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L'Indifferenza dell'Amore Cosmico

(The Indifference of the Cosmic Love)

*Version I: for flauto d'amore (or flute(s)),
cosmic rays and electronics
(arbitrary duration)*

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Program Notes

"L'Indifferenza dell'Amore Cosmico" ("The indifference of Cosmic Love") develops on two separate levels, a cosmic and a human one, as a dialogue between two physical systems. The cosmic sounds come from high up and are "performed" by cosmic rays through a detector connected to a computer system and appropriate software. The human sounds are performed by the flutist and are meant to create a rich contrapuntal opposition to the unpredictable cosmic sounds. Given the nature of the cosmic ray detection the performance is necessarily undetermined and improvised following detailed instructions in the generative score. No two performances will ever be alike.

Performance Notes – Cosmic rays (electronics)

Cosmic rays are high-energy protons and atomic nuclei which move through space at nearly the speed of light. They originate from the sun, from outside of the solar system and from distant galaxies.

The cosmic ray performance relies on a cosmic ray detector connected to a computer via OSC. The computer runs a python software that controls all aspects of the performance, including multi-channel and immersive spatialization playback (free and open-source code on GitHub).

The cosmic ray detector is a self-contained apparatus that employs plastic scintillator as a detection medium and a silicon photomultiplier for light collection. It is powered via USB and used in conjunction with the provided software allows to make interesting physics measurements. The total cost of each counter is approximately \$100. The detector can be built by the performer (it is originally conceived as a simple, physics-motivated machine- and electronics-shop project for university students and schools). Instruction for the built can be found here: <http://www.cosmicwatch.lns.mit.edu/>. Alternatively, a detector will be sent to the performer before the concert. A simple software simulator is also part of the software package for rehearsal purposes.

Cosmic rays "perform" a score made of a sequence of prerecorded gestures that follows an optimized path on a unique network of pitches generated on the fly for each performance. For more information about the music-theoretical background of network topology in musical spaces see [1,2].

The performer can choose the sounds that make the sample library of the cosmic stream, however, there should be a set of samples of sounds that span the full range of the instrument (three octaves), and two more sets of more percussive sounds. Use of effects or any form of sound manipulation is left to the performer.

The electronic performance consists of 13 scenes as movements of a concerto – the transitions between scenes is controlled by the performer via a pedal.

Sound should be spatialized on multiple speakers. Ideally it should come to the audience from high up and from all cardinal directions. The performer should also be amplified, and her sound should come from a rack of speakers at a lower height.

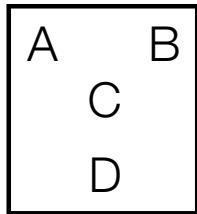
[1] M. Buongiorno Nardelli, *Topology of Networks in Generalized Musical Spaces*. Leonardo Music Journal, 30, 38-43 (2020).

[2] M. Buongiorno Nardelli, *Tonal harmony and the topology of dynamical score networks* (2021), at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.01033>

Performance Notes – Flauto d'amore (flute(s))

Notation is undetermined in pitch, choice of pitch within the indicated register is left to the performer, to adapt dynamically to the accompaniment of the cosmic ray sequences.

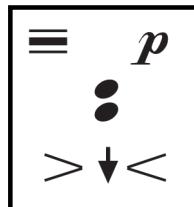
Notation is based on a gesture elements as displayed below. Each element is comprised of up to 4 performance directives arranged geometrically in a rectangle: A. register, B. dynamics, C. sound, D. expressive markings:



- A. If present, indicates the register of the sound(s): it can be also interpreted also as a starting register or ending register for the gesture
- B. If present, indicates the dynamics
- C. Main sound
- D. If present, indicates the expressive quality of the gesture.

If one of the characteristics is not present, it should be chosen by the performer.

As an example, here is a gesture with one or more multiphonic sounds in the middle register, piano and with a downward variation in intonation:



Gestures can be repeated ad libitum, with complete freedom of pitch choice to adapt dynamically to the accompaniment of the cosmic ray sequences. All indications should be interpreted creatively by the performer; however, dynamic markings should be followed as much as possible.

A full description of the symbols is given in the next pages.

Register

- ☰ High
- ☰ Middle
- ☰ Low

Dynamics

ppp pp p mp mf f ff fff sfz

Expressions

<i>rallen.</i>	accelerando, rallentando	<↑>	variation in intonation (up or down)
<i>accel.</i>		>↓<	
	legato	↘	generic downward (upward) motion: glissando, arpeggio, melodic line, etc.
	tenuto	→	
	crescendo	○—	nulla - crescendo
	decrescendo	—○	decrescendo - nulla

Sounds



with voice (at, above or below pitch) – can be played as the traditional blow+sing or as a more intense gesture (singing/shouting inside the flute) depending on dynamics and texture.



one-tone trill (one tone up or down), semitone trill down, semitone trill up;
trills should be started only after establishing clearly the pitch center



“Sciarrino trill”: play a fast trill on D/D# with the right hand while fingering a note with the left hand



single, double and triple tonguing



fast pitch bending (exaggerated vibrato) or enharmonic trill



regular and short accent



regular sound (a dirty or breathy sound can be used as well)



key slap (open and closed embouchure) – with air

- whistle tone
- ◊ natural harmonics
- ❖ multiphonics by harmonics overblow
- multiphonics by fingering
- flutter tongue
-  fast runs (bursts of grace notes of arbitrary length)
-  jet whistle
- air or noisy sound with mouth into (mouthpiece) or onto the flute (body)
- ▼ tongue pizzicato
- ✗ key click (no air)

- ▲ ▷ ▨ short, medium and long pauses

The score is dynamically generated for each performance by running the python code Cosmic-SCORE.py. The code generates multiple graphs (one for each section) in a randomized fashion, so no two scores (and hence performance directions) will ever be the same. The final score sections consist of a graph in single vector graphics format that can be opened in a web browser or imported in any word processor program (Word, PowerPoint, etc.) or SVG image processor (Illustrator, Inkscape). It is made of an ensemble of boxes (nodes) connected by directional paths. Each node contains a gesture element as described above. The paths provide choices on the direction the performer can follow in the execution of the piece.

Alternatively, the score can be also produced in form of tablature, to facilitate the reading of the sequences. Both versions are appropriate for the performance, and although different, they offer the same expressive freedom. The choice should be made by the performer on what version to use.

In the following I present the scores obtained with a seed for random number generators equal to 21521

Finally, flute(s) must be amplified to enhance both acoustic and mechanics sounds.

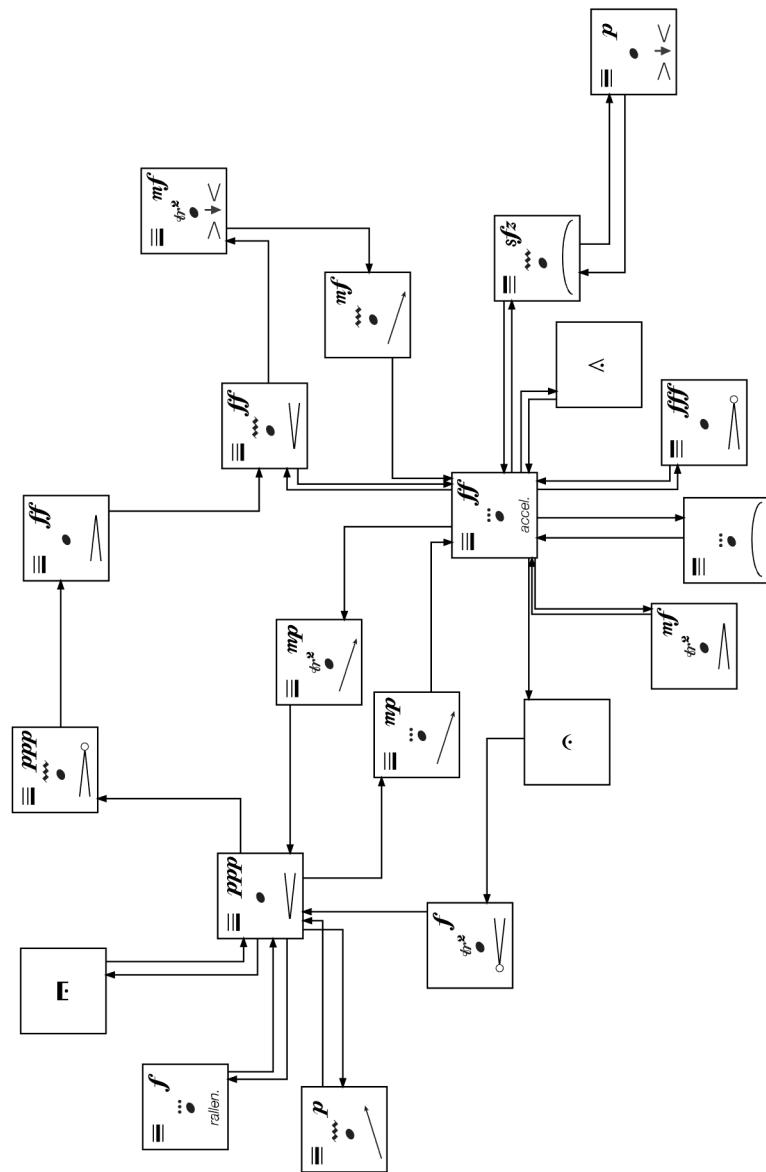
Graph score

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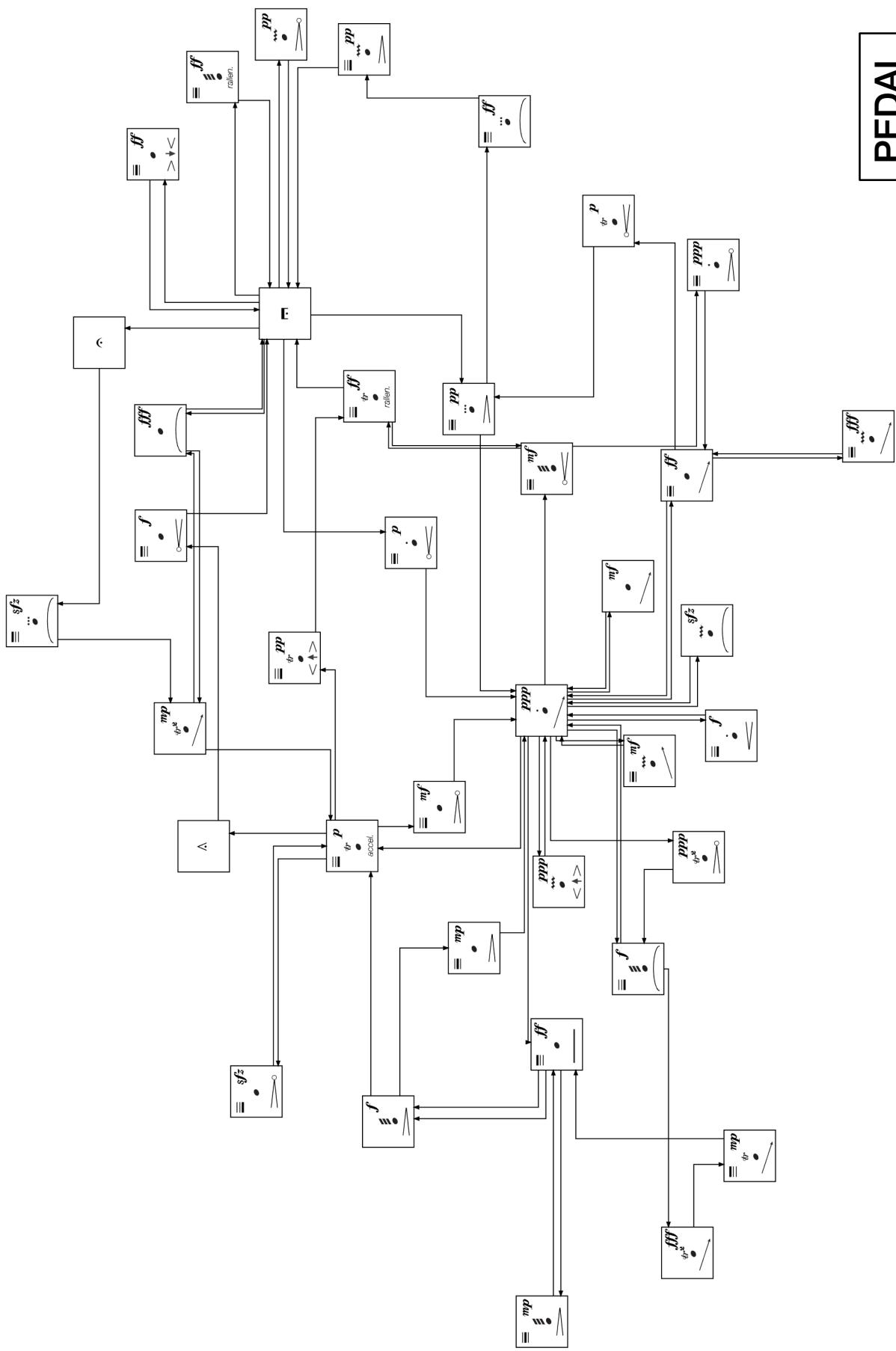
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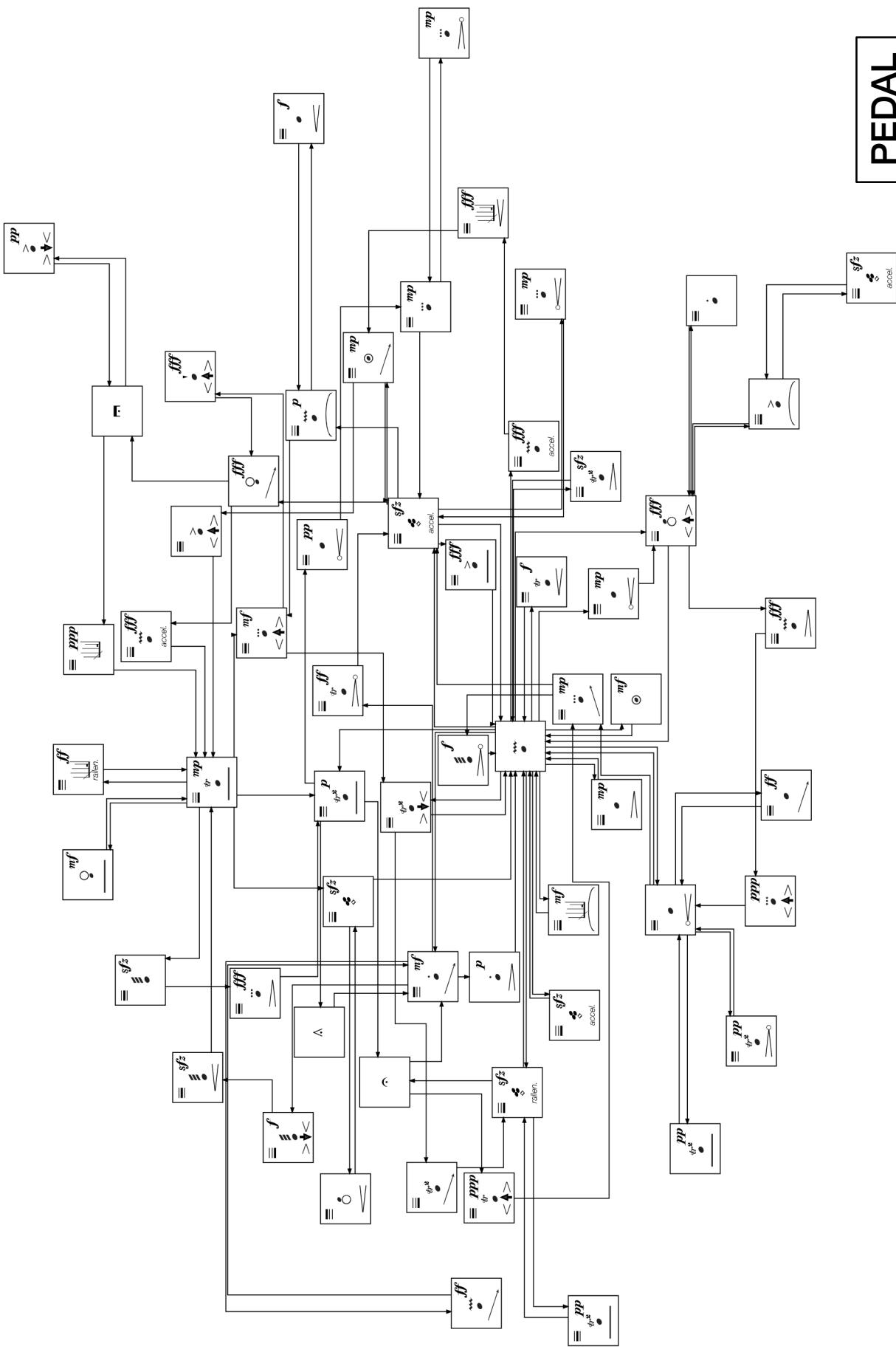
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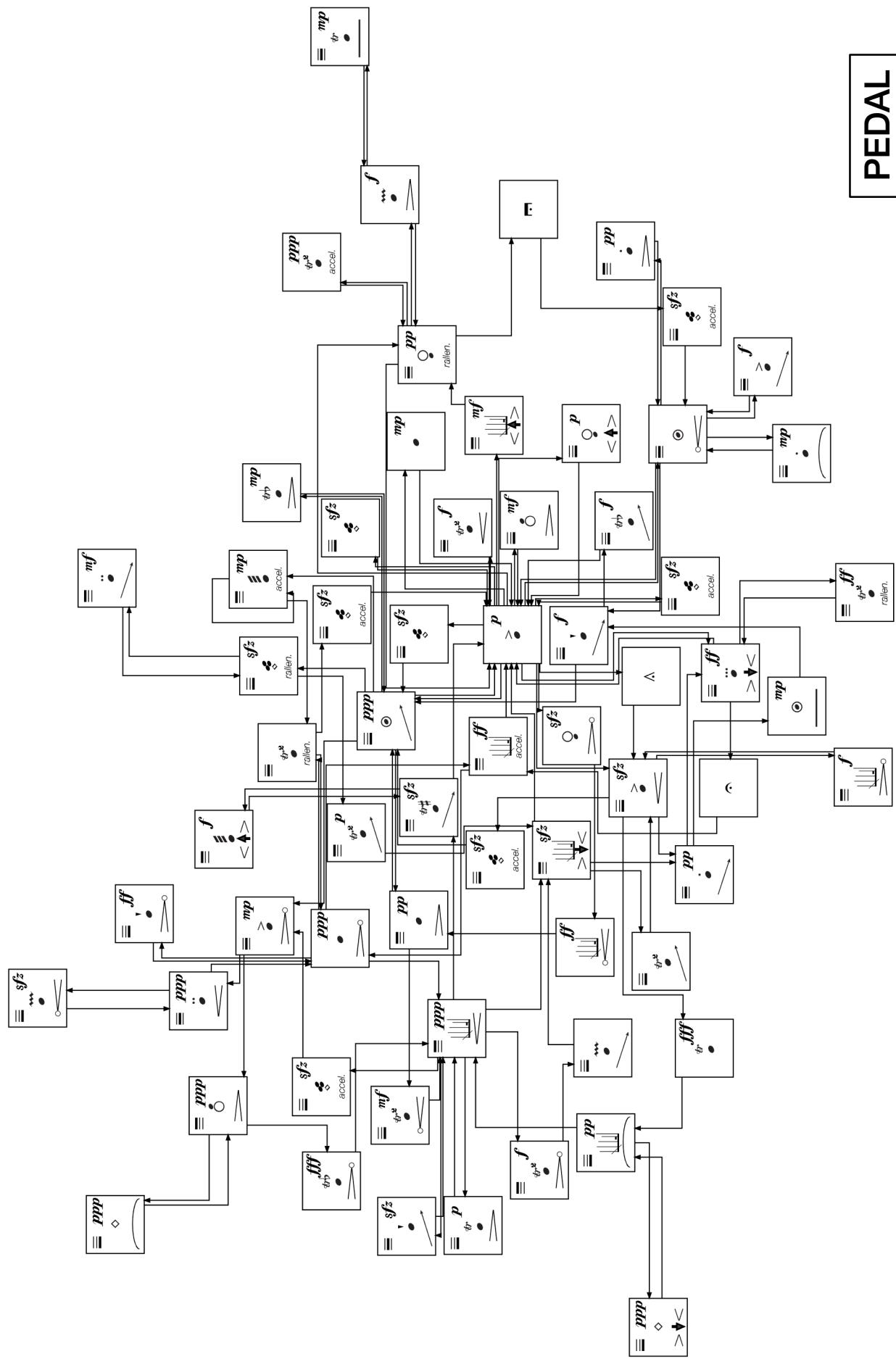
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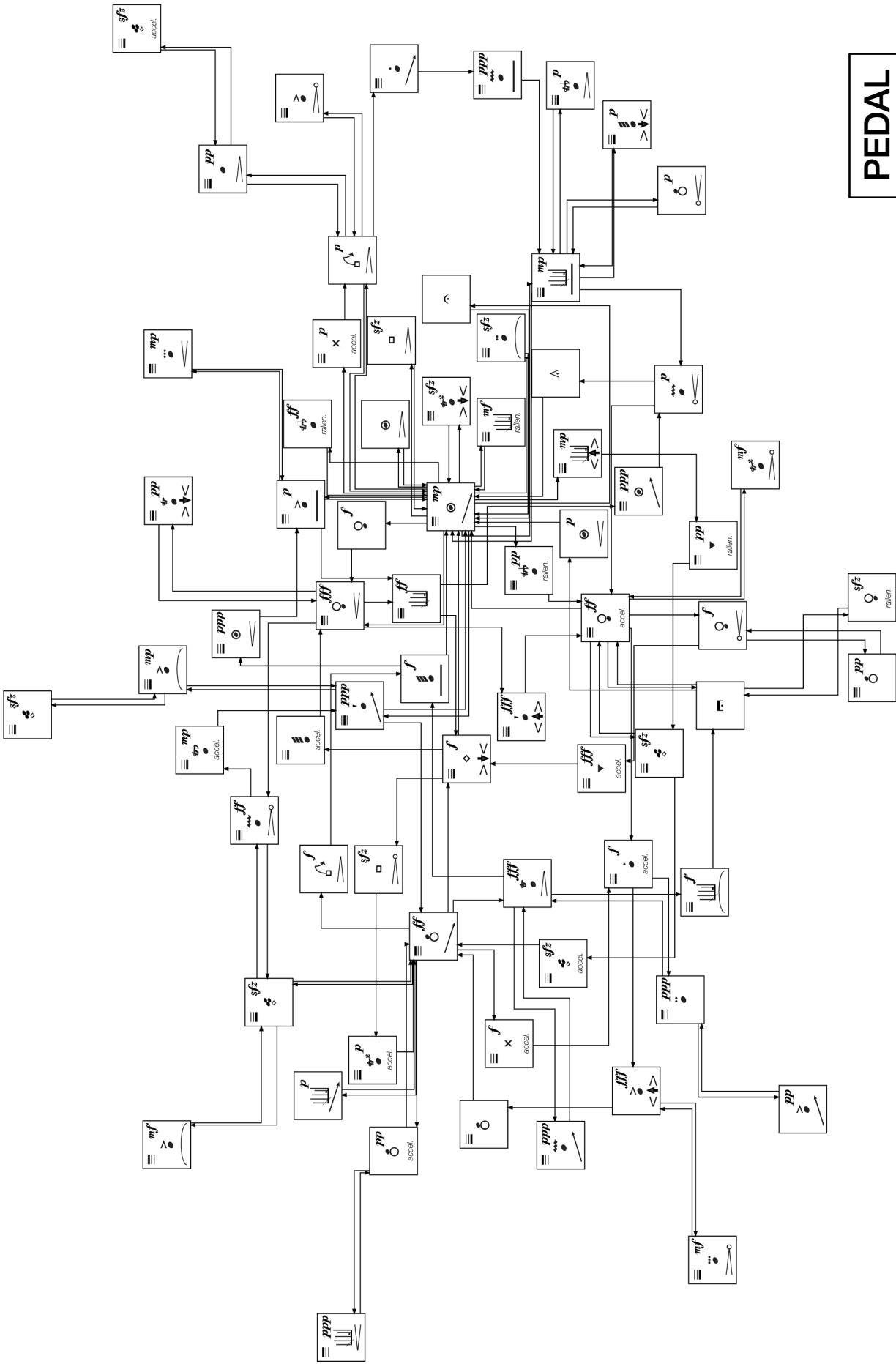
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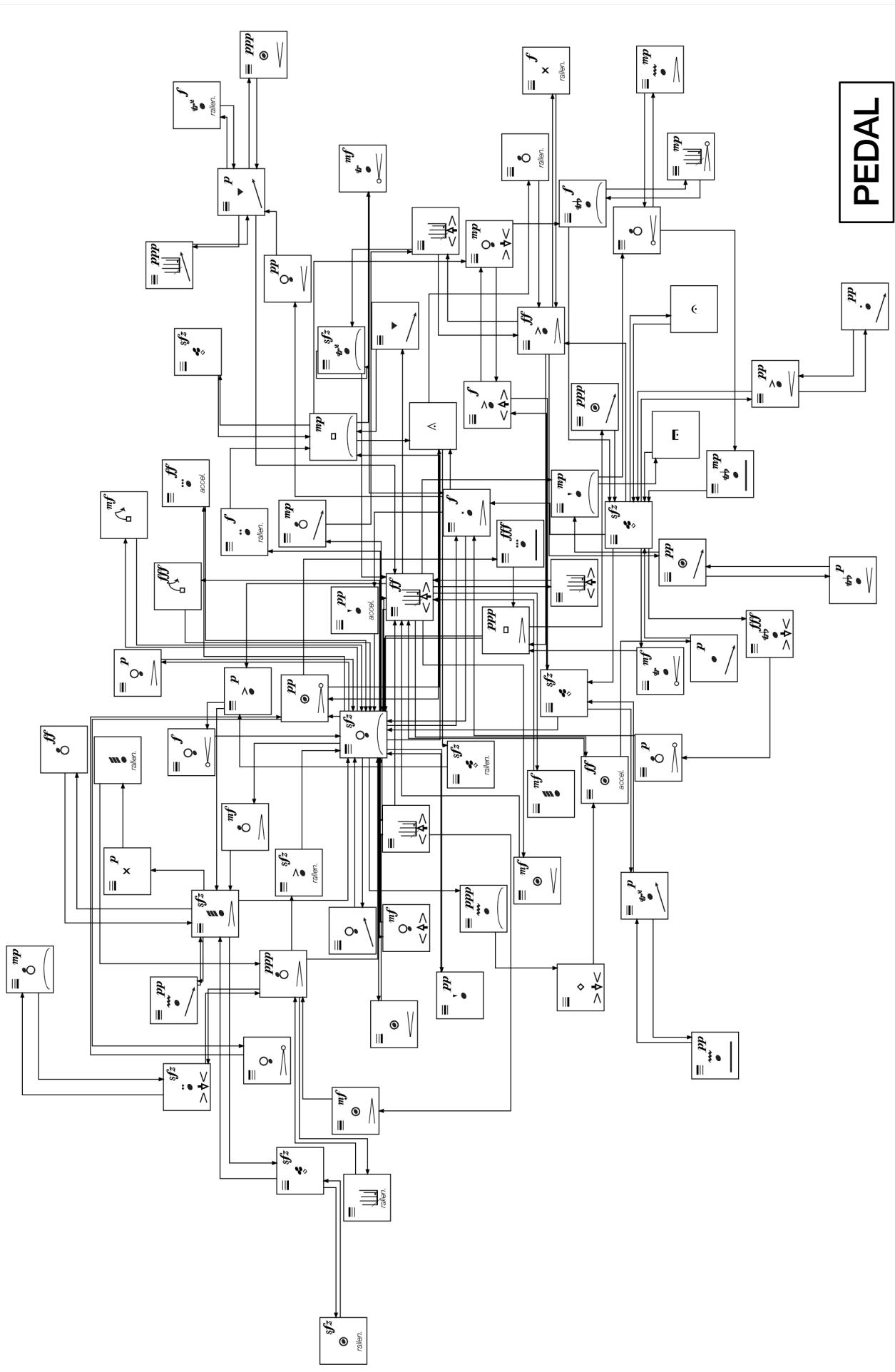


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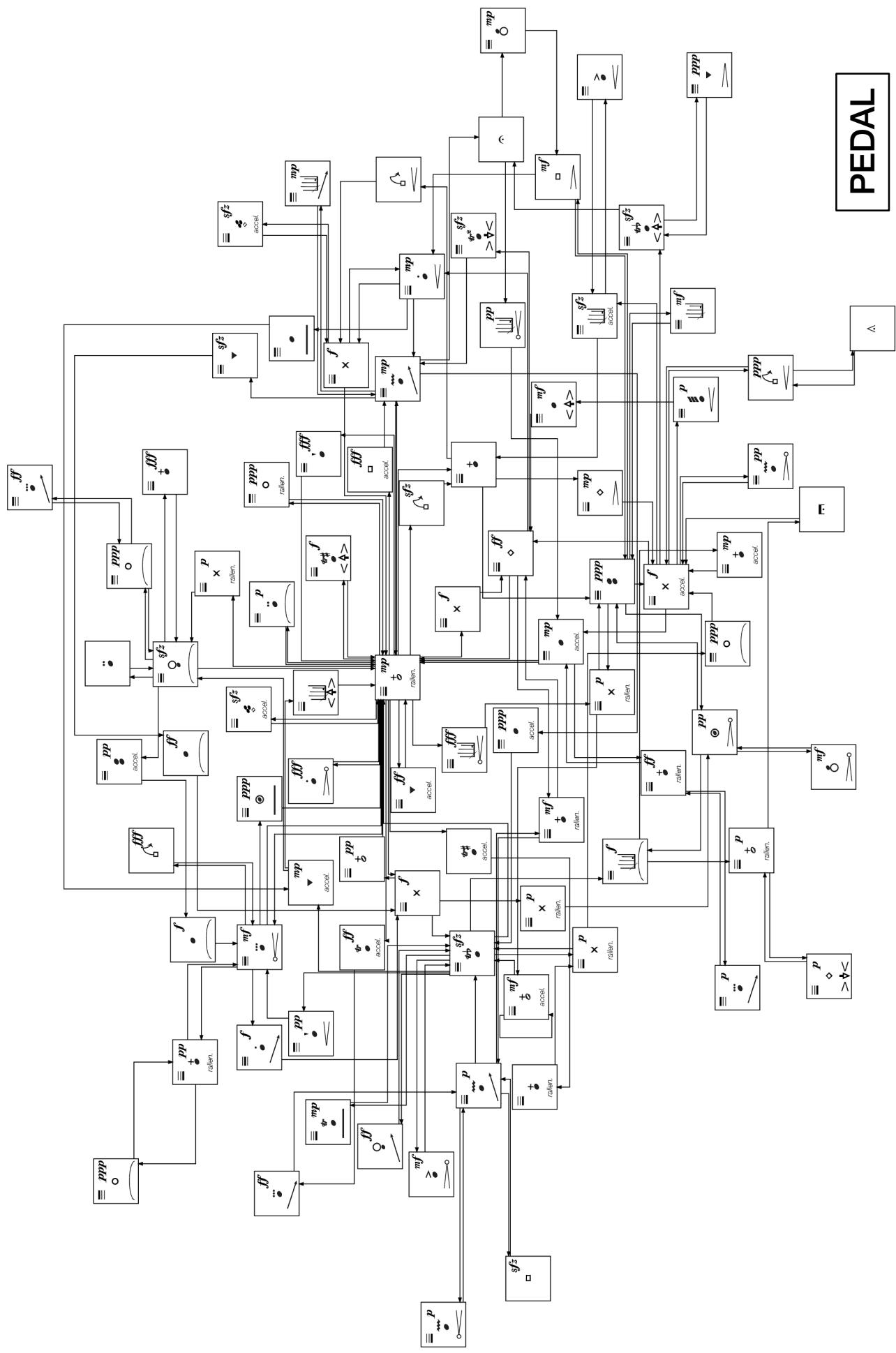


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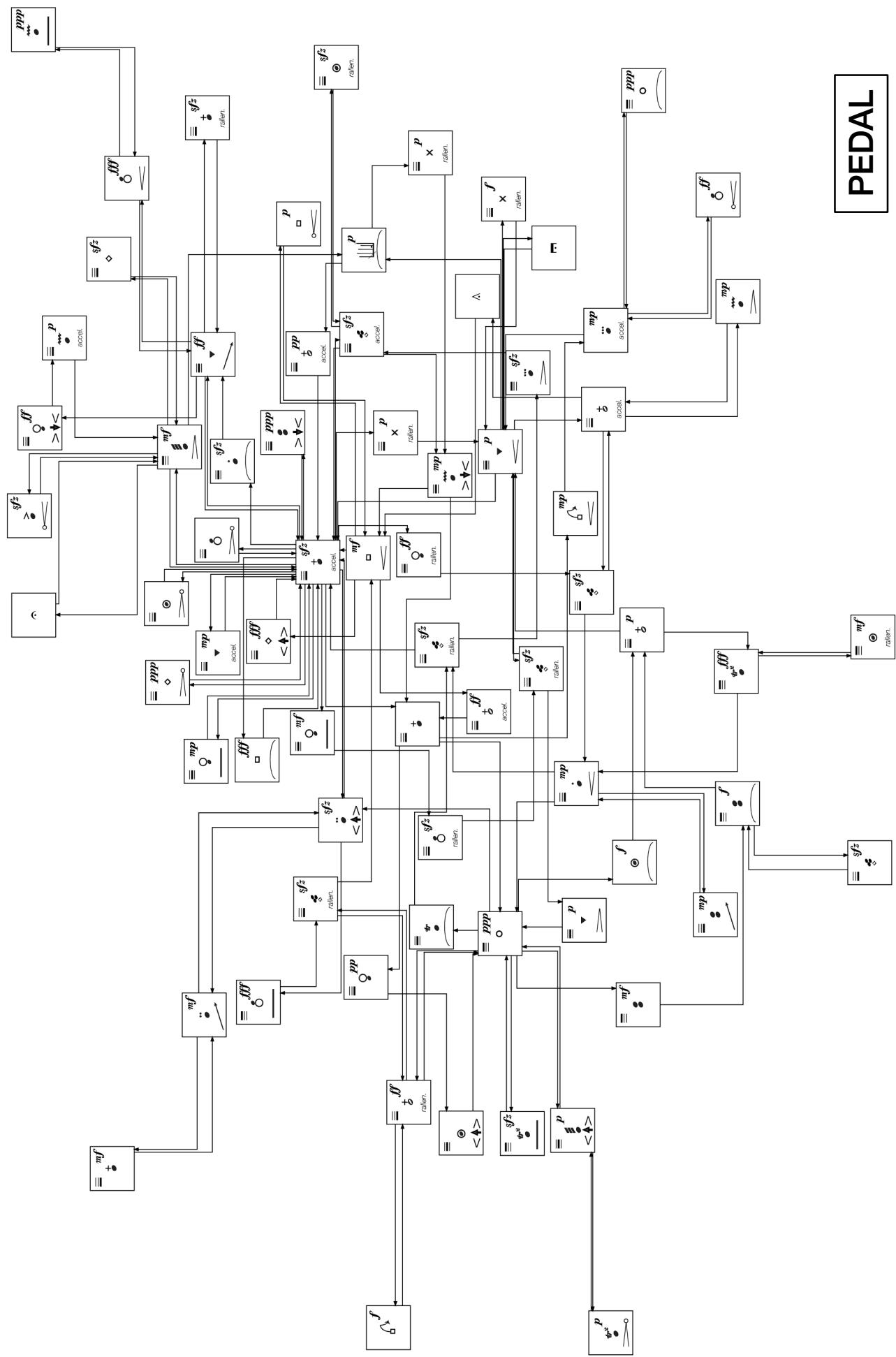




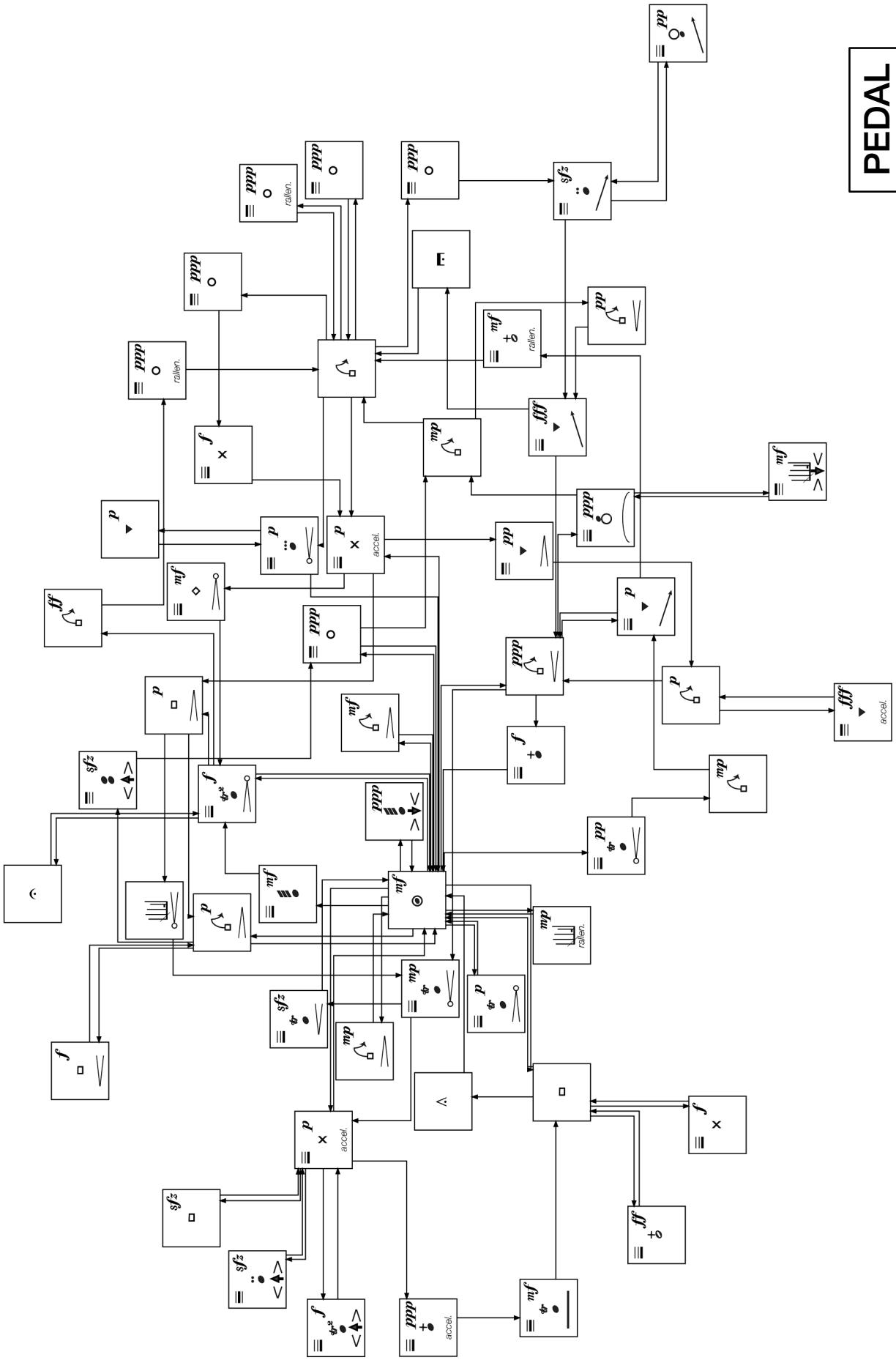
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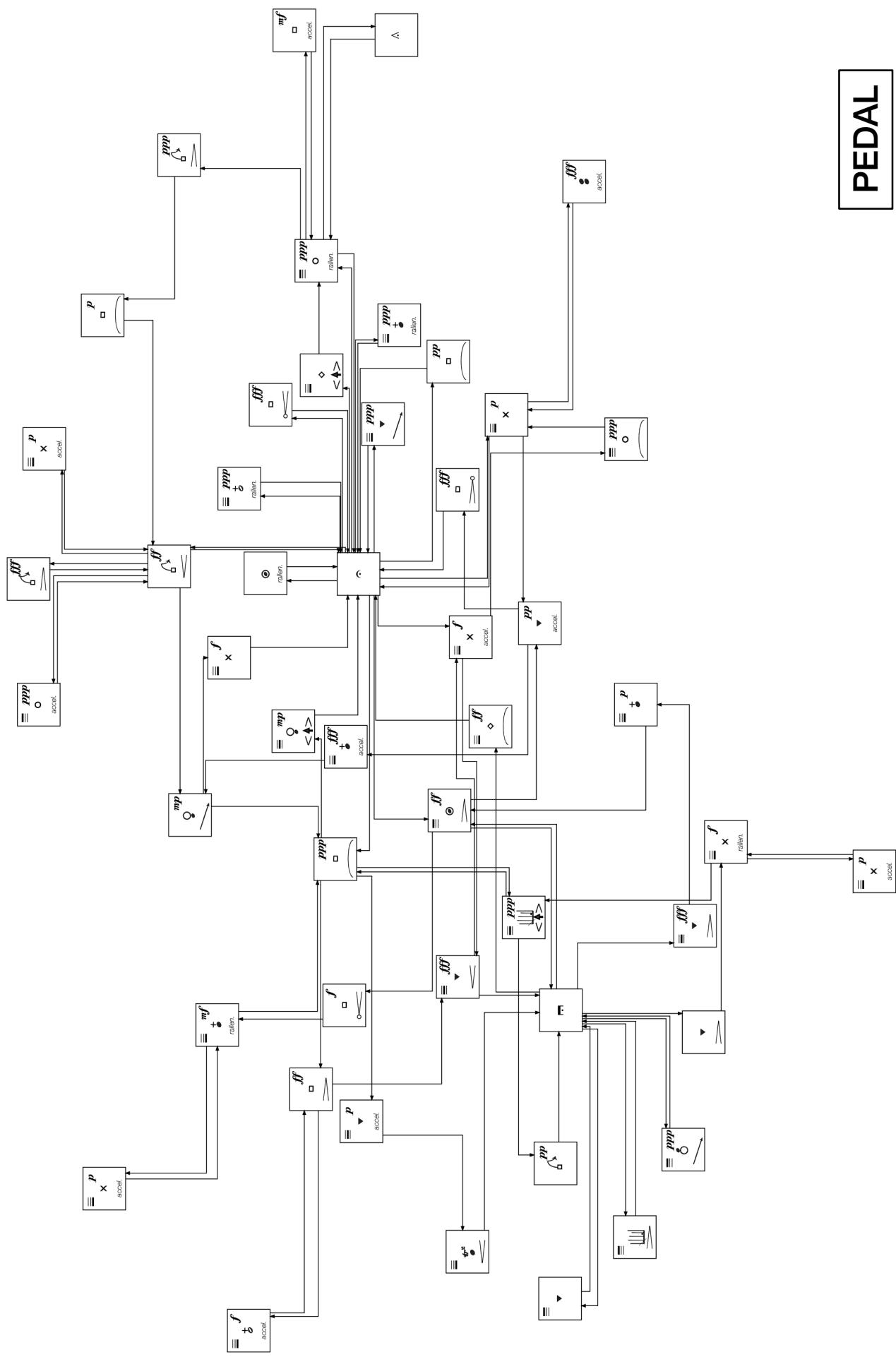
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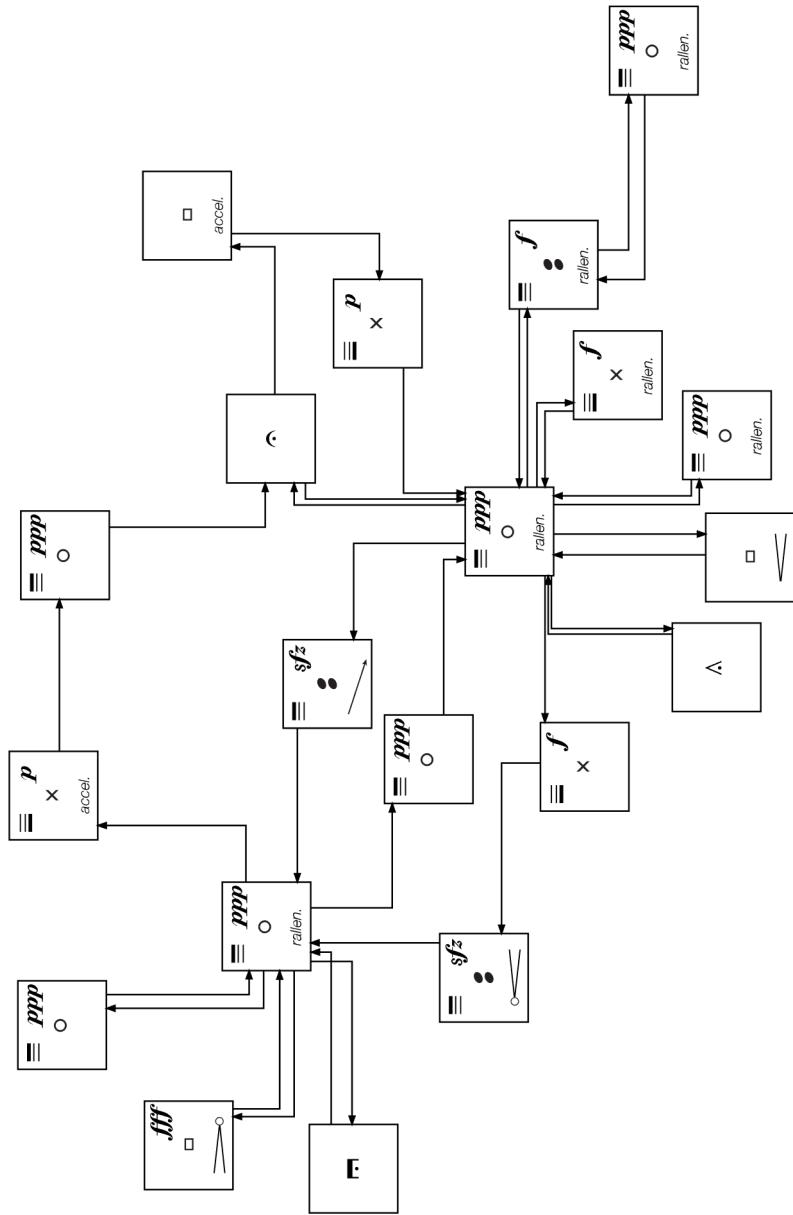
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Tablature score

Seed = 21521

NOTE: In the tablature score the performer can choose to move both horizontally and vertically, forward and backwards, and to switch between rows (columns) if there are parts of the edges in common.

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\square \geqslant	\diamond $<\Delta>$	∇	$\equiv ppp$	$\equiv ppp$	mf	\bullet accel.	mf	$\equiv ppp$ \circ \geqslant	$\equiv ff$ \circ \geqslant

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<i>fff</i> □ ==○	□	<i>sfs</i> ≡ ●	<i>p</i> × accel.	<i>f</i> × rallen.	<i>ppp</i> ○
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■ ≡ ○ rallen.	<i>ppp</i> ○ rallen.	<i>ppp</i> ○ rallen.	△	<i>ppp</i> ○ rallen.	
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Compositional design and algorithmic notes

This piece embodies the idea of performers and audience as active co-creators of the artistic event. This idea has developed over the years, starting with my miniature opera **Unknown, a journey** (<https://www.materialssoundmusic.com/copy-of-installations>) and has now found an evolutionary path in the concept of musical spaces as networks, that has become the foundation of my artistic and music-theoretic research in the past few years [1,2]. In **L'Indifferenza dell'Amore Cosmico**, every aspect of the performance is defined by two key elements: a network of nodes with a specific connection topology, and the determination of the optimal path that visits every link connecting any node at least once. Once the parameters of the execution have been defined the performers are highly encouraged not to stop at the first generation of the score(s) but explore how different choices of the parameters would result in the final performance.

The network structure used in the generation of the previous score is produced using the Barabasi-Albert model for the generation of random scale-free networks [3] but other models are also implemented in the score-generating program. The Barabasi-Albert model incorporates two important general concepts, growth and preferential attachment: growth means that the number of nodes in the network increases over time; preferential attachment means that the more connected a node is, the more likely it is to receive new links. Nodes with a higher degree have a stronger ability to grab links added to the network. The resulting topology is fundamental in the analysis of many musical spaces [1,2]. This topology is also central to the determination of the optimal path that guides the performer through the graph: we solve here a route optimization problem to find a shortest closed path or circuit that visits every edge of the graph we have generated. When the graph has a Eulerian circuit (a closed walk that covers every edge once), that circuit is an optimal solution. Otherwise, the optimization problem is to find the smallest number of graph edges to duplicate (or the subset of edges with the minimum possible total weight) so that the resulting multigraph does have a Eulerian circuit.

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