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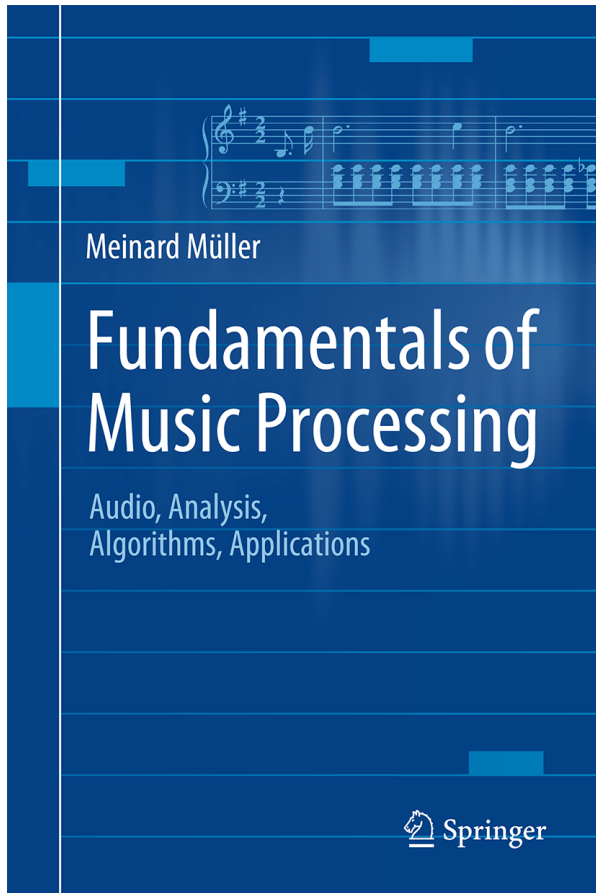
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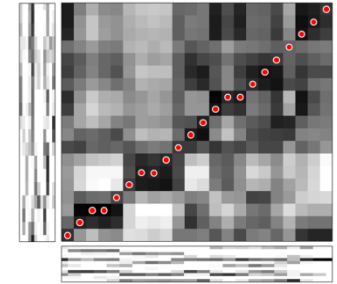


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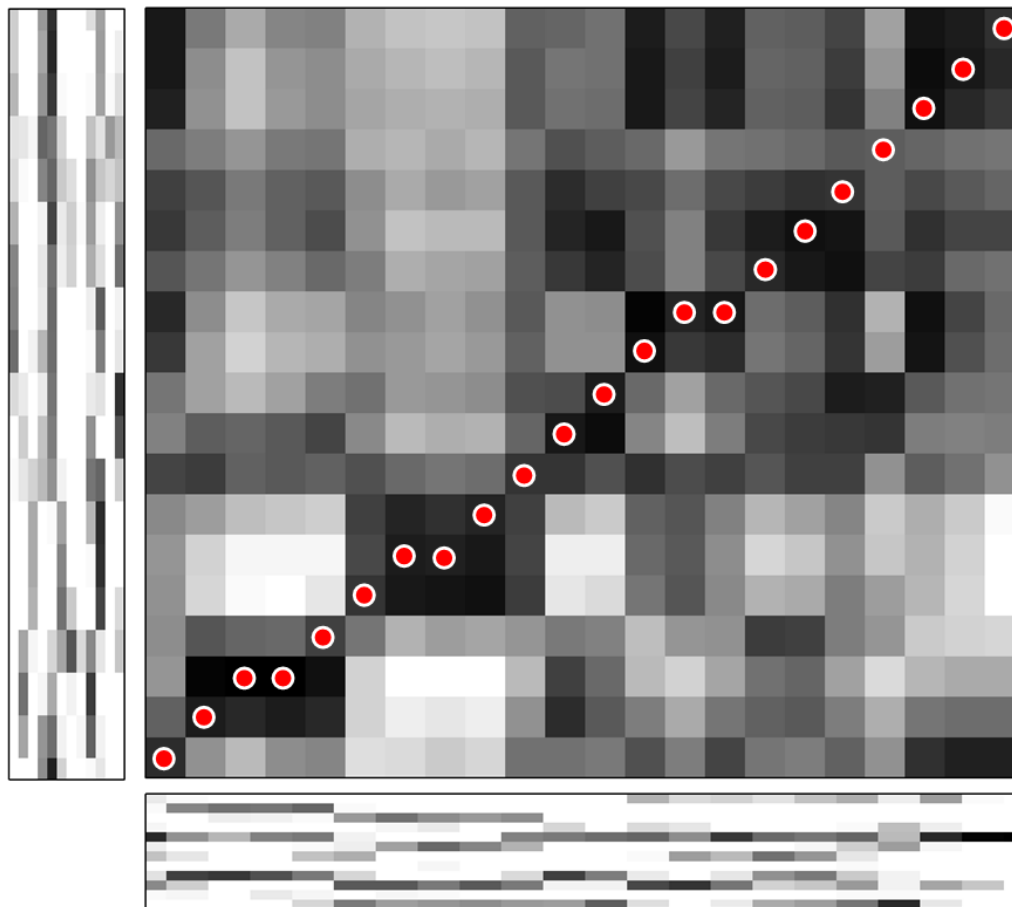
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As a first music processing task, we study in Chapter 3 the problem of music synchronization. The objective is to temporally align compatible representations of the same piece of music. Considering this scenario, we explain the need for musically informed audio features. In particular, we introduce the concept of chroma-based music features, which capture properties that are related to harmony and melody. Furthermore, we study an alignment technique known as dynamic time warping (DTW), a concept that is applicable for the analysis of general time series. For its efficient computation, we discuss an algorithm based on dynamic programming—a widely used method for solving a complex problem by breaking it down into a collection of simpler subproblems.

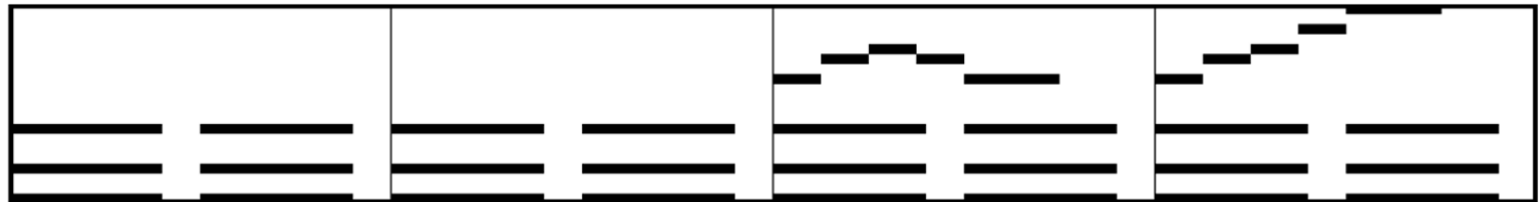
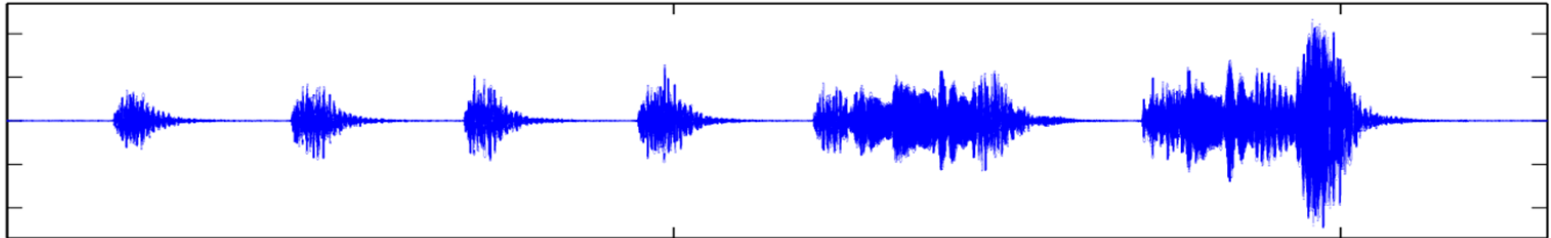
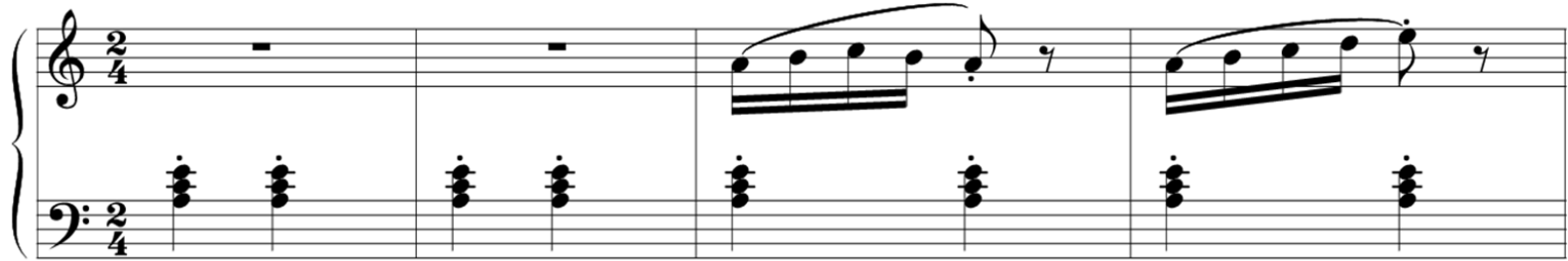
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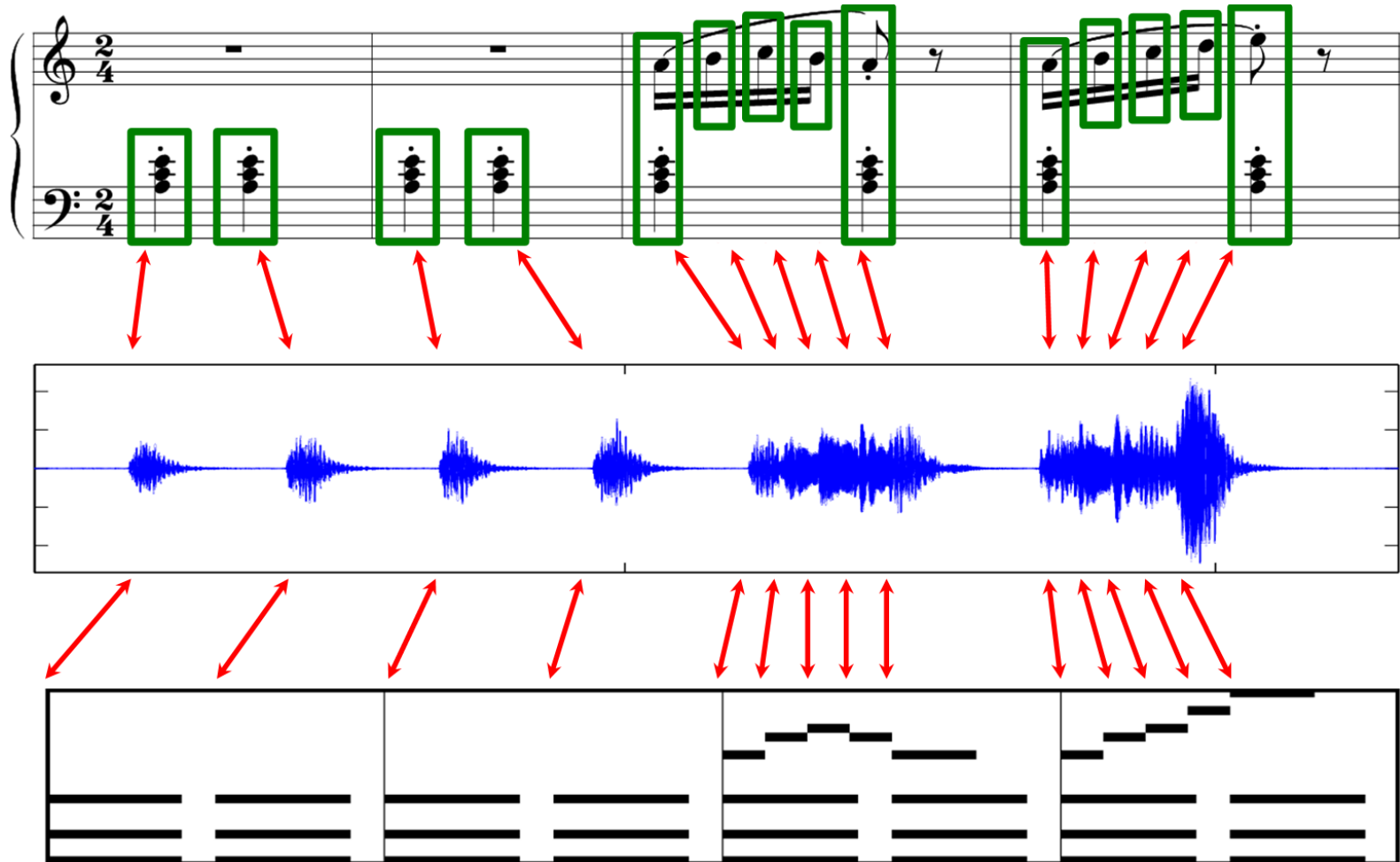
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Fig. 3.1



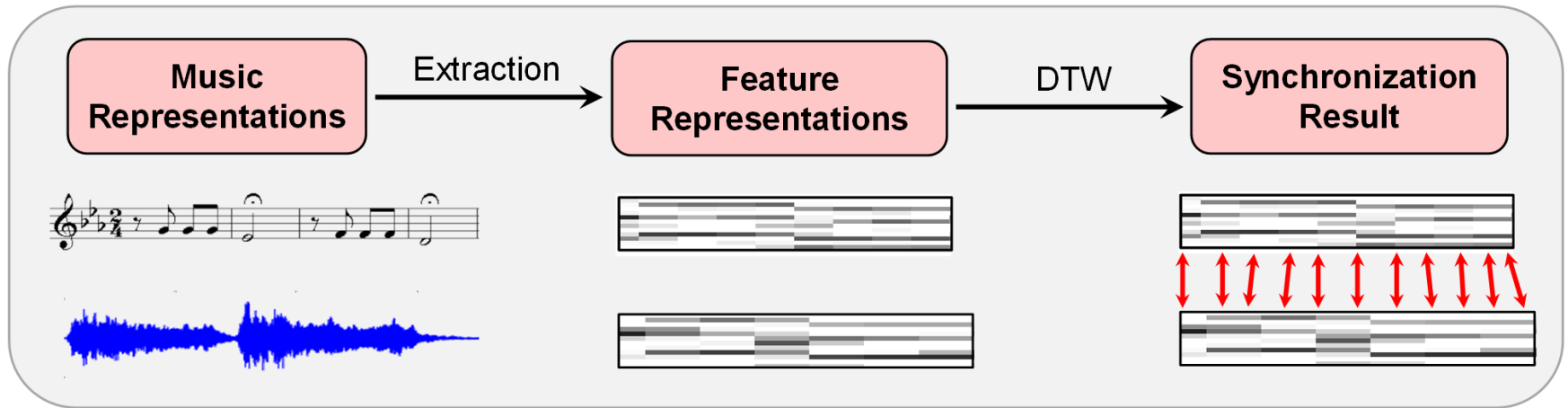
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Fig. 3.1



3 Music Synchronization

Fig. 3.2



3.1 Audio Features

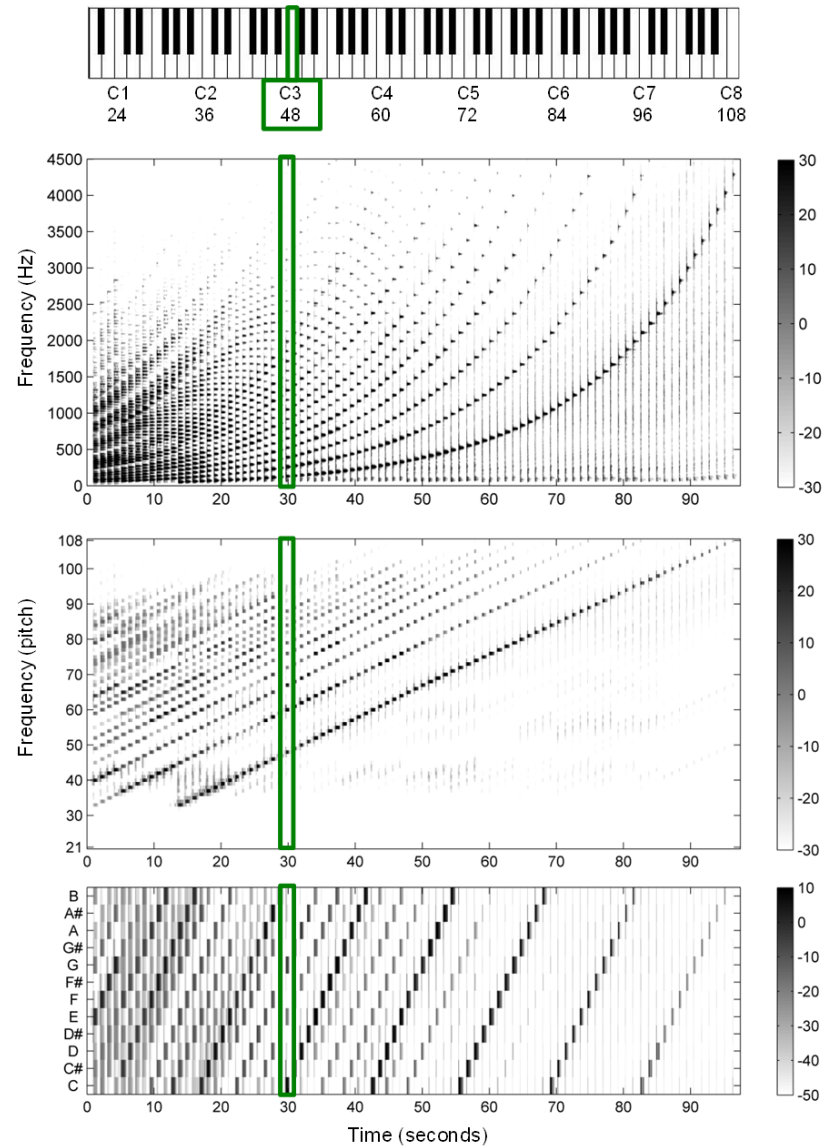
Fig. 3.3

Chromatic scale played on a real piano

Magnitude Spectrogram

Pitch-based log-frequency Spectrogram

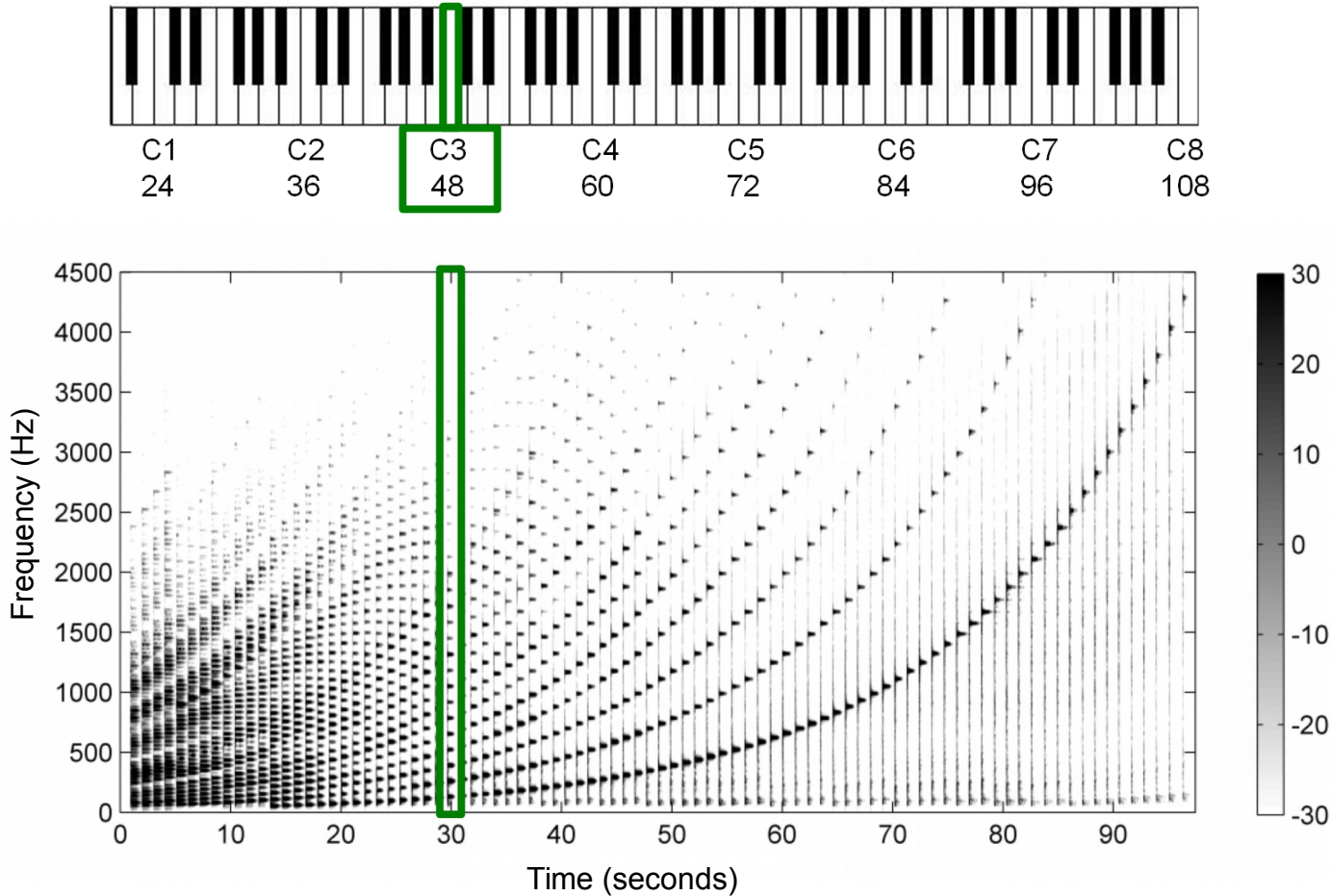
Chroagram



3.1 Audio Features

Fig. 3.3

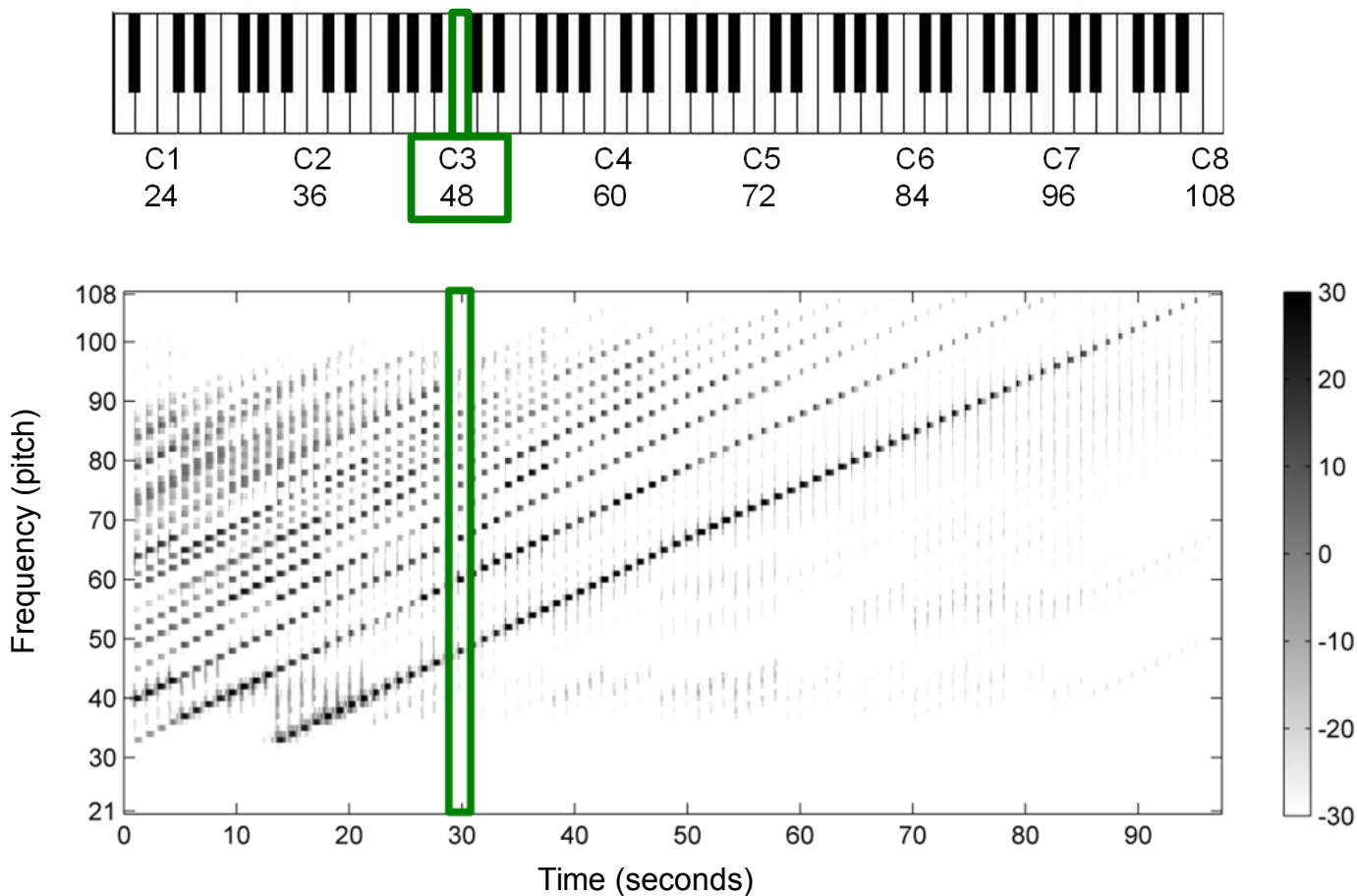
$$\mathcal{X}(n, k) := \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} x(\ell + nH)w(\ell) \exp(-2\pi i k \ell / N)$$



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$$F_{\text{pitch}}(p) = 2^{(p-69)/12} \cdot 440$$

$$P(p) := \{k : F_{\text{pitch}}(p - 0.5) \leq F_{\text{coef}}(k) < F_{\text{pitch}}(p + 0.5)\}$$

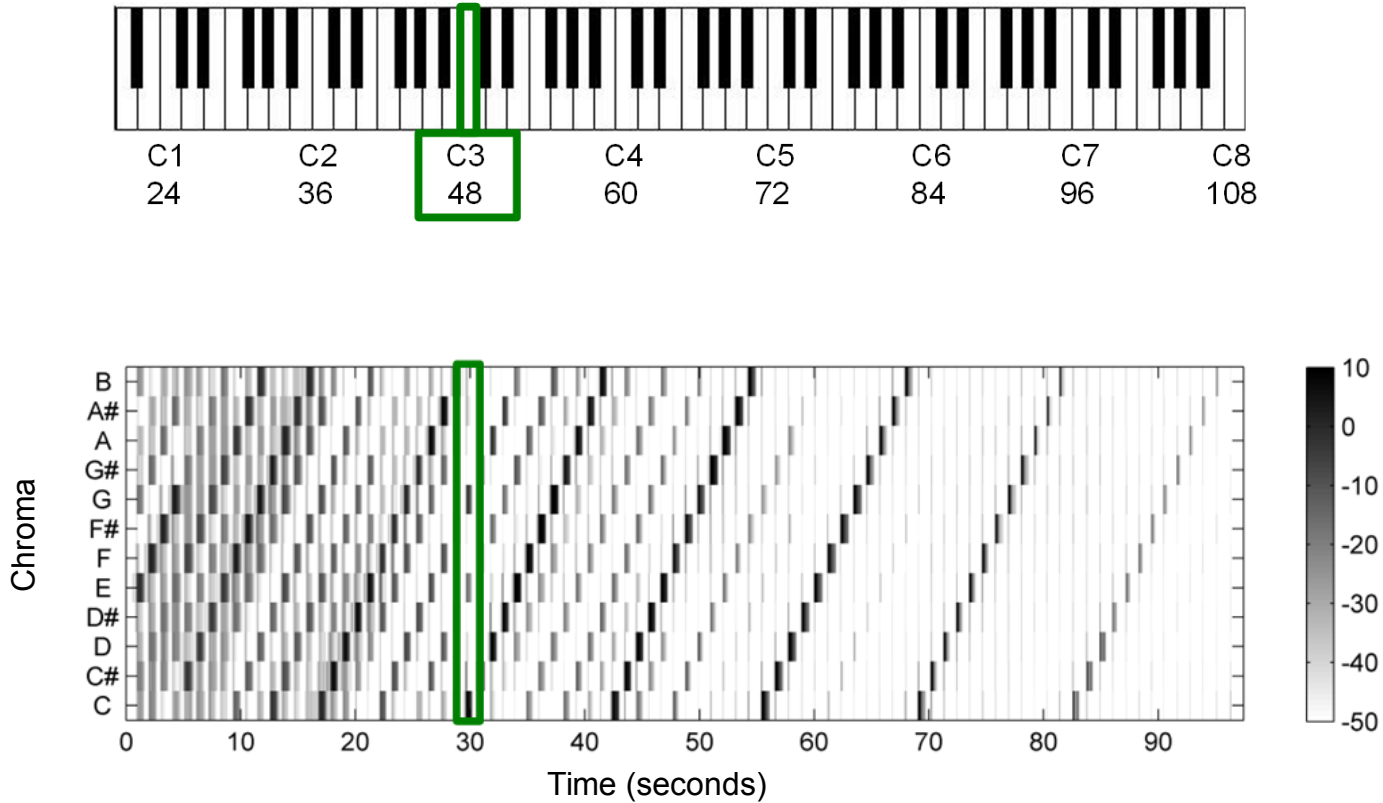


$$\mathcal{Y}_{\text{LF}}(n, p) := \sum_{k \in P(p)} |\mathcal{X}(n, k)|^2$$

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Fig. 3.3

$$C(n, c) := \sum_{\{p \in [0:127] : p \bmod 12 = c\}} \mathcal{Y}_{LF}(n, p)$$



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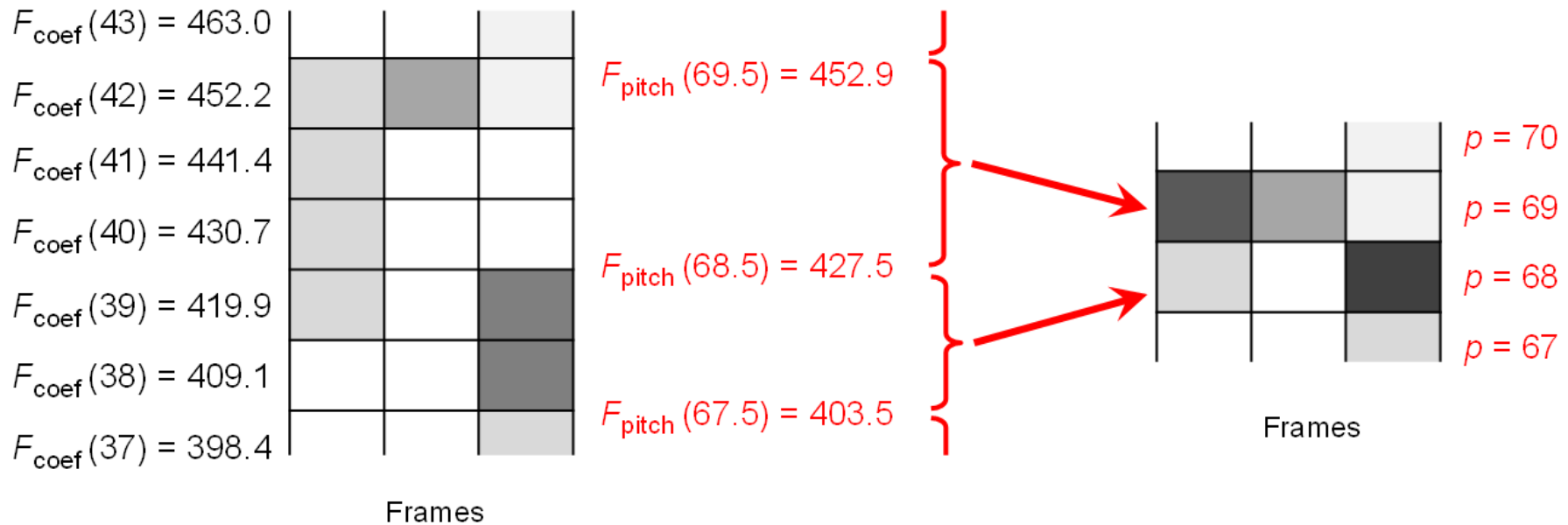
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Note	p	$F_{\text{pitch}}(p)$	$F_{\text{pitch}}(p - 0.5)$	$F_{\text{pitch}}(p + 0.5)$	$\text{BW}(p)$
C4	60	261.63	254.18	269.29	15.11
C \sharp 4	61	277.18	269.29	285.30	16.01
D4	62	293.66	285.30	302.27	16.97
D \sharp 4	63	311.13	302.27	320.24	17.97
E4	64	329.63	320.24	339.29	19.04
F4	65	349.23	339.29	359.46	20.18
F \sharp 4	66	369.99	359.46	380.84	21.37
G4	67	392.00	380.84	403.48	22.65
G \sharp 4	68	415.30	403.48	427.47	23.99
A4	69	440.00	427.47	452.89	25.41
A \sharp 4	70	466.16	452.89	479.82	26.93
B4	71	493.88	479.82	508.36	28.53
C5	72	523.25	508.36	538.58	30.23

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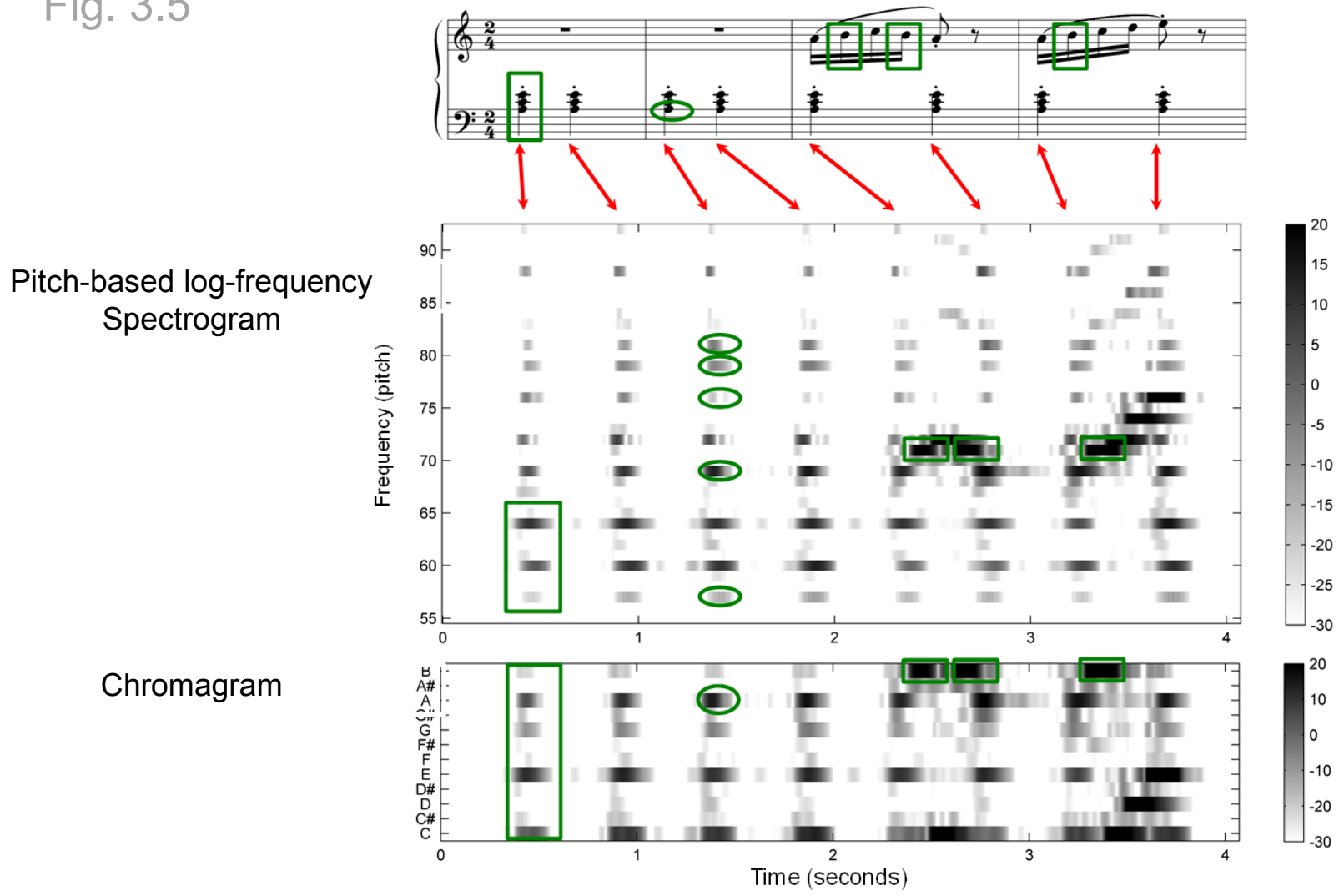
Fig. 3.4

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\text{LF}}(n, p) := \sum_{k \in P(p)} |\mathcal{X}(n, k)|^2$$



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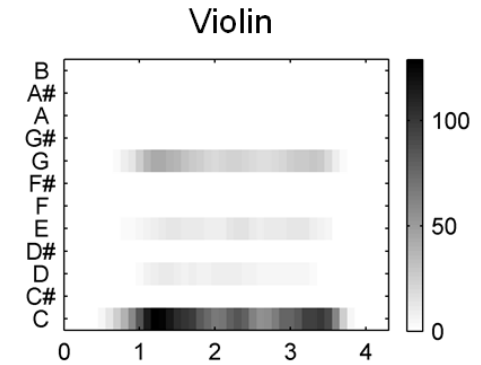
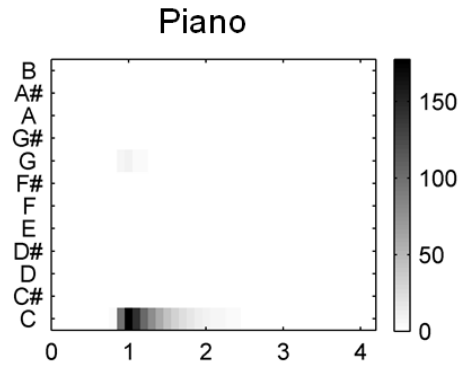
Fig. 3.5



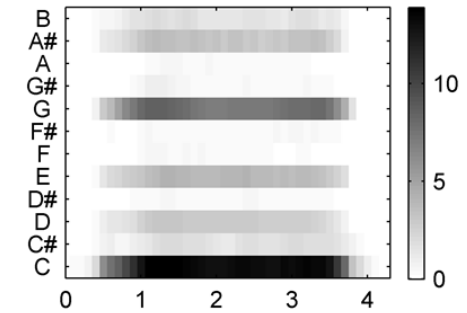
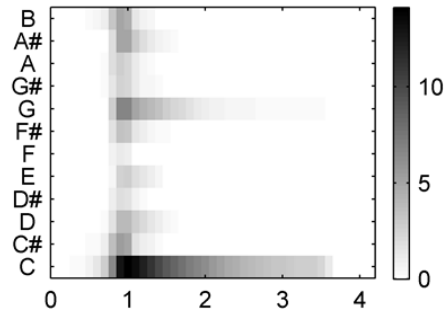
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Fig. 3.6

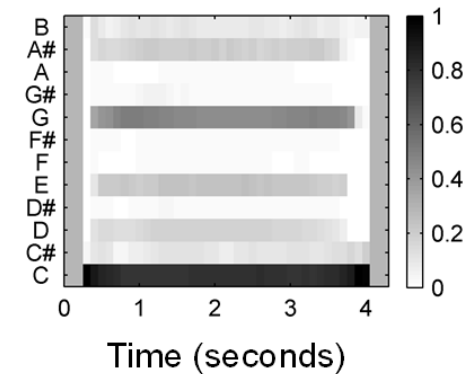
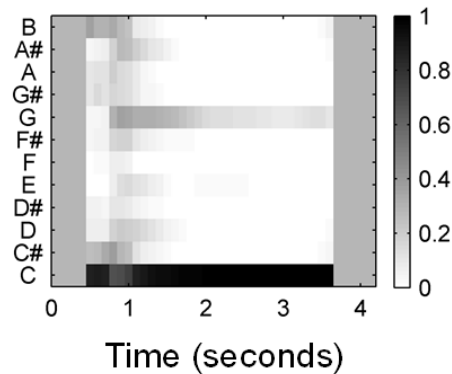
Chromagram



Chromagram after logarithmic compression



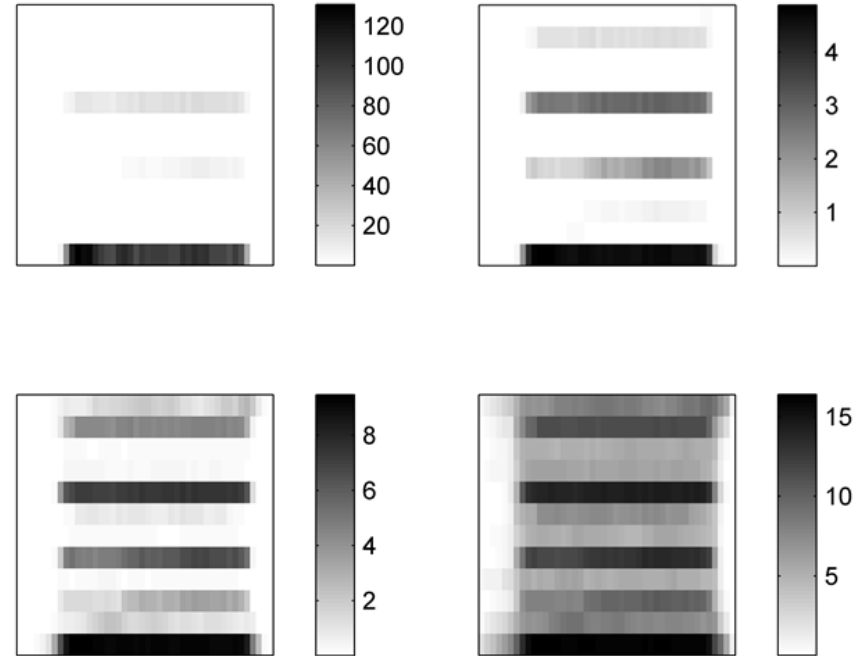
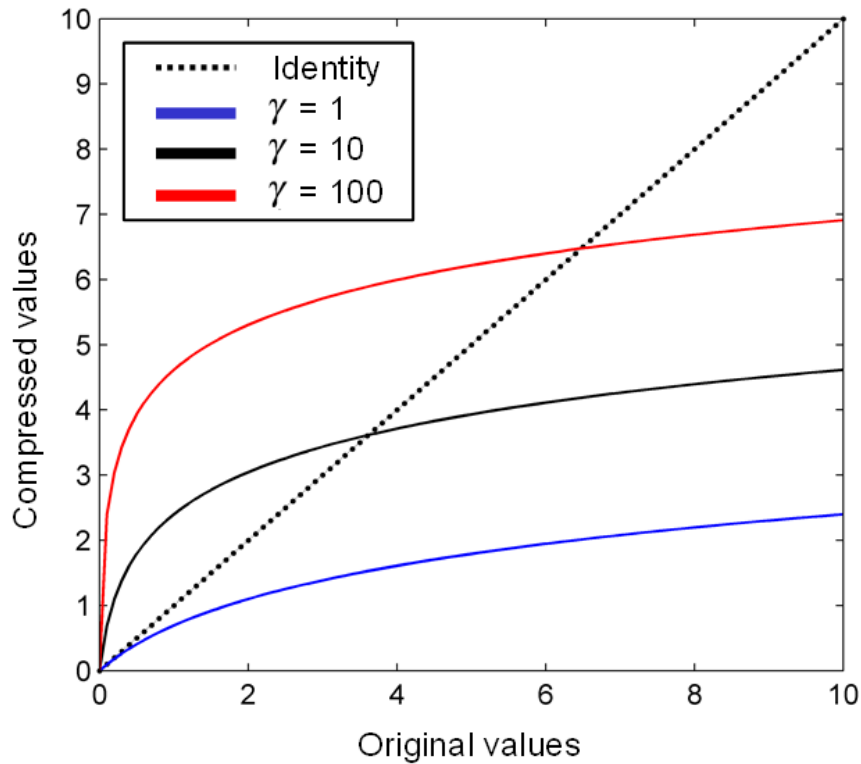
Normalized chromagram after logarithmic compression



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Fig. 3.7

Logarithmic compression

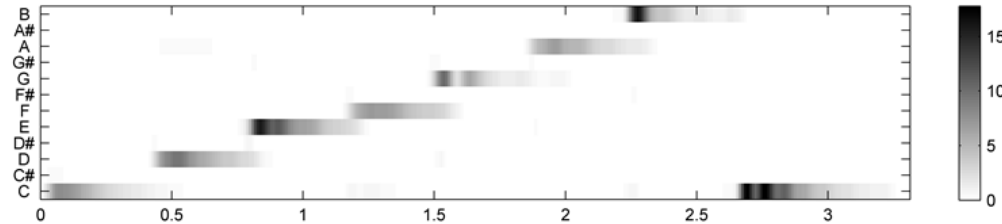


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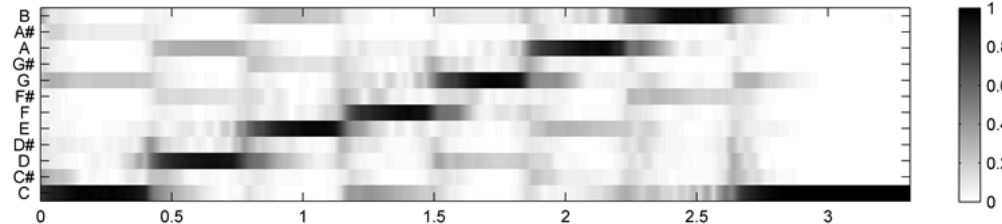
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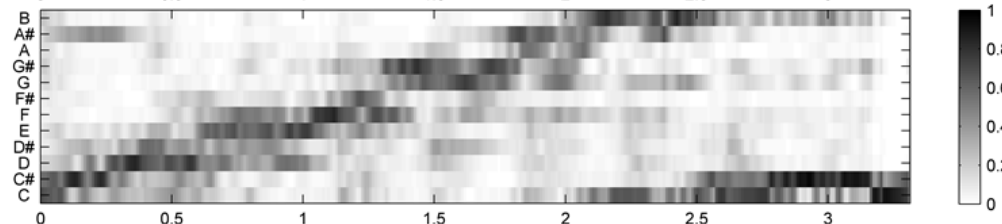
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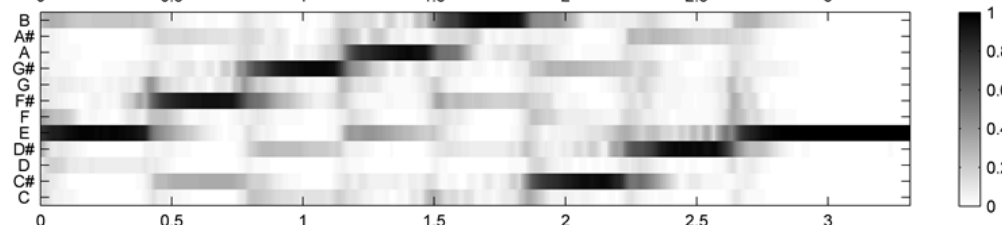
Chromagram after logarithmic compression



Chromagram for a piano tuned 40 cents upwards



Chromagram after applying a cyclic shift of four semitones

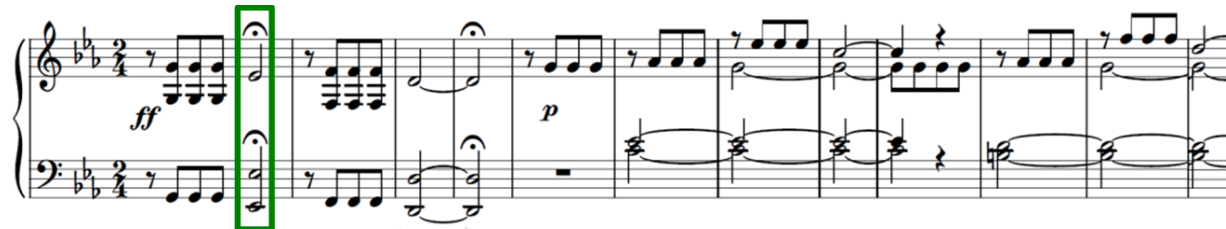


Time (seconds)

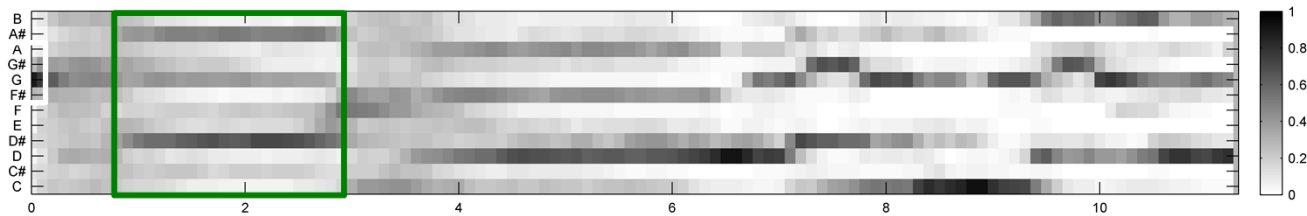
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Fig. 3.9

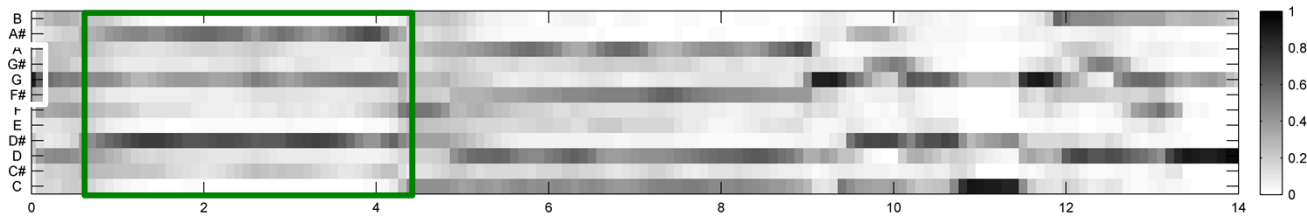
Beethoven's Fifth Symphony



Orchestra performance



Piano performance



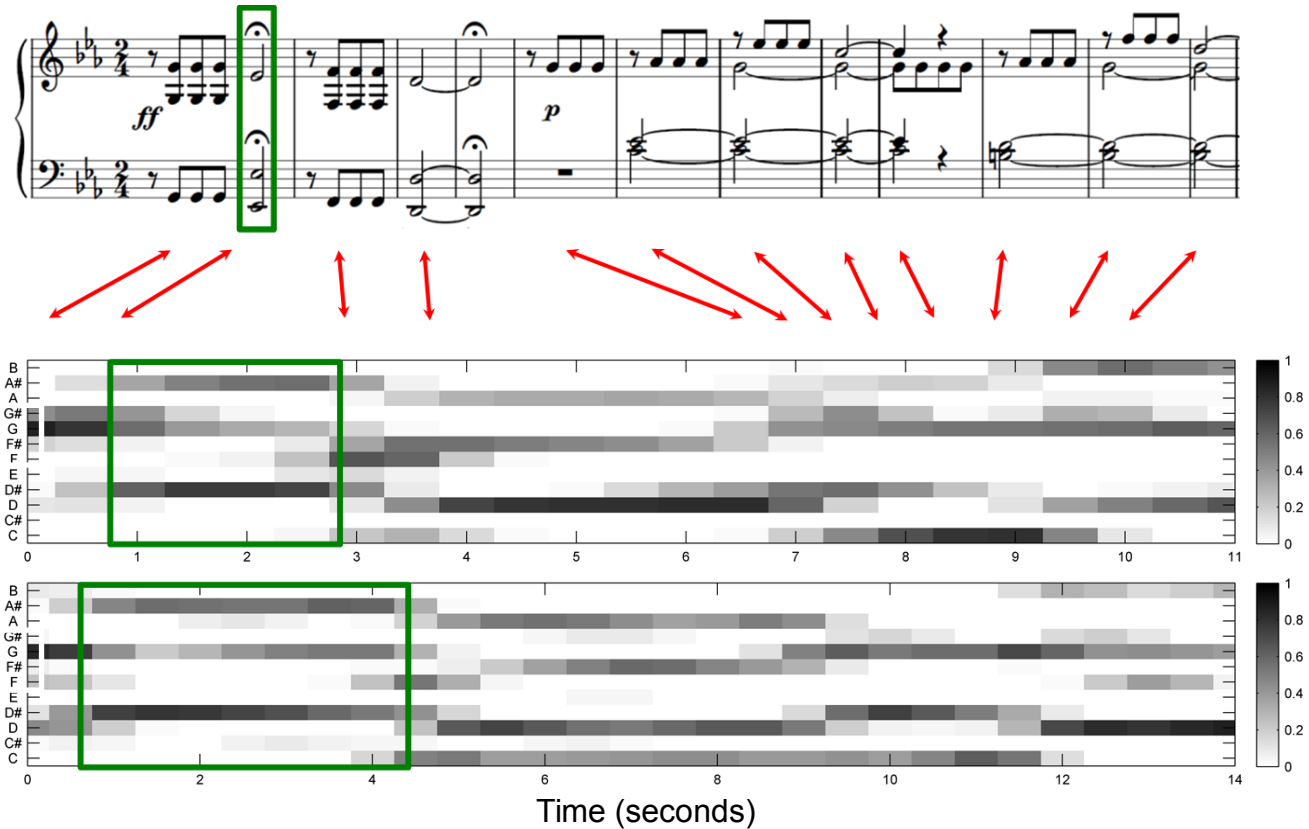
Time (seconds)

Compressed and normalized chromagrams

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Fig. 3.9

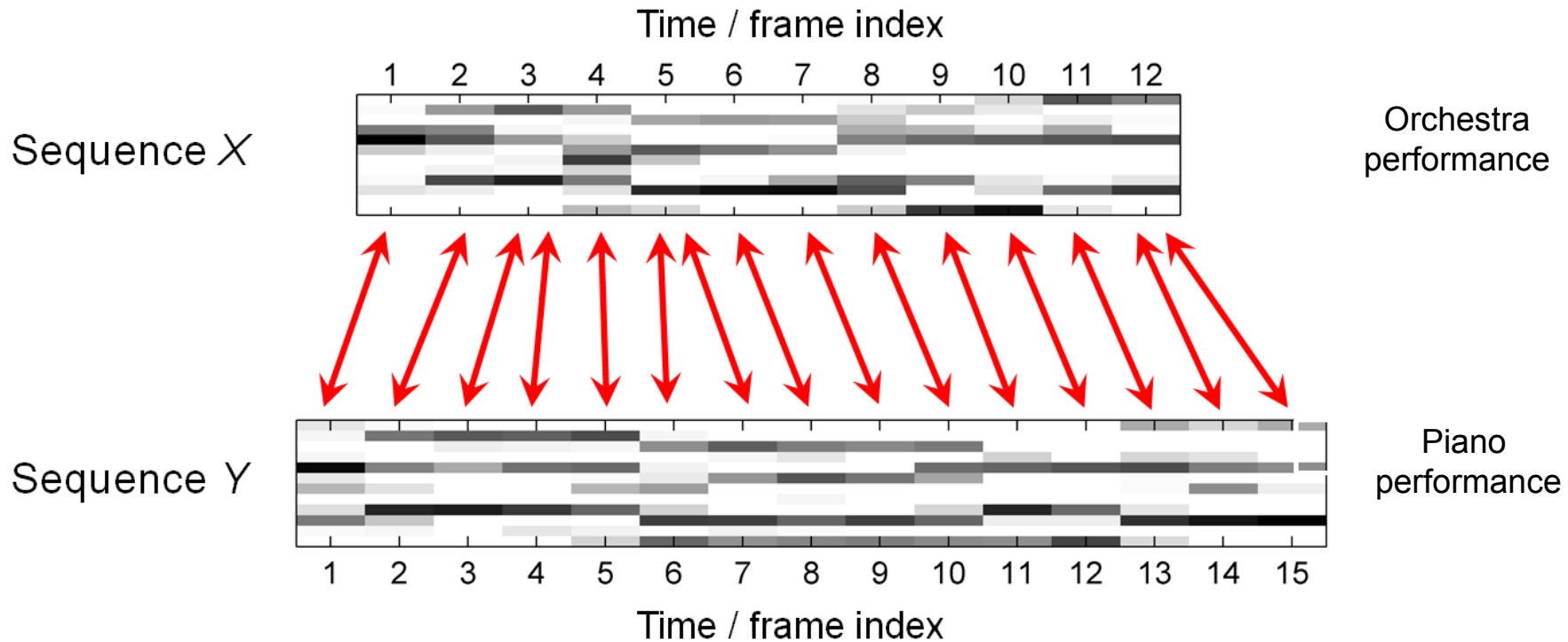
Beethoven's Fifth Symphony



Enhanced compressed and normalized chromagrams

3.2 Dynamic Time Warping

Fig. 3.10



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Fig. 3.11

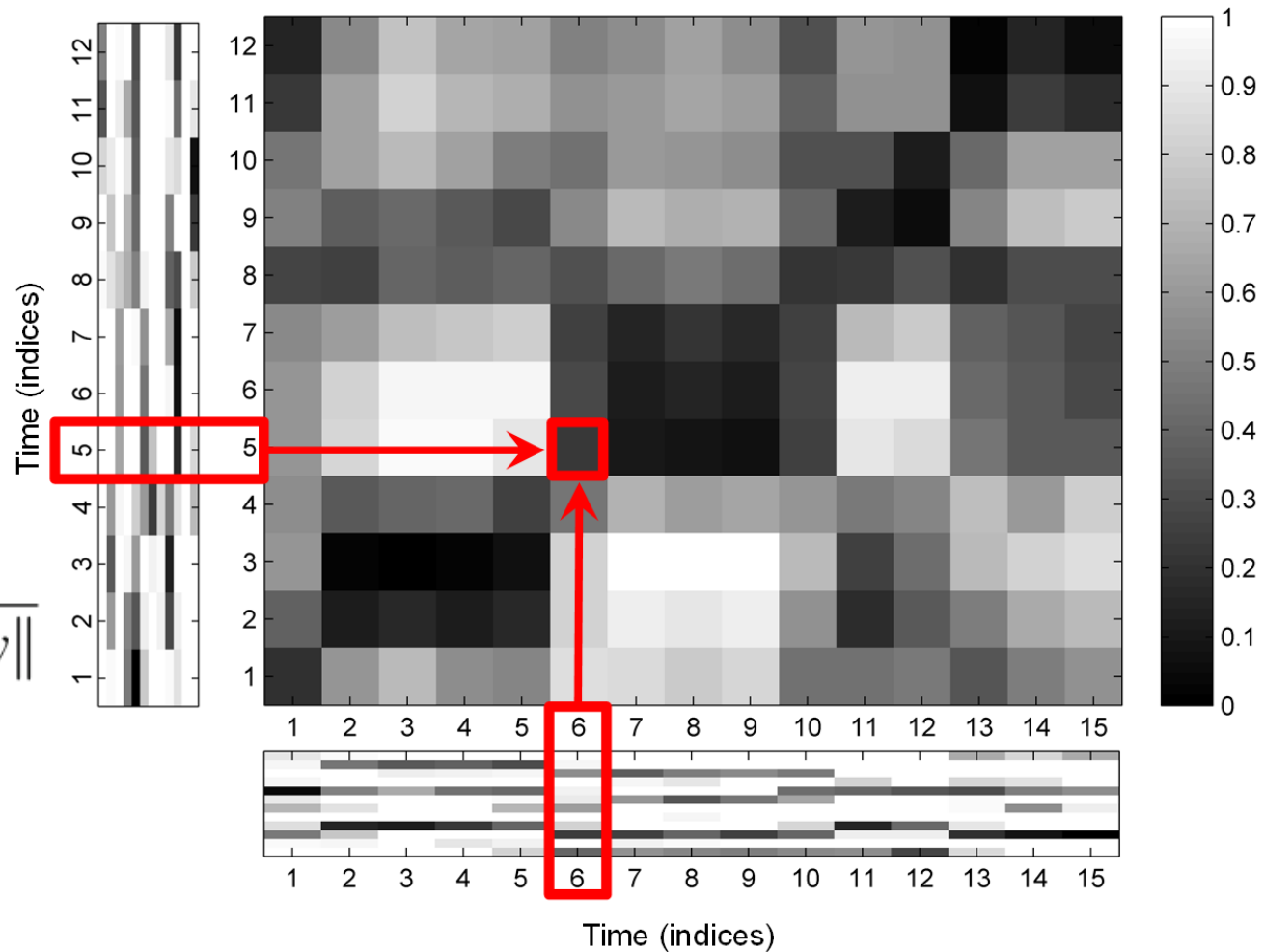
Local cost measure

$$C(n, m) := c(x_n, y_m)$$

Cosine distance

$$c(x, y) := 1 - \frac{\langle x|y \rangle}{\|x\| \cdot \|y\|}$$

Cost matrix



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Fig. 3.11

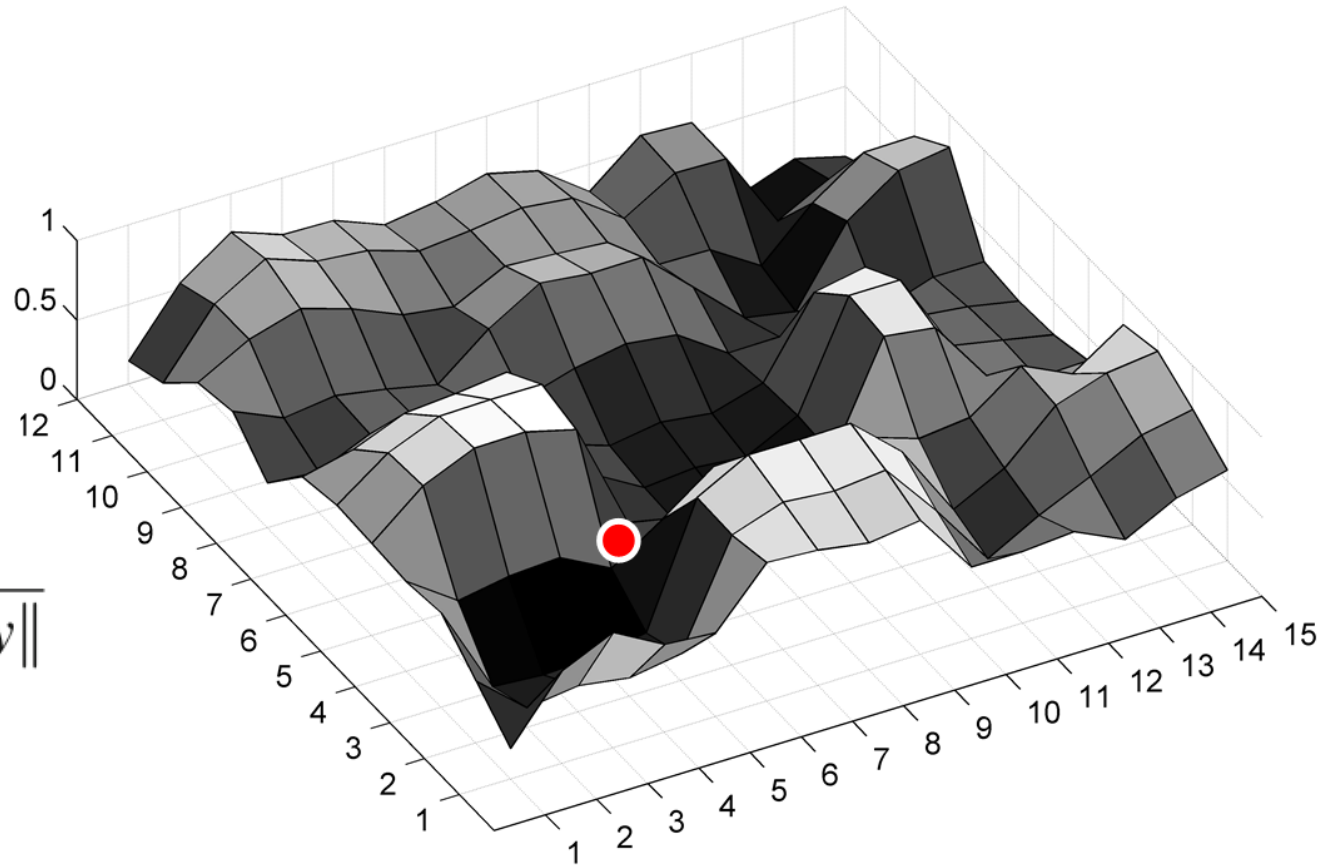
Cost matrix

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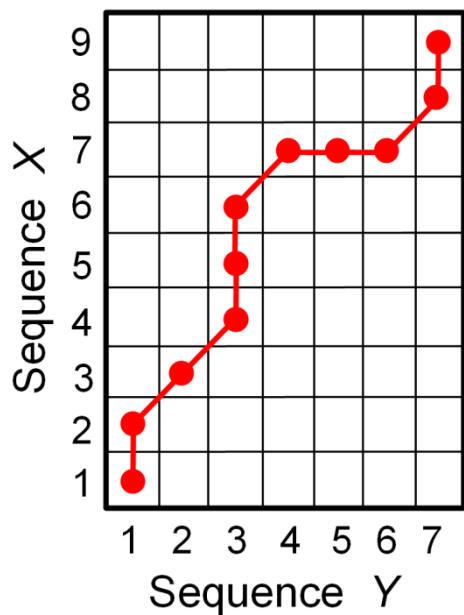
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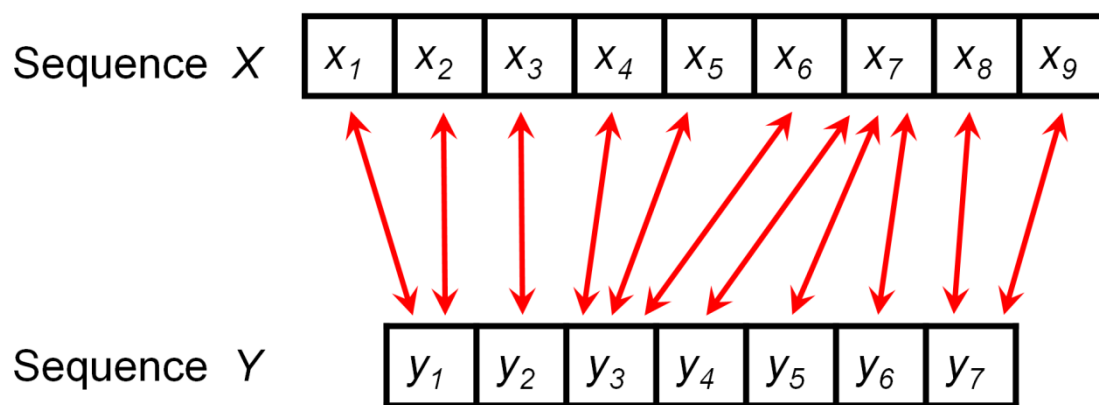
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Fig. 3.12



Warping path: $P = (p_1, \dots, p_L)$

$p_\ell = (n_\ell, m_\ell) \in [1 : N] \times [1 : M]$ for $\ell \in [1 : L]$



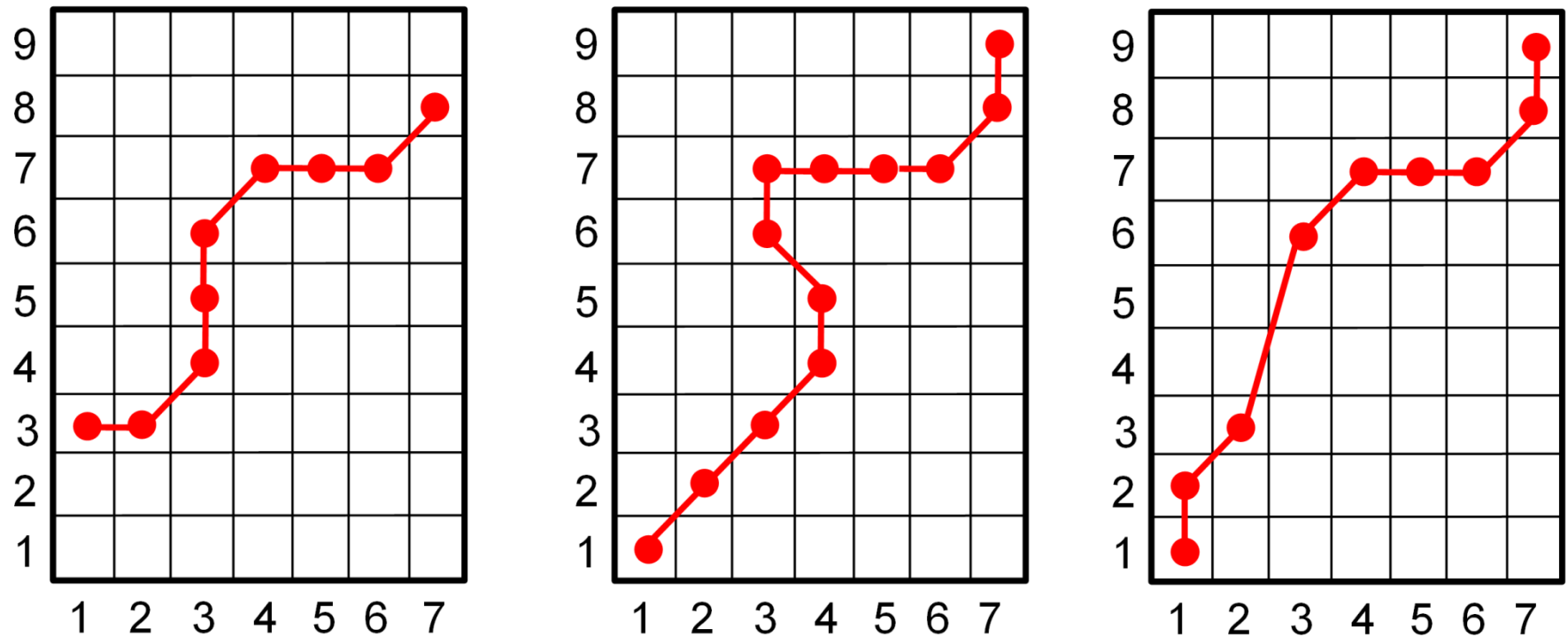
Boundary condition: $p_1 = (1, 1)$ and $p_L = (N, M)$.

Monotonicity condition: $n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_L$ and $m_1 \leq m_2 \leq \dots \leq m_L$.

Step size condition: $p_{\ell+1} - p_\ell \in \{(1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)\}$ for $\ell \in [1 : L - 1]$.

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Fig. 3.13



Boundary condition: $p_1 = (1, 1)$ and $p_L = (N, M)$.

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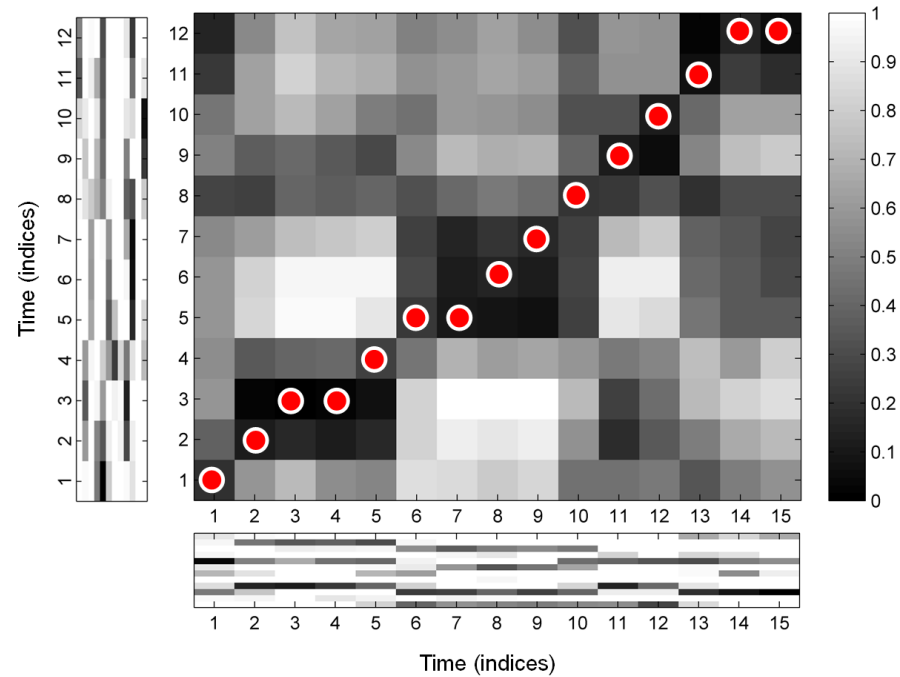
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Fig. 3.14

Total cost of a warping path:

$$c_P(X, Y) := \sum_{\ell=1}^L c(x_{n_\ell}, y_{m_\ell}) = \sum_{\ell=1}^L C(n_\ell, m_\ell).$$



DTW distance:

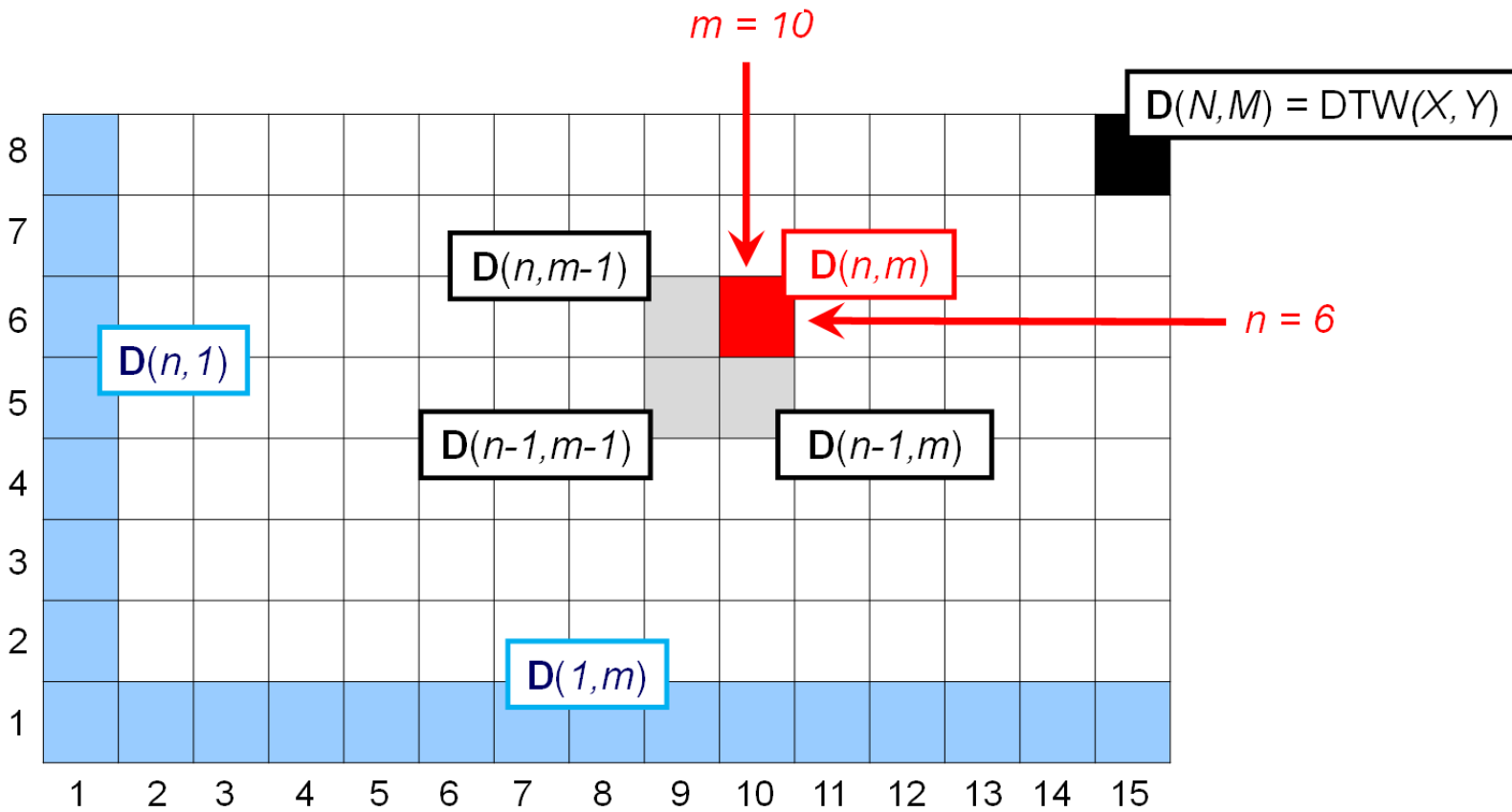
$$\begin{aligned} \text{DTW}(X, Y) &:= c_{P^*}(X, Y) \\ &= \min\{c_P(X, Y) \mid P \text{ is an } (N, M)\text{-warping path}\}. \end{aligned}$$

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Fig. 3.15

DTW prefix:

$$D(n,m) := \text{DTW}(X(1:n), Y(1:m)).$$



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Fig. 3.15

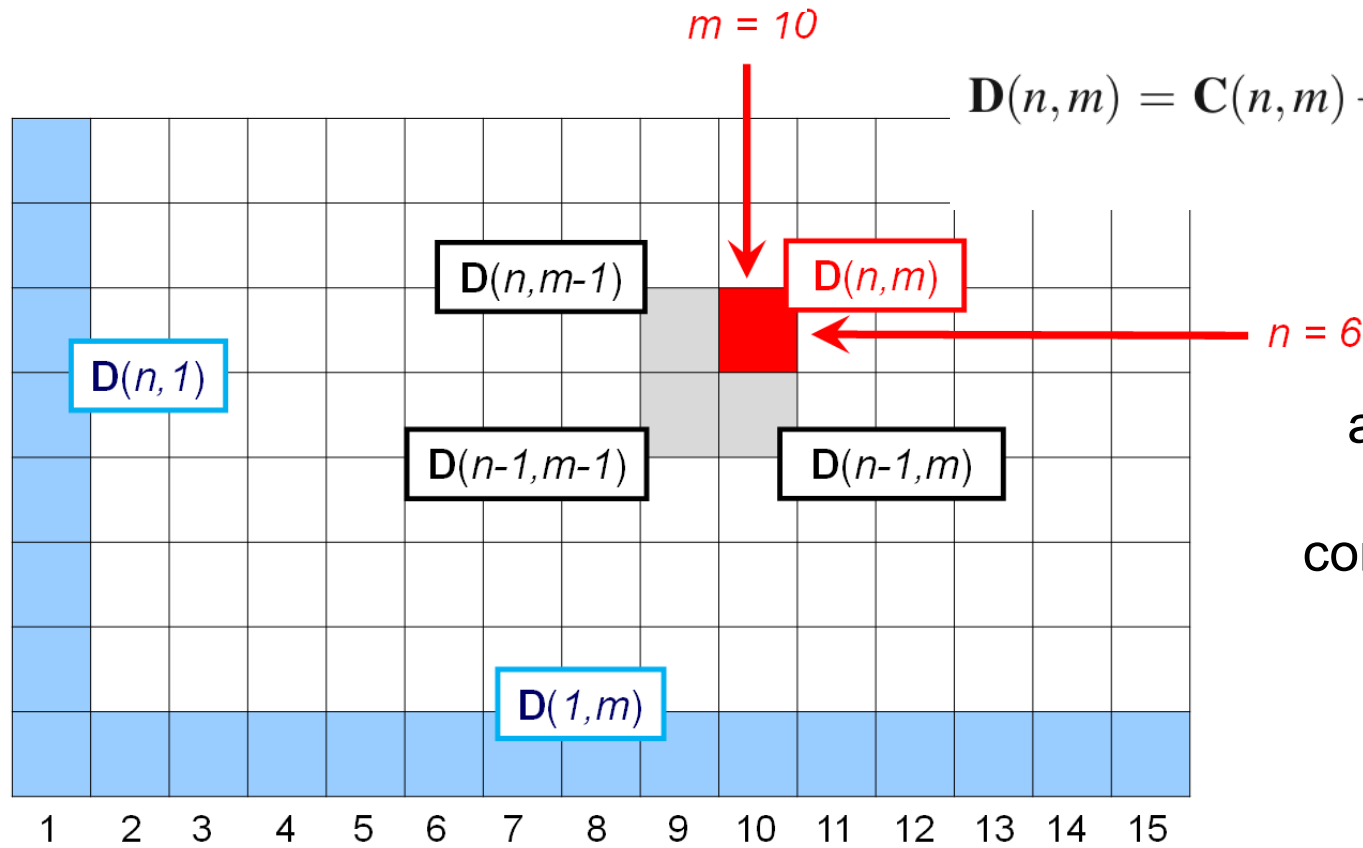
DTW prefix:

$$\mathbf{D}(n,m) := \text{DTW}(X(1:n), Y(1:m)).$$

$$\mathbf{D}(n,1) = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{C}(k,1) \quad \text{for } n \in [1:N],$$

$$\mathbf{D}(1,m) = \sum_{k=1}^m \mathbf{C}(1,k) \quad \text{for } m \in [1:M],$$

$$\mathbf{D}(n,m) = \mathbf{C}(n,m) + \min \begin{cases} \mathbf{D}(n-1,m-1) \\ \mathbf{D}(n-1,m) \\ \mathbf{D}(n,m-1) \end{cases}$$



accumulated cost matrix D can be computed recursively

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Table 3.2

Algorithm: DTW

Input: Cost matrix \mathbf{C} of size $N \times M$

Output: Accumulated cost matrix \mathbf{D}
Optimal warping path P^*

Procedure: Initialize $(N \times M)$ matrix \mathbf{D} by $\mathbf{D}(n, 1) = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{C}(k, 1)$ for $n \in [1 : N]$ and $\mathbf{D}(1, m) = \sum_{k=1}^m \mathbf{C}(1, k)$ for $m \in [1 : M]$. Then compute in a nested loop for $n = 2, \dots, N$ and $m = 2, \dots, M$:

$$\mathbf{D}(n, m) = \mathbf{C}(n, m) + \min \{ \mathbf{D}(n-1, m-1), \mathbf{D}(n-1, m), \mathbf{D}(n, m-1) \}.$$

Set $\ell = 1$ and $q_\ell = (N, M)$. Then repeat the following steps until $q_\ell = (1, 1)$:

Increase ℓ by one and let $(n, m) = q_{\ell-1}$.

If $n = 1$, then $q_\ell = (1, m-1)$,

else if $m = 1$, then $q_\ell = (n-1, m)$,

else $q_\ell = \operatorname{argmin} \{ \mathbf{D}(n-1, m-1), \mathbf{D}(n-1, m), \mathbf{D}(n, m-1) \}$.

(If 'argmin' is not unique, take lexicographically smallest cell.)

Set $L = \ell$ and return $P^* = (q_L, q_{L-1}, \dots, q_1)$ as well as \mathbf{D} .

cost matrix \mathbf{C}

accumulated
cost matrix \mathbf{D}

backtracking the
optimal path

$$q_{\ell+1} = (1, m-1) \quad \text{if } n = 1,$$

$$q_{\ell+1} = (n-1, m) \quad \text{if } m = 1,$$

$$q_{\ell+1} = \operatorname{argmin} \begin{cases} \mathbf{D}(n-1, m-1), \\ \mathbf{D}(n-1, m), \\ \mathbf{D}(n, m-1) \end{cases}$$

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Fig. 3.16

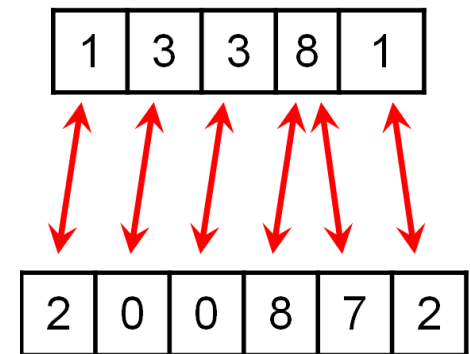
Cost matrix

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8	6	8	8	0	1	6
3	1	3	3	5	4	1
3	1	3	3	5	4	1
1	1	1	1	7	6	1
	2	0	0	8	7	2

Accumulated cost matrix and optimal warping path

1	10	10	11	14	13	9
8	9	11	13	7	8	14
3	3	5	7	10	12	13
3	2	4	5	8	12	13
1	1	2	3	10	16	17
	2	0	0	8	7	2

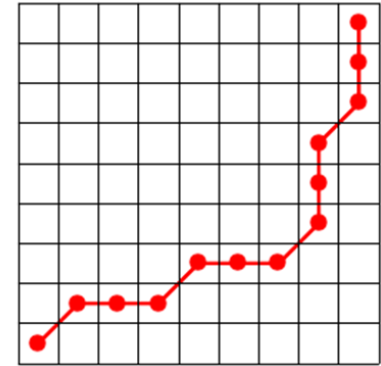
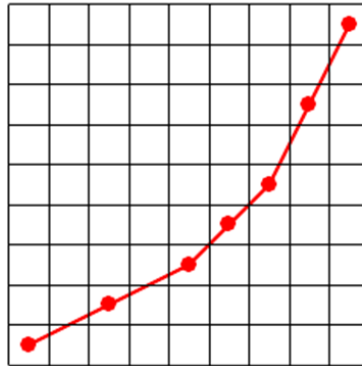
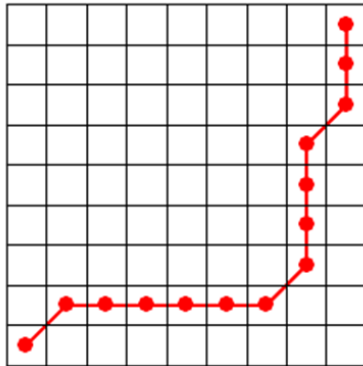
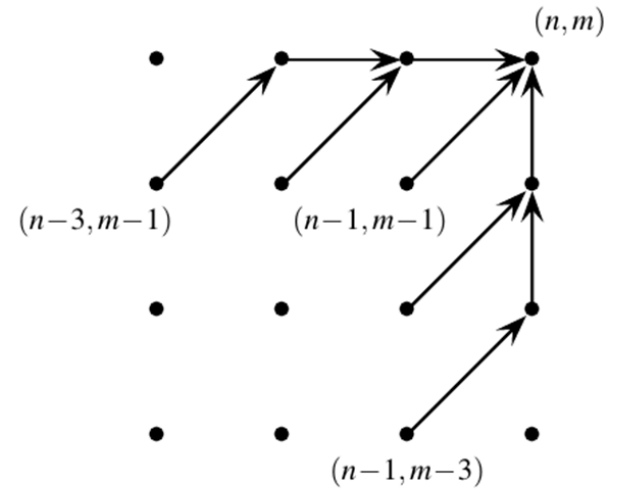
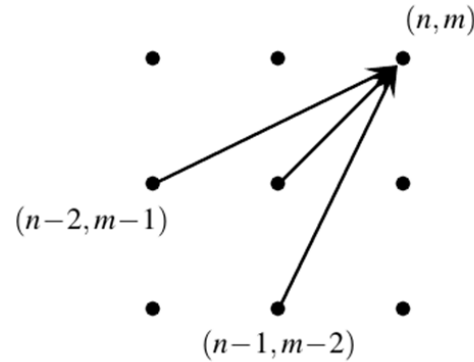
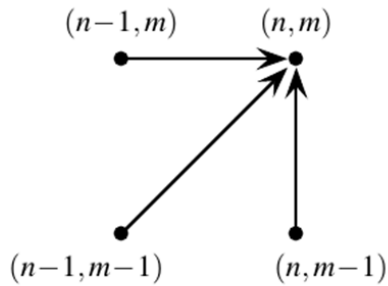
Resulting alignment



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Fig. 3.17

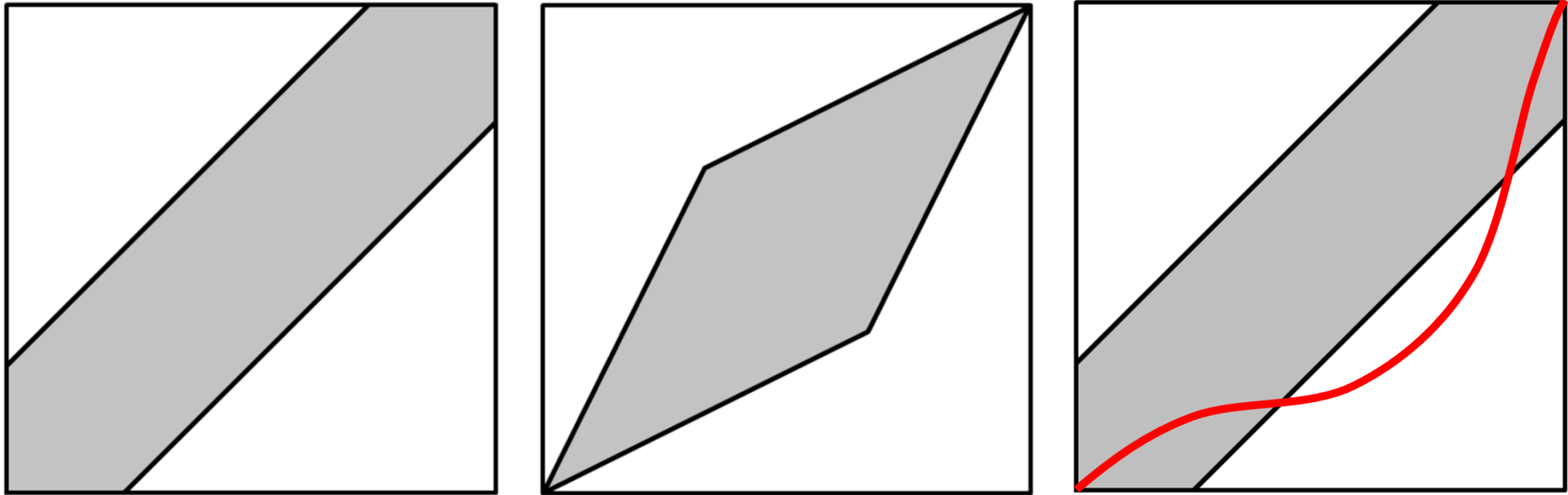
DTW Variants: Step Size Condition



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Fig. 3.18

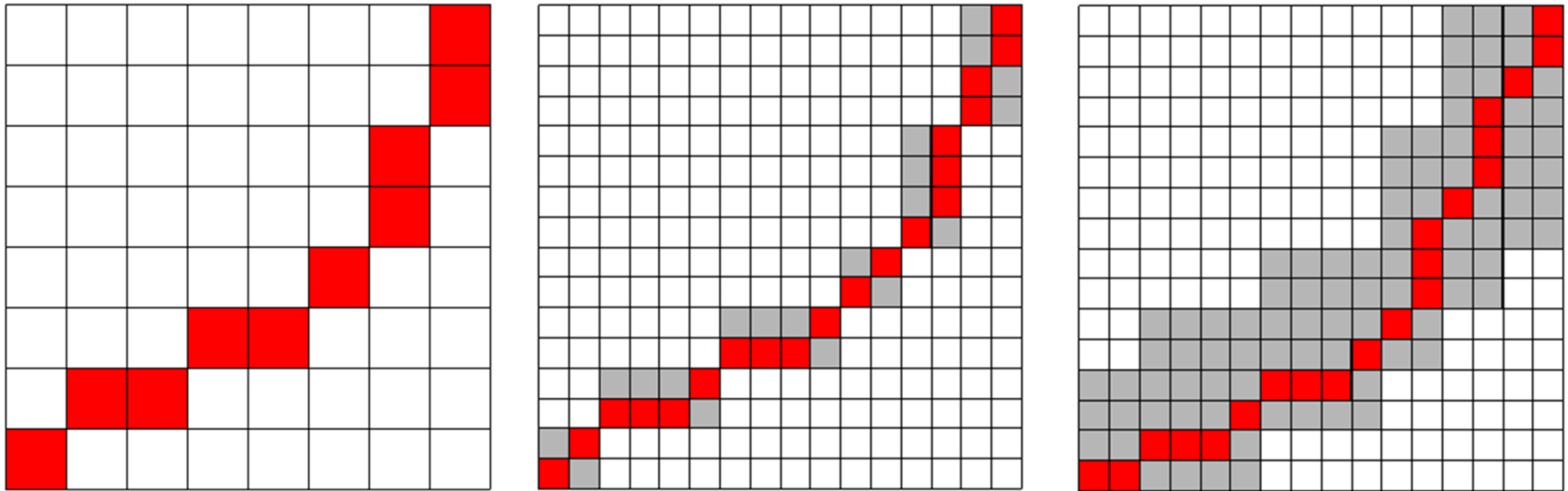
DTW Variants: Global Constraints



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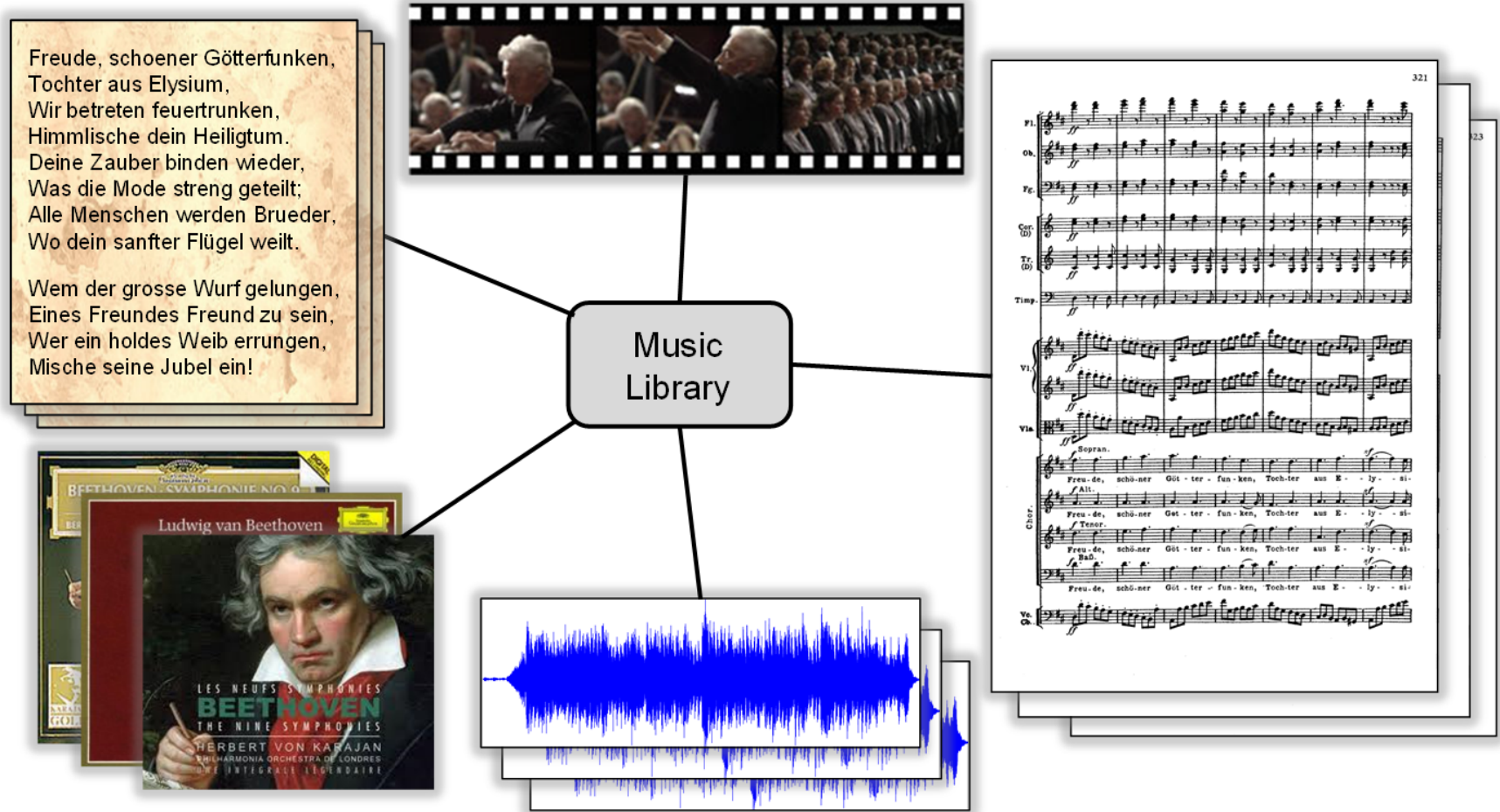
Fig. 3.19

DTW Variants: Multiscale DTW



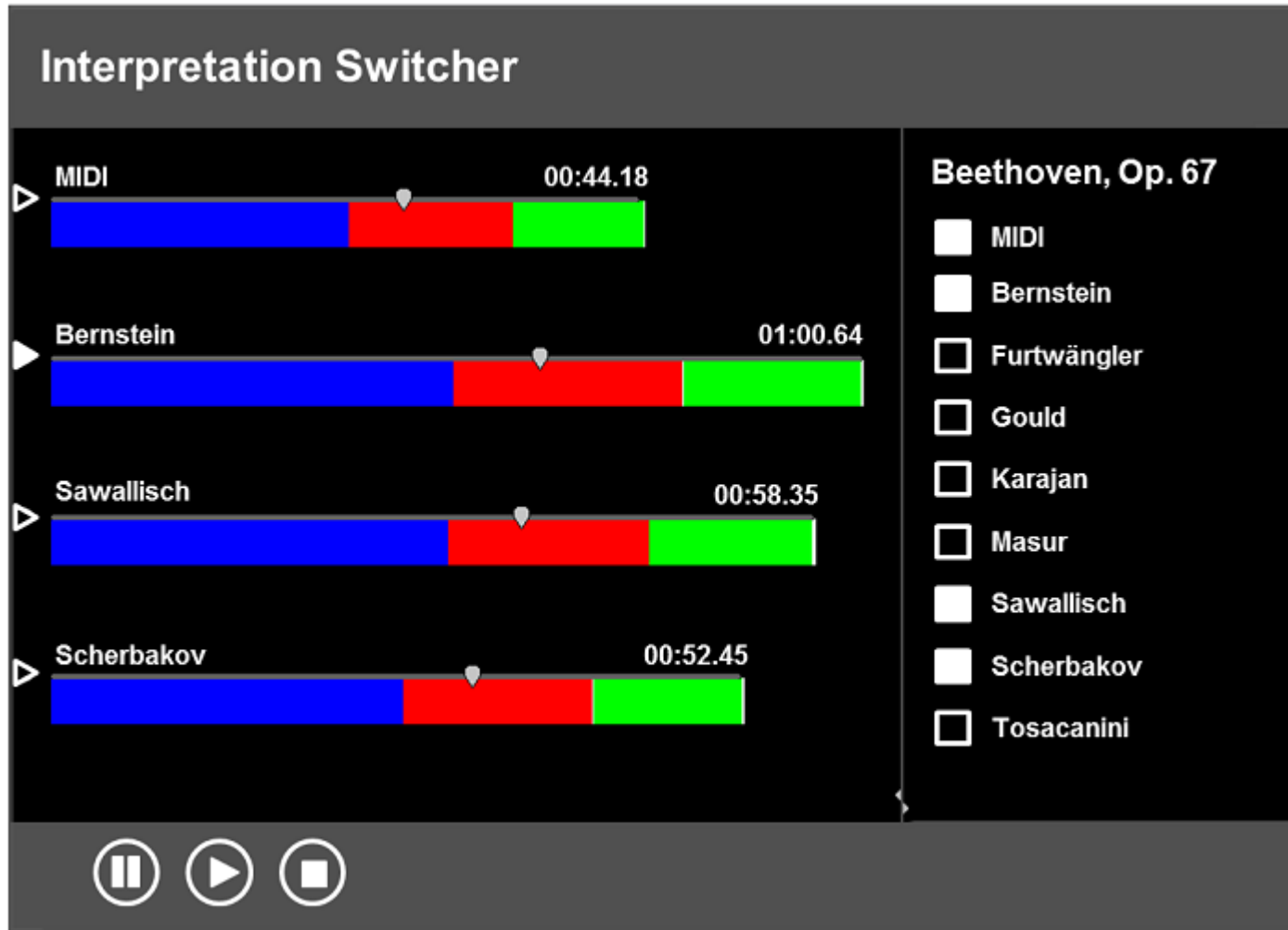
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Fig. 3.20



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Fig. 3.21



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Fig. 3.22

Score Viewer

Ludwig van Beethoven
Sonata No. 8 in c minor, Op. 13
III. Rondo: Allegro

Piece: 29 / 54 Bar: 8 / 131 Page: 159 / 186

Play Stop

Page Viewer

Ludwig van Beethoven
Sonata No. 8 in c minor, Op. 13
III. Rondo: Allegro

159 160 161 162

163 164 165

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Interpretation Switcher

Ludwig van Beethoven
Sonata No. 8 in c minor, Op. 13
III. Rondo: Allegro

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Glenn Gould 0:06 / 4:58

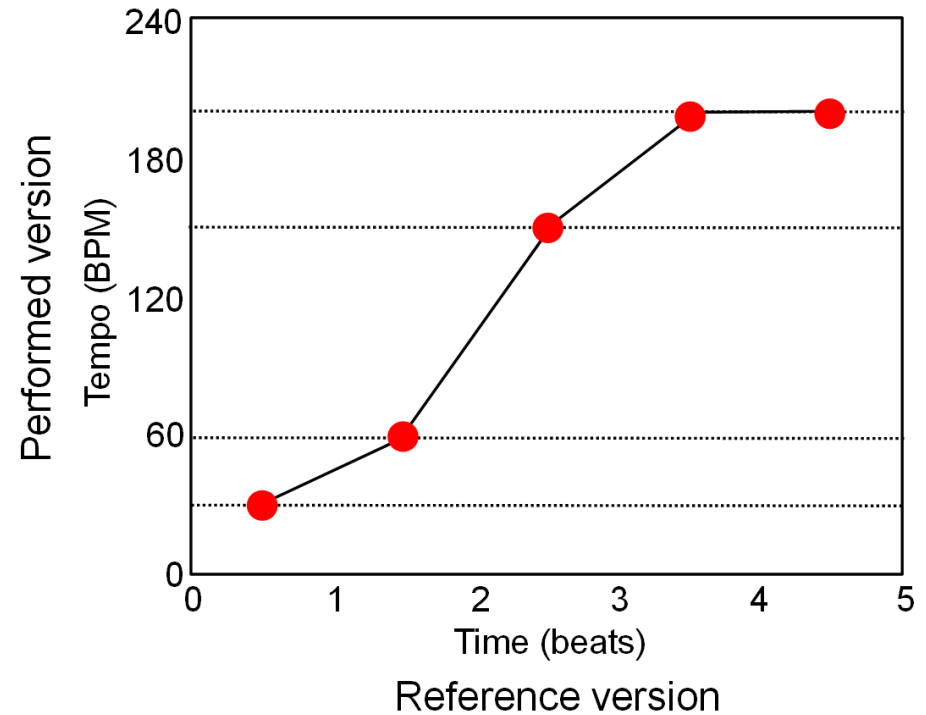
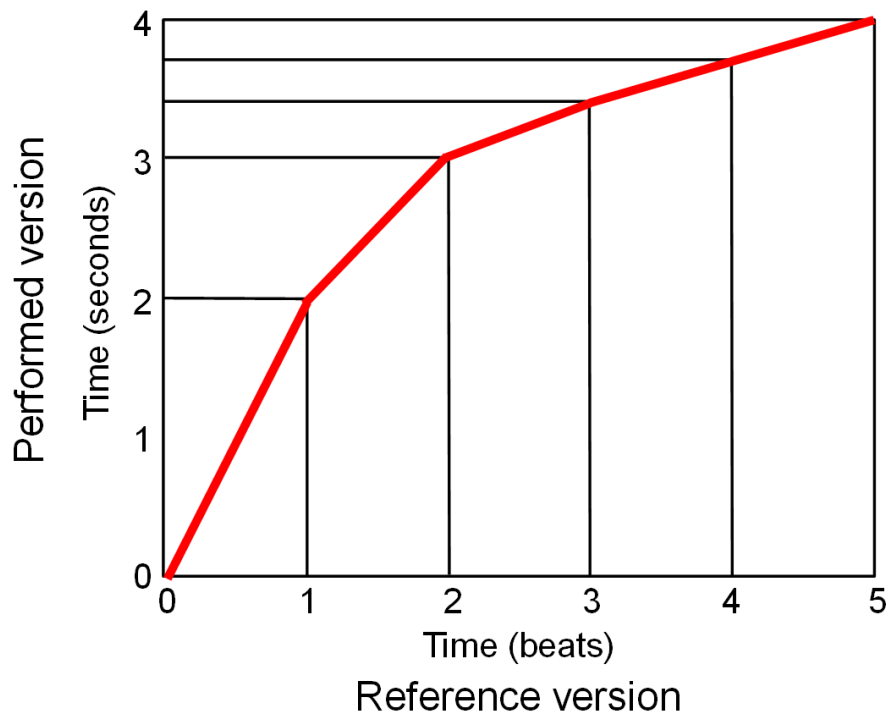
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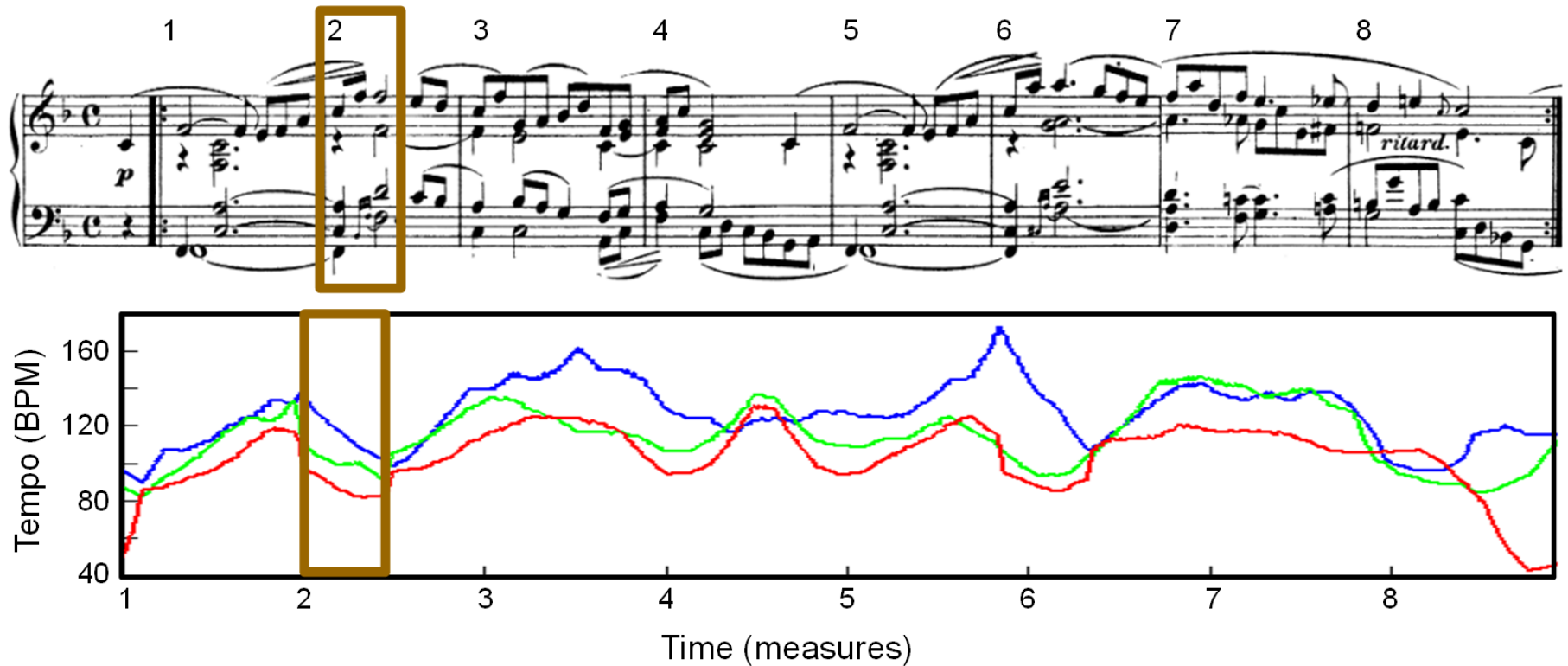
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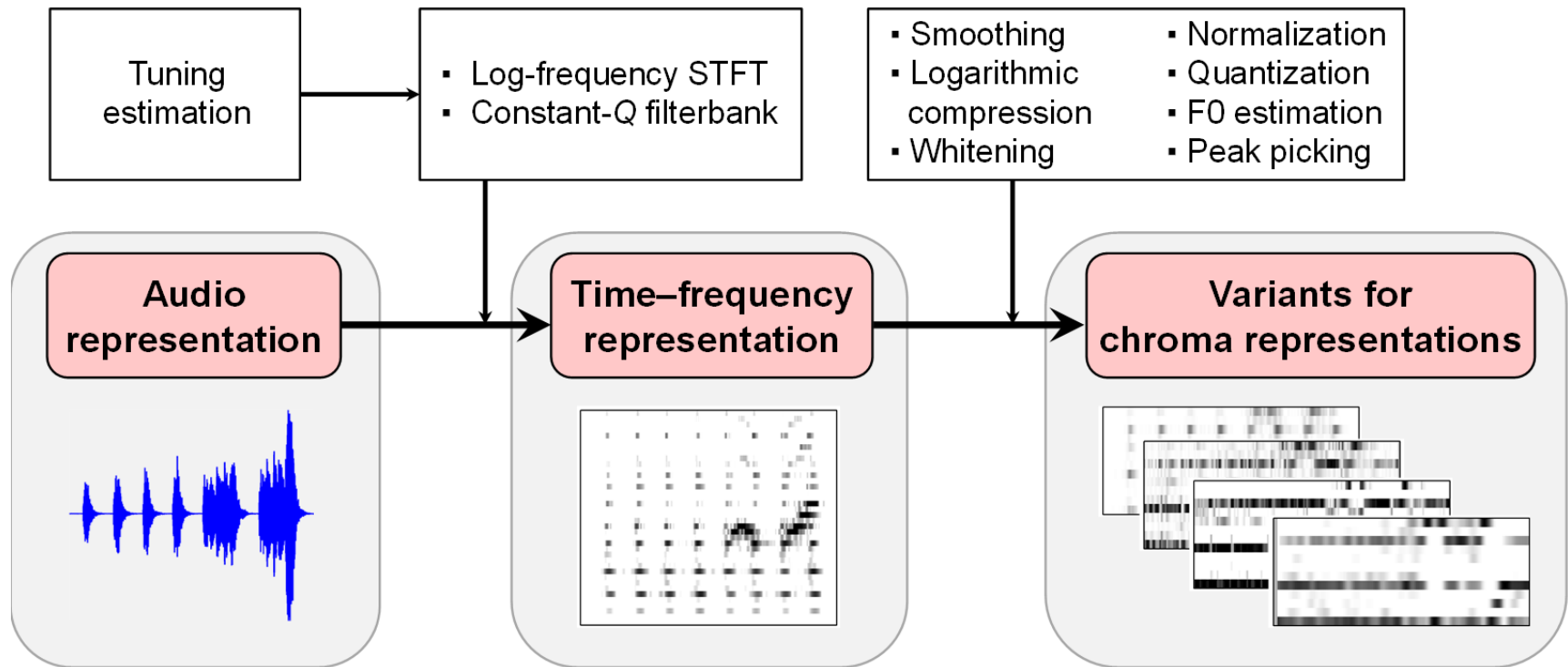
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Fig. 3.24



3.4 Further Notes

Fig. 3.25



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Fig. 3.26

