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Current Projects

- CoSoD (Collaborative Song Dataset)
- pyAMPACT (Automatic Music Performance Analysis and Comparison Toolkit)
- Incorporating Domain Knowledge into Deep Learning Models
 - Automatic Chord Estimation
 - Bioacoustics
- Analysis of Speech and Singing from People Living with Communication Disorders

CoSoD (Collaborative Song Dataset)

- 331 multi-artist collaborations from the 2010–2019 Billboard "Hot 100" year-end charts
- Currently Available Annotations
 - Formal sections
 - Artist information: Gender, Functional Role, Vocal Delivery
 - Automatically Estimated Features: fo
 - Annotated Mixing Features: Environment, Layering, Width
- Work-in-Progress Annotations
 - Note segmentation (to facilitate analysis with pyAMPACT tools)







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 Reimplement of MATLAB-based Automatic Music Performance Analysis and Comparison Toolkit









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- pyAMPACT estimates a variety of performance parameters from the note-wise *f*₀ and power estimates
 - Pitch: perceived pitch, vibrato rate and depth, jitter, *f*₀ slope and curvature
 - Loudness: Perceived loudness, shimmer
 - Timbre: spectral centroid, slope, flatness, and flux,
- Note-level timing information is available from the symbolic-audio alignment
- Note-level performance data can be exported to either Humdrum's kern format or MEI





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- pyAMPACT can also import score-event aligned harmonic annotations to Humdrum
- This works for underspecified symbolic representations (e.g., transcriptions) as well as full scores

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- pyAMPACT also facilitates multi-modal symbolic-audio analysis
 - Symbolic data is imported via music21
 - Unlike music21's tree representation, pyAMPACT represents symbolic data as a series of Pandas Dataframes that are more compatible with spectral representations of audio





Piano Roll



Spectrogram-like Mask (from Dan Ellis' note2mask)









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Automatic Chord Estimation

- Multi-label pitch-class formulation ۲
 - Metrics that capture the overlap between pitch-classes ulletparticularly informative cases of root disagreement







- Loss functions that leverage the multi-class/multi-label structure ullet
- Incorporating domain knowledge from pedagogical texts
 - Art Music (Western Common Practice Tradition) ullet
 - Popular Music (Western Rock Music) ullet





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Bioacoustics

- Goal is to analyze large volumes of soundscape data from autonomous recording networks installed in Arctic North Slope Alaska
- Currently expanding supervised CNN-based model trained on the classes in the EDANSA to predict un/ under-labeled bird species
 - Experimenting with utility of codified domain knowledge in this task (such as the descriptions of bird sounds in World in Birds)
 - Evaluating the best way to model the domain knowledge with an LLM and provide this information to our existing supervised audio model





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Speech/Singing Analysis

- SingWell large-scale project assessing the benefit of group singing for people living with communications disorders (e.g., aphasia, Parkinson's, stuttering)
- Starting to examine which acoustic features estimated from speech and singing can be used to predict
 - stress levels, measured by salivary cortisol levels
 - quality of life ratings, provided by participants



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