

The ISMIR Cloud: A Decade of ISMIR Conferences at Your Fingertips

Introduction

- Many available ISMIR publications nowadays
- Typical access to publications: by meta data or literal text search
- Our proposal: access by **latent semantic structure** of ISMIR corpus. Aims:
 - Facilitate **concept oriented** access to cumulative ISMIR proceedings
 - Provide an overview of significant **ISMIR topics** (and their **evolution** over the years)

Method

Latent semantic indexing:

- Build **term list**: noun phrases from publications, via part-of-speech tagging
- Filter term list: remove if corpus frequency < web frequency + ϵ
- Build **term-document matrix V** : term-frequencies per document
- **Nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF)**: $V \approx W \cdot H$
 W_{ij} : activation of term i for concept j
 H_{jk} : activation of document k for concept j

V , W , and H provide basis for **analysis** and interactive **applications** of the ISMIR publication corpus

Evolution of ISMIR topics over time



- 22 **concepts** extracted from ISMIR corpus using NMF
- Let K be all documents for year y , then $\sum_{k \in K} H_{jk}$ is the total activation of topic j in y
- This can reveal **trends** in popularity of ISMIR topics
- e.g. Music-recommendation and annotation-based processing are **booming**; Less attention for QBH and drum-transcription since 2005

Web-Application: The ISMIR Cloud Browser



- Public access: <http://www.cp.jku.at/projects/ISMIR-cloud>
- **Search** ISMIR publications for (conjunctions of) terms
- Shows **related terms** and **documents** for query terms
- Shows which related terms occur in which document
- Links to online **pdf** documents

Implementation:

- Term cloud representation via **PCA** on submatrix of V
- Term size computed as **concept co-activation** (W) with query
- Related documents: the k documents from corpus D with highest 'concept **cosine similarity**' to query Q :

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{d \in D} \prod_{q \in Q} \cos(W_{q.}, H_{.d})$$