

GENIUS CRAZIES, HEARTS EMPTIES.

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Violoncello
Electronics
Bass Clarinet in Bb

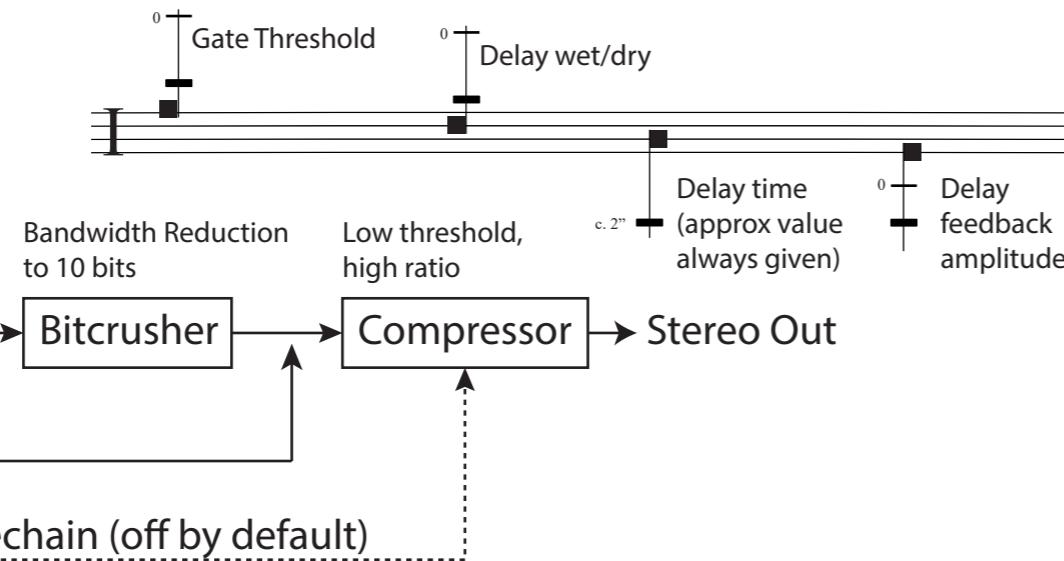
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Performance Notes

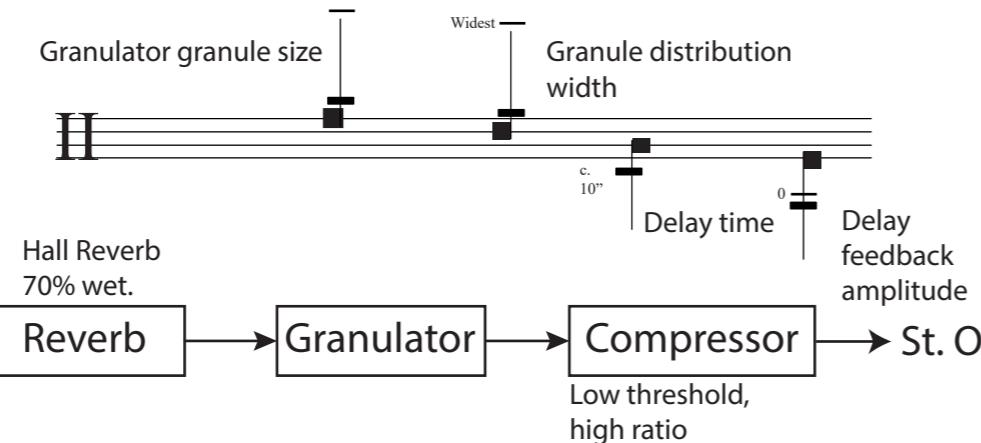
Electronics

Mics

Very fast attack
Mid/Slow decay



Mics



The **tablature notation** for the electronics is based on a cueing system with the instrumentation. Cues are indicated with dotted lines. For each of the two clefs, the lines on the staff represent a particular parameter (see left) for a different effects setup. The operator must be able to switch from one to other rapidly, but they are never required simultaneously. I recommend mapping each parameter to a MIDI control surface with a bank of eight faders. The stereo output should be loud enough to fill the performance space.

Mics - Aim for balance on the desk.

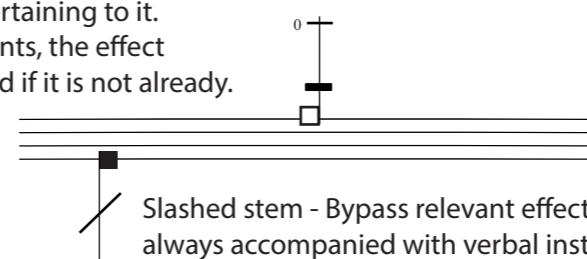
Contact mic on Bass Clarinet Keywork, Panned hard left

Contact mic on Bass Clarinet Bell, Panned hard right

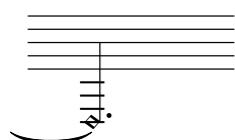
Contact mic over Cello F-Hole, Panned hard left

Contact mic on Cello Bridge, Panned hard right

Hollow notehead - Adjust parameter without enabling the effect pertaining to it.
For all other adjustments, the effect should also be enabled if it is not already.



Bass Clarinet

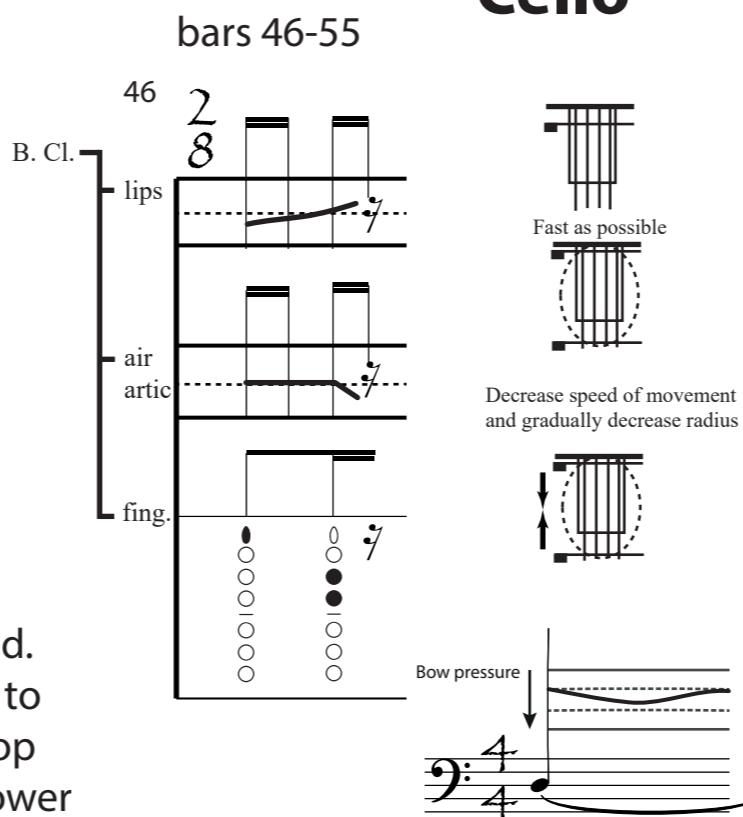


Hollow diamond noteheads indicate some degree of breath in the resulting sound. The specifics are always indicated verbally.



Plus signs indicate slap-tongue.

Bars 46-55 (example right) are parametrically decoupled. The middle staff represents breath pressure (from highest to lowest while still making a noise) and articulation, the top staff the lips from loosest to tightest possible, and the lower staff represents fingerings.



This icon represents bow position relative to the bridge (at the top) and fingerboard (at the bottom).

A dotted circle between two bows (left) represents circular motion between the points indicated by the bows. Often, the icon is accompanied with verbal instructions relating to speed.

Bar 68 features this icon, whereby the speed and circumference of the movement is gradually decreased until the point indicated.

The cello part regularly features a bow pressure indication, divided into 3 regions by two dotted lines. The lowest region represents varying degrees of overpressure. The mid-section represents the normal dynamic range (from fff-ppp). The upper region represents varying degrees of 'underpressure'.

Cello

1

$= c. 74$

Bow pressure

V.C.

Elec.

B.Cl.

Ad lib.
Peaks should pass through gate

Ad lib.
Most cello sounds should pass through gate

Ad lib.
Peaks should pass through gate

30% Wet
Adlib c. 2"
Feedback loop off

pp
Gradually introduce pitch

Small amount of pitch content

f — *ff*

tr. register key.

4

3:2

7:8

3:2

7:8

4

3:2

7:8

3:2

3:2

V.C.

Elec.

B.Cl.

Bypass delay feedback.

c. 2"

c. 3"

Decrease B.Cl keyword fader al niente

Gradually introduce pitch

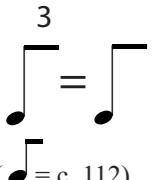
Dal niente

ff

+3db

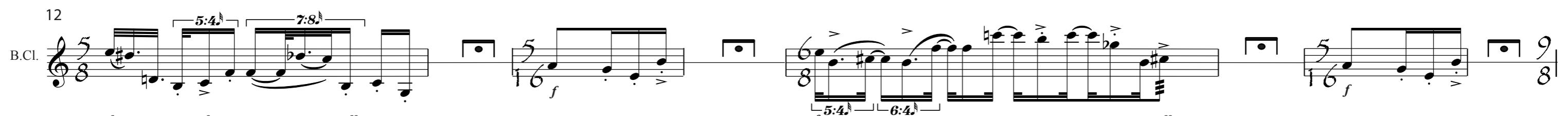
Turn on compressor sidechain

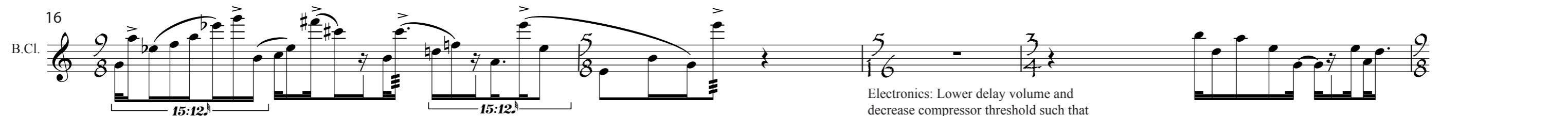
Wait for delay feedback loop to over drive.

3

 (♩ = c. 112)

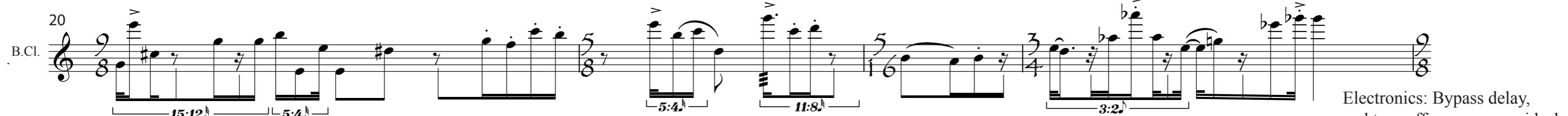
* Each pause on this page should last until the volume of the electronics is almost unbearably loud.

8 B.Cl. 

12 B.Cl. 

16 B.Cl. 

Electronics: Lower delay volume and decrease compressor threshold such that following B.Cl. rises out of the noise into the foreground over the following 4 bars.

20 B.Cl. 

Electronics: Bypass delay, and turn off compressor sidechain.

3

(♩ = c. 74)

Col legno tratto
Bow pressure

V.C. 24 5 8 10 8 4 8 6 8 5 8

Electronics:
Reset B. Cl. Keyword fader.

B.Cl. 5 8 Air only

sffz p sfz p mf

Accel. 9:8 3:2 5:4 2:3

c. 112

V.C. 28 5 8 4 8 6 8 6 8 5 8

B.Cl. 5 8# 9:8 15:12 15:12 9:8 7:8 11:8 3:2 5 8

mf f sffz mp f p f mf

V.C. 33 5 8 3:2 7:8 5 8 ff f 16 5 8 3:2 9:8

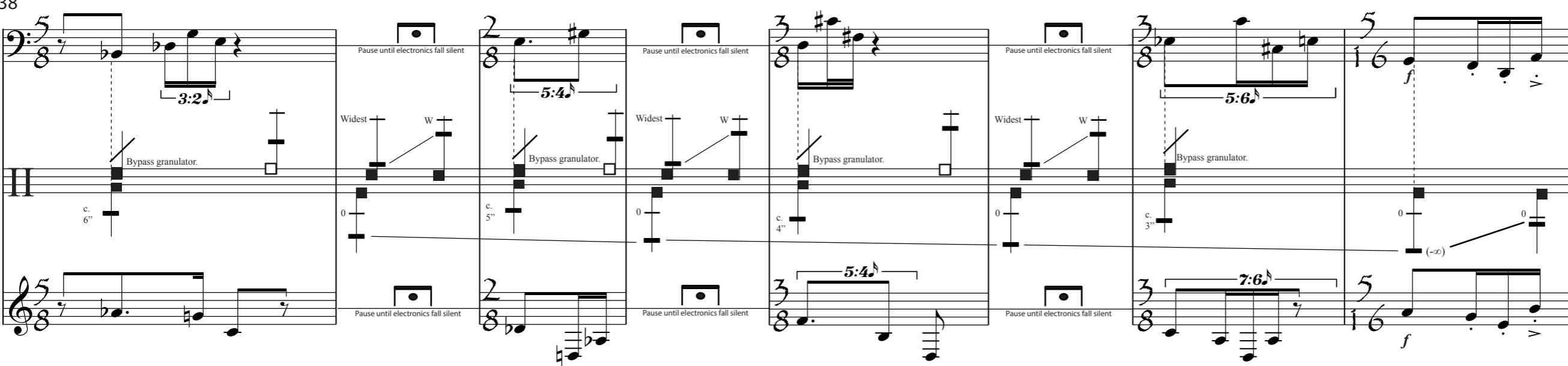
All bypassed.

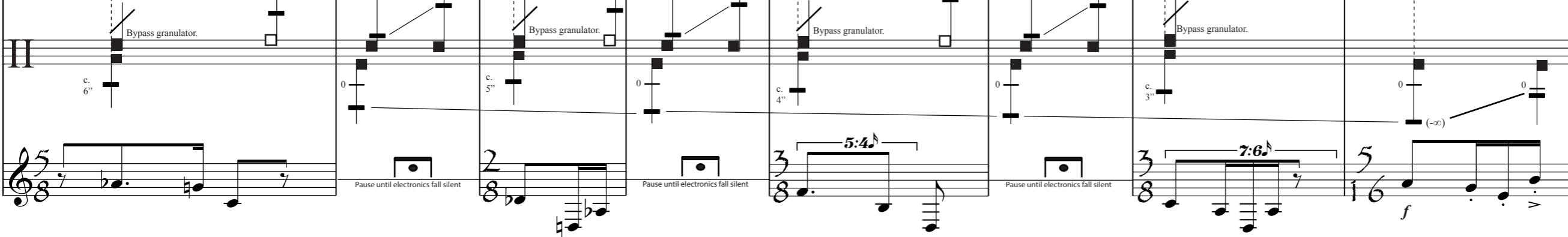
Elec. III Pause until electronics fall silent small as poss. Widest W 0 Bypass granulator. 0 Widest W 0 Bypass granulator. 0 Widest W 0

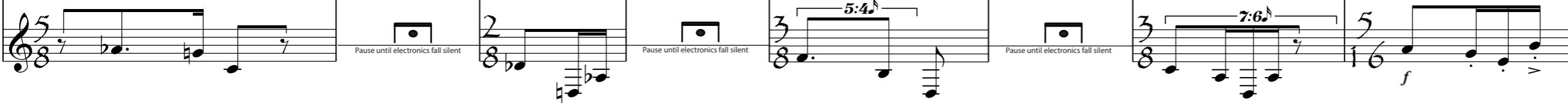
B.Cl. 5 8 mp f 16 5 8 3:2 9:8

Pause until electronics fall silent c. 10" c. 9" c. 8" 4:5 Pause until electronics fall silent

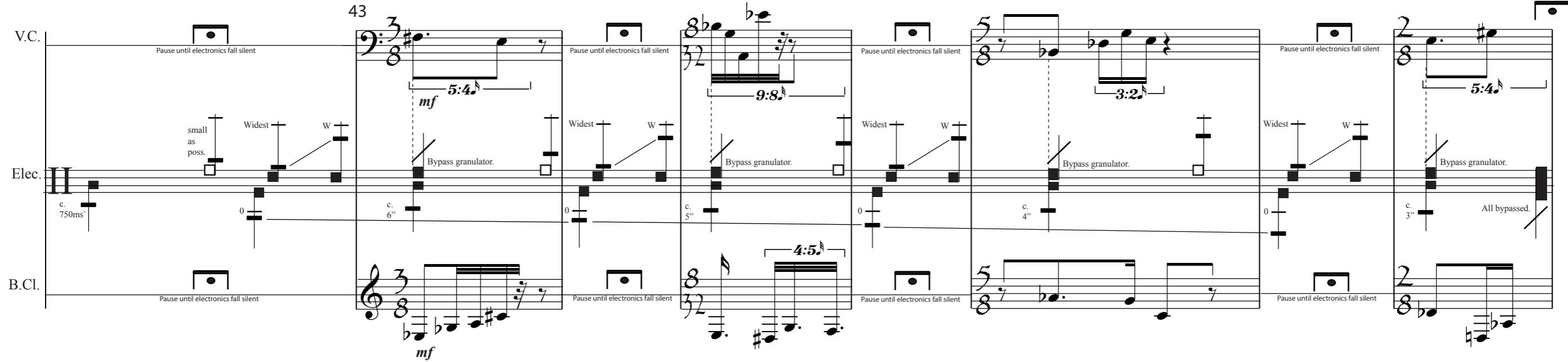
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V.C. 

Elec. 

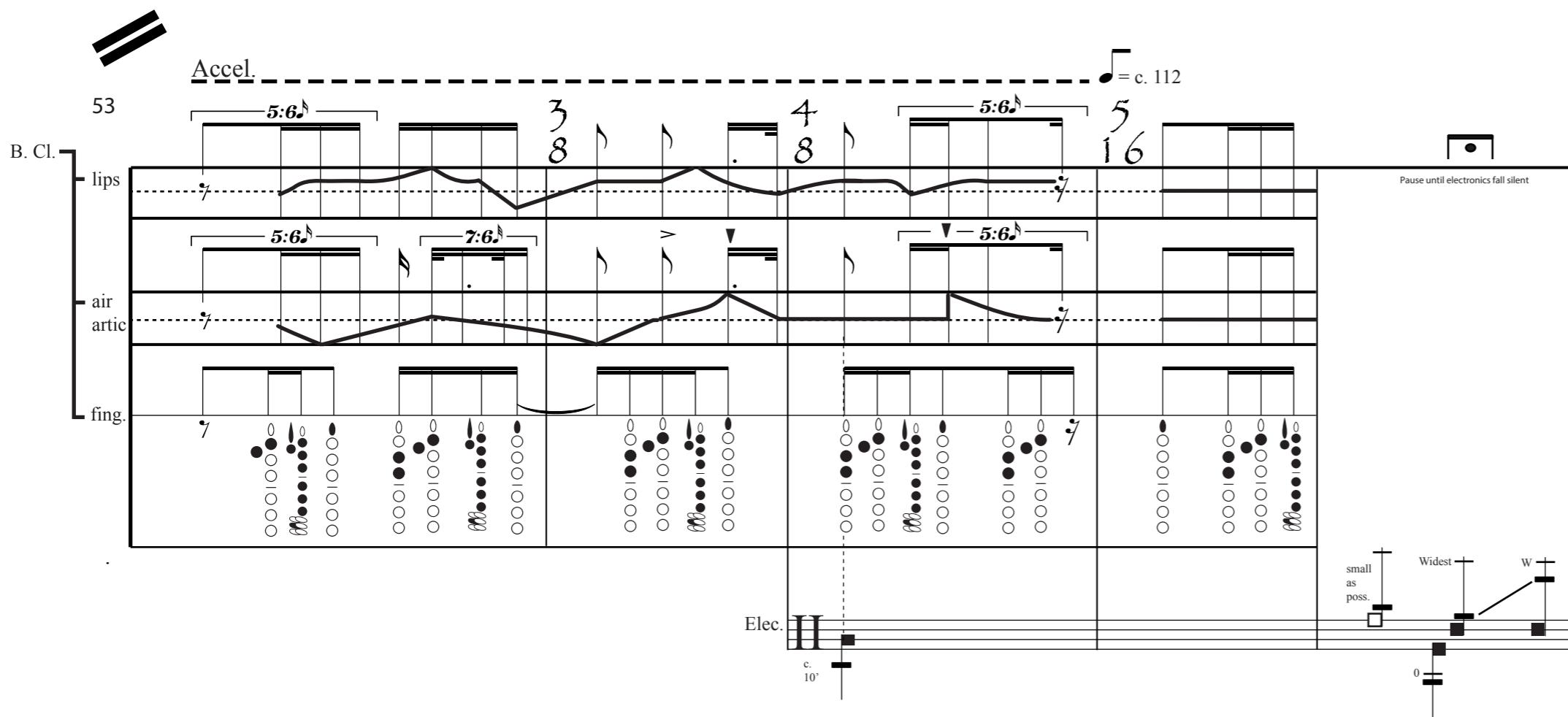
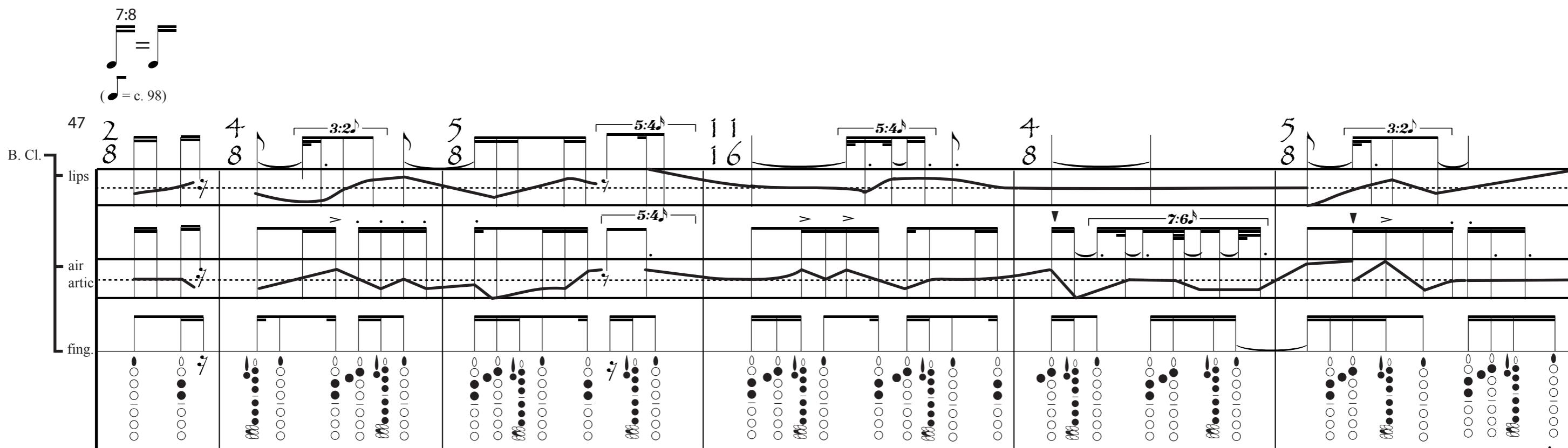
B.Cl. 

43

V.C. 

Elec. 

B.Cl. 



57

V.C. 

Elec. 

B.Cl. 

A tempo

62

V.C.

Elec.

B.Cl.

Pause until electronics fall silent

Widest

Bypass granulator.

c. 4"

5:4♪

Pause until electronics fall silent

Widest

Bypass granulator.

c. 2"

7:6♪

Fast as possible

Attempt to continuously excite open strings, as indicated on the lower staff while attempting to play content on the upper staff with remaining strings. Where there is no choice of strings, string number is indicated.

II Legato

p

Ad lib. Most cello sounds should pass through gate

f

All bypassed.

(-∞)

tr. register key.

Air with small amount of pitch content.

ff

7 8

7 8

7 8

7 8

7 8

7 8

7 8

7 8

7

3
 $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$
 $(\text{♩} = \text{c. 74})$

(II) 67

Ad lib.
Allow only cello peaks through the gate

0

mp | progressively reduce pitch to air

15:12

15:12

c. 4"

tr. register key.

Air with small amount of pitch content.

(continued)

Accel.

c. 112

3:2

p

mf

c. 30"

0

0

0

0

Pause until electronics fall silent

Pause until electronics fall silent

3
($\text{♩} = \text{c. 74}$)

Col legno battuto

V.C. $\frac{7}{8}$

f pos.
Nothing should pass through gate

Elec. $\frac{3}{8}$
80% Wet
Adlib c. 750ms
Feedback loop off

B.C. $\frac{7}{8}$
f

1/2 Col legno tratto
 $\frac{3}{8}$
 $\frac{3}{4}$

ppp
Bypass granulator.
0 c. 600ms

0 Widest W

1/2 Col legno tratto
Norm.
Bow pressure

Ad lib.
Peaks should pass through gate

60% Wet
Adlib c. 750ms
Feedback loop off

1/2 Col legno tratto
 $\frac{7}{8}$
 $\frac{9}{8}$

V.C. $\frac{7}{8}$
ppp
Bypass granulator.
0 c. 600ms

Elec. $\frac{9}{8}$
Widest W

1/2 Col legno tratto
Norm.
Bow pressure

0 Ad lib.
Peaks should pass through gate

60% Wet
Adlib c. 750ms
Feedback loop off

B.C. $\frac{15:12}{8}$
ppp

$\frac{7:8}{8}$

tr. register key.
 $\frac{5:6}{8}$

tr. register key.
(continued)
 $\frac{9:8}{8}$
 $\frac{5:4}{8}$

82

V.C. $\frac{5}{8}$

Elec.

B.Cl. $\frac{5}{8}$

(tr.)

$15:12\ddot{\text{J}}$

1/2 Col legno tratto

ppp

Norm.

Bow pressure

Widest

Ad lib.
Most sounds
should
pass through
gate

All bypassed.

60% Wet
Adlib c. 750ms
Feedback loop off

mp

3:2₁

mp

Accel.

= c. 112

88

V.C.

Elec.

B.Cl.

mp

3:2 ♩

9:8 ♩

9:8 ♩

mp

3:2 ♩

ffff

Electronics: Turn on sidechain compressor such that it barely suppresses delay feedback loop

After a short time, turn off delay.

0

tr. register key.

12:15 ♩

tr. register key.

tr. register key.

ppp

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mp

ffff

Musical score for measures 96-100. The score includes parts for V.C., Elec. II, and B.Cl. Measure 96 starts with a bassoon (V.C.) note. Measure 97 begins with a forte dynamic (f) and includes a ritardando (Rit.) instruction. Measure 98 features a complex rhythmic pattern with various time signatures (4:3, 3:2, 3:4, 15:12) and dynamics (mp, f). Measure 99 concludes with a bassoon (B.Cl.) note.

Musical score for Accel. section, measures 103-112. The score includes parts for V.C., Elec., and B.Cl. Measure 103 starts with a dynamic ff. Measure 104 begins with a forte dynamic ff. Measures 105-106 show eighth-note patterns. Measures 107-108 show sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 109-110 show eighth-note patterns. Measures 111-112 show sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 112 ends with a dynamic ffff.