



# Semi-supervised Musical Instrument Recognition

Master's Thesis Presentation

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# Introduction

## Musical instrument recognition

Music information retrieval: obtaining information of various kinds from music.

Situationally tailored playlisting, personalised radio etc.

Instrument recognition  $\Rightarrow$

- automatic music database annotation;
- automatic music transcription;
- musical genre classification.

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## Semi-supervised learning

Traditional learning paradigms:

- **unsupervised**: no additional knowledge about the data samples
- **supervised**: a label is assigned to each data sample

Supervised: large amounts of annotated training data needed.

SSL: only part of training data needs to be annotated.

Not yet applied for instrument recognition.

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## Objectives and main results

Objectives:

- studying techniques for musical instrument recognition;
- studying various SSL schemes;

Main results:

- developed pattern recognition system for instrument recognition with SSL;
- two algorithms are implemented.

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## Building blocks

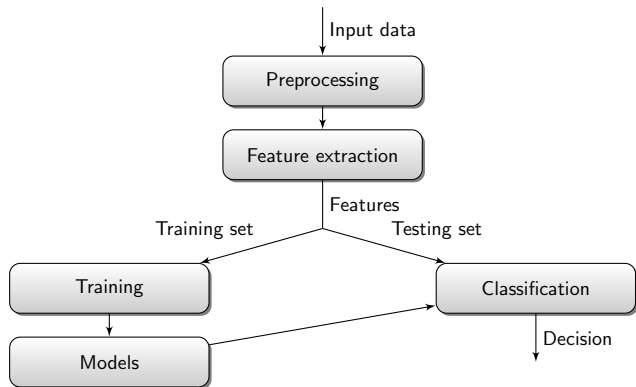


Figure 1: A block diagram of a typical pattern classification system.

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## Feature extraction

Relevant information is within the **timbre**, unique to a particular group of instruments.

Set of tonal qualities which characterise a particular musical sound.

Everything except pitch, loudness and duration.

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## Feature extraction

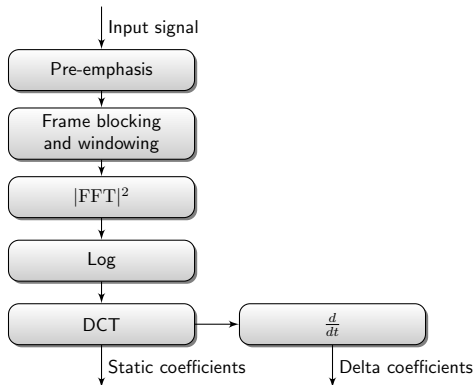


Figure 2: A block diagram of MFCCs calculation.

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## Training algorithms

The EM algorithm  $\Rightarrow$  MLEs of model parameters when treating observations as incomplete data.

Used when obtaining direct equations for the model is impossible.

Extending EM for SSL: the *iterative* and *incremental* EM-based algorithms<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> P. J. Moreno and S. Agarwal, "An experimental study of EM-based algorithms for semi-supervised learning in audio classification", in *Proc. of the ICML-2003 Workshop on the Continuum from Labeled to Unlabeled Data*, 2003.

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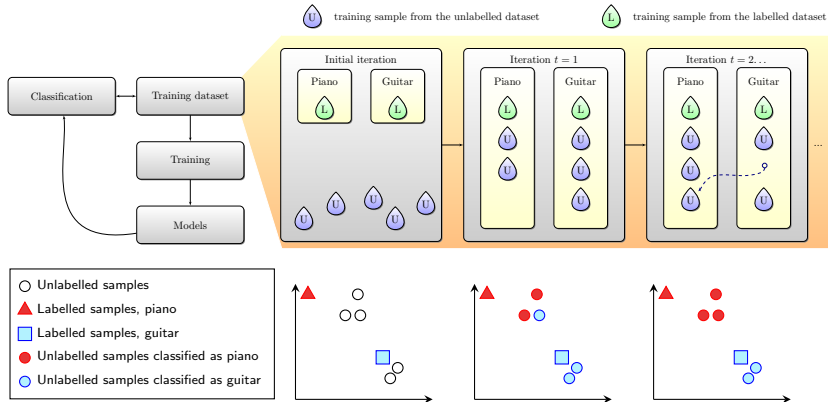


Figure 3: Schematic and feature space representation of the training stage with three iterations of the **iterative** EM-based algorithm.



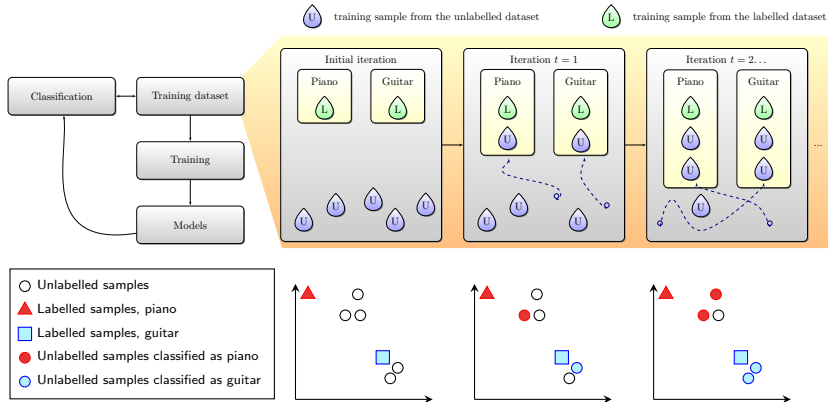


Figure 4: Schematic and feature space representation of the training stage with three iterations of the **incremental** EM-based algorithm.



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## Labelled data weighting

The algorithms improve the performance in case the initial labelled data size is relatively low.

Not much difference when adding large or small amount of unlabelled data.

⇒ de-weight the contribution of the unlabelled data.

Simply:  $S^l = \omega(t) \diamond S^l$ .

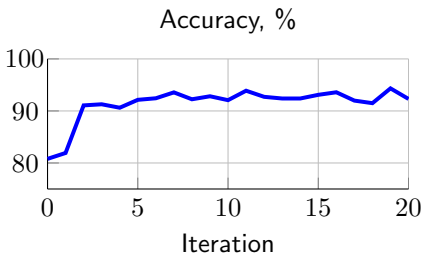
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## One-class-at-a-time training

Another issue of the iterative algorithm: resulting classification accuracy is oscillating along the iteration axis.



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## One-class-at-a-time training

*One-class-at-a time* approach: at an iteration only one class is retrained.

⇒ previous models of one class are unaffected by training another one

⇒ fewer peaks

⇒ safer to chose an arbitrary iteration index for termination.

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## Datasets

- RWC Music Database<sup>2</sup>.
- Three variations per instrument.
- Separate notes within the whole range with a step of a semitone.
- 44.1 kHz, 16 bit.

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<sup>2</sup> M. Goto et al., "RWC music database: music genre database and musical instrument sound database", in *Proc. of the 4th Int. Conf. on Music Information Retrieval (ISMIR)*, 2003, pp. 229–230.



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## Datasets

Table 1: List of instruments and number of recordings of the notes used in the smaller and larger sets, respectively.

Instrument	# notes	Instrument	# notes
Acoustic Guitar	702	Pianoforte	792
Electric Guitar	702	Classic Guitar	702
Tuba	270	Electric Guitar	702
Bassoon	360	Electric Bass	507
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 212</b>	Trombone	278
		Tuba	270
		Horn	288
		Bassoon	360
		Clarinet	360
		Banjo	941
		<b>Total</b>	<b>5 200</b>

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## Baseline results

Baseline scenario: treating all available data as labelled. Upper bound for possible SSL performance.

Table 2: Average classification accuracy across all classes in fully-supervised case.

Instrument set size	Recognition accuracy, %
4 instruments	92.1
10 instruments	82.9

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## Results with the iterative EM-based algorithm

Table 3: Classification results with the iterative EM-based SSL algorithm when incorporating both modifications.

Instrument set size	Recognition accuracy, %			
	initial	maximum	absolute gain	relative gain
4 instruments	89.19	95.30	6.11	6.85
10 instruments	58.73	68.43	9.70	14.18

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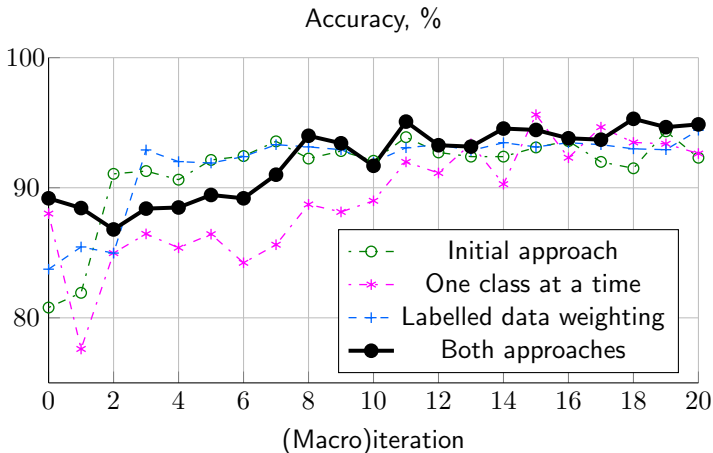


Figure 5: Comparison of the modifications to the *iterative* algorithm with their combination and the initial version, smaller instrument set.

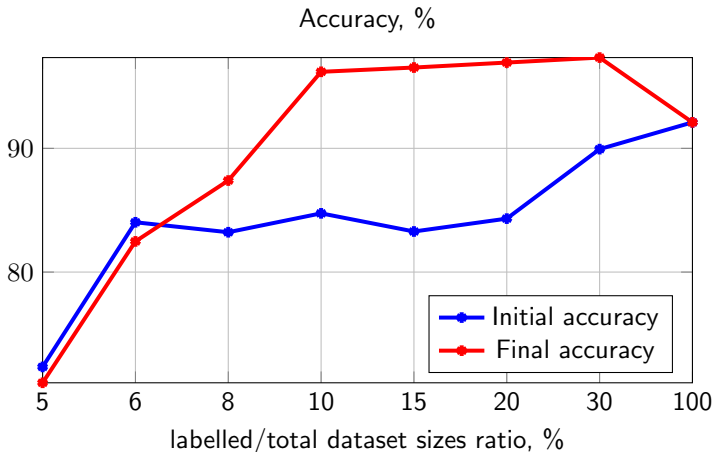


Figure 6: Comparison of the accuracies of the initial models and the final iteration of the *incremental* EM-based SSL algorithm as a function of the relative labelled dataset size with the *smaller* instrument set.

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# Conclusions

- SSL for instrument recognition works. Gain 9.7%;
- as little as 7% data needs to be annotated;
- proposed extensions simplify termination and increase accuracy.

## Future work:

- more complex scenarios (more instruments, noise, reverberation...);
- neighbouring problems.