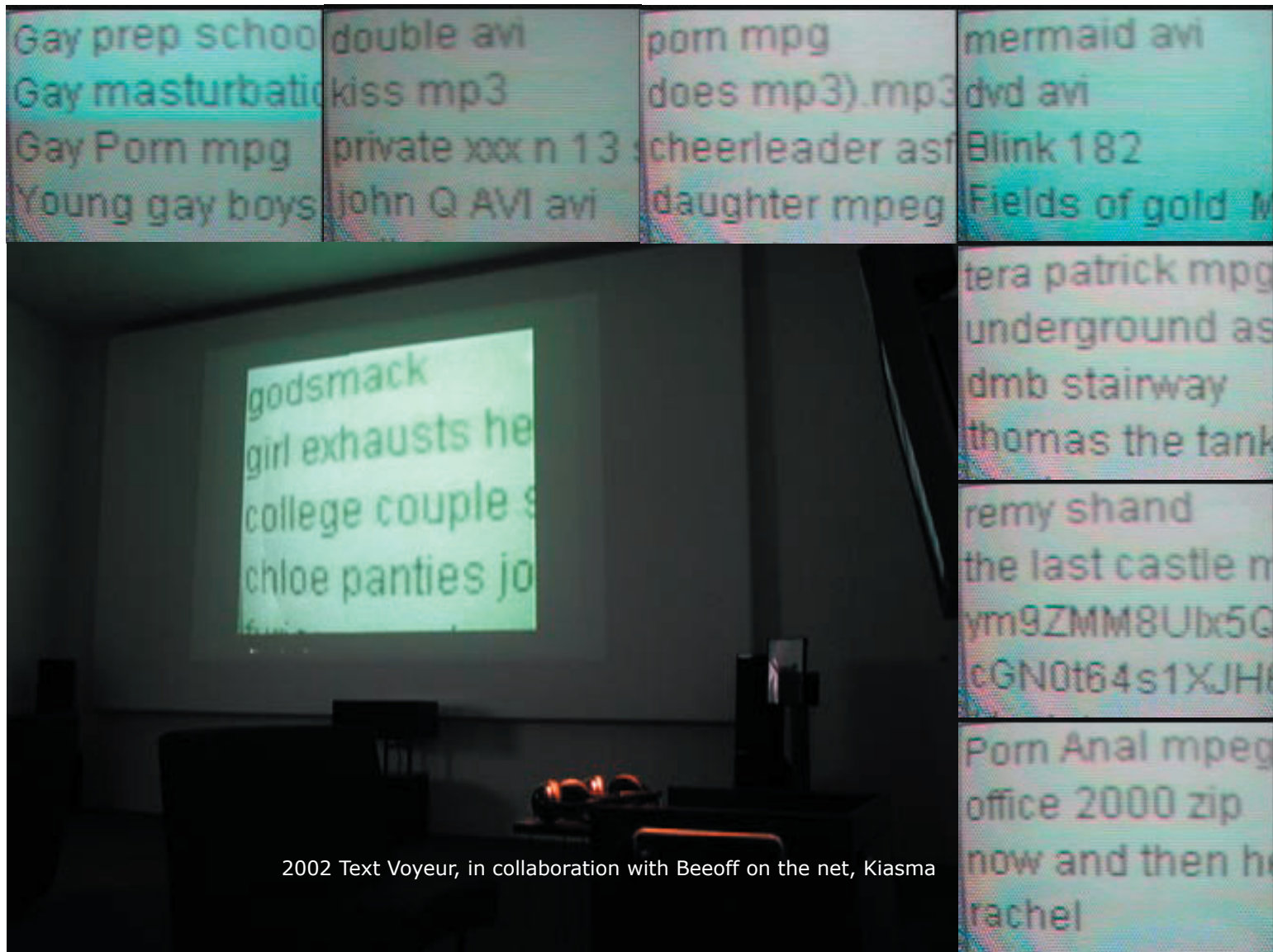


TEXT VOYEUR

In his piece Text Voyeur Torsson uses Limewire, an Internet client programme for file-sharing. He monitors the key words that people use while searching for files of their interest. The words represent a mix of high and low, from mainstream music, movies and computer games over to the underground issues, from the odd and perverted over to what is in fact illegal. What might catch one's eyes is for example the pornographic content.

How eroticism is used is also a subject that Torsson has worked with before. In his Minus Porn he deleted the bodies from pornographic pictures and focused on the environment. In his Pippi Examples, never shown but much discussed, Torsson showed by using cuts from Pippi Longstocking-movies how our view have changed in a society where children are eroticised.

What Torsson does with Text Voyeur is pointing at peoples desires in a simple way. On the Internet one can be anonymous and that helps many to practise their secret interests. The Internet also offers a quick way to get information. It is this combination that makes Limewire interesting and Torsson's piece a strong reflexion of our time.



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