

The Mazurka Project

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Backbeat: Tapping data entry

- Command line program for recording tap times

- Records absolute time from first click

- Other fields are for error checking (during performance and afterwards)

Beat duration *Metric* *Absolute* *Delta*
(quarter note) *position* *Time (ms)* *Time (ms)*

**kern	**beat	**abstm	**deltatime
=1-	=1-	=1-	=1-
4	1	0	0
4	2	391	391
4	3	741	350
=2	=2	=2	=2
4	1	1080	339
4	2	1454	374
4	3	1807	353
=3	=3	=3	=3
4	1	2108	301
4	2	2448	340
4	3	2785	337
=4	=4	=4	=4
4	1	3108	323
4	2	3472	364
4	3	3812	340

Space bar records beats

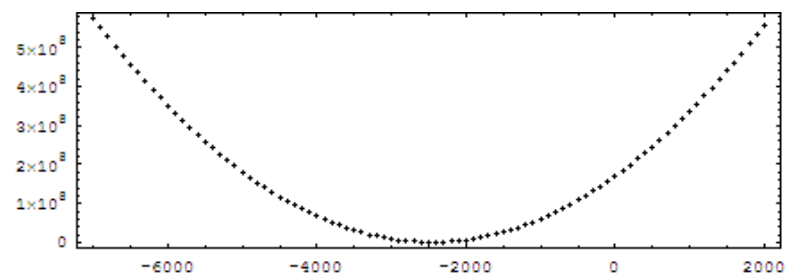
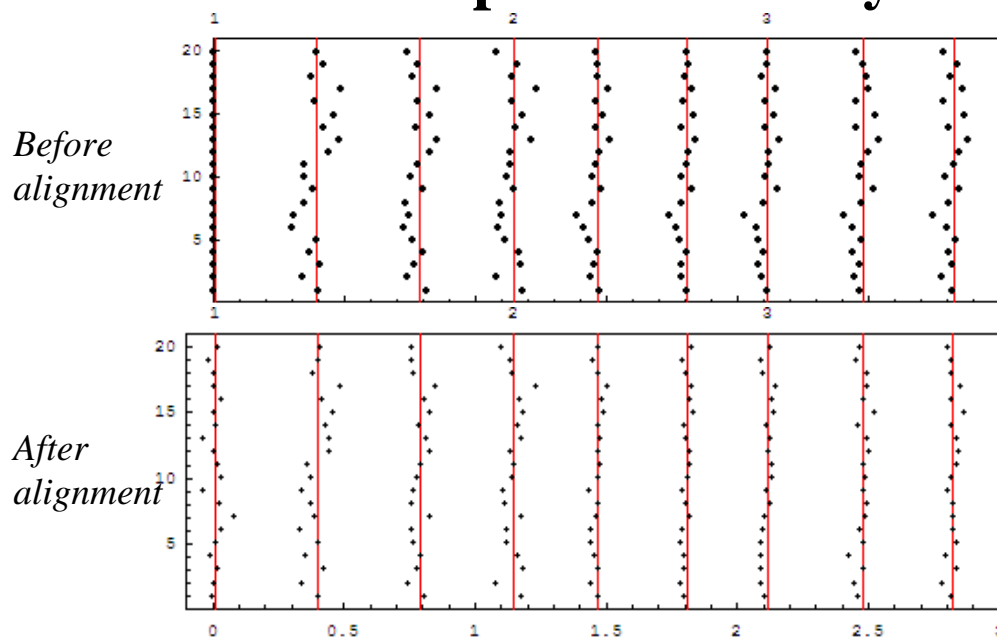


*Any letter records barline
and first beat of measure*



Tapped-beat alignment with audio

- **Play recordings in Windows Media Player (or anything)**
- **Computer Keyboard 5 ms time resolution**
- **Tap to performance 20 times, take average and measure standard deviation of tapping.**
- **Individual tapping trials aligned by least squares fit to a sample of manually measured beat time in audio file.**



5, -12, -27, -36 ms deviations



[Play pid5667230-10-avg \(Friedman 1930\)](#)

[Play pid54293-08-avg \(Perahia 1994\)](#)



Score Alignment and Interpolation

**time	**kern	**kern	**kern	**dynam
=1-	=1-	=1-	=1-	=1-
*	*^	*	*	*
2465	([2.C/	8FF\L	2.r	pp
2659	.	8EEn\J	.	.
2852	.	2CC\	.	.
3243
=2	=2	=2	=2	=2
3604	4C/]	[2.FF\	2.r	.
3921	4D-/	.	.	.
4261	4BBn/	.	.	.
=3	=3	=3	=3	=3
4569	[2.C/	8FF\L]	2.r	.
4759	.	8EEn\J	.	.
4935	.	2CC\	.	.
5279
=4	=4	=4	=4	=4
5604	4C/]	[2.FF\	2.r	.
5928	4D-/	.	.	.
6291	4BBn/)	.	.	.
=5	=5	=5	=5	=5



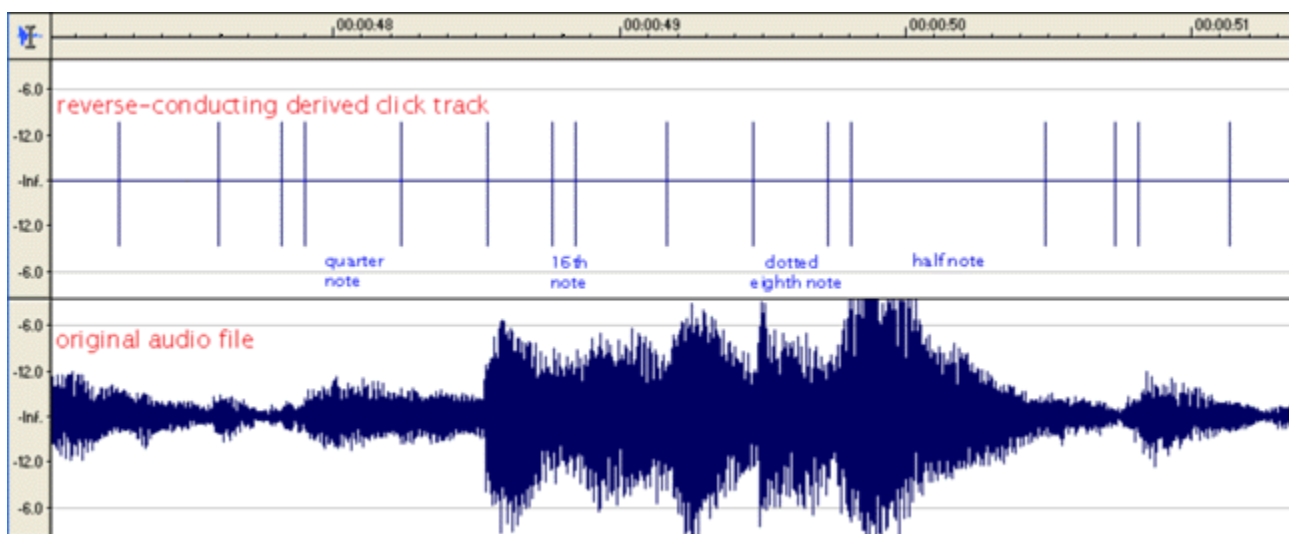
Abs times

Score

Output data to Matlab

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%%%col01: abstime(average absolute time in milliseconds of human beats)
%%%col02: duration      (expected duration in ms based on score duration)
%%%col03: note          (MIDI note number of pitch)
%%%col04: metlev (metric level: 1 = downbeat; 0 = beat; -1 = offbeat)
%%%col05: measure(measure number in which note occurs)
%%%col06: absbeat(absolute beat from starting beat at 0)
%%%col07: mintime(minimum absolute time of human beat for this note)
%%%col08: maxtime(maximum absolute time of human beat for this note)
%%%col09: sd           (standard deviation of human beat time in ms.)
2465      1456      48      1      1      0      2419      2535      24.1
2465      194      41      1      1      0      2419      2535      24.1
2659      193      40      -1     1     0.5     -1      -1      -1
2852      752      36      0      1      1      2762      2947      52.4
3604      1155     41      1      2      3      3550      3648      19.8
3921      340      49      0      2      4      3879      3978      26.1
4261      308      47      0      2      5      4239      4275      9.2
4569      1359     48      1      3      6      4548      4585      11.6
4759      176      40      -1     3     6.5     -1      -1      -1
4935      669      36      0      3      7      4906      4968      18.7
5604      1235     41      1      4      9      5585      5628      14.8
5928      363      49      0      4     10     5894      5977      22.2
6291      367      47      0      4     11     6241      6317      15.8
6658      4438     48      1      5     12     6636      6682      13.1
6839      175      40      -1     5    12.5     -1      -1      -1
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Manual correction of the beat times

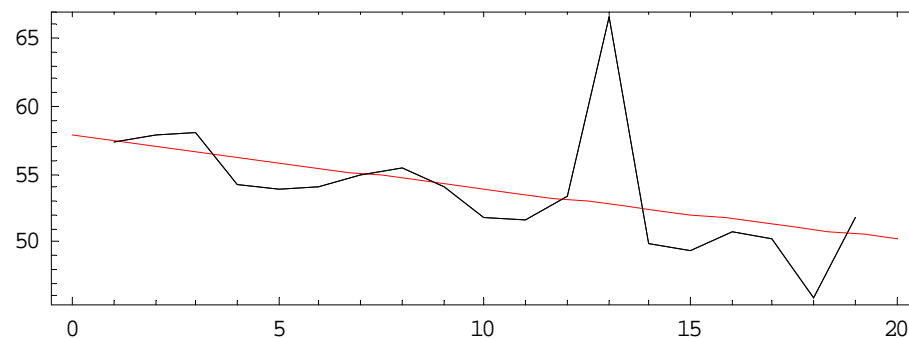
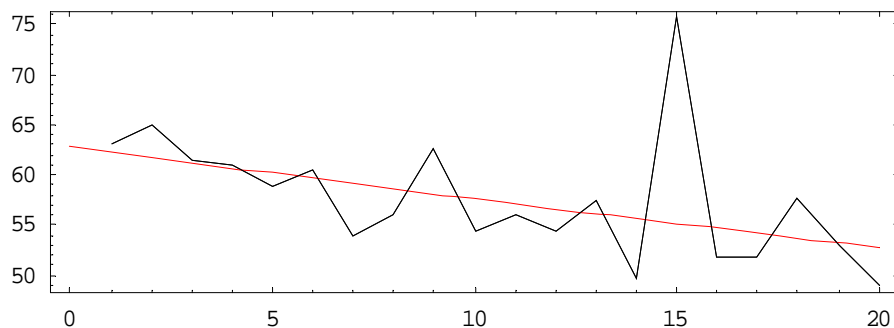


- **Align reverse conducting beats within 10 ms by ear/eye in a sound editor**
- **Each beat alignment takes about 1-2 minutes on average**
- **300 beats in each Mazurka**
- **Necessary to do for evaluation of automatic alignment**

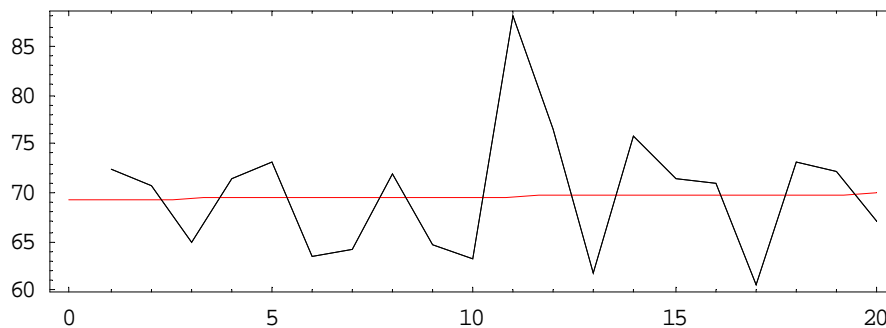
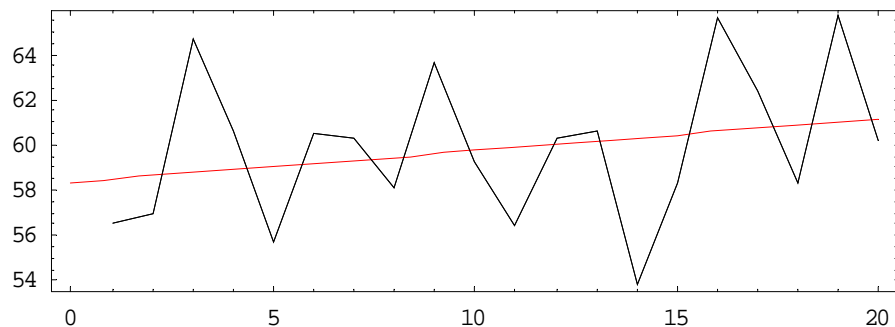
Play [pid5667230-10-corr](#) (Friedman 1930) 

Learning Curves for 4 Performances

Mazurka in F Minor, Op. 7, No. 3
Rosen 1989 **Friedman 1930**



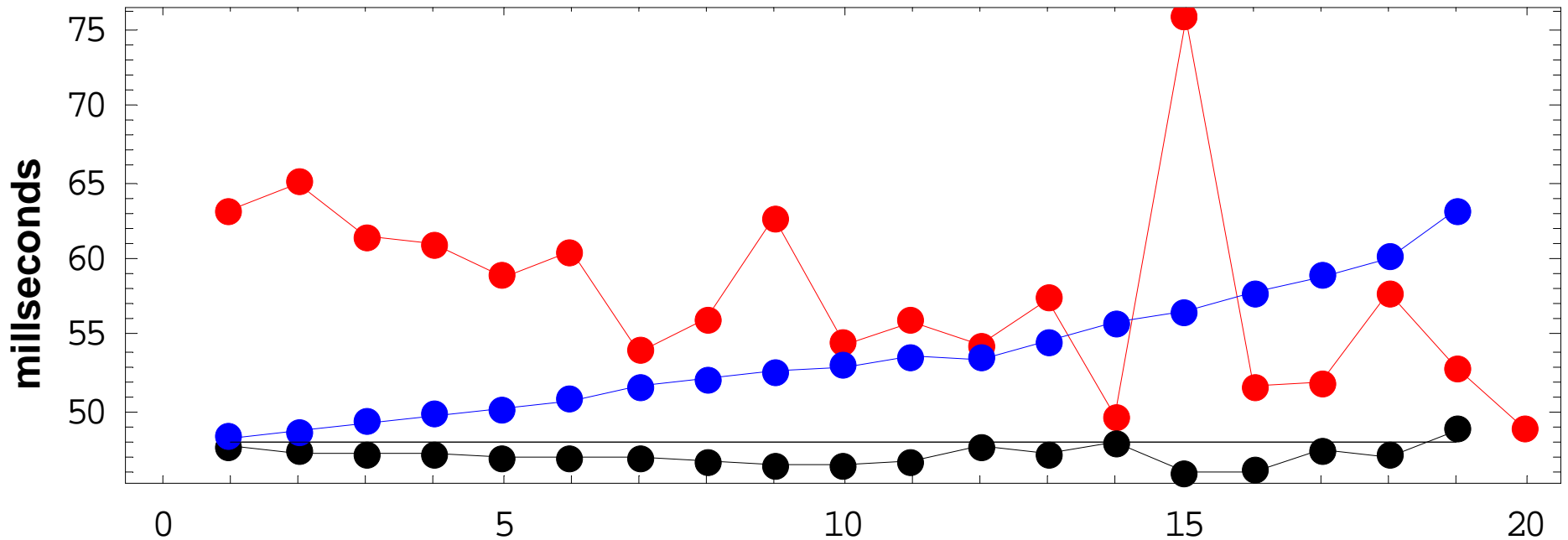
Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 7, No. 2
Chiu 1999 **Friedman 1930**



Play pid9048-06-avg (Chiu 1999) 

Average Displacement Errors

Mazurka in F Minor, Op. 7, No. 3
Rosen 1989



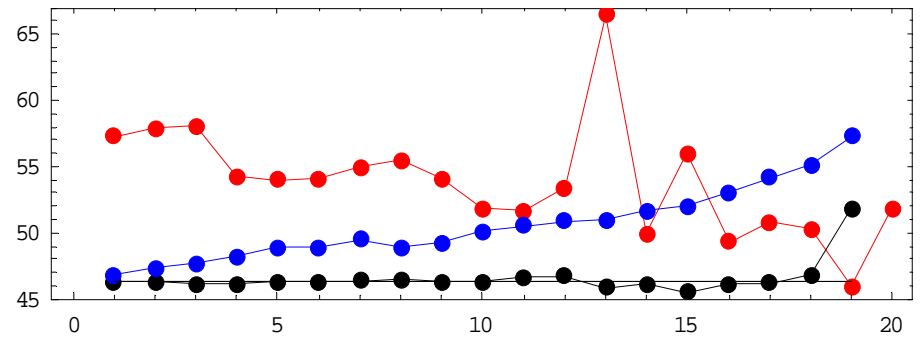
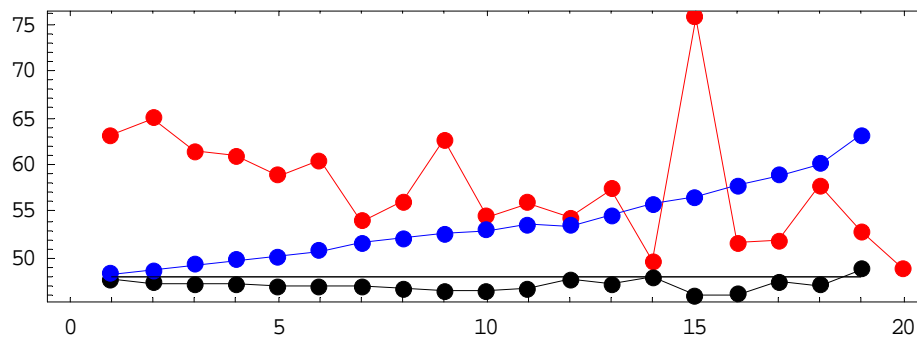
- Red line** = individual trial average displacement errors
- Blue line** = dropping more and more later trials
- Black line** = dropping more and more earlier trials

Average Displacement Errors (2)

Mazurka in F Minor, Op. 7, No. 3

Rosen 1989

Friedman 1930

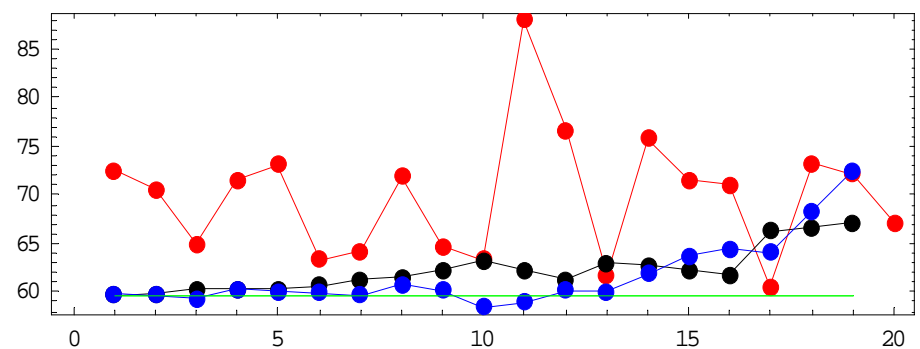
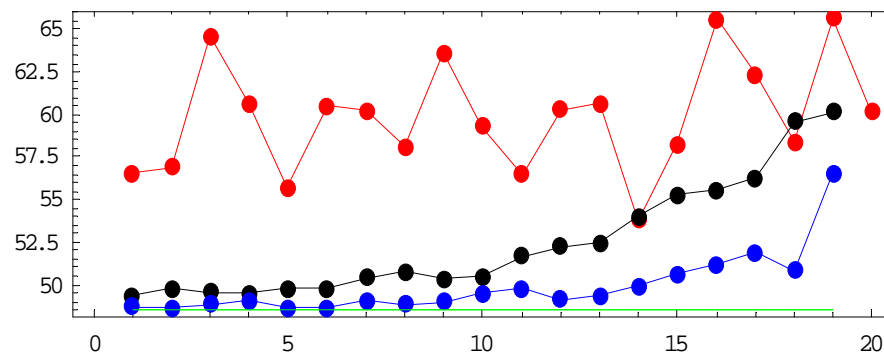


*slower
tempo*

Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 7, No. 2

Chiu 1999

Friedman 1930

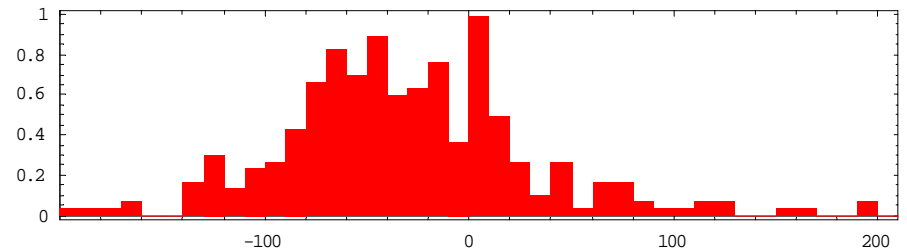
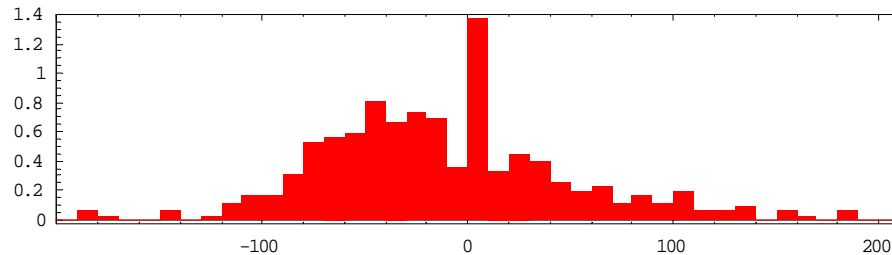
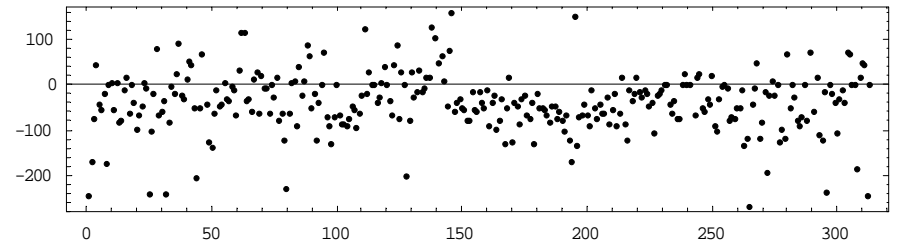
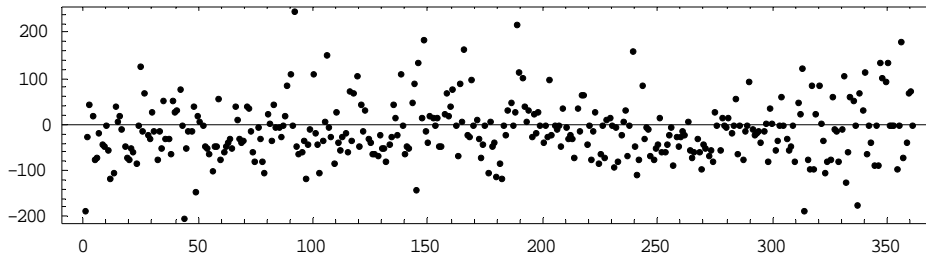


Correction Offsets

The top plots show the amount of time in milliseconds between the corrected beat times and the average manually tapped beat times. The lower plots display a histogram of the data in the top plots. The spike at 0 in the histograms is due to audible corrections having a resolution of 10 ms.

Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 7, No. 2

Chiu 1999 Friedman 1930



49 ms avg correction; -12 ms overall shift

60 ms avg correction; -36 ms overall shift

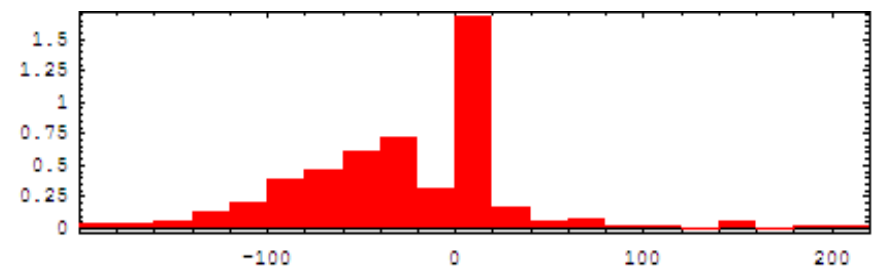
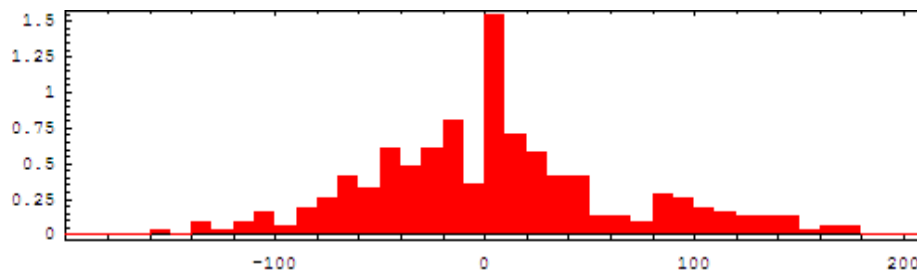
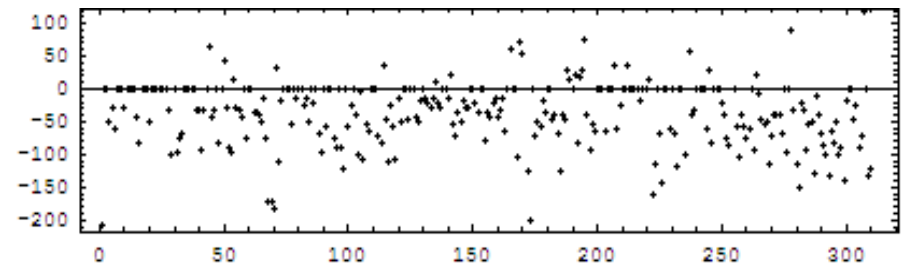
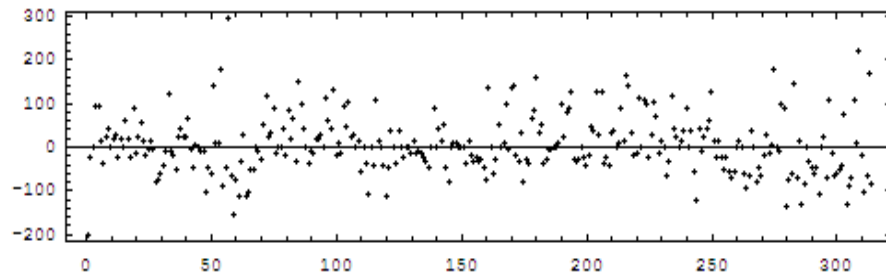
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Mazurka in F Minor, Op. 7, No. 3

Rosen 1989

Friedman 1930

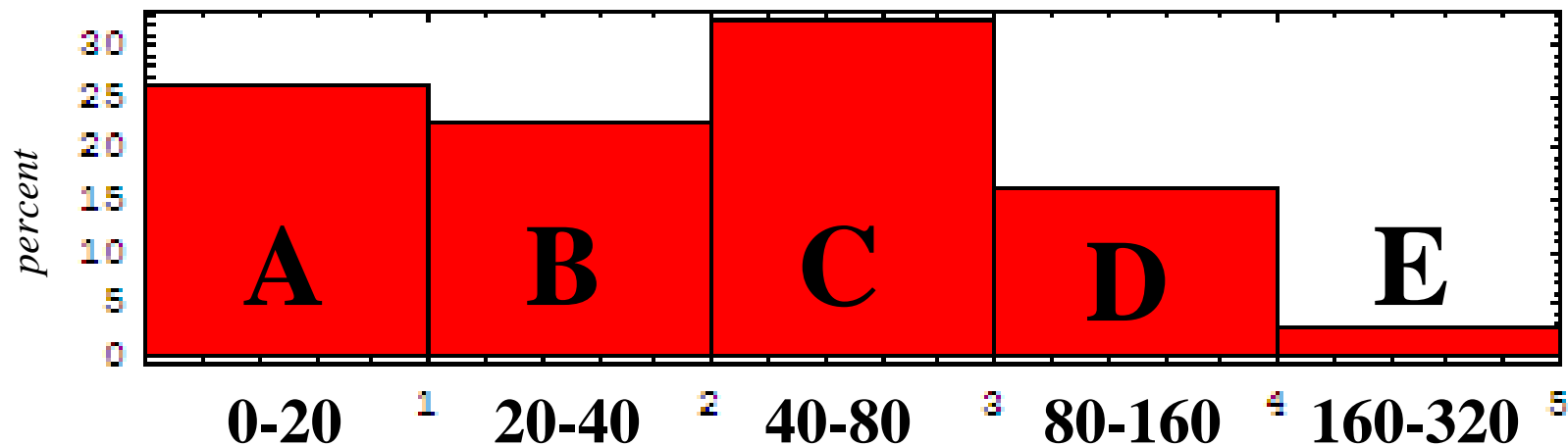


48 ms avg correction; +5 ms overall shift

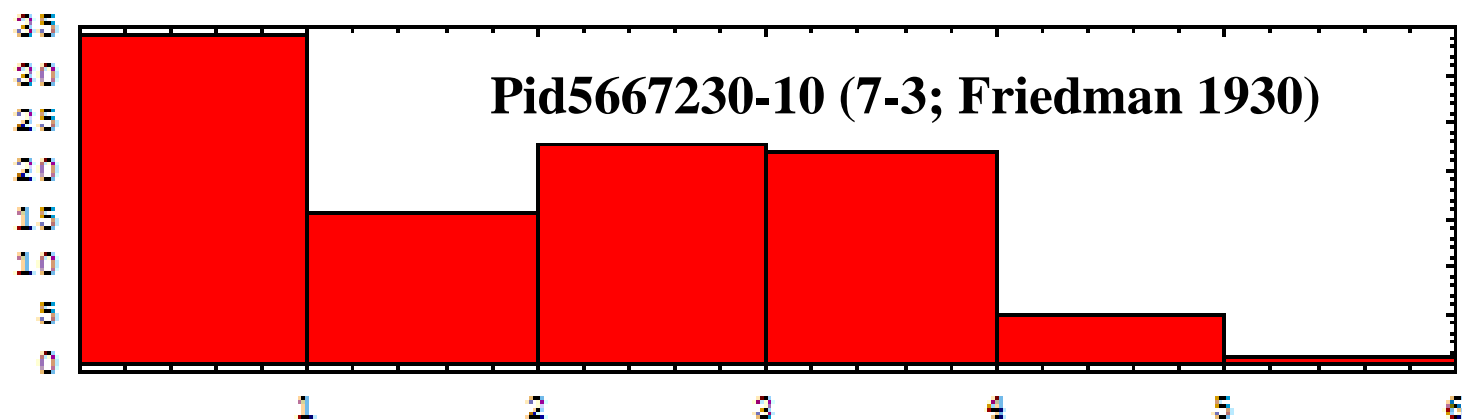
48 ms avg correction; -27 ms overall shift

Beat Accuracy Metric

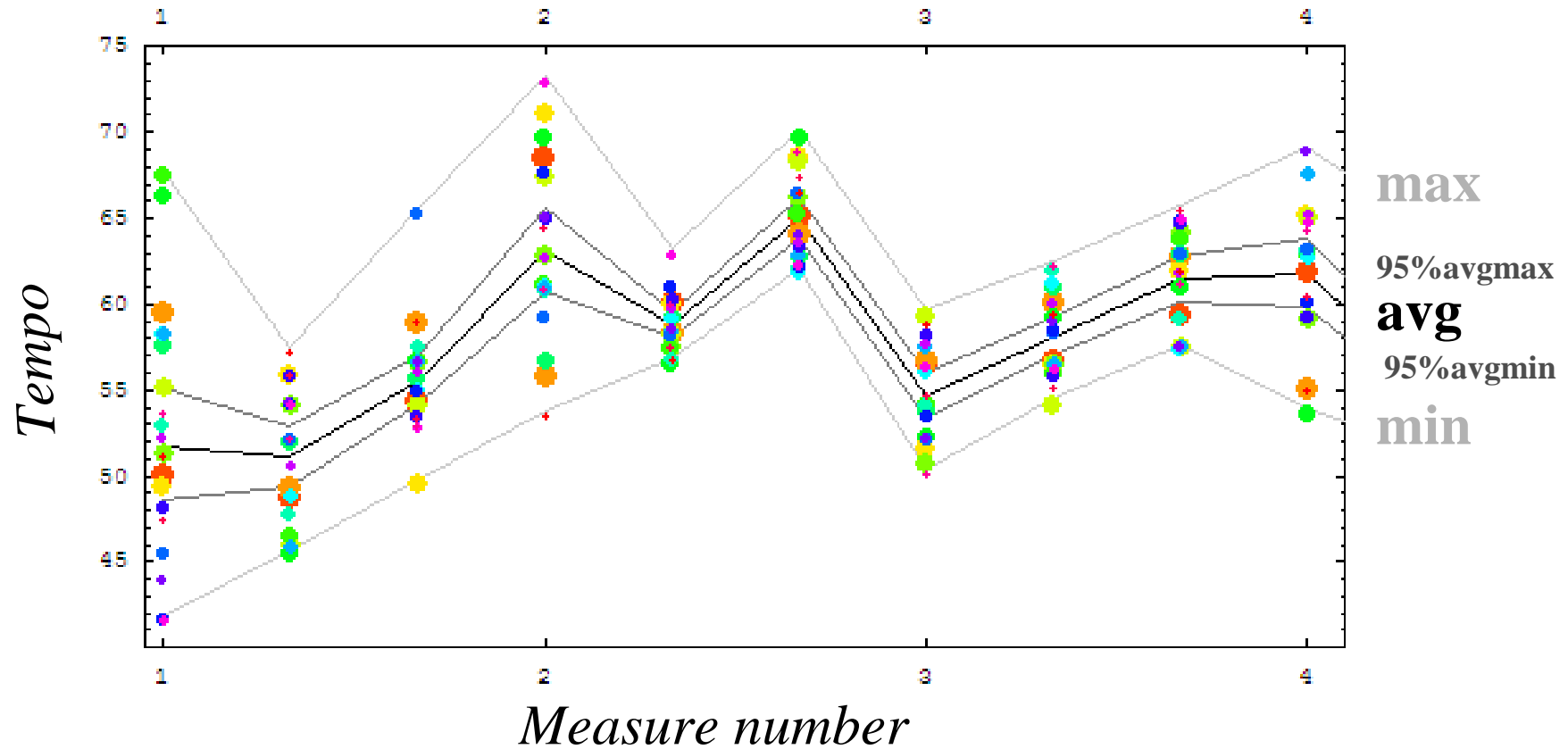
pid9048-06 (7-2; Chiu 1999)



- **Human tapper: 48% within 40 milliseconds**
- **Current automatic rating: 98% for same piece.**



Tempo Plots



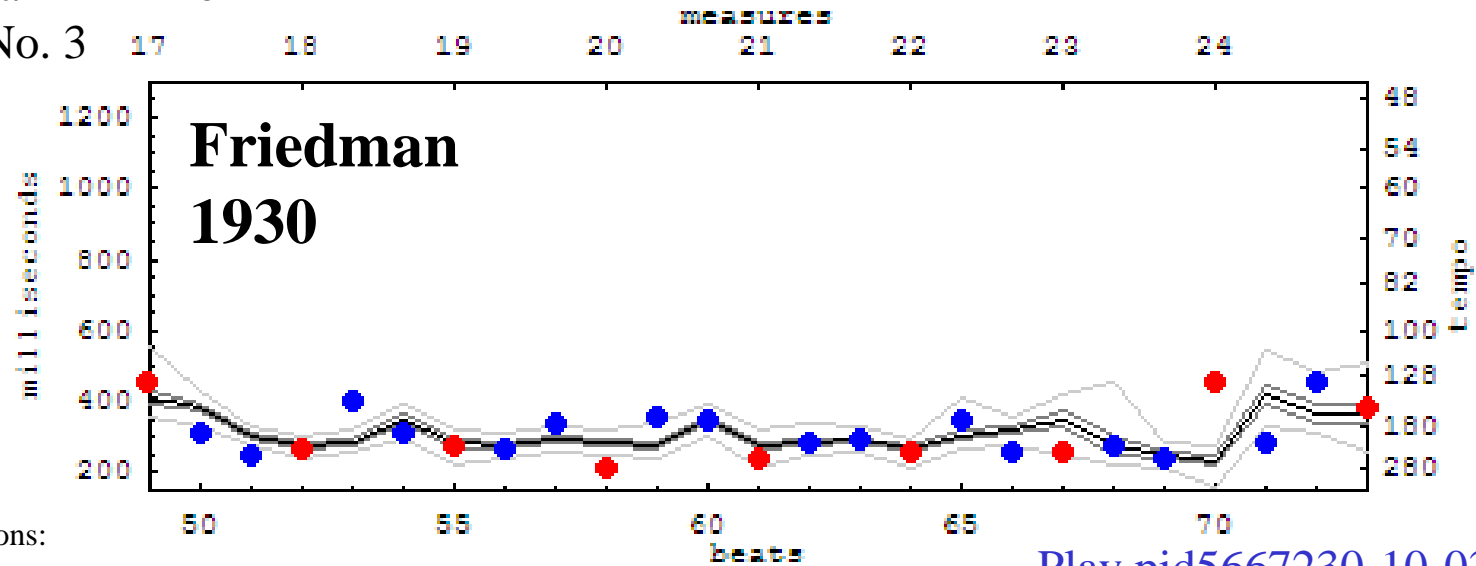
Individual trials
(smaller = earlier trial) &
(red = earlier; purple=later trial)

Friedman 1930
Op. 7, No. 3

Tempo Plots Op. 7, No. 3

Mazurka in F minor

Op. 7, No. 3

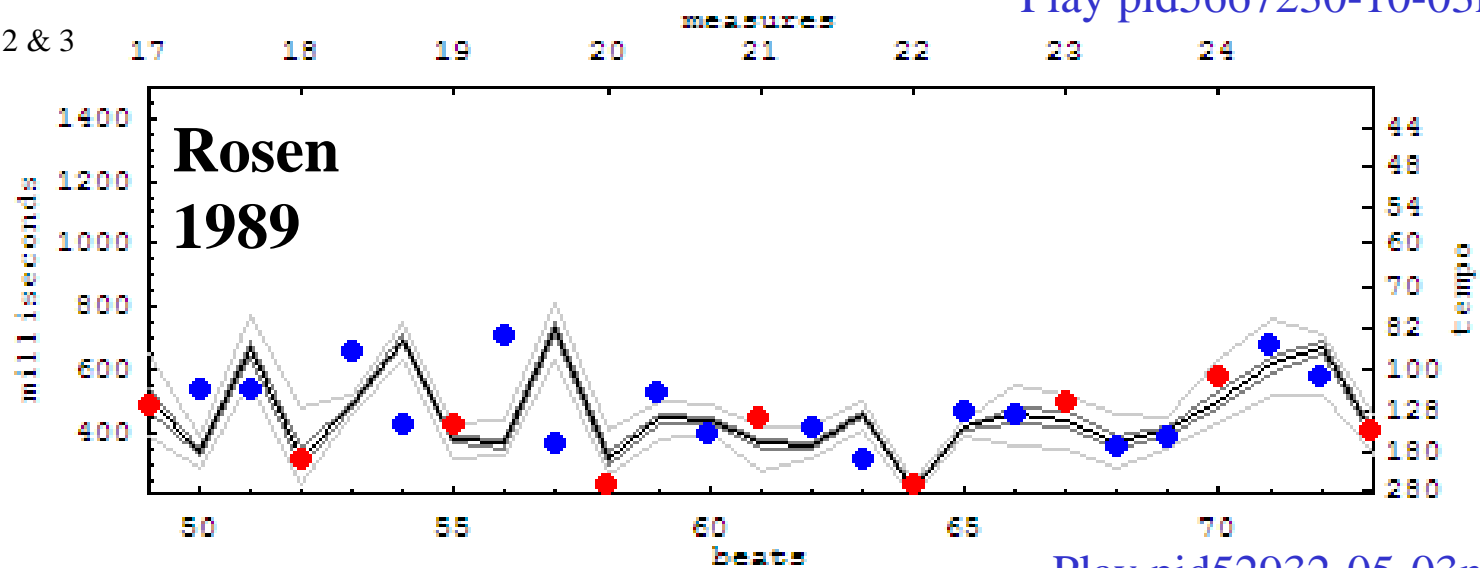


Manual corrections:

Red dot = beat 1

Blue dots = beats 2 & 3

[Play pid5667230-10-03m](#)



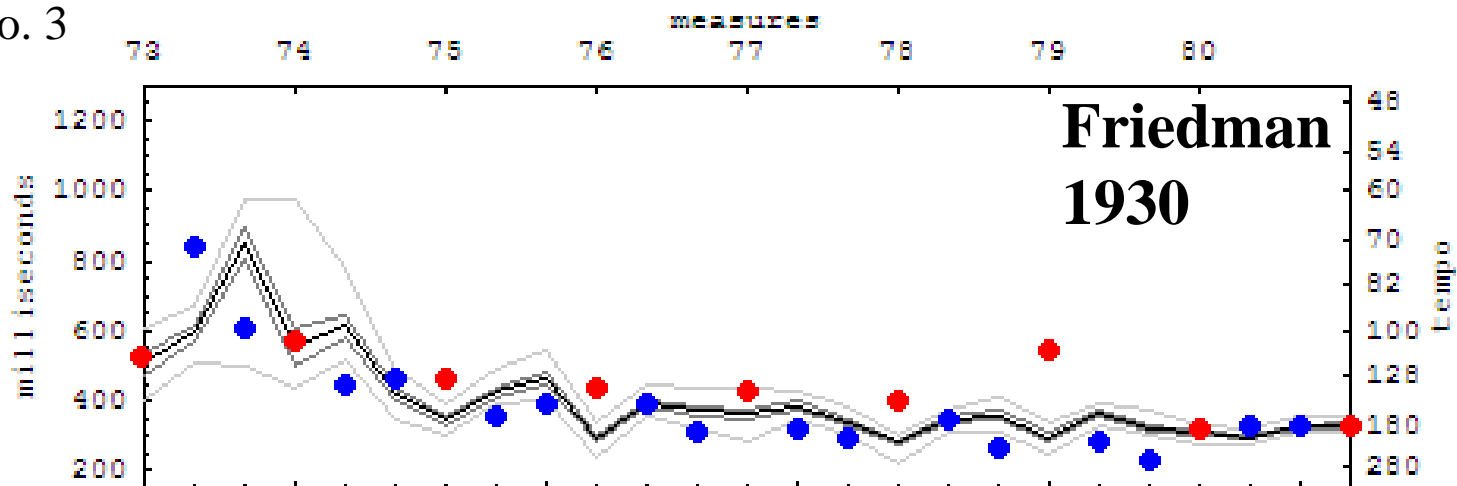
[Play pid52932-05-03m](#)



Tempo Plots Op. 7, No. 3 (2)

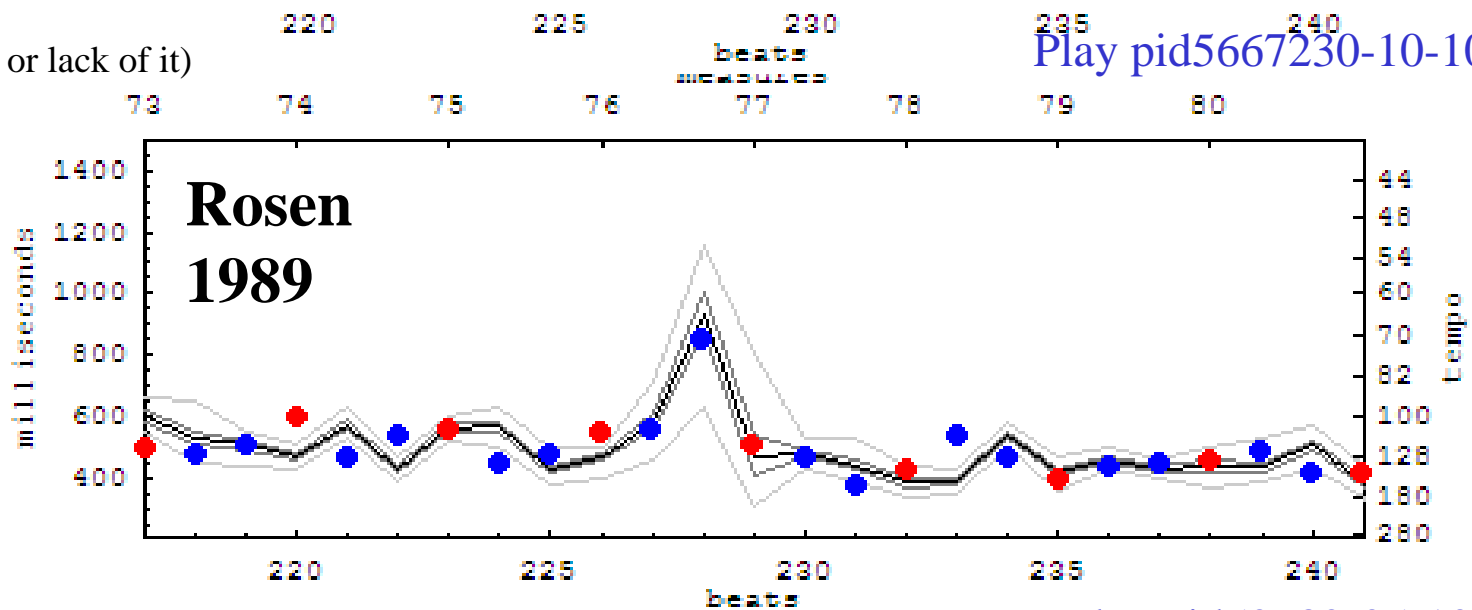
Mazurka in F minor

Op. 7, No. 3



(Note surprise or lack of it)

[Play pid5667230-10-10m](#) 



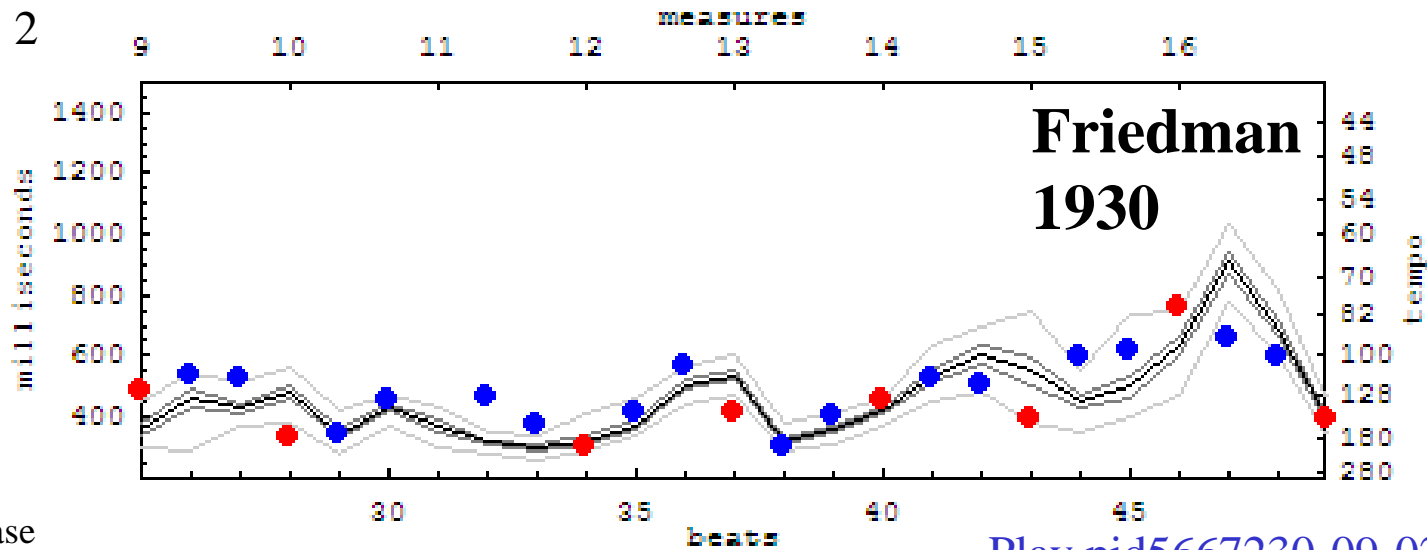
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Tempo Plots Op. 7, No. 2

Mazurka in A minor

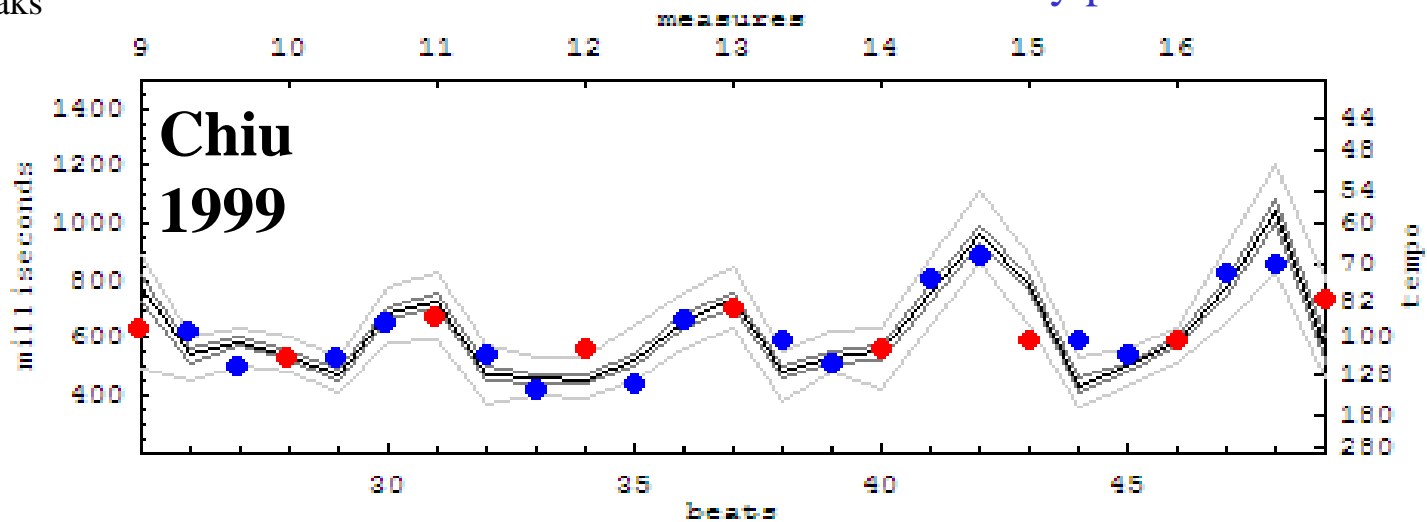
(Third beats red)

Op. 7, No. 2



[Play pid5667230-09-02m](#) 

Very clear phrase boundaries (peaks every two measures):



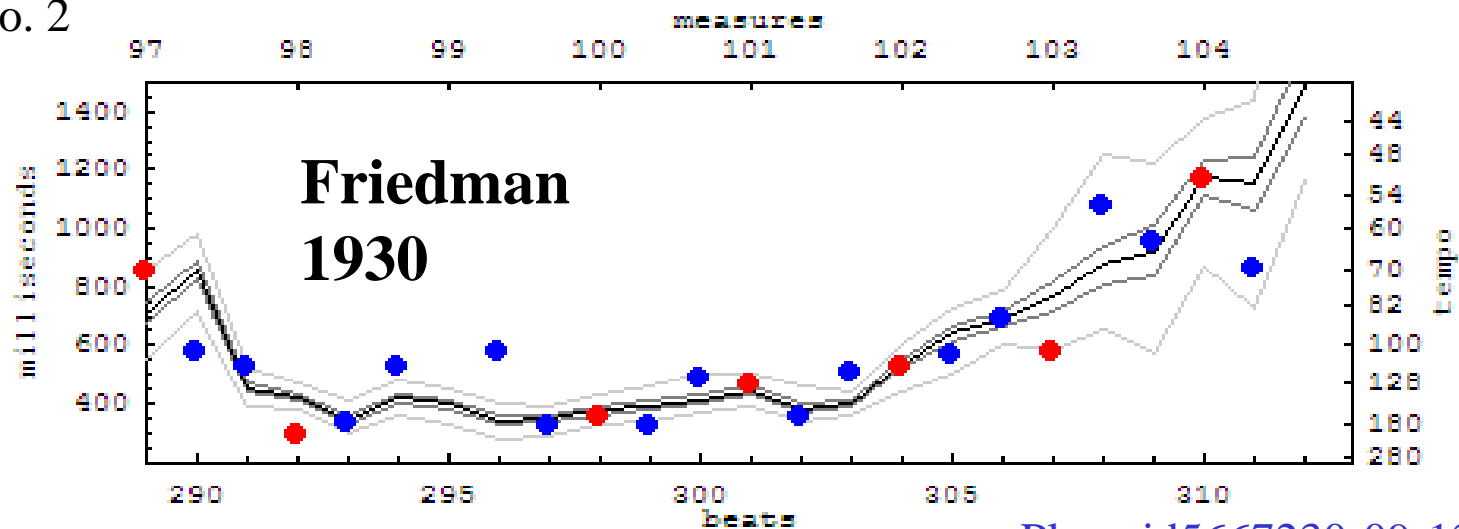
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Tempo Plots Op. 7, No. 2 (2)

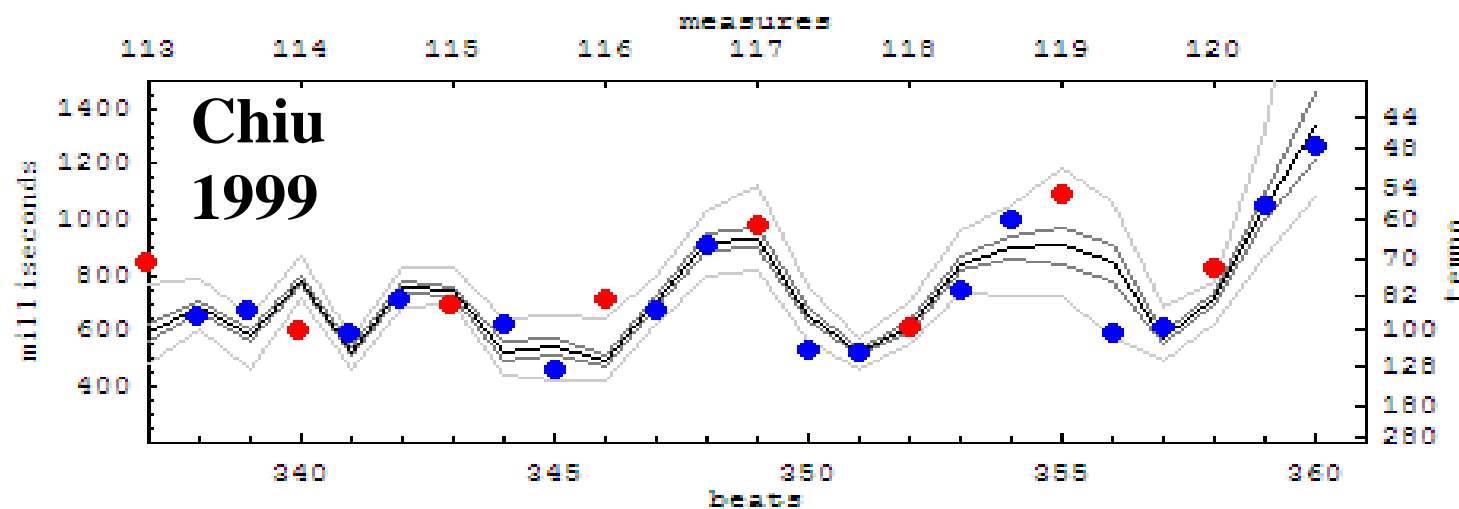
Mazurka in A minor

(Third beats red)

Op. 7, No. 2

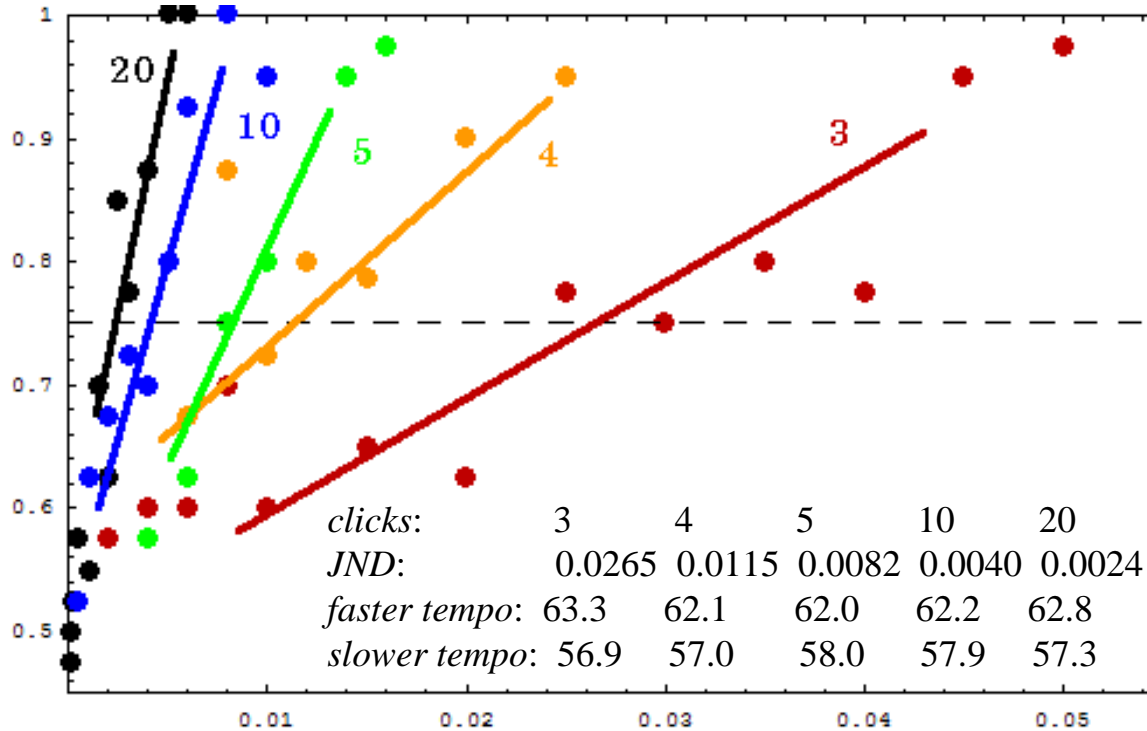


[Play pid5667230-09-13m](#) 



[Play pid9048-06-15m](#) 

Tempo Perception Experiment



10 clicks; 60 MM

- JND * 10
- JND * 4
- JND
- JND/4
- JND/10

