# Still haven't found what I'm looking for?

A technologist's and musician's perspective on the digital information age

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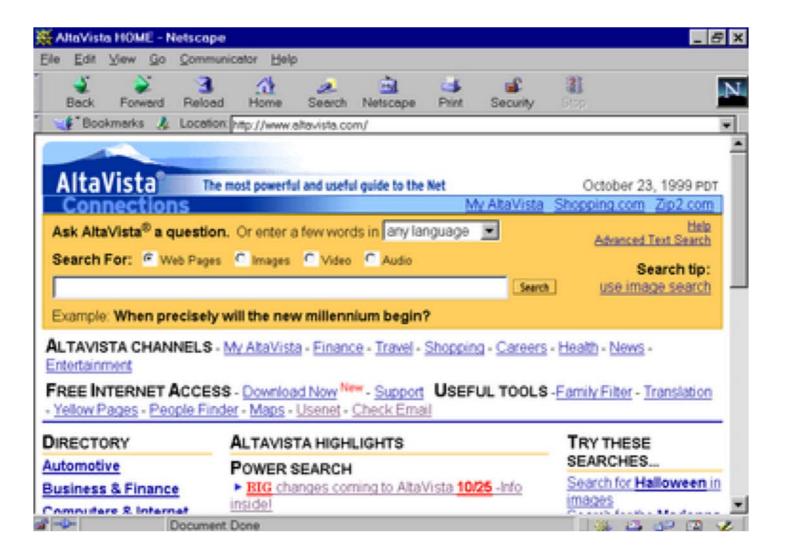
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## ...to a situation like this





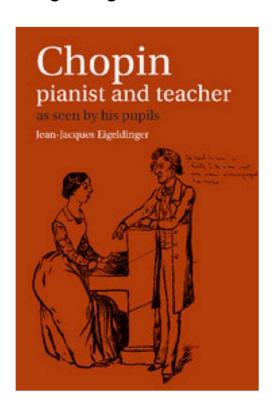
## By then, I looked like this





## How did music sound in Chopin's time?

Eigeldinger, 1987



Revue Musicale, 1832

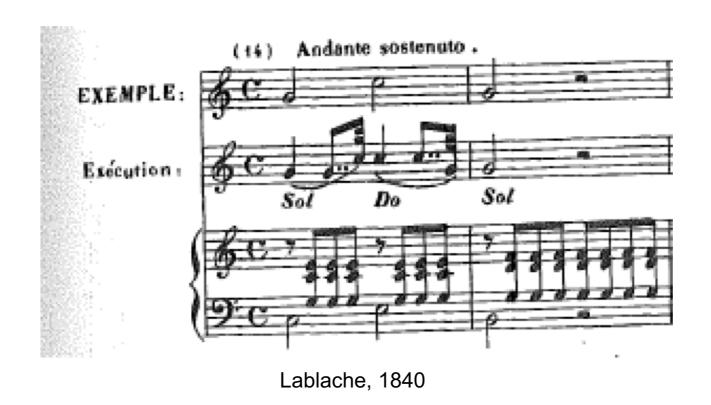
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## At the dawn of recording technology

- Bellini: La Sonnambula, Ah Non Credea Mirarti
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfQYMLTvSnY

Adelina Patti (1906)





## Many of these resources are digitally available in the public domain!

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- Do we represent the right information?
- Do people actually know of their existence?



## When online audiences are small

[Schedl & Tkalcic, 2014]

Genre	PC				LC				APCL		
	Sum	Max	Mean	Std	Sum	Max	Mean	Std	Max	Mean	Std
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Classical	1991879	168703	1992	8990	95720	3337	96	241	140.67	12.02	11.87
Blues	5031033	438219	5031	21809	207036	3441	207	466	136.73	11.33	10.85
Country	3907296	216282	3907	16488	175459	4025	175	419	154.48	10.00	10.39
Easy Listening	6774381	438219	6774	23228	294616	4787	295	521	647.55	12.57	23.56
Electronic	11638651	397692	11639	28059	417558	4787	418	554	168.30	20.45	14.80
Folk	5747398	126142	5747	13461	228865	2559	229	356	100.48	18.59	14.11
HipHop	5840235	239943	5840	14873	320283	3982	320	514	196.89	21.06	25.05
Jazz	3085327	397692	3085	15123	167026	4252	167	309	93.53	11.29	9.61
Metal	10183140	239943	10183	21530	257709	3535	258	429	152.61	34.35	19.76
Pop	12894615	438219	12895	28176	568479	4787	568	653	225.51	17.14	16.67
Rap	4941372	239943	4941	14110	272730	3982	273	487	205.11	25.79	31.20
RnB	4692720	216282	4693	15084	289493	3982	289	517	173.28	11.54	14.67
Rock	25071659	438219	25072	40781	800762	4787	801	745	186.90	26.98	20.58
Vocal	5316390	438219	5316	21307	208841	3832	209	436	161.06	14.93	16.60
World	1255660	74054	1256	5377	68110	1956	68	156	83.46	9.99	8.68
Classical vs. Others	0.276/0.018	0.544	0.262	0.450	0.329/0.022	0.854	0.313	0.514	0.73	0.68	0.70



Table 1: Descriptive statistics of PC, LC, and APCL for each genre, computed on the Last.fm dataset.

Genre	PC				LC			APCL			
	Sum	Max	Mean	Std	Sum	Max	Mean	Std	Max	Mean	Std
Classical	4970	886	5	47	3292	562	3	29	9.67	0.21	0.63
Blues	47613	12640	48	452	24286	7304	24	257	54.00	0.93	2.98
Country	60055	6892	60	413	35329	4692	35	251	561.50	1.79	18.27
Easy Listening	128408	18007	128	901	65843	9159	66	496	107.25	1.60	5.22
Electronic	136577	18007	137	848	70283	9159	70	437	76.00	1.60	4.52
Folk	31867	2712	32	164	15165	1579	15	83	41.00	1.43	3.06
HipHop	197935	18007	198	1051	126057	10537	126	627	180.33	1.26	7.09
Jazz	22284	2369	22	144	10552	1451	11	75	294.50	1.27	9.62
Metal	64071	7323	64	360	36068	3177	36	169	7.00	0.99	0.86
Pop	340766	18007	341	1265	179663	10537	180	724	536.60	5.02	31.64
Rap	178815	18007	179	1039	115235	10537	115	619	21.00	0.76	1.19
RnB	211899	18007	212	1027	135066	10537	135	612	243.60	1.28	7.90
Rock	234747	12842	235	728	126455	7331	126	405	390.38	2.88	17.30
Vocal	33030	3262	33	190	17972	1869	18	113	54.75	0.83	2.71
World	3514	293	4	17	2192	196	2	10	30.00	0.41	1.34
Classical vs. Others	0.041/0.003	0.079	0.041	0.077	0.048/0.003	0.089	0.048	0.084	0.05	0.14	0.08





Table 2: Descriptive statistics of PC, LC, and APCL for each genre, computed on the MMTD.

Showing Songs for chopin op 9 no 2									
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+ Nocturn	nes, Op. 9: No. 2 in E-Flat Major	Frédéric Chopin, Art	The Original Jacket	4:21	шинин				
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+ Nocturr	nes. Op. 9: No. 2 in E-Flat Maior	Frédéric Chopin. Elia	Chopin: Notturno	4:30	шини				





Google news and updates especially for students

#### Getting to Know a PhD

March 17, 2014

Google offers a variety of opportunities for PhD students who wish to gain industry experience. Through our Getting to Know a PhD series, we'll provide a glimpse into some of these opportunities as well as the impactful projects PhD students at Google work on. Today we're featuring Cynthia Liem, a PhD student, Google European Doctoral Fellowship Recipient and former Google Anita Borg Scholarship recipient who interned as a Software Engineer on the research team in Mountain View, CA last summer.







Giovanni Pierluigi Da Palestrina

Similar Artists



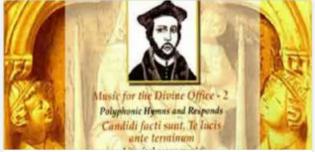




William Byrd



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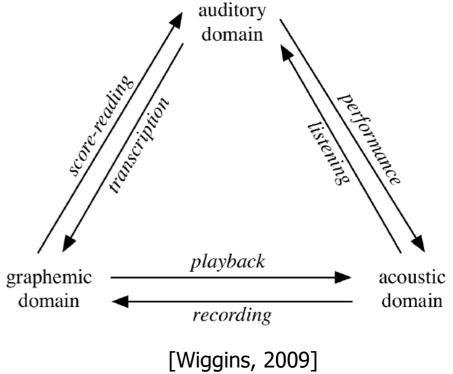


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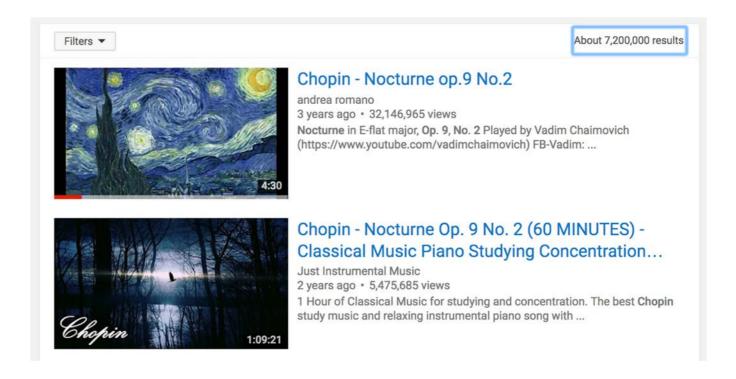
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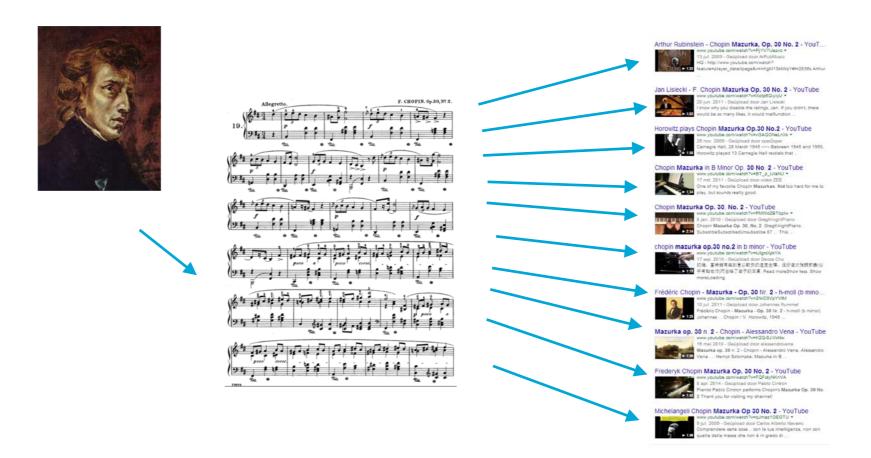




#### Raoul Koczalski plays Chopin: Nocturne in E flat major

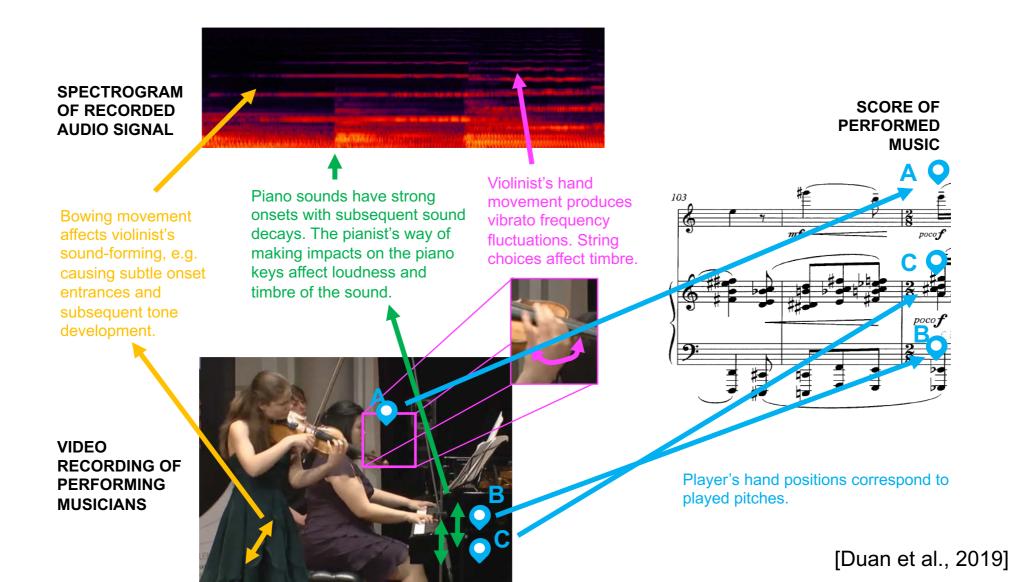
Xqwrtz 9 years ago • 21,436 views Raoul **Koczalski** is one of those last performers who use the romantic freedom in their performance.

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## So much to discover!









## Visual analysis











## Visual source separation?











## Surprisingly non-trivial from a computer vision perspective



Performances as Highly Enriched

aNd Interactive Concert eXperiences





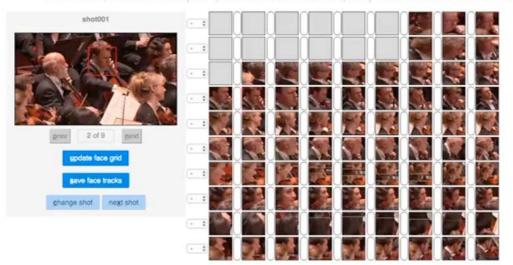




## Solution: human-in-the-loop and smart propagation

#### **Face Tracks**

With this tool, the automatically computed face tracks can be quickly fixed. Select a shot and follow all the steps.



[Bazzica, Liem & Hanjalic, ISMIR, 2014] [Bazzica, Liem & Hanjalic, CVIU, 2016] [Bazzica, Liem & Hanjalic, IMAVIS, 2017]









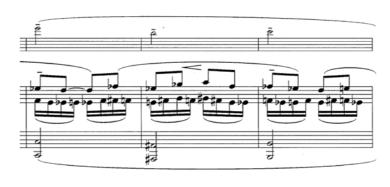


# "If there aren't enough listeners, it is not worth it"?



## A musician's struggle







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Magma Duo spielt Werke für Violine und Klavier von Poulenc, Copland u. a.

#### Natürliche, wilde Musikalität

CD-Tipp vom 1.7.2016

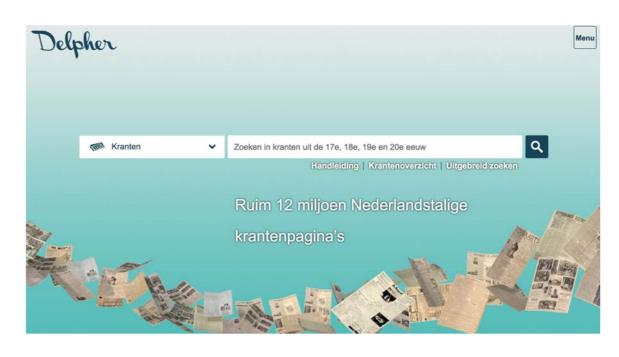




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## The problem at scale: forgotten resources

- 400 years of digitized newspapers (delpher.nl):
  - > 12 million pages
- All music released in The Netherlands:
  - > 500,000 CDs



delpher.nl/nl/kranten







## "New releases"

[Liem, 2018]

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MIEUWE MUZYK bij de Gebroeders ABRAHAMS,

(Boekwinkel Langendelft.)

I infant, Principes de Lyre & de Guitare à six cordes, 12 St.

Glachant, Trois Duos agréables pour deux Flutes, f 2.

Gamme pour la Finte ordinaire, 8 St.

Paer, Ouverture d'Agnèse pour le Piano-Forte, 16 St.

Beethoven, Variations pour le Piano-Forte, 14 St.

Dussek, Sonate posthumé à 4 mains pour le Piano-Forte, f 1.
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Amsterdamse courant, March 11, 1815



## **Concert practice**

[Liem, 2018]

Java-bode, August 18, 1866

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PROGRAMMA der Muziekuitvoeringen, van de
       Stafmuziek, van 18 tot 22 Augustus.
1) "Marche Triomphale. . . . T. F. MARKUS.
 Ouverture van de opera "Wilhelm Tell" G. Rossini.
  Scene en Koor (2 acte) uit de Opera
  "Der Tunnhäuser". . . . . RICHARD WAGNER.
5) "Souvenir van den Megamendoeng", Pol-
  ka-Mazurka . . . . . T. F. MARKUS.
6) Ouverture van de Opera "La Reine de
  7) Scene en Aria (Leonore, 4 acte) uit
  de Opera "Il Trovatore". . . . G. VERDI.
8) Marien Walzer" . . . . . Jos. Gung'L.
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## Le Tribut de Zamora

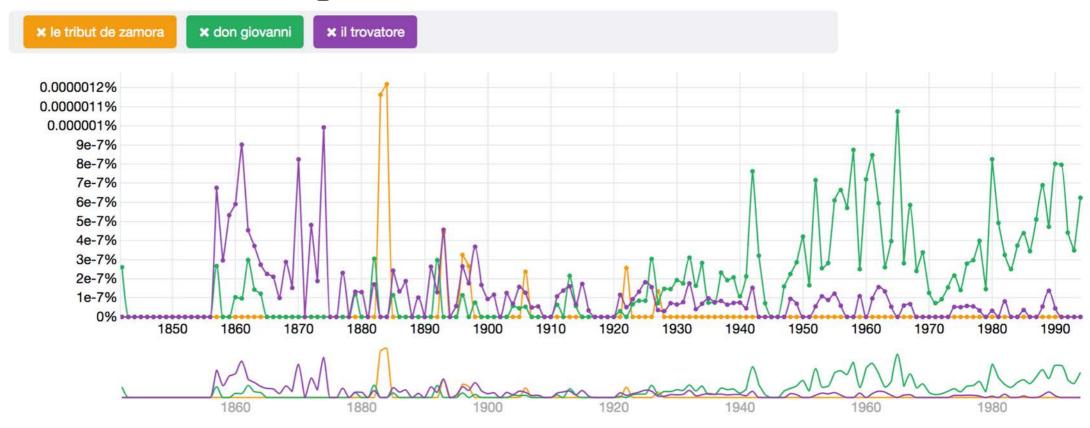
[Liem, 2018]



Haagsche Courant, September 25, 1883



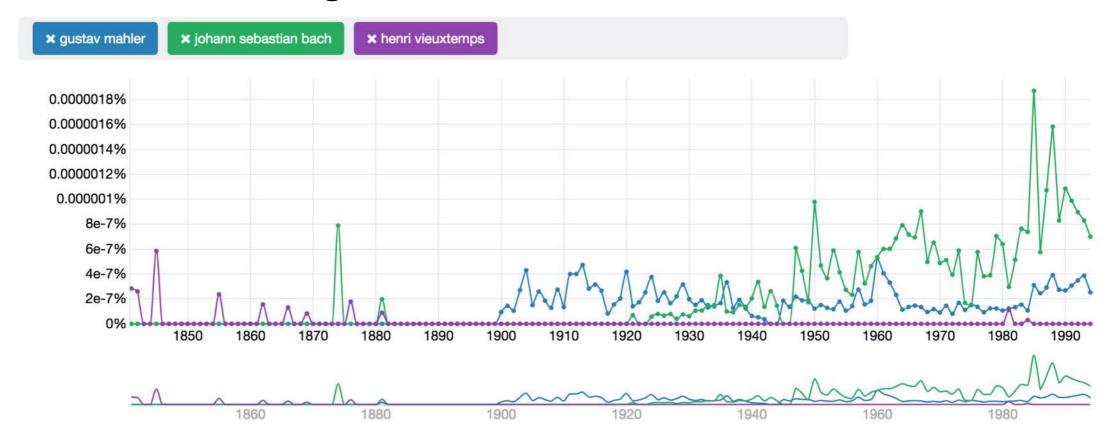
KB Labs n-gram viewer





[Liem, 2018]

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## So, can we find these?



## Syntactic challenges: OCR, spelling...

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[Liem, 2018]

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NIEUWE MUZYK bij de GEBROEDERS ABRAHAMS.

(Boekwinkel I.aOgendelft.)

T inrant, Principes de I yre & de Guitare 4 s 'x cordes, 12 St.

Ghcham , Trois Doos agrãl'ables pour deux Flute.i, f 2.

Gamme pour la Finte ordinaire, 8 St.

Paer, Ouverrore d'Agnãlse pour Ie Piano-Forte, 16 St.

Beethoven, Variations pour Ie Piano-Forte, 14 St.

Dusfek, Sonate posthumãl' 4 4 mains'poor Ie Pisno-Forte , f I.



## Semantic challenges: underspecification, ambiguity, incomplete entities...

[Liem, 2018]

Beethoven, Variations pour le Piano-Forte, 14 St.

#### LAATSTE BERICHTEN

Amsterdamse courant, March 11, 1815

#### MENGELBERG EN HET CONCERTGEBOUW-ORKEST TE KRUSSEL.

Onze correspondent te Brussel meldt ons dat prof. dr Willem Mengelberg en het Concertgebouworkest Maandag 17 December in de groote zaal van het Palais des Beaux-Arts zullen optreden met het volgend programma: Symfonie in bes van J. Ch. Bach, Cantate 51 van J. S. Bach en Vierde Symfonie van G. Mahler. Mevrouw Jo Vincent zingt de solistenpartij.

Het Vaderland, December 8, 1934



## Music as human-interpreted data

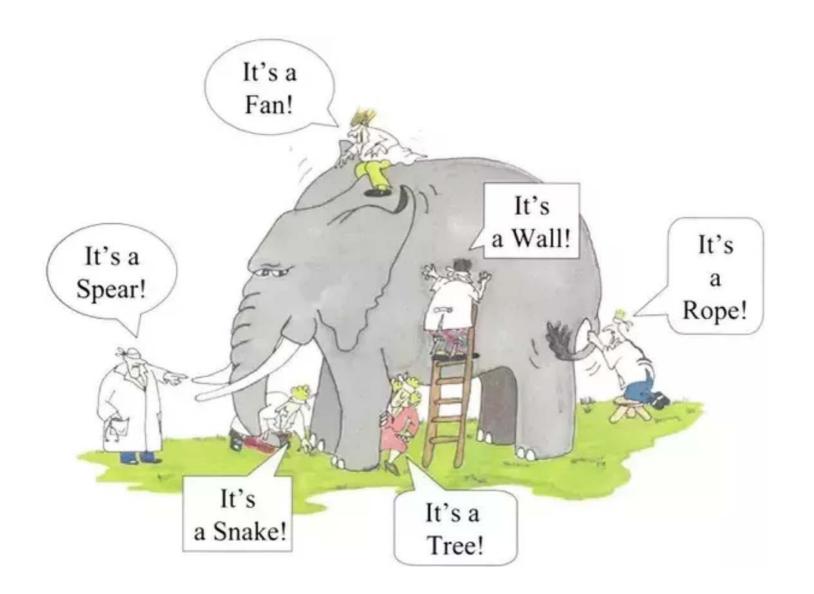


#### Music as human-interpreted data

- A musical message is encoded symbolically
- Its manifestation: audio (plus productionrelated modalities)
- We can validly (re)describe the same input in many different ways, at many different conceptual levels



#### Blind men and an elephant





#### Music as human-interpreted data

- Hard to pinpoint where 'the informative aspect' exactly is
- Still, humans seem to have some intuitive common understanding



#### Being wrong with high confidence





### Al, media and creative industries



### Creative media is human-interpreted data. It is more than a physical phenomenon.

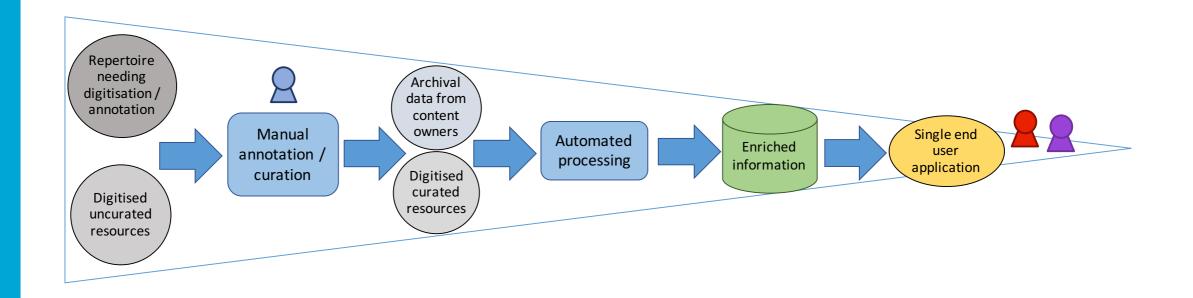
Frequently, some groups are over-represented and others are under-represented. More than 45% of ImageNet data, which fuels research in computer vision, comes from the United States<sup>2</sup>, home to only 4% of the world's population. By contrast, China and India together contribute just 3% of ImageNet data, even though these countries represent 36% of the world's population. This lack of geodiversity partly explains why computer vision algorithms label a photograph of a traditional US bride dressed in white as 'bride', 'dress', 'woman', 'wedding', but a photograph of a North Indian bride as 'performance art' and 'costume'<sup>2</sup>.

https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-05707-8



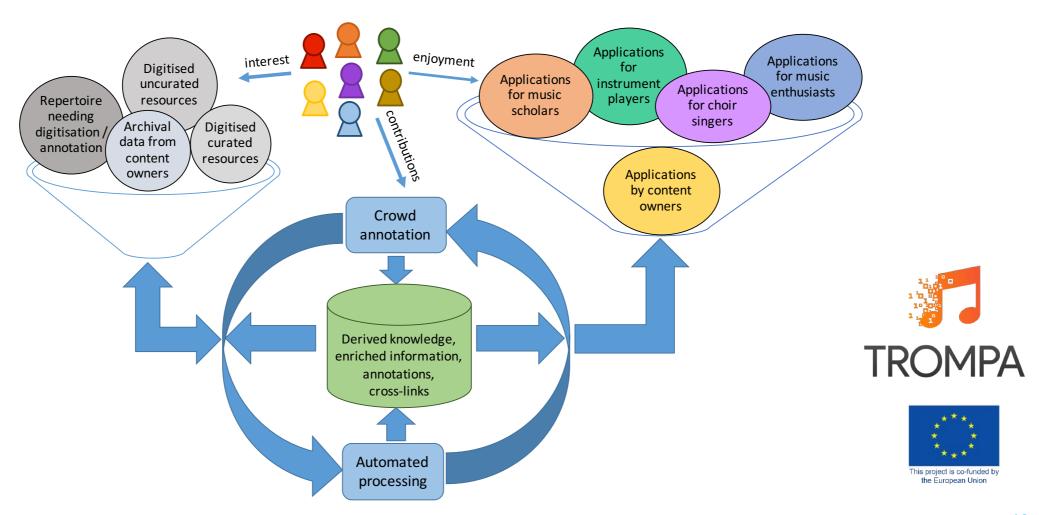


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### Disruptive works of art did not just imitate, but made us reflect.



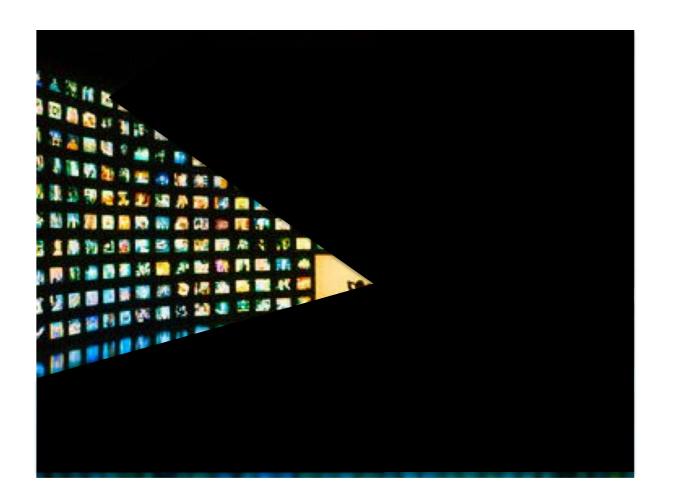






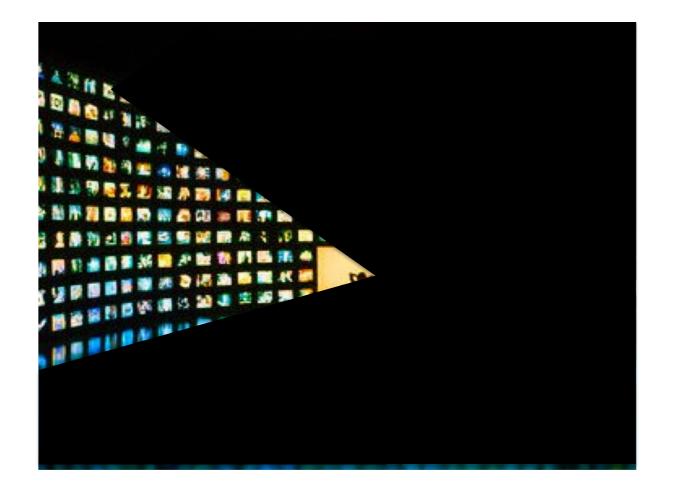








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not worth our time



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#### Do we really want digital twins?

User 1	☆	☆ ☆	☆
User 2	***	☆☆☆☆	***
Alice	***	***	???



#### What about developmental curators?



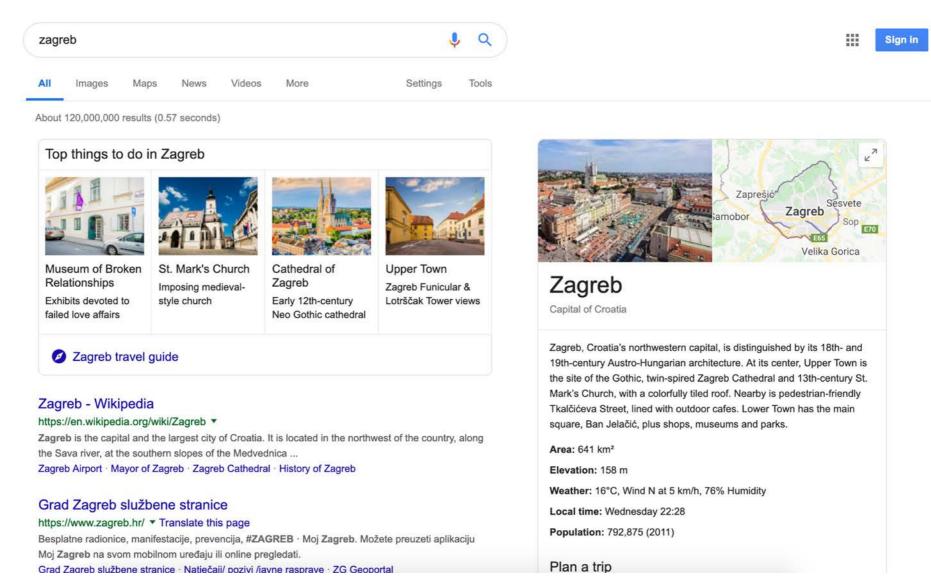


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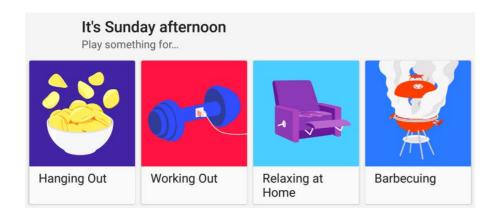
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#### Do we really want to minimize friction?



### (Can you) tell me what you want, what you really, really want?









#### Getting lost without having a clue







### Mind the new generation





Creative media as the natural environment where humans want to engage, and where human interpretation needs to be handled seriously



# Al as a tool that increases our understanding of the world



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