by excerpts) tables. We then performed separate MFAs on each of these large matrices. Figure 5 sketches the data manipulation process.

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## Results

### *Excerpts*

#### *CA & HCA*

The CA performed on the AS pseudo-contingency table revealed two important dimensions, which together accounted for 73% of the total variance (see Figure 6).

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Figure 7 displays the factor scores for the excerpts and the adjectives. [The interpretation](#) of these plots is similar to [the interpretation of](#) the factor plots [for](#) Experiment 1. Because this experiment captures participant behavior relative to the descriptions of the excerpts, adjectives that are near one another can be interpreted as having been used similarly, such as “Incisive” and “Complex.” This plot shows a clear valence-arousal plane, such that the first dimension represents valence, with adjectives such as “Sad” and “Dark” on the right contrasting with “Dancing” and “Happy” on the left, and the second dimension represents arousal, such that “Aggressive” is contrasted near the top with “Soft” near the bottom. Similarly, Excerpts 27 and 26 are defined almost entirely by valence, with their projections on Dimension 1 accounting for 84% and 86% of their variance, respectively, and Excerpt 28 could be interpreted as being

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defined almost entirely by arousal, with its projection on Dimension 2 accounting for 81% of its variance.

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The HCAs computed separately on the factor scores for the rows (excerpts) and columns (adjectives; see supplementary materials for tree diagrams) revealed four clusters for each set, and the excerpts and adjectives are colored according to these clusters for all plots for Experiment 2. The clusters of adjectives and excerpts identified by the HCA are grouped approximately by quadrant in Figure 7, with the top right representing negative valence/high arousal, the top left representing positive valence/high arousal, the bottom left representing positive valence/low arousal, and the bottom right representing negative valence/low arousal. A few adjectives do not conform to this pattern—such as “Monotonous” and “Dull”—because the factor scores for all dimensions were used for the HCA, and these adjectives were likely loading on higher dimensions.

Figure 8 displays the contributions of excerpts and adjectives important for the first two dimensions. For Dimension 1, adjectives that describe negative valence contribute to the positive side, while those that describe positive valence contribute to the negative side—in order of magnitude. Excerpts 27, 24, 3, 7, 18, and 10 contribute to the positive side of the dimension, whereas Excerpts 23, 13, 26, 4, and 19 contribute to the negative side. Adjectives “Sad,” “Dark,” “Melancholy,” “Slow,” “Mysterious,” “Solemn,” and “Disturbing” contribute in the positive direction, whereas “Fast,” “Dancing,” “Happy,” “Colorful,” and “Bright” contribute in the negative direction.

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For Dimension 2, adjectives that describe high arousal contribute to the positive side and those that describe low arousal contribute to the negative side. As in Experiment 1, the excerpts

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that are characterized by these adjectives contribute similarly to their respective dimensions and directions. Excerpts 6, 1, 25, 7, and 16 contribute to the positive side of the dimension, whereas Excerpts 28, 11, 20, 29, and 10 contribute to the negative side. Adjectives "Aggressive," "Fast," "Mysterious," "Disturbing," and "Complex" contribute to the positive side of Dimension 2, whereas "Warm," "Soft," "Slow," "Round," Happy," "Melancholy," and "Solemn" contribute to the negative side.

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### Participants

#### MDS

Figure 9 displays the factor scores obtained from the MDS performed on the co-occurrence matrix for the AS, along with group means and bootstrap-derived confidence intervals. The separation between the confidence intervals indicates significant differences between French and American participants ( $p < .001$ ). Group differences between French ( $M = 0.04, SD = 0.04$ ) and American ( $M = -0.03, SD = 0.08$ ) participants are confirmed by the results of a *t*-test on the factor scores on the first dimension,  $t(268.89) = 9.63, p < .001$ . Additional analyses using gender identity and level of music training as factors did not reveal any significant difference.

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An additional HCA performed post-hoc on the factor scores of the MDS revealed two clusters that somewhat aligned with the *a priori* nationality groupings. One group consisted of 101 French participants (90.2%) and 81 American participants (48.8%), and the other group consisted of 11 French participants (9.8%) and 85 American participants (51.2%). A plot of the MDS results using these results as a grouping variable is included in the supplementary.

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Figure 10 displays the results of the MFAs as partial factor score plots (see “Multiple Factor Analysis” above) highlighting differences in descriptions from the perspective of the excerpts (left) and the adjectives (right) between French and American participants. The two separate MFAs revealed slightly different factorial dimensions, as shown by the percentage of extracted variance ~~by~~on each axis (~~and~~denoted  $\tau$  in the Figures), but the general space for both plots is similar to the space revealed by the CA for Experiment 2 (Figure 7). Thus, we can interpret the space similarly, relative to the valence-arousal plane. However, in this case, we cannot compare elements between maps.

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The diamonds represent the compromise between the mental spaces of the French and American participants for each item, and the lines extending from the diamonds to the circles point to the partial factor scores for the items from the perspective of each group (Abdi et al., 2013). Excerpts and adjectives that were rated similarly by each group have short lines extending from them, and those that were rated differently by each group have longer lines. Examples of excerpts that were rated differently are numbers 6, 8, and 12. Adjectives that were used differently include “Disturbing,” “Round,” “Solemn,” and “Bright.”

## Experiment 2 Discussion

As suggested by the MDS on the participants (Figure 9), American and French participants differed in both their mean and their variance. The larger variance of the American participants likely indicates that American participants constitute a more heterogeneous group than French participants. This heterogeneity of the American participants is reflected in their

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11 varied responses to the nationality question (with nine different answers), compared to the  
12 French participants who all responded “French” (except for one participant who responded with  
13 “French — Belgian”).  
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16 Because participants only rated half of the excerpts, the mean group differences and  
17 confidence intervals are meaningful, but the proximity between individual participants can-not be  
18 directly interpreted as similarity. A better estimation of between-subject similarity would need to  
19 weight the similarity (i.e., the number of common adjectives chosen) between two participants  
20 by the number of common excerpts presented.<sup>3</sup>  
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23 The adjectives used in Experiment 2 were not selected to engage an affective appraisal,  
24 selected to engage a cognitive appraisal, but the first two factorial dimensions of the MFA  
25 nevertheless reveal that participants were answering using emotional-affective dimensions such  
26 as valence and arousal—a result that resonates with previous work investigating conceptual  
27 organization (Osgood & Suci, 1955) and music and emotion (Wedin, 1969, 1972).  
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30 As a consequence, differences between French and American participants include a large  
31 proportion of evaluative adjectives such as “Bright,” “Light,” “Round,” “Solemn,”  
32 “Melancholy,” and “Disturbing.” The adjective “Bright” (Brillant) may be the most extreme  
33 example of this intercultural difference, as the French partial factor score is close to the origin  
34 whereas and the American partial factor score is further away — a difference suggesting that this  
35 word has a more positive valence in English than in French. This interpretation is supported by  
36 information from the Extended Open Multilingual Wordnet (Bond & Foster, 2013), which shows  
37 semantic associations within and across languages. In French, “Brillant” is associated only with  
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<sup>3</sup> The results of the CA, on the other hand, are not affected by the fact that participants only rated half of the excerpts.

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10 physical descriptions of color or light, whereas in English, “Bright” is also associated with  
11 happiness or positive qualities like promise. (e.g., “a bright future”). Additionally, the location of  
12 the American partial factor score for “Bright” suggests that Americans commonly grouped it  
13 with “Colorful” (Coloré) and “Dancing” (Dansant), in a contrast to with how the French  
14 participants used it. “Light” (Clair) shows a similar effect to that of “Bright” with respect to the  
15 magnitude of difference. The inverse of “Bright” and “Light” might be “Round,” (Tendre),  
16 whose French partial factor score is further from the origin than the American. In this case, the  
17 English associations with “Round” include physical descriptions, while the French associations  
18 include many more affective references (Bond & Foster, 2013). “Melancholy” (Mélancolique)  
19 and “Sad” (Triste) were almost synonymous in English, but not in French. The location of  
20 “Solemn” (Solennel) suggests that it carries more valence in English, but more arousal in French.  
21 “Disturbing” (inquiétant) is far from the origin for French participants but not for American  
22 participants. All of This difference mirrors early semantic differential and psycholinguistic work  
23 that suggests that the usage patterns of adjectives between French and English are different  
24 (Osgood et al., 1975). these differences highlight possible differences in semantic associations  
25 and frequency of use between languages.

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### 40 Experiment 3: Combined Surveys

#### 41 Justification

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42 The data obtained in Experiments 1 and 2 capture different aspects of the perception of  
43 the excerpts. Experiment 1 asked participants to evaluate musical characteristics, on objective  
44 musical dimensions, and Experiment 2 asked participants to evaluate the music subjectively, not  
45 using musical characteristics. This method of gathering participant responses on two aspects of  
46 the stimuli is similar to that of Balkwill and Thompson (1999), although we differ here in that

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11 we use music-theoretical dimensions instead of psychophysical ones. The goal of Experiment 3  
12 was to evaluate which musical characteristics and subjective descriptors are associated with the  
13 same excerpts, and therefore with one another.

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16 We acknowledge that we are comparing—in addition to different data—different  
17 populations of participants. The participants for Experiment 1 were selected from a population of  
18 experts because we used technical terminology that musical novices would not have been  
19 familiar with and would probably not know how to use. The participants for Experiment 2 were  
20 selected without regard to training because it has been found that musically trained and untrained  
21 listeners evaluate music similarly with regard to affect (Bigand & Poulin-Charronnat 2006).

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27 The comparison of these two sets of data is not unlike the procedures used in Music  
28 Information Retrieval (MIR) studies, in which participant subjective appraisal is compared to  
29 data extracted from the music itself (see Panda et al., 2020 for a review). Although there have  
30 been massive strides in the field of MIR in aligning the information extracted by the computer  
31 with human perception, there is still a gap between the algorithmic extraction and human  
32 perception. It thus can be difficult to identify what information extracted by the computer is  
33 perceived by human listeners and vice-versa. However, in comparing two different types of  
34 human listener appraisal, we can directly compare these perceivable musical dimensions to the  
35 kinds of qualities listeners assign to that music during listening.

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46 Because Experiment 3 used the data tables computed for Experiments 1 and 2 for its  
47 analysis—Partial Least Squares Correlation (PLSC)—no additional data collection was  
48 necessary. However, because PLSC requires the same sets of observations, and because  
49 Experiments 1 and 2 removed different excerpts, we removed from the data the excerpts present

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in only one table. Specifically, Excerpt 17 was removed from the table used in Experiment 1 and Excerpts 6 and 14 were removed from the table used in Experiment 2. This way, both data tables comprised data from the same 27 Excerpts.

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The PLSC performed using the pseudo-contingency tables from Experiments 1 and 2 revealed two significant dimensions which accounted for 84.25% of the total variance (shown in Figure 11).

[FIGURE 11 NEAR HERE]

PLSC displays the latent variable ~~scores of from~~ one table against ~~its equivalent the latent variable from for~~ the other table (e.g., LV1 from Table 1 ~~versus~~ LV1 for Table 2). Figure 12 displays the LVs plot for LVs 1 and 2. In these plots, the excerpts are colored according to the clusters identified by the HCA for Experiment 2, along with tolerance intervals comprising the elements from each cluster. The first LVs (Figure 12, left) separate the excerpts with positive valence and low arousal (gold) from those with negative valence and high arousal (green). The second LVs (Figure 12, right) separate the groups with positive valence and high arousal (red) from excerpts with negative valence and low arousal (blue).

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Figure 13 displays the contributions from the variables from each data table that are important for the first and second LVs. For these plots, the important levels of variables from Experiment 1 are displayed in green and the important adjectives from Experiment 2 are in blue. The first LVs from each table feature contributions from levels of variables identified as contributing to an arousal dimension in Experiment 1 and the adjectives identified as

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10 contributing to a valence dimension in Experiment 2. The second LVs from each table feature  
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16 **Experiment 3: Discussion**

17 The goal of this experiment was to identify the common information in the data tables  
18 used in Experiments 1 and 2. The first and second latent variables separated the excerpts along  
19 dimensions similar to the dimensions extracted by Experiments 1 and 2. Specifically, the first  
20 LVs combined the arousal dimension from Experiment 1 with the valence dimension from  
21 Experiment 2, and the second LVs combined the complexity or genre dimension from  
22 Experiment 1 with the arousal dimension from Experiment 2.

23 **General Discussion**

24 We collected survey responses to musical stimuli and used multivariate analyses to  
25 explore the musical and cognitive listening spaces created by participants from France and the  
26 United States. The results revealed commonalities and differences between these two national  
27 groups. French and American participants agreed on: 1) a clear valence-arousal plane common to  
28 participants from both countries when describing the stimuli using adjectives, and 2) a space  
29 defined by arousal and complexity when evaluating stimuli using musical qualities. However,  
30 French and American participants disagreed on the way in which they used the adjectives when  
31 describing the stimuli, a result that suggests either cultural differences in the affective response to  
32 the stimuli or, more likely, differences in the use of the adjectives between the two languages.

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34 The results of the MDS analyses across experiments showed group differences between

French and American participants when they described excerpts using adjectives (Experiment 2), but these results did not show group differences when experts rated excerpts on specific musical qualities (Experiment 1). This pattern of results suggests that Experiment 1 reveals more about the excerpts themselves rather than about the behavior of participants.

Experiment 3 integrates the results of Experiments 1 and 2, because the first and second latent variables of Experiment 3 essentially combine integrate the dimensions of Experiments 1 and 2. For example, Excerpt 26—a very distal point in the first LV plot in Figure 12—is an important contributor to the first dimensions of the CAs for both Experiments 1 and 2 (see Figures 4 and 8 for the contributions), but is not an important contributor to the second dimensions of Experiments 1 and 2, and is therefore close to the origin in the second LV plot. By contrast, Excerpt 7—a large contributor to the first and second dimensions of the CAs of both Experiments 1 and 2—is far from the origin in both plots in Figure 12.

The differences in results between Experiments 1 and 2—specifically with regard to regarding Excerpts 6 and 14—demonstrate how small differences in experimental paradigm can provide large differences in perspective. In Experiment 1 (by contrast with Experiment 2), the experts rating the excerpts on specific musical qualities isolated two Excerpts: 6—a minimalist, ostinato based excerpt—and 14—a jazzy excerpt, each the only representative of their style. There are a few possible reasons for this pattern of results, including differences 1) in participant characteristics—experts in Experiment 1 versus non-experts in Experiment 2—and 2) in the way the questions in each survey assessed the excerpts—with specific musical qualities in Experiment 1 and subjective evaluations in Experiment 2. Of these two interpretations, the second is more likely, because the few participants in Experiment 2 with significant musical training did not differ in their descriptions of the excerpts from the untrained

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The different experimental paradigms in the present study all provide useful perspectives. For example, the paradigm from Experiment 1—which separates stimuli along concrete musical dimensions—effectively reveals stimulus differences, whereas the paradigm from Experiment 2 reveals stimulus ~~cognitive and~~ affective similarity. In addition, the combination of these two paradigms (as in Experiment 3) probes the “why” of the stimulus affective impact.

### Why these methods?

Whereas many readers may already be familiar with such methods as MDS or HCA (~~which are commonly used in many domains~~), one goal of the present work was to present less familiar options—such as CA, MFA, and PLSC—for consideration. Because each analysis offers a different perspective or is best suited to handle a specific type or shape of data, familiarity with a range of analyses is useful both when approaching existing questions and exploring new directions.

As stated above, CA is similar to PCA, but can be performed using qualitative data, which makes it a valuable addition to any qualitative analysis. Also, if a research question would benefit from visualizing variables *and* observations in the same space, CA is the method of choice. Biplots—that is, both plots on a single set of axes—were not used for the plots above for clarity, given the space and font size constraints.

MFA is, conceptually and practically, an exploratory ~~analysis~~ method. Its strength lies in the partial factor scores revealing how groups of participants, products, or stimuli have different perspectives on variables or observations. These groups might be defined *a priori* or could be determined *a posteriori* by an HCA or similar method. Although we only used two groups in the present study, MFA is not limited to two groups or data sets—the number of groups is only

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limited by interpretability, as long as the variables measured for each group of observations are the same.

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PLSC is commonly used in fMRI analysis to find which brain regions are active during behavioral tasks. However, this is only one possible use of this technique—it was initially developed for econometrics and chemometrics (Wold, 1982). As we show above, it can be used to identify what information is shared between two datasets, even when the shared information comprises some previously unidentified variables, or in a situation that is “data-rich and theory-skeletal” (Wold, 1982). We urge caution, however, against applying this method indiscriminately, becauseas the data common to the two tables may be spurious, as described by Bennett et al. (2011).

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Readers who are curious about the qualitative differences between MFA and PLSC are encouraged to review figures 10 and 12. Figure 10 shows how MFA is better suited for showing group perspectives on the existing variables via the partial factor scores. Figure 12 (PLSC) shows how the latent variables identify shared information between the two datasets that may not be apparent in the original data—thus PLSC is ideal when the research question involves identifying underlying structures or tertiary variables in the data. However, not shown in these two figures is the fact that MFA is usable with three or more data sets, while PLSC is limited to two.

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MDS and HCA are similar analyses because they evaluate similarity between items. However, the outputs of these methods offers different perspectives on the data. For example, MDS is best suited to provide an intuitive visualization of similarity as proximity. The distance visualization provided by HCA is not as intuitive as that of MDS, but it is better for identifying clusters and can help researchers make choices about those clusters when the

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configuration~~distance~~ between points in an MDS plot is unclear.

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### Limitations & future directions

One major difficulty in online data collection is attrition. As we mentioned in the introduction, in the lab, precise control over conditions allows for a ~~much smaller~~ number of participants, and the likelihood of usable data from every participant is much higher. In online data collection, because there is no control over whether the participant finishes, follows the experimental protocol, or even answers in good faith, much of the data may be incomplete. In Experiment 1, for example, only 32% of responses were usable. Many of these responses appeared to be participants who followed the link to the survey and accepted the consent form but did not start the survey. It is unclear whether any of these responses are from individuals who opened the survey multiple times and only completed it once or simply read through the form and then decided not to participate. The tradeoff, of course, is that it is easier to collect a larger volume of data, especially from participants who~~that~~ might not otherwise be accessible.

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Because the participants in Experiment 1 self-identified as only French or American, excluding participants who did not identify as American or an American-other nationality compound in Experiment 2 was necessary to control the comparison between ~~these~~ participants in Experiments 1 and 2~~participants in Experiment 1~~. A separate MDS analysis was performed on the data including the excluded participants as a third group. This analysis revealed similar differences between the third group and the French participants as between the American and French participants, however, no significant differences were revealed between the US participants who identified as American and those who did not. This highlights the fact that nationality is an imperfect surrogate for culture or language, especially in a diverse environment. It also indicates how recruitment and data cleaning procedures need to be robust to collect

enough data that there is enough data to analyze after attrition.

Although we evaluated scores and ratings of participants from different countries, we did not explicitly address multiculturality, because France and the United States are both Western countries that share the same Western musical culture. To address this multicultural question, an experiment would need to include music and/or participants from multiple and contrasted musical cultures. However, specific musical qualities, such as harmony, may not apply or translate well to other musical cultures, because the concepts of melodic and harmonic material are not the same across all musical cultures (Cohn et al., 2001; Raman & Dowling, 2017). We also suggest that data collected in this way have a much greater hypothetical reach, but the data collected for these experiments represent a convenience sample, and many of the participants were students. However, this limitation could be easily remedied in future studies.

~~One question that fell beyond the scope of this study was to pinpoint the source of the semantic differences between languages (i.e., “Bright,” “Light,” “Round,” “Solemn,” “Melancholy,” and “Disturbing”), illustrated in Figure 10. These differences may not reflect true cultural influence of music listening or preference, but simply linguistic differences, including the adjectives’ frequency of use in either language or the cultural associations of the words (B.-Thompson et al., 2020). Diving more into these questions would be, of course, a fascinating future study.~~

## 46 Conclusions

47 On-line data collection and multivariate analysis are not simply a palliative to be used in  
48 a time of pandemic. In fact, this paradigm not only enriches the psychologist’s methodological  
49 tool-box, but it also may be one of the best ways of reaching a more representative population

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Table 1

*Musical Qualities and the provided survey response options.*

Harmonic Material	Tempo	Meter	Density	Genre	Dynamics
Diatonic: Major	Very slow	Simple Duple	Very sparse	Baroque	Soft
Diatonic: Minor	Slow	Simple Triple	Moderately sparse	Classical	Moderate
Blues	Moderately Slow	Simple Quadruple	More sparse than dense	Romantic	Loud
Chromatic	Moderate	Compound Duple	More dense than sparse	Impressionist	Varied: gradual crescendo
Whole tone	Moderately Fast	Compound Triple	Moderately Dense	Modern	Varied: gradual decrescendo
Modal	Fast	Compound Quadruple	Very Dense	Jazz/Blues	Some of each, soft and loud
Quintal/Quartal	Very Fast	Complex		Contemporary	
Ambiguous				Other	
Other					
Contour	Motion	Range	Articulation		
Ascending	Conjunct	Narrow	Staccato		
Descending	Disjunct	Moderate	Marcato		
Arch	Combination of conjunct	Wide	Legato		
Undulating	and disjunct	Very Wide	Tenuto		
Pendulum	I do not think this	I do not think this	Other		
Terrace	excerpt has a melody	excerpt has a melody			
I do not think this	Other				
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Experiment 1 Harmonic Material					
		Tempo	Meter	Density	Genre
Nationality	Diatonic: Major	Gender identity: Very slow	Simple Duple	Age (years)	Very sparse
France	Diatonic: Minor	F ( $N = 4$ ) Slow	$M = 41.25, SD = 13.59$	Simple Triple	Age range 28 – 60
Blues		M ( $N = 5$ ) Moderately Slow	$M = 32.0, SD = 2.73$	Simple Quadruple	Moderately sparse 29 – 36
Chromatic		Moderate		Compound Duple	More sparse than dense
US	Whole tone	F ( $N = 7$ ) Moderately Fast	$M = 27.71, SD = 10.7$	Compound Triple	$M = 15.50, SD = 3.32$
		M ( $N = 11$ )	$M = 30.91, SD = 11.69$	19 – 49	Romantic
All reported nationalities:					
France	Medal	French	Fast	Compound Quadruple	Impressionist
US		American		$M = 16.80, SD = 6.30$	Modern
Quintal/Quartal		Very Fast		$M = 17.14, SD = 12.38$	Baroque
Ambiguous			Complex		Contemporary
Other					Other
Experiment 2					
		Contour	Motion	Range	Articulation
Nationality	Gender identity	Ascending	Age (years)	Conjunct	Years of Training
France	F ( $N = 72$ )	Descending	$M = 20.83, SD = 4.36$	Disjunct	Narrow
	M ( $N = 35$ )	Arch	$M = 20.14, SD = 1.77$	Combination of conjunct	Marcato
	Non-Binary/Did not disclose ( $N = 4$ )	Undulating	$M = 20.25, SD = 0.96$	and disjunct	$M = 3.40, SD = 4.01$
US	F ( $N = 102$ )	Pendulum	$M = 22.11, SD = 5.31$	I do not think this	Wide
	M ( $N = 61$ )	Terrace	$M = 22.32, SD = 5.21$	18 – 21	Staccato
				Very Wide	$M = 4.60, SD = 4.88$
				18 – 51	Legato
				I do not think this	$M = 3.25, SD = 2.62$
				18 – 54	Tenuto
				except has a melody	$M = 3.32, SD = 3.41$
				melody	Other

Table 3

*Methods and their uses.*

Method	Some Similar methods	Kind of data	Useful for
Correspondence Analysis (CA)	Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA) Discriminant Correspondence Analysis (DiCA) Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA) Canonical Correspondence Analysis	Qualitative, as a contingency table or pseudo-contingency table	Visualizing sets of observations and variables in the same space. A number of extensions of CA, including Discriminant Correspondence Analysis (DiCA) can provide additional inferences.
Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA)	Additive tree clustering MDS	Sorting data, distance matrices, data that represent classification or ordination in some way	Identifying clusters or groups within the data that may not be identified a priori. If the data are a contingency table, this can be used to identify clusters of variables or observations. If the data are a distance matrix or similar, this can identify clusters of items on which distance is being measured.
Metric Multidimensional Scaling (MDS)	PCA DISTATIS Non Metric Multidimensional Scaling (NMMDS) HCA	Distance matrices, Confusion matrices, matrices of correlations, sorting data	Evaluating similarity or dissimilarity between observations, variables, participants, or groups. Visualizes distance on a plane.
Multiple Factor Analysis (MFA)	PCA DISTATIS STATIS	Multiple data tables (not limited to two), each with observations obtained on the same set of variables or vice-versa.	Visualizing how groups of observations have different perspectives on the variables. If the data are a contingency or pseudo-contingency table, the tables can be transposed to visualize the same for the observations.
Partial Least Squares Correlation (PLSC)	PLSCA PLSR Canonical Correlation Analysis	Two data tables with the same observations (rows), that may have different variables. Could also be the same set of variables taken at a different time, for example.	Used in brain imaging to evaluate what brain regions (as voxels, table one) are active during cognitive tasks (as performance scores, table two). Generalizable to any two sets or groups of variables gathered on a set of observations, to see what information is shared.

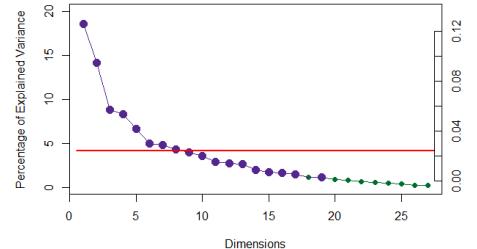
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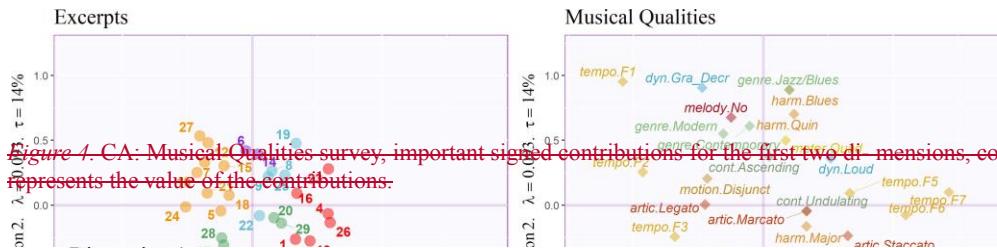
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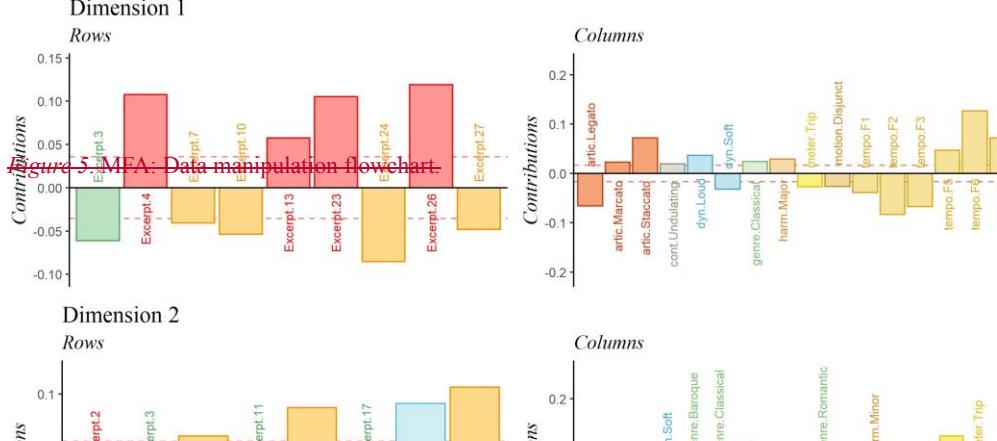
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**Figure 4.** CA: Musical Qualities survey, important signed contributions for the first two dimensions, colored similarly to Figure 3. The y-axis represents the value of the contributions.



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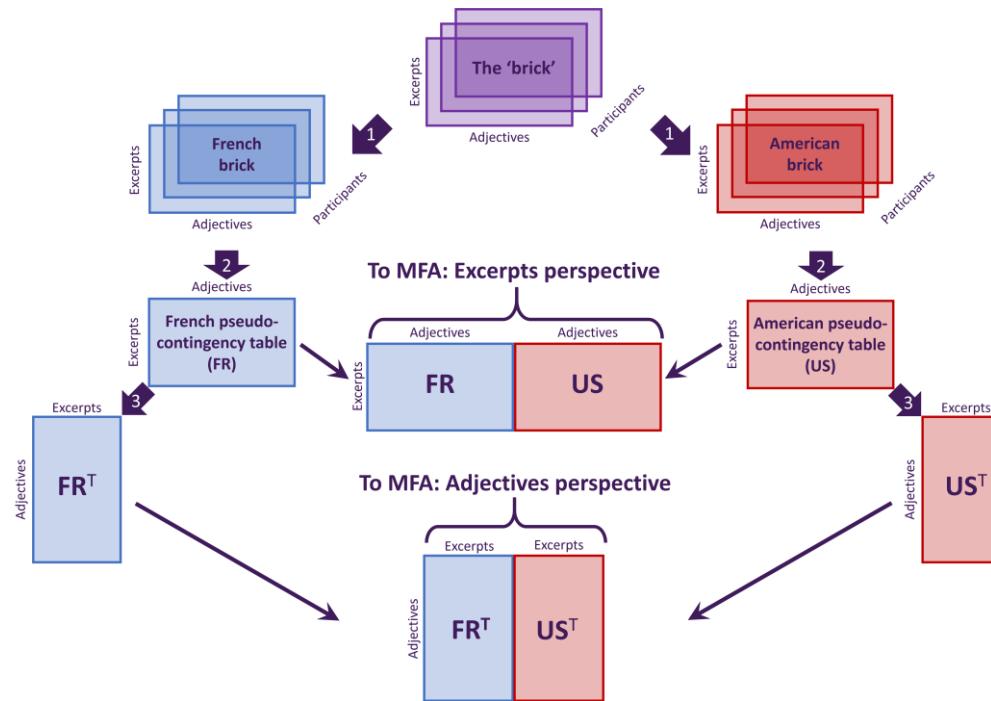
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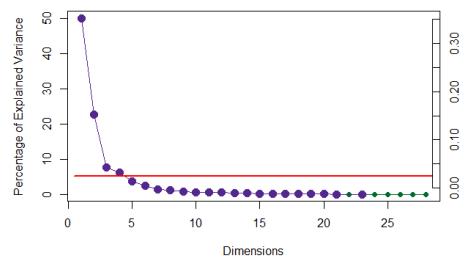
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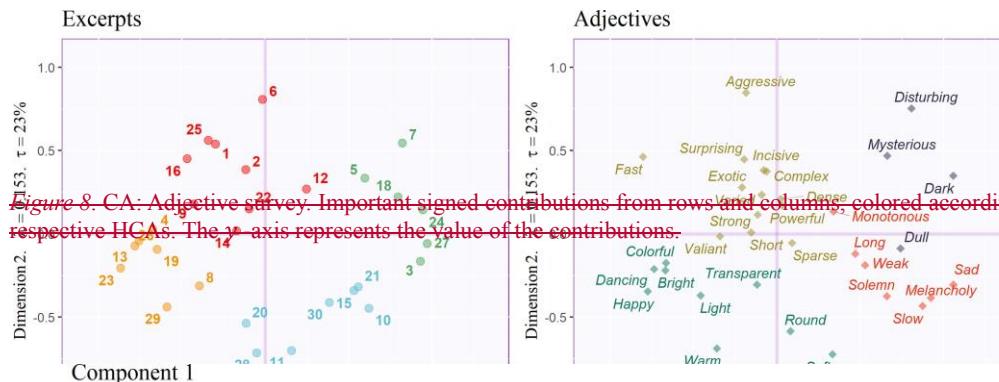
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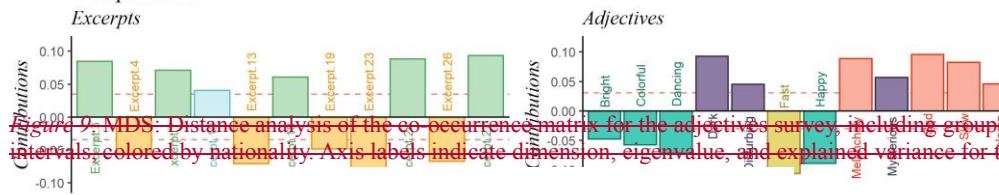
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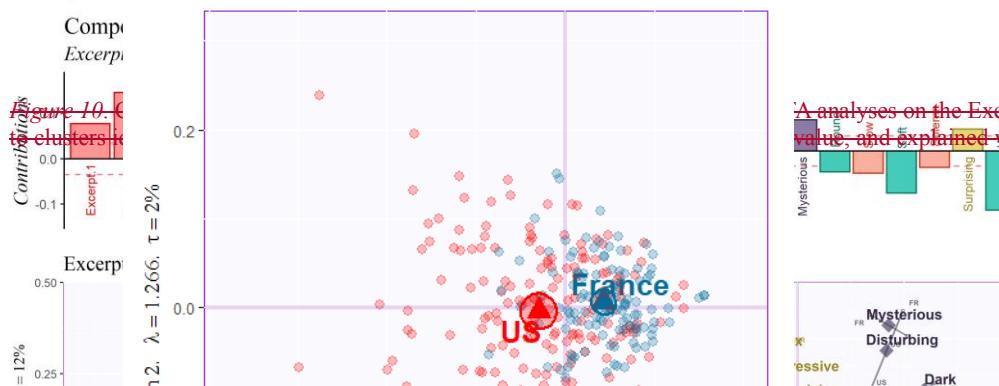
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**Figure 8. CA Adjective survey.** Important signed contributions from rows and columns, colored according to clusters identified by their respective HCAs. The x-axis represents the value of the contributions.



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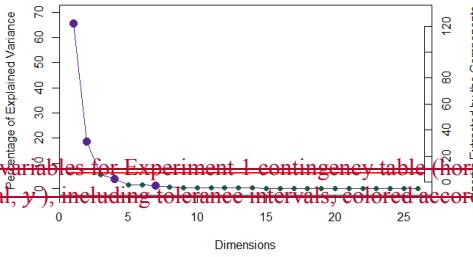


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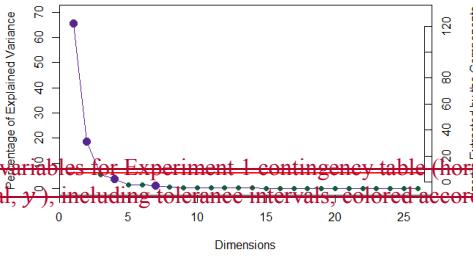


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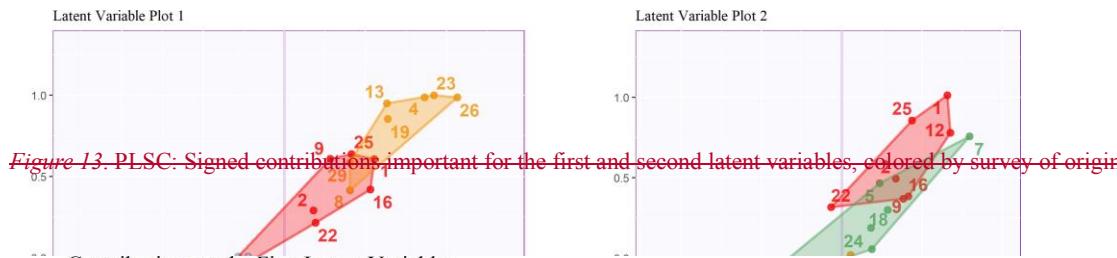
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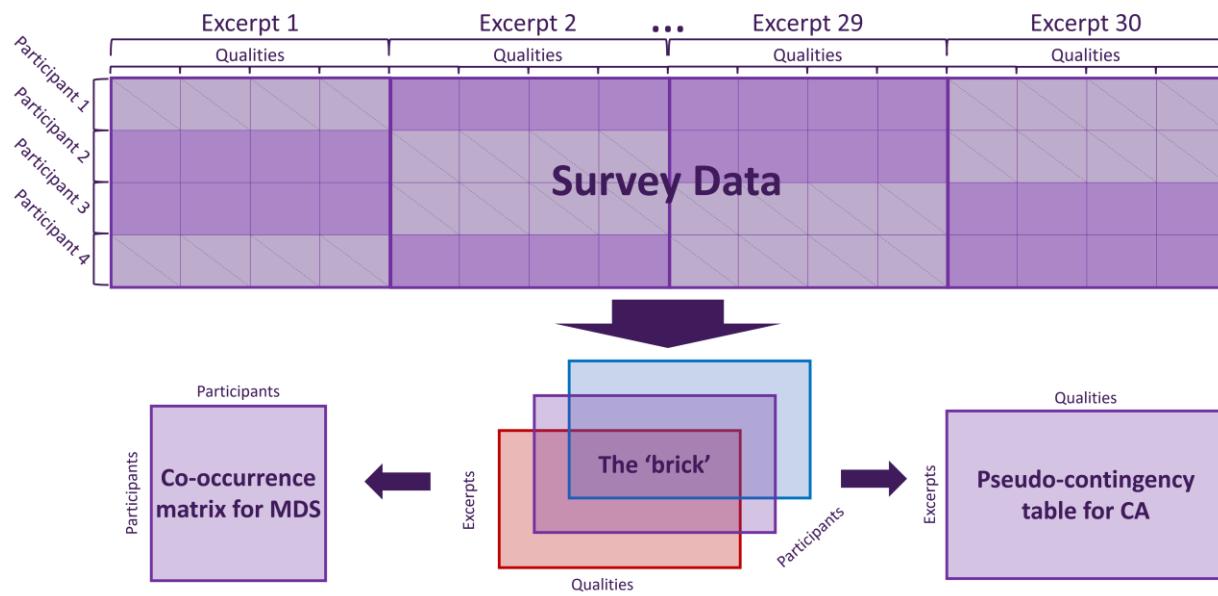


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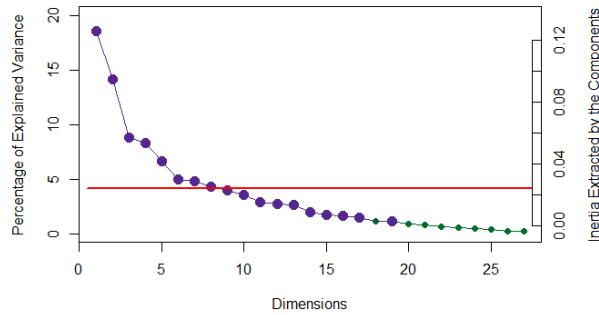
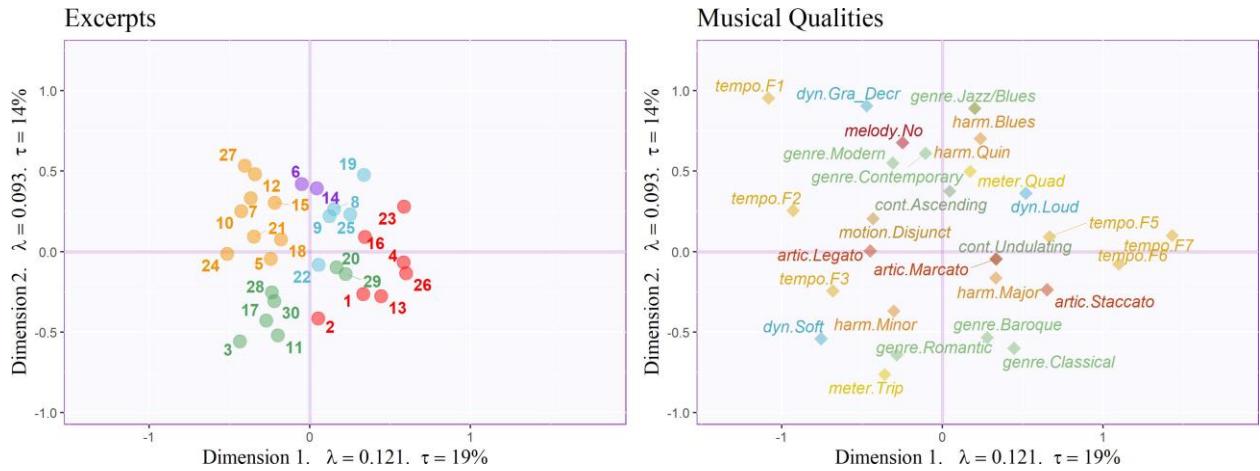


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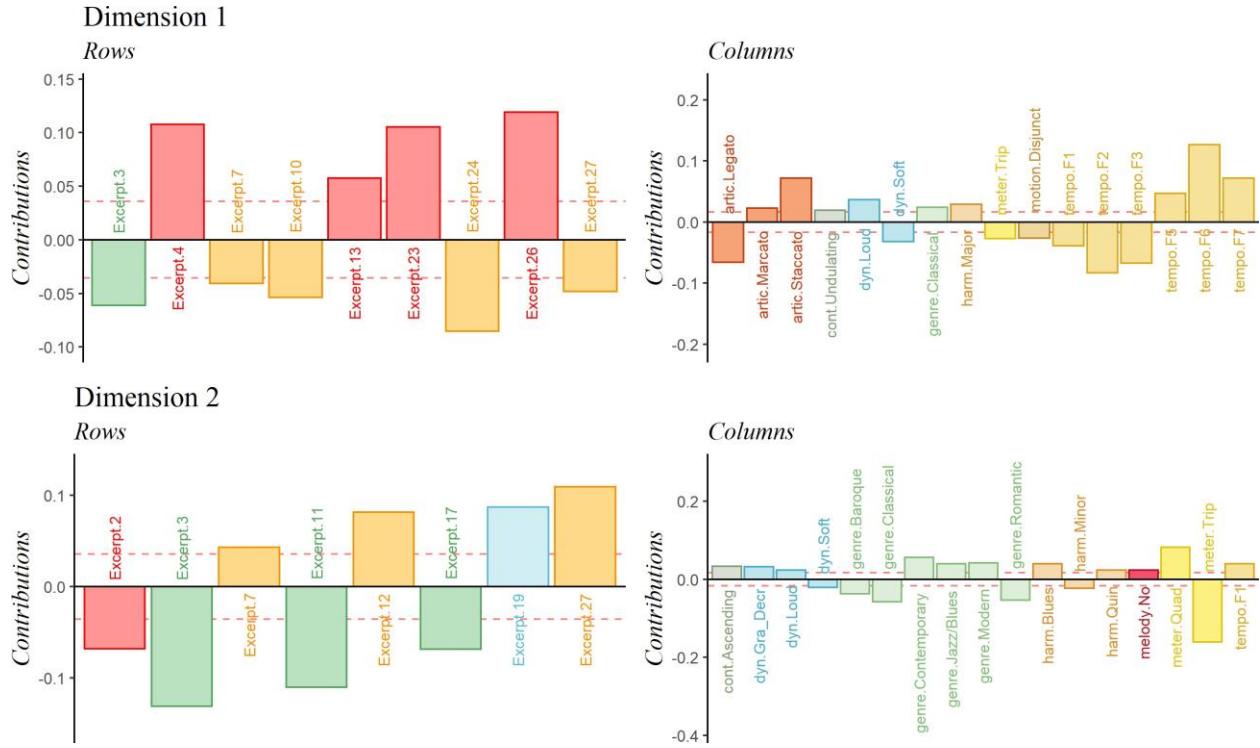
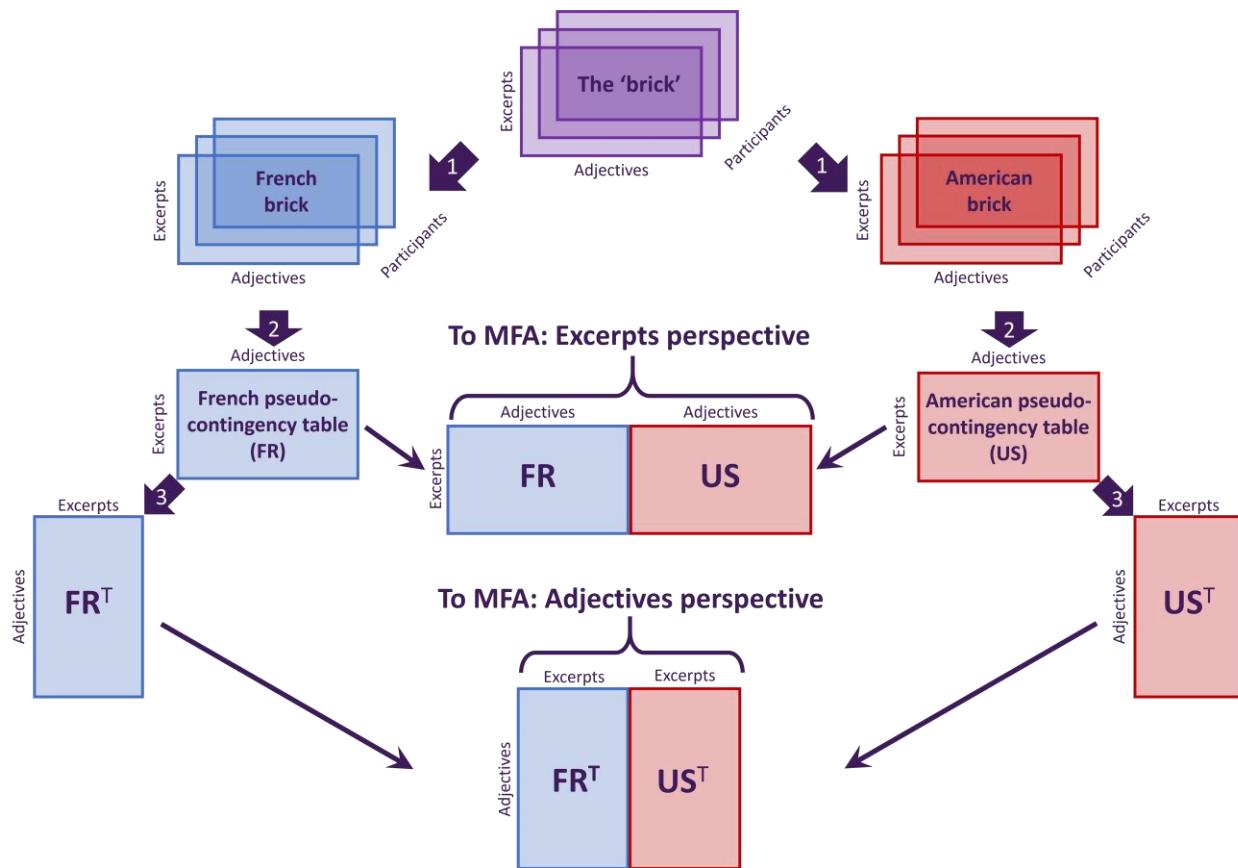
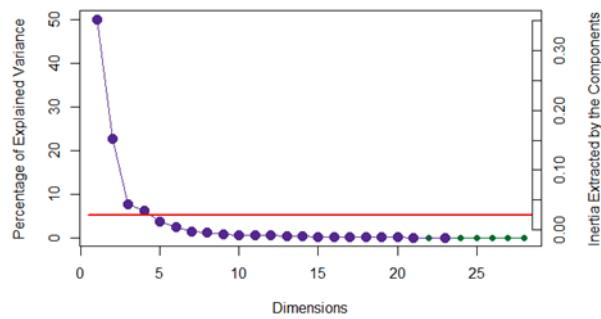


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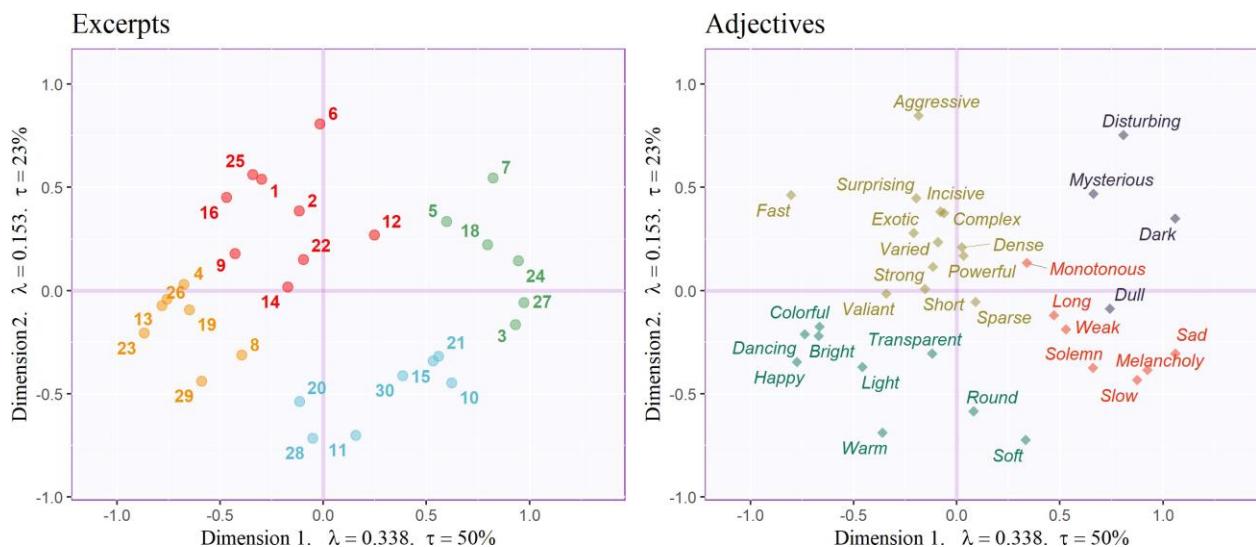


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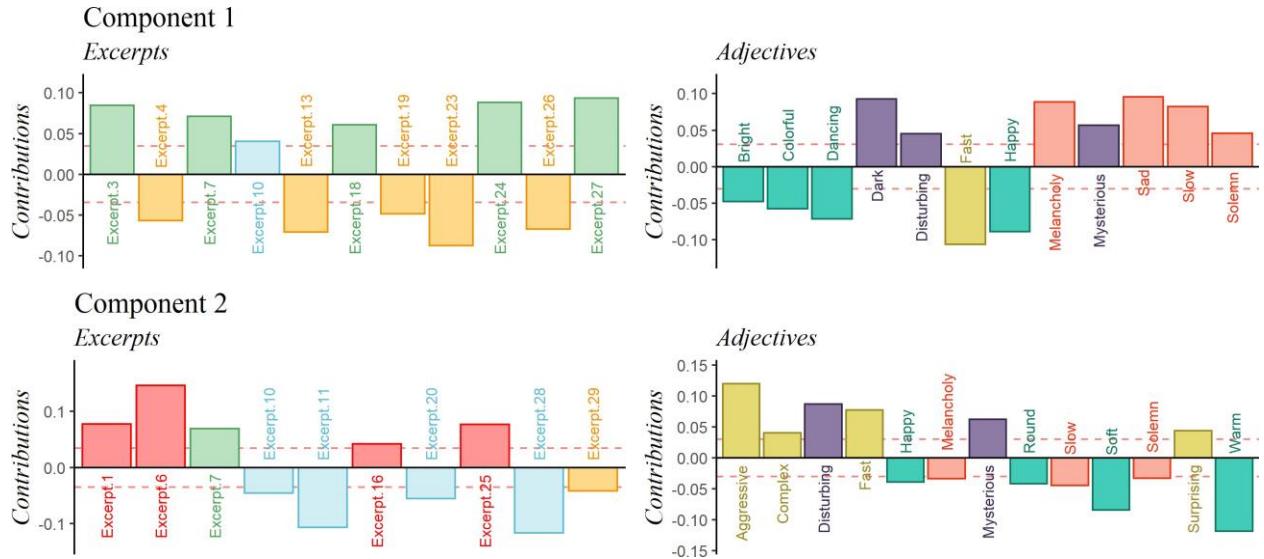
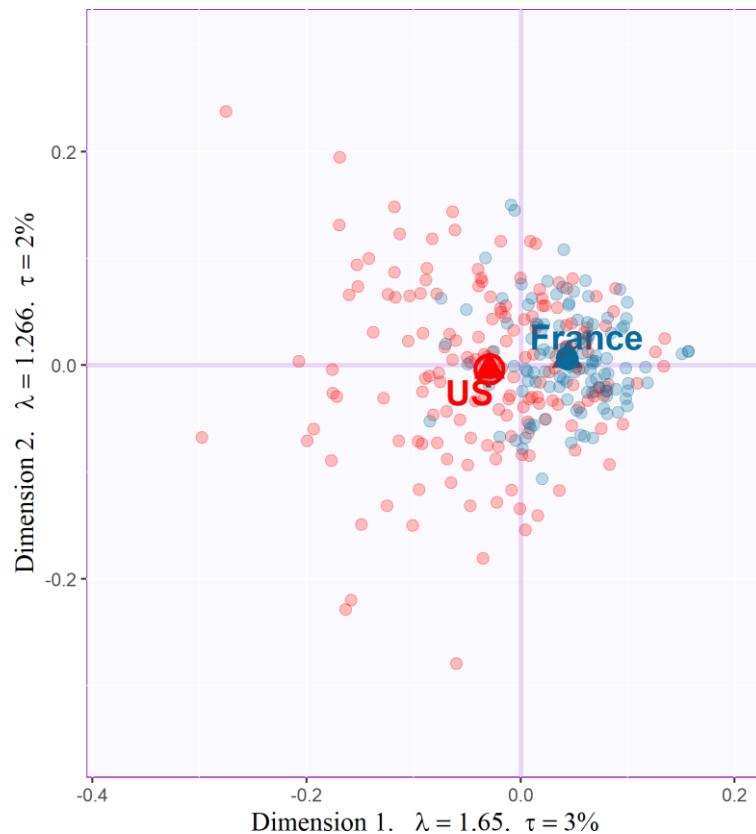
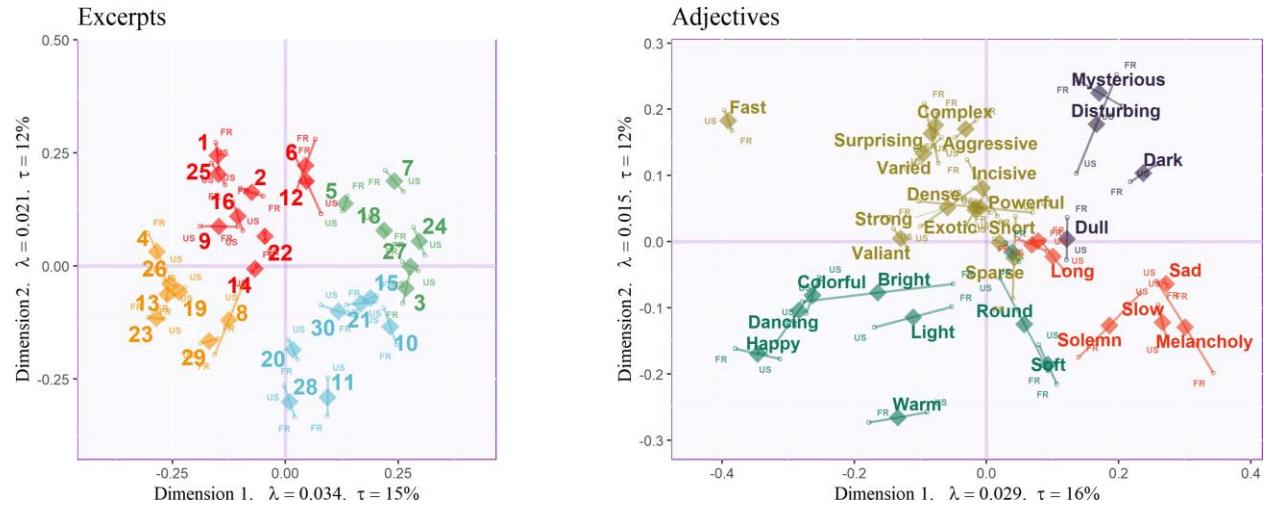


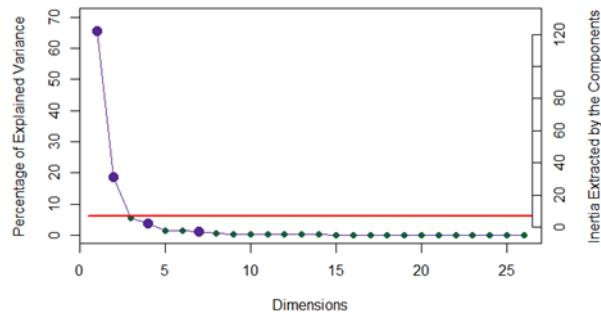
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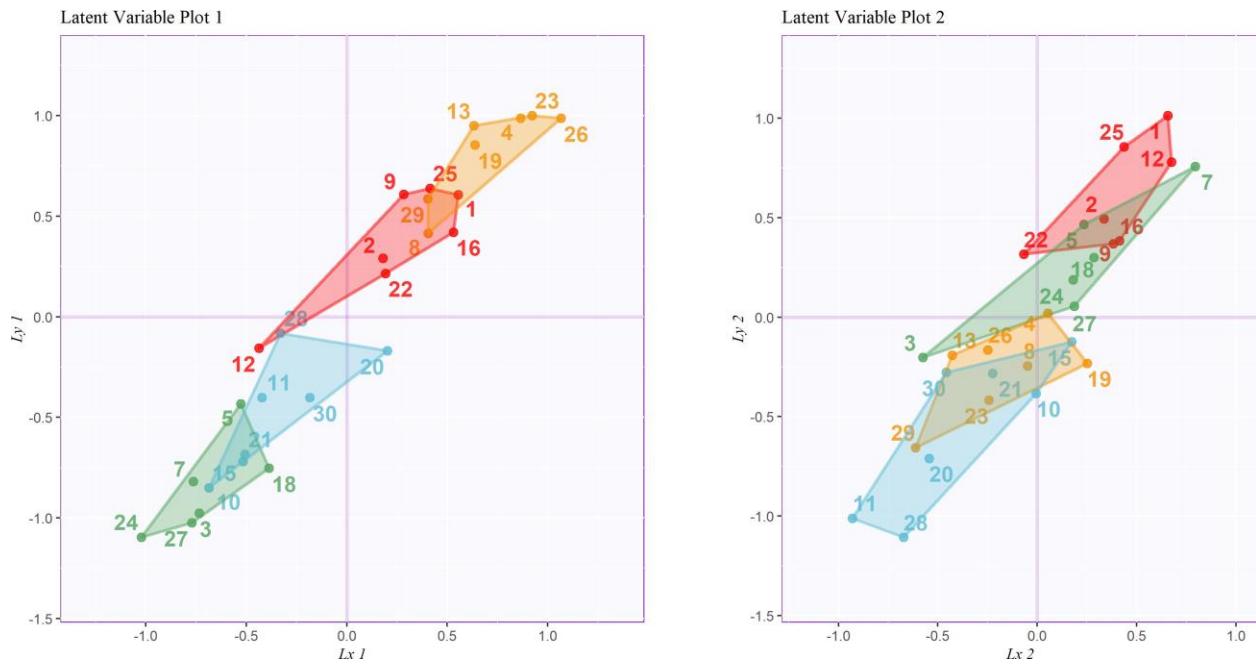
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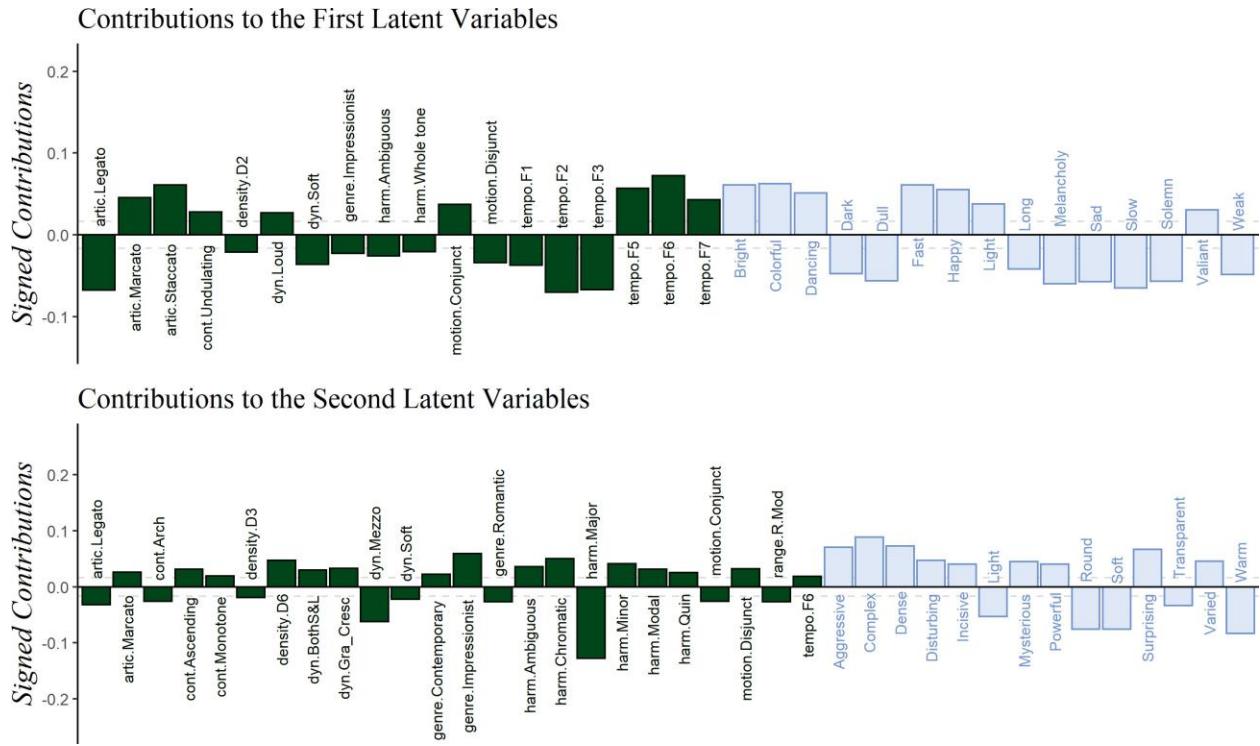


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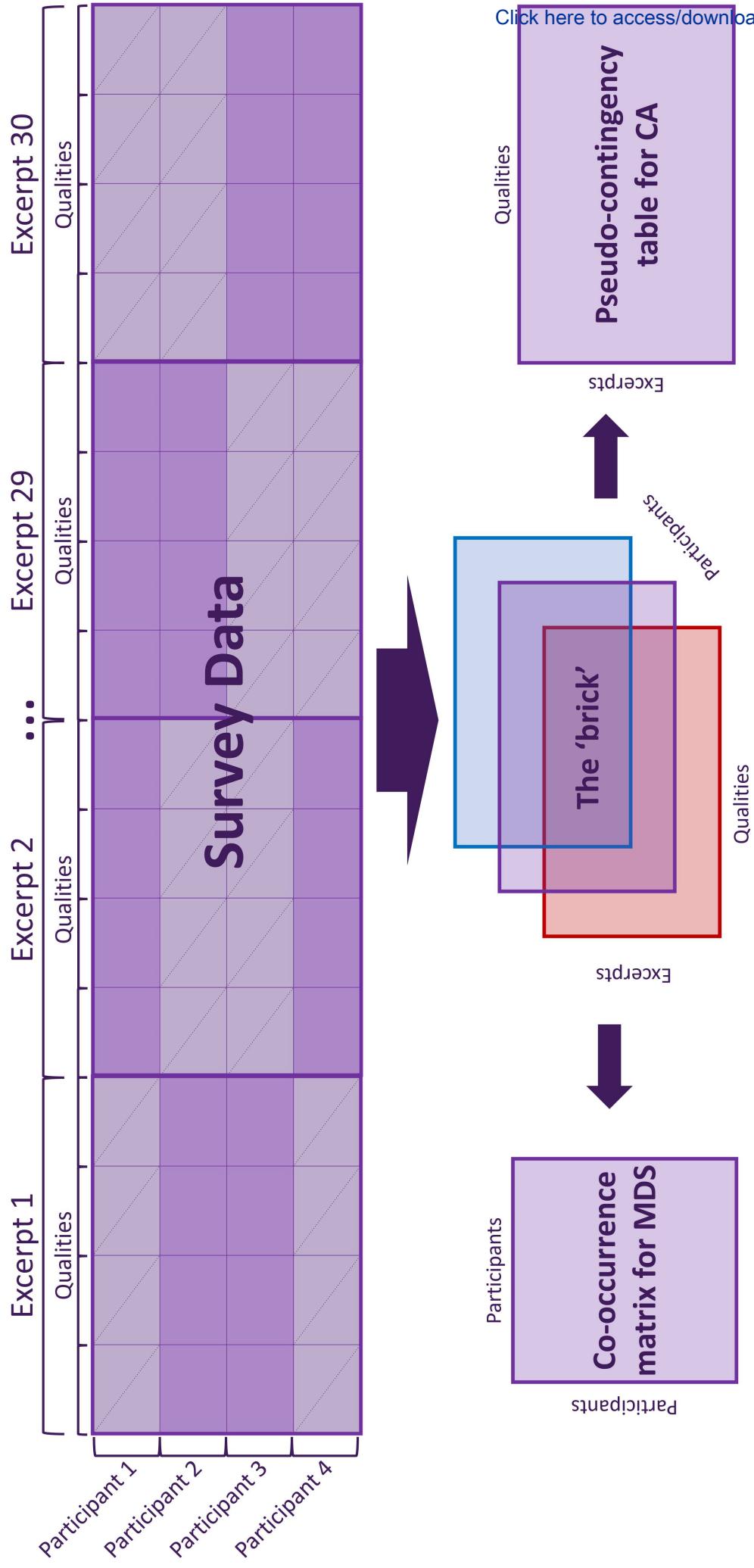


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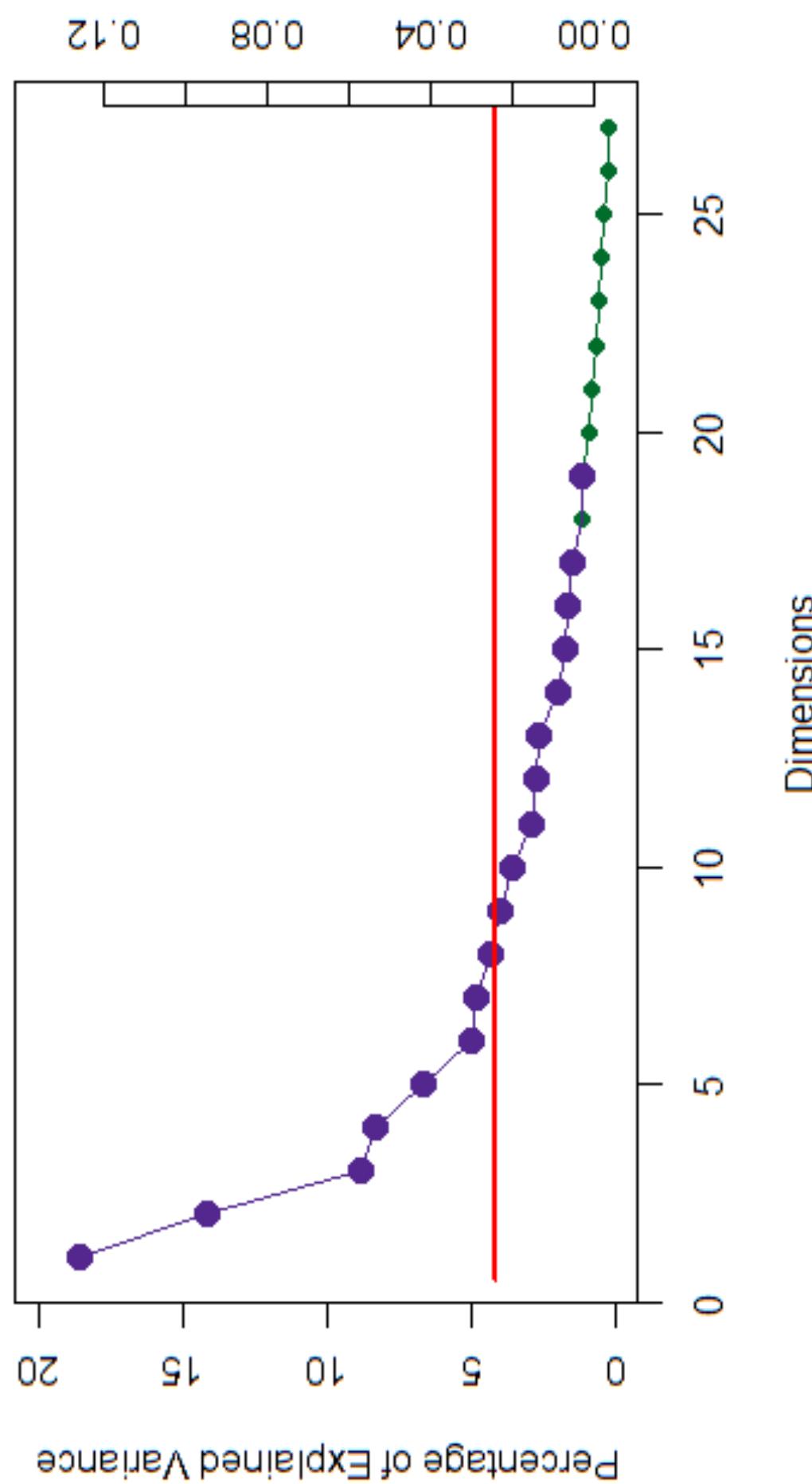


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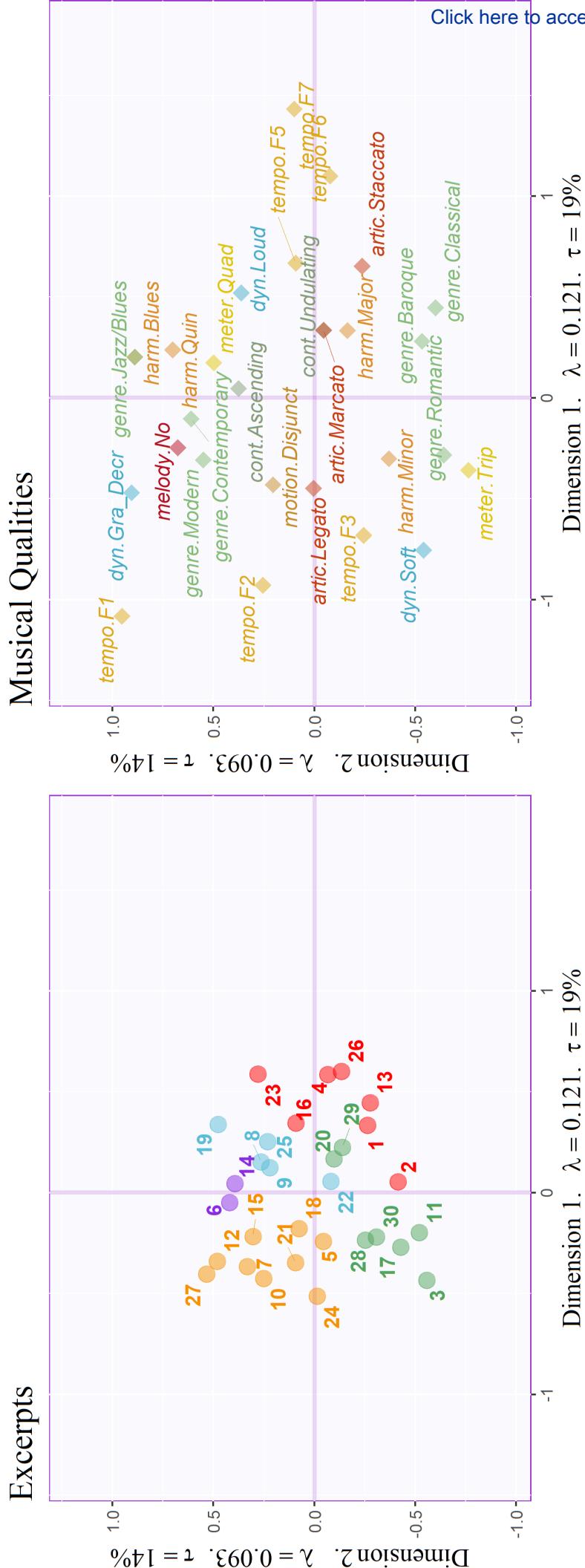
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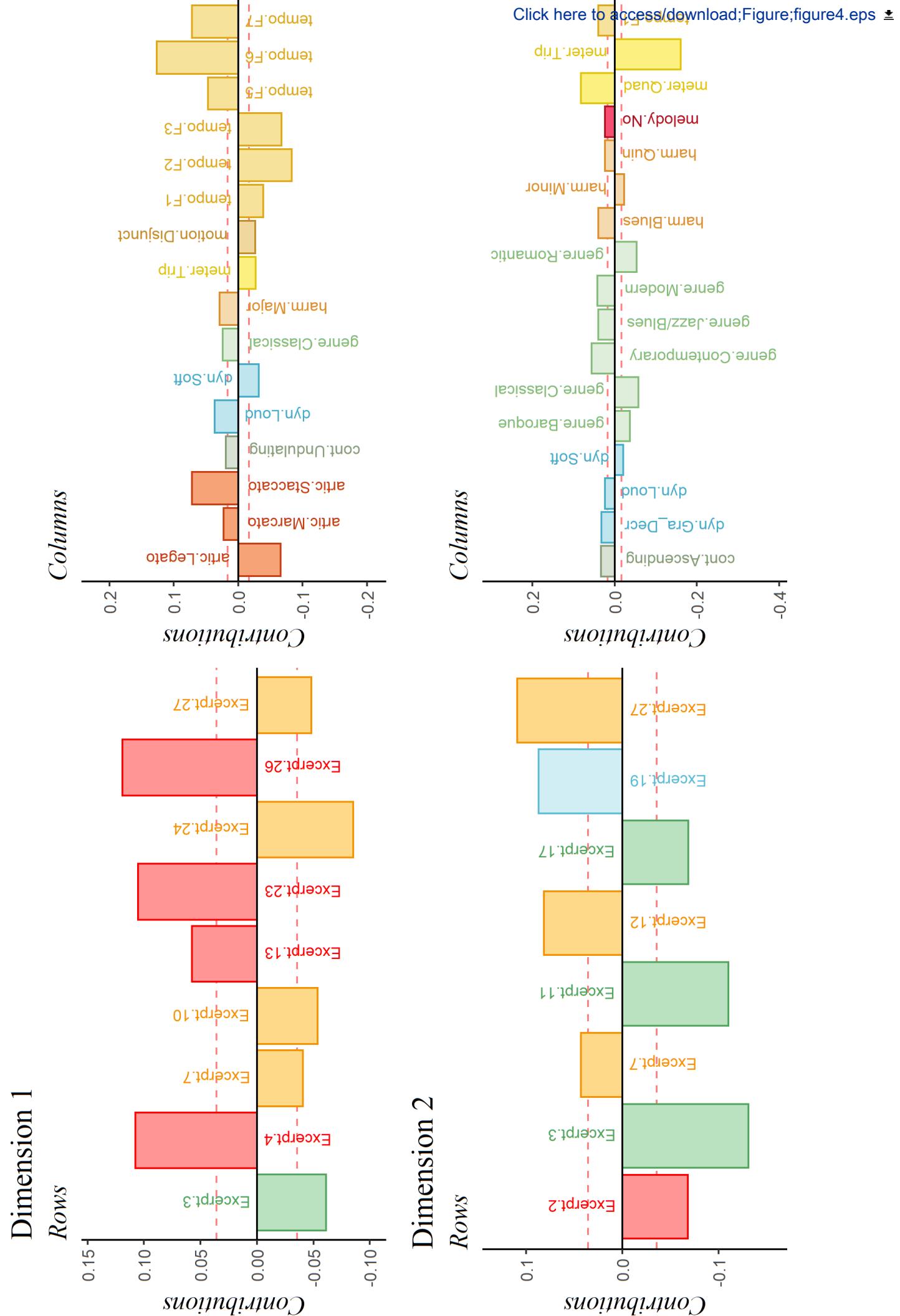


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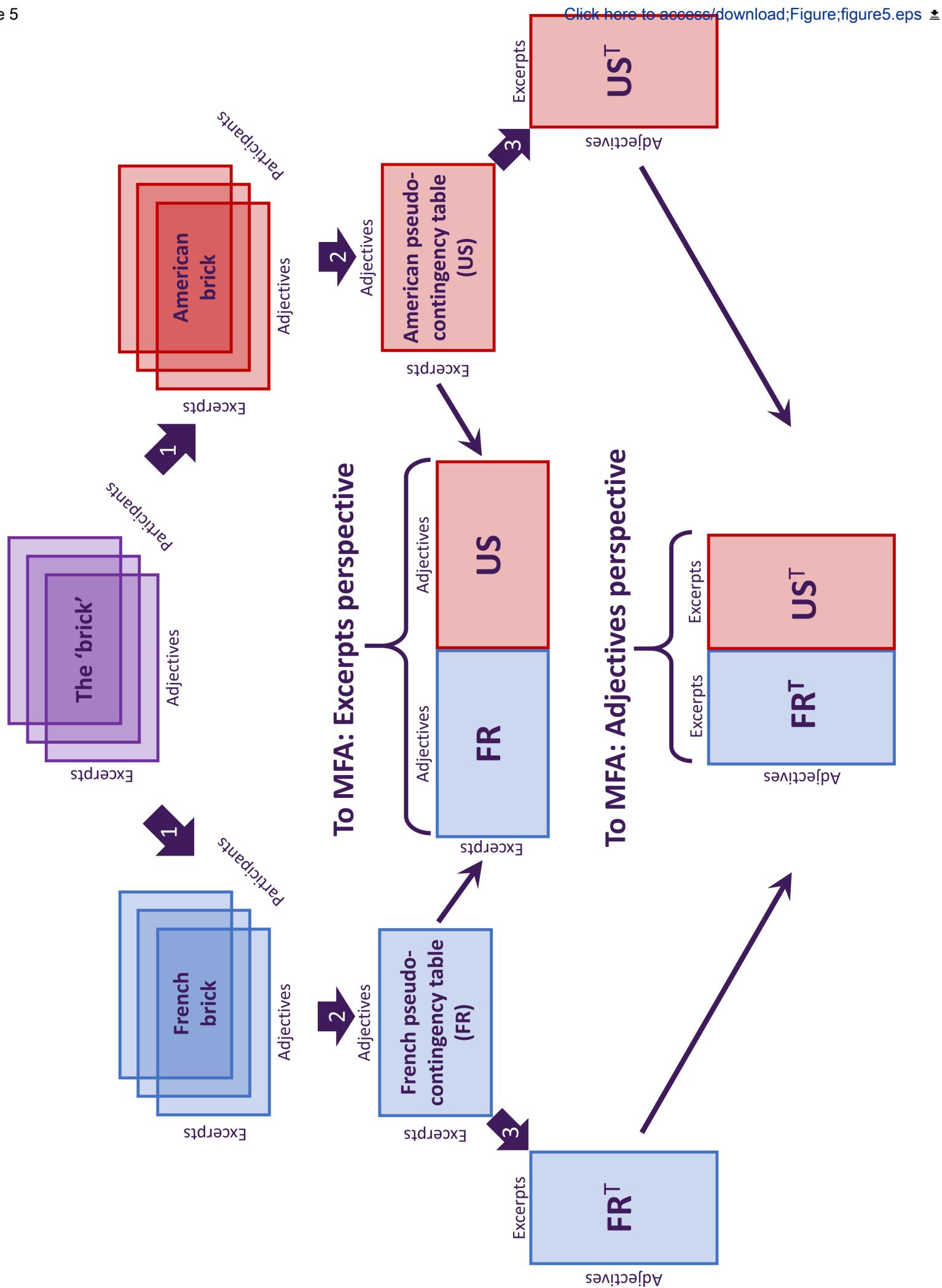


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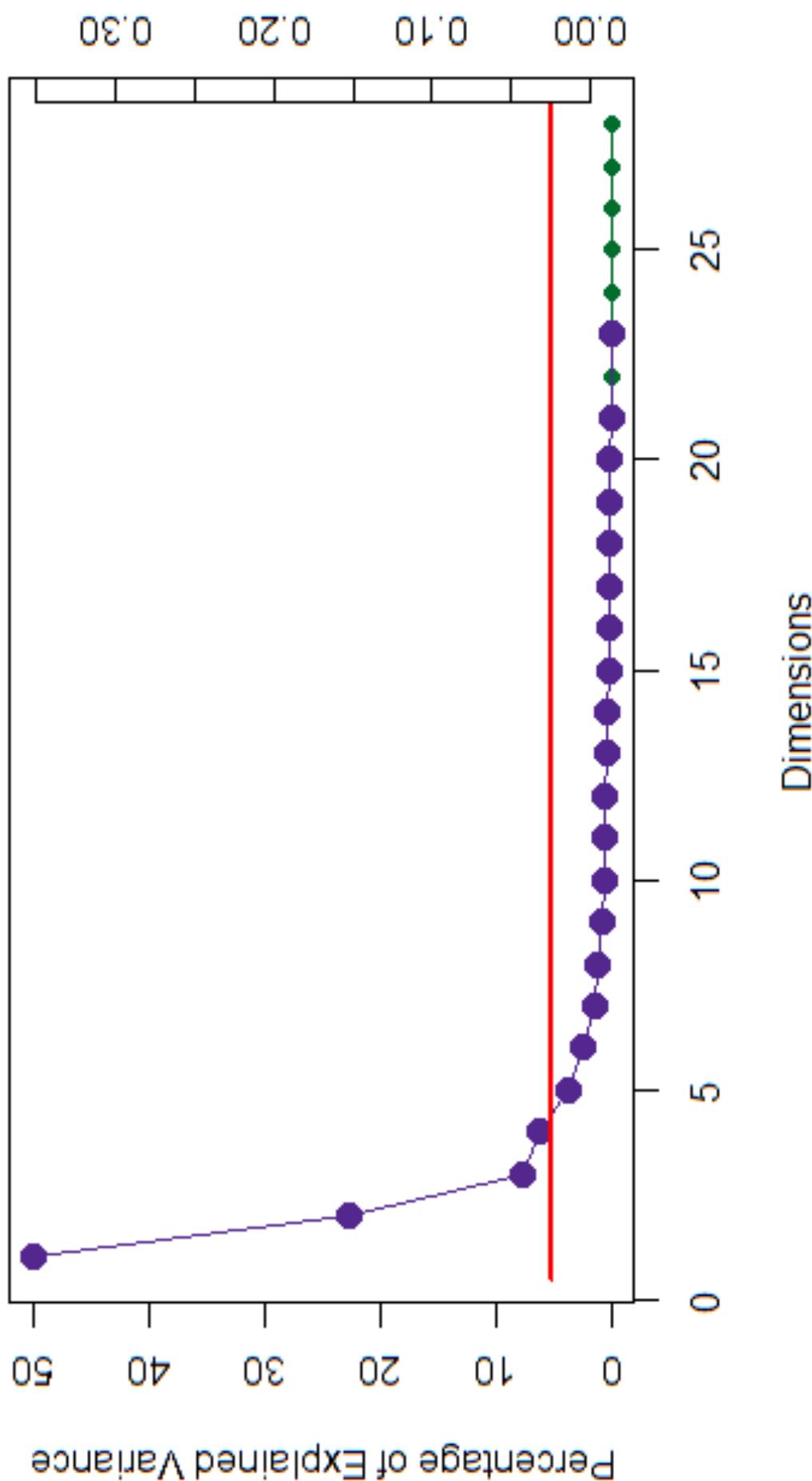
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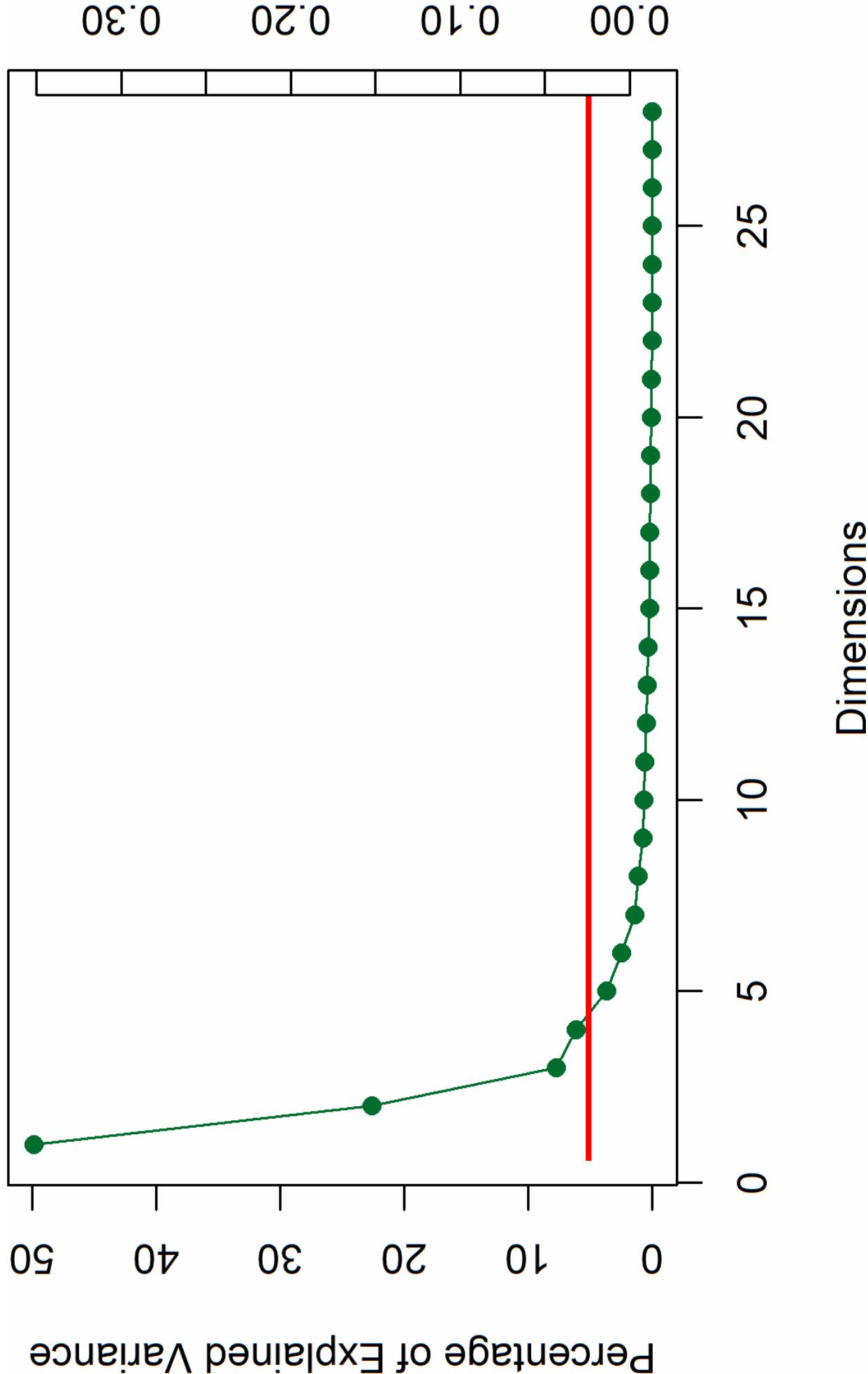


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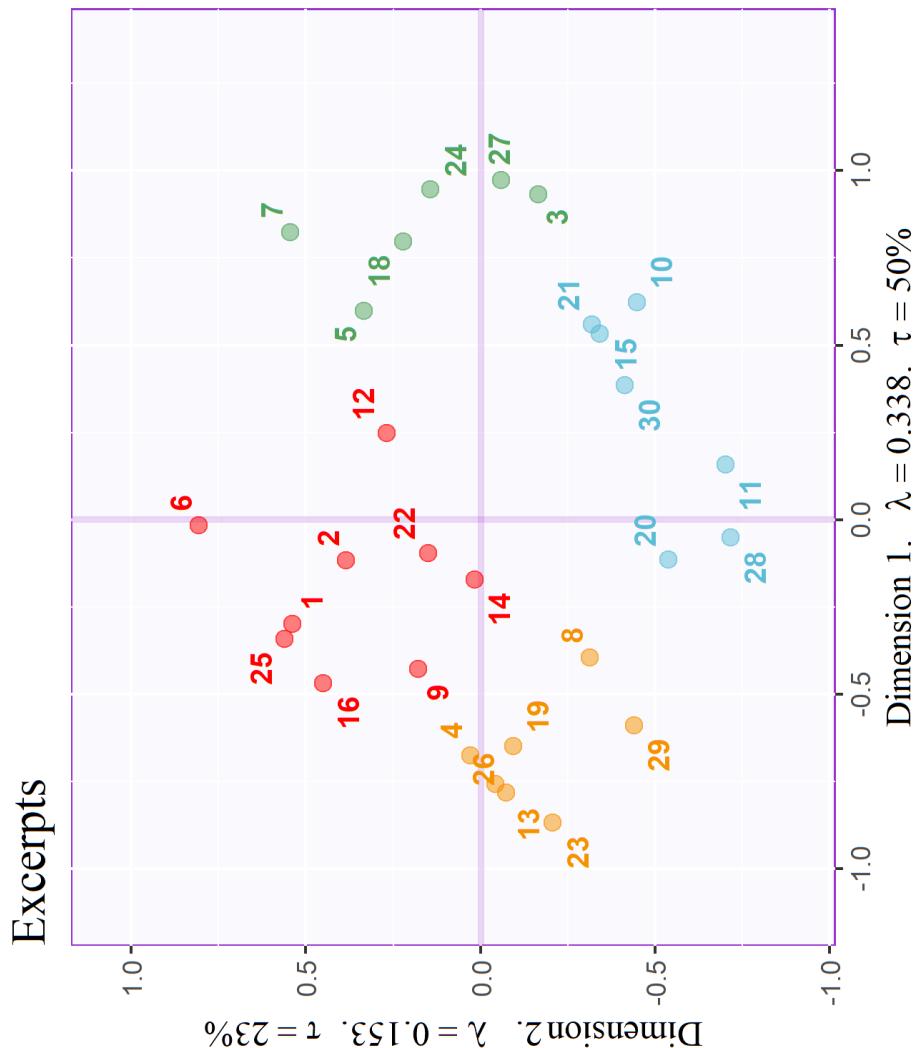
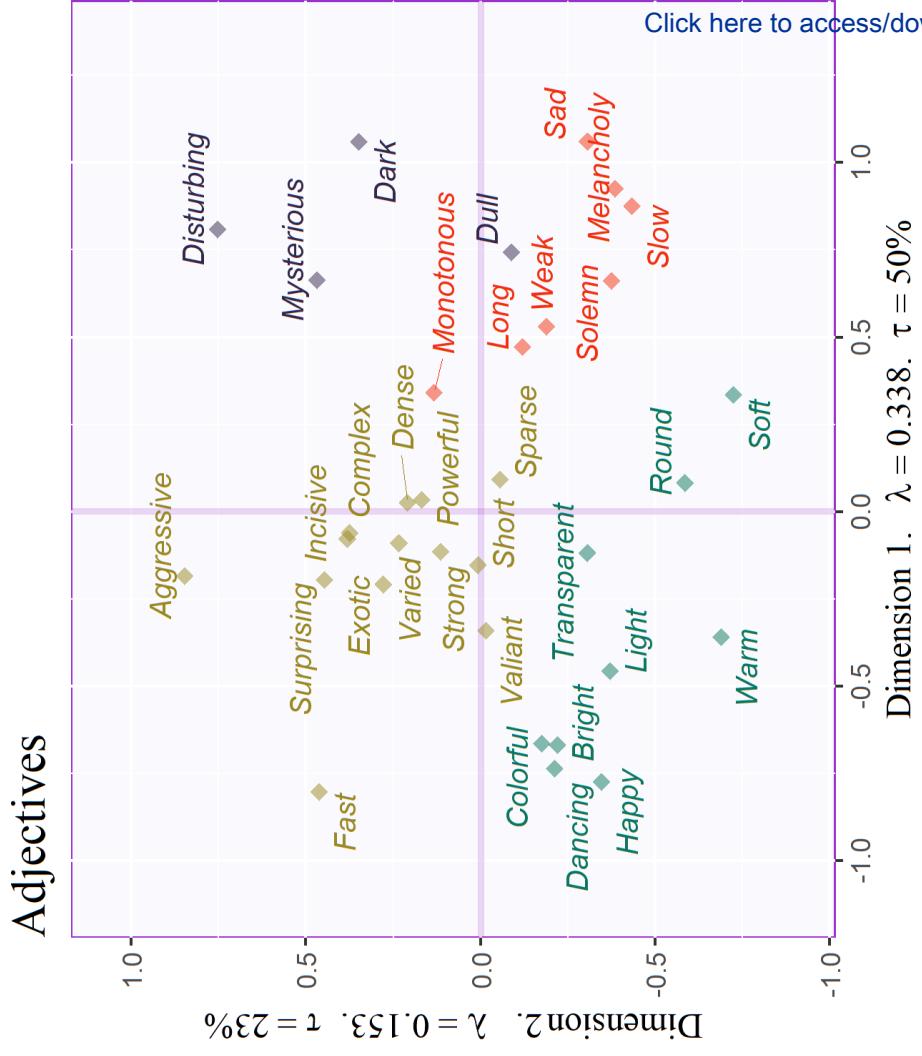


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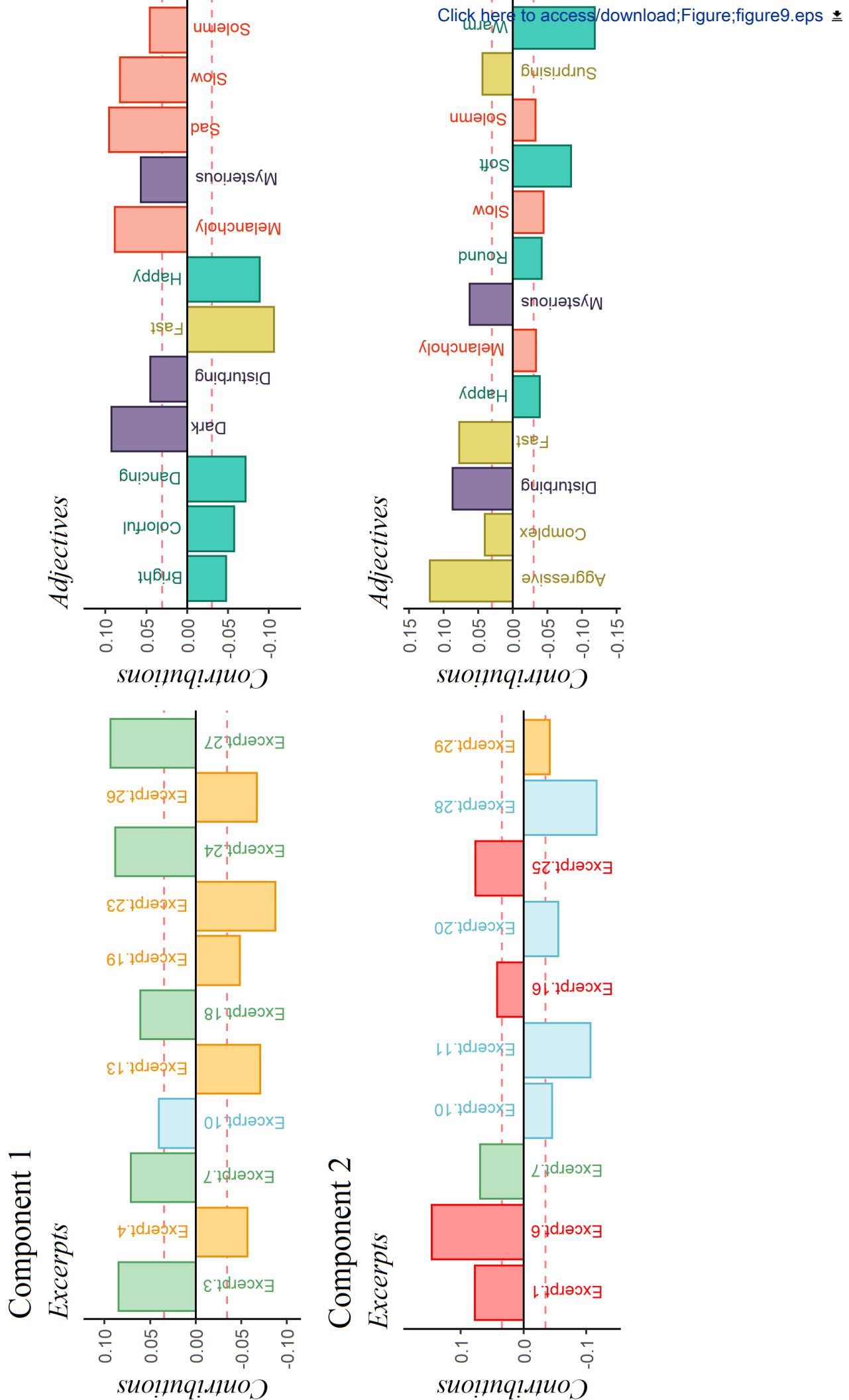


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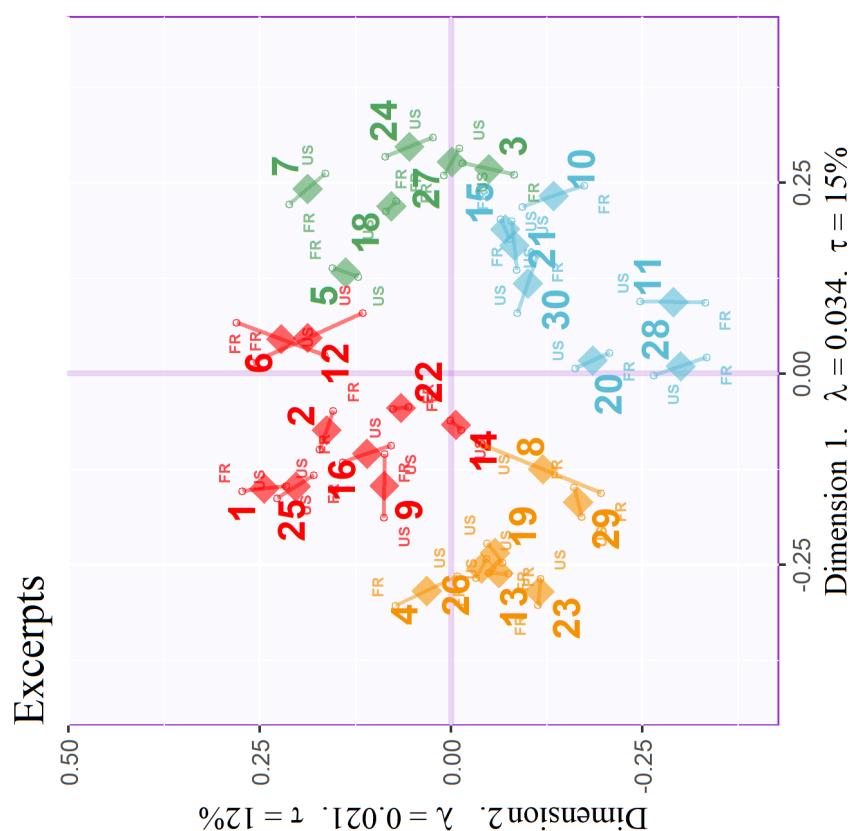
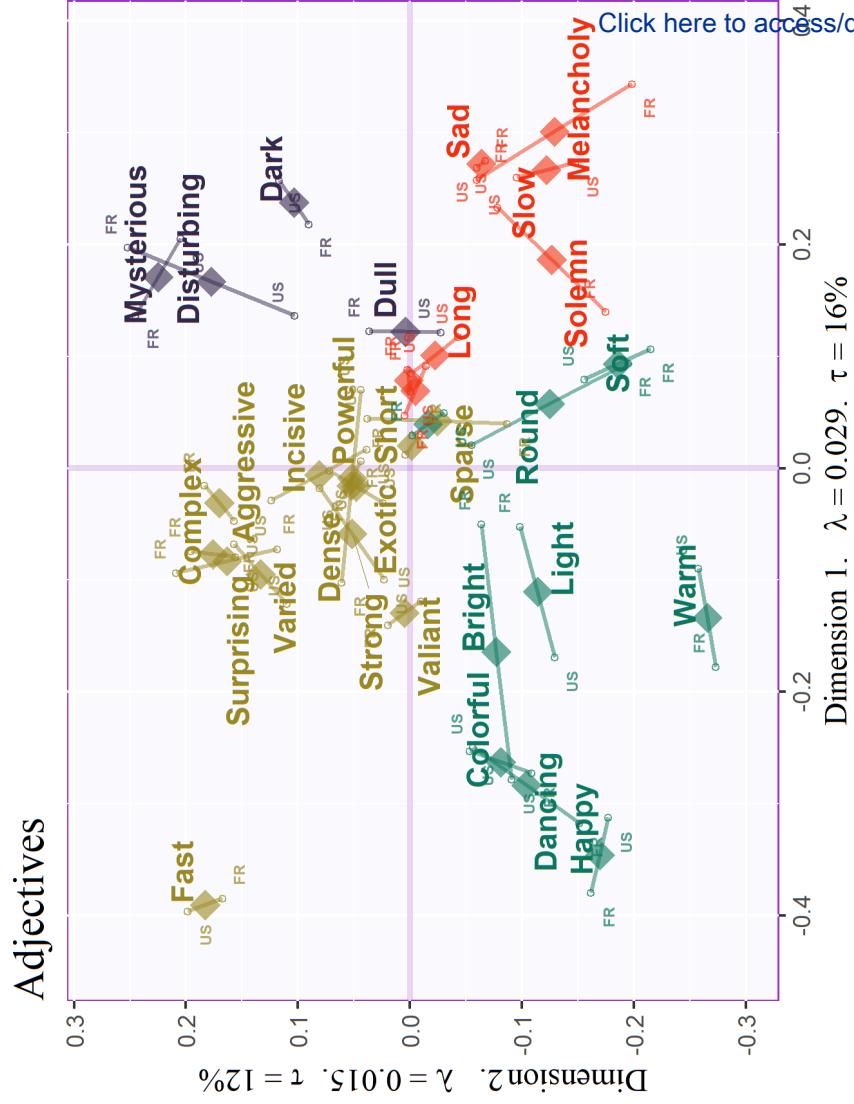


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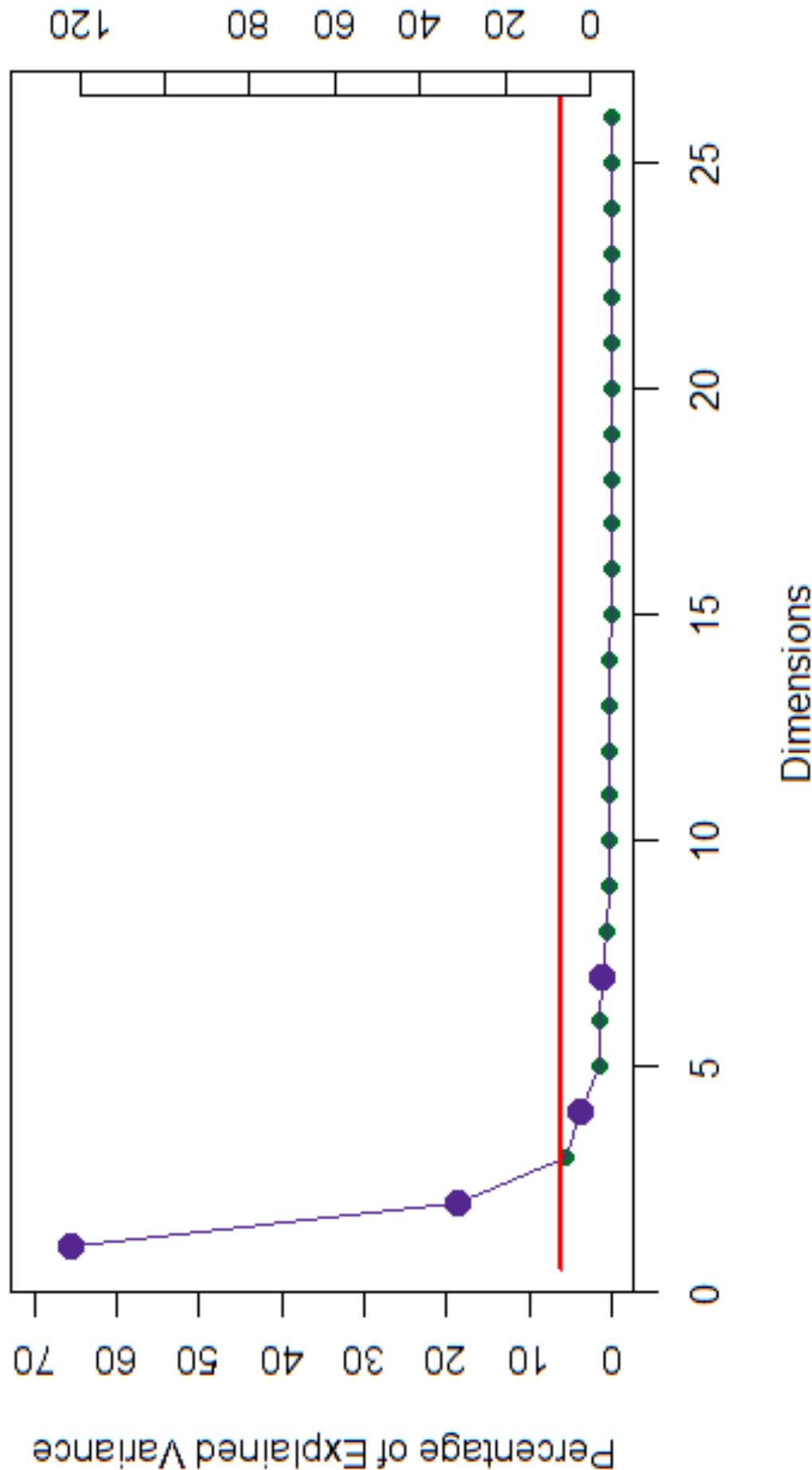
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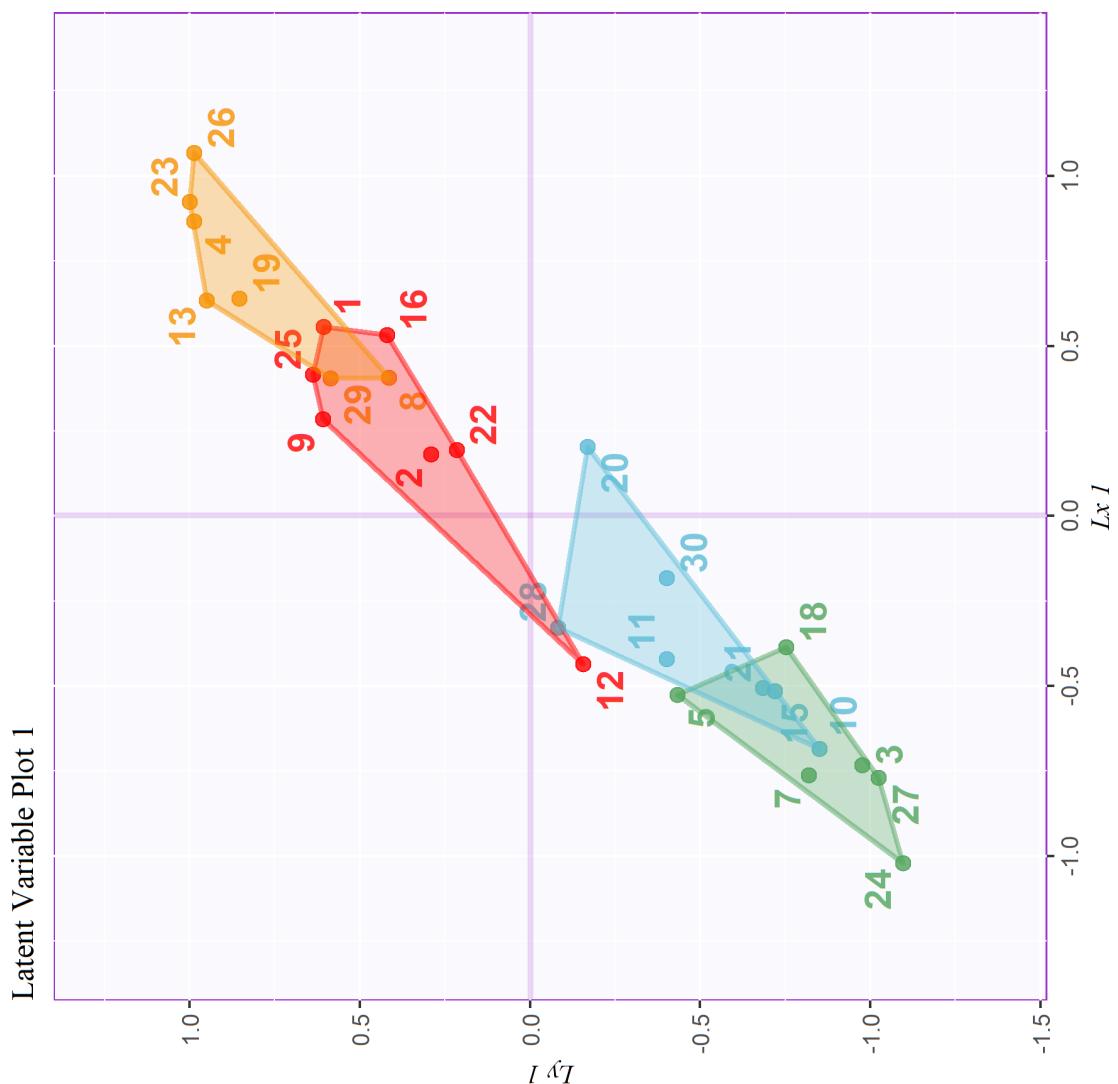
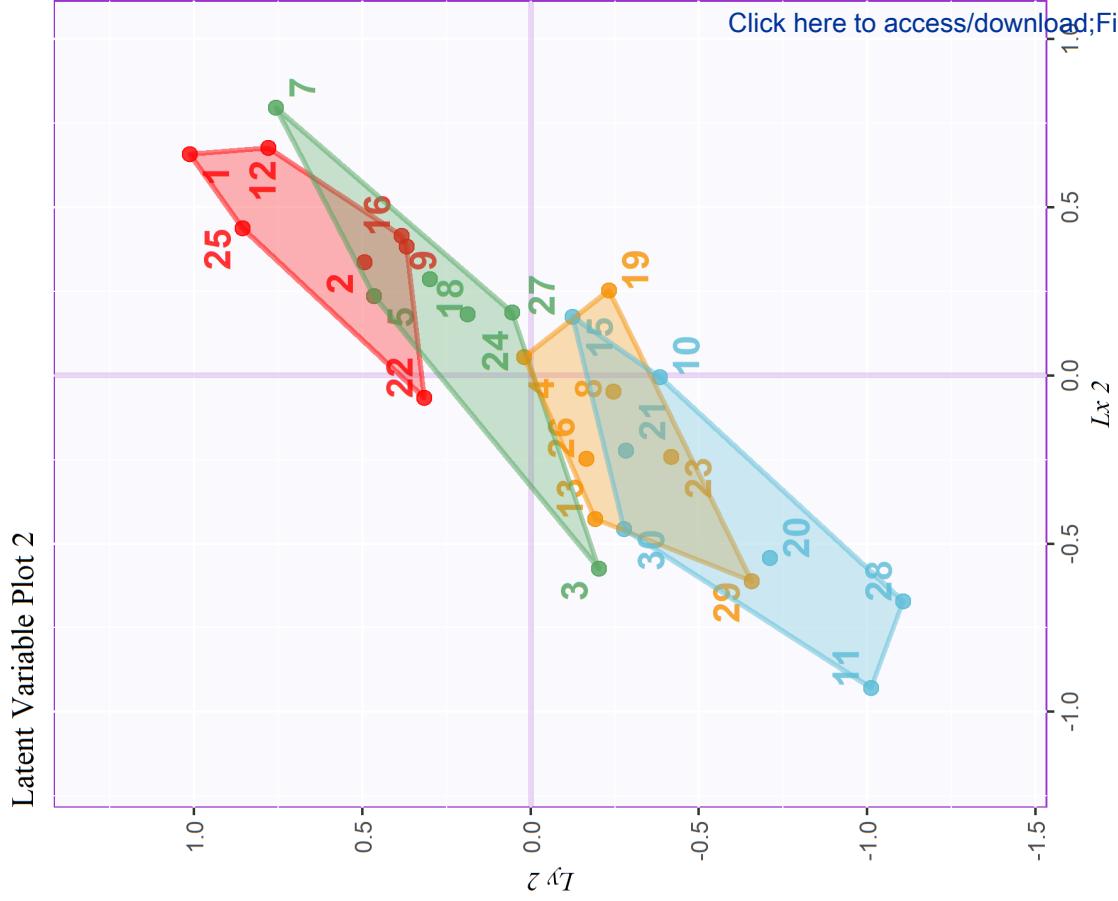
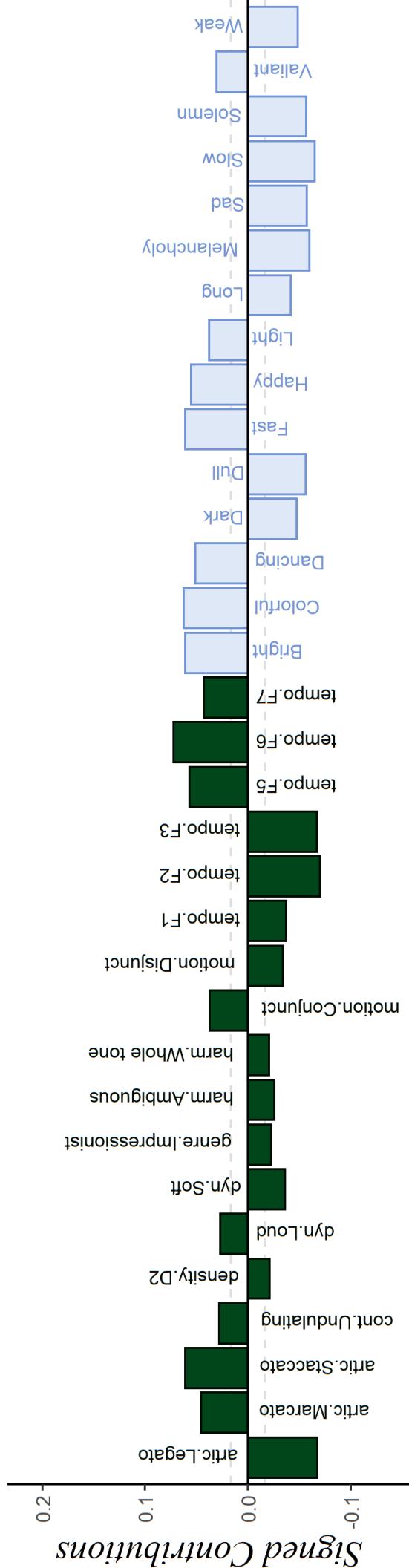
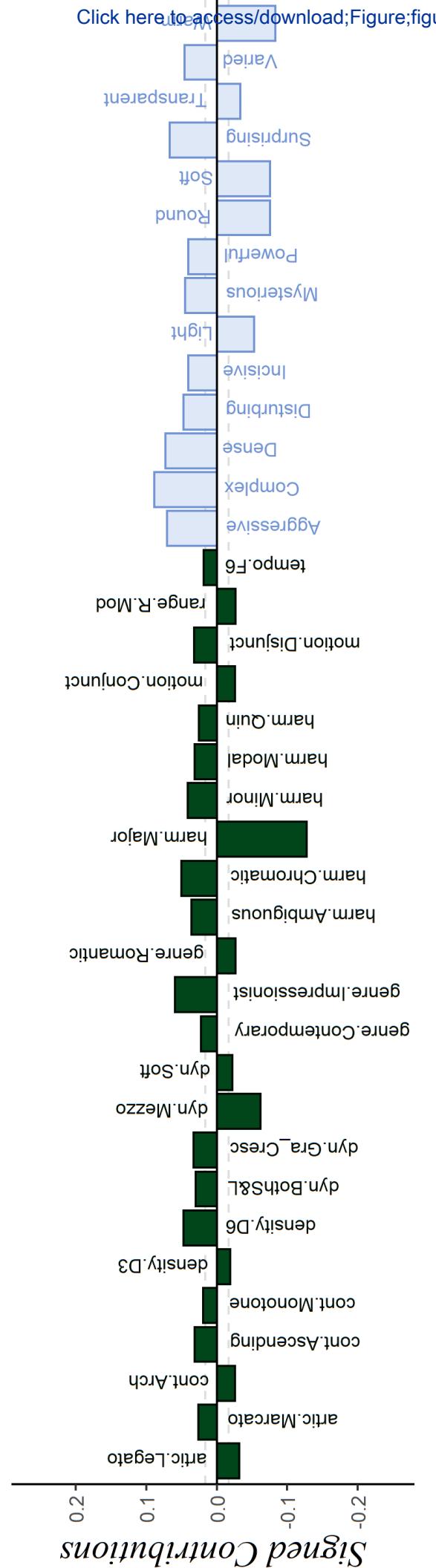
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Figure 13

## Contributions to the First Latent Variables



## Contributions to the Second Latent Variables



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## Supplementary Materials: Experiment 1

Table 1: Musical Qualities and the provided survey response options, English.

Harmonic Material	Tempo	Meter	Density	Genre	Articulation
Diatonic: Major	Very slow	Simple Duple	Very sparse	Baroque	Staccato
Diatonic: Minor	Slow	Simple Triple	Moderately sparse	Classical	Marcato
Blues	Moderately Slow	Simple Quadruple	More sparse than dense	Romantic	Legato
Chromatic	Moderate	Compound Duple	More dense than sparse	Impressionist	Tenuto
Whole tone	Moderately Fast	Compound Triple	Moderately Dense	Modern	Other
Modal	Fast	Compound Quadruple	Very Dense	Jazz/Blues	
Quintal/Quartal	Very Fast	Complex		Contemporary	
Ambiguous				Other	
Other					
Contour	Motion	Range	Dynamics		
Ascending	Conjunct	Narrow	Soft		
Descending	Disjunct	Moderate	Moderate		
Arch	Combination of conjunct	Wide	Loud		
Undulating	and disjunct	Very Wide	Varied: gradual crescendo		
Pendulum	I do not think this excerpt has a melody	I do not think this excerpt has a melody	Varied: gradual decrescendo		
Terrace	Other		Some of each, soft and loud		
I do not think this excerpt has a melody			Other		
Other					

Table 2: Musical Qualities and the provided survey response options, French.

Harmonie	Vitesse	Mesure	Densité	Genre	Articulation
Diatonique: majeur	Très lente	Mesure simple, deux temps	Très épurée	Baroque	Staccato
Diatonique: mineur	Lente	Mesure simple, trois temps	Modérément épurée	Classique	Marcato
Gamme Blues	Moyennement lent	Mesure simple, quatre temps	Plutôt épurée que dense	Romantique	Legato
Chromatique	Moyenne	Mesure composée, deux temps	Plutôt dense qu'épurée	Impressioniste	Tenuto
Gamme par ton	Moyennement rapide	Mesure composée, trois temps	Moyennement dense	Moderne	Autre (précisez)
Modal	Rapide	Mesure composée, quatre temps	Très dense	Jazz-Blues	
Ambigu	Très rapide	Mesure complexe		Contemporain	
Je ne pense pas que cet extrait ait une mélodie				Autre (précisez)	
Autre (précisez)					
Contour	Mouvement	Ambitus	Dynamiques		
Ascendant	Conjoint	Ambitus resserré	Doux		
Descendant	Disjoint	Ambitus modéré	Moyen		
Forme en arche	Une combinaison de conjoint et disjoint	Ambitus grand	Fort		
Petites vagues successives		Ambitus très grand	Varié : crescendo		
Grandes vagues successives	Je ne pense pas que cet extrait ait une mélodie	Je ne pense pas que cet extrait ait une mélodie	progressif		
Plusieurs phases descendantes successives	Autre (précisez)		Varié : decrescendo		
Je ne pense pas que cet extrait ait une mélodie			progressif		
Autre (précisez)			Un peu des deux: doux et fort		
			Autre (précisez)		

Figure 1. MDS results for participants in Experiment 1, colored according to nationality (left) and gender identity (right).

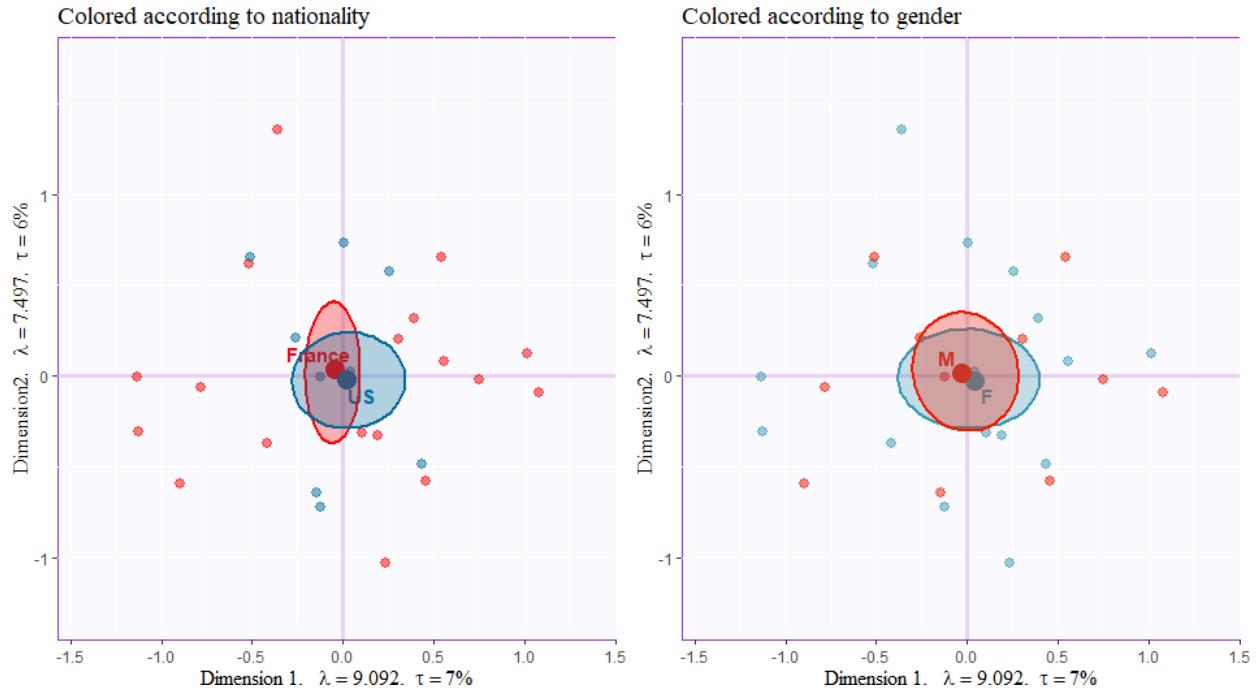
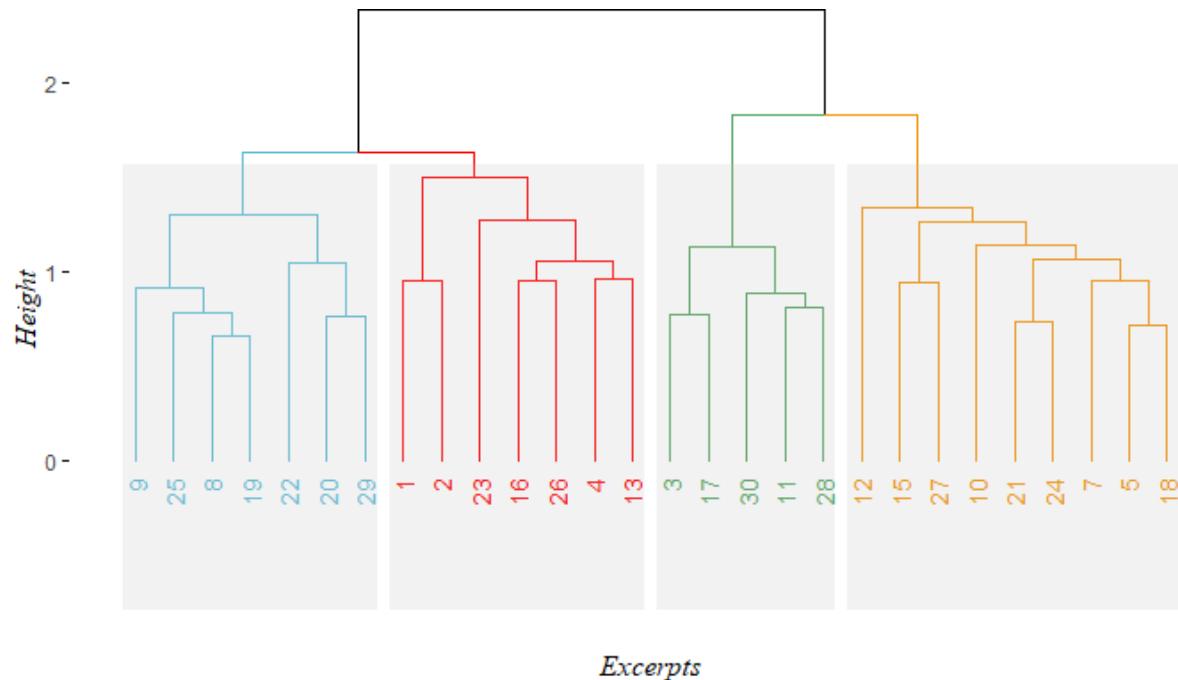
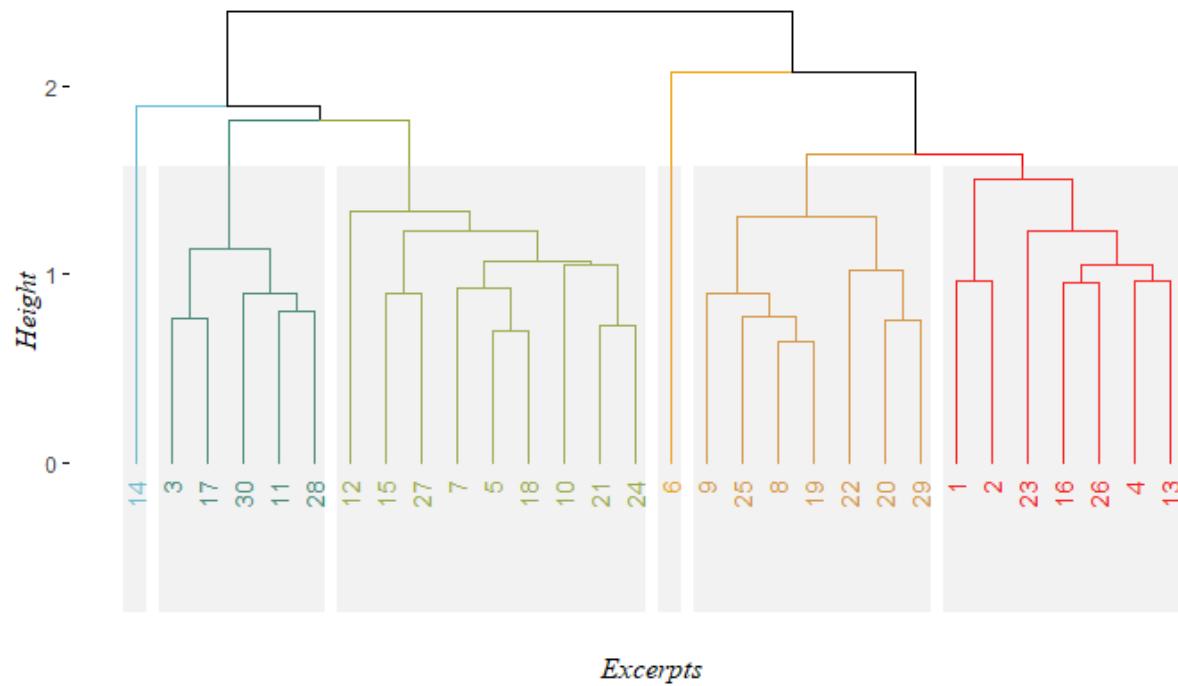


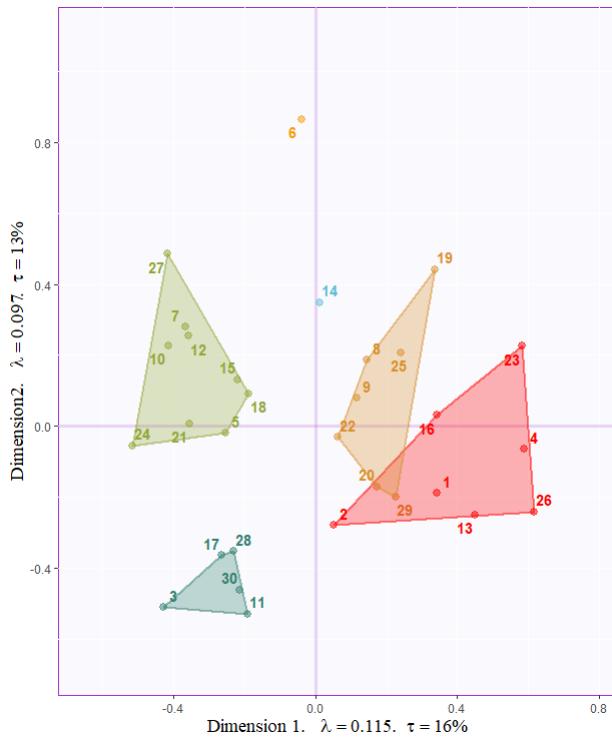
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*Figure 3.* Hierarchical cluster analysis for the row factor scores of the CA for Experiment 1 including Excerpts 6 and 14.



*Figure 4a.* CA: Row factor scores for preliminary analysis of the qualities survey, featuring Dimensions 1 and 2, with tolerance intervals around the clusters identified by the HCA, and colored according to the HCA.



*Figure 4b.* CA: Row factor scores for the preliminary analysis of the qualities survey, featuring Dimensions 2 and 3, with tolerance intervals around the clusters identified by the HCA.

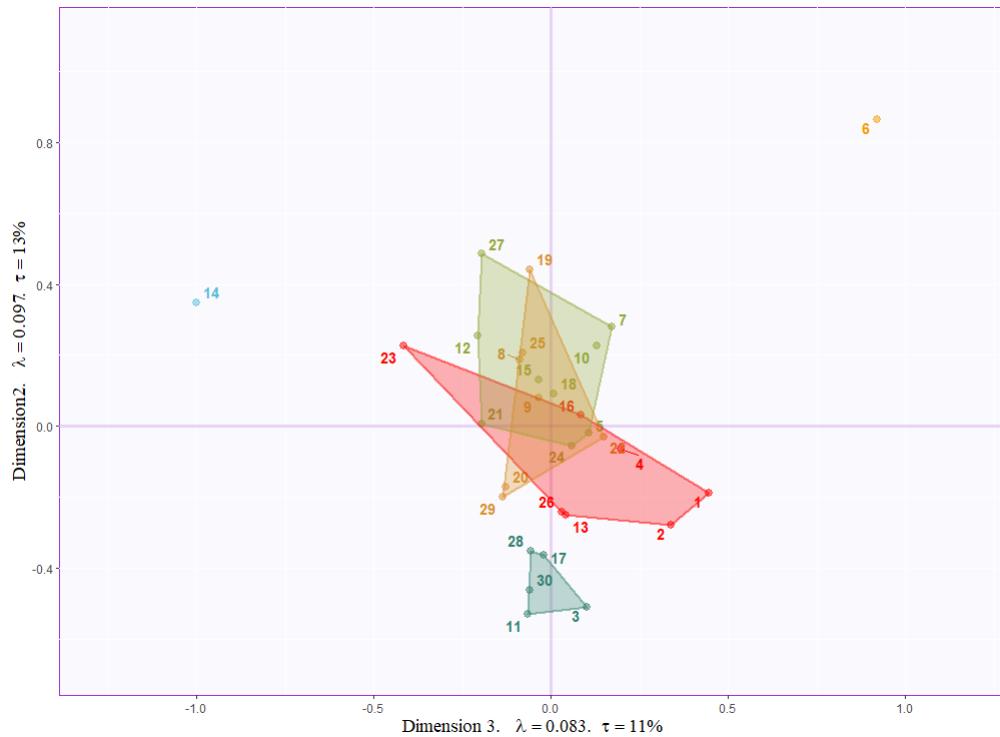


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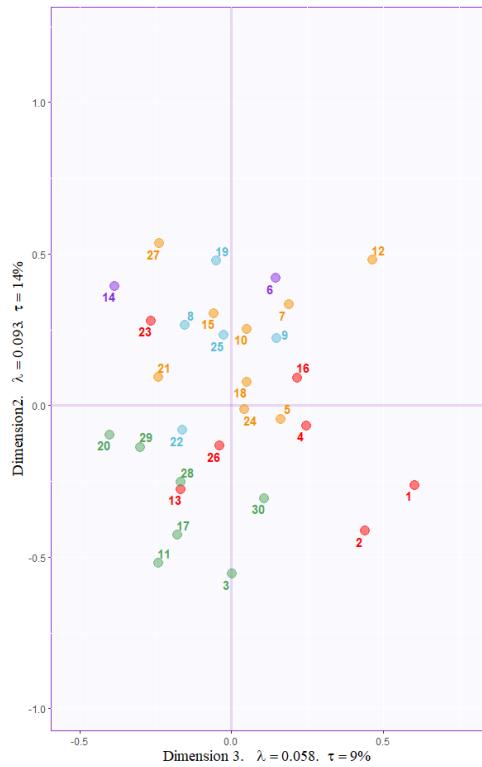


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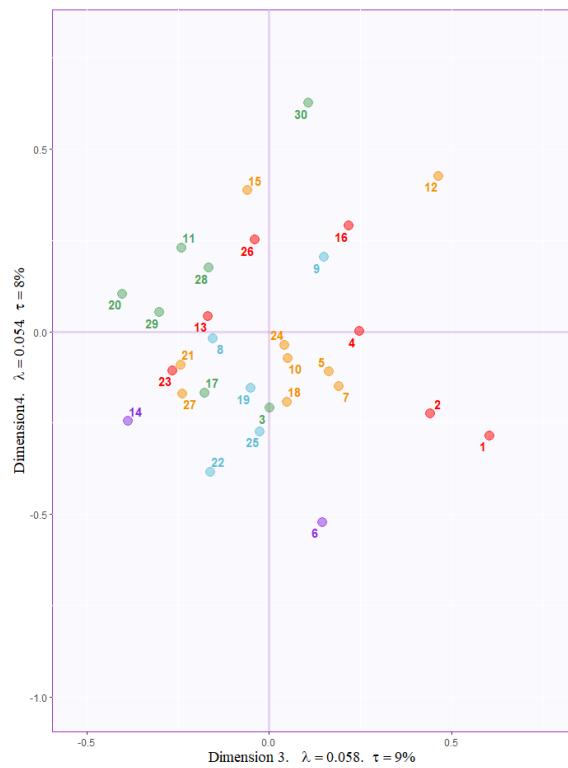
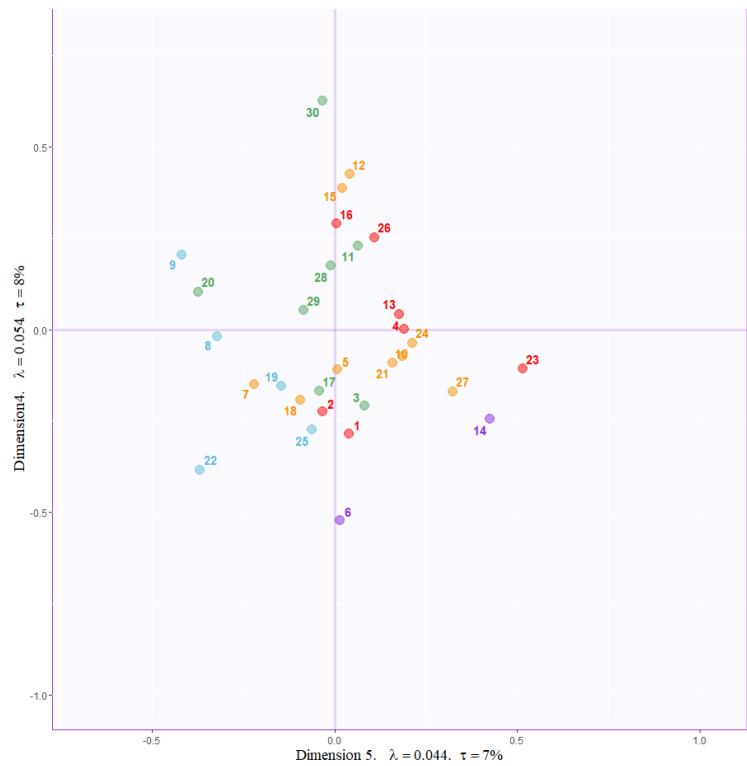
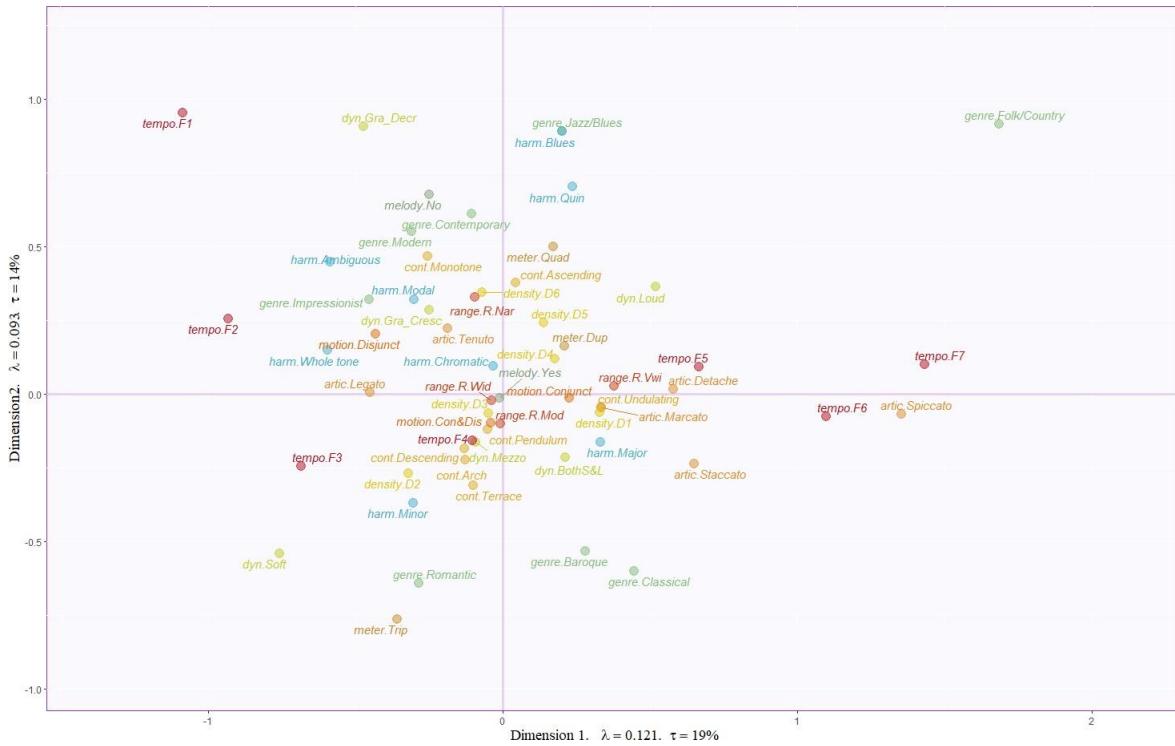


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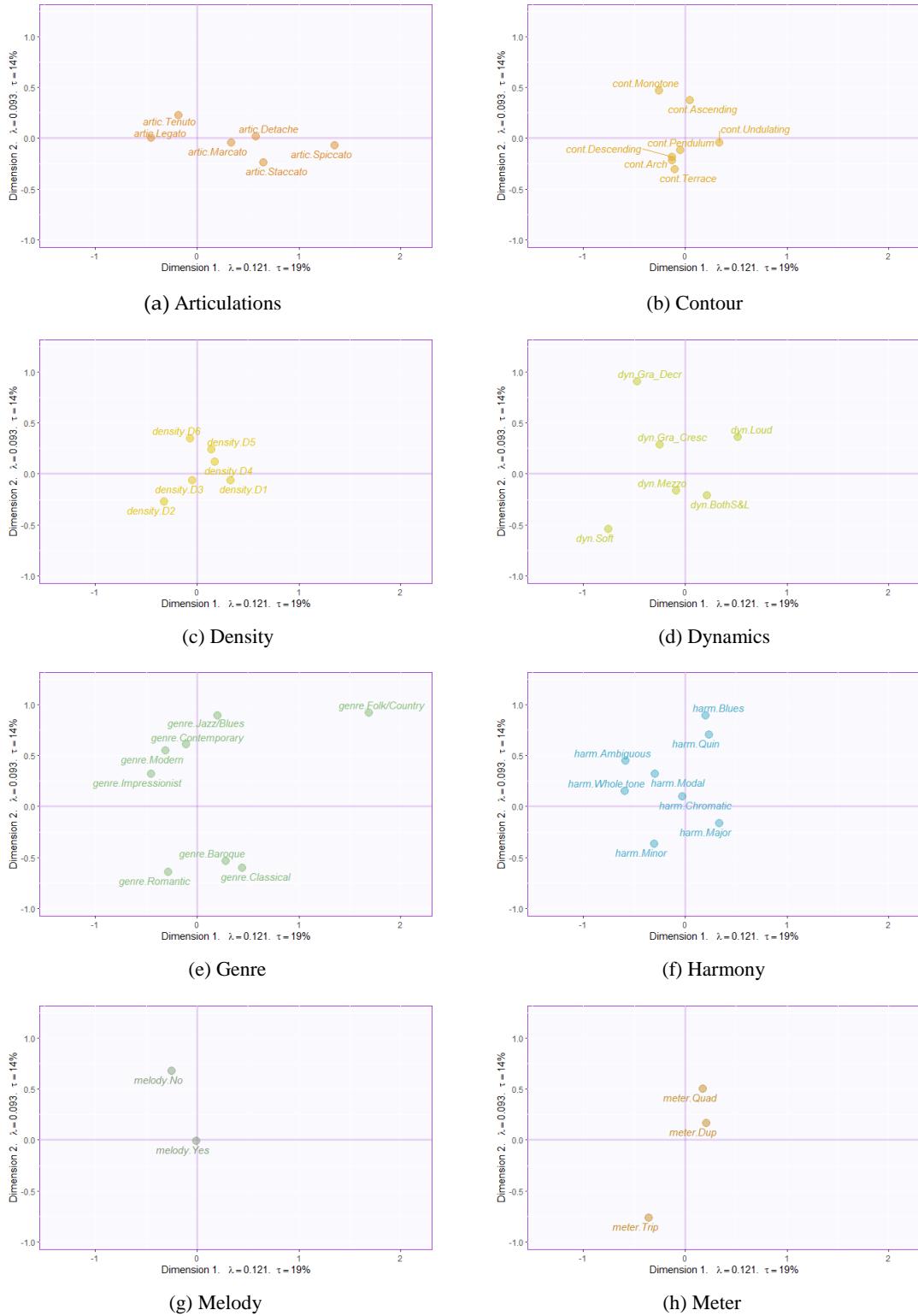


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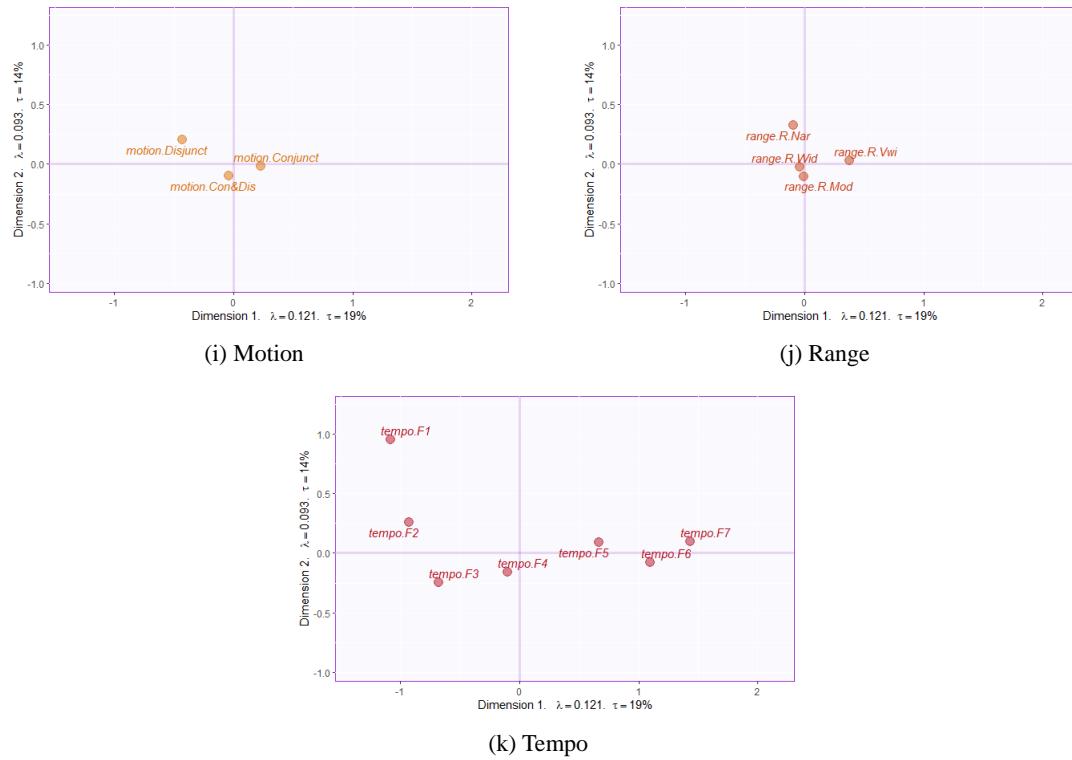
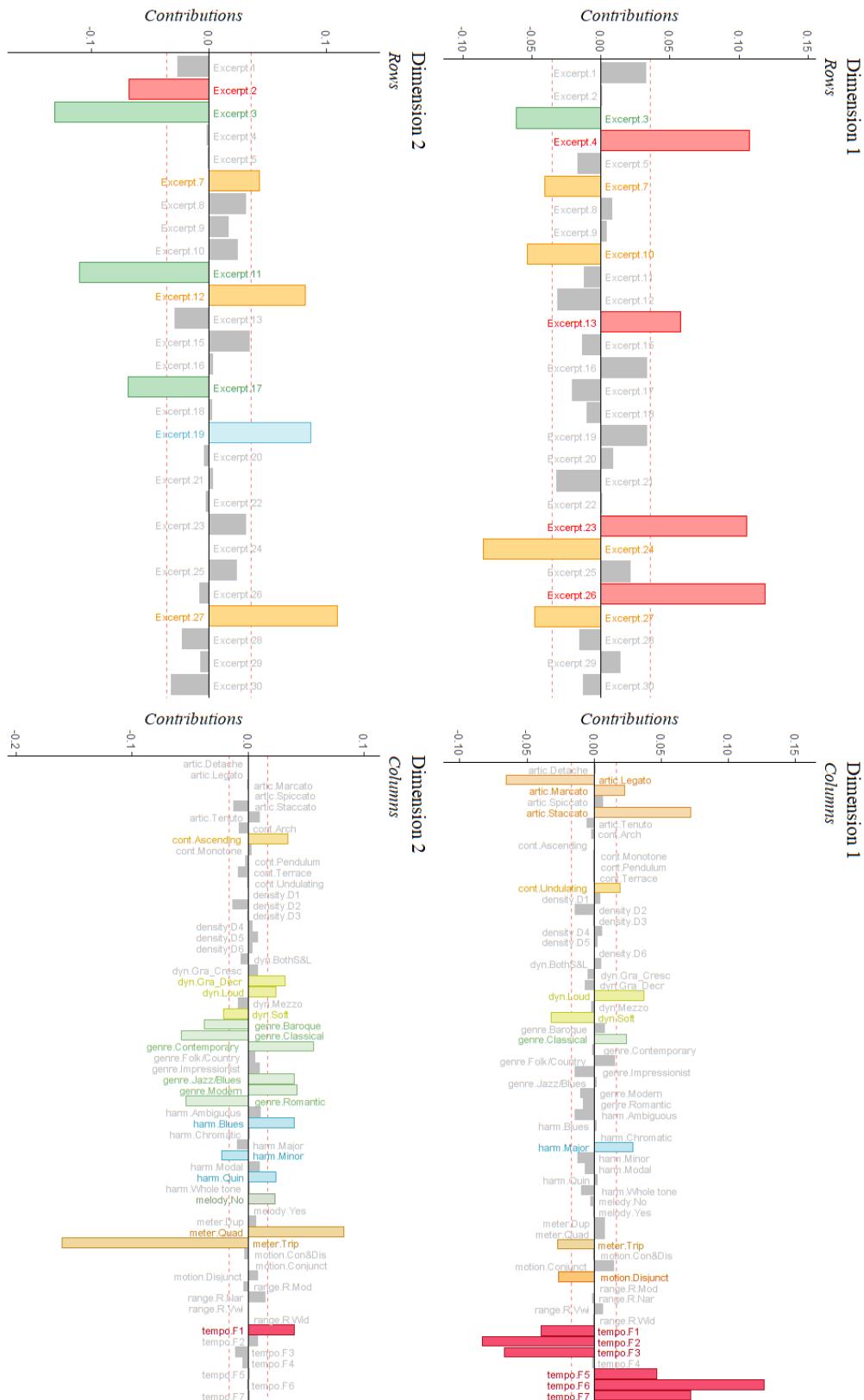


Figure 8. All signed contributions for the first two dimensions of the CA for the Qualities Survey.



## Supplementary Materials: Experiment 2

Table 3. CATA Adjectives

English	French
Slow	Lent
Fast	Rapide
Dense	Bavard
Sparse	Epuré
Complex	Complexe
Transparent	Transparent
Light	Clair
Dark	Sombre
Bright	Brillant
Dull	Terne
Soft	Doux
Strong	Fort
Mysterious	Mystérieux
Melancholy	Mélancolique
Incisive	Incisif
Round	Tendre
Aggressive	Agressif
Weak	Faible
Strong	Puissant
Warm	Chaleureux
Solemn	Solennel
Valiant	Vaillant
Sad	Triste
Happy	Joyeux
Dancing	Dansant
Disturbing	Inquiétant
Exotic	Exotique
Colorful	Coloré
Varied	Changeant
Monotonous	Monotone
Long	Long
Short	Court
Surprising	Surprenant

Figure 9 Hierarchical cluster analysis for the row factor scores of the CA for Experiment 2.

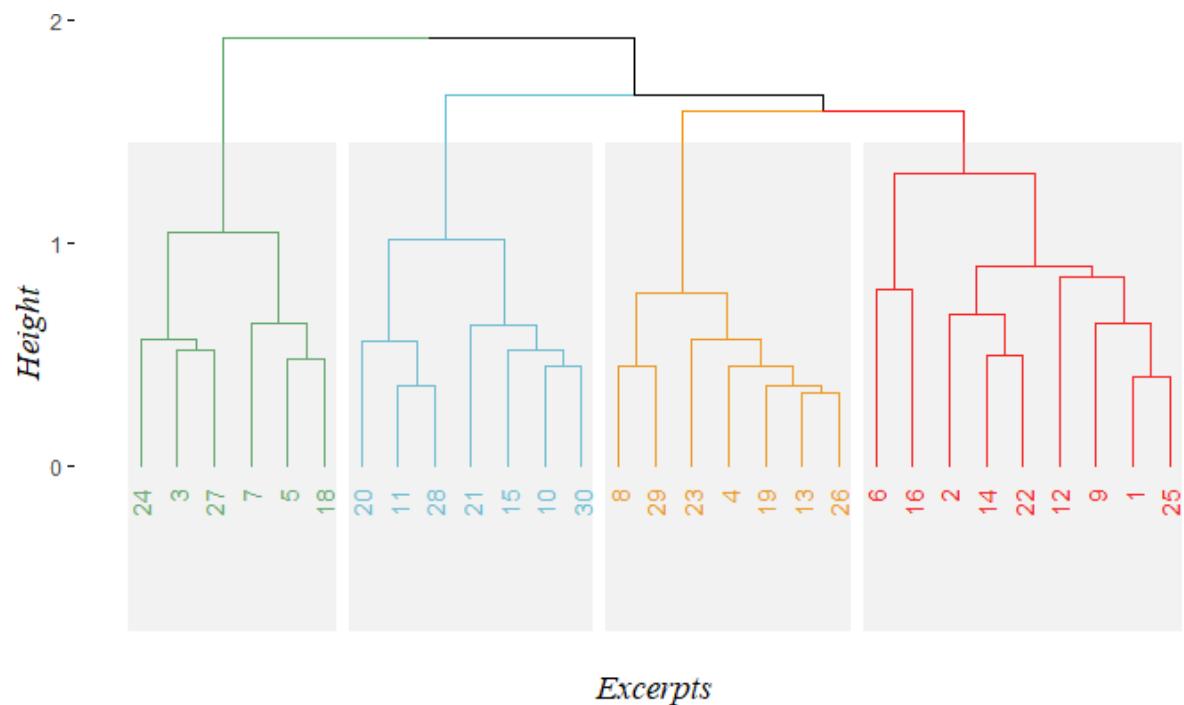
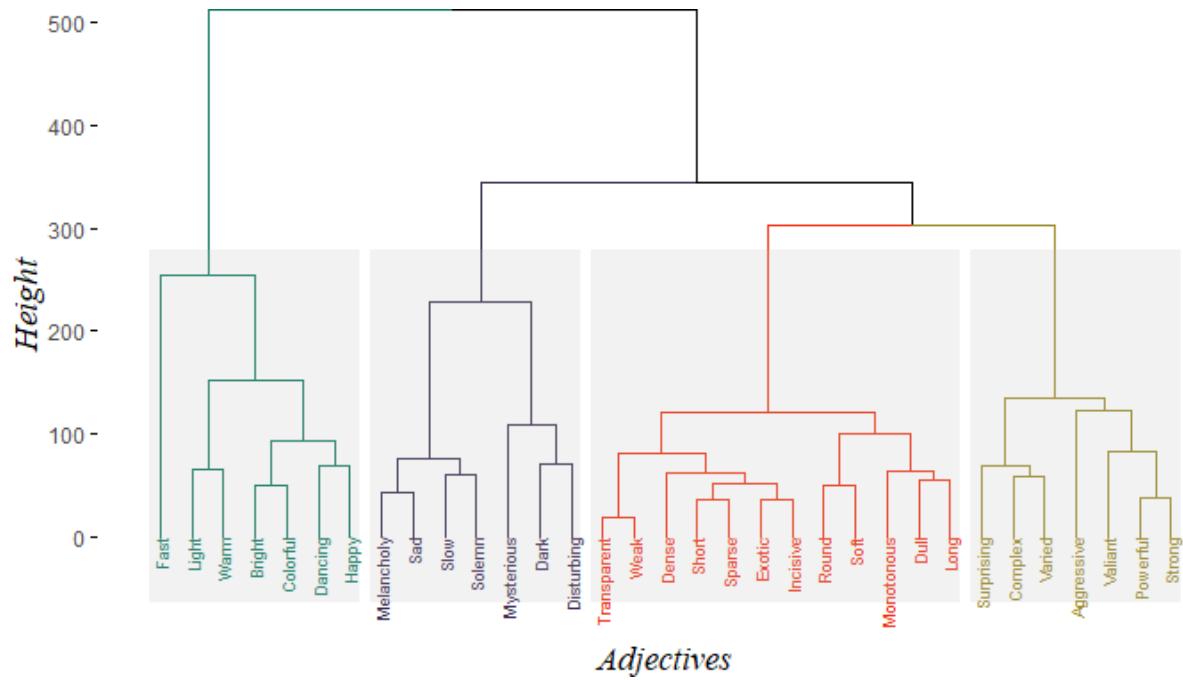


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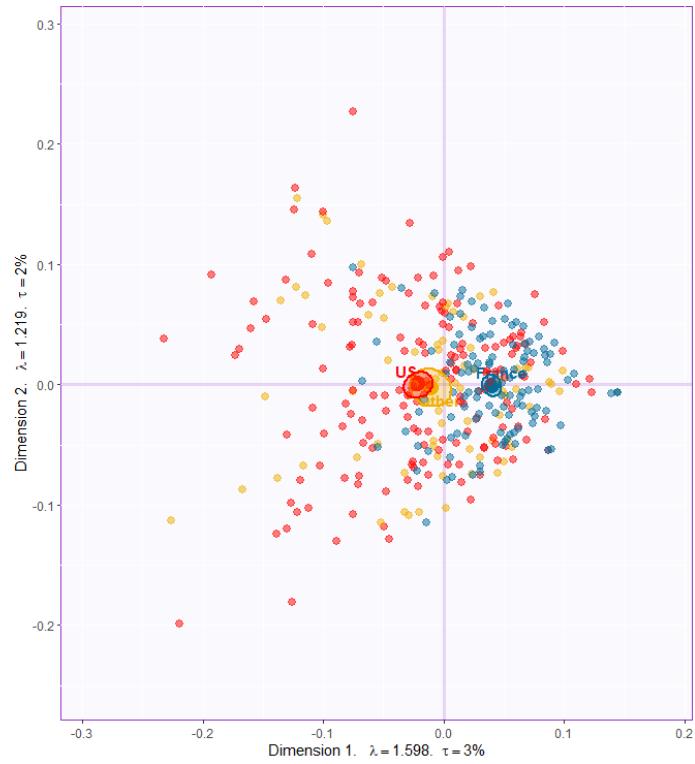


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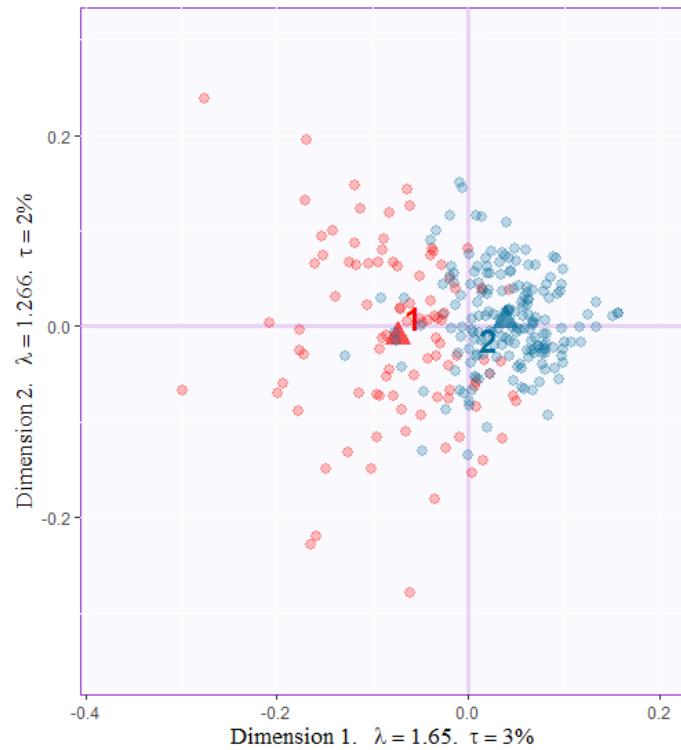


Figure 12. CA: Adjectives Survey, row and column factor scores plotted on the same map.

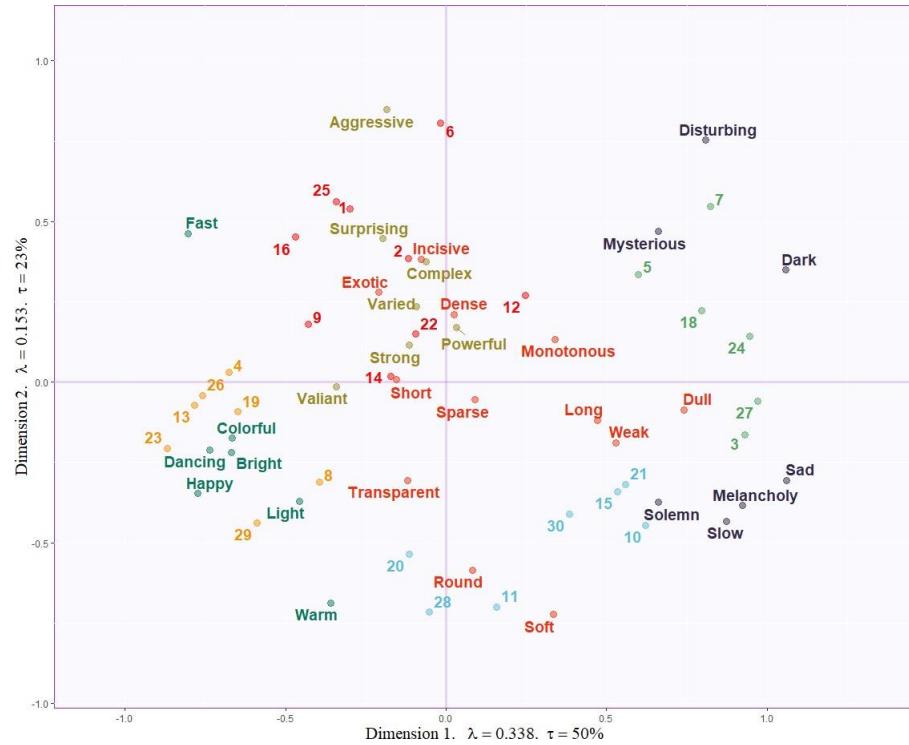
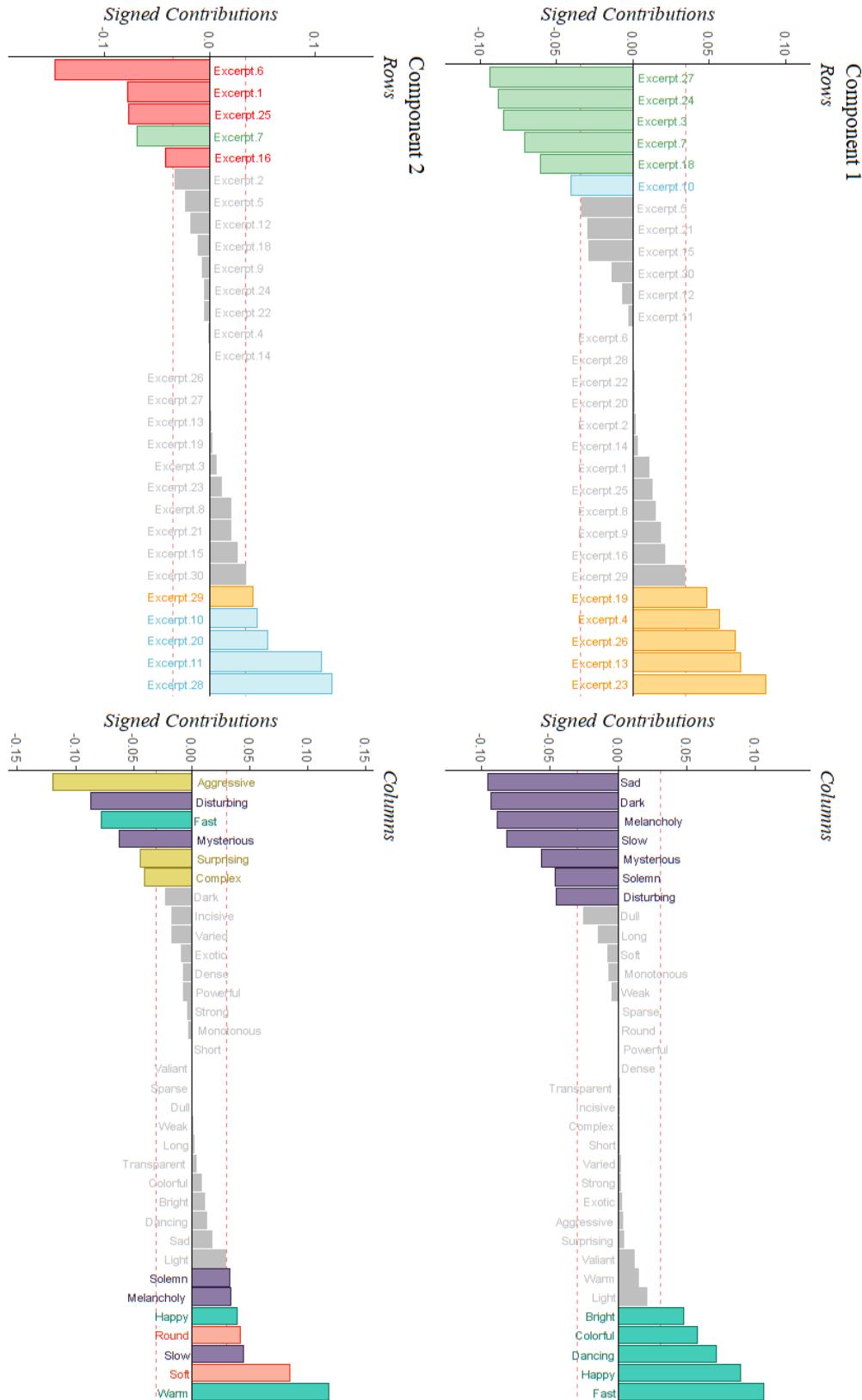


Figure 13. CA: All signed contributions for the first two dimensions of the CA of the Adjectives survey, ordered according to their magnitude.



## Supplementary Materials: Experiment 3

Figure 14. PLSC: Correlation matrix for the columns of the surveys from Experiments 1 and 2. Correlation values between variables are indicated by color and opacity. Dark blue is a strong positive correlation and dark red is a strong negative correlation, pale or white squares indicate little to no correlation.

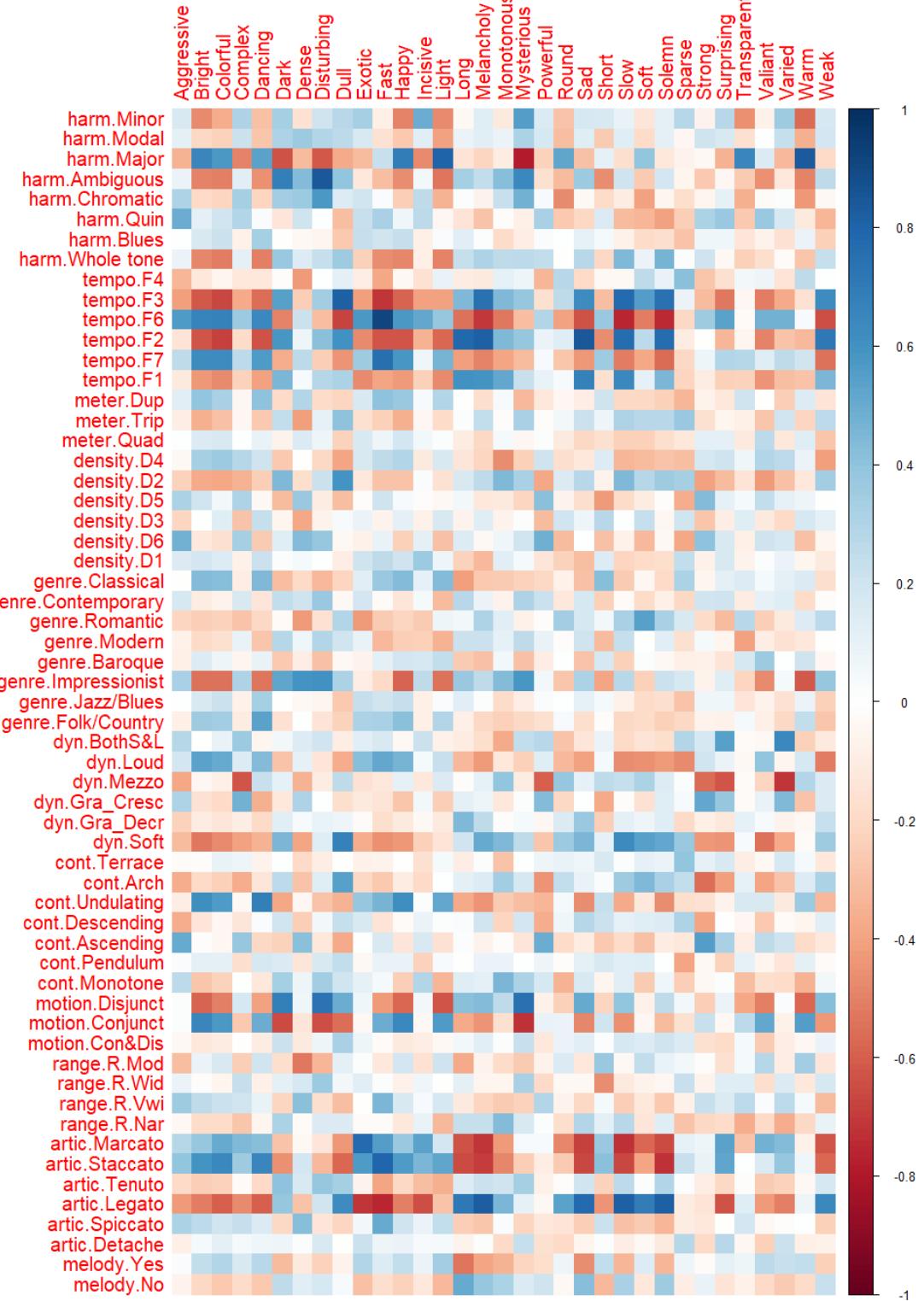
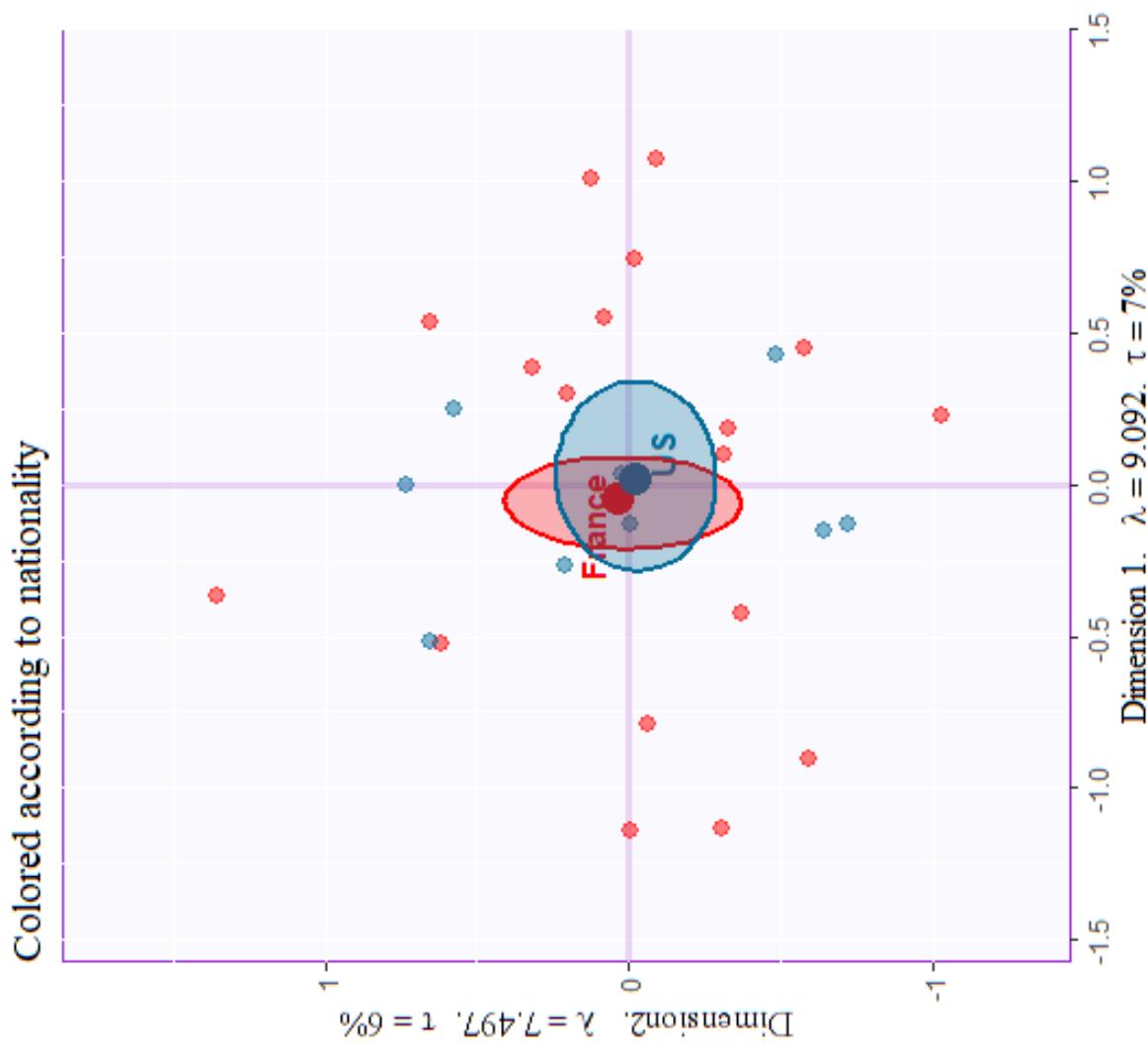
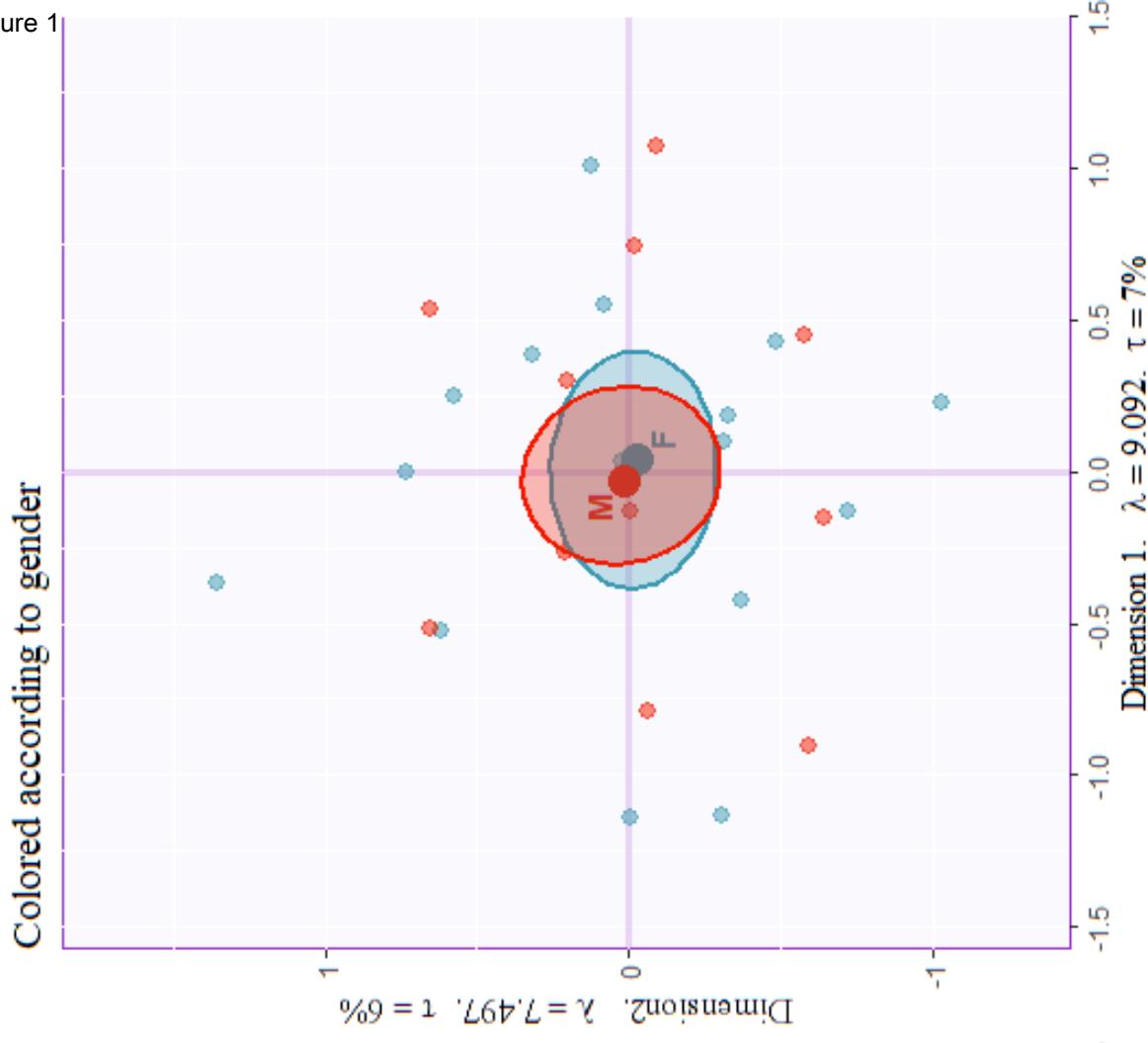
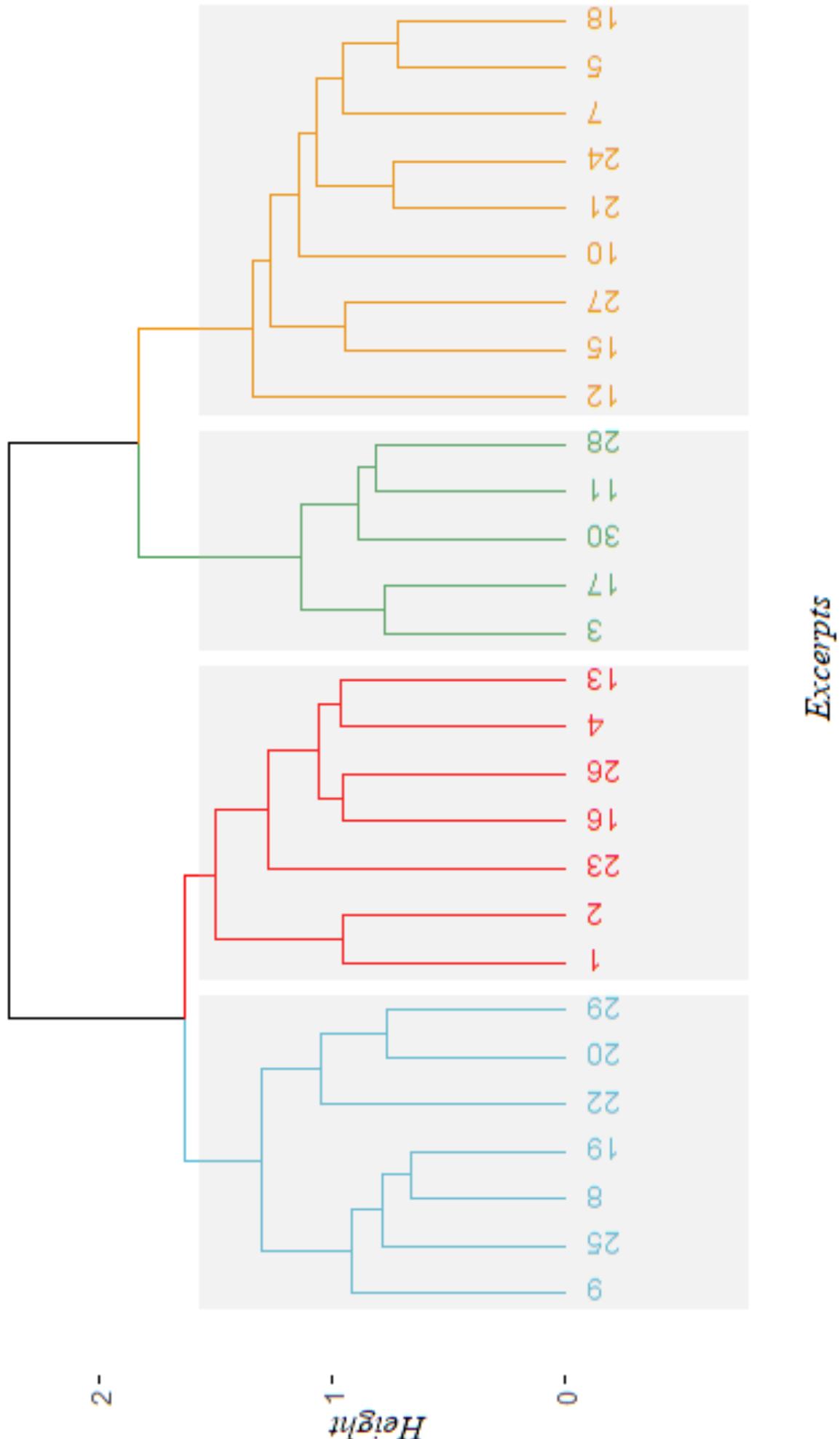


Figure 15. All signed loadings for the first two LVs of the PLSC. Colored according to their color schemes from Experiments 1 and 2.

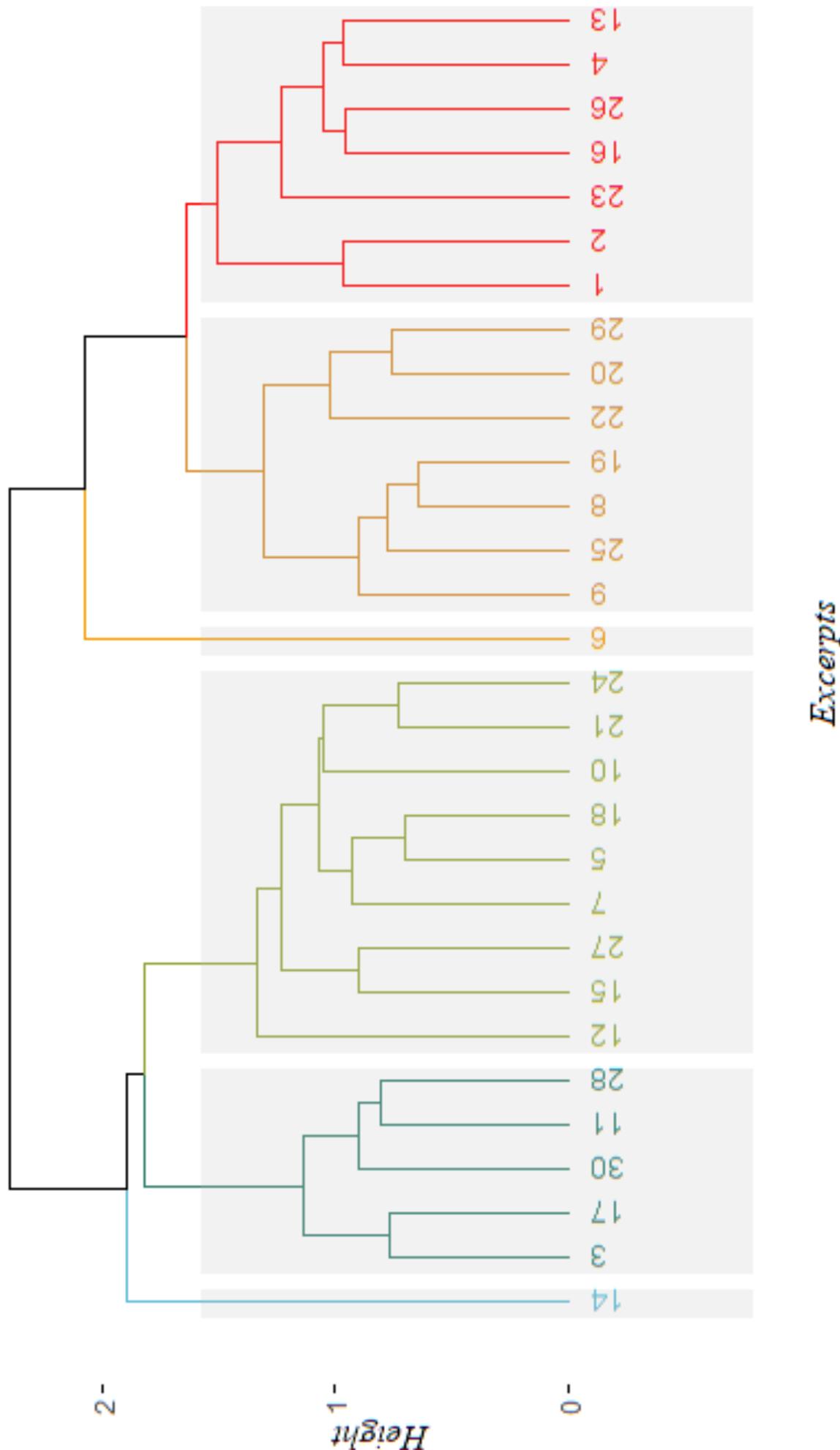


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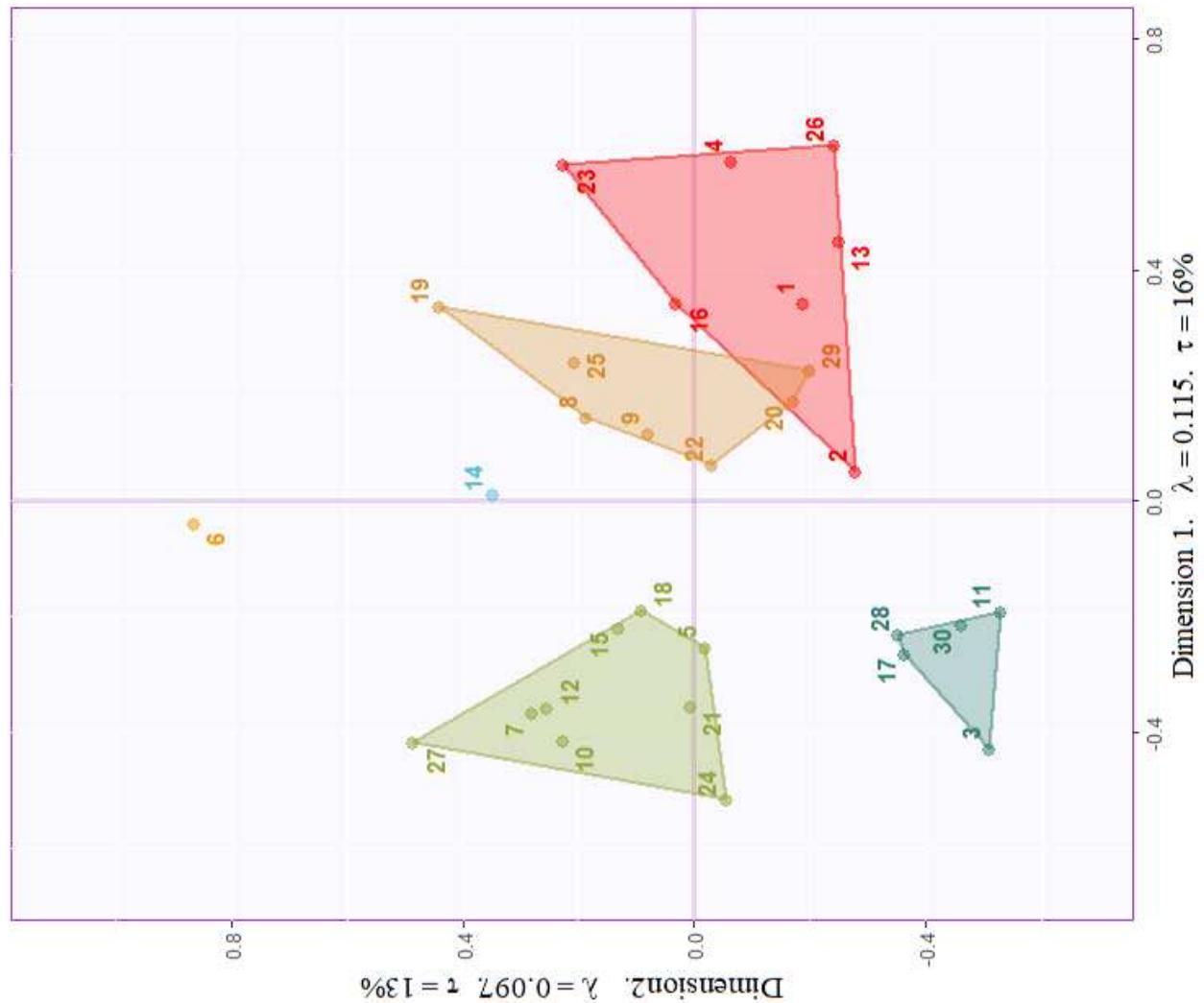




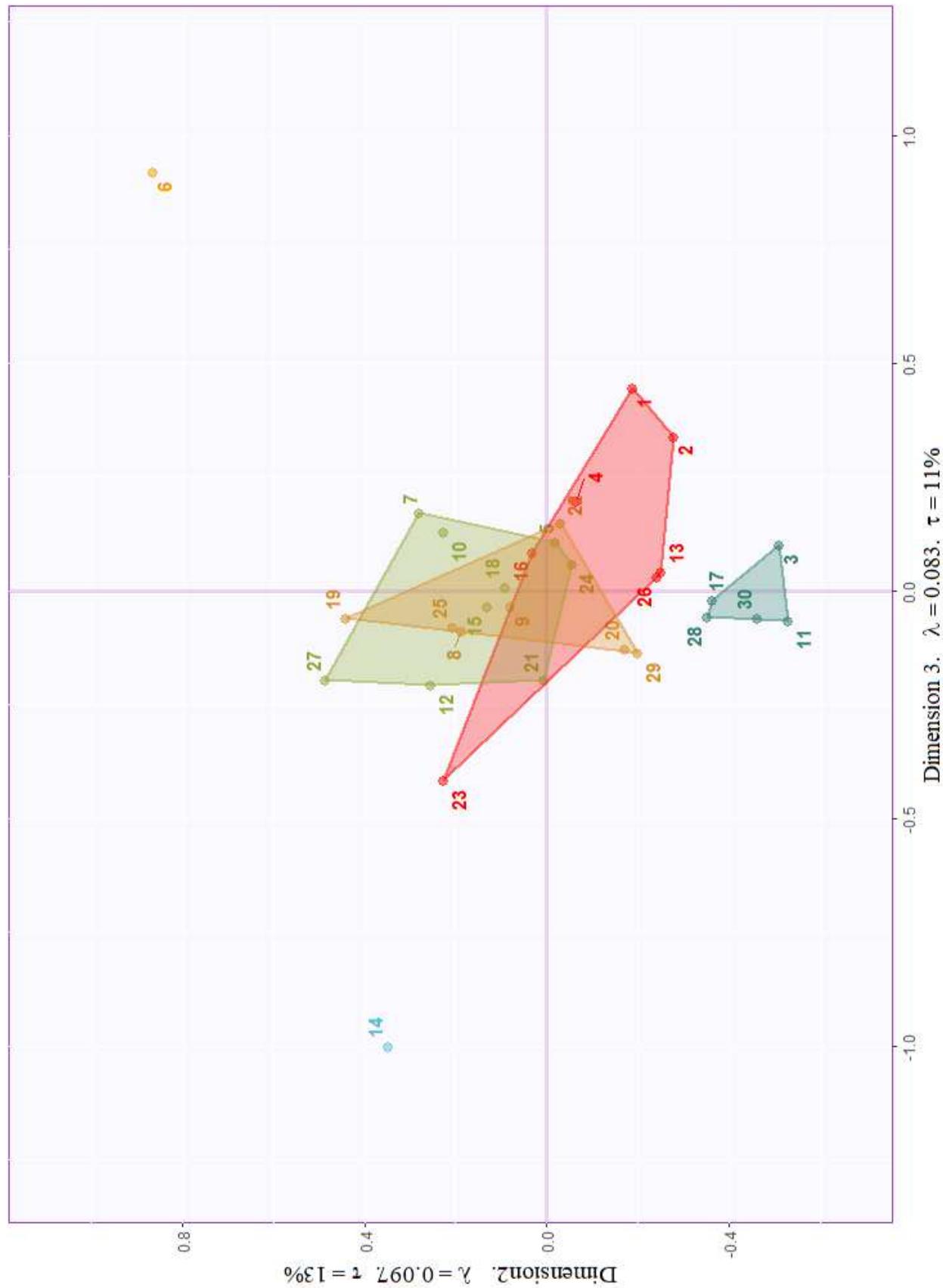
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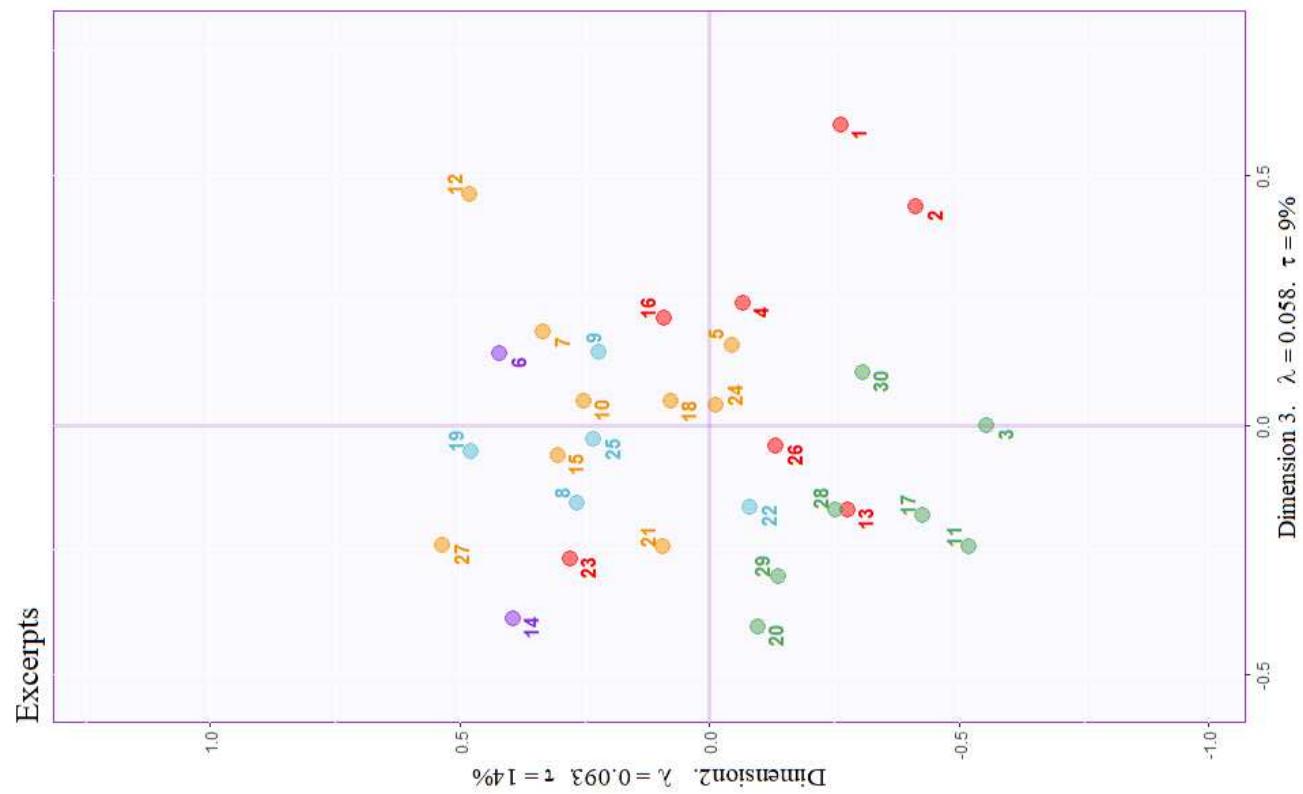
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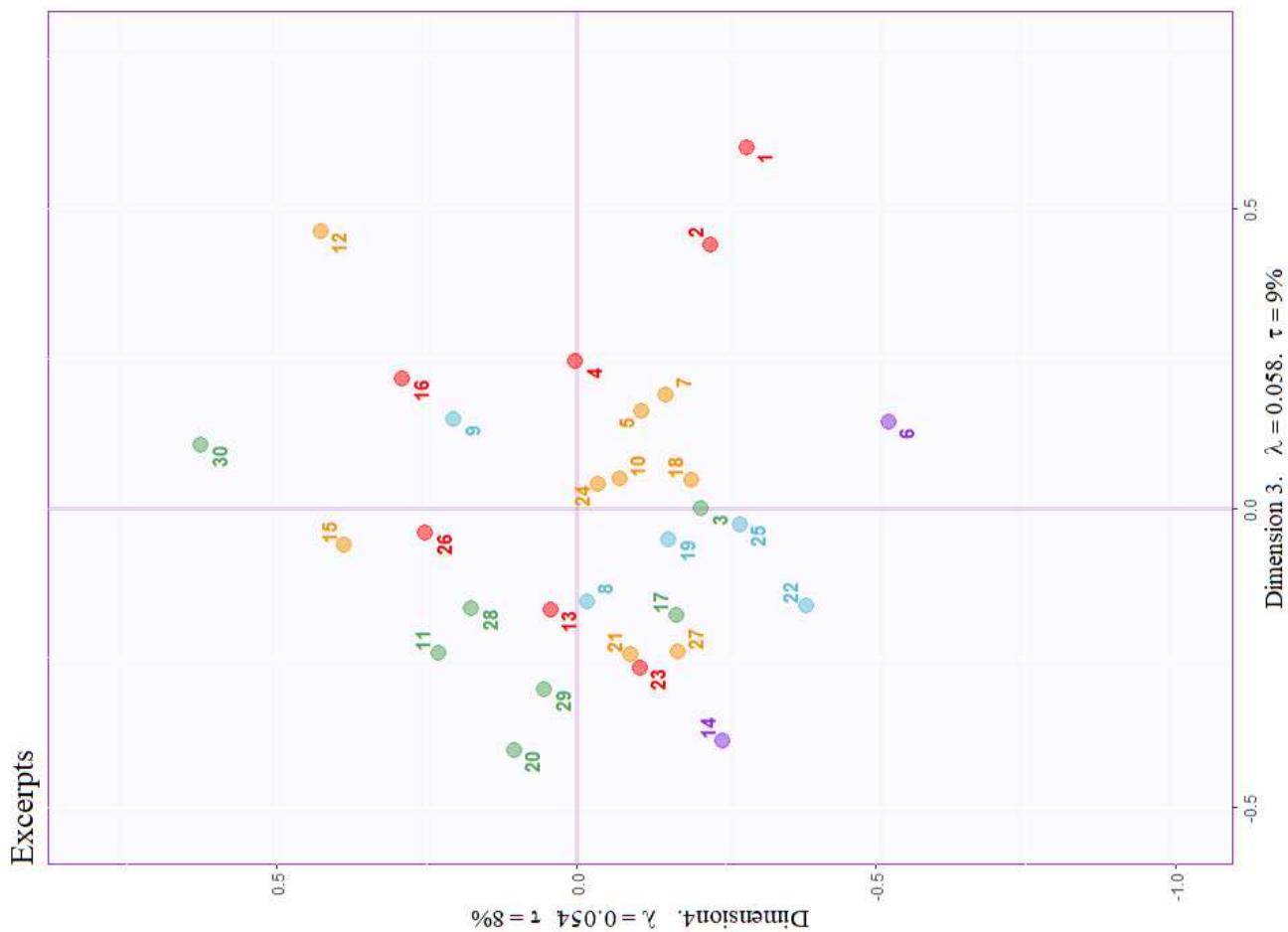
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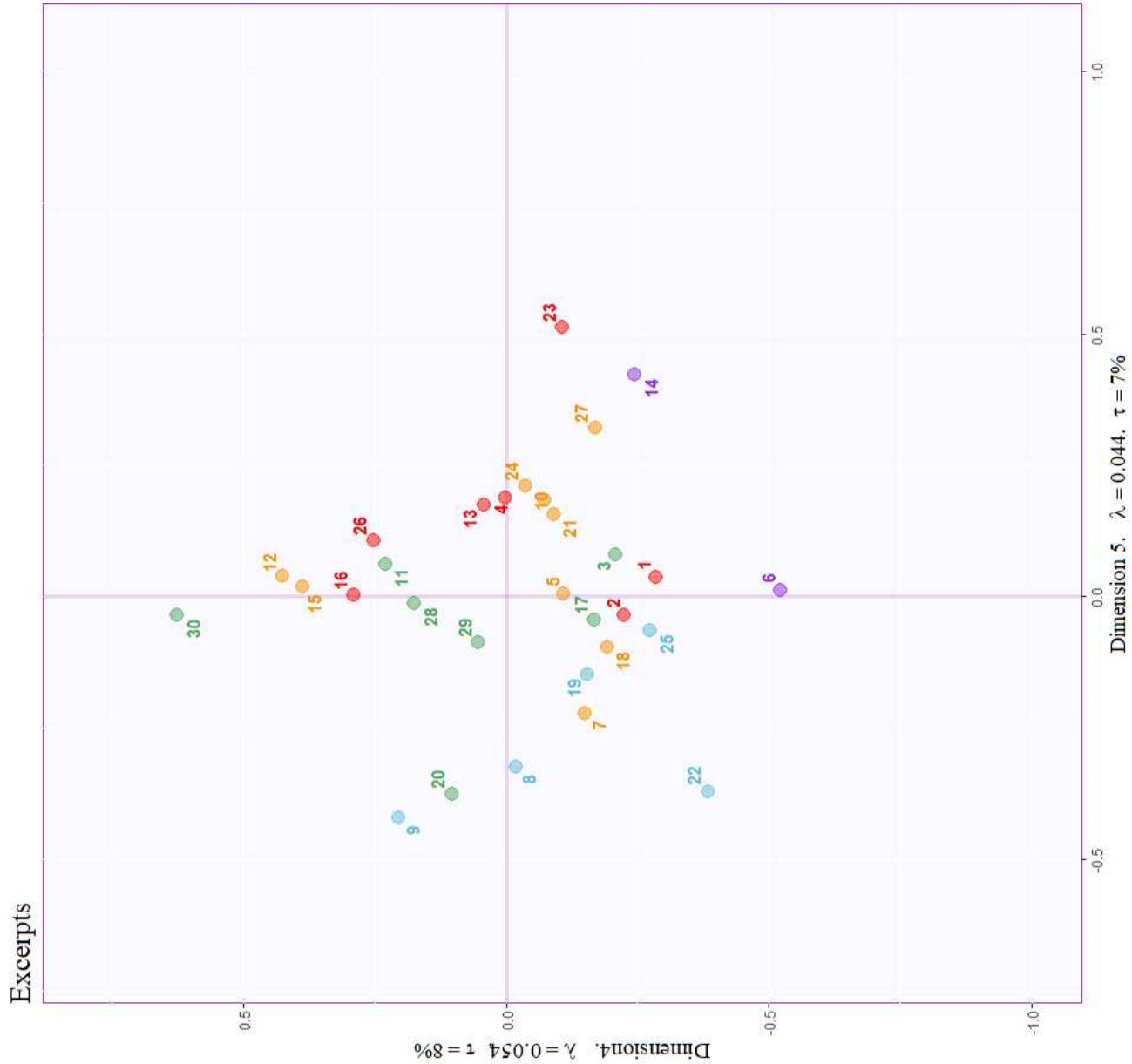
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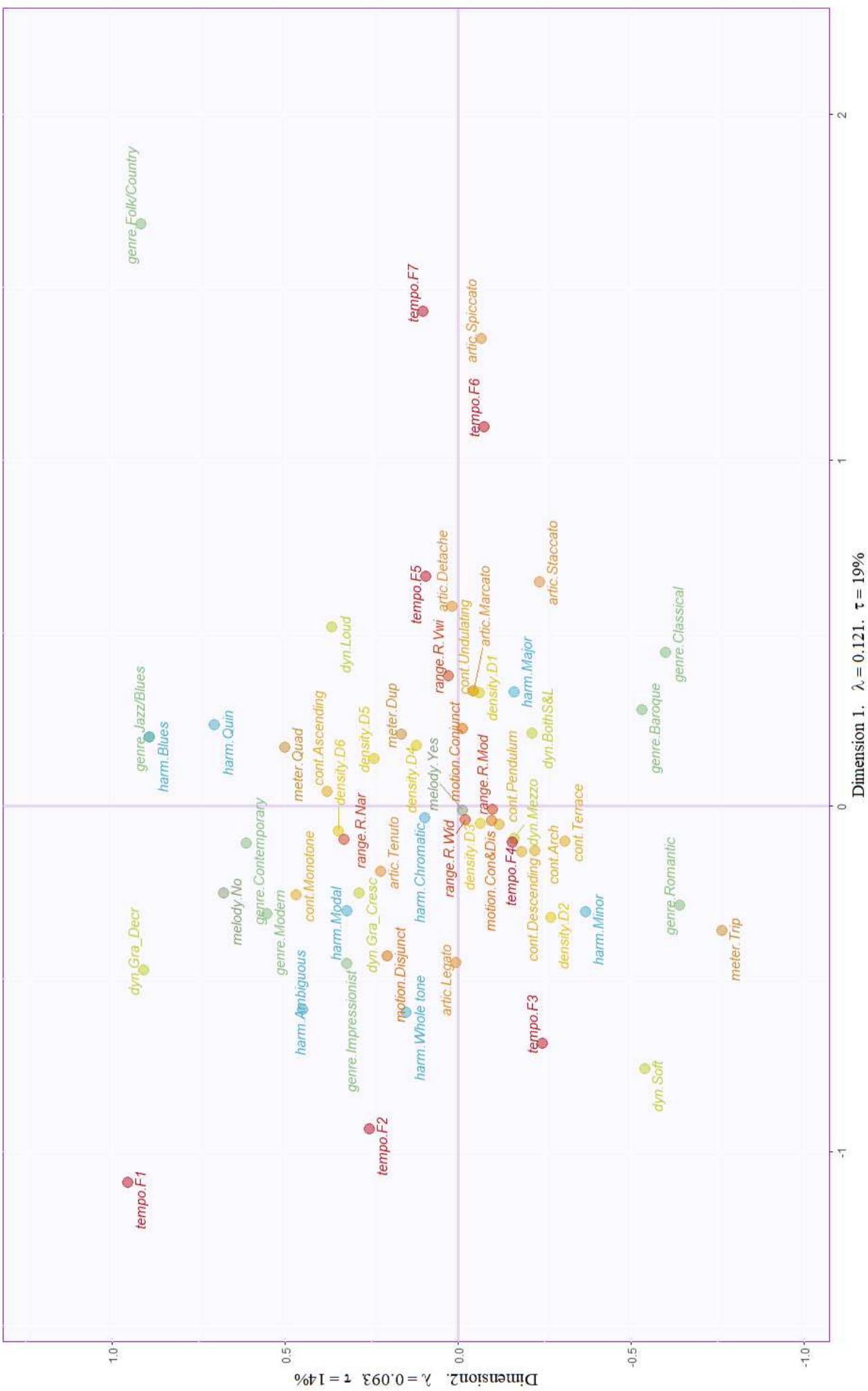
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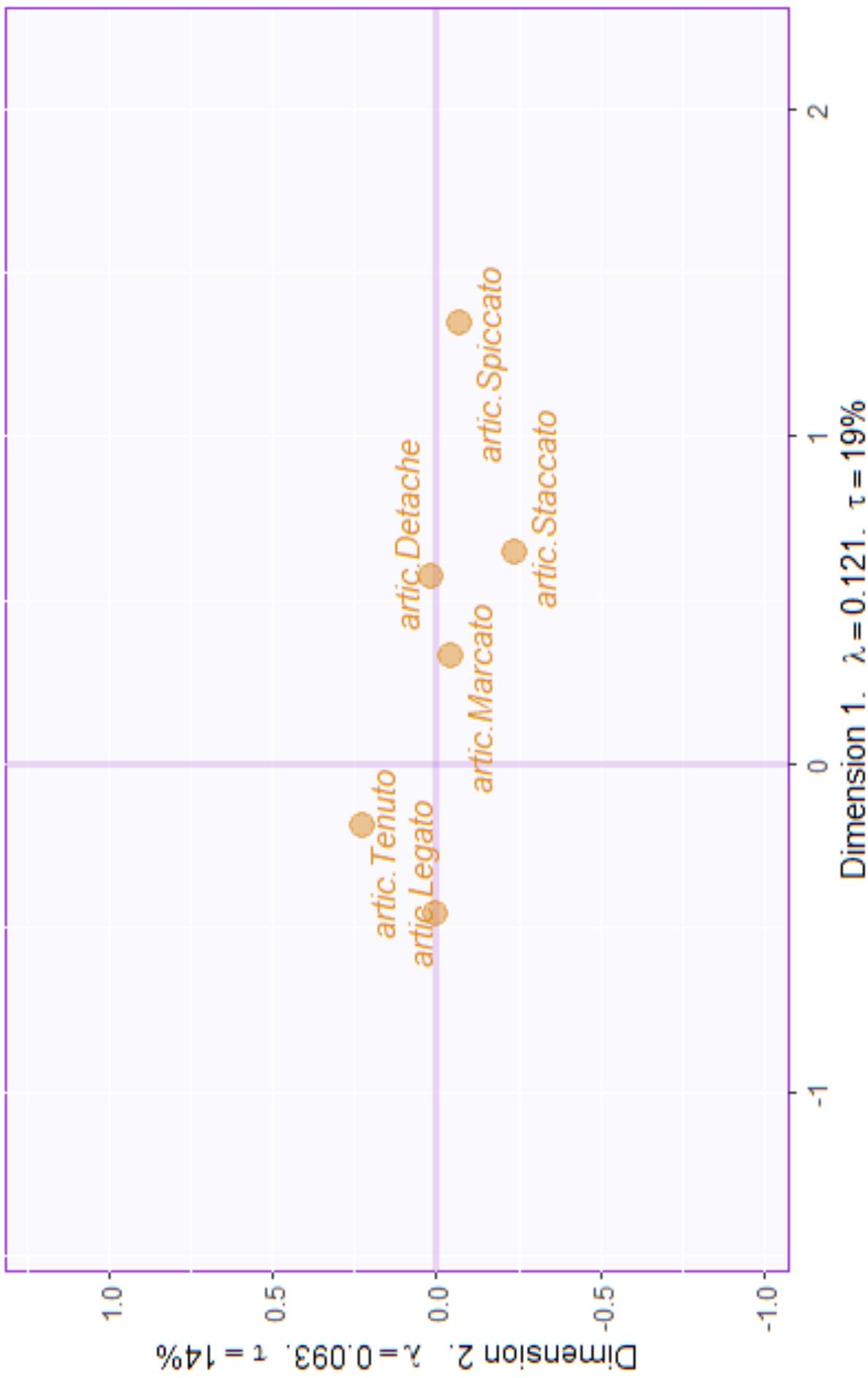
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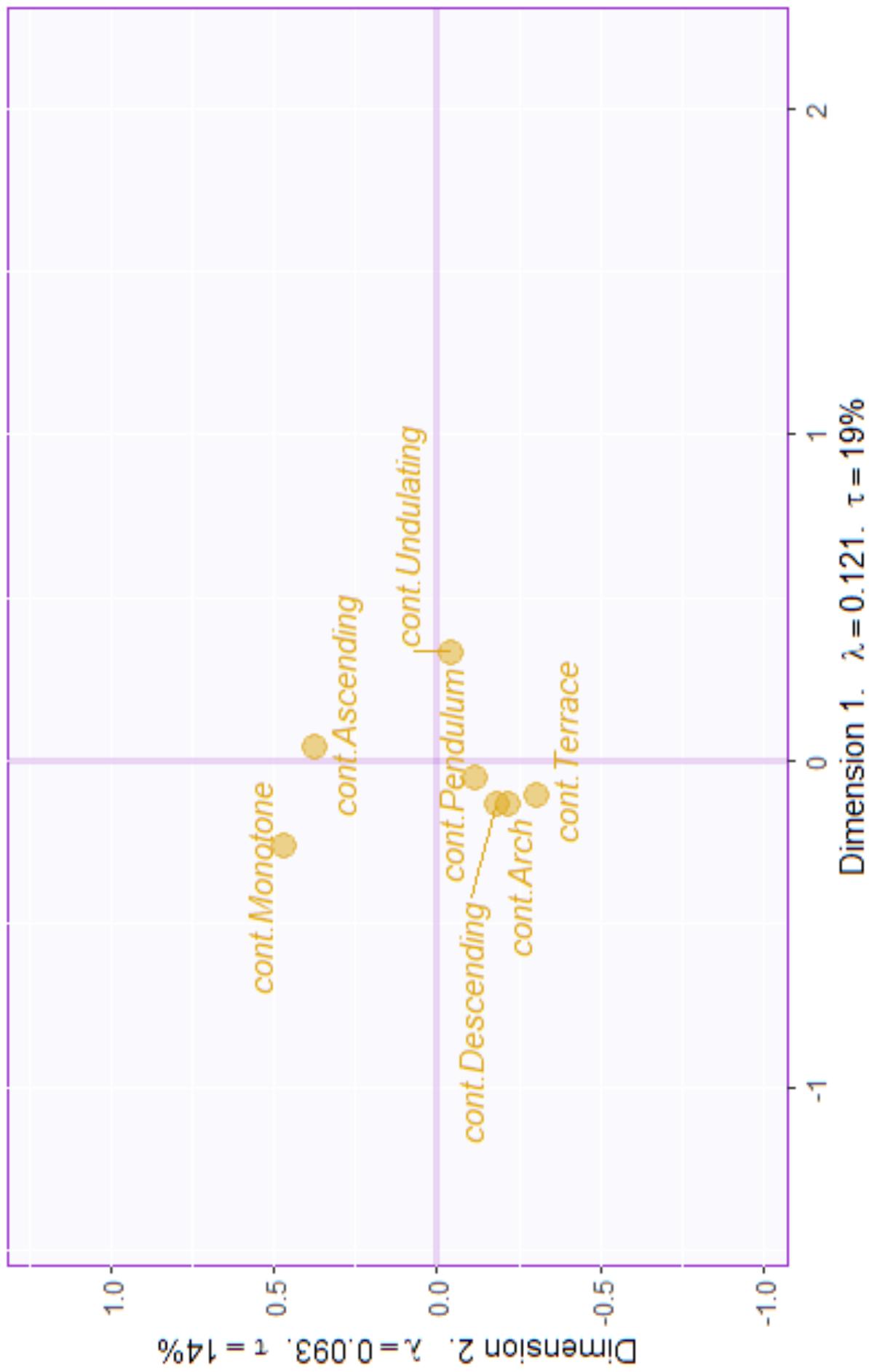
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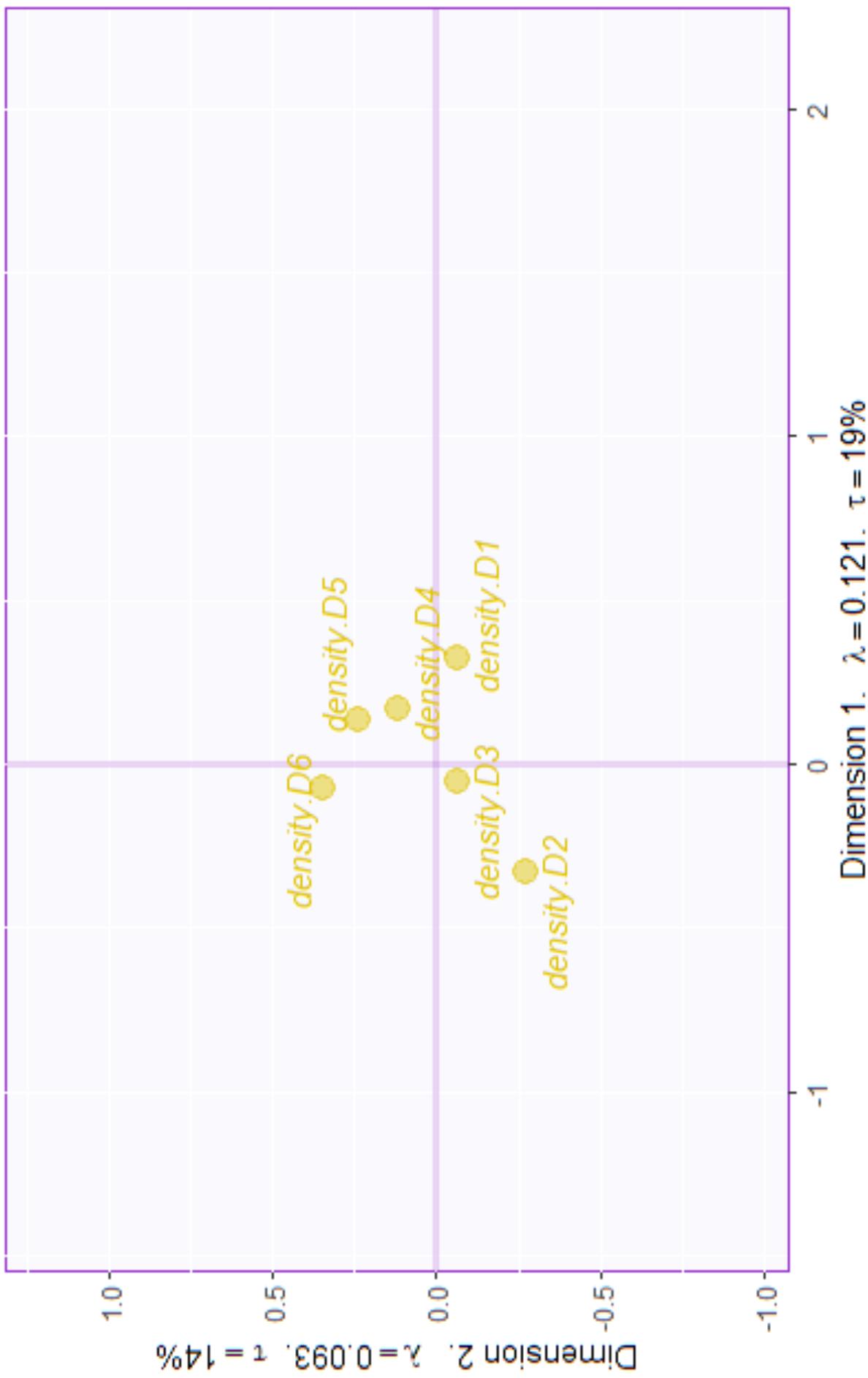


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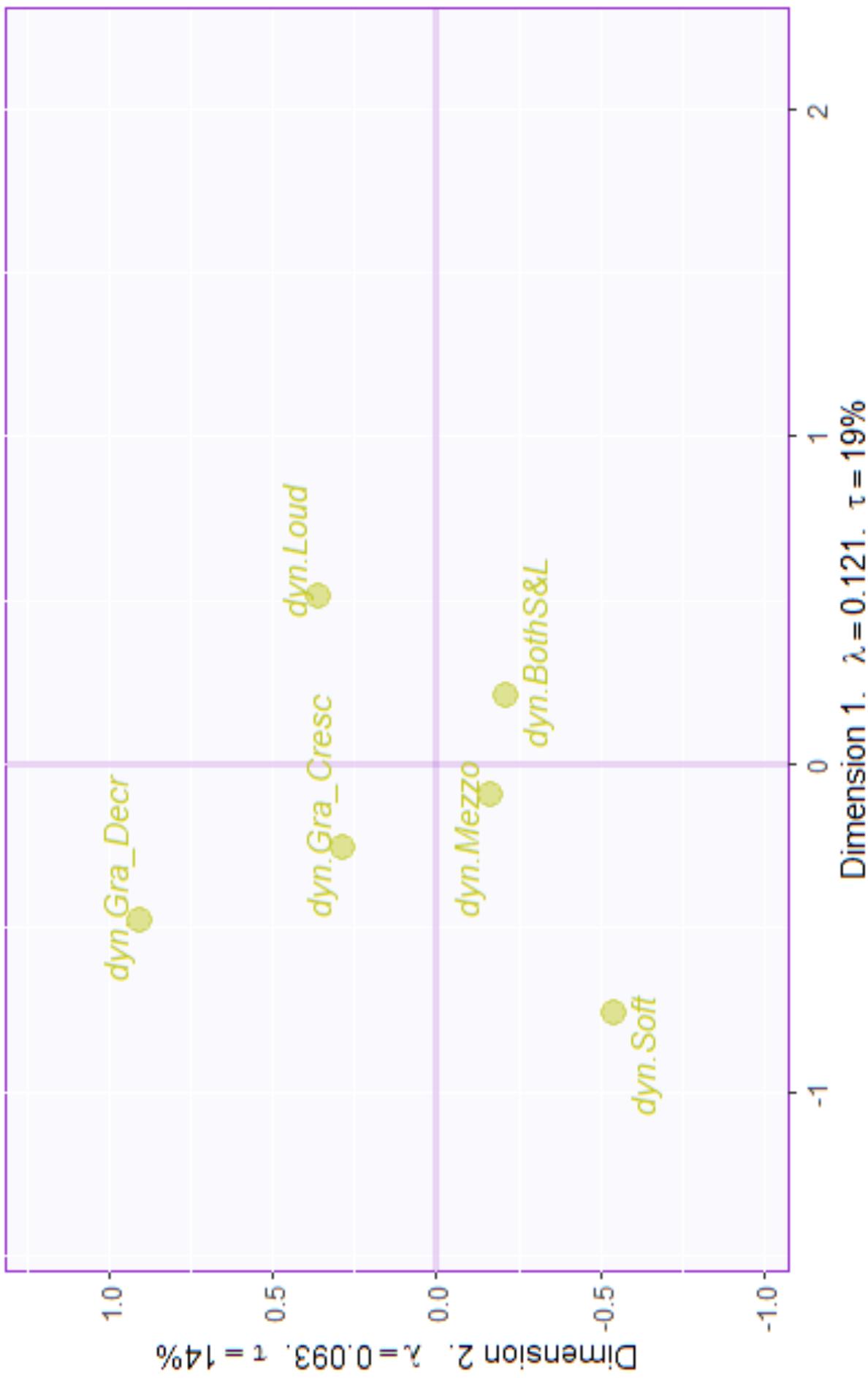


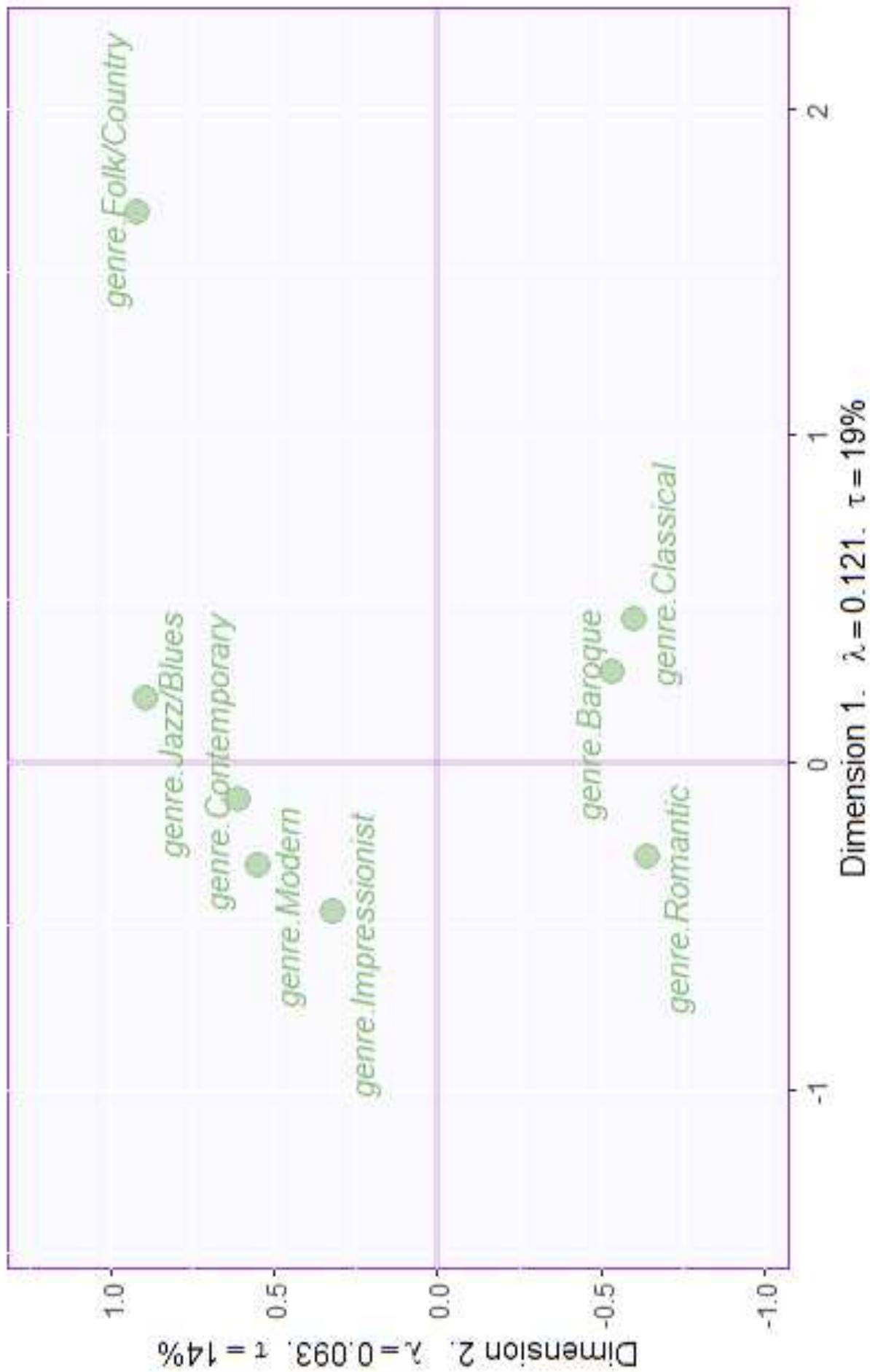
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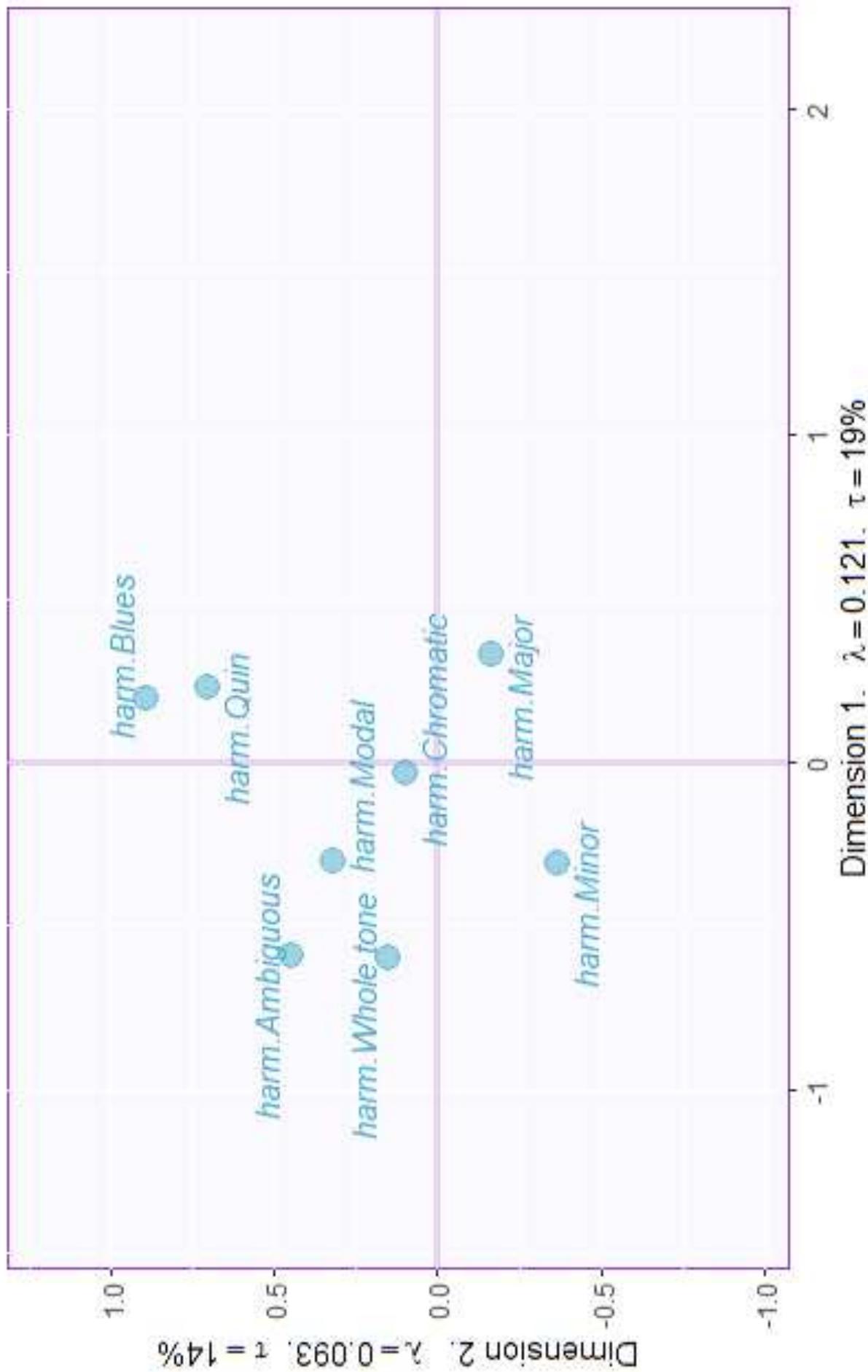




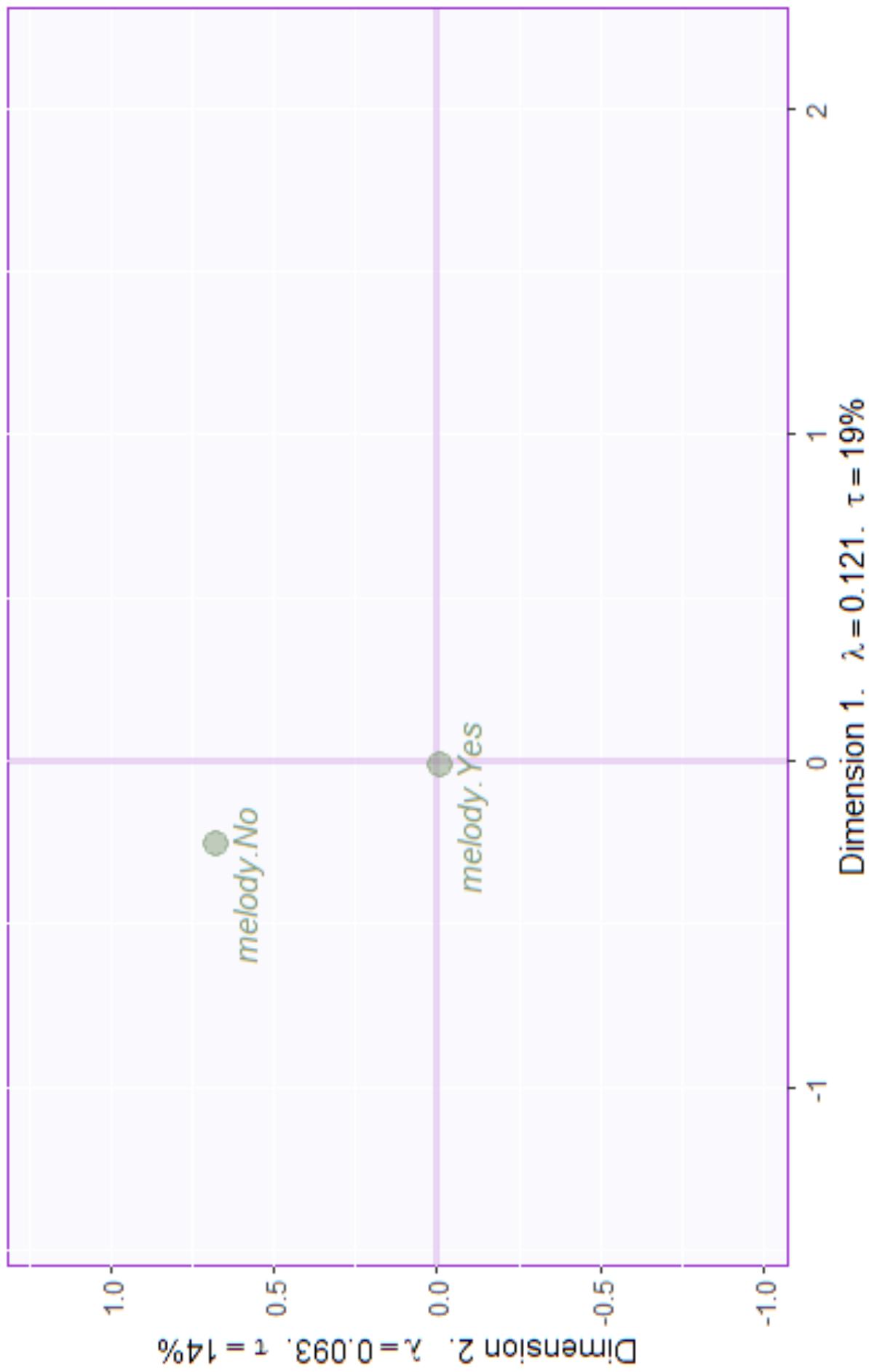
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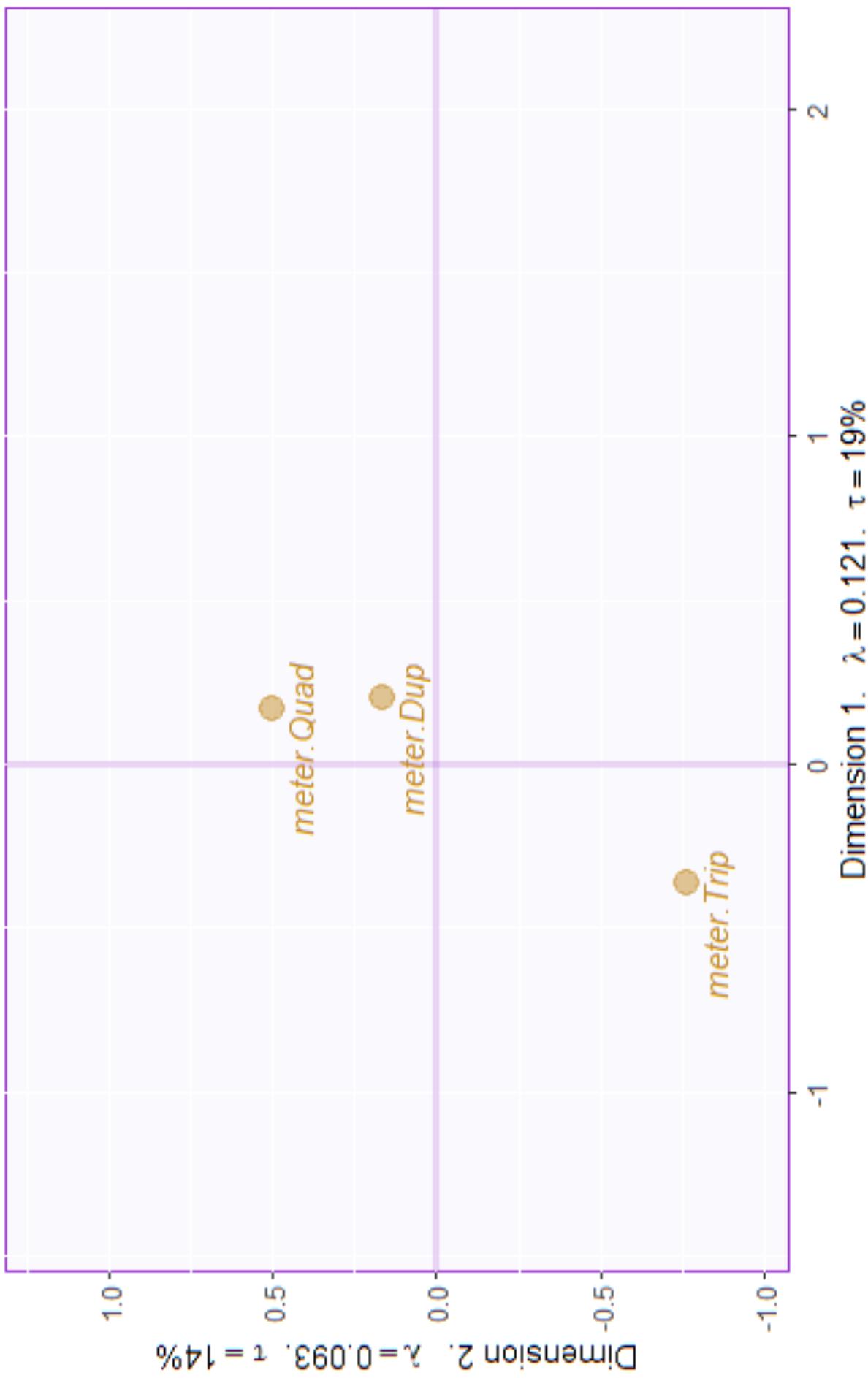




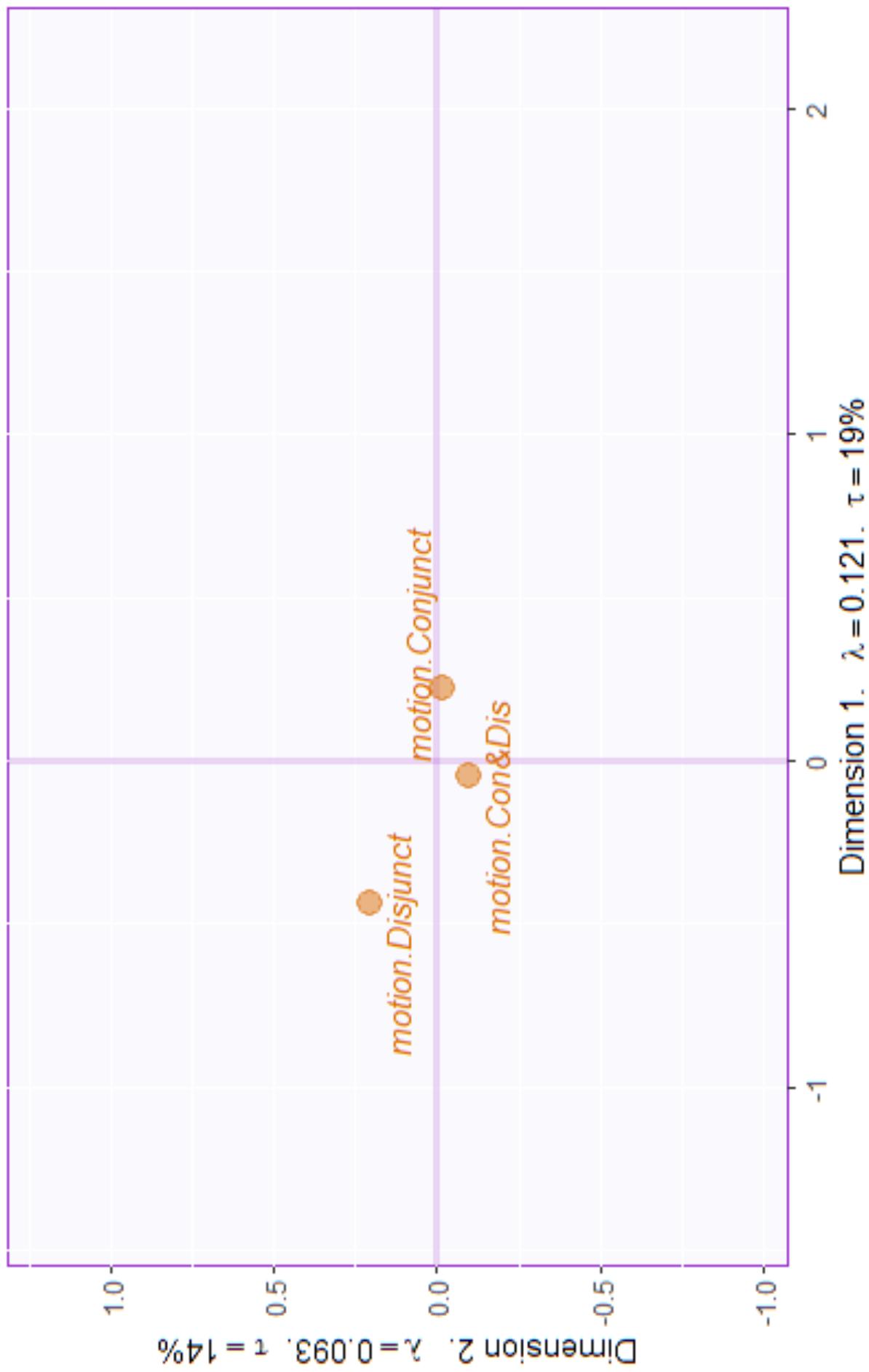


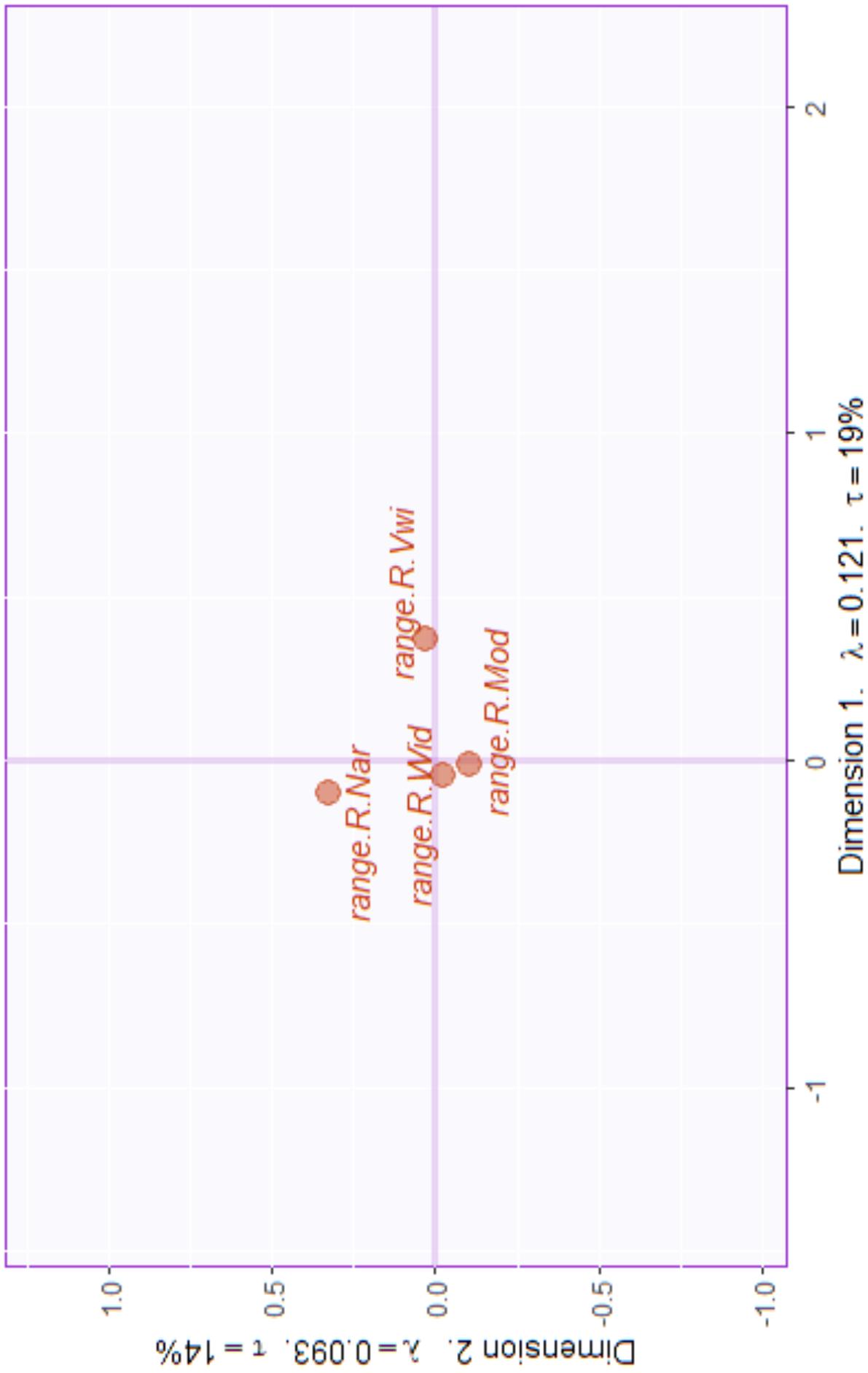
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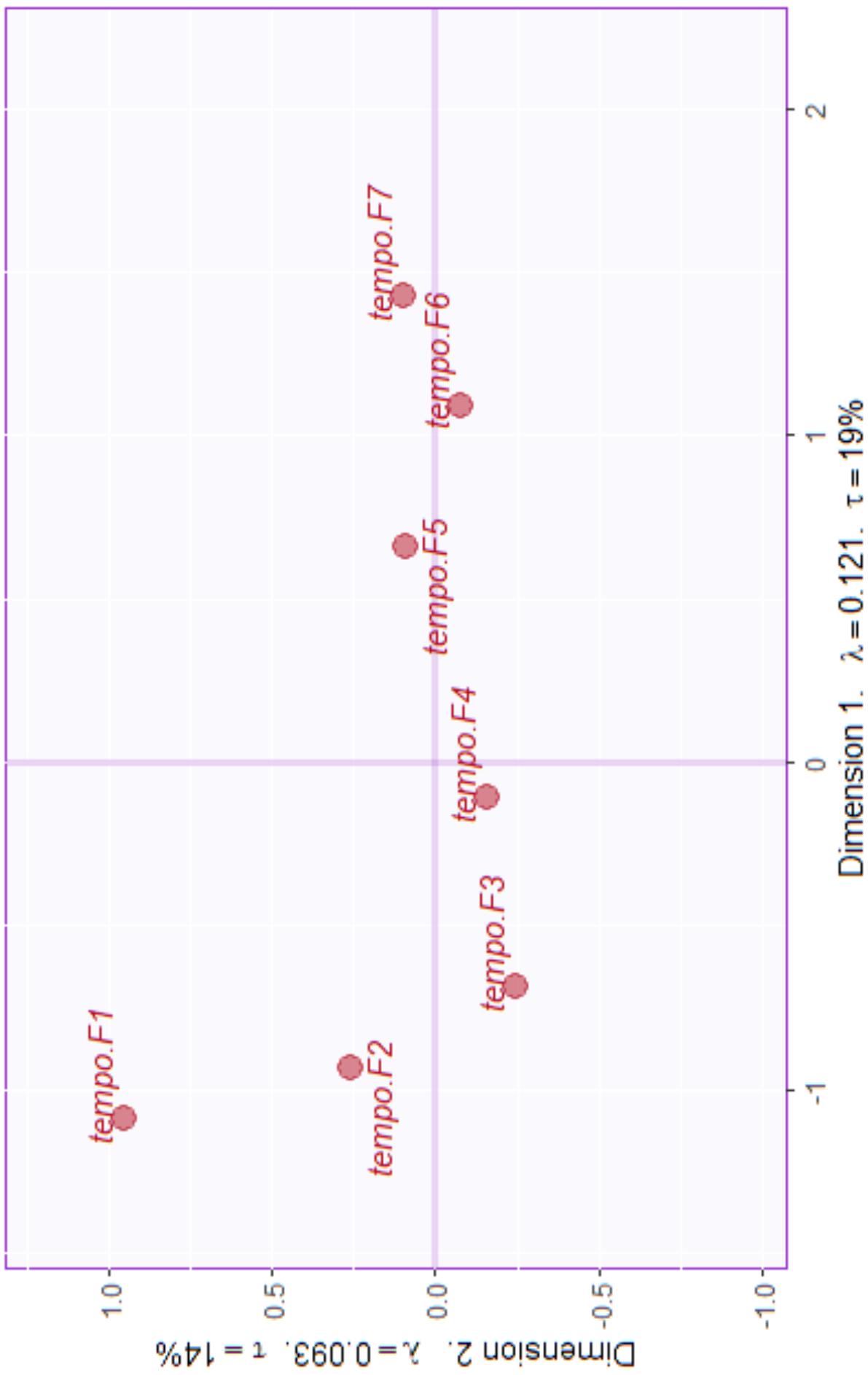




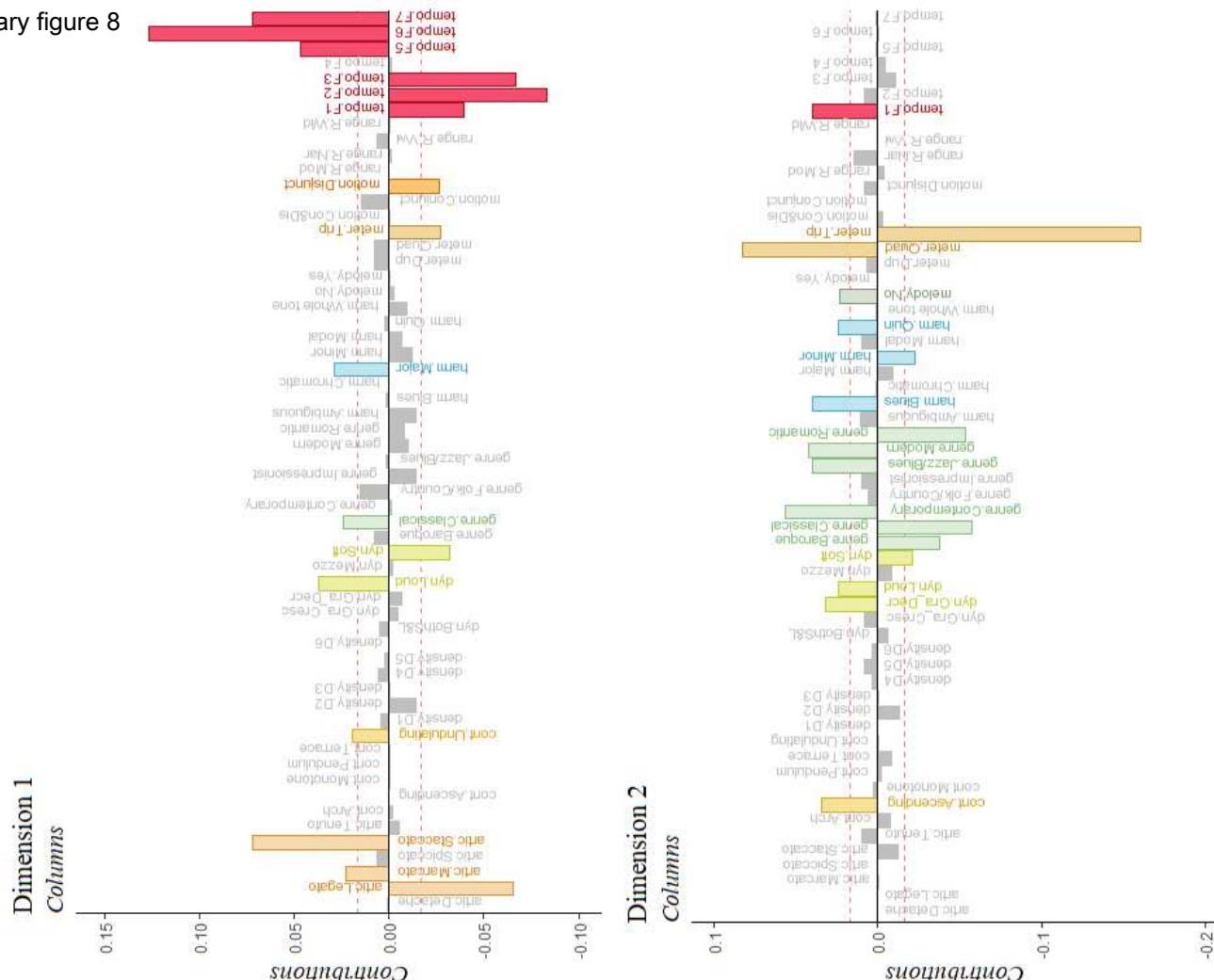
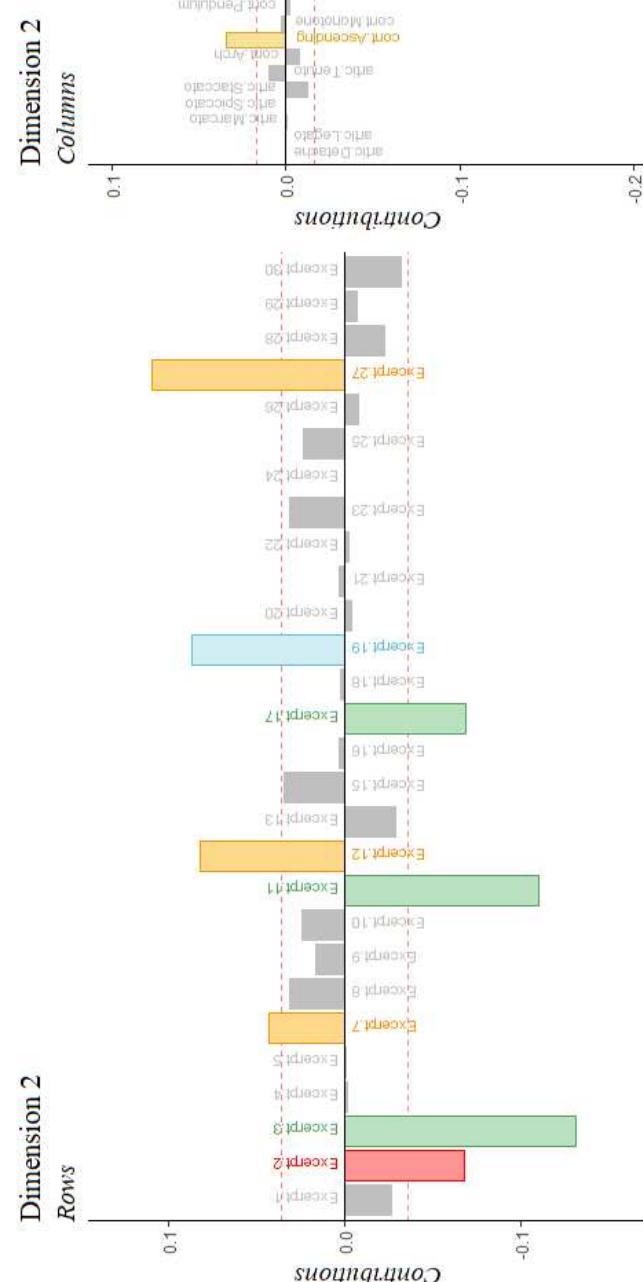
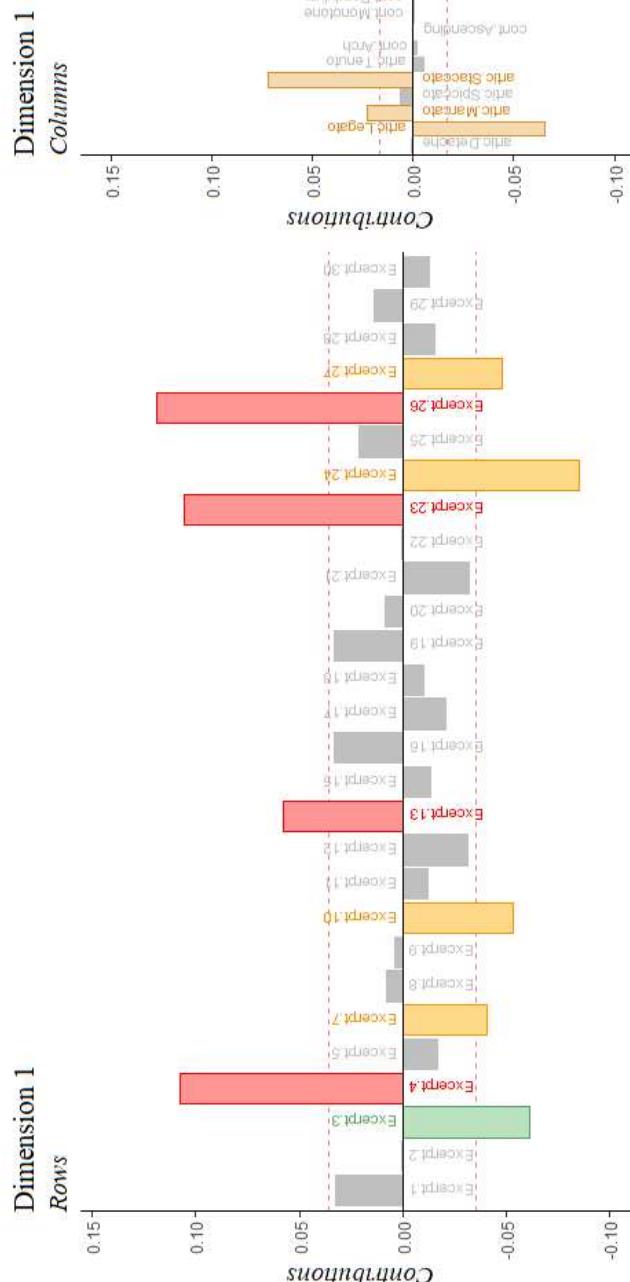
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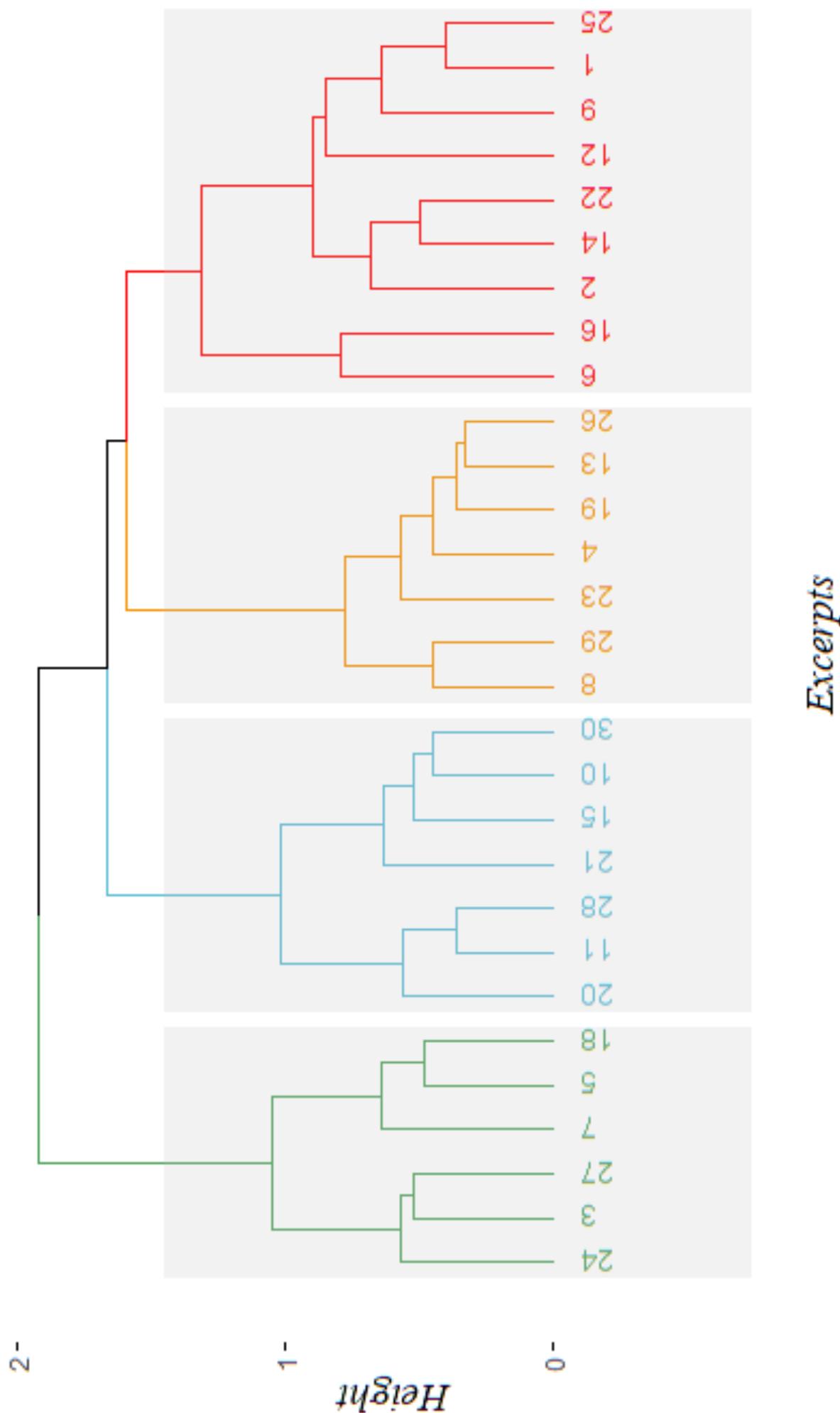




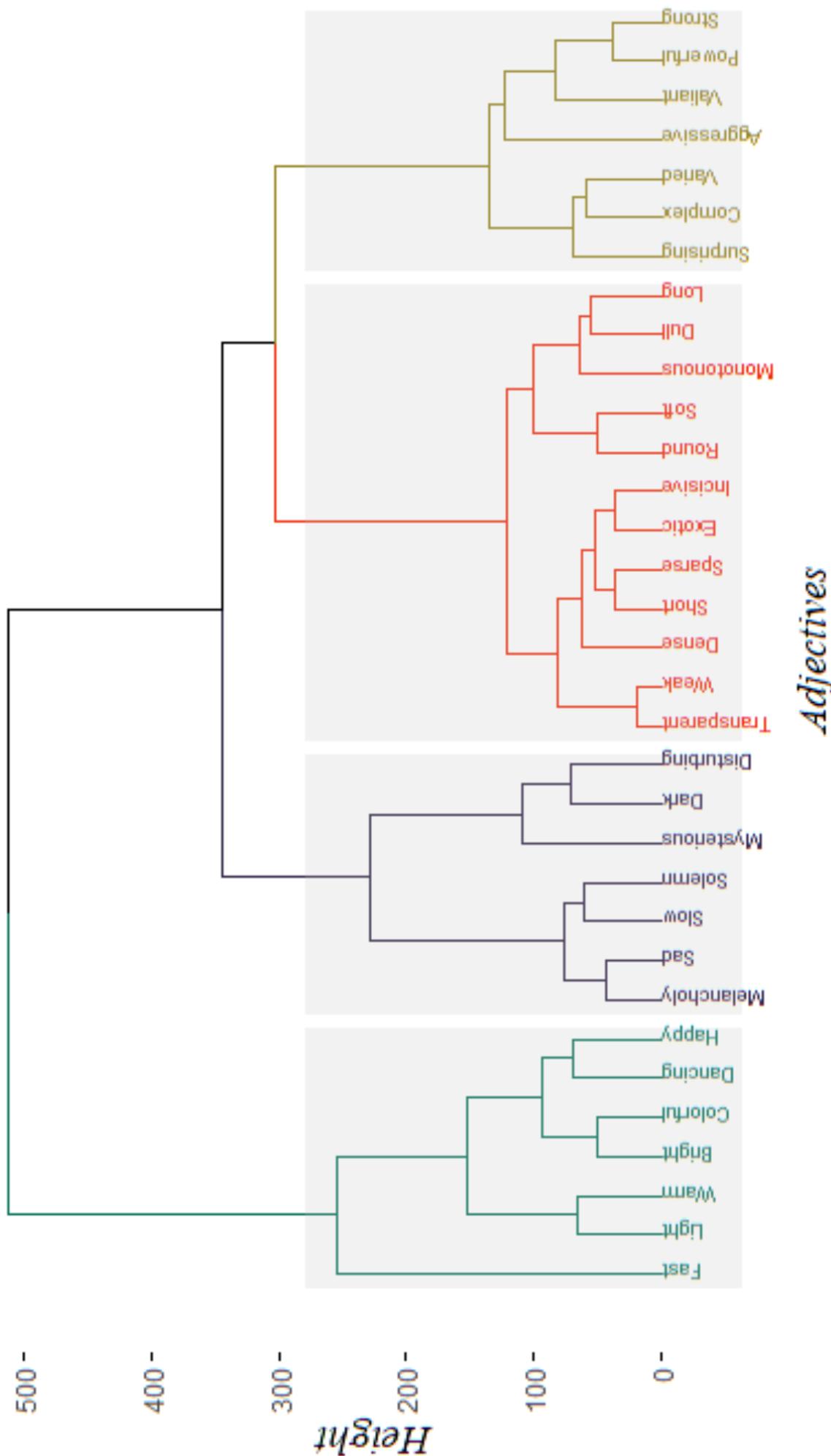


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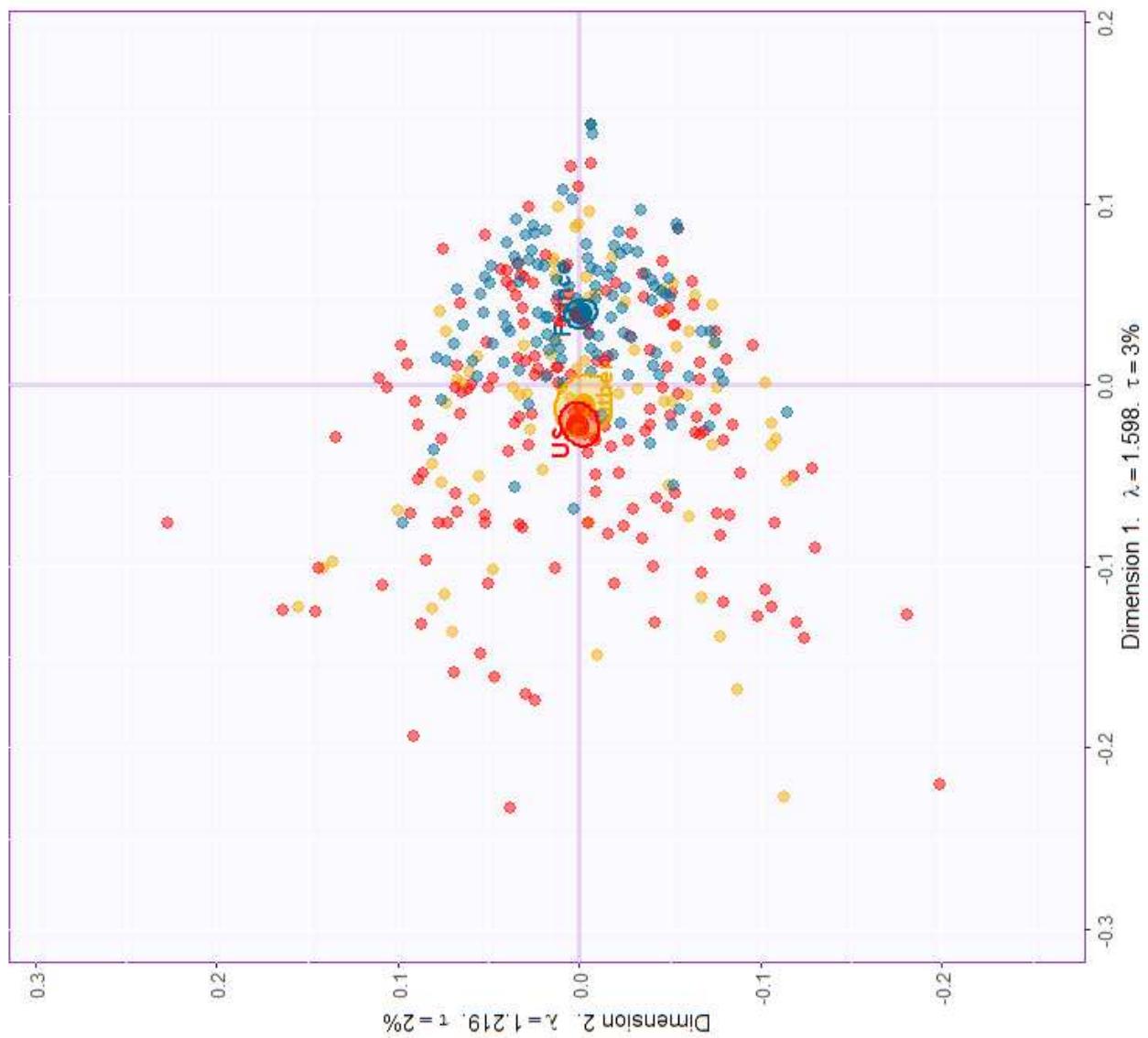


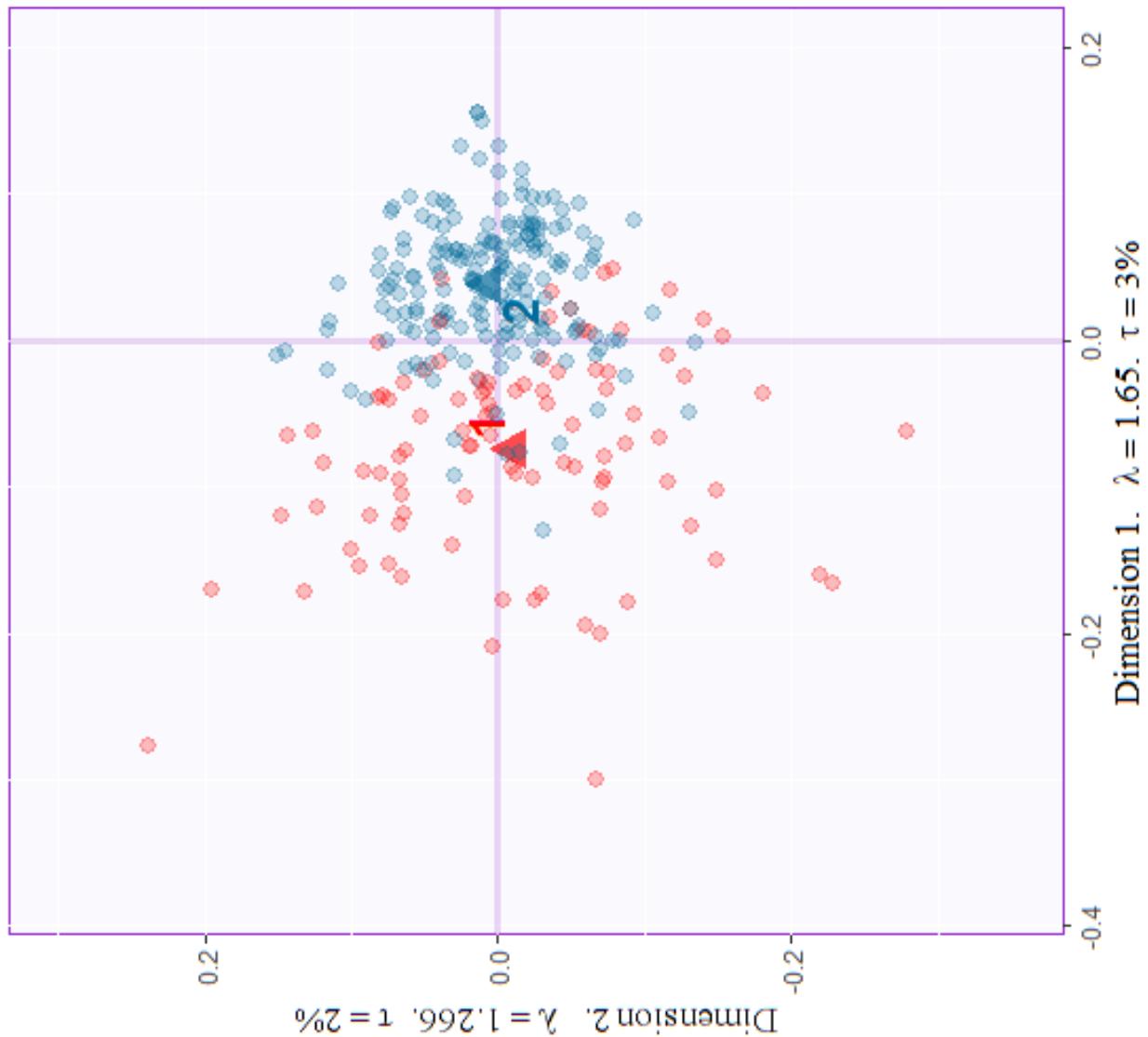


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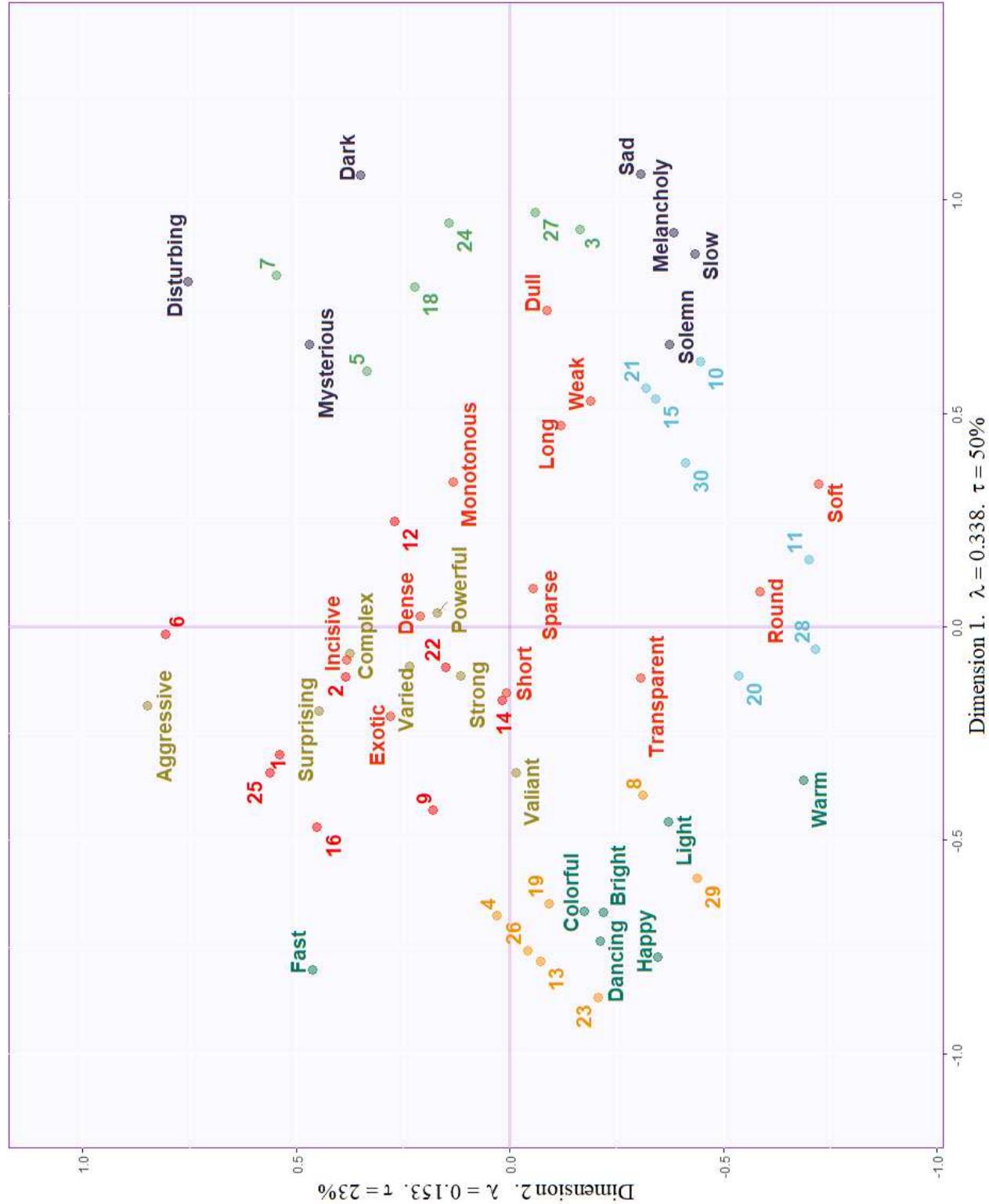


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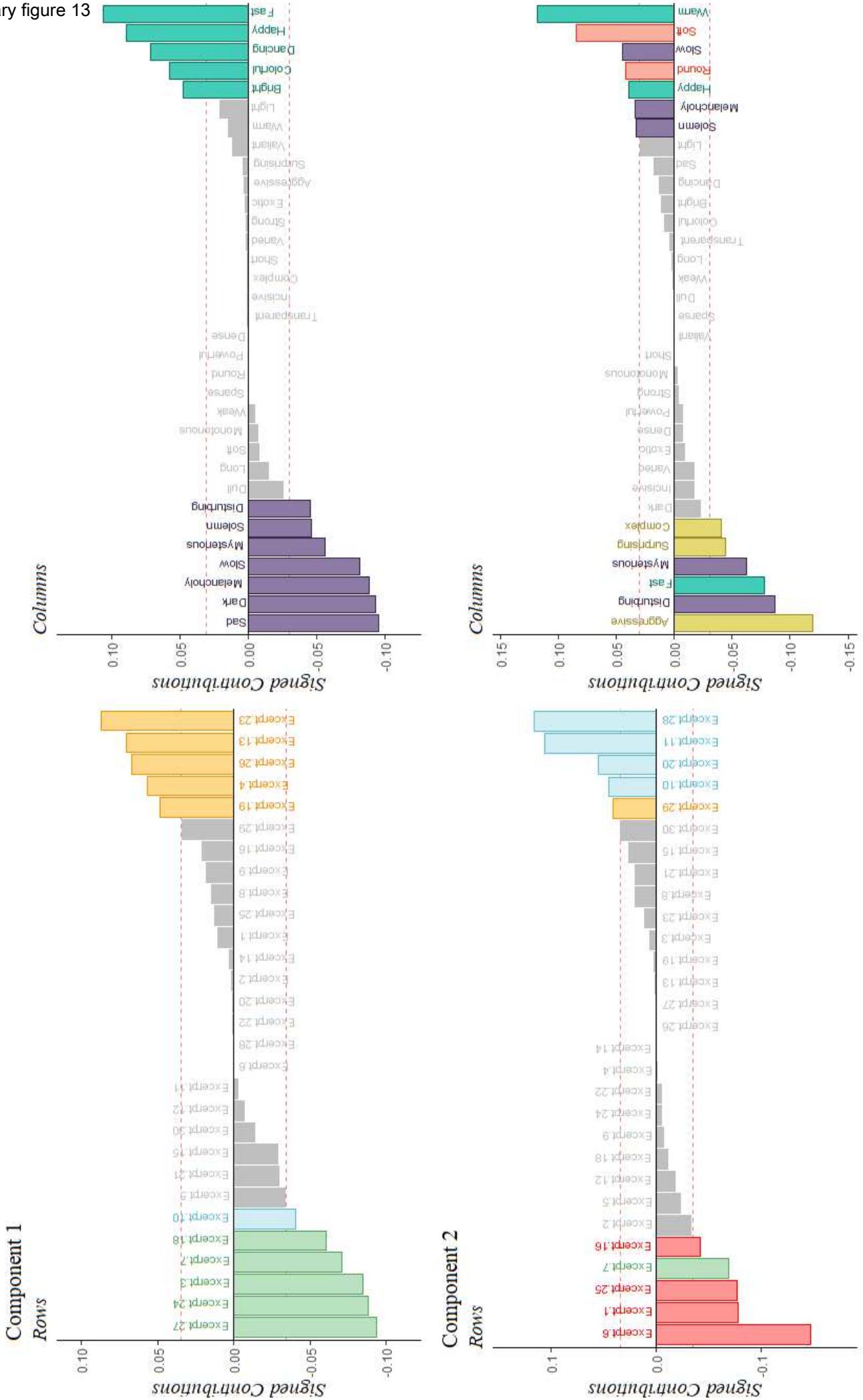




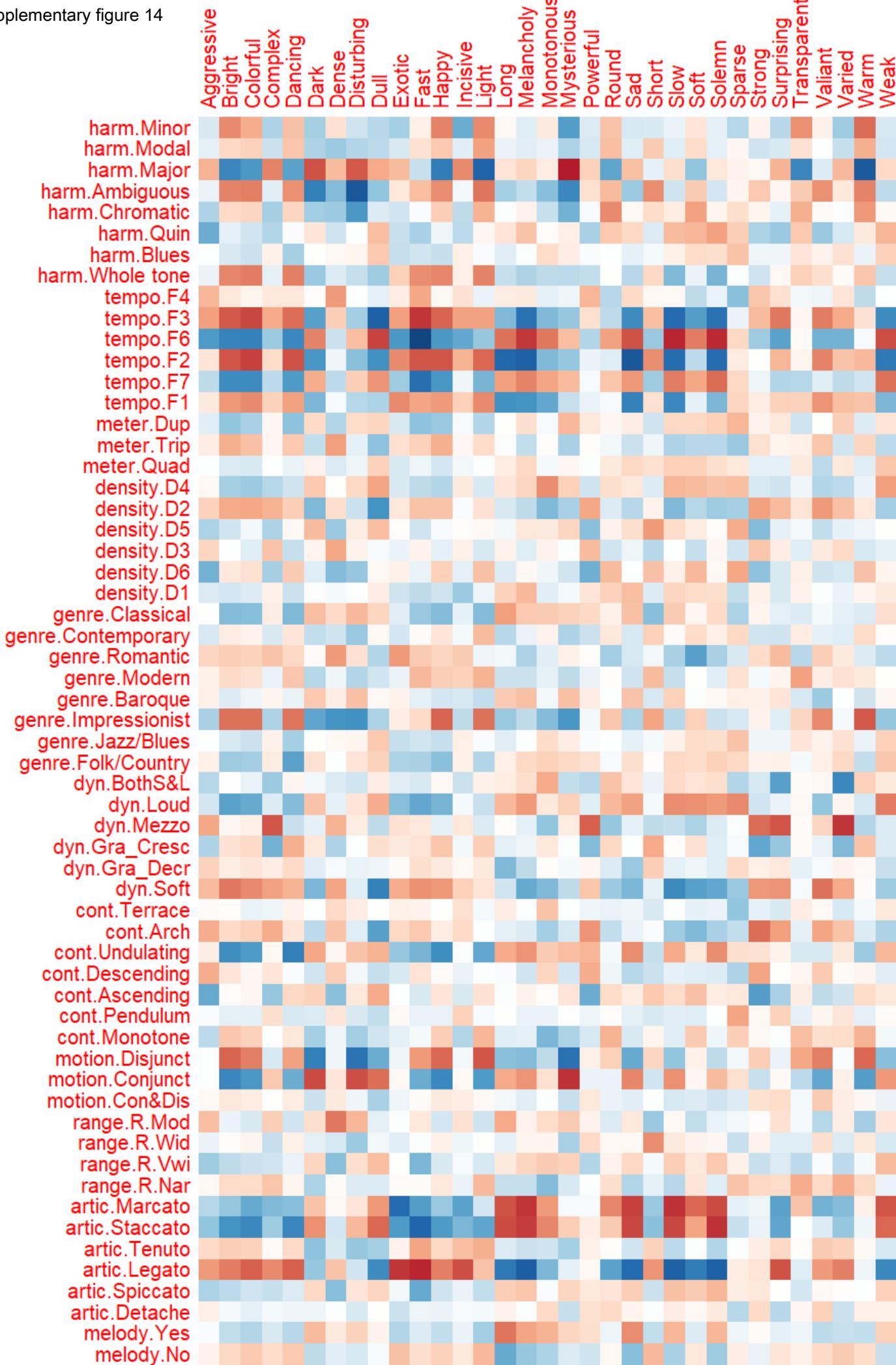
Supplementary figure 12



### Supplementary figure 13



Supplementary figure 14

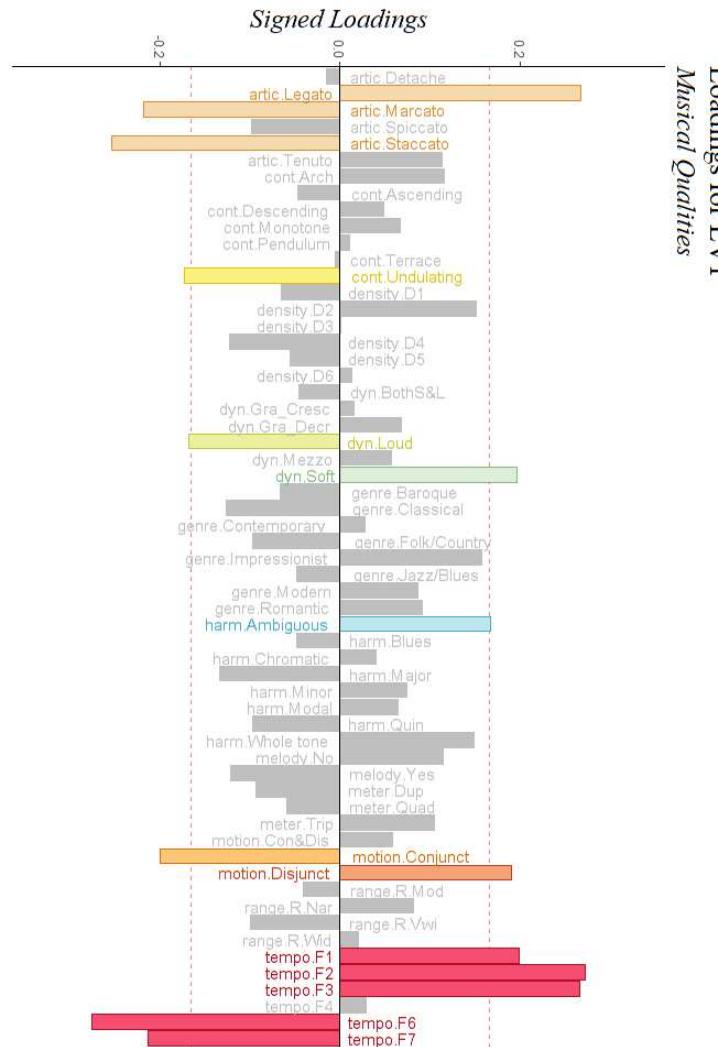
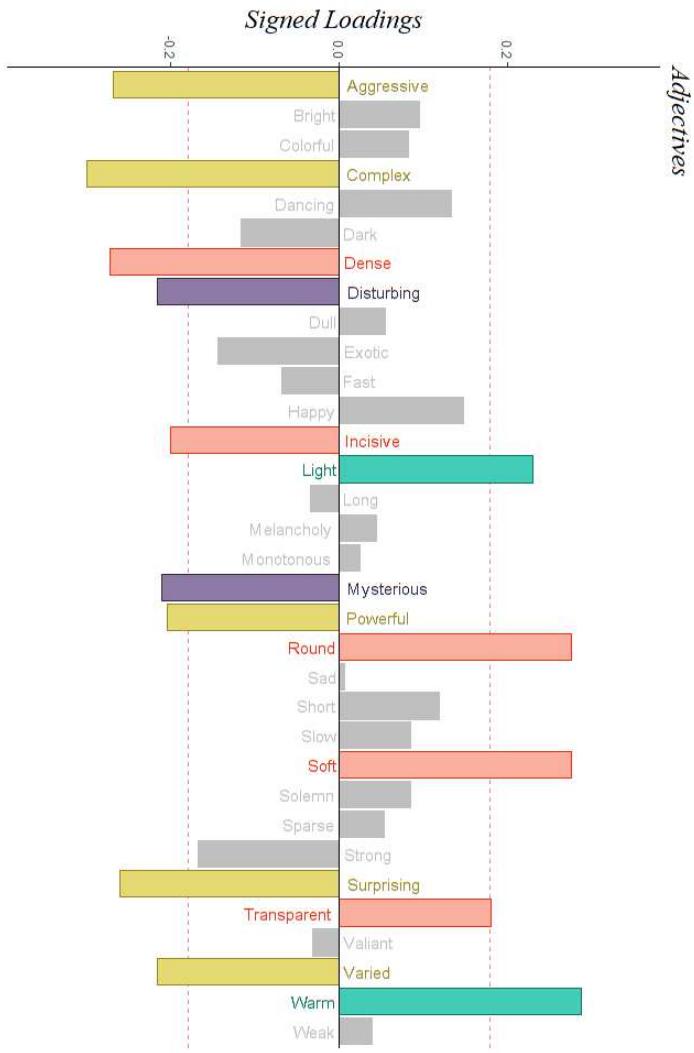


**Supplementary figure 15 Signed Loadings**

**Loadings for LV2**

**Musical Qualities**

Musical Quality	Loadings (approx.)
artic Detache	-0.15
artic Legato	-0.18
artic Marcato	-0.12
artic Spiccato	-0.10
artic Staccato	-0.10
artic Tenuto	-0.10
cont Arch	-0.15
cont Ascending	-0.12
cont Descending	-0.10
cont Pendulum	-0.10
cont Terrace	-0.10
cont Undulating	-0.10
density D1	-0.10
density D2	-0.12
density D3	-0.10
density D4	-0.10
density D5	-0.10
density D6	-0.10
dyn BothS&L	-0.10
dyn Gra Cresc	-0.10
dyn Gra Decr	-0.10
dyn Loud	-0.10
dyn Mezzo	-0.10
dyn Soft	-0.10
genre Baroque	-0.10
genre Classical	-0.10
genre Folk/Country	-0.10
genre Contemporary	-0.10
genre Impressionist	-0.10
genre Modern	-0.10
genre Romantic	-0.10
harm Blues	-0.10
harm Chromatic	-0.10
harm Major	-0.10
harm Minor	-0.10
harm Modal	-0.10
harm Quin	-0.10
harm Whole tone	-0.10
melody No	-0.10
melody Yes	-0.10
meter Dup	-0.10
meter Quad	-0.10
meter Trip	-0.10
motion Con&Dis	-0.10
motion Conjunct	-0.10
motion Disjunct	-0.10
range R Mod	-0.10
range R Nar	-0.10
range R Vwi	-0.10
range R Wfd	-0.10
tempo F1	-0.10
tempo P2	-0.10
tempo F3	-0.10
tempo F4	-0.10
tempo F6	-0.10
tempo F7	-0.10



**Loadings for LV1**

**Musical Qualities**

**Adjectives**