Code Breakdown

Server Boot & File Loading

```
s.boot;
~buffer = Buffer.read(s, "path");
  • s.boot: Starts the SuperCollider audio server
  • ~buffer: Global environment variable storing the loaded audio
  • Buffer.read(): Loads file into server memory for playback
  • Only need to change the path for this, we can also change to live input
SynthDef Structure
SynthDef(\drumDetectorFile, {
    arg bufnum, threshold = 0.2, rate = 1.0, startPos = 0;
    // Processing code here
}).add;
```

- SynthDef(): Creates a reusable audio processing template
- \drumDetectorFile: Symbol name for this synth definition
- arg: Parameters for the synth def
 - bufnum: Which buffer to analyze
 - threshold: Sensitivity level (default 0.2)
 - rate: Playback speed (1.0 = normal)
 - startPos: Where to start in the file (sample number)
- .add: Sends definition to server

Audio Input & Timing

```
input = PlayBuf.ar(1, bufnum, rate, startPos: startPos, loop: 0, doneAction: 2);
currentTime = Phasor.ar(0, rate / SampleRate.ir, startPos, BufFrames.kr(bufnum));
```

- PlayBuf.ar(): Plays audio from buffer
 - 1: Mono (1 channel) // 2 channels breaks some stuff, we only need 1 channel for fft anyways
 - bufnum: Which buffer to play
 - rate: Playback speed
 - loop: 0: Don't loop
 - doneAction: 2: Free the synth when playback ends
- Phasor.ar(): Creates a ramp for tracking playback position
 - Used to generate timestamps for detected events

Juicy stuff

Frequency Band Separation

Amplitude Analysis

```
kickEnv = Amplitude.ar(kickBand, 0.01, 0.1);
snareEnv = Amplitude.ar(snareBand, 0.01, 0.1);
hihatEnv = Amplitude.ar(hihatBand, 0.001, 0.05);
totalEnergy = Amplitude.ar(input, 0.01, 0.1);
```

- Amplitude.ar(): Tracks volume/energy of a signal over time
 - First number: Attack
 - Second number: Release
- Different timing for hi-hat: Faster response (0.001, 0.05) because hi-hats are quicker

Feature Extraction

```
zeroCrossings = ZeroCrossing.ar(input);
fft = FFT(LocalBuf(1024), input);
spectralCentroid = SpecCentroid.kr(fft).clip(20, 20000);
```

- ZeroCrossing.ar(): Counts how often signal crosses zero (indicates "noisiness")
- FFT(): Fast Fourier Transform for frequency analysis
 - LocalBuf (1024): Creates 1024-sample buffer for FFT analysis
- SpecCentroid.kr(): Calculates "brightness" of sound (where most energy is)
- .clip(20, 20000): Limits values to reasonable frequency range

Trigger Logic (Kick)

- Trig1.ar(): Creates a trigger that fires once when condition is true
 - Condition: All three comparisons must be true (multiplication in supercollider is the same as using AND)
 - 0.15: Holdoff time (won't trigger again for 150ms)
- Logic: Kick energy must be:
 - 1. Above threshold \times 2
 - 2. Greater than snare energy + small offset
 - 3. Greater than hi-hat energy \times 2

Trigger Logic (Snare)

- Snare conditions:
 - 1. Snare energy above threshold
 - 2. Total energy above half threshold (something is happening)
 - 3. Snare energy greater than 40% of kick energy

Trigger Logic (Hi-hat)

```
hihatTrig = Trig1.ar(
      (hihatEnv > (threshold * 0.3)) *
      (hihatEnv > (kickEnv * 1.5)) * // Hi-hat should be louder than kick
      (zeroCrossings > 0.1), // High-frequency content indicator
      0.06 // Shorter holdoff for rapid hi-hat patterns
);
```

- Hi-hat conditions:
 - 1. Hi-hat energy above 30% of threshold (more sensitive)
 - 2. Hi-hat louder than kick \times 1.5
 - 3. High zero-crossing rate (indicates high-frequency content)
- Shorter holdoff: 60ms allows for rapid hi-hat patterns

Note: We can tweak these values to make the detection more accurate.

Data Capture

```
kickLevel = Latch.ar(kickEnv, kickTrig);
snareLevel = Latch.ar(snareEnv, snareTrig);
hihatLevel = Latch.ar(hihatEnv, hihatTrig);
```

- Latch.ar(): "Freezes" a value when trigger fires
- Captures the exact energy level at the moment of detection

OSC Message Sending

```
SendReply.ar(kickTrig, '/kick', [
    currentTime / SampleRate.ir,
                                           // Timestamp in seconds
    kickLevel,
    Latch.ar(spectralCentroid, kickTrig),
    Latch.ar(zeroCrossings, kickTrig),
    kickEnv / (snareEnv + 0.001),
                                          // Kick dominance ratio
    kickEnv / (hihatEnv + 0.001)
                                          // Kick vs hihat ratio
]);
  • SendReply.ar(): Sends OSC message when trigger fires
       - First arg: When to send (the trigger)
       - Second arg: OSC address ('/kick')
       - Third arg: Array of data to send
  • Data sent: Timestamp, energy level, spectral info, dominance ratios
OSC Responders
OSCdef(\kickResponder, {
    arg msg, time;
    var timestamp = msg[3];
    var level = msg[4];
    // ... extract other values
    "KICK @ %s - Level: %, Centroid: %Hz, Dominance: %".postf(/*values*/);
}, '/kick');
  • OSCdef(): Sets up listener for OSC messages
  • msg: Array containing the sent data
       - msg[3] = first data value (timestamp)
       - msg[4] = second data value (level), etc.
  • .postf(): Formatted printing to console
Control & Cleanup
~detector = Synth(\drumDetectorFile, [\bufnum, ~buffer]);
~detector.set(\threshold, 0.4);
~detector.free;
s.freeAll;
  • Synth(): Creates instance of the SynthDef
  • .set(): Changes parameters while running
  • .free: Stops and removes synth
  • s.freeAll: Stops all synths on server
  • OSCdef().free: Removes OSC listeners
  • ~buffer.free: Frees buffer memory
```

What This Code Does (or atleast is supposed to do):

- 1. Loads audio file into memory
- 2. Splits into 3 frequency bands (kick, snare, hi-hat ranges)
- 3. Tracks energy in each band continuously
- 4. **Detects sudden increases** (onsets) with smart logic to avoid false positives
- 5. Sends detailed analysis data via OSC when drums are detected
- 6. **Prints results** to console with timestamps and features
- 7. Plays original audio for monitoring