

Embedded Real-time Expressive Guitar Technique Recognition

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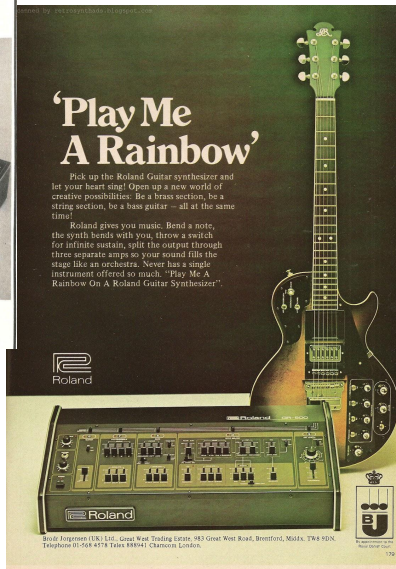
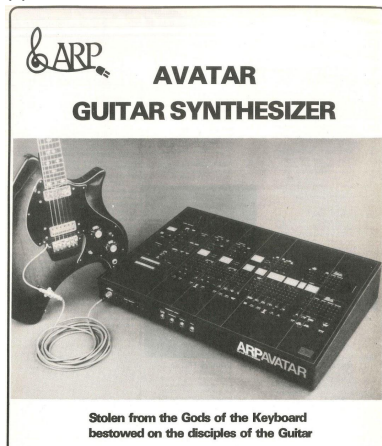
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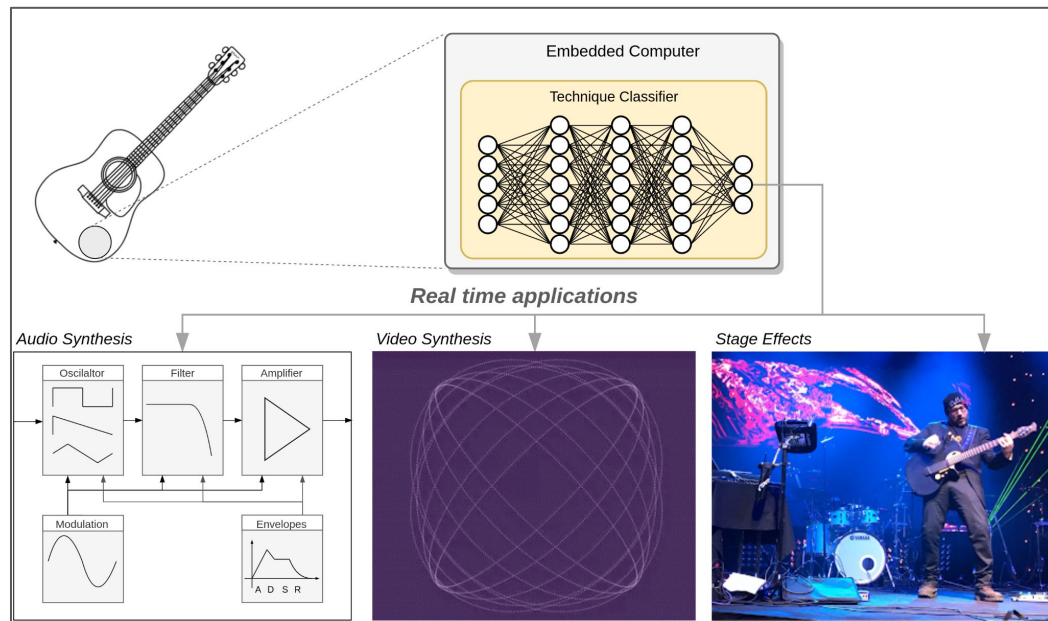
Expressive Technique Recognition

for Smart Musical Instruments [5]

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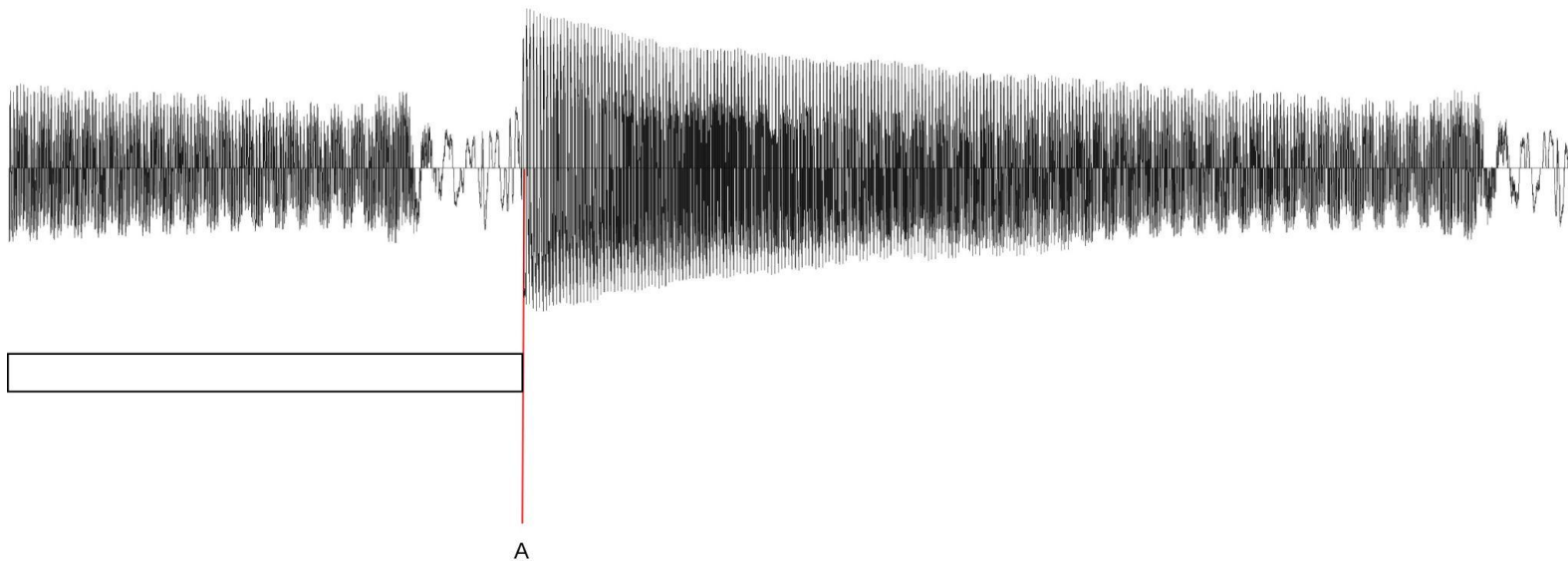


Real-time & Embedded

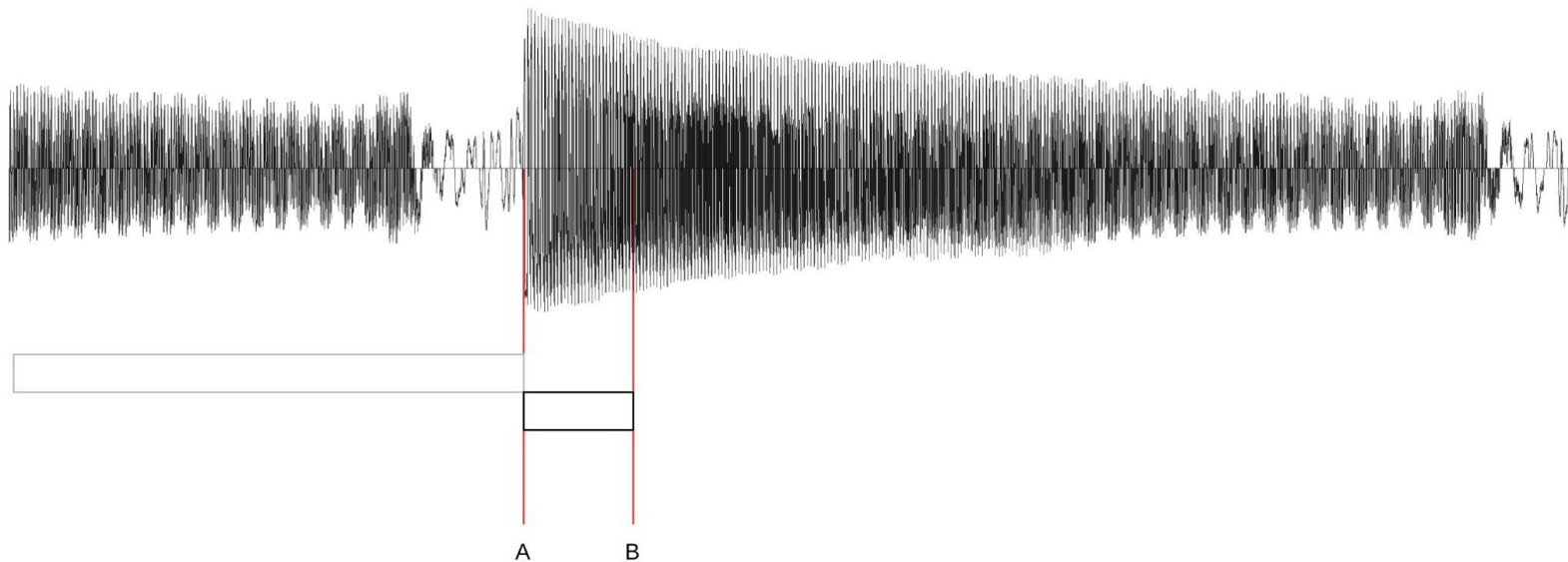
(1) UK ARP Avatar advert from 1978.

(2) from page 179 in the March (UK) / April (US) 1978 issue of International Musician and Recording World.

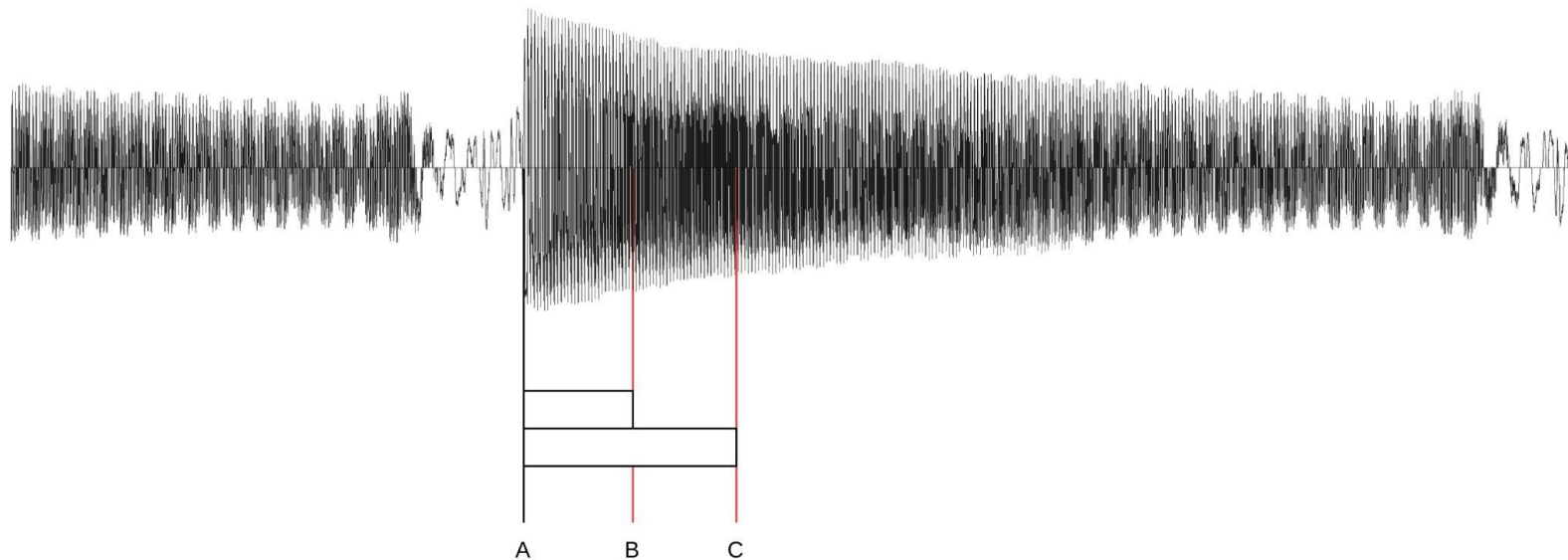
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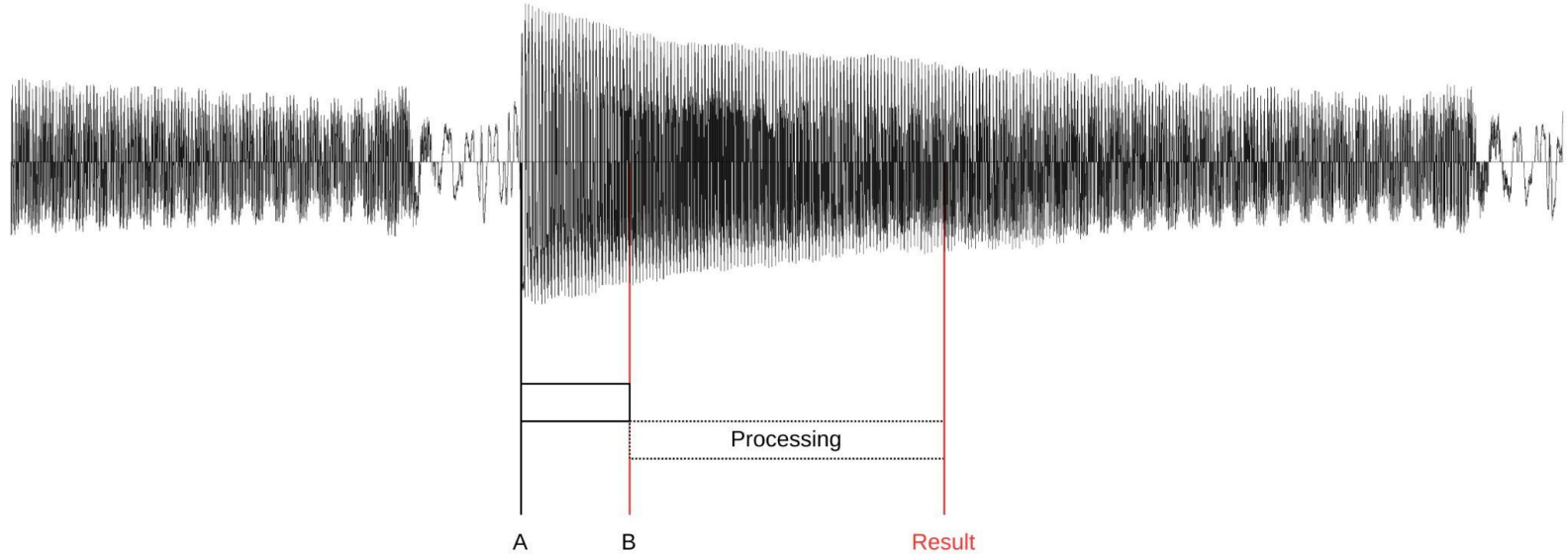
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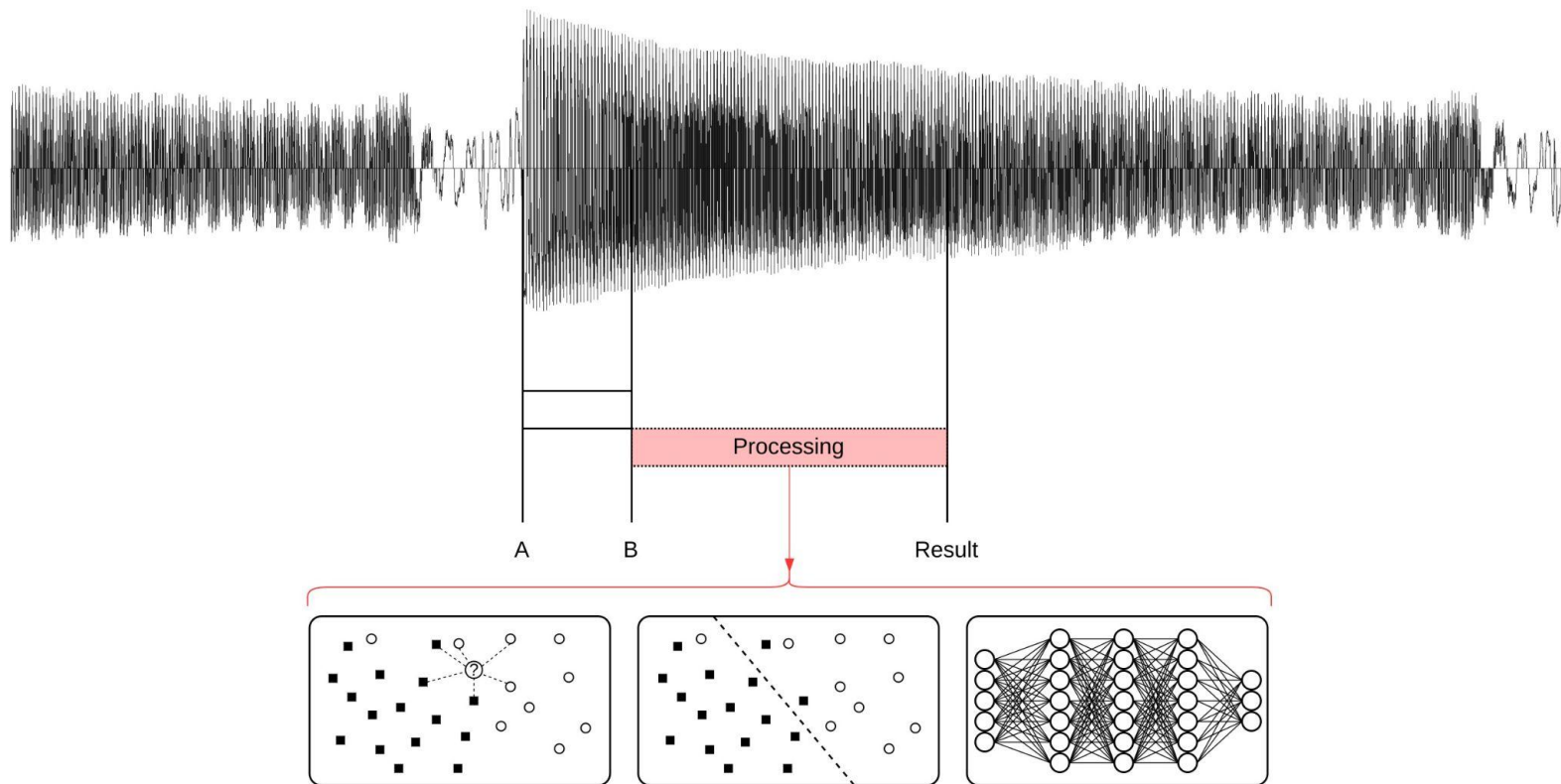
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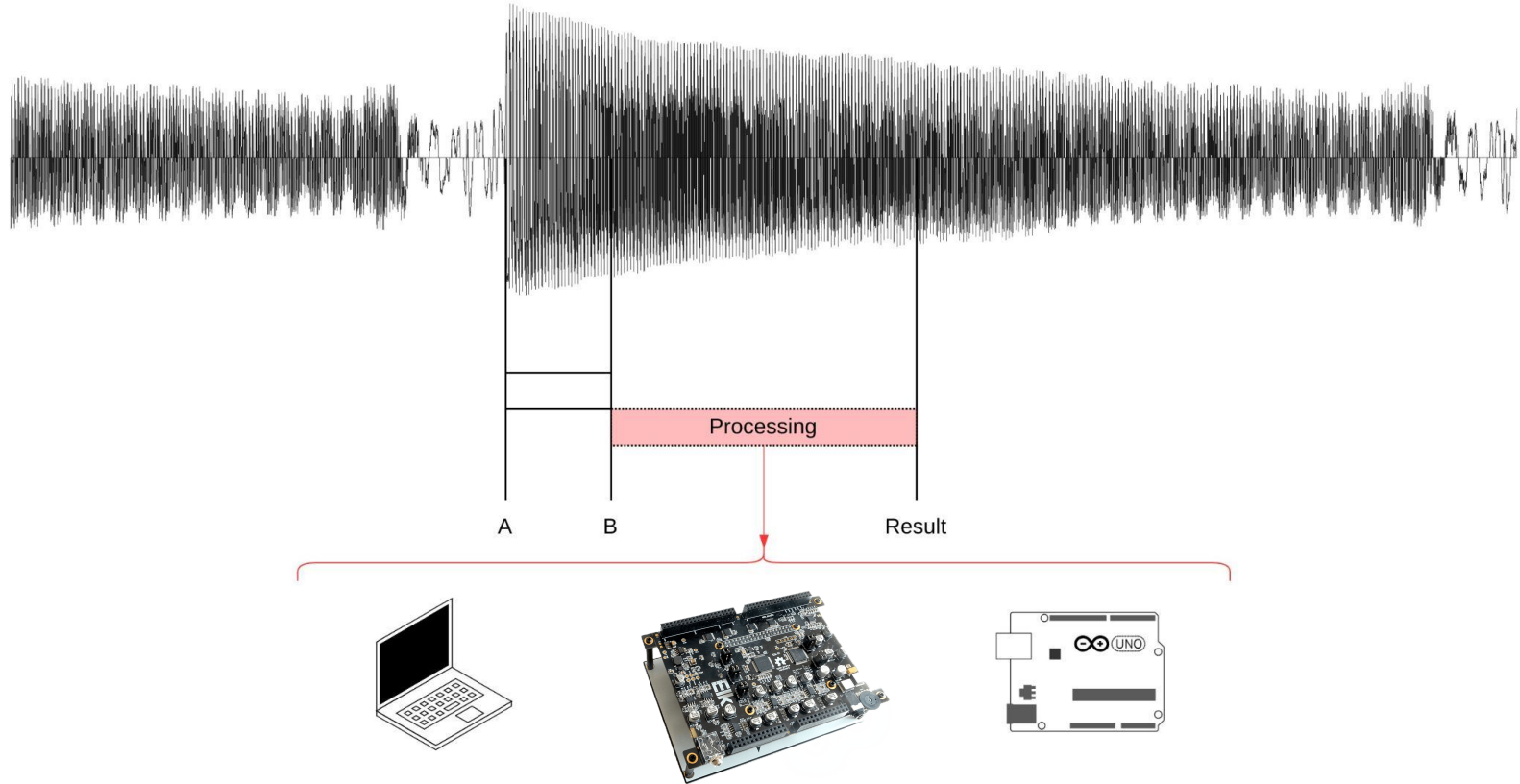
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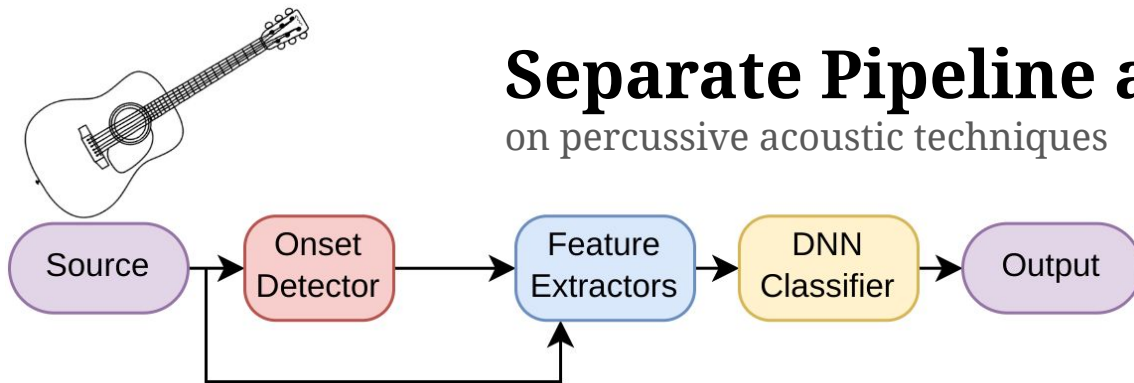
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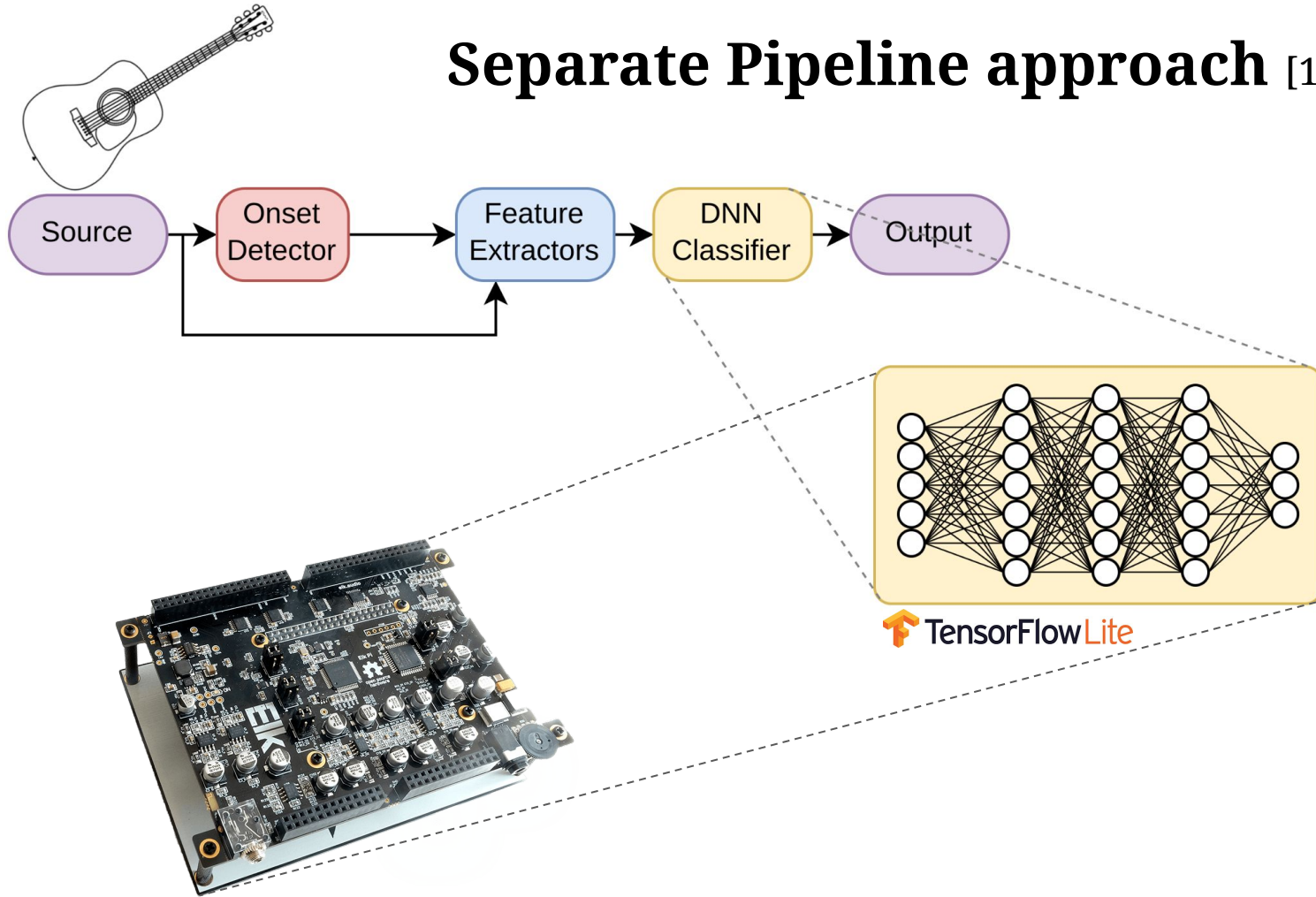
With RTOS Elk Audio OS [4]

Separate Pipeline approach [1]

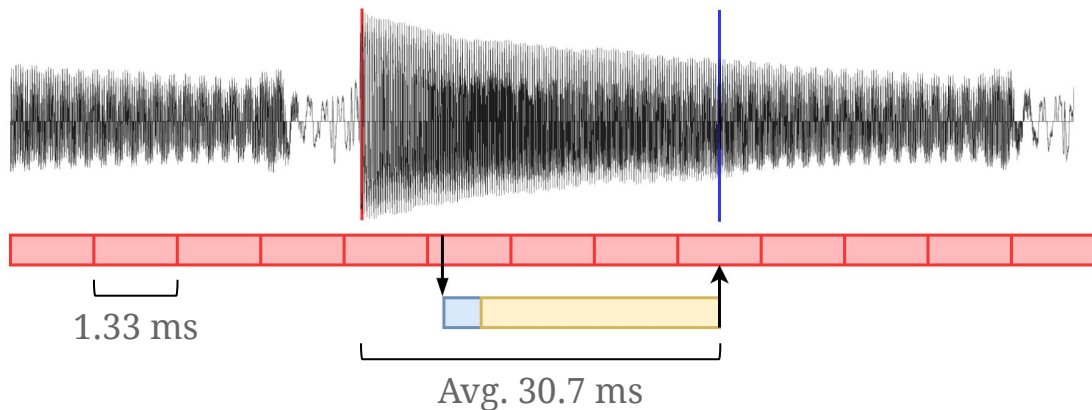
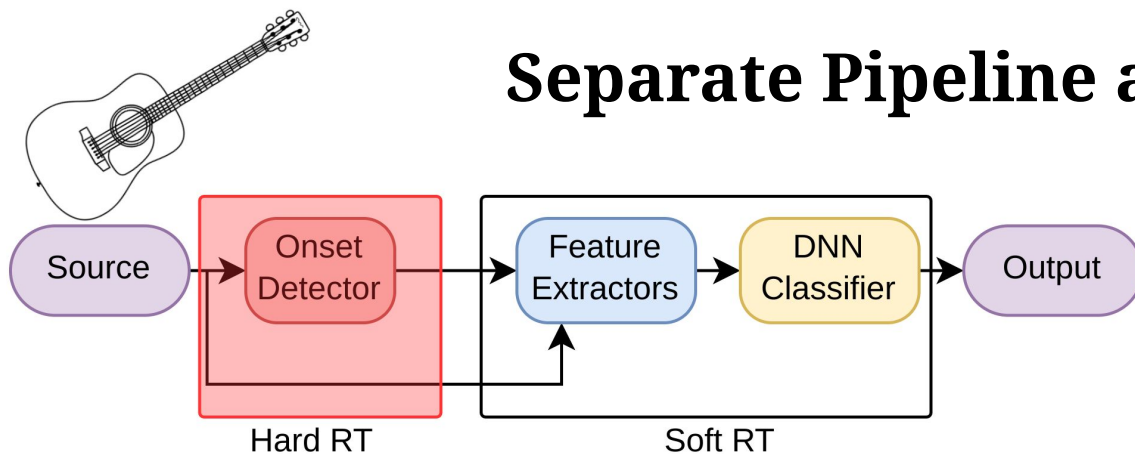
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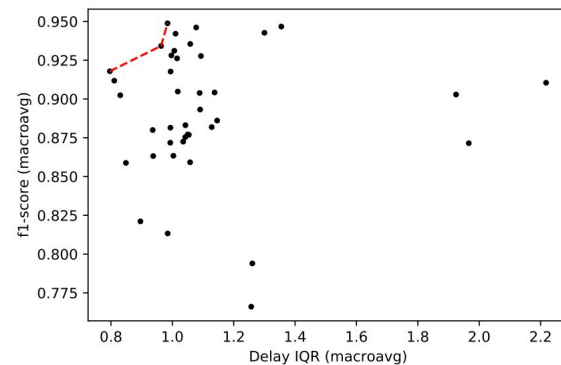
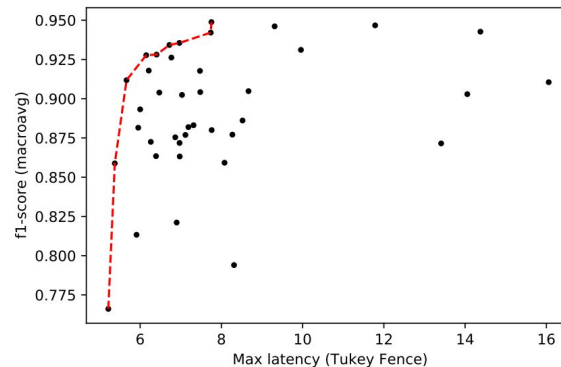
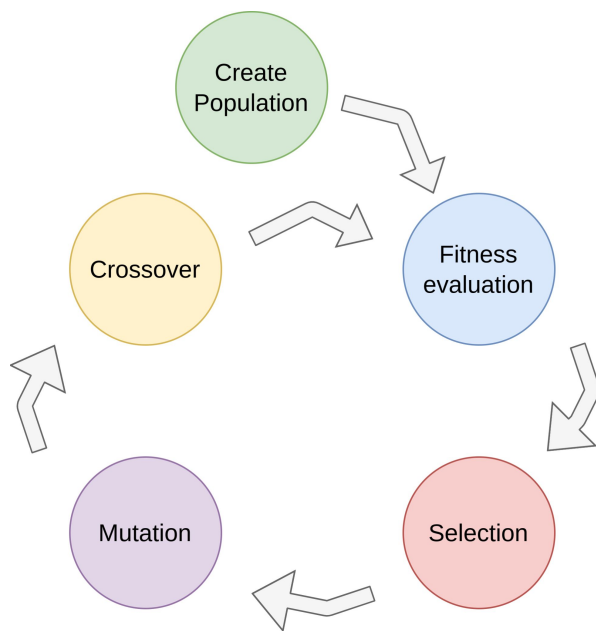
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Avg. Latency: **30.7 ms**

Accuracy: **99.1%**

Onset Detection Parameter Optimization [2]







Comparison: Embedded Inference Engines [3]

On CPU

1.  TensorFlow Lite

2.  PyTorch TORCHSCRIPT

3.  ONNX
RUNTIME

4.  RTNeural Public
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Findings:

- General inference engines **can be used for real-time audio** (no need of specialized solutions),
- Trained models **can be converted** to each engine-format.
- TFLite, ONNX-rt** and **RTneural** are the **quickest**. Torch/Torchscript is considerably slower,
- RTNeural is extremely lightweight, but it supports a very limited set of “Neural operators”.
- TFLite** and **ONNX** are most well documented and easy to use libraries.

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