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Dear TCB.

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Thats why we can here this on any analo mediumlike my powered monitors. So lets say we record these Mytek's analog outs to another medium that might be ana anlog tape machine or another digital device with great AD converters like say Mytek, ok?

NOW lets record RME's outputs playing the same file which sound small an distorted compared to the other and record this on same medium. Isn't obvious that these two files will be totally different and the first "myteked file will have at least 90% of what we were hearing from mytek's out while "RME" file will be like rme was in the first place? I am very very curious if we get something here !!! Regards, Dimitrios

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"Dimitrios" <musurgio@otenet.gr> wrote in message news:467bf2b3\$1@linux...

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- > Dear TCB,
- > Back to the future thing...
- > The Mytek DA is doing something great to the sound that COMES out from the
- > analog outputs , right ?

#### Yes.

- > Thats why we can here this on any analo mediumlike my powered monitors.
- > So lets say we record these Mytek's analog outs to another medium that
- > might
- > be ana anlog tape machine or another digital device with great AD
- > converters
- > like say Mytek, ok?

#### Yes.

- > NOW lets record RME's outputs playing the same file which sound small an
- > distorted compared to the other and record this on same medium .
- > Isn't obvious that these two files will be totally different and the first
- > "myteked file will have at least 90% of what we were hearing from mytek's
- > out while "RME" file will be like rme was in the first place?
- > I am very very curious if we get something here !!!
- > Regards,
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#### You are correct.

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### Dear TCB,

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**Dimitrios** 

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>But you know you can't record clock. If you did what Dimitrios is talking >about and then attached a crap DA and played back the file you looped through

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>the Benchmark it would still sound like crap.
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To clarify - you can get jitter in two places - going in/recording and going out/playback. The worst, is of course, going in - because you're stuck with that... once it's there, you can't get rid of it.

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TCB nice post.

regarding the DA yes this is an "effect" sound as anything else.

My creamware's own card ,although noisy,converters are even better than RME's because they have a Parislike round sound but have punch which rme does not know even the word!

So while we accept that DA has its own sound why not print it?

If the same spdif produces different sound on two pairs of analog out then why not use the pair of analog outs that sounds better?

Regarding the 10 times ad conversion-recording this can be done but you eventually start to loose things than gain because there is a limit to everything.

I respect though your oppinion and I agree with 16 bit recordings, thats what I do, and I surely believe that BrianT is a pioneer in sound sculpting.

Regards,

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>>>used as an effect, which I think is insane. You could just as easily render
>>>the file, burn it to a CD and listen through your Mytek.
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>>>It's your stuff, do what you want. I still go by the dinosaur, mid-90's
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>>>that once it's 1s and 0s the smart thing to do is avoid DA/AD conversions,
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>>>>>DJ I know your praises about portico which is on my wishlist when
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>>>>> will
>>>>> be enough !!
>>>>> What I really want to know is the following.
>>>>> went to a friend's studio and he used rme fireface (yak) as his
>primary
>>>>DA.
>>>>>After [putting the mytek immediately there was r\tremendous change
>>in
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>>>>>sound.
>>>>>sparkle lack of high frquency ditortion defined low end and wider
>stereo
>>>>> field.
>>>>> He asked OK now my mixes will sound like this and I sai hhmm not
>>>>>So after a long debate there I thought that thiese changes could
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>>>>>Thats a serious one here!
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>>>>>Mine
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>>>>>>has a device (a Portico 5042) in the chain between that AD/DA.
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mixdown.

If you're talking about an ALREADY-EXISTING 2-track mixdown that already has jitter embedded in it, then no, you're not going to be able to get rid of that. You could, in theory (by using a good or well-clocked convertor to play that back as opposed to a poorly-clocked convertor) eliminate any MORE jitter from entering the picture, but that's about it.

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Bill,

The bottom line of all this is to reduce jitter as much as possible at all stages of the recording process. Jitter creates a lot of the \*digital harshness\* and midrange/low end flabbyness/wierdness that everyone complains about. To that end, as far as Paris is concerned, an external clock source makes quite an improvement. I tried to use the Paris D/A's to mix and was going crazy trying to nail the mid frequencies. I finally took my mix down to Catcusfire's studio in Taos (remember Andy?) and played it back through a Cranesong HEDD and discovered that there was nothing wrong with the mids, it was the D/A converters I was using (Paris on Paris clock). Not long afterwards, MikeClaytor came to Durango and brought a Benchmark DAC-1 and we patched it into a mix and the difference was very obvious. Not long after that I got a Lucid GenX 6 and clocked my entire system to it. The A/D and D/A conversion (D/A's that I was using for processors on inserts) improved as well and the system, overall, exhibited more clarity, depth /better imaging. I would strongly recommend an external clock for any Paris user.

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Neil

Subject: Re: Can a DA change the sound of a mix if recorded ?? Posted by LaMont on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 17:15:48 GMT

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Neil, you are right. Superior clocking means everything. At the commercial studio at our church, we tested the Digi Clock, Apoge Big ben and the Licid GN-x192..The Lucid won out..

The test was done by our senior engineer to show us (Producers) how much of a difference there was btw clocking units.

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Hey Rich,

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Personally I think this is an example of false precision, and I'm essentially positive it would fail a test for diminishing returns. But hell, I'm deaf anyway, and audiophiles pay over \$1k for six feet of speaker cable and this appears homespun farmer's almanac sensible compared to that.

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