

Similarity Measurements in Chopin Mazurka Performances

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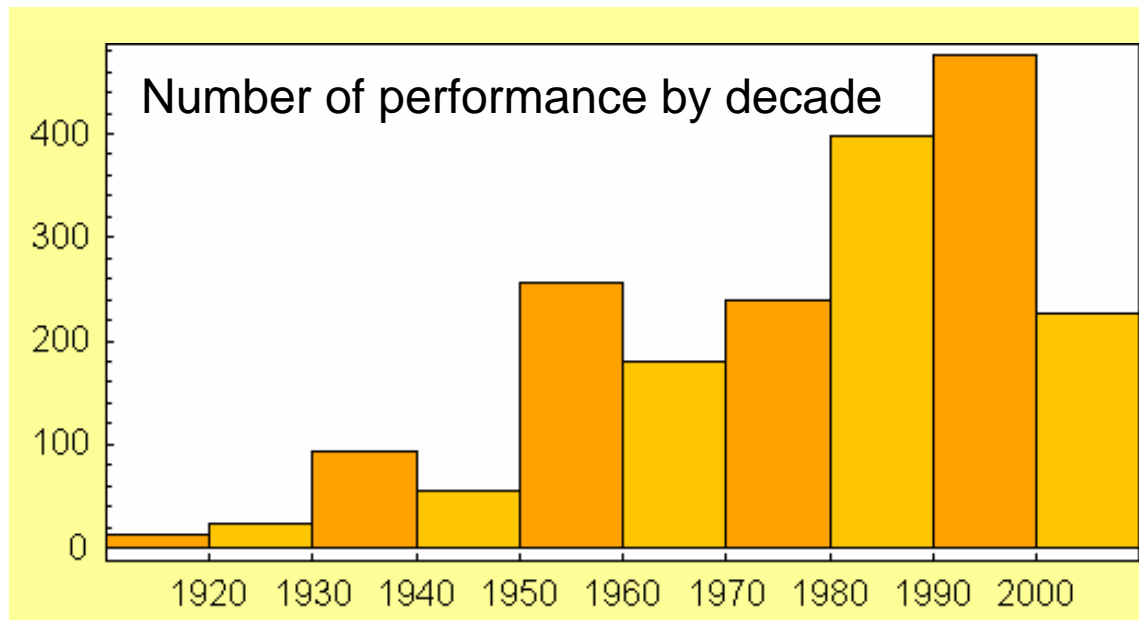
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Mazurka Project

- 2,210 recordings of 49 mazurkas
= 45 performances/mazurka on average
least: 31 performances of 41/3
most: 64 performances of 63/3 →

Performers of mazurka 63/3:

- 105 performers on 160 CDs, 98 hours of music
- Earliest is 1907 Pachmann performance of 50/2



Afanassiev (2001)	Friedman (1930)	Pachmann (1927)
Anderszewski (2003)	Gierzod (1998)	Paderewski (1930)
Ashkenazy (1981)	Gornostaeva (1994)	Perlmuter (1992)
Biret (1990)	Harasiewicz (1955)	Pobłocka (1999)
Blet (2003)	Hatto (1988)	Rabcewiczowa (1932)
Block (1995)	Horowitz (1949)	Rachmaninoff (1923)
Blumental (1952)	Indjic (1988)	Rangell (2001)
Boshniakovich (1969)	Kapell (1951)	Rosen (1989)
Brailowsky (1960)	Kissin (1993)	Rosenthal (1931)
Bunin (1987)	Kushner (1989)	Rubinstein (1939)
Chiu (1999)	Luisada (1991)	Rubinstein (1952)
Cohen (1997)	Lushtak (2004)	Rubinstein (1966)
Cortot (1951)	Magaloff (1978)	Schilhawsky (1960)
Czerny-Stefańska (1949)	Magin (1975)	Shebanova (2002)
Ezaki (2006)	Michałowski (1933)	Smith (1975)
Falvay (1989)	Milkina (1970)	Ts'ong (1984)
Ferenczy (1958)	Mohovich (1999)	Uninsky (1932)
Flère (1977)	Moravec (1969)	Uninsky (1971)
François (1956)	Neighaus (1950)	Wasowski (1980)
Friedman (1923)	Osinska (1989)	Zak (1937)

Expressive Audio Features (Piano)

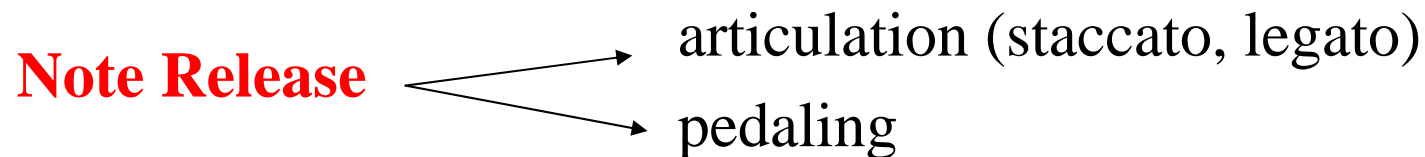
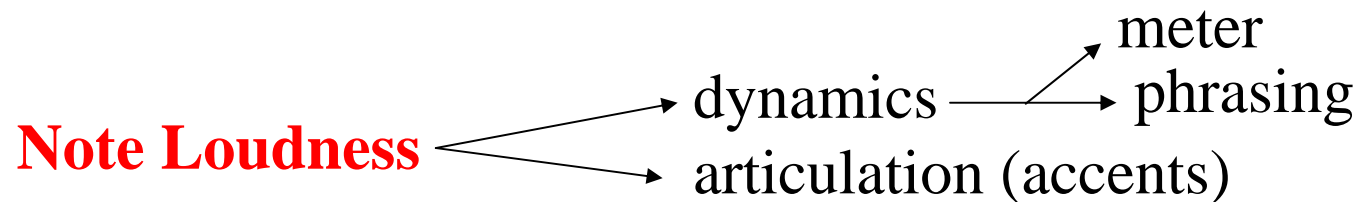
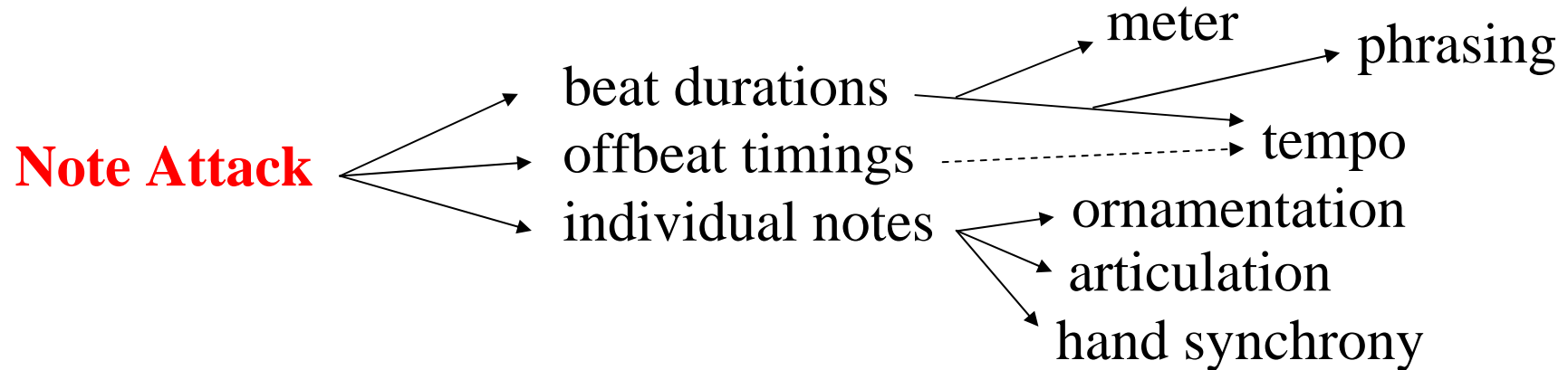
Note Attack

Note Loudness

Note Release

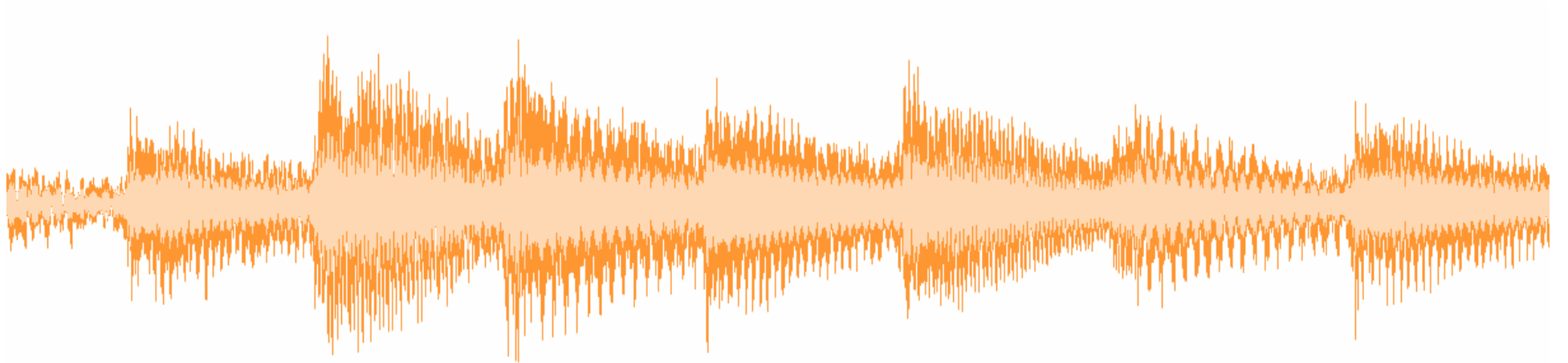
- Not much else a pianist can control
- String instruments have more control variables
- Voice has even more...

Expressive Performance Features



Data Extraction (1)

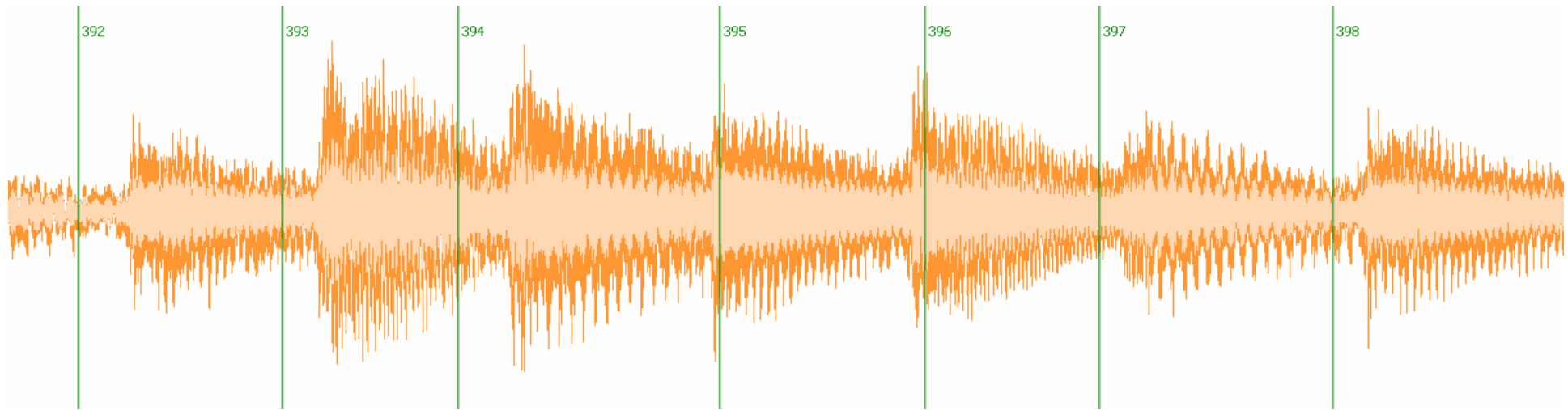
- Extracting beat times from audio files



- Using Sonic Visualiser for data entry processing
<http://www.sonicvisualiser.org>

Data Extraction (2)

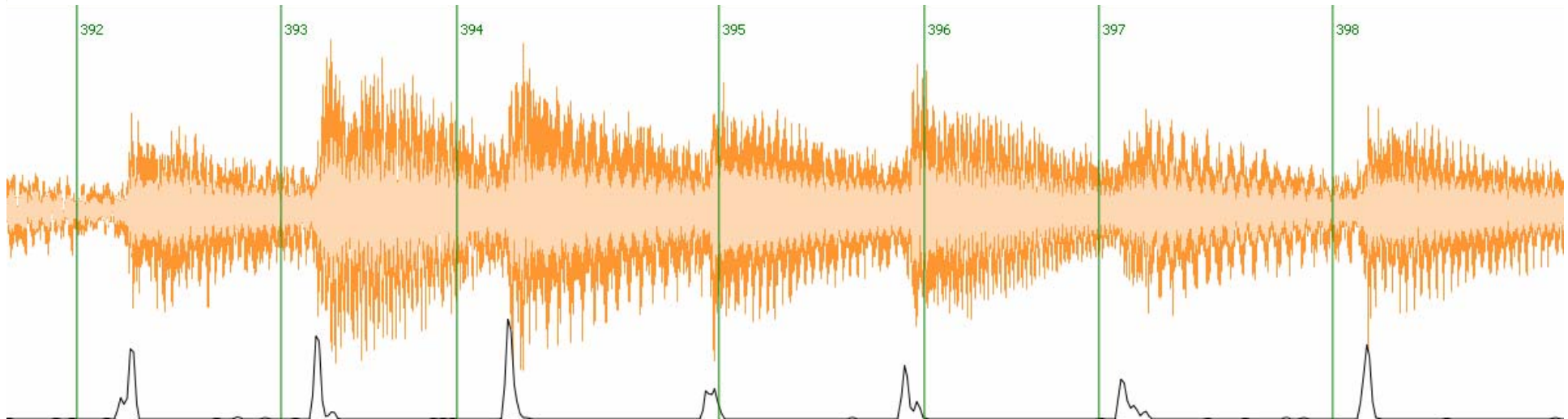
- Step 1: Listen to music and tap to beats (; key)



- Notice taps do not fall on the audio attacks:
 - 23.22 ms hardware granularity built into program
 - Human: ~30 ms SD for constant tempo; ~80 ms SD for mazurkas

Data Extraction (3)

- Step 2: Add onset detection function to the display

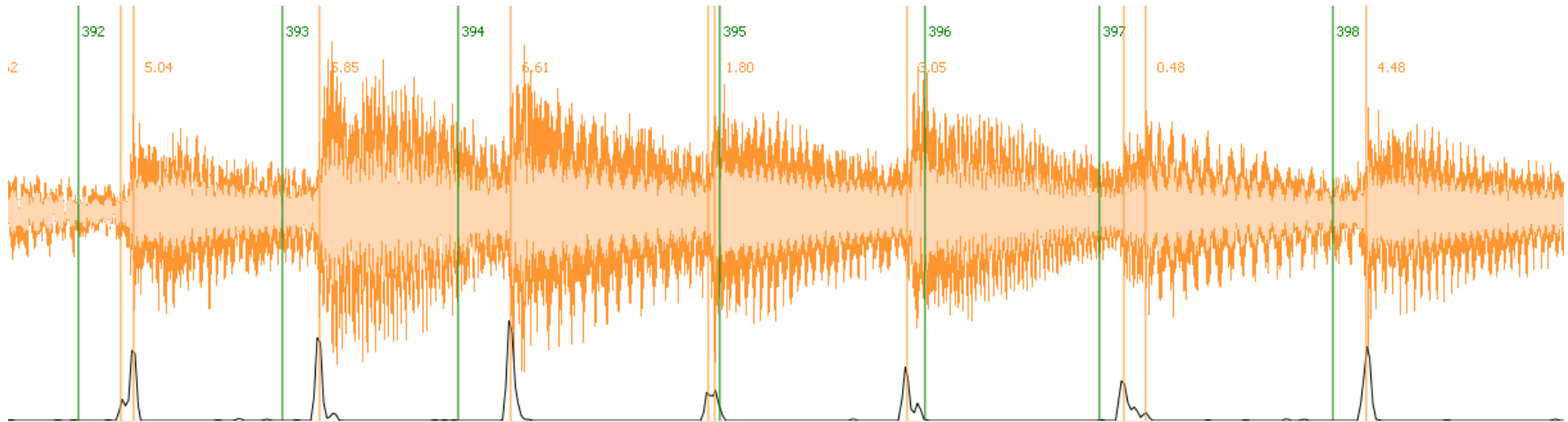


- M_z SpectralReflux plugin for Sonic Visualiser:

<http://sv.mazurka.org.uk/download> (Linux & Windows)

Data Extraction (4)

- Step 3: Estimate onset times from function peaks

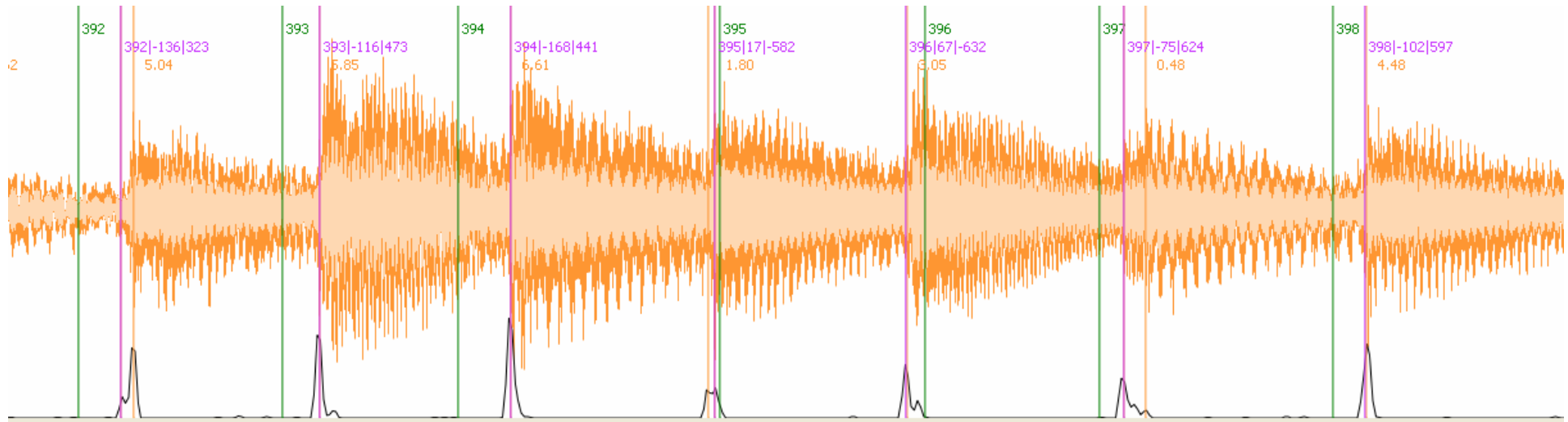


- Send taps (green) and onsets (orange) to external program:
<http://mazurka.org.uk/cgi-bin/snaptap>

(no interlayer processing plugins for Sonic Visualiser yet...)

Data Extraction (5)

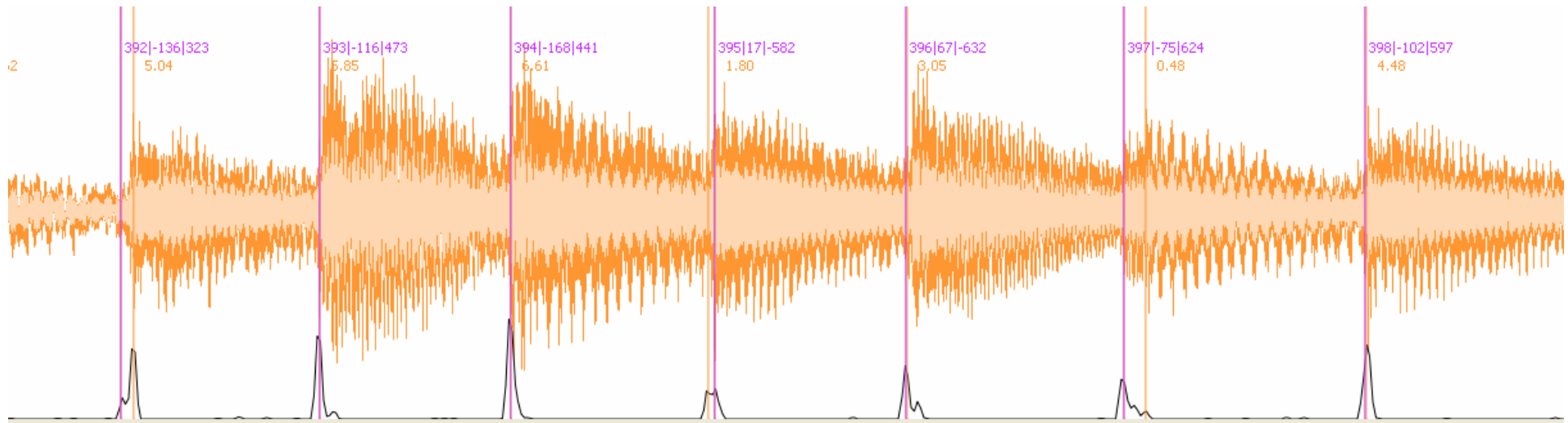
- Step 4: Load snaptap results into SV (purple):



- M_Z SpectralReflux currently sensitive to noise (old recordings)
so snaptap only works on clean recordings.

Data Extraction (6)

- Step 5: Correct errors

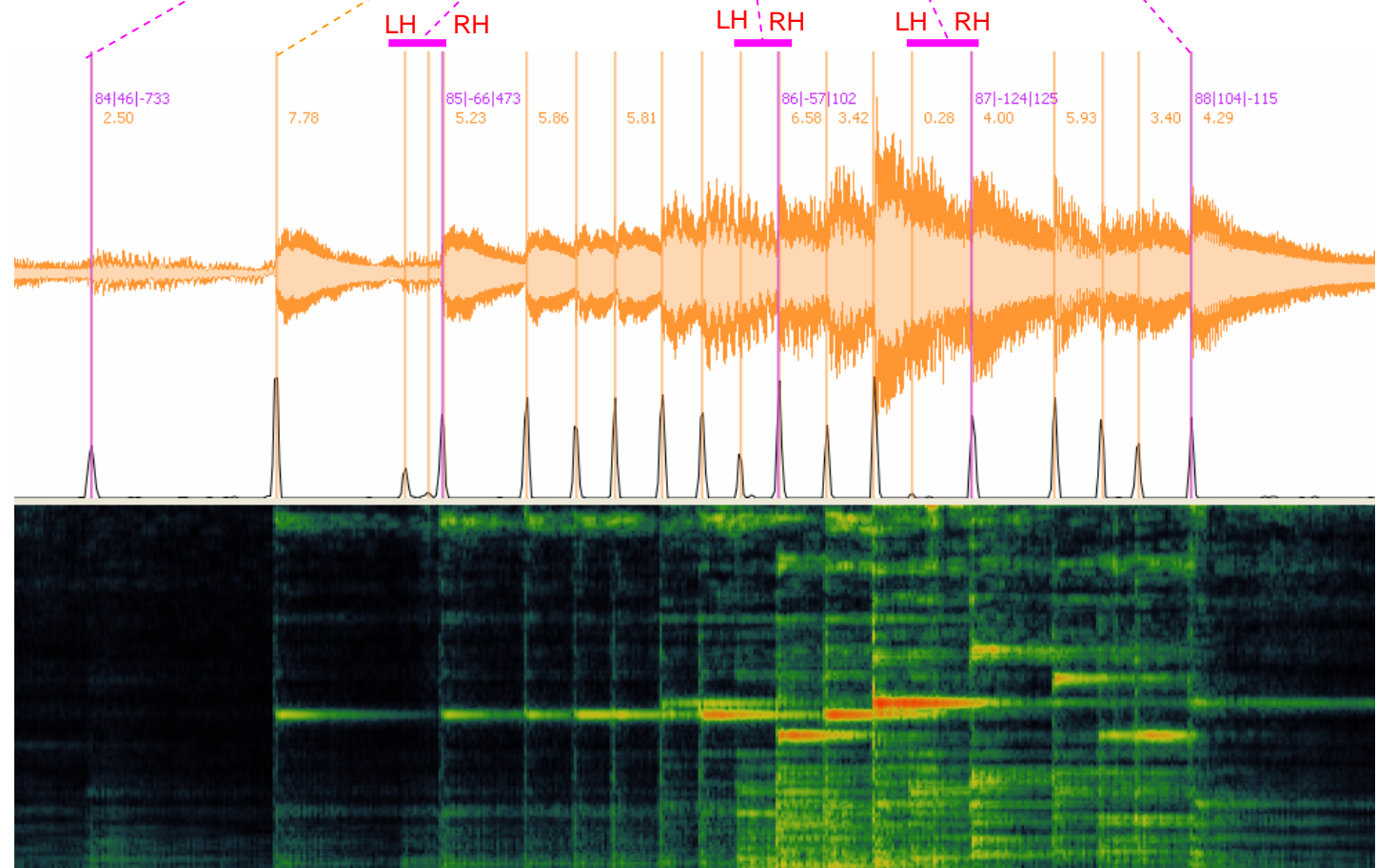


- Hardest part of data entry.
- Down to ~30 min/mazurka for clean recordings.
- 278 performances (of ~6 mazurkas) at this stage.

Well-Behaved

(Mohovich 1999)

- pickup longer than 16th
- LH before RH
- triplets played same speed as sextuplets
- first sextuplet note longest



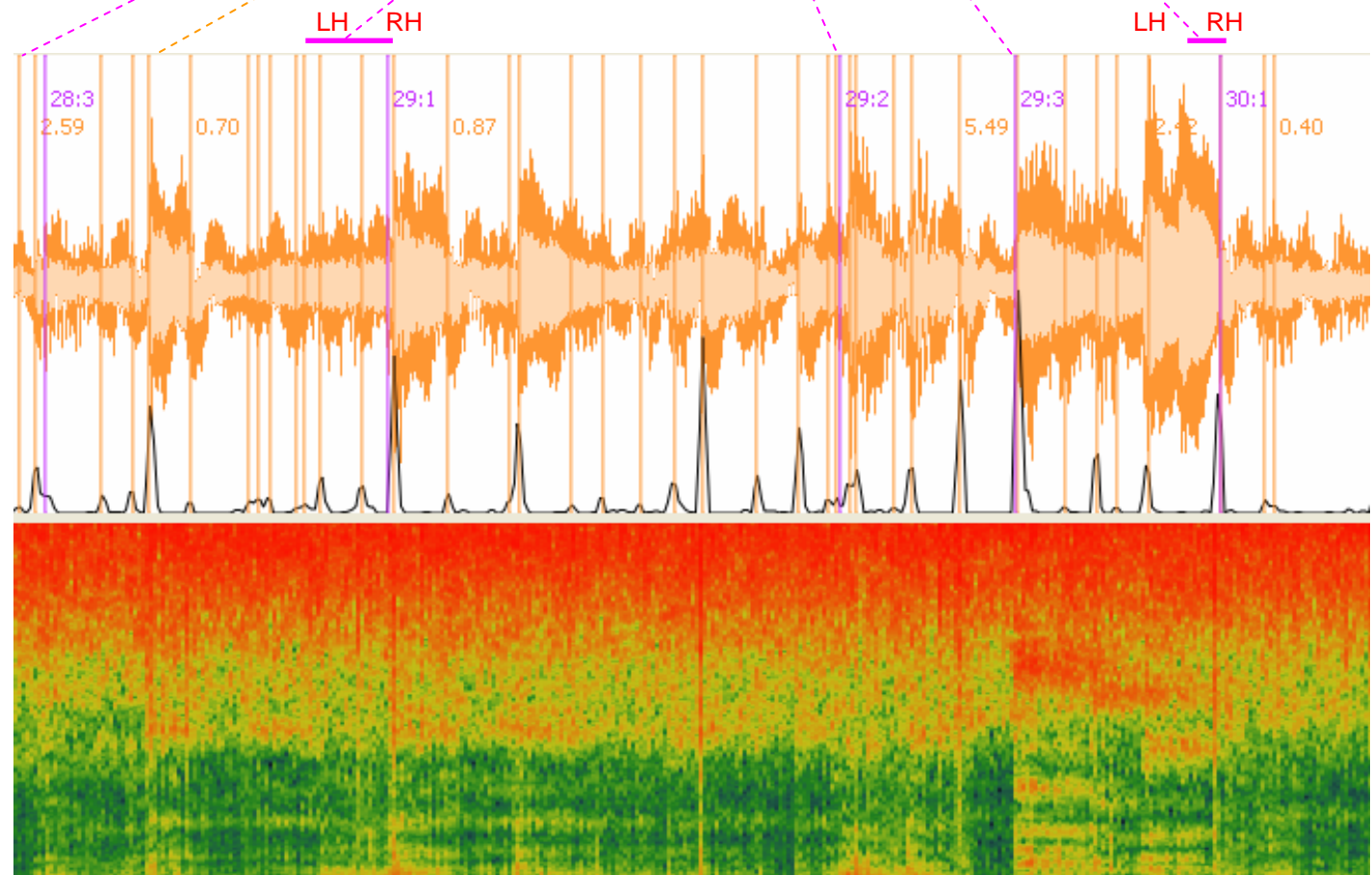
M_z Harmonic Spectrogram

poor low freq
resolution...

Misbehaved

(Risler 1920)

- pickup longer than 16th
- LH before RH
- triplets played same speed as sextuplets
- first sextuplet note longest



lots of false positives

lots of noise/clicks

Extracted Feature Data

- Further feature extraction by Andrew Earis (note timings/dynamics)

- Beat times durations or tempos

0.150	0.604	99
0.754	0.530	113
1.284	0.500	120
1.784	0.512	117
2.297	0.567	106
2.864	0.567	106
3.432	0.641	94
4.073	0.998	60
5.072	1.870	32
6.942	1.555	39
8.498	1.821	33
10.320	1.177	51
11.497	0.811	74
12.309	0.835	72
13.145	0.658	91
13.804	0.610	98
14.415	0.619	97
15.034	0.622	96
15.657	0.637	94
16.294		

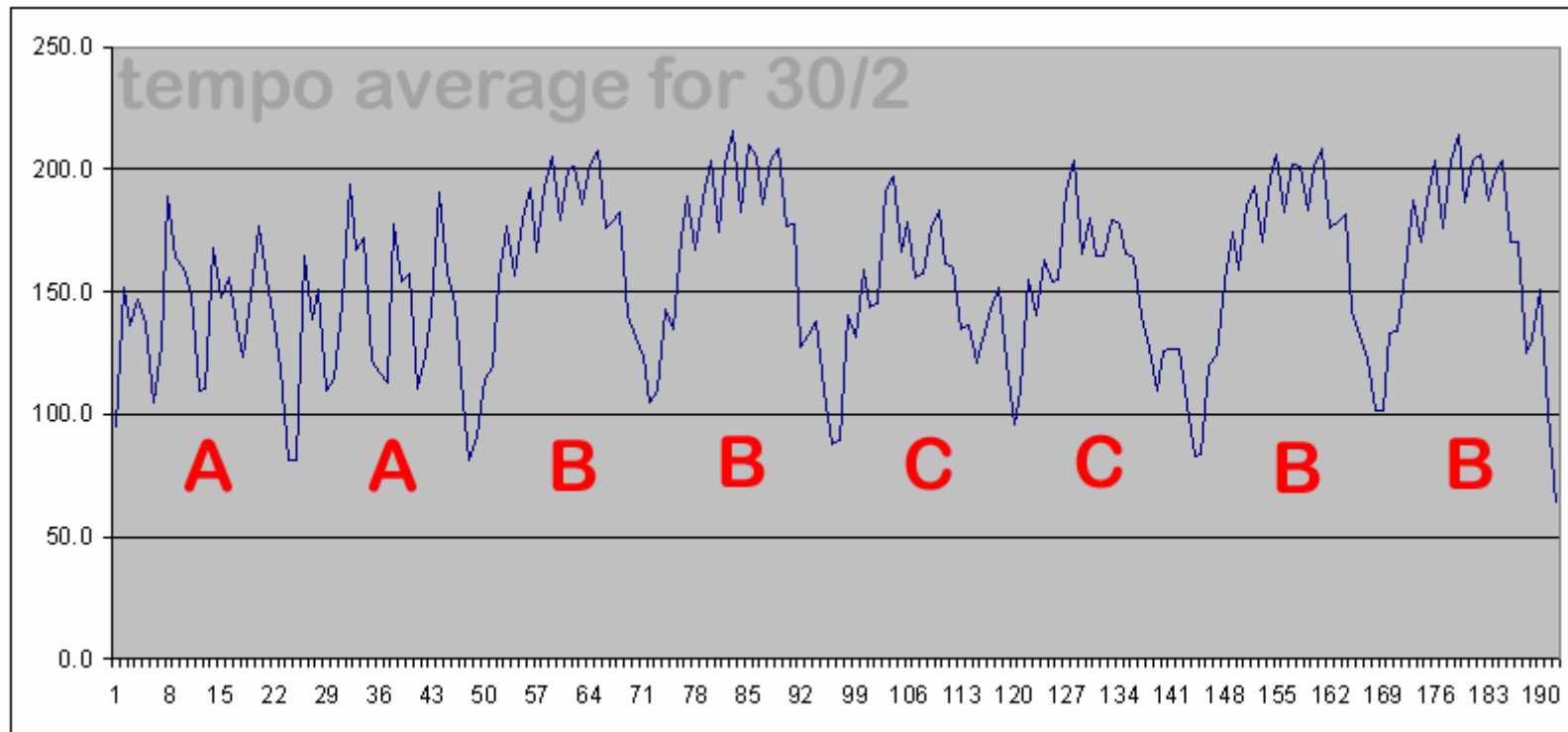
(seconds) (seconds) (BPM)

- Audio amplitude at beat locations

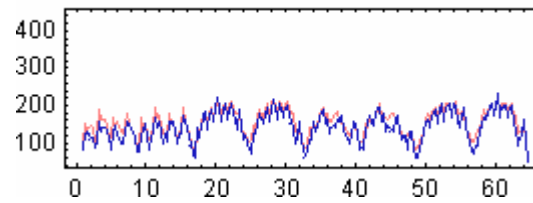
61.6
65.0
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66.9
66.1
63.4
61.4
62.5
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71.2
65.5
66.9
77.9
72.7
70.7

(~dB)

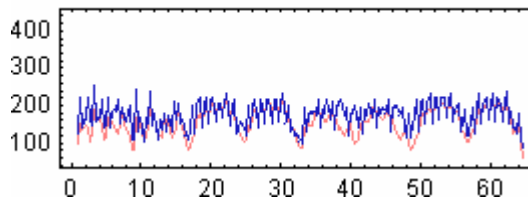
Beat-Tempo Graphs



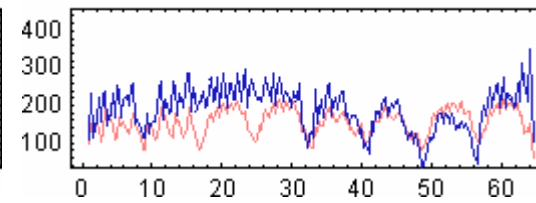
30/2: Milkina 1970



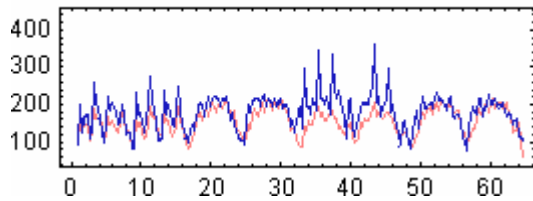
30/2: Brailoswky1960



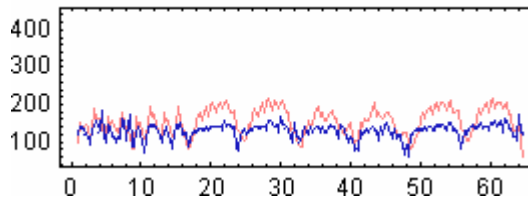
30/2: Jonas1947



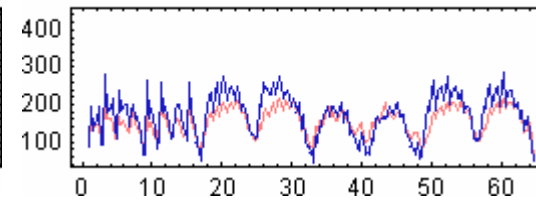
30/2: Francois1956



30/2: Michelangeli1971

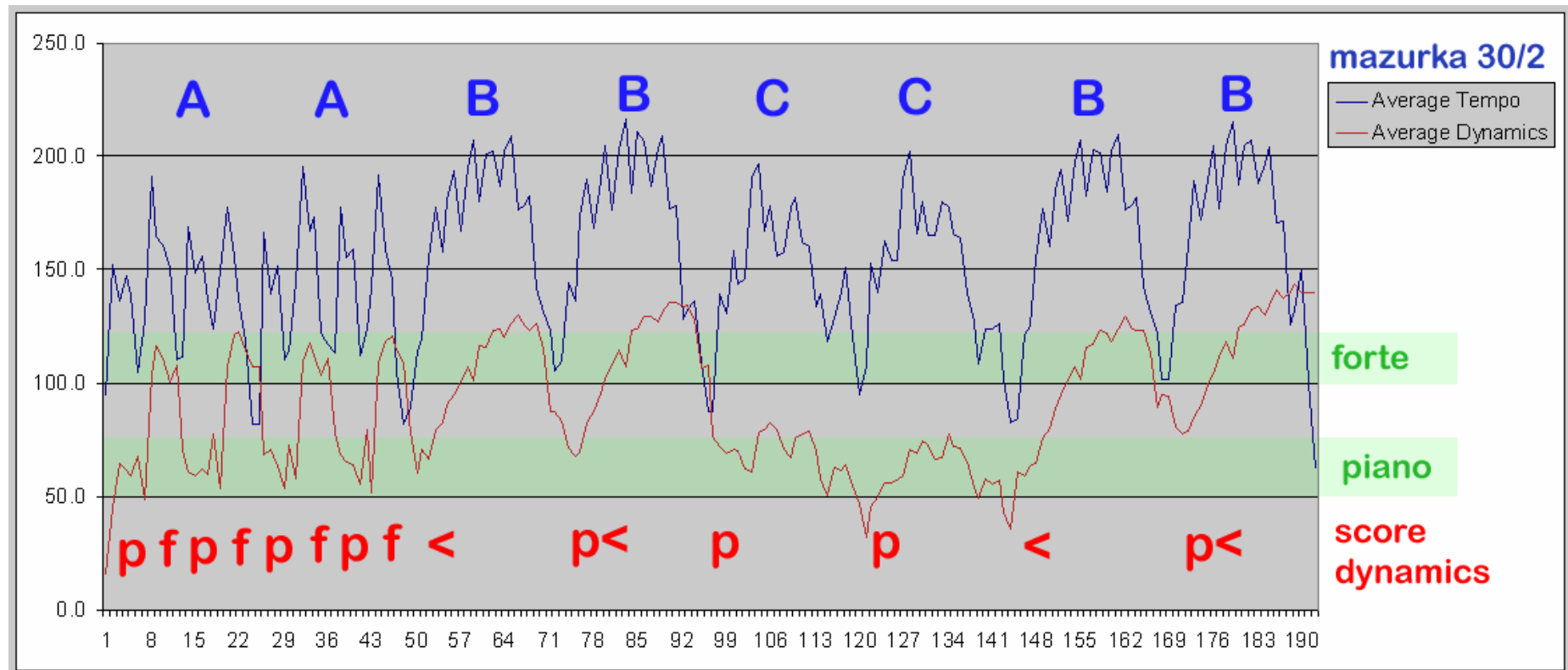


30/2: Tsong1993

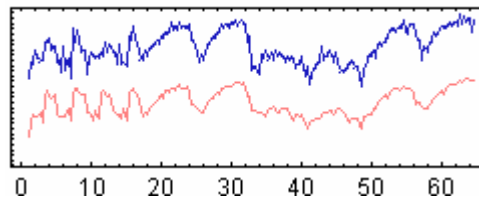


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average

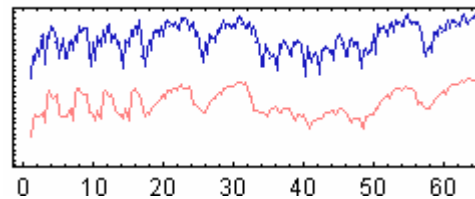
Beat-Dynamics Graphs



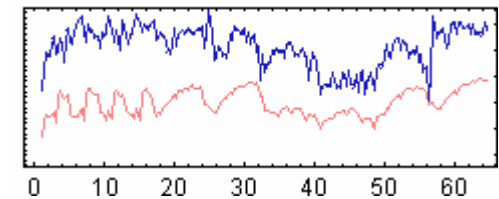
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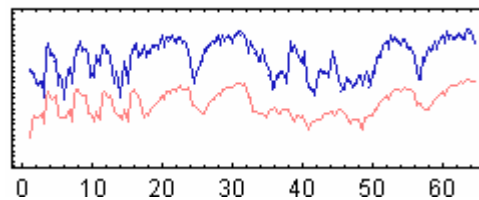
30/2: Brailowsky 1960



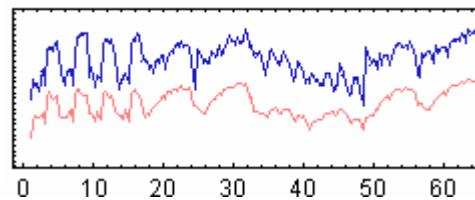
30/2: Jonas 1947



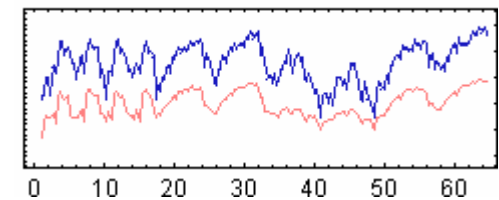
30/2: Francois 1956



30/2: Michelangeli 1971



30/2: Tsong 1993



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II
average

Pearson Correlation

$$r = \frac{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

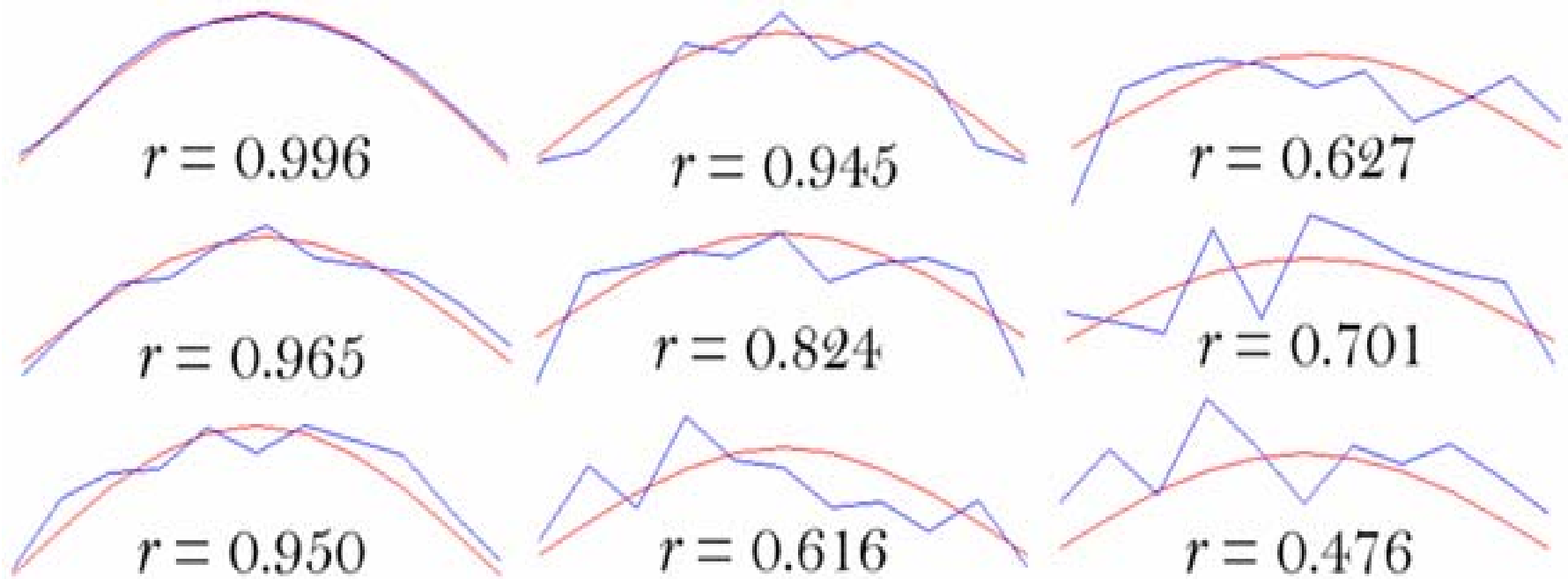
Example:

$$x = (1, 3, 4, 2, 7, 4, 2, 3, 1) \quad y = (4, 4, 3, 5, 5, 6, 4, 3, 2)$$

$$\bar{x} = 3 \quad (\text{average of } x) \quad \bar{y} = 4 \quad (\text{average of } y)$$

$$r = 0.436436$$

Shape Matching



Correlation & Fourier Analysis

correlation: multiply & sum

$$\underbrace{X(k)}_{\text{spectrum}} = \sum_n \underbrace{x(n)}_{\text{signal}} \underbrace{e^{-2\pi jnk}}_{\text{sinusoids}}$$

$X(k)$ = spectrum, indexed by k (frequency)

$x(n)$ = signal, indexed by n (time)

$e^{-2\pi jnk}$ = set of k complex sinusoids indexed by n

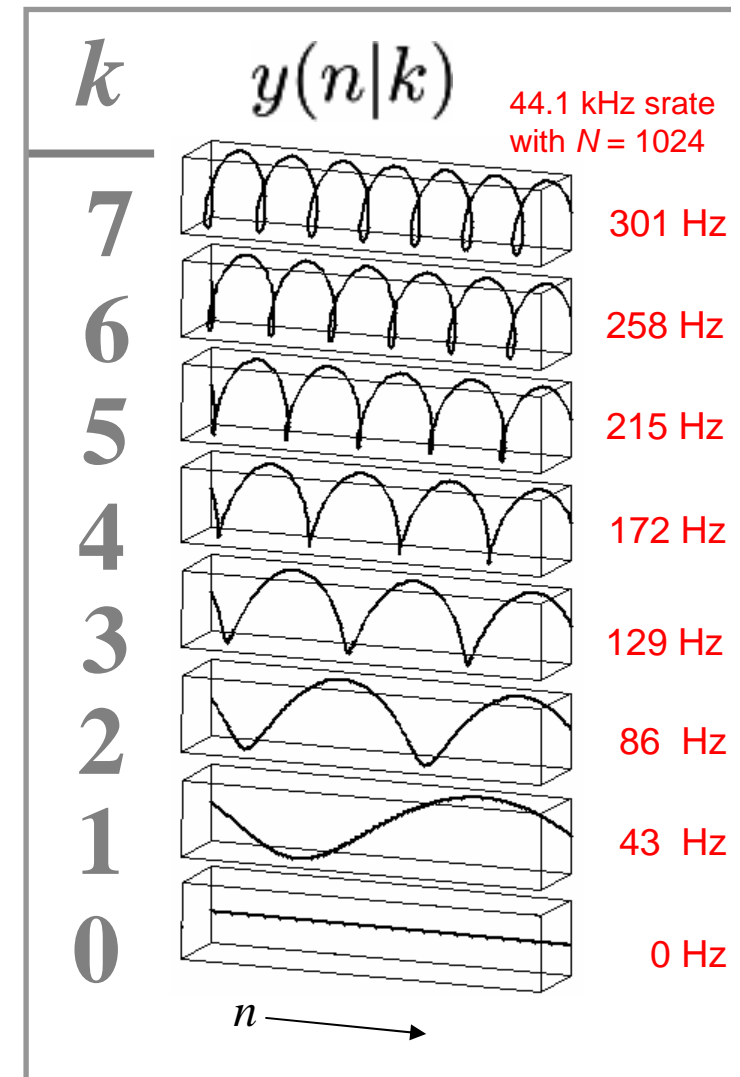
Correlation & Fourier Analysis (2)

Let $y(n|k) = e^{-2\pi jnk}$

Then the DFT can then be written as:

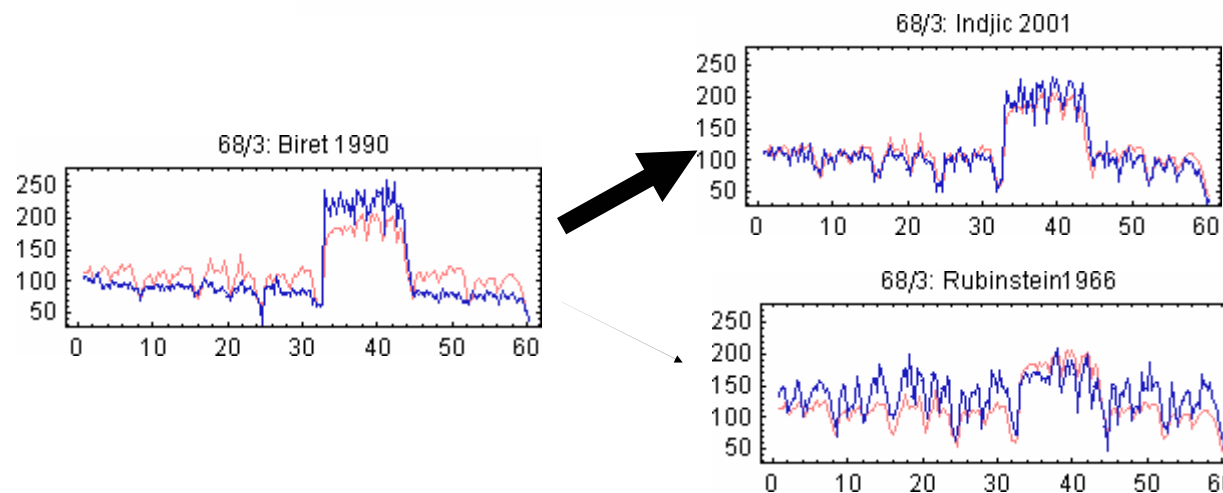
$$X(k) = \sum_n x(n) y(n|k)$$

$$X \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dots \\ X_3 = \sum x(n) y_3(n) \\ X_2 = \sum x(n) y_2(n) \\ X_1 = \sum x(n) y_1(n) \\ X_0 = \sum x(n) y_0(n) \end{array} \right.$$



Performance Tempo Correlations

	Bi	Br	Ch	Fl	In	Lu	R8	R6	Sm	Un
Biret	1.	0.92	0.81	0.83	0.95	0.85	0.62	0.5	0.55	0.86
Brailowsky	0.92	1.	0.81	0.86	0.91	0.84	0.66	0.55	0.65	0.85
Chiu	0.81	0.81	1.	0.86	0.86	0.81	0.76	0.74	0.67	0.89
Friere	0.83	0.86	0.86	1.	0.88	0.84	0.73	0.7	0.74	0.89
Indjic	0.95	0.91	0.86	0.88	1.	0.88	0.66	0.59	0.63	0.9
Luisada	0.85	0.84	0.81	0.84	0.88	1.	0.67	0.61	0.56	0.89
Rubinstein 1938	0.62	0.66	0.76	0.73	0.66	0.67	1.	0.77	0.62	0.75
Rubinstein 1966	0.5	0.55	0.74	0.7	0.59	0.61	0.77	1.	0.59	0.69
Smith	0.55	0.65	0.67	0.74	0.63	0.56	0.62	0.59	1.	0.64
Uninsky	0.86	0.85	0.89	0.89	0.9	0.89	0.75	0.69	0.64	1.



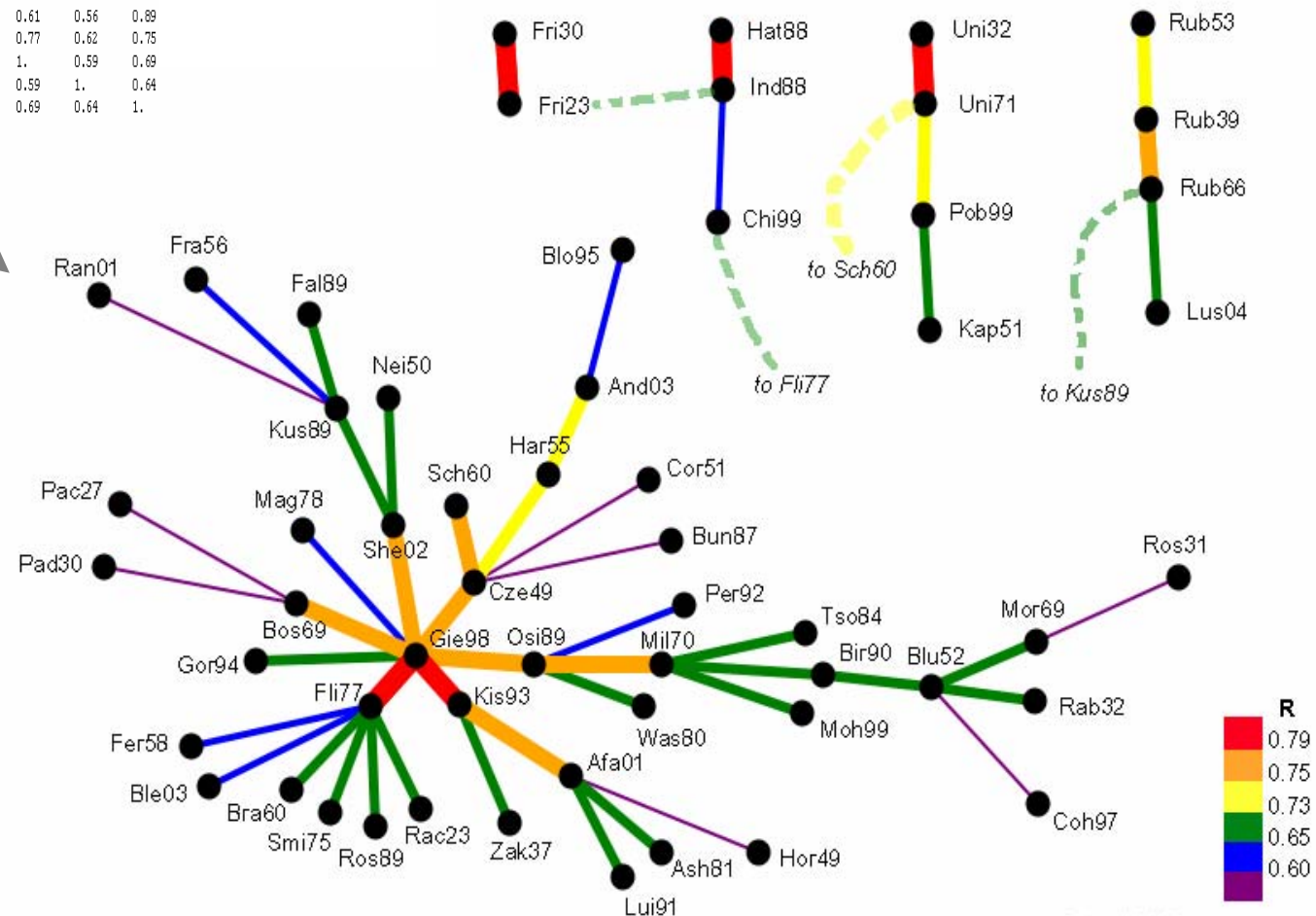
Highest correlation to Biret

Lowest correlation to Biret

Correlation Maps – Nearest Neighbor

- Draw one line connecting each performance to its closest correlation match
- Correlating to the entire performance length.

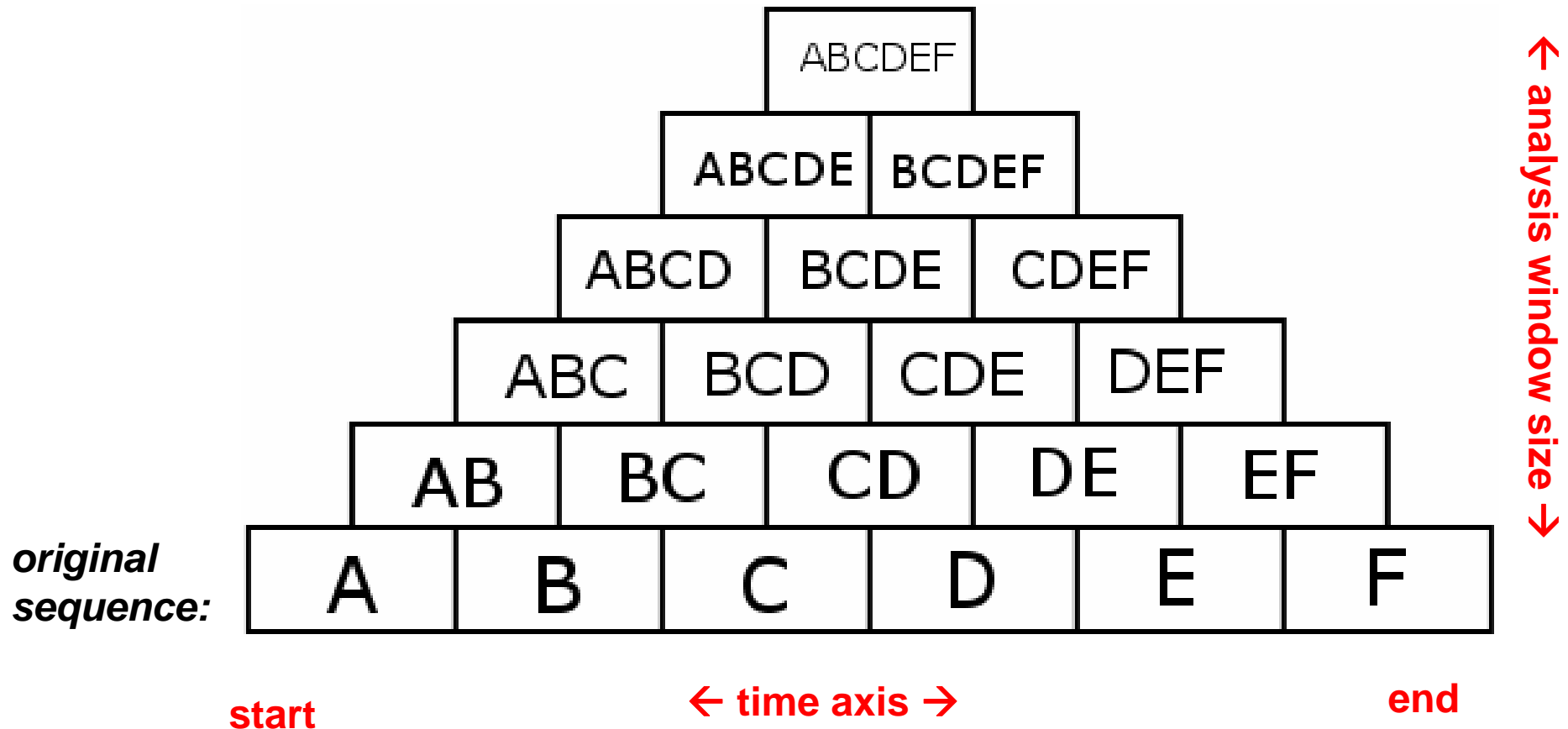
1.	0.92	0.81	0.83	0.95	0.85	0.62	0.5	0.55	0.86
0.92	1.	0.81	0.86	0.91	0.84	0.66	0.55	0.65	0.85
0.81	0.81	1.	0.86	0.86	0.81	0.76	0.74	0.67	0.89
0.83	0.86	0.86	1.	0.88	0.84	0.73	0.7	0.74	0.89
0.95	0.91	0.86	0.88	1.	0.88	0.66	0.59	0.63	0.9
0.85	0.84	0.81	0.84	0.88	1.	0.67	0.61	0.56	0.89
0.62	0.66	0.76	0.73	0.66	0.67	1.	0.77	0.62	0.75
0.5	0.55	0.74	0.7	0.59	0.61	0.77	1.	0.59	0.69
0.55	0.65	0.67	0.74	0.63	0.56	0.62	0.59	1.	0.64
0.86	0.85	0.89	0.89	0.9	0.89	0.75	0.69	0.64	1.



Mazurka 63/3

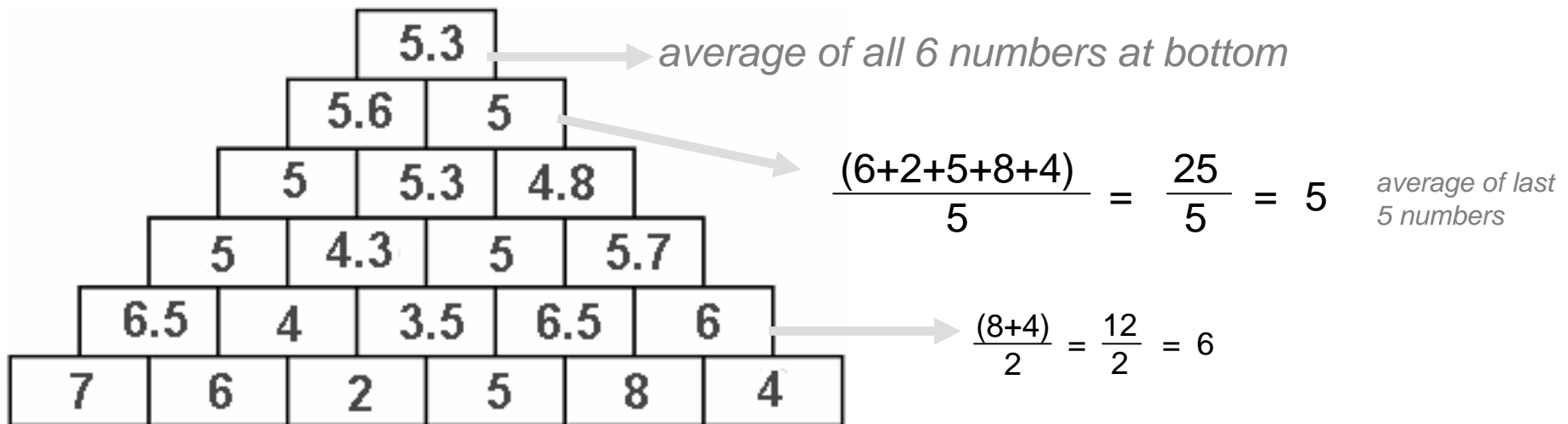
Scape Plotting Domain

- 1-D data sequences chopped up to form a 2-D plot
- Example of a composition with 6 beats at tempos A, B, C, D, E, and F:



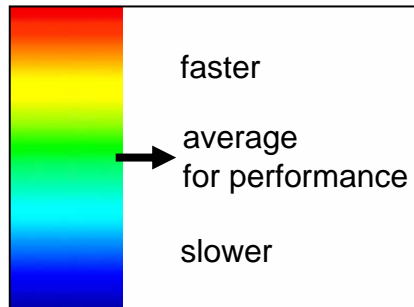
Scape Plotting Example

- Averaging in each cell with base sequence (7,8,2,5,8,4):

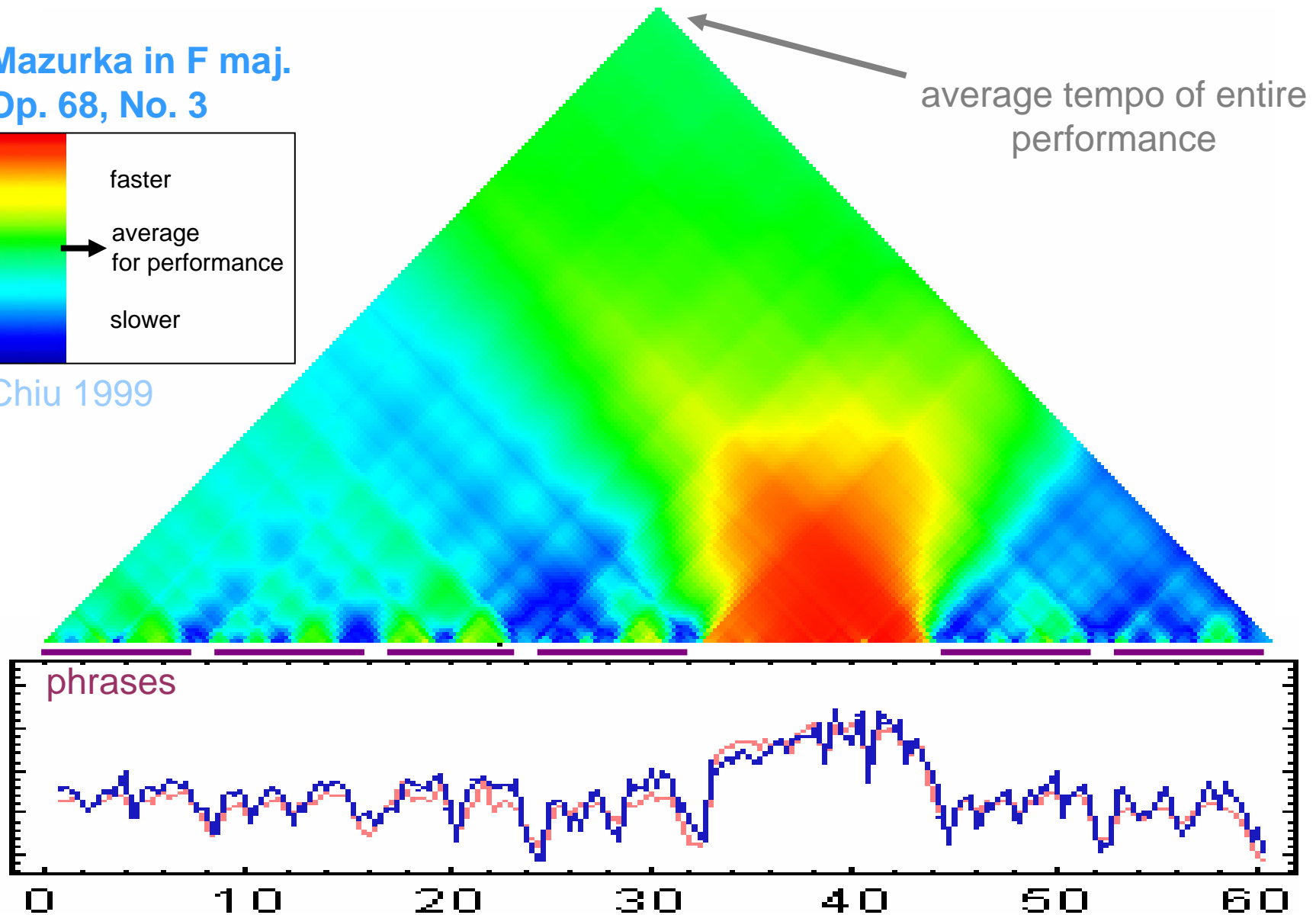


Average-Tempo Timescapes

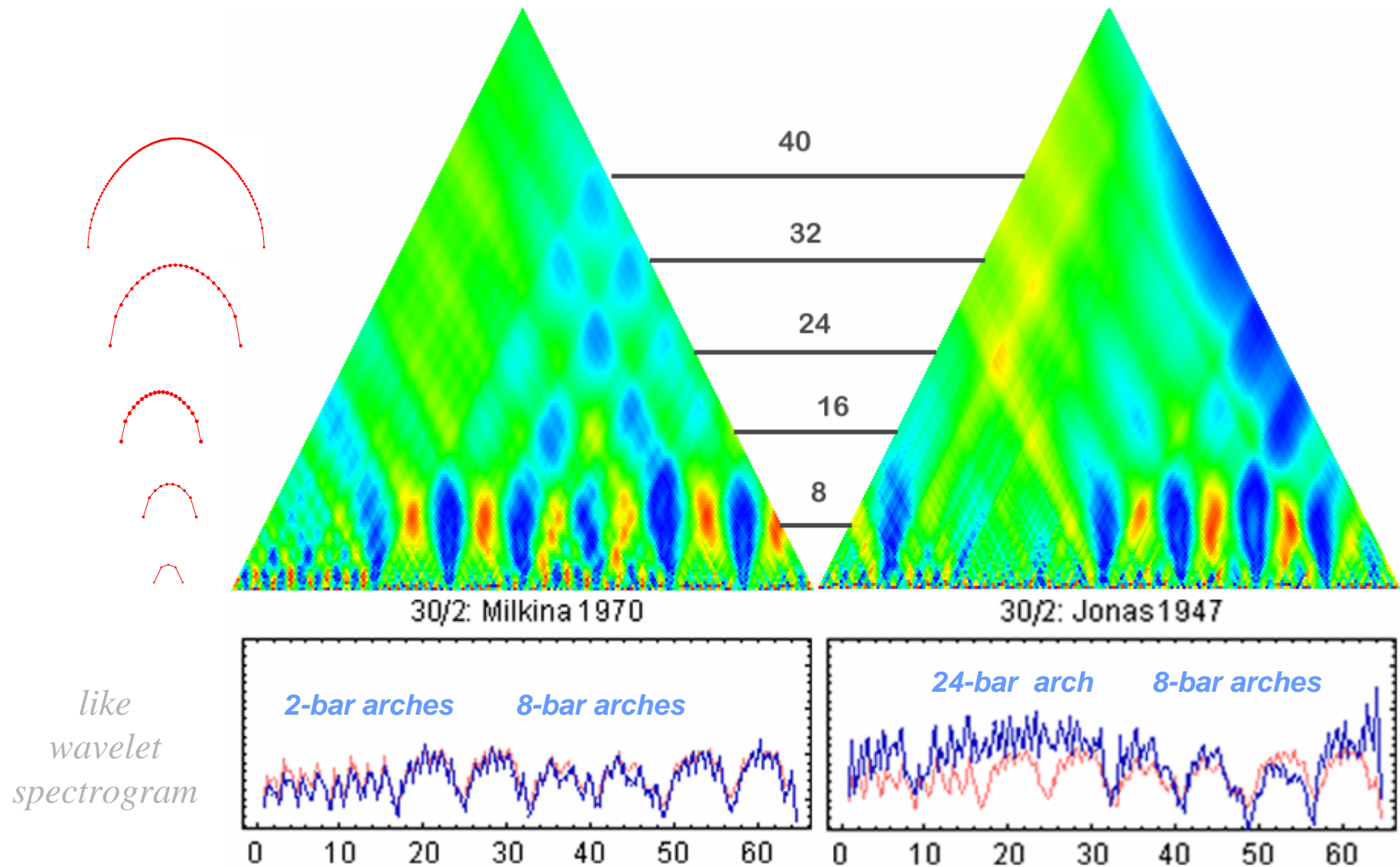
Mazurka in F maj.
Op. 68, No. 3



Chiu 1999



Arch Correlation Scares

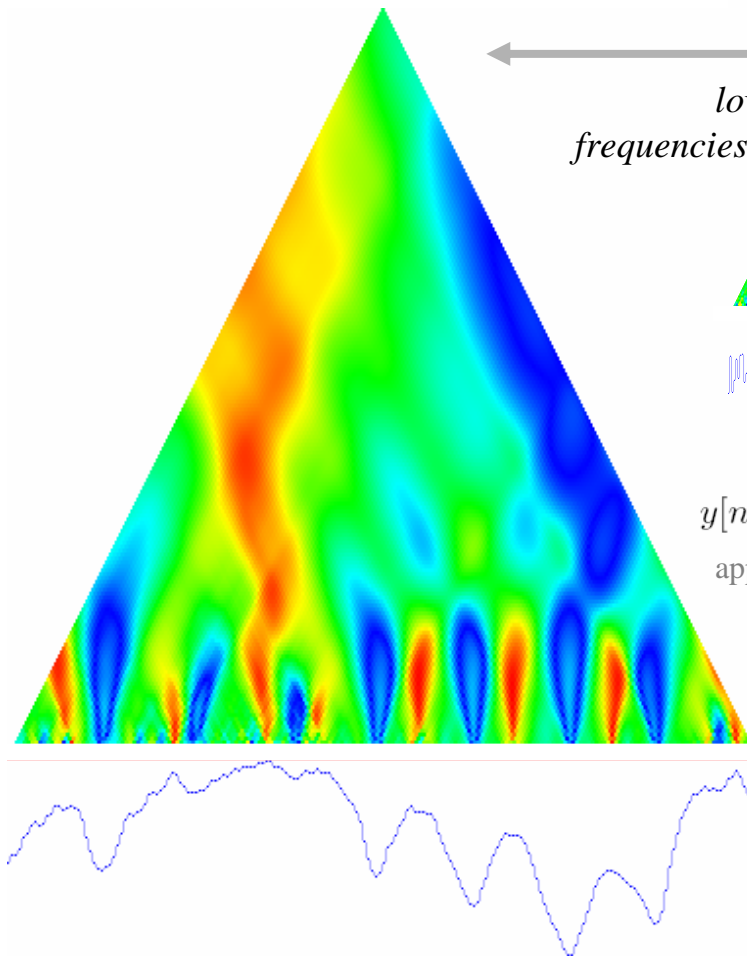


Composite Features

multiple performance features embedded in data

Phrasing

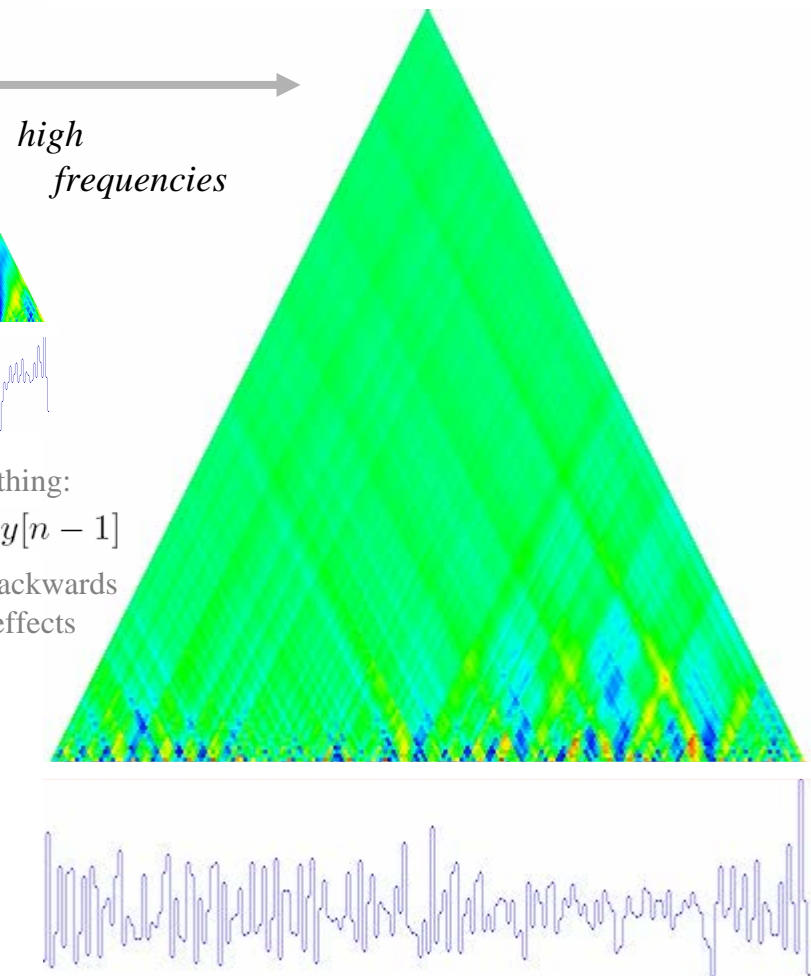
ritards, accelerandos



*low
frequencies*

Accentuation

mazurka meter



*high
frequencies*

Using exponential smoothing:
$$y[n] = \alpha x[n] + (1 - \alpha) y[n - 1]$$

apply twice: forwards & backwards
to remove group delay effects

Binary Correlation Scapes

white = high correlation

window size
(in measures)

black = low correlation

64

56

48

40

32

24

16

8

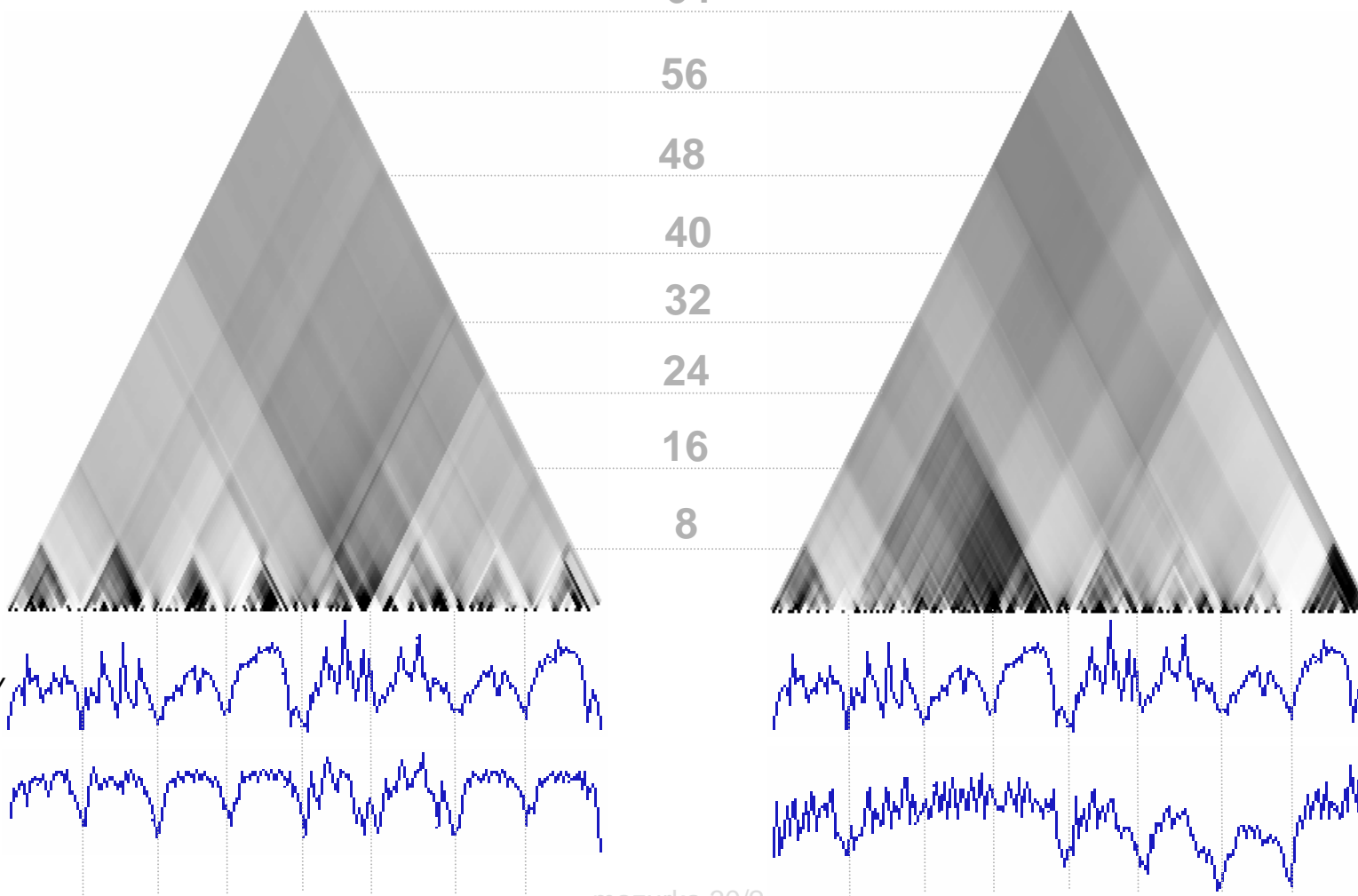
Yaroshinsky
2005

Ashkenazy
1982

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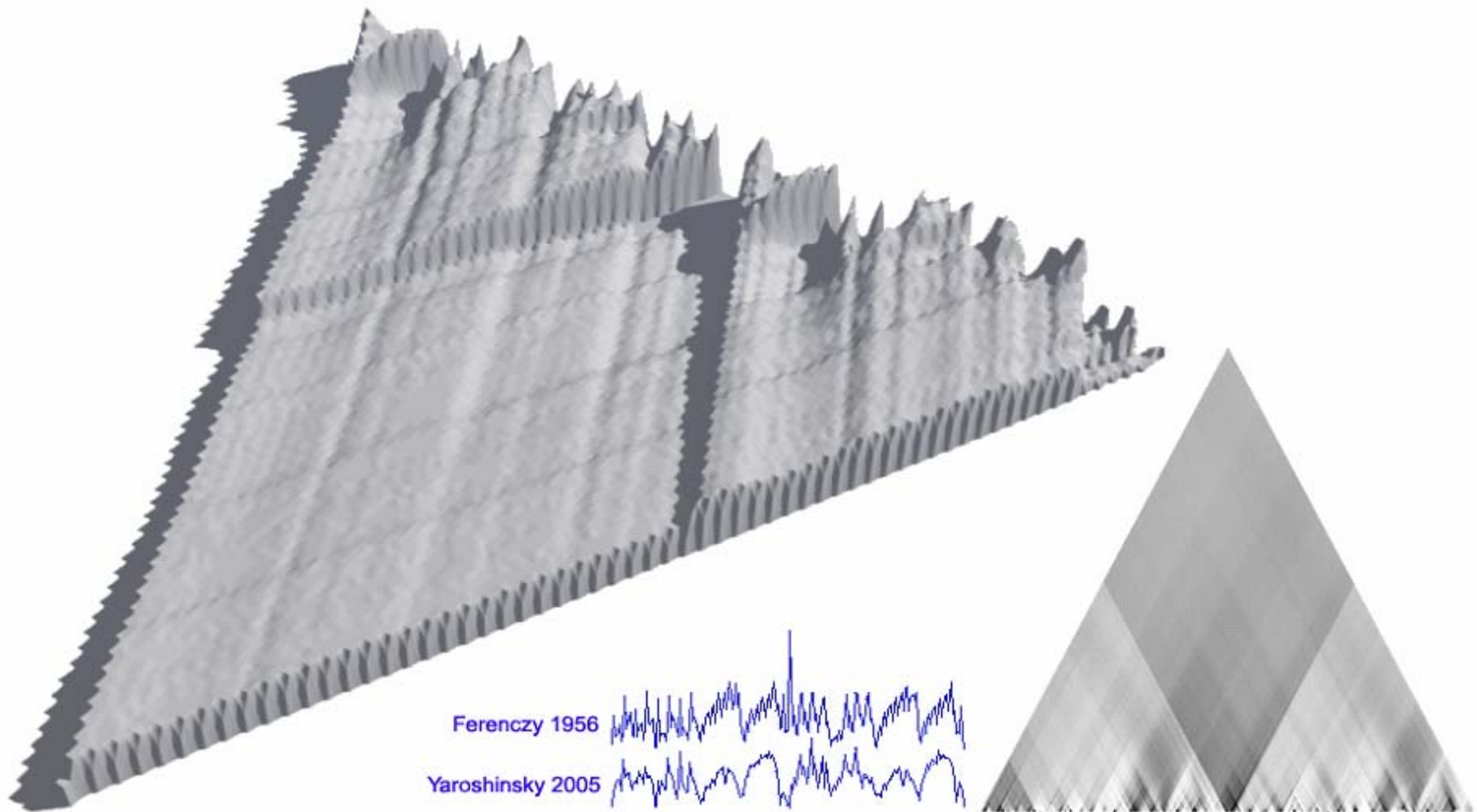
Jonas
1947

mazurka 30/2

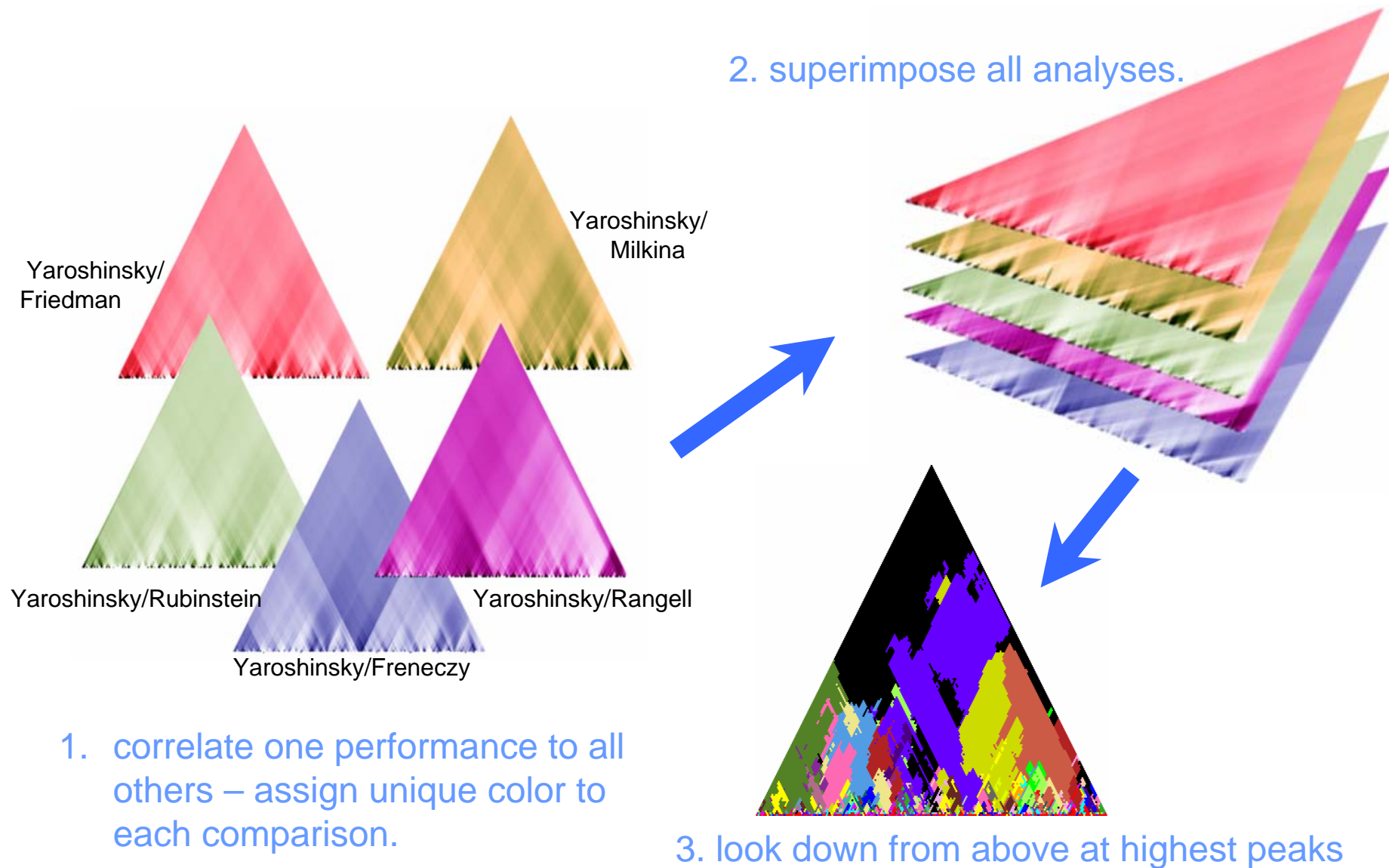


Scapes Are 3D Plots

2D plotting domain + 1D plotting range

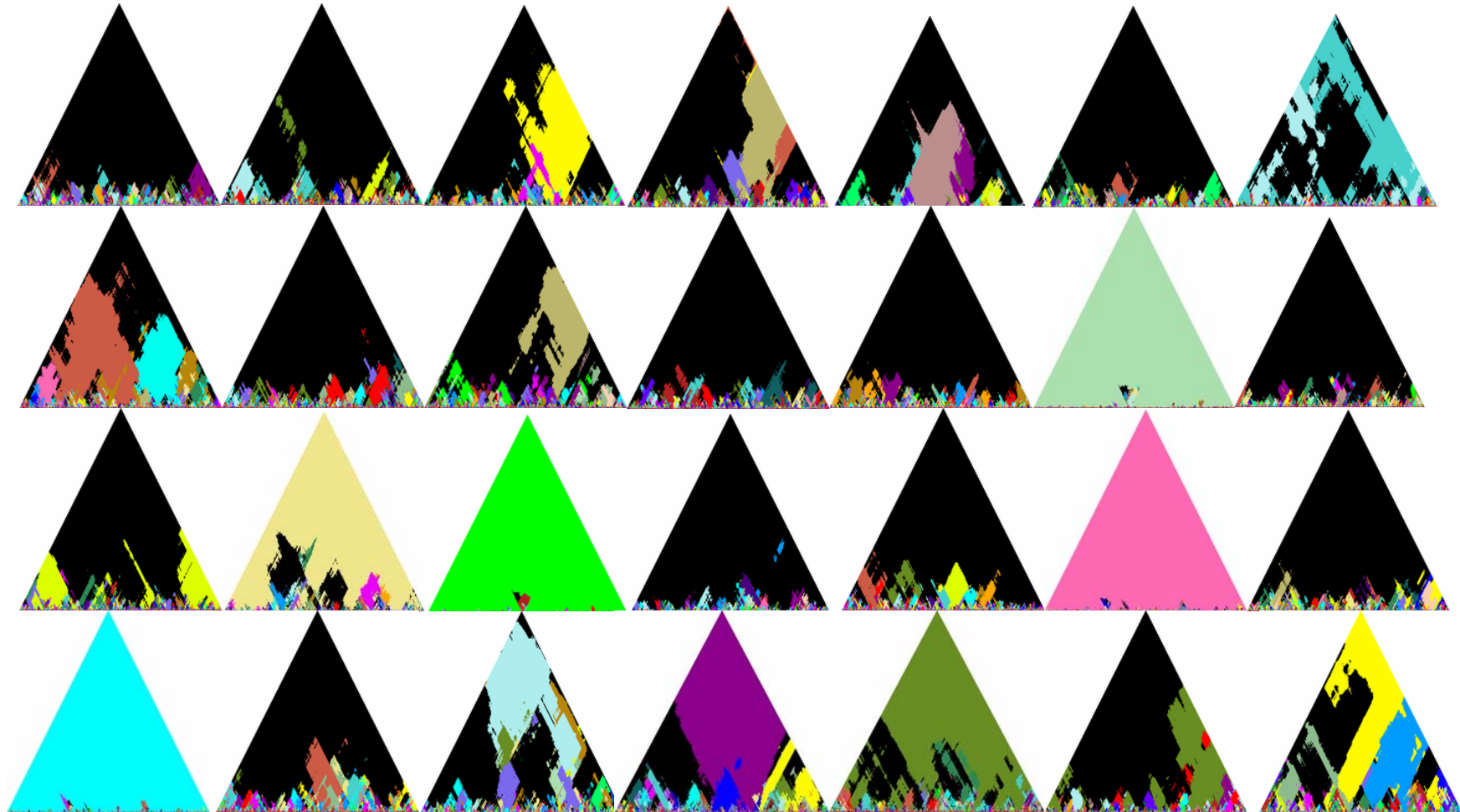


Scapes of Multiple Performances

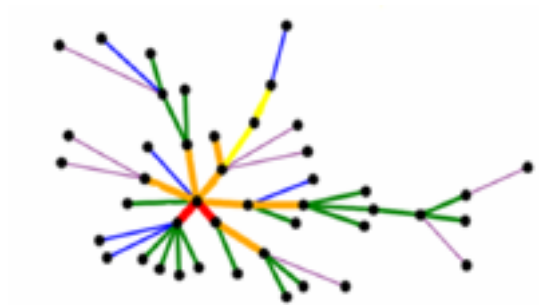


Perormance Correlation Scapes

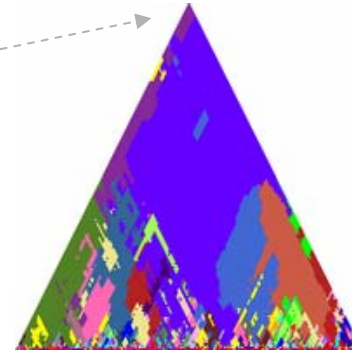
- Who is most similar to a particular performer at any given region in the music?



Maps and Scapes



map points
are tops of
scapes

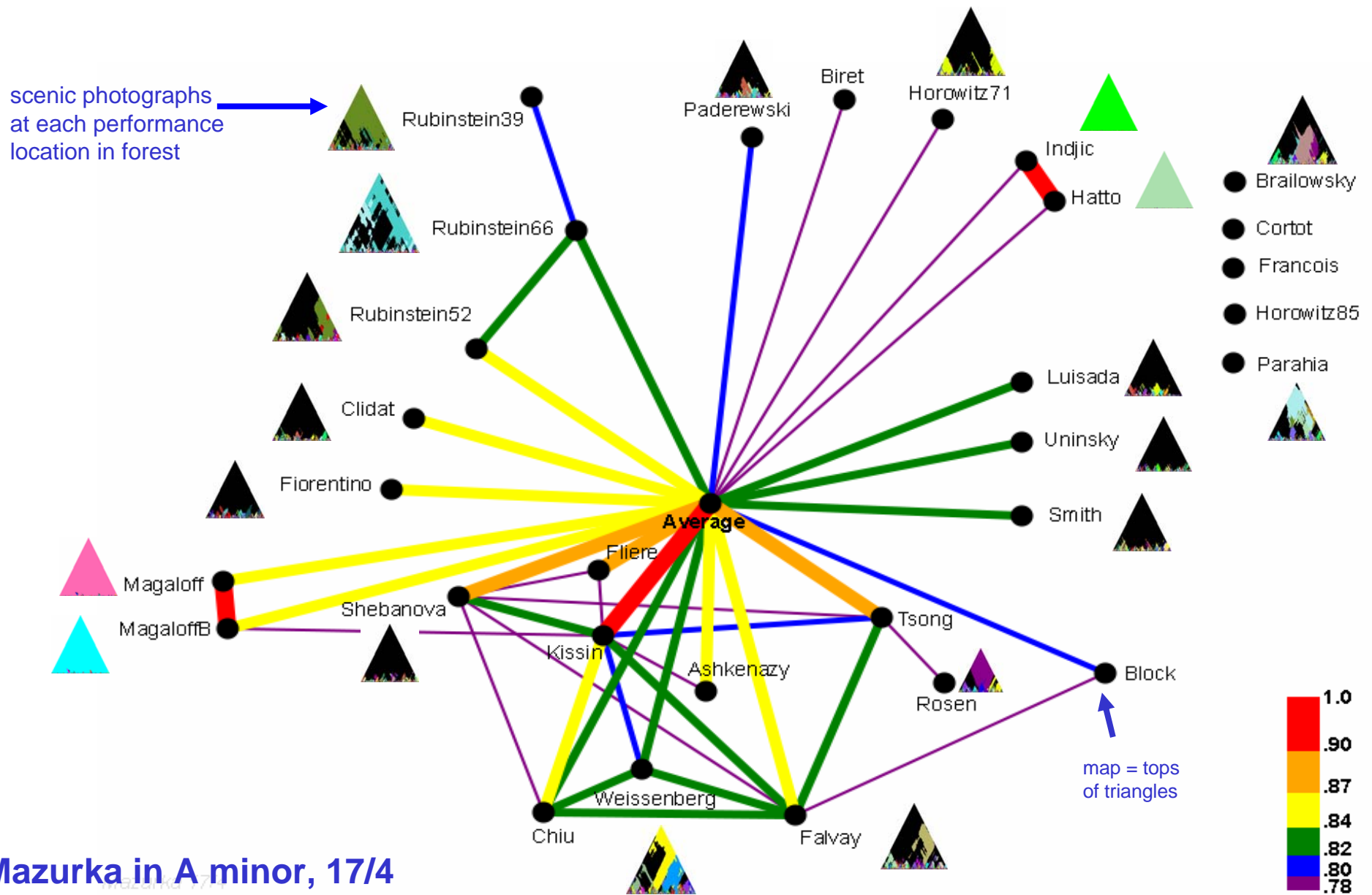


Correlation maps give gross
detail, like a real map:

Correlation scapes give local
details, like a photograph:



Map and Photos of the Forest



Boring Timescape Pictures

Occasionally we get over-exposed photographs back from the store, and we usually have to throw them in the waste bin.

The same performance by Magaloff on two different CD re-releases:

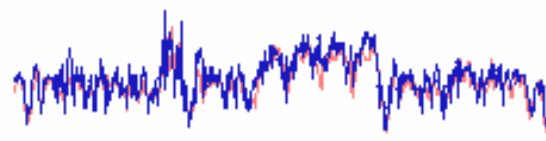
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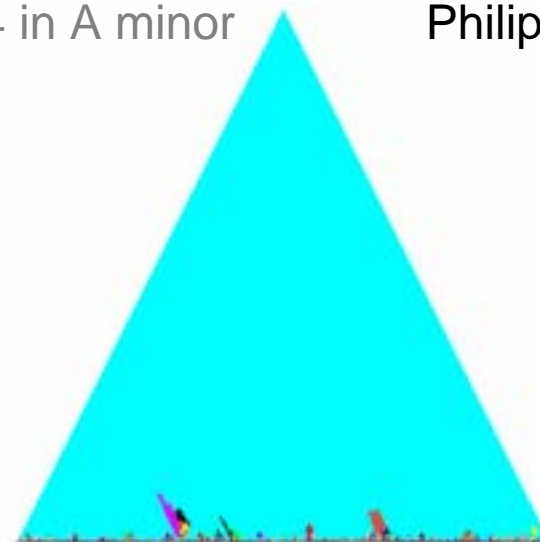
mazurka 17/4 in A minor



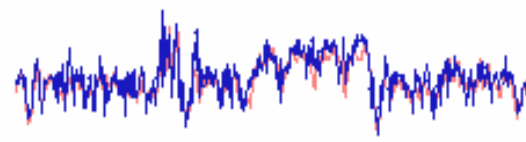
Magaloff 1977



Philips 426 817/29-2



Magaloff 1977b



- Structures at bottoms due to errors in beat extraction, measuring limits in beat extraction, and correlation graininess.

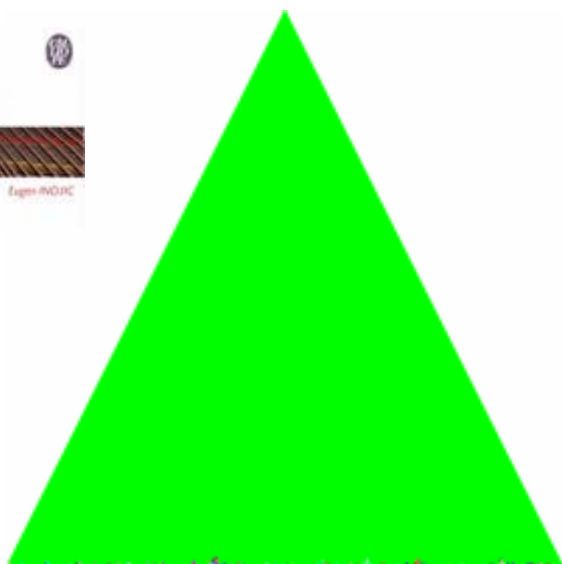
Boring Timescape Pictures?

Two difference performances from two different performers on two different record labels from two different countries.

Calliope 3321

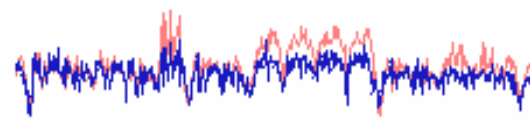
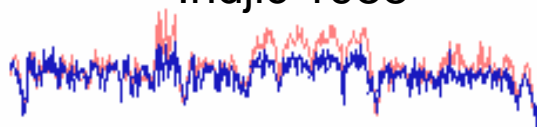
mazurka 17/4 in A minor

Concert Artist 20012



Indjic 1988

Hatto 1997



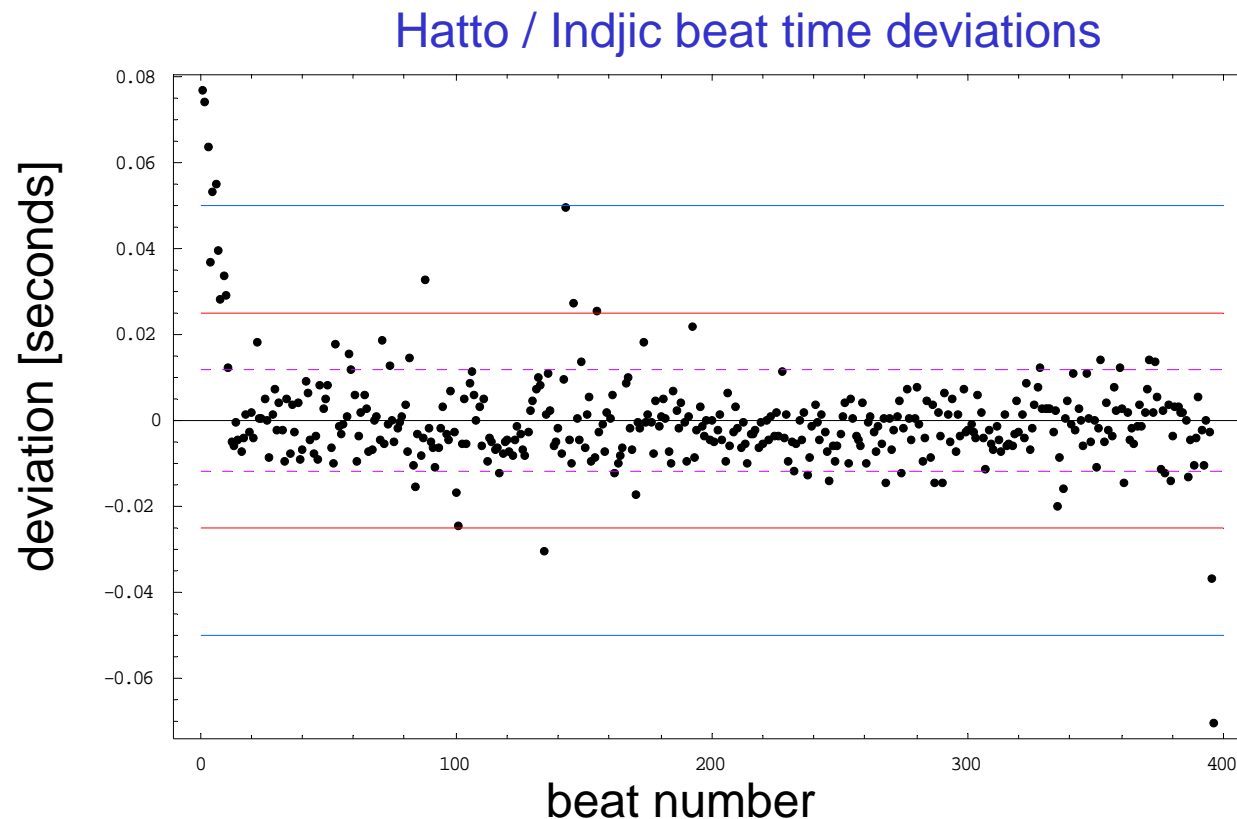
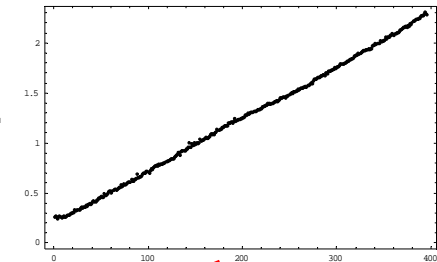
see: http://www.charm.rhul.ac.uk/content/contact/hatto_article.html

Beat-Event Timing Differences

Hatto beat location times: 0.853, 1.475, 2.049, 2.647, 3.278, etc.

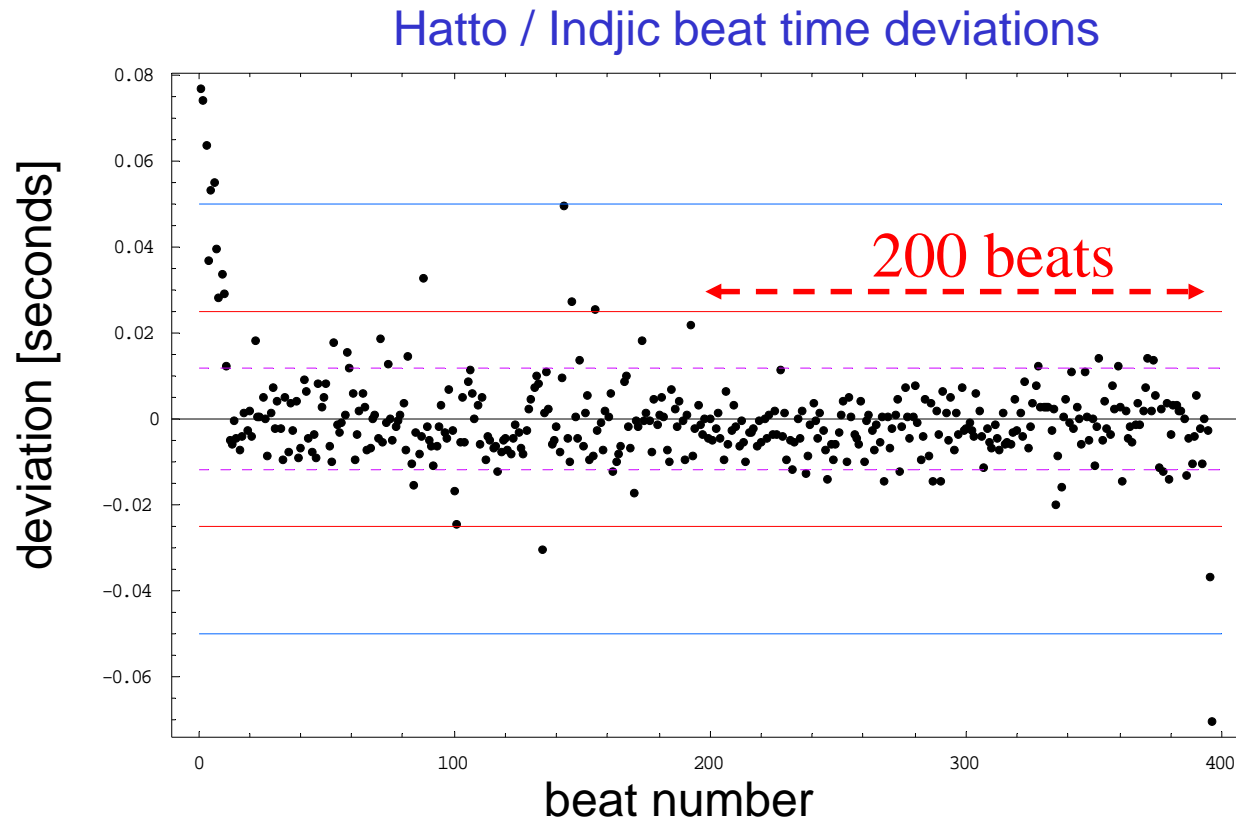
Indjic beat location times: 0.588, 1.208, 1.788, 2.408, 3.018, etc.

difference plot



remove
0.7%
timeshift

Timing Difference Probability



$$1 : 2^{200}$$

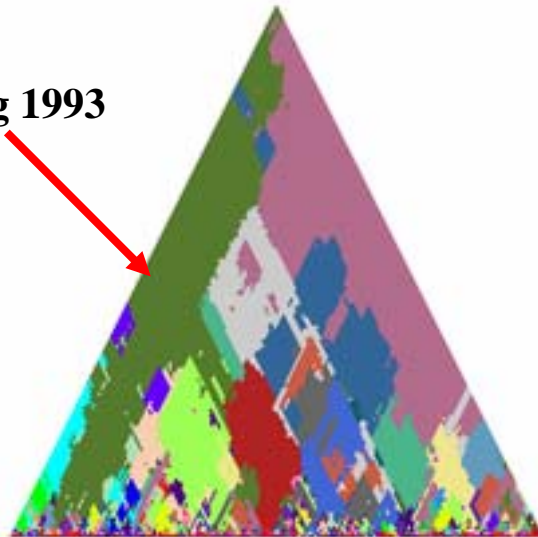
$$1 : 10^{59}$$

$$1 \text{ in } \sqrt{\text{googol}}$$

probability that same performer can produce a second performance so closely is equivalent to one atom out of an entire star.

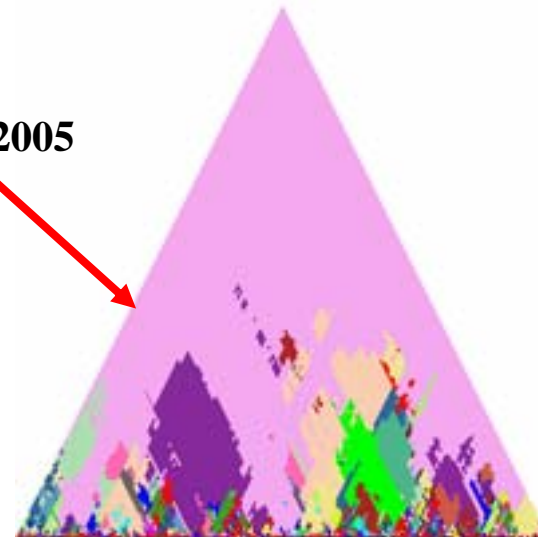
Same Performer Over Time

Tsong 1993



	Tsong 1993
23.7%	Rubinstein 1952
22.8%	Tsong 2005
9.0%	Poblocka 1999
7.4%	Olejniczac 1990
5.9%	Clidat 1994
4.9%	Fiorentino 1962
3.9%	Rubinstein 1939
3.4%	Uninsky 1971
2.8%	Mohovich 1999
2.4%	Jonas 1947
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1.7%	Milkina 1970
1.6%	Rubinstein 1966
1.0%	Biret 1990

Tsong 2005



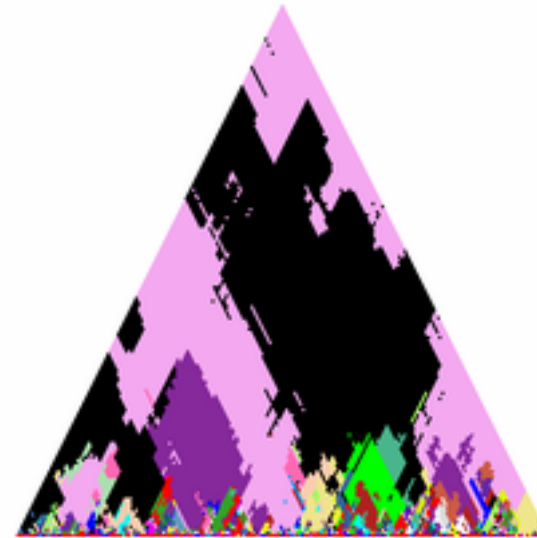
	Tsong 2005
66.0%	Tsong 1993
9.4%	Shebanova 2002
6.5%	Milkina 1970
2.7%	Fliere 1977
2.0%	Francois 1956
1.9%	Indjic 2001
1.9%	Rubinstein 1939
1.2%	Fiorentino 1962
1.2%	Poblocka 1999
1.1%	Lushtak 2004

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Including the Average



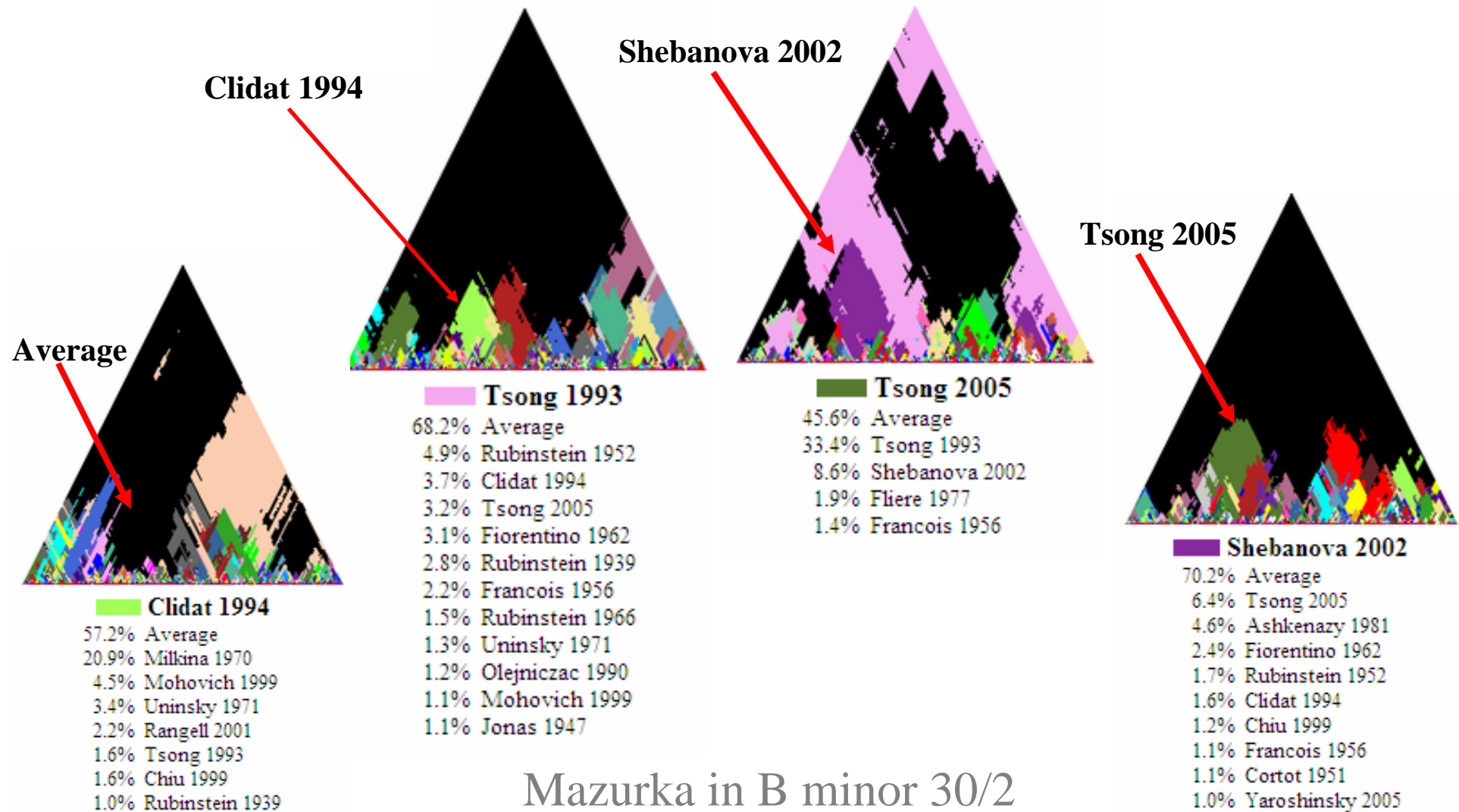
Tsong 1993
68.2% Average
4.9% Rubinstein 1952
3.7% Clidat 1994
3.2% Tsong 2005
3.1% Fiorentino 1962
2.8% Rubinstein 1939
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1.5% Rubinstein 1966
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1.2% Olejniczac 1990
1.1% Mohovich 1999
1.1% Jonas 1947



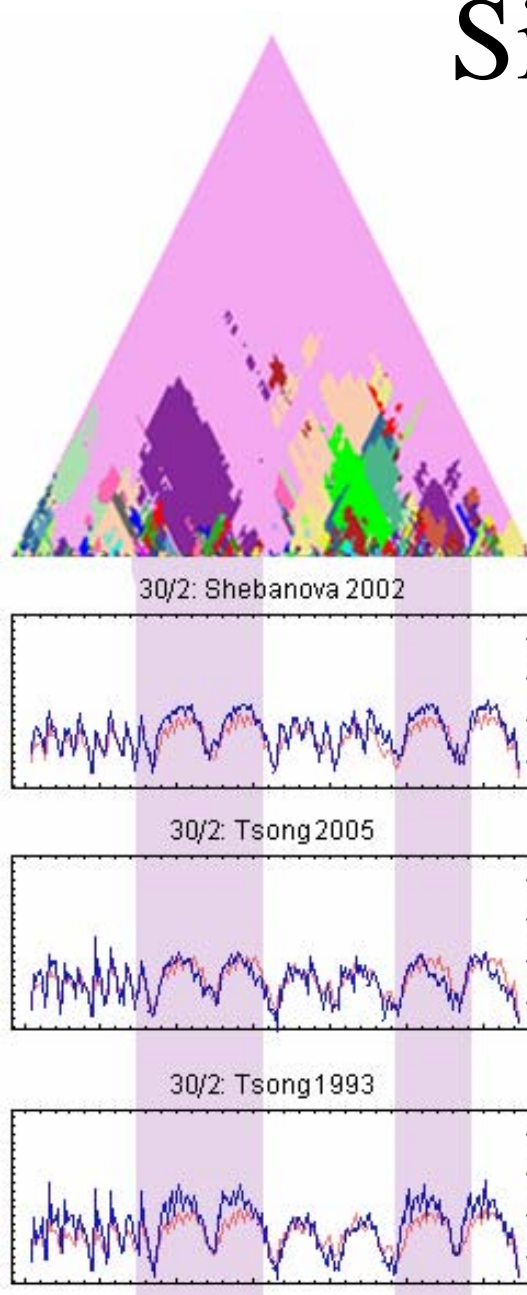
Tsong 2005
45.6% Average
33.4% Tsong 1993
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1.4% Francois 1956

Mazurka in B minor 30/2

Mutual Best Matches



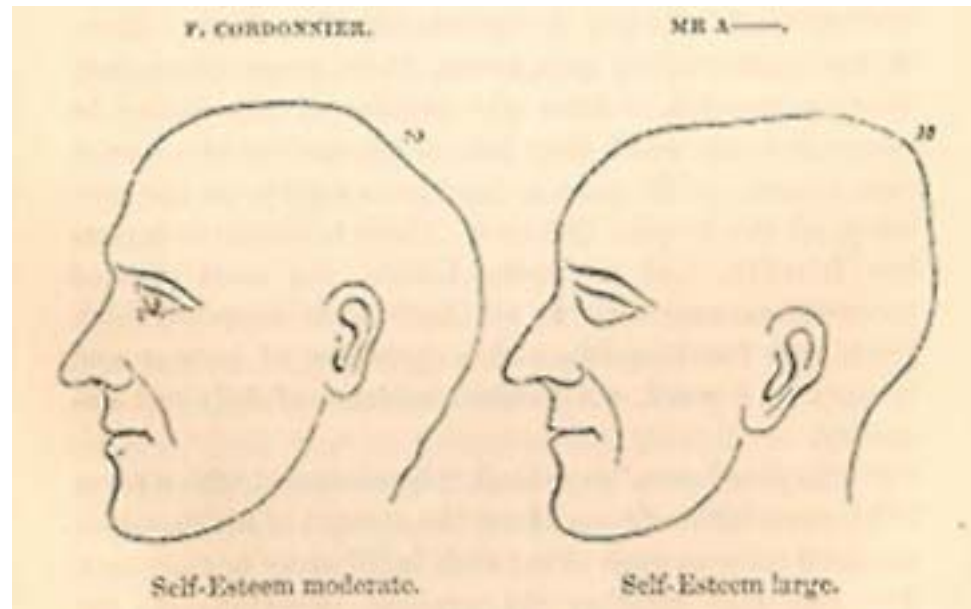
Significance of Similarity



- Ts'ong 2005 performance matches best to Shebanova 2002 in 3 phrases when comparing 36 performances of mazurka 30/2.
- Is this a coincidence or not?
- Could ask the pianist (but might be problem in suggesting an answer beforehand). Also they might not remember or be totally conscious of the borrowing (such as accents in language). Or there could be a third performer between them.
- Ideally a model would be used to calculate a probability of significance.

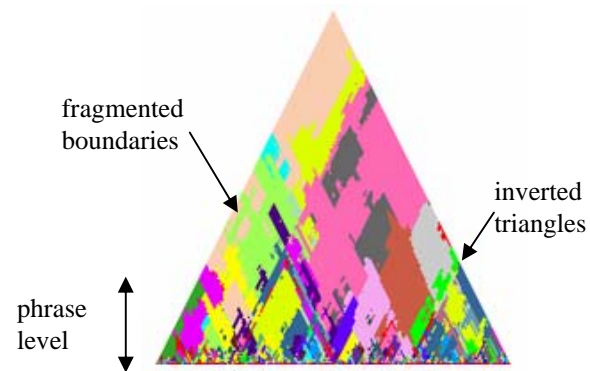
Mazurka in B minor 30/2

Phrenology



Significant or Not?

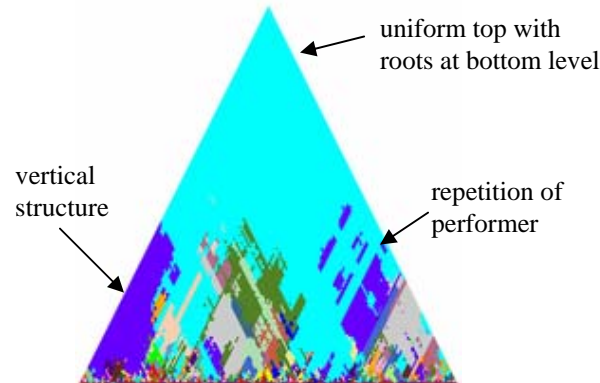
Example of non-significant matches (or at least very weak)



• foreground / background (bottom / top) don't match – no continuity in scope.

■ Uninsky 1971
20.0% Lushtak 2004
12.9% Milkina 1970
10.4% Hatto 1997
8.2% Clidat 1994
7.0% Mohovich 1999
6.1% Jonas 1947
4.5% Poblocka 1999
4.1% Ashkenazy 1982
3.9% Olejniczac 1990
3.8% Tsong 1993
3.7% Cortot 1951
2.9% Magaloff 1977
2.0% Fliere 1977
1.4% Biret 1990
1.3% Rangell 2001
1.2% Ashkenazy 1981
1.1% Rubinstein 1966

Example of possibly significant matches



■ Brailoswky 1960
60.1% Luisada 1990
13.2% Biret 1990
6.2% Olejniczac 1990
6.2% Smith 1975
2.4% Indjic 2001
1.8% Milkina 1970
1.7% Rubinstein 1952
1.3% Jonas 1947
1.3% Uninsky 1971

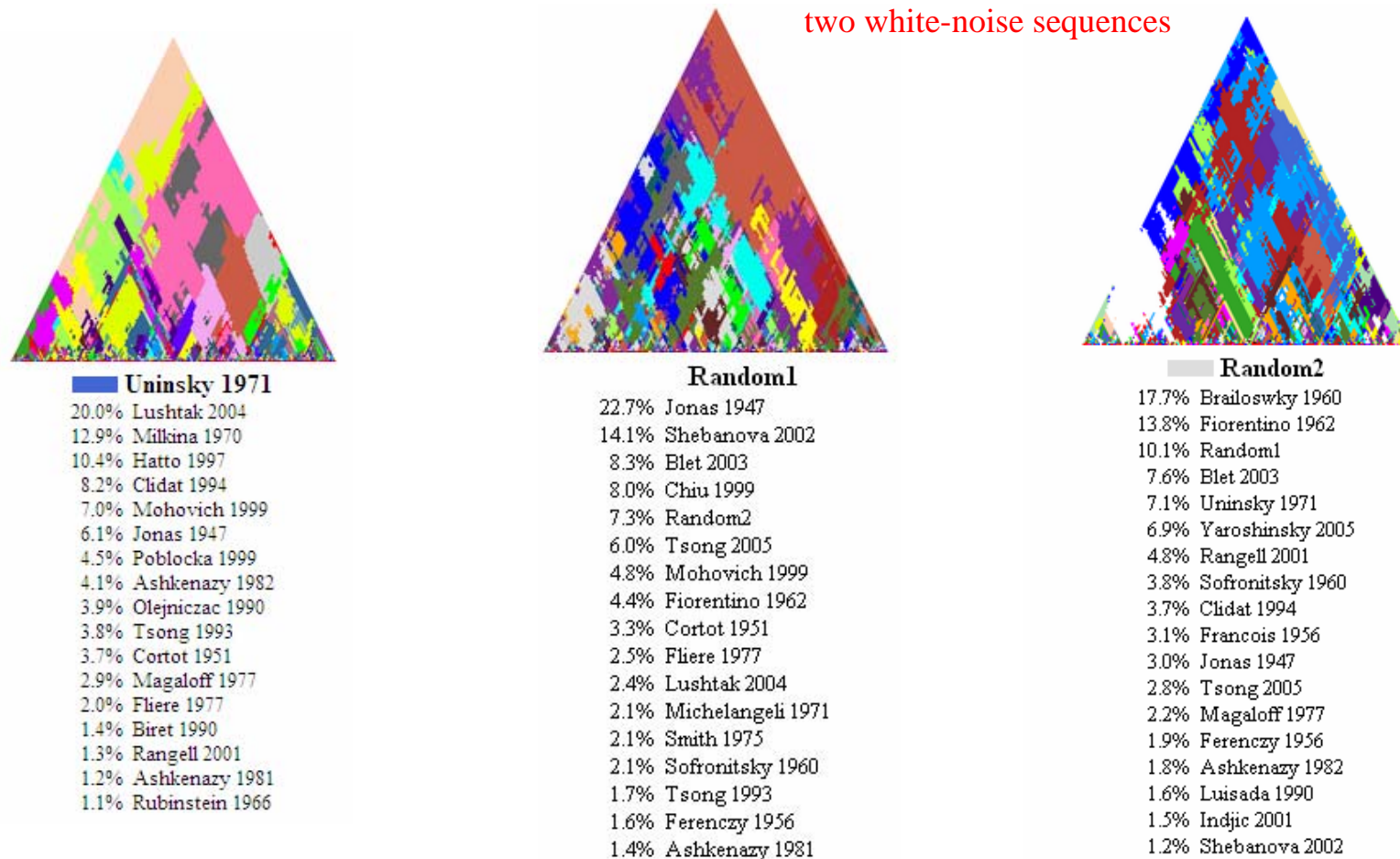
Match to same performer always significant



■ Rubinstein 1952
65.0% Rubinstein 1939
17.6% Rubinstein 1966
3.4% Milkina 1970
2.7% Indjic 2001
2.3% Smith 1975
1.7% Olejniczac 1990
1.5% Tsong 1993
1.2% Poblocka 1999

Purely Random Matching

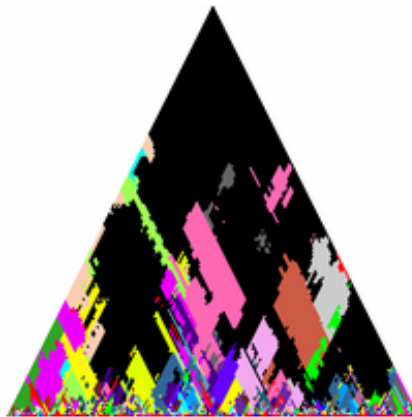
- Plot has to show some match at all points...



- Many performances are equidistant to Uninsky performance

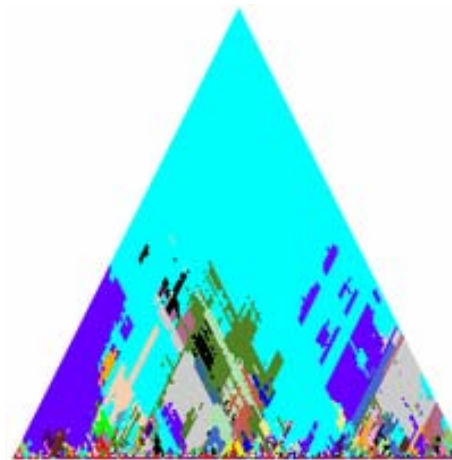
Including Average Performance

helps but does not solve significance question



Uninsky 1971

57.4% Average
7.6% Lushtak 2004
4.0% Jonas 1947
4.0% Ashkenazy 1982
2.9% Olejniczac 1990
2.6% Cortot 1951
2.5% Tsong 1993
2.3% Clidat 1994
1.9% Milkina 1970
1.9% Poblocka 1999
1.7% Hatto 1997
1.7% Magaloff 1977
1.3% Mohovich 1999
1.3% Rangell 2001
1.2% Biret 1990
1.1% Fliere 1977



Brailoswky 1960

59.8% Luisada 1990
13.2% Biret 1990
6.2% Olejniczac 1990
5.8% Smith 1975
2.3% Indjic 2001
1.6% Milkina 1970
1.5% Rubinstein 1952
1.4% Average
1.3% Jonas 1947
1.3% Uninsky 1971

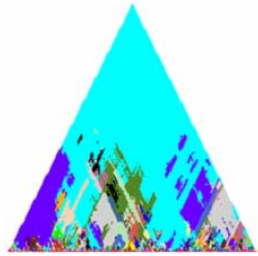


Rubinstein 1952

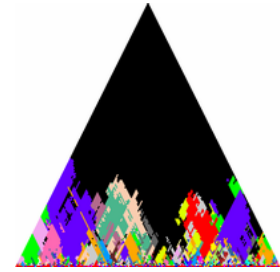
48.5% Rubinstein 1939
27.8% Average
13.0% Rubinstein 1966
1.9% Smith 1975
1.3% Tsong 1993
1.2% Milkina 1970
1.1% Indjic 2001
1.1% Olejniczac 1990



What Is Significant?

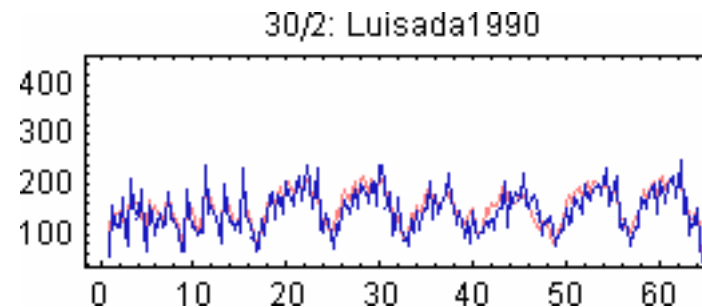
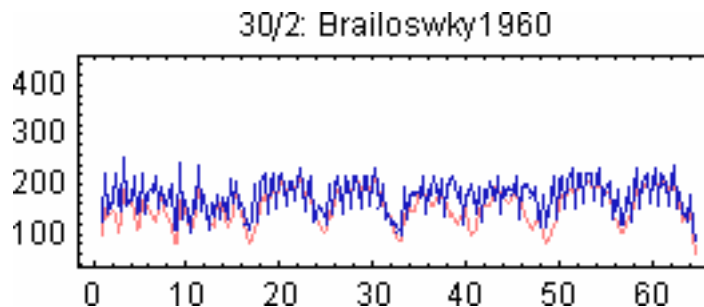


Brailowsky



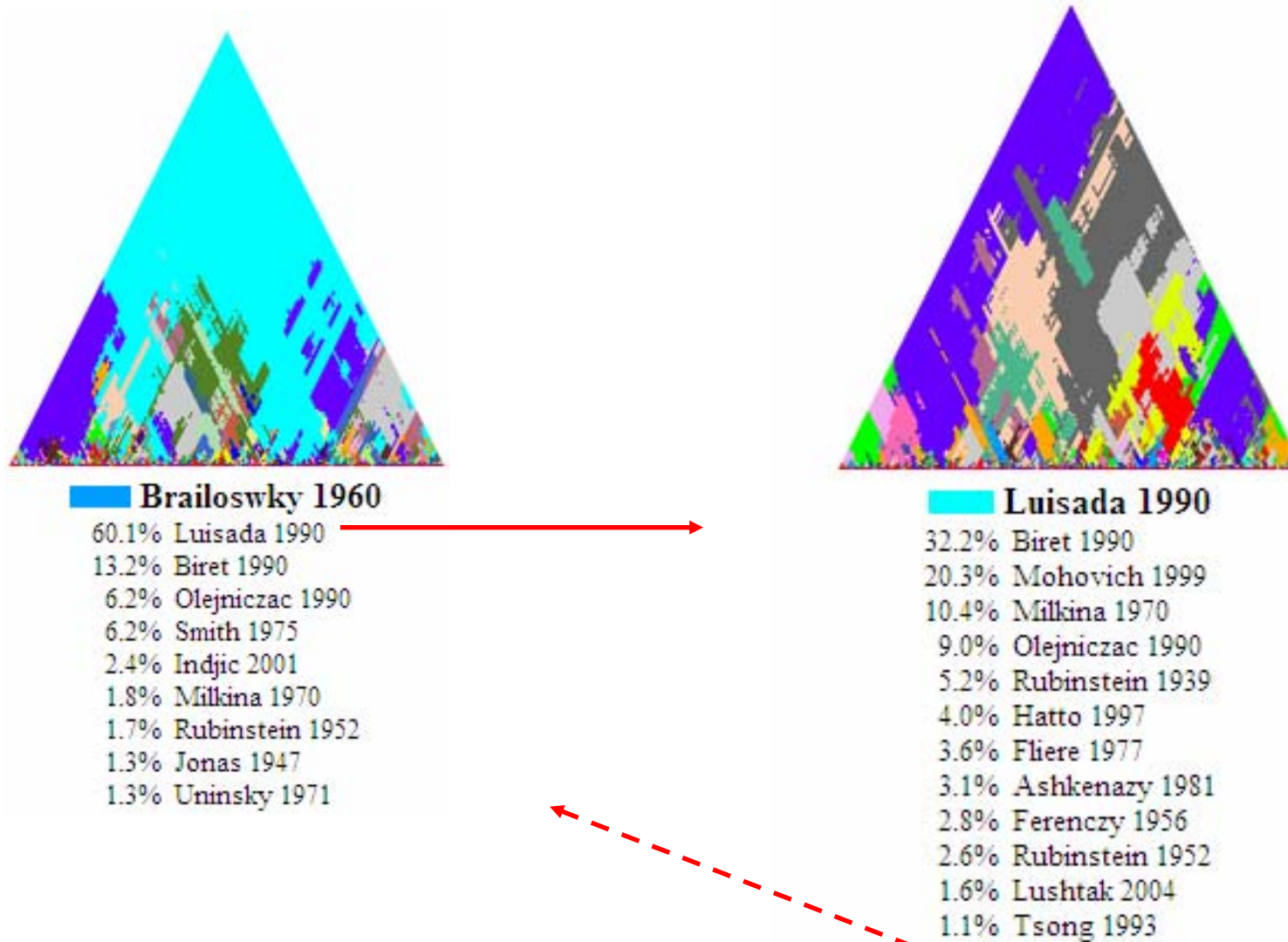
Luisada

- No direct link found on web between Brailowsky and Luisada (such as teacher/student).
- Strong match in Brailowsky to Luisada probably due to large amount of mazurka metric pattern:



- Phrasing shapes very different, so match is both significant (high frequencies match) and not significant (low frequencies don't match).

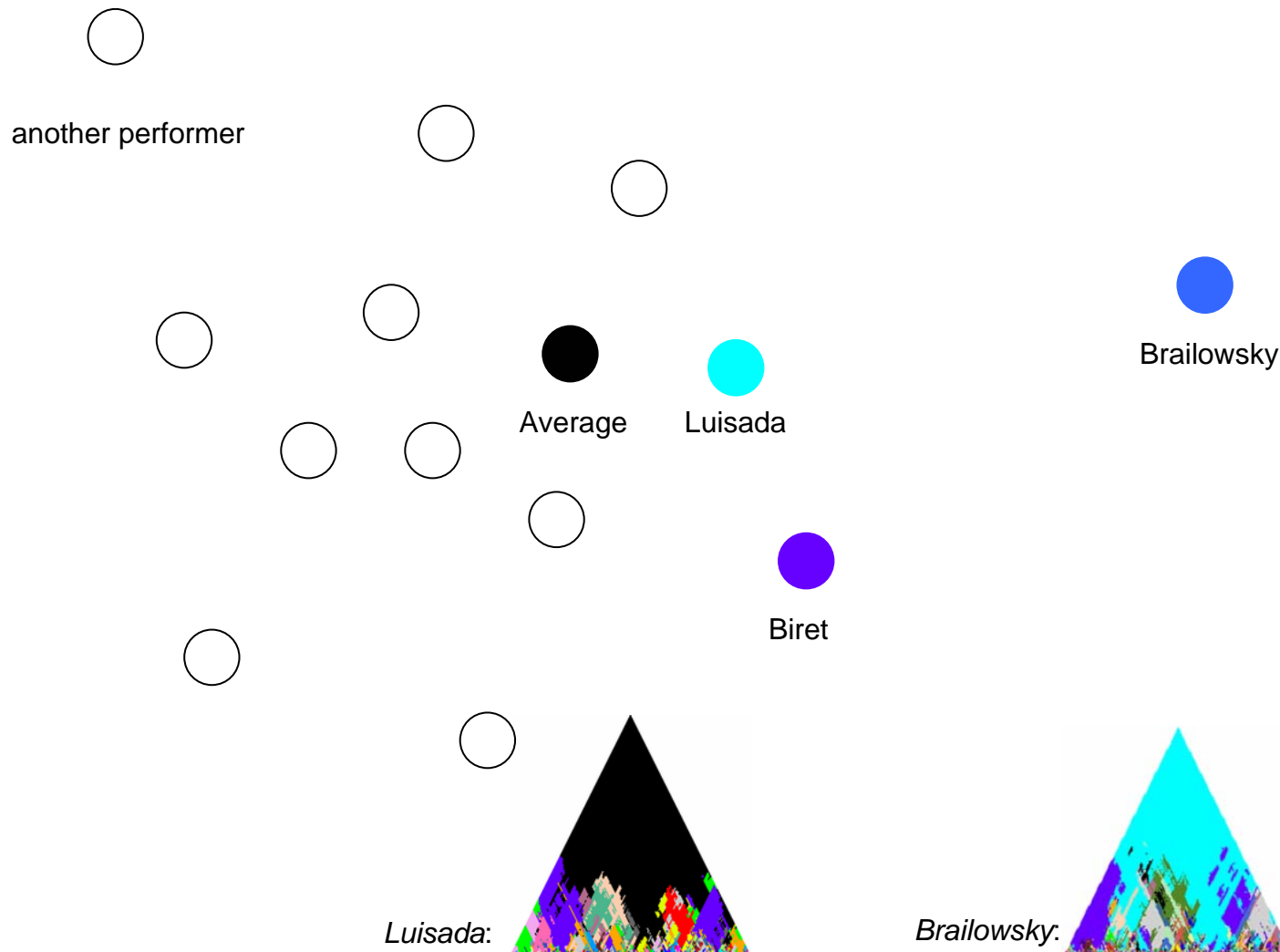
Best Matching Not Mutual



- Looking at both performers pictures helps with “significance”

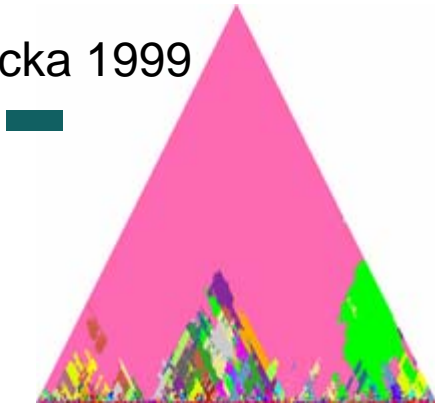
Performance Map Schematic

- Brailowsky has the strongest mazurka meter pattern
- Luisada has the second strongest mazurka meter pattern



Strong Interpretive Influences

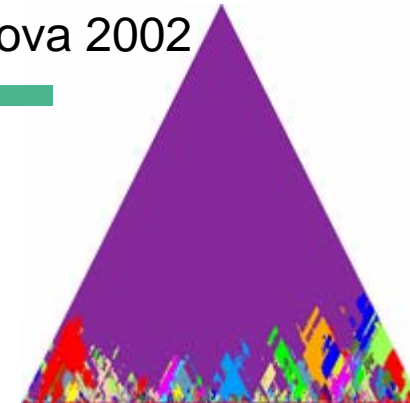
Poblocka 1999



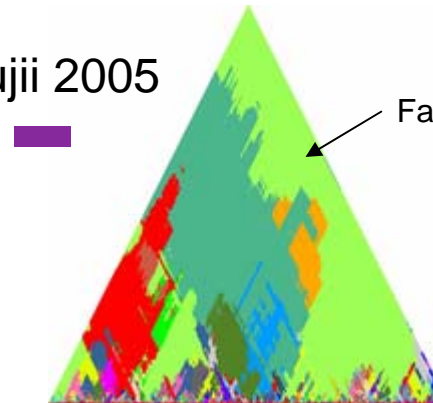
Nezu 2005



Shebanova 2002



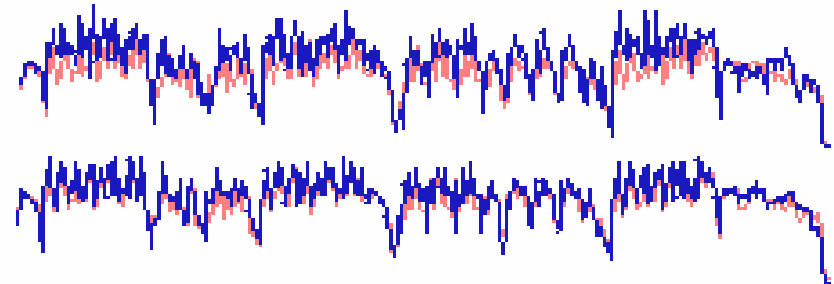
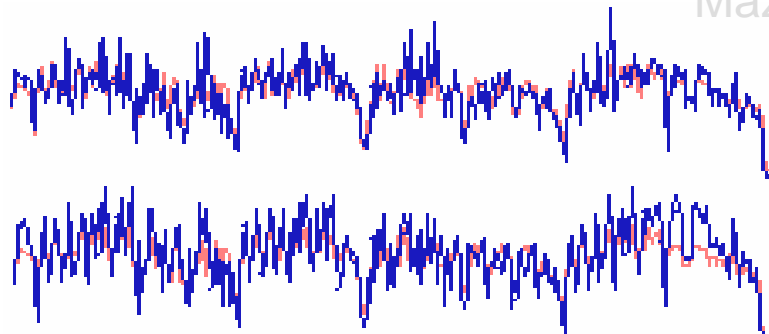
Tsujii 2005



Falvay 1989

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• note parallel colors



Performance Ranking

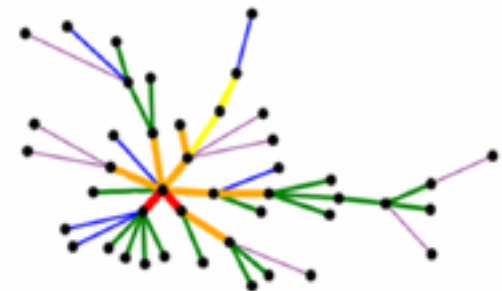
- Given a reference performance,
 - which other performance matches best
 - which other performance matches second best
 - ...
 - which other performance matches worst

0th-Order Similarity Rank

- Use large-scale correlation to order performances similarity to a target

performance	rank	correlation	
Rubinstein 1952	0	1.000	← target
Average	1	0.905	← best match
Rubinstein 1966	2	0.899	
Milkina 1970	3	0.876	
Poblocka 1999	4	0.836	
Tsong 1993	5	0.814	
Biret 1990	6	0.807	
Mohovich 1999	7	0.805	
Hatto 1997	8	0.799	
Indjic 2001	9	0.798	
Rubinstein 1939	10	0.784	
Shebanova 2002	11	0.783	
Luisada 1990	12	0.767	
Magaloff 1977	13	0.751	
Olejniczac 1990	14	0.740	
Blet 2003	15	0.721	
Clidat 1994	16	0.716	
Rangell 2001	17	0.716	
Lushtak 2004	18	0.715	
Chiu 1999	19	0.709	
Tsong 2005	20	0.706	
Smith 1975	21	0.695	
Fliere 1977	22	0.678	
Brailoswky 1960	23	0.644	
Ashkenazy 1982	24	0.642	
Ashkenazy 1981	25	0.637	
Cortot 1951	26	0.633	
Ferenczy 1956	27	0.628	
Fiorentino 1962	28	0.615	
Uninsky 1971	29	0.597	
Francois 1956	30	0.577	
Yaroshinsky 2005	31	0.565	
Sofronitsky 1960	32	0.552	
Michelangeli 1971	33	0.550	
Jonas 1947	34	0.415	← worst match
Random1	35	0.102	} synthetic noise
Random2	36	0.054	
Random3	37	-0.015	

- Performance maps used rank #1 data:



1st-Order Scape Rank

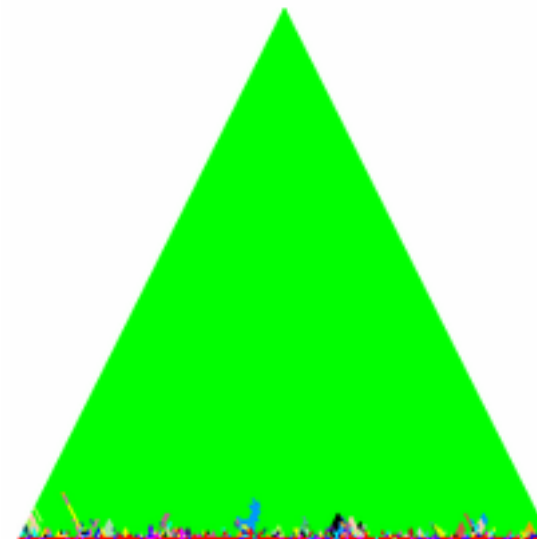
- Area represented by best choice in scape plot.



■ **Smith 1975**
56.9% Shebanova 2002
11.0% Fliere 1977
10.0% Average
4.7% Magaloff 1978
2.5% Brailowsky 1960
2.3% Tsong 1993
2.1% Ashkenazy 1981
1.9% Jonas 1947
1.6% Chiu 1999
1.4% Biret 1990

(mazurka 68/3)

- Hatto effect causes problems:

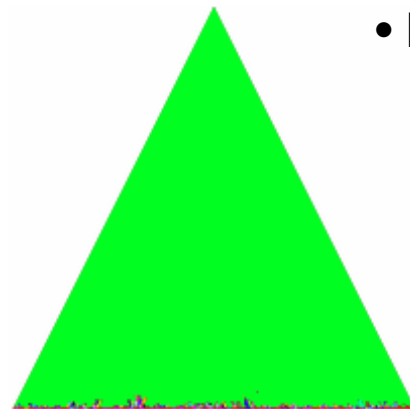


■ **Indjic 2001**
98.4% Hatto 1997

- Who is #2 for Indjic?

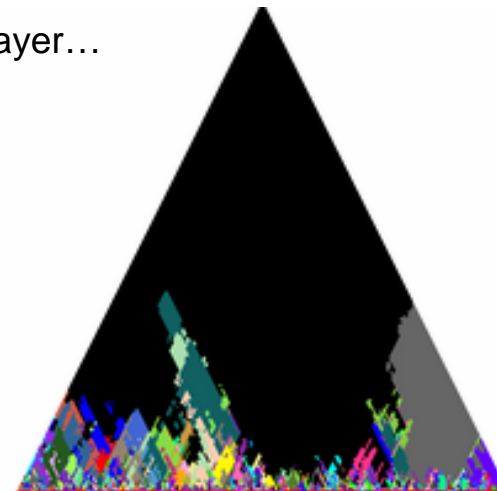
Scape Layers

- Hatto takes up nearly 100% of Indjic's scape



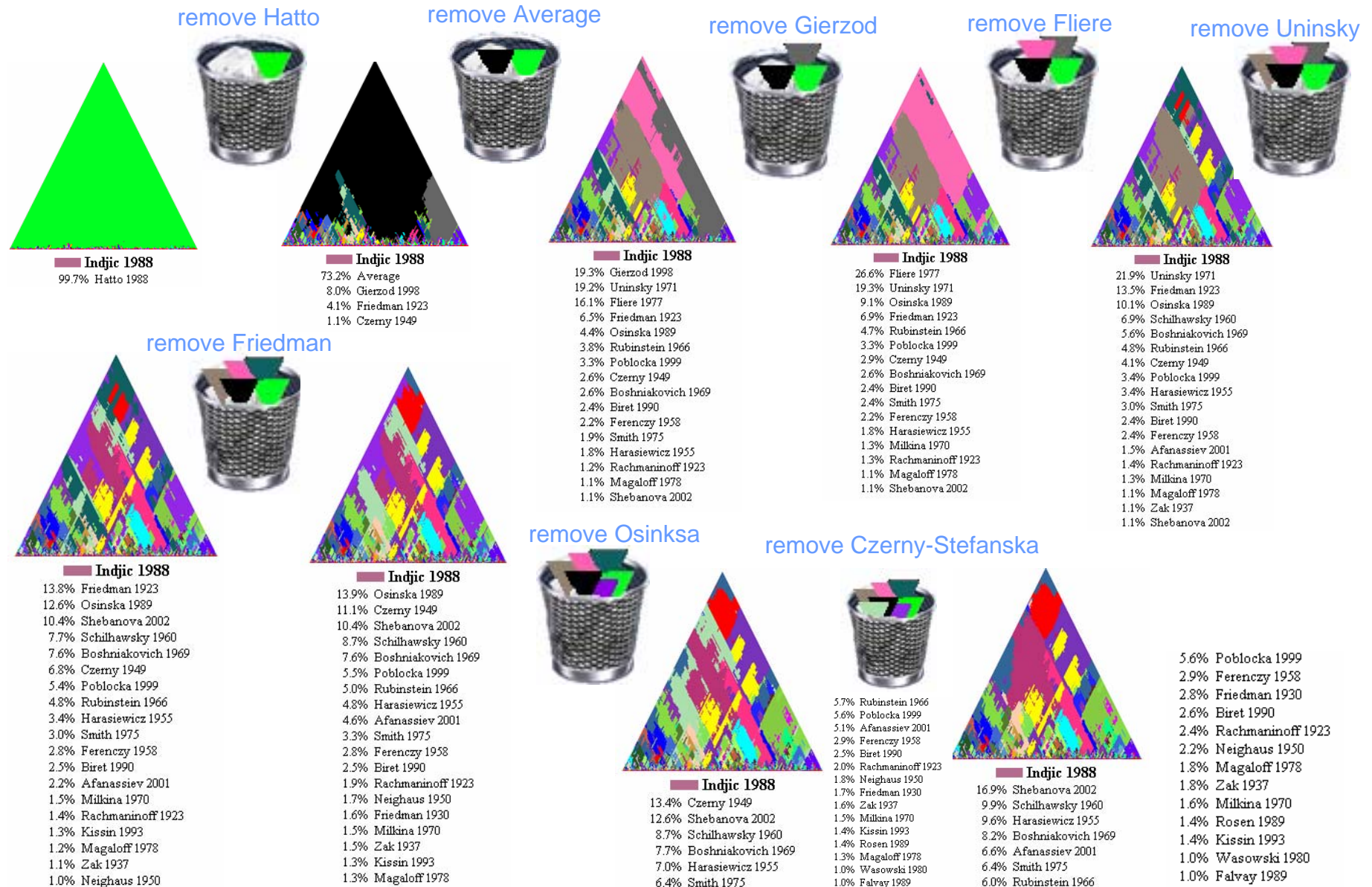
Indjic 1988
99.7% Hatto 1988

- So remove Hatto layer...



Indjic 1988
73.2% Average
8.0% Gierzod 1998
4.1% Friedman 1923
1.1% Czerny 1949

Peeling the Layers



2nd-Order Scape Rank

- Rank score = area represented by best choice in scape plot, but peel away previous best choices.

performance	0-rank	1-rank	2-rank
Indjic 2001	0	1.000	0
Hatto 1997	1	0.989	1
Average	2	0.861	2
Poblocka 1999	4	0.796	3
Rubinstein 1952	3	0.798	4
Milkina 1970	5	0.791	5
Rubinstein 1939	12	0.714	6
Mohovich 1999	6	0.784	7
Luisada 1990	7	0.769	8
Biret 1990	8	0.763	9
Rubinstein 1966	9	0.758	10
Olejniczac 1990	11	0.720	11
Ashkenazy 1982	26	0.633	12
Ashkenazy 1981	27	0.628	13
Francois 1956	10	0.721	14
Uninsky 1971	17	0.697	15
Fliere 1977	24	0.646	16
Smith 1975	28	0.627	17
Clidat 1994	18	0.677	18
Tsong 1993	14	0.706	19
Shebanova 2002	13	0.707	20
Blet 2003	15	0.706	21
Lushtak 2004	19	0.676	22
Chiu 1999	20	0.672	23
Magaloff 1977	16	0.698	24
Tsong 2005	21	0.659	25
Brailoswky 1960	23	0.649	26
Ferenczy 1956	22	0.654	27
Rangell 2001	25	0.635	28
Sofronitsky 1960	33	0.379	29
Cortot 1951	29	0.605	30
Fiorentino 1962	31	0.567	31
Yaroshinsky 2005	30	0.575	32
Michelangelo 1971	32	0.506	33
Jonas 1947	34	0.307	34
Random2	36	0.034	35
Random1	35	0.049	36
Random3	37	-0.088	37

- Still slightly sensitive to the Hatto effect

3rd-Order Scape Rank

- Start with the 2nd-order rankings, selecting a cutoff point in the rankings to define a background noise level in the scape.
- Then one-by-one add each of the non-noise performances into the scape along with the background noise performances. Measure the area covered by the non-noise performance (only one non-noise performance at a time).

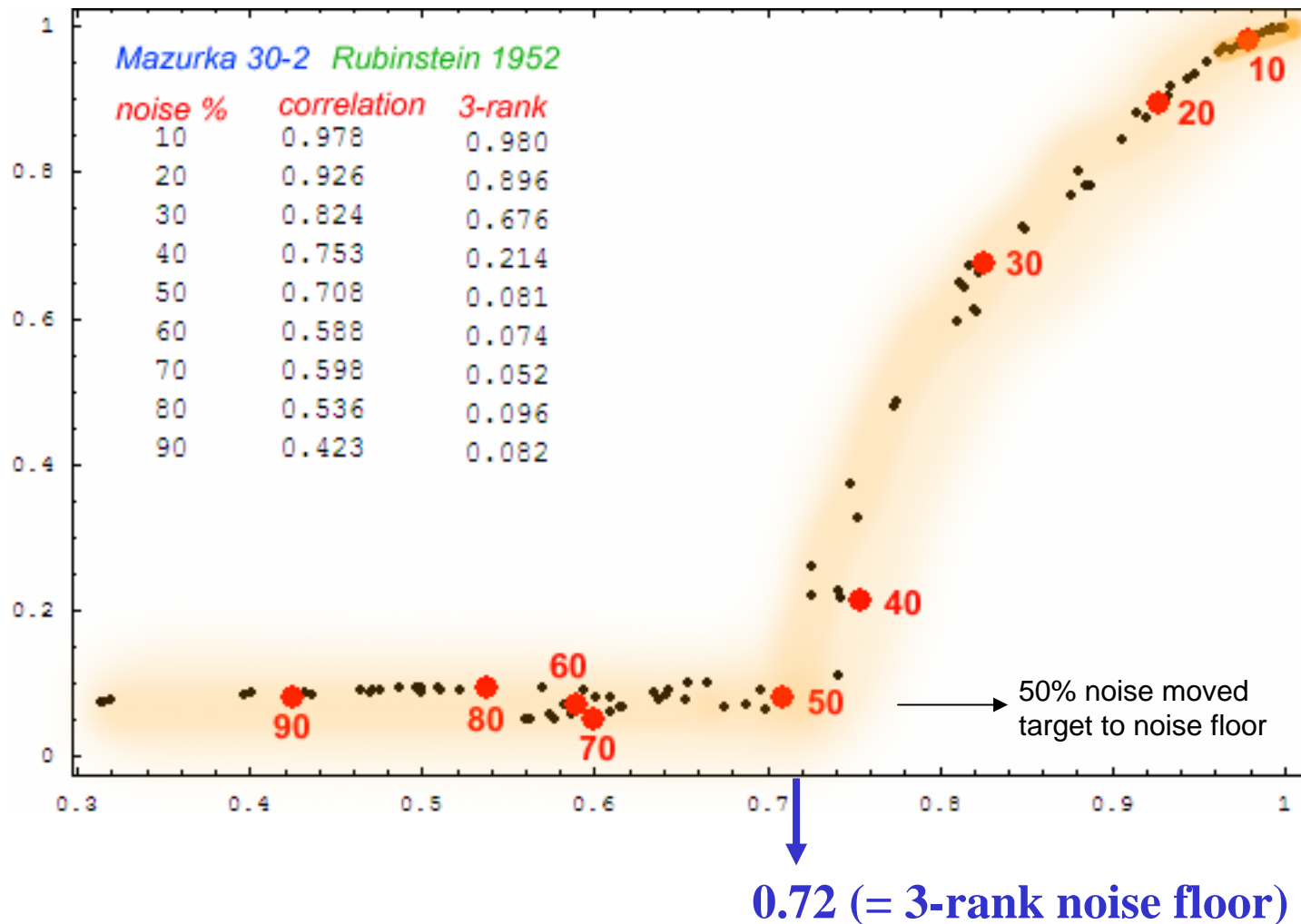
3rd-Order Rankings

Rubinstein 1952	0	1.000	0	1.000	← target
Average	1	0.904	1	0.933	
Rubinstein 1939	10	0.784	2	0.862	← same performer
Rubinstein 1966	2	0.899	3	0.849	← same performer
Milkina 1970	3	0.875	4	0.831	
Poblocka 1999	4	0.835	5	0.700	
Mohovich 1999	7	0.805	6	0.664	
Tsong 1993	5	0.814	7	0.636	
Biret 1990	6	0.806	8	0.622	
Indjic 2001	9	0.797	9	0.621	
Hatto 1997	8	0.798	10	0.616	
Olejniczac 1990	14	0.739	11	0.541	
Shebanova 2002	11	0.782	12	0.509	
Luisada 1990	12	0.766	13	0.426	
Magaloff 1977	13	0.750	14	0.338	
Lushtak 2004	18	0.715	15	0.277	
Tsong 2005	20	0.705	16	0.217	
Blet 2003	15	0.720	17	0.195	
Ferenczy 1956	27	0.627	18	0.169	→ 50% noise floor
Ashkenazy 1981	25	0.637	19	0.133	
Fliere 1977	22	0.677	20	0.127	
Piorentino 1962	28	0.615	21	0.116	
Clidat 1994	16	0.716	22	0.104	
Smith 1975	21	0.694	23	0.101	
Rangell 2001	17	0.715	24	0.100	
Ashkenazy 1982	24	0.641	25	0.094	
Chiu 1999	19	0.708	26	0.094	
Yaroshinsky 2005	31	0.564	27	0.094	
Cortot 1951	26	0.633	28	0.088	
Brailoswky 1960	23	0.643	29	0.073	
Uninsky 1971	29	0.596	30	0.072	
Michelangeli 1971	33	0.550	31	0.071	
Sofronitsky 1960	32	0.552	32	0.070	
Francois 1956	30	0.577	33	0.069	
Jonas 1947	34	0.415	34	0.066	
Random1	35	0.102	35	0.046	
Random2	36	0.054	36	0.046	
Random3	37	-0.015	37	0.026	

(2-rankings below “noise floor”)

Proportional Noise

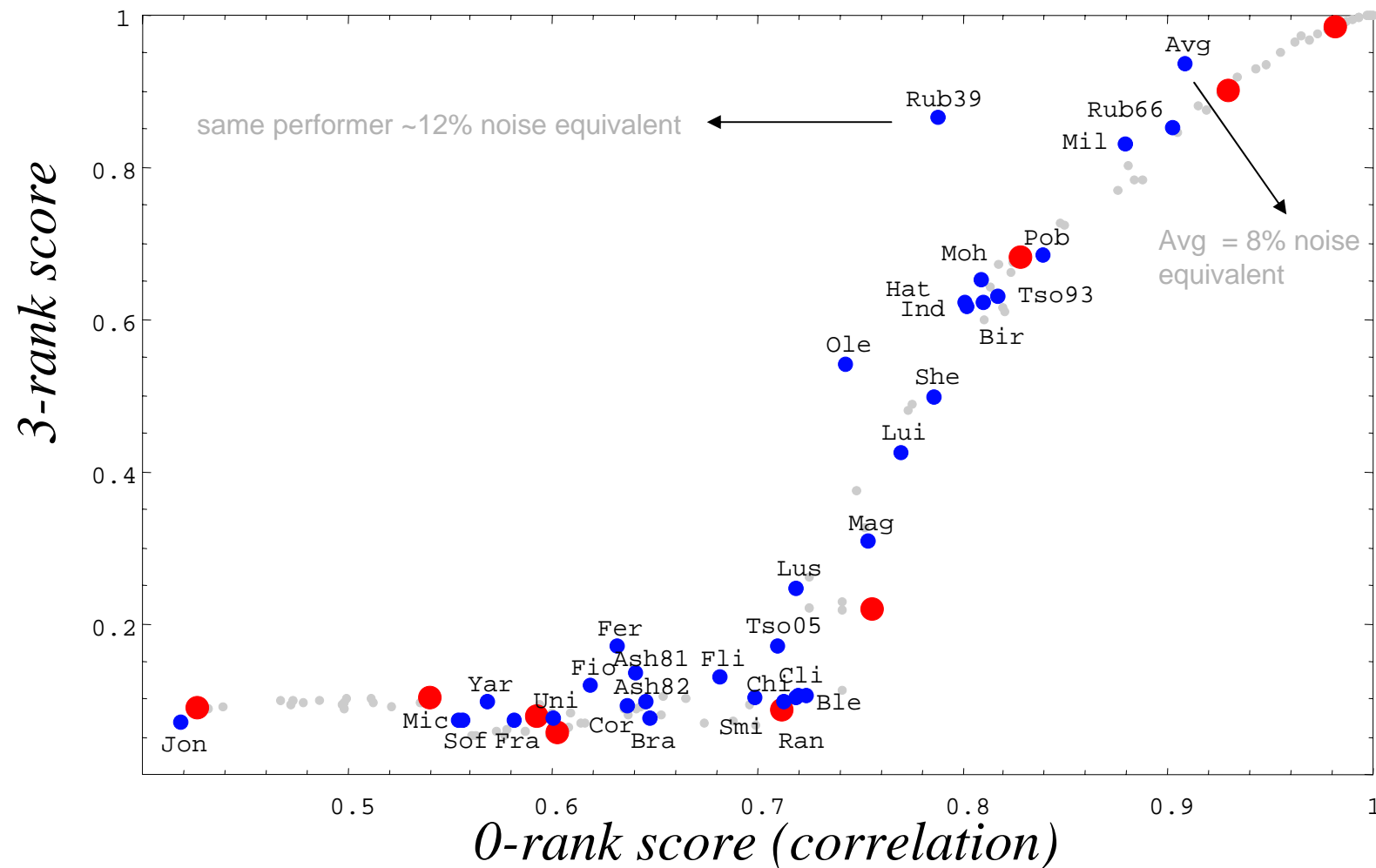
- Gradually add noise to target



Real Data (1)

Mazurka 30/2

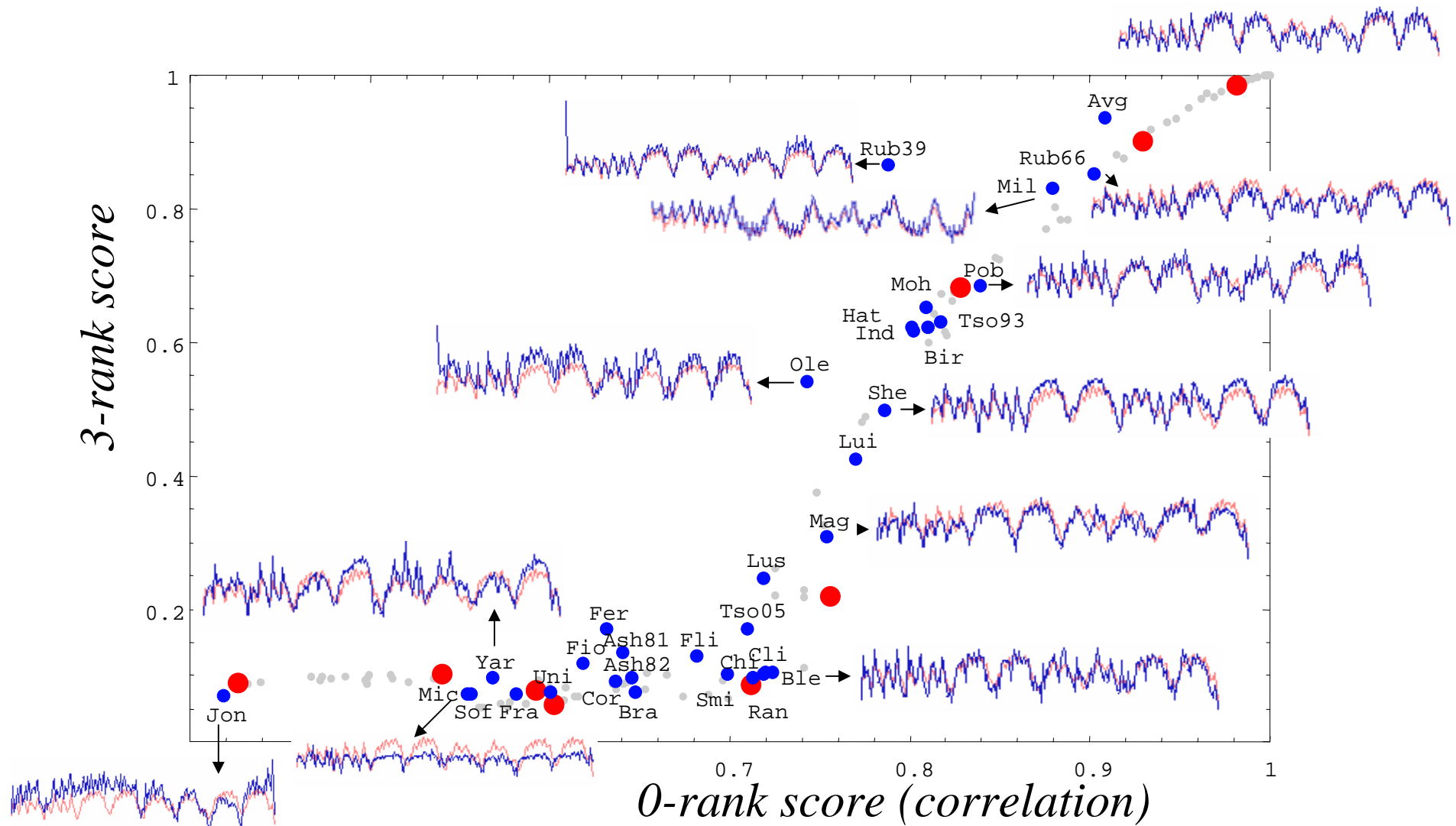
Target: Rubinstein 1952



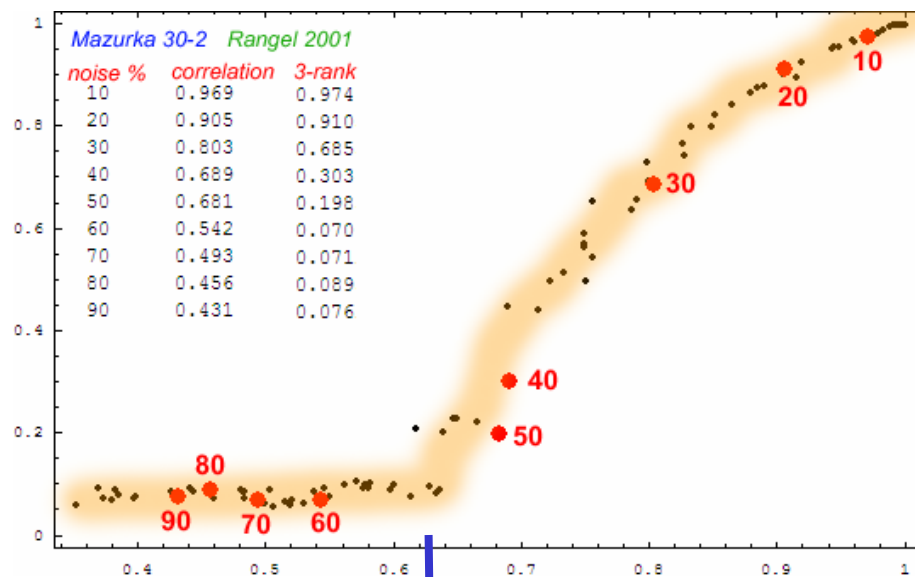
Real Data (2)

Mazurka 30/2

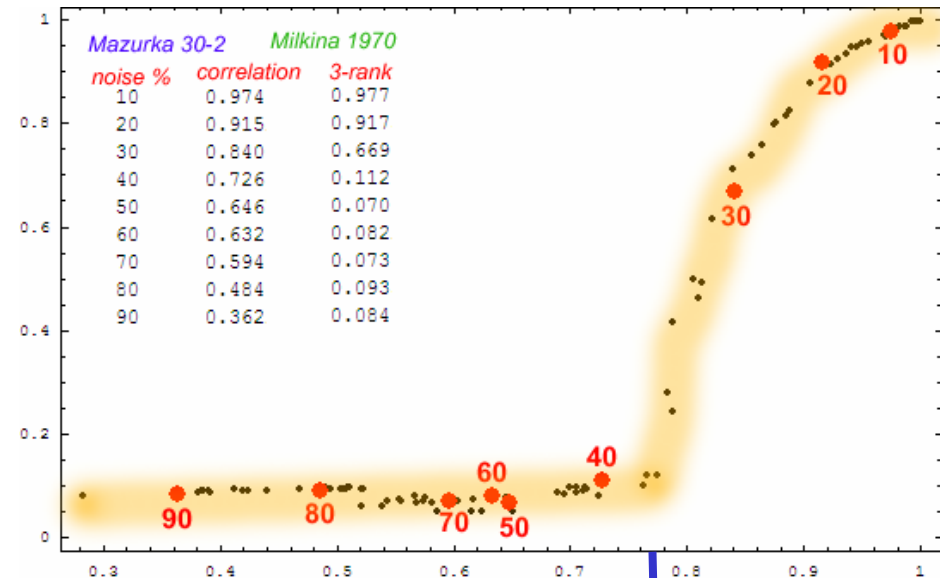
Target: Rubinstein 1952



Distance to the Noise Floor



0.62, 55% noise



38% noise, 0.77

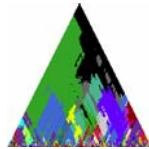
- Metric for measuring individuality of interpretation?

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- 3-Rank scores more absolute than correlation values
 - noise floor is always about a 3-rank score of 10%
 - 3-Rank scores less sensitive to local extrema

Cortot Performance Ranking

- Master class recording contains 48 out of 64 measures (75%)

Con. Artists Rankings



0-Rank:

1. Average
2. Rangell 01
3. Milkina 70
4. Mohovich 99
5. Shebanova 02

...

32. Masterclass

3-Rank

1. Average
2. Rangell 01
3. Mohovich 99
4. Rubinstein 39
5. Milkina 70

...

31. Masterclass

Match to other Cortot
near bottom of rankings.

Masterclass Rankings



0-Rank:

1. Poblocka 99
2. Average
3. Rubinstein 52
4. Tsong 93
5. Tsong 05

...

33. Con. Artist

3-Rank

1. Average
2. Rubinstein 52
3. Luisada 90
4. Poblocka 99
5. Hatto 94

...

35. Con. Artist

Match to other Cortot
near bottom of rankings.

(comparing 35 performances + average)