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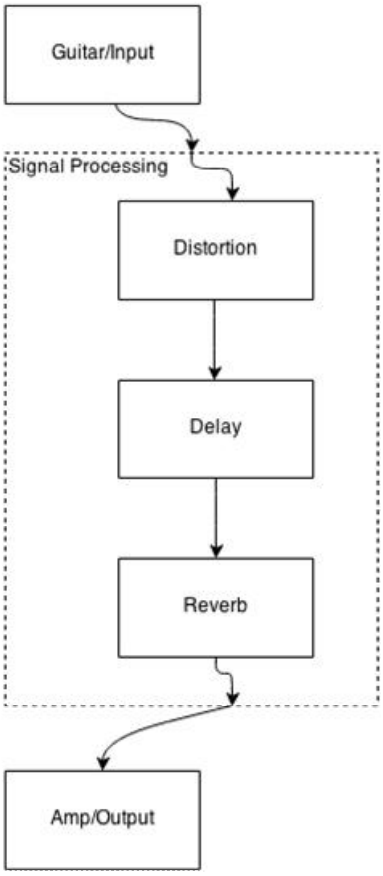
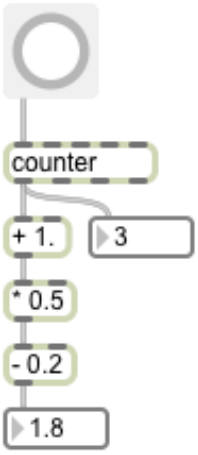
Getting Started with Max

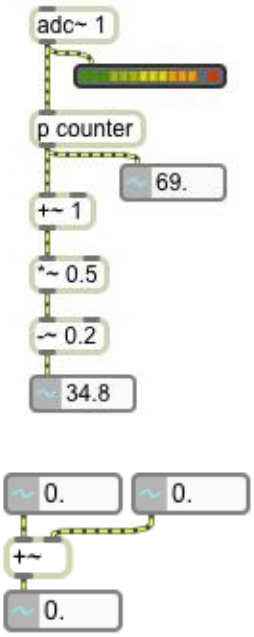
Understanding the basic concepts of Max


Guitar/Input
Signal Processing
Distortion
Delay
Reverb
Amp/Output

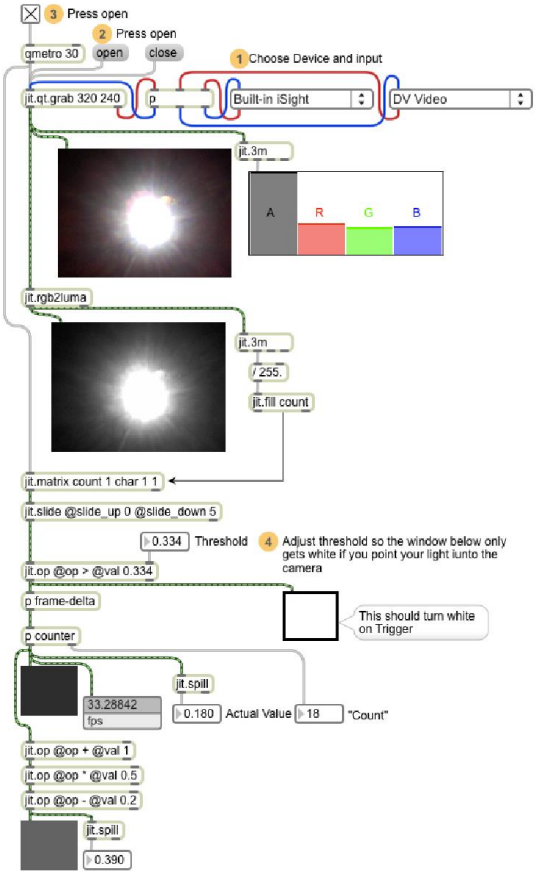
Modular basis for expressions



Max Signal Processing



Jitter, Matrix, and Video Processing



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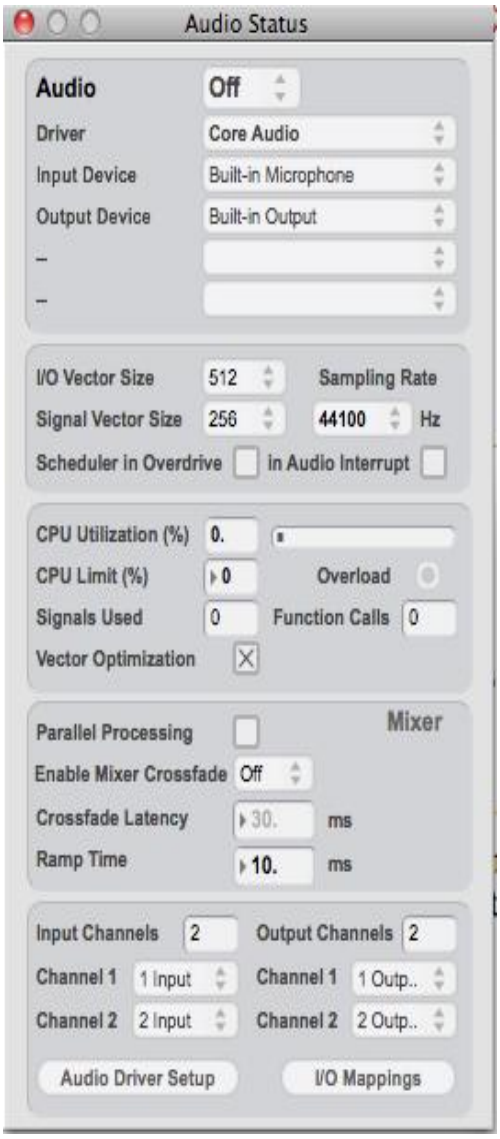
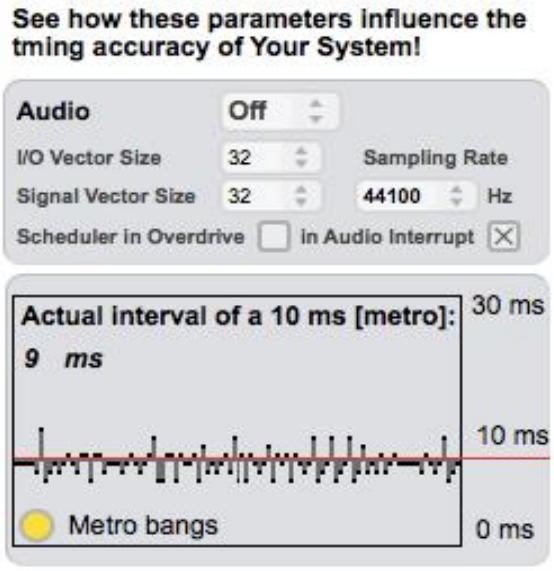
Max Setup and Basics

Setting things up

The audio status window





The MIDI setup

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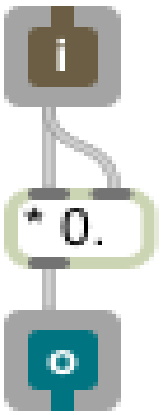
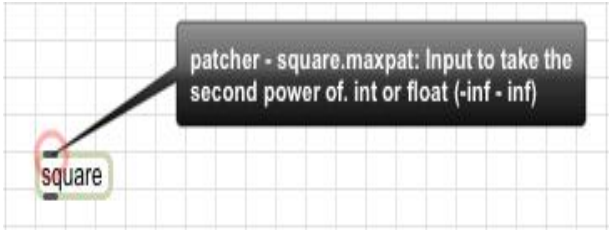
input	☑	to Max 2	_	0
output	☑	AU DLS Synth 1	_	0
output	☑	from Max 1	_	0
output	☑	from Max 2	_	0

Organizing finished code

Abstractions





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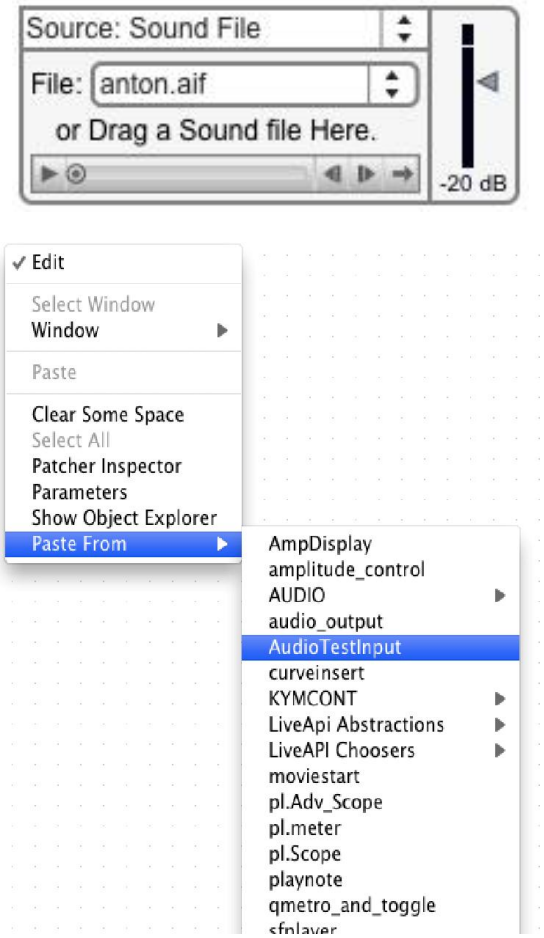
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Window
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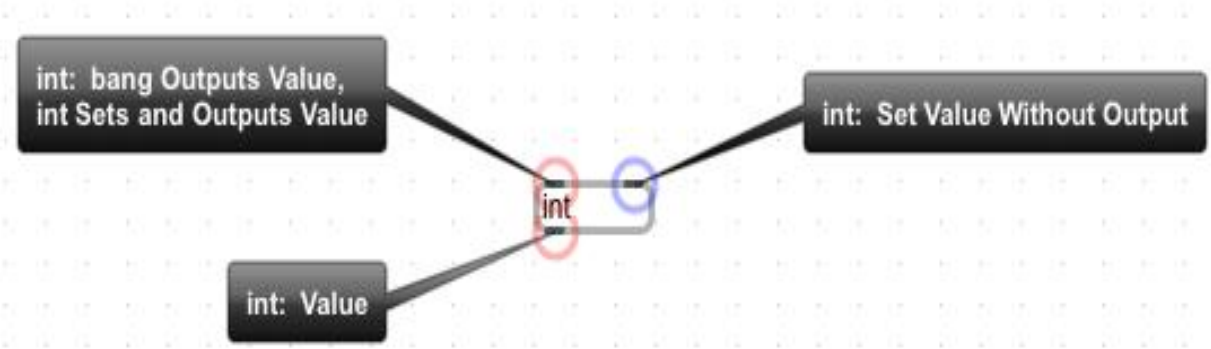
Basic Max patching and GUI

The Max object



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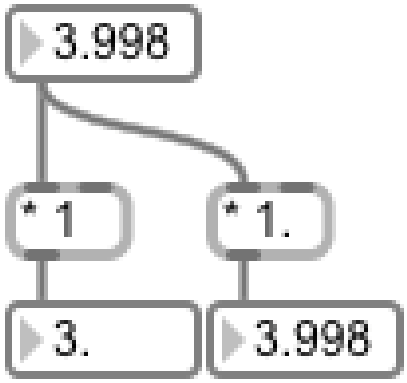

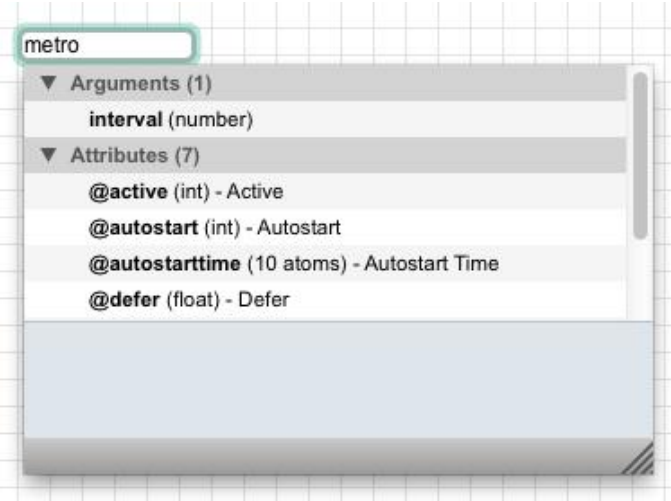
metro
Arguments (1)
interval (number)
Attributes (7)
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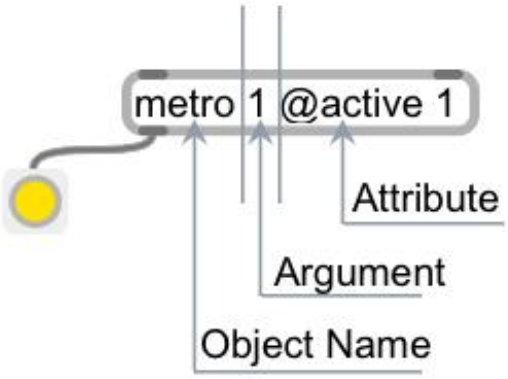
@autostart (int) - Autostart
@autostarttime (10 atoms) - Autostart Time
@defer (float) - Defer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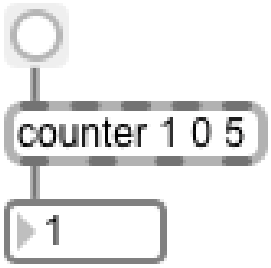
Argument
Object Name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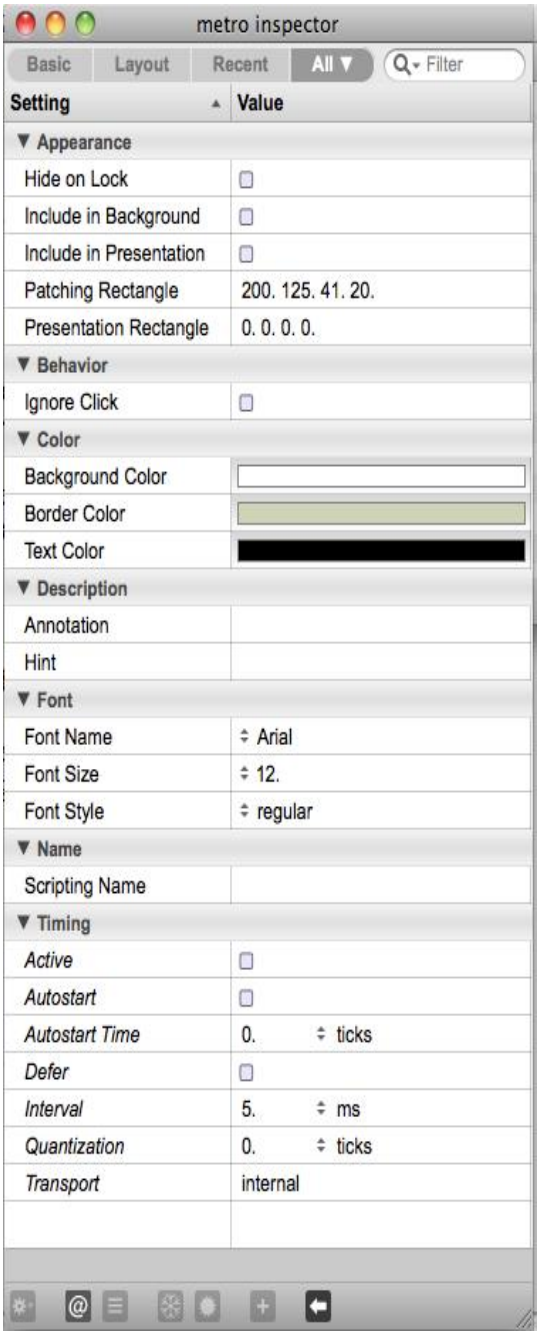
Attributes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Recent
All
Filter
Setting
Value
Appearance
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Presentation Rectangle
0. 0. 0. 0.
Behavior
Ignore Click
Color
Background Color
Border Color
Text Color
Description
Annotation
Hint
Font
Font Name
Arial
Font Size
12.
Font Style
regular
Name
Scripting Name
Timing
Active
Autostart
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ticks
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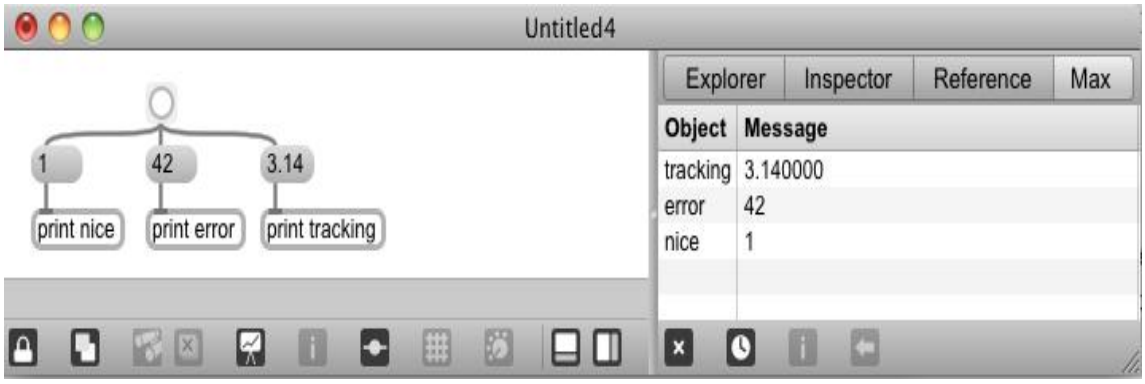
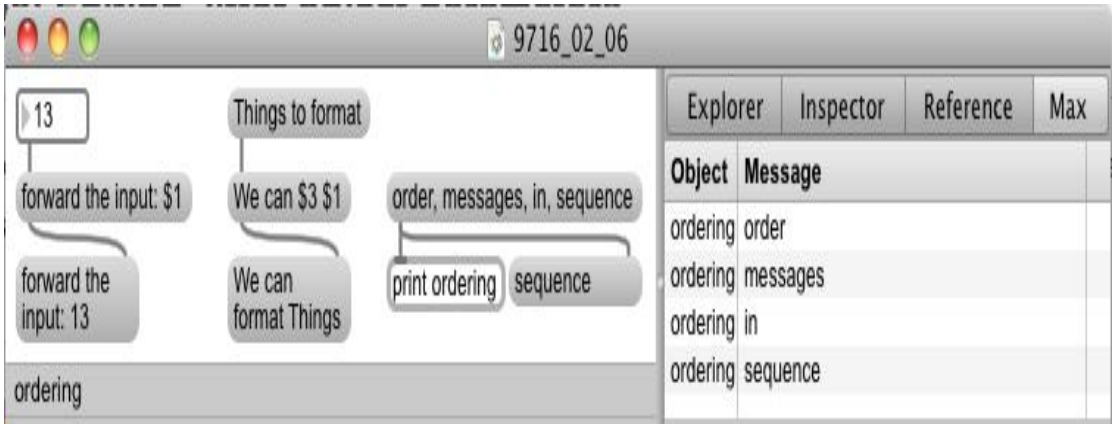
Creating our Hello World program

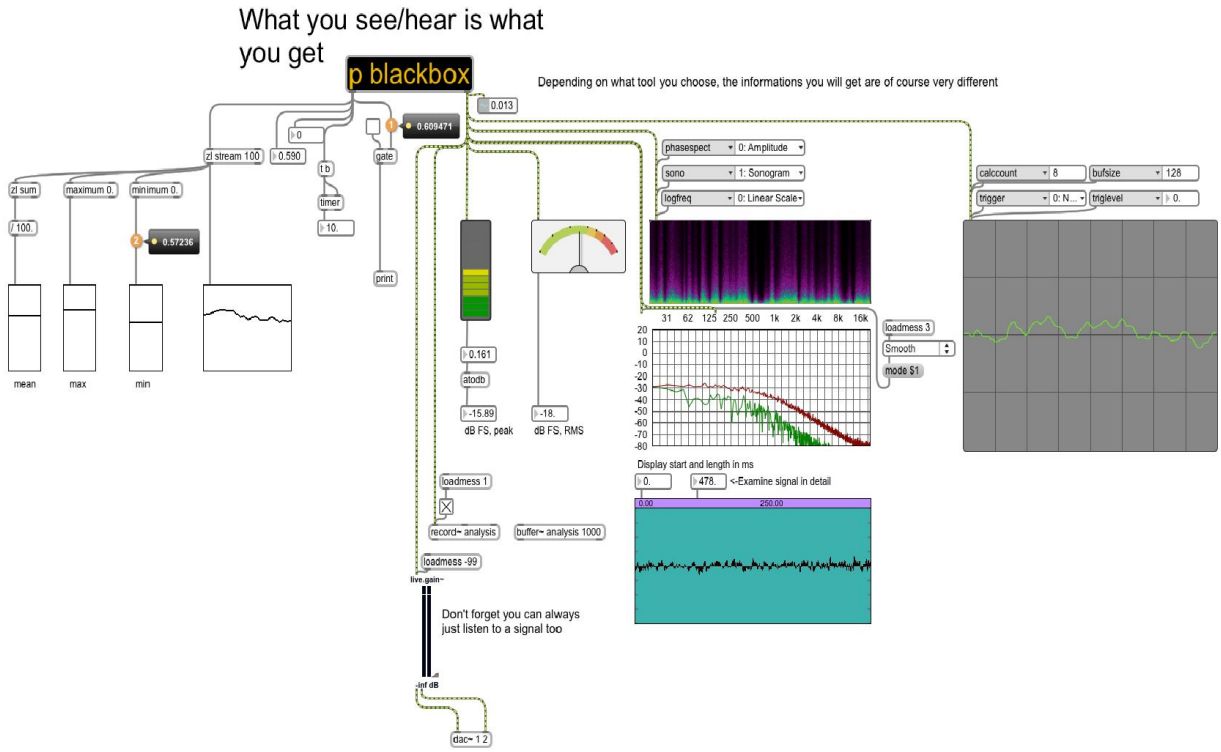
The [print] object



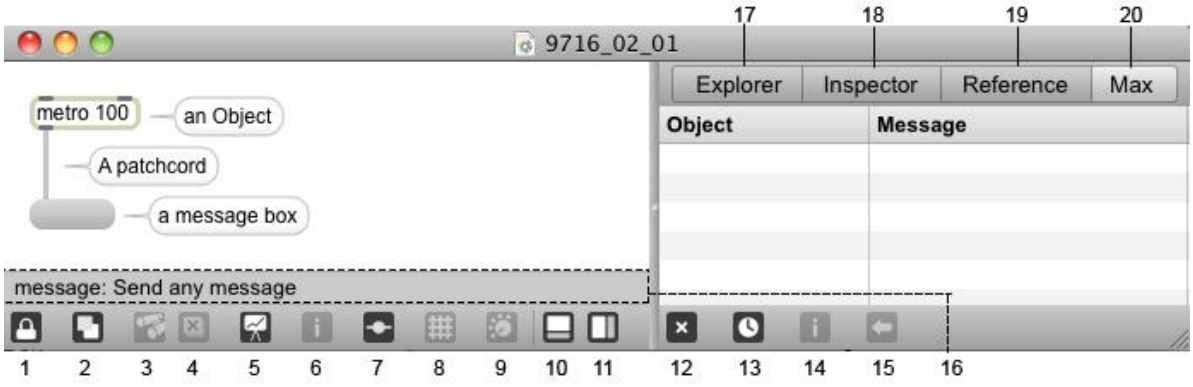
The message box



The MSP-Hello World



A quick GUI overview



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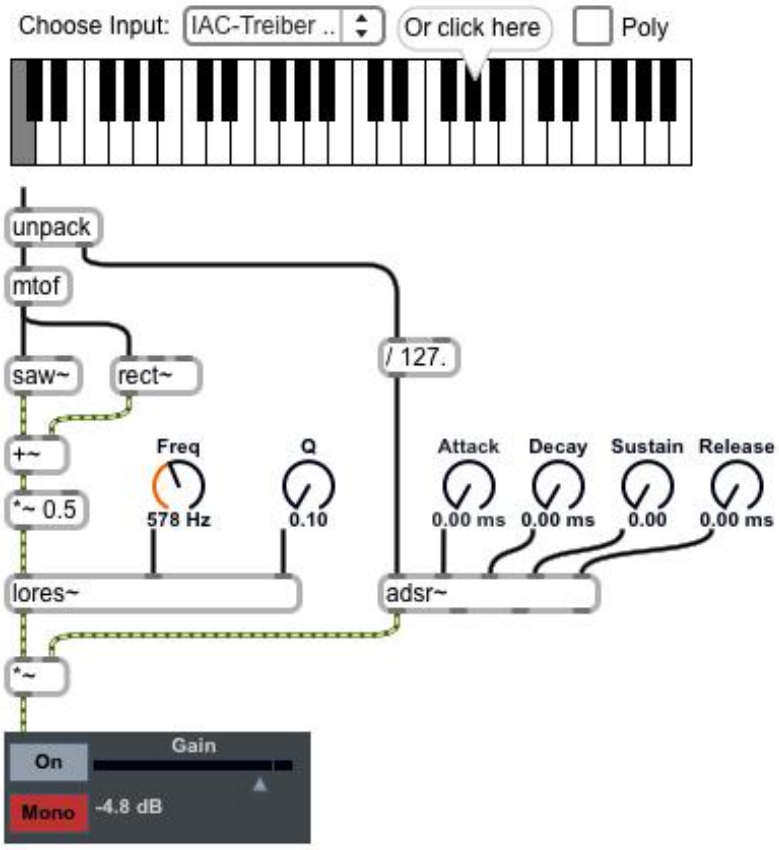
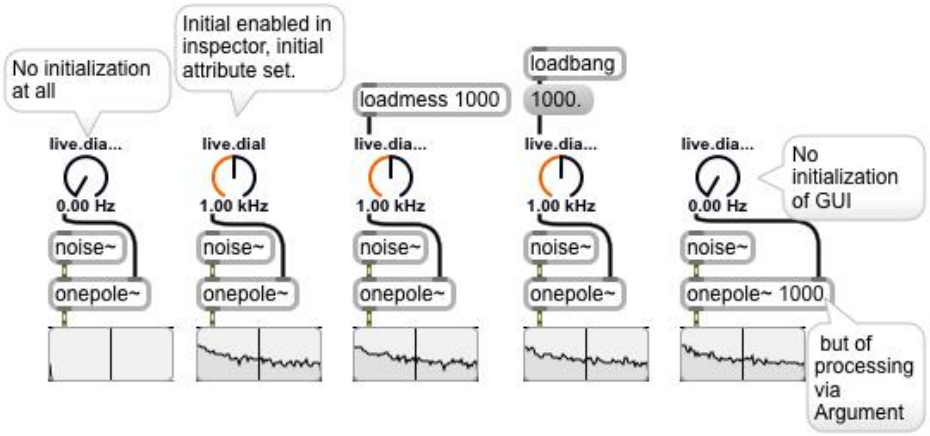
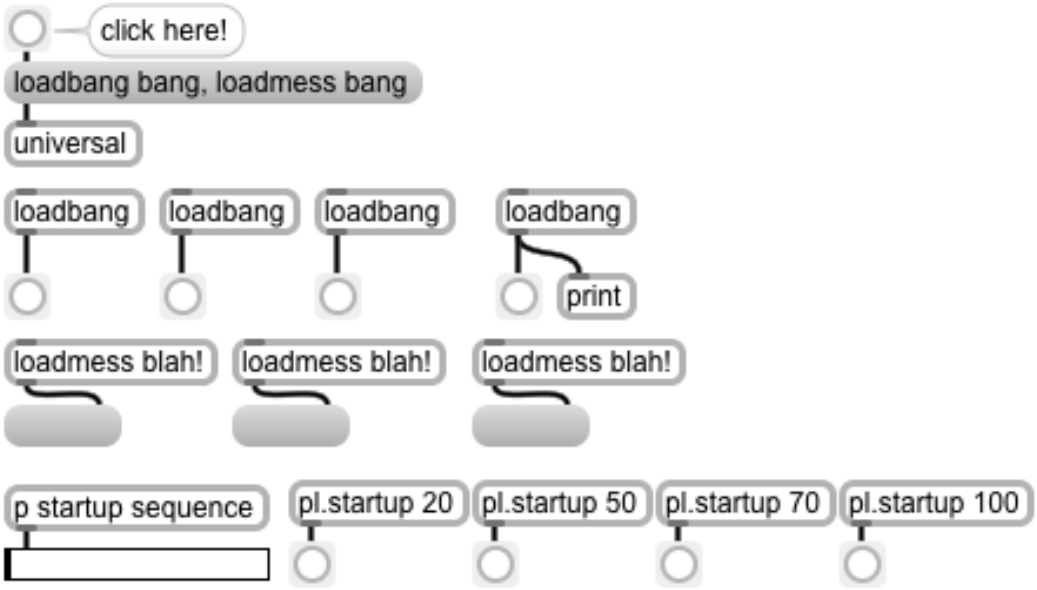
Advanced Programming Techniques in Max

Introducing the synthesizer example

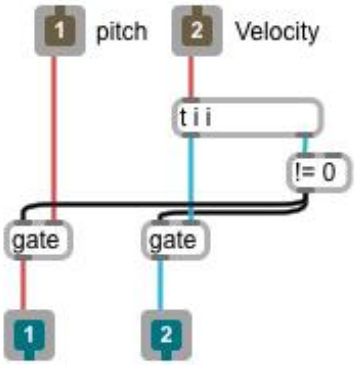


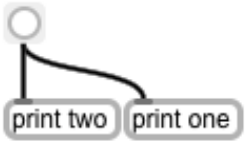
Initializing a patcher





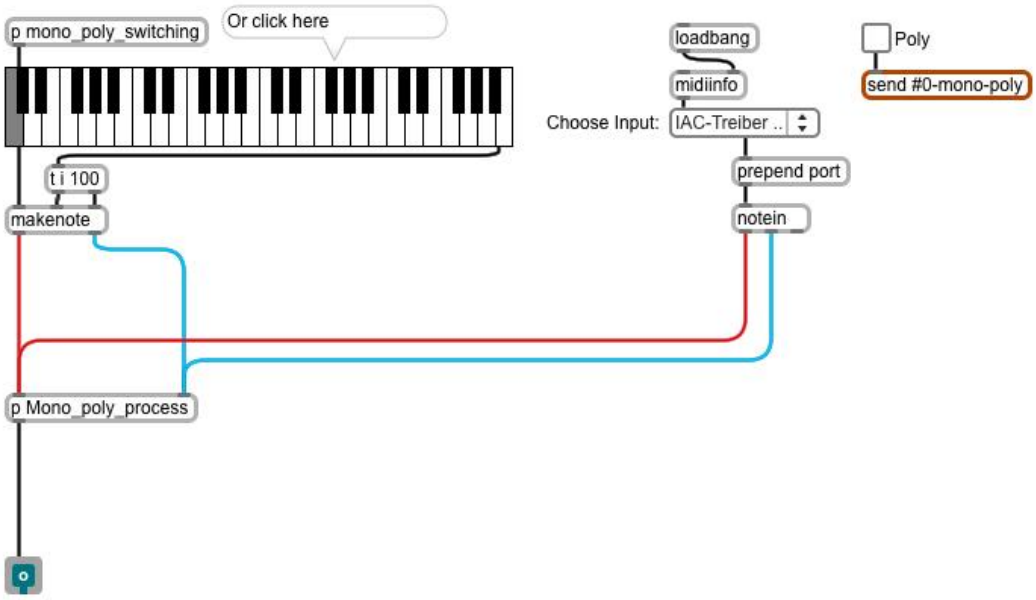
Excursus of microscopic timing and message ordering





Object	Message
one	bang
two	bang

A bpatcher for MIDI input



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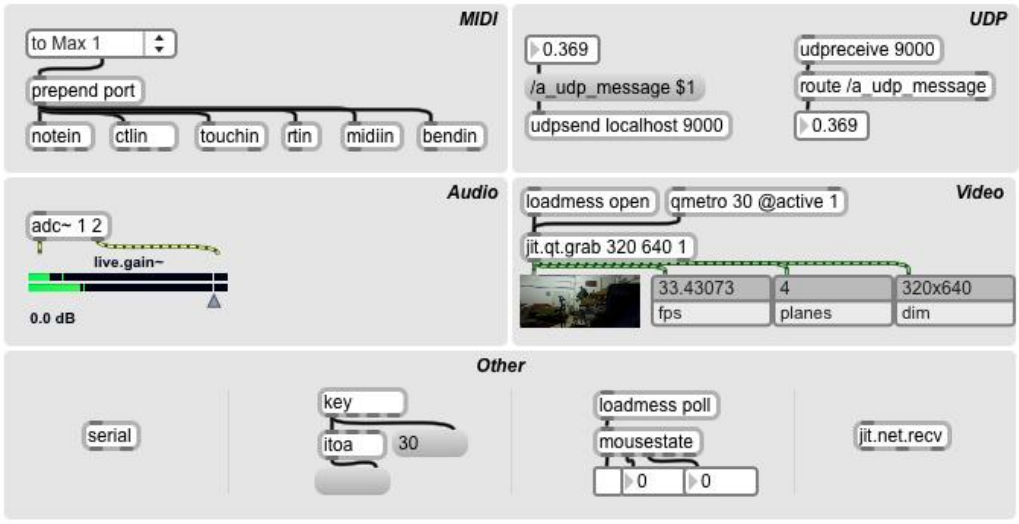

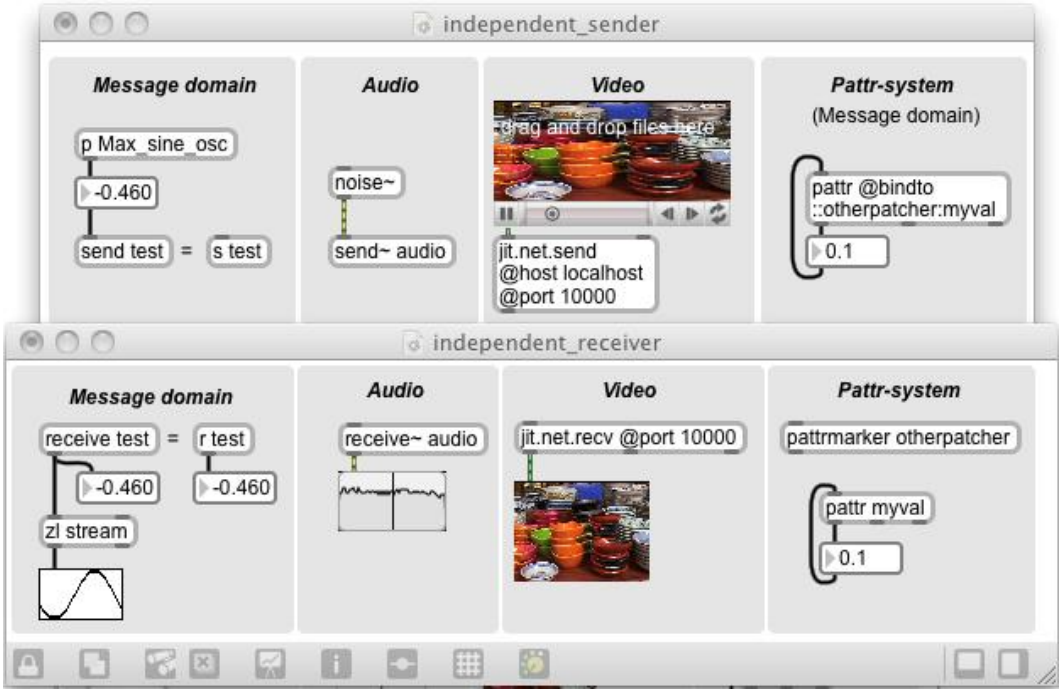
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send test
=
s test
Audio
noise~
send~ audio
Video
drag and drop files here
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@host localhost
@port 10000
Pattr-system
(Message domain)
pattr @bindto
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Message domain
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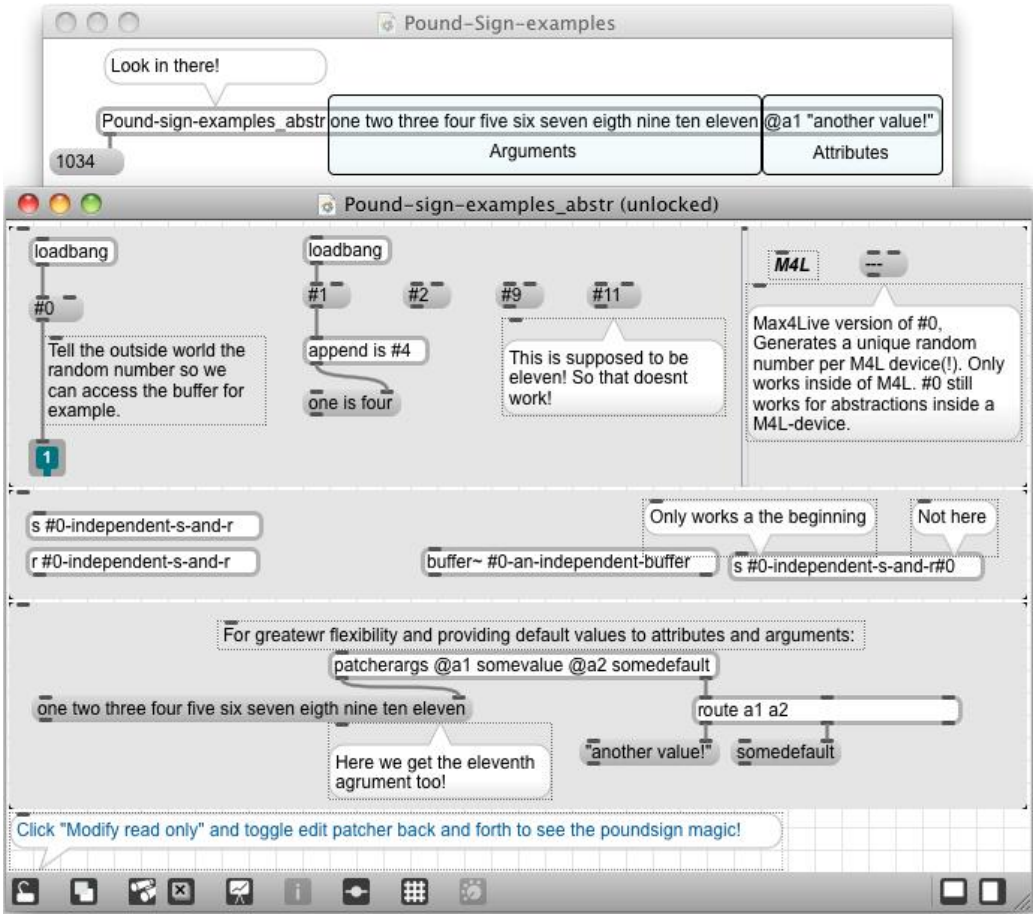
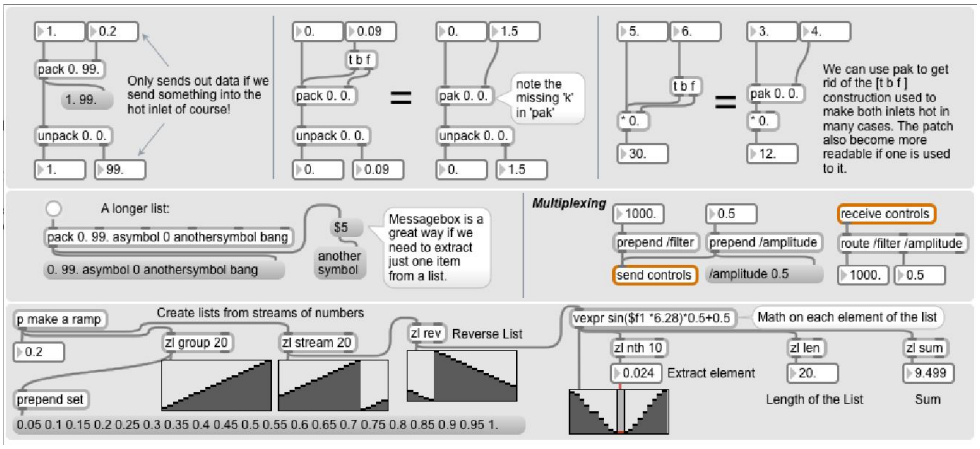
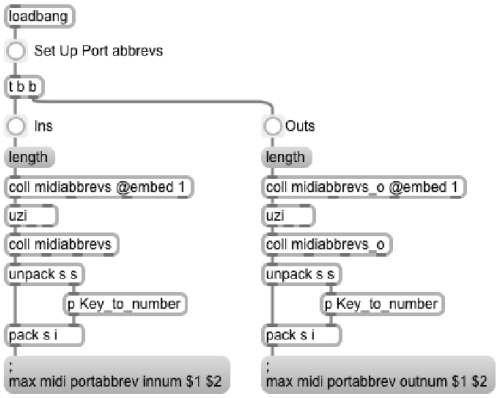
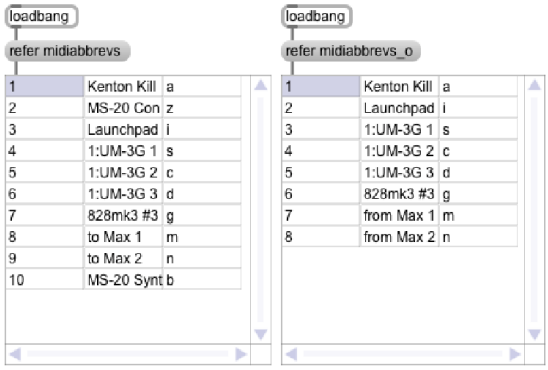
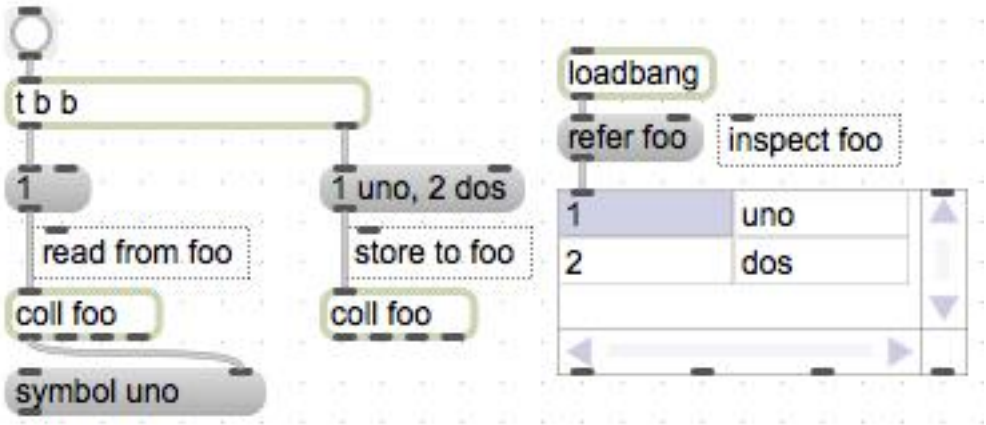


Collections of data

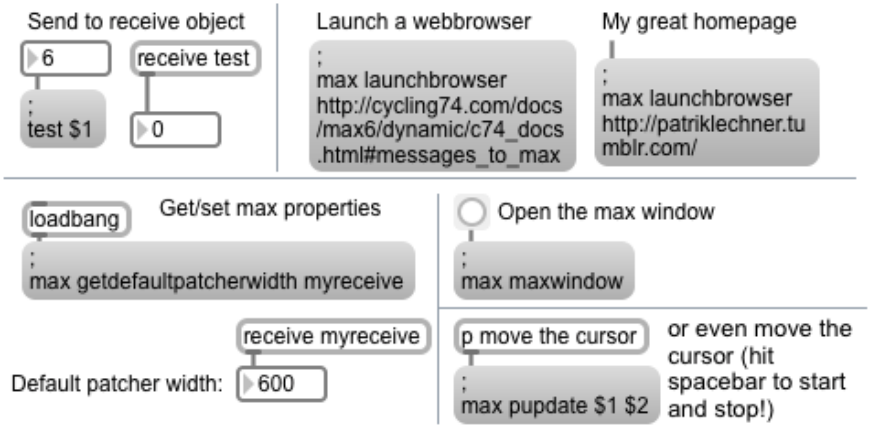




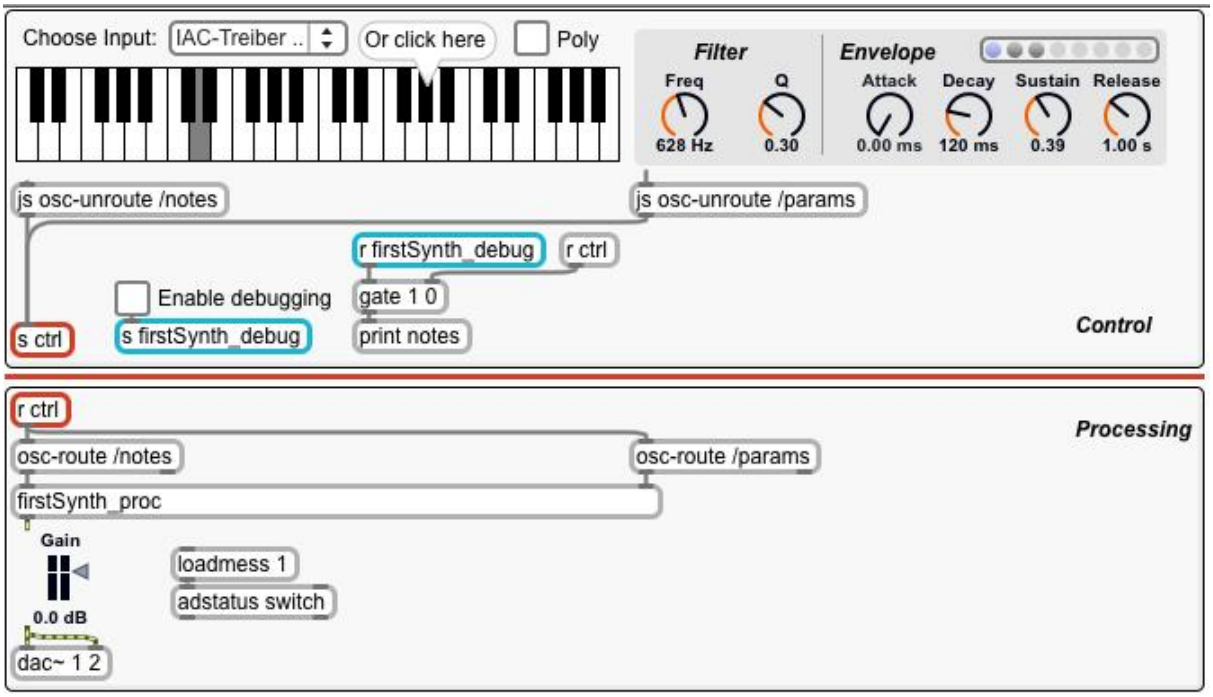


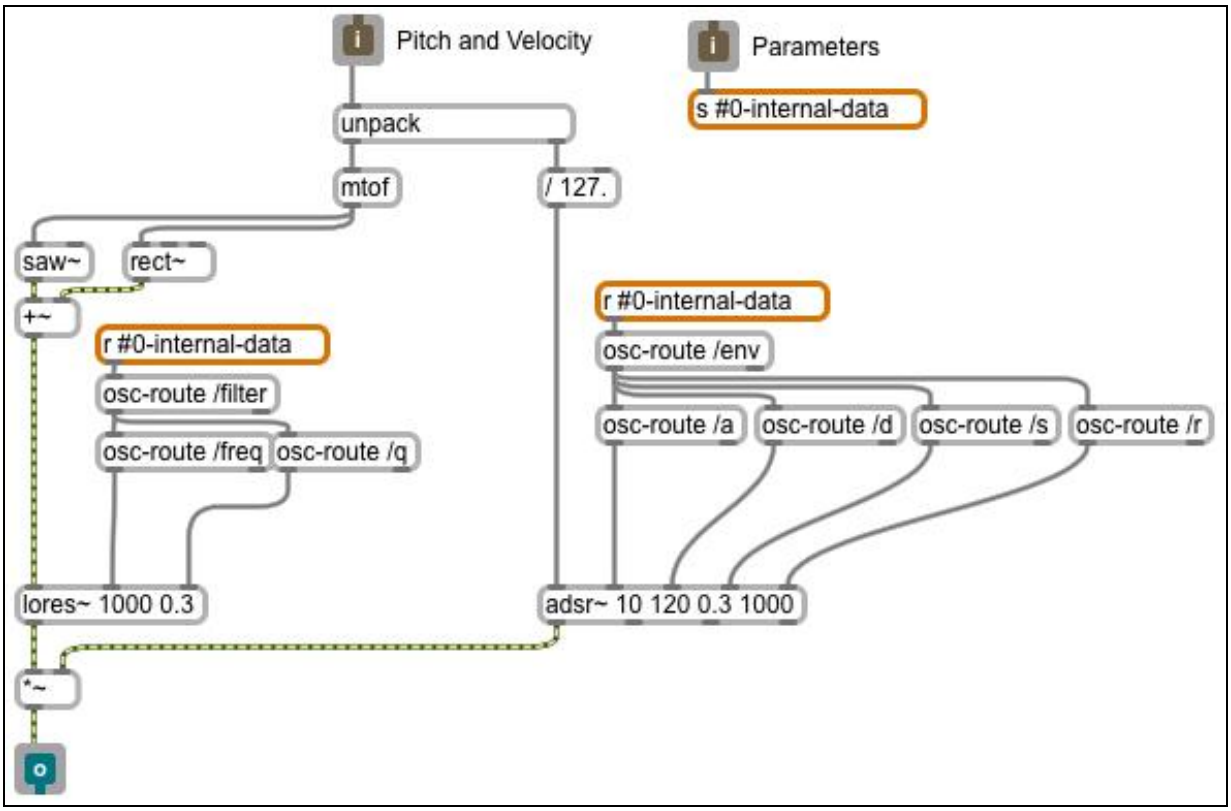


More message box magic



Structuring our patches




Pitch and Velocity
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unpack
mtof
/ 127.
saw~
rect~
+~
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osc-route /freq
osc-route /q
r #0-internal-data
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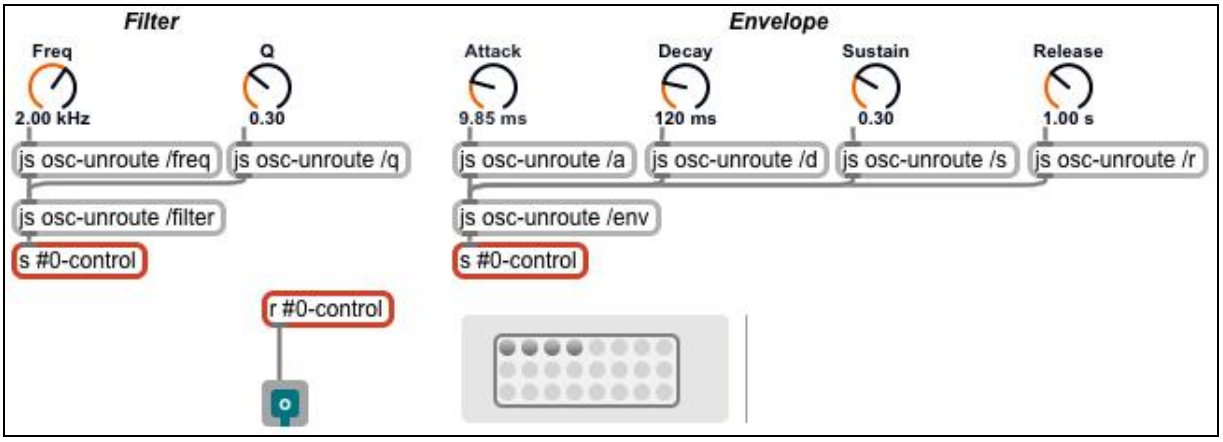
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Decay
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120 ms
0.30
1.00 s
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js osc-unroute /q
js osc-unroute /a
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js osc-unroute /s
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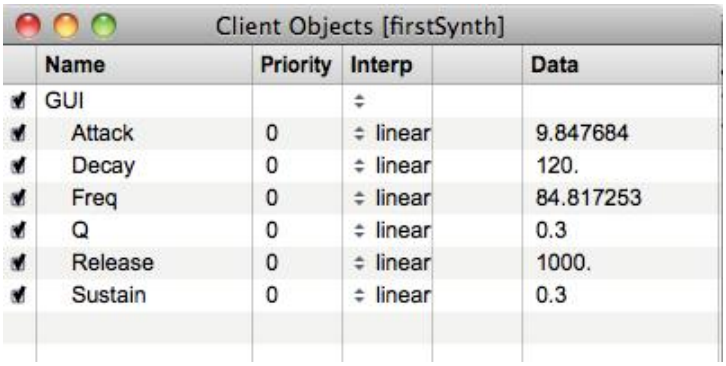
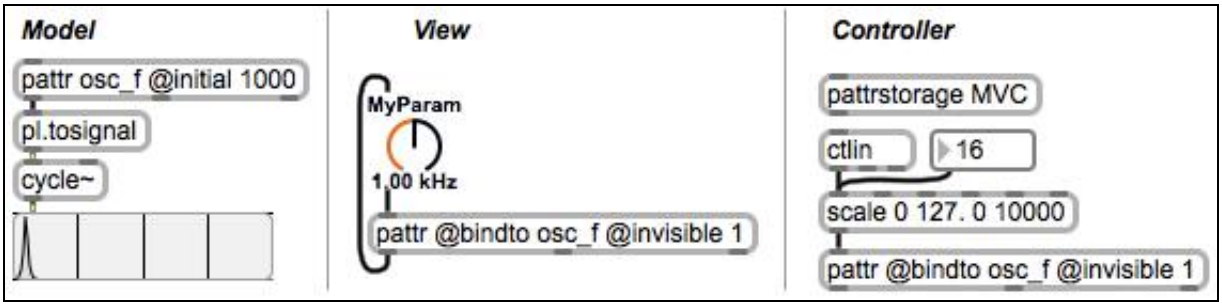
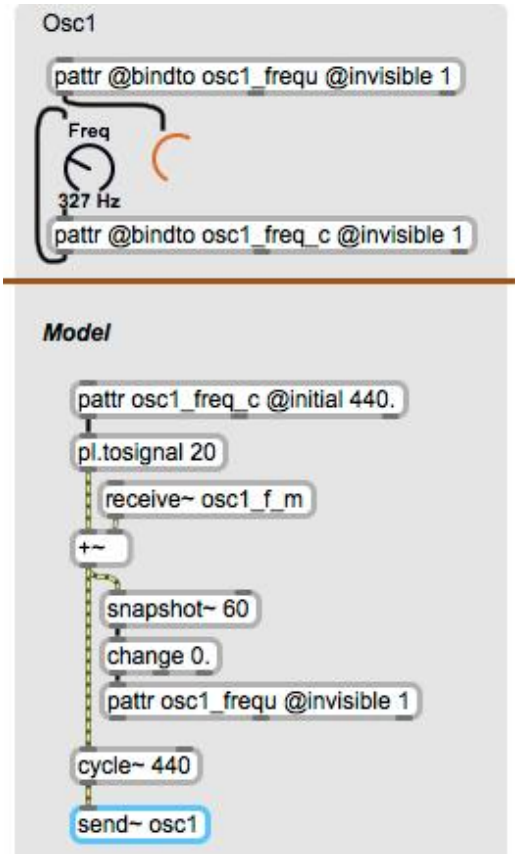
s #0-control
r #0-control

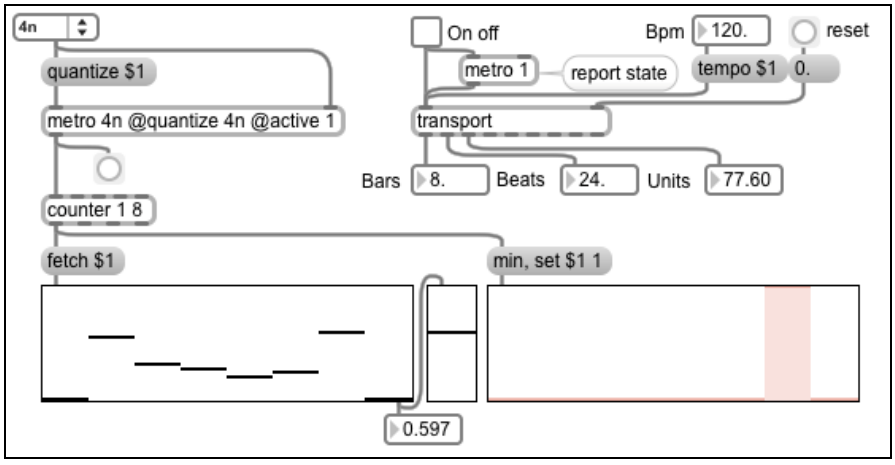
The pattr family – a communication system

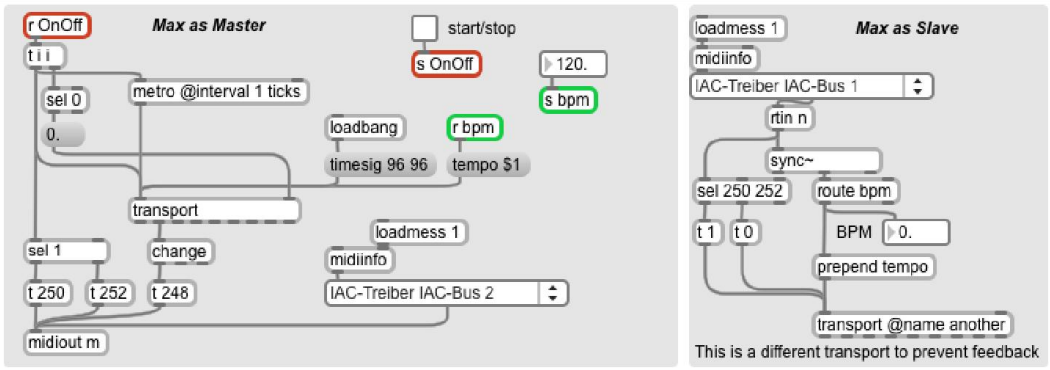






Timing in Max




r OnOff
Max as Master
start/stop
t i i
s OnOff
120.
s bpm
sel 0
metro @interval 1 ticks
0.
loadbang
r bpm
timesig 96 96
tempo $1
transport
loadmess 1
midiinfo
sel 1
change
t 250
t 252
t 248
IAC-Treiber IAC-Bus 2
midiout m
loadmess 1
Max as Slave
midiinfo
IAC-Treiber IAC-Bus 1
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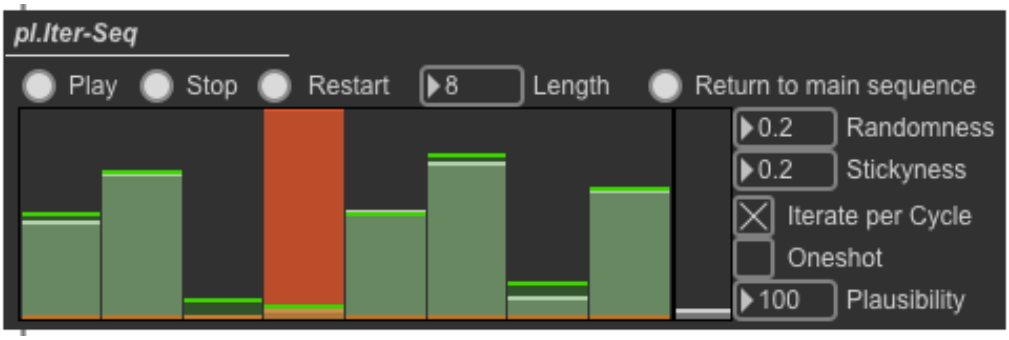
0.
prepend tempo
transport @name another
This is a different transport to prevent feedback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Play
Stop
Restart
8
Length
Return to main sequence
0.2
Randomness
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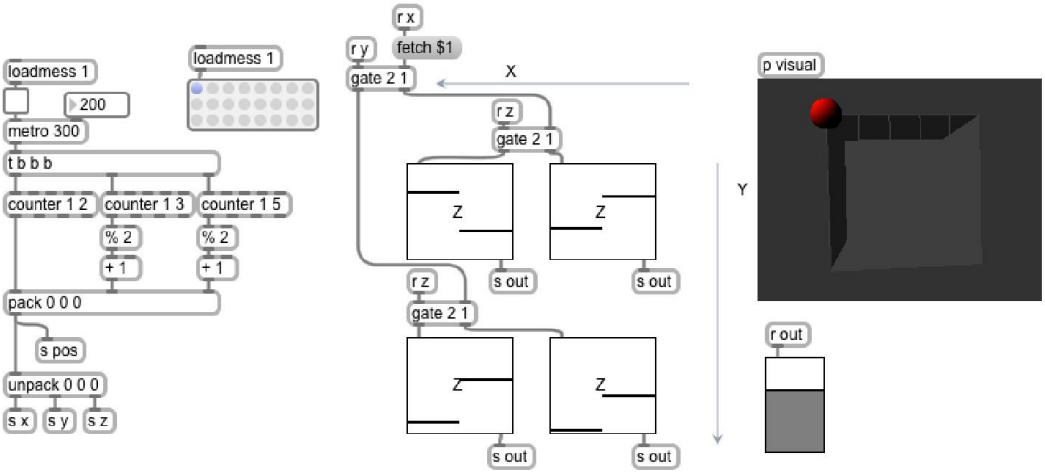
Stickyness
Iterate per Cycle
Oneshot
100
Plausibility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metro 300
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counter 1 5
% 2
+ 1
% 2
+ 1
pack 0 0 0
s pos
unpack 0 0 0
s x
s y
s z
loadmess 1
r x
r y
fetch $1
gate 2 1
X
r z
gate 2 1
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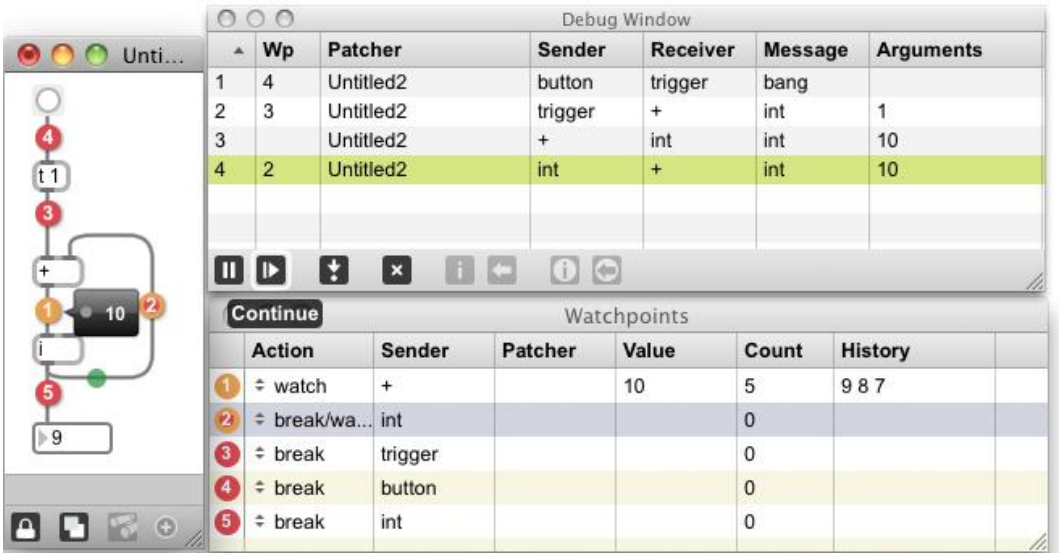
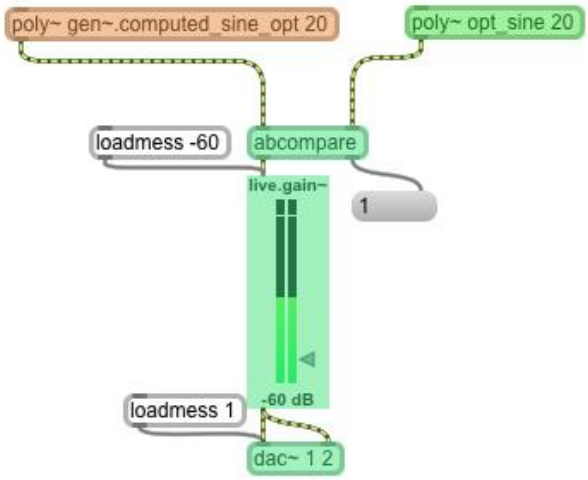
Debugging

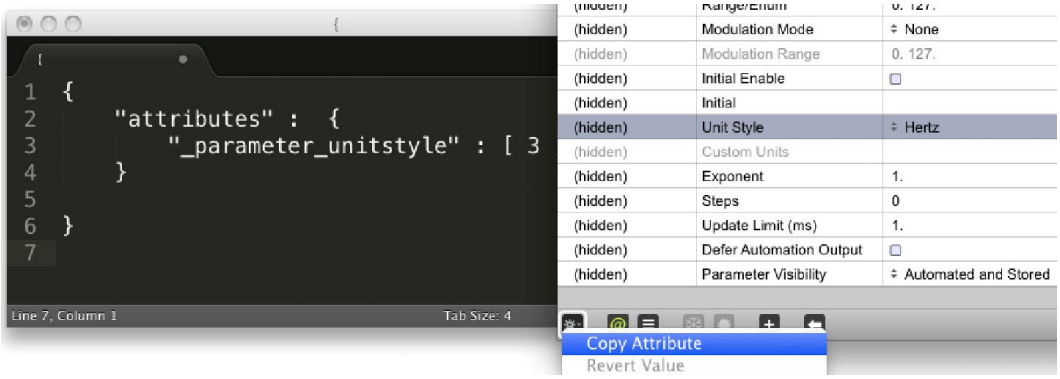
The debugger

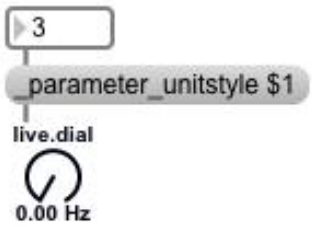


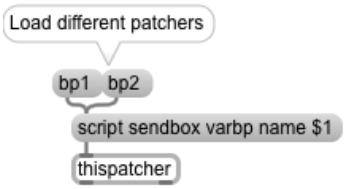
Optimizing



Scripting and the this patcher







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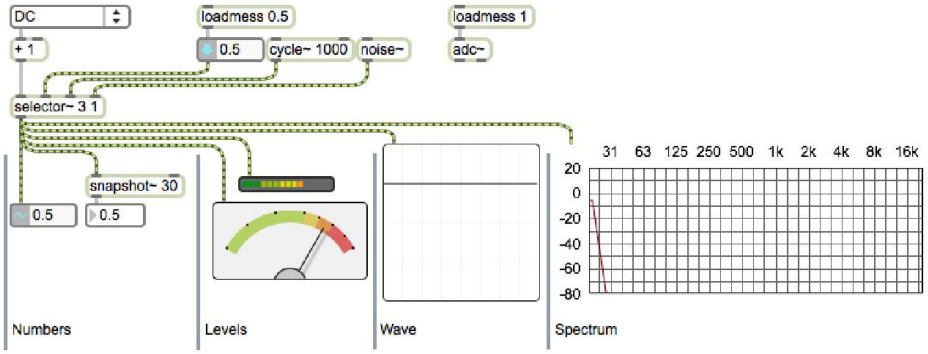
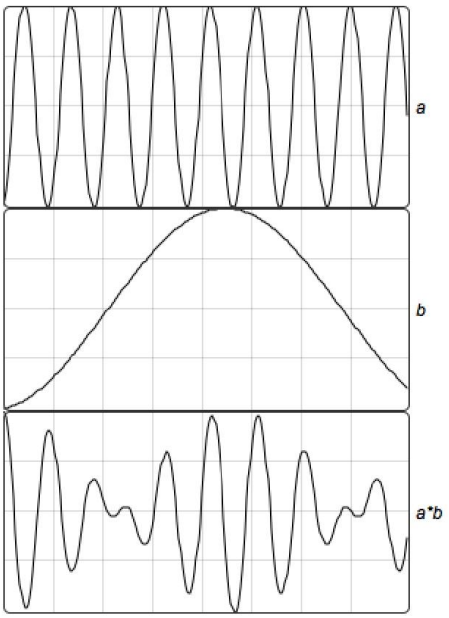
Basic Audio in Max/MSP

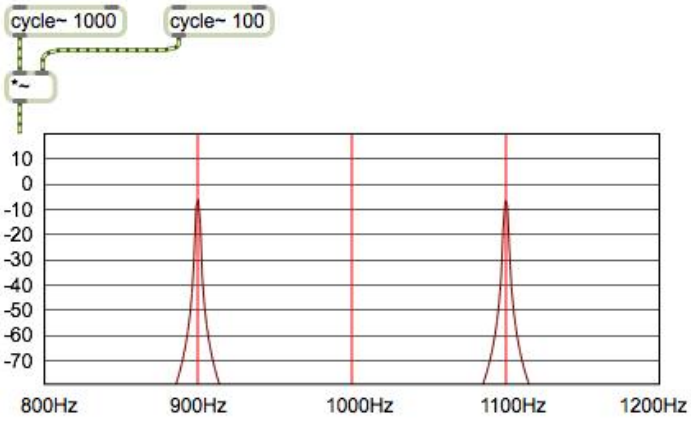
Basic audio principles

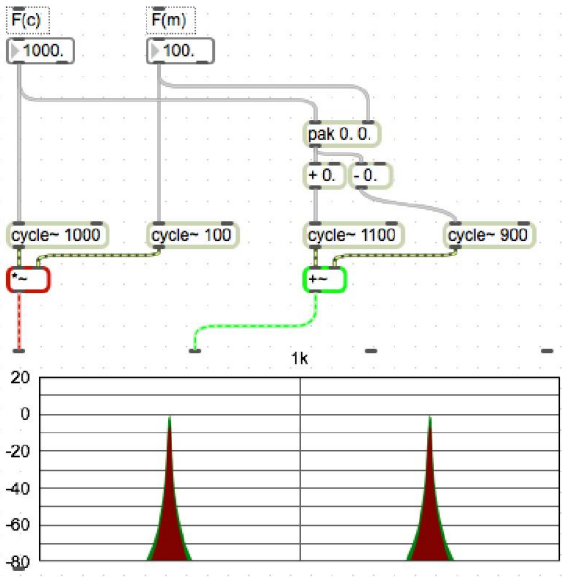


Audio synthesis

Amplitude modulation



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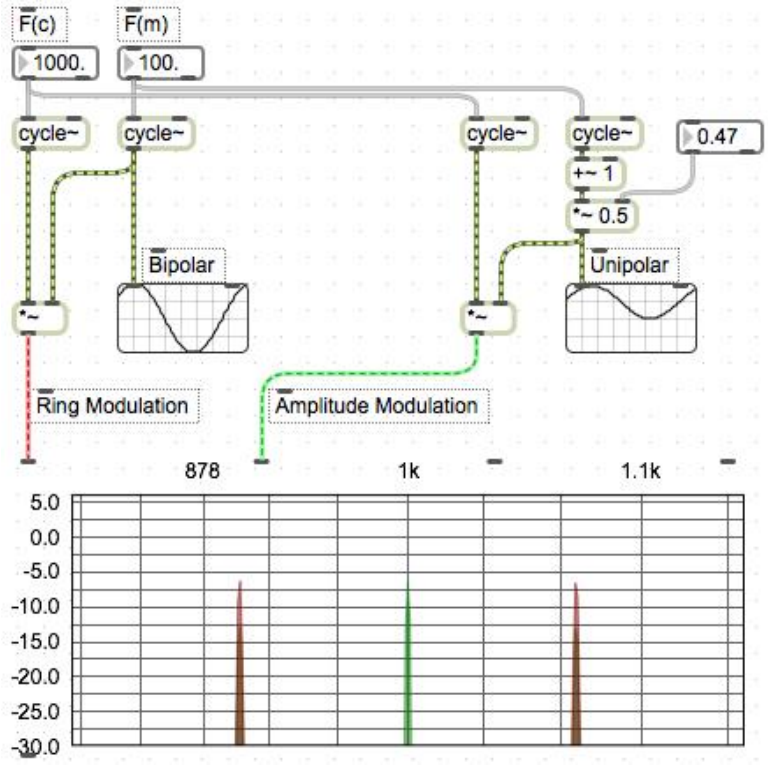
1000.
F(m)
100.
pak 0. 0.
+ 0.
- 0.
cycle~ 1000
cycle~ 100
cycle~ 1100
cycle~ 900
*~
+~
1k
20
0
-20
-40
-60
-80

Ring modulation versus amplitude modulation

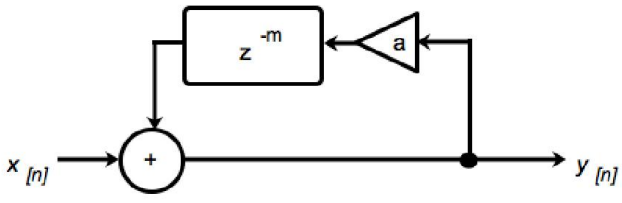


Tremolo

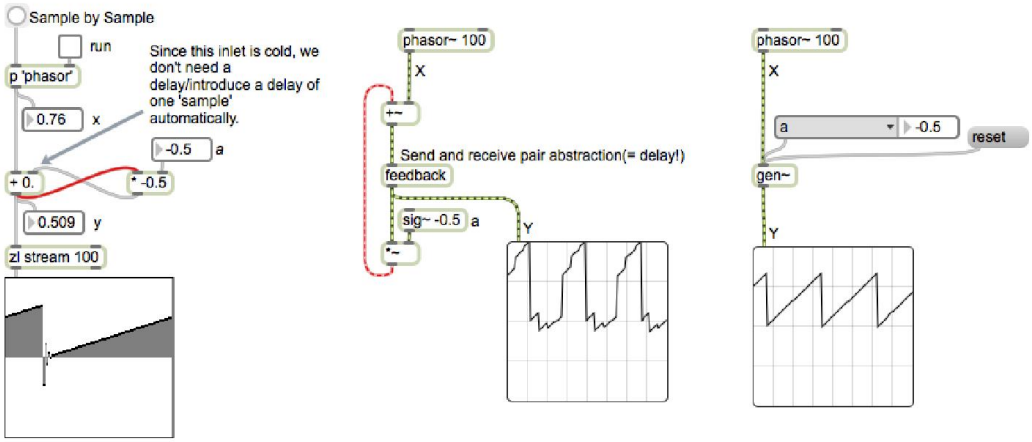
$$\cos(\theta)\cdot\cos(\varphi)=\frac{\cos(\theta-\varphi)+\cos(\theta+\varphi)}{2}$$

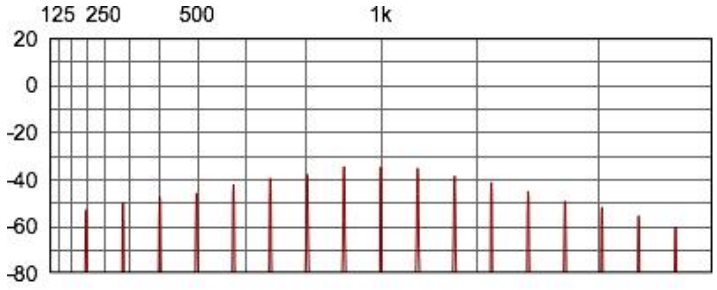
$$\varphi=\omega t=2\pi 1000t$$

Feedback

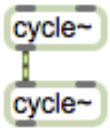


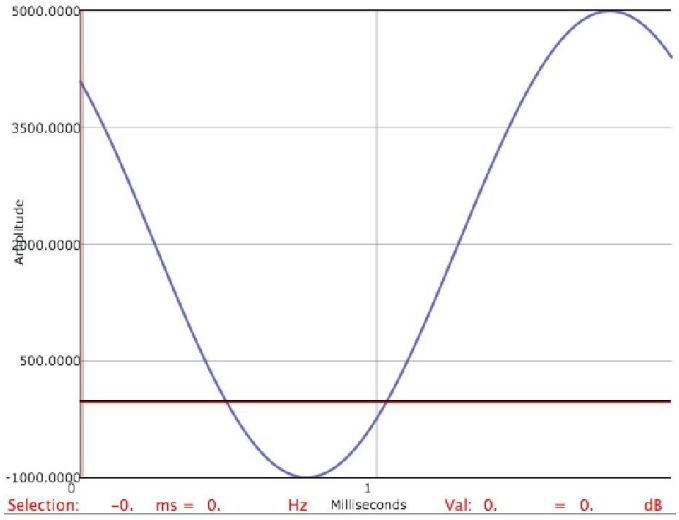
$$y[n] = x[n] + a \cdot y[n-m]$$





Frequency modulation

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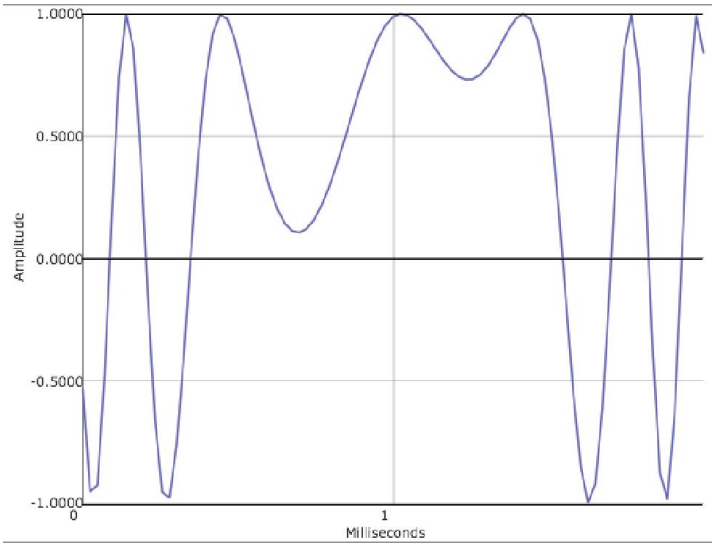
3500.0000
2000.0000
500.0000
-1000.0000
Amplitude
0
1
Selection: -0. ms = 0. Hz Milliseconds Val: 0. = 0. dB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-0.5000
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Amplitude
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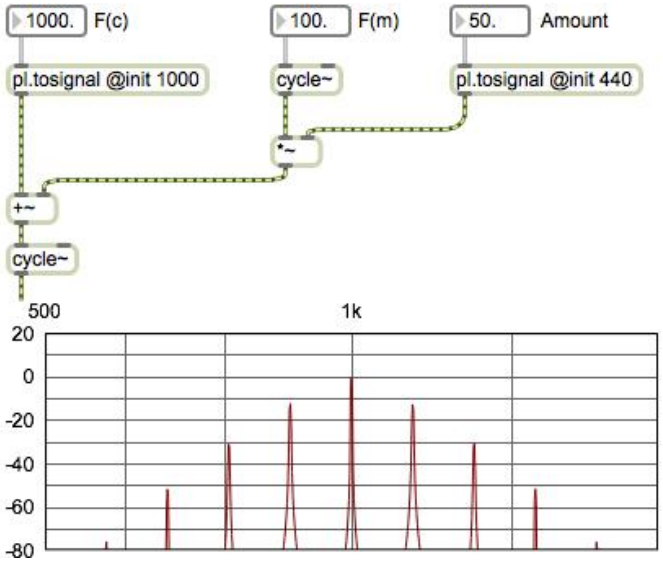
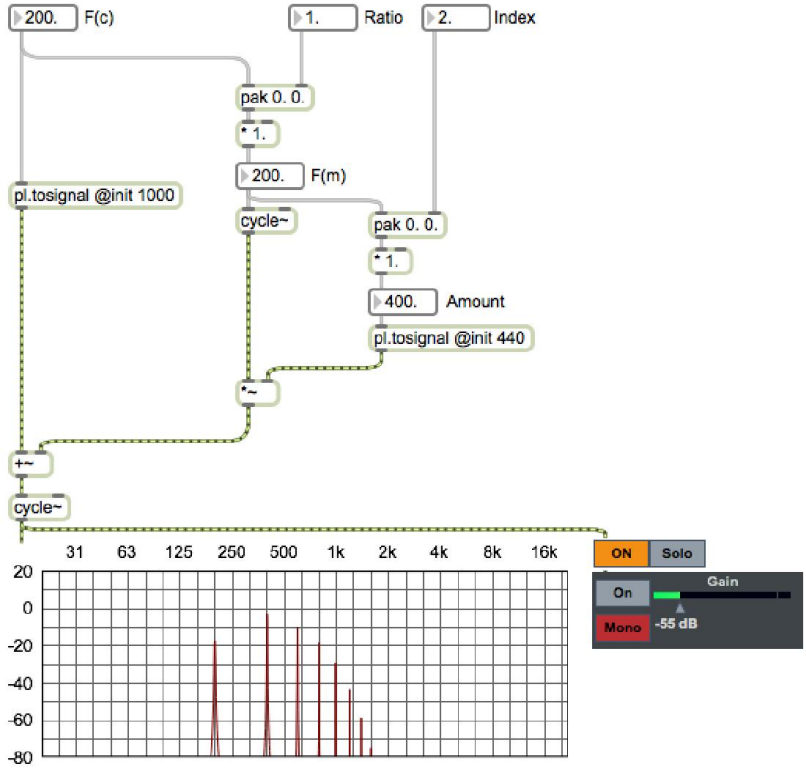
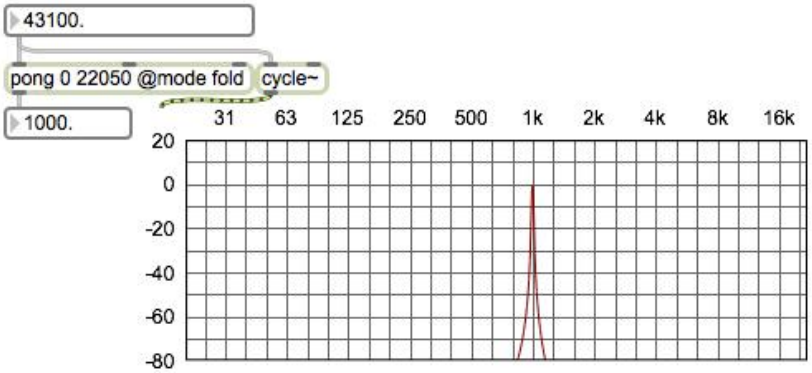
1
Milliseconds



Controlling FM


200.
F(c)
1.
Ratio
2.
Index
pak 0. 0.
* 1.
200.
F(m)
pl.tosignal @init 1000
cycle~
pak 0. 0.
* 1.
400.
Amount
pl.tosignal @init 440
*~
+~
cycle~
31 63 125 250 500 1k 2k 4k 8k 16k
20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80
ON
Solo
On
Gain
Mono
-55 dB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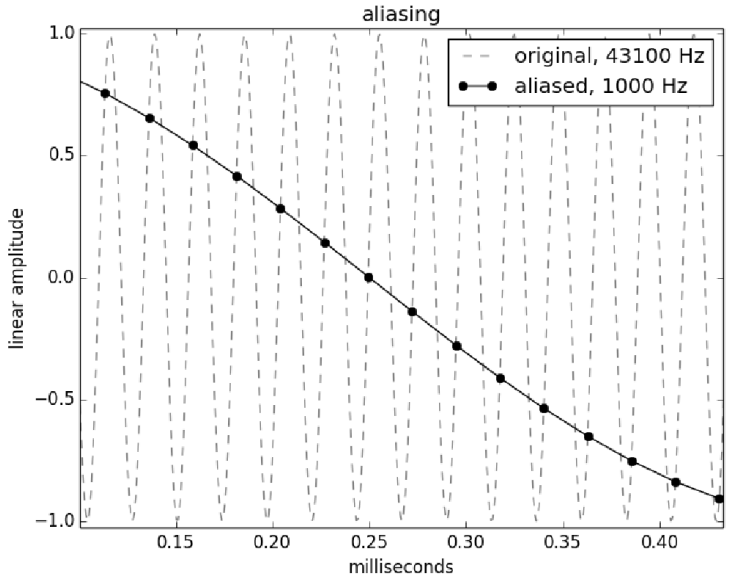
pong 0 22050 @mode fold
cycle~
1000.
31 63 125 250 500 1k 2k 4k 8k 16k
20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80


aliasing
original, 43100 Hz
aliased, 1000 Hz
linear amplitude
milliseconds
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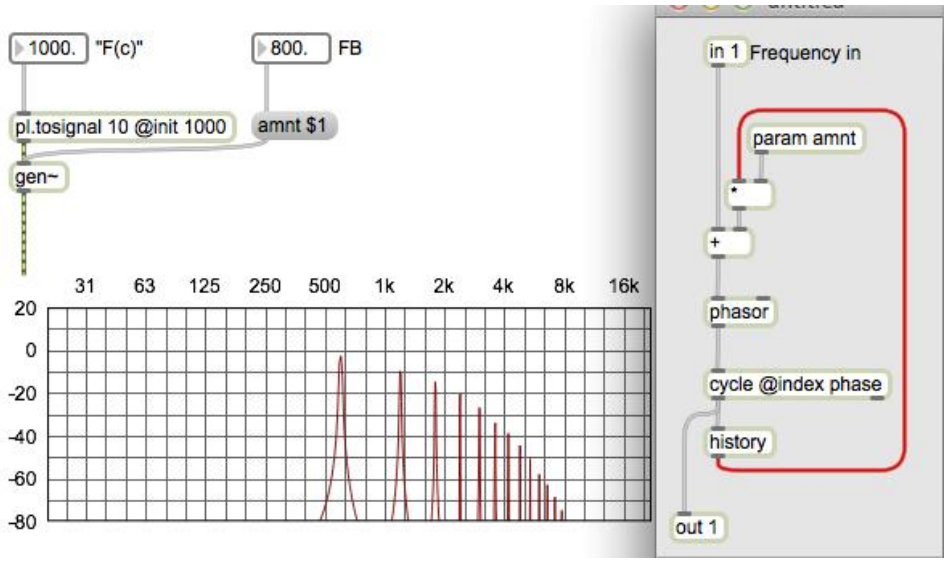
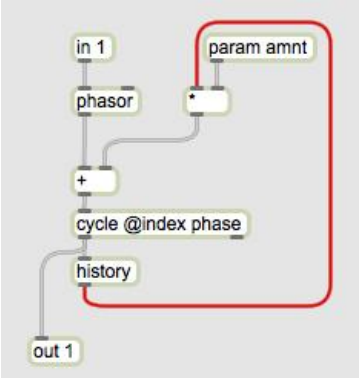
0.5
0.0
−0.5
−1.0
0.15
0.20
0.25
0.30
0.35
0.40

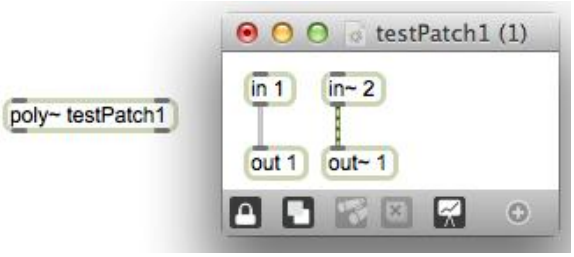
Feedback

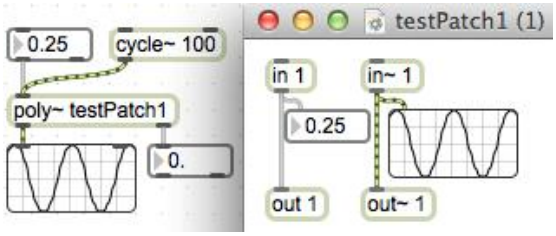

1000.
"F(c)"
800.
FB
pl.tosignal 10 @init 1000
amnt $1
gen~
31
63
125
250
500
1k
2k
4k
8k
16k
20
0
-20
-40
-60
-80
in 1 Frequency in
param amnt
*
+
phasor
cycle @index phase
history
out 1

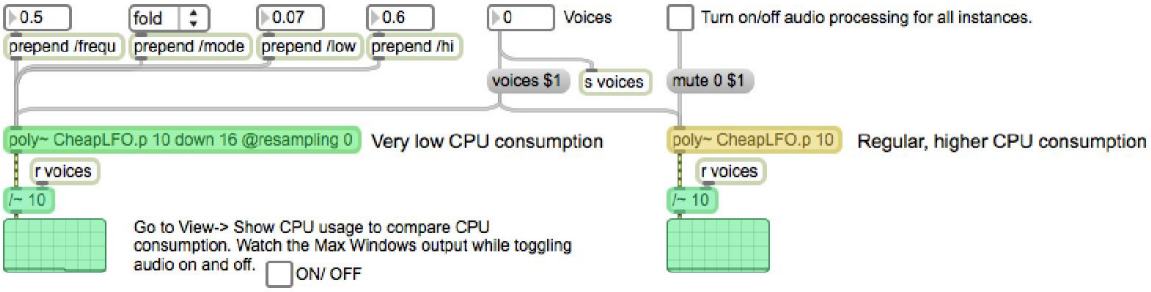
Phase modulation



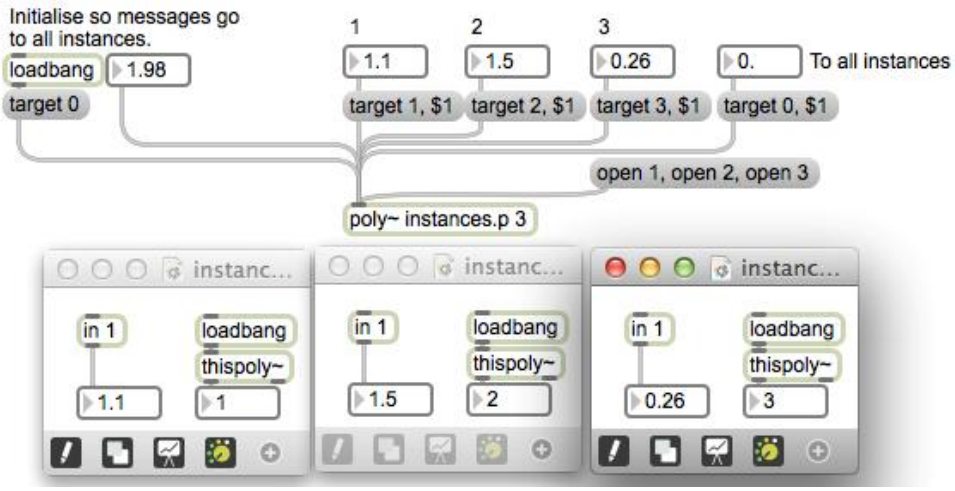
The poly~ object

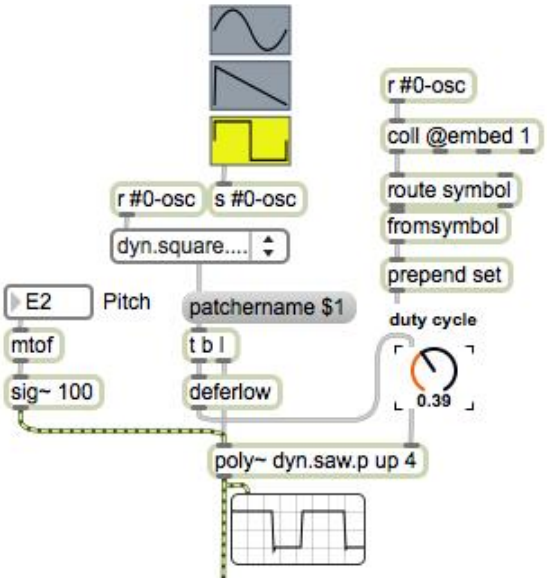




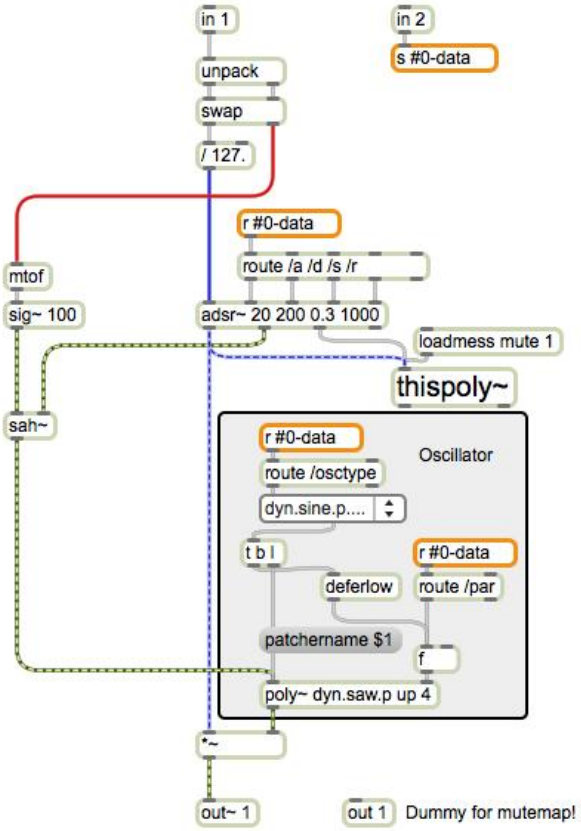


Managing instances and patcher loading

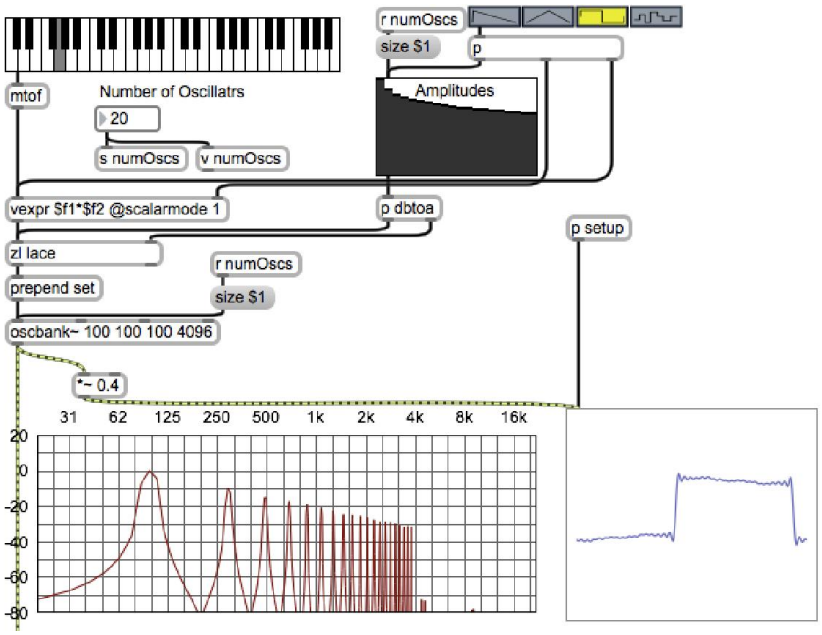




Polyphony and voice allocation

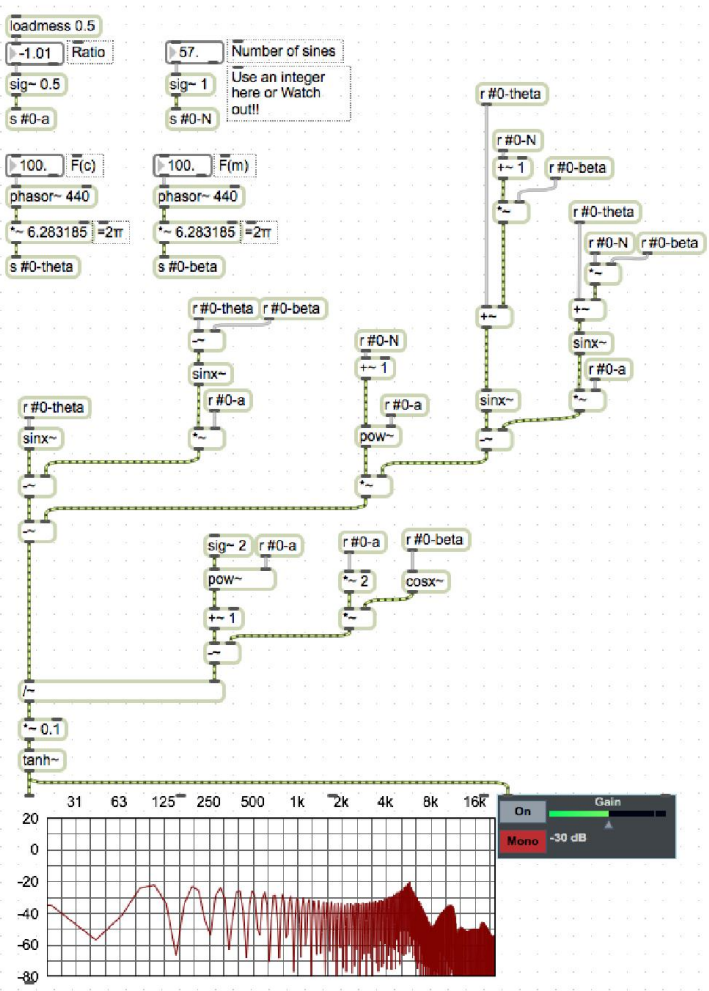


Additive synthesis



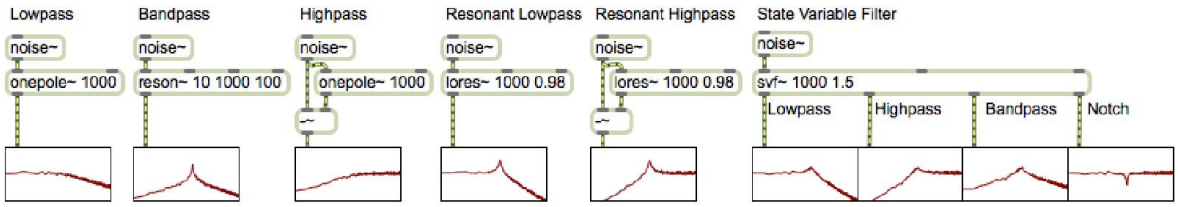
Discrete summation formulae

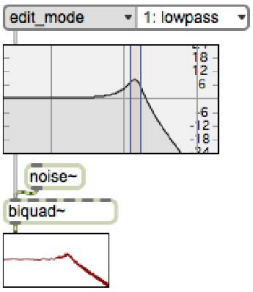
$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} a^k \cdot \sin(\theta + k\beta) = \frac{\sin(\theta) - a \cdot \sin(\theta - \beta) - a^{N+1} \cdot [\sin\{\theta + (N+1)\beta\} - a \cdot \sin(\theta + N\beta)]}{1 + a^2 - 2a \cdot \cos(\beta)}$$



$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^k \sin(\theta + k\beta) = \frac{\sin(\theta) - a \cdot \sin(\theta - \beta)}{1 + a^2 - 2a \cdot \cos(\beta)}$$

Subtractive synthesis and filtering





cross~ Frequency crossover(Lowpass +highpas)

comb~ Combfilter

allpass~ An allpass filter

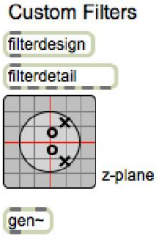
filtercoeff~ Filter coefficient generator without GUI & working at signal rate

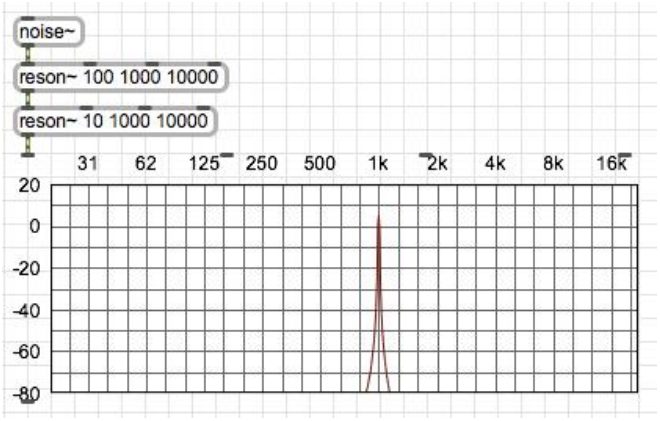
cascade~ Multiple Biquad filters in series

buffir~ FIR(Finite Impulse Response) filter

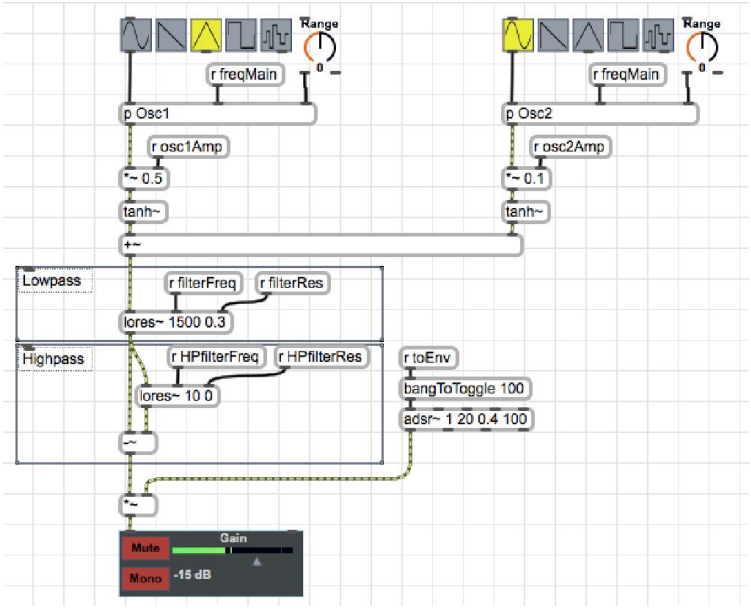
slide~ Signal smoothing (a lowpass actually)

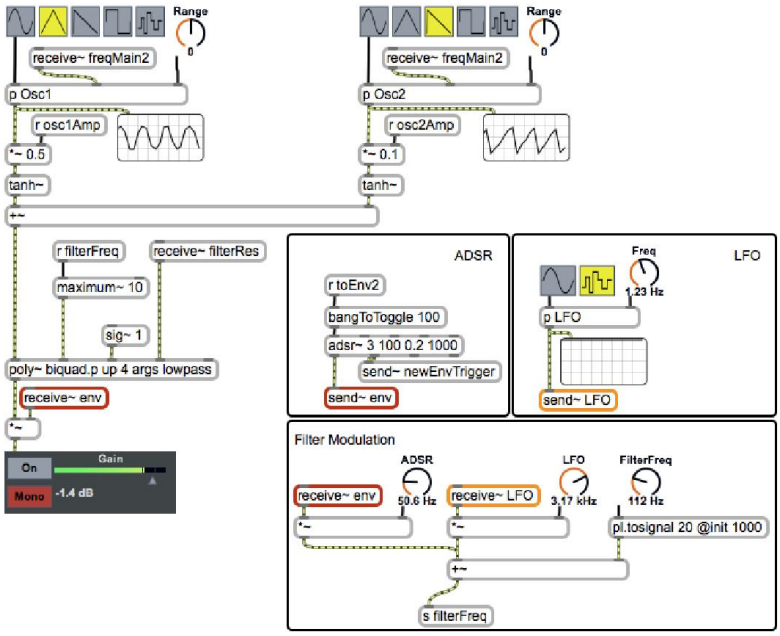
average~ Signal smoothing + extra functionality



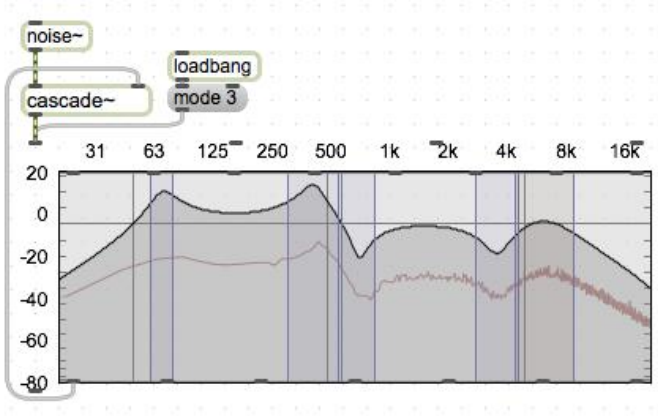


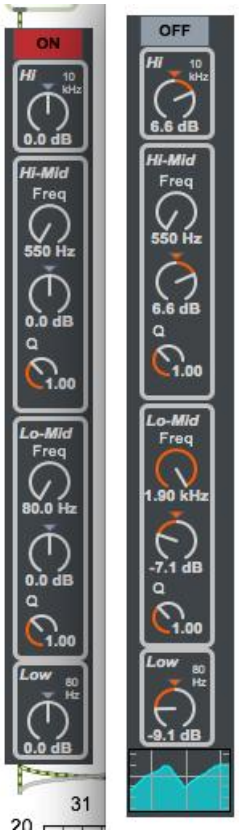
The classic approach





Building an equalizer





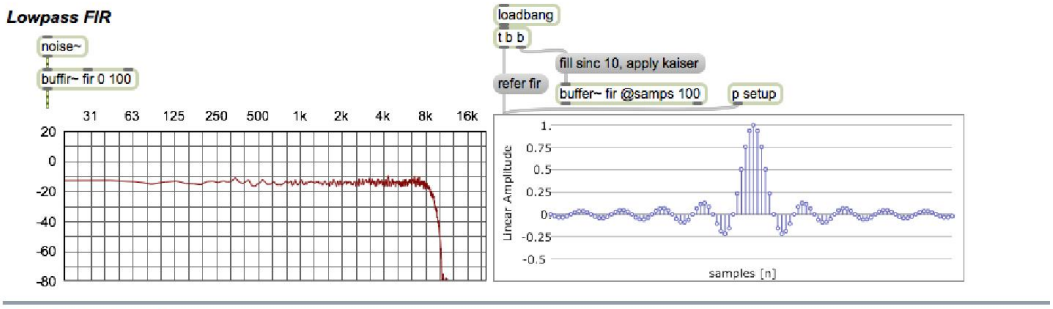
The filter theory: an introduction

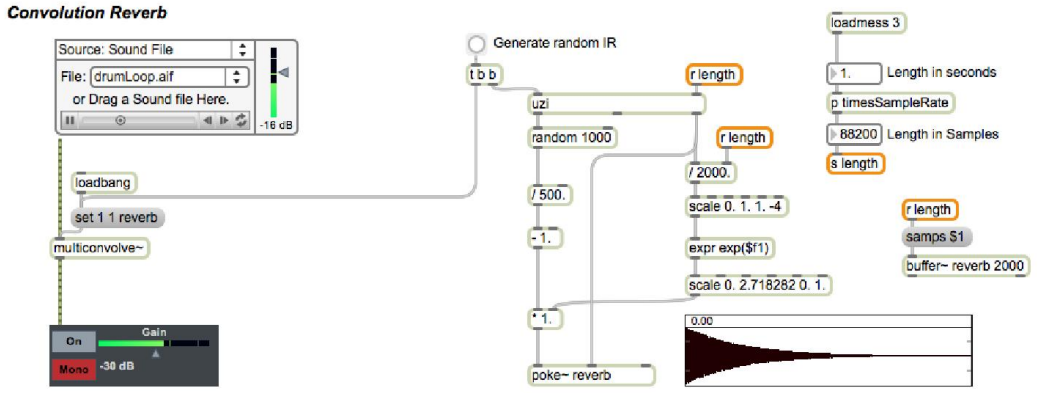
$$y[n] = x[n] + x[n-1]$$

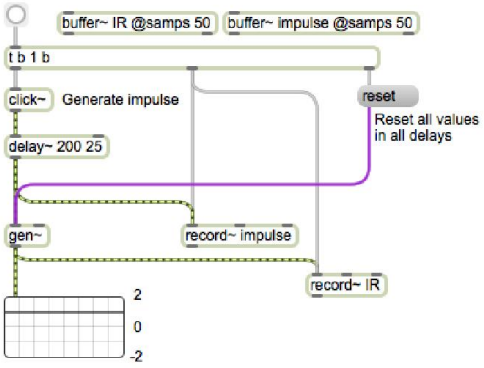
$$y[n] = 0.5 \cdot x[n] + 0.5 \cdot x[n-1]$$

$$y[n] = a_0 x[n] + a_1 x[n-1] + a_2 x[n-2] + \mathrm{K} + a_m x[n-m]$$

$$y[n] = \sum_{i=0}^{m} a_i \cdot x[n-i]$$



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buffer~ impulse @samps 50
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reset
Reset all values
in all delays
delay~ 200 25
gen~
record~ impulse
record~ IR
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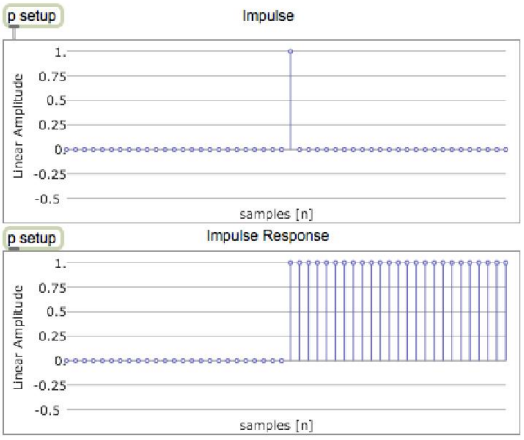
0
-2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Impulse
Linear Amplitude
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0
-0.25
-0.5
samples [n]
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Impulse Response
Linear Amplitude
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0.75
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0
-0.25
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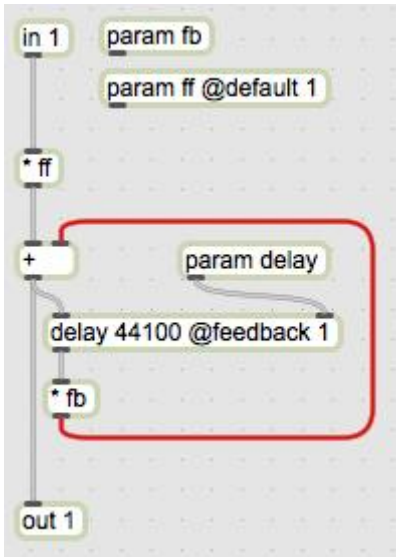
samples [n]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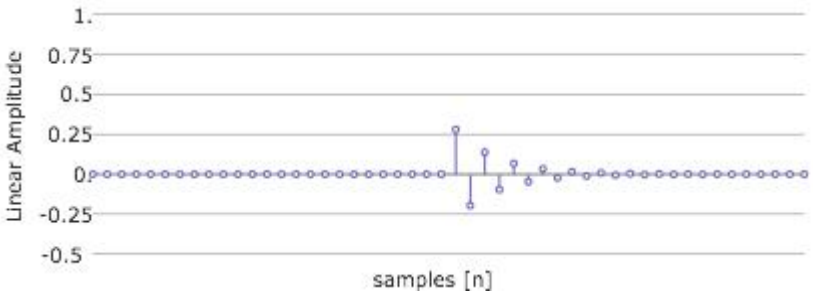
param ff @default 1
* ff
+
param delay
delay 44100 @feedback 1
* fb
out 1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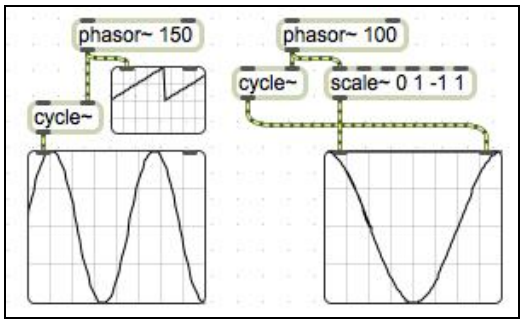
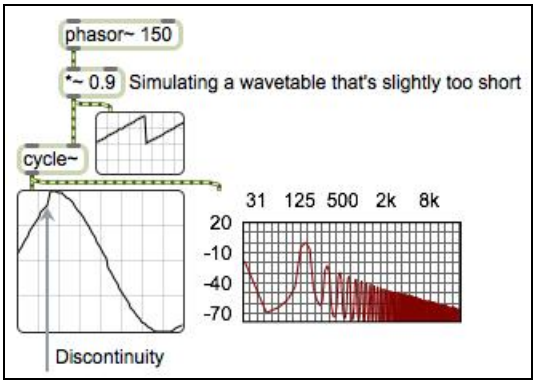
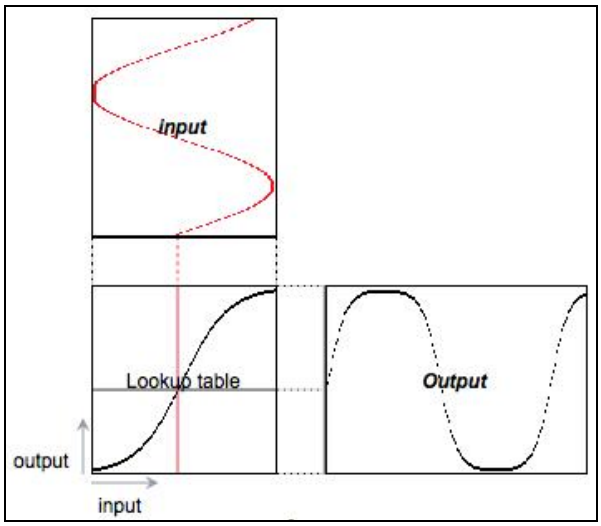
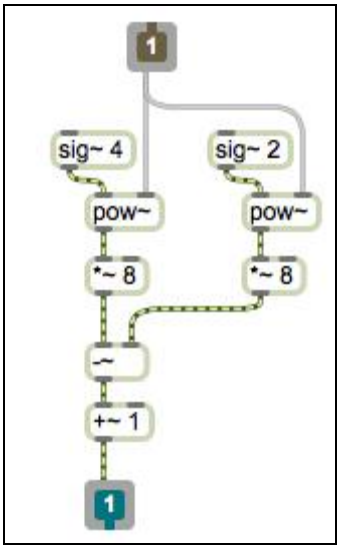
0.75
0.5
0.25
0
-0.25
-0.5
samples [n]

Waveshaping

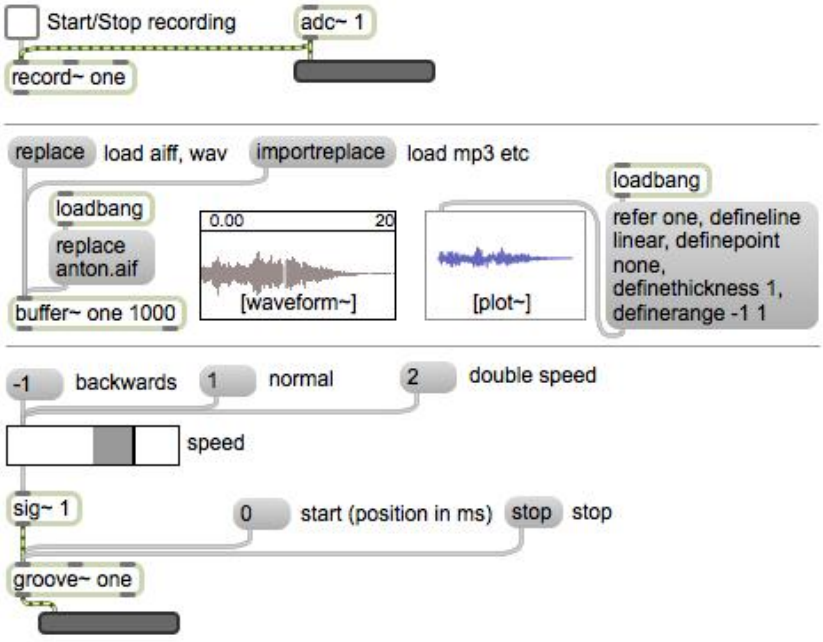


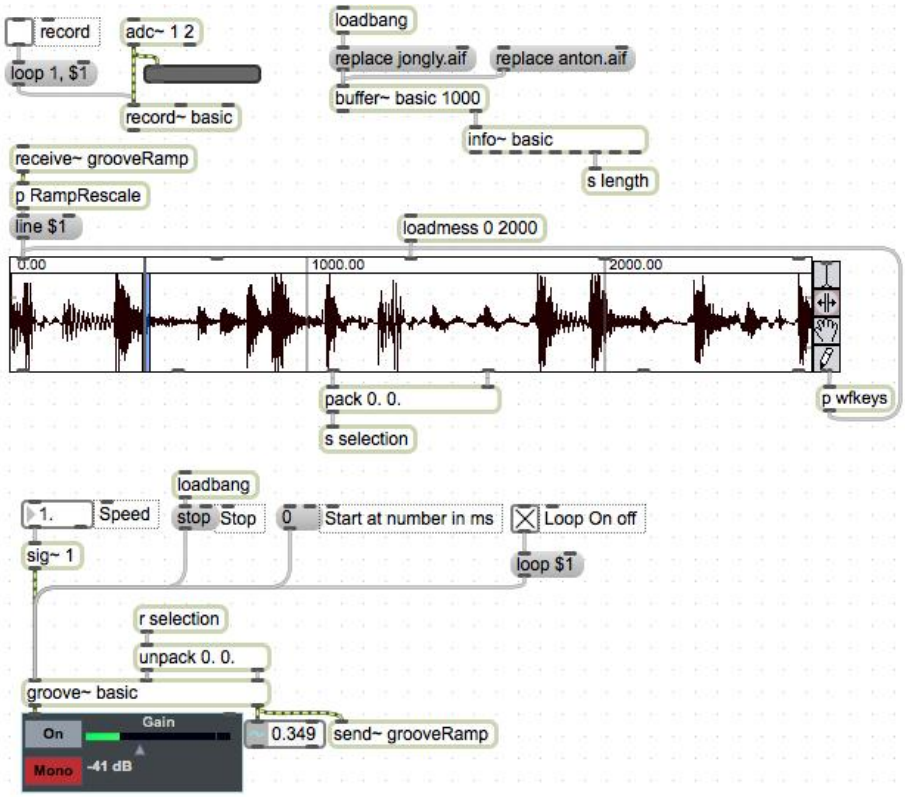






Sampling and audio file playback

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record~ basic
loadbang
replace jongly.aif
replace anton.aif
buffer~ basic 1000
info~ basic
s length
receive~ grooveRamp
p RampRescale
line $1
loadmess 0 2000
0.00
1000.00
2000.00
pack 0. 0.
s selection
p wfkeys
loadbang
1.
Speed
stop
Stop
0
Start at number in ms
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r selection
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groove~ basic
Gain
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Mono
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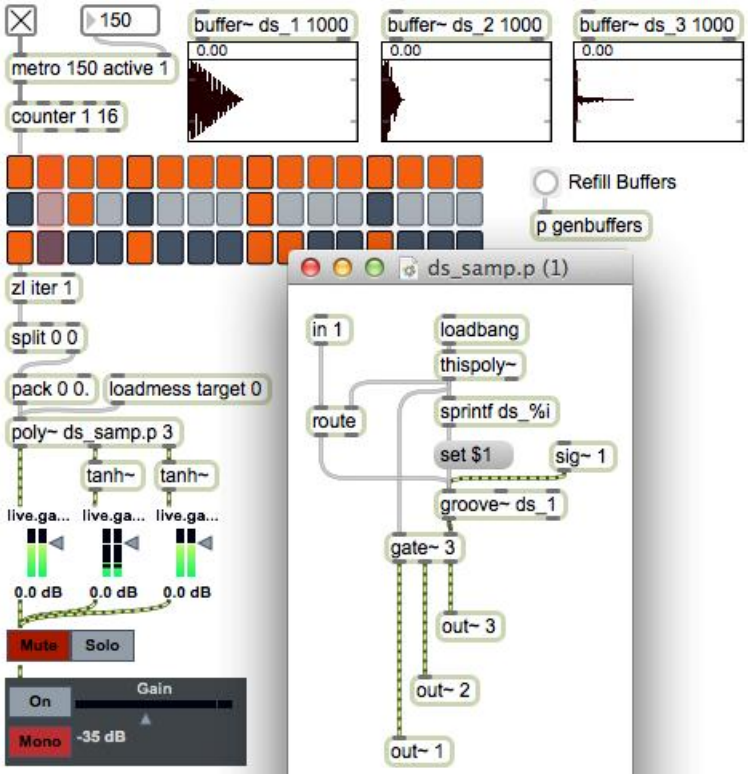
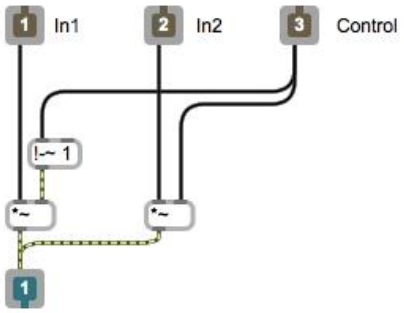
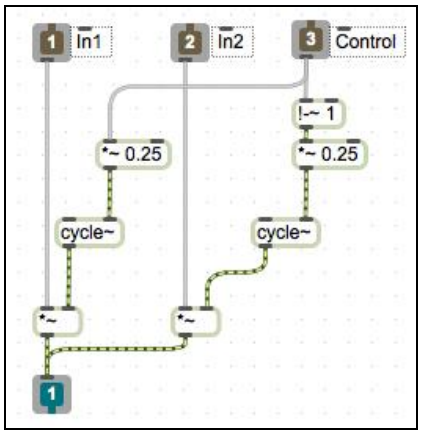
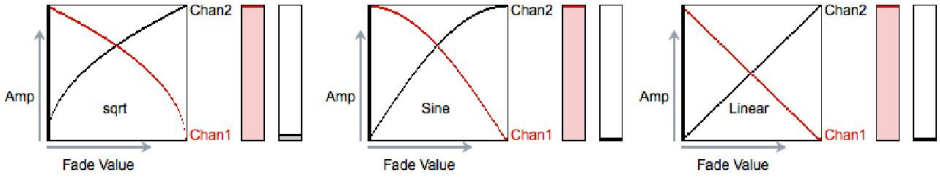
send~ grooveRamp



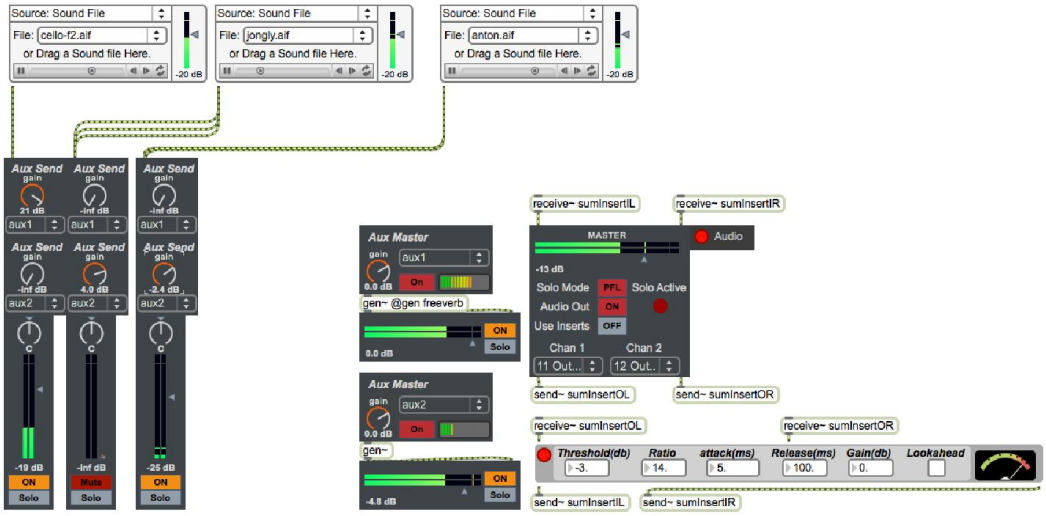
Mixing and signal routing







Conventional mixing



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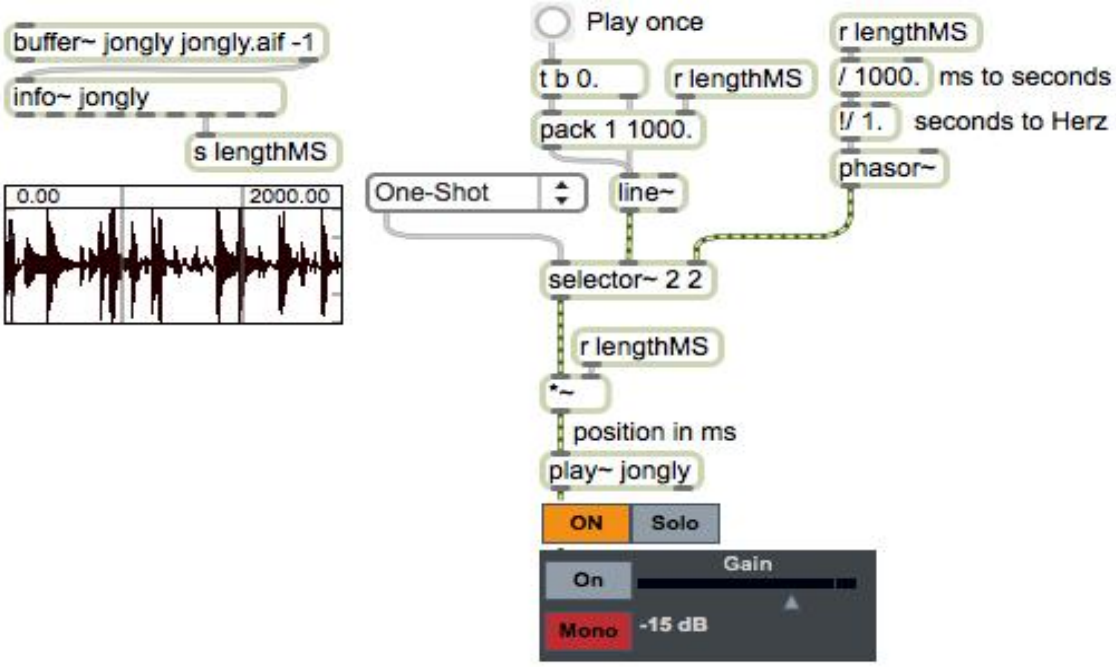
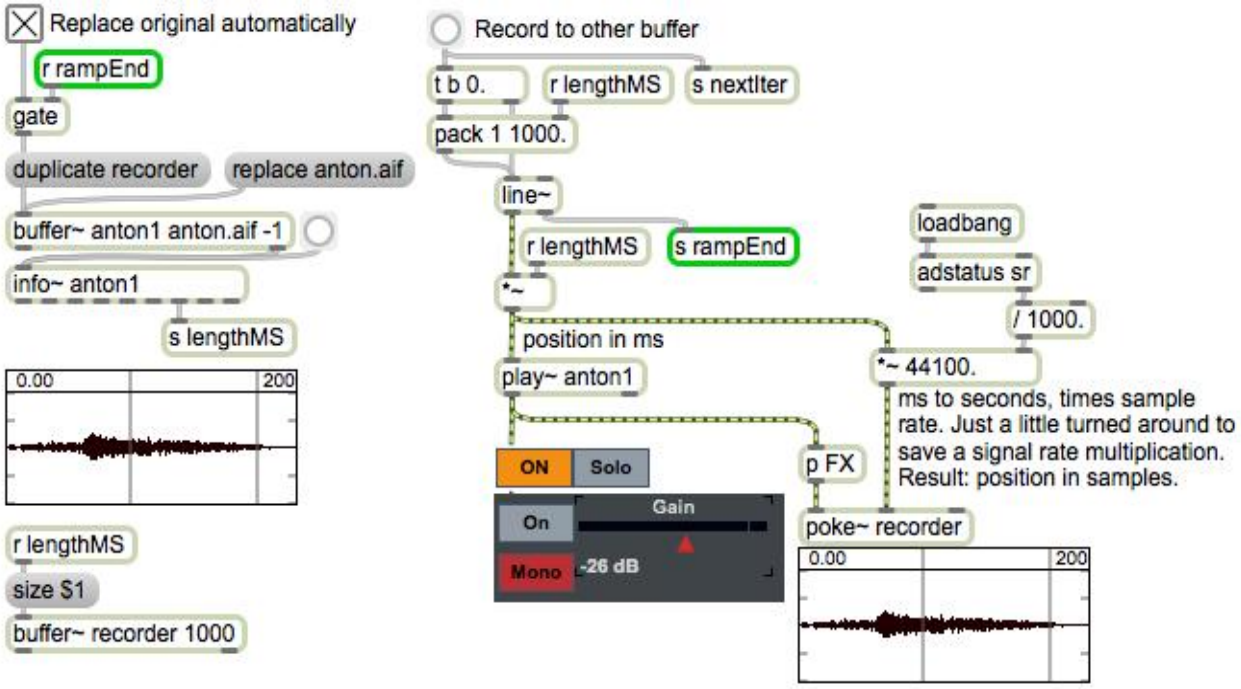
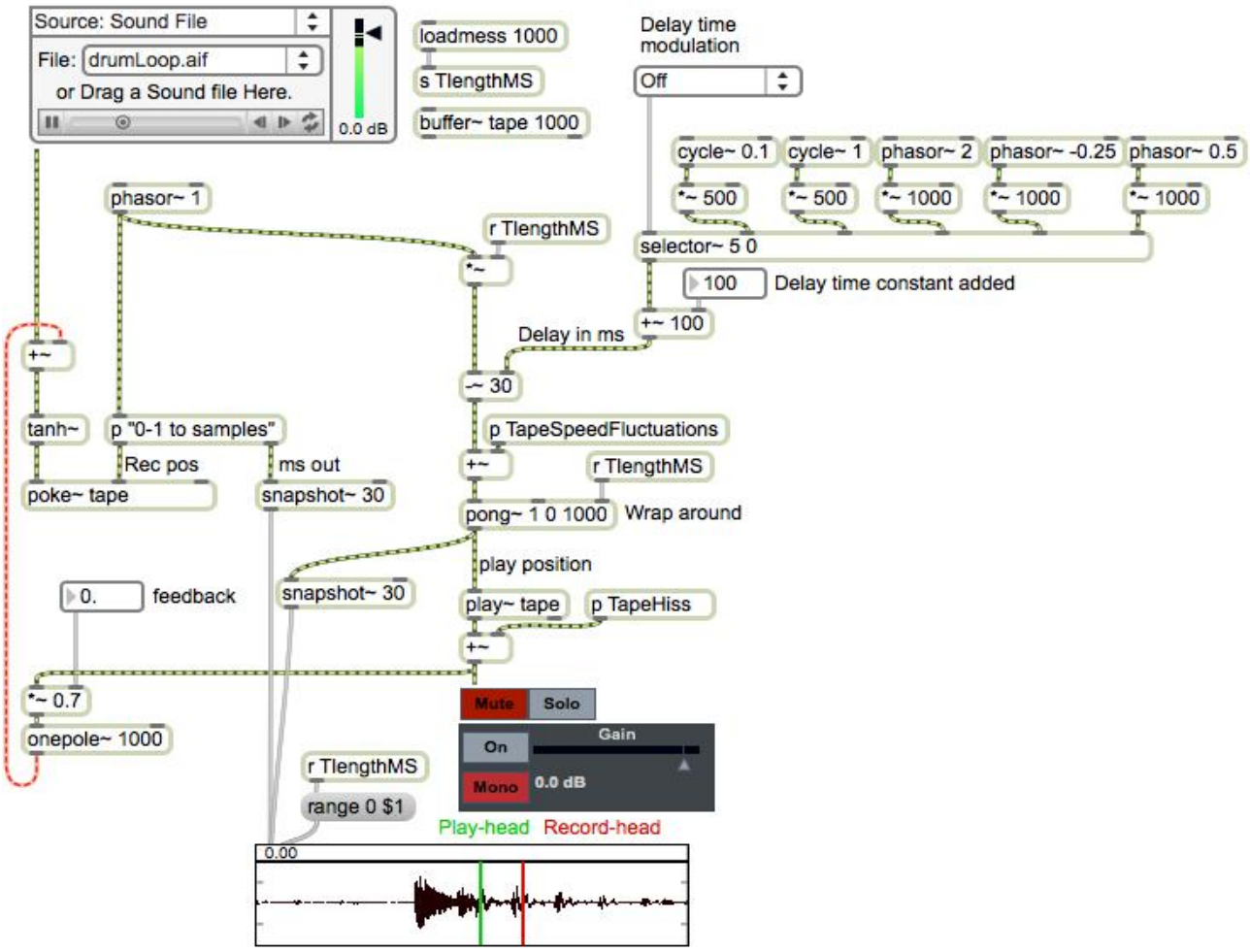
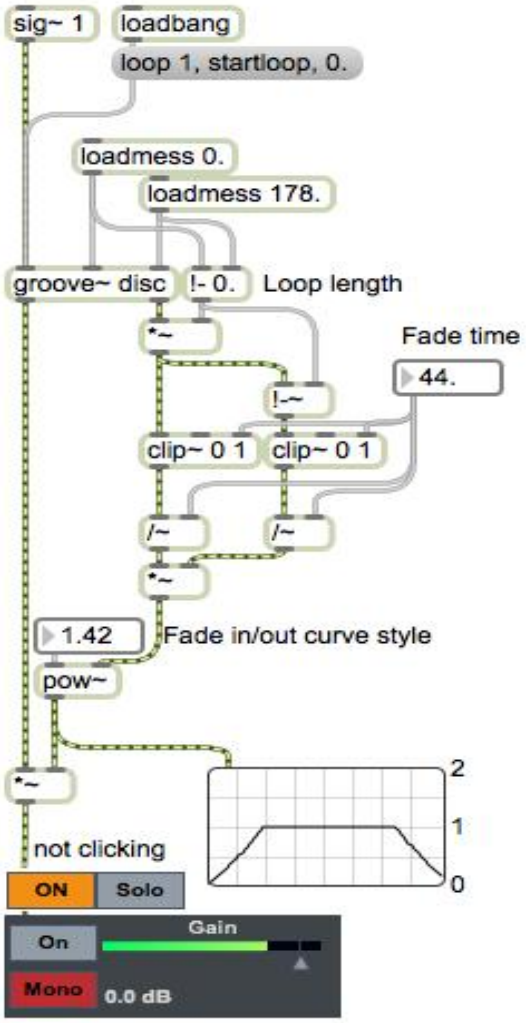
Advanced Audio in Max/MSP

More sampling

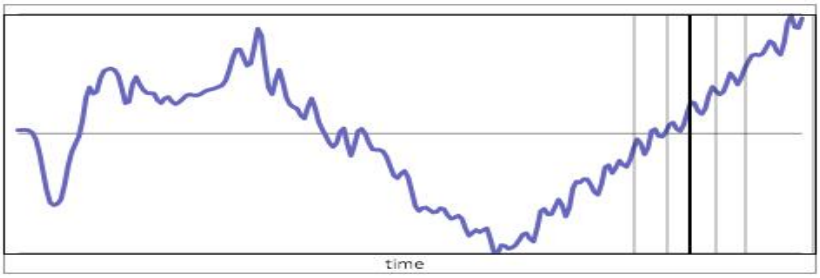


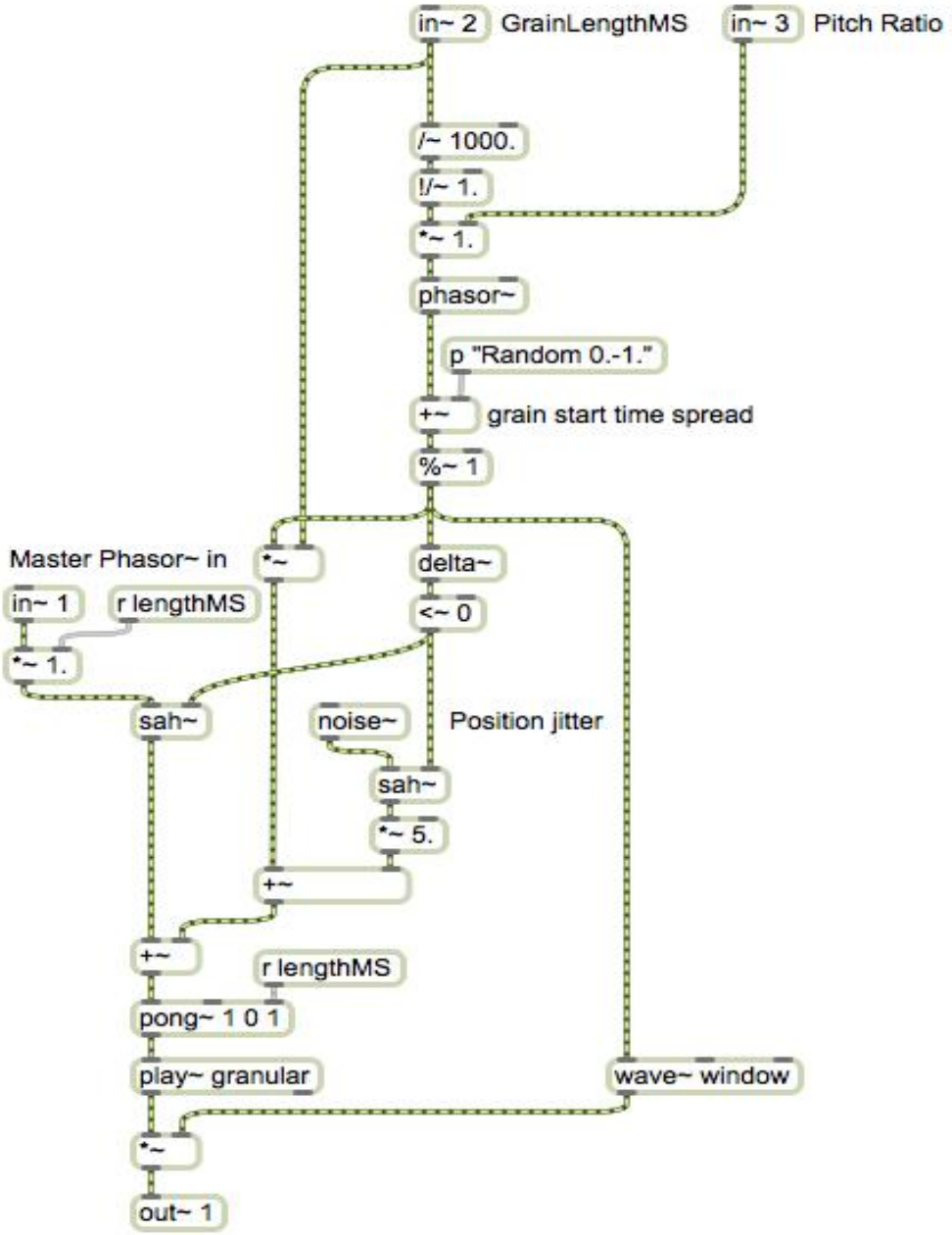

Replace original automatically
r rampEnd
gate
duplicate recorder
replace anton.aif
buffer~ anton1 anton.aif -1
info~ anton1
s lengthMS
0.00
200
r lengthMS
size S1
buffer~ recorder 1000
Record to other buffer
t b 0.
r lengthMS
s nextIter
pack 1 1000.
line~
r lengthMS
s rampEnd
*~
position in ms
play~ anton1
ON
Solo
On
Gain
Mono
-26 dB
p FX
loadbang
adstatus sr
/ 1000.
*~ 44100.
ms to seconds, times sample rate. Just a little turned around to save a signal rate multiplication. Result: position in samples.
poke~ recorder
0.00
200

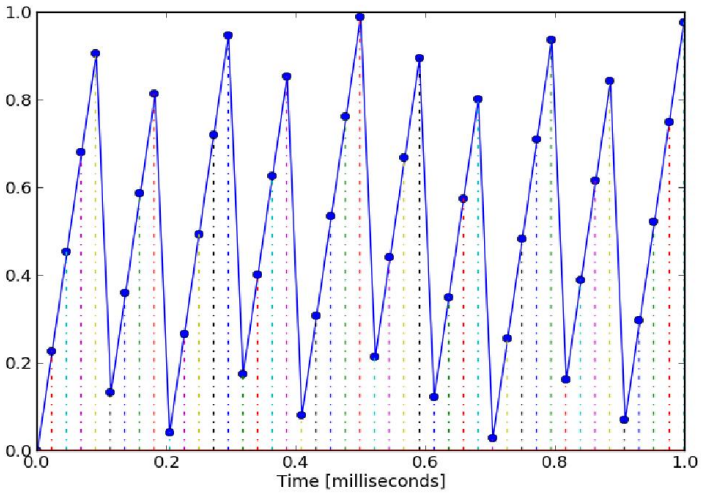

Source: Sound File
File: drumLoop.aif
or Drag a Sound file Here.
0.0 dB
loadmess 1000
s TlengthMS
buffer~ tape 1000
Delay time modulation
Off
cycle~ 0.1
cycle~ 1
phasor~ 2
phasor~ -0.25
phasor~ 0.5
*~ 500
*~ 500
*~ 1000
*~ 1000
*~ 1000
selector~ 5 0
100
Delay time constant added
+~ 100
Delay in ms
~ 30
phasor~ 1
r TlengthMS
*~
+~
tanh~
p "0-1 to samples"
p TapeSpeedFluctuations
Rec pos
ms out
+~
r TlengthMS
poke~ tape
snapshot~ 30
pong~ 1 0 1000
Wrap around
play position
0.
feedback
snapshot~ 30
play~ tape
p TapeHiss
+~
*~ 0.7
onepole~ 1000
Mute
Solo
On
Gain
Mono
0.0 dB
r TlengthMS
range 0 $1
Play-head
Record-head
0.00

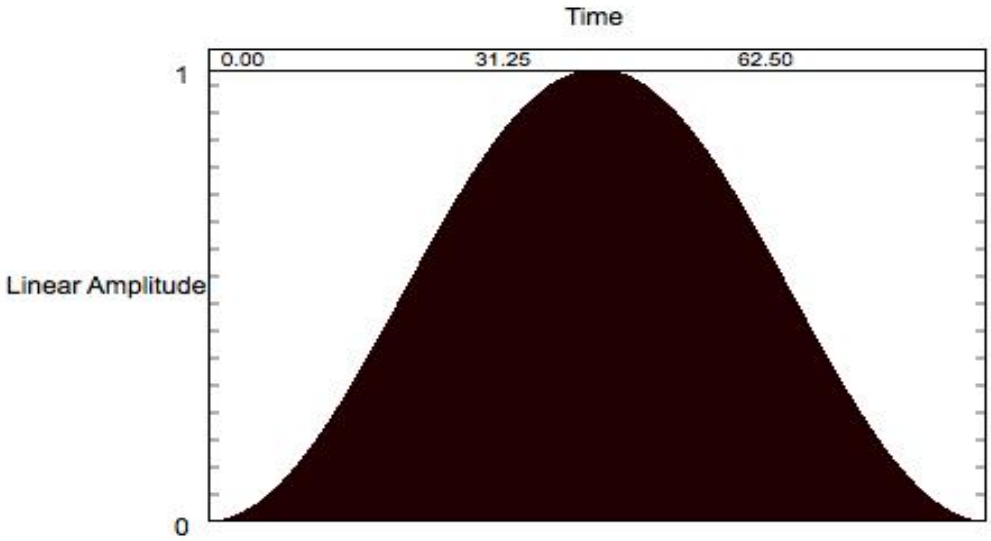

sig~ 1
loadbang
loop 1, startloop, 0.
loadmess 0.
loadmess 178.
groove~ disc
!- 0.
Loop length
*~
Fade time
44.
!-~
clip~ 0 1
clip~ 0 1
/~
/~
*~
1.42
Fade in/out curve style
pow~
*~
2
1
0
not clicking
ON
Solo
On
Gain
Mono
0.0 dB

Granular sampling



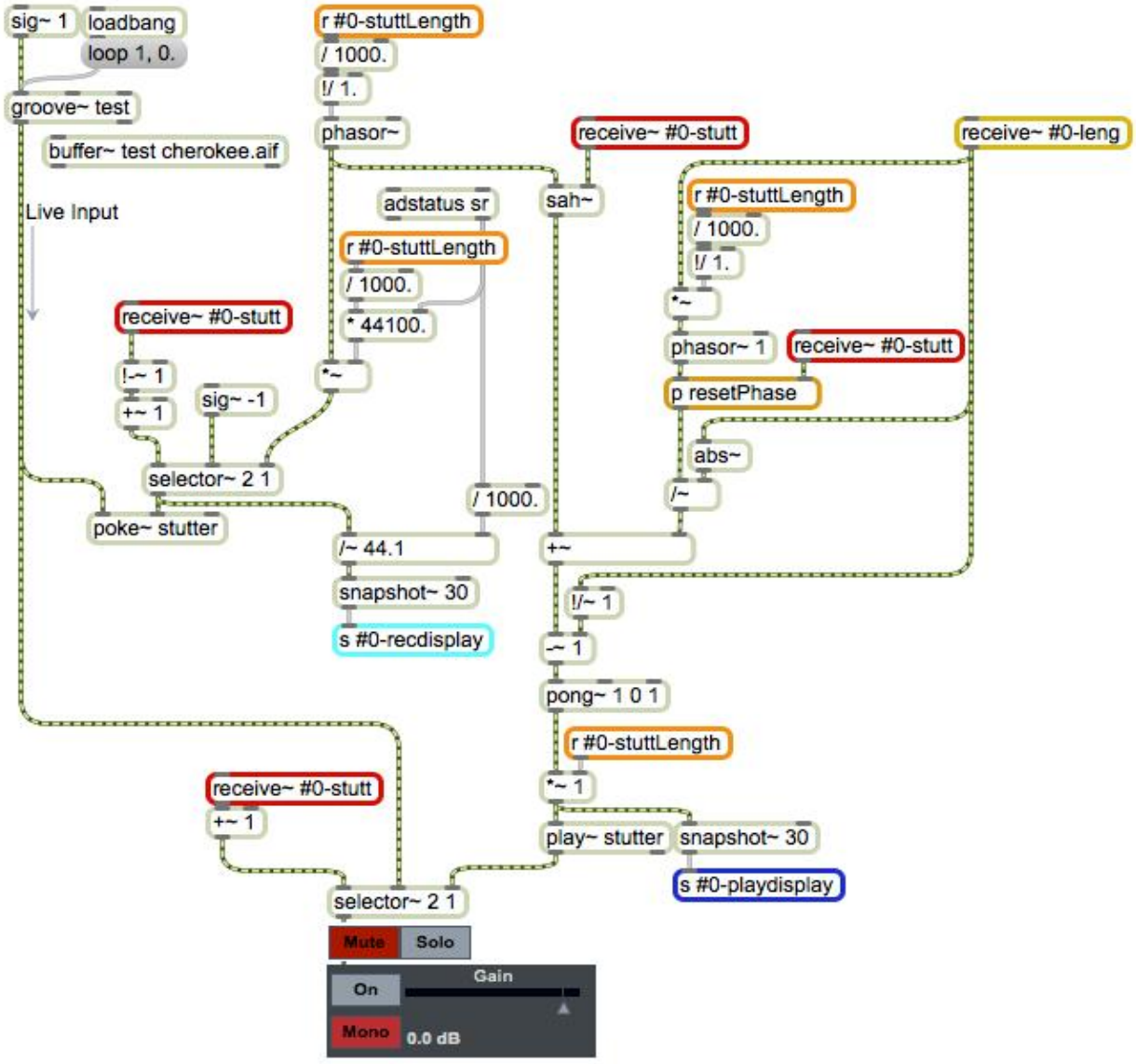

in~ 2
GrainLengthMS
in~ 3
Pitch Ratio
/~ 1000.
!/~ 1.
*~ 1.
phasor~
p "Random 0.-1."
+~
grain start time spread
%~ 1
Master Phasor~ in
*~
delta~
in~ 1
r lengthMS
<~ 0
*~ 1.
sah~
noise~
Position jitter
sah~
*~ 5.
+~
+~
r lengthMS
pong~ 1 0 1
play~ granular
wave~ window
*~
out~ 1

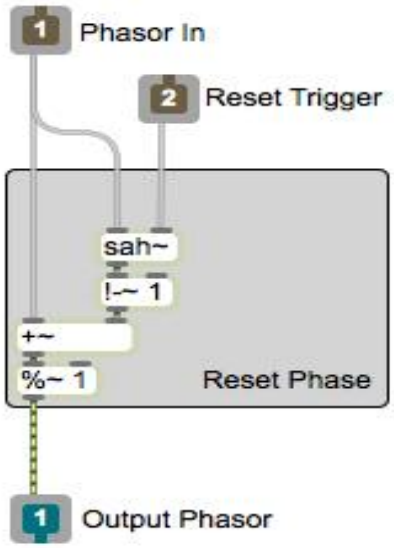

1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0
Time [milliseconds]


Time
0.00
31.25
62.50
1
Linear Amplitude
0

FX

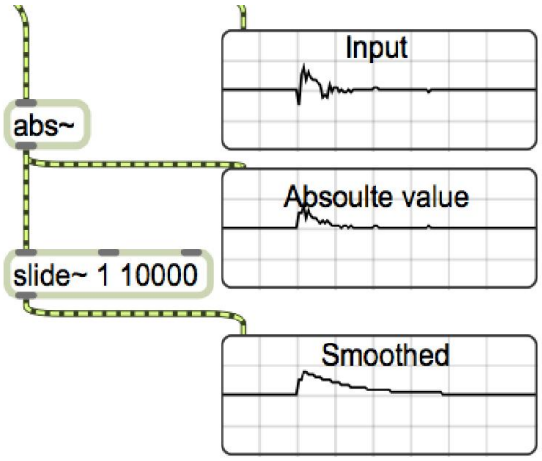
Stutter

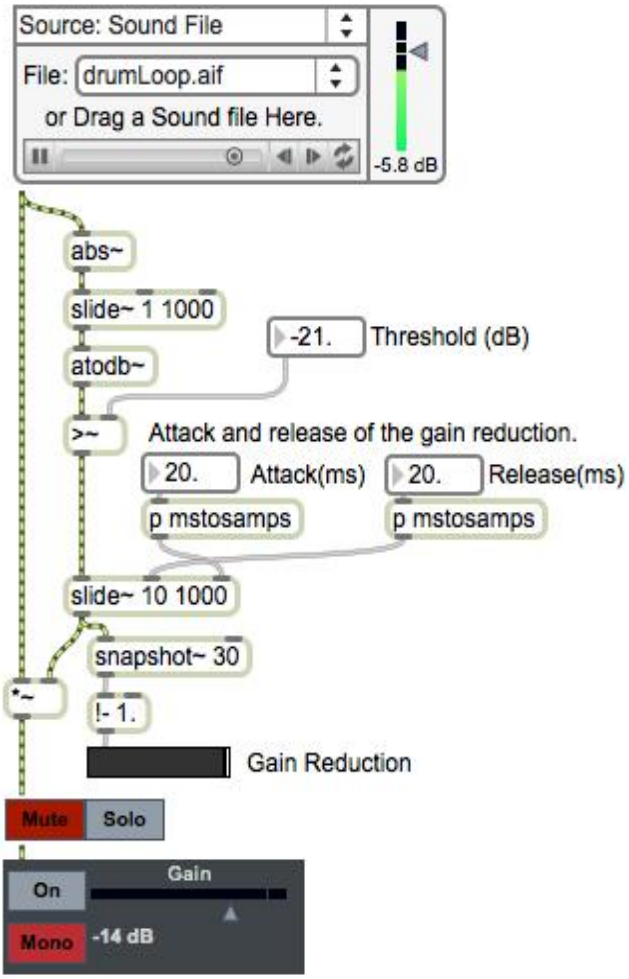

sig~ 1
loadbang
loop 1, 0.
groove~ test
buffer~ test cherokee.aif
Live Input
r #0-stuttLength
/ 1000.
!/ 1.
phasor~
receive~ #0-stutt
receive~ #0-leng
adstatus sr
sah~
r #0-stuttLength
/ 1000.
!/ 1.
*~
phasor~ 1
receive~ #0-stutt
p resetPhase
abs~
/~
receive~ #0-stutt
!-~ 1
+~ 1
sig~ -1
selector~ 2 1
poke~ stutter
*~
/ 1000.
/~ 44.1
snapshot~ 30
s #0-recdisplay
+~
!/~ 1
-~ 1
pong~ 1 0 1
r #0-stuttLength
*~ 1
play~ stutter
snapshot~ 30
s #0-playdisplay
receive~ #0-stutt
+~ 1
selector~ 2 1
Mute
Solo
On
Gain
Mono
0.0 dB



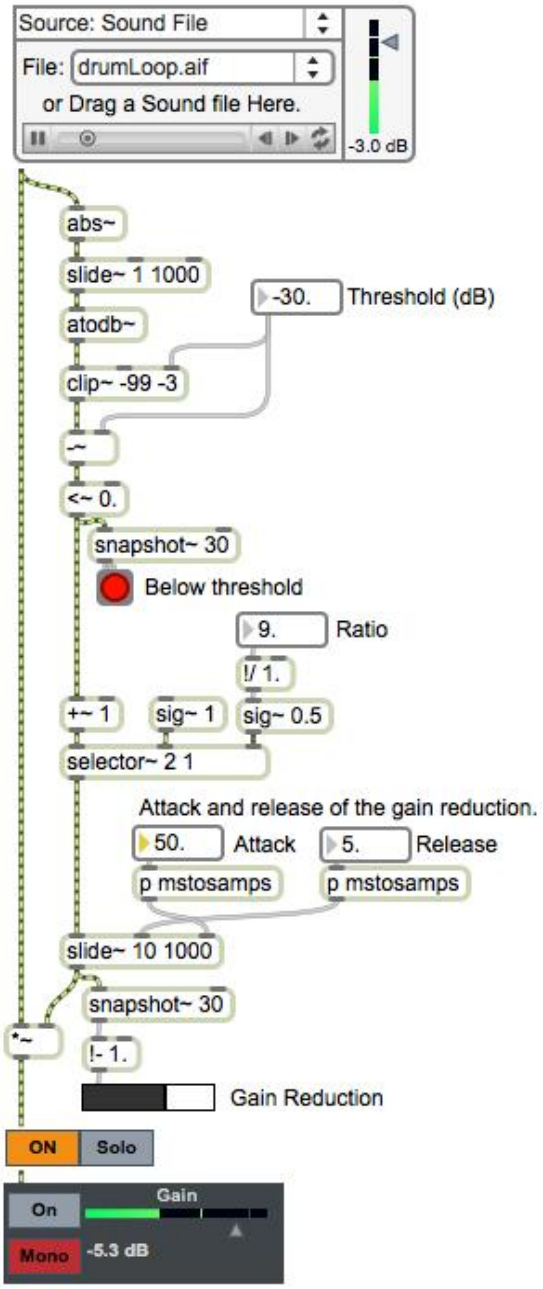
Dynamics

Noise gate

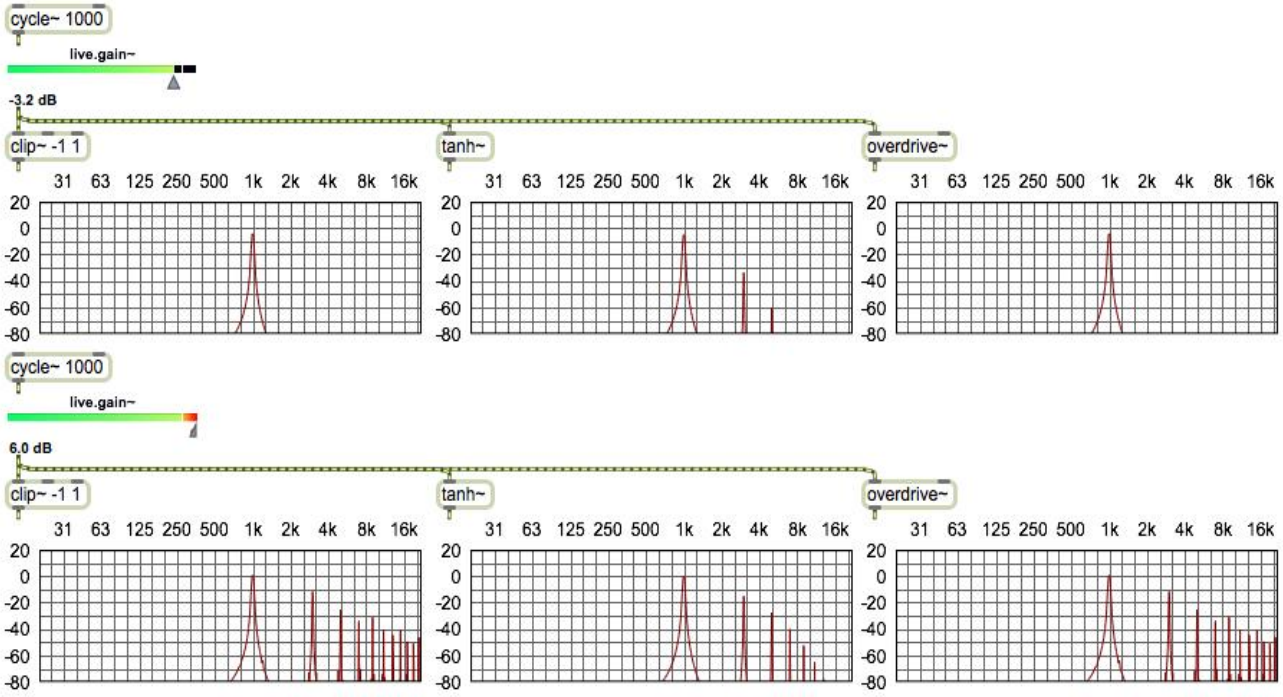


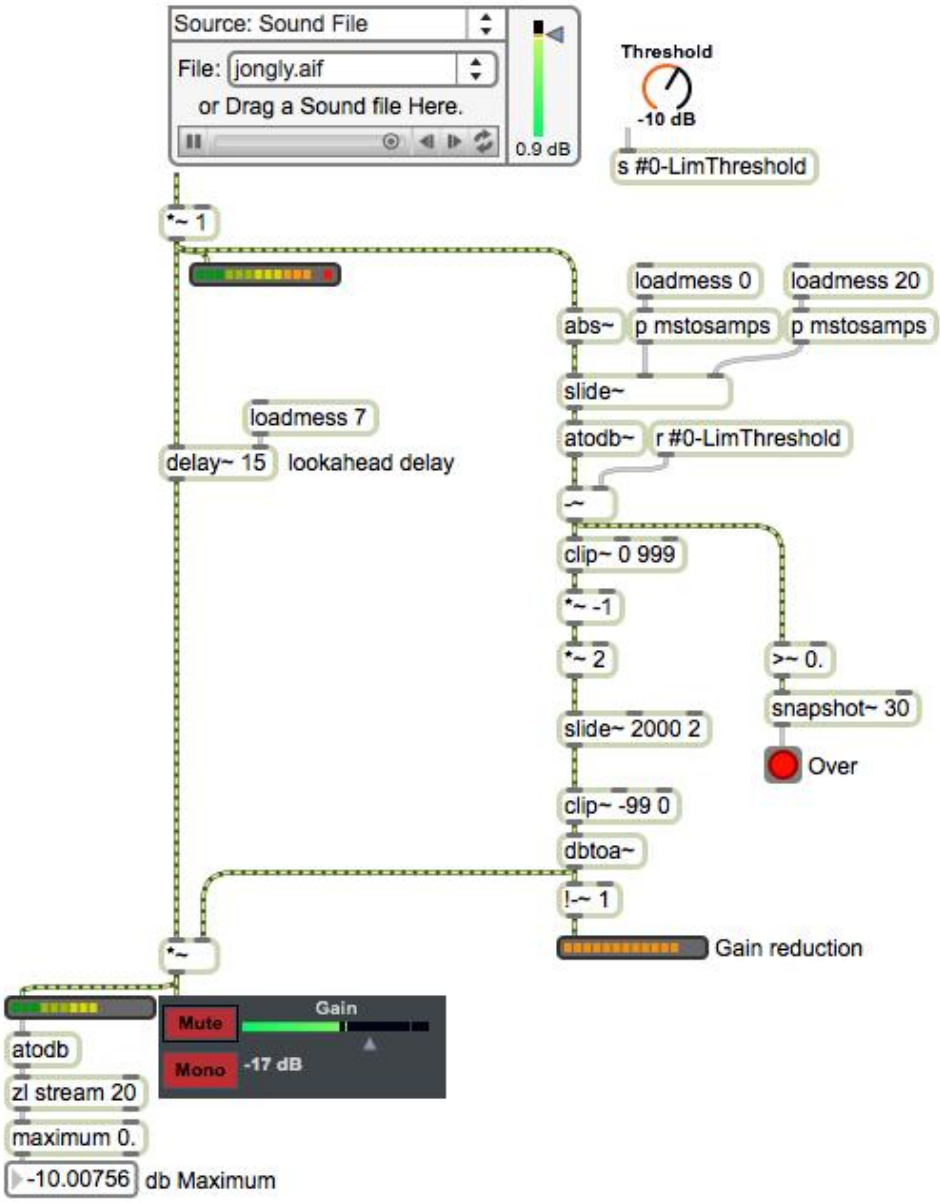

Source: Sound File
File: drumLoop.aif
or Drag a Sound file Here.
-5.8 dB
abs~
slide~ 1 1000
-21.
Threshold (dB)
atodb~
>~
Attack and release of the gain reduction.
20.
Attack(ms)
20.
Release(ms)
p mstosamps
p mstosamps
slide~ 10 1000
snapshot~ 30
*~
!- 1.
Gain Reduction
Mute
Solo
On
Gain
Mono
-14 dB

Working with expanders

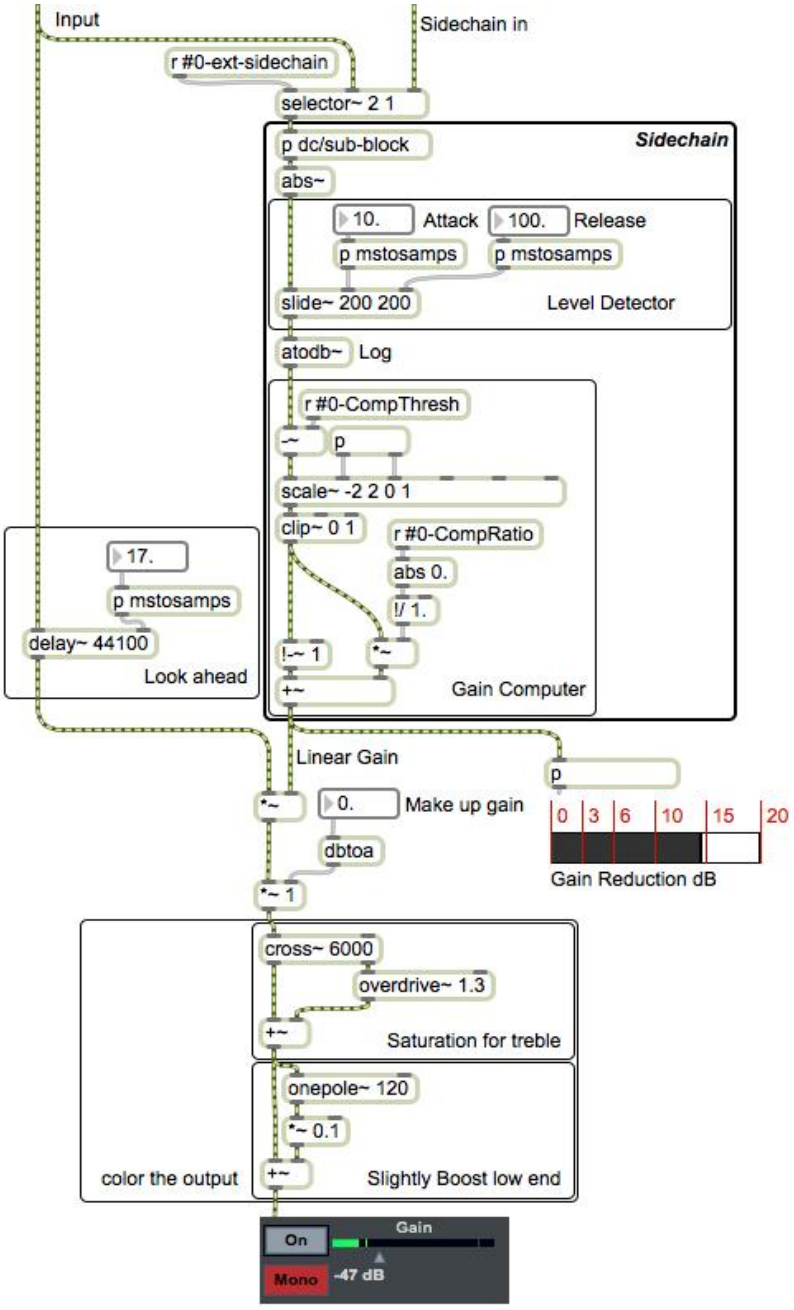


Limiter

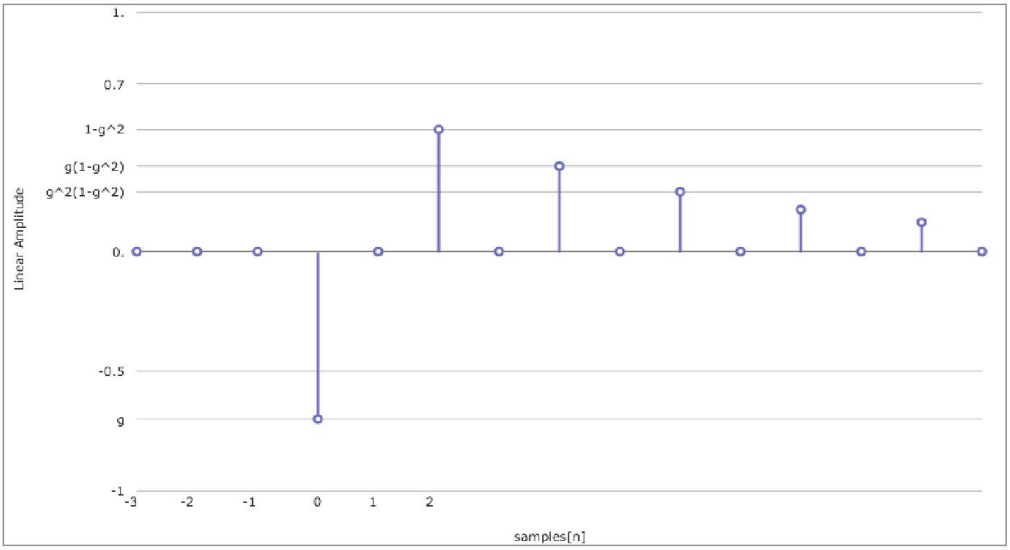

cycle~ 1000
live.gain~
-3.2 dB
clip~ -1 1
tanh~
overdrive~
31 63 125 250 500 1k 2k 4k 8k 16k
20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80
cycle~ 1000
live.gain~
6.0 dB
clip~ -1 1
tanh~
overdrive~
31 63 125 250 500 1k 2k 4k 8k 16k
20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80

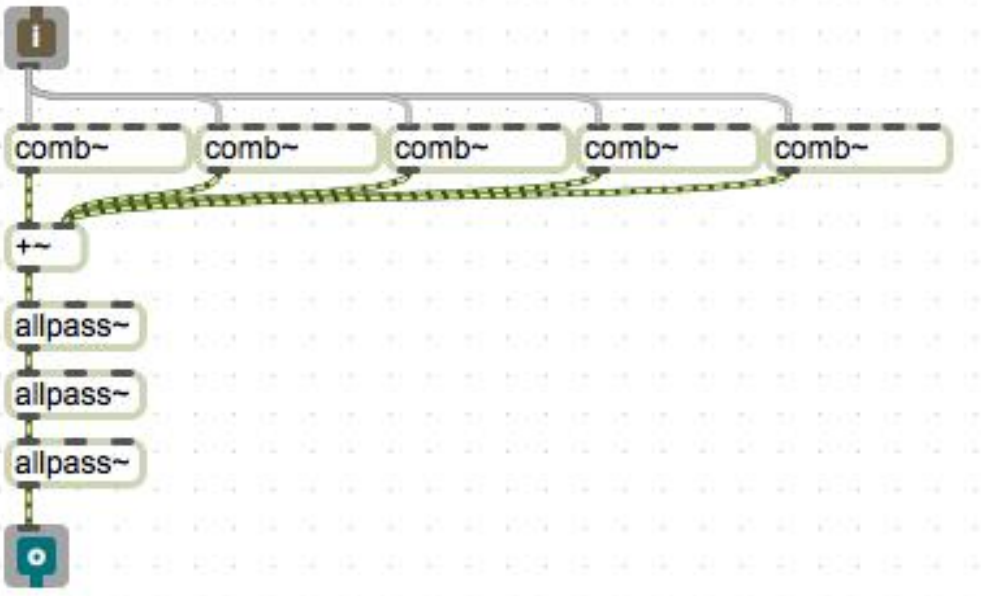

Source: Sound File
File: jongly.aif
or Drag a Sound file Here.
0.9 dB
Threshold
-10 dB
s #0-LimThreshold
*~ 1
loadmess 0
loadmess 20
abs~
p mstosamps
p mstosamps
slide~
loadmess 7
atodb~
r #0-LimThreshold
delay~ 15
lookahead delay
-~
clip~ 0 999
*~ -1
*~ 2
>~ 0.
snapshot~ 30
slide~ 2000 2
Over
clip~ -99 0
dbtoa~
!-~ 1
Gain reduction
*~
Gain
Mute
Mono
-17 dB
atodb
zl stream 20
maximum 0.
-10.00756
db Maximum

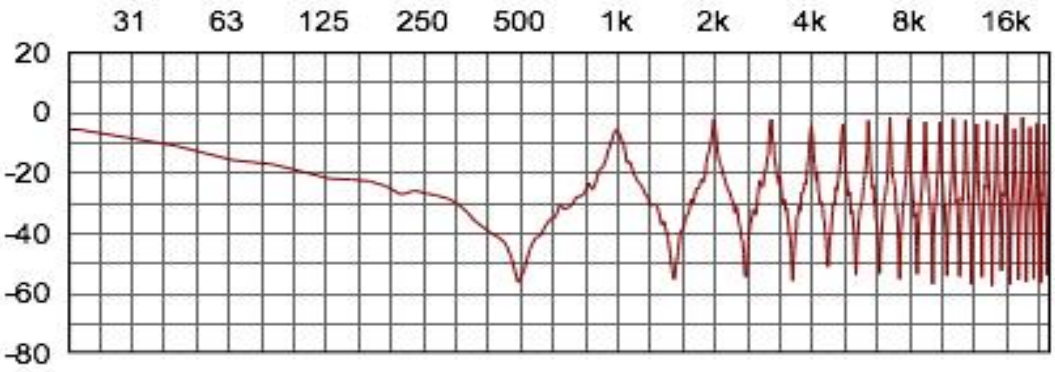
Compressor

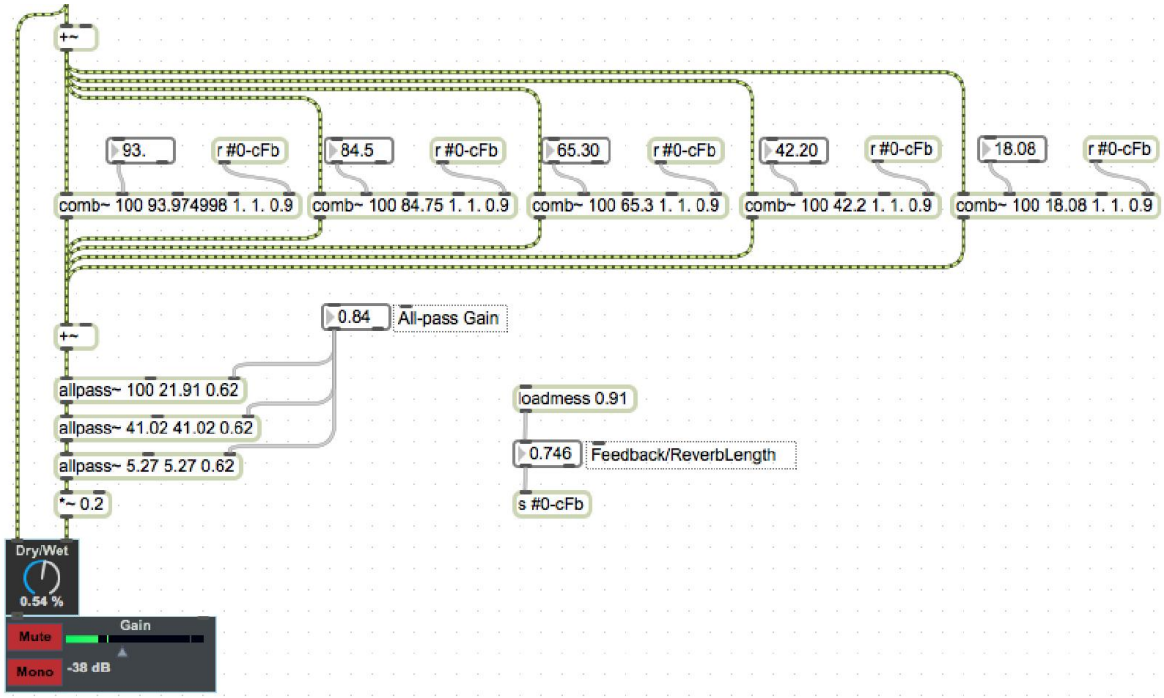

Input
Sidechain in
r #0-ext-sidechain
selector~ 2 1
p dc/sub-block
Sidechain
abs~
10.
Attack
100.
Release
p mstosamps
p mstosamps
slide~ 200 200
Level Detector
atodb~
Log
r #0-CompThresh
~
p
scale~ -2 2 0 1
clip~ 0 1
r #0-CompRatio
abs 0.
!/ 1.
!~ 1
*~
+~
Gain Computer
17.
p mstosamps
delay~ 44100
Look ahead
Linear Gain
p
*~
0.
Make up gain
dbtoa
0
3
6
10
15
20
Gain Reduction dB
*~ 1
cross~ 6000
overdrive~ 1.3
+~
Saturation for treble
onepole~ 120
*~ 0.1
+~
color the output
Slightly Boost low end
On
Gain
Mono
-47 dB

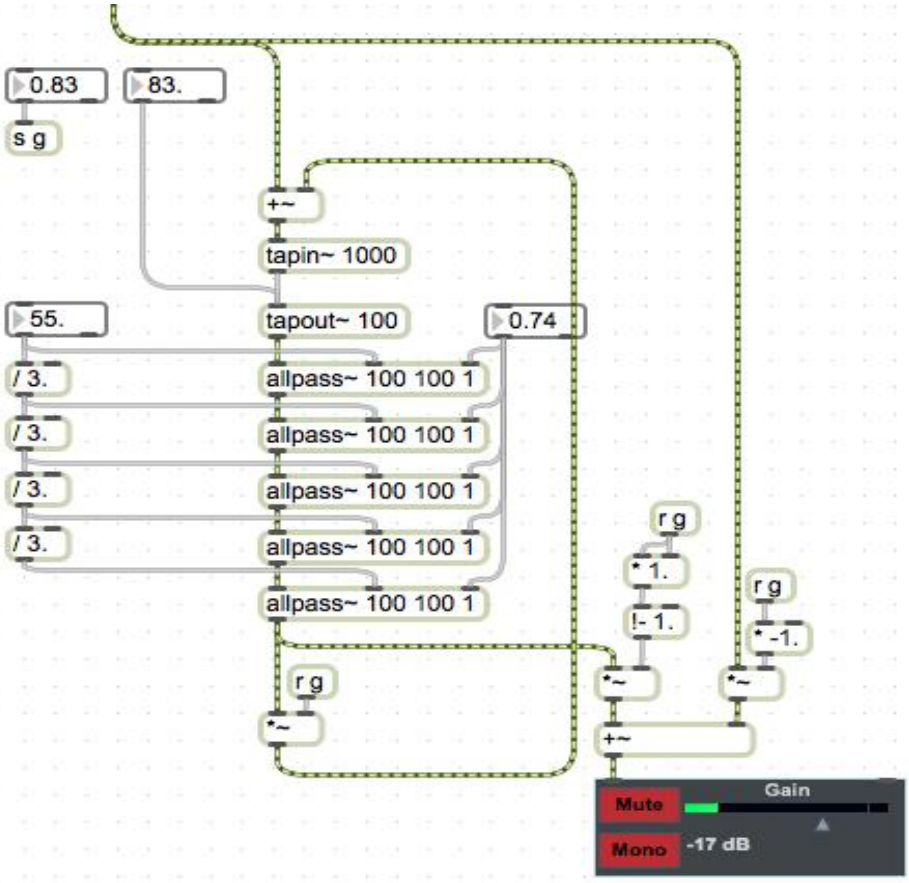
Reverberation

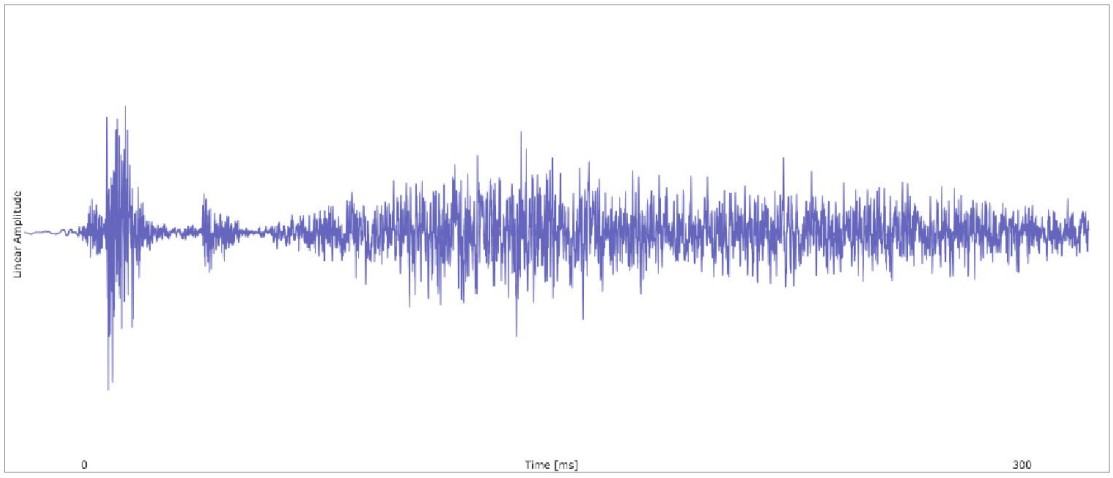




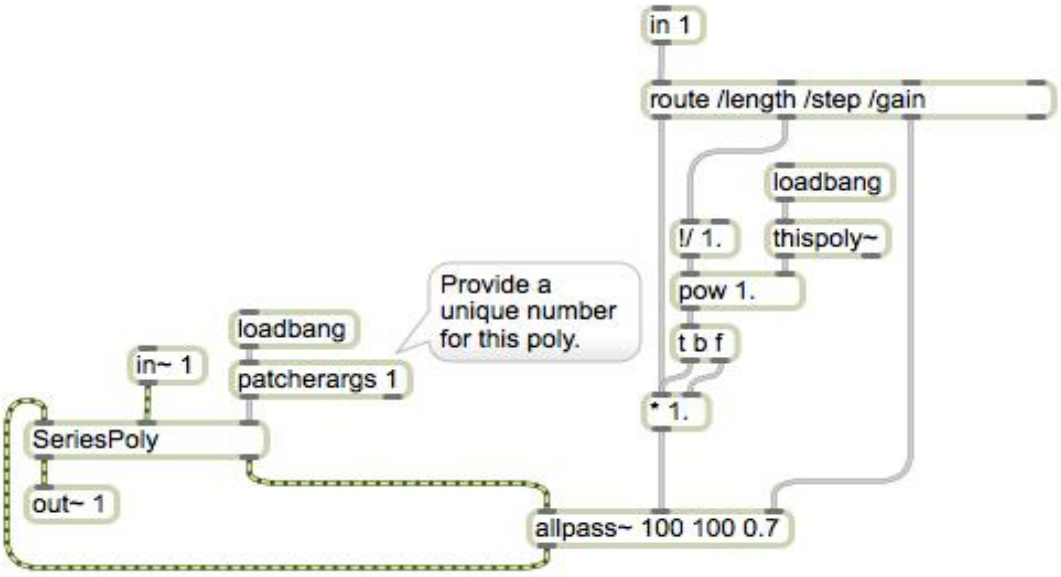

31
63
125
250
500
1k
2k
4k
8k
16k
20
0
-20
-40
-60
-80

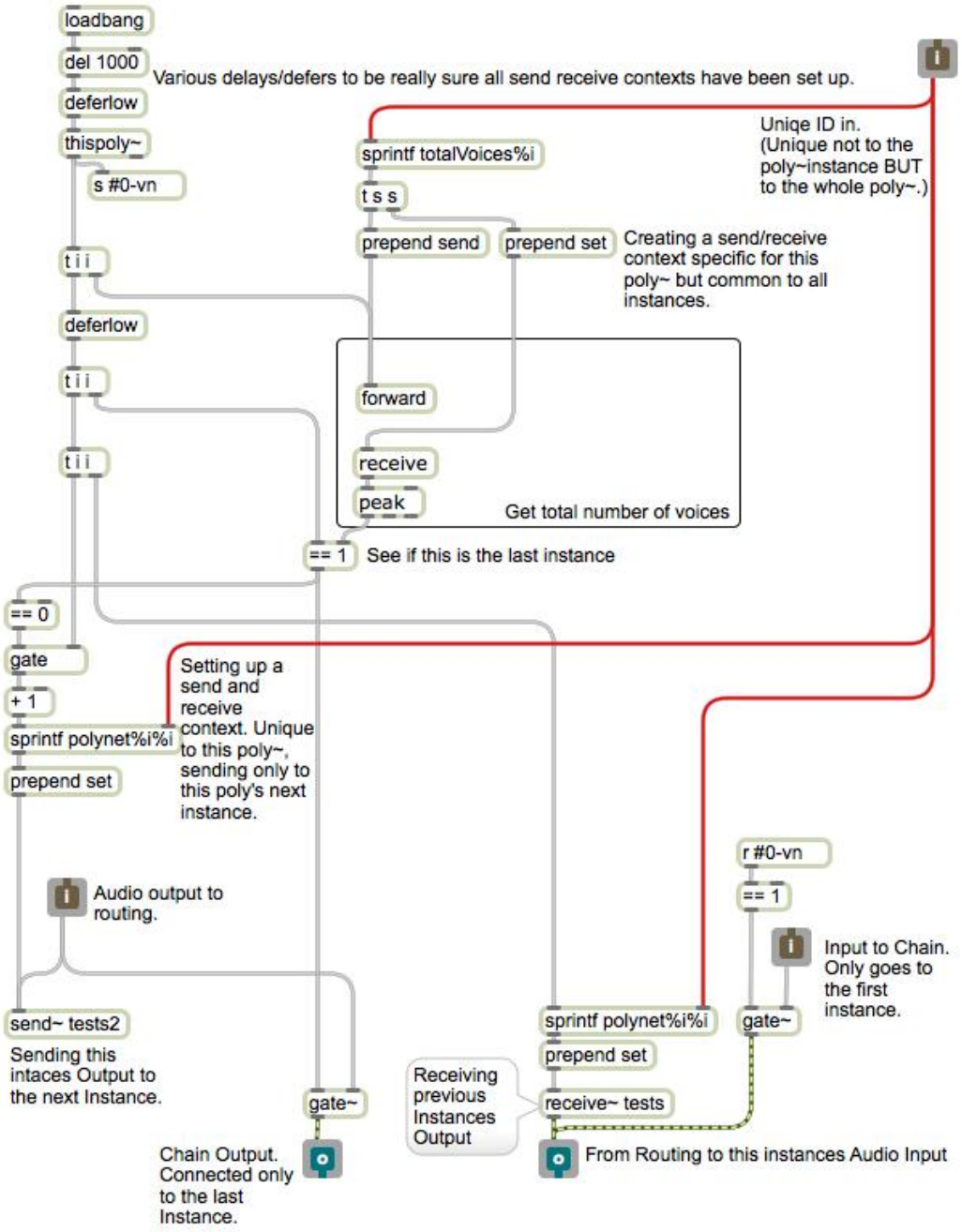

+~
93.
r #0-cFb
84.5
r #0-cFb
65.30
r #0-cFb
42.20
r #0-cFb
18.08
r #0-cFb
comb~ 100 93.974998 1. 1. 0.9
comb~ 100 84.75 1. 1. 0.9
comb~ 100 65.3 1. 1. 0.9
comb~ 100 42.2 1. 1. 0.9
comb~ 100 18.08 1. 1. 0.9
0.84
All-pass Gain
+~
allpass~ 100 21.91 0.62
allpass~ 41.02 41.02 0.62
allpass~ 5.27 5.27 0.62
loadmess 0.91
0.746
Feedback/ReverbLength
*~ 0.2
s #0-cFb
Dry/Wet
0.54 %
Mute
Gain
Mono
-38 dB

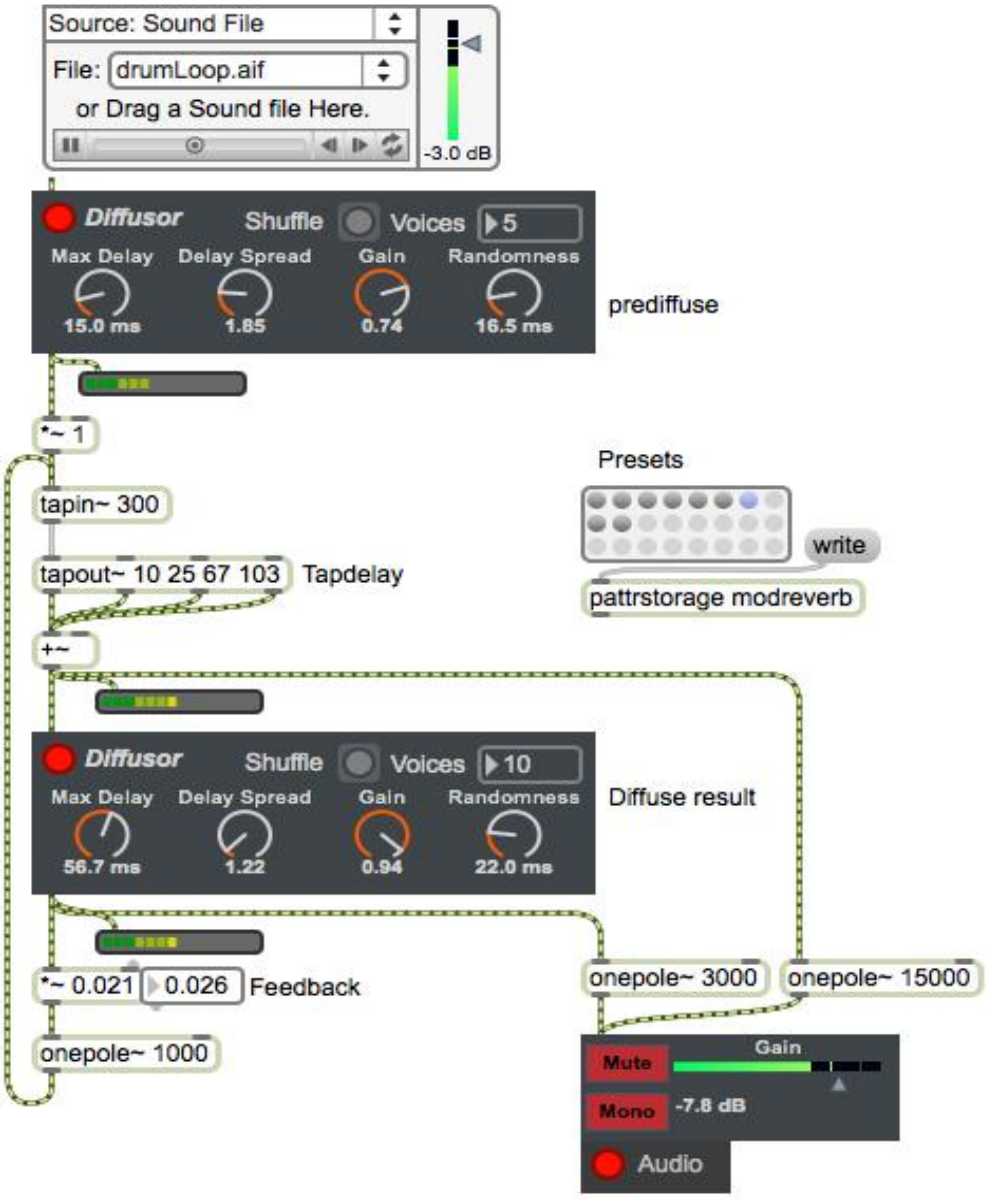

0.83
83.
s g
+~
tapin~ 1000
55.
tapout~ 100
0.74
/ 3.
/ 3.
/ 3.
/ 3.
allpass~ 100 100 1
allpass~ 100 100 1
allpass~ 100 100 1
allpass~ 100 100 1
allpass~ 100 100 1
r g
*~
r g
* 1.
!- 1.
r g
* -1.
*~
*~
+~
Mute
Gain
Mono
-17 dB


Linear Amplitude
0
Time [ms]
300

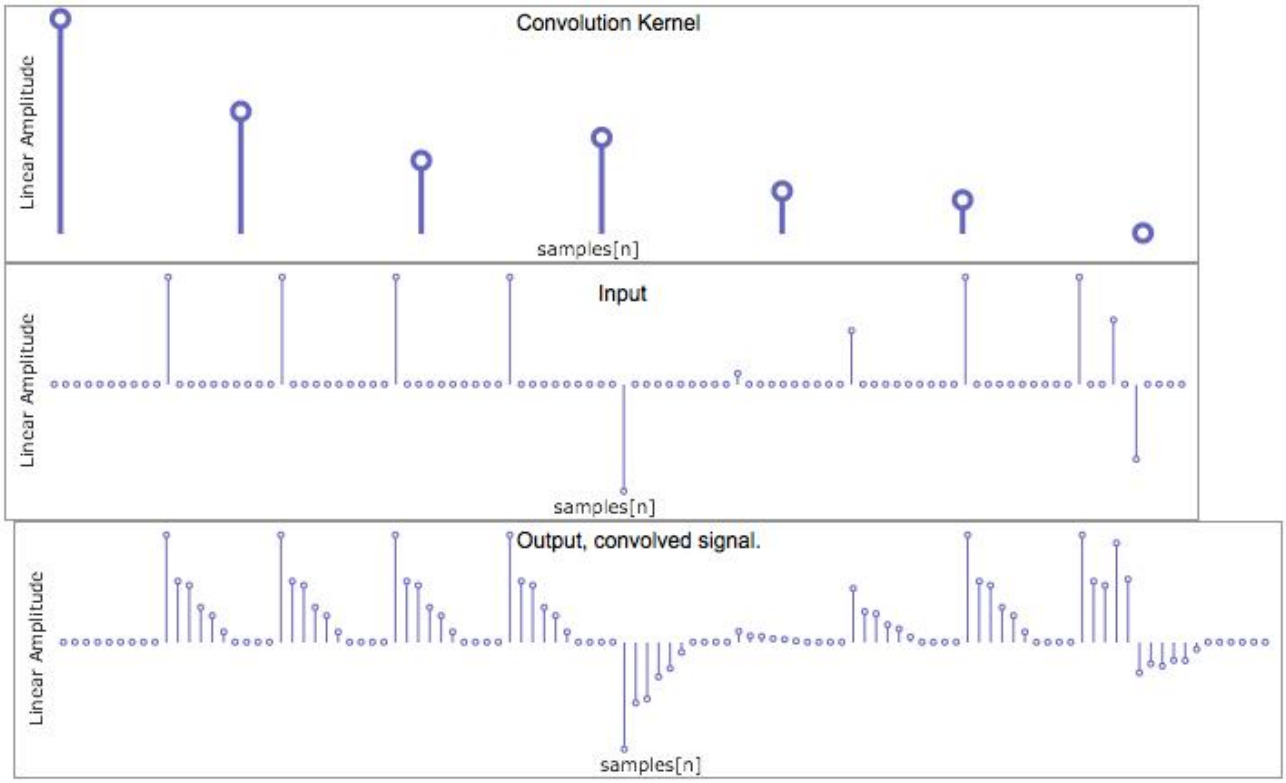
Poly as a cascade



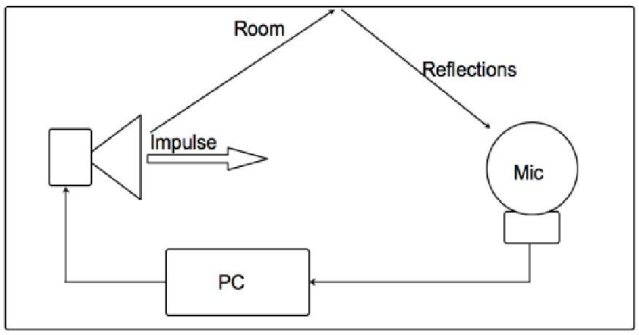

loadbang
del 1000
Various delays/defers to be really sure all send receive contexts have been set up.
deferlow
thispoly~
s #0-vn
Uniqe ID in.
(Unique not to the poly~instance BUT to the whole poly~.)
sprintf totalVoices%i
t s s
prepend send
prepend set
Creating a send/receive context specific for this poly~ but common to all instances.
t i i
deferlow
t i i
forward
receive
peak
Get total number of voices
t i i
== 1
See if this is the last instance
== 0
gate
+ 1
sprintf polynet%i%i
prepend set
Setting up a send and receive context. Unique to this poly~, sending only to this poly's next instance.
r #0-vn
== 1
Audio output to routing.
Input to Chain. Only goes to the first instance.
send~ tests2
Sending this intaces Output to the next Instance.
sprintf polynet%i%i
gate~
prepend set
Receiving previous Instances Output
receive~ tests
gate~
Chain Output. Connected only to the last Instance.
From Routing to this instances Audio Input


Source: Sound File
File: drumLoop.aif
or Drag a Sound file Here.
-3.0 dB
Diffusor
Shuffle
Voices
5
Max Delay
Delay Spread
Gain
Randomness
15.0 ms
1.85
0.74
16.5 ms
prediffuse
*~ 1
Presets
tapin~ 300
write
tapout~ 10 25 67 103
Tapdelay
pattrstorage modreverb
+~
Diffusor
Shuffle
Voices
10
Max Delay
Delay Spread
Gain
Randomness
56.7 ms
1.22
0.94
22.0 ms
Diffuse result
*~ 0.021
0.026
Feedback
onepole~ 3000
onepole~ 15000
onepole~ 1000
Mute
Gain
Mono
-7.8 dB
Audio

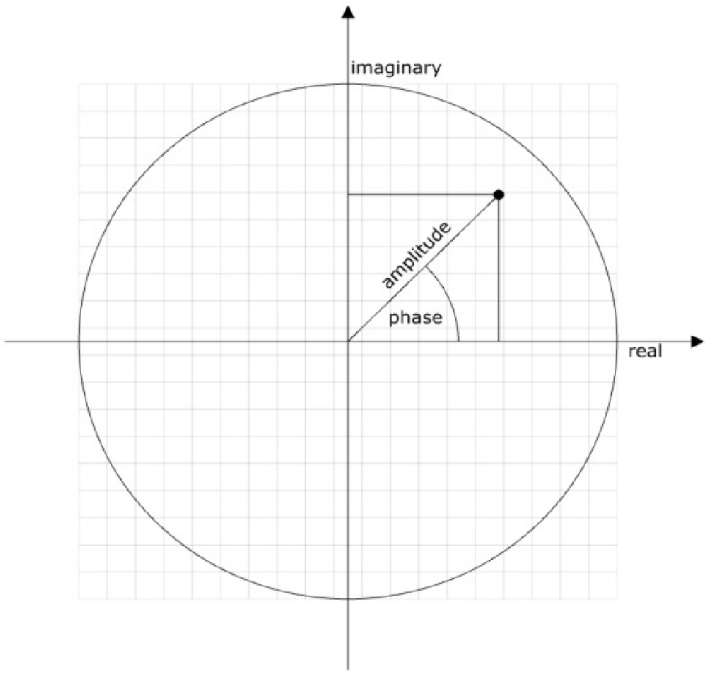
Convolution



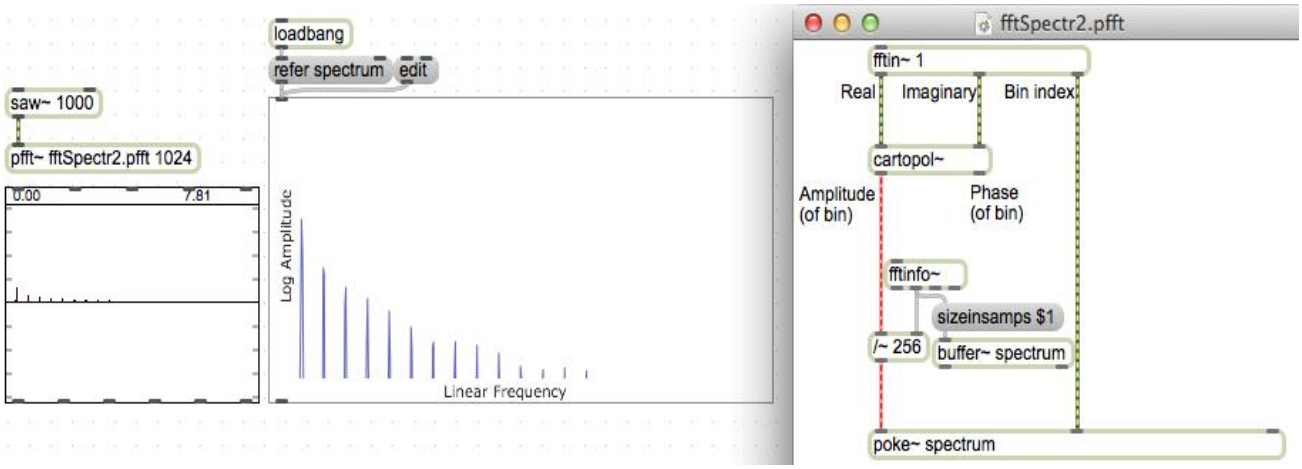
Taking a room's impulse response



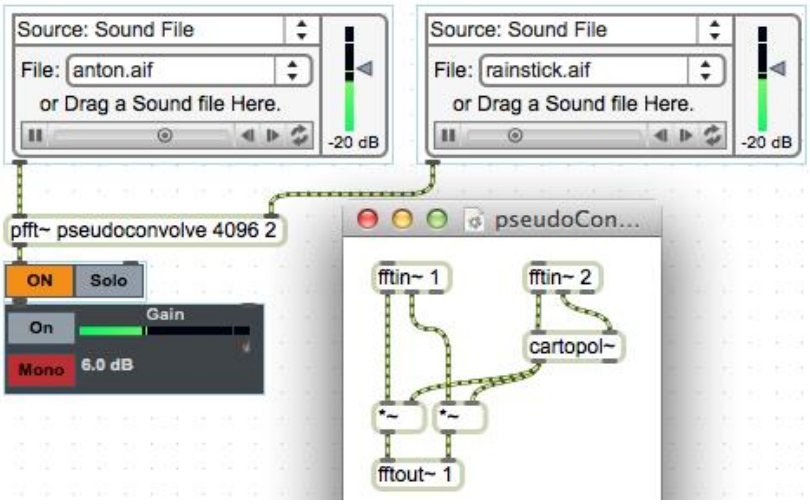
FFT



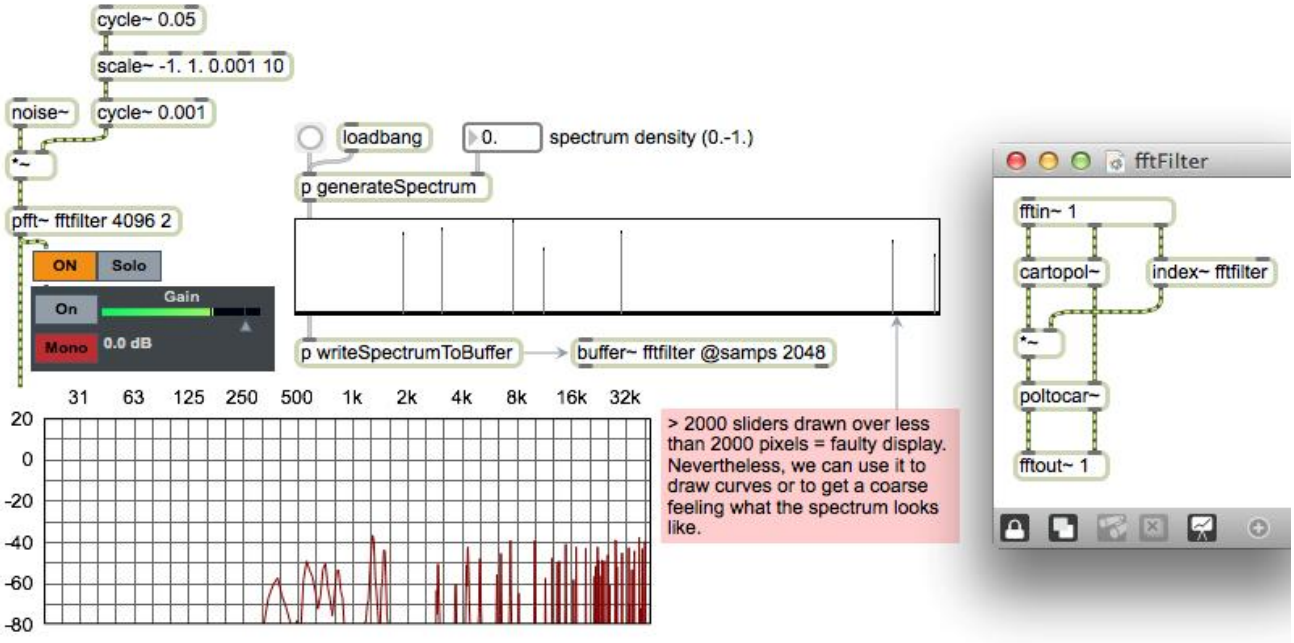
Drawing a signal's spectrum



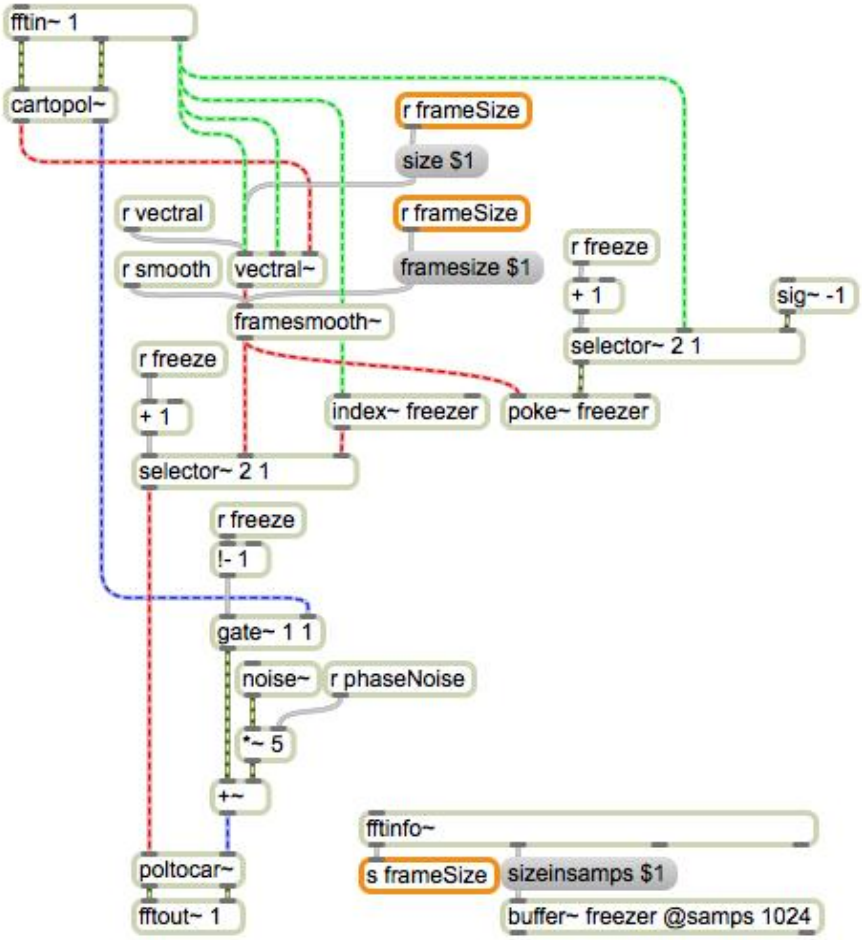
Simple convolution



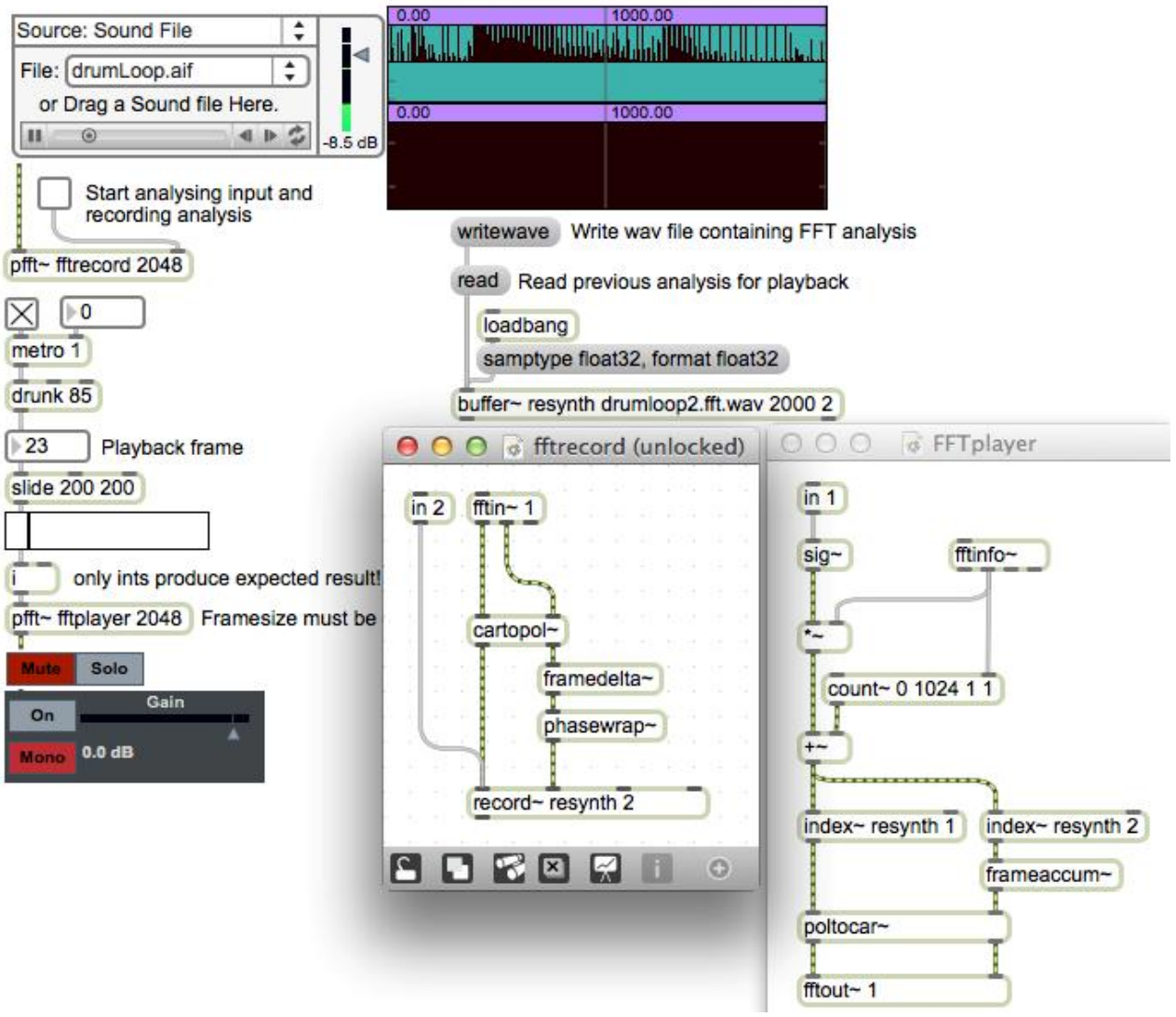
An FFT filter



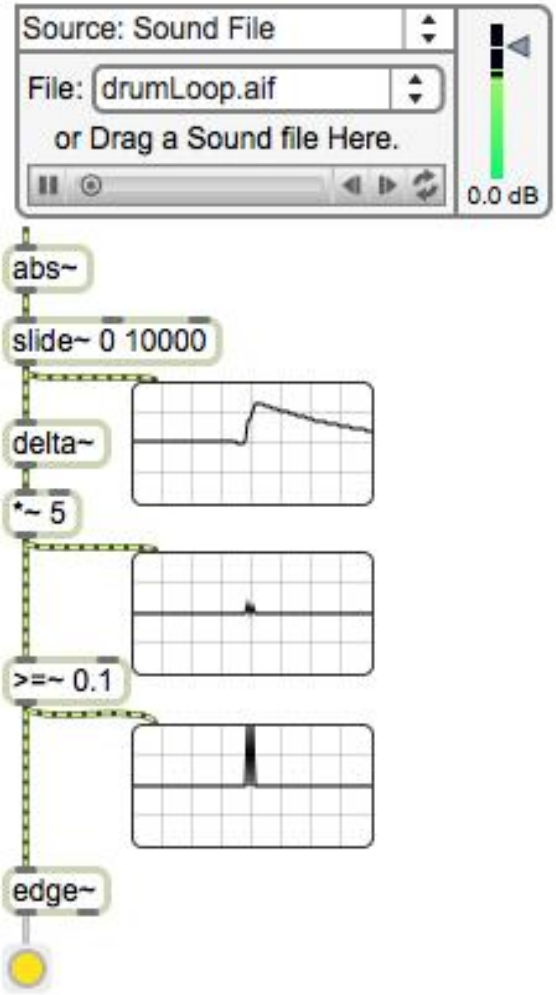
Spectral reverb and freezing

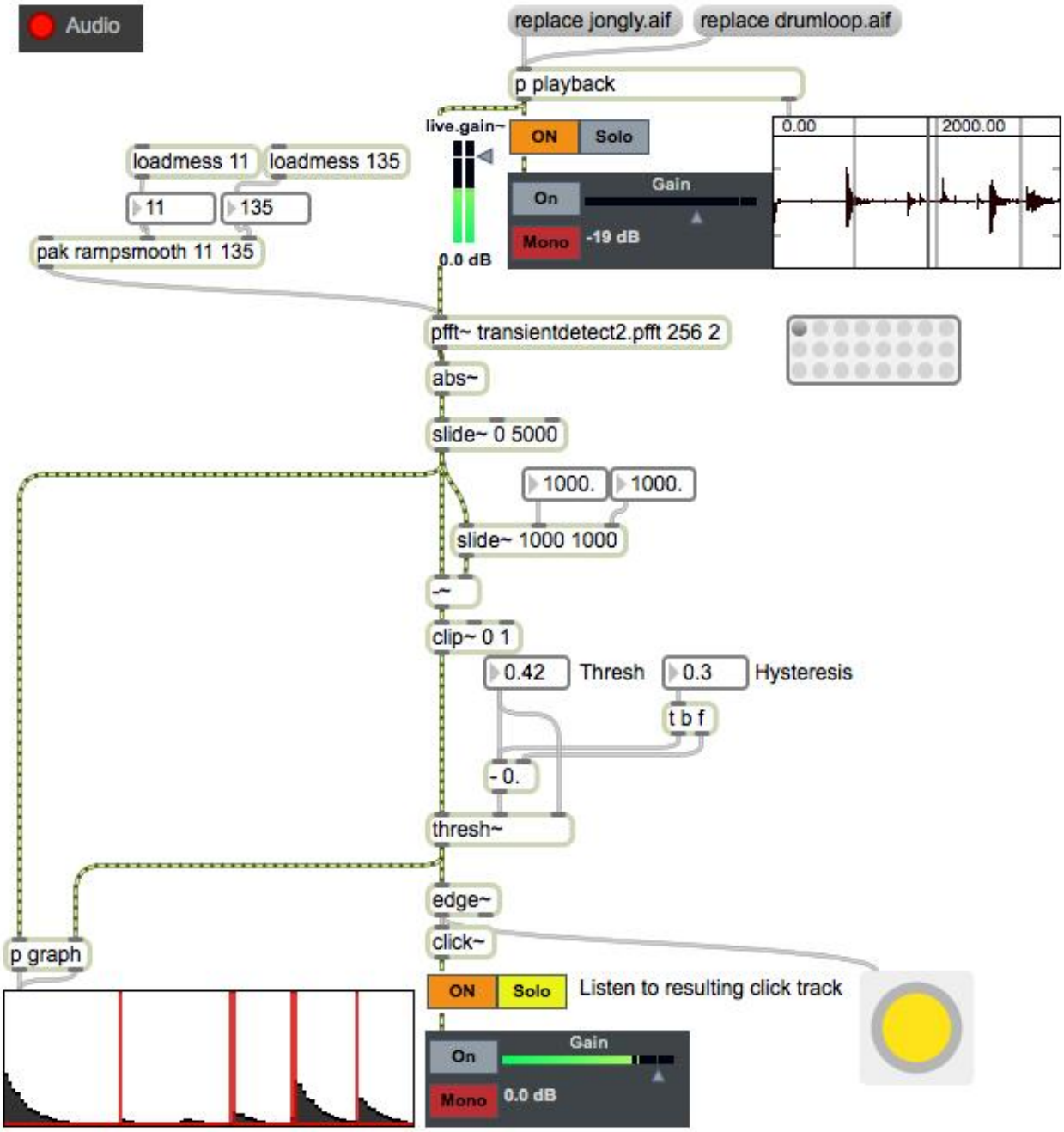


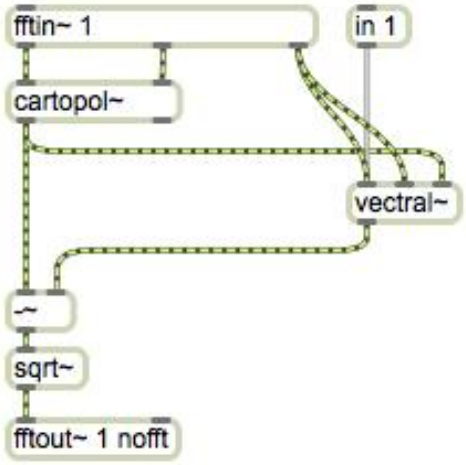
Recording and playback of FFT data



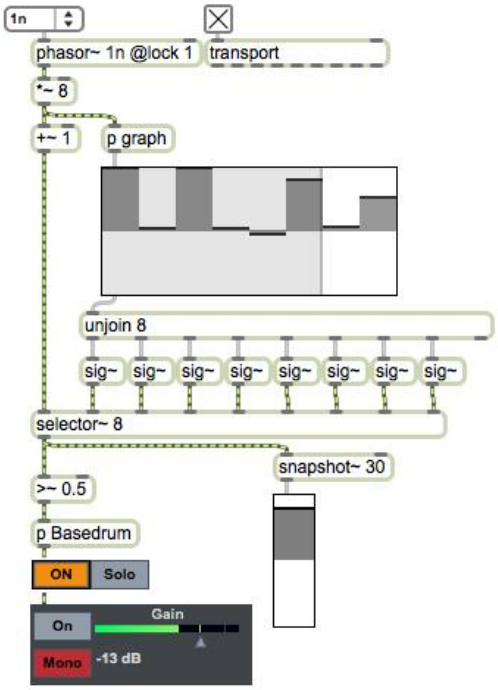
Transient detection

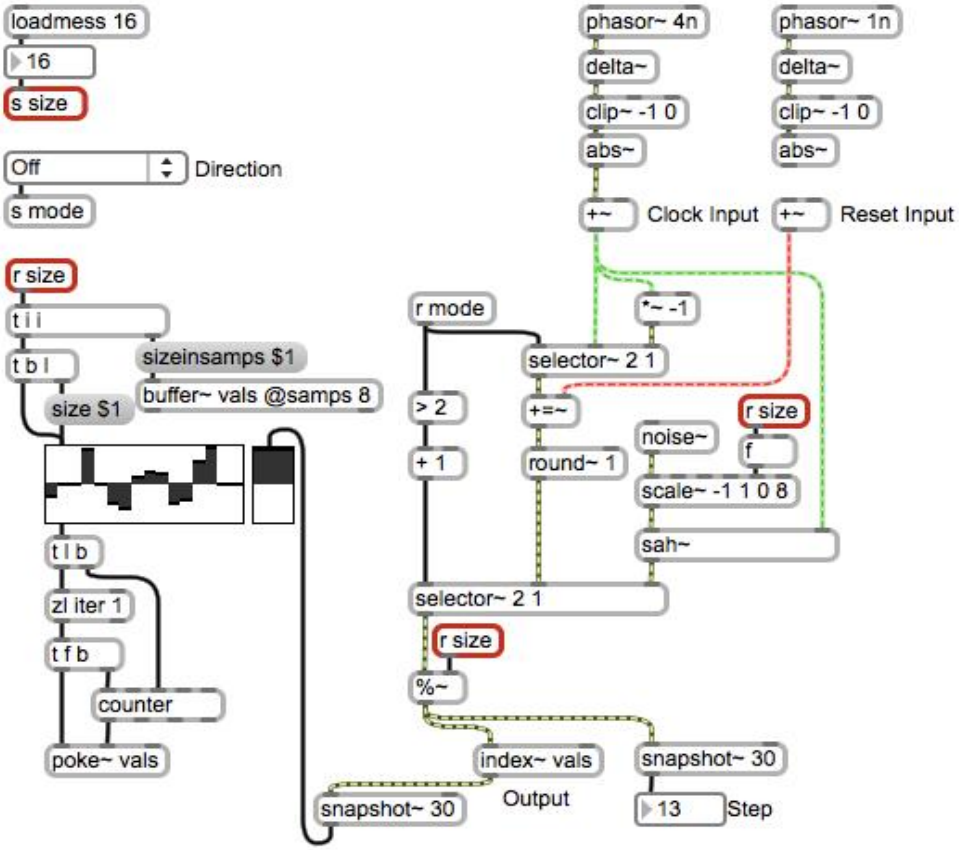



Audio
replace jongly.aif
replace drumloop.aif
p playback
live.gain~
ON
Solo
On
Gain
Mono
-19 dB
0.0 dB
0.00
2000.00
loadmess 11
loadmess 135
11
135
pak rampsmooth 11 135
pfft~ transientdetect2.pfft 256 2
abs~
slide~ 0 5000
1000.
1000.
slide~ 1000 1000
~~
clip~ 0 1
0.42
Thresh
0.3
Hysteresis
t b f
- 0.
thresh~
edge~
click~
p graph
ON
Solo
Listen to resulting click track
On
Gain
Mono
0.0 dB



Sample accurate sequencing




loadmess 16
16
s size
Off
Direction
s mode
r size
t i i
t b l
sizeinsamps $1
size $1
buffer~ vals @samps 8
t l b
zl iter 1
t f b
counter
poke~ vals
snapshot~ 30
phasor~ 4n
delta~
clip~ -1 0
abs~
+~
Clock Input
phasor~ 1n
delta~
clip~ -1 0
abs~
+~
Reset Input
r mode
*~ -1
selector~ 2 1
> 2
+ 1
+=~
round~ 1
noise~
r size
f
scale~ -1 1 0 8
sah~
selector~ 2 1
r size
%~
index~ vals
Output
snapshot~ 30
13
Step

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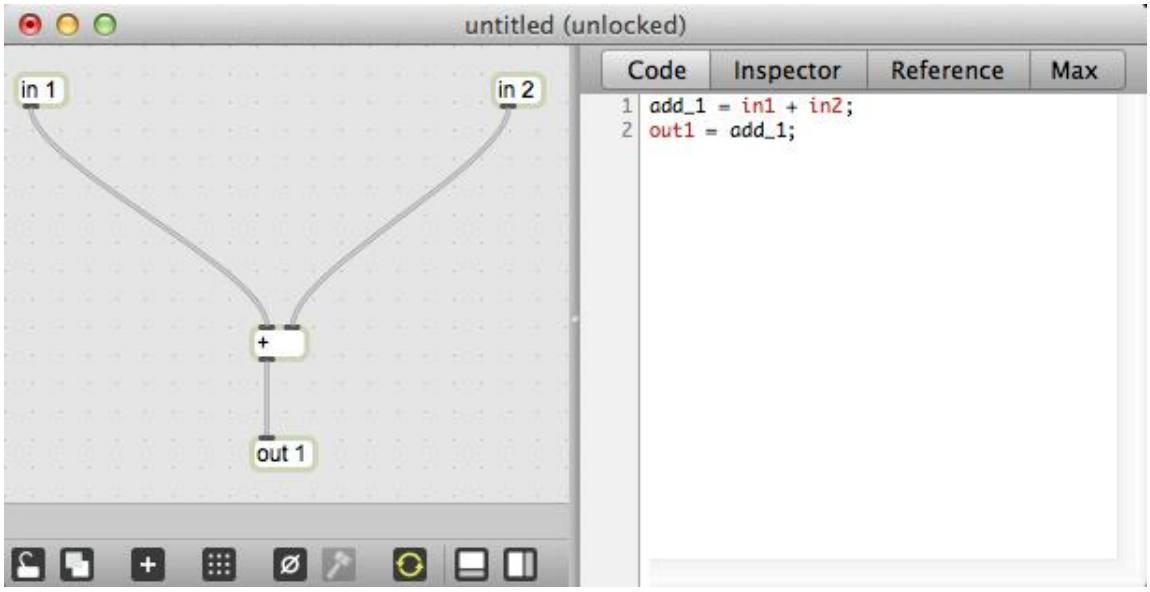
Low-level Patching in Gen

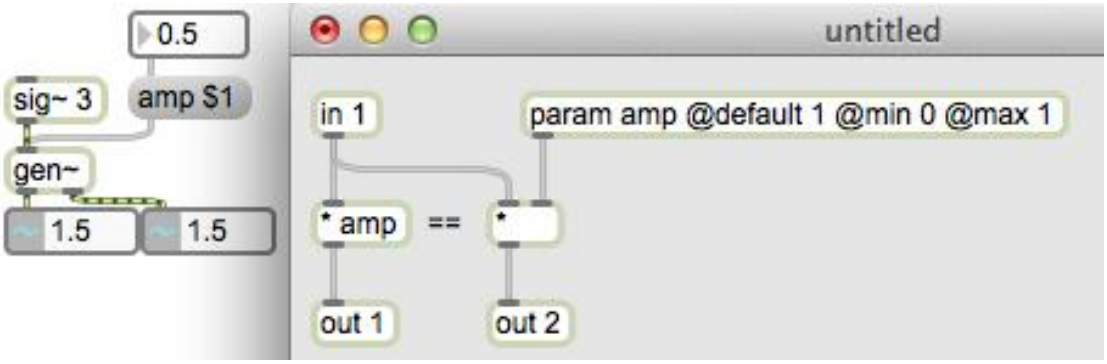
Introducing Gen

The Gen workspace



Exploring the differences between Max and Gen

Parameters through param



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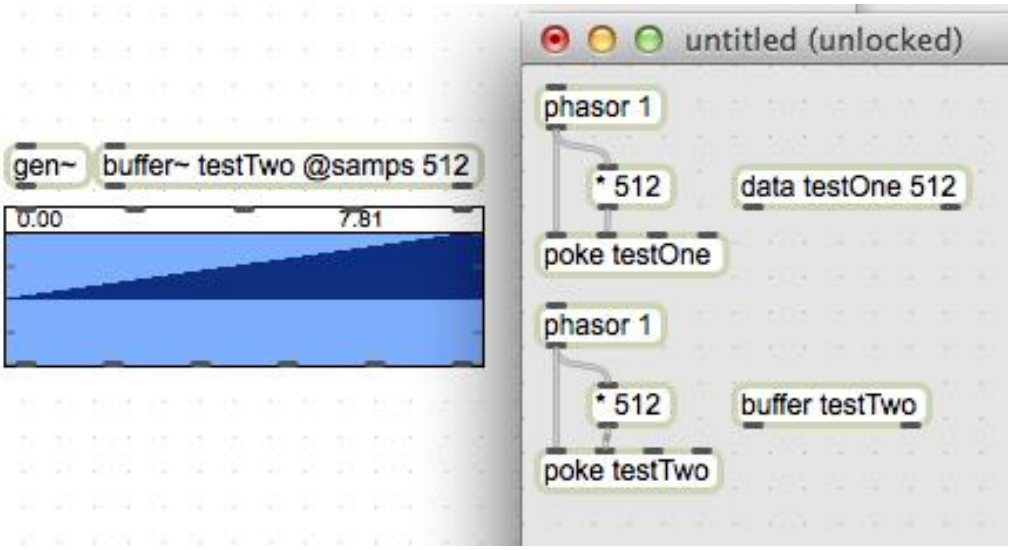
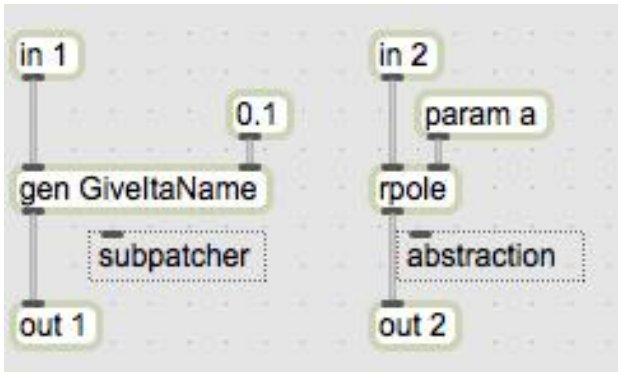
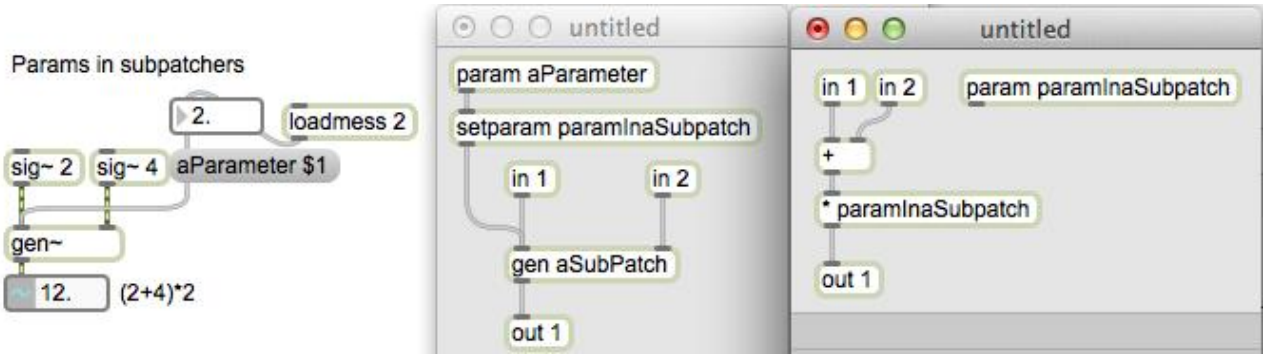
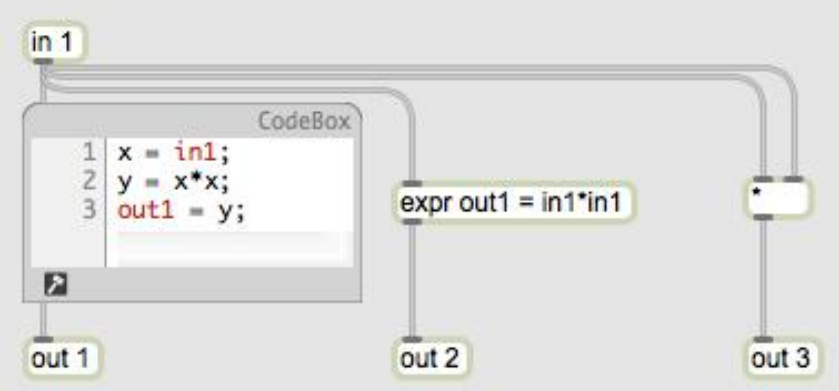


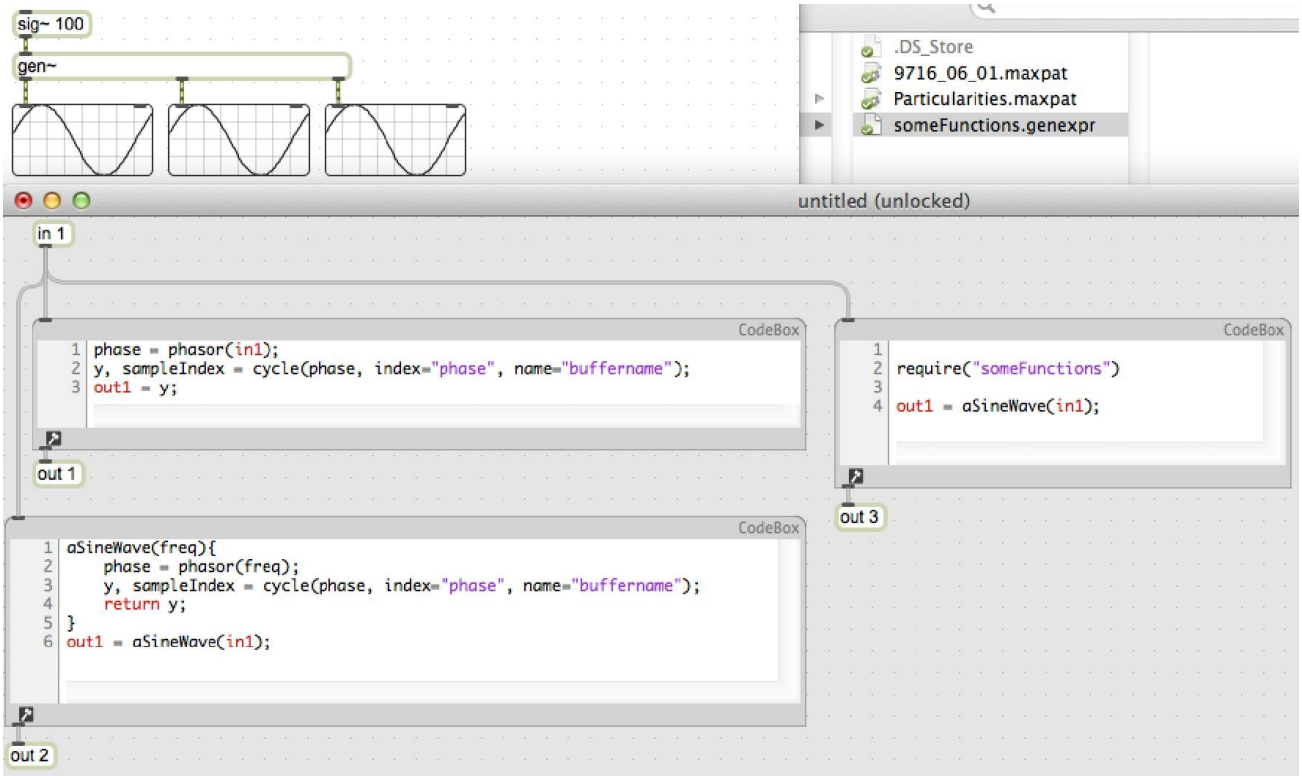
Subpatchers and abstraction inside Gen

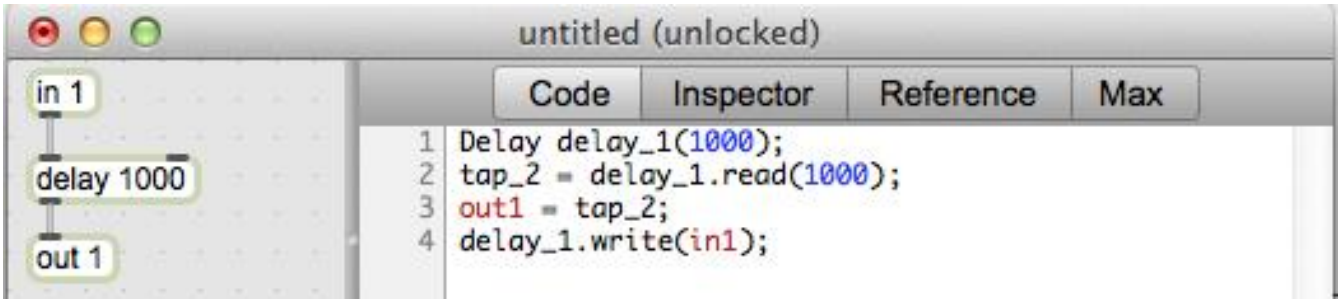




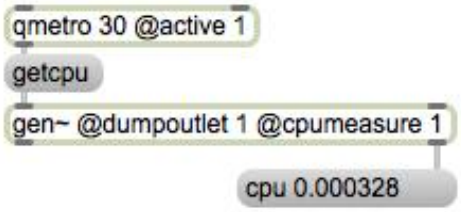
Genexpr and the CodeBox





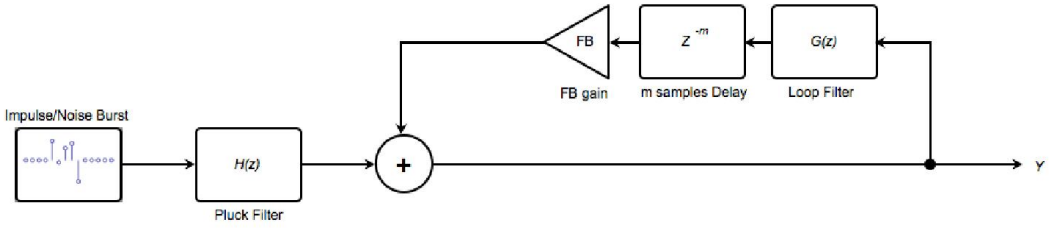


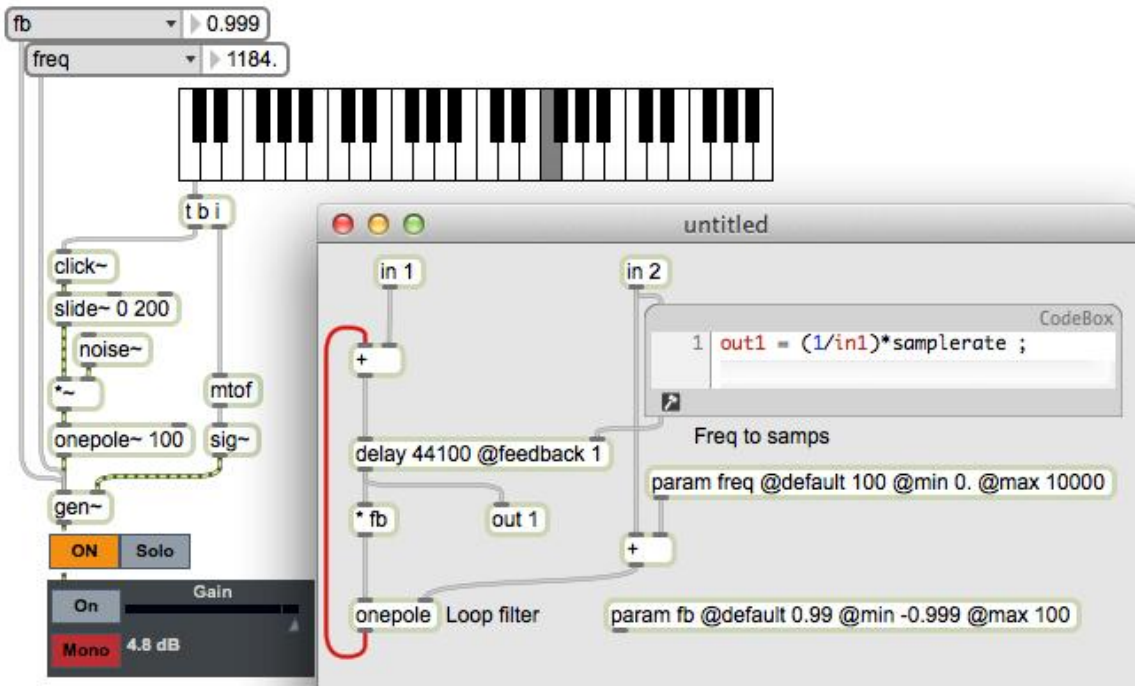
Efficiency

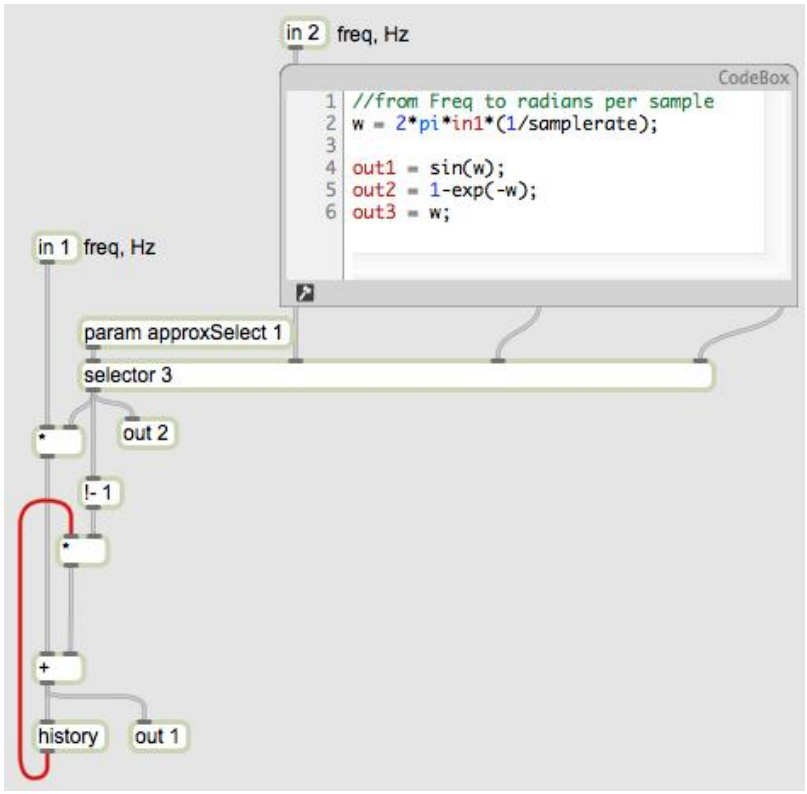


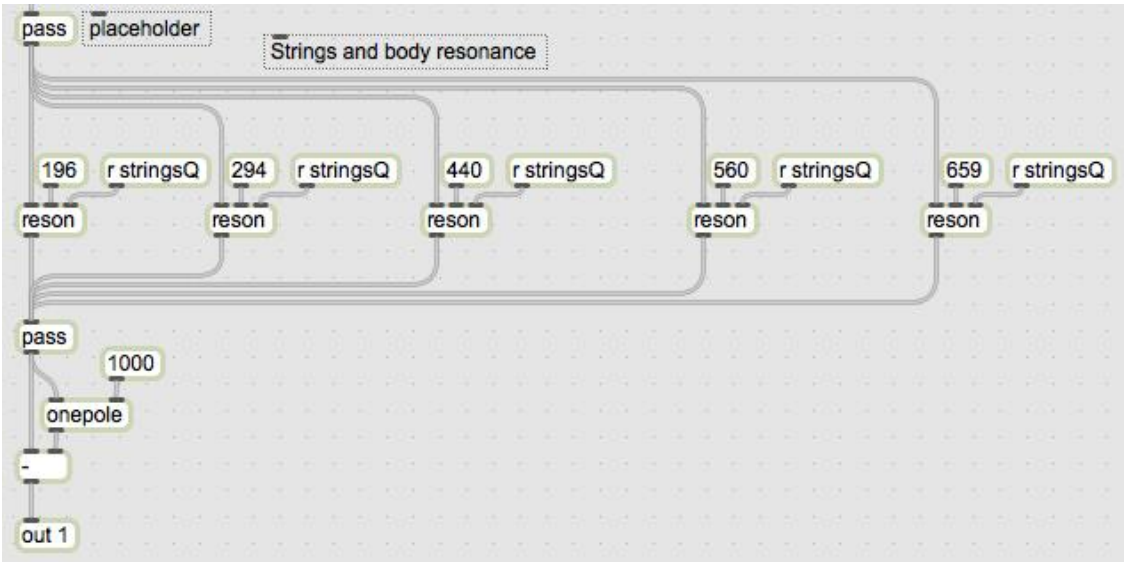
Examples

Karplus-Strong synthesis

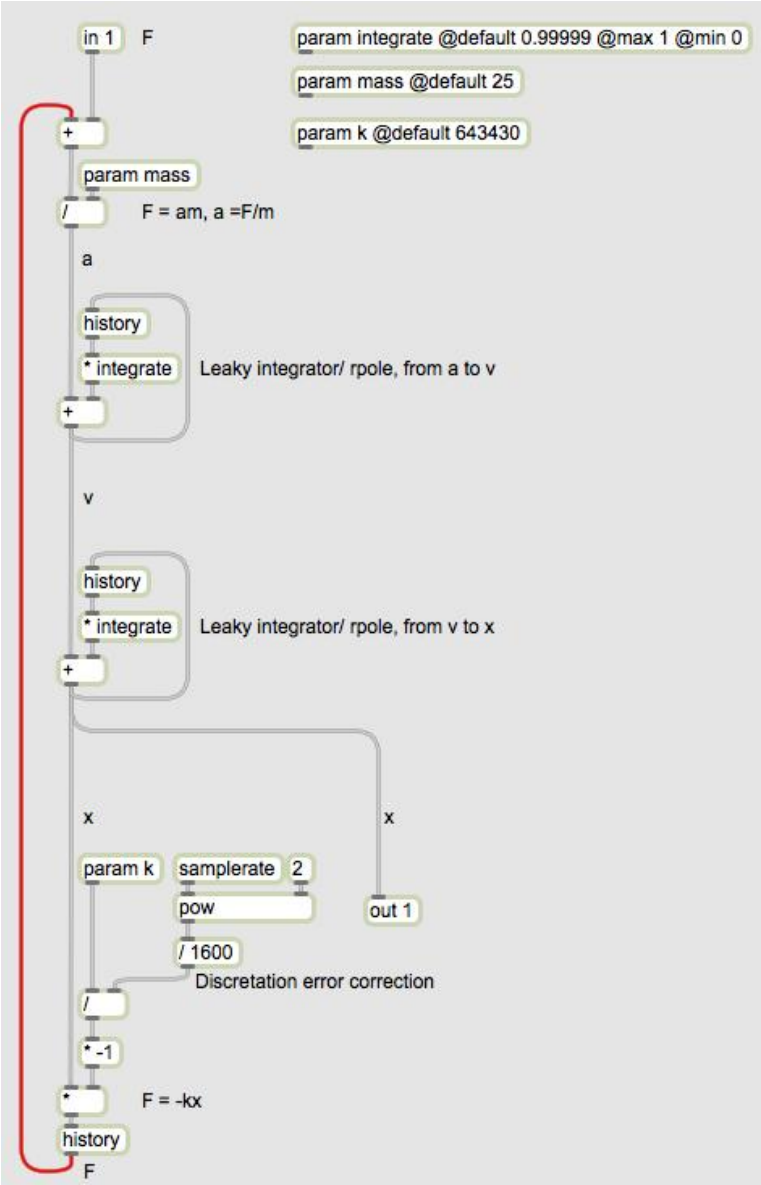



fb
0.999
freq
1184.
t b i
click~
slide~ 0 200
noise~
*~
mtof
onepole~ 100
sig~
gen~
ON
Solo
On
Gain
Mono
4.8 dB
untitled
in 1
in 2
+
CodeBox
1
out1 = (1/in1)*samplerate ;
Freq to samps
delay 44100 @feedback 1
param freq @default 100 @min 0. @max 10000
* fb
out 1
+
onepole
Loop filter
param fb @default 0.99 @min -0.999 @max 100

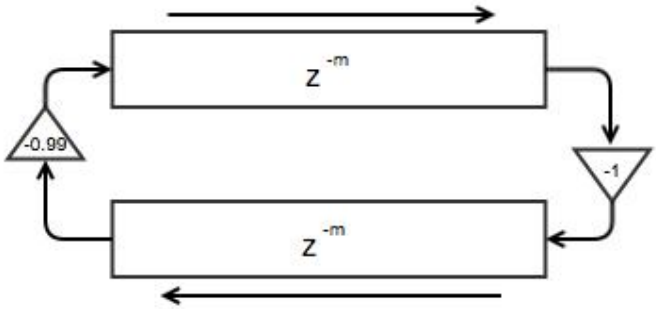

in 2
freq, Hz
CodeBox
1 //from Freq to radians per sample
2 w = 2*pi*in1*(1/samplerate);
3
4 out1 = sin(w);
5 out2 = 1-exp(-w);
6 out3 = w;
in 1
freq, Hz
param approxSelect 1
selector 3
*
out 2
!- 1
*
+
history
out 1

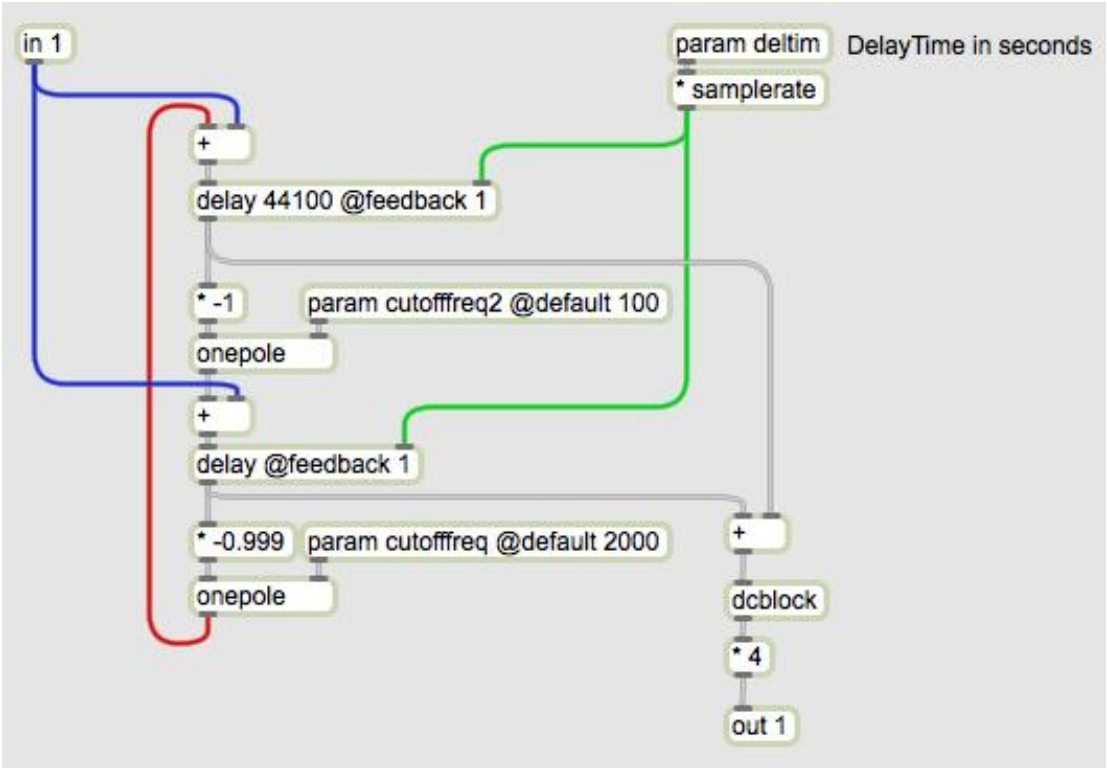

pass
placeholder
Strings and body resonance
196
r stringsQ
294
r stringsQ
440
r stringsQ
560
r stringsQ
659
r stringsQ
reson
reson
reson
reson
reson
pass
1000
onepole
-
out 1

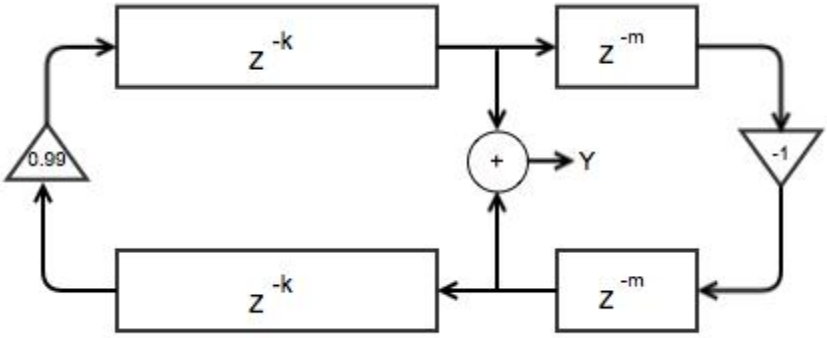
A mass-spring system

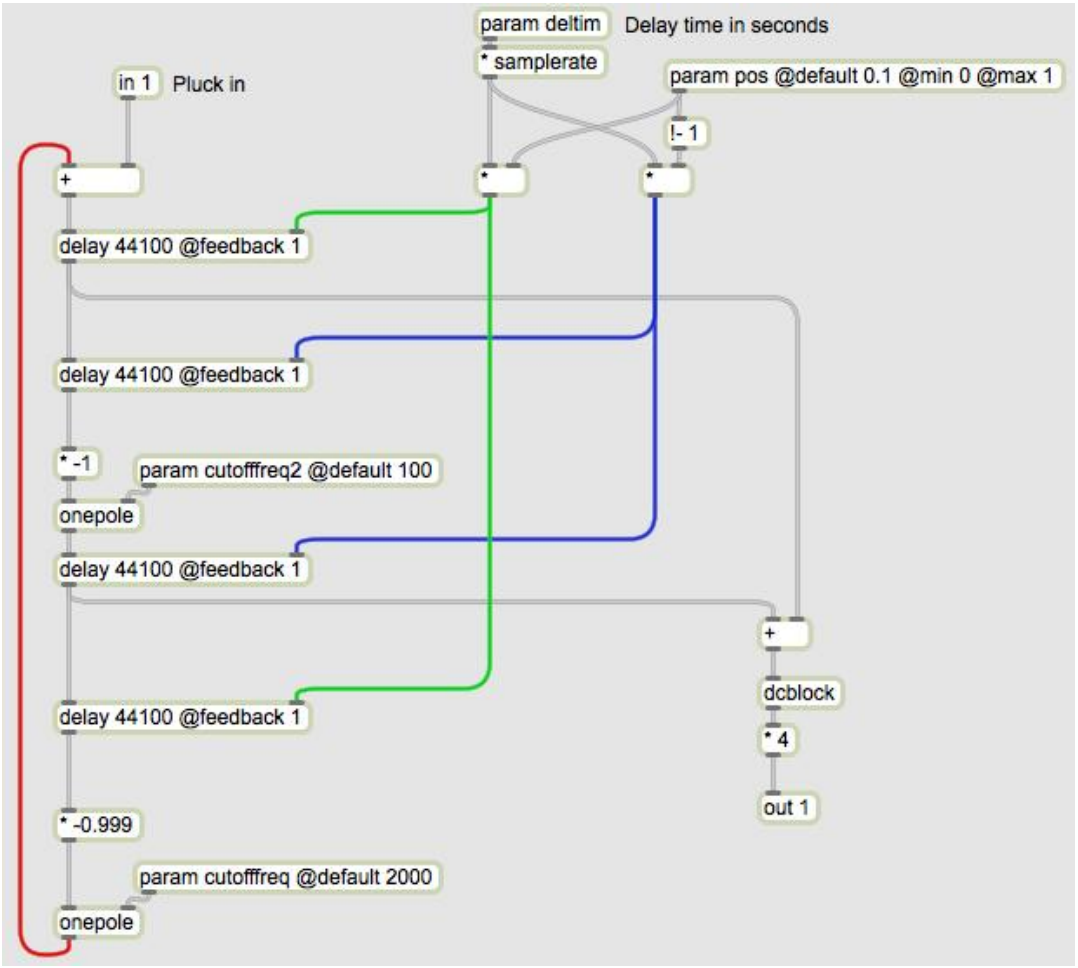


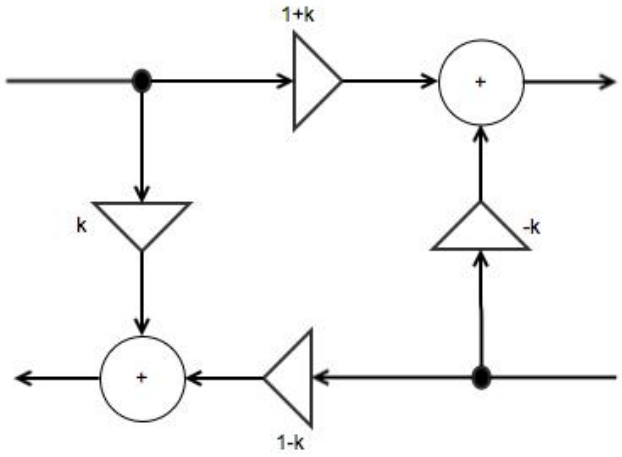
Waveguides and scattering junctions

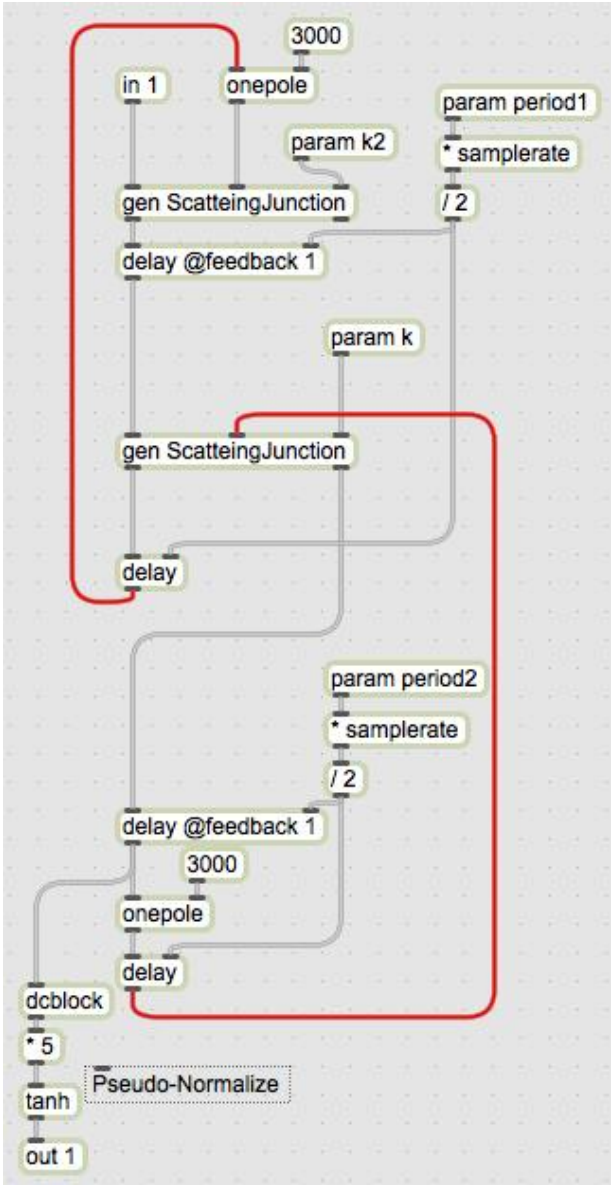





z -k
z -m
0.99
+
Y
-1
z -k
z -m


param deltim
Delay time in seconds
* samplerate
param pos @default 0.1 @min 0 @max 1
in 1
Pluck in
!- 1
+
*
*
delay 44100 @feedback 1
delay 44100 @feedback 1
* -1
param cutofffreq2 @default 100
onepole
delay 44100 @feedback 1
+
dcblock
delay 44100 @feedback 1
* 4
out 1
* -0.999
param cutofffreq @default 2000
onepole


1+k
+
k
-k
+
1-k


3000
in 1
onepole
param period1
param k2
* samplerate
gen ScatteingJunction
/ 2
delay @feedback 1
param k
gen ScatteingJunction
delay
param period2
* samplerate
/ 2
delay @feedback 1
3000
onepole
delay
dcblock
* 5
Pseudo-Normalize
tanh
out 1

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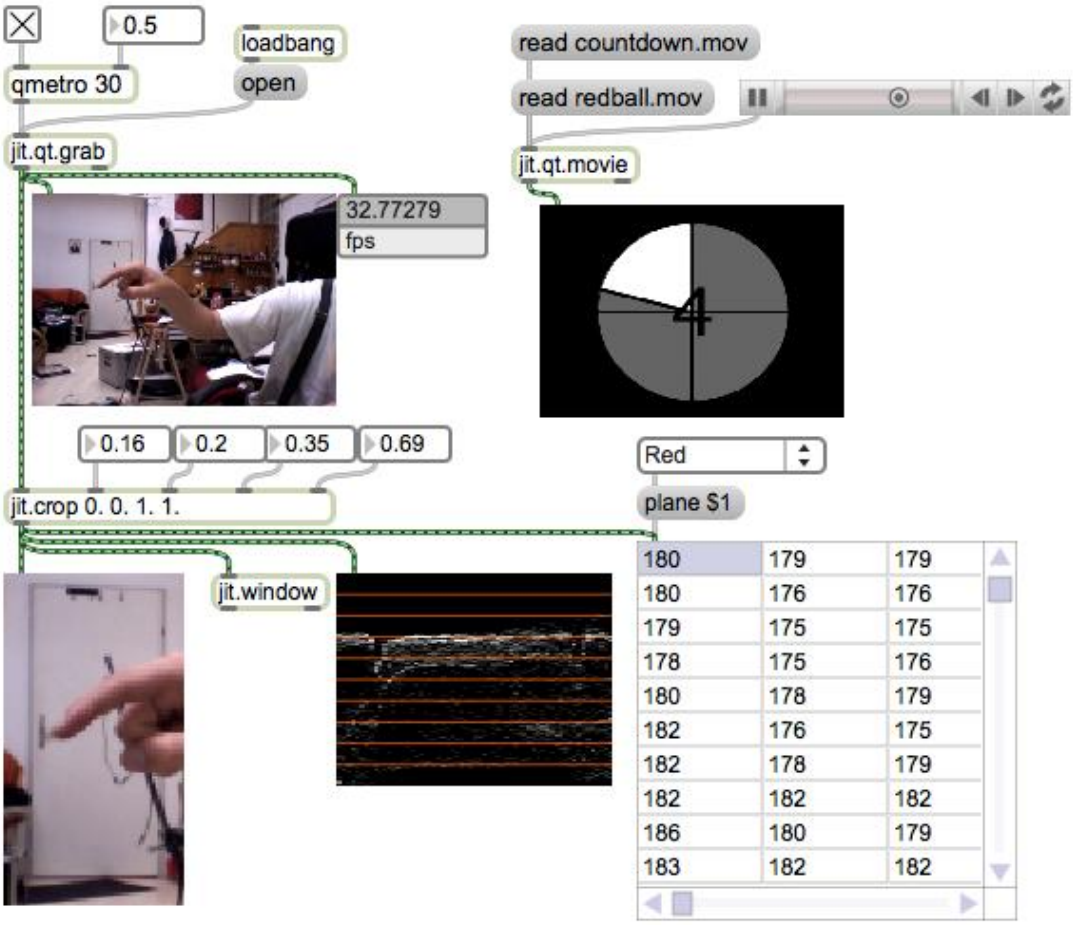
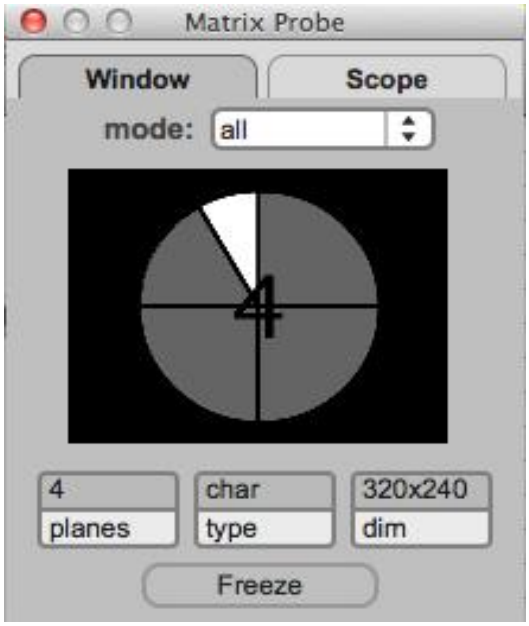
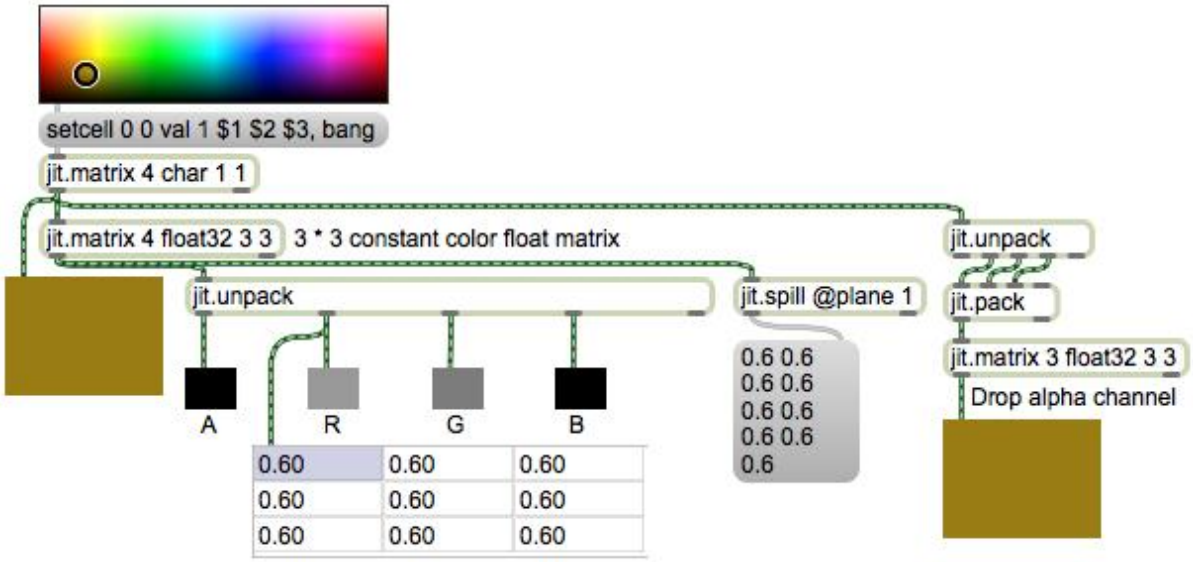
Video in Max/Jitter

Inputting and outputting Jitter data

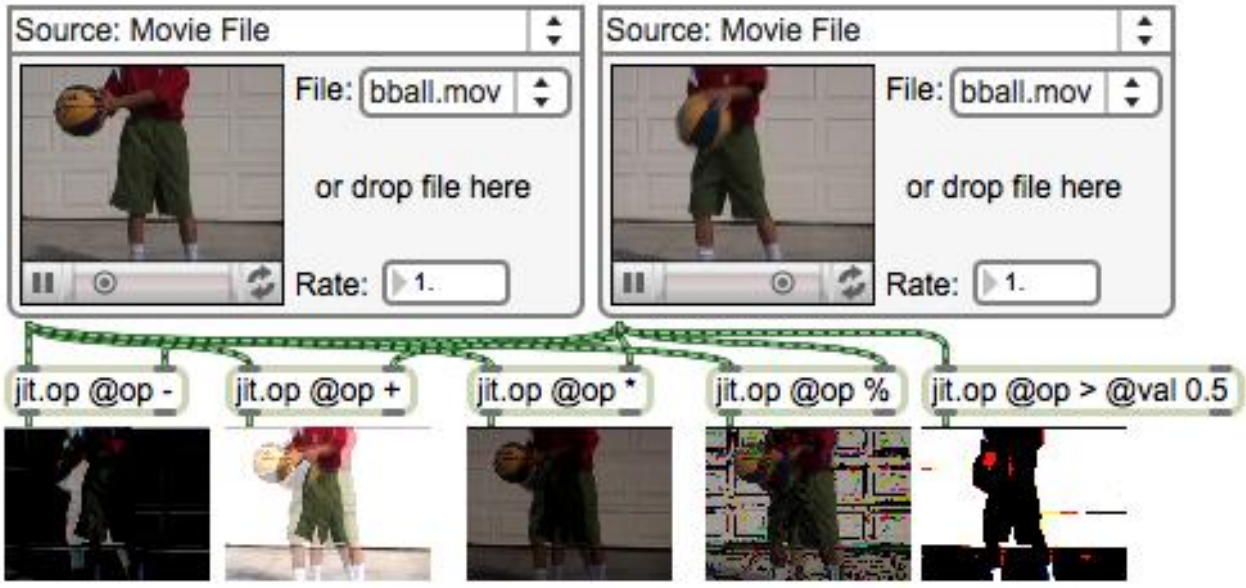




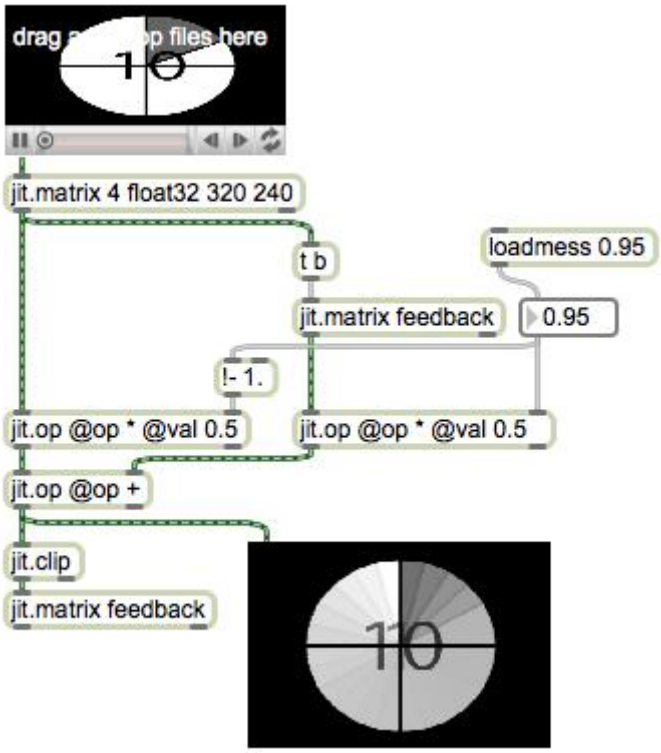
Getting started with the Jitter matrix

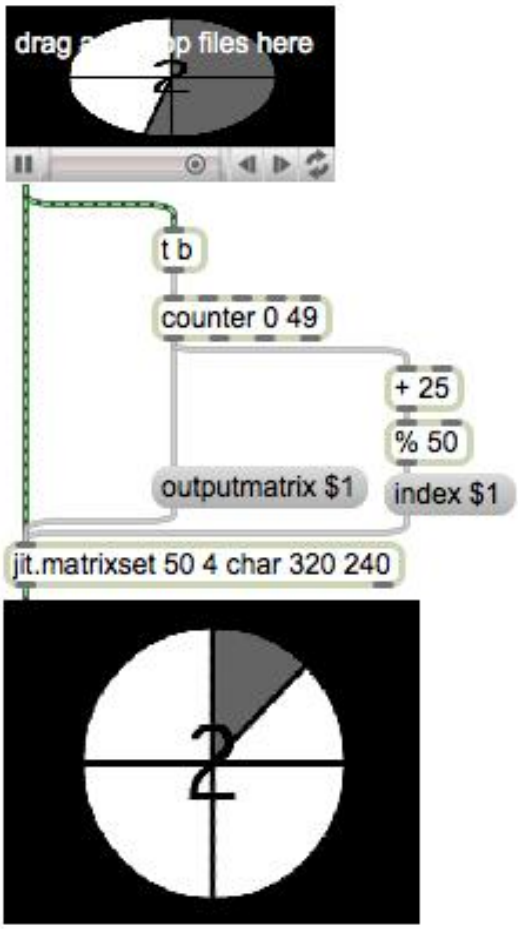


Matrix processing

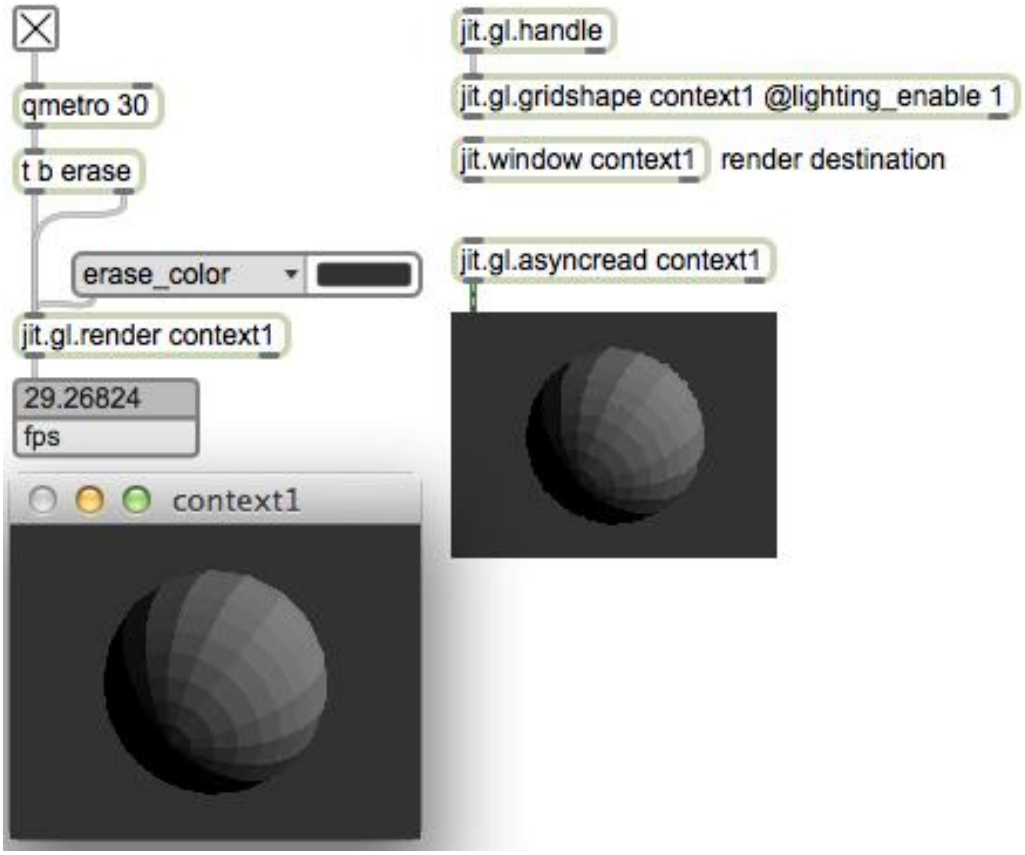


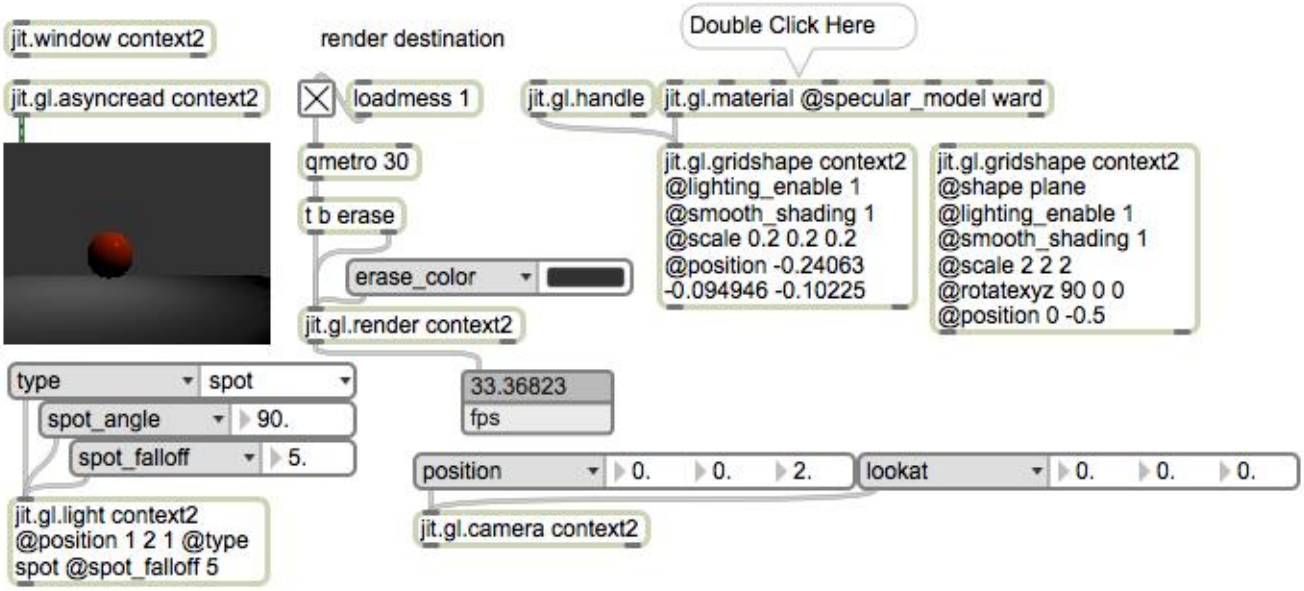
Feedback and delay



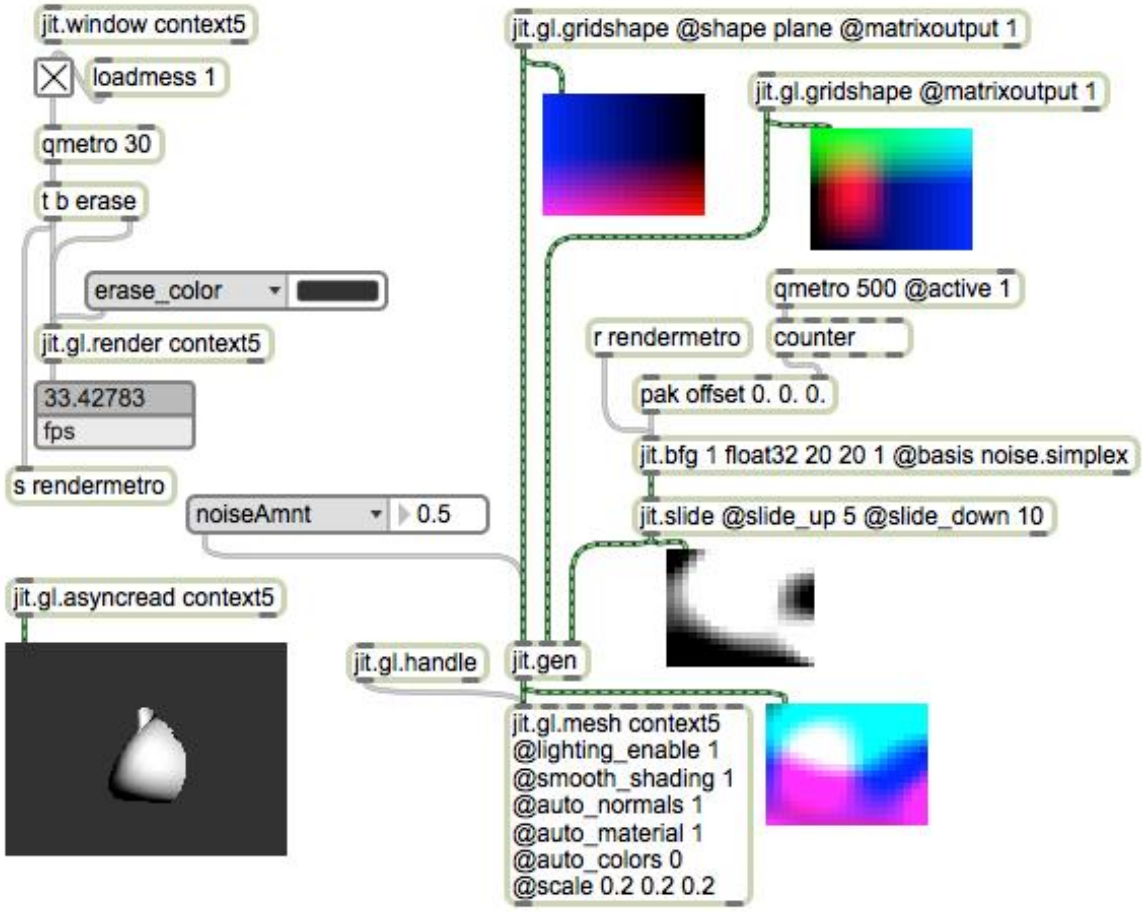

drag a pp files here
t b
counter 0 49
+ 25
% 50
outputmatrix $1
index $1
jit.matrixset 50 4 char 320 240

Using OpenGL in Jitter

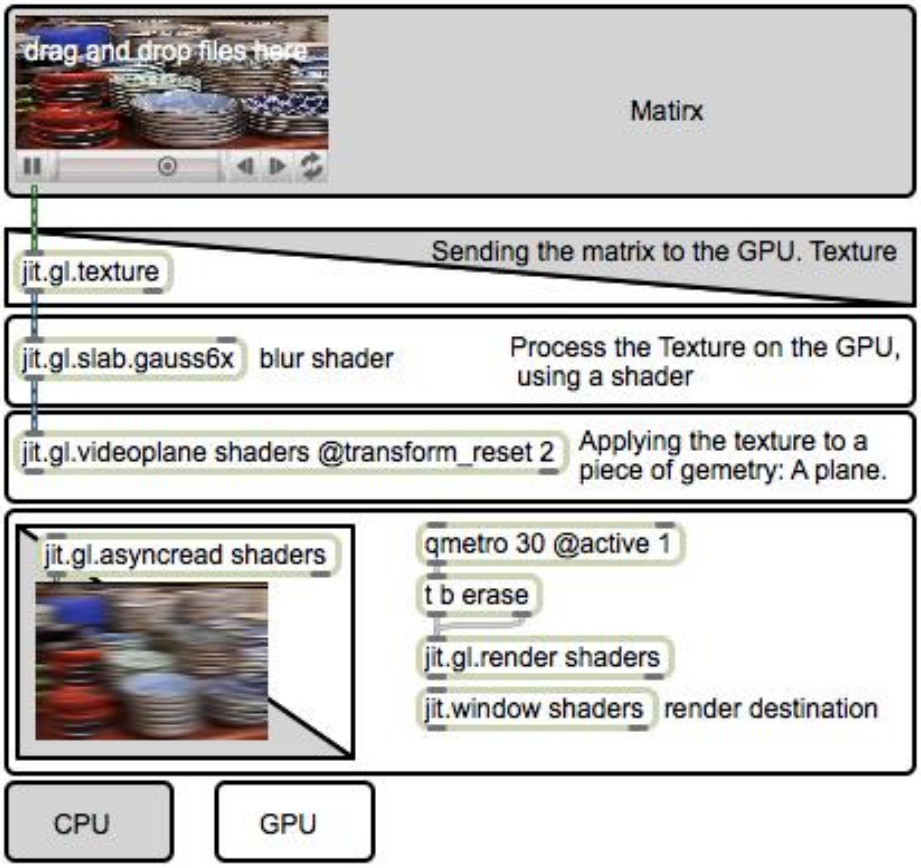


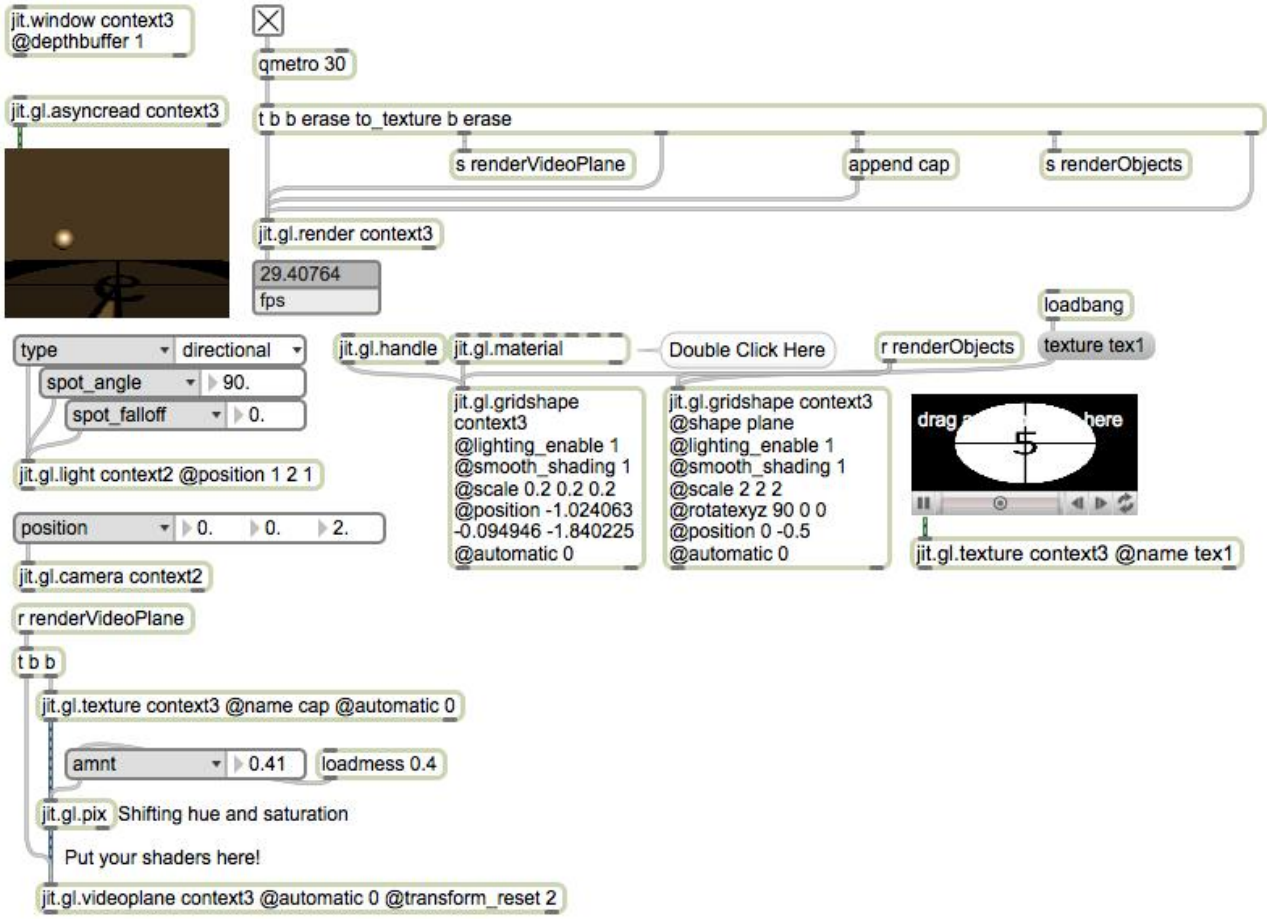

jit.window context2
render destination
Double Click Here
jit.gl.asyncread context2
loadmess 1
jit.gl.handle
jit.gl.material @specular_model ward
qmetro 30
jit.gl.gridshape context2
@lighting_enable 1
@smooth_shading 1
@scale 0.2 0.2 0.2
@position -0.24063
-0.094946 -0.10225
jit.gl.gridshape context2
@shape plane
@lighting_enable 1
@smooth_shading 1
@scale 2 2 2
@rotatexyz 90 0 0
@position 0 -0.5
t b erase
erase_color
jit.gl.render context2
type
spot
spot_angle
90.
spot_falloff
5.
33.36823
fps
position
0.
0.
2.
lookat
0.
0.
0.
jit.gl.light context2
@position 1 2 1 @type
spot @spot_falloff 5
jit.gl.camera context2

Geometry manipulation



Shaders and FX

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@depthbuffer 1
qmetro 30
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t b b erase to_texture b erase
s renderVideoPlane
append cap
s renderObjects
jit.gl.render context3
29.40764
fps
loadbang
type
directional
jit.gl.handle
jit.gl.material
Double Click Here
r renderObjects
texture tex1
spot_angle
90.
spot_falloff
0.
jit.gl.gridshape
context3
@lighting_enable 1
@smooth_shading 1
@scale 0.2 0.2 0.2
@position -1.024063
-0.094946 -1.840225
@automatic 0
jit.gl.gridshape context3
@shape plane
@lighting_enable 1
@smooth_shading 1
@scale 2 2 2
@rotatexyz 90 0 0
@position 0 -0.5
@automatic 0
jit.gl.light context2 @position 1 2 1
position
0.
0.
2.
jit.gl.texture context3 @name tex1
jit.gl.camera context2
r renderVideoPlane
t b b
jit.gl.texture context3 @name cap @automatic 0
amnt
0.41
loadmess 0.4
jit.gl.pix
Shifting hue and saturation
Put your shaders here!
jit.gl.videoplane context3 @automatic 0 @transform_reset 2

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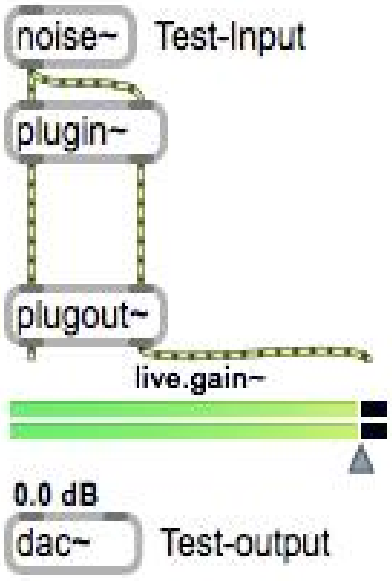
Max for Live

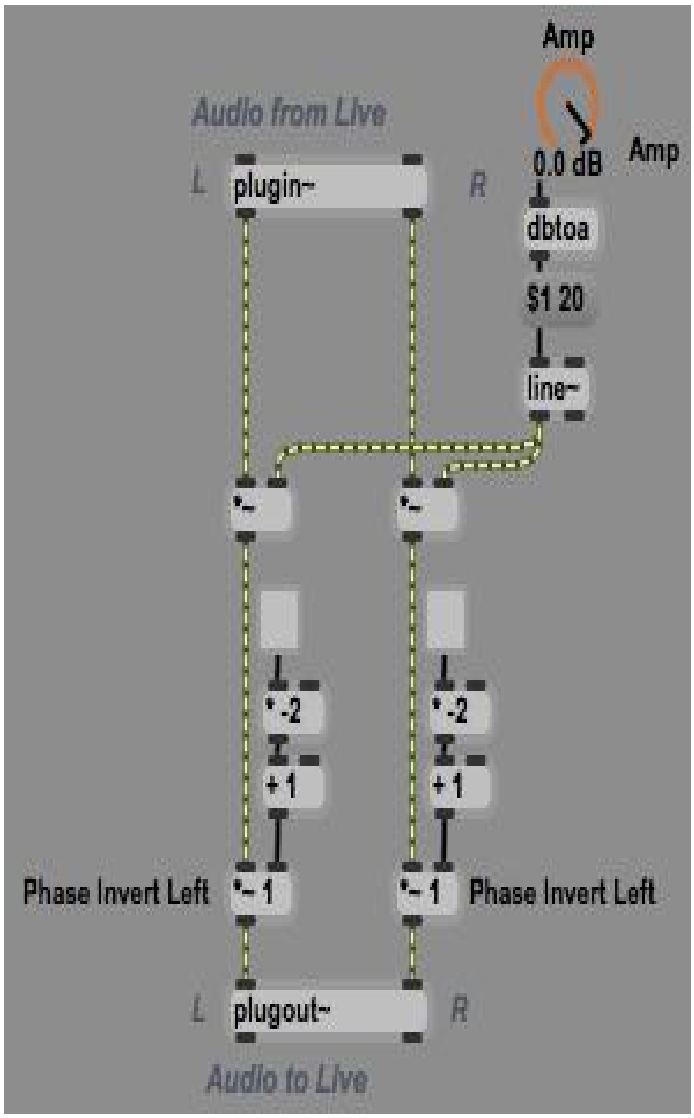
Introducing the fundamentals of Max for Live


Max Instrument
MIDI from Live
midiin
< Build your instrument here
L
plugout~
R
Audio to Live
Device vertical limit

Audio in/out


noise~
Test-Input
plugin~
plugout~
live.gain~
0.0 dB
dac~
Test-output

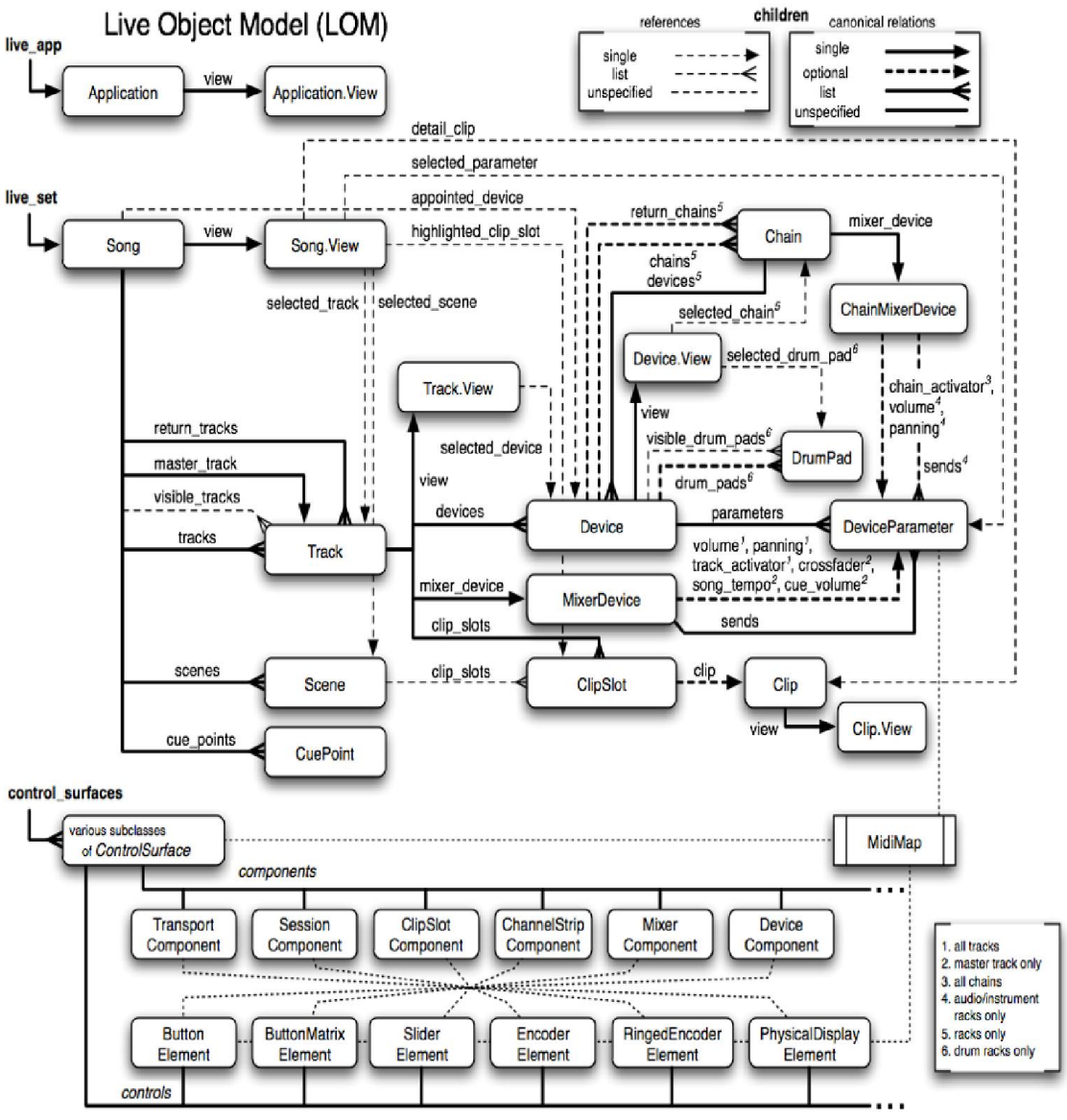
Parameters and saving

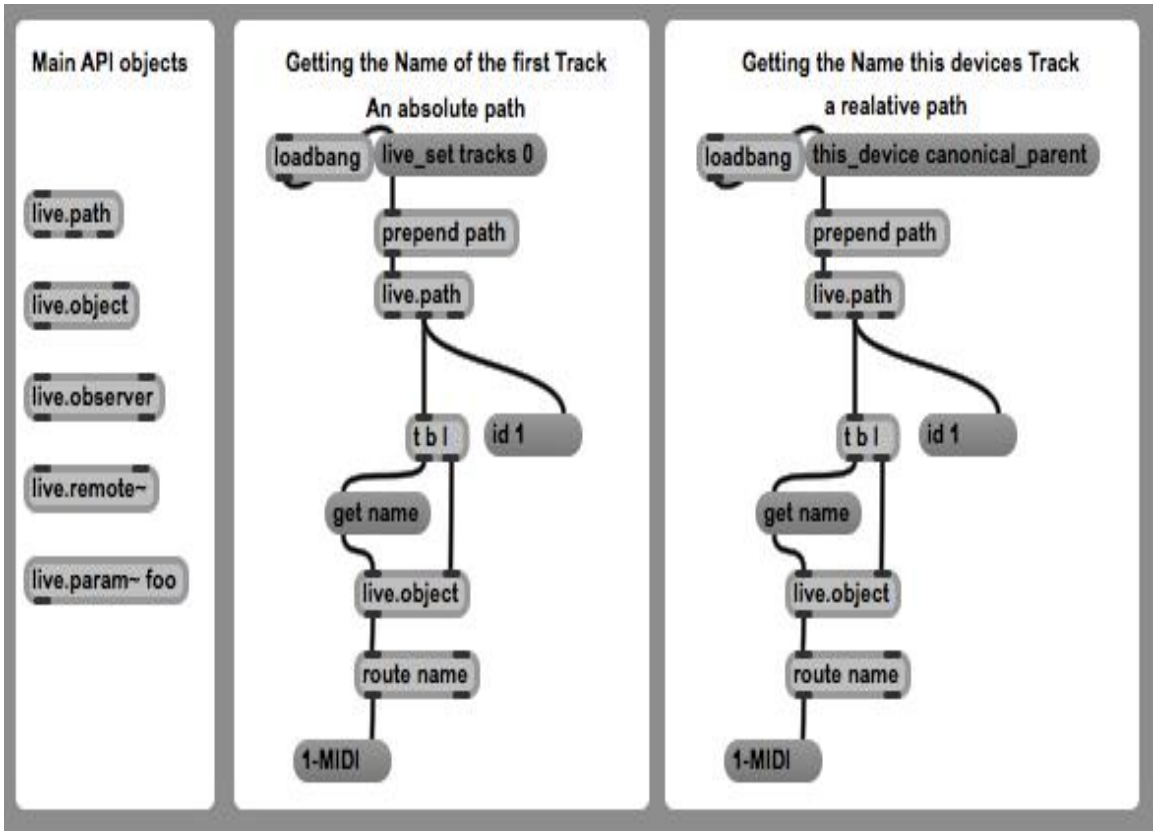


▼ Parameter

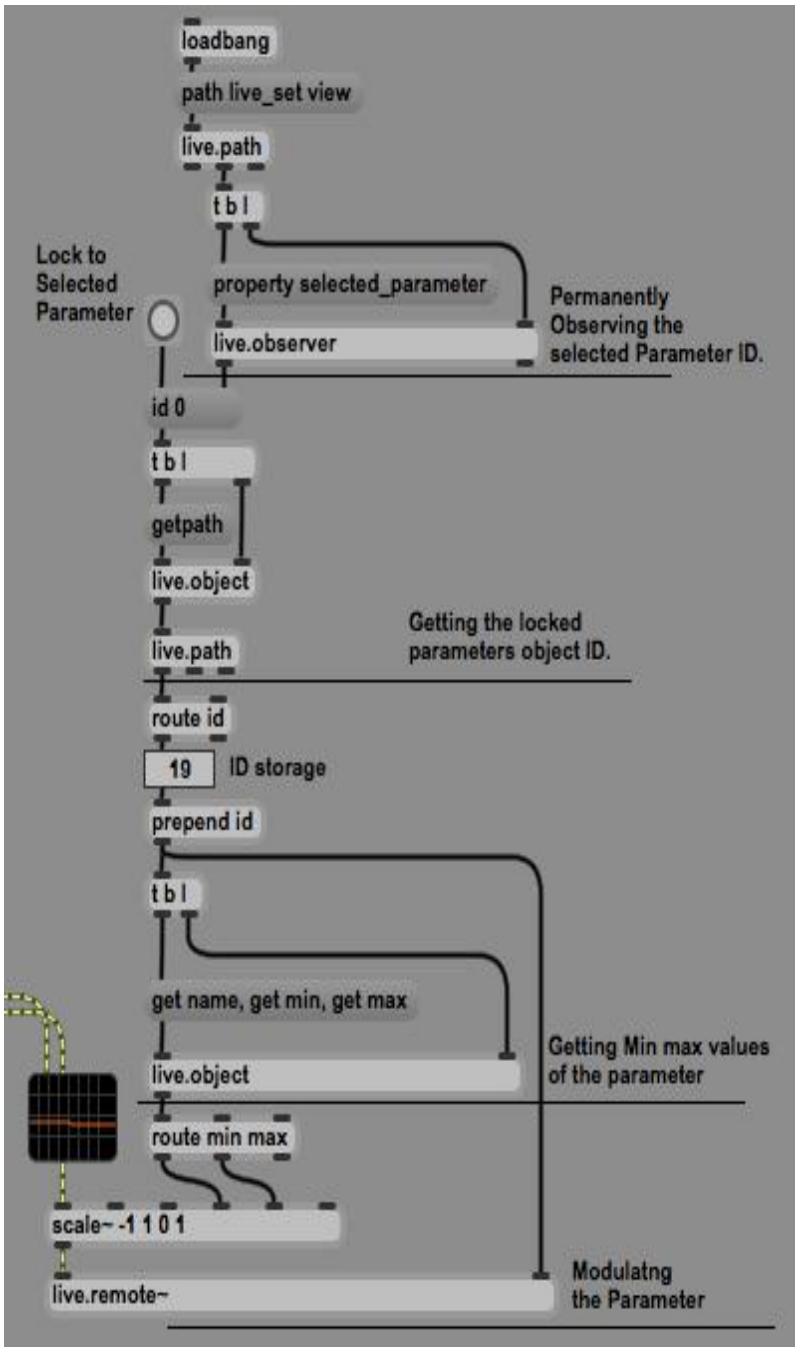
Order	0
Parameter Mode Enable	☑
Link to Scripting Name	☐
Long Name	PhaseInvertLeft
Short Name	PhaseInvertLeft
Type	Int (0-255)
Range/Enum	0 1
Modulation Mode	None
Modulation Range	0. 127.
Initial Enable	☐
Initial	
Unit Style	Native
Custom Units	
Exponent	1.
Steps	0
Update Limit (ms)	1.
Defer Automation Output	☐
Parameter Visibility	Automated and Stored
Automapping Index	0

The Live API


Live Object Model (LOM)
references
children
canonical relations
single
list
unspecified
single
optional
list
unspecified
live_app
Application
view
Application.View
detail_clip
selected_parameter
live_set
appointed_device
Song
view
Song.View
highlighted_clip_slot
return_chains5
Chain
mixer_device
chains5
devices5
ChainMixerDevice
selected_track
selected_scene
selected_chain5
Device.View
selected_drum_pad6
Track.View
chain_activator3,
volume4,
panning4
view
visible_drum_pads6
DrumPad
return_tracks
master_track
visible_tracks
tracks
selected_device
view
drum_pads6
sends4
devices
Device
parameters
DeviceParameter
Track
volume1, panning1,
track_activator1, crossfader2,
song_tempo2, cue_volume2
mixer_device
MixerDevice
clip_slots
sends
scenes
Scene
clip_slots
ClipSlot
clip
Clip
view
Clip.View
cue_points
CuePoint
control_surfaces
various subclasses
of ControlSurface
MidiMap
components
Transport
Component
Session
Component
ClipSlot
Component
ChannelStrip
Component
Mixer
Component
Device
Component
Button
Element
ButtonMatrix
Element
Slider
Element
Encoder
Element
RingedEncoder
Element
PhysicalDisplay
Element
controls
1. all tracks
2. master track only
3. all chains
4. audio/instrument
racks only
5. racks only
6. drum racks only


Main API objects
live.path
live.object
live.observer
live.remote~
live.param~ foo
Getting the Name of the first Track
An absolute path
loadbang
live_set tracks 0
prepend path
live.path
t b l
id 1
get name
live.object
route name
1-MIDI
Getting the Name this devices Track
a realative path
loadbang
this_device canonical_parent
prepend path
live.path
t b l
id 1
get name
live.object
route name
1-MIDI

An example device – a parameter modulator



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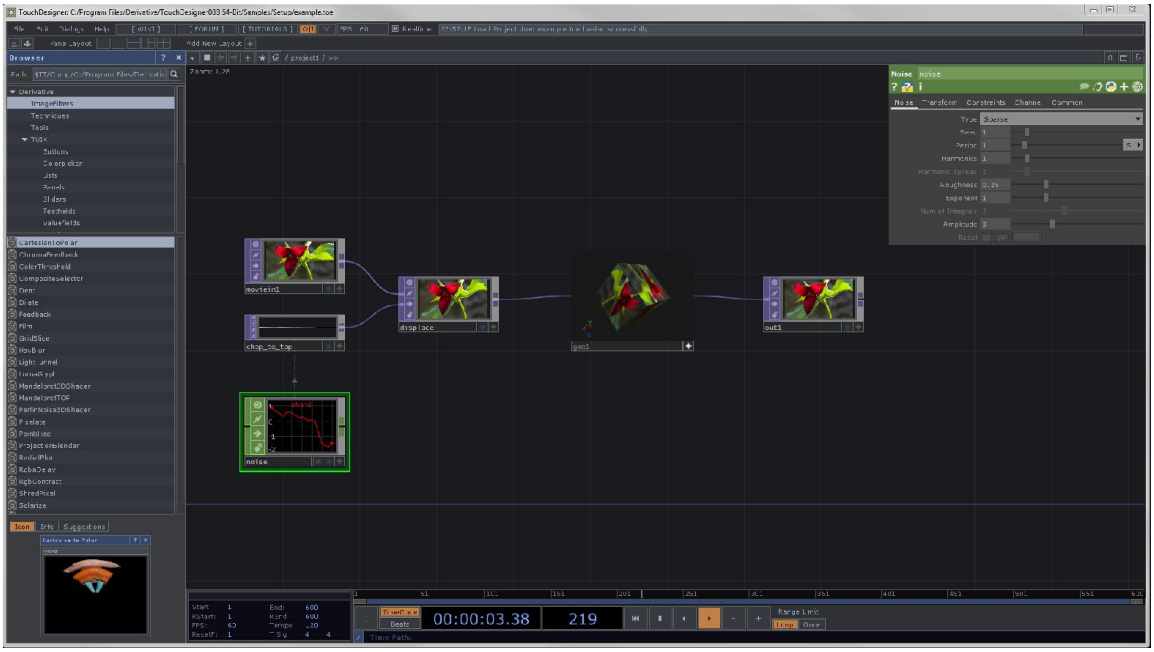
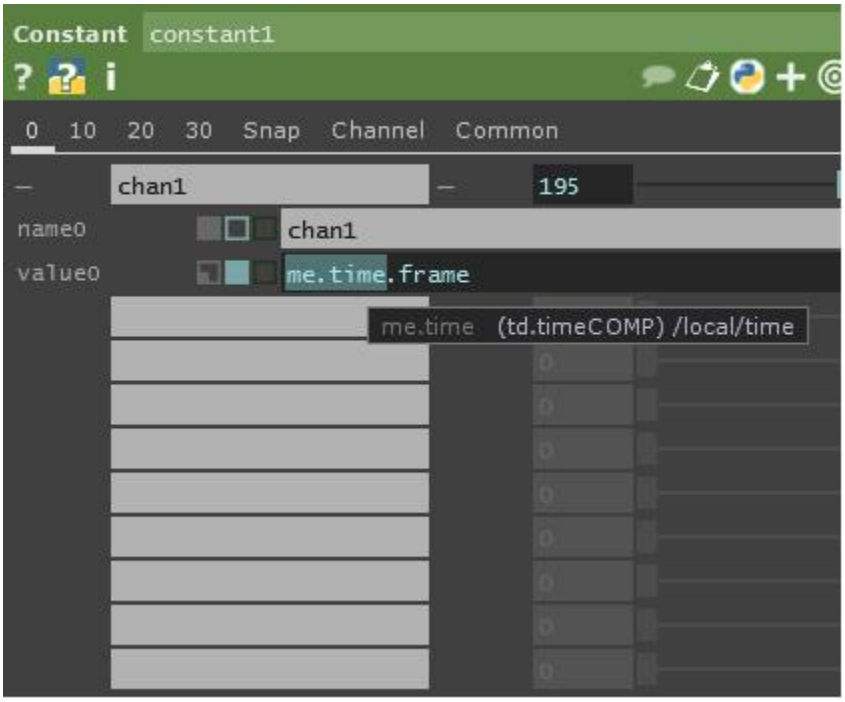
Basic Visualization with TouchDesigner

Basics and UI



A scripting prologue



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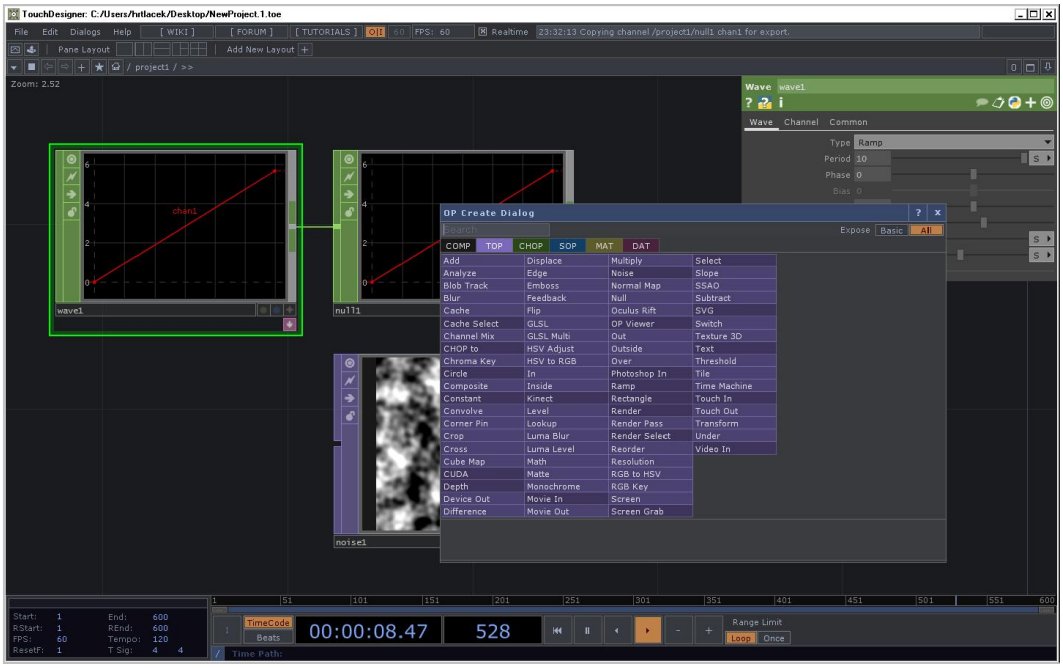

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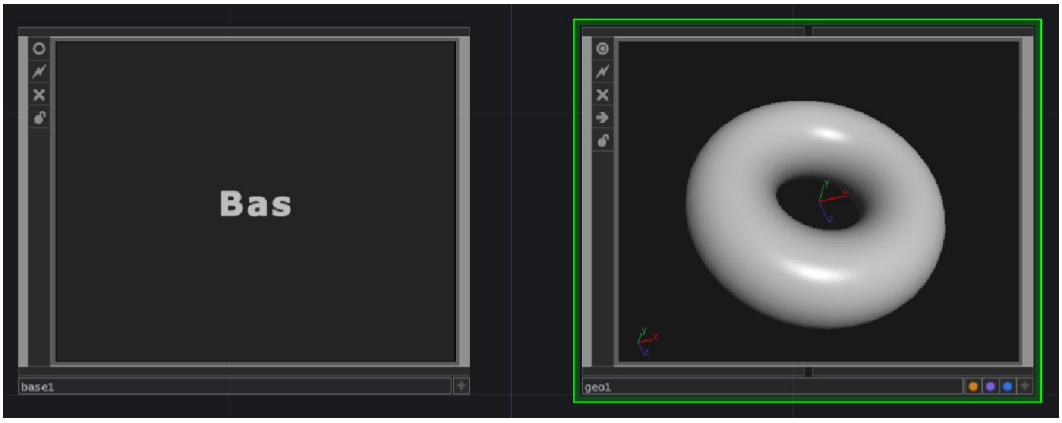

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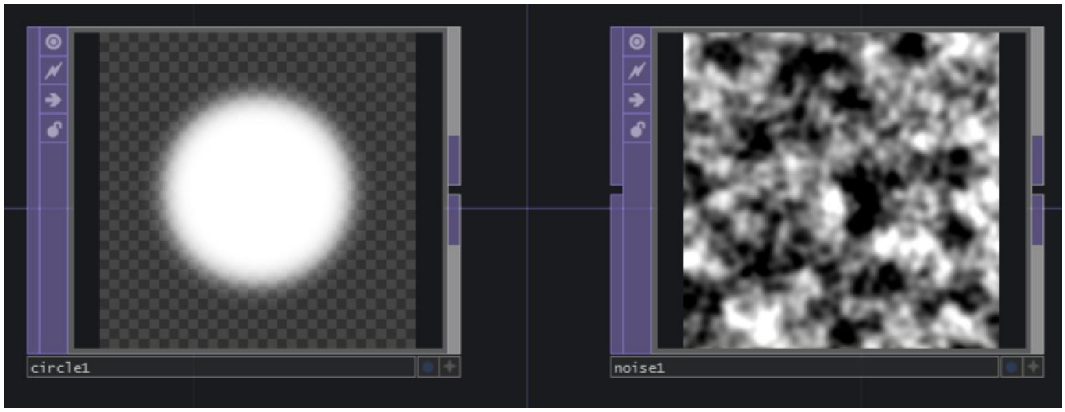

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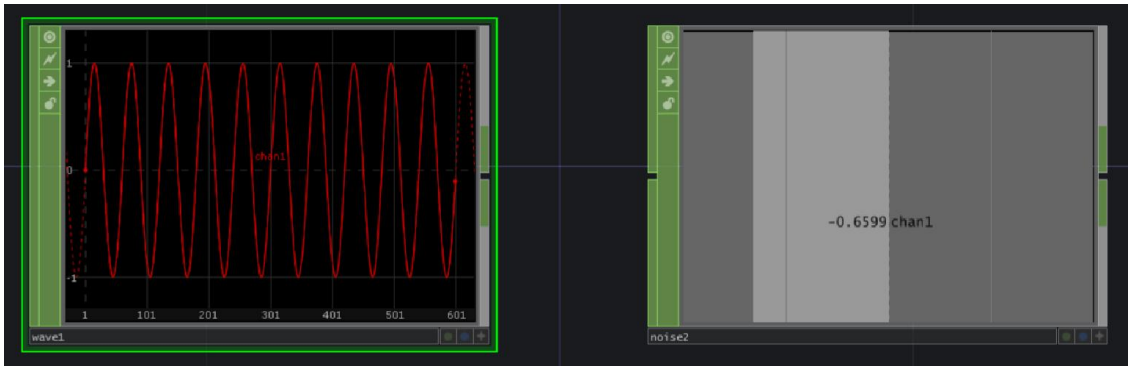

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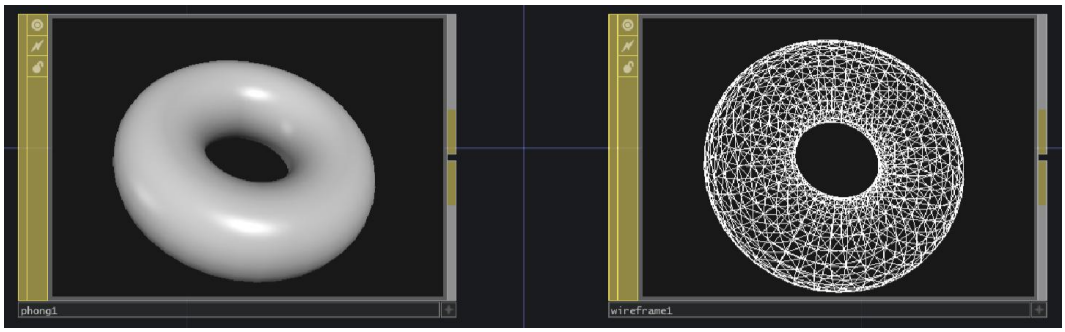

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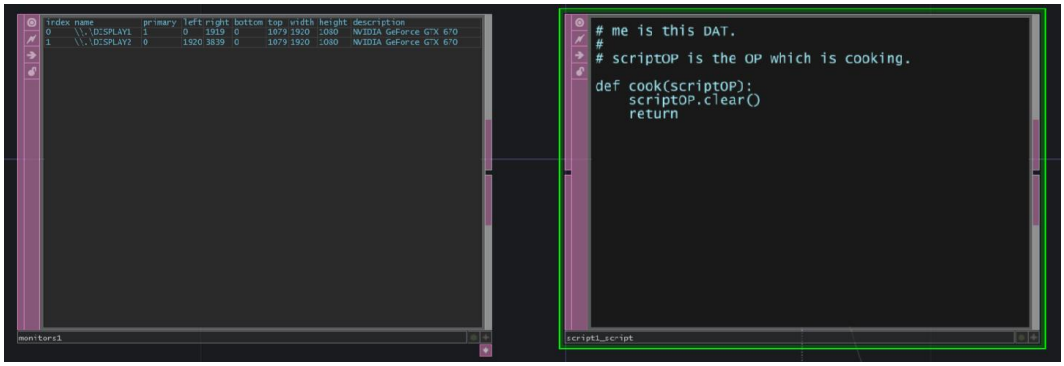
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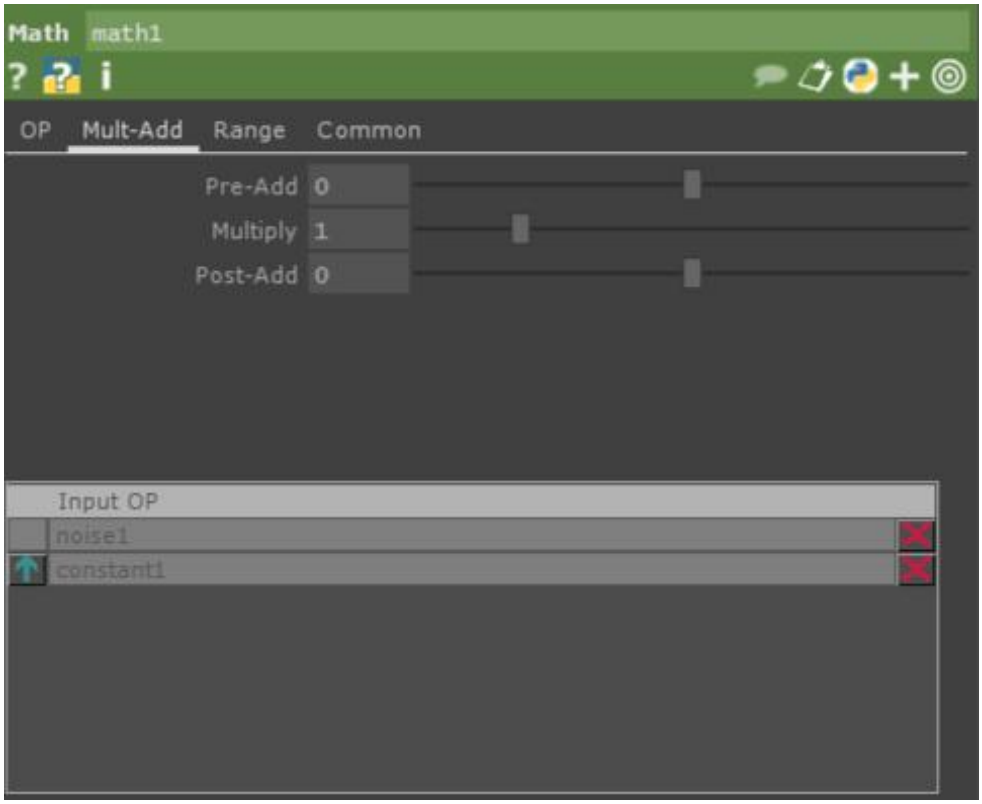
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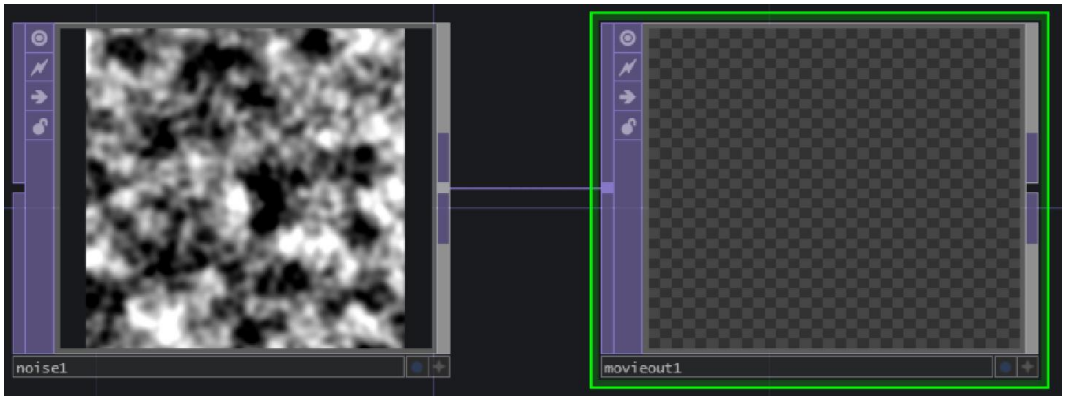
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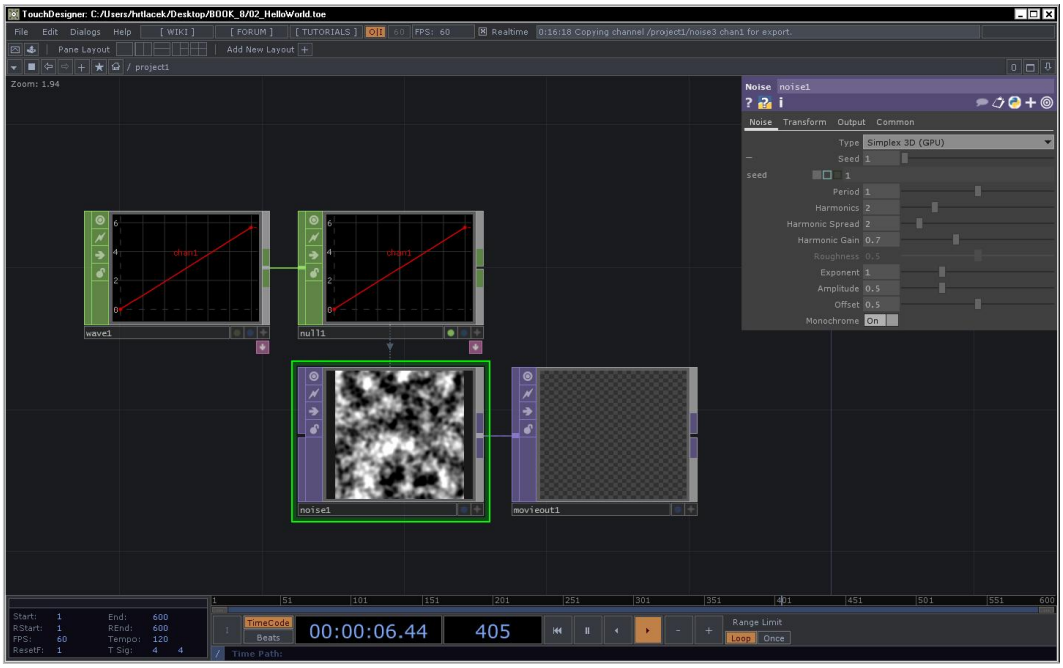
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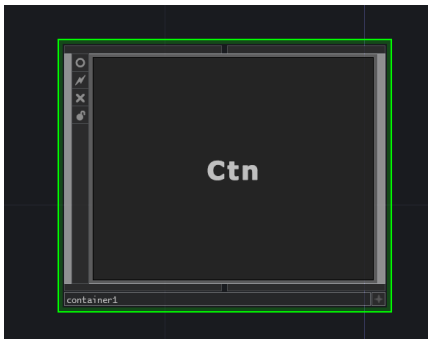

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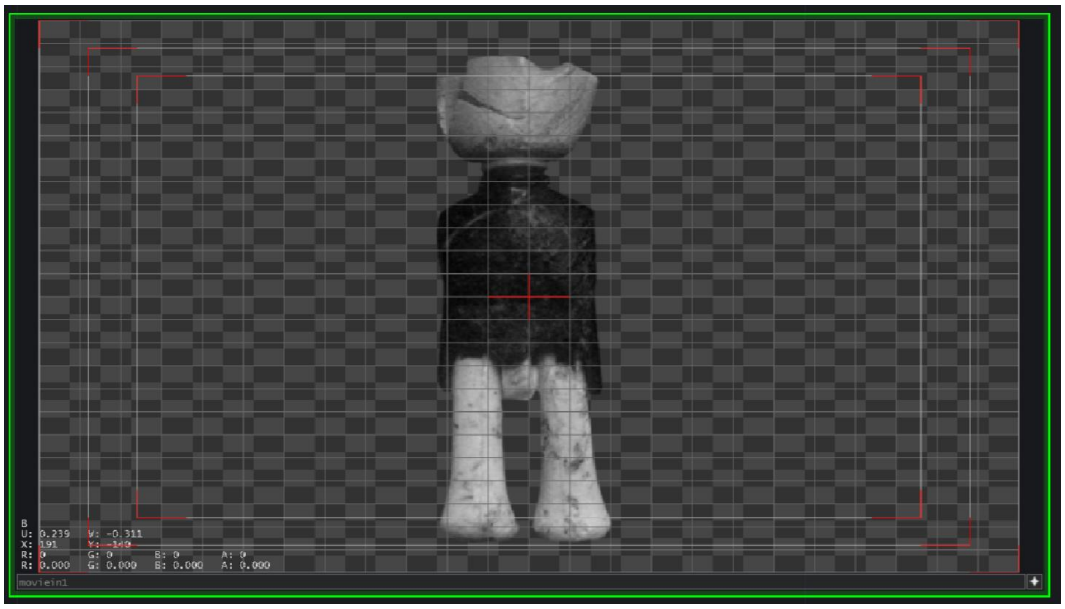

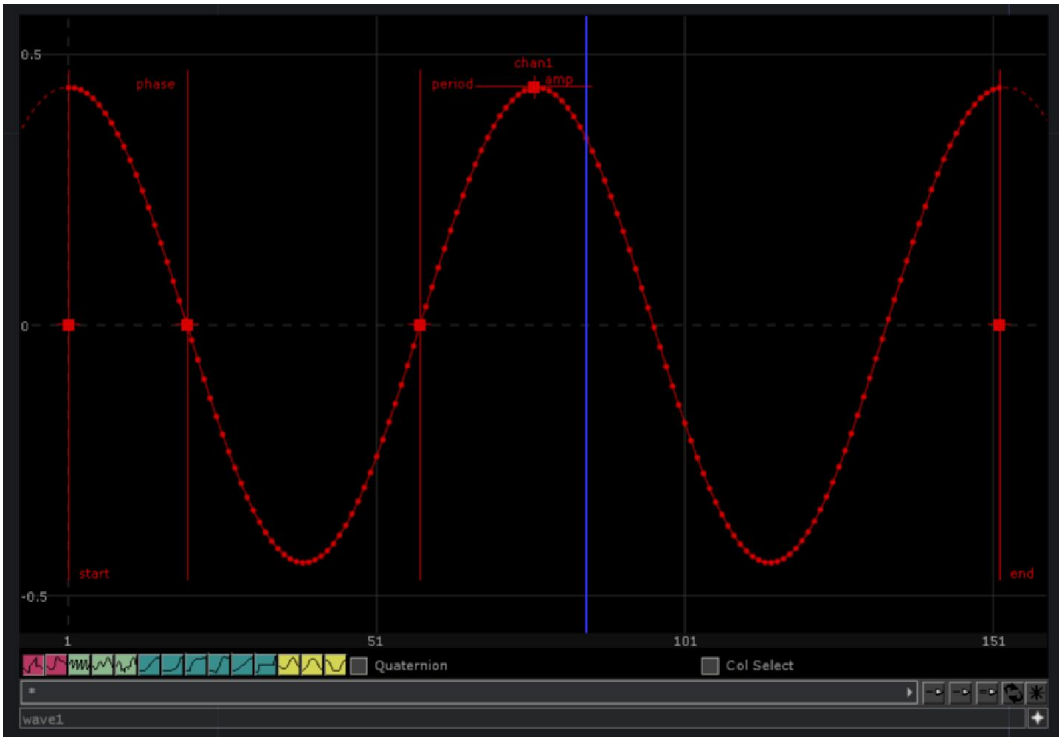
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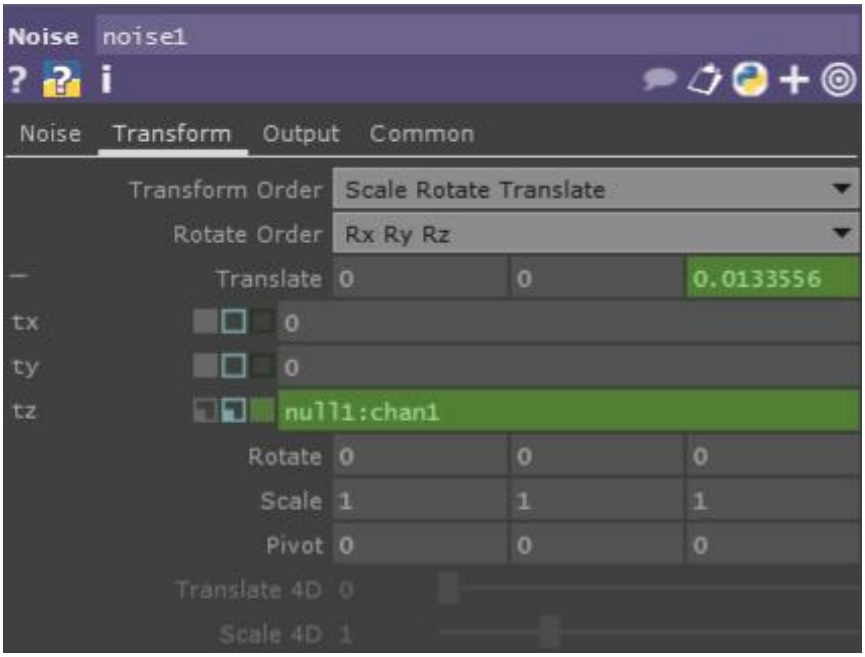

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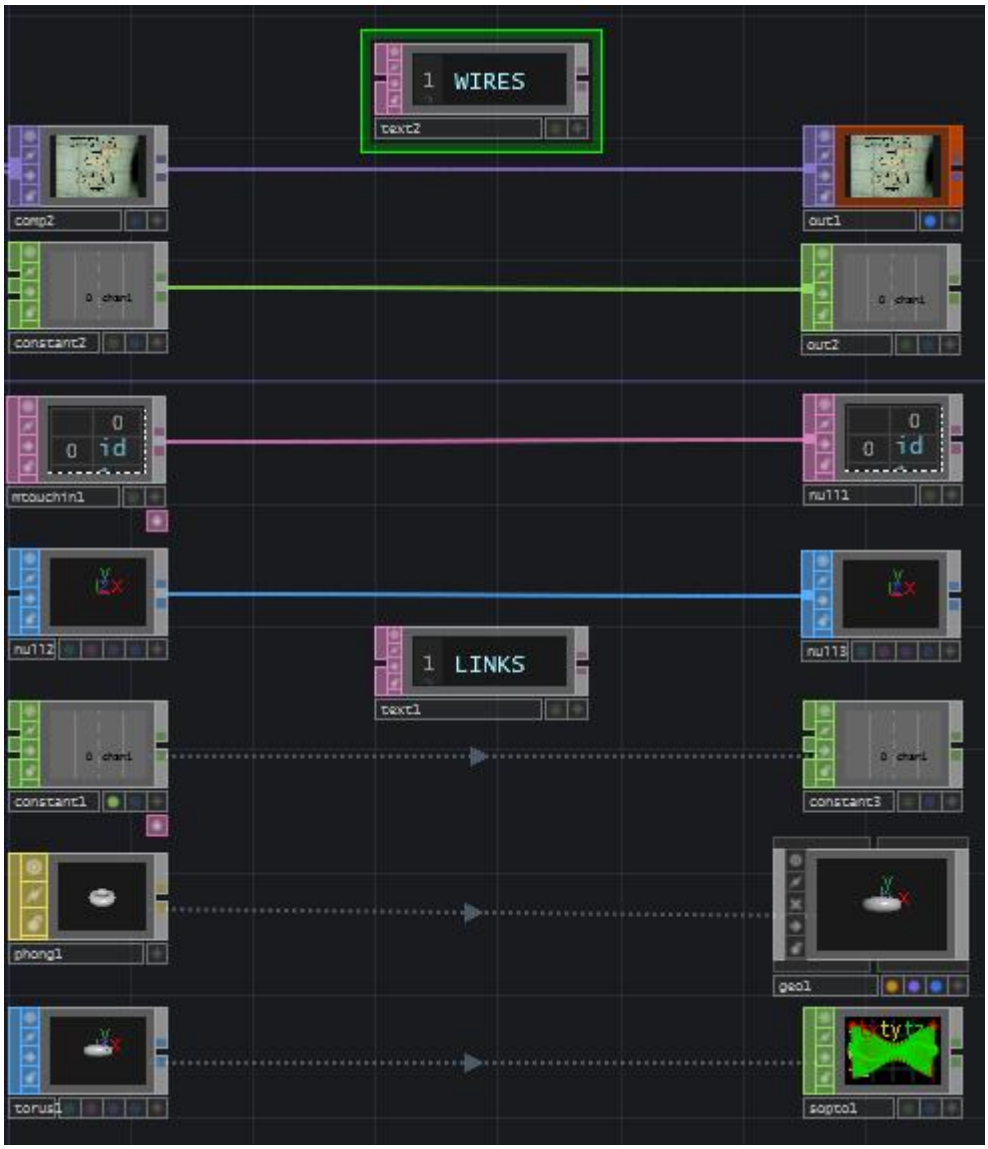
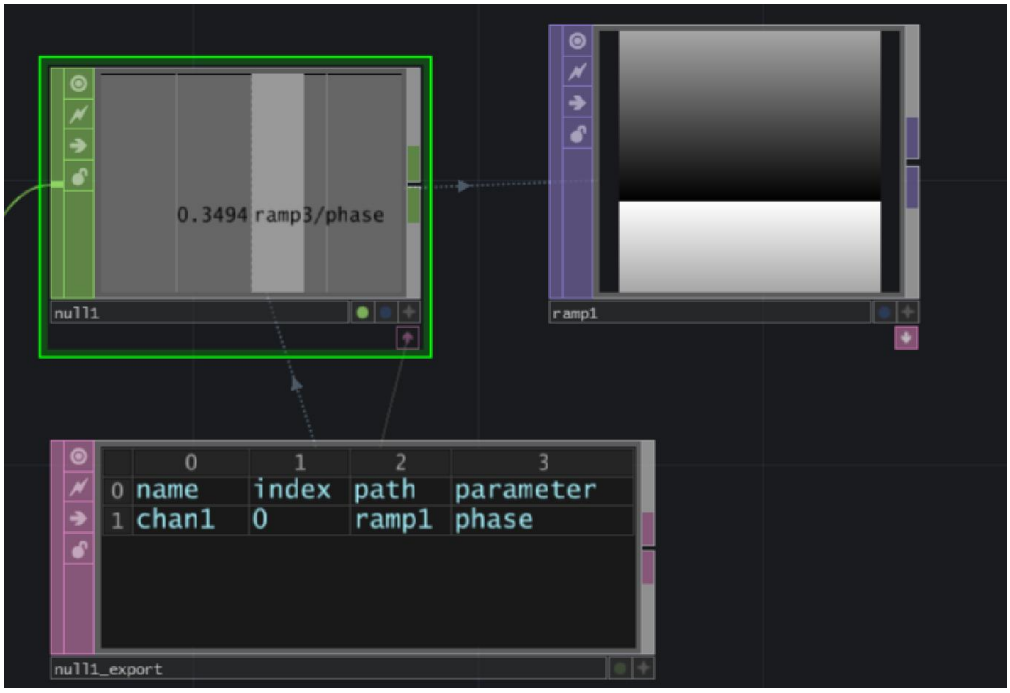


A closer look at timeslicing, CHOPs, and exporting



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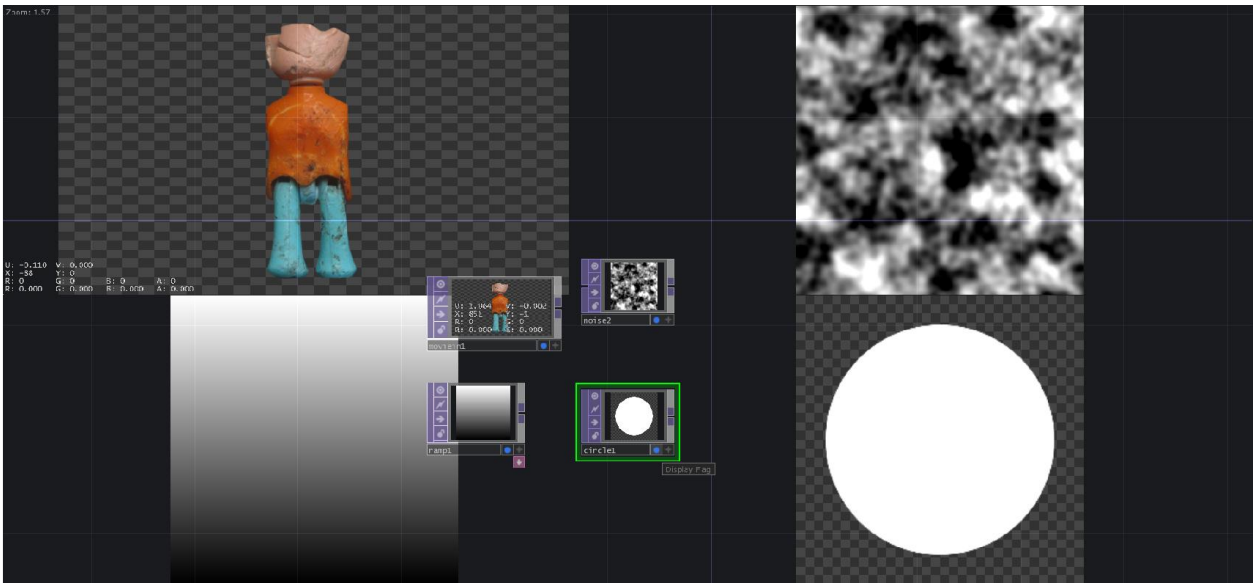

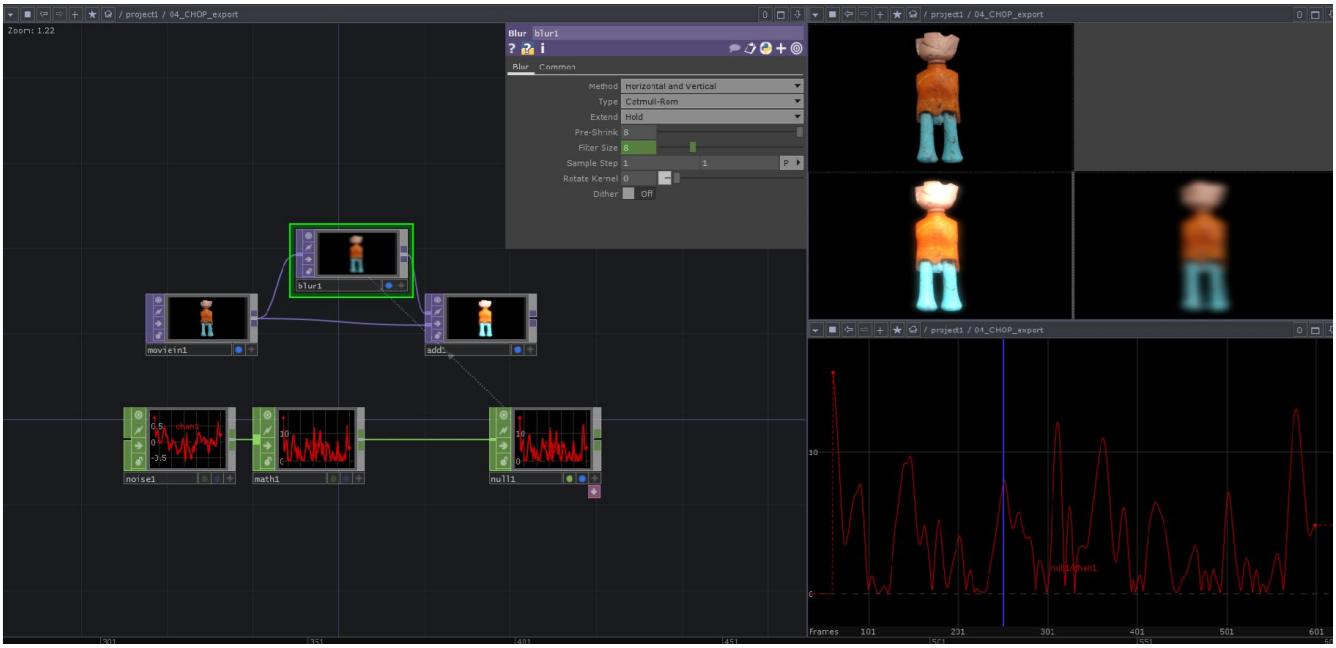
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Components – structuring a project

Hierarchy

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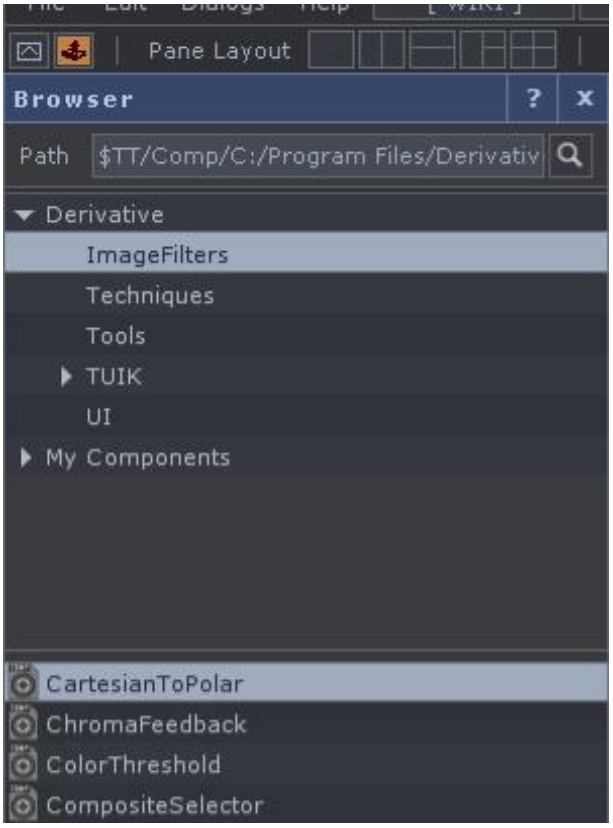
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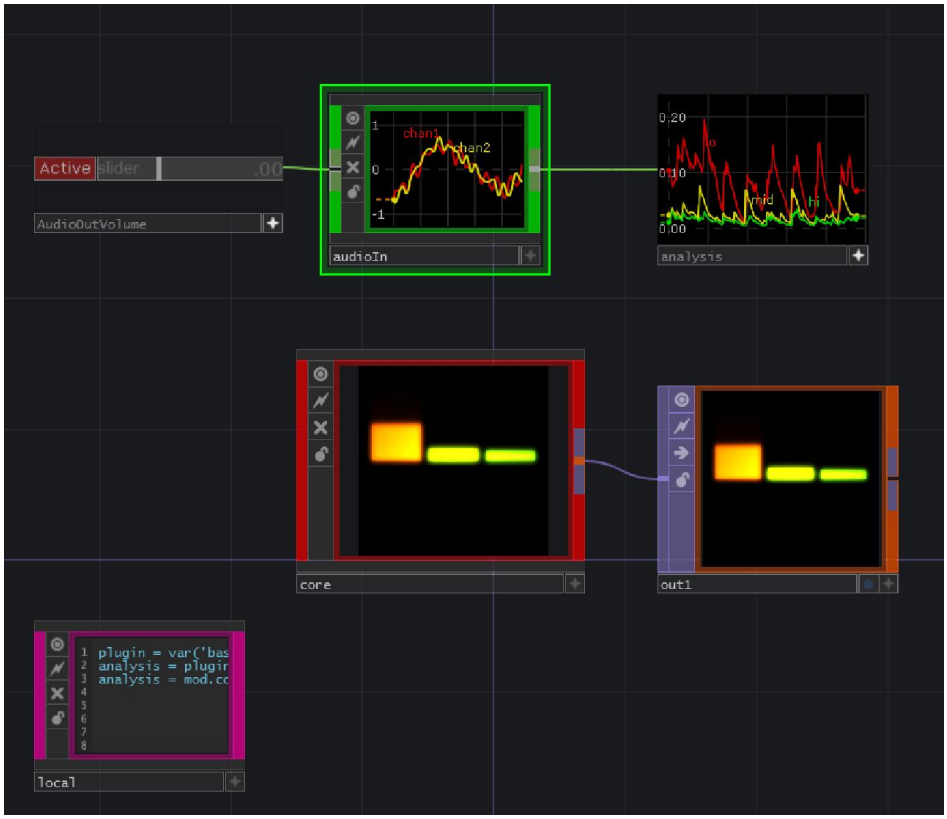
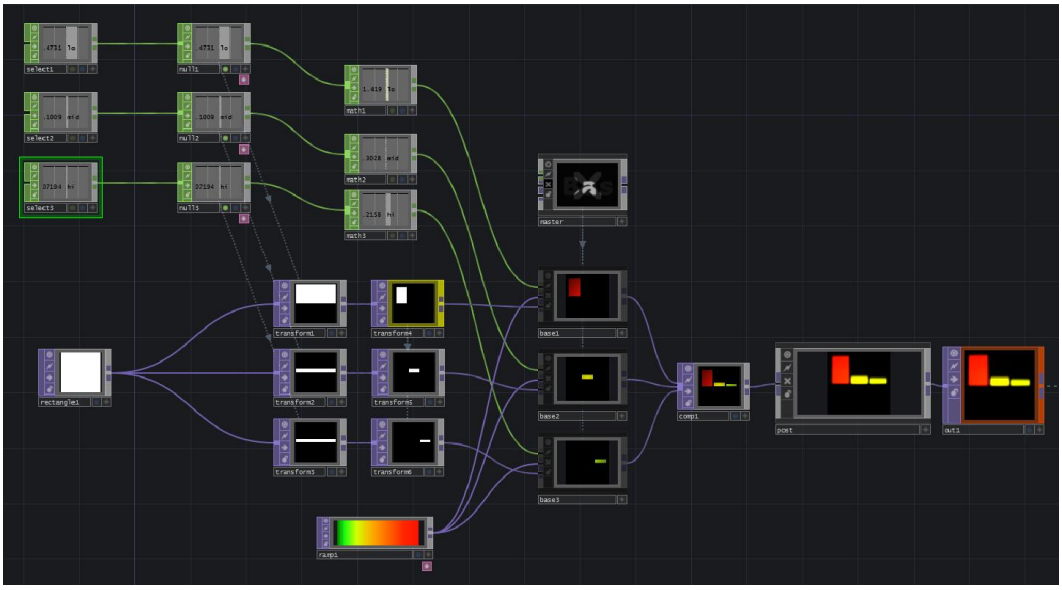
Advanced Visualization with TouchDesigner

Basic audio-reactive video



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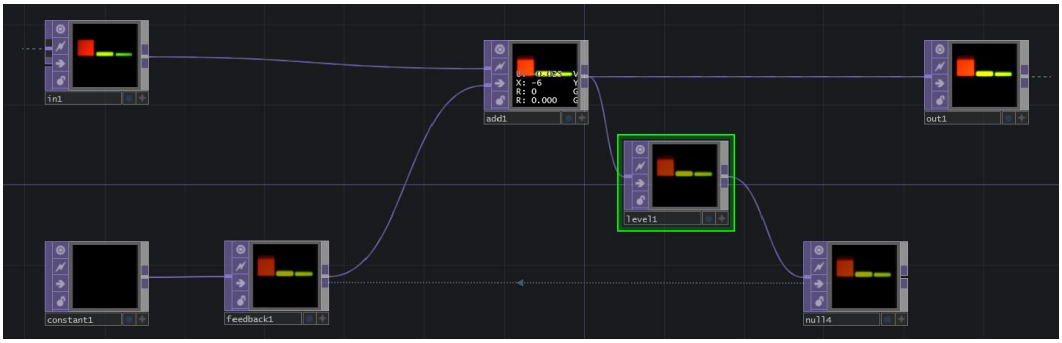

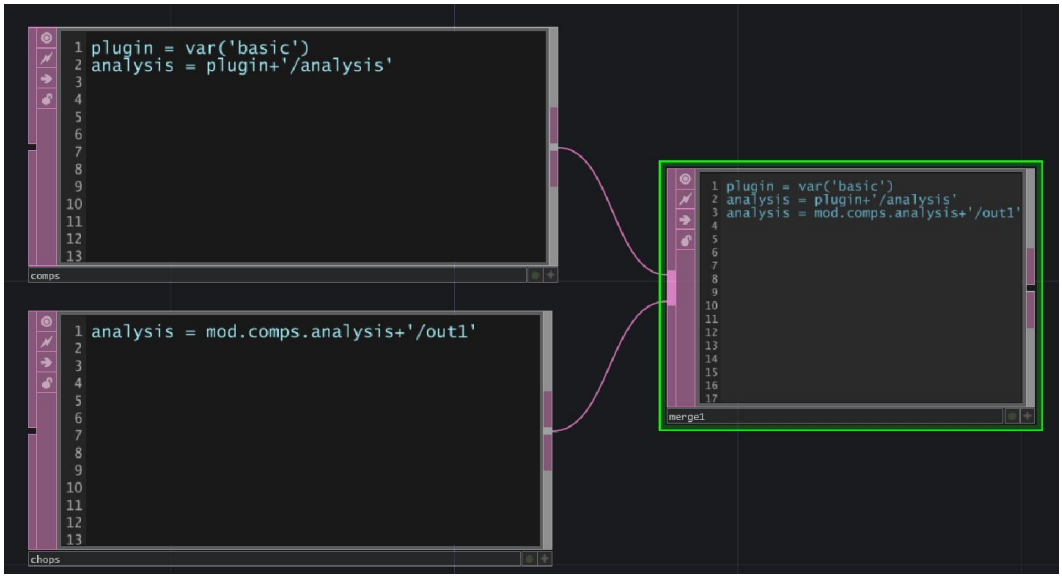

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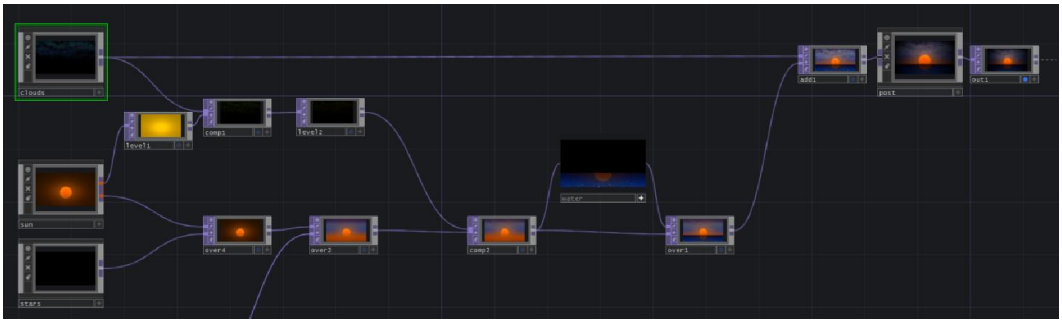

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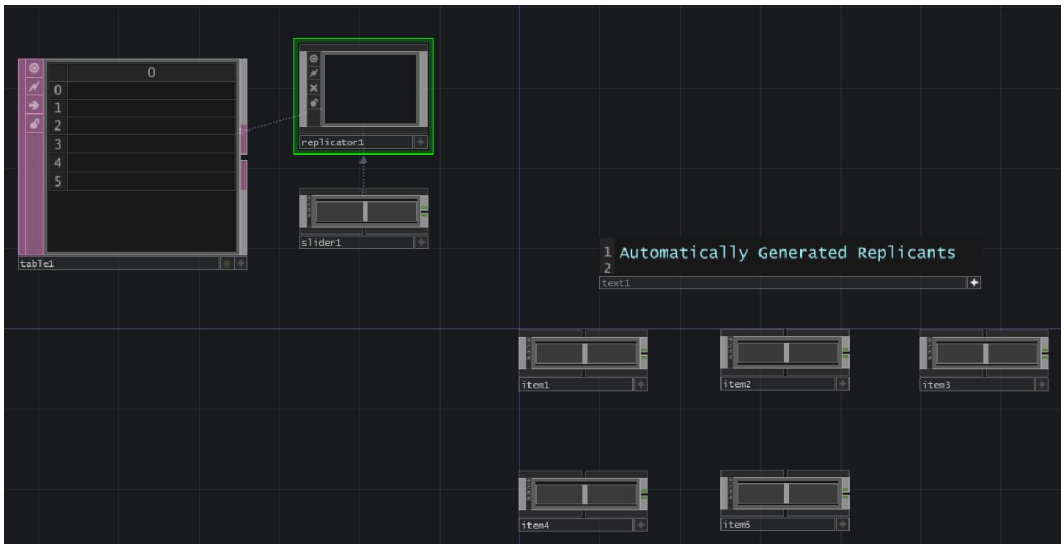

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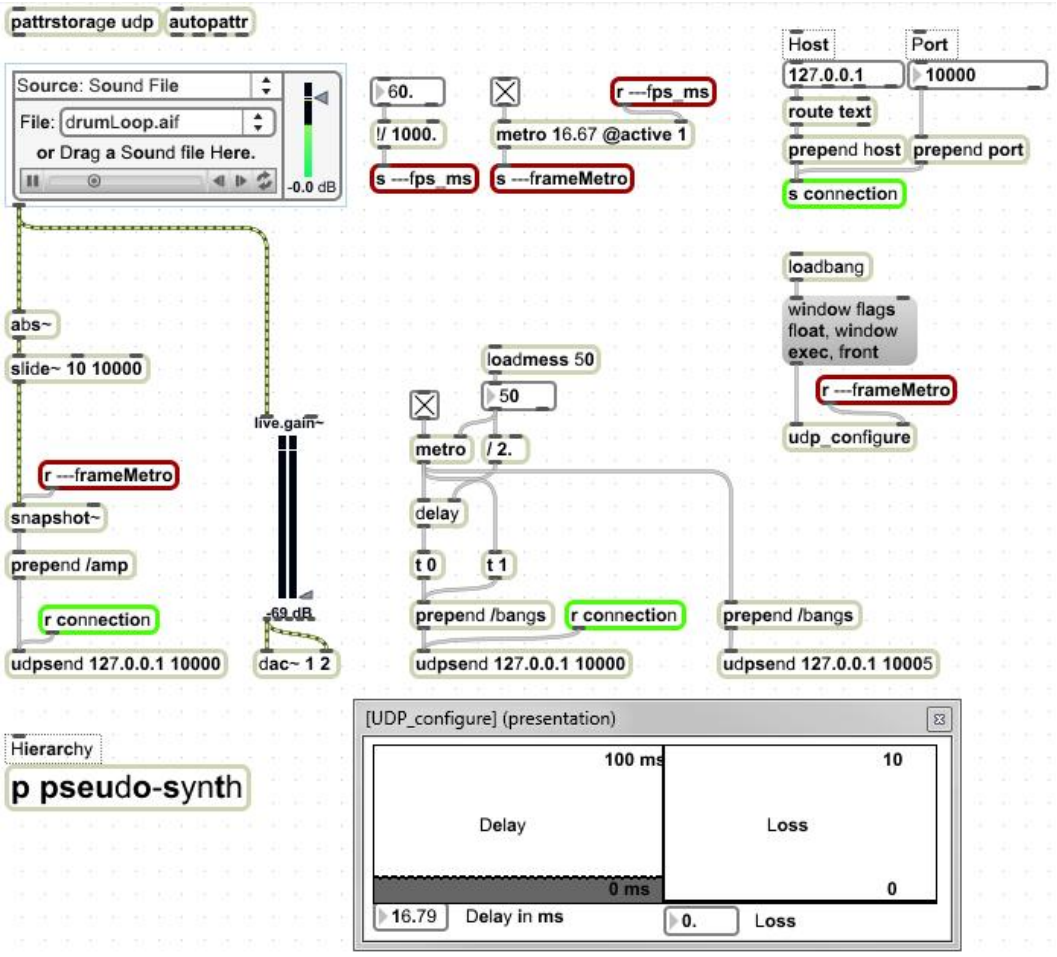
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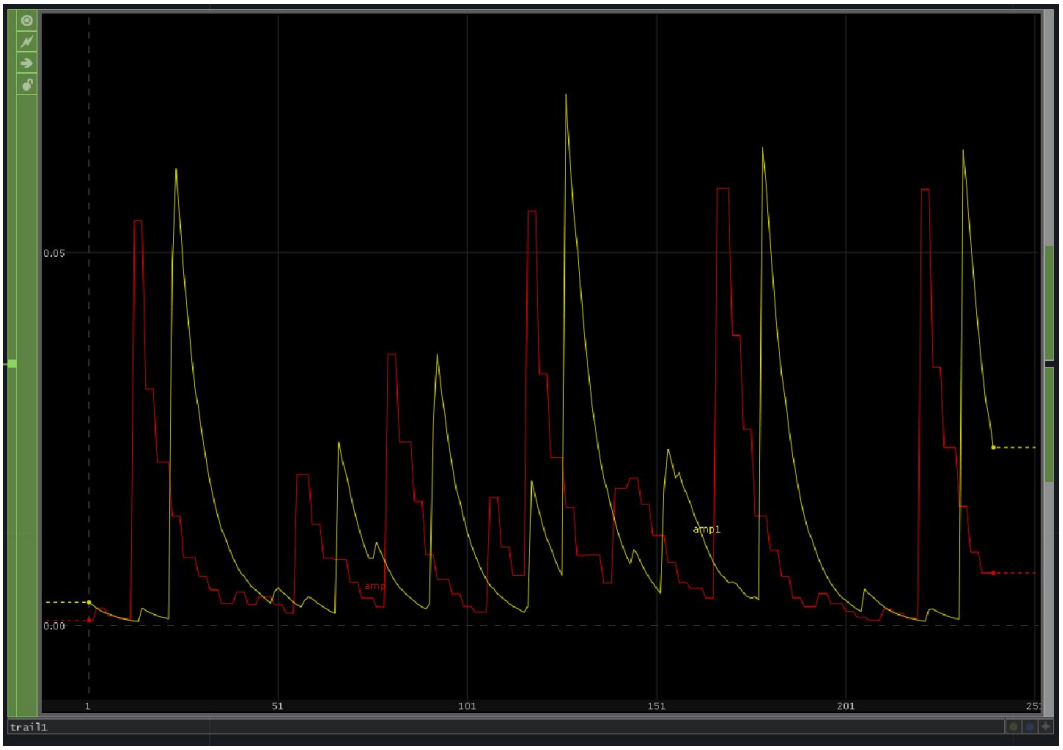
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A component for lots of movies

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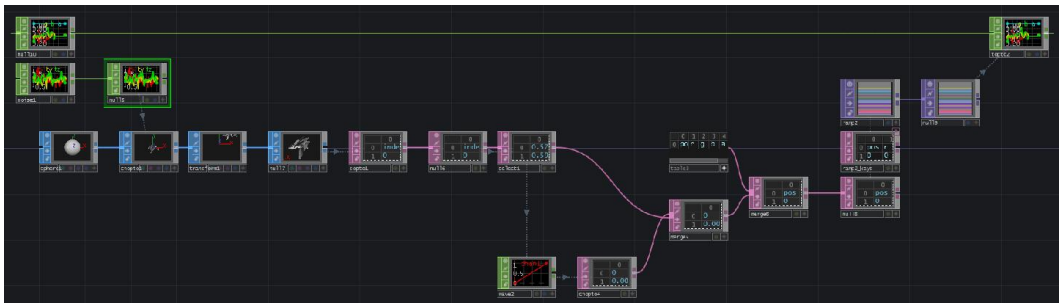

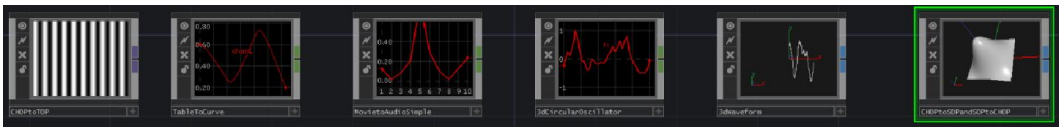

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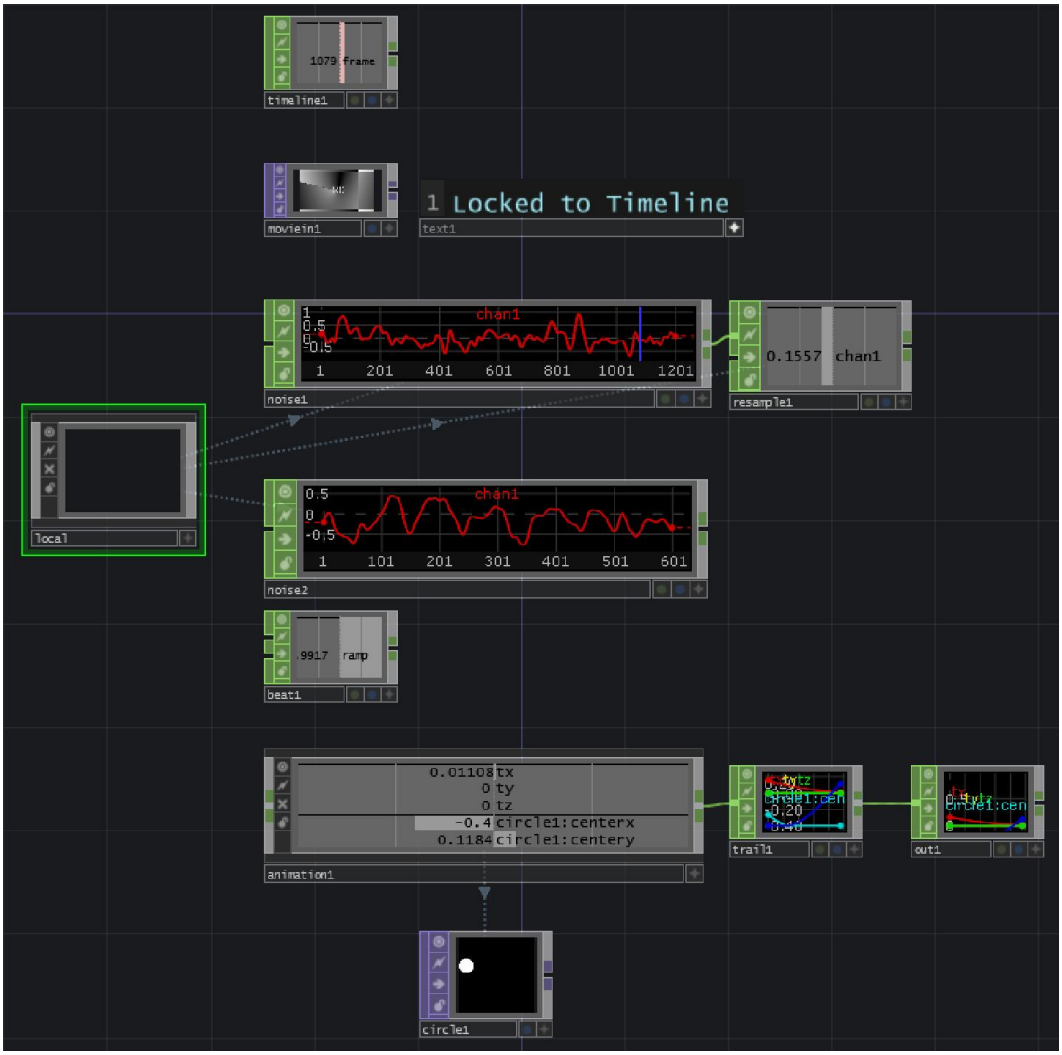

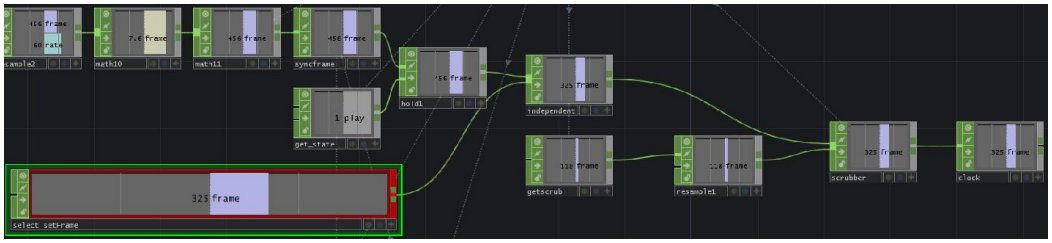

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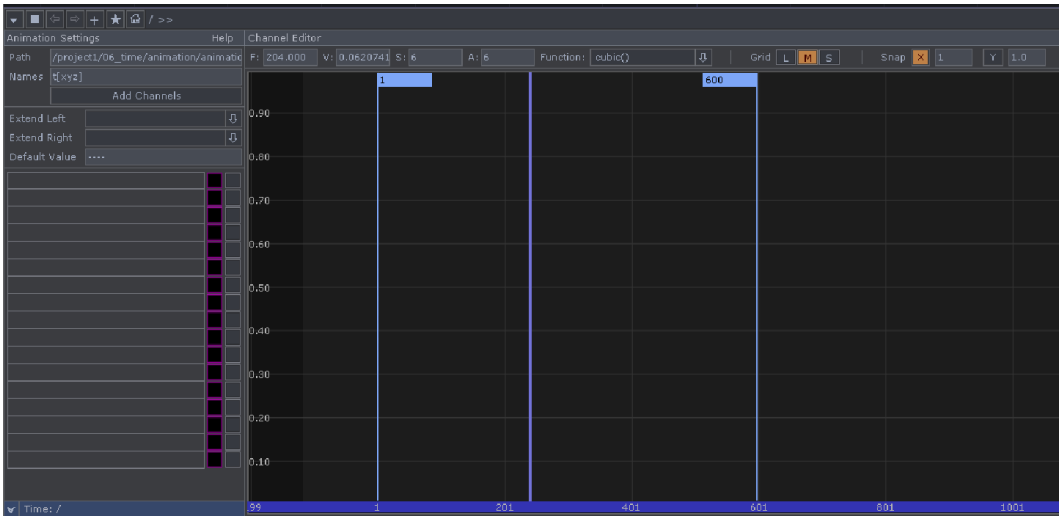

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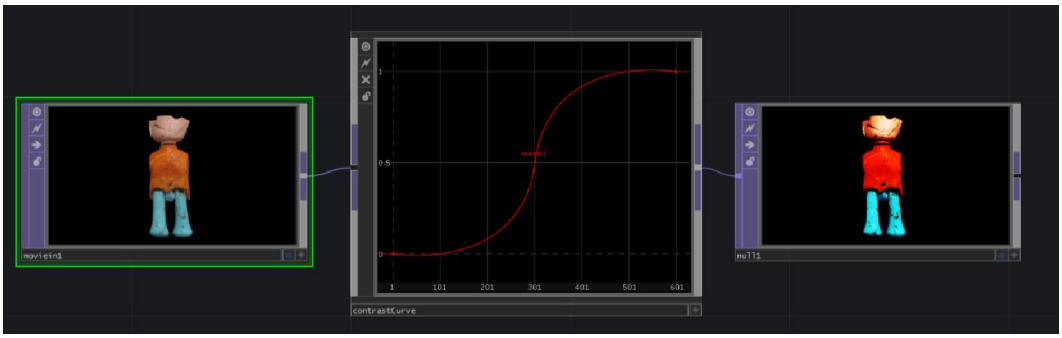

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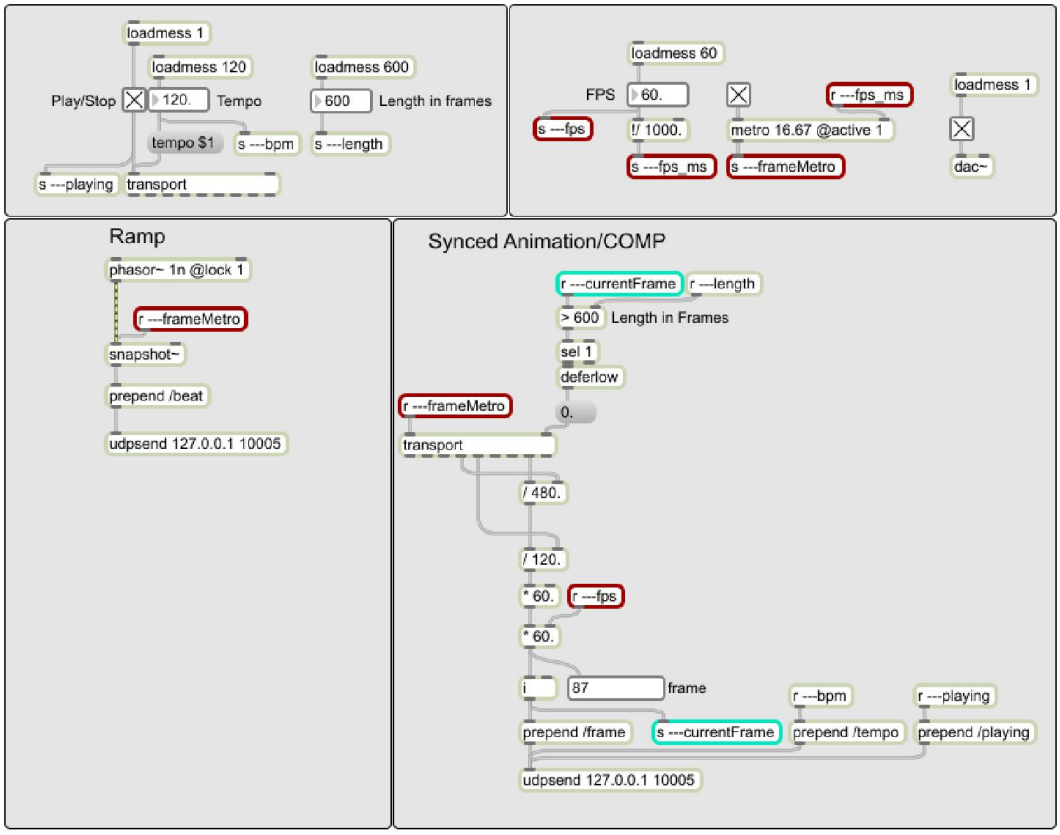

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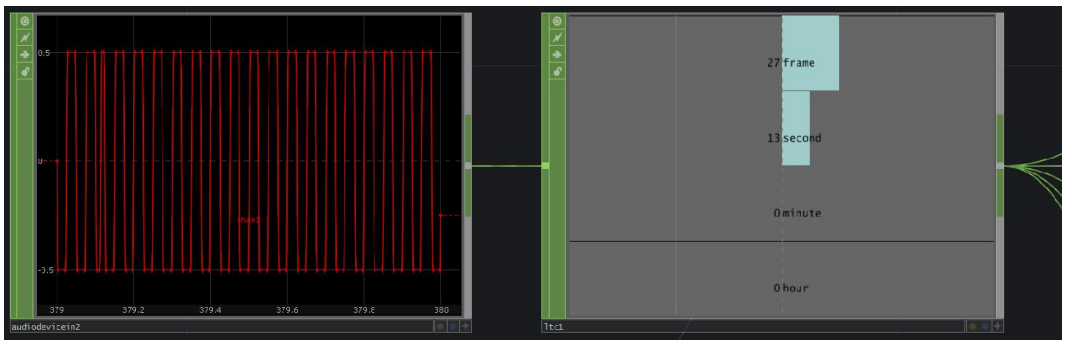

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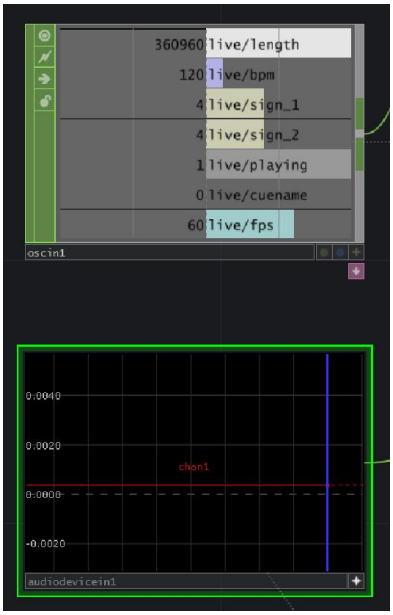
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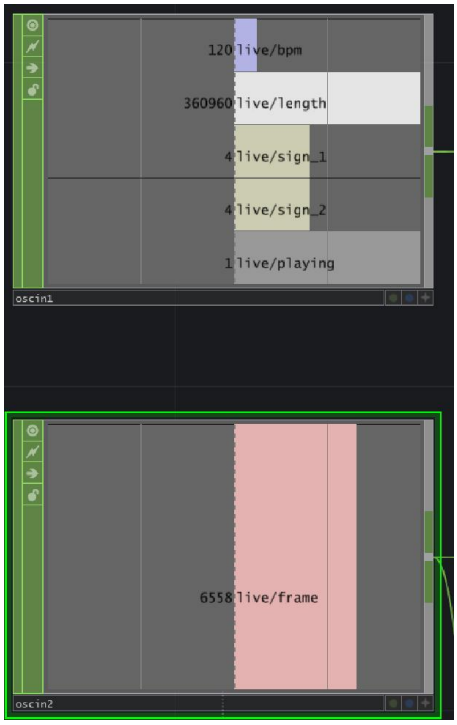
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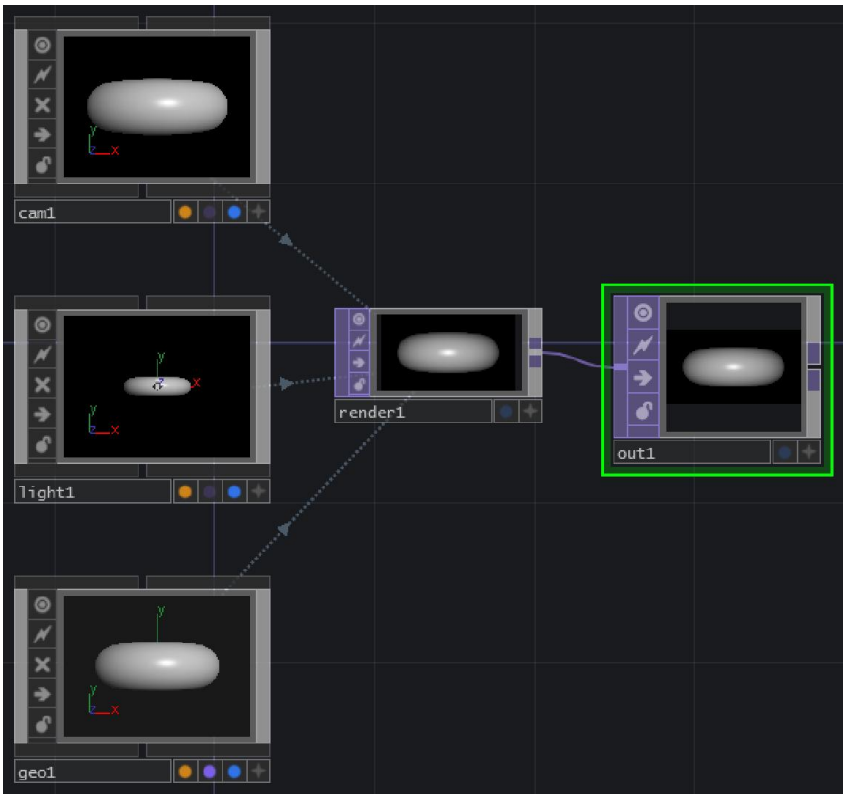

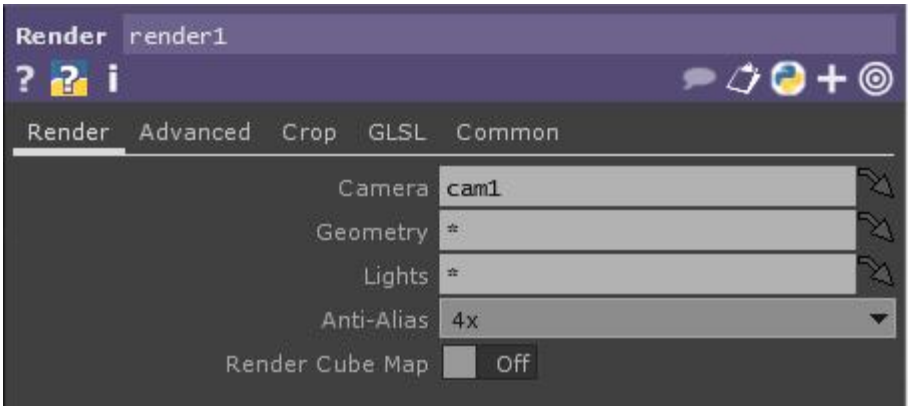

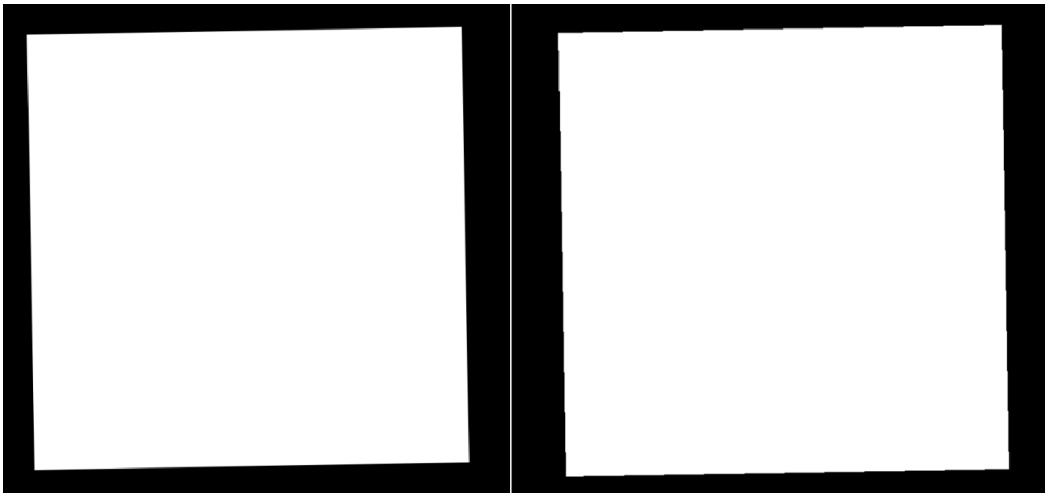

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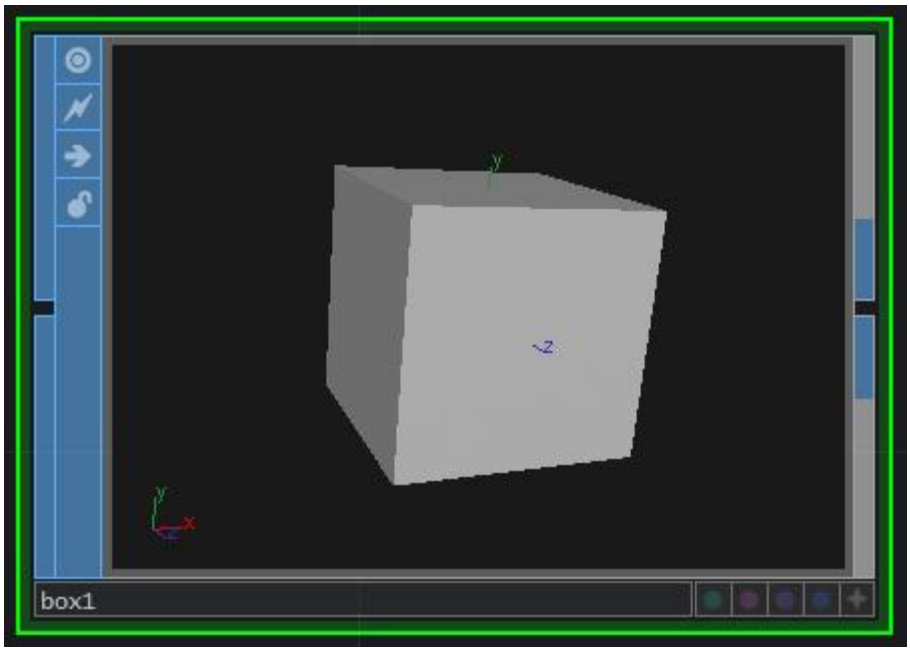

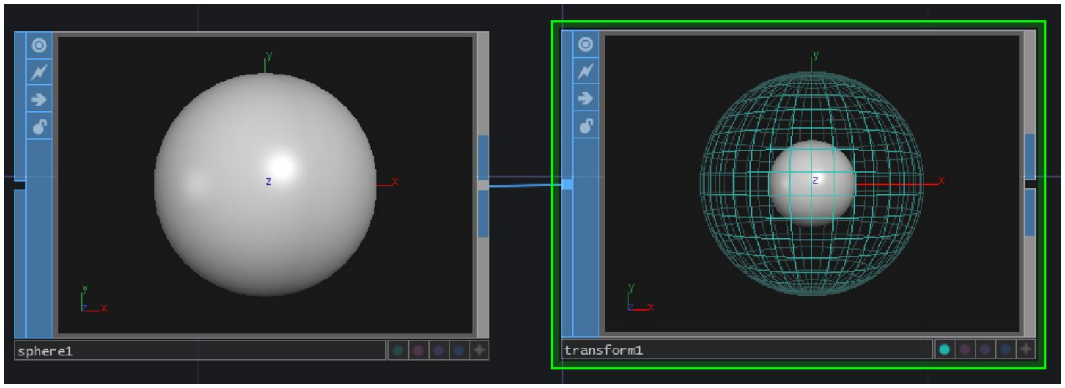
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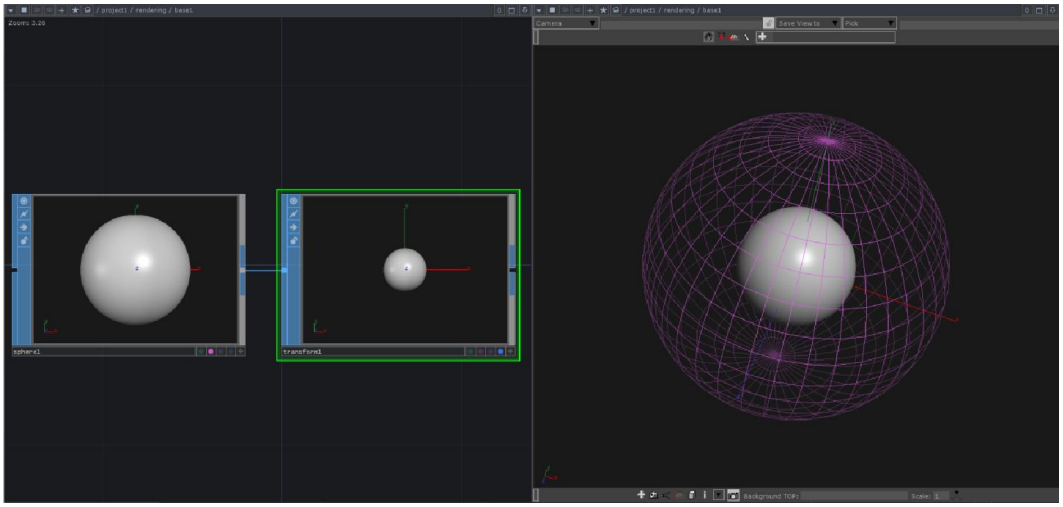

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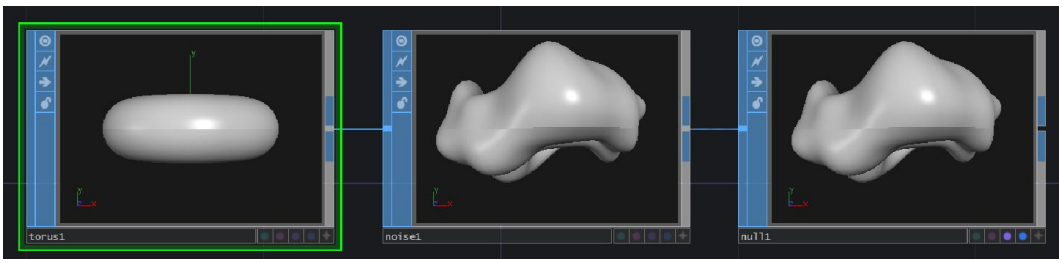

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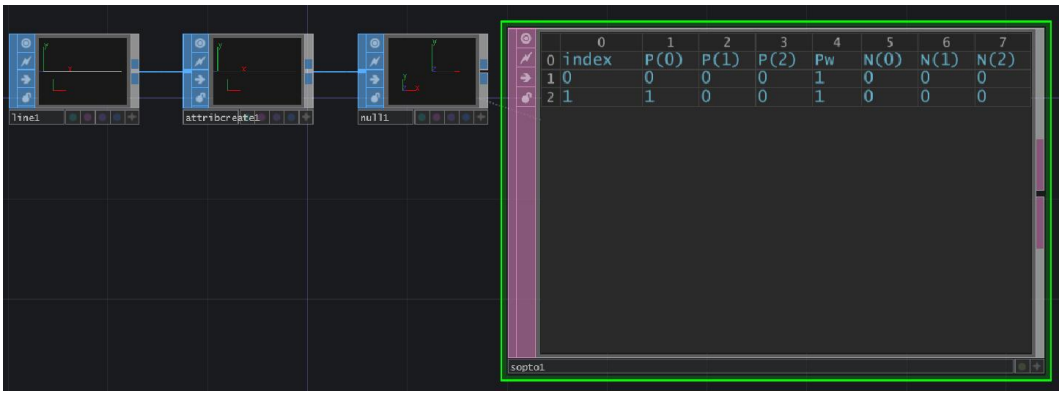

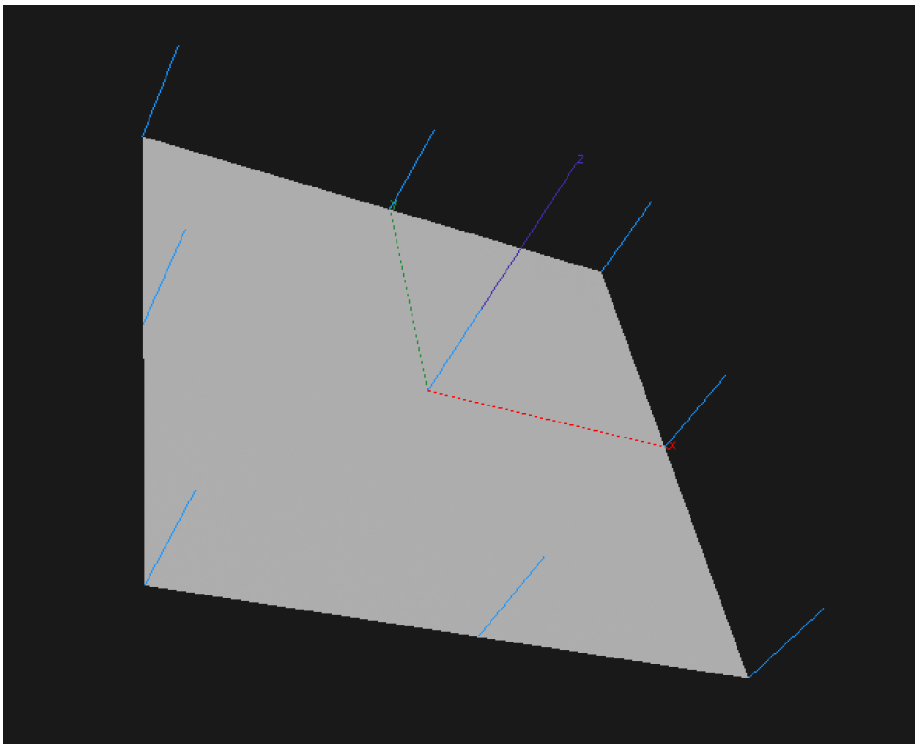

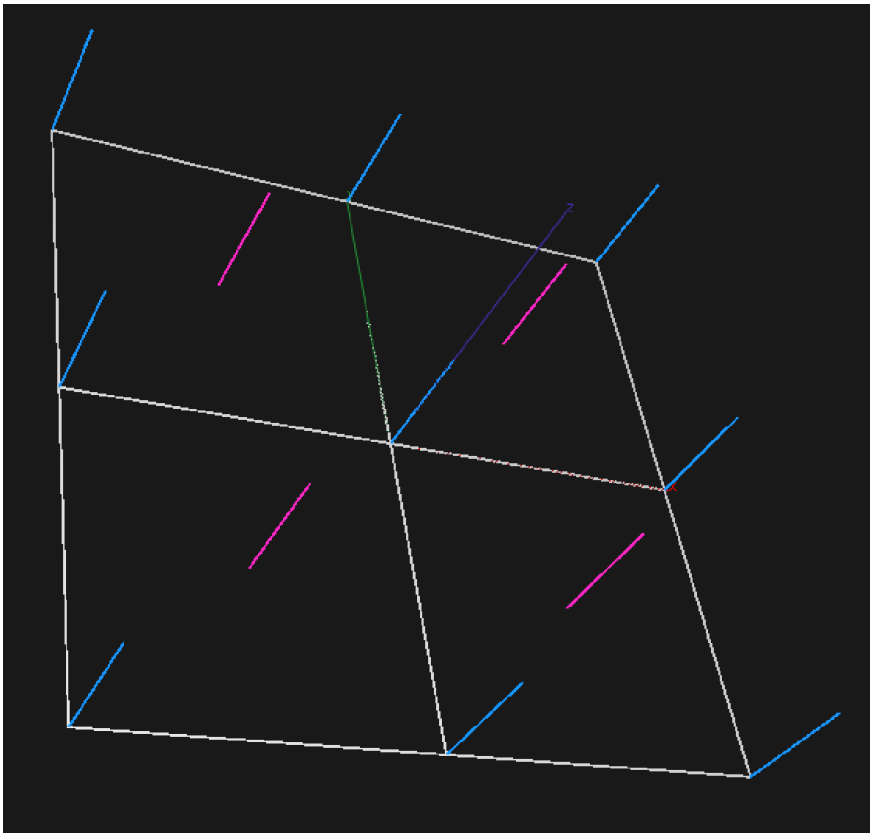

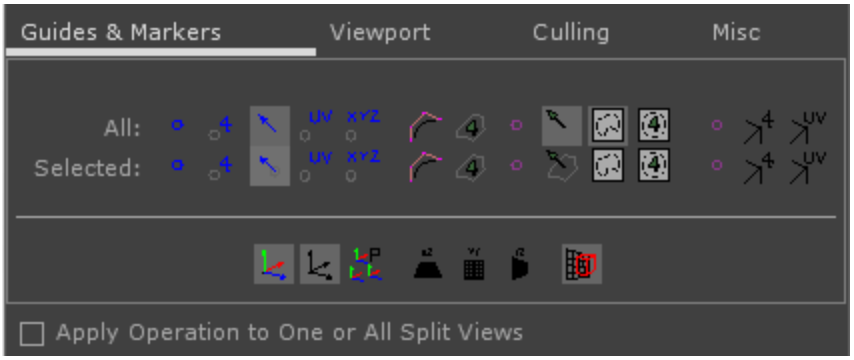
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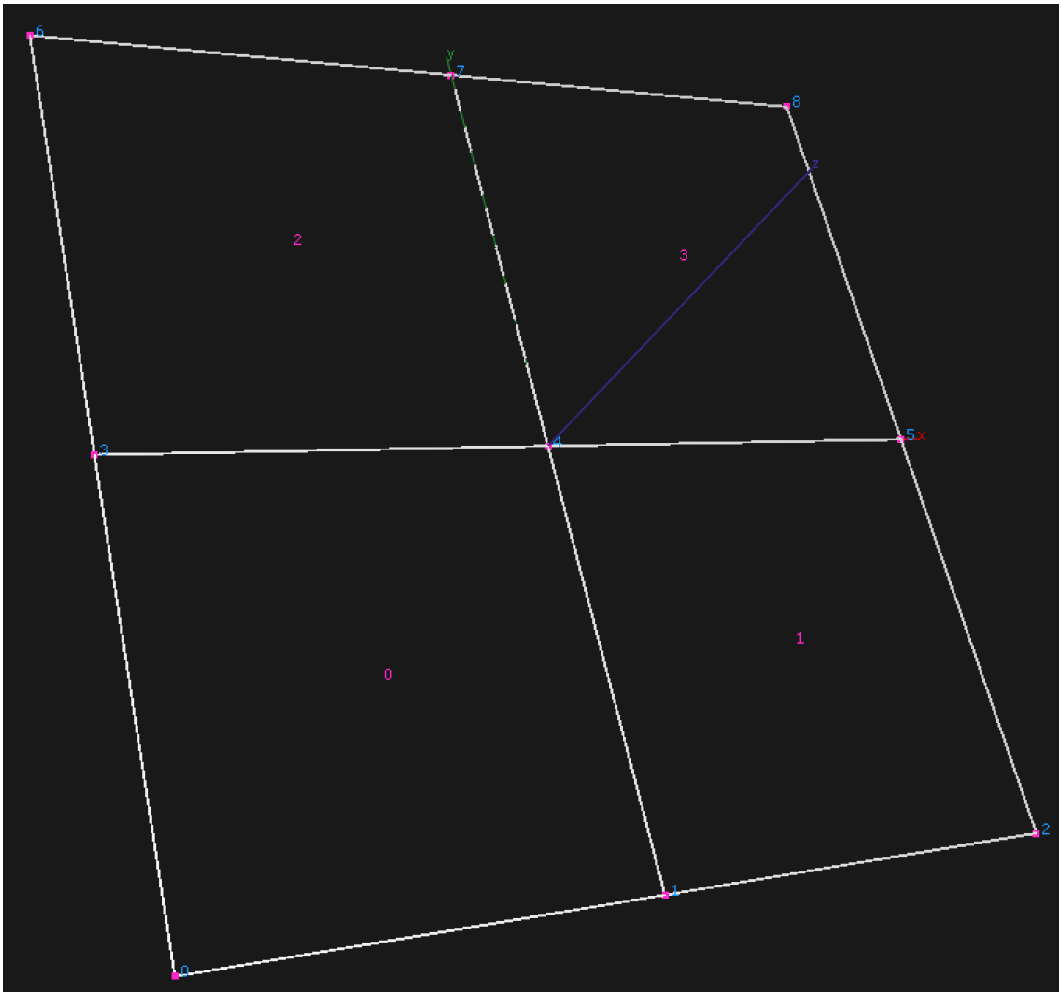

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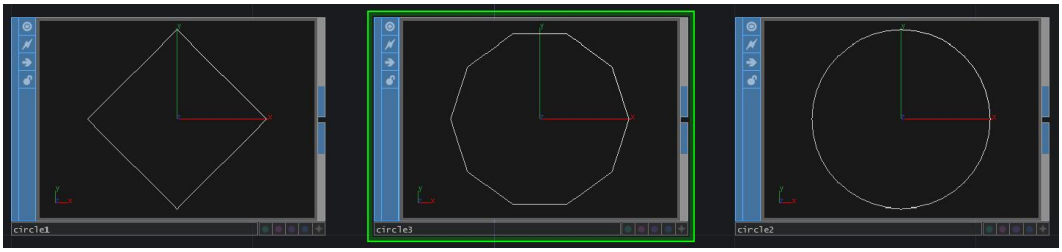
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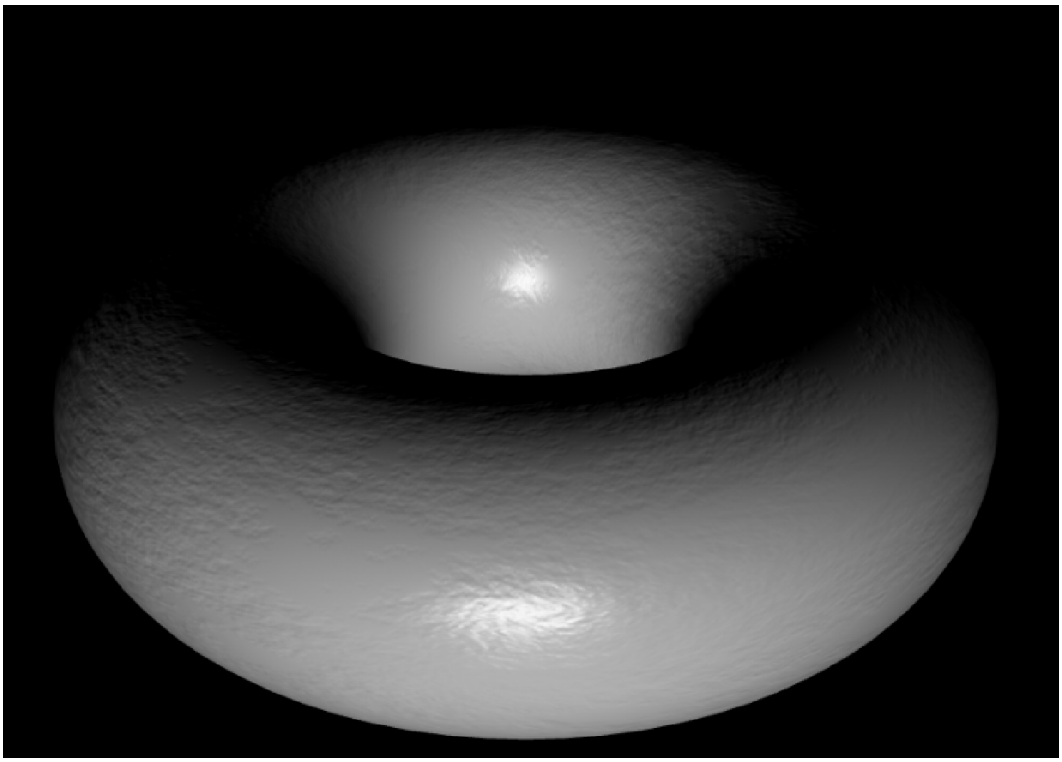

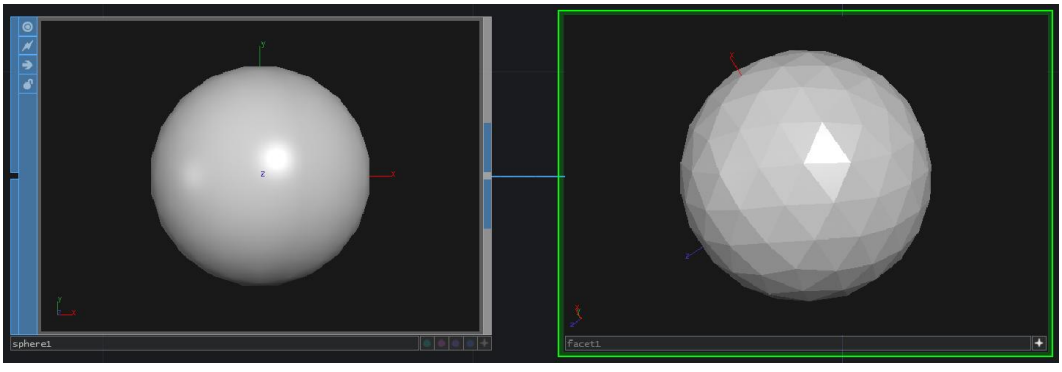
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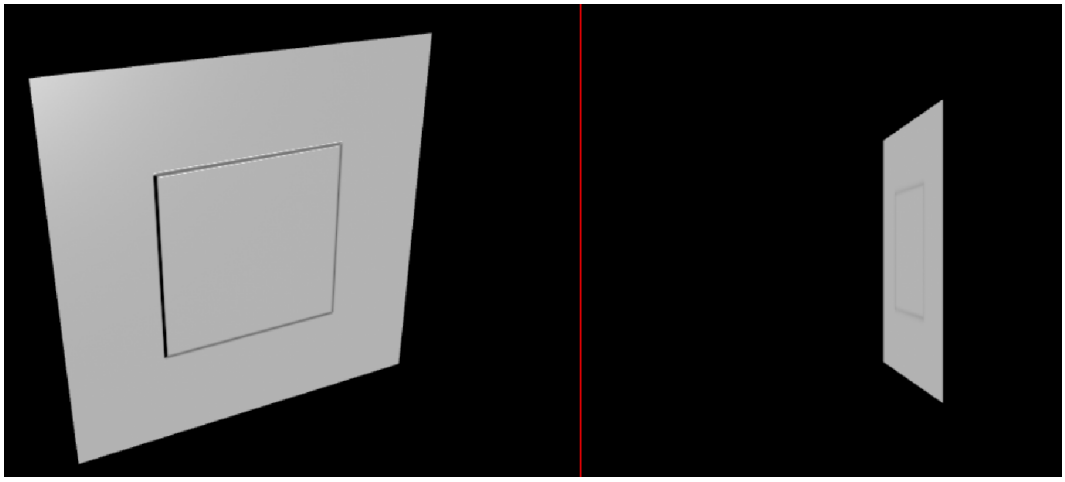

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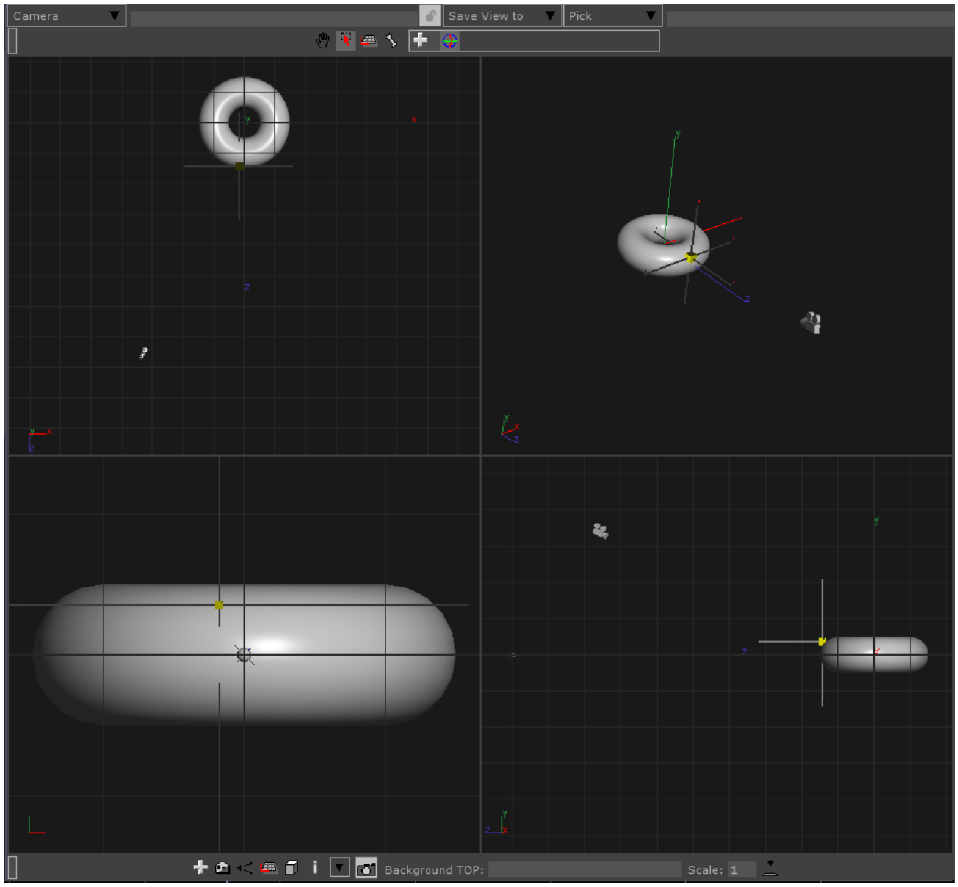
3D Rendering and Examples

Interactive and non-procedural tools

The geometry viewer



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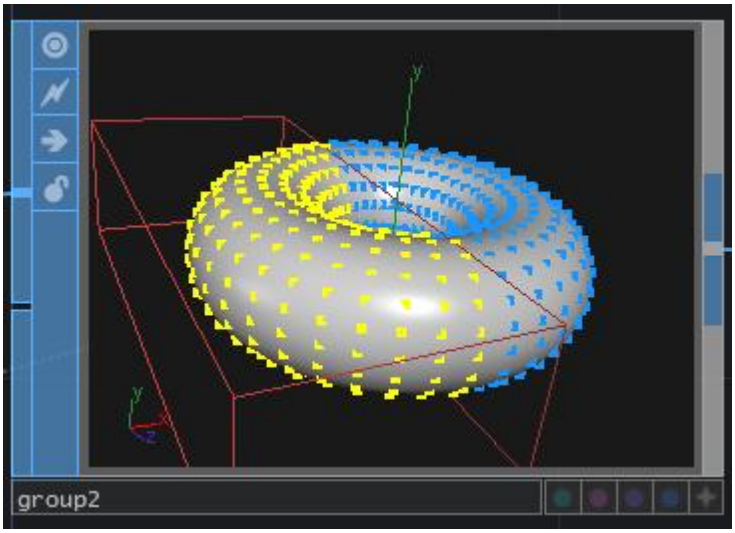

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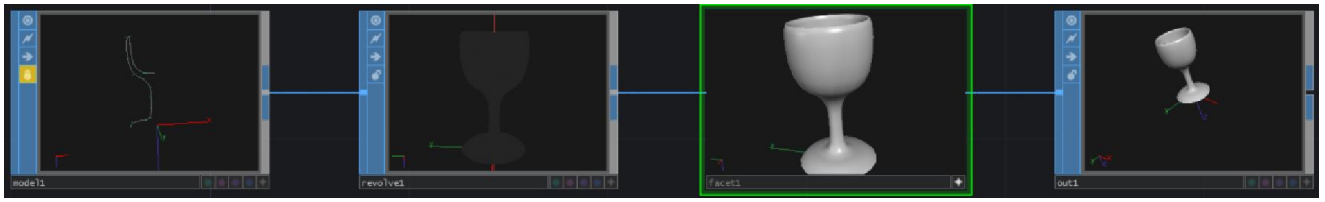

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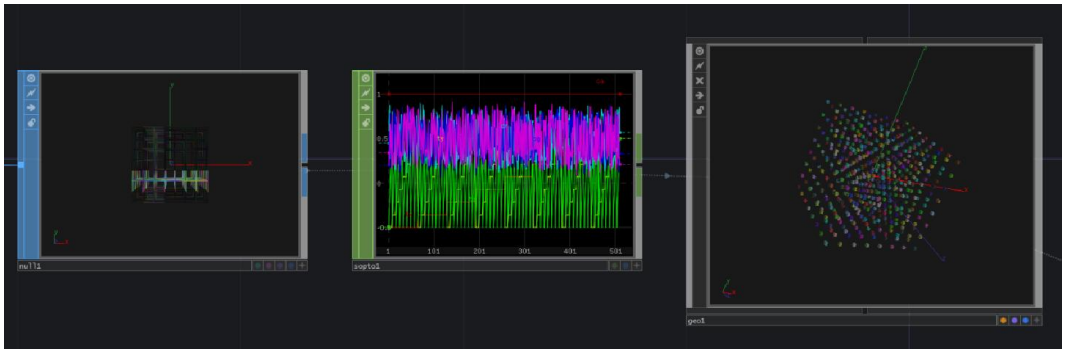
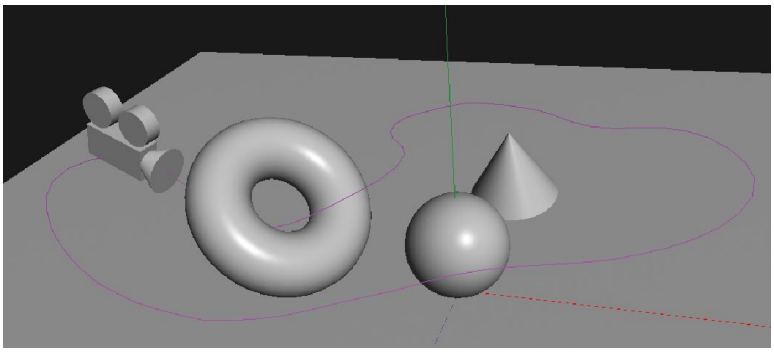


Camera, light, and shading

Cameras

A camera path



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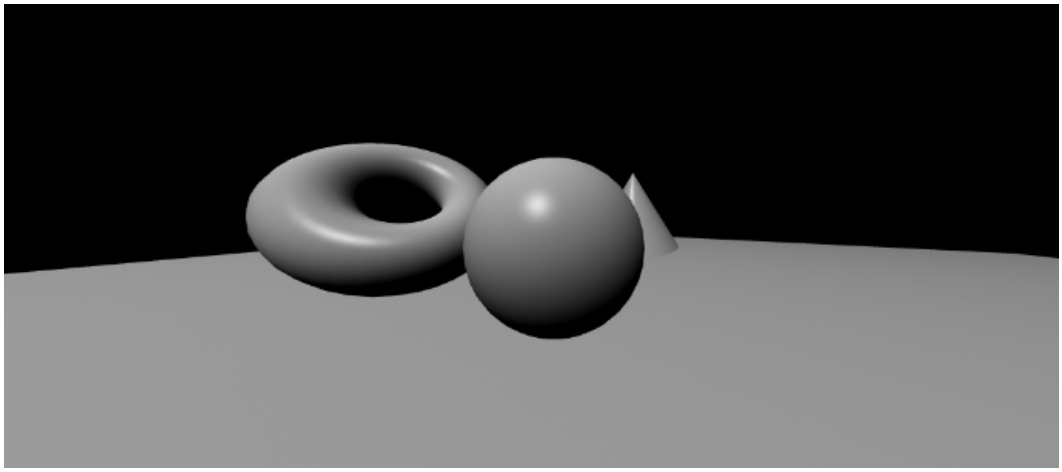

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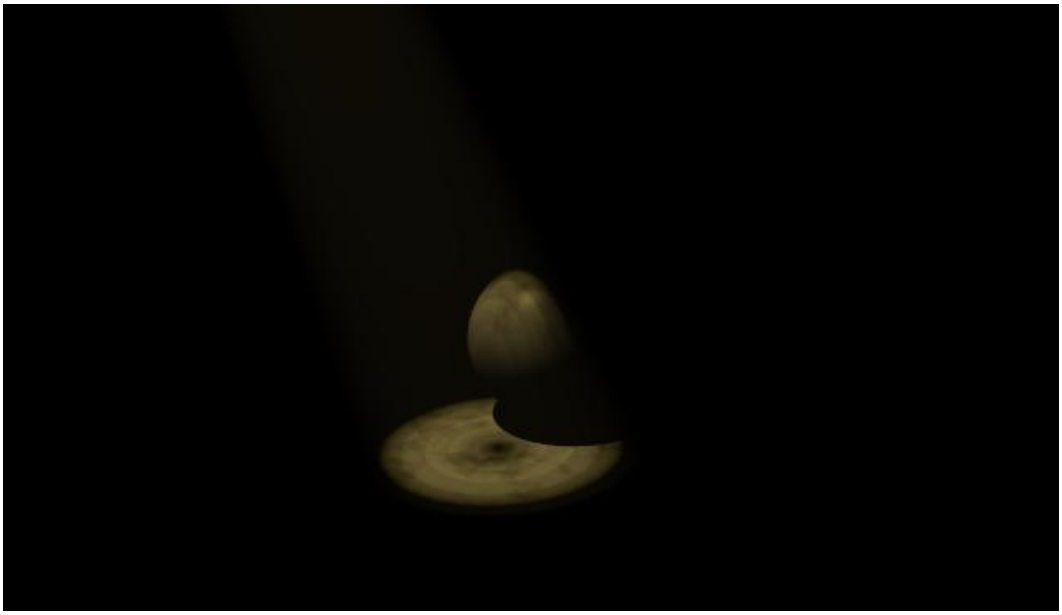

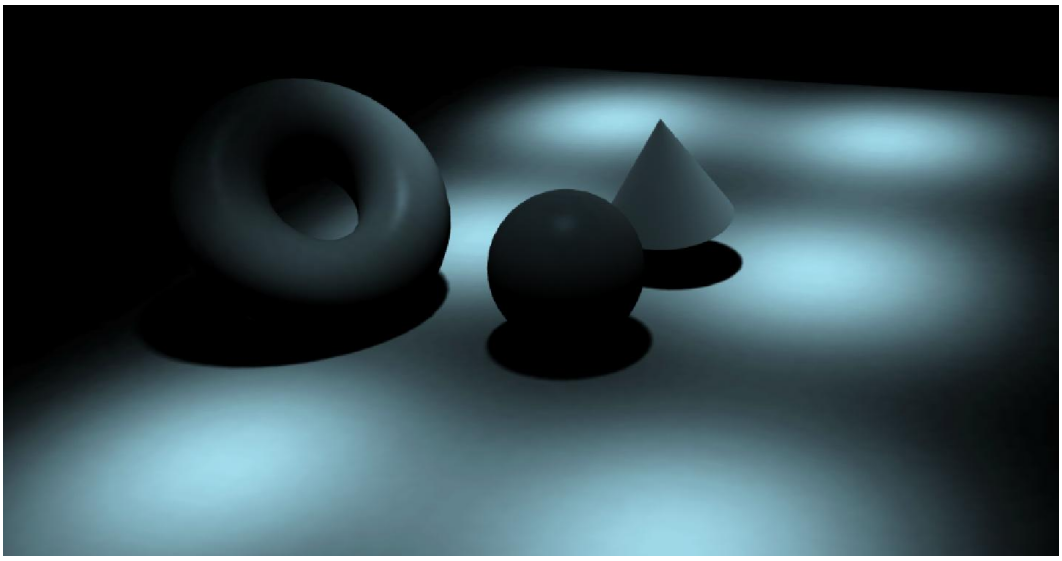

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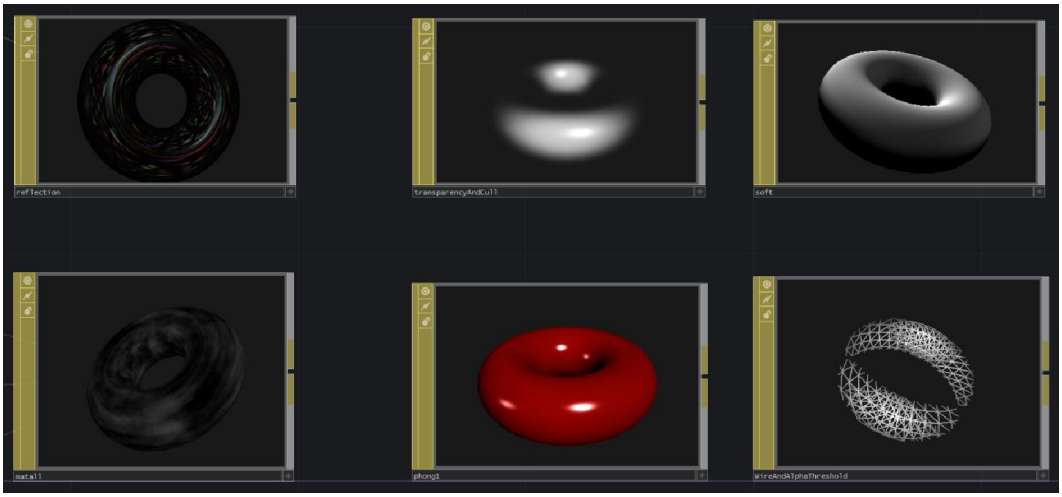

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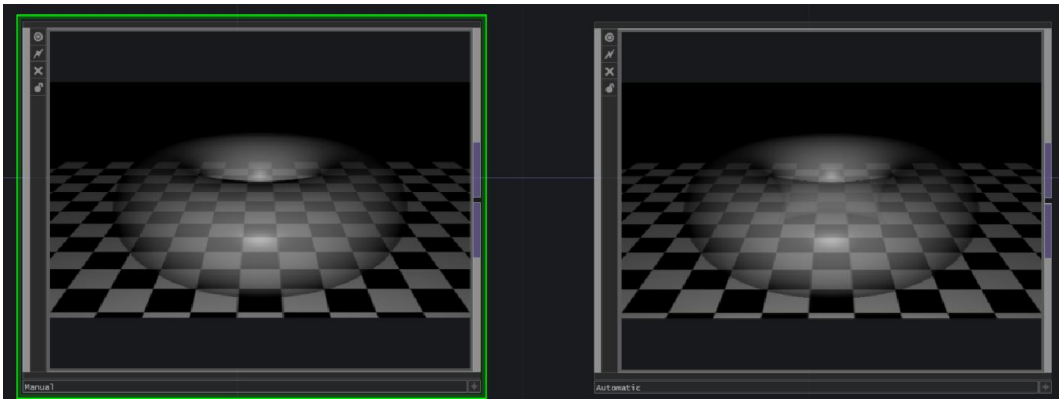

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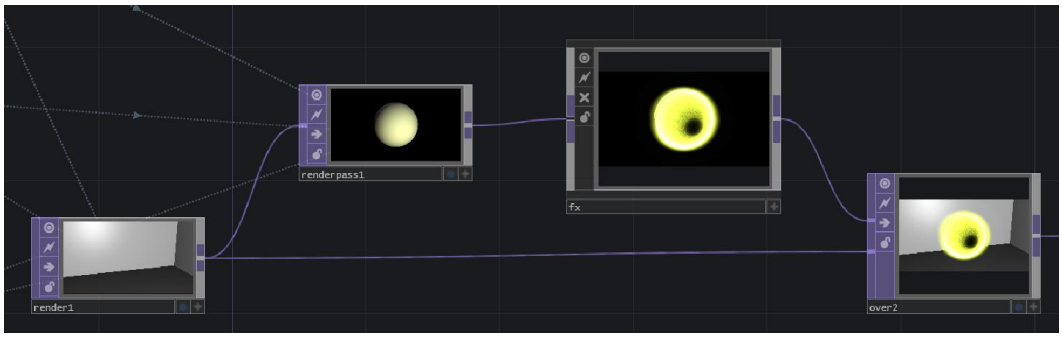

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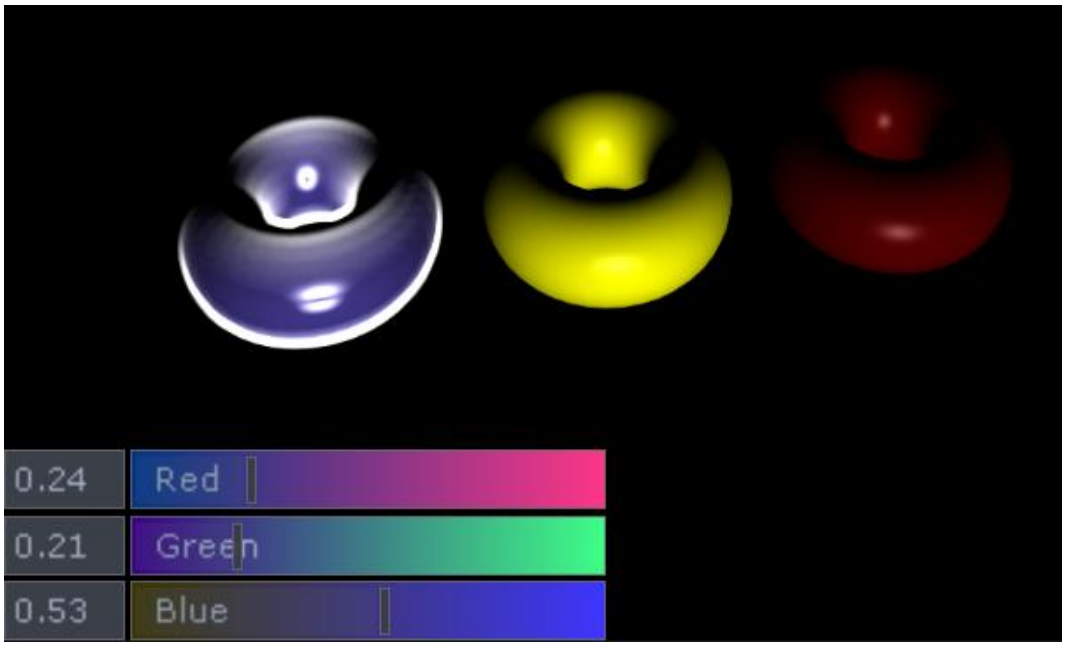
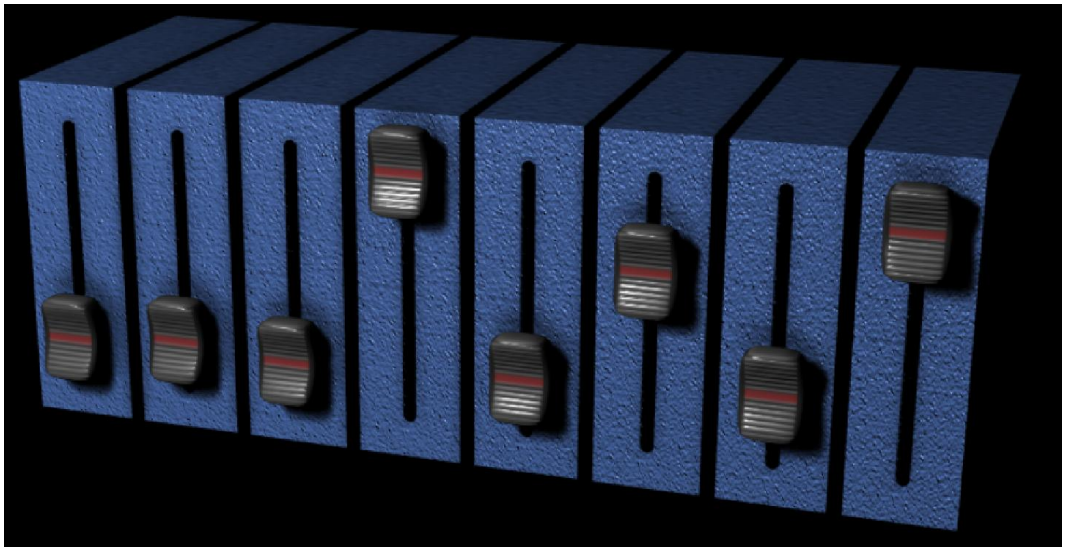
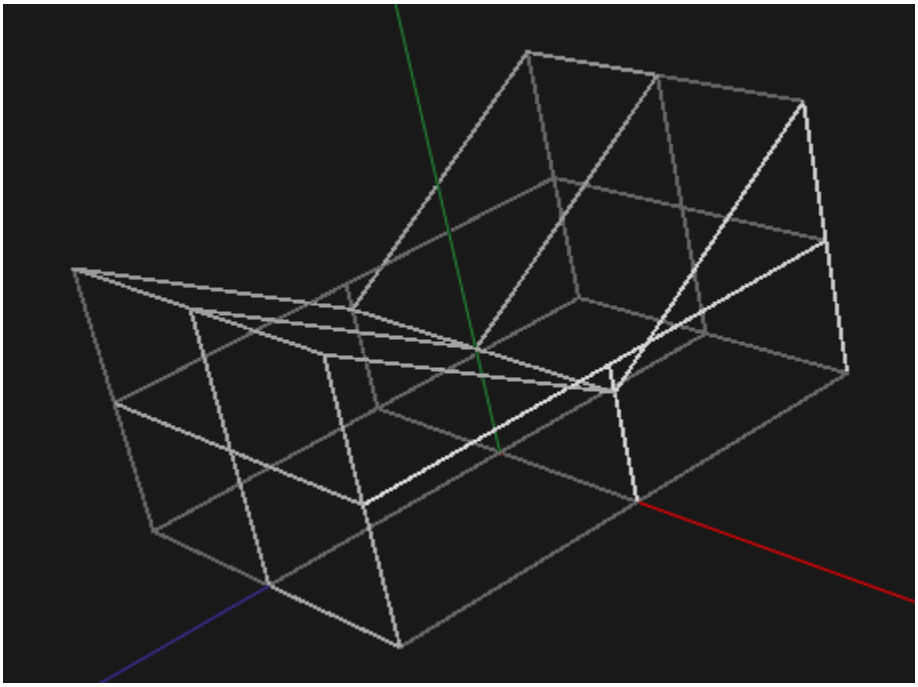
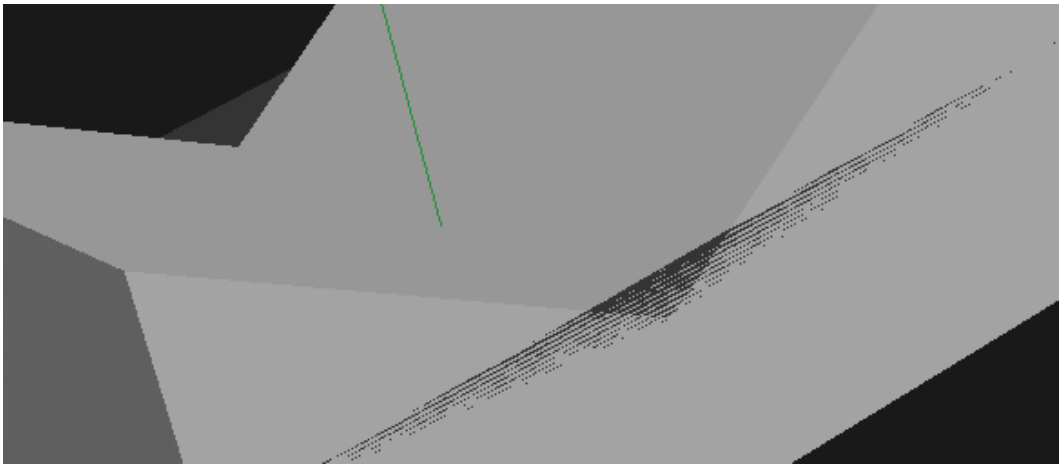
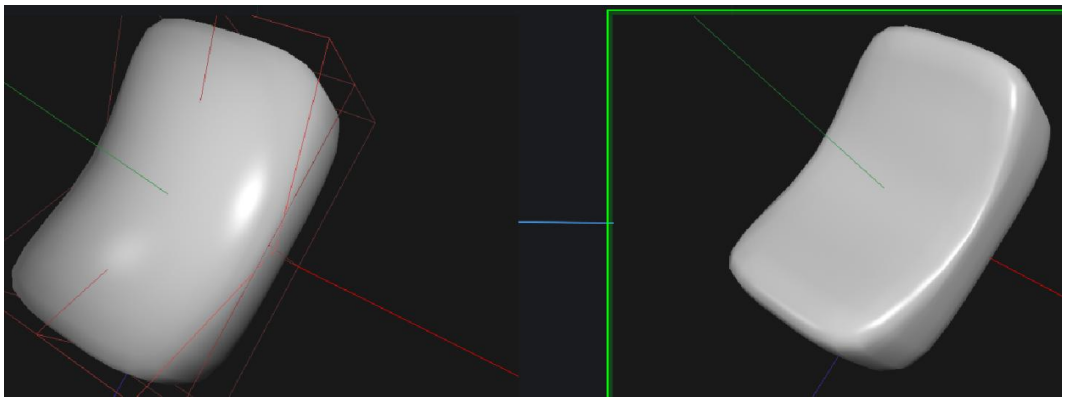




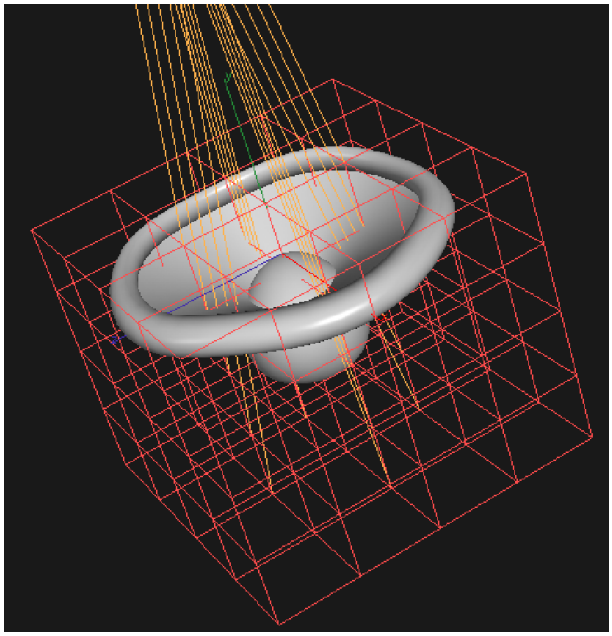






Examples of procedural modeling

A speaker



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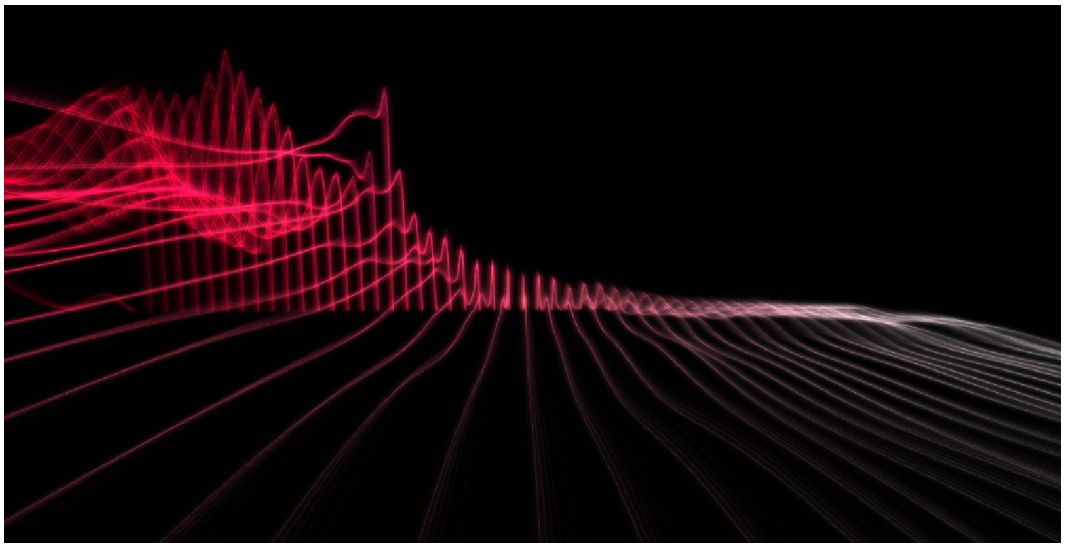
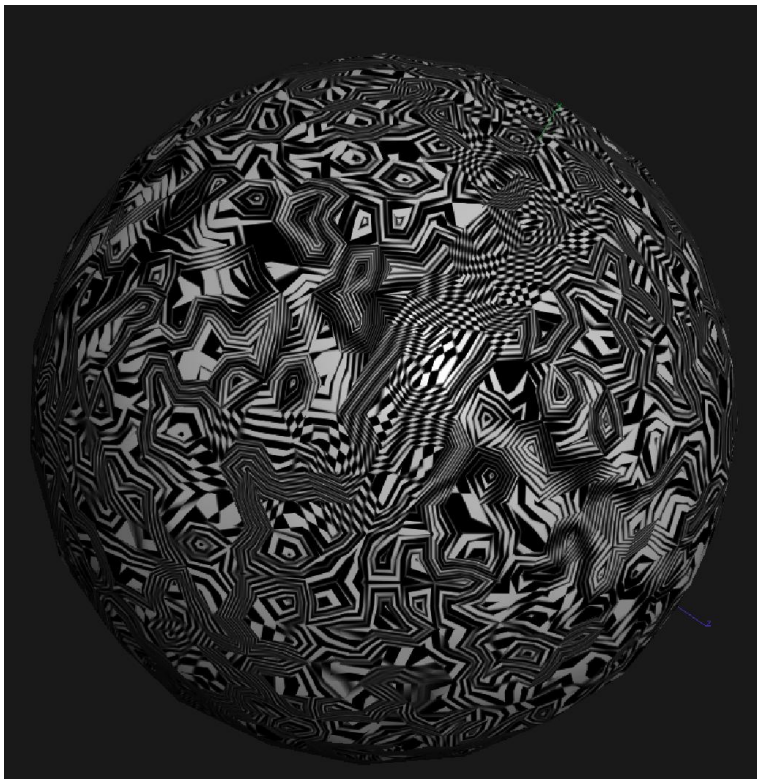
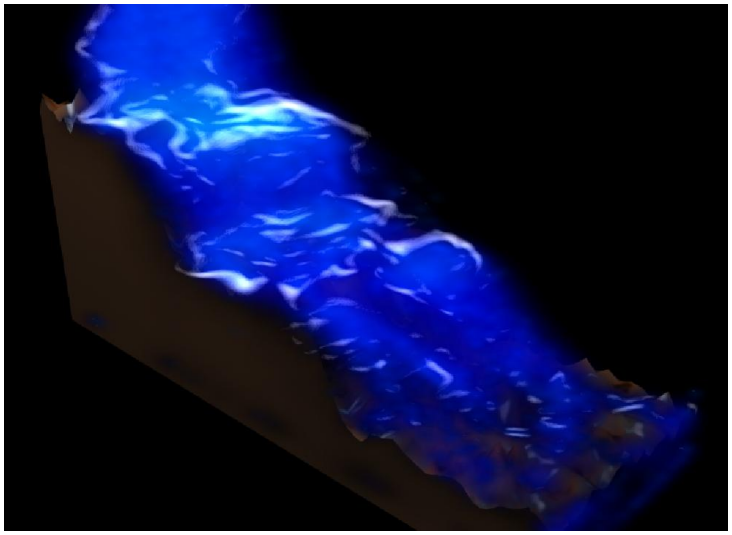


A fractal texture



Modeling

Liquid



A house in a landscape

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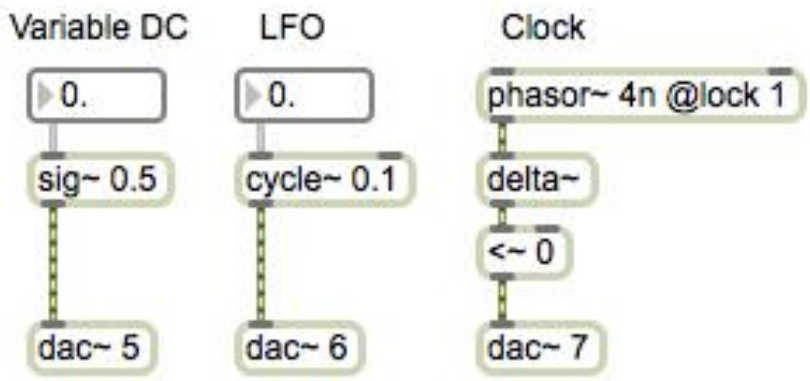
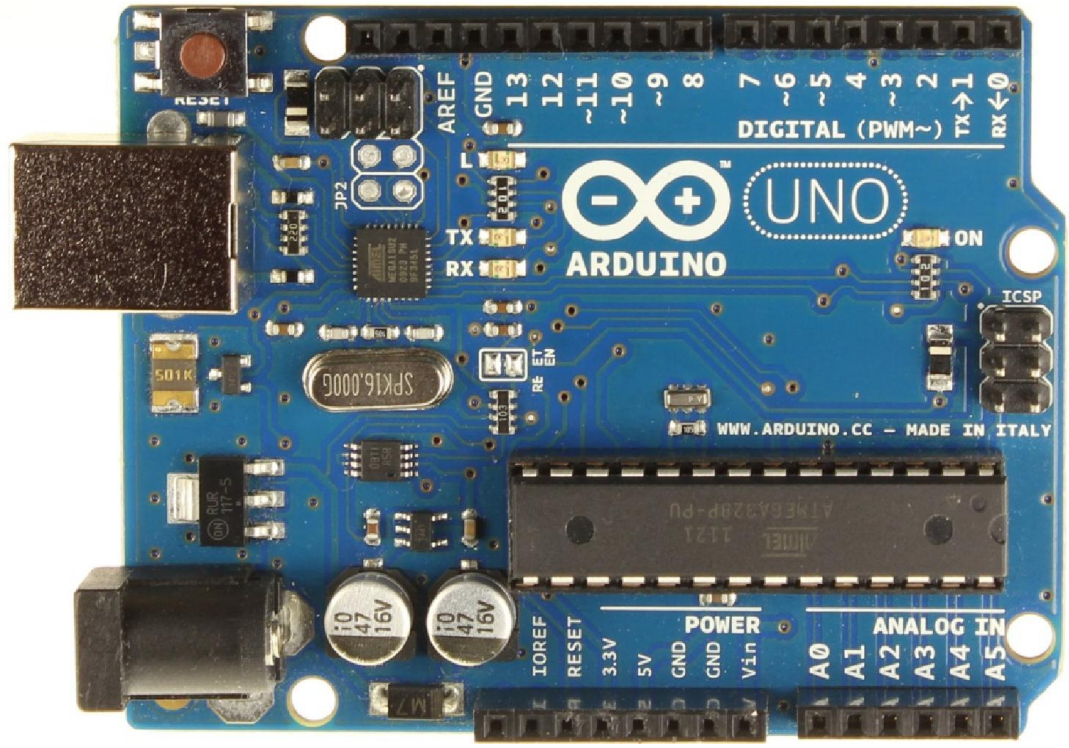
Connecting Our Software to the World

Analog synths and control voltage



Arduino and microcontrollers



An Arduino example project

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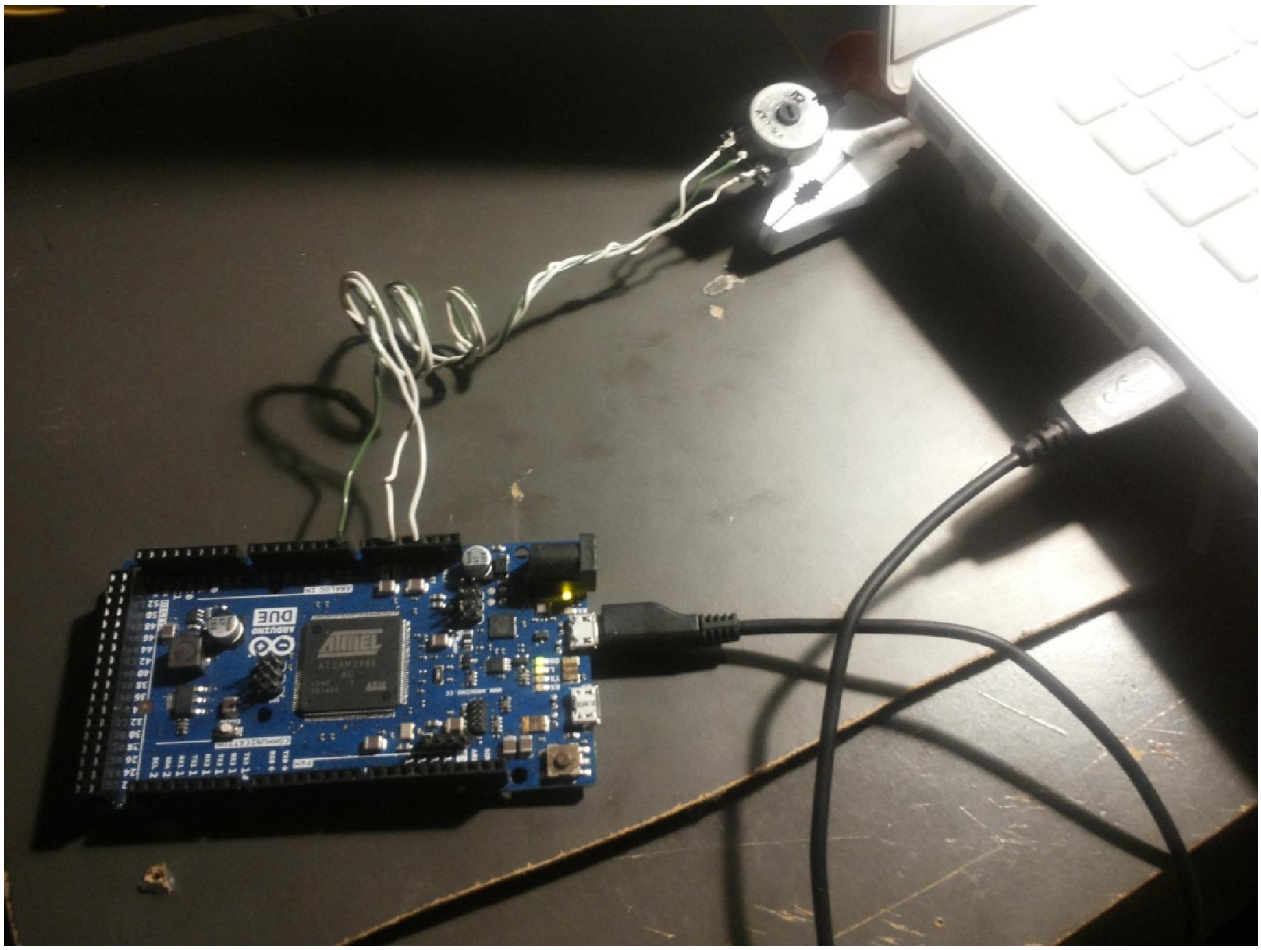

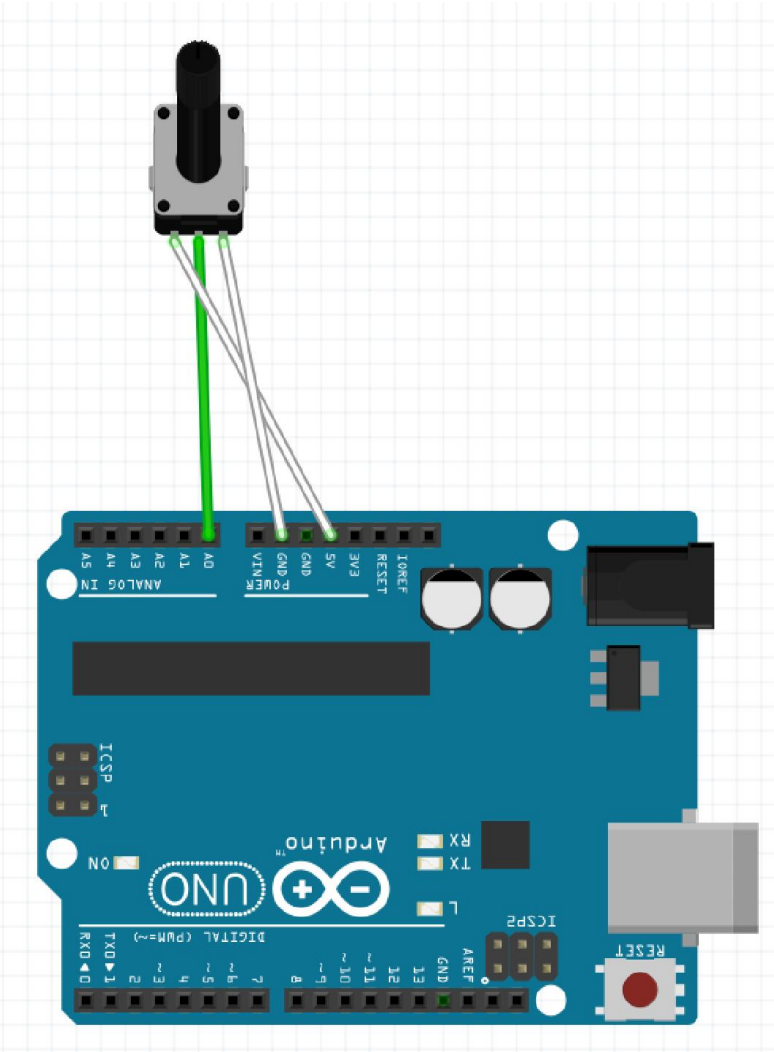
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POWER
ICSP
L
ON
Arduino
UNO
RX
TX
L
ICSP2
DIGITAL (PWM=~)
RX◄0
TX►1
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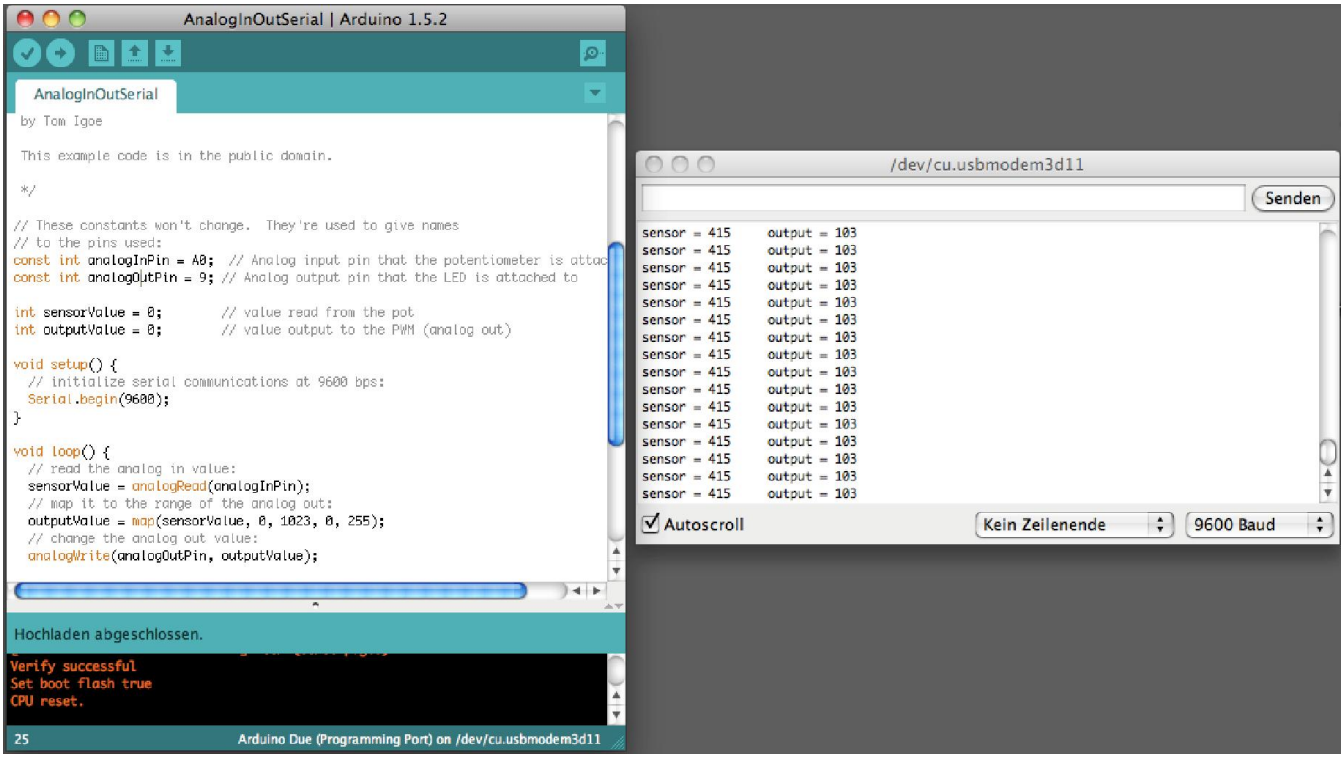
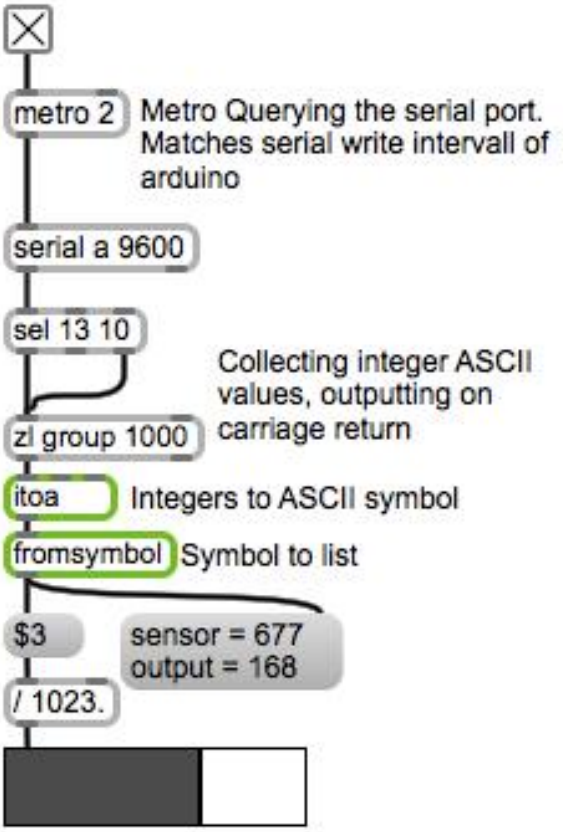
The Arduino code

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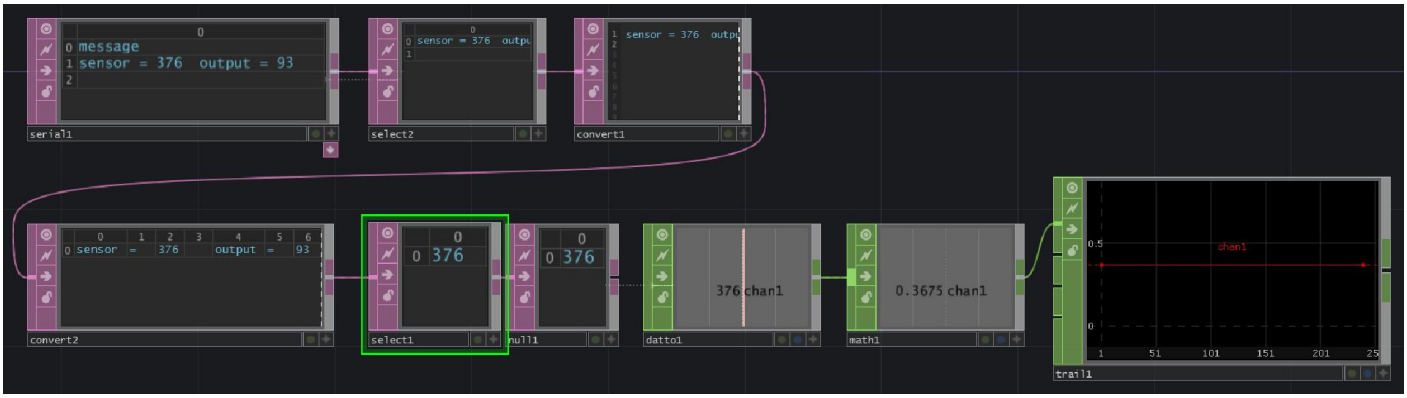
serial a 9600
sel 13 10
Collecting integer ASCII values, outputting on carriage return
zl group 1000
itoa
Integers to ASCII symbol
fromsymbol
Symbol to list
$3
sensor = 677
output = 168
/ 1023.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serial1
select2
convert1
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convert2
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select1
null1
datto1
376 chan1
math1
0.3675 chan1
chan1
trail1

Pure Data

Multitouch screens

id	sn	select	downf	upf	x	y	u	v	contactx	contacty	contactu	contactv	monitor	clicktime	elapsedtime
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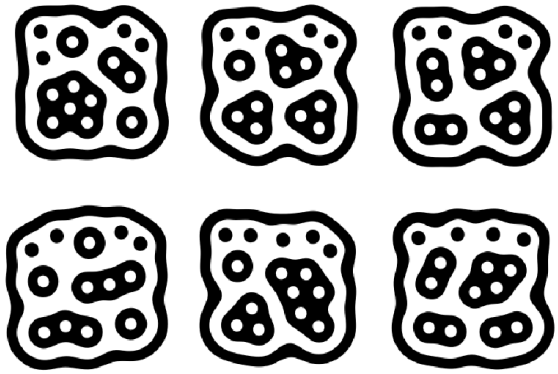
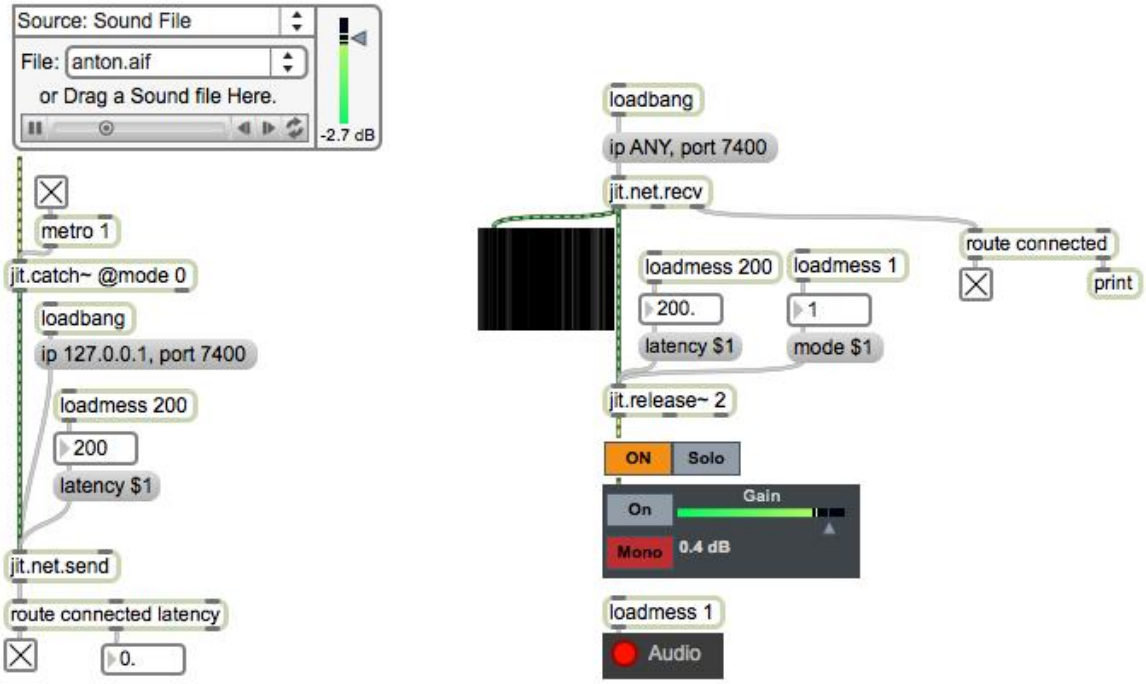
mtouchin1

The TUIO protocol

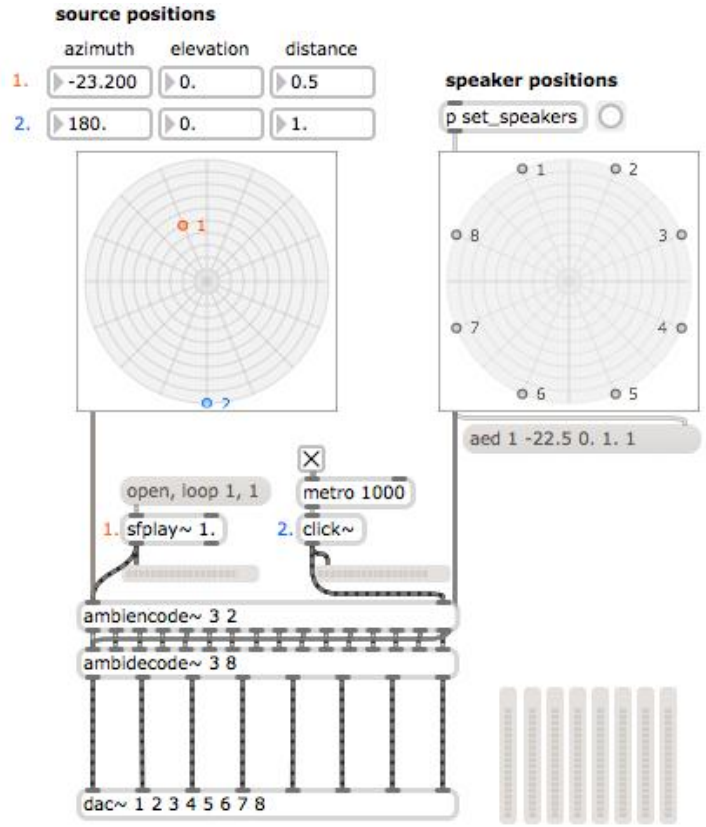


Interfacing other programs

Audio and video



Multispeaker setups



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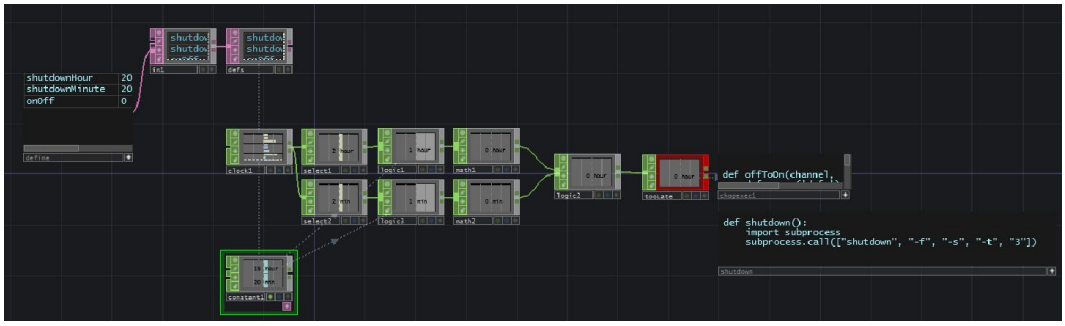


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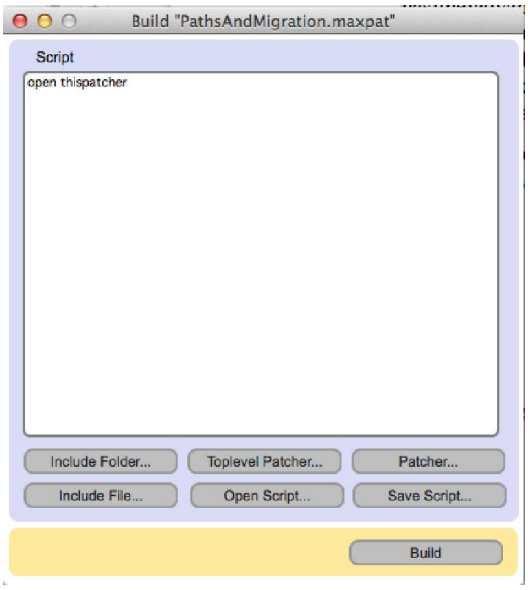
Exporting an application



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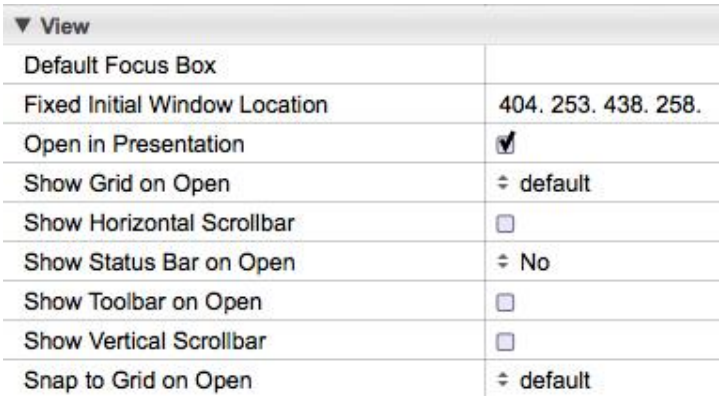

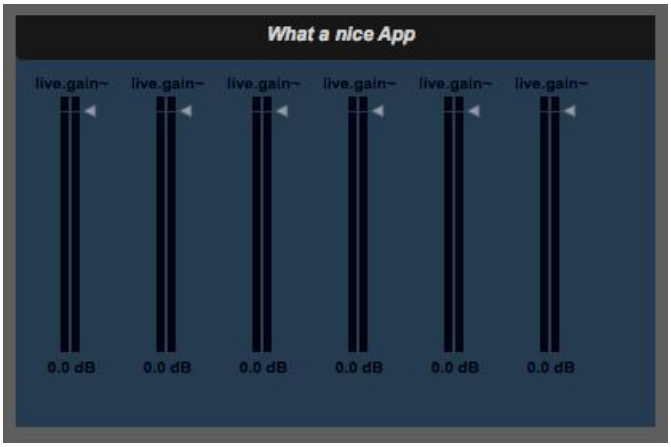

Script

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