

Unsupervised Task Discovery in Multi-Task Acoustic Modeling Initial Findings

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Abstract

- ▶ Multi-Task Learning works (esp. in low-resource)
- ▶ However, tasks are hard to make
- ▶ Better to discover tasks automatically
- ▶ Experiment with k -means on MFCCs
- ▶ Initial results

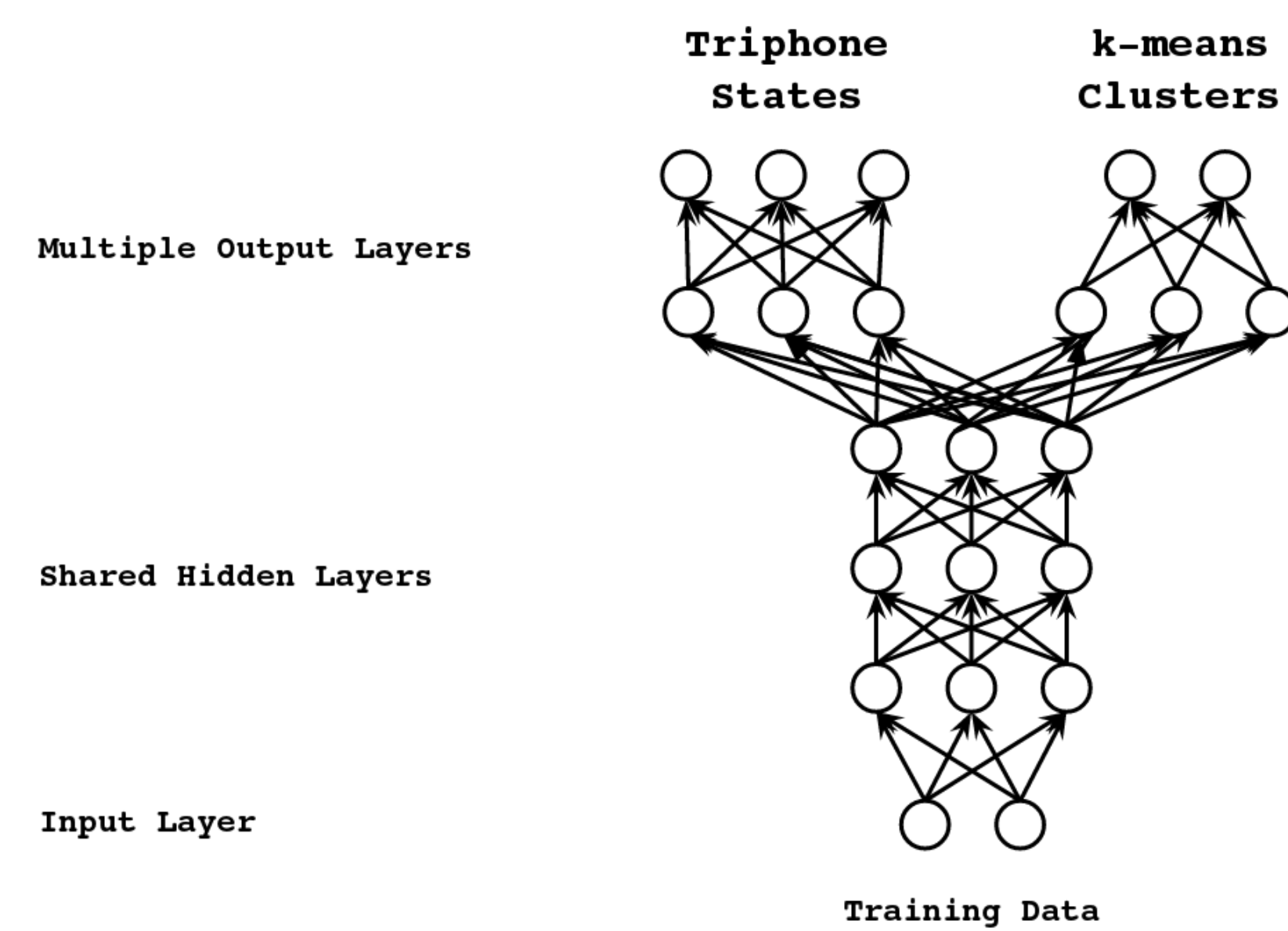


Figure 1: Multi-Task Learning Architecture

1. Background

- ▶ Multi-Task Learning in Acoustic Modeling
 - ▷ Multilingual
 - ▶ new language == new task
 - ▷ Monolingual
 - ▶ new linguistic encoding == new task
 - ▶ Monophones vs. Triphones

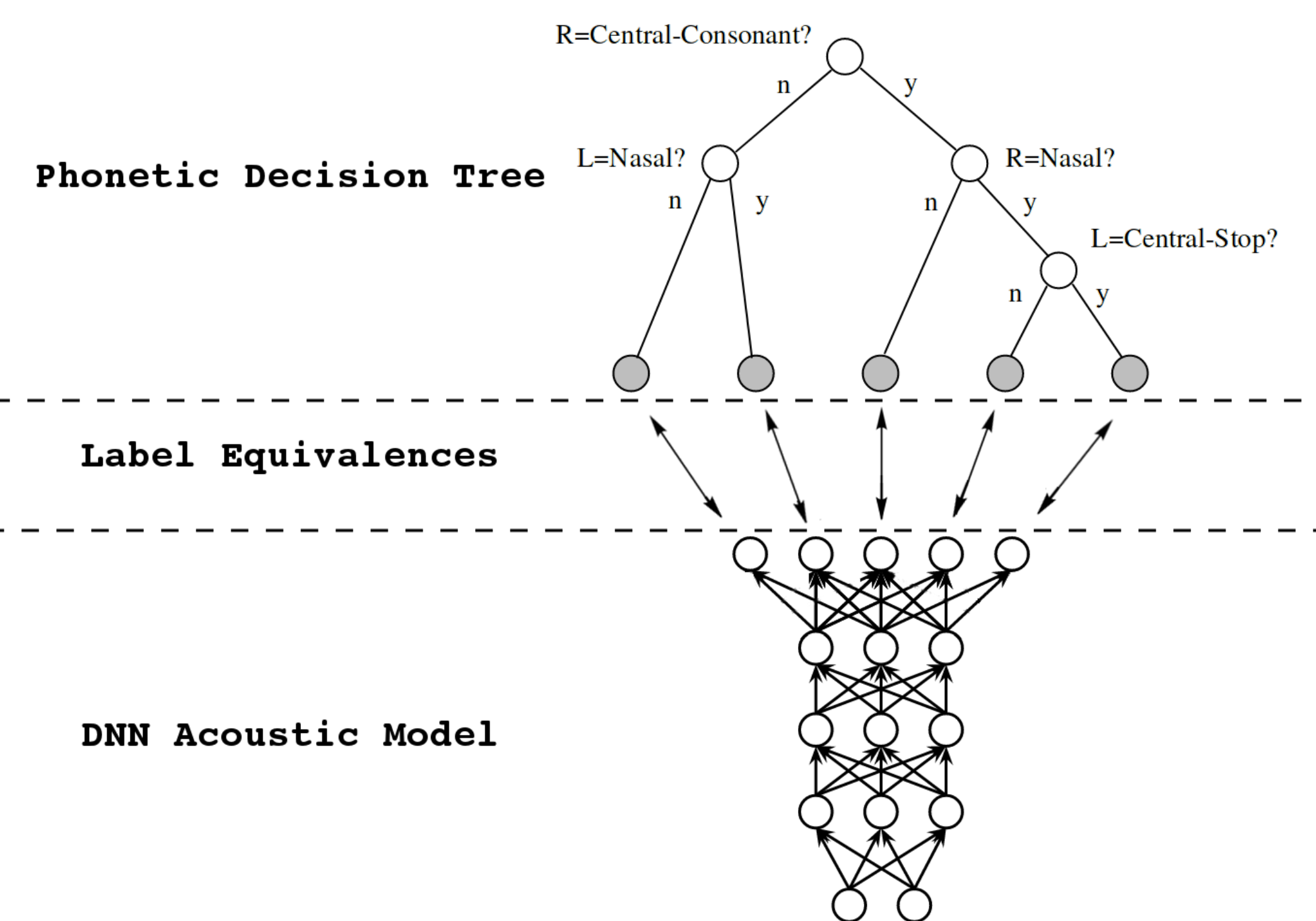


Figure 2: Label Correspondence of Decision Tree / DNN

2. Alignment

- ▶ Feature Extraction
 - ▷ 13 PLP features, 25ms Hamming windows, 10ms shift, 16 frame left-context & 12 frame right-context, CMVN
- ▶ GMM Alignment
 - ▷ Monophones: 1,000 Gaussians, 25 iterations EM // Triphones: 2,000 leaves & 5,000 Gaussians, 25 iterations EM

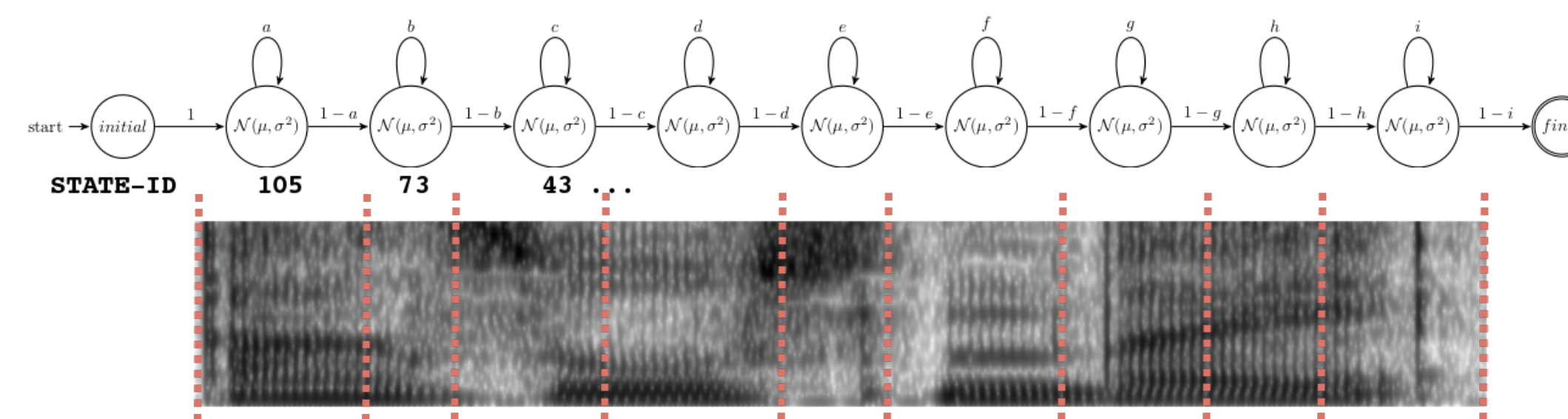


Figure 3: GMM-aligned training examples

3. Clustering

- ▶ k-means Clustering
 - ▷ A set number of clusters is discovered via TensorFlow's standard k-means clustering.

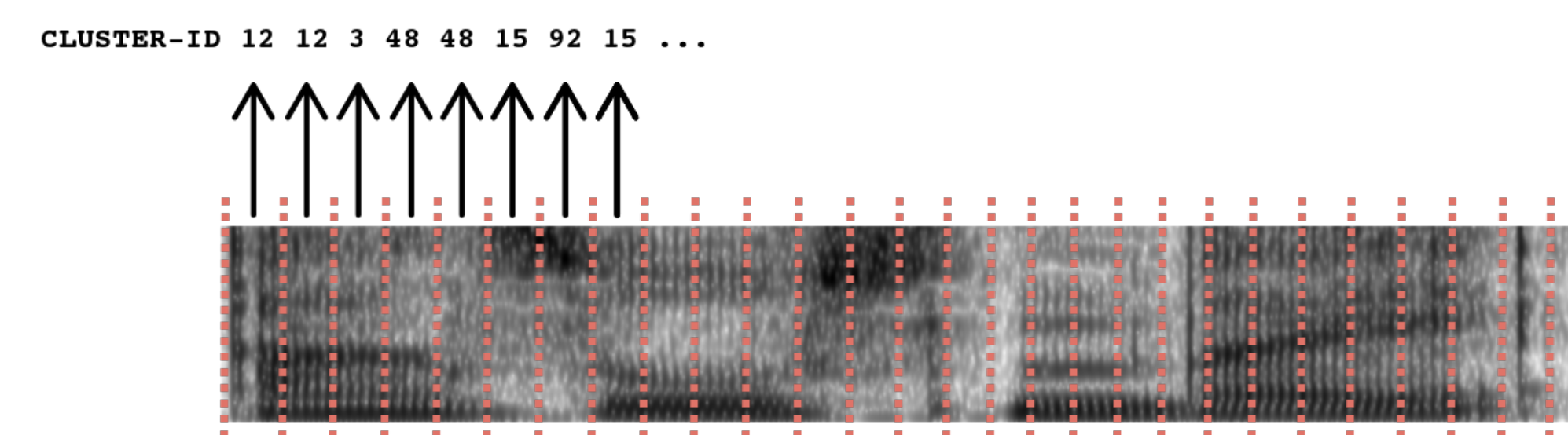


Figure 4: k-means clustered training examples

4. Mapping Triphone States → Clusters

- ▶ Mapping triphone states → k-means clusters
 - ▷ All training examples aligned to triphone state are mapped to most common k-means cluster.

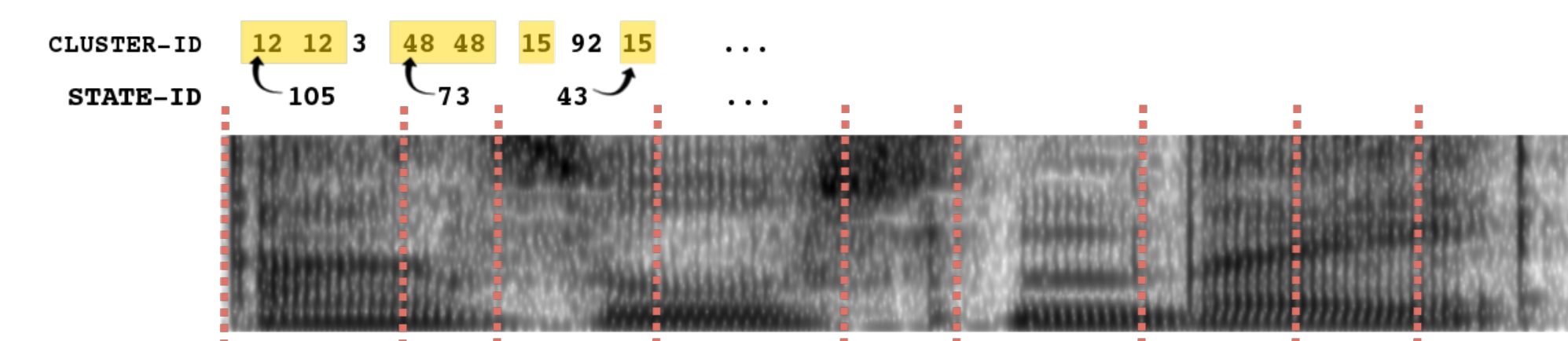


Figure 5: GMM-aligned training examples

5. DNN Training

- ▶ DNN Acoustic model training
 - ▷ 11 hidden layers, $ReLU$ activations
 - ▷ 5-epochs
 - ▷ $\alpha_{initial} = 0.0015 \rightarrow \alpha_{final} = 0.00015$
 - ▷ Each task has penultimate + ultimate output layer

6. Preliminary Results

Table 1: Word Error Rates (WER%)

	Weighting Scheme (α)		
	$\alpha = .9$	$\alpha = .8$	$\alpha = .7$
Single Task Baseline		57.10 ± 3.25	
+ 256 k-means cluster targets	57.71 ± 1.59	57.27 ± 1.60	57.89 ± 1.29
+ 1024 k-means cluster targets	57.74 ± 3.17	57.08 ± 2.62	57.77 $\pm .79$
+ 4096 k-means cluster targets			

7. Results Discussion

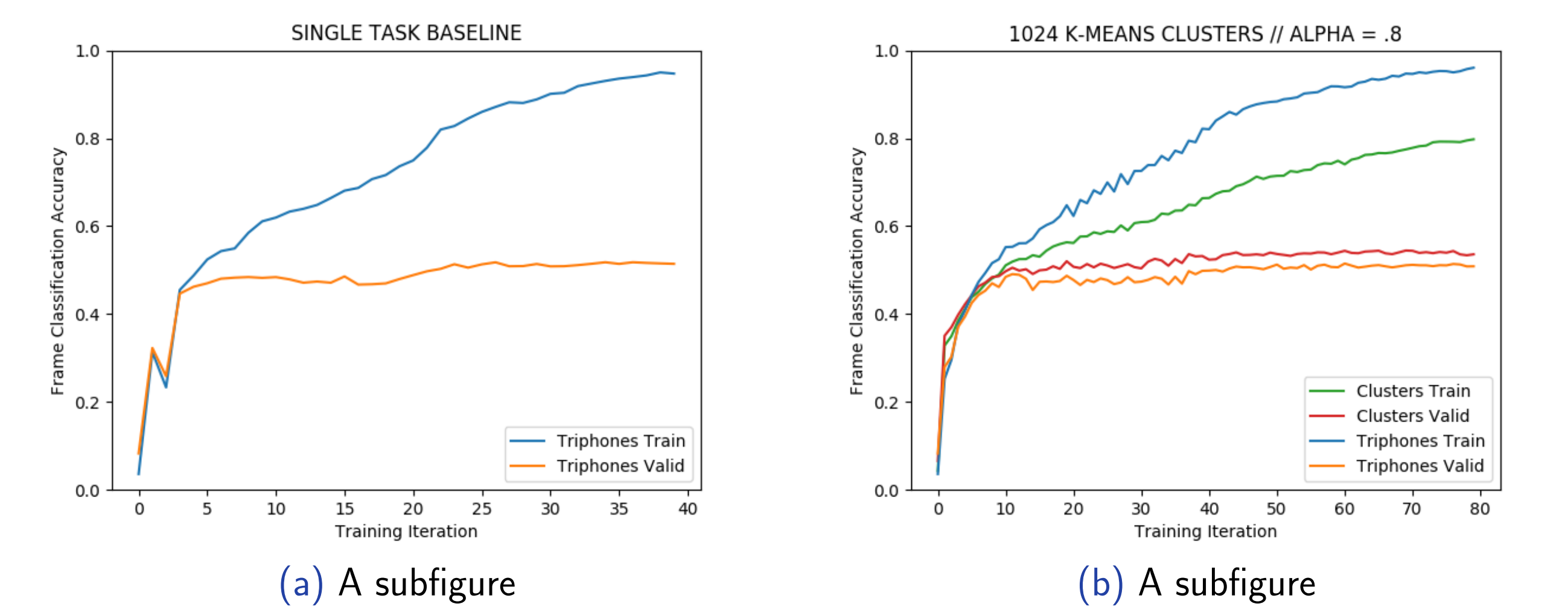


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8. Cluster Contents: A Qualitative Discussion

- ▶ 1024 clusters in TF
- ▶ 672 leaves in Kaldi
- ▶ 185 new labels after mapping
 - ▷ 123 / 185 are interpretable
- ▶ 101 of new labels contain mixed phonemes
 - ▷ 39 / 101 contained either only vowels or only consonants
- ▶ 84 of new labels contain one phoneme
 - ▷ 9 / 84 contained more than one triphone of phoneme

Table 2: Discovered intelligible Phoneme Clusters

Vowels		Consonants	
a j	a u	k r	g n m
a o	a ih	k p	s sh ch
e j	e ih	r ng	t k s p
e y	o u	d ch	m ng
u ih y	u ih	t k	t k h
i e y	o ih	d z	t k s
a e oe j ih	j ih	l z	t ch d
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