

## **Responsible AI and Music workshop**

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### Musically Embodied Machine Learning

## **Musically Embodied Machine Learning** (MEML)

AHRC Fellowship Project - 18 Months

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## The artist at the centre of Al With online, real-time AI embedded in musical practice

Signal processing, effects

Simple interfaces for complex tasks

Gesture mapping/processing

Co-creation, pattern generation

Make an instrument that learns from/with you

Create/improvise/negotiate with the machine

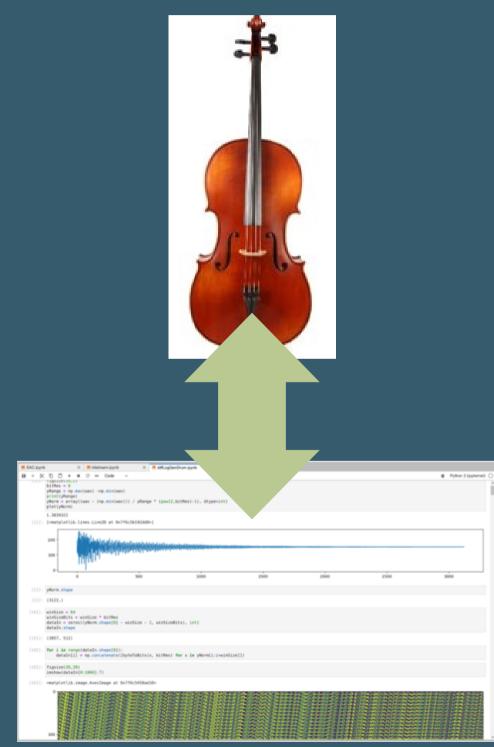
Sound synthesis

## The issues

No agency, no control

Pre-trained models are "dumped" on the artist

All practice is mediated by atechnologist



## Disembodiment

### The ML tools live outside the instrument

No musical skills are used in the process

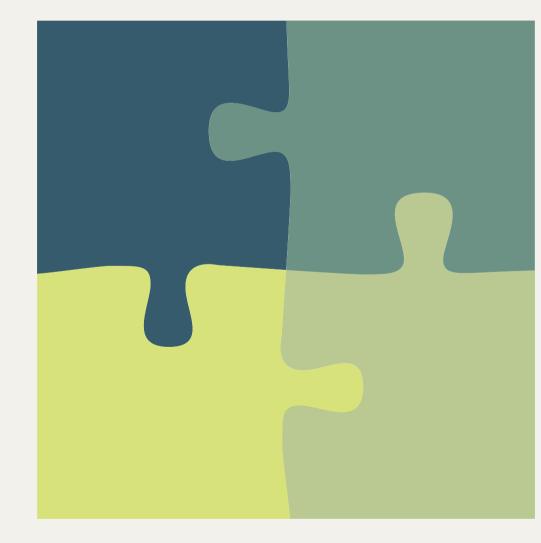
## **Tuneable Machine Learning**

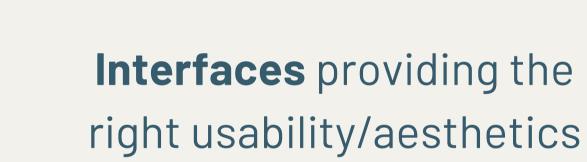
### Musicians training ML models as part of their practice The entire process of training and inference embedded within the instrument

## **Embedded Framework**

for in-situ learning

### ML models for on-line learning





### **Practices** that productively incorporate ML

# Our questions

**Interface:** how do you "present" an Al model to a musician?

**Practice**: how does this system affect the musician?

**Ethics**: does artist-centred AI pose its own set of issues?

## Framework

A bare-metal ML library for the XMOS platform ...and an open community around it



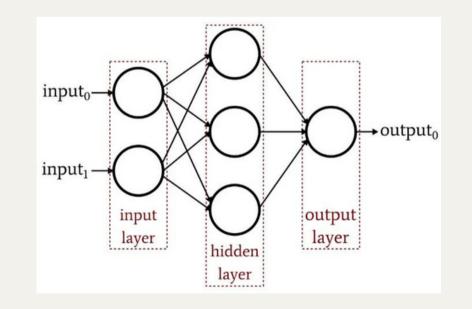
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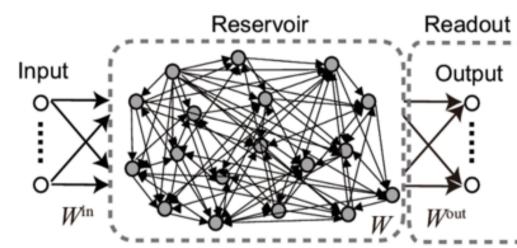


## Models

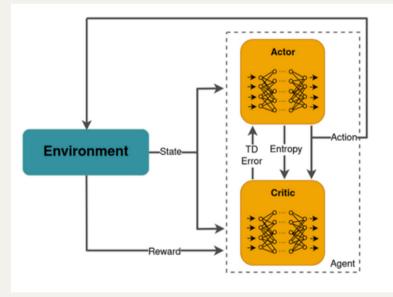
### Simple MLP

### Echo State Network/ Reservoir Computing





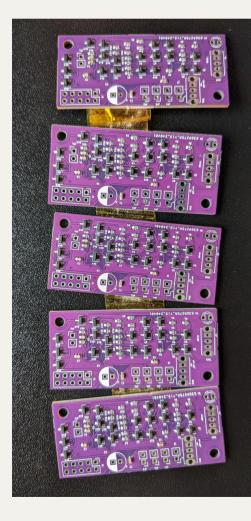
### **Soft Actor Critic**





## Interfaces

## **Probe instruments**







## **Participatory design**

2 musicians

9 months

Longitudinal study + concerts

# Inank you.

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