



Overview *gnrtv.cells* Pd Toolkit

1___Install purr-data in your OS. Here there are the repositories :

purr-data

<https://puredata.info/downloads/purr-data>

<https://github.com/agraef/purr-data/releases>

Download packages depending on OS >

macos > https://github.com/agraef/purr-data/releases/download/2.19.3/purr-data-2.19.3-macos-x86_64.zip

windows > https://github.com/agraef/purr-data/releases/download/2.19.3/purr-data-2.19.3-mingw-x86_64.zip

linux ubuntu / deb > https://github.com/agraef/purr-data/releases/download/2.19.3/purr-data-2.19.3-ubuntu-x86_64.zip

<https://software.opensuse.org//download.html?project=home%3Aagraef%3Apurr-data-jgu&package=purr-data>

2___Download gnrtv.cells package and unzip in any location in your laptop



3 **gnrtv.cells** is a toolkit to **easily design sonic generative algorithmts with pd**, which will require all folders of the toolkit arranged in the same level. Those directories/folders are the following :

CODE open **gnrtv.cells.nano_CORE.template.pd** which is the main template. Save it with other name in the same folder or create another one for ex.'projects' in the same level of the rest of folders, otherwise several functions will not work.

Also if you want to increase interaction in your instruments there are those 3 folders which contains examples and methods to interact with line in / microphone / capture signal / Midi devices and OSC tunnelling messages (OSC listen and sending)

CODE.Interact.MIC

CODE.Interact.MIDI

CODE.Interact.OSC

EXAMPLES a bunch of tiny examples of generative sonic design.

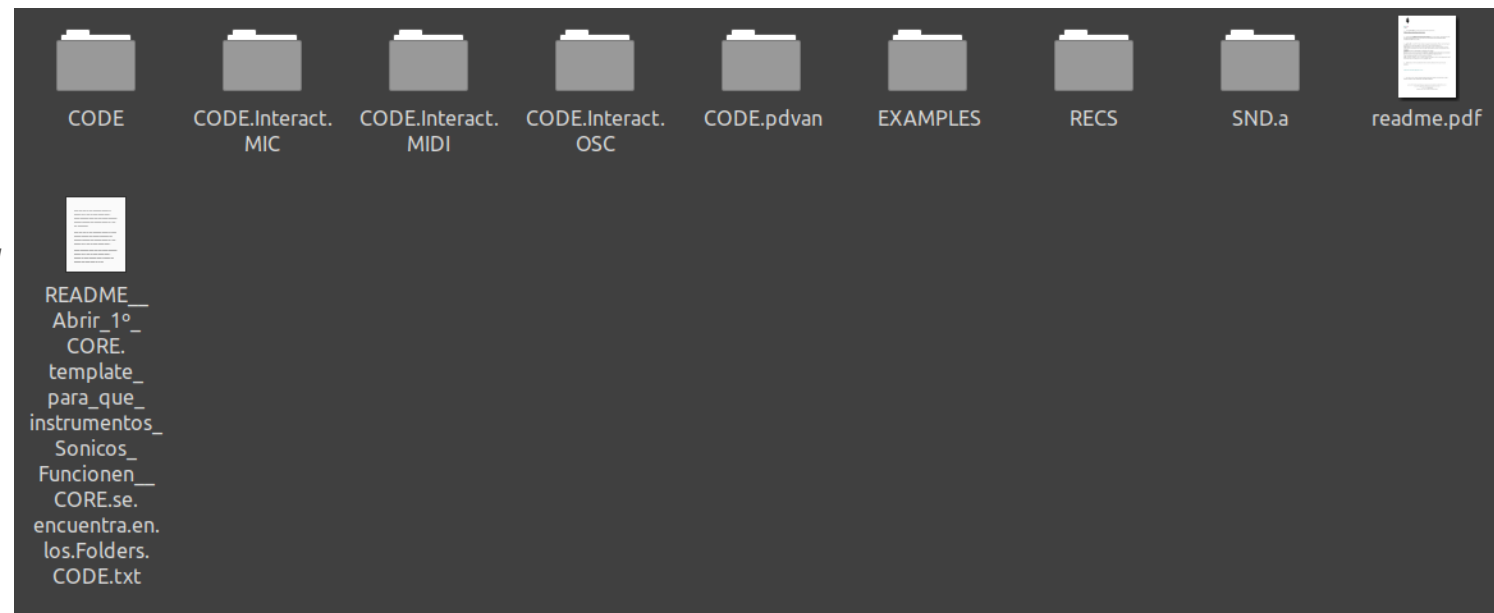
RECS all live sets can be recorded with the start.rec / stop.rec buttons that appears in the bottom section of the Core's Rack (block which contains FX mixer, signal sends and main clock).

Those recordings if you have Core in tyour patch will be stored in this folder.

SND.a a couple of samples in .wav in case you want to try samplers (cells is mainly a generative synth tool).

Remember to use samples in .wav with 16bits

In addition there is a **CODE.pdvan** in case you have to use cells with PdVanilla version which is the classical version of pd which works in many plkatforms and devices, very useful also in luthierism applications.



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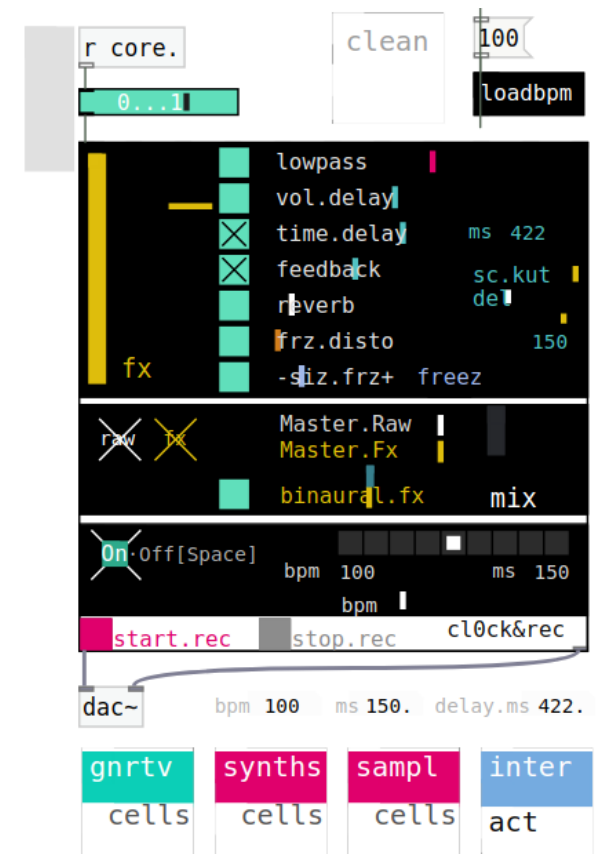
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*important! Remember that you
can only have 1 CORE file
opened, otherwise if you have
several CORE files opened,
internal messaging will be
dubbed and application will
not work.*



5__Check if your Sound Card is working : go to menu media > 'test audio and midi'and select the 80 value in the Test Tones area.
This should emit a sinusoid of 440hz which corresponds to the note (La / A4).

File Edit View Put Media Windows Help

Audio On Ctrl+/
Audio Off Ctrl+Punt

Test Audio and Midi
Load Meter

testtone.pd - /opt/purr-data/lib/pd-l2ork/doc/7.s... _ □ ×

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Welcome to Pd ("Pure Data"). You can use this window to test audio and MIDI connections. To see Pd's DOCUMENTATION, select "getting started" in the Help menu.

TEST TONES

☒ 80
☐ 60
☐ OFF

80 dB
(100 max)

☐ noise
☒ tone
69 pitch
440 HZ

AUDIO INPUT (RMS dB)

58 58 0 0 0 0 0 0
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 ☐ ALL
☐ NONE

AUDIO OUTPUT ON/OFF

☐ monitor-inputs ☒ input-hipass

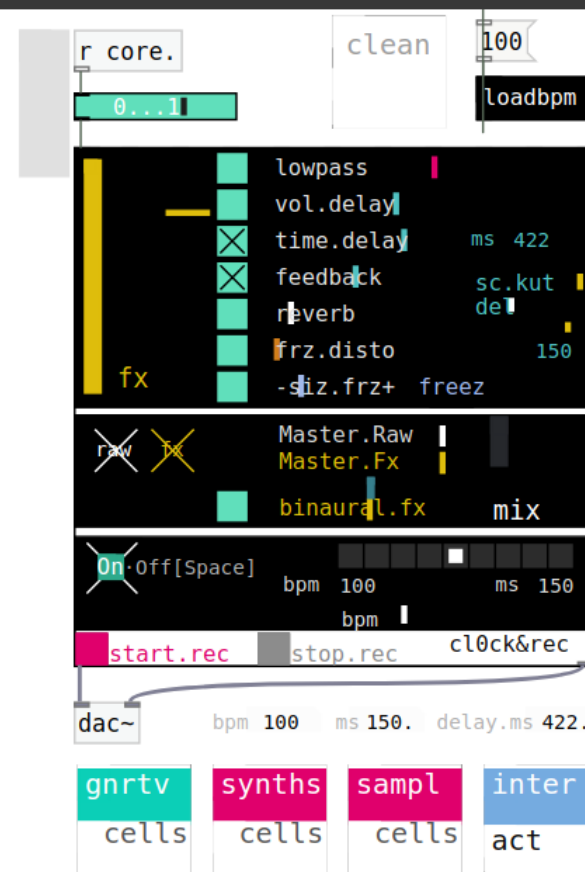
MIDI IN

notein
stripnote
0 0
ctlin
0 0

MIDI OUT

pd audio
pd more
pd midi

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In case sinusoid tone does not appear, you have to check your audio equipment and also the setting up of the soundcard in menú > edit > preferences

A pop up is emerging with different parameters to tweak > sample rate usually 44100 / memory DSP block size / delay or latency (best results over 50ms/60ms) and also set up of input and output channels in your dac~/ soundcard

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Undo clear Ctrl+Z
Redo Ctrl+Maj+Z

Cut Ctrl+X
Copy Ctrl+C
Paste Ctrl+V
Paste from Clipboard Alt+Ctrl+V
Duplicate Ctrl+D
Select All Ctrl+A
Reselect Ctrl+Return

Clear Console Ctrl+Maj+L

Encapsulate Ctrl+Maj+E
Tidy Up Ctrl+Y
Font Size
Cord Inspector Ctrl+Maj+R

Find Ctrl+F
Find Again Ctrl+G
Find Last Error

Editmode Ctrl+E

Preferences Ctrl+P

Pd-L2Ork Properties

Audio MIDI GUI Startup

audio api ALSA
sample rate 44100
blocksize 2048
delay 69

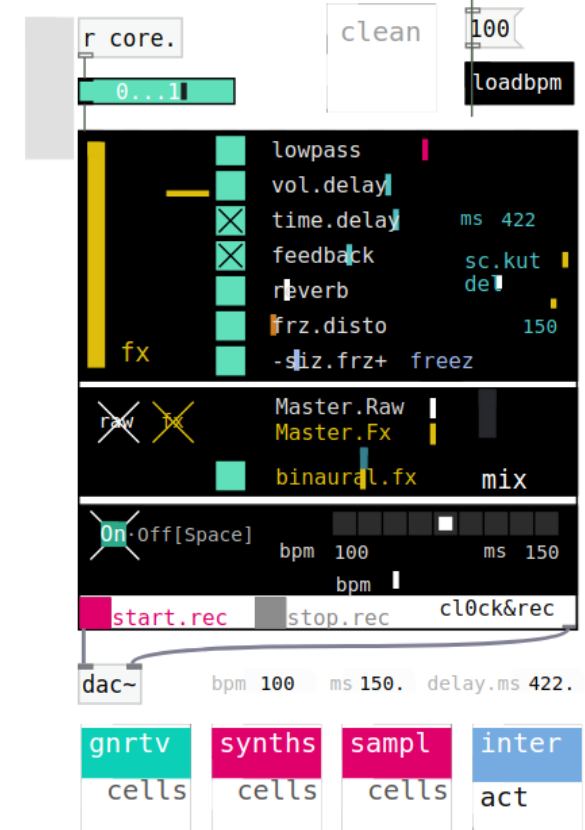
Input Devices channels

HDA Intel PCH (hardware)	2
None	0
HDA Intel PCH (hardware)	0
HDA Intel PCH (plug-in)	0
None	0

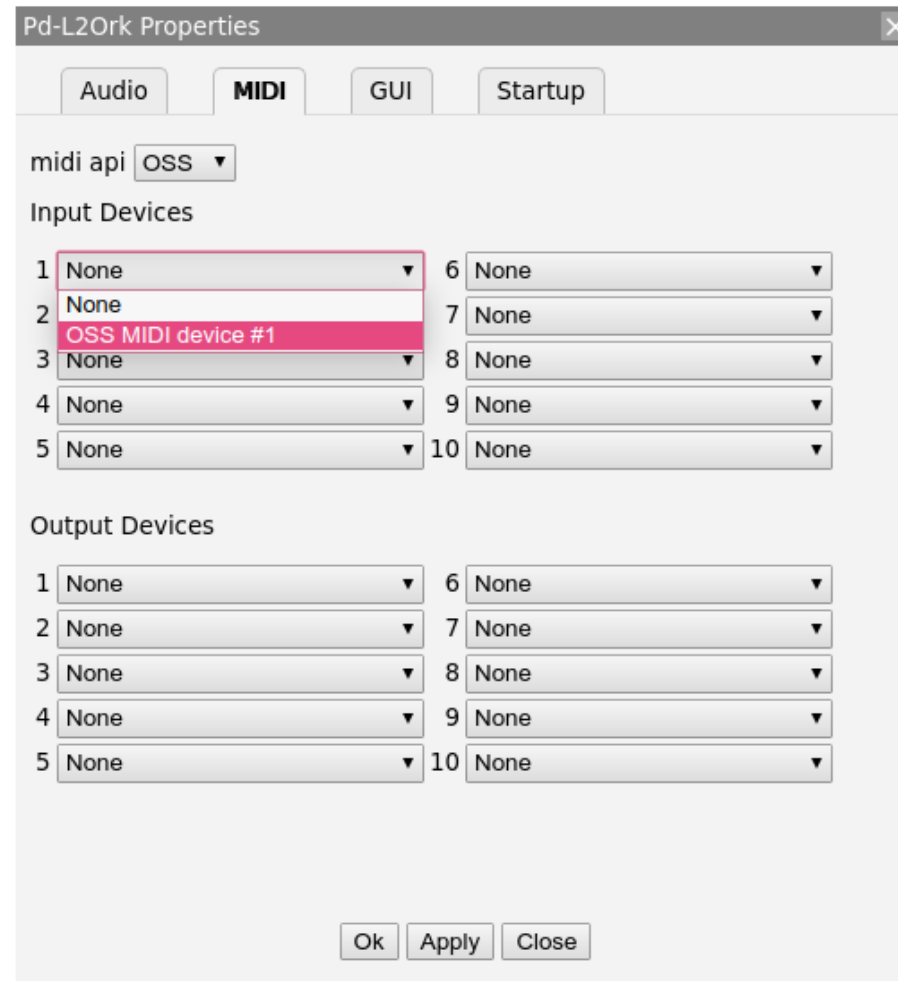
Output Devices channels

HDA Intel PCH (hardware)	2
None	0
None	0
None	0

Ok Apply Close



Also you can set up in this preferences popup (edit menu > preferences) the midi devices in case you are using it.



The image shows a 'Pd-L2Ork Properties' dialog box with a 'MIDI' tab selected. It contains settings for MIDI API and lists of input and output devices.

Pd-L2Ork Properties

Audio **MIDI** GUI Startup

midi api OSS ▾

Input Devices

1	None ▾	6	None ▾
2	None ▾	7	None ▾
3	OSS MIDI device #1 ▾	8	None ▾
4	None ▾	9	None ▾
5	None ▾	10	None ▾

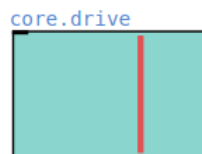
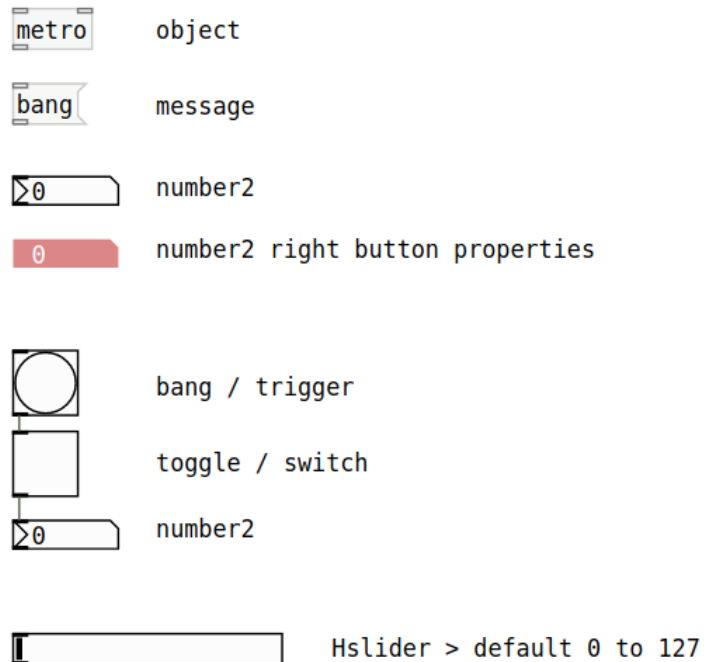
Output Devices

1	None ▾	6	None ▾
2	None ▾	7	None ▾
3	None ▾	8	None ▾
4	None ▾	9	None ▾
5	None ▾	10	None ▾

Ok Apply Close

6__ Before start lets remind a bunch of pd syntax elements. **All pd syntax elements are located in menú put**
 Several gui elements like number2 / bangs / toggles / Hsliders / Vsliders / Hradio / Vradio can be tuned with different properties
(right button over the element > properties > appears a popup to change several parameters)

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Hslider > properties changing maximum to 1 instead of 127

Hslider > properties writing an internal sending message (core.)

Hslider > properties changing color of element + foreground active+ label

[hsl] Iemgui Properties

size and behavior

width 128 height 15

minimum 0 maximum 1

☐ init

☐ logarithmic scaling

☒ steady on click

messaging

send symbol core.

receive symbol

label

text x -2 y -8

font DejaVu Sans Mono size 10

appearance

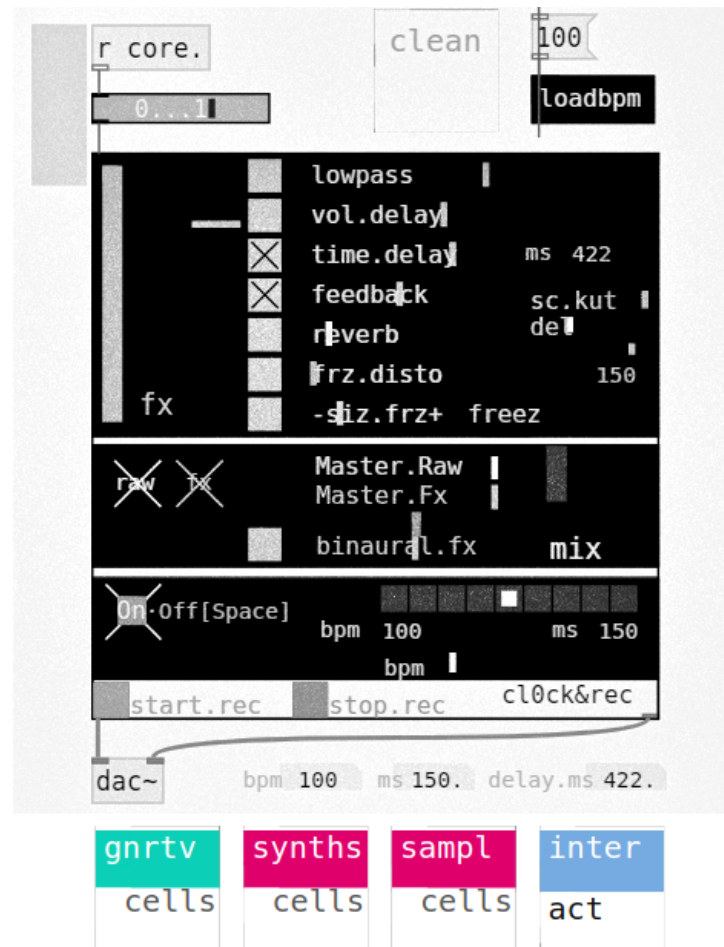
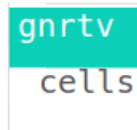
background

foreground

label

Ok Apply Cancel

7_ In gnrtv.cells we have available a set of elements that are interconnectable between them (inspired by modular synths framework).
All values are normalized to a range from 0 to 1
..therefore many parameters can be translated and interconnected between modules an sections in a easy way.



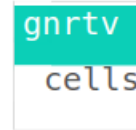
Clicking over [gnrtv menú](#) you'll find elements of math tweaks of the 0 to 1 values (flow operators)

elements of time (speed / offset / loops)

cicles (loops like 'for' in other languages)

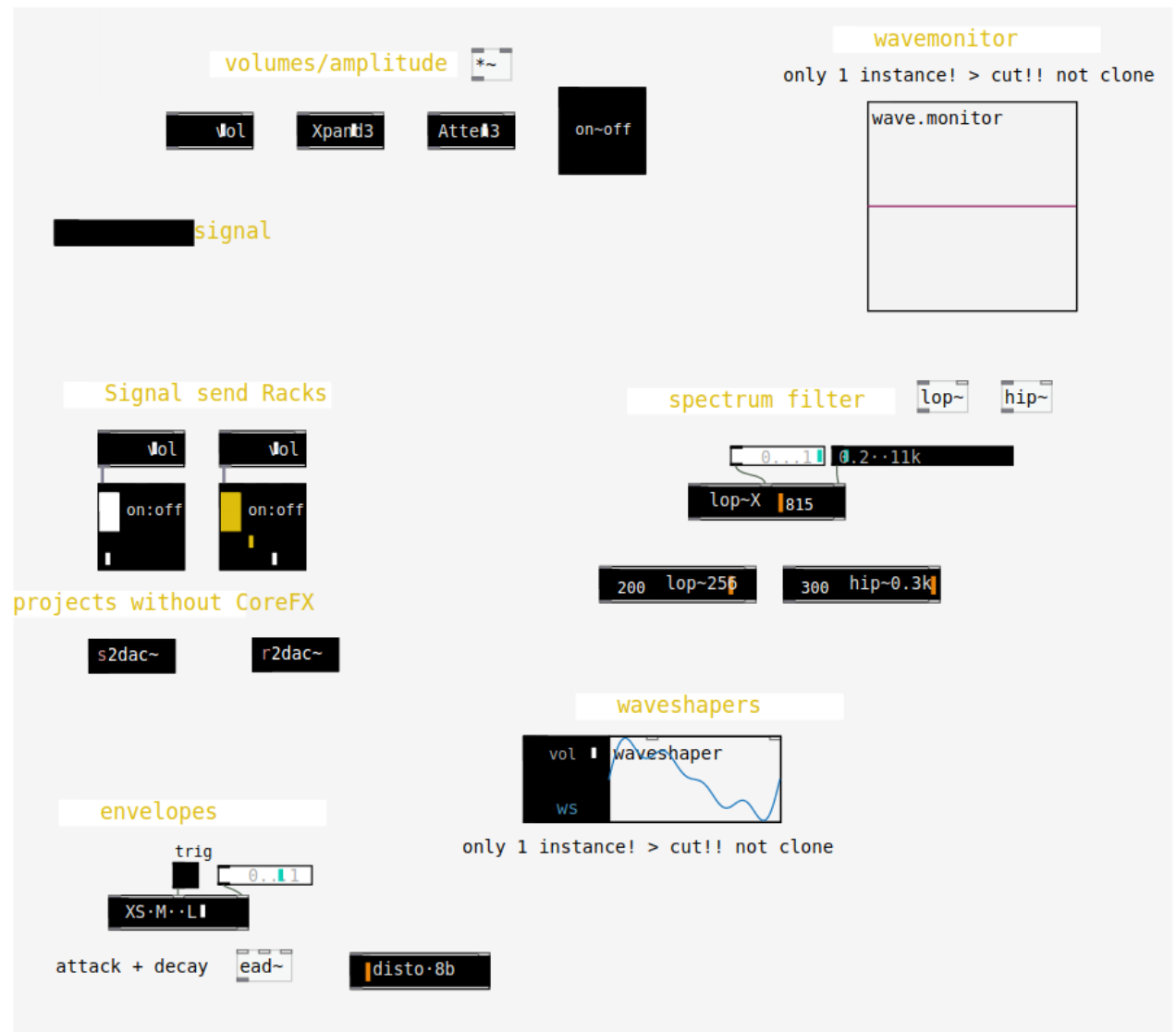
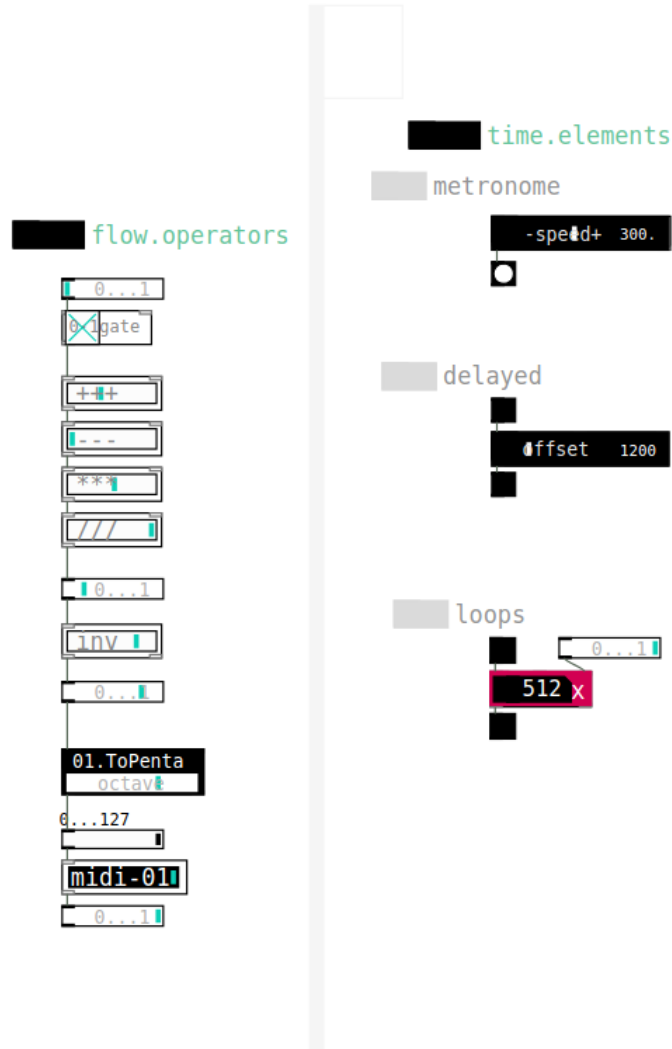
vols / expanders / attenuators / on~off

filtering & control signal (signal send racks / spectrum filters / envelopes / waveshapers and 8bit distorsion)



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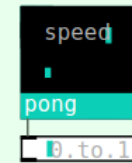
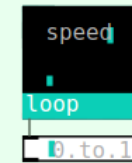
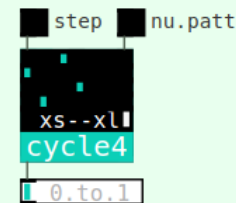
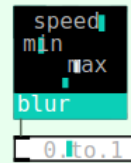
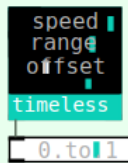
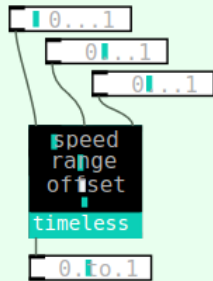
Clicking over [gnrtv menú](#) you'll also find generative elements which creates different strings of values from 0 to 1. There are modules more undeterministic or randomic (timeless blur and void) and the rest which even are generatively created are more deterministic, structured or less randomic.

only 1 instance! cut this object not clone

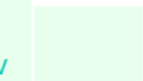
non-deterministic

deterministic & semi-deterministic

gnrtv



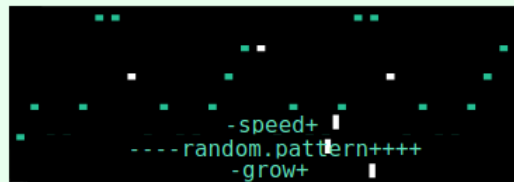
gnrtv



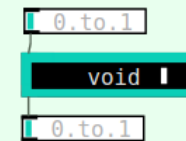
16step trigger sequencer



32 value sequencer

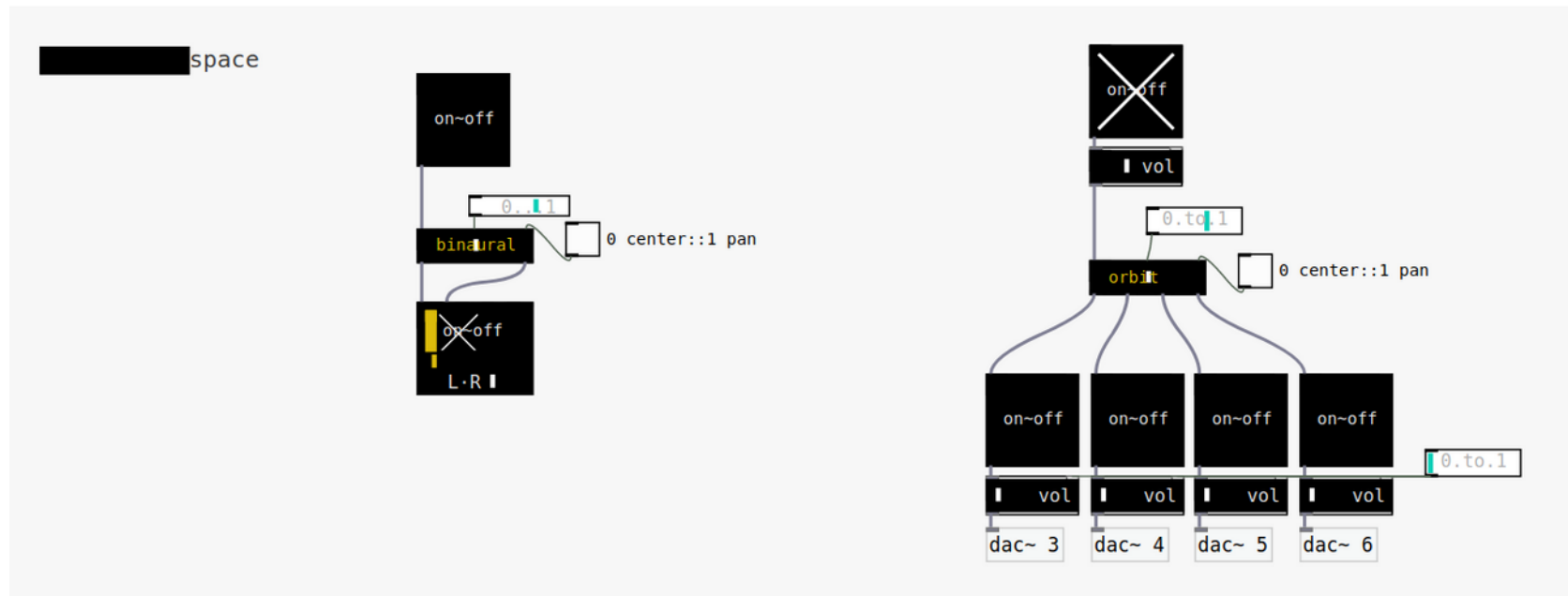


void.steps



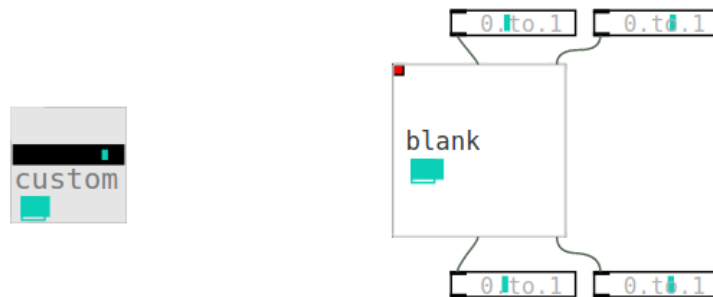
Clicking over [gnrtv menú](#) you'll also find sonic space elements like **binaural** and orbit which can be used to control an L+R or stereo outcome or '**orbit**' which can be used for a Quadraphony multifocal sound system.

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Also in this menú you have a **blank-grid** to control 2 parameters at once and a custom-blank abstraction if you want to create yours.

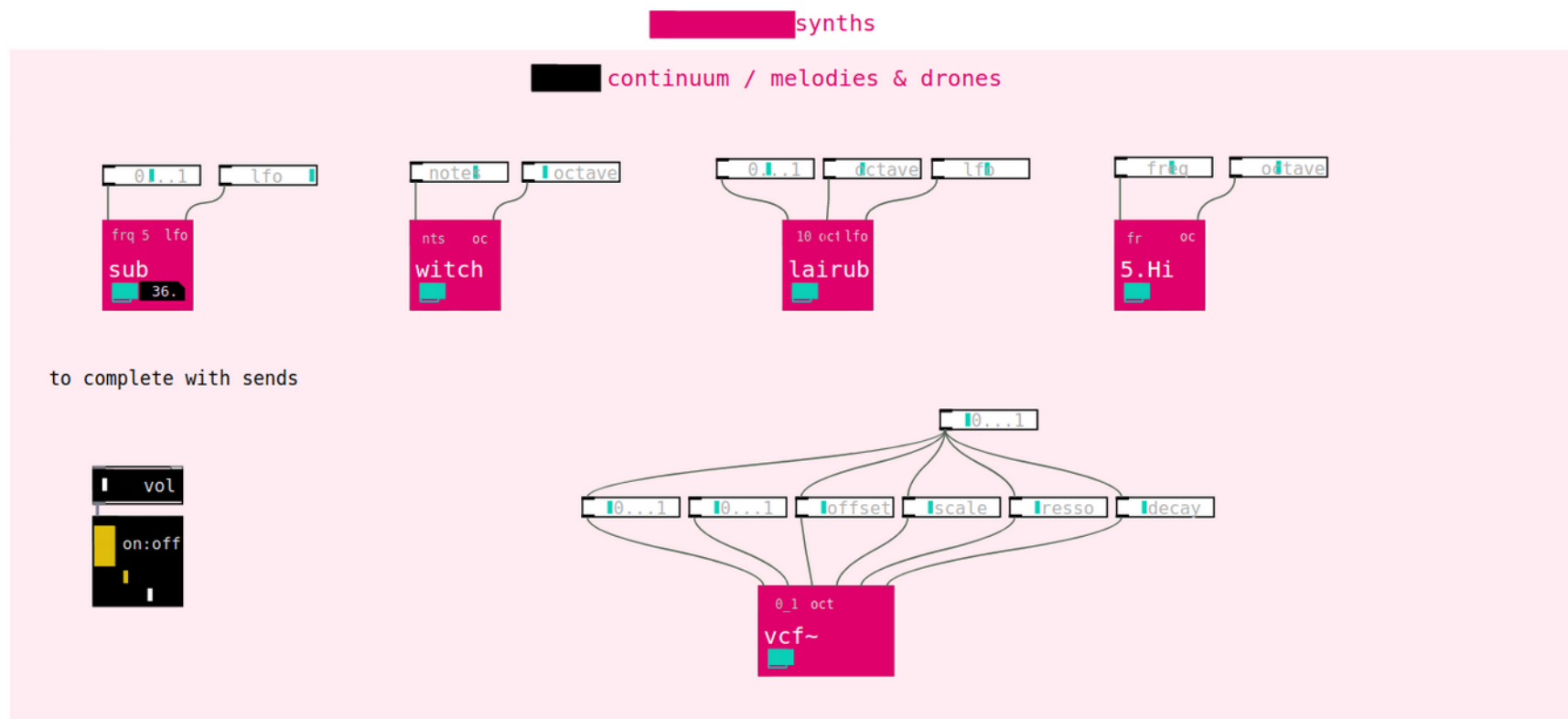
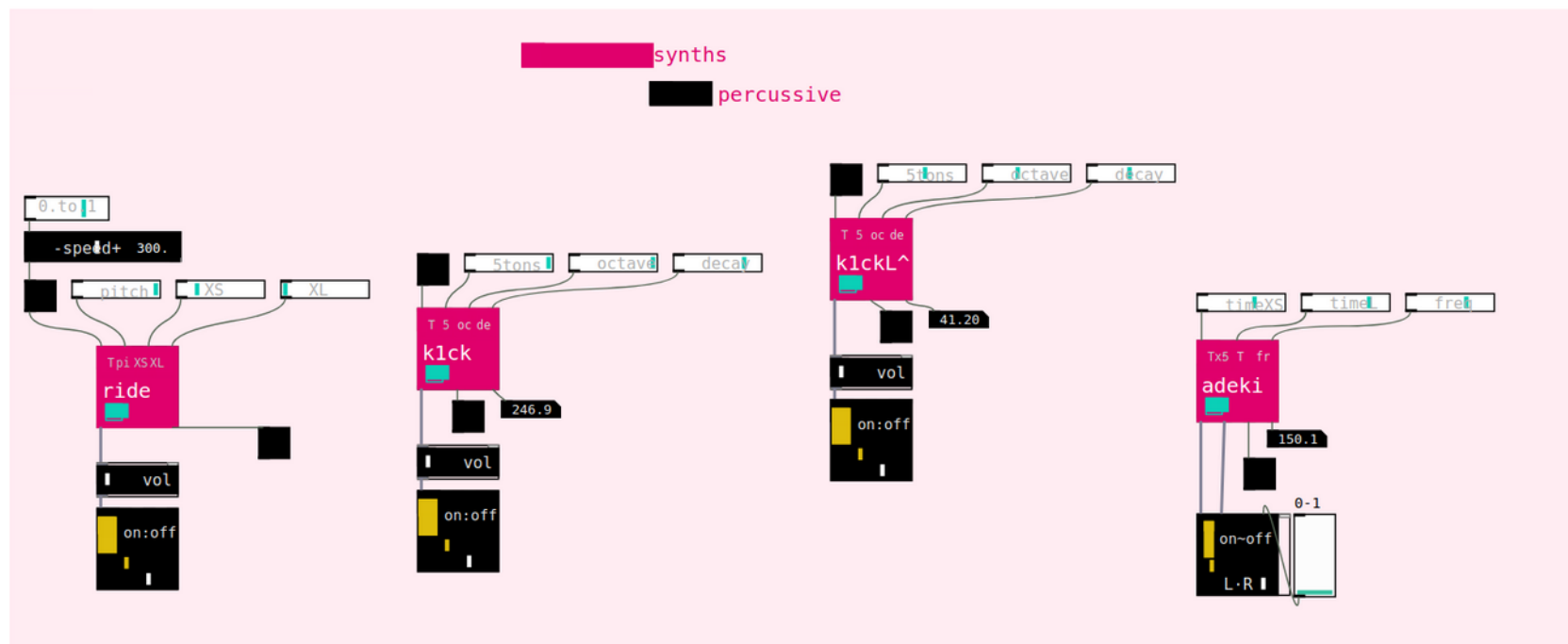
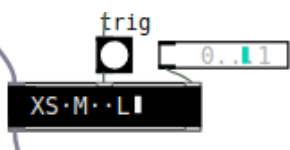
grid 2params to complete

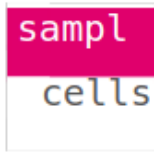


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synths
cells

Clicking over **synths** **menú** you'll find synthesizers..divided in percussive synths and continuum synths. Anyways those which are continuous can be converted in percussive controlling its envelope. In **gnrtv.menu** section you can find the element **XS M L** to change the sonic decay



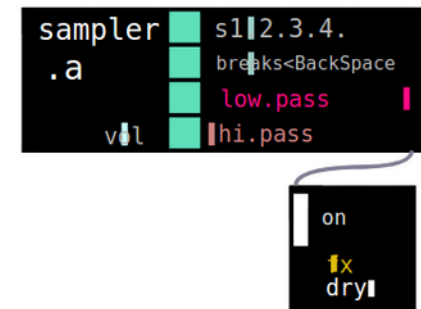
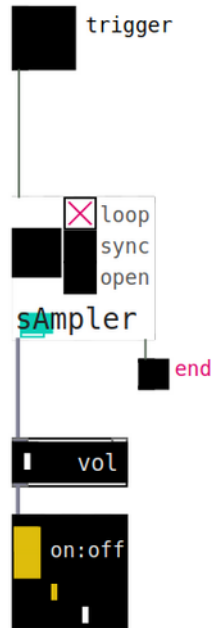


samplers

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load.samples.kit.a

only 1 instance! cut not clone



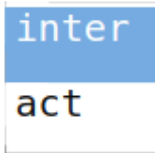
Clicking over **sampler** menú you'll find sampling modules

In **sampler.a** block sounds are called and stored in memories (arrays) with the sounds contained in folder **SND.a**

(Optional & Advanced)

Advanced method to build more samples > In case you want more samplers, you can copy **sampler.b.pd** (inside **EXAMPLES** folder) content within your project. You ll also need to create a folder called **SND.b** (in the same level of the cells default folders) and copying inside 4 .wav files. This will create a set of 4 extra audio samples in your project.

The previous operation is recursive, which means that if you need more samplers you have to clone the file **sampler.b.pd** with for example **sampler.c.pd**, and opening with an editor like sublime. There, you can search within the file all **.b** and replace it with **.c** Save it and create the folder **SND.c** with 4 more .wav files.And so forth.



clicking Inside [interact menú](#) you'll find different elements and methods useful for interaction.

Therefore elements like :

mic // which captures the line in / microphone input and analyzes envelope peaks, frequency detected and envelop dynamics.

Grains // element which reprocess any sonic signal with granular synthesis technique.

Midi // objects to capture midi input messages / devices

OSC // different elements of listening and sending OSC messages.

And other objects which can be useful with another devices and platorms :

comport (arduino & serial connectivity)

hid (devices like joysticks or tablets)

shell in order to execute external scripting outside pd.

Notice that in this case, this menú is a 'minimal' set of those elements.

If you need more details , methods, and examples you can check the folders :

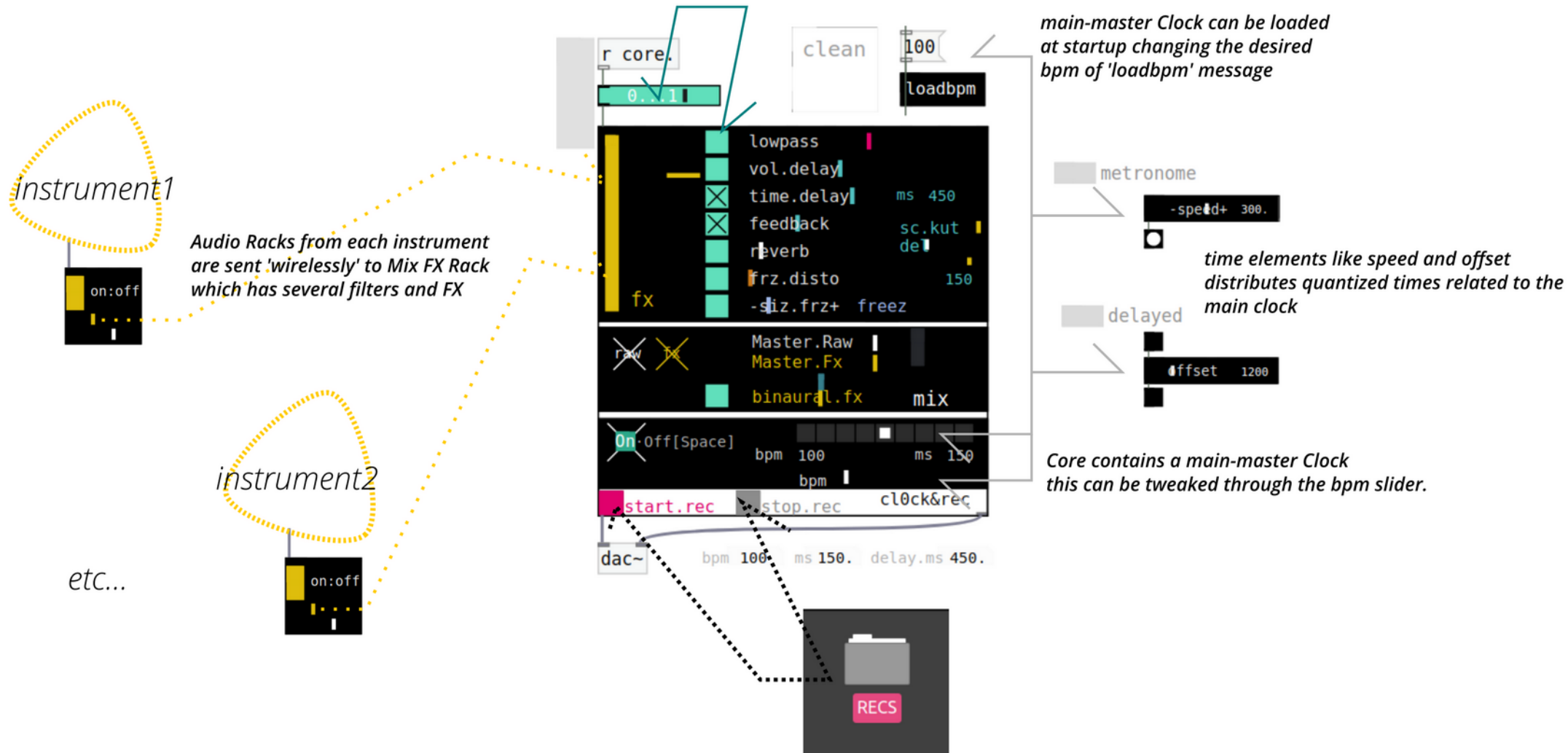
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In addition **CORE.template** contains the CORE block :

Gnrtv Slider can automat any of the toggled FX switch with cross means active driven by the top left main slider



Any live session performed with cells can be recorded :.
Recordings are stored directly at RECS folder as a temporary name in .wav.

8_ The previous pages are related to the **CORE.template** elements, but how to start building generative instruments?

In order to build generative sonic algorithms usually can be following the next the structure :

time

|

sequences / gnrtv elements

|

sonic instruments (oscillators, noise, synths, samplers etc)

|

filtering (optionally)

|

amplitude control (volume)

|

Signal Rack (Sends to dac~ and Core's FX Rack)

For example....

-speed+ 300.

speed and offset are time related elements. Like pd native
metro object

metro

green blocks -> menu gnrtv.cells

gnrtv

r core.

clean

100

loadbpm

0..1

lowpass
vol.delay
time.delay ms 300
feedback sc.kut
reverb de
frz.disto 150
-siz.frz+ freez

raw Master.Raw
Master.Fx
binaural.fx mix

On Off[Space] bpm 100 ms 150
bpm 1
start.rec stop.rec clock&rec

dac~

bpm 100 ms 150. delay.ms 300.

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cells

synths
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sampl
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inter
act

0..1

s core.

-speed+ 300.

step nu.patt

xs--xl
cycle4
0.1

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green blocks > menu gnrtv.cells

gnrtv

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from more indeterministic and randomic blocks like timeless or blur until a more deterministic (less randomic and more structured) with cycles

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loadbpm

fx

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vol.delay	
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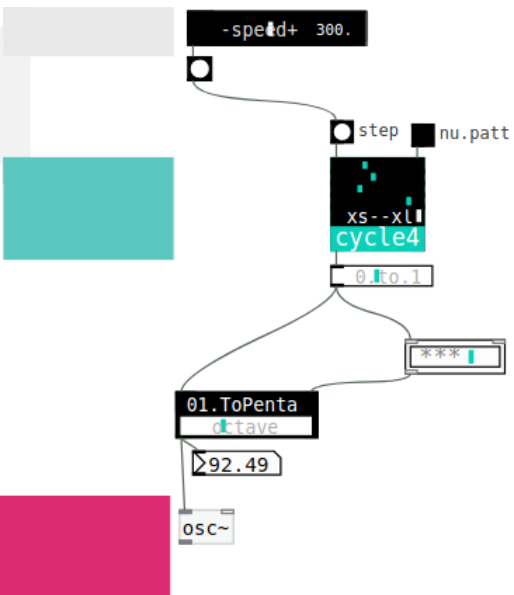
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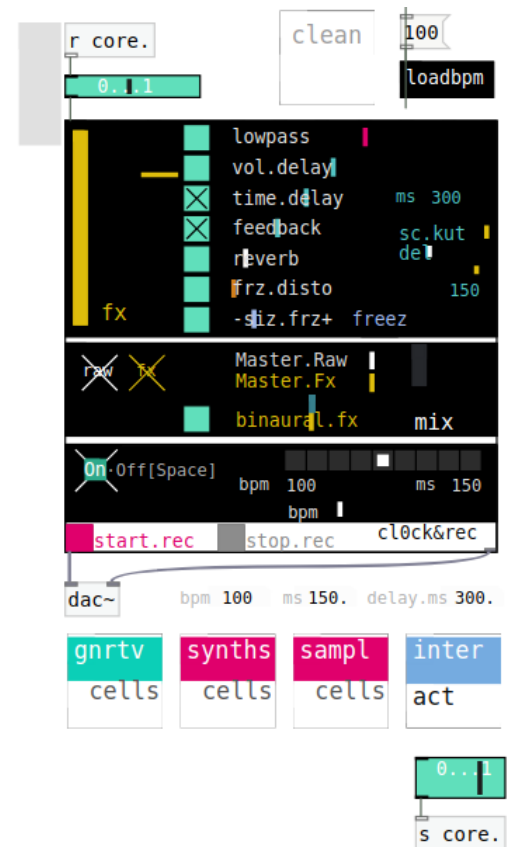
osc~ noise~ phasor~

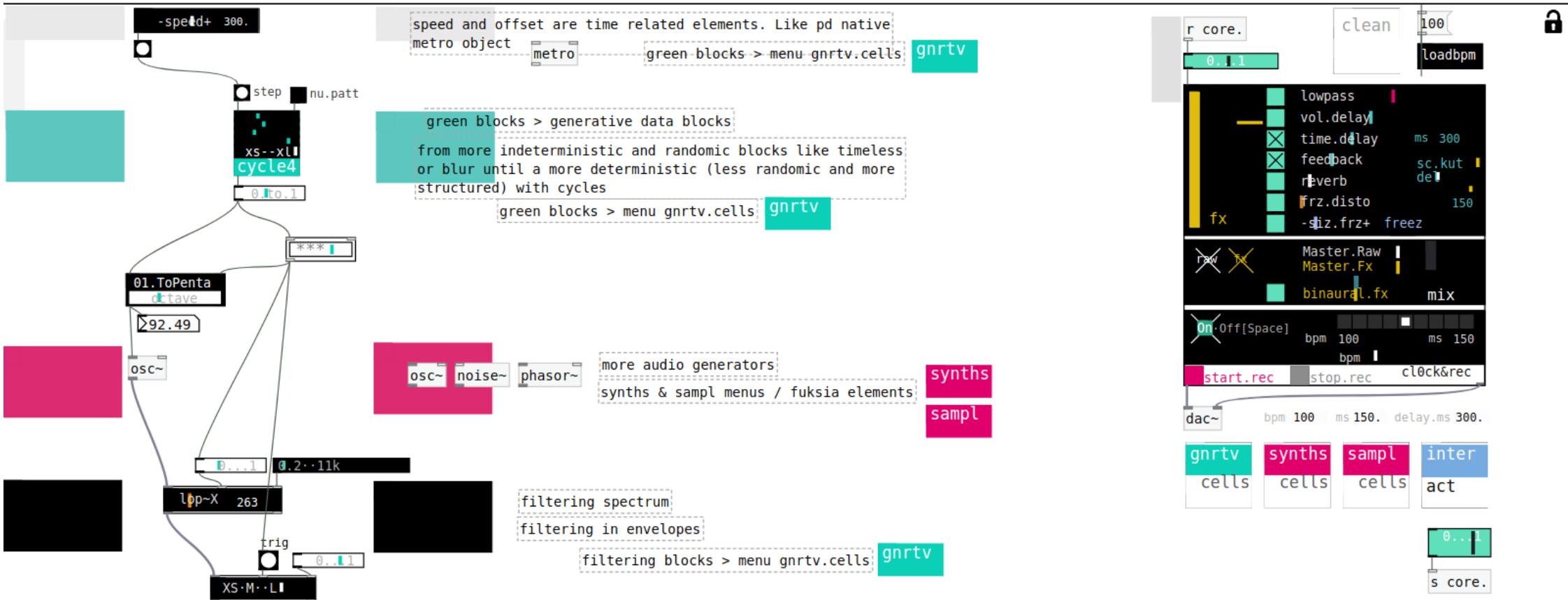
more audio generators

synths & sampl menus / fuchsia elements

synths

sampl





N:Joy Generative Algorhythms ^__^)))

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