Towards Efficient Machine Learning for Speech and Music Applications

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Background

- Machine learning and deep learning have achieved great success on CV, NLP, speech, and many other areas
- Key for deep learning
  - Data
  - Model
  - Computation
- For practical usage
  - Lack of training data
  - Limited storage and computation
  - Fast inference
  - Especially for language, speech, and music domains

Data/Memory/Computation/Time-Efficient machine learning is important

Techniques for efficient machine learning

- Autoregressive → Non-Autoregressive (Time-efficient)
  - NAR, Flow, GAN, VAE, Diffusion, etc
- Lightweight model (Time/Memory/Computation-efficient)
  - Pruning, quantization, knowledge distillation, neural architecture search
- Domain knowledge (Time/Memory/Computation-efficient)
  - Subscaling, subband, LPC, multi-frame prediction, speech/music knowledge
- Self-supervised/Transfer learning (Data-efficient)
  - Pre-training/fine-tuning, cross-lingual/speaker/style/domain transfer, etc
- Semi-supervised learning (Data-efficient)
  - Knowledge distillation, back transformation, etc

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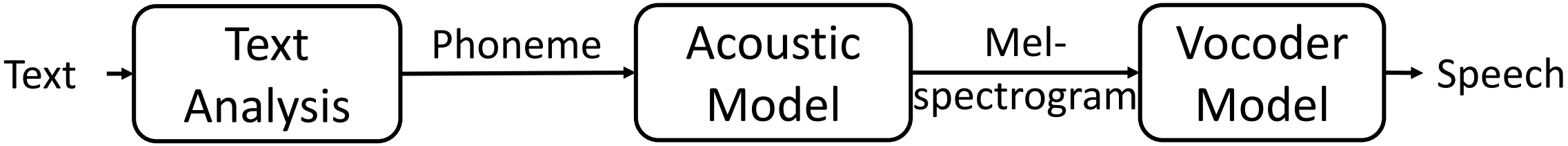
Text to speech synthesis

- Neural based end-to-end speech synthesis
  - Text Analysis: text → phoneme (e.g., *Jan.* → *January* → *dʒænjueri)*
    - Text normalization, grapheme-to-phoneme conversion, polyphone disambiguation
  - Acoustic Model: phoneme → mel-spectrogram
    - Tacotron 2, DeepVoice 3, TransformerTTS, FastSpeech 1/2
  - Vocoder: Mel-spectrogram → waveform (neural model)
    - WaveNet, WaveRNN, LPCNet, WaveGlow, MelGAN



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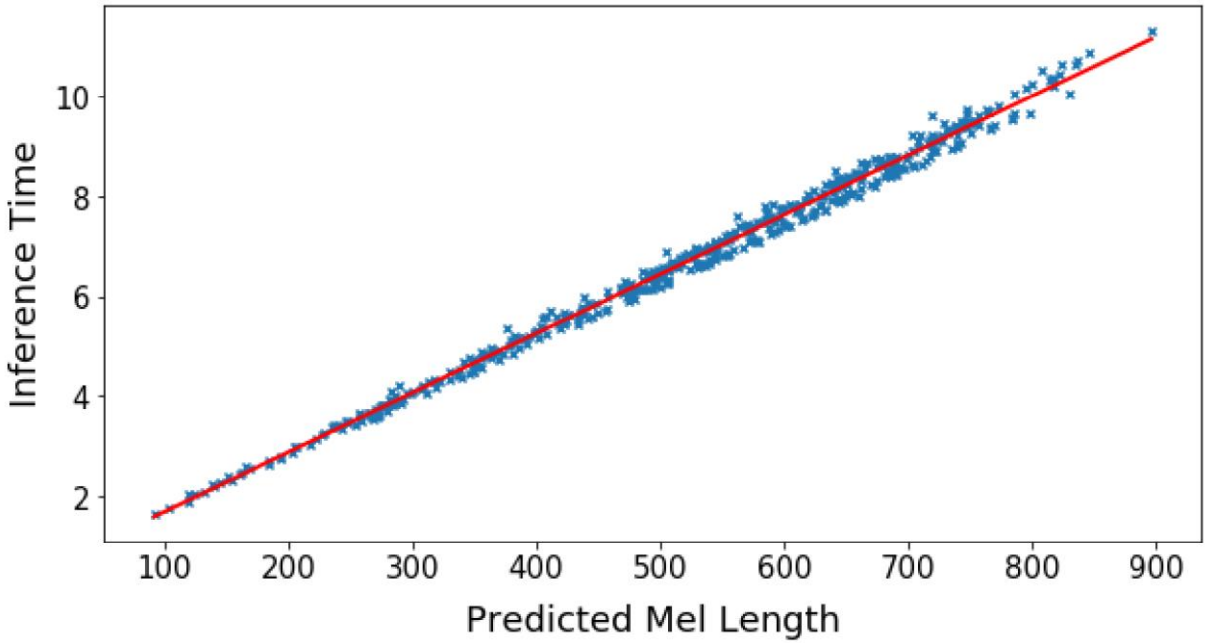
Time-efficient ML for TTS

- End-to-end neural TTS model usually adopts autoregressive mel-spectrogram and waveform generation
  - Sequence is very long, e.g., 1s speech, 500 mel, 24000 waveform points
  - Slow inference speed



FastSpeech

- Problems: Previous autoregressive TTS models (Tacotron 2, DeepVoice 3, Transformer TTS) suffer from
  - Slow inference speed: autoregressive mel-spectrogram generation is slow for long sequence;
  - Not robust: words skipping and repeating;
  - Lack of controllability: hard to control the voice speed/prosody in the autoregressive generation

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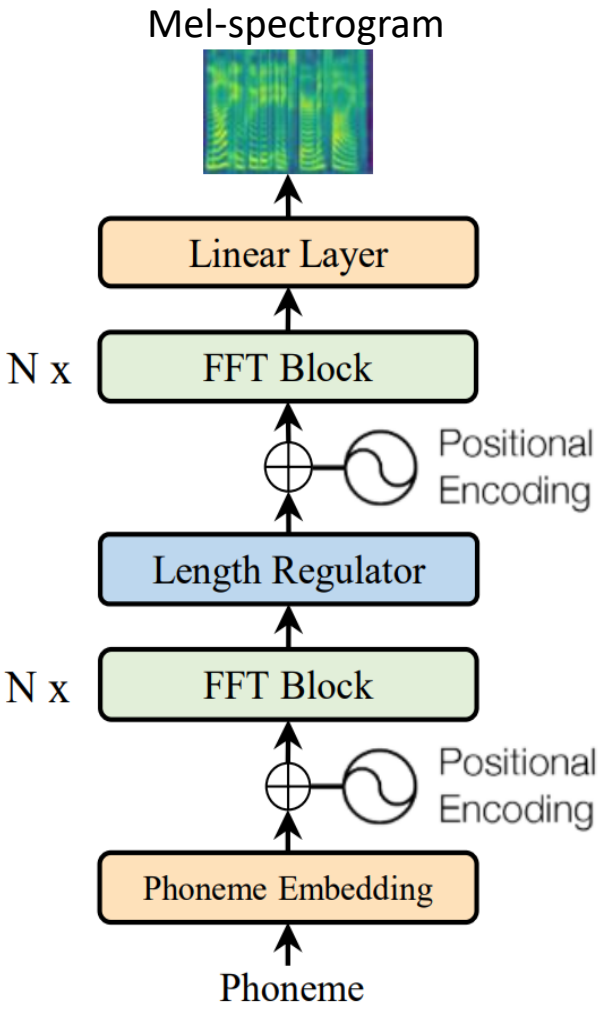
- Key designs in FastSpeech
  - Generate mel-spectrogram in parallel (for speedup)
  - Remove the text-speech attention mechanism (for robustness)
  - Feed-forward transformer with length regulator (for controllability)



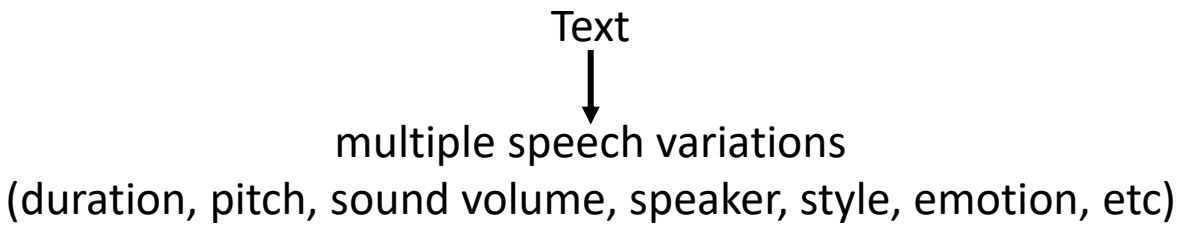
FastSpeech

- FastSpeech has the following advantages
  - **Extremely fast**: **270x** inference speedup on mel-spectrogram generation, **38x** speedup on final waveform generation!
  - **Robust**: no bad case of words skipping and repeating.
  - **Controllable**: can control voice speed and prosody.
  - **Voice quality**: on par or better than previous SOTA model.

https://speechresearch.github.io/fastspeech/

FastSpeech 2

- The improvement space for FastSpeech
  - **Training pipeline complicated**: two-stage teacher-student distillation
  - **Target is not good**: the target mels distilled from teacher suffer from information loss
  - **Duration is not accurate**: the duration extracted from teacher is not accurate enough
- Improvements in FastSpeech 2
  - **Simplify training pipeline**: remove teacher-student distillation
  - **Use ground-truth speech as target**: avoid information loss
  - **Improve duration** & **Introduce more variance information**: ease the **one-to-many mapping** problem



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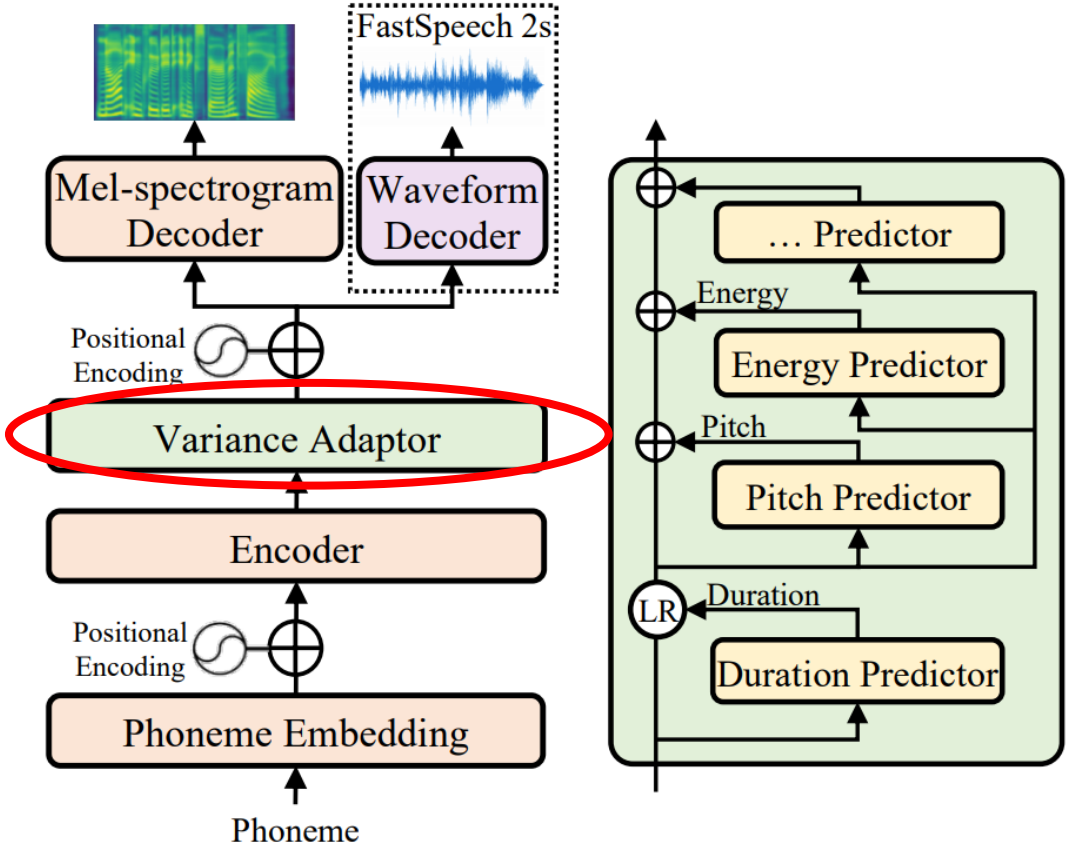

(a) FastSpeech 2 (b) Variance adaptor

- Variance adaptor: use variance predictor to predict duration, pitch, energy, etc.
- FastSpeech 2 improves FastSpeech with
  - more simplified training pipeline
  - higher voice quality
  - maintain the advantages of **fast, robust and even more controllable** synthesis in FastSpeech

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FastSpeech 1/2

- Product Transfer: FastSpeech 1/2 are deployed on Microsoft **Azure Speech Service (TTS)** for **70+ languages/locales**

Languages	Locales	Languages	Locales	Languages	Locales	Languages	Locales
Arabic	ar-EG, ar-SA	Finnish	fi-FI	Japanese	ja-JP	Slovenian	sl-SI
Bulgarian	bg-BG	French	fr-FR, fr-CA, fr-CH	Korean	ko-KR	Spanish	es-ES, es-MX
Catalan	ca-ES	German	de-DE, de-AT, de-CH	Malay	ms-MY	Swedish	sv-SE
Chinese	zh-CN, zh-HK, zh-TW	Greek	el-GR	Norwegian	nb-NO	Tamil	ta-IN
Croatian	hr-HR	Hebrew	he-IL	Polish	pl-PL	Telugu	te-IN
Czech	cs-CZ	Hindi	hi-IN	Portuguese	pt-BR, pt-PT	Thai	th-TH
Danish	da-DK	Hungarian	hu-HU	Romanian	ro-RO	Turkish	tr-TR
Dutch	nl-NL	Indonesian	id-ID	Russia	ru-RU	Vietnamese	vi-VN
English	en-US, en-UK, en-AU, en-CA, en-IN, en-IE	Italian	it-IT	Slovak	sk-SK	Irish	ga-IE
Estonian	et-EE	Maltese	mt-MT	Lithuanian	lt-LT	Latvian	lv-LV

https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/cognitive-services/text-to-speech

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ASR error correction

- ASR post-processing
  - Reranking: Select the best one from N-best candidates
  - Correction: Correct the error in 1-best/N-best candidates
  - Why correction? Reranking cannot create new/better candidates, but just select existing candidates
- ASR error correction
  - Given training corpus *(S, T),* an ASR model *M*, *M(S)* is the text generated from speech *S* by *M,* a correction model *C* is trained on *(M(S), T).*
- Problem
  - Previous works simply use encoder-decoder autoregressive (AR) model for correction
  - The latency is too high, and cannot be used for online deployment
    - e.g., ASR latency is 500ms on CPU, AR correction model latency is 660ms! Slow down by >2x
  - Goal: reduce latency while keeping similar accuracy

Naïve NAR solution fails

- Naïve solution
  - Non-autoregressive (NAR) sequence generation model from NMT
  - Even increase WER
- Task analysis
  - Different from non-autoregressive NMT (all tokens need to be modified)
  - Few modifications in ASR error correction (e.g., 10% WER)
  - How to detect errors? How to modify errors? How to avoid modifying correct ones?
- Leverage prior knowledge in correction?
  - Monotonic alignment
  - Error pattern: insert, delete, substitute
  - Provide detailed error patterns for error detections and corrections

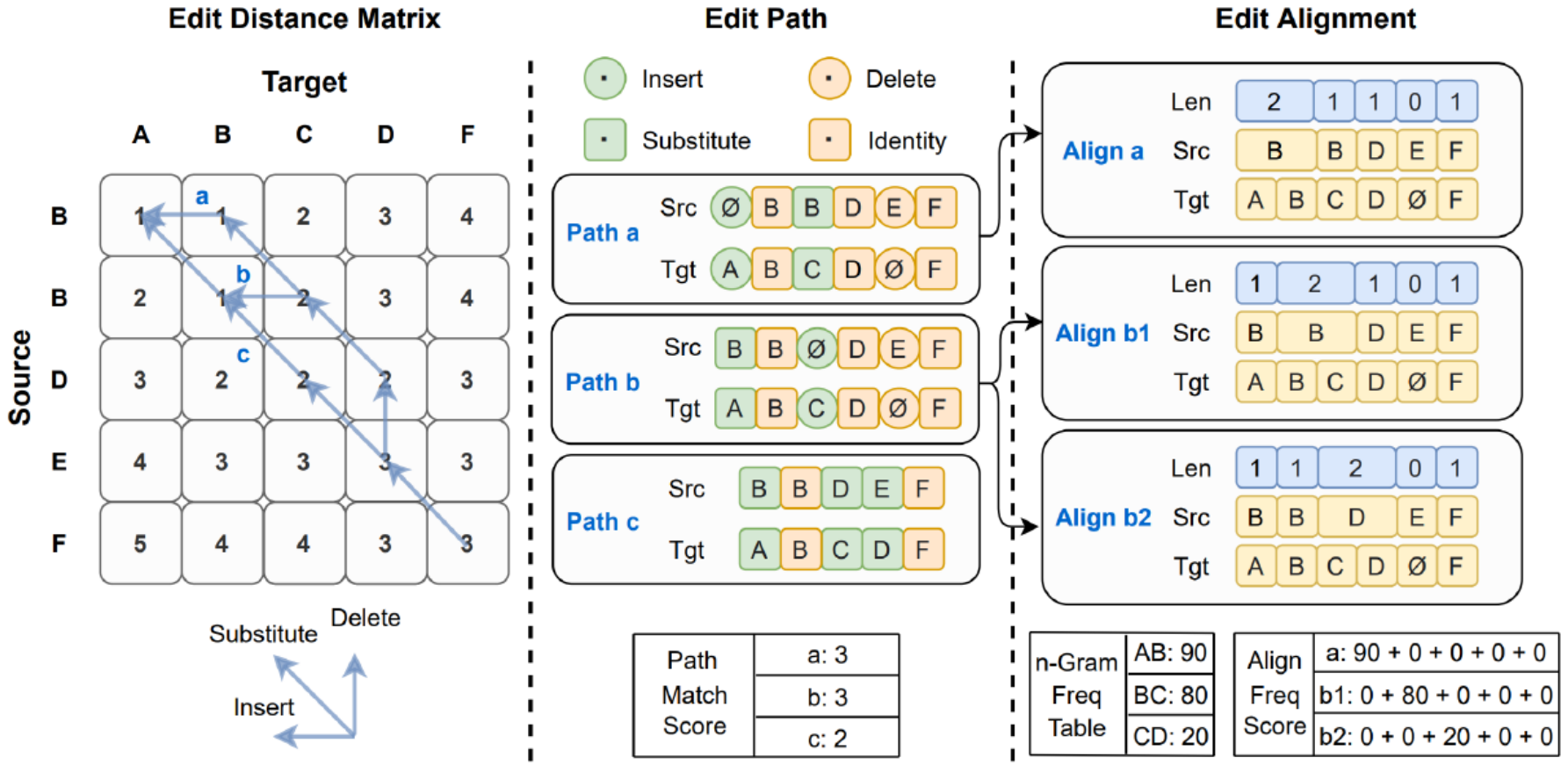
Our solution: FastCorrect

- FastCorrect: Fast Error Correction with Edit Alignment for Automatic Speech Recognition
  - 1 best correction
  - Offline experiment: **7-9x** inference speedup, **8%** WER reduction
  - Online deployment ongoing
- FastCorrect 2: Fast Error Correction on Multiple Candidates for Automatic Speech Recognition
  - N best correction
  - Offline experiment: **6x** inference speedup, **11%** WER reduction
  - Online deployment ongoing

FastCorrect

- Edit alignment
  - Calculate edit path from edit distance
  - Choose edit alignment
  - Get duration of each source token (0 deletion, 1 unchanged/substitution, >1 insertion)
- Non-autoregressive model
  - Encoder, duration predictor, decoder

FastCorrect: Edit alignment



Source: B B D E F

Target: A B C D F

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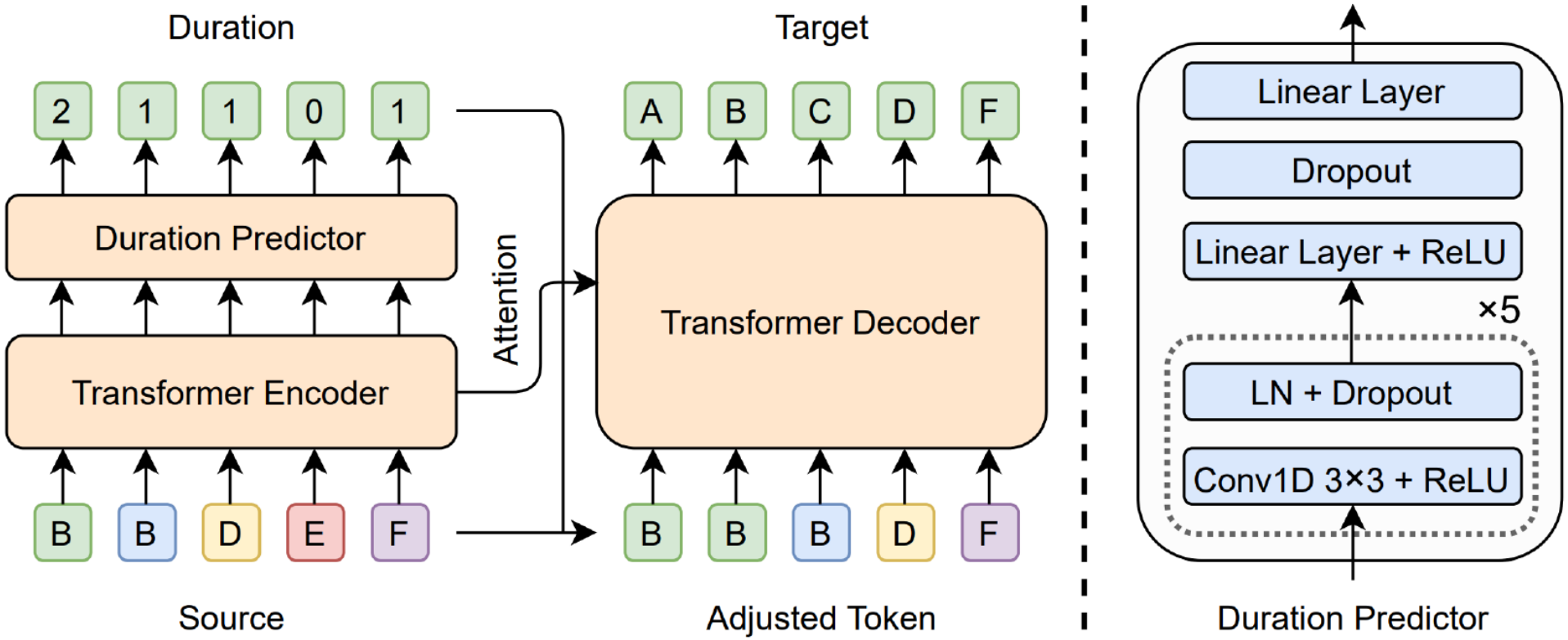
FastCorrect: NAR model



FastCorrect: Pre-training

- WER is usually low, effective training cases for correction models are limited
- Construct large-scale pseudo paired data for pre-training
- Randomly deleting, inserting and substituting in text
  - Substitution with homophone dictionary
  - The probability of modifying a word is set to the WER of the ASR model

FastCorrect: Experiments

- Dataset
  - AISHELL-1: 178 hours Mandarin speech
  - Internal dataset: 92k hours Mandarin speech
  - Pseudo data for pre-training: 400M sentences
- Model config
  - 6-6 layer encoder-decoder, hidden=512
  - Length predictor, 5-layer CNN, kernel=3

FastCorrect: Experiments

- Accuracy and latency

AISHELL-1	Test Set		Dev Set		Latency (ms/sent) on Test Set		
	WER	WERR	WER	WERR	GPU	CPU*4	CPU
No correction	4.83	-	4.46	-	-	-	-
AR model	4.08	15.53	3.80	14.80	149.5 (1×)	248.9 (1×)	531.3 (1×)
LevT (MIter=1) [9]	4.73	2.07	4.37	2.02	54.0 (2.8×)	82.7 (3.0×)	158.1 (3.4×)
LevT (MIter=3) [9]	4.74	1.86	4.38	1.79	60.5 (2.5×)	83.9 (3.0×)	161.6 (3.3×)
FELIX [21]	4.63	4.14	4.26	4.48	23.8 (6.3×)	41.7 (6.0×)	85.7 (6.2×)
FastCorrect	**4.16**	**13.87**	**3.89**	**13.3**	**21.2** (7.1×)	**40.8** (6.1×)	**82.3** (6.5×)

Internal Dataset	Test Set		Dev Set		Latency (ms/sent) on Test Set		
	WER	WERR	WER	WERR	GPU	CPU*4	CPU
No correction	11.17	-	11.24	-	-	-	-
AR model	10.22	8.50	10.31	8.27	191.5 (1×)	336 (1×)	657.7 (1×)
LevT (MIter=1) [9]	11.26	-0.80	11.35	-0.98	60.5 (3.2×)	102.6 (3.3×)	196.5 (3.3×)
LevT (MIter=3) [9]	11.45	-2.50	11.56	-2.85	75.6 (2.5×)	118.9 (2.8×)	248.0 (2.7×)
FELIX [21]	11.14	0.27	11.21	0.27	25.9 (7.4×)	43.0 (7.8×)	90.9 (7.2×)
FastCorrect	**10.27**	**8.06**	**10.35**	**7.92**	**21.5** (8.9×)	**42.4** (7.9×)	**88.6** (7.4×)

FastCorrect: Experiments

- Ablation study

Model	Internal Dataset	AISHELL-1 Dataset
No correction	11.17	4.83
AR model	10.22	4.08
- Pre-training	10.26	16.01
- Fine-tuning	11.70	5.28
FastCorrect	10.27	4.16
- Pre-training	10.33	4.83
- Fine-tuning	11.74	5.19
- Edit Alignment	12.27	4.67

FastCorrect: Experiments

- Comparison to AR model with shallow decoder

Model	AISHELL-1			Internal Dataset		
	WER	Latency (ms/sent)		WER	Latency (ms/sent)	
	%	GPU	CPU	%	GPU	CPU
No Correction	4.83	-	-	11.17	-	-
AR 6-6	4.08	149.5 (1×)	531.3 (1×)	10.26	190.6 (1×)	648.3 (1×)
AR 8-4	4.14	120.5 (1.2×)	427.6 (1.2×)	10.28	144.1 (1.3×)	542.0 (1.2×)
AR 10-2	4.23	84.0 (1.8×)	317.6 (1.5×)	10.33	100.8 (1.9×)	431.2 (1.5×)
AR 11-1	4.30	66.5 (2.2×)	281.0 (1.7×)	10.44	79.1 (2.4×)	372.3 (1.7×)
FastCorrect	4.16	**21.2** (7.1×)	**82.3** (6.5×)	10.33	**21.4** (8.9×)	**86.8** (7.5×)

FastCorrect: Experiments

- Analysis of FastCorrect, LevT and FELIX

Model	Internal Dataset				AISHELL-1			
	P_{edit}	R_{edit}	P_{right}	WERR	P_{edit}	R_{edit}	P_{right}	WERR
AR model	94.3	31.0	18.9	8.50	97.2	47.4	35.1	15.53
LevT	74.0	**41.3**	11.4	-0.80	91.6	26.1	20.3	2.07
FELIX	93.6	19.9	10.1	0.27	96.5	33.8	22.8	4.14
FastCorrect	**95.0**	27.6	**16.2**	**8.06**	**96.8**	**48.1**	**26.4**	**13.87**

Better error-dectection and error-correction ability

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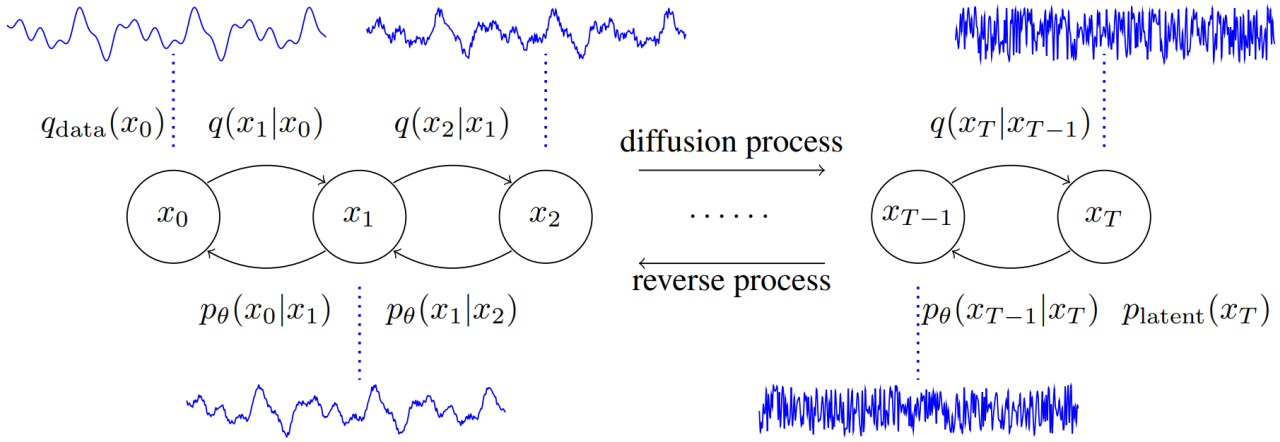
Diffusion model for TTS

- Diffusion model



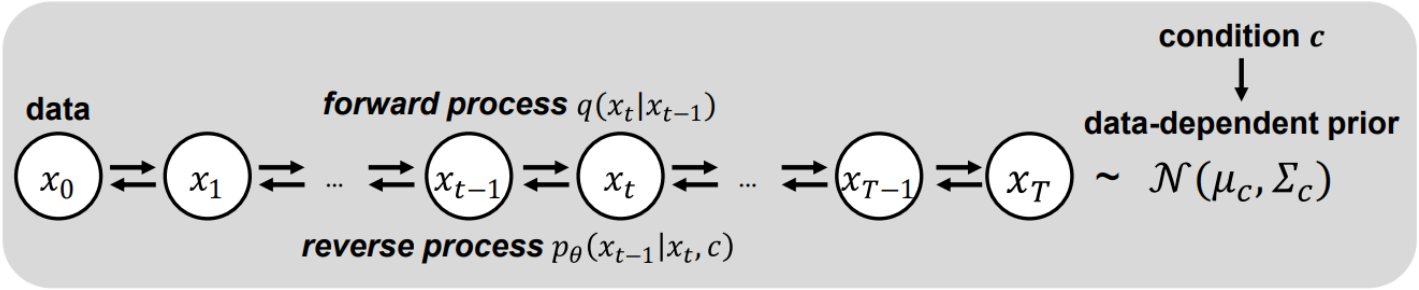
$$q(x_t|x_{t-1}) := \mathcal{N}(x_t; \sqrt{1-\beta_t}x_{t-1}, \beta_t\mathbf{I})$$

$$p_\theta(x_{t-1}|x_t) = \mathcal{N}\left(x_{t-1}; \mu_\theta(x_t,t), \Sigma_\theta(x_t,t)\right)$$

$$\mu_\theta(x_t,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}}\left(x_t - \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1-\bar{\alpha}_t}}\epsilon_\theta(x_t,t)\right) \qquad \sigma_\theta(x_t,t) = \tilde{\beta}_t^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Time-efficient diffusion model for TTS

- Our method: PriorGrad



Algorithm 1 Training of PriorGrad

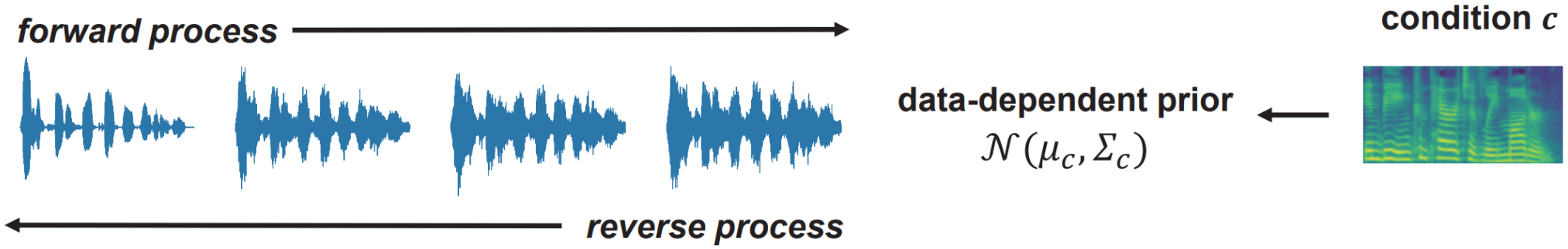
repeat
  (μ, Σ) = data-dependent prior
  Sample $x_0 \sim q_{data}, \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$
  Sample $t \sim \mathcal{U}(\{1, \cdots, T\})$
  $x_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}(x_0 - \mu) + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}\epsilon$
  $\mathcal{L} = \|\epsilon - \epsilon_\theta(x_t, c, t)\|^2_{\Sigma^{-1}}$
  Update the model parameter θ with $\nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}$
until converged

Algorithm 2 Sampling of PriorGrad

(μ, Σ) = data-dependent prior
Sample $x_T \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$
for $t = T, T-1, \cdots, 1$ **do**
  $x_{t-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}}(x_t - \frac{1-\alpha_t}{\sqrt{1-\bar{\alpha}_t}}\epsilon_\theta(x_t, c, t)$
  if $t > 1$ **then**
    $x_{t-1} = x_{t-1} + \sigma_t \Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}$
  else
    $x_{t-1} = x_{t-1} + \mu$
  end if
end for
return x_0

PriorGrad

- PriorGrad for vocoder

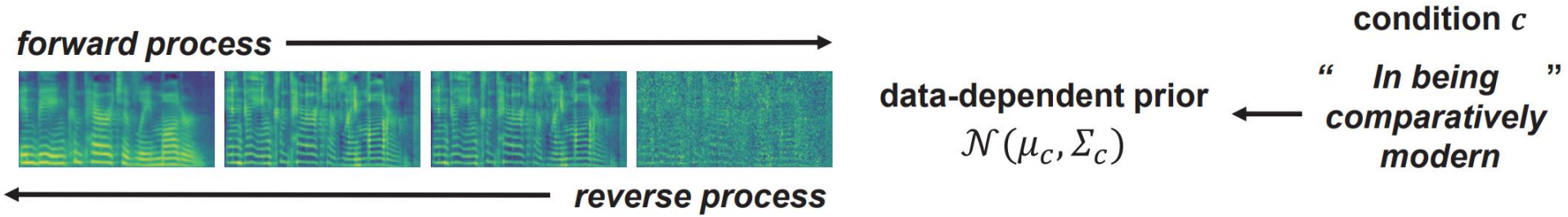


Type	Method	MOS
	GT	4.31 ± 0.11
Vocoder	GT + WaveGrad [2] (1M)	4.01 ± 0.11
	GT + PriorGrad (300K)	$\mathbf{4.06 \pm 0.11}$
Text-to-speech	FastSpeech 2 [28] + WaveGrad [2] (1M)	4.01 ± 0.14
	FastSpeech 2 [28] + PriorGrad (300K)	3.97 ± 0.12

Method	100K	500K	1M
WaveGrad	0	0	0
PriorGrad	**0.297**	**0.224**	**0.333**

PriorGrad

- PriorGrad for acoustic model



Method	Small	Large
GT (PWG [40])	4.12 ± 0.17	
Baseline (300K)	3.69 ± 0.15	3.86 ± 0.12
PriorGrad (60K)	3.73 ± 0.14	$\mathbf{3.98 \pm 0.12}$

Model	Small	Large
Baseline (300K)	0	0
PriorGrad (60K)	**0.145**	**0.408**

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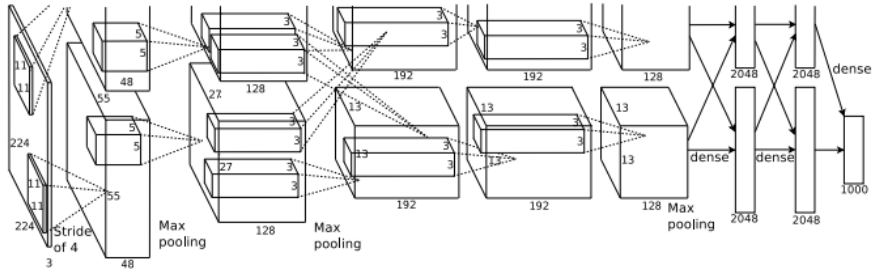
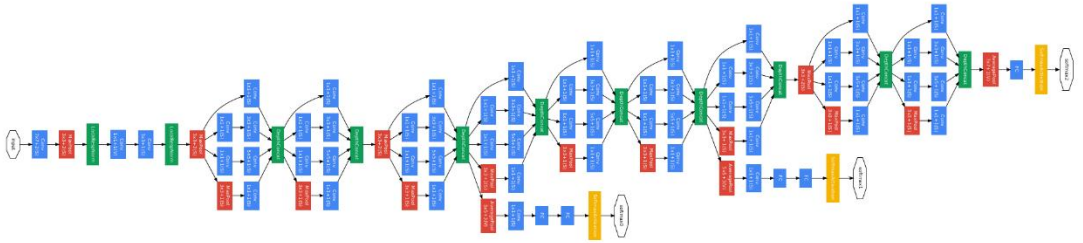
Architecture of an NN is crucial to its performance

ImageNet winning neural architectures



AlexNet 2012



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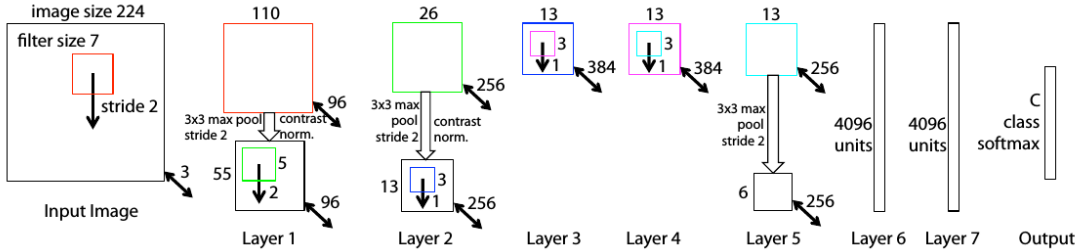
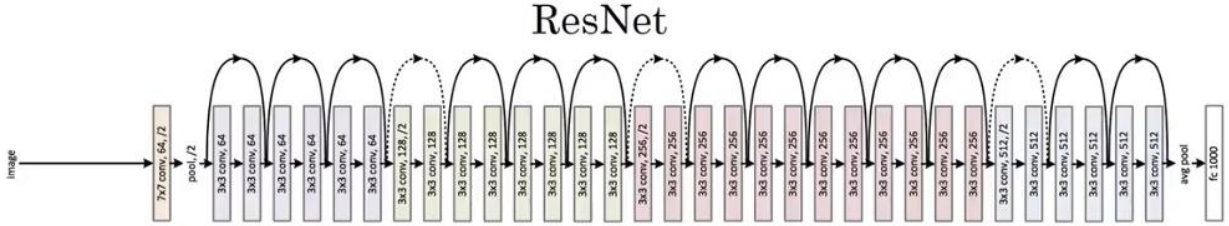
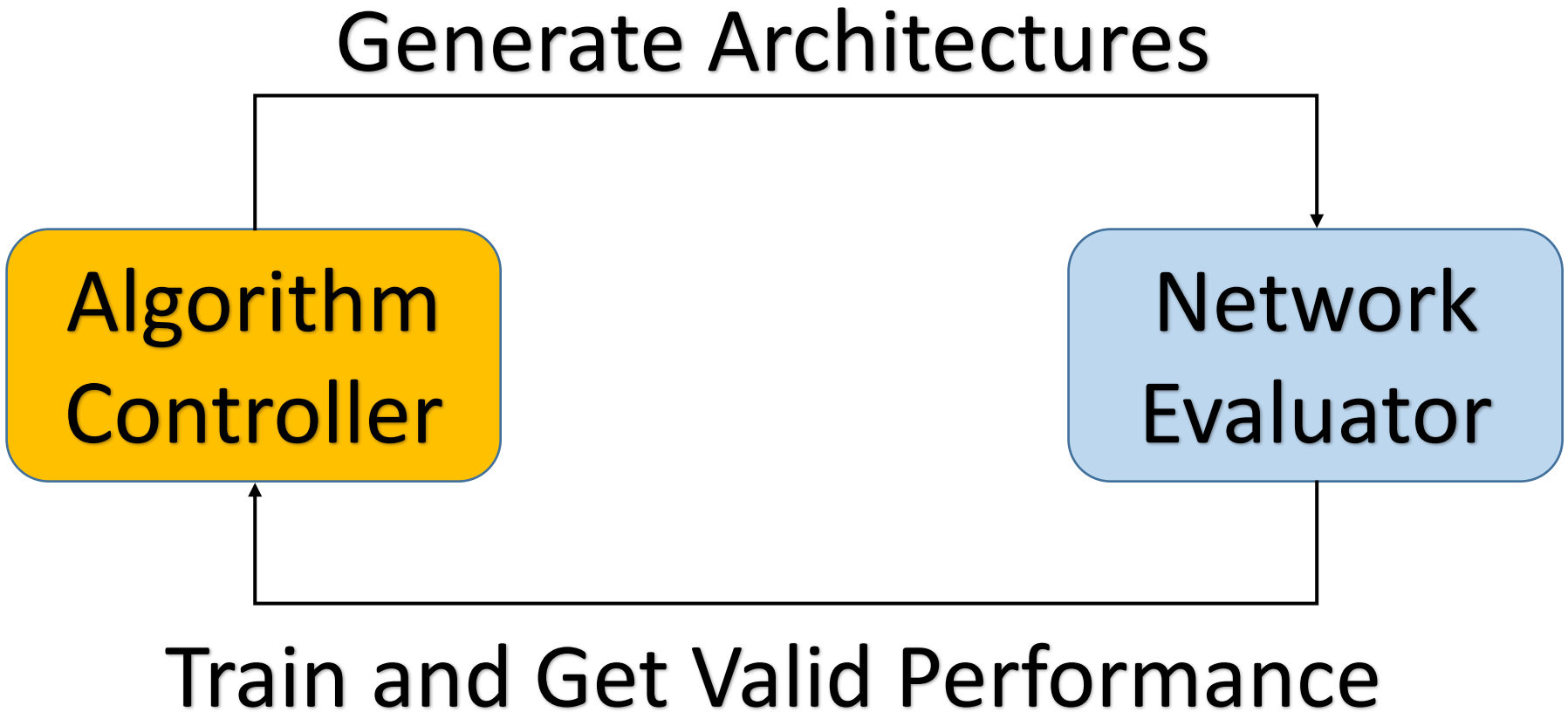


ZFNet 2013



ResNet 2015

General framework of NAS



Our work on NAS

- NAS algorithms
  - Semi-Supervised Neural Architecture Search, NeurIPS 2020
  - Neural Architecture Search with GBDT, arXiv 2020
  - Analyzing and Mitigating Interference in Neural Architecture Search, In submission
- NAS applications
  - **LightSpeech**: Lightweight and Fast Text to Speech with Neural Architecture Search, ICASSP 2021
  - NAS-BERT: Task-Agnostic and Adaptive-Size BERT Compression with Neural Architecture Search, KDD 2021

LightSpeech

- Background
  - Deploying TTS in mobile phones or embedded devices requires extremely small memory usage and inference latency.
  - Although FastSpeech series can synthesize speech very fast, it is not enough for this scenarios.
  - Further speedup FastSpeech and reduce the model size are necessary.
- Thus, we propose LightSpeech, using neural architecture search (GBDT-NAS) for lightweight architectures

Model	#Params	Compression Ratio	MACs	Ratio	Inference Speed (RTF)	Inference Speedup
FastSpeech 2	27.0M	/	12.50G	/	6.1×10^{-2}	/
LightSpeech	**1.8M**	**15x**	**0.76G**	**16x**	9.3×10^{-3}	**6.5x**

Model	#Params	CMOS
FastSpeech 2	27.0M	0
FastSpeech 2*	1.8M	-0.230
LightSpeech	1.8M	+0.04

https://speechresearch.github.io/lightspeech/

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Background

- Custom voice is an important service in text to speech (TTS)
  - Microsoft Azure: https://speech.microsoft.com/customvoice
- The scenario is to support TTS for the voice of any user/customer
  - User need to record their voice with few sentences using their own devices
  - Upload to speech service for voice adaption
  - Speech service provide a custom model and serve for this voice

Challenges and solutions

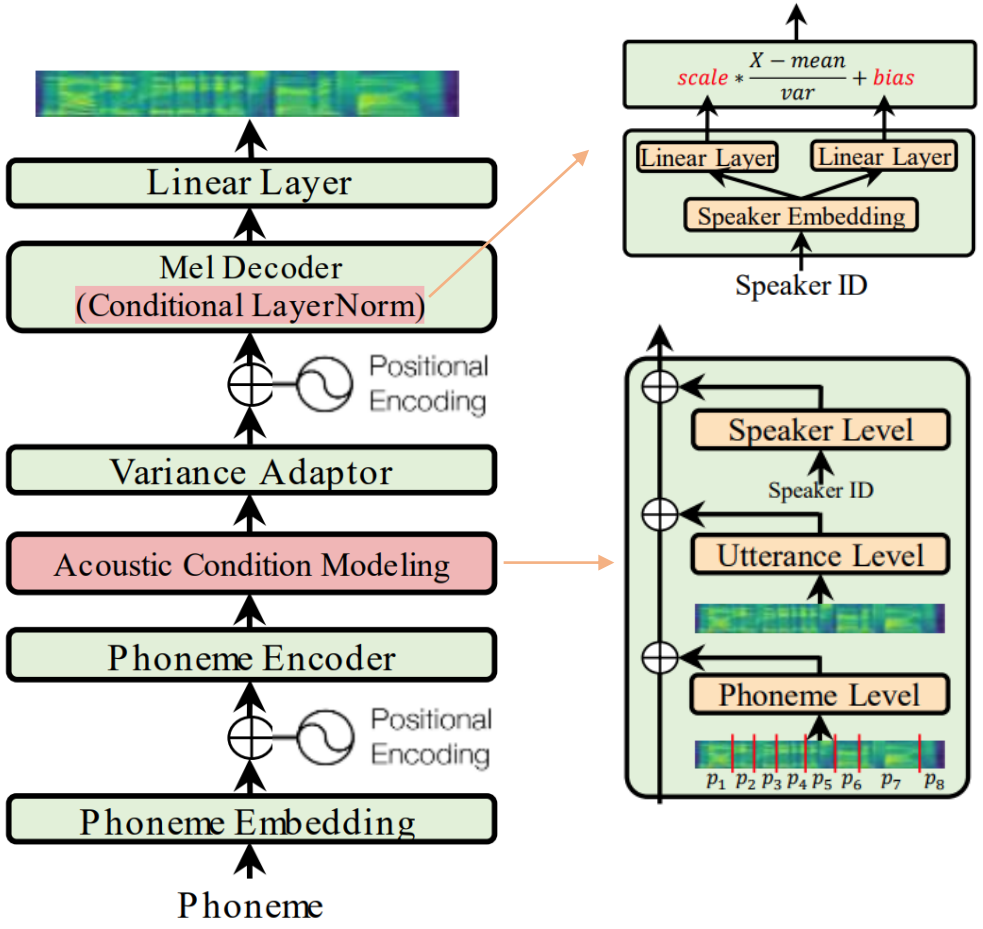
- Challenge 1: Few adaptation data and parameters, different acoustics
  - *AdaSpeech: Adaptive Text to Speech for Custom Voice*, ICLR 2021
- Challenge 2: How to leverage plenty of untranscribed speech?
  - *AdaSpeech 2: Adaptive Text to Speech with Untranscribed Data*, ICASSP 2021
- Challenge 3: How to adapt to spontaneous speech?
  - *AdaSpeech 3: Adaptive Text to Speech for Spontaneous Styles*, submitted to INTERSPEECH 2021

AdaSpeech: Adaptive Text to Speech for Custom Voice

- Pipeline: pre-training, fine-tuning, inference
- Challenges
  - To support diverse customers, the adaptation model needs to handle diverse acoustic conditions which are very different from source speech data
  - To support many customers, the adaptation parameters need to be small enough for each target speaker to reduce memory usage while maintaining high voice quality
    - e.g., each user/voice with 100MB, 1M users, total memory storage = 100PB!
- However, related works
  - Too many adaptation parameters
  - Poor adaptation quality with few parameters
  - Only consider source and adaptation data are in the same domain

AdaSpeech ——Key designs

- Acoustic condition modeling
  - Model diverse acoustic conditions at speaker/utterance/phoneme level
- Conditional layer normalization
  - To fine-tune as small parameters as possible while ensuring voice quality
- Consider adaptation data is different from source data
  - More challenging but close to product scenario



AdaSpeech——Experiments

- Train on LibriTTS, adapt to LJSpeech/VCTK/LibriTTS with 20 sentences
  - AdaSpeech achieves better quality with similar parameters
  - AdaSpeech achieves on par quality with much smaller adaptation parameters

Metric	Setting	# Params/Speaker	LJSpeech	VCTK	LibriTTS
MOS	*GT*	/	3.98 ± 0.12	3.87 ± 0.11	3.72 ± 0.12
	GT mel + Vocoder	/	3.75 ± 0.10	3.74 ± 0.11	3.65 ± 0.12
	Baseline (spk emb)	256 (256)	2.37 ± 0.14	2.36 ± 0.10	3.02 ± 0.13
	Baseline (decoder)	14.1M (14.1M)	3.44 ± 0.13	3.35 ± 0.12	3.51 ± 0.11
	AdaSpeech	1.2M (4.9K)	3.45 ± 0.11	3.39 ± 0.10	3.55 ± 0.12
SMOS	*GT*	/	4.36 ± 0.11	4.44 ± 0.10	4.31 ± 0.07
	GT mel + Vocoder	/	4.29 ± 0.11	4.36 ± 0.11	4.31 ± 0.07
	Baseline (spk emb)	256 (256)	2.79 ± 0.19	3.34 ± 0.19	4.00 ± 0.12
	Baseline (decoder)	14.1M (14.1M)	3.57 ± 0.12	3.90 ± 0.12	4.10 ± 0.10
	AdaSpeech	1.2M (4.9K)	3.59 ± 0.15	3.96 ± 0.15	4.13 ± 0.09

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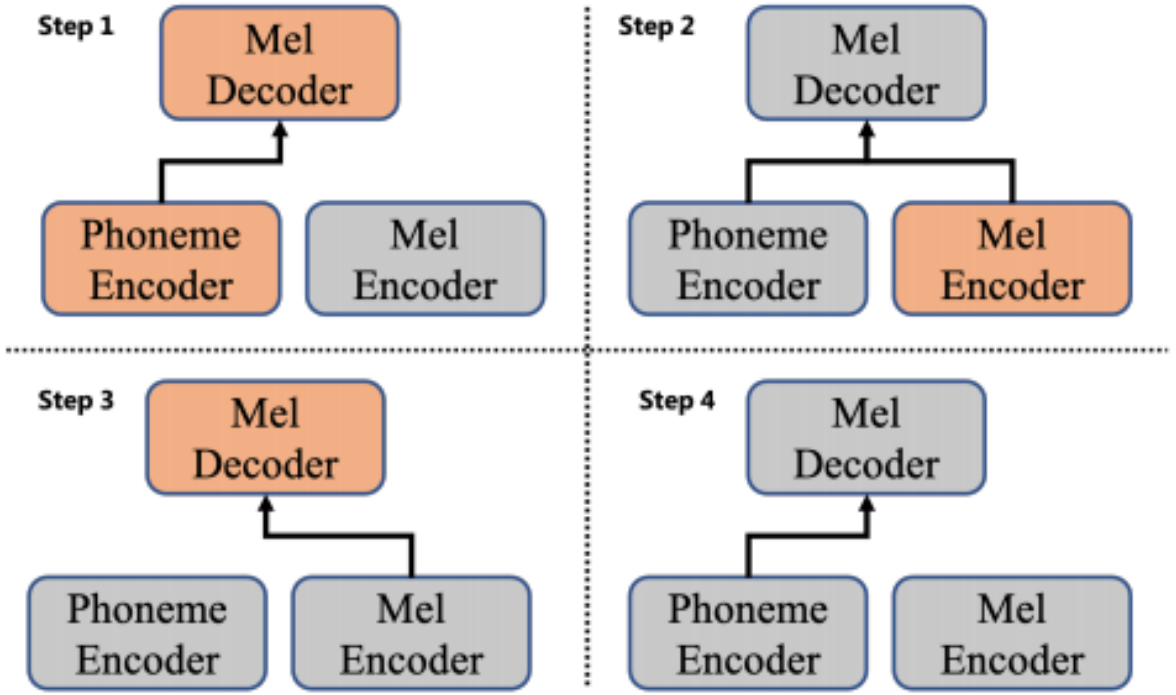
- Product Transfer: AdaSpeech is deployed in **Microsoft Azure Speech (TTS)** for custom voice service https://speech.microsoft.com/customvoice

AdaSpeech 2: Adaptive Text to Speech with Untranscribed Data

- Only untranscribed data, how to adapt?
  - In online meeting, only speech can be collected, without corresponding transcripts
- AdaSpeech 2, speech reconstruction with latent alignment
  - Step 1: source TTS model training
  - Step 2: speech reconstruction
  - Step 3: speaker adapatation
  - Step 4: inference



AdaSpeech 2——Experiments

- Train on LibriTTS, adapt to LJSpeech/VCTK with 50 untranscribed sentences
  - AdaSpeech 2 achieves better quality than previous methods
  - AdaSpeech 2 achieves on par quality with transcribed adaptation (AdaSpeech)

Metric	Setting	VCTK	LJSpeech
MOS	*GT*	3.58 ± 0.12	3.63 ± 0.11
	GT mel+Vocoder	3.42 ± 0.12	3.49 ± 0.11
	Joint-training	2.91 ± 0.09	2.89 ± 0.12
	PPG-based	3.39 ± 0.11	3.44 ± 0.12
	AdaSpeech	3.39 ± 0.10	3.45 ± 0.11
	AdaSpeech 2	3.38 ± 0.12	3.42 ± 0.12
SMOS	*GT*	4.20 ± 0.12	4.24 ± 0.09
	GT mel+Vocoder	4.06 ± 0.08	4.02 ± 0.11
	Joint-training	3.71 ± 0.13	3.19 ± 0.16
	PPG-based	3.82 ± 0.11	3.51 ± 0.15
	AdaSpeech	3.94 ± 0.12	3.59 ± 0.12
	AdaSpeech 2	3.84 ± 0.08	3.51 ± 0.12

https://speechresearch.github.io/adaspeech2/

AdaSpeech 3: Adaptive Text to Speech for Spontaneous Style

- Current TTS voices mostly focus on reading style. Spontaneous-style voice is useful for scenarios like podcast, conversation, etc.
- Challenges
  - Lack of spontaneous data
  - Difficulty in modeling filled pauses (FP, um and uh) and diverse rhythms

Cecily package in all of that um yeah so …

AdaSpeech 3: Adaptive Text to Speech for Spontaneous Style

- Train on LibriTTS, adapt with reading/spontaneous style data
  - AdaSpeech 3 achieve better voice quality and similarity than baseline AdaSpeech

Setting	Naturalness	Pause	Speaking Rate
GT	4.14 ± 0.06	4.01 ± 0.06	3.04 ± 0.06
GT mel+Voc	3.84 ± 0.06	3.78 ± 0.06	3.06 ± 0.08
AdaSpeech	3.21 ± 0.06	3.36 ± 0.06	2.66 ± 0.08
AdaSpeech 3	3.45 ± 0.06	3.53 ± 0.06	2.79 ± 0.06

Setting	**SMOS**
GT	4.33 ± 0.14
GT mel+Vocoder	4.07 ± 0.14
AdaSpeech	3.45 ± 0.18
AdaSpeech 3	3.75 ± 0.16

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GT AdaSpeech AdaSpeech 3

*Six spoons of fresh snow peas, **um**, five thick slabs of blue cheese, and maybe a snack for her brother Bob.*

Before FP insertion After FP insertion

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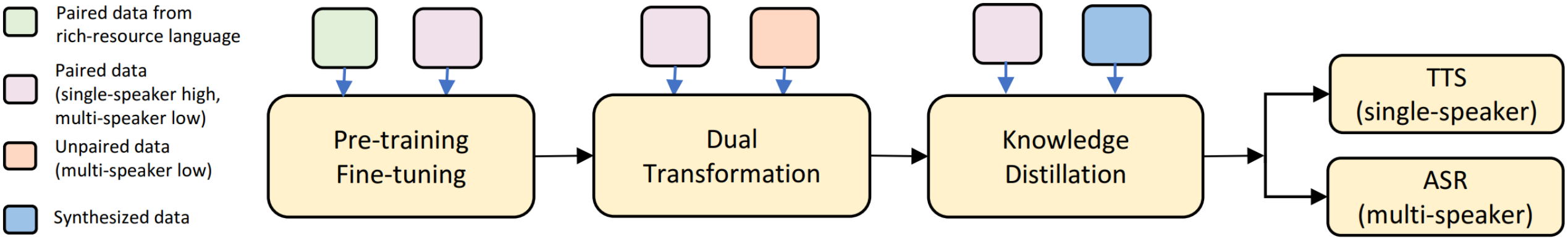
Low-resource TTS

- There are **7,000+** languages in the world, but popular commercialized speech services only support **dozens of** languages

- There is strong business demand to support more languages in TTS. However, the data collection cost is high.
  - For TTS, the minimum data labeling cost for one language: ¥ 1 million

Low-resource TTS——LRSpeech



- **Step 1**: Language transfer
  - Human languages share similar pronunciations; Rich-resource language data is "free''
- **Step 2**: TTS and ASR help with each other
  - Leverage the task duality with unpaired speech and text data
- **Step 3**: Customization for product deployment with knowledge distillation
  - Better accuracy by data knowledge distillation
  - Customize multi-speaker TTS to a target-speaker TTS, and to small model

Low-resource TTS——LRSpeech

- Results

Language	Intelligibility Rate (IR)	Mean Opinion Score (MOS)
English	98.08	3.57
Lithuanian	98.60	3.65

LRSpeech achieves **high IR score (>98%)** and **MOS score (>3.5)**

https://speechresearch.github.io/lrspeech/

- Data cost

Data Resource	Full-Resource	Speech Chain [36]	Almost Unsup [29]	SeqRQ-AE [20]	Our Method
Text normalization rule	✓	?	✓	✓	✓
Pronunciation lexicon	✓	×	✓	✓	×
Paired data (single-speaker, high)	dozens of hours	20 hours	200 sentences	200 sentences	50 sentences
Paired data (multi-speaker, low)	hundreds of hours	×	×	×	1000 sentences
Unpaired speech (single-speaker, high)	×	80 hours	13000 sentences	13000 sentences	×
Unpaired speech (multi-speaker, low)	×	×	×	×	13000 sentences
Unpaired text	×	✓	✓	✓	✓
Total Data Cost	312000	120000	74000	74000	833

LRSpeech

100x data cost reduction compared to previous works

Low-resource TTS——LRSpeech

- Product deployment
  - LRSpeech has been deployed in Microsoft Azure Text to Speech service
  - Extend 5 new low-resource languages for TTS: Maltese, Lithuanian, Estonian, Irish, Latvian

Locale	Language (Region)	Average MOS	Intelligibility
mt-MT	Maltese (Malta)	3.59	98.40%
lt-LT	Lithuanian (Lithuania)	4.35	99.25%
et-EE	Estonian (Estonia)	4.52	98.73%
ga-IE	Irish (Ireland)	4.62	99.43%
lv-LV	Latvian (Latvia)	4.51	99.13%

https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/azure-ai/neural-text-to-speech-previews-five-new-languages-with/ba-p/1907604

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MusicBERT: Symbolic Music Understanding with Large-Scale Pre-Training, ACL 2021

- Understanding music is important for generation
  - Emotion recognition
  - Genre classification
  - Melody/accompaniment extraction
  - Structure analysis
- Previous works on music understanding
  - PiRhDy (ACM MM 2020), contextual word embedding
  - Shallow model, too much complicated design with music knowledge

MusicBERT

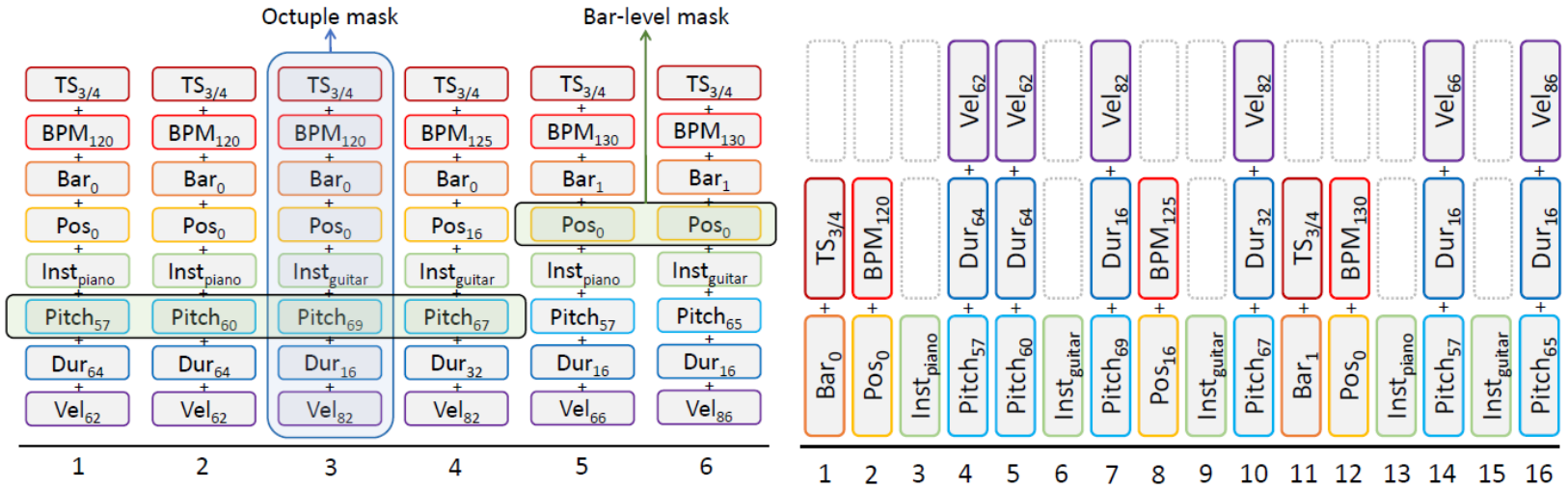
- Dataset construction: Million MIDI Dataset (MMD)
  - Crawled from various MIDI and sheet music websites
  - 1.5 million songs after deduplication and cleaning (10x larger than LMD)

Dataset	Songs	Notes (Millions)
MAESTRO	1,184	6
GiantMIDI-Piano	10,854	39
LMD	148,403	535
MMD	**1,524,557**	**2,075**

- Data representation: OctupleMIDI
  - Compound token: (TimeSig_4/4, Tempo_120, Bar_1, Pos_35, Piano, Pitch_64, Dur_12, Vel_38)
  - Supports changing tempo and time signature
  - Shorter length compared to previous encoding

MusicBERT

- OctupleMIDI representation



(a) OctupleMIDI encoding.

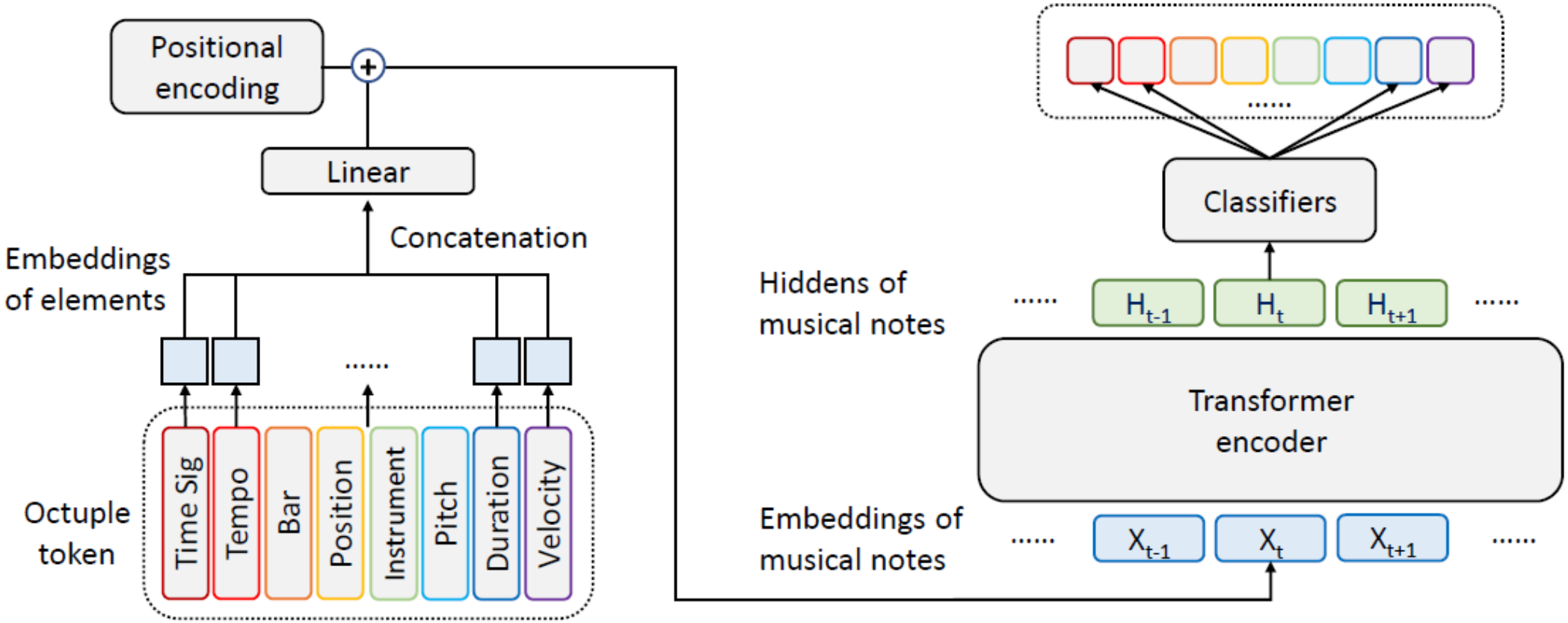
(b) CP-Like encoding.

(c) REMI-Like encoding.

Encoding	OctupleMIDI	CP-like	REMI-like
Tokens	**3607**	6906	15679

MusicBERT

- Model structure



MusicBERT

- Performance on music understanding tasks
  - Melody completion: Two sequences classification
  - Accompaniment completion: Melody and accompaniment sequences classification
  - Genre classification: Single sentence classification

Model	Melody Completion					Accompaniment Suggestion					Classification	
	MAP	HITS @1	HITS @5	HITS @10	HITS @25	MAP	HITS @1	HITS @5	HITS @20	HITS @25	Genre F1	Style F1
melody2vec$_F$	0.646	0.578	0.717	0.774	0.867	-	-	-	-	-	0.649	0.299
melody2vec$_B$	0.641	0.571	0.712	0.772	0.866	-	-	-	-	-	0.647	0.293
tonnetz	0.683	0.545	0.865	0.946	0.993	0.423	0.101	0.407	0.628	0.897	0.627	0.253
pianoroll	0.762	0.645	0.916	0.967	0.995	0.567	0.166	0.541	0.720	0.921	0.640	0.365
PiRhDy$_{GH}$	0.858	0.775	0.966	0.988	0.999	0.651	0.211	0.625	0.812	0.965	0.663	0.448
PiRhDy$_{GM}$	0.971	0.950	0.995	0.998	0.999	0.567	0.184	0.540	0.718	0.919	0.668	0.471
MusicBERT$_{small}$	0.979	0.966	0.995	0.998	**1.000**	0.920	0.325	0.834	0.991	0.996	0.762	0.604
MusicBERT$_{base}$	**0.984**	**0.973**	**0.997**	**0.999**	**1.000**	**0.945**	**0.333**	**0.856**	**0.995**	**0.998**	**0.784**	**0.651**

SOTA accuracy on various music understanding tasks

SongMASS: Automatic Song Writing with Masked Sequence to Sequence Pre-training, AAAI 2021

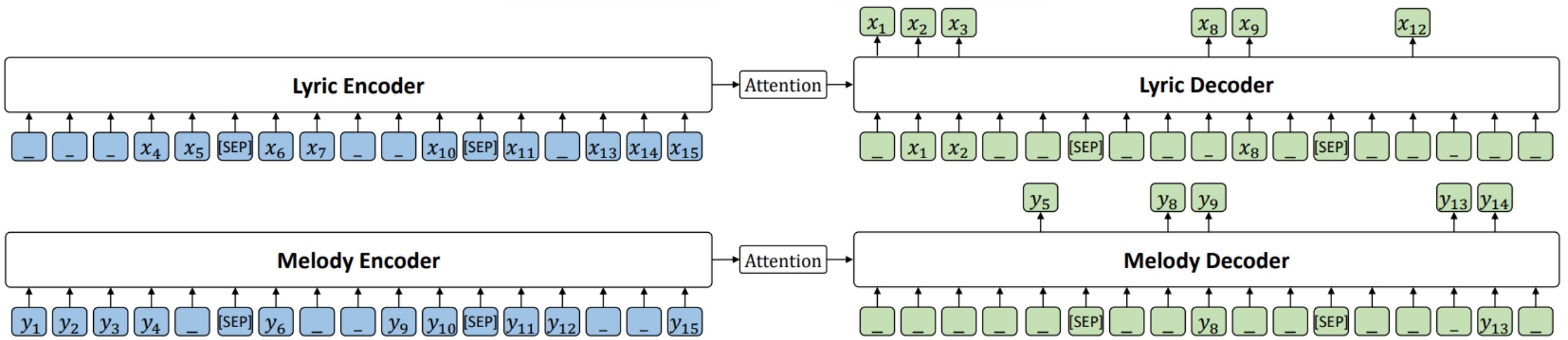
- Background
  - Lyric-to-melody and melody-to-lyric generation are two important tasks for song writing
  - Lyric and melody are weakly coupled, lack of data → **pre-training**
  - Lyric and melody are strictly aligned → **attention alignment**

Paired Aligned Data :

Lyric	**Another**				**day**	**has**	**gone**	**I'm**		**still**	**alone**	
Pitch	R	G3	E4	D4	C4	B3	C4	R	E4	C4	B3	C4
Duration	$\frac{7}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{5}{16}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{5}{16}$

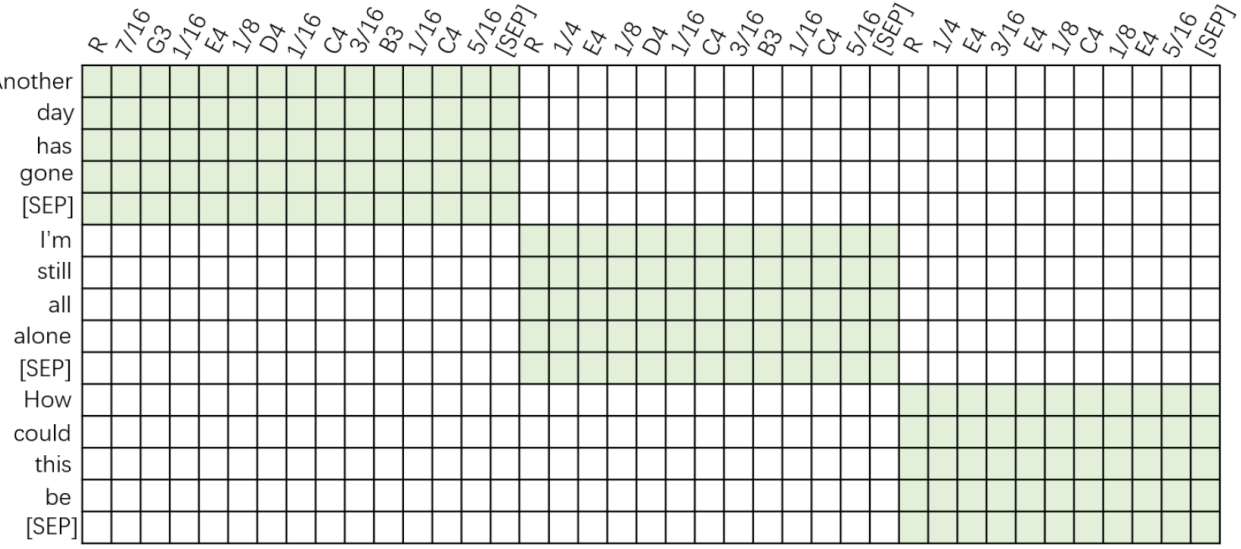
SongMASS

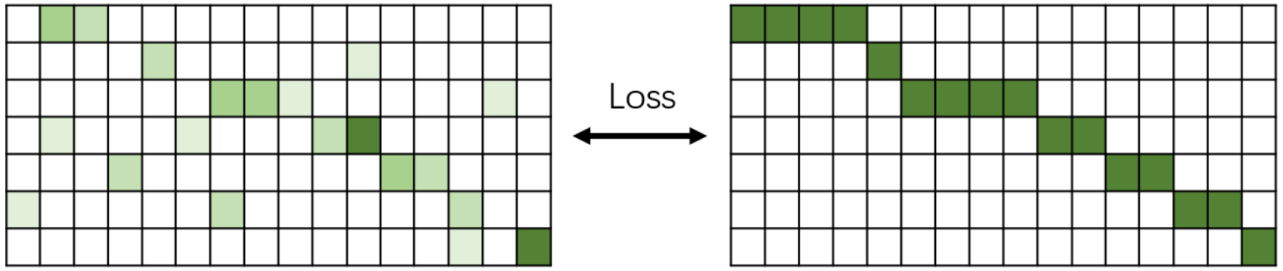
- Masked sequence to sequence (MASS) pre-training
  - Document-level MASS, mask each a segment in each sentence and predict all segments in the target
  - Separate encoder and decoder, add supervised loss to guide the pre-training



SongMASS

- Lyric and melody alignment
  - In training, sentence-level and token-level alignment with attention constraint
  - In inference, sentence-level with SEP token, token-level with dynamic programming





SongMASS

- Demo

Baseline

SongMASS

https://speechresearch.github.io/songmass/

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1 3 5 3  2     1    6  1
you have loved lots of girls
1  1   7     6    5 3 6
in the sweet long ago
1   -    1   7   6     5      3  6
and each one has meant heaven to you
3   5 5 3 2 1     6    1
you have    vowed your affection
1  1    7   6  5 3
to each one in turn
3   3    5     3  2    1 6 1
and have sworn to them be  true
6 6 6 5    5 3    2   1
you   have kissed the moon
1     1   7     7      6 5 3
while the world seemed in  tune
6    3    3   5  3    2 1   2
then left her to hunt a new game
1    3 5 3    2     1  6   1
does it  ever occur to you later
1  2 1 3
my boy
1 2 1 3 2 1 3   2
that      doing the
6 6      5       5 3 2 1
i wonder kissing her   now
6 1    1        2 1 3
wonder teaching her
1      2       1    3   -
wonder looking into her eyes
1         6     -       1
breathing sighs telling lies
1 1      7      6   5 3 6
i wonder buying the wine
1   1    7    6 5    3  -    6
```

DeepRapper: Neural Rap Generation with Rhyme and Rhythm Modeling, ACL 2021

- Explore a new lyric-melody relationship: Rap
- Rap is a musical form of vocal delivery that incorporates “rhyme, rhythmic speech, and street vernacular”
  - Originated in America in the 1970s
  - Popular in the world especially in young people
- Hip-Hop
  - 1970s originated from New York, young people in African-American and Latino
  - Street culture
  - Four elements in Hip-Hop
    - DJ (Disc Jockey)
    - Rap (MC)
    - Street Dance (B-Boy)
    - Graffiti

DeepRapper

- Lyric with Rhyme and Rhythm, and sing out
  - Rhyme and Rhythm (beat) is important
  - Rap cares more about beat/duration, rather than pitch (melody)
- However, previous works on rap generation only consider rhyme, but ignores rhythm
  - How they control rhyme? Use Rhyme list. Complicated and not learned end-to-end
  - No rhythm/beat information, cannot be directly used!

DeepRapper

- Model

Dataset	#Songs	#Sentences
D-RAP	16,246	832,646
D-SONG	52,737	2,083,143
D-LYRIC	272,839	9,659,503

DeepRapper

- Generated results
  - N-Rhyme: 1-rhyme, 2-rhyme, multi-rhyme
    - 下苦功 练武功 变武松
  - Diversity of rhyme

- Demo
  - https://deeprapper.github.io/

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• **DeepRapper** (Music, ACL 2021)	Pre-training

Summary

- Language, speech, and music related tasks are widely found in product service
- For practical applications, efficient machine learning is critical

- Accuracy vs Data, Model, Computation

Summary

- Hammer ：Machine Learning Tools
- Nail: Application Tasks

- If you have a hammer, everything looks like a nail
- If you need to knock in a nail, everything looks like a hammer

- A hammer in your hand, but no hammer in your mind
- Connect hammers to nails

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