# Emotions in Drama - Project Report

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### Emotions in German Dramas from 1650-1815

Emotions are crucial for dramaturgy, for characterization of characters, for the anthropology of the texts, and for the intended effect.

Approximately 400 dramas, of which 60 are non-canonized



Daniel Chodowiecki: 12 Kupferstiche zu "Minna von Barnhelm" 1770 [copperplate engravings]

#### **Aspects**

- frequency and distribution of single emotions
- emotions in the course of action
- emotions and specific text types or parts (beginnings/endings; speeches/stages, vocal numbers)

#### Categories of literary history

- gender, family role, status
- genre
- literary periods

### **Set of Emotions**

- Emotions of affection / Zuneigung
  - desire / Lust (+)
  - love / Liebe (+)
  - friendship / Freundschaft (+)
  - admiration, reverence / Verehrung, Bewunderung (+)
- Emotions of pleasure / Freude und Glück
  - joy / Freude (+)
  - Schadenfreude (+)
- Emotions of anxiety / Angst und Sorge
  - fear / Angst (-)
  - despair / Verzweiflung (-)
- Emotions of rejection / Ablehnung
  - anger / Ärger (-)
  - abhorrence / Abscheu, Wut, Hass (-)
- Emotions of suffering and empathy / Leid
  - suffering / Leid (-)
  - compassion / Mitleid (-)
- no main class
  - being moved / emotionale Bewegtheit (undetermined)

#### **Emotions of characters**

- that they experience or that are attributed to them), not: emotions that recipients should feel.
- can occur in dramas as spoken text or stage directions.

Annotation at the token, sentence, and speech level, 17 dramas, 20,297 emotion annotations with an average length of about 25 tokens.

#### Annoation of Emotion context

Source/target; experiencer, attributing instance, negation, disguise

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# Computational Emotion Classification

#### Recent Results:

Sentence-based classification: 90% polarity, 75% main emotion class, 67% sub-emotions (Schmidt, Dennerlein & Wolff, 2021)

Best model: gbert-large (Chan et al., 2020)

#### Current Tasks:

Addition and preparation of:

Structural information (act, scenes, stage directions vs speeches)

Semantic information (gender)

Text unit size

```
<sp who="#mutter">
    <speaker>MUTTER</speaker>
    <stage> lächelnd.</stage>
    Dann müßt ich du sein!
</sp>
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## Computational Emotion Classification

#### Current tasks:

Integration of no-annotation class Multi-step classification

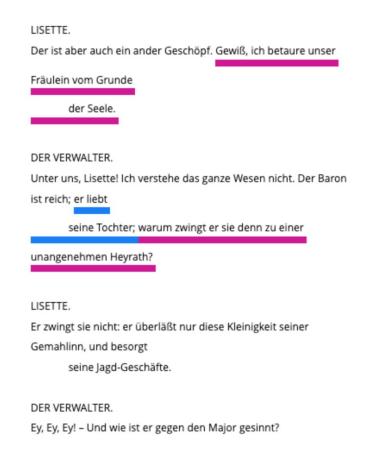
Text unit



Binary classification: Annotated vs Not annotated



**Emotion classification** 

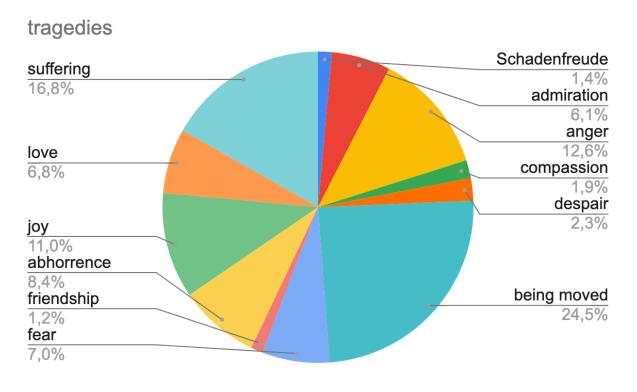


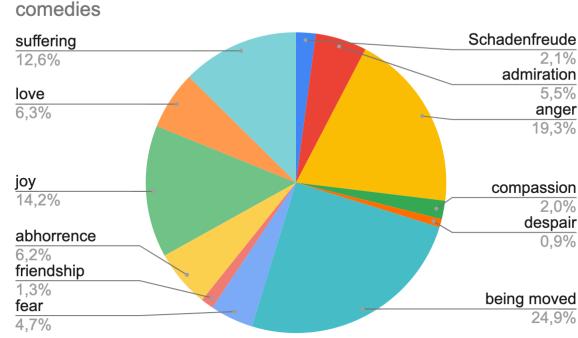
How to interpret differences between genres?

Distribution of classification categories for the sub-emotions in tragedies.

Distribution of classification	
categories for the sub-emotion	ons in

genre	number of plays	number of sentences	number of tokens
comedies	153	203,796	2,352,356
tragedies	103	202,514	2,358,408
overall	256	406,310	4,710,764





'suffering' and 'fear': 23.8% for the tragedies

'suffering' and 'fear': 17.3% for the comedies

# Significance Tests

### What do we define as sample?

file	text	pre1_base_polarity
GerDracor/schlegel-	Cathrine, Philinte.	emotional moveme
GerDracor/schlegel-	Ich glaube doch bald, gnädige Frau, wir Frauenzimmer als die Mannspersonen, wenn wir an ihrer Stelle wären	negative
GerDracor/schlegel-	Die Begierde zu verführen, muß doch gleich in den Mannskleidern stecken.	negative
GerDracor/schlegel-	Wie würden sie sonst auf den Einfall gerathen, sich für Julianens Liebhaber zu erklären.	emotional moveme
GerDracor/schlegel-	Ich finde es aber nöthig, und ich sehe tausend Gelegen und ihr Schicksal noch zu verschlimmern.	negative
GerDracor/schlegel-	Ihr Schicksal dauert mich, aber es wird dadurch nicht so	negative
GerDracor/schlegel-	Vielleicht kann ich eben dadurch einen Weg finden, ihrem Mann, zeigen, wie übel er mit ihr umgeht.	negative
GerDracor/schlegel-	Fangen sie es an: so mögen sie hernach auch sehen, v	negative
GerDracor/schlegel-	Ich darf Julianen sicher von Liebe vorsagen, ohne zu fü meinen Worten halten möchte.	positive
GerDracor/schlegel-	Sie ist Wie soll ihnen aber das alles endlich helfen, ihre bekommen?	negative
GerDracor/schlegel-	Du siehst mehr als zu sehr, wie verliebt Nicander in Juli	positive

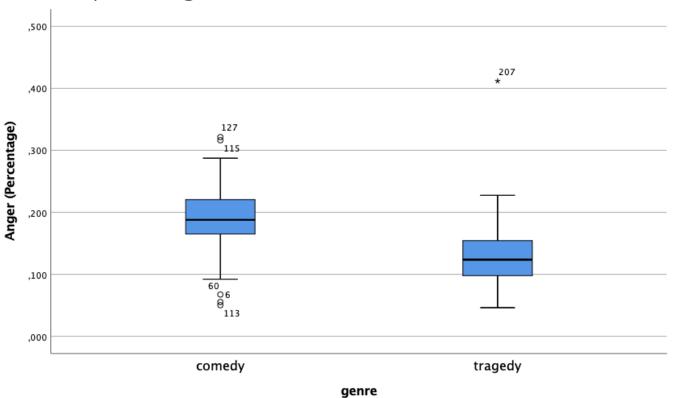
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file	genre	bp_negative_abs	bp_positive_abs	bp_em1_abs
GerDracor/lenz-die-freunde-machen-den-philoso	comedy	410	273	154
GerDracor/tieck-prinz-zerbino.xml	comedy	2195	1524	606
GerDracor/hafner-maegera-die-foerchterliche-hex	comedy	742	369	172
GerDracor/ayrenhoff-der-postzug.xml	comedy	652	616	206
GerDracor/schink-hanswurst-von-salzburg-mit-de	comedy	597	274	50
GerDracor/wieland-alceste.xml	comedy	371	271	81
kasperl/Perinet_Baarfuss.xml	comedy	796	493	206
GerDracor/brentano-ponce-de-leon.xml	comedy	1539	1082	491
TextGrid/-Ein_ander_lustig_Pickelherings_Spiel.x	comedy	131	76	22
GerDracor/meisl-der-lustige-fritz.xml	comedy	531	371	133
GerDracor/raimund-der-barometermacher-auf-de	comedy	654	573	218
GerDracor/platen-die-verhaengnisvolle-gabel.xml	comedy	653	265	135

Speech-based

Play-based

# Significance Tests

### Example: Anger



No normal distribution according to Shapiro Wilk test

Significant difference (p < 0.0001, U=2422, Z=-9.393) according to a Mann Whitney U test.

Effect size (r): 0.59 (strong effect according to Cohen, 1992)

# Significance Tests

Significant differences with varying effects for most types (p-value correction via Bonferroni)

Strongest effects for suffering, fear, despair and anger

Significant results but low differences descriptively

Sub-emotion	р	r
suffering	< 0.0001	0.52
love	0.005	0.17
fear	< 0.0001	0.56
joy	< 0.0001	0.44
abhorrence	< 0.0001	0.38
admiration	0.371	0.05
Schadenfreude	< 0.0001	0.39
Being moved	0.001	0.20
friendship	0.983	0.00
despair	< 0.0001	0.69
compassion	0.933	0.05
anger	< 0.0001	0.59

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#### Mehr Informationen zum Projekt:

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### ,Emotion' - Definition

Following Schwarz-Friesel we understand emotions as

[...] multidimensional, internally represented and subjectively experienced syndrome categories, which can be registered by the individual ego-related and introspectively-mentally as well as physically, whose experiential values are linked to a positive or negative evaluation and which are (can be) realized for others in perceptible expression variants. (own translation)

[...] mehrdimensionale, intern repräsentierte und subjektiv erfahrbare Syndromkategorien, die sich vom Individuum ichbezogen und introspektiv-geistig sowie körperlich registrieren lassen, deren Erfahrungswerte an eine positive oder negative Bewertung gekoppelt sind und die für andere in wahrnehmbaren Ausdrucksvarianten realisiert werden (können). (Monika Schwarz-Friesel: Sprache und Emotion. Tübingen 2007: 55).

### **Annotated Dramas**

Annotated by two student assistants with CATMA:

- Ibrahim Sultan (1649), tragedy
- Andreas Gryphius: Katharina von Georgien (1657), tragedy
- Christian Weise: Ein wunderliches Schau-Spiel vom niederländischen Bauer (1669), comedy
- Der Welt Erschröckende Attila (nach 1682), play, libretto
- Christian Weise: Massaniello (1683), tragedy
- Die getreue Sclavin Doris (1720), play, libretto
- Luise Adelgunde Victorie Gottsched: Das Testament (1745), comedy
- Johann Elias Schlegel: Canut (1746), tragedy
- Christian Fürchtegott Gellert: Die zärtlichen Schwestern (1747), comedy
- Johann Gottlieb Benjamin Pfeil: Lucie Woodvil (1757), tragedy
- Joachim Wilhelm von Brawe: Der Freigeist (1758), tragedy
- Gotthold Ephraim Lessing: Minna von Barnhelm, oder das Soldatenglück (1767), comedy
- Cornelius von Ayrenhoff: Der Postzug (1769), comedy
- Friedrich Schiller: Kabale und Liebe. Ein bürgerliches Trauerspiel in fünf Aufzügen (1784), tragedy
- Ferdinand Eberl: Kasperl' der Mandolettikrämer (1789), comedy, libretto
- August von Kotzebue: Menschenhass und Reue (1790), comedy
- Friedrich Schiller: Wallensteins Lager (1800), tragedy
- Johann Wolfgang Goethe: Faust. Eine Tragödie (1807), tragedy

Distribution of emotions annotated (11 plays) vs. classified (256

plays)

<b>Emotion class</b>	absolute (Annotation)	% (Annotation)	absolute (Classifikation)	% (Classifikation)
<b>Emotions of affection</b>	2.928	22,1	58.972	14,5
Desire	52	0,4	0	0
Love	1.755	13,2	26.460	6,5
Friendship	345	2,6	5.260	1,3
Admiration	776	5,9	23.667	5,8
<b>Emotions of pleasure</b>	1.943	14,6	63.361	15,6
Joy	1.619	12,2	51.184	12,6
Schadenfreude	324	2,4	7.210	1,8
Emotions of anxiety	1.257	9,5	32.392	8,0
Fear	721	5,4	23.705	5,8
Despair	536	4,0	6.541	1,6
Emotions of rejection	3.028	22,8	112.453	27,7
Anger	1,625	12,3	64.759	15,9
Abhorrence	1,403	10,6	29.657	7,3
Emotions of suffering and emphaty	2.700	20,4	66.058	16,3
Suffering	2.069	15,6	59.674	14,7
Compassion	631	4,8	7.830 (	1,9
Being moved	1.408	10,6	100.363	24,7
Overall	13.264	100	406.310	100

# Distribution of emotion annotations (17 plays), ordered by frequency

Class	absolute	percentage
Suffering	3290	16
Love	2638	13
Anger	2509	12
Joy	2443	12
Abhorrence	2267	11
Being moved	1791	9
Admiration	1422	7
Fear	1297	6
Compassion	829	4
Despair	729	4
Schadenfreude	513	3
Friendship	442	2
Desire	127	1
Overall	20297	100