

# **pmpd**

## **Physical Modelling for pd**

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### **Abstract**

*pmpd is a collection of object for pd. These objects provide real-time simulations, specially physical behaviors. pmpd can be used to create natural dynamic systems, like a bouncing ball, string movement, Brownian movement, chaos, fluid dynamics, sand, gravitation, and more. It can also be used to create displacements thus allowing a completely dynamic approach of pd computing.*

*With pmpd physical dynamics can be modelled without knowing the global equation of the movement. Only the cause of the movement and the involved structure are needed for the simulation. pmpd provides the basic objects for this kind of simulation. Assembling them allows the creation of a very large variety of dynamic systems .*

*These object are designed to be used with pd (pd). pd is a real time graphical programming environment dedicated for audio signal processing. Pd allow the creation of object and it is well adapted of the creation of particular physical modelling. GEM is a pd library dedicated to images processing [14]. In the provided pmpd examples, GEM is used for the movement visualisation.*

# State of the art

Physical modelling is widely used in audio/video synthesis. Physical modelling can be used to not only modelled real world sounds [4], it can also produce sound that are not found in nature (i.e. string out of glass etc..)

pmpd is an approach to models made of particles, which are only one of many possible dynamics system [7].

TAO synth is a software [3] dedicated to particular physical modelling for audio synthesis. It is not dedicated for real time use. TAO allow a wide range of excitations and resonant structures.

Cordis Anima is a particular physical modelling environment for component synthesis (with both audio and video). [9]

A common limitation is that personal computers do not allow rapid real time simulation for complex particular models.

pd is a real time programming environment for audio and video synthesis [2]. Moreover:

- it is a free software.
- it can be used on most personal computer and operating system
- the object oriented paradigm of pd is well adapted to such simulations

Since Max/MSP is very similar to pd (except for first point above!), the pmpd objects can be ported to Max/MSP, and used like the originals.

Some pd object already provide physical modelling, namely for audio synthesis [11] [10]. Since these objects do not aim to solve general physical modelling problems and often function at the audio rate, they are not well adapted to dynamic simulations.

On the other hand, some pd object provide high level component, like various chaos objects [6]. This kind of object can not really be modified or adapted to create more deterministic behavior.

pmpd provide a very flexible way to particle physical modelling simulation and other kind of component based model [8]. Using pmpd with pd programming environment allow real time interactions with this simulation. [5]

All of the pmpd objects work with control data (as opposed to audio signals). This means that they do not generate audio directly. However, they can easily be used to *control* audio engines, i.e.: you can not hear the sound of a vibrating string because it will not move enough fast; but you can use the movement of this particles along a string to perform additive synthesis.

This is the primary limitation of pmpd, dynamic modelling requires too much CPU to be performed at audio rates. It can only be used to generate components.

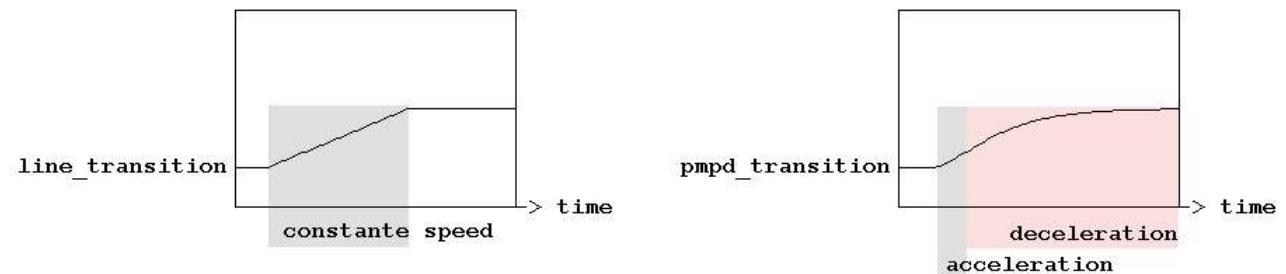
pmpd can be download here:

<http://drpichon.free.fr/pmpd/download/>

# Introduction

## natural comportment

The aim of pmpd is to create different kinds of behavior for sound and video processing using pd. Moreover, the modelling of dynamic physical systems can easily be done with pmpd.



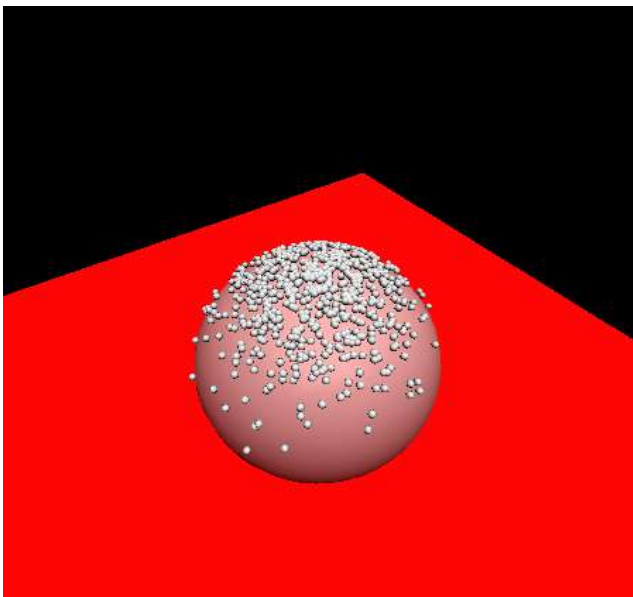
**Figure 1:** transition using “line” object or pmpd objects.

Figure 1 shows two different kind of a parameter transitions. The first transition is made with a native pd object: “line” which can go to a value in a given amount of time. The second is made using pmpd objects.

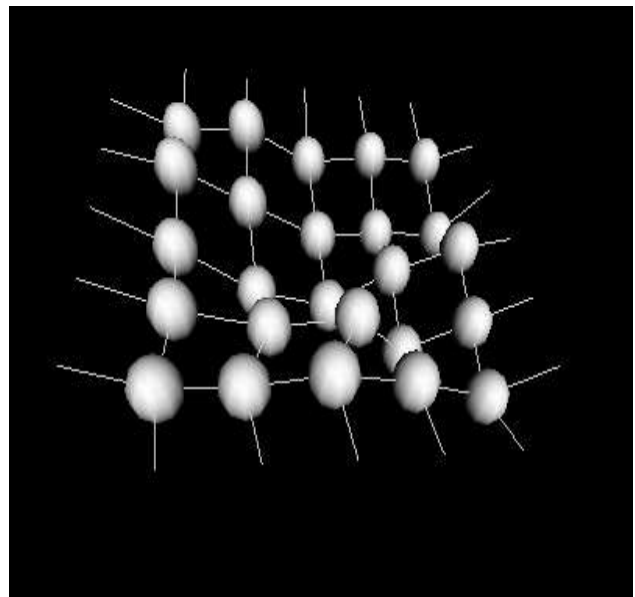
The transition made with pmpd shows a more—so to say—“natural” evolution than the first one. It shows an acceleration and a deceleration time. The shape of the transition can be changed using physical values. This idea can also be used in audio synthesis, where one may desire the sound to be modulated in a “natural” way. pmpd is just providing an easy way in pd to generate this behavior.

The pmpd objects can also be used for more complex simulation, in a 1, 2 or 3 dimensions space. For instance, simulations of gas, paste, and sand can be made in real time on common personal computers.

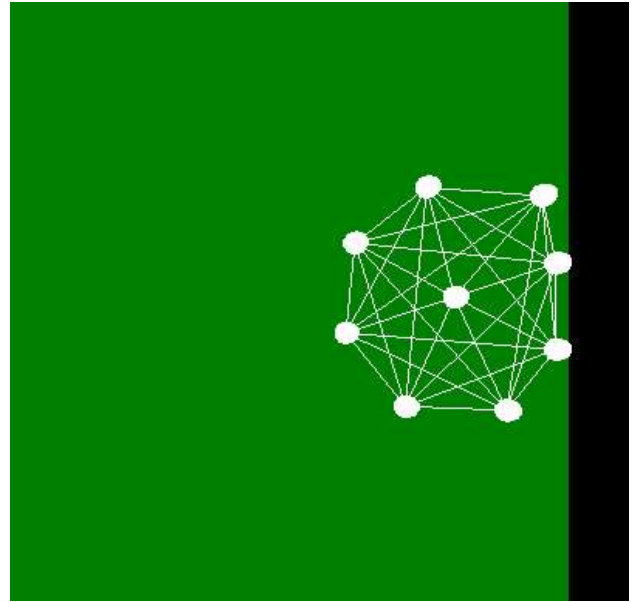
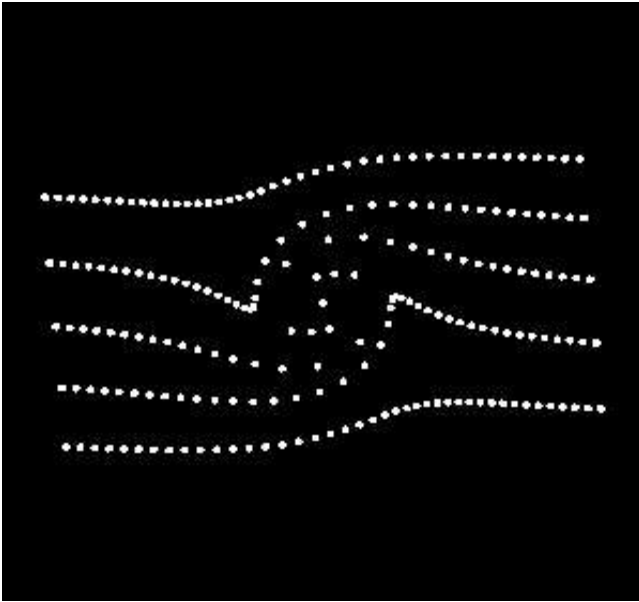
Examples:



a) smalls particle falling on a 3D object



b) 3D membrane



c) 2D fluid motion: vortex on a non viscous fluid

d) 2D structure interacting with a "wall"

**Figure 2:** Different simulation using pmpd with pd and GEM

Figure 2 shows four different kinds of simulation using pmpd.

a) A few hundred small particle falling on a distorted sphere (3D simulation).

b) A small 3D membrane composed by a set of spherical masses and links between the masses. This structure is linked to a non moving referential. Forces can be applied to one or more masses. The structure can move in the same way as a square elastic membrane.

c) A 2D fluid dynamics simulation: pmpd is used to display some fluid particles in motion.

The motion and rebounding of a "ball" is modelled in 2D with 9 masses.

You can find the patch used for the generation of these pictures in the pmpd examples files.

### Real-time simulation

To allow real time interaction, "Mass" objects accept force and displacement messages from the user. pd can then be use to provide automation or interaction between the user and the simulation. The extreme modularity of pd can offer a very large variety of interaction with the simulation.

# Bases

This library is designed to provide high level objects (each pmpd object can be made as pd abstraction). These objects are low level compartment objects. Assembling these objects can generate complex behavior due to the interaction of the basic objects. pmpd implements the basic objects thus allowing particle-base physical modelling.

Very complex behaviors can be simulated without knowing the global equation of the movement. Only the cause of the movement and the evolved structure are needed for the simulation. pmpd can then easily be used for the simulation of a very large variety of compartment.

Complex simulations are basically made using two kind of elementary objects: “mass” and “link”.

## Mass

“mass” objects react like a piont mass. It takes forces at its input, and output its position. It move according to the Newtonian dynamics:

$$\sum F = m \gamma$$

“mass” objects got inertia, but they are punctual (they can not rotate). For each time iteration, they make the summation of forces apply to their inlet to know the acceleration to have (positive or negative).

## Link

“link” objects take two mass positions and output two opposite forces depending on the relative position and speed of the masses.

Links are visco-elastic connections between two masses, we will see other kind of link later. Hook's law describes the elasticity:

$$F = K X$$

where K is the rigidity and X is the elongation of the link.

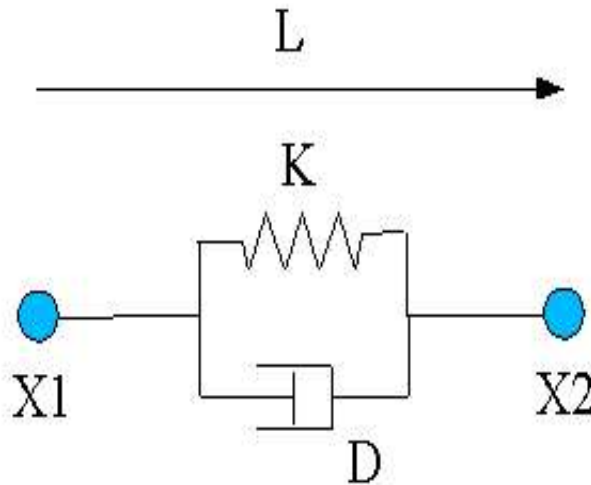
Viscosity is modelled with:

$$F = D V$$

where D is the damping of the link and V is the relative speed of two masses.

The force generated by a visco-elastic link is the sum of these two forces.

$$F = K X + D V$$



**Figure 3:** overview of a link

## Units

mpmd does not use specific units, you can choose your own. However, you should try to use units you that are consistent. i.e: you chose inches for the distance unit, then rigidity unit should be force unit divide by inches. Things are relative: a mass weighting 10 will react the same way to a force of 1 than a mass of 100 to a force of 10.

## Metronome

A time reference is needed to compute the simulation. mpmd uses an “external” scheduler.; the user has to send a scheduler event to mpmd object.

This mechanism was chosen purposefully. The desired advantages were:

- You can easily change the speed of the simulation (adjust on the CPU speed).
- You can stop different parts of the simulation when you do not need them.
- You can synchronise to video rendering if desired.
- mpmd needs to compute all mass movement together and all link interaction together.

An external metronome is well adapted to this task.

The speed of the metronome should depend of the speed of the movement you want to simulate. There is no general law to know the metronome speed, but: the faster the metro, the faster the simulation can be. The metronome should be faster than the highest frequency of the movement you want to simulate.

The metronome corresponds with the time discretization of the equations.

States of the model are computed in discrete time. i.e. displacement of a mass is not a function, but a finite serial of point: X(n).

Velocity at time = t: V(t) is define by:

$$\frac{X(t) - X(t-1)}{dT}$$

dT is the small time delta between two consecutive iterations.

Similarly, acceleration at time t is define by:

$$\frac{V(t) - V(t-1)}{dT}$$

So Acceleration ( $\gamma$ ) is:

$$\frac{X(t-2) - 2X(t-1) + X(t)}{dT^2}$$

including equation:  $\sum F = m \gamma$  gives:

$$X(t) = \sum F * C - X(t-2) + 2X(t-1)$$

where the constant C is given by:

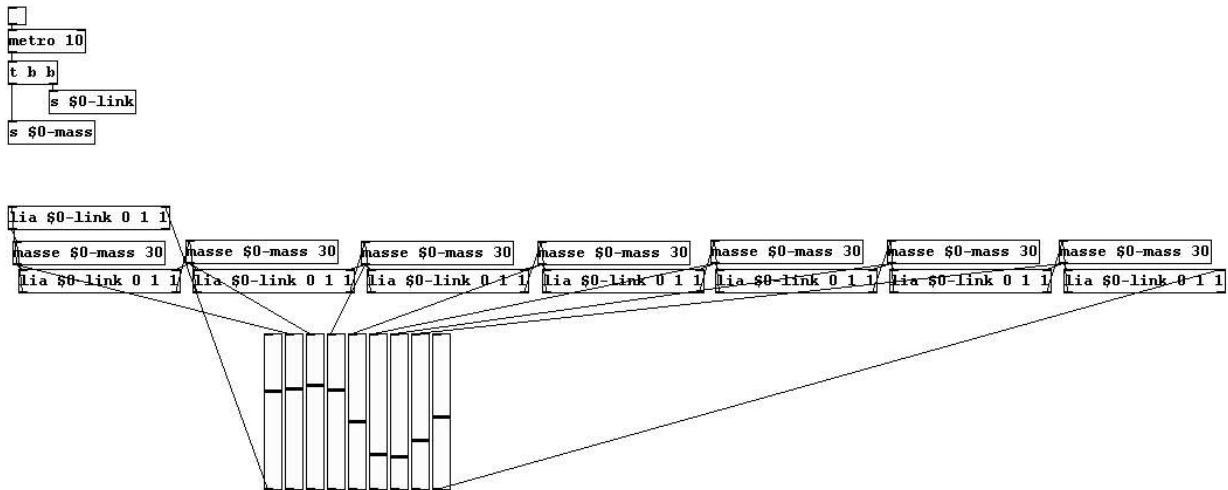
$$C = \frac{dT^2}{m}$$

mpd gives a default value of 1 to  $dT^2$ .

This shows how to compute the current position of a mass while knowing the force applied to it and its last two positions.

## Name

For patching simplification mass and link objects have a name. It is the first argument for the object creation. It is used to receive information (pd messages). All masses with the same name defined a class of mass.



**figure 4:** sending bang without connection

Figure 4 shows how “bang” messages are pass to a set of masses and linsk without creating pd connection.

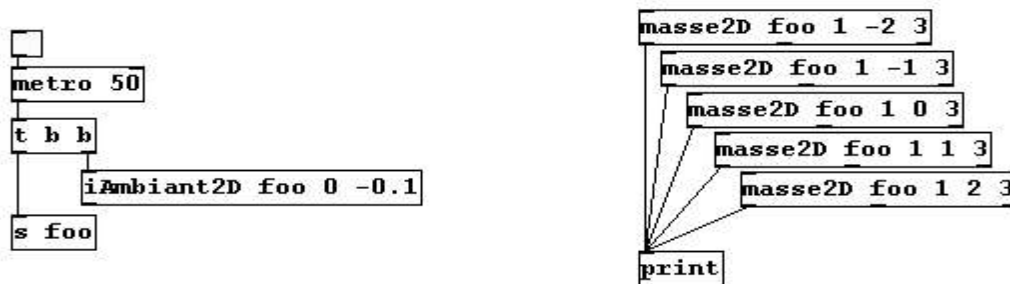
It can save patching time, and should be used for patch simplification.

## Interactors objects

Interactor objects act as link object but provide patching facility.

In effect, a single object can create an interaction with a entire class of masses.

Interactor objects should be created with a name. This name is the name of the masses it is connected to.

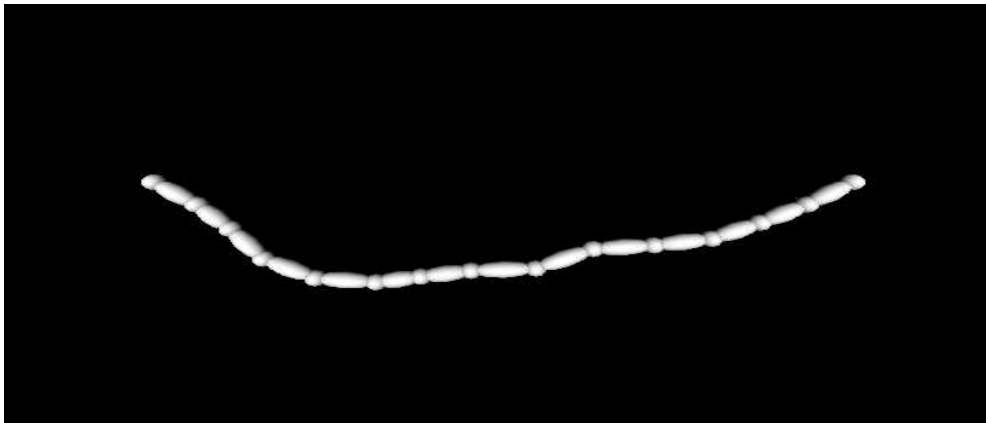


**Figure 5:** sending forces to a class of mass

In Figure 5, all masses are subject to an ambient constant force. This force can be viewed as gravity force applied to every mass named “foo”. Masses with other name will not be sensitive to this interactor. Different interactor objects provide interactions with a point, a line and other simple primitives.

### Test objects

The objects test the position—as well as distance, speed from a point, a line, orientation...—of a mass. Thereby, pd has access to much information regarding the state of the system. This allows interaction with the rest of the patch. Another test object gives information about the link (deformation, speed of deformation, orientation...)



**Figure 6:** “tLink” example

Figure 6 shows how to use the “tLink2D” object to determine the size and orientation of a rendered link between two spherical masses.

### Displacement

Masses can also be displaced without inertia (translated), according to displacement message. This is not physical behavior, but can be useful for different reasons:

- If you know the global equation of a movement, you can use displacement message to simulate this equation (like in the provided vertex examples).



-You can use this to create non “unnatural” movements of your desire

## Using pmpd

### Compilation

The pmpd library only performs mathematical calculations, so there is no dependencies. Compilation should be very easy: Go to the pmpd folder and type make pd\_linux, pd\_darwin or pd\_nt depending on the platform you are using. For other platforms, you should modify the makefile.

In any case, binary files are provide for this 3 OS (compiled for pd 0.37).

### Installation

For testing pmpd, you can load “00\_pmpd” patch: it will load the library in pd's memory (if pmpd lib is in the same directory). All pmpd object can then be created.

For daily use, you can put pmpd somewhere pd will find it (or add -path were\_pmpd\_is) then add -lib pmpd on you command line (in the .pdrc file for linux / OSX user, or in your .bat file for win32 users). You should now see the pmpd text line on the pd log when you start pd.

You should also move the help files to your /pd/doc/5.reference directory.

### Examples

The best way to understand the capabilities of pmpd is to try the set of examples. These examples provide a wild range of different applications of pmpd, and some explanation of how pmpd works. You need a recent version of pd (i.e. 0.37, not tested on earlier versions). Most of the examples use GEM for the visualisation of the virtual world. GEM 0.888 is recommended: some examples may not work on earlier version. There are no other dependencies.

GEM is then needed to use the examples. But there is no need to have gem to use pmpd: you can use it only for audio synthesis.

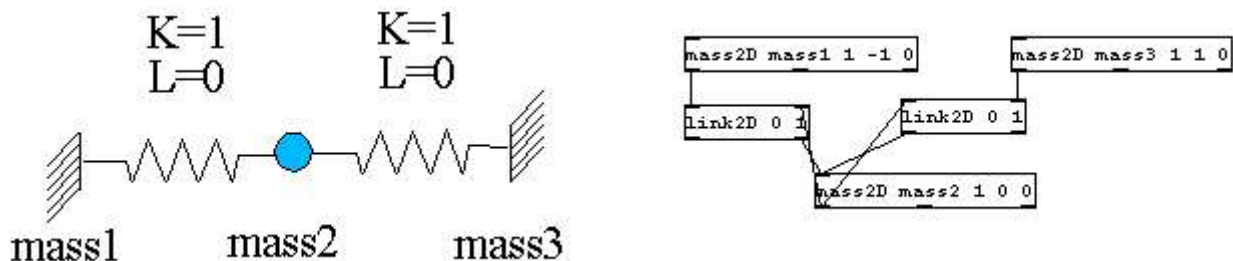
The aim of the provided examples is only to describe behavior of a system, not to make artful graphical effects.

After seeing the examples, you can try creating your first patch using these objects. Look at the help files for more specific information on each object.

### Using pmpd with pd

“Mass” and “link” objects have to be connected in the following way:

- “mass” objects send position and receive force from “link” objects
- “link” objects receive two mass positions and output forces for both masses



**Figure 7:** a small system, and it's equivalent using pmpd and pd

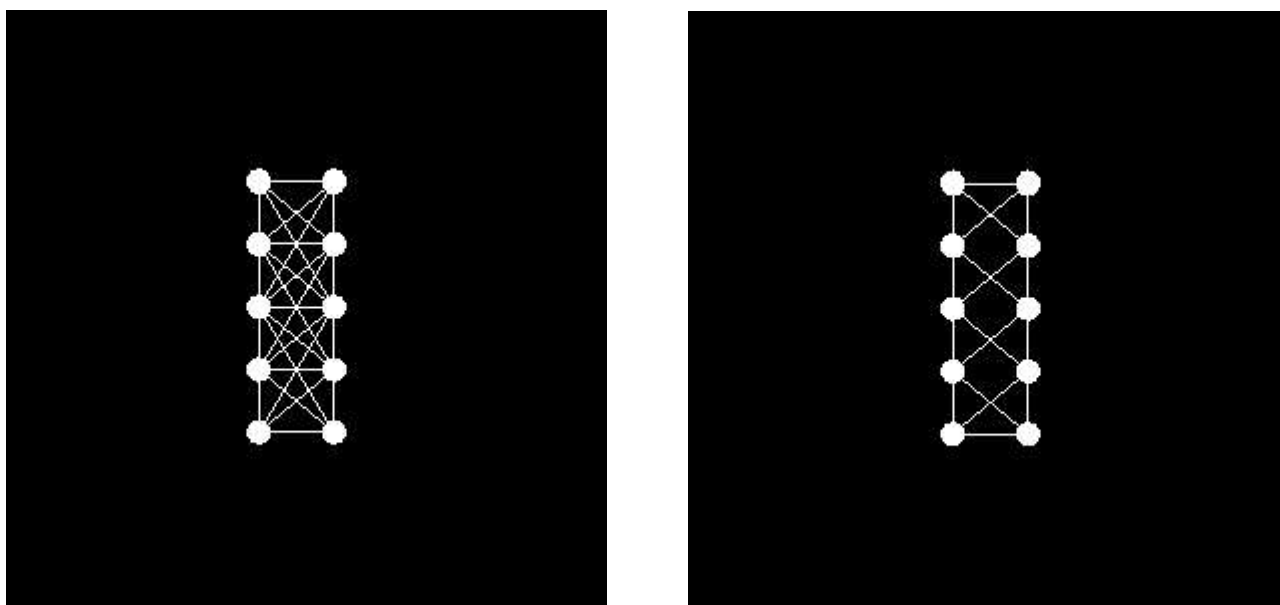
In figure 7, mass 1 and 3 do not receive forces (inlet are not connected), therefore they will never move; they act like a fixed point. Mass 2 is linked to 2 fixed points with springs with no damping. Hence, movement will never end (it corresponds with a system without energy loss).

“mass” objects have outlets for their internal state; they report their position, the total force applied to them and their speed. These parameters can be used to generate data controlling audio/video synthesis.

A single mass/spring acts as a low pass filter. You can use pmpd to filter data, to do other kind of data treatment, or to make variations more “natural” behavior for the evolution of an audio or video process.

## Topology

A structure and its components can be modelled according to the topology, that is a defined set of interactions: different dynamic systems can be modelled using different topologies.



**Figure 8:** Two different topology for the same object.

Figure 8 is an example of two different topologies. Masses are the spheres, links are the white lines. The same set of masses are linked in two different ways. The physical behavior of this structure will differ according to its topology.

## Generality

All objects can be created using “pmpd.name” where *name* is the name of a specific object. This can be used to avoid name conflicts with other objects.

Most of the objects parameters can be set at the creation of the object as argument, but they can be modified using a message sent to the first inlet.

It is possible to choose non-physical values for pmpd parameters. For example, you can set damping to a negative value, which means energy creation. This is not physical and can lead to instability or saturation of the model, but can be useful for artistic reasons.

You should also take care while changing parameters like rigidity. This can lead to energy creation or loss, depending on the deformation of the structure.

The most important problem using physical modelling is the instability. To reduce the risk of instability you should slow down your model (increasing the metronome speed can be necessary to keep the desired speed of the simulation). Reducing force in the simulation is usually a good way to attack instability problems. Initialising masses close to a stable state can also help.

Especially with the mass class reference system, pmpd may perform many calculations at the same time. This can require much of CPU usage. Long audio buffer may help to avoid audio clicks.

# Application for real time interaction with an audio synthesis

One of the applications of this kind of simulation is to create a dynamic structure that can be modified, moved, distorted by the user. This structure can then be used to “control” an audio synthesis. With the help of sensors, a user can create a virtual structure, linked to his or her own movement, to the real. The user can then play with a virtual, but “physical” instrument, allowing a natural comportment of a digital audio synthesis.

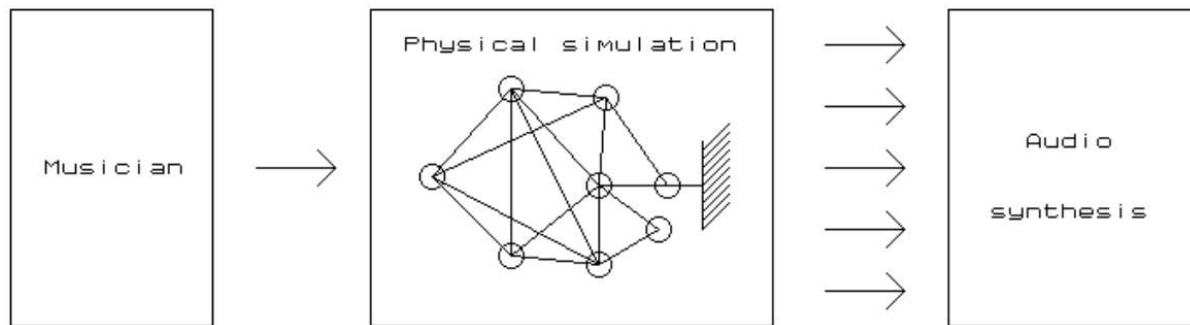


Figure 2. using physical modeling between musician and audio synthesis

The figure 2 shows a virtual structure used as a black box between user action and audio synthesis. This black box has interesting specifications. Only few input parameters can generate lots of different data flows (a musician can play with only few control parameters on the whole structure, and then generate lots of data to control any audio synthesis). Moreover, the control parameters are intuitive because they correspond to physical values. Playing with such a system can be very intuitive for the performer as the system reacts in a instinctive way. Some control parameters can change the way the structure evolves within a time period. Another important specification is that all data coming out of the physical model are not independent. The relation between them can be adjusted regarding the topology of the structure.

The most commonly encountered problem while using physical modeling is the instability. To reduce the risk of instability, one's model should be slowed down (increasing the metronome speed can be necessary to keep the desired speed of the simulation). This is not a problem due to the relatively low frequency needed for the simulation. In this case, the structure needn't be computed at audio rate unlike physical modeling based audio synthesis, but at only a few hundreds hertz. So, this simulation can be calculated by low-cost computer or personal laptop for live application.

## Bouncing ball

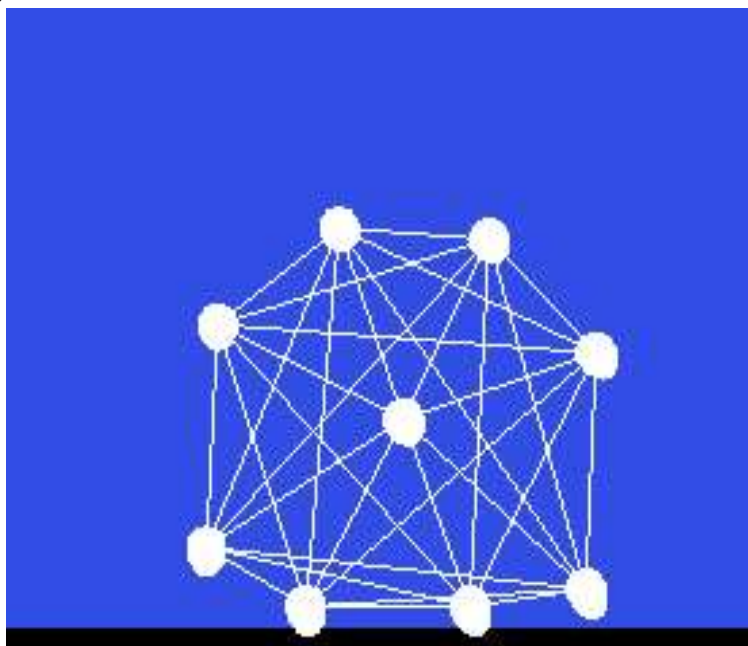


Figure 3. Bouncing ball used for additive synthesis

On Figure 3, forces applied to each masses control the amplitude of sinusoid which performs additive synthesis. The sound produced by the structure can be controlled while moving the structure, making it bounce, etc. The temporal evolution of the sound can be run with few parameters describing the global behavior of the structure such as rigidity or dampening of link.

## Rhythmic pattern

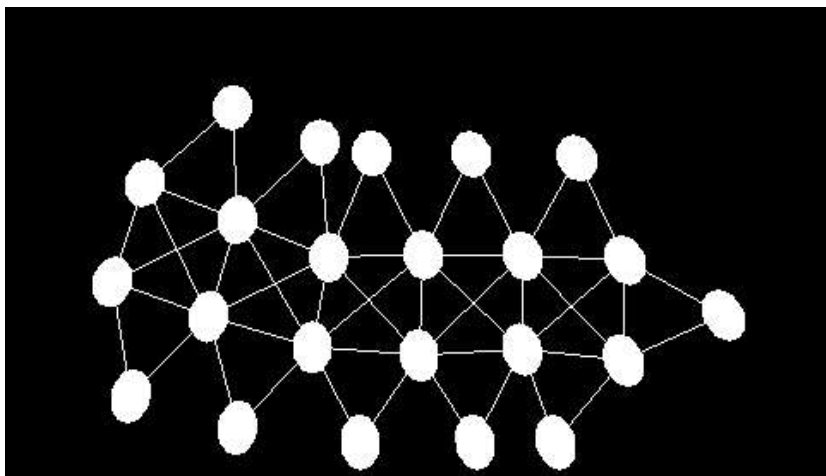


Figure 4. Moving structure used to generate rhythm

The figure 4 shows a self-moving structure that can be used to trigger sound. Whenever a mass hits the floor, a sound is produced.

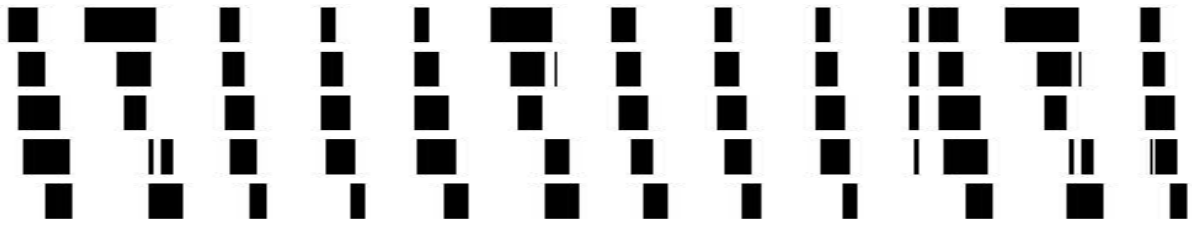


Figure 5. Rhythm generated by this structure

The figure 5 is a time representation of the generated rhythm. The main rhythm corresponds to the structure moving by itself while the internal deformations of the structure create the small rhythm variations.

# Objects reference

## mass

### description:

This is a 1D mass. This object's inlet need forces (float), and outlet it's position (float). All forces send to it's inlet are add together. A bang allow the mass to compute it's new position, and to output it. The mass can move due to it's inertia.

### creators:

mass, pmpd.mass, masse

### arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the mass
- 2: weight of the mass (1)
- 3: initial position (0)

### inlet 1:

#### bang:

compute new position of the mass, according to the forces apply to it.

#### float:

add a force. Each forces are add together.

#### dX float:

displace the mass without inertia.

#### setM float:

change the weight of this mass.

#### setX float:

force the mass to a certain position. Reset inertia and forces. Output new position.

#### setXmin float:

set the minimum position of the mass.

#### setXmax float:

set the maximum position of the mass. The mass can 't go above this values.

#### reset:

reset position to it's initial state, force and inertia to zero. Output new position.

#### loadbang:

output initial position on initialisation

### Outlet 1:

position (float): position of the mass according to it's inertia, and forces

### Outlet 2:

force (float): global force apply to the mass

### Outlet 3:

velocity (float): global velocity of the mass

## link

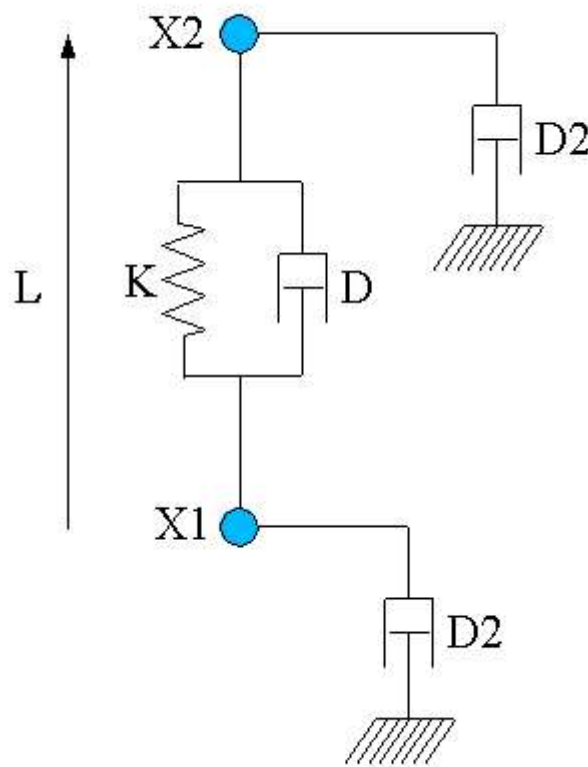
description:

This is the 1D link between masses. This object is used to link 2 masses together to allow interaction between them. Interaction is mainly visco-elastic. Position of the 2 masses are receive too the corresponding inlets. Forces is compute and output when this object receive a bang.

Creators: link, pmp.link, lia

arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the link.
- 2: L: length of the link without deformations. (0)
- 3: K: rigidity coefficient (0)
- 4: Damping (0)
- 5: Damping 2 (0)



**Figure 9:** Topology of a single link

inlet 1:

bang:

compute forces according to masses position and speed.

float:

position of the 1<sup>st</sup> mass

setK float:

Set rigidity of the link. Rigidity force is:  $F = K (L-L_0)$ . This force is apply symmetrically to the 2 masses.



setL float:  
Set initial length of the link. (change L0 value)

setLmin float:  
Set minimum length of the link. If  $L < L_{min}$ , then output of the link will be 0.  
(initial value: -100000)

setLmax float:  
Set maximum length of the link. If  $L > L_{min}$ , then output of the link will be 0  
(initial value: 100000)

setD float:  
Set the link viscosity. This corresponding to the deformation speed of the link. Damping force is:  $F = D (VX1 - VX2)$ . This force is apply symmetrically to the 2 masses. (VX1 is the velocity of X1)

setD2 float:  
Set velocity damping. (corresponding to speed of each mass). Force generated by this factor is not symmetrical. This force is:  $F1 = D2 * VX1$  for the first mass (and  $F2 = D2 * VX2$  for the 2<sup>nd</sup> one).

reset:  
reset all internal state of the link.

resetF:  
reset internal state, in a way generated forces will be null (damping)

resetL:  
set the length of the link without deformation to it's currents length.  
With can be used to create topology by placing the masse, and then the link can adapt them self to the shape of the topology.

inlet 2:  
float:  
position of the 2<sup>nd</sup> mass

outlet 1:  
float:  
force to apply to the 1<sup>st</sup> mass

outlet 2:  
float:  
force to apply to the 2<sup>nd</sup> mass

If K, D and D2 = 0, then forces generated by the link will be null.

## mass2D

### description:

This is the 2D mass. This object's inlet need forces, and outlet it's position.

All forces send to it's inlet are add together. A bang allow the mass to compute it's new position, and to output it. The mass can move due to it's inertia. This is like the 1D object, but forces / displacement append in 2D.

### creators:

mass2D, pmpd.mass2D, masse2D

### arguments:

- 1: name of the mass
- 2: weight of the mass (1)
- 3: initial position X (0)
- 4: initial position Y (0)
- 5: X min (-100000)
- 6: X max (10000)
- 7: Y min (-100000)
- 8: Y max (10000)
- 9: Threshold (0)

### inlet 1:

#### bang:

comput new position of the mass, according to the forces apply to it.

#### force2D float float:

add a force. Each forces are add together.

#### setM float:

change the weight of this mass.

#### setXY float float:

force the mass to a certain position. Reset inertia and forces. Output new position.

#### setX float:

force the mass to a certain position (only X coordinate). Reset inertia and forces.

Output new position.

#### setY float:

force the mass to a certain position. Reset inertia and forces. Output new position.

#### setXmin float:

set the X minimum position of the mass.

#### setXmax float:

set the X maximum position of the mass.

#### setYmin float:

set the Y minimum position of the mass.

#### setYmax float:

set the Y maximum position of the mass. The mass can 't go above this values.

#### setT float:

Set the threshold of the mass. This is for solid friction to the wall simulation.

(useful only for friction on Xmin, Xmax, Ymin, Ymax limits)

#### dXY float float:

displace the mass without inertia (X and Y displacement).

#### dX float:

displace the mass without inertia.(X displacement)

dY float:  
displace the mass without inertia.(Y displacement)  
reset:  
reset position to it's initial state, force and inertia to zero. Output new position.  
resetF:  
reset force and displacement to zero. Does not change position.  
off:  
stop the movement of the mass. (the mass will not react to bang message, but can get forces messages)  
on:  
start the movement of the mass.  
interactor\_...  
apply forces to the mass due to interactors position and compartment.  
See later  
loadbang:  
output initial position on initialisation

outlet 1:  
position2D float float: X and Y new position of the mass

outlet 2:  
force2D float float float: X, Y and global force apply to the mass

outlet 3:  
velocity2D float float float: X, Y and global velocity of the mass

(only outlet 1 is needed for the simulation, the other are here to provide information for audio or video synthesis)

## link2D

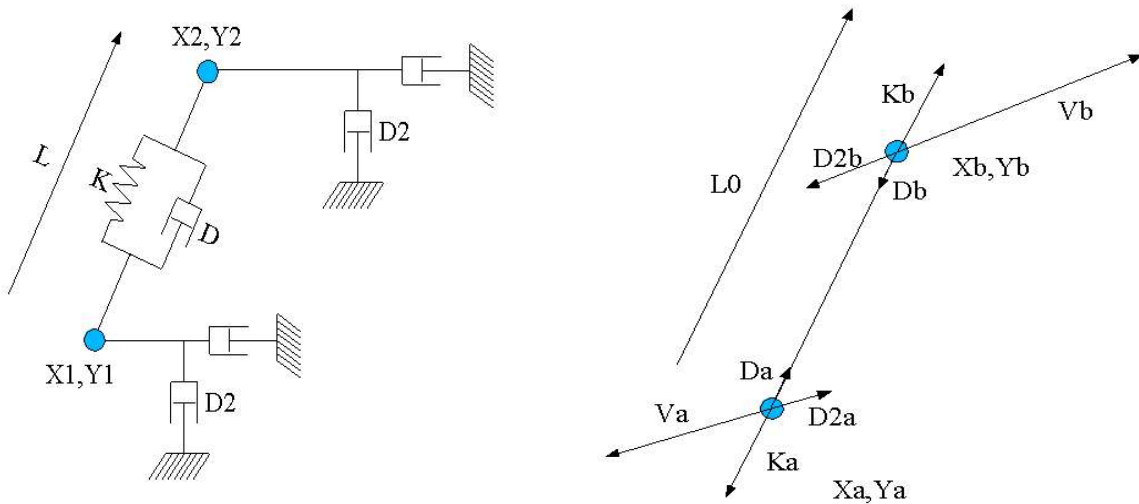
description:

This is the 2D link between 2D masses. This object is used to link 2 masses together to allow interaction between them. Interaction is mainly visco-elastic. Position of the 2 masses are receive to the corresponding inlets. Forces is compute and output when this object receive a bang.

Creators: link2D, pmp.link2D, lia2D

arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the link.
- 2: L: length of the link without deformations. (0)
- 3: K: rigidity coefficient (0)
- 4: Damping. This is the damping corresponding to the deformation speed of the link) (0)
- 5: Damping 2. Damping corresponding to speed of each mass. Force generated by this factor is not symmetrical. (0)



Topology of a single link2D

Forces generate by this link

**Figure 10:** Link2D topology

Damping and rigidity forces are parallel to the link, while D2 is parallel to the velocity of the mass

$$Da = - Db$$

and

$$Ka = - Kb$$

The global generated force is:

$$Fa = Ka + Da + D2a$$

and

$$Fb = Kb + Db + D2b$$

inlet 1:

bang:

compute forces according to masses position and speed.

Position2D float float:

position of the 1<sup>st</sup> mass (X, Y)

setK float:

Set rigidity of the link. Rigidity force is:  $F = K (L-L_0)$ . This force is apply symmetrically to the 2 masses.

setL float:

Set initial length of the link. (change  $L_0$  value)

setLmin float:

Set minimum length of the mass. If  $L < L_{min}$ , then output of the link will be 0

setLmax float:

Set maximum length of the mass. If  $L > L_{min}$ , then output of the link will be 0

setD float:

Set the link viscosity. Damping force is:  $F = D (V_{X1} - V_{X2})$ . This force is apply symmetrically to the 2 masses. ( $V_{X1}$  is the velocity of  $X_1$ )

setD2 float:

Set velocity damping. This force is:  $F_1 = D_2 * V_{X1}$  for the first mass (and  $F_2 = D_2 * V_{X2}$  for the 2<sup>nd</sup> one).

reset:

reset all internal state of the link.

resetF:

reset internal state, in a way generated forces will be null

resetL:

set the length of the link without deformation to it's current length.

Which can be used to create topology by placing the mass, and then the link can adapt them self to the shape of the topology.

inlet 2:

Position2D float float:

(X, Y) position of the 2<sup>nd</sup> mass

outlet 1:

force2D float float:

force to apply to the 1<sup>st</sup> mass

outlet 2: force2D float float:

force to apply to the 2<sup>nd</sup> mass

## tLink2D

### description:

This is a test object. It only output informations about a specific link on 2 masses. You should connect it's inlet like a normal link connection. It's outlet correspond to internal variables of a link.

creators: tLink2D, pmpd.tLink2D, tLia2D

### arguments (default value):

1: name of the link (to allow receiving bang). (It also receive other message desalinated to a link without complaining)

### inlet 1:

bang:

output information of the specific link.

position2D float float:

position of 1<sup>st</sup> mass

### inlet 2:

position2D float float:

position of 2<sup>nd</sup> mass

### outlet 1:

float:

distance between two masses

### outlet 2:

float:

length variation speed of the link

### outlet 3:

float:

orientation of the link (degree angle)

### outlet 4:

position2D float float:

position of the center of the link

## iambient2D

description:

Create an interaction between ambient space and a class of masses. The class of masses is set with masses name.

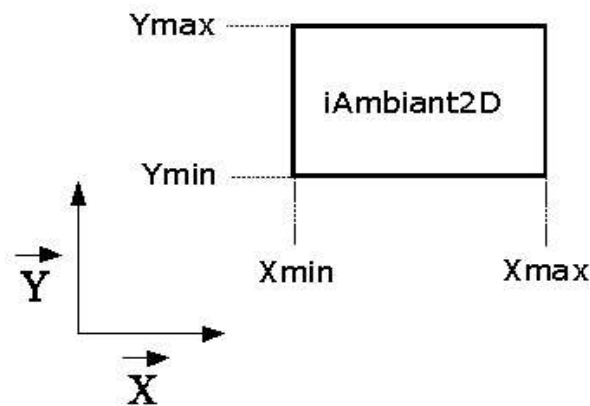
Interactor create different force depending of the mass speed and position. So it should be used like a link. Interactors object should then be banged in the same time as link objects. They should be used to create multiples connection, and should then create patching simplifications.

A single interactor can create lot's of link.

creators: iambient2D, pmpd.iamambient2D

arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the mass (send interactors informations to this masses)
- 2: FX (constant X force apply to the masses) (0)
- 3: FY (constant Y force apply to the masses) (0)
- 4: Rnd FX (random X force apply to the masses) (0)
- 5: Rnd FY (random Y force apply to the masses) (0)
- 6: Damping (velocity damping of the masses) (0)
- 7: Xmin (-100000)
- 8: Xmax (100000)
- 9: Ymin (-100000)
- 10: Ymax (100000)
- 11: dX (0)
- 12: dY (0)



**Figure 11:** ambient interactor.

inlet 1:

bang

send to the masses the position and internal states of the interactors

setFXY float float

change the constant force (X, Y) to apply to a mass interacting with this object

setFX float

change the constant force (X) to apply to a mass interacting with this object

setFY float

change the constant force (Y) to apply to a mass interacting with this object

setRndFX float

change the random maximum force (X) to apply to a mass interacting with this

object

setRndFY float  
change the random maximum force (Y) to apply to a mass interacting with this  
object

dXY float  
displace the mass without inertia.

dX float  
displace the mass without inertia.(X displacement)

dY float  
displace the mass without inertia.(Y displacement)

setD float  
change damping factor of the interactor.

setXmin float  
set the X minimum position of the interactor.

setXmax float  
set the X maximum position of the interactor.

setYmin float  
set the Y minimum position of the interactor.

setYmax float  
set the Y maximum position of the interactor. The mass don't interact with this  
interactor if it's outside it's bounds.

outlet 1:  
output a method for the mass2D, to allow interaction with this object.  
You can make a mass to interact with the interactor by two different way:  
set the name of the interactor to the name of the mass.  
Connect interactor output to mass 1<sup>st</sup> inlet.



## tSquare2D

description:

Test object. This object should be used to test position of a specific mass.

creators: tSquare2D, pmpd.tSquare2D

arguments (default value):

1: Xmin (-1)

2: Xmax (1)

3: Ymin (-1)

4: Ymax (1)

inlet 1:

setXmin float

set the X minimum (Xmin) position of the test.

setXmax float

set the X maximum position of the test.

setYmin float

set the Y minimum position of the test.

setYmax float

set the Y maximum position of the test.

inlet 1:

position2D float float: position off a mass

outlet:

float (0 / 1): 0 if the mass is outside the square define with Xmin, Xmax, Ymin, Ymax.

## iCircle2D

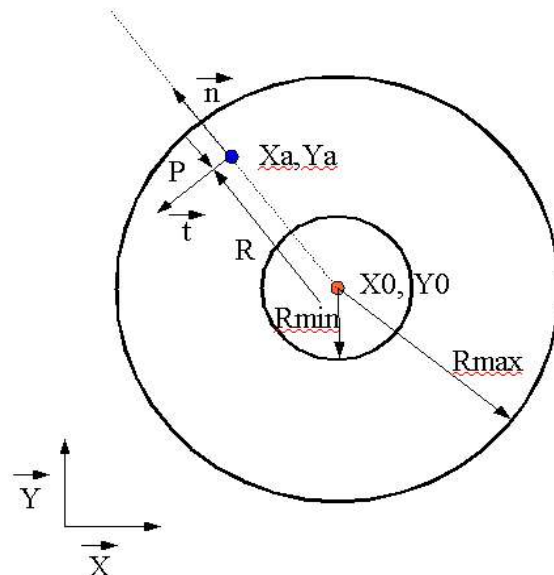
description:

Create an interaction between a part of the space and a class of masses. This interactor act as a link to a point. (the center on the interactor point can be change, So this object can be set The class of masses is set with masses name.

creators: iCircle2D, pmpd.iCircle2D

arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the mass to interact with
- 2: X0: X coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 3: Y0: Y coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 4: Rmin: minimum radius of the interactors (0)
- 5: Rmax: maximum radius of the interactor (1)
- 6: normal constant force (force along n vector) (0)
- 7: tangential constant force (force along t vector) (0)
- 8: normal rigidity(normal force proportional to P (depth of the mass)) (0)
- 9: tangential rigidity (tangential force proportional to P (depth of the mass)) (0)
- 10: normal force proportional to  $1/R$  (0)
- 11: tangential force proportional to  $1/R$  (0)
- 12: normal damping (damping due tu normal velocity) (0)
- 13: tangential damping (0)
- 14: normal displacement proportional to  $1/R$  (0)
- 15: tangential displacement proportional to  $1/R$  (0)
- 16: link damping (0)
- 17: normal force proportional to  $1/R^2$  (0)
- 18: normal displacement (0)
- 19: tangential displacement (0)



Blue point is a mass, red point is the center of the interactor

**Figure 12:** iCircle2D

inlet 1:

bang  
send to the masses the position and internal states of the interactors  
setXY float float  
set the (X, Y) position of the interactor.  
setX float  
set the X position of the interactor.  
setY float  
set the Y position of the interactor.  
setRmin float  
set the minimum radius of the interactor  
setRmax float  
set the maximum radius of the interactor  
setFN float  
change the normal constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setFT float  
change the normal constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setKN float  
change the normal rigidity to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setKT float  
change the tangential rigidity to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setDN float  
change the normal damping  
setDT float  
set the tangential damping  
setD float  
set link damping  
setRN float  
change the normal force proportional to  $1/R$  to apply to the mass  
setRT float  
change the tangential force proportional to  $1/R$  to apply to the mass  
setdN float  
change the normal displacement  
setdT float  
change the tangential displacement  
setG float  
change the force proportional to  $1/R^2$   
setdRN float  
change the normal displacement proportional to  $1/R$  to apply to the mass  
setdRT float  
change the tangential displacement proportional to  $1/R$  to apply to the mass

outlet 1:

output a method for the mass2D, to allow interaction with this object.

## tCircle2D

description:

this is the test object associated with iCircle2D. It can test different things associated with the position or movement of a mass among a circle.

creators: tCircle2D, pmpd.tCircle2D

arguments:

- 1: X0: X coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 2: Y0: Y coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 3: Rmin: minimum radius of the interactors (0)
- 4: Rmax: maximum radius of the interactor (0)

inlet 1:

- setXY float float  
set the (X, Y) position of the interactor.
- setX float  
set the X position of the interactor.
- setY float  
set the Y position of the interactor.
- setRmin float  
set the minimum radius of the interactor
- setRmax float  
set the maximum radius of the interactor

outlet:

- 1: float (0/1) tells if the mass is in the in the Circle or not ( $R < R_{max}$  &  $R > R_{min}$ )
- 2: float: distance form the center of the circle
- 3: speed from the center of the circle

## iLine2D

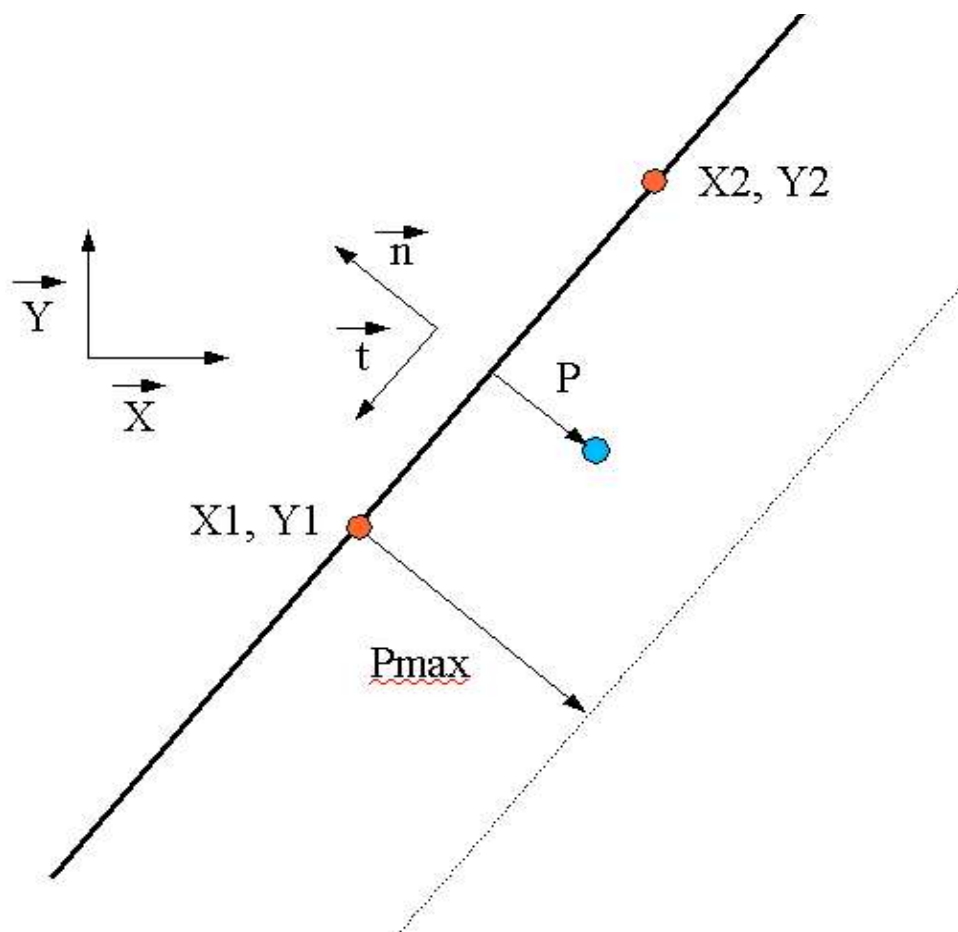
description:

Create an interaction between a part of the space and a class of masses. This interactor act as a link to a line. (the line is define with 2 points). It react like all interactors objects.

creators: iLine2D, pmpd.iLine2D

arguments:

- 1: name of the mass
- 2: X1 (-1)
- 3: Y1 (0)
- 4: X2 (1)
- 5: Y2 (0)
- 6: Maximum depth (1)
- 7: Normal constant force (0)
- 8: tangential constant force (0)
- 9: Normal rigidity (0)
- 10: Normal Damping (0)
- 11: Tangential damping (0)
- 12: normal displacement (0)
- 13: tangential displacement (0)



**Figure 13:** tLine2D topology

inlet 1:  
bang  
    send to the masses the position and internal states of the interactors  
setX1 float  
    set X1  
setY1 float  
    set Y1  
setX2 float  
    set X2  
setY2 float  
    set Y2  
setPmax float  
    set the depth of the interaction  
setFN float  
    change the normal constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setFT float  
    change the tangential constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setKN float  
    change the normal rigidity to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setDN float  
    change the normal damping  
setDT float  
    set the tangential damping  
setdN float  
    change the normal constant displacement  
setdT float  
    change the tangential constant displacement  
outlet 1:  
    output a method for the mass2D, to allow interaction with this object.

## tLine2D

description:

this is the test object associated with iLine2D. It can test different things associated with the position or movement of a mass among the line.

Creators: tLine2D, pmpd.tLine2D

arguments:

- 1: X1: X coordinate of the center of the interactor
- 2: Y1: Y coordinate of the center of the interactor
- 3: X2: X coordinate of the center of the interactor
- 4: Y2: Y coordinate of the center of the interactor
- 5: Pmax: maximum depth of the interactors

inlet 1:

- setXY float float  
set the (X, Y) position of the interactor.
- setX float  
set the X position of the interactor.
- setY float  
set the Y position of the interactor.
- setPmax float  
set the maximum depth of the interactor

outlet:

- 1: float (0/1) tells if the mass is in the in a Line interaction or not
- 2: float: distance form the line
- 3: speed regarding the distance of the line

## iSeg2D

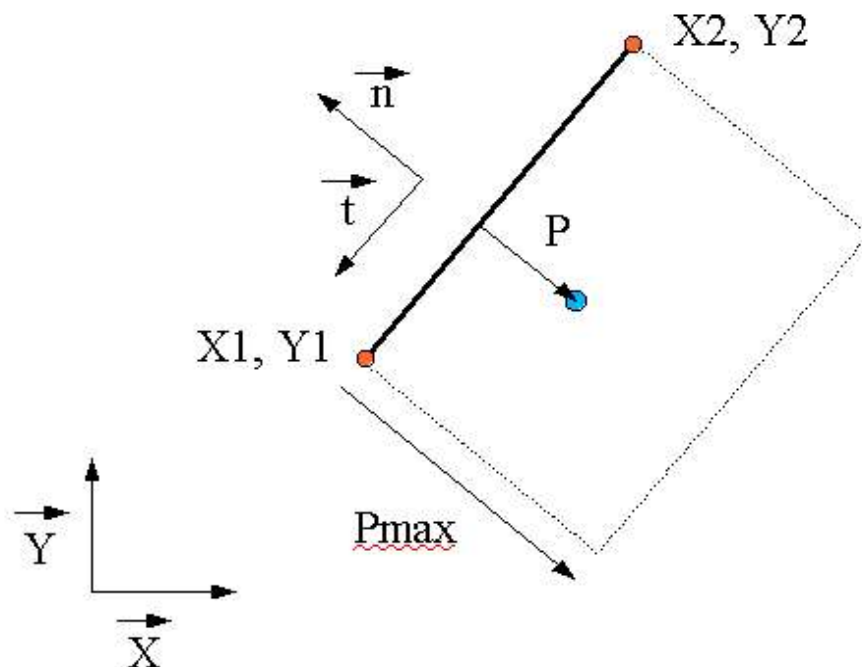
description:

Create an interaction between a part of the space and a class of masses. This interactor act as a link to a segment. (the segment is define with 2 points). It react like all interactors objects.

creators: iSeg2D, pmpd.iSeg2D

arguments:

- 1: name of the mass
- 2: X1 (-1)
- 3: Y1 (0)
- 4: X2 (1)
- 5: Y2 (0)
- 6: Maximum depth (1)
- 7: Normal Constant Force (0)
- 8: tangential Constant Force (0)
- 9: Normal rigidity (0)
- 10: Normal Damping (0)
- 11: Tangential damping (0)
- 12: normal displacement (0)
- 13: tangential displacement (0)



**Figure 14:** tSeg2D topology



inlet 1:  
bang  
    send to the masses the position and internal states of the interactors  
setX1 float  
    set X1  
setY1 float  
    set Y1  
setX2 float  
    set X2  
setY2 float  
    set Y2  
setPmax float  
    set the depth of the interaction  
setFN float  
    change the normal constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setFT float  
    change the tangential constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setKN float  
    change the normal rigidity to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setDN float  
    change the normal damping  
setDT float  
    set the tangential damping  
setdN float  
    change the normal displacement  
setdT float  
    change the tangential displacement  
outlet 1:  
    output a method for the mass2D, to allow interaction with this object.

## tSeg2D

description:

this is the test object associated with iSeg2D. It can test different things associated with the position and movement of a mass among the line.

Creators: tLine2D, pmpd.tLine2D

arguments:

- 1: X1: X coordinate of the center of the interactor
- 2: Y1: Y coordinate of the center of the interactor
- 3: X1: X coordinate of the center of the interactor
- 4: Y1: Y coordinate of the center of the interactor
- 5: Pmax: maximum depth of the interactors

inlet 1:

- setXY float float  
set the (X, Y) position of the interactor.
- setX float  
set the X position of the interactor.
- setY float  
set the Y position of the interactor.
- setRmin float  
set the minimum radius of the interactor
- setRmax float  
set the maximum radius of the interactor

outlet:

- 1: float (0/1) tells if the mass is in the in a Line interaction or not
- 2: float: distance form the segment
- 3: speed regarding the distance to the segment

## mass3D

### description:

This is the 3D mass (a mass which can move in 3 dimension). This object's inlet need forces, and outlet it's position.

All forces send to it's inlet are add together. A bang allow the mass to compute it's new position, and to output it. The mass can move due to it's inertia. This is like the 3D object, but forces and displacement append in 3D.

### creators:

mass3D, pmpd.mass3D, masse3D

### arguments:

- 1: name of the mass
- 2: weight of the mass
- 3: initial position X
- 4: initial position Y
- 5: initial position Z
- 6: X min
- 7: X max
- 8: Y min
- 9: Y max
- 10: Z min
- 11: Z max
- 12: Threshold

### inlet 1:

#### bang:

compute new position of the mass, according to the forces apply to it.

#### force3D float float float:

send a force to the mass. Each forces are add together.

#### setM float:

change the weight of this mass.

#### setXYZ float float float:

force the mass to a certain position. Reset inertia and forces. Output new position.

#### setX float:

force the mass to a certain position. Reset inertia and forces. Output new position.

#### setY float:

force the mass to a certain position. Reset inertia and forces. Output new position.

#### setZ float:

force the mass to a certain position. Reset inertia and forces. Output new position.

#### dXYZ float float float:

displace the mass without inertia (X , Y and Z displacement).

#### dX float:

displace the mass without inertia (X displacement).

#### dY float:

displace the mass without inertia (Y displacement).

#### dZ float:

displace the mass without inertia (Z displacement).

#### setXmin float:

set the X minimum position of the mass.

#### setXmax float:

set the X maximum position of the mass.  
 setYmin float:  
     set the Y minimum position of the mass.  
 setYmax float:  
     set the Y maximum position of the mass.  
 setZmin float:  
     set the Z minimum position of the mass.  
 setZmax float:  
     set the Z maximum position of the mass. The mass can 't go above this values.  
 setT float:  
     Set the threshold of the mass. When the mass is at Xmin, Xmax, Ymin or Ymax,  
     then a threshold is apply to the force: if the force apply to the mass is inferior to the  
     threshold, then no movement will be generated. This is for solid friction to the wall  
     simulation.  
 reset:  
     reset position to it's initial state, force and inertia to zero. Output new position.  
 resetF:  
     reset total force applied to the mass.  
 off:  
     stop the movement of the mass.  
 on:  
     start the movement of the mass.  
 interactor\_...  
     apply forces to the mass due to interactors position and compartment.  
     See later  
 loadbang:  
     output initial position on initialisation

outlet 1:  
     position3D float float float: X, Y, Z new position of the mass

outlet 2:  
     force3D float float float float: X, Y, Z and global force apply to the mass

outlet 3:  
     velocity3D float float float float: X, Y, Z and global velocity of the mass

(only outlet 1 is needed for the simulation, the other are here to provide information for audio or video synthesis)

## link3D

description:

This is like the link2D but for 3D simulation. This object is used to link 2 masses together to allow interaction between them. Interaction is mainly visco-elastic. Position of the 2 masses are receive to the corresponding inlets. Forces is compute and output when this object receive a bang. This object is similar to link2D, but in 3 dimensions...

Creators: link3D, pmp.link3D, lia3D

arguments (default value):

1: name of the link.

2: L: length of the link without deformations. (0)

3: K: rigidity coefficient (0)

4: Damping. This is the damping corresponding to the deformation speed of the link) (0)

5: Damping 2. Damping corresponding to speed of each mass. Force generated by this factor is not symmetrical. (0)

The topology of a 3D link is the same than a 2D link.

inlet 1 (default value):

bang:

compute forces according to masses position / speed.

Position3D float float float: (0 0 0)

(X, Y, Z) position of the 1<sup>st</sup> mass

setK float: (0)

Set rigidity of the link. Rigidity force is:  $F = K (L-L_0)$ . This force is apply symmetrical to the 2 masses.

setL float: (0)

Set initial length of the link. (change L0 value)

setLmin float: (0)

Set minimum length of the mass. If  $L < L_{min}$ , then output of the link will be 0

setLmax float: (10000)

Set maximum length of the mass. If  $L > L_{min}$ , then output of the link will be 0

setD float: (0)

Set the link viscosity. Damping force is:  $F = D (V_{X1} - V_{X2})$ . This force is apply symmetrical to the 2 masses. ( $V_{X1}$  is the velocity of X1)

setD2 float: (0)

Set velocity damping. This force is:  $F_1 = D_2 * V_{X1}$  for the first mass (and  $F_2 = D_2 * V_{X2}$  for the 2<sup>nd</sup> one).

reset:

reset all internal state of the link.

resetF:

reset internal state, in a way generated forces will be null

resetL:

set the length of the link without deformation to the currents length.

this can be used to create topology by only placing the mass, the link can then adapt them-self to the shape of the topology.

inlet 2:

Position3D float float float (0 0 0): (X, Y, Z) position of the 2<sup>nd</sup> mass

outlet 1:

force3D float float float: force to apply to the 1<sup>st</sup> mass  
outlet 2:  
force3D float float float: force to apply to the 2<sup>nd</sup> mass

## tLink3D

description:

This is a test object. It only output informations about a specific kink on 2 masses. You should connect it's inlet like a normal link connection. It's outlet correspond to internal variables of a link.

creators: tLink3D, pmpd.tLink3D, tLia3D

arguments (default value):

1: name of the link (to allow receiving bang. It also receive other message destined to a link without complaining)

inlet 1:

bang:

compute and output information about the link2D

position3D float float:

position of 1<sup>st</sup> mass

inlet 2:

position3D float float: position of 2<sup>nd</sup> mass

outlet 1:

distance between two masses

outlet 2:

float: length variation speed of the link

outlet 3:

orientation of the link ( normal vector (X, Y, Z) of the link)

outlet 4:

position3D float float float: position of the center of the link

## iambient3D

### description:

Create an interaction between ambient space and a class of masses. The class of masses is set with masses name.

Interactor create different forces depending of the mass speed and position. So it should be used like a link. Interactors object should then be banged in the same time as link objects.

They should be used to create multiples connection, and should then create patching simplifications.

creators: iambient3D, pmpd.iambient3D

### arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the mass (send interactors informations to this masses)
- 2: FX (constant X force apply to the masses) (0)
- 3: FY (constant Y force apply to the masses) (0)
- 4: FZ (constant Z force apply to the masses) (0)
- 5: Rnd FX (random X force apply to the masses) (0)
- 6: Rnd FY (random Y force apply to the masses) (0)
- 7: Rnd FZ (random Z force apply to the masses) (0)
- 8: Damping (velocity damping of the masses) (0)
- 9: Xmin (minimum and maximum limit of the interactors) (-10000)
- 10: Xmax (a mass interact with this object only if it is inside the interactor bounds) (10000)
- 11: Ymin (-10000)
- 12: Ymax (10000)
- 13: Zmin (-10000)
- 14: Zmax (10000)
- 15: dX (displace the mass by a constant value) (0)
- 16: dY (0)
- 17: dZ (0)

### inlet 1:

bang

send to the masses the position and internal states of the interactors

setFXYZ float float

change the constant force (X, Y, Z) to apply to a mass interacting with this object

setFX float

change the constant force (X) to apply to a mass interacting with this object

setFY float

change the constant force (Y) to apply to a mass interacting with this object

setFZ float

change the constant force (Z) to apply to a mass interacting with this object

setRndFX float float

change the random maximum force (X) to apply to a mass interacting with this

### object

setRndFY float float

change the random maximum force (Y) to apply to a mass interacting with this

### object

setRndFZ float float

change the random maximum force (Z) to apply to a mass interacting with this object

dXYZ float

displace the mass without inertia.(X, Y and Z displacement)

dX float



displace the mass without inertia.(X displacement)  
dY float  
displace the mass without inertia.(Y displacement)  
dZ float  
displace the masse without inertia.(Z displacement)  
setD float  
change damping factor of the interactor.  
setXmin float  
set the X minimum position of the interactor.  
setXmax float  
set the X maximum position of the interactor.  
setYmin float  
set the Y minimum position of the interactor.  
setYmax float  
set the Y maximum position of the interactor  
setZmin float  
set the Z minimum position of the interactor.  
setZmax float  
set the Z maximum position of the interactor. The mass don't interact with this interactor if it's outside it's bounds.

outlet 1:

output a method for the mass3D, to allow interaction with this object.  
You can make a mass to interact with the interactor by two different way:  
set the name of the interactor to the name of the mass.  
Connect interactor output to mass 1<sup>st</sup> inlet.

## tCube3D

description:

Test object. This object should be used to test position of a specific mass.

creators: tCube3D, pmpd.tCube3D

arguments (default value):

- 1: Xmin (minimum and maximum limit of the interactors) (
- 2: Xmax (a mass interact with this object only if it is inside the interactor bounds)
- 3: Ymin
- 4: Ymax
- 3: Zmin
- 4: Zmax

inlet 1:

position3D float float float  
position of a mass  
setXmin float (-1)  
set the X minimum position of the interactor.  
setXmax float (1)  
set the X maximum position of the interactor.  
setYmin float (-1)  
set the Y minimum position of the interactor.  
setYmax float (1)  
set the Y maximum position of the interactor  
setZmin float (-1)  
set the Z minimum position of the interactor.  
setZmax float (1)  
set the Z maximum position of the interactor.

outlet:

float (0 / 1): 0 if the mass is outside the square.

# iCylindre3D

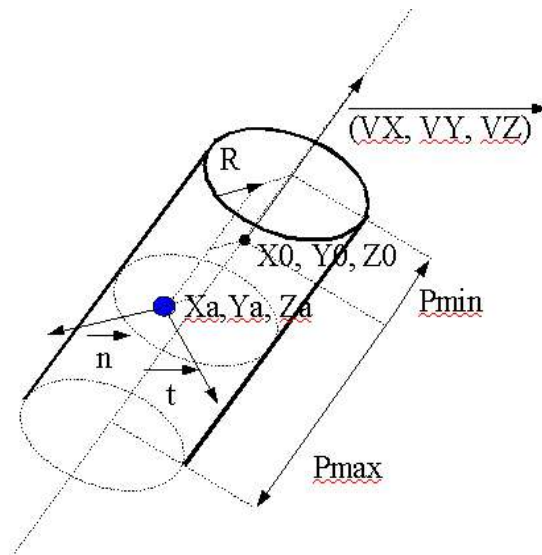
description:

Create an interaction between a part of the space and a class of masses.

creators: iCylindre3D, pmpd.iCylindre3D

arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the mass to interact with
- 2: VX: X coordinate of the orientation vector of the cylinder (1)
- 3: VY: Y coordinate of the orientation vector of the cylinder (0)
- 4: VZ: Z coordinate of the orientation vector of the cylinder (0)
- 5: X: X0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 6: Y: Y0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 7: Z: Z0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 8: Rmin: minimum radius of the interactors (0)
- 9: Rmax: maximum radius of the interactor (1)
- 10: normal constant force (force along n vector) (0)
- 11: normal rigidity(normal force proportional to R (radius of the mass)) (0)
- 12: link damping (damping due to the link velocity) (0)
- 13: normal force proportional to 1/R (0)
- 14: normal force proportional to 1/R<sup>2</sup> (0)
- 15: minimal depth (-10000): limit the action of the interactor in space
- 16: Maximal depth (10000)
- 17: tangential constant force (force along t vector) (0)
- 18: tangential rigidity (tangential force proportional to R (depth of the mass)) (0)
- 19: normal constant displacement (0)
- 20: tangential constant displacement (0)
- 21: normal displacement proportional to R (0)
- 22: tangential displacement proportional to R (0)



Blue point is a mass

**Figure 15:** iCylinder3D

inlet 1:

bang

send to the masses the position and internal states of the interactors

setXYZ float float float (0 0 0)

set the (X, Y, Z) position of the interactor.  
 setX float  
 set the X position of the interactor.  
 setY float  
 set the Y position of the interactor.  
 setZ float  
 set the Z position of the interactor.  
 setVXYZ float float float (1 0 0)  
 set the (X, Y, Z) orientation vector of the cylinder  
 setVX float  
 set the X coordinate of the orientation vector  
 setVY float  
 set the Y coordinate of the orientation vector  
 setVZ float  
 set the Z coordinate of the orientation vector  
 setRmin float  
 set the minimum radius of the interactor  
 setRmax float  
 set the maximum radius of the interactor  
 sePmin float  
 set the minimum depth of the interactor  
 setPmax float  
 set the maximum depth of the interactor  
 setFN float  
 change the normal constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
 setFT float  
 change the tangential constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
 setKN float  
 change the normal rigidity (force proportional to R) to apply to a mass interacting  
 with this object  
 setKT float  
 change the tangential rigidity (force proportional to R)  
 setD float  
 change the link damping  
 setRN float  
 change the normal force proportional to 1/R to apply to the mass  
 setG float  
 change the normal force proportional to 1/R<sup>2</sup>  
 setdN float  
 displace the mass without inertia.(normal displacement)  
 setdT float  
 displace the mass without inertia.(tangential displacement)  
 setdKN float  
 displace the mass without inertia.(normal displacement proportional to R)  
 setdKT float  
 displace the mass without inertia.(tangential displacement proportional to R)

outlet 1:

output a method for the mass2D, to allow interaction with this object.

## tCylindre3D

description:

this is the test object associated with iCylinder3D. It can test different things associated with the position / movement of a mass among a cylinder.

creators: tCylindre3D, pmpd.tCylindre3D

arguments:

- 1: VX: X coordinate of the creation vector (1)
- 2: VY: Y coordinate of the creation vector (0)
- 3: VZ: Z coordinate of the creation vector (0)
- 4: X: X0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 5: Y: Y0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 6: Z: Z0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 7: Rmin: minimum radius of the interactors (0)
- 8: Rmax: maximum radius of the interactor (1)
- 9: Minimal depth (-10000)
- 10: Maximal depth (10000)

inlet 1:

position3D float float float  
    position of a mass  
setXYZ float float float  
    set the (X, Y, Z) position of the interactor.  
setX float  
    set the X position of the interactor.  
setY float  
    set the Y position of the interactor.  
setZ float  
    set the Z position of the interactor.  
setRmin float  
    set the minimum radius of the interactor  
setRmax float  
    set the maximum radius of the interactor  
setPmin float  
    set the minimum depth of the interactor  
setPmax float  
    set the maximum depth of the interactor

outlet:

- 1: float (0/1) tells if the mass is in the in the Circle or not ( $R < R_{max}$  &  $R > R_{min}$ )
- 2: float: distance form the center of the cylinder
- 3: speed between the mass and the center of the cylinder

## iCircle3D

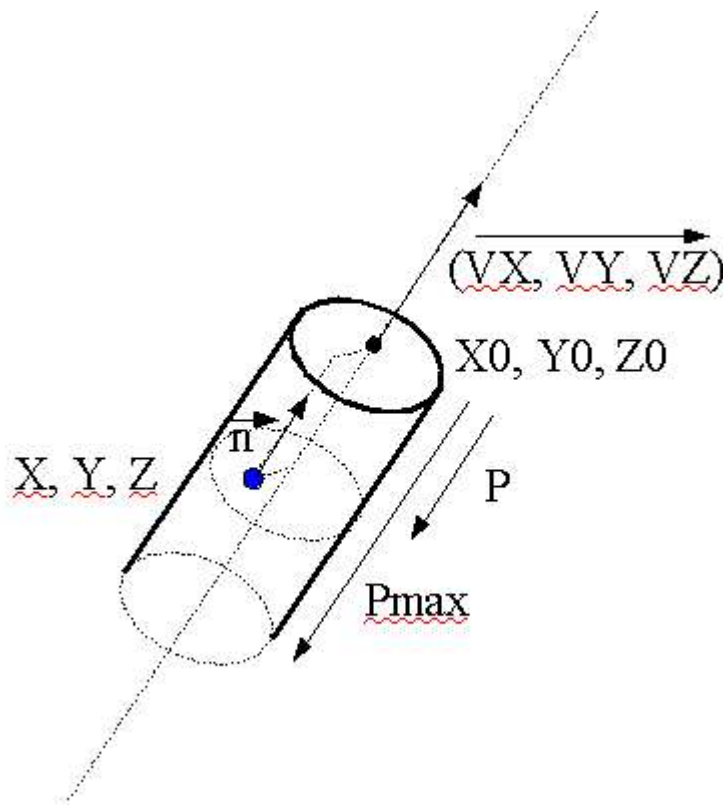
description:

Create an interaction between a part of the space and a class of masses. This interactor act as a link to a circle.

creators: iCircle3D, pmpd.iCircle3D

arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the mass to interact with
- 2: VX: X coordinate of the orientation vector of the circle (1)
- 3: VY: Y coordinate of the orientation vector of the circle (0)
- 4: VZ: Z coordinate of the orientation vector of the circle (0)
- 5: X: X0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 6: Y: Y0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 7: Z: Z0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 8: Rmin: minimum radius of the interactors (0)
- 9: Rmax: maximum radius of the interactor (1)
- 10: normal constant force (force along n vector) (0)
- 11: normal rigidity(normal force proportional to P (depth of the mass)) (0)
- 12: link damping (damping due to the link velocity) (0)
- 13: Maximal depth (10000)
- 14: normal constant displacement (0)
- 15: normal displacement proportional to P (0)



Blue point is a mass

**Figure 16:** iCircle3D

inlet 1:

bang  
send to the masses the position and internal states of the interactors  
setXYZ float float float  
set the (X, Y, Z) position of the interactor.  
setX float  
set the X position of the interactor.  
setY float  
set the Y position of the interactor.  
setZ float  
set the Z position of the interactor.  
setVXYZ float float float  
set the (X, Y, Z) orientation vector of the cylinder  
setVX float  
set the X coordinate of the orientation vector  
setVY float  
set the Y coordinate of the orientation vector  
setVZ float  
set the Z coordinate of the orientation vector  
setRmin float  
set the minimum radius of the interactor  
setRmax float  
set the maximum radius of the interactor  
setFN float  
change the normal constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setKN float  
change the normal rigidity to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setdN float  
change the normal displacement  
setdKN float  
change the displacement proportional to P  
setD float  
change the link damping  
setPmax float  
change the maximum depth of the interactor

outlet 1:

output a method for the mass3D, to allow interaction with this object.

## tCircle3D

description:

this is the test object associated with iCircle3D. It can test different things associated with the position / movement of a mass among a circle.

creators: tCircle3D, pmpd.tCircle3D

arguments:

- 1: VX: X coordinate of the orientation vector of the circle (1)
- 2: VY: Y coordinate of the orientation vector of the circle (0)
- 3: VZ: Z coordinate of the orientation vector of the circle (0)
- 4: X: X0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 5: Y: Y0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 6: Z: Z0 coordinate of the center of the interactor (0)
- 7: Rmin: minimum radius of the interactors (0)
- 8: Rmax: maximum radius of the interactor (1)
- 9: Pmax: maximum depth of the interactor (10000)

inlet 1:

position3D float float float  
position of a mass  
setXYZ float float float  
set the (X, Y, Z) position of the interactor.  
setX float  
set the X position of the interactor.  
setY float  
set the Y position of the interactor.  
setZ float  
set the Z position of the interactor.  
setVXYZ float float float  
set the (X, Y, Z) orientation vector of the cylinder  
setVX float  
set the X coordinate of the orientation vector  
setVY float  
set the Y coordinate of the orientation vector  
setVZ float  
set the Z coordinate of the orientation vector  
setRmin float  
set the minimum radius of the interactor  
setRmax float  
set the maximum radius of the interactor  
setPmax float  
change the maximal depth of the interactor

outlet:

- 1: float (0/1) tells if the mass is in the in the Circle or not ( $R < R_{max}$  &  $R > R_{min}$ )
- 2: float: distance form the top of the circle
- 3: speed of the mass from the top of the circle



## iPlane3D

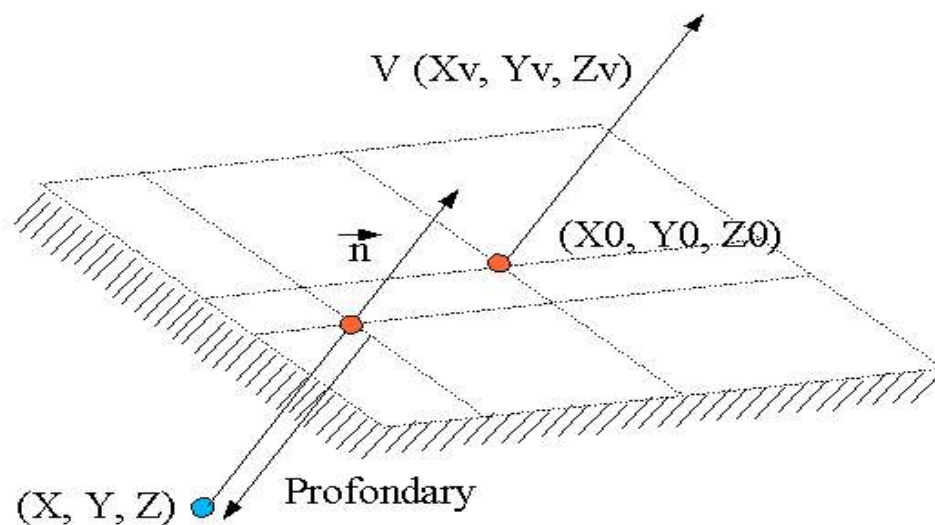
description:

Create an interaction between a part of the space and a class of masses. This interactor act as a link to a plane.

creators: iPlane3D, pmpd.iPlane3D

arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the mass to interact with
- 2: Xv: X coordinate of the creation vector (normal to the plane) (1)
- 3: Yv: Y coordinate of the creation vector (0)
- 4: Zv: Z coordinate of the creation vector (0)
- 5: X: X0 coordinate of a point of a plane (0)
- 6: Y: Y0 coordinate of a point of a plane (0)
- 7: Z: Z0 coordinate of a point of a plane (0)
- 8: normal constant force (force along n vector) (0)
- 9: normal rigidity(normal force proportional to P (depth of the mass)) (0)
- 10: normal damping (damping due to the link velocity) (0)
- 11: Maximal depth (10000)
- 12: normal constant displacement (0)
- 13: normal displacement proportional to P (0)



Blue point is a mass

**Figure 17:** iPlane3D

inlet 1:

bang

send to the masses the position and internal states of the interactors

setXYZ float float float

set the (X, Y, Z) position of the interactor.

setX float

set the X position of the interactor.

setY float

set the Y position of the interactor.

setZ float

set the Z position of the interactor.  
setVXYZ float float float  
set the (X, Y, Z) orientation vector of the cylinder  
setVX float  
set the X coordinate of the orientation vector  
setVY float  
set the Y coordinate of the orientation vector  
setVZ float  
set the Z coordinate of the orientation vector  
setPmax float  
set the maximum depth of the interactor  
setFN float  
change the normal constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setKN float  
change the normal rigidity to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setdN float  
change the normal displacement  
setdKN float  
change the displacement proportional to P  
setD float  
change the link damping

outlet 1:

output a method for the mass3D, to allow interaction with this object.

## tPlane3D

description:

this is the test object associated with iPlane3D. It can test different things associated with the position or movement of a mass among a plane.

creators: tPlane3D, pmpd.tPlane3D

arguments:

- 1: name of the mass to interact with
- 2: VX: X coordinate of the creation vector (1)
- 3: VY: Y coordinate of the creation vector (0)
- 4: VZ: Z coordinate of the creation vector (0)
- 5: X: X0 coordinate of a point of a plane (0)
- 6: Y: Y0 coordinate of a point of a plane (0)
- 7: Z: Z0 coordinate of a point of a plane (0)
- 8: Maximal depth (10000)

inlet 1:

position3D float float float  
    position of a mass  
setXYZ float float float  
    set the (X, Y, Z) position of the interactor.  
setX float  
    set the X position of the interactor.  
setY float  
    set the Y position of the interactor.  
setZ float  
    set the Z position of the interactor.  
setVXYZ float float  
    set the (X, Y, Z) orientation vector of the cylinder  
setVX float  
    set the X coordinate of the orientation vector  
setVY float  
    set the Y coordinate of the orientation vector  
setVZ float  
    set the Z coordinate of the orientation vector  
setPmax float  
    set the maximum radius of the interactor

outlet:

- 1: float (0/1) tells if the mass is in the in the Plane or not ( $P < 0$  &  $P > -P_{max}$ )
- 2: float: depth of the point from the plane
- 3: depth speed

## iSphere3D

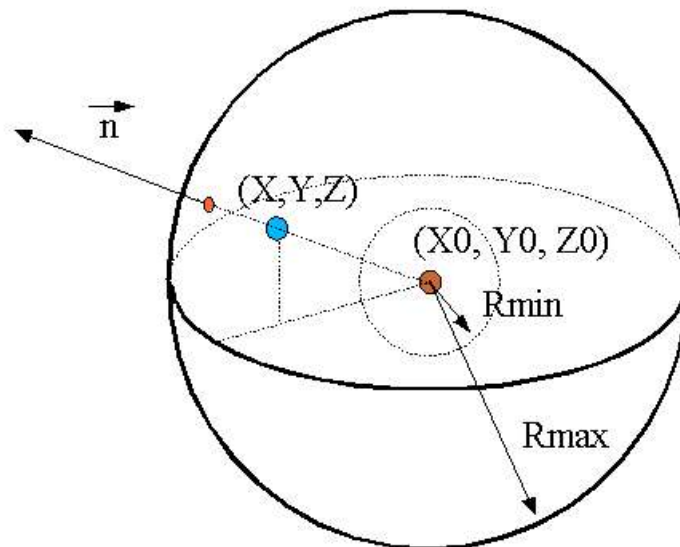
description:

Create an interaction between a part of the space and a class of masses. This interactor act as a 3D link to a point.

creators: iSphere3D, pmpd.iSphere3D

arguments (default value):

- 1: name of the mass to interact with
- 2: X: X0 coordinate of the center of the sphere (0)
- 3: Y: Y0 coordinate of the center of the sphere (0)
- 4: Z: Z0 coordinate of the center of the sphere (0)
- 5: Rmin: minimum length of the link (0)
- 6: Rmax: maximum length of the link (0)
- 7: normal constant force (force along n vector) (0)
- 8: normal rigidity (normal force proportional to P (depth of the mass)) (0)
- 9: normal force proportional to 1/R
- 10: normal damping (damping due to the link velocity) (0)
- 11: normal constant displacement (0)
- 12: normal force proportional to 1/R<sup>2</sup> (0)
- 13: normal displacement proportional to P (0)
- 14: normal displacement proportional to 1/R (0)
- 15: normal displacement proportional to 1/R<sup>2</sup> (0)



Blue point is a mass, red point is the center of the iSphere3D

**Figure 18:** iSphere3D

inlet 1:

bang

send to the masses the position and internal states of the interactors

setXYZ float float float

set the (X, Y, Z) position of the interactor.

setX float

set the X position of the interactor.  
setY float  
set the Y position of the interactor.  
setZ float  
set the Z position of the interactor.  
setRmin float  
set the minimum radius of the interactor  
setRmax float  
set the maximum radius of the interactor  
setFN float  
change the normal constant force to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setKN float  
change the normal rigidity to apply to a mass interacting with this object  
setFRN float  
change the normal force proportional to to apply to  $1/R$   
(R is the distance from the center of the sphere)  
setDN float  
change the normal damping  
setdN float  
change the normal displacement  
setdRN float  
change the normal displacement proportional to  $1/R$  to apply to the mass  
setG float  
change the normal force proportional to  $1/R^2$   
setdKN float  
change the normal displacement proportional to R  
setdG float  
change the normal displacement proportional to  $1/R^2$  to apply to the mass

outlet 1:

output a method for the mass3D, to allow interaction with this object.

## tSphere3D

description:

this is the test object associated with iSphere3D. It can test different things associated with the position / movement of a mass among a point.

creators: tSphere3D, pmpd.tSphere3D

arguments:

- 1: name of the mass to interact with
- 2: X: X0 coordinate of a point of a plane (0)
- 3: Y: Y0 coordinate of a point of a plane (0)
- 4: Z: Z0 coordinate of a point of a plane (0)
- 5: Rmin (0)
- 6: Rmax (1)

inlet 1:

position3D float float float  
    position of a mass  
setXYZ float float float  
    set the (X, Y, Z) position of the interactor.  
setX float  
    set the X position of the interactor.  
setY float  
    set the Y position of the interactor.  
setZ float  
    set the Z position of the interactor.  
setRmin float  
    set the minimum radius of the interactor  
setRmax float  
    set the maximum radius of the interactor

outlet:

- 1: float (0/1) tells if the mass is in the in the Plane or not ( $P < 0$  &  $P > -P_{max}$ )
- 2: float: depth of the point from the plane
- 3: depth velocity

# Conclusion

pmpd provides basic objects for flexible behavior simulation of dynamic systems. Its basic components are specially suited for particular physical modelling.

It can be used for the simulation of many different systems without requiring knowledge of the equations describing the movement. Gravitation, structures, fluid dynamics, and Brownian movement are some examples of such systems. It provides a flexible data generating tool for controlling audio synthesis modulation, rhythmic generation, or any other musical process, but can be also used simply for data processing. Naturally, it can be use for video animations where physical behavior is desired, as well as to create smooth transitions and natural evolution of these behaviors.

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# Change since previous version

0.05:

- add 3D interactors and test objects
- add examples

0.04:

- add 2D interactors and test objects
- add docs
- add examples
- add helps files

0.03:

- each object receives a name and receives whatever is sent to this name, specially bang... (routing is then easier)

0.02:

- things change in the initialisation procedure
- creation arguments changes
- add some messages to mass/link.
- add the possibility for the link to learn its size from the model

0.01:

- basic objects.



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