

# Software 2 WS 2016 #6

# Karplus-Strong Synthese

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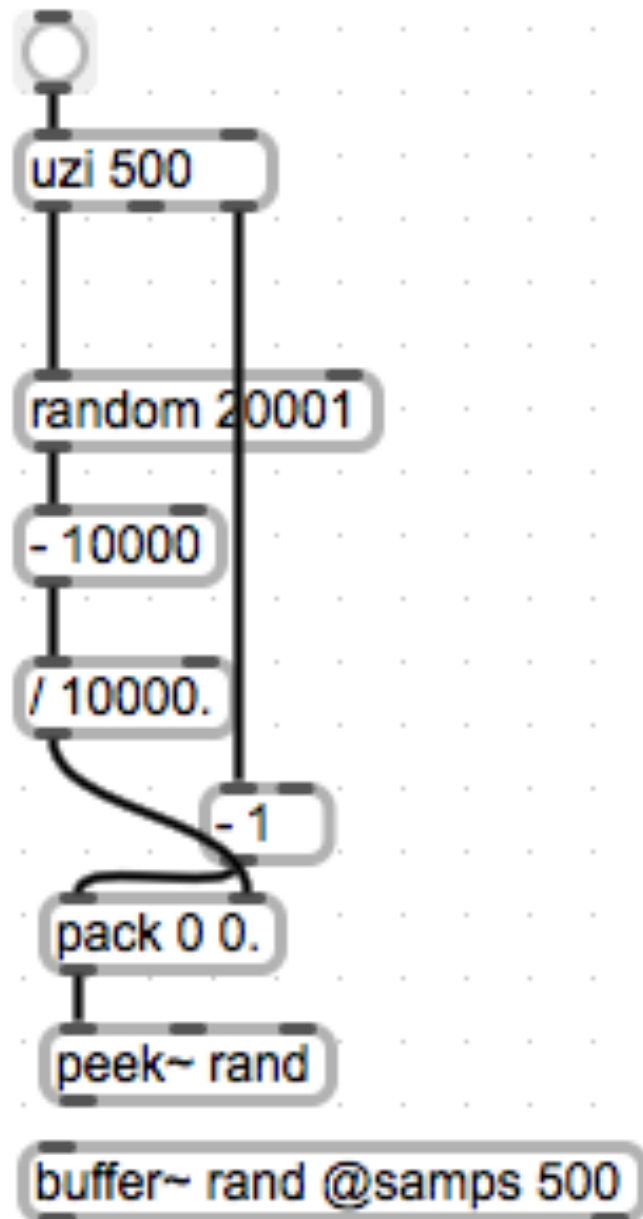
# Mechanism

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*The basic KS algorithm starts with a wavetable of length  $p$  filled with random values*

# Experiment mit Max

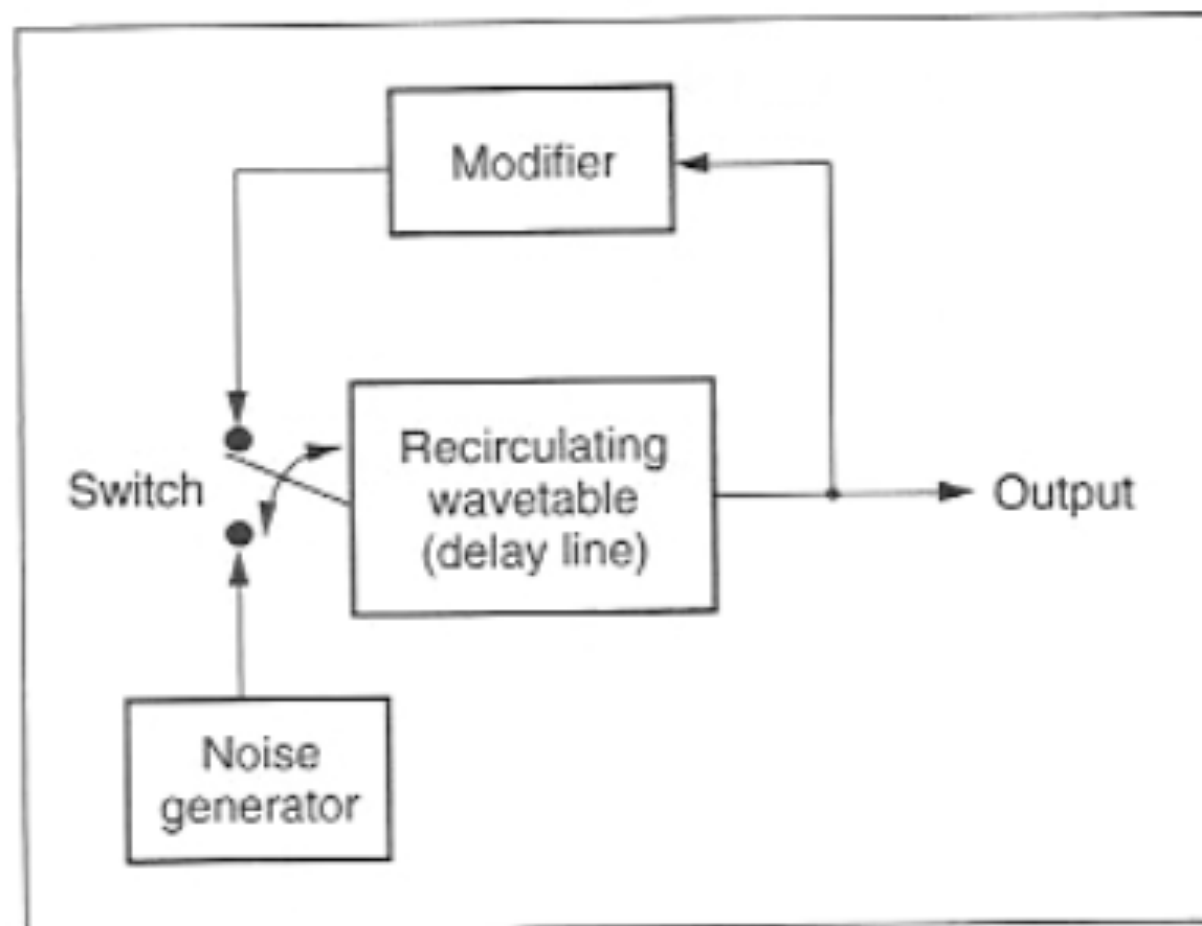
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# Recirculating Wavetable

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**Figure 7.12** Core of the Karplus-Strong recirculating wavetable. The input to the recirculating wavetable switches to the noise source at the beginning of each event, then switches back to the modifier loop for the rest of the event. The modifier averages successive samples, simulating a damping effect.

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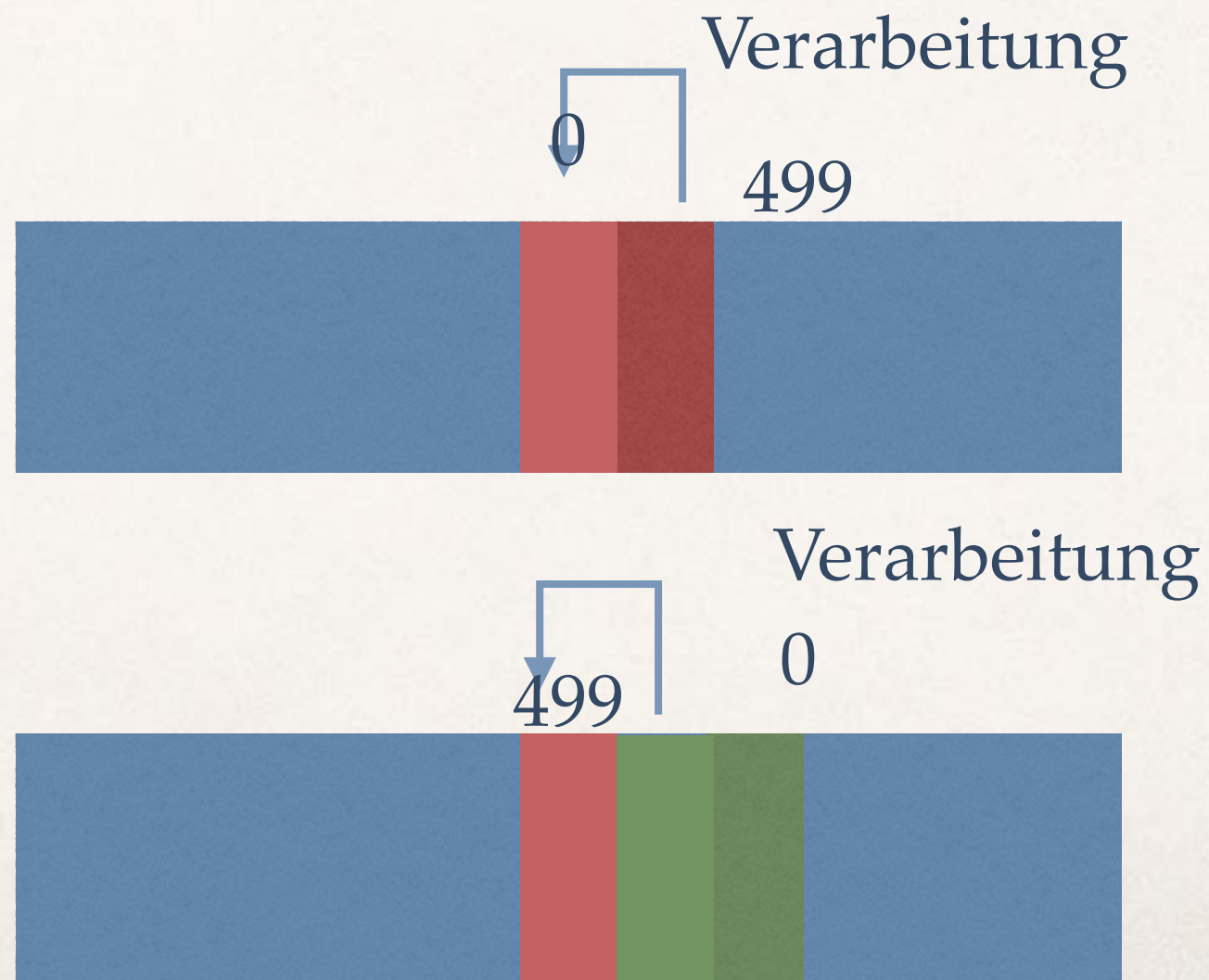




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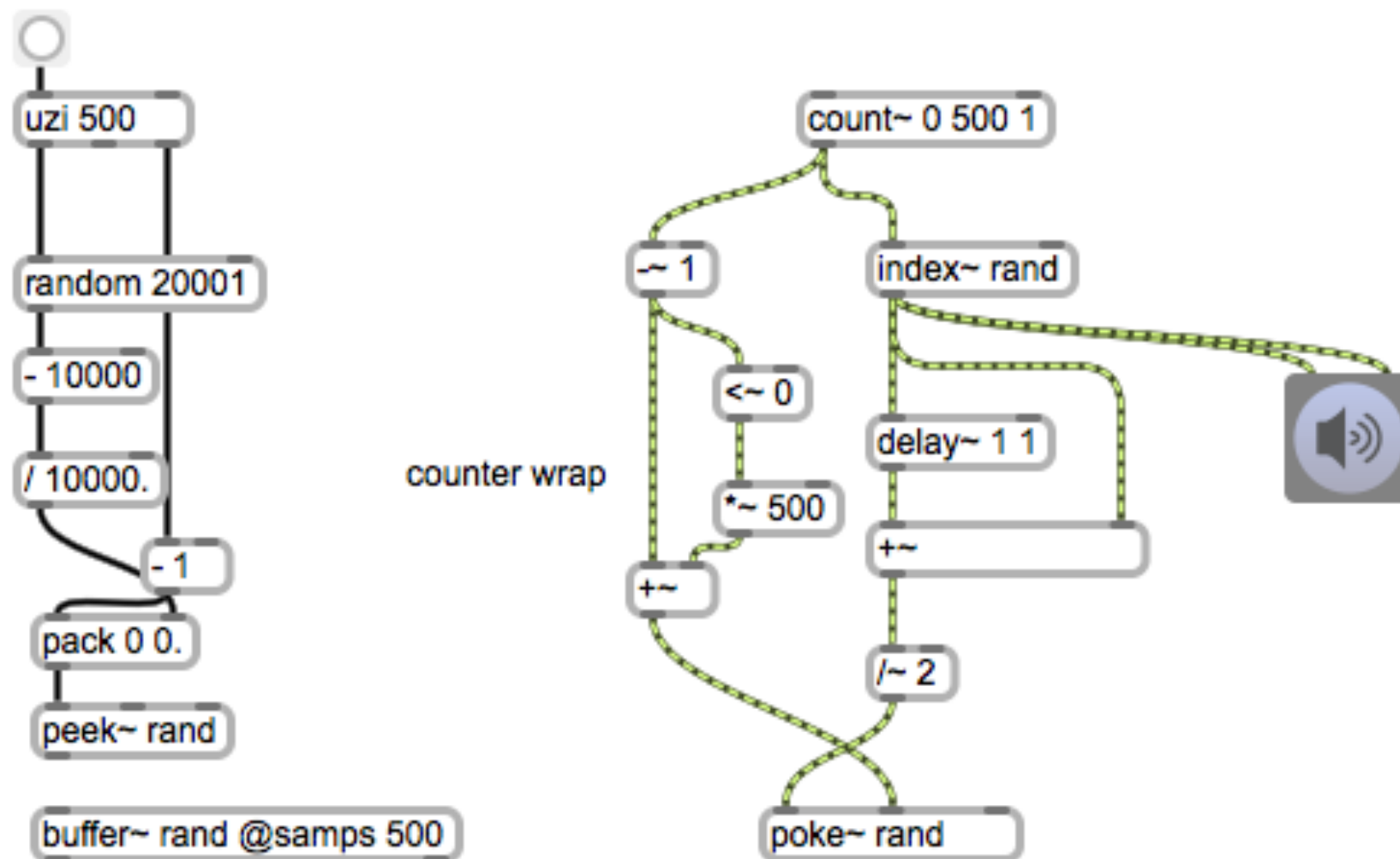
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*The simplest modification is an averaging of the current sample with the previous sample- the core operation of a simple low pass filter.*

*At each sample interval, the wavetable read and write pointers are incremented. When the pointer reaches the end of the wavetable it wraps around and starts at the beginning again.*

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# Frage

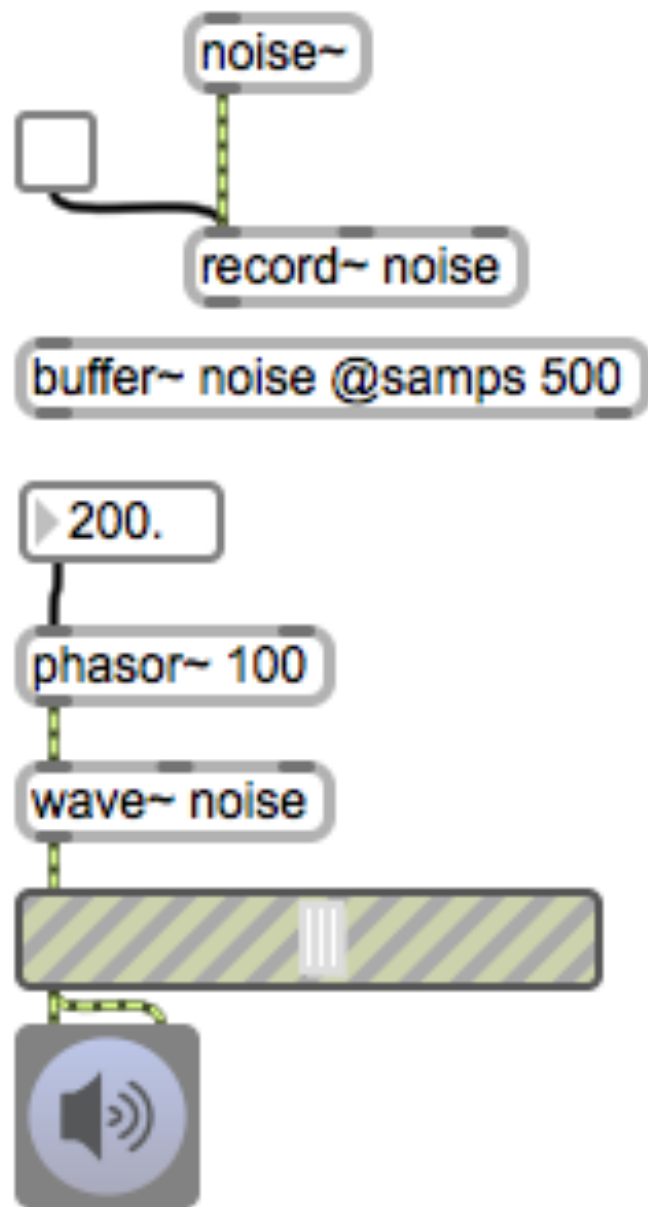
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- ❖ Warum kann man eine Tonhöhe wahrnehmen?



# Rauschen + Wiederholung = Tonhöhe

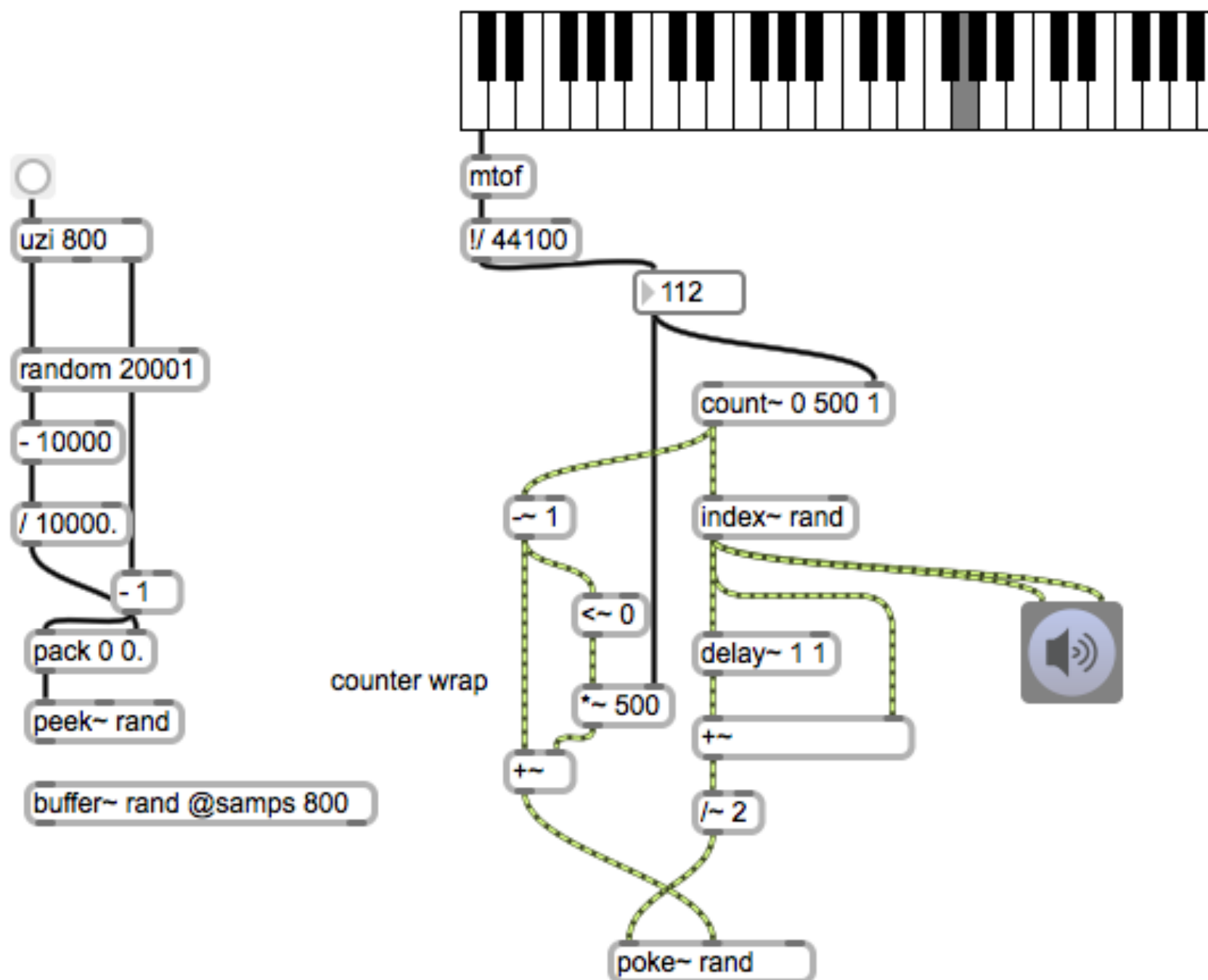
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*If the wavetable is initially filled with random values, the reader may wonder why the result does not sound like noise - at least at the outset of the tone*

*The reason it sounds pitched is because the wave table is being repeated.*

# Tonleiter



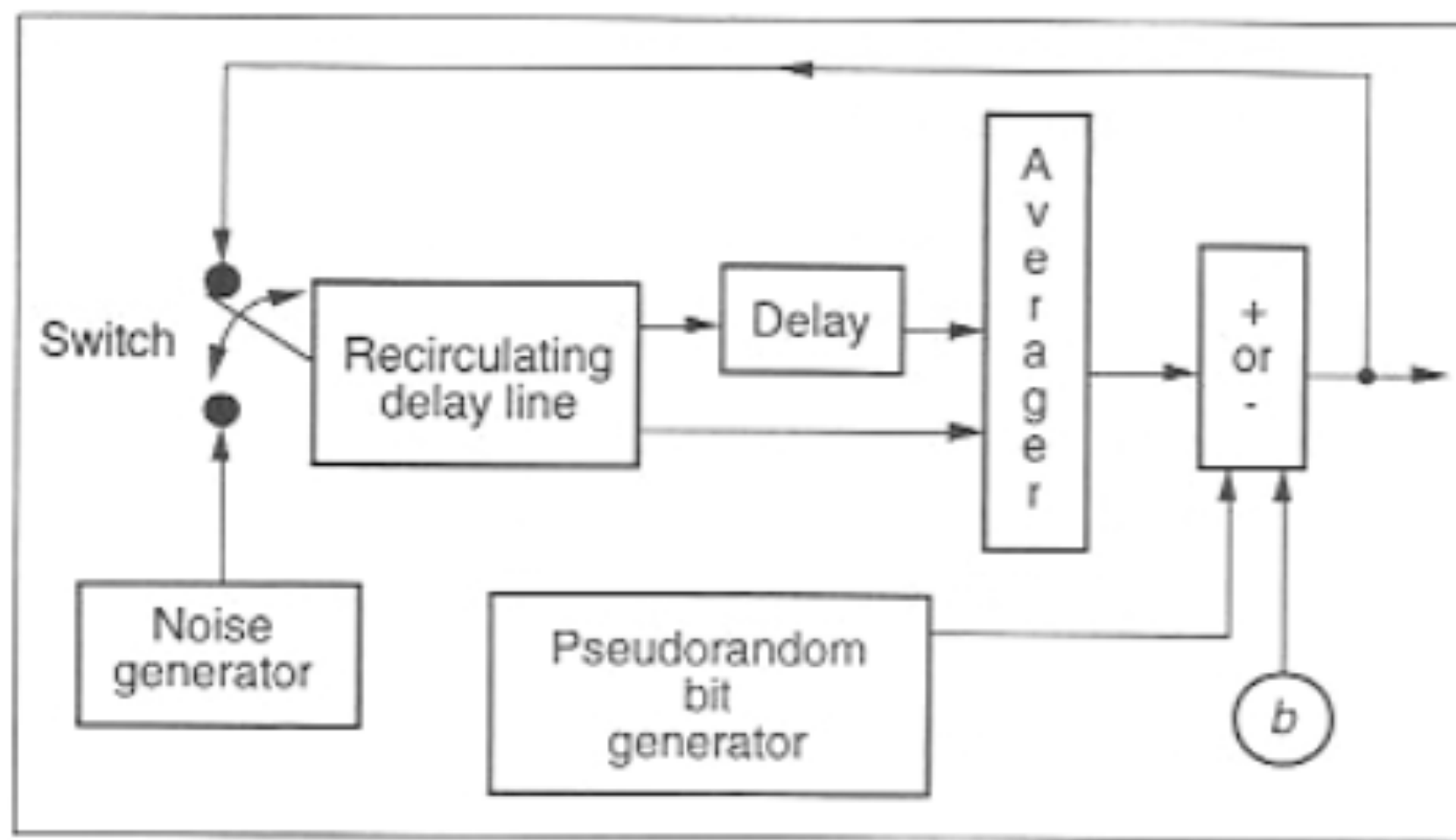
# Drumlike Timbres

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- ❖ Wie kann man mit der KS-Synthese einen Schlagzeug-ähnlichen Klang erzeugen?



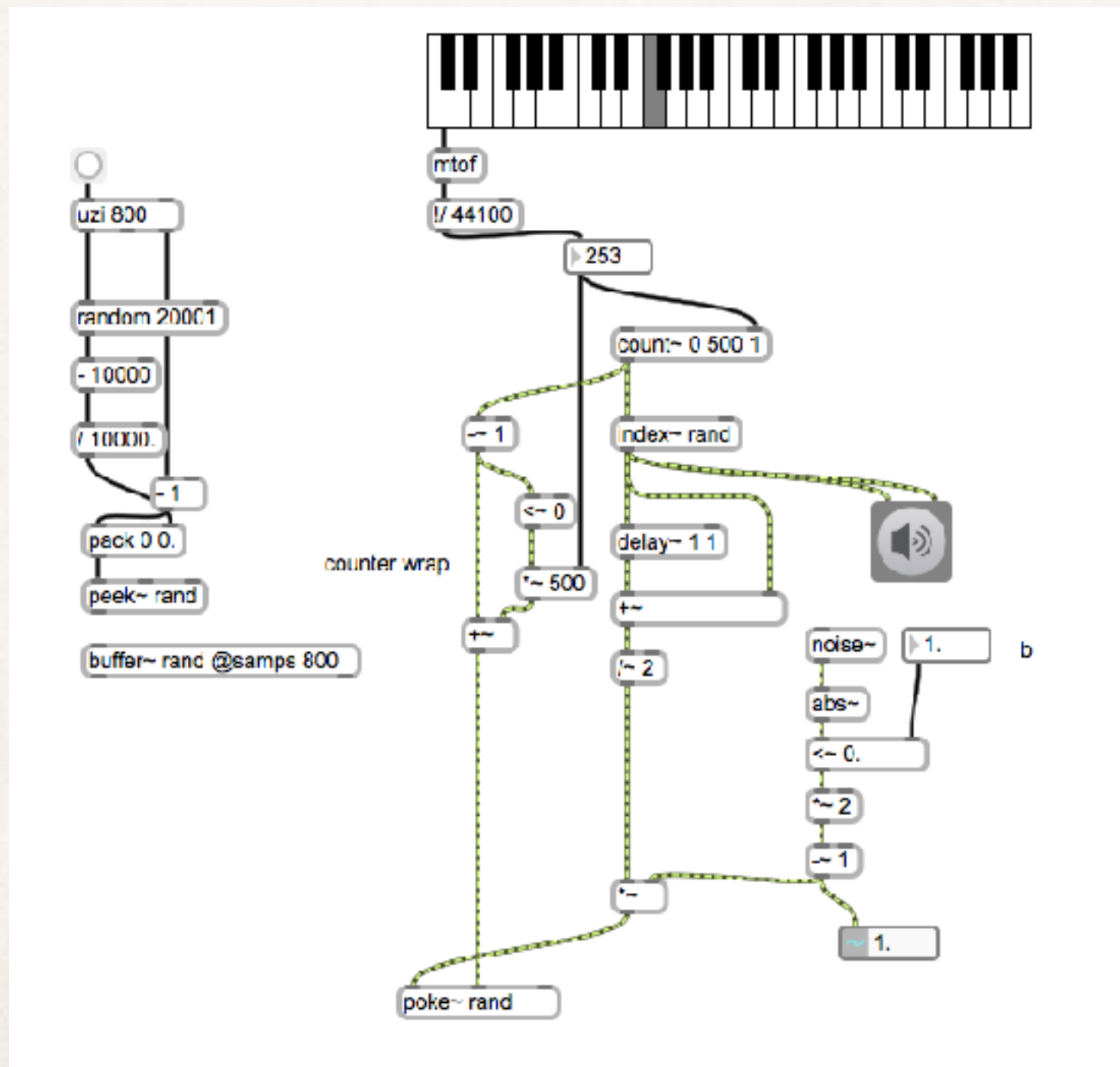
# Mechanism



**Figure 7.13** The Karplus-Strong drum synthesis algorithm. The quantity  $b$  is the blend factor (see text).

$$Signal_t = \begin{cases} +1/2 (Signal_{t-p} + Signal_{t-[p-1]}), & \text{with probability } b \\ -1/2 (Signal_{t-p} + Signal_{t-[p-1]}), & \text{with probability } 1 - b \end{cases}$$

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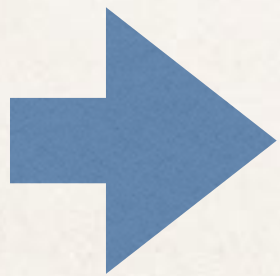
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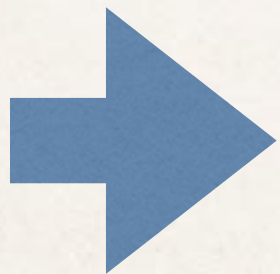
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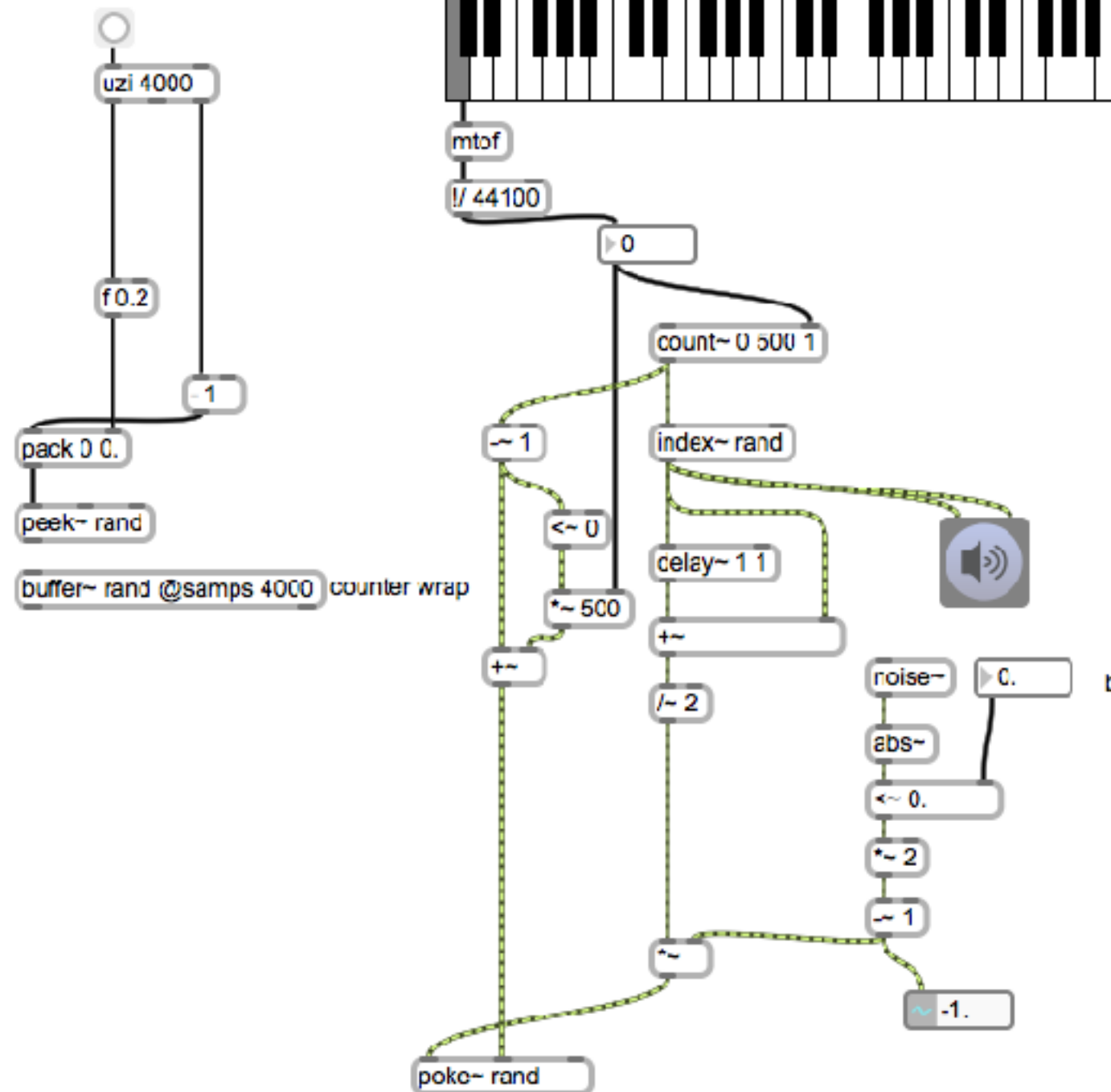
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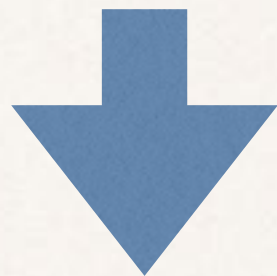
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- ❖ Was ist Problem mit “Decay Time”



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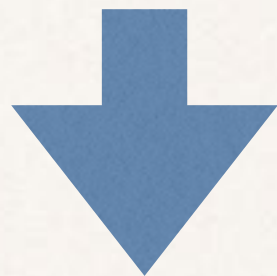


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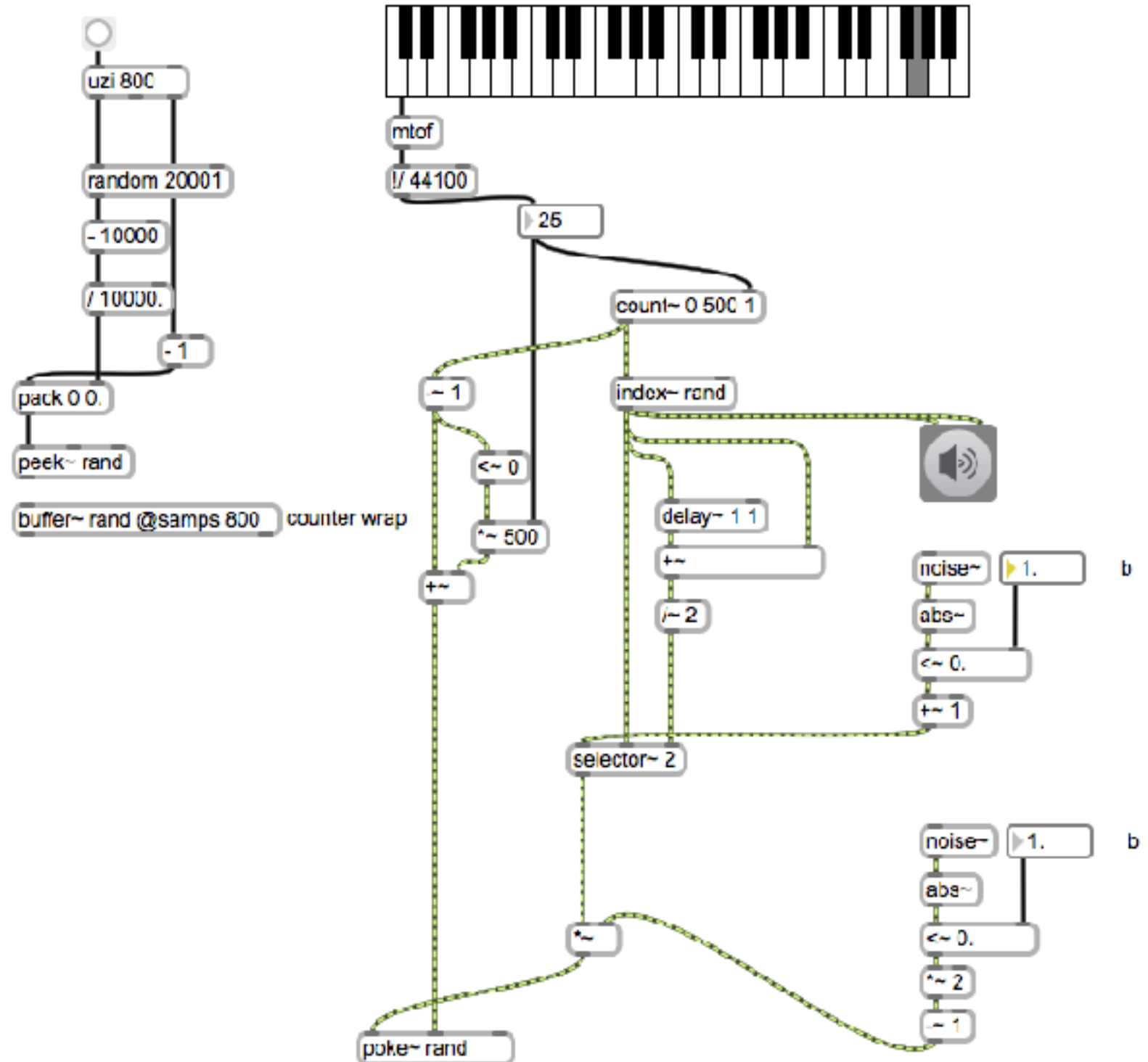
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$s$  = stretch factor



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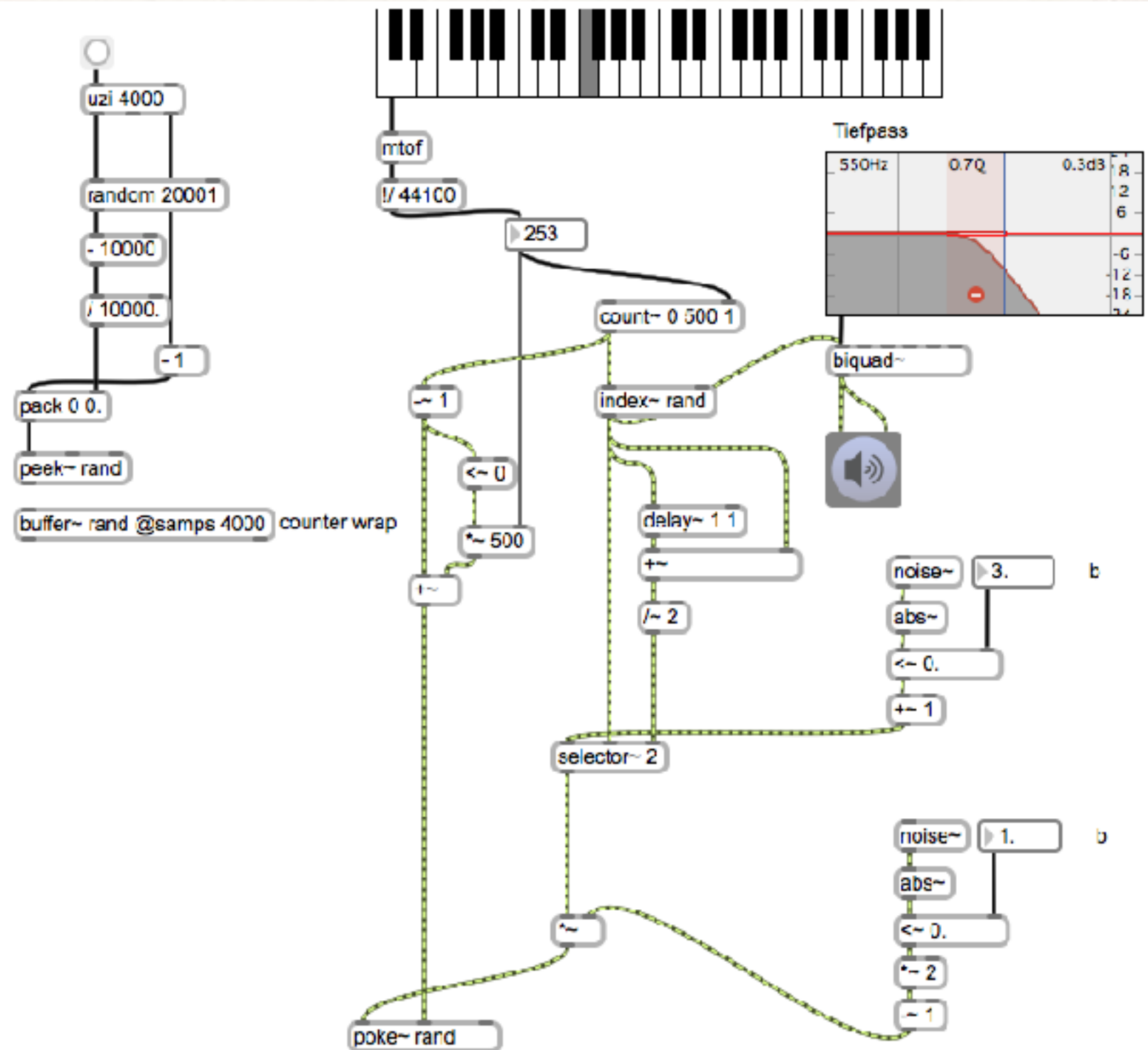
## Filter

- Eliminating the initial “plucked” sound
- Varying the loudness of the tone in relation to its bandwidth
- Glissandi and Slurs
- Mimicking the effects of sympathetic string vibrations
- Simulating the sound of a pick that moves in relation to its distance from the bridge
- Simulating up and down picking



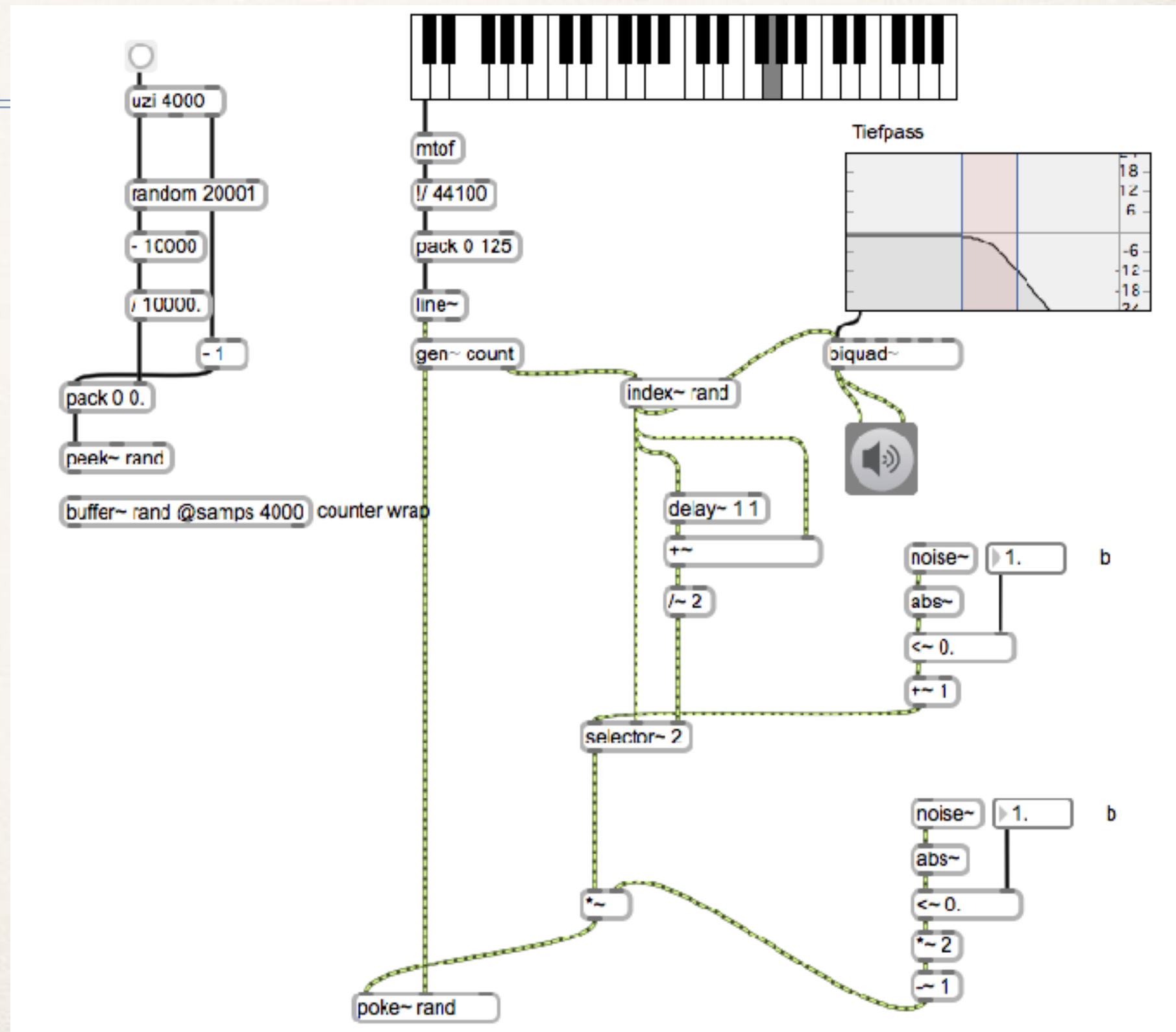
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Mit Tiefpass



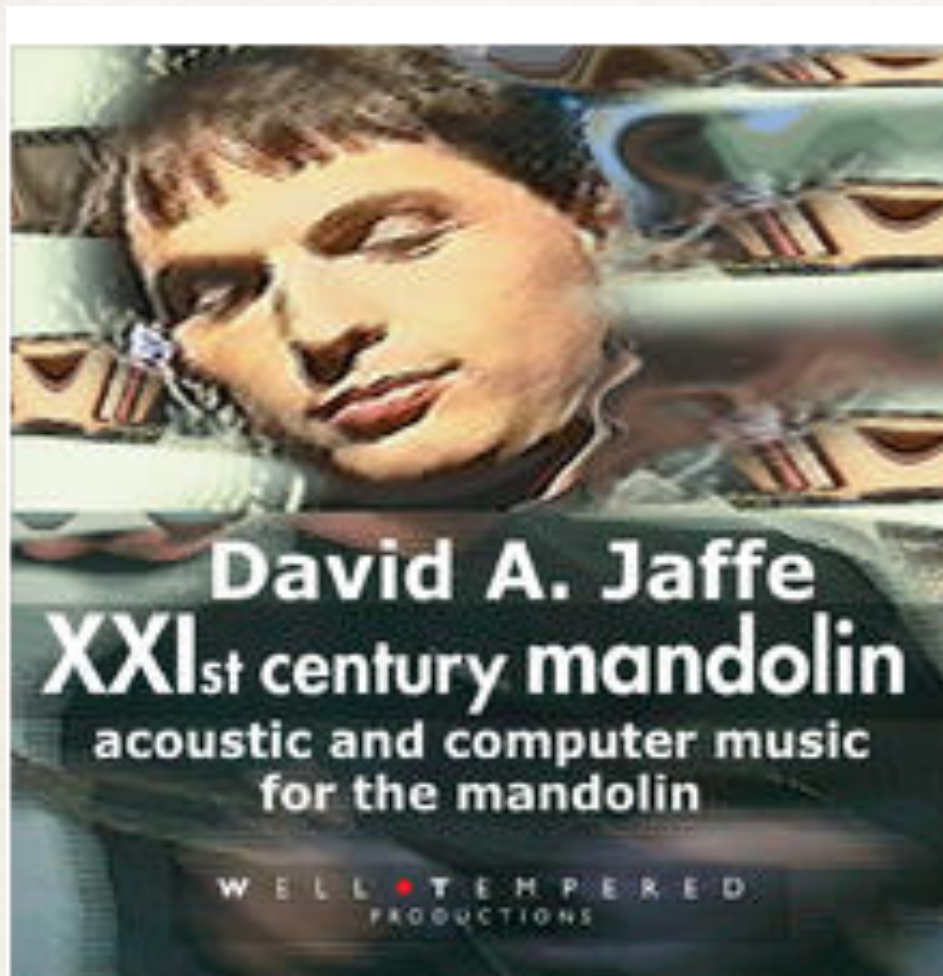
# Experiment

Mit Gliss



# Beispiel Stück

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David A. Jaffe

Silicon Valley Breakdown



# Waveguide Synthese

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# Korg Prophecy

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJyoPBK3rdM&index=1&list=RDgJyoPBK3rdM>



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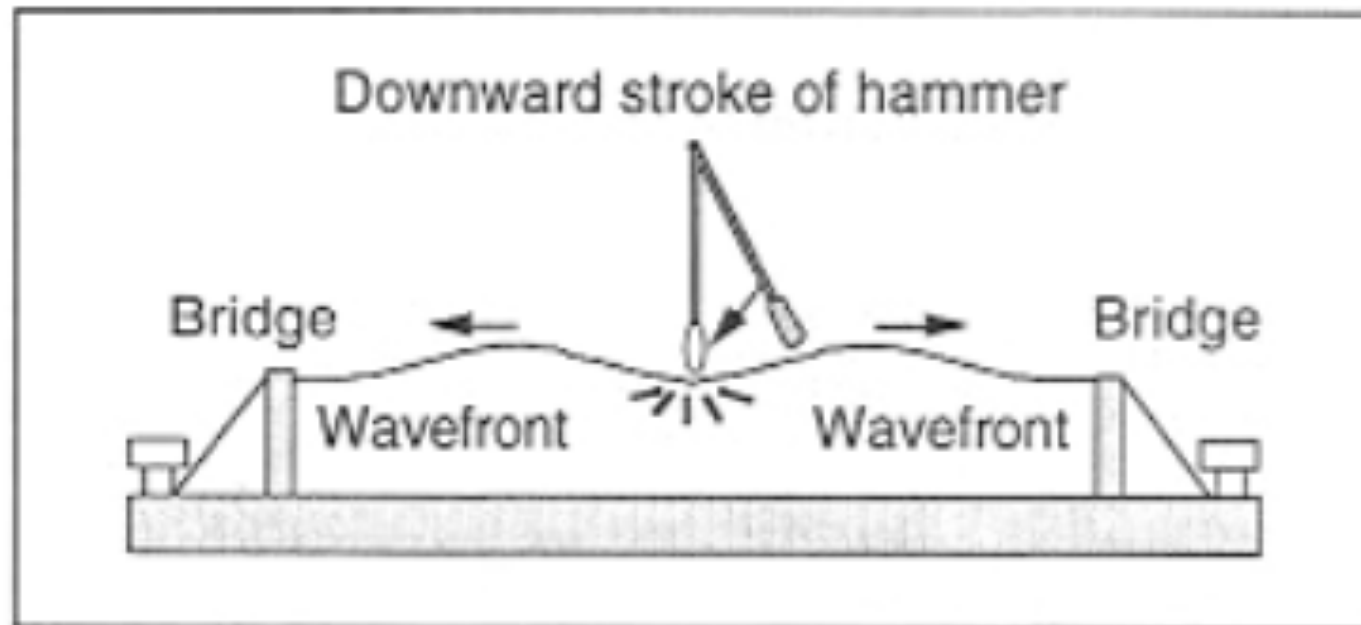
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*A Basic building block is a pair of digital delay lines.  
Each delayline is injected with an excitation wave  
propagating in the opposite direction and reflecting back to  
the center when it reaches the end of the line.*



# Waveguide Model of Plucked Strings

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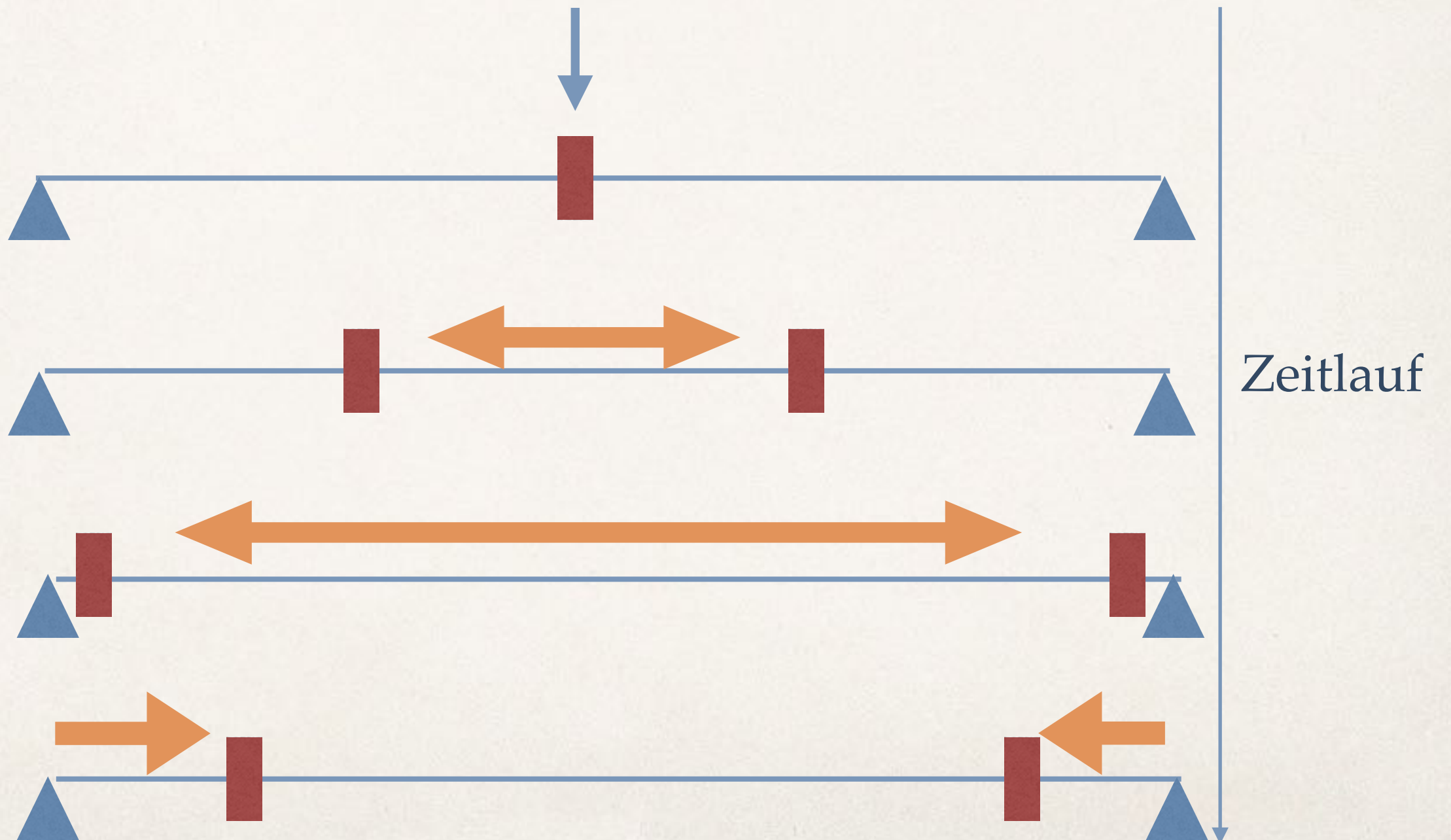


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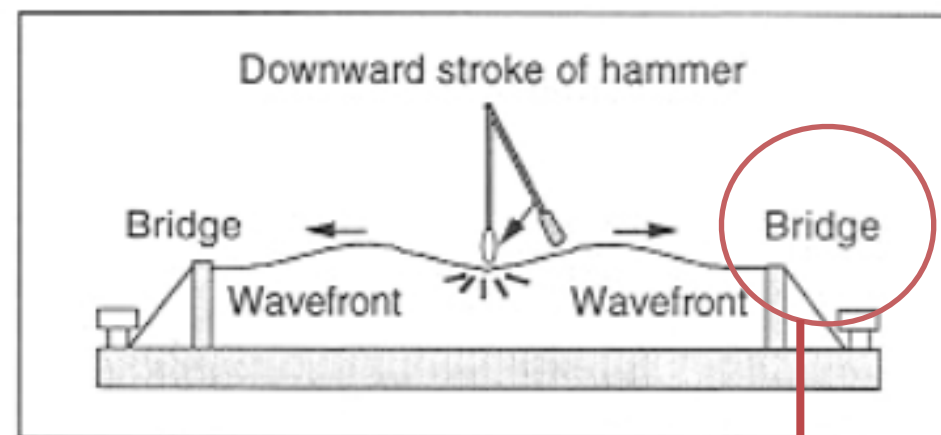
# Mechanismus

Excite

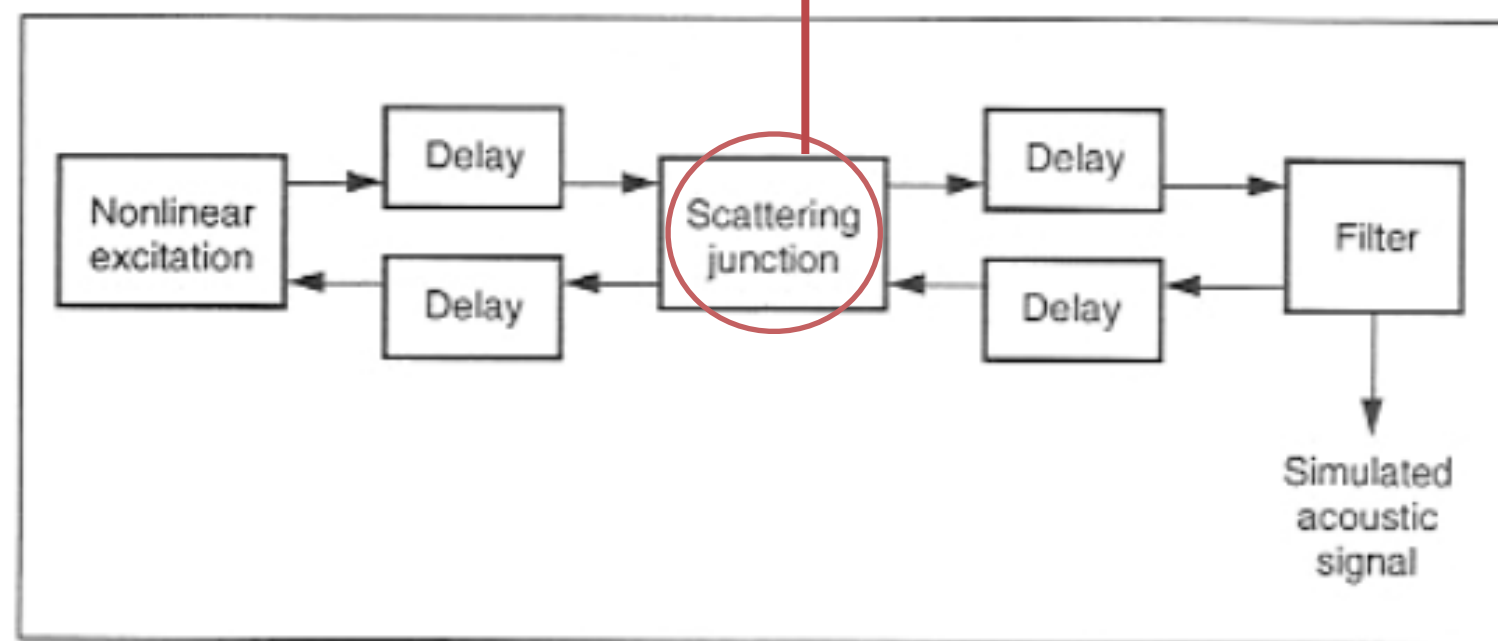
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# Model



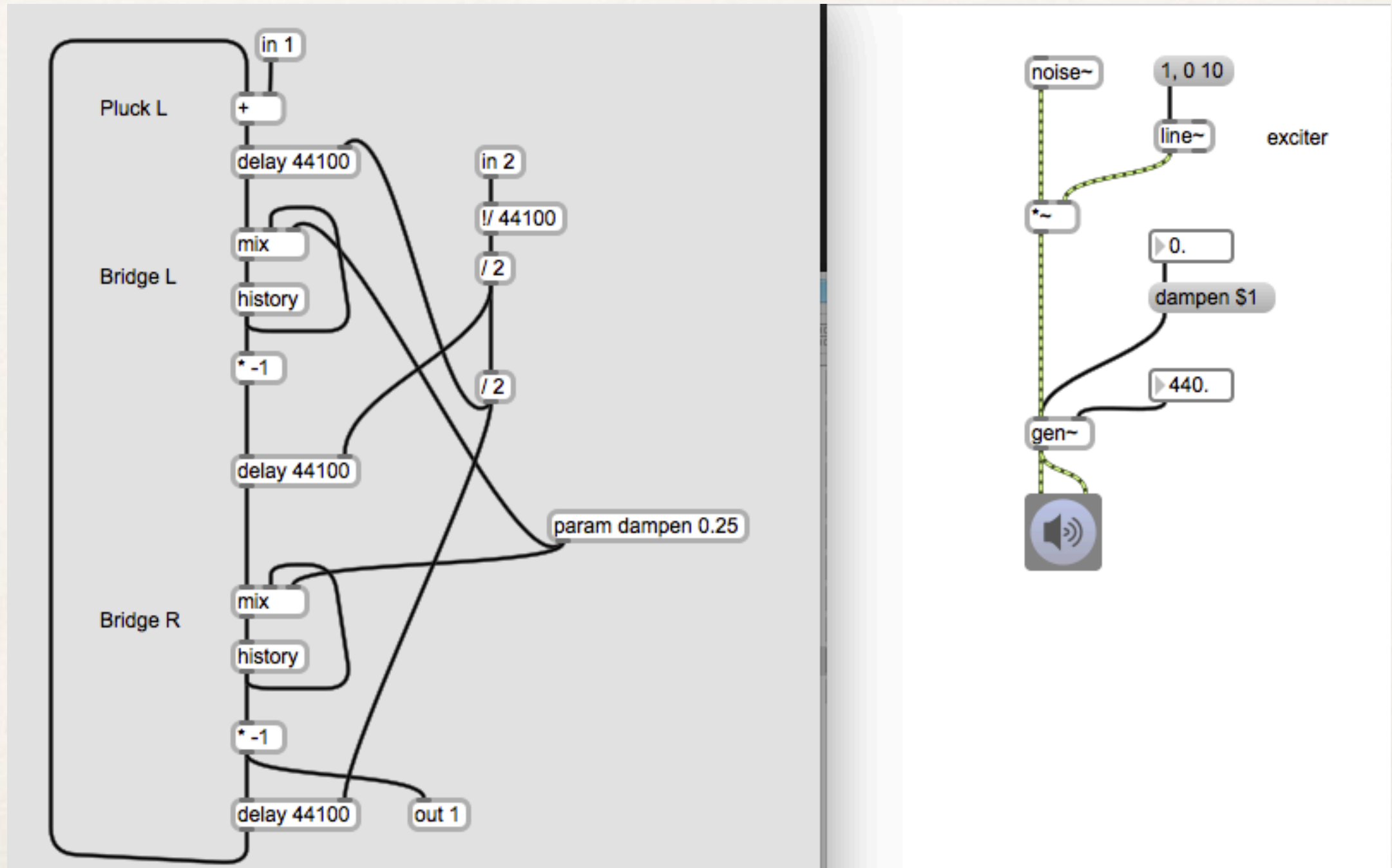
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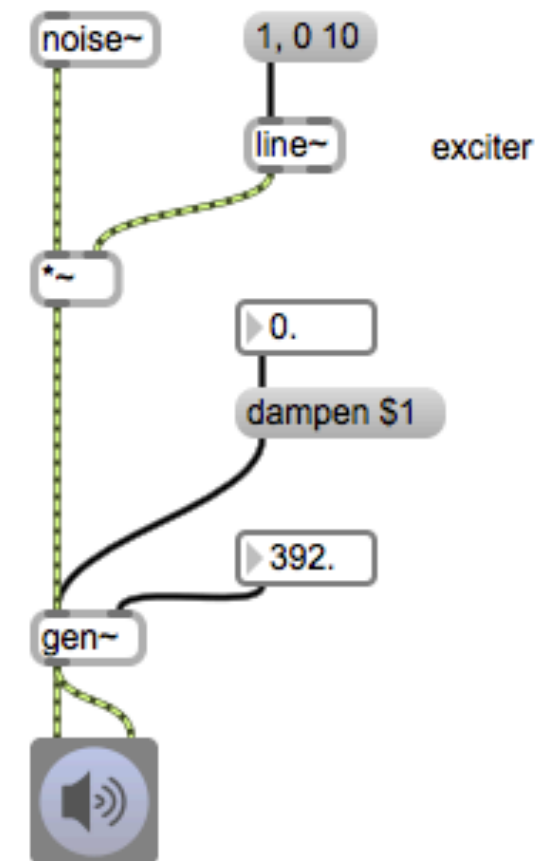
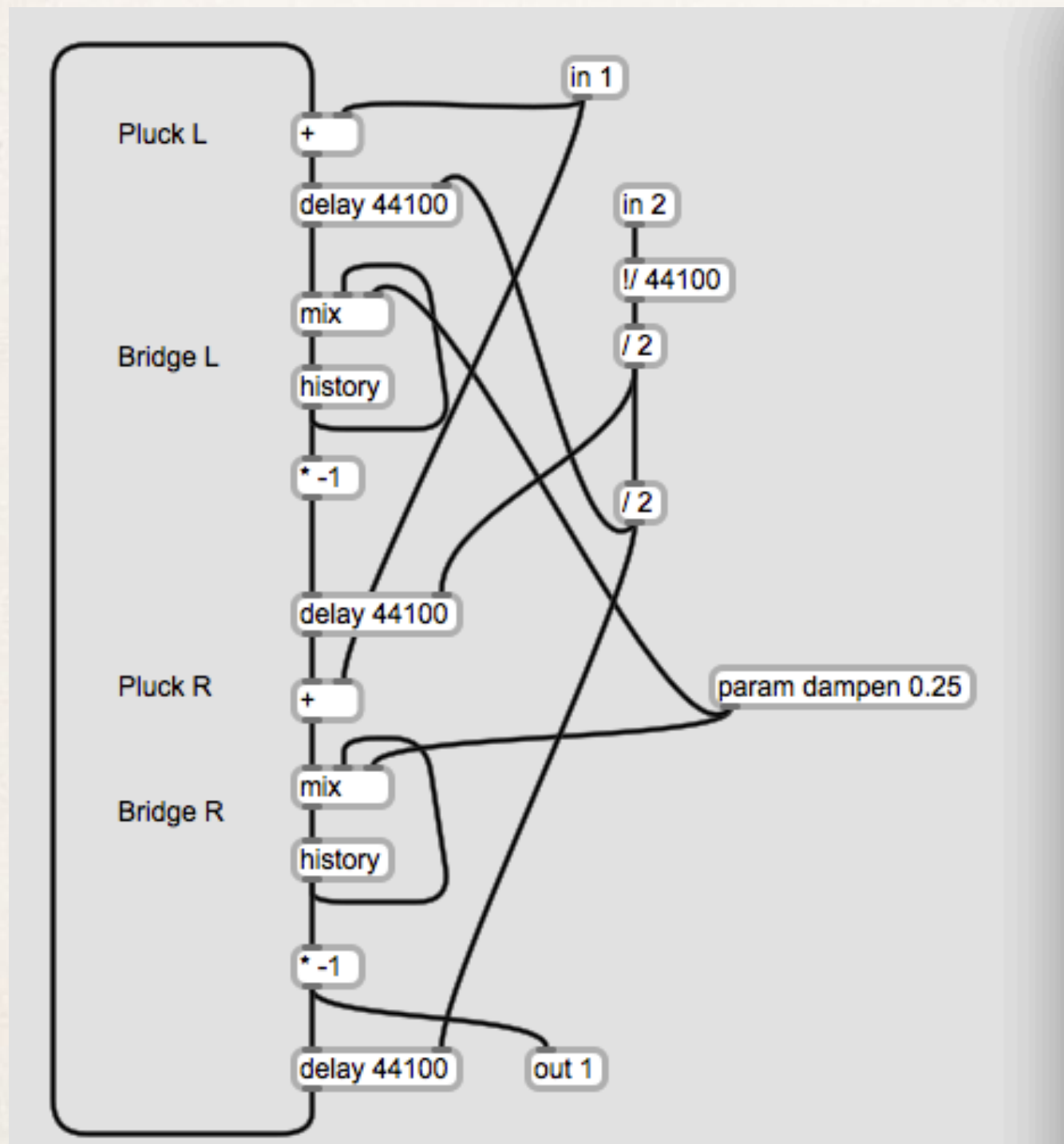
**Figure 7.6** Generic waveguide instrument model capable of simulating stringed or wind instruments (after Cook 1992). A nonlinear excitation injected into the upper delay line travels until it hits the scattering junction, which models the losses and dispersion of energy that occur at junctions in acoustical systems. Some energy returns to the oscillator junction, and some passes on to the output junction, modeled by a filter.



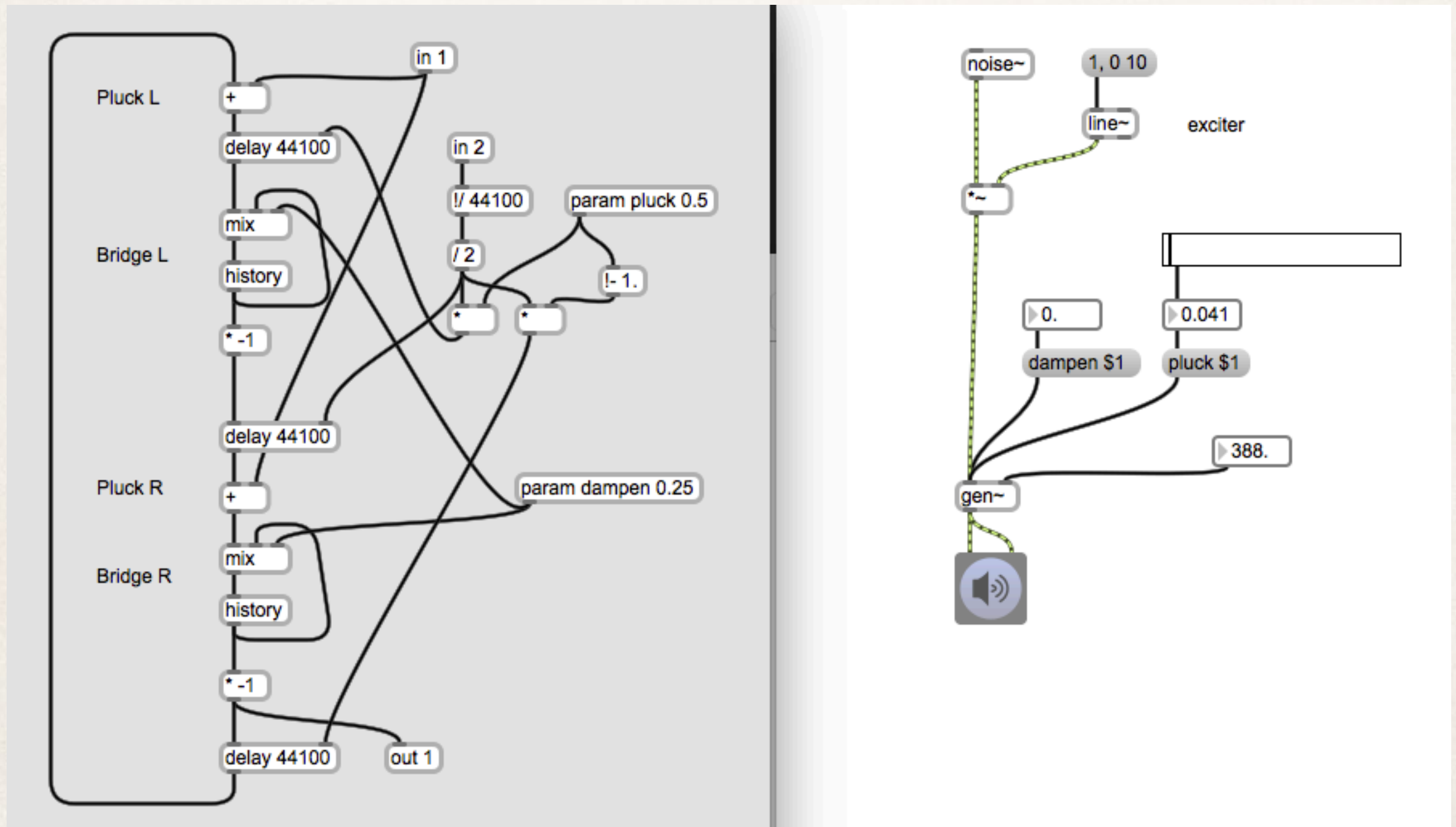
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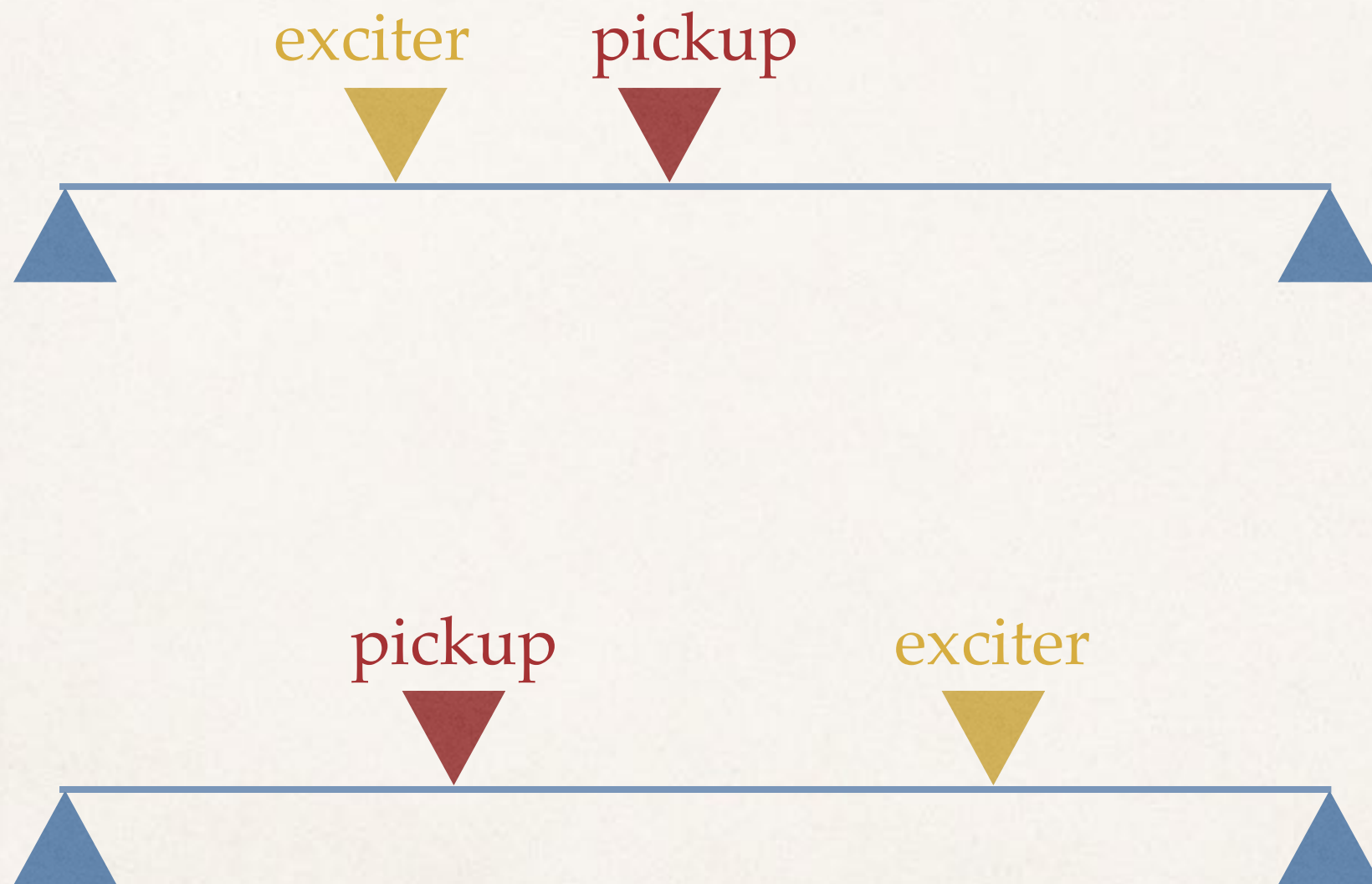
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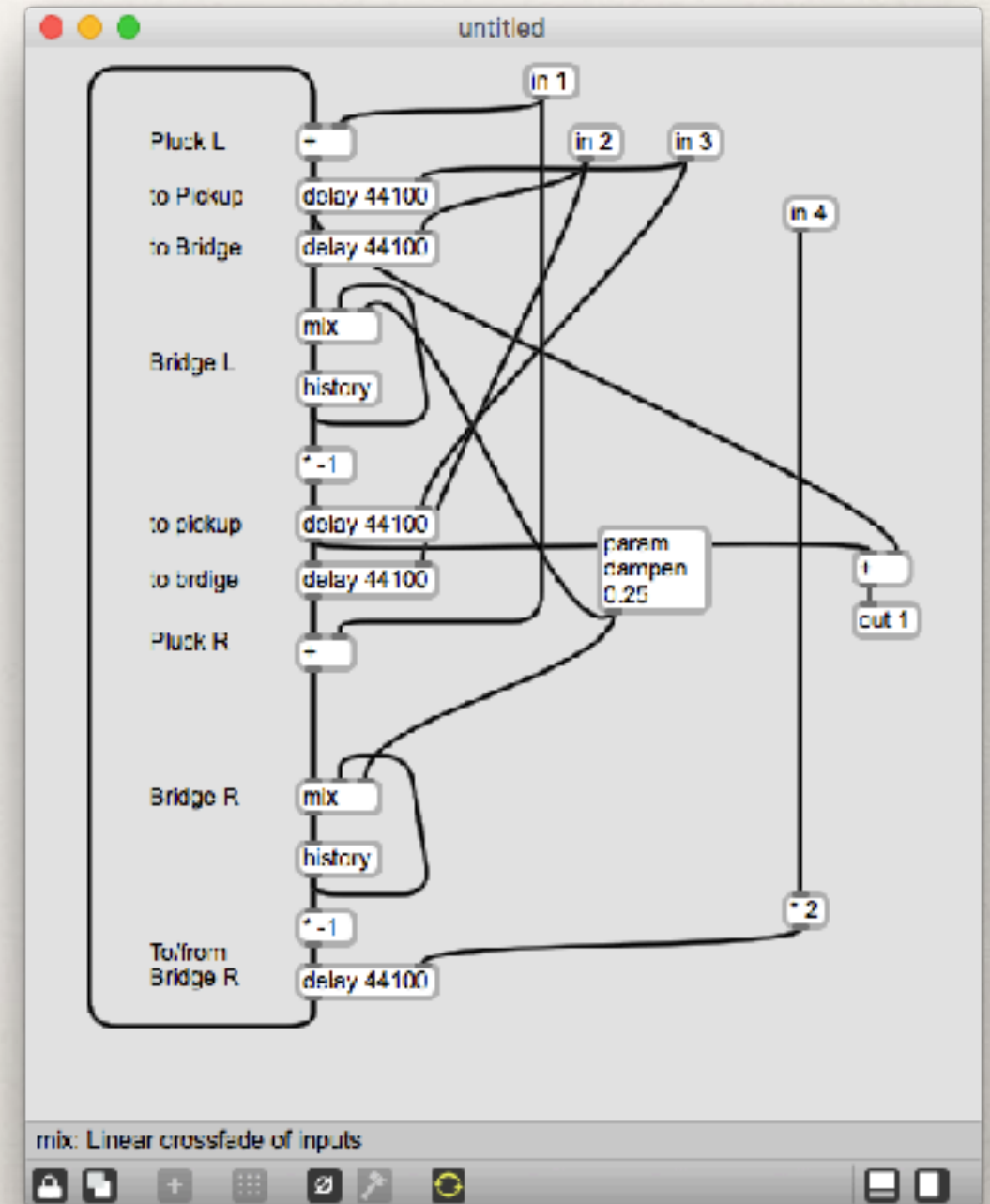
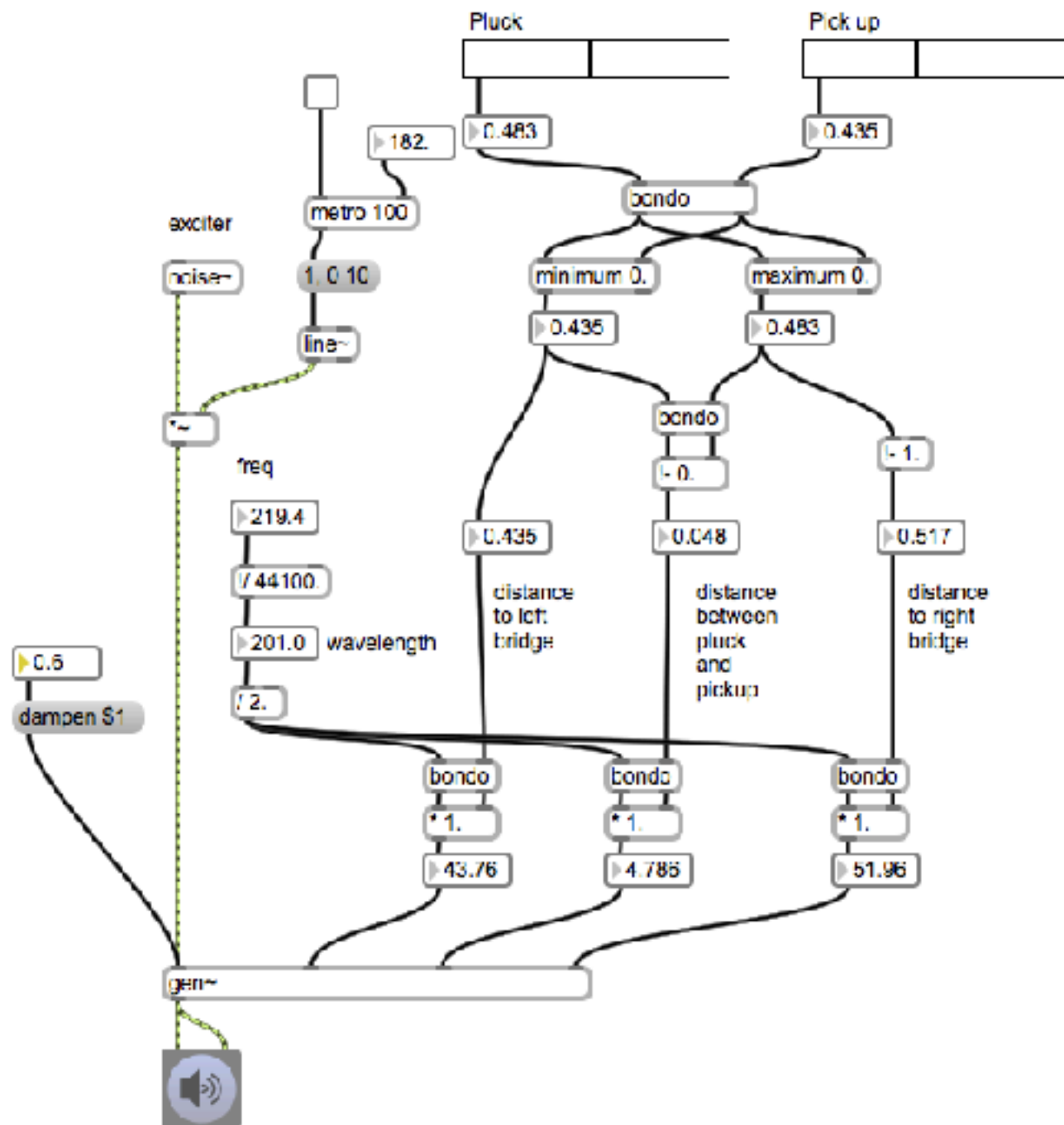


# Experiment mit Max (Schritt 4)

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# Experiment mit Max (Schritt 5)

## Flute Simulator

