THE BATIK-PLAYS-MOZART CORPUS: LINKING PERFORMANCE TO SCORE TO MUSICOLOGICAL ANNOTATIONS

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- **Corpus:**
 - 12 aligned Solo Piano Sonatas by W.A.Mozart
 - 36 movements, ~100k performed notes
 - amounting to almost **4 hours of music**

Data origins:

- Performances: expert performances by Viennese pianist Roland Batik
- Score and annotations: Expert-annotated scores published in [1]

* matchfile alignment format [2]:

- Iossless performance encoding
- essential score information
- strict note-level score-performance

alignment: each performance and score note is either matched, inserted or deleted

Motivation: Expressive performance analysis from symbolic music

Demonstration: Local timing strategies at different cadence types

Using note-level performance-score-annotations * alignments we can map expressive intentions to underlying structural score features



Question: How much do the local timing strategies differ depending on the type of cadence and their degree of finality?



- Local tempo differences diminish with increasing global tempo for both downbeat and weak beat cadences
- Let's look at the **adagio tempo class**: *
 - accelarando before half cadences independent



of beat level

strong ritartando before authentic cadences on a downbeat, continuing somewhat after the resolution – missing equivalent pattern for authentic cadences on weak beats

[1] Hentschel, J., Neuwirth, M. and Rohrmeier, M., 2021. The Annotated Mozart Sonatas: Score, Harmony, and Cadence. Transactions of the International Society for Music Information Retrieval, 4(1), pp.67–80.

[2] Foscarin, E. Karystinaios, S. D. Peter, C. Cancino-Chacón, M. Grachten, and G. Widmer, "The matchfile format: Encoding Alignments between Scores and Performances," in Proceedings of the Music Encoding Conference (MEC), 2022.

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