# Cambridge Music Technology

# Mixing Secrets: Production Tricks to Use with Any DAW

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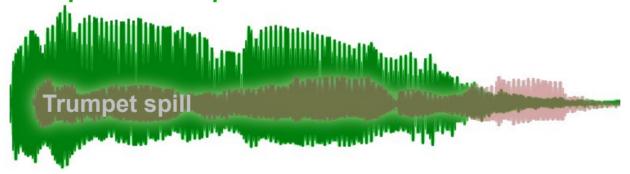
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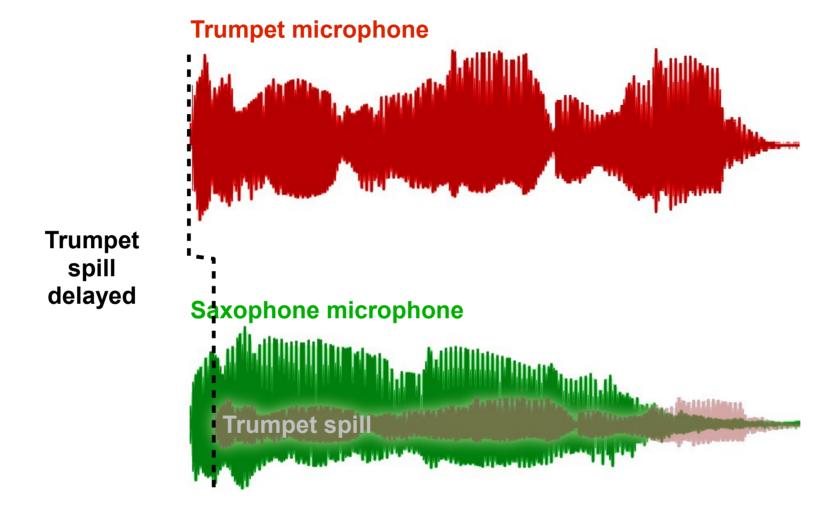


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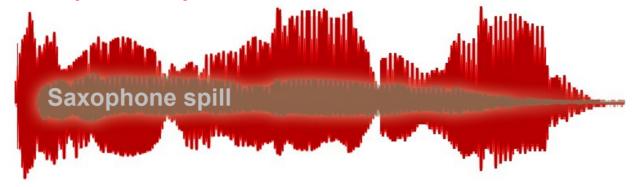


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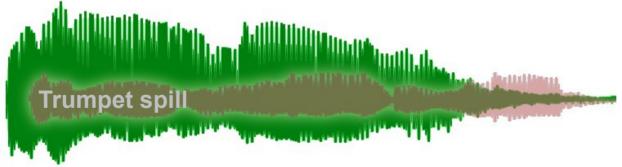




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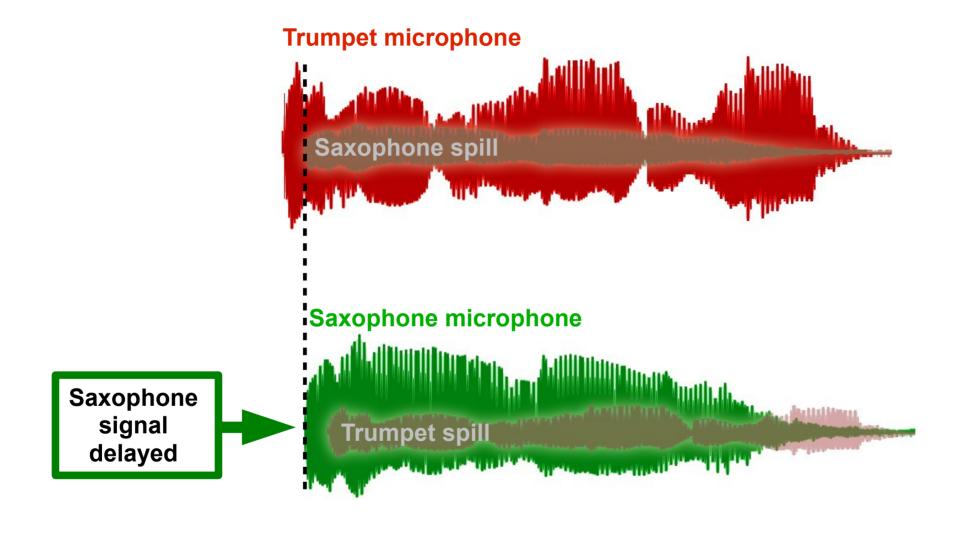


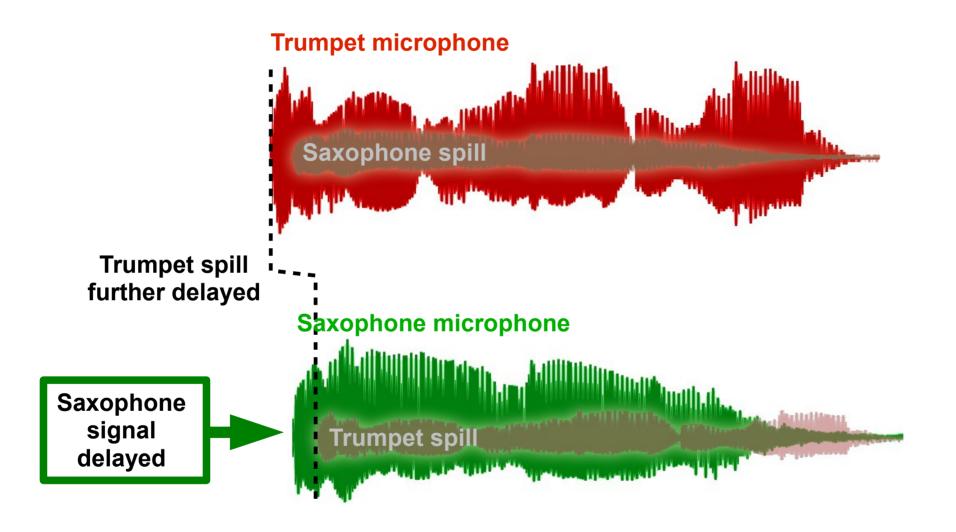
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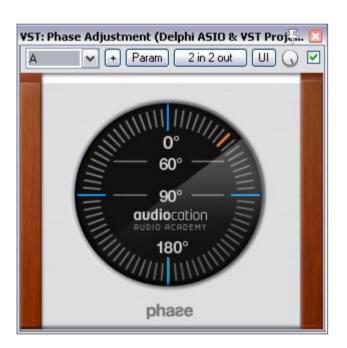




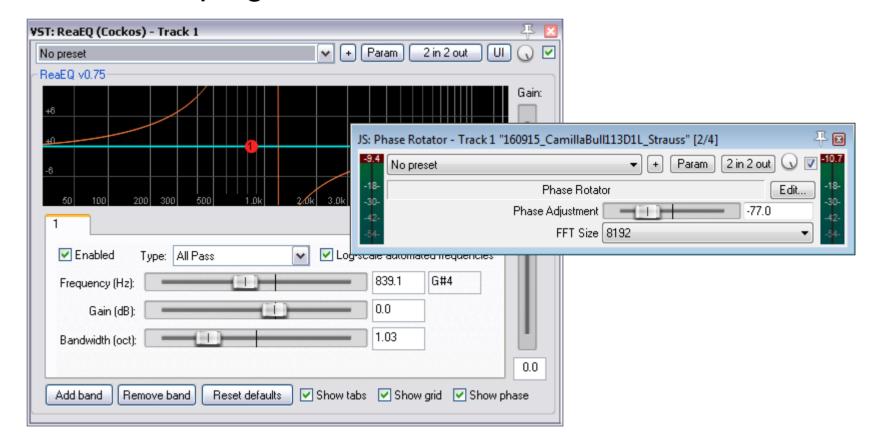


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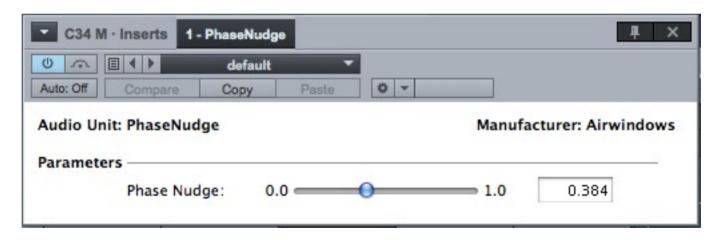


Cockos Reaplugs: ReaEQ & JS Phase Rotator



# Specialist Phase Manipulators: Mac Freeware

#### AirWindows PhaseNudge



32-bit AU

# Specialist Phase Manipulators: 64-bit Cross-platform

Voxengo PHA-979



64-bit VST/AU

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- Inter-driver comb-filtering
- Most consumers hear less information

### Auratone 5C Super Sound Cube



Single-driver midrange monitor

#### Some Modern Auratone Substitutes

Auratone 5C (modern reissue)



Passive: \$190 each

**Avantone Mixcube** 



Passive: \$140 each Active: \$240 each

#### Some Modern Auratone Substitutes

Behringer C5A



Active: \$100 each

Behringer C50A



Active: \$130 each

Fostex 6301B



Active: \$180 each

Pyramid Designs Triple P



Passive: \$300/pair

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Brainworx Bx\_solo



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Use visual analysis tools

#### Sonalksis FreeG



Melda MLoudnessAnalyzer



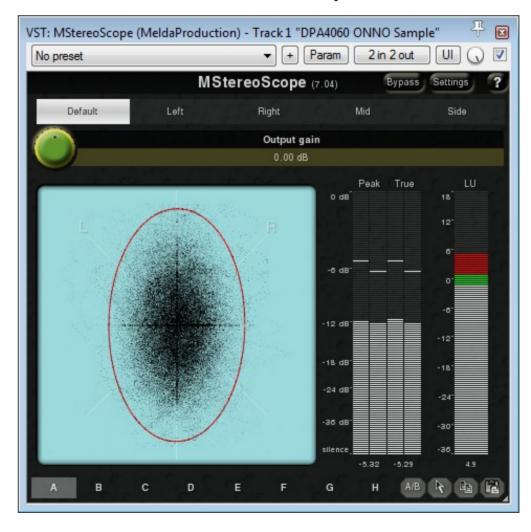
Klangfreund LUFS Meter



Flux Audio Stereo Tool



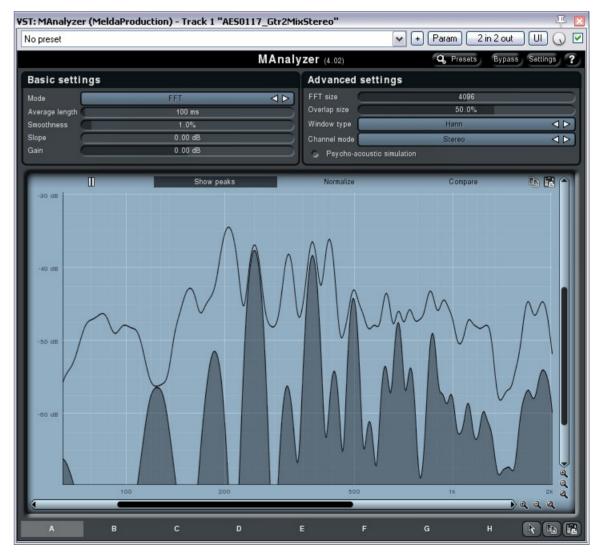
Melda StereoScope



Voxengo SPAN

#### Melda MAnalyzer

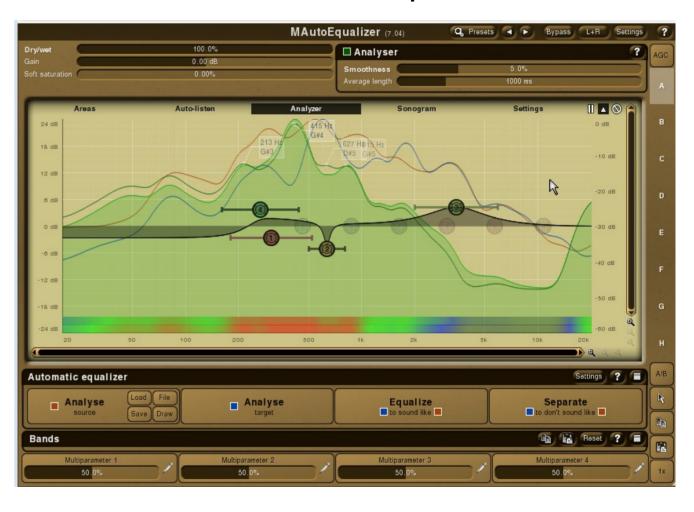




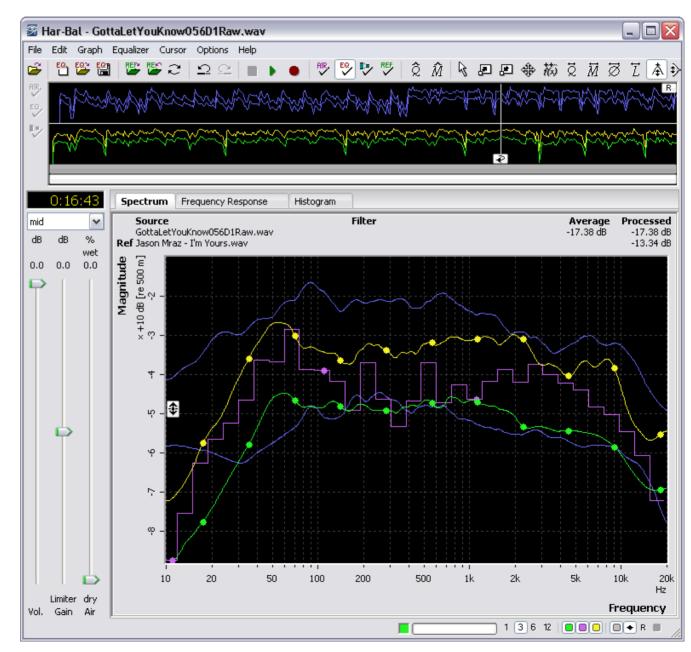
Voxengo Curve EQ



Melda MAutoEqualizer



Harbal visual mastering software



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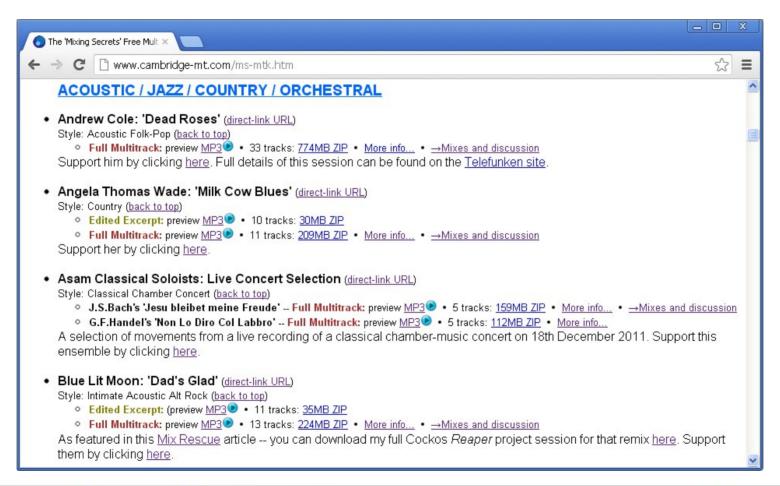
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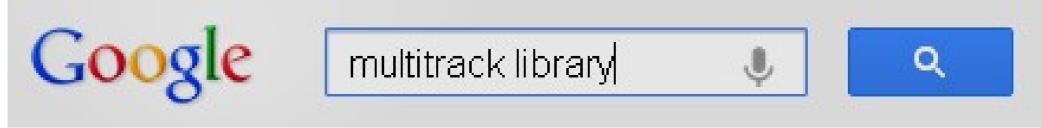
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- 1) Don't settle for defective phase.
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- 3) Be disciplined with your mix referencing.

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