The multi-tuned piano: keyboard music without a tuning system generated manually or by Deep Improviser

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Abstract. A physical synthesis piano, such as one of Pianoteq's series of grand pianos, unlike a physical grand piano is not necessarily constrained at any moment to a single tuning system. The presentation discusses why a system using discrete piano pitches (c.f sliding pitches) chosen freely amongst the audible pitch continuum presents interesting musical and expressive possibilities. A version of my post-metrical post-tonal machine learning generative system Deep Improviser (under development since 2017), has been adapted and fine-tuned to continuous tuning. Its current state, and generated outputs will be discussed. Brief audio and video examples of algorithmic or machine-generated compositions and an improvisation exploiting the multi-tuned piano demonstrate its potential and a performing interface for it.

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Link to an AV example, Pan Pitches: http://www.australysis.com/hear-see-read/aLYS-works/worksEAcomp.html/#panpitches

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