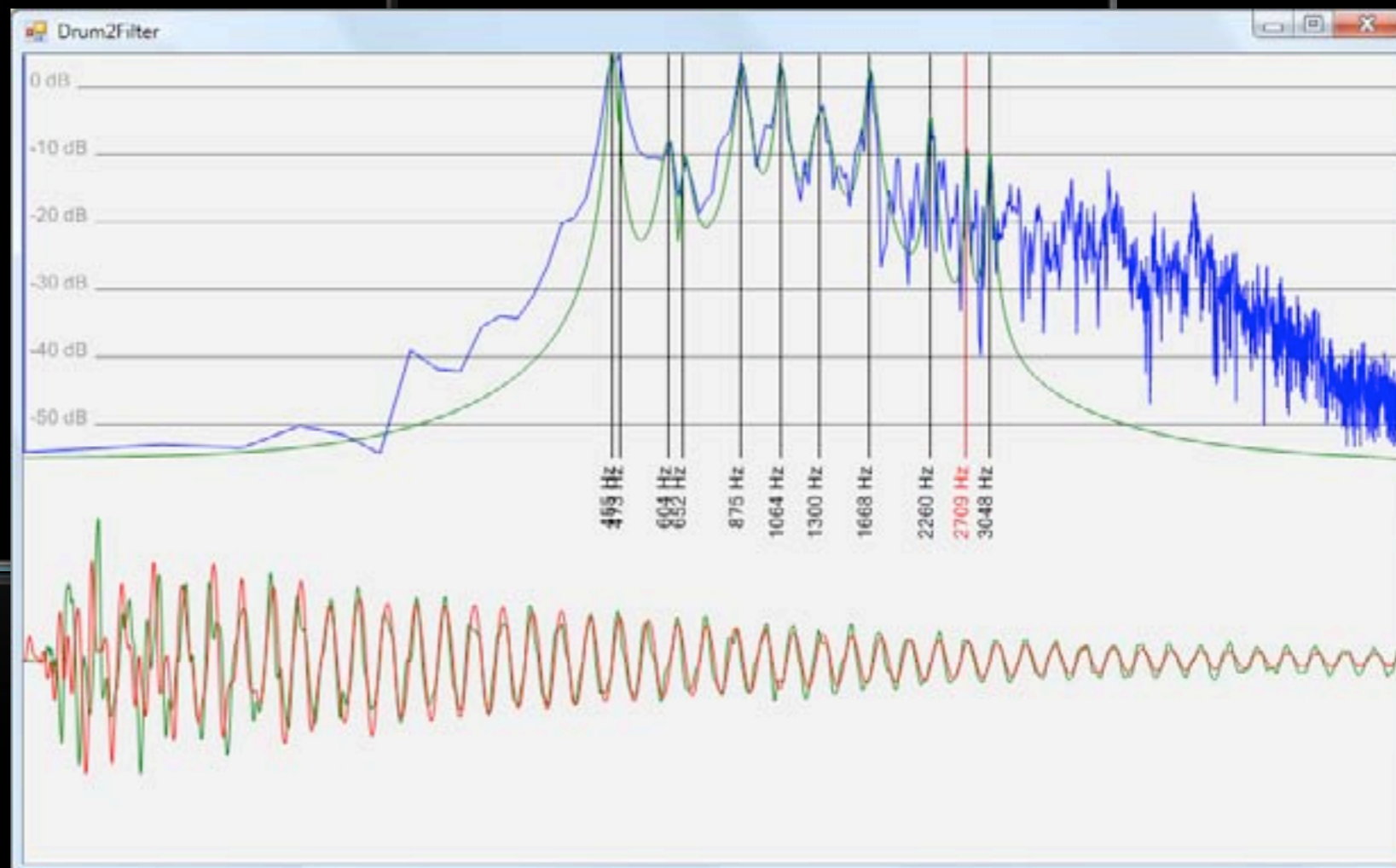
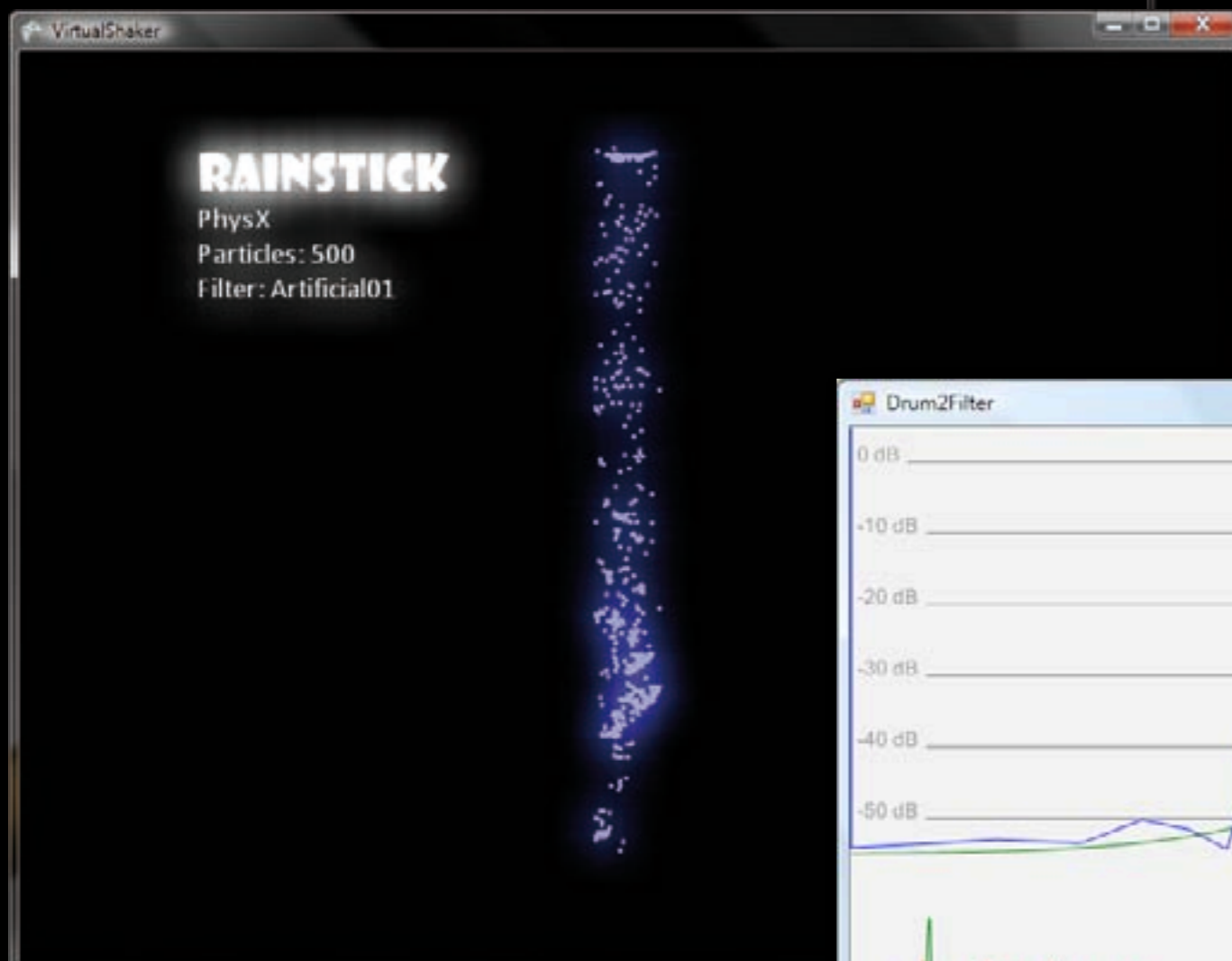


Audio and the GPU

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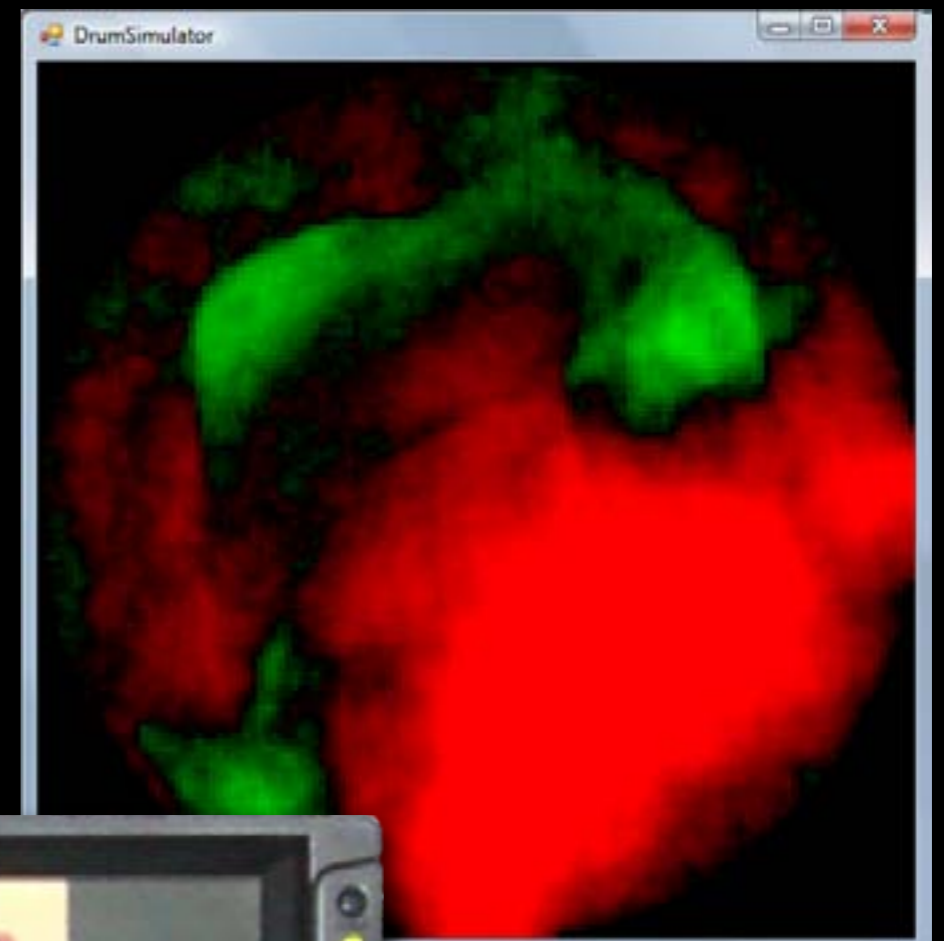
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Virtual Shaker



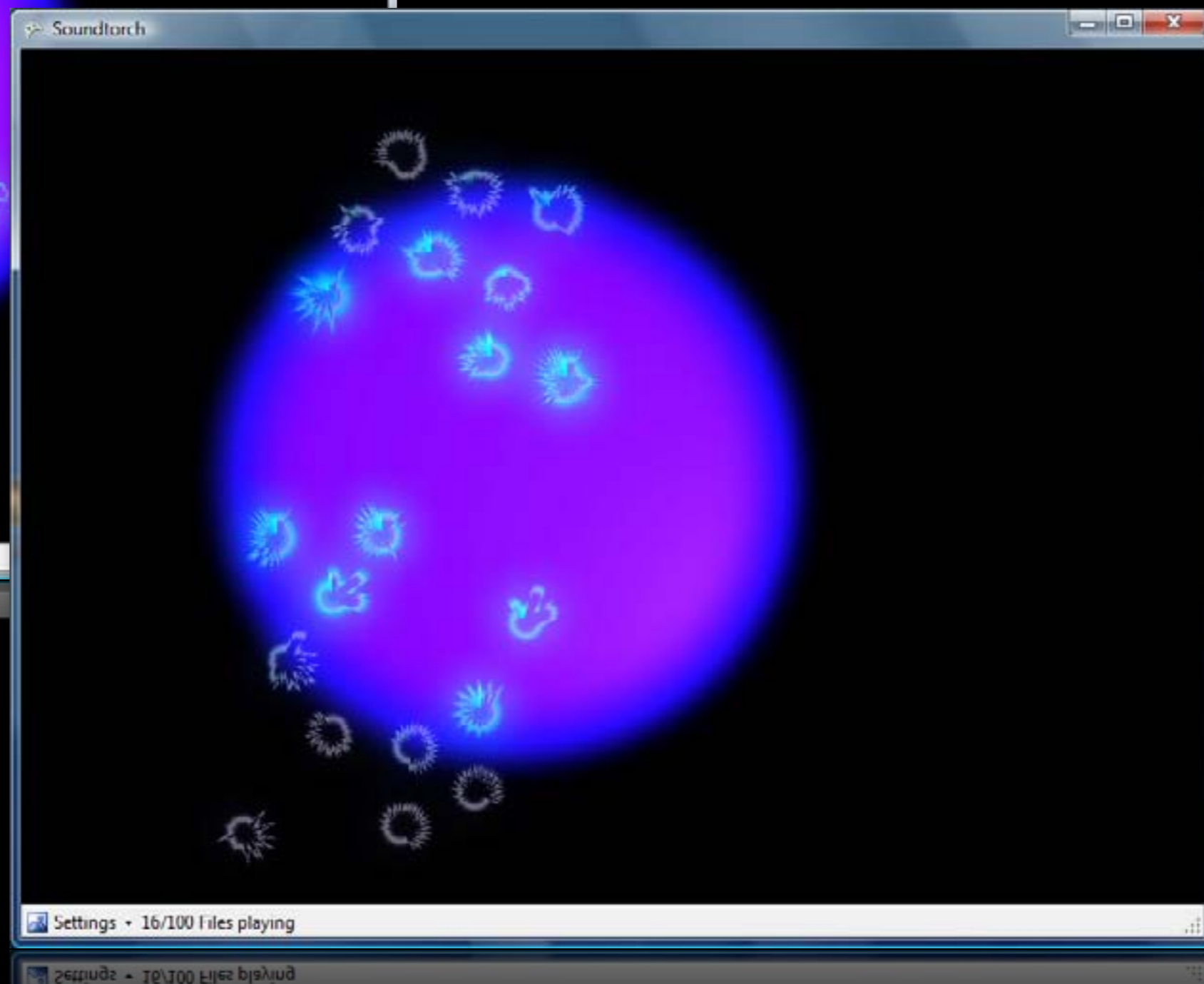
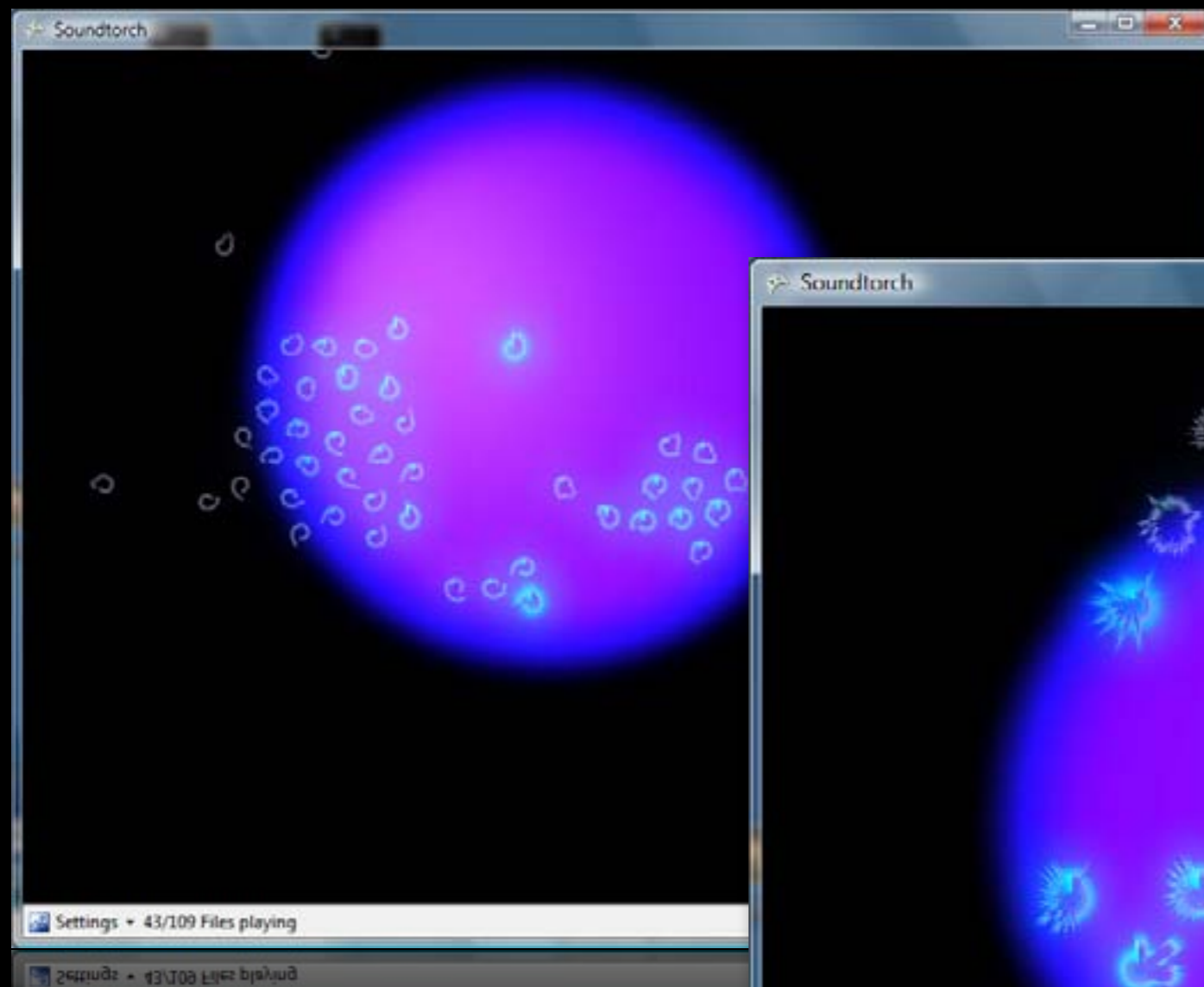
- Particle simulation: PhysX
- CPU allows 100+ particles, limited inter-collisions
- Could run on GPU, 1000+ particles? inter-collisions?
- Audio synthesis is based on filters
- Enhanced synthesis on the GPU?

Malleable Drum



- 64 x 64 mass-spring simulation on GPU
- Proprietary in DirectX
(CUDA for Vista n/a at that time)
- Computation on 8800 GTS:
22,050 kHz @ 12 ms block size

SoundTorch



- GPU computes level of each audio file
- Work in progress:
 - Audio mixing on GPU
 - Headphone spatialization on GPU:
head-related transfer functions
 - GPU computes self-organizing map

Constraints

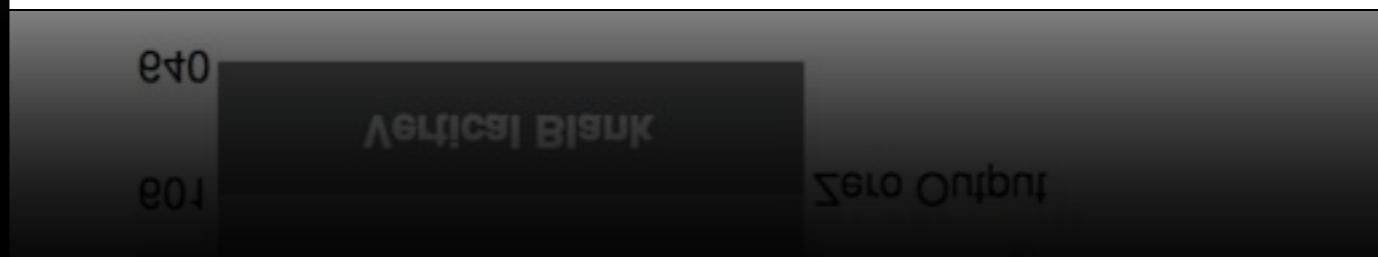
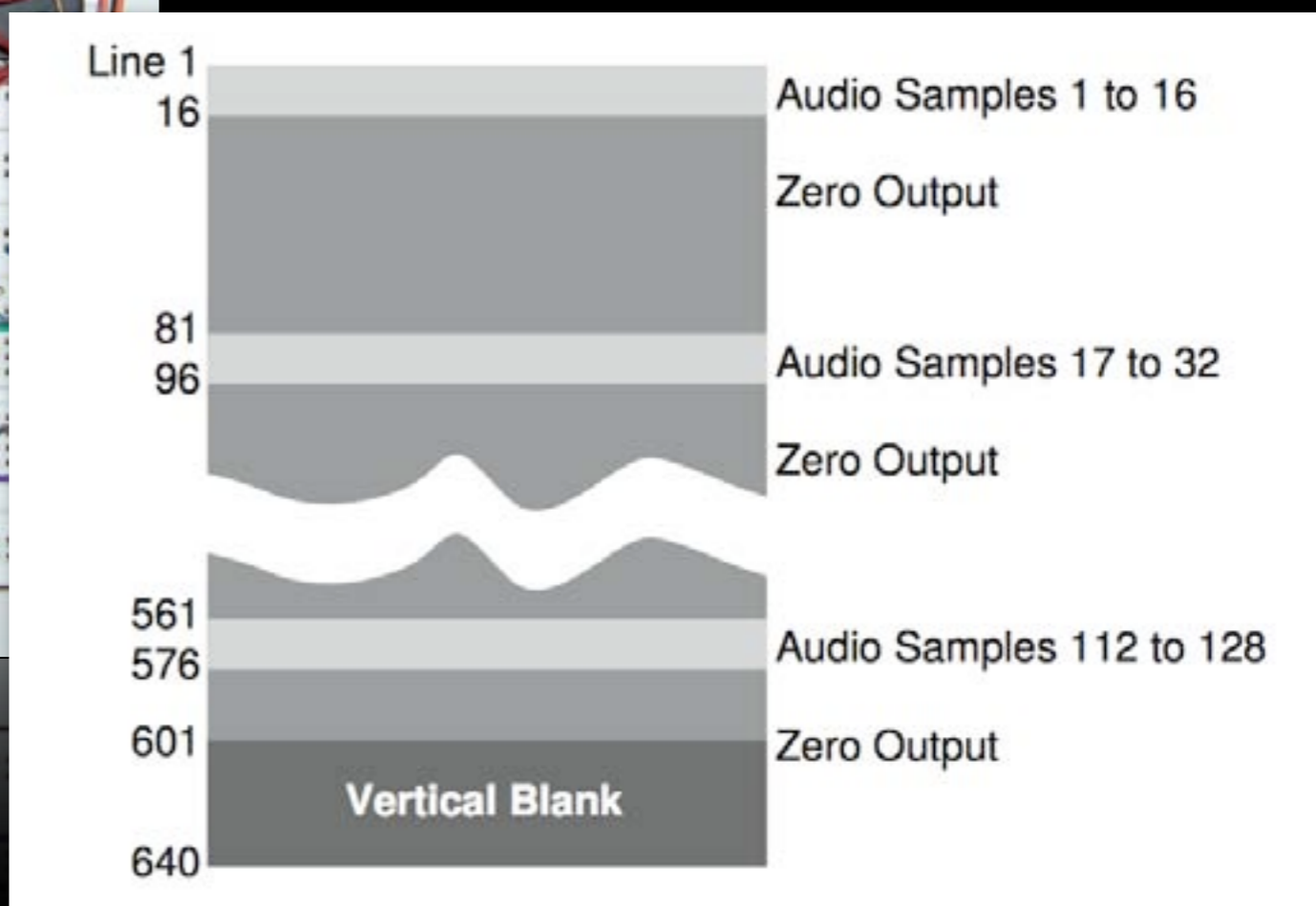
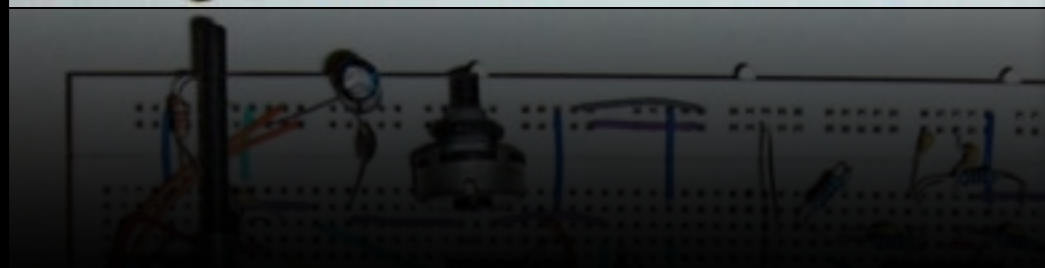
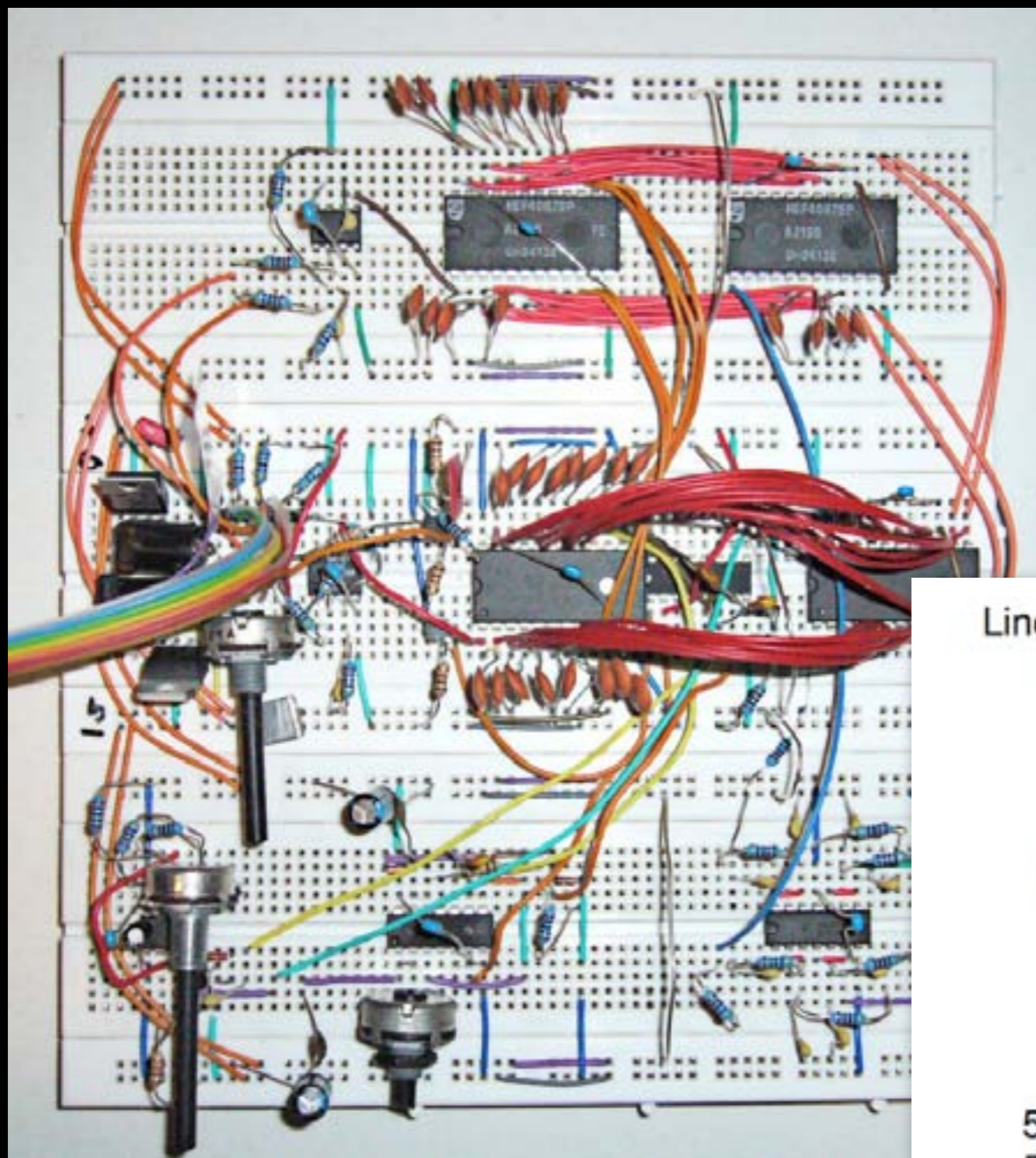
- Bandwidth

- 16 bit @ 44,100 kHz
= 86 kB/s per channel
- 1000 channels float = 172 MB/s
but no issue: PCIe 8 GB/s

- Latency

- Buffering inevitable
- 10 ms \Rightarrow 11 ft distance problematic for live music
- Limits real-time synthesis;
much more severe than with video

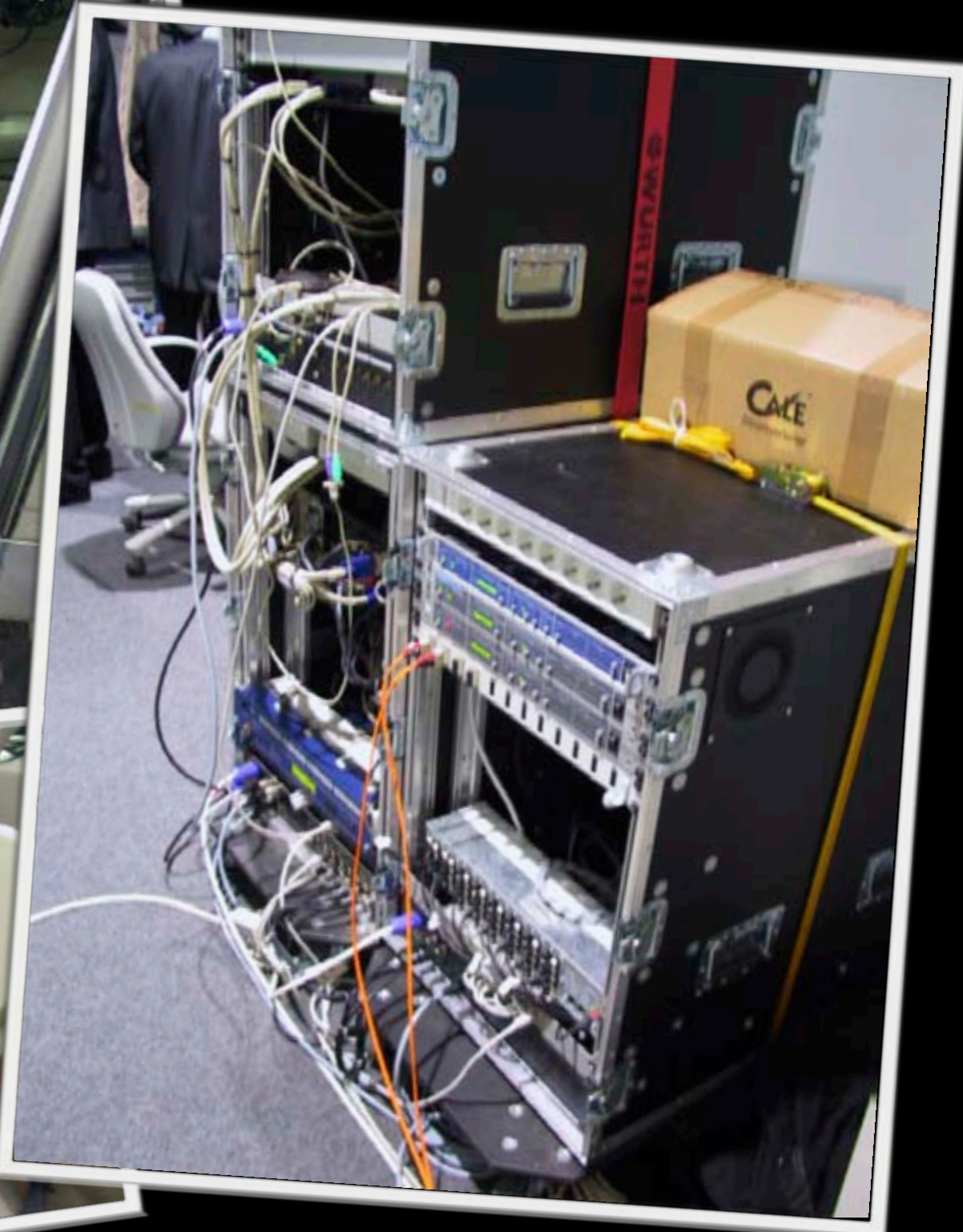
GPU-based Audio via the VGA Port



GPU-based Audio via
the **DVI** Port?

1000 Channels of Audio
via the Graphics Card

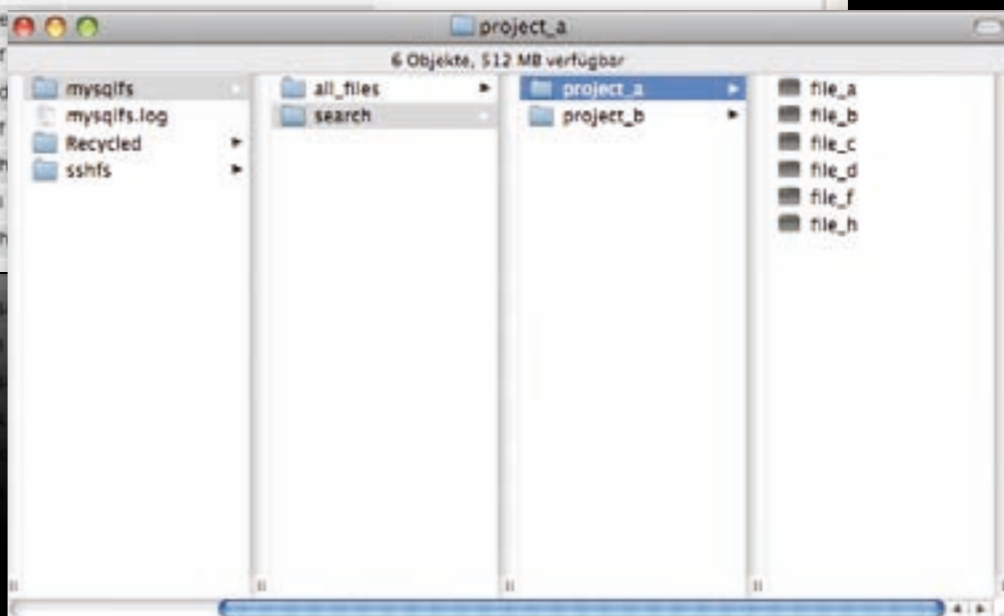
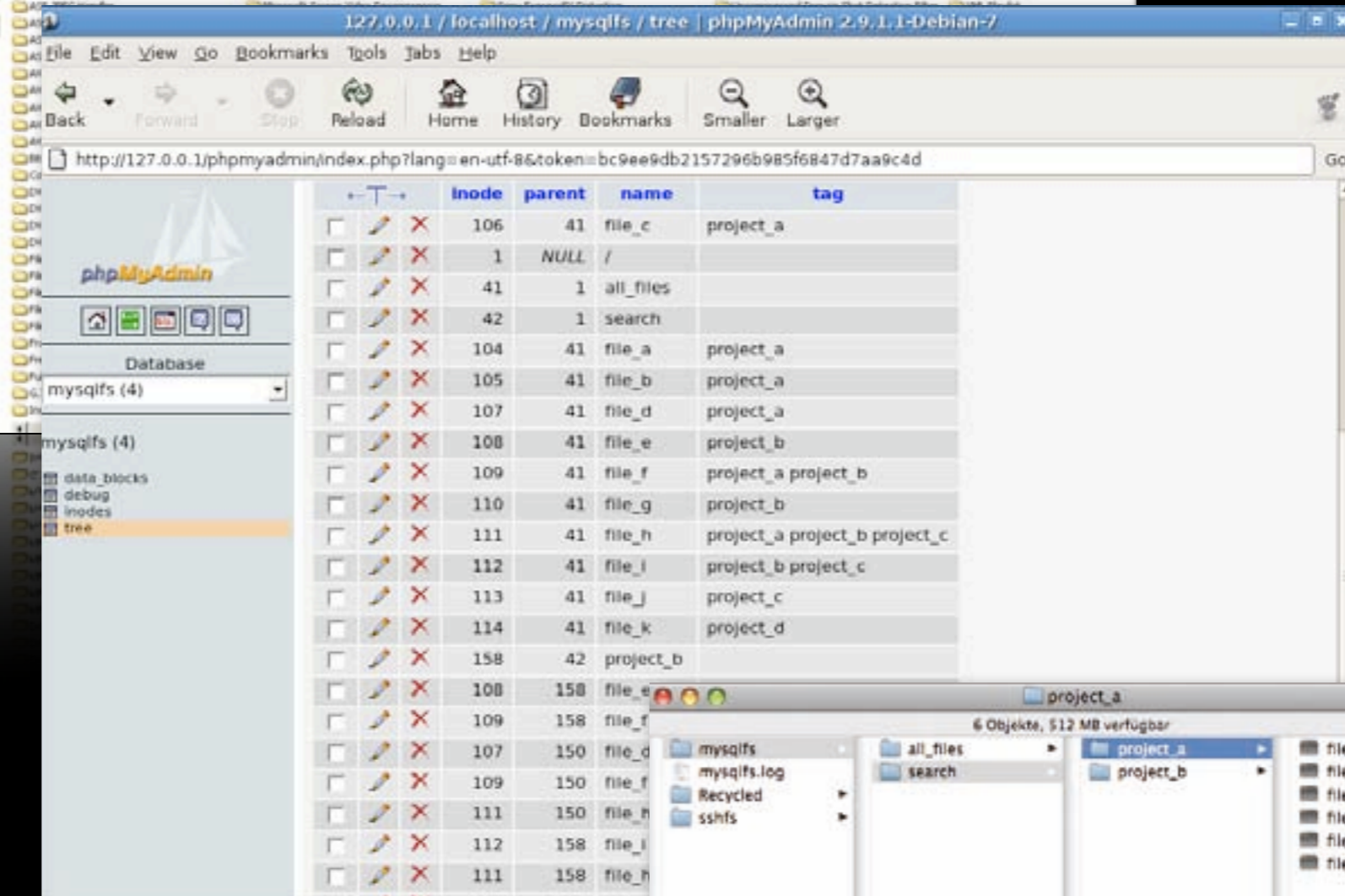
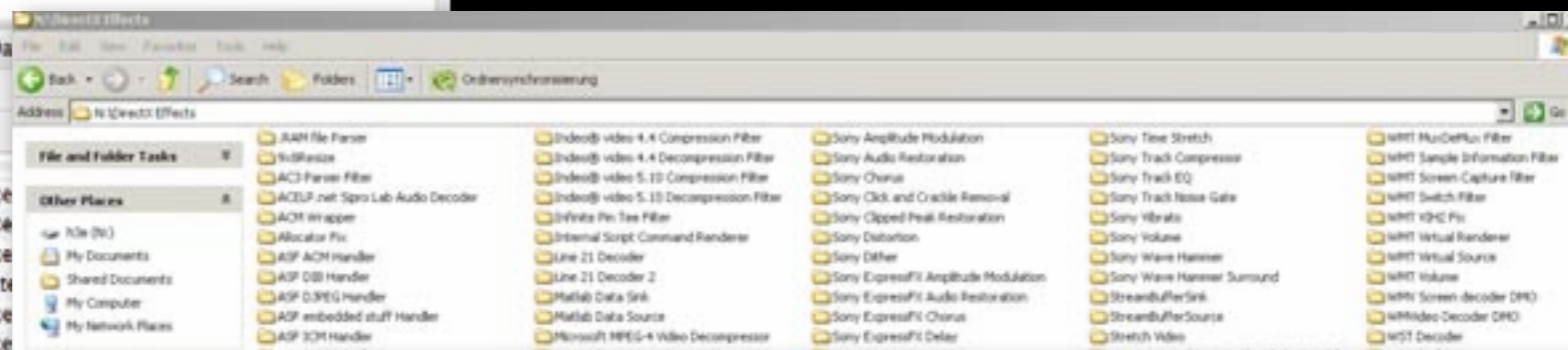
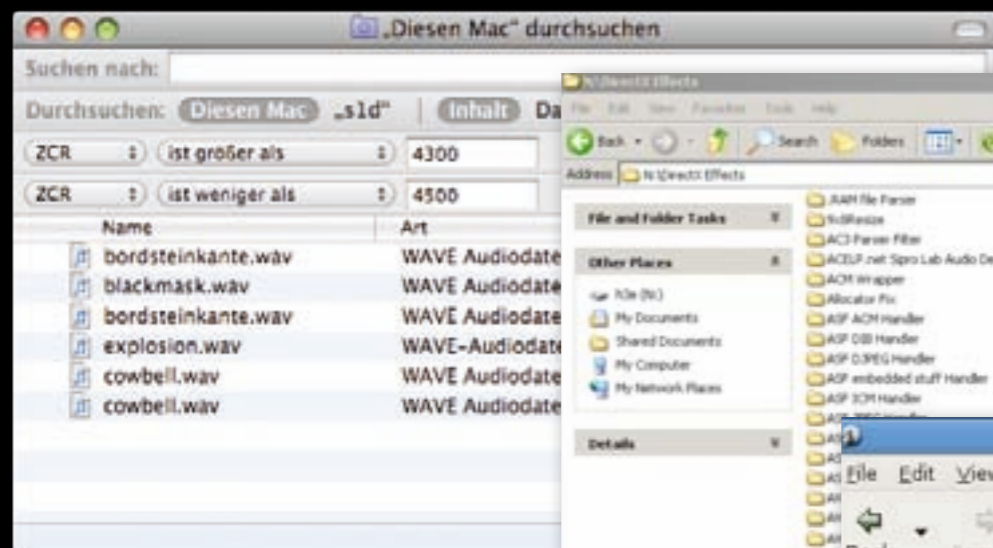
Wave Field Synthesis



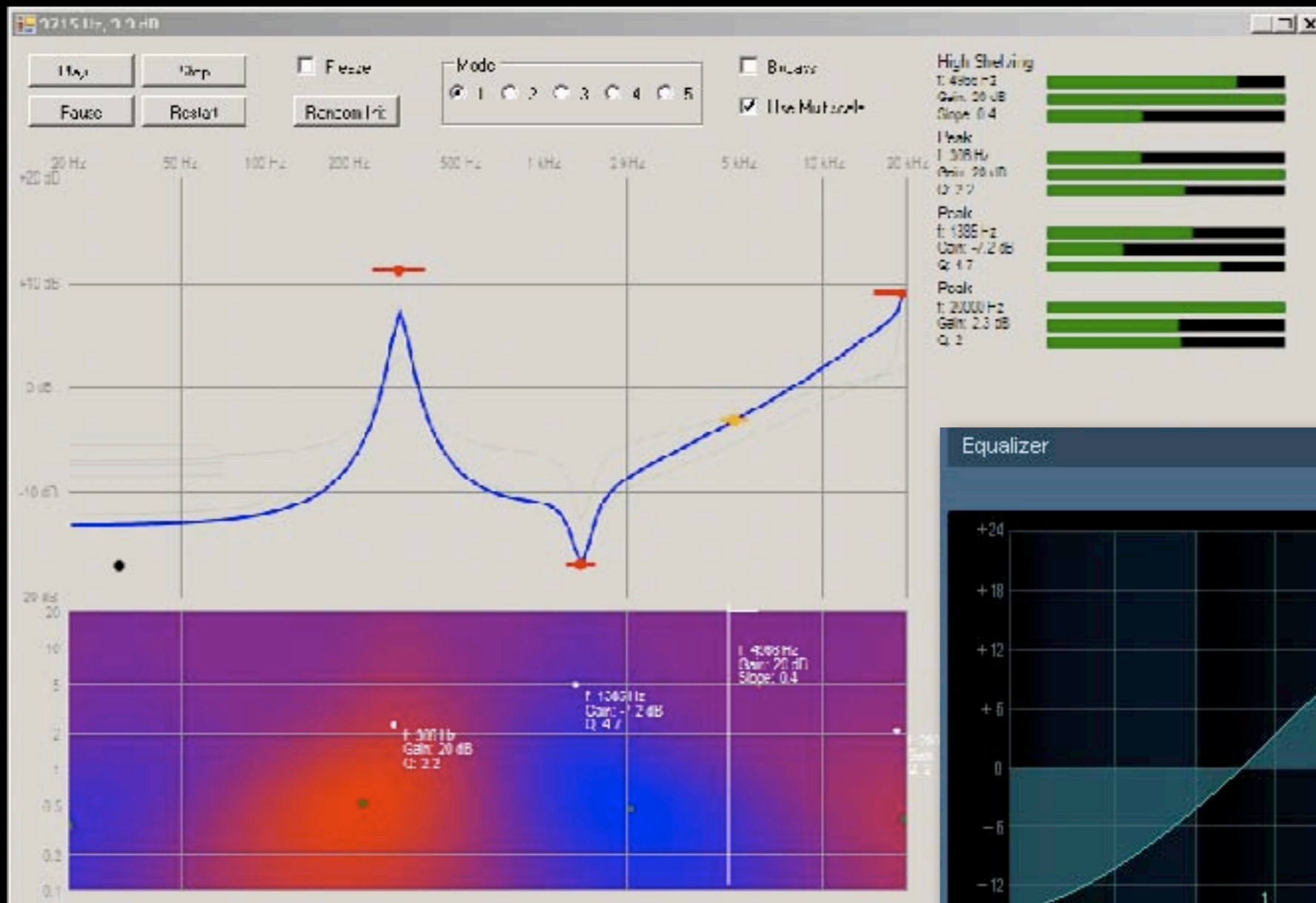
- Load sounds onto graphics card
- Compute filter kernels in real time
- Filter sounds in real time
- Different kernels for every loudspeaker in parallel
- Output all channels via the GPU

What else at
Hochschule Bremen?

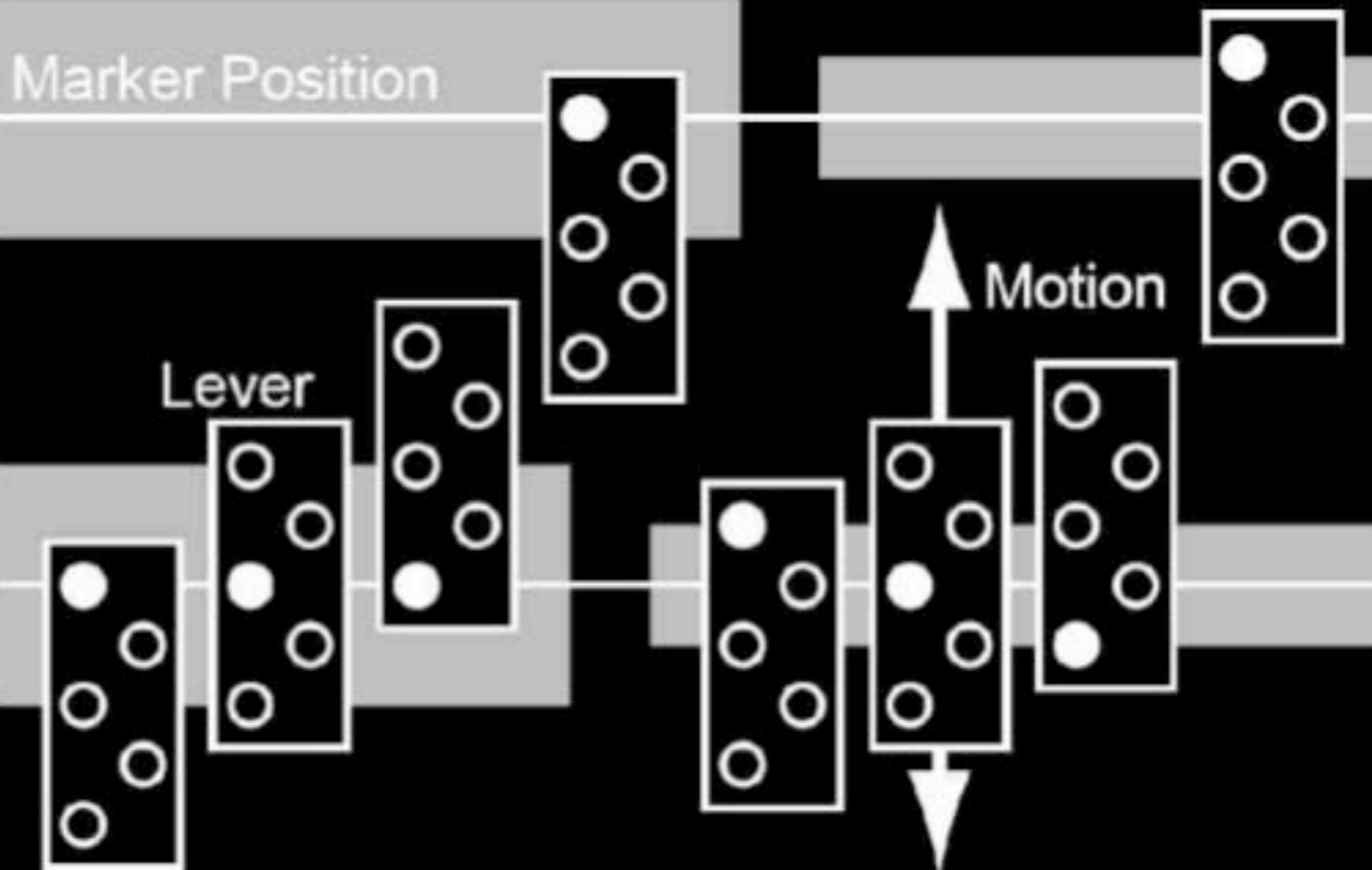
File System Tricks for Audio Production



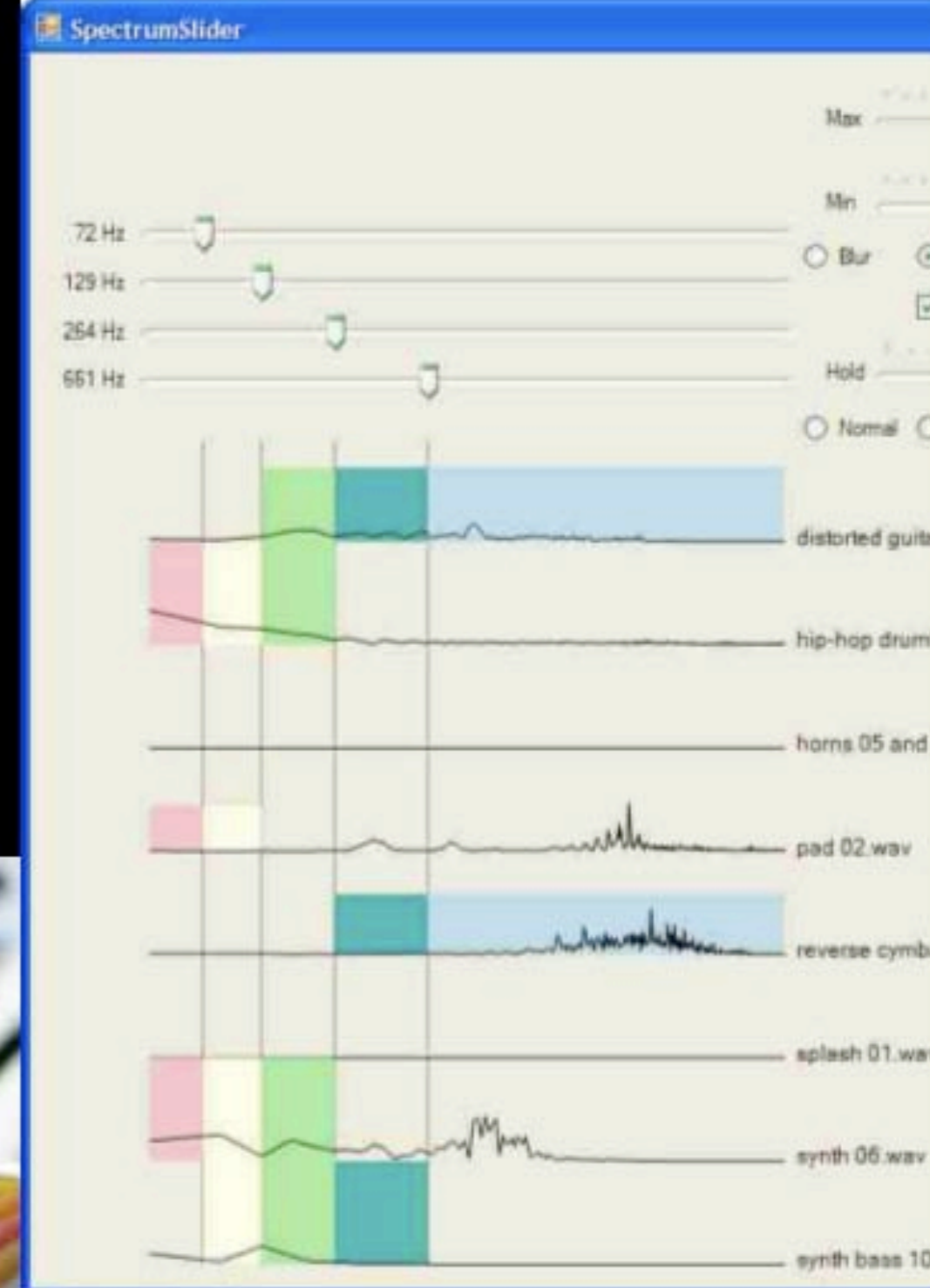
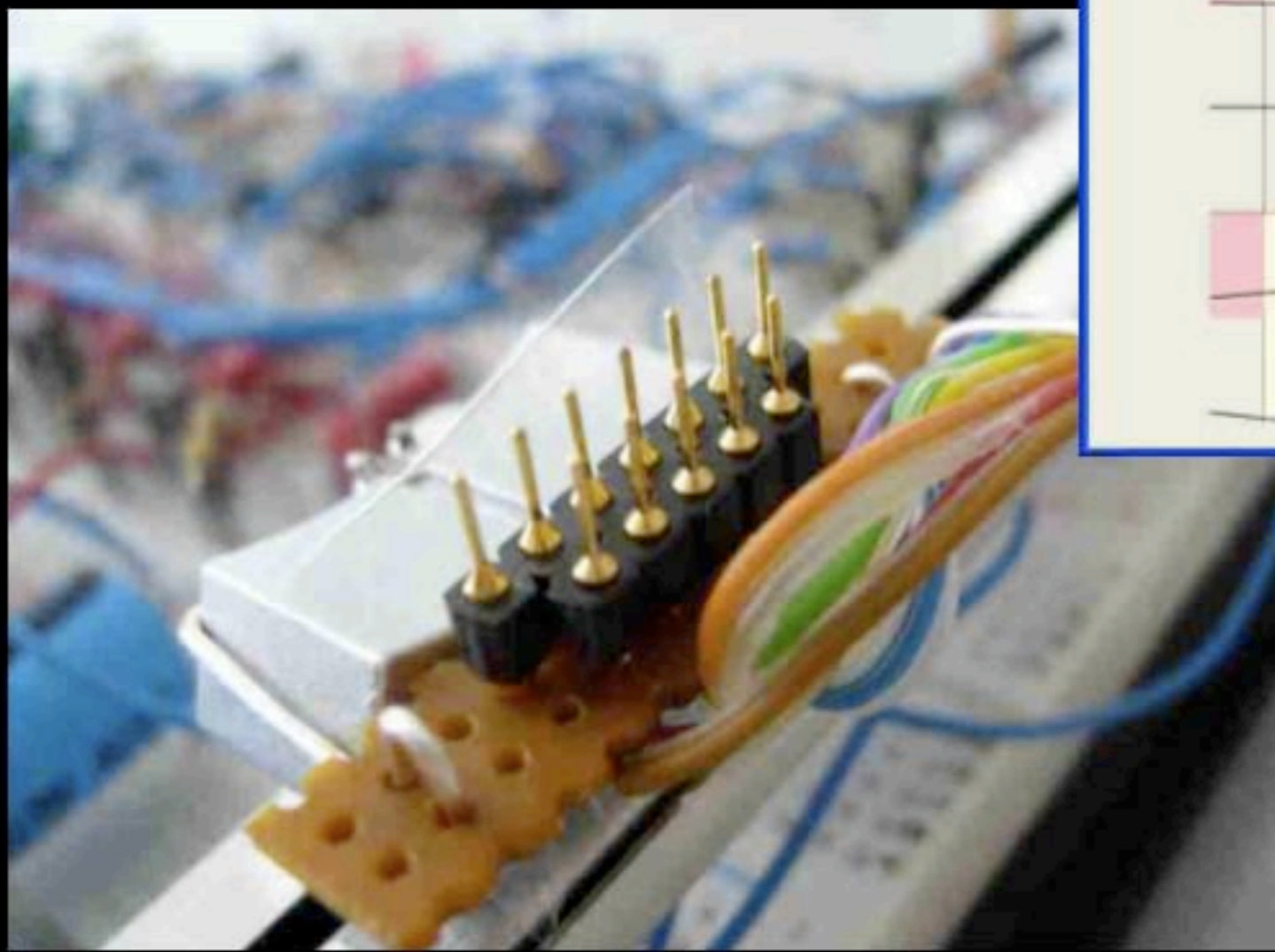
Graphical Control of a Parametric Equalizer



Sound at Your Fingertips: An Electrotactile Fader

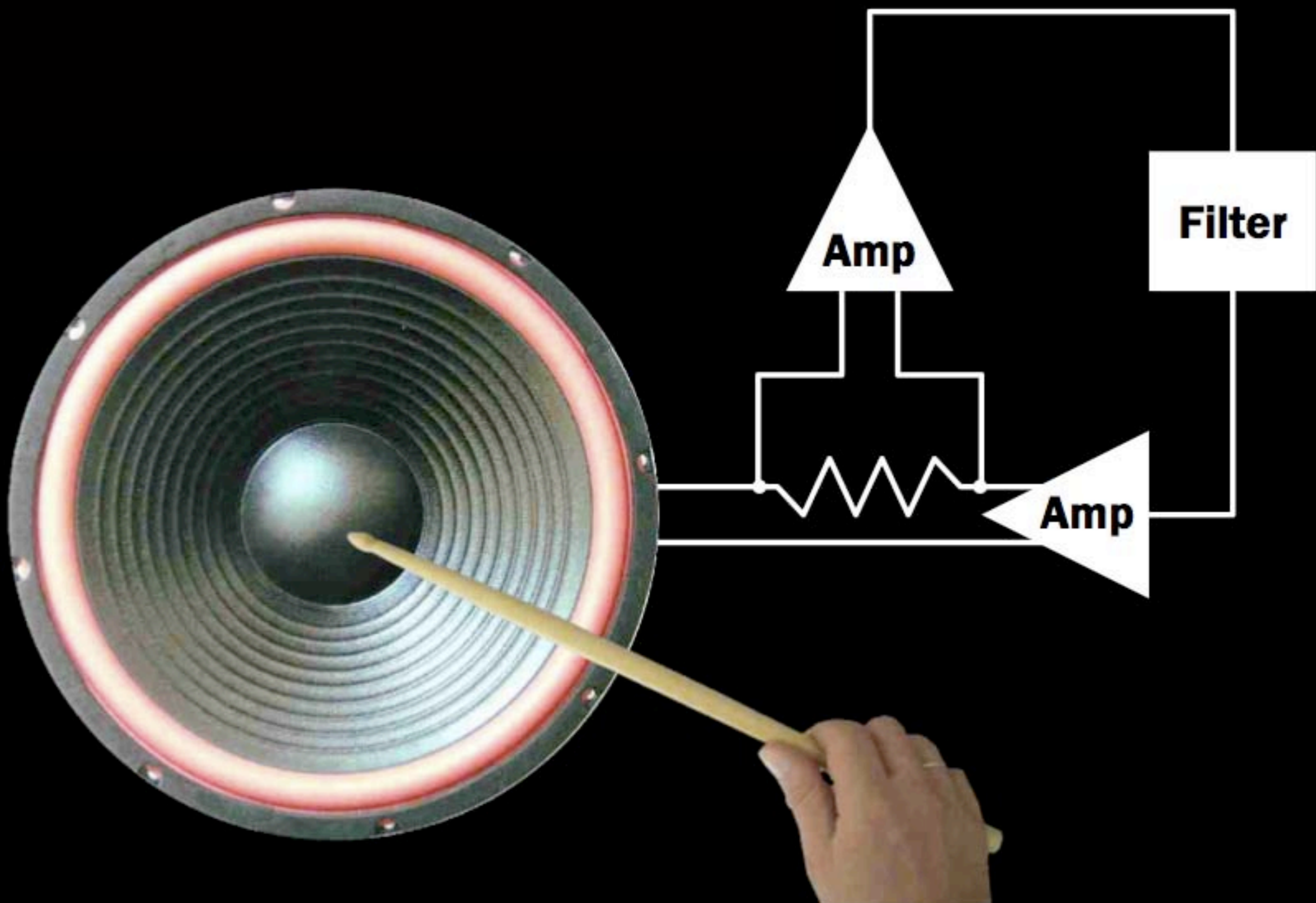


Virtual
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Track
Identification

Reuniting Sound Control and Sound Creation



Programming a Music Synthesizer through Data Mining

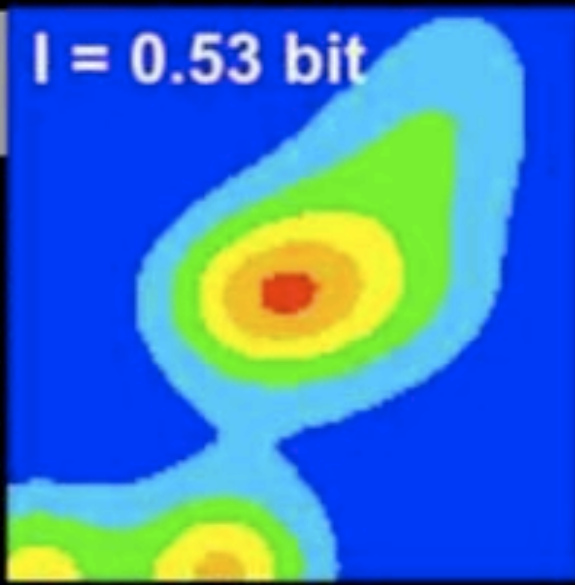
Parameter Change
from Statistics or
Additional UI

Parameter Change
in Standard UI

Additional
User Interface



Statistics Engine



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Patch
Data
Text File

VST Host

VST Synthesizer

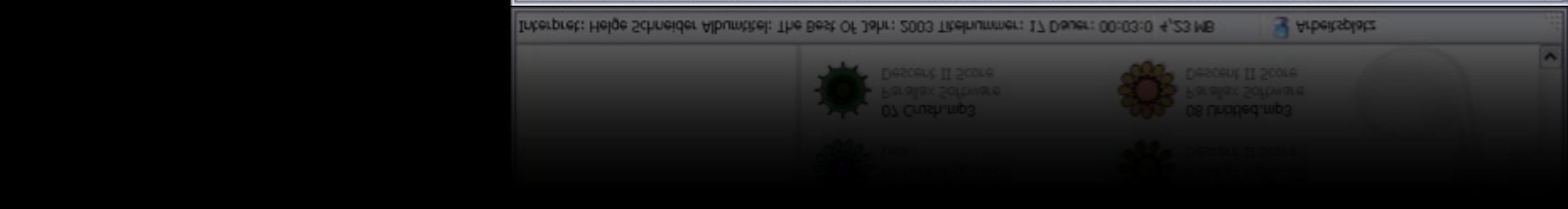
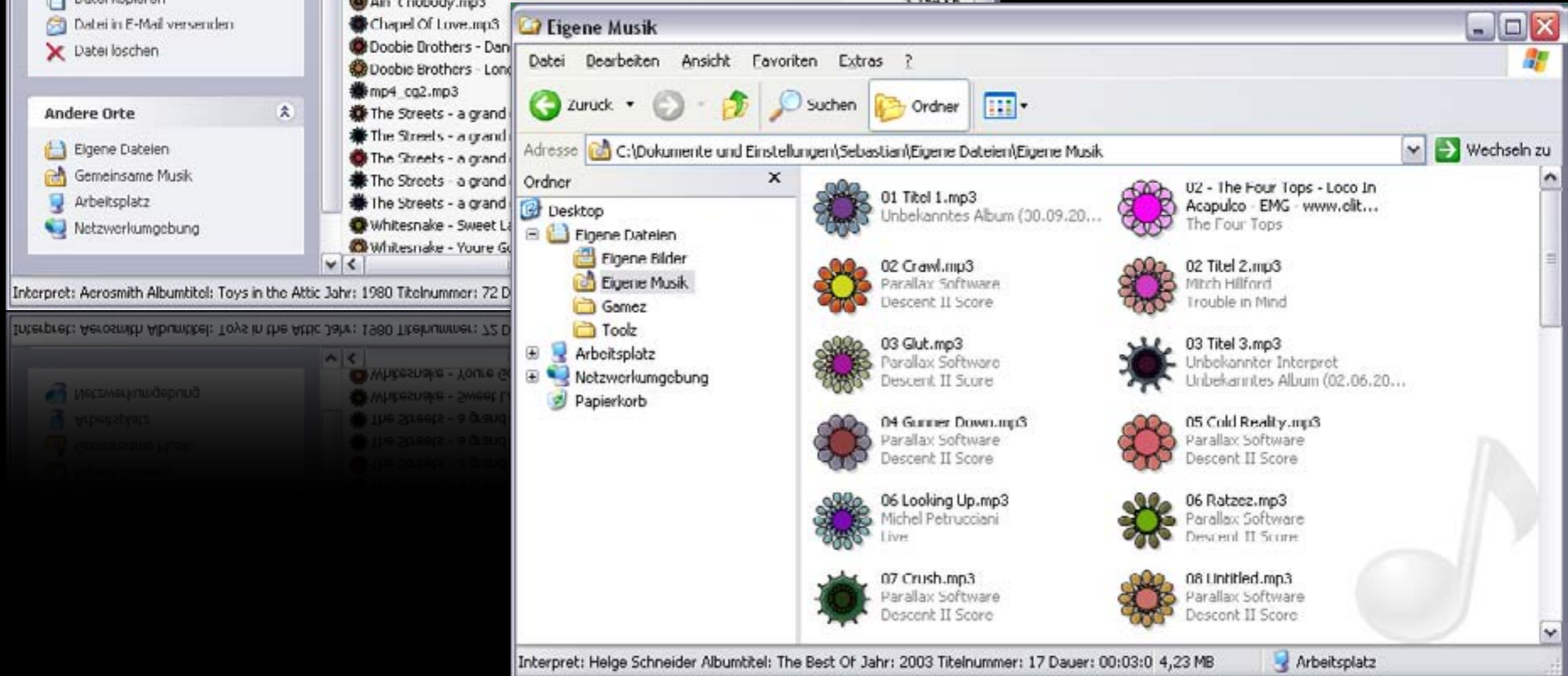
MIDI Input

Audio Output

Native
Patch
Files



Musical Icons: Procedural Glyphs for Audio Files





Acoustic Features



Icon Parameters

Training

Neural Network

Retrieval

Acoustic Features



Icon Parameters



A Rhythmic Analyzer and Equalizer

Rhythmic Frequency (Beats per Minute) →

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Audio Frequency

