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# Variations on a Theme by Earle Brown

Histories, Theories and Practices of Sound Art, Goldsmiths, May 2014

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### Three research streams

- algorithms (patterns)
- physical computing (microprocessors, etc.)
- notation/representation

(+ cross-domain mapping, interdisciplinarity...)

### **Performances**



















[ to display, or not to display, the notation? ]

#### Gaggle, HCI conference, Cambridge 2009



www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_h98CGJG9Qw

Gaggle, Museums, interfaces, spaces, technologies, 2010



www.youtube.com/watch?v=FroFT1vHU0

#### The Fluxus Tree, LIPAM, Leeds, September 2012



www.youtube.com/watch?v=wH0mjb-jf8Q

*Quantum*<sup>2</sup>, Sensations Festival, Empty Shop, Meadows Shopping Centre, Chelmsford, Saturday September 28th 2013



# Quantum Canticorum, Mumford Theatre, Cambridge, Friday 4th April 2014



### Why?

- · Musical instruments
- Music performance
- Music scores

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#### **Christian Marclay**

Band, 2002; including "Virtuoso" (2000), "Drumkit" (1999) and 'Lip Lock" (1992)



http://prezi.com/kw1zidlk0-b7/christianmarclay-presentation/

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Picasso, Matisse Matisse 'Music' (1939) & Picasso 'Serenade' (1942)





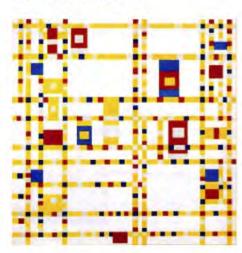
Klee

polyphon gefasstes Weiss (1930)





Broadway Boogie-Woogie (1942-43)



# Music scores are intriguing graphically (or intriguingly graphic); many musicians (Satie) and artists (Kandinsky) have exploited this

#### **Eric Satie**

Verset laïque & semptueux (Sumptous lay verse), 1900



#### Kandinsky

Composition 7 (1913)



#### Notation/representation

- complex semantic and graphic 'language'
- not really suited to non-specialised environments
- many challenges in electronic implementation and display



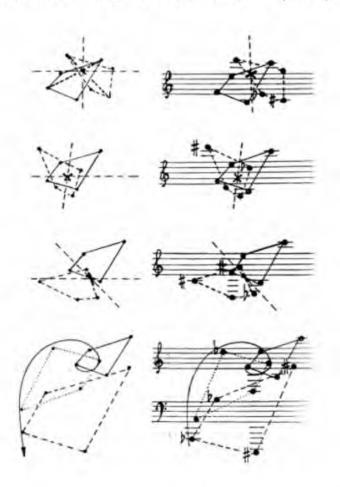
#### **Richard Hoadley**

Four Archetypes, 1995



#### Kagel

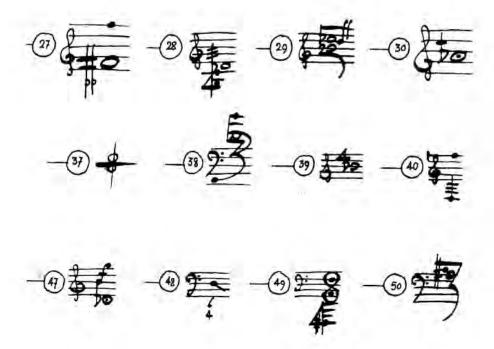
From Kagel's essay 'Translation-Rotation', Die Reihe - 7 (1960)



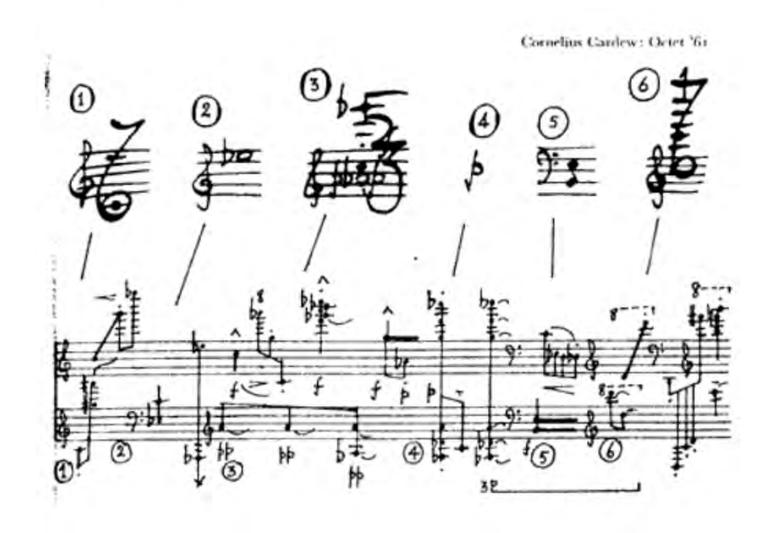
http://www.softsynth.com/jsyn/examples/pinwheel.php

#### **Cornelius Cardew**

Octet 61



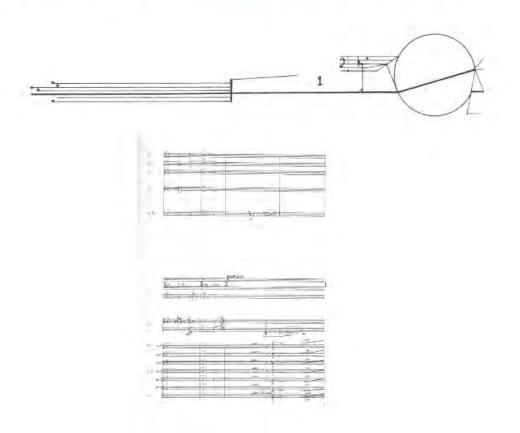
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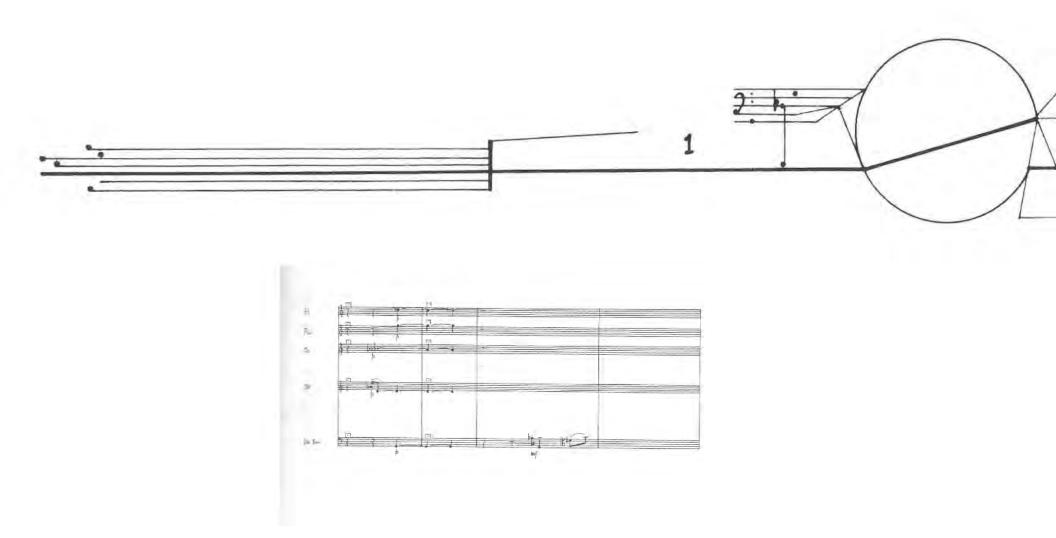
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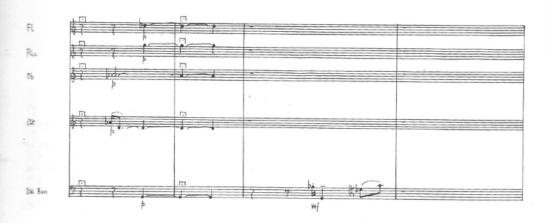
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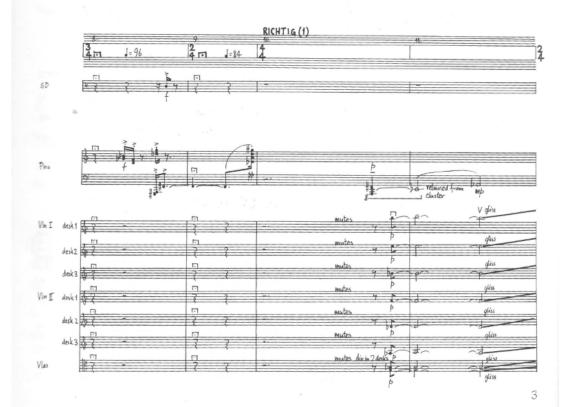


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#### Related forms

#### Spectral composition: audio > notation

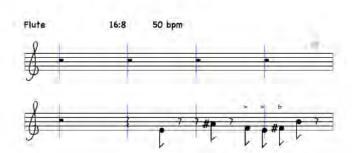
Grisey, *Partiel*, 1975 - stimulated by an analysis of a pedal low E1 (41.2 Hz) on the trombone

Harvey, Mortuous Plango Vivos Voco, 1980 Spectral analysis of bell, 'orchestrated' for boy's voice

#### Sonification/audification ("thing" > audio)

Bob Sturm *Ocean Buoy Sonification*, 2003
"Pacific Pulse is sculpted from sonifications of spectral data from fourteen buoys that extend along the entire Pacific coast of the United States."
http://www.mat.ucsb.edu/~b.sturm/music/PacificPulse.htm

John Eacott *Floodtide*, 2009 http://www.floodtide.eu/play



These are a tiny part of an extremely active area of creativity and research. See *The Sonification Handbook*, 2011, ed. Herman et al., for more information.



#### The tools...

- provide a structure for the generation of music and/or common practice notation as well as many arbitrary graphical elements
- facilitate communication between SuperCollider and INScore
- http://supercollider.sourceforge.net/



http://inscore.sourceforge.net/



- http://rhoadley.net/inscore (from summer 2014?)
- offer the beginnings of a more standard interface for physical mapping

### Related work: live or realtime notation

#### [ definition ]

- MaxScore (Didkovsky, Hadju)
- Bach Project (Agostini, Ghisi)
- eScore (McClelland, Alcorn)
- Lilypond with extensions
- Live Notation (Eacott, Collins)

The functional emphases are different: quality, speed, variety of rendering, etc.

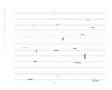
#### definition:

'live notation' is.

music notation that is generated as the performance progresses and where this process is itself considered to be of central importance in the composition. In this case I am referring to common practice music notation, generally understood to be the notation that, like common law, has become commonly used over the last 800 or so years

Lhele Brown December 1952

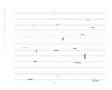
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#### Earle Brown 'On December 1952'

Brown, E., On December 1952, American Music Vol 26 No 1, Spring 2008



Under the influence of Calder, I considered this ... a score that was mobile ... that had more than one potential of form and performance realization (page 1)

...this was an attempt at correlating my own conception with an extremely rapid way of "composing", which was, I have said, almost like improvising myself - in other words, realizing a graphic drawing... (page 2)

the notebook has ... sketches of ... scores I thought of that would allow for multiple realizations of a sonic image and ... deal with new notational possibilities ... as well as [more] spontaneity in the performance. (page 2)





In my notebooks at this time I have a sketch for a physical object, a three-dimensional box in which there would be motorized elements - horizontal and vertical, as the elements in *December* are on the paper. ... It would be a box which would sit on top of the piano and these things would be motorized ... so that the vertical and horizontal elements would ... be moving in front of elements as they approached each other, crossed in front of and behind each other, and obscured each other. ... There would be a possibility of the performer playing very spontaneously, but still very closely connected to the physical movement of these objects .... [I] hoped that I could construct a motorized box of elements that also would continually change their relationships... I never did realize this idea, not being able to get motors and not really being all that interested in constructing it. (page 3)

this sphere would float in water and the performer, by gently blowing on it, would make it revolve and turn. ...[E]ach thing that appeared on the face of the sphere directly in front of the performer would be what he played at that moment. There would be completely composed material on those strips that made up the sphere. But each time, each performance, different elements would appear. (page 4)

### Issues and translations

- The importance of automation in enabling more complex behaviour at higher levels, as in performance.
- Is this a software system, (a tool) or a composition?
- What about interpretation?
- Improvisation vs. notation: is there a difference?
- Live notation: is it too difficult to play?
- x, y and z maps to pitch, duration, amplitude, chordal complexity, timbre? Is this all too simplistic?
- technicalities: how best to implement rotation and display the resulting 'live' notation.

## Demonstration

- (INScore/SC)
- Variations
- Improvising variations
- (Rotations)

### **Next steps**

- implement rotation and 'live' interpretation
- shapes and colours
- local and global structures
- live performance
- suggestions?

### **Forthcoming Events**

Quantum Canticorum, a part of Quantum<sup>2</sup> Barcelona Museum of Modern Art 7th June 2014

Workshop on Interactive Notation and Representation
NIME, Goldsmiths
30th June 2014

## Thank you

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