



# Content-based Organization of Musical Performers using Self Organized Maps

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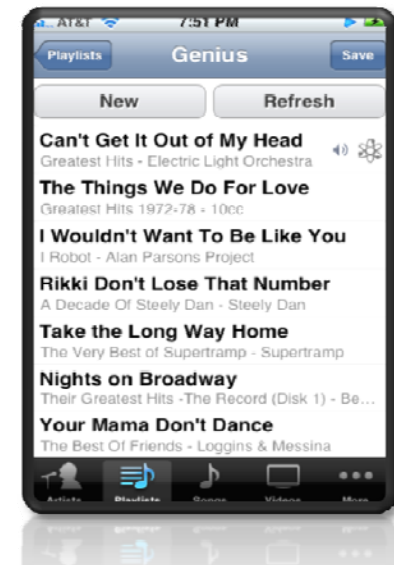
# Introduction

- Most of the people can recognize artists, what are the features that makes it possible?
- How can we organize artists based on sound?



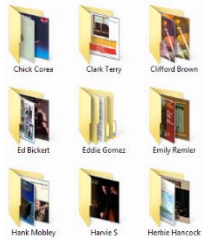
# Possible Applications

- Musicology research
- Create dynamic playlists suitable with the user's musical preferences



# High Level Design

Music Library



Feature  
Extraction



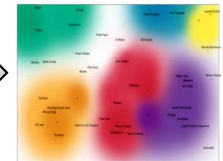
Training



Mapping and  
Classification



Musical map



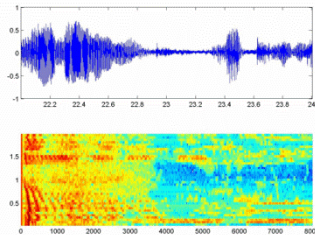
# Music Genres

- Each song divided into 3 segments of 30 second

ROCK		POP	JAZZ	RAP/ HIP-HOP	CLASSIC	ELECTRONIC
<b>Metallica</b>	<b>Red Hot Chili Peppers</b>	<b>Britney Spears</b>	<b>Ella Fitzgerald</b>	<b>OutKast</b>	<b>Bach</b>	<b>Infected Mushroom</b>
<b>Jimi Hendrix</b>	<b>The Doors</b>	<b>Madonna</b>	<b>Frank Sinatra</b>	<b>The Black Eyed Peas</b>	<b>Vivaldi</b>	<b>DJ Tiesto</b>
<b>LTE</b>	<b>Dream Theater</b>	<b>Spice Girls</b>	<b>Sarah Vaughan</b>	<b>Snoop Dogg</b>	<b>Beethoven</b>	<b>Armin Van Buuren</b>
<b>Queen</b>	<b>Symphony X</b>	<b>Shakira</b>		<b>50 Cent</b>	<b>Chopin</b>	<b>Prodigy</b>
<b>Coldplay</b>	<b>Guns N Roses</b>			<b>Eminem</b>		<b>Pendulum</b>
<b>Pink Floyd</b>	<b>Nirvana</b>			<b>Jamiroquai</b>		<b>David Guetta</b>
<b>Leonard Cohen</b>	<b>Pearl Jam</b>					
	<b>Aerosmith</b>					

# Feature Extraction

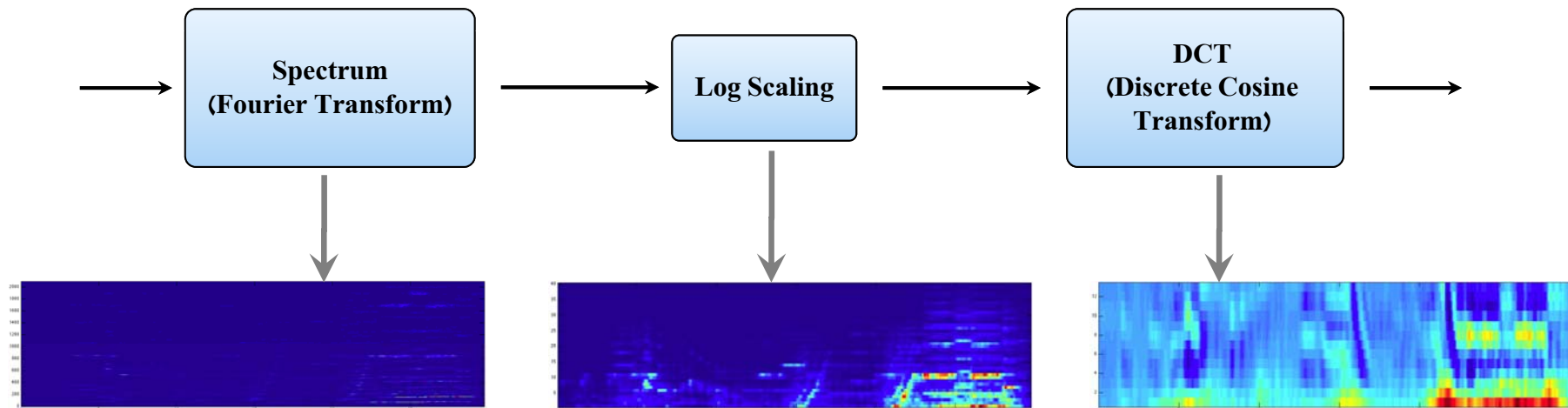
- Features represent Timbre, Genre and Mood
  - MFCC
  - Spectral analysis
  - Tempo
- Extracted using MIR Toolbox



<b>MFCC Average</b>	<b>MFCC Variance</b>
MFCC #1	MFCC #1
MFCC #2	MFCC #2
MFCC #3	MFCC #3
MFCC #4	MFCC #4
MFCC #5	MFCC #5
MFCC #6	MFCC #6
MFCC #7	MFCC #7
MFCC #8	MFCC #8
MFCC #9	MFCC #9
MFCC #10	MFCC #10
MFCC #11	MFCC #11
MFCC #12	MFCC #12
MFCC #13	MFCC #13
<b>Spectral Average</b>	<b>Spectral Variance</b>
Centroid	Centroid
Spread	Spread
Skeness	Skeness
Flatness	Flatness
Low energy	Low energy
Roll-off	Roll-off
Zero-Cross	Zero-Cross
Irregularity	Irregularity
Brightness	Brightness
<b>Tempo</b>	

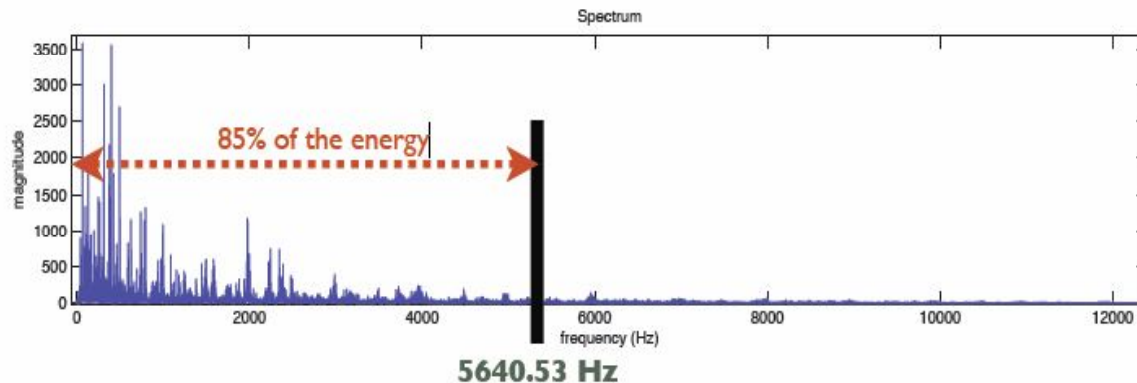
# Mel-Freq Cepstral Coeff

- Common tool in MIR and speech recognition
- Approximates the human auditory system



# Spectral Features

- First 3 moments of the spectrum
- Spectral Roll-off frequency

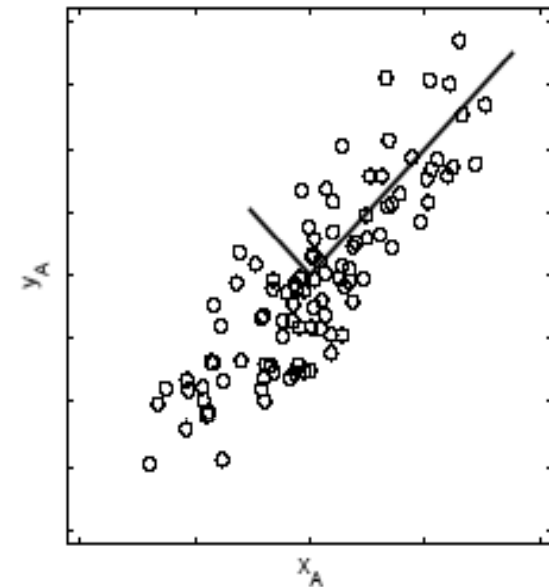


- Spectral Flatness – noisiness of the spectrum



# PCA

- Represent the data in an orthogonal basis in which the variance is maximized
- Better separation and computability improvement
- Finds the best separating features
  - MFCC, Flatness, 3<sup>rd</sup> Moment

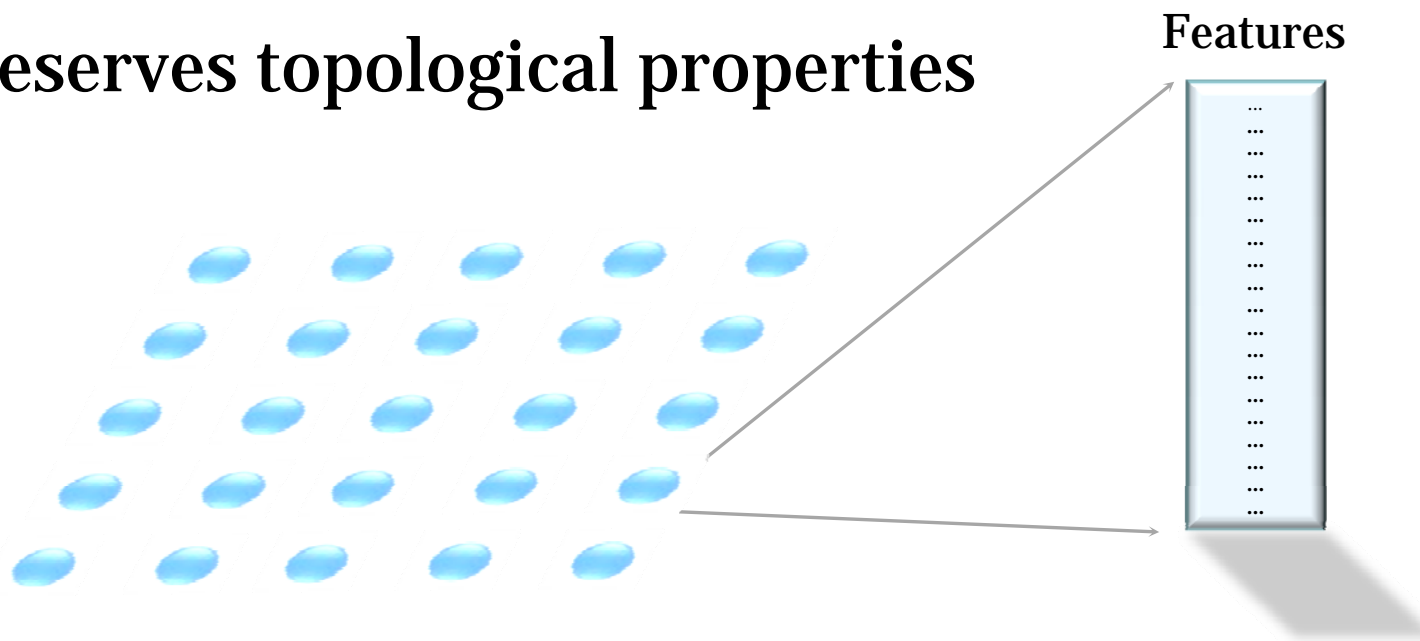


# High Level Design



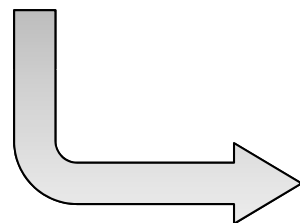
# Self Organized Map

- 2-Dimensional node grid
- Unsupervised training process
- Useful for high dimensional input visualization
- Preserves topological properties

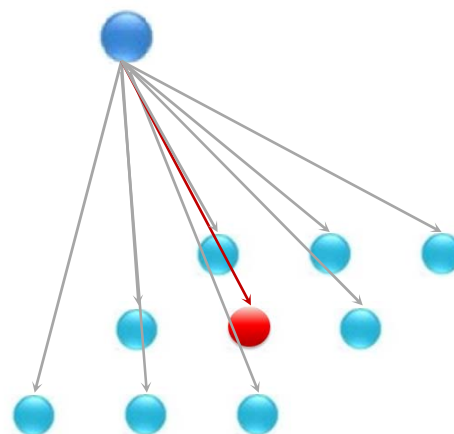


# Training

- Choose a segment randomly
- Winner determination

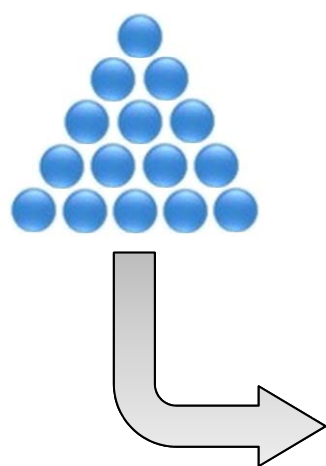


$$\text{dist}(\bar{x}, \bar{m}_i) = \sum^d (x_j - m_{ij})^2 \sqrt{\lambda_j}$$

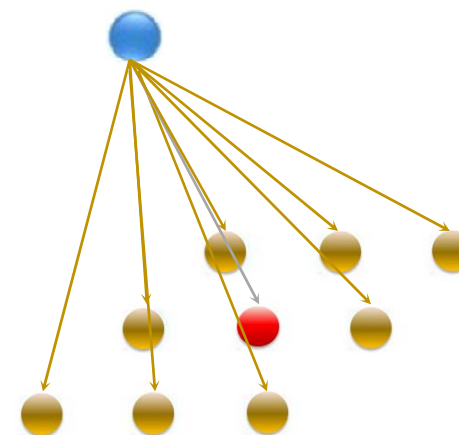
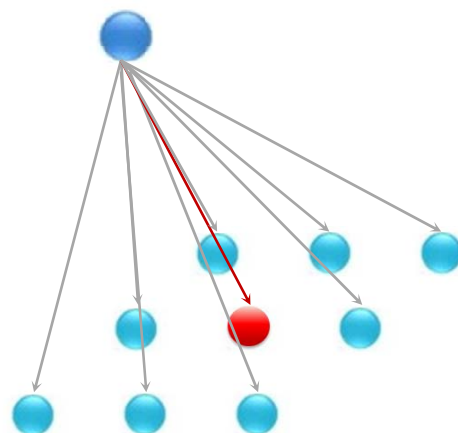


# Self Organized Map

- Closest node and neighborhood adaptation



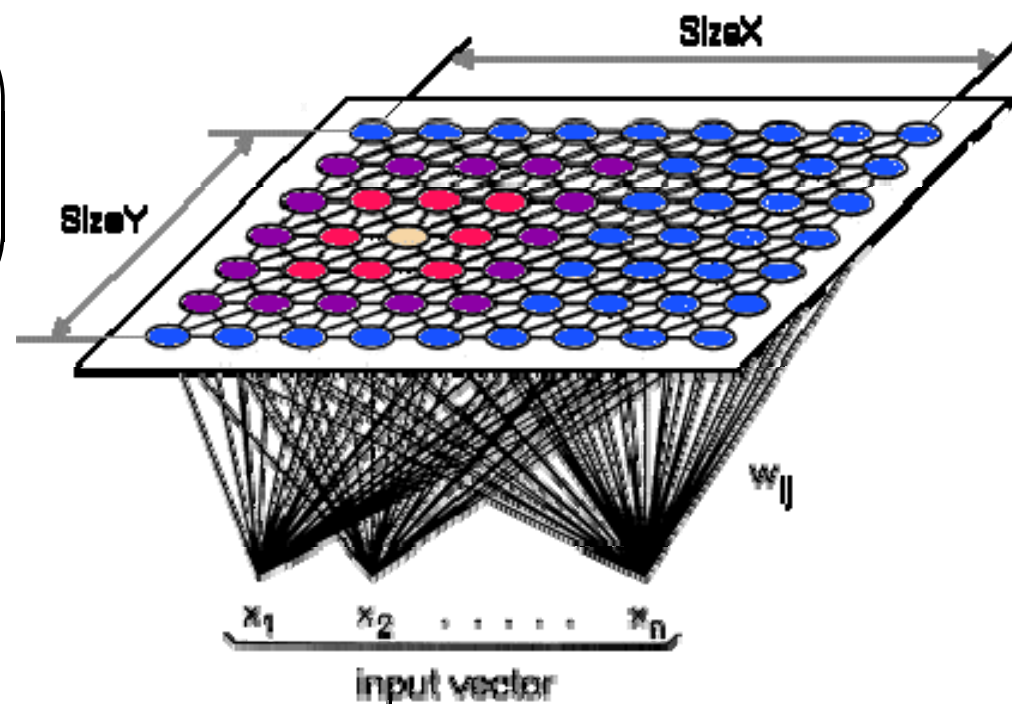
$$\bar{m}_i(t+1) = \bar{m}_i(t) + h_{ci}(t) [\bar{x}(t) - \bar{m}_i(t)]$$



# Learning rate

- Starting with a large learning rate, gradually decreased to facilitate convergence

$$h_{ci} = \alpha(t) \exp\left(-\frac{|r_c - r_i|^2}{2\sigma^2(t)}\right)$$



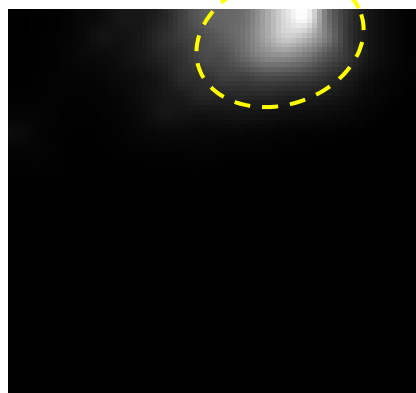
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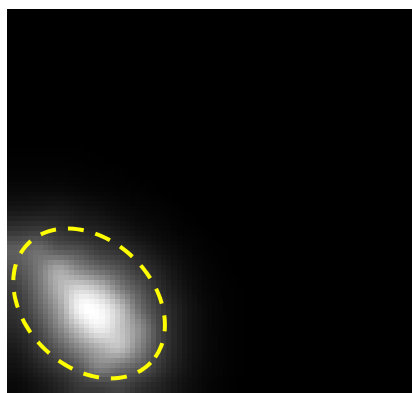
# Mapping

- Histogram maps for each artist

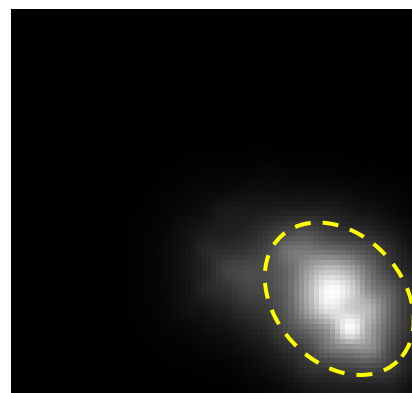
**Eminem**



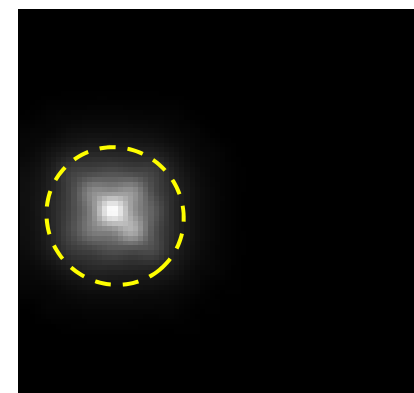
**Chopin**



**Guns N Roses**

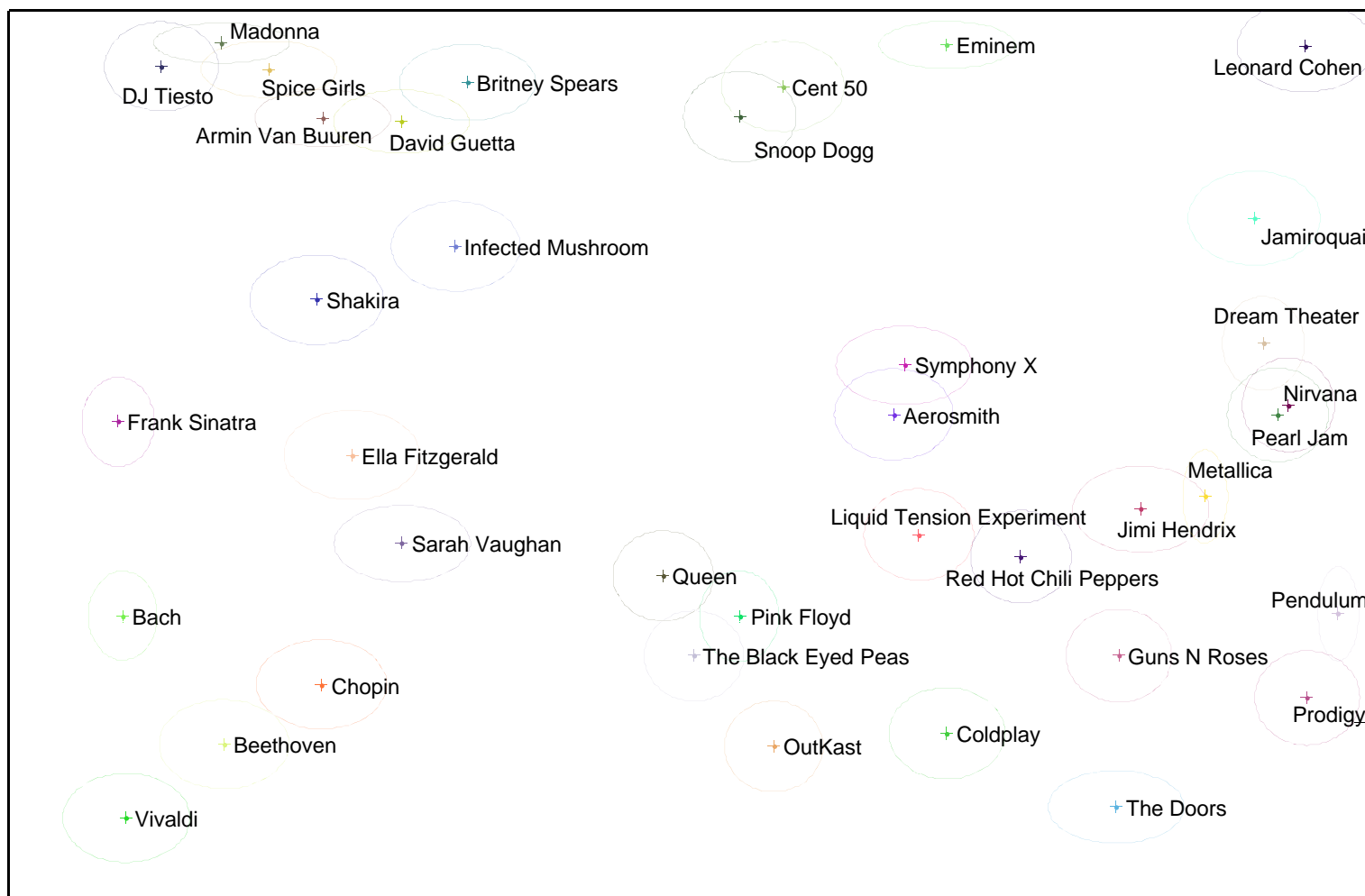


**Ella Fitzgerald**





# Artists Ellipse Map

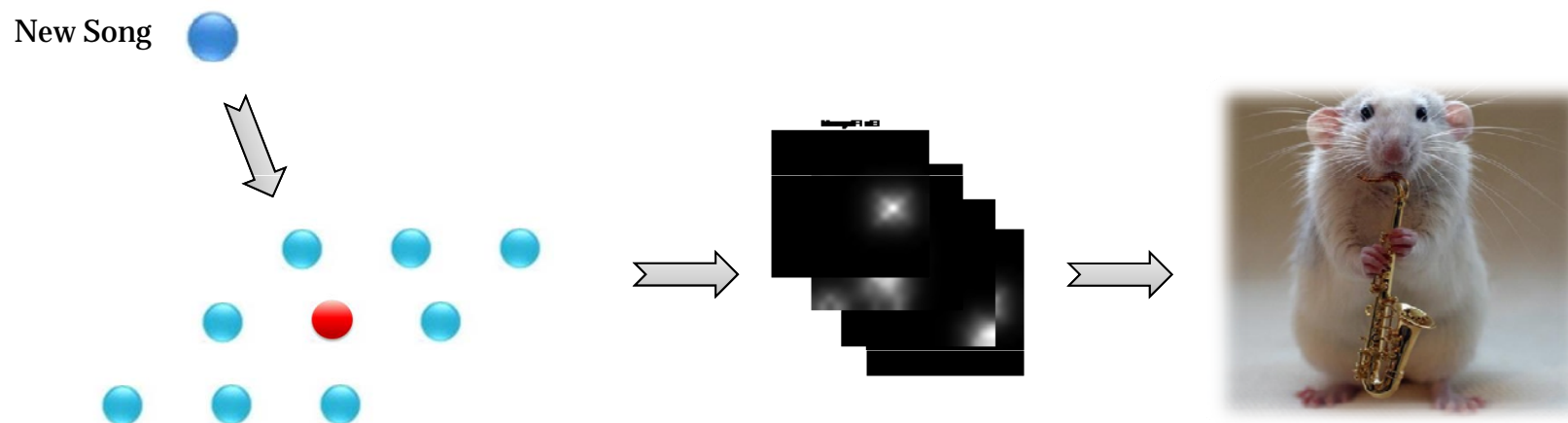


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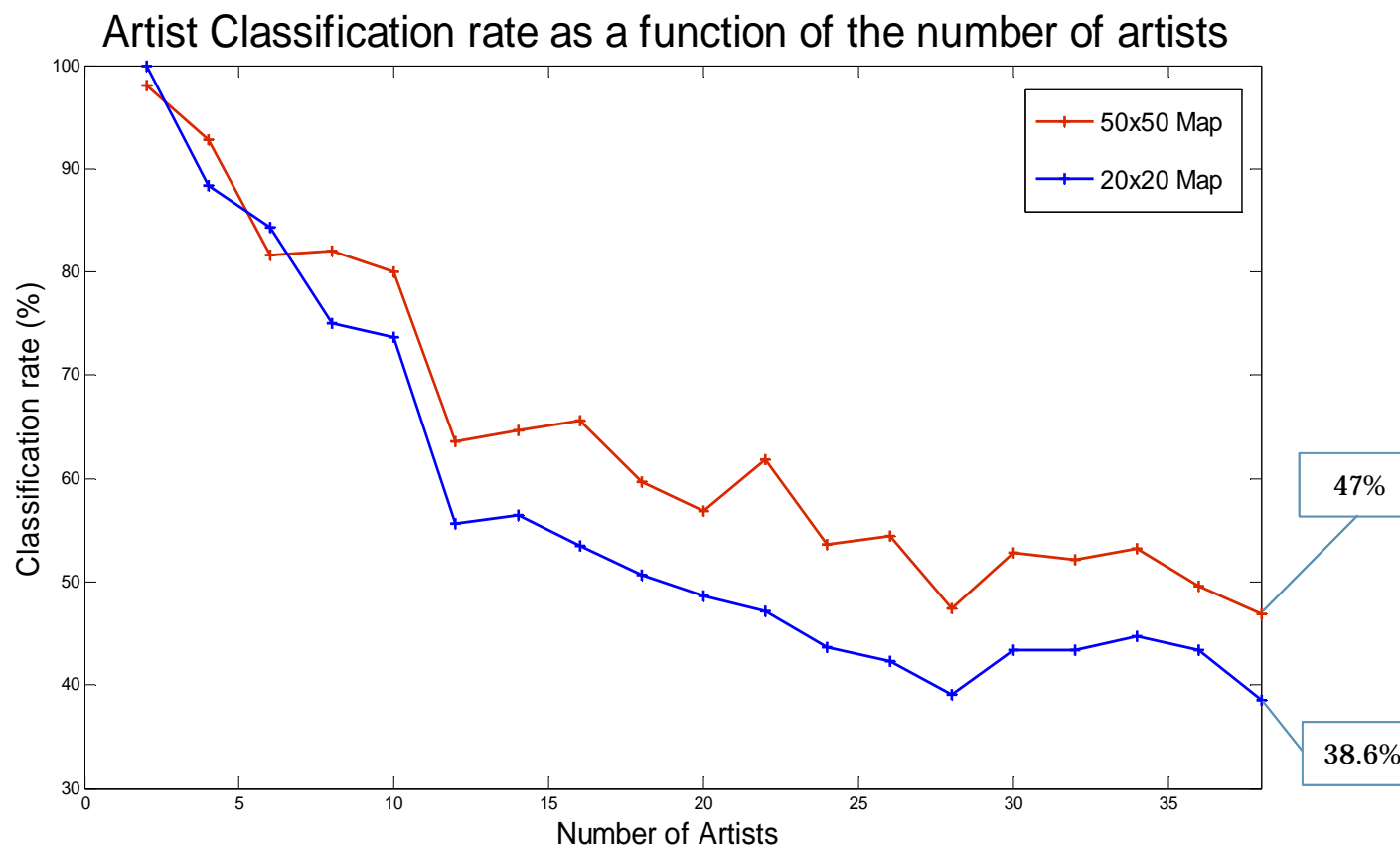


# Classification

- New (untrained) song from each album
- Find best matching node in the map
- Classification based on artist's histograms



# Performance Analysis



# Classification

- Classifying unknown artists:

*Mozart*

*Billy Holiday*

*Beatles*

*Kanye West*

*2Pac*

*Pantera*

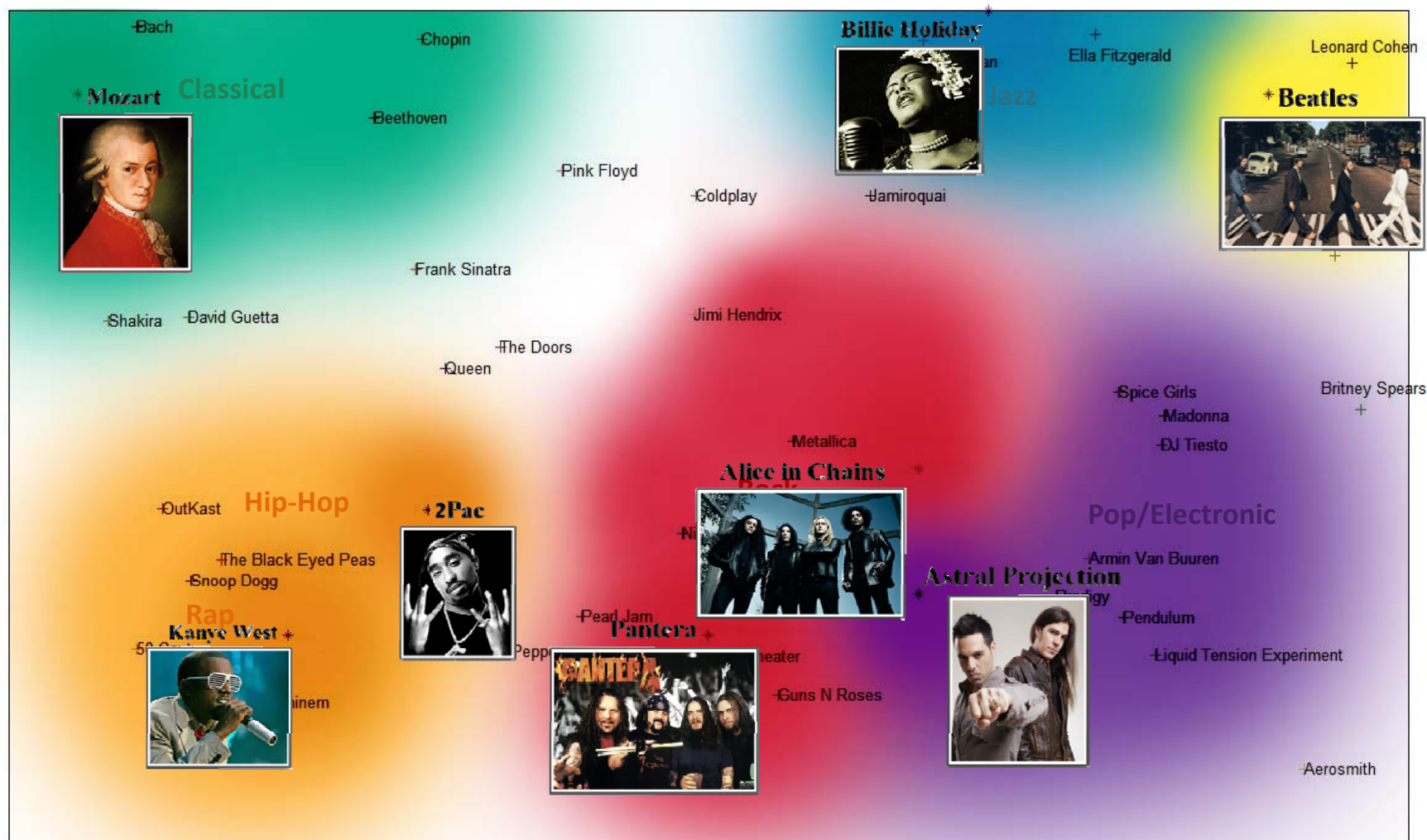
*Alice in Chains*

*Astral Projection*





# Classifying Unknown Artists



# Conclusions

- **PCA + SOM for representing music similarities**
- **We manage to implement approach for music organization**
- **50.7% artist classification rate**
- **78.5% genre classification rate**

# Future Work

- Further study for features selection
- Automatic playlist creation
- Similar artists suggestions
- Adapting the algorithm to other fields  
i.e. painter classification





Thank You

