

PAT 498/598 (Fall 2024)

Special Topics: Generative AI for Music and Audio Creation

Lecture 20: Review & Discussions

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Final Project

- Milestones (all due at the specified date at **11:59 PM ET**)
 - **Pitch** November 6 Topic & high-level plans
 - **Proposal** November 22 Survey & plans (1 page)
 - **Presentation** December 9 Showcase & report
 - **Final report** December 15 Full report (3-5 pages)
- Instructions will be released on Gradescope
- Late submissions: **NOT accepted**

Final Project: Rubrics

- **Proposal** 10pt
- **Presentation** 20pt
- **Final report** 30pt
 - Implementation 10pt
 - Code documentation 5pt
 - Explanation of design and implementation 5pt
 - Results, analysis and discussions 10pt

Final Project: Presentation

- **Introduction & motivation**
 - **Why** are you interested in this topic?
 - **Who** might want to use your work?
- **Design & implementation**
 - How did you **formulate the problem**?
 - How did you **implement your idea**?
- **Results, analysis & discussions**
 - **What have you found** through your experiments?
 - What are the **implications of your results and analysis**?
 - What are the **limitations** and **future directions**?

Review – Music & AI

The Early Days

Musical Dice Game (1792)



(Source: gbrachetta)

gbrachetta.github.io/Musical-Dice/

ILLIAC Suite (1957)



(Source: Illinois Distributed Museum)

Emily Howell (2003)



(Source: The Guardian)

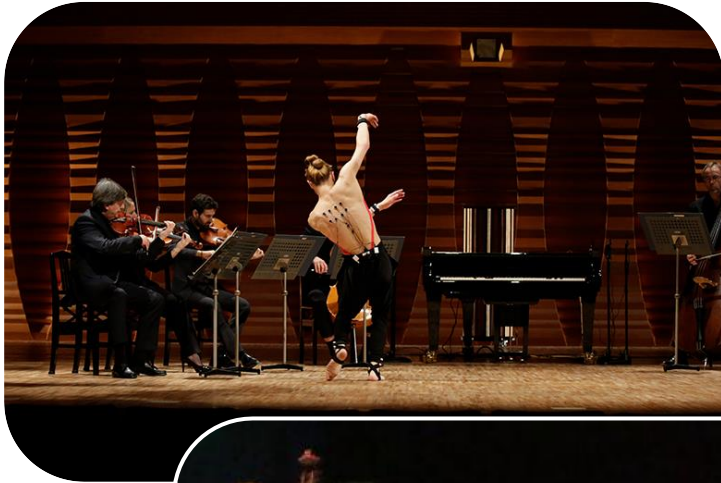
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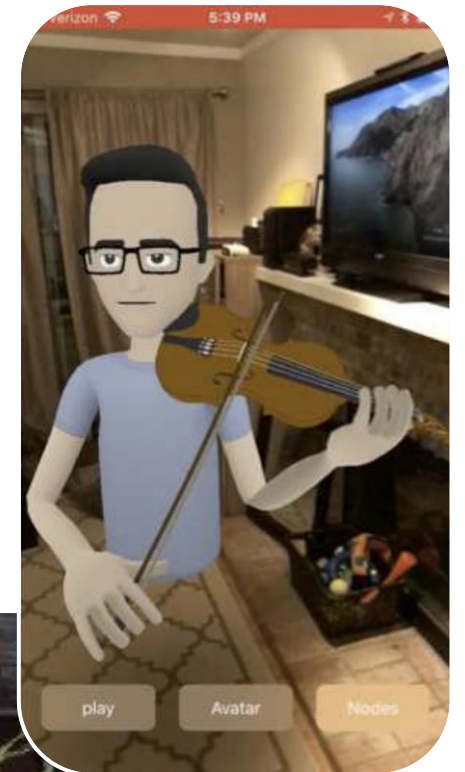
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yamaha.com/en/news_release/2018/18013101

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nbcdfw.com/entertainment/the-scene/how-verdigris-ensemble-is-using-ai-to-create-a-new-concert-experience/3366031

Use Cases of Generative AI for Music & Audio



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denverpost.com/2019/08/02/colorado-symphony-movie-scores-harry-potter-star-wars
dailybruin.com/2023/08/04/theater-review-the-musical-les-misrables-offers-stellar-displays-and-impassioned-vocals

Review – AI/ML/DL Basics

What is Artificial Intelligence?

AI is the study of how to make computers **do things at which, at the moment, people are better.**

– Elaine Rich and Kevin Knight, 1991

1997



(Source: Britannica)

2016



(Source: The Guardian)

20??



(Source: SC2HL)

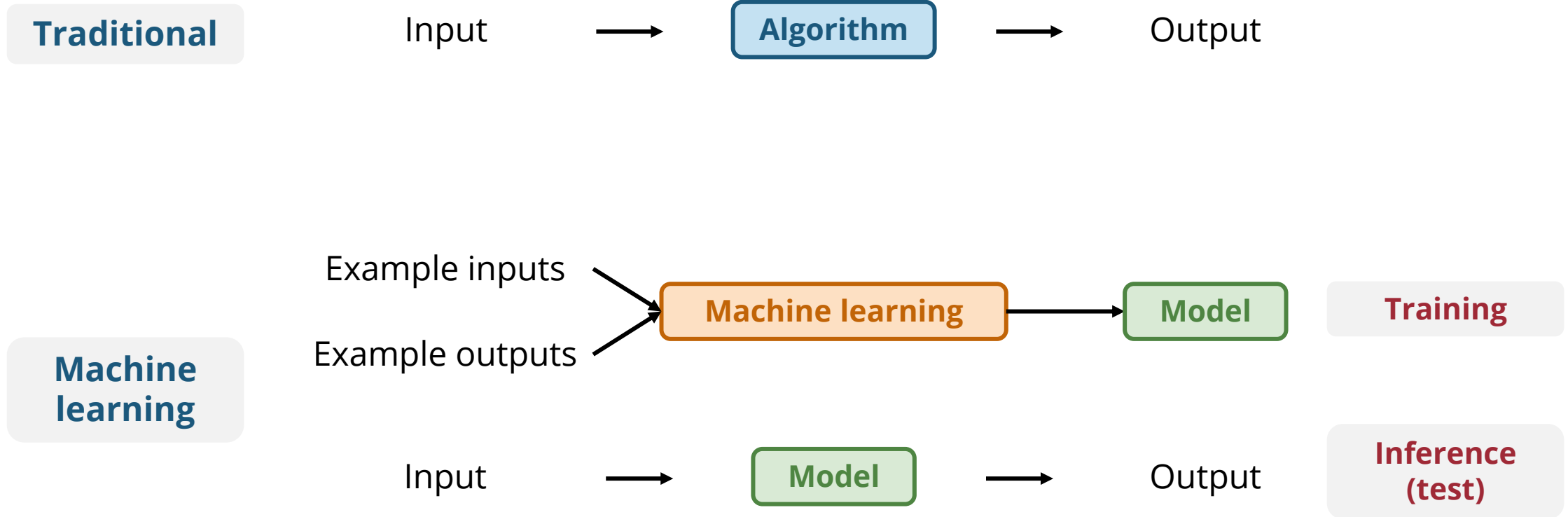
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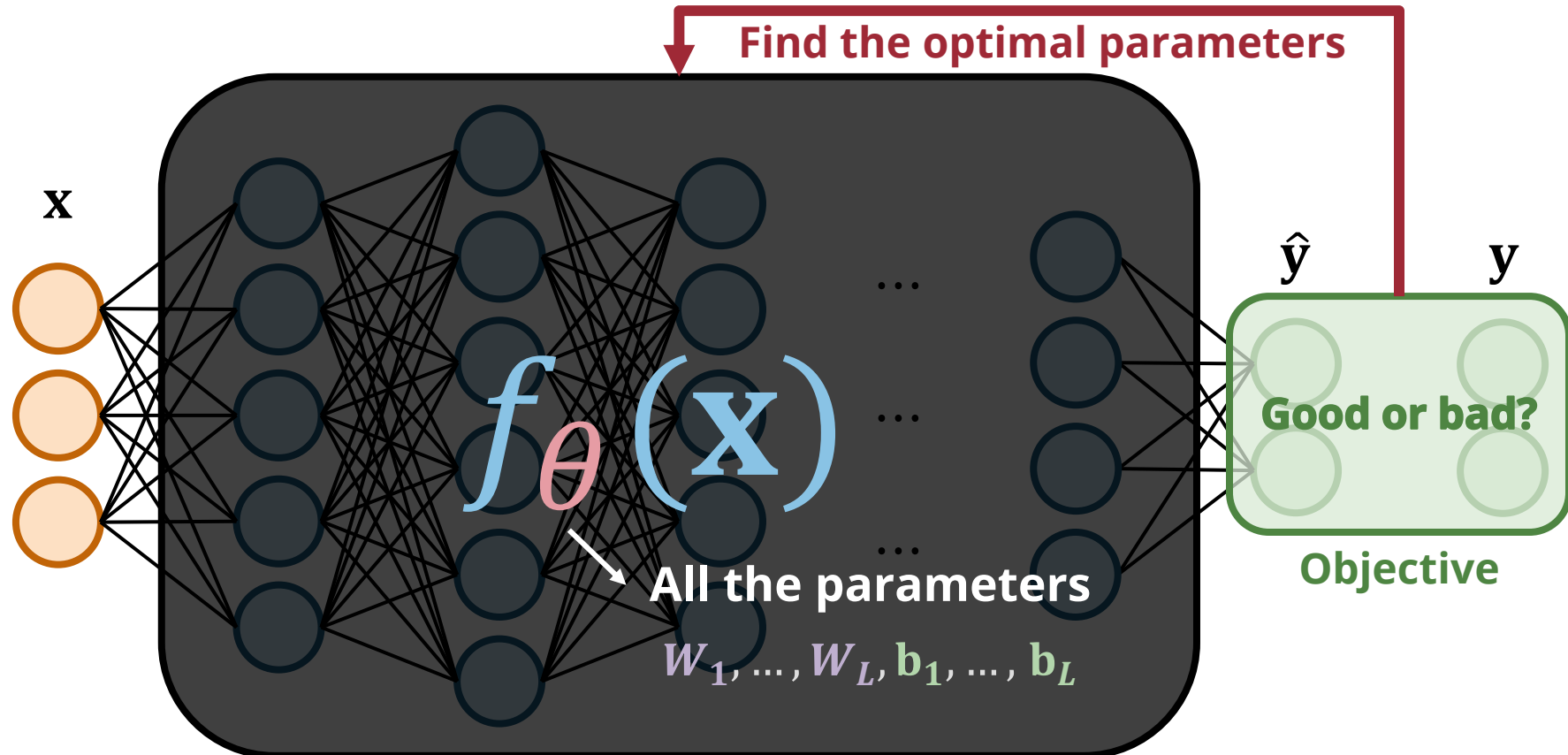
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Machine Learning

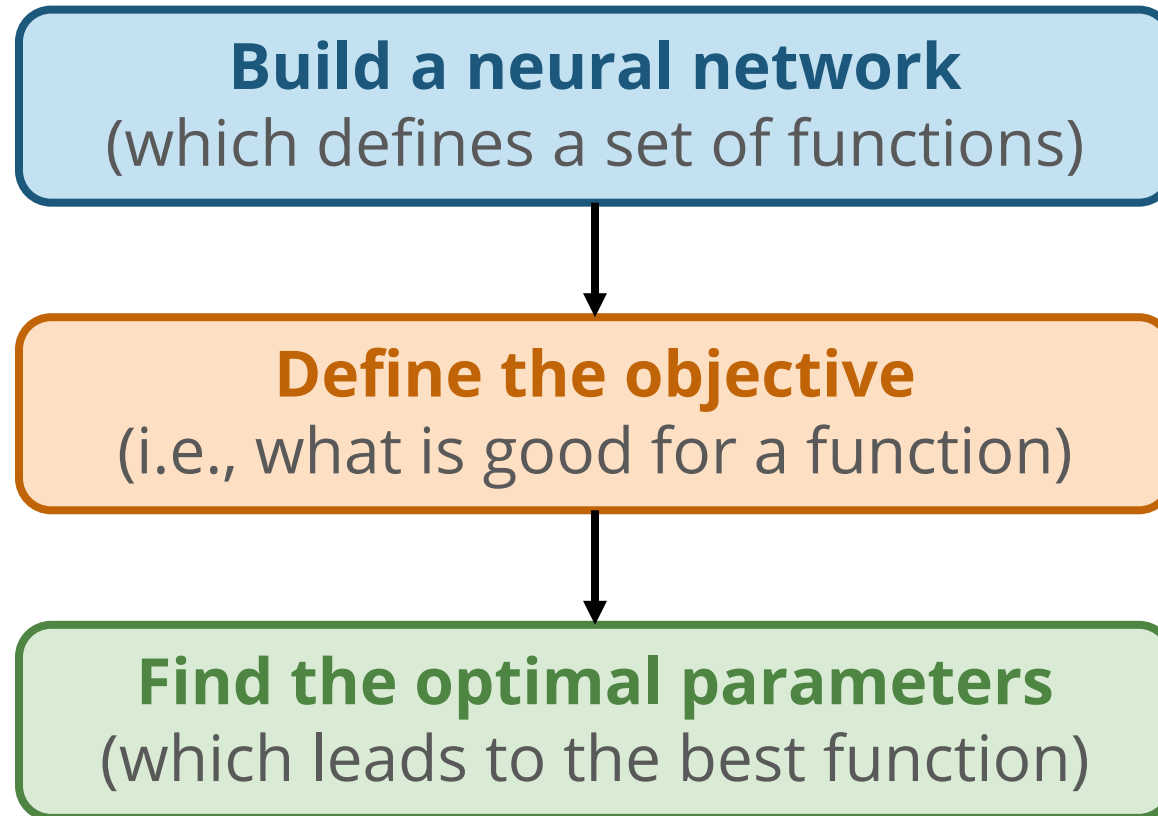


Neural Networks are Parameterized Functions

- A neural network represents **a set of functions**



Training a Neural Network



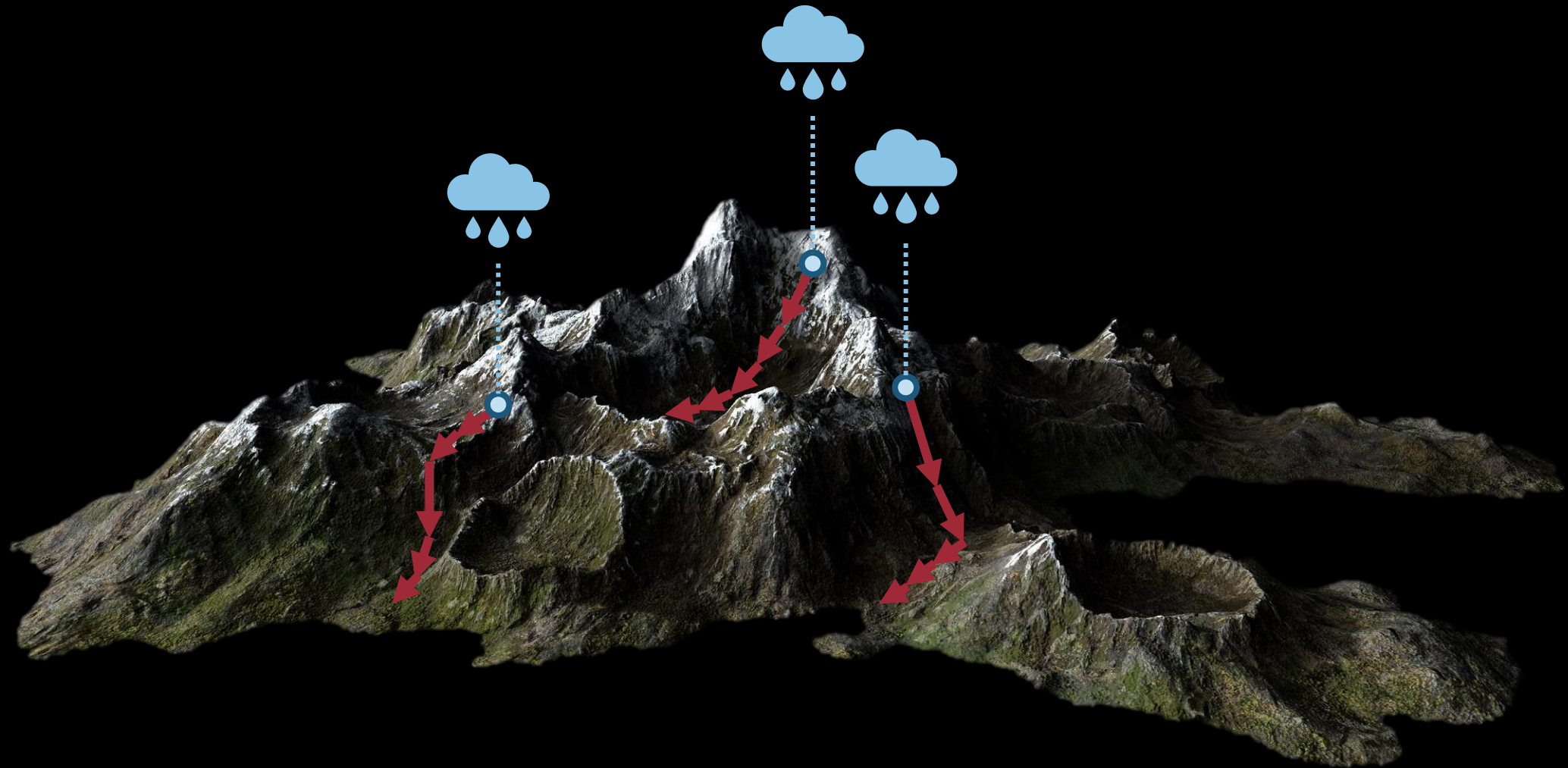
$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$Loss(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_k^N L(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_k, \mathbf{y}_k)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Review – Training a Neural Network

Gradient Descent – 3D Case



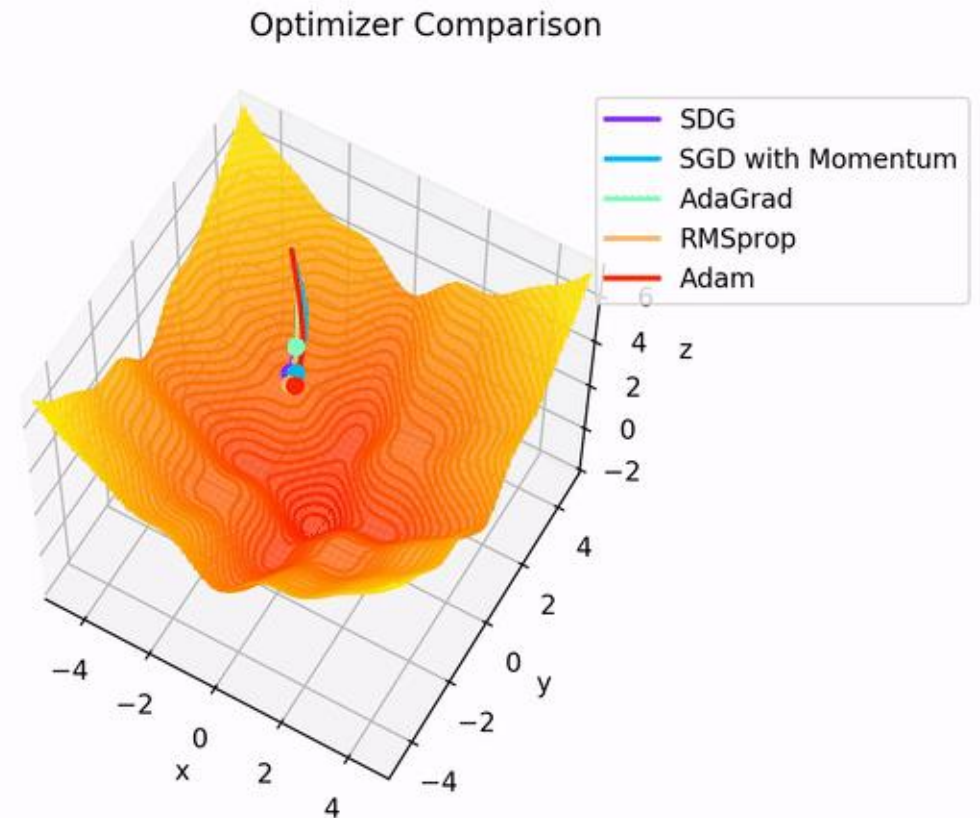
Comparison of Optimizers

- **Momentum**

- Gets you out of spurious local minima
- Allows the model to explore around

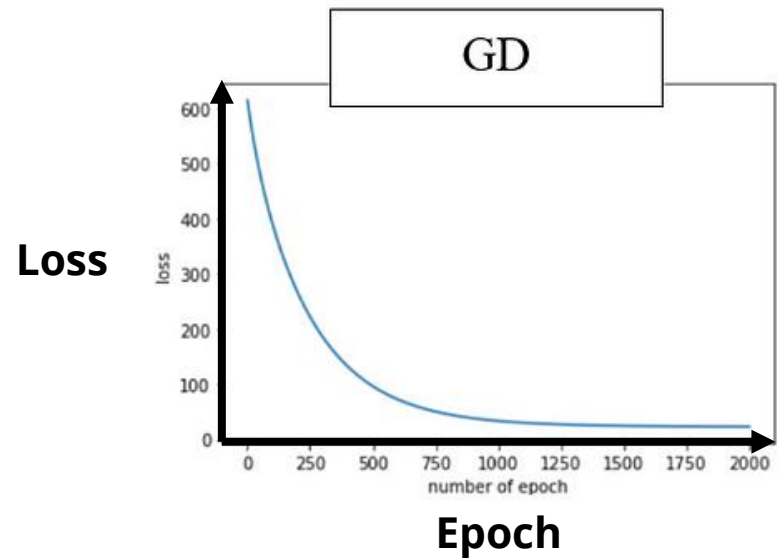
- **Gradient-based adaption**

- Maintains steady improvement
- Allows faster convergence

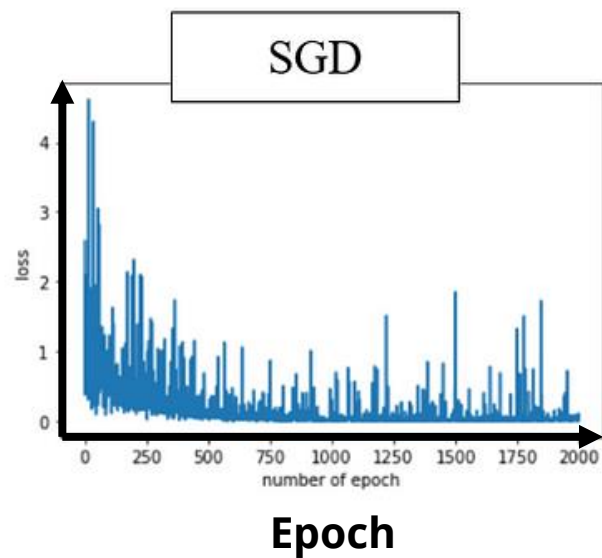


Mini-batch Gradient Descent

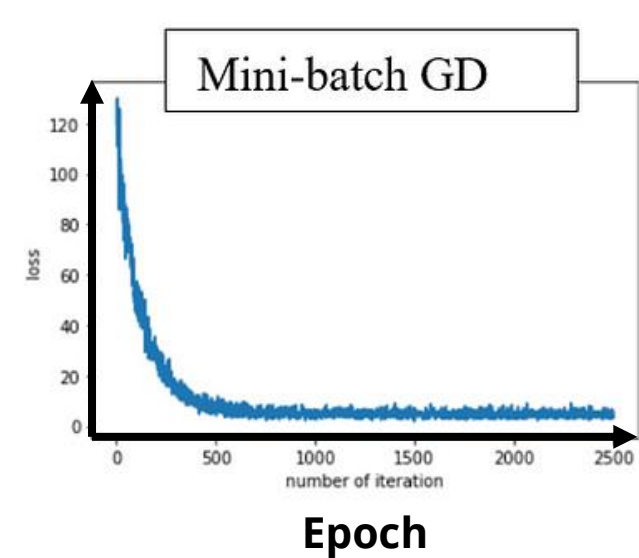
- **Intuition:** Estimate the gradient using **several random training samples**



batch size = N

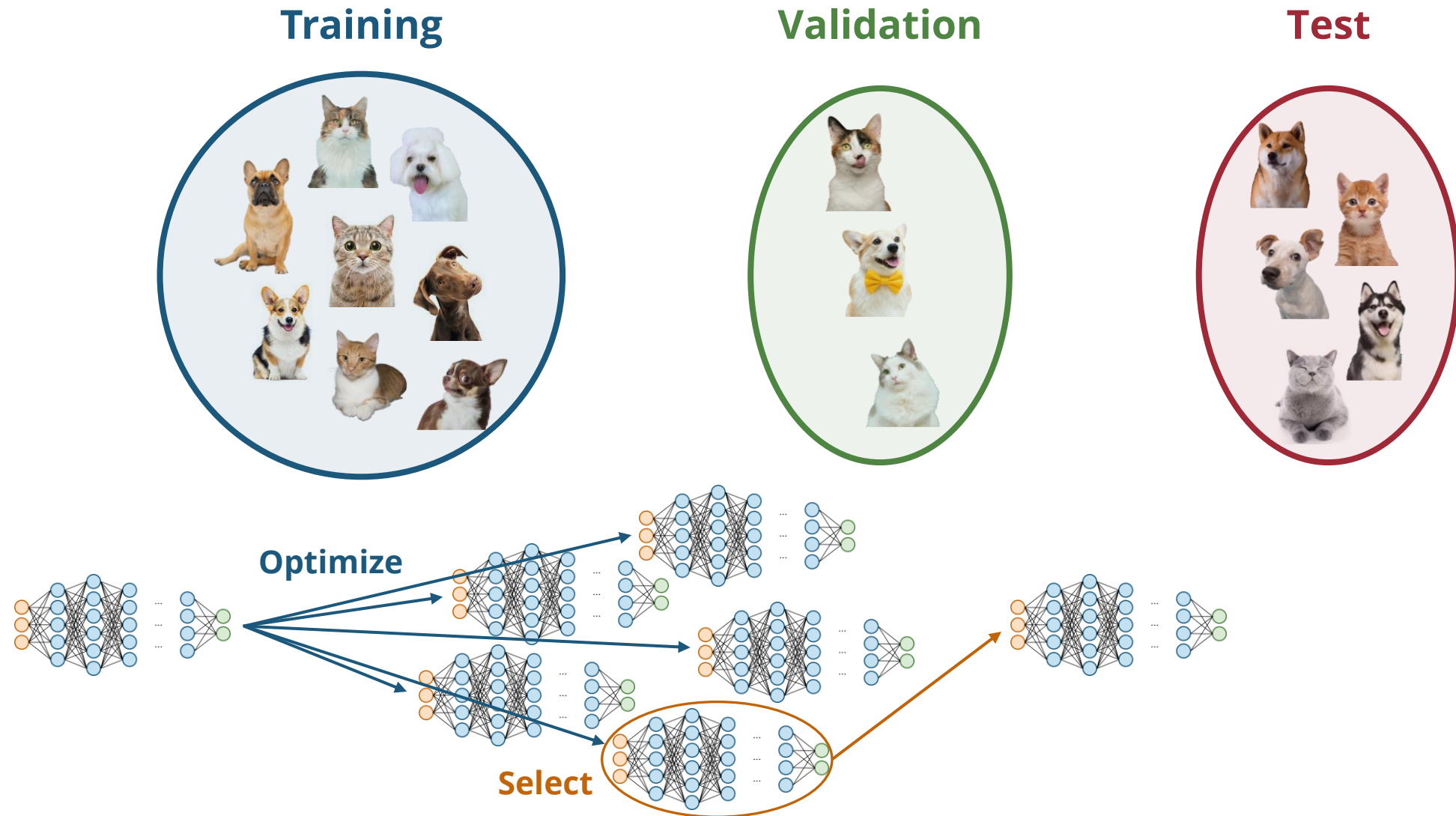


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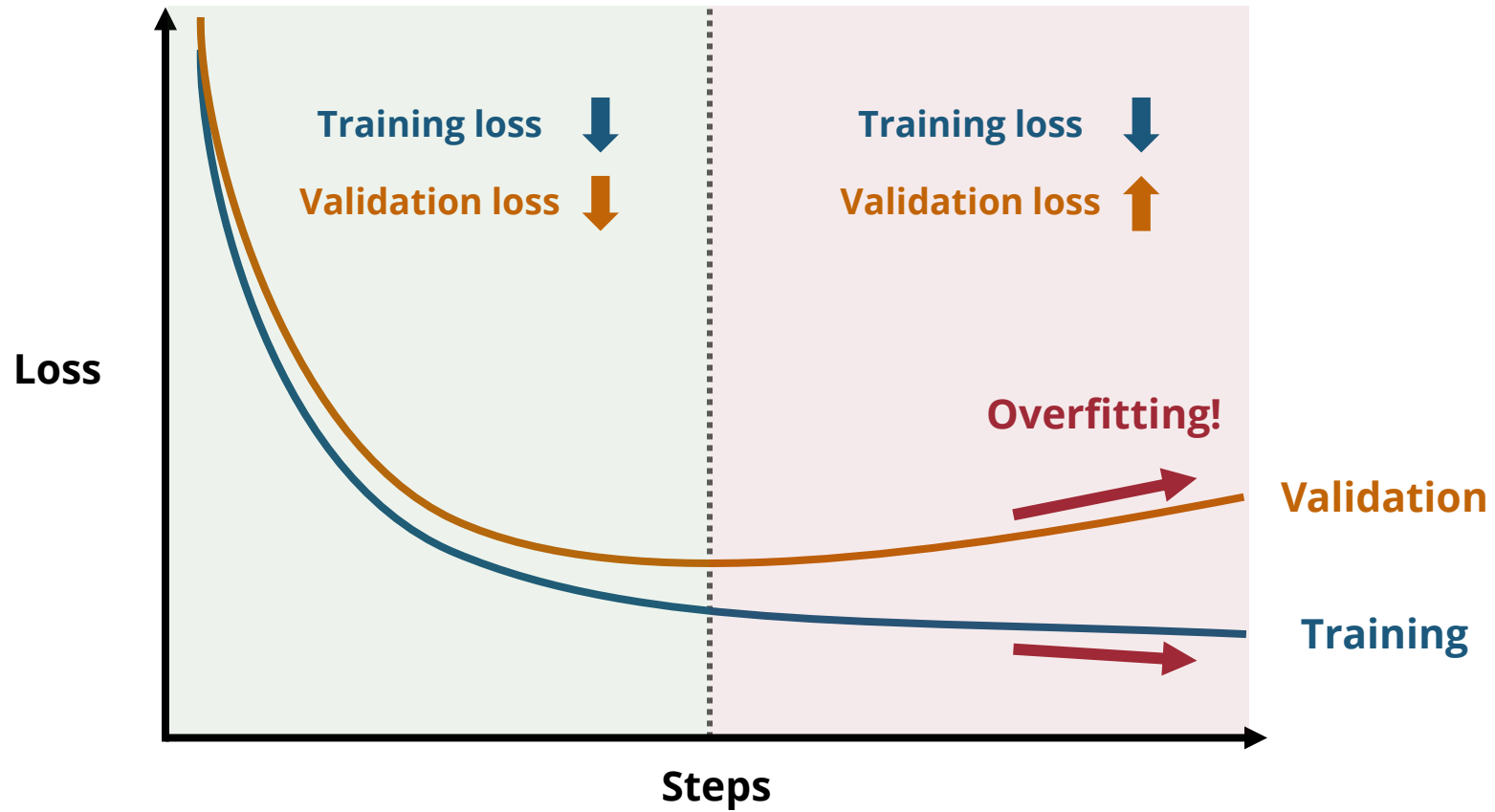


$1 < \text{batch size} < N$

Training-Validation-Test Pipeline



Training vs Validation Losses



Review – Neural Networks

Network Architectures vs Training Frameworks

Network architectures

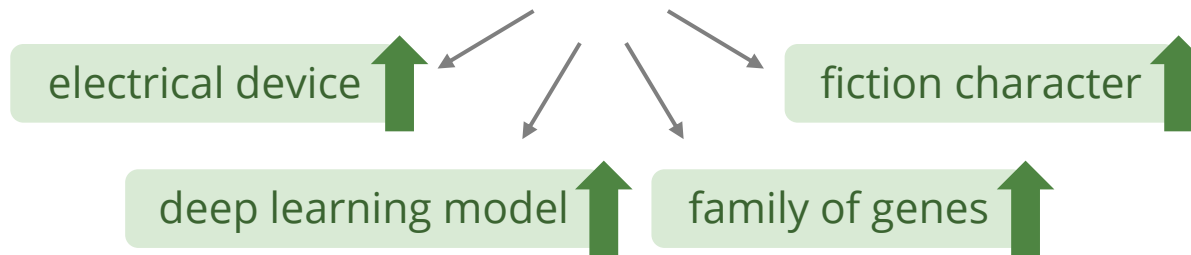
Multilayer perceptron (MLP)
Convolutional neural networks (CNNs)
Recurrent neural networks (RNNs)
Transformers
ResNets
U-Nets
⋮

Training frameworks

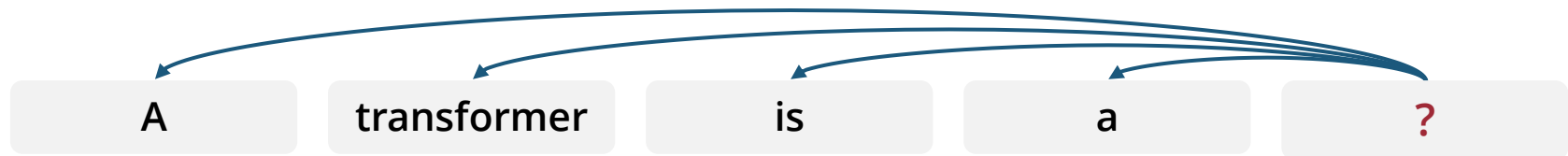
Autoregressive
Autoencoders
Variational autoencoders (VAEs)
Generative adversarial networks (GANs)
Diffusion models
Consistency models
⋮

Demystifying Transformers

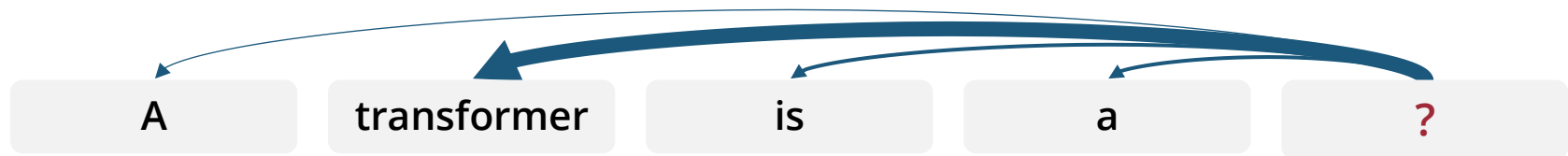
A transformer is a _____



Uniform attention



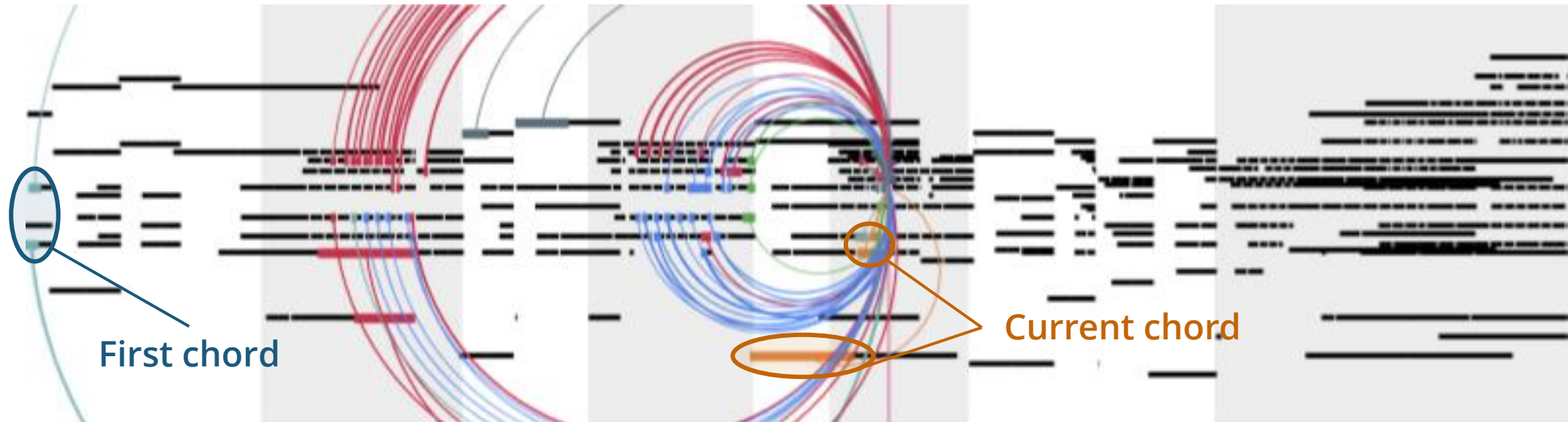
Variable attention



Transformers learn what to attend to from big data!

What does a Transformer Learn?

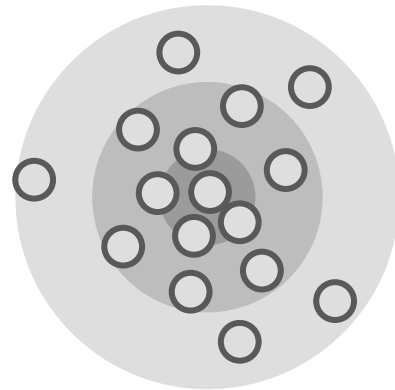
(Each color represents an attention head)



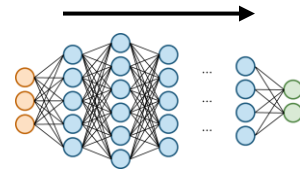
(Source: Huang et al., 2018)

Generating Data from a Random Distribution

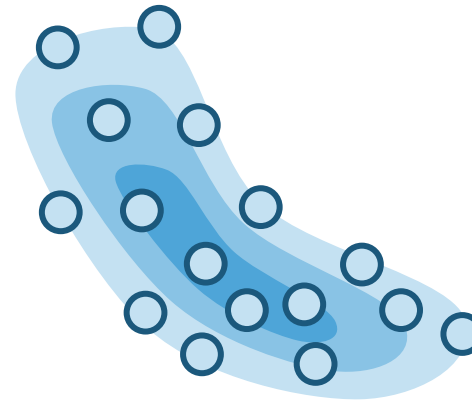
Random distribution



$P(z)$



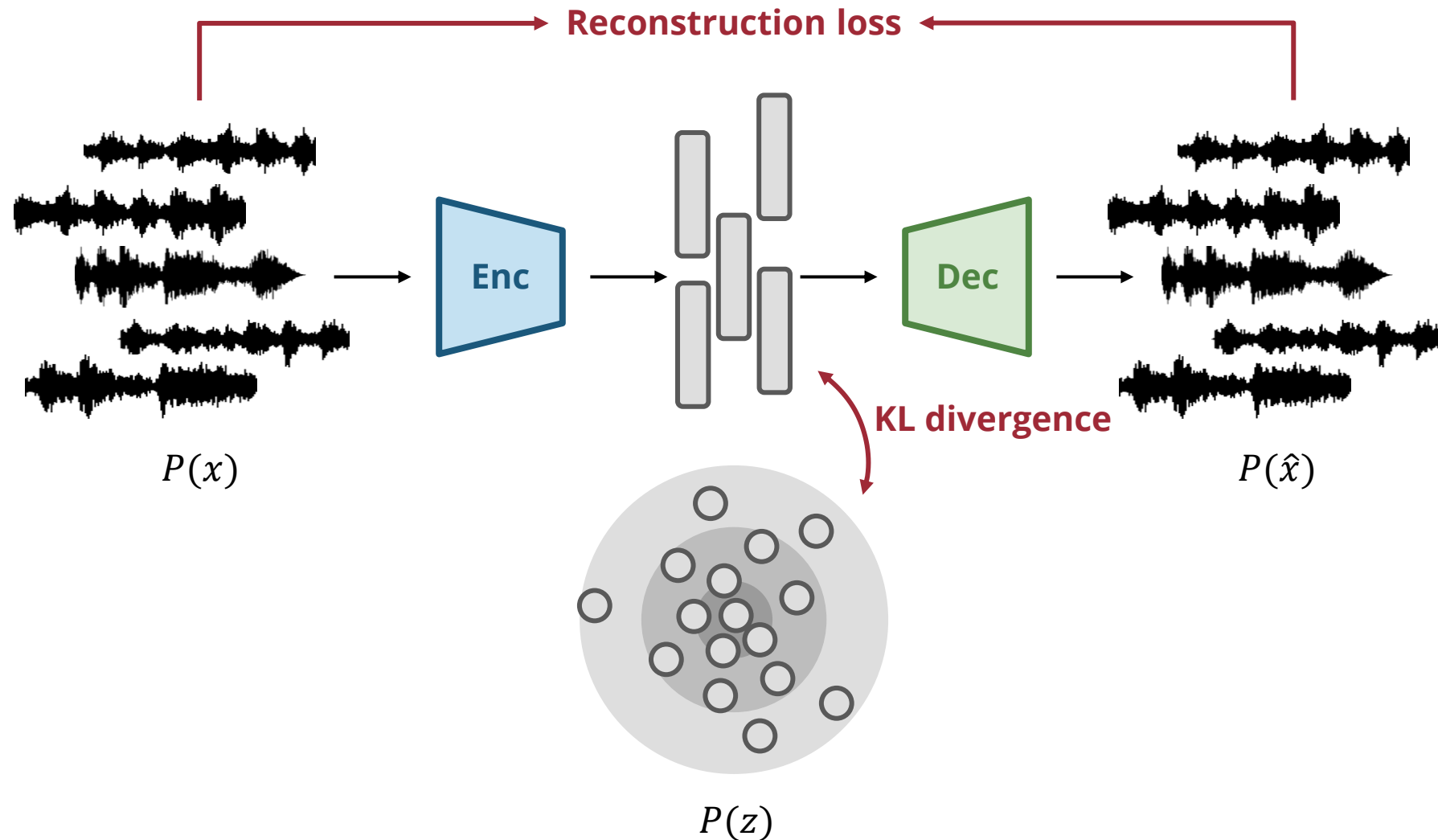
Data distribution



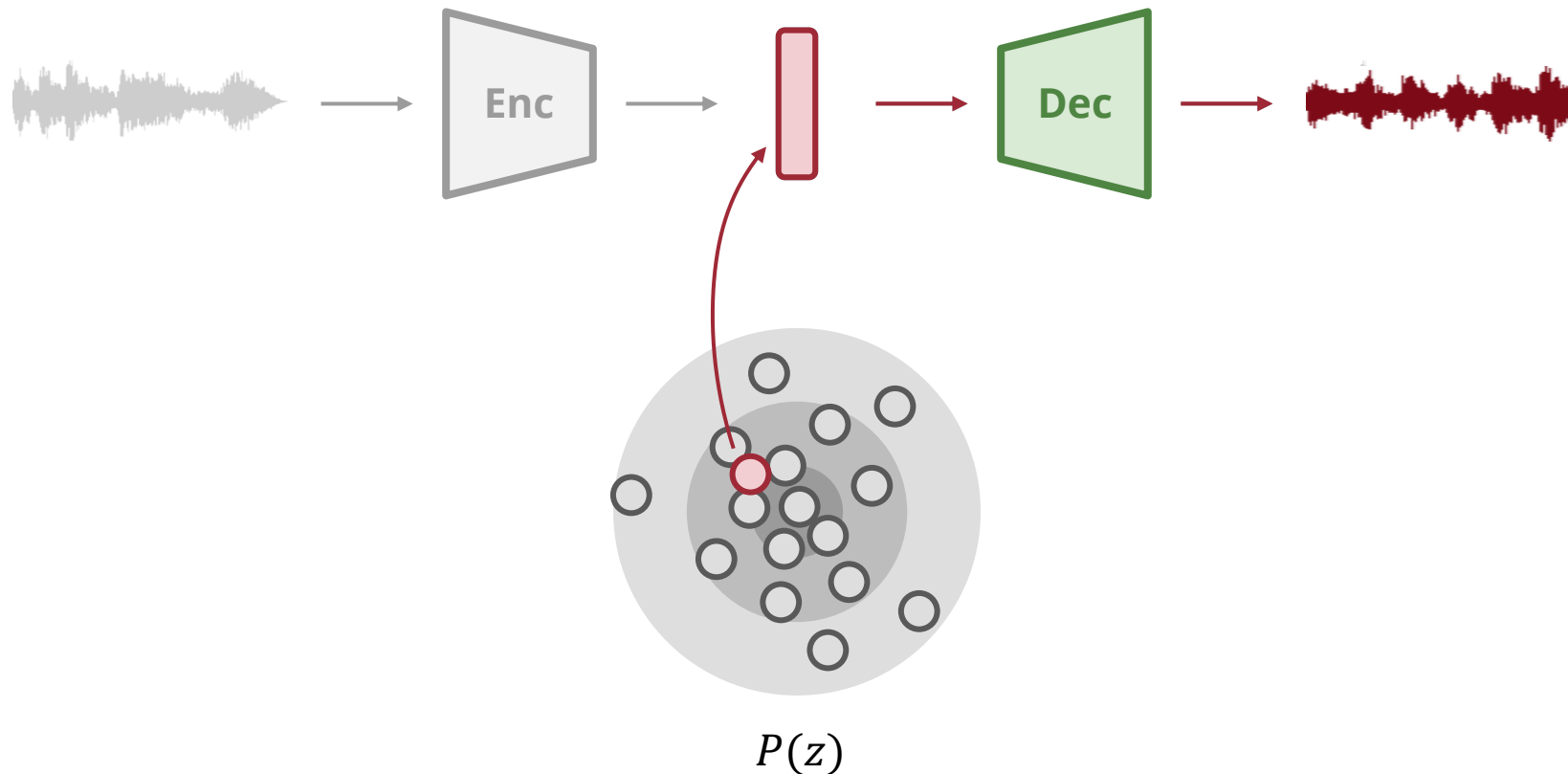
$P(x)$

If we can learn this mapping, we can easily generate new samples from the data distribution

Variational Autoencoders (VAEs) – Training

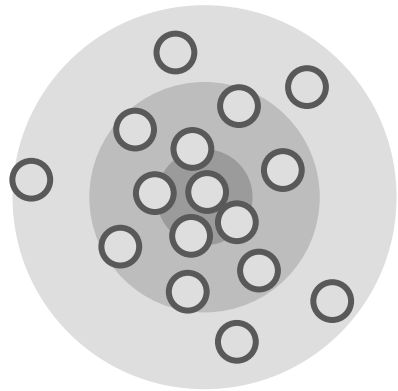


Variational Autoencoders (VAEs) – Generation

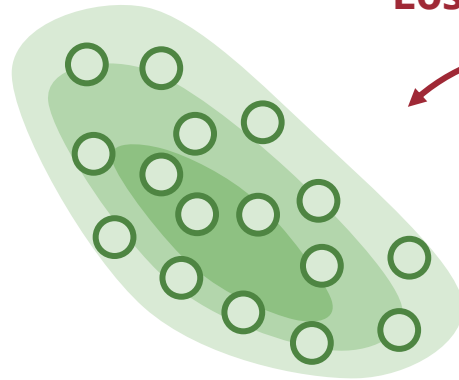
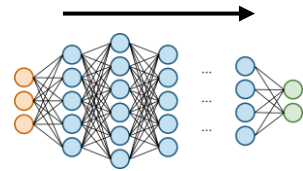


A Loss Function for Distributions

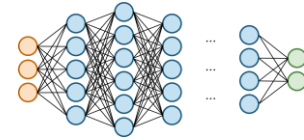
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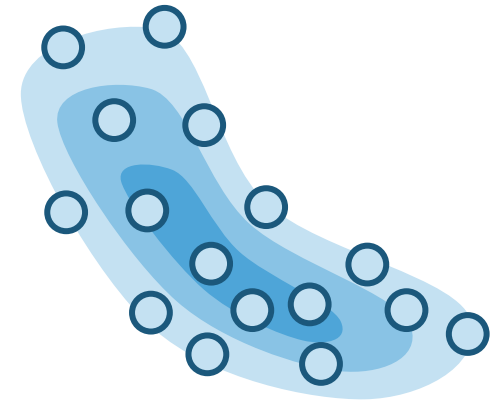


$P(\hat{x})$



Loss function?

Data distribution

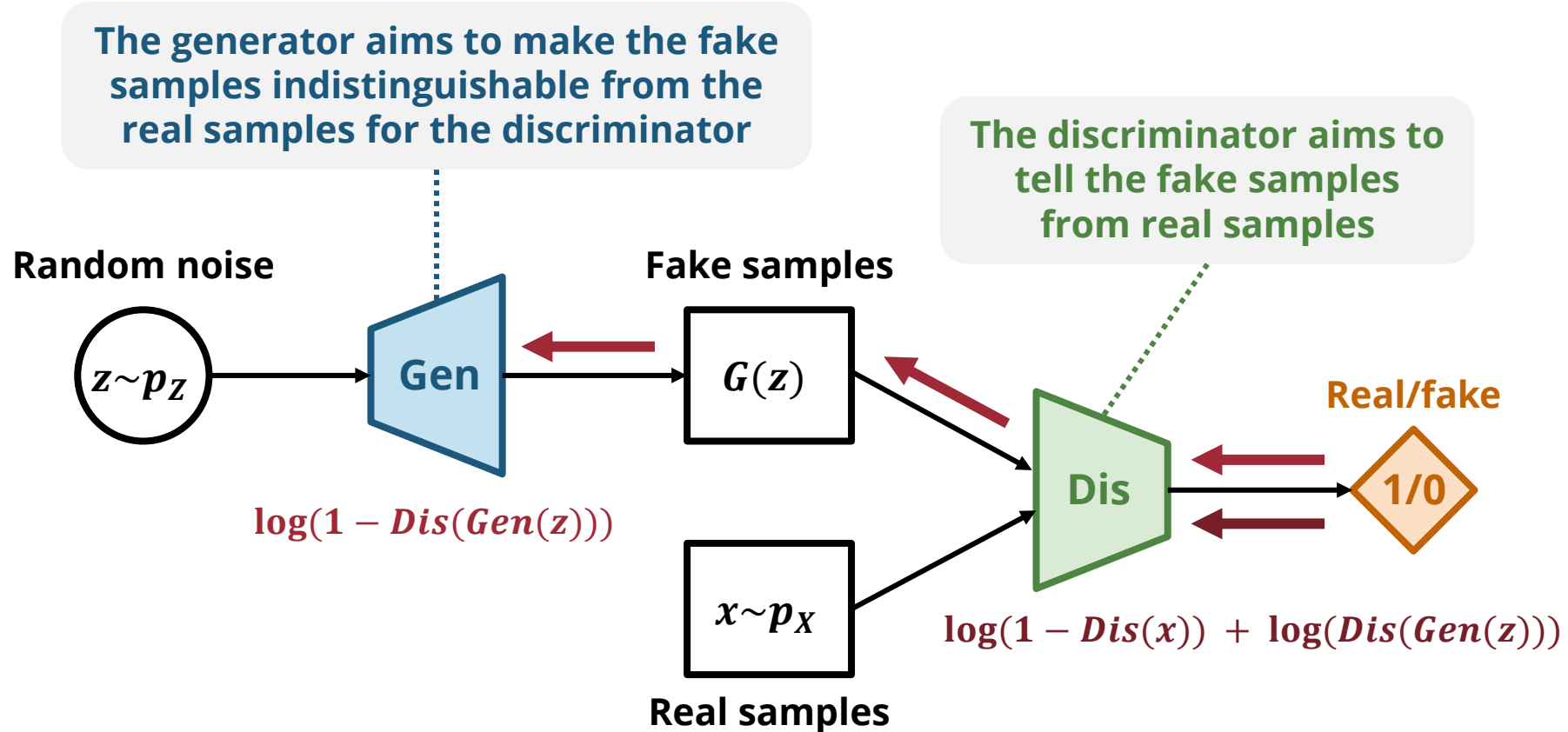


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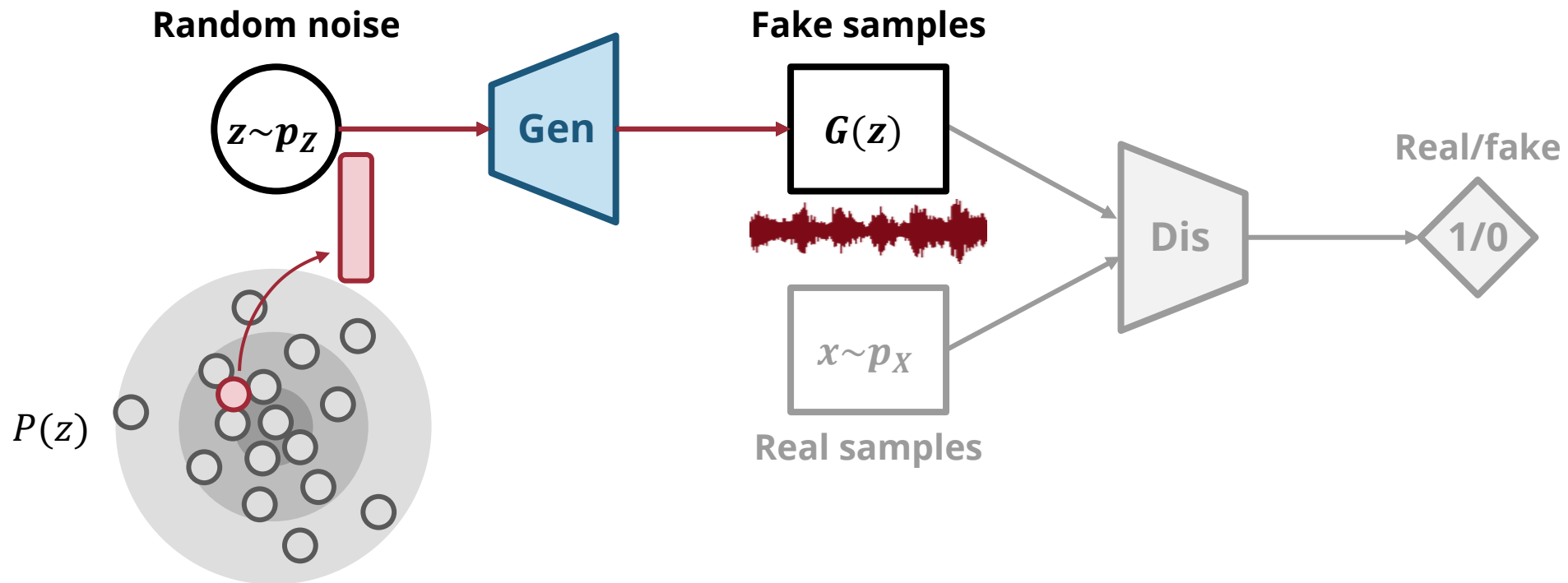
Unfortunately, no easy way to measure the difference between two distributions

But what about another neural network!?

Generative Adversarial Nets (GANs) – Training

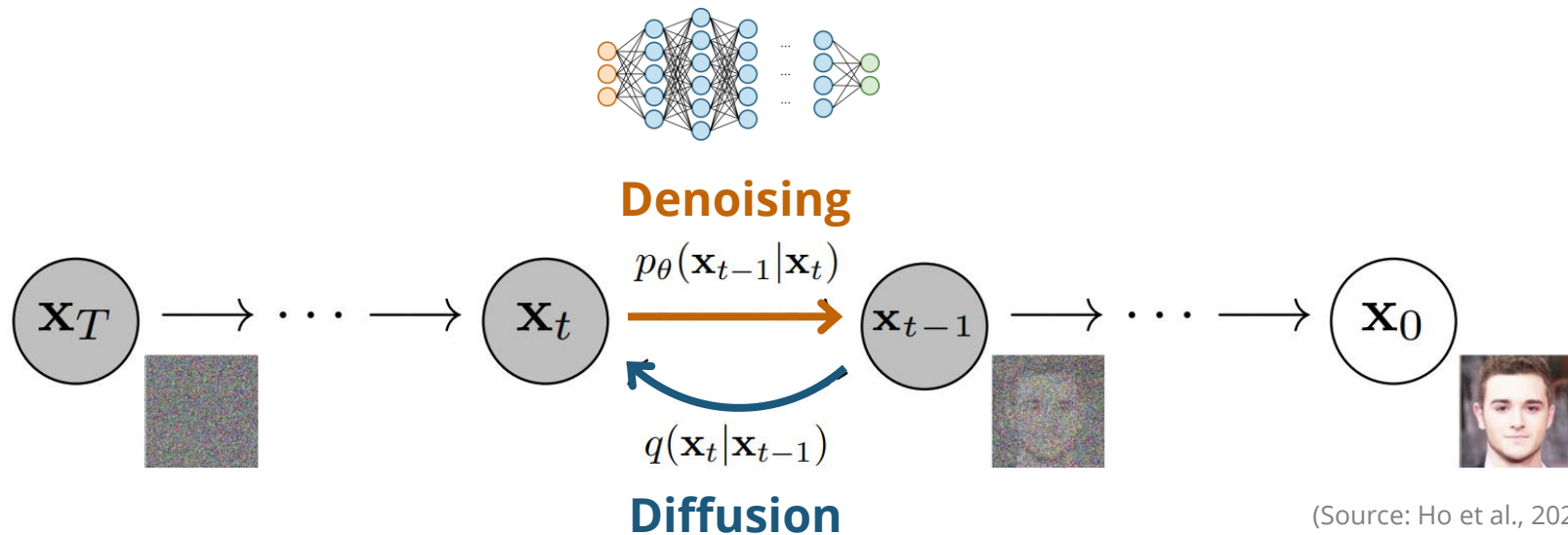


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Diffusion Models

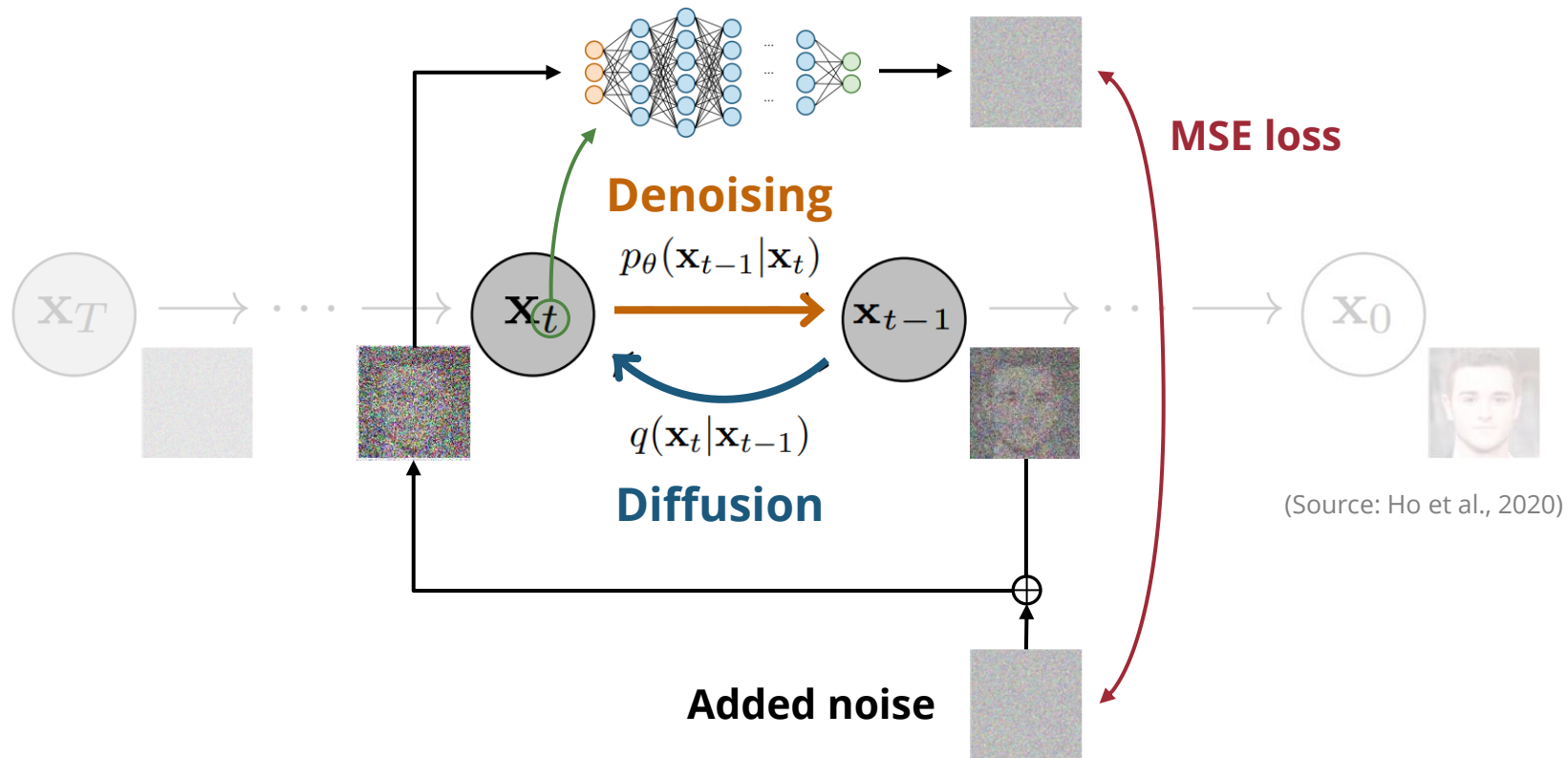
- **Intuition**: Many denoising autoencoders stacked together



(Source: Ho et al., 2020)

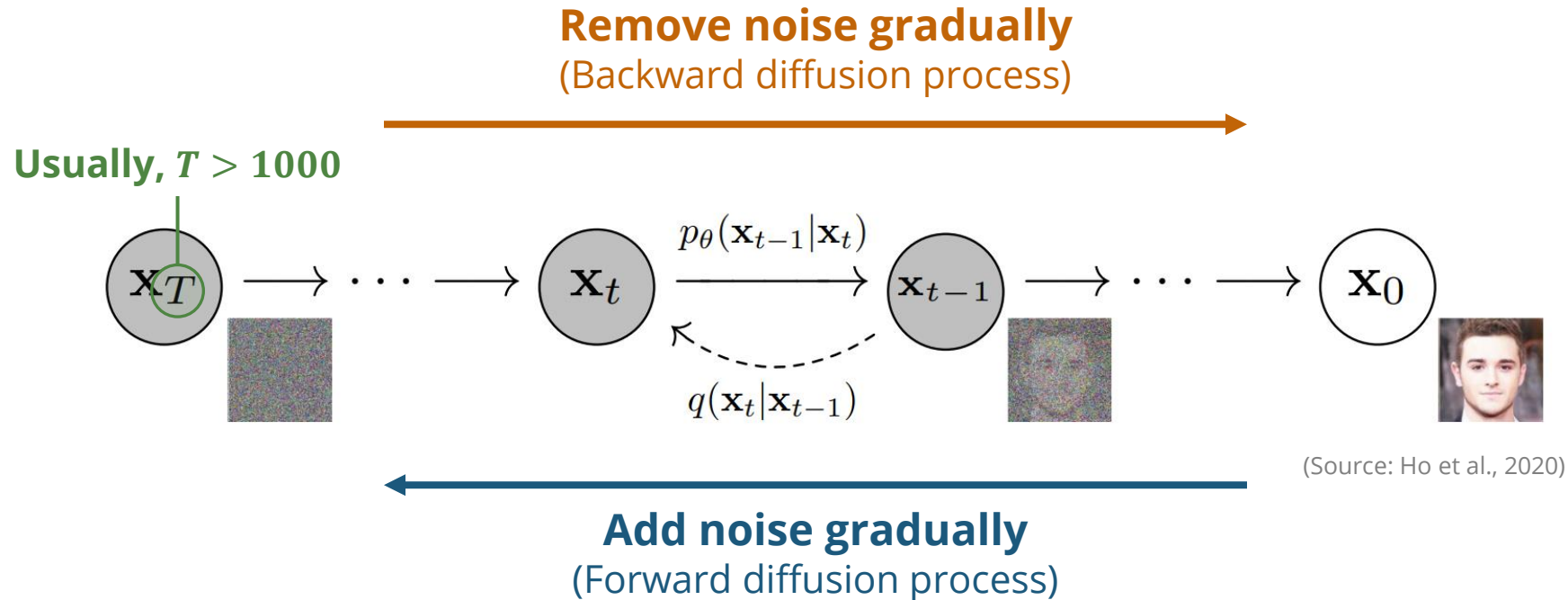
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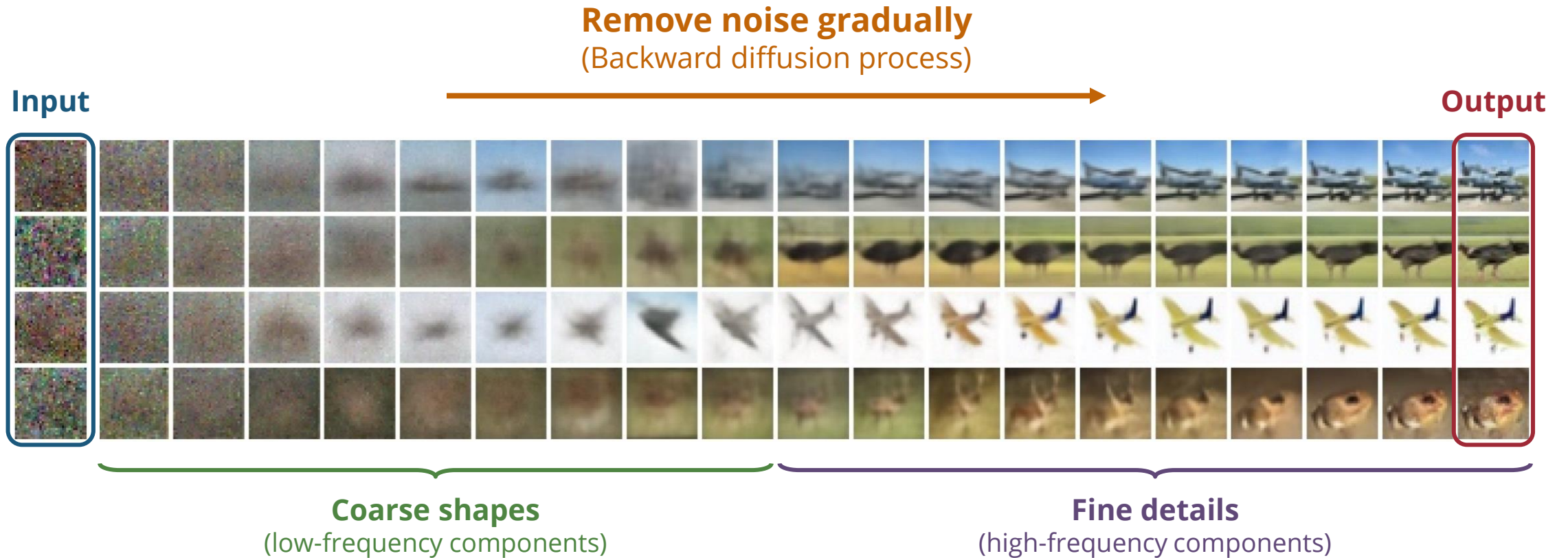


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Review – Symbolic Music Generation

Four Paradigms



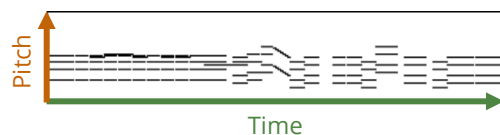
Symbolic music generation

Text-based

Image-based

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MIDI



Piano roll



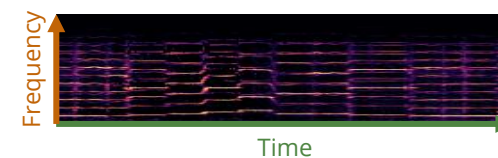
Audio-domain music generation

Time series-based

Image-based



Waveform



Spectrogram

Today, we also have many **latent-space based systems!**

Language Models (Mathematically)

- A class of machine learning models that **learn** the next word probability

$$P(x_i \mid x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

Next word Previous words

$P(\text{electrical} \mid \text{A transformer is a})$	↑
$P(\text{character} \mid \text{A transformer is a})$	↑
$P(\text{gene} \mid \text{A transformer is a})$	↑
$P(\text{model} \mid \text{A transformer is a})$	↑
$P(\text{food} \mid \text{A transformer is a})$	↓
$P(\text{musical} \mid \text{A transformer is a})$	↓

Representing Polyphonic Music

- We can now handle music with multi-pitch at the same time
 - In the literature, “polyphonic” & “multi-pitch” are often used interchangeably

Clair de Lune
from “Suite Bergamasque” L. 75
3rd Movement
Claude Debussy
(1862–1918)

Andante très expressif

Piano

pp *con sordina*

Note_on_65, Note_on_68, Time_shift_eighth_note, Note_on_77, Note_on_80,
Time_shift_half_note, Note_off_77, Note_off_80, Note_on_73, Note_on_77,
Time_shift_dotted_quarter_note, Note_off_65, Note_off_68, ...

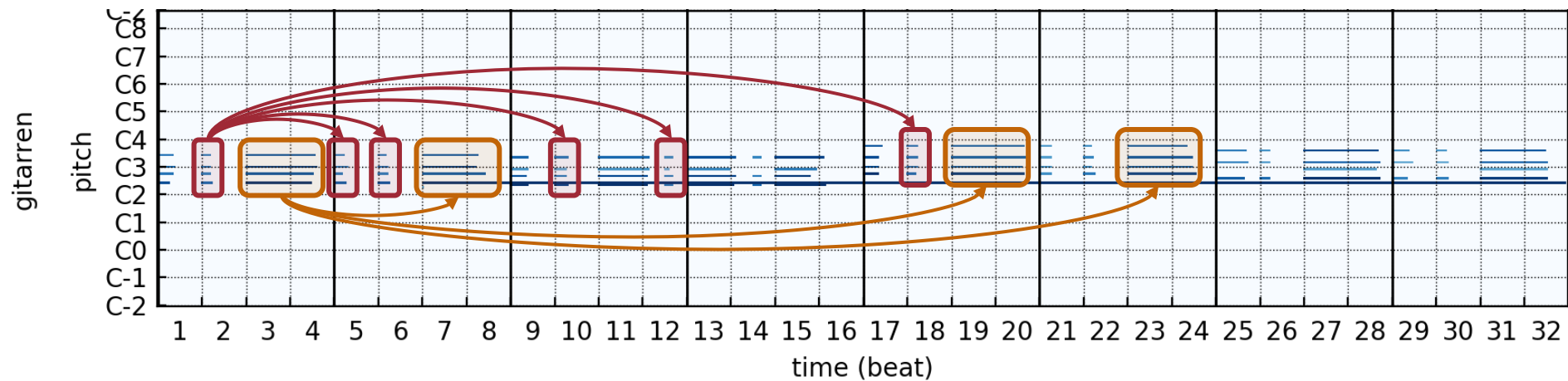
Example: Performance RNN (Oore et al., 2020)

- Data
 - Yamaha e-Piano Competition dataset (MAESTRO)
- Representation
 - 128 Note-On events
 - 128 Note-Off events
 - 125 Time-Shift events (8ms–1s)
 - 32 Set-Velocity events Handle dynamics
- Model
 - LSTM

Examples of generated music



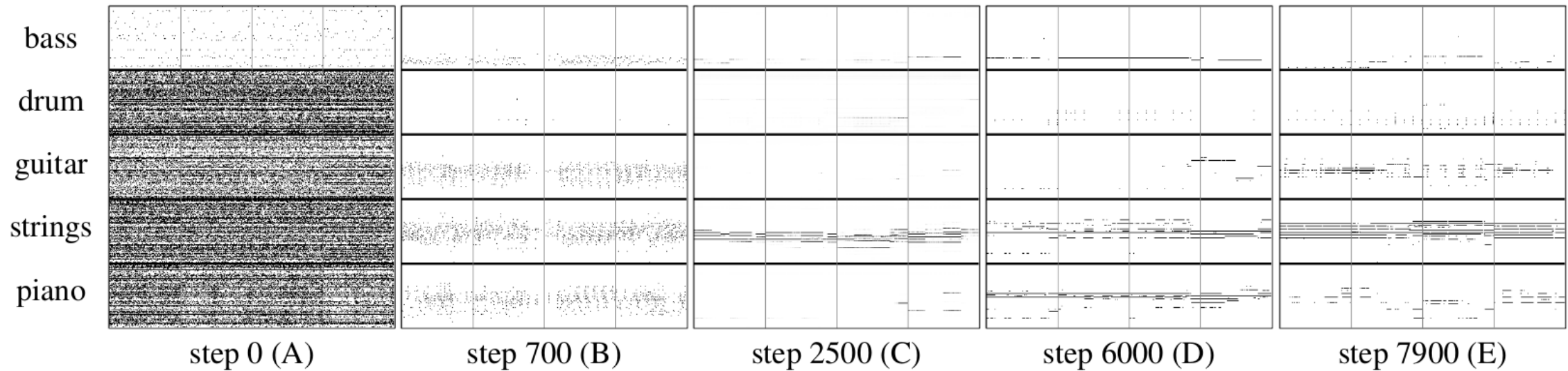
Why Piano Rolls?



Many musical patterns like melodies, chords, scales and arpeggios are **translational invariant** in the temporal and pitch axes

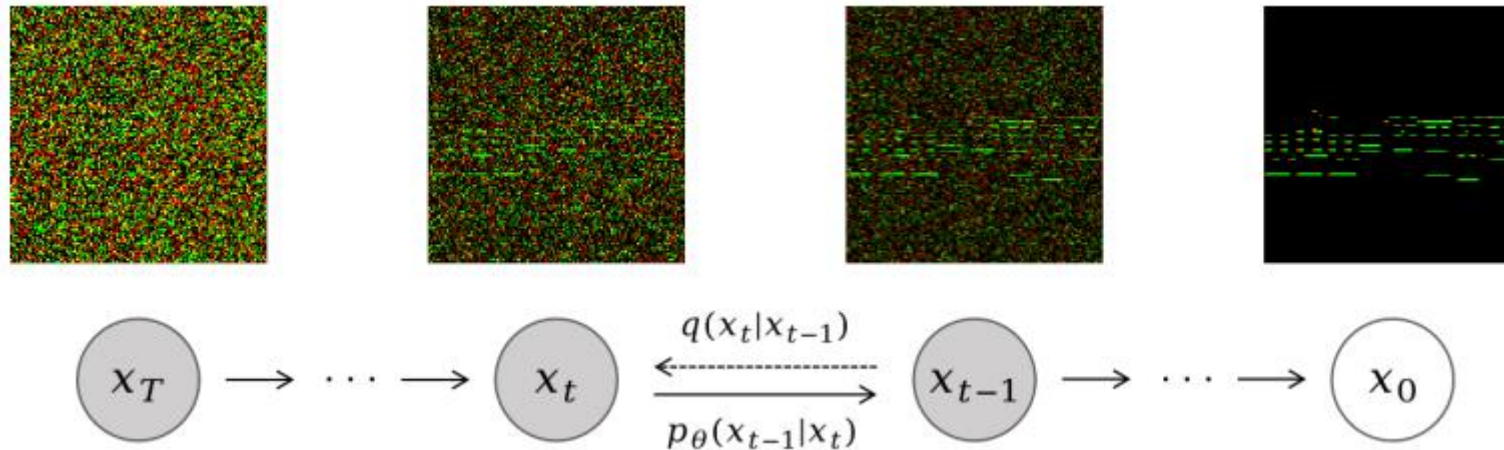
Example: MuseGAN (Dong et al., 2018)

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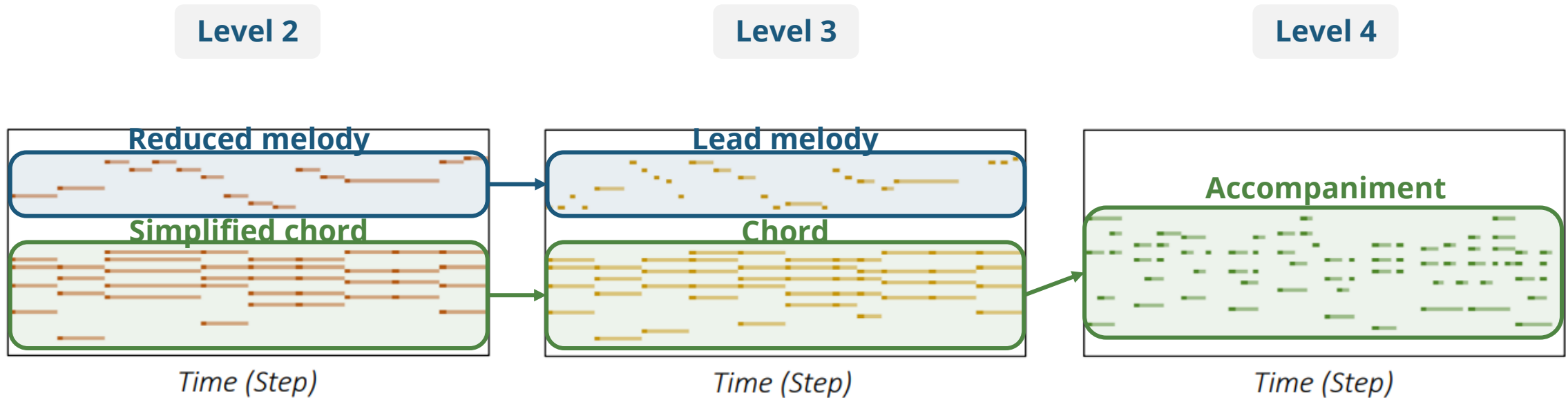
Example: Polyffusion (Min et al., 2023)



(Source: Min et al., 2023)

polyffusion.github.io

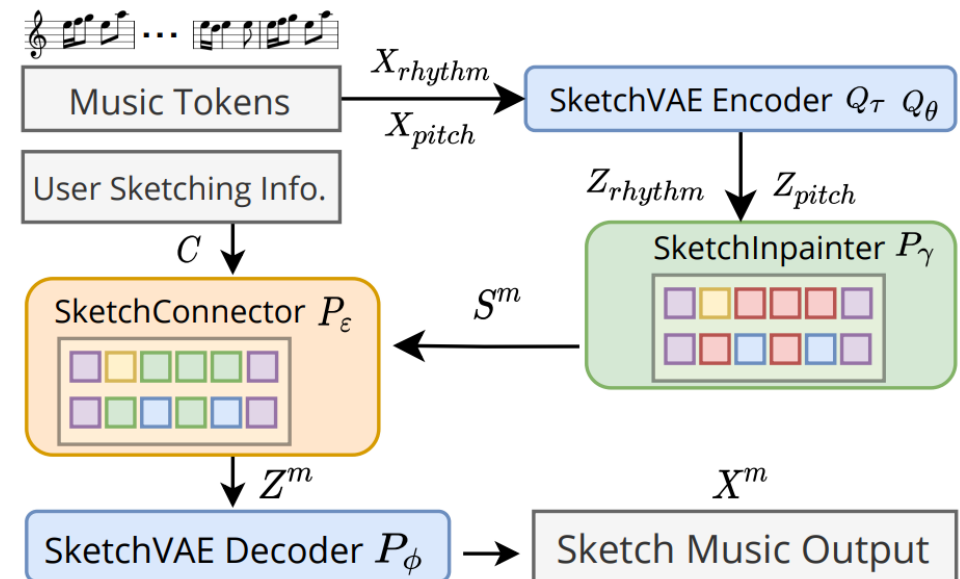
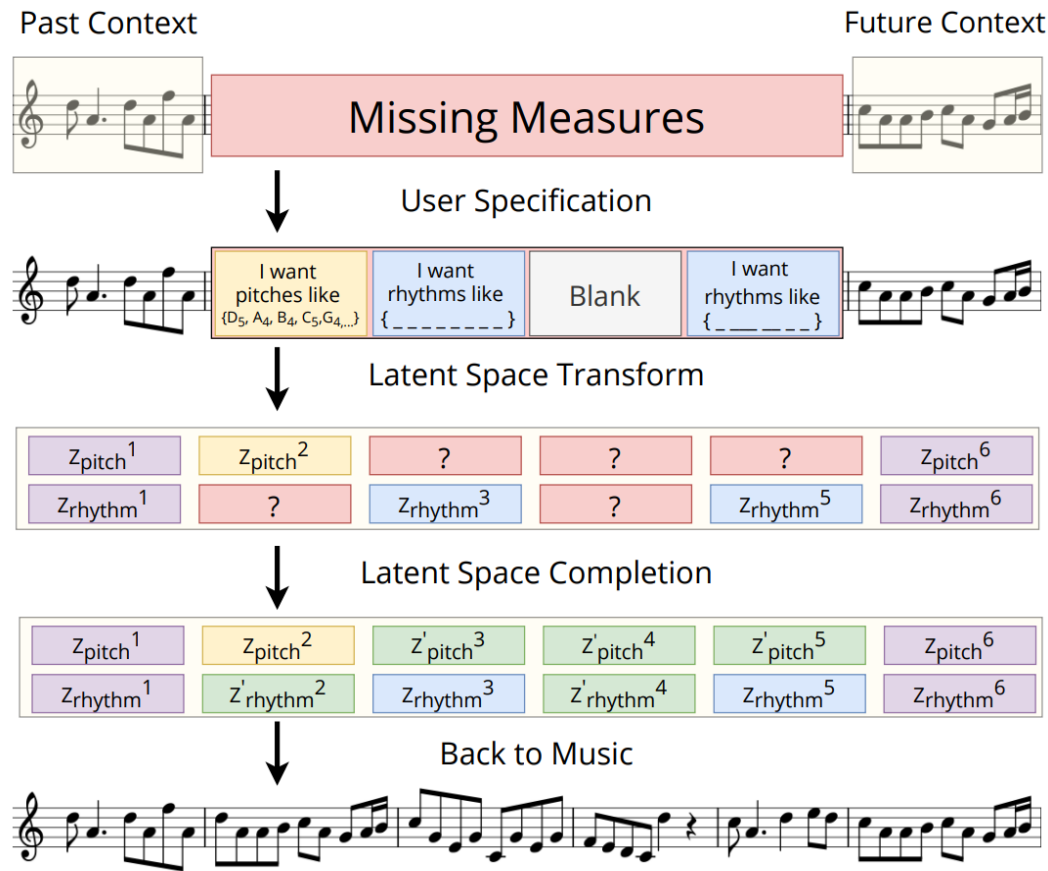
Example: Cascaded Diffusion Models (Wang et al., 2024)



(Source: Wang et al., 2024)

wholesonggen.github.io

Example: Music SketchNet (Chen et al., 2020)



(Source: Chen et al., 2020)

Review – Audio Synthesis

Four Paradigms



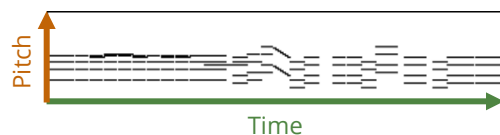
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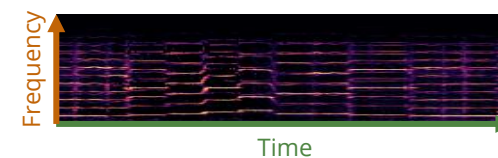
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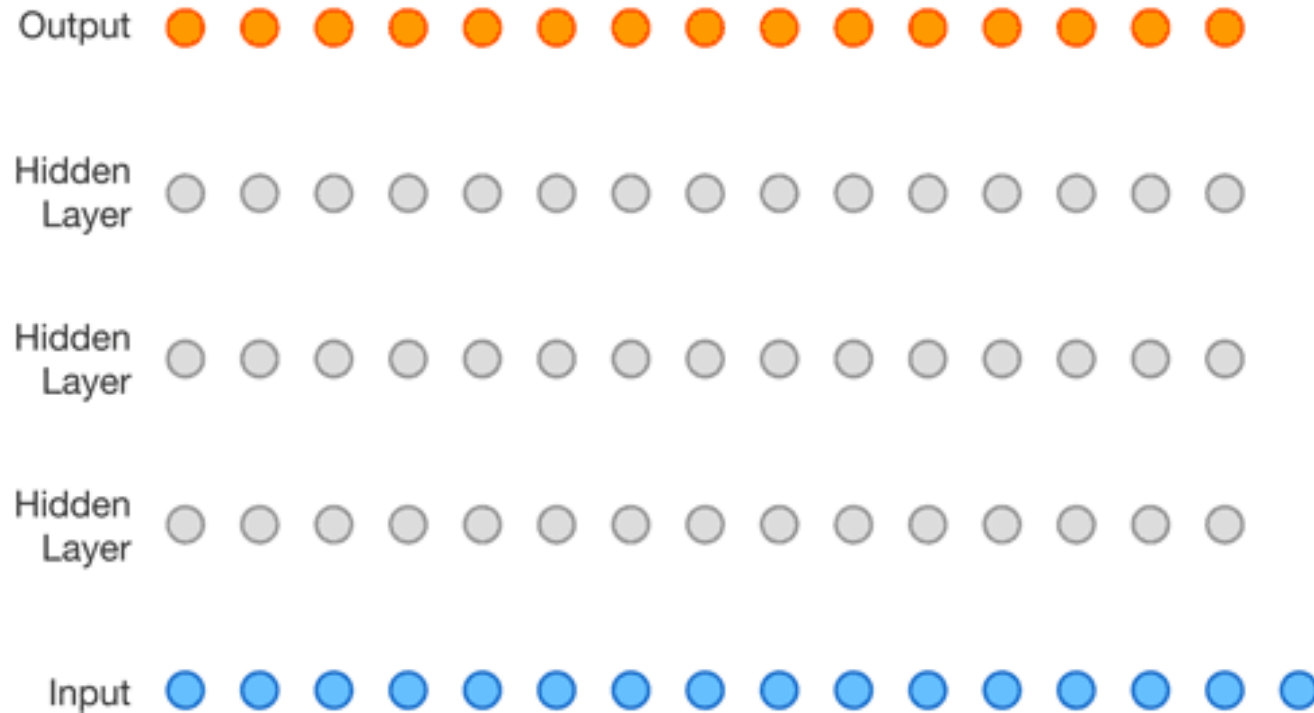
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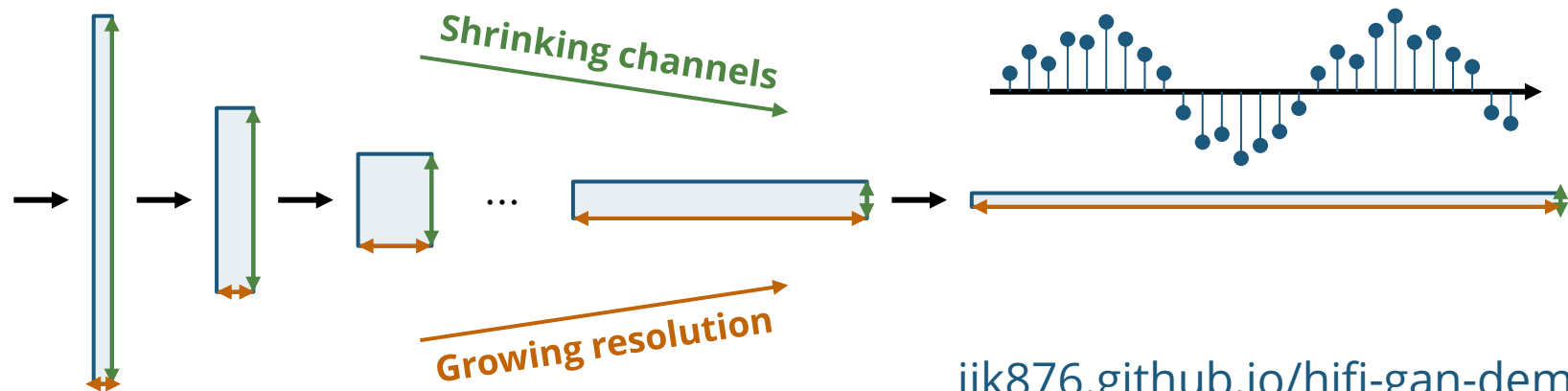
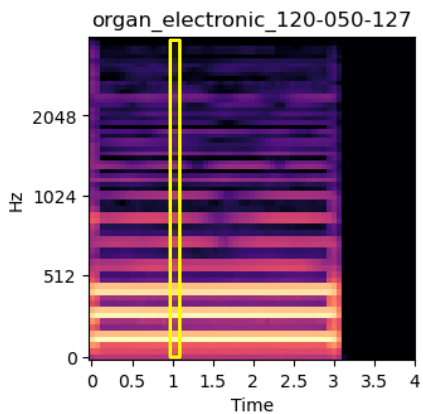
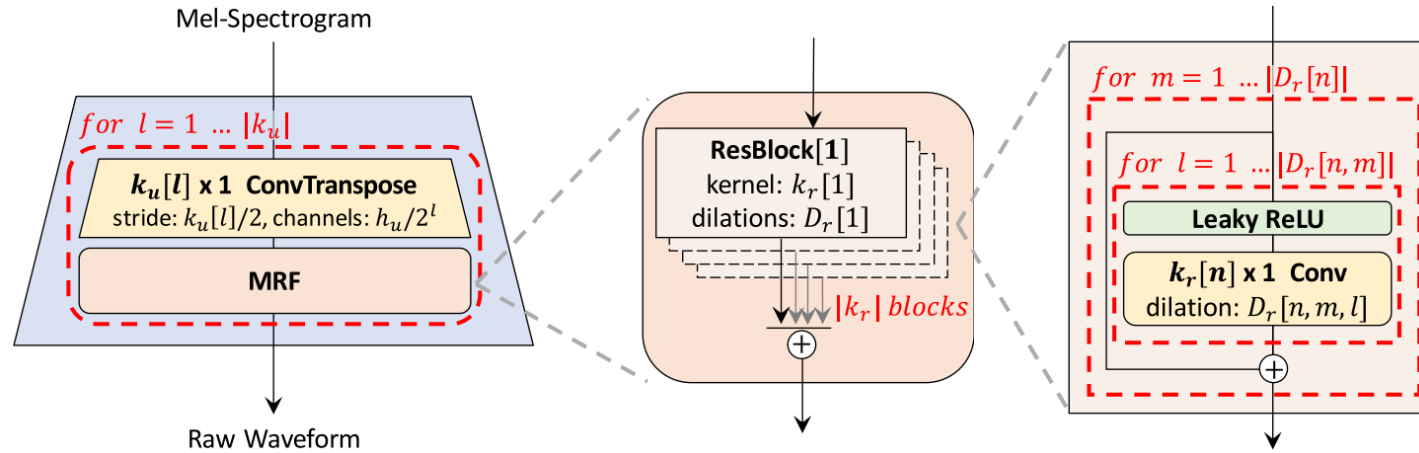
Example: WaveNet (van den Oord et al., 2016)



(Source: van den Oord et al., 2016)

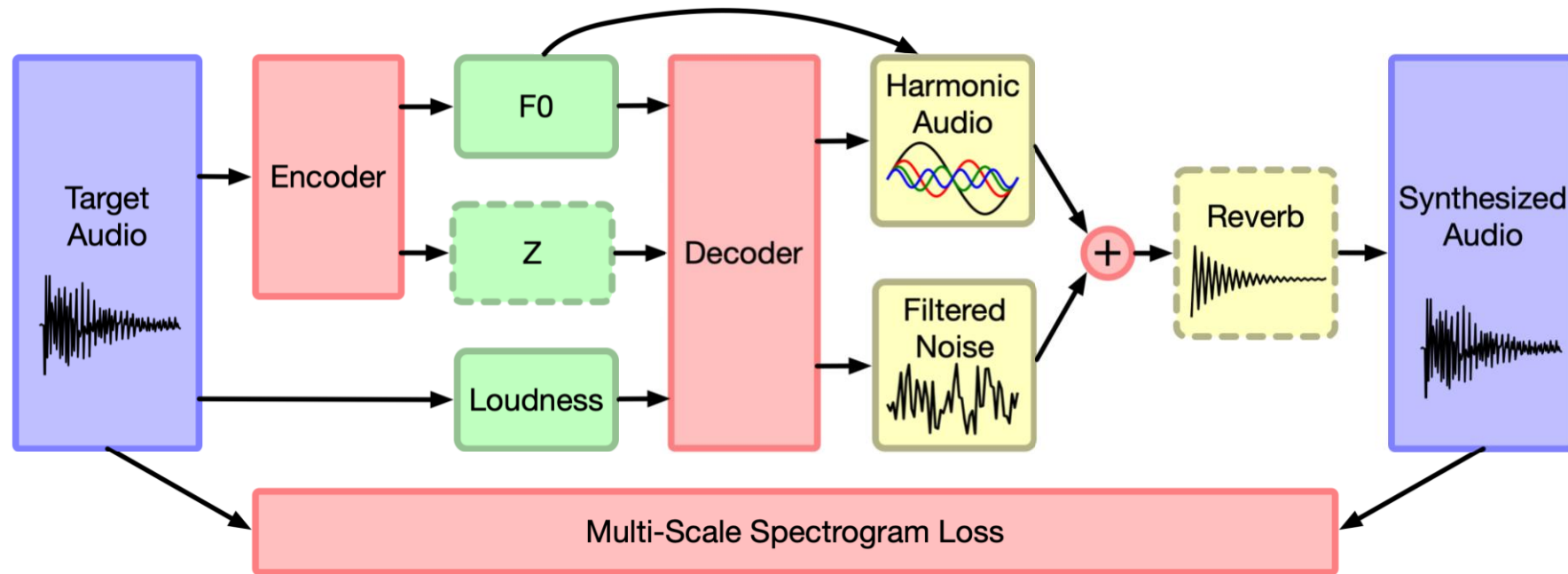
A convolutional neural network for raw waveform generation

Example: HiFi-GAN (Kong et al., 2020)



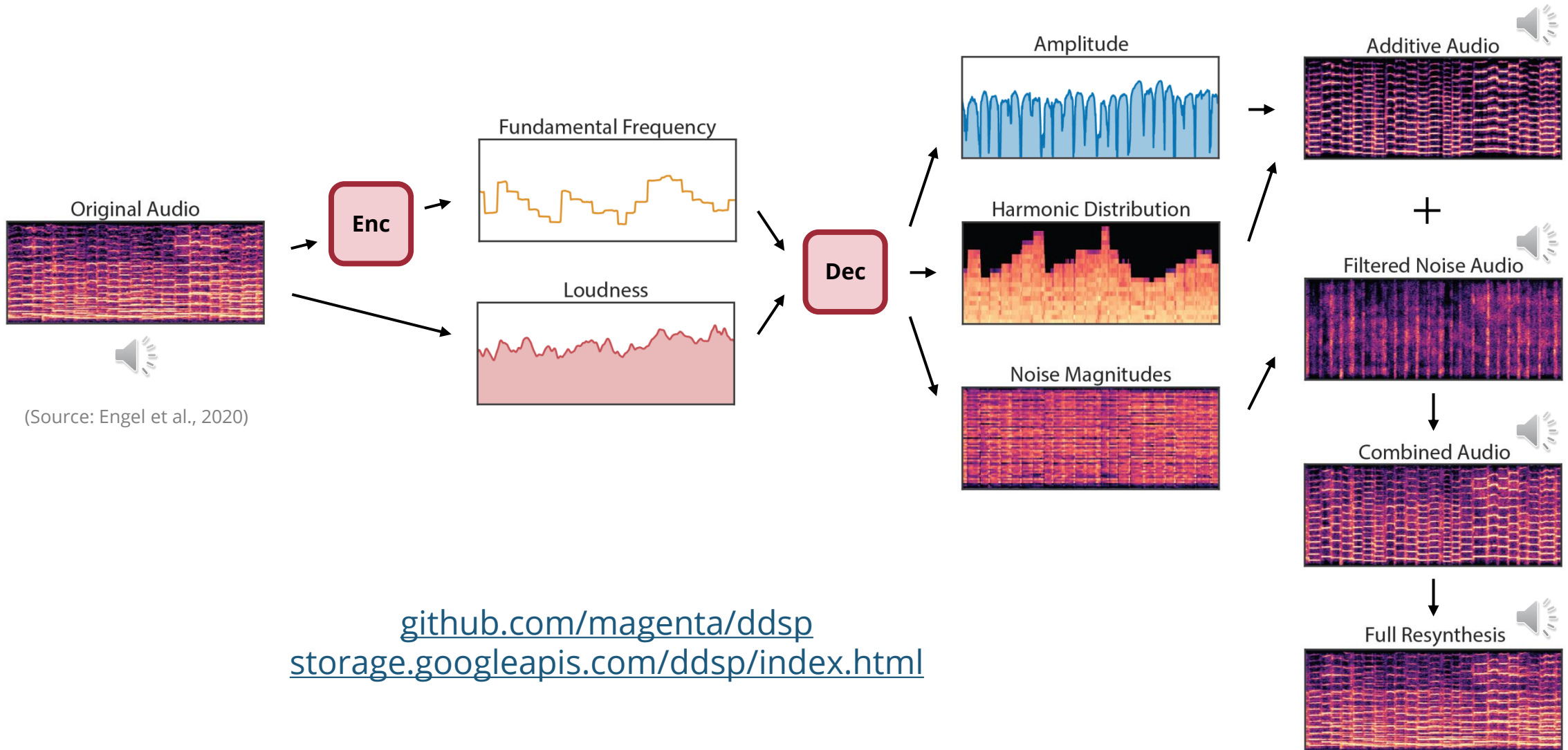
jik876.github.io/hifi-gan-demo

Example: Differentiable DSP (DDSP) (Engel et al., 2020)



(Source: Engel et al., 2020)

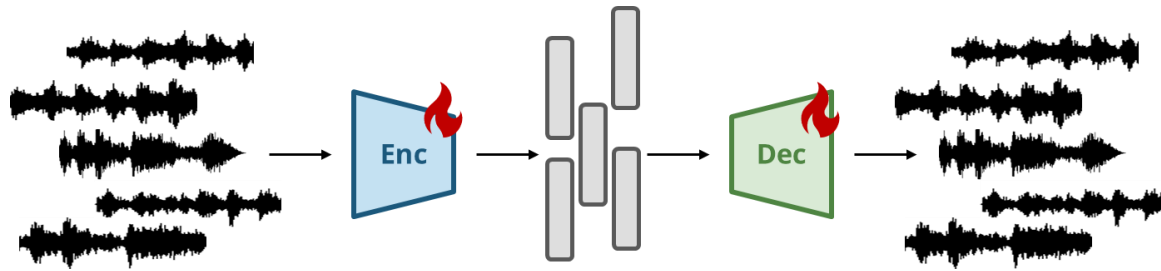
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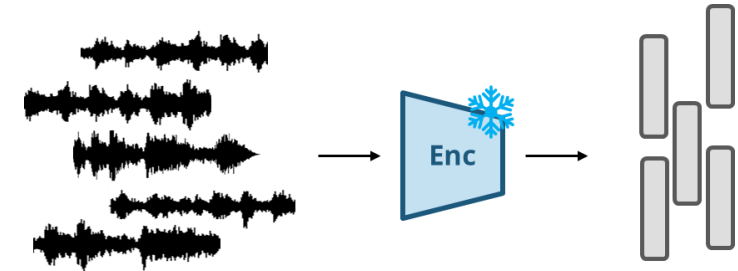
Review – Latent-based Music & Audio Synthesis

Pipeline

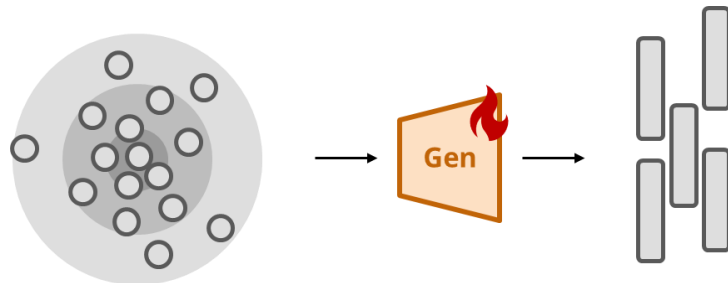
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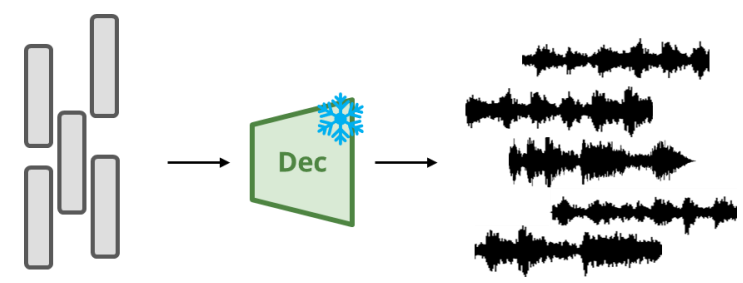
Step 2: Compute the Latent Vectors



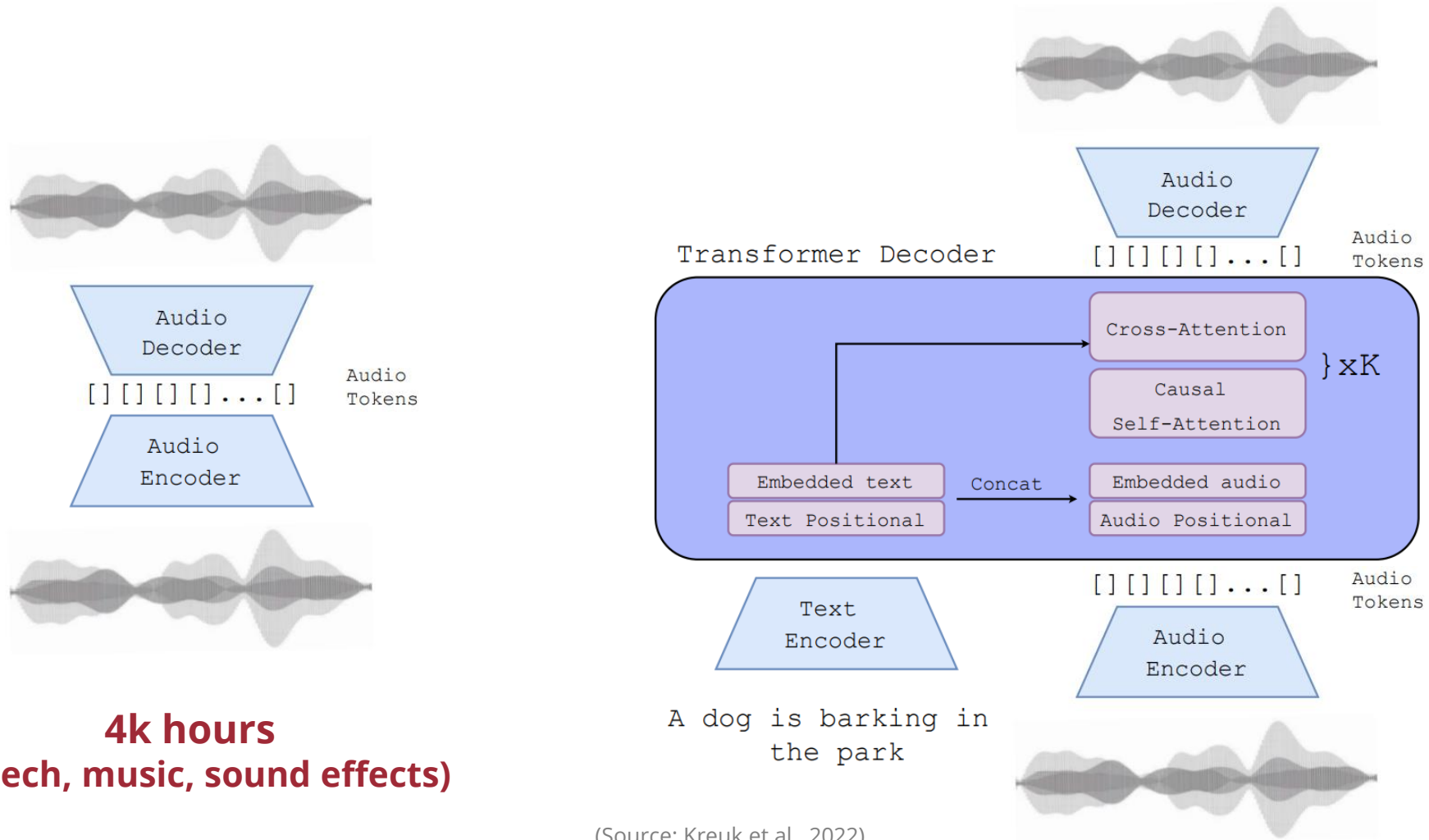
Step 3: Train a Latent Generative Model



Step 4: Decode the Latent Vectors



Example: AudioGen (Kreuk et al., 2023)



4k hours
(speech, music, sound effects)

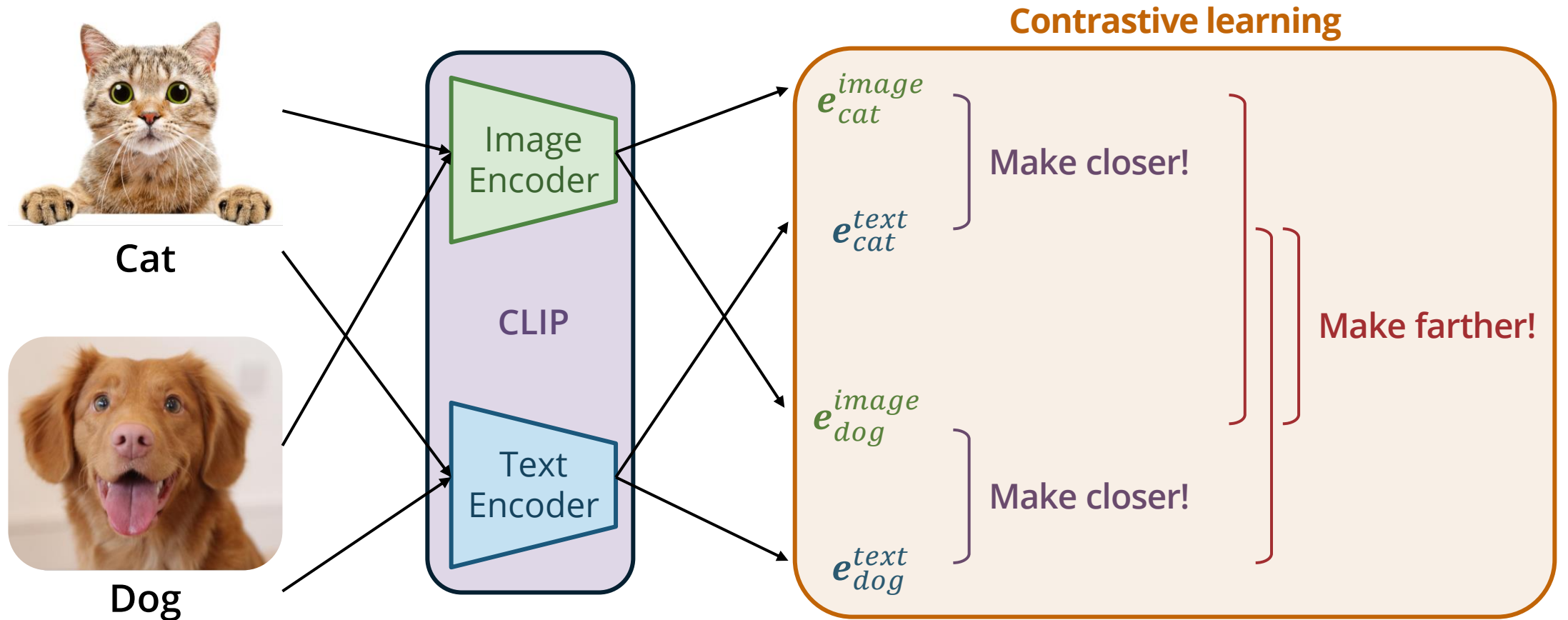
(Source: Kreuk et al., 2022)

Example: MusicGen (Copet et al., 2023)

- AudioGen for Music
- Use EnCodec (Défossez et al., 2022) as the autoencoder
 - instead of SoundStream for AudioGen (Kreuk et al., 2023)
- **20k hours** of licensed music
 - Internal dataset 10k High-quality (private)
 - Shutterstock 25k Instrument-only
 - Pond5 365k Instrument-only

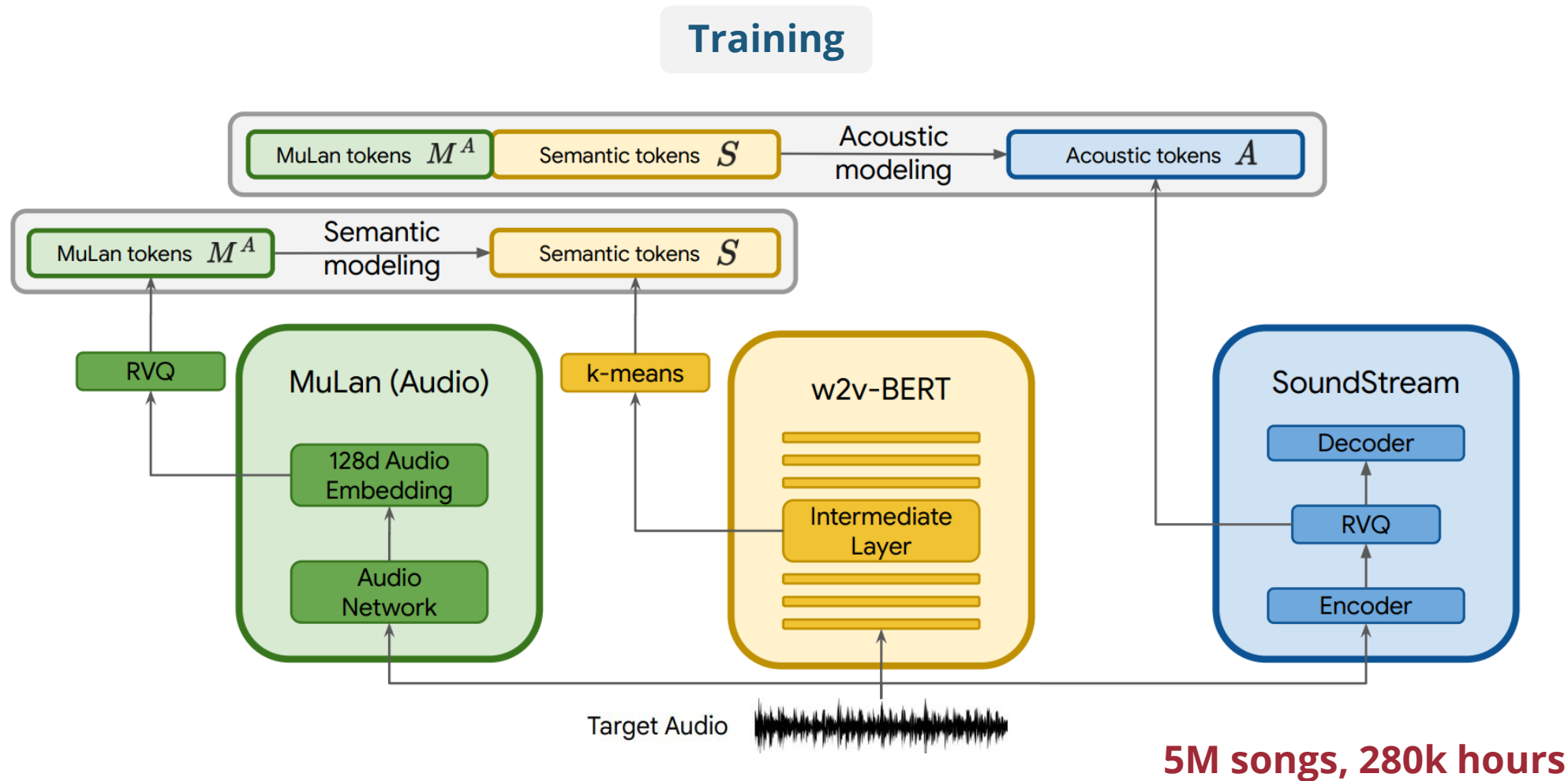
ai.honu.io/papers/musicgen/

Contrastive Language-Image Pretraining (CLIP)



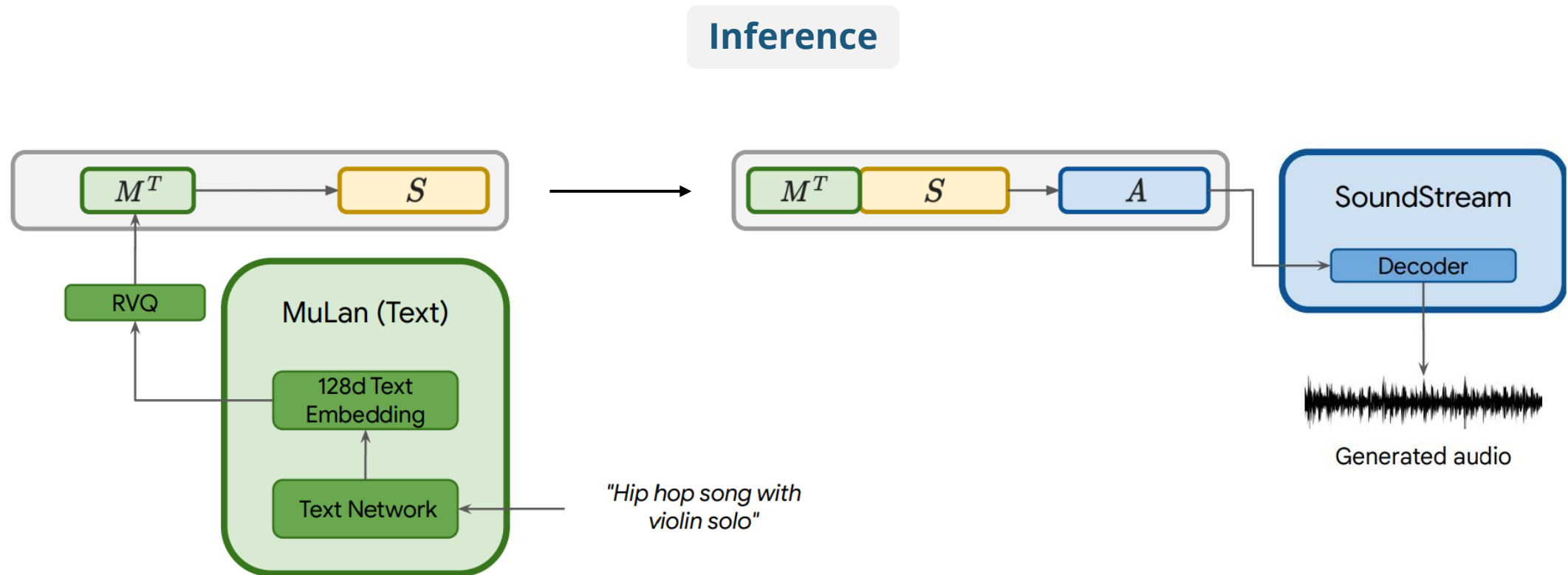
Learn a **shared embedding space** for images and texts

Example: MusicLM (Agostinelli et al., 2023)



(Source: Agostinelli et al., 2022)

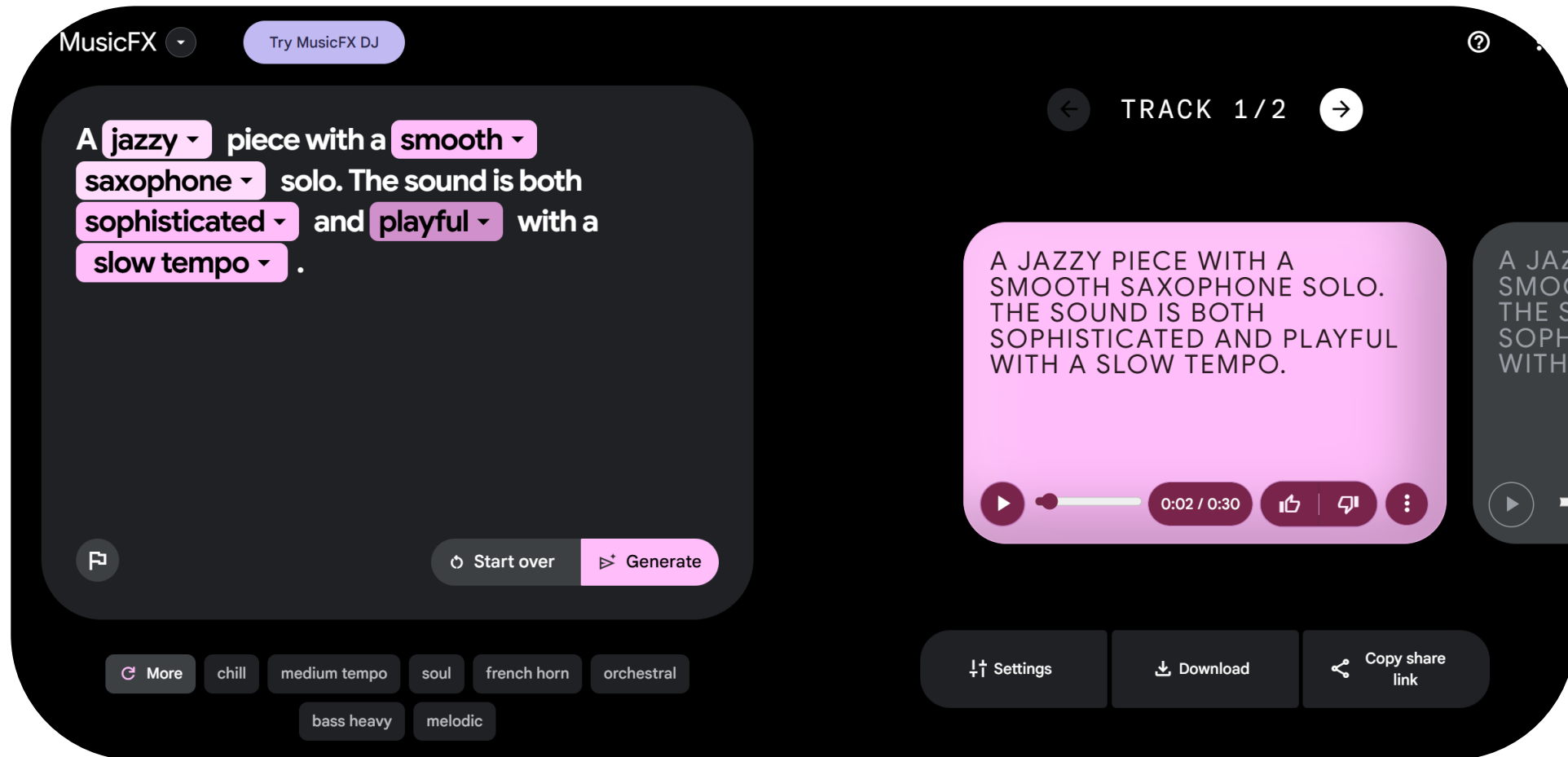
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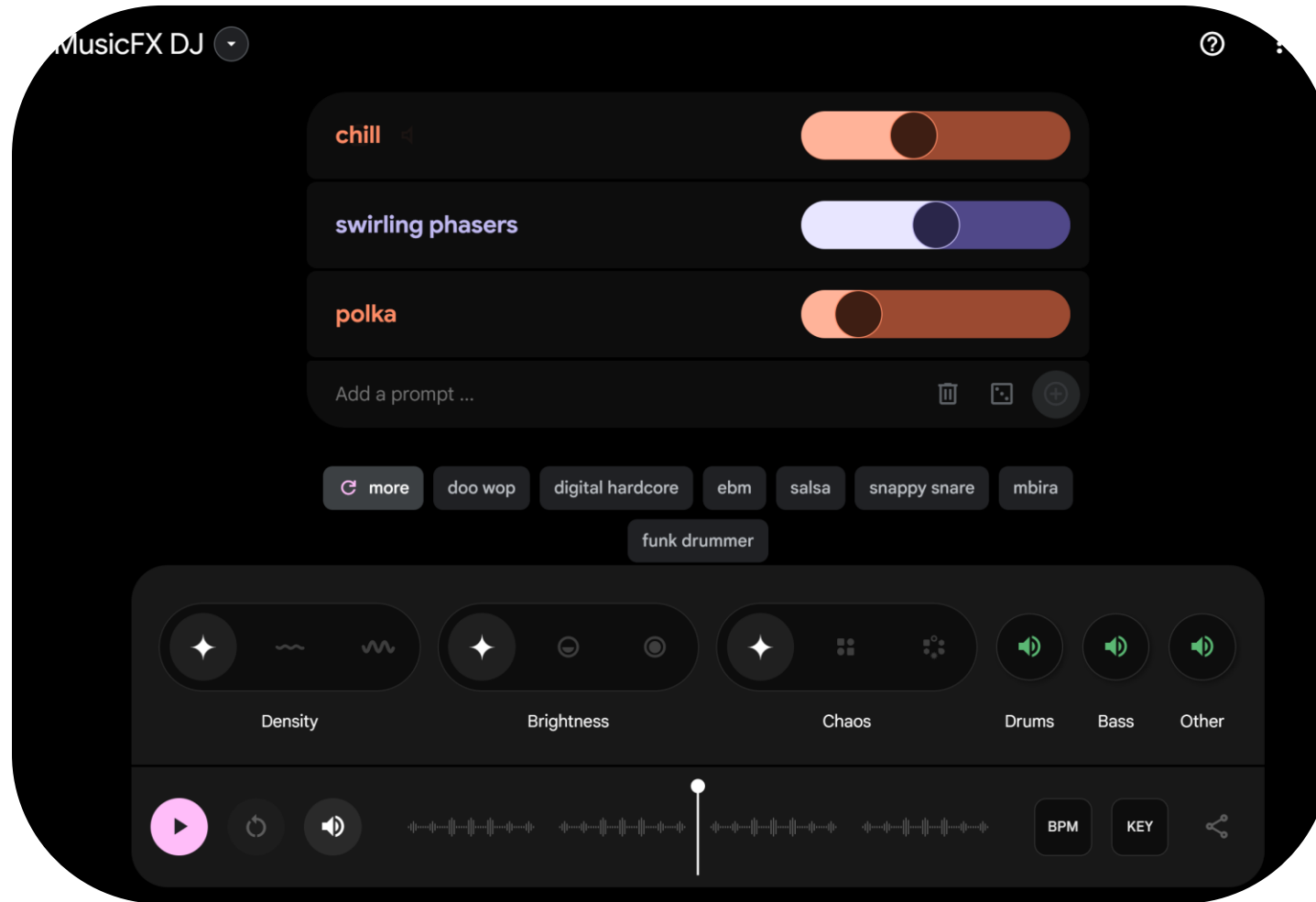
google-research.github.io/seanet/musiclm/examples/

Music FX (2024)



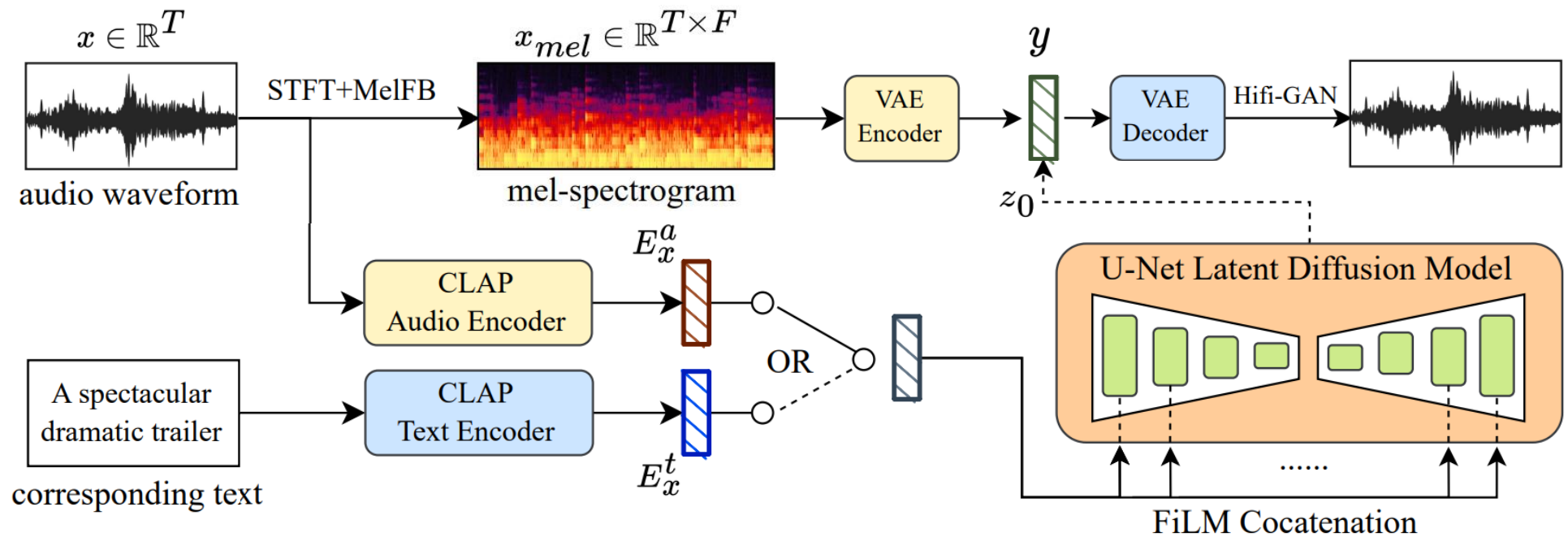
aitestkitchen.withgoogle.com/tools/music-fx

Music FX DJ (2024)



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Example: MusicLDM (Chen et al., 2023)



(Source: Ke et al., 2023)

musicldm.github.io

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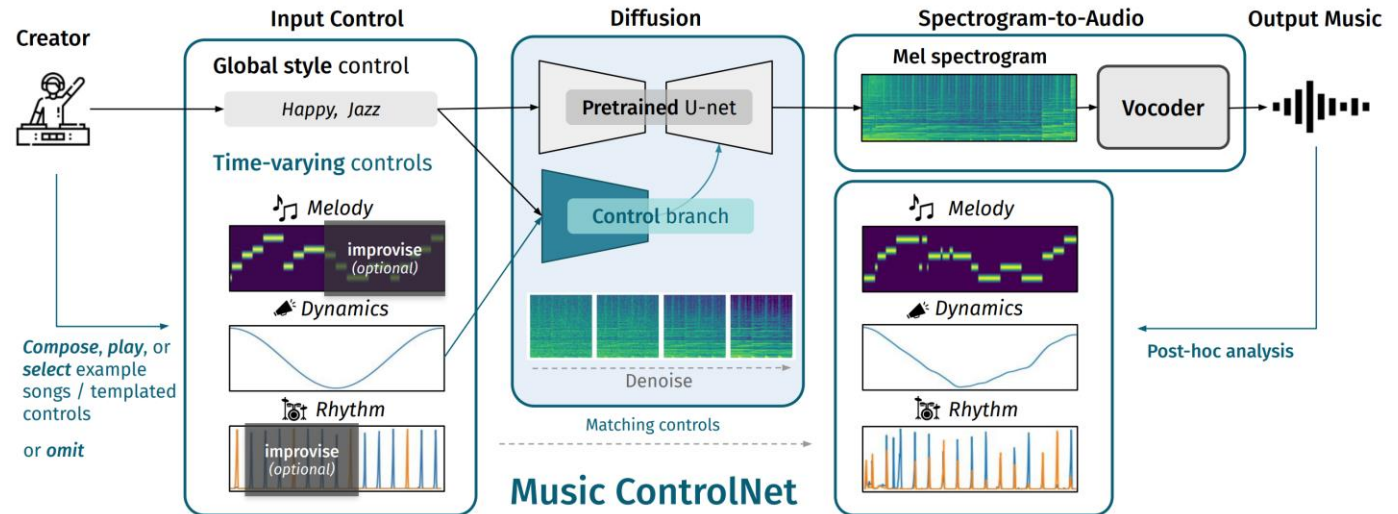


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Music ControlNet vs DITTO

Music ControlNet

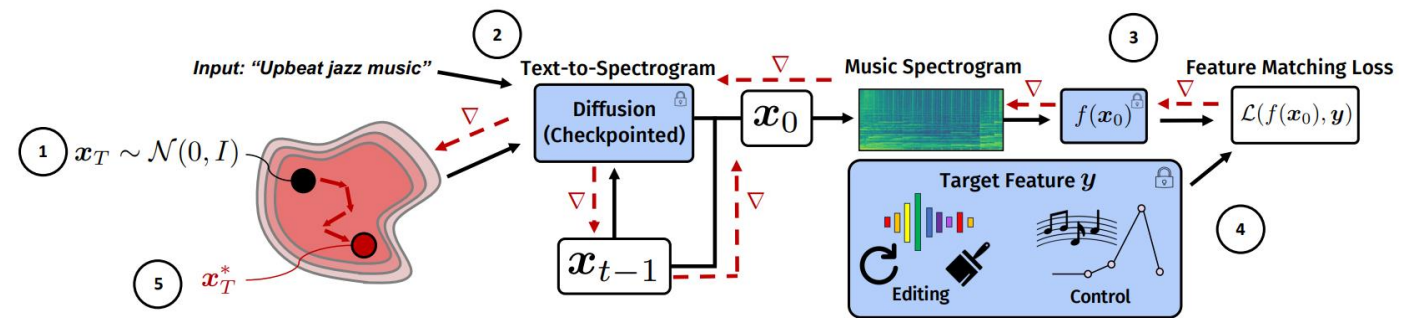
Needs some training!



(Source: Wu et al., 2024)

DITTO

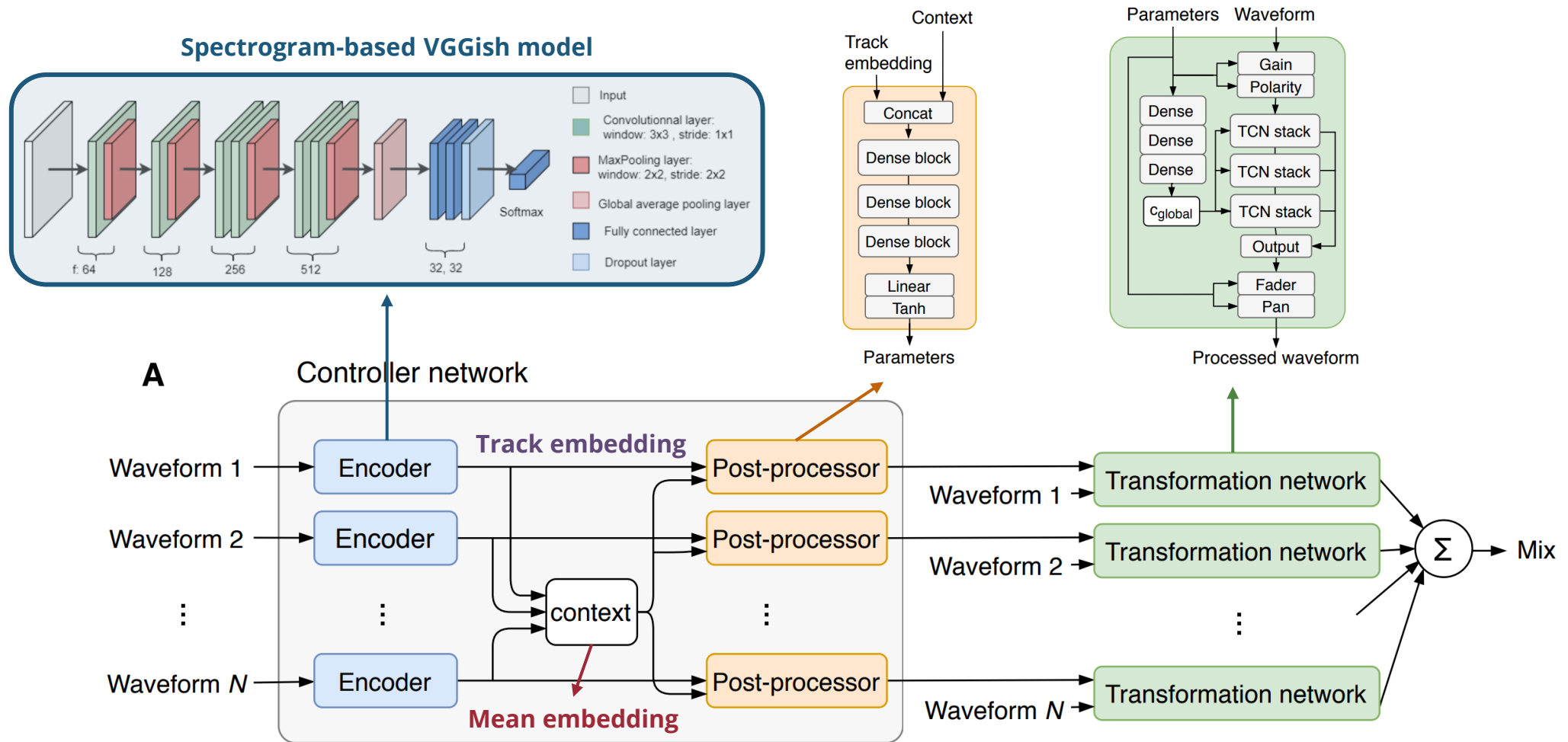
No training needed!



(Source: Novack et al., 2024)

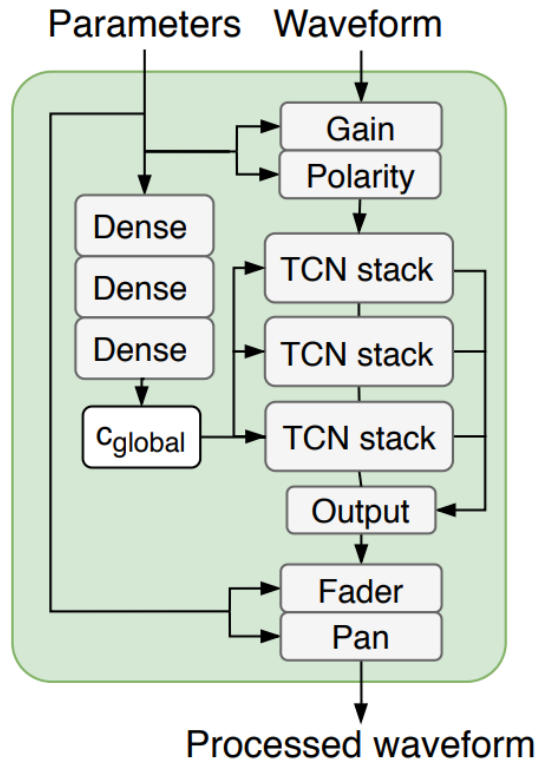
Review – Neural Audio Effects

Example: Differentiable Auto-mixing (Steinmetz et al., 2021)

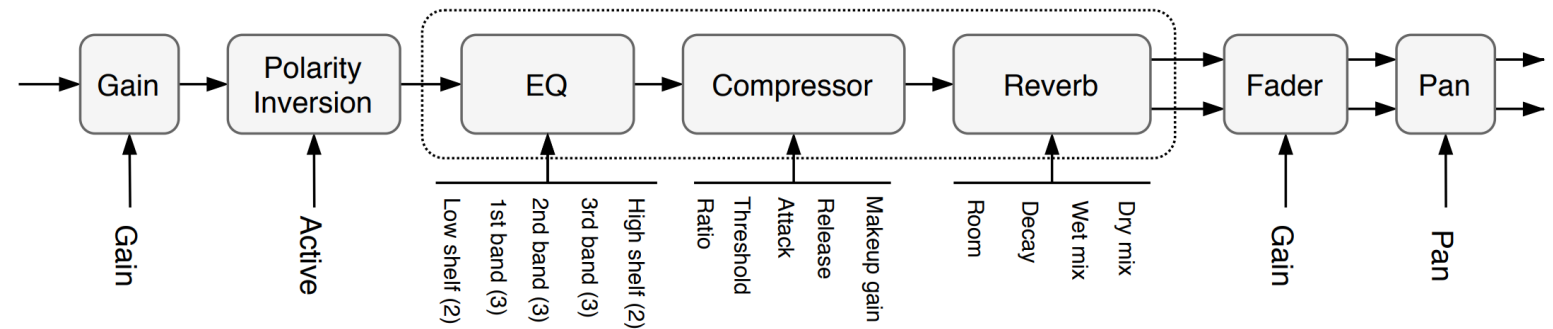


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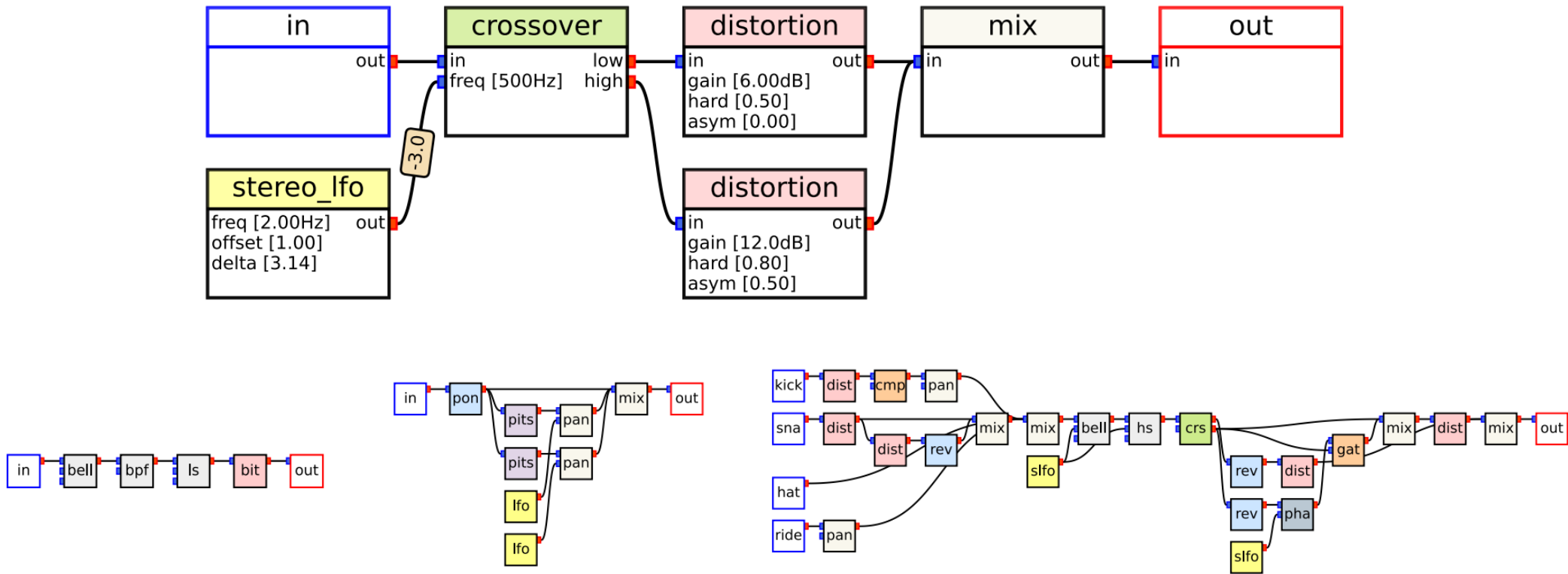


(Source: Steinmetz et al., 2021)

A differentiable (and thus trainable) mixing console!

github.com/csteinmetz1/pymixconsole

Example: Audio Processing Graph (Lee et al., 2022)

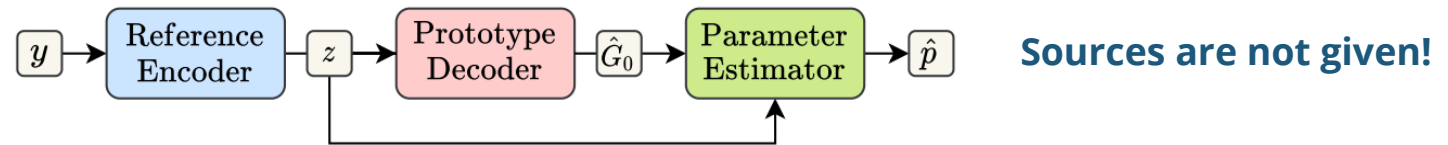


Can we predict the audio processing graph used in a reference recording?

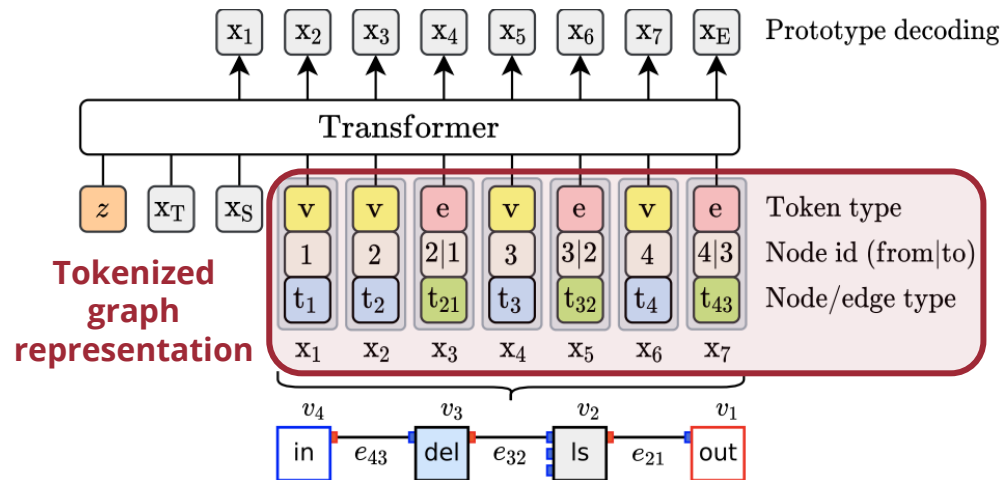
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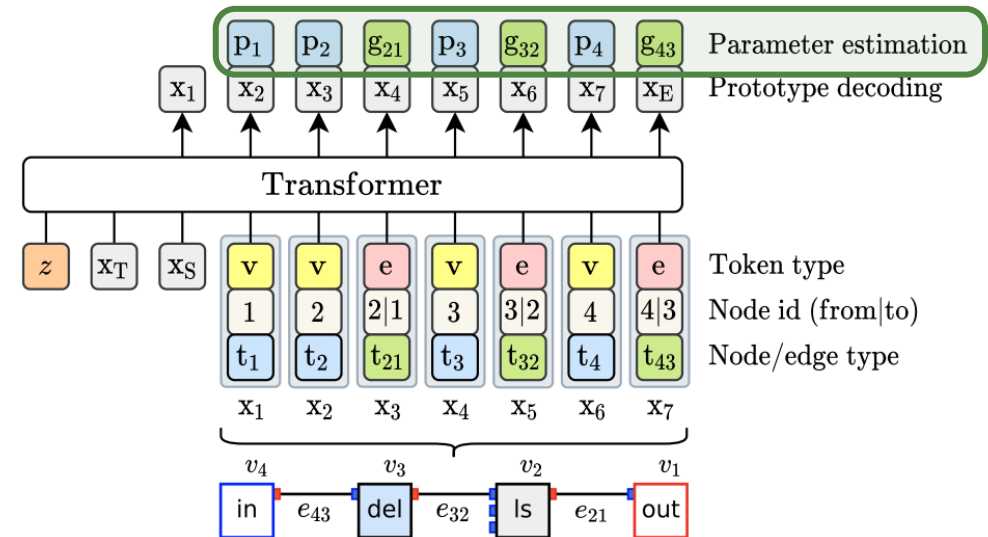
Blind estimation framework



Prototype decoder



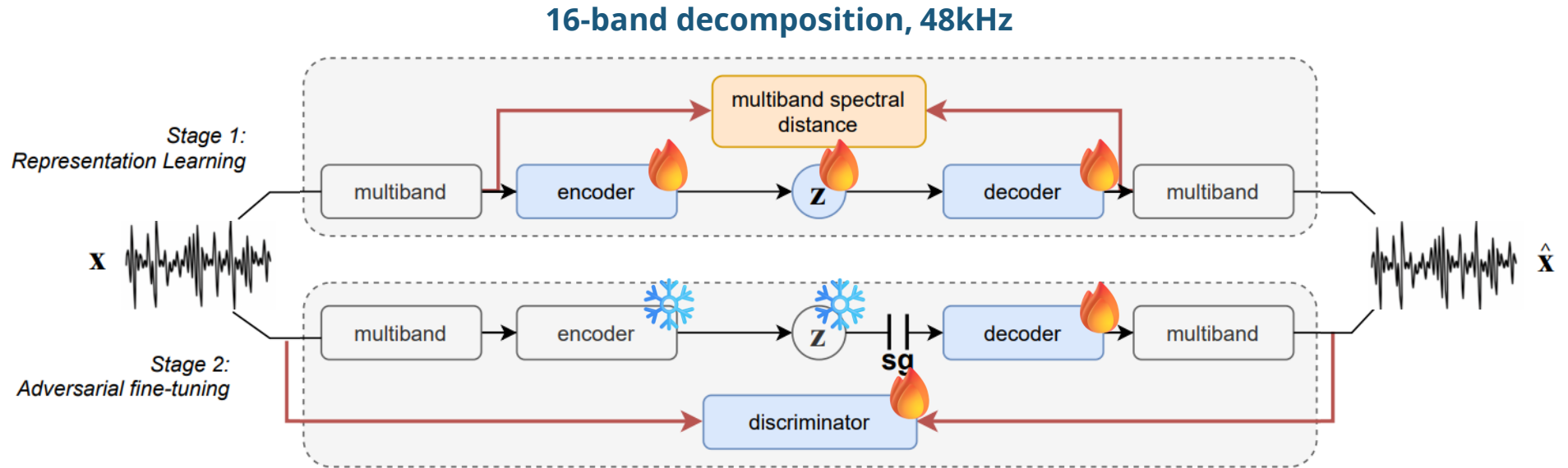
Parameter estimator



(Source: Lee et al., 2023)

Review – Interactive & Multimodal Systems

Example: RAVE (Caillon & Esling, 2022)

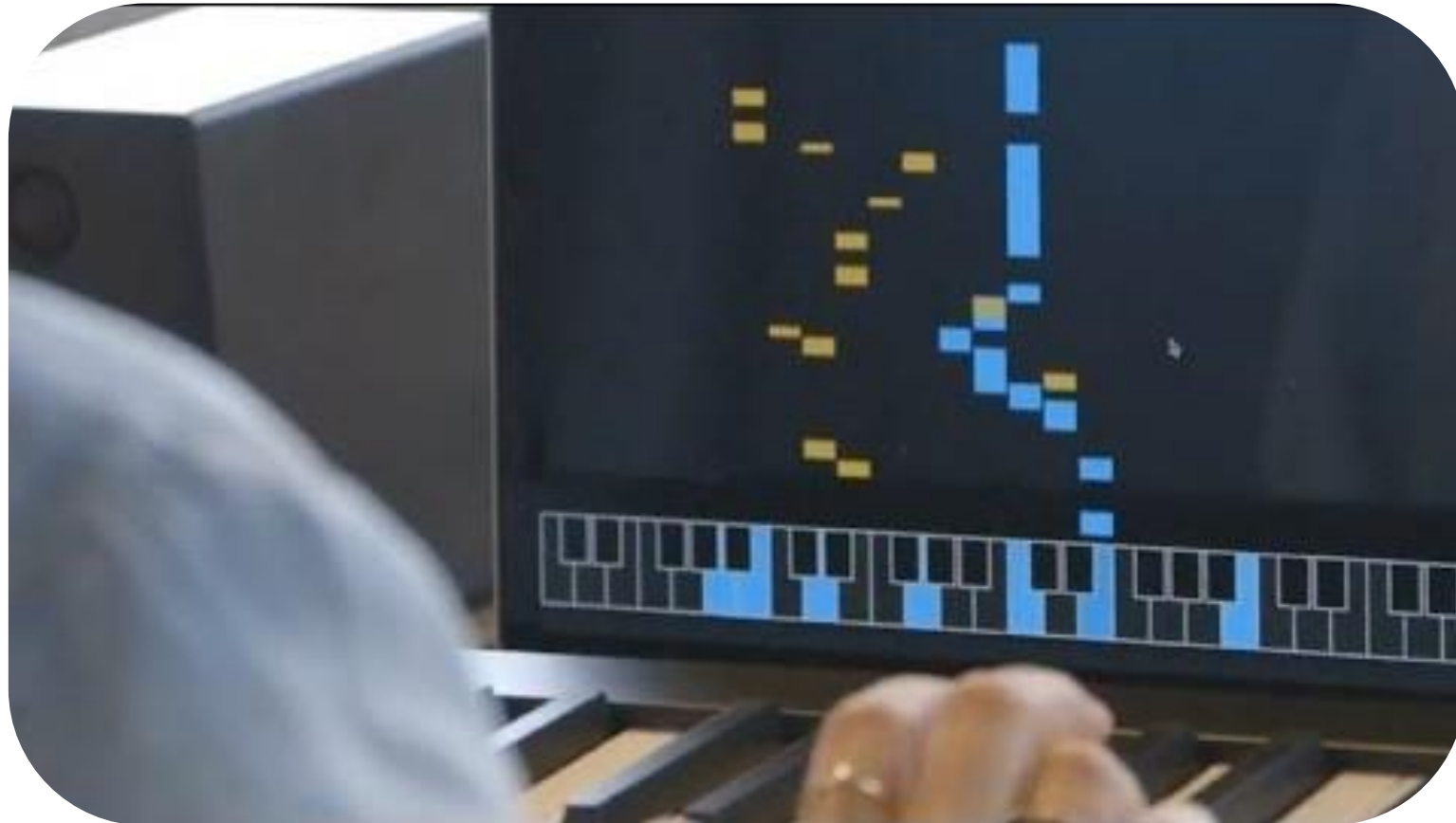


Model	CPU synthesis	GPU synthesis
NSynth	18 Hz	57 Hz
SING	304 kHz	9.8 MHz
RAVE (Ours) w/o multiband	38 kHz	3.7 MHz
RAVE (Ours)	985 kHz	11.7 MHz

Realtime capable on CPUs & GPUs

anonymous84654.github.io/RAVE_anonymous

Example: **A.I. Duet** (Mann et al, 2016)



youtu.be/0ZE1bfPtvZo
experiments.withgoogle.com/ai/ai-duet/view

Example: Piano Genie (Donahue et al., 2018)

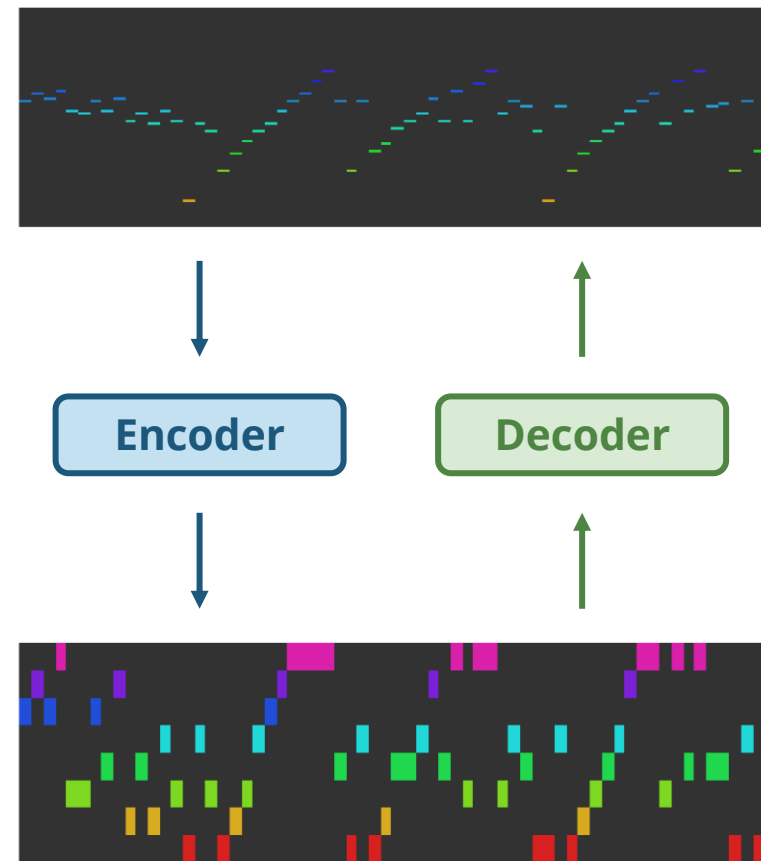
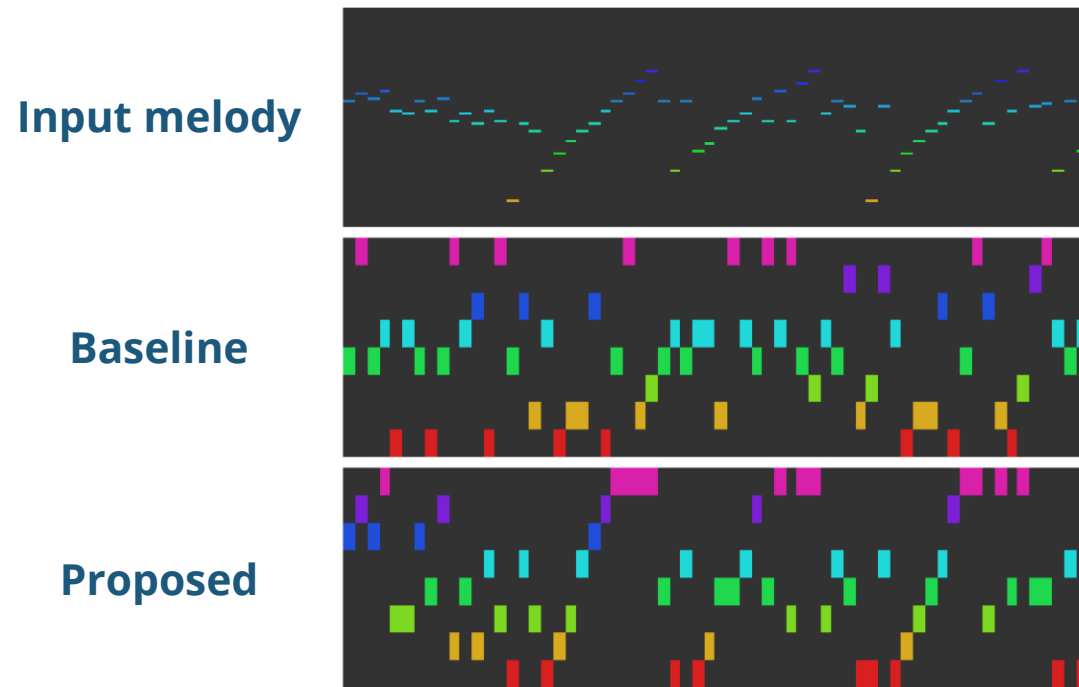


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piano-genie.glitch.me/

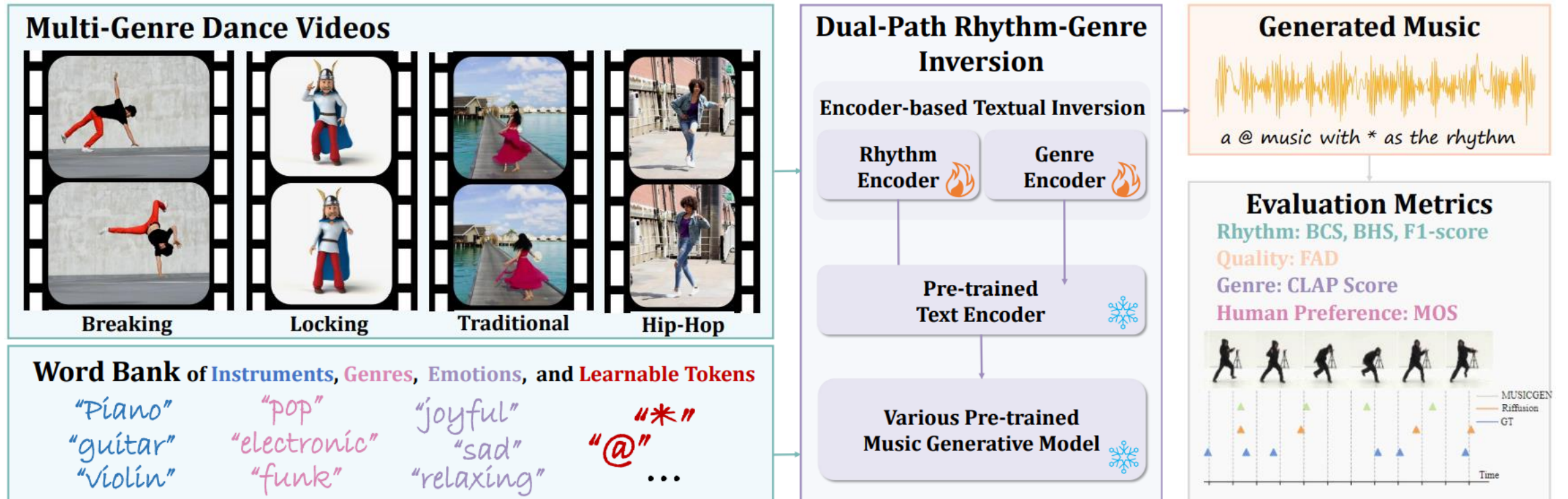


Example: Piano Genie (Donahue et al., 2018)



(Source: Donahue et al., 2019)

Example: Dance-to-music Generation (Li et al., 2024)



(Source: Li et al., 2024)

Example: MovieGen (2024)

Video-to-Audio

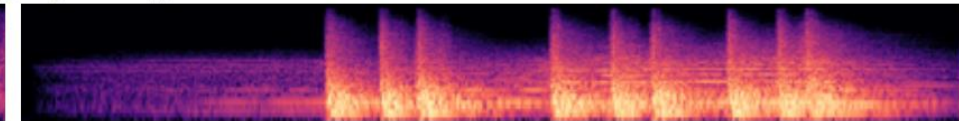
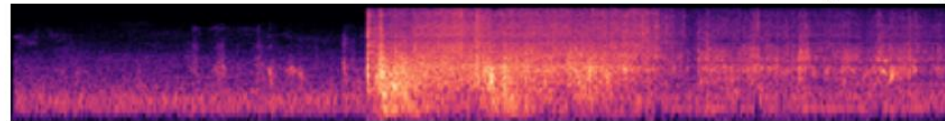
Prompt: splash of water and loud thud as the person hits the surface



Prompt: thunder cracks loudly and shakes the ground and dark, intense music plays in the background



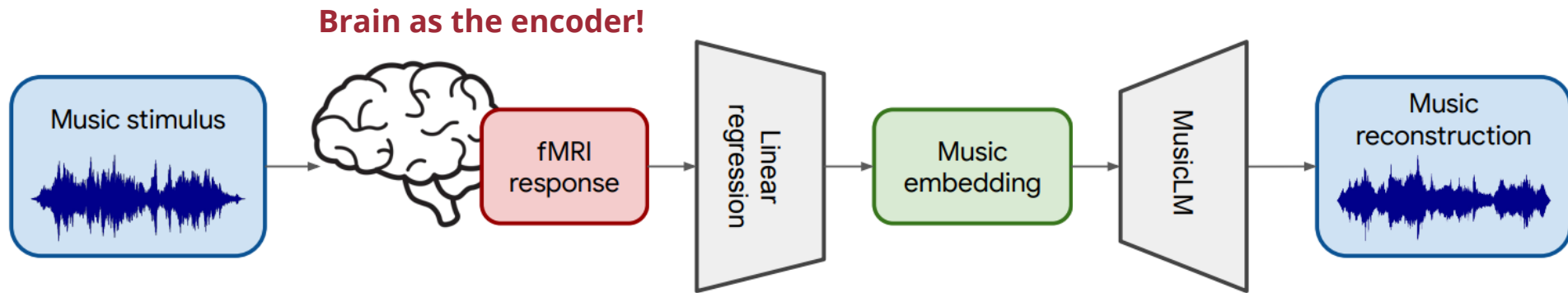
Corresponding Spectrograms



(Source: Movie Gen Team, 2024)

ai.meta.com/research/movie-gen/

Example: Brain2Music (Denk et al., 2023)



(Source: Denk et al., 2023)

Can we decode **human brain-encoded music**?



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Building Blocks of Modern AI Systems



Data

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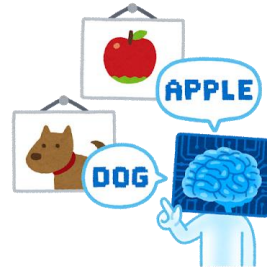


Model

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Use Case



Analysis

Retrieval

Creation



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Learn about AI's applications in music from analysis, creation, retrieval to processing

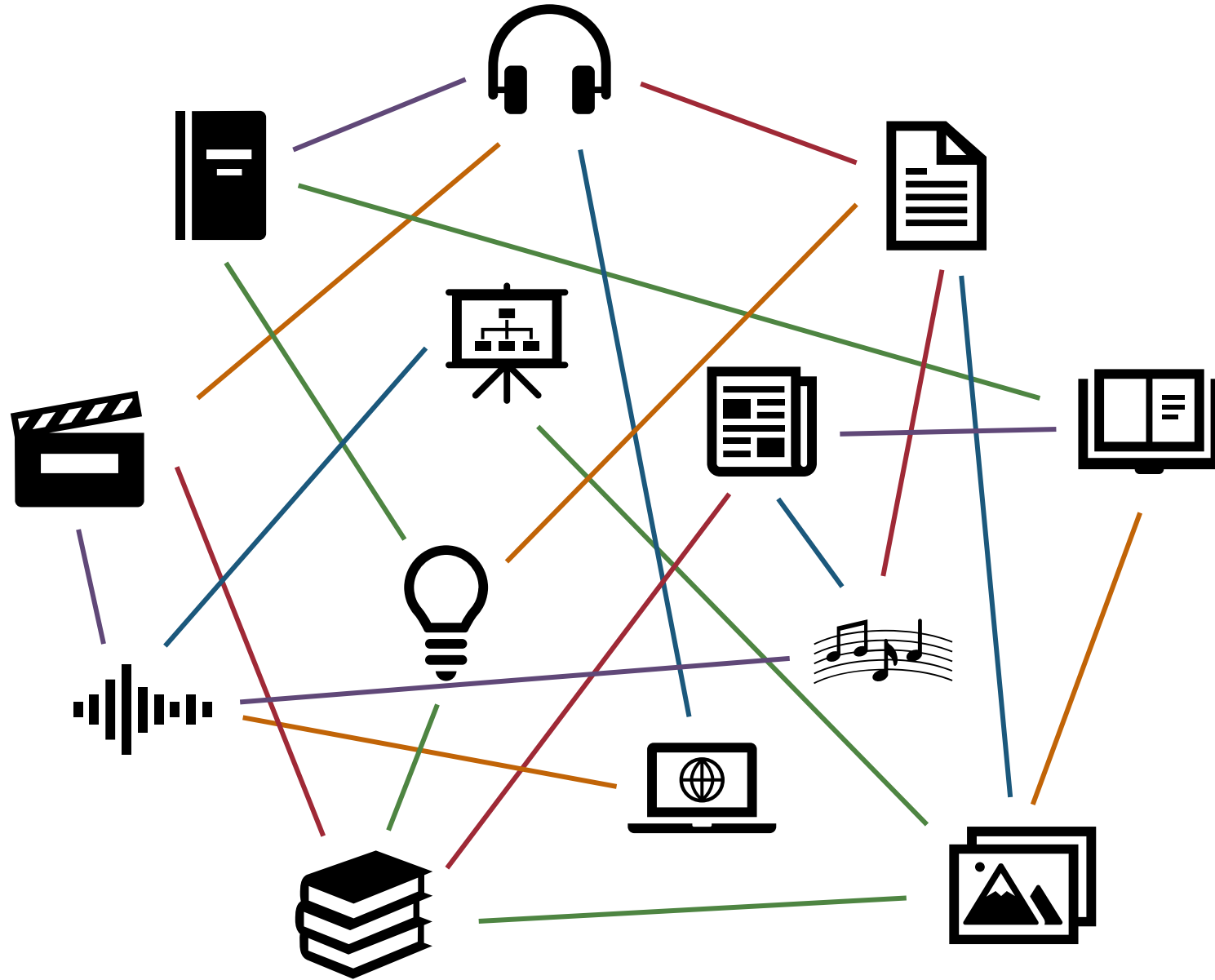


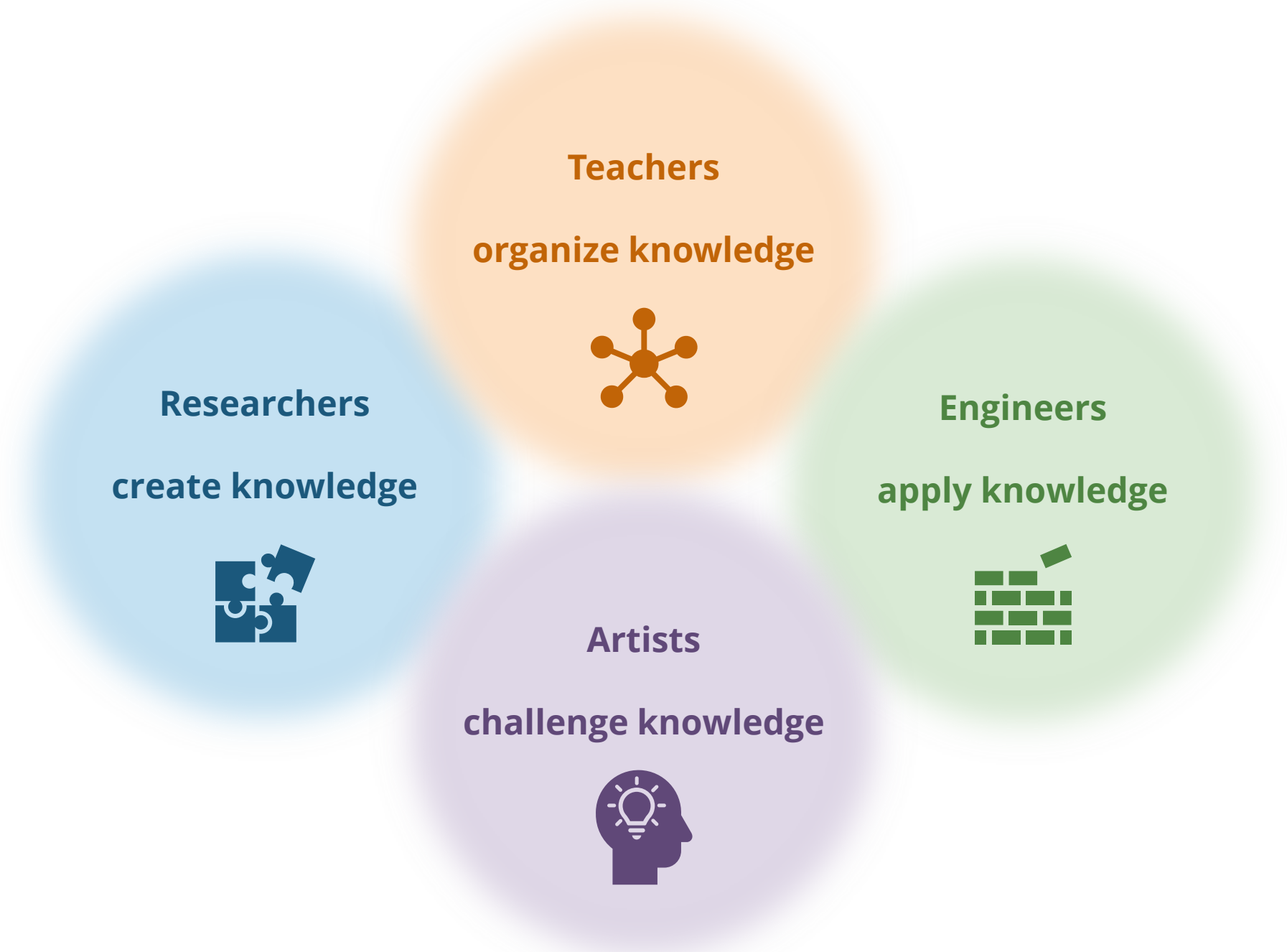
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New Course!

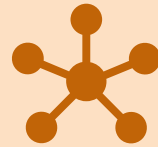
Final Thoughts





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organize knowledge



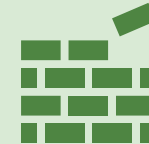
Researchers

create knowledge



Engineers

apply knowledge



Artists

challenge knowledge



