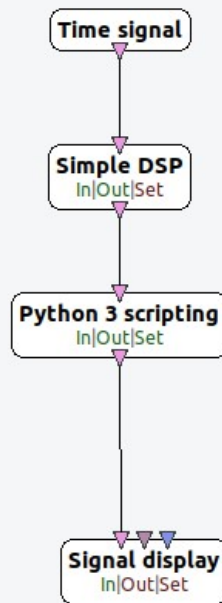


Prototyping with Python in OpenViBE

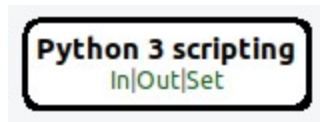


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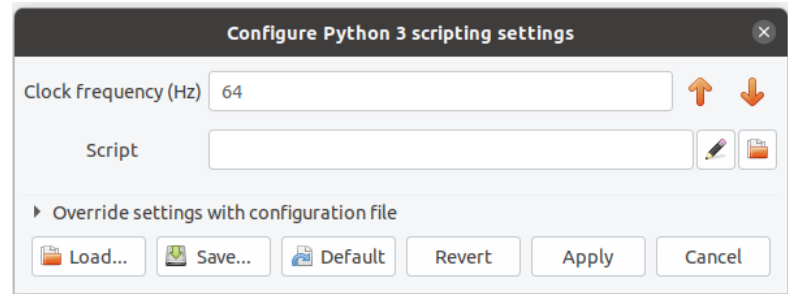
Why Python in OpenViBE ?

- Prototyping:
 - Implement a quickly a new box, that can be ported later to C++
- Extending:
 - You can't do what you want with the existing boxes
- Reuse of code:
 - You may already have the python implementation of a specific algorithm
- *Beware: Python processing will be much slower than its C++ equivalent*

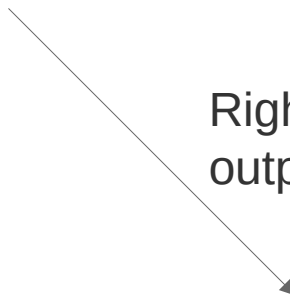
Getting started - Designer



Double-click



Right-click to add inputs,
outputs, settings...



Ready to plug and play !

Getting started - Script

What is needed :

- One class inheriting from OVBox
- 3 override methods that OpenViBE will call
- A 'box' variable for the class instance

Note : OpenViBE specific modules are imported automatically.

```
class MyOVBox(OVBox):  
    def __init__(self):  
        OVBox.__init__(self)  
  
    def initialize(self):  
        # This method is called once when the scenario is started  
        # Initialize class members  
        # Maybe send streams Headers  
  
    def process(self):  
        # Get Inputs (stimulations, signal or matrix)  
        # Process the inputs  
        # Generate output (signal, stimulation, display...)  
  
    def uninitialize(self):  
        # Release data  
        # Maybe send streams Enders
```

```
box = MyOVBox()
```

Getting started – Python objects

Stream objects – Inherit OVChunk:

- Signal
 - *OVSignalHeader, Buffer, End*
- StreamedMatrix
 - *OVStreamedMatrixHeader, Buffer, End*
- Stimulation
 - *OVStimulationHeader, Set, End*
- OVBuffer :
 - *Deque containing OVChunk objects*

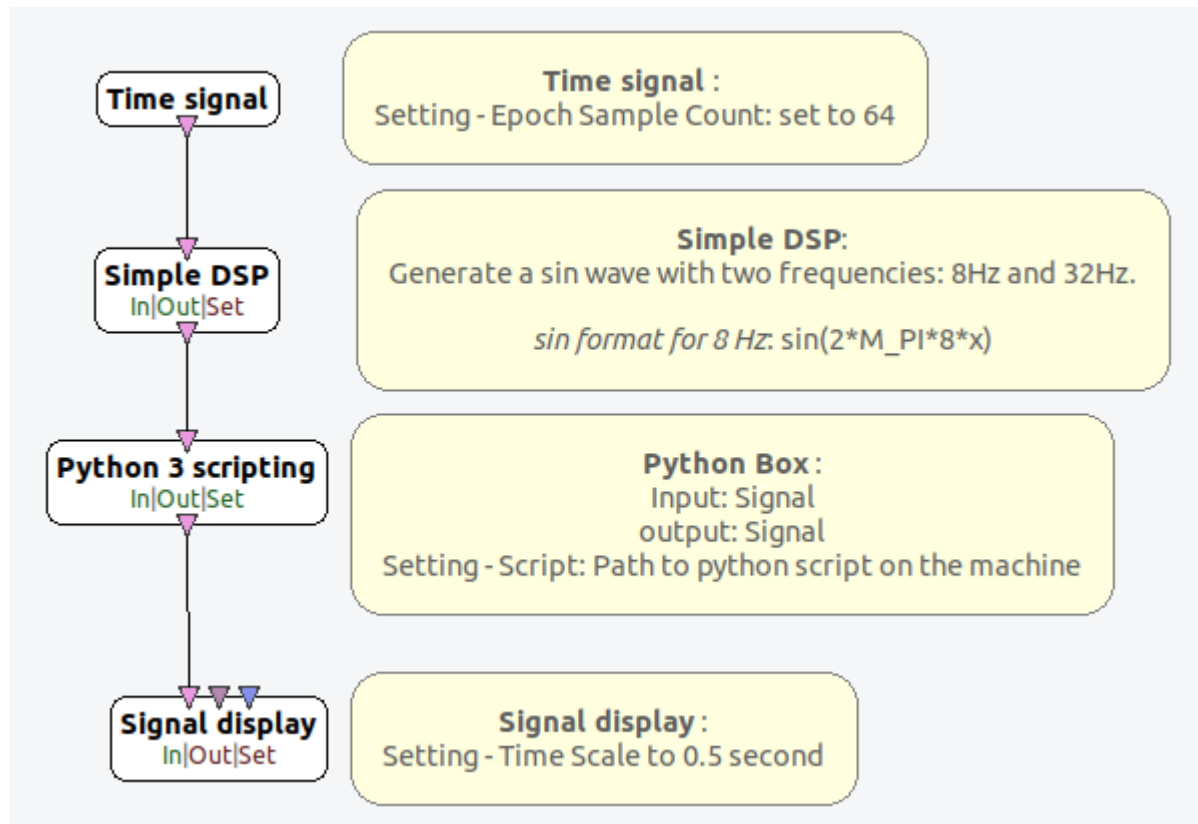
Class members :

- self.input : list(OVBuffer)
 - *Get chunk of data on input 1: self.input[0].pop()*
- self.output : list(OVBuffer)
 - *Add chunk of data to output 1 : self.output[0].append(chunk)*
- self.setting : dict()
 - *Get parameter value : param = self.setting['name']*

Note: The **OVSignalBuffer** and **OVStreamedMatrixBuffer** types can be **used as lists to access the data**

More details on the data types and how to use them on the [OpenVibe website](#).

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```
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    # Declare signal header  
    self.signalHeader = None
```

```
def process(self):  
    # Loop through input 1 chunks  
    # Check if chunk is Header, Buffer or End  
    # For each, forward it to output 1
```

```
def uninitialize(self):  
    pass
```

Tips : You can use `print()` in order to debug. Anything you print appears in the logs.

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        OVBox.__init__(self)

    def initialize(self):
        # Declare signal header
        self.signalHeader = None

    def process(self):
        for chunkIdx in range( len(self.input[0]) ):
            if(type(self.input[0][chunkIdx]) == OVSignalHeader):
                self.signalHeader = self.input[0].pop()

                # Output the same header for signal
                self.output[0].append(self.signalHeader)

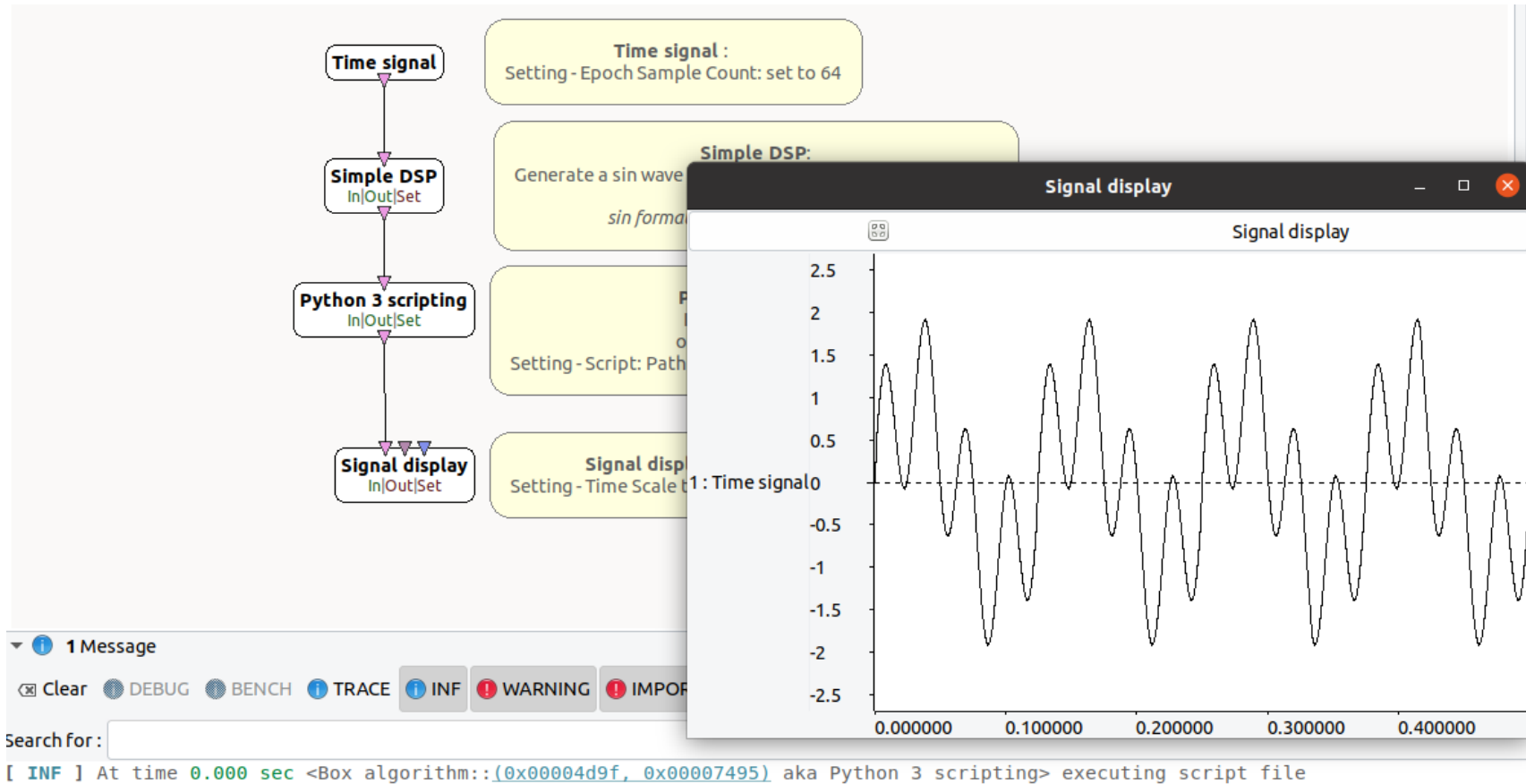
            elif(type(self.input[0][chunkIdx]) == OVSignalBuffer):
                chunk = self.input[0].pop()

                # Output signal
                outChunk = OVSignalBuffer(chunk.startTime, chunk.endTime, chunk)
                self.output[0].append(outChunk)

            elif(type(self.input[0][chunkIdx]) == OVSignalEnd):
                self.output[0].append(self.input[0].pop())
```

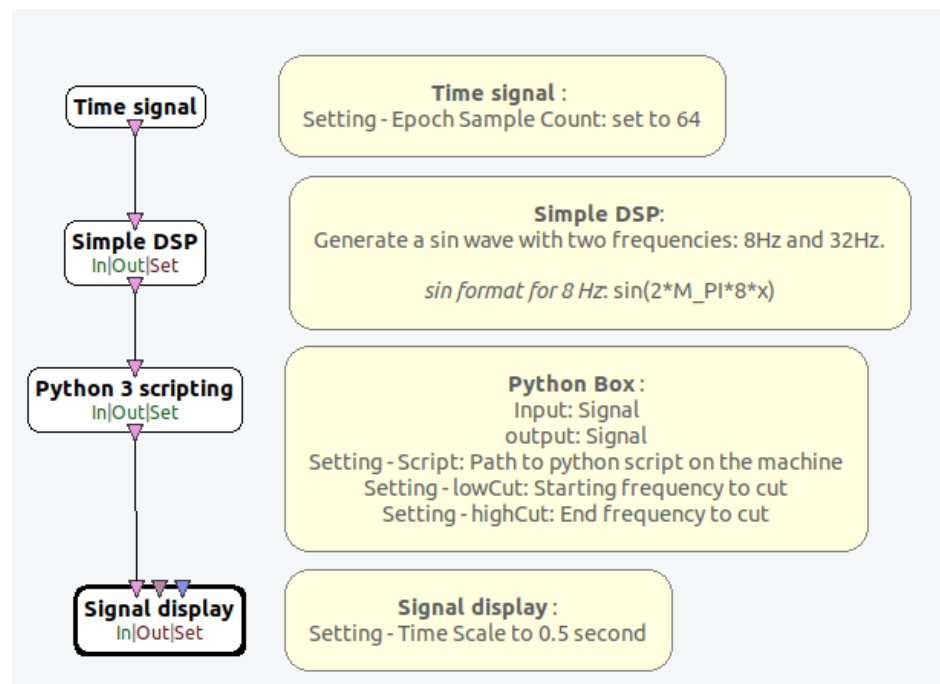
```
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```


Step 1: Create a passthrough script



Step 2: Frequency band cut

- Goal : Remove the 32 Hz component of the signal
- Box update: Add lowCut and highCut Settings to python box to provide a range of frequencies to remove



Step 2: Frequency band cut

Configure Python 3 scripting settings ✕

Clock frequency (Hz) ↑ ↓

Script ✎ 📁

Low cut (Hz) ↑ ↓

High cut (Hz) ↑ ↓

▸ Override settings with configuration file

Step 2: Frequency band cut

- Use FFT functionalities from numpy:
 - *install numpy in terminal: pip3 install numpy*
 - *Useful functions : numpy.fft.fft(), numpy.fft.fftfreq() & numpy.fft.ifft()*

How does a FFT work :

- Estimates spectrum of signal
- The amount of frequency bins in the spectrum depends on the amount of samples processed :

$$FFT_{bins} = \frac{N_{Samples}}{2}$$

- With a sample count of 64, we will have 32 freq. bins
- The actual spectrum will have 64 bins, but split into 32 positive bins and 32 negative bins which mirror each other.

Step 2: Frequency band cut

```
def initialize(self):  
    # Initialize parameters for frequency cuts:  
    # self.lowCut = ...  
    # self.highCut = ...
```

```
def process(self):  
    # Loop through input 1 chunks  
    # Check if chunk is Header, Buffer or End  
    # If Header:  
        # Define FFT frequency bins from Header using the number of samples provided by dimensionSizes member.  
        # Filter positive frequencies  
        # Establish frequency bins indexes that need removing  
        # Forward Header  
    # If Buffer:  
        # Process FFT on Buffer  
        # Remove frequency bins needed  
        # Process inverse FFT  
        # Output filtered chunk on output 1  
    # If End:  
        # Forward End
```

Step 2: Frequency band cut

```
def initialize(self):  
    # Declare signal header  
    self.signalHeader = None  
  
    # Initialize parameters for frequency cuts:  
    self.lowCut = int(self.setting['Low cut (Hz)'])  
    self.highCut = int(self.setting['High cut (Hz)'])  
    print(f"low cut = {self.lowCut}")  
    print(f"high cut = {self.highCut}")  
  
    # initialize FFT frequency bins indexes to cut  
    self.freqIdxToCut = []
```

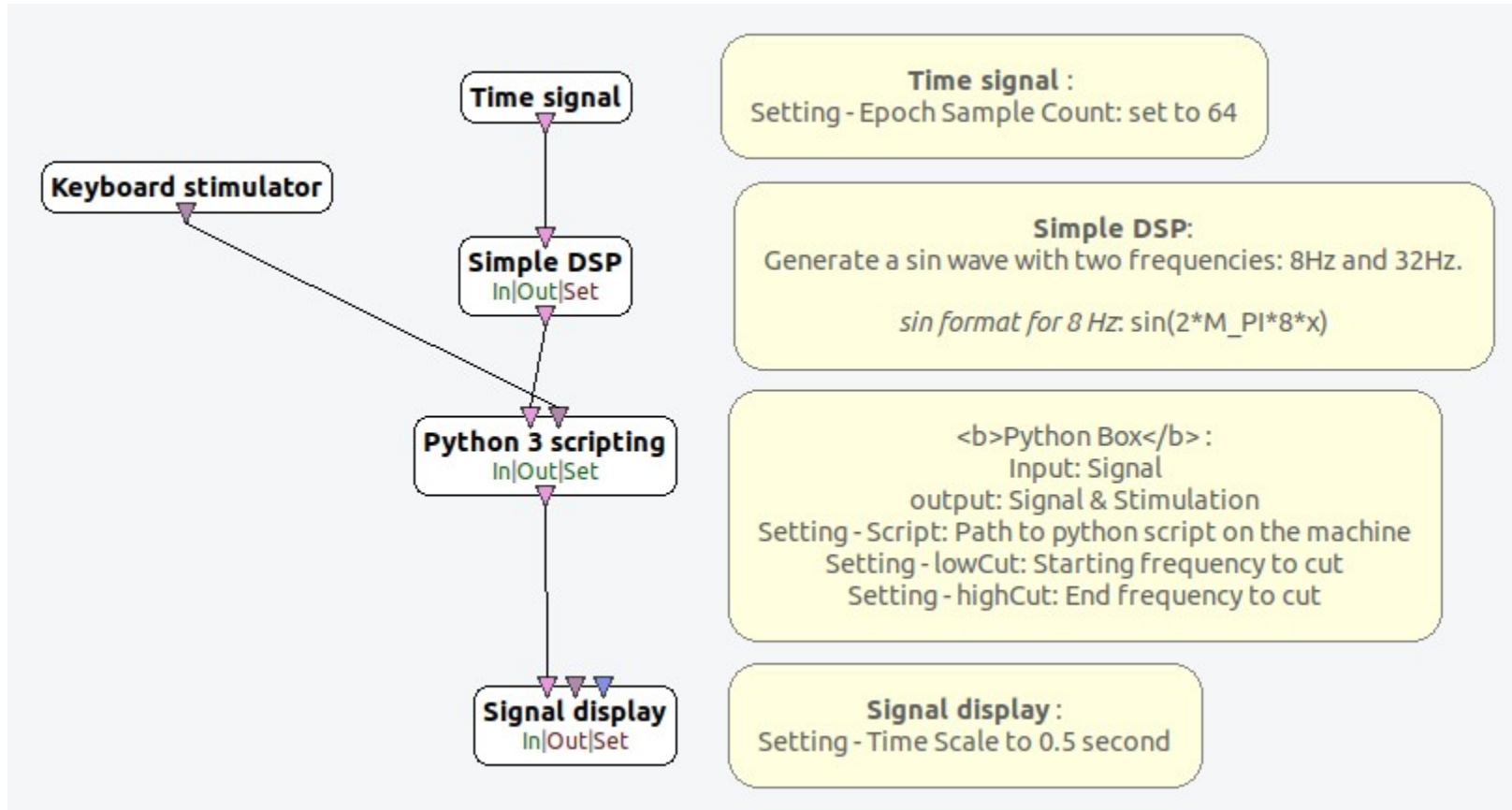
```
def process(self):  
    for chunkIdx in range( len(self.input[0]) ):  
        if(type(self.input[0][chunkIdx]) == OVSignalHeader):  
            self.signalHeader = self.input[0].pop()  
  
            # Initialize frequency bins and initialize which will be cut  
            freq = np.fft.fftfreq(self.signalHeader.dimensionSizes[1])  
            freq = [f * self.signalHeader.samplingRate for f in freq[:len(freq)//2]]  
  
            for idx, f in enumerate(freq):  
                if int(f) >= self.lowCut and int(f) <= self.highCut:  
                    self.freqIdxToCut.append(idx)  
            print(f"indexes to cut: {self.freqIdxToCut}")  
  
            # Output the same header for signal  
            self.output[0].append(self.signalHeader)  
  
        elif(type(self.input[0][chunkIdx]) == OVSignalBuffer):  
            chunk = self.input[0].pop()  
  
            # Process FFT: numpy.fft.fft()  
            fft = np.fft.fft(chunk)  
  
            # Remove frequencies  
            for i in self.freqIdxToCut:  
                fft[i] = 0.0  
                fft[-i] = 0.0  
  
            # Inverse FFT: numpy.fft.ifft()  
            filteredSignal = np.fft.ifft(fft)  
  
            # Output signal  
            outChunk = OVSignalBuffer(chunk.startTime, chunk.endTime, filteredSignal)  
            self.output[0].append(outChunk)  
  
        elif(type(self.input[0][chunkIdx]) == OVSignalEnd):  
            self.output[0].append(self.input[0].pop())
```

Step 2: Frequency band cut

The screenshot displays a software interface for signal processing. On the left, a vertical flowchart shows four components: 'Time signal', 'Simple DSP', 'Python 3 scripting', and 'Signal display', connected by downward arrows. To the right of the flowchart are several yellow callout boxes: 'Time signal : Setting - Epoch Sample Count: set to 64', 'Simple DSP: Generate a sin wave with two frequencies: 8Hz and 32Hz.', and others partially visible. A 'Signal display' window is overlaid on the right, showing a plot of a signal with two frequencies. The y-axis ranges from -1.25 to 1.25, and the x-axis ranges from 0.000000 to 0.400000. The plot shows a complex periodic waveform. Below the flowchart, a message log shows two messages:

```
[ INF ] At time 0.000 sec <Box algorithm::(0x00004d9f, 0x00007495) aka Python 3 scripting> executing script file  
low cut = 32  
high cut = 48  
[ INF ] At time 0.000 sec <Box algorithm::(0x00004d9f, 0x00007495) aka Python 3 scripting> indexes to cut: [4, 5, 6]
```

Step 3: Control band cut



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Code addition for initialize and process methods.

```
def initialize(self):  
    # Initialize flag to activate the process filtering
```

```
def process(self):  
    # Loop through input 2 chunks  
    # Activate filtering when receiving stim ID 33025 (keyboard 'a')  
    # Deactivate filtering when receiving stim ID 33026 (keyboard 'z')
```

Finally: You can use the flag to either send filter the signal or just pass it through

Step 3: Control band cut

```
def initialize(self):
    # Initialize flag to activate the process filtering
    self.filterOn = False

    # Declare signal header
    self.signalHeader = None

    # Initialize parameters for frequency cuts:
    self.lowCut = int(self.setting['Low cut (Hz)'])
    self.highCut = int(self.setting['High cut (Hz)'])
    print(f"low cut = {self.lowCut}")
    print(f"high cut = {self.highCut}")

    # initialize FFT frequency bins indexes to cut
    self.freqIdxToCut = []
```

```
def process(self):
    for chunkIdx in range( len(self.input[1]) ):
        if(type(self.input[1][chunkIdx]) == OVStimulationSet):
            stimSet = self.input[1].pop()
            for stim in stimSet:
                if stim.identifier == 33025:
                    self.filterOn = True
                if stim.identifier == 33026:
                    self.filterOn = False

    for chunkIdx in range( len(self.input[0]) ):
        if(type(self.input[0][chunkIdx]) == OVSignalHeader):
            self.signalHeader = self.innput[0].pop()
```

```
elif(type(self.input[0][chunkIdx]) == OVSignalBuffer):
    chunk = self.input[0].pop()

    if self.filterOn == False:
        outChunk = chunk
    else:
        # Process FFT: numpy.fft.fft()
        fft = np.fft.fft(chunk)
```

Thank you for your attention !

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