



Rose Does Something

“[...] The rose is now **red**
since she said what she
said [...]

*‘A rose is a rose is a rose is
a rose’* and it was **red** for
the very first time.

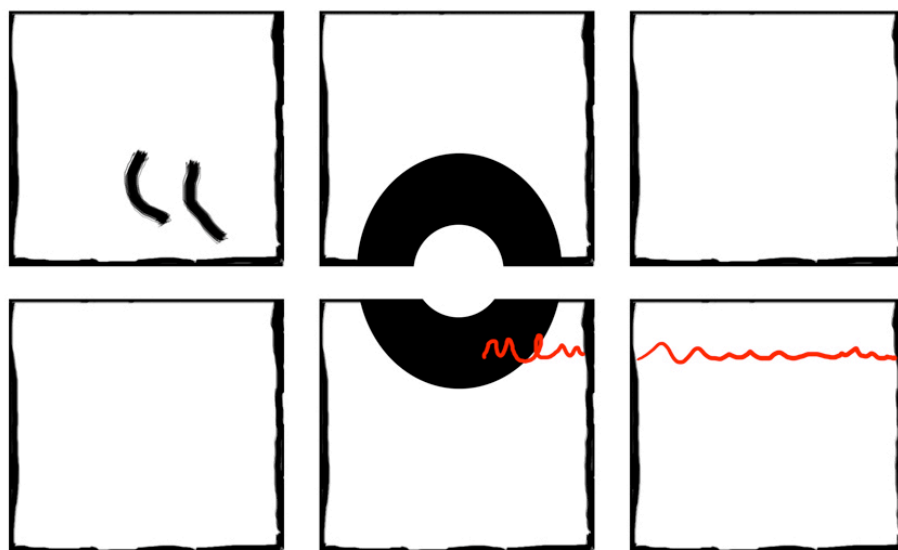
A **nose** is a nose is a nose is
a nose and it bled for the
sake of the rhyme.

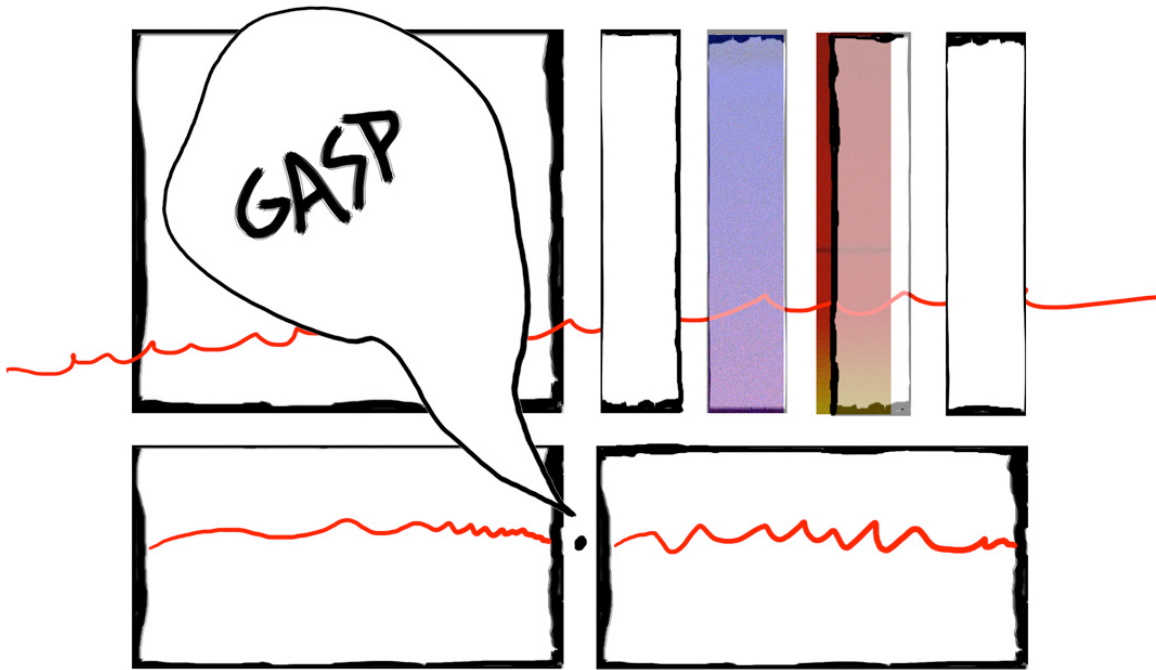
‘A rose is a rose is a rose’
and at last we can see it is
red.

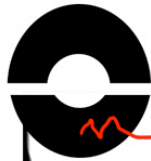
And at last we have **read**
the rose.”

(Doruff, from “Ode on a
Gertrude Stein,” 1977)

Part One







even ing, on the radio
waves, an ex ceptional ly
abstract program. An intermin
gling of metaphy s ics, n u
clear physics, the latest syn
theses concern ing the consti
tution of mat ter and the birth
of the Universe.

Alm ost with out reali z ing it, I
picked up m y draw ing materials.
The lively discus sion that w as
going on im mediately und id the
kind of dr awing I had b e e n doing
for mont hs, breaking it o ff and
chang ing it into ano ther kind of
drawing [...]

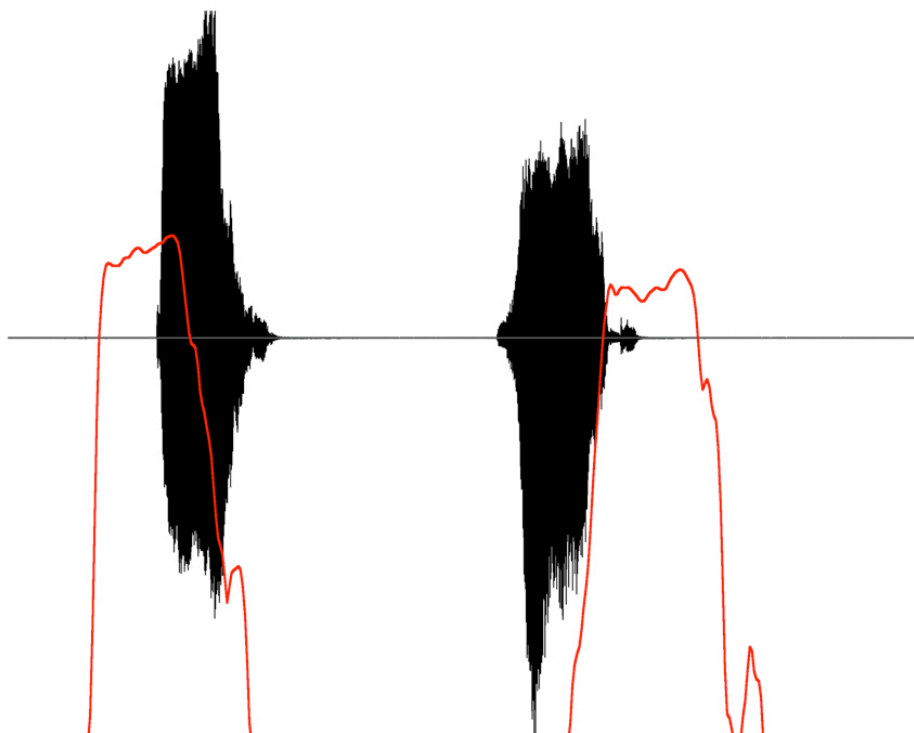


I was **follow ing** [...] cal led to think
my way thr ough e ver larger mat
ters, mov ing in success ion fro m
one level o f ignora nce to a nother, I
wa s prey to a par ticula r exaltation

Henri Michaux

GRASP

[...] To while a b stract ing
yourself ev ermore, to gr a sp the
tend enc y, the accent, the p ace, the
sp ace. To gras p the u nderly ing [...]
I was **f ol lowing**." (Michaux, 2006)



"Therefore my question is very simple: in which case are we determined, not to think of matter as movement, but in which case are we determined

to apprehend matter as matter in motion? As **flow-matter** [...] I would tell myself that there are other ways of **grasping** matter, and in these

other ways, equally determined, in which intuition does not **grasp** matter as movement-matter, how does intuition **grasp** it? We would have to

confront not only intuition but situations of intuition. Sensory intuitions and sensory apprehensions [...] Therefore matter as bearer of

singularities, as bearer of affective qualities or traits of expression, and from that point on inseparable from processes of deformation

which are practiced upon it, naturally or artificially, would be matter in motion. This would obviously imply that there would be situations

in which one would not **grasp** matter as bearer of singularities or bearer of traits of expression. Matter **flow** must be that, since it bears

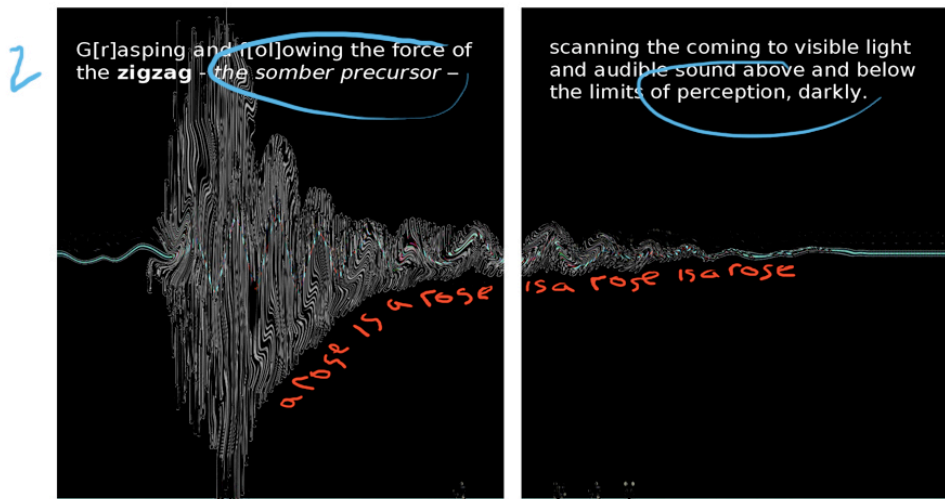
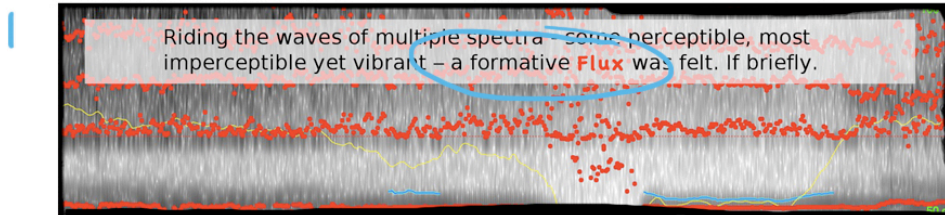
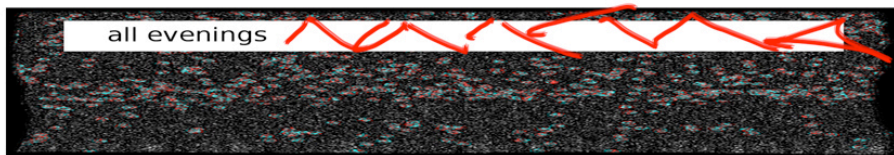
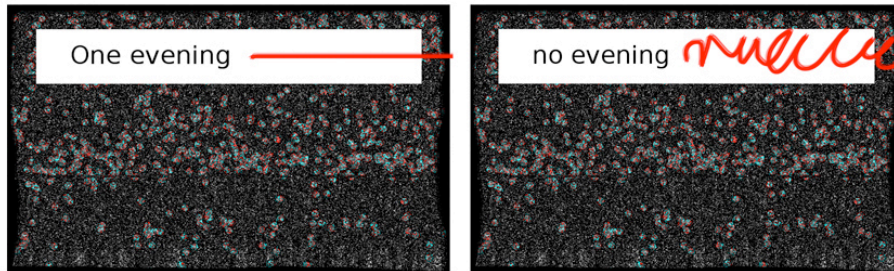
singularities here and there. Roaming [itinérer] from that point on is quite simple: it's **following** movement-matter [...] as it presents one

such singularity rather than another, one such affect rather than another, and makes this matter undergo operations to make the singularities

Flow


converge on such and such trait of expression." (Deleuze, 1977)

Part Two

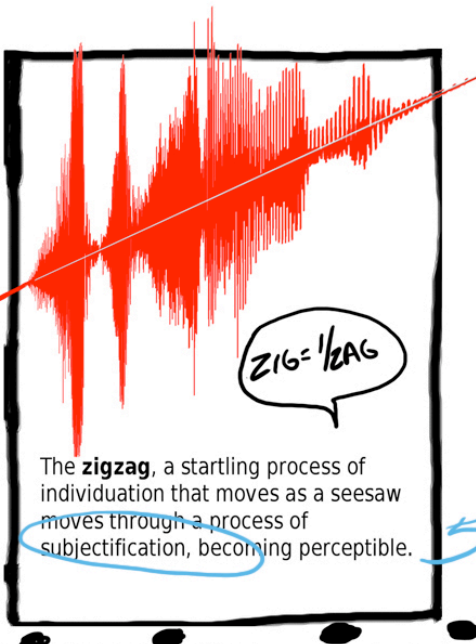


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The **zigzag haecceity**. The line of flight as the **reciprocity** of aleatoric drift and its strategic fluency: **zig = 1/zag**. Speeding and slowing below and above the threshold of perceptible waveforms.



Coming to vision, to sound.

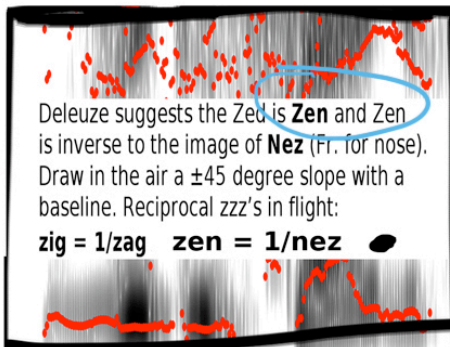


ZIG = 1/ZAG

The **zigzag**, a startling process of individuation that moves as a seesaw moves through a process of subjectification, becoming perceptible.

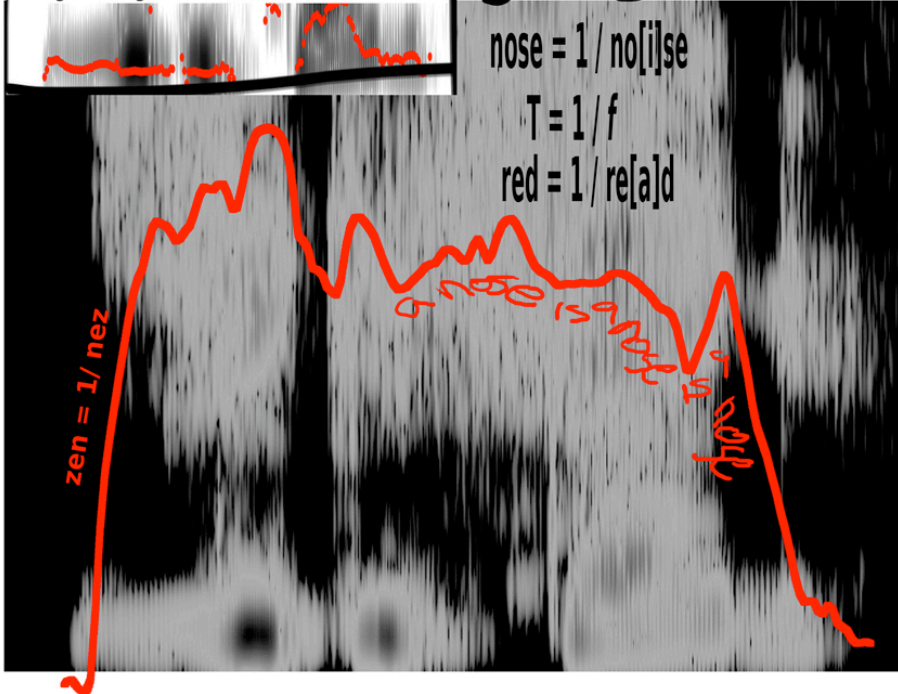
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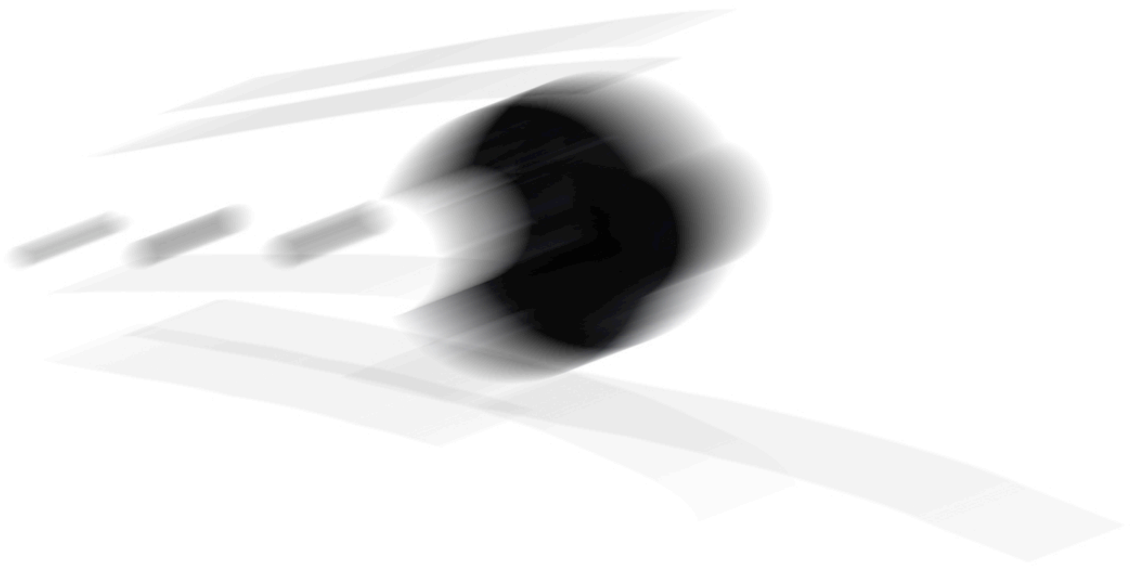
Deleuze suggests the Zed is **Zen** and Zen is inverse to the image of **Nez** (Fr. for nose). Draw in the air a ± 45 degree slope with a baseline. Reciprocal zzz's in flight: **zig = 1/zag zen = 1/nez**



nose = 1 / no[i]se
 $T = 1 / f$
 red = 1 / re[a]d

zen = 1 / nez





ZEN

If you blot out sense and sound?
What do you hear?

25, 16, 3, 15

"The condition of energy (called **Ki** in Japanese) in the meridian lines is defined by **kyo** and **jitsu**. The two concepts are very similar to yin

and yang. **Kyo** is the condition of depleted energy [...] while **jitsu** is the condition of excess energy..." (Masunaga, 1977, 39)

Jitsu: high frequency abundance.
Tends towards the blueish in the visible light spectrum.

Kyo: low frequency emptiness.
Tends towards the reddish in the visible light spectrum.

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NEZ

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NOSE

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KNOWS

NO[I]SE

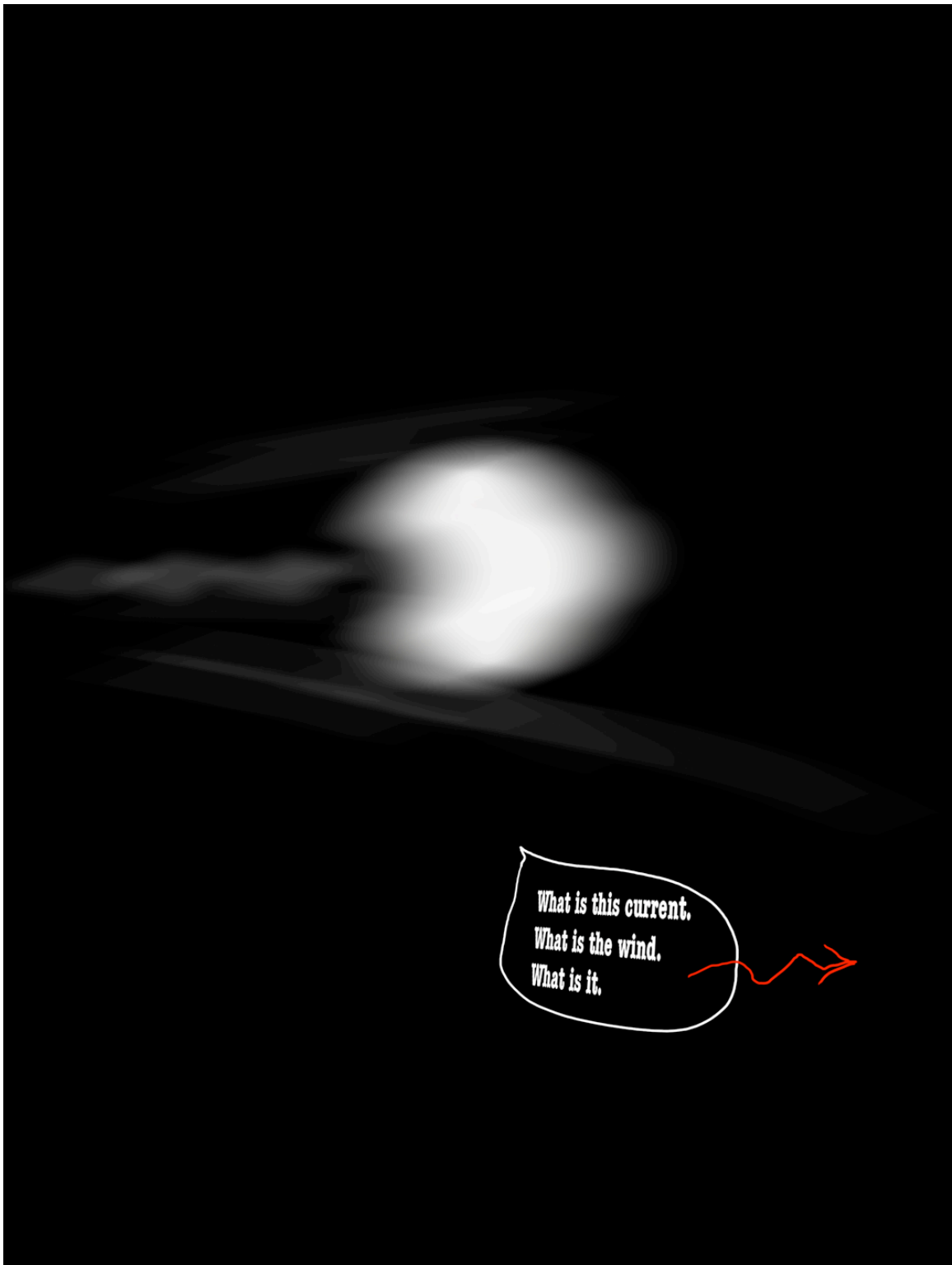
A **nose** is a **knows**
is a **nose** is a **noise**

Nose : Knows :: Red : Read

A LONG DRESS.

“What is this current that makes machinery, that make s it **crackle**, what is this current that presents a long line and a necessary waist.

....



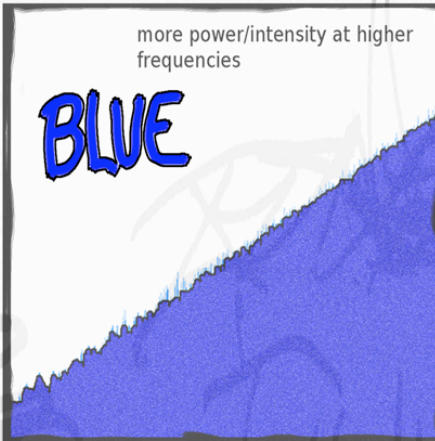
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Noise: White. Pink. Red. Blue. Violet. Black. Hues in-between.



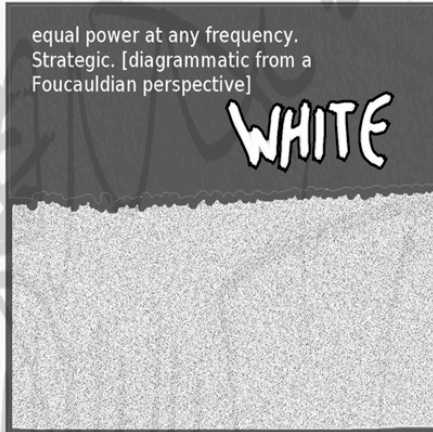
more power/intensity at higher frequencies

BLUE



equal power at any frequency.
Strategic. [diagrammatic from a Foucauldian perspective]

WHITE



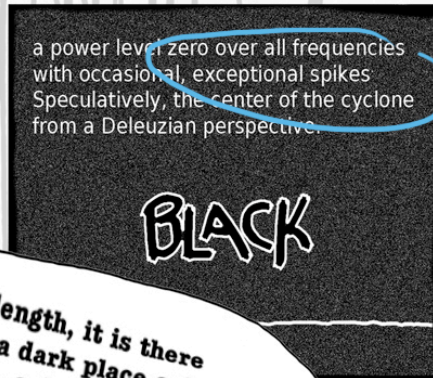
more power/intensity at lower frequencies. A random walker

RED



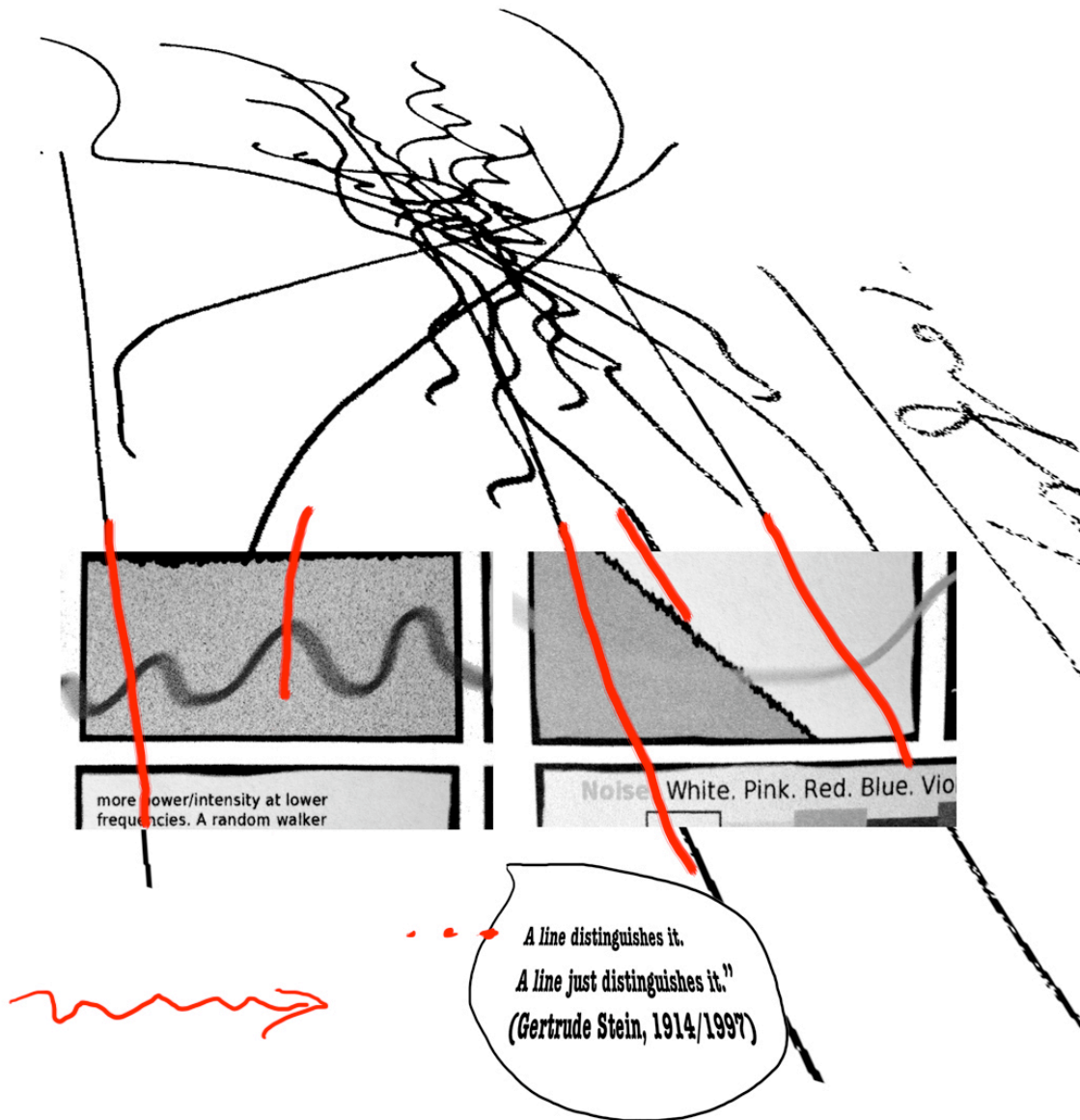
a power level zero over all frequencies
with occasional, exceptional spikes
Speculatively, the center of the cyclone
from a Deleuzian perspective.

BLACK



Where there is serene length, it is there
and a dark place is not a dark place only in
white and red and black, only a yellow and
green and blue, a pink is scarlet, a bow is
every color. ...

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This zigzagging line, this reciprocal precursor of the dark and the light, of the potential empty and the flat full, is segmented and sinuous. It moves, as a fly moves, through the charged silence of **black noise**. **Of black light**.

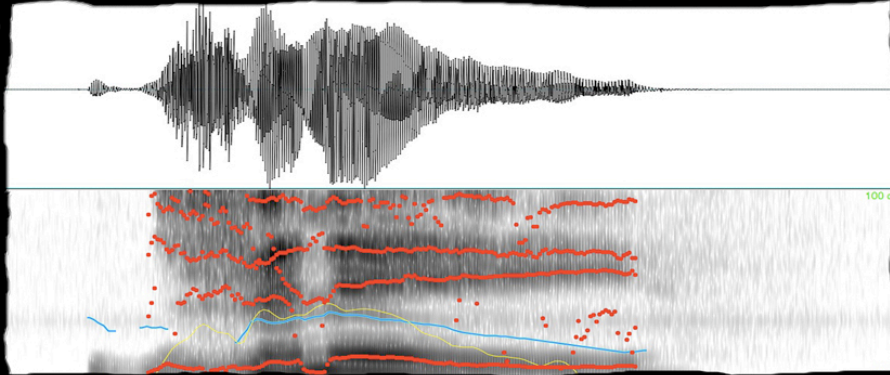
ZENEZ
SuperHaeccceity

Zigzagging Dark Scanner

Passing from the zero power level of all frequencies to the spectral conflux of the flattened excess of all frequencies of **white noise**. **Of white light**.
The power equality of a smooth spectrum.

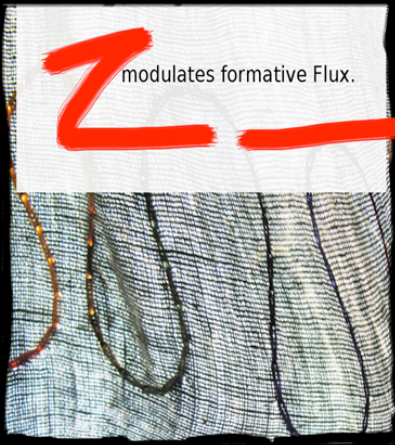
*Pure white noise –
conceptual; a virtual potential;
requires infinite energy.*

ZeNeZ rides, as matter in motion, the non-pulsed time of relations between speeds and slownesses. The confounding gluing substrate of the *not-yet*. Of zigging and zagging and its creative progeny.



Part wave, part matter – wavicle – in motion. Moving with accelerated speeds and insistent slownesses between the imperceptible and perceptible. Horizontally, vertically: transversely and longitudinally.

A vibratory energy field of reciprocal pressure and electromagnetism. The imperceptible precursing oscillation between black and white noise spectra that illuminates and Booms when thought outruns the speed of light and overtakes the speed of sound, shocking the new, the unthought.

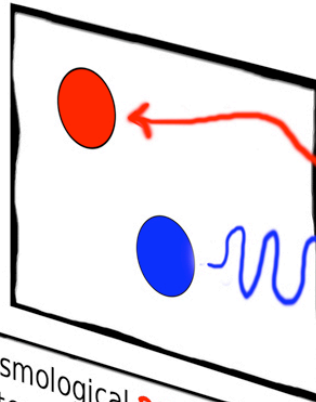


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arise is a noise

Part Three



"Color as *sensation*, color as *environment*. Color as *Color!*"
(McCloud, 1993, 191)



The cosmological **REDSHIFT** of matter movement away from an observer.

The cosmological **BLUESHIFT** of matter movement toward and observer.

A **RED** HAT.

A dark grey, a very dark grey, a quite dark grey is monstrous ordinarily, it is so monstrous because there is no **red** in it. If **red** is in everything it is not necessary. Is that not an argument for any use of it and even so is there a place that is better, is there any place that has so much stretched out. (Stein, 1917/1997, 8)

Relative to an observer, the speed of source moves slower than the speed of the waves. As the source approaches (comet, star) an increasing change in frequency is perceived. As the source recedes or moves away from the observer, a downward or decreasing change in frequency is perceived. This is a perceptual shift, not an actual shift in the frequency of the source.

If the speed of the source moves at the same speed or faster than the wave (speed of sound = 340 m/s in air), a change in pressure erupts into a shock wave producing the loud BOOM! (as in the case of a supersonic aircraft) which is relative to the position of an observer.

"Any object moving through a medium faster than the speed at which the medium carries waves will generate waves on each side, automatically, just from the motion itself. This is simple in the case of **sound** but it also occurs in the case of **light**." (Feynman, 1963, 51-1)



SHOCK
WAVE

With the flick of wrist.
CRACK!
The sound barrier shatters.
'A line just distinguishes it.'
(Stein)

CRACK!

The whiplash **CRACK!**
The current's **Crackle!**
The **SONIC BOOM!**

"This is a terrible **line** that shuffles
all the diagrams, above the very
raging storms [...] like Michaux's
line of 'a thousand aberrations' with
its growing molecular speed which
is the '**whiplash** of the furious
chariotter'.

But however terrible this **line** may
be it is a **line** of life that can no
longer be gauged by relations
between forces, one that carries m
an beyond terror." (Deleuze,
Foucault, 1988.122)



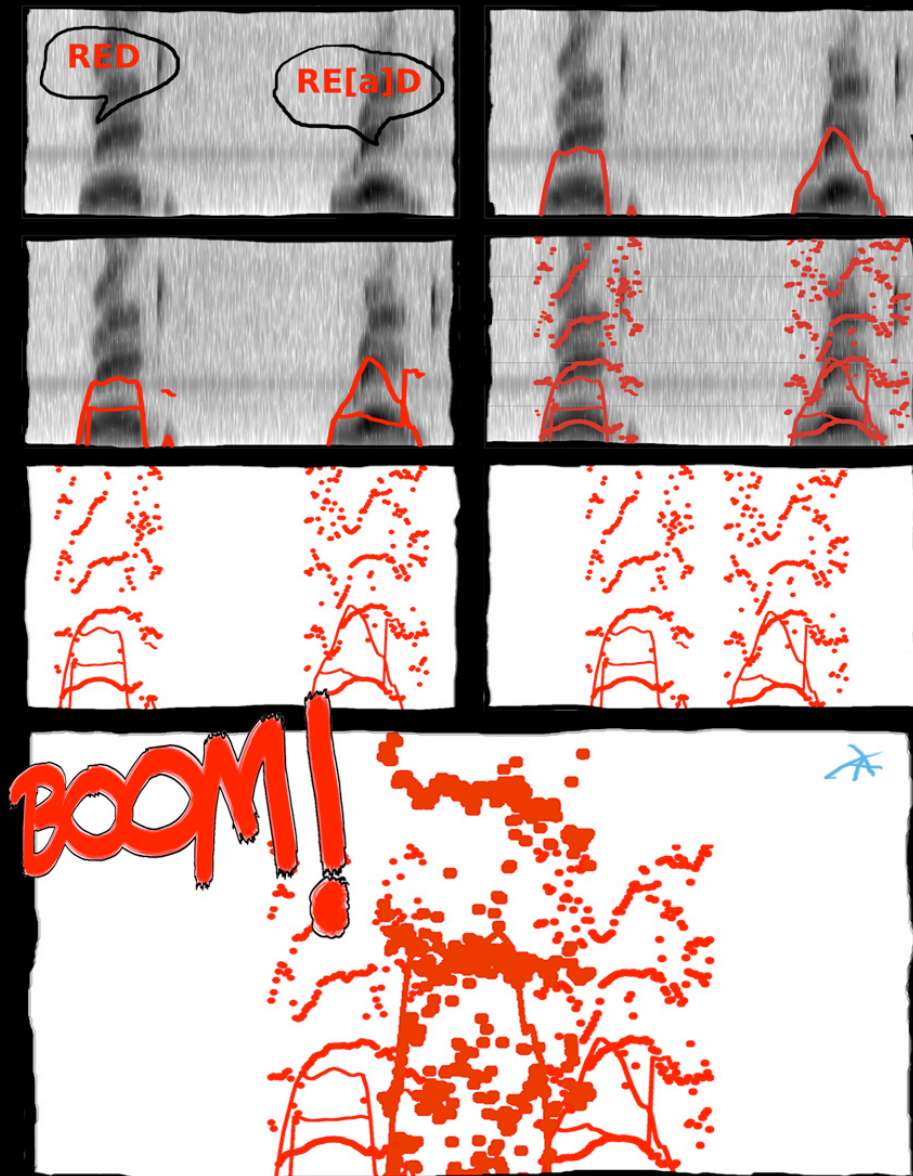


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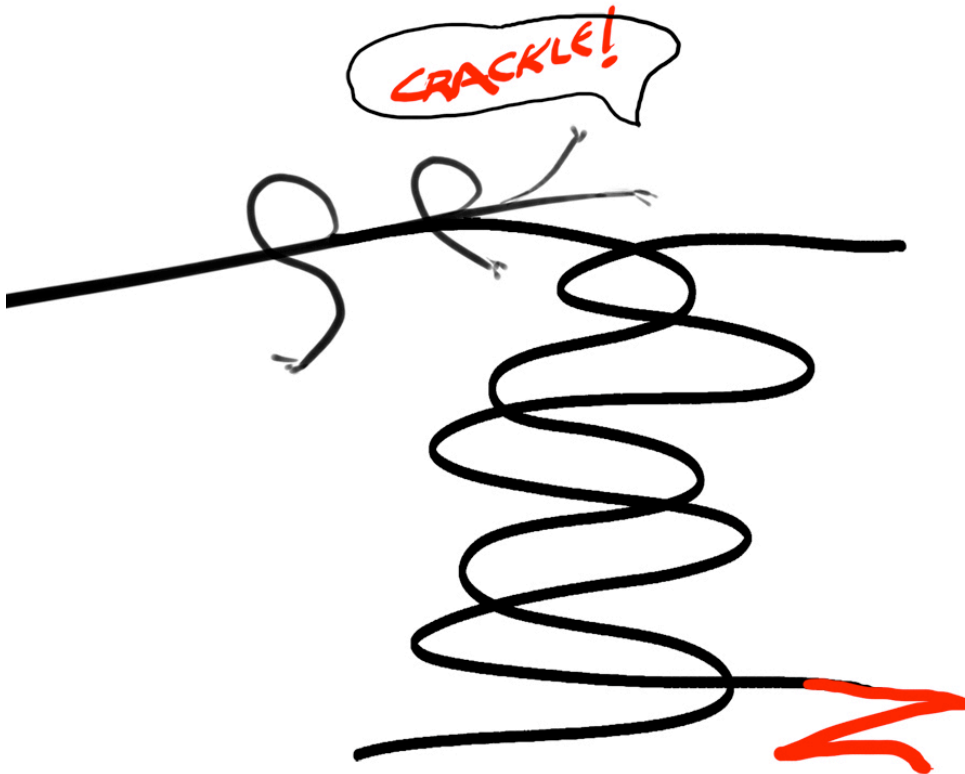
"The world is thus
 "The world is thus
 knowledge. But strata are
 knowledge. But strata are
 crossed by a central fissure
 crossed by a central fissure
 that separates, on the one
 that separates, on the one
 hand the **visual scenes**, and
 hand the **visual scenes**, and
 on the other the **sound**
 on the other the **sound**
curves: the articulable and
curves: the articulable and
 the visible on each stratum,
 the visible on each stratum,
 the two irreducible forms of
 the two irreducible forms of
 knowledge, Light and
 knowledge, Light and
 Language, two vast environ-
 Language, two vast environ-
 ments of exteriority, which
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 posited. So we are caught in
 posited. So we are caught in
 a double movement."
 a double movement."
 (Deleuze, 1988, 120-121)
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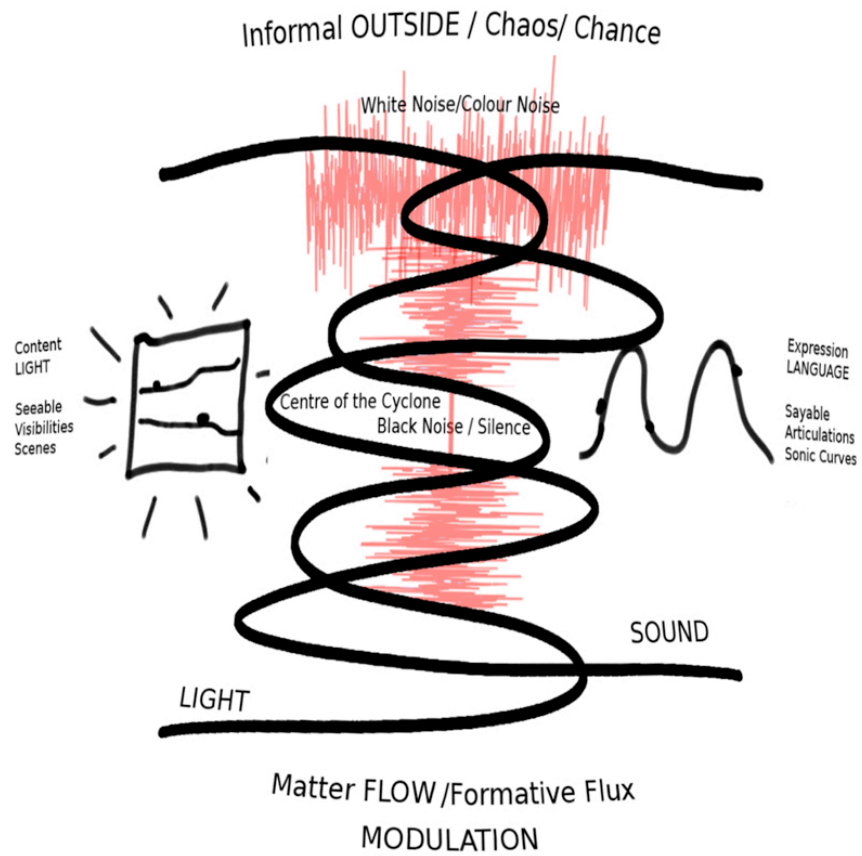
READ





Part Four





ENDNOTES

1. "Formative flux" is simply a nice term as it comes from the electronic arts and metastable experiments with colour and sound relations. "Objects are viewed as interacting events and processes, sets of dynamic relationships that create forms of an ephemeral nature. Formative flux is the essential nature of the effects of vibration." (Pellegrino, 1983, 42)

2. Prelude to the introduction of *ZeNeZ*: "Thunderbolts explode between different intensities, but they are preceded by an invisible, imperceptible *dark precursor*, which determines their path in advance but in reverse, as though intagliated. Likewise every system contains its dark precursor which ensures the communication of peripheral series [...] There is no doubt that *there is* an identity belonging to the precursor and a resemblance between the series which it causes to communicate. This 'there is' however remains perfectly indeterminate." (Deleuze, 1968, 2004: 144-145)

3. A longish citation that helps situate speeds and slownesses with what comes to light: "Movements, becomings, in other words, pure relations of speeds and slowness, pure affects, are below and above the threshold of perception. Doubtless, thresholds of perception are relative; there is always a threshold capable of grasping what eludes another ... If movement is imperceptible by nature, it is so always in relation to a given threshold of perception, which is by nature relative and thus plays the role of a mediation on the plane that effects the distribution of thresholds and percepts and makes forms perceivable to perceiving subjects [...] movement is no longer tied to the mediation of a relative threshold that it eludes ad infinitum; it has reached regardless of its speed or slowness, an absolute but differentiated threshold that is one with the construction of this or that region of the continued plane [...] Movement ceases to be the procedure of an always relative deterritorialization, becoming the process of absolute deterritorialization. The difference between the two planes accounts for the fact that what cannot be perceived on one cannot but be perceived on the other. It is in jumping from one plane to the other or from the relative thresholds to the absolute threshold that coexists with them, that imperceptible becomes necessarily perceived." (Deleuze and Guattari, 1987: 281-282)

4. The reciprocity of catalysis: "the fusional production of a primacy of relation [...] the "parts" disappear into their reciprocity." (Massumi, 2002, 165); and the Hjelmslev's double articulation between content and expression (the visible and the articulable, Light and Language): "There is never correspondence or conformity between content and expression, only isomorphism with reciprocal presupposition." (Deleuze and Guattari, 1987, 43-44)

5. The process of subjectification is mentioned here, parallel to a process of individuation, as a reference to the Foucauldian turn which is an important link to understanding Deleuze's "Diagramme de Foucault" (1988, 120) which will be a fielded in subsequent *ZeNeZ* episodes,

"The most general formula of the relation to oneself is the affect of self on self, or folded force. Subjectification created by folding [...] there are four foldings, four folds of subjectification [...] These four folds are like the final or formal cause, the acting or material cause of subjectivity or interiority as a relation to oneself." (Deleuze, 1988, 104)

6. In a final interview with Claire Parnet (L'Abécédaire de Gilles Deleuze, 1988/1995) they arrive at the letter "Z": " So what happens in Zed he asks? Musing aloud, he sees Zen as the reverse of Nez (nose) which is also a zigzag. (Deleuze gestures the angle of a nose in the air.) Zed as movement, the fly, is perhaps the elementary movement that presided at the creation of the world [...] So there is the dark precursor (Deleuze gestures Z in the air) then a lightening bolt, and that's how the world was born. There is always a dark precursor that no one sees, and then the lightening bolt that illuminates, and there is the world. He says that's also what thought should be, the grand Zed, but also the wisdom of Zen." (Stivale, 2008, 20)

7. Jitsu and Kyo are energetic states of the more and less that are recognized by Zen Shiatsu practitioners. They resemble the energetic dynamisms of coloured noise, moving through the limit thresholds of white (Jitsu) to black (Kyo). "The Jitsu condition can be likened to the thing which preoccupies a person, while the thing that a person is not aware of can be called the Kyo. The Chinese character for Jitsu denotes a house which is filled to capacity [...] The Chinese character for Kyo represents a mound which is hollow in the center [...] Both Kyo and Jitsu are result of the dynamics of Ki in the body [...] Kyo and Jitsu, rather than being absolute principles, are relative concepts which are neither good nor bad in themselves. They are very similar to Yin and Yang in that they describe two opposite tendencies. The only difference is that Kyo and Jitsu describe the availability and functional availability of Ki, or vital energy." (Masunaga, 1987, 112-113)

8. "In nonlinear dynamics, pink noise [...] is particularly interesting, because it characterizes processes that lie between the regular order of black noise and the complete disorder of white noise [...] [...] White noise is characterized by the normal distribution of the Gaussian bell curve. Pink noise with a 1/f spectrum is decidedly non-Gaussian. Its patterns are footprints of complex self-organizing systems." (Mainzer, 2004, 199-200)

9. Deleuze concludes his book on Foucault with a reference to 'terrible [...] line of life'. He surmises: "For at the place of the fissure the line forms a Law, the 'centre of the cyclone' where one can live and in fact where Life exists *par excellence* [...] as 'slow Being' [...]. Interestingly, in the Parnet interviews (see endnote 6) we find this allusion to Law and the Zed: "Parnet says that it's not the Zed of Zorro the Lawman <le Justicier>, since Deleuze has expressed throughout the alphabet how much he doesn't like judgment. It's the Zed of bifurcation, of lightning [...]" (Stivale, 2000)

10. 'Black noise' is a variably substantiated form of coloured noise and may lend itself as a

concept more towards philosophical and artistic renderings than the scientific. It can be imagined, as it is here, as white noise 180 degrees out-of phase. One definition: "The output of an active noise control system which cancels an existing noise, leaving the local environment noise free. The comic book character Iron Man used to have a "black light beam" that could darken a room like this, and popular science fiction has a tendency to portray active noise control in this light." http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colors_of_noise

11. As will be examined in more detail in the following episode "*RedBOOM!Read*", the transversal (vertical movement) and longitudinal (horizontal) waveforms of light and sound respectively, resonantly communicate through formations of strata ("acts of capture;": 40). *Epistrata* are vertical compositional formations and *parastrata* run "besides". (Deleuze and Guattari, 1987, 52)

12. The flick of wrist wrests relations of speeds and slowness – a brief event of non-pulsed time - from the constrained and measured. Via the functions of science: "By the 1920s, high-speed photography revealed that a whip's cracker can indeed break the sound barrier. The question for Goriely, however, was: How can the relatively slow speed of a whip pulled back and forth generate such high speeds at the tip? [...] The tip approaches infinite speed in some models and maintains a constant speed in others [...] The crack happens when the loop reaches the end of the whip and opens." (May, 2002)

13. Deleuze diagrammed Foucault's bifurcation of visibilities and articulations/statements and pushed the distinction between content and expression, the receptive and the spontaneous, Light (what comes to light) and Language. Distinguishing between *Red* as Light/Content and *Read* as Language/expression and their resonant waveform qualities of pitch, intensity and formants is a peculiar rendering of reciprocal presupposition between forms of content and forms of expression. "'It is vain that we say what we see; what we see never resides in what we say.'"[quoting Foucault, *The Order of Things*] [...] There are two distinct formalizations in reciprocal presupposition and constituting a double-pincer: the formalization of expression in the reading and writing lesson (with its own relative contents), and the formalization of content in the lesson of things (with their own relative expressions). We are never signifier or signified. We are stratified." (Deleuze and Guattari, 1987, 67)

*. Another longish citation that may perhaps, situate zigzagging as a self-reflexive experiment in style: "Style is a set of variations in language, a modulation, and a straining of one's whole language toward something outside it. Philosophy's like a novel: you have to ask "What's going to happen?," "What's happened?" Except the characters are concepts, and the settings, the scenes, are space-times. One's always writing to bring thing to life, to free life from where it's trapped, to trace lines of flight [...] style carves differences of potential between which things can pass, come to pass, a spark can flash and break out of language itself, to make us see and think what was lying in the shadow around the words, things we were hardly aware existed [...]"

Between a main and a subordinate clause there should be a tension, a kind of zigzagging, even-particularly-when the sentence seems quite straightforward. There's style when the words produce sparks leaping between them, even over great distances." (Deleuze, 1995, 140-1)

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