MCHammer + synths 4 evs

U Can't Touch This synth

Stanley Kirk Burrell

aka MC Hammer (1962 -)

- professional baseball player
 - o "Hammerin' Hank Aaron"
- Navy sailor
- started a label
 - sold records out of the back of his truck
- currently working in AI space, tech startups

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- premiered 1989 on Arsenio Hall show
- sampled Rick James' Superfreak (1981)
- no 1. on the Hot Rap Chart

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2 Legit 2 Quit (1991)



DanceJam The Music (2009)



Live Coding Approach

- learning SuperCollider
- start with defined synths, a keyboard connected to one of them
- layer bass (controlled w/ live coding), arpeggiation (controlled w/ keyboard), and pads (controlled w/ live coding)
- bass synth is pretty rich frequency-wise, so wanted simpler, smoother sound for arpeggiation and pads