

# Web Audio API

Was JavaScript designed to build a modular synth

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# The modular Synth

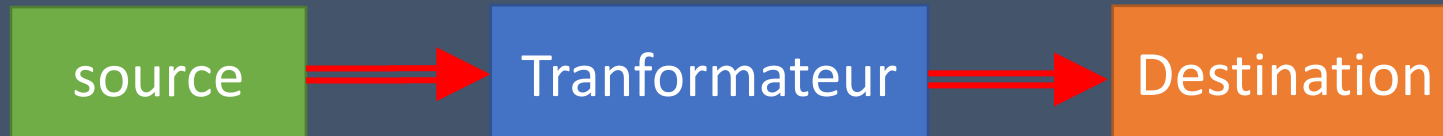
Développé par Robert Moog en 1964

Formé de modules

- LFO
- VCO
- ADSR
- Sequencer

Un module peut être

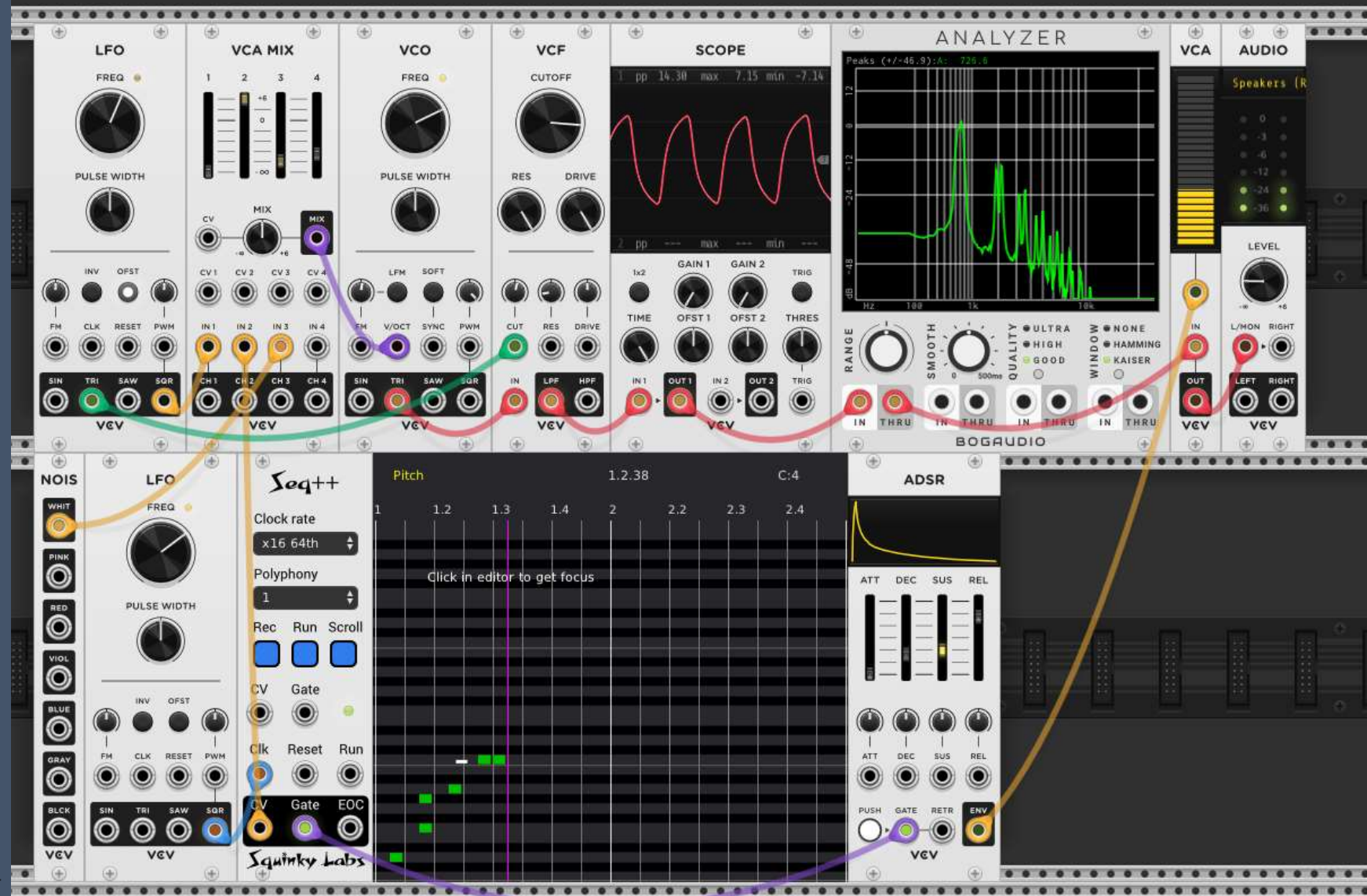
- Une source (génère un signal)
- Une destination (amplificateur + Haut parleurs, enregistreur, visualiseur,...)
- Un module intermédiaire qui transforme le signal (filtre, mixeur,...)



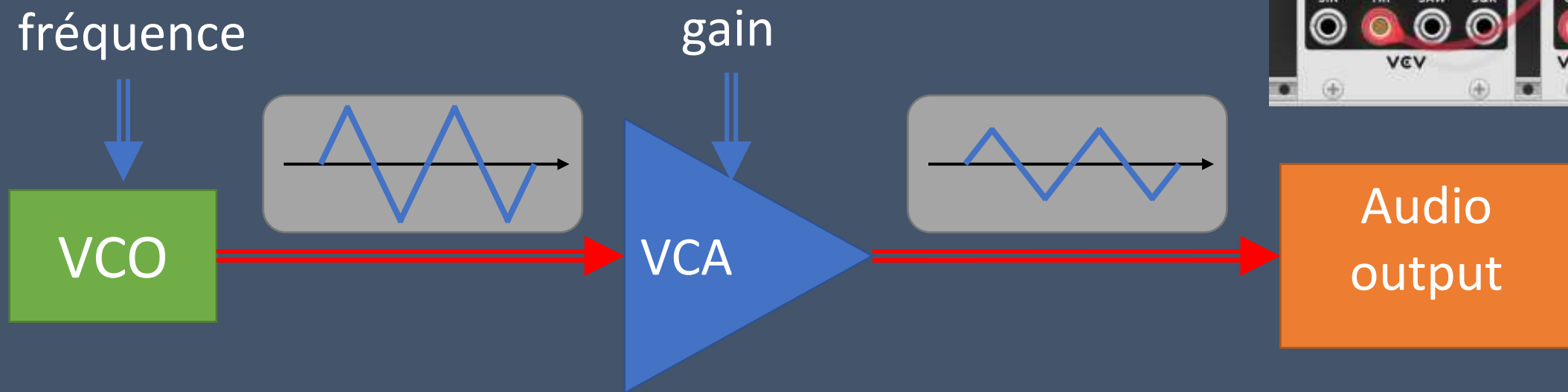
# VCV Rack2

Simulateur de  
synthétiseur modulaire

- Open source
- Dispose de centaines de modules



# VCO + VCA



# Javascript Web audio API

- [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Web\\_Audio\\_API](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Web_Audio_API)



Les objets les plus importants de la Web Audio API

- **AudioContext**
- **AudioNode**
- **AudioParam**



# AudioContext

- C'est l'équivalent du rack vide avec une sortie audio
- Il crée les AudioNodes

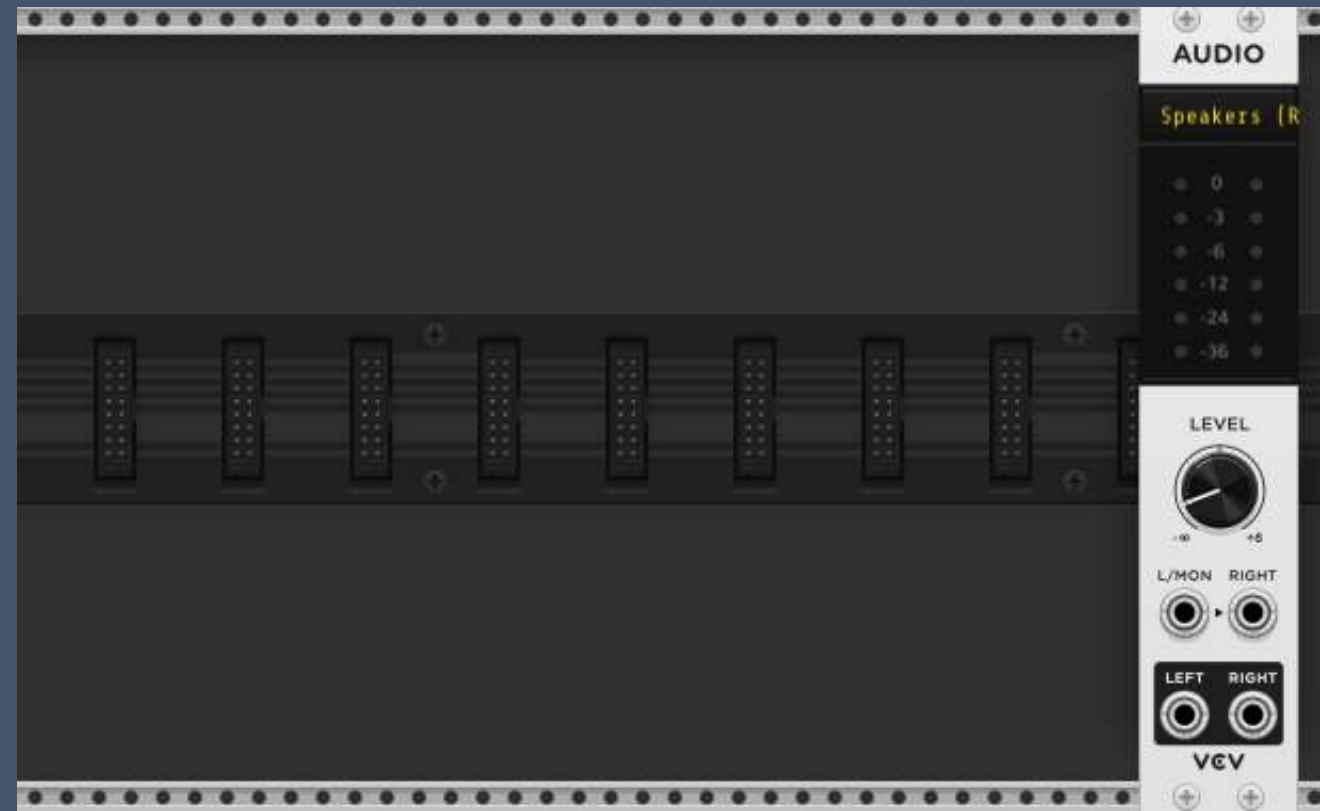
## Attributs

- destination
- currentTime

## Méthodes

- suspend()
- resume()
- createGain()
- createAnalyzer()
- createBuffer()
- createBufferSource()
- createBiquadFilter()
- ...

**Attention: il faut une « user gesture » pour pouvoir activer un AudioContext**



# AudioContext : code

```
const audio_ctx = new AudioContext();
const audio_output = audio_ctx.destination;
audio_ctx.suspend();

const button_on = document.getElementById("button_on");
const button_off = document.getElementById("button_off");

button_on.addEventListener("click", (e) => {
    button_off.disabled = false;
    button_on.disabled = true;
    audio_ctx.resume();
});

button_off.addEventListener("click", (e) => {
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    button_off.disabled = true;
    audio_ctx.suspend();
});
```

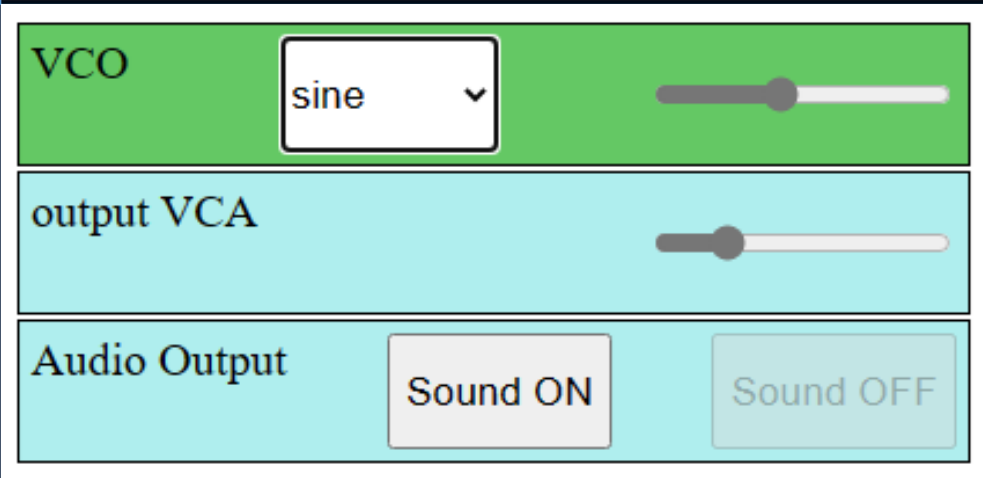
# Les audioNodes

- C'est l'équivalent des modules
- Il y a des sources, des transformateurs et des destination
- On peut les connecter entre eux  
`AudioNode.connect(destinationNode)`
- Il en existe de très nombreux modèles
  - AnalyseurNode
  - GainNode
  - OscillatorNode
  - AudioBufferSourceNode



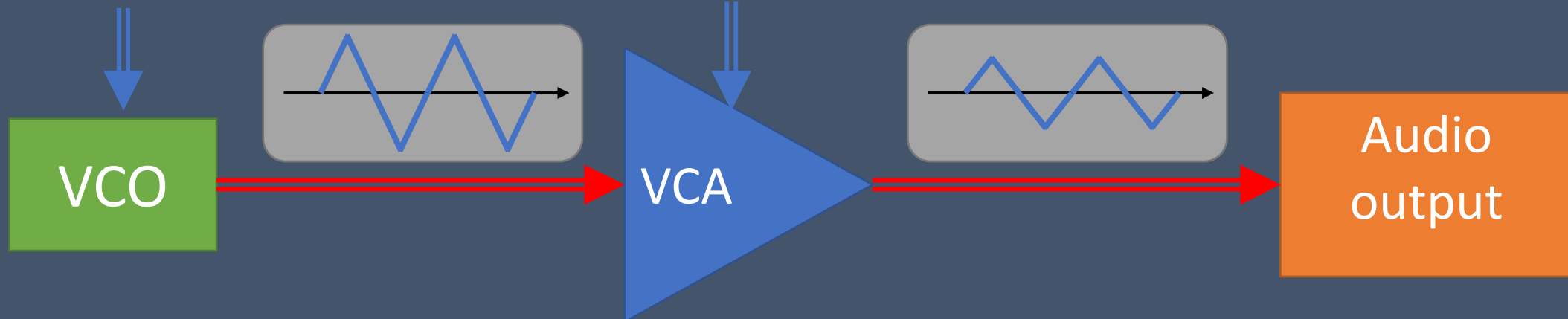


# Demo 1: VCO + VCA



fréquence

gain



# AudioNodes: code

```
// create the tone generator
const osc1 = audio_ctx.createOscillator();
osc1.type = 'sine'; // values: sine, square, sawtooth, triangle, custom
osc1.frequency.setValueAtTime(600, audio_ctx.currentTime);

//create a output VCA
const output_vca = audio_ctx.createGain();
output_vca.gain.setValueAtTime(50, audio_ctx.currentTime);

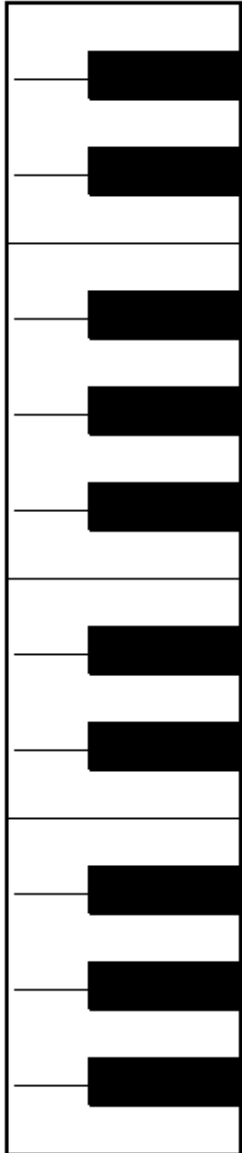
//===== Connect the nodes =====
osc1.connect(output_vca);
output_vca.connect(audio_output);

osc1.start();
```

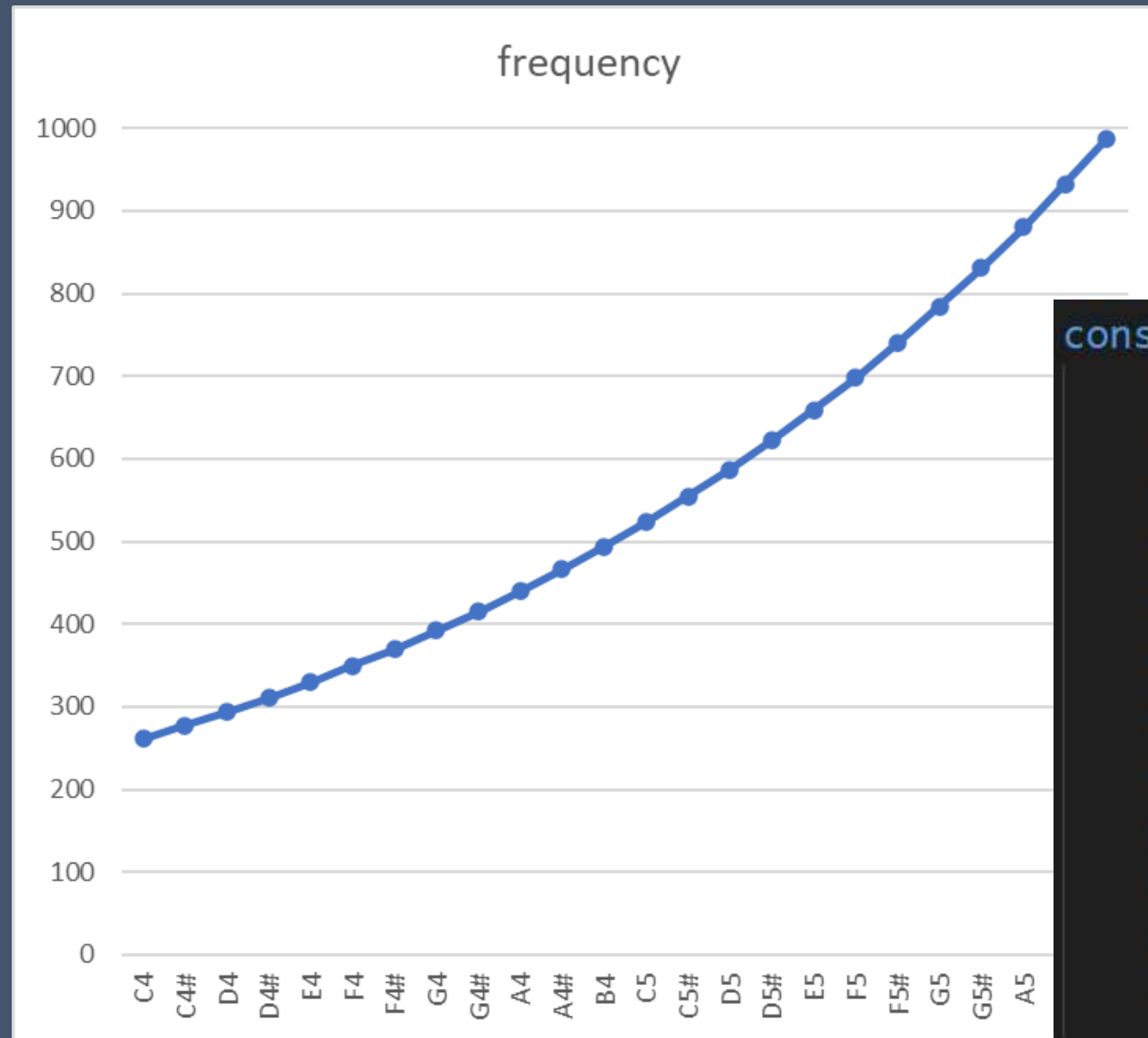
# Les Audioparams

- C'est l'équivalent de tout ce qui est contrôlé par des Control Voltage
- Définir la valeur  
`AudioParam.value=...`
- Définir la valeur à un certain moment  
`AudioParam.setValueAtTime()`
- Définir la valeur à un certain moment selon une courbe  
`AudioParam.linearRampToValueAtTime()`  
`AudioParam.exponentialRampToValueAtTime()`
- Contrôler la valeur par un signal audio  
`myNode.connect(myAudioparam)`

# Les notes de musique (Fréquence)



note	frequency
C4	261.63
C4#	277.18
D4	293.66
D4#	311.13
E4	329.63
F4	349.23
F4#	369.99
G4	392
G4#	415.3
A4	440
A4#	466.16
B4	493.88
C5	523.25
C5#	554.37
D5	587.33
D5#	622.25
E5	659.25
F5	698.46
F5#	739.99
G5	783.99
G5#	830.61
A5	880
A5#	932.33
B5	987.77



```
const noteFrequency = {  
  "C4": 261.63,  
  "C4#": 277.18,  
  "D4": 293.66,  
  "D4#": 311.13,  
  "E4": 329.63,  
  "F4": 349.23,  
  "F4#": 369.99,  
  "G4": 392,  
  "G4#": 415.30,  
  "A4": 440,  
  "A4#": 466.16,  
  "B4": 493.88,  
};
```

# Un générateur de notes aléatoires (VCV)

- Le LFO génère 5 pulses par secondes
- Le random Générateur génère une tension aléatoire à chaque pulse du LFO
- Le 1<sup>er</sup> VCA limite la tension de sortie du random generateur
- Le Quantizer convertit la tension en tension représentant des notes
- Le VCO convertit la tension en notes



# Un générateur de notes aléatoires (Javascript)

```
const scale = ["C4", "D4", "E4", "F4", "G4", "A4", "B4"];  
  
nextNote(0);  
  
function nextNote() {  
  const osc = new OscillatorNode(audio_ctx, {  
    frequency: noteFrequency[scale[Math.floor(Math.random() * scale.length)]],  
    type: sequencer_panel.select.value  
  });  
  const duration = (0.01 + (100 - sequencer_panel.slider.value) / 90);  
  
  osc.connect(output_vca);  
  osc.addEventListener("ended", () => {  
    nextNote();  
  }, { once: true });  
  
  const now = audio_ctx.currentTime;  
  osc.start(now);  
  osc.stop(now + duration);  
}
```

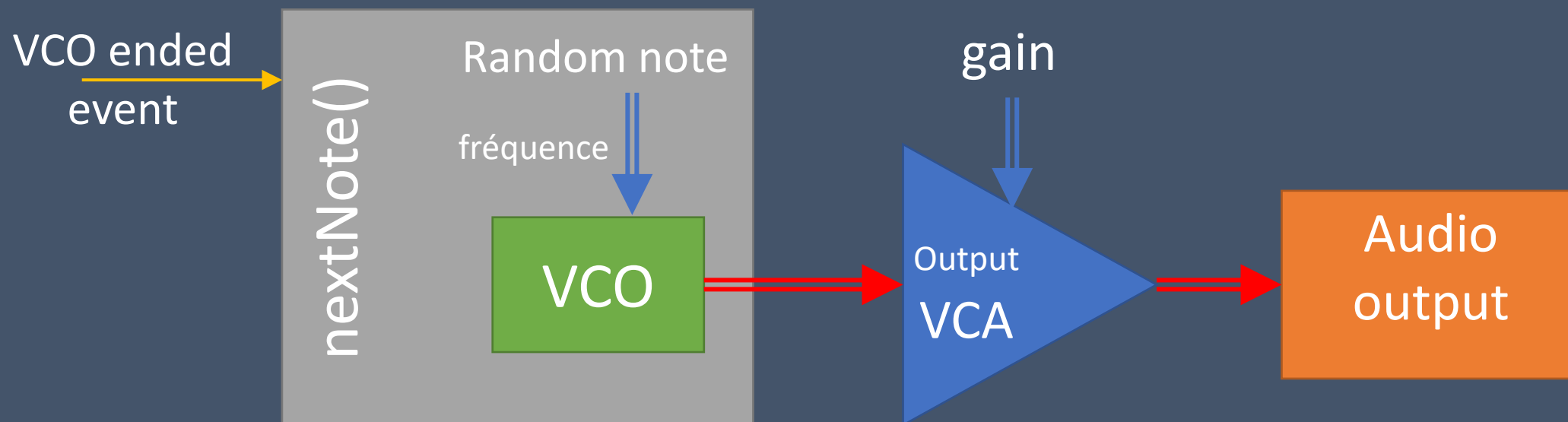
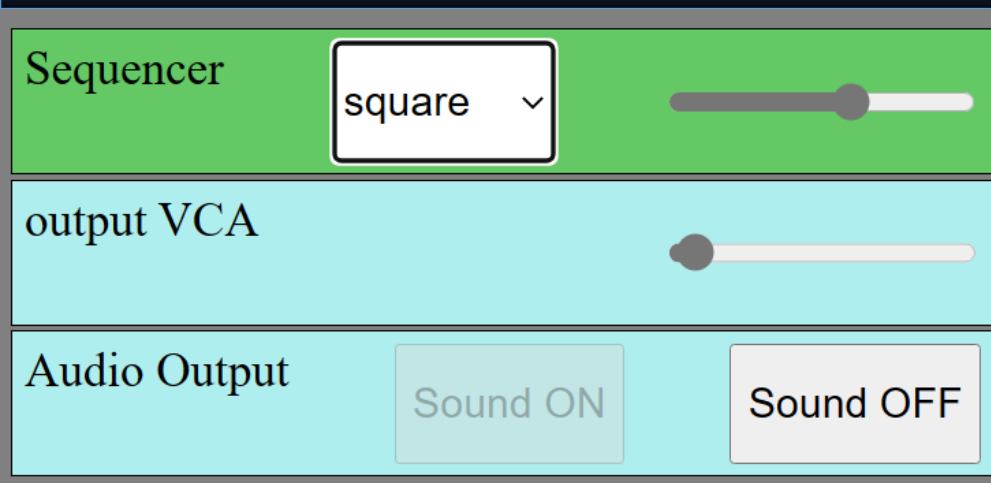
Définition de la gamme: ici une gamme majeure

Conversion du nombre random en note de musique

Après un stop il faut recréer un nouvel Oscillateur



# Demo 2 Random Notes



# ADSR (enveloppe)

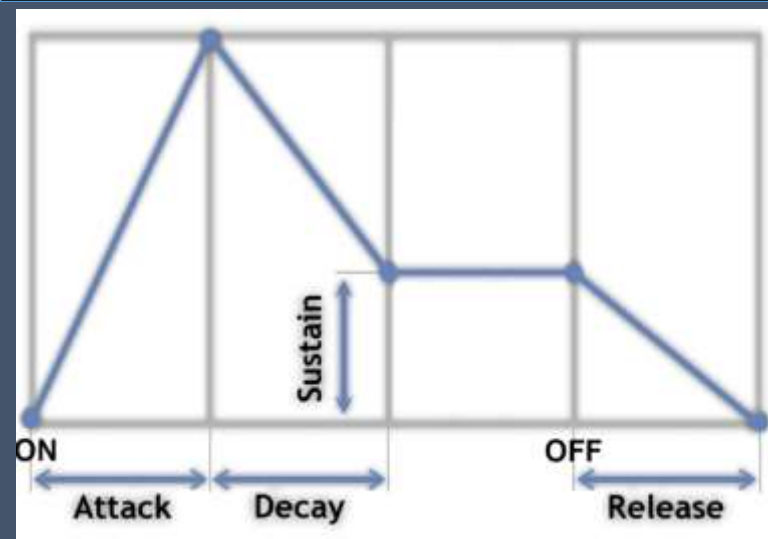
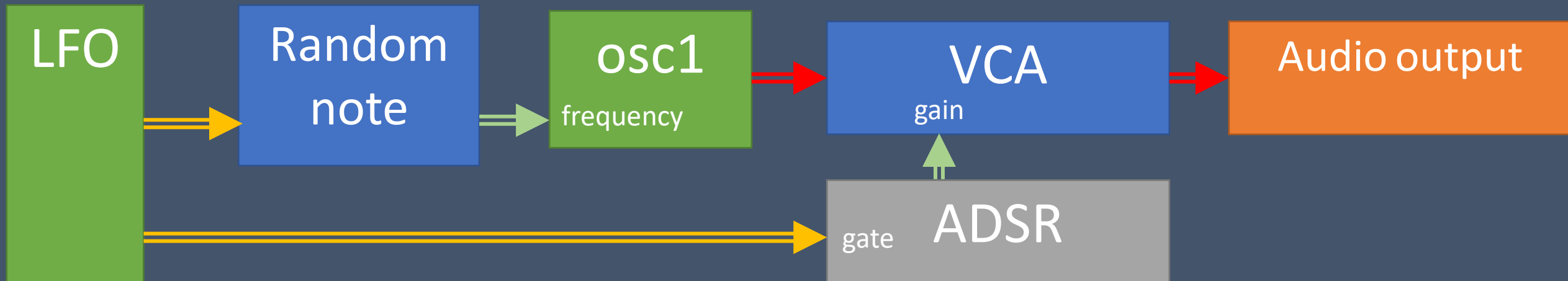


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# ADSR en JavaScript

```
const attack_time = duration * adsr_panel.attack.value / 100;
const decay_time = (duration - attack_time) * adsr_panel.decay.value / 100;
const sustain = adsr_panel.sustain.value / 100;
const release_time = (duration - attack_time - decay_time) * adsr_panel.release.value / 100;

adsr_vca.gain.linearRampToValueAtTime(1, now + attack_time);
adsr_vca.gain.linearRampToValueAtTime(sustain, now + attack_time + decay_time);
adsr_vca.gain.linearRampToValueAtTime(sustain, now + duration - release_time);
adsr_vca.gain.linearRampToValueAtTime(0, now + duration);
```

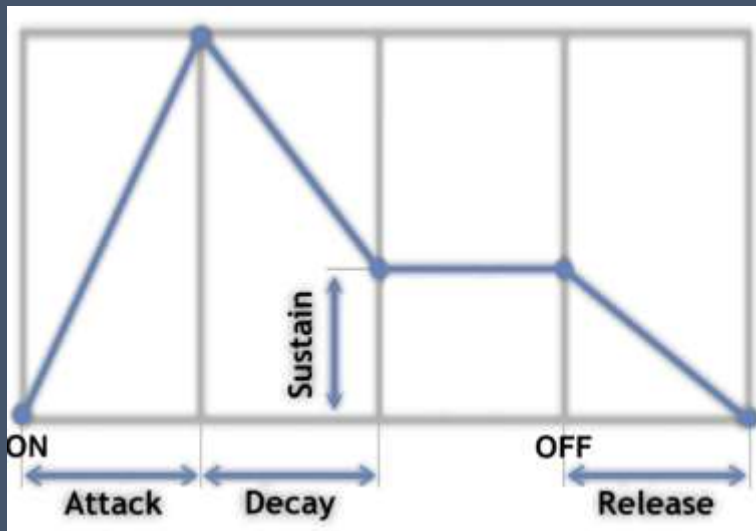


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Utilisation de la méthode  
« LinearRampToValue » de  
l'audioParam « gain » pour  
tracer la courbe

# Demo 3 ADSR

Attack

Decay

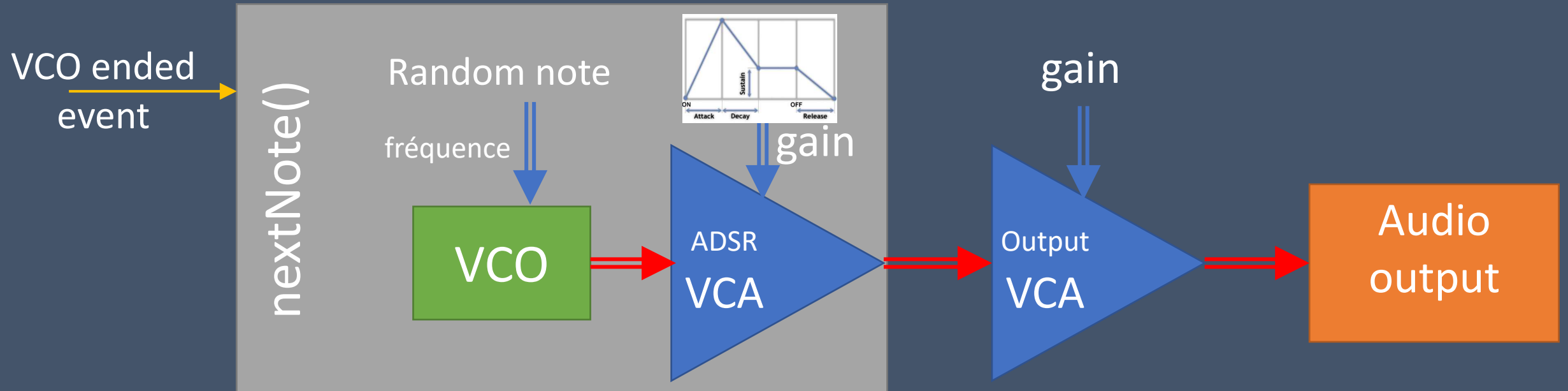
Sustain

Release

Sequencer square

output VCA

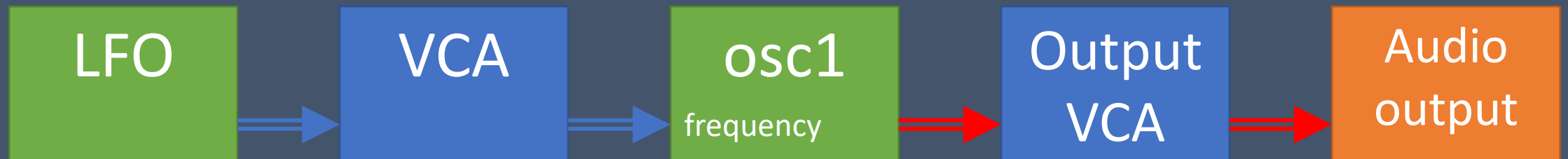
Audio Output Sound ON Sound OFF



# Le LFO contrôle un VCO



new\_3\_JFO.vcv





# Connecter un node à un audioParam

LFO



VCA for  
LFO

frequency

osc1



Output  
VCA



Audio  
output

```
//create the LFO
const lfo = audio_ctx.createOscillator();
lfo.type = "sine";
lfo.frequency.value = 10;
lfo.start();

//create the LFO amplifier
const vca_for_lfo = audio_ctx.createGain();
vca_for_lfo.gain.value = 250;

// create the tone generator
const osc1 = audio_ctx.createOscillator();
osc1.type = 'sine';
osc1.start();

//===== Connect the nodes =====
lfo.connect(vca_for_lfo);
vca_for_lfo.connect(osc1.frequency);
osc1.connect(output_vca);
output_vca.connect(audio_output);
```

Valeur de gain élevée pour  
obtenir une fréquence  
convenable

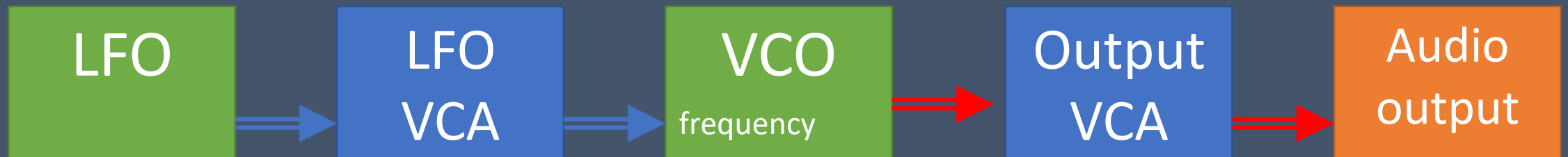
Le control Voltage est  
implémenté en connectant  
la sortie de l'audioNode à un  
audioParam



# Demo4: VCO Contrôlé par LFO

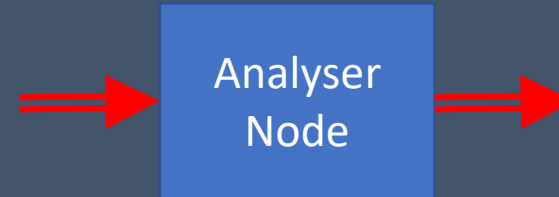
UI controls for the VCO controlled by LFO demo:

- LFO**: sine (dropdown), slider
- LFO VCA**: slider
- VCO**: sine (dropdown), slider
- output VCA**: slider
- Audio Output**: Sound ON (active), Sound OFF (disabled)



# L'oscilloscope

- Sert à afficher la forme d'onde
- Implémenté par un `AnalyserNode`
- La sortie est une copie de l'entrée



Méthodes:

`AnalyserNode.getFloatTimeDomainData()`

`AnalyserNode.getBytesTimeDomainData()`

Attribut:

`AnalyserNode.fftSize`    taille de l'array (values: 32, 64,...32768)

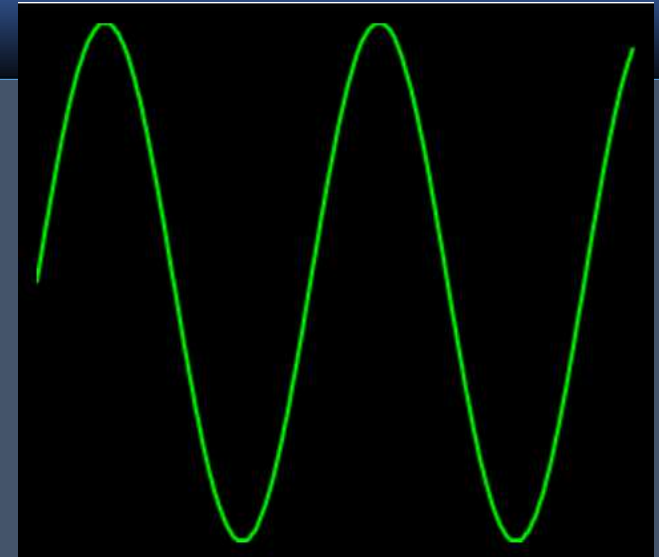
# L'oscilloscope: le code

```
//create an analyser for oscilloscope
const analyser = audio_ctx.createAnalyser();

const canvas = document.getElementById("canvas_oscilloscope");
canvas.width = 300;
canvas.height = 130;
const canvasCtx = canvas.getContext("2d");
const bufferLength = 512;
analyser.fftSize = bufferLength;
```

# L'oscilloscope: le code (affichage)

```
function draw() {  
  const dataArray = new Uint8Array(bufferLength);  
  analyser.getBytesTimeDomainData(dataArray);  
  
  canvasCtx.clearRect(0, 0, canvas.width, canvas.height);  
  canvasCtx.lineWidth = 2;  
  canvasCtx.strokeStyle = "rgb(0, 255, 0)";  
  
  const sliceWidth = ((canvas.width * 1.0) / bufferLength) * 2;  
  let x = 0;  
  canvasCtx.beginPath();  
  for (let i = 0; i < bufferLength; i++) {  
    const y = canvas.height - (((dataArray[i] / 128.0) * canvas.height) / 2);  
    if (i === 0) { canvasCtx.moveTo(x, y); }  
    else { canvasCtx.lineTo(x, y); }  
    x += sliceWidth;  
  }  
  canvasCtx.stroke();  
  
  requestAnimationFrame(draw);  
}  
  
draw();
```

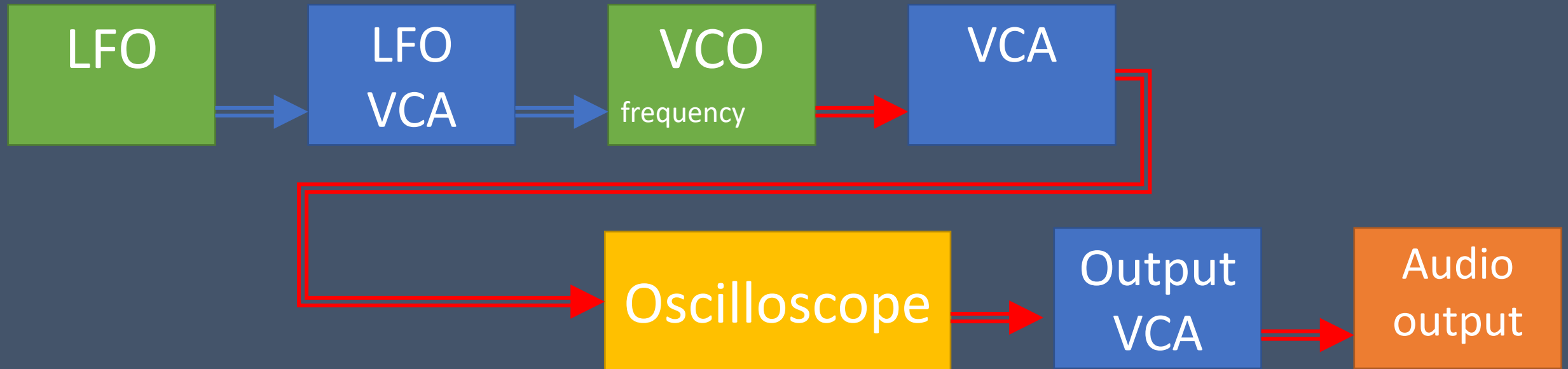


# Demo4: Oscilloscope

Control panel for the oscillator and VCA:

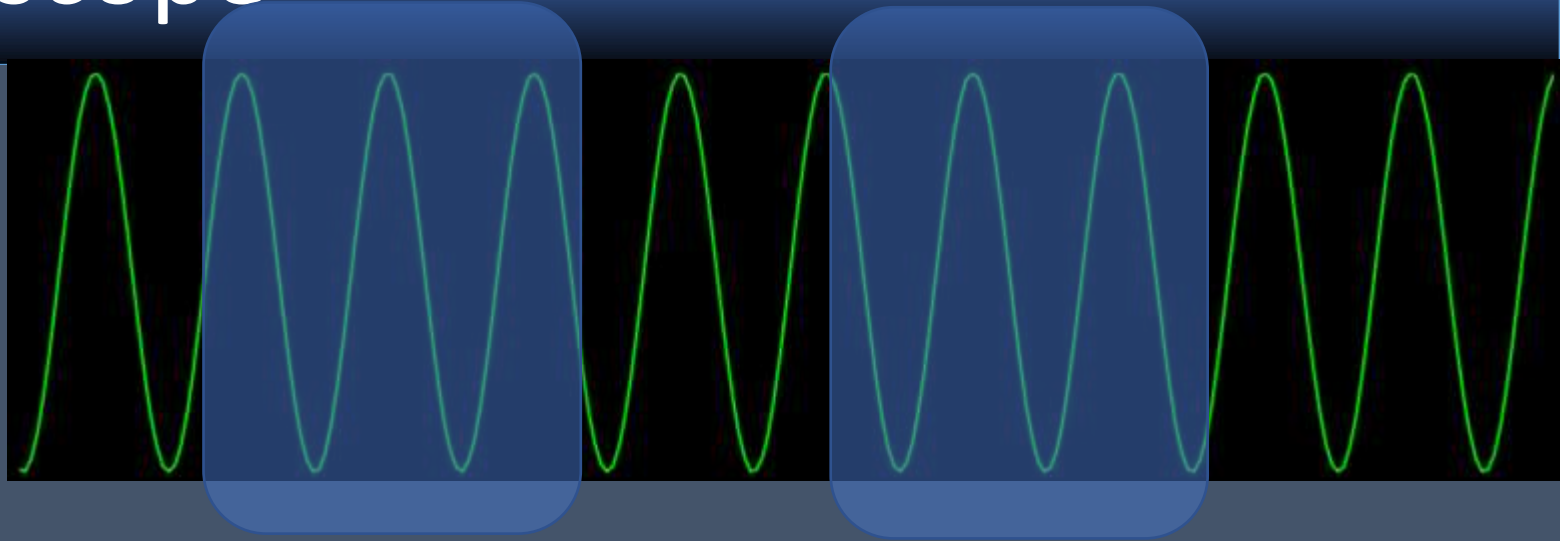
- LFO: sine (dropdown), slider
- LFO VCA: slider
- VCO: sine (dropdown), slider
- VCA: slider
- output VCA: slider
- Audio Output:

Visual output: A green sine wave displayed on a black background, representing the signal being monitored by the oscilloscope.



# Le trigger de l'oscilloscope

Stabiliser l'image

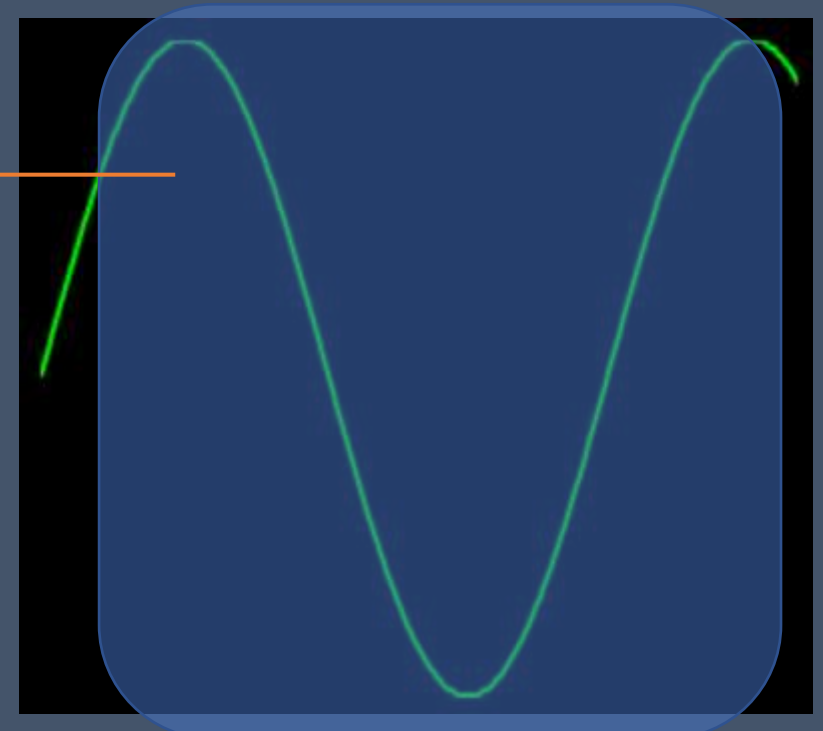


Toujours commencer à dessiner  
au même moment (hauteur / pente)

- Trigger level

- Trigger slope  ou 

Trigger  
level



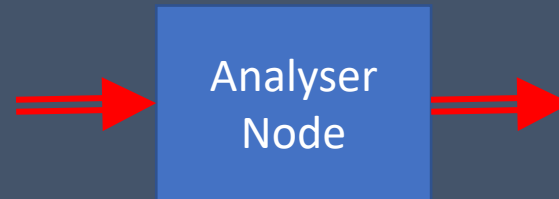


# Implémentation du trigger de l'oscilloscope

```
canvasCtx.beginPath();
let startindex = 0;
const trig_level = document.getElementById("slider_trigger_level").value;
while (
    startindex < bufferLength - 2 &&
    !(
        dataArray[startindex] > trig_level &&
        dataArray[startindex + 2] < trig_level
    )
) {
    startindex++;
}
if (startindex === bufferLength - 2) {
    //not triggered
    startindex = 0;
}
for (let i = 0; i < bufferLength / 2; i++) {
    const y = canvas.height - (((dataArray[i + startindex] / 128.0) * canvas.height) / 2);
```

# Le spectre (FFT)

- Sert à afficher le contenu fréquentiel du signal
- Implémenté par un **AnalyserNode**



Méthodes:

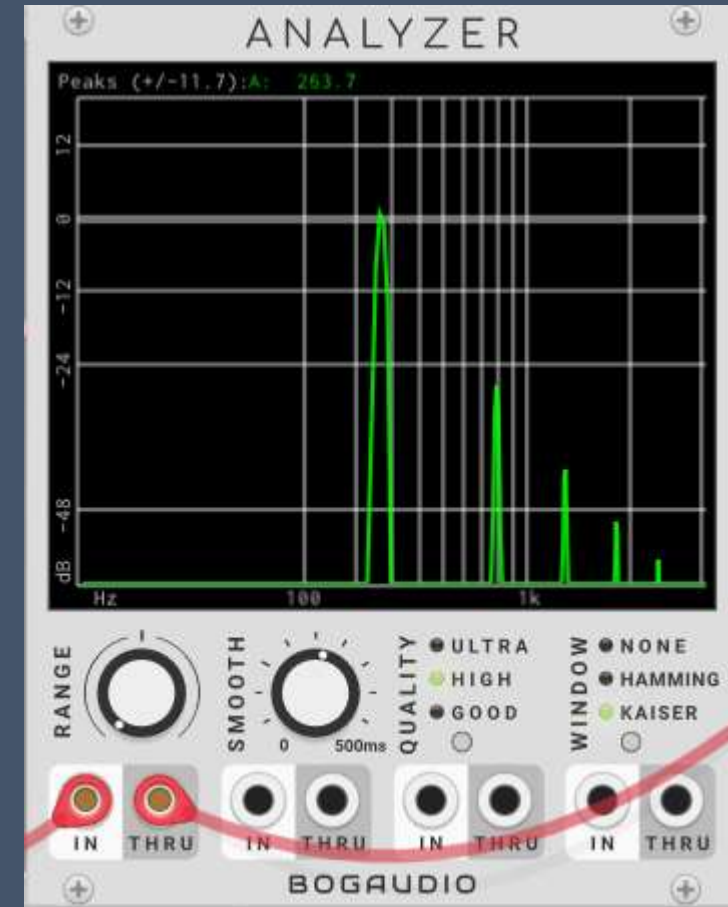
**`AnalyserNode.getFloatFrequencyData()`**

**`AnalyserNode.getBytesFrequencyData()`**

Attributs:

**`AnalyserNode.fftSize`** (values: 32,64,128,...32768)

**`AnalyserNode.frequencyBinCount`** =  $\text{fftSize} / 2$  (taille du dataArray)



# Code du spectrum analyser

```
//create an analyser for spectrum
const analyser_spectrum = audio_ctx.createAnalyser();

const canvas_spectrum = document.getElementById("canvas_spectrum");
canvas_spectrum.width = 300;
canvas_spectrum.height = 130;
const canvas_spectrum_ctx = canvas_spectrum.getContext("2d");
analyser_spectrum.fftSize = 512;

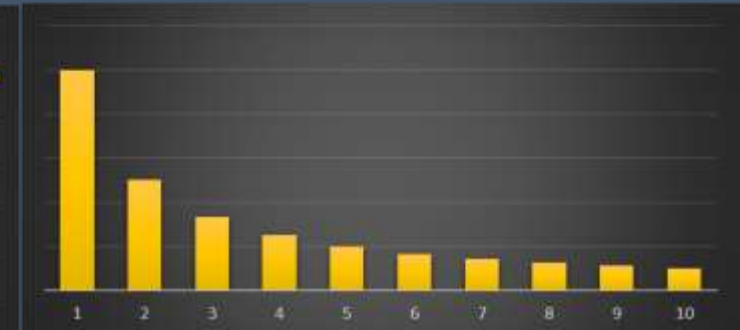
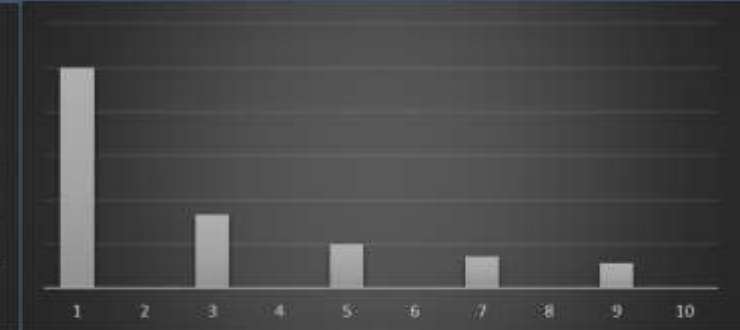
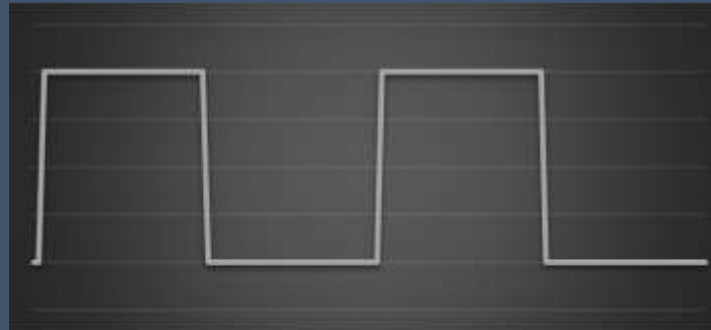
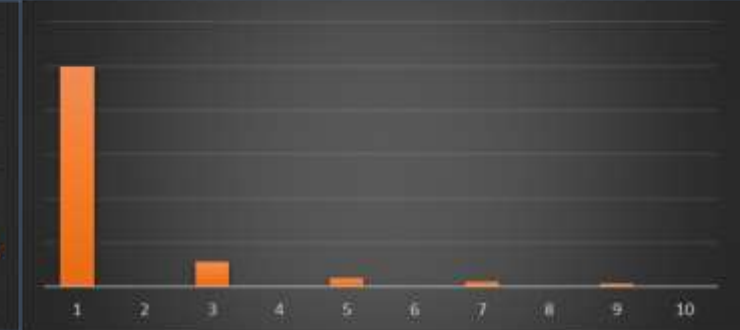
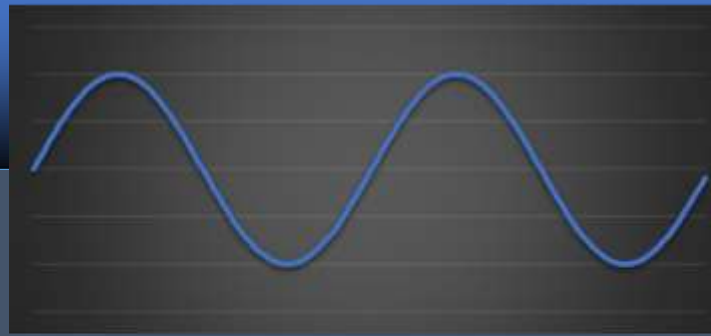
function draw_spectrum() {
  const dataArray = new Uint8Array(analyser_spectrum.frequencyBinCount);
  analyser_spectrum.getBytesFrequencyData(dataArray);

  canvas_spectrum_ctx.clearRect(0, 0, canvas_spectrum.width, canvas_spectrum.height);
  canvas_spectrum_ctx.beginPath();
  let x = 0;
  canvas_spectrum_ctx.lineWidth = 2;
  canvas_spectrum_ctx.strokeStyle = "rgb(192, 128, 0)";
  for (let i = 0; i < analyser_spectrum.frequencyBinCount; i++) {
    if (i === 0) { canvas_spectrum_ctx.moveTo(x, canvas_spectrum.height - (dataArray[i] * canvas_spectrum.height / 256)); }
    else { canvas_spectrum_ctx.lineTo(x, canvas_spectrum.height - (dataArray[i] * canvas_spectrum.height / 256)); }
    x += (canvas_spectrum.width * 1.0) / analyser_spectrum.frequencyBinCount;
  }
  canvas_spectrum_ctx.stroke();
}
```

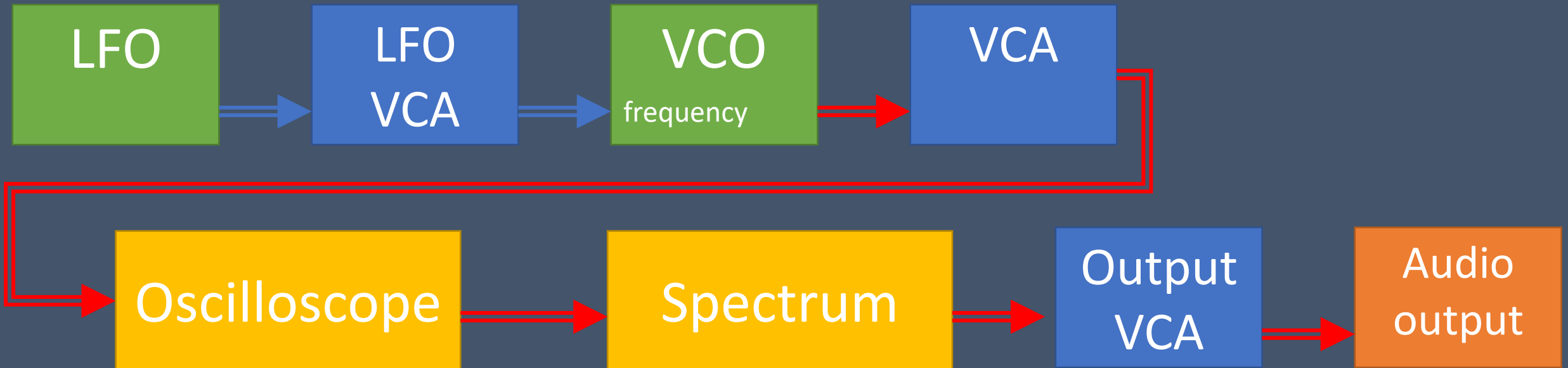
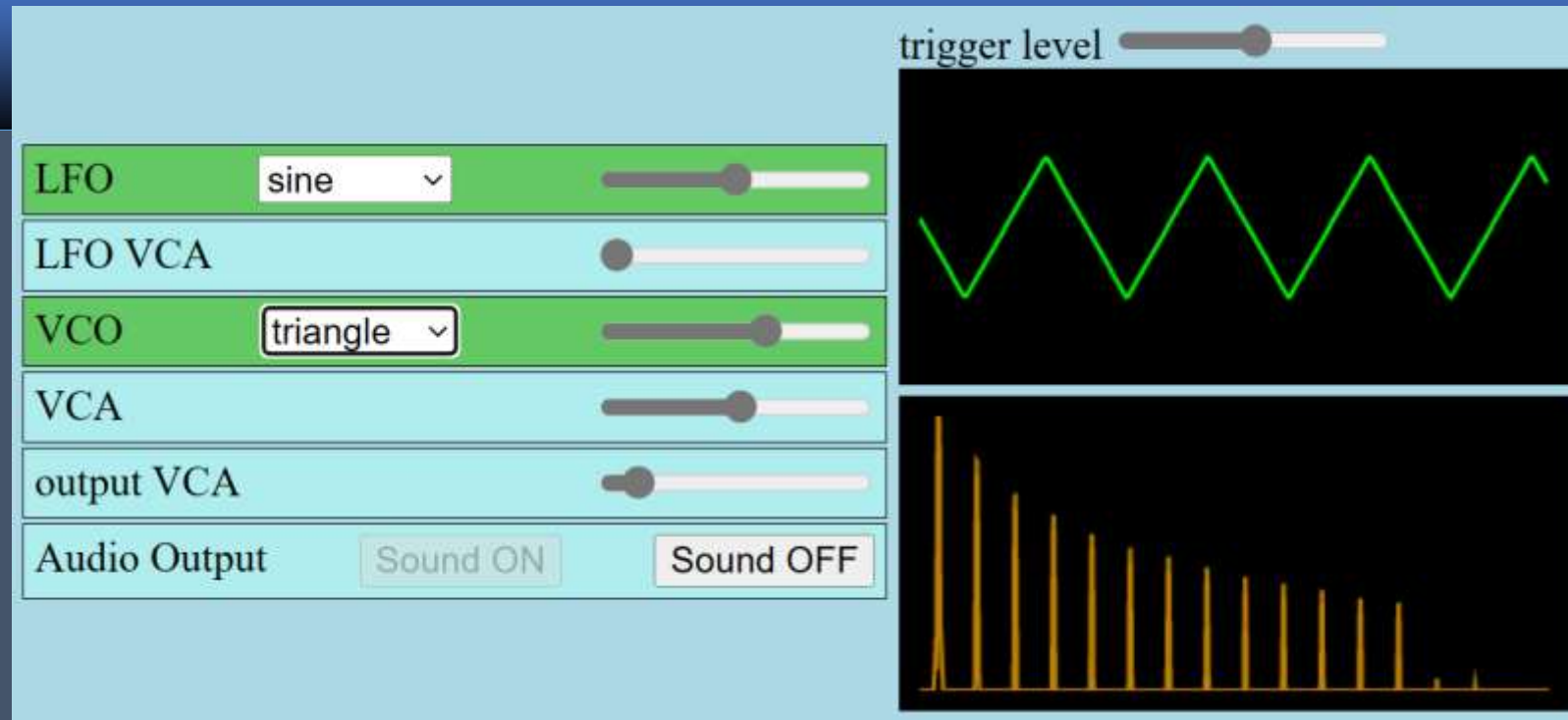
Similaire au code de  
l'oscilloscope

Pas de trigger

# Les harmoniques

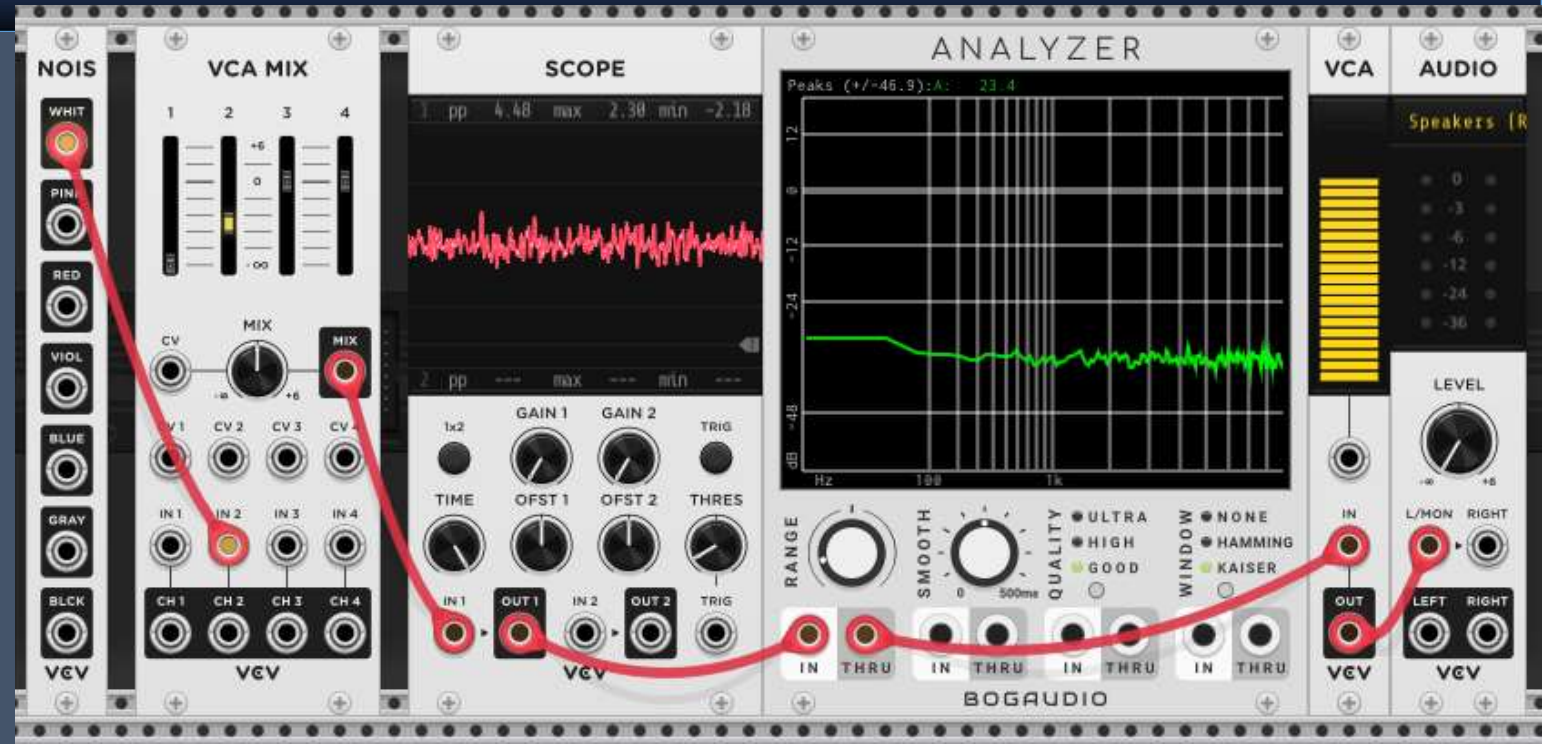


# Demo 6 Spectrum



# Générer du bruit blanc

- Le bruit blanc a un spectre plat



- Le signal = random numbers (distribution uniforme)



# AudioBufferSourceNode

- L' **AudioBufferSourceNode** génère un signal audio à partir de samples stockés dans un **AudioBuffer**



Méthodes:

**AudioBufferSourceNode.start()**

Attributs:

**AudioBufferSourceNode.buffer** AudioBuffer

**AudioBufferSourceNode.loop** boolean

```
//create a buffer source
const noise_source = audio_ctx.createBufferSource();
noise_source.buffer = noise_buffer;
noise_source.loop = true;
noise_source.start();
```

# AudioBuffer

L'**audioBuffer** contient les données qui seront générées par l'**AudioBufferSourceNode**

Création:

```
AudioContext.CreateBuffer(nbrOfChannels, length, sampleRate)
```

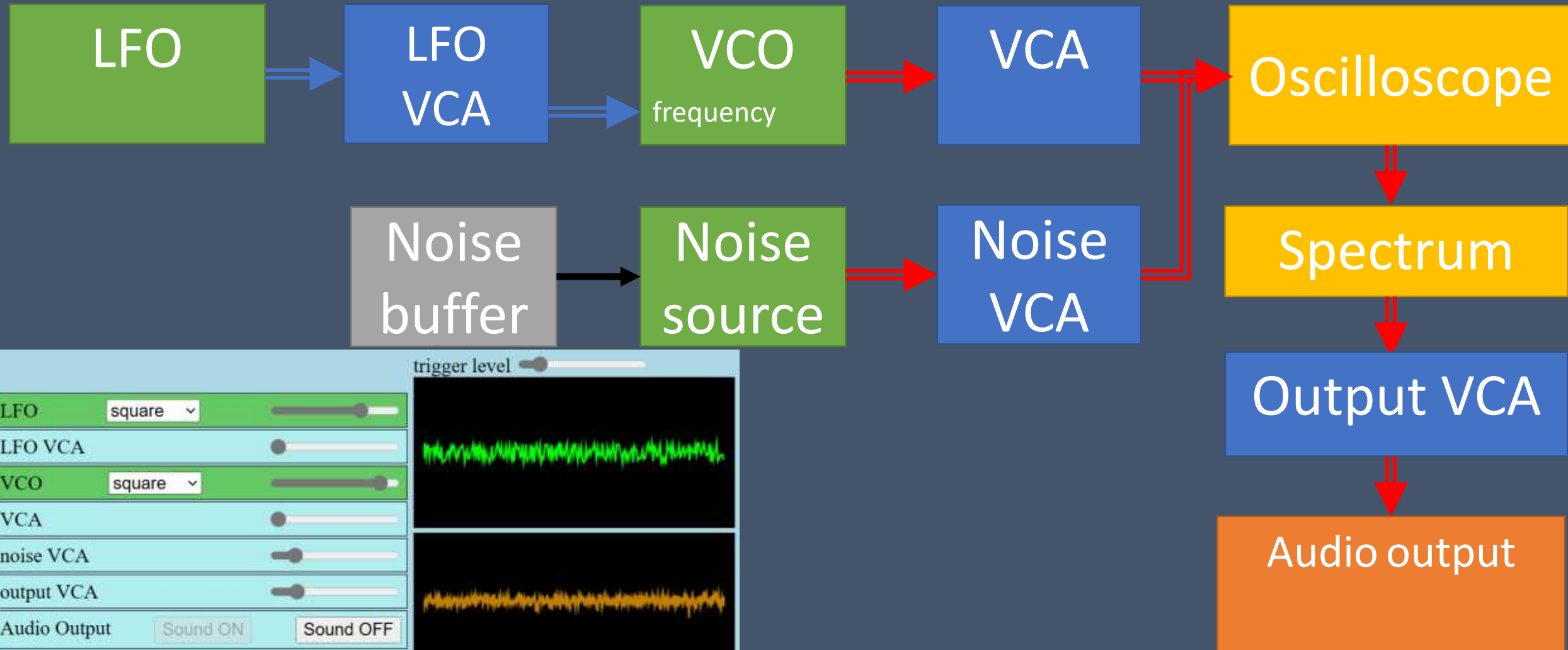
$\text{length} = \text{sampleRate} * \text{duration[s]}$

Méthodes:

```
AudioBuffer.getChannelData(channel) Float32Array
```

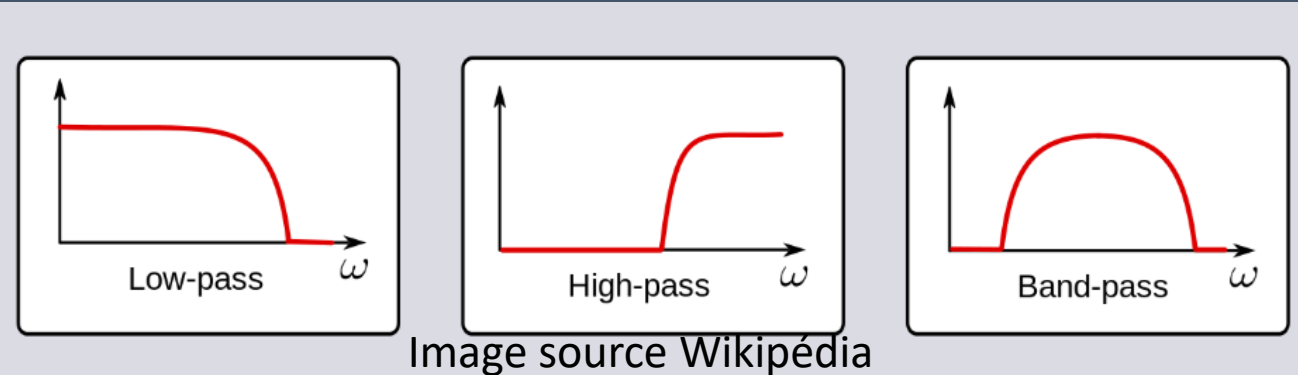
```
const noise_buffer = audio_ctx.createBuffer(1, audio_ctx.sampleRate * 3, audio_ctx.sampleRate);
const noiseData = noise_buffer.getChannelData(0);
for (let i = 0; i < noiseData.length; i++) {
  noiseData[i] = Math.random() * 2 - 1;
}
```

# Demo 8 Noise



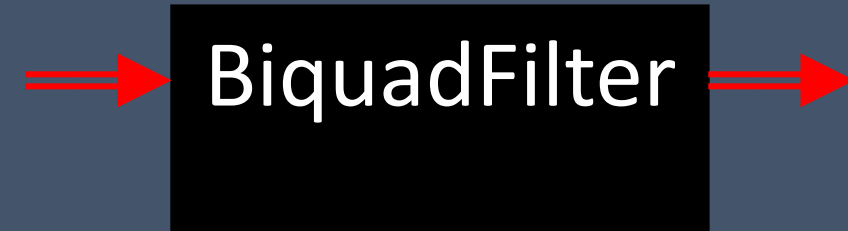
# Manipuler les sons: les filtres

Les filtres atténuent certaines parties du Spectre



la synthèse [soustractive] provient du filtrage fréquentiel qui va atténuer une partie du spectre du son, et donc modifier son timbre en ne conservant qu'une partie de ses harmoniques. (source: Wikipédia)

# BiquadFilterNode



- Attributs

`BiquadFilterNode.type` lowpass, highpass, bandpass...

- AudioParams

`BiquadFilterNode.Q` largeur du bandpass et pic du lowpass et du highpass

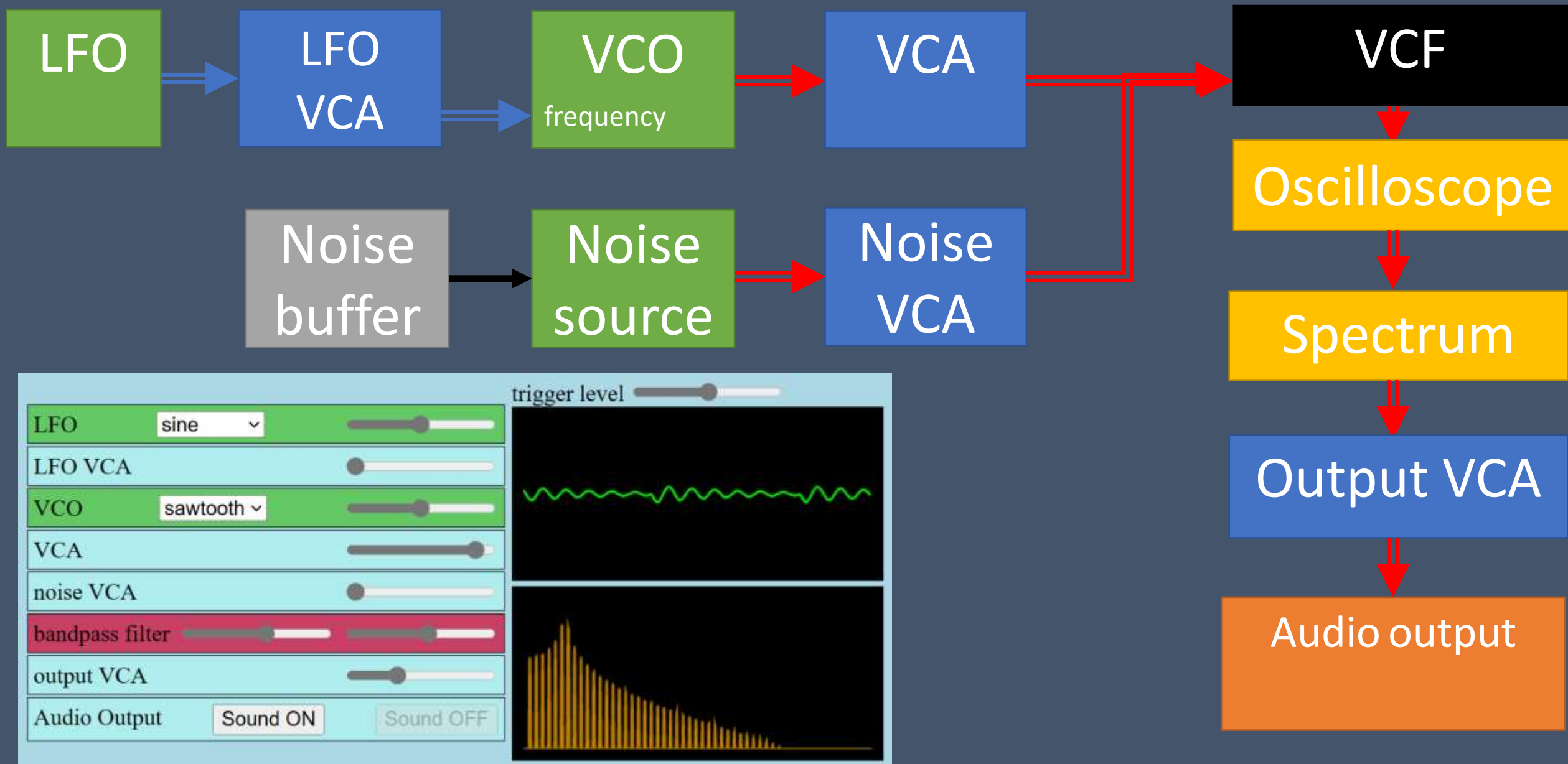
`BiquadFilterNode.frequency` fréquence du filtre

# Biquad Filter node code

```
const filter = audio_ctx.createBiquadFilter();
filter.type = "bandpass";
const filter_panel = create_filter_panel("bandpass filter");
filter_panel.frequency.addEventListener("input", (event) => {
  filter.frequency.setValueAtTime(event.target.value * 50, audio_ctx.currentTime);
});
filter_panel.q.addEventListener("input", (event) => {
  filter.Q.setValueAtTime(event.target.value / 5, audio_ctx.currentTime);
});
```



# Demo 9: Filters



# Conclusion

- La Web Audio API
  - Disponible dans tous les web browsers modernes
  - Permet de simuler très précisément le comportement d'un synthétiseur modulaire
  - Facile à mettre en oeuvre
- Application
  - Jeux (création des sons en fonction de la situation du jeu)
  - Musique
  - Education
  - Générateur de signaux (basse fréquence) pour un labo d'électronique