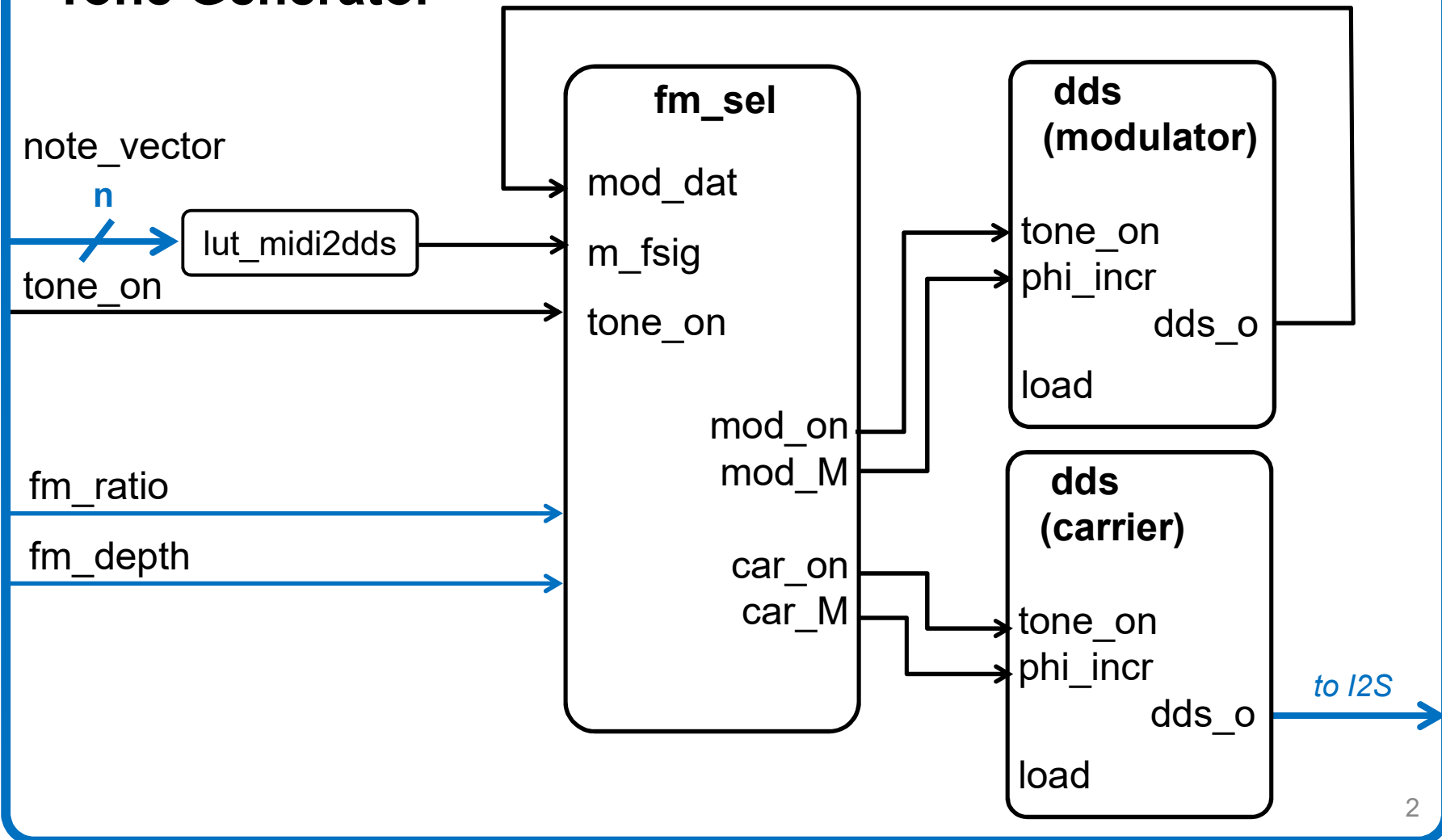


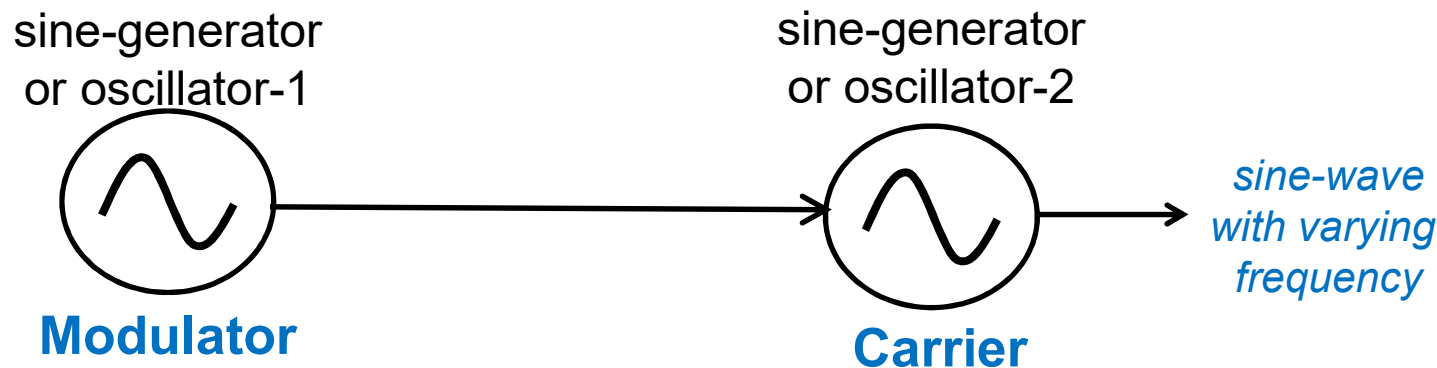
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Extra Feature: Ausbau Tone Generator to FM-Synthesizer

Tone Generator



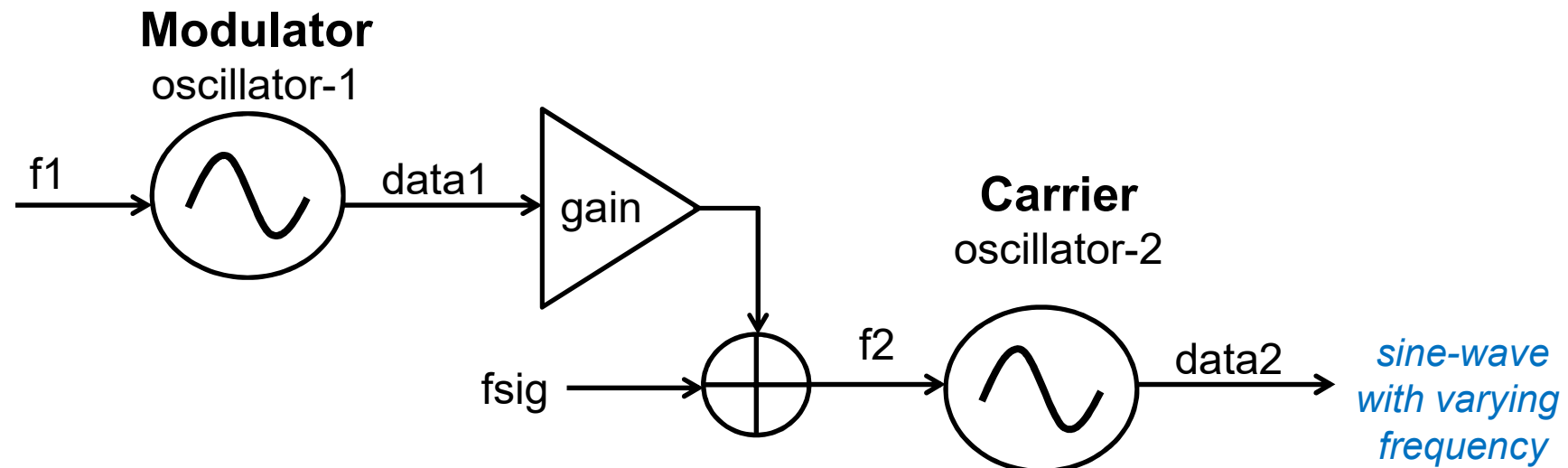
Basic Idea



The frequency of the carrier sine-wave varies around a central value (f_{sig}). This frequency variation generates several harmonics and give the sound a characteristic tone colour or timbre («Klangfarbe»).

The frequency variation is given by the output of the modulator sine-wave.

Parameters



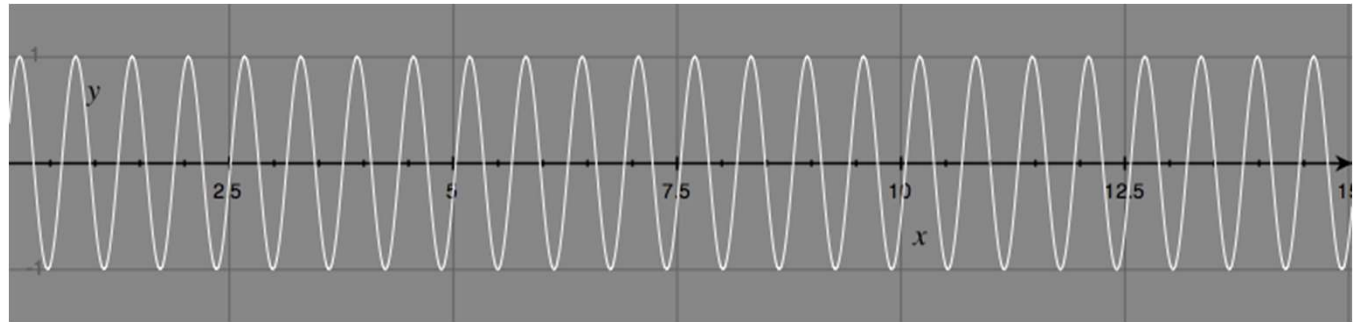
How are the values of $f1$ and gain selected? Using the parameters:

- *Carrier-to-modulator Ratio (c:m)* $\Rightarrow f_{sig} / f1$
- *Modulation Depth* $\Rightarrow \max\{data1\}.gain / f_{sig}$

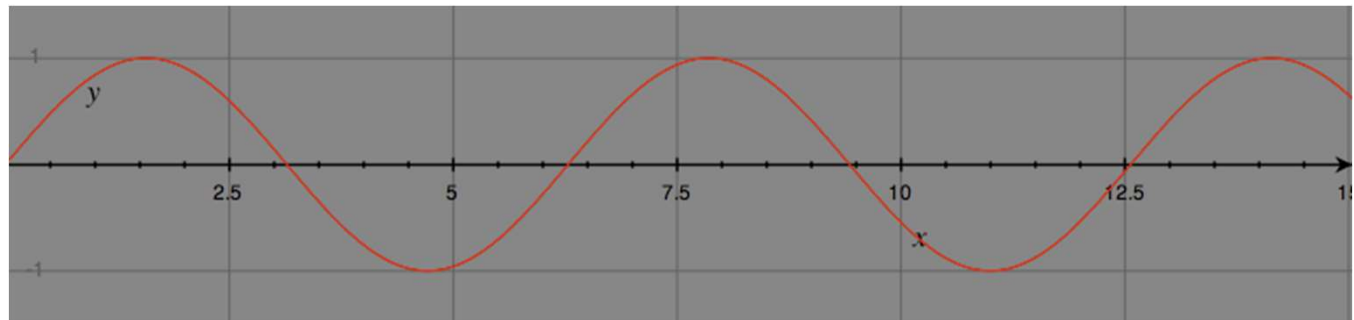
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Illustration

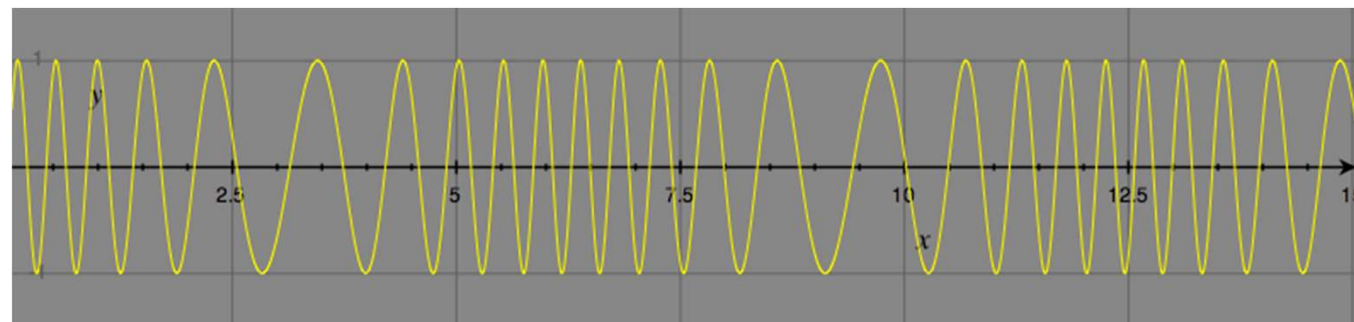
Carrier
oscillator-2



Modulator
oscillator-1



Resulting
Signal



Example_ carrier to modulator ratio

Use input fm_ratio to select different (c:m) values.

For instance with c:m = 2:1

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{c}{m} = \frac{f_{sig}}{f_1} = 2 \\ \Rightarrow f_1 = \frac{f_{sig}}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

Tendency

(c:m) < 1 : generates round / full tone colour
(c:m) > 1 : generates shrill / metallic tone colour

Some common used values

(c:m) = (1:0) : no modulation, pure carrier
(c:m) = (4:1) ; (2:1) ; (3:2) ; (1:1) ; (2:3) ; (1:2) ; (1:4) ; ...

Example_ modulation depth

Use input fm_depth to change the modulation depth, by selecting the gain value.

Let us call:

A_1 : amplitude of modulator sine-wave

g : variable gain factor

f_{sig} : central frequency of carrier sine-wave

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq A_1 \cdot g \leq f_{sig} \\ \Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{A_1 \cdot g}{f_{sig}} \leq 1 \end{array} \right.$$

But our input controlling fsig is phi_incr (or M) which is actually proportional to the phase ($2\pi \cdot f_{sig} \cdot T_s$). Therefore it gets a bit tricky to precisely calculate the modulation depth (we miss some theory you will learn in following semesters...).

Order of magnitude: phi_incr_mod about 2^1 till 2^7 times smaller than phi_incr_car

Proposal: try out some values for gain g and set a range you find effective.

Tendency: lower modulation-depth values allows to better notice the difference of tone colour depending on the (c:m) ratio.

Tutorial Reference (video)

Simon Cann's Synthesizer Boot Camp #5

(Synthesis Modulation Synthesis – part 1 of 2)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3yrd2YvkUo>

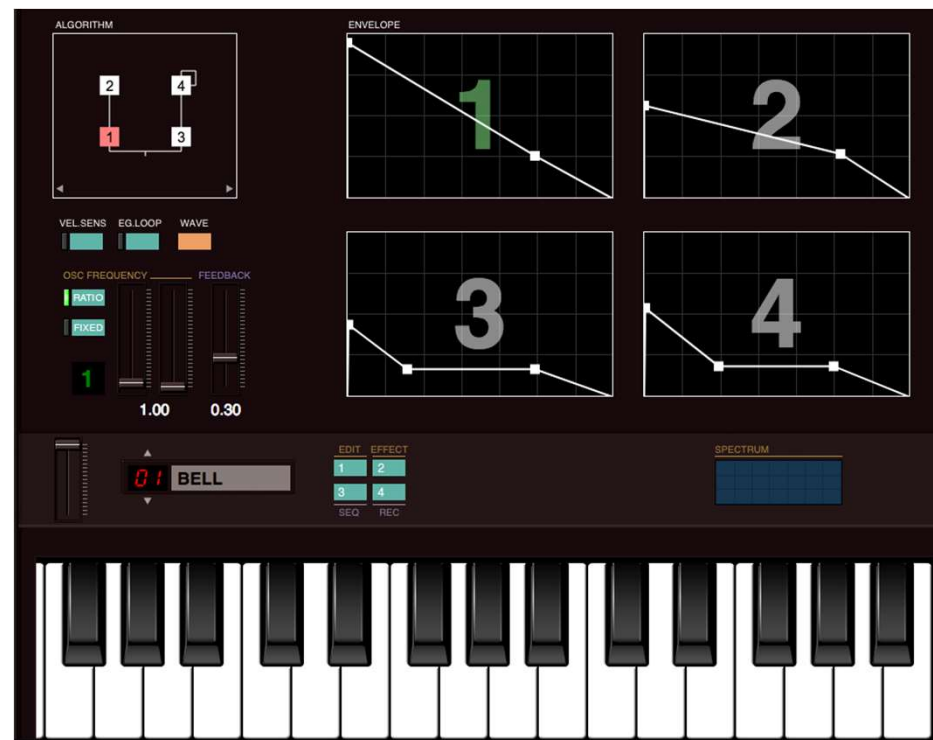
Observation:

The other parts of the Simon Cann's Synthesizer Boot Camp (#1-#4 and #6) present tone-shaping methods which are also very interesting, but they give more work to be implemented in VHDL and the basic Frequency-Modulation Synthesizer of video #5 is rather easy to implement with DDS, and very effective (to cause changes of timbre).

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Online WEB FM-Synthesizer

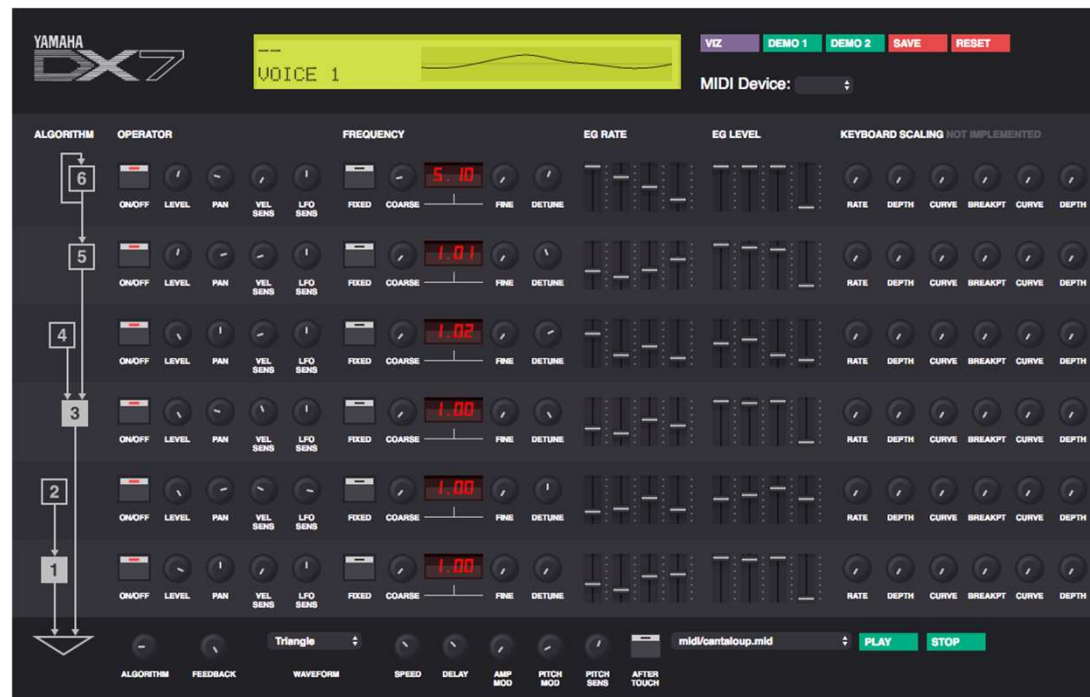
<http://www.taktech.org/takm/WebFMSynth/>



FM-Synthesizer

Online Yamaha DX7 Synthesizer

<http://mmontag.github.io/dx7-synth-js/>



Testing FM Synthesis

Android App 1

FM Synth

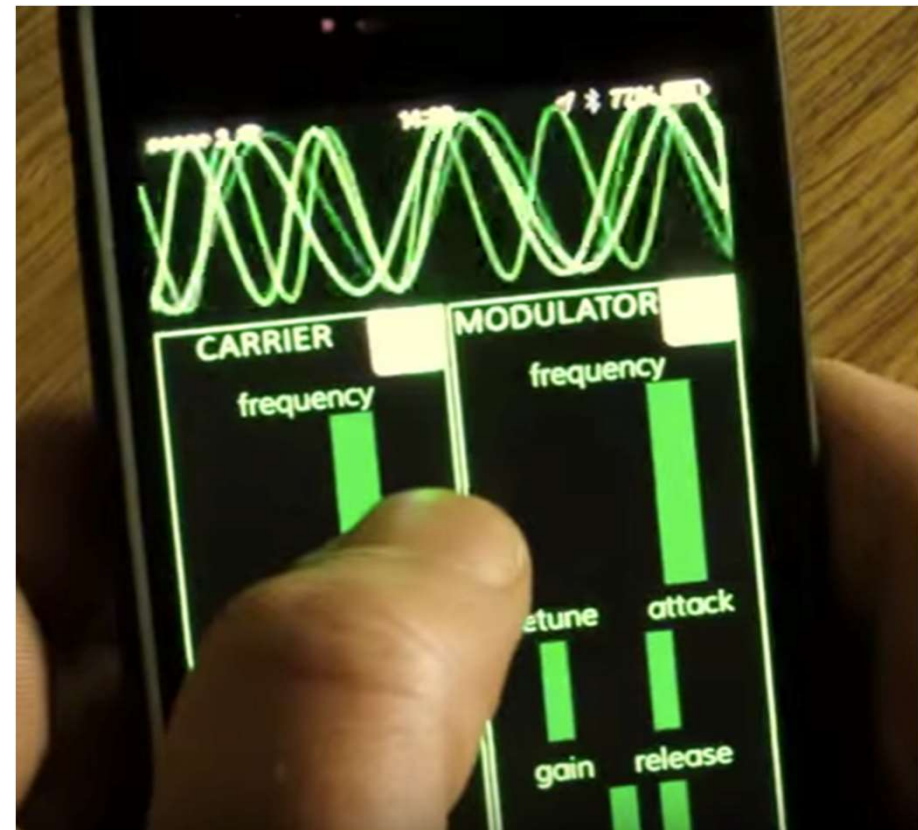


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