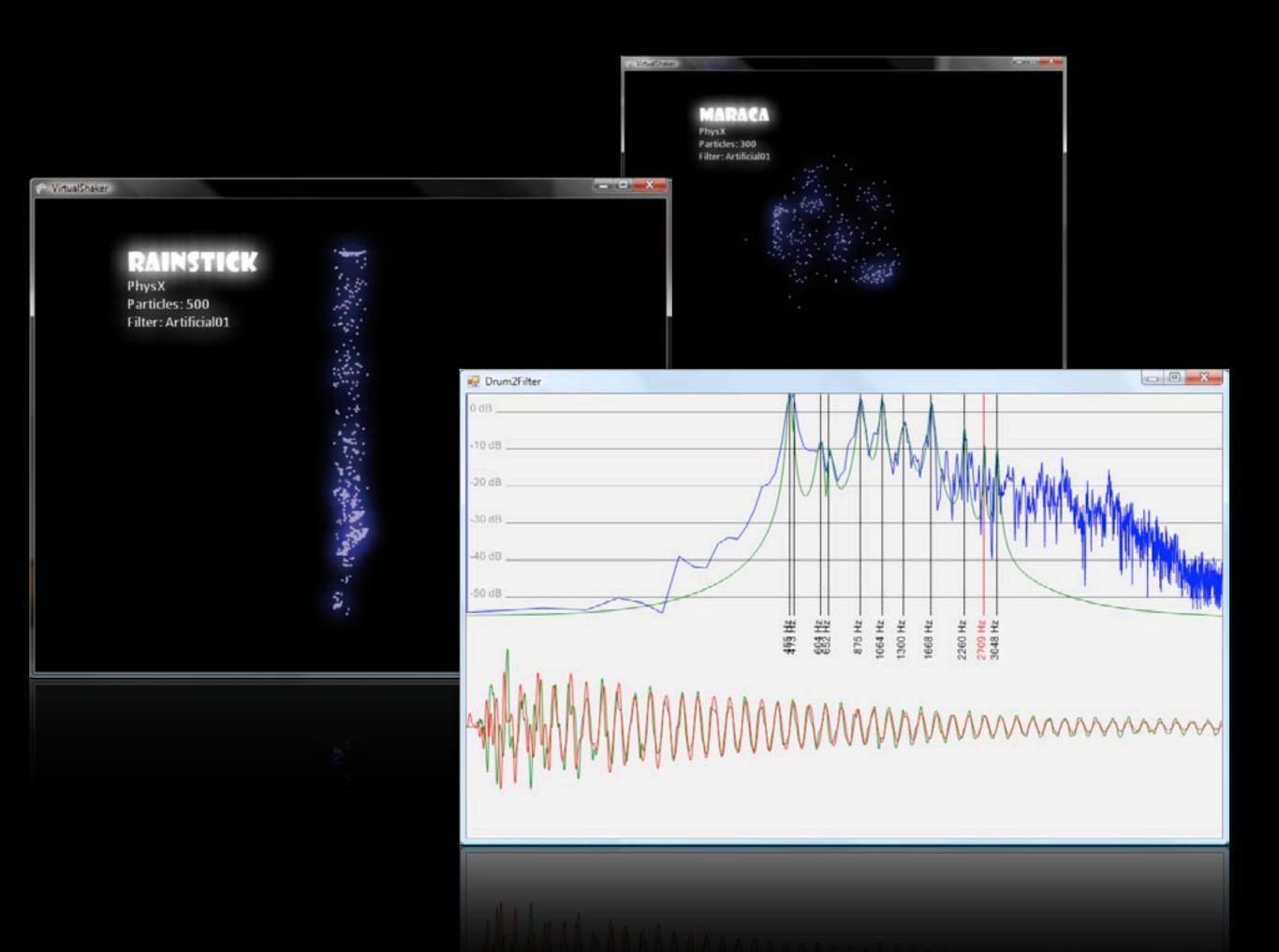
# Audio and the GPU

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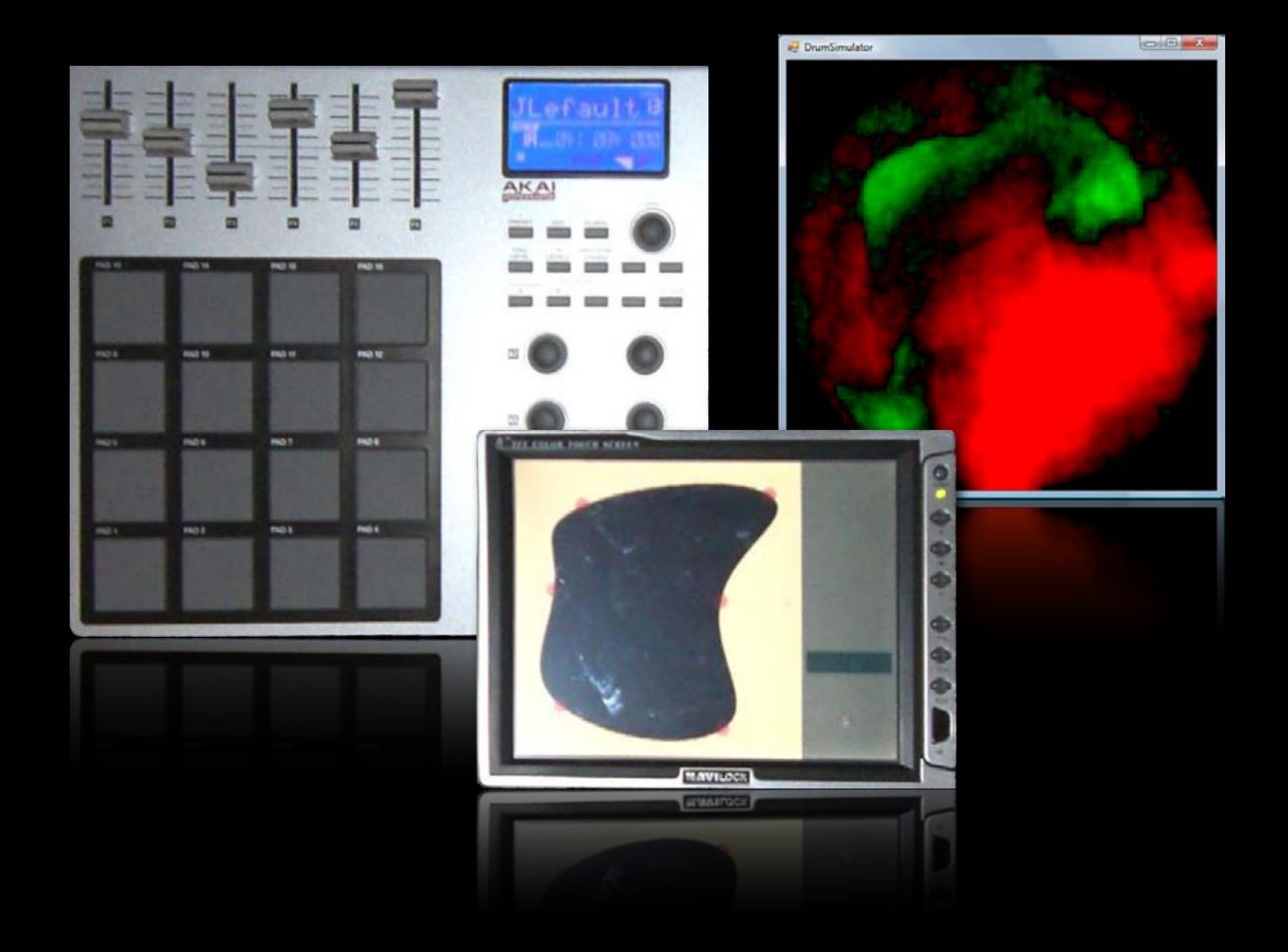
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## Virtual Shaker



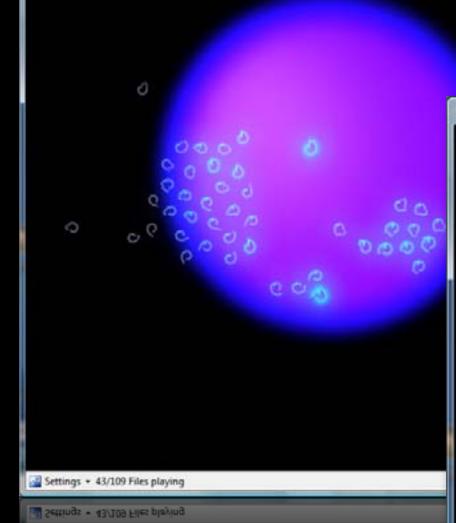
- Particle simulation: PhysX
- CPU allows 100+ particles, limited inter-collisions
- Could run on GPU, 1000+ particles? inter-collisions?
- Audio synthesis is based on filters
- Enhanced synthesis on the GPU?

## Malleable Drum

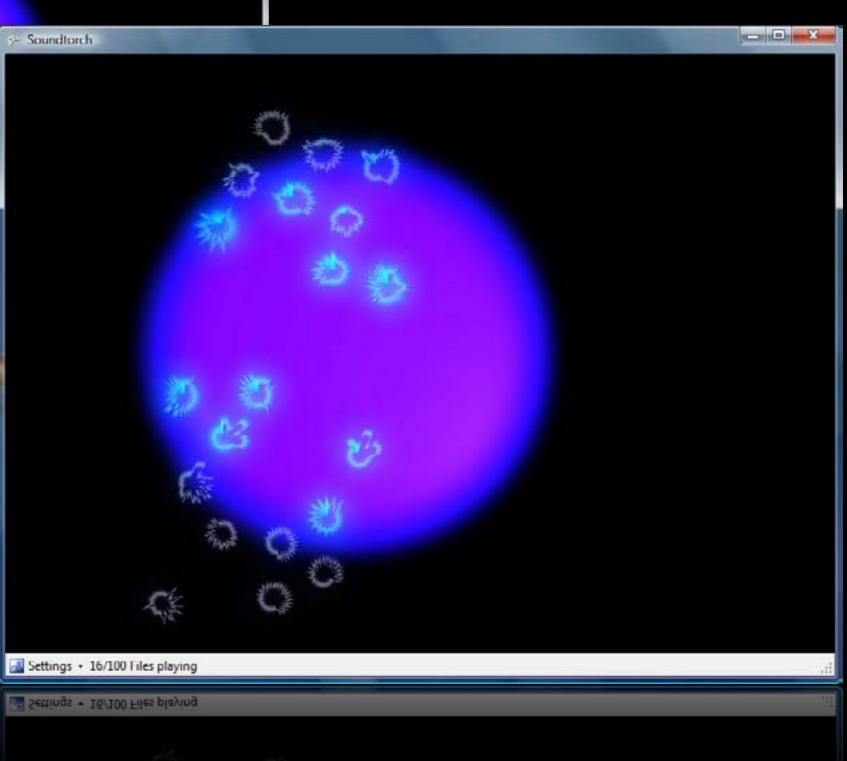


- 64 x 64 mass-spring simulation on GPU
- Proprietary in DirectX
   (CUDA for Vista n/a at that time)
- Computation on 8800 GTS: 22,050 kHz @ 12 ms block size

## SoundTorch



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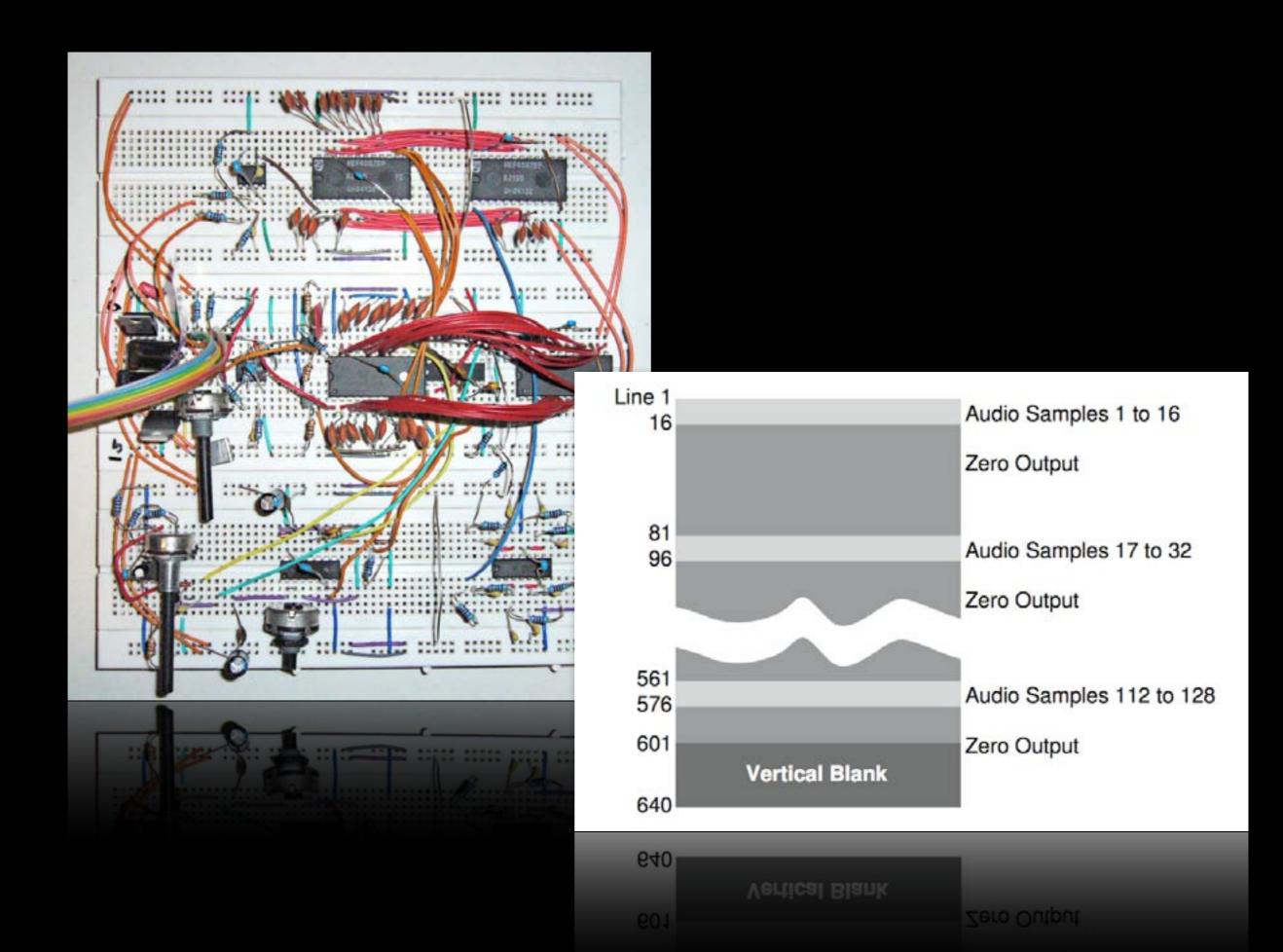
- GPU computes level of each audio file
- Work in progress:
  - Audio mixing on GPU
  - Headphone spatialization on GPU: head-related transfer functions
  - GPU computes self-organizing map

## Constraints

#### • Bandwidth

- I6 bit @ 44,100 kHz
   = 86 kB/s per channel
- I000 channels float = I72 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

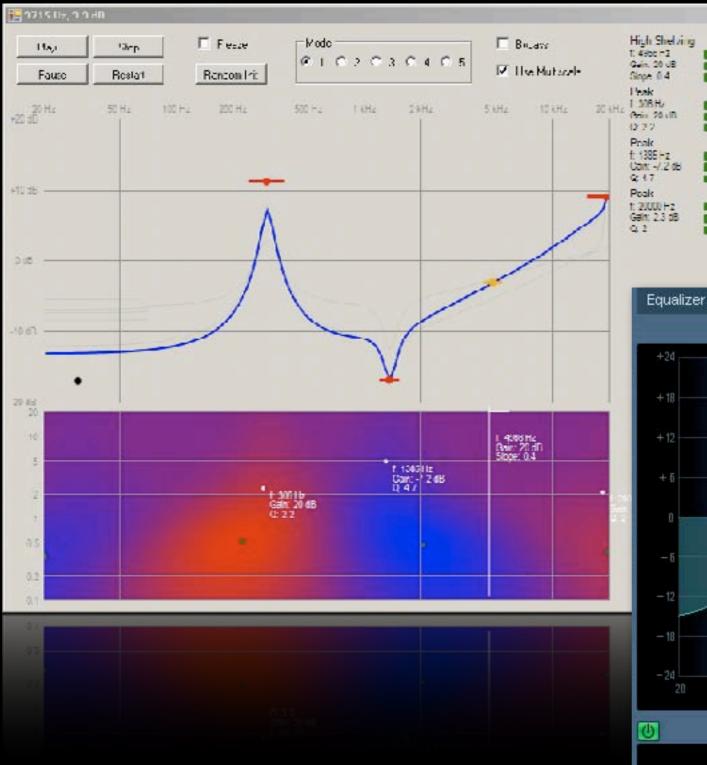


- Load sounds onto graphics card
- Compute filter kernels in real time
- Filter sounds in real time
- Different kernels for every loudspeaker in parallel
- Output all channels via the GPU

What else at Hochschule Bremen? File System Tricks for Audio Production

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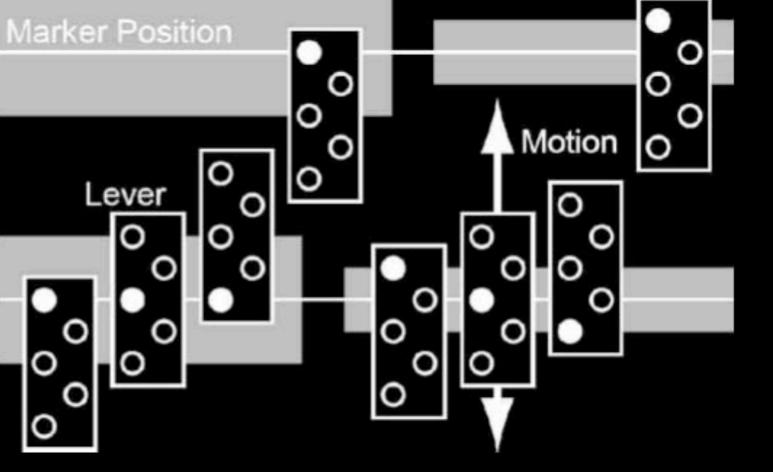
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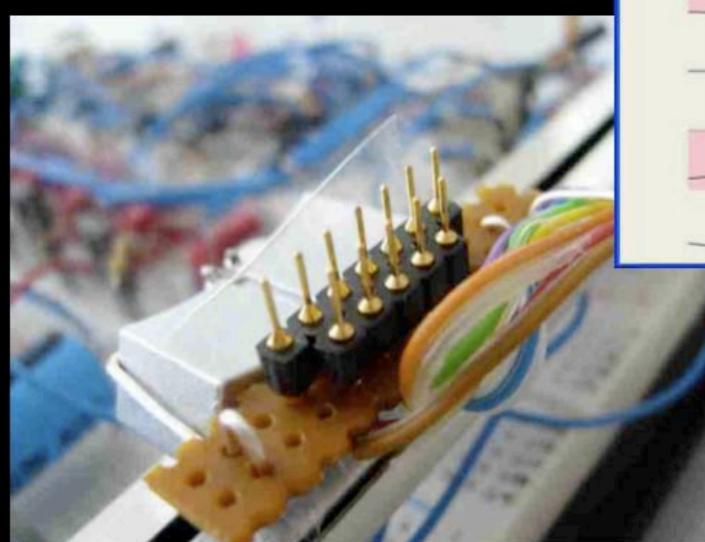


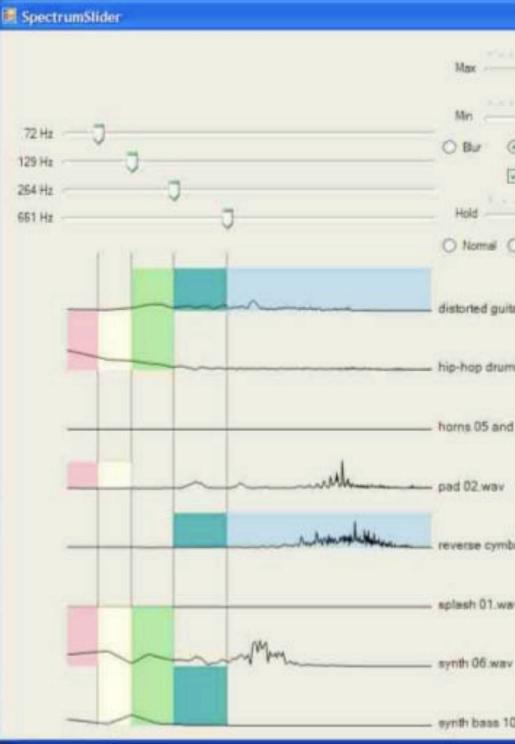
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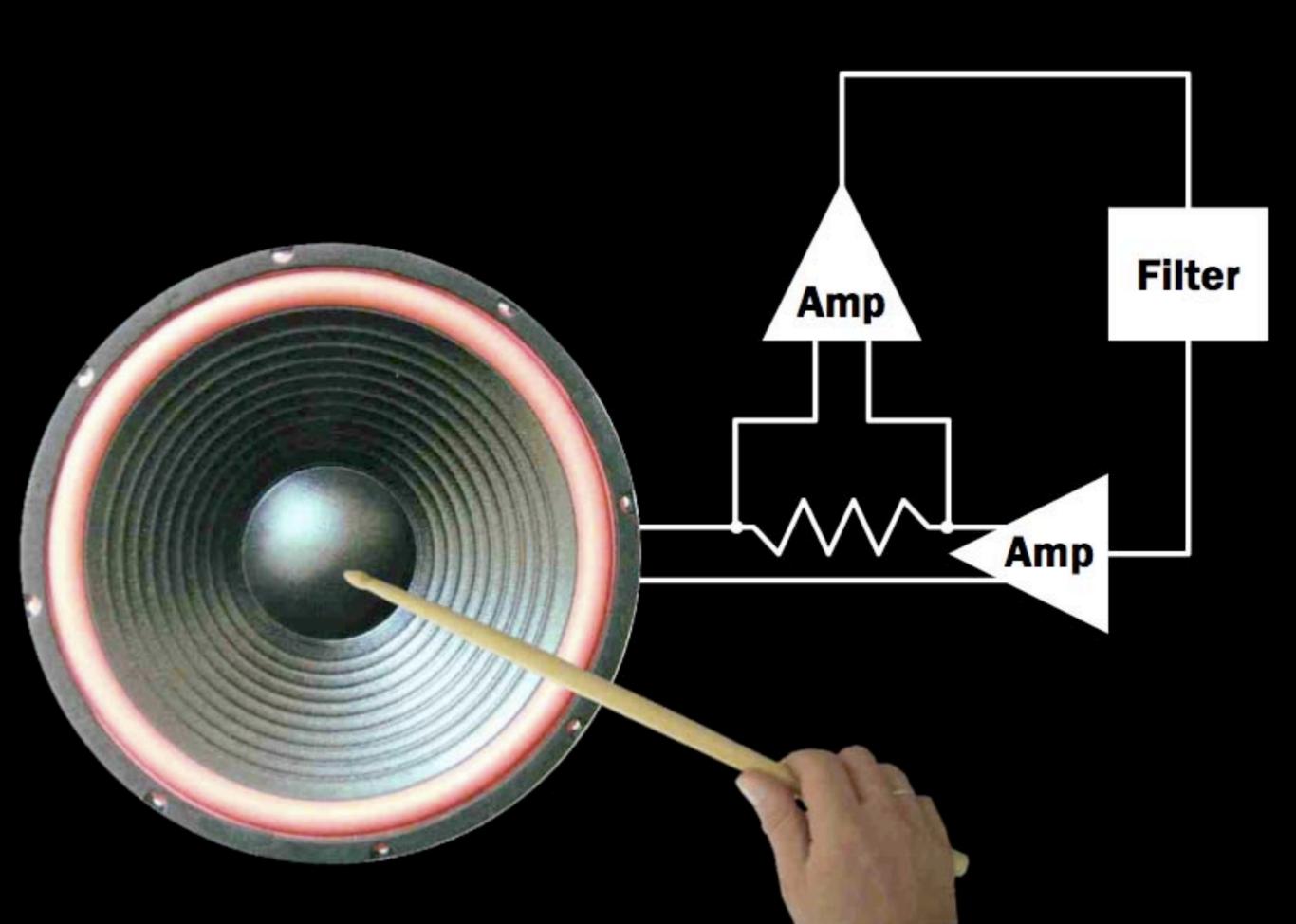
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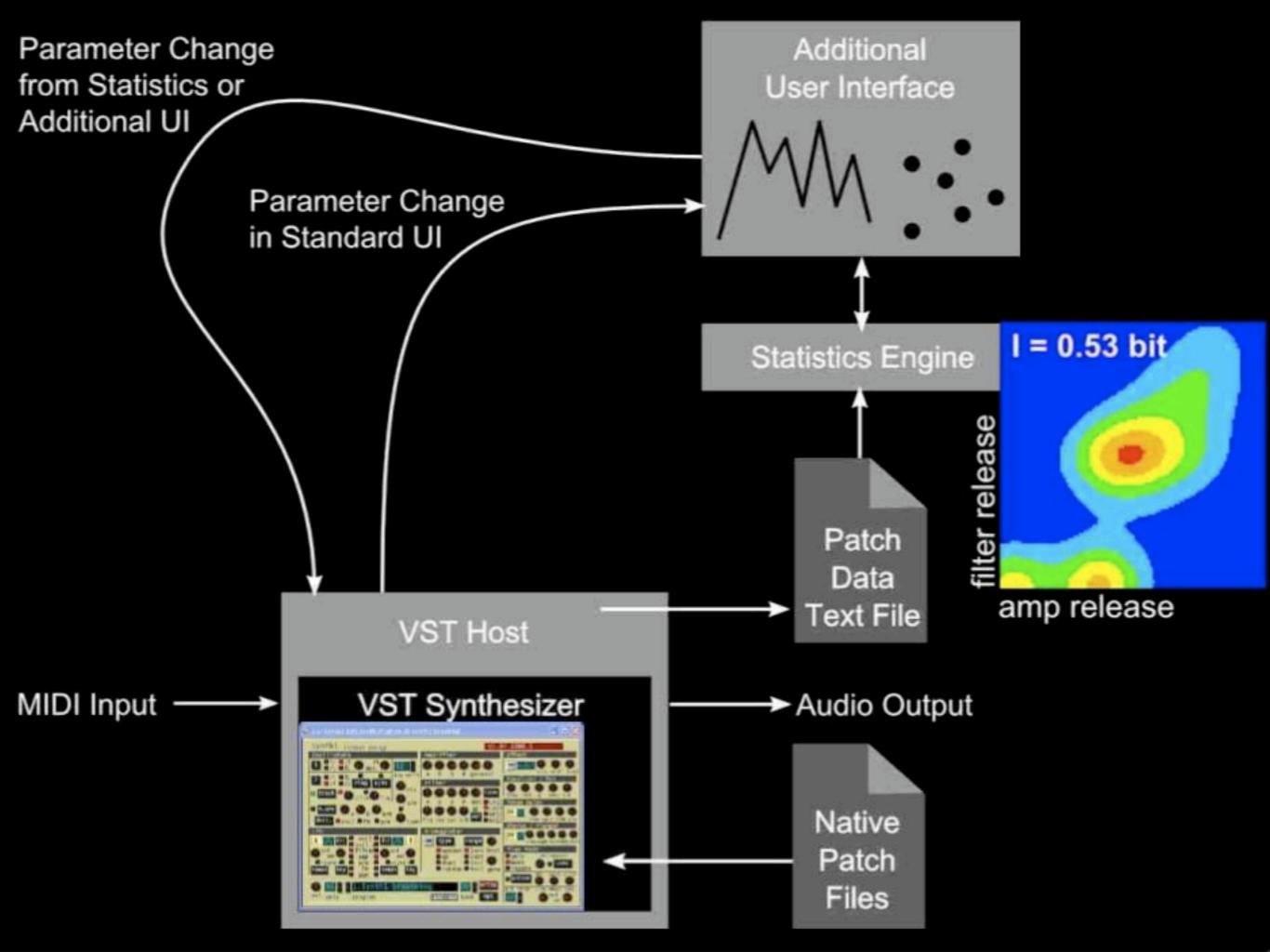


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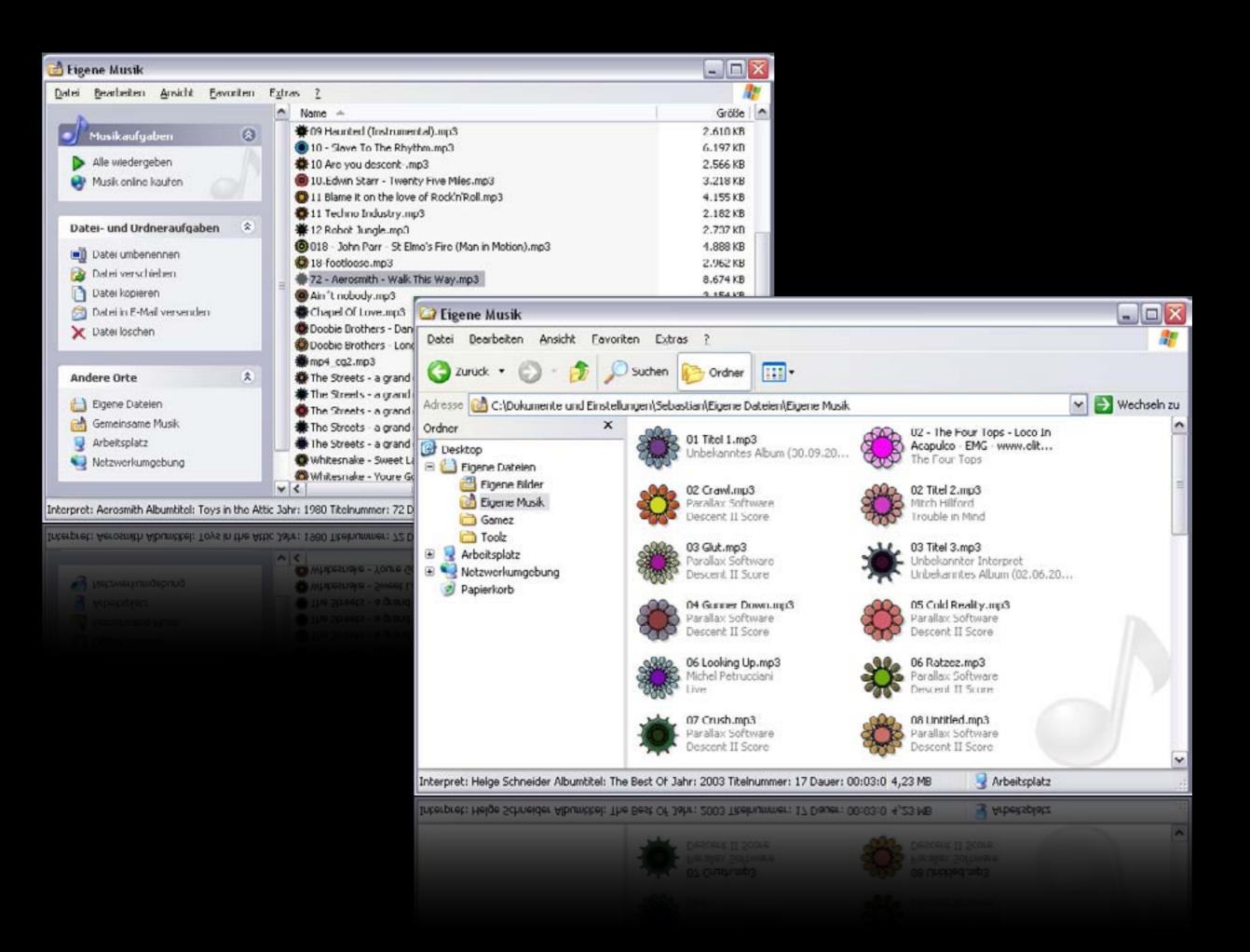
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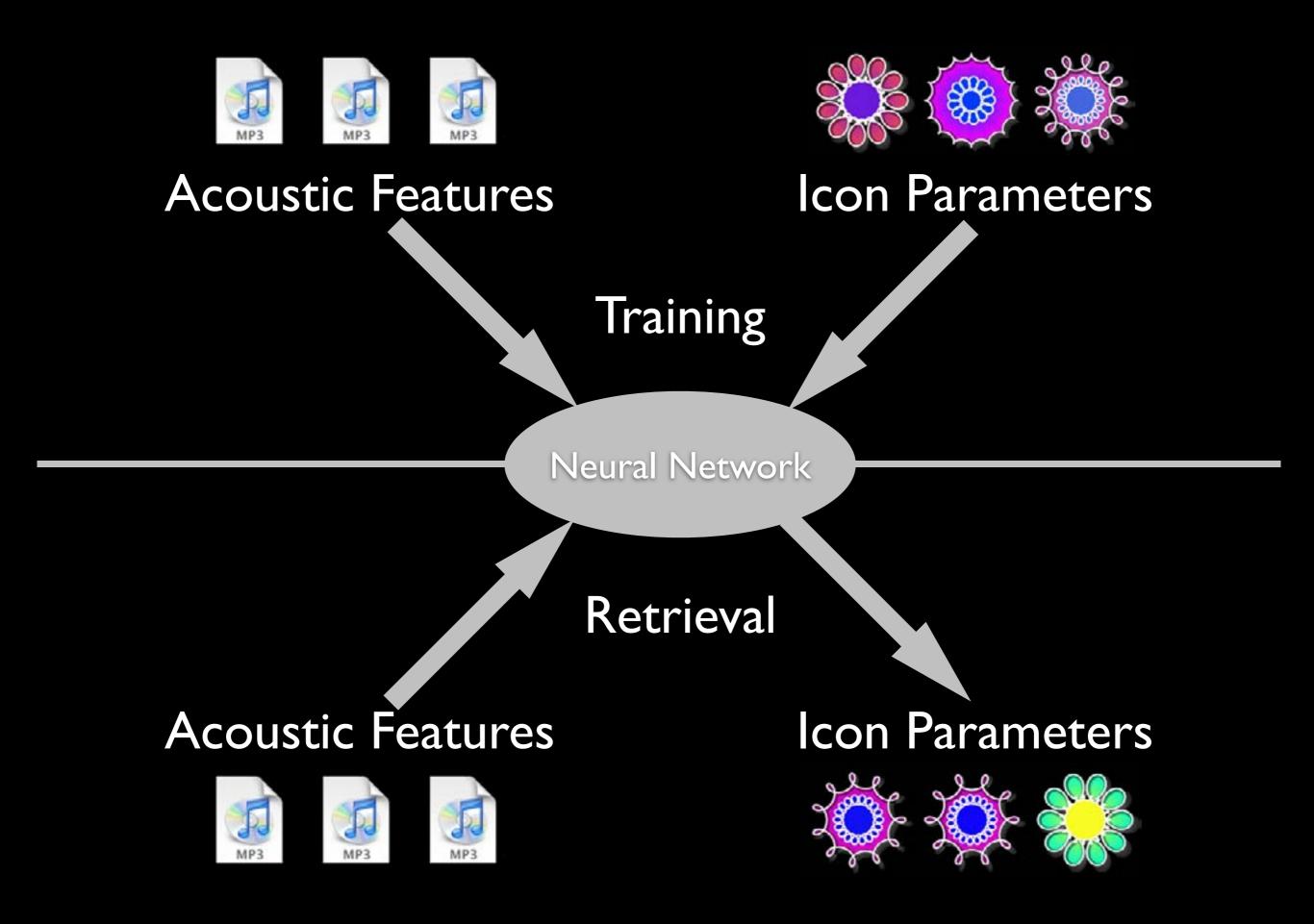


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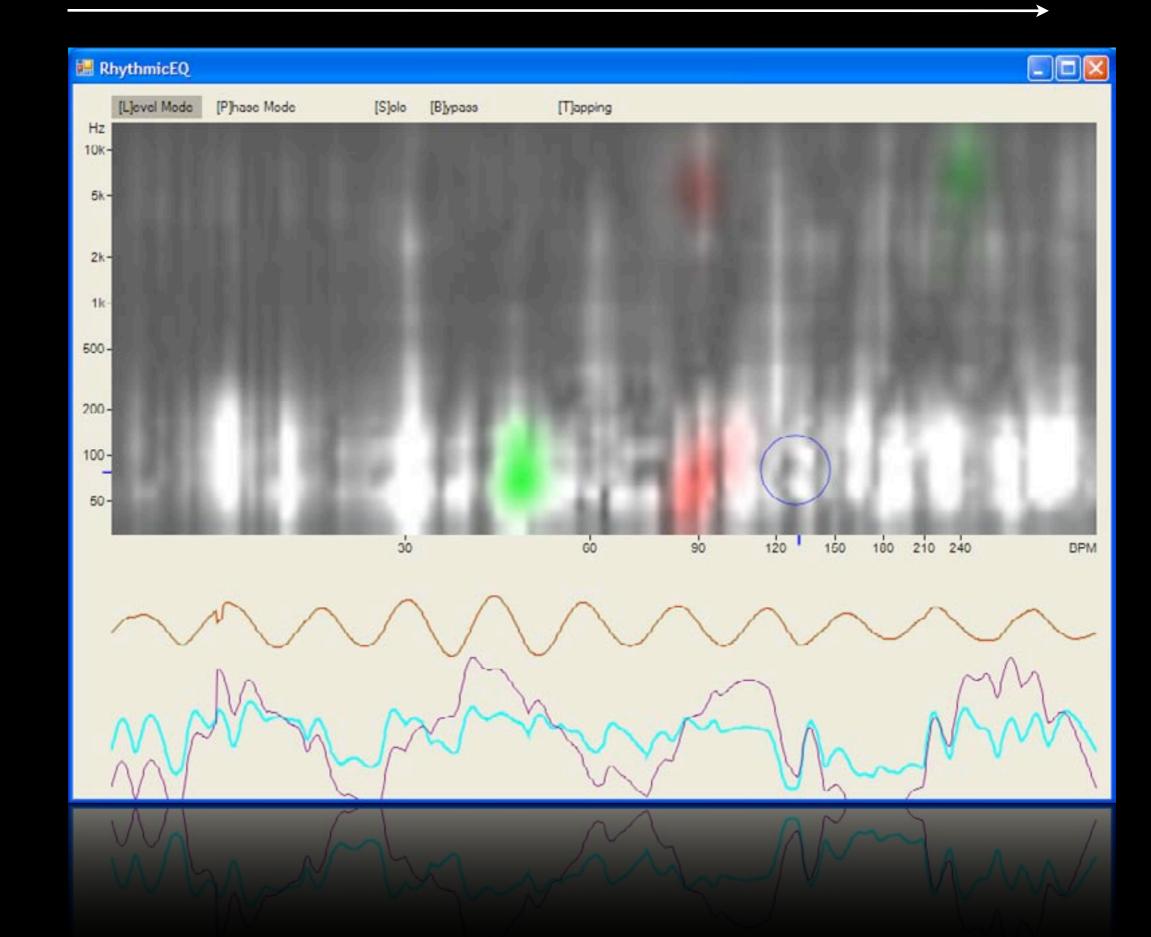
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# A Rhythmic Analyzer and Equalizer

### Rhythmic Frequency (Beats per Minute)



Audio Frequency