National Center for Deaf Health Research: Engaging the Deaf Community in Health Disparities Research

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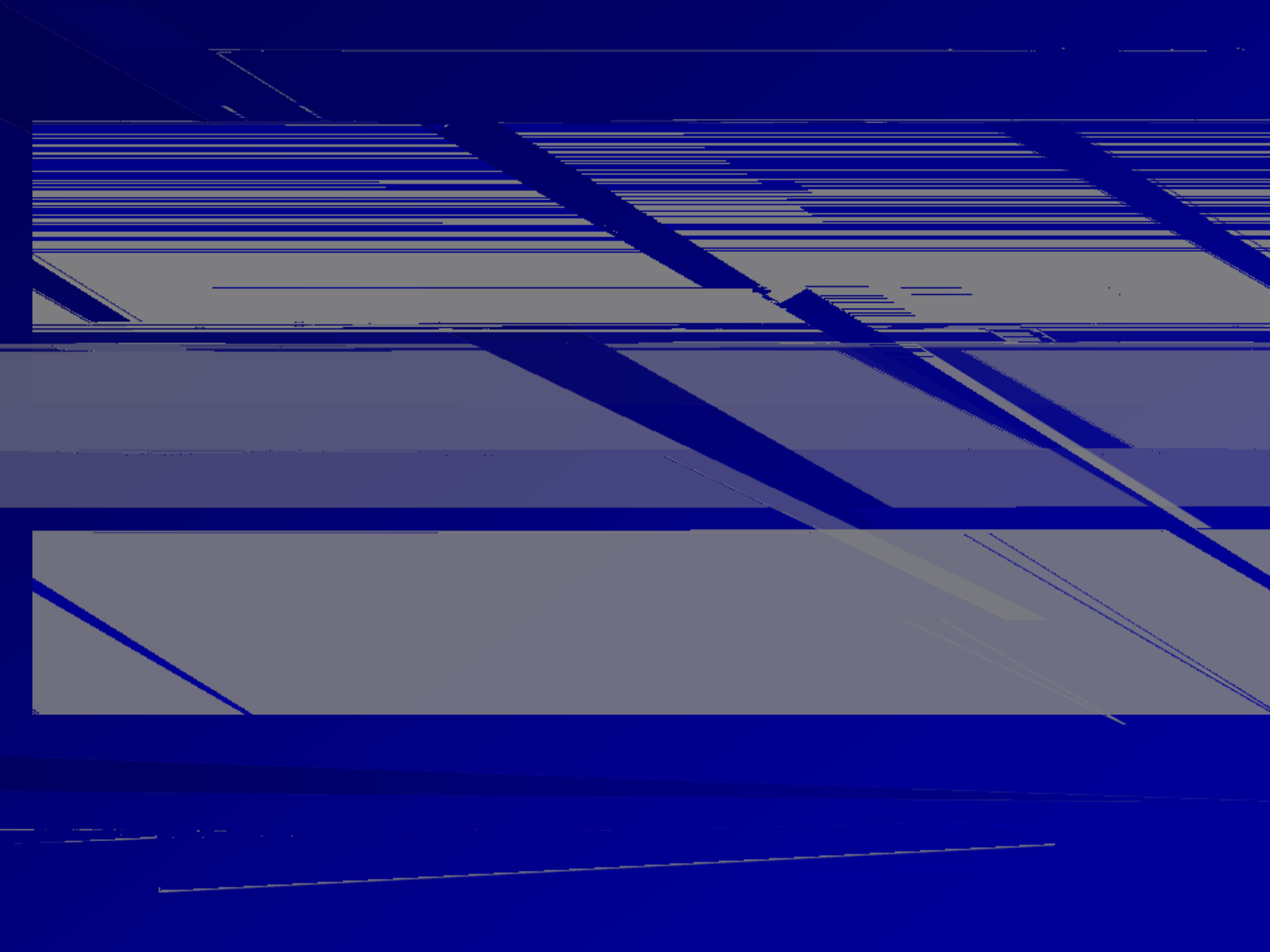
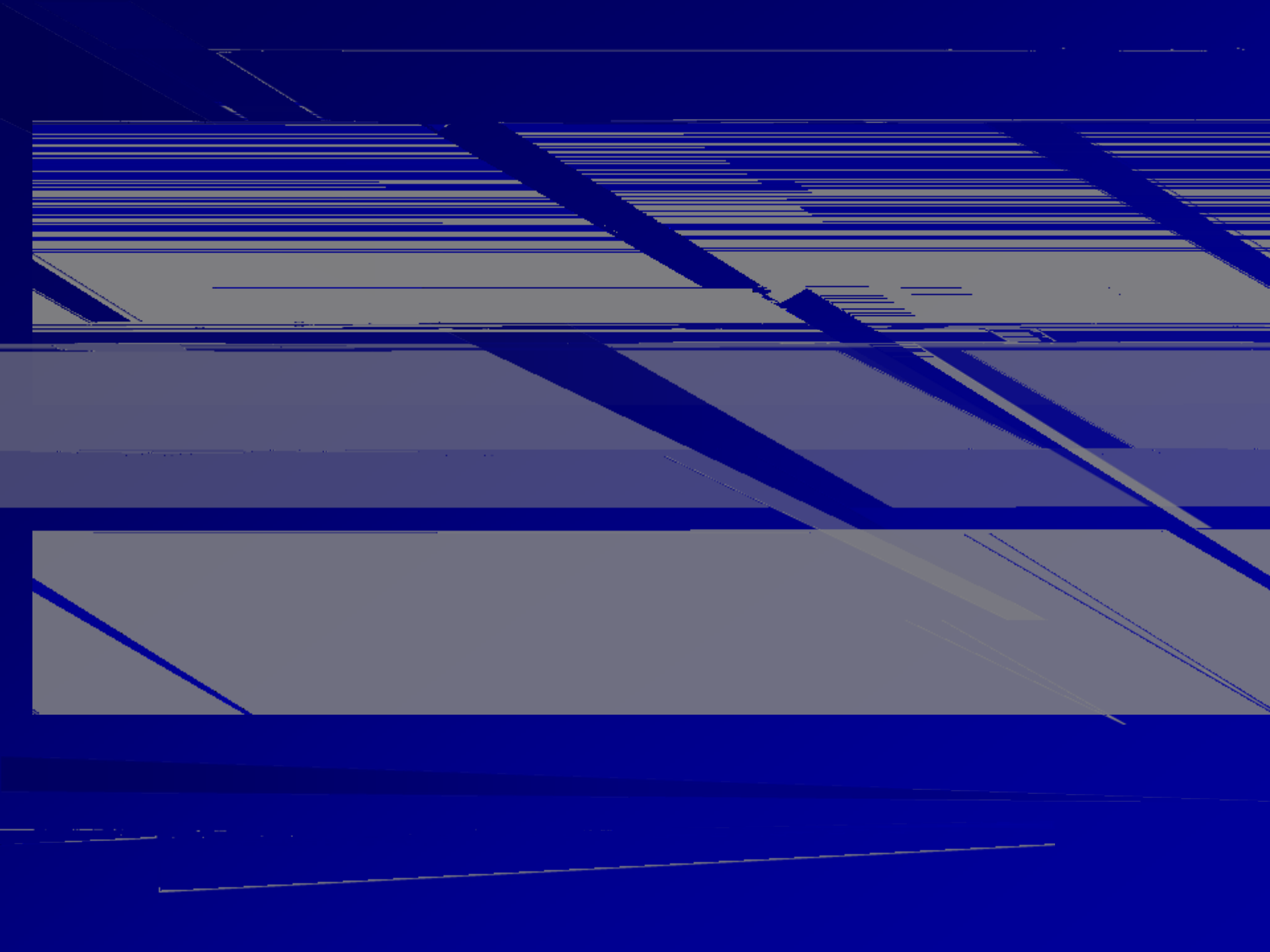
Deaf 101 Reminders

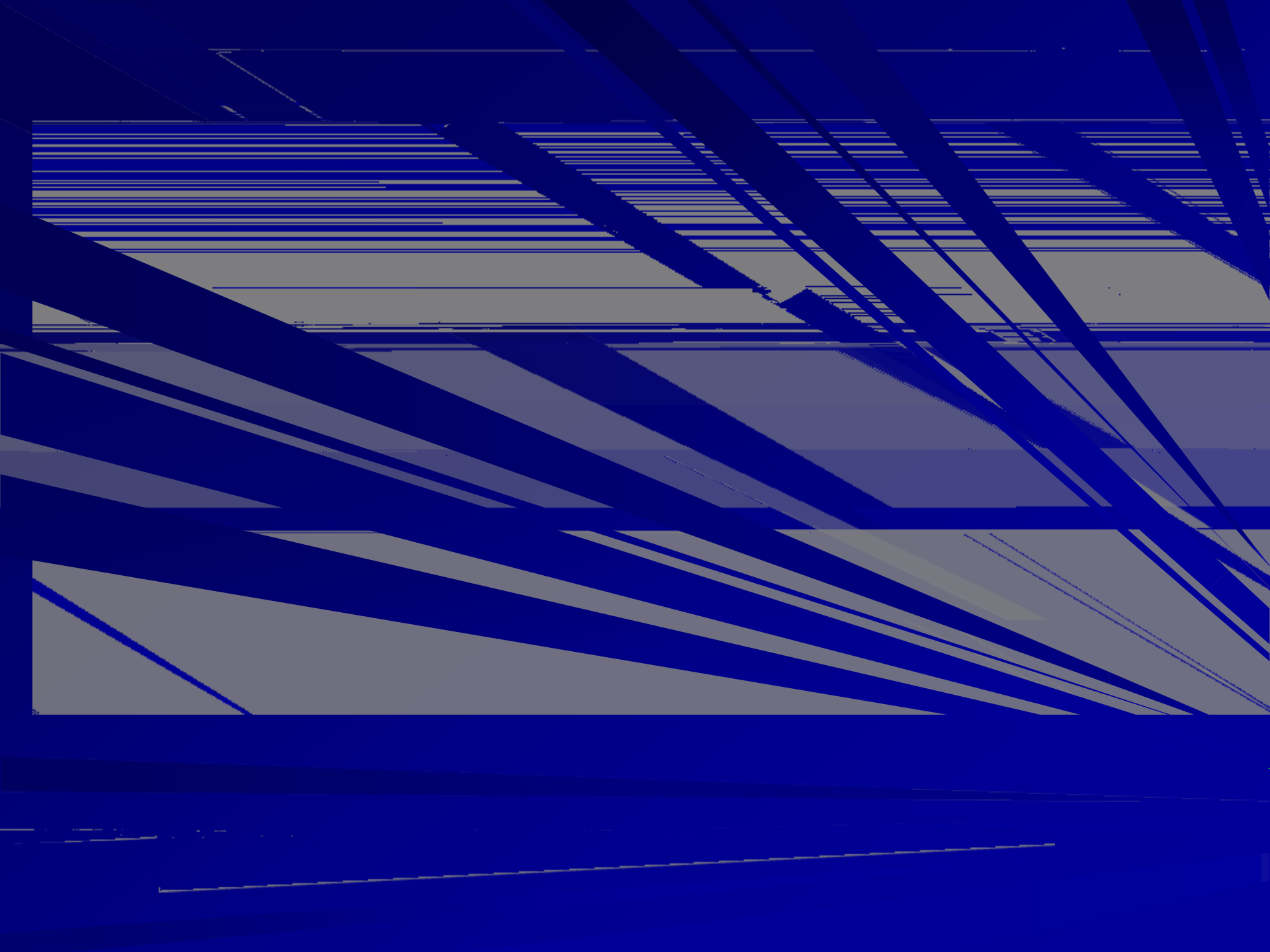
- Prelingual vs. later-onset deafness
- ASL vs. English
- Literacy
- Fund of information

Deaf Health Collaborations

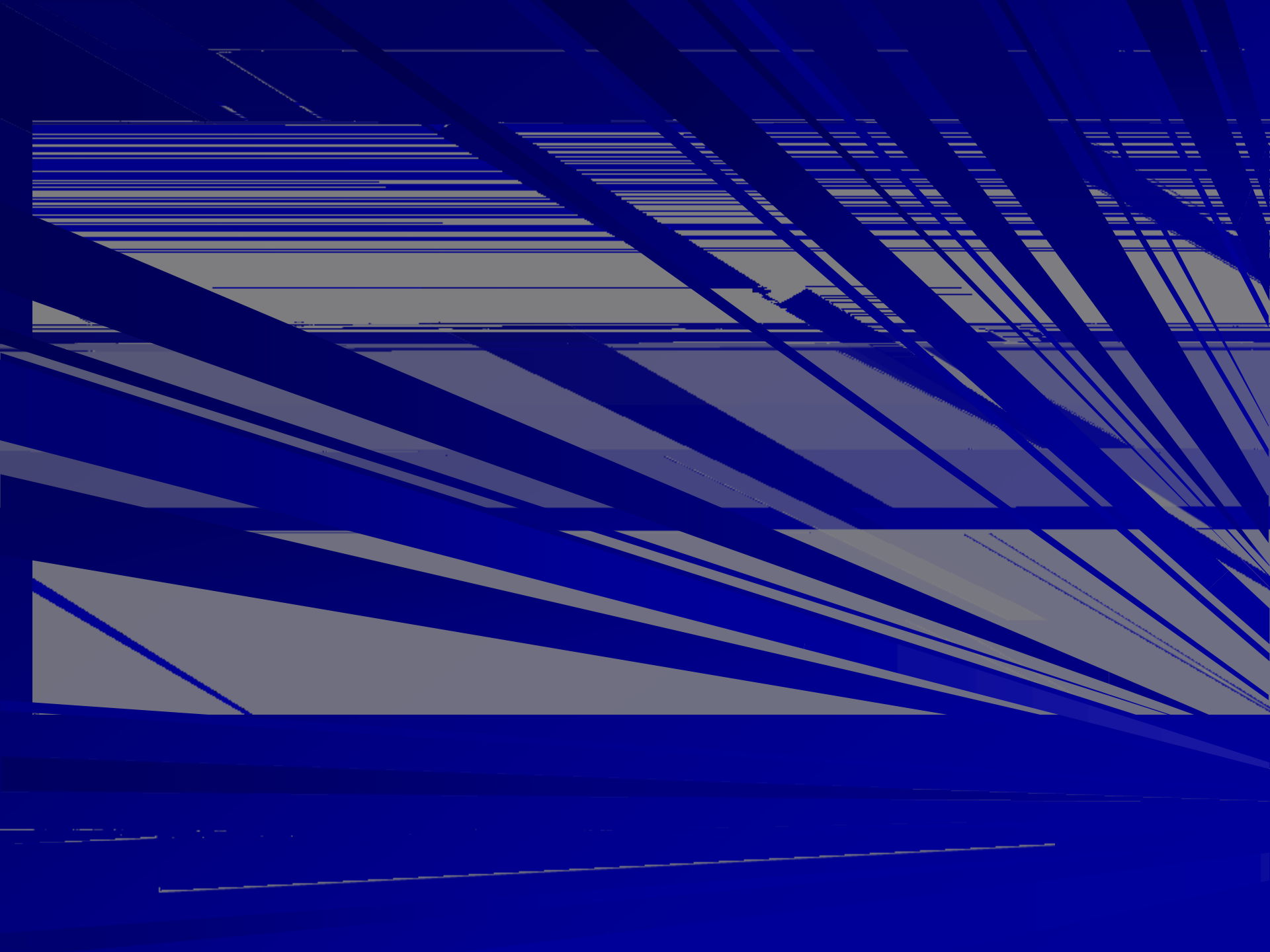
- Deaf Wellness Center
- Barnett & DWC
- Medical school, residency teaching
- PAH, MD
  - Deaf Strong Hospital
  - *My Body, My Responsibility*
- Strong Connections
- Deaf Health Task Force
- ASADV
- Deaf Awareness Week pilot study

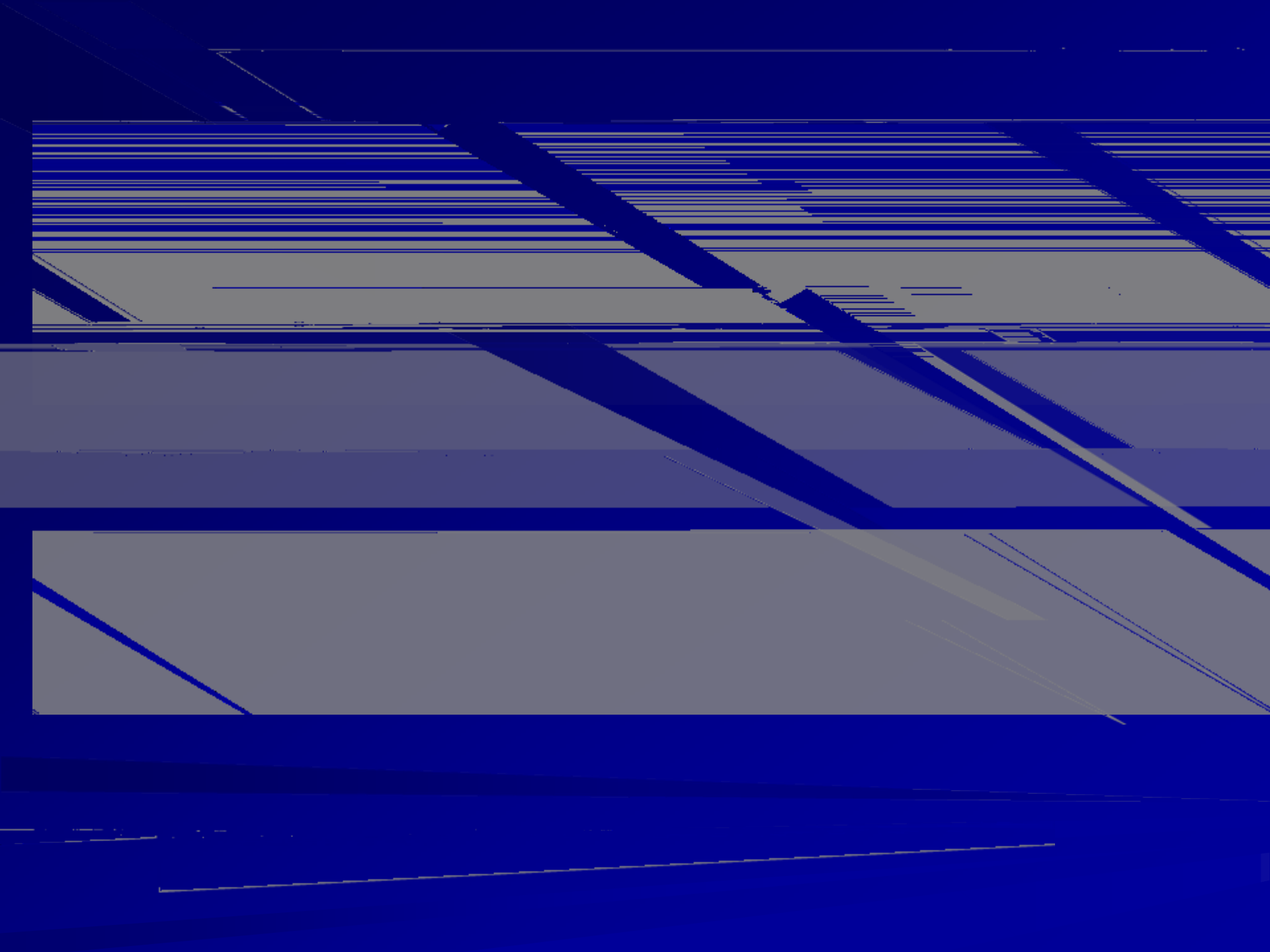




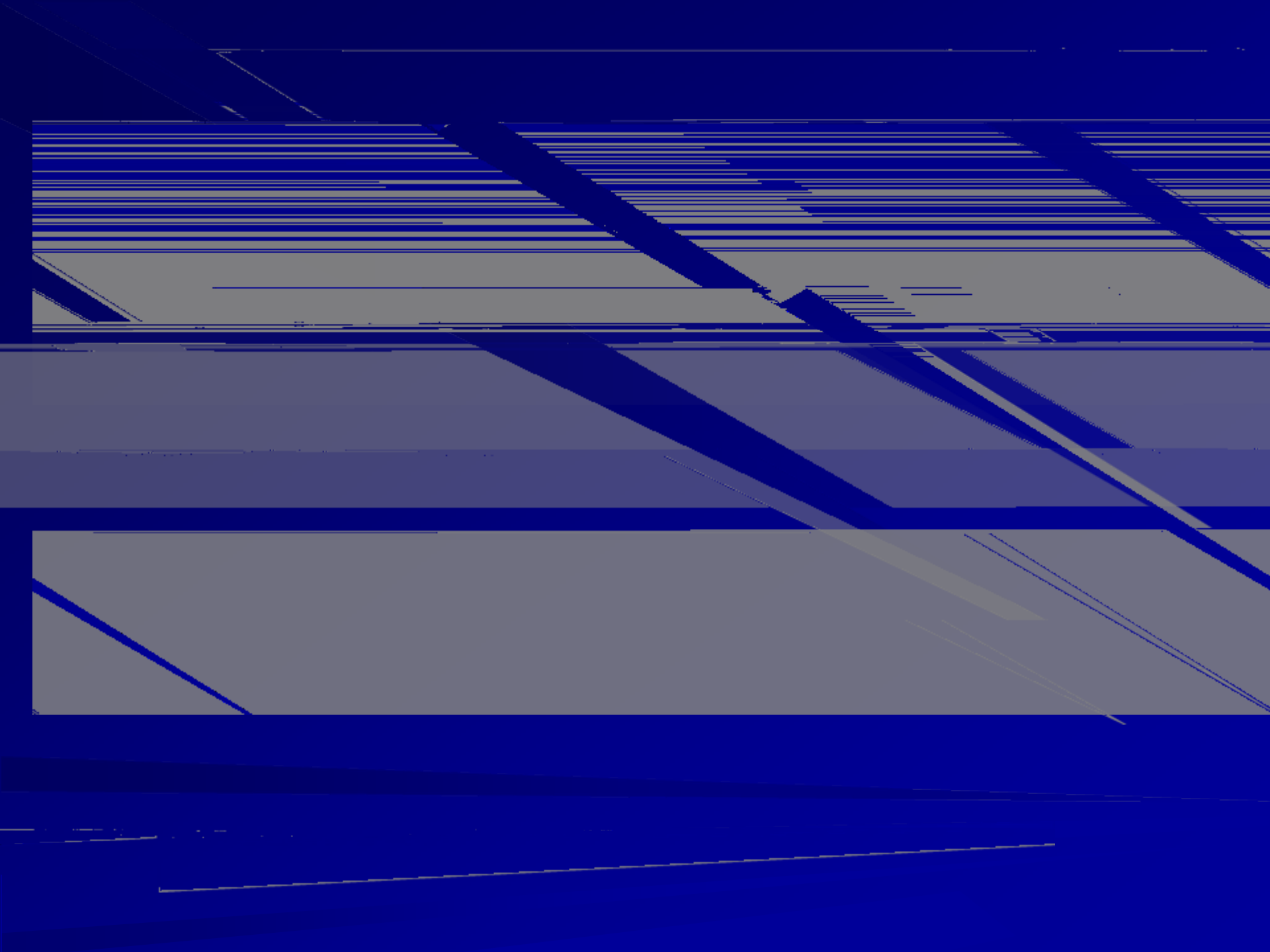


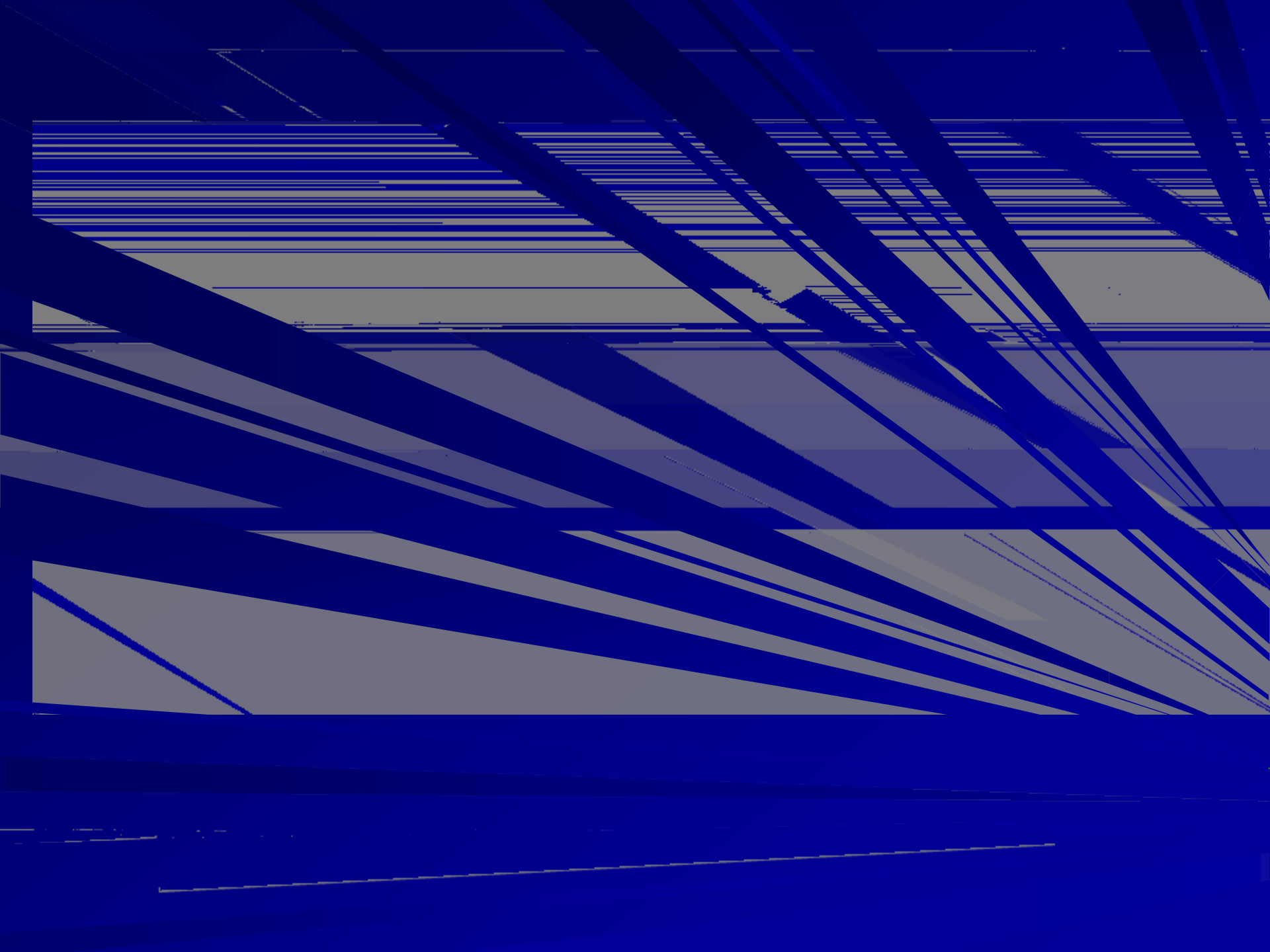
Core Project Steps

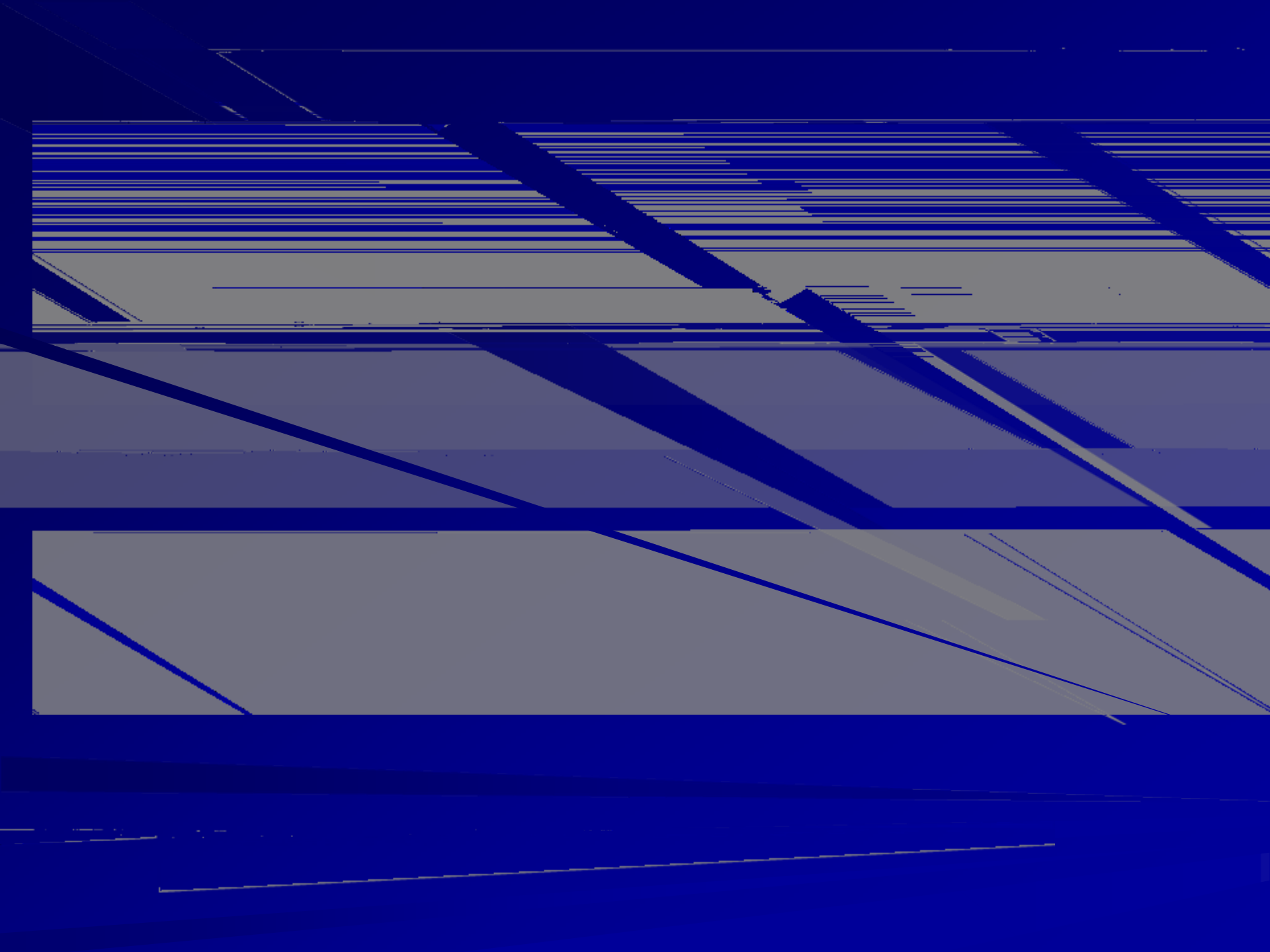




Deaf-Related Questions





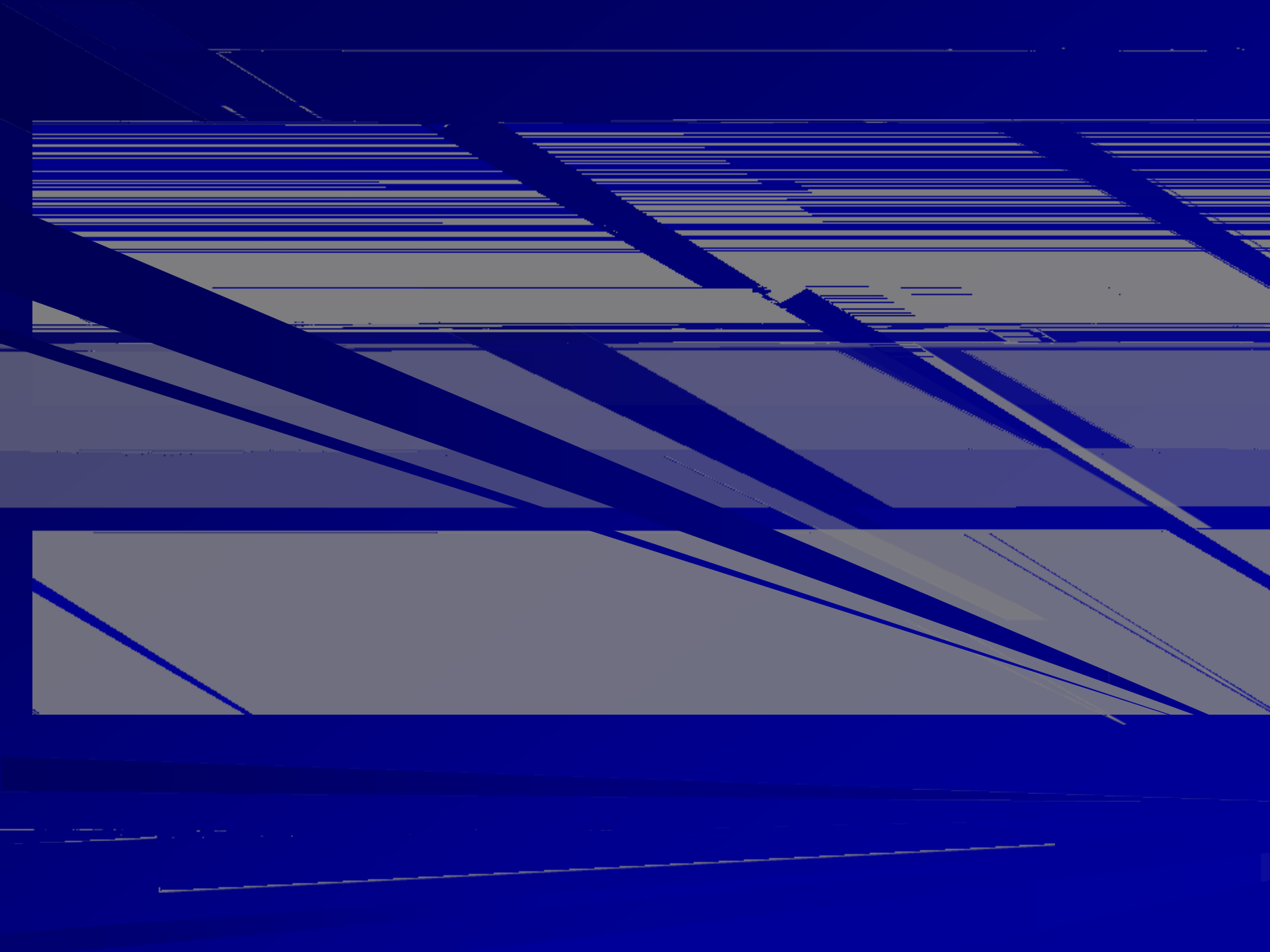


Completed Surveys

- 168 NTID freshmen (out of 190)
- 578 hearing RIT freshmen (out of 2200)
- 32 deaf/HOH RIT freshmen (out of 70)
- Analysis is proceeding

Concurrent Efforts

- ASL survey development
- Monroe County BRFSS
  - NCDHR adaptations
  - Identifying deaf household members
- Deaf questions on local YRBS
- Harris Interactive NCDHR adaptations
- Gallaudet Interpreting Department



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