

DEEP LEARNING FOR MUSIC GENERATION

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2. Algorithmic Composition

1992

HARMONET

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2. Neural Network Architectures

NN Architecture	Year	Authors	Link to original paper	Slides
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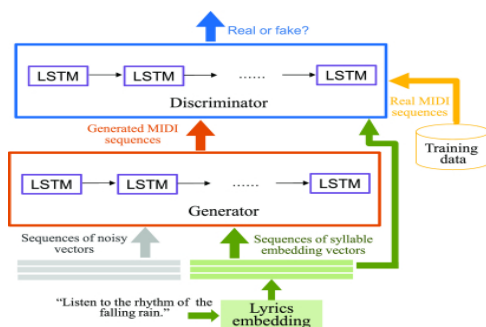
NN Architecture	Year	Authors	Link to original paper	Slides
Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)	1997	Sepp Hochreiter, Jürgen Schmidhuber	http://www.bioinf.jku.at/publications/older/2604.pdf	LSTM.pdf
Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)	1998	Yann LeCun, Léon Bottou, Yoshua Bengio, Patrick Haffner	http://vision.stanford.edu/cs598_spring07/papers/Lecun98.pdf	
Variational Auto Encoder (VAE)	2013	Diederik P. Kingma, Max Welling	https://arxiv.org/pdf/1312.6114.pdf	
Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)	2014	Ian J. Goodfellow, Jean Pouget-Abadie, Mehdi Mirza, Bing Xu, David Warde-Farley, Sherjil Ozair, Aaron Courville, Yoshua Bengio	https://arxiv.org/pdf/1406.2661.pdf	
Transformer	2017	Ashish Vaswani, Noam Shazeer, Niki Parmar, Jakob Uszkoreit, Llion Jones, Aidan N. Gomez, Łukasz Kaiser, Illia Polosukhin	https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.03762.pdf	

3. Deep Learning Models for Music Generation

2021

Melody Generation from Lyrics

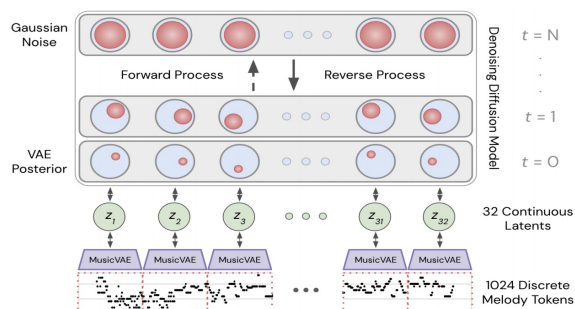
Yu, Y., Srivastava, A., & Canales, S. (2021). Conditional lstm-gan for melody generation from lyrics. ACM Transactions on Multimedia Computing, Communications, and Applications (TOMM), 17(1), 1-20.



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Music Generation with Diffusion Models

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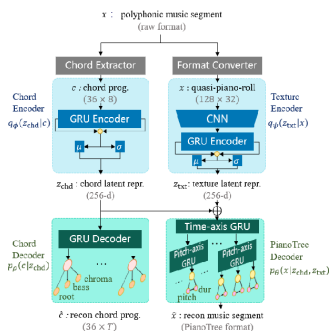


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2020

Controllable Polyphonic Music Generation

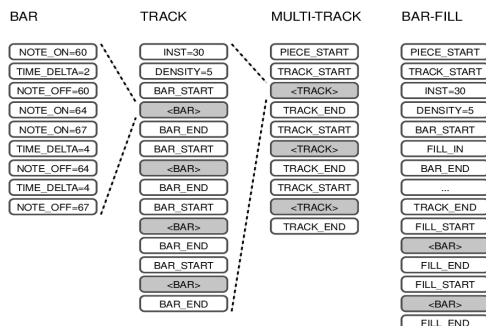
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MMM: Multitrack Music Generation

Ens, J., & Pasquier, P. (2020). Mmm: Exploring conditional multi-track music generation with the transformer. arXiv preprint arXiv:2008.06048.



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Transformer-XL

Wu, X., Wang, C., & Lei, Q. (2020). Transformer-XL Based Music Generation with Multiple Sequences of Time-valued Notes. arXiv preprint arXiv:2007.07244.

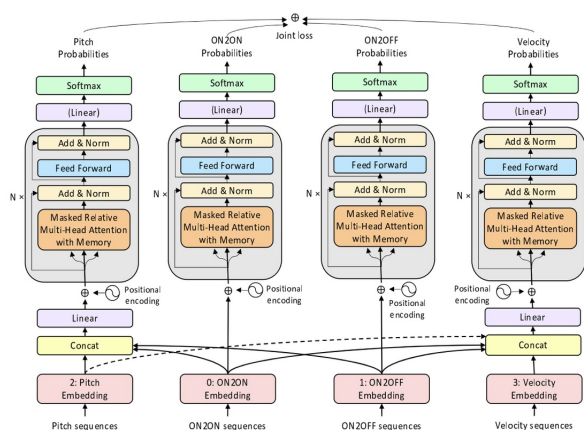
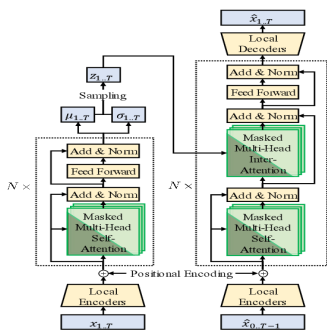


Figure 2: Our proposed framework with four transformer-xl networks.

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Transformer VAE

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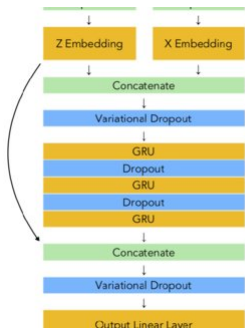


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2019

TonicNet

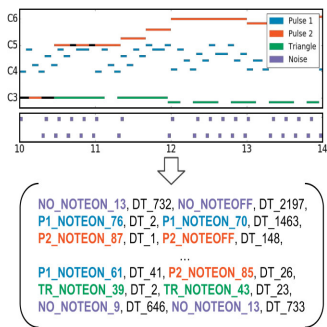
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LakhNES

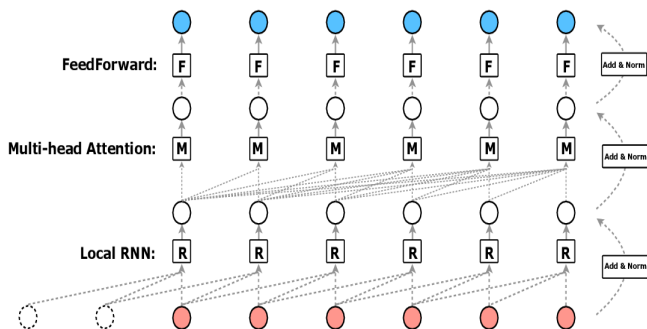
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R-Transformer

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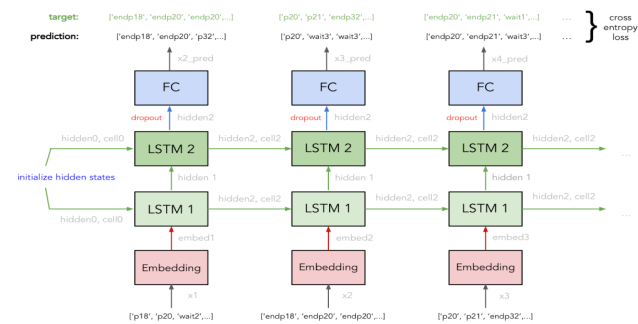


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MuseNet - OpenAI

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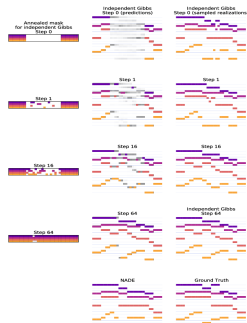
Maia Music Generator



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Coconet: Counterpoint by Convolution

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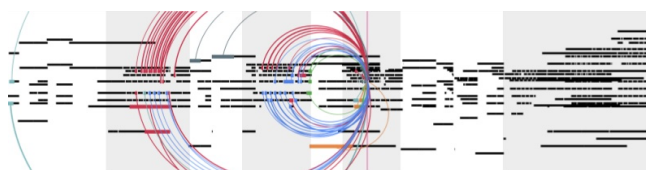


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2018

Music Transformer - Google Magenta

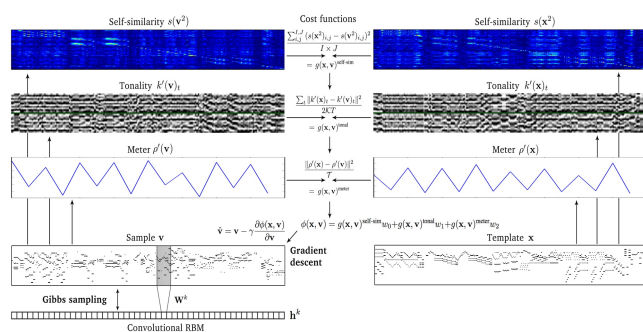
Huang, C. Z. A., Vaswani, A., Uszkoreit, J., Shazeer, N., Simon, I., Hawthorne, et al. (2018). Music transformer. arXiv preprint arXiv:1809.04281.



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Imposing Higher-level Structure in Polyphonic Music

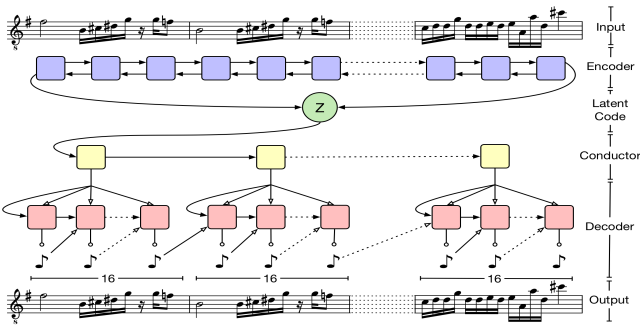
Lattner, S., Grachten, M., & Widmer, G. (2018). Imposing higher-level structure in polyphonic music generation using convolutional restricted boltzmann machines and constraints. Journal of Creative Music Systems, 2, 1-31.



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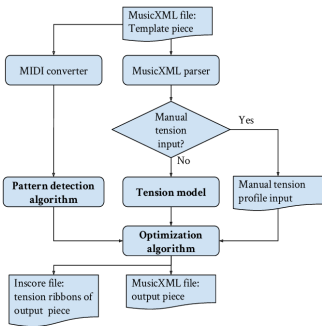


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2017

Morpheus

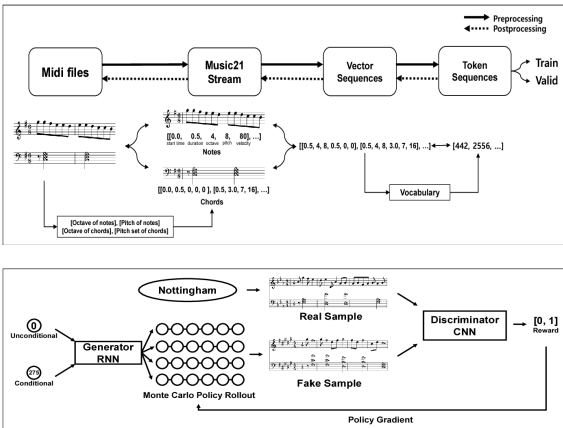
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BachBot - Microsoft

Liang, F. T., Gotham, M., Johnson, M., & Shotton, J. (2017, October). Automatic Stylistic Composition of Bach Chorales with Deep LSTM. In ISMIR (pp. 449-456).



START	(59, True)	(55, False)
(65, False)	(55, True)	(48, False)
(59, False)	(43, True)	
(55, False)		END
(43, False)	(.)	
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(a) Three musical chords in traditional music notation. The red arrows indicate the order in which notes are sequentially encoded.

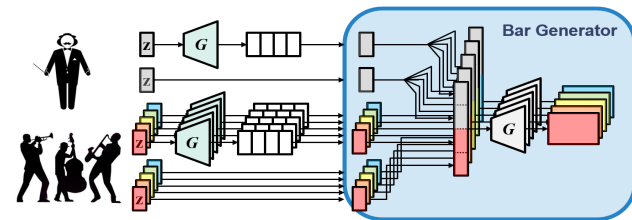
(b) A corresponding sequential encoding of the three chords in an eighth-note time-quantization (for illustration, broken over three columns). Each line within a column corresponds to an individual token in the encoded sequence. ||| delimiter frames and (.) indicate a fermata is present within the corresponding frame.



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MuseGAN

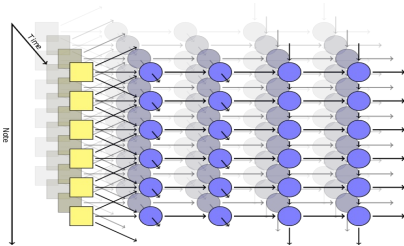
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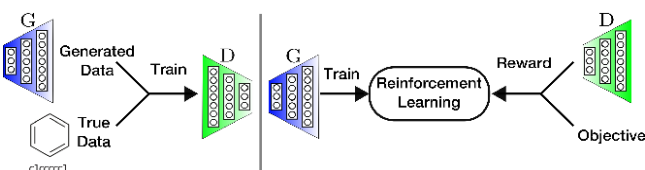
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ORGAN

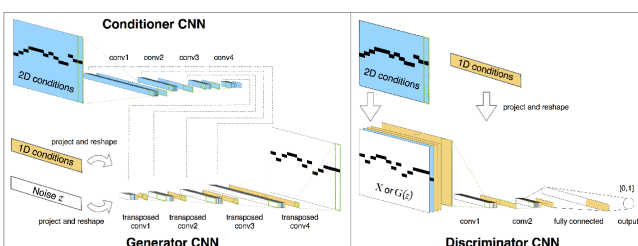
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MidiNet

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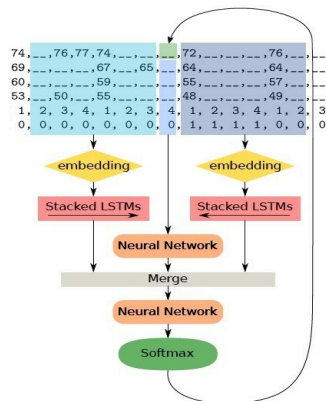


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2016

DeepBach

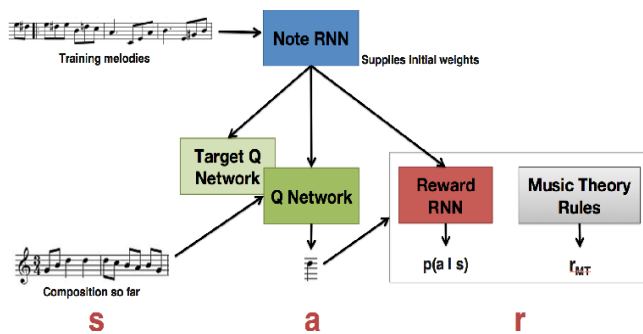
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Fine-Tuning with RL

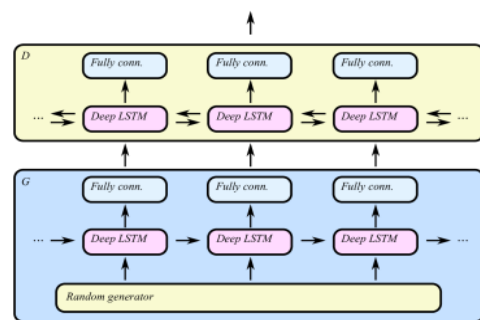
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C-RNN-GAN

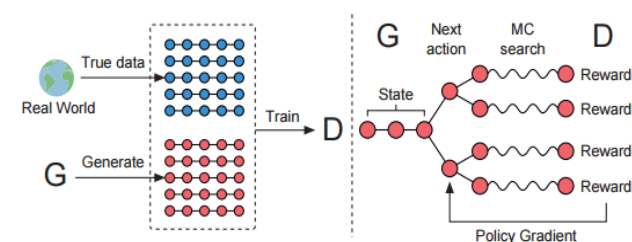
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Reviews

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4. Datasets

- The Lakh MIDI Dataset v0.1 [Web](#) [Tutorial](#) [IPython](#)

5. Journals and Conferences

- International Society for Music Information Retrieval (ISMIR) [Web](#)
- IEEE Signal Processing (ICASSP) [Web](#)
- ELSEVIER Signal Processing Journal [Web](#)
- Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) [Web](#)
- Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR) [Web](#)
- International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) [Web](#)
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) [Web](#)
- IET Signal Processing Journal [Web](#)
- Journal of New Music Research (JNMR) [Web](#)
- Audio Engineering Society - Conference on Semantic Audio (AES) [Web](#)
- International Conference on Digital Audio Effects (DAFx) [Web](#)

6. Authors

- David Cope [Web](#)
- Colin Raffel [Web](#)
- Jesse Engel [Web](#)
- Douglas Eck [Web](#)
- François Pachet [Web](#)

7. Research Groups and Labs

- Audiolabs Erlangen [Web](#)
- Music Informatics Group [Web](#)
- Music and Artificial Intelligence Lab [Web](#)

8. Apps for Music Generation with AI

- AIVA (paid) [Web](#)
- Amper Music (paid) [Web](#)
- Ecrett Music (paid) [Web](#)
- Humtap (free, iOS) [Web](#)
- Amadeus Code (free/paid, iOS) [Web](#)
- Computoser (free) [Web](#)
- Brain.fm (paid) [Web](#)

9. Other Resources

- Bustena (web in spanish to learn harmony theory) [Web](#)

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