Com-202: Signal Processing

Python Notebooks and JupyterLab

Python for Signal Processing

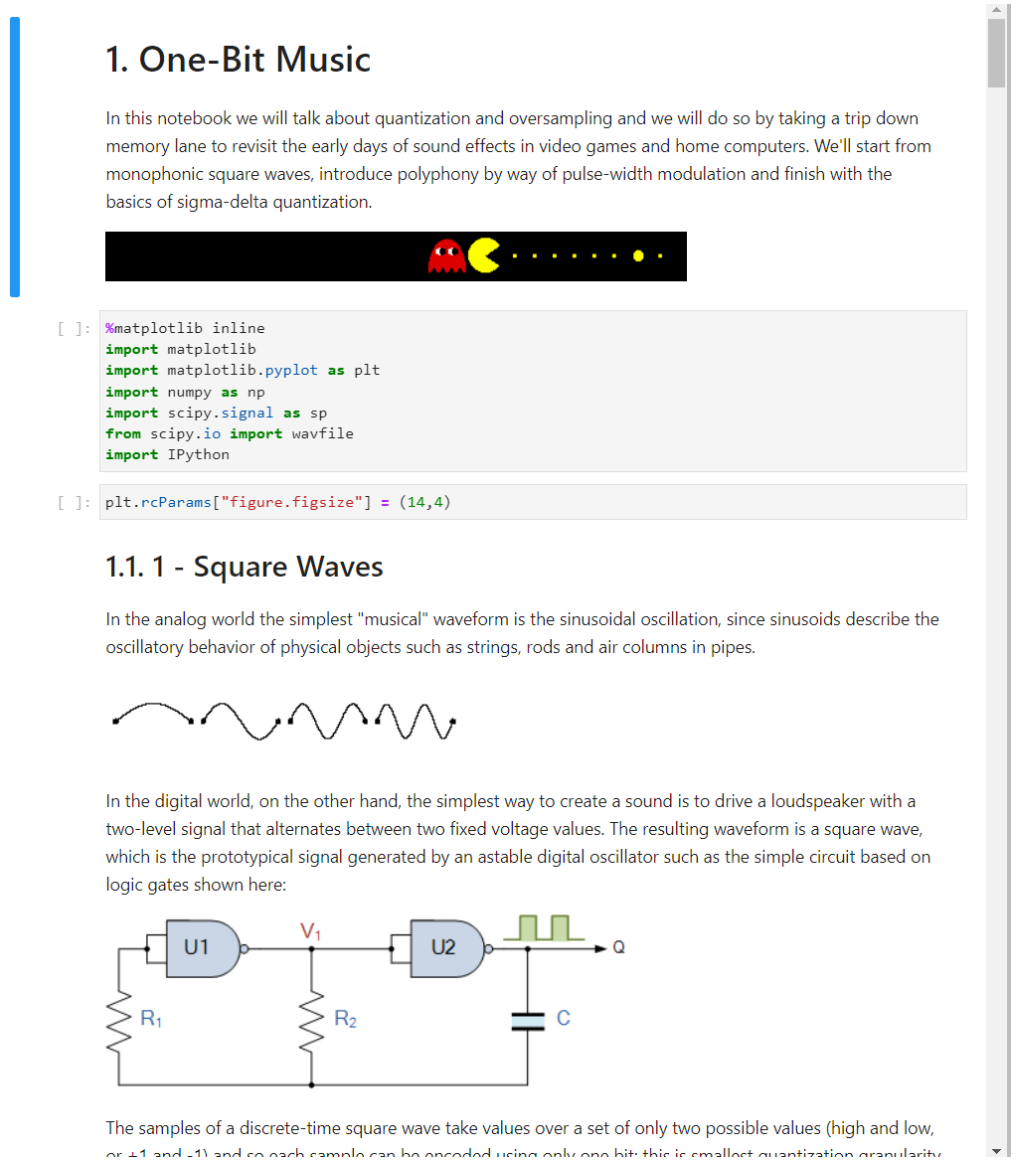
- there's no better way to understand signal processing than to build signal processing applications

coding = understanding

- we will be using Python:
  - it's a real programming language (unlike Matlab)
  - it's free and open-source (unlike Matlab)
  - it has great numerical libraries (NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib)
  - works great in Jupyter notebooks!

Computational Notebooks

- Literate computing:
  - mix code, comments, rich media
  - plots and charts computed inline
- Coding diary:
  - keep track of progress and attempts
  - share your work, collaborate
- Reuse and repurpose:
  - presentations, slideshows
  - tutorials, interactive books



1. One-Bit Music

In this notebook we will talk about quantization and oversampling and we will do so by taking a trip down memory lane to revisit the early days of sound effects in video games and home computers. We'll start from monophonic square waves, introduce polyphony by way of pulse-width modulation and finish with the basics of sigma-delta quantization.


```
[ ]: %matplotlib inline
import matplotlib
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import scipy.signal as sp
from scipy.io import wavfile
import IPython
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[ ]: plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = (14,4)
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1.1. 1 - Square Waves

In the analog world the simplest "musical" waveform is the sinusoidal oscillation, since sinusoids describe the oscillatory behavior of physical objects such as strings, rods and air columns in pipes.

In the digital world, on the other hand, the simplest way to create a sound is to drive a loudspeaker with a two-level signal that alternates between two fixed voltage values. The resulting waveform is a square wave, which is the prototypical signal generated by an astable digital oscillator such as the simple circuit based on logic gates shown here:

The samples of a discrete-time square wave take values over a set of only two possible values (high and low, or +1 and -1) and so each sample can be encoded using only one bit: this is smallest quantization granularity

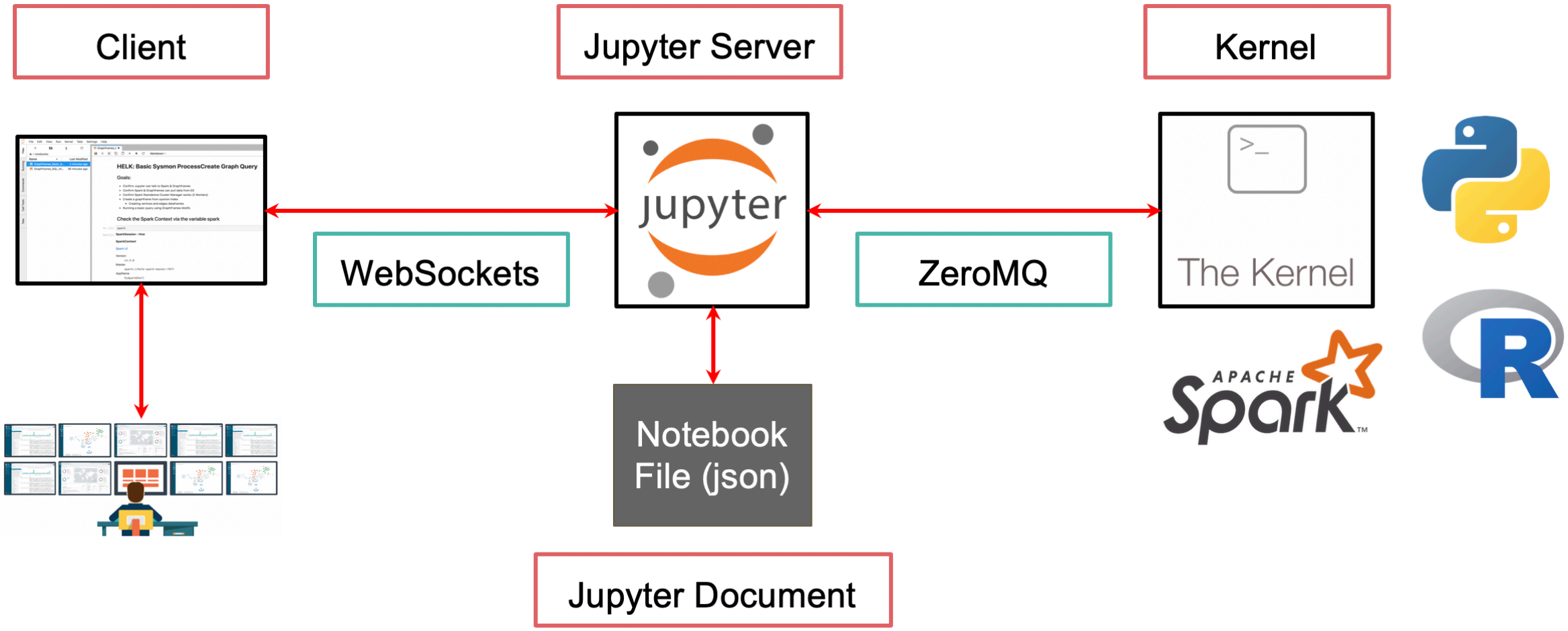
Jupyter

- JupyterLab:
  - notebook authoring application
  - browser-based front-end
  - compatible with many languages

Open source, interactive data science and scientific computing across over 40 programming languages.

- You can work anywhere:
  - run locally or remotely
  - frictionless integration with code repos

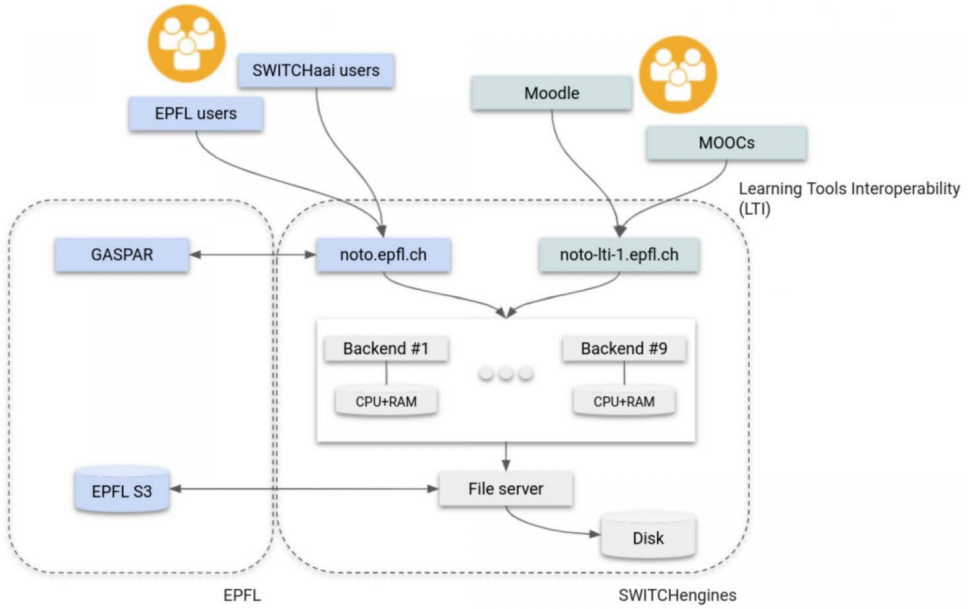
Jupyter architecture



Your options

- Install and run locally on your PC
  - easiest way: install Anaconda
  - roll your own: `pip install jupyterlab`
  - Jupyter Extension for Visual Studio
  - …

- Run remotely:
  - EPFL's NOTO
  - mybinder.org
  - Google's Colab
  - …



Signal Processing Notebooks

- we plan to release 6 notebooks during the semester
- all notebooks will be available on Github
- links in Moodle, pointing to the NOTO framework

- weekly lab sessions to play with signal processing in Python and ask questions
- notebooks contain coding exercises
- there will be Python-based questions in the homework and in the final exam