

# AI Charting for Music Game Cytoid

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Cytoid Game Logo<sup>[1]</sup>

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# Introduction

# Cytoid

Open-source music rhythm game<sup>[1]</sup>

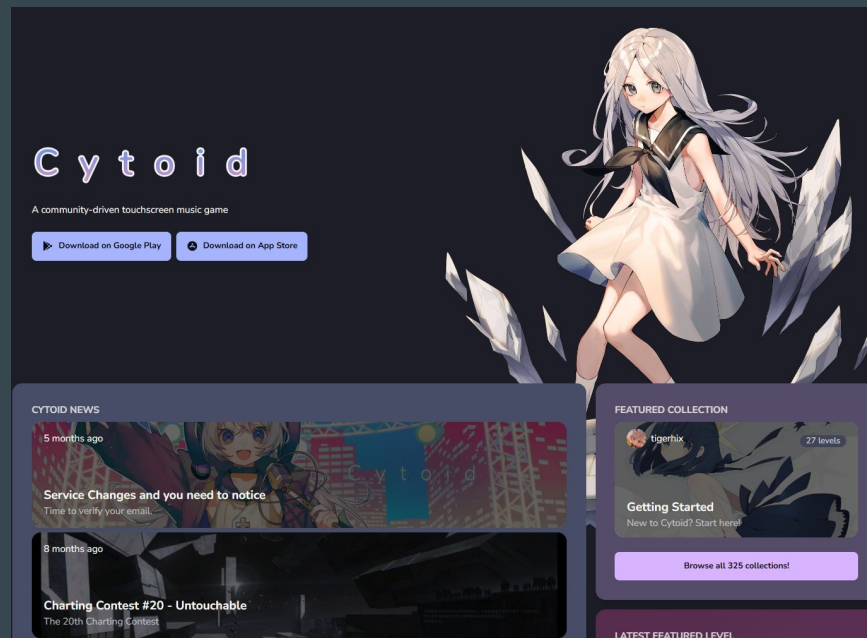
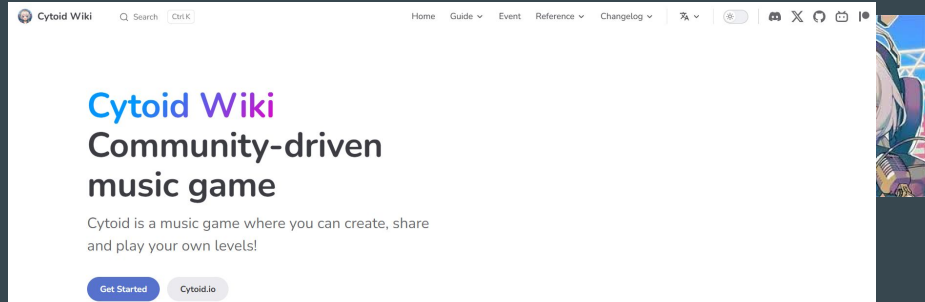
Active community for player

Nice charts for all difficulties

Challenges:

Complex and Time consuming  
for players to create new charts.

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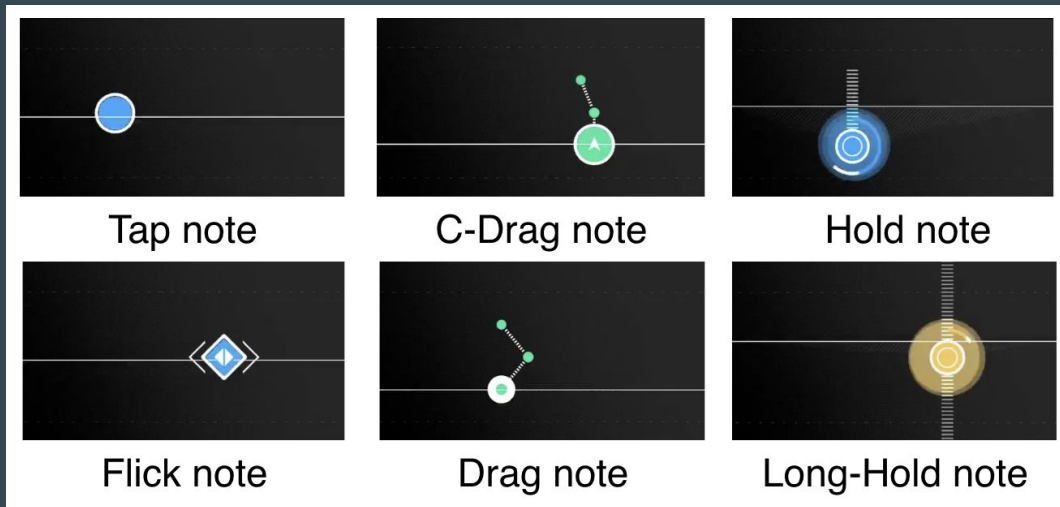


# Charting for Music Games

Appear time

Key types

Place position on scanning line

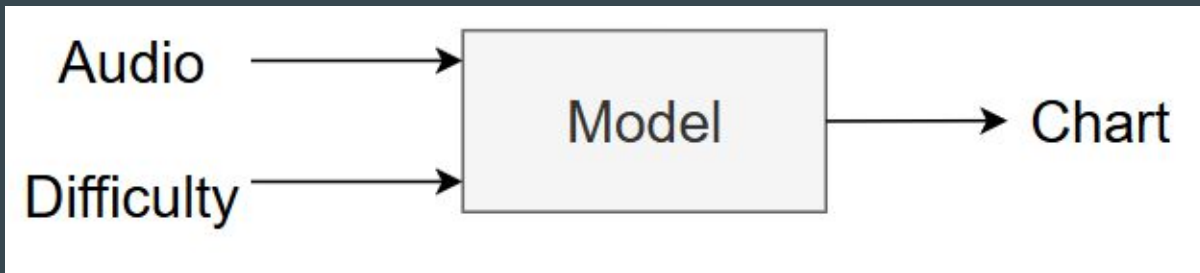


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# Problem Statement

With the input of any song audio and desired difficulty level, the model will output a cytoid-compatible chart that can be played.





# Related Work



# Related Work

Dance Dance Convolution (2017)<sup>[3]</sup>:

- Step placement & step selection
- CNN & LSTM

TaikoNation (2021)<sup>[4]</sup>:

- human-like chart pattern
- BiLSTM

Genelive (2023)<sup>[5]</sup>:

- Beat information
- Multi-scale convolutional network  
LSTM

Mug Diffusion (2023)<sup>[6]</sup>

- Diffusion model

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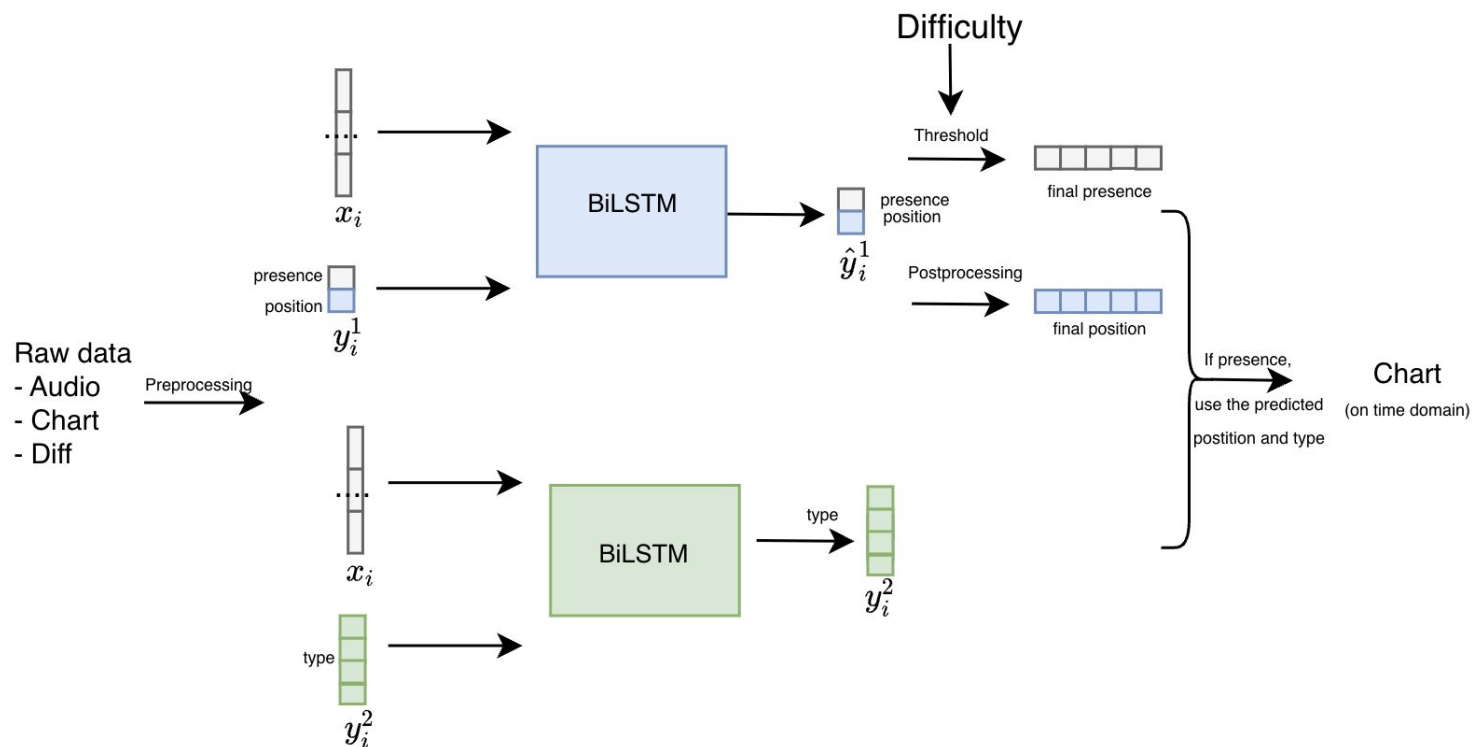
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# Proposed Methodology

# Original Model with BiLSTM



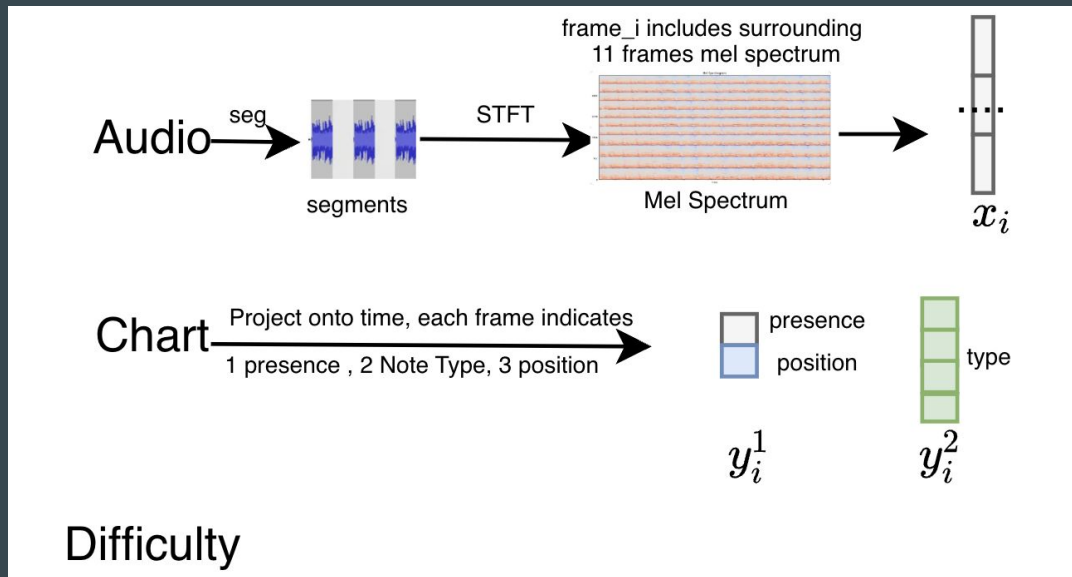


# Preprocessing for Original Model

## Preprocessing:

- Segmentation
- Short Time Fourier Transform
- One-hot encoding for key types
- (no key is also a type)

Follow structure of Genelive<sup>[5]</sup> (2023)



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# Original BiLSTM Model

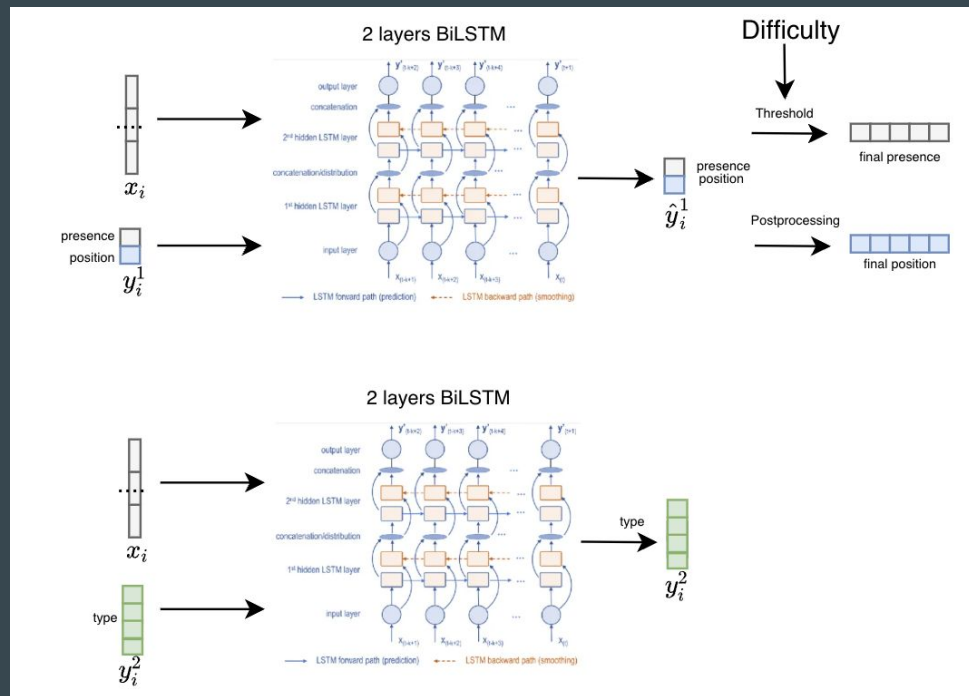


## Note Presence Prediction:

- Bidirectional LSTM model
- Apply threshold based on difficulty

## Note Type Prediction:

- Separate LSTM model
- Type 0 indicates no note





# Threshold Selection for Difficulty levels

(1) Average threshold based:

Calculate average threshold for each difficulty level. (follow DDC<sup>[3]</sup>)

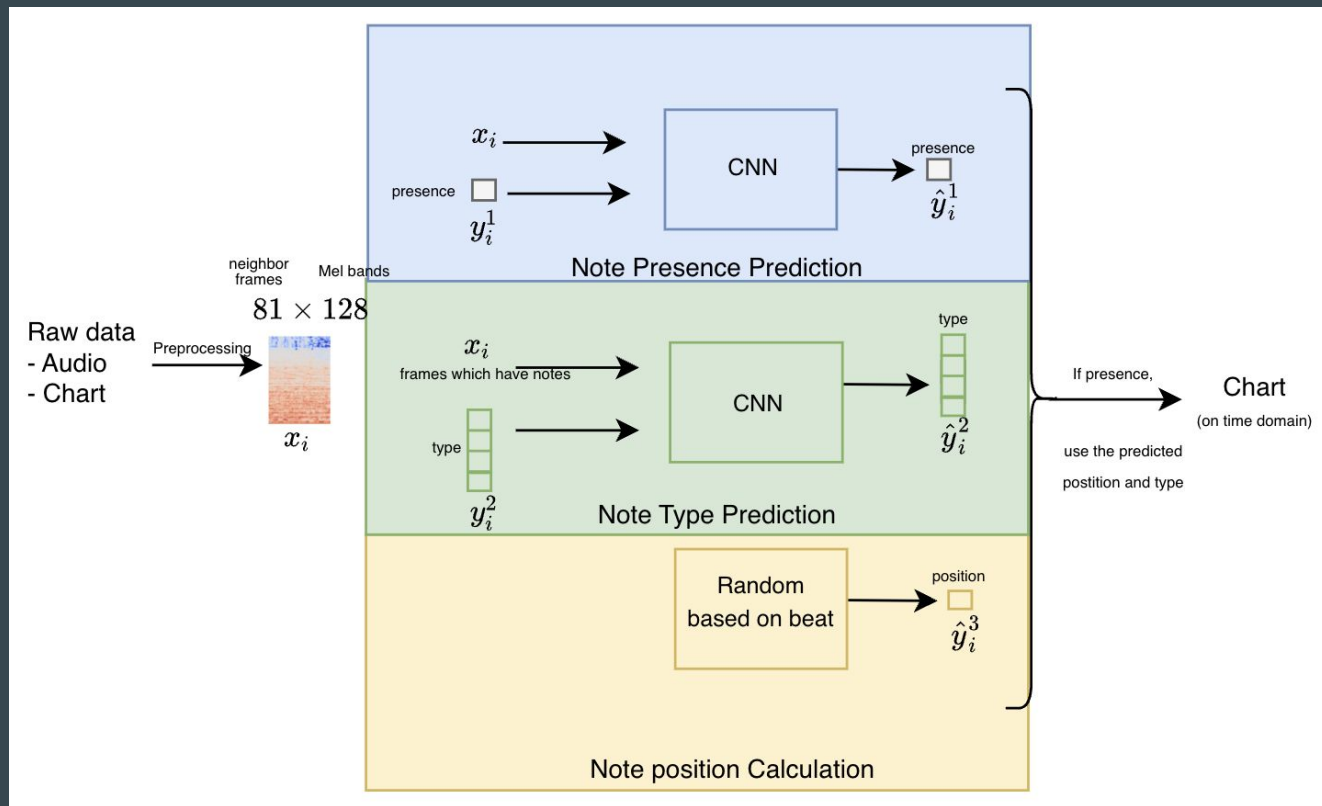
(2) Note Number based:

Selecting the top 'n' notes based on predicted probabilities.

'n' being the average notes number for the difficulty level.

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# Final Model with CNN





# Model Details

## CNN Presence Prediction:

- Feature Extraction: 81 frames of mel band per frame
- Model: Three-layer CNN with sigmoid activation function

## CNN Type Prediction:

- Note Type Prediction: Only frames with notes as input (Excludes empty frames)
- Softmax activation function
- Use Focal Loss<sup>[7]</sup> (Weighted version of BCE) to solve Type Imbalance

## Random Note position:

- Apply uniform distribution within measures with random disturbance

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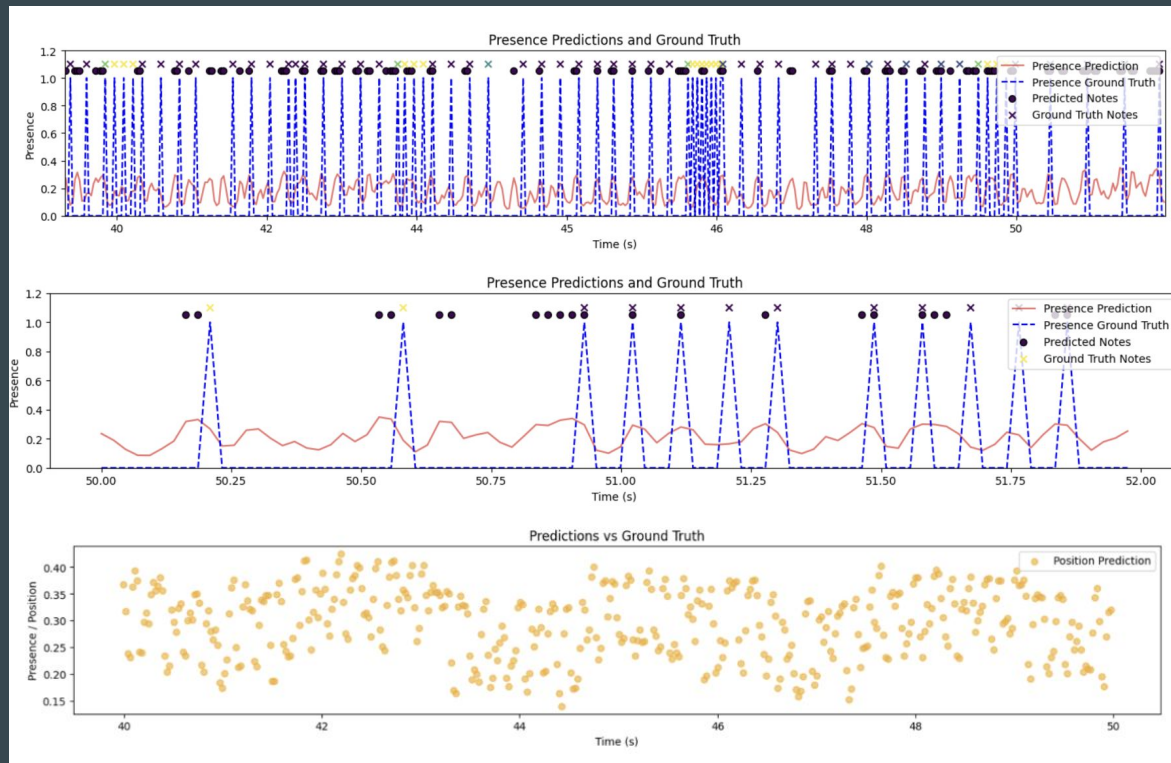
# Performance Evaluation



# BiLSTM Model: Note Presence Prediction



- Threshold selection impacts chart quality.
- Initial improvements showed potential
- Poor Prediction result

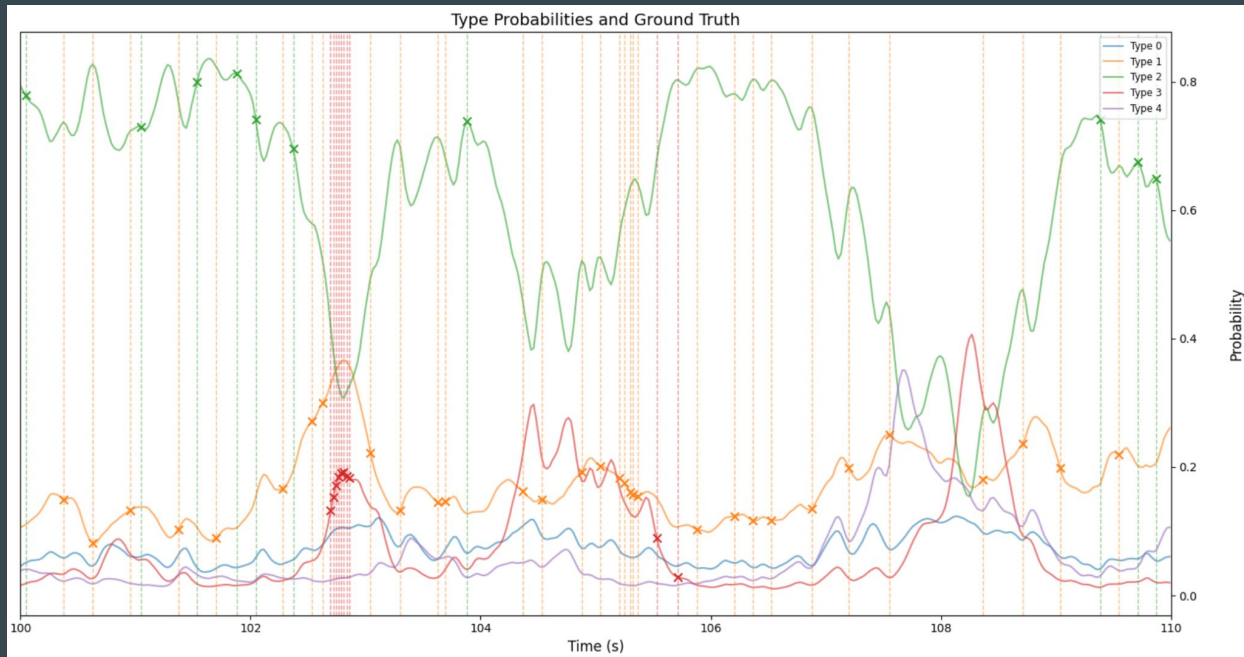




# BiLSTM Model: Note Type Prediction

Type 0 (no note) dominates  
(~90%)

Model struggled to  
learn effectively





# Threshold Selection Result

(1) Average threshold:

Inconsistent across songs

(2) Top 'n' Selection:

Fluctuating predictions

Difficulty 16: Best Threshold = 0.12, F1 Score = 0.3470  
Difficulty 15: Best Threshold = 0.16, F1 Score = 0.3738  
Difficulty 13: Best Threshold = 0.18, F1 Score = 0.3231  
Difficulty 11: Best Threshold = 0.10, F1 Score = 0.0899  
Difficulty 10: Best Threshold = 0.10, F1 Score = 0.1464  
Difficulty 9: Best Threshold = 0.14, F1 Score = 0.2978

Difficulty	Threshold	Pred. Count	Target Count	
16	0.27	1536	1533.60	
15	0.26	1150	1145.58	

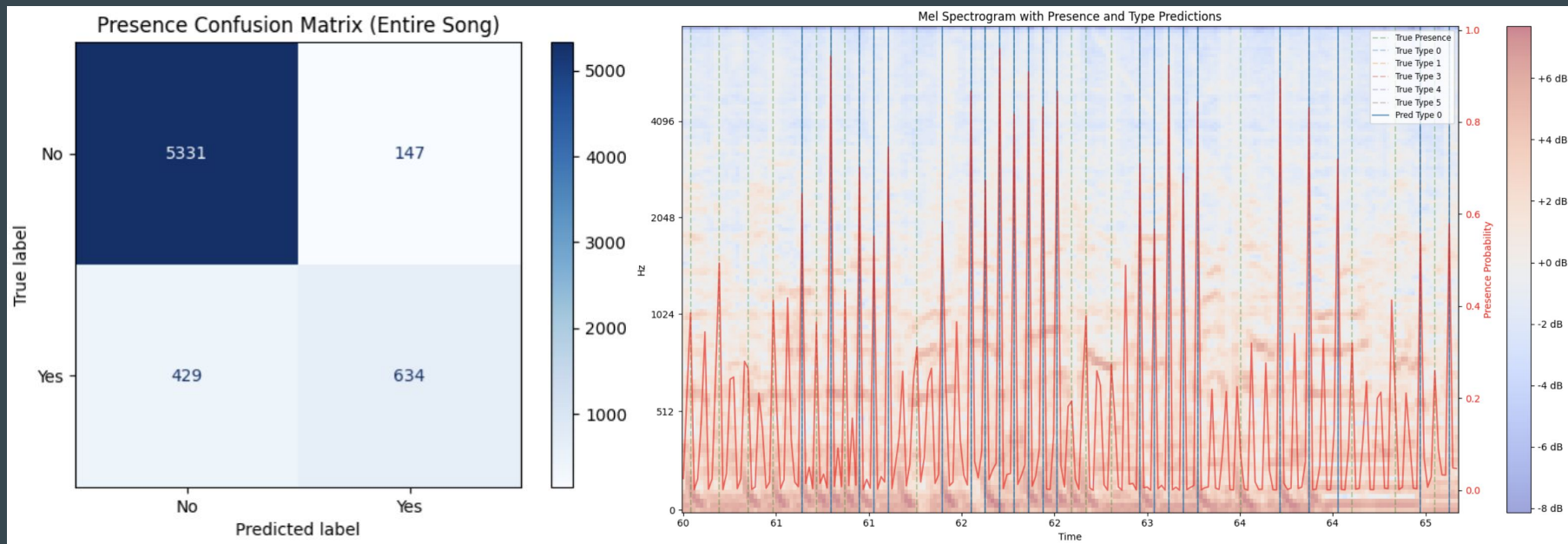
Difficulty	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1
16	0.8036	0.1739	0.0694	0.0992
15	0.8271	0.1616	0.0376	0.0610

# CNN Model: Presence Prediction



Higher F1 score

Wider prediction range (0-1)



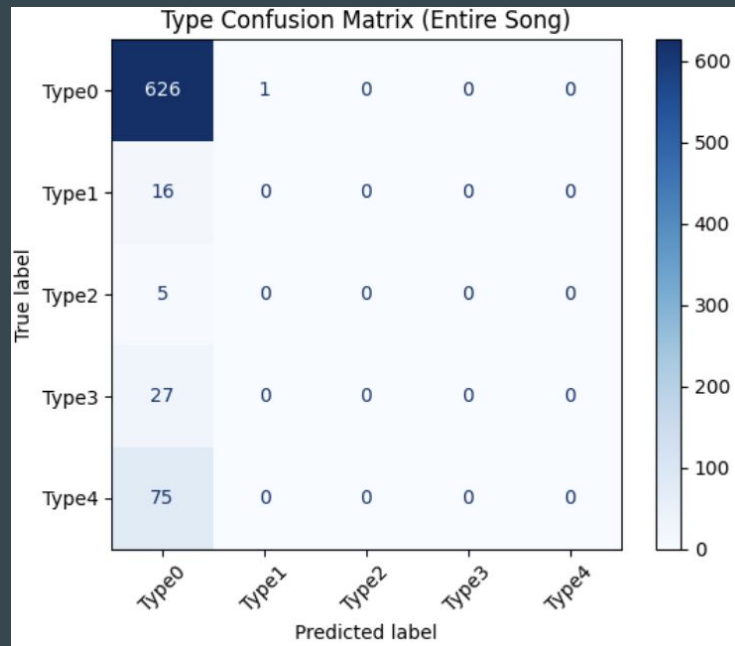
# CNN Model: Type Prediction



Class imbalance issues:

- Majority classified as type 0
- Appear good but misleading

	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1
Note Presence	0.9039	0.8628	0.5166	0.6463
Note Type	0.9219	0.8613	0.9219	0.8906





# Compared with Baseline

Baseline in DDC<sup>[3]</sup>

Our Model

Table 2. Results for step placement experiments

Model	Dataset	PPL	AUC	F-score <sup>c</sup>	F-score <sup>m</sup>
LogReg	Fraxtil	1.205	0.601	0.609	0.667
MLP	Fraxtil	1.097	0.659	0.665	0.726
CNN	Fraxtil	1.082	0.671	0.678	0.750
C-LSTM	Fraxtil	<b>1.070</b>	<b>0.682</b>	<b>0.681</b>	<b>0.756</b>
LogReg	ITG	1.123	0.599	0.634	0.652
MLP	ITG	1.090	0.637	0.671	0.704
CNN	ITG	1.083	0.677	0.689	0.719
C-LSTM	ITG	<b>1.072</b>	<b>0.680</b>	<b>0.697</b>	<b>0.721</b>

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# Conclusion and Future Work





# Conclusion

Current Status: CNN model for presence and type task shows promising results.

A Conjecture why CNN performs better:

- Relatively Small dataset.
- Since it is community based, the charts are diverse and the pattern is less obvious.  
( A holistic view seems conservative but effective here)

Key Takeaways:

- Extensive trial and error process
- Gained insights into ML and rhythm games





# Future Work

1. Collect a dataset with better chart quality.
2. Develop a model to predict the note position that the trajectory are more made human-like.
3. Improve the Note Type prediction quality by applying certain constraints.



# Q & A

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