

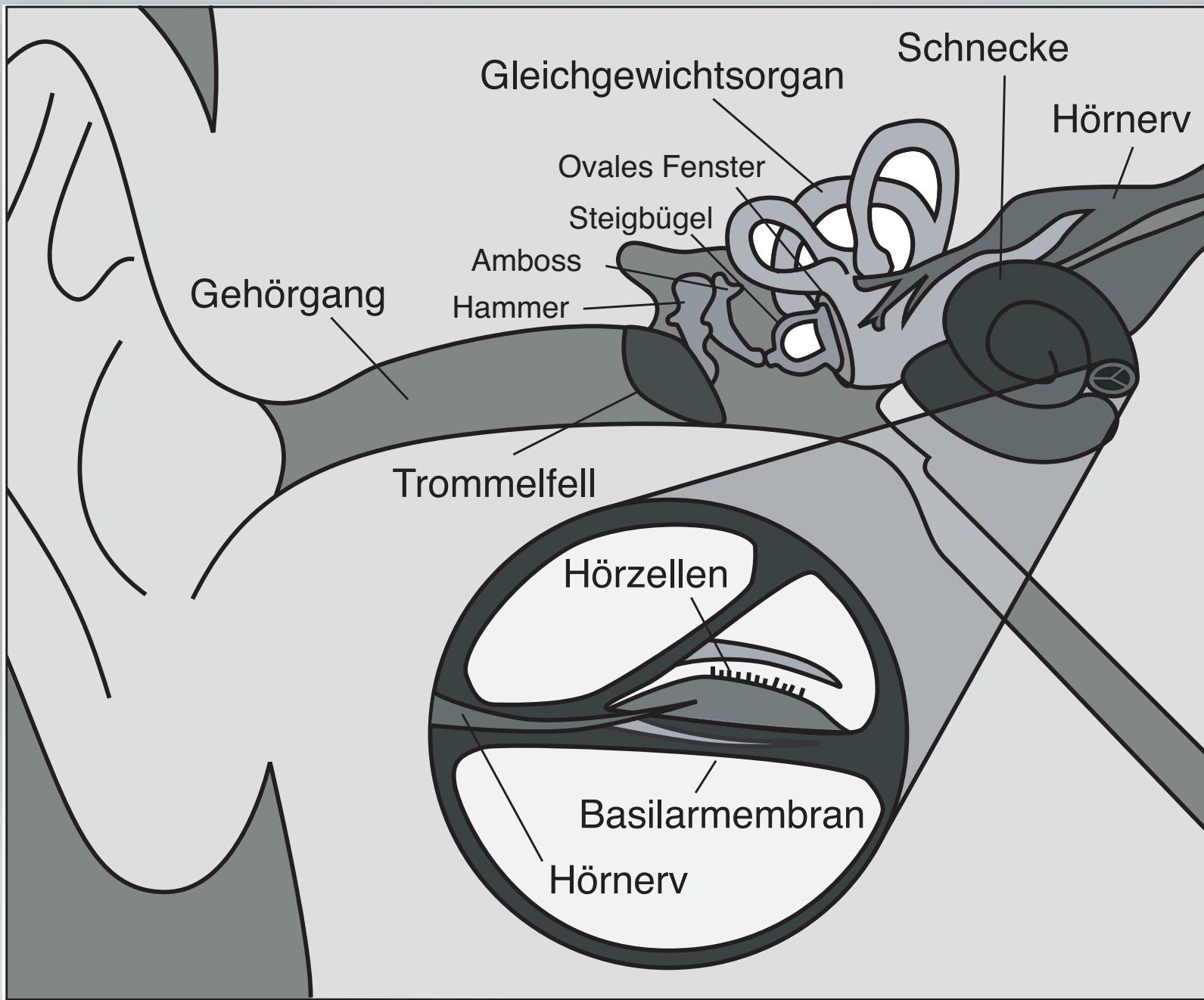
# **Wired for Music**

## **Why Everybody is Musical**







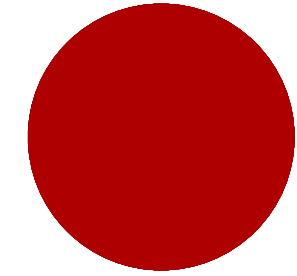


# **Six Reasons Why You, Too, Are Musical**

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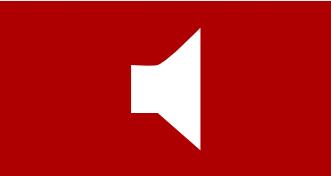
**You Got Rhythm.**

## Example 1



25 Images/s

## Example 2



44,100 Samples/s



[youtu.be/cJOZp2ZftCw](https://youtu.be/cJOZp2ZftCw)

**2.**

**Babies Are Born  
With a Feeling for Music.**

# “Music”

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and common time (indicated by a '4'). It begins with a rest followed by a dotted half note, then a eighth note followed by a sixteenth note. This pattern repeats. The bottom staff is in bass clef and common time (indicated by a '4'). It consists of a series of eighth notes, each followed by a vertical bar line and a fermata symbol (a small circle above the bar line). The music continues in this alternating pattern between the two staves.

Schubert: Valses Sentimentales, Op. 50, No. 1; Perani et al. 2008

# “Altered Music: Dissonance”

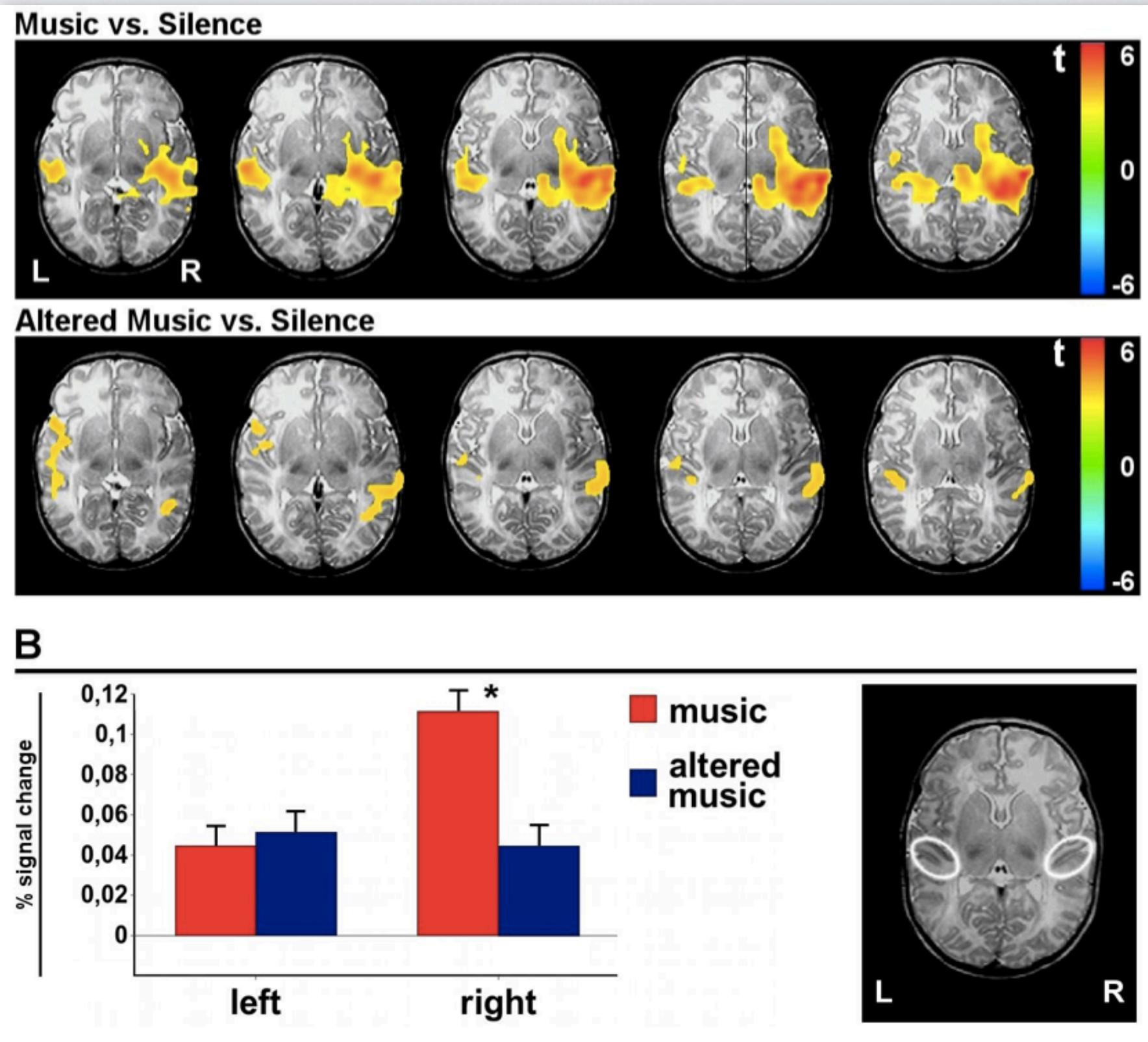
The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is for the treble clef (G-clef) and the bottom staff is for the bass clef (F-clef). Both staves are in common time (indicated by '3/4'). The key signature consists of five sharps. The first staff begins with a rest followed by a eighth note, then a sixteenth note followed by a eighth note. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by a half note. Red boxes highlight specific notes in both staves: in the first staff, the eighth note and the first eighth note of the second measure; in the second staff, the first eighth note of the first measure and the eighth note in the middle of the second measure.

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# “Altered Music: Key Shifts”

The image shows two staves of musical notation for piano. The top staff is in G major (one sharp) and the bottom staff is in C major (no sharps or flats). Red boxes highlight three specific measures in each staff where the key changes. In the first staff, the key shifts to F# major (two sharps) in the third measure. In the second staff, the key shifts to E major (three sharps) in the first measure, back to C major in the second measure, and then to A major (one sharp) in the fourth measure.

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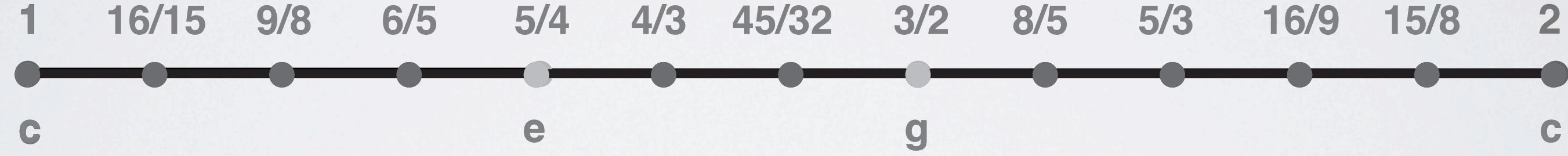


Perani et al. 2008

**3.**

**You Know  
Musical Scales.**







$$\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^3 = \frac{125}{64} \neq 2$$

**Three major thirds aren't an octave!**

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{12} = 129.75 \neq 128 = 2^7$$

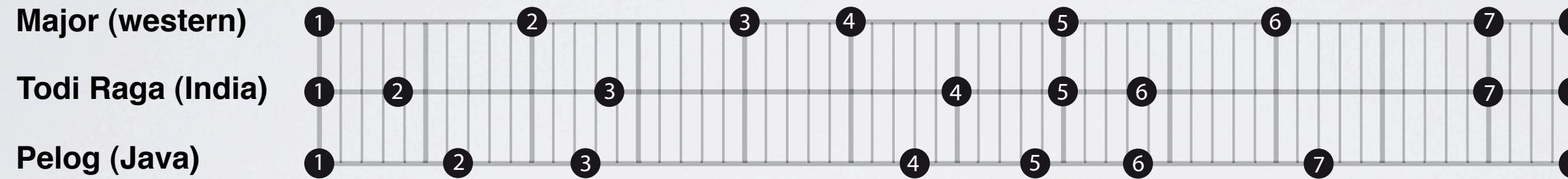
**Twelve fifths aren't seven octaves!**

The compromise:

$$12\sqrt{2}$$

“Equal temperament”

# Different Cultures, Different Scales



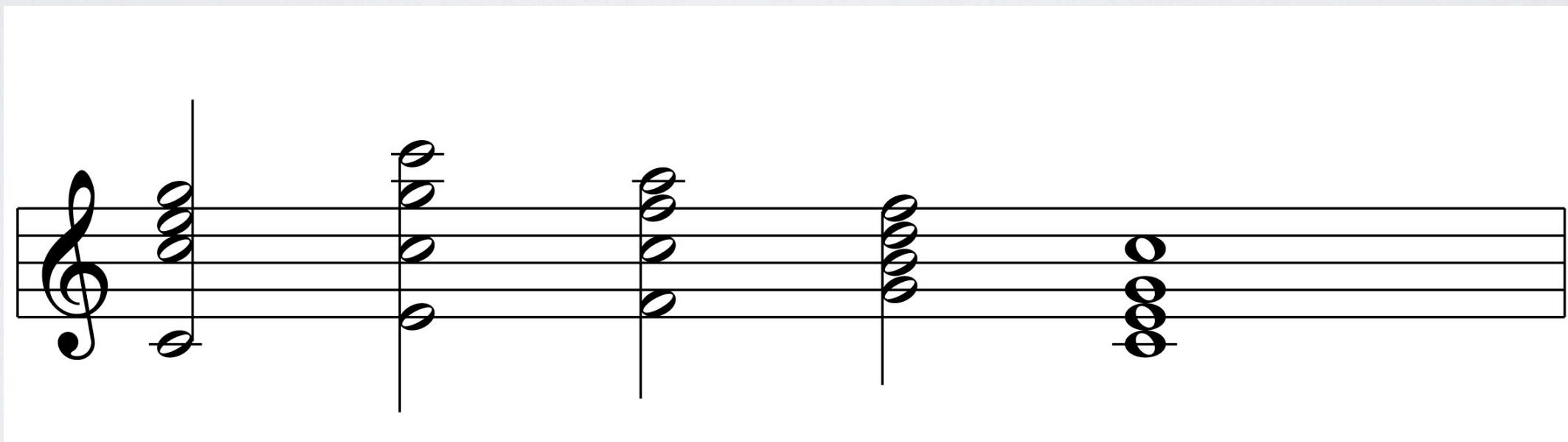
Source: Patel, "Music and the Brain"



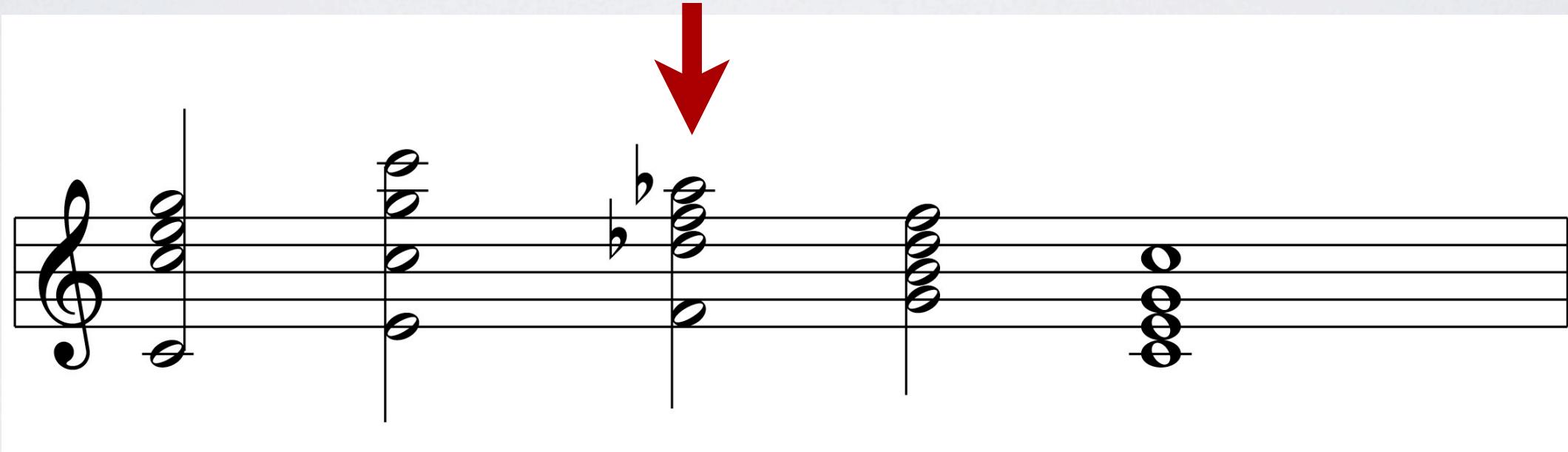
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**You Understand  
Musical “Grammar.”**

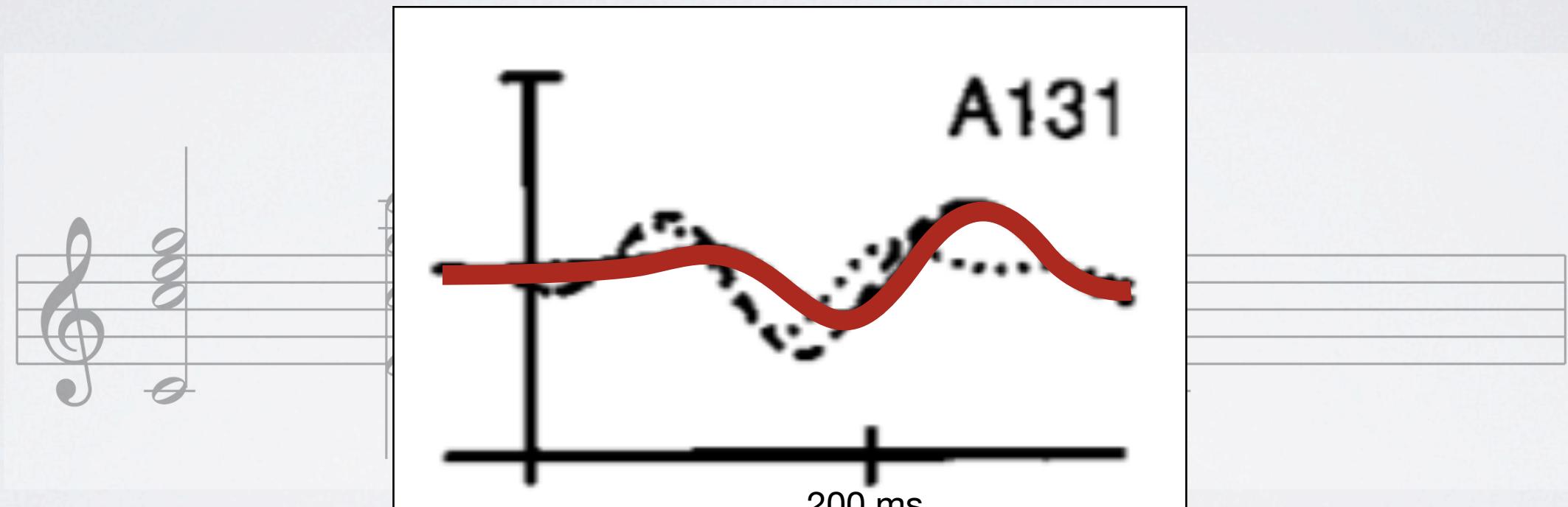
# “Normal” Cadence



# Neapolitan in the Middle

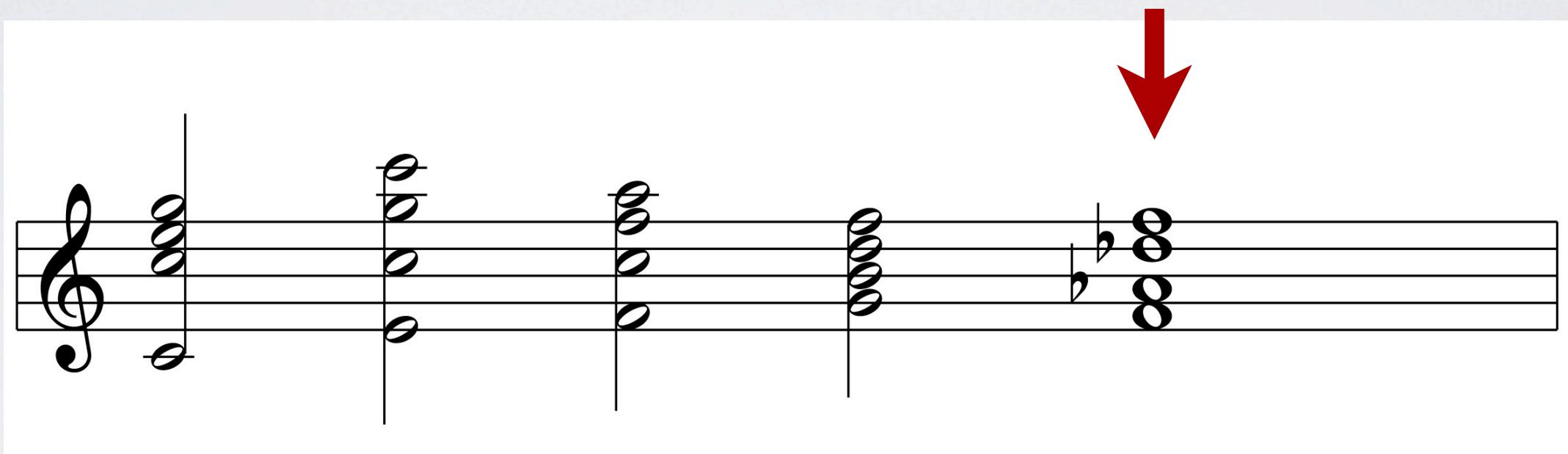


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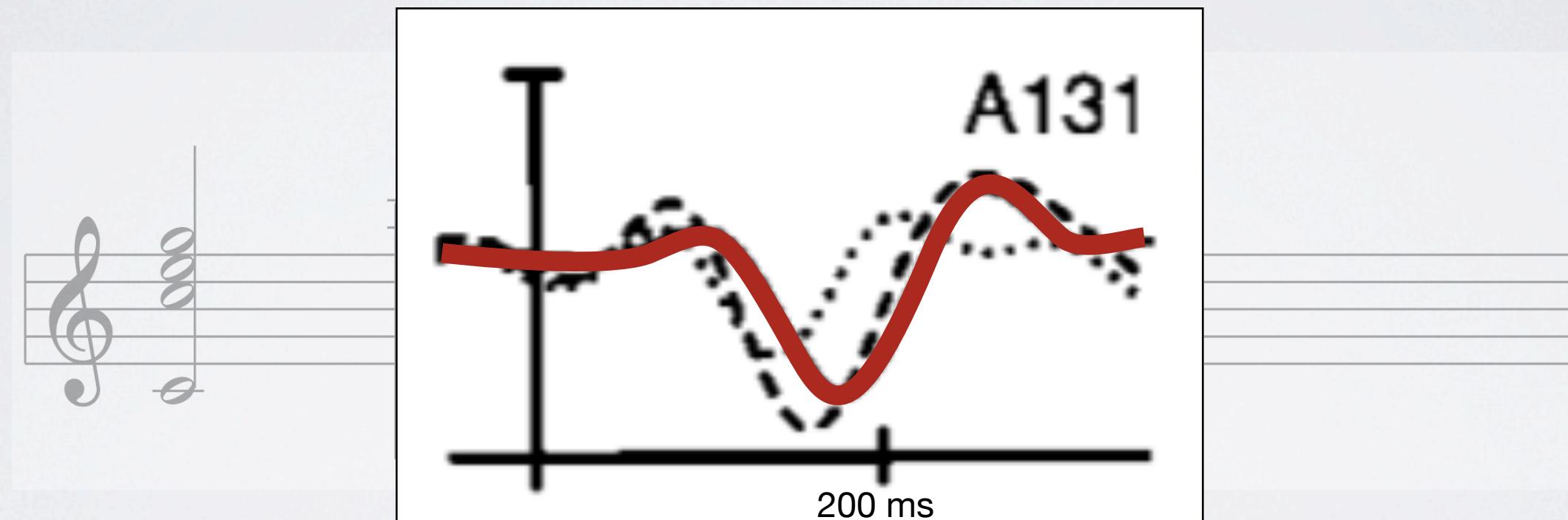


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# Neapolitan at the End



# Neapolitan at the End



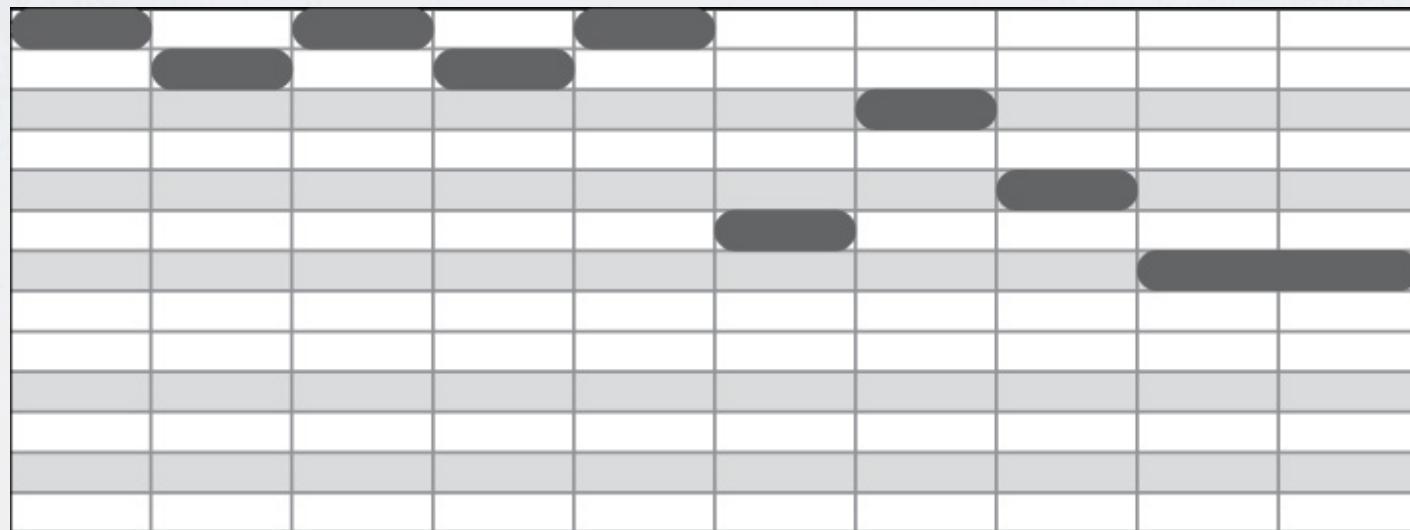
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**5.**

**You Have a Huge  
“Musical Lexicon” That You Can  
Access Very Rapidly.**

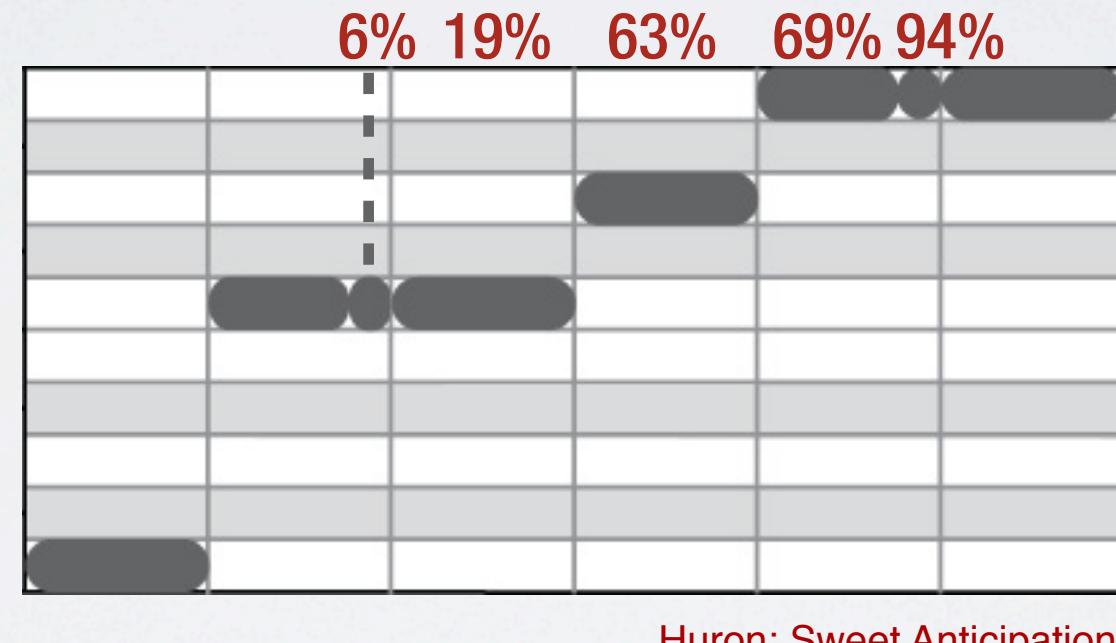
# Name That Tune!

56% 69% 88% 94% 100%



Huron: Sweet Anticipation

# Name That Tune!



# Name That Tune!

A

The Beatles:  
A Hard Day's Night

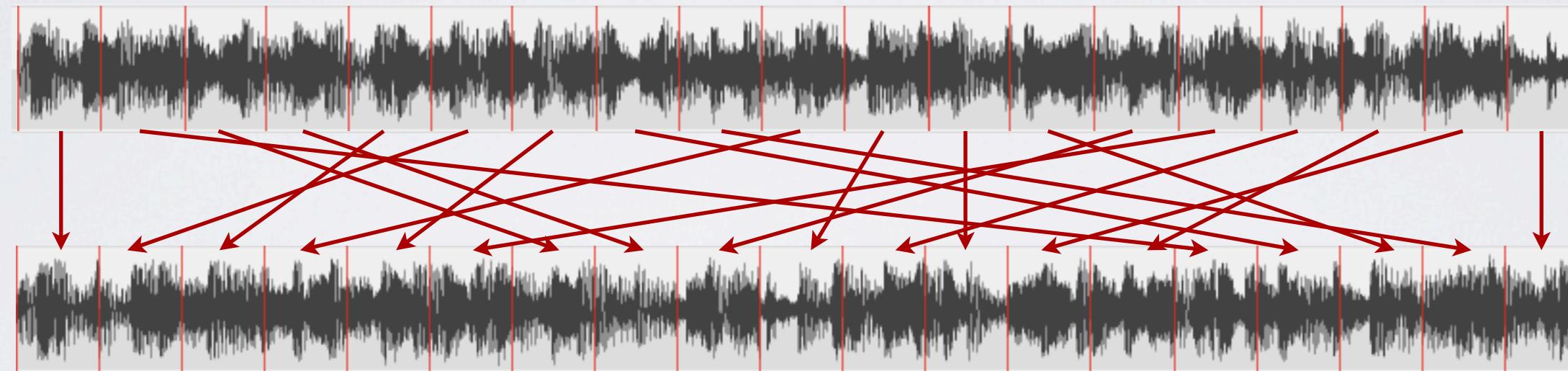
B

The Kinks:  
Lola

# Name That Tune!

- Mozart: Sinfonie Nr. 40 g-Moll
- Beatles: Help!
- Bach: C-Dur-Präludium
- Led Zeppelin: Stairway to Heaven
- Oasis: Wonderwall

# Name That Tune!





R.E.M: Losing My Religion

<http://vimeo.com/majorscaledtv>

# Name That Tune!

A B C D

Für Elise  
Minor → Major

Hey Jude  
Major → Minor

Mrs. Robinson  
Major → Minor

Kl. Nachtmusik  
Major → Minor

**6.**

**You Understand the  
Emotions That Are  
Expressed in Music.**

**Version 1**

**Version 2**

**(F. Chopin, Opus 10 Nr. 3, Douglas Eck)**



Hyderabad (India), August 2010



Washington D.C., January 2009

# Why Music?

1.



Courtship Display

2.



Remote Childcare

3.



Social Glue