

Advanced Course Computer Science

## Music Processing

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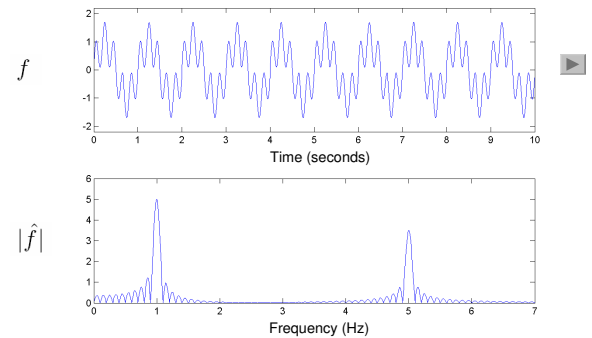
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## Audio Features



## Fourier Transform



## Fourier Transform

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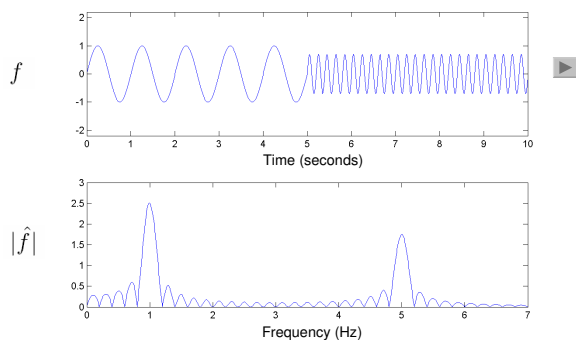
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- Tells **which** notes (frequencies) are played, but does not tell **when** the notes are played
- Frequency information is averaged over the entire time interval
- Time information is hidden in the phase

## Fourier Transform

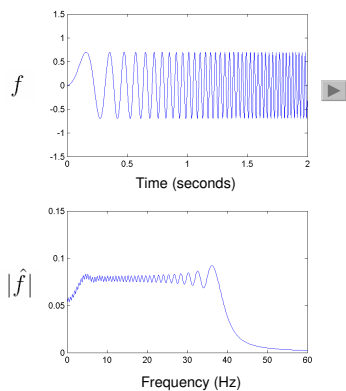


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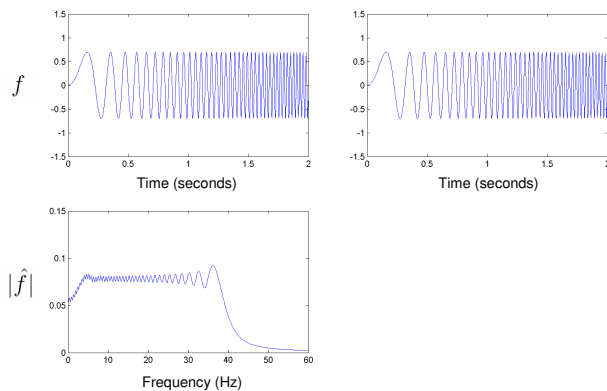
Idea (Dennis Gabor, 1946):

- Consider only a **small section** of the signal for the spectral analysis  
→ recovery of time information
- Short Time Fourier Transform (STFT)
- Section is determined by pointwise multiplication of the signal with a localizing **window function**

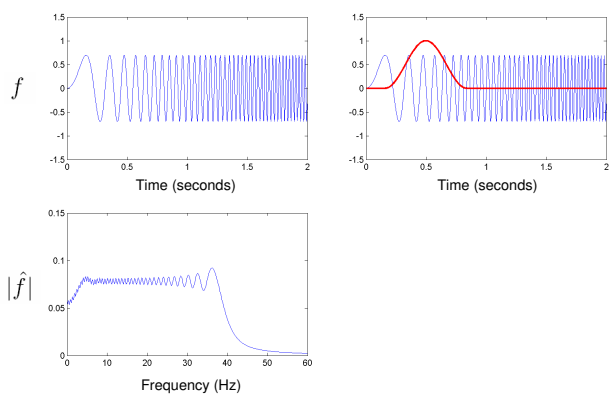
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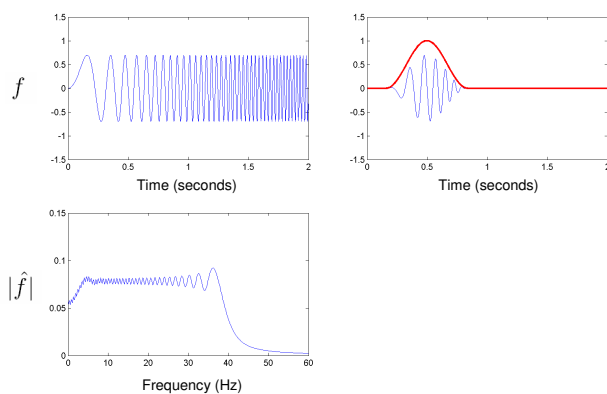
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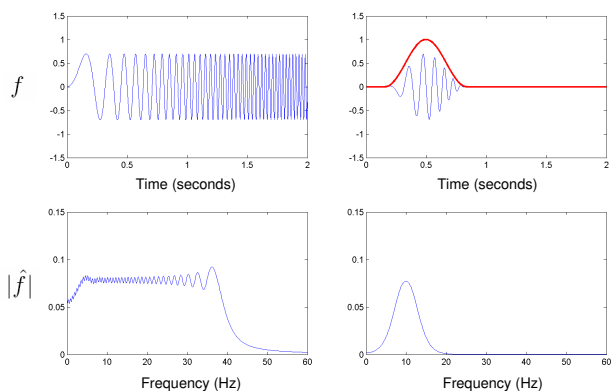
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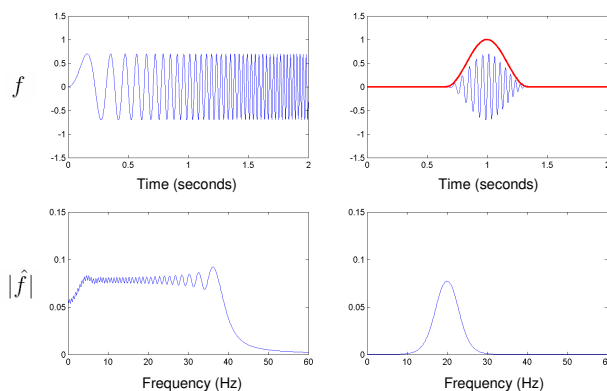
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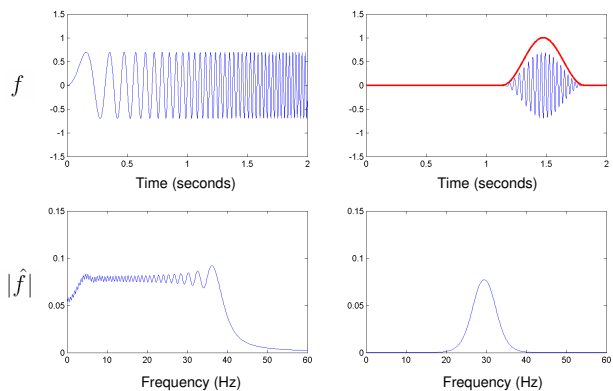
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### Definition

- Signal  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Window function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}), \|g\| = 1$ )
- STFT  $\tilde{f}(\omega, t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u) \bar{g}(u - t) e^{-2\pi i \omega u} du = \langle f | g_{\omega, t} \rangle$
- with  $g_{\omega, t}(u) := e^{2\pi i \omega u} g(u - t), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}$

## Short Time Fourier Transform

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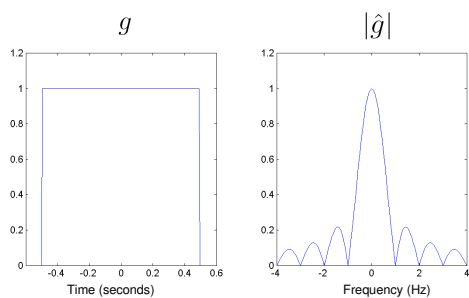
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- Inner product  $\langle f | g_{\omega, t} \rangle$  measures the correlation between the musical note  $g_{\omega, t}$  and the signal  $f$ .

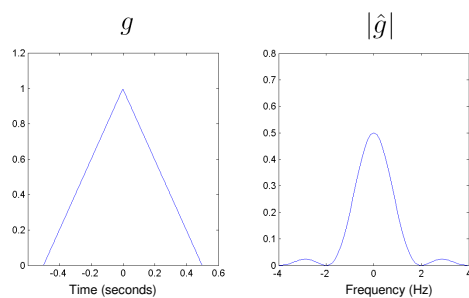
## Window Function

### Box window



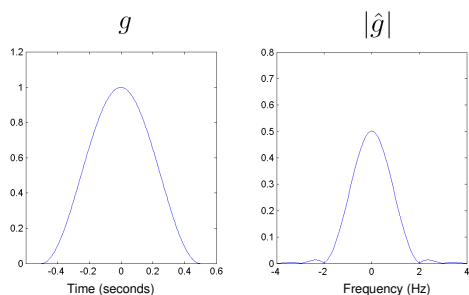
## Window Function

### Triangle window

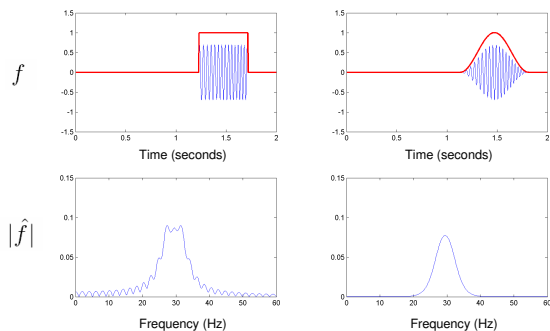


## Window Function

Hann window

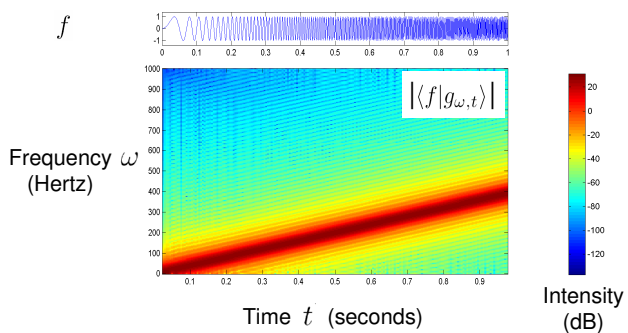


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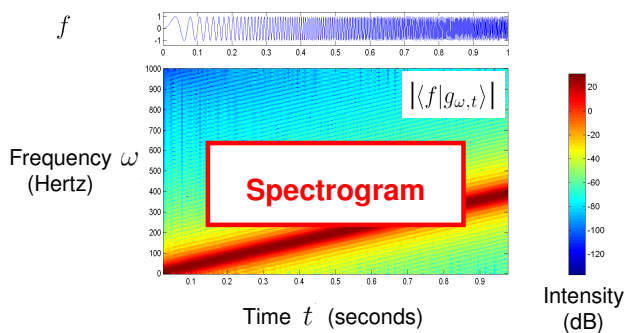


Trade off between smoothing and „ringing“

## Time-Frequency Representation

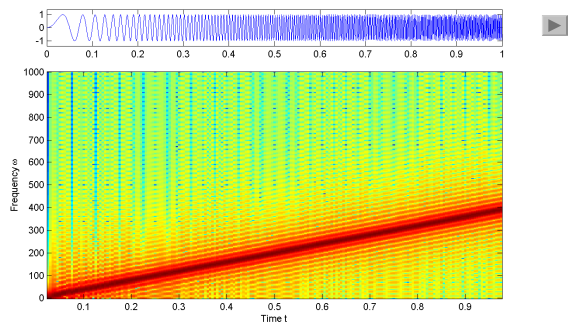


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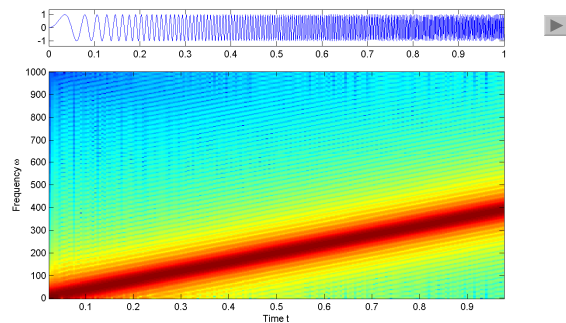
## Time-Frequency Representation

Chirp signal and STFT with **box window** of length 0.05



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## Time-Frequency Localization

- Size of window constitutes a trade-off between time resolution and frequency resolution:

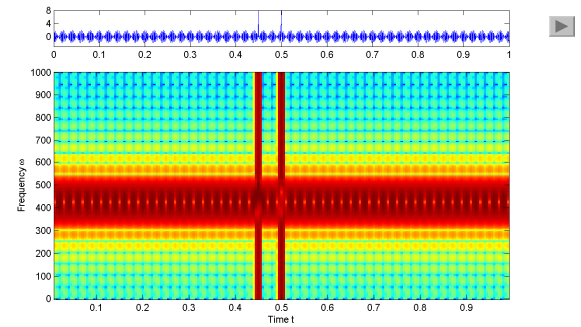
**Large window** : poor time resolution  
good frequency resolution

**Small window** : good time resolution  
poor frequency resolution

- Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle**: there is no window function that localizes in time and frequency with arbitrary position.

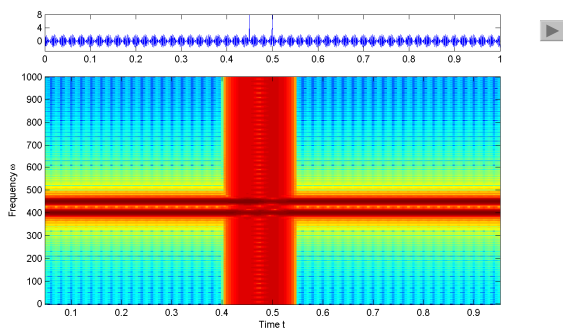
## Short Time Fourier Transform

Signal and STFT with Hann window of length 0.02



## Short Time Fourier Transform

Signal and STFT with Hann window of length 0.1



## Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle

Window function  $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  with  $\|g\| = 1$

Center

Width

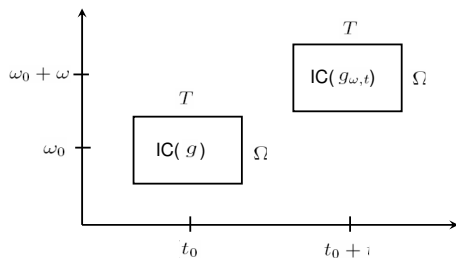
$$t_0 = t_0(g) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t |g(t)|^2 dt \quad T(g) := \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (t - t_0)^2 |g(t)|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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$$T(g) \cdot \Omega(g) \geq \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

## Information Cells

$$g_{\omega,t}(u) := e^{2\pi i \omega u} g(u - t) \quad \text{"musical note"}$$



## MATLAB

- MATLAB function SPECTROGRAM
- $N$  = window length (in samples)
- $M$  = overlap (usually  $N/2$ )
- Compute  $\text{DFT}_N$  for every windowed section
- Keep lower  $N/2$  Fourier coefficients

→ Sequence of spectral vectors  
(for each window a vector of dimension  $N/2$ )

## Example

Let  $x$  be a discrete time signal  $x(n) = f(Tn)$

Sampling rate:  $1/T = 22050$  Hz

Window length:  $N = 4096$

Overlap:  $N/2 = 2048$

Hopsize: window length – overlap

Let  $v_0 := (x(0), x(1), \dots, x(4095))$

$v_1 := (x(2048), \dots, x(6143))$

$v_2 := (x(4096), \dots, x(8191))$

$\vdots$

$v_m$  corresponds to window  $[m \cdot 2048 : m \cdot 2048 + 4095]$

## Example

Time resolution:

$$\frac{\text{hopsize}}{\text{sampling rate}} = \frac{4096 - 2048}{22050} = 0.093 = 93 \text{ ms}$$

Frequency resolution:

$$v = v_0, \hat{v} := \text{DFT}_N(v)$$

$$\hat{v}(k) \approx \frac{1}{T} \cdot \hat{f}\left(\frac{k}{N} \cdot \frac{1}{T}\right)$$

$$\omega = \frac{k}{N} \cdot \frac{1}{T} = k \cdot \frac{22050}{4096} = k \cdot 5.38 \text{ Hz}$$

## Pitch Features

Model assumption: Equal-tempered scale

- MIDI pitches:  $p \in [1 : 128]$
- Piano notes:  $p = 21$  (A0) to  $p = 108$  (C8)
- Concert pitch:  $p = 69$  (A4)
- Center frequency:  $f_{\text{MIDI}}(p) = 2^{\frac{p-69}{12}} \cdot 440 \text{ Hz}$

→ Logarithmic frequency distribution

Octave: doubling of frequency

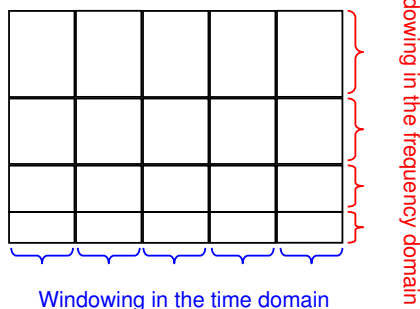
## Pitch Features

Idea: Binning of Fourier coefficients

Divide up the frequency axis into logarithmically spaced „pitch regions“ and combine **spectral coefficients** of each region to a single **pitch coefficient**.

## Pitch Features

Time-frequency representation



## Pitch Features

Details:

- Let  $\hat{v}$  be a spectral vector obtained from a spectrogram w.r.t. a sampling rate  $1/T$  and a window length  $N$ . The spectral coefficient  $\hat{v}(k)$  corresponds to the frequency

$$f_{\text{coeff}}(k) := \frac{k}{N} \cdot \frac{1}{T}$$

- Let  $S(p) := \{k : f_{\text{MIDI}}(p - 0.5) \leq f_{\text{coeff}}(k) < f_{\text{MIDI}}(p + 0.5)\}$  be the set of coefficients assigned to a pitch  $p \in [1 : 128]$ . Then the pitch coefficient  $P(p)$  is defined as

$$P(p) := \sum_{k \in S(p)} |\hat{v}(k)|^2$$

Pitch Features

Example: A4,  $p = 69$

- Center frequency:  $f(p = 69) = 2^{\frac{0}{12}} \cdot 440 = 440 \text{ Hz}$
- Lower bound:  $f(p = 68.5) = 2^{\frac{-0.5}{12}} \cdot 440 = 427.5 \text{ Hz}$
- Upper bound:  $f(p = 69.5) = 2^{\frac{0.5}{12}} \cdot 440 = 452.9 \text{ Hz}$
- STFT with  $N = 4096, 1/T = 22050$

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$P(p = 69) = \sum_{k=80}^{84} |\hat{v}(k)|^2$

Pitch Features

Note	MIDI pitch	Center [Hz]	Left [Hz] boundary	Right [Hz] boundary	Width [Hz]
A3	57	220.0	213.7	226.4	12.7
A#3	58	233.1	226.4	239.9	13.5
B3	59	246.9	239.9	254.2	14.3
C4	60	261.6	254.2	269.3	15.1
C#4	61	277.2	269.3	285.3	16.0
D4	62	293.7	285.3	302.3	17.0
D#4	63	311.1	302.3	320.2	18.0
E4	64	329.6	320.2	339.3	19.0
F4	65	349.2	339.3	359.5	20.2
F#4	66	370.0	359.5	380.8	21.4
G4	67	392.0	380.8	403.5	22.6
G#4	68	415.3	403.5	427.5	24.0
A4	69	440.0	427.5	452.9	25.4

Pitch Features

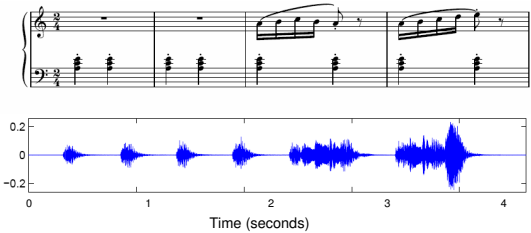
- Note:
- $P \in \mathbb{R}^{128}$
  - For some pitches,  $S(p)$  may be empty. This particularly holds for low notes corresponding to narrow frequency bands.

→ Linear frequency sampling is problematic!

Solution:  
Multi-resolution spectrograms or multirate filterbanks

Pitch Features

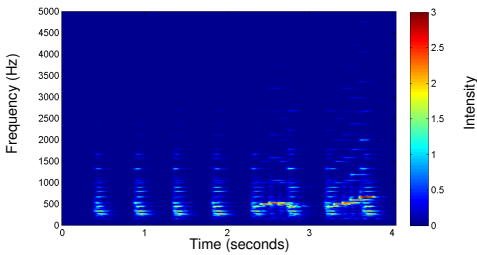
Example: Friedrich Burgmüller, Op. 100, No. 2



Pitch Features



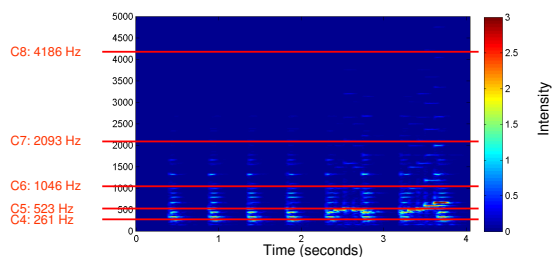
Spectrogram



## Pitch Features



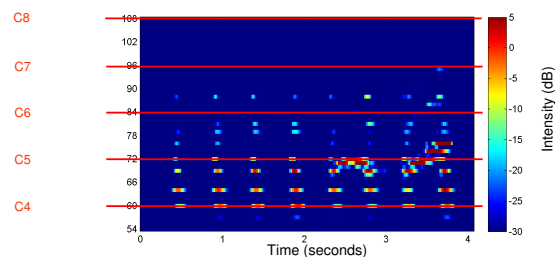
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## Pitch Features



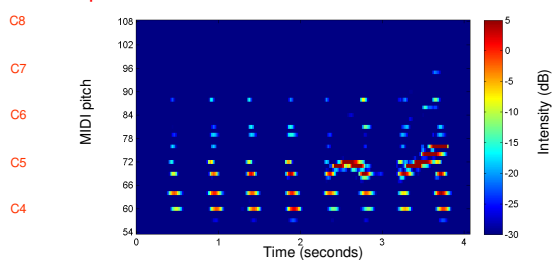
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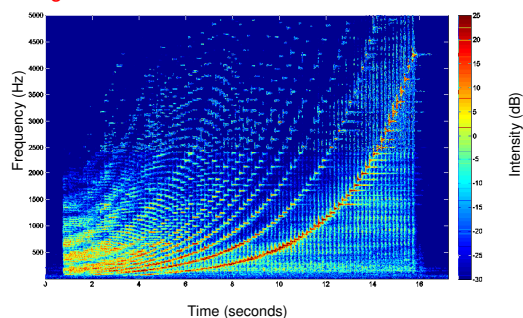


## Pitch Features

Example: Chromatic Scale



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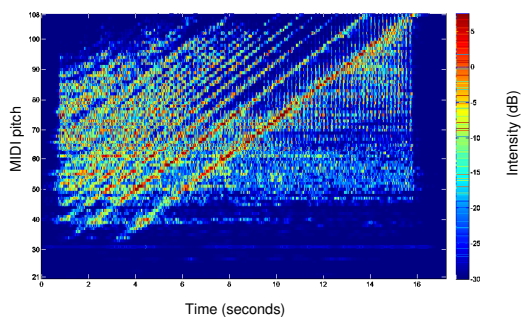


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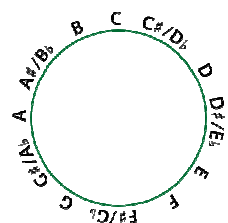
## Chroma Features

- Human perception of pitch is periodic in the sense that two pitches are perceived as similar in color if they differ by an octave.
- Separation of pitch into two components: **tone height** (octave number) and **chroma**.
- Chroma : 12 traditional pitch classes of the equal-tempered scale. For example:  
 $\text{Chroma } C \cong \{\dots, C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots\}$
- Computation: pitch features  $\rightarrow$  chroma features  
 Add up all pitches belonging to the same class
- Result: 12-dimensional chroma vector.



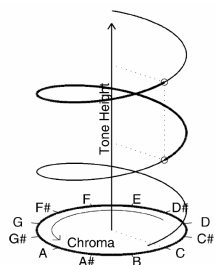
## Chroma Features

Chromatic circle



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pitch\\_class\\_space](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pitch_class_space)

Shepard's helix of pitch perception



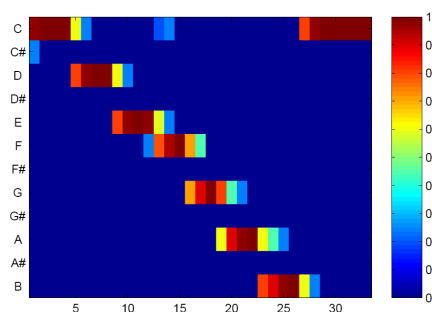
Bartsch/Wakefield, IEEE Trans. Multimedia, 2005

## Chroma Features

- Sequence of chroma vectors correlates to the harmonic progression
- Normalization  $v \rightarrow \frac{v}{\|v\|}$  makes features invariant to changes in dynamics
- Further quantization and smoothing: CENS features
- Taking logarithm before adding up pitch coefficients accounts for logarithmic sensation of intensity

## Chroma Features

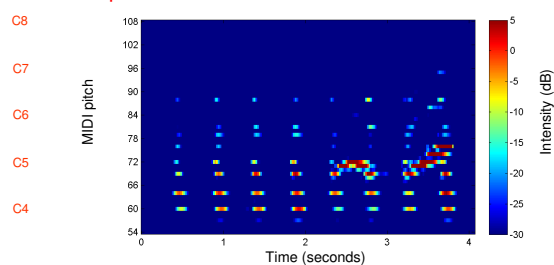
Example: C-Major Scale



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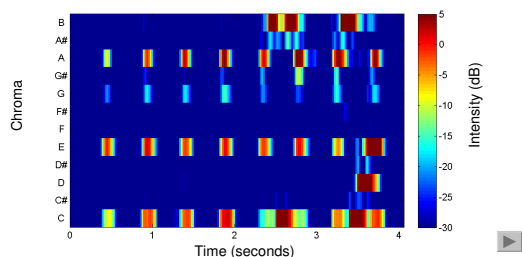
Pitch representation



## Chroma Features



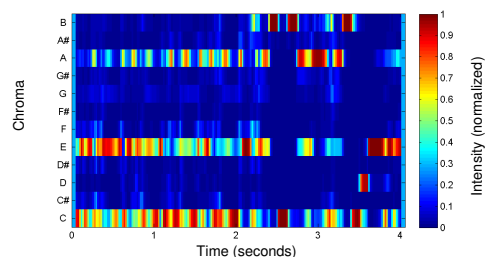
Chroma representation



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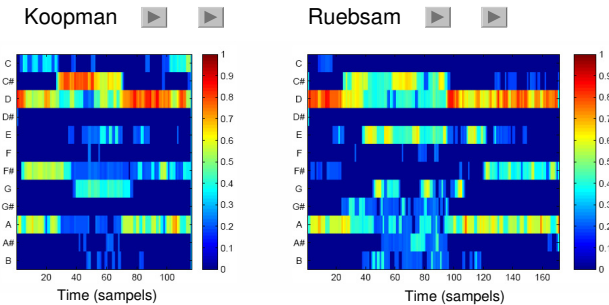


Chroma representation (normalized)



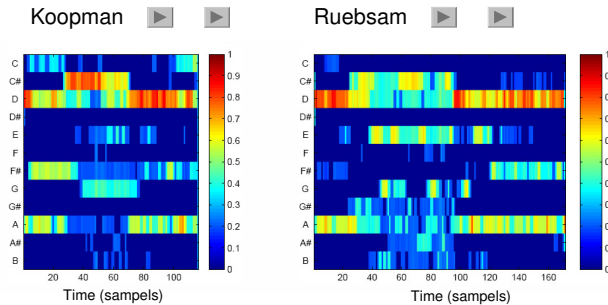
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Example: Bach Toccata



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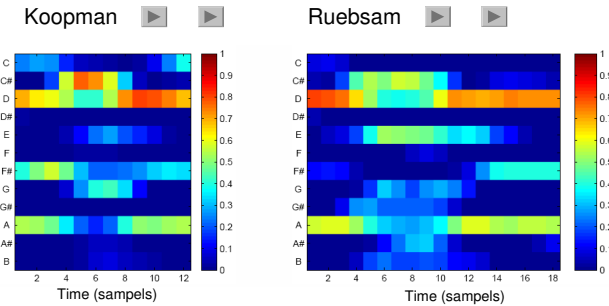
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Feature resolution: 10 Hz

Chroma Features

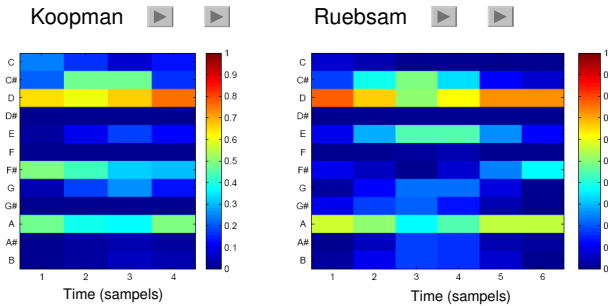
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Feature resolution: 1 Hz

Chroma Features

Example: Bach Toccata



Feature resolution: 0.33 Hz

Chroma Features

	WAV	Chroma (10 Hz)	CENS (1 Hz)
???	▶	▶	▶
???	▶	▶	▶
???	▶	▶	▶

Chroma Features

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Chroma Features

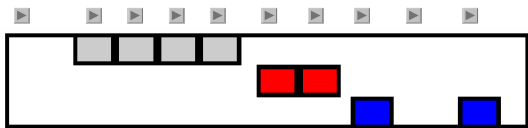
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Brahms Hungarian Dance No. 5			

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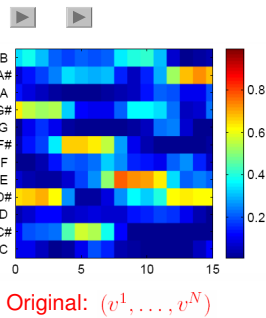
Example: Zager & Evans "In The Year 2525"



How to deal with transpositions?

Chroma Features

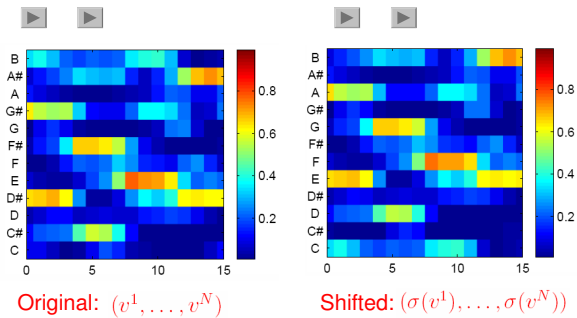
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Chroma Features

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Shifted:  $(\sigma(v^1), \dots, \sigma(v^N))$