

Octophonic Guitar Pickup

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Introduction



Outline

The Need

- Hydra: The Solution
- Applications
- 4 C's: Connectivity, Control, Creativity, Cost
- Development Process
- Scheduling Report
- Budget Report
- Demonstration



The Need

- Keyboardists had greatest freedom
- Keyboard playing easier to detect
- Guitar is more expressive
- Each string recorded individually
- Existing systems expensive, complicated, and limiting



Hydra: The Solution

- Maximum flexibility
 High quality sound
 Compact
 Easy to use
- Low cost





Applications

Home recording
Sound synthesis
Advanced effects
Acoustic modelling
Transcription
Instruction



Connectivity



The 4 C's

Creativity

Cost



Connectivity

- USB 2.0 High Speed
- Simplicity
- No additional hardware
- Compatibility



Control

Octophonic output

2 channels for magnetic pickups
6 piezoelectric pickups measure vibrations

Professional audio quality (24-bit, 96kHz)
Early digitization



Creativity

Non-linear processing
Acoustic modelling
Selective transformation
Real-time pitch detection



Cost Advantages

No additional hardware required
Uses any guitar body
All forms of processing done on one PC





Design Process



Design Process

Requirements gathering
Functional Specification
Modularization
Iterative Design

Design Specification
Implementation





Design Constraints

- Professional level audio
- Octophonic output
- Latency
- Ease of use
- Size
- Power
- Cost



Design Considerations

- Piezoelectric transducers
- Analog to digital converters
- Power supply
- PC interface (USB 2.0 High Speed)
- System on Chip (SoC)



Development Reports



Scheduling Report





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Scheduling Report Summary

- Iterative design
- Ongoing market research
- Ongoing development
- Ongoing promotion
- Hit critical marketing deadline



Budget Report

ltem	Budgeted	Cost	Difference
Guitar Pickups	\$195	\$485	-\$ 290
Guitar	\$150	\$150	+\$ 0
Prototyping	\$310	\$845	-\$ 535
Signal Electronics	\$60	\$63	-\$ 3
Soldering Equip	\$0	\$140	-\$ 140
PCB Fabrication	\$300	\$0	+\$ 300
Misc Electronics	\$65	\$63	+\$ 2
Net	\$1080	\$1746	-\$ 666



Team Dynamics Issues

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Conclusion

- Digital Revolution Digital Expression
- The Hydra
- Connectivity Control Creativity Cost
- Metrics for Success



Questions



Demonstration

Pitch detection
MIDI control
Speed
Polyphonics
Pitch bending
transcription



Questions



Technical Slides



SNR Calculation





Steps:

- 1. Autocorrelation function
- 2. Difference
- 3. Cumulative Mean Normalized Difference
- 4. Absolute Thresholding
- 5. Parabolic Interpolation
- 6. Best Local Estimate



Our additions to the algorithm

- 1. Statistical analysis of error rates
- 2. Development of confidence measures
- 3. Implementation of heuristics for stable output



Input Signal:

Autocorrelation Function:



Difference Function:

Cumulative Mean Normalized Difference Function:



