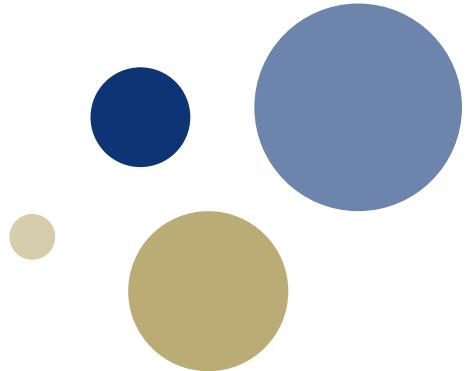




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Feedback systems with FM receivers and transmitters as musical instruments

Presentation at ICLI – International Conference of Live Interfaces in
Trondheim 2020

Motivation

National FM
broadcasting in Norway



(1954-2017)





15-20 million radios turned into e-waste

Dagbladet 2016

Blaupunkt derby de luxe



Philips



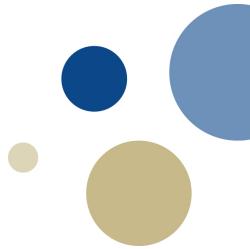
Tandberg TP41



Radionette Kurér 1001



FM-band, Trondheim 2020



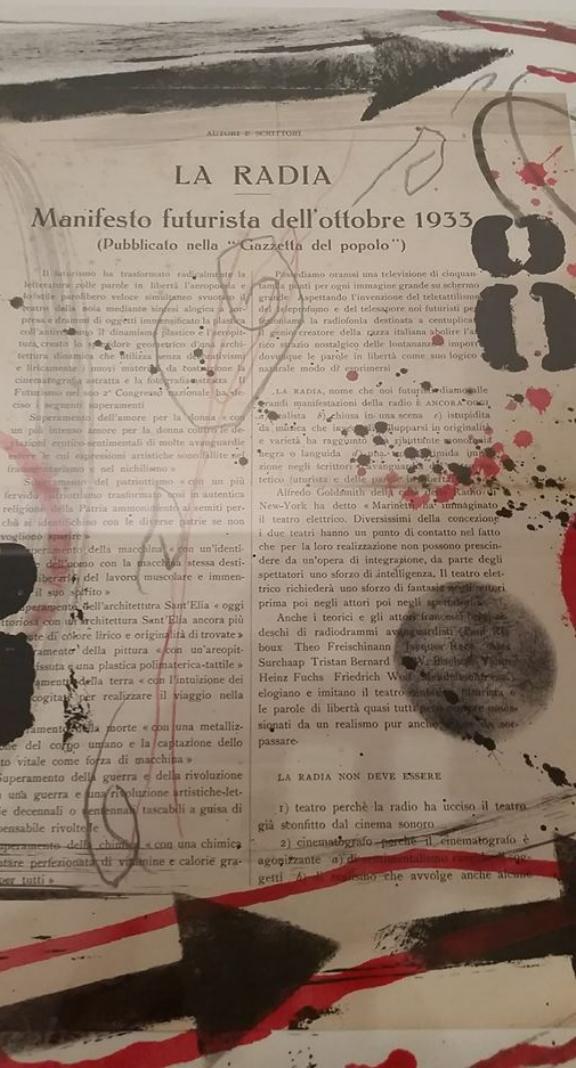
space to play?
Radio Trøndelag Nea radio



Radio in the arts – early ideas

“The utilization of noises sounds chords harmonies musical or noise simultaneities of silence all with their graduations of appaggiatura crescendo and decrescendo which will become strange brushes for painting “

Marinetti & Masnata, Gazzetta del popolo, 1933

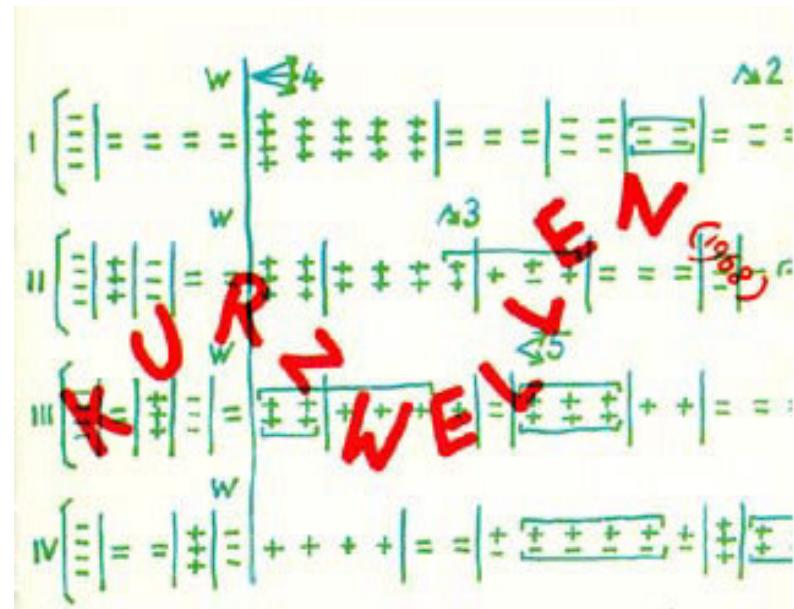


Radio in avant-garde music

John
Cage



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Stockhausen Aufnahme 13

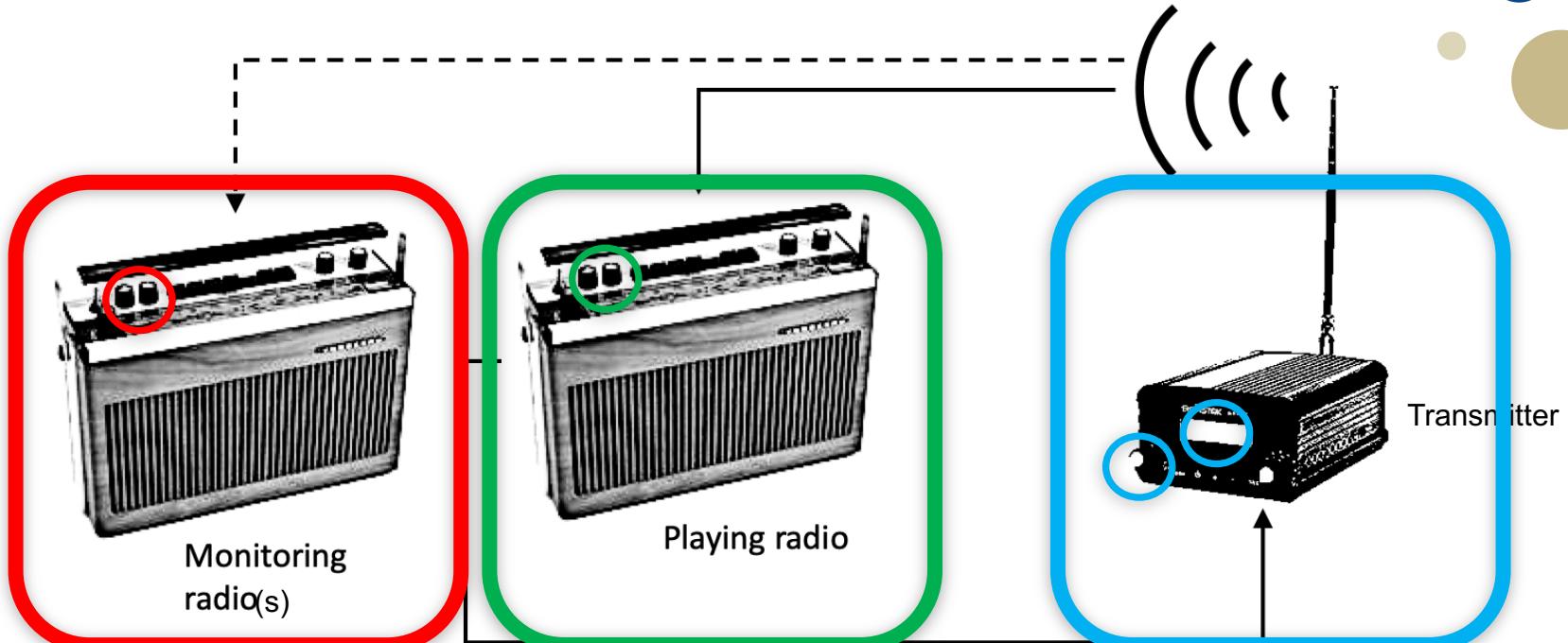
Radio artists

Tetsuo Kogawa
Gert-Jan Prins
Anna Friz
Matthew Burtner

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Basic setup



Parts affecting the sonic output

Transmitters



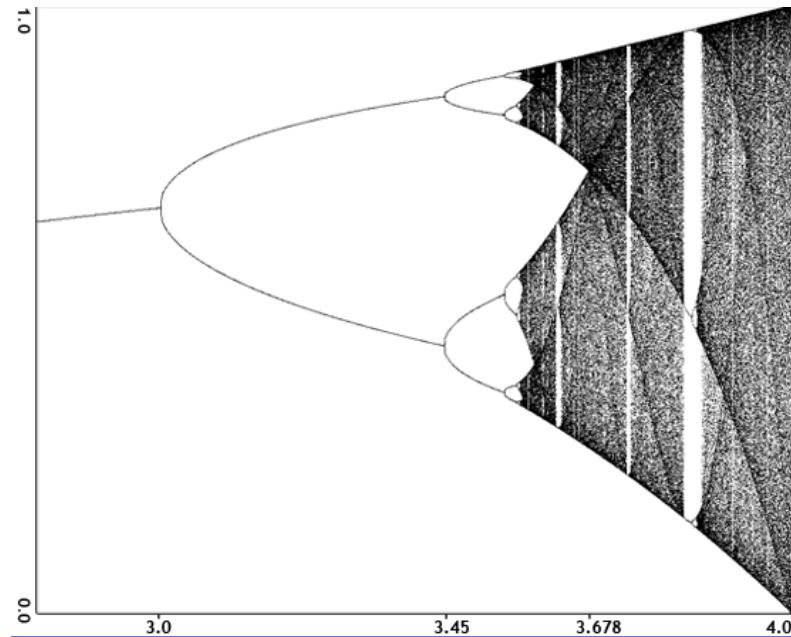
Feedback and non-linearity

Critical thresholds

Nonlinearity

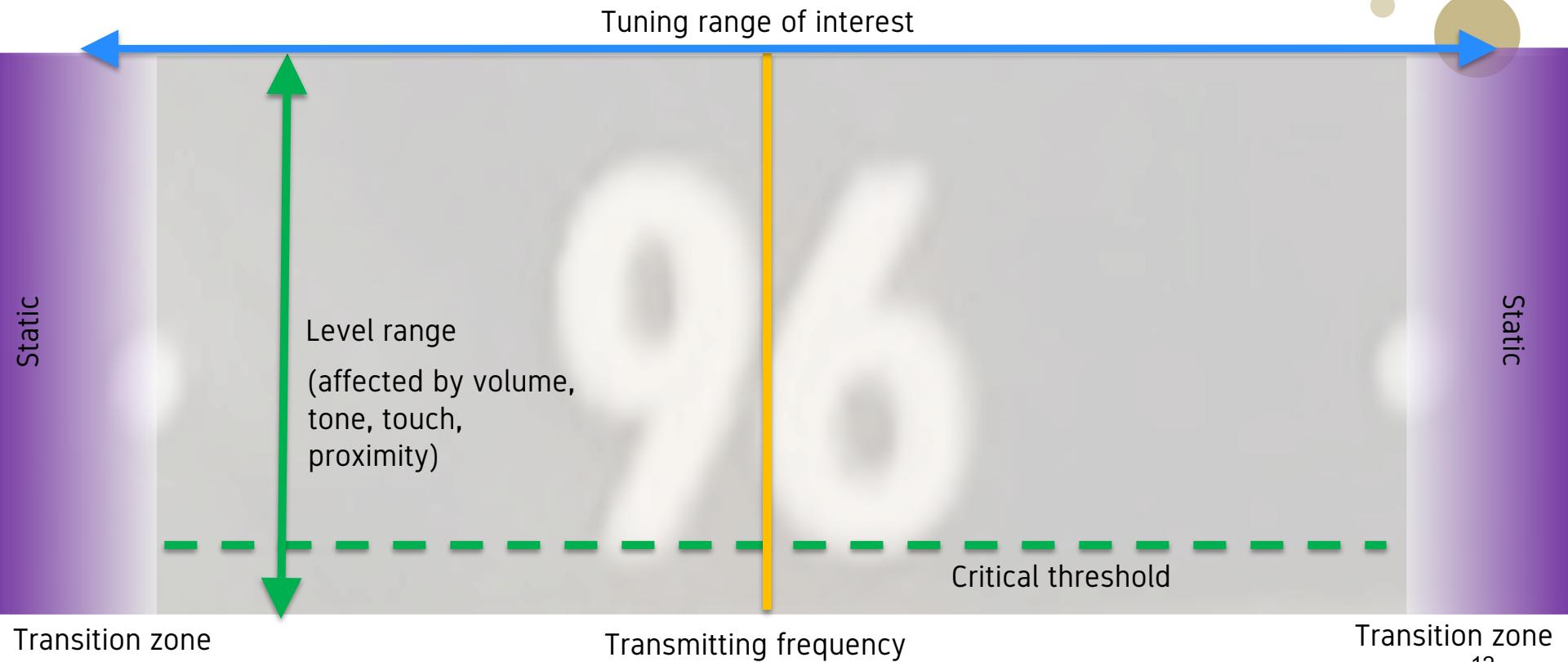
Hysteresis (history matters!)

Unpredictability

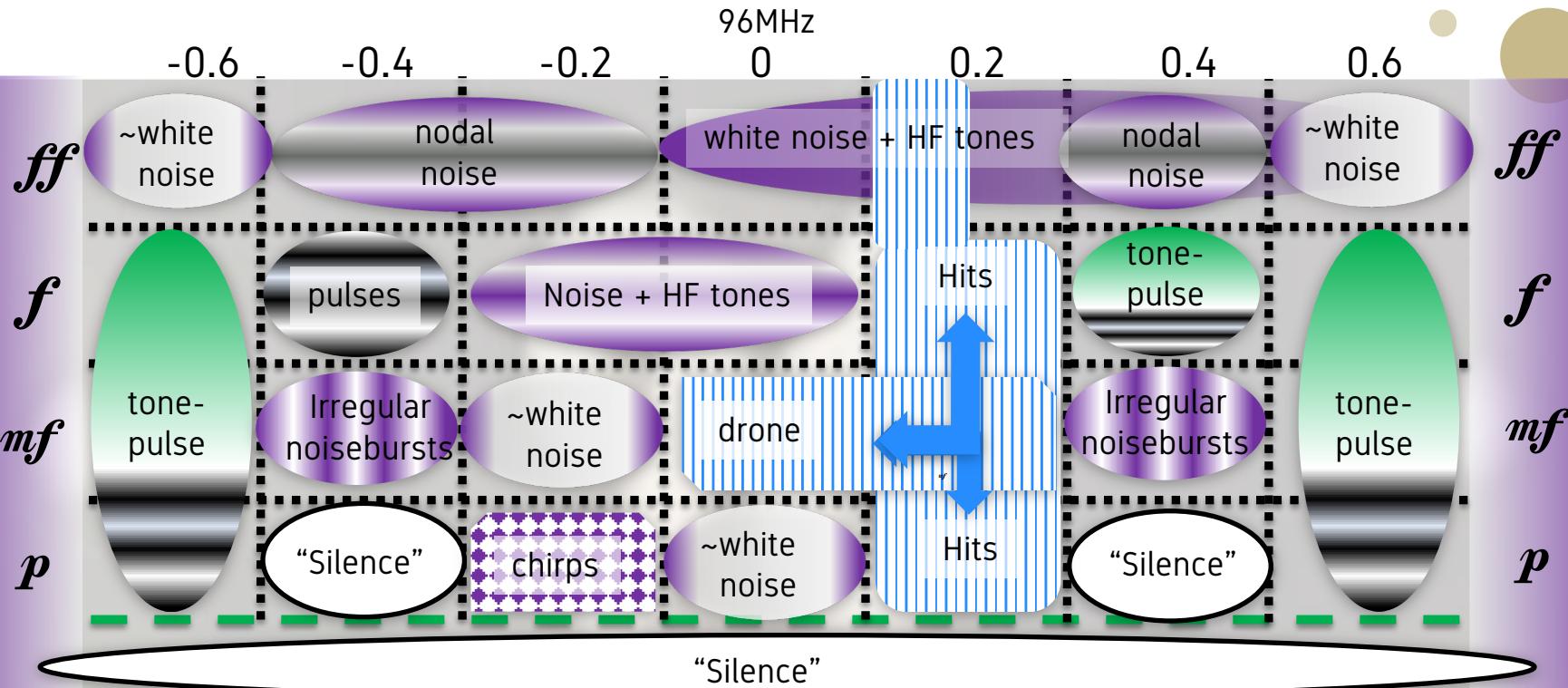


Mapping out the sonic palette

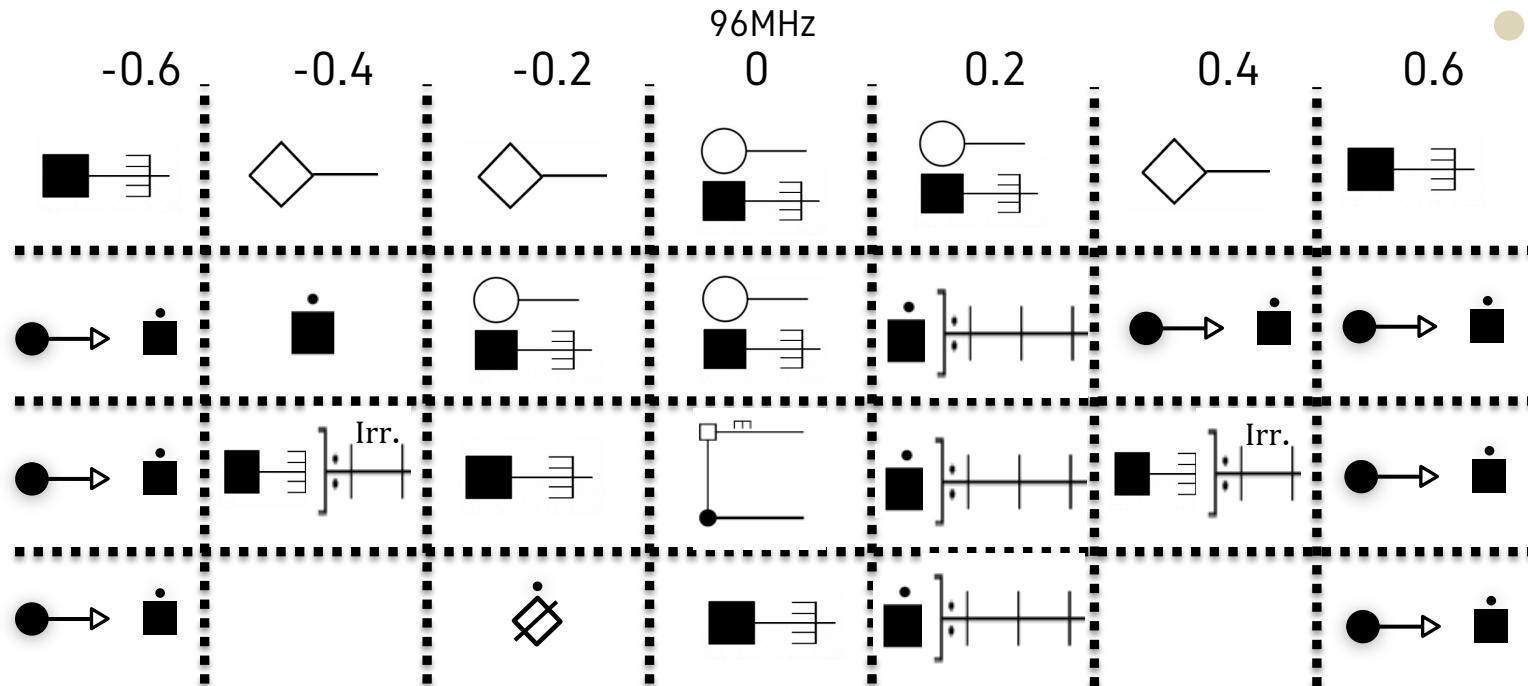
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Mapping out the sonic palette



Sonic palette in Thoresen's notation



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Zooming in: the tone-pulse category

Parameter	From	Via	To
Pitch	Low (ca.165Hz)		High (ca.400Hz)
Pitch fluctuation	Stable	Gliding	Vascillating
Note-noise continuum	Pitched		Pitch + noise
Energy articulation	Continuous	Iterative	Impulse
Event duration	Short		Long
Regularity	Regular		Irregular
Spectral brightness	Dark		Bright
Attack time	Flat	Sharp	Abrupt

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