

Tap To Tempo: BPM Detector and Signal Modifier

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Motivation

- Logic Pro X
- Has BPM detector and signal modifier
 - Doesn't allow tap to tempo BPM change
- Something that we would use all the time if it was available
 - Don't want to buy a plug-in/DAW just for this
- Solution: make one ourselves!!



Goals

- Detect BPM of input audio signal
- Various Methods of BPM input
 - Clap
 - Tap
 - Direct Input
 - Song Comparison
- Alter BPM of Signal
 - Alter pitch and speed independently

What's Required

- BPM detection
 - MIT Media Lab algorithm Modifications
- Individual Functions
 - Clap
 - Tap
- User interface
 - Direct Input
 - Song Comparison
- Alter BPM of Signal
 - Modify Speed & Pitch change Algorithm from HW

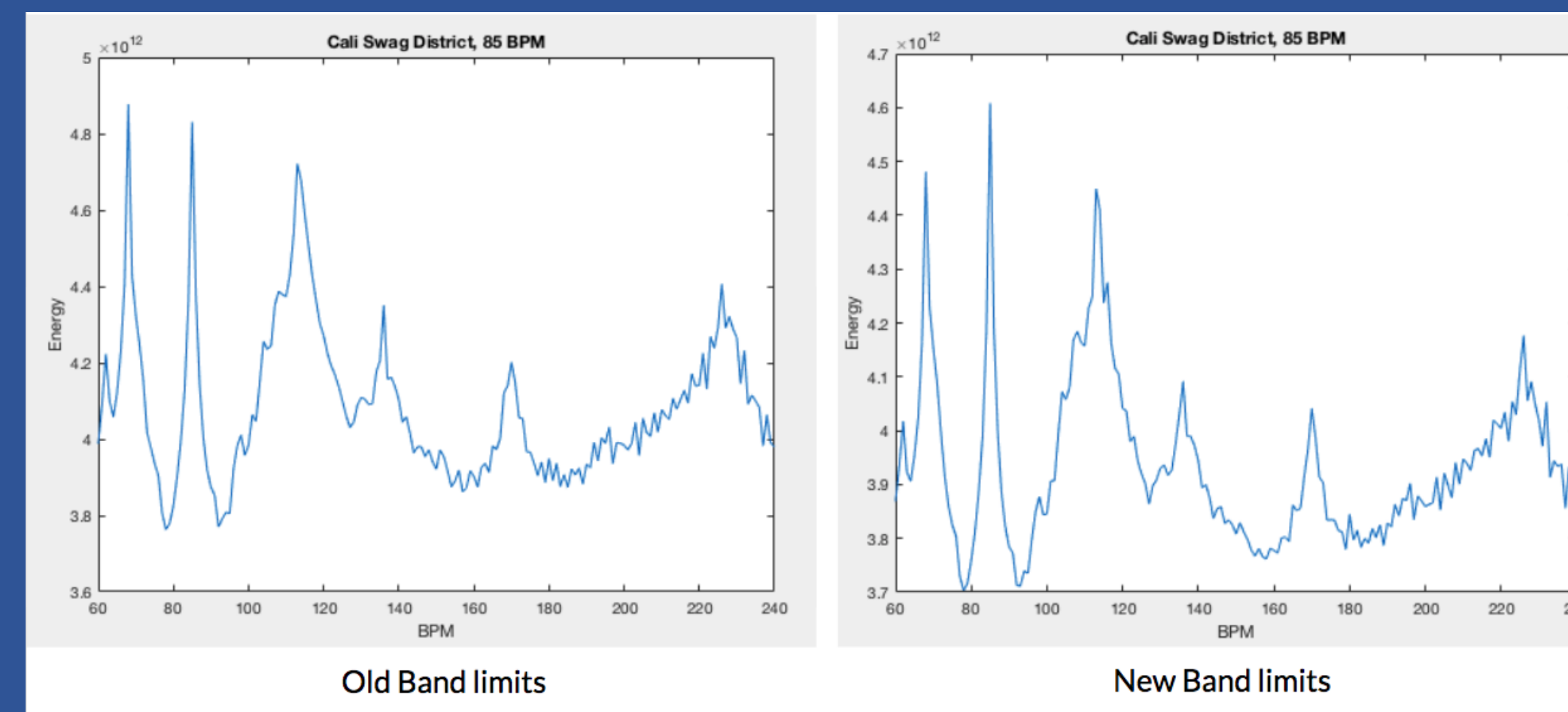
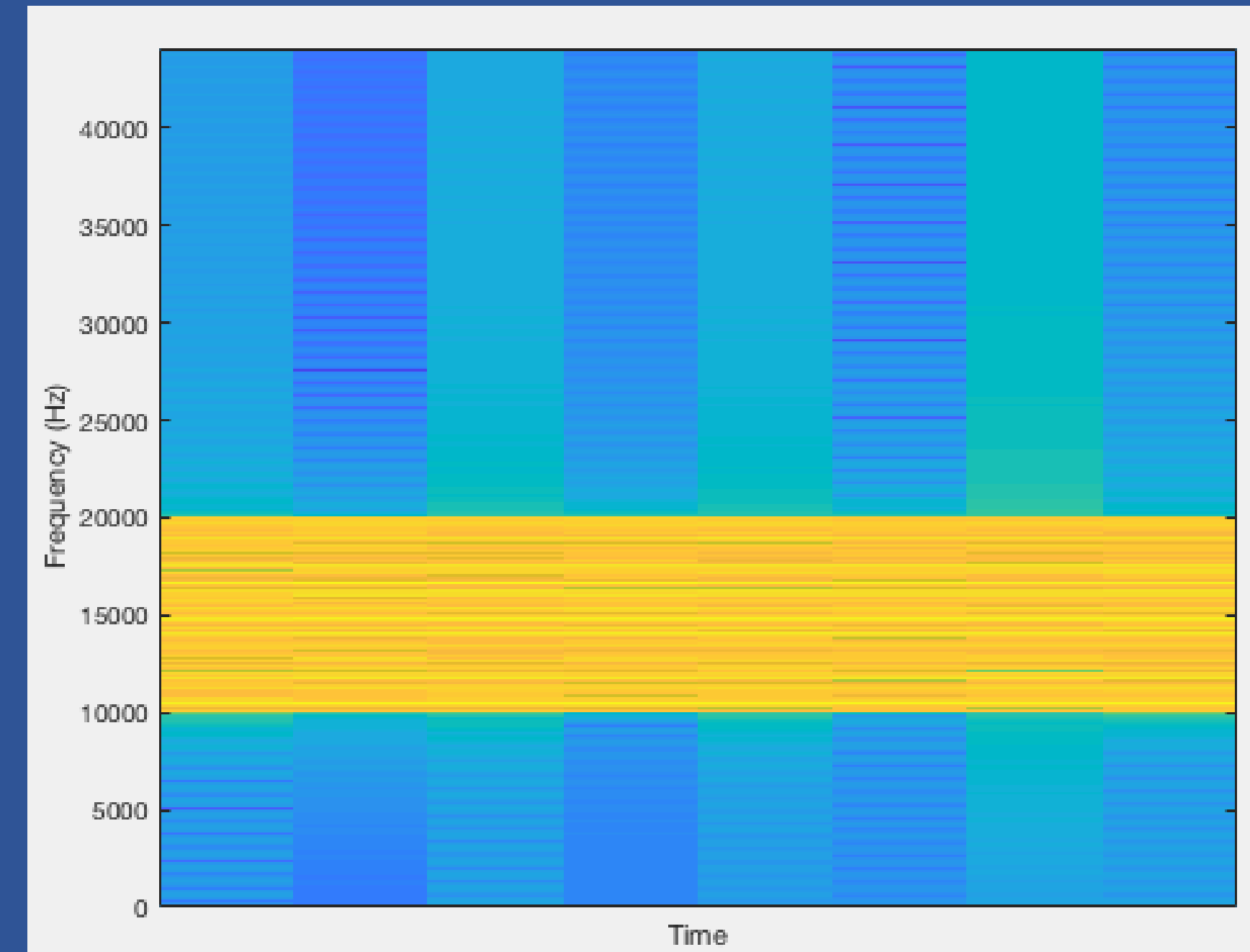
BPM Detection

Filter-bank

- Filters input into Frequency Bands
- Uses Fourier transform, sample rate, and signal length to determine the length and samples for each band

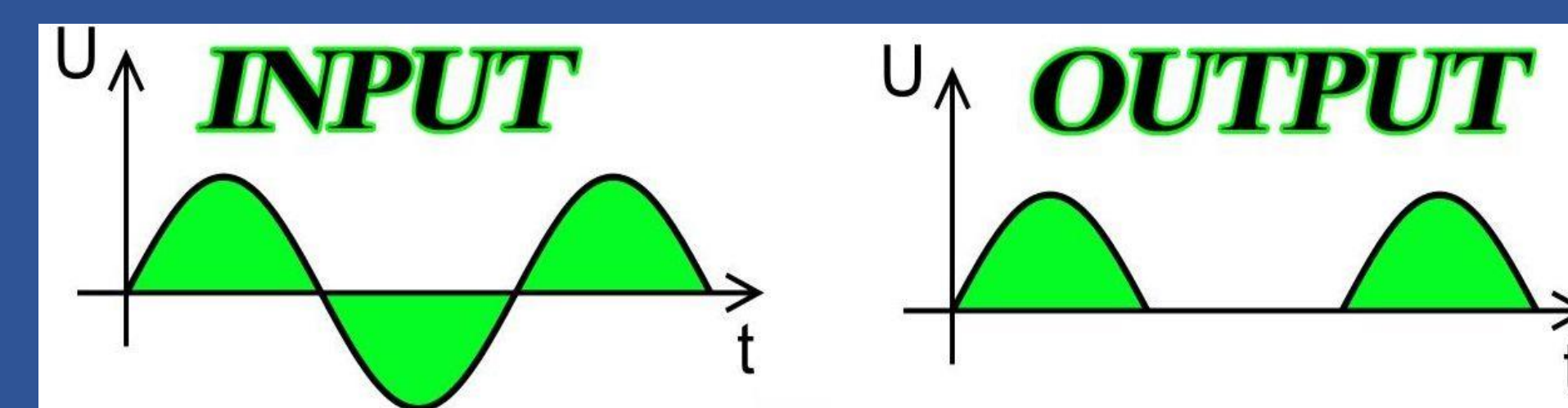
Signal Smoothing

- Use IFFT to bring each band into time domain
- The signal is full-wave rectified and FFT is applied to bring back into frequency domain
- Then a Hanning window is applied to reduce it to its envelope
- Finally another IFFT is applied to bring back into time domain with a smooth envelope



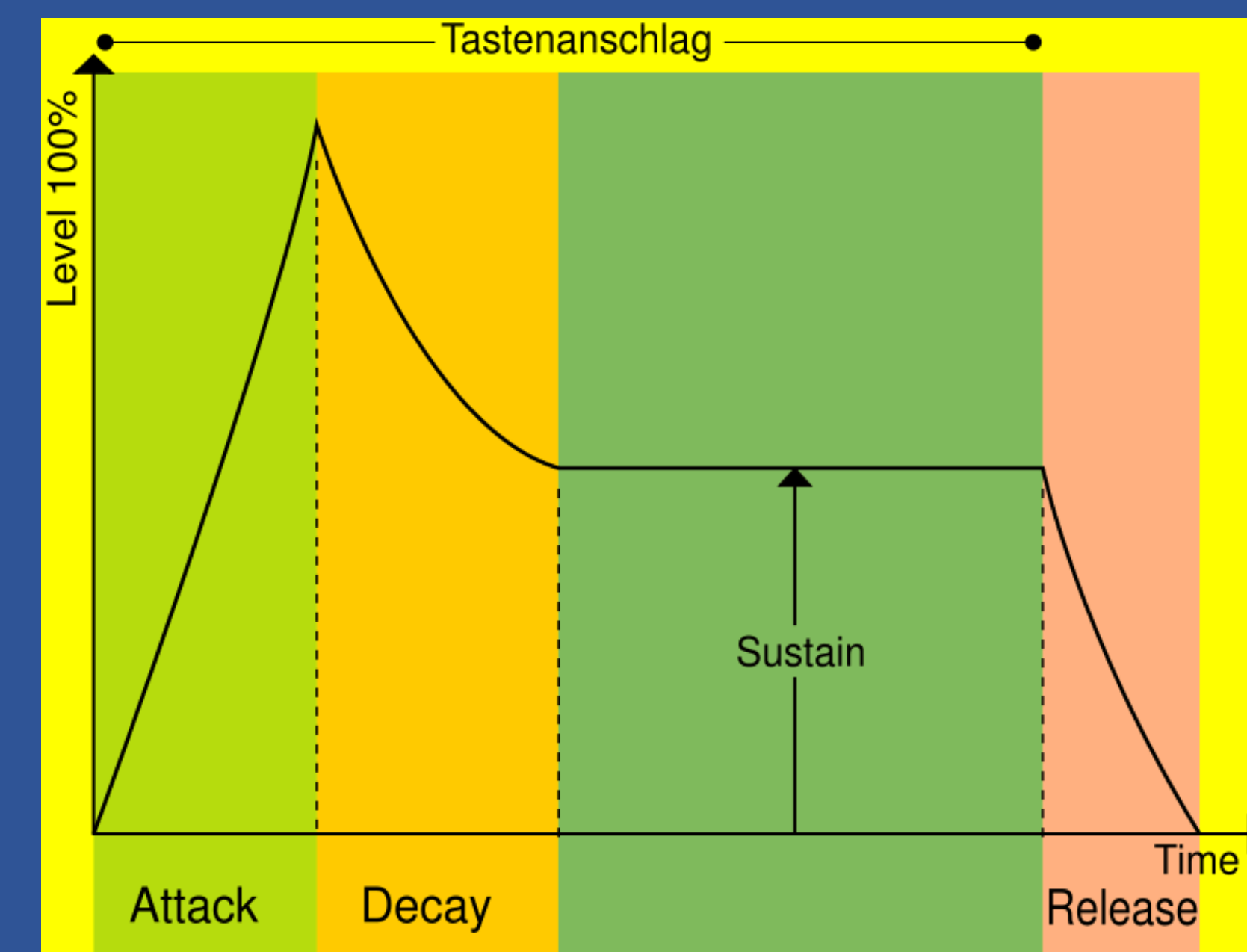
Differentiate and Half Wave Rectify

- Differentiate to find the amplitude difference between samples
- Apply half-wave rectification to get positive changes in amplitude only



Comb Filter Convolution

- The last step is to convolve the signal with comb filters impulse responses, each corresponding to a different BPM
- The energy output by each frequency band is then summed
- Whichever BPM comb filter impulse response that produces the highest energy output corresponds to the BPM of the signal



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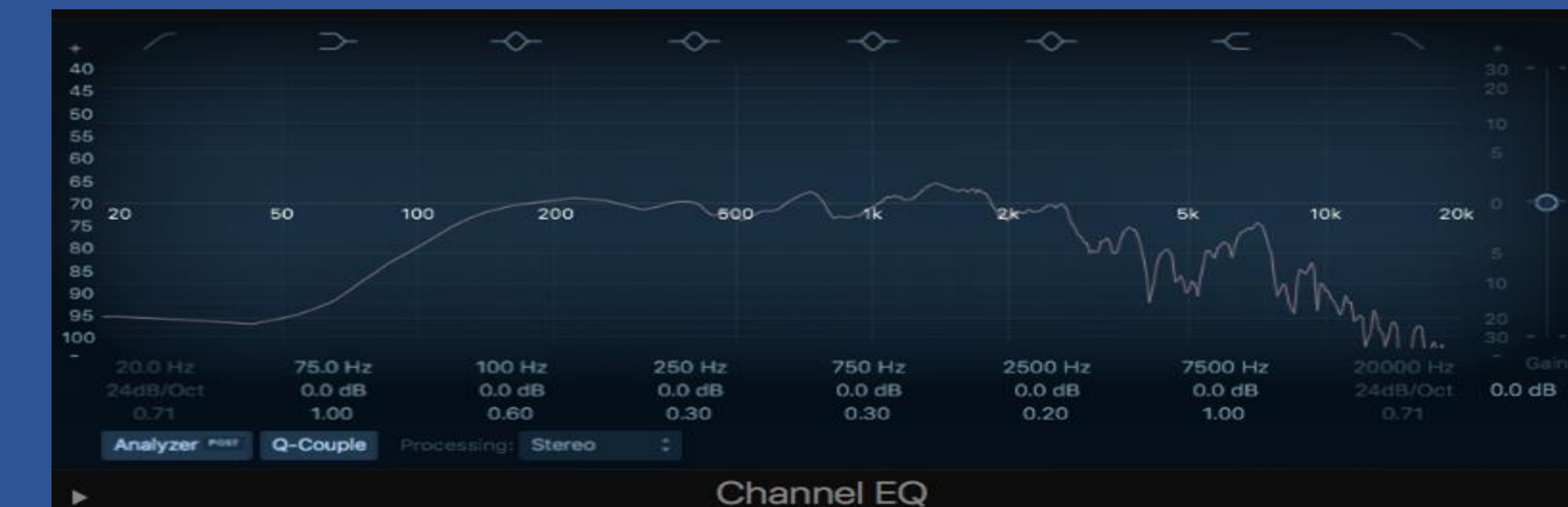
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Tap

- The tap function allows user to tap about a desired tempo using the spacebar.
- Tap for a 15 second duration
- The total number of taps in that Duration is converted to Taps/Min (BPM)

Clap

- The clap function sets up an audio device that records 10 seconds of claps
- We varied the Band limits of the clap signal (0-250|250-500|500-1000|1000-2500|2500-10000|10000-sampling frequency)Hz.
- To determine these band analyzed an exported clap signal Logic's Equalizer



Speed and Pitch Change

Mono/Stereo Change:

- Split the 2D [stereo] matrix created when audioread() is used, into 2 separate mono files.
- Those files are then ran through the same algorithm, independently, and put back together at the very end to create a stereo output.

Demonstration

User has option to either alter or simply find the BPM of an input signal

- Alter
 - First, import desired audio file
 - If you know the BPM enter, if not it finds the BPM
 - Now choose input method(Tap, Clap, Song)
 - The tap function allows user to use the spacebar
 - The clap function requires user clap into microphone
 - The song bank displays a list of BPMs available for comparison
 - A snippet from a popular song at that BPM will be played
 - User has option to use that BPM as the alteration factor
 - If no change in BPM is desired the program also offers the ability to change pitch independently of speed
- Find
 - Functions the same as alter with no alteration of a signal

