

Leading Worship For Response

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Effectively engaging people to
worship the Lord



WORSHIP EXPEDITION



Engaging & Alive

Leading Worship For Response





Celebration Arts Teams

Over 50
people per
month

Worship Team

Band, Singers, Choir

Sound/Lighting

Rolling Thunder

Visual Arts

Photography











I'm reaching for You
I'm singing to You
I'm lifting my hands to
praise You
I'm lifting my voice to
thank You







I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing in so much more
Knowing that all You have in store
for me is good, it's good



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take it to the next level.

Many of these concepts have been demonstrated
or articulated by the following people:

Paul Baloché

Tommy Walker

Lincoln Brewster

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Specifics

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Application

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Neighbor: those around you

Scriptures that encourage corporate worship:

...be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord...

-Ephesians 5:18b, 19

Scriptures that encourage corporate worship:

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

-Psalm 150

Scriptures that encourage corporate worship:

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all **wisdom** through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your **hearts**.

-Colossians 3:16

Scriptures that encourage corporate worship:

- ¹ Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- ² Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy

-Psalm 33:1-3

Techniques for effectively
engaging people through music

Specifics

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Relational

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Dynamic

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(Engaging, connected)

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Dynamic

(Moving, taking people somewhere)

Relational

We lead people,
not music!

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- Interact: worship is not a monologue.
Everyone there is on the worship team.

We lead people, not music

Modern Worship Music

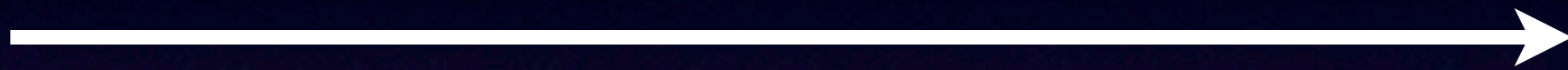
Fixed

Fluid

Modern Worship Music

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Presentation

Interactive

Sheet music

Improvisation

Scripted

Nimble/responsive

Run the song, don't let it run you!

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- Lead the team.
- Expect excellence and humility.
- Spend time together.

We lead people, not music

Helpful details

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- Rotate worship team members

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- Planning Center

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Planning Set Lists

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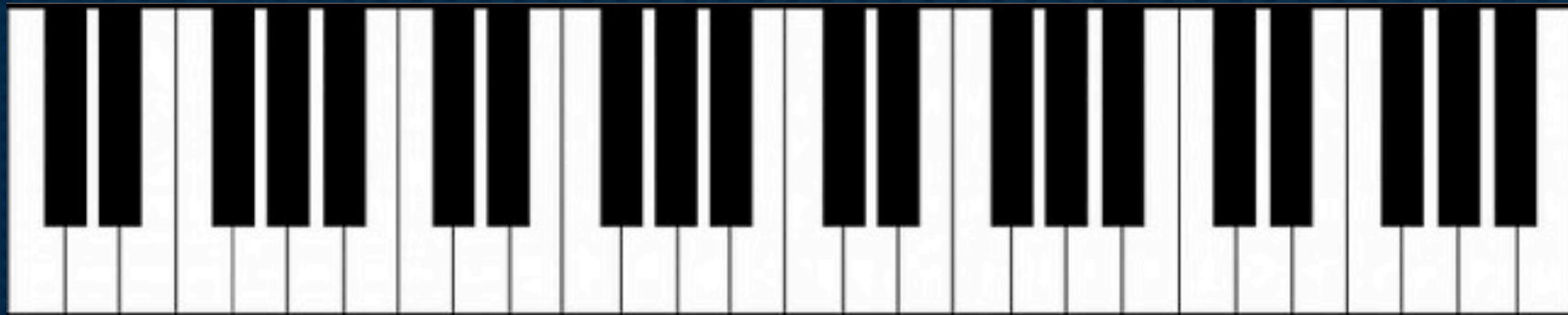
Key: variety, keep it between the C's

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The Right Key

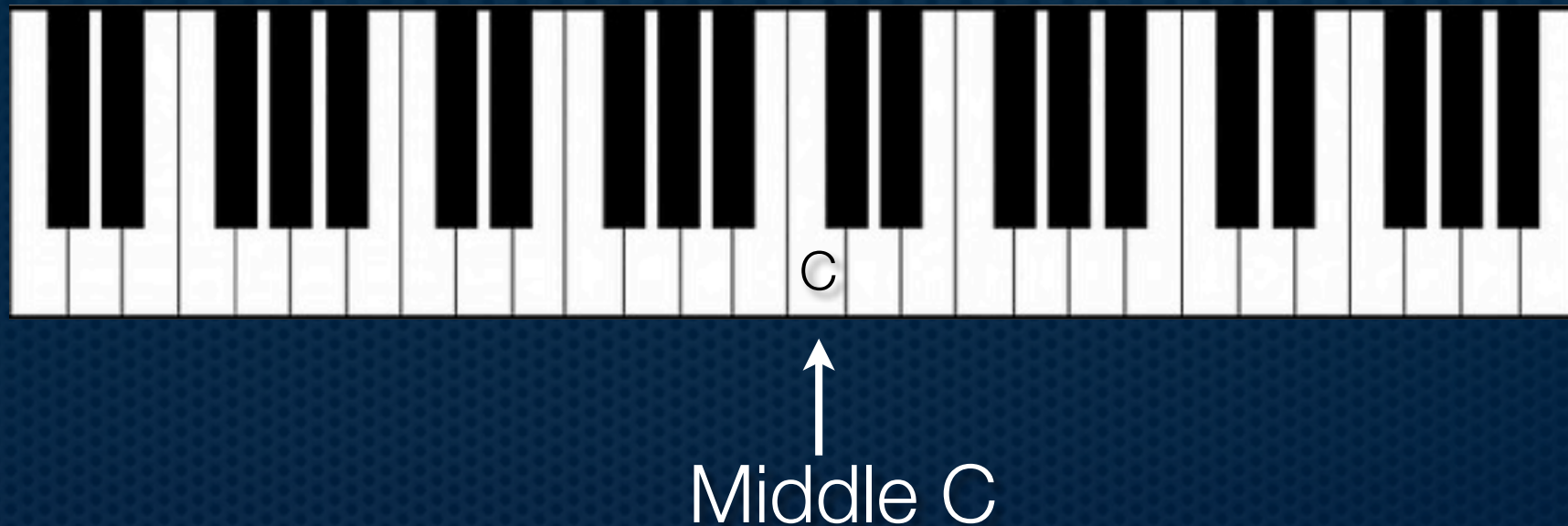
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Accessible congregational vocal range



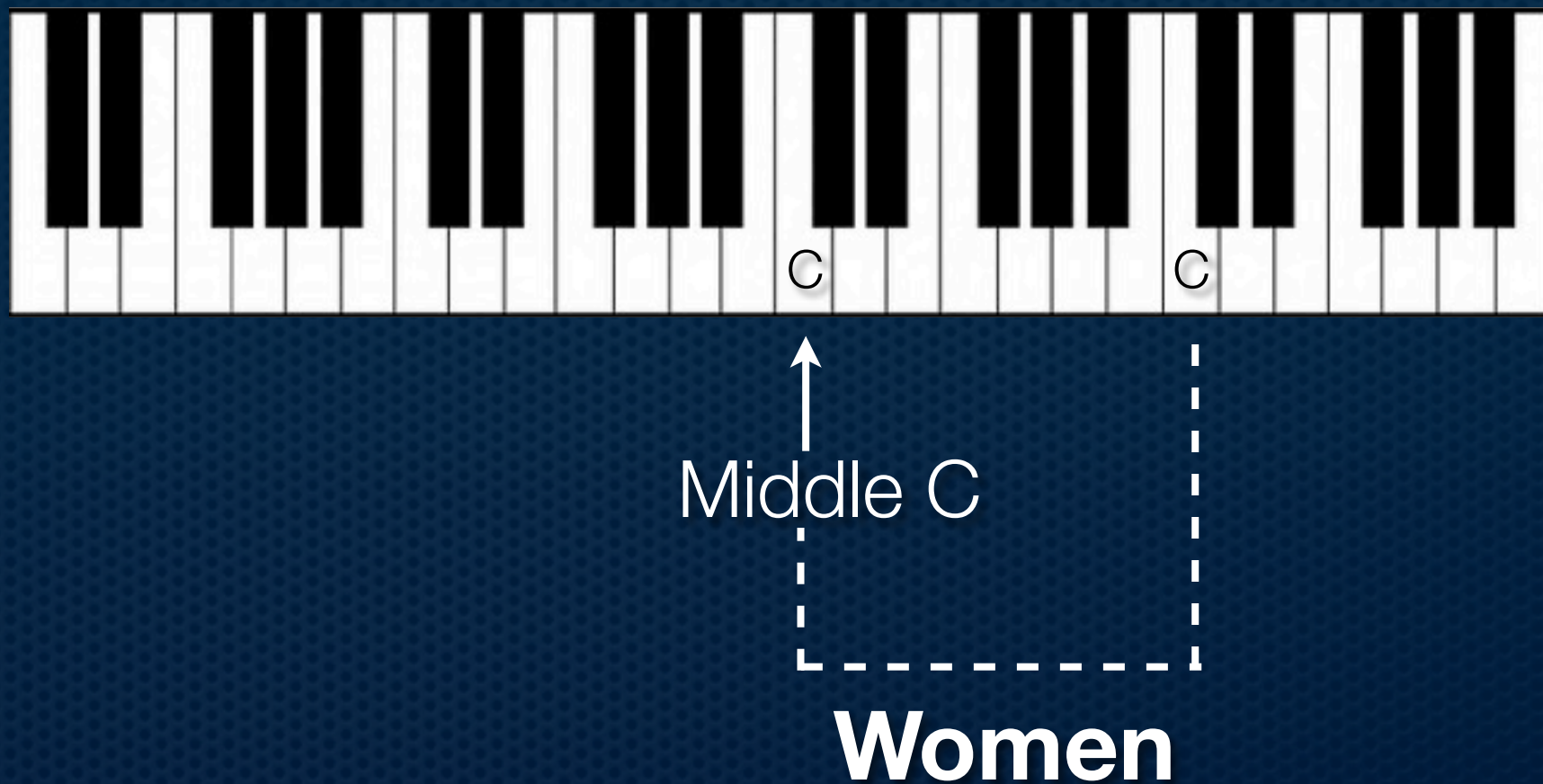
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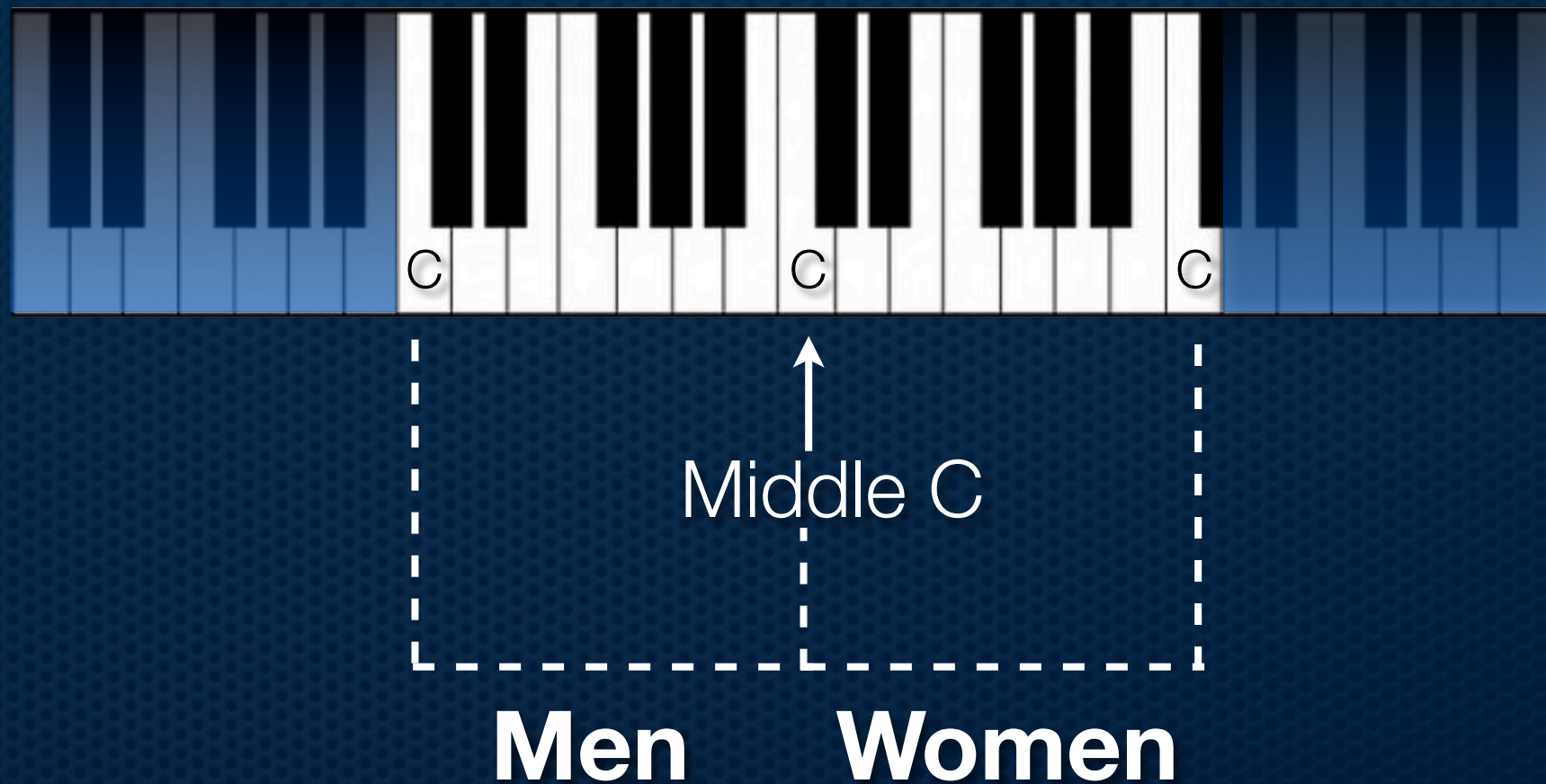
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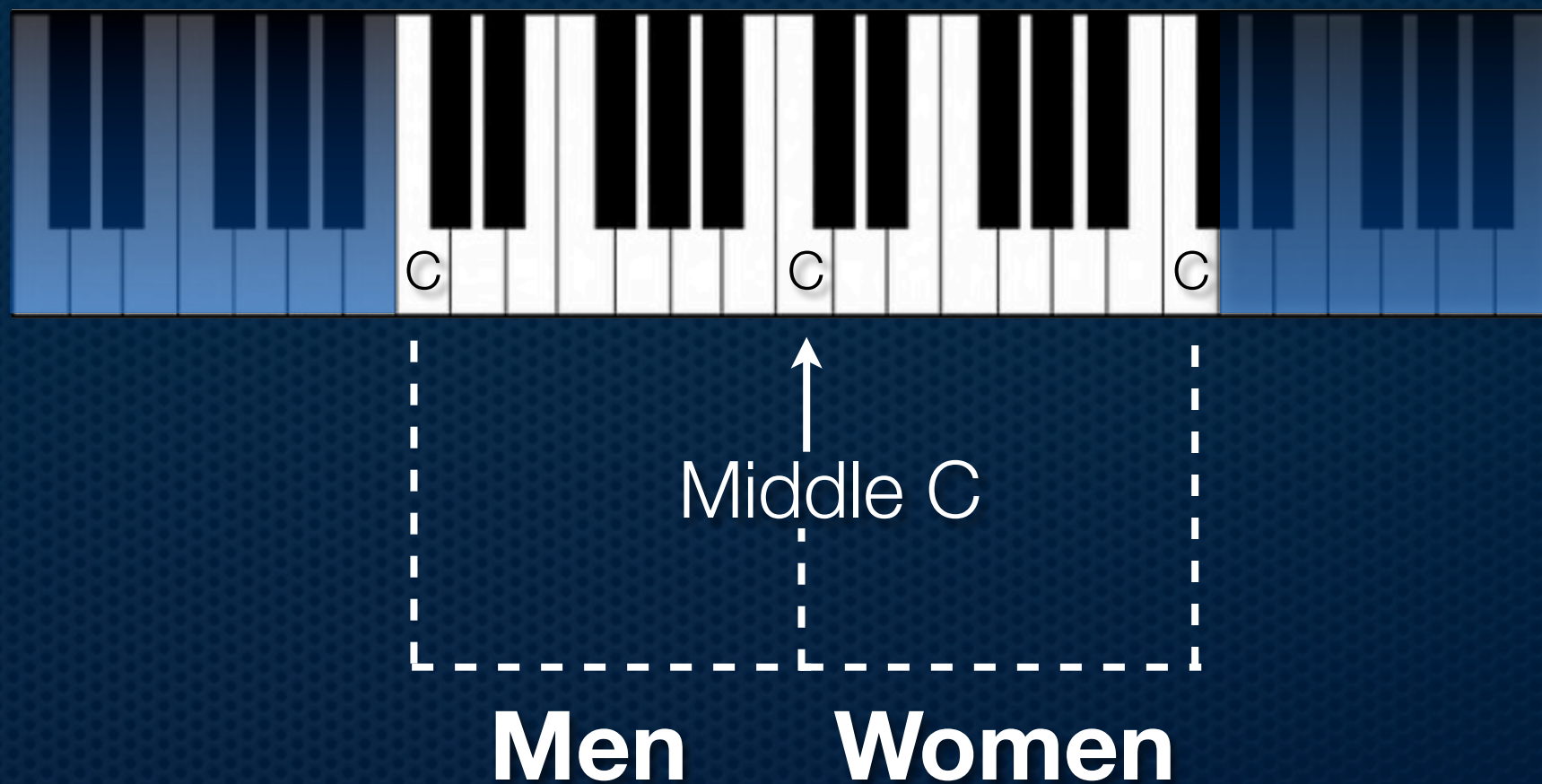
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Keep it between the C's!

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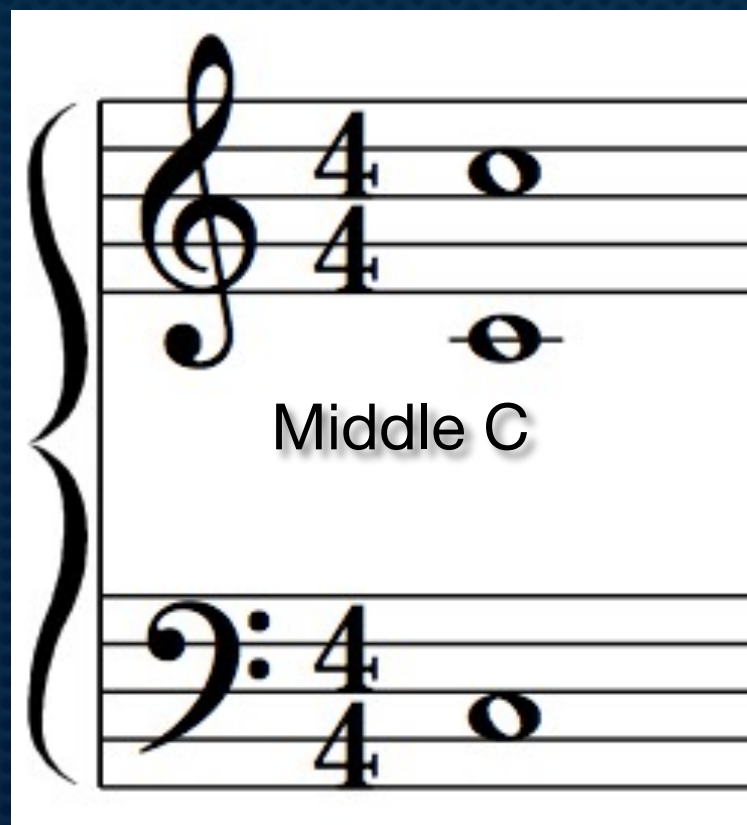
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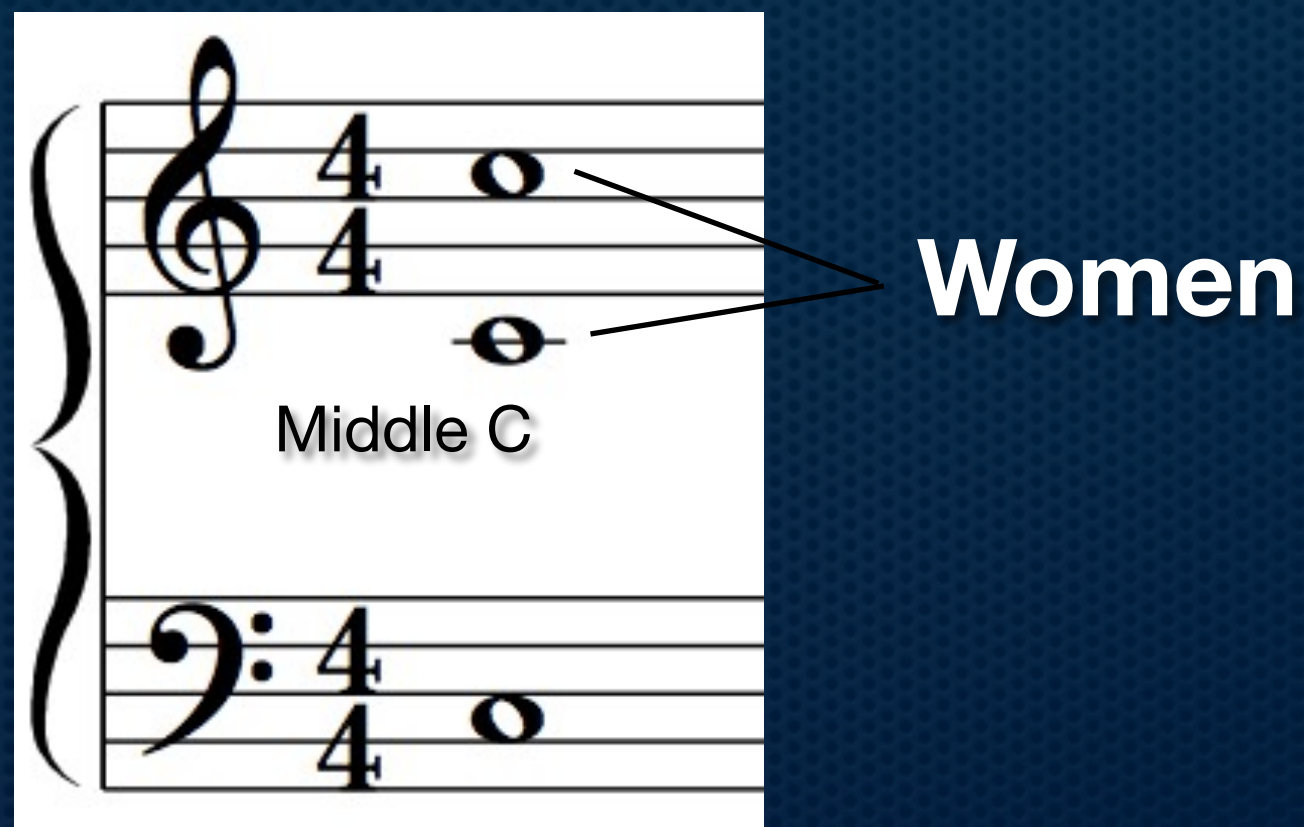
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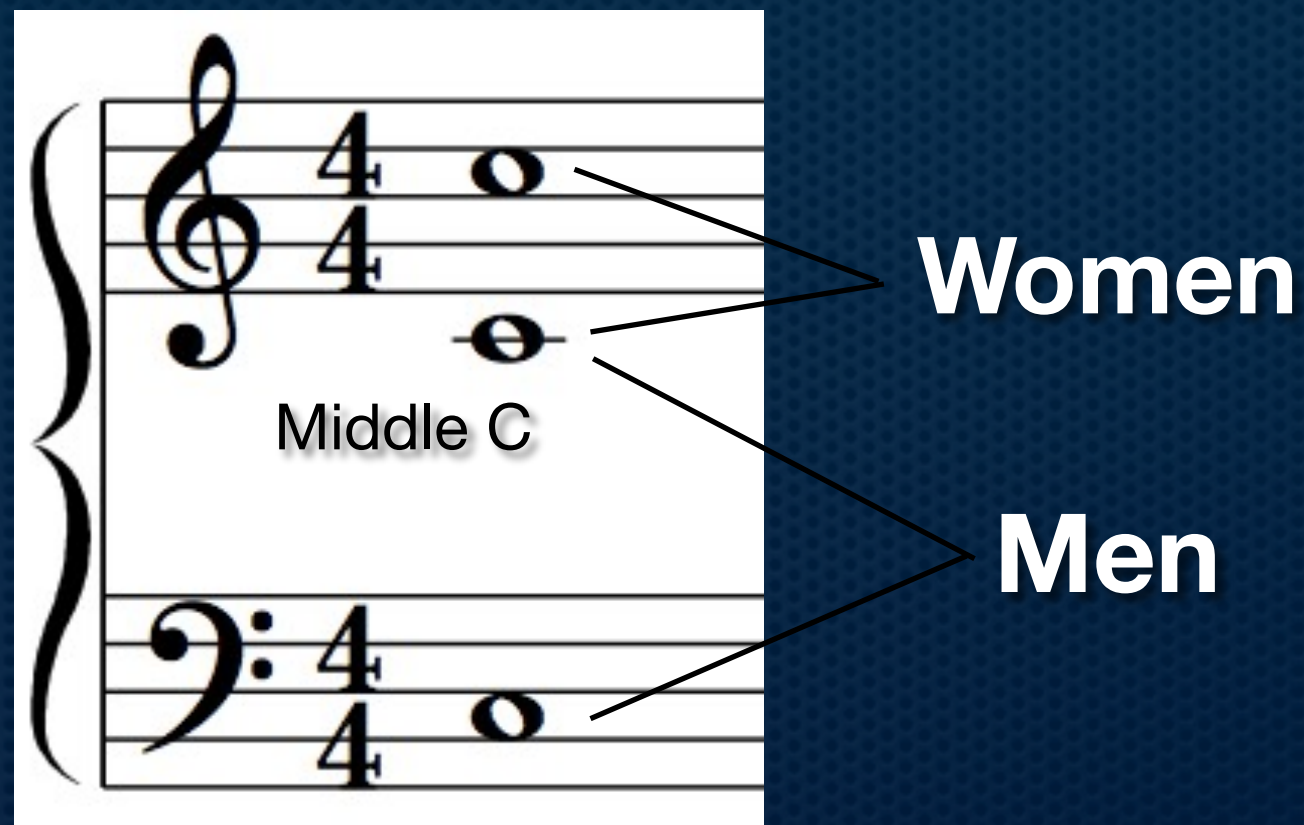
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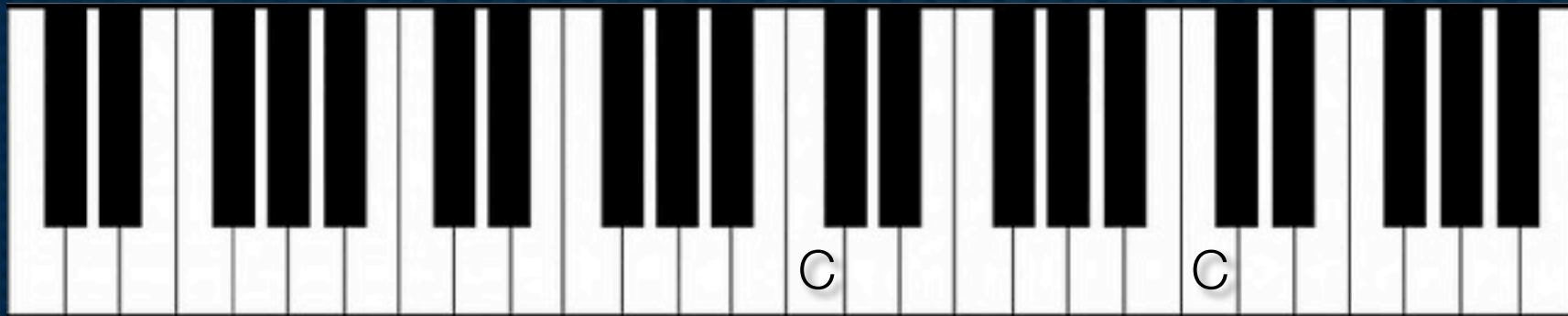
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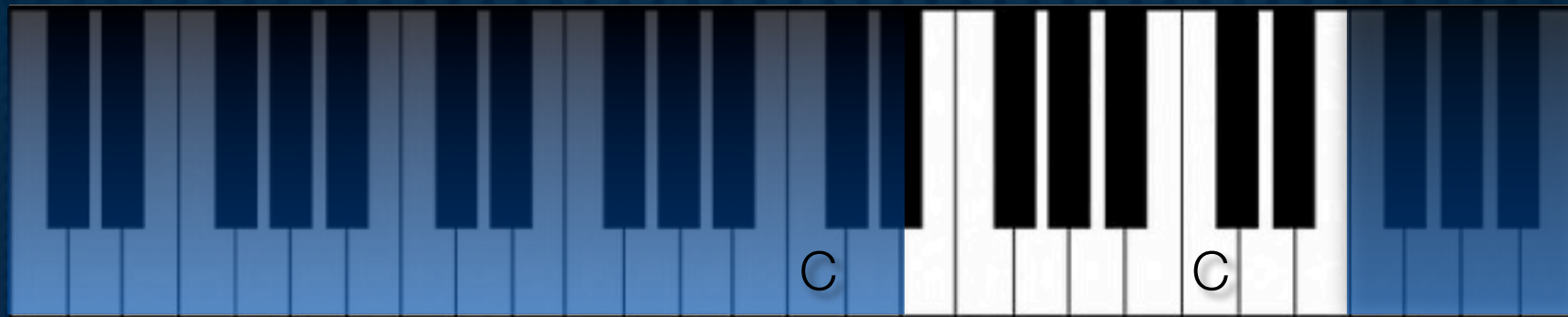
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Women

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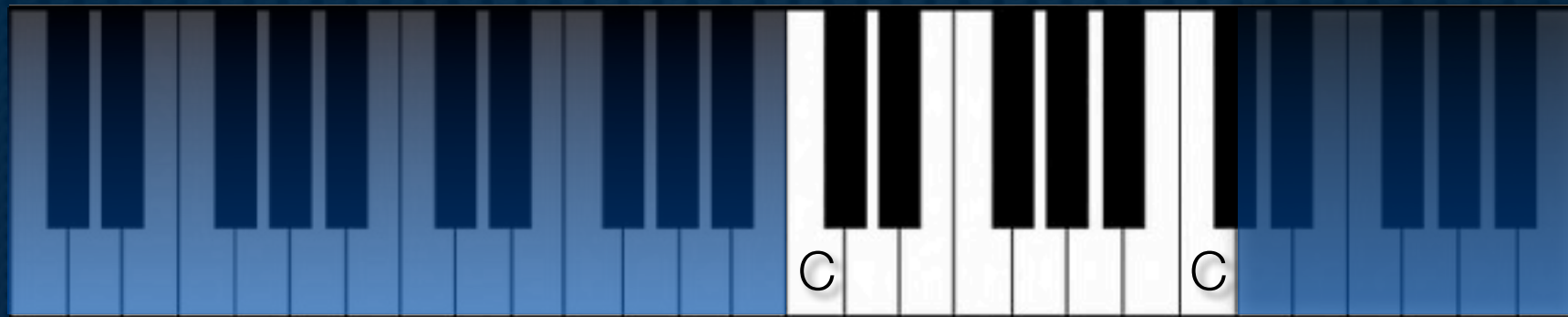
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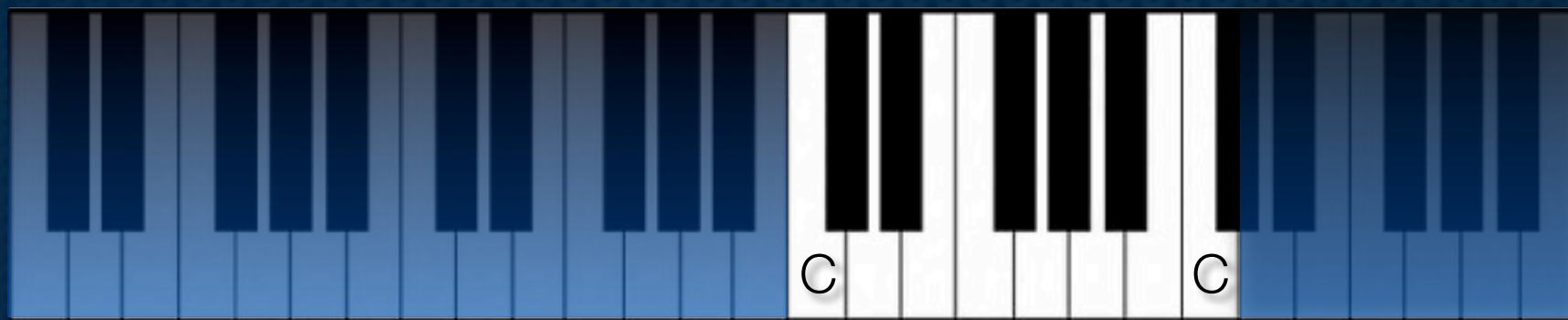
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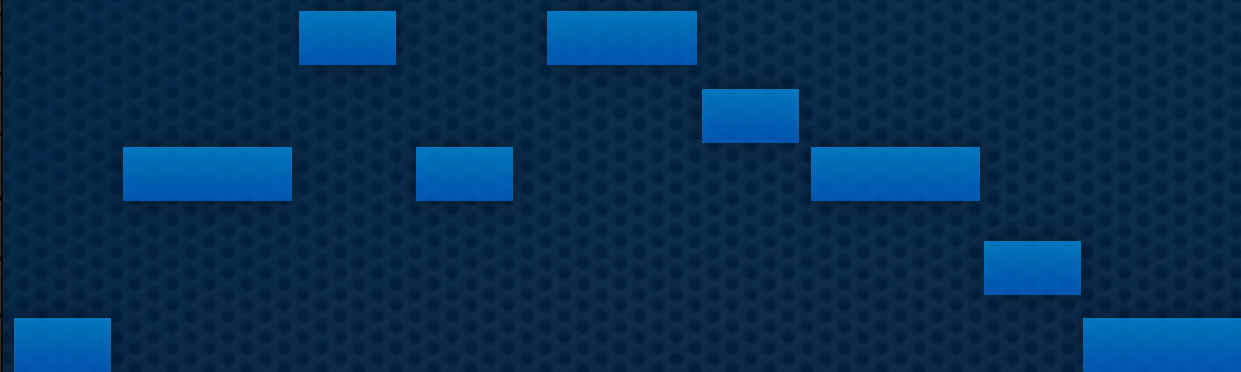
Aim to keep the melody between the C's!

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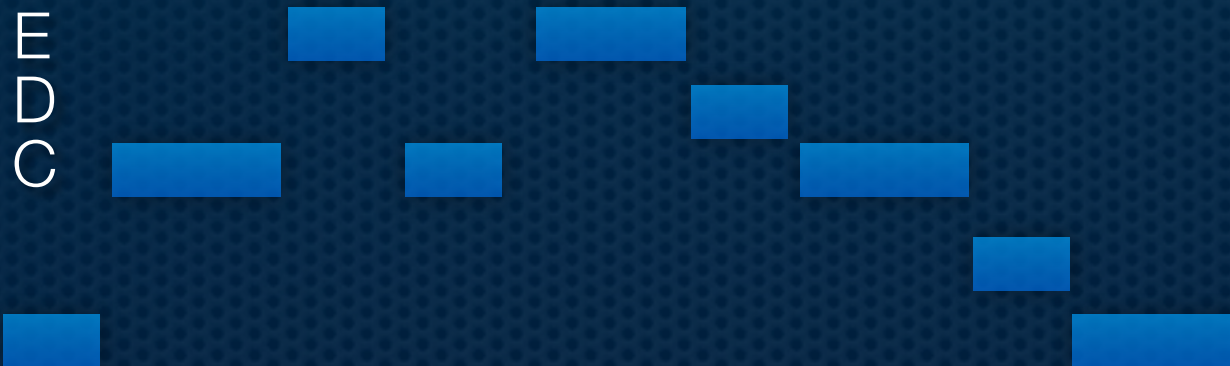


The Right Key



E
D
C

C



The Right Key

Too high



E
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C

The Right Key



EDC

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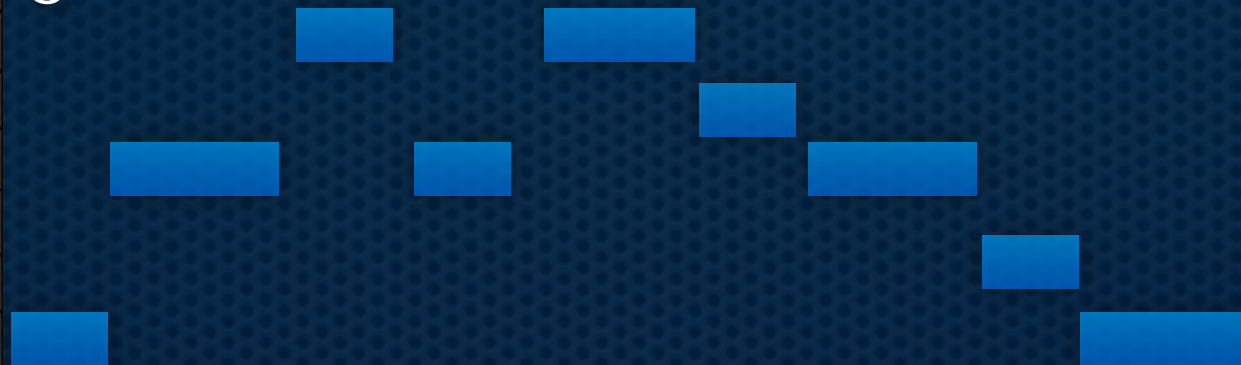
The Right Key

Good key



C D E

C



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Familiarity

- New
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- Tired

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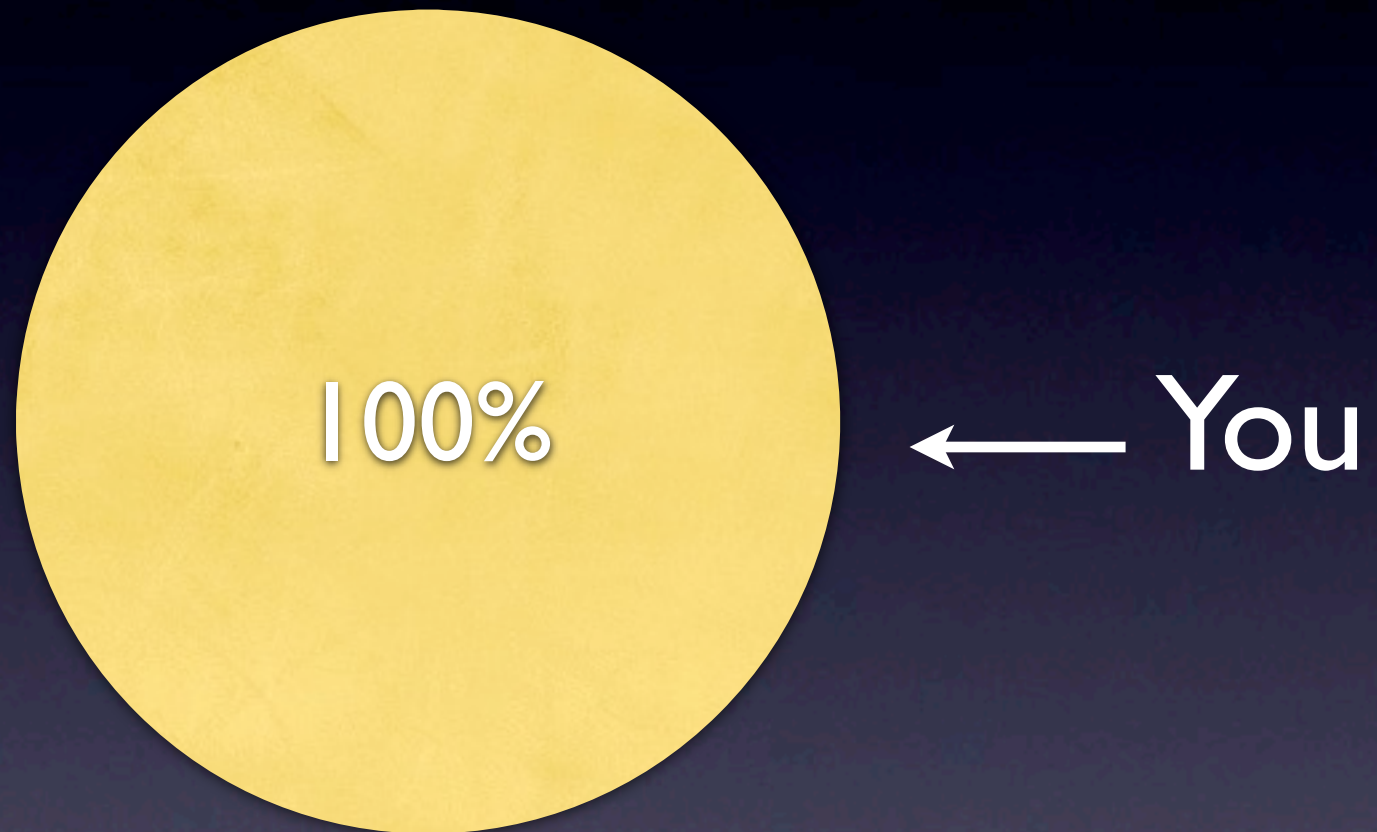
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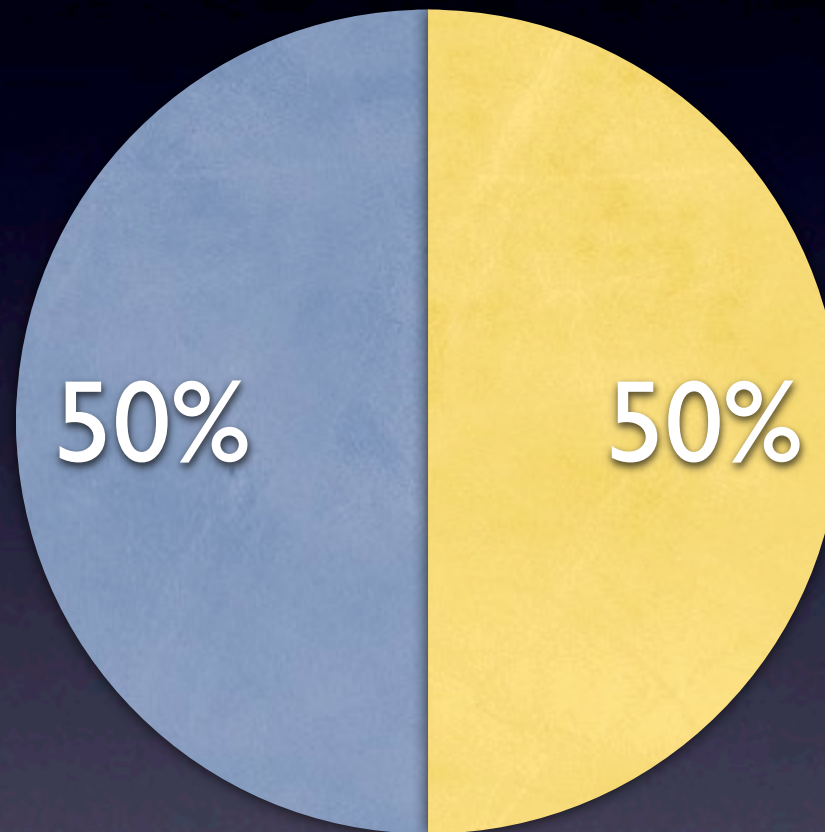
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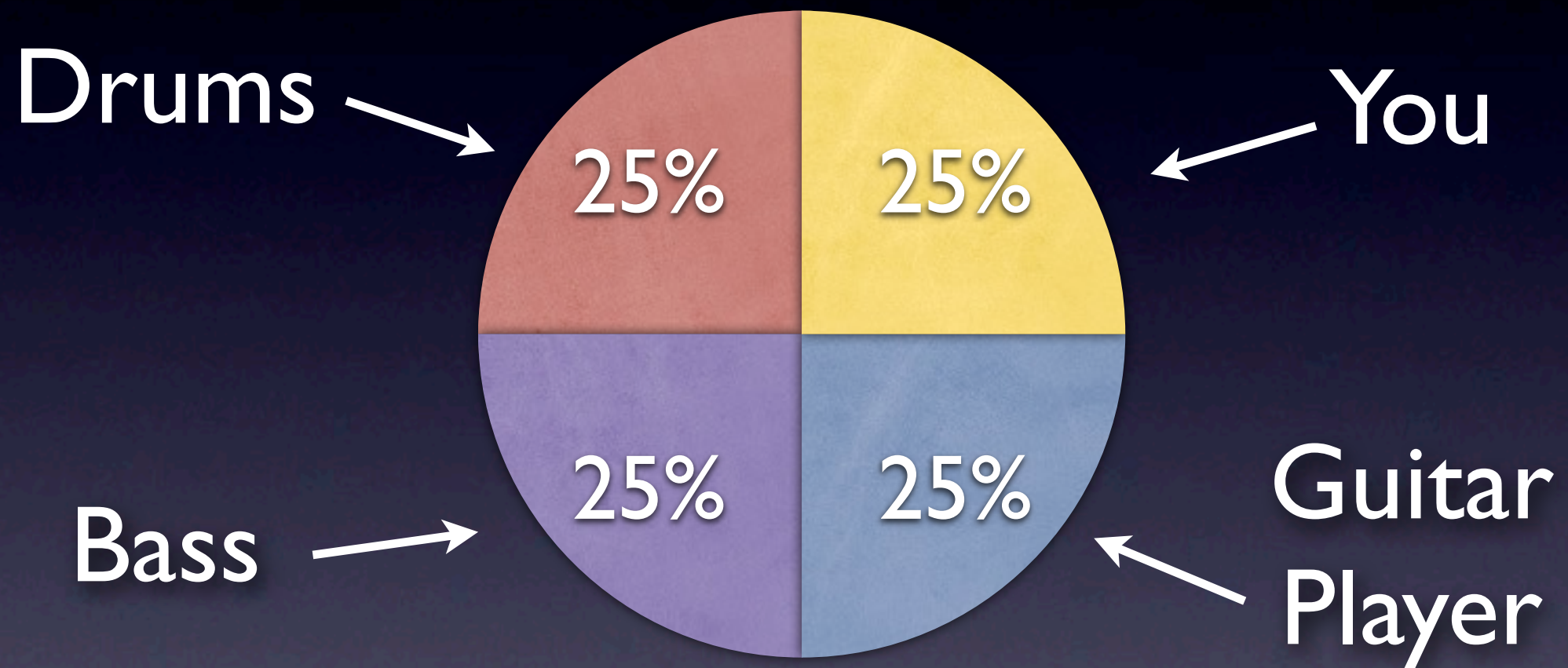
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Guitar
Player

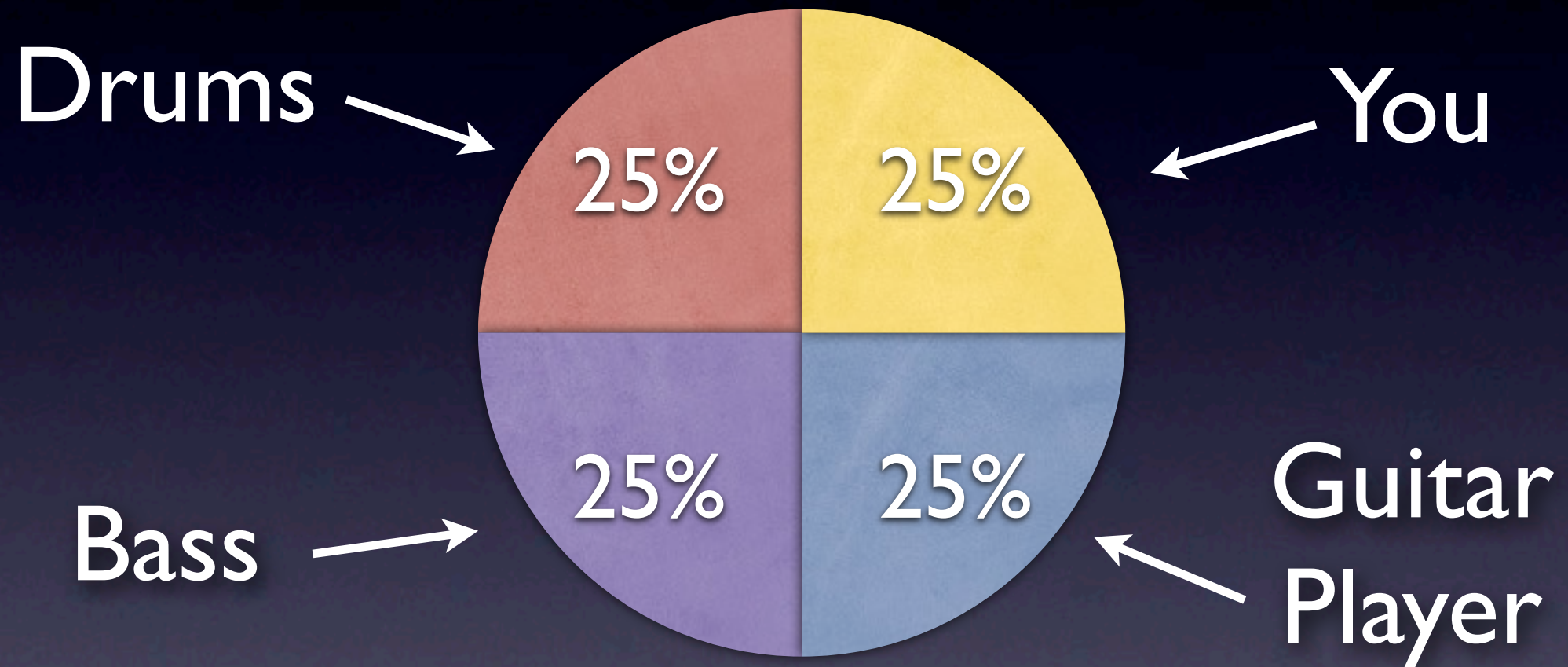


You

100 % Rule

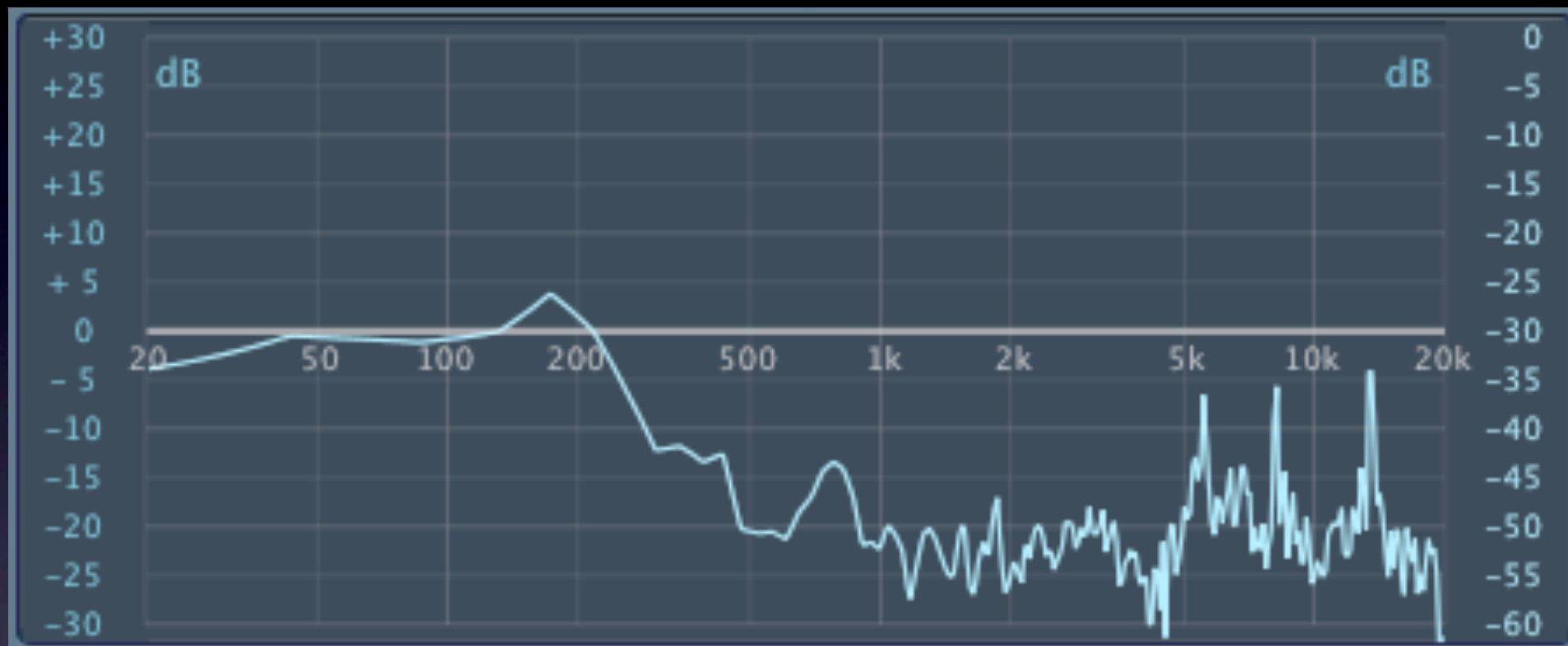


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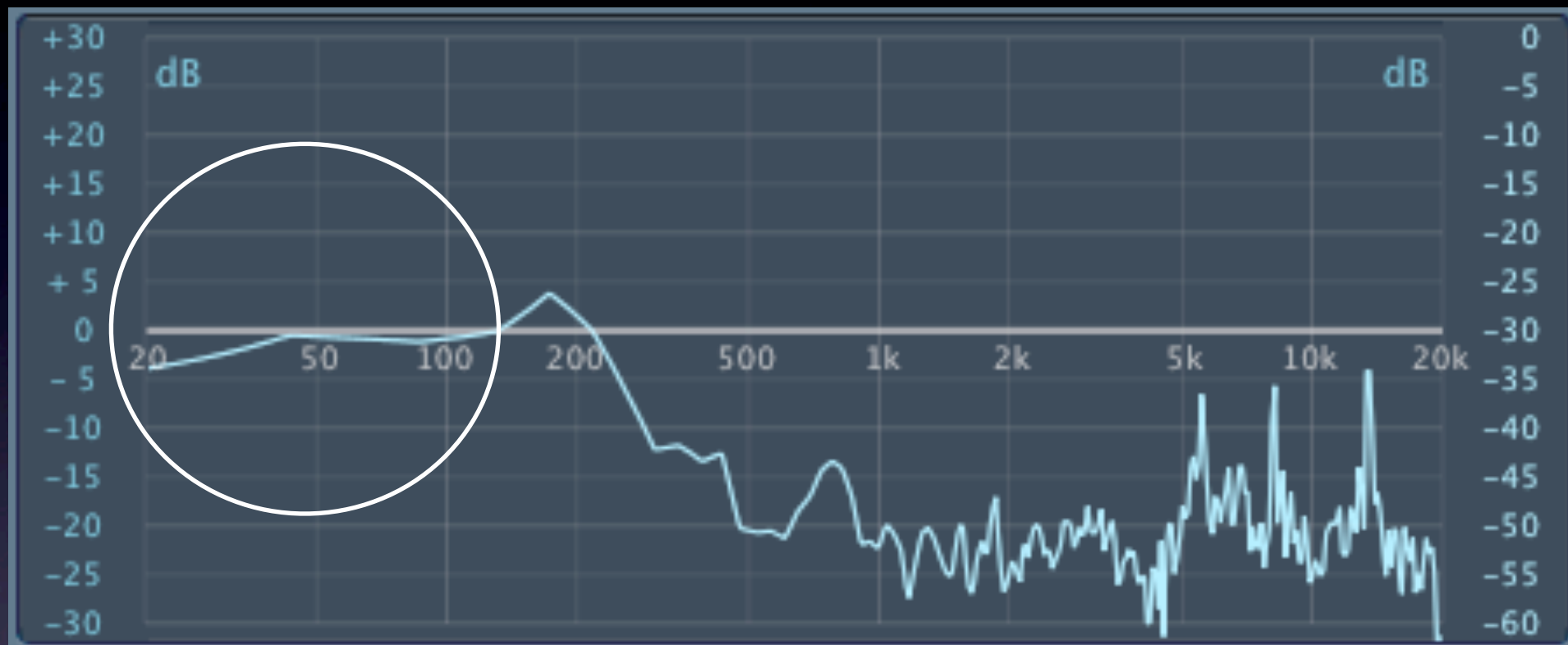


Own YOUR space- not someone else's

Sonic Spectrum

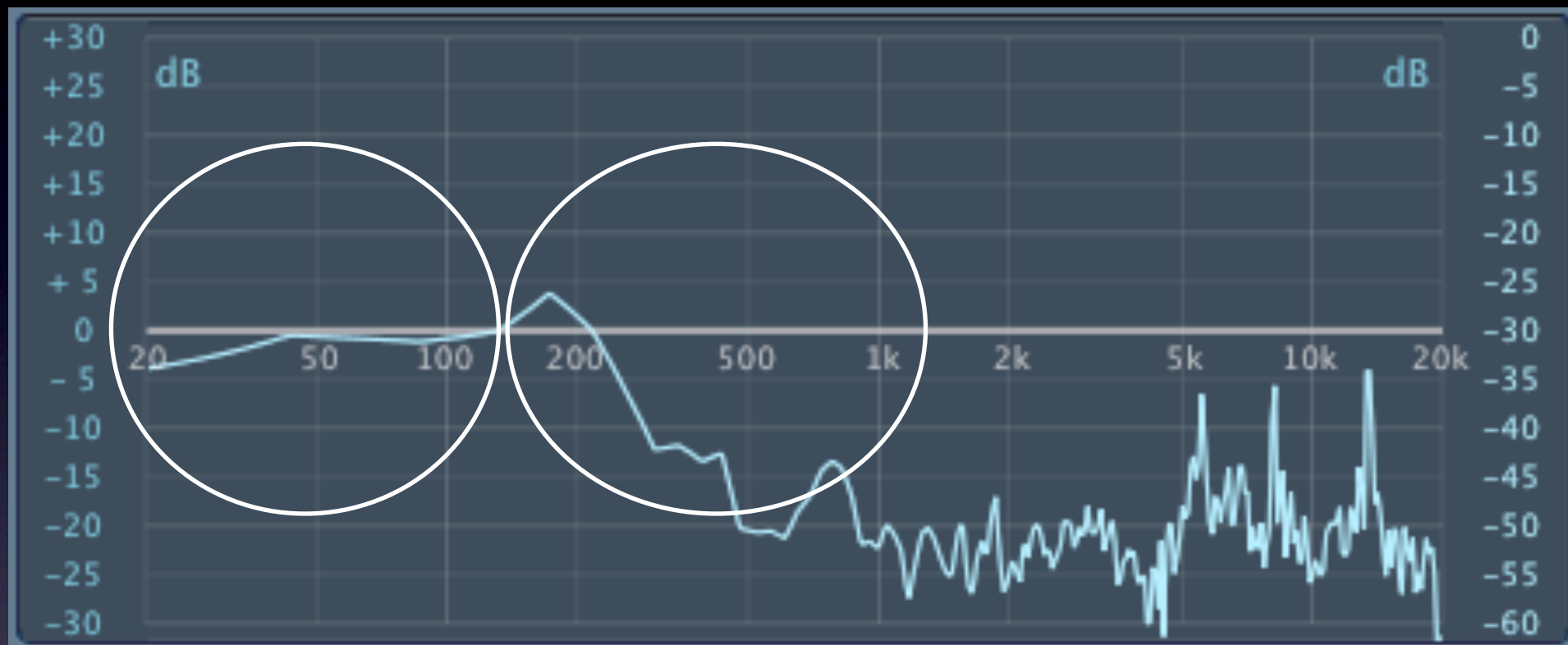


Sonic Spectrum



Lows

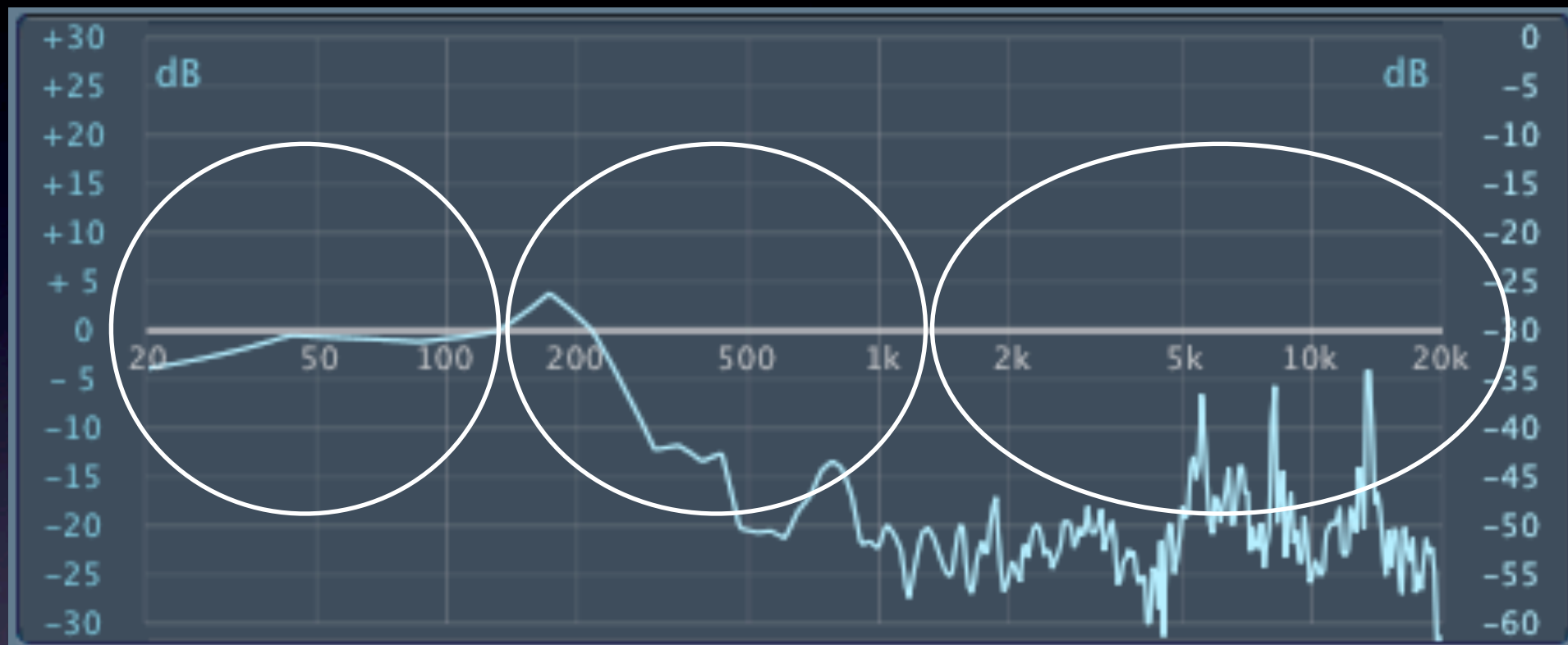
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Lows

Mids

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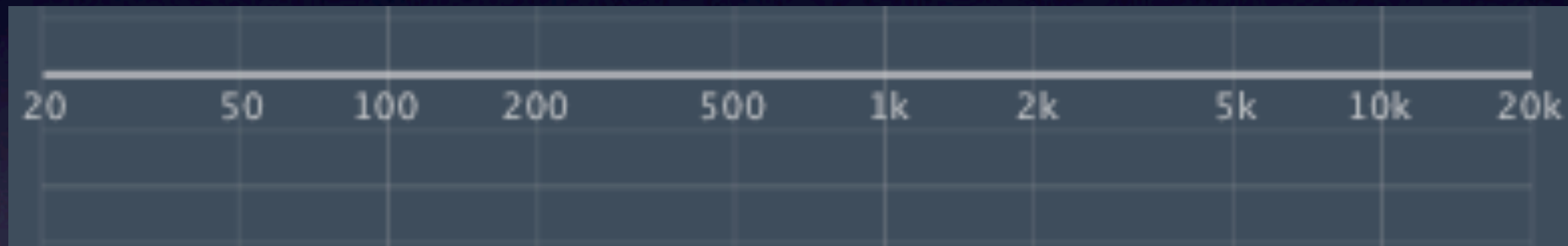


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Highs

Sonic Spectrum



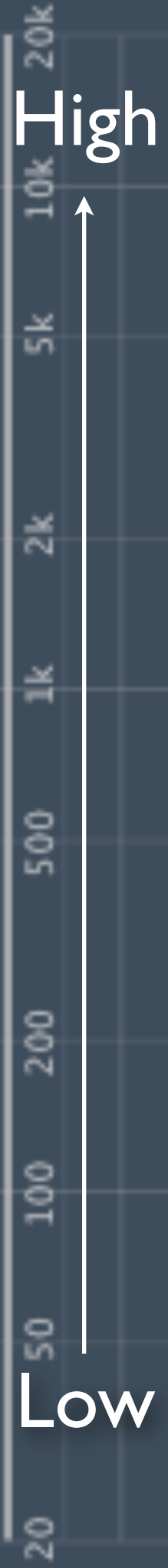
Sonic Spectrum

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Sonic Spectrum

High

Low



Sonic Spectrum

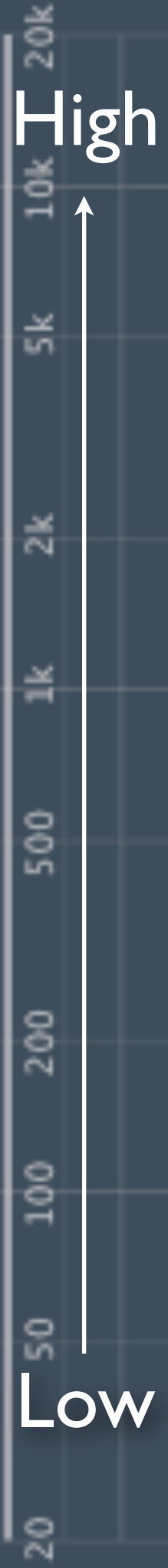
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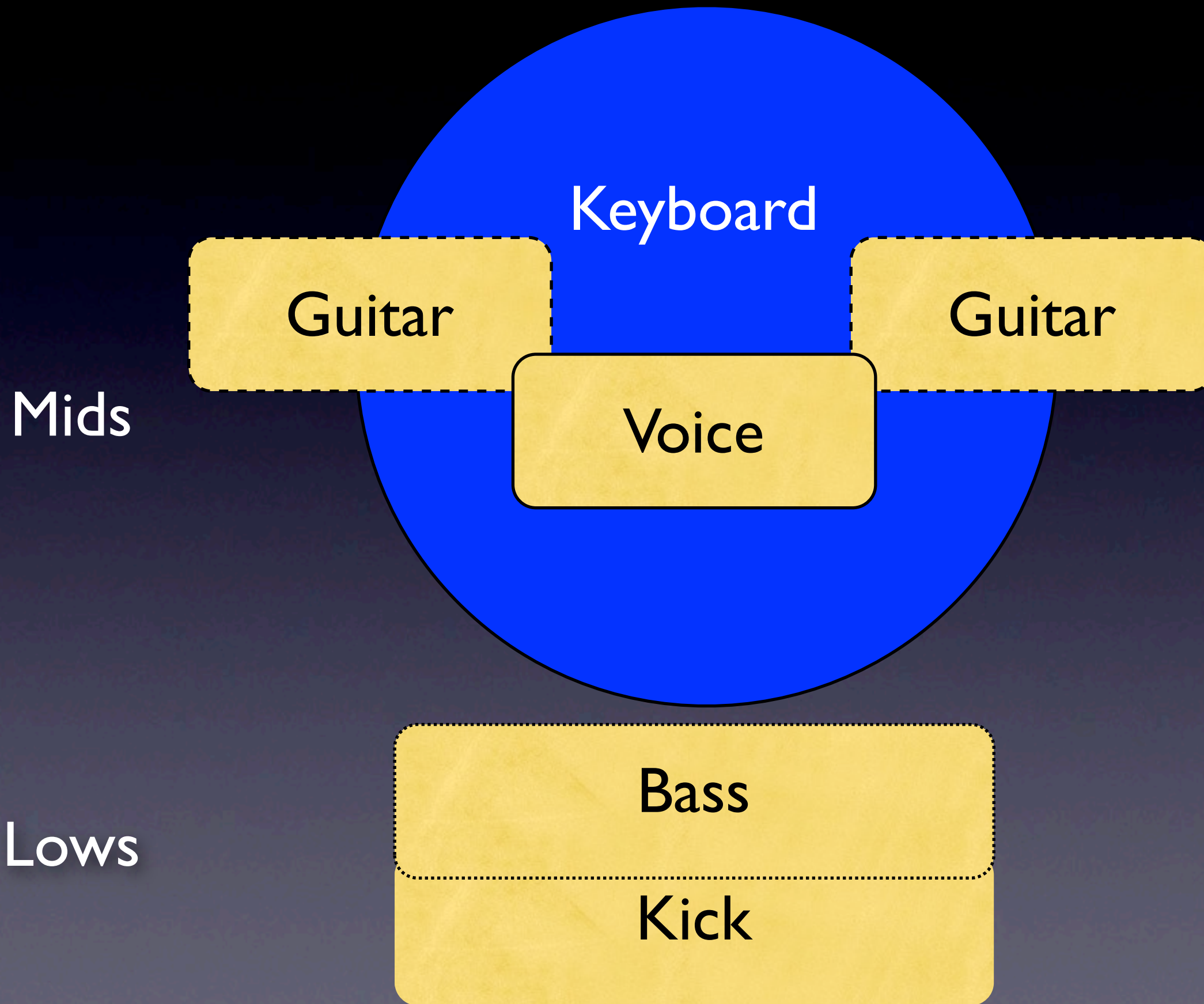
Kick

High

Low



Sonic Spectrum



Sonic Spectrum

Highs

Hats

Tamb.

Keyboard

Guitar

Guitar

Voice

Mids

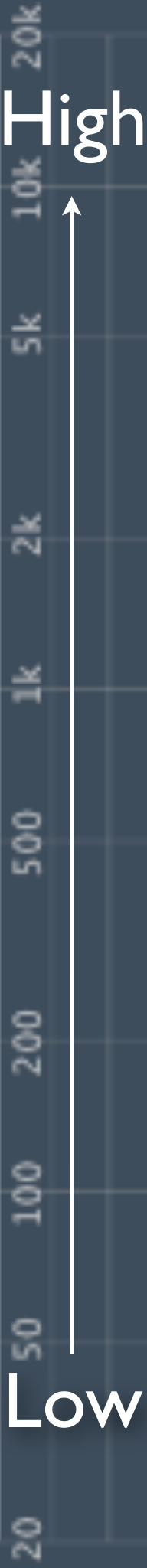
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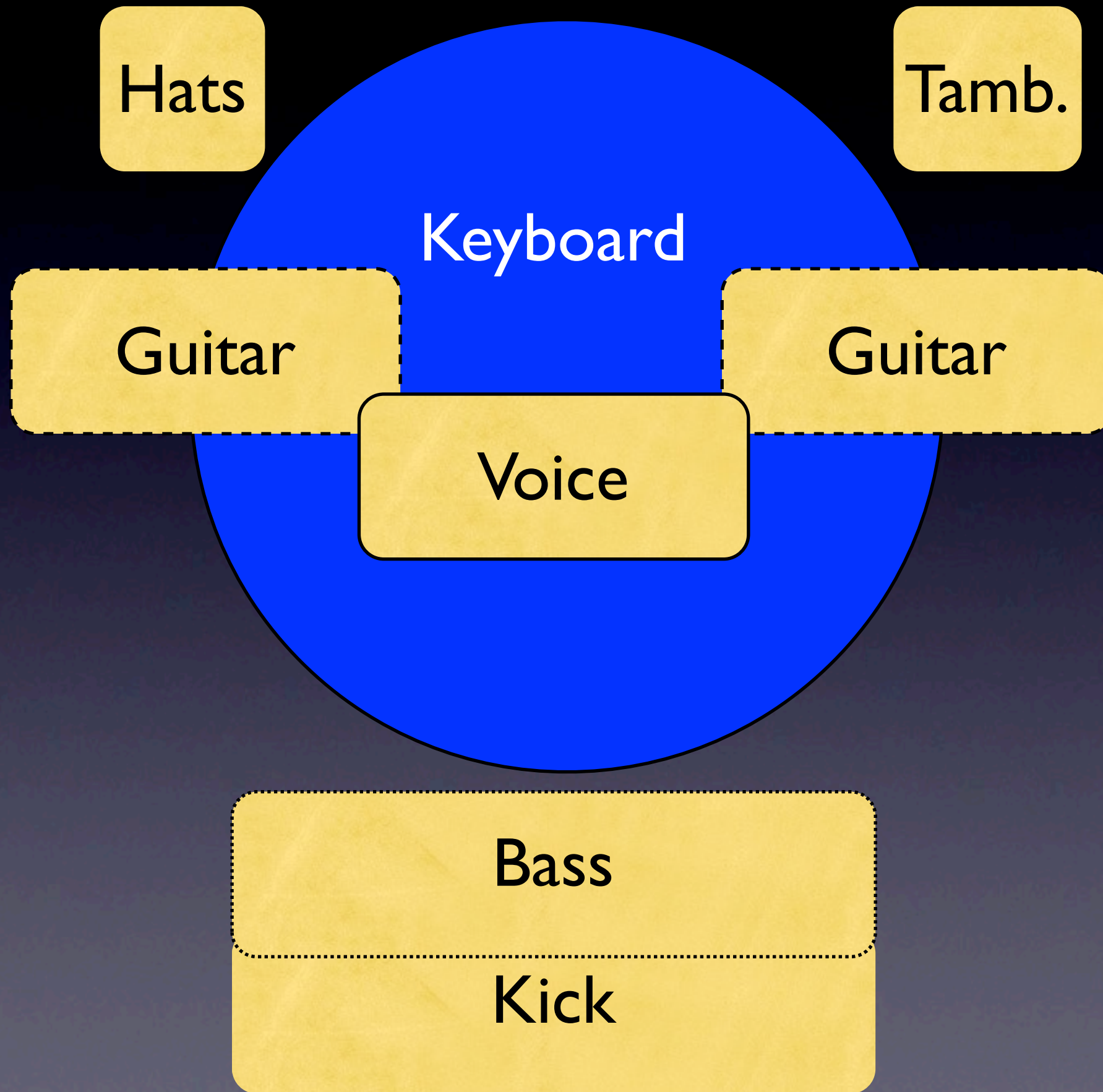
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- Dynamics make music matter.
Become an arranger.
Change something every 4-8 bars.

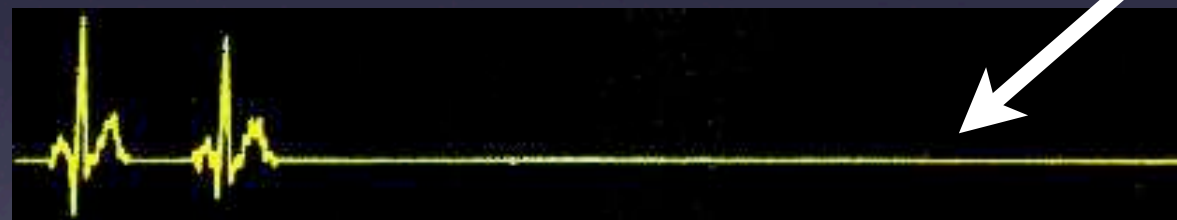
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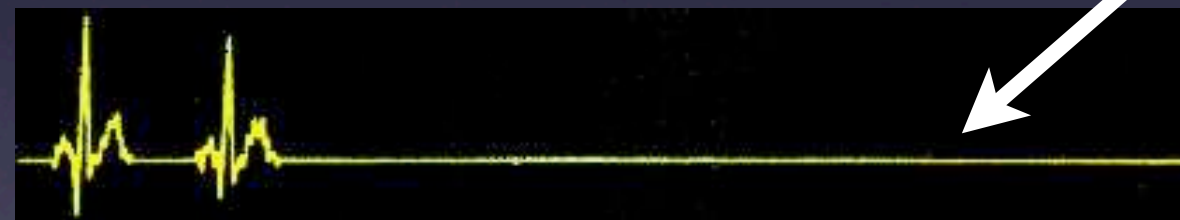
Uh, oh



Dynamics



Sameness kills!



Uh, oh

Don't be a victim.

Dynamics

Dynamics

Moment

Dynamics

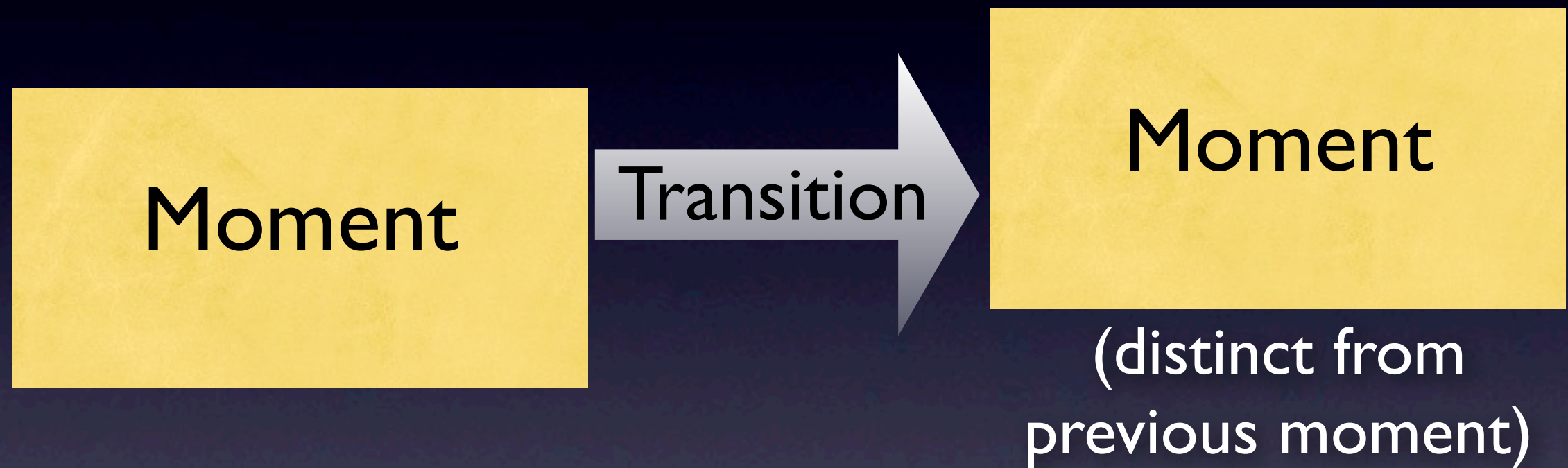
Moment

Transition



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Dynamics



Set List

Tempo, Key, etc.

Song 1

Song 2

Song 3

Song 4

Song 5

Time

Set List

Tempo, Key, etc.

Song 1

Song 2

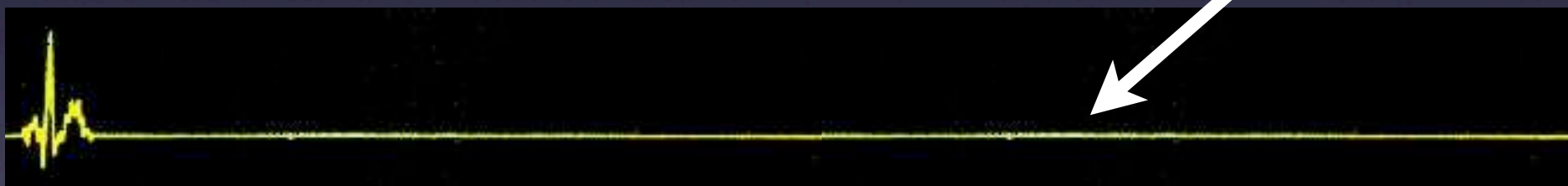
Song 3

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Uh, oh

Time



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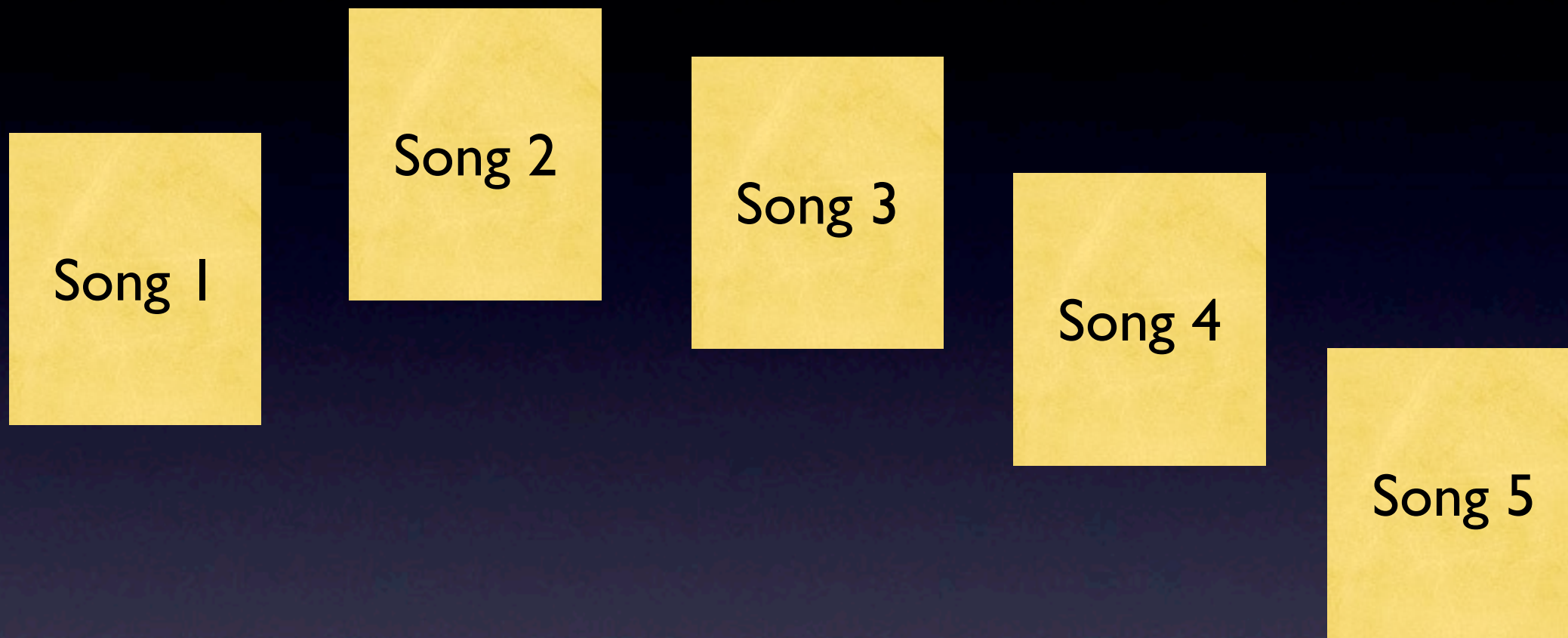
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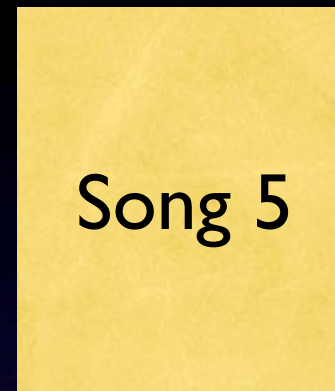
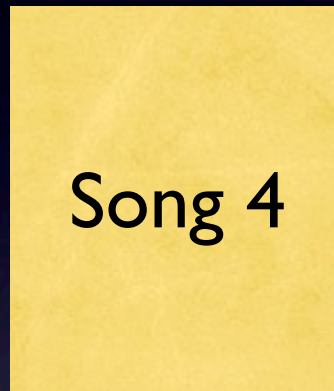
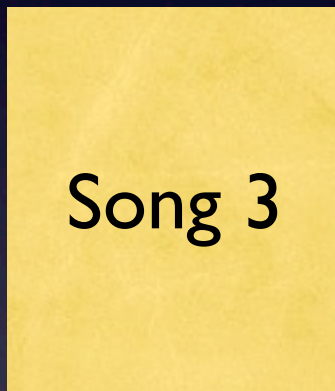
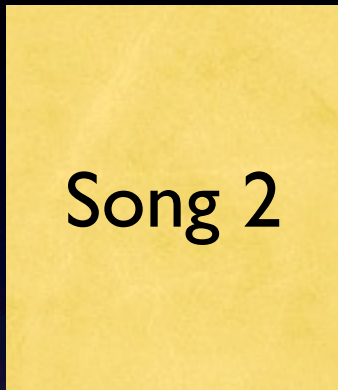
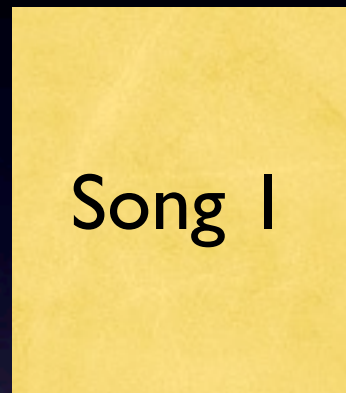
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Song 5

Time



Song Layout

Verse

Chorus

Verse

Chorus

Bridge

Chorus

Song Layout

Tempo, Key, etc.

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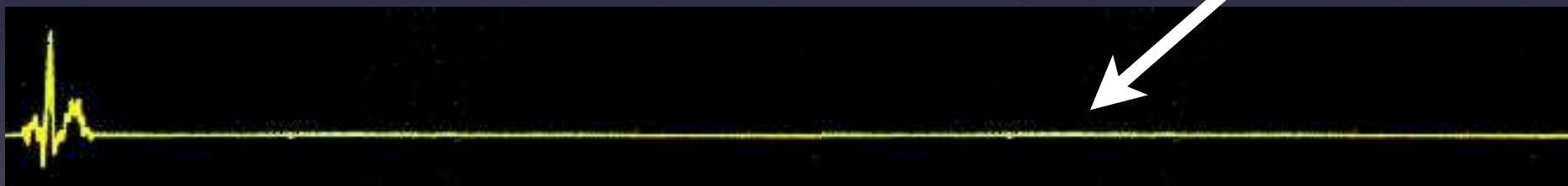
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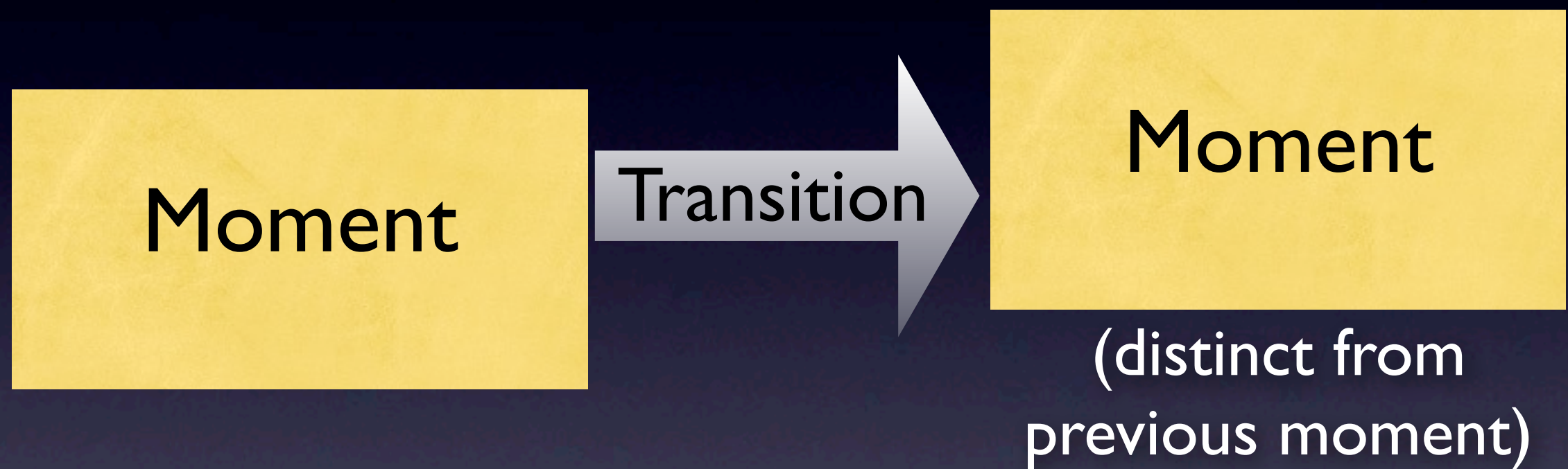


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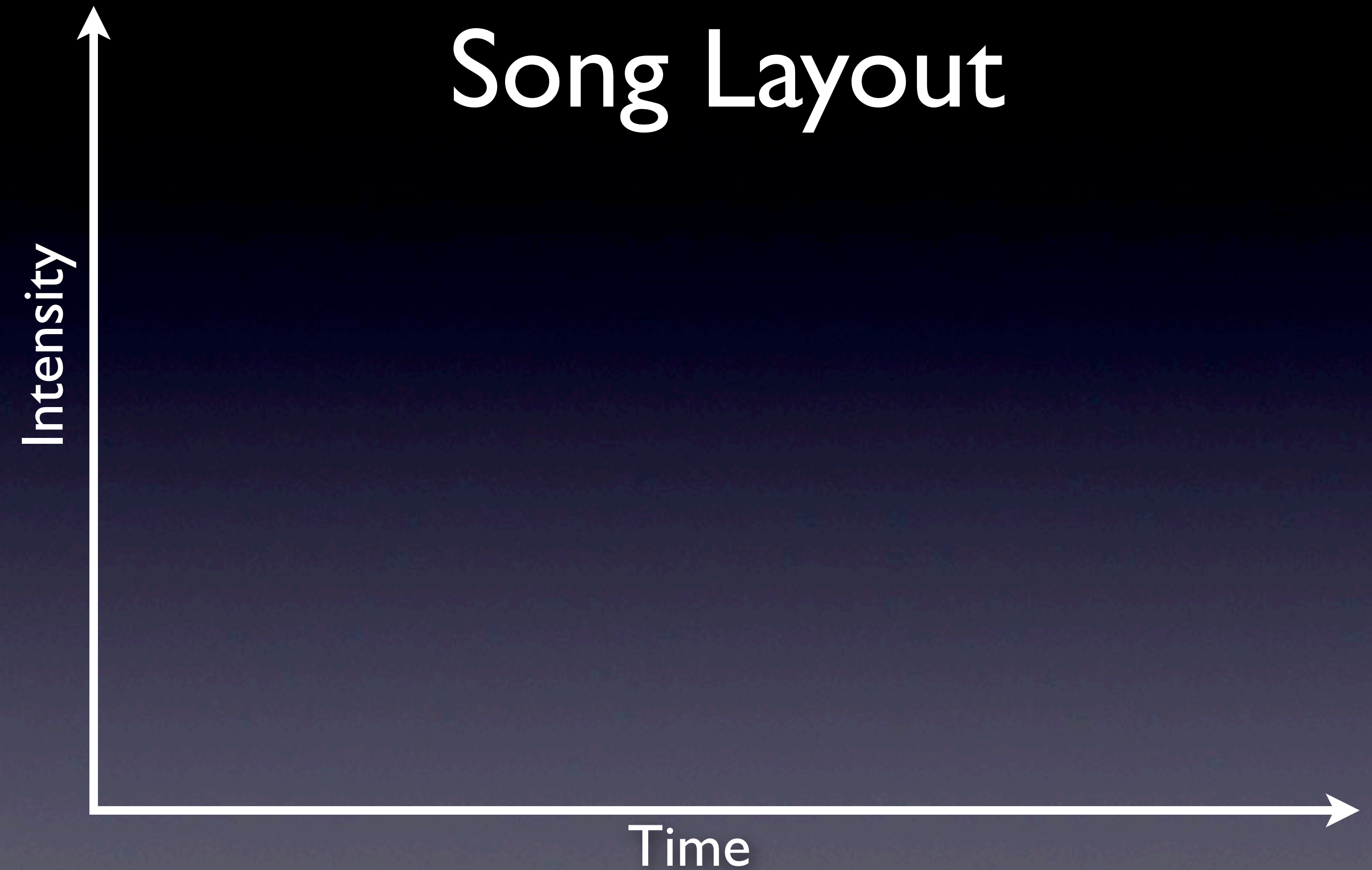
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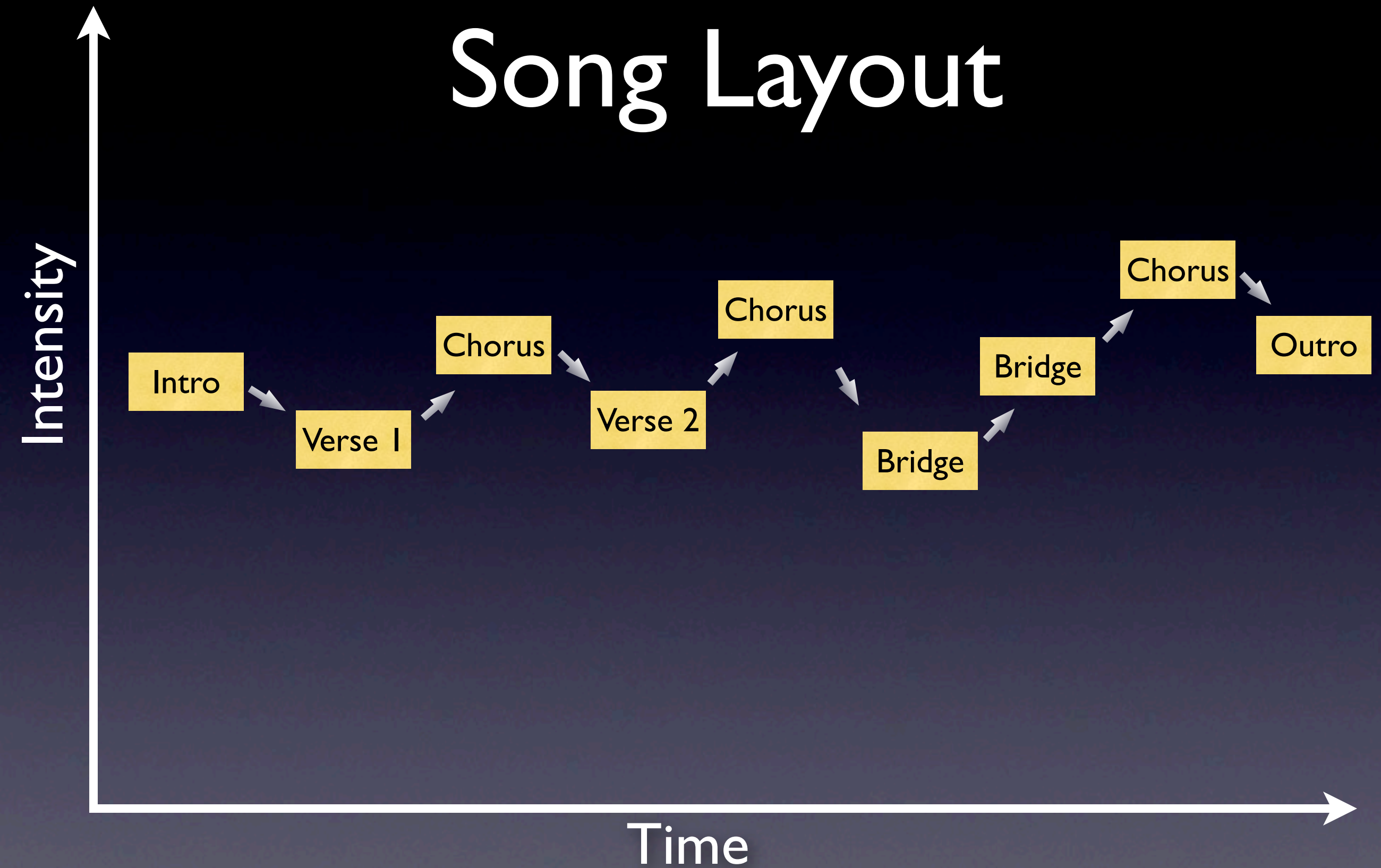


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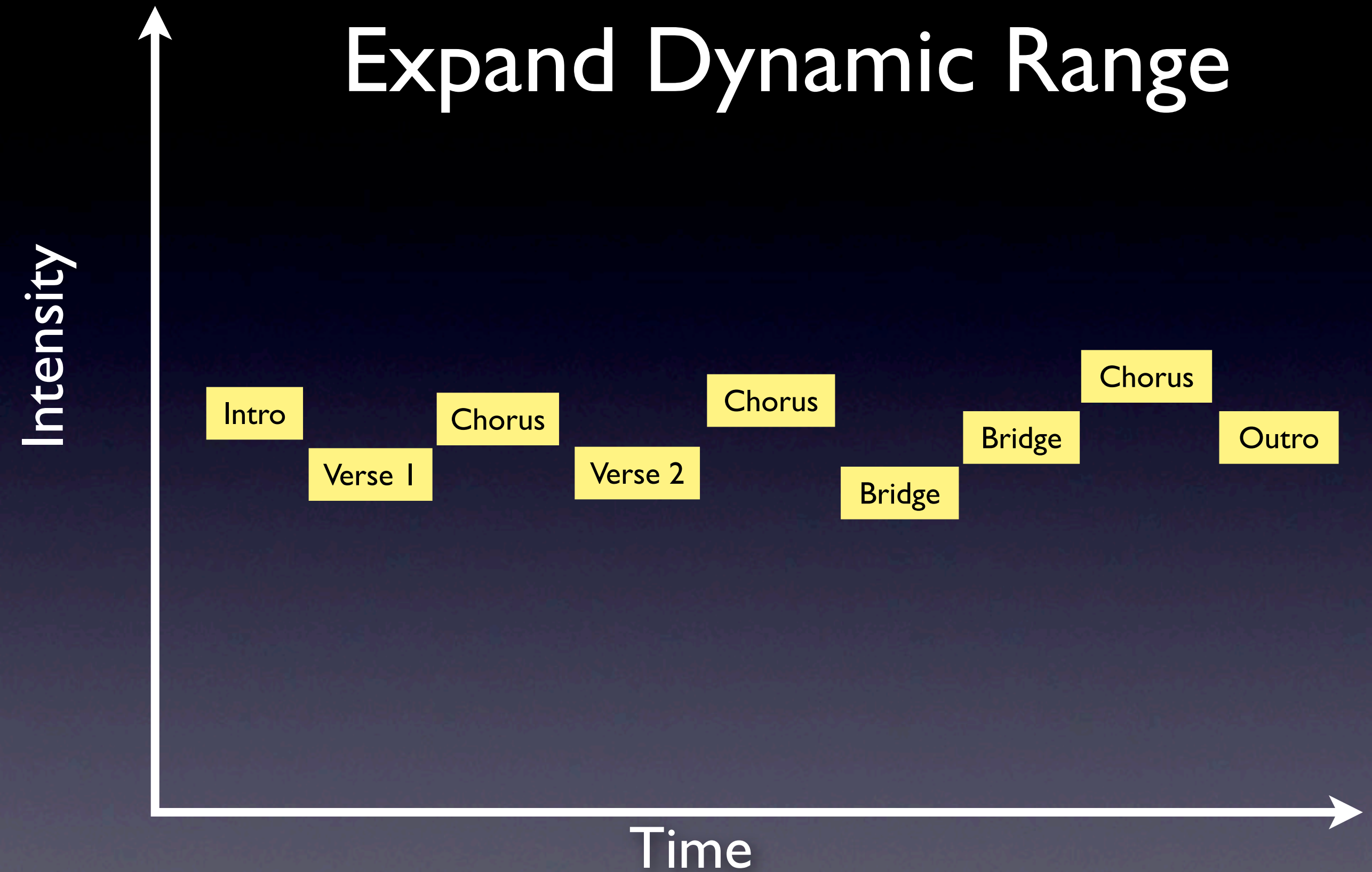
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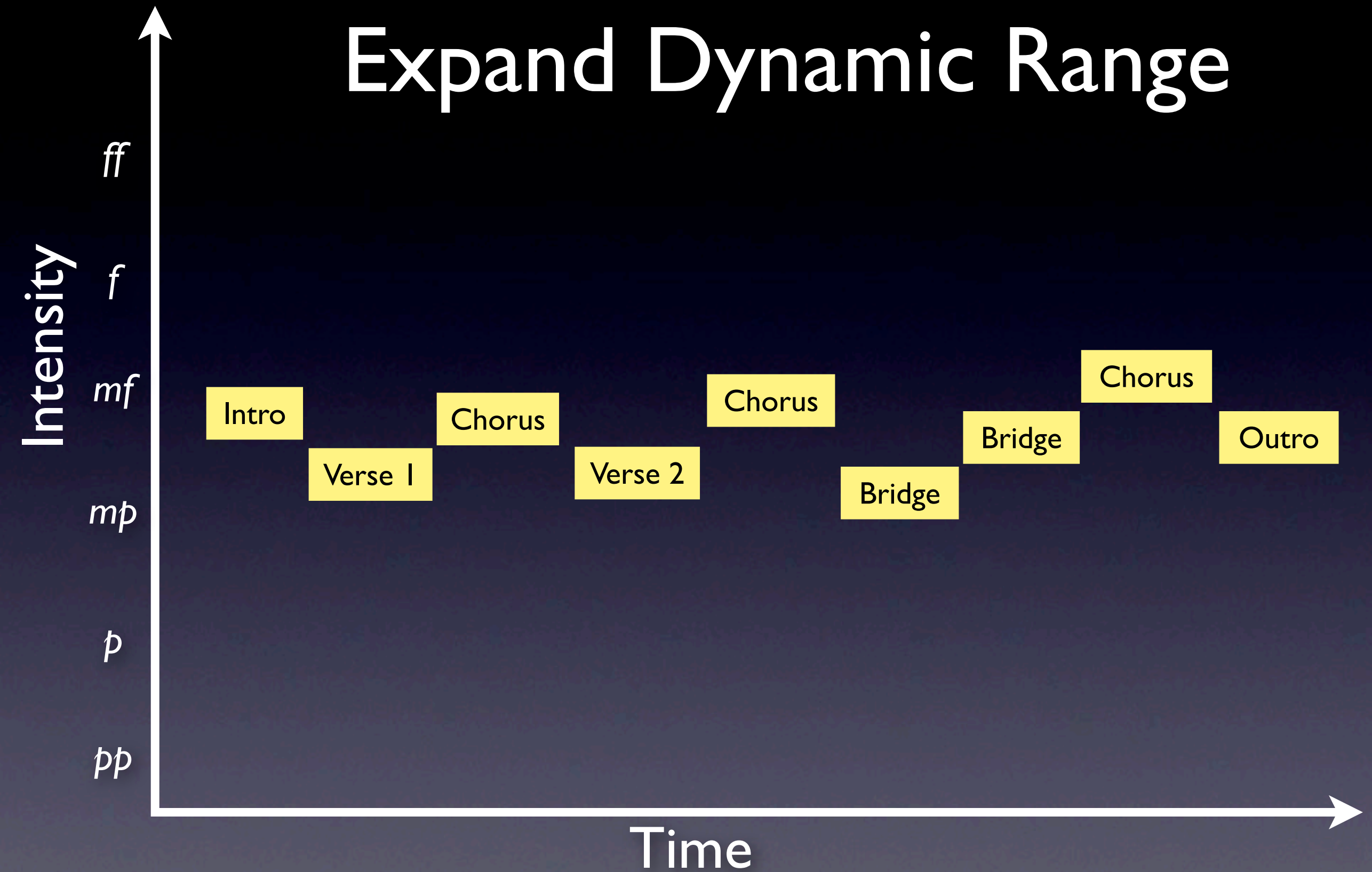
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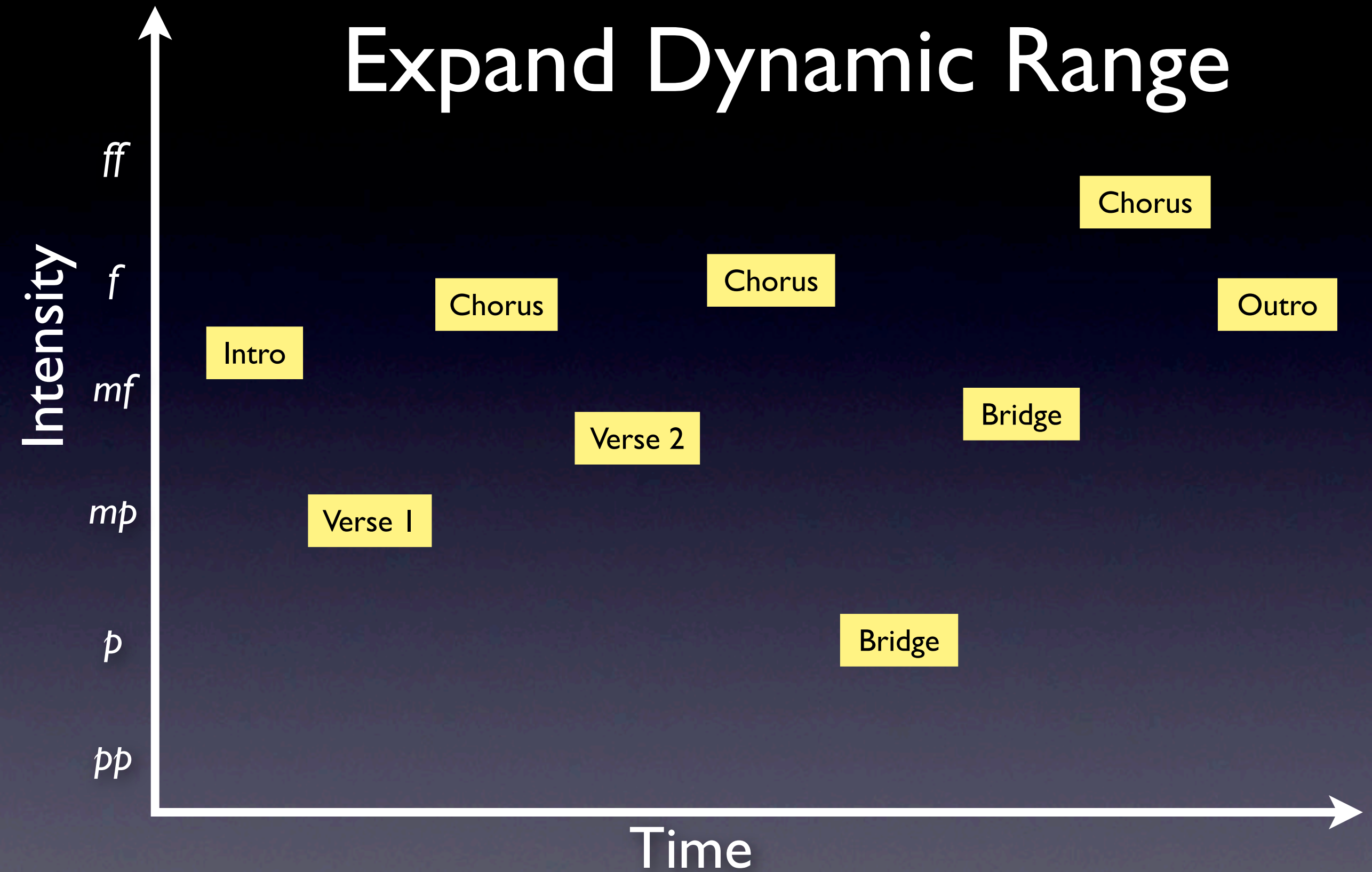
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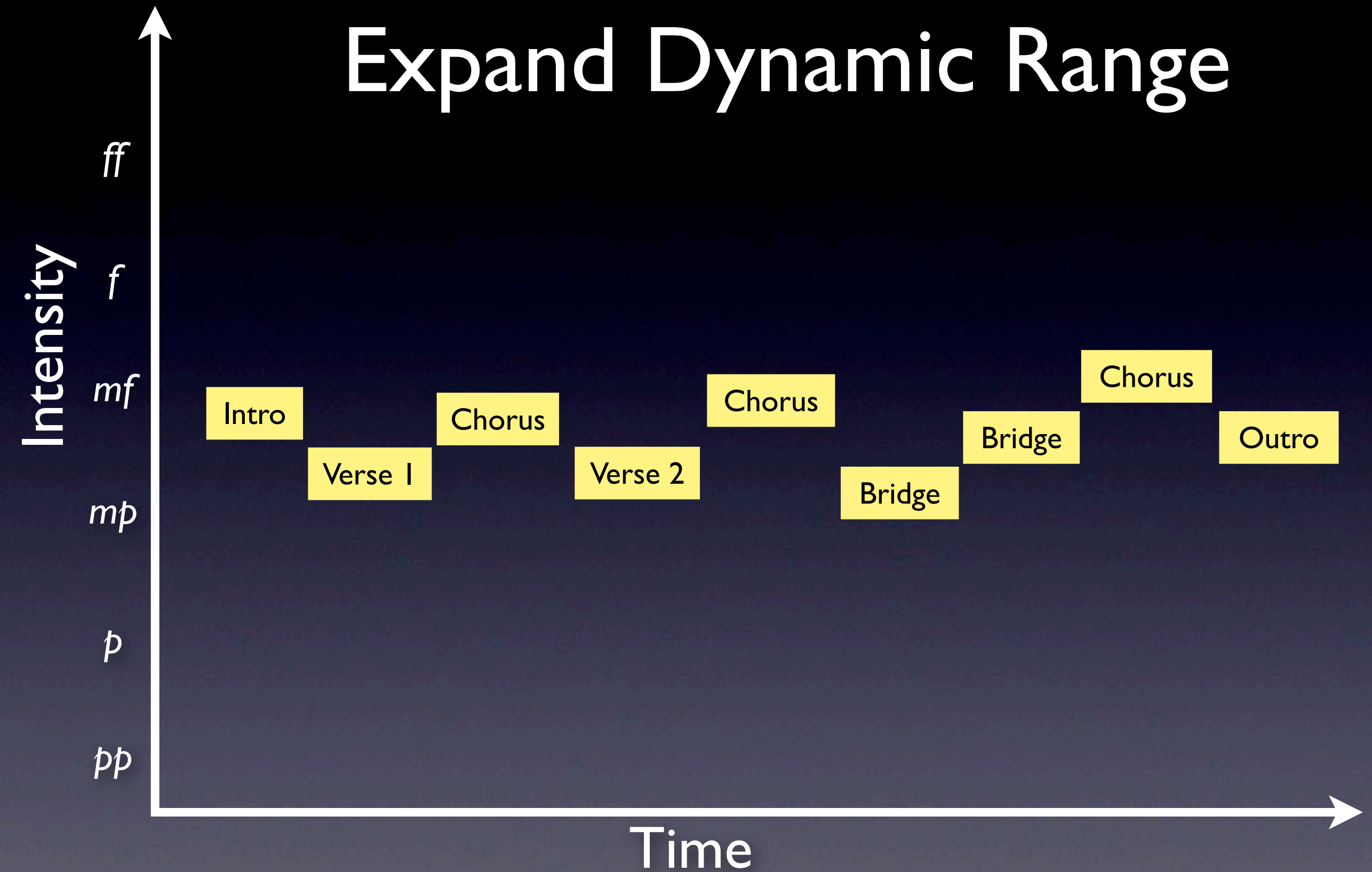
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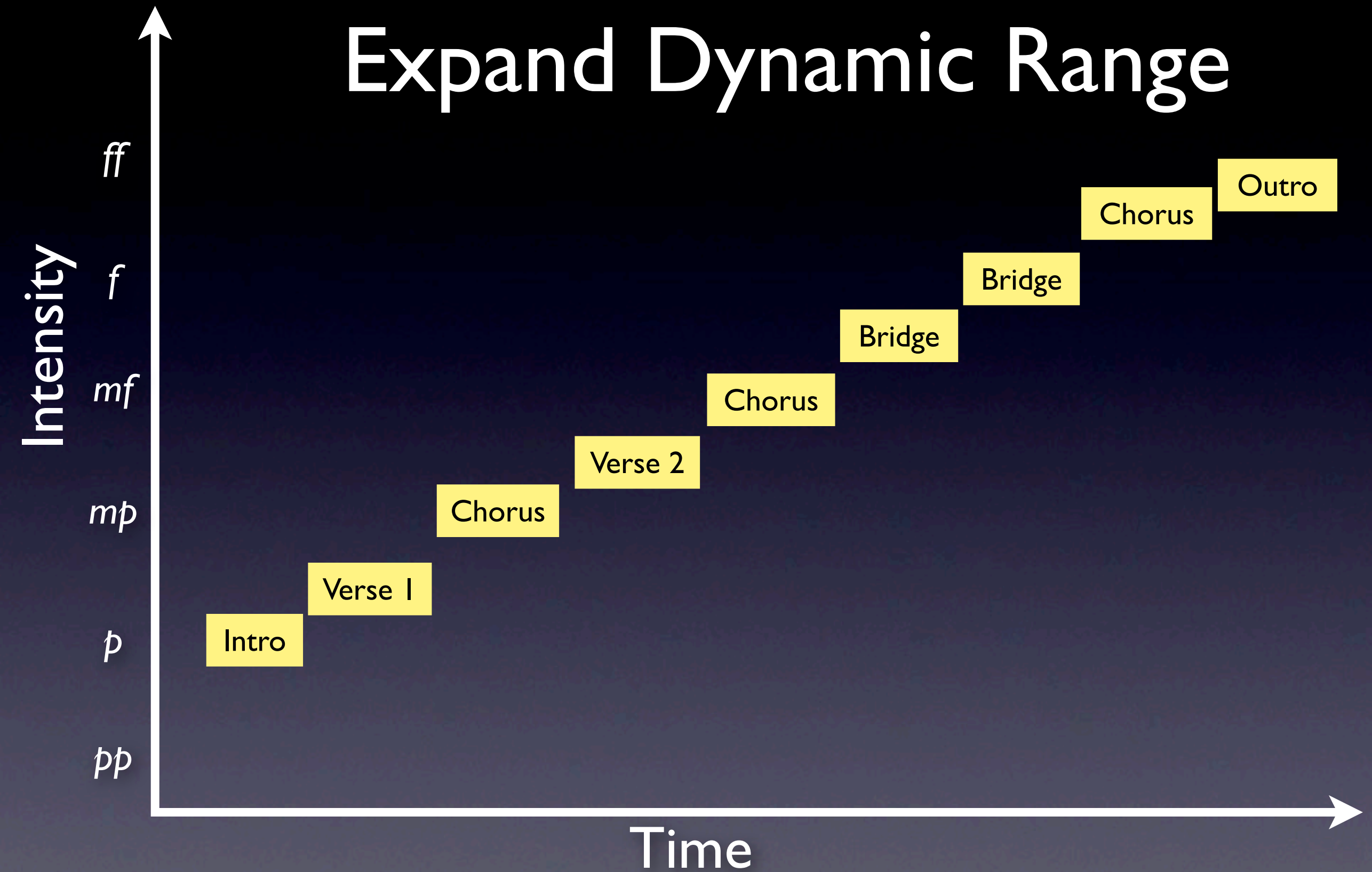
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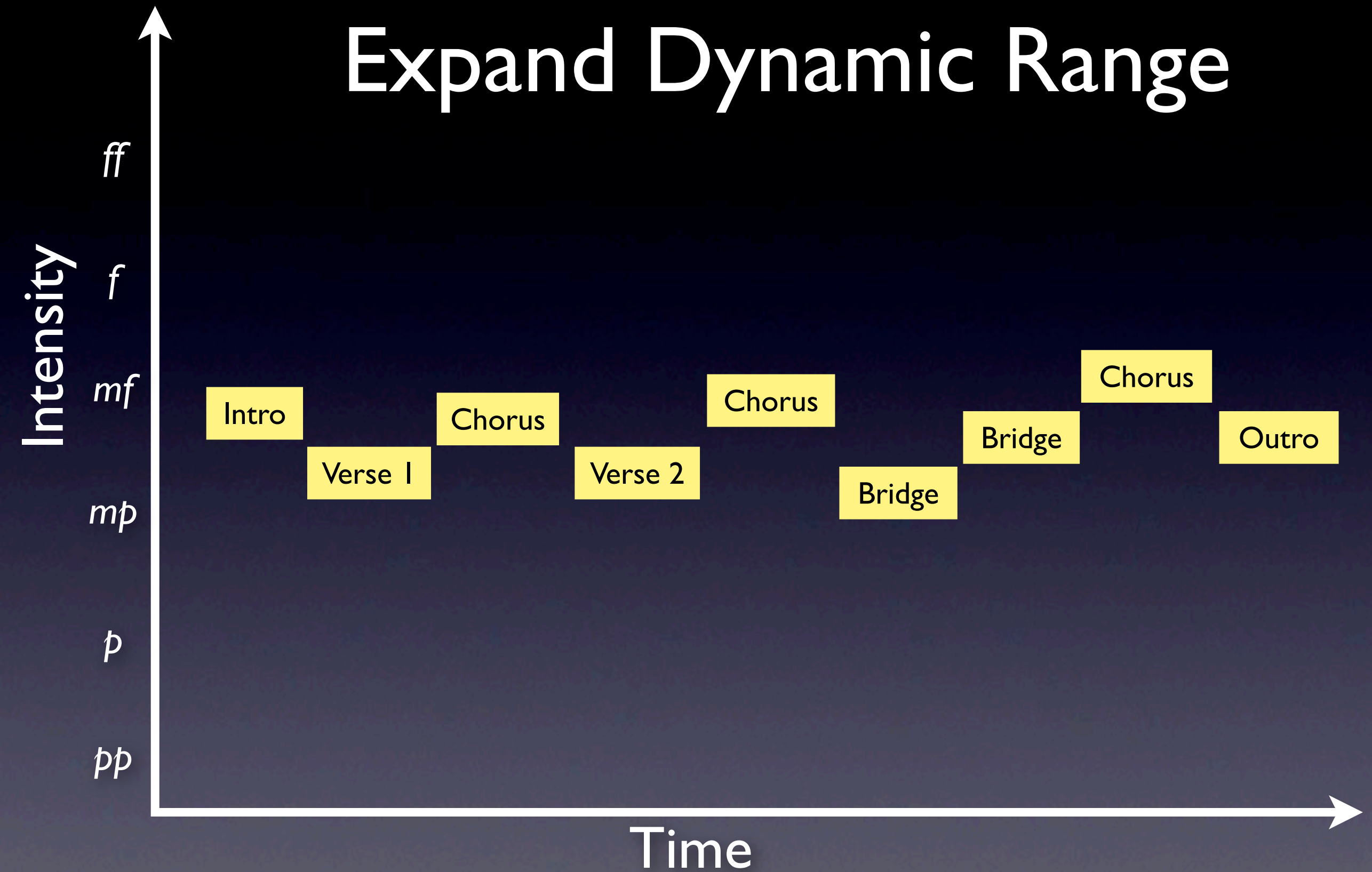
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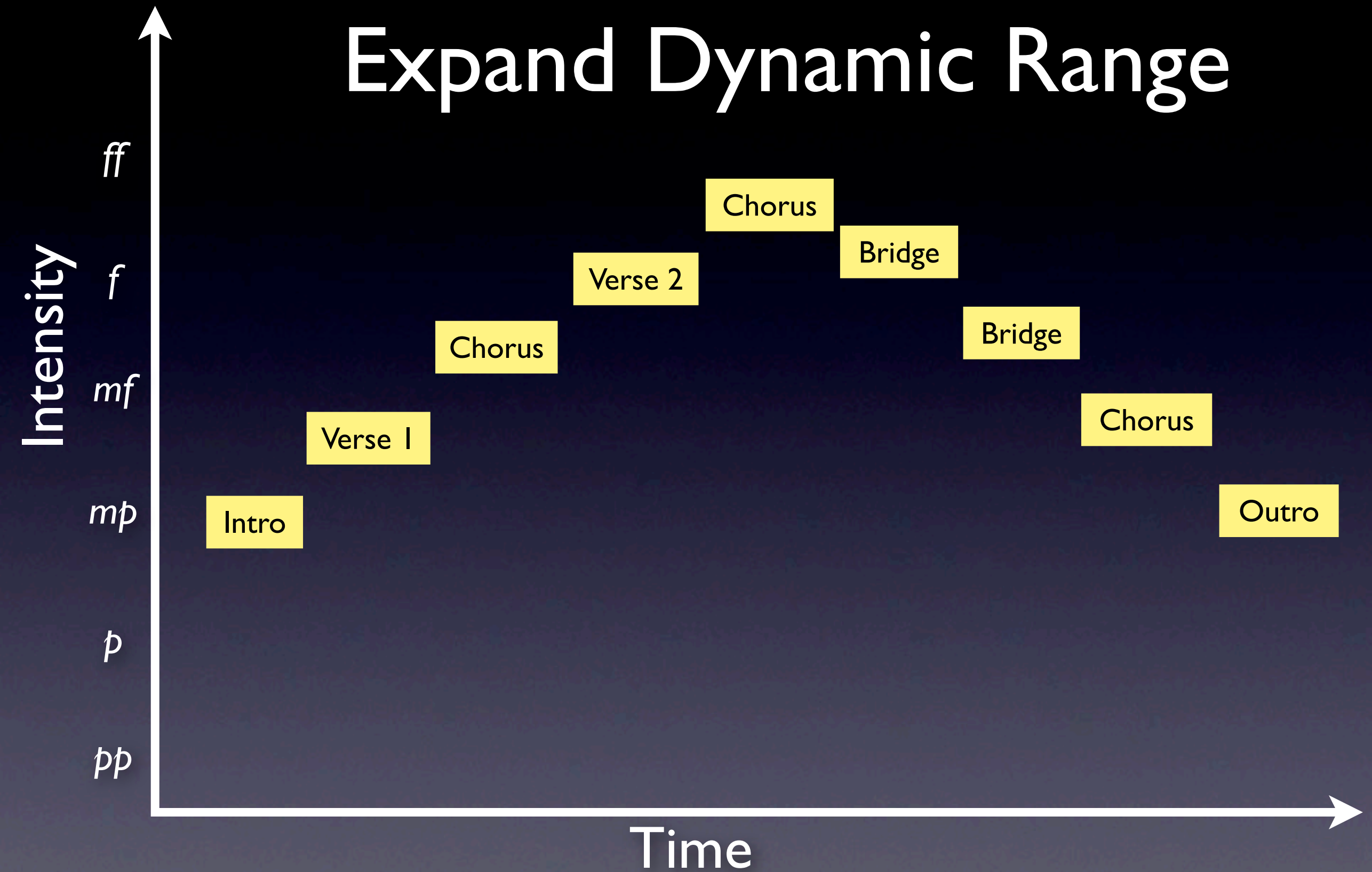
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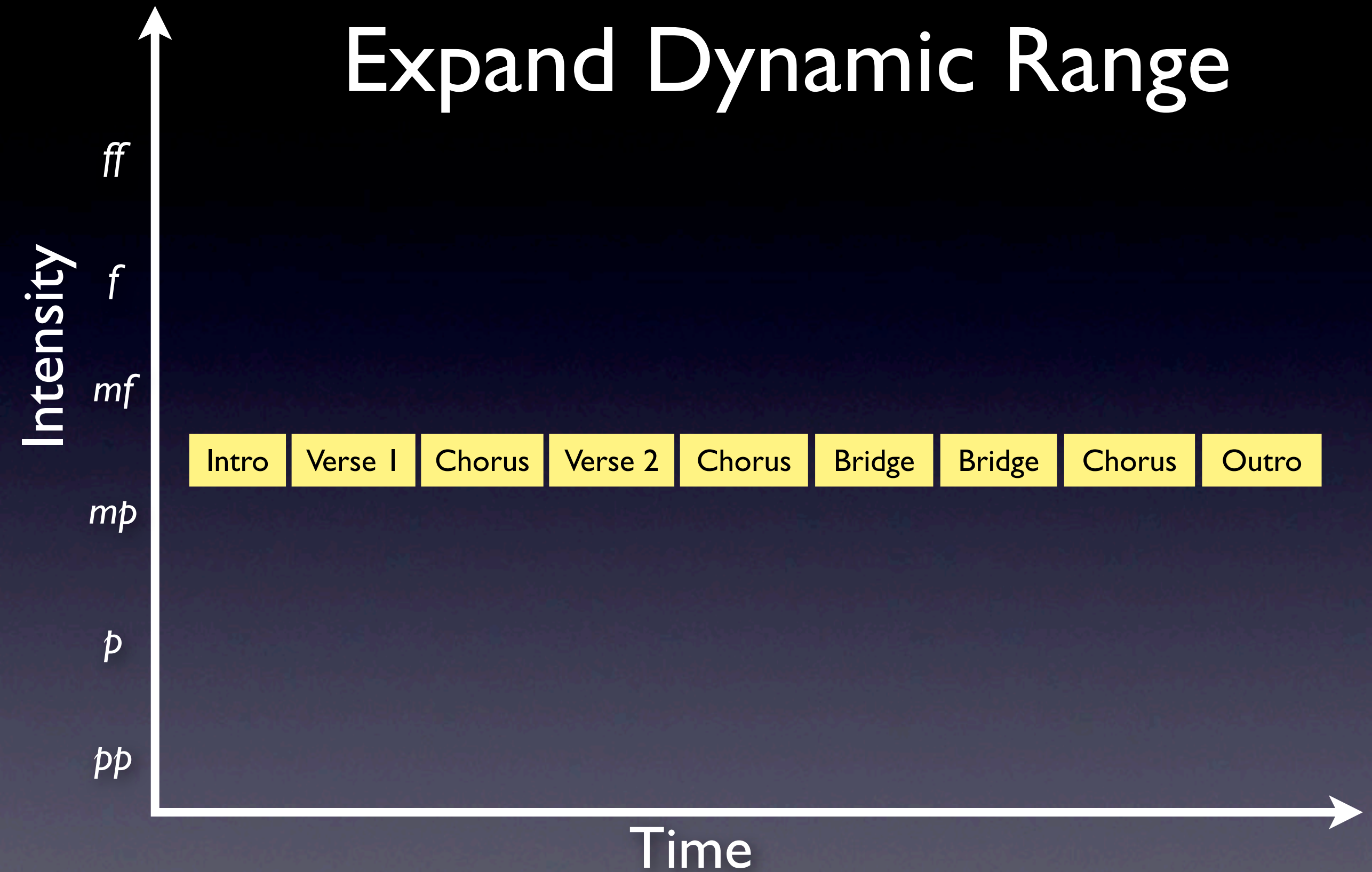
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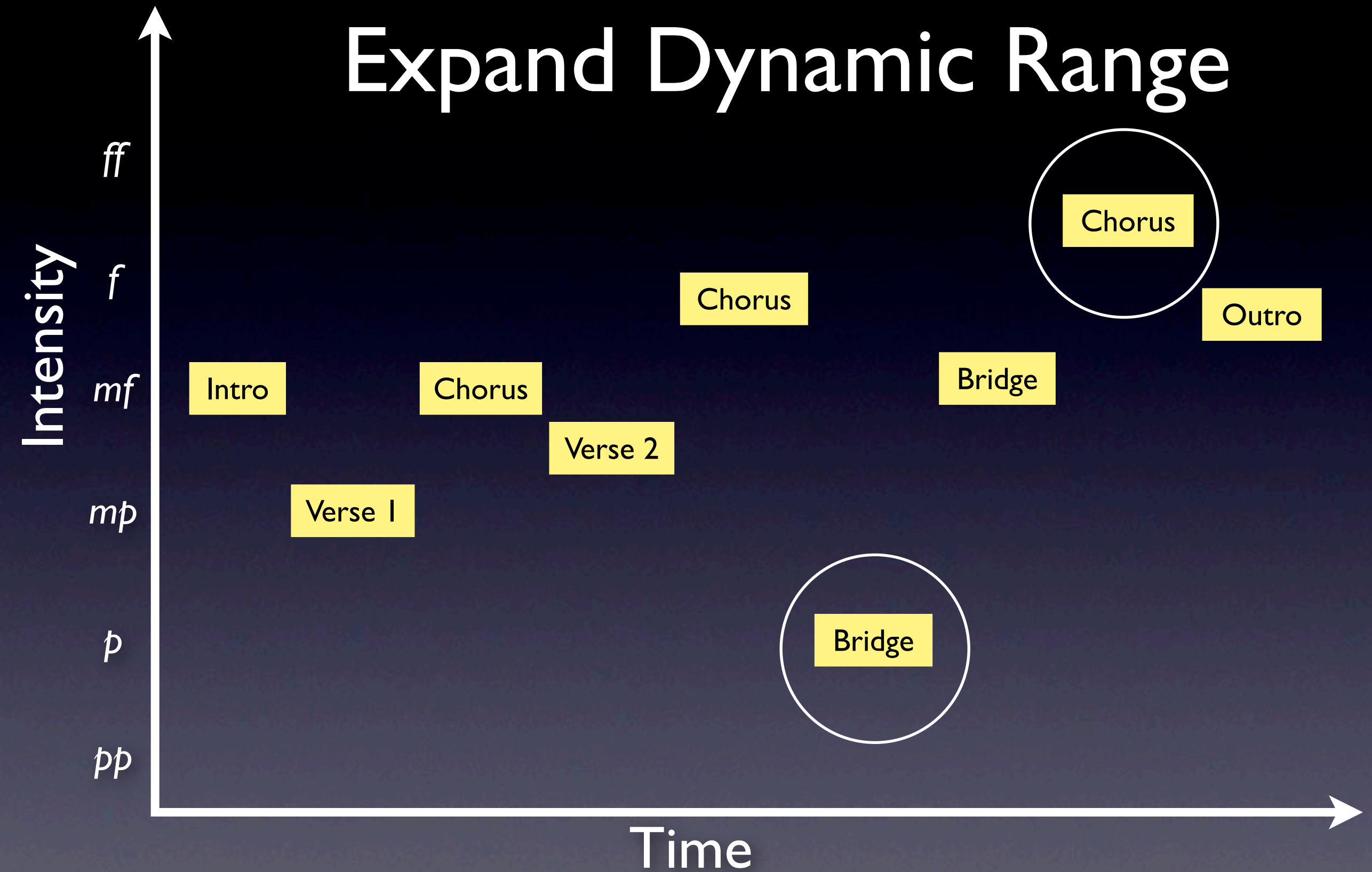
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Top 10 Moments

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Lead Line

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Top 10 Moments

Top 10 Moments

Build

Top 10 Moments

Build

Top 10 Moments

Build

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Fall Away

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Fall Away

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

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Top 10 Moments

Build

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Breakdown

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Fall Away

Breakdown

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Fall Away

Breakdown

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Fall Away

Breakdown

Voices Only

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Fall Away

Breakdown

Voices Only

Top 10 Moments

Build

Full Out

Fall Away

Breakdown

Voices Only

Top 5 Transitions

Top 5 Transitions

Hits

Top 5 Transitions

Hits

Top 5 Transitions

Hits

Top 5 Transitions

Hits

Top 5 Transitions

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Short Build

Top 5 Transitions

Hits

Stops

Fills

Short Build

Top 5 Transitions

Hits

Stops

Fills

Short Build

Top 5 Transitions

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Short Build

Stair Step

Top 5 Transitions

Hits

Stops

Fills

Short Build

Stair Step

Top 5 Transitions

Hits

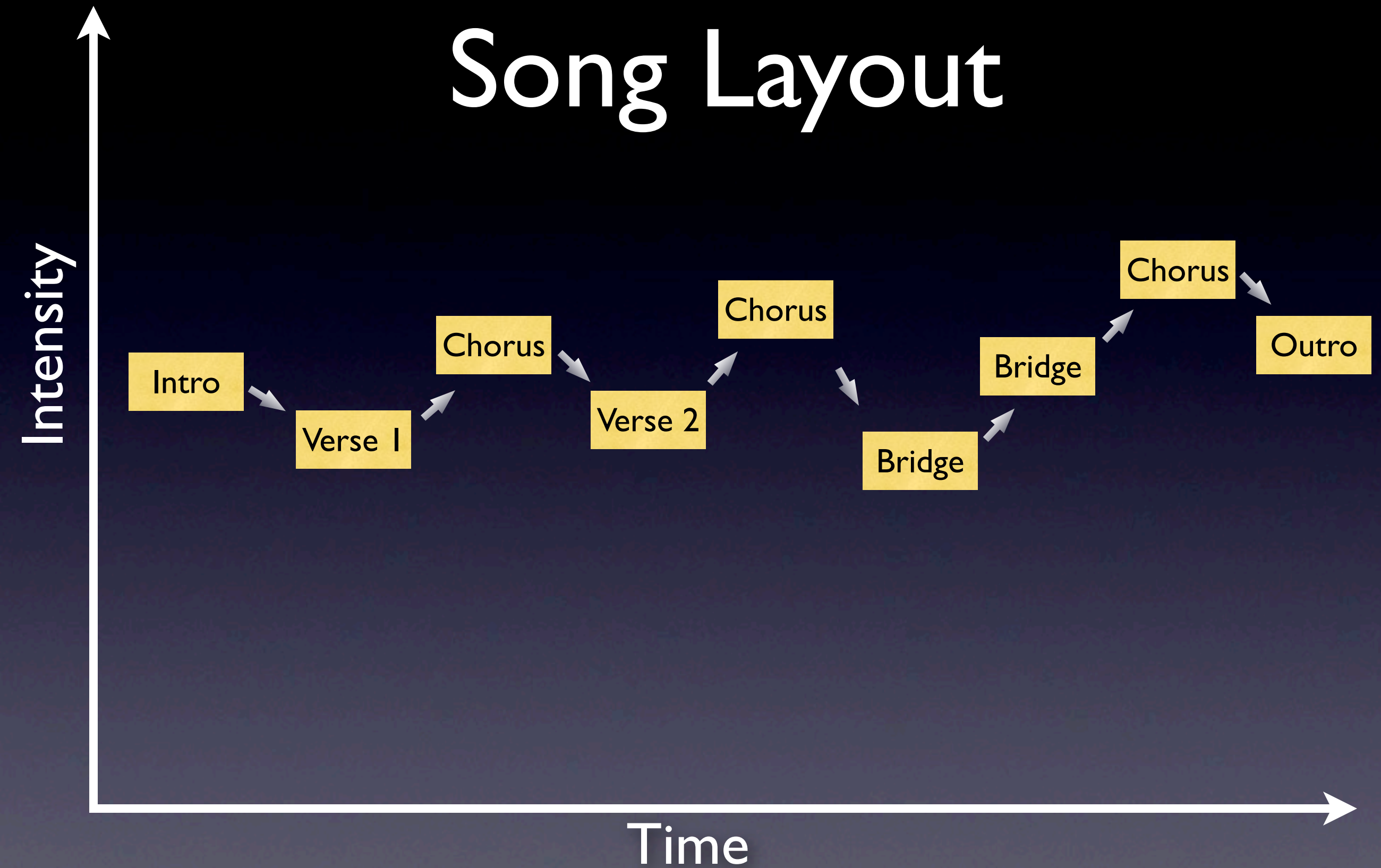
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Short Build

Stair Step

Song Layout



Transitions Between Songs

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set



Later
in set

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set

Trash Can / Cadenza



Later
in set

Song Building Blocks

Part 3: Transitions Between Songs

Trash Can/Cadenza

Song Building Blocks

Part 3: Transitions Between Songs

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set

Trash Can / Cadenza



Later
in set

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set

Trash Can / Cadenza

Hard Transition



Later
in set

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set

Trash Can / Cadenza

Hard Transition

Setup / Pad / Hats
(thought, lyric, scripture)



Later
in set

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set

Trash Can / Cadenza

Hard Transition

Setup / Pad / Hats
(thought, lyric, scripture)

4/5 → 1

Later
in set

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set

Trash Can / Cadenza

Hard Transition

Setup / Pad / Hats
(thought, lyric, scripture)

4/5 → 1

The key you
are headed TO!

Later
in set

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set

Trash Can / Cadenza

Hard Transition

Setup / Pad / Hats
(thought, lyric, scripture)

4/5 →

1

C

The key you
are headed TO!

Later
in set

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set

Trash Can / Cadenza

Hard Transition

Setup / Pad / Hats
(thought, lyric, scripture)

4/5 →

1

F/G →

C

The key you
are headed TO!

Later
in set

Transitions Between Songs

Early
in set

Trash Can / Cadenza

Hard Transition

Setup / Pad / Hats
(thought, lyric, scripture)

4/5 →

1

F/G →

C

The key you
are headed TO!

Later
in set

Key Phrase / Section



Key Phrase / Section



Crowd Interaction

Crowd Interaction

Corporate scripture reading

Crowd Interaction

Corporate scripture reading

Congregation: word or phrase
what you're thankful for

Crowd Interaction

Corporate scripture reading

Congregation: word or phrase
what you're thankful for

Call/response or just ladies/men

Crowd Interaction

Corporate scripture reading

Congregation: word or phrase
what you're thankful for

Call/response or just ladies/men

Total silence

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