Melodic Minor Single Note Scales
(Overtone Dominant)
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Scales for: minor 6, minor(major 7), minor7b5, 7#9#5(b9, b5), and 13#11 FAMILIES

Whenever you would use one of the above chords, you might try the single notes given below. For intelligent use of the single-note material, you should be familiar with how to use all of the chord types in the above families on all suitable degrees of the 12-tone scale, in both major and minor keys. Without this knowledge, the application of this material will be frustrating, if not impossible.

F# melodic minor (= D♯7 = F7#9+ family = B13#11 family)

Scale Chord forms for visualization

Arpeggios

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or F♯
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5  | 6  | 6  | 7  | 7  | 5

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7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7  | 7

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9  | 9  | 9  | 9  | 9  | 10

Arpeggios

or F#
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