

**modular
synthesis
school**

MODULAR MOON

Modular Synthesis School Program for Public Workshops

Three Hours Of Modular with Tulpa Dusha

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Tulpa Dusha | Pete Johnston

Modular Sound Synthesis On the Moon



ABOUT MODULAR MOON

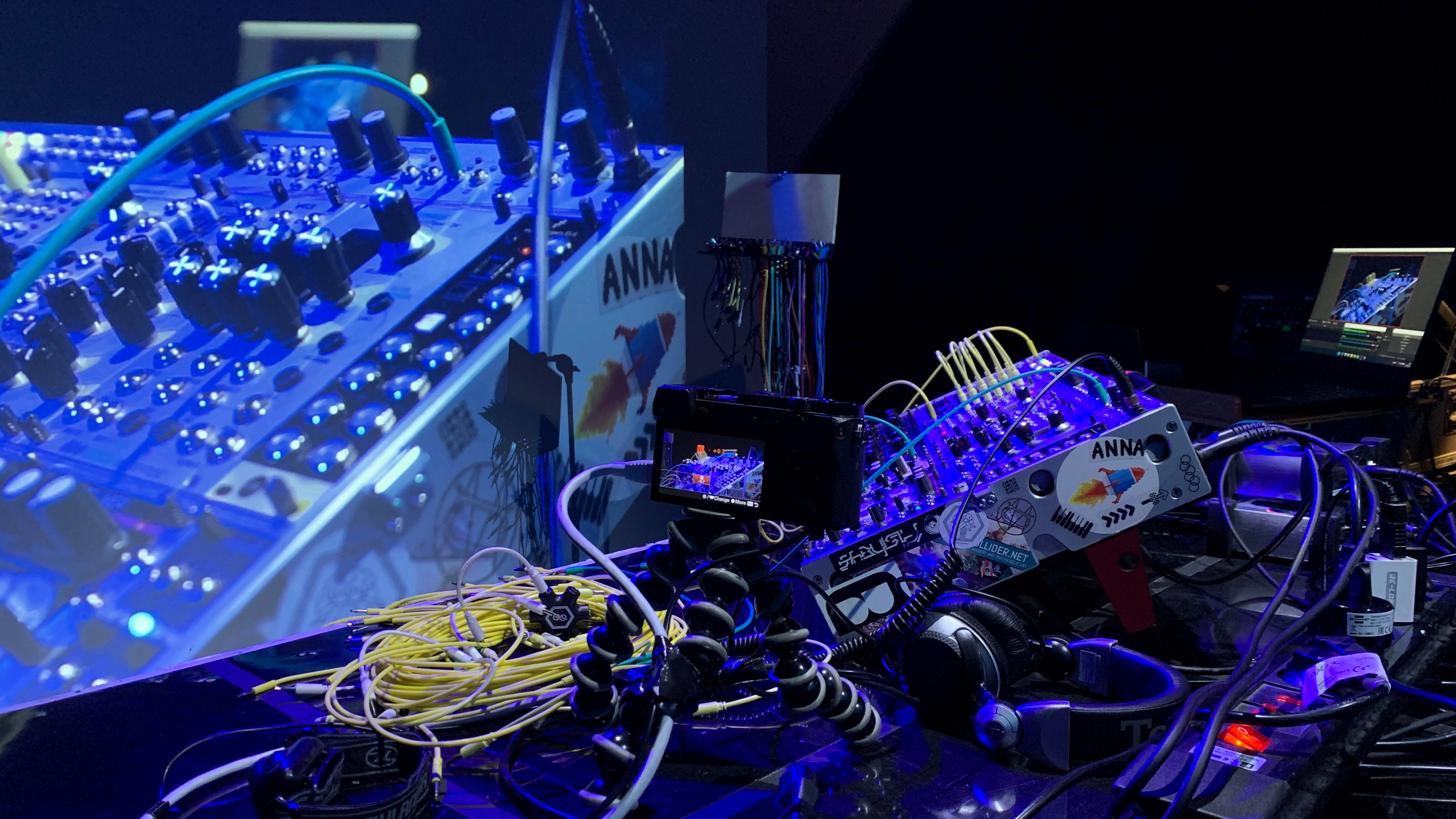
Modular Synthesis School

Modular Moon | Modular Synthesis School is the project, created in 2018 by Tulpa Dusha (Anna Martinova), DJ, Electronic Music Producer from the future.

The school developed unique method of learning the sound synthesis, that is described in Modular Sound Synthesis On The Moon, the book, by Tulpa Dusha and Pete Johnston. By now the school educated around a thousand people through the book, and has multiple sections in countries like Mexico, Russia, The Netherlands, Chile, India, Japan.

Besides the education activity, the school is developing series of synthesis tools, educational DIY kits and a game, in collaboration with artists and developers from all over the world.





TULPA DUSHA

From DJ to LIVE composing

Tulpa Dusha is 2 projects, created by Anna Martinova, a DJ, electronic music producer and educator. Tulpa audio stories are night dance oriented psychedelic techno improvisations. Tulpa DJ sets in dark psychedelic and dark progressive trance are played all over the world. Dusha is music, composer and sung by the artist.

STRUCTURE OF MASTERCLASS

Educational Map

Original program of the school is 5 months long, that we will have in express form over the next 3 hours. We will go through few major topics that will introduce you to the main aspects of sound synthesis.

THE PROGRAM

	Class	Curator	Chapter of the Book
1	Physics of Sound + Eurorack	Tulpa Dusha	2,3
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START -

Physics of sound -

Basic Building Blocks -

VCO, LFO -

VCF -

VCA, EG -

CV, Trig, Seq, Arp, Tracker -

DSP -

Patching -

Simple -

Complex -

Synthesis Methods -

Subtractive -

Additive -

FM -

Wave-fold -

Physical -

Sampling -

Wavetable -

Granular -

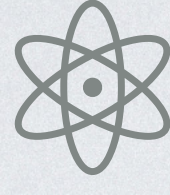
Kinetic -

Performance Logic -

Solo -

Collaboration -

DIY -



MODULATOR BASS

ТОН-ТОНЕ

СРЕЗ-СUT

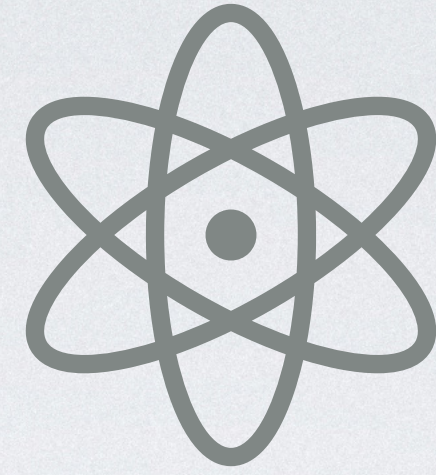
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МАСТОТА

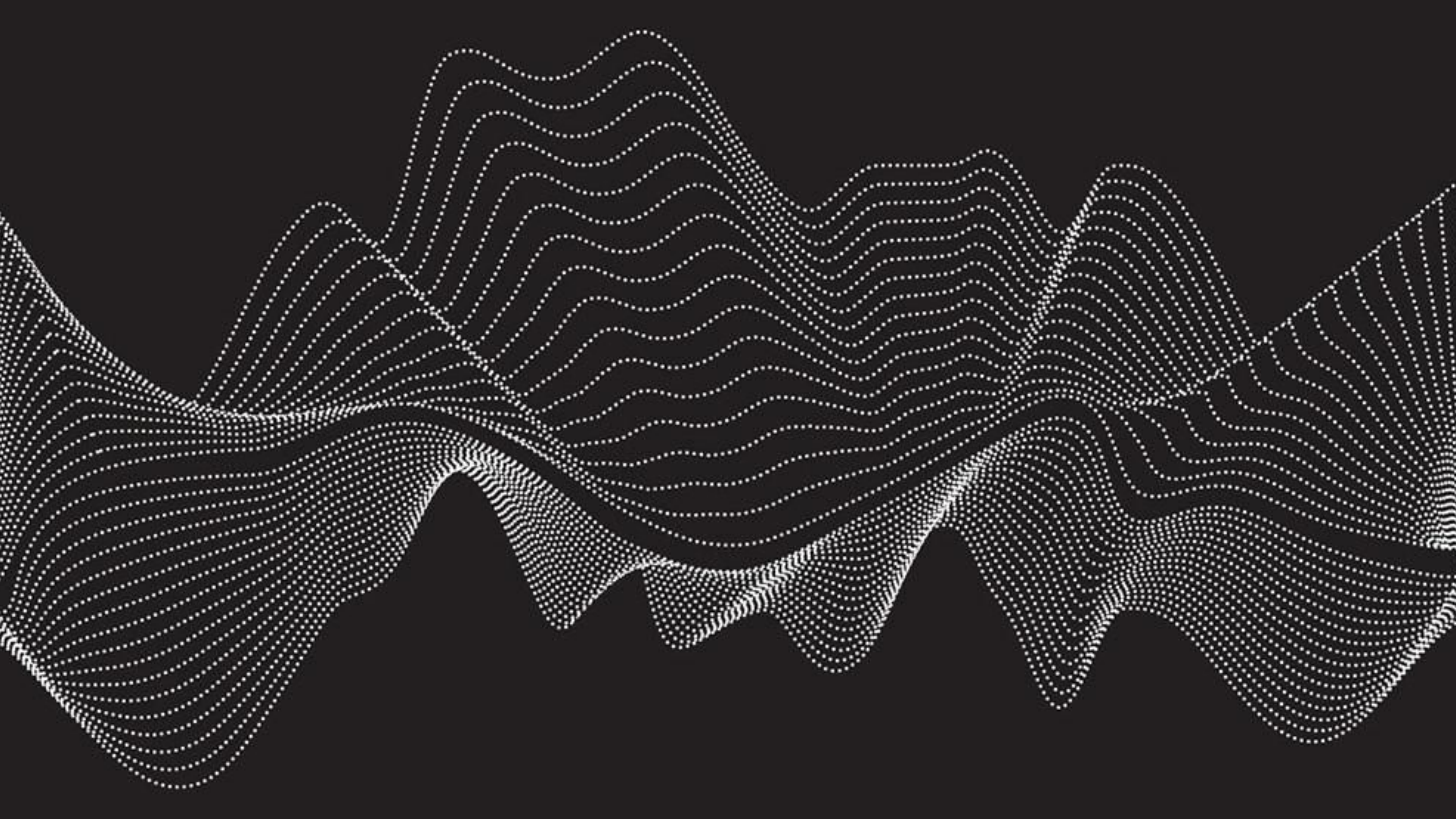


ГЛУШИНА
DEPTH



PHYSICS OF SOUND

+ EURORACK



PHYSICS OF SOUND

Sound travels through air in the form of pressure waves. All sounds are waveforms. Waveforms have following main attributes: pitch, timbre, dynamics, changes over time.

Pitch = Hz (cycles per second) | Frequency, Tune, Pitch

Timbre = character (piano or clarinet) | Tone

Dynamics = Loudness (dB) | Level, Loudness

Changes over time.

Waveforms contain overtones (harmonics).

Harmonics define the shape of the waveform, thus the timbre.

→ 20 Hz - 20 kHz

0 dB is not silence



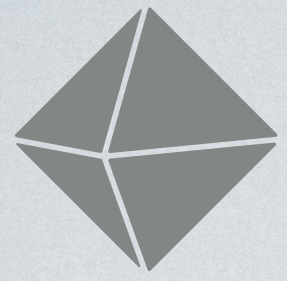
EURORACK

Eurorack is a format of machinery, that was born from Eurocard type systems.

- 1 U / 3 U
- Hp
- 3.5 mm mono jacks
- $\pm 12\text{ V}$ peak to peak
- Audio signals $\pm 10\text{ V}$, typically $\pm 5\text{ V}$ (-6 dB)
- CV : unipolar / bipolar, 0 - 10 V for unipolar, $\pm 5\text{ V}$ for bipolar
- 1 V / Oct scale is a pitch information
- Trig, gate or Clock are digital 0V - 5 V pulses

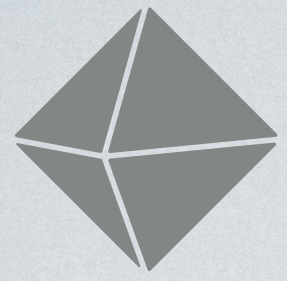


BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS



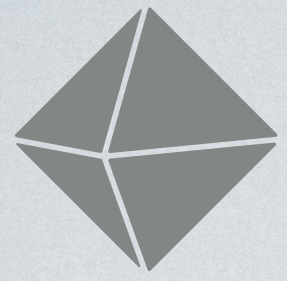
VCO, LFO

- 3 basic waveforms : triangle, saw, pulse (square)
- Pitch (Frequency), Oct Switch
- $1\text{ V} / \text{oct}$
- FM Lin / Exp
- PW
- PWM
- Soft / Hard Sync
- LFO = VCO



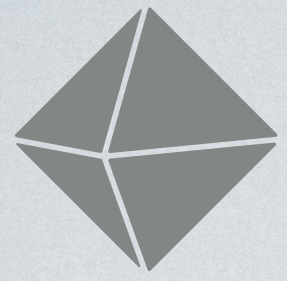
VCF

- Audio In
- LP, BP, HP
- Cut Off (Q)
- Resonance
- Cut Off CV input
- Resonance CV input
- I_v / Oct on VCF
- Stereo Filters



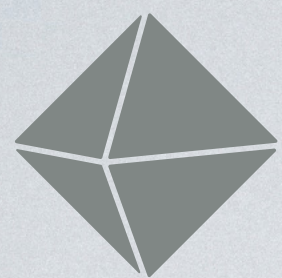
VCA, EG

- Audio In
- VCA: mixer
- VCA: attenuator
- VCA: amplifier
- EG: Envelope Generator
- Gate In
- A D S R
- Outputs, Inverted output



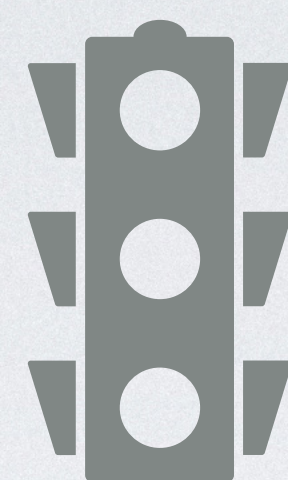
CV, Trig, Seq, Arp, Tracker

- Control Voltage
- Trigger Sequencer
- Pitch Per Step + Gate
- Arp
- Tracker

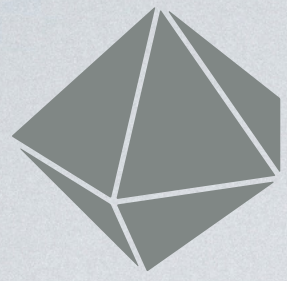


DSP

- Digital Signal Processor
- Delay
- Reverb
- FX

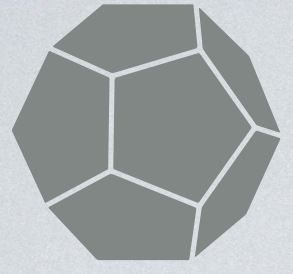


PATCHING



SIMPLE

- Source to Destination patch

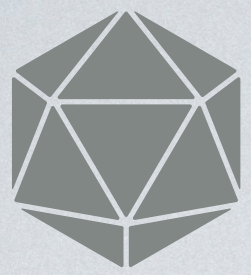


COMPLEX

- Multilayered performance patch



SYNTHESIS METHODS



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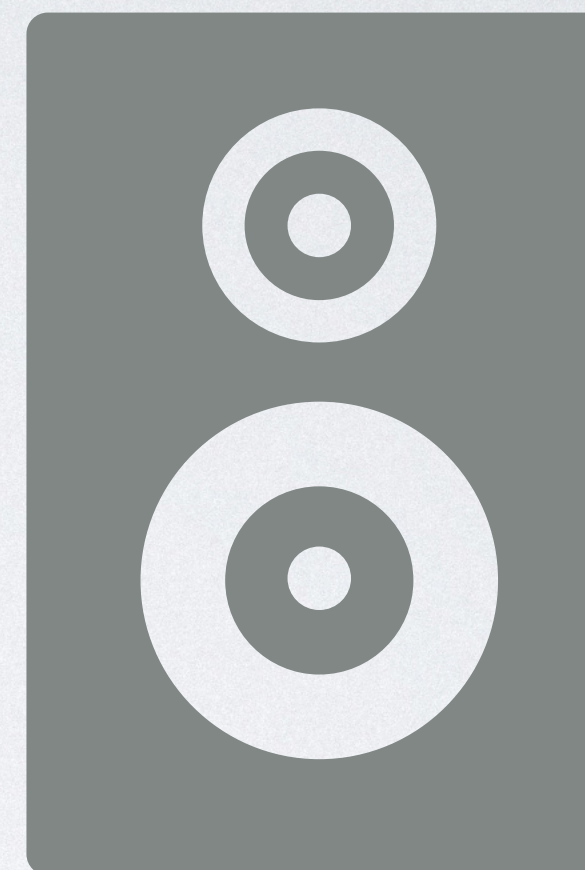
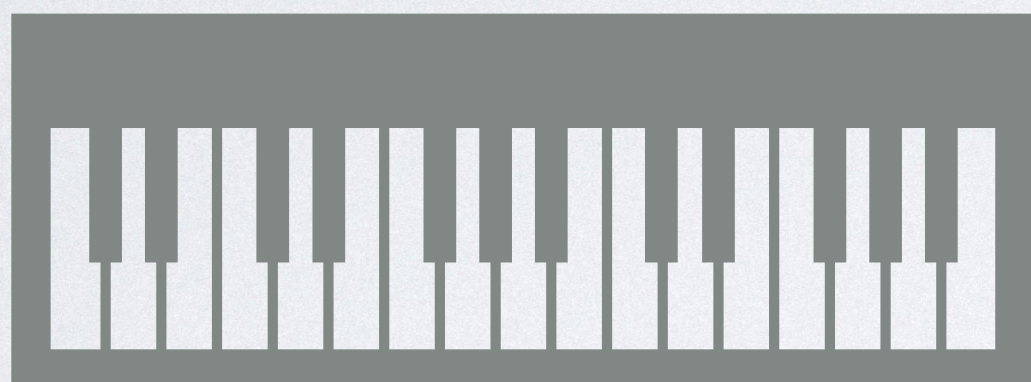
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- Kinetic

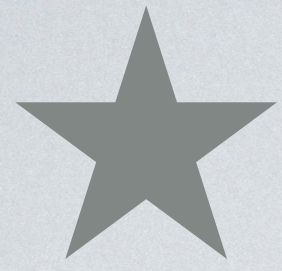


PERFORMANCE LOGIC

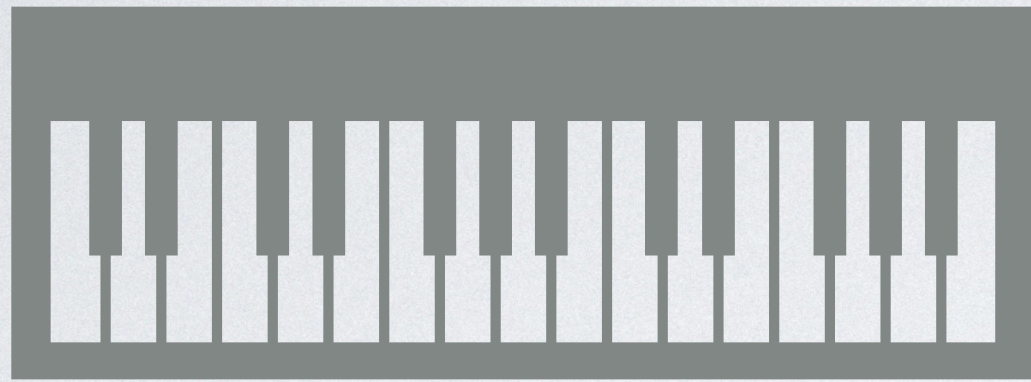


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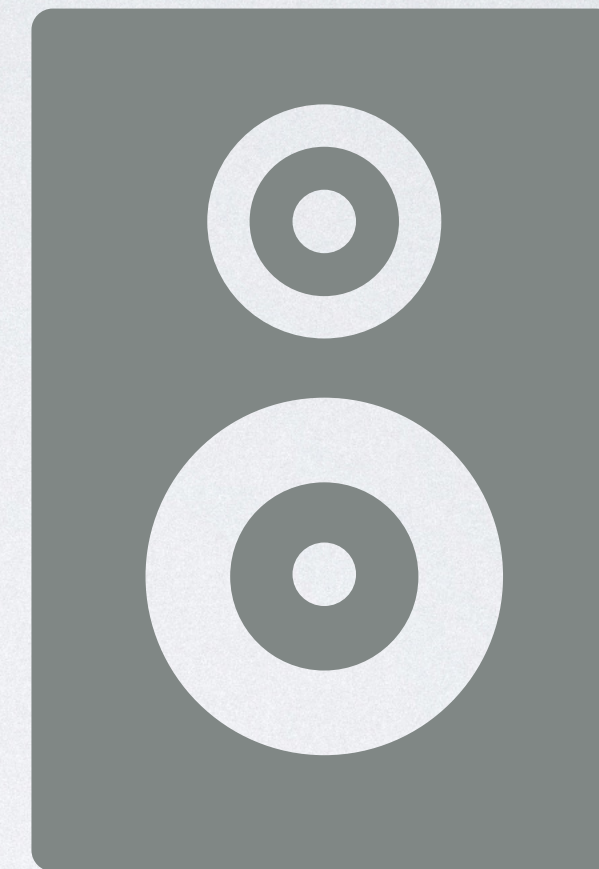


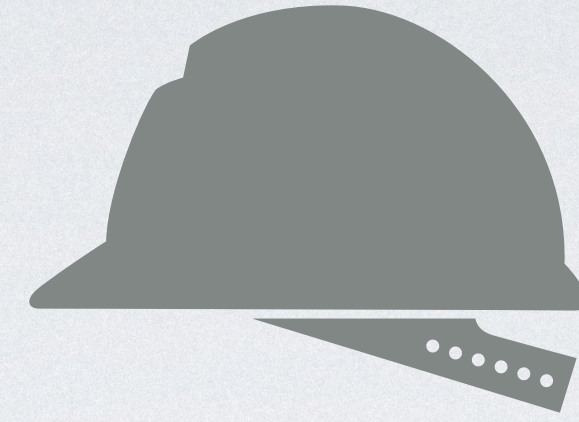


COLLABORATION



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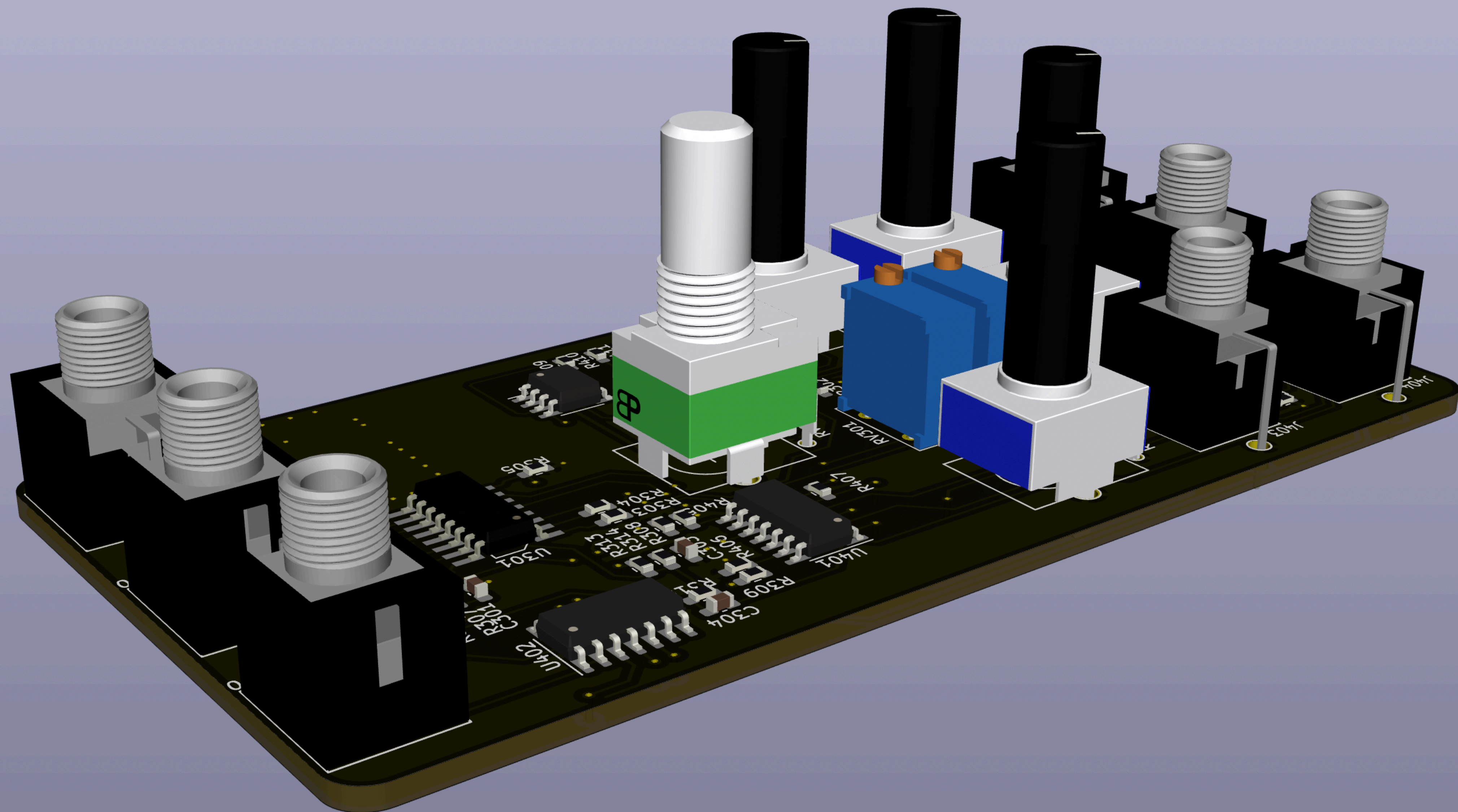


DIY

Creating Your Own Module



DIY sessions with local manufacturer invited to instruct is advised as an addition to the original program. Six hours as minimum of soldering a voice-like DIY kit with introduction into basic electronics.



LINKS

Extra sources for inspiration

www.tulpadusha.org

www.modularmoon.com

www.sound-objects.com

www.transistory.audio

www.modulargrid.net

<https://vcvrack.com>

<https://kyma.symbolicsound.com>

www.gric.at



Thank You

