

# Exploring Vocal Percussion Feature Extraction Methods

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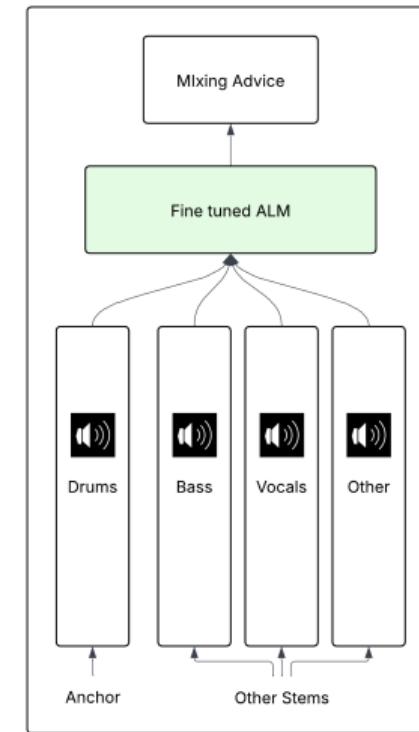
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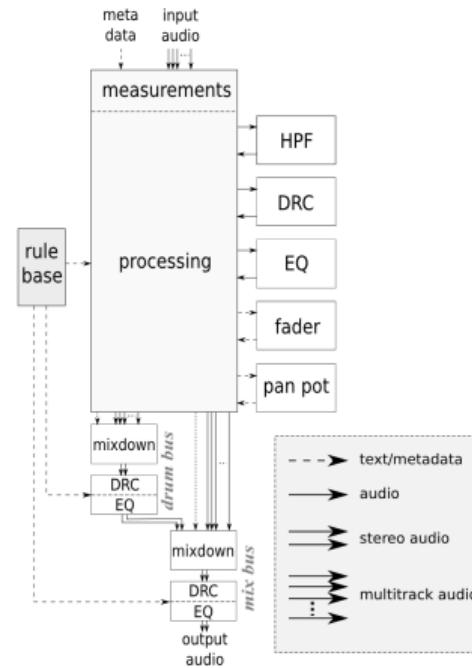
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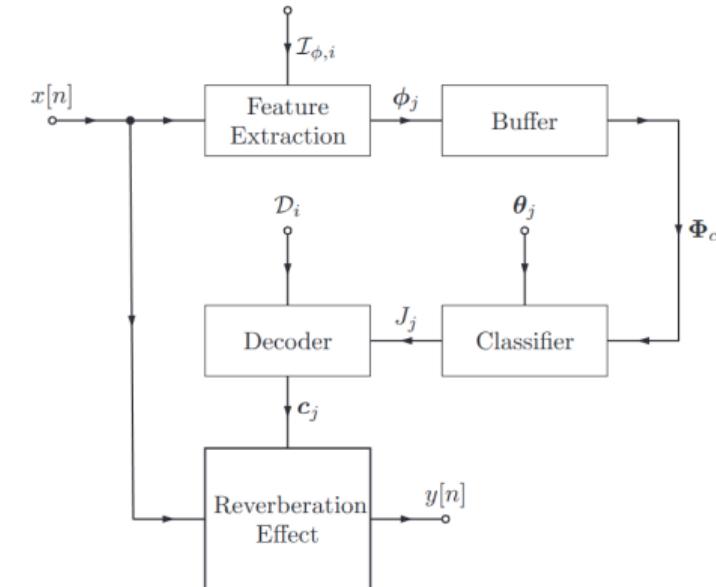


Fig. 1. Reverb application.

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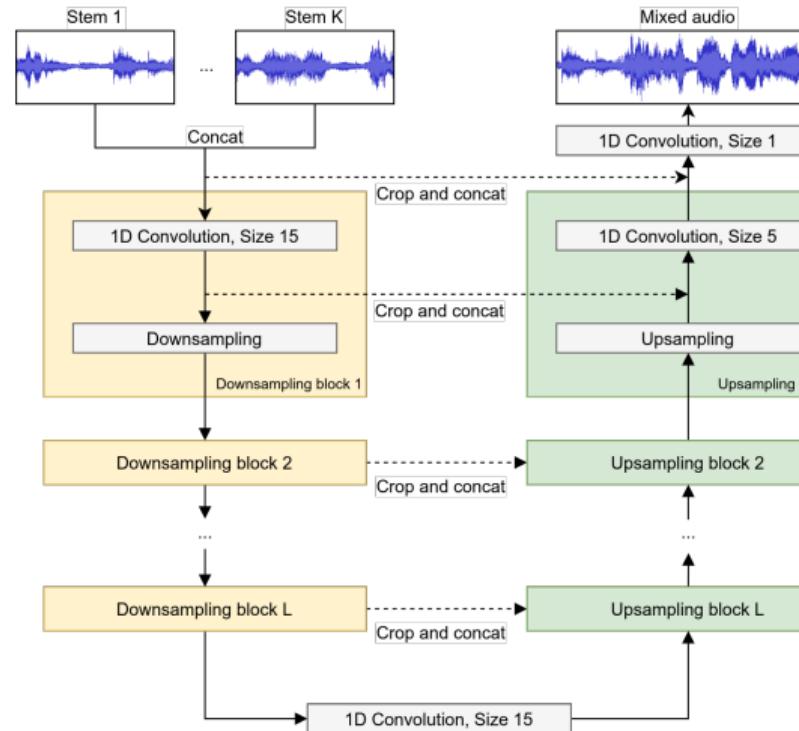
## Deep Learning Architectures

### Wave-U-Net and Autoencoders

- Automatic music signal mixing with 1D Wave-U-Net autoencoders  
**placeholder-waveunet**

### Differentiable Mixing Consoles

- Automatic multitrack mixing with a differentiable mixing console of neural audio effects [2]



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## Semantic Approaches

### Word Embeddings

- Text2FX: Harnessing CLAP Embeddings for Text-Guided Audio Effects [3]
- A Semantic Approach to Autonomous Mixing  
**placeholder-semantic-mixing**
- Word Embeddings for Automatic Equalization in Audio Mixing [4]

### Text-Driven Interfaces

- Can Large Language Models Predict Audio Effects Parameters from Natural Language?  
[5]
- SonicMaster: Towards Controllable

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