
Machine Listening for Music and Sound Analysis

Lecture 5 - Environmental Sound Analysis 1

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 - Neural Network Based

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- Complementary sensory path to vision → multimodality
- Related to other content analysis domains (speech, music)

Introduction

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- Sound sources
 - Nature, climate, humans, machines, etc.



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Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

Introduction

Environmental Sounds (Recap)

- Sound sources
 - Nature, climate, humans, machines, etc.
- Sound characteristics
 - Stationary or non-stationary, repetitive or without any predictable nature
- Sound duration
 - Very short (gun shot, door knock, shouts)
 - Very long (running machines, wind, rain)



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Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

Introduction

Tasks / Categories

- Sound event detection (SED)
- Acoustic scene classification (ASC)
- Acoustic anomaly detection (AAD)

Sound Event Detection

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 - Segmentation (detection of temporal boundaries)
 - Classification (type of sound)

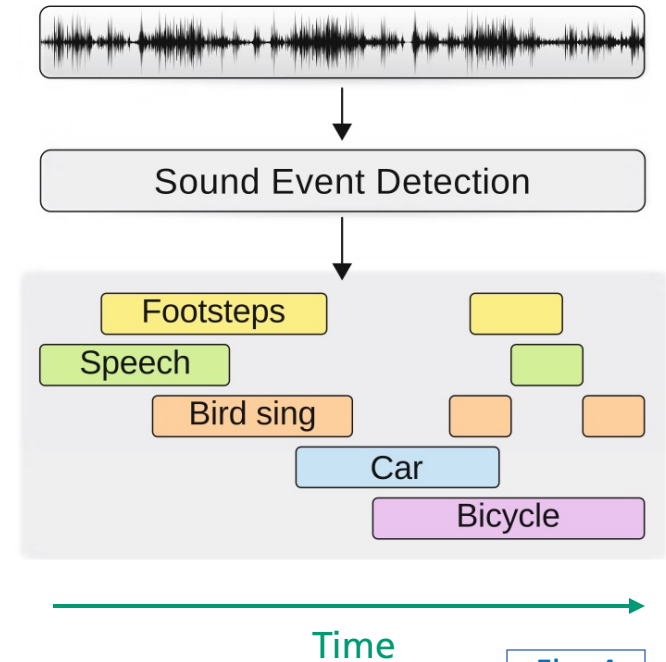


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Sound Event Detection

Introduction

- Sound event detection → 2 simultaneous tasks
 - Segmentation (detection of temporal boundaries)
 - Classification (type of sound)
- Sound polyphony
 - Number of simultaneous sounds
 - Depends on the acoustic scene composition & sound sources

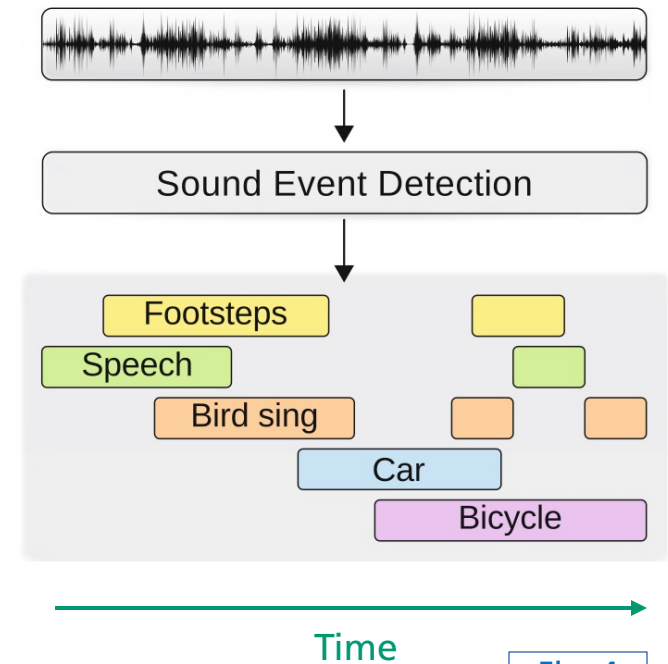


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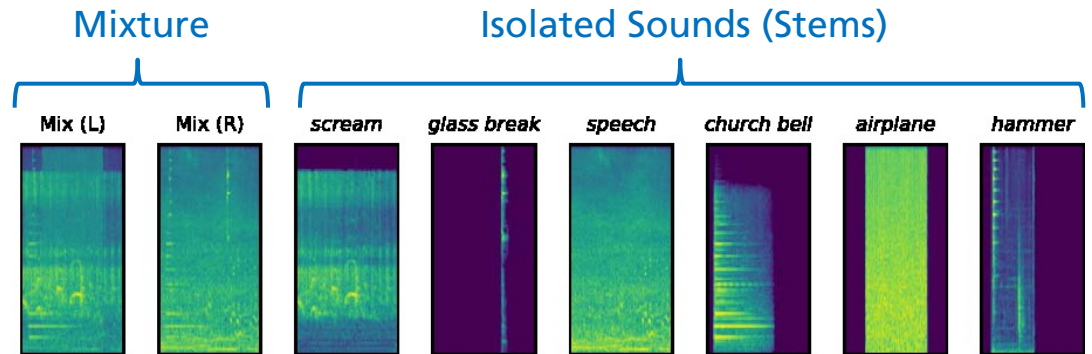
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Polyphony = 6



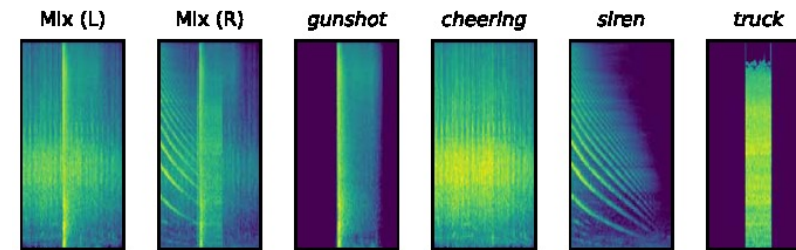
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Polyphony = 4



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Polyphony = 2



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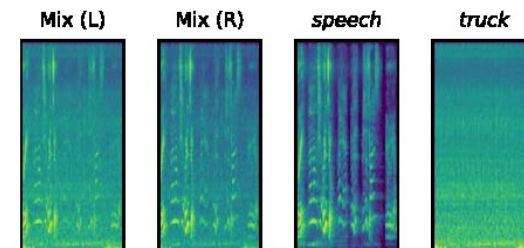


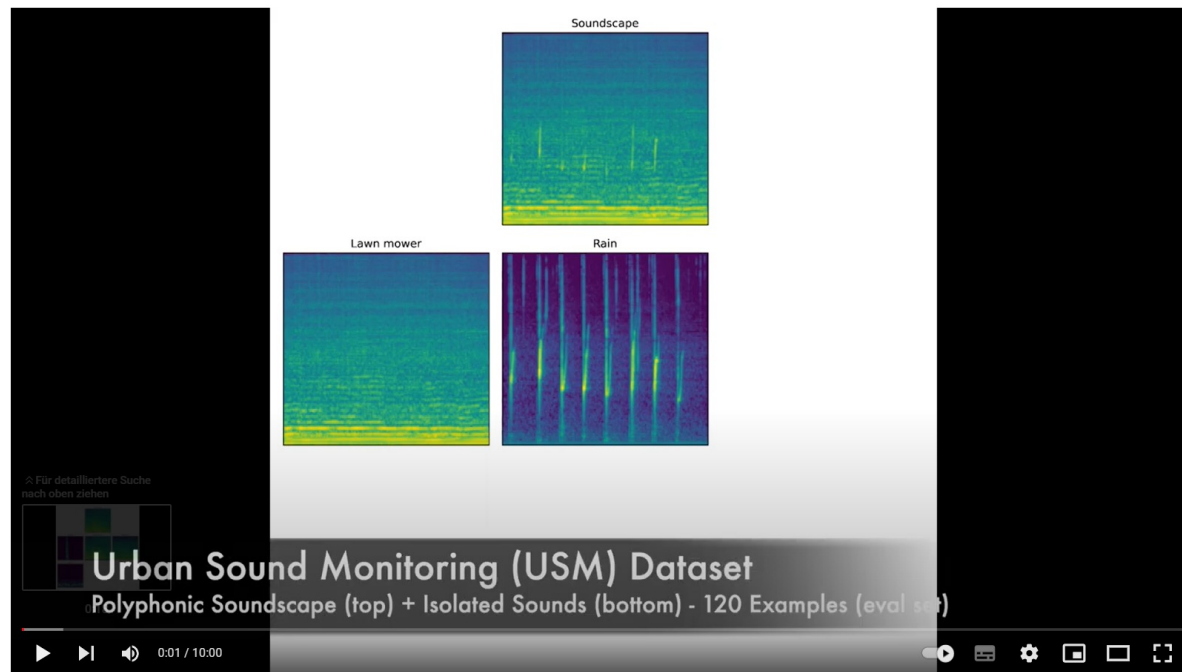
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Sound Event Detection

Introduction

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Demo-Video



Demo of the Urban Sound Monitoring (USM) Dataset for Polyphonic Sound Event Tagging

Sound Event Detection

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- Sound hierarchies
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Example: Urban Sounds

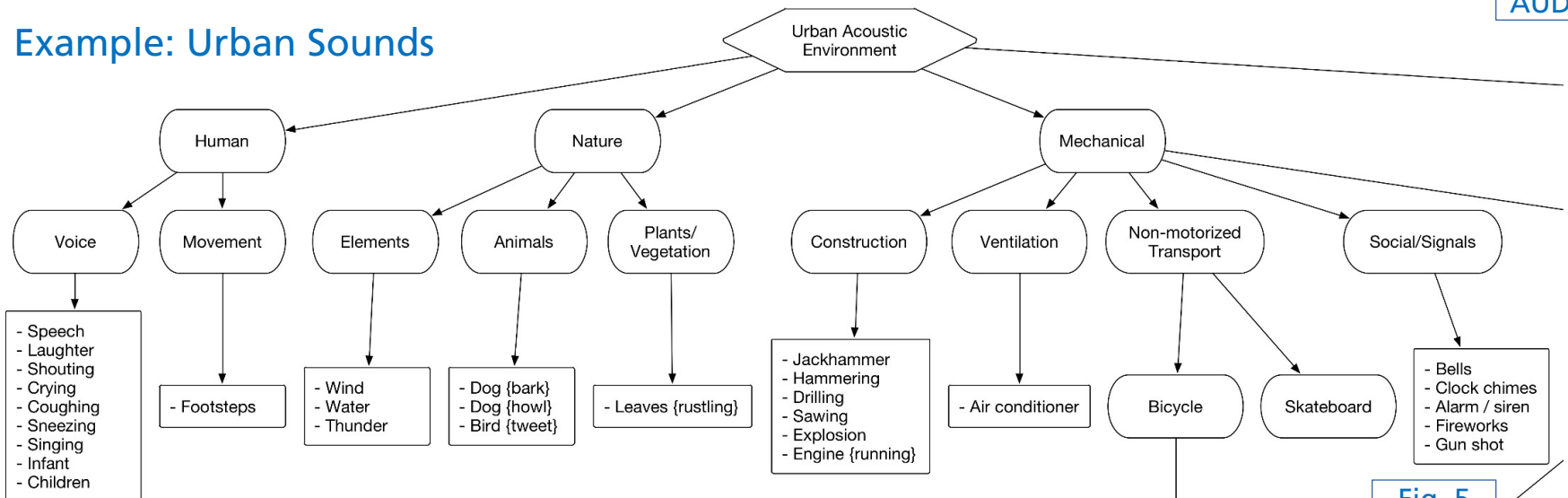


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- Ill-defined temporal boundaries
 - Complicates annotation & detection

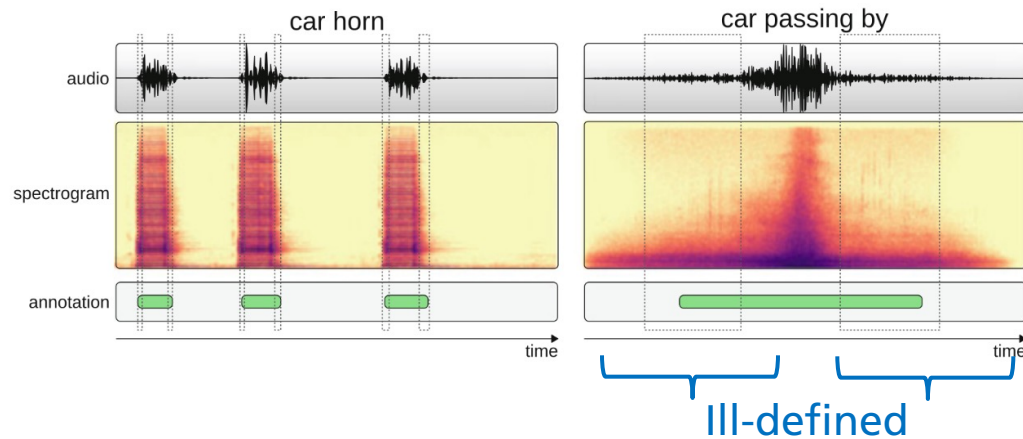


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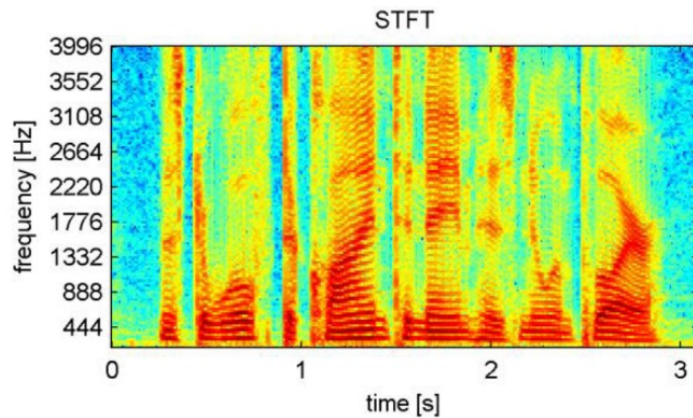


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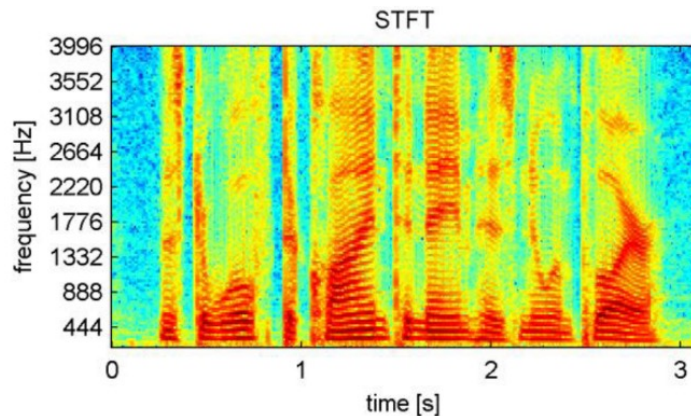


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- Sounds overlap / visual objects occlude
 - Possible phase cancellation

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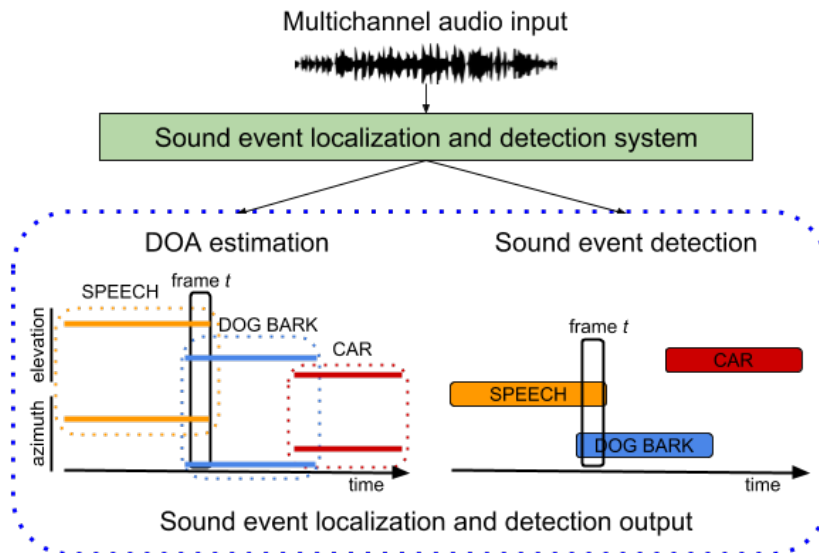


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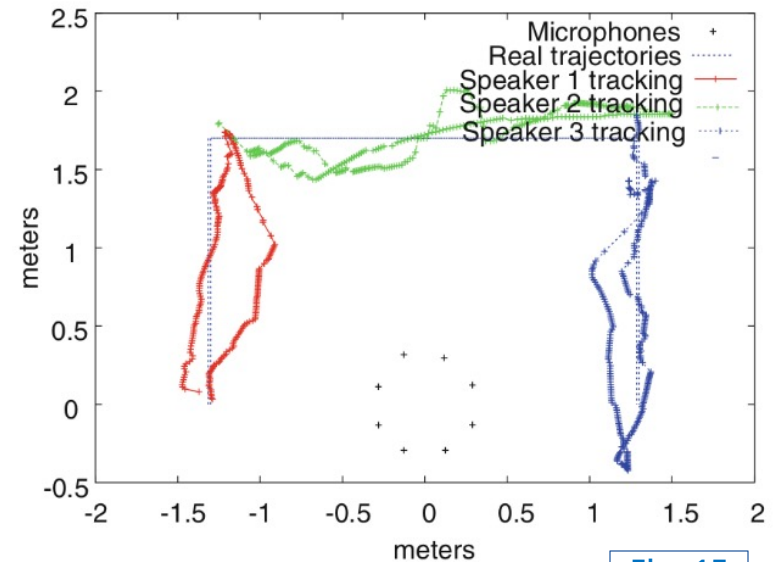


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Related tasks

- Source separation
 - Prior to sound event detection
- Chicken-egg problem
 - Alternative: sound-informed source-separation

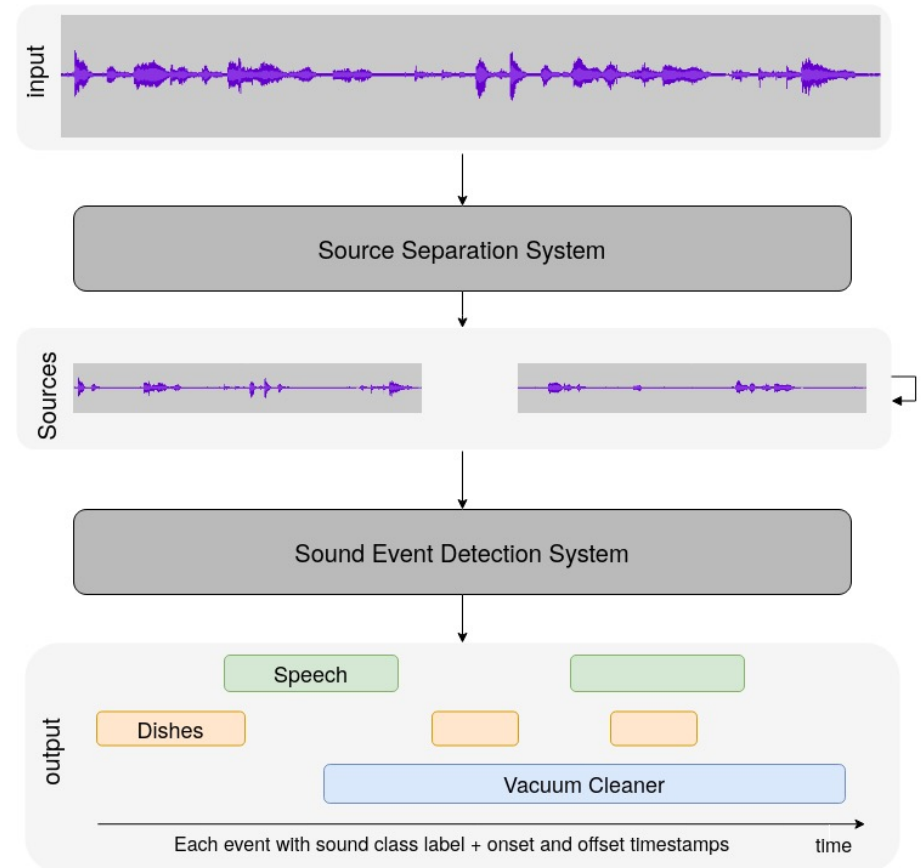


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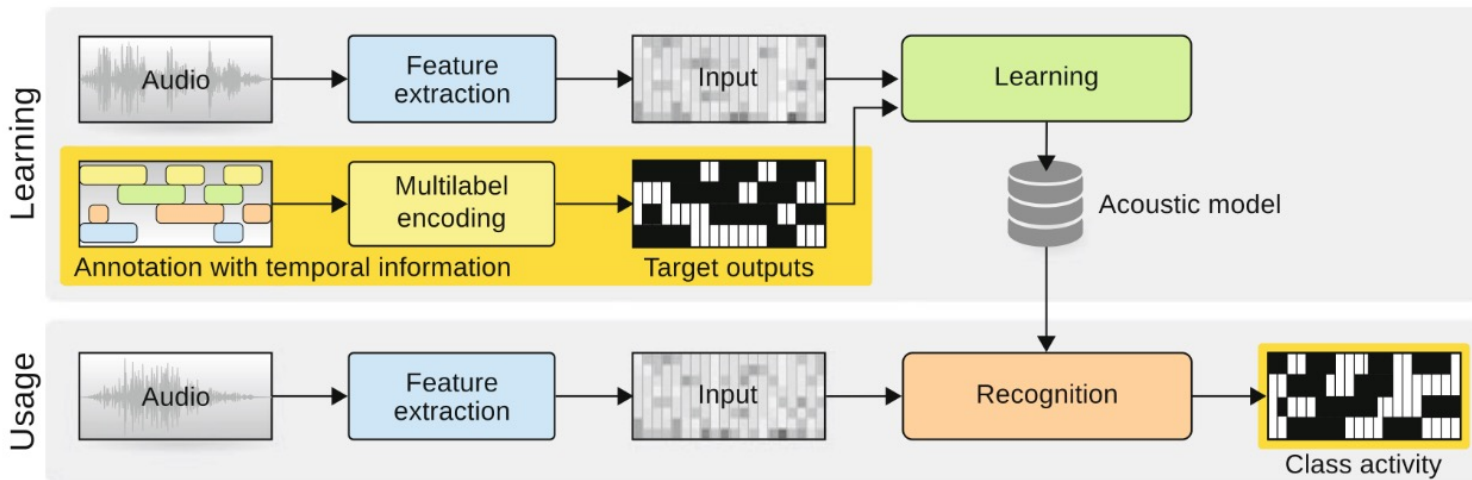


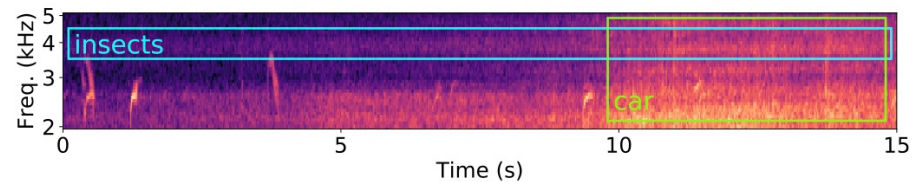
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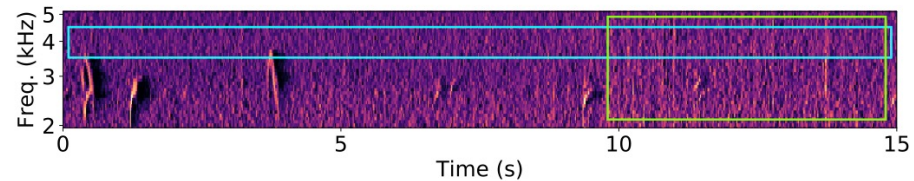
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 - Per-channel energy (PCEN) [Lostanlen, 2019]
 - Dynamic range compression
 - Adaptive gain control
 - Suppresses stationary (background) noise



(a) Logarithmic transformation.



(b) Per-channel energy normalization (PCEN).

Fig. 9

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■ Annotation

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- Different granularities
 - Tagging / Global level (“weak” labels) → cheap
 - Event-level (“strong” labels) → expensive

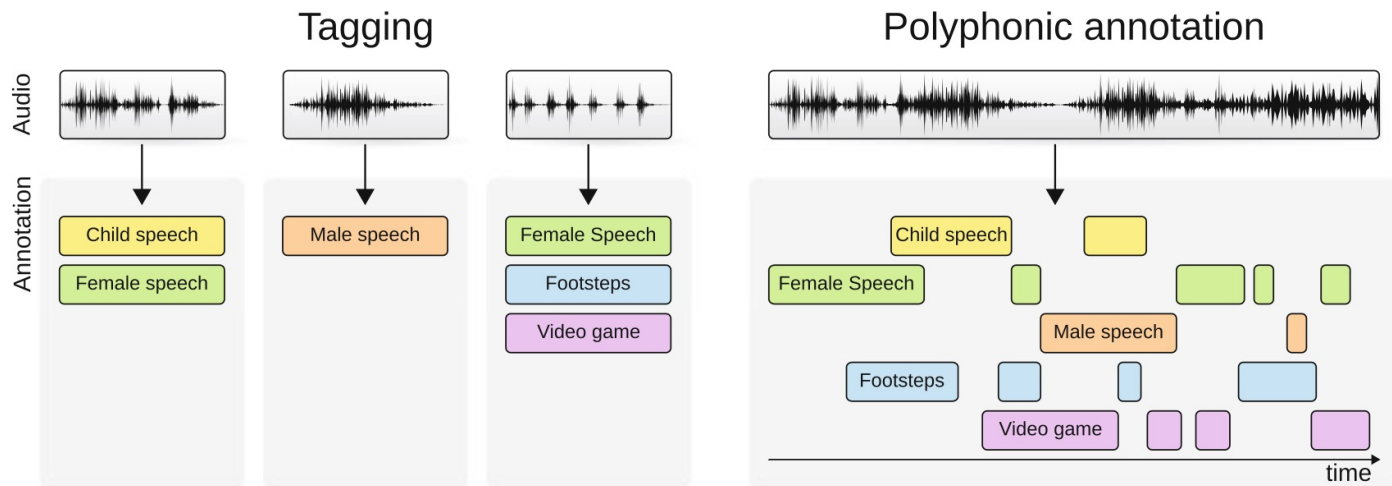


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 - Temporal resolution (duration of each annotated time frame)

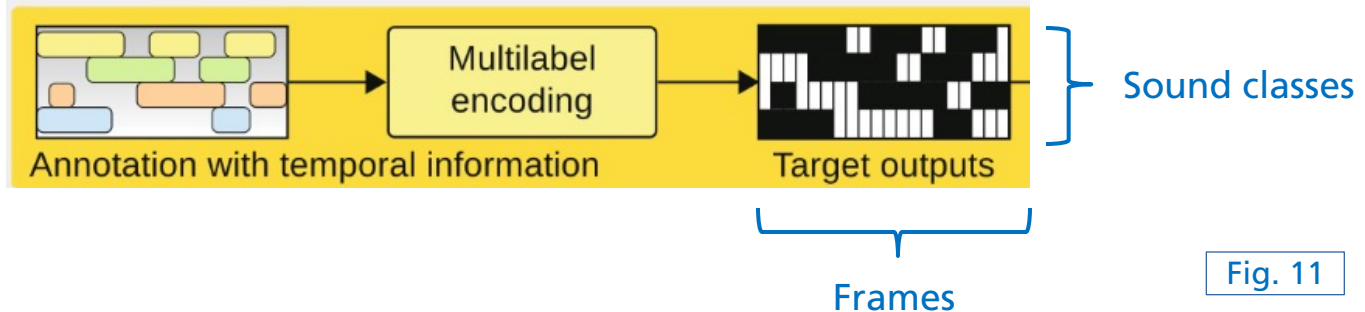
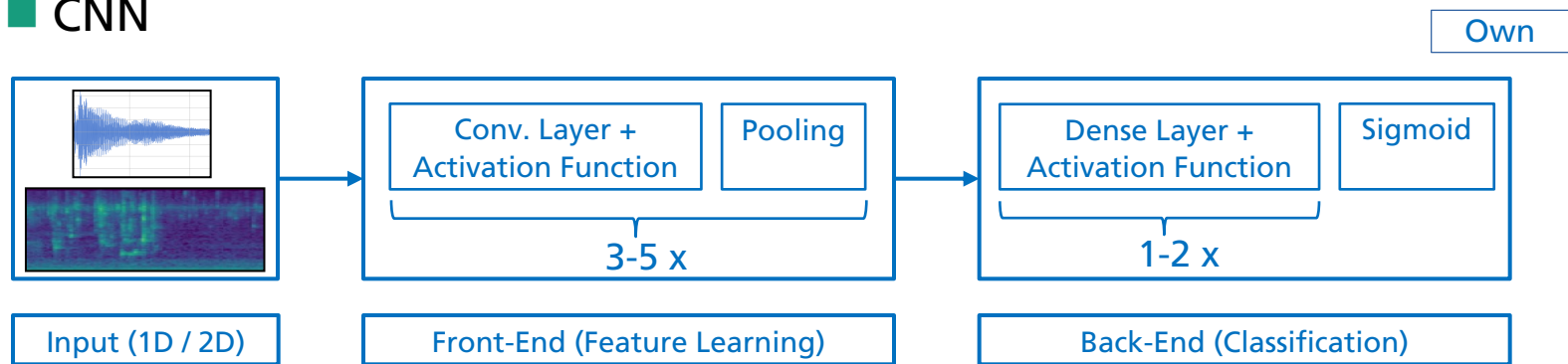


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■ Typical neural network architectures

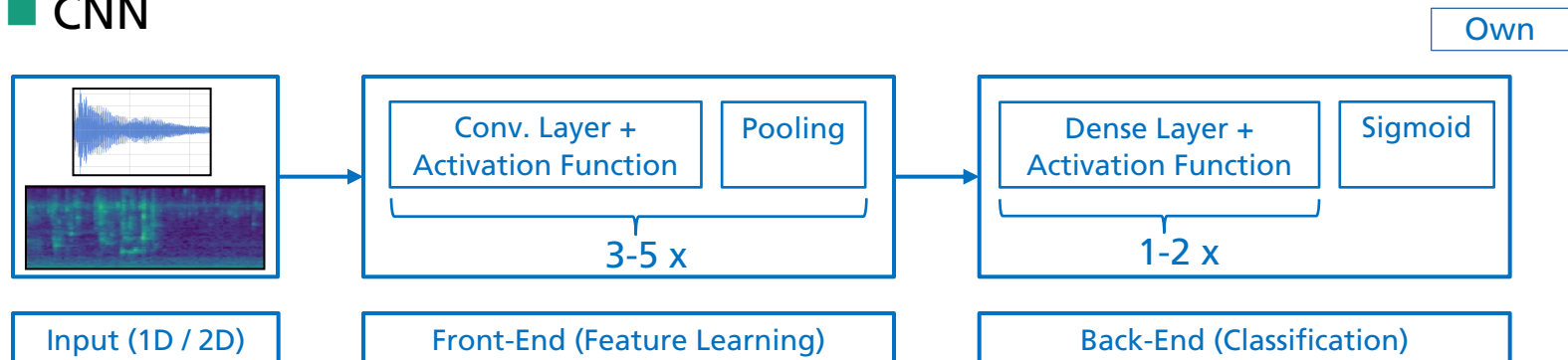
■ CNN



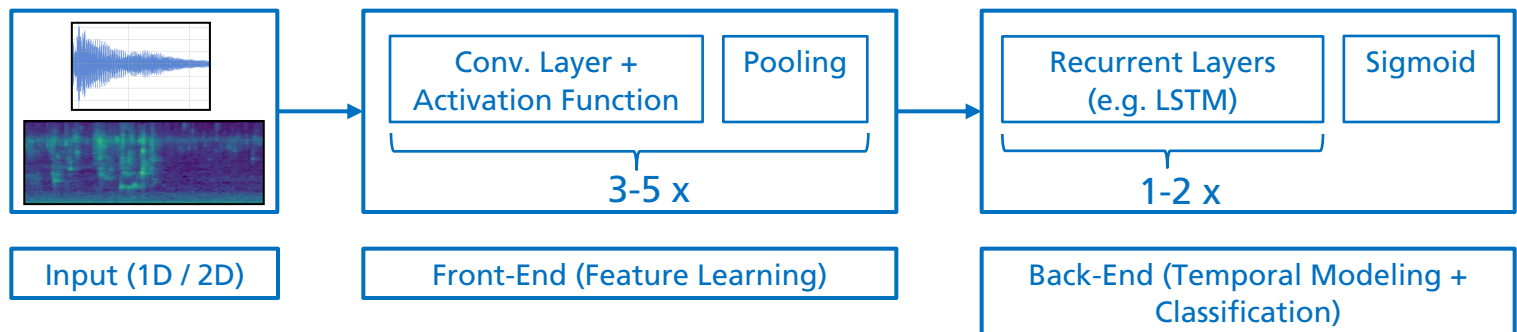
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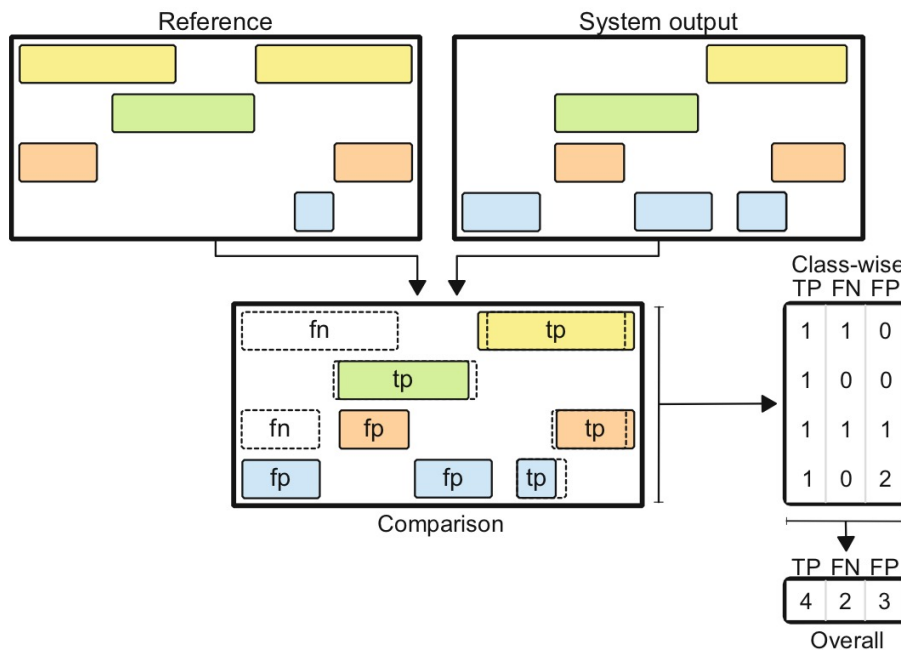


Fig. 13

Sound Event Detection

Evaluation Metrics

- Recap: Binary classification evaluation
 - True/false positives (TP/FP)
 - True/false negatives (TN/FN)

		Prediction	
		1	0
Annotation	1	TP <i>true positives</i>	FN <i>false negatives</i>
	0	FP <i>false positives</i>	TN <i>true negatives</i>

Fig. 12

Sound Event Detection

Evaluation Metrics

- Recap: Binary classification evaluation
 - True/false positives (TP/FP)
 - True/false negatives (TN/FN)
 - Metrics
 - Precision
 - Recall
 - Accuracy
 - F-score

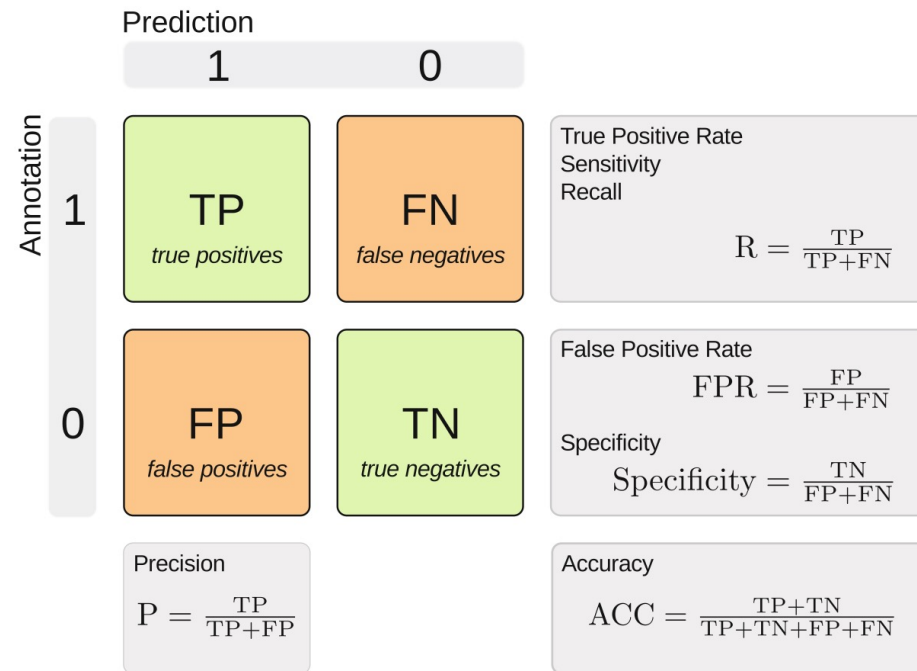


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 - SpecAugment [Park, 2019]
 - Temporal warping (1)
 - Block-wise masking (2)

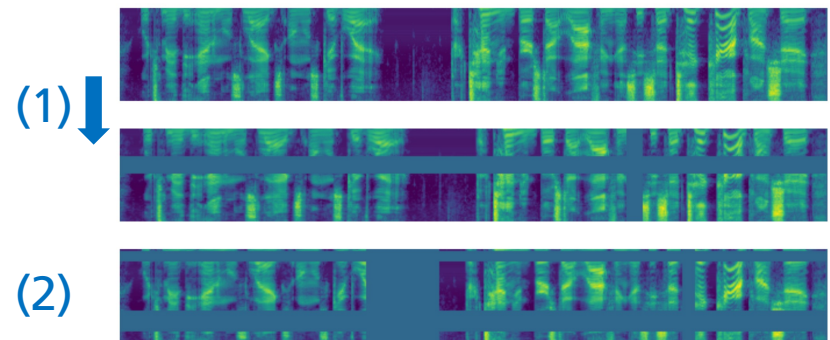


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Data Augmentation

- Methods

- Mix-up data augmentation [\[Zhang, 2018\]](#)

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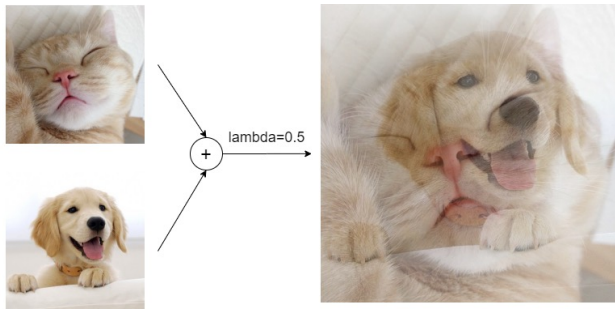
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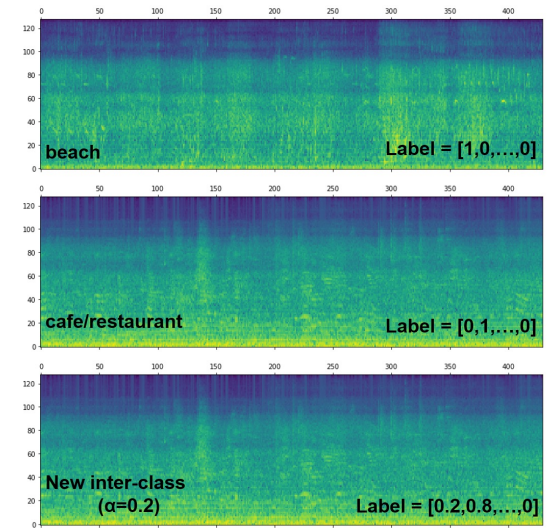
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Computer Vision

Fig. 17



Machine Listening

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- Example: WaveGAN [Donahue, 2019]

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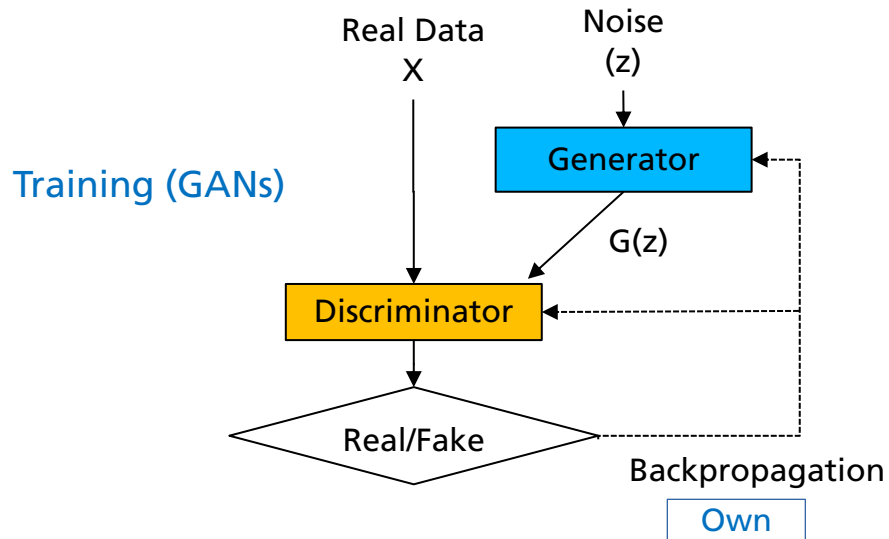


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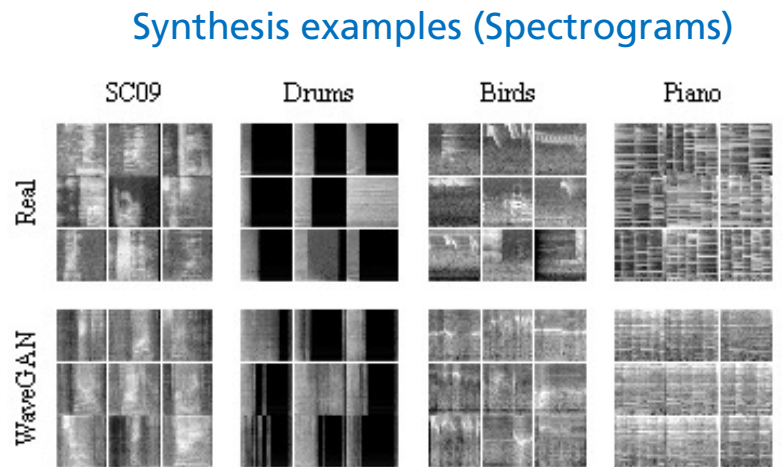
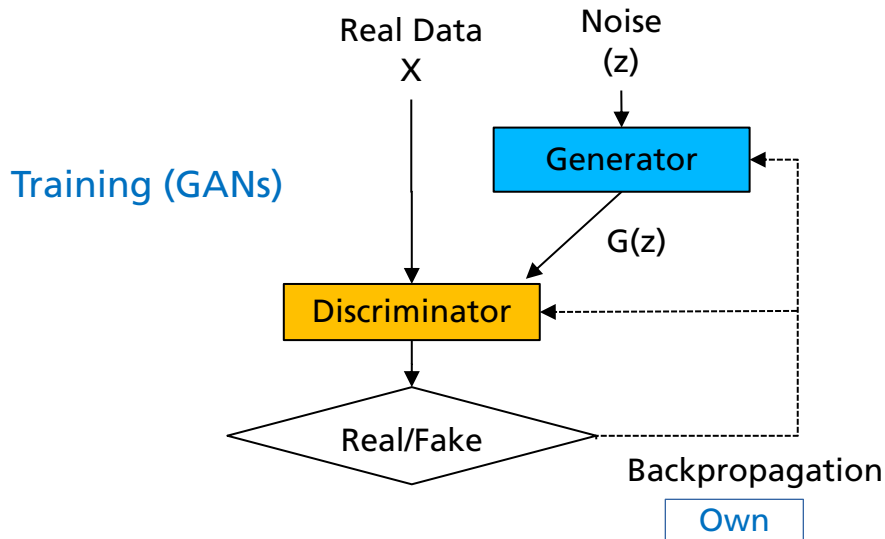


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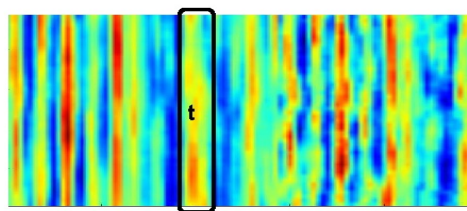
Novel Methods

- VGG-style CNN [[Sakashita, 2018](#)]
 - Main Idea
 - Pairs of convolutional layers + non-linearity before max pooling
 - Effect
 - Smaller kernel shapes
 - More non-linearities → model is more expressive

Sound Event Detection

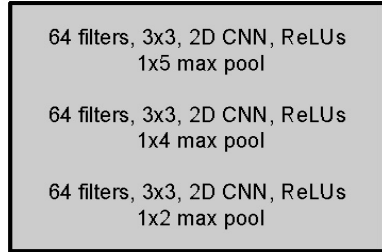
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■ CRNN [Adavanne, 2017]

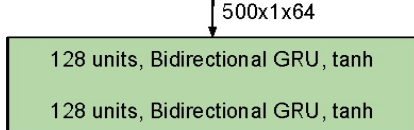


Mel Spectrogram

Log mel-band energy (500x40)



Convolutional layer front-end



Recurrent layers

500x128

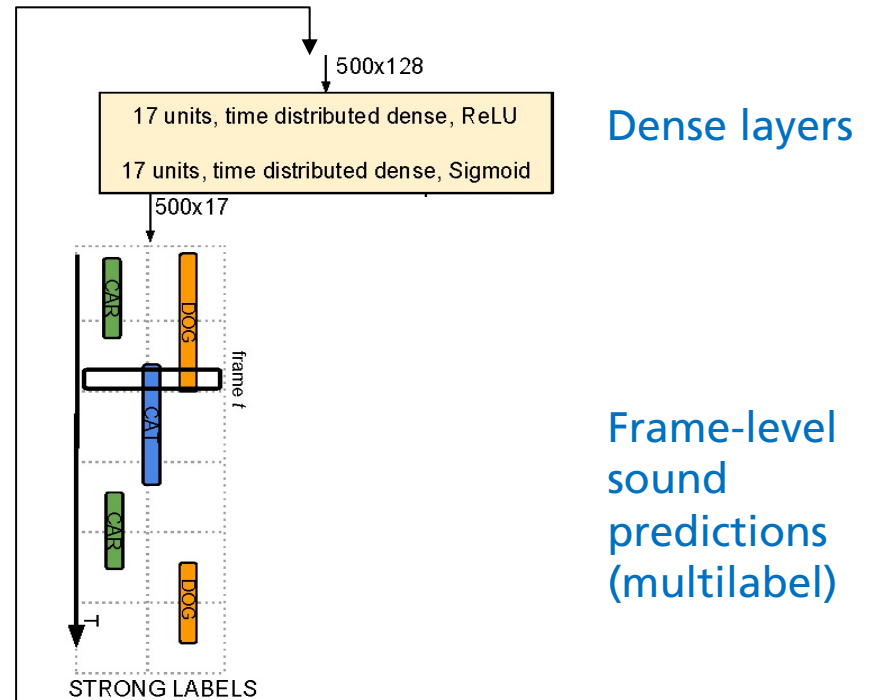
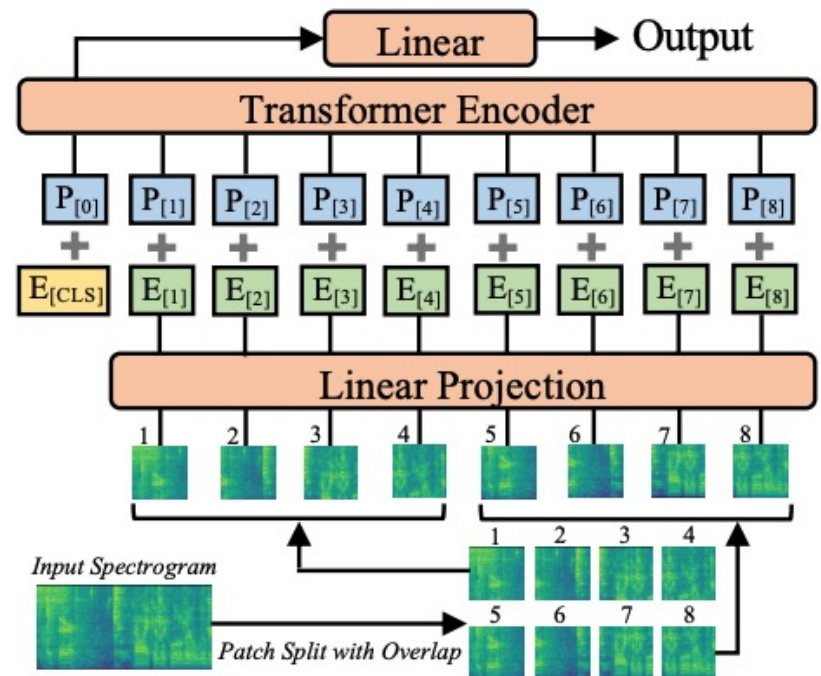


Fig. 23

Sound Event Detection

Novel Methods

- Audio Spectrogram Transformer (AST) [Gong, 2021]
 - Spectrogram patches mapped to embedding sequence
 - Self-attention (model longer time dependencies)
- State-of-the-art on sound event tagging



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Sounds

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