

# Traitement de la musique écrite et éducation musicale



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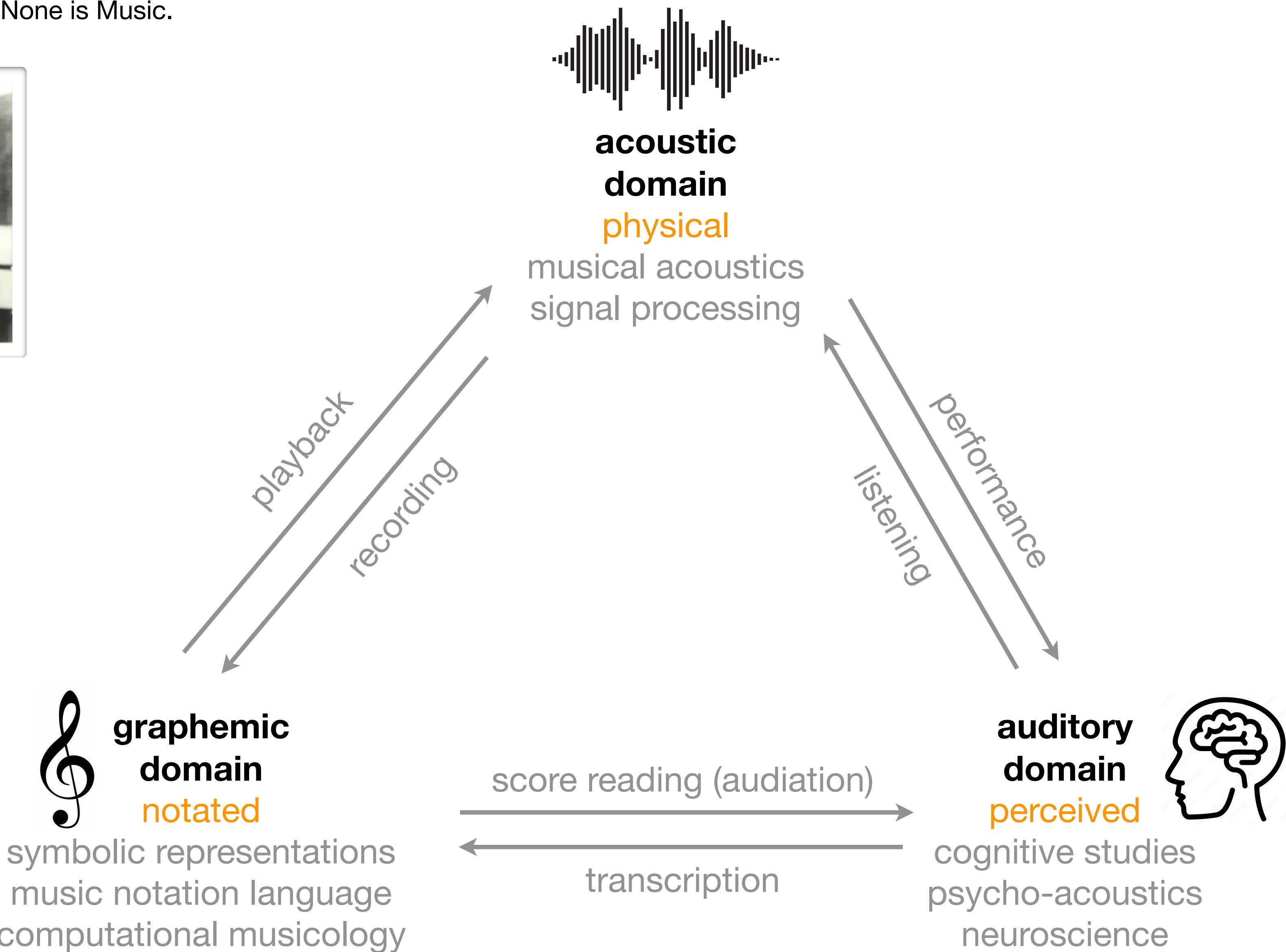
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# What is Music?

## Milton Babbitt's trinity of music representational domains

These are 3 aspects of Music. None is Music.



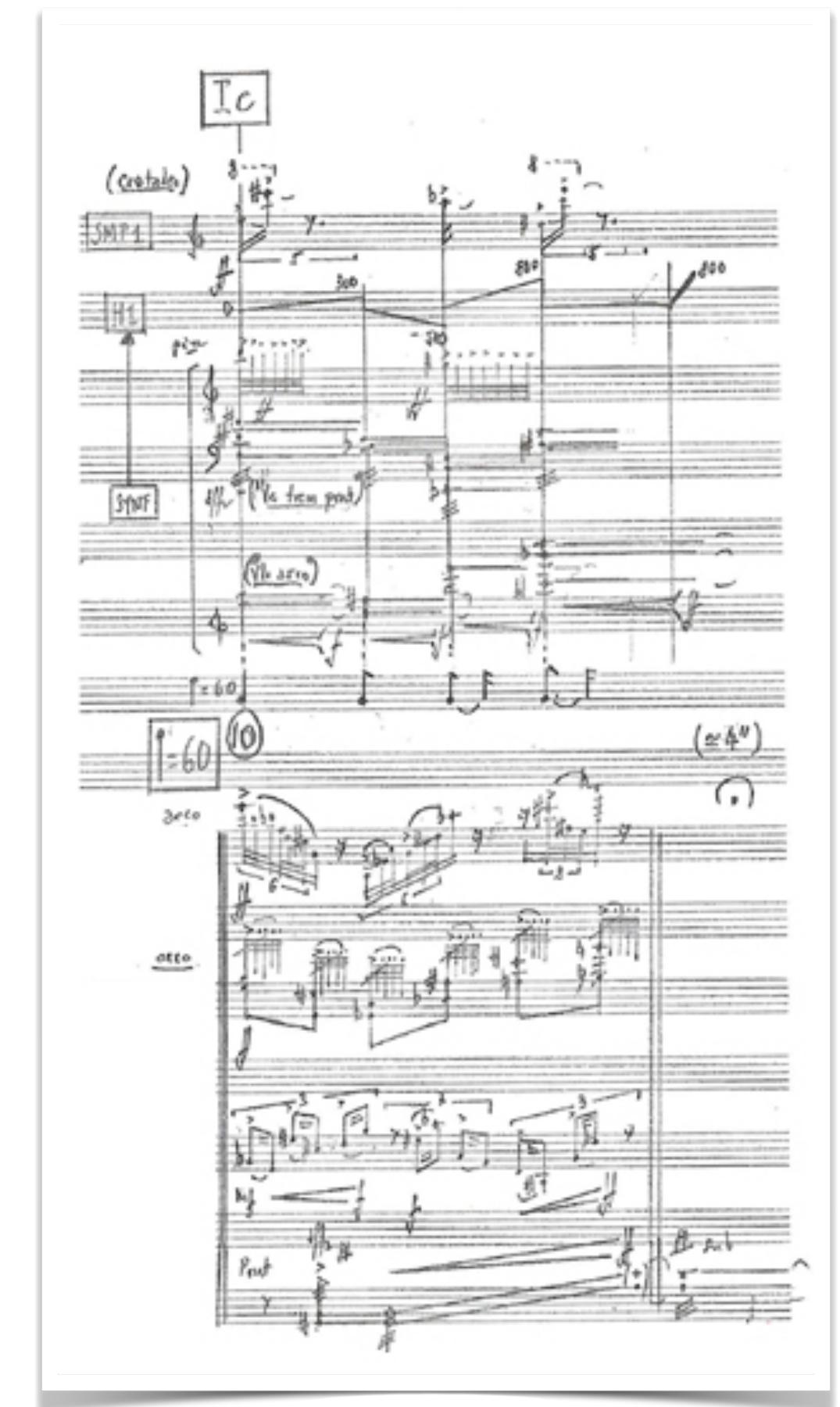
# Why studying Western Music Notation today?

writing music with



Ableton Live 11

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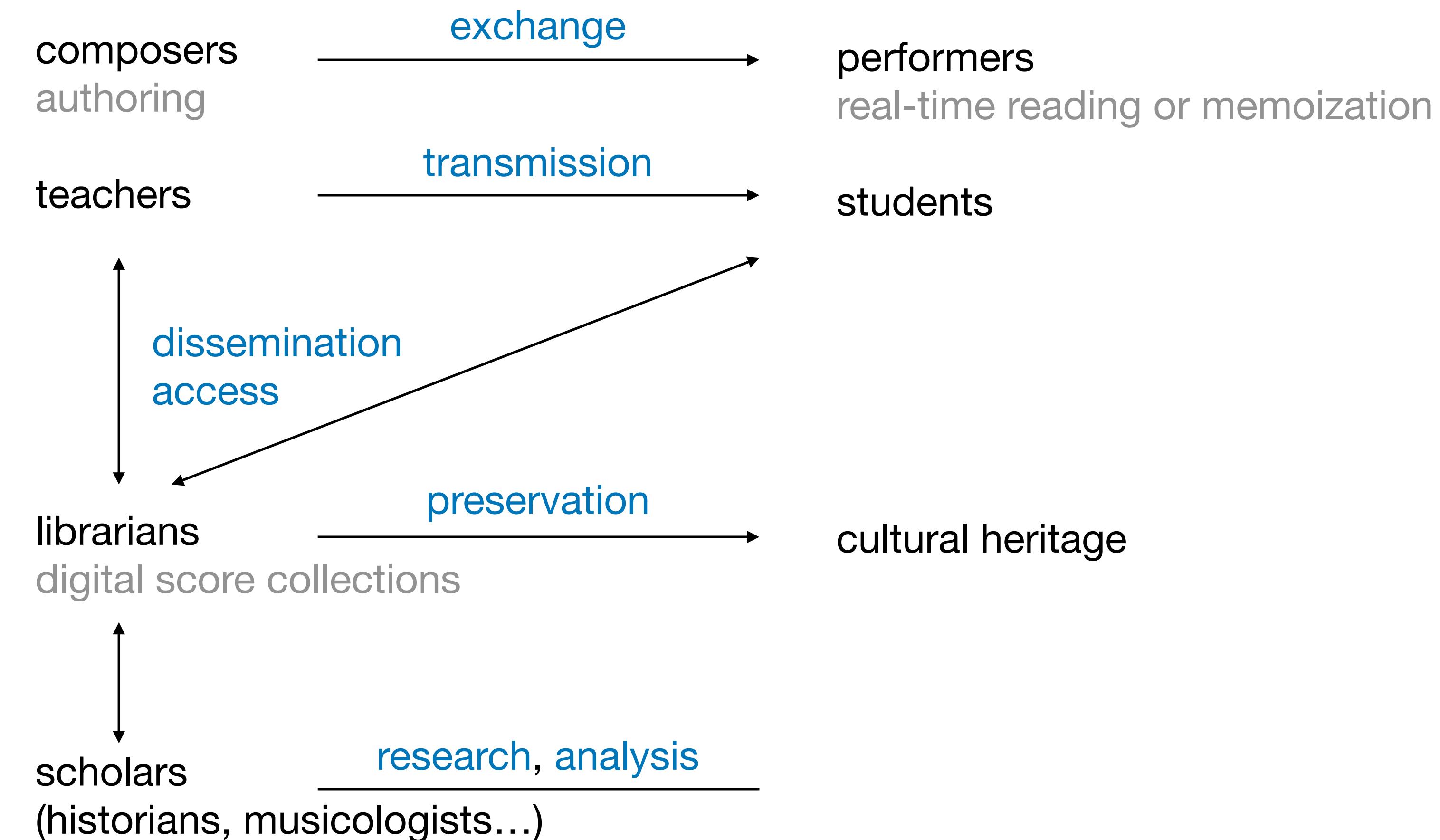


Philippe Manoury  
Tensio for string quartet and electronics

# Why studying Music Notation Processing?

Western Music Notation = graphical language for the exchange of musical information since 1025 (*Guido d'Arezzo*)

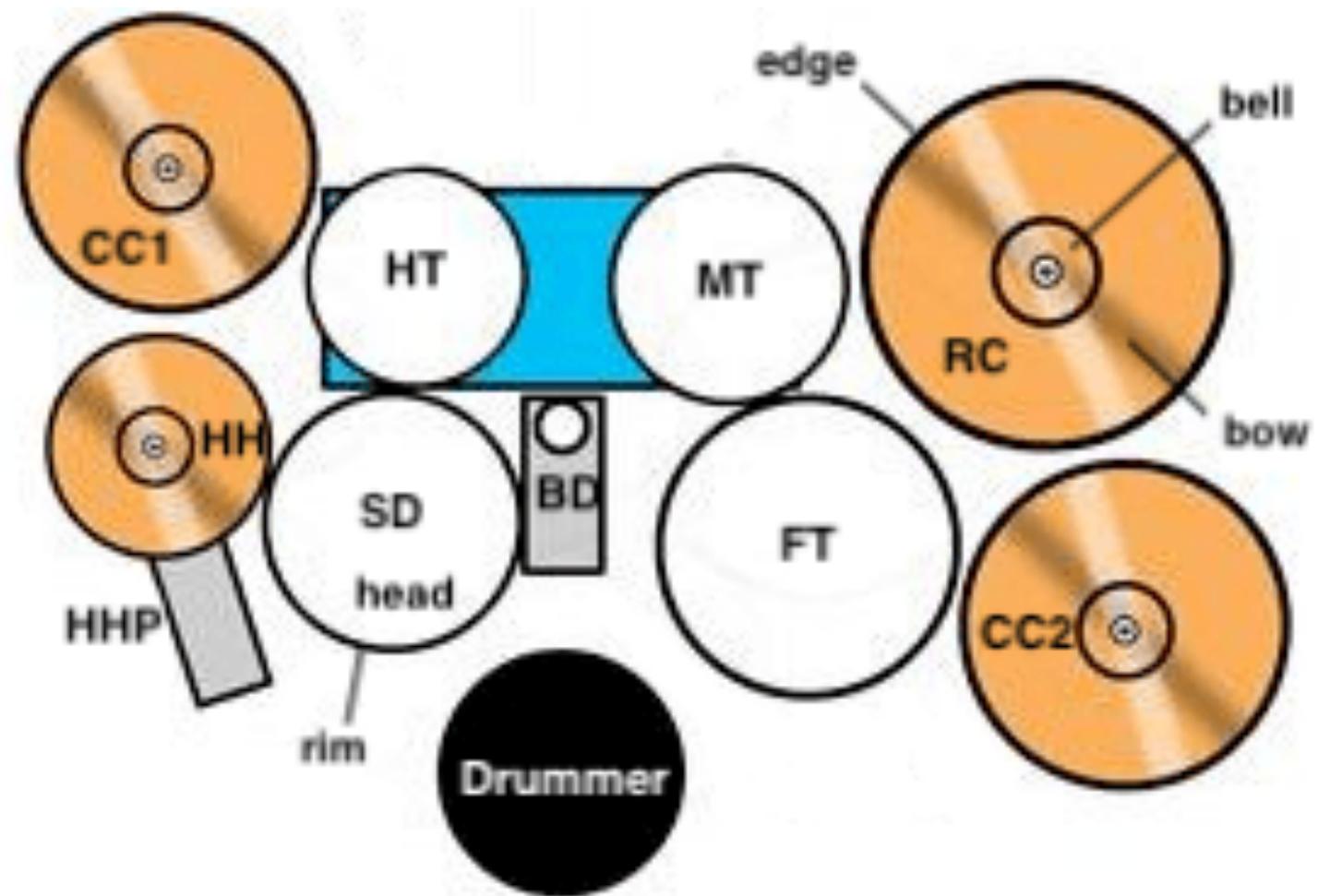
(digital) music scores, a vector of



# Drum notation

## Drum kit

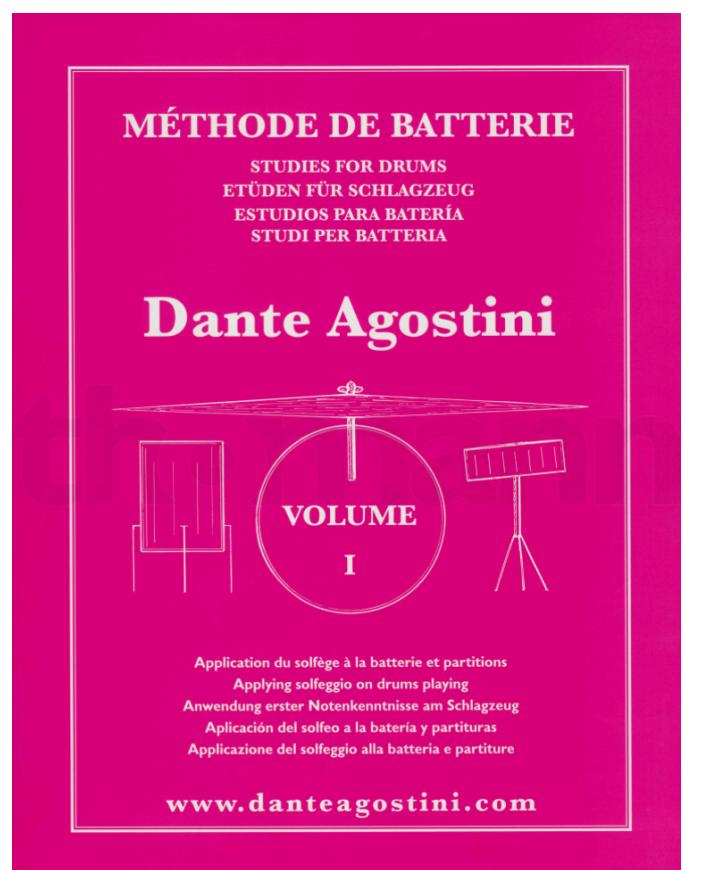
- born in 20th century
- has long gone without score  
drummer had to read score of other instrument
- drum schools : second half 20th century



Dante Agostini

→ Drum Notation

- transmission of styles
- preservation of performances



Based on Common Western Notation

- standard rhythm notation
- *note height*: part of drum kit
- *notehead*: mode

Three staves of Agostini drum notation. The notation uses common Western musical notation with specific note heads and stems to represent different drum strokes. Below each staff is a list of corresponding drum strokes:

Agostini

HHP HHP BD BD2 FT FT2 SD SD SD MT HT HT2 HH HH RC RC RC CC CH SC  
close open BD BD2 FT FT2 SD SD SD MT HT HT2 HH HH RC RC RC CC CH SC  
(splash) rim X closed open bow bell edge (crash)

The notation consists of three staves, each with a different time signature (common time, common time, and common time) and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are represented by various symbols such as vertical stems, diagonal stems, and horizontal dashes, indicating different drumming techniques like closed, open, splash, rim, closed, open, bow, bell, edge, and crash.

# Groove MIDI Dataset

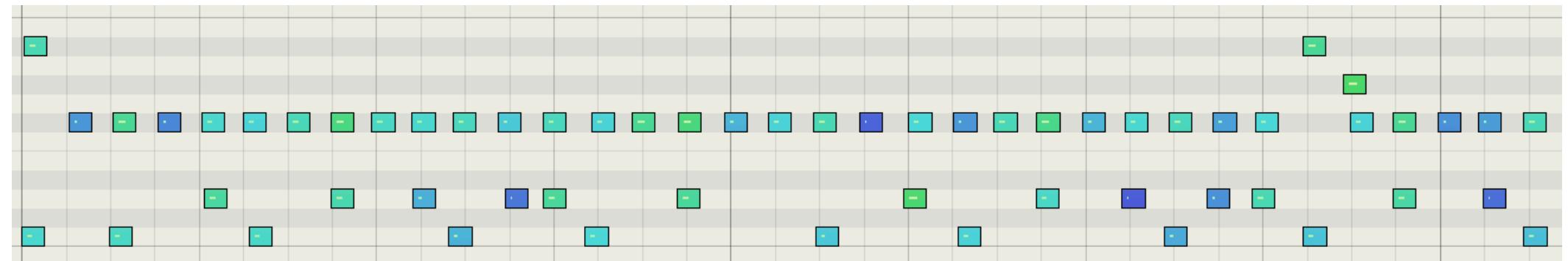
**music transcription** : Conversion of a recorded music performance into a music score

~ **speech-to-text** in NLP

- dataset GMD by Google Magenta  
<https://magenta.tensorflow.org/datasets/groove>

- 13.6 hours recorded by professional drummers  
on an electronic drum kit

- in 1150 MIDI files ~ 22000 measures



- several genres (*afrobeat, afrocuban, blues, country, dance, funk, gospel, highlife, hiphop, jazz, latin, neworleans, pop, punk, reggae, rock, soul*)

- audio (wav) files  
synthesized from (and aligned to) MIDI files  
for training and evaluation of audio-to-MIDI  
drum transcription systems

- no score files!



# Drum transcription

## Scoring the Groove MIDI Dataset

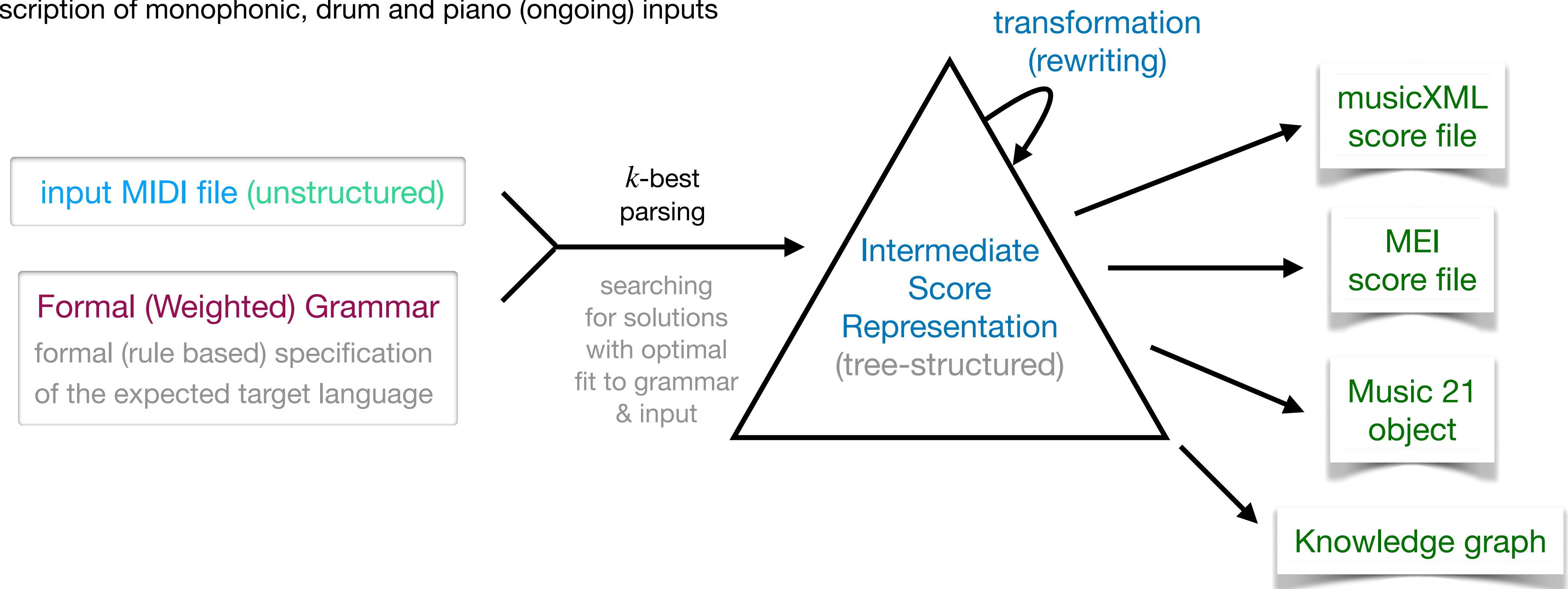
with [Martin Digard](#) (INALCO), [Lydia Rodriguez-de la Nava](#) (PhD)  
automated transcription of GMD MIDI files into drum notation

- **quantitative parsing** approach
  - every score file (XML) is produced from a MIDI file with a generic *rhythm tree grammar* (4/4 measure) defining the time positions expressible in score
  - MIDI tokenization with constraints specific to drumming when several MIDI events are aligned to the same time position e.g. hands  $\leq 2$ , feet  $\leq 2$
  - processing errors from MIDI sensors
- polyphonic transcription case-study,  
simpler than piano
- using system **qparsse** for music transcription

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

# Music transcription workflow (qparse)

system for the transcription of monophonic, drum and piano (ongoing) inputs



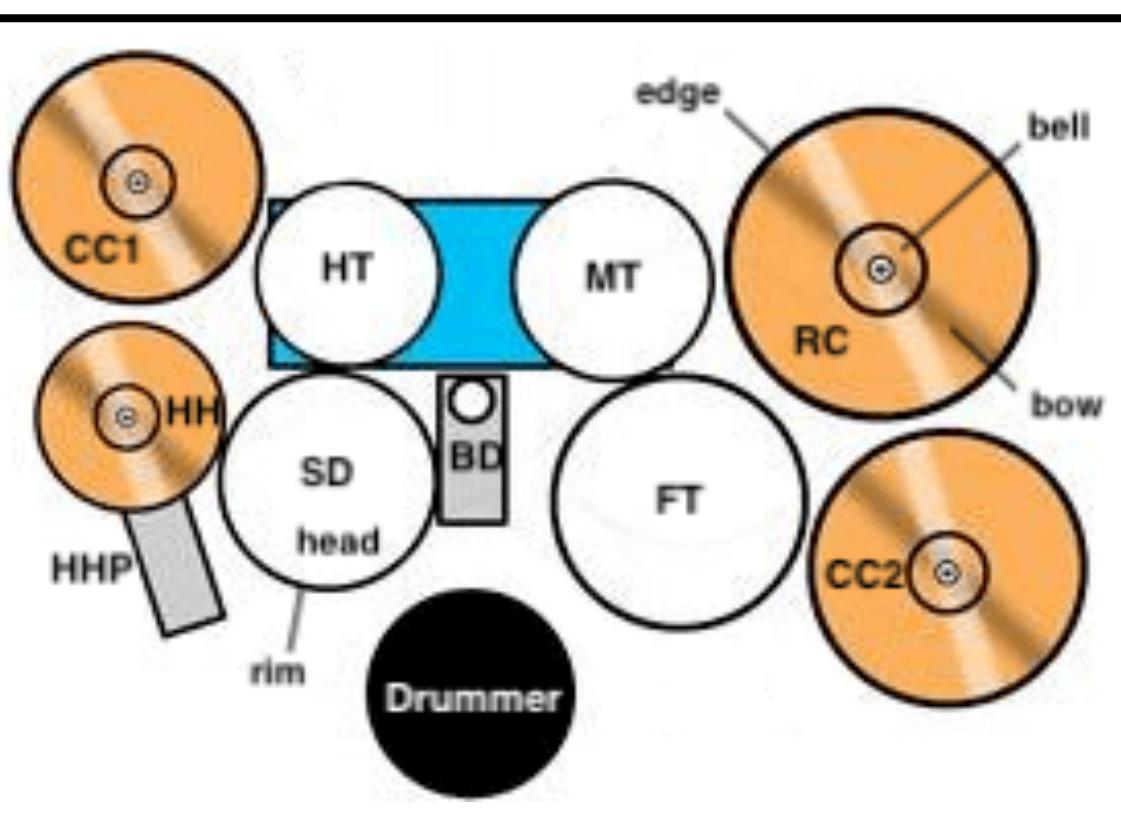
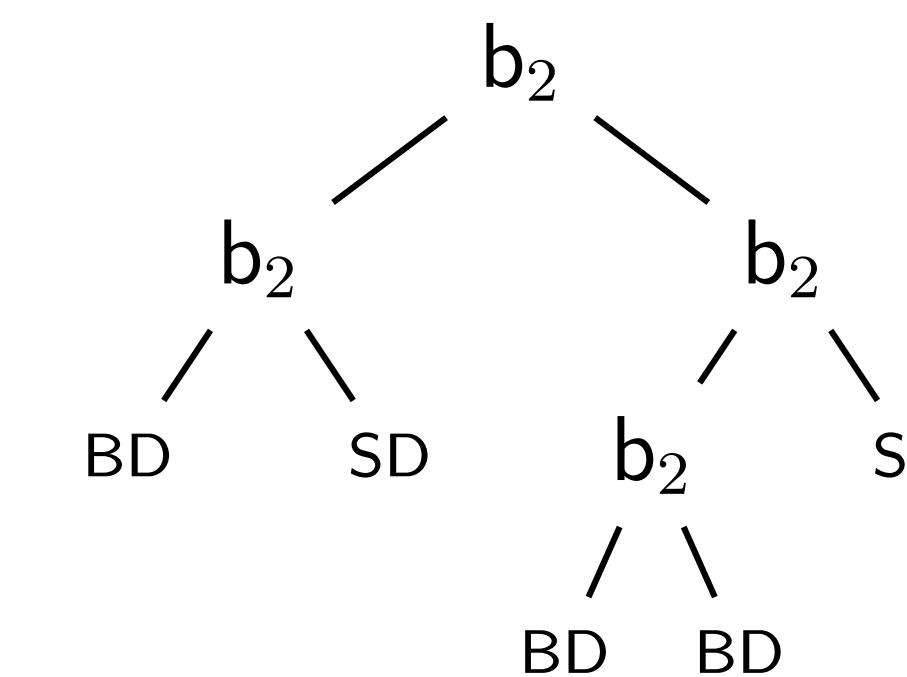
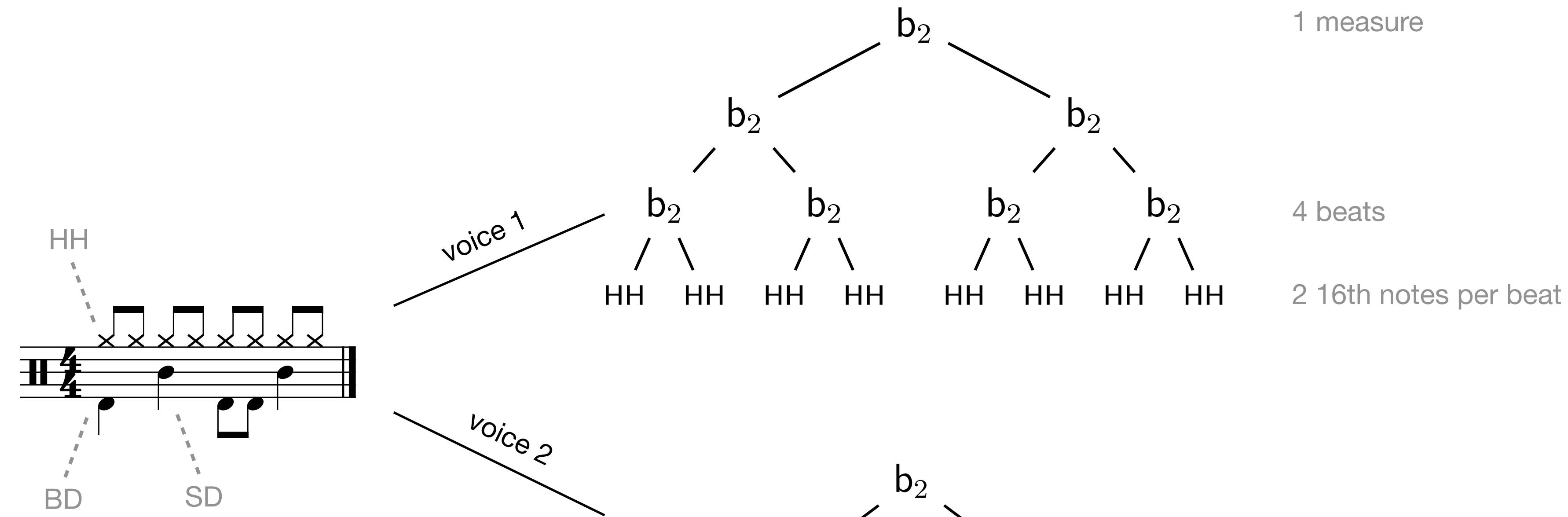
<https://gitlab.inria.fr/qparse/qparselib>  
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75 Kloc C++

- Command lines tools (monophonic, drum, piano)
- Python binding - [Lydia Rodriguez-de la Nava](#)
- several output formats ([Philippe Rigaux](#), [Clément Buon](#), ...)
- Online port, real-time - [Leyla Villaroel](#)
- Other subtasks: pitch-spelling, key estimation, beat/tempo tracking...

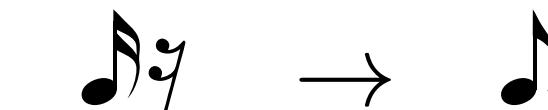
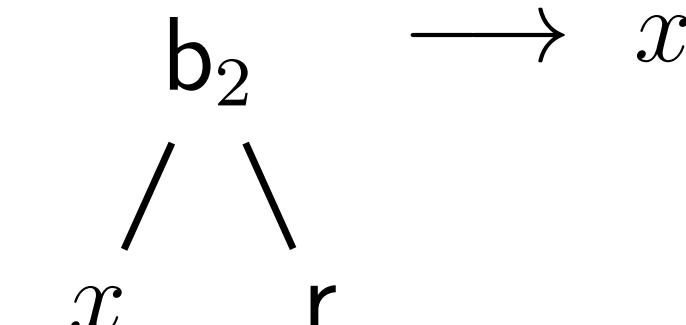
# Tree-structured Intermediate Score Representation

trees define time positions in score  
by hierarchical divisions of time intervals

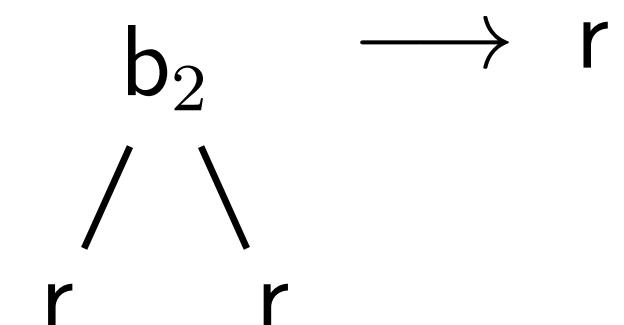
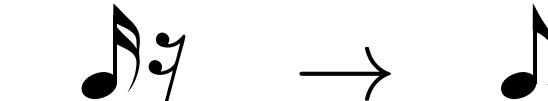


## Transforming the Score Representation

rewriting = post-processing in drum transcription workflow  
based on simplification rules  
applicable at any position of the tree



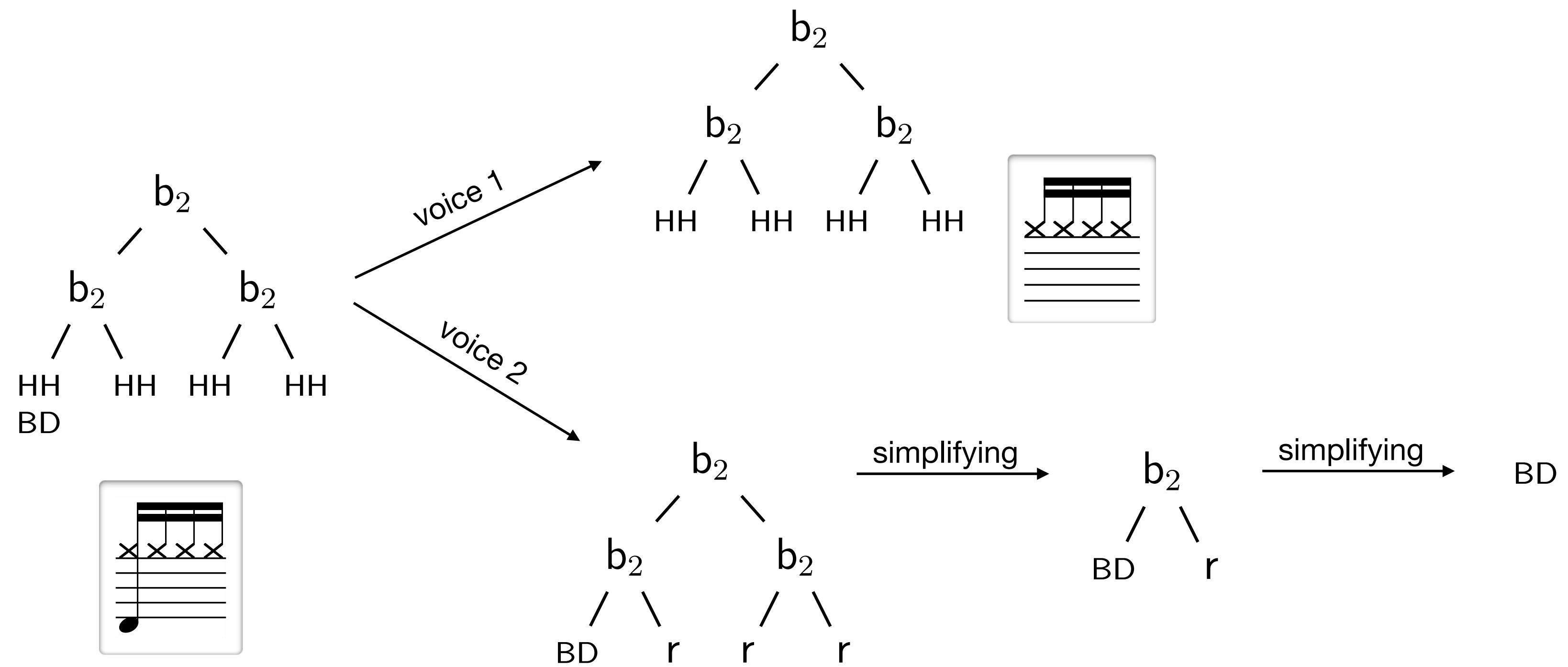
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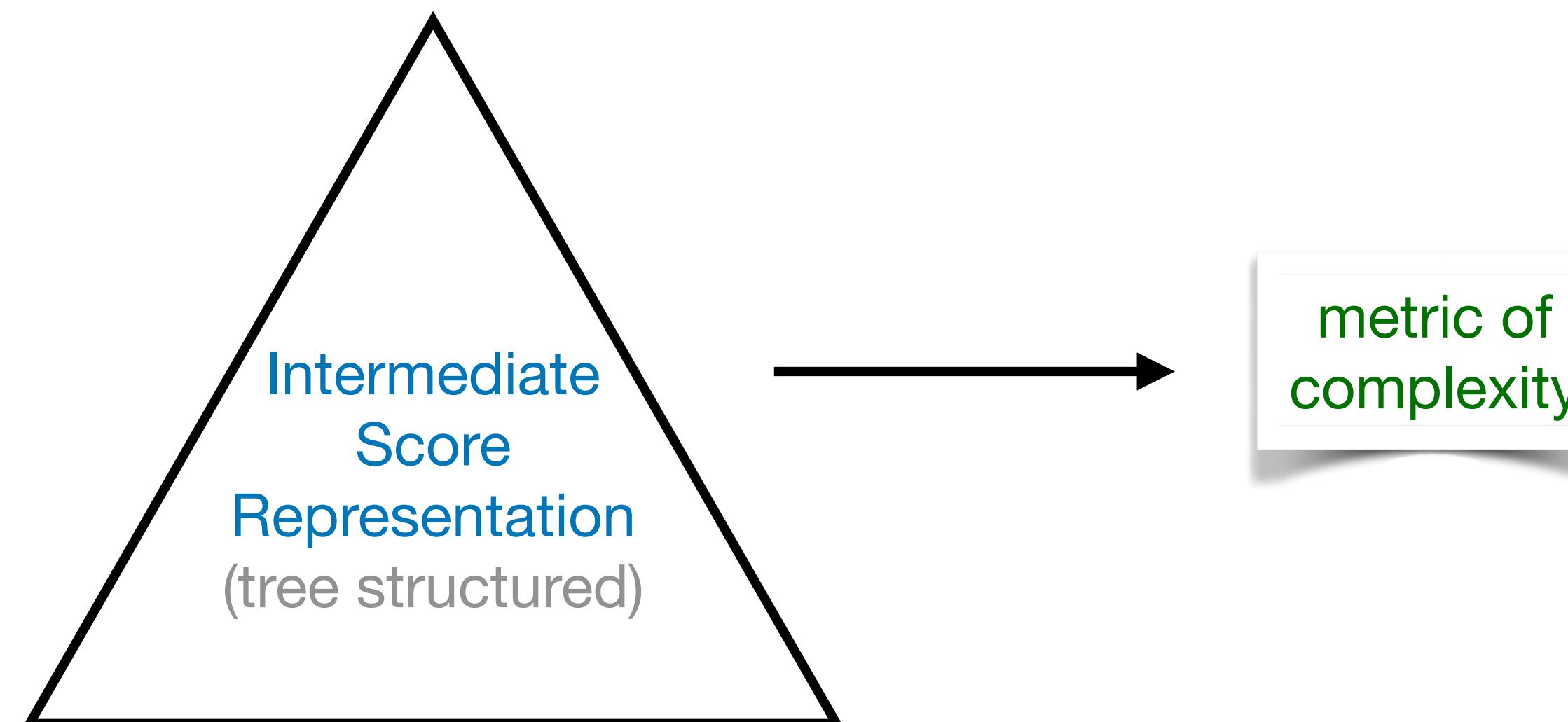
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voice separation & simplification



problems: rewrite strategies (e.g. IO or OI), conflicts...

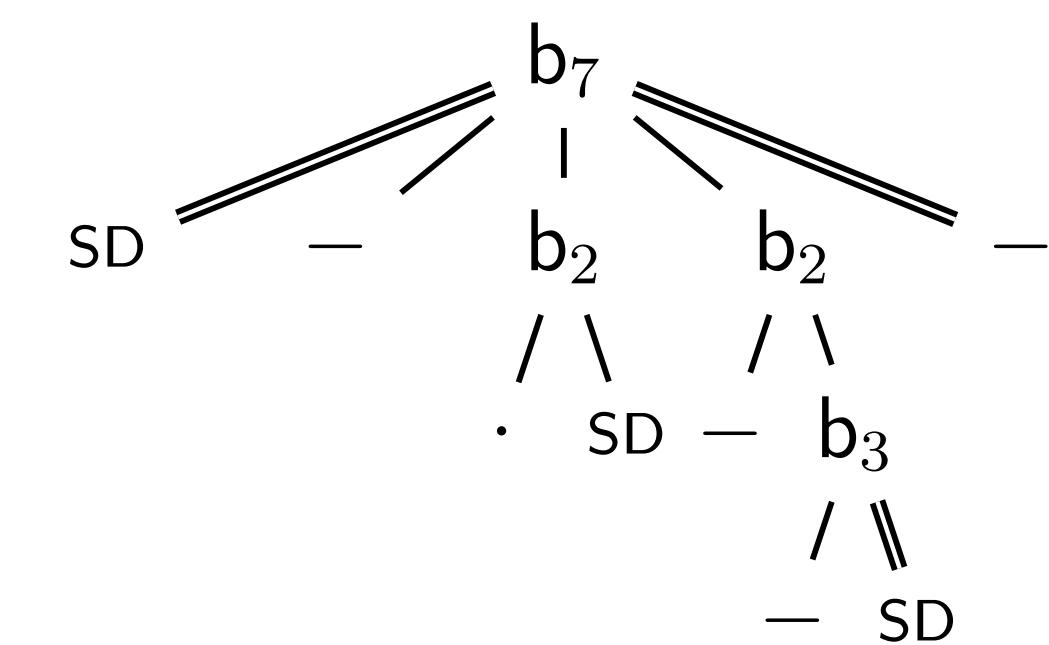
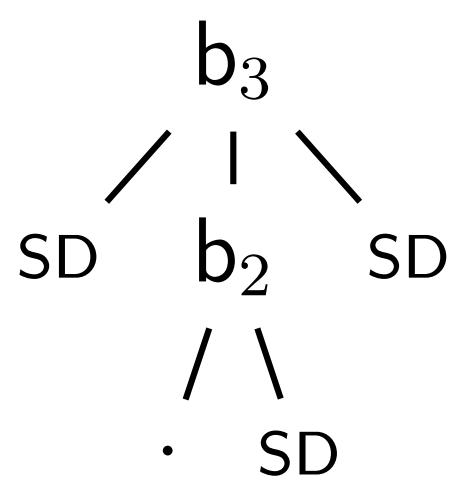
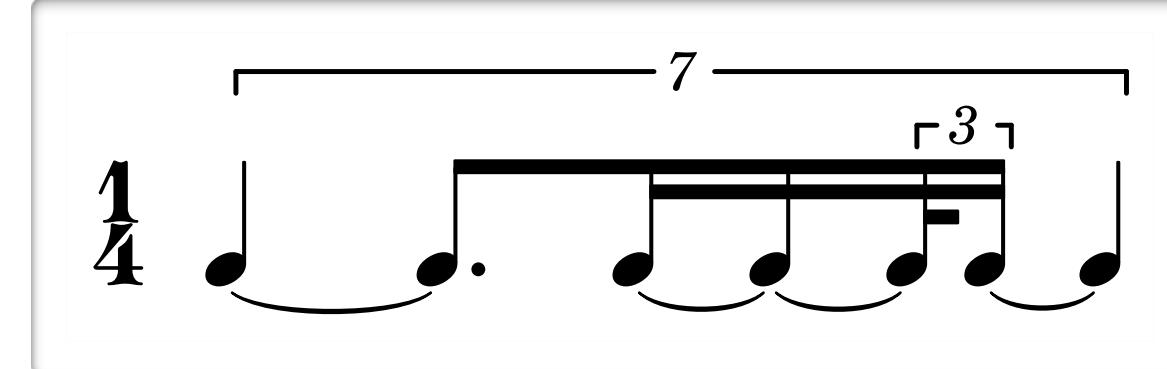
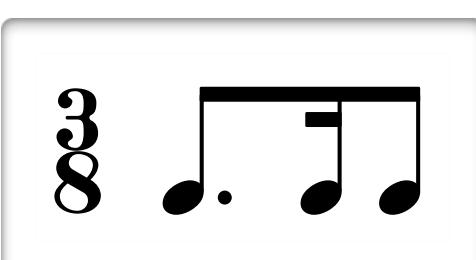
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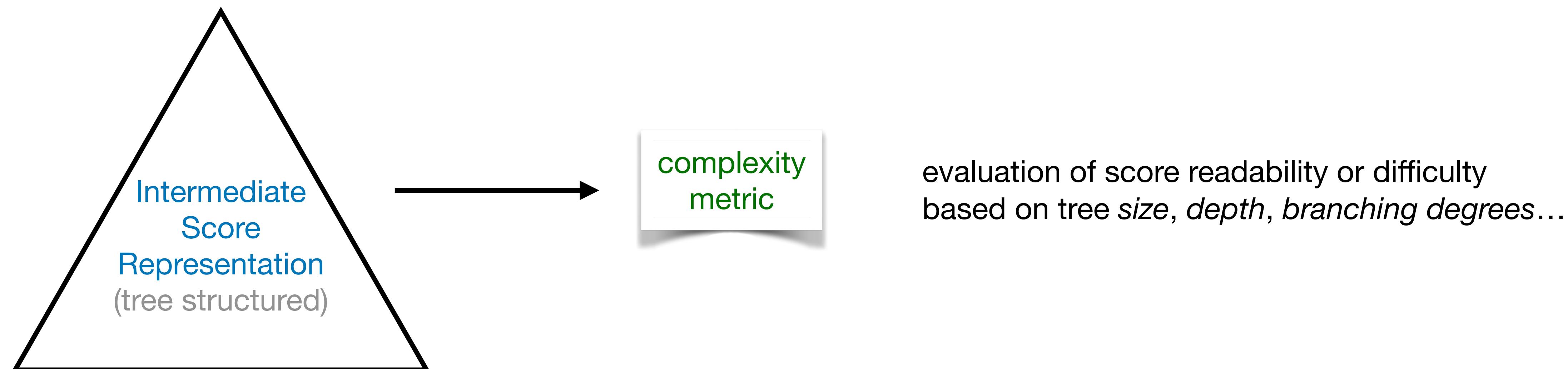
metric of complexity

evaluation of score readability or difficulty  
based on tree size, depth, branching degrees...

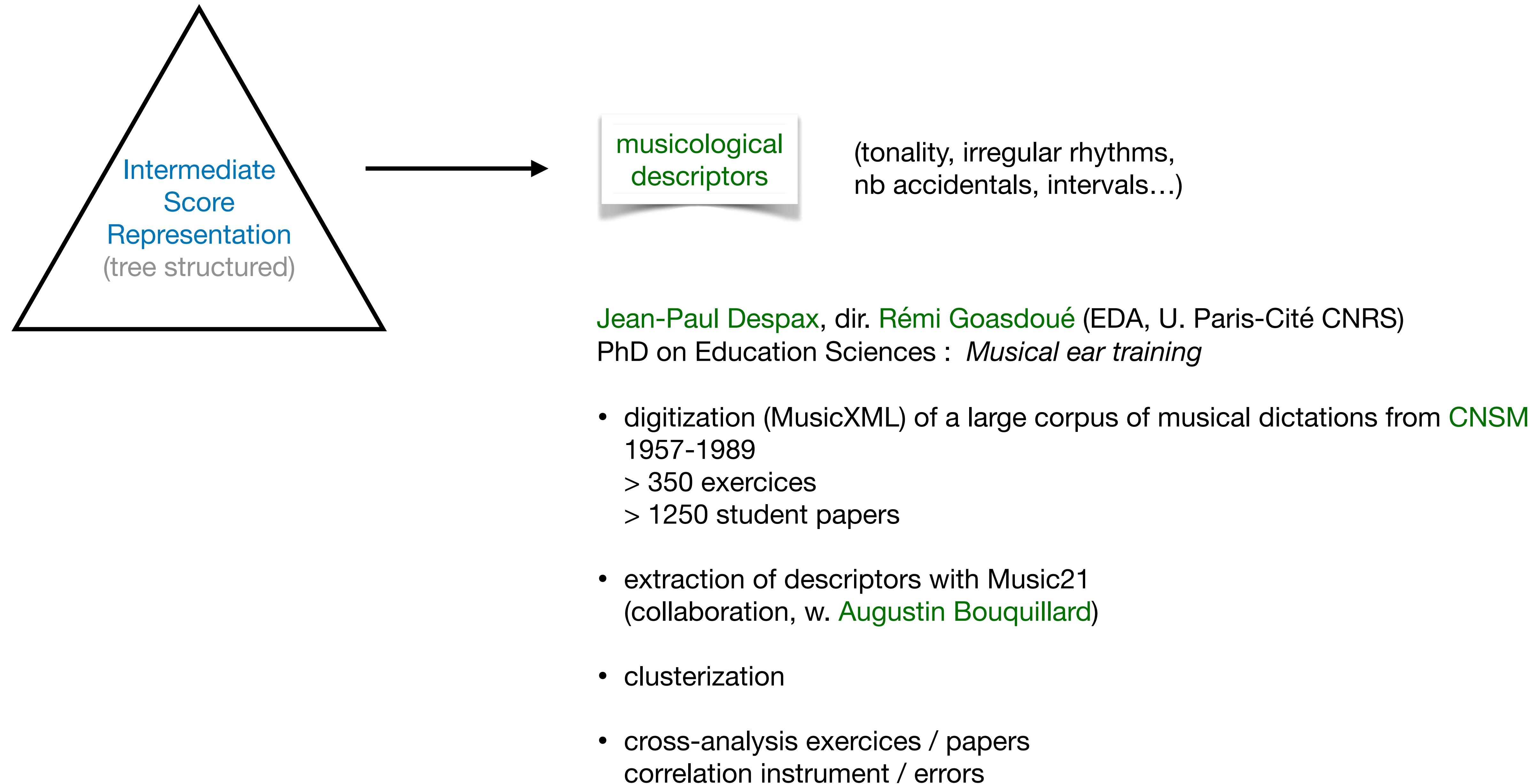
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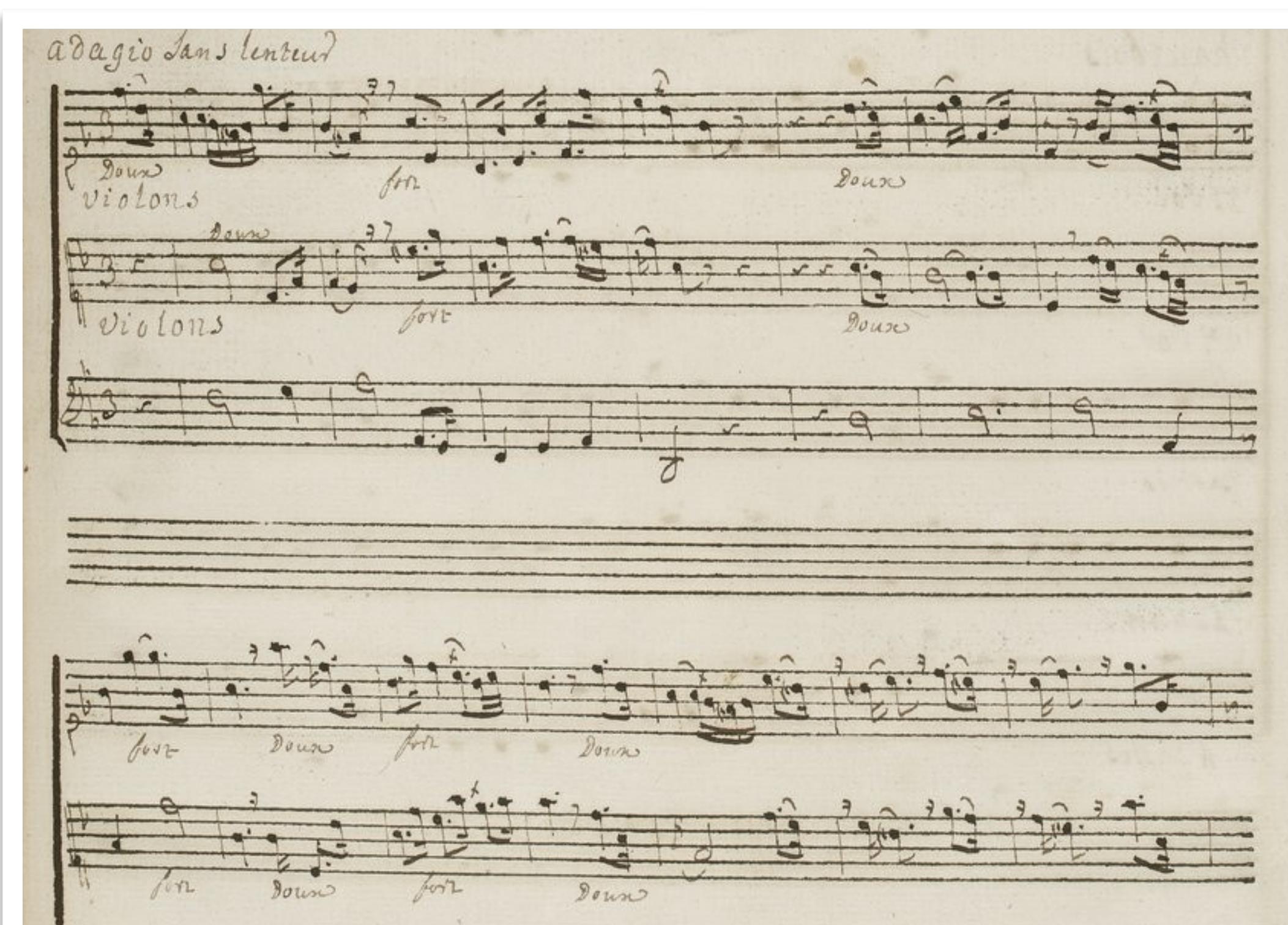
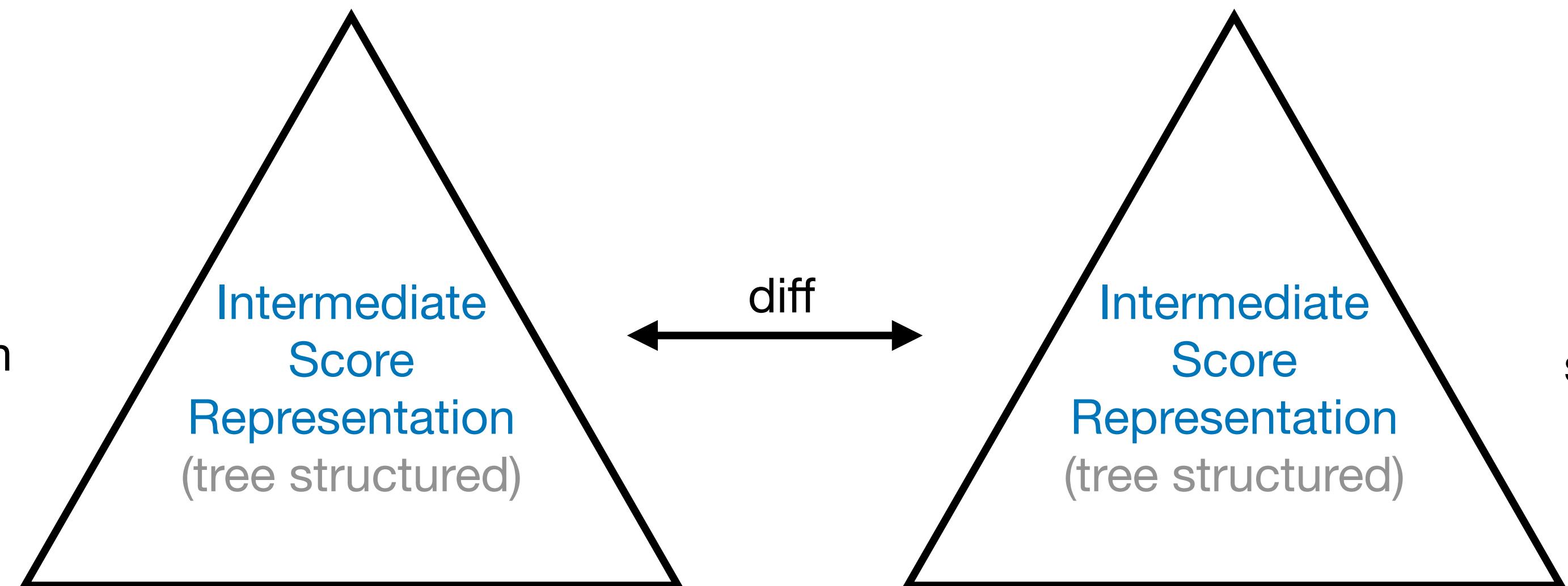
## Information Extraction (2)



# Similarity Metrics (1)

score-diff tool  
w. **Francesco Foscarin**

case study on  
*Rameau ouvertures*  
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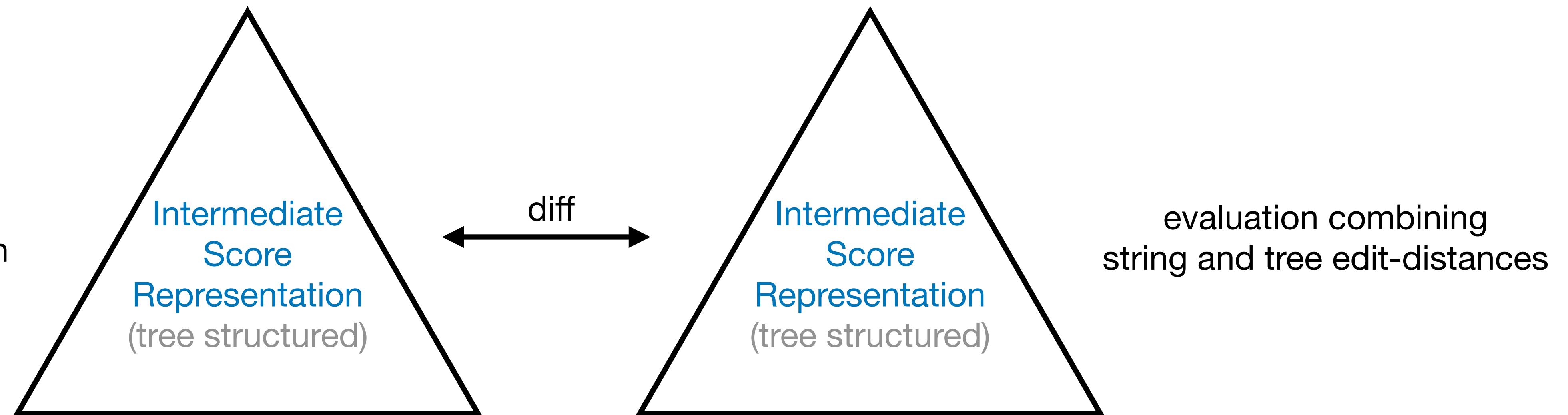
Les Surprises de l'amour  
Jean-Philippe Rameau  
Ouverture, adagio

BnF © Gallica

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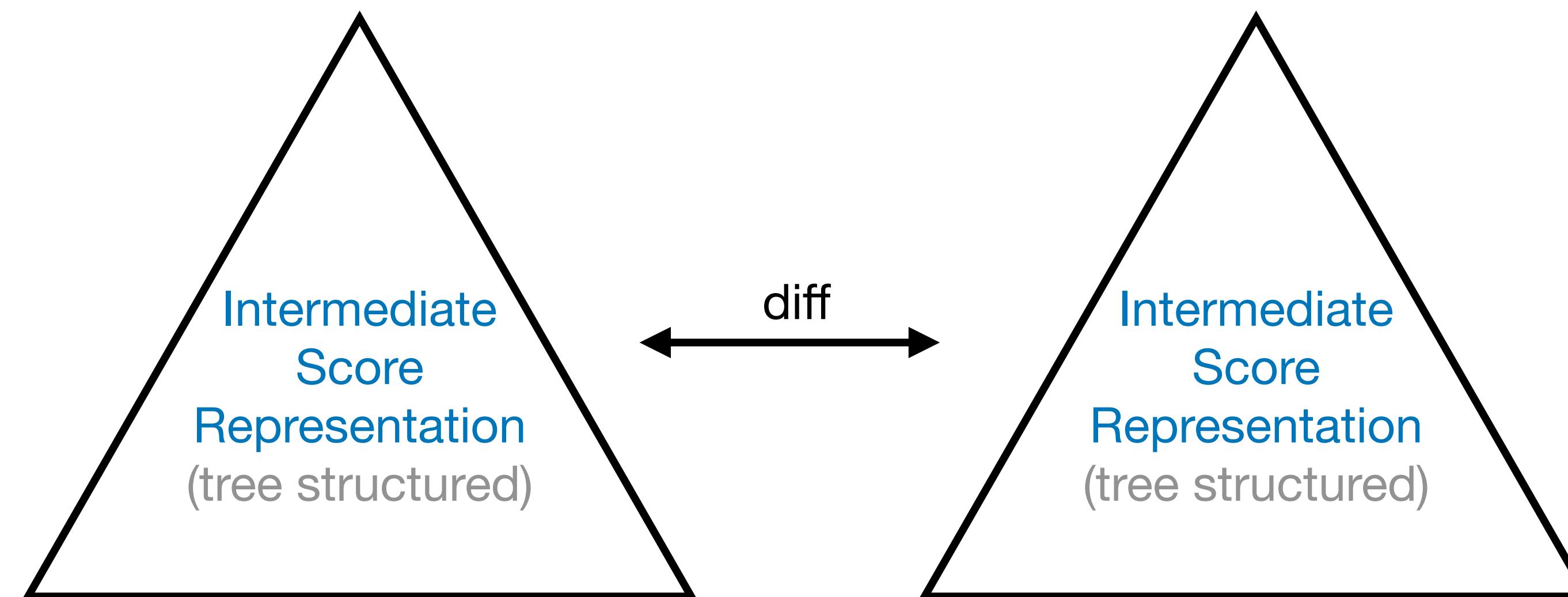
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The image shows two musical score snippets side-by-side for comparison. The left snippet, titled "OMRized version", displays a musical score for three voices (Pr violon, 2e violon, Basses) in 3/4 time. The right snippet, titled "Manual correction (ground truth)", shows the same score but with additional dynamic markings ("Doux", "Fort") and performance instructions ("Ouverture Adagio"). Both snippets are from the piece "Les surprises de l'amour". The bottom left corner of the image contains the number "52".

## Similarity Metrics (2)



### ANR Collabscore

CNAM, IRISA, IReMus, BnF, Fondation Royaumont  
project on score collection digitization (OMR) and collaborative (crowd) correction

- demonstrator by Fondation Royaumont, for public dissemination  
**Debussy *Fantaisie for piano and orchestra* (1889-1990)**
- several revisions by Debussy:  
annotations and autographs of the composer
- printed edition with annotations by Alfred Cortot (for the creation in 1919)
- objective of demonstrator:
  - OMRization of editions + annotations
  - visualisation of differences between the revisions

## Summary

- Abstract model of music scores  
tree-structured
- Techniques and Tools to  
build, transform, export, analyse scores
- Applications
  - Transcription (monophonic, drum, piano)
  - IE: complexity measure, descriptors
  - Computation of similarity metrics and diff list

## Collaborations

- Musicologists  
[IReMus](#) (SU,CNRS, Paris), [Algomus](#) (Cristal, Lille)
- Education sciences  
[EDA](#)  
analysis, IE
- Librarians  
[BnF](#) (Gallica), [Royaumont](#) foundation  
digitization, public dissemination
- Company  
[Metronaut](#)  
automatic accompaniment app

**Thank you!**