Song genre classification via waveform analysis

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Goal

Given just the waveform data of a song, classify what musical genre the song falls into

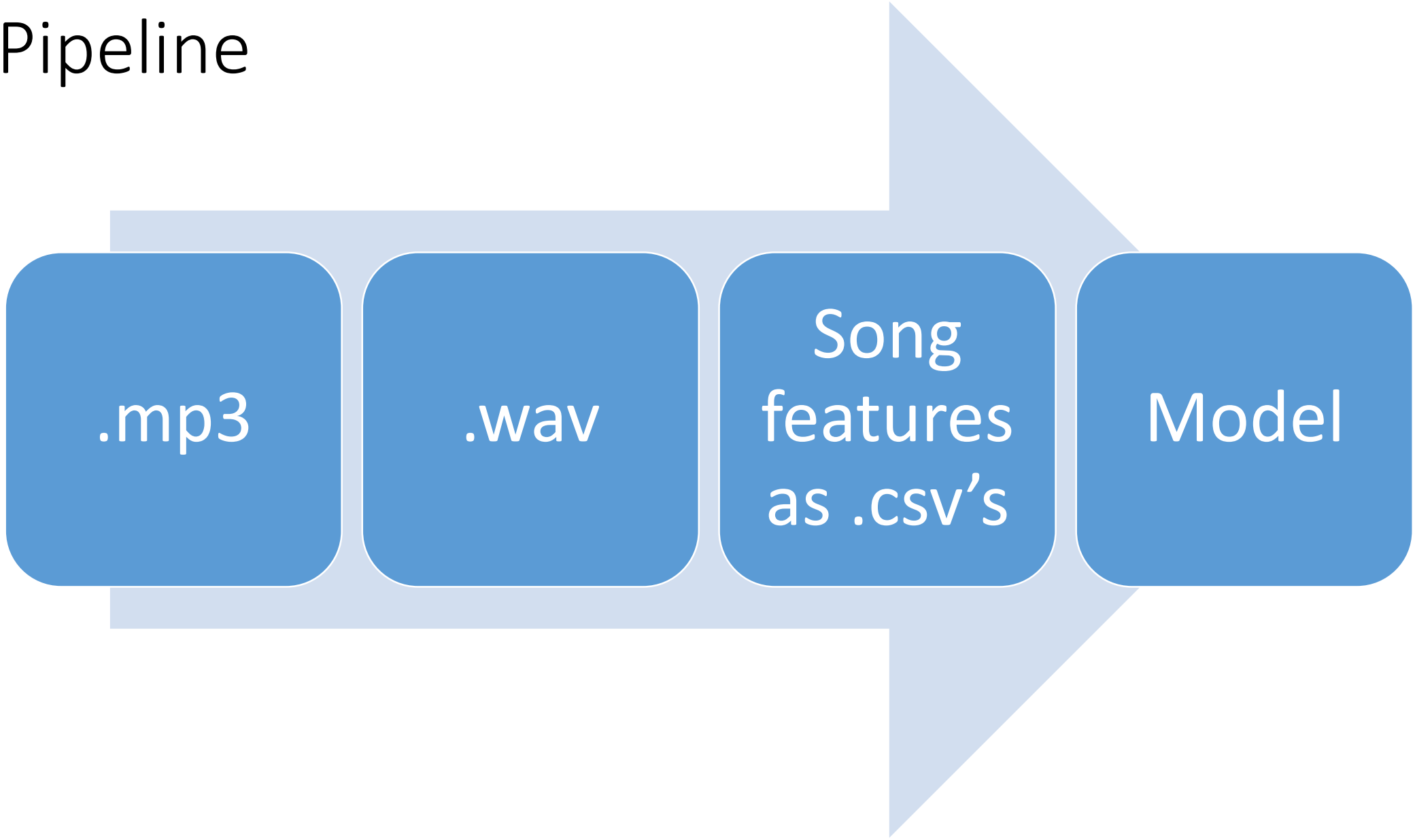
Why?

- Can use this technology to recommend music to listeners based on what they are listening to

Data Source

- 1000 songs total from personal music library
- 200 songs per genre for each of 5 genres: hip-hop (rap), classical, techno, rock, and pop.

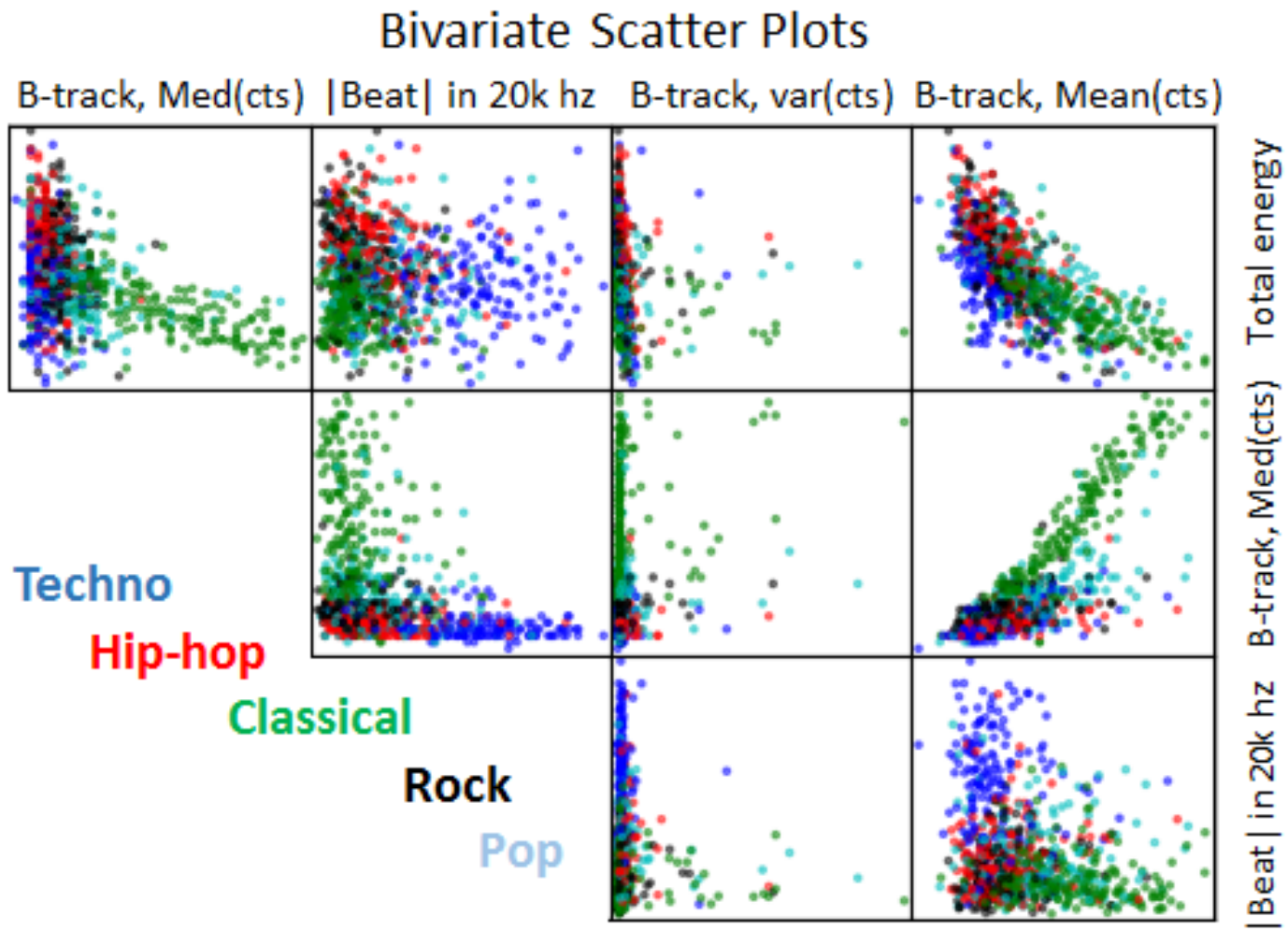
Pipeline

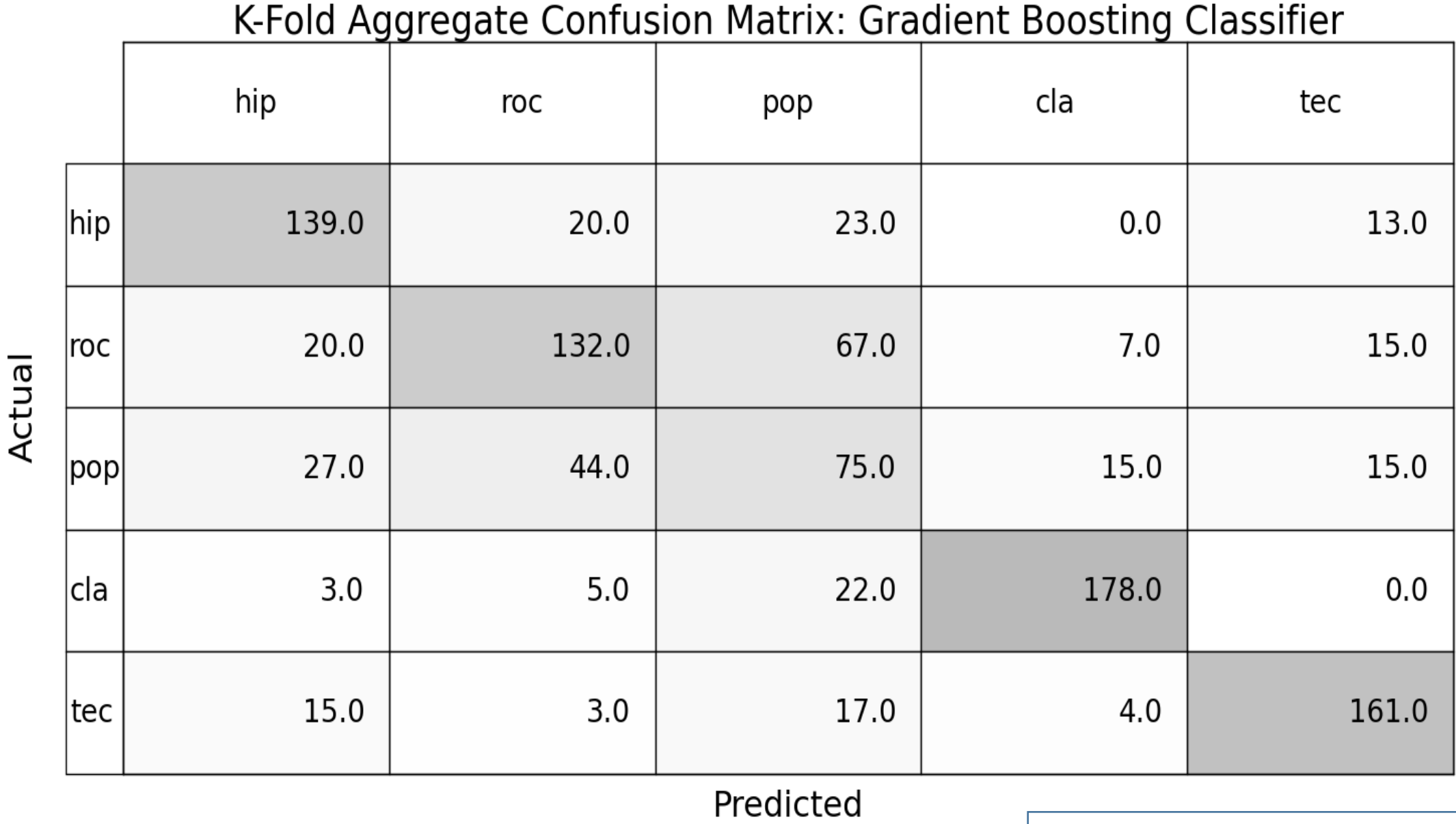


Summary of features

- Used Fast Fourier Transform and autocorrelation function to extract power/beat information vs. sound frequency
- Also computed zero crossing rate statistics

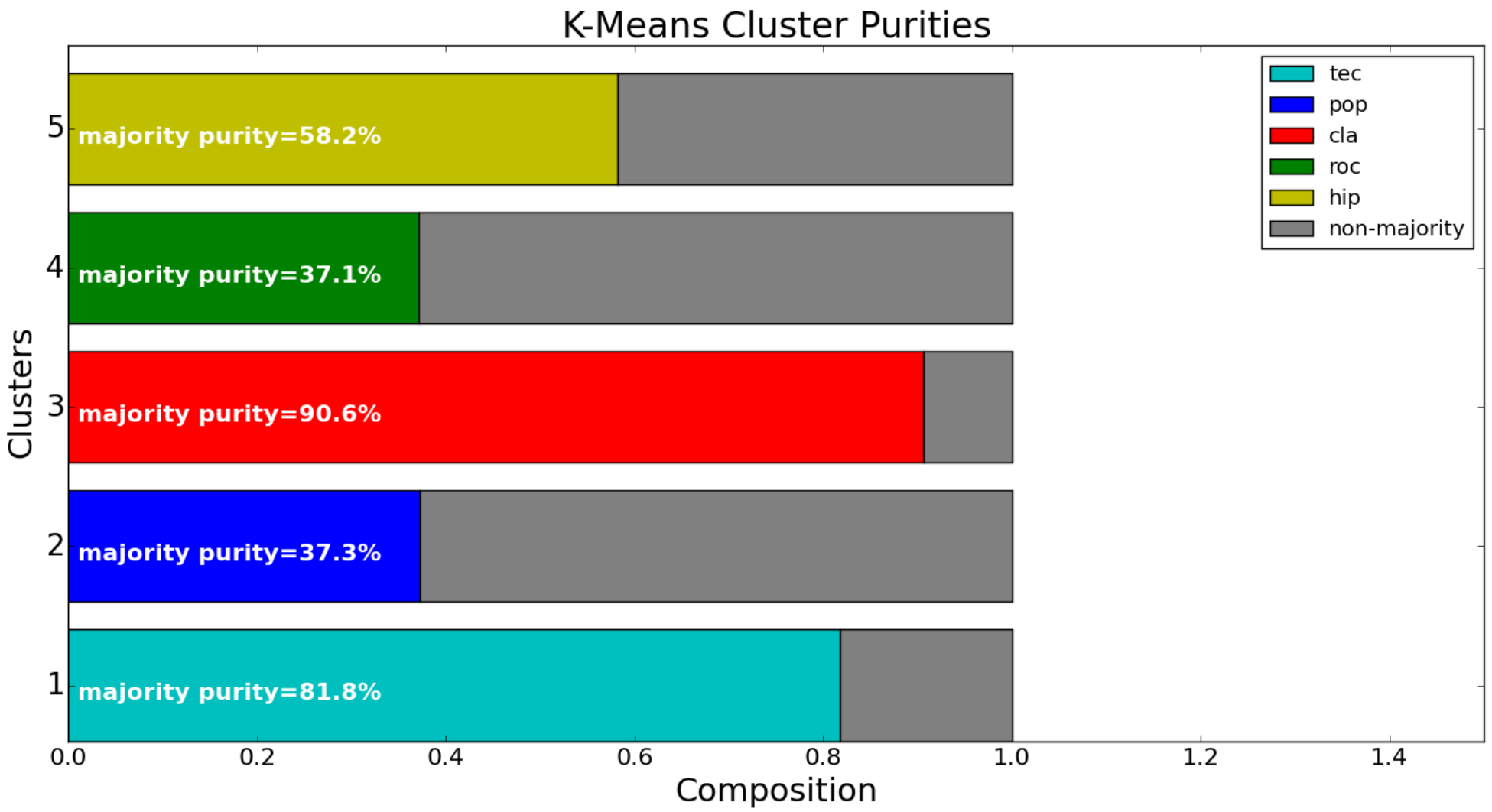
Before modeling, let’s look at a few scatter plots to look for ‘signal’


Bivariate Scatter Plots
B-track, Med(cts)
|Beat| in 20k hz
B-track, var(cts)
B-track, Mean(cts)
Total energy
B-track, Med(cts)
|Beat| in 20k hz
Techno
Hip-hop
Classical
Rock
Pop


K-Fold Aggregate Confusion Matrix: Gradient Boosting Classifier
hip
roc
pop
cla
tec
Actual
Predicted
139.0 20.0 23.0 0.0 13.0
20.0 132.0 67.0 7.0 15.0
27.0 44.0 75.0 15.0 15.0
3.0 5.0 22.0 178.0 0.0
15.0 3.0 17.0 4.0 161.0
Recall=67.2, Precision=67.9
F1=67.4, Accuracy=67.2

We can also use unsupervised learning to see how songs are grouped ‘naturally’ by the machine

Unsupervised Learning: K-Means Clustering



Future work

- Get more songs to build better model!

Thank You!

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