Lecture

Music Processing

Beethoven, Bach, and Billions of Bytes

New Alliances between Music and Computer Science

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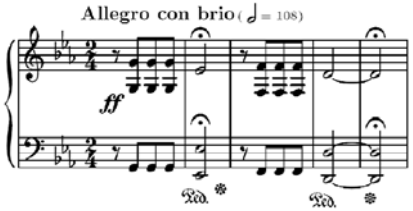
Sheet Music (Image)



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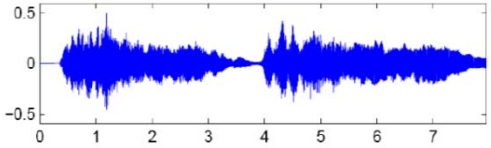

MusicXML (Text)

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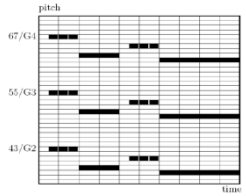
Dance / Motion (Mocap)

Music

MIDI



Singing / Voice (Audio)

Music Film (Video)

Music Literature (Text)

Research Goals

- Music Information Retrieval (MIR) → ISMIR
- Analysis of music signals
  (harmonic, melodic, rhythmic, motivic aspects)
- Design of musically relevant audio features
- Tools for multimodal search and interaction

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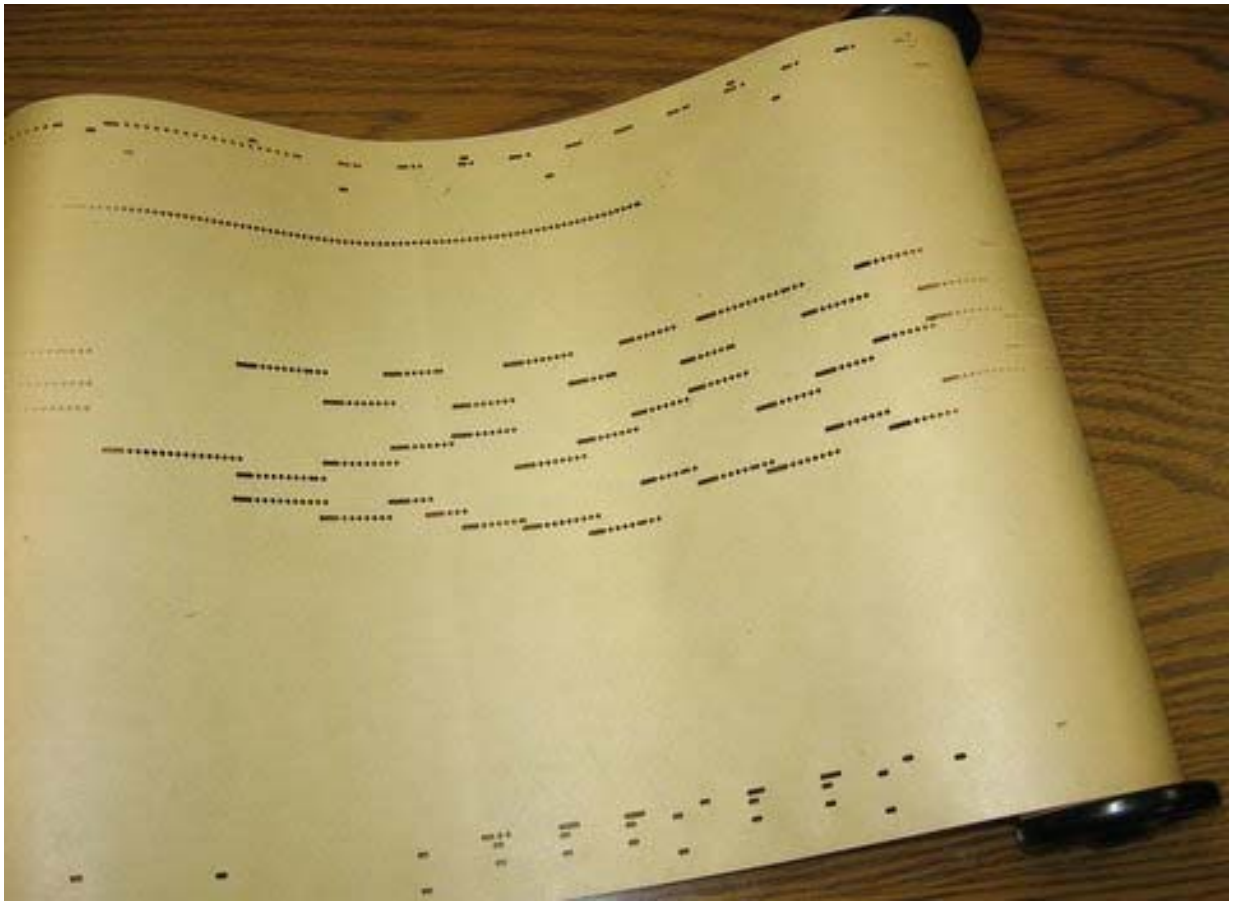

Player Piano (1900)

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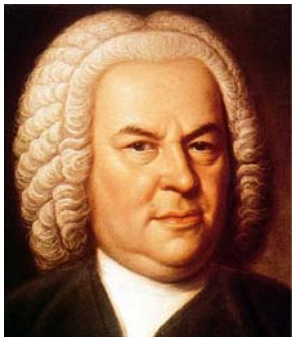
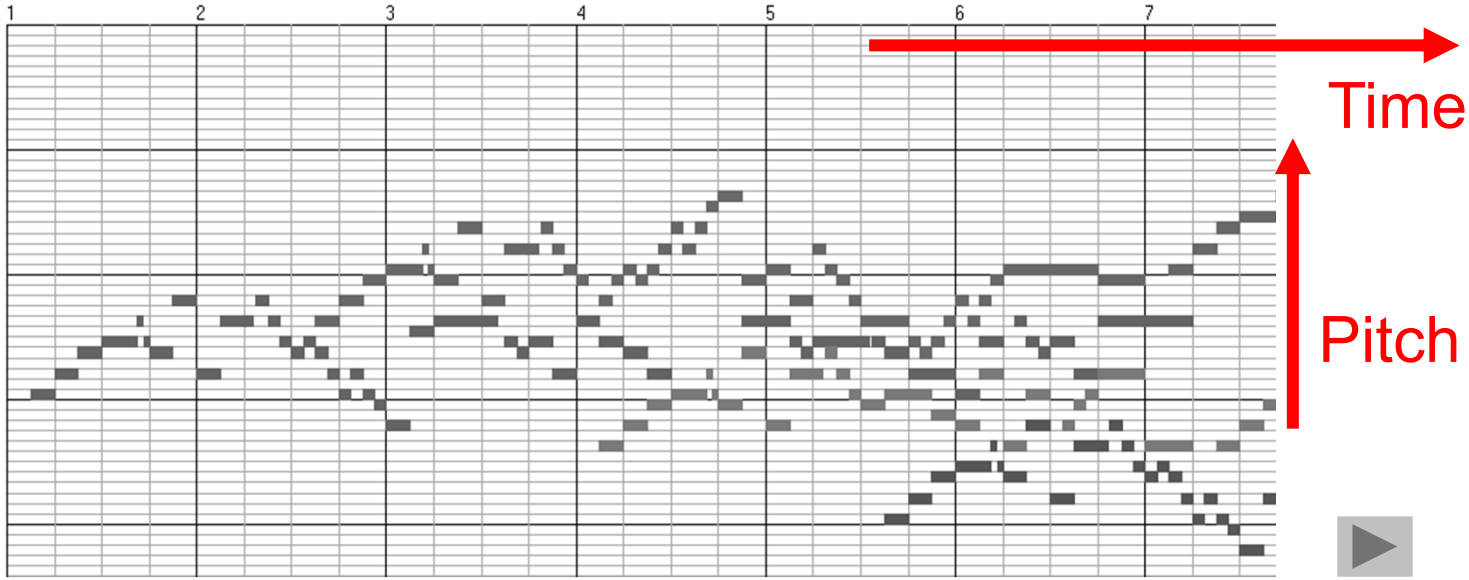


J.S. Bach, C-Major Fuge

(Well Tempered Piano, BWV 846)



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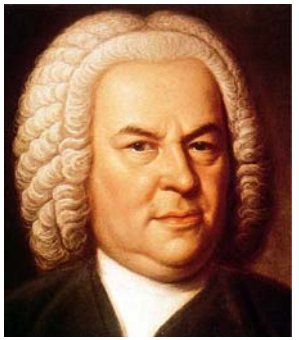

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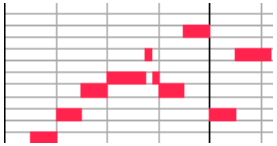

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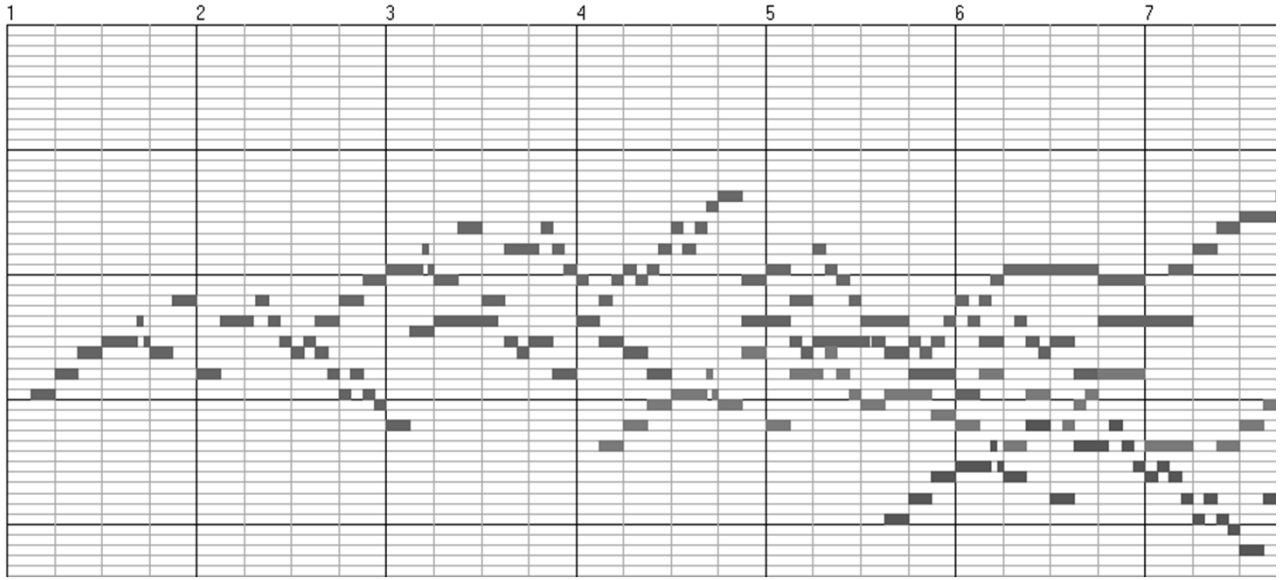

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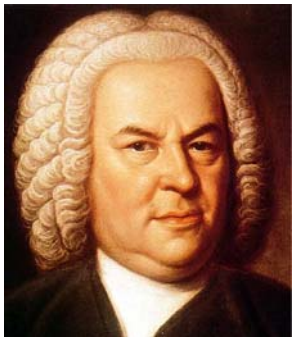

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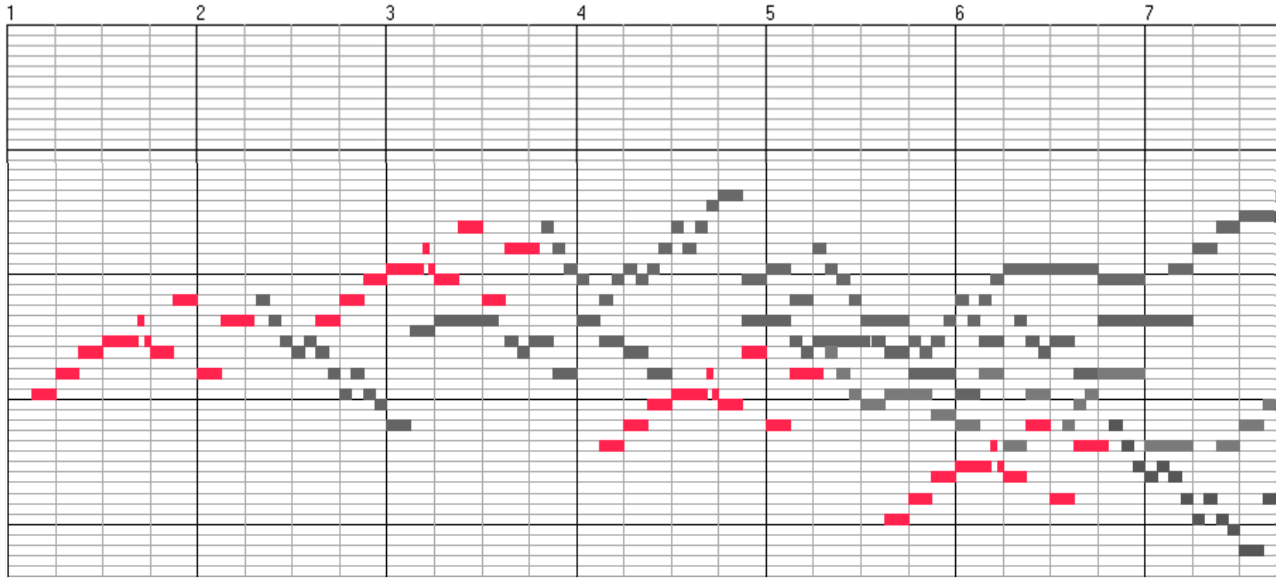
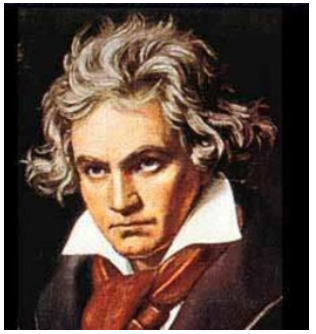


Audio Data



Various interpretations – Beethoven's Fifth

Bernstein	▶
Karajan	▶
Scherbakov (piano)	▶
MIDI (piano)	▶

Audio Data (Memory Requirements)

1 Bit	=	1: on 0: off
1 Byte	=	8 Bits
1 Kilobyte (KB)	=	1 Thousand Bytes
1 Megabyte (MB)	=	1 Million Bytes
1 Gigabyte (GB)	=	1 **Billion Bytes**
1 Terabyte (TB)	=	1000 Billion Bytes

Audio Data (Memory Requirements)

12.000 MIDI files	<	350 MB
One audio CD	≈	650 MB
Two audio CDs	>	1 **Billion Bytes**
1000 audio CDs	≈	**Billions of Bytes**

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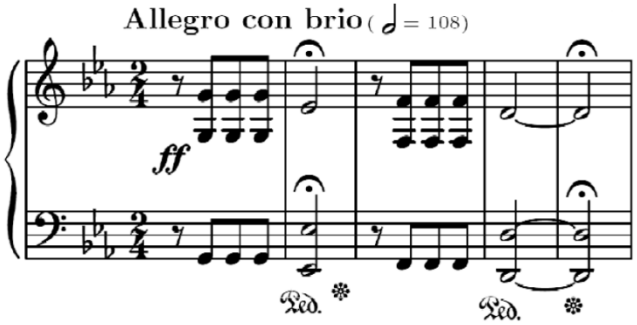

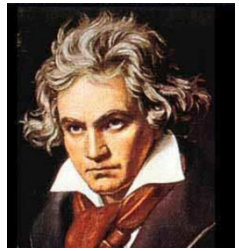

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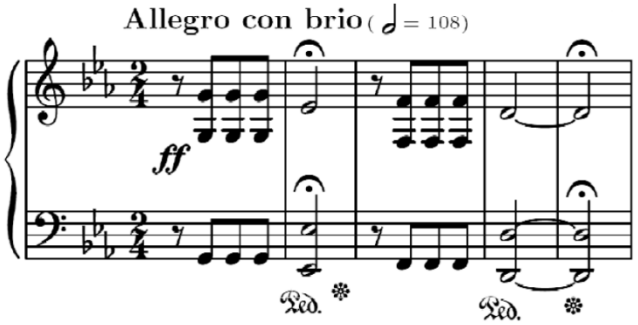

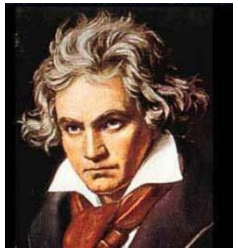

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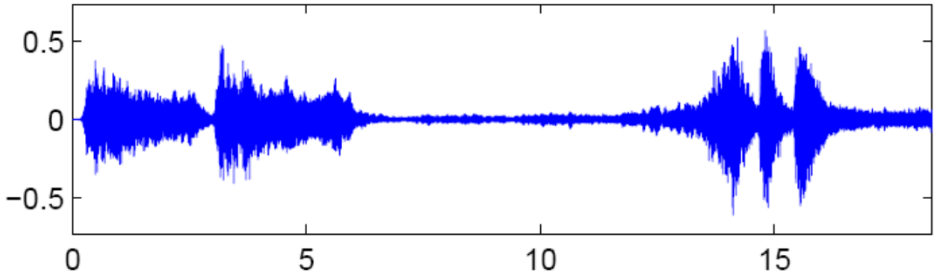

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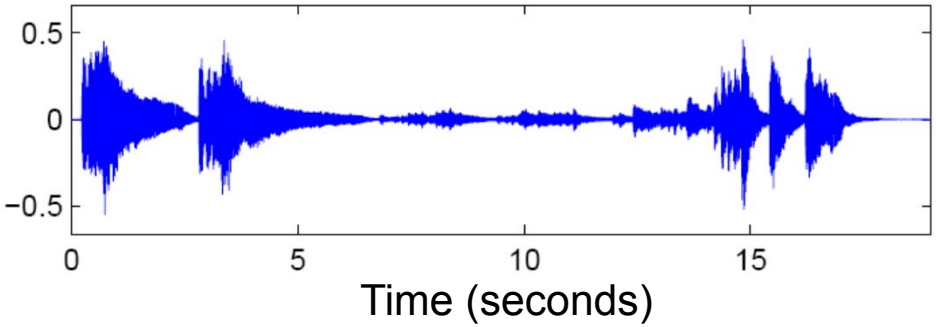

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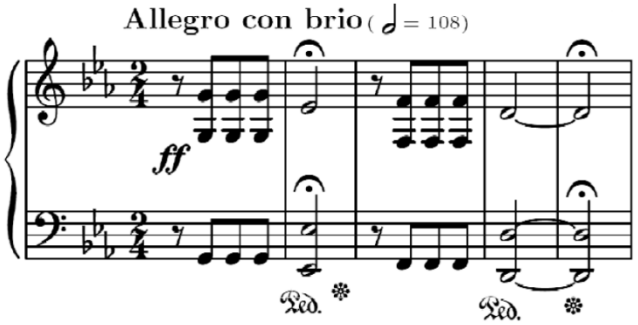

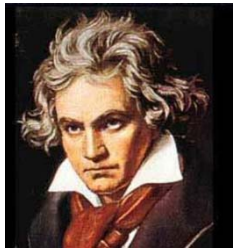

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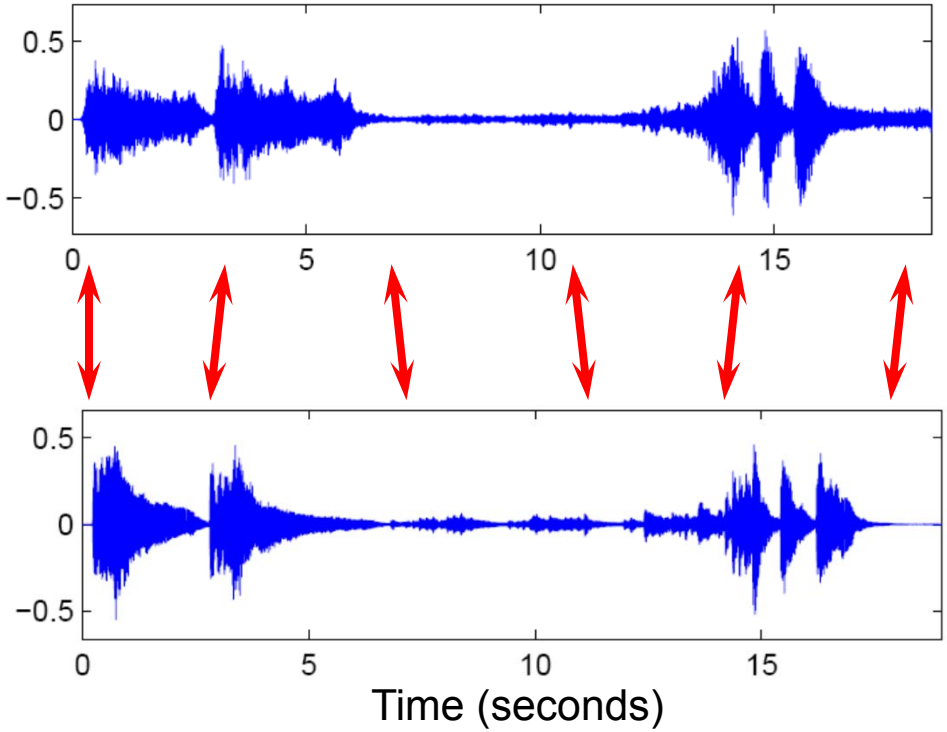

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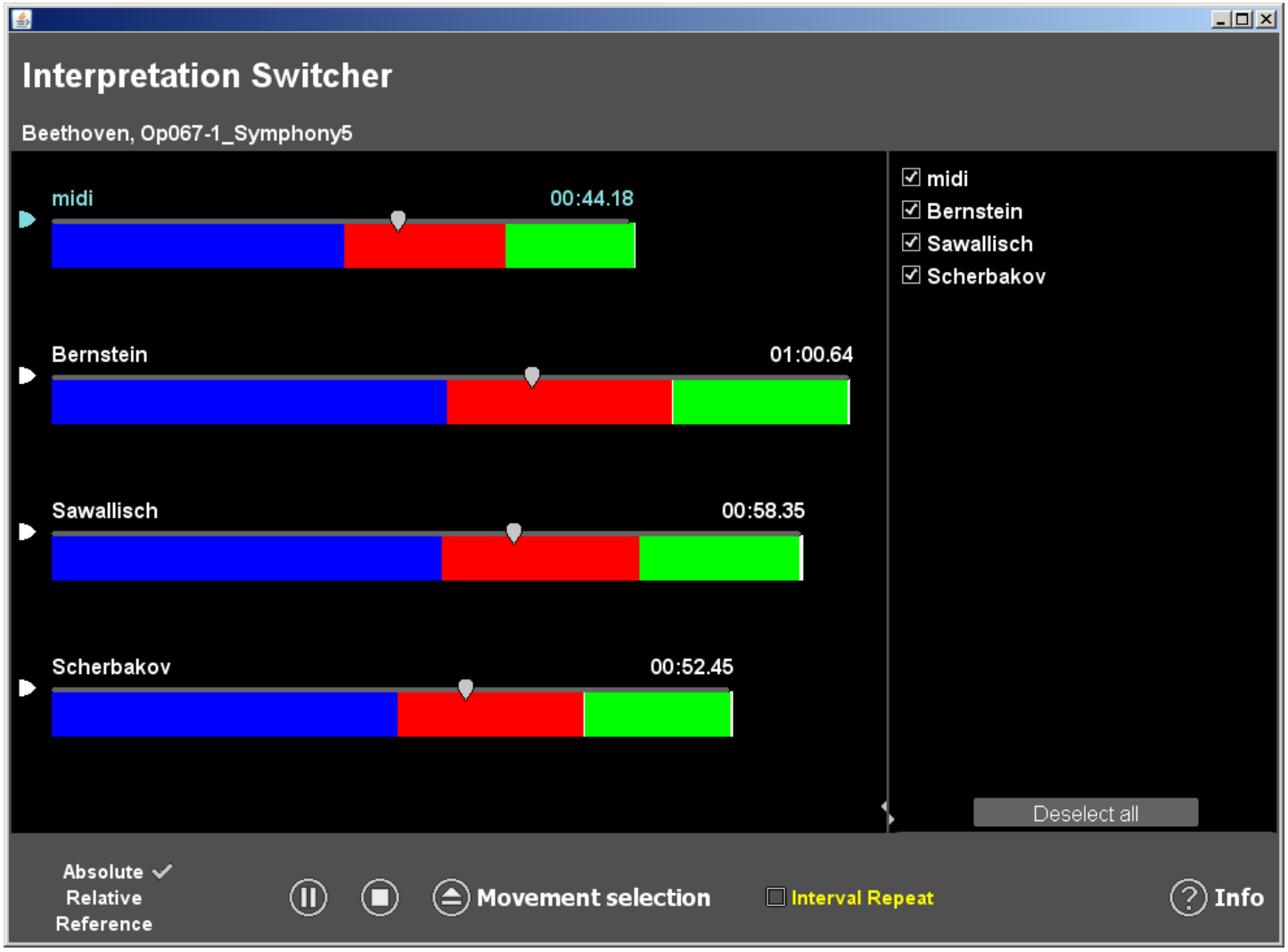

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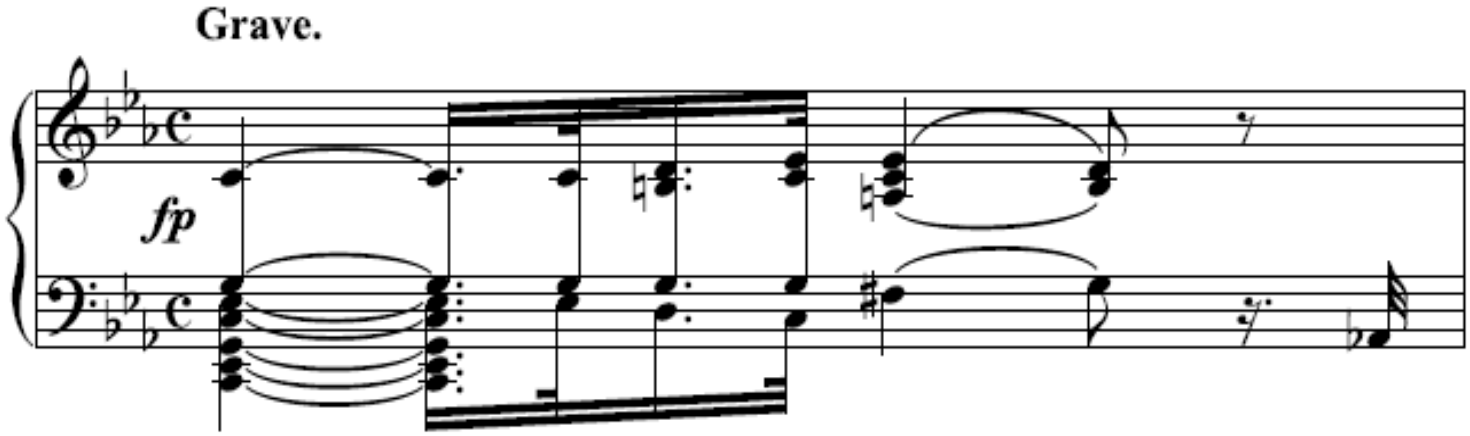

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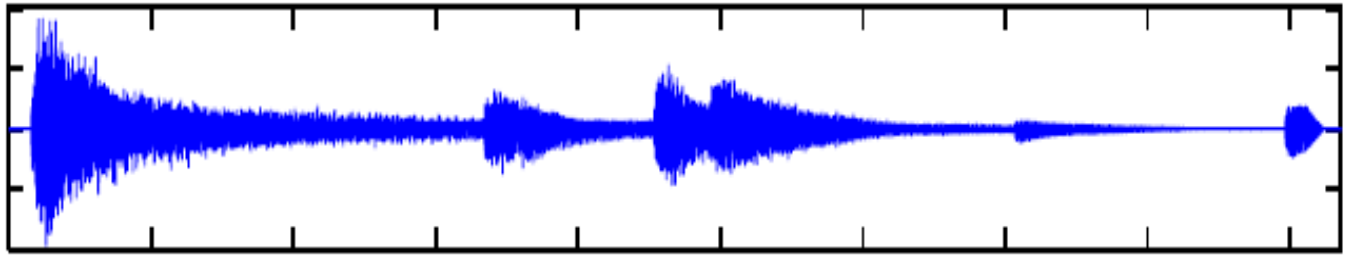

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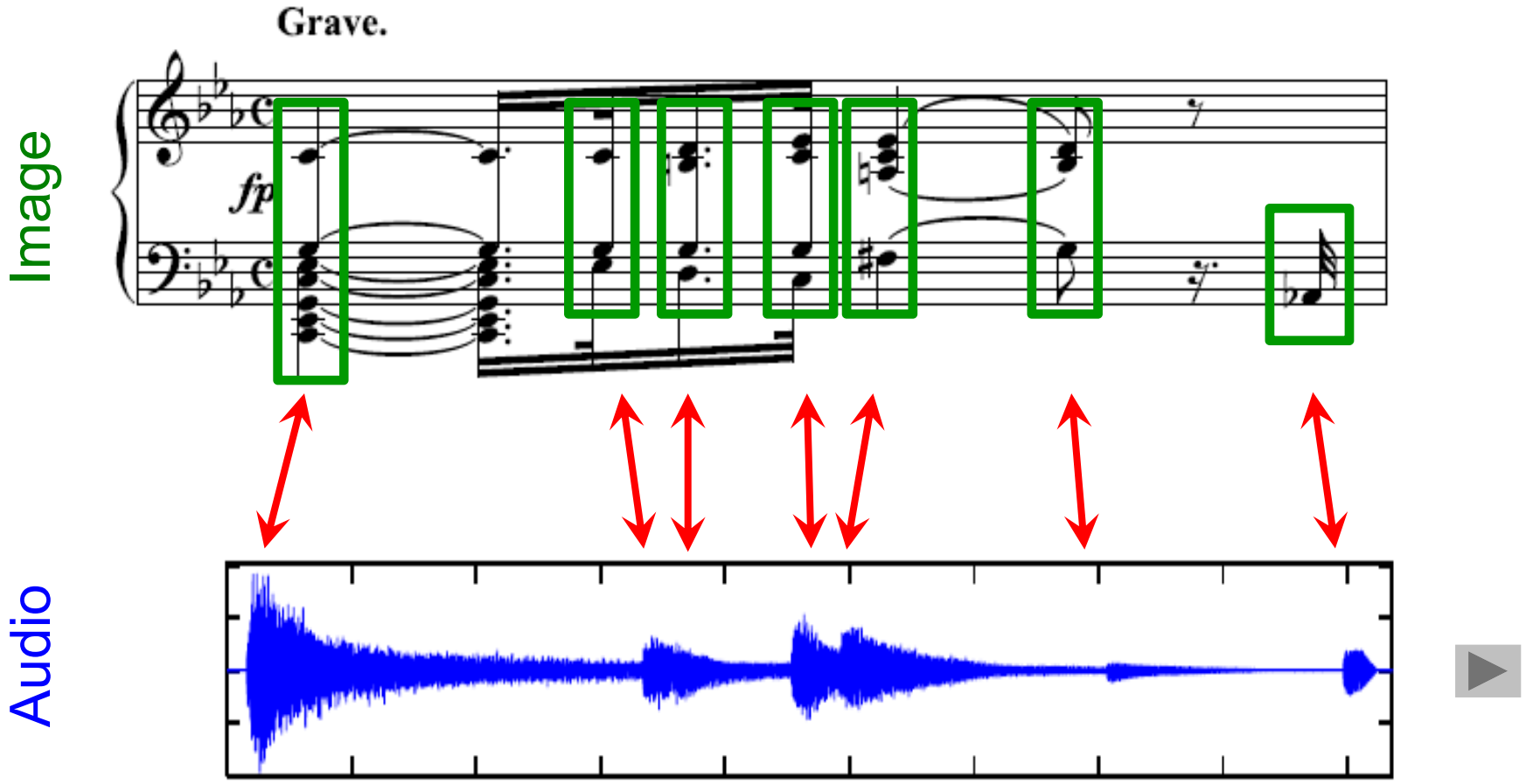

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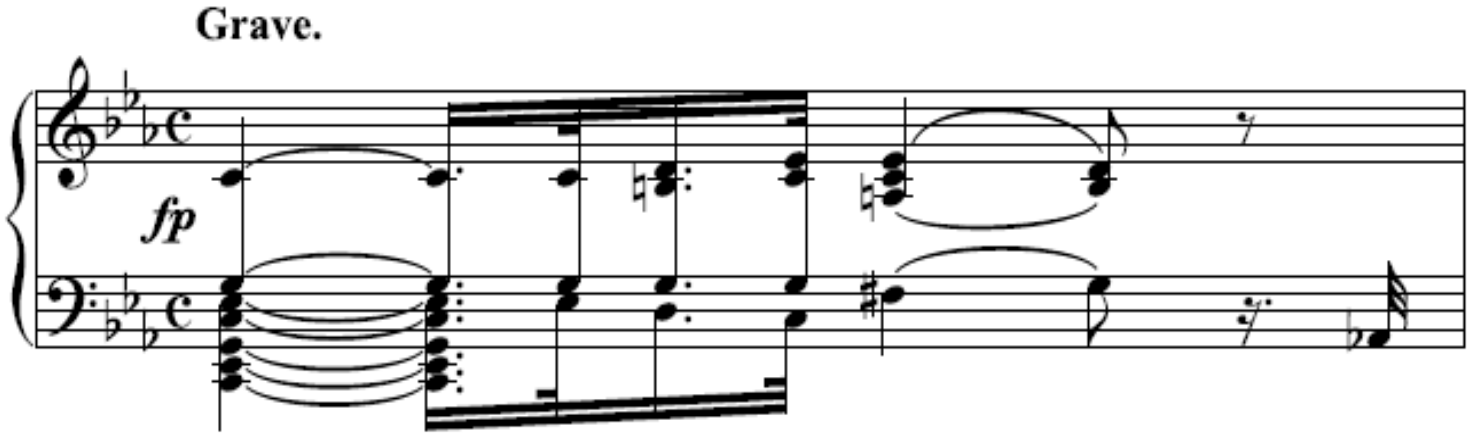

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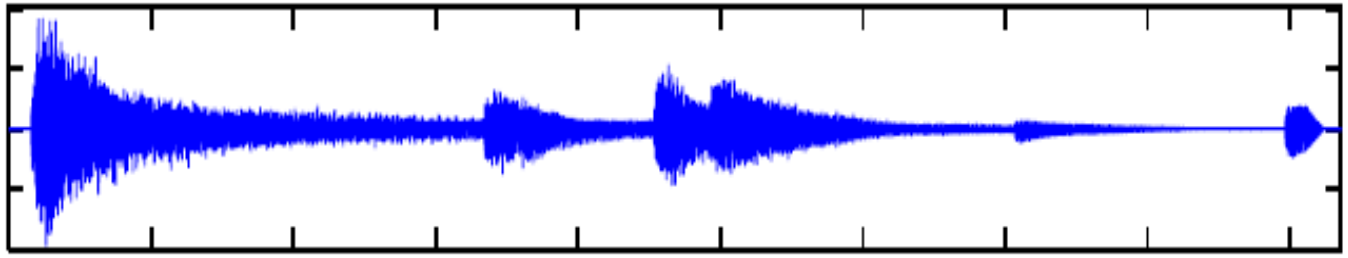

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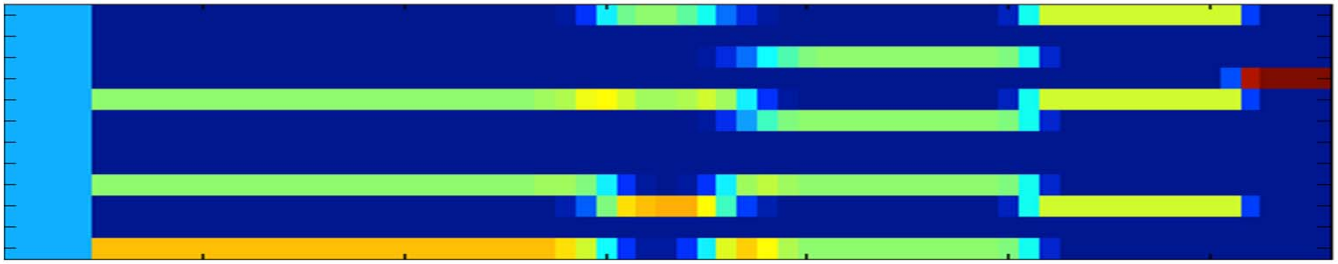

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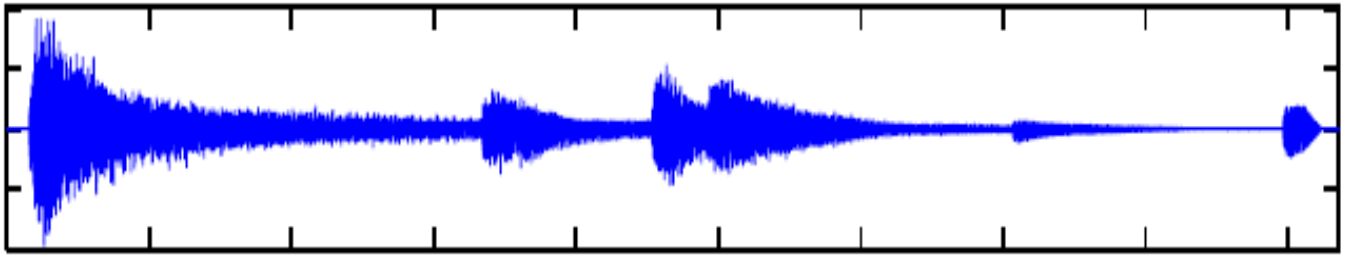

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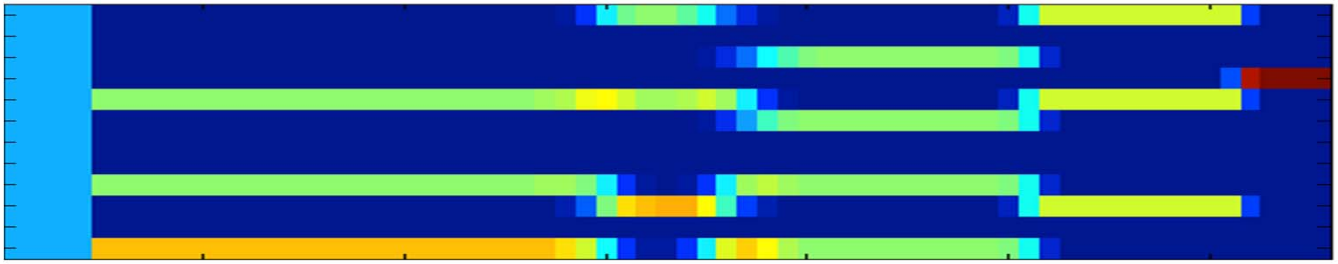

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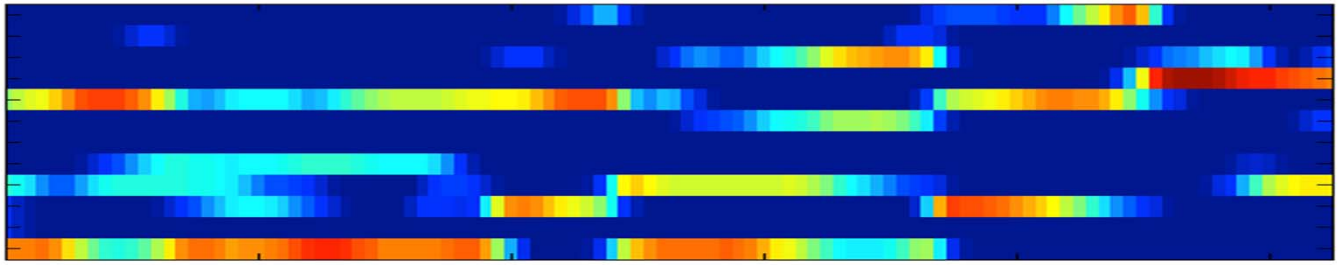

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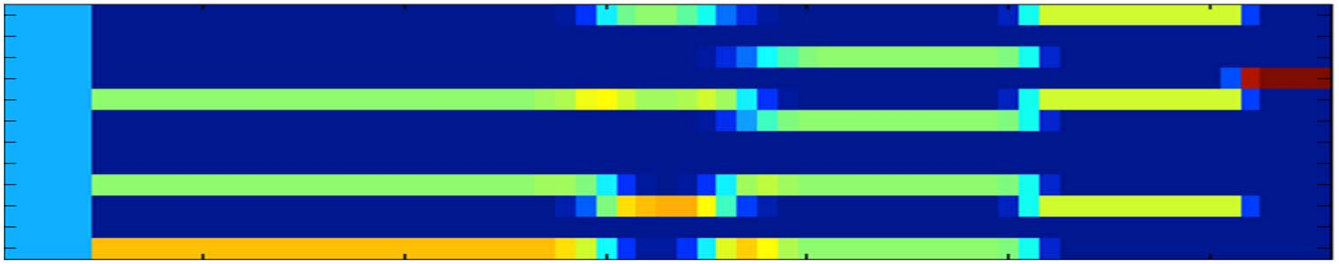

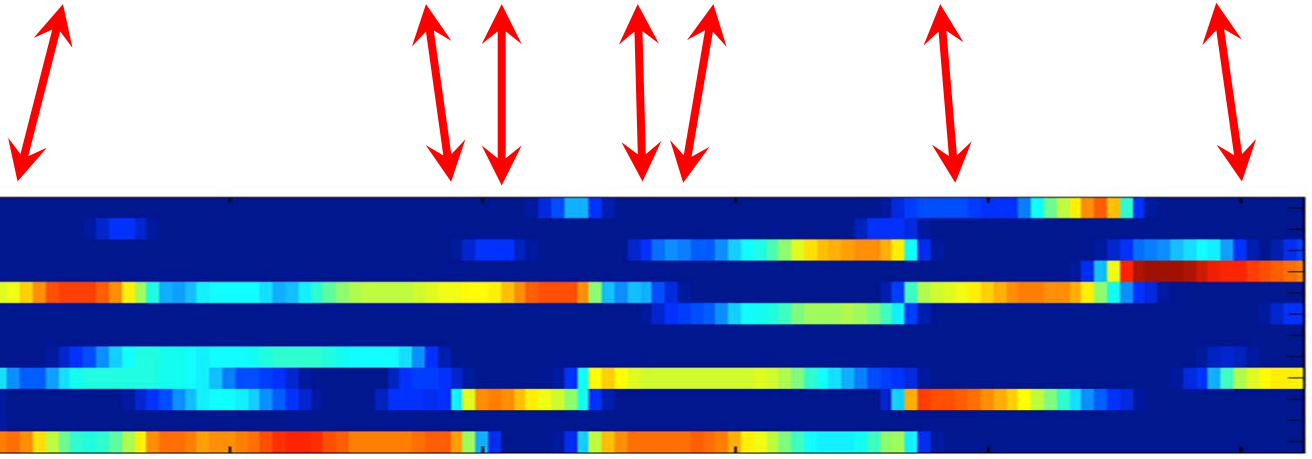

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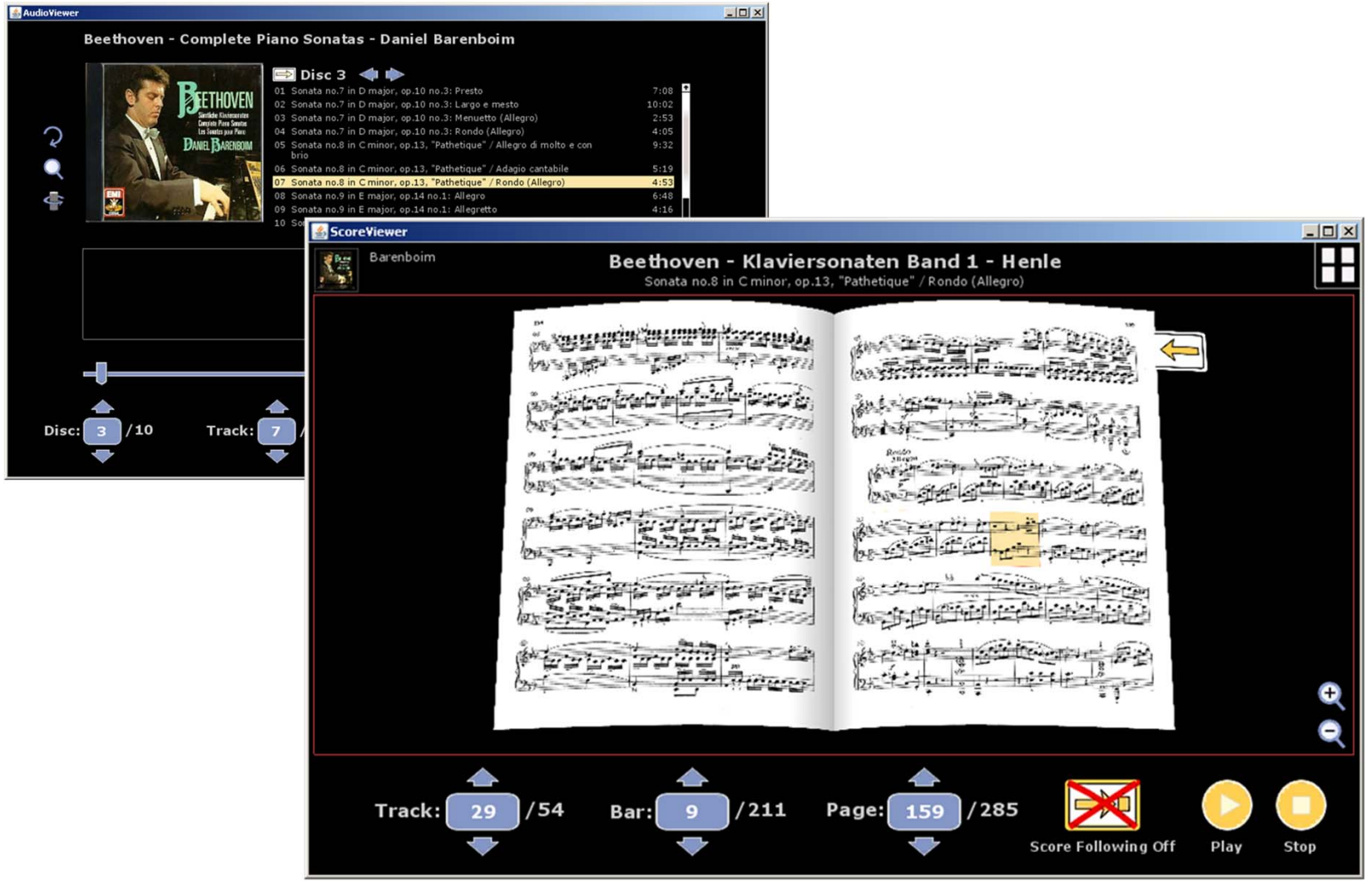
Application: Score Viewer



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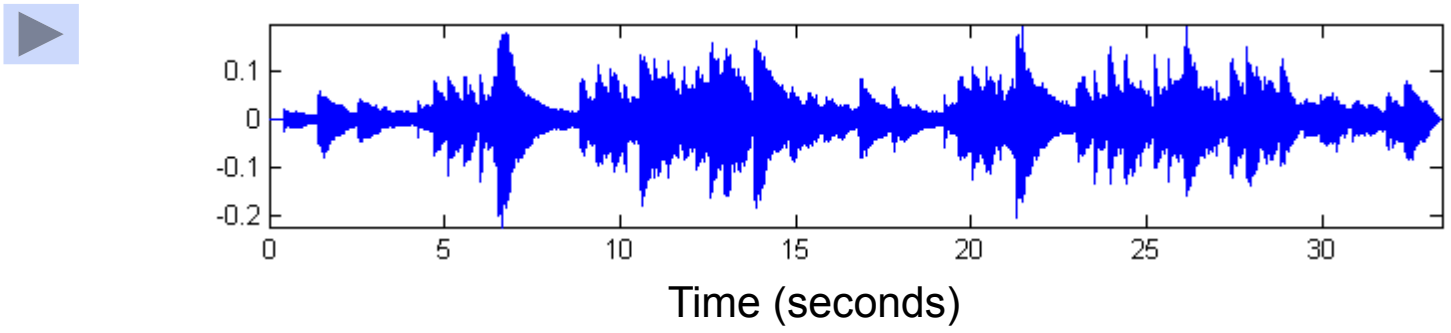

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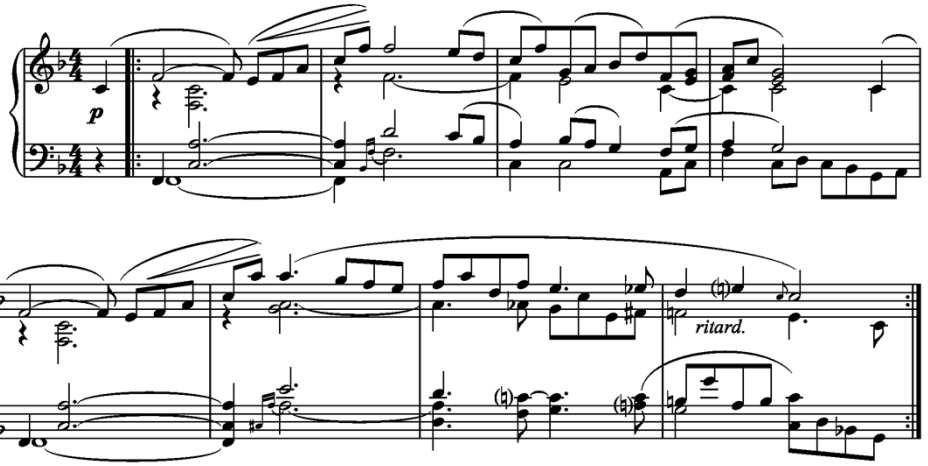

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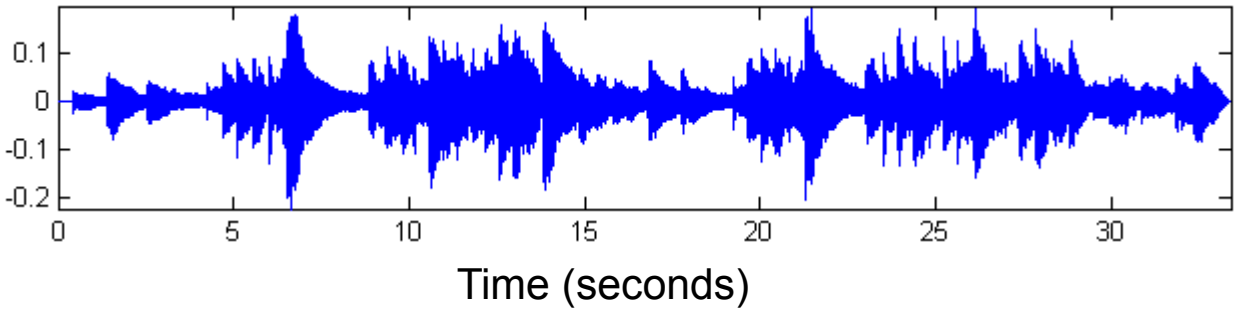

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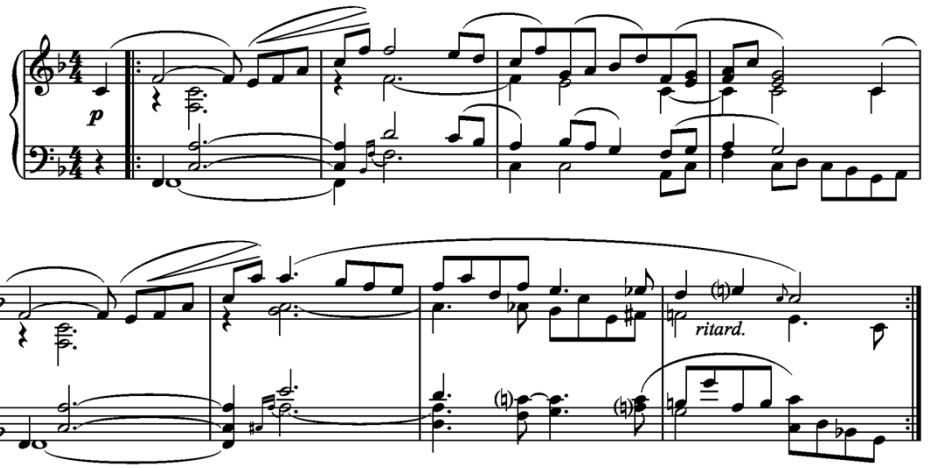

Strategy: Compute score-audio synchronization and derive tempo curve

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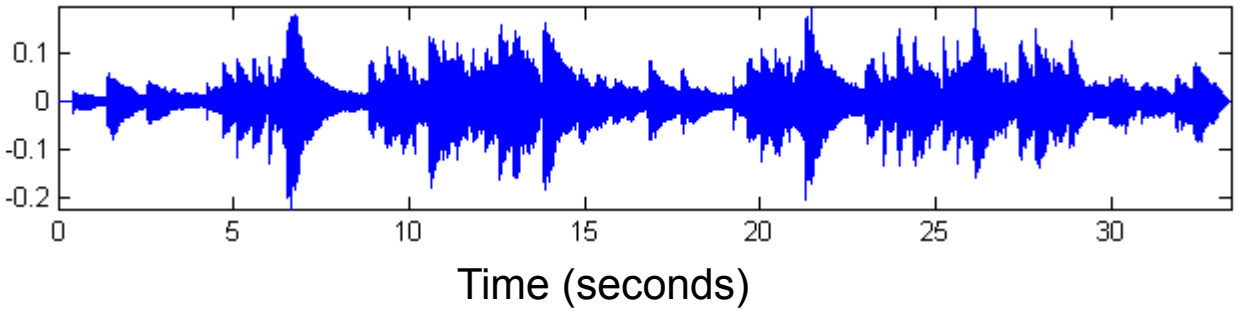

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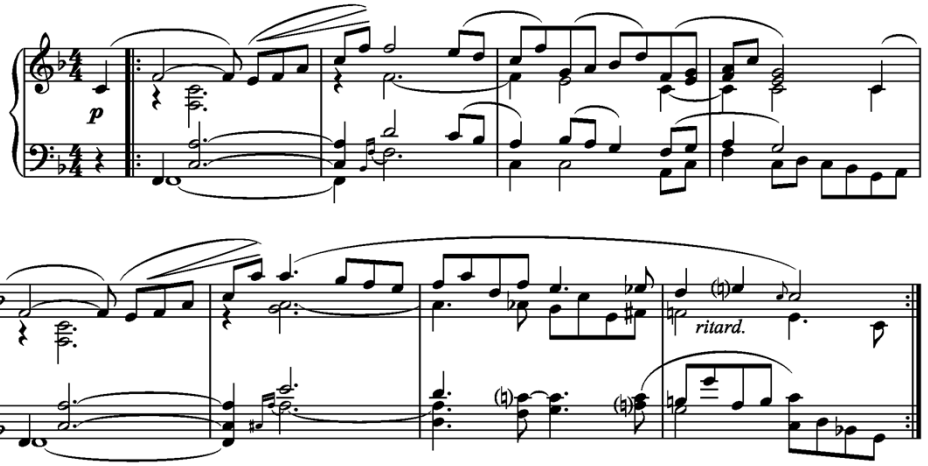

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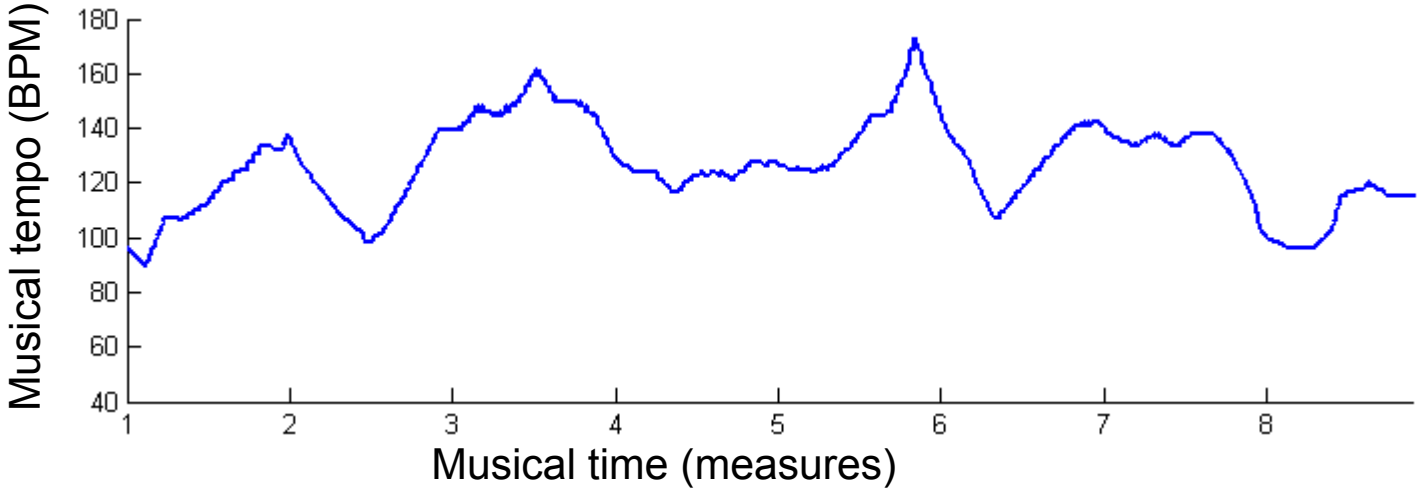

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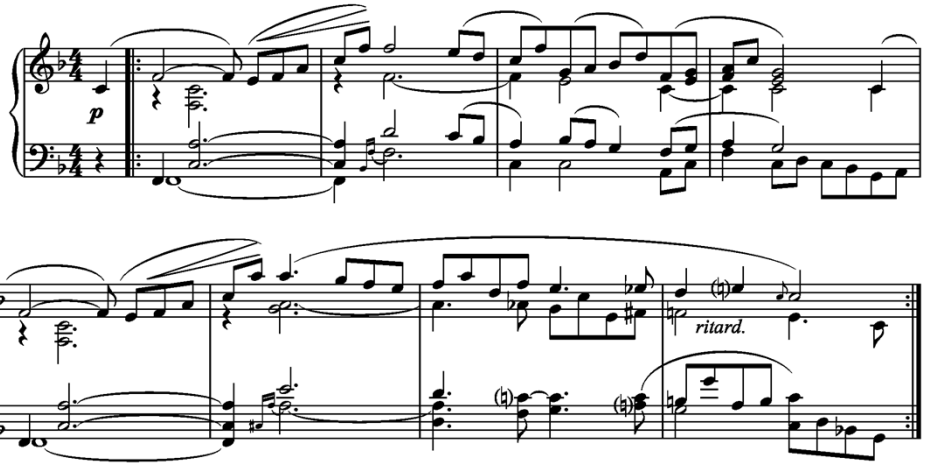

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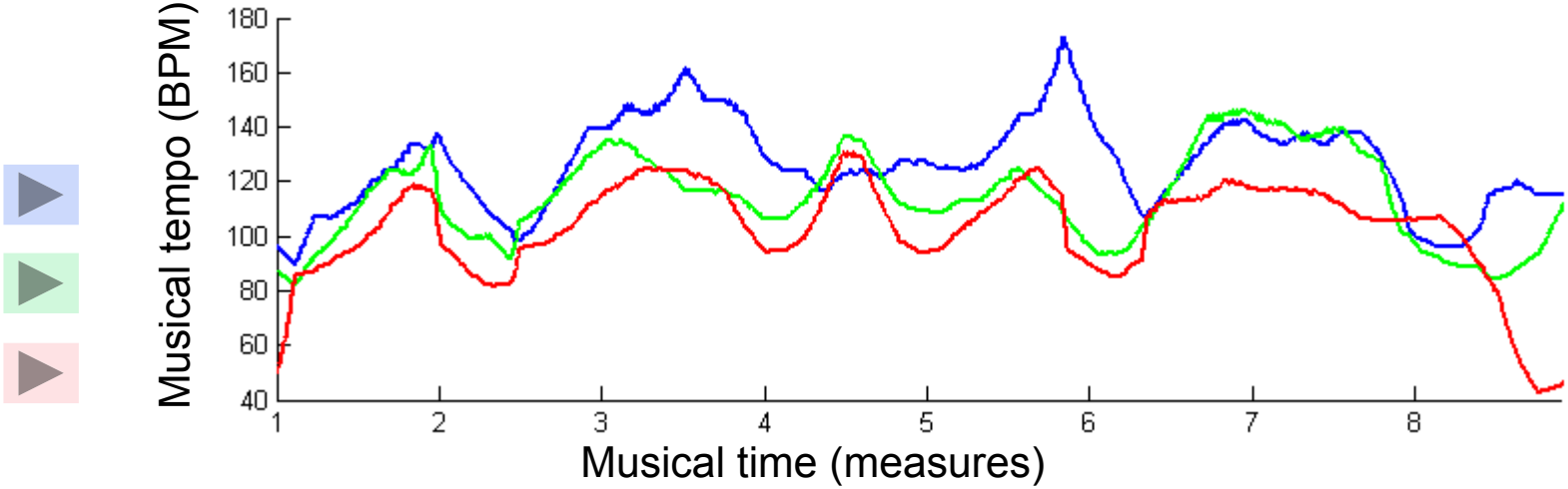

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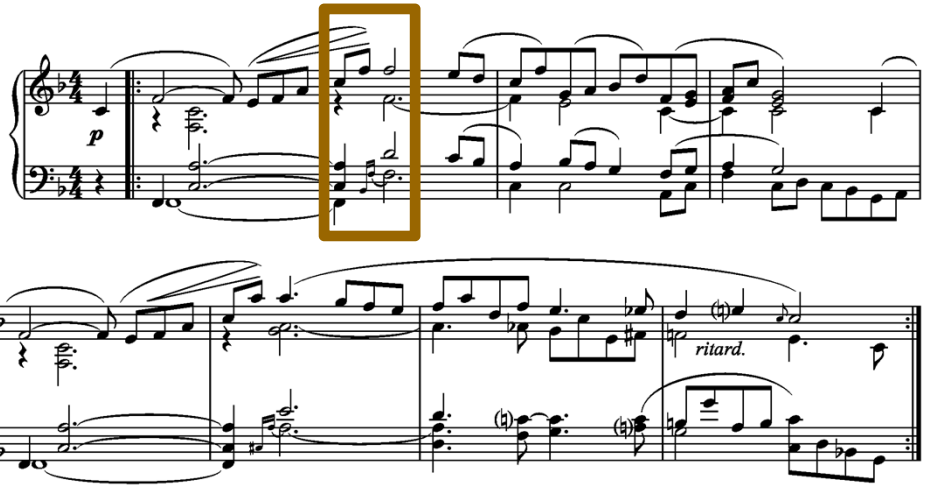

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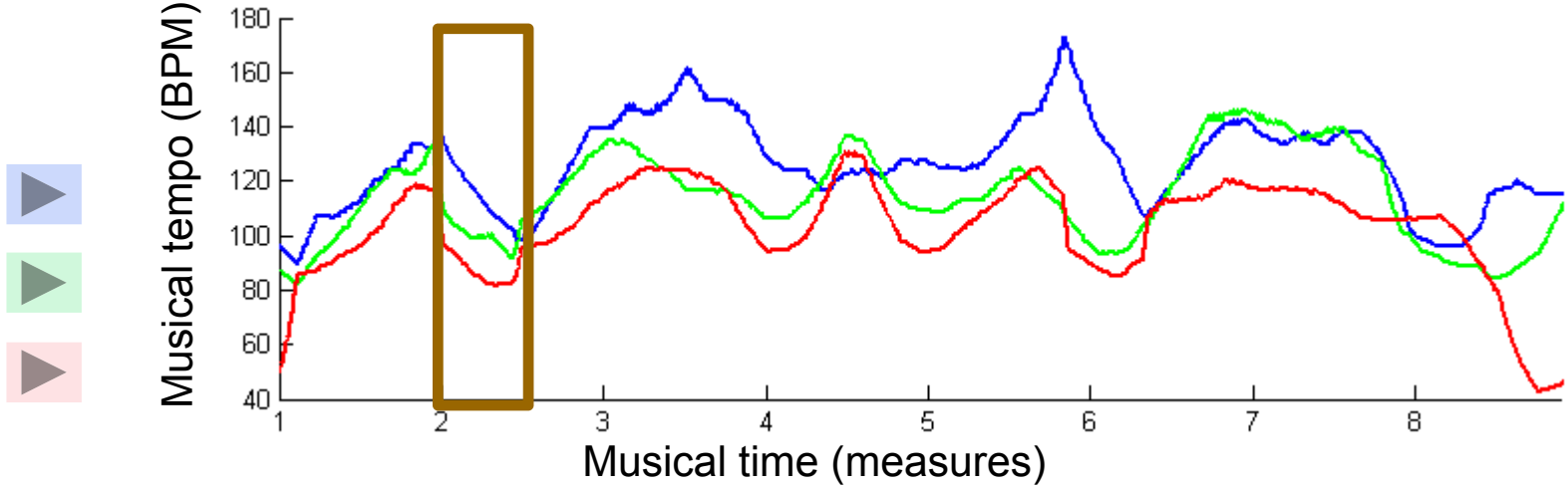

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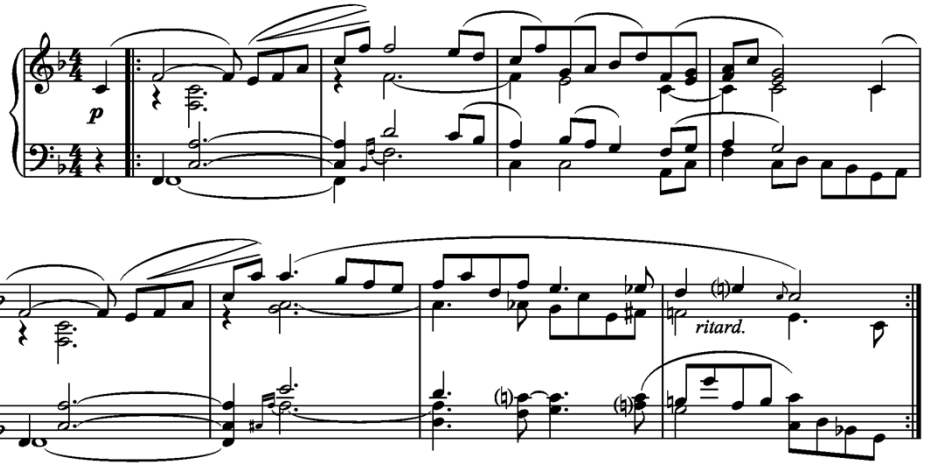

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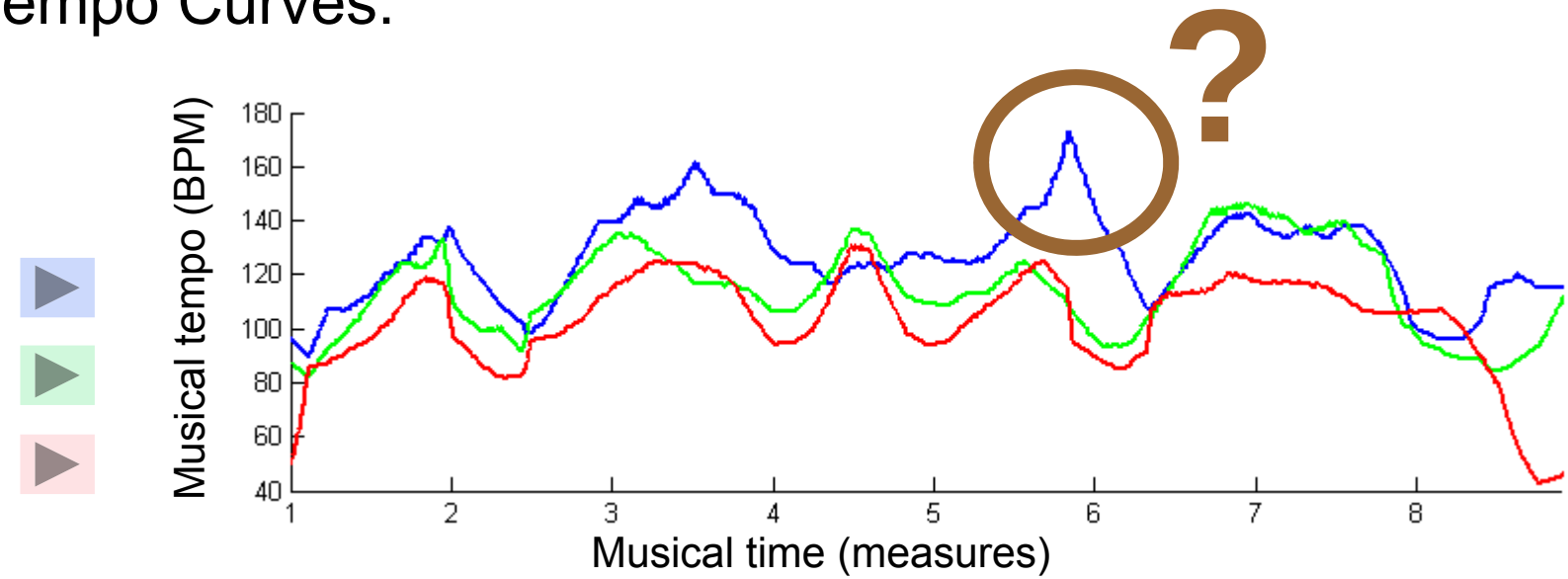

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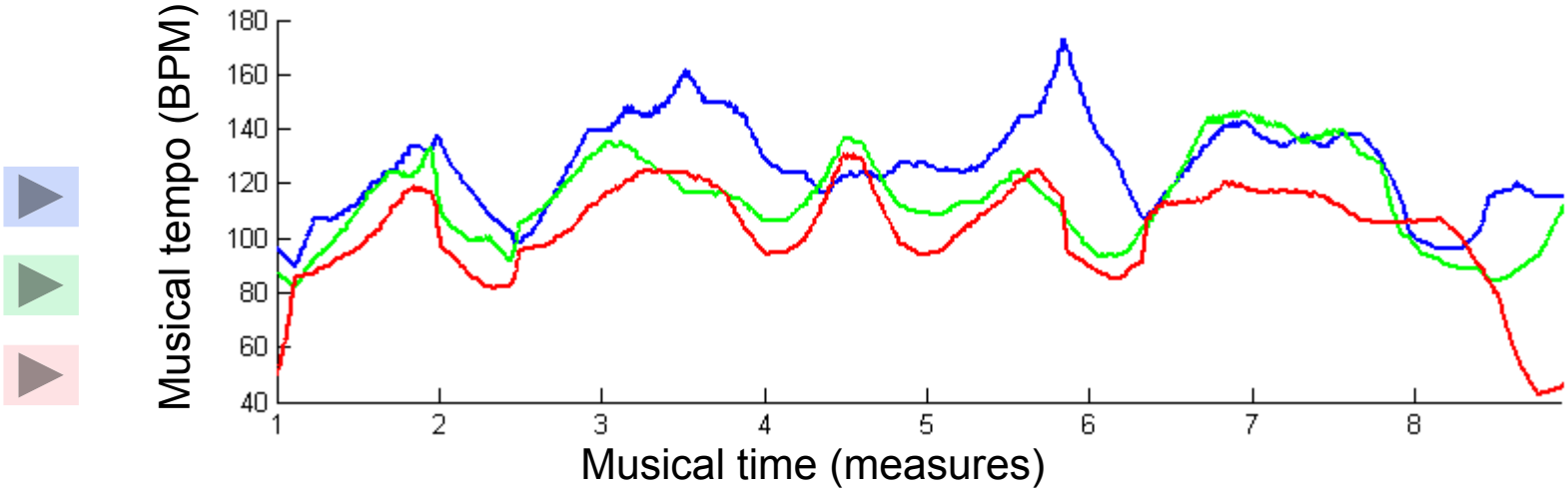

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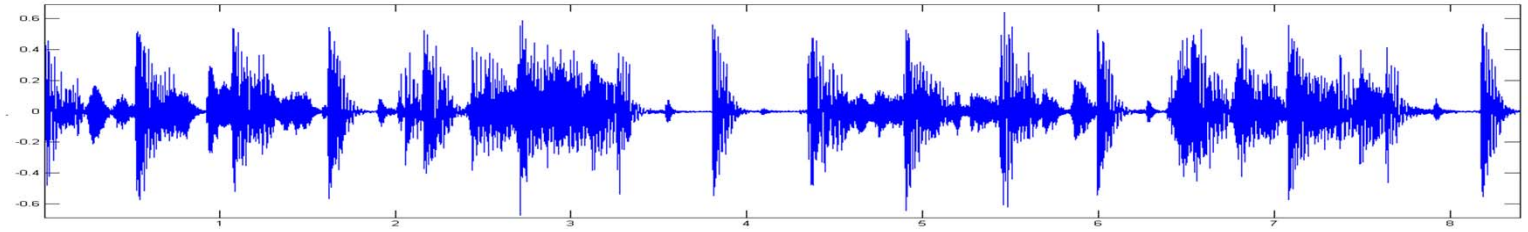

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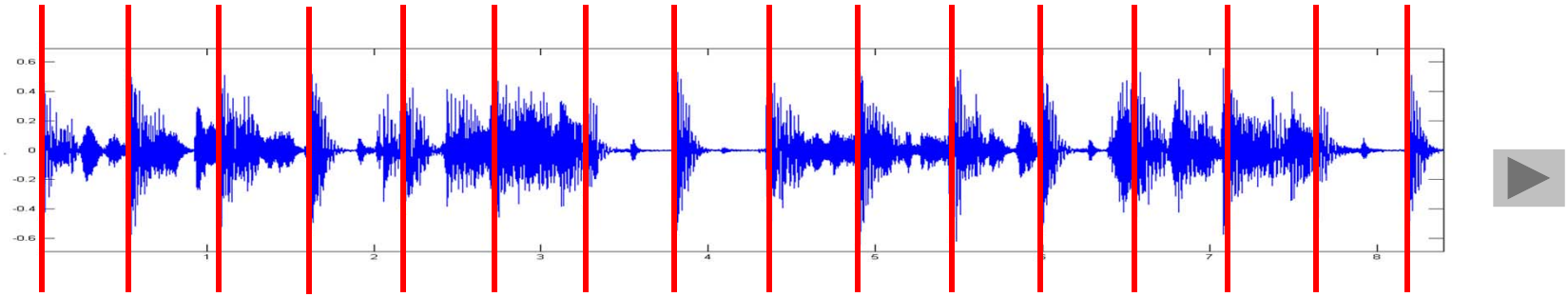

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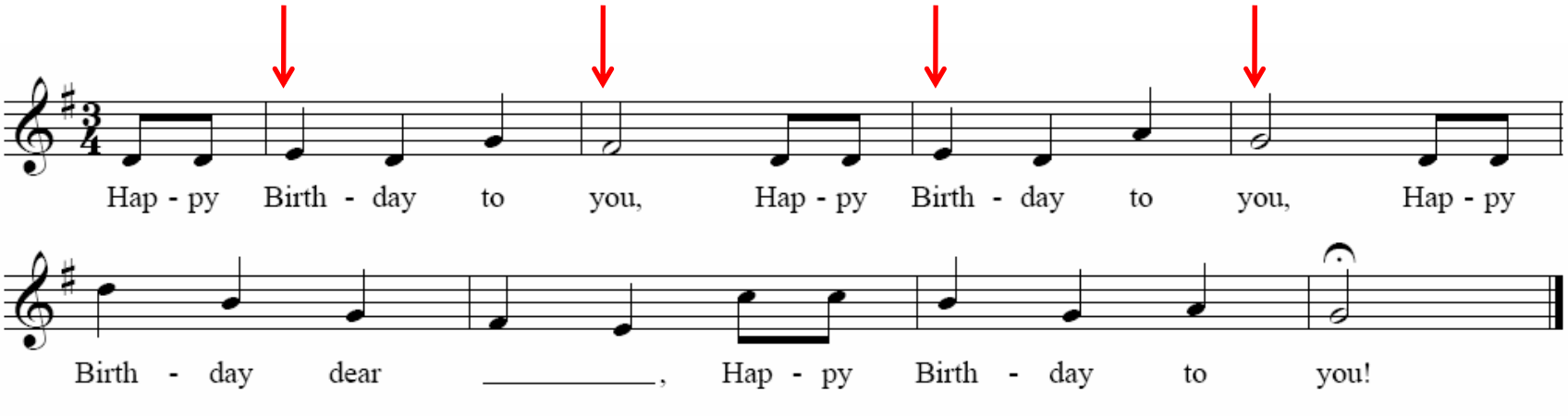
Example: Happy Birthday to you

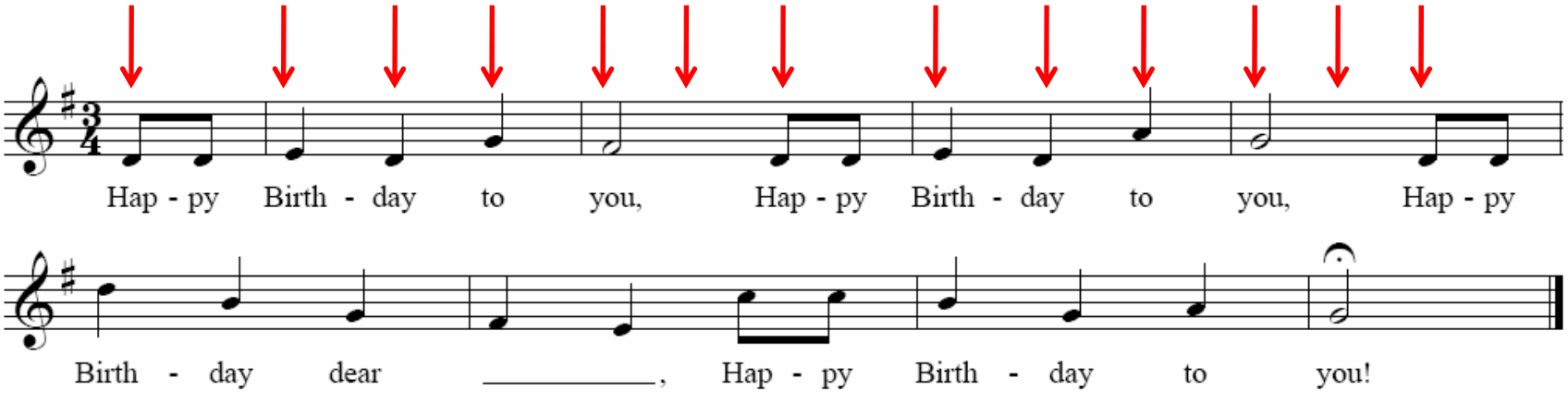
Pulse level: **Measure**



Tempo Estimation and Beat Tracking

Example: Happy Birthday to you

Pulse level: **Tactus (beat)**



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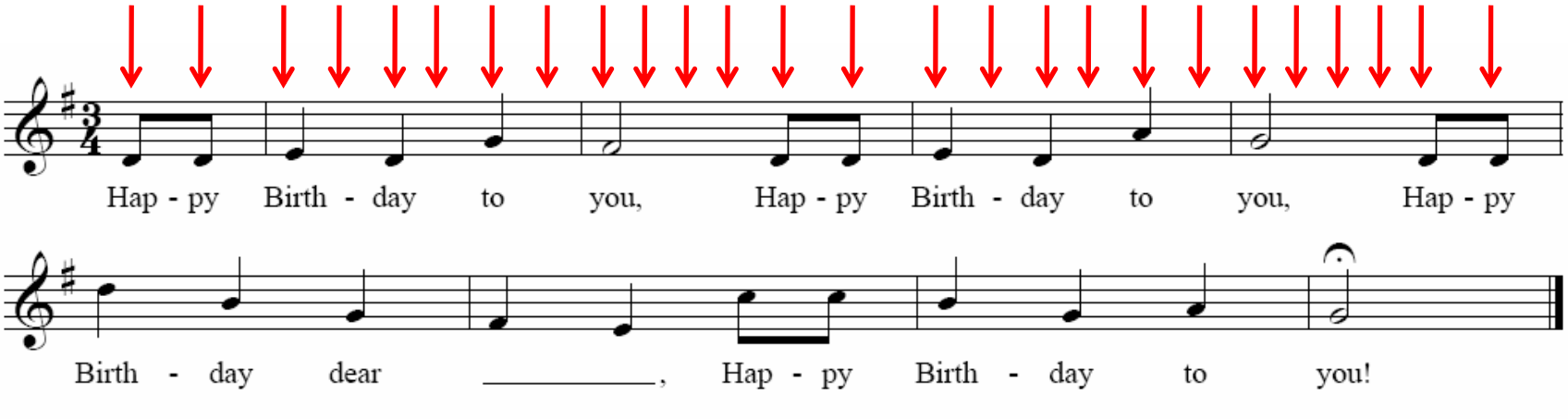
Example: Happy Birthday to you

Pulse level: **Tatum (temporal atom)**



Tempo Estimation and Beat Tracking

Example: Chopin – Mazurka Op. 68-3

Pulse level: Quarter note

Tempo: ???

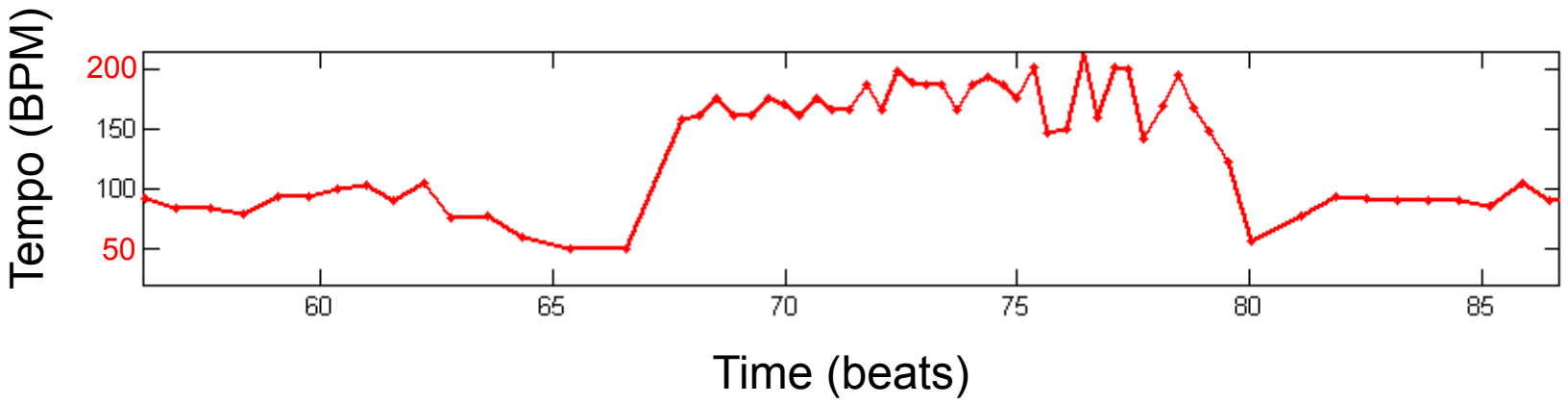
Tempo Estimation and Beat Tracking

Example: Chopin – Mazurka Op. 68-3

Pulse level: Quarter note

Tempo: 50-200 BPM

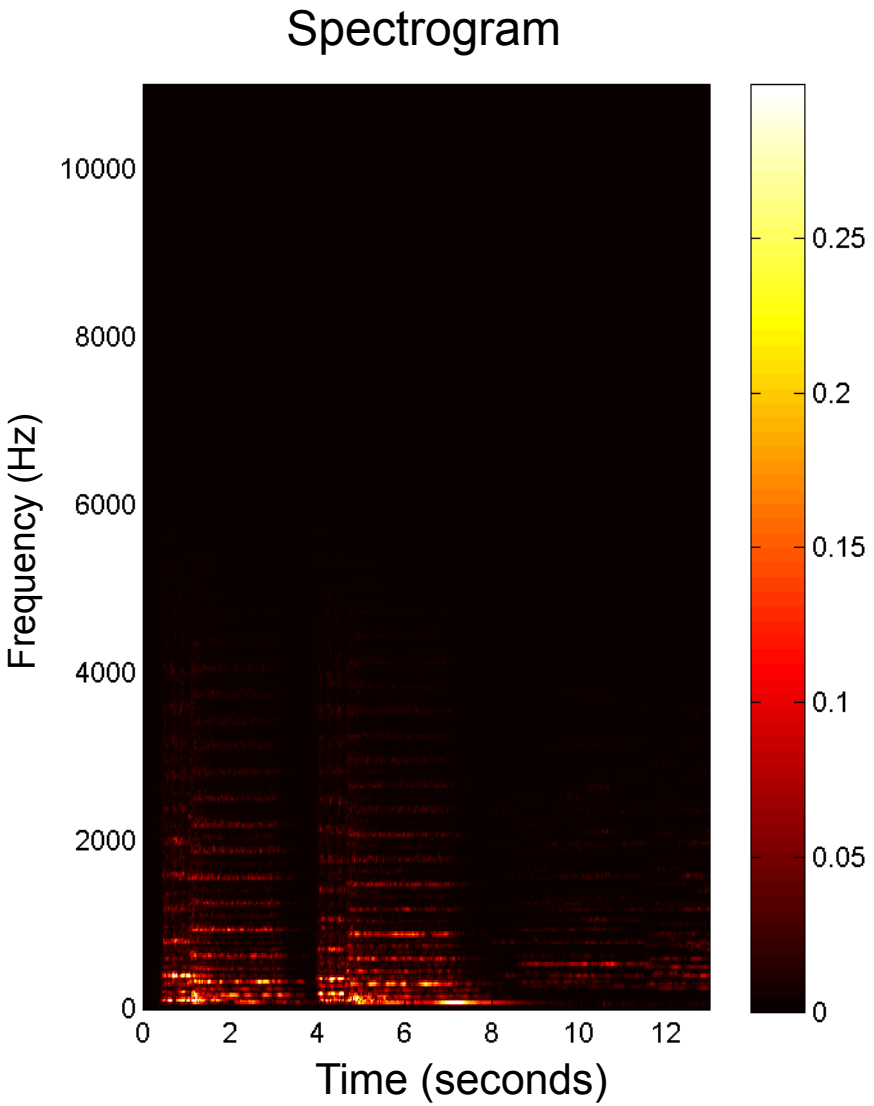
Tempo curve



Tempo Estimation and Beat Tracking

- Which temporal level?
- Local tempo deviations
- Sparse information
  (e.g., only note onsets available)
- Vague information
  (e.g., extracted note onsets corrupt)

Tempo Estimation and Beat Tracking



Steps:

1. Spectrogram

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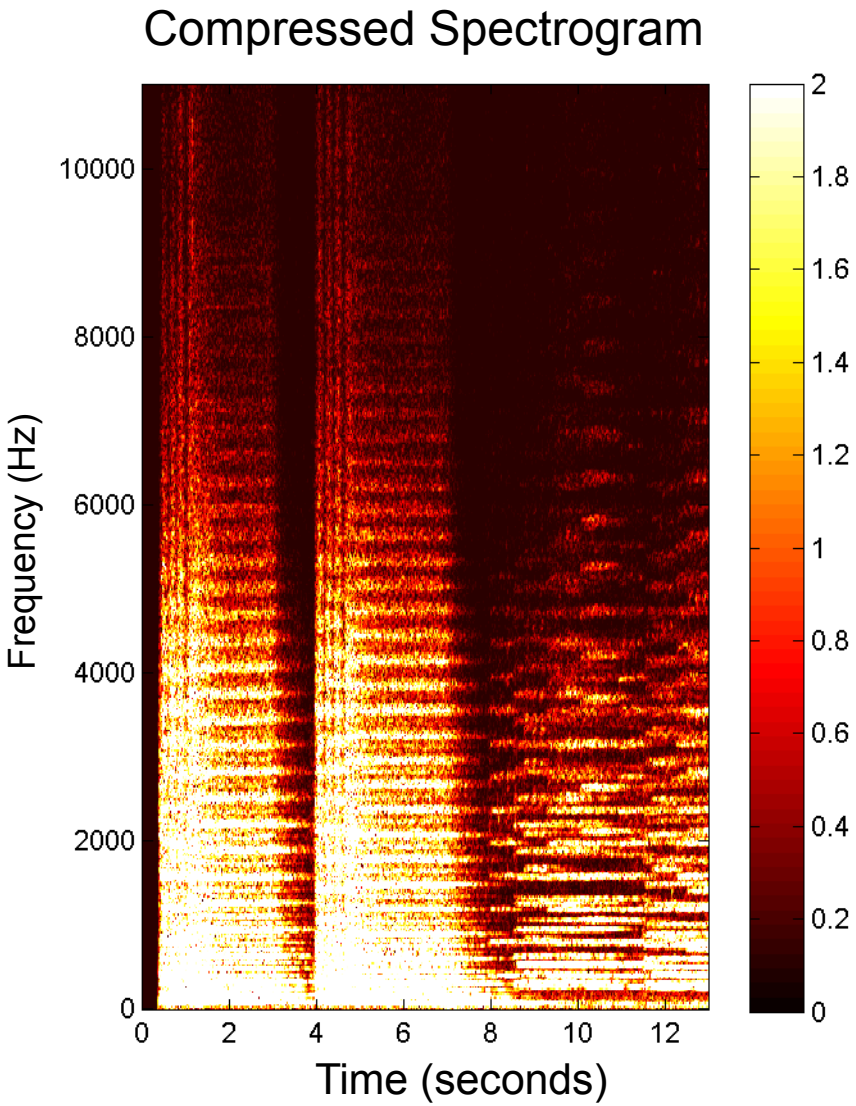

Steps:

1. Spectrogram
2. Log Compression

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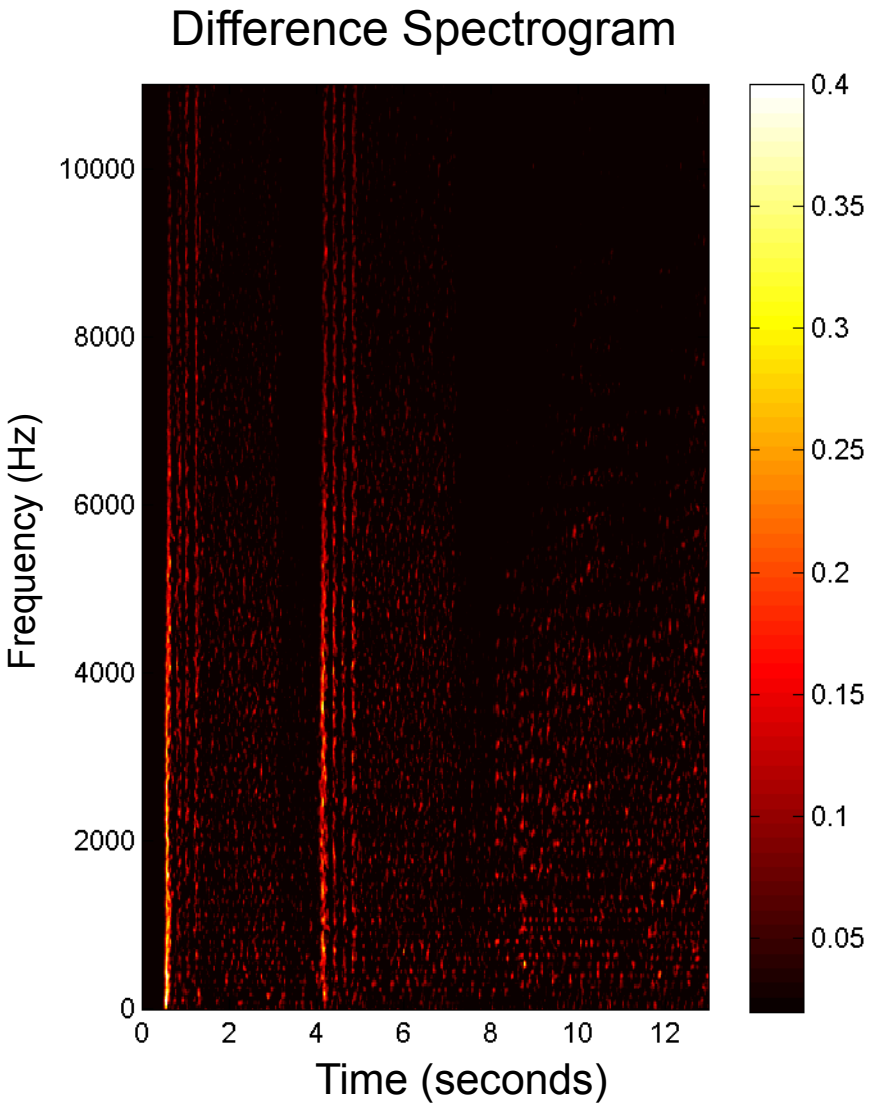

Steps:

1. Spectrogram
2. Log Compression
3. Differentiation

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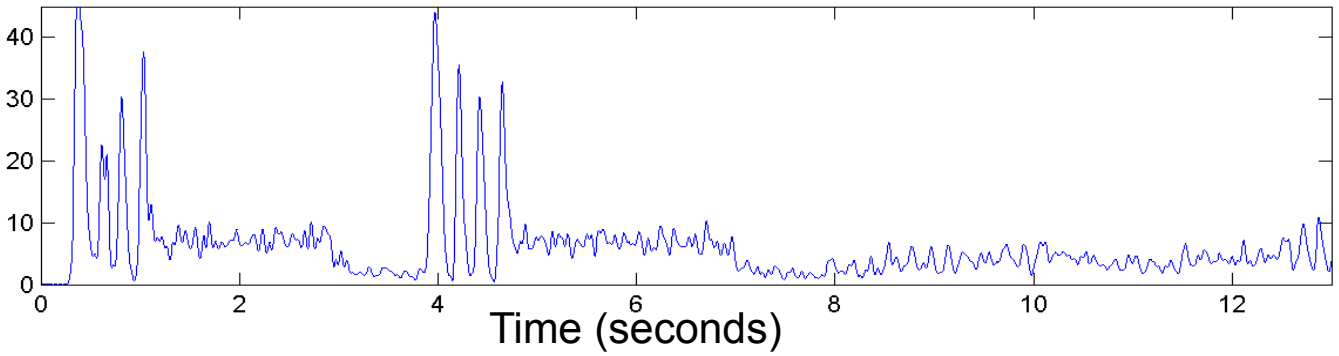
Steps:

1. Spectrogram
2. Log Compression
3. Differentiation
4. Accumulation

Novelty Curve



Tempo Estimation and Beat Tracking

Steps:

1. Spectrogram
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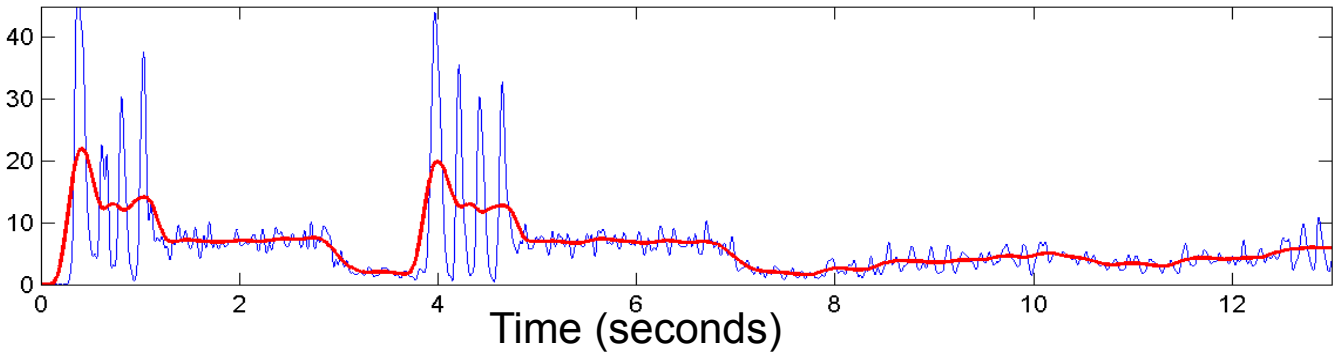
4. Accumulation

Novelty Curve
Local Average

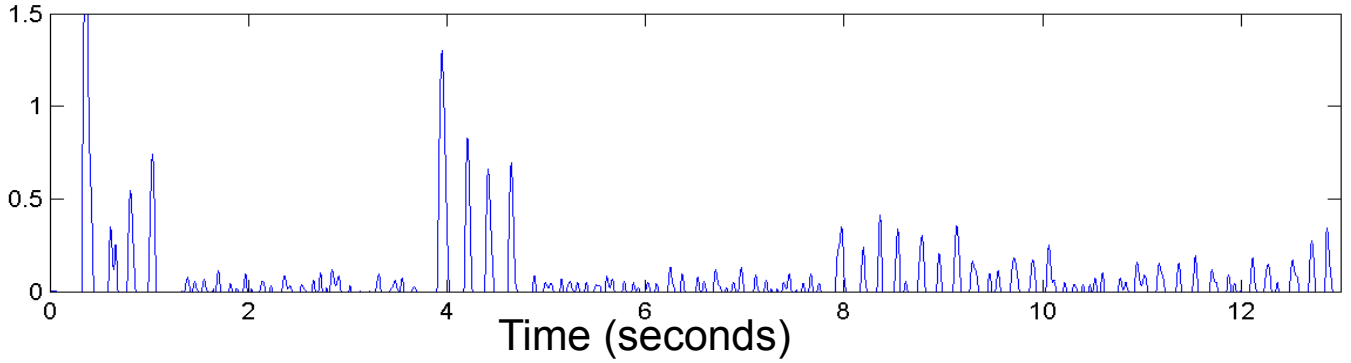


Tempo Estimation and Beat Tracking

Steps:

1. Spectrogram
2. Log Compression
3. Differentiation
4. Accumulation
5. Normalization

Novelty Curve



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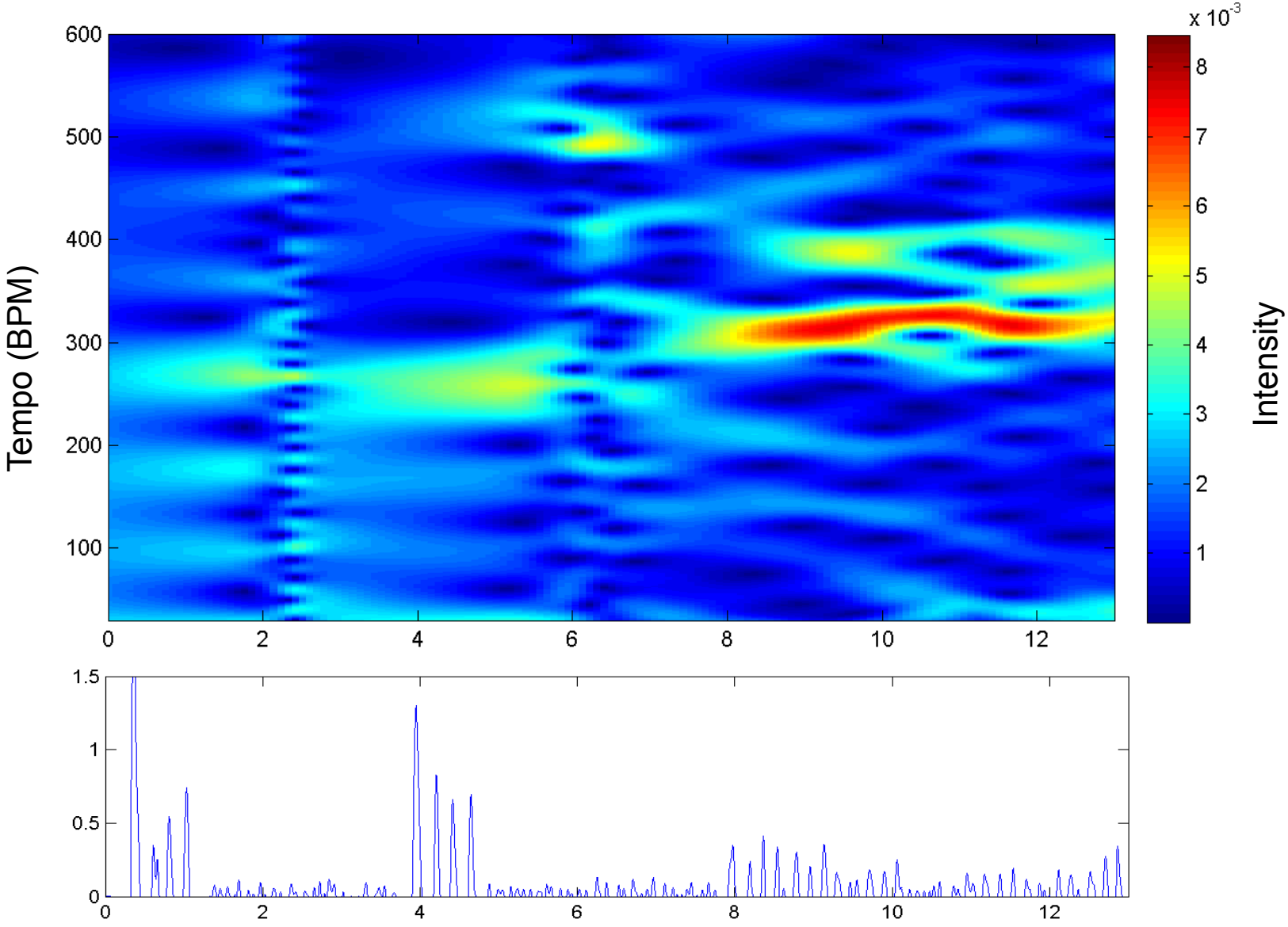

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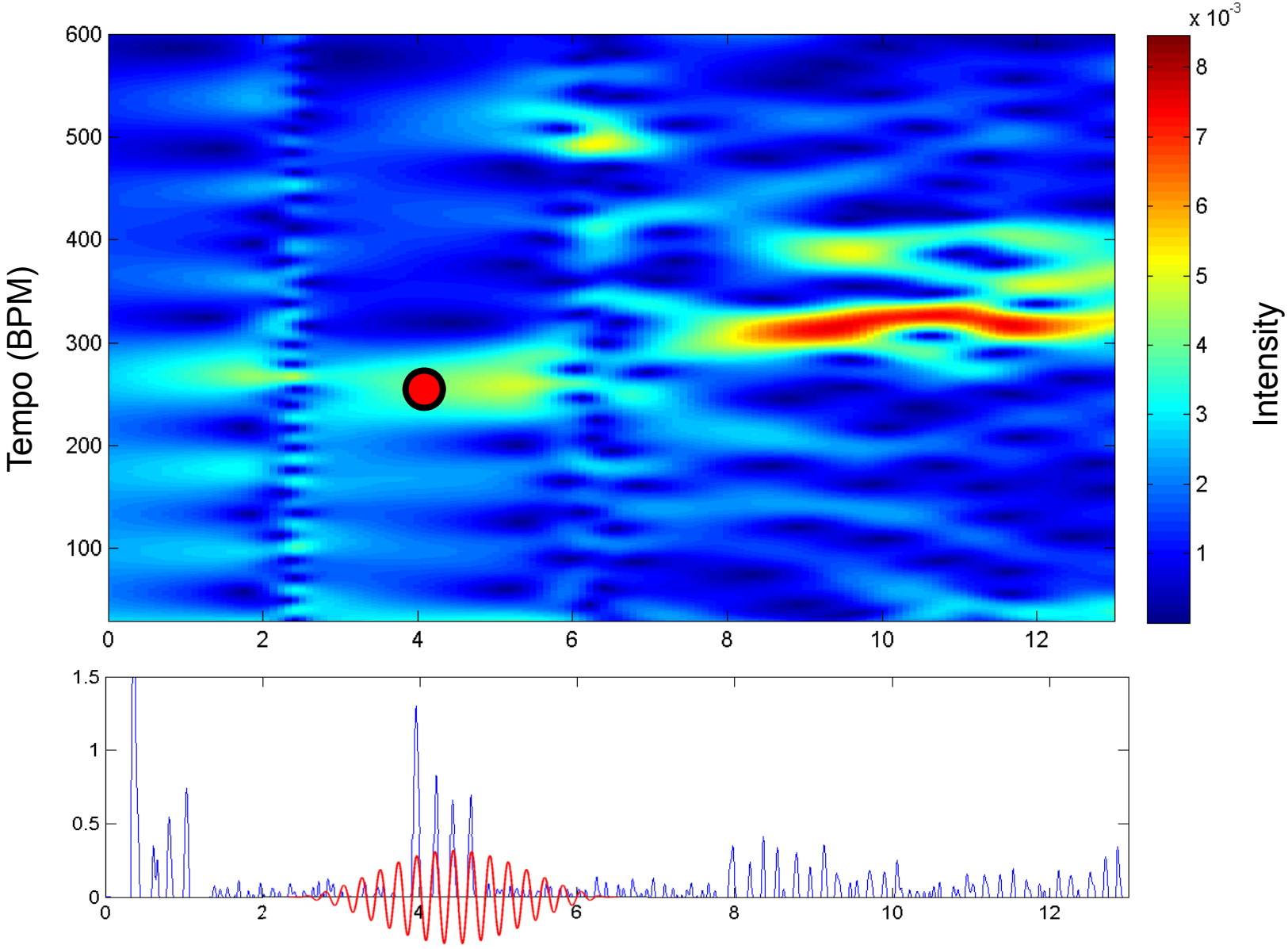

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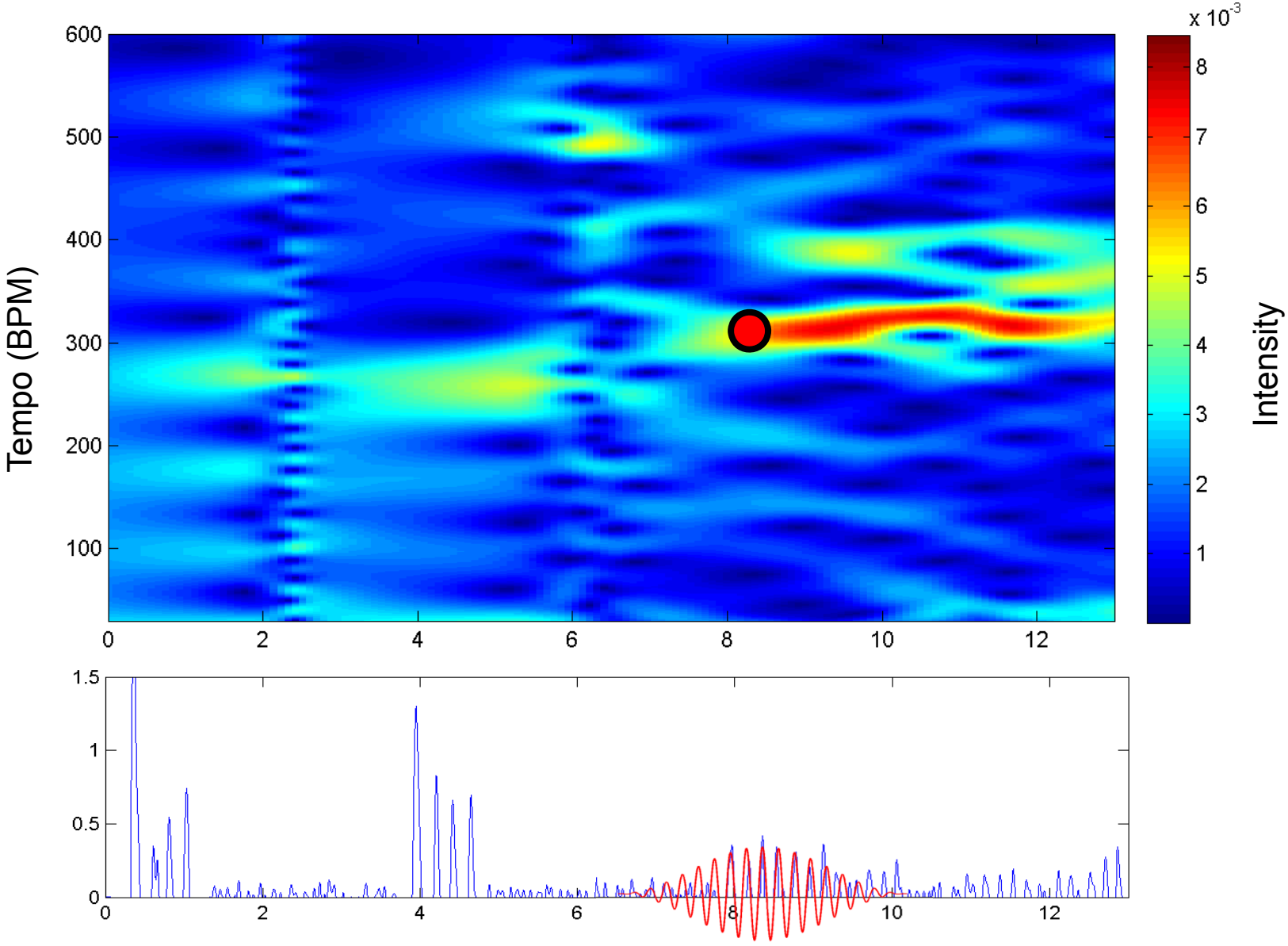

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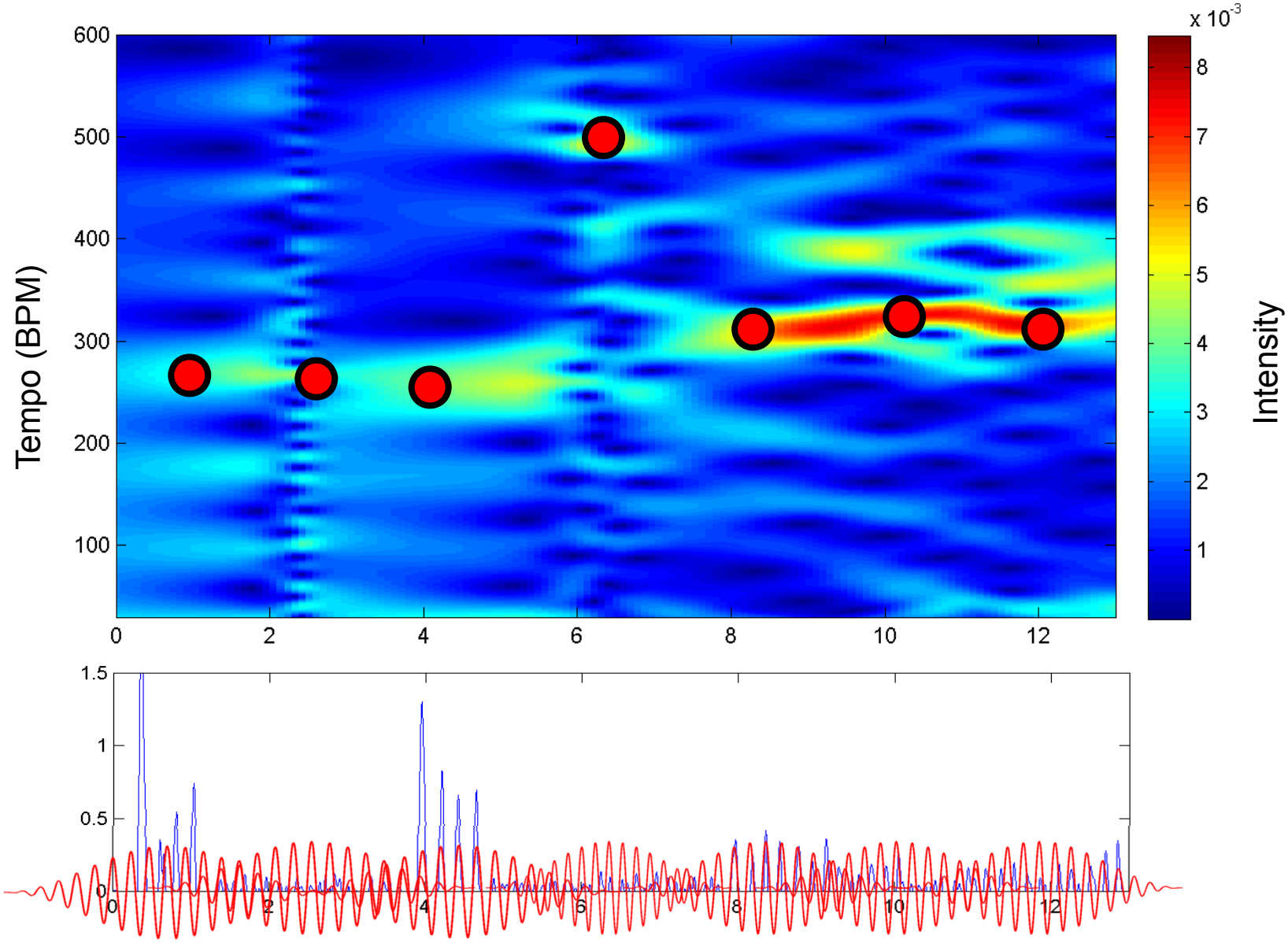

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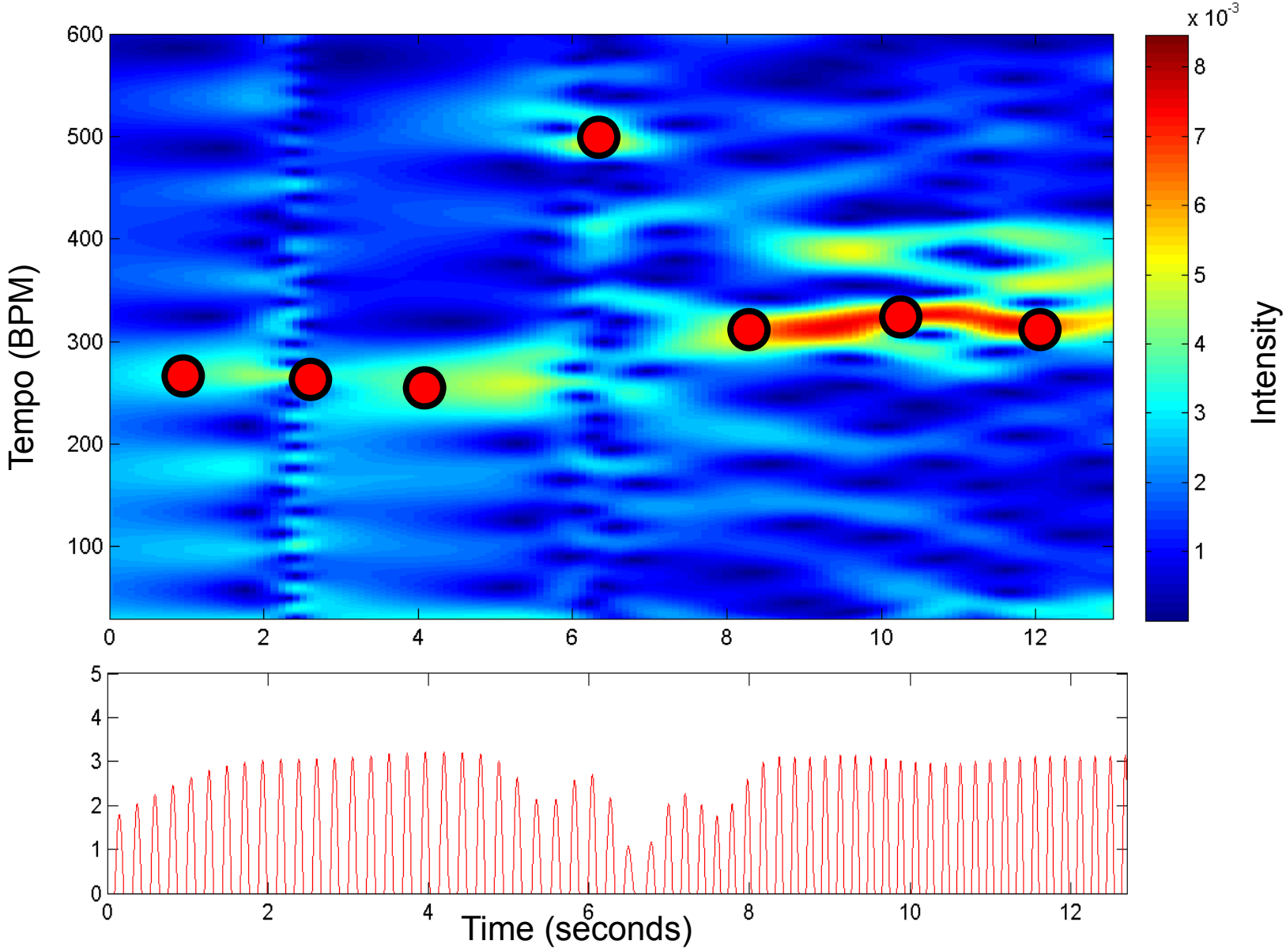

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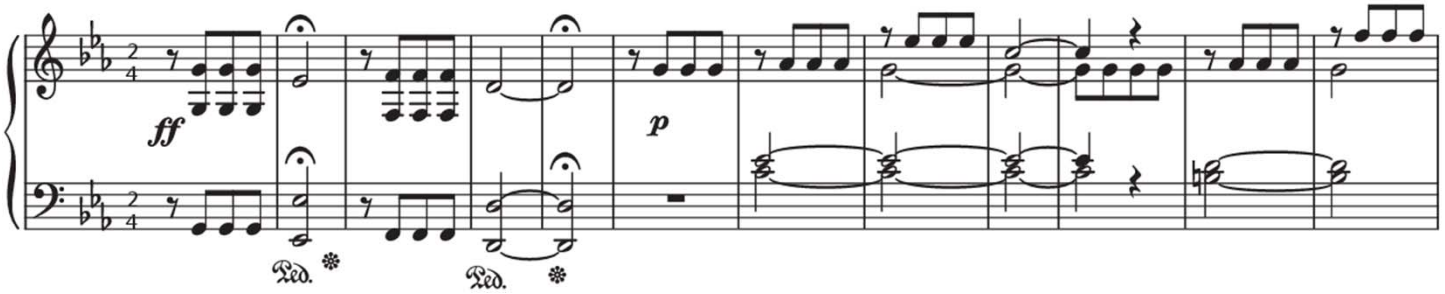

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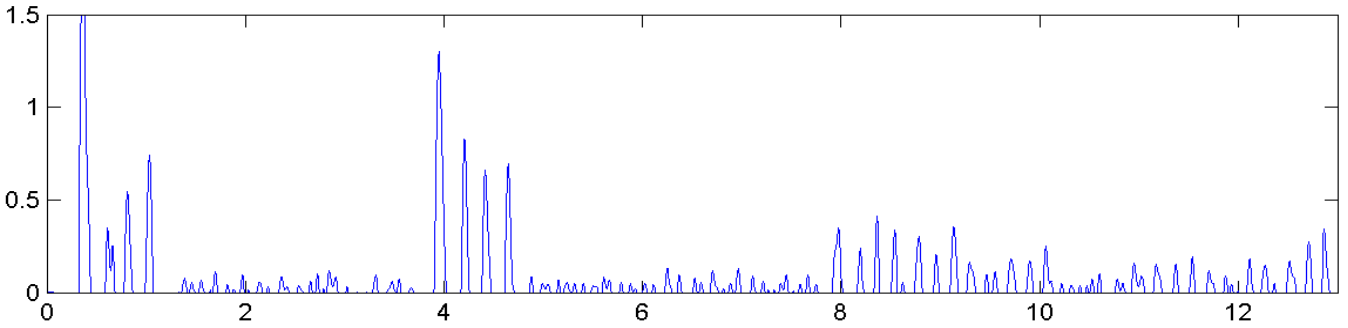
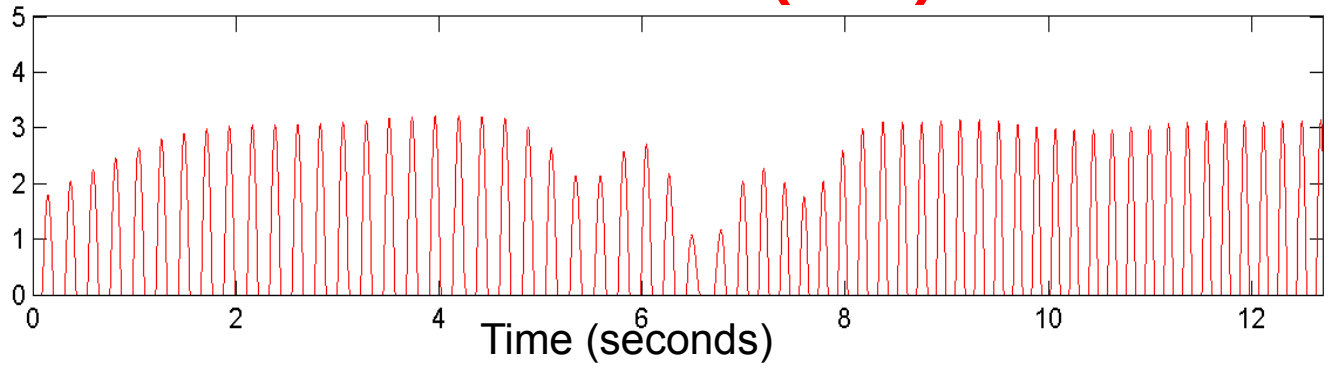


Predominant Local Pulse (PLP)



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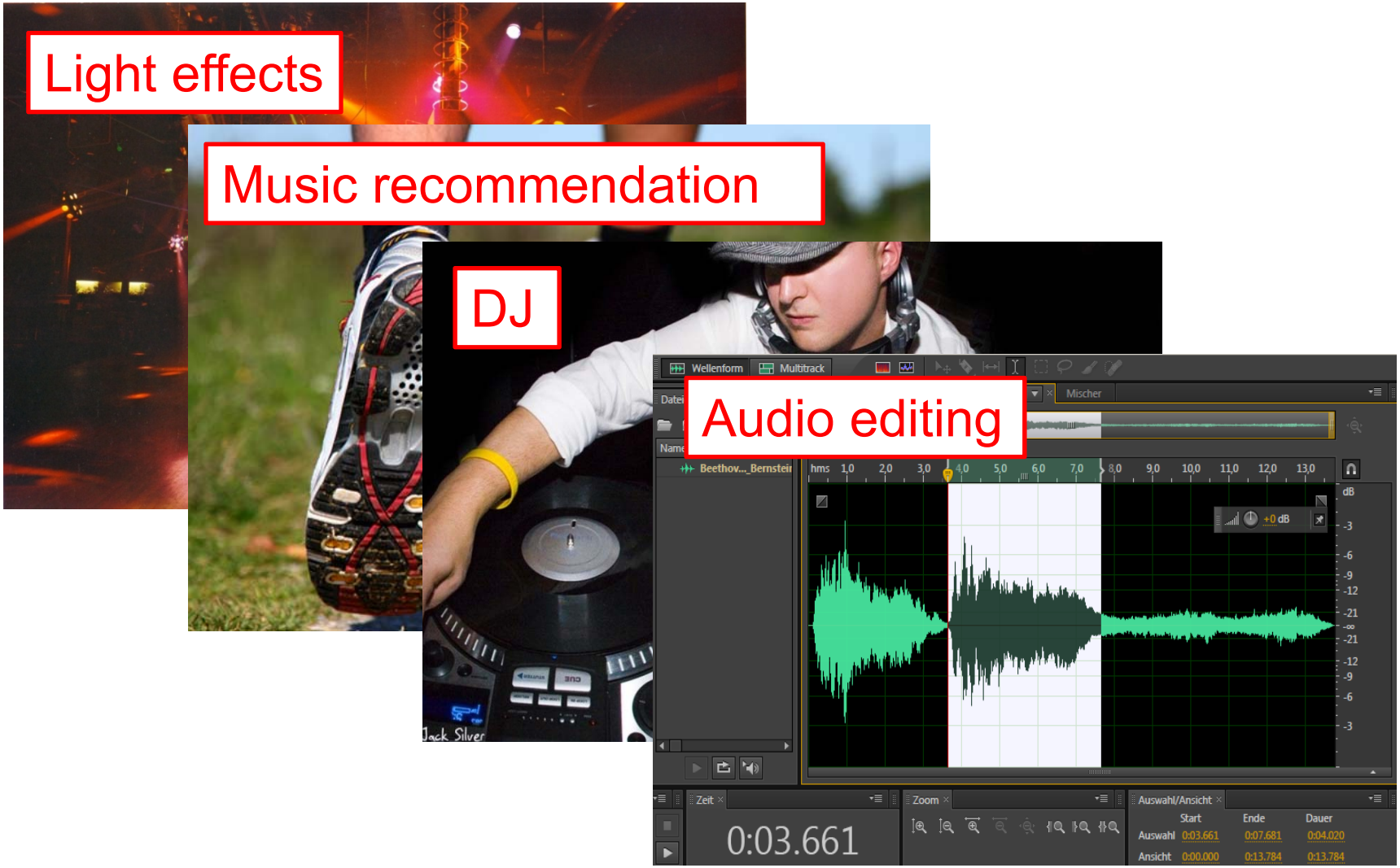

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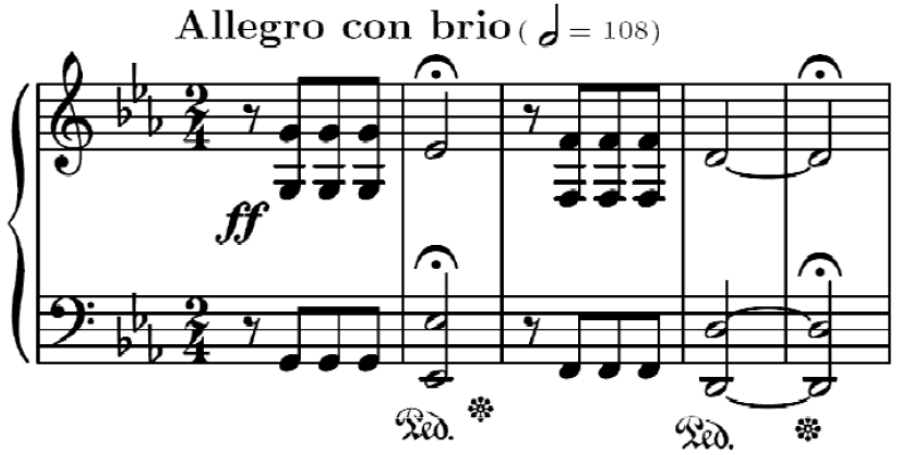
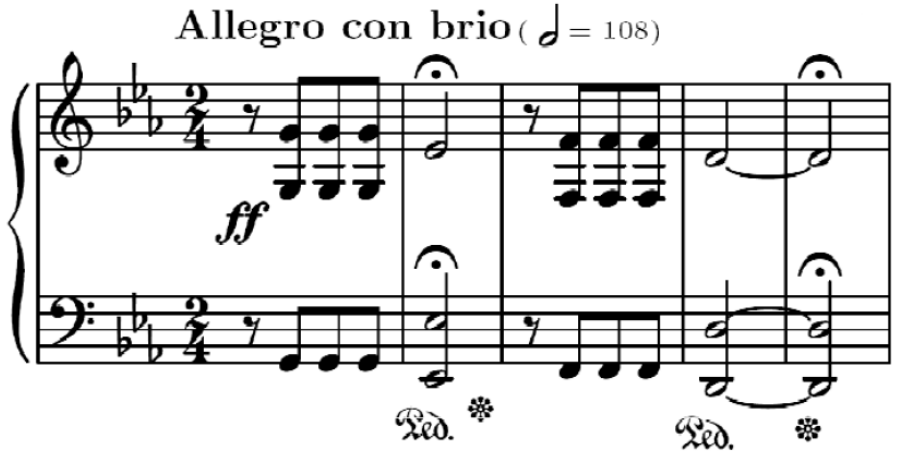


Beethoven’s Fifth (1st Mov.)

Motivic Similarity



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Beethoven’s Fifth (3rd Mov.)

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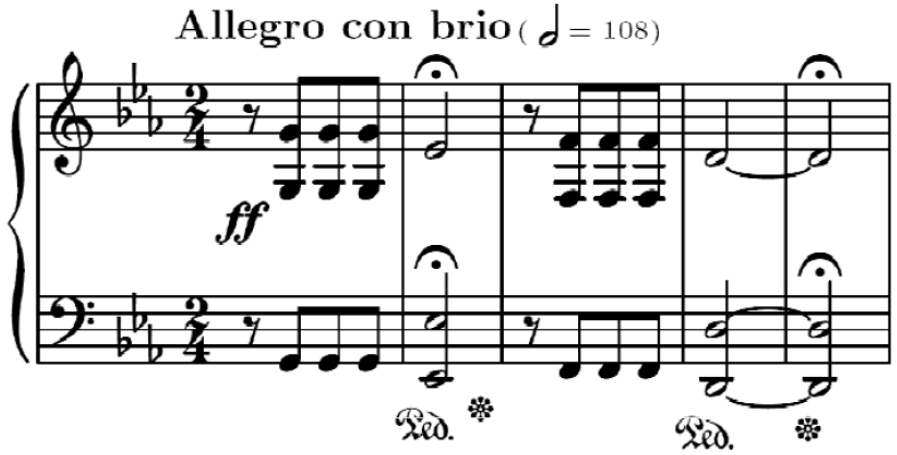

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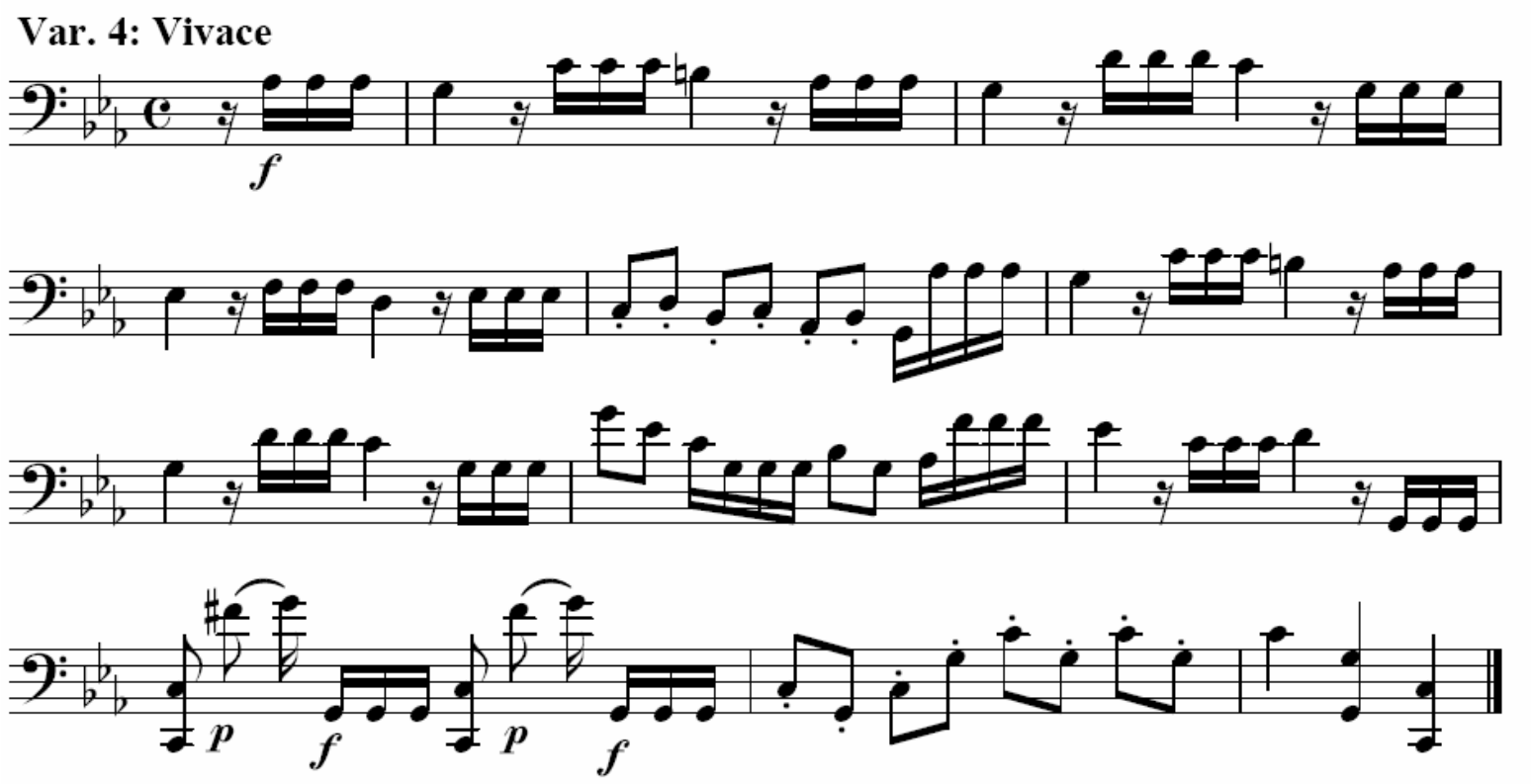
Beethoven’s Fifth (3rd Mov.)

Beethoven’s Appassionata

Motivic Similarity



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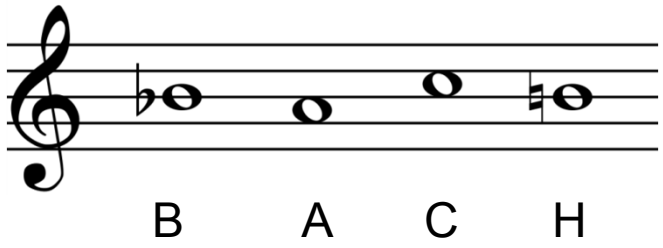

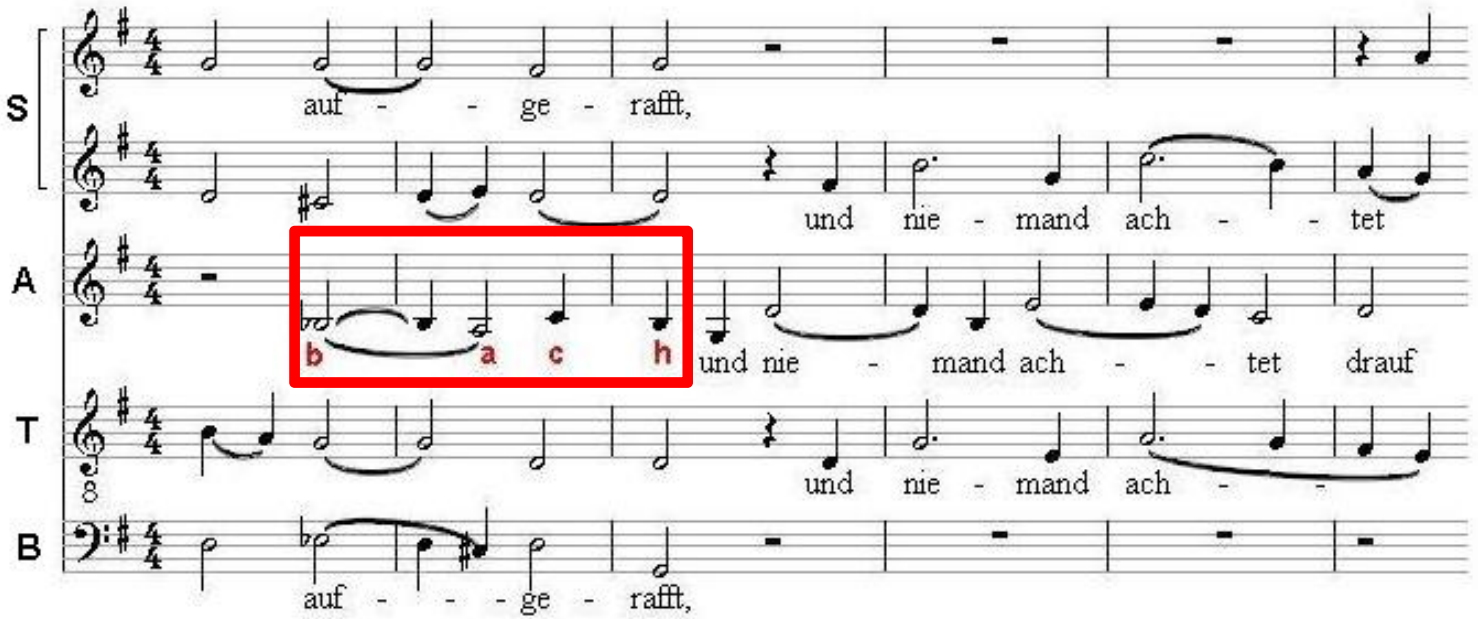

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A First Course on Music Processing

Textbook (approx. 500 pages)

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