



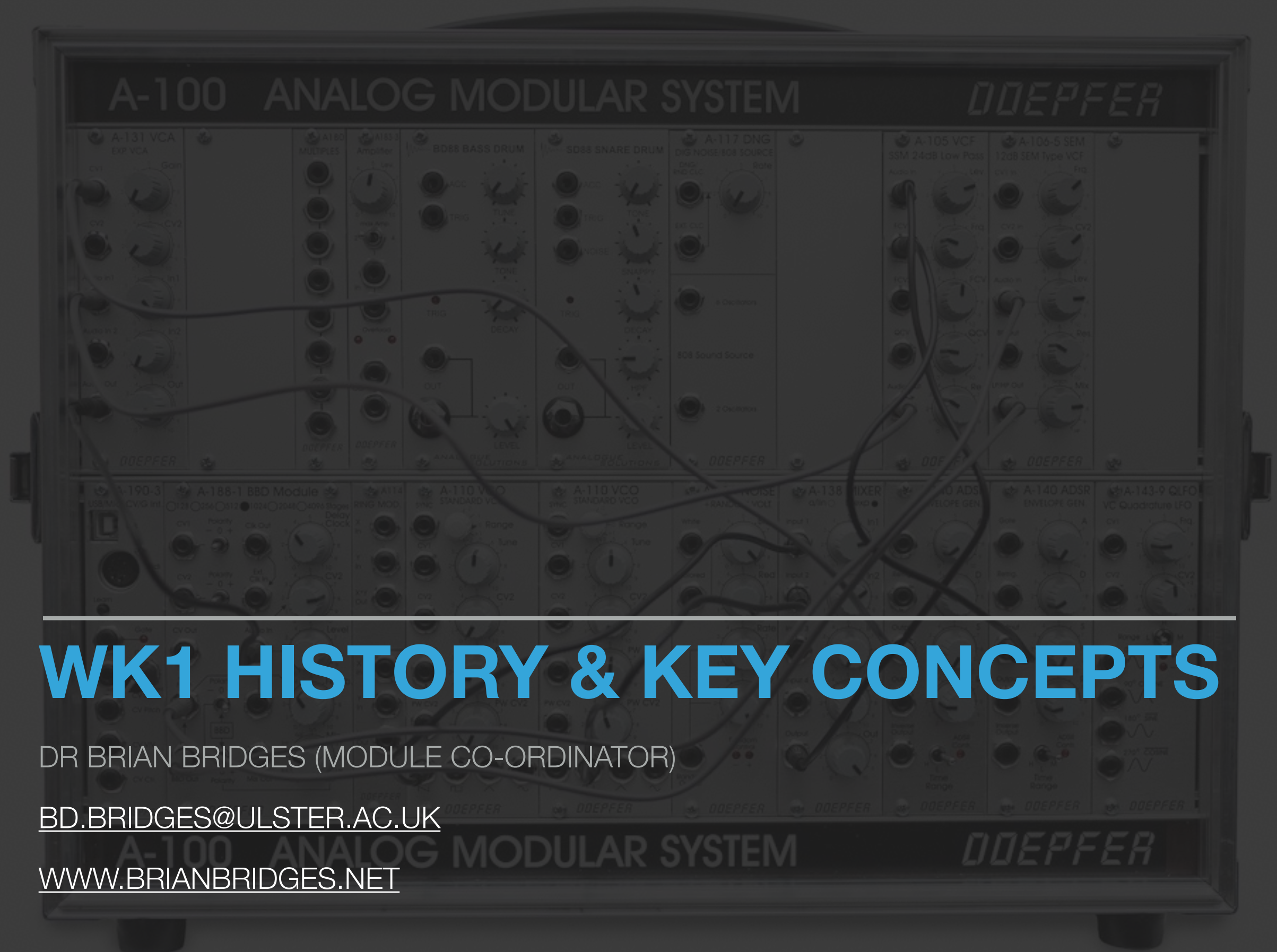
# MUS112 MUSIC TECH. 2

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# WK1 HISTORY & KEY CONCEPTS

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# INTRODUCTION TO MODULE

- ▶ This module builds on the skills acquired in MUS111, focusing in greater detail on contemporary electronic music production Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) - Apple Logic Pro.
- ▶ The module aims to introduce students to more advanced sequencing, audio handling, arranging and production skills while also enforcing their real world understanding of working practice, production styles, professional workflow and digital audio systems.

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## MODULE TEACHING STYLE

- ▶ ...transition to more 'university'-style learning: lecture-driven
- ▶ Lectures on key concepts: how it works in theory *informing how it works in practice*
- ▶ Preparation for year 2 optional modules: sound engineering and electroacoustic composition
- ▶ 'Last chance' to cover key music technology topics for those who do not opt for tech modules in years 2 and 3

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## MODULE SUMMARY

- ▶ Introduction to acoustics and theory of sound synthesis
- ▶ Coverage of sound/instrument design using Logic Pro's software synthesisers and their key parameters
- ▶ More advanced mixing
- ▶ Coverage of digital audio editing and sampling techniques
- ▶ Coverage of digital audio effects and mixing techniques
- ▶ Discussion of aesthetic results of these processes/techniques

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## MODULE STAFF AND RESOURCES

- ▶ Dr Brian Bridges ([bd.bridges@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:bd.bridges@ulster.ac.uk)): module co-ordinator and lecturer (I'm good about replying to email, not so great about phone messages!)
- ▶ See library-based and related resources (reading list)
- ▶ Where relevant, lecture slides and other module documents will be emailed to your Ulster account

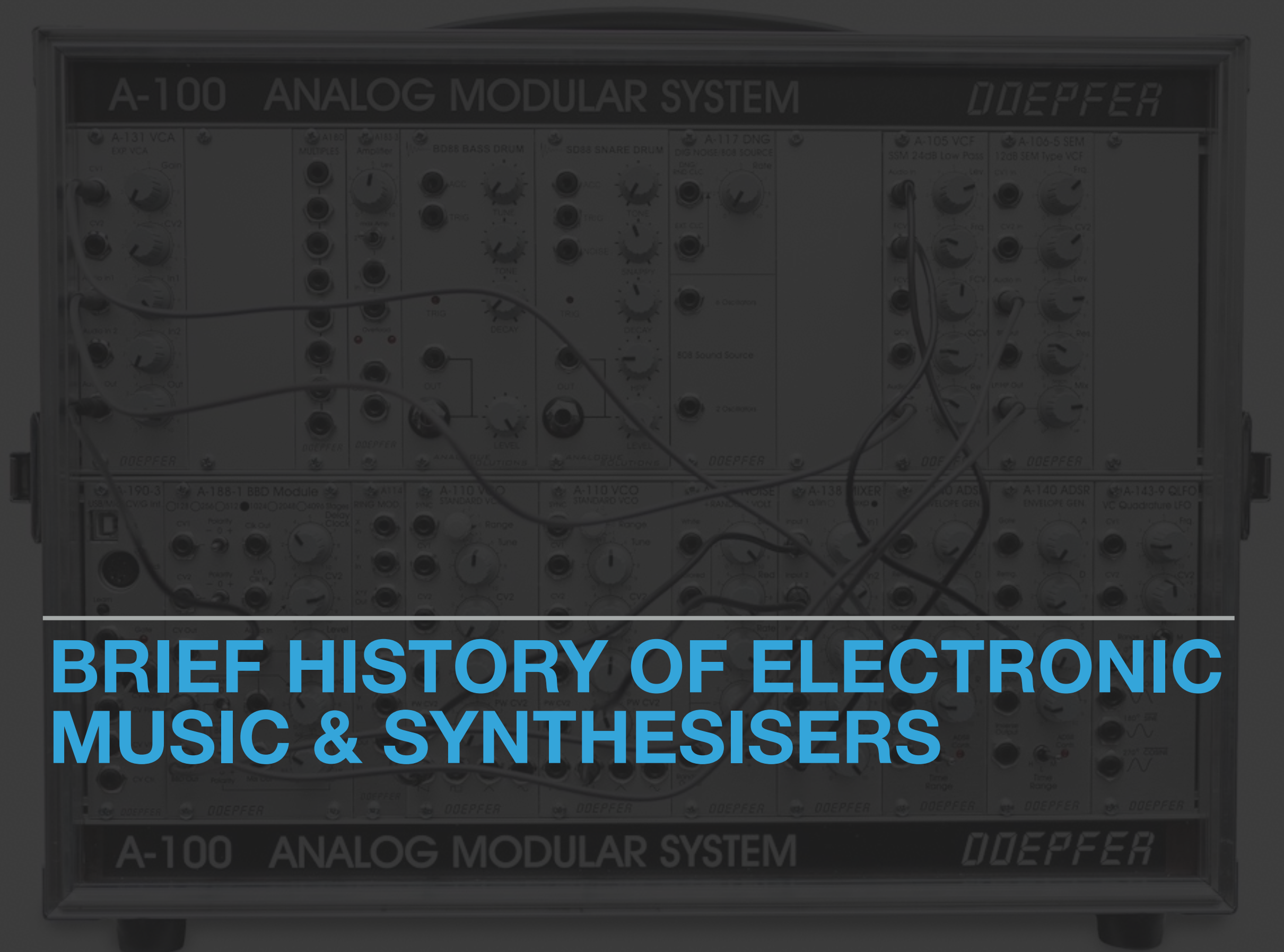
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## MODULE ASSIGNMENT (SUMMARY OF BRIEF)

- ▶ Desktop audio production (100%) for Tuesday 9th May
- ▶ Each student is required to produce an original piece of music production of at least two minutes in duration which incorporates the following aspects or takes note of the following issues:

(1) sound design using synthesisers and samplers (2) self-created drum patterns/loops (3) integration of limited number of Apple loops (audio/software instrument) (4) use of effects (5) use of tone controls/EQ for balanced mix (6) coherent arrangement and compositional structure (7) suitable automation





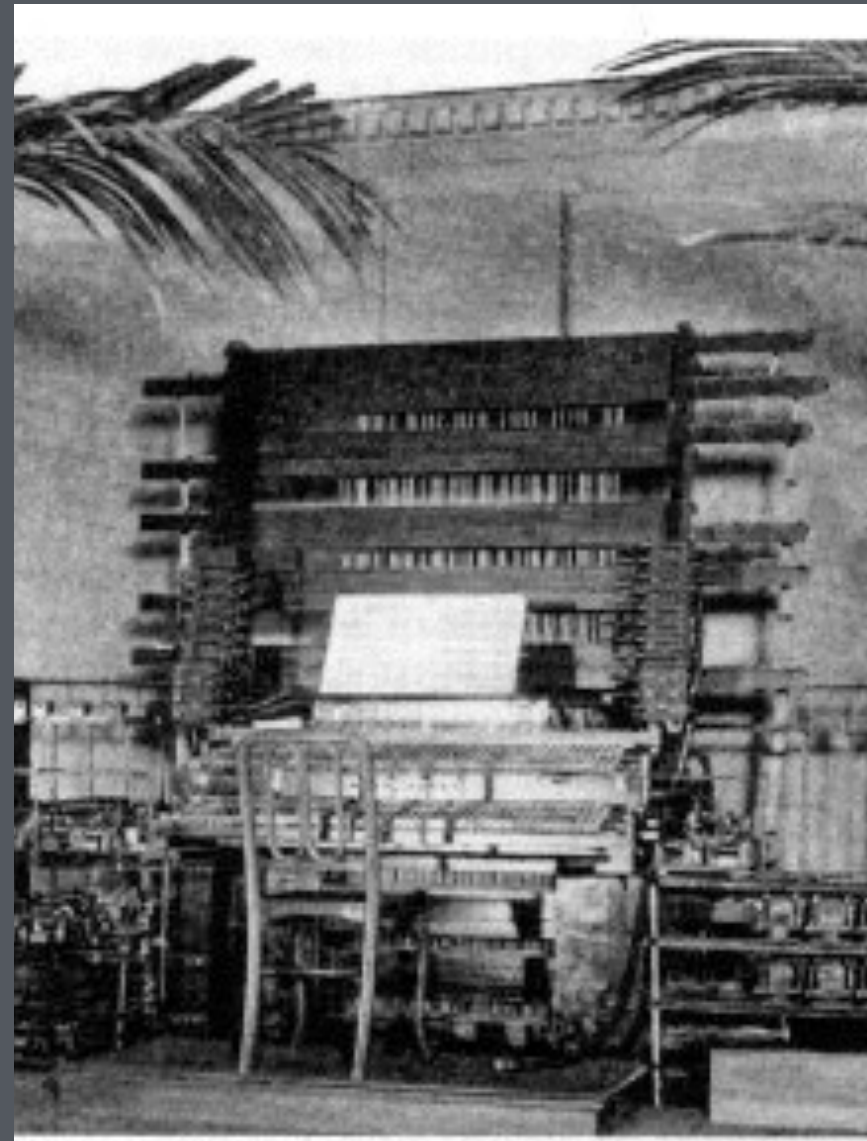
# BRIEF HISTORY OF ELECTRONIC MUSIC & SYNTHESISERS



Q1: When was the first electronic instrument invented?

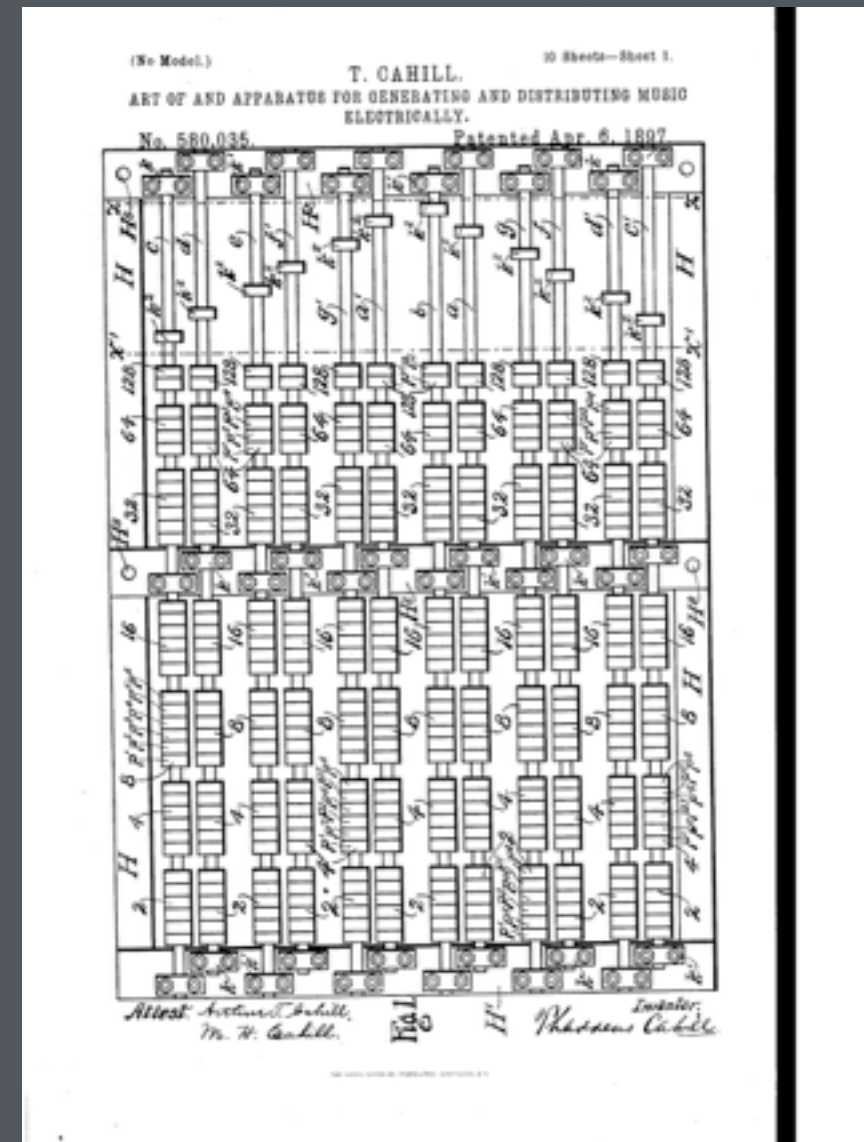
# Genesis - Singing Arc & Telharmonium

- Electronic music begins earlier than you think
- Singing Arc - William Duddell - 1899
- Exploited side-effect of electric street lights - annoying whistle - designed as a scientific novelty for lectures - keyboard-controlled for demonstrations
- Somewhat unpleasant. No musical/commercial development followed (Mackay, *Electronic Music*)
- More successful, however, was the **Telharmonium** - Thaddeus Cahill - designed in 1897, completed in 1902



# Telharmonium (contd)

- Pitch-generating mechanism anticipated tonewheels of Hammond Organ
- Used telephone lines to distribute music - ordinary telephone receivers were fitted with megaphones (no proper electronic amplification yet)
- Problems - size, reliability, telephone interference
- Radio would have brought about its demise in any case! But it was heroic!
- Want to know more? A documentary 'Magic Music From The Telharmonium' can currently be found on Youtube - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPIbXI81Rs0&feature=related>



# Futurists

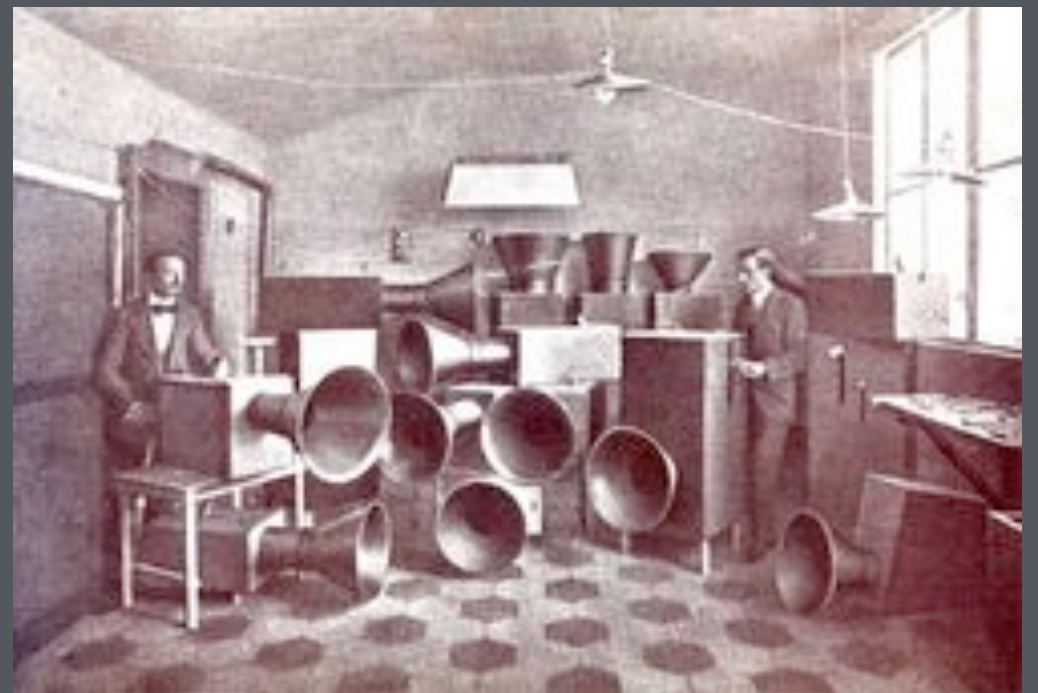
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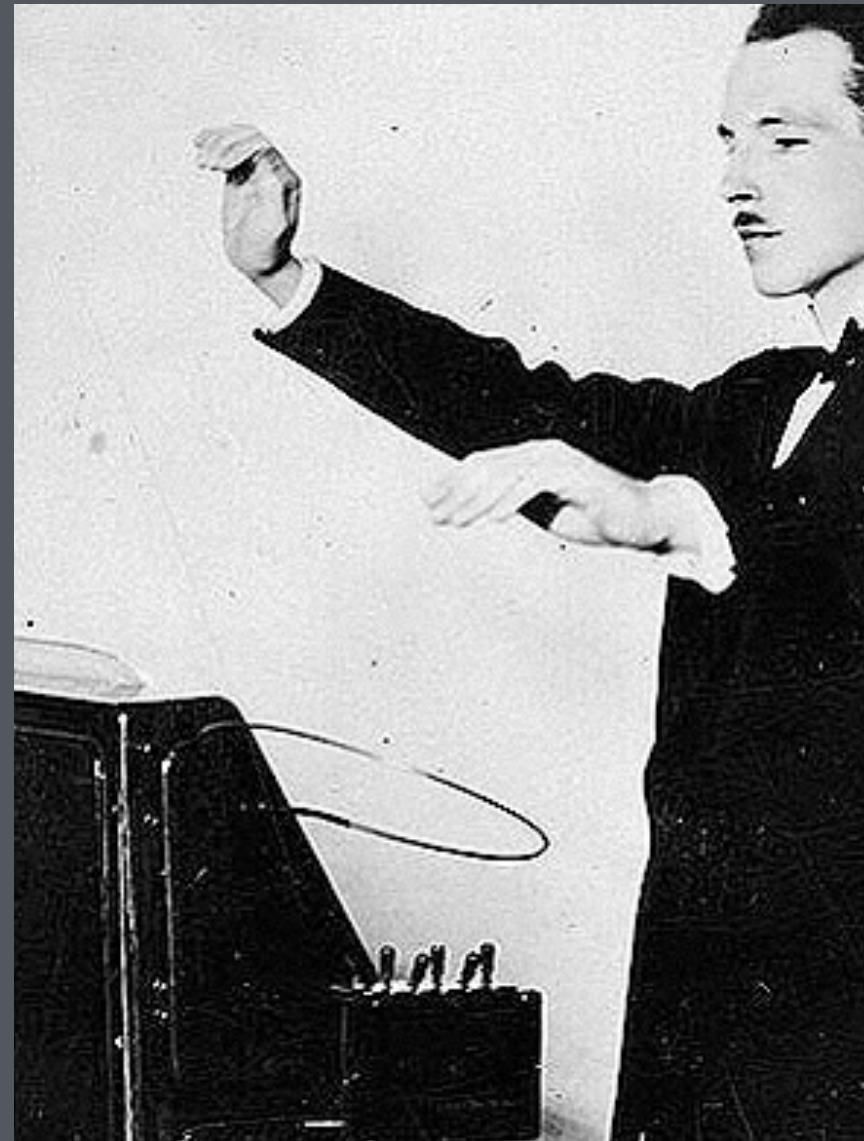
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# Theremin

- Arguably the first electronic instrument with widespread success
- Invented by Leon Theremin, in 1919
- Comparatively simple to construct
- Innovative interface, visually striking - practically iconic
- Somewhat difficult to control, though apparently Lenin was a natural!



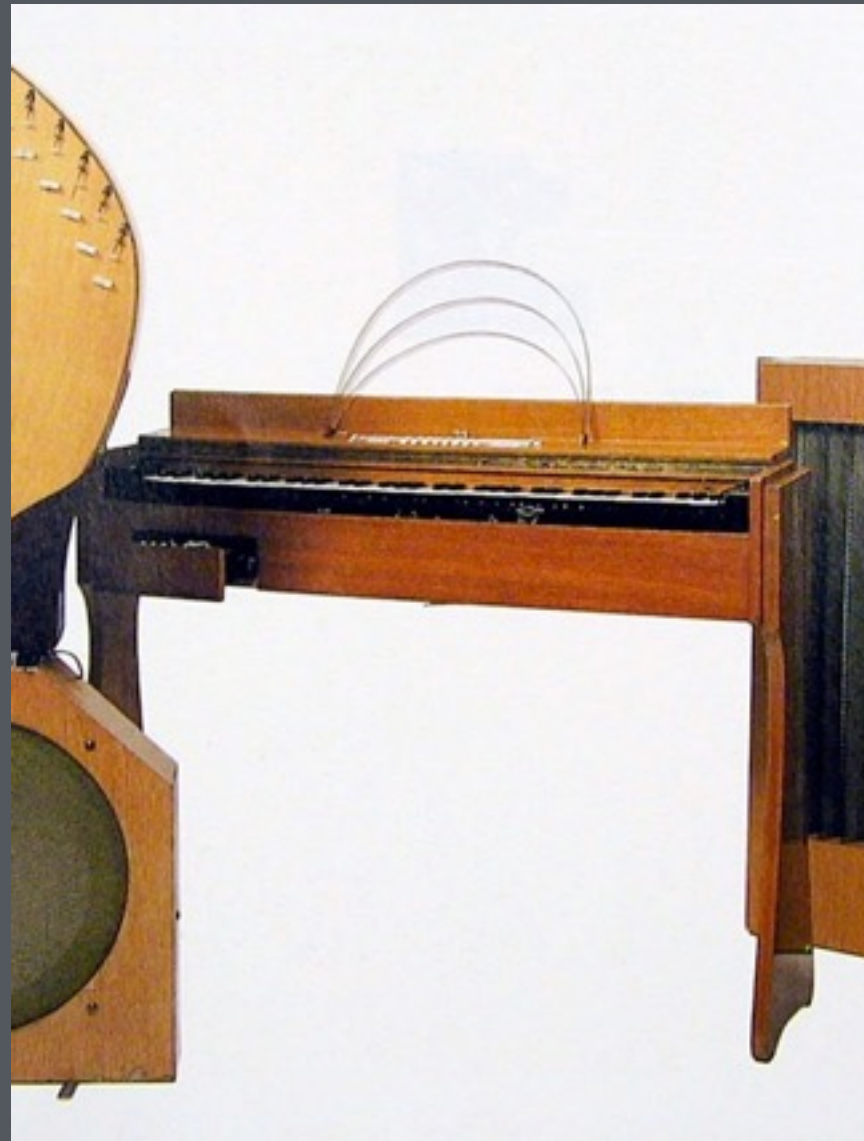
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- One early virtuoso was Clara Rockmore, a former violinist (who switched to the theremin because of problems with her hands)
- Developed a vocal-like vibrato style for performance of Romantic-era Western Music
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSzTPGINa5U>
- Some major works composed for theremin and ensemble such as *Ionisations* by Edgard Varèse
- Theremins also found in horror/science fiction movies and the odd 1960s record



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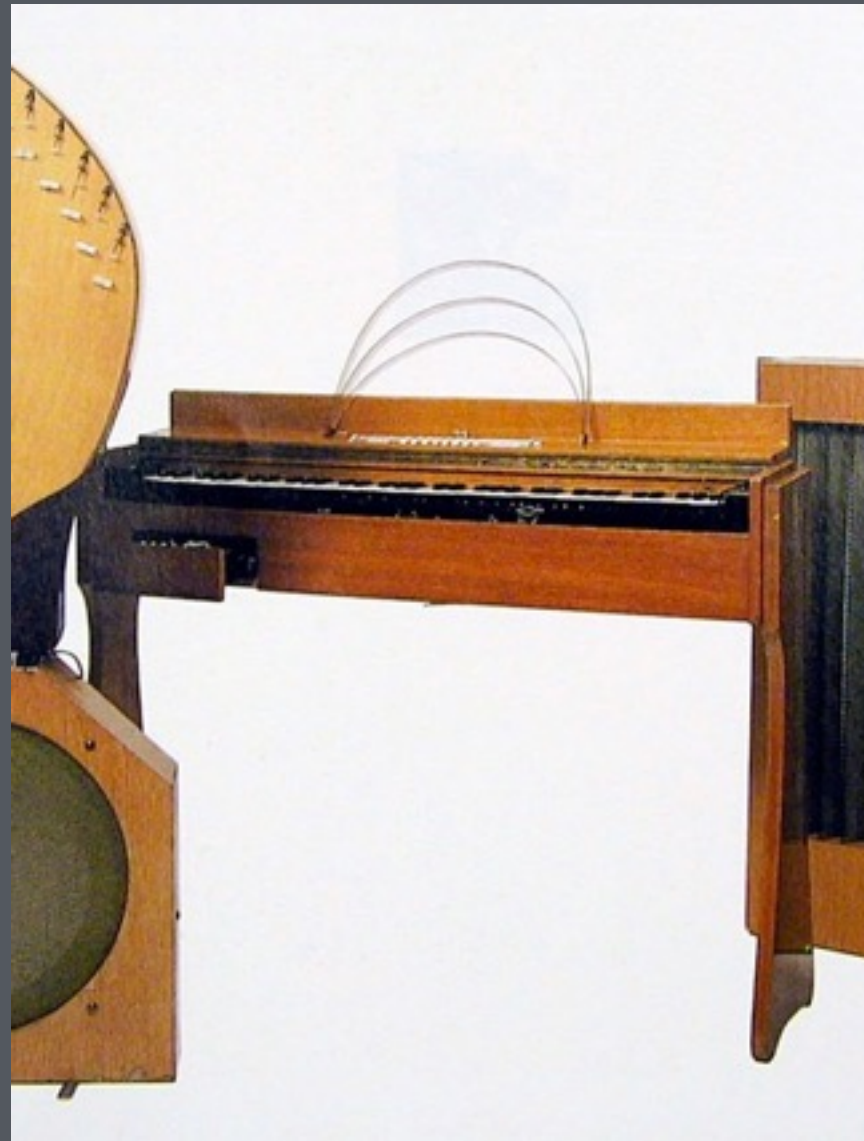
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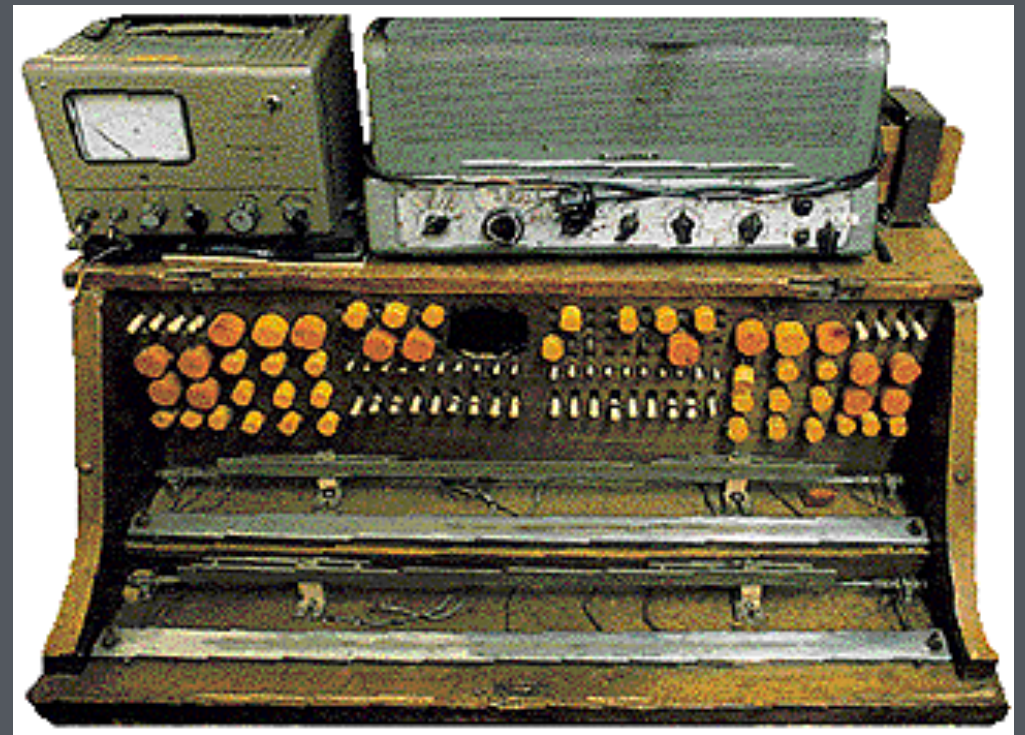
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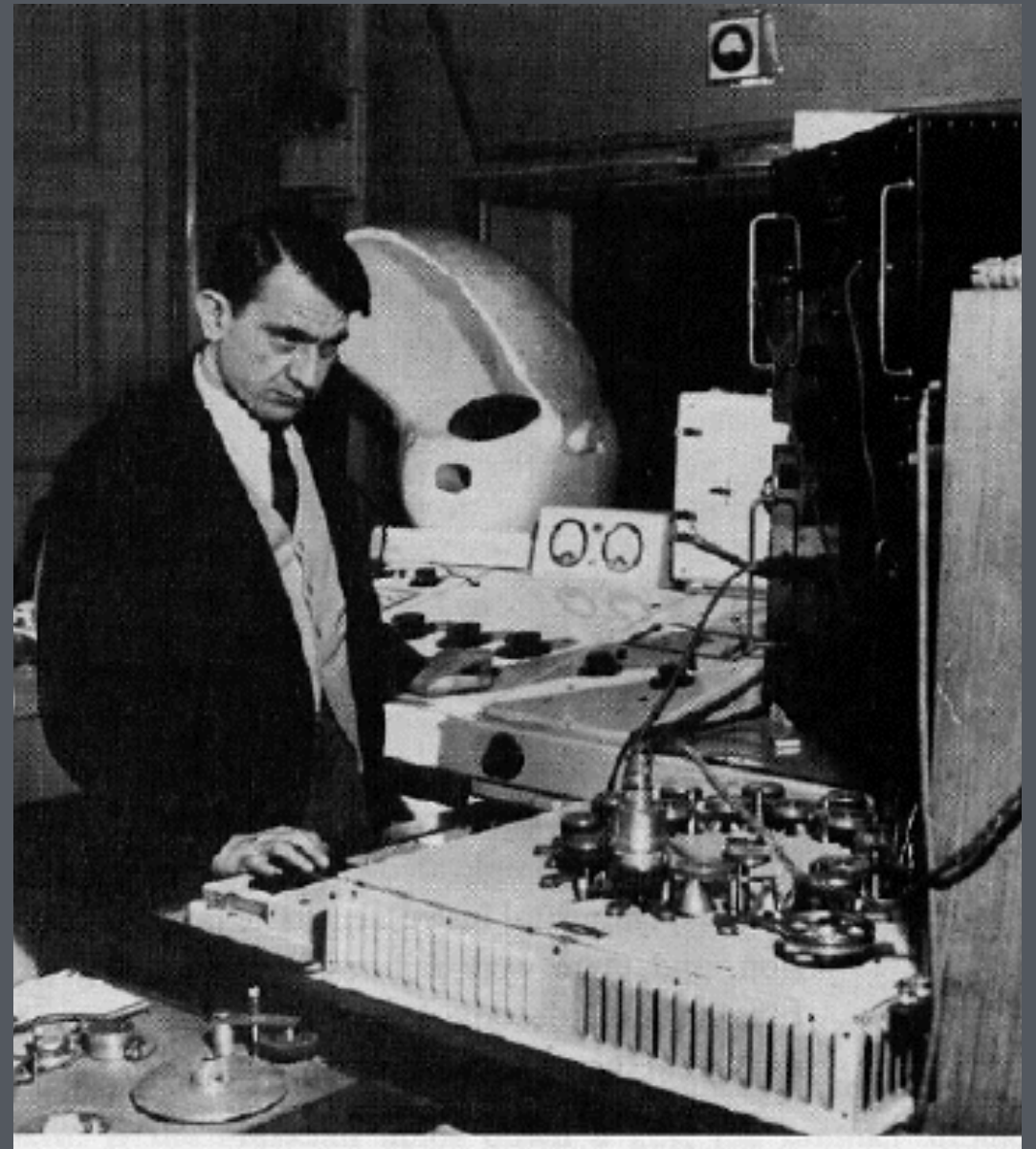
# Trautonium

- Work begun by Friedrich Trautwein (1929), developed by Oskar Sala
- Control based on resistive wire (like previous example),
- electronic sound generator - oscillator - which had a richer sound so its output shaped by tone control - filter
- Here's the latter inventor himself demonstrating a later version of the instrument <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tQQEChMq1A>



# Musique Concrète

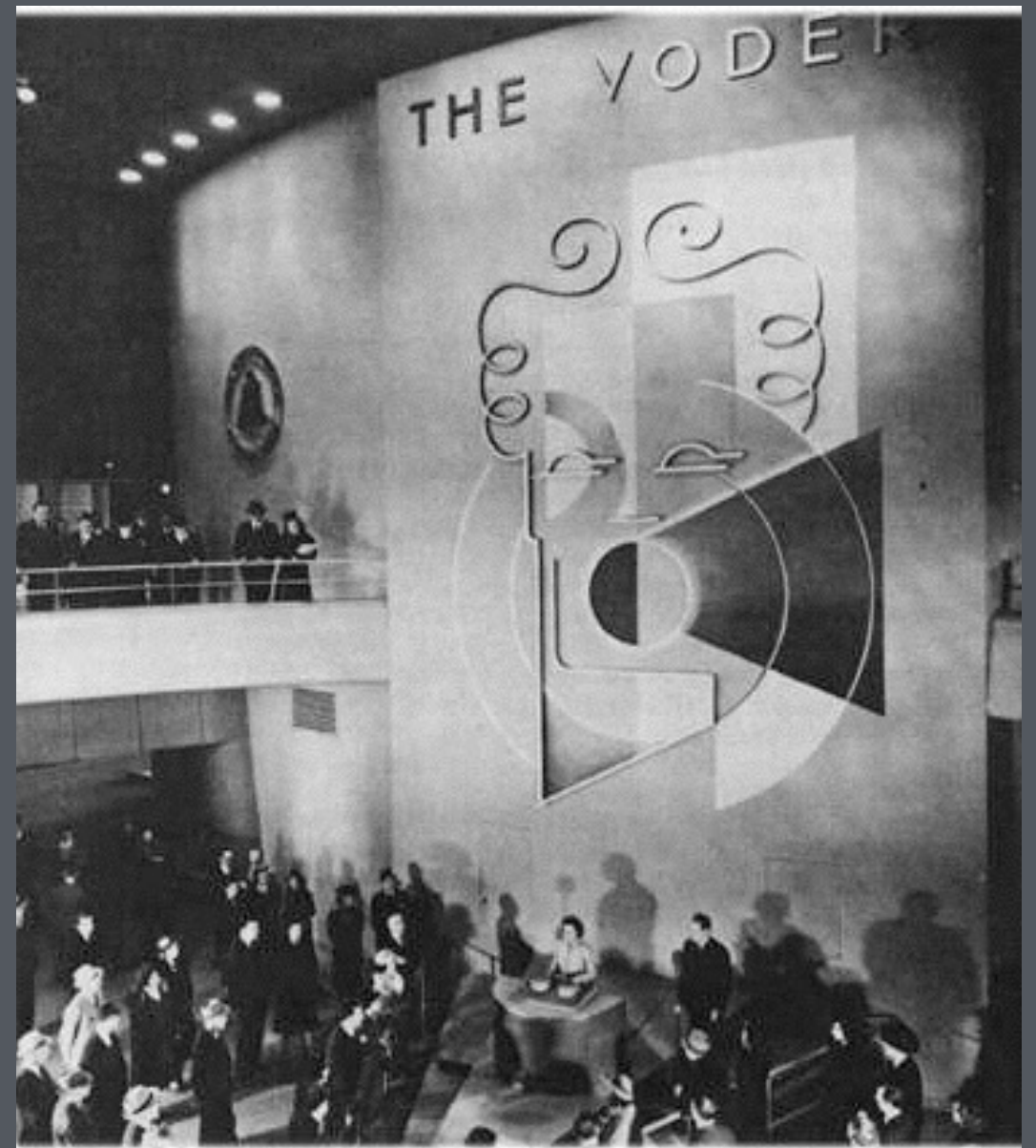
- Pierre Schaeffer was a French radio engineer who became interested in the possibilities of composition using recorded sounds. The sounds were drawn from the 'non-musical' world of everyday human and industrial sounds. He termed this type of music *musique concrète*.
- He could be considered an ancestor of today's sample-based musicians.
- Thanks to the wonders of Youtube (occasionally better than the library of Alexandria), here is Schaeffer's first work - Etude aux chemins de fer (1948) - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9pOq8u6-bA>





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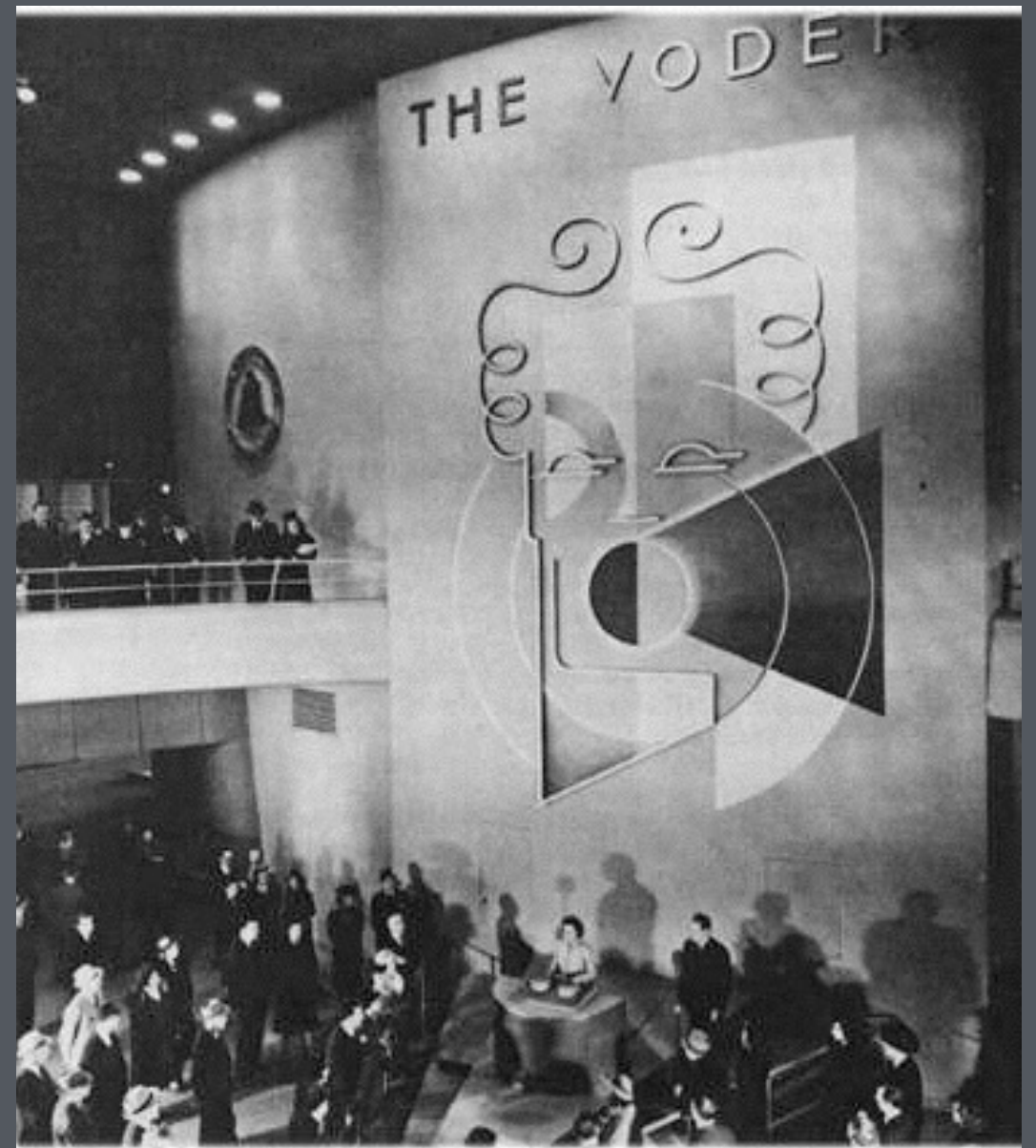
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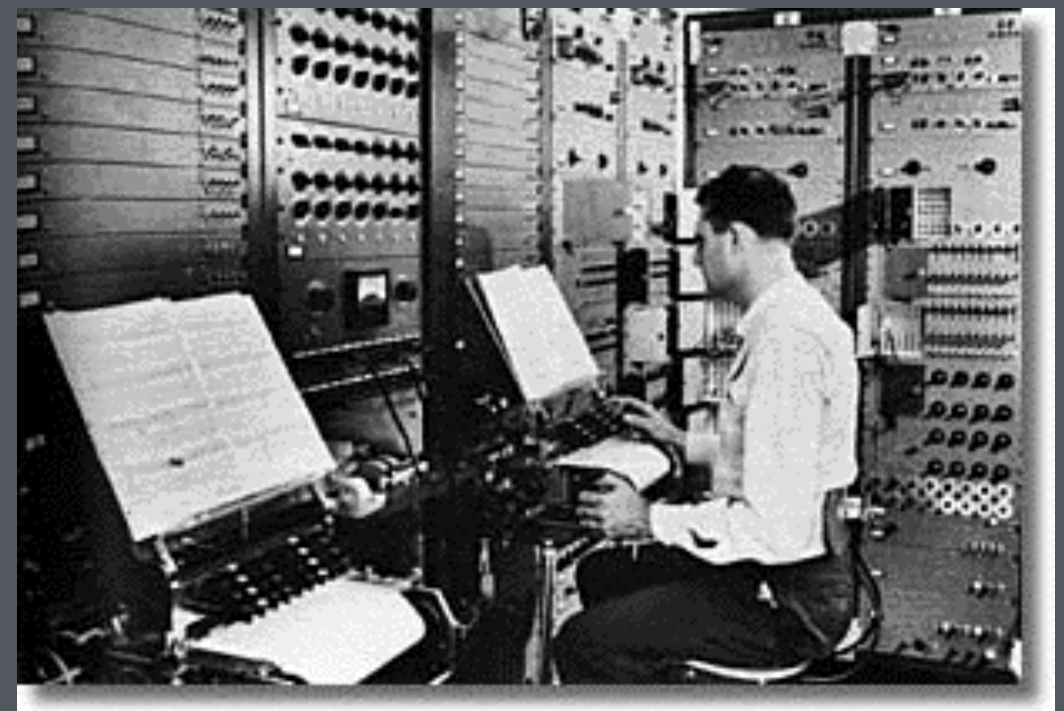
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# RCA Music Synthesizer

- 1957 -  
The RCA Mark II  
First **programmable** electronic synthesiser
- Analogue sound generation - quite simple - **programmable refers mostly to the ability to 'sequence' notes and specify sounds** - but the synthesizer was not a computer as such
- One example was installed at the Columbia-Princeton Tape Music Centre in New York - was used by composers interested in music of rhythmic and melodic complexity (though it was used on some pop records elsewhere!)



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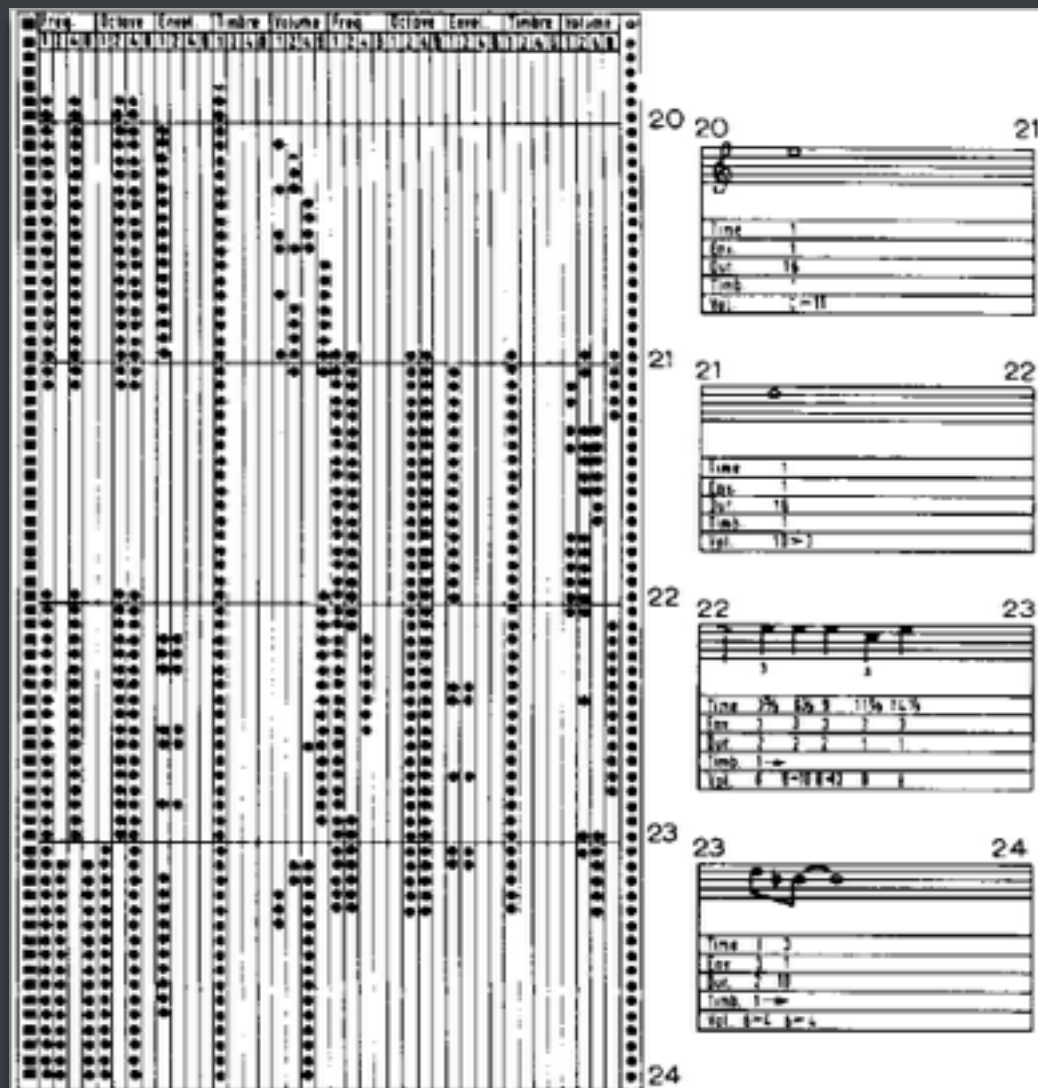
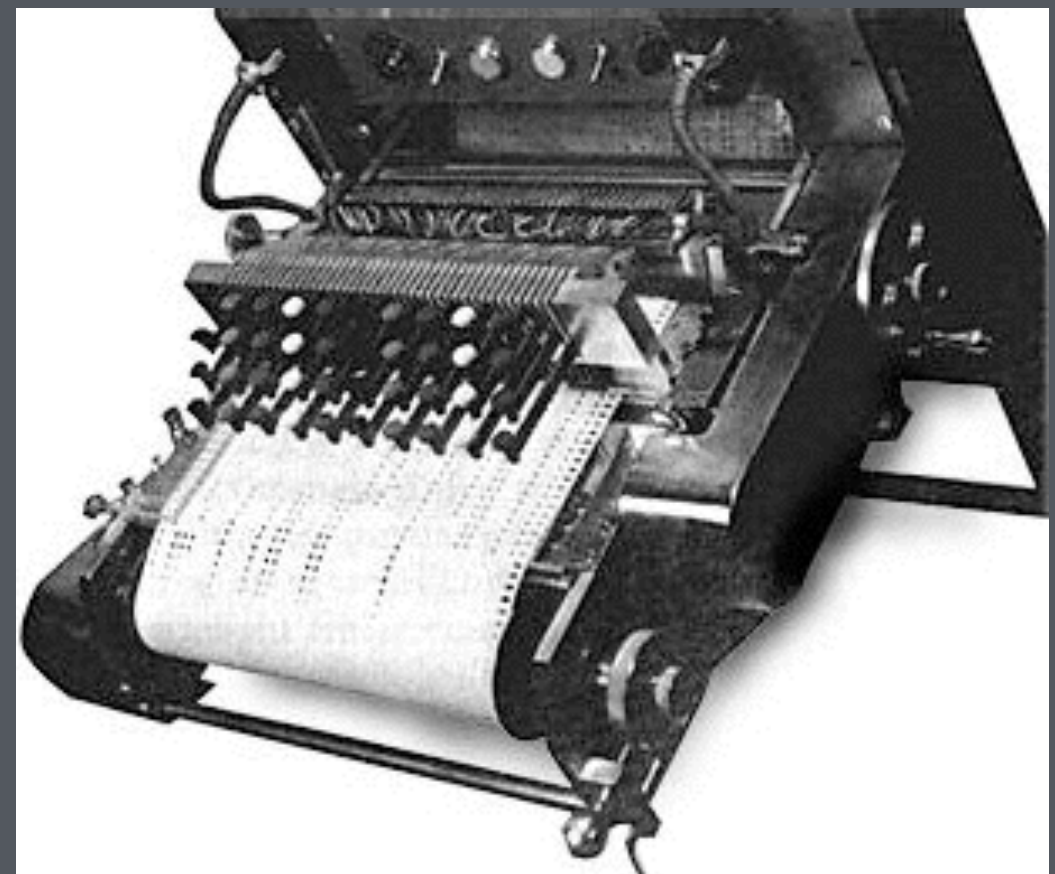


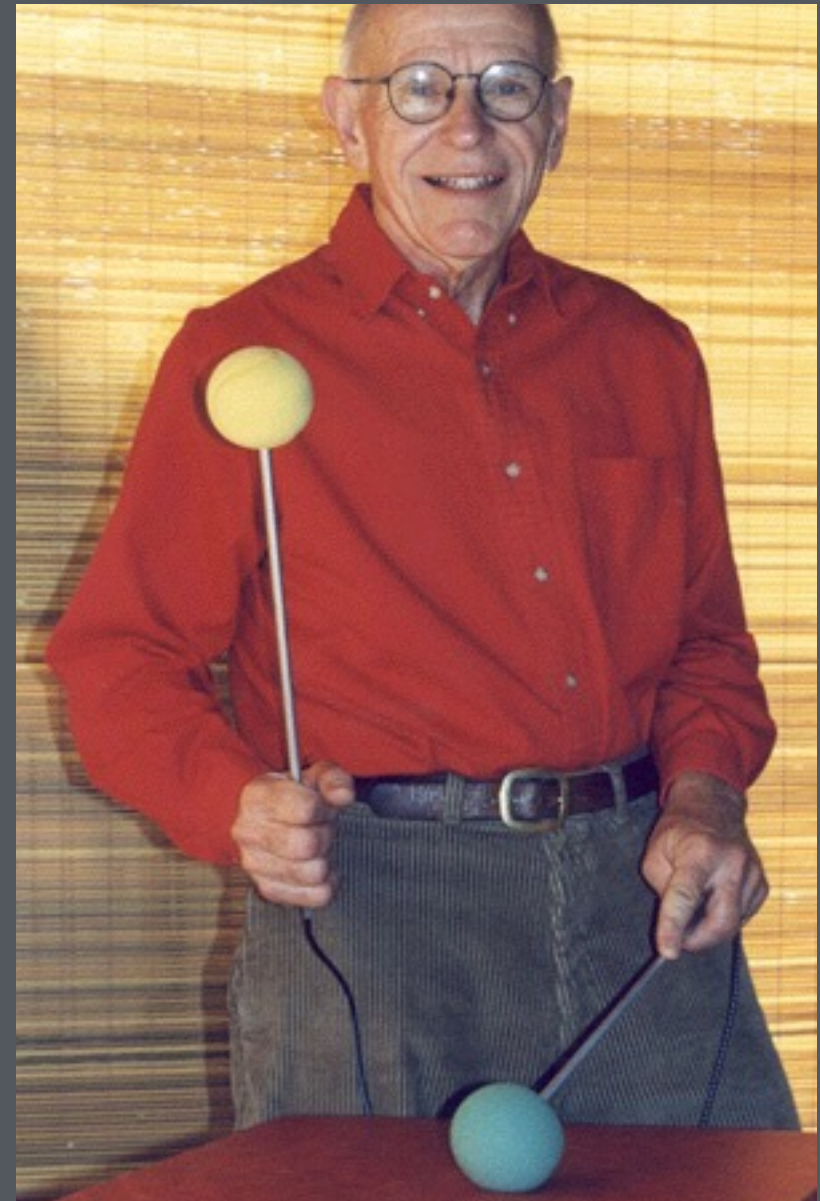
Fig 65 Punched information for RCA Music Synthesizer. Setting-up procedure described on right





# Bell Labs and Computer Music

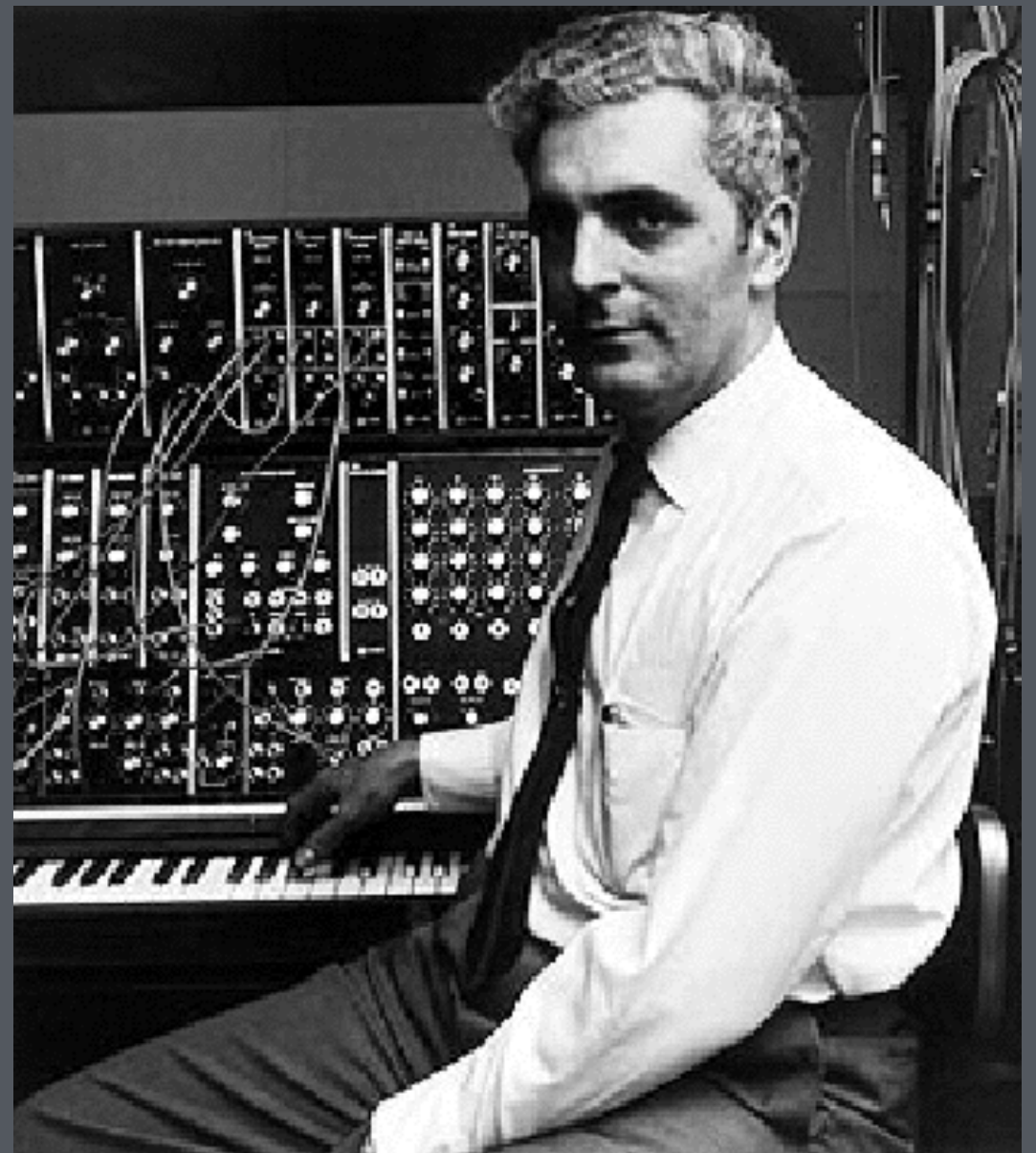
- In common with other areas of digital audio, many developments in computer music were spurred on by work on telecommunications engineering
- Some staff at Bell Labs in New Jersey, including Max Matthews (right) began to experiment with computer programmes for sound synthesis and sequencing in 1957(!)
- This resulted in a family of music synthesis languages known as Music N - text-based files would control the synthesis (**orchestra files**) and sequences of notes to be generated (**score files**)





# Moog and Voltage Control

- Robert Moog created one of the first **voltage-controlled** synthesizers, demonstrating it at the AES convention in 1964
- This system allowed for voltages to be sent between various synthesizer **modules** to control aspects of the sound - effectively acting like a complex remote control
- Moog sold one of the first successful synthesizers, which was based upon oscillators (sound generators) and filters (which shaped the sound), along with envelope generators (which changed the volume or filter levels automatically)



# Minimoog

- Fairly straightforward analogue synthesizer based on subtractive synthesis (rich waveform generated by oscillators, processed by a filter)
- Released in 1970, one of the most successful synthesizers of all time
- Had the benefit of being easier to use (pre-patched rather than modular) and less expensive than other synthesizers
- A pretty in-depth demonstration of the Minimoog can be found at the link below
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WY2AeD0Tn4Y>





# Polyphonic Synthesis

- Towards the end of the 1970s it became feasible (just about) to duplicate electronics such that polyphonic synthesizers were possible.
- They were big, bulky, heavy and expensive (some, like the CS-80 pictured here, might have costs comparable to mortgages of the day).
- The problem was that there was a lot of duplication of analogue circuitry within these devices. Analogue electronics did not lend themselves to easy duplication.
- Digital electronics, however, would make things easier - the next major development.



# 1980s - Digital, FM, MIDI

- The 1980s brought a new approach. Front panel and live control was reduced. Rather than a more limited range of easily customisable sounds, there was a move towards a more extensive range of 'preset' sounds.





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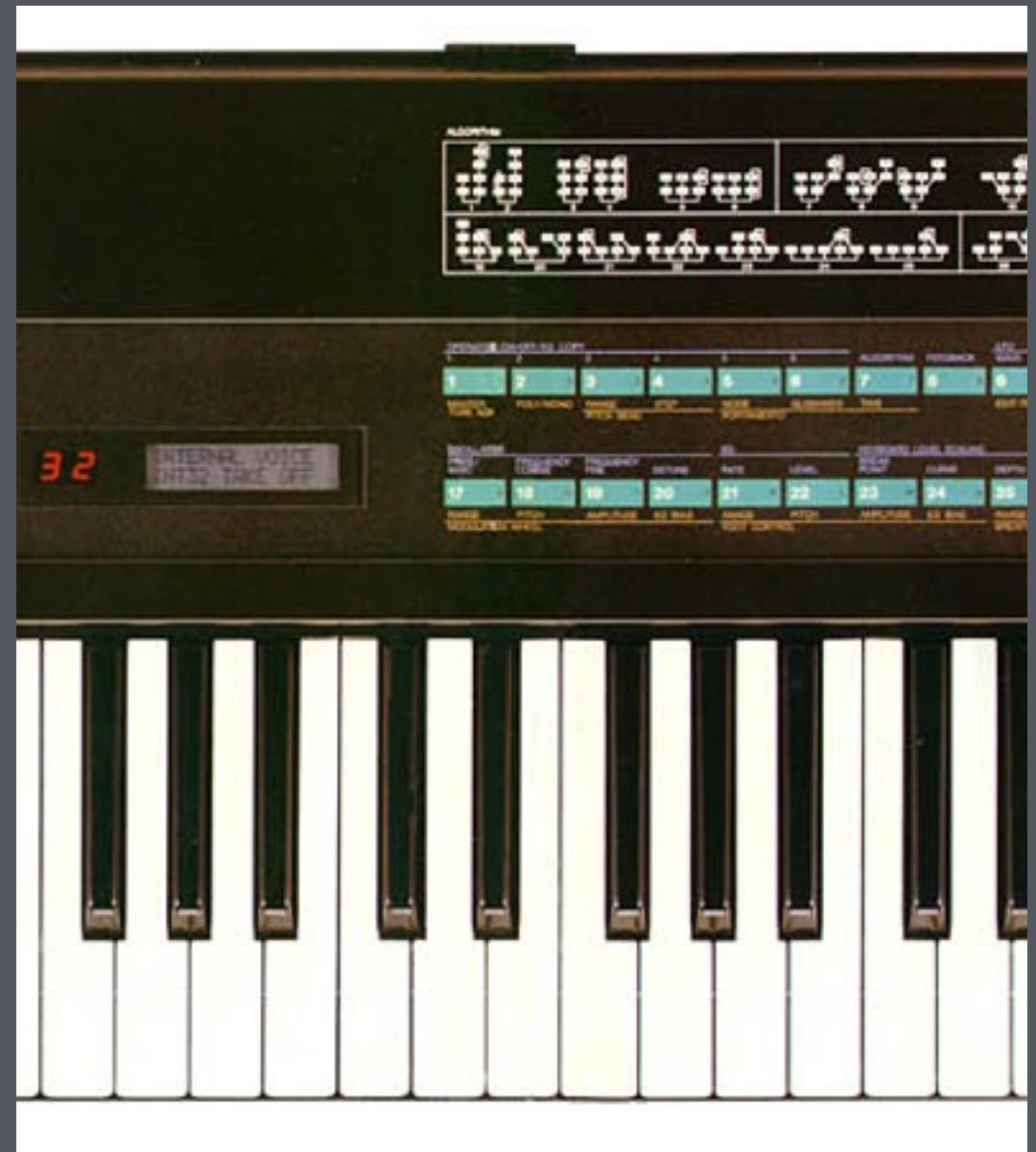
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- MIDI stands for **Musical Instrument Digital Interface**. It was a standardised means of remotely controlling synthesizers and other music production and recording equipment.
- MIDI does not produce sound, it only tells a synthesizer module which notes to play using which preset, and when.
- Its wide adoption was facilitated by the new wave of digital synthesizers in the mid-1980s





# Alternative approaches

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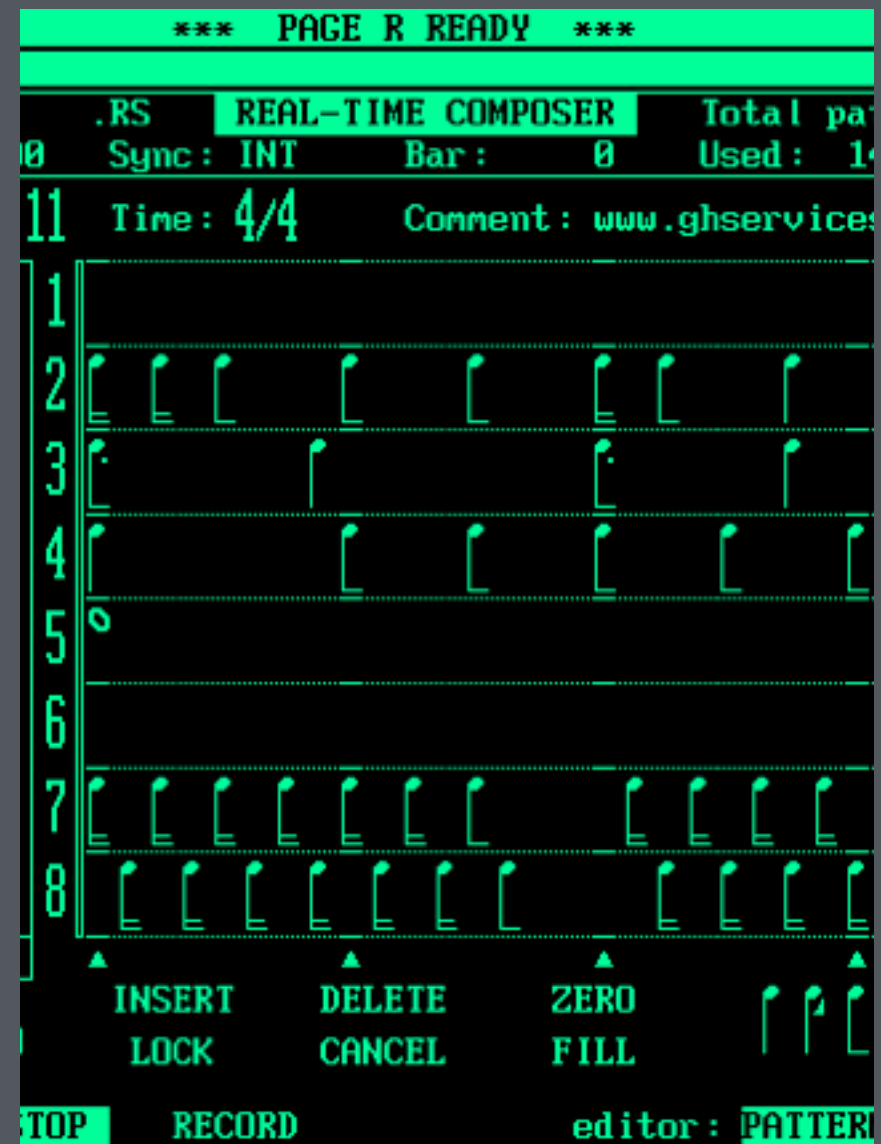
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# Sampling/sequencing - Fairlight CMI

- The Fairlight Computer Musical Instrument was an early sampler/sequencer.
- Samplers allowed snippets of sound to be digitally recorded, edited and arranged in various orders.
- It had very limited memory to store recordings, and was so expensive that only large studio facilities could afford to purchase it.



# Drum Machines

- A much more specialised beast, the LinnDrum also used digital samples, but preset ones of drums. Compared to previous drum machines, it sounded very realistic.
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- However, an unlikely success was to be found in the Roland drum machines of the day - the TR-808 and TR-909.
- These did not sound at all like acoustic drums, since they used basic analogue circuits, but they had a sound 'signature' which suited early dance music producers, and became quite sought-after.
- Many modern drum machines now offer copies of these sounds. They have become part of the music production 'vernacular'.



# Virtual Analogue Synthesis

- As the 1990s rolled around, Fashions changed, and analogue synths came back into fashion.
- However, analogue machines could be expensive, hard to find and unreliable.
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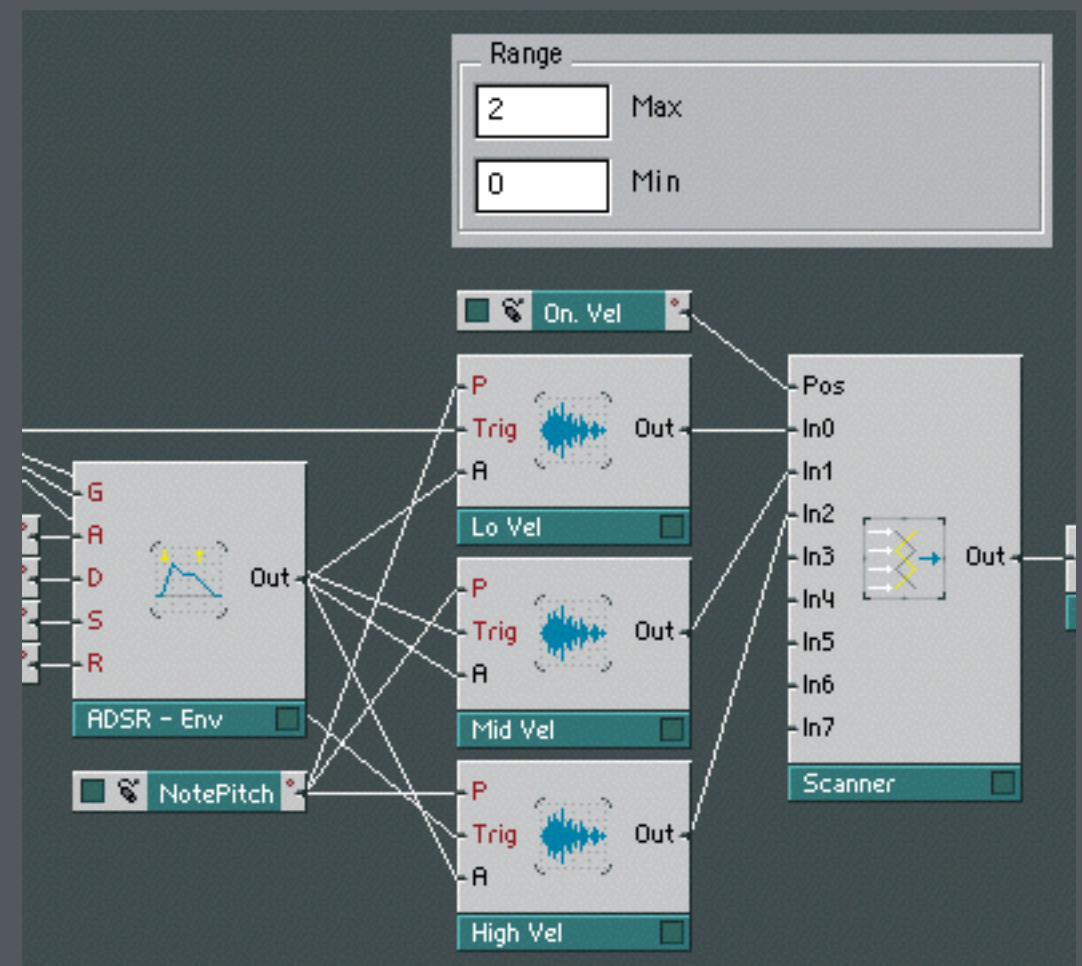
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# Computer Control and Synthesis

- Mid-late 1990s - computers get faster, capable of generating live audio data
- Software synthesis systems become more important - pre-built synthesizers such as FM8, Massive and Imposcar or more open systems such as Reaktor and Max gain in popularity and feasibility
- Sonically, the 21st century becomes a truly postmodern age! A range of 'historical' synthesis methods become instantly accessible, along with some new experimental ones





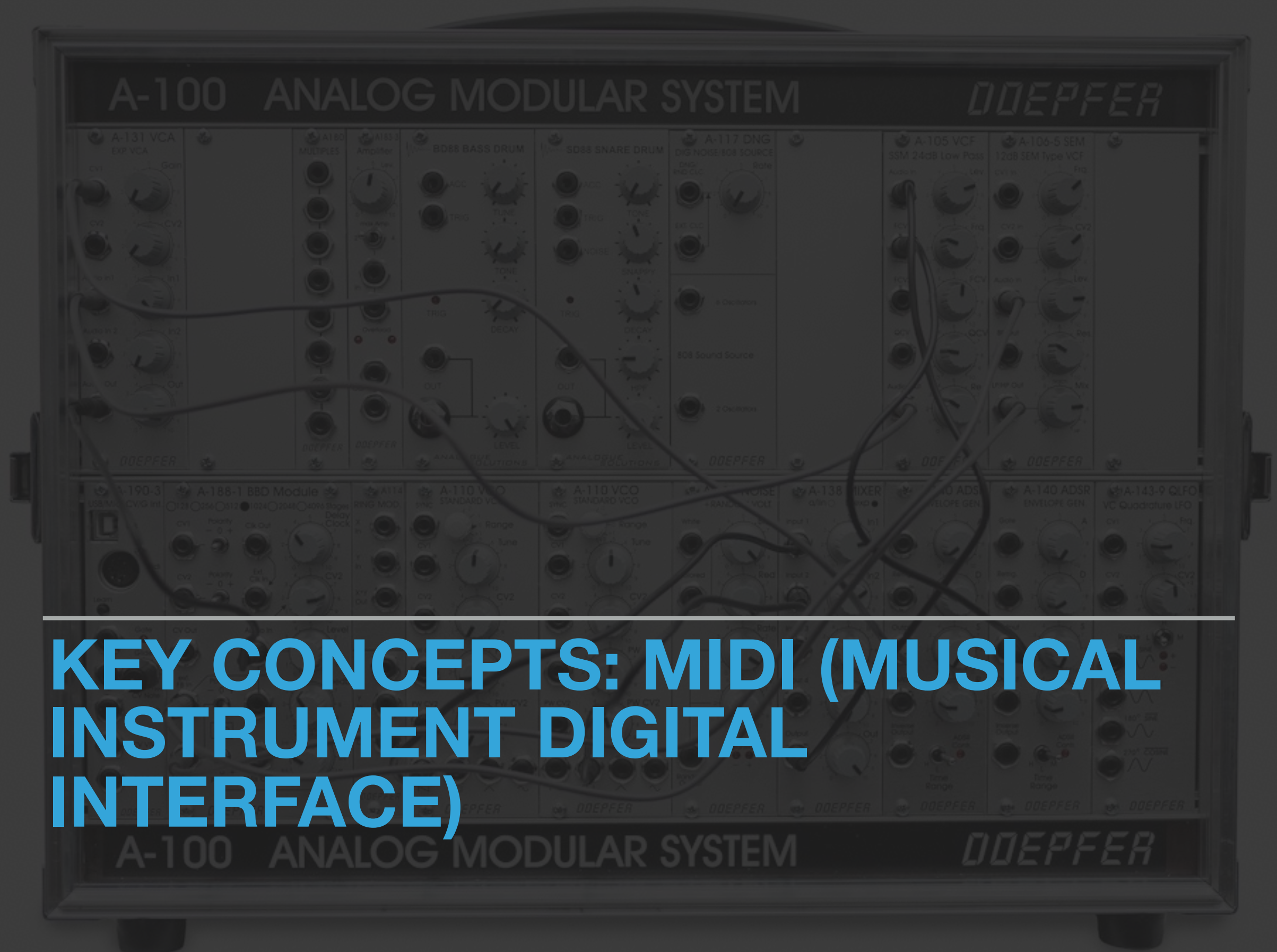
# Want to know more?

The following books are available in the library

- *Electric Sound - the Past and Promise of Electronic Music* by Joel Chadabe
- *Electronic and Computer Music* by Peter Manning
- *Electronic Music* by Andy Mackay

For details on individual instruments:

- [www.synthmuseum.com](http://www.synthmuseum.com)
- [www.vintagesynth.com](http://www.vintagesynth.com)
- [www.sonicstate.com](http://www.sonicstate.com)

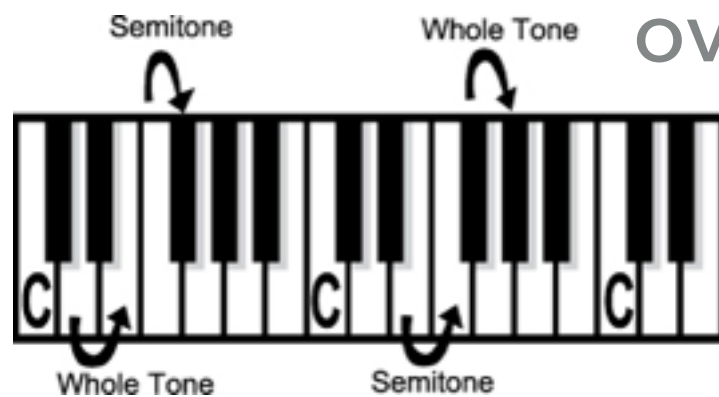


**KEY CONCEPTS: MIDI (MUSICAL  
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INTERFACE)**

# MIDI AND DIGITAL AUDIO—FLOWCHART

MIDI messages

over USB lead



numbers describing audio

Audio  
interface

electrical  
signal  
describing  
audio



Computer running Logic

(Logic hosting **software instruments**)

interprets MIDI messages,

sends to software instruments





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# MIDI: MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DIGITAL INTERFACE

- ▶ Released in January 1983: control protocol to integrate control of synthesisers, controllers and other studio hardware
- ▶ 'Remote' control messages, *not audio signals* (i.e. may send instructions which contribute to triggering sounds, alteration of sound generation parameters)
- ▶ Small amounts of data/low bandwidth

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# MIDI STRUCTURE: BASICS

- ▶ **Event messages with modifiers**
- ▶ Play key= MIDI note number from 0-127, MIDI note velocity in same range (*note on*)
- ▶ Release key= same MIDI note no, MIDI velocity=0 (*note off*)
- ▶ e.g. send message from controller keyboard (*not synthesiser*) to software instrument (synthesiser) within Logic
- ▶ Q: Why design a MIDI message like this? Does it explain how a MIDI-related problem sometimes occurs when you stop playback in Logic?
- ▶ *The structure of these messages will become important when you work with Interactive Music Systems in year 3*

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# MIDI/SYNTHESISER TERMINOLOGY/JARGON

- ▶ A number of confusing pieces of semi-contradictory jargon have grown up with synthesisers over the forty-odd years they have been in common usage
- ▶ A sound setting on a synthesiser is known as a **patch** or a **programme** or a **preset** - *it is nothing more than a collection of settings which describe the sound* - the position of the knobs and sliders on a front panel of a software instrument
- ▶ **Patch** comes from the **patch-cables** which were once used to connect the different modules in an old-style analogue synthesiser to define the sound

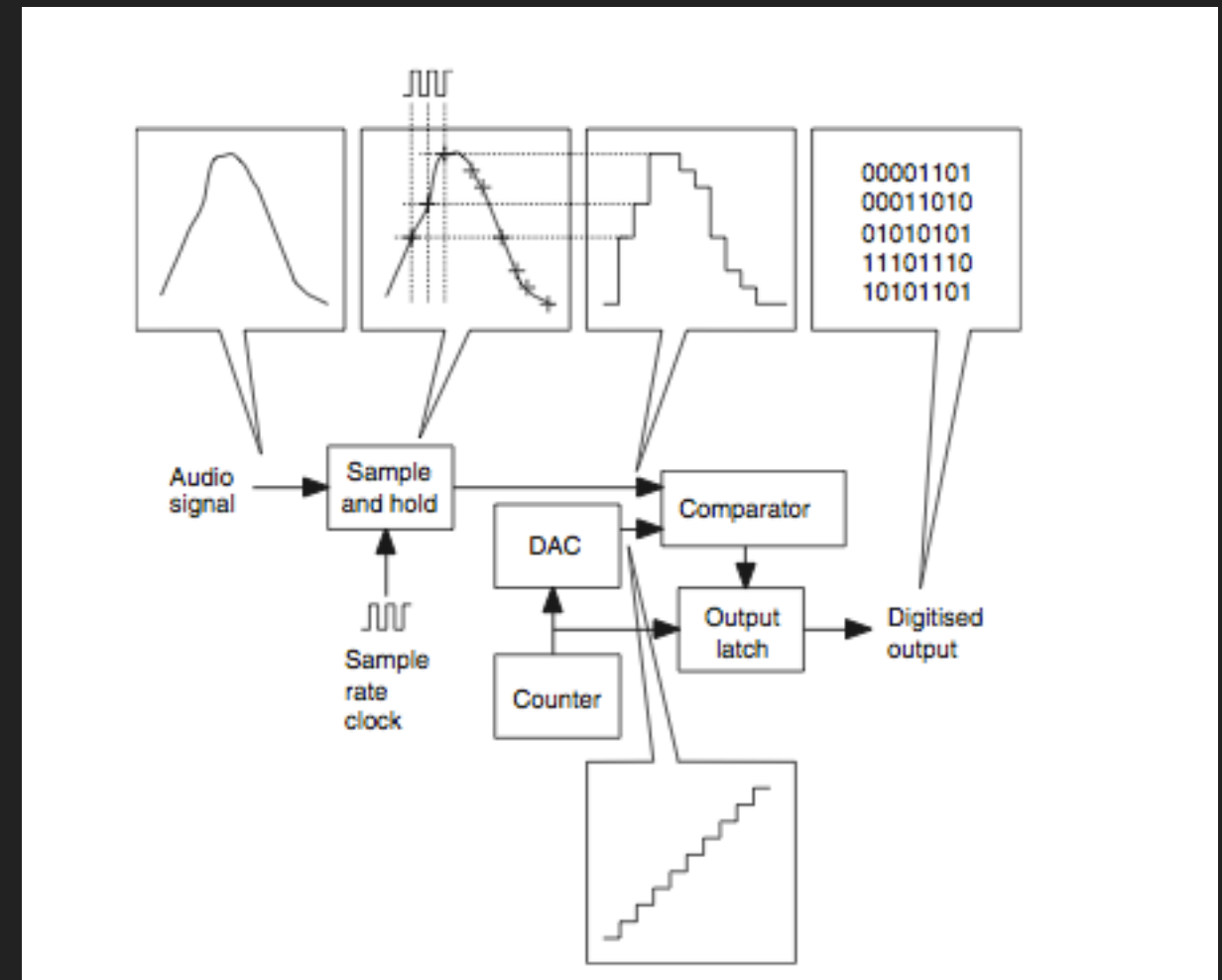




# KEY CONCEPTS: DIGITAL AUDIO

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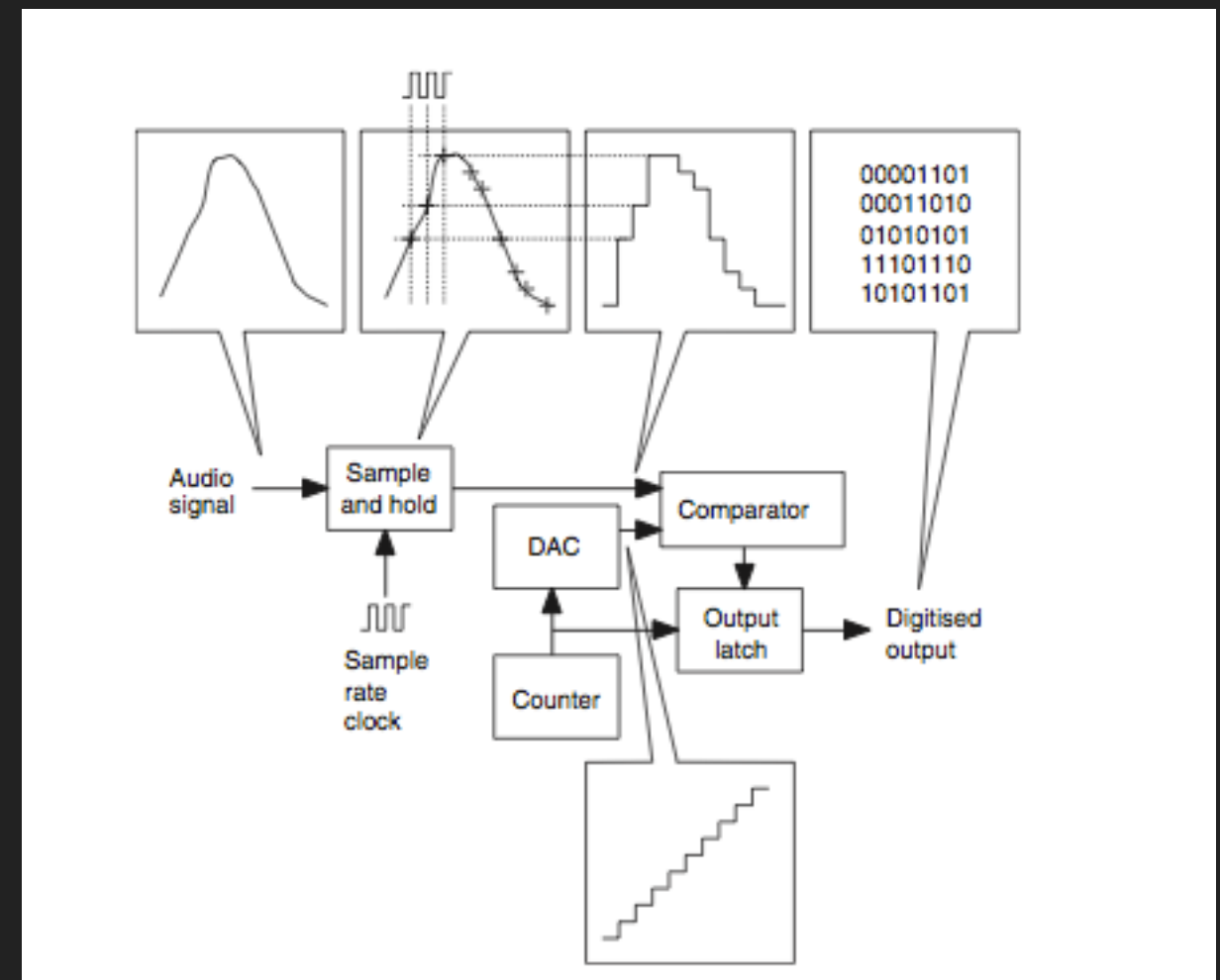
- ▶ Digital audio is simply 'sound (accurately) described by numbers'
- ▶ *Sound is a vibration in the air around us which we receive at our ears (and decode in our brains)*
- ▶ Digital audio is simply another means of *encoding* the air pressure vibration that is sound so that we can transmit or alter it
- ▶ Digital technology is the key source of the power of modern audio production tools



From Russ, M. 2009. *Sound Synthesis and Sampling*. 3rd ed. Oxford, Focal, p. 61

# DIGITAL AUDIO: BASICS

- ▶ Sampling is the process of changing the continuously-varying (analogue) signal into a discrete set of digital readings (number values for specified time intervals)
- ▶ The process here shows an audio signal being sampled at a regular rate: this reads off the size (amplitude) of the air pressure variation for each time interval
- ▶ We then have numbers which embody a simplified representation of the original audio (depending on how accurate our sampling system is)
- ▶ Accuracy in sampling depends on two things: amplitude resolution (bit depth) and frequency resolution (sample rate)

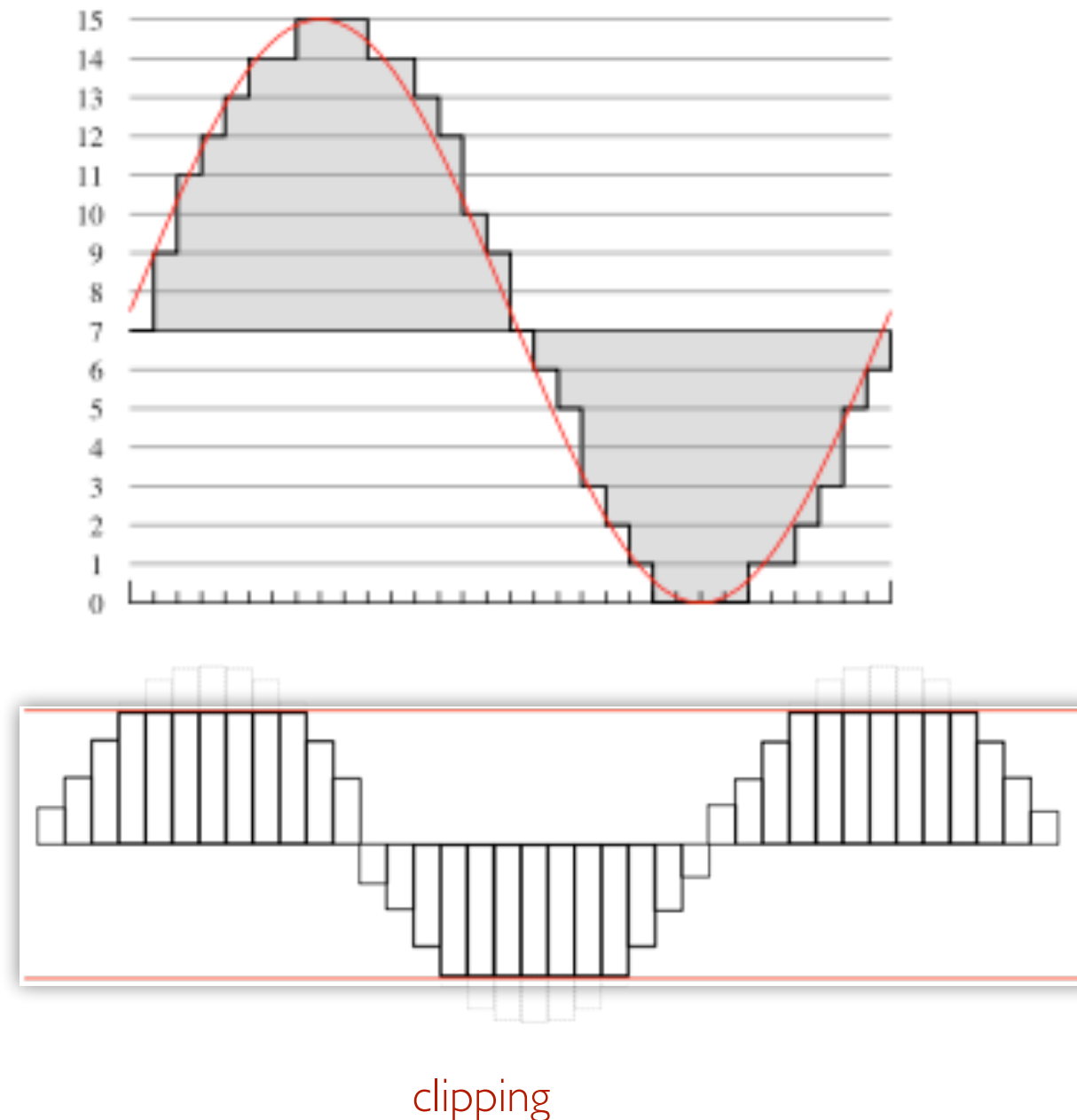


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# DIGITAL AUDIO: CLIPPING

- Our digital audio sampling system will have minimum and maximum signal levels which it can measure/record reliably
- If we go over the maximum level, we will not be able to record the signal accurately, we will simply record the maximum level (i.e. number), whatever the signal itself is doing—this is known as clipping
- This results in extreme distortion: rather than the wave being progressively bent out of shape (as is the case with analogue distortion), clipping cuts off the peaks of the wave abruptly (chops the 'heads' off), resulting in sudden and significant audible distortion which is particularly harsh

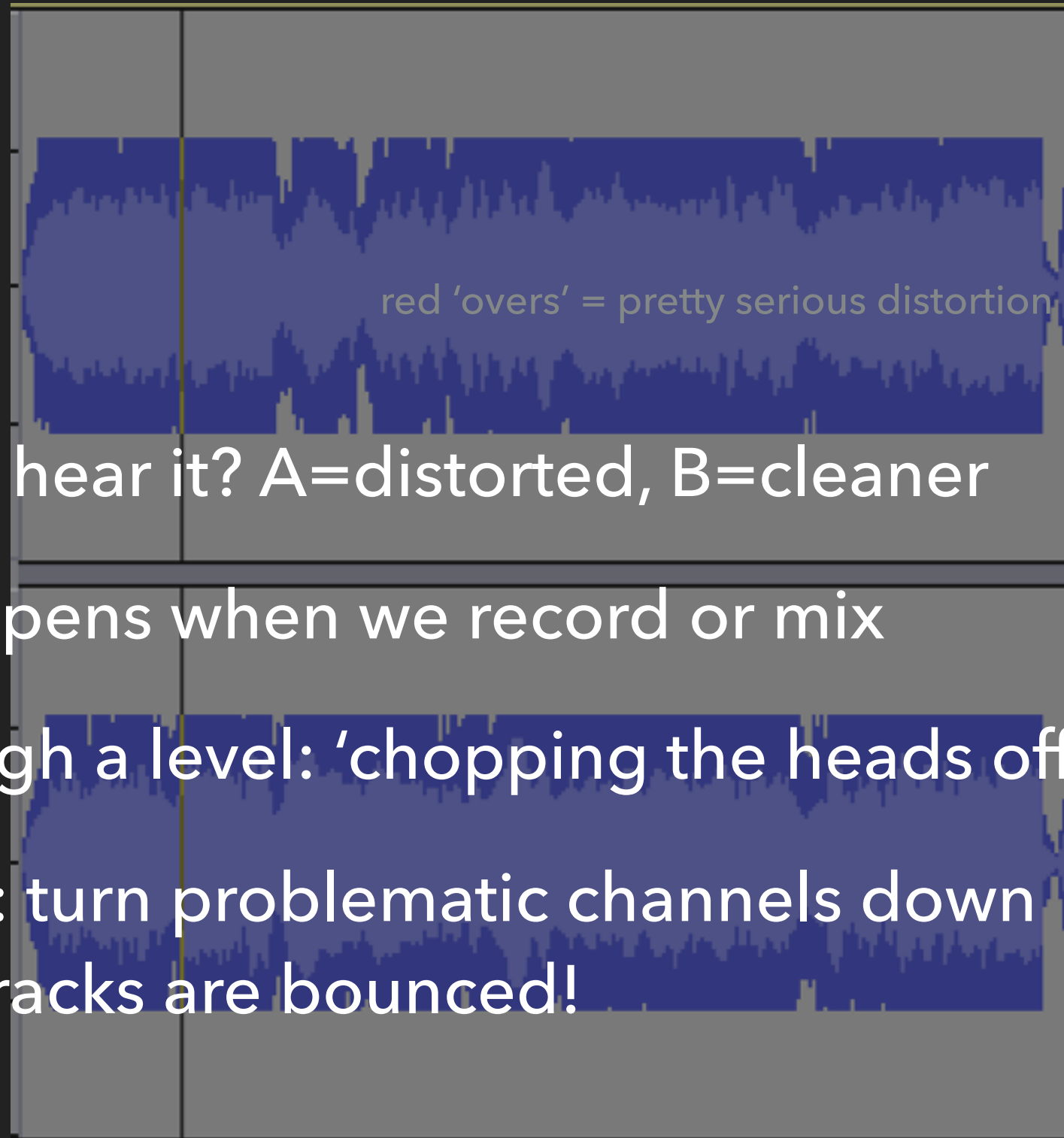
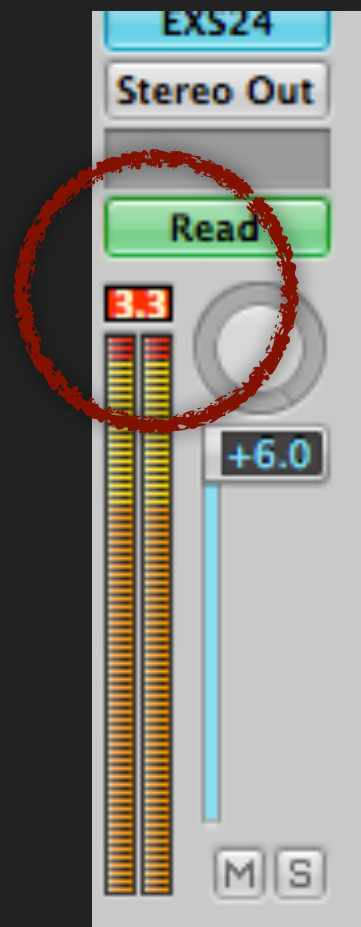


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## DIGITAL AUDIO: BASICS

- ▶ Resolution/bit depth gives us the amount of amplitude data and hence, dynamic range for recordings, between minimum and maximum levels in a system: expressed in bits...numbers of on/off binary numbers needed to encode 'normal' decimal numbers ...24 bit=pro recording=16,777,216 level values, 16 bit=CD audio=65,536 level values
- ▶ Sampling rate (for frequency resolution): needs to be twice maximum audible frequency (c. 20 kHz), so rates of 44.1 kHz+ are commonly used
- ▶ Uncompressed and compressed audio: MP3 files are not full-quality audio, but use a lossy model based on our hearing abilities to reduce file size dramatically (nonetheless, many listeners can hear the difference between MP3 and uncompressed audio such as .wav or .aif/.aiff files)
- ▶ About surround: *don't* use surround plugins/bounce options unless you are using a multi-speaker surround sound facility (such as studio 2=> you will not be using this facility this year!)

# DIGITAL AUDIO PROBLEMS: CLIPPING



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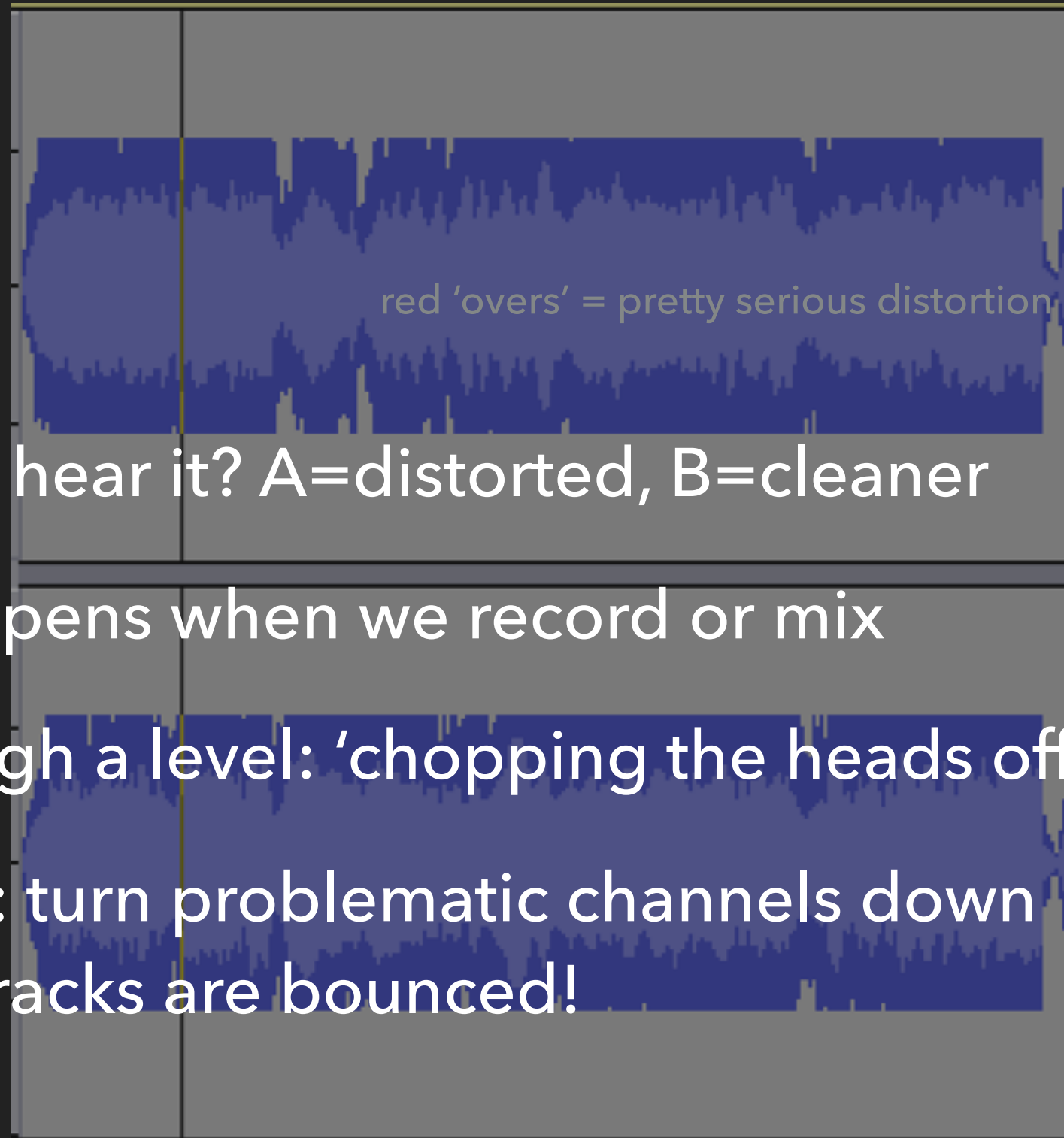
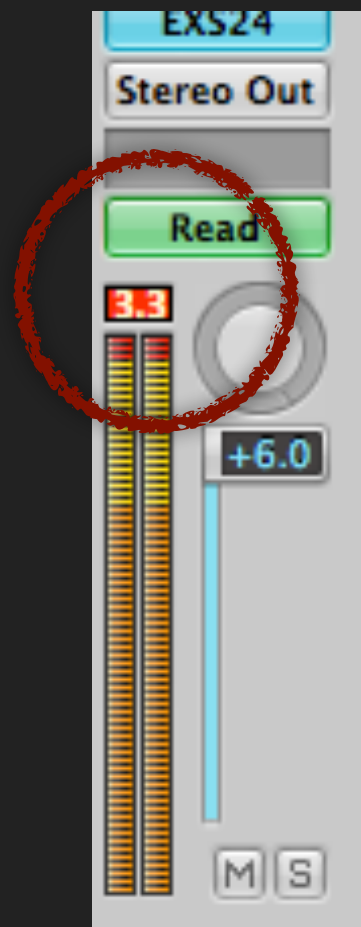
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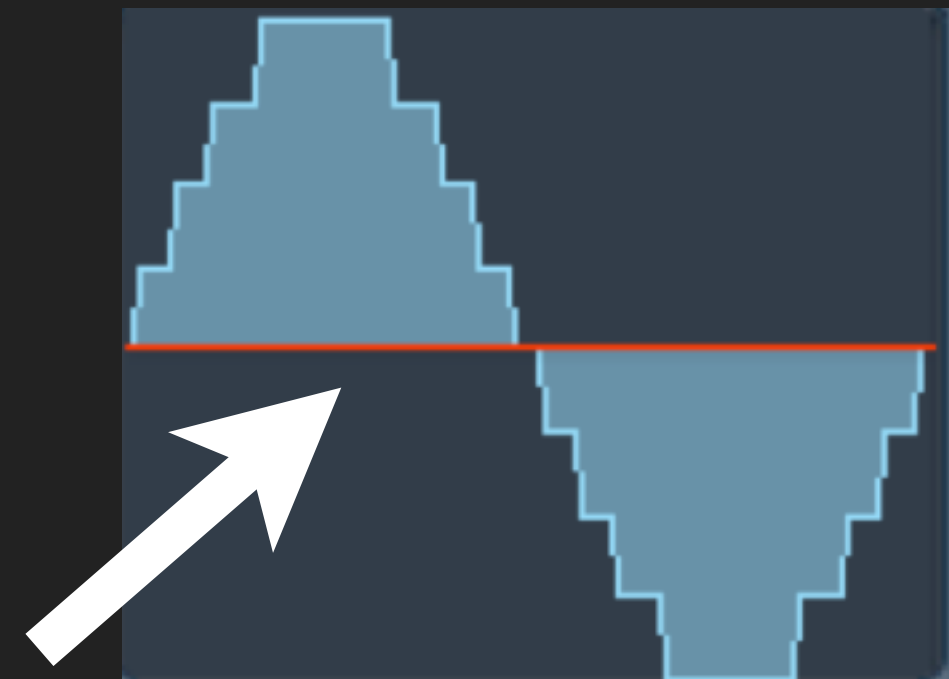
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## DIGITAL AUDIO PROBLEMS: LOW BIT DEPTH (AUDIO RECORD LEVEL TOO LOW)

If we record at too low a level, we may have problems at the other end: low-level/quiet sounds (e.g. the *decay phase* of a note or the *tail* of a reverb may become distorted: **quantisation noise**

This effect is exacerbated by lower sampling rates (16 bit, 12 bit...8 bit if you're feeling retro!)

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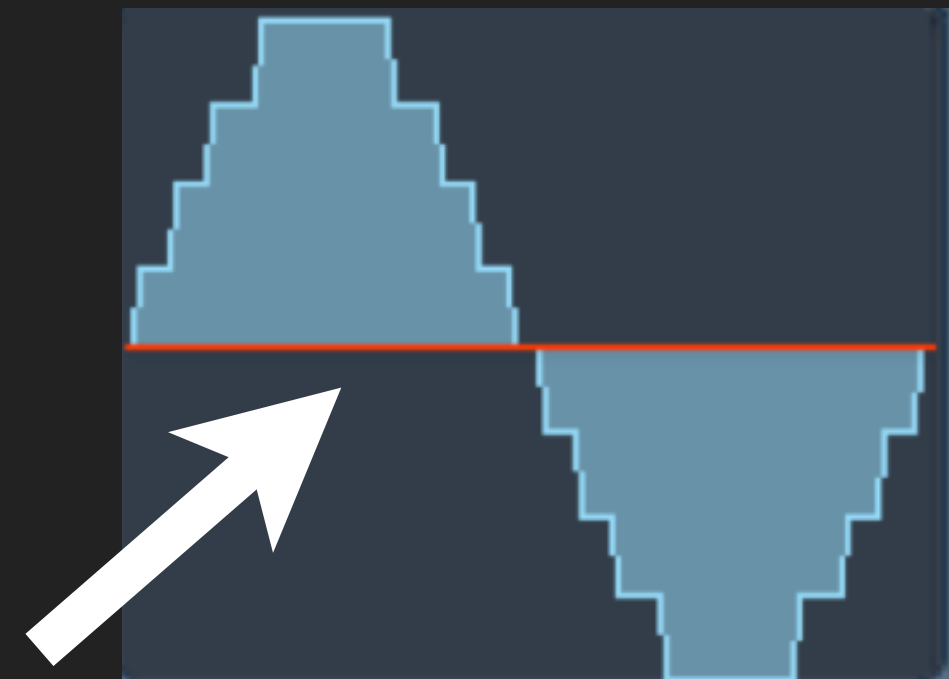
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- ▶ Some people like to work with really low-fi digital recordings or synthesis
- ▶ So-called *8-bit* (AKA *chiptune*) music is generally not actually 8-bit: it's 4-bit (for even crunchier effects)
- ▶ The name 8-bit comes from the main processor of old computers and games consoles, not their sound chip
- ▶ Chiptune is therefore a more accurate name!
- ▶ An example of the genre, here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5TqDx7iWvQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5TqDx7iWvQ)

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- ▶ Typically, it offers savings of 6:1 or greater on uncompressed file sizes
- ▶ However, there is a trade-off: it's a lossy compression scheme, removing audio data based on a model of the behaviour of our inner ear structures
- ▶ In some cases, due to the structure of our ears, sounds in a similar frequency range may 'block' (mask) other sounds...

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- ▶ Think of the effect of trying to listen to music in a car with a loud engine! You miss some of the lower frequencies because the car 'blocks' them
- ▶ MP3 works on this principle: certain sounds/parts of sounds in a mix will mask others, therefore you don't need to encode them
- ▶ MP3 encoders can even try to filter out sounds that you might hear to reduce the file size further, but at a cost to audio quality
- ▶ Guideline: low bit-rate MP3s (e.g. 128 kbit or less) are likely to interfere with the quality of your audio (sometimes in unpredictable ways)
- ▶ Solution: use 148/196 kbit or higher for casual listening, but use uncompressed file formats (.aif, .wav) for archiving

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## DIGITAL AUDIO PROBLEMS: 'MORALS'

- ▶ Take care of levels when recording/mixing to prevent clipping
- ▶ Use at least 16 bit audio settings when recording (preferably, 24 bit) to prevent quantisation noise
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- ▶ Week 1: intro: history and key concepts
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- ▶ Week 3: synthesis 2: hybrid, FM, physical modelling
- ▶ Week 4: synthesis: practical/self-test
- ▶ Week 5: feedback workshop on work-in-progress
- ▶ *Week 6: project week/ensemble week: no class*



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- ▶ **SUBMISSION: Tues 9th May**

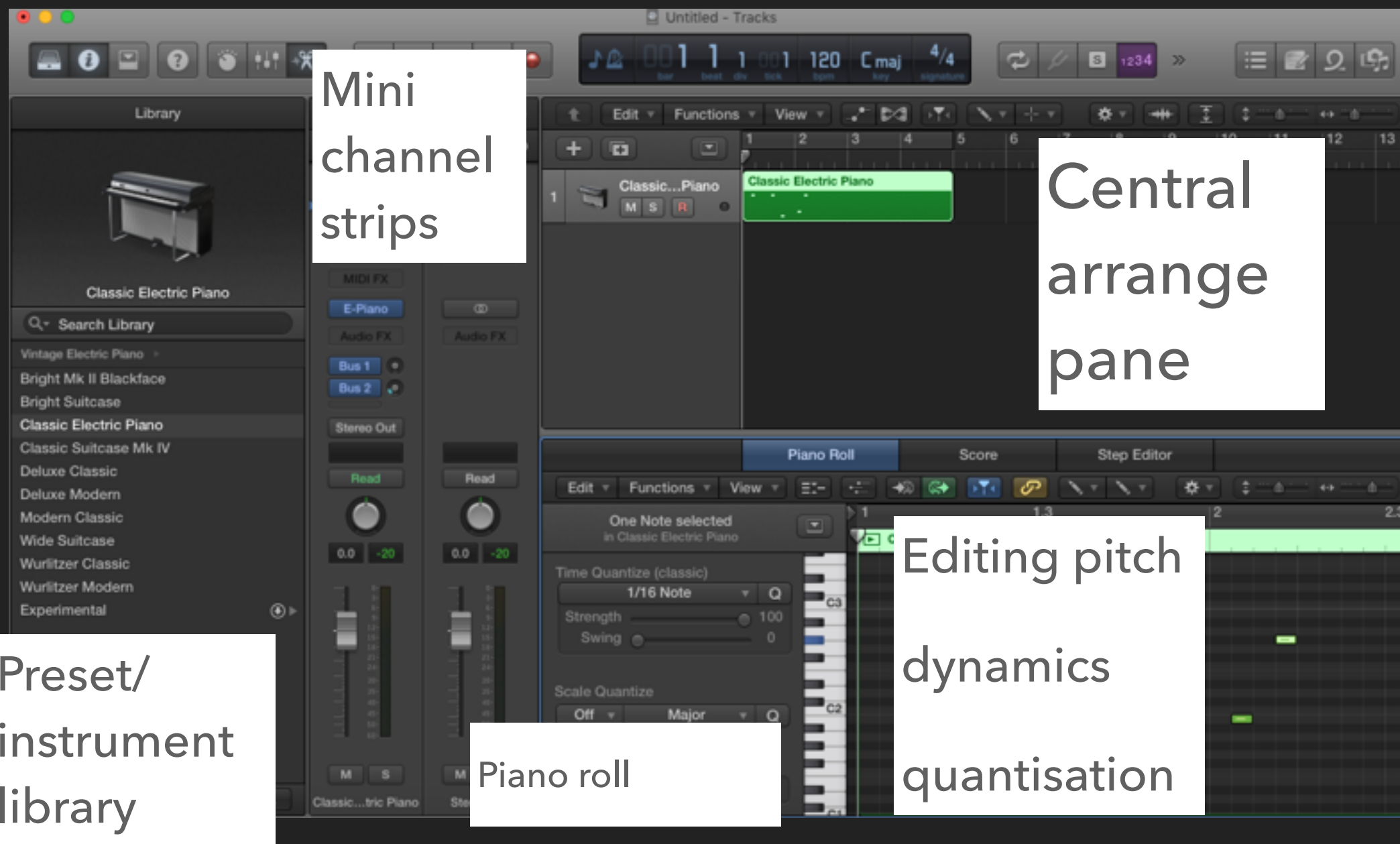
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# LOGIC'S INTERFACE: RECAP

- ▶ Setting up instrument tracks
- ▶ Arrange page panes (including mixer)
- ▶ Browsing for presets and Apple loops
- ▶ File management
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# LOGIC'S ARRANGE WINDOW: OVERVIEW



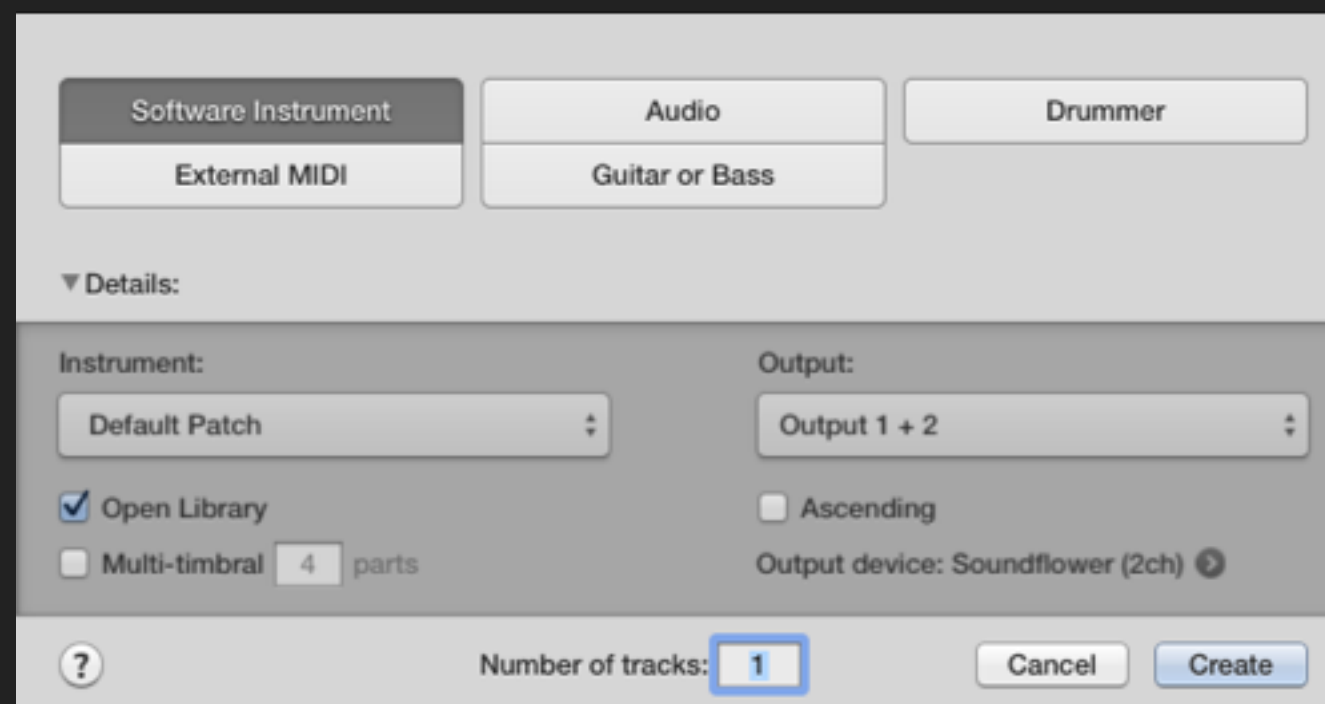


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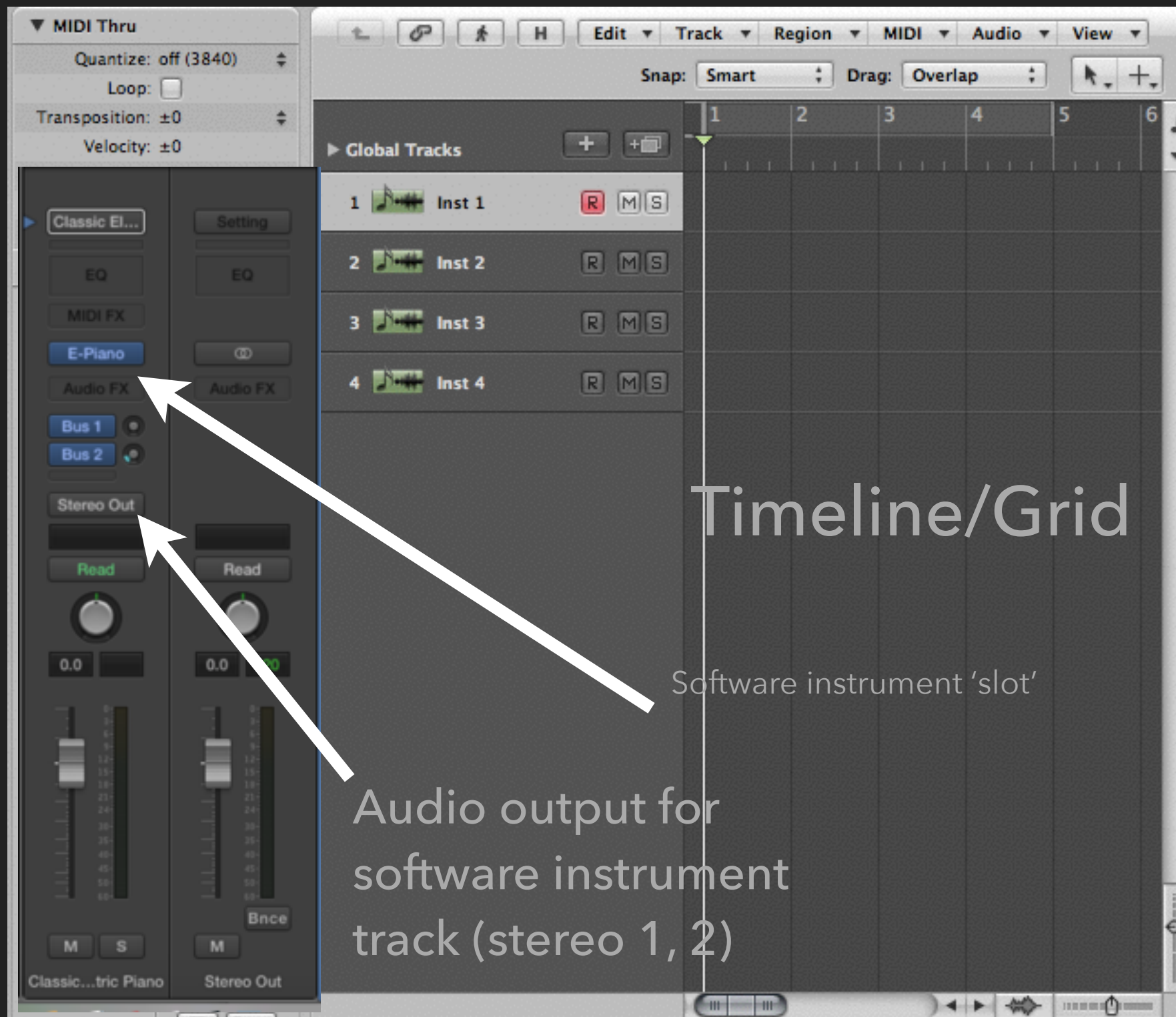


# RECAP: CREATING PROJECT AND SETTING UP TRACKS

- ▶ Set up **software instruments** to play with Logic's internal synths
- ▶ (External MIDI for external synthesiser: we won't use this here)
- ▶ Audio tracks (for digital audio recordings made in Logic or imported into Logic)



# ARRANGE WINDOW AND INSTRUMENTS





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2-Step Electric Bass 02	135	F	16	44%	<input type="checkbox"/>
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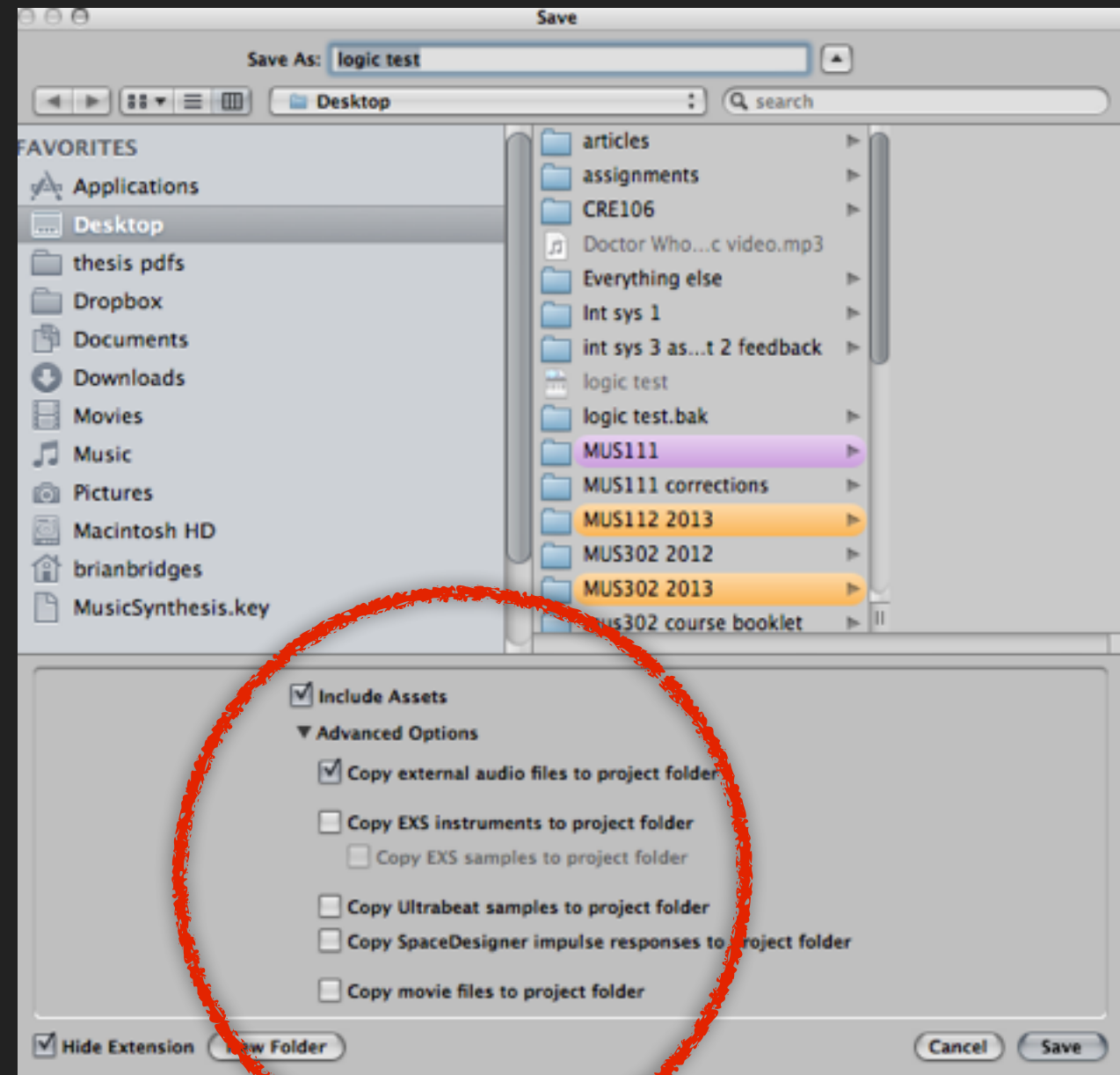
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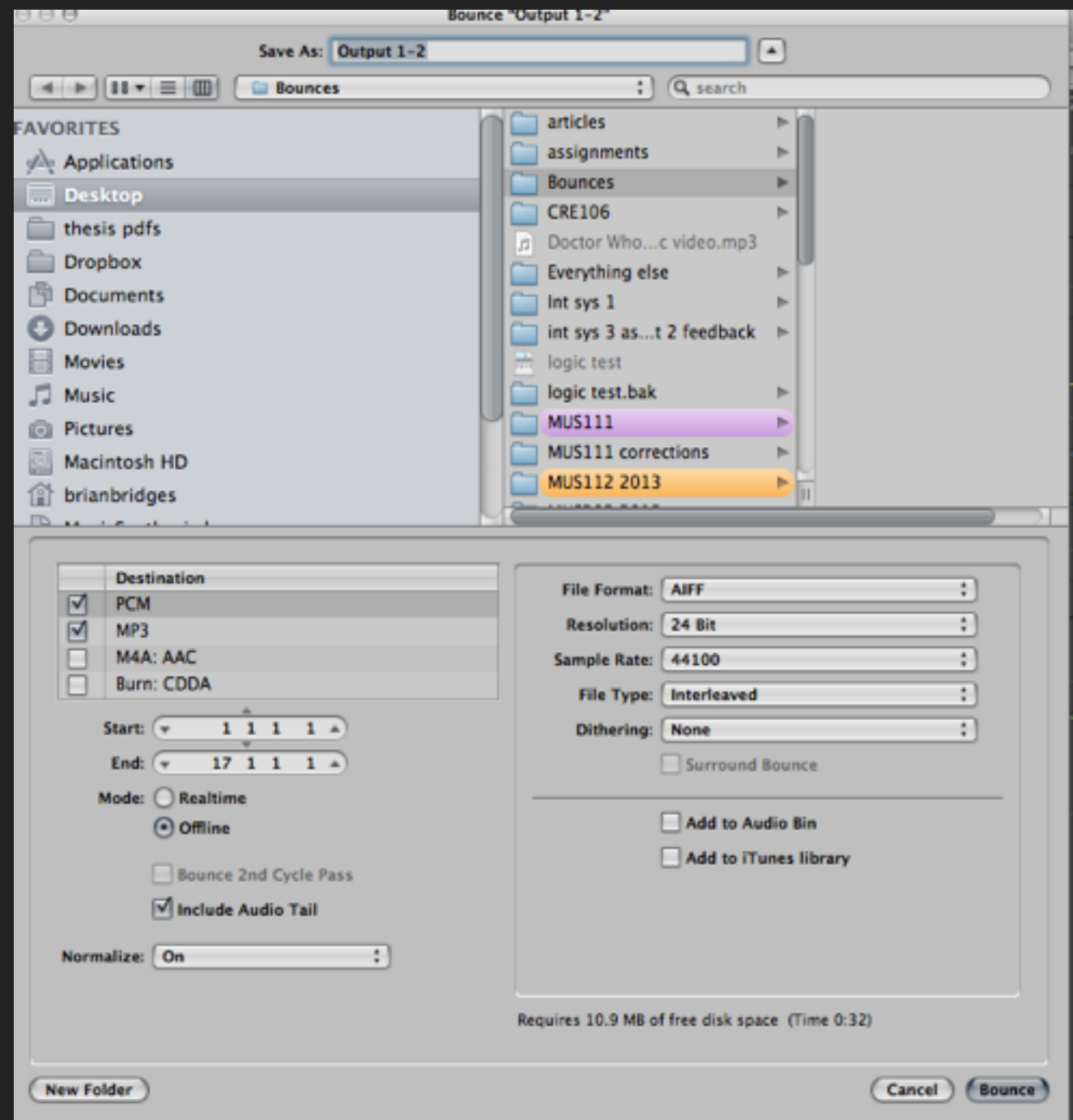
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# MIXDOWN/BOUNCE

- ▶ Choosing file formats:
- ▶ Compressed - MP3 - or uncompressed - 'PCM'
- ▶ Sample rate (44100 or above), resolution (24 bit for archiving, 16bit with dithering for CD output)
- ▶ Start/end points (and include audio tail)
- ▶ Normalise





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# REVISE/MEMORISE THESE KEY CONCEPTS

- ▶ We'll be moving on next week!
- ▶ Make sure you're clear on basic functionality, including quantisation and note editing
- ▶ Feedback from semester 1 will be released shortly; take note
- ▶ Remember: bring headphones and USB pen-drive to store your work

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## MORE INFORMATION

- ▶ Russ, M. 2009. *Sound Synthesis and Sampling*. 3rd ed. Oxford: Focal
- ▶ ASK Video Tutorials (software tutorial DVD in library)
- ▶ Logic tutorial texts (see module descriptor/reading list)
- ▶ Questions about this lecture? [BD.Bridges@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:BD.Bridges@ulster.ac.uk)

# FOR NEXT WEEK

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