

**AUDIO BRANDING EMPOWERMENT:
A DISSERTATION PROPOSAL ABOUT THE
INTERACTIVE PROCESS BETWEEN BRANDS AND
CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR**

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Abstract

In the XXI century, brands' transformation happens by the minute and there is no room for failure. Competitiveness is global and it is no longer enough for brands to have well-structured and well-planned strategies year after year because the consumer is now part of the whole process and disbelief in the corporate world keeps rising.

That is why it is urgent for companies and brands to distinguish themselves from competitors, using the tools available today, in order to remain relevant, credible and efficient.

Here is where Marketing, in constant reinvention through new trends, intervenes, helping brands to win consumer's trust, becoming Love Brands and ultimately, increasing their sales.

The main objective of this paper is to note that it is not only necessary to focus on what the eyes see but also on what we hear. The focus is the sound and it accentuates the fact that our sensory scope affects our brain in a number of ways, without us, consumers, realizing it.

Here, the use of Audio Branding shows, through a less obvious and known reality, that brands need to explore other senses. These senses will arouse unknown areas of the brain, generating needs and decisions, which consumers do not realize are oblivious.

This unawareness is where brands need to go before consumers, and this is the special factor that can be determining when reaching a certain goal.

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Resumo

Em pleno século XXI, a transformação das marcas acontece ao segundo e não há espaço para falhar. A competitividade passou a ser global e já não bastam estratégias pensadas e estruturadas ano após ano pois o consumidor já é parte integrante de todo o processo e a descrença no meio empresarial ganha proporções cada vez maiores.

É por isso urgente que empresas e marcas se distingam da restante concorrência, utilizando as ferramentas hoje disponíveis, para permanecerem relevantes, credíveis e eficientes.

É aqui que o Marketing, em constante reinvenção através de novas tendências, intervém, auxiliando as marcas a ganharem a confiança do consumidor, a tornarem-se Love Brands e em último caso, aumentarem as suas vendas.

O objectivo principal deste trabalho é alertar para o facto de que não basta focarmo-nos no que os olhos vêem, mas também no que ouvimos. O foco de todo o trabalho passa pelo som, e torna cada vez mais óbvio o facto de a nossa esfera sensorial afectar o nosso cérebro de muitas maneiras possíveis, sem nós, consumidores, nos apercebermos.

Neste caso, a utilização do tema Audio Branding demonstra, através de uma realidade menos óbvia, que é necessário para as marcas, explorarem outros sentidos inerentes ao ser humano. Sentidos esses que despertam zonas desconhecidas do cérebro, originando vontades e decisões que muitas vezes os próprios consumidores não se apercebem ser inconscientes.

Este desconhecimento é onde as marcas precisam de chegar primeiro que os consumidores, e é este factor espacial que pode ser diferenciador quando se pretende alcançar determinado objectivo.

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1.Introduction

The main focus of this thesis will be to identify how audio branding can represent a new tool regarding advertising and marketing strategies. At the same time I will also investigate how Audio Branding branches can help to identify customer's needs and take them to create product and market opportunities. In a more advanced stage, to generate knowledge concerning the degree to which gender functions as an influencing factor will be mandatory. Afterwards it will be also necessary to focus the research on how the strategic use of sound can represent a positive step in order to better differentiate a product or a service, enhancing recall, creating preferences, building loyalty and trust, and eventually helping to increase sales.

To limit the span of the research the focus will be restricted to the most explanatory cases. Examples where the use of audio branding was well applied should remain as illustrative cases. So that, in my point of view a dissertation will be the proper approach. This is firstly a consequence of the subject focus rather than company approach. Secondly, it is due to the theoretical support needed and the empirical methodologies approached to reach a proper conclusion.

A literature review will initially be conducted, in order to better understand the subject in question, together with an indication of which kind of limitations may the research be facing. As I said, in a second stage, a methodology will be approached through an identification of the hypothesis under investigation and the appropriate research methods. To truly comprehend the impacts of these audio branding aspects and assure reliable results, quantitative methods should also be applied in future progress.

2. Theme (Audio Branding)

Sound advertising is everywhere in our daily life. Undoubtedly, the sound has played and still plays a significant role in consumer marketing and is a major force in the interactive process between brands and consumer behaviour. It is so important that most retailers agree that sound is one of their most important considerations and expenses when it comes the time to invest (Yalch & Spangenberg, 2000).

“Audio branding is the approach of using unique, proprietary sound and music to convey a brand’s essence and values. Just as visual branding defines a brand using colour and shape, audio branding defines a brand through sound and music.” (Hayzlett, 2014).

According to the Audio Branding Academy, Audio Branding also describes the process of brand development and brand management of a brand by using audible elements within the framework of brand communication and brand recognition. It comprises part of the multi-sensory brand communication and holistic brand design, building a strong brand sound that will be capable of transmitting the brand identity and values in a distinctive manner (ABA, 2005)

The goal/purpose of sound is not only to recall memory or association but may also be perceived as an indication of quality. Some years ago, when the Japanese started seeking to produce a high-quality car, their first experiences led to a model of a “branded car sound”, specially designed to create a low-frequency vibration sound of “quality”. This phenomenon gave rise to the idea that sound can add extra value to a brand and change the way how the customer sees it (Lindstorm, 2005).

3. The Research Problem and The Antecedents

Through this paper, I will try to investigate how sounds influence and enhance brand preference. How do they affect consumer perceptions and behaviours by giving actual examples, antecedents, parallel trends and its consequences and implications for Marketing and Management. In fact, even though marketers still have a preference for the visual channel, audio communication is getting more important, and it will have something more to say in the near future.

It will also be necessary to focus the research on how the strategic use of sound can represent a positive step in order to differentiate a product or a service better, enhancing recall, creating preferences, building loyalty and trust, and eventually helping to increase sales.

In the last years, Neuromarketing has shown how environmental factors, non-verbal responses, and shopping behaviours can represent key concepts to companies in order for them to succeed in establishing a basic association (a neural pathway) in the consumer's mind (Figure 1). That way subsequent additional activations of these associations will strengthen the whole framework, being the sound, in my opinion, the most important and capable one of doing that (Martínez, 2012).

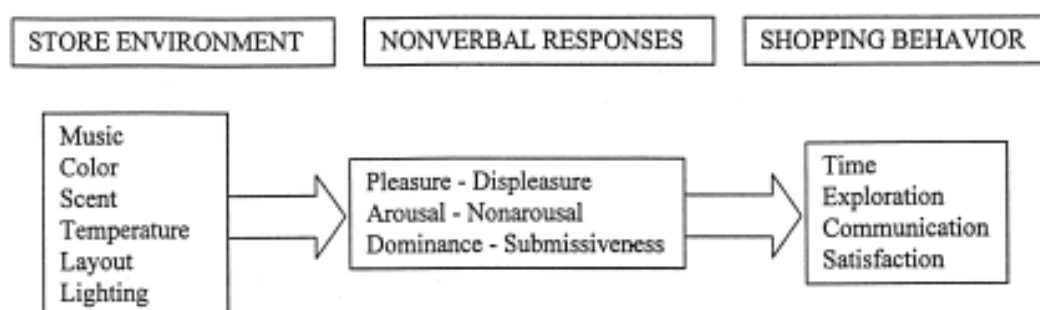


Fig. 1 A framework integrating store environmental factors, non verbal responses, and shopping behaviors.

Some people say music was established first than speech regarding human history. The human brain always reacts when exposed to any kind of sound, so much that some music effects are well known for being real instruments to” lull the masses”. Aware of that companies have started to use music has vehicle between brand and customers in order to create better experiences (Martínez, 2012).

4.Relationship Marketing

4.1 Drivers that influence relationships

In order to understand how relationships can be built and maintained, it is important to have a deeper insight on how drivers influence customers to get into a relationship with an organization. Figure 2 displays nine drivers sorted by importance. With exception of the first driver, level of conflict, all drivers have a positive impact on the relationship.

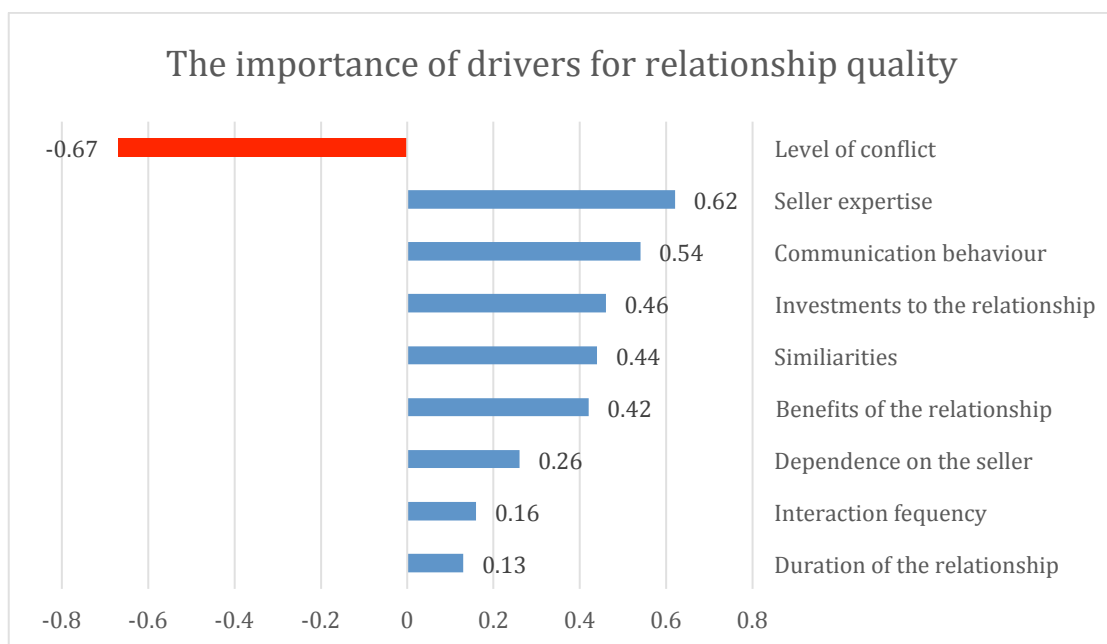


Fig. 2 The importance of drivers for relationship quality (adapted from Palmatier, 2008)

Level of conflict. According to Palmatier (2008), the level of disagreement between the partners has an extreme negative influence on the relationship outcome. People weight negative experiences higher than positive experiences and the impact is dependent on the way problems are solved. Disagreement in a relationship in general is not negative but it is important that it is not vital and damaging the relationship. Nevertheless, mutual disagreement can also have positive effects on the relationship outcome.

Seller expertise. This driver deals with how the customer values the knowledge and credibility of the contact person in the relationship. This attribute is the most important driver for a positive relationship thus; companies should put high value on this dimension and train inexperienced and unskilled contact persons, as this group can fiercely damage a relationship.

Communication behavior. This driver includes the quality of information shared between the two relationship parties. For instance, communicating goals, expectations of the relationship and discovering new opportunities of a partnership help to build a strong relationship.

Investments on the relationship & benefits of the relationship. Two merged dimensions state that the more resources (money, time, effort, passion etc.) one organization is investing, the better the relationship can develop. Examples of investments can also include free samples, giveaways or loyalty cards. Such high investments also lead to benefits concerning serving time and having a better base for customers to make decisions. In this dimension, the principle of reciprocity (Cialdini, 2007) is included which states that people who receive something, feel obligated to give something back.

Similarities. If the two partners have things in common, it may also improve the relationship. Similar culture, values or goals within a company but also on a personal level, such as lifestyle, hobbies or behaviour are parts of similarity and can reduce uncertainty, and the partners can predict certain behaviour easier.

However, the following three drivers have only a small impact on the quality of the relationship:

Dependence on the seller. The driver states that customers tend to maintain a relationship with sellers they are dependent on. However, on the one hand, dependency creates commitment, but on the other hand, it is difficult to establish trust as customers always have on mind that the seller might take advantages of the dependency.

Interaction frequency and duration of the relationship. These two drivers do not support relationship quality. However, it implies that frequent customer contacts and a long duration of the relationship lead to a better information flow and reduced uncertainty.

4.2 The importance of trust for establishing relationships

Creating a trustworthy brand is the most important task for marketers to achieve strong brand loyalty and thus, repeat purchases and establish a premium price (Delgado-Ballester and Munuera- Alemán, 2005). Hur et al. (2014) define trust as the “willingness to act without calculating immediate costs and benefits, always underlies loyalty” (p. 612).

According to Gowthaman (2010), trust is the critical component to achieve relationship commitment, which is vital for the concept of relationship marketing and gaining customer loyalty, satisfaction and a general advantage regarding competitiveness. Dwyer & Tanner (2002) define the notion of trust as “the belief in (...) integrity, honesty and the reliability of another person”, instead of an inclination to rely on an exchange associate in whom one trusts. Both definitions also imply the idea of having confidence in the relationship supported by the words belief and willingness. However, the same scholars also state that there are two components important for the existence of a real trust.

Firstly, the belief and willingness that the partnership is trustworthy, but secondly, behavioural intentions which means that the partner also has to show the trust by interacting in a relationship.

Hur et al. (2014) summarize that luxury brands are expected to have a higher value and quality and deliver a subjective sensorial pleasure for customers caused by customers' perception. In contrast to that, non-luxury brands rely more on functional benefits. The study also found that for luxury brands brand trust is of greater importance for building brand loyalty than for non-luxury brands. Additionally, the research revealed that hedonic values had a bigger effect on brand satisfaction than utilitarian values.

However, the study was limited to male consumers who bought luxury brands rather due to symbolic status reasons than to functional reasons. One main finding was that building a luxury image reduced the perception of brand risk. Never the less, one could consider craft beer as a luxury brand, since, amongst other similarities, it acts the same way on the perception of the consumer.

4.3 Relationship loyalty

According to Harvard Business Review, it costs 5 to 10 times more to acquire new customers than to retain a regular customer (Wreden, 2007), which means that loyal customers are the key to generating profit.

The concept of loyalty is vital to discuss relationships (Egan, 2005). It can be distinguished the following way:

1. Loyalty in behavioural terms, which is defined by the number and frequency of purchases and the willingness to switch a brand, and
2. Loyalty regarding attitude and preference “towards brands to determine levels of loyalty” (p. 165).

Loyalty is often recognized as being a strategic objective for companies. Loureiro, Miranda & Breazeale (2014) showed that for instance in the grocery sector, significantly larger amounts and higher proportions of family budgets are spent by store-loyal. They also provided evidence that customer delight has a strong association with guest loyalty as measured by willingness to recommend the purchase to others and repeat purchase.

Additionally, the study showed that positively surprising consumers in unexpected ways could induce delight through arousal and stimulation that induces positive affect. However, delight in the grocery sector does not significantly influence consumers' intentions to continue to buy with the same frequency from the store or to recommend the store to others.

4.4 Relationship Quality: How strong relationships can be built and maintained

Su-xian et al. (2010) consider relationship quality to be the capabilities of the service sales staff have that decrease perceived uncertainty. Additionally, an elevated quality indicates that customers are confident in their purchase while a low quality in relationship reveals high levels on inconsistencies on the experiences received by purchasing a certain good or service. According to the authors of the same journal, studies of relationship quality link this directly to trust, specifically the trust obtained from satisfactory previous purchases. It is also possible to take the concept of relationship quality further and incorporate some other factors; these are: effectiveness of interaction, reduction of transaction costs, and the satisfaction of society.

In essence, relationship quality is the appropriate amount of relationship needed to meet customer needs, therefore considering a high-quality relationship to be a balanced one. In another perspective, Su-Xian Z. et al. (2010) present the possibility that relationship quality is a part of the total perceived quality meaning that in order to evaluate relationship quality the current state of the parties and the need/desired state are compared taking into account that relationship - basically telling us that relationship quality is composed of a couple of intangible benefits that have the potential to increase a business' value, enhance trust between the transaction parties and create long-term commitments.

This last point of view considers that trust is a consequence of a good relationship quality, and not the other way around. Nonetheless, a heavy connection between relationship quality and trust is always present which is interesting due to the fact that it has been proven that trust leads to customer loyalty. Therefore it can be said that relationship quality can be a stepping-stone to loyalty intentions.

While relationship quality is normally seen in the B2C perspective, for our study, it is relevant to look at it from a B2B perspective. Hankansson, H. & Snehota, I. (1989) divide business relationships into “procedural” and “structural” relationships. A procedural relationship includes characteristics like adaptability, cooperation, conflict, social interaction and routine, while a structural relationship has more profound characteristics like continuity, complexity, symmetry and informality: as relationships develop, both sides will connect with a mutual commitment. This is why in a B2B context, taking into account new dimensions are important to add on to the dimensions of trust, satisfaction and commitment – for example, adding opportunistic act, customer orientation and moral impact in such context. However, Woo & Ennew (2004) think that in a B2B perspective, B2C dimensions are unnecessary, as the relationship between businesses should be seen in a more logical and less emotional perspective.

Another important factor to take into account when talking about relationship quality is the fact that businesses tend to allocate resources towards their most profitable clients or those with greater potential (Palmatier, 2008). Improvements in relationship quality could potentially improve the efficiency of resource allocation through the reduction in uncertainty for these clients.

According to Harvey (2009), once Moulton said, “In the lingo of the industry, you have what is called ‘touch points.’” “Ten years ago, audio touch points were very limited; you could only reach people primarily through TV and radio. You couldn’t play full polyphonic sound on a cellphone, for example—just a very simple ringtone.” Nowadays we have all these new audio touch points that can branch out to any- thing on the Internet and a million places in between, and this allows you to extend a brand in unique and interesting ways adapting it to your customers. Part of it is the audio logo, but a large part of it is the brand’s sound (Harvey, 2009).

5. Sonic Branding

5.1 Functions for companies, consumers and brands

In the most recent years music has become a valuable tool on developing brands and helping them to define new strategies. Sonic Branding or Branding with sound, defines how music can affect consumers, because of its ability to invoke memories and strong feelings (Fulberg, 2003; Jackson, 2003). It has been developed in the last two decades, but companies and consumers have not yet adapted.

It is important to understand and mapping out the sonic branding area, rather than a "music" focus. We should be able to follow a theoretical driven research, empirically driven articles, as well as strategically focused practioners perspectives on sonic branding and the consumer.

Sonic branding represents a wide range of topics, covering different concepts such as elevator music (Lanza, 2004), consumers behaviour in a wine store depending on the kind of music playing, branding strategy (Fulberg, 2003), sonic warfare and music's versatility as a tool for identify management in people's everyday life.

Companies can take advantage of sonic branding strategically when building their own brand (Treasure, 2007). Sonic branding's adapted functions can increase consumer loyalty in brands and businesses (Fulberg, 2003), turning the brand into a retail experience (ibid.) and using the music to tell the story of the brand (Westermann, 2008). Companies can use sonic branding as a social tool steering consumers in a specific direction or inspire a certain rhythm in-store (for example, DeNora, 2000; Bradshaw and Holbrook, 2008).

There is clearly a division in the literature regarding whether sonic branding is to be recommended as a marketing tool or not. Yet another research strand stresses that sonic branding has been a last minute finishing touch in most cases until very recently, meaning that in most cases it has not been used to its full potential yet (Graakjaer and Jantzen, 2009).

Jackson (2003) argues that 'sonic branding' will succeed in involving brand identity and make the brand consistent independently of where the consumer encounters it (through an event, TV, retail environment and so on.). Although music has been part of the retail experience for a long time, it has not played that role to its fullest before sonic branding (Jackson, 2003, p. 7). The strategic part of sonic branding has been neglected, whereas the creative part has taken precedence through the years, he argues. However, there is no reason to reject the jingle – jingles are useful because they work as 'mnemonics' and do help consumers remember the brand.

Accordingly, in Jackson's (2003, p. 9) definition: 'A jingle is a short slogan, verse or tune designed to be easily remembered'. Jackson's sonic branding model emphasizes emotions, 'trust and belief' in the brand, and the 'touchpoints' – the various instances where consumers encounter the brand. Jackson's (2003) main argument is that companies need a 'consistent' connection between brand and sound. However, considering the complexity of, for instance, musical 'fit' (Bode, 2009), the emphasis on consistency of the brand strategy literature seems limiting.

There may be a fine line between consistency between brand and music, and the repetitiveness of cautiously fine-tuned use of music that is believed to suit the brand. In fact, music that appears to contrast the brand may seem just as relevant to consumers (Bode, 2009).

As mentioned earlier, the interplay between music and images is much discussed in the literature (Pinch and Bijsterveld, 2004; Bode, 2009). Further, managers do not know how to measure the effects of the music/sonic branding efforts, but they still want to measure it (Graakjaer and Jantzen, 2009). Music has been marginalized in the process – images and the brand traditionally get more attention (ibid.).

Lately, however, companies increasingly turn to sonic branding specialists, and this means that the strategic importance of understanding music in advertising is increasing (Graakjaer and Jantzen, 2009). The sonic branding consultants repeatedly depict sonic branding as an important success factor which has been overlooked by the industry (Kusatz, 2007; Treasure, 2007; Lusensky, 2010) – the latter having neglected music's role in the process of creating advertising and brand image by contacting sound agencies late in the process, and having already spent most of the budget on the visual elements (see, for example, Wand, 2009).

In contrast to this alleged practice of the advertising business as a whole to start with the visual and add the sound in the final stages, sonic branding agencies tend to emphasize that they master the entire process (Kusatz, 2007). Thus, there is a tendency in this literature to elevate sound and music in branding to something that is not only generally misunderstood, but also as something which should be understood as a strategy. For example, Treasure (2007) relates music to silence and noise, saying that silence is not the opposite of sound because silence is a sound in itself and can be experienced as such. In other words, everything is sound (Treasure, 2007). Having a strategy about sound then seems absolutely necessary.

Westermann (2008) points out that people cannot avert their hearing as easily as they can avert their eyes – in this way, a sonic message can be more effective than a visual message, but also more intrusive.

In the article 'Using music to influence cognitive and affective response in queues of low and high crowd density', Oakes and North (2008) investigated how crowd density affected consumers' response to music. They found that slow-tempo music gave more positive responses over all. Further, in low crowd density, music enhanced the experience of waiting, whereas in high crowd density, it did the opposite. Not surprisingly, they also found that liking the music helped people feel more positive about the wait (Oakes and North, 2008). In a recent lab experiment, Vijaykumar et al (2012) found that the number of tones in a sonic logo (they call it 'sogo') influences willingness to pay. In other words, this kind of research treats sound as providing subconscious information for consumers, believing that this information affects the outcome in terms of the purchase.

Other psychology-oriented studies of later years include Crisinel et al (2012), who conducted an experiment manipulating the pitch of the music while serving toffee to respondents and tracking how the perceived taste of the toffee changed with the music. Similarly using an experiment, French social psychologist Guéguen famously found that very loud music in bars make beer drinkers drink more beer, and drink it faster (Guéguen et al, 2008). These two studies also imply that it is a subconscious response to music that the experiments are aimed at mapping out.

Summing up this section, the possibilities of sonic branding to communicate the brand in commercial settings are championed, and considered vastly under-realized, by brand researchers today. Managerial implications based on empirical studies are non-existent in the sonic branding literature today – instead, the managerial implications are based on the writers' own experiences of the sonic branding business as managers in sonic branding agencies (Fulberg, 2003; Jackson, 2003; Treasure, 2007; Graakjaer and Jantzen, 2009; Kilian, 2009; Lusensky, 2010) or on interviews with managers (in Graakjaer and Jantzen, 2009). Thus, a strong academic research area has yet to take form around these strategic issues. A conceptually oriented approach is taken by quantitative studies in consumer research, proposing that sonic branding is mostly operating on a subconscious level that can be tapped into by marketers (for example, Oakes and North, 2008; Crisinel et al, 2012; Vijaykumar et al, 2012).

5.2 Direct impact in consumers lives

We, as consumers, find music attractive because we don't realise how it works. The brand becomes a retail experience through the use of music, as customers will start doing things they would never do, because of a subconscious reaction to the music, like moving faster or slower in the store area (Fulberg, 2003).

According to DeNora, sonic branding is a massive tool to understand the consumer/user viewpoint. It is essential to investigate music in practice, how people face it in their everyday lives, in order to structure the sociology of music, and to find how people will be affected by it (2000).

Music can represent a power tool regarding public space, De Nora argues. Music is a practice - we act with music, in other words, music is not something which is done to us. When music is playing in public spaces, consumers will react or act in some way... maybe they will leave, maybe they will stay, and so on (DeNora, 2000).

Regarding Bradshaw and Holbrook (2008) point of view where they argue that in-store background music is a sort of manipulation and 'a means of social control' created by marketers alone, rather than a part of consumer culture created with consumers' involvement, I will have to disagree as I think that will always exist some kind of interaction where the final customer will have the option to choose, to buy or not.

What makes it important to be attentive to the use of sonic branding and in-store background music is not only the way that this music can be unaesthetic – there are also implications because of how we listen to music. DeNora (2000) points out that music works as an efficient trigger for our memories and nostalgia (Tom, 1990; van Dijck, 2006). Because of this, music used in advertising can have a very strong effect (DeNora, 2000; Barnet, 2001).

Some research on sonic branding of specific places and spaces could be of considerable interest because it can provide significant material regarding what a physical place means to consumers. The relation between the brand and the music which identifies it, as well as how branding can be implemented through sound can be very demonstrative (Schroeder and Borgerson, 1999; Hudson, 2006). Further, the way music can evoke a feeling of the 'past' might enhance the brand experience for cultural reasons (Wu et al., 2013). However, there is much left to explore and discover about the connection between music and the brand, and its sense of the past – a cultural nostalgia.

6. Developing Sectors

6.1 Retail

Retail is no longer just the point of purchase; it has become part of a brand's communication strategy. Sonic branding has yet to make a significant impact on the retail environment and yet represents a powerful tool when it comes to developing brand loyalty. More and more brands are looking for new ways to communicate with their customers both locally and globally, as sonic branding will become an essential tool in the creation of fully immersive brand experiences.

Some time ago it would be perfectly normal to hear our parents when out shopping saying, – “you can look, but you can't touch”- and how things have changed right? Nowadays it's all about interaction, touch, feel...retail has changed. Retail of today is not about put on shelves in order to be admired until they are bought, it is all about seeing, hearing and smelling. It is much more than providing a point of sale, it is now part of a brand's communication strategy.

The time where the combination of a tight control of information and a limited number of available media meant that consumer only had one option is over.

6.2 Environmental sound design

By creating a brand experience using sound you are also touching an area of sound branding. The opportunities for creating a sound branding experience that conveys a brand essence and soul is possible (The Economist Newspaper, 2007). Bentley Motors, for example, recently looked to create a unique and differentiated brand experience by replacing all interior mechanical sounds with a sound that had been created for their Continental GT car. Roland Garros, home of the French Open also produced an audio identity used in its facilities and other public areas to play during award ceremonies as well as opening and closing ceremonies (Podoshen, 2005).

In a retail environment, sound branding extends to the use of sound in order to enhance the consumer experience and influence behaviour. An academic study developed in Scotland found that sales of wines, within a supermarket, displayed side-by-side and similar prices responded to music. On days when French music was playing, French wines outsold German wines, but in the other hand, German wines outsold French ones on days when typical German music was playing (North, 2012; Hui, 2013).

Audio Branding amazing effects, such as sonic beams and sonic logos can provide a better, more controlled, test of atmospheric factors and the moderating role of subsequent emotional states on shopping behaviour. Regarding Sonic Logos and Sonic Beams the British department store chain Selfridges is one of the most notable brands to have enjoyed success with this kind of approach. They have created distinctive consumer 'zones' by changing their retail stores visually and sonically, so customers know they are moving into a new department, where they can buy a different kind of product. These "areas" are often tailored to suit a specific product, customer profile, season or even times of the day and week (Palghat, 2009; Hein 2006).

Bruner once said (1990), "Music is not a generic sonic mass, but rather a complex chemistry of controllable elements". This means that music can vary along various dimensions including loudness, rhythm and tempo. The effect of music on behaviour has been suggested to operate via its effect on cognitive and emotional processes (Vida, 2008).

6.3 Implementation process, best examples

Nowadays, branding represents one of the top CEOs concerns, and that is the reason why a lot of firms are investing so much in branding initiatives – even online. According to eMarketer, in 2014, U.S advertisers spent \$17.46 billion on branding, representing 41.6% of digital spend. This year (2017), [the online] branding spend is expected to grow to \$30 billion, or 48.5% share (eMarketer, 2013). Therefore, a lot of B2B and B2C organizations start relying on the same branding tools, thereby losing the advantage that initially held, and letting companies to lose that differentiate approach.

So, in order to restore that same advantage on this high competitive field, some organizations started to pay attention to one powerful toll, set-aside until then by most marketers: sound. With an increasingly audio-enable media environment, the strategic use of sound can represent a positive step in order to better differentiate a product or a service, enhancing recall, creating preferences, building loyalty and trust, and eventually helping to increase sales (Santhanam, Mitchell & Rosenstiel, 2012).

Called audio branding, sonic branding, sound branding, or acoustic branding, some studies have shown that relevant sounds and musical beams can easily influence people and educate their brain in ways marketers want. Congruent sounds cues can increase the speed of a visual search for products, as well as perceived taste of food and wine (Palghat, 2009; Hein 2006).

There are some marketers that have been employing sound and music for some time as part of their brand experience, like de Apple Computer launching, the aggressive howl of a Harley or the door closing on a Volkswagen Golf (Podoshen, 2005).

The truth is that audio branding represents much more than just an isolated packaging or product sound, a jingle in the end of a radio spot, or a simple audio logo like the one associated with the Intel opening session (Sweeney, 2001).

It comprises the creation of an entire audio language for the brand based on its essence, values, and personality – a language that will be present from the web and apps to TV to the retail environment and even the product itself. Just like visual brand is adjusted and optimized to each medium, audio branding will also do that, through a psychological appropriation (Sweeney, 2001).

SNCF, the French number one railway company, is a perfect example how an audio branding approach can be taken and why do they decided to go for it. First, already in competition with some airlines groups, they started to compete to Italian and German railroads. Second, some people, when asked, were starting to associate the brand with words like strike, delay and inefficiency.

In the beginning, they started to analyse their competitive set, having notice that existed a huge lack of distinctiveness among audio branding competitors initiatives (ABA, 2010).

Towards this fact, and keeping in mind the values that distinguish the brand, they created an audio DNA with the objective of communicating their leadership. In order to bring that to real life the music had to be interpreted in various ways, for example: Taking into account travellers' needs, station messages were played with calm and reassuring music in order to decreased tourist anxiety. On the other hand, TV frames, despite using the same tune, had a more authoritative sound with more emphasis on rhythm (Wright, 2013).

One of SNCF last updates regarding its audio DNA was when the brand needed to transmit its new vision and paradigm of simple, direct and easy mobility to customers, so sounds were simplified and more speed was introduced (Wright, 2013).

Later on, these initiatives have paid off. Most listeners correctly identified the brand, and even more significantly, they now see the brand as being attractive, allowing SNCF to reinforce its leadership (ABA, 2010).

7. Brand value and Co-creation

According to Moutinho (2013), marketing and branding exist just to bring benefit to the company. Right now we live in a much more complex world, based on a speedy economy, where consumers have several "digital speakers" available with which can easily destroy a brand. It's urgent that companies start improve their relations with customers, in order to work better their products and services.

Today's consumers can also be capricious and non-committal. Brands will have to become more liquid to keep up with their constantly moving targets. Basically, the future will consist more in chameleon-like brands that will focus less on communicating a static message and will start investing in segments like audio branding. Brands need to be dynamic, just so, they will be able to guarantee customers commitment. Brand INNO is the best way to maintain the value of a brand and avoid becoming a commodity.

Kotler (2006) defines Marketing as "the science and art of exploring, creating, and delivering value to satisfy the needs of a target market at a profit. Marketing identifies unfulfilled needs and desires. It defines, measures and quantifies the size of the identified market and the profit potential. It pinpoints which segments the company is capable of serving best and it designs and promotes the appropriate products and services." Audio branding is an example of a Marketing trend, an example how Innovation can identify customers needs and helping them to create opportunities. Besides that it will also help to sell the product (Kotler & Keller 2010).

The brands of the future will be vehicles and not just destinations. Any company can spend money buying funky media, sponsoring an event or plastering logos on entertainment content, but there is a gulf of difference between that and actually helping people broaden their horizons.

The future lies on reducing the complexity, being creative and multifunctional and do innovation with co-creation. What do people need? More than understand the customer or apply audio branding revolutionary measures, is about understanding the person's concerns, and work with them to create a better product or service.

The world is passing through everyday changes and it's becoming more quick, more united but with a crisis of values and relationships. This moral crisis has been fought by some firms, which try to get connect with customers, by growing with them instead to them.

New trends, like people based research – the need that firms have to do more qualitative research, to talk and co-create with their customer – and also the marketing immunization trend, that people bombed with advertising and information every – single – second and are not able to just pay attention to what really matters for them. These two trends help to sustain the pertinence of how important is to innovate in audio branding, and in spite of being a small example in such a wide range of key concepts, is a real proof that marketing can become meaningful and give a real contribution to the world.

The future asks for meaningfulness, person to person that are collaborative, customized, individual knowledge without barriers or borders. The future asks us to talk differently in the business world and our relations. The future is going to be with business colonies, a co-working space where people come together for a simple project, and when finished they go to somewhere else, in a virtual or physical reality. It calls to action; there is the need to reverse the way the world communicates a think strategically.

8. Contextualization

To use music to generate an atmosphere, as well as to improve the brand experience of consumers, is a rapidly developing field of study and practice entitled as sonic branding (Jackson, 2003; Lusensky, 2010). Jackson (2003) points sonic branding as the creative and emotional process of brand identity, in which brand characteristics and values are mixed into an audible form both distinct and recognizable to the organization. Mixing sonic branding strategies with other used marketing practices gives companies unrealized potential to transmit subliminal messages at touch points where sound is in the centre of the experience (Treasure, 2011). According to Lusensky (2010), sonic branding can create memorable brand experiences and lasting brand memories that are stronger than its visual concept. It is not surprising then, that an increasing number of organizations are starting to develop innovative, creative and integrative “sonic languages” designed and projected to communicate messages across different platforms (Brodsky, 2010; Jackson, 2003).

The most developed forms of sonic branding include audio logos (e.g., Coca-Cola's 5-note melody) and jingles (e.g., McDonald's “I'm Lovin' It” theme), whereby marketers attempt to distill a million dollar brand into a few pieces of sound. The truth is that sonic branding as a field of research is still in its relative infancy; researchers agree that sonic branding improves the experiences consumers have with the brand (e.g., Bronner and Hirt, 2009; Jackson, 2003; Jackson, Jankovich, and Shenkop, 2013; Lusensky, 2010; Treasure, 2011).

Few years ago, the understanding of how and why marketers make such extensive use of music in their communications with consumers has been supported by classical conditioning theory in the field of environmental psychology and social psychology.

Based on theoretical principles of classical conditioning, people respond favourably to music for which they have a particular penchant (see Bruner, 1990). Zander (2006) defined classical conditioning concerning music as pairing a object with a well-liked piece of music to produce an association between the two, and therefore a preference for these same object.

His study participants were told they could take one of the two pens home with them as a reward for their involvement in the study. Results showed that 79 percent chose to keep the pen paired with liked music rather than keep the pen paired with disliked music. These effects are widely replicated (Blair and Shimp, 1992; Gorn, Goldberg, and Basu, 1993; Gorn, Pham, and Sin, 2001; Groenland and Schoormans, 1994; Tom, 1995), suggesting music in consumer settings (e.g., television advertisement, retail store).

It was then possible to conclude that Music that was liked or popular had positive effects on consumer attitudes and behaviours. Similarly, music that was disliked or unpopular led to unfavourable consumer behaviour in all of these studies.

While many scholars have replicated conditioning studies in the last few years, some researchers raise concerns about the obstacles of this research. Olsen and Pracejus (2004) say that the majority of these studies do not highlight the level of involvement a person has with a given product. Classic conditioning is a theory that links music with a neutral product, something towards which consumers do not have an existing attitude. As such, music becomes a backdrop element in the consumer profile and is only effective in priming certain mood states so long as it is likable and popular among listeners (Bruner, 1990).

Sport marketers play in an environment where the marketed objects (i.e., sport, team, other points of attachment) usually attract strong feelings, attitudes and desires from consumers (Kwon, Trail, and Anderson, 2006). Thus, these same consumers might be more tend to pay conscious attention to and critically rate a sensory experience in the consumer setting (North and Hargreaves, 2008).

To this end, certain kinds of music may be useful for highly involved consumers who are more focused on processing stimulus in consumer settings. MacInnis and Park (1991) confirmed, for such highly involved consumers, that music perceived as a “fit” or “congruent” with other marketing aspects is always more effective because it corresponded with the consumers' subjective perceptions of the music's relevance or appropriateness to the brand's message. Furthermore, these authors found music that did not fit was equally ineffective and had adverse outcomes. Opposed to the classical conditioning approach, which focuses on the capability of music to create an emotional response to marketing, the concept of “musical fit” concerns music's power to convey information regarding brand identity.

9. Methodology

9.1 Objective

The main objective of this Master Thesis will be to analyse the influence of audio branding in customers purchase decision process. To better understand this process some online interviews were made regarding specific scenarios.

An emphasis in product and service will be placed, as well as the importance of creating preferences, building loyalty and trust, and eventually helping to increase sales. Consequently, be able to produce a guideline for managers to consider when applying audio branding in ads.

9.2 Conceptual Framework

Based on literature review and in the main objective, it is possible to present the conceptual framework shown in figure 3.

From a broader point of view, the model will represent the connection that cuts both ways between sonic branding and the purchase decision process, with the final consumer under the focus. It will also provide the information to attest the propositions (further presented). Figure 3 represents the idea for the model to be developed and explored.

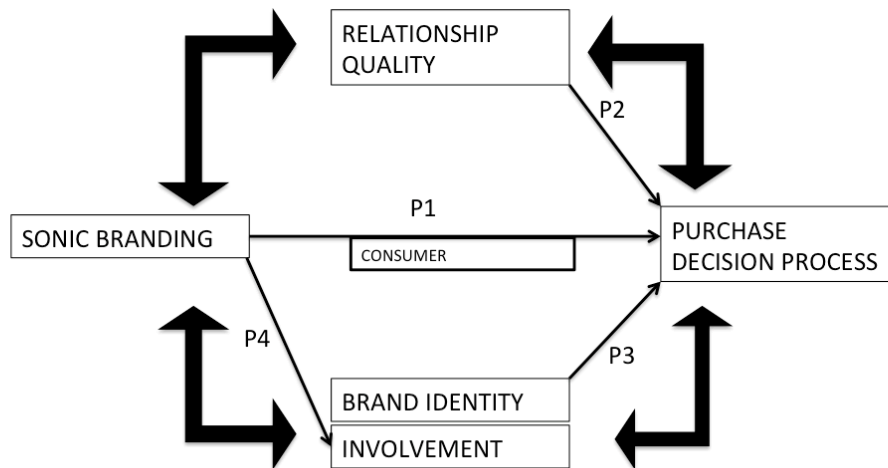


Fig. 3 Model concept (source: author elaboration)

The prepositions are as follows:

P1	The influence of sonic branding on purchase decision process.
P2	The importance of relationship quality/loyalty on purchase decision process
P3	How can brand identity define the purchase decision process
P4	How does sonic branding brings customer involvement

9.3 Results and Discussion

Interviews respondents were asked about their perception on brands creating their identity according some scenarios. This chapter will enclose the data and conclusions drawn from those online interviews, and its relation and discussion with two different examples: sonic branding in sports, which will represent a best practice regarding sonic branding; and sonic branding in retail, which will illustrate what can be improved and how. A copy of the questionnaire is also presented in Appendix 1.

9.3.1 Sample profile

Regarding the sample profile, some introductory notes will contextualise the following statistics, including the questionnaire structure to better understand the analysis. Given the structure and the purpose of the questionnaire, these demographic details are both relative to the participants who know what Sonic Branding is and to those who don't – in total 64 total participants have respond.

Table 1. Online interview/questionnaire structure (source: author elaboration)

#	QUESTIONS	
1	From our five senses, which one is the most sensorial to you?	Closed question
2	Are you familiar with the concept of Sonic Branding?	Closed question
3	In your opinion how can music strengthen a brand's identity	Closed question
4	Which platform do you believe to have more impact when building a brand's identity?	Closed question
5	In a hypothetic scenario, where, within a stadium you hear an advertising where a carbonated drink is served and then ingested, what do you feel like doing?	Open question
6	What does suggest you?	Open question
7	Would you be capable to identify a brand?	Open question
8	In a hypotetic scenario, you enter a retail shop, there is background music, how do you feel?	Open question
9	Do you feel encourage to shop?	Open question
10	Do you think the music characteristics will affect your decision to buy or not anything?	Open question
11	Gender	Closed question
12	Age	Closed question

The questionnaire was divided into 2 different and sequential parts, unrolling according to the situation between the inquired and their perception regarding brand identity. Closed questions compose the first part. In total, six closed questions can be answered with 2 of those questions being directed at profiling purposes. The estimated time for filling up the whole questionnaire going through the two sequential phases of the survey is 7 minutes.

The first question of the survey (Figure 7) is about which is the most sensorial sense to the inquired. There is also, of course, the possibility that the inquired had never heard of Sonic Branding, as we can see from the results in Figure 4- which doesn't mean the survey is complete, as the inquired can move forward, as their opinion will be equally important. That was the situation for 51 of the 64 (80%) participants in these online interviews.

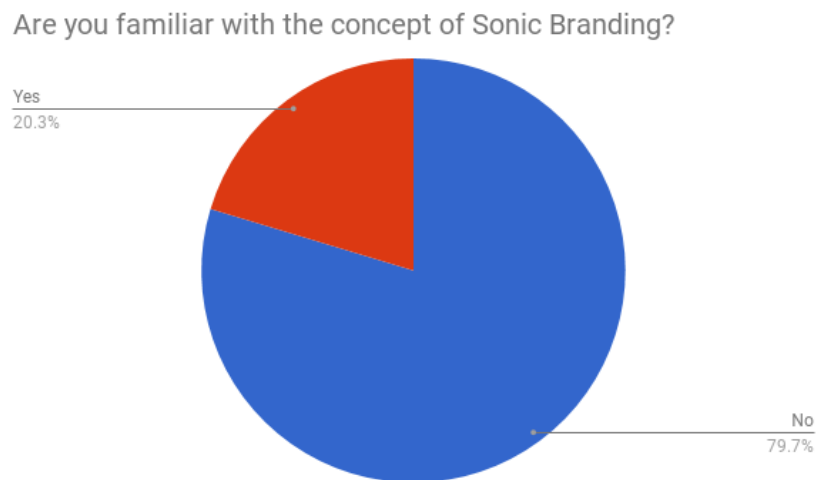


Fig. 4 Familiarity with the concept of Sonic Branding, Question2 (source: survey data from Google Forms)

The gender distribution is relatively balanced, with no significant difference between male and female respondents. Concerning age distribution, respondents of the survey were mainly in the age group of 15-25 and 26-35 with older respondents having progressively less representation in the sample. Figure 5 and 6 shows us the distribution by age and gender of the surveyed that completed the questionnaire.

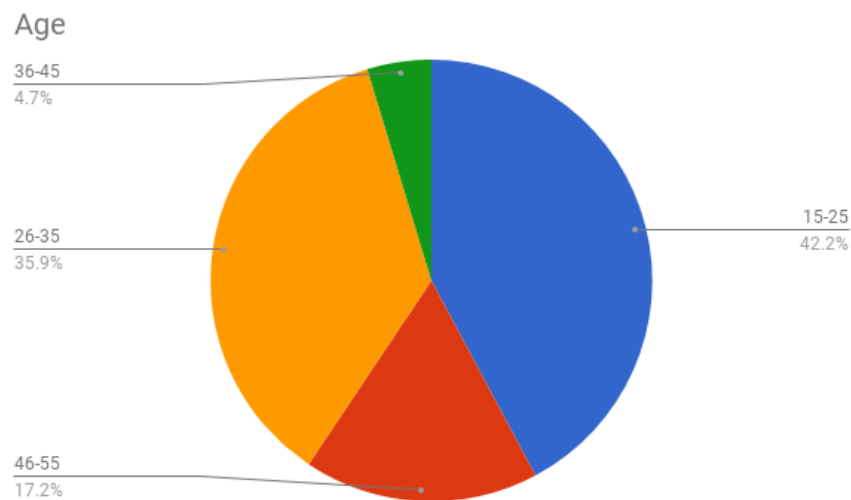


Fig. 5 Age Distribution, Question 12 (source: survey data from Google Forms)

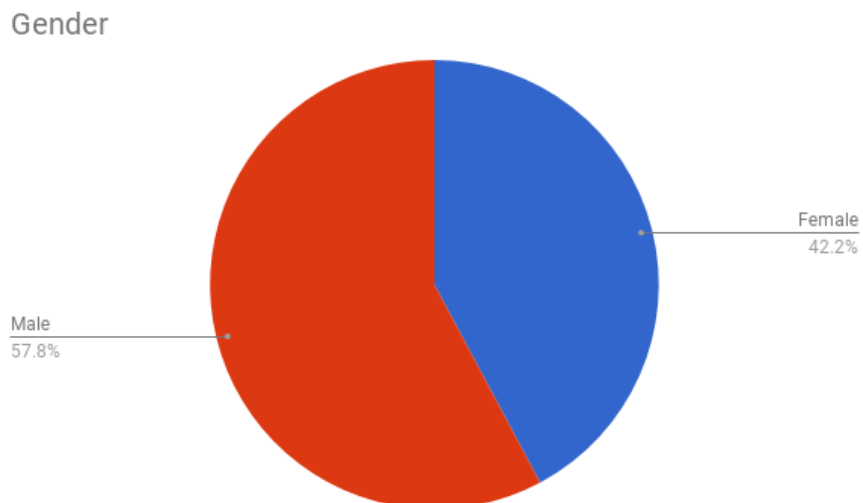


Fig. 6 Gender Distribution, question 11 (source: survey data from Google Forms)

In the second part, some different kinds of interaction are proposed so that different profiles of users can be scrutinised. Are then enlisted six open questions concerning two different scenarios, where the user's perception of the existent relationship will be under investigation. The survey ends with a socio-demographic representation of the respondents, with characteristics such as age and gender.

9.3.2 Sonic Branding in Sport

In the past years, it has become more difficult for brands in the sport and entertainment industry to create and sustain a competitive advantage due to media saturation and marketing clutter surrounding contemporary live events and sponsorship (Burton and Chadwick, 2009). Moreover, the invasiveness of modern advertising in people's everyday lives has resulted in an overall negative perception of marketers among many consumers (Drumwright and Murphy, 2009; Obermiller, Spangenberg, and MacLachlan, 2005).

Such developments have resulted in an increased difficulty for sport teams to craft and foster identification among sports fans (Pyun and James, 2011). Also, the nature of branding has become more sophisticated, shifting focus from various tangible aspects, such as name and logo, to unreachable elements, like personality and image (Aaker, 1996; Keller, 1998).

As such, practitioners are now seeking ways in which to make stronger emotional connections with consumers through highly developed forms of brand communication. Decades of research on visual brand identities demonstrate how sophisticated marketers have become in this area (see Lindstrom, 2005). Yet, the way in which people engage with the world around them involves all five senses (i.e., sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste), each of which offers an opportunity for organizations to communicate with consumers.

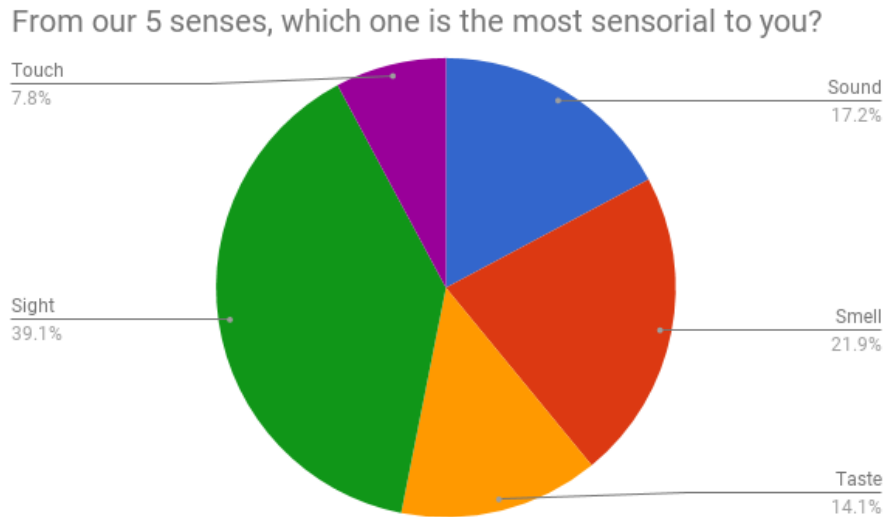


Fig. 7 Sense's sensorial perception, Question 1 (source: survey data from Google Forms)

From a managerial perspective I believe that marketing through the five senses might be used to create subconscious triggers that affect consumer perceptions. Abstract notions of the brand (e.g., sophistication or quality), just like VW does in their commercials every time they shut the car door continuously, as the sound sounds so good giving customers a perception of high-quality material. (Youtube , 2017).

Researchers in the field of sport consumer behaviour have begun to unravel the importance of the five senses (Figure 7) in the process of building an emotional bond with the brand. According to Lee et al. (2012), there is a hypothesized relationship between sport consumers' sensory experience at sport events and their "sense of home," yet it remains uncertain how sport organizations can go about nurturing such feelings outside of providing a unique experience. Thus, in order for sport marketers to understand this relationship, a deeper focus on each of these senses is warranted.

The many and differentiated ways in which people create, perform, observe, and respond to music depends greatly on the situations in which they do so. There is a plethora of research that explores music produced and consumed in sport by spectators, athletes, and musicians.

Much of this research comes from disciplines outside of sport management—primarily in sport science, sport sociology, and cultural studies, where much of the literature settles on the various uses of music to arouse and placate individuals who play organized sport. Karageorghis and Terry (1997) note how unique musical elements and self-orchestration, such as folk singing, chanting, and ritualized clapping, have long been present in European sport culture.

There is an extensive literature in the area of sport sociology devoted to the mutual relationship of “supporter” rock music with football clubs in European states (see Crawford, 2004; McLeod, 2006; Redhead, 1991; Rowe, 1995).

These studies shed light on how certain songs and artists, based on a degree of homage, play an important role in constructing a club's supporter culture and in socializing its members. Similarly, Cronin (2007) describes how music attached to local sport culture in Ireland has been used to strengthen a sense of community among Irish citizens for centuries. Furthermore, research shows how music has helped shape cultural understanding of mediated sport with regard to cricket in the West Indies (Midgett, 2003) and rugby in New Zealand (Crawford, 1985).

Although the current literature on the relationships between sport and music in the disciplines above provide some diverse perspectives and rich historical accounts, few studies in sport marketing have assessed the role of music in affecting sport consumer behaviour. In fact, much of the theoretical and empirical literature in sport marketing related to music has been confined to variables present in the sport stadium atmosphere (e.g., Lee et al., 2012; Uhrich and Benkenstein, 2010). However, while there are some meaningful insights into the power of music to create a lively stadium atmosphere and condition an emotional response from consumers during a sport event, the possibility that music might also play a key role in helping distinguish brand identities among competing brands has been largely unexplored (Table 1, question 5)(see figure 8).

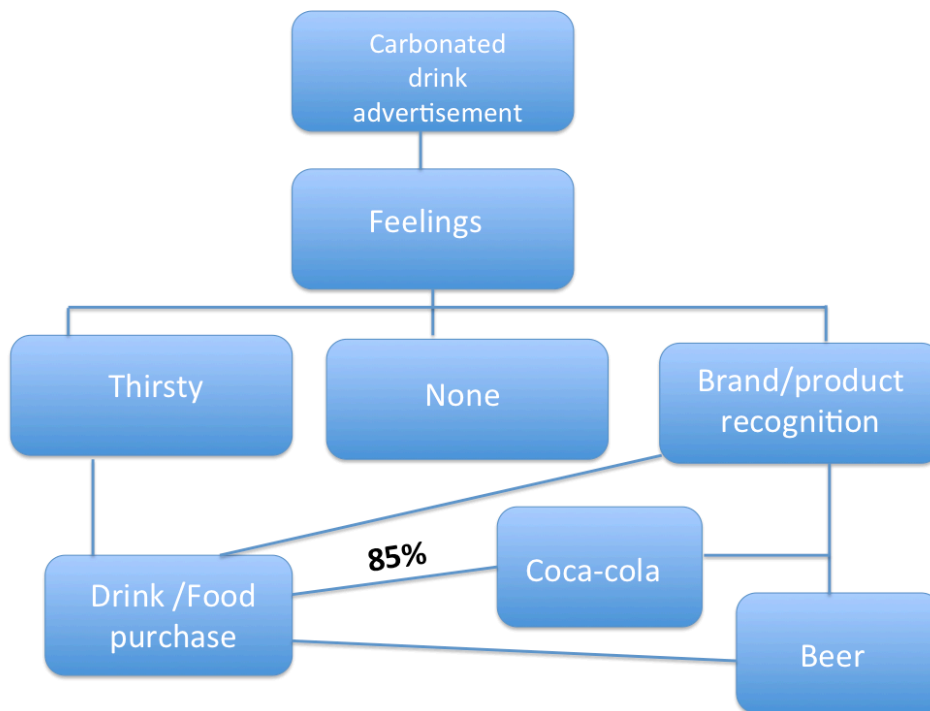


Fig. 8 Respondents behaviour according question 5 (source: author’s elaboration)

There are many touch points where music may influence sport consumers (e.g., retail stores, commercial advertisements, sponsored entertainment events); yet, the sport stadium seems to be one where music influences spectator behaviour the most. In fact, the sport marketing literature is replete with research that suggests the stadium atmosphere is the main reason why people attend sports events. Stadium atmosphere can be controlled to produce specific emotional and behavioural responses in sport consumers. Apart of that, there is still a considerable influence on relevant marketing variables, such as length of the visit, revisit intention, and perceived pleasure.

According to the online interviews, a hypothetical scenario where, within a stadium, people would listen to an advertising where a carbonated drink is served (see figure 9), 81,8% of the inquired said they would be tempted to buy a drink, and 6,8% said they would be tempted to buy a drink our any kind of food. Even more interesting than this fact was that from that 81,8 %, 85% (see figure 8) were tempted to by a Coca-Cola instead of any other drink, knowing that no brand has been advertised. In this case in particular, we can see how easy consumers within a sport environment can perceive brand identity.

In this case in particular I have transform the results from the first open question into some quantitative results, in order to originate the graphic below and to give the big picture of most inquires responses.

In a hypothetical scenario, where, within a stadium you hear an advertising where a carbonated drink is served and then ingested, what do you feel like doing?

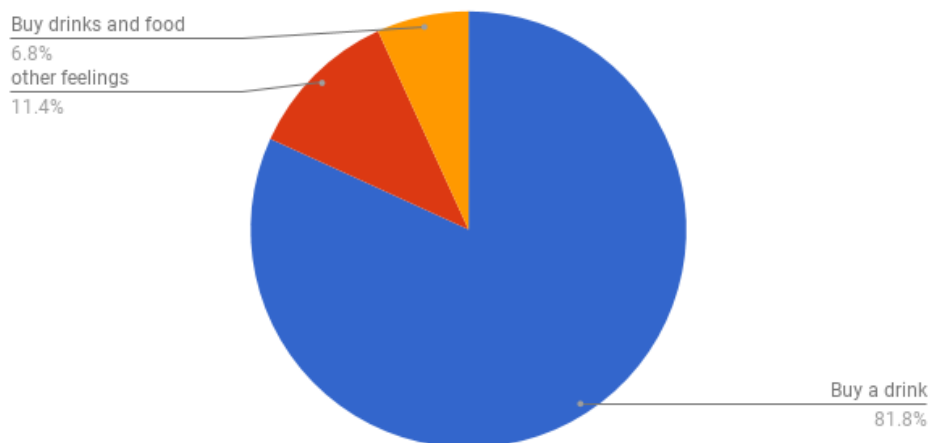


Fig. 9 Question 5, quantitative metric (source: survey data from Google Forms)

Despite our understanding of sport stadium atmosphere can still grow, brands are increasingly investing in atmospheric variables such as music in live sport in order to influence consumer behaviour. Music is such a dominant sport stadium feature during most individual and team sporting events there is a need for empirical studies evaluating the ways in which sport marketers can effectively use music to influence sport consumers behaviour. How do baseball players' "walk-up" songs affect baseball fans in attendance? How does the spectacle of a boxer's introduction to the ring affect the experience of boxing fans? What effect does having live entertainment before, during, or after an event enhance sport spectators' experience?

9.3.3 Sonic Branding in Retail

It was quite recently that the world of brands decided to start selling the product to the consumer athwart advertising and then provide a place and point of purchase. This seemed to work for some years. The blend of a tight control of information and a limited number of available media and information meant that consumers (receivers) only knew what they were told. So the belief in advertising messages was always high. Some years later everything then started to change. Increasingly more and more sources of information started to become available to everyone. Television and radio expanded worldwide while new forms of media started to filter through to the masses. The Internet has completely revolutionised the way in which people communicate and gather information. All this forced progress was the beginning to brands start to express themselves more clearly than ever before.

Retail is one of these new forms where companies decided to start investing. Many of the world's biggest brands and their agencies have changed their opinion regarding retail in recent years. Retail is no longer viewed as a simple point of purchase to customers, it is also considered as a medium, with a unique ability to collect information and deliver it. Retail now has a key role in the creation of brand experience.

Retail gives customers completely different ways of communication and experience; it allows the brand to engage the audience in an open dialogue. Within the retail environment, it is now possible to surround the customer in a physical space that communicates the very essence and truth of a brand. At the same time brands are able to listen and respond to individual wants and needs. This is a two-way communication channel, it is a perfect place in which to build partnerships.

In my opinion, one of the key strengths of the retail environment is how easily brands can access to every human sense. Consumers are able to see, hear, taste, smell or touch products and brands at their leisure (See figure 7). The ability to touch, hear, or taste products and brands have become a crucial part of developing strong customer loyalty. Over the last few years consumers started to get cautious about the messages they are told by companies through traditional media and right now they want to know as much information as they can before deciding any kind of purchase. An important part of this information is the physicality of a product. The very best way to achieve this purpose is to put customer and product together in the same place and allow the human senses to make their own interpretations.

The role sound plays in the retail environment is a studied area, and yet few brands have taken on board with this findings. Some companies have been exploring the effects of sound, particularly music and the creation of sonic logos, in the retail environment. Their findings and improvements have highlighted the effects music can have on consumers both consciously and subconsciously, being their priority focus the immediate effects that it has on consumer behaviour.

One study, developed in the United States shows how the pace of the music played in an international chain of supermarkets had a high impact on the amount of money spent by customers. Slow and adapted music encouraged customers to stay longer in the store and therefore spend more money. The increase in spending is considerable compared with periods when fast music was played, as we can see in this model inspired by the inquirer's responses.

The responses to question 8 have originated the model concept below (see figure 10), and after some research, we can easily perceive how some retail spaces (retail clothes shops seem to be the ones who struggle the most) are still behind in terms of developing the right sonic brand strategy.

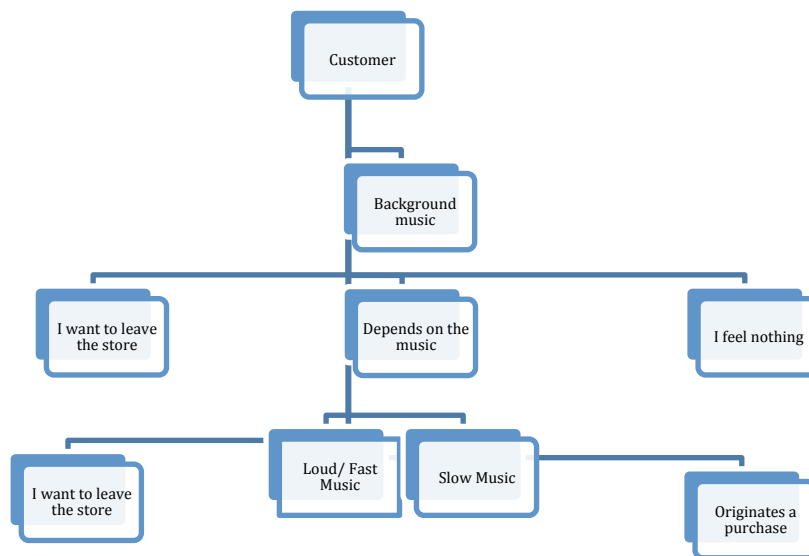


Fig. 10 Respondents behavior according question 8 (source: author’s elaboration)

Some customers could be encouraged to buy certain products and services simply through the use of the right music at the right moment. Some studies show that sometimes even the customers did not seem to be consciously aware of the music being played. This shows how some retail shops are still not aware how powerful sonic branding can be.

Both these studies demonstrate the immediate impact music can have in the retail environment. They show us how it is possible to create a short-term brand experience, within the store space, very easily. What has never been fully explored, however, is the potential music has to become a trigger for a sensorial and emotion-based reaction, the kind of response that will lead to improving brand loyalty.

The use of music to generate brand loyalty in the retail environment has been limited recently, mainly due to the lack of understanding, from companies and brands, on how it can affect people. This problematic, combined with poor consumer research regarding long-term emotional effects of music on consumers, has led to a very naive development of retail sonic branding. This is surprising considering that sound, particularly music, is a compelling communicator on both the conscious and subconscious levels.

One of the best examples is the mobile telephone retailer. Nowadays there is an incessant bombardment of information about the latest features available on mobile phones handsets suggesting that is not the actual physicality of the product that counts; yet, mobile telephone retailers keep providing some products out on display and available for touching. Having decided what features were wanted before entering the store the importance of the handset's physical attributes has been discovered. Mobile telephone retailers understand the human desire to touch, hold or even smell products, and that is why retail stores are gaining importance for their business.

This approach to retail is effective and creates a bond with the product and therefore a demand to purchase it, but this does not necessarily encourage loyalty to a brand. In order to do this it is necessary to create an environment that is an extension of the brand and its products. It is necessary to create brand theatres.

10. Conclusions and implications

10.1 Limitations and future research

As a conclusion, the present dissertation has contributed to build a consumer-oriented review of the sonic/audio branding literature and provided an overview of the sensorial sonic environment consumers can face, hopefully, to benefit brand management research and practice. The framework of this article points out that the field has multiple approaches to the consumer of music (for example, as a listener, consumer or agent) as well as to the outcome of sonic branding approaches (purchase, coproduction, and so on).

This dissertation represents a review which calls for a theoretical approach to sonic branding as a critical area to keep study in the future. The approach to the consumer and the outcome we get from sonic branding should represent a strategic research area in branding and not merely a set of disparate sheds of research efforts.

There is the need to create a common "umbrella" brand for itself – and I suggested that the tag used should be ‘Sonic Branding’ because this easy terminology has multiple advantages comparing with the other names that are currently used synonymously. Besides that, ‘timbre’, ‘sound’, ‘tempo’ and ‘beat’ – the music terminology – needs to become complex from a sonic branding point of view, because researchers, managers and practitioners need to share the music language.

We have to be able to exchange experiences and build a more influent field of study, united around a common set of concepts and ideas.

Increasingly, consumers often perceive sonic branding practices and strategies as manipulative, and there is a real interest for the industry to reclaim the use of music and sound as a point of interest between consumers and companies. It is something which benefits both consumer and brand, so there is a urge to show this to consumers. The brands that start to use sonic branding will rapidly stand out from the others, as the majority part of businesses do not yet understand how consumer-oriented sonic branding is, and how involved consumers are in the co-creation process.

Importantly, this paper work reveals that the ‘branding’ part of ‘sonic branding’ is underdeveloped until certain point. I hope that this conclusion would open up for different kinds of research regarding this field of study, focusing firstly on the ‘branding’ part, by giving more relevance in each instance of research. It would also be fruitful to further investigate the problematic on how much the brand can be connected to music in consumers’ everyday lives.

The critical challenge for practitioners, based on the present work, is to claim sonic branding as really strategic and at the same time rooted in the role of consumers in the ever-changing sonic construction of the brand’s culture. Whenever sonic branding initiatives fail to be strategic and fail to connect to authentic consumer practices around music, its critics will remain strong. However, for theorists and practitioners, the big challenge lies in developing concepts and strategies for sonic branding that will turn the field more cohesive, and thereby increase its future impact.

10.2 Managerial implications

Life is all about making decisions, and people tend to use heart over brain whenever they have to choose. For a brand today, it is all about creating an emotional bond with consumers, where the product or service loses its physicality and becomes more like a trusted friend- a friend that shares the same values and lifestyle as you. It is no longer enough to have the very best product; brands also have to create an emotional relationship with people.

BRANDS LOVE MUSIC

97 percent say that music can strengthen their brand

76 percent use music actively in their marketing today

7 out of 10 think that music will become more important in the future

...BUT ARE NOT PUTTING THEIR HEART INTO IT

7 out of 10 invest 5 percent or less of their marketing budget into music

Only 2 out of 10 have a sound logotype

Only 38 percent have defined how their brand sounds with a music profile

WHAT IF THE BRANDS WERE MORE INVOLVED?

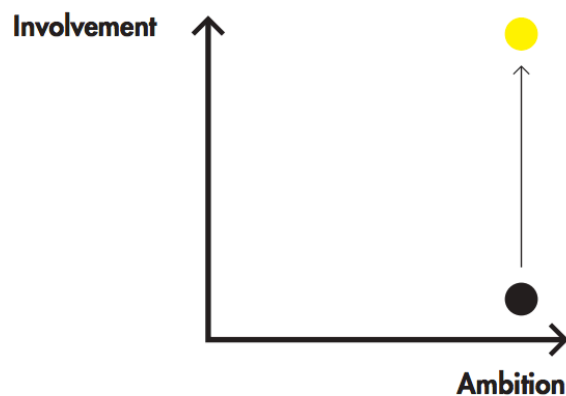


Fig. 11 What's missing? (source: author's elaboration)

Brands genuinely love music. However, they have yet to begin investing time and the right resources in the strategic use of it. The truth is that their love for music is yet to translate into a strong and energetic show of commitment (Figure 11). This leads us to ask whether brands are getting the most out of their current efforts. Just as in love - in marketing, the more involved you are, the more you usually get in return.

This analysis shows that music and the use of Sonic branding are still seen as a complementary element in branding. Majority of companies and brands see Sonic Branding as a supplemental media tool to highlight the visual aspect of communication or branding (such as in TV advertising). This is the reason why we are not seeing many brands making significant investments in Sonic branding. Trough this dissertation I was able to show proper literature, however what I meant the most was to show how sport is in advance regarding other sectors. Much more than sport brands I'm talking about brands within a sport environment. Those are the players who are a step ahead of all the others. Retail is a critical example, as it holds a huge potential regarding Sonic Brandic, and they are using only 5% of it. This work allows us to understand which strategies we should adopt, and which ones we shouldn't.

I believe the music industry also plays a huge role and they have serious homework to do concerning this topic. It needs to explain the value of using specific branding tools such as adapted music profiles, sound logos and the effect that these can have on a brand. The music industry needs to start speaking the language of brands and therefore the voice of consumers. Of course, there is the need to present the branding models and return on investment calculations in order to be convincing. The most important of all, brands need to start understanding that there is a difference between music and music, and the effect it has on brands and people.

We must understand the best practices of today, and developed and adapted them to our businesses.

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12. Appendix

12.1 Appendix 1 - Online interview structure

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Este questionário é parte integrante duma dissertação de mestrado em Marketing. Assim, pretendemos que nos dê a sua percepção sobre os sons das suas marcas preferidas, e o que estes lhe transmitem. O questionário não demora mais de 5 minutos a ser respondido e a sua colaboração é fundamental. Não existem respostas corretas ou erradas, apenas pretendemos conhecer o seu entendimento. Os dados recolhidos serão tratados (estatisticamente) em conjunto pelo que cada questionário é anónimo. Por favor responda a todas as questões. Muito obrigado pela sua colaboração!

1. Dos 5 sentidos inerentes ao ser humano, qual o mais sensorial para si?

Mark only one oval.

- Paladar
- Visão
- Olfacto
- Tacto
- Audição

2. Está familiarizado com o termo Sonic Branding?

Mark only one oval.

- Sim
 Não

3. Na sua opinião, de que maneira a música fortalece a identidade de uma marca?

Mark only one oval.

- Torna a oferta única relativamente aos concorrentes
 A música influencia o acto de compra
 A música cria fidelização no target que pretendemos atingir
 A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
 Nenhuma das anteriores

4. Qual a plataforma, onde para si a música tem mais impacto na construção da identidade de uma marca.

Check all that apply.

- Publicidade TV
 Rádio
 Parcerias com artistas
 Logotipos musicais (ex:"i´m loving it" jingle)

5. Imagine o seguinte cenário: Encontra-se num estádio, ouve o som de uma bebida a ser servida, o som do gás e a bebida a ser ingerida. O que sente?

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6. O que lhe sugere?

7. Seria capaz de identificar a marca em questão?

8. Imagine outro cenário: Entra numa loja, existe musica de fundo. Que sensação isto lhe traz?

9. Sente-se impulsionado(a) a realizar compras?

10. **Considera que as características da música de fundo podem alterar o seu estado de espírito e as suas emoções? Comente.**

11. **Género**

Mark only one oval.

- Feminino
 Masculino

12. **Idade**

Mark only one oval.

- Menos de 15
 15-25
 26-35
 36-45
 46-55

12.2 Appendix 1 - Online interview responses

#1	Dos 5 sentidos inerentes ao ser humano, qual o mais sensorial para si?
1	Taste
2	Taste
3	Visão
4	Olfacto
5	Audição
6	Paladar
7	Olfacto
8	Olfacto
9	Olfacto
10	Visão
11	Olfacto
12	Visão
13	Visão
14	Olfacto
15	Audição
16	Olfacto
17	Visão
18	Visão
19	Visão
20	Visão
21	Tacto
22	Audição
23	Visão
24	Olfacto
25	Visão
26	Visão
27	Taste
28	Taste
29	Visão
30	Visão
31	Taste
32	Audição
33	Taste
34	Visão
35	Taste
36	Audição
37	Tacto
38	Audição
39	Olfacto
40	Olfacto
41	Visão
42	Audição
43	Audição
44	Olfacto
45	Olfacto
46	Audição
47	Audição
48	Audição

49	Visão
50	Olfacto
51	Visão
52	Visão
53	Visão
54	Visão
55	Tacto
56	Visão
57	Visão
58	Olfacto
59	Visão
60	Visão
61	Taste
62	Visão
63	Tacto
64	Tacto

#2	Está familiarizado com o termo Sonic Branding?
1	Sim
2	Não
3	Não
4	Não
5	Não
6	Não
7	Sim
8	Não
9	Não
10	Não
11	Não
12	Não
13	Sim
14	Não
15	Não
16	Não
17	Não
18	Não
19	Não
20	Não
21	Não
22	Não
23	Sim
24	Não
25	Sim
26	Não
27	Não
28	Não
29	Não
30	Não
31	Não
32	Sim

33	Não
34	Não
35	Sim
36	Sim
37	Não
38	Sim
39	Sim
40	Não
41	Não
42	Não
43	Não
44	Não
45	Sim
46	Não
47	Não
48	Não
49	Não
50	Não
51	Não
52	Não
53	Não
54	Não
55	Não
56	Não
57	Não
58	Não
59	Não
60	Não
61	Sim
62	Não
63	Não
64	Sim

#3	Na sua opinião, de que maneira a música fortalece a identidade de uma marca?
1	A música influencia o acto de compra
2	Torna a oferta única relativamente aos concorrentes
3	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
4	Torna a oferta única relativamente aos concorrentes
5	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
6	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
7	A música influencia o acto de compra
8	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
9	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
10	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
11	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
12	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
13	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca
14	A musica fortalece a imagem e percepção que o consumidor tem da marca

#4	Qual a plataforma, onde para si a música tem mais impacto na construção da identidade de uma marca.
1	Rádio
2	Publicidade TV
3	Parcerias com artistas, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
4	Publicidade TV
5	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
6	Parcerias com artistas
7	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
8	Rádio, Parcerias com artistas
9	Rádio
10	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
11	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
12	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
13	Publicidade TV
14	Publicidade TV
15	Publicidade TV
16	Rádio, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
17	Publicidade TV, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
18	Rádio, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
19	Rádio
20	Publicidade TV
21	Publicidade TV
22	Publicidade TV
23	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
24	Parcerias com artistas
25	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
26	Publicidade TV
27	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
28	Publicidade TV
29	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
30	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
31	Publicidade TV, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
32	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
33	Rádio, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
34	Publicidade TV
35	Publicidade TV, Rádio, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
36	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
37	Rádio
38	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
39	Rádio
40	Rádio, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
41	Publicidade TV
42	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
43	Publicidade TV
44	Publicidade TV, Rádio, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
45	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
46	Parcerias com artistas
47	Publicidade TV, Parcerias com artistas, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle

48	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
49	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
50	Parcerias com artistas
51	Publicidade TV, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
52	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
53	Publicidade TV
54	Publicidade TV
55	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
56	Publicidade TV, Parcerias com artistas
57	Publicidade TV
58	Publicidade TV, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
59	Rádio
60	Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle
61	Publicidade TV
62	Publicidade TV, Rádio
63	Publicidade TV
64	Publicidade TV, Rádio, Parcerias com artistas, Logotipos musicais (ex:"i'm loving it" jingle

#5	Imagine o seguinte cenário: Encontra-se num estádio, ouve o som de uma bebida a ser servida, o som do gás e a bebida a ser ingerida. O que sente?
1	Tenho vontade de comprar também uma bebida. Não necessariamente a mesma. Cria em mim um sentimento de sede
2	sede
3	Traz me uma memória sobre determinada bebida
4	Vontade de beber
5	Sede
6	Prazer
7	sede obvio
8	vontade de beber
9	Vontade de a ingerir
10	Sede
11	Vontade de beber
12	Vontade de beber
13	Sede
14	Frescura
15	Sede
16	Sinto vontade em beber
17	Vontade de beber uma também
18	Sede
19	Sede
20	Vontade de beber
21	Saboroso
22	Sede
23	Vontade de pedir uma bebida
24	frescura, alegria
25	Vontade de consumir
26	Vontade de beber
27	Sinto vontade de beber essa bebida !
28	Sede

29	Alegria
30	
31	Vontade de beber alguma coisa fresca. Com a descrição do gás provavelmente uma coca cola
32	Sede
33	Vontade de beber um refrigerante
34	Alegria
35	Sede
36	Fico curioso; dependendo do restante contexto sonoro onde está inserido, poderei considerar engraçado; poderei pensar que até precisava/gostava de beber a tal bebida, desde que fosse facilmente identificável.
37	Suavidade
38	sede
39	Satisfação
40	Sede
41	Sede
42	Sede
43	Vontade de ver uma por perto
44	Sede
45	nada de especial
46	Apetece-me beber
47	Vontade de beber Coca-Cola
48	Sede
49	frescura
50	Vontade de beber
51	Vontade de beber uma coca-cola
52	Construo imagem mental associada a esse som
53	Apetece beber
54	Vem aí uma coca cola
55	Sede
56	Vontade de beber
57	Sede
58	Sede
59	vontade de me refrescar
60	Interesse
61	Vontade de consumir
62	Vontade de beber uma coca cola
63	Desejo
64	Depende... O poder da sugestão é lixado...

#6	O que lhe sugere?
1	o que respondi na pergunta anterior
2	que estão a tentar que compre alguma bebida e talvez algo mais
3	Frescura e pensamento na bebida que imagino ou desejo
4	Coca cola
5	Uma bebida fresca
6	Amigos
7	que va comprar bebidas e comidas
8	
9	Frescura
10	Publicidade a uma marca de refrigerantes

11	Coca cola
12	Bebida
13	Peqzer
14	Beber o mesmo
15	Pensar na marca de eleição
16	Uma bebida fresca
17	Sede, mesmo que não a tenha naquele instante.
18	Uma bebida
19	Beber
20	Não percebi
21	
22	Pensar na marca de eleição
23	
24	sabor a verão, praia
25	A experiencia completa de ir ao estádio
26	Beber
27	sugere uma vontade de comprar a bebida em questão
28	Comprar
29	Repetico
30	
31	Frescura e desejo
32	Refrigerantes
33	Que tenho de ir comprar uma bebida
34	Festa
35	Ir comprar uma bebida
36	Sugere pro-actividade por parte da marca; procura por novas formas de dar a conhecer ou relembrar a marcar; poderá sugerir que será uma boa altura para beber algo.
37	Fresco
38	comprar uma bebida
39	Bebida fresca
40	Beber
41	Curiosidade
42	Buscar algo para beber
43	Desejo
44	Bebida a ser vendida
45	Que a bebida é fresca
46	
47	Coca-cola
48	Beber uma bebida fresca
49	Que conheço a bebida
50	Compra
51	Compra
52	Associo imediatamente a marcas como coca-cola ou pepsi
53	Frescura
54	"matar" a sede
55	Beber algo
56	Satisfação
57	Coca cola
58	Refresco, prazer

59	Que vá buscar uma bebida para culmar a vontade de me refrescar
60	Satisfação
61	Frescura
62	
63	Frescura
64	À partida, sugere ir buscar uma bebida...

#7	Seria capaz de identificar a marca em questão?
1	A carlsberg costuma usar o som da espuma nas suas publicidades. A coca cola o barulho do gás
2	coca cola
3	Acho que seria difícil
4	Sim
5	Coca-Cola
6	Cerveja
7	pepsi
8	
9	Sim
10	Coca cola/ Superbock/ Sagres
11	Nao
12	Coca cola
13	Sim
14	Não
15	Depende de como for produzido
16	Coca cola
17	Sim, à partida seria coca-cola
18	Coca-Cola ou Super-bock
19	Coca cola
20	Coca cola
21	Coca cola
22	Depende de como for produzido
23	Sim
24	sagres, super bock
25	Provavelmente
26	Super bock
27	Talvez
28	Coca cola
29	Cola
30	
31	Coca cola
32	Coca Cola
33	se tivesse visto um anuncio na tv com a musica associada a essa marca sim
34	Nao
35	Diria que seria uma das bebidas patrocinadoras do estádio (ex: Coca Cola ou super bock)
36	Dependeria dos sons que antecedessem e terminassem o registo do gás e da bebida a ser ingerida. Teria de ser algo muito ligado à marca e ao que passa tanto na televisão como na rádio.

37	Nao
38	7up
39	Provavelmente
40	Coca cola
41	Coca-cola
42	Sagres
43	Sim
44	Nestea Maracujá
45	Coca-cola,
46	Nao
47	Coca-cola
48	Coca-cola
49	Coca cola
50	Coca cola
51	Coca cola
52	Sim
53	Coca Cola
54	Sim
55	Se já tivesse anteriormente percebido a ligação entre o som e a marca, sim.
56	Sim
57	Não
58	Sim
59	coca-cola, ou uma marca de cerveja (superbock, sagres...)
60	Não
61	Talvez
62	Coca cola
63	Sim, coca cola.
64	Há várias marcas a fazer isso...

#8	Imagine outro cenário: Entra numa loja, existe musica de fundo. Que sensação isto lhe traz?
1	nao gosto de musica em lojas. da vontade de sair do espaço. Normalmente esta muito alto
2	musica ambiete
3	Dá mais ânimo para procurar ou comprar
4	Depende do tipo de musica
5	Indiferente
6	TrabAlho
7	nao querer entrar
8	a existencia de algo, fica menos "vazia" a loja, fica mais confortavel
9	Paz
10	Criação de ambiente
11	Agradável
12	Nenhuma
13	Descontração
14	Tranquilidade
15	Conforto
16	Relaxamento
17	Depende da música, se for agressiva e estiver muito alta dou meia volta e desisto, se for boa motiva mais o acto da compra
18	Conforto
19	Paz
20	descontração
21	Felicidade
22	Conforto
23	Depende da música
24	Depende do tipo de musica
25	Aliar a música à marca
26	Proximidade
27	traz a sensação de estar numa loja moderna
28	Conforto
29	Conforto
30	
31	Bem estar (dependendo da música claro)
32	Tranquilidade / Relax
33	depende da musica. se for mais mexida vai provocar que me despache a fazer compras se for mais lenta é mais convidativa e faz com que permaneça amis tempo no espaço
34	Bom ambiente na aula
35	Relaxe
36	Se a música não estiver muito alta e de acordo com o estilo e objectivo da marca, poderá trazer uma sensação tranquilizadora ou revigorante.
37	Felicidade
38	descontração
39	Conforto
40	Depende da música. Mais agitada = mais energia
41	Tudo depende do tipo de música que a loja tem. Vou sempre associar a música à
42	Conforto
43	Raiva
44	Depende muito do estilo de música. Se for calmo e baixinho, conforto

45	Nada de especial, a não ser que incomoda-me bastante música muito agitada e com o volume muito alto
46	Relaxado
47	É bom, principalmente se for música boa.
48	Calma
49	Familiar; casa
50	Dinamismo
51	Tranquilidade
52	Depende do tipo de musica
53	Calma
54	Bom ambiente
55	A sensação dependeria do tipo de música.
56	Tranquilidade
57	Bem estar
58	Depende da musica - a musica tem capacidade de influenciar o mood. Se for calma pode dar serenidade, se for mexida dar energia etc.
59	Dpende muito do estilo musical, pode trazer calma, se a musica for calma, alegria, se a musica for alegre...
60	Depende da música
61	Acolhimento
62	Ambiente mais descontraído
63	Depende da música
64	Depende da música

#9	Sente-se impulsionado(a) a realizar compras?
1	não
2	sim, a musica torna o espaço mais divertido
3	Claro
4	Sim, se a música for adequada ao tipo de loja
5	Nao
6	Sim
7	de todo, principalmente em lojas de roupa. o barulho e sempre ensurdecedor, não fazem o mais pequeno esforço em adequar a musica a marca e loja em questão
8	não necessariament,e depende da musica mas mais impulsionada do que se tivesse em silencio
9	Sim
10	Nem por isso
11	Não sei
12	Sim
13	Nao
14	Não
15	Não directamente
16	
17	Sim
18	Não.

19	Talvez
20	Não
21	Não
22	Não directamente
23	Se for um produto que já estivesse a pensar consumir, sim
24	Depende do tipo de musica
25	Depende
26	Talvez
27	sim,
28	Não
29	Talvez
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31	Indiferente
32	Depende
33	Não sei
34	Talvez
35	Sim
36	Poderá ter um efeito positivo, sim.
37	Sim
38	sim
39	Não
40	Depende da musica
41	Nao
42	Não
43	Nao
44	Não, mas posso não ir tão rápido embora da loja
45	Não
46	Talvez
47	Por vezes sim.
48	Nem por isso
49	Sim
50	Sim
51	Sim
52	Nao
53	Sim
54	não
55	Mais uma vez, dependeria da atratividade ou incómodo com o tipo de música.
56	Sim
57	Não
58	Nao sei.
59	Não
60	Depende da música
61	Nao
62	Não
63	Depende da música
64	Não necessariamente

#10	Considera que as características da música de fundo podem alterar o seu estado de espírito e as suas emoções? Comente.
1	sim, sem duvida. EXISTEM SITIOS QUE USAM A MUSICA DE uma maneira inteligente e agradável. a maior parte d lojas de roupa onde vou o barulho e quase ensurdecedor e a musica não tem nada a ver com a marca em si. parece que querem fazer daquilo uma discoteca
2	eu gosto de musica mexida, e caso esteja alto melhor
3	Sim penso que sim
4	Sim, claro. Conforme respondi na questão anterior
5	Talvez, depende da música
6	Sim claramente
7	sim
8	sim. se a música tiver muito alta e com um beat muito forte dá-me vontade de ser mais rápida ou fugir da loja se tiver muito cansada. se tiver calmo por exmeplo até posso passar mais tmepo la
9	Sim. Pode ou nao cativar a vontade de realizar compras
10	Sim
11	Sim. Detesto lojas com música alta, saio logo.
12	Sim
13	Sim. Se for alta e agressiva incomoda e apressa-me a sair do local
14	Sim
15	Sem duvida! Relembrar o passado, nostalgia, sensacao de felicidade, empowerment.. sugere reflexões momentâneas!
16	Nao faço ideia
17	Sim. Tudo depende do momento do dia e com quem se está. Se entro sozinha numa loja e a música é animada e catchy a boa disposição entra no mesmo segundo.
18	Não. A música de fundo de uma loja, na minha prespectiva, faz-me sentir integrado no ambiente da loja, sem que isso altere o meu estado de espírito.
19	Pode. Se for uma música agressiva não compro nada
20	Nem por isso
21	Claro que sim, com musica é mais fácil ficar numa loja e ver e provar todos os produtos
22	Sem duvida! Relembrar o passado, nostalgia, sensacao de felicidade, empowerment.. sugere reflexões momentâneas!
23	Sim
24	Sim. Se entrar numa loja com música pop rock sou mais motivada a realizar compras. Se a musica for classica, sou mais levada apenas a observar e analisar, não comprando nada.
25	Sim. Numa situação de consumo, teremos tendência a ter mais empatia com a marca se tivermos uma empatia com a música (algo que não acontece necessariamente ao contrário)
26	Sem duvida que sim
27	se a música estiver muito alta, fico sem vontade de estar na loja. Se for música ambiente a um nível mais baixo, torna a experiência de compras mais agradável.
28	Sim
29	Obviamente
30	
31	Sim
32	Sim. Dependendo do tipo de música, pode acalmar ou "energizar"

33	Sim podem!
34	Nao
35	Sim
36	Dependendo da marca, a música poderá ser mais mexida, dar energia e fazer com que a pessoa fique com um mood mais positivo ou, caso a música seja mais tranquila, que a pessoa se sinta bem naquele espaço, tomando o seu tempo para ver os produtos (o que aumenta as oportunidades de persuasão comercial e possivelmente, as compras).
37	Sim
38	sim
39	Sim.
40	Normalmente acabamls por “imitar” a musica. Se for mais parada também ficamos mais calmos
41	Concordo completamente que o tipo de música influencia o estado de espírito e a associação que se faz à marca.
42	Talvez uma música a calmante torne o ato de compra mais racional.
43	Sim claro ou me fazem querer comprar rapidamente ou me dissuadem de comprar
44	Sim, mas têm que ser bem moderadas. Um restaurante com música na esplanada acrescenta valor se esta estiver no nível certo de intensidade e se for adequada ao espaço. Senão houver este cuidado, pode funcionar de forma contrária ao propósito original e afastar clientes
45	Sim, as características da música em geral alteram seguramente o meu estado de espírito e emoções, duvido muito que me levem à compulsão da compra
46	Sim, penso que musica altera a emoções positivamente.
47	Sim, ao entrar numa loja e ouvir uma música que gosto ou música nova e boa fico sempre mais bem disposta.
48	Em parte mas não influencia a minha compra
49	Sim
50	Sim
51	Sim .
52	Sim, dependendo do genero musical e da maior ou menor preferencia em relação a musica em questao
53	Sim. Pode incentivará comprar ou não. Música mais acelerada, estimula mais rapidez e mais impulsividade. Música mais calma, tranquila, faz-nos pensar mais antes de comprar
54	Sim, pois ao estar criado um bom ambiente tudo o resto surge.
55	Claro. O impacto sensorial de qualquer estímulo, neste caso auditivo, condiciona naturalmente as emoções e até os comportamentos do sujeito / destinatário.
56	Sim
57	Sim
58	Sim. Se for uma musica relaxante ou se for uma musica com energia. Diz muito sobre a marca. Numa loja de productos de bem estar ou spa esperaria ouvir uma musica zen que me colocaria na disposicao certa e relaxada. Poderia sim levar-me a comprar.
59	Sim. A música tem afecta as pessoas com intensidades diferentes, no meu caso, a musica consegue deixar-me calmo, ou alegre, ou até mesmo triste, sem grandes exageros (no meu caso)
60	Sim, Por exemplo uma música conhecida, ligada a algum momento específico da minha vida, ou uma música relaxante

61	Sim
62	Sim
63	Sim. Se for uma música que me agrada posso ficar mais tempo na loja e talvez comprar mais.
64	Sim, claro mas se o mood ou a carteira, não o permitirem, não há música que vos valha

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