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Steerable discovery of neural audio effects





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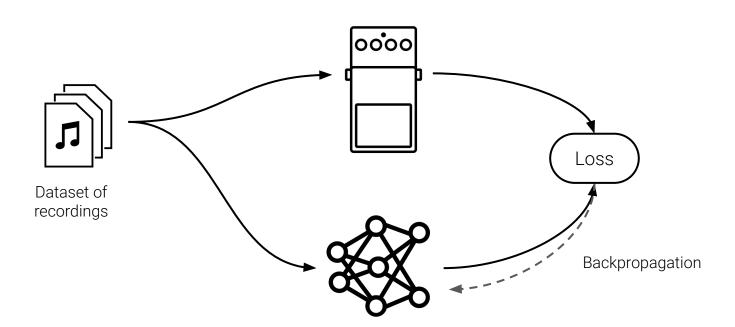


Audio Effects

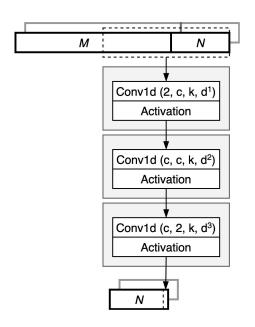


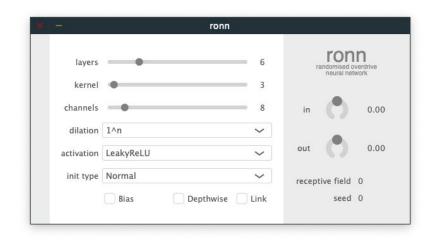


Neural Audio Effects



Randomized overdrive neural networks

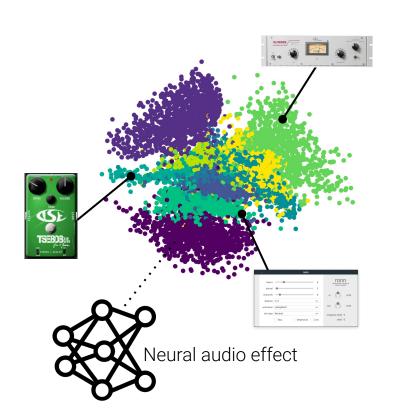




Real-time plugin built using JUCE and PyTorch C++ API (libtorch)

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Weight space <----> Effect space











How to better search the weight space to **discover** neural audio effects?



We propose a three step process

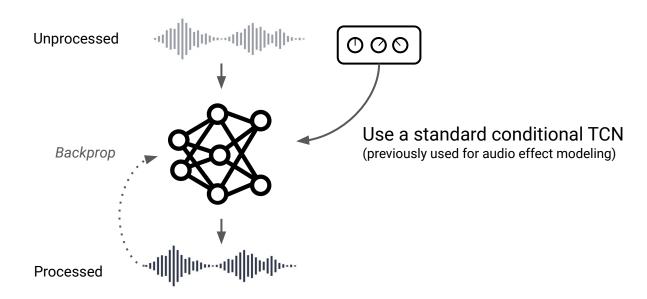
- 1. Generate a steering signal
- 2. Steer model by training for short period
- **3.** Process new audio and adjust controls



1. Steering signal generation

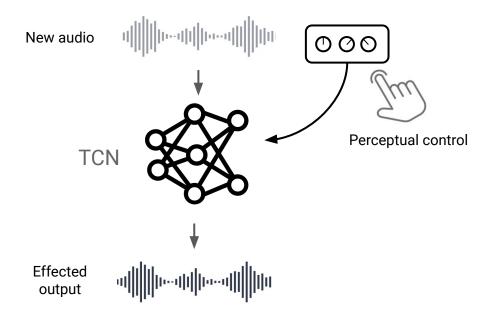


2. Steering model (training)



This is like training an audio effect emulation model where we "overfit" on a single example.

3. Control



Adjust the conditioning to different values (not used in training), which provides control over the effect.

Implicit perceptual controls

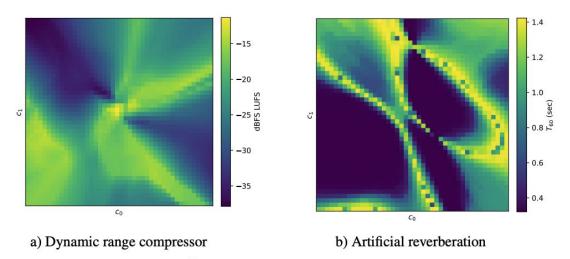


Figure 2: Parameter space $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ from -5 to 5 with relation to a) loudness dB LUFS for a model steered with a signal from a dynamic range compressor, and b) T_{60} for a model steered with a signal from an artificial reverberation effect, both of which demonstrate clear structure.

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<u>Webpage</u>



<u>Code</u>





Huggingface Spaces







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