

# A Data-driven Bayesian Approach to Automatic Rhythm Analysis of Indian Art Music

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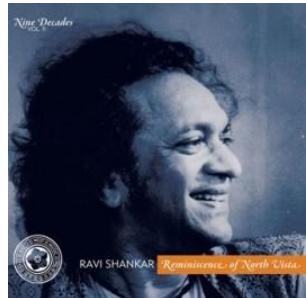


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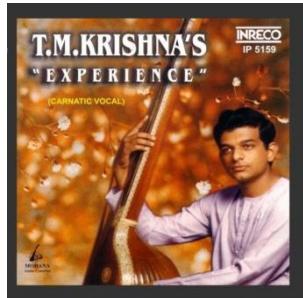


# Context – CompMusic

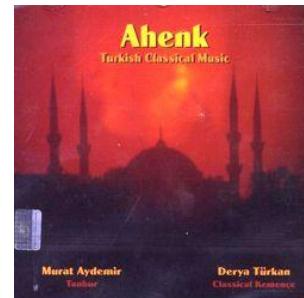
- Information technologies in a multicultural world
- Culture aware Music Information Research (MIR)
- Focus on rhythm



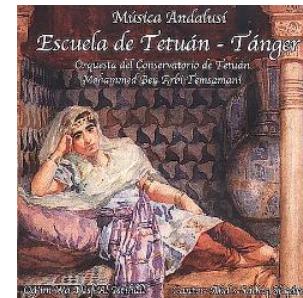
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Carnatic



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Beijing Opera

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# Motivation – Automatic rhythm analysis

- Rhythm is a fundamental dimension of music
- Rhythmic structures and patterns
  - Rhythm similarity
- Applications
  - Enriched listening
  - Meaningful interaction with large collections of music

# Scope and Objectives – Long title

Culture-aware and data-driven  
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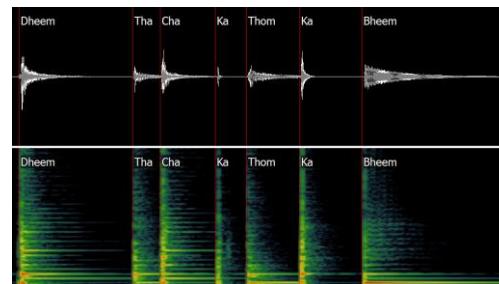
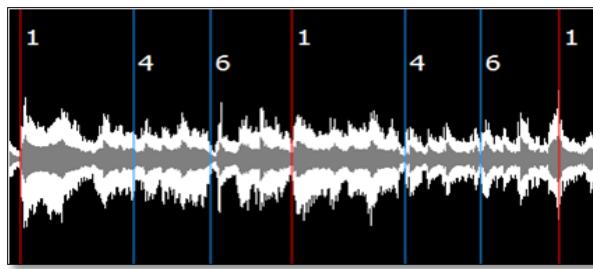
# ... automatic analysis, description and discovery ...

- Automatic rhythm analysis and description
- No focus on synthesis or composition

Culture-aware and data-driven signal processing and machine learning approaches for **automatic analysis, description and discovery** of rhythmic structures and patterns in audio music collections of Indian art music

# ... of rhythmic structures and patterns ...

- Analysis of metrical structures
- Discovery of rhythm and percussion patterns



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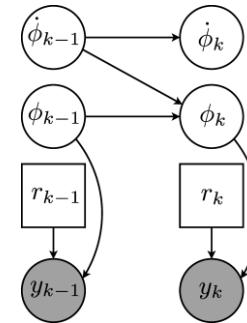
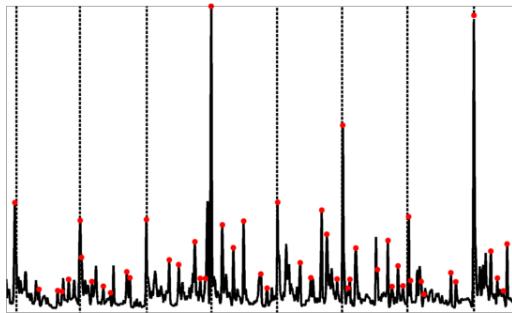
# Culture-aware and data-driven . . .

- Culture-aware
  - Work within CompMusic and its community
  - Bring music knowledge into methods
  - Musical concepts to engineering formulations
- Data-driven engineering approaches
  - Emphasis on **data and methods**

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... signal processing and machine learning approaches ...

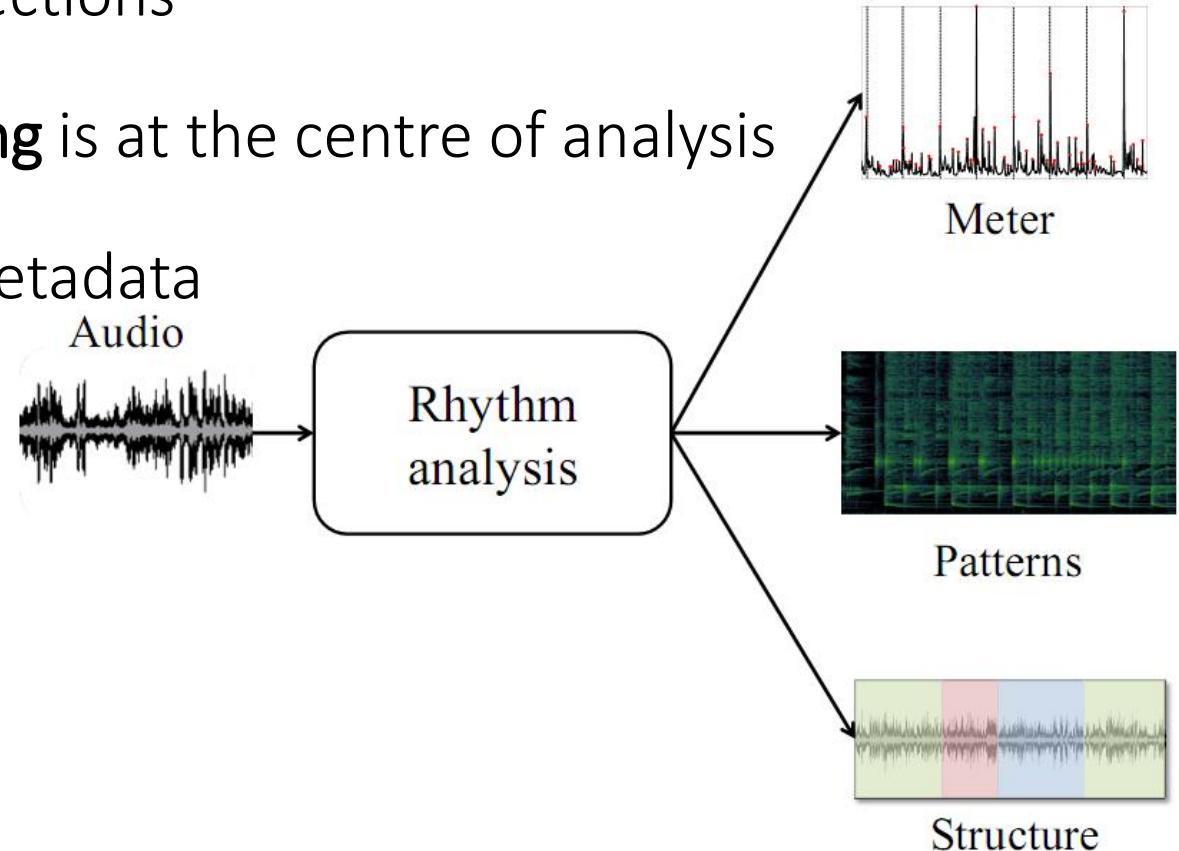
- Informed signal processing
- Bayesian machine learning methods
  - Generative models – explicitly include music knowledge
- Novel methodologies for analysis and discovery



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# ... audio music collections ...

- Audio music collections
- An **audio recording** is at the centre of analysis
- Use additional metadata



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# ... Indian art music

- The focus is on Indian art music
  - Well-studied with significant musicological literature
  - A large audience
  - Unique challenges
- Identifying challenges and opportunities
- Extensions to other music cultures

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# Additionally . . .

- Emphasis on reproducible and open research
- Code – Open source, Data – Easily accessible


  
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## Meter inference and tracking

...the first beat (sam) is highly significant structurally, as it frequently marks the coming together of the rhythmic streams of soloist and accompanist, and the resolution point for rhythmic tension.

Clayton (2000, p. 81)

Meter analysis of audio music recordings is an important MIR task. It provides useful musically relevant metadata not only for enriched listening, but also for pre-processing of music for several higher level tasks such as section segmentation, structural analysis and defining rhythm similarity measures.

To recapitulate, meter analysis aims to time-align a piece of audio music recording with several defined metrical levels such as tatum, tactus, measure (bar). In addition, it also tags the recording with additional meter and rhythm related metadata such as time signature, median tempo and salient rhythms in the recording. Within the context of Indian music, meter analysis aims to time-align and tag a music recording with *tala* related events and metadata.

This chapter aims to address some of these important tasks related to meter analysis within the context of Indian art music, presenting several approaches and a comprehensive evaluation of those

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## Percussion pattern transcription and discovery

The metaphorical usage of 'language' for a musical system is paralleled by a literal usage that refers to the ways in which many drum musics may be represented with spoken syllables.

Kippen and Bel (1989)

Percussion plays an important role in Indian art music with a significant freedom to improvise, leading a wide variety of percussion patterns that help to create multiple layers of rhythm. An analysis of these percussion patterns hence is an important step towards developing rhythm similarity measures. We wish to discover percussion patterns from audio recordings in a data-driven way, while using a musically meaningful representation for percussion patterns.

We address the task of percussion pattern discovery in this chapter taking an approach of transcription followed by a search for patterns. The work presented in the chapter is basic and exploratory, and only for demonstrating the utility of a syllabic percussion system in percussion pattern transcription and discovery. Most experi-

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## Applications, Summary and Conclusions

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to make two questions grow where only one grew  
before.

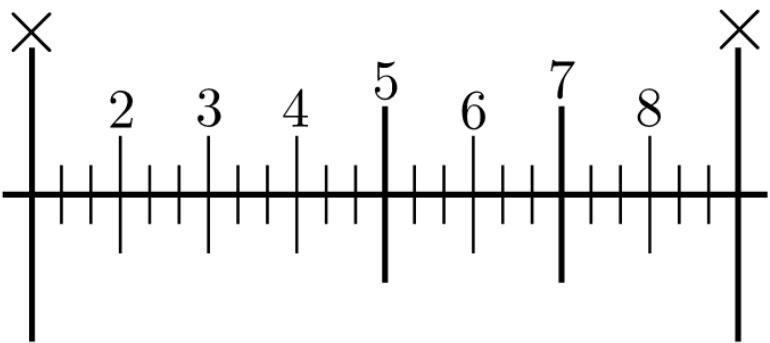
Thorstein Veblen (1908)

The concluding chapter of the dissertation aims to present some concrete applications of the rhythm analysis approaches and results presented in the previous chapters. It is followed by a summary of the work presented in the dissertation, along with some key results and conclusions. The thesis opens up a host of open problems - pointers and directions for future work based on the thesis form the last part of the chapter.

### 7.1 Applications

There are several applications for the research work presented in the dissertation. Some of these applications have already been identified in Chapter 1 and Chapter 3. The goal of this section is to present concrete examples of such applications, and further suggest other applications that might be built or get benefited from the work presented here. The section describes some of the applications that

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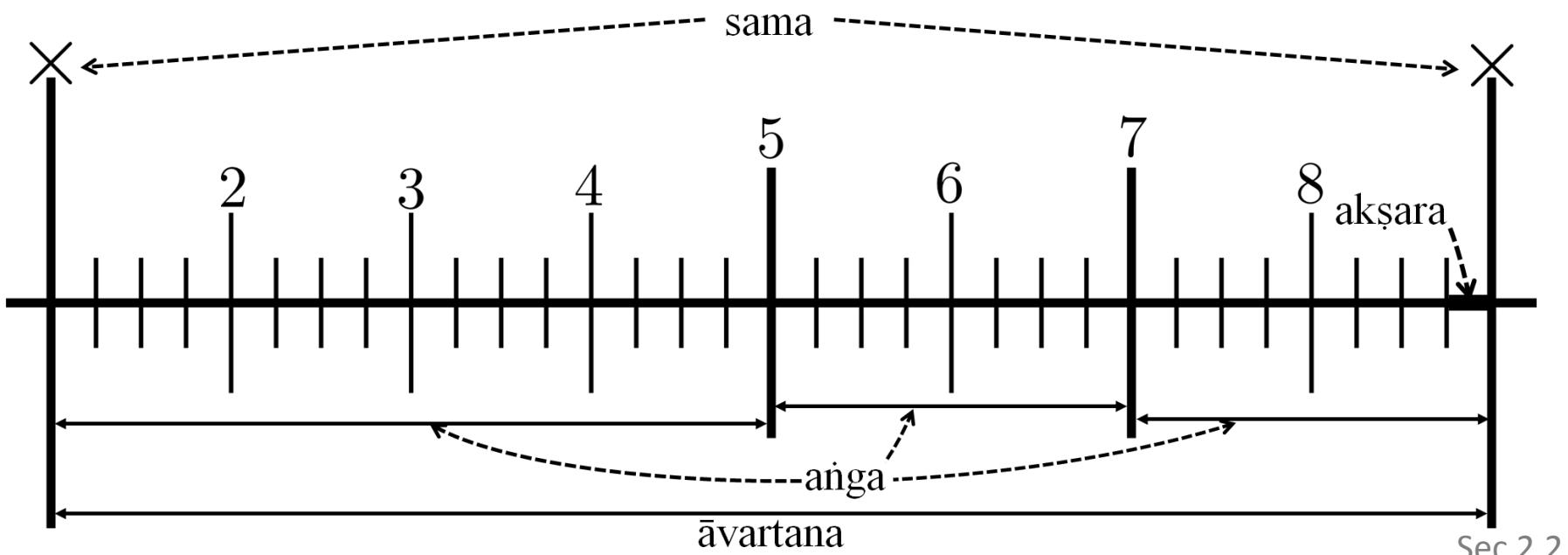
# Rhythm in Carnatic music



Vignesh Ishwar in concert at Arkay Convention Center, Chennai, India

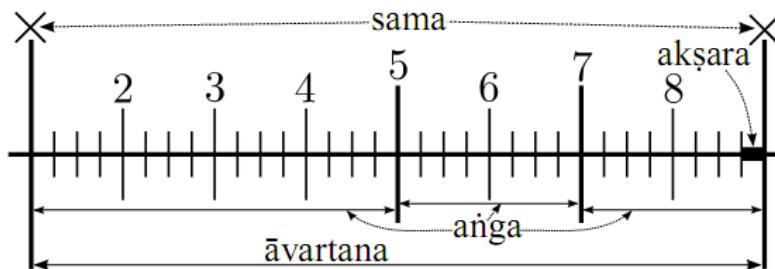
# Tāla in Carnatic music

- Time cycles
  - Broad structure for rendition and repetition of melodic and rhythmic phrases, motifs, and improvisations
  - Akṣara, “beats”, sama (downbeat), aṅga (section)

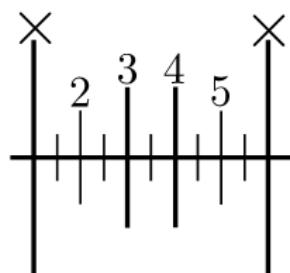


# Popular tālas

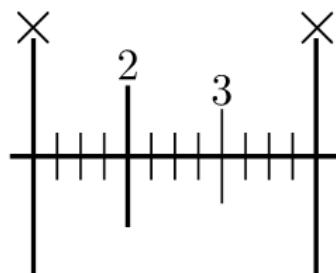
Tāla	# beats	nađe	# Akşara
Ādi	8	4	32
Rūpaka	3	4	12
Miśra chāpu	7	2	14
Khaṇḍa chāpu	5	2	10



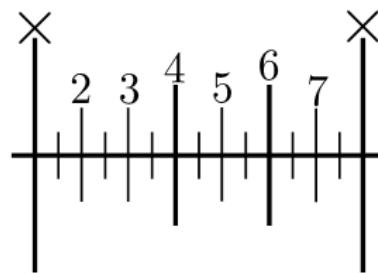
(a) Ādi tāla, illustrated



(b) Khaṇḍa chāpu tāla

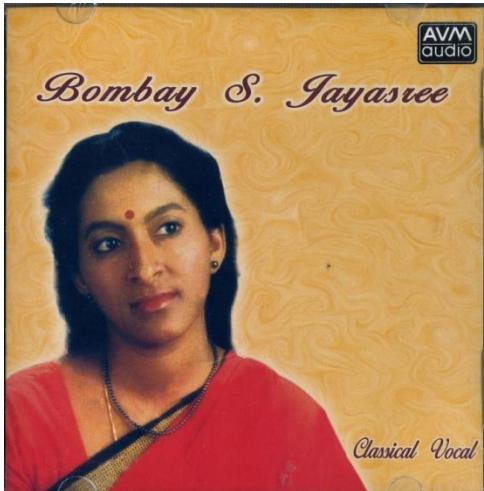


(c) Rūpaka tāla

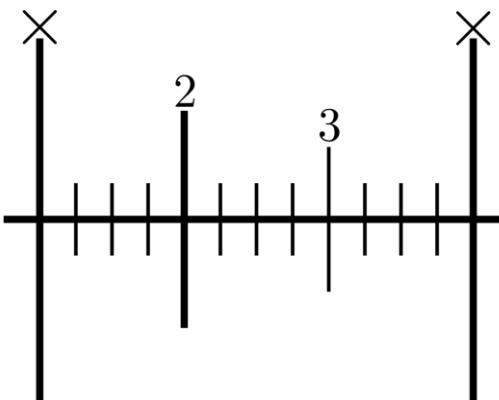


(d) Miśra chāpu tāla

# An example



Artist: Bombay Jayasree (vocal)  
Release: Classical Vocal  
Composition: Śaṅkari nīvē  
Composer: Subbaraya Sastry  
Rāga: Bēgada  
Tāla: Rūpaka (Cycle of 12 akṣara)



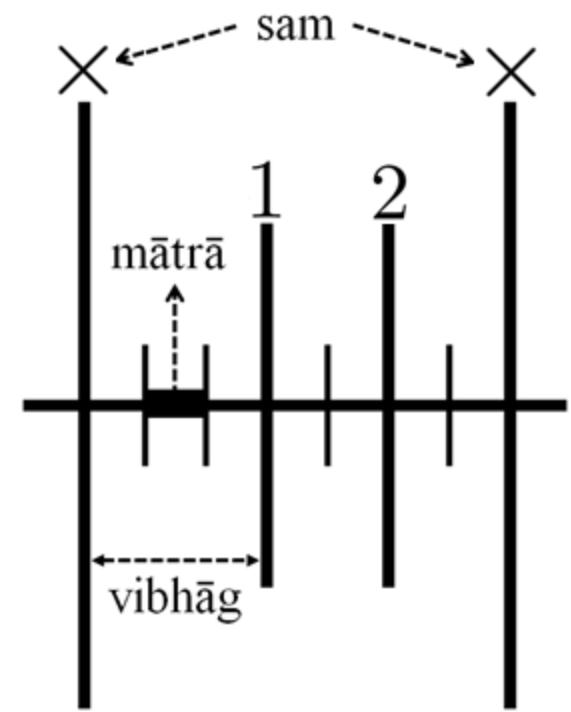
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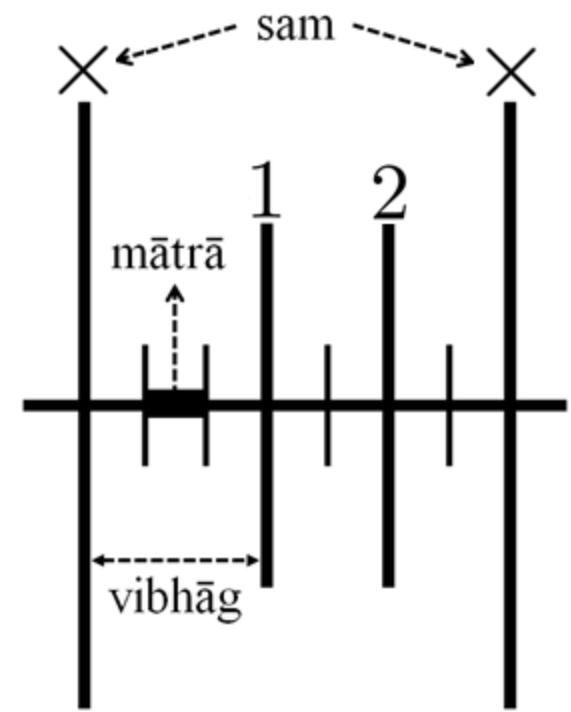
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- Metrical time cycles
  - Broad structure for rendition and repetition of melodic and rhythmic phrases, motifs, and improvisations
  - **mātrā** (beat), **sam** (downbeat), **vibhāg** (section)
- Tempo classes (lay)
  - Wide range of tempi
  - Slow (vilābit): 10-60 mātrā per minute (MPM)
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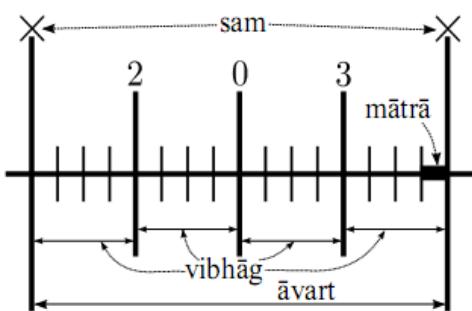
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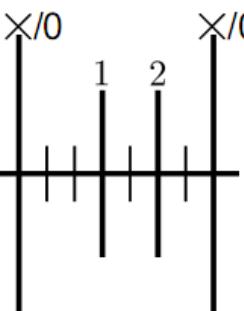


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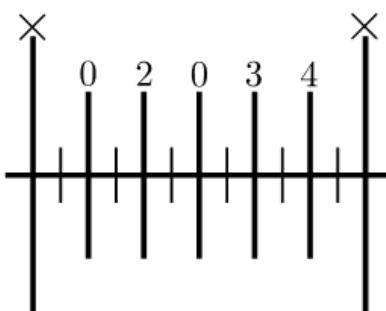
Tāl	# vibhāg	# mātrās	mātrā grouping
Tīntāl	4	16	4,4,4,4
Ēktāl	6	12	2,2,2,2,2,2
Jhaptāl	4	10	2,3,2,3
Rūpak tāl	3	7	3,2,2



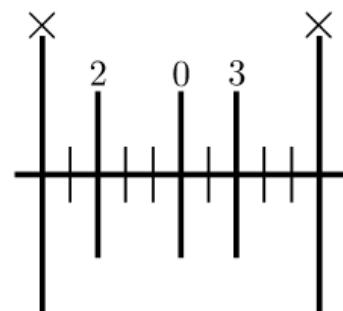
(a) Tīntāl, illustrated



(b) Rūpak tāl

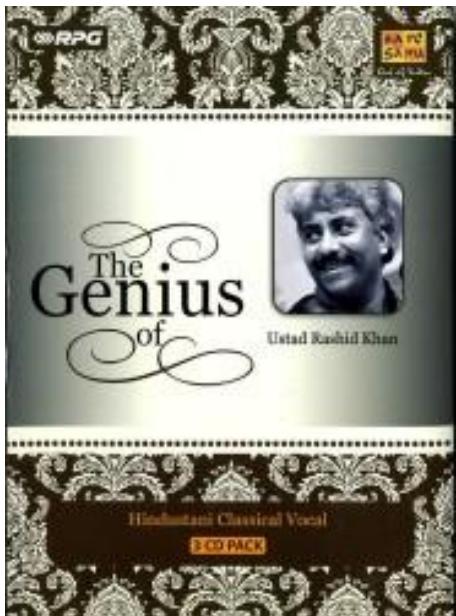


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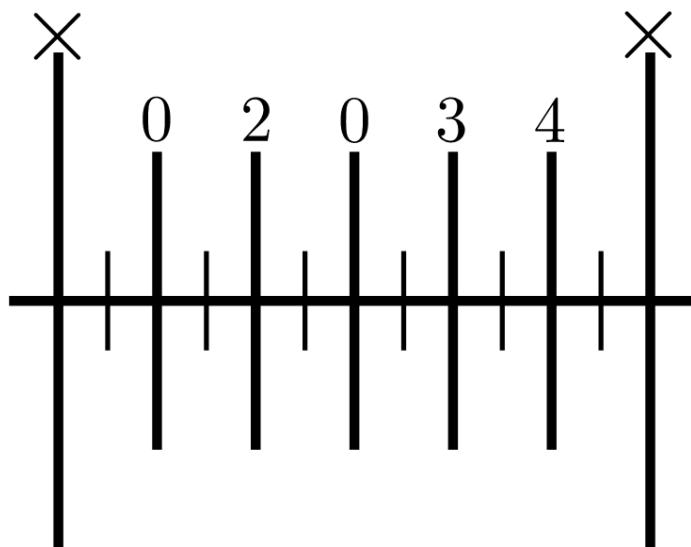


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Artist: Rashid Khan (vocal)  
Release: The Genius Of Ustad Rashid Khan  
Composition: Rasiya Maara Ama Laara  
Rāga: Ahir Bhairav  
Tāla: Ektāl (Cycle of 12 mātrās)



# Some observations

- Phrasal, melodic and rhythmic changes closely tied to tāl/a
- State of the art – concepts do not extend
  - E.g. Possibly non-isochronous beats/sections
- Underlying rhythmic structures
  - Not explicit in the signal
- Musical definitions → Engineering formulations

# Syllabic percussion systems

- Mnemonics for oral transmission – **syllables**
  - Possibly **onomatopoeic**
- Define and describe percussion patterns
  - Also an important role in many aspects of rhythm
- A language for percussion
  - Clear analogy to speech
  - Musically meaningful representation
  - Subtleties of articulation, timbre and dynamics
- Vocal percussion – art form

Clayton, Martin (2000). Time in Indian music : rhythm, metre and form in North Indian rag performance, p. 58, Oxford University Press.

Keçecioğlu, M. U. (2010). Usul-Velvèle Editor. [http://notist.org/usul\\_velvele%20editor\\_ing.html](http://notist.org/usul_velvele%20editor_ing.html)

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# Canonical patterns of a tāl (ṭhēkā)

x					2			
x	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
DHA	DHIN	DHIN	DHA		DHA	DHIN	DHIN	DHA
0					3			
9	10	11	12		13	14	15	16
DHA	TIN	TIN	NA		NA	DHIN	DHIN	DHA

(a) Tīntāl

x		0		2
x	2	3	4	5    6
DHIN	DHIN	DHA GE	TIRAKITA	TUN    NA
0		3		4
7	8	9	10	11    12
KAT	TA	DHA GE	TIRAKITA	DHIN    NA

(b) Ēktāl



# Carnatic music – Solkattu

- Strokes of the mridangam
- Compound strokes grouped together

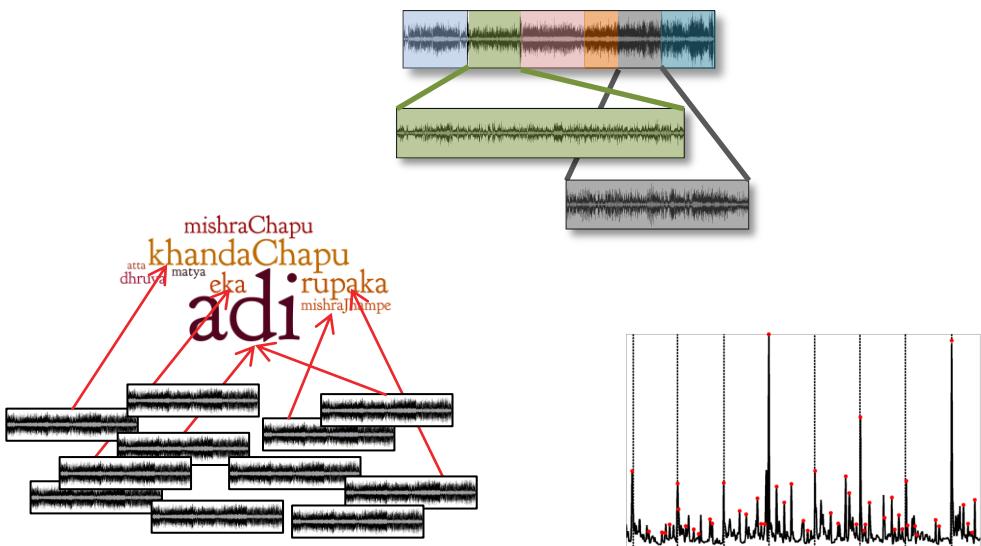
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Syllable	Description
AC	A semi ringing stroke on the right head
ACT	AC with TH/TM
CH	A ringing stroke on the right head
CHT	CH with TH/TM
DM	A strong ringing stroke on the right head

# Summary – Indian art music

- Oral traditions, improvised
  - Tāla is the basic skeletal rhythmic framework
- No metronome, flexible timing
  - Wide tempo range in HM, smaller in CM
- Surface rhythm – indicators to underlying structures
- Well defined syllabic percussion systems
- Have unmetered forms
  - Beyond the scope of automatic rhythm analysis

# Automatic rhythm analysis problems



Chapter 3

## Automatic rhythm analysis of Indian art music

A problem well stated is a problem half-solved

Charles Kettering

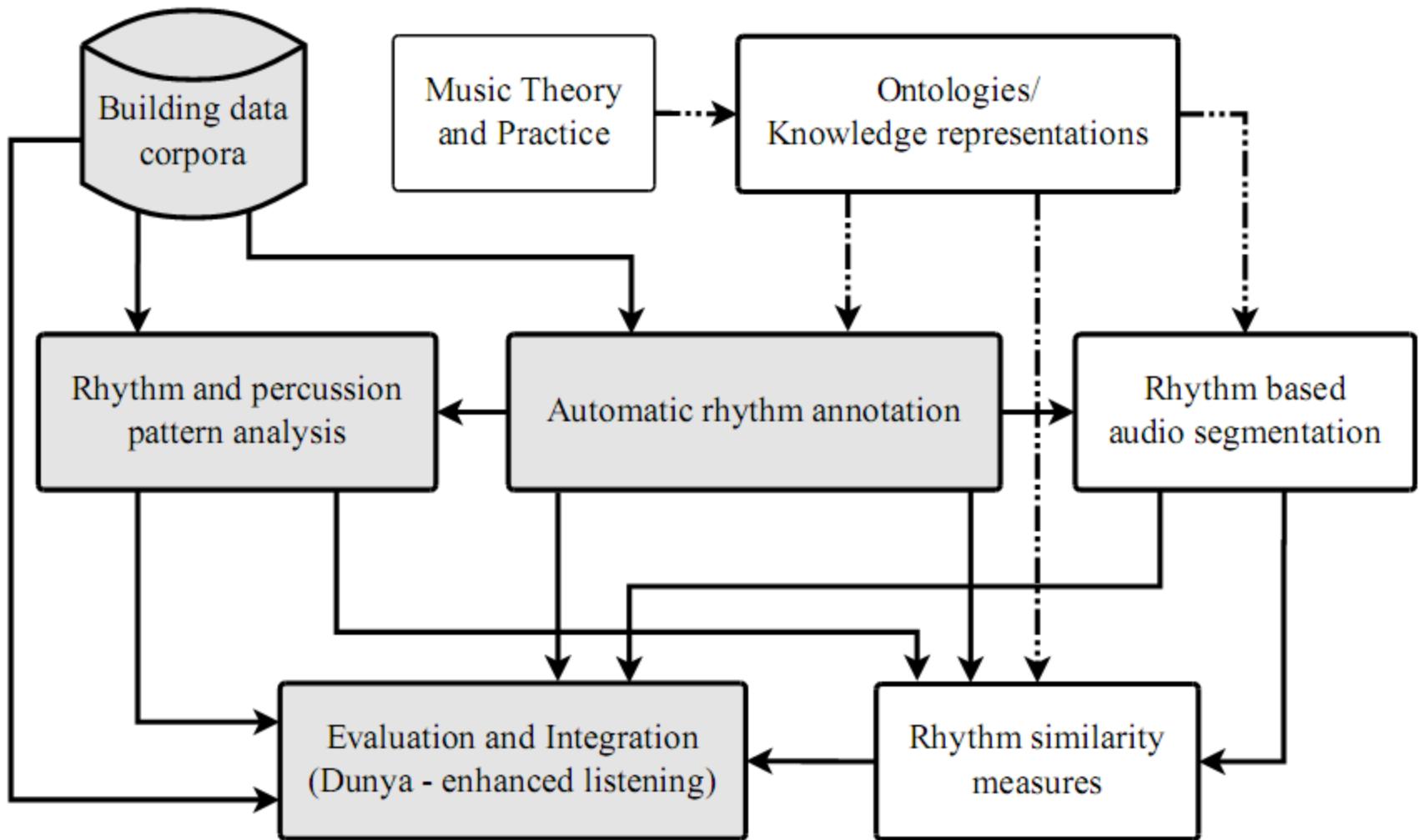
The formulation of the problem is often more essential than its solution, which may be merely a matter of mathematical or experimental skill

Albert Einstein

Automatic rhythm analysis of Indian art music has not been explored systematically, which further means that the challenges, opportunities and relevant research problems have not been formally studied. The chapter presents the efforts to open up this research area by introducing several relevant research problems, with a review of the state of the art in these problems for Indian art music. With the background from all the relevant research problems, we define and formulate the thesis problems of meter analysis and percussion pattern discovery. The main objectives of the chapter are:

1. To identify, present, and discuss main challenges to automatic rhythm analysis in Indian art music

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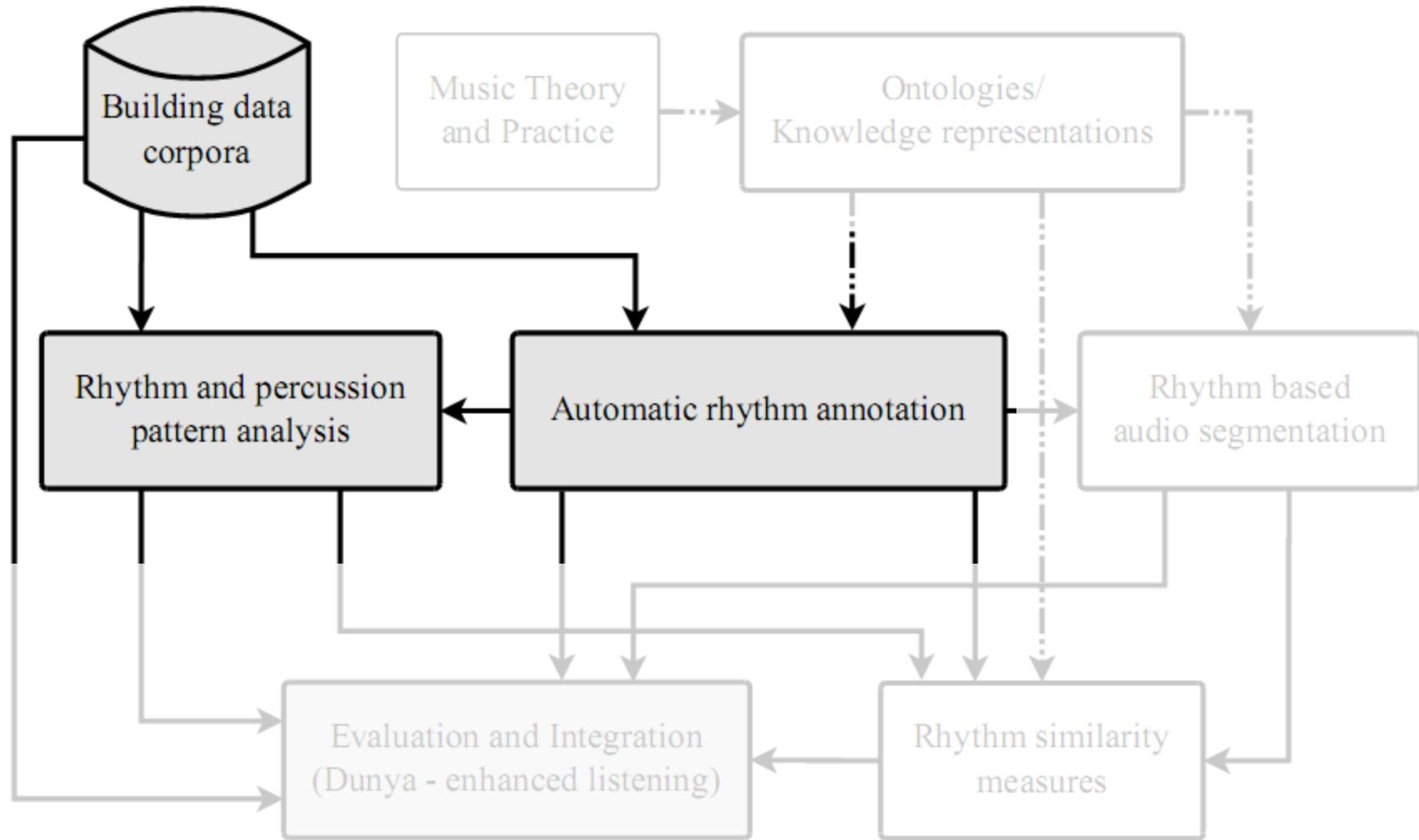


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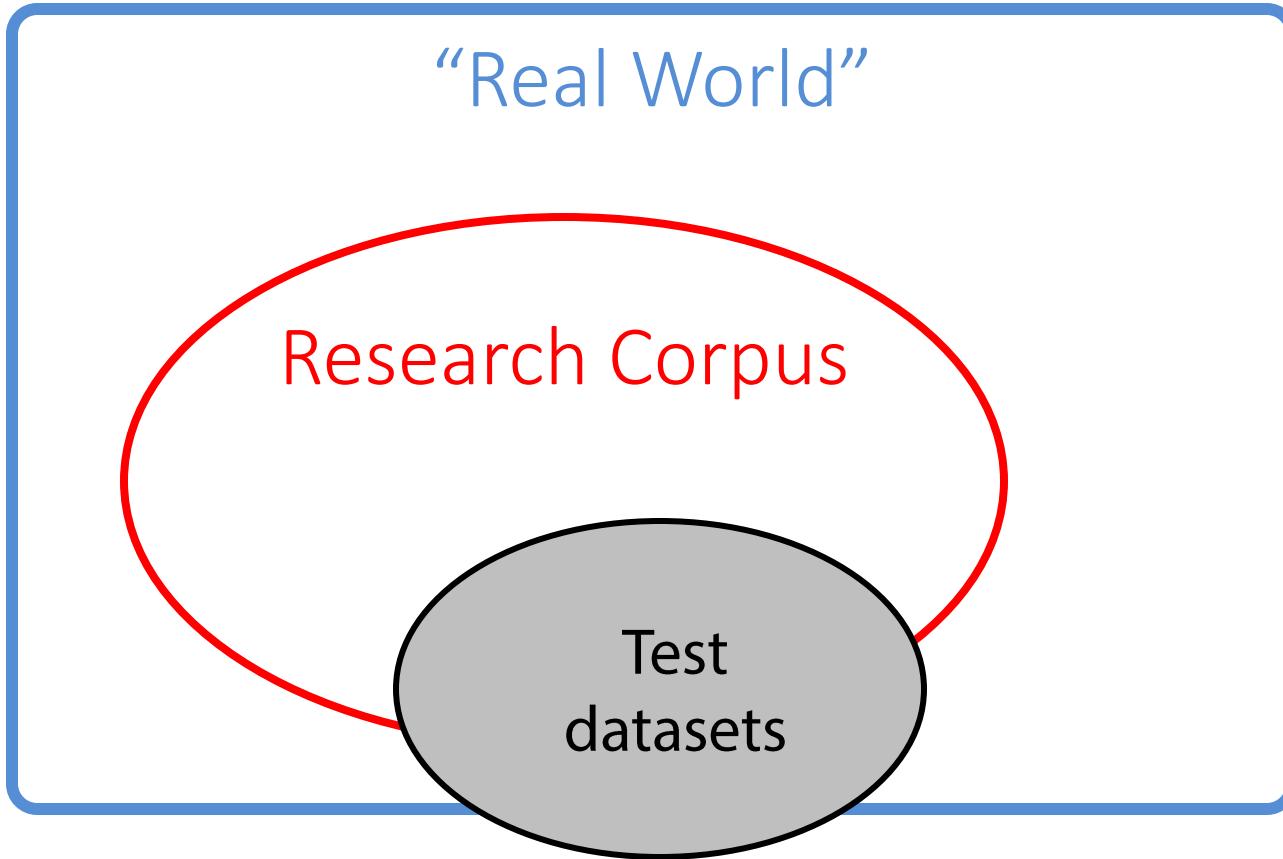
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# Building research corpora

- Building research corpora and test datasets
  - A research problem in itself !
- Systematic approach to building MIR corpora
  - Criteria: Purpose, Coverage, Completeness, Quality and Reusability [Serra, 2014]
  - Based on reliable references
- Corpora for Indian art music
  - An analysis of the corpus
- **Test datasets useful for different MIR tasks**



Srinivasamurthy, A., Koduri, G. K., Gulati, S., Ishwar, V., & Serra, X. (2014, September). Corpora for Music Information Research in Indian Art Music. In Proceedings of Joint 42nd International ComputerMusic Conference/13th Sound and Music Computing Conference (pp. 1029–1036).

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- Carnatic music rhythm dataset (CMR dataset)
- Hindustani music rhythm dataset (HMR dataset)
- Mulgaonkar Tabla Solo dataset (MTS dataset)
- UKS Mridangam Solo dataset (UMS dataset)

Annotations are public. Audio is commercially available and easily accessible.

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Ēktāl	58	1.93 (116)	12999	1087
Jhaptāl	19	0.63 (38)	3029	302
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Tīntāl	13	0.43 (26)	1020	65
Ēktāl	32	1.07 (64)	967	79
Jhaptāl	6	0.2 (12)	592	59
Rūpak tāl	8	0.27 (16)	701	101
Total	59	1.97 (118)	3280	304

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Jhaptāl	$12.30 \pm 1.935$	$1.23 \pm 0.194$	[10.20, 16.23]
Rūpak tāl	$10.28 \pm 3.050$	$1.47 \pm 0.436$	[6.95, 16.09]

# Short cycle (duration) subset

- HMR<sub>s</sub> dataset (> 60 MPM, madhya and drut)

Tāl	# Pieces	Total Duration hours (min)	# Ann.	# Sam
Tīntāl	41	1.37 (82)	16122	1016
Ēktāl	26	0.87 (52)	12032	1008
Jhaptāl	13	0.43 (26)	2437	243
Rūpak tāl	12	0.40 (24)	2140	305
Total	92	3.07 (184)	32731	2572

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Ēktāl	$3.17 \pm 0.471$	$0.26 \pm 0.039$	[2.23, 4.11]
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Rūpak tāl	$5.00 \pm 1.191$	$0.71 \pm 0.170$	[2.82, 6.68]

# Corpus level analysis

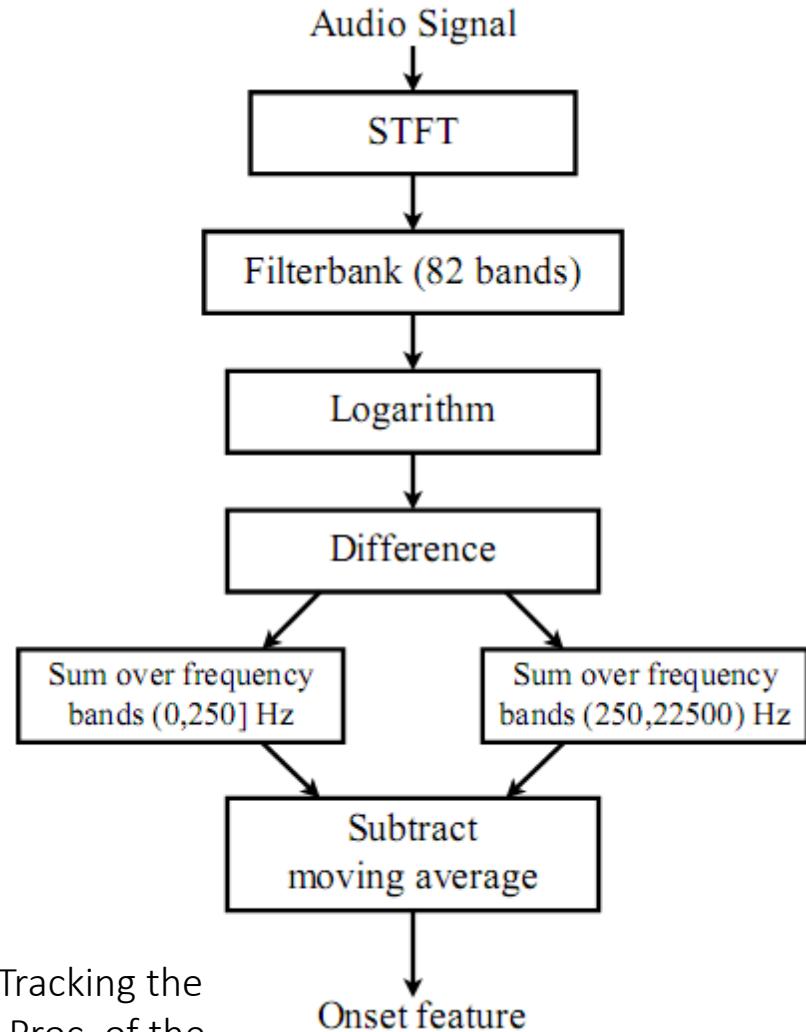
- Tempo range and distribution
- Analysis of cycle length rhythm patterns
- Intra-cycle tempo variations

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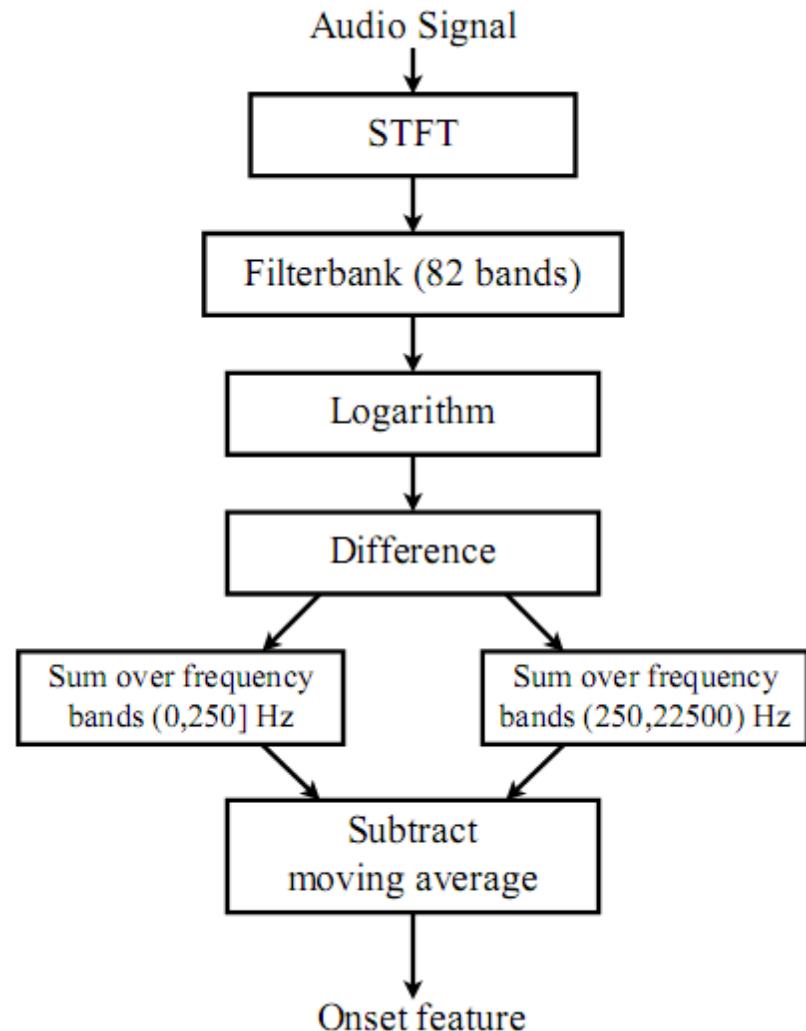
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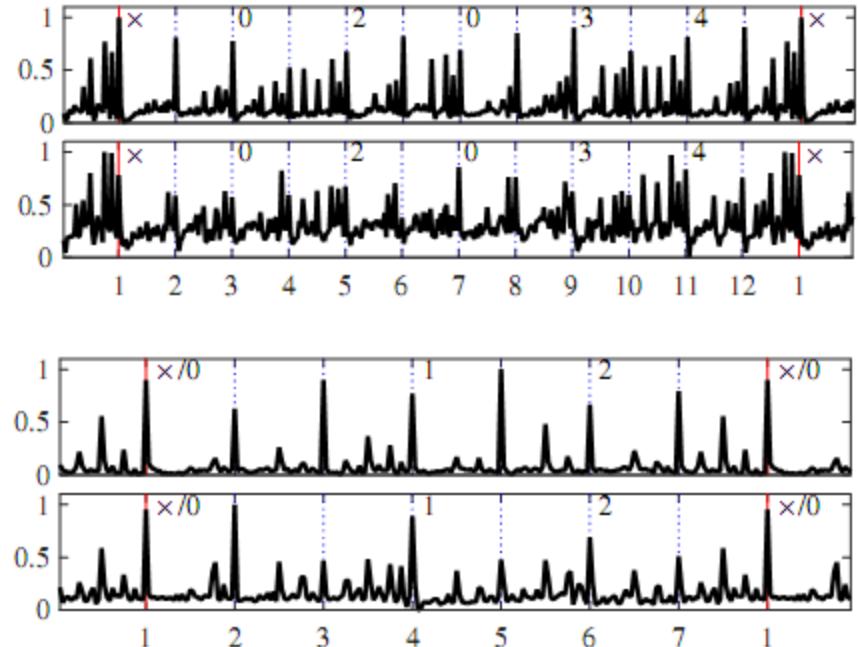
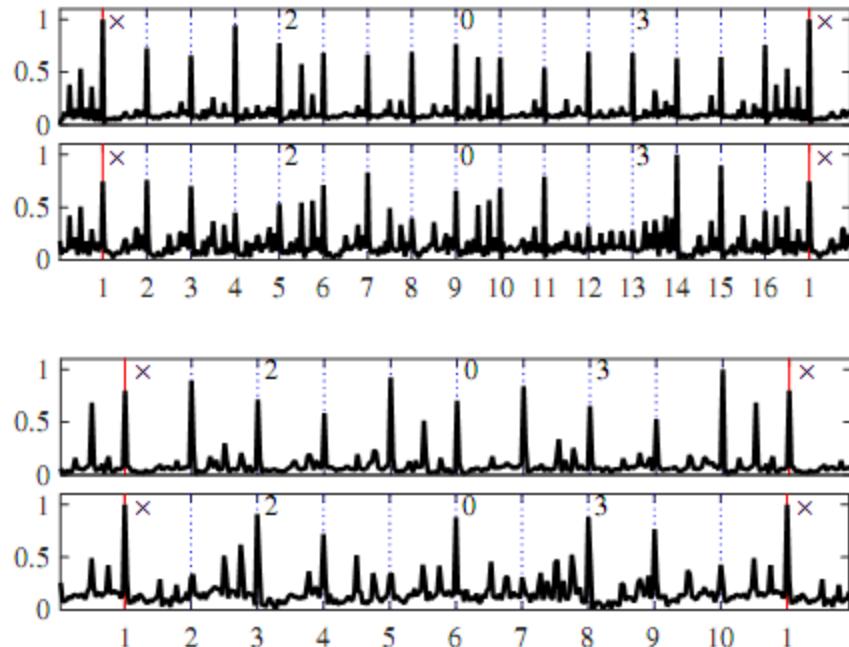
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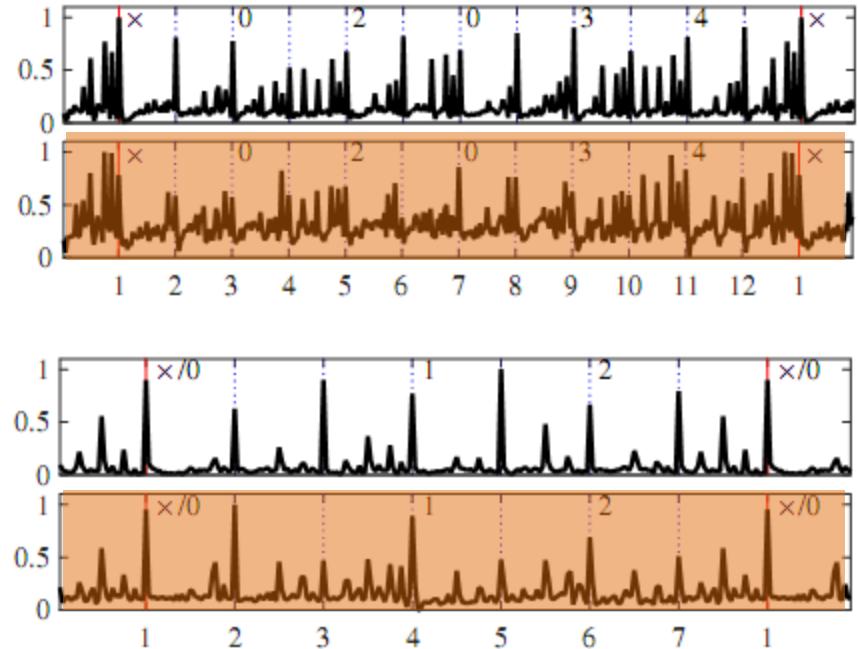
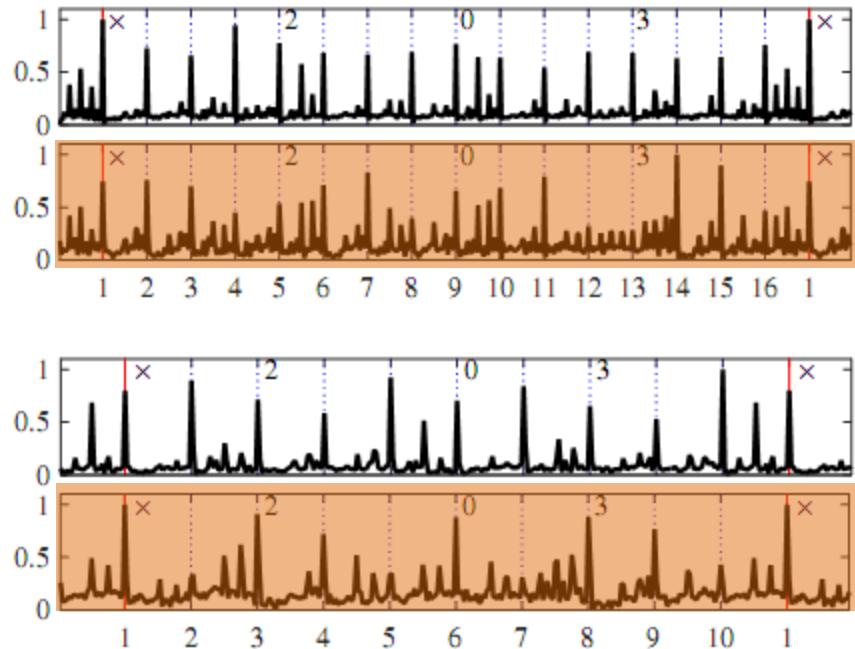
# Rhythm patterns in HMR<sub>I</sub> dataset

- Rhythm patterns on long and short cycle subsets



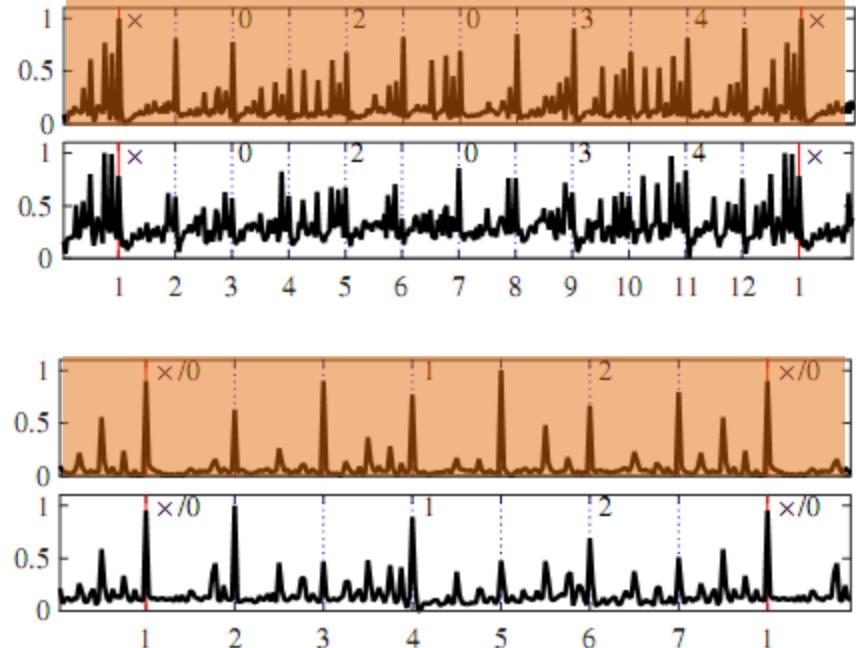
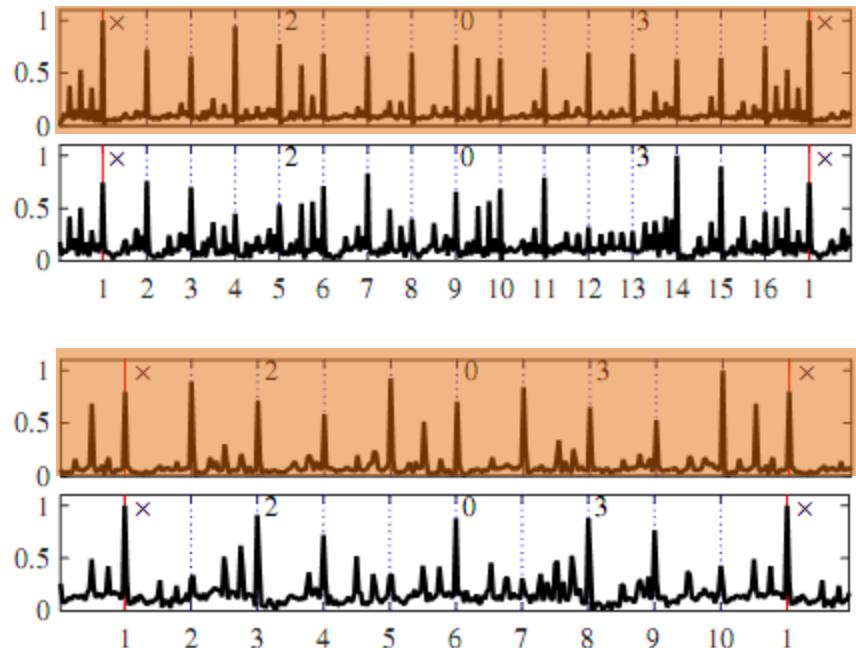
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- Low frequency band, left bass strokes of the tabla



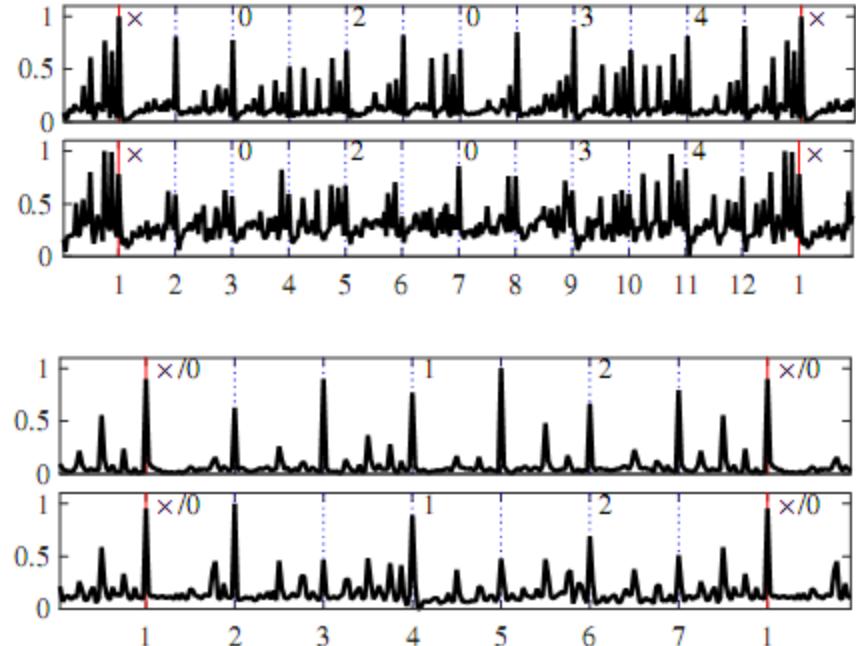
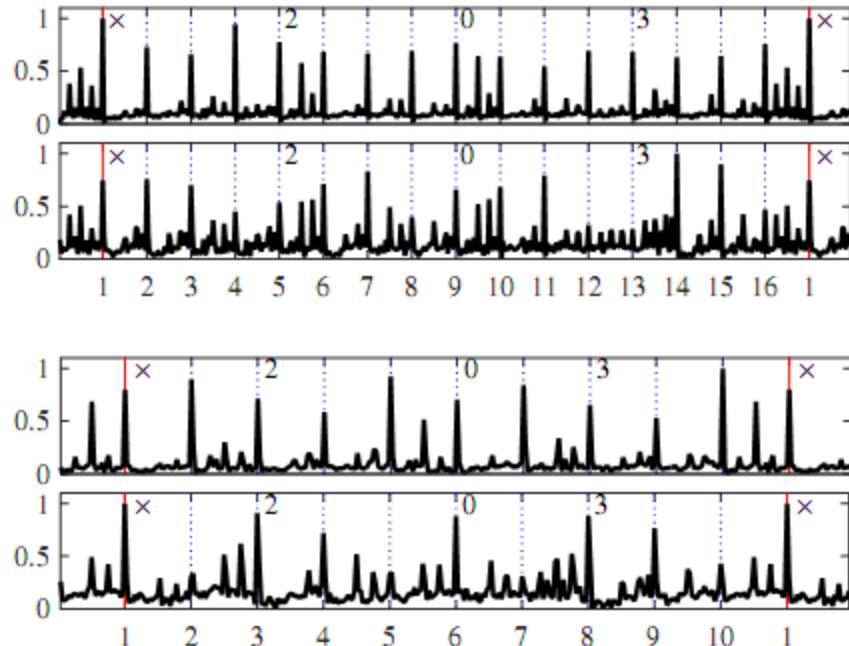
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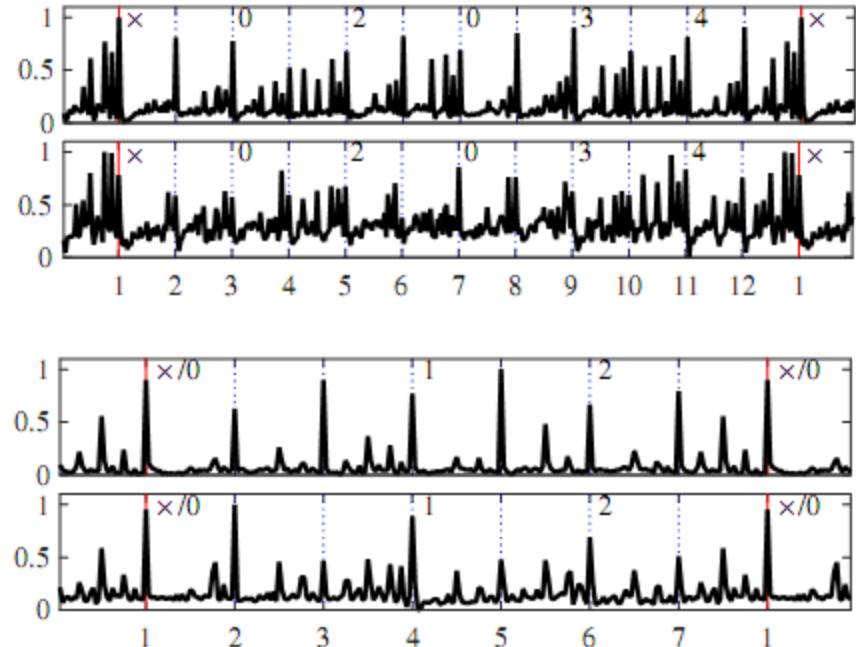
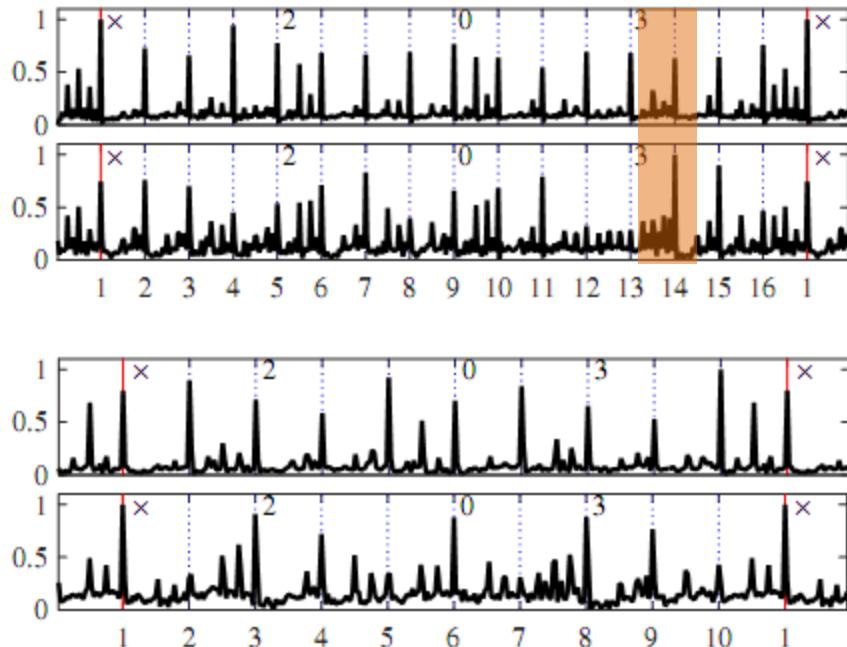
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- Stronger accents on the mātrā – mātrās are anchors
- Fillers between mātrās – vilāmbit



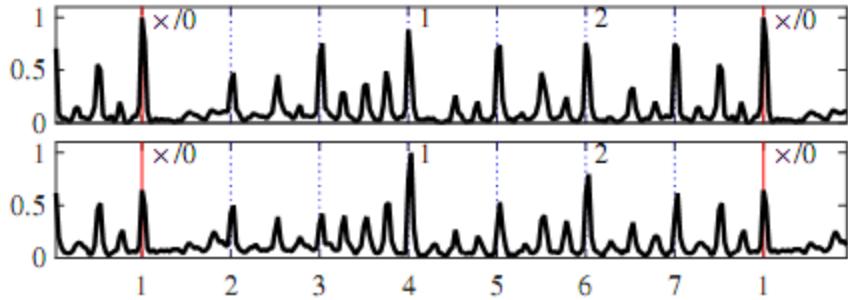
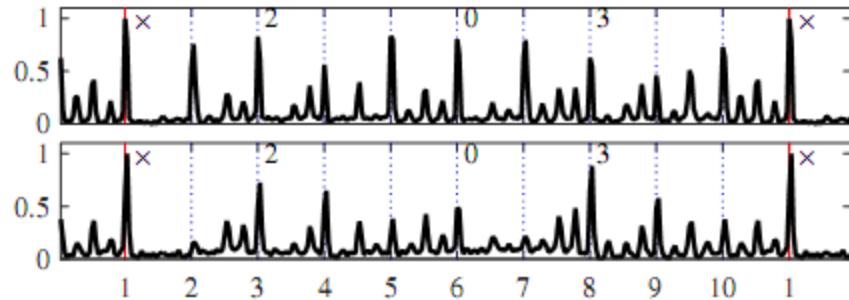
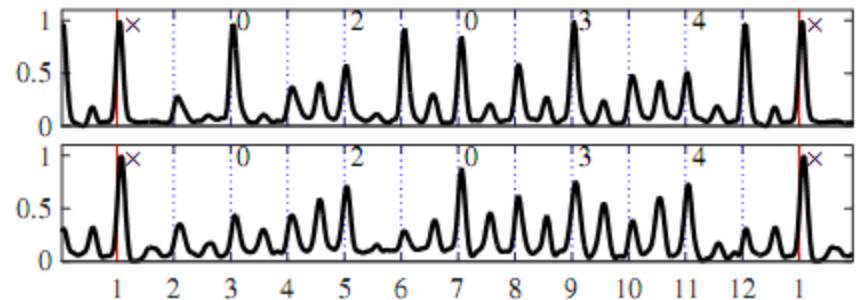
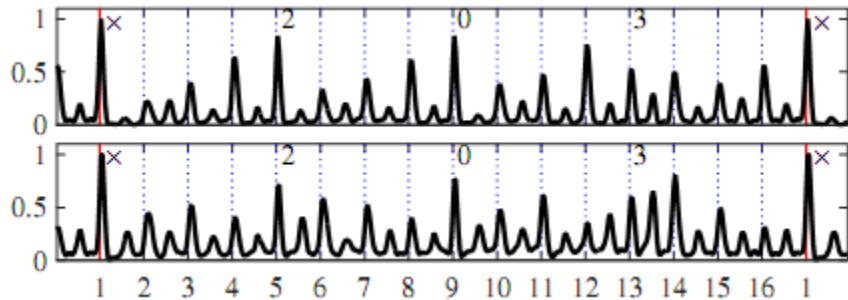
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- Tintāl – 14<sup>th</sup> mātra strong left accent
  - Indicating the arrival of sam (āmad)



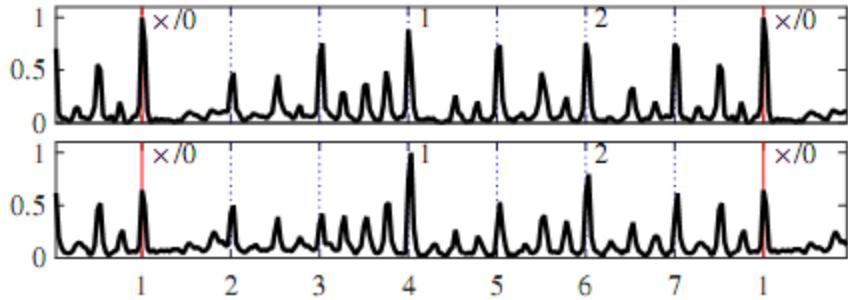
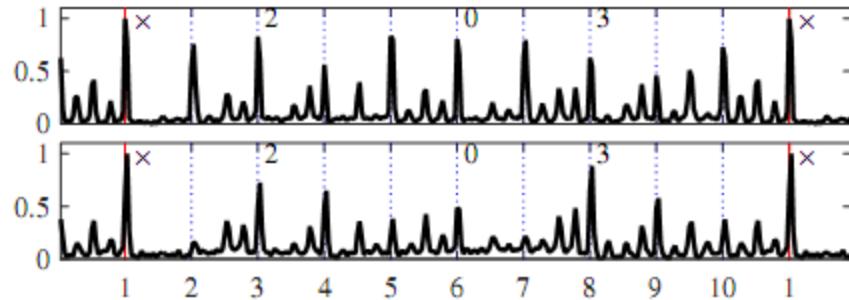
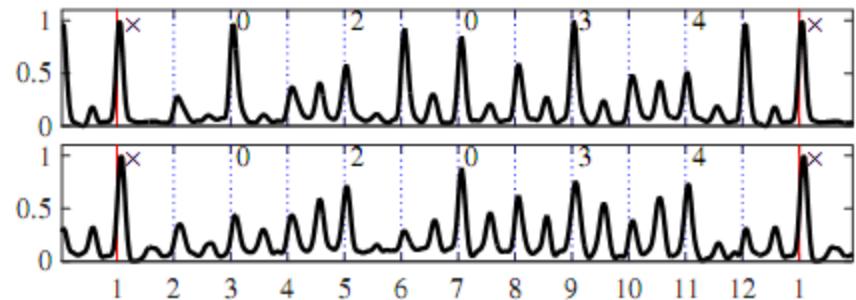
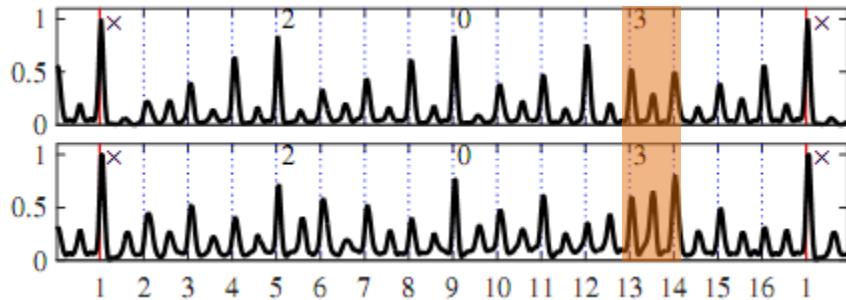
# Rhythm patterns in HMR<sub>s</sub> dataset

- Less fillers, shorter cycles
- Vibhāg are anchors



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- Tintāl – start of last vibhāg, more fillers
  - Indication of sam coming up



# Mulgaonkar Tabla Solo (MTS) dataset

- 8245 syllables, 38 compositions, tīntāl, 17 min, time-aligned

ID	Syllable	#Inst.	ID	Syllable	#Inst.
1	DA	132	10	KI	1482
2	DHA	582	11	NA	1308
3	DHE	277	12	RE	294
4	DHET	67	13	TA	2375
5	DHI	156	14	TE	18
6	DHIN	149	15	TII	64
7	DIN	117	16	TIN	61
8	GE	961	17	TIT	43
9	KDA	95	18	TRA	64

<http://compmusic.upf.edu/tabla-solo-dataset>

Gupta, S., Srinivasamurthy, A., Kumar, M., Murthy, H., & Serra, X. (2015, October). Discovery of Syllabic Percussion Patterns in Tabla Solo Recordings. In Proceedings of the 16th International Society for Music Information Retrieval Conference (ISMIR 2015) (pp. 385–391). Malaga, Spain.

# UKS Mridangam Solo (UMS) dataset

- 8877 syllables, 24 min, ādi and rūpaka tāla, not time-aligned

ID	Syllable	#Inst.	ID	Syllable	#Inst.
1	AC	119	12	DNT	922
2	ACT	50	13	LF	467
3	CH	114	14	LFT	12
4	CHT	112	15	NM	850
5	DM	14	16	NMT	632
6	DH3	1266	17	TH	776
7	DH3T	23	18	TA	754
8	DH3M	602	19	TAT	13
9	DH4	367	20	TM	913
10	DH4T	12	21	TG	30
11	DN	829	-	-	-

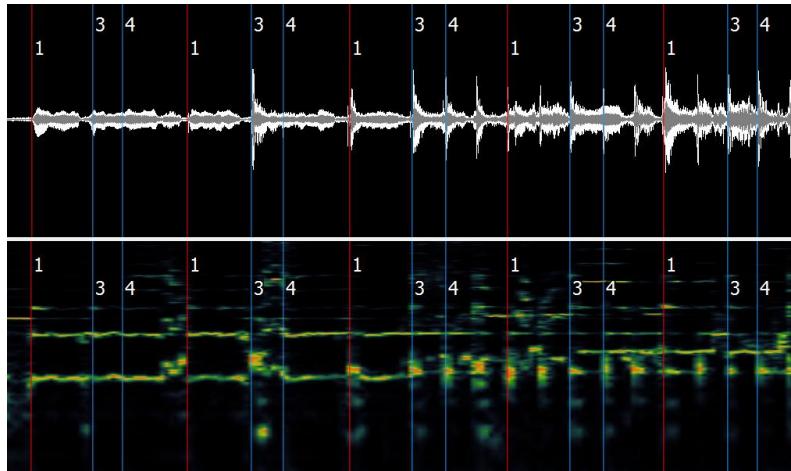
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# Ballroom dataset

- Several dance styles from [BallroomDancers.com](http://BallroomDancers.com)
- 697 thirty second clips
- Beat and downbeat annotated
- Time signatures 3/4 and 4/4
  - fixed through the piece

Gouyon, F., Klapuri, A., Dixon, S., Alonso, M., Tzanetakis, G., Uhle, C., & Cano, P. (2006). An experimental comparison of audio tempo induction algorithms. *IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing*, 14(5), 1832–1844

# Meter inference and tracking



Chapter 5

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...the first beat (sam) is highly significant structurally, as it frequently marks the coming together of the rhythmic streams of soloist and accompanist, and the resolution point for rhythmic tension.

Clayton (2000, p. 81)

Meter analysis of audio music recordings is an important **MIR** task. It provides useful musically relevant metadata not only for enriched listening, but also for pre-processing of music for several higher level tasks such as section segmentation, structural analysis and defining rhythm similarity measures.

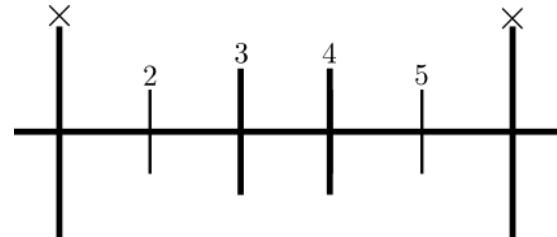
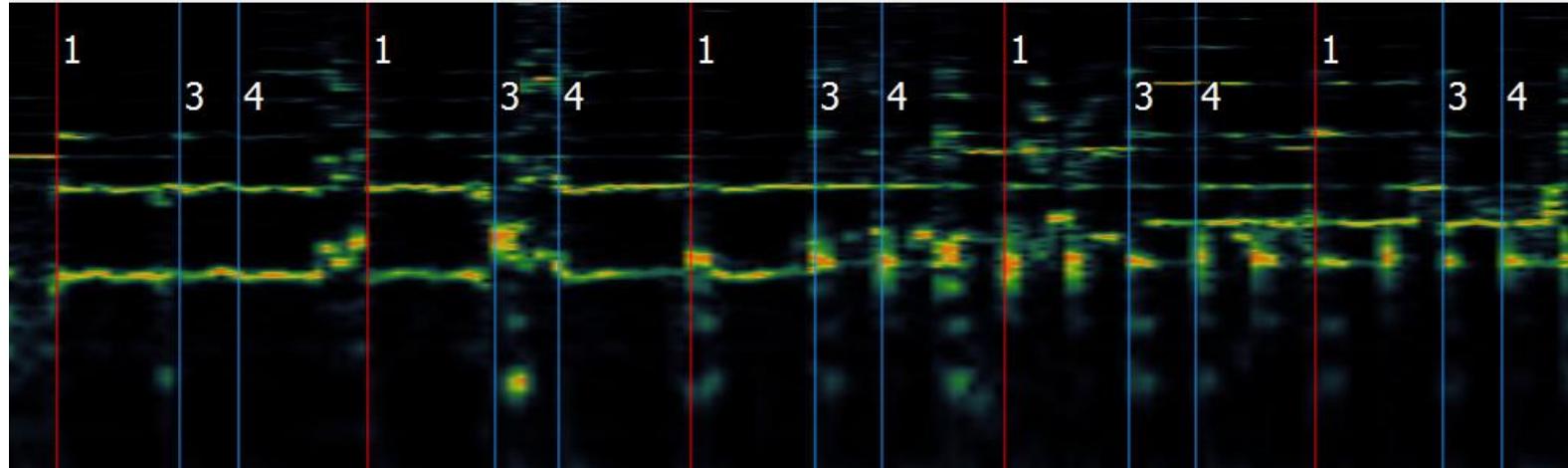
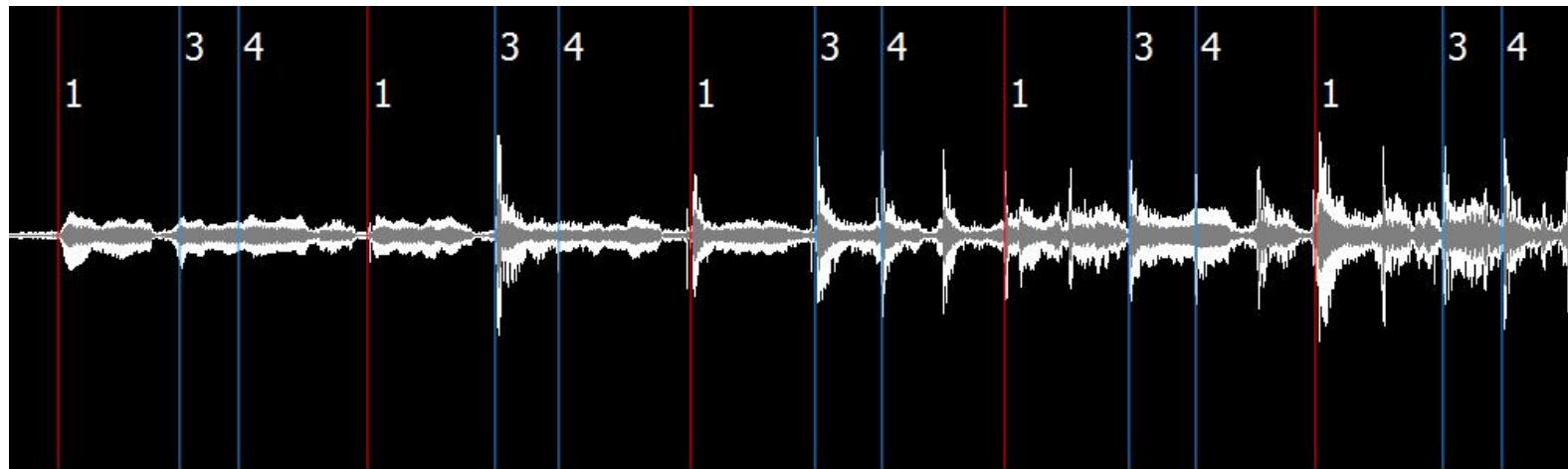
To recapitulate, meter analysis aims to time-align a piece of audio music recording with several defined metrical levels such as tatum, tactus, measure (bar). In addition, it also tags the recording with additional meter and rhythm related metadata such as time signature, median tempo and salient rhythms in the recording. Within the context of Indian music, meter analysis aims to time-align and tag a music recording with *tāla* related events and metadata.

This chapter aims to address some of these important tasks related to meter analysis within the context of Indian art music, presenting several approaches and a comprehensive evaluation of those

# Meter analysis

- Analysis of different aspects of meter
  - Events such as beats, downbeats
  - Tempo, rhythm class (tāl/a), patterns

# The goal !



# Meter analysis tasks

- Meter inference
  - Rhythm class + tempo + beats + downbeats
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# Evaluation of meter analysis tasks

- Equivalent definitions for beats and downbeats
- Metrical ambiguity
  - CML and AML
- Precision ( $\mathfrak{P}$ )
- Recall ( $\mathfrak{R}$ )
- f-measure ( $\mathfrak{f}$ )
- Information Gain ( $\mathfrak{J}$ )
- Continuity based measure:  $AML_t$

# Preliminary check – MIR state of the art

Method	ādi (8)	rūpaka (3)
DAV	21.7	41.2
HOC-SVM	22.9	42.1
HOC	49.9	64.4

“Downbeat” estimation

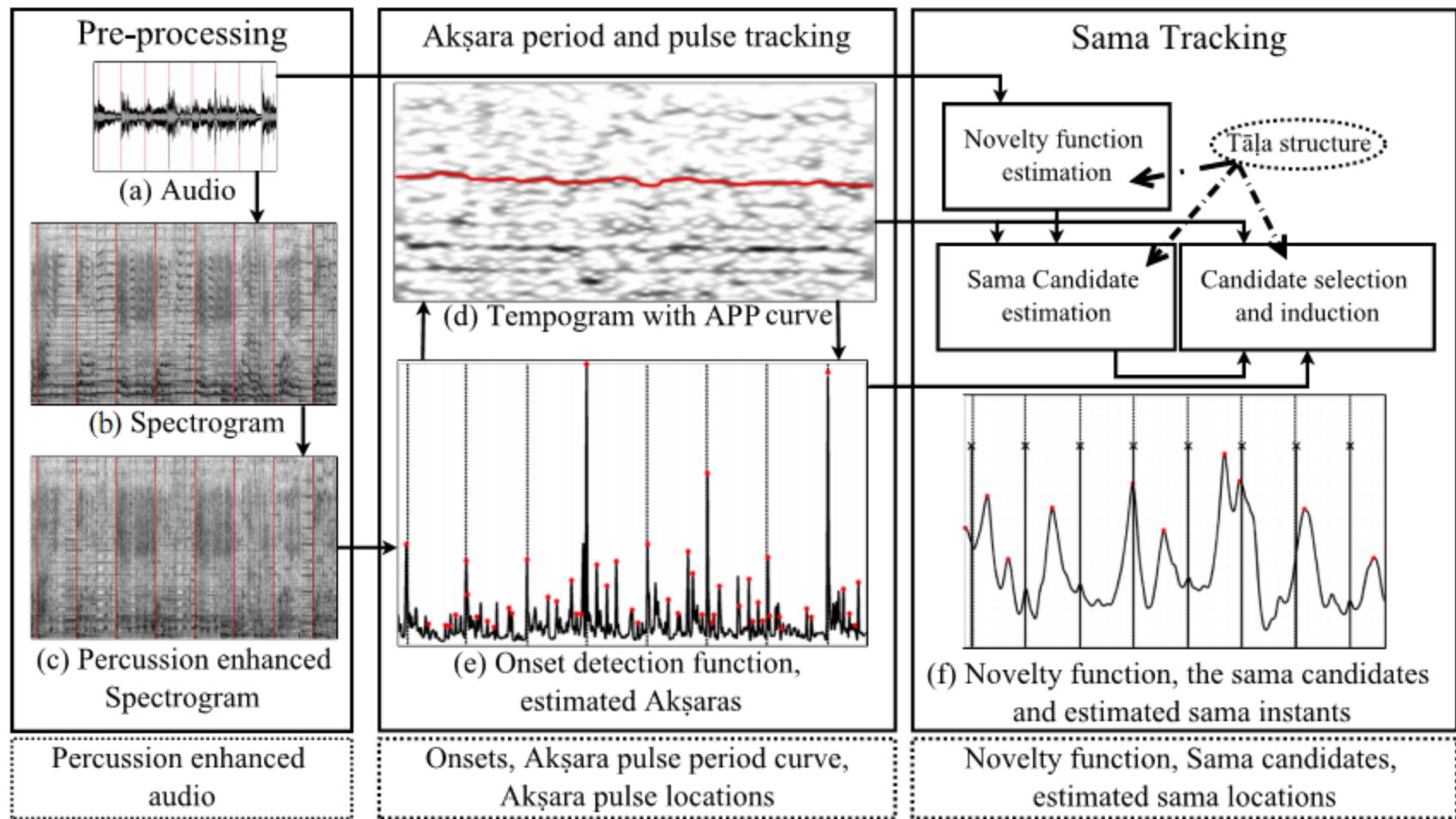
- Poor, insufficient performance
- Lack of engineering definitions of musical concepts
- Need for methods that explicitly use the knowledge of metrical structures

Dataset	CML (%)			AML (%)		
	$L_{cb}$	$L_{ca}$	$L_{ba}$	$L_{cb}$	$L_{ca}$	$L_{ba}$
Carnatic	11.06	8.76	4.15	34.10	45.16	25.81
Hindustani	0.00	25.40	-	45.22	46.50	-

Dataset	OP (%)	STM (%)
Carnatic	41.0	42.2
Hindustani	47.8	51.6

“Cycle length” estimation

# Preliminary approach – dynamic programming



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# Preliminary results

- Evaluated on CMR<sub>f</sub> dataset
- Accurate tempo tracking
- Poor sama tracking
- Adhoc approach – cannot be extended or improved easily

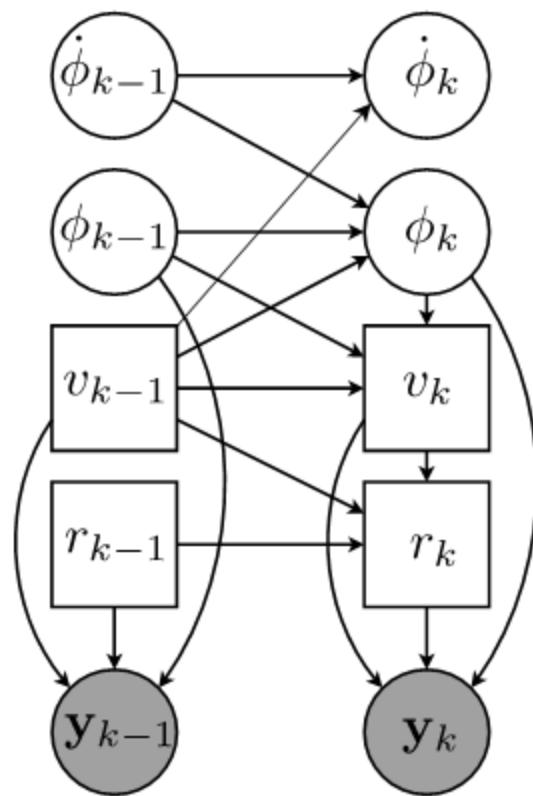
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Measure			Method-A	0.290	0.190	0.216	1.17	20.46
$\bar{\tau}_o$ estimation	81.2	98.9	Method-B	0.246	0.202	0.215	1.25	27.85
$\tau_o$ tracking	80.4	96.3	RB-1	0.155	0.175	0.137	0.40	-
			RB-2	0.228	0.200	0.206	1.11	15.3

Tempo estimation and tracking

Sama tracking

# Bayesian models for meter analysis

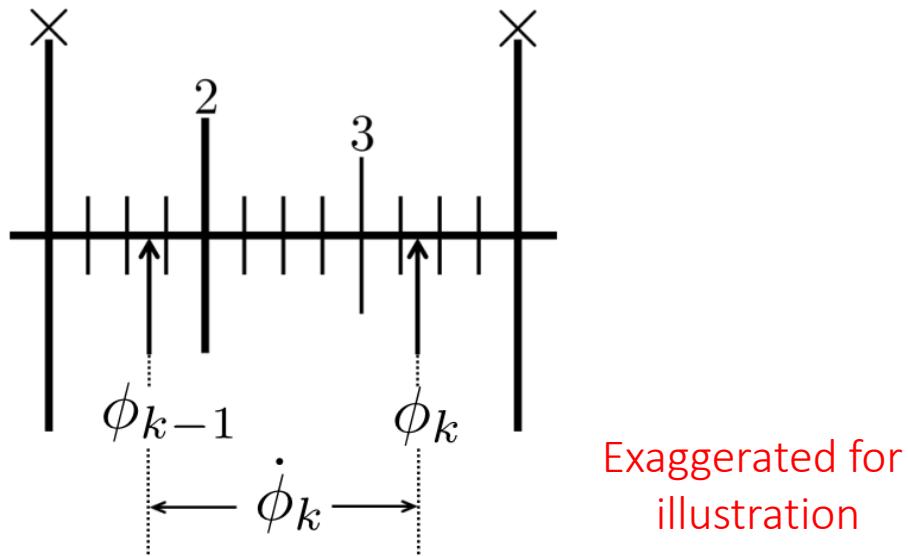
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# Bayesian models for meter analysis

- Bayesian models for joint estimation of tempo, beats and downbeats
  - The bar pointer model
- Bar/beat length rhythmic patterns
  - Often learnt from data
- Limitation: Restricted to short bar/cycle durations
  - Problems with long metrical cycles

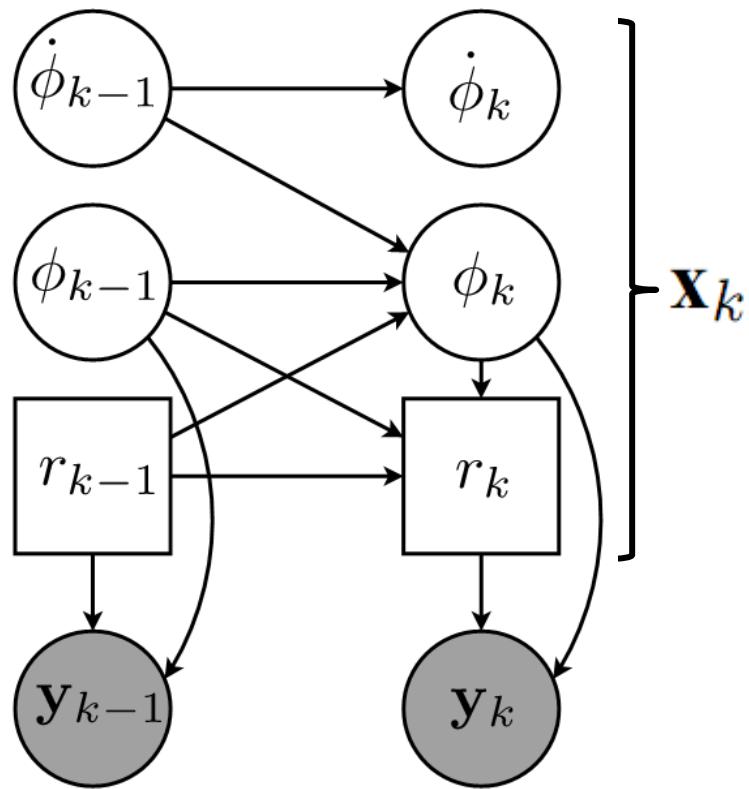
# Bar pointer model – idea



- $\phi_k$  - Position in cycle
- $\dot{\phi}_k$  - Instantaneous tempo

# Bar pointer model (BP-model)

- Dynamic Bayesian Network (DBN)

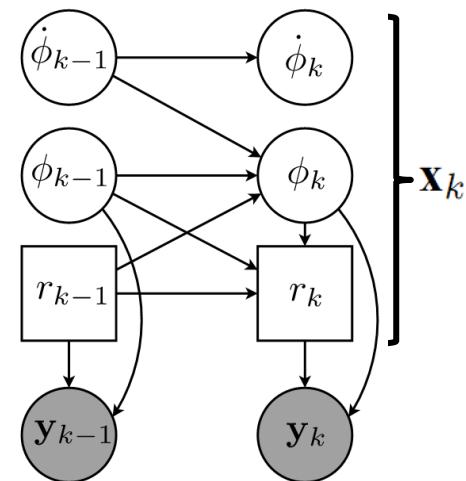


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# Model structure

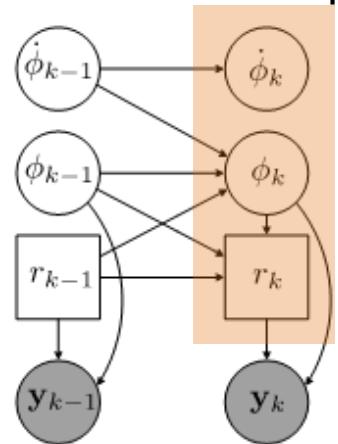
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- Observed feature sequence:  $\mathbf{y}_{1:K} = \{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_K\}$
- Latent variable sequence:  $\mathbf{x}_{1:K} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_K\}$
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- $P(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1})$  - Transition model
- $P(\mathbf{y}_k | \mathbf{x}_k)$ - Observation model



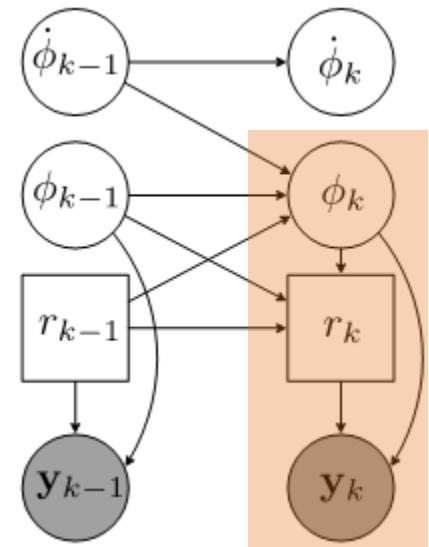
# Latent variables

- State of a hypothetical bar pointer
- Position in cycle:  $\phi \in [0, M)$ 
  - $M$  is the length of cycle
- Rhythmic pattern indicator:  $r \in \{1, \dots, R\}$ 
  - Choose the observation model corresponding to the rhythmic pattern
- Instantaneous tempo:  $\dot{\phi}_k \in [\dot{\phi}_{\min}, \dot{\phi}_{\max}]$ 
  - The rate at which the bar pointer progresses
  - Related to the length of the cycle ( $\Delta \cdot M / \dot{\phi}_k$ )



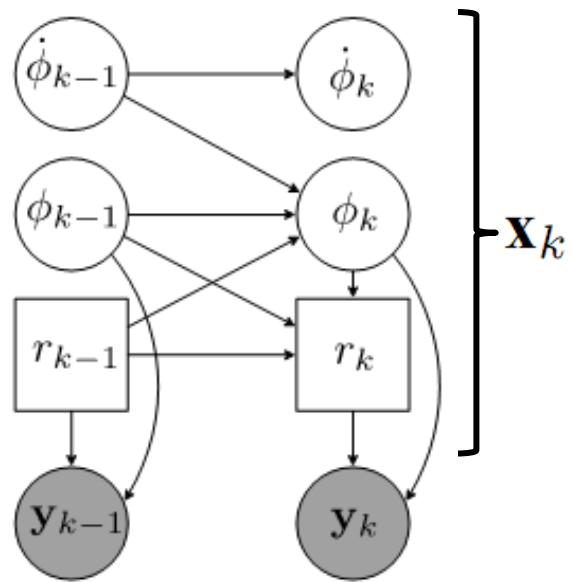
# Observation model

- Spectral flux
  - Two frequency bands
- Two component GMM
  - For each position and pattern
  - ML estimates of parameters using annotated data
- State tying
  - 1/64 note, half akṣara



$$P(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}) = P(\mathbf{y} \mid \phi, r) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \pi_{\phi, r, i} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\phi, r, i}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\phi, r, i})$$

# Transition model



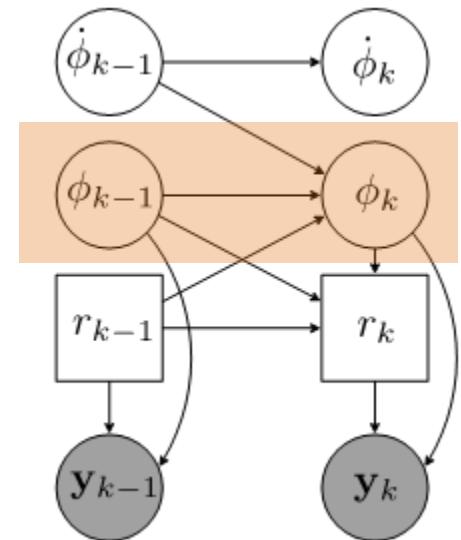
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 &\quad \times P(r_k | r_{k-1}, \phi_k, \phi_{k-1})
 \end{aligned}$$

# Transition model

- Cyclic position pointer

$$P(\phi_k | \phi_{k-1}, \dot{\phi}_{k-1}, r_{k-1}) = \mathbb{1}_\phi$$

$$\phi_k = (\phi_{k-1} + \phi_{k-1}) \bmod(M_{r_{k-1}})$$



- Tracking:  $M(r_k) = M$

$$P(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) = P(\phi_k | \phi_{k-1}, \dot{\phi}_{k-1}, r_{k-1}) P(\dot{\phi}_k | \dot{\phi}_{k-1}) P(r_k | r_{k-1}, \phi_k, \dot{\phi}_{k-1})$$

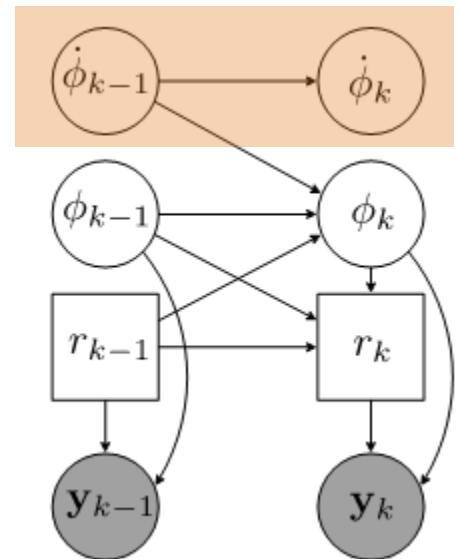
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- Allow tempo changes

$$P(\dot{\phi}_k | \dot{\phi}_{k-1}) \propto \mathcal{N}(\dot{\phi}_{k-1}, \sigma_{\dot{\phi}}^2) \times \mathbb{1}_{\dot{\phi}}$$

- Normal distribution

- Within allowed range of tempo:  $[\dot{\phi}_{\min}, \dot{\phi}_{\max}]$



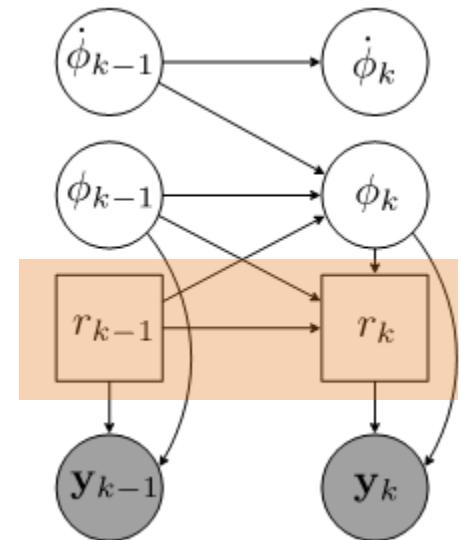
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# Transition model

- Cycle length patterns
  - Capture diversity of patterns
  - Learnt from data
- Pattern transitions
  - Allow transitions only at end of cycle
- Time homogeneity in pattern transitions

$$P(r_k \mid r_{k-1}, \phi_k, \phi_{k-1}) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{A}(r_{k-1}, r_k) & \text{if } \phi_k < \phi_{k-1} \\ \mathbb{1}_r & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

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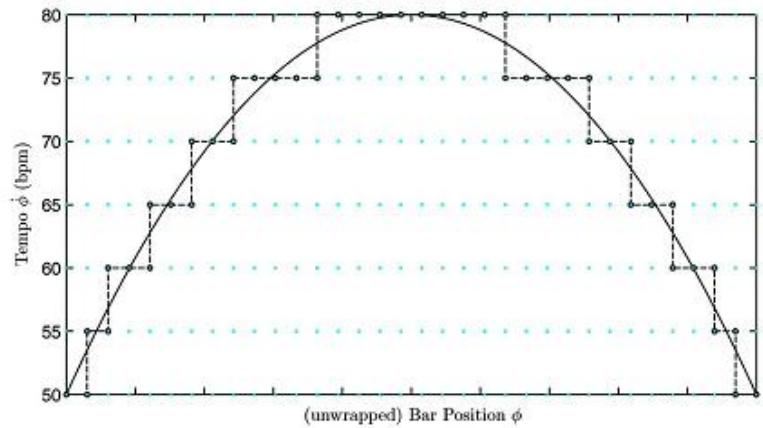
# Inference

- A sequence  $\mathbf{x}_{1:K}^*$  that maximizes the posterior  $P(\mathbf{x}_{1:K} | \mathbf{y}_{1:K})$
- $\mathbf{x}_{1:K}^*$  can then be translated into
  - Sama instants  $\mathcal{S}_z = \{t_k^* \mid \phi_k^* = 0\}$
  - Beat instants  $\mathcal{B}_z = \{t_k^* \mid \phi_k^* = i \cdot M_{r^*}/B_{r^*}, i = 1, \dots, B_r\}$
  - Instantaneous tempo track  $(\dot{\phi}_k^*)$
- Two inference schemes
  - Viterbi algorithm
  - Particle filters

# Hidden Markov model

- Discrete state space approximation of the model
- $\dot{\phi} : n \in \{n_{\min}, n_{\min} + 1, n_{\min} + 2, \dots, N - 1, N\}$
- $\phi : m \in \{1, 2, \dots, \lceil M_r \rceil\}$

$$P(n_k | n_{k-1}) = \begin{cases} 1 - p_n & \text{if } n_k = n_{k-1} \\ \frac{p_n}{2} & \text{if } n_k = n_{k-1} \pm 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



- Viterbi algorithm to infer the sequence  $\mathbf{x}_{1:K}^*$
- Good performance needs a fine grid
  - State space size: M.N.R; Large state spaces: scaling issues

Image from F. Krebs, A. Holzapfel, A. T. Cemgil, and G. Widmer (2015). Inferring metrical structure in music using particle filters. IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing, 23(5):817–827.

# Particle filters

- Computing  $P(\mathbf{x}_{1:K} | \mathbf{y}_{1:K})$  is often intractable, but can be estimated point-wise
- Approximate using a weighted set of points (particles) in the state space

$$P(\mathbf{x}_{1:K} | \mathbf{y}_{1:K}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} w_K^{(i)} \delta(\mathbf{x}_{1:K} - \mathbf{x}_{1:K}^{(i)})$$

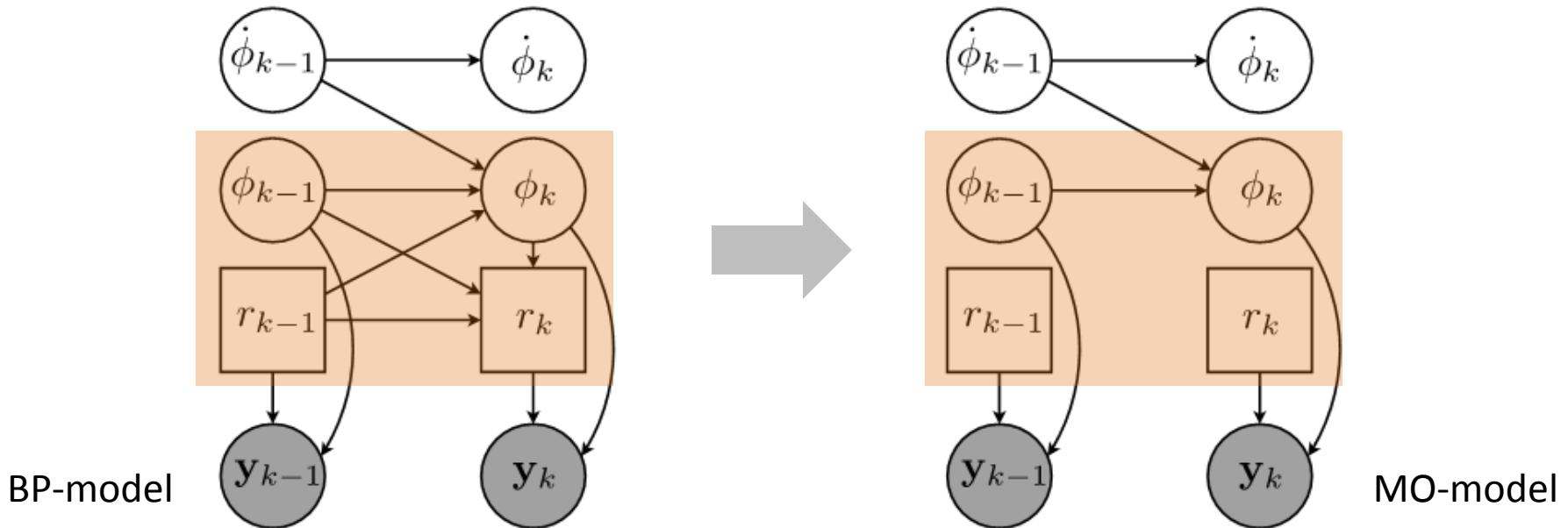
- Sample  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_k^{(i)}$  and compute weights  $w_k^{(i)}$  recursively at each time step
- Auxiliary Mixture Particle Filter (AMPF)

# BP-model: Novel contributions

- Extended and evaluated on Indian art music
- Multiple rhythm patterns evaluated
- Novel extensions - both at model and inference level
  - Mixture Observation model (MO-model)
  - Section Pointer model (SP-model)
  - Inference extensions

# Model extensions: MO-model

- Capture diversity of patterns + faster meter tracking
- Mixture observation model: marginalize over all patterns



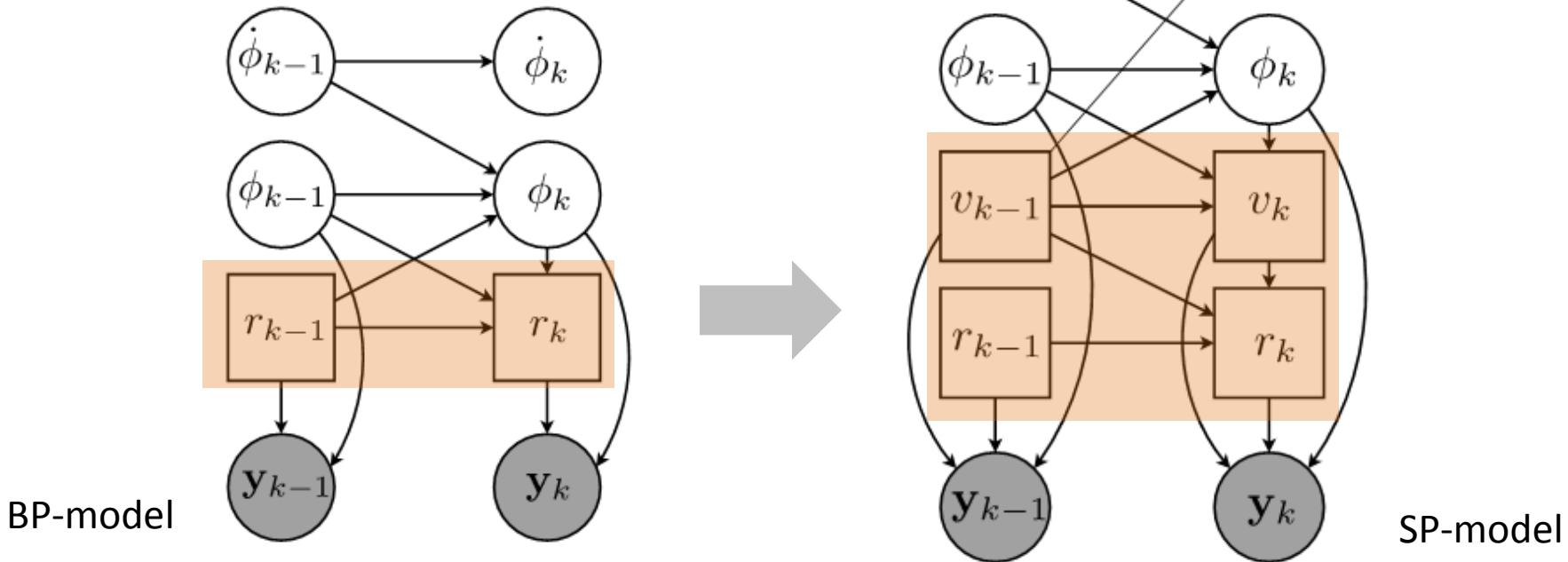
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# Model extensions: SP-model

- Section Pointer model – Generalization of BP-model
  - Track meaningful and shorter sections
  - Section length patterns



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## Experiments and results

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- Meter Inference, tracking and informed tracking
  - For both Carnatic and Hindustani music
- Compare performance across models for Indian music datasets
- Identify limitations of the models and challenges to meter analysis with Bayesian models

# Experimental setup (1)

- Music culture known
  - Analysis done separately on each culture
- Results reported only on CMR, HMR<sub>I</sub>, HMR<sub>s</sub> datasets
  - Hindustani music: also lay informed
- f-measure, InfoGain, AML<sub>t</sub> for beats, f-measure for sama/downbeats
  - 70 ms error margin
  - 6.25% of median IAI: margin for HMR<sub>I</sub> dataset sama tracking
- Tracking and inference – tempo tracking
  - 5% margin, CML and AML

# Experimental setup (2)

- Results reported for single pattern per cycle/section case
  - Average performance over all pieces over three trials
- Tempo range fixed for each dataset *a priori*
- AMPF
  - 1500 particles per rhythm pattern

# Meter inference

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Downbeat/sama f-measure

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	AMPF <sub>0</sub>	0.828	0.834	1.54	0.569	0.714	0.946	63
HMR <sub>I</sub>	HMM <sub>0</sub>	0.338	0.225	0.77	0.280	0.119	0.350	37
	AMPF <sub>0</sub>	0.390	0.427	1.35	0.268	0.350	0.740	27
Blrm.	HMM <sub>0</sub>	0.853	0.910	2.52	0.666	0.755	0.988	91
	AMPF <sub>0</sub>	0.813	0.850	2.15	0.529	0.709	0.957	89

# Meter tracking: BP-model

- Baseline – tracking performance better than inference
- HMM and AMPF equivalent performance

	Algo.	$f_b$	$AML_{t,b}$	$\mathfrak{I}_b$ Bits	$f_s$	Tempo	
						CML	AML
CMR	$HMM_0$	0.784	0.771	1.59	0.624	0.890	0.915
	$AMPF_0$	0.827	0.840	1.97	0.671	0.955	0.997
HMR <sub>s</sub>	$HMM_0$	0.835	0.796	1.39	0.733	0.663	0.830
	$AMPF_0$	0.884	0.858	1.64	0.772	0.844	0.964
HMR <sub>I</sub>	$HMM_0$	0.353	0.305	0.86	0.429	0.294	0.435
	$AMPF_0$	0.374	0.513	1.40	0.396	0.390	0.610
Blm.	$HMM_0$	0.929	0.921	2.78	0.821	0.987	0.989
	$AMPF_0$	0.909	0.895	2.56	0.735	0.98	0.98

# Meter tracking: MO-model (AMPF<sub>m</sub>)

- R=1, equivalent to AMPF<sub>0</sub>
- Performance equivalent to BP-model

Dataset	$f_b$	$AML_{t,b}$	$\mathfrak{I}_b$ Bits	$f_s$	Tempo	
					CML	AML
CMR	0.838	0.840	1.96	0.671	0.958	1.00
HMR <sub>s</sub>	0.886	0.864	1.66	0.783	0.837	0.942
HMR <sub>l</sub>	0.364	0.506	1.39	0.455	0.401	0.554
Ballroom	0.907	0.895	2.56	0.730	0.981	0.981

# Meter tracking: SP-model ( $\text{AMPF}_s$ )

- Ballroom dataset: No musically well defined sections
  - Evaluation only on Indian music datasets
- Sama tracking improves with SP-model
  - Beat tracking also improves, but to a lower extent

Dataset	$f_b$	$\text{AML}_{t,b}$	$\mathcal{I}_b$ Bits	$f_s$	Tempo	
					CML	AML
CMR	0.868	0.879	2.16	0.717	0.958	1.00
HMR <sub>s</sub>	0.924	0.890	1.88	0.850	0.855	0.971
HMR <sub>l</sub>	0.414	0.590	1.63	0.509	0.458	0.644

# Meter tracking: Inference extensions

- No significant improvement over baseline

	Dataset	$f_b$	$AML_{t,b}$	$\mathfrak{I}_b$	$f_s$	Tempo	
				Bits		CML	AML
CMR	AMPF <sub>e</sub>	0.826	0.842	1.97	0.668	0.958	0.997
	AMPF <sub>p</sub>	0.519	0.561	0.67	0.213	0.927	0.969
	AMPF <sub>g</sub>	0.756	0.756	1.51	0.580	0.938	0.98
HMR <sub>s</sub>	AMPF <sub>e</sub>	0.882	0.858	1.64	0.777	0.833	0.935
	AMPF <sub>p</sub>	0.655	0.572	0.59	0.273	0.768	0.822
	AMPF <sub>g</sub>	0.821	0.653	1.25	0.653	0.743	0.895
Blrm.	AMPF <sub>e</sub>	0.908	0.895	2.56	0.734	0.98	0.98
	AMPF <sub>p</sub>	0.631	0.694	1.49	0.322	0.922	0.923
	AMPF <sub>g</sub>	0.831	0.815	2.13	0.579	0.939	0.943

# Tempo informed meter tracking

- Tempo update restricted to 10% range around median tempo from ground truth
- Evaluated with BP-model and SP-model on Indian art music datasets

Dataset	Algo.	$f_b$	$AML_{t,b}$	$\mathfrak{I}_b$	$f_s$
CMR	$\text{AMPF}_0$	0.899	0.952	2.35	0.792
	$\text{AMPF}_s$	0.898	0.950	2.38	0.814
$HMR_s$	$\text{AMPF}_0$	0.939	0.941	1.99	0.882
	$\text{AMPF}_s$	0.943	0.943	2.00	0.918
$HMR_1$	$\text{AMPF}_0$	0.425	0.959	2.76	0.786
	$\text{AMPF}_s$	0.439	0.979	2.83	0.848

# Tempo-sama informed meter tracking

- Tempo range restricted + first instance of sama known
  - Semi-manual annotation of large corpora
- Improved performance over tempo informed tracking

Dataset	Algo.	$f_b$	$\text{AML}_{t,b}$	$\mathfrak{I}_b$	$f_s$
CMR	$\text{AMPF}_0$	0.880	0.943	2.37	0.834
	$\text{AMPF}_s$	0.917	0.946	2.40	0.901
$\text{HMR}_s$	$\text{AMPF}_0$	0.959	0.920	2.02	0.911
	$\text{AMPF}_s$	0.958	0.915	2.01	0.933
$\text{HMR}_1$	$\text{AMPF}_0$	0.530	0.978	2.84	0.99
	$\text{AMPF}_s$	0.542	0.98	2.83	0.99

# Summary of results: Indian art music

	Algo.	ID	$f_b$	$AML_{t,b}$	$\mathfrak{I}_b$ Bits	$f_s$	Tempo	
							CML	AML
Inf.	HMM <sub>0</sub>	1	0.648	0.605	1.21	0.443	0.51	0.72
	AMPF <sub>0</sub>	2	0.730	0.776	1.77	0.505	0.67	0.92
Track	HMM <sub>0</sub>	3	0.707	0.677	1.36	0.618	0.67	0.77
	AMPF <sub>0</sub>	4	0.747	0.774	1.73	0.645	0.79	0.89
	AMPF <sub>m</sub>	5	0.750	0.775	1.73	0.662	0.79	0.88
	AMPF <sub>s</sub>	6	0.779	0.817	1.92	0.704	0.81	0.91
t-Tr.	AMPF <sub>0</sub>	7	0.809	0.950	2.32	0.822	0.99	0.99
	AMPF <sub>s</sub>	8	0.813	0.954	2.35	0.857	1.00	1.00
ts-Tr.	AMPF <sub>0</sub>	9	0.830	0.943	2.35	0.896	1.00	1.00
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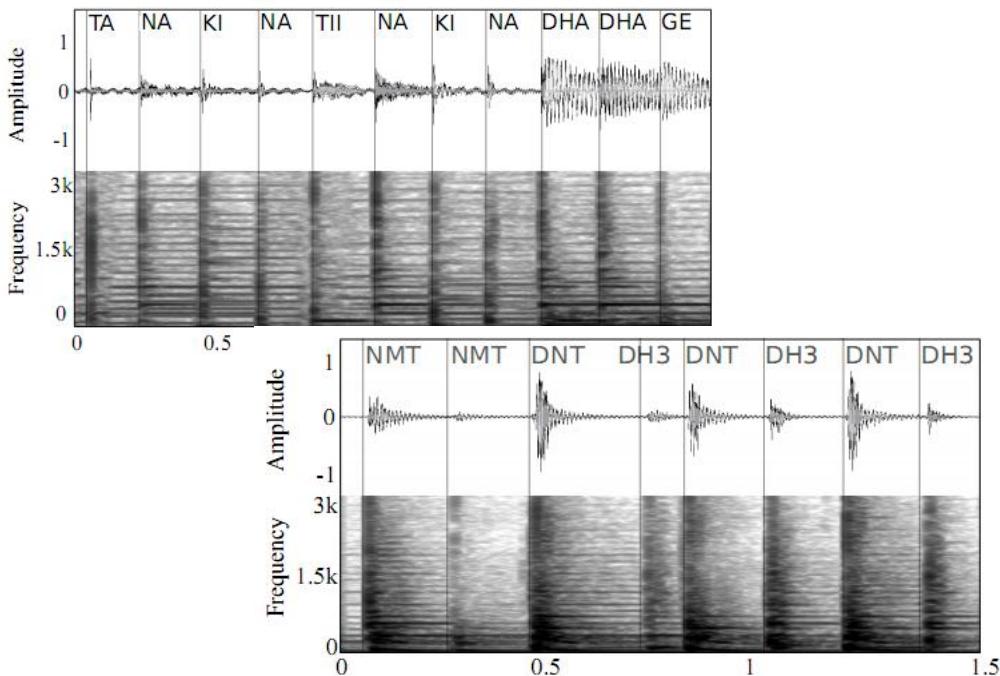
# Some observations

- Extend to full pieces though tested on two min excerpts
- Vilàbit pieces still difficult to track – need better formulation
  - Longer cycle – more scope for improvisation and difficult to track
- Multiple patterns – no significant improvement
  - need better features
- Inference extensions – no additional improvement
- **Section Pointer model** – generalization of all the state of the art models – most promising

# Summary

- Bayesian models – explicitly consider metrical structures:  
**culture-aware data-driven algorithms**
  - Flexible and generalizable to similar metrical structures
  - Need training data
- Bayesian models can be used to impose additional structures
  - Tighter tempo, allow for human errors (skip a beat, e.g.)
- Models assume that tāla does not change
- Using melody based features in addition
  - Richer representations

# Percussion pattern discovery



Chapter 6

## Percussion pattern transcription and discovery

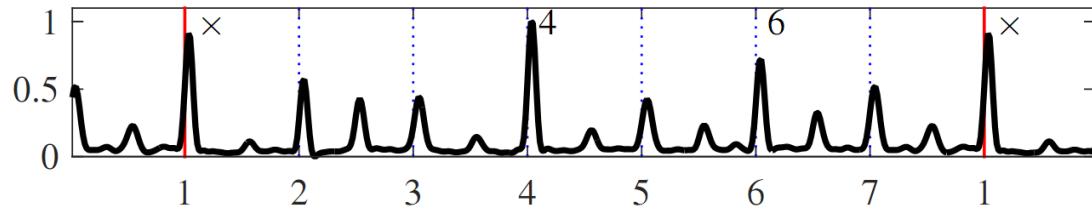
The metaphorical usage of ‘language’ for a musical system is paralleled by a literal usage that refers to the ways in which many drum musics may be represented with spoken syllables.

Kippen and Bel (1989)

Percussion plays an important role in Indian art music with a significant freedom to improvise, leading a wide variety of percussion patterns that help to create multiple layers of rhythm. An analysis of these percussion patterns hence is an important step towards developing rhythm similarity measures. We wish to discover percussion patterns from audio recordings in a data-driven way, while using a musically meaningful representation for percussion patterns.

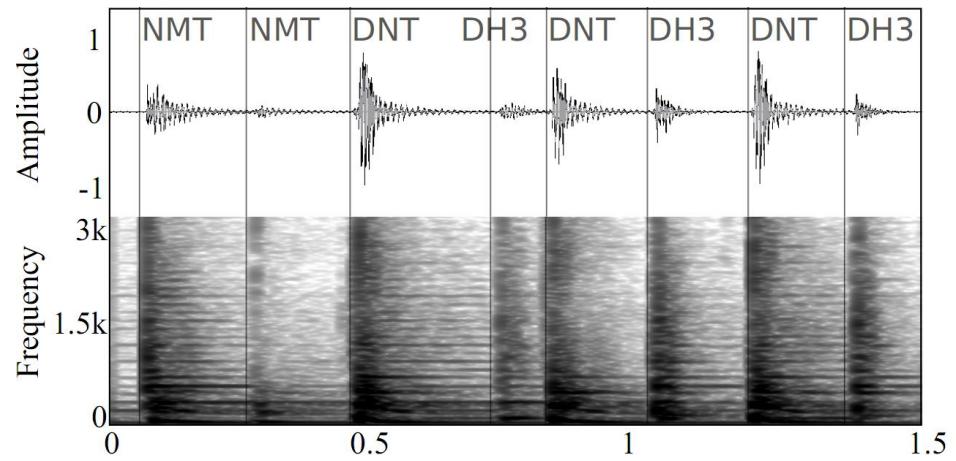
We address the task of percussion pattern discovery in this chapter taking an approach of transcription followed by a search for patterns. The work presented in the chapter is basic and exploratory, and only for demonstrating the utility of a syllabic percussion system in percussion pattern transcription and discovery. Most experi-

# Rhythm and percussion patterns



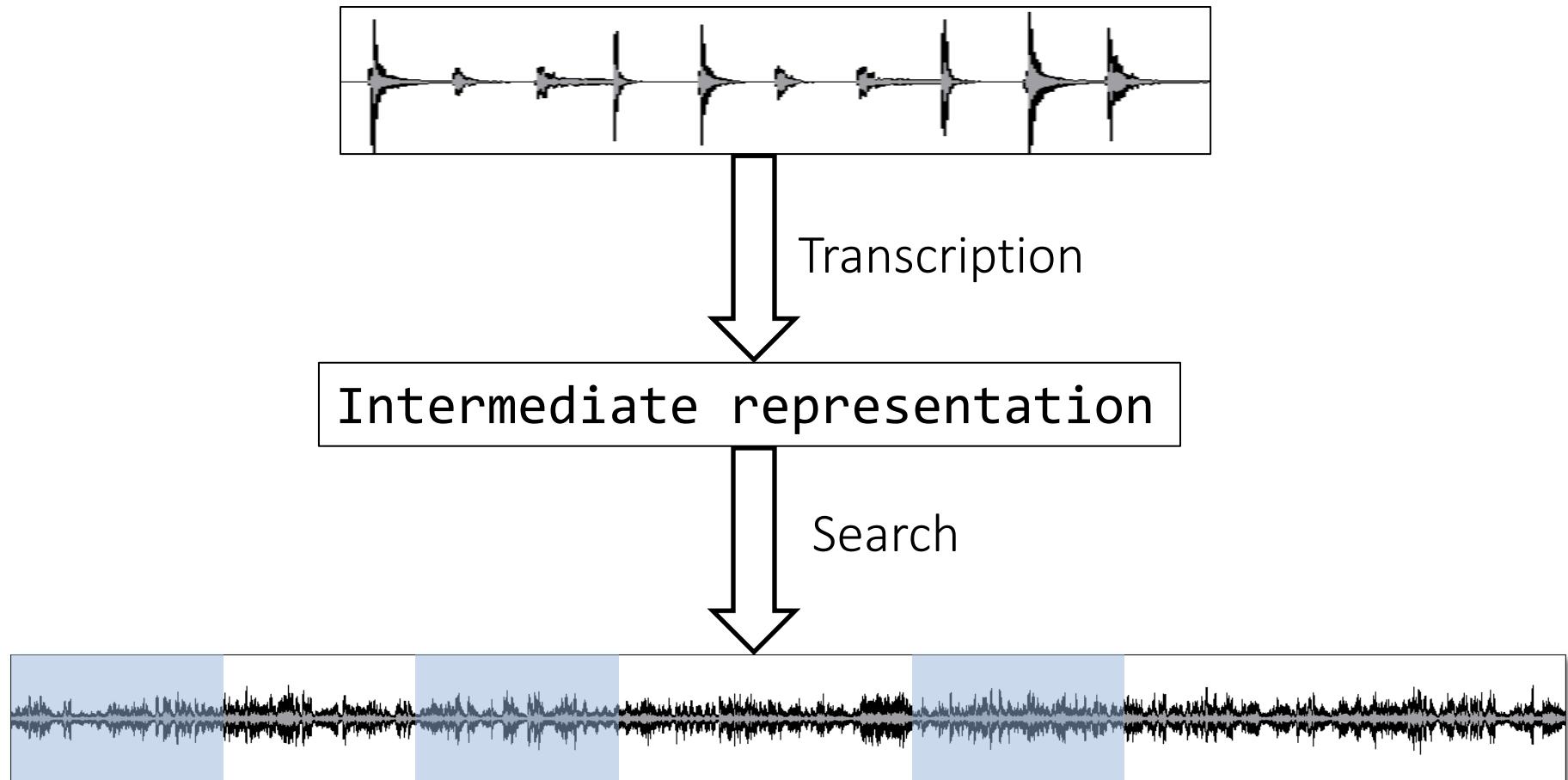
Rhythm pattern

Percussion pattern



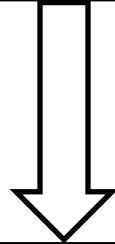
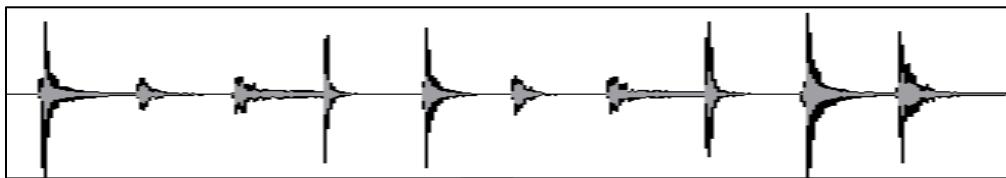
# Percussion pattern discovery

- Pattern discovery: inter- and intra-piece



# Transcription of percussion patterns

- Percussion patterns into constituent syllables
  - Sparser but richer representation
- Patterns – syllable sequences (simplistic!)
  - No timing or dynamics



Transcription

**ti, ra, ki, . . . , ka, di, na**

# The case of Indian art music

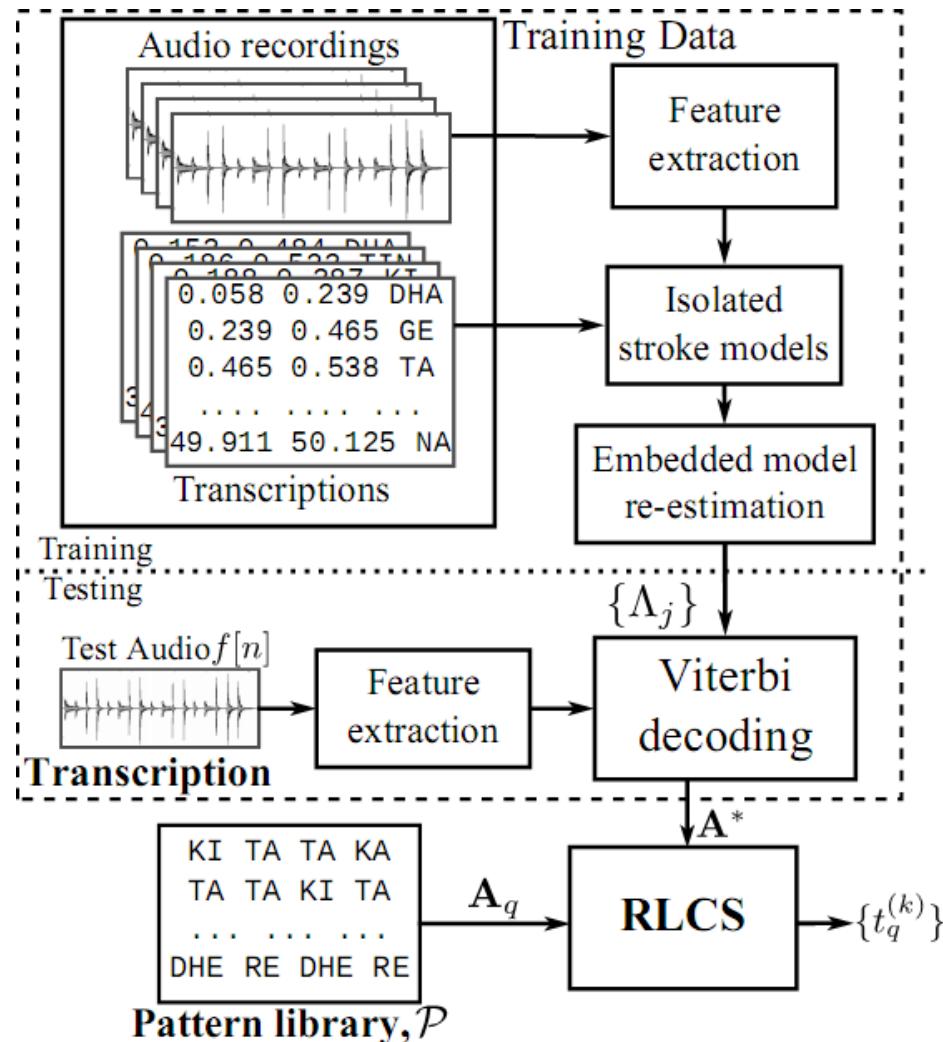
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# Percussion pattern discovery

- Pattern library generation
  - Library of characteristic percussion patterns (query patterns)
  - Score corpus
- Automatic transcription
  - Percussion solo audio recording into a time aligned sequence of syllables
  - Syllable timbre models
- Approximate search
  - Search for the query patterns in the transcribed output syllable sequence
  - Robust to errors in transcription

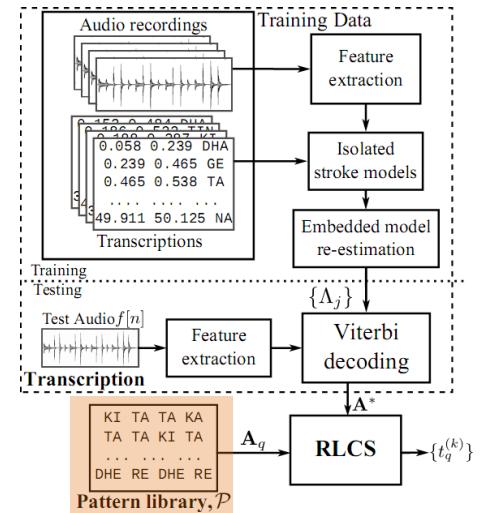
# Pattern discovery: Block diagram



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# Pattern library

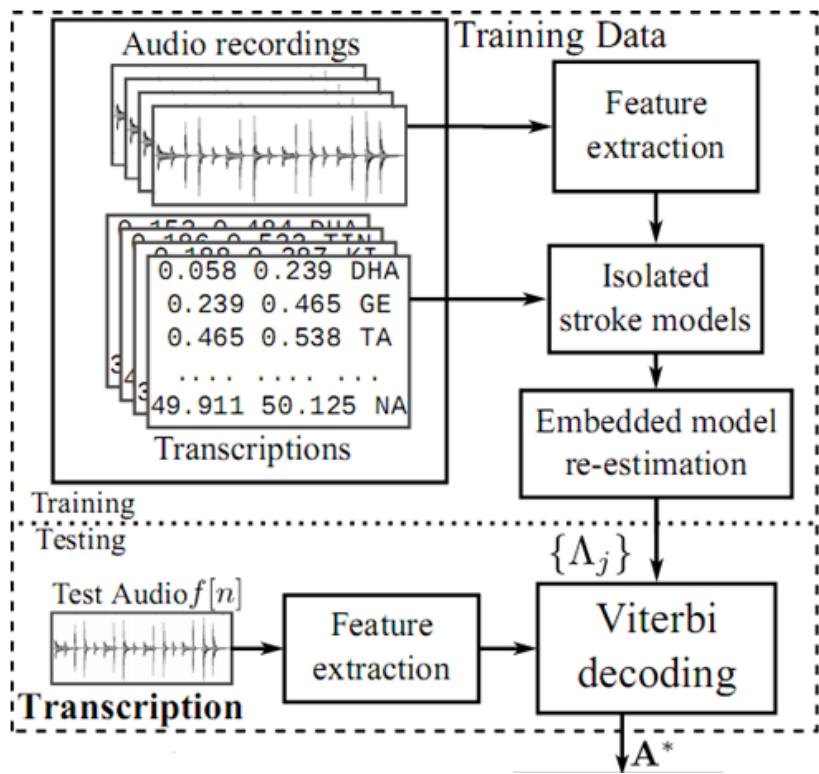
- Most occurring patterns
- Manual select musically representative patterns
- Lengths: 4, 6, 8, 16



ID	Pattern	$L$	Count	ID	Pattern	$L$	Count
$A_1$	DHE, RE, DHE, RE, KI, TA, TA, KI, NA, TA, TA, KI, TA, TA, KI, NA	16	47	$A_1$	DH3, TA, DH3, TA, TH, DH3, TH, TA	8	70
$A_2$	TA, TA, KI, TA, TA, KI, TA, TA, KI, TA, KI, TA, KI, TA, KI, TA	16	10	$A_2$	TA, DH3, TA, TH, DH3, TH, TA, TM	8	69
$A_3$	TA, KI, TA, TA, KI, TA, TA, KI	8	61	$A_3$	DH3, TA, DH3, TA, TH, DH3	6	89
$A_4$	TA, TA, KI, TA, TA, KI	6	214	$A_4$	DH3, TA, TH, DH3, TH, TA	6	70
$A_5$	TA, TA, KI, TA	4	379	$A_5$	TA, TH, DH3, TH, TA, TM	6	69
$A_6$	KI, TA, TA, KI	4	450	$A_6$	DH3, TA, TH, DH3	4	291
$A_7$	TA, TA, KI, NA	4	167	$A_7$	DH3, TA, DH3, TA	4	114
$A_8$	DHA, GE, TA, TA	4	97	$A_8$	TH, DH3, TA, TH	4	102
$A_9$	TA, TH, DH3, TH	4	102				

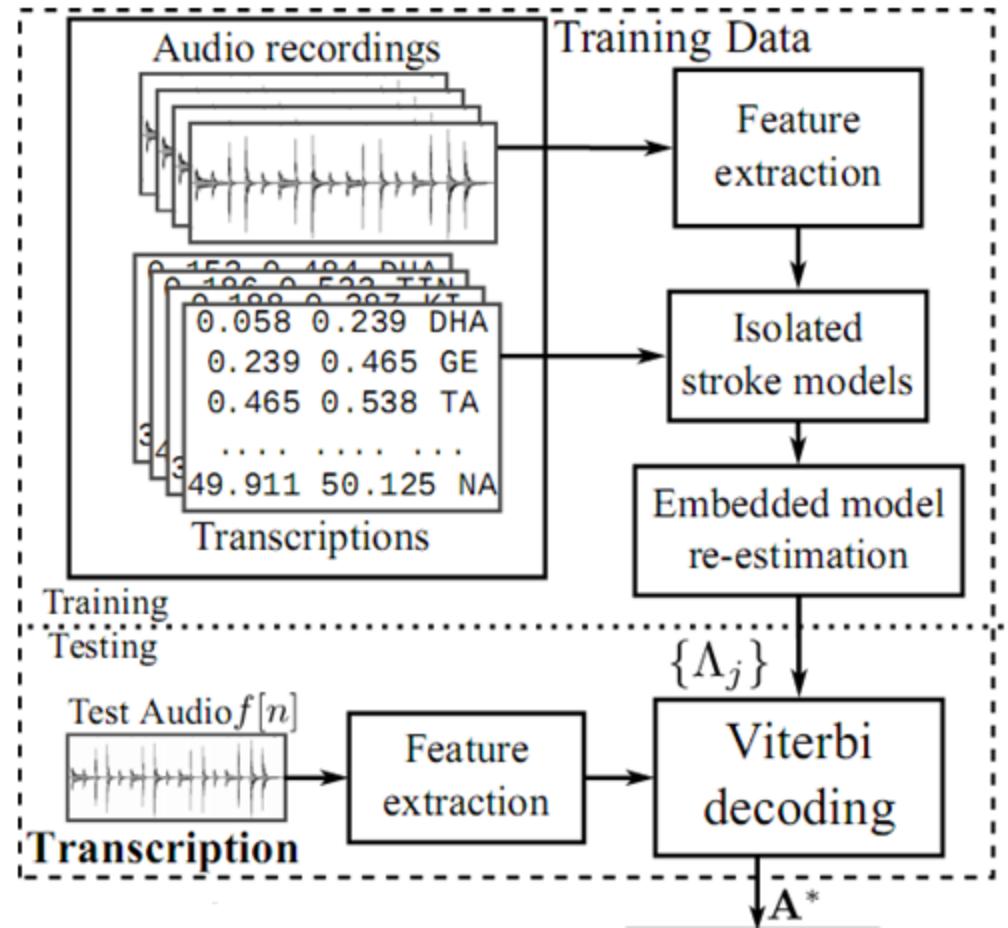
# Automatic transcription

- Analogous to limited vocabulary continuous speech recognition with word models
- Syllable HMMs + language model

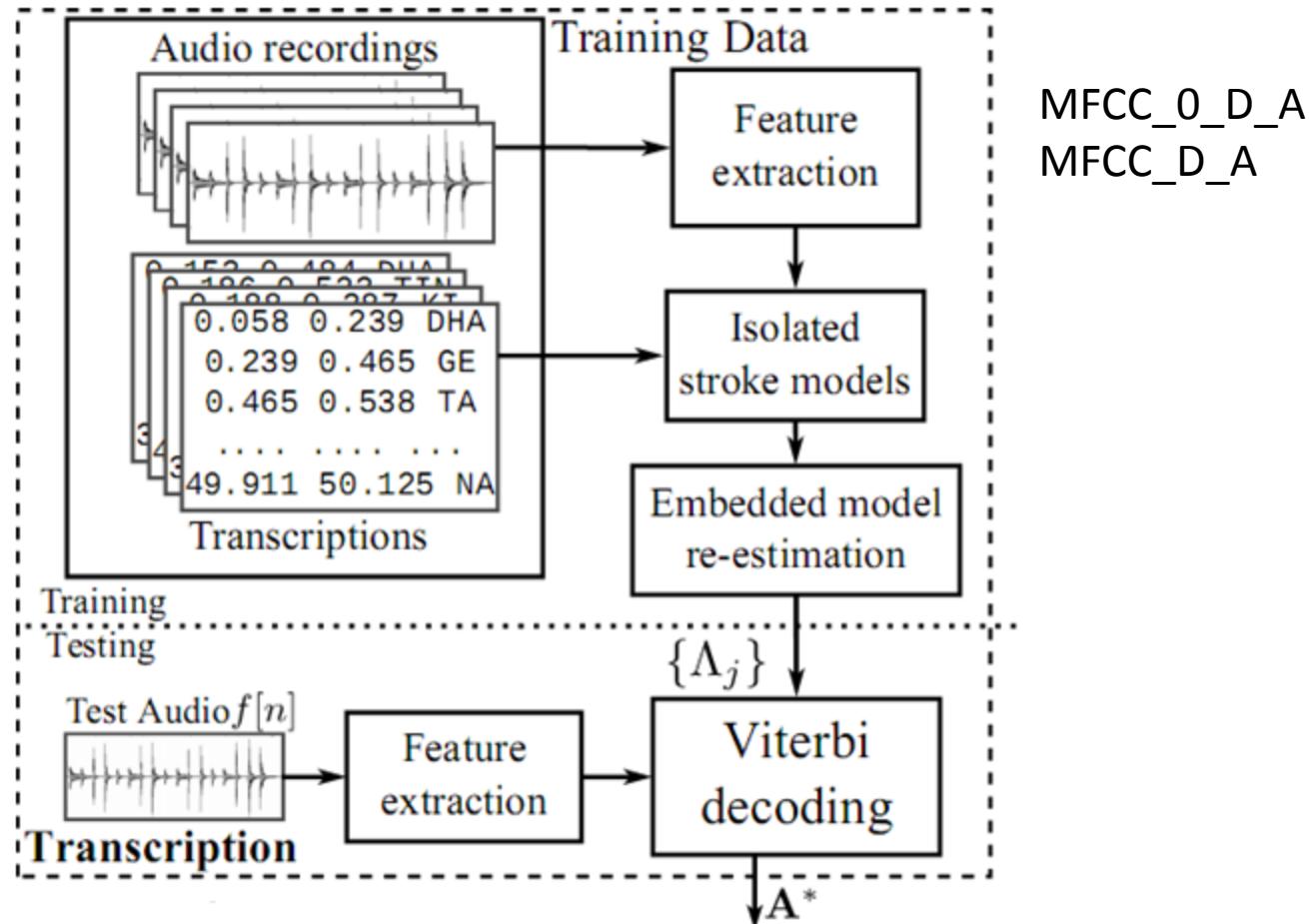


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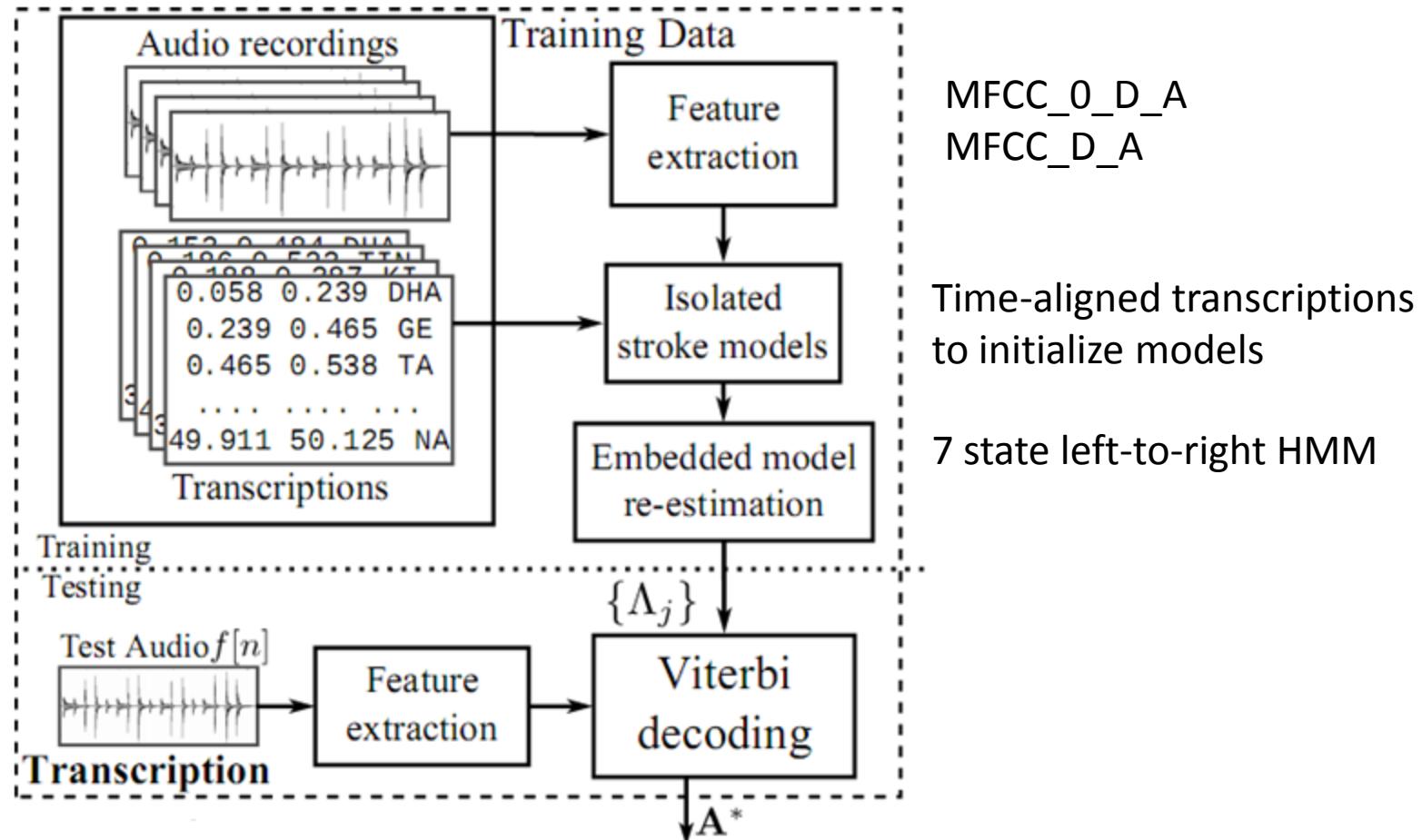
Audio + Transcriptions  
for training



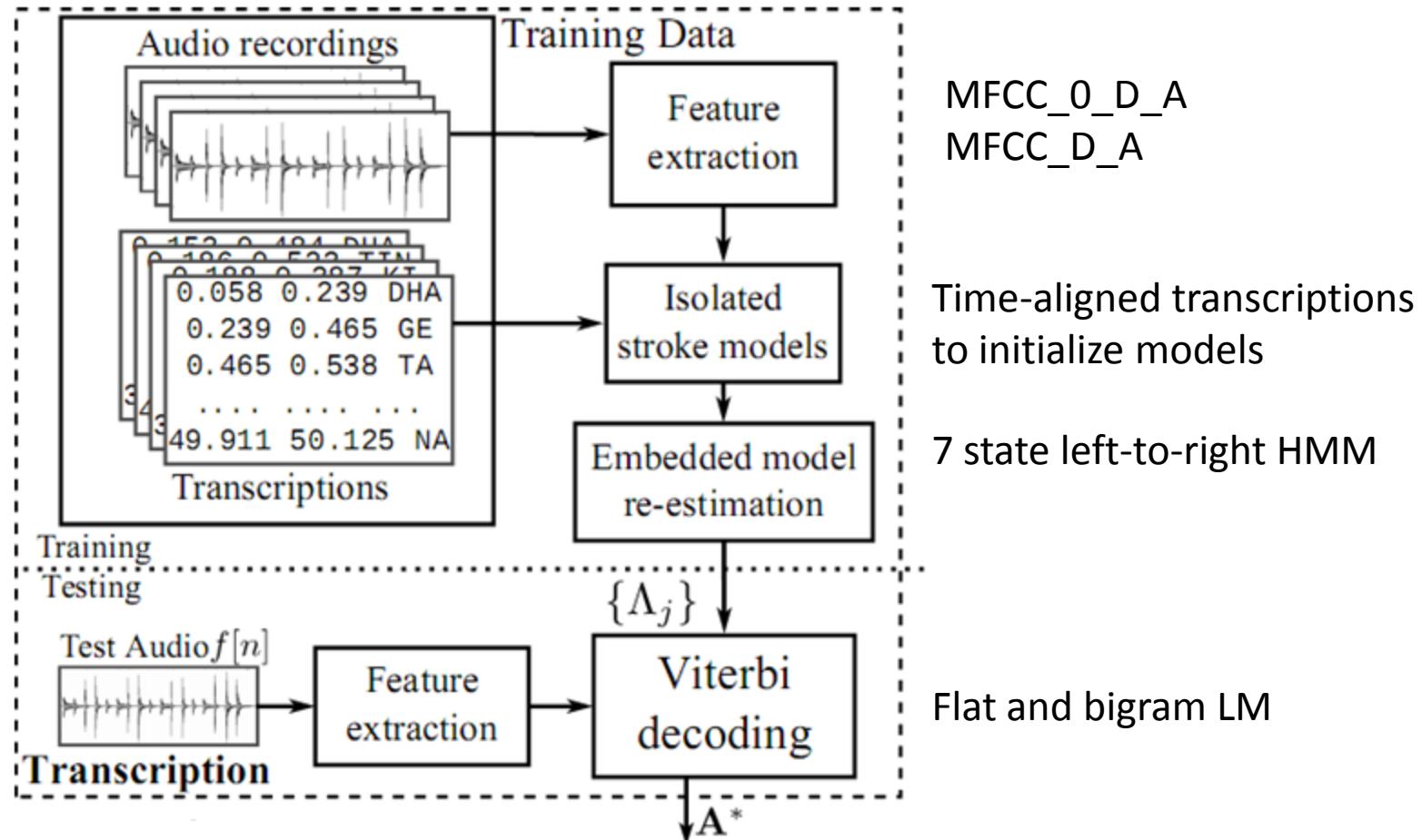
# Automatic transcription



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# Transcription errors

- Substitutions (S), Insertions (I), Deletions (D)
- Approximate string search, e.g. edit distance

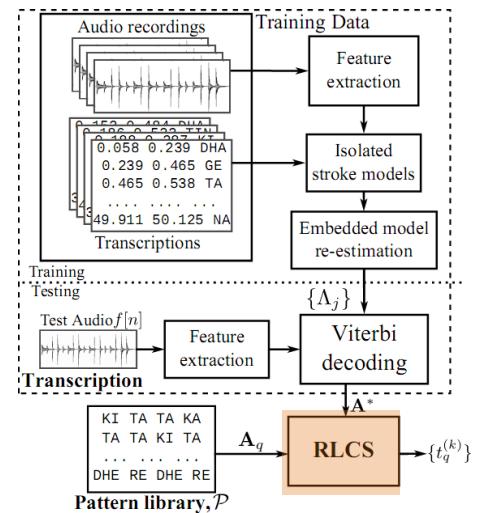
LAB:    ki ta ki na **ki**    dhin    ta ki    na ki    na dhin ta  
REC: **ki** ki ta ki na **na**    dhin **ki** ta ki **ta**    na ki **ta dha** na dhin ta

SENTENCE: @Correct=0.00 [H=0, S=1, N=1]

WORD:        @Corr=92.31, Acc=53.85 [H=12, D=0, **S=1**, **I=5**, N=13]

# Approximate pattern search

- Rough Longest Common Subsequence (RLCS)
  - Robust to transcription errors
  - Multiple occurrences in a composition
- Dynamic Programming based method
  - Cost functions for rough matches
  - Similarity function between syllables
- Variants of RLCS
  - Binary syllable distance measure



# Experiments

- MTS and UMS datasets
  - Isolated stroke model initialization in MTS dataset
- Transcription evaluation measures
  - Correctness       $\mathfrak{C} = \frac{L - D - S}{L}$
  - Accuracy           $\mathfrak{A} = \frac{L - D - S - I}{L}$
- Approximate search evaluation
  - Precision, recall, f-measure (70% overlap)
  - NO accurate boundary estimation

# MTS dataset: Transcription

LM	Feature	Training		Test	
		$\mathfrak{C}$	$\mathfrak{A}$	$\mathfrak{C}$	$\mathfrak{A}$
Flat	MFCC_D_A	67.82	46.05	<u>64.21</u>	37.94
	MFCC_0_D_A	70.63	51.78	<u>66.30</u>	<u>43.86</u>
Bigram	MFCC_D_A	<b>68.50</b>	<b>50.48</b>	<u>65.33</u>	<b>44.10</b>
	MFCC_0_D_A	69.33	46.72	<u>64.49</u>	39.48

Flat initialization

LM	Feature	Training		Test	
		$\mathfrak{C}$	$\mathfrak{A}$	$\mathfrak{C}$	$\mathfrak{A}$
Flat	MFCC_D_A	68.42	52.69	64.07	45.01
	MFCC_0_D_A	68.91	56.78	64.26	49.27
Bigram	MFCC_D_A	70.16	57.83	<u>65.53</u>	<b>49.97</b>
	MFCC_0_D_A	<b>70.71</b>	<b>60.77</b>	<u>66.23</u>	<b>53.13</b>

Time-aligned  
transcripts for  
stroke model  
initialization

# MTS dataset: Pattern search

- Baseline – exact string search
- RLCS – Improved recall with lower precision
  - Improved f-measure
- Different variants of RLCS tested
  - Needs further exploration

Variant	Parameter	Precision ( $\text{p}$ )	Recall ( $\text{r}$ )	f-measure ( $\text{f}$ )
Baseline	-	0.479	0.254	0.332
$\text{RLCS}_0$	$\delta = 0$	0.384	0.395	0.389

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# Summary: MTS dataset

- Best transcription performance: a bigram language model
- RLCS improves over baseline
- RLCS variants did not add much value



# UMS dataset: Transcription

- Best performance: Flat language model + MFCC\_0\_D\_A
- Better performance than on tabla dataset

LM	Feature	Training		Test	
		C	A	C	A
Flat	MFCC_D_A	76.66	59.43	74.08	55.64
	MFCC_0_D_A	<b>76.63</b>	<b>63.79</b>	<b>74.13</b>	<b>60.23</b>
Bigram	MFCC_D_A	78.12	57.69	75.90	54.02
	MFCC_0_D_A	78.78	60.54	76.50	57.38

# UMS dataset: Pattern search

- Baseline – exact string search
- RLCS0-1: Best f-measure
  - High RLCS score threshold: equivalent to exact search
- RLCS0-2: Best recall

Variant	Parameter	Precision ( $\text{p}$ )	Recall ( $\text{r}$ )	f-measure ( $\text{f}$ )
Baseline	-	0.902	0.492	0.637
$\text{RLCS}_0$ -1	$\delta = 0$	0.902	0.492	0.637
$\text{RLCS}_0$ -2	$\delta = 0$	0.258	0.762	0.386

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- Baseline – exact string search
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  - High RLCS score threshold: equivalent to exact search
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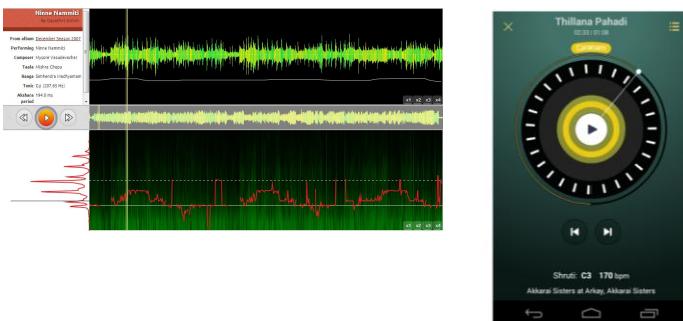
# Summary

- Transcription performance better than that for tabla
  - Language model does not help much
- RLCS does not add much value here
- Nature of data
  - Pieces are very short
  - Pieces and patterns are of the same order of length

# Percussion pattern discovery: Summary

- Preliminary experiments – need further exploration
  - More data to be added to MTS and UMS datasets
- Comprehensive pattern definition
  - Include dynamics and timing
- Improve pattern boundaries
  - Onset detection
- Better RLCS
  - Timbral syllable similarity measures

# Summary and conclusions



Chapter 7

## Applications, Summary and Conclusions

The outcome of any serious research can only be to make two questions grow where only one grew before.

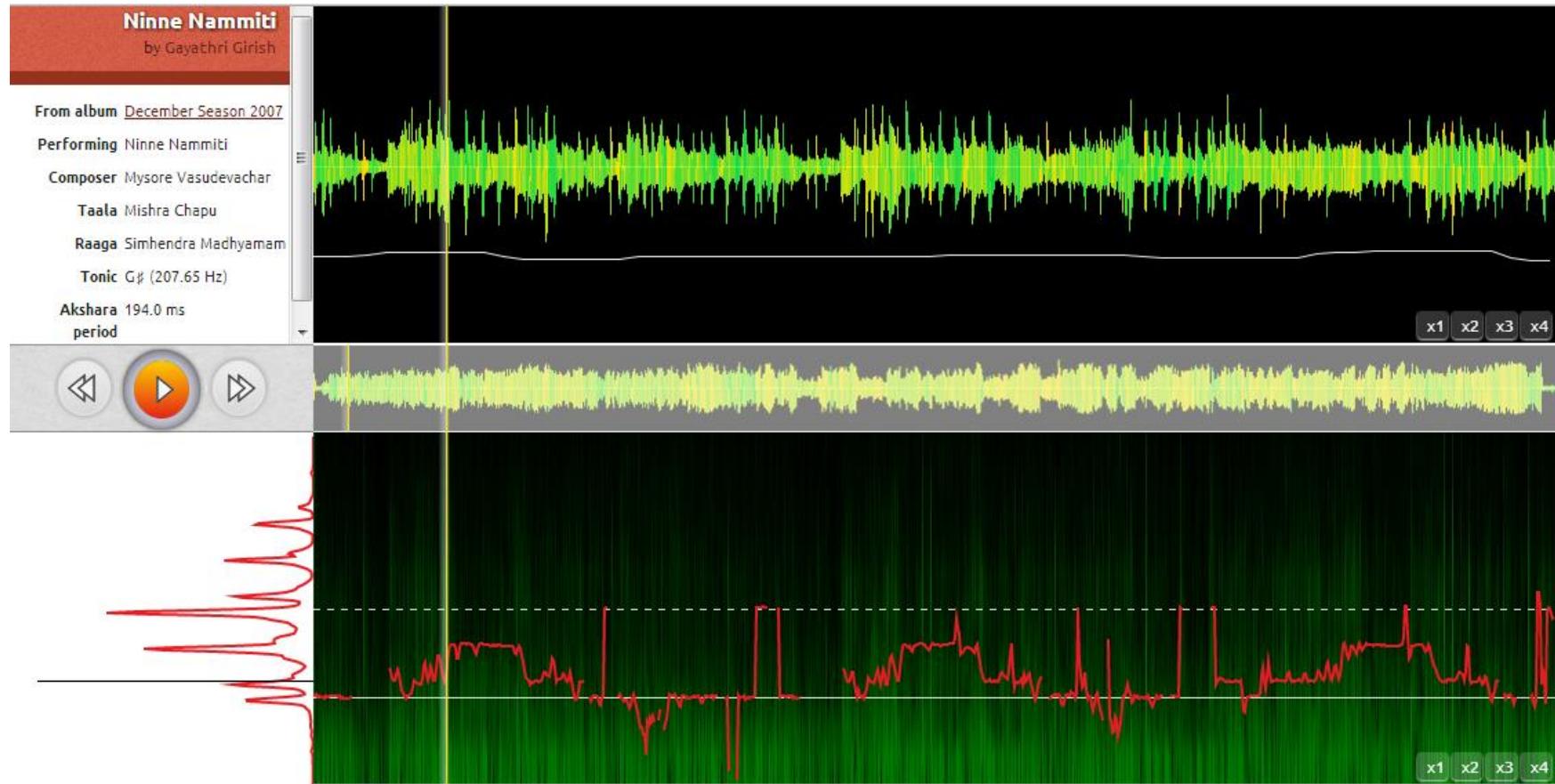
Thorstein Veblen (1908)

The concluding chapter of the dissertation aims to present some concrete applications of the rhythm analysis approaches and results presented in the previous chapters. It is followed by a summary of the work presented in the dissertation, along with some key results and conclusions. The thesis opens up a host of open problems - pointers and directions for future work based on the thesis form the last part of the chapter.

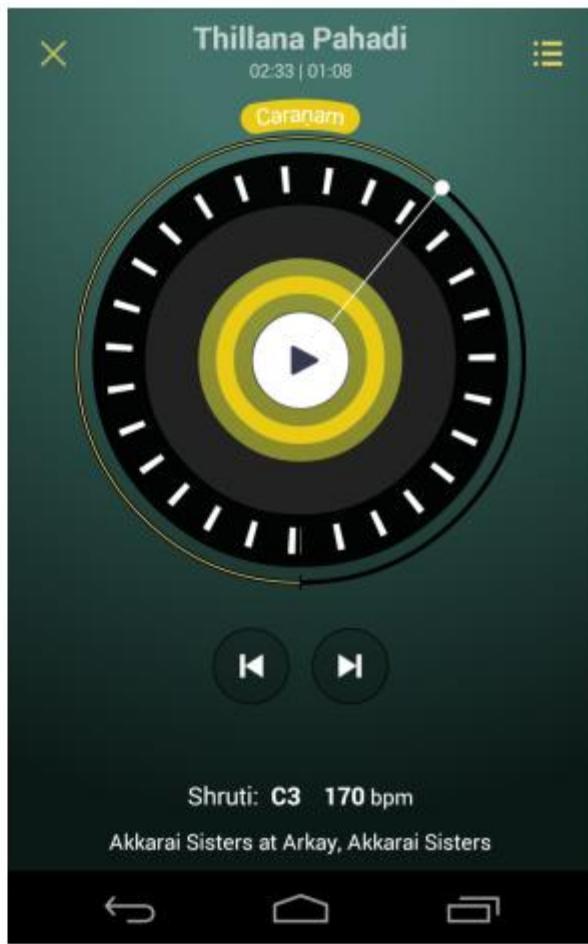
### 7.1 Applications

There are several applications for the research work presented in the dissertation. Some of these applications have already been identified in Chapter 1 and Chapter 3. The goal of this section is to present concrete examples of such applications, and further suggest other applications that might be built or get benefited from the work presented here. The section describes some of the applications that

# Applications: Dunya



# Applications: Sarāga



# Contributions: Data corpora

- Sam/a and beat/mātra annotations in
  - Carnatic Music Rhythm (CMRf) dataset (16.6 hours)
  - Hindustani Music Rhythm (HMR) dataset (5 hours)
- Sam/a annotations in
  - Carnatic Creative Commons music collection (41 hours)
  - Hindustani Creative Commons music collection (43 hours)
- Percussion datasets
  - Mulgaonkar Tabla Solo (MTS) dataset (17 minutes)
  - Jingju percussion instrument dataset (3000 examples)
  - Jingju percussion patterns dataset (22 minutes)

# Technical and scientific contributions (1)

- Identification of challenges and opportunities in automatic rhythm analysis of Indian art music
- Identification of relevant automatic rhythm analysis research problems in Indian art music
- An engineering formulation of meter analysis and percussion pattern discovery in Indian art music
- An illustrative evaluation of Carnatic and Hindustani research corpora
- Illustrative rhythm analysis of annotated rhythm datasets of Carnatic and Hindustani music

# Technical and scientific contributions (2)

- Bayesian methods for meter analysis in Indian art music
  - Novel extensions to the bar pointer model
- Percussion pattern discovery from percussion solos in Indian art music
  - Syllabic percussion systems, timbre mapping

# Publications (1)

## Peer-reviewed journals

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- Srinivasamurthy, A., Holzapfel, A., Cemgil, A. T., & Serra, X. (2015, October). Particle Filters for Efficient Meter Tracking with Dynamic Bayesian Networks. In *Proceedings of the 16th International Society for Music Information Retrieval Conference (ISMIR 2015)* (pp. 197–203). Malaga, Spain.
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- Srinivasamurthy, A., Subramanian, S., Tronel, G., & Chordia, P. (2012, July). A Beat Tracking Approach to Complete Description of Rhythm in Indian Classical Music. In Proceedings of the 2nd CompMusic Workshop (pp. 72–78). Istanbul, Turkey.

# Publications (3)

## Articles under preparation

- **Srinivasamurthy, A., Holzapfel, A., Ganguli, K. K., & Serra, X.** Computational Rhythm analysis of a Hindustani Music Corpus (under preparation)
  
- **Srinivasamurthy, A., Holzapfel, A., & Serra, X.** Bayesian models for meter analysis in Indian art music. (under preparation)

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# Examples, datasets and code

## ▼ EXAMPLES

- A resource page for Carnatic tālas
  - A resource page for Hindustani tāls
  - A resource page for Turkish usuls
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## ▼ DATASETS

All the datasets built within CompMusic can be found here:

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Some of the datasets more extensively used in the thesis are linked below:

- Carnatic Music Rhythm (CMR) dataset
- Hindustani Music Rhythm (HMR) dataset
- Mulgaonkar Tabla Solo (MTS) dataset
- UKS Mridangam Solo (UMS) dataset
- Jingju Percussion Instrument (JPI) dataset
- Jingju Percussion Pattern (JPP) dataset

## ▼ CODE

- Essentia audio analysis library: <http://essentia.upf.edu/>
- Dunya API: <https://github.com/MTG/pycompmusic>
- Dunya server and back end: <https://github.com/MTG/dunya>
- A MATLAB package for meter analysis (maintained by Florian Krebs): <https://github.com/flokadillo/bayesbeat>
- A MATLAB/Python package for percussion pattern transcription using the HTK and RLCS: <https://github.com/swarnilgt/percPatternDiscovery>
- A MATLAB package for beat tracking evaluation (maintained by Matthew Davies): <https://code.soundsoftware.ac.uk/projects/beat-evaluation>
- Rhythm analysis tools for jingju, from the tutorial in ISMIR 2014: <http://compmusic.upf.edu/jingju-tutorial>
- Sawaal-Jawaab Code and Demo: <http://compmusic.upf.edu/ismir-15-hacks>
- BeatStation, an interface to record beat tapping (first developed by Marius Miron, extension to Carnatic music by Ajay Srinivasamurthy): <https://github.com/ajaysmurthy/beatStation>

# Results: Audio examples

## ▼ RESULTS

### METER ANALYSIS

Some audio examples of meter analysis are here: <http://dunya.compmusic.upf.edu/ajay-thesis/examplesPage.htm>

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### PERCUSSION PATTERN DISCOVERY

Some audio examples of percussion pattern discovery are here (examples generated with the help of Swapnil Gupta): <http://dunya.compmusic.upf.edu/ajay-thesis tablaExamples.htm>

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### AUDIO FEATURES

The examples below are a sonification of the spectral flux using a sawtooth signal of 800Hz with an amplitude envelope of the spectral flux feature used in the thesis. An audible click is also present at the true location of the sama (downbeat). The tracks are stereo: left and right channels have the spectral flux from low and high frequency bands, respectively.

Brochevarevarura in adi tala ([MusicBrainz](#))



Sri Mahaganapati in mishra chapu tala ([MusicBrainz](#))



# Meter analysis results (audio examples)

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The page lists some audio examples of automatic meter analysis in both Carnatic and Hindustani music. Click on each example to expand and listen to outputs of different meter analysis algorithms.

The audio examples have audible clicks marking the different events of the tala. Each track has a high frequency (2000 Hz) loud click at the sama, a lower frequency (1500 Hz) click at the anga/vibhaag boundaries, and a low frequency (1000 Hz) click at each beat of the tala.

The abbreviations correspond to the different algorithms presented in the thesis - Ground Truth: Manually annotated beats, Inf-AMPFo: Meter Inference with AMPF0, Track-AMPFo: Meter tracking with AMPF0, Track-AMPFm: Meter tracking with AMPFm, Track-AMPFs: Meter tracking with AMPFs, tInfTrack-AMPFo: Tempo-informed meter tracking with AMPF0, tInfTrack-AMPFs: Tempo-informed meter tracking with AMPFs, tsInfTrack-AMPFo: Tempo-sama-informed meter tracking with AMPF0, tsInfTrack-AMPFs: Tempo-sama-informed meter tracking with AMPFs.

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The Carnatic examples are from CMR dataset

## ► Carnatic Music

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The Hindustani examples are from HMRs and HMRI datasets

## ► Hindustani Music

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**Shankari Neeve in rupaka tala ([MusicBrainz](#))** ▾

- Ground Truth



- Inf-AMPFo



- Track-AMPFo



- Track-AMPFm



- Track-AMPFs



- tInfTrack-AMPFo



- tInfTrack-AMPFs



# Percussion pattern discovery results (audio examples from tabla solo dataset)

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The page lists some audio examples of percussion pattern discovery in tabla solo recordings. Click on each example to expand and listen to discovered patterns for each example. All the compositions are taken from Shades of Tabla by Pandit Arvind Mulagonkar, which was also used for experiments in the thesis.

For each composition, the complete audio recording of the composition is shown, along with some pattern examples discovered from the recordings using RLCS\_0 algorithm. The numbers in parentheses for each example denotes the time location in the recording where the pattern was discovered.

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## Composition-1 (Dilli gharana, a quayda in tryasra jati teentaal, composed by Ustad Sidhar Khan Dhadi) ([Link to MusicBrainz](#)) ▾

- Audio recording of the whole composition



- Pattern DHA-GE-TA-TA Example-1 (9.77-10.41)



<http://dunya.compmusic.upf.edu/ajay-thesis/tablaExamples.htm>

- Pattern DHA-GE-TA-TA Example-2 (23.95 - 24.93)



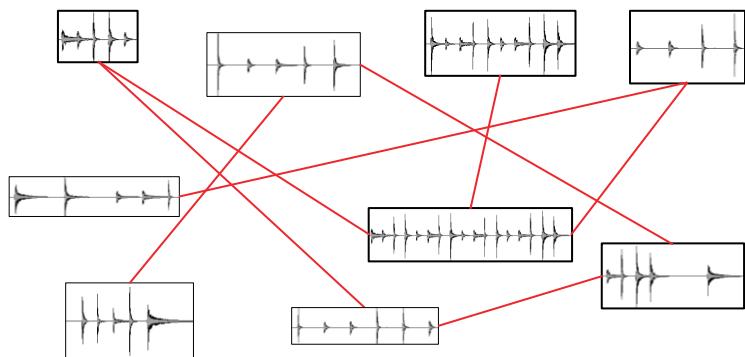
- Pattern DHA-GE-TA-TA Example-3 (21.63 - 22.63)



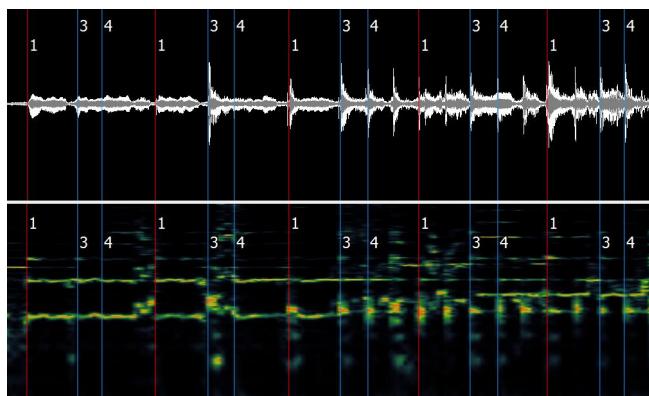
# Impact and personal comments

- Broad topics – first thesis!
  - Some experiments are exploratory
- New research problems identified in Indian art music
  - Good quality representative corpora for data-driven research
- CompMusic impact
  - Multiple collaborations with engineers, musicians, musicologists and music listeners

# Many open ends!

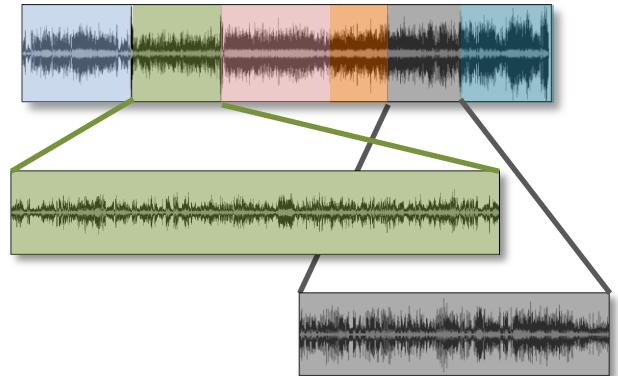


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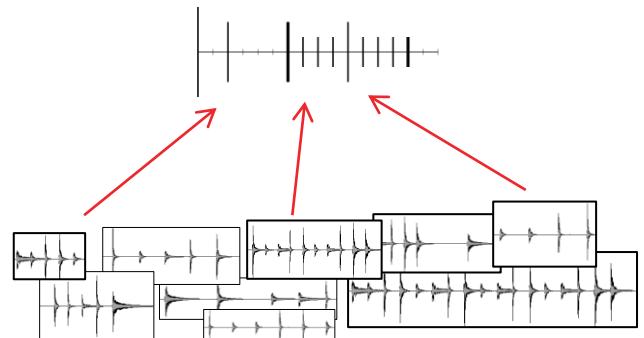


Meter analysis

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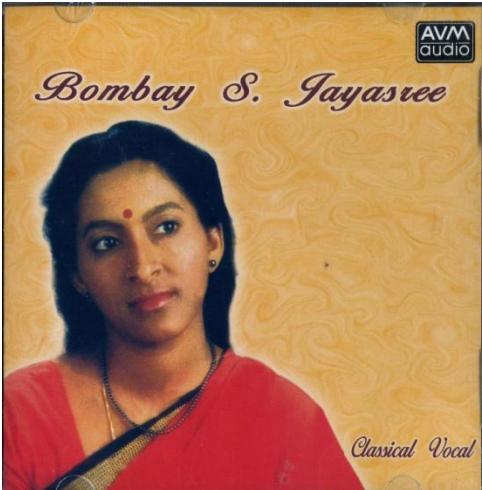
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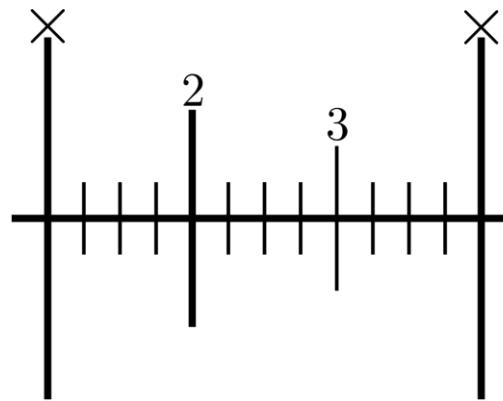
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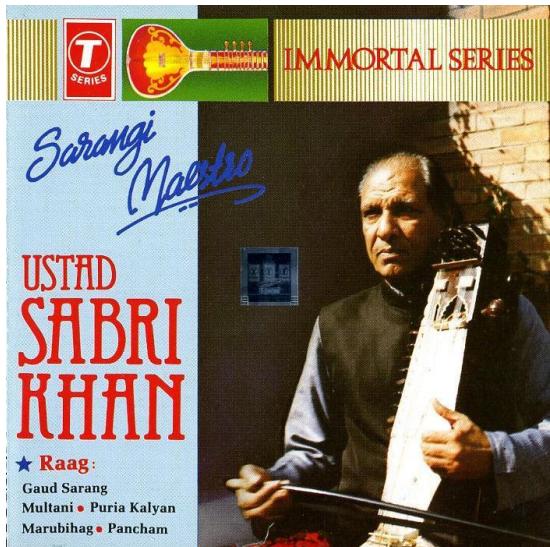
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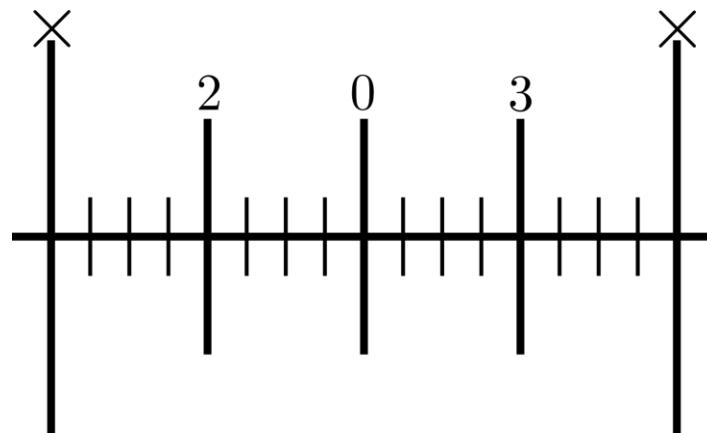
Artist: Bombay Jayasree (vocal)  
Release: Classical Vocal  
Composition: Śaṅkari nīvē  
Composer: Subbaraya Sastry  
Rāga: Bēgada  
Tāla: Rūpaka (Cycle of 12 akṣara)



# Meter analysis example: Hindustani



Artist: Sabri Khan (sarangi)  
 Release: Immortal Series: Sarangi Maestro  
 Composition: Raga Pancham  
 Rāga: Pancham  
 Tāla: Tintal (Cycle of 16 matra)



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