

# Cross-Cultural Music Perception and Retrieval

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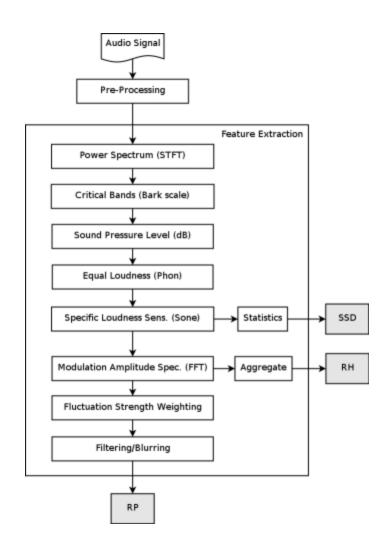
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#### **Music Annotation**

- Common Approach
  - Content-Based
    - Extract features
    - Train Classifier
    - Assign Label
- Problems
  - Developed on western music datasets
  - General approach questioned





## **Music Genre Classification**

MV	D-VIS			MVD-MM		
Genre	Videos	Artists	Genre		Videos	Artists
Bollywood	100	32	80s		100	72
Country	100	70	Dubstep		100	78
Dance	100	84	Folk		100	66
Latin	100	72	Hard Rock		100	69
Metal	100	76	Indie		100	64
Opera	100	NA	Pop Rock		100	65
Rap	100	81	Reggaeton		100	69
Reggae	100	75	RnB		100	67
MV	D-MIX			MVD-Themo	es	
			Christmas		56	42
MVD-VIS + MVD-MM	1600	1040	K-Pop		50	39
16 Genres			Broken Hear	·t	56	48
			Protest Song	S	50	42
		MVD-A	Artists			
Artist Name	Videos	Artist Name	Videos	Artist Name	Vid	leos
Aerosmith	23	Jennifer Lopez	23	Nickelback		18
Avril Lavigne	20	Justin Timberla	ake 12	P!nk		23
Beyonce	26	Katy Perry	12	Rihanna		25
Bon Jovi	27	Madonna	30	Shakira		24
Britney Spears	25	Maroon 5	14	Taylor Swift		20
Christina Aguilera	15	Matchbox Twer	ty 13		11	
Foo Fighters	23	Nelly Furtado	16			
		MVD-C	omplete			
MVD-VIS + MVD-MM -	+ MVD-TH	EMES + MVD-AF	RTISTS			2212





## **Music Tagging / MVD-Themes Classification**

- Non-Audible Themes
  - Cross-genre problem
  - Aligned to MusiClef music tagging task
- Improvements
  - Christmas => 45.5%
  - K-Pop => 14.1%
  - Protest Song => 22.6%
  - Broken Heart => No improvement
- Video features outperform audio-content descriptors

	Audio-Only			Visual-Only				Audio	-Visual			
Theme	VIS	MM	MIX	TH	VIS	MM	MIX	$\mathbf{TH}$	VIS	MM	MIX	TH
Christmas K-Pop Protest Song	67.6 86.0 50.0	36.7 65.4 21.7	29.5 68.6 7.7	52.9 86.0 47.5	71.7 88.4 23.7	65.5 81.6 33.3	64.0 80.4 16.7	88.9 91.7 75.5	87.5 95.5 44.4	$\begin{array}{c} 88.2 \\ 57.1 \end{array}$	75.0 82.7 30.3	$\begin{array}{c} 90.0 \\ 77.5 \end{array}$
Broken Heart	75.0	28.6	28.6	54.9	51.2	21.9	16.7	70.2	61.0	31.9	25.5	<b>68.6</b>



# Music Tagging / MVD-Themes Classification

#### Christmas

- Tracks that can be related to Christmas.
- Genres covered: Alternative-, Indie- and Hard-Rock, 60s-, 80s- and 90s-Pop, Dance, Rock 'n Roll, RnB, Soul, Big Band, Country, A capella.
- Langauges: English, Thai.

#### K-Pop

- Korean-Pop is strongly influenced by western music and characterized through visual content (synchronized dance formations, colourful outfits).
- Genres covered: Pop, Dance, RnB, Rap
- Langauges: Korean, English (chorus).

#### Broken Heart

- Songs about loosing someone beloved either through death or breakup of a relationship.
- Genres covered: Rock, Hard Rock, Metal, Pop, RnB, Country, Folk, 80s.
- Languages: **English**, **Taiwanese**.

#### Protest Songs

- Songs protesting against war, racism, police power and social injustice.
- Genres covered: Pop, Folk, Rap, Reggae, Rock, Punk Rock, Metal, Punjabi, Indie, 80s.
- Languages: English, French, German, Egyptian Arabic, Hindi.





#### **Music Video Dataset Results**

Bollywood - Audio Results

```
=== Confusion Matrix ===
                                                        <-- classified as
                                 k
                                         n
                                                         a = Bollywood
                                                         b = Country
                                                         c = Dance
                                                         d = Latin
                                                         e = Metal
                                                           = Opera
                                                         g = Rap
                                                         h = Reggae
                                                         i = 80ies
                                                         j = Dubstep
                                                         k = Folk
                                                         l = Hard Rock
                                                         m = Indie
                                                         n = Pop Rock
                                                         o = Reggaeton
                                                         p = RnB
                                                  13 I
                                                         q = Christmas
```

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#### **Music Tagging**

- K-Pop
  - Audio Results
    - Album Effect?

```
=== Confusion Matrix ===
                                                         <-- classified as
                                                          a = Bollywood
                                                          b = Country
                                                          d = Latin
                                                          e = Metal
                                                           = Opera
                                                          q = Rap
                                                          h = Reggae
                                                          i = 80ies
                                                          j = Dubstep
                                                          k = Folk
                                                          l = Hard Rock
                                                          m = Indie
                                                          n = Pop Rock
                                                          o = Reggaeton
                                                60
                                                          p = RnB
                                                 3 35 I
                                                          q = K Pop
```



### **Music Tagging**

- K-Pop
  - Visual Concept Detection Results

```
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                                                         b = Country
                                                         d = Latin
                                                         e = Metal
                                                           = Opera
                                                         q = Rap
                                                         h = Reggae
                                                         i = 80ies
                                                           = Dubstep
                                                         k = Folk
                                                         l = Hard Rock
                                                         m = Indie
                                                         n = Pop Rock
                                          3 39 12
                                                         o = Reggaeton
                                           9 11 39
                                                         p = RnB
                                                0 37 |
                                                         q = K Pop
```



## **Music Tagging**

- Protest Songs
  - Genres covered: Pop, Folk, Rap, Reggae, Rock, Punk Rock, Metal, Punjabi, Indie, 80s.
  - Languages: English, French, German, Egyptian Arabic, Hindi.
- => Culturally Independend "Visual Language"?
  - · Learned from Mass-Media?

```
=== Audio

4  3  0  0  4  0  8  6  1  3  3  6  6  2  0  2  2  | q = Protest Songs

=== Visual

1  1  0  5  6  1  5  8  3  5  2  4  1  0  2  1  5  | q = Protest Songs

=== Audio-Visual

0  3  0  0  5  0  7  11  2  2  4  2  1  2  0  1  10  | q = Protest Songs
```



#### **Music Videos?**

- Music Videos to bridge cultural differences?
- Viral Music Videos

K-Pop Example









Words cannot even describe how amazing this video is... youtube.com/watch? v=9bZkp7...







Flag this media



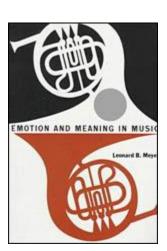






#### **Extra-Musical Connotations**

- Meyer, Leonard B. *Emotion and meaning in music*. University of chicago Press, 2008.
- User Study
  - Kristen, Susanne, and Mark Shevy. "Consistent and Contrary Constructs: A Comparison of German and American Listeners' Cognitive Associations with Popular Music Genres." (2012).



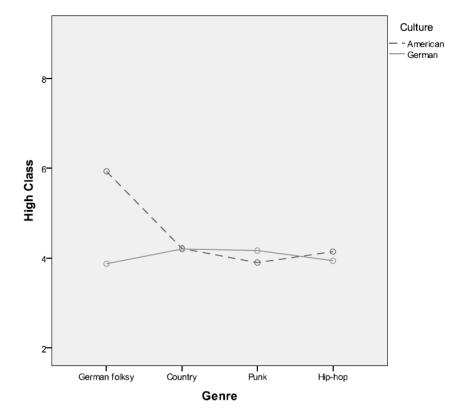
- German vs. American
- Extra-Musical Connotations
  - Folksy
  - Country
  - Punk
  - Hip-Hop
- Method
  - Listen to Samples
  - Answer Questions







 Mean ratings of High class vs. low-class for German and American listeners (10-point scale)

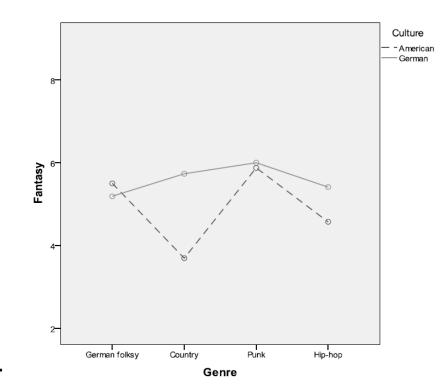








 Mean ratings of Fantasy vs. Real life for German and American listeners (10-point scale).

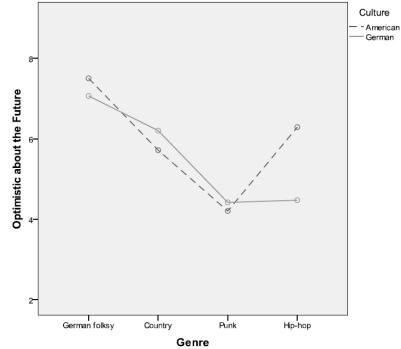








Mean ratings of Future looks good vs. Future looks
 bad for German and American listeners (10-point scale).

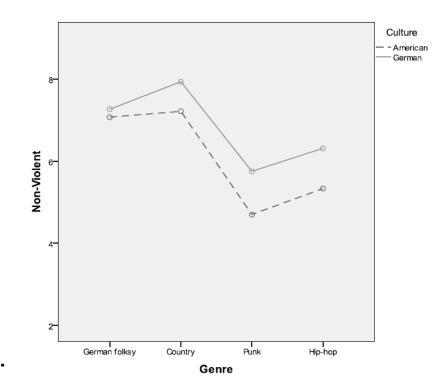








 Mean ratings of Anti-violence vs. Pro-violence for German and American listeners (10-point scale).





## **Europeana Sounds Project**

- Europeana
  - Europe's "Virtual" "National" Library



- Europeana Sounds
  - 24 Partners
    - 20 Content Providers
    - 4 Technical Partners
  - ~ 500.000 Sound Items
  - Europe's Sound Heritage



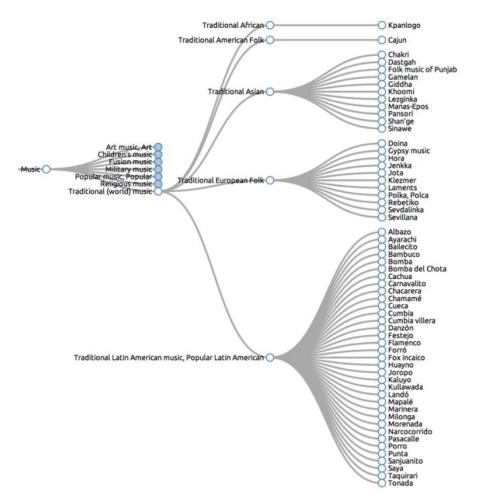


### **Europeana Sounds Project**



- Music Genre Taxonomy
  - Task in first year
  - Identify relevant genre hirarchies

Difficulties!





## **Genre Taxonomy in Europeana** Sounds



## **Cross-Cultural / Cross-**Lingual

**Austria/Germany** 

**Differences** 

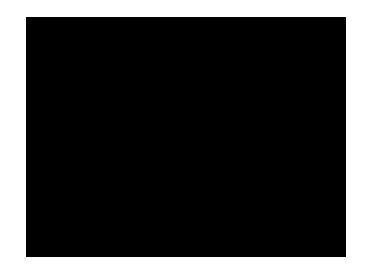
Romania





## Volksmusik vs. Folksy



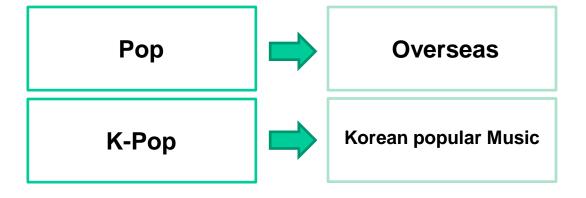




#### **Music Genres in Korea**



- Little knowledge of specific genres
- Main Categories of major Korean music Websites



- K-Pop
- Pop (overseas)
- J-Pop
- OST (movies)
- Classical
- Music Video

Lee, Jin Ha, J. Stephen Downie, and Sally Jo Cunningham. "Challenges in Cross-Cultural/Multilingual Music Information Seeking." *ISMIR*. 2005.

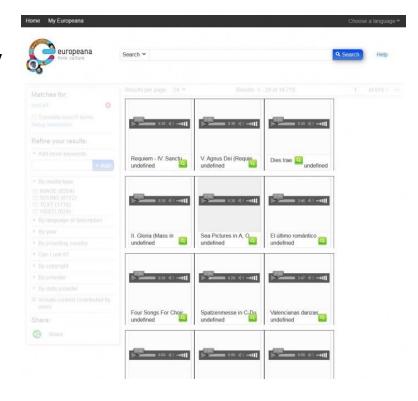




#### **Europeana Sounds MIR Pilot**



- Query-By-Example
  - Bainbridge, David, Sally Jo Cunningham, and J. Stephen Downie. "How people describe their music information needs: A grounded theory analysis of music queries." Proceedings of the International Symposium on Music Information Retrieval. 2003.
- Ignore Context
  - => Focus on audio only
- Europeana Sounds MIR Pilot





## **Europeana Data**



#### Data providers:

- Number of Data Providers: 1,002
- Top-10 Data Provides:
  - Preiser Records; Austria (30,738)
  - National Library of Spain (10,462)
  - o The Orchard (8,860)
  - o JSP Records (7,686)
  - Hacienda Records (6,537)
  - o Carinco AG (6,534)
  - Ovação; Portugal (6,032)
  - Gesellschaft für Historische Tonträger; Austria (5,985)
  - Duck Records; Italy (5,691)
  - Arts Productions Ltd (5,644)

#### Data aggregators:

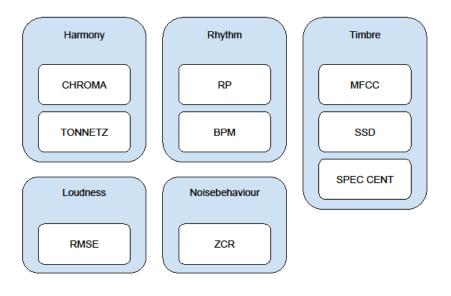
- Number of Data Aggregators: 20
- Top-10 Data Aggregators:
  - DISMARC (286,189)
  - Judaica Europeana (8,033)
  - o Hispana (2,373)
  - Deutsche Digitale Bibliothek (1,661)
  - OpenUp! (1,097)
  - National Library of Finland (183)
  - EuropeanaLocal Romania (136)
  - o HOPE Heritage of the People's Europe (123)
  - The Natural Europe Project (104)
  - Europeana 1914-1918 (47)
- Median number of sound files per aggregator: 39



#### **EU-Sounds MIR Pilot**



- Combined Feature Set
  - Different audio-content descriptors
  - Empirically estimated weighting
  - Late Fusion



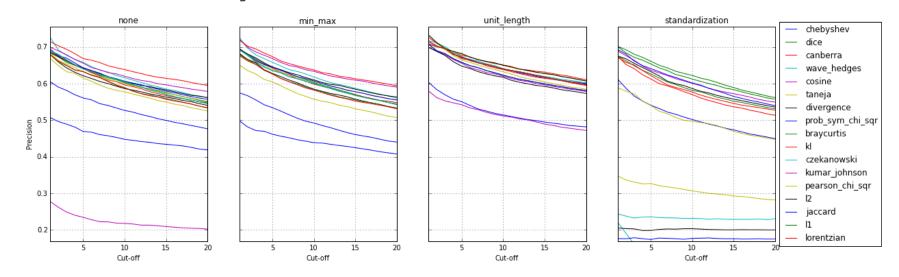
Category	Feature	Description	Weight	Category Weight
	MFCC	Timbre description	23%	
Timbre	SSD	General spectral description	8%	39%
	SPEC CENT	Pitch description	8%	
Rhythm	RP	Rhythmic patterns	18%	25%
Tenyemm	BPM	Tempo	7%	25/0
Цантопи	CHROMA	Harmonic Scale	12%	24%
Harmony	TONNETZ	Traditional harmonic description	12%	24/0
Loudness	RMSE	Loudness description	9%	9%
Noise Behaviour	ZCR	Noisiness description	3%	3%



#### **MIR Pilot – Pre-Evaluation**



#### Evaluating Distance Measures with different Normalizations on RP



#### **Canberra Distance (L1 Derivate)**

$$d(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|p_i - q_i|}{|p_i| + |q_i|}$$



#### **Evaluation**

- Based on Metadata
  - Provided by National Libraries, Archives, etc.
  - Enriched through "Editathons"











Keywords = ["string", "quartet", "allegro", "C Minor"]

- String Quartet N. 8 In C Minor Op. 110: Allegro Molto; Dmitry Shostakovich (Performer); Classical; 00:03:03, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- "String Quartet In C Minor, D 703, ""Quartettsatz"": Allegro assai"; Franz Schubert (Performer), Chamber Orchestra Kremlin (Performer), Misha Rachlevsky (Conductor); Orchestral Music; 00:00:34, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No. 12 in C minor, Op. posth. D. 703 (Quartettsatz) Allegro assai; Franz Schubert (Performer), Enesco Quartet (Ensemble); Classical; 00:09:02, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No.4 in C minor, Op.18 No.4, I. Allegro; Ludwig Van Beethoven (Performer); Other; 00:07:30, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No.4 in C minor, Op.18 No.4, IV. Allegro; Ludwig Van Beethoven (Performer); Other; 00:03:57, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No.4 in C minor, Op.18 No.4, I. Allegro; Ludwig Van Beethoven (Performer); Orchestral Music; 00:07:31, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No.4 in C minor, Op.18 No.4, I. Allegro; Ludwig Van Beethoven (Performer); Orchestral Music; 00:07:30, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No.4 in C minor, Op.18 No.4, IV. Allegro; Ludwig Van Beethoven (Performer); Orchestral Music; 00:03:57, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No.4 in C minor, Op.18 No.4, I. Allegro; Ludwig Van Beethoven (Performer); Romantic; 00:07:30, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No.4 in C minor, Op.18 No.4, IV. Allegro; Ludwig Van Beethoven (Performer); Romantic; 00:03:57, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No.4 In C Minor, Op.18 No.4, I. Allegro; Ludwig Van Beethoven (Performer); Classical; 00:07:31, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet No.4 In C Minor, Op.18 No.4, Iv. Allegro; Ludwig Van Beethoven (Performer); Classical; 00:03:55, 00:00:30 (preview duration)
- String Quartet in C minor, Op. 51, No. 1: Allegro; Mandelring Quartett Johannes Brahms (Performer); Classical (Core Classical);
- String Quartet in C minor, Op. 51, No. 1: Allegro; Mandelring Quartett Johannes Brahms (Performer); Classical (Core Classical);







ID	Query	Num. Tracks	1	2	3	5	10	24	
	Jazz								
1	"Jazz"	31801	38.0	35.0	31.4	31.7	28.6	26.2	
2	"Smooth Jazz"	2419	49.1	45.9	43.8	25.8	20.8	16.0	
3	"Jazz" + "Traditional"	577	25.3	21.1	17.1	13.0	9.2	6.3	
4	"Ragtime"	57	24.6	15.8	12.3	7.3	3.6	1.6	
5	"Shuffle"	112	22.3	14.3	11.0	7.0	4.0	1.7	
6	"Jazz" + "Blues"	1398	14.6	10.1	7.5	5.6	4.2	2.9	
7	"Jazz" + "Bob Crosby, Andy Kirk, June Richmond"	24	12.5	6.3	<u>4.2</u>	2.5	3.8	1.8	

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	Class	sical						
9	"Classical"	28569	44.3	42.1	40.5	38.3	35.1	32.3
10	"Piano Concerto"	510	38.6	32.0	28.0	23.9	17.6	10.2
11	"Requiem"	463	32.6	26.9	22.0	16.2	10.7	6.6
12	"operette", "operetta", "opereta", "zarzuela"	1081	27.7	22.9	20.8	17.3	14.6	11.5
13	"Opera"	8278	26.8	24.7	22.7	21.1	18.9	16.1
14	"Classical" + "g major" or "g dur" or "g-dur" or "g majeur"	304	17.1	14.8	14.0	12.6	9.3	5.6
15	"Classical" + "g major" or "g dur" or "g-dur" or "g majeur" + "quartett"	13	15.4	7.7	<u>5.1</u>	3.1	<u>2.3</u>	1.6
16	"Classical" + "major" or "dur" or "majeur" + "quartett" + "allegro"	191	<u>9.4</u>	6.3	7.3	8.1	5.6	3.7





	Non-r	nusic						
17	"Interview"	484	77.5	74.3	72.0	68.6	60.8	51.4
18	"Biodiversity Center" (=Animal Sounds)	1097	89.7	87.0	85.1	82.8	78.7	73.9
19	"Biodiversity Center" + "Chorthippus" (=Crickets)	113	<u>59.3</u>	55.3	<u>56.6</u>	53.0	<u>48.1</u>	43.0

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	European popular/	traditional i	music	•	•		•	
20	"Flamenco"	1827	40.7	33.0	29.2	24.3	18.2	12.8
21	"Tarantella"	152	33.6	28.0	22.4	16.1	8.5	4.0
22	"Tango"	3716	30.2	24.9	22.3	19.5	16.0	12.5
23	"Flamenco" + "Guitarra"	287	22.3	17.1	15.3	13.5	10.0	8.3
24	"Jodler"	61	16.4	8.2	5.5	3.6	<u>2.0</u>	1.4
25	"Serenata"	436	9.7	7.5	5.5	4.4	3.0	2.0
26	"Volksmusik"	13	7.7	3.9	<u>2.6</u>	4.6	4.6	2.9
27	"Fados"	107	<u>6.5</u>	10.8	9.7	7.3	4.9	2.7

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## **Comparing Results**



Facilitating comprehensive benchmarking experiments on the million song dataset.

Alexander Schindler, Rudolf Mayer, and Andreas Rauber.

In Proceedings of the 13th International Society for Music Information Retrieval Conference (ISMIR 2012), pages 469-474, Porto, Portugal, October 8-12 2012.

#### Dataset Size

EU-Sounds: 312,096MASD: 273,936

#### Average Precission

EU-Sounds: 28.7%MASD: 27.1%

Dataset	NB	SVM	k-NN	DT	RF
MFCC (4)	15.04	20.61	24.13	14.21	18.90
Spectral (5)	14.03	17.91	13.84	12.81	17.21
Spectral Derivates (5)	11.69	21.98	16.14	14.09	19.03
MethodOfMoments (6)	13.26	16.42	12.77	11.57	14.80
LPC (8)	13.41	17.92	15.94	11.97	16.19
SSD (10)	13.76	27.41	27.07	15.06	20.06
RH (11)	12.38	17.23	12.46	10.30	13.41



### **Audio-to-Score Alignment**

**Digitized Score Image** 

**Generated Annotation** 

#### 1. Extract Music Symbols from Image



#### **Applying Optical Music Recognition**

- · Coordinates of staffs, measures, etc
- Extract Note values

#### 2. Feature Extrac-

- · Make both sides comparable
- Map music energy to the 12 semitones of an Octave
- · Can be calculated from symbolic and recorded music
- 2.1 Symbolic Music Feature Extraction

#### Synchronization

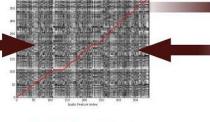
- · Compare symbolic with audio features
- · Find matching vectors



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0:13	21	162	120	22	1
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- · Describes which region of the image has to be highlighted at which time

2.2 Audio Feature Extraction

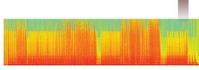


#### **Audio Recording**

3. Align Score with Audio Informa-



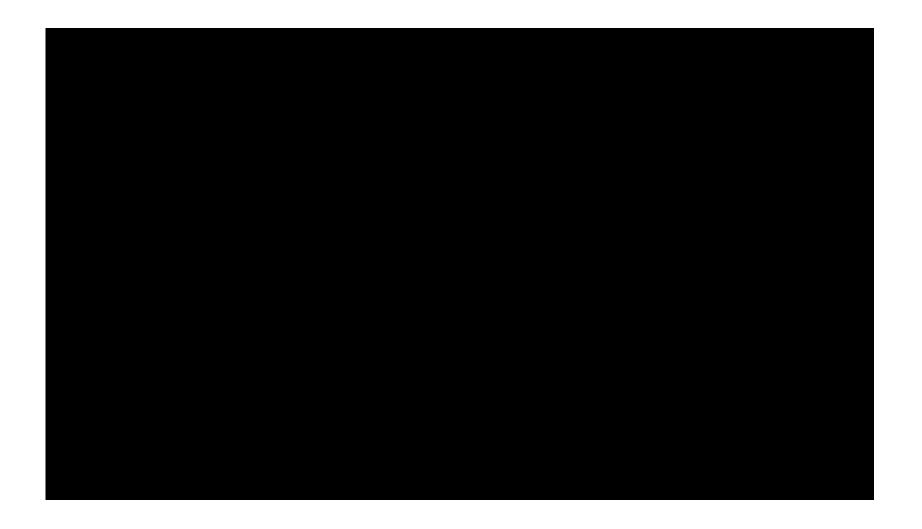






# **Europeana Sounds Score-Following Pilot**







## **Audio-to-Score Alignment**



- "Easy"
  - MIDI <=> Audio
- Difficult
  - Scanned Image <=> (Bad) Audio
- Impossible
  - Handwritten Scores
  - Non-Standard Notations



#### **Music Notations**

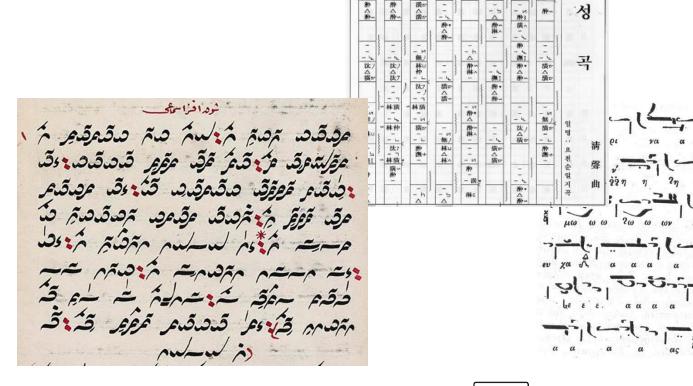
 Different notations within European Cultural Heritage





#### **Music Notations**

Asian and Arabic notations





## **Identify Music Documents**





### **Summary**

- Music Videos as cross-cultural pivotal point?
- Many TODOs / Ideas for Proposal
  - Music Similarity / Recommendation
  - Music Indexing / Digital Libraries
  - Music Scores
  - ...

## **Thank You!**