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### Chirp? (#p2821)

by **dslocum** » Mon Aug 29, 2016 11:09 am

Can someone help me understand what Reverb "Chirp" is? I recall seeing something about it in regards to spring reverb (I think), but what is it and how do I use it?

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#### Re: Chirp ? (#p2833)

by Digital Larry » Mon Aug 29, 2016 4:33 pm

Chirp is a bunch of cascaded all pass filters, all with the same length and same coefficient. It is a start at creating a spring reverb chirp. The length of the all pass stage sets the "tuning" - which is actually repeated up the frequency spectrum at evenly spaced intervals (these images are NOT characteristic of a real chirp). The coefficient sets the frequency spread of the chirp. I think a value about 0.3 is pretty good which is lower than you see in most reverb algorithms. Put 3 chirp blocks in a row, followed by a long delay line with lots of feedback around the whole structure. After a few cycles the sound starts to pull apart spectrally.

Experiment with the length/stages parameter of the 3 chirps to tune the frequency at which time smearing is the longest.

A really good chirp requires more stages than the FV-1 can handle. Also look at a chirp using the spectrograph view in Audacity and you will see exactly what is happening. Man, I shouldn't give away all these secrets!

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