

# EASY CV

Test Equipment: CV-Destination MB33 MAM:

## Introduction

Digital created LFO+ENV with CV-Output. No Displays, No Menues, Minimal buttons, much Scopes, much Led-Ring-Rotarys (Planned for LRE-8x2CS), one big UI with complete functions for one LFO+ENV Voice... switching between the UI-Voices is done from the BREAKOUTMODULES...to this later

LFO+ENV are mixed together softwareside, to use only one CV-Output

8xCV-Outputs (VOICES) are supported > if u are on a VCF+VCA-Setup = 4 Voices on the Analog-Side (4xFilterbank)

Copy Paste for LFOs and ENvelopes between the Voices

Copy Paste for a Songa aka Preset aka Bank aka Program(change)

Jam Style Pattern load (next Preset Display) + Preset Morph between Current-Preset and Next-Preset

A Breakoutmodule for each CV-Output, with Depth-rotary, Focusswitch (Pushrotary), 2x Scopes (LFO+ENV) and LFO/ENV-Switch to show on one Display the Mixed Waveform & to switch the Rotary to "ENV" or "LFO" Mode (there is only space for one Encoder - maybe just make PAN Style, instead of 2 individual level -maybe more live feel?, how ever when using an 3Stage switch, i could disable MIX-View, or display it on ENV or LFO...maybe a good choice ;) ) The Depth-rotary has no Ledring, want to display it as a bar or as Value in the scope...

Whole thing will not be compatible on MB-CV concepts... i will copy code snippets and so on, but i have to understand it from scratch... anyhow this is not generic

## FrontPanel

### Brain

THE LEFT SIDE of the BRAIN > Preset-Management: **Save** & **Load** the PROGRAM, can be done by Midi-ProgramChange -or With the LOAD-**PRESET**-Encoder

then press **LOAD** -or **Morph** to the next Program slowly with the MORPH-Encoder

-Another option is to take a **PUSH-ENCODER** for **LOAD** & **STORE** > and load and store it by pushing it... would free 2 buttons for other functions.

MORPH?:

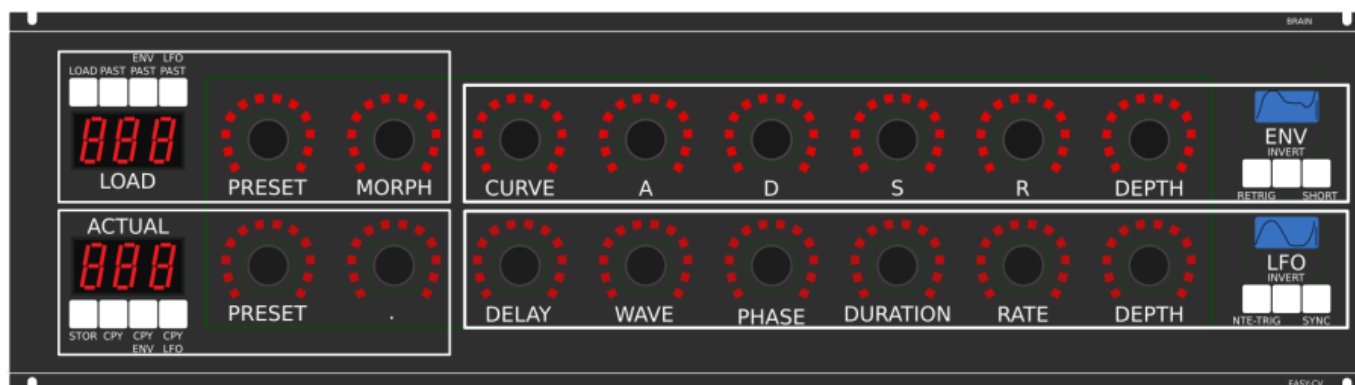
-The Upper 7 Segment LED- Display: is the **LOAD Display** indicate the new Program with ENV+LFO - The downer7 Segment LED- Display: is the **STORE Display** it indicates also the current Program with ENV+LFO

-with morph you crossfade between both Presets (be carefull, first Store the current Preset

**Paste** & **Copy** do their job @ the whole PROGRAM Memory

**ENV-PASTE** & **ENV-COPY** do their job @ the selected Envelope > (ENV-Voice selection is done by the breakout Modules) ... LFO..same

Midi-Channel Note NR or Number of Envelope is a real programmer job (C), with usb-upload from computer .... this is a individual device, and once set, it has to play > and it just should do LFOs and Envelopes Fixed routed, no generic, special > in my case for a filterbank.



**THE RIGHT SIDE of the BRAIN > LFO + ENV Settings (one Voice):** ADSR with:  
**CURVE** Parameter which give exponentially to it (no straight lines While Fall and Rise)  
**Short:** just shorten the Maximal length of a Envelope, having more Feeling on Encoders should change Scope Display also...  
**LFO:** get synced with Midi, and there is a retrigger by Notes...  
**Phase:** offsets the start-Phase  
**Delay:** simple delay (nte-Trig)  
**Rate:** clear from 8 wholes to 128th or so  
**Wave:** access to the Waveforms  
**Duration:** interpret Midisync in trippled, whole notes or whatever...  
**DEPTH:** is the maximal Value of FALL and RISE and SUSTAIN, i know i loose resolution with this...but i have to have a memory filterbank,...doing depth instead with Potentiometers on Filtermodules... would give no memory...

## BreakOut

1. Discharged UserInterface for the Brain in "Island mode" (Scopes + Digital-CV-Amount)
  2. CV-Breakout EuroModule to be located near the CV-Destination (example: a Filter).
- 2 Waveforms (ENV+LFO) are mixed together softwareside that bring 2 advantages:
1. save one CV-Output
  2. the Amplitude of each Waveform is saved in the patch, so the CV-Amount to a Filter is saved in the Patch
- That bring 2 disadvantages:
1. LFO or ENV cant get patched to individual destination
  2. the Resolution gets lower 2 very low, and the code has to be adptet much... or have to be made from scratch Because I use the device for a Memory-Filterbox (VCF+VCA), i am ok with the pros and cons, so i call it EASY-CV



**Envelope Scope:** show the ENV-Waveform or the Mixed-CV-Output-Waveform (when Switch is in LFO Mode) and show the Envelope-Amount with a BAR or as numeric Value?

**MIXED CV Plug:** CV-Output > Mixed Waveform ENV+LFO

**Switch @ ENV:**

1. Depth-Encoder change ENV Amount of the CV-MIX
2. ENV Scope will show ENV Wave
3. LFO Scope will Show CV-Mix

**Switch @ LFO:** visa versa ENV

Press the Encoders built in **ENCODER-BUTTON:**

will switch the BRAIN-A-D-S-R and L-F-O ENCODER to the Page for THIS Module...

workflow, see what you have with a Scope, over a filter, and edit exact this selected CV on the brain in full detail...

## VCA-VCF

THE VCA and the VCF are controlled with each one CV - each CV has a LFO and a ENVELOPE digitaly mixed... fixed in routing.



basically a simple VCA (MS20Like) that drives the input of a Audio transformer 1:3 which is a Neutrik NTE10-3 (9€)

this "Tesla" Hi Gain - goes now thru the Post-VCA-Gain-Potentiometer - which then overdrives the 303 Filter (my prototype was a Freebase 383)

sound now goes to the Post-VCF-Gain-Potentiometer

now sound goes into a OP-Amp - to have the change for a light overdrive

From this point a EFX-Send Potentiometer send the Processed Signal to a extra Output (EFX-Send)

With the +DRY-Switch, we switch the original Signal additional to this EFX-Send-Potentiometer (or not) Parallel to the EFX-Send Potentiometer is the DRY/WET Potentiometer it Pan between Original and Filtered Sound.

after DRY/WET come the Volume-knob and the Audio outs...

### Original Schematics 303 - VCA-VCF



### Mod Sources



Fill with 303 mods take original VCA (have a bunch of this ICS) or make MB33 Style with standart components...

In order to not use those **overprized MATCHED-PAIR-TRANSISTORS** (over 2€ on the cheapest place) i have to use standart Transistors and make a **VBE-MATCH** on my own, i have already a PCB from here - to measure the transistors with a Multimeter: <https://midisizer.com/other/vbe-matching/>

### Example for a Filterbank

Here are 8Envelopeš 4xfor VCF 4xfor VCA... in fact there could be used more then this for example 8xVCF and 8xVCA...since the BREAK-OUT-Modules are Modular, and they share the same "Main-UI"...the only limiting factor is the CODE...i am not a C-Guru, and maybe i will still have timing problems with 8x CV-Outs...we will see.



**THE BRAIN - LEFT SIDE**  
 Preset-Management:  
 Save and Load the "SONG" or call it "BANK"  
 The Song is loaded by ProgramChange  
 OR  
 With the LOAD-PRESET-Encoder  
 BUT it will not be heard  
 you must first press LOAD  
 or Morph to it slowly with MORPH-Encoder  
 MORPH:  
 You have the NEW-ENV+LFO @ LOAD  
 You have the current ENV+LFO @ ACTUAL  
 with morph you crossfade between both

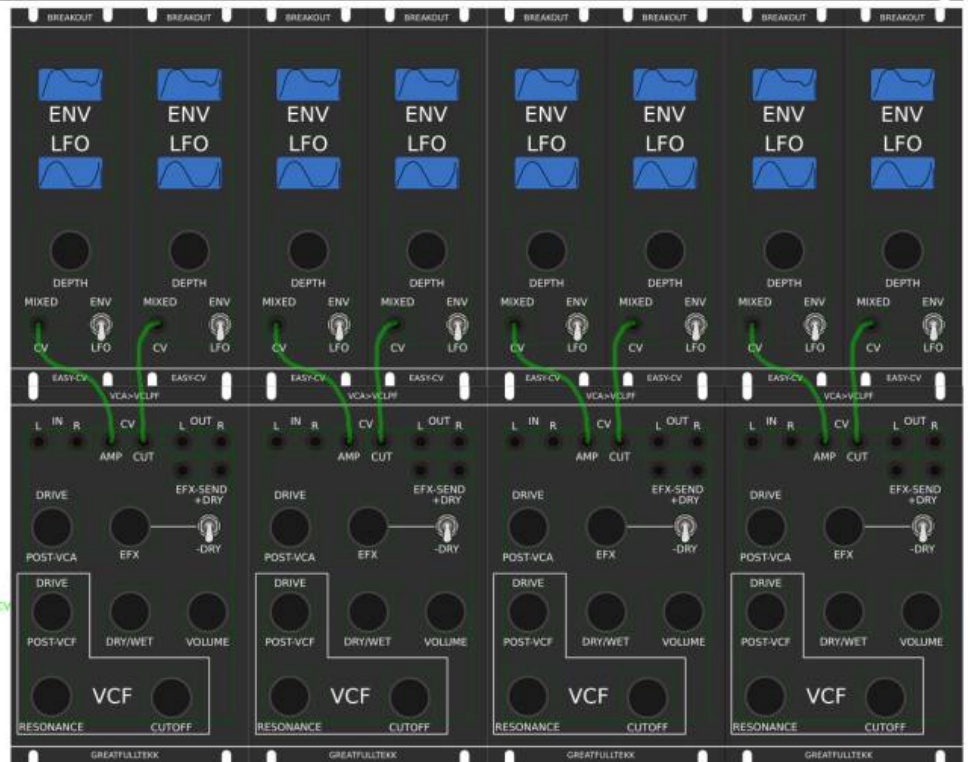
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- I will use it to filter:
- 2xGuitar-Loopstations
- 1xGuitar
- 1xPercussion-Master

## General Design

The panel size is 3U, Eurorack compliant

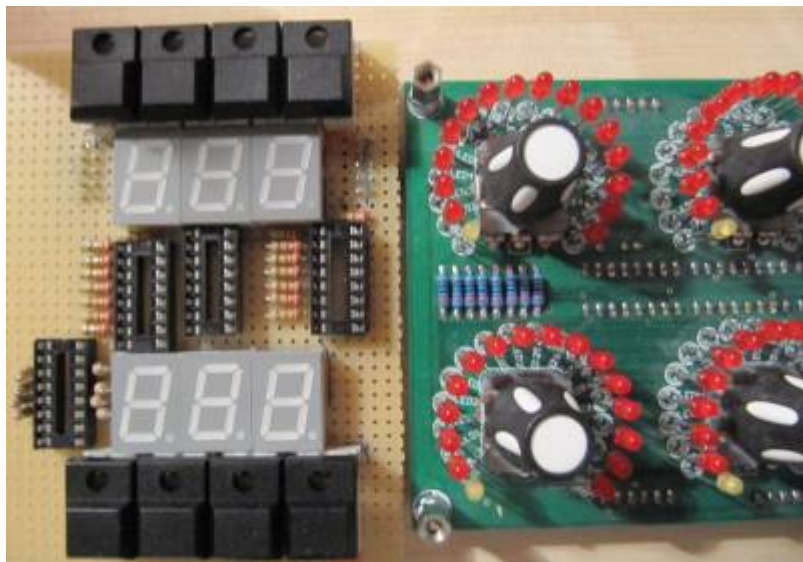
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### PCBs

The Analog Circuits (VCF+VCA) get sandwich as normal (not90° angled)

Left-Part of the Brain on Breathboard:

- 7Segment: LTS547AP
- Button: ShadowSE/ITT



### 3D View of Sandwiches

 **Fix Me!** make concept

### 1. UI Parts Listing

#### BRAIN + BREAKOUT


- [Jacks 3.5mm @ Thonk](#)
- [SPDT Switch ON-OFF-ON @ Rs-components](#)


| Value      | Type                              | Qty |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 3.5mm Jack | Vertical PCB-Mount                | 13  |
| Switch     | SPDT Vertical PCB-Mount ON-OFF-ON | 1   |


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#### Pots / Knobs

- [Alps RK11K Series](#)
- [Alpha Pots @ Thonk](#)
- [Knobs Suppliers](#)

 **Fix Me!** need special 4gang 50KB potentiometers for a STEREO Resonance (stereo filter, one UI)

 **Fix Me!** need special 4gang xxKB (50?) potis for a Stereo DRY/WET Mix

 **Fix Me!** need special 2gang xxKB (50?) potis for EFX Send Mix Stereo

-  **Fix Me!** need special 2gang 50KA potis for CUT-OFF Stereo
-  **Fix Me!** need special 2gang Post Transformator Potentiometer (Value have to look in my prototype which is used)

| Value | Type             | Qty |
|-------|------------------|-----|
| 5K    | Linear           | x   |
| 10K   | Linear           | x   |
| 50K   | Linear           | x   |
| 50K   | Logarithmic      | x   |
| 100K  | Linear           | x   |
| 1M    | Linear           | x   |
| 2M?   | Linear           | x   |
| Knobs | Soft/Plastic/Alu | x   |

## 2. Analog Parts Listing

### VCA-VCF-Board

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## 3. Footprint Making in KiCAD

- ALPS Pots
- Alpha Pots
- 3,5mm Jack
- Switch
- Momentary Switch
- 7 Segment LED Display
- OLED Display
- Rotary Encoder

 **Fix Me!** have to be done

## 4. Schematics in KiCAD

 **Fix Me!** have to be done

## 5. PCB Making In Kicad

## PCB Making Order

- BRAIN PCBs:
  - a.Left-Brain
  - b.Right-Brain
- LRE8x2CS - is a generic PCB which i already have (fairlightiiís)
- BREAKOUT PCBs (maybe have to sandwich because of shiftregisters and less space)
- FILTER PCBs (have to sandwich)

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