

(Pre)compositional strategies and
computer-generated notation in
surface/tension (2012) for oboe and
piano or ensemble

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Cycle of pieces using computer-assisted composition (OM)

- *String Quartet* (2013-2014)
- Première: December 2014. Spitalfields Winter Festival, Quatuor Diotima.
- *surface / tension* (2012) version for solo oboe and ensemble
- Première: 18 November 2012, Christopher Redgate and Cikada Ensemble (Christian Eggen, cond.), Bates Mill, Huddersfield (HCMF).
- *surface / tension* (2012) duo version for oboe and piano
- Première: 27 July 2012, Christopher Redgate and Stephen Robbins, Schott's Performance Space, London.
- *Adaptations* (2011-12) for electric violin and computer
- Première: 6 January 2012, Mieko Kanno and Sam Hayden, Jacqueline du Pre Music Building, University of Oxford, Symposium for Performance of Electronic and Experimental Composition (SPEEC): "Building an Instrument", Faculty of Music, Oxford University.
- *misguided* (2011), for clarinets, saxophones, trumpet and trombone
- Première: 26 March 2011, ELISION Ensemble (Eugene Ughetti, cond.), Iwaki Auditorium, ABC Southbank, Melbourne, Australia.

1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13



2, 7, 1, 11, 3, 13, 5



subdivision series

3, 13, 5, 7, 2, 1, 11



subdivide if duration < 5 secs.

2, 7, 1, 11, 3, 13, 5

1.5, 5.25, 0.75, 8.25, 2.25, 9.25, 3.75 secs.



permutational rhythrical structures and subdivisions

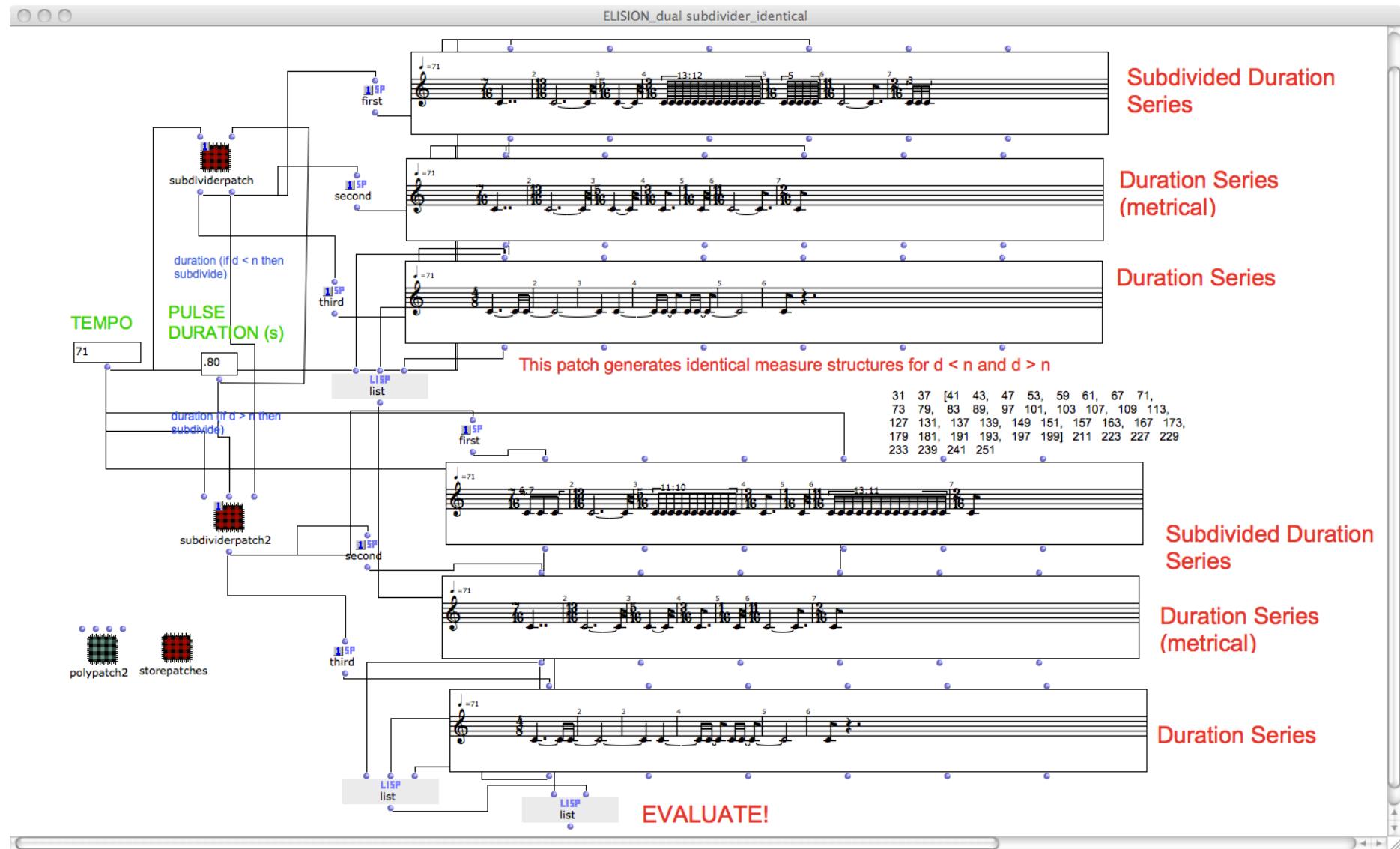
Sunk Losses
(2002) for large
orchestra

subdivide if duration < 5 secs.

2, 7, 1, 11, 3, 13, 5

1, 3.5, 0.5, 5.5, 1.5, 6.5, 2.5 secs.





misguided (2011)
 for clarinet(s), saxophone(s), trumpet and trombone:
 OM generated permutational metrical structures and
 rhythmical subdivisions

misguided (2011)
for clarinet(s), saxophone(s), trumpet and
trombone
opening of score – early sketch (trio)

untitled

BASS CLARINET SOLO

Bass Clarinet in B_b = 157 poco rit. A Tempo Sam Hayden (2008)

Trumpet in C con sord. ffp sfz

Trombone con sord. gliss. 14.13 4.5 6.11

B. CL 8 13 4.7 10 11 12 13 14

C Tpt. 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Tbn. 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Energetic

misguided
for EUSION

Sam Hayden (2006-11)

Bass Clarinet in B_b

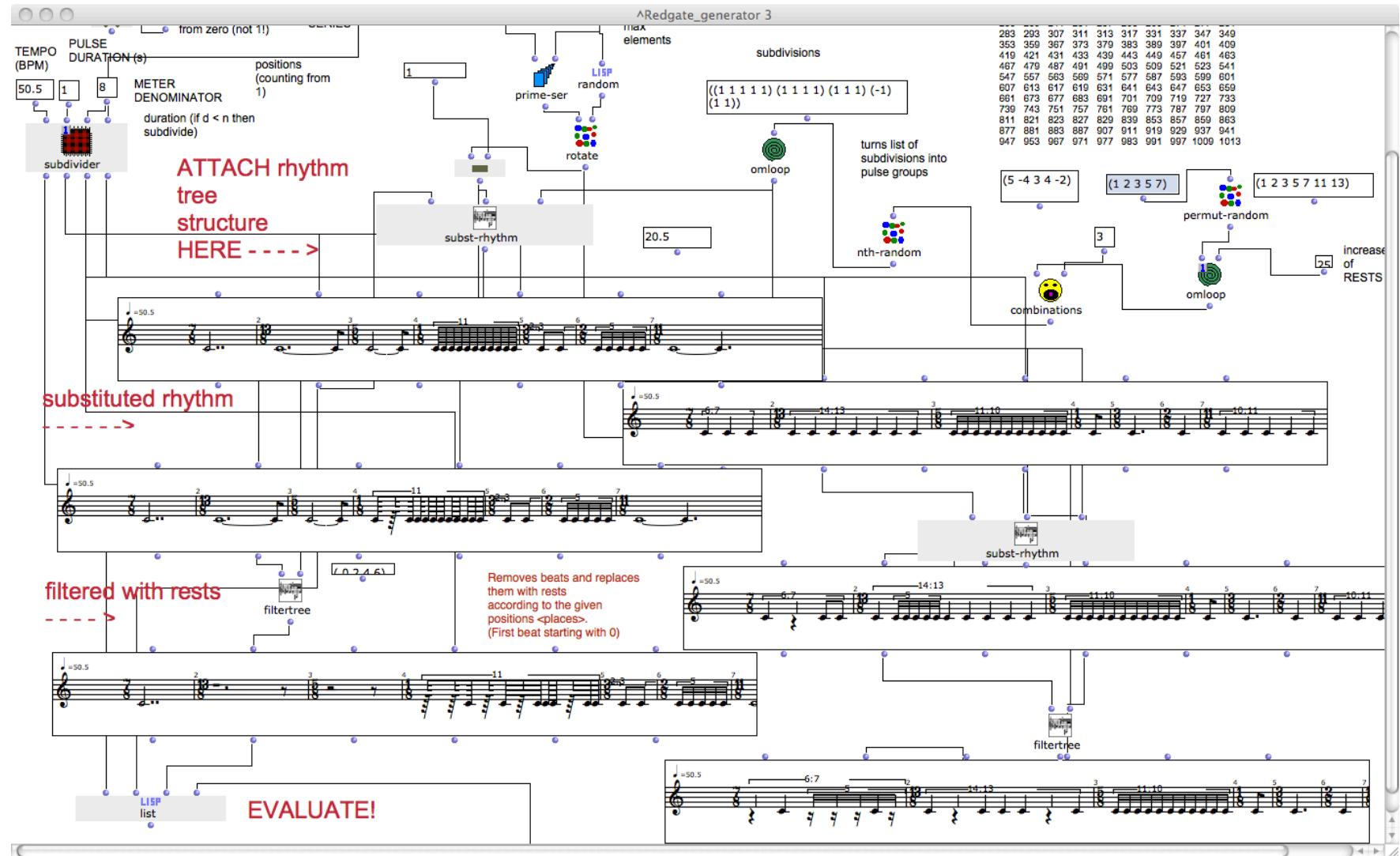
Tenor Saxophone

Trumpet in C

Trombone

misguided (2011)
for clarinet(s), saxophone(s), trumpet and trombone
opening of score





surface/tension (2012) complete rhythmic generator:
combines metrical generator, rhythmical subdivider and substitute
rhythm / filter rhythm processes in single OM patch.



Senza Misura Energetic $\text{♩} = 68.5$ $\text{♩} = 137$

(6+4+3)

A gradually fill spectrum

B

C

(6+4+3)

A gradually reduce spectrum

surface / tension
for oboe and piano

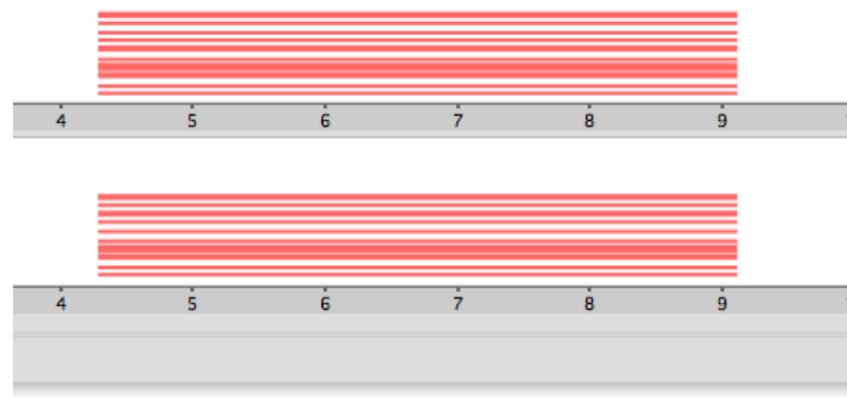
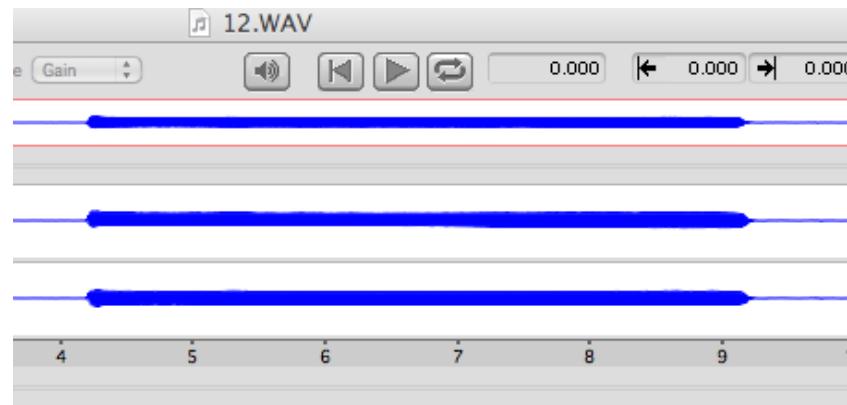
Sam Hayden (2012)

poco rit.

Oboe: PPP , sub.fff , fff , fffppp , pp , f , p , fffpp , fff , fff

Piano: harmonic (touch string) [11th partial], fff , fff , $\text{pp} = \text{p}$, cresc. poco a poco, pp , pp , f , fff , fff , fff

surface / tension (2012) for oboe and piano (duo version)
I (opening): background rhythmic structure



surface/tension (2012)
spectral analysis (AS):
multiphonic no.12

Now observe multiphonic fingerings.

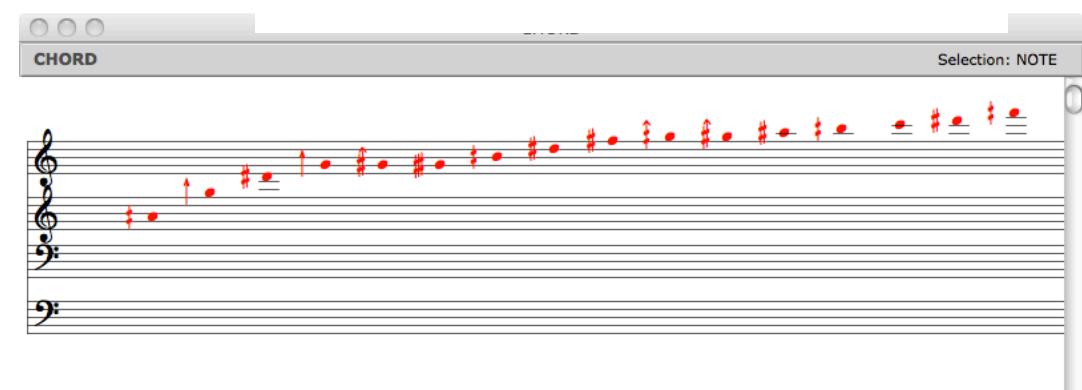
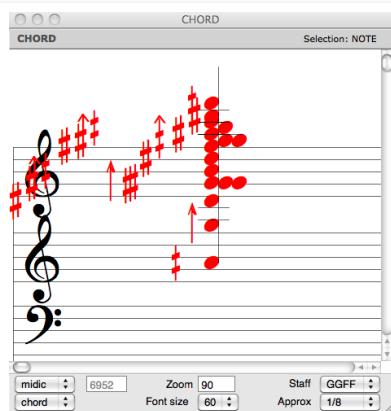
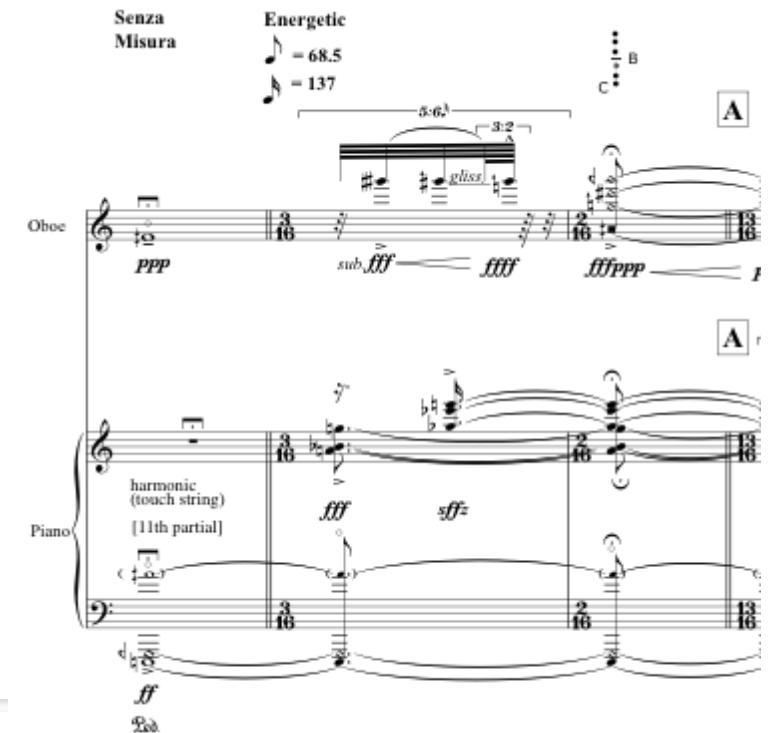
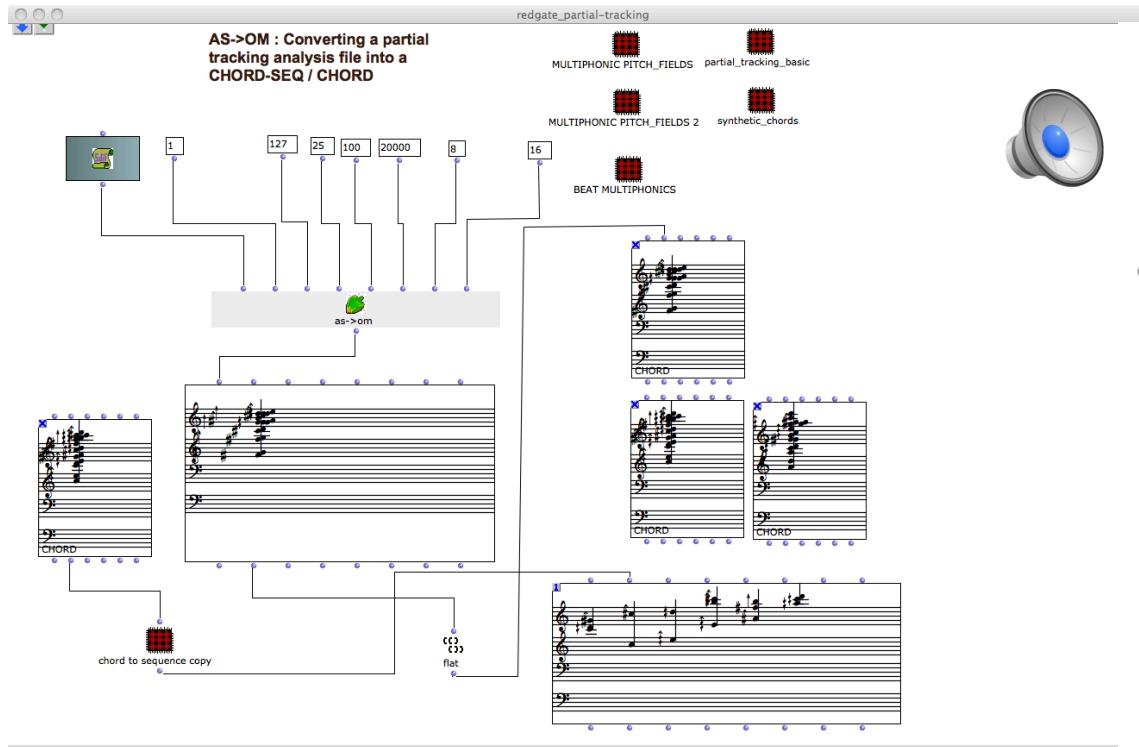
NOTES

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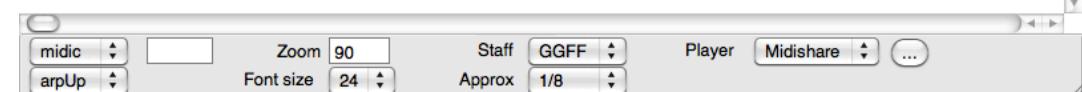
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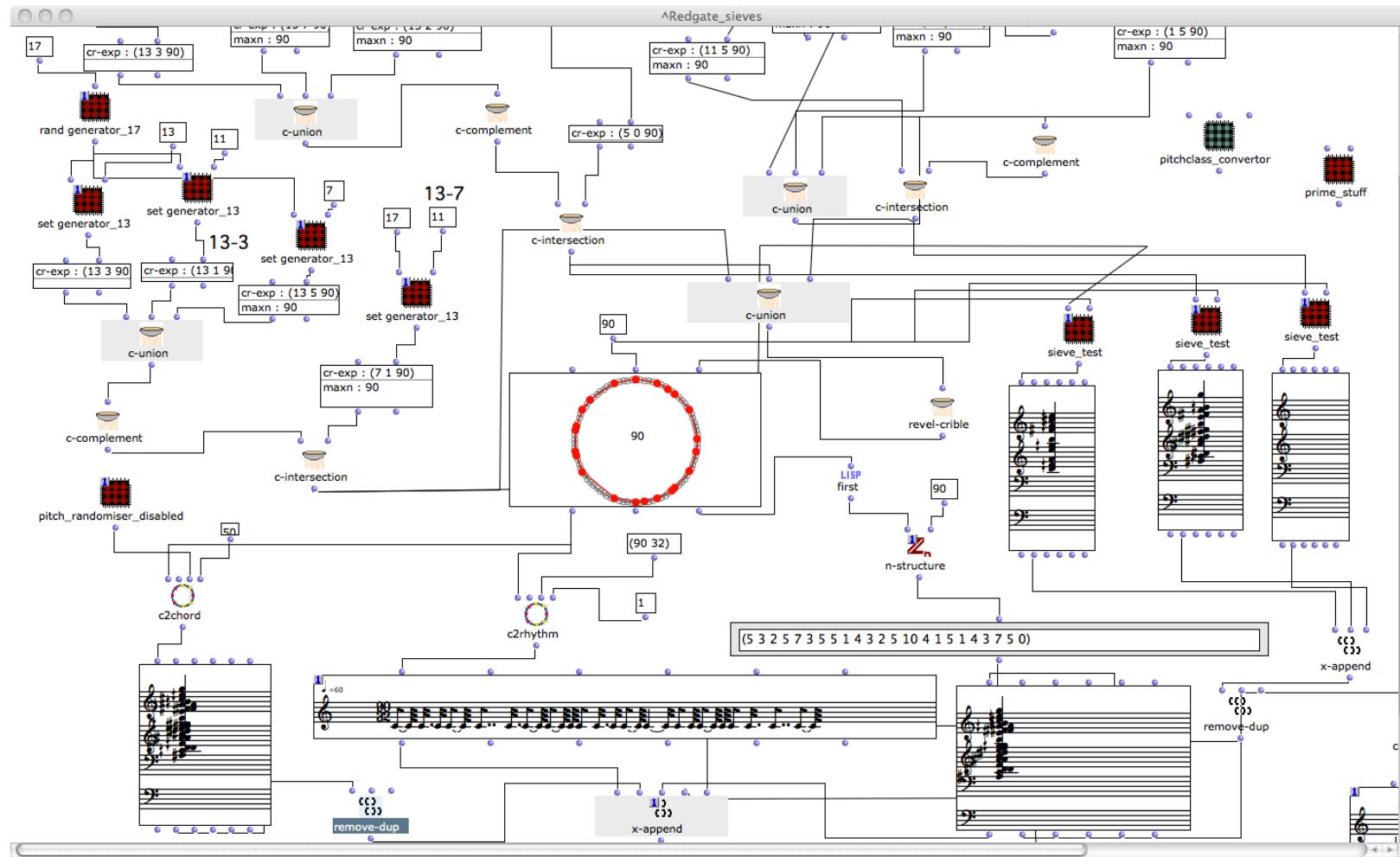
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16/0 17/1 18/0 19/ 20/g#
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surface/tension (2012)
spectral analysis of
multiphonic no.12 (AS->OM)





surface/tension (2012):
 Algorithmic generation of non-octavating scales
 (artificial spectra)

surface / tension (2012): opening of duo version: OM-generated inharmonic spectra

The image displays the opening of the duo version of the composition *surface / tension* (2012) by Sam Hayden. The score is for oboe and piano, featuring two staves with complex inharmonic spectra. Above the score are two screenshots of the OpenMusic (OM) software interface showing chord generation and playback controls.

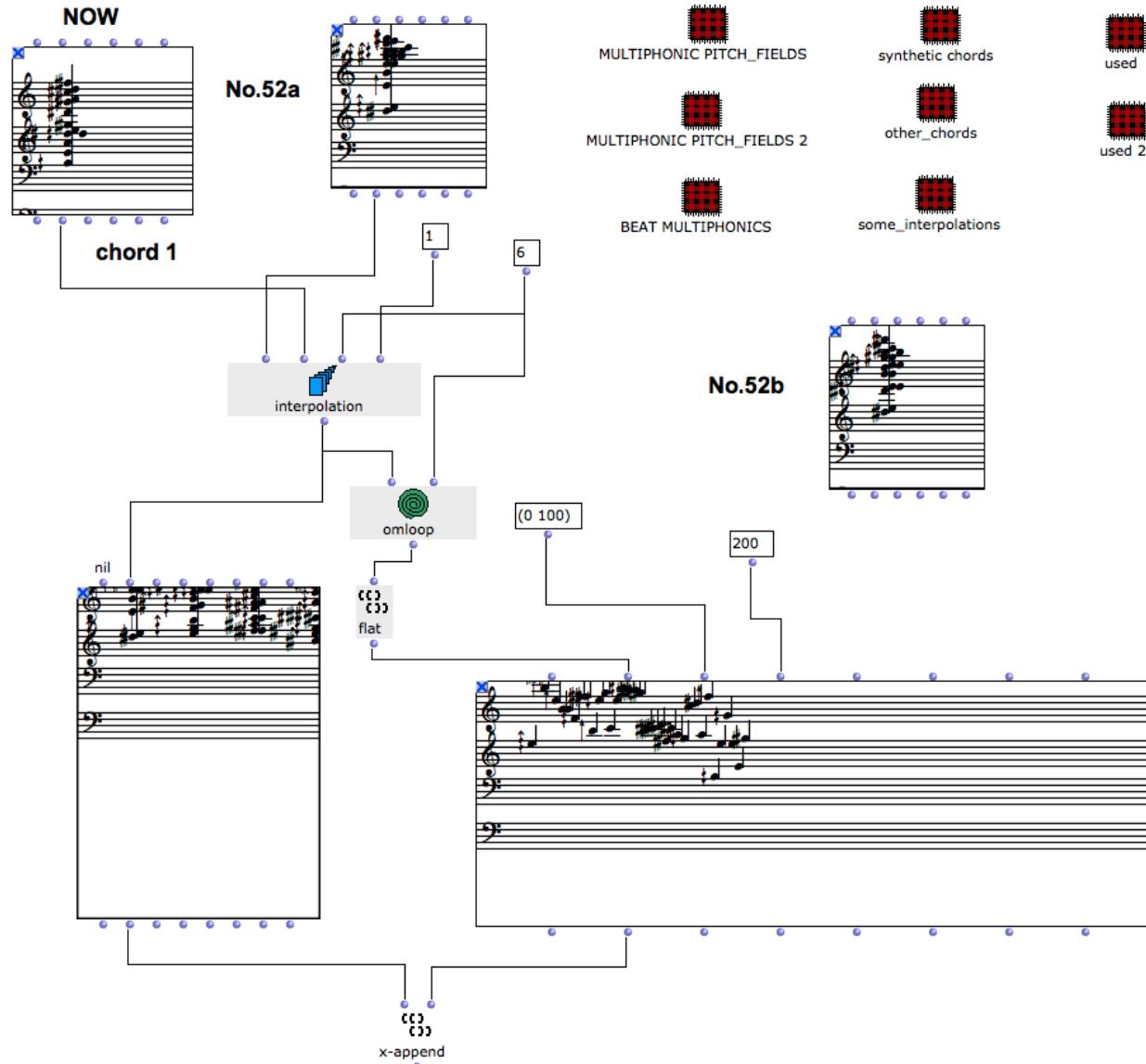
Software Screenshots:

- Top Left (Chord Generation):** Shows a window titled "CHORD" with a musical staff containing a complex chord with sharp and flat notes. Below the staff are buttons for "midic" and "arpUp", and a text input field showing "6700".
- Top Right (Playback Controls):** Shows a window titled "CHORD1" with a musical staff. Below it are controls for "Selection: NOTE", "midic", "arpUp", "Zoom 100", "Font size 24", "Staff GGFF", "Player Micropla...", and "Approx 1/8".

Musical Score:

Score Details: The score is for **Sam Hayden (2012)**. It features:

- Instrumentation:** Oboe and piano.
- Key Signature:** A mix of sharps and flats (F# major/C minor).
- Time Signature:** Changes frequently, including measures of 3/8, 2/4, 5/4, and 10/13.
- Dynamic Range:** Extensive dynamics including *p*, *f*, *pp*, *ff*, and *fff*.
- Performance Instructions:** Includes "gradually fill spectrum", "gradually reduce spectrum", "cresc. poco a poco", and "poco rit.". The piano part also specifies "harmonic (touch string) [11th partial]".
- Stylistic Markings:** Measures are labeled "Senza Misura" and "Energetic".
- Tempo:** Indicated as $\text{♩} = 68.5$ and $\text{♩} = 137$.



surface/tension (2012):
OM interpolation of multiphonics to artificial spectra

CHORD-SEQ 2

Selection: CHORD

Duration: 6000 ms

midic Zoom 155 Staff GGF Player Midishare ...
chord Font size 48 Approx 1/8

CHORD-SEQ1

Selection: CHORD

t: 218 ms Duration: 3600 ms

midic Zoom 522 Staff GGF Player Midishare ...
chord Font size 24 Approx 1/8

surface/tension (2012):
interpolation of multiphonics to artificial spectra

Musical score for *surface/tension* (2012) showing two staves: Oboe (Ob.) and Piano (Pno.). The score is divided into two sections: a top section (measures 139-140) and a bottom section (measures 140-141).

Top Section (Measures 139-140):

- Measure 139:** Dynamics: **(6+4+3)**, **bend**, **ff**, **f**, **mf**, **mp**, **mf**, **f**, **ff**. Performances include: **(multiphonic trills ad lib.)**, **wide vib.**, and specific multiphonic patterns like **3.23**, **7.43**, and **22.03**.
- Measure 140:** Dynamics: **(6+4+3)**, **ff**, **f**, **p** **cresc. poco a poco**, **mp**, **mf**, **mf**, **ff**. Performances include: **beat multiphonic**, **beat multiphonic**, and specific multiphonic patterns like **5.43**, **3.23**, **8.43**, **3.23**, **5.43**, and **5.43**.

Bottom Section (Measures 140-141):

- Measure 140:** Dynamics: **poco rit.**, **fff**, **ff**, **f**, **ff**, **sfz**, **sub. ff**, **mf**, **f**, **ff**, **molto dim.**, **pp**, **ppp**. Performances include: **senza vib.**, **beat multiphonic**, **beat multiphonic**, and specific multiphonic patterns like **8.43**, **3.23**, **14.11**, **3.23**, **3.23**, and **sec.**.
- Measure 141:** Dynamics: **poco rit.**, **fff**, **ff**, **f**, **ff**, **sec.**, **sub. sfz**, **mf**, **dim.**, **5.43**, **p**, **molto dim.**, **sec.**, **ppp**. Performances include: **beat multiphonic**, **beat multiphonic**, **beat multiphonic**, **beat multiphonic**, and specific multiphonic patterns like **3.23**, **5.43**, **5.43**, **mp**, **lv.**, **sec.**, and **sec.**.

surface/tension (2012): final section used interpolation of multiphonics to artificial spectra

surface / tension (2012): opening of ensemble version

Full Score

SCORE IS IN C

Senza Misura **Energetic** **(6+4+3)**

surface / tension
for solo oboe and ensemble

Sam Hayden (2012)

Solo Oboe
ffff senza cresc. *ffffpp* *ffffppp* *pp* *f* *ffpp* *ff* *molto dim.* *pp*

Piccolo
cresc. poco a poco *ffpp* *ffffpp* *ffffppp* *ffffpp* *ffff* *sub mp* *pp*

Bass Clarinet in Bb
slap tongue *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff*

Crotolas
2 octave chromatic set *hard plastic / hard yarn beaters* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff*

Percussion
bongos x2 *congas x2* *pedal bass drum* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff*

Piano
harmonic (touch string) *[heads 11th partial]* *ord. 7* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff*

Violin
art. III senza vib. *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *cresc. poco a poco* *ffffpp* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff*

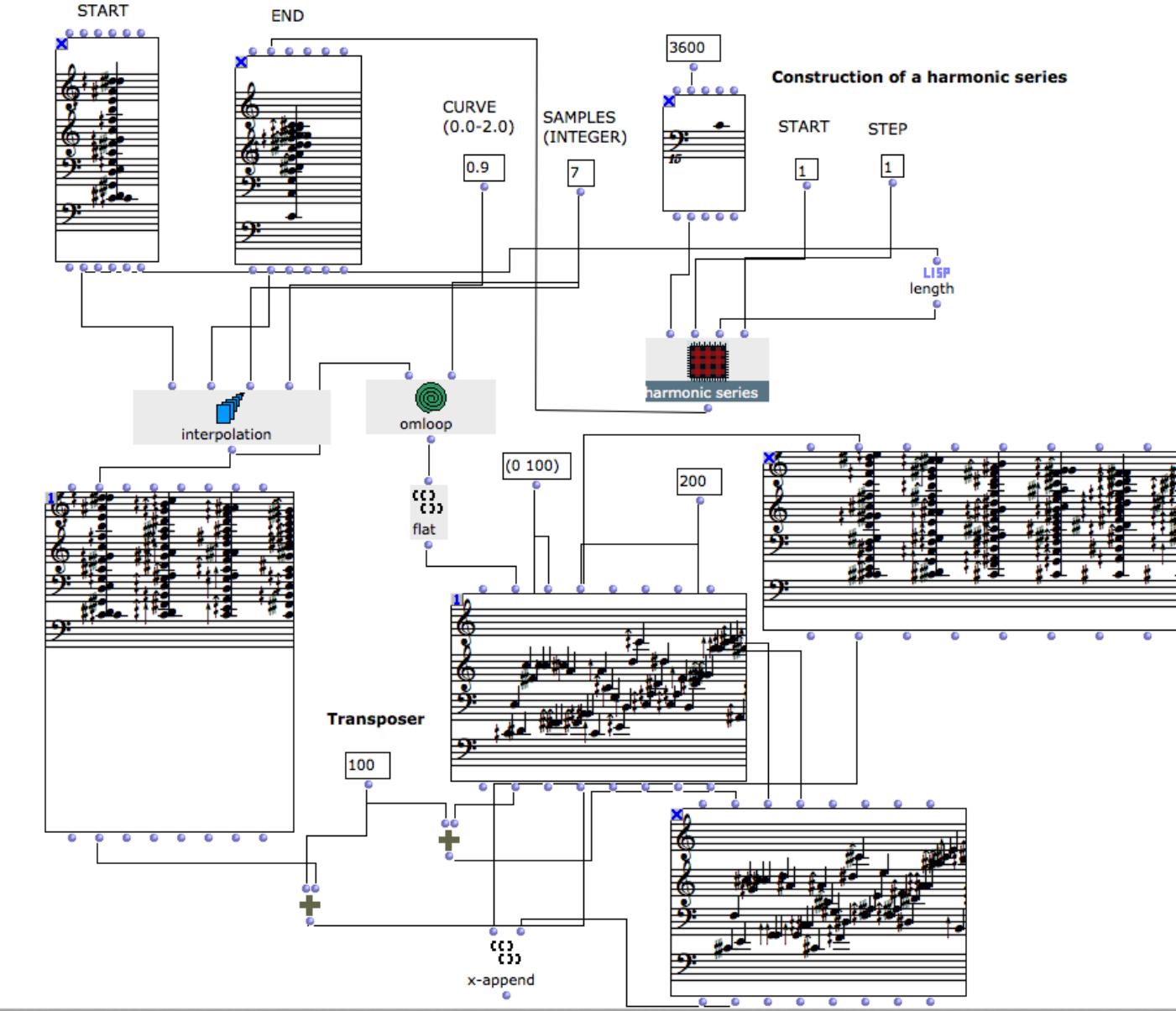
Violin 2
art. IV senza vib. *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *slow gloss. during pause* *cresc. poco a poco* *ffffpp* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff*

Viola
art. IV senza vib. *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *slow gloss. during pause* *cresc. poco a poco* *ffffpp* *ffff* *ffff* *ffff*

Violoncello
cresc. poco a poco *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp* *ffffppp*

Double Bass
sul tasto *molto sul pont.* *col legno* *col legno*





String Quartet (2013-14):
OM interpolation of inharmonic to harmonic spectra

CHORD-SEQ 2

CHORD-SEQ Selection: NOTE

t: 7677 ms Selection: 6800 - 7800 ms

midic 6486 Zoom 72 Staff GGFF Player Midishare ...
chord Font size 36 Approx 1/8

CHORD-SEQ1

CHORD-SEQ Selection: CHORD

Duration: 4900 ms

midic Zoom 340 Staff GGFF Player Midishare ...
chord Font size 24 Approx 1/8

String Quartet (2013-):
OM interpolation of inharmonic to harmonic spectra

22

chord 5->6 chord 6 add upper partials of chord 6

Vln. 1

poco rit. chord 6 chord 7

chord 6->7 = 65.5 = 131

Vln. 2

5 5(2)

ric. ric. pizz. pizz.

Vla.

pizz. arco 7.4 ric. col legno 1(2)

ff ff ff ff

Vc.

1 2 3

ff (pizz.) arco 2

III fp fp ff

String Quartet (2013-):

Example: OM interpolation of inharmonic to harmonic spectra

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