Qu-Bit — Mojave

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Qu-Bit Mojave Quickstart Manual (PDF)

Using Qu-Bit Mojave to Create Full-Length Eurorack Songs

Turning isolated riffs, beats, or textures into a full-length, evolving track is one of the great challenges of Eurorack. The **Qu-Bit Mojave** can be a powerful centerpiece or secret ingredient to help you break through this challenge. Here's how you can use Mojave in conjunction with other modules to structure and evolve your songs:

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1. Ambient Foundations & Developing Textures

Mojave shines in creating evolving, granular soundscapes and complex textures. You can route field recordings, synth lines, or percussion into Mojave's inputs (or use the onboard mic) and manipulate them live.

- **Divide Your Song Into Sections:** Use Mojave to establish different scenes—start with pure granular textures, then morph into melodies or chords.
- **Automate/Modulate Parameters:** Use sequencers or CV sources to move Mojave's `Zone`, `Structure`, `Rate`, and `Distribute` controls over time. This produces continual evolution and keeps each section fresh.

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2. Scenes & Arrangement with Sky Modes and Gen Modes

- **Sky Modes (Major, Minor, Chromatic, Free):** Switch Sky Modes to change the harmonic content across your song—e.g., use `Dawn` (Major) for uplifting sections, `Dusk` (Chromatic) or `Twilight` (free) for breakdowns or transitions.
- **Gen Mode (Erode, Shear, Chisel):** These grain generation modes act as creative scene changers:
- **Erode:** Smooth, clock-based grain generation—great for stable sections.
- **Shear:** Grains triggered by audio threshold—reactive, dynamic variation.
- **Chisel:** Manual gate-triggered grains—use for fills, drops, or breakdowns; trigger with performance controllers or gate sequencers.

Pro Tip: Trigger mode changes using CV, manual button presses, or performance controllers mapped via MIDI/CV.

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3. Song Transitions With Freeze, Lock, and Buffer Scrubbing

- **`Lock` and `Freeze`:** Use these creatively as transitions; for breakdowns, `Freeze` the grains to create ambient drones or decimation FX, then unfreeze to return to rhythmic play.
- **Scrub the Buffer:** With `Zone` control and `Lock`, sweep the playhead over interesting buffer sections during transition sections.

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4. Dynamic Mix, Feedback/Reverb, and Spatial Play

- **Mix Automation:** Fade dry/wet for dramatic drops or to isolate layers. Modulate with LFOs or random CV.

- **Gust (Reverb/Feedback):** Use reverb for lush ambient sections, feedback for glitchy, noisy breakdowns.
- **Whirl (Spatialization):** Pan or spatially animate grains mid-song for movement or stereo interest.

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5. Rhythm & Groove

Though Mojave is more about texture and melody, its rhythmic displacement (`Distribute`) and grain rate can sync tightly to clock sources:

- **External Sync:** Use Tap/Clock input to sync to a master clock, making Mojave part of the larger rhythmic fabric.
- **Ratcheting/Randomization:** Modulate `Distribute` for glitchy fills or evolving groove.
- **Melodic Content:** Route melodic CV to `Speed` (tracks 1V/Oct), and use `Structure` for granular arpeggios or evolving harmonies.

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6. Performance & Live Arrangement

- **Dune Output:** Use Mojave's Dune CV/Gate output as a macro performance controller to automate modulation elsewhere—e.g., crossfade, filter sweeps, or trigger drum fills.
- **Mic Input for Live Material:** Introduce new live sounds on the fly, processing vocals, hand percussion, or spontaneous samples.

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7. Combinatorial Examples

- **With Sequencers:** Sequence Mojave's melodic content & automate parameter morphing.
- **With Samplers:** Record Mojave's processed textures into other samplers for cut-up manipulation, or to glue sections together.

- **With Drum Modules:** Layer granular textures on top of rhythmic content for breakdowns, intros, or outros.
- **With Effects:** Send Mojave output through delays, distortion, or spectral processors for unique transitions.
- **With Switch/Matrix Modules:** Route Mojave in and out of different FX chains or feedback loops to vary song structure.

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8. Macro Control for Structural Progression

- **Preset Changes via Narwhal/Web App:** Pre-program Mojave's behaviors; switch between saved configurations (harmonic, temporal, or spatial) at key song moments.
- **Combine CV Channels:** Use complex modulation sources/attenuverters to automate parameter sweeps for builds, drops, or evolving sections.

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9. Patching Sections for Full-Length Performances

Create a *performance patch* with planned scenes:
1. **Intro:** Frozen, minimal grains; automated drift/zone. 2. **Verse A:** Granular melodic arpeggio synced to clock. 3. **Chorus:** Wide reverb, increased density/rate, major scale. 4. **Breakdown:** Freeze, Lo-Fi grains, heavy feedback. 5. **Build:** Quick ramp of grain rate, modulated structure. 6. **Outro:** Slowly decrease rate, wet mix fades out.

Use external controllers, CV modulation, and direct performance on Mojave's panel to navigate these scenes.

Conclusion

Mojave's live performance features, modulation options, and deep configurability make it far more than a texture machine—it's a compositional tool for structuring, transitioning, and evolving an entire

Eurorack song. With some planning and modulation patching, it can help transform fragmented ideas into flowing, full-length compositions.

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