

# CS7150 Deep Learning

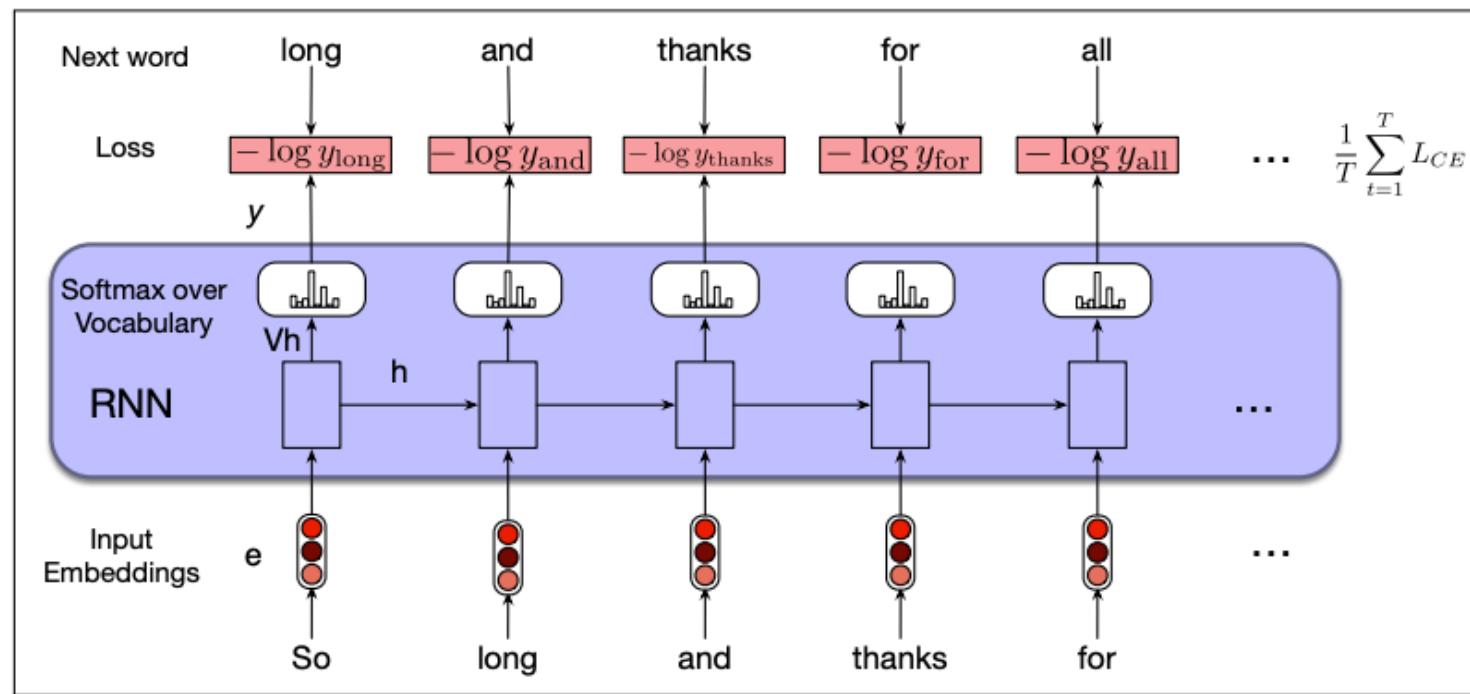
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# Recap of Last Lecture

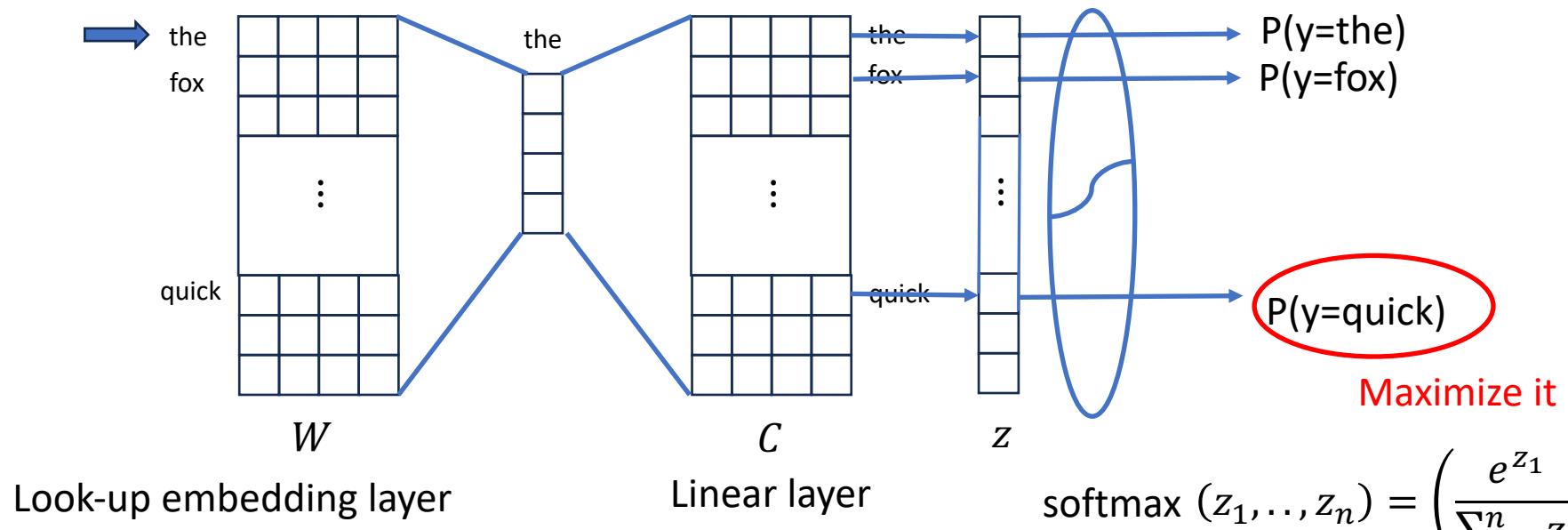
- Casual Language Model
  - N-gram
  - RNN, LSTM



**Figure 9.6** Training RNNs as language models.

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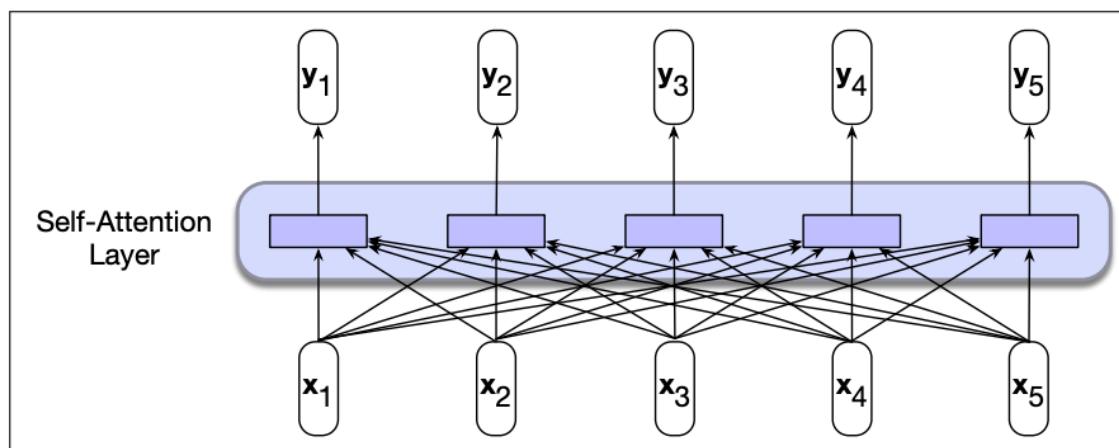
- Word Representations: Word2vec  
e.g, predict context word “quick” from input word “the”



$$\text{softmax } (z_1, \dots, z_n) = \left( \frac{e^{z_1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n z_i}, \dots, \frac{e^{z_n}}{\sum_{i=1}^n z_i} \right)$$

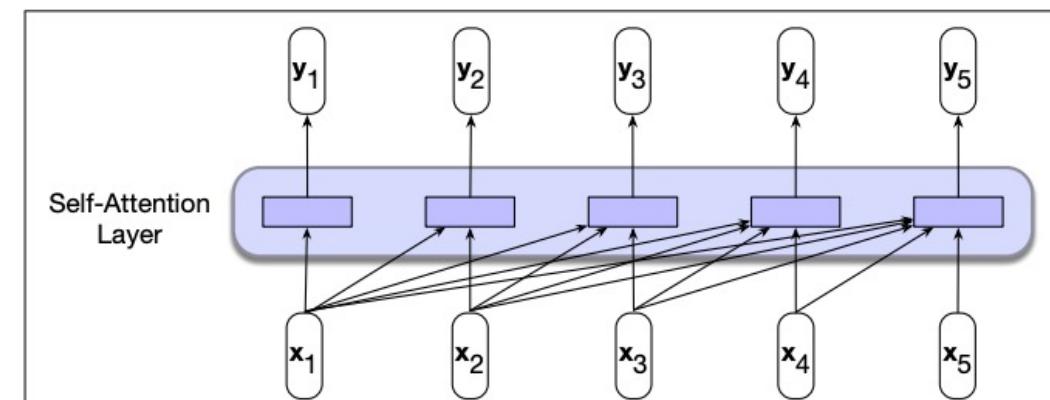
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- Transformer encoder and decoder



**Figure 11.2** Information flow in a bidirectional self-attention model. In processing each element of the sequence, the model attends to all inputs, both before and after the current one.

Encoder



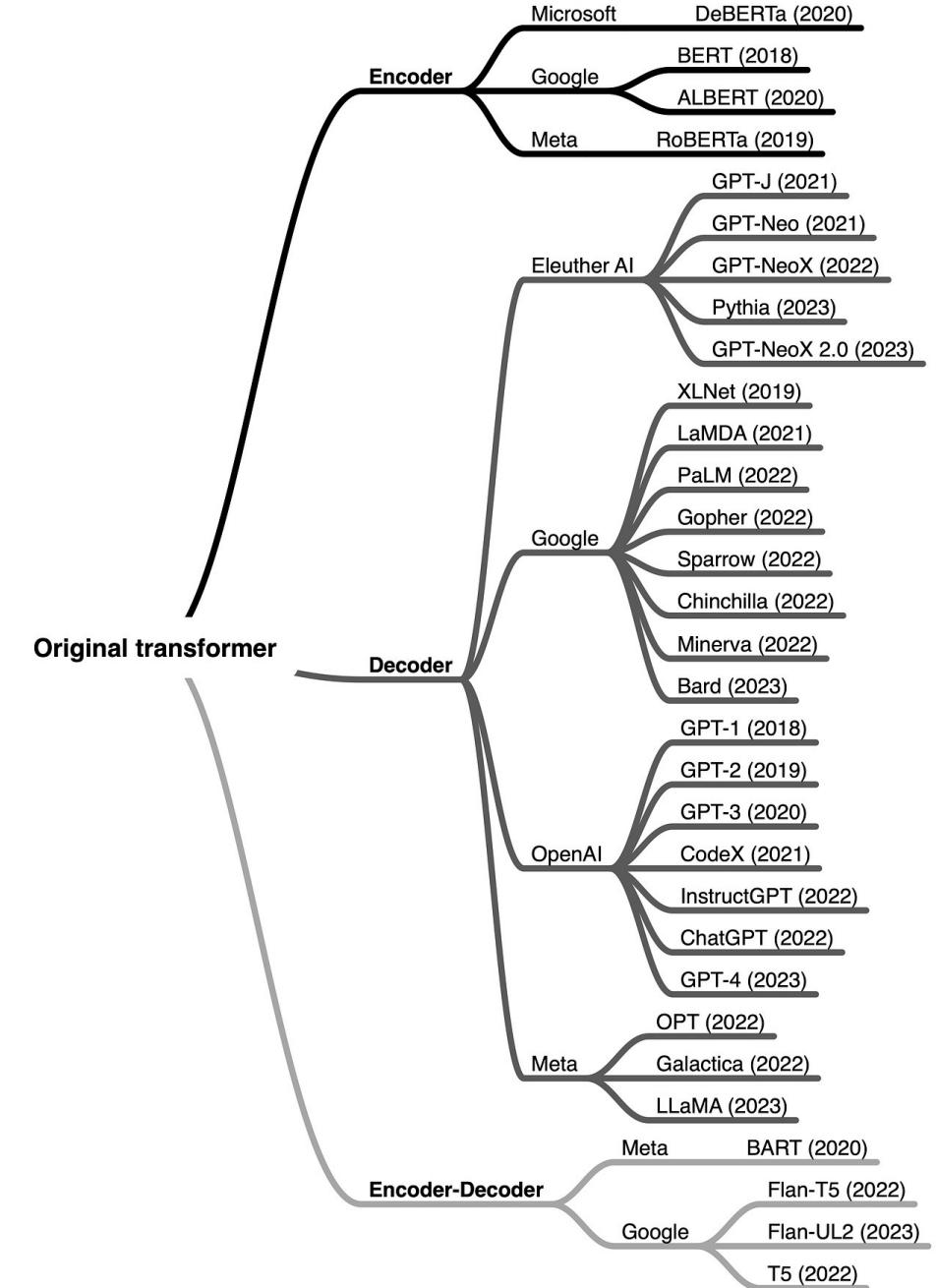
**Figure 10.1** Information flow in a causal (or masked) self-attention model. In processing each element of the sequence, the model attends to all the inputs up to, and including, the current one. Unlike RNNs, the computations at each time step are independent of all the other steps and therefore can be performed in parallel.

Decoder

# Encoder vs Decoder

- Encoder: Understanding, often bidirectional
- Decoder: Generation, often causal
- Encoder-Decoder: Does both

Illustration from this [blogpost](#)



# Agenda

- Encoder Model
  - ELMO
  - Masked LM and BERT
- Decoder Model
  - GPT
- Enc-Dec Model
  - Translation
  - Speech Recognition

# ELMO : LSTM as Encoder



## Deep contextualized word representations

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# ELMO: Training Phase

- Both left and right contexts are important for understanding word's meaning

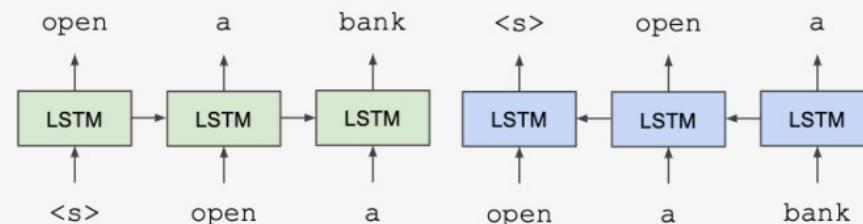
We went to the river **bank**

V.S.

I need to go to **bank** to make a deposit

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \left( \log p(t_k | t_1, \dots, t_{k-1}; \Theta_x, \vec{\Theta}_{LSTM}, \Theta_s) + \log p(t_k | t_{k+1}, \dots, t_N; \Theta_x, \vec{\Theta}_{LSTM}, \Theta_s) \right).$$

**Train Separate Left-to-Right and Right-to-Left LMs**

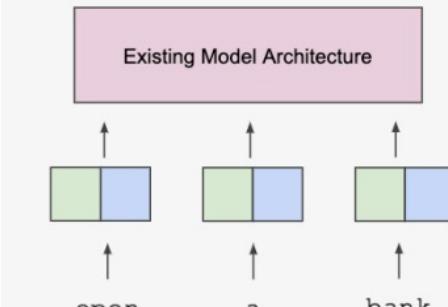


Cartoon and example from cos597G lecture [slides](#)

# ELMO: Applying Phase

- Treat the two learned LSTM models as two functions
- Apply the two functions to get two embeddings, and concatenate
- Learn your task specific classifier on top
- Similar to transfer learning we saw in computer vision!
- More generally, linearly combine embeddings at each layer

**Apply as “Pre-trained Embeddings”**



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# Discussion

- Advantage over word2vec?
- How to compare ELMO vs. word2vec?
- Replace the architecture with transformer?

# Masked LM

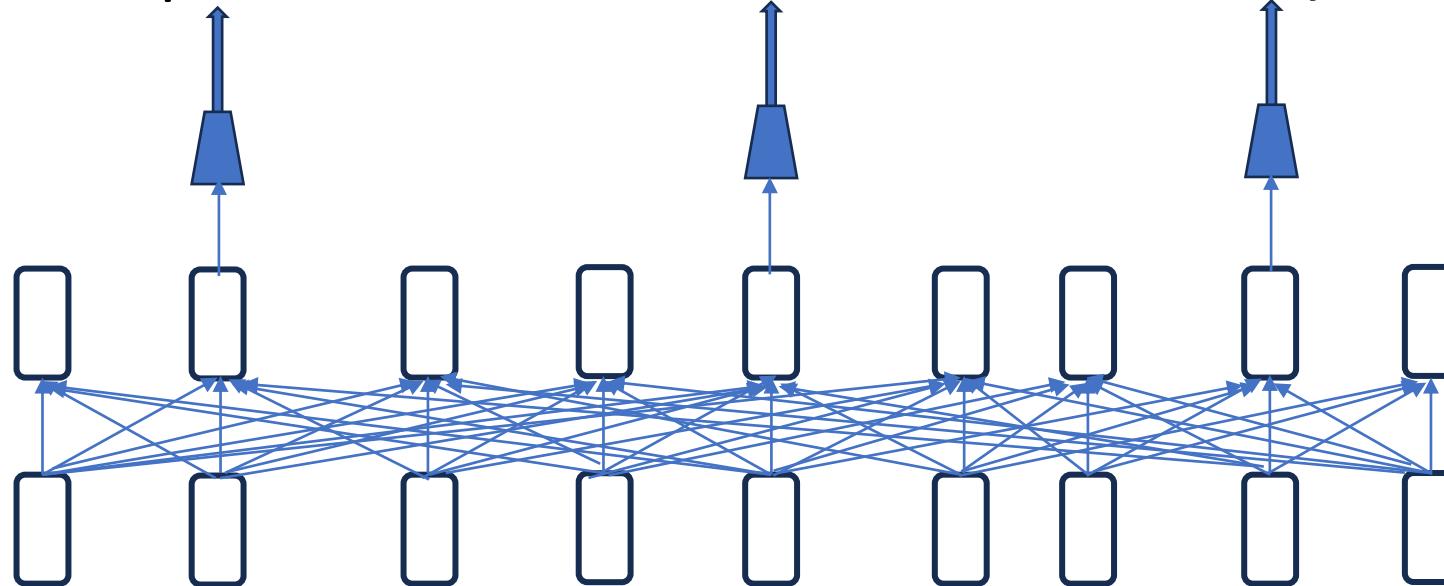
- randomly mask  $k\%$  words, and predict

quick

jumps

lazy

Softmax classifier



The [mask] brown fox [mask] over the [mask] dog

BERT



## **BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding**

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Released in 2018/10, NAACL 2019 best paper

# Masking Strategies

- Typically use  $k = 15$ , uniformly sample them
- Other options?
- 80-10-10 corruption
  - 80% of the time, put a [mask]
  - 10% of the time, put a random word
  - 10% of the time, put the original word
- Why?

# Next Sentence Prediction

- Motivation: learn the relationship between two sentences
- Useful for tasks like: Question Answering, natural language inference

Input: [cls] my dog is cute [sep] he likes playing

Output: IsNext

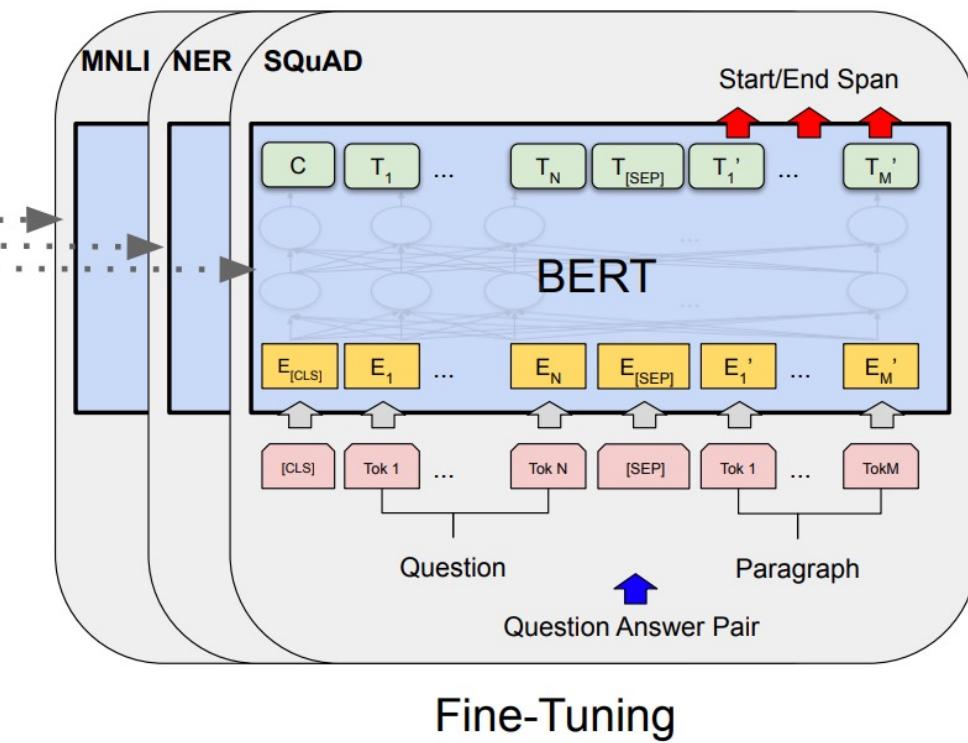
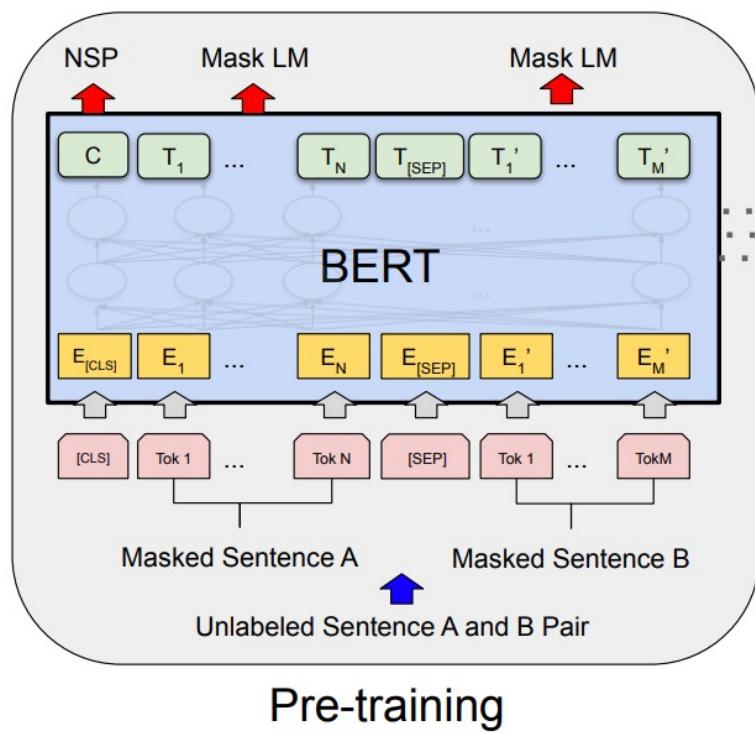
Input: [cls] my dog is cute [sep] the man went to the store

Output: NotNext

- Sample next sentence 50% of time, 50% as a random one
- Use embedding for [cls] to build a binary classifier

# Put together

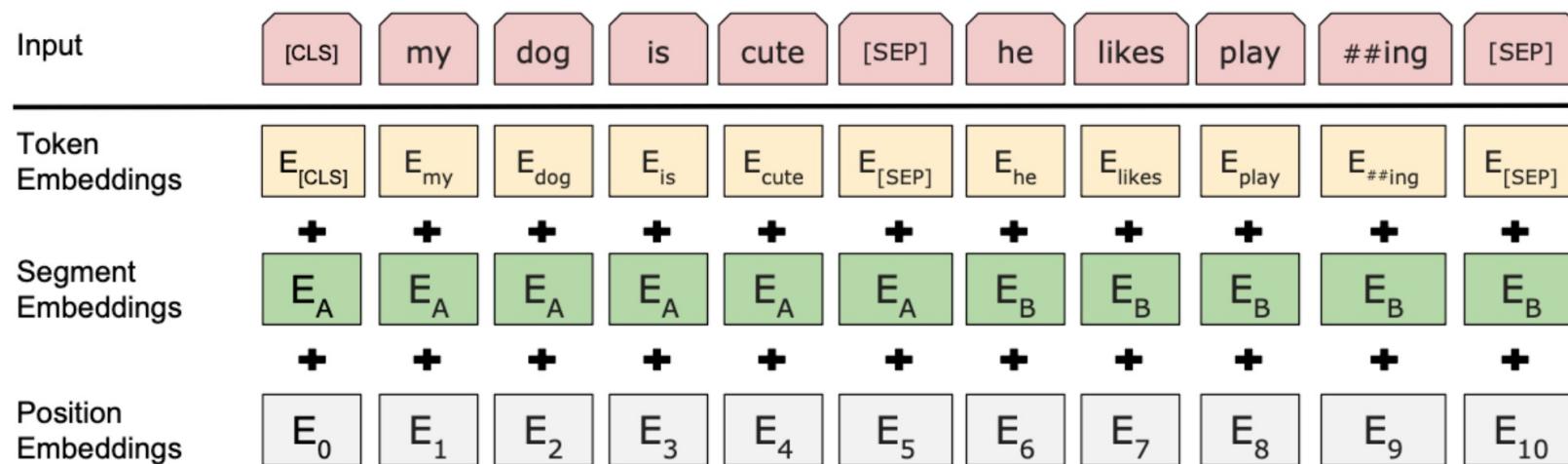
- Pretrain: Masked LM + NSP
- Finetune: task specific (will revisit)



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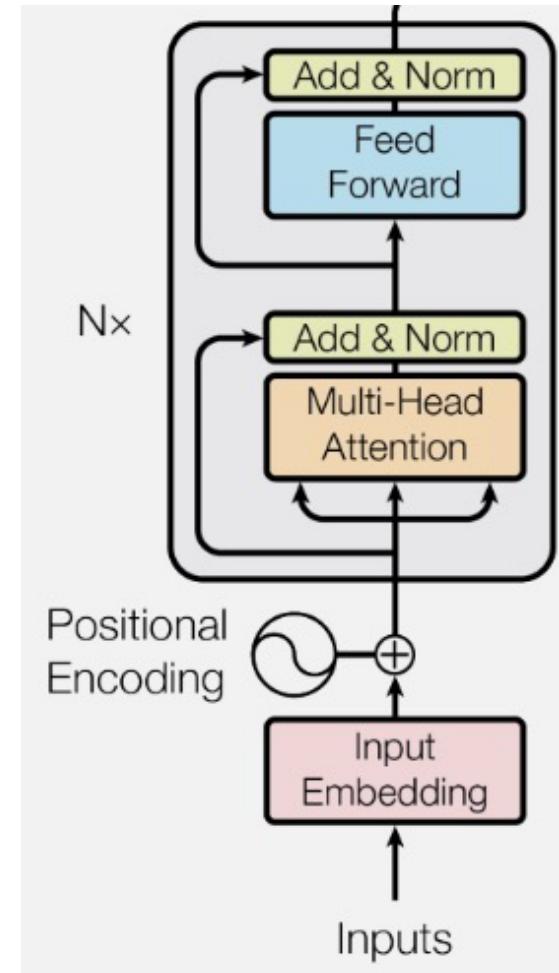
# Input embedding

- Tokenized Input: word to subwords (recall fastText in last lecture)



# Architecture

- Transformer encoder
- BERT base: N=12, d=768, H=12
- BERT large: N=24, d=1024, H=16
- Training: Wikipedia (2.5B words)  
+book corpus (0.8B words)
- Max input length: 512 subwords  
(≈256 each sentence)



# A bit more on subword tokenizers

- Byte Pair Encoding (BPE): Merge the most frequent pair of tokens

**corpus**

5 l o w \_  
2 l o w e s t \_  
6 n e w e r \_  
3 w i d e r \_  
2 n e w \_

**vocabulary**

\_, d, e, i, l, n, o, r, s, t, w

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# BPE (cont.)

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# Drawback of BPE

- Small non-meaningful subwords

Original: corrupted  
BPE: cor rupted

Original: Completely preposterous suggestions  
BPE: Comple t ely prep ost erous suggest ions

*Natural Language Engineering* (2020), 26, pp. 375–382  
doi:10.1017/S1351324920000145

## EMERGING TRENDS

### Emerging trends: Subwords, seriously?

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#### Abstract

Subwords have become very popular, but the BERT<sup>a</sup> and ERNIE<sup>b</sup> tokenizers often produce surprising results. Byte pair encoding (BPE) trains a dictionary with a simple information theoretic criterion that sidesteps the need for special treatment of unknown words. BPE is more about training (populating a dictionary of word pieces) than inference (parsing an unknown word into word pieces). The parse at inference time can be ambiguous. Which parse should we use? For example, “electroneutral” can be parsed as electron-eu-tral or electro-neutral, and “bidirectional” can be parsed as bid-ire-ction-al and bi-directional. BERT and ERNIE tend to favor the parse with more word pieces. We propose minimizing the number of word pieces. To justify our proposal, a number of criteria will be considered: sound, meaning, etc. The prefix, bi-, has the desired vowel (unlike bid) and the desired meaning (bi is Latin for two, unlike bid, which is Germanic for offer).

# Wordpiece

- Initialize with a set of all characters
- Repeat till there are  $V$  wordpieces
  - Train an n-gram language model, using the current set
  - Consider concatenating two word pieces, so that the resulting n-gram has biggest likelihood increase

# SentencePiece

- A library implementing BPE and another method called *Unigram*
- How Unigram works
  - Fix token set, learn probabilistic split of words (into these tokens), via EM
  - Prune away subwords with low probabilities

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# GPT-1

- Pretraining

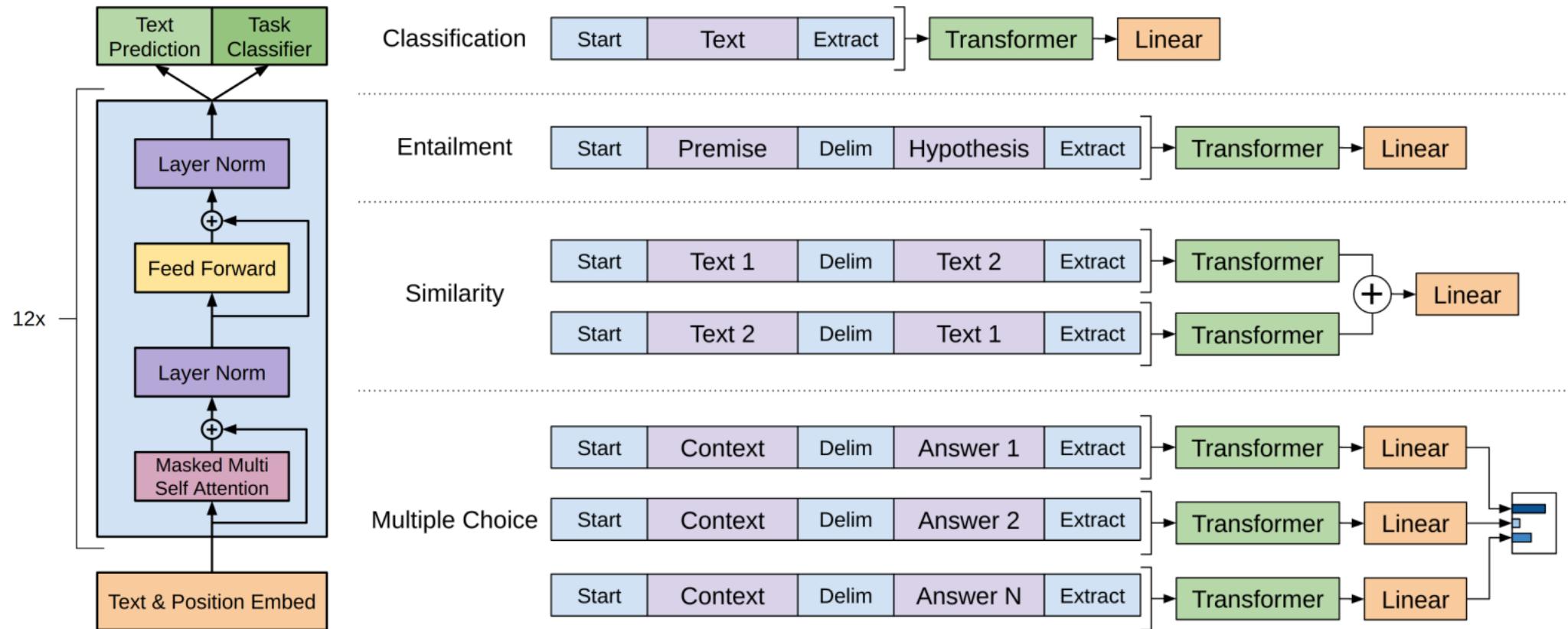
$$\min_{\Theta} \sum_i -\log p(x_i | x_{i-k}, \dots, x_{i-1}; \Theta)$$

where  $k$  is context window size

- Supervised fintuning

$$\min_{\Theta} \sum_{(x,y)} -\log p(y | x_1, \dots, x_m)$$

# GPT-1: architecture



# GPT-2

- Training

$$\min_{\Theta} \sum_i -\log p(\text{output}|\text{input}, \text{task}; \Theta)$$

- Example

(task = translate to french, input = english text, output = french text)

- No finetuning used

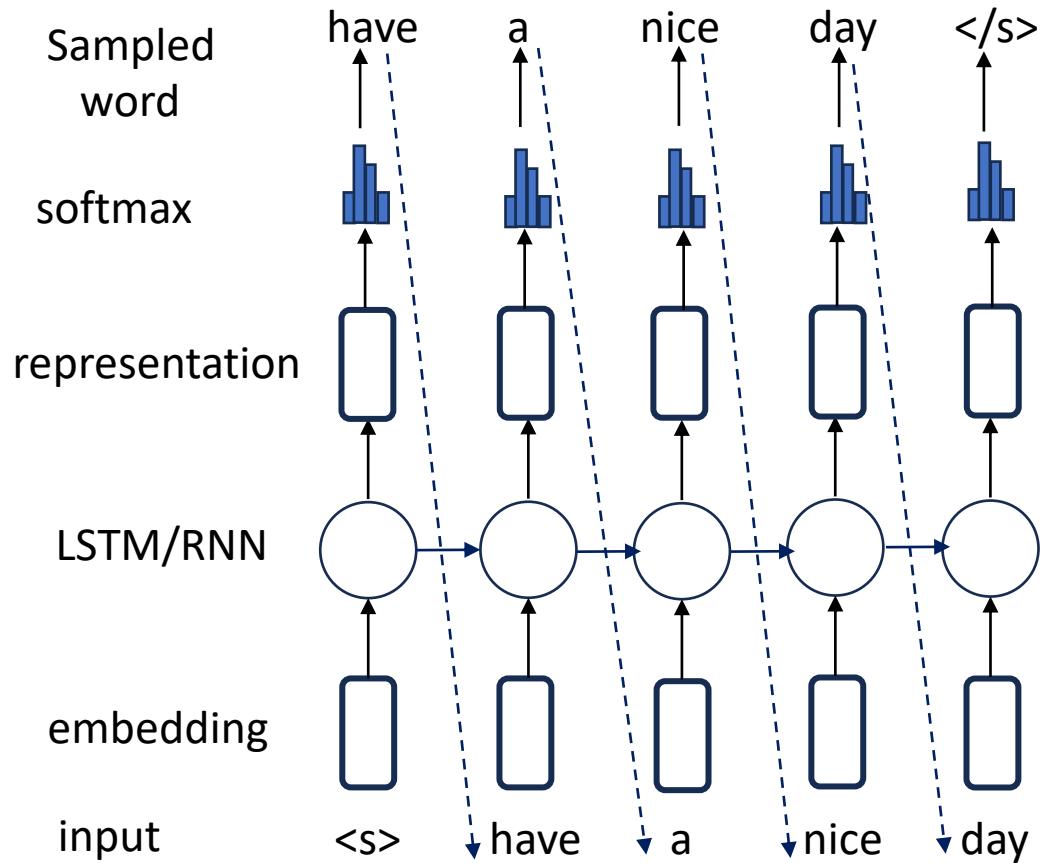
# Some Results from GPT-2

	LAMBADA (PPL)	LAMBADA (ACC)	CBT-CN (ACC)	CBT-NE (ACC)	WikiText2 (PPL)	PTB (PPL)	enwik8 (BPB)	text8 (BPC)	WikiText103 (PPL)	1BW (PPL)
SOTA	99.8	59.23	85.7	82.3	39.14	46.54	0.99	1.08	18.3	<b>21.8</b>
117M	<b>35.13</b>	45.99	<b>87.65</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>29.41</b>	65.85	1.16	1.17	37.50	75.20
345M	<b>15.60</b>	55.48	<b>92.35</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>22.76</b>	47.33	1.01	<b>1.06</b>	26.37	55.72
762M	<b>10.87</b>	<b>60.12</b>	<b>93.45</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>19.93</b>	<b>40.31</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>1.02</b>	22.05	44.575
1542M	<b>8.63</b>	<b>63.24</b>	<b>93.30</b>	<b>89.05</b>	<b>18.34</b>	<b>35.76</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>17.48</b>	42.16

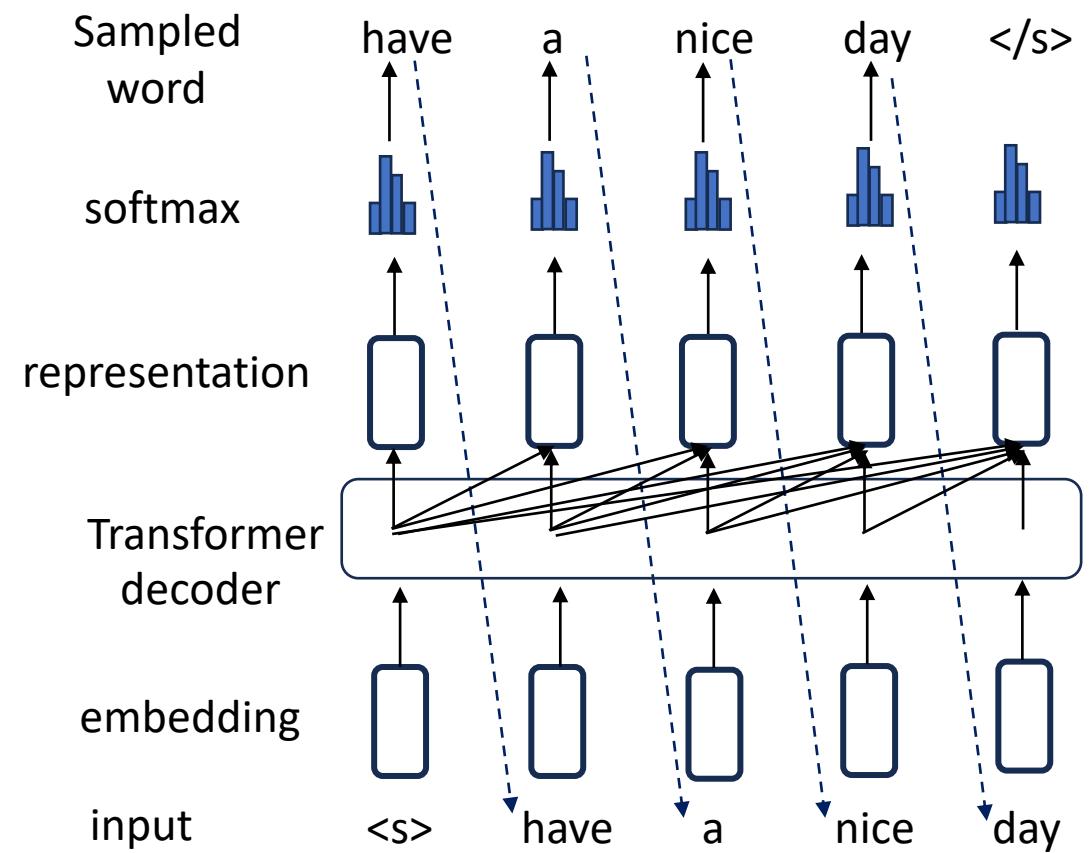
Table 3. Zero-shot results on many datasets. No training or fine-tuning was performed for any of these results. PTB and WikiText-2 results are from (Gong et al., 2018). CBT results are from (Bajgar et al., 2016). LAMBADA accuracy result is from (Hoang et al., 2018) and LAMBADA perplexity result is from (Grave et al., 2016). Other results are from (Dai et al., 2019).

# Generation from Decoders

LSTM based Decoder



transformer based Decoder



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# Classical Approach

## Statistical Machine Translation

- Bayesian Rule

$$T^* = \arg \max_T P(T|S) = \arg \max_T P(S|T)P(T)$$

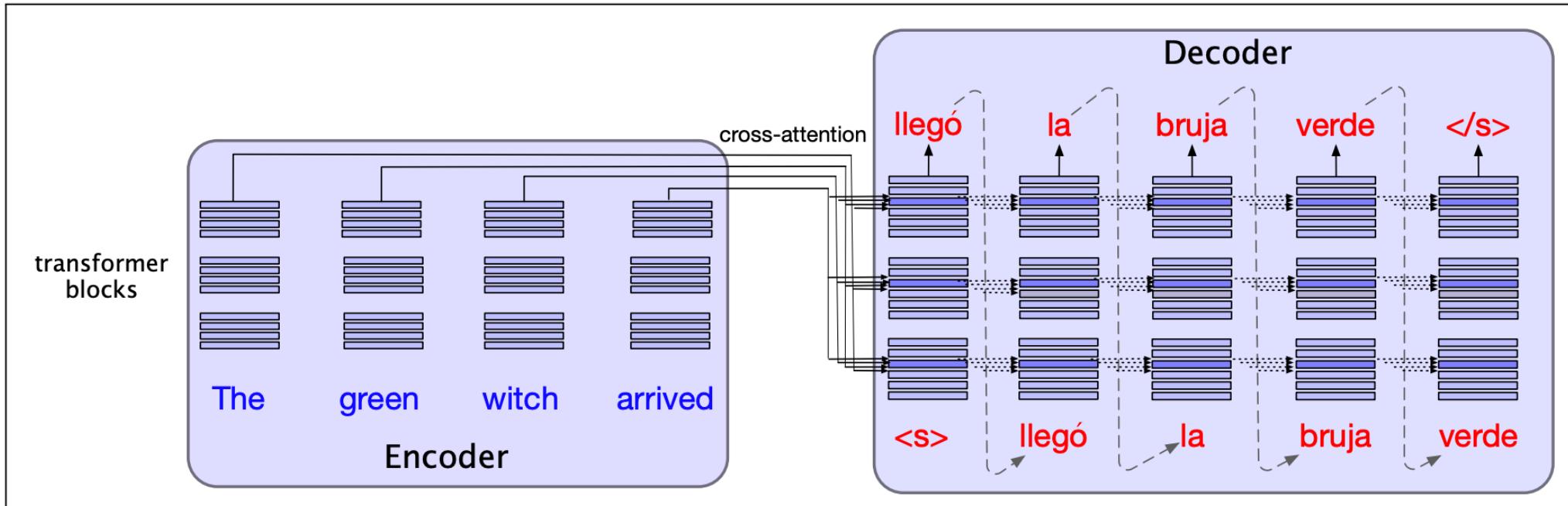
- $P(S|T)$ : translation model, faithfulness
- $P(T)$  : language model, fluency
- IBM models:
  - Alignment  $a$
  - $P(S|T) = \sum_a P(S, a|T)$

# Alignment

	Source								
	Marie	a	traversé	le	lac	à	la	nage	
Mary									
swam									
across									
the									
lake									

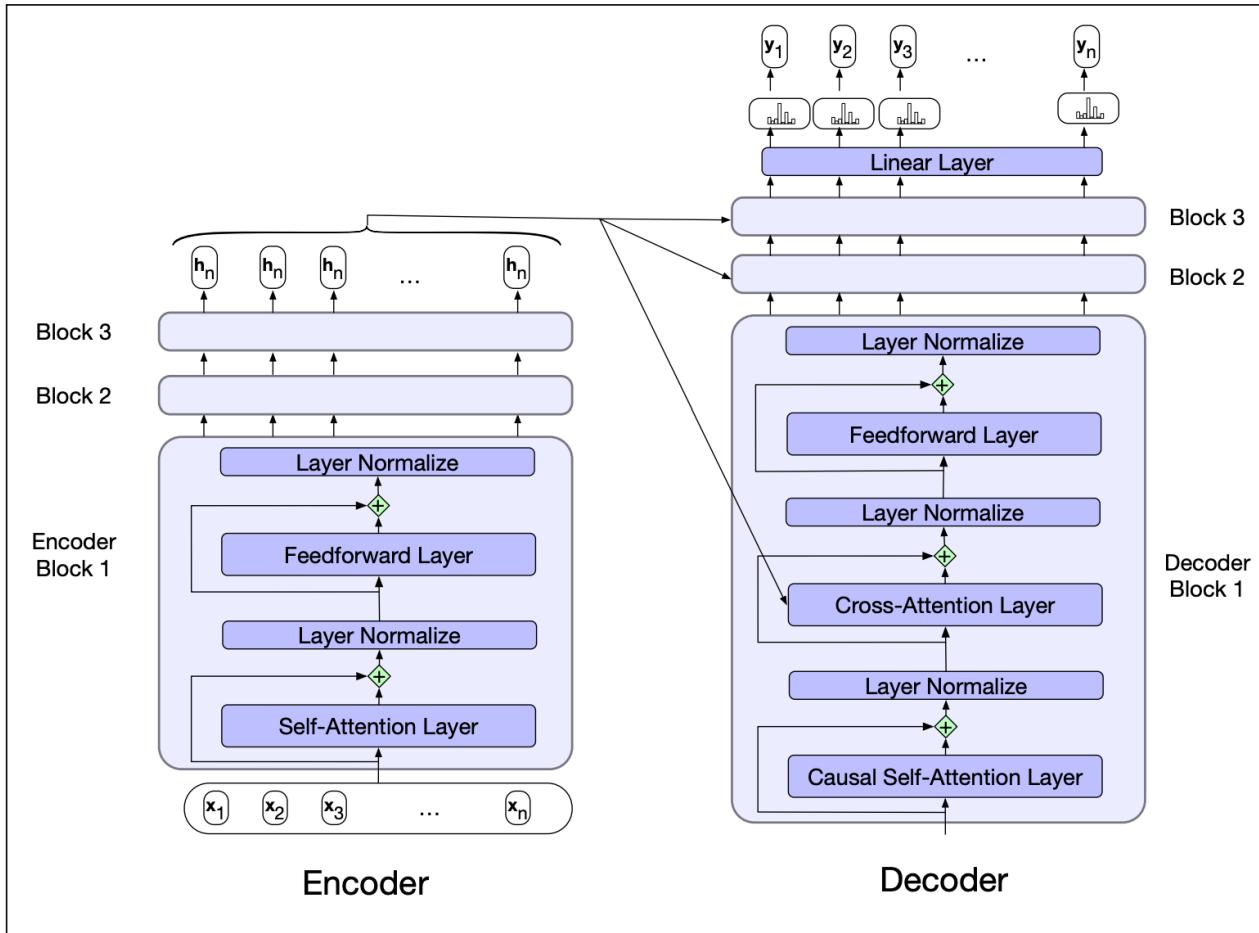
Illustration from <https://courses.grainger.illinois.edu/CS447/fa2020/Slides/Lecture14.pdf>

# Architecture



**Figure 10.5** The encoder-decoder transformer architecture for machine translation. The encoder uses the transformer blocks we saw in Chapter 9, while the decoder uses a more powerful block with an extra **cross-attention** layer that can attend to all the encoder words. We'll see this in more detail in the next section.

# Zoom in for cross-attention

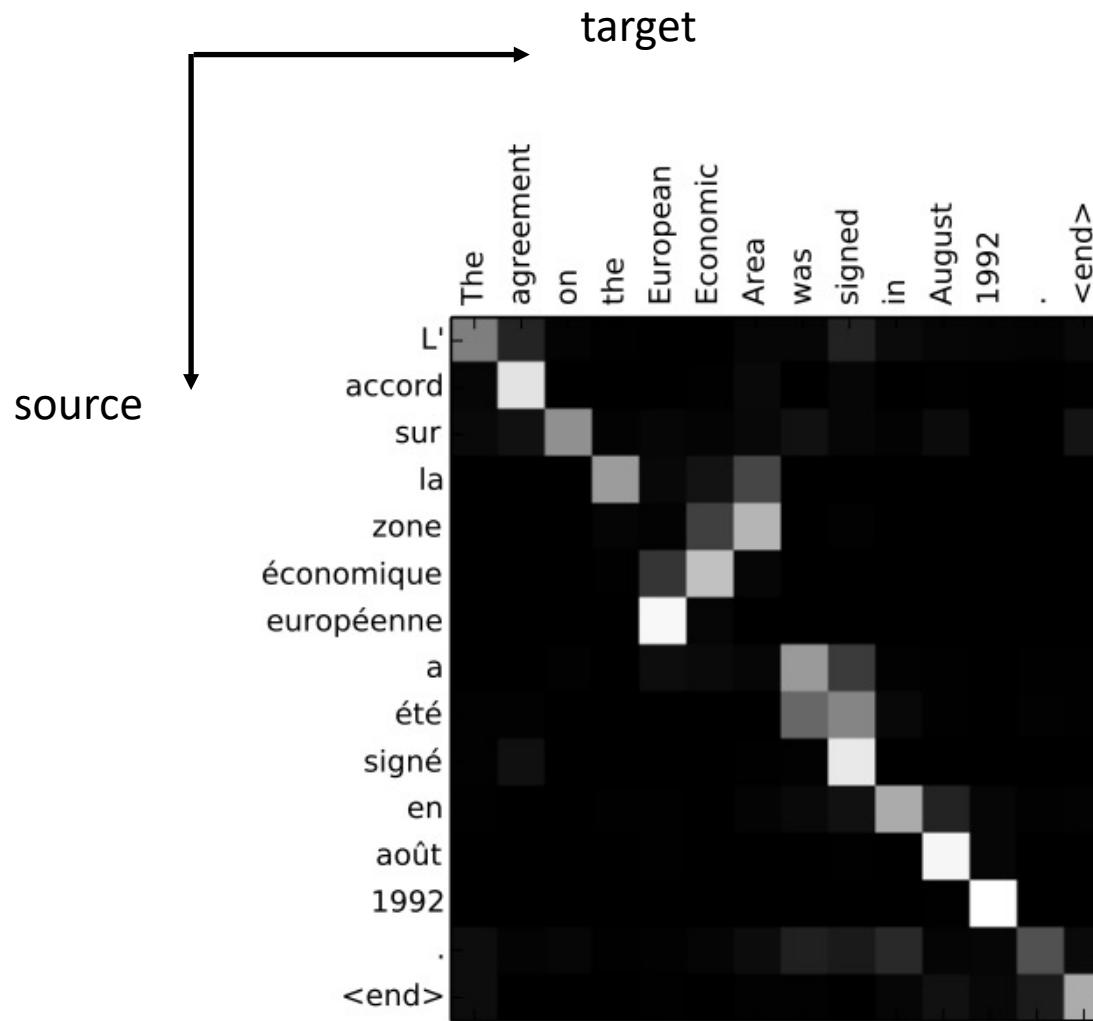


$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{W}^Q \mathbf{H}^{dec}[i-1]; \quad \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{W}^K \mathbf{H}^{enc}; \quad \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{W}^V \mathbf{H}^{enc}$$

$$\text{CrossAttention}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{K}^\top}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)\mathbf{V}$$

Illustration from <https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/13.pdf>

# Cross Attention is alignment



arXiv  
<https://arxiv.org/> > cs ::

Neural Machine Translation by Jointly Learning to Align ...

by D Bahdanau · 2014 · Cited by 31472 — With this new approach, we achieve a translation performance comparable to the existing state-of-the-art phrase-based system on the task of ...

Note the alignment is neither diagonal, nor triangular!

# Training

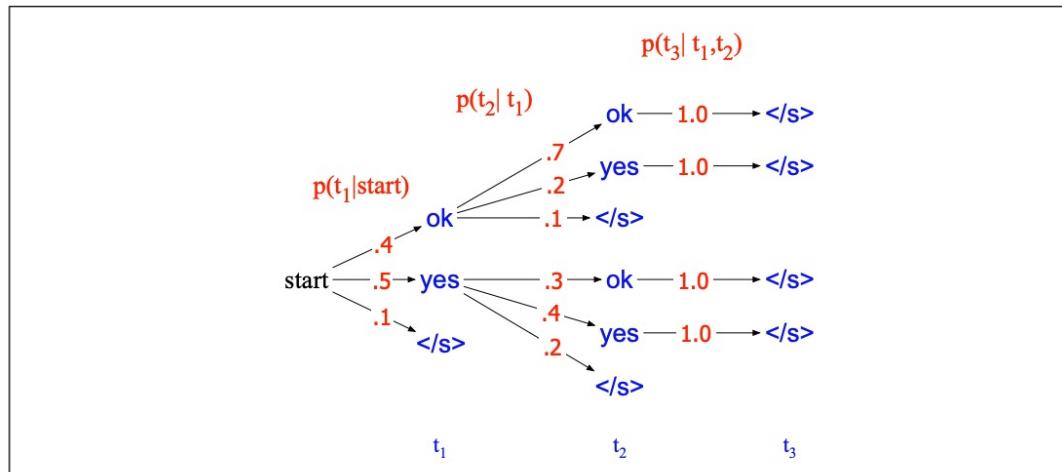
- Minimize cross-entropy loss

$$\sum_t H(y_t, \hat{y}_t)$$

- Consider  $t$ -th input to decoder
- feeding ground-truth  $y_t$  has **exposure bias**
- As at inference, we feed in decoder output of last timestep,  $\hat{y}_t$
- Scheduled sampling: mimic inference time by feeding  $\hat{y}_t$
- Hybrid scheme?

# Inference

- Greedy
  - Each time step take the most likely token and input to next step
- Beam Search



**Figure 10.8** A search tree for generating the target string  $T = t_1, t_2, \dots$  from the vocabulary  $V = \{\text{yes}, \text{ok}, \langle \text{s} \rangle\}$ , showing the probability of generating each token from that state. Greedy search would choose *yes* at the first time step followed by *yes*, instead of the globally most probable sequence *ok ok*.

# Evaluation Metric: BLEU score

- Count the number of common n-grams

Reference: the cat is on the mat

Decoded: on mat sits the cat

N=1: “on”, “mat”, “the”, “cat”, precision  $p_1 = 4/5$

N=2: “the cat”, precision  $p_2 = 1/4$

- Calculate brevity penalty, punish very short decoded sentence,  
$$\exp\left(1 - \max\left(1, \frac{L_{ref}}{L_{decoded}}\right)\right) = e^{1-6/5} = 0.8187$$
- BLEU = brevity penalty  $\times \exp(\sum_n w_n \ln p_n)$ , higher is better

# Extensions

## STACL: Simultaneous Translation with Implicit Anticipation ...

by M Ma · 2019 · Cited by 194 — **Simultaneous translation**, which translates sentences before they are finished, is useful in many scenarios but is notoriously difficult due to word-order ...

- **Simultaneous Translation**

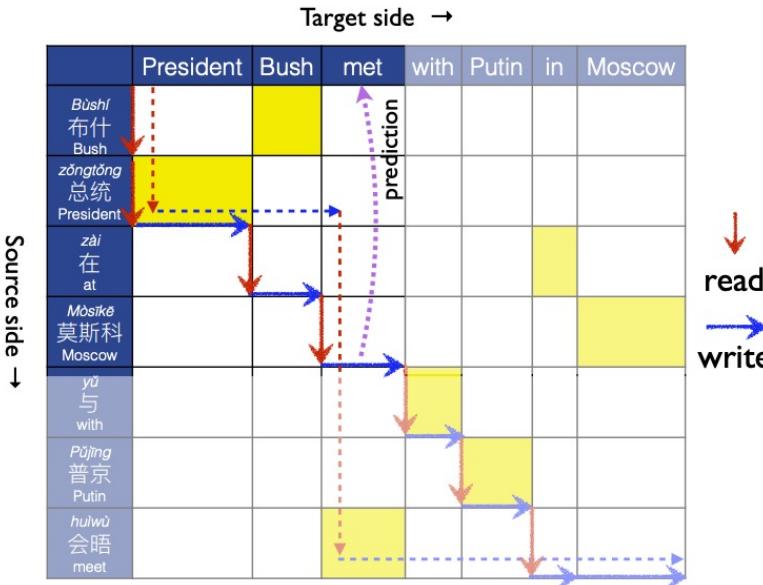


Figure 1: Our wait- $k$  model emits target word  $y_t$  given source-side prefix  $x_1 \dots x_{t+k-1}$ , often before seeing the corresponding source word (here  $k=2$ , outputting  $y_3 = \text{"met"}$  before  $x_7 = \text{"huìwù"}$ ). Without anticipation, a 5-word wait is needed (dashed arrows). See also Fig. 2.

# Extensions

- Multilingual Translation
- Language encoding token:  $l_s, l_t$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{h} &= \text{encoder}(x, l_s) \\ y_{i+1} &= \text{decoder}(\mathbf{h}, l_t, y_1, \dots, y_i)) \quad \forall i \in [1, \dots, m]\end{aligned}$$

# Extensions

## UNSUPERVISED MACHINE TRANSLATION USING MONOLINGUAL CORPORA ONLY

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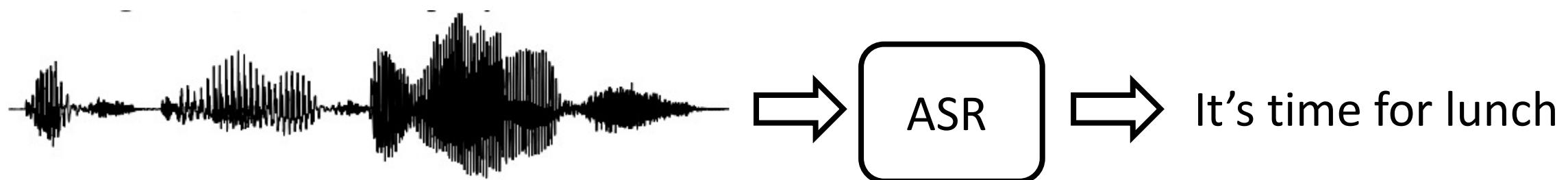
- Unsupervised Machine Translation
  - Source and target text has no correspondence
- Method
  - Initialize: Word-to-word translation (bilingual lexicon induction)
  - Train encoder-decoder by
    - Sample source sentence  $x$ , translation  $y$  using current model
    - Train as if supervised case, using  $(x, y)$

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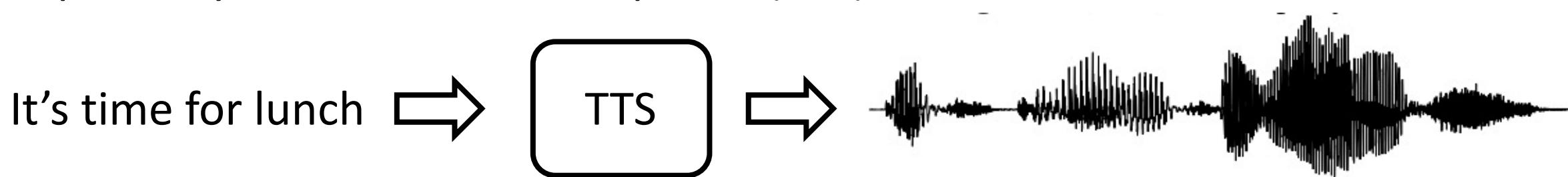
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# Two Tasks

- Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)



- Speech synthesis, or Text-to-Speech (TTS)



# Word Error Rate (WER) on WSJ eval92

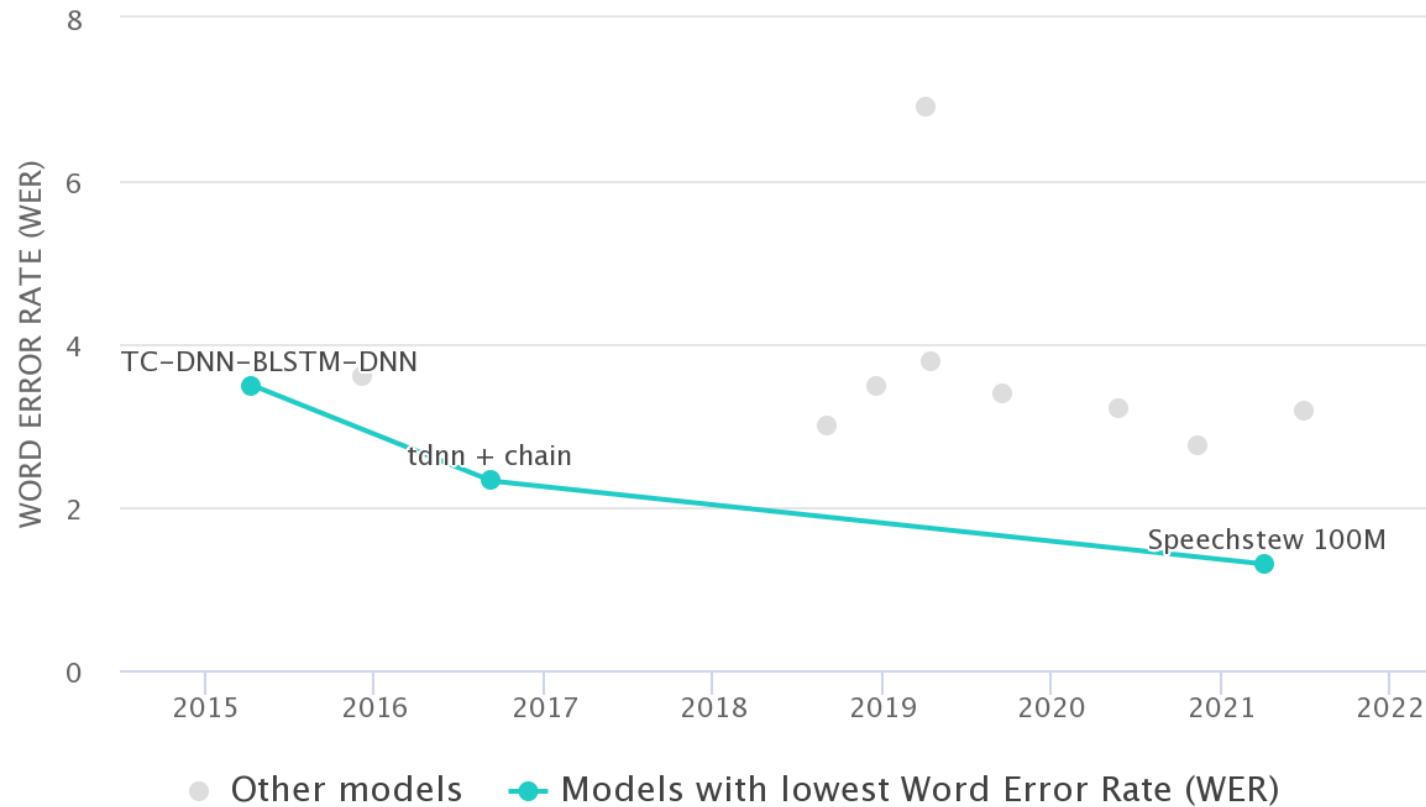
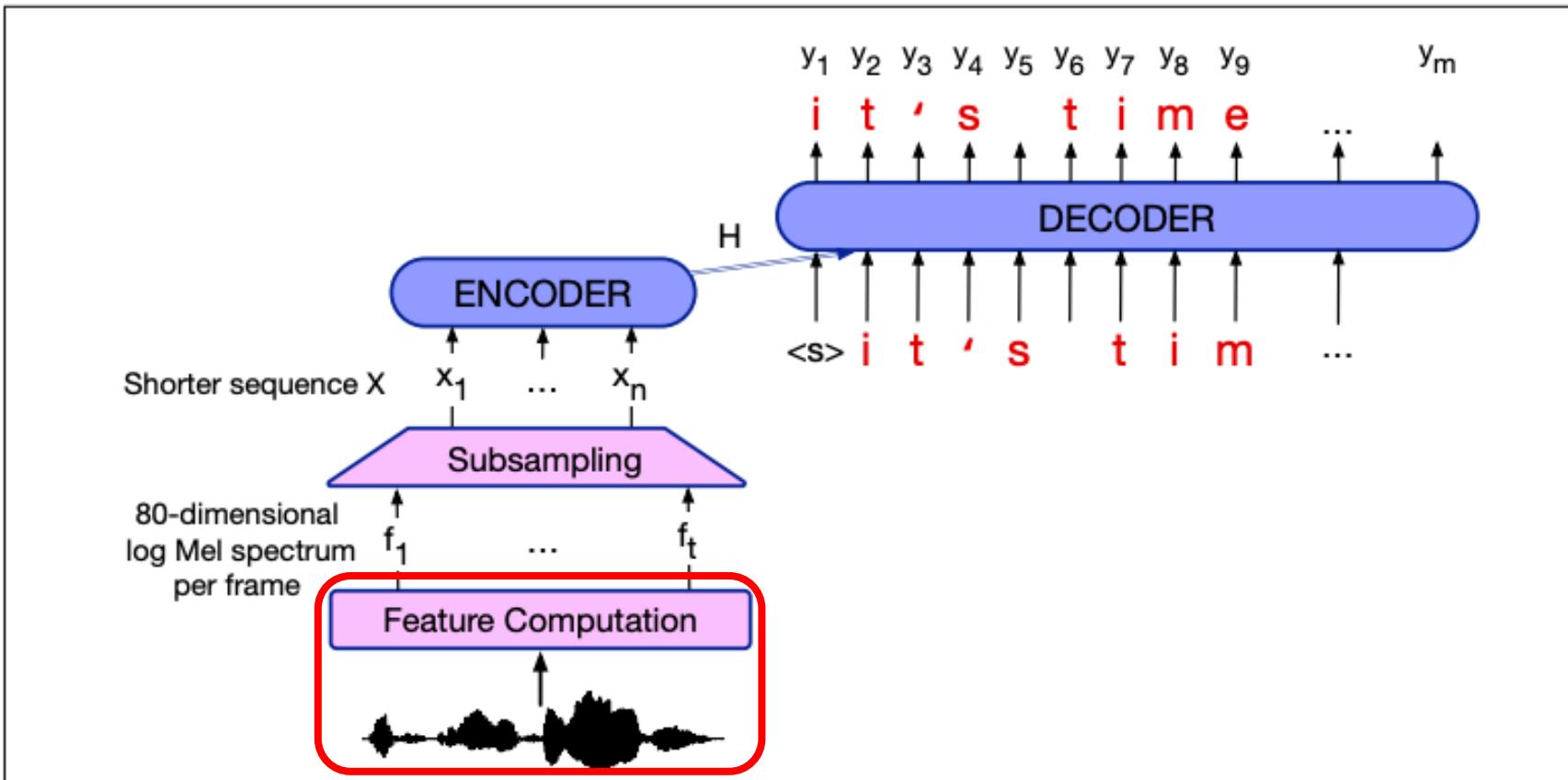


Image from <https://paperswithcode.com/sota/speech-recognition-on-wsj-eval92>

# End-to-end ASR



**Figure 16.6** Schematic architecture for an encoder-decoder speech recognizer.

Illustration from <https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/16.pdf>

# Feature Computation

- Windowing
  - Rectangular window
    - Gibbs phenomenon
  - Hamming window

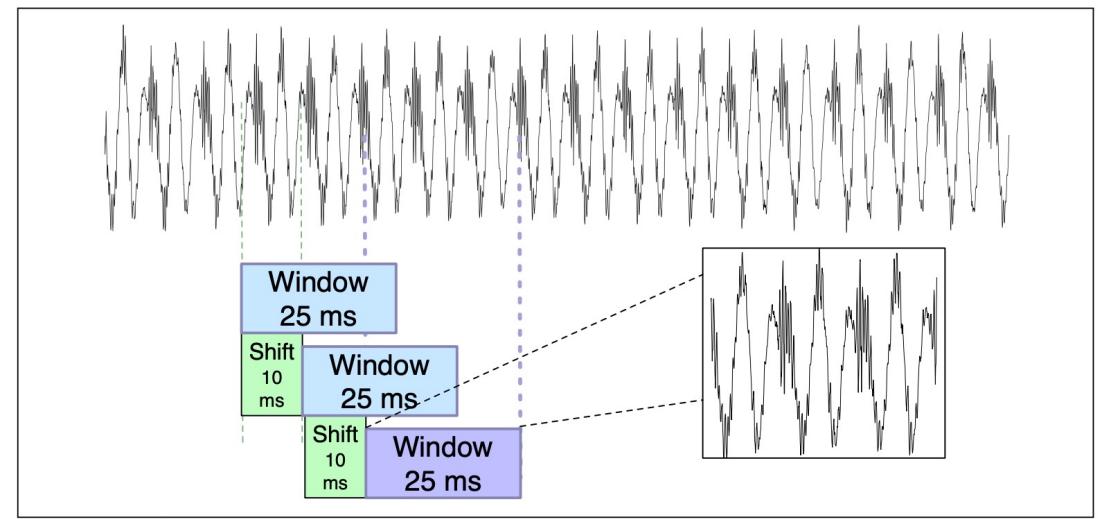
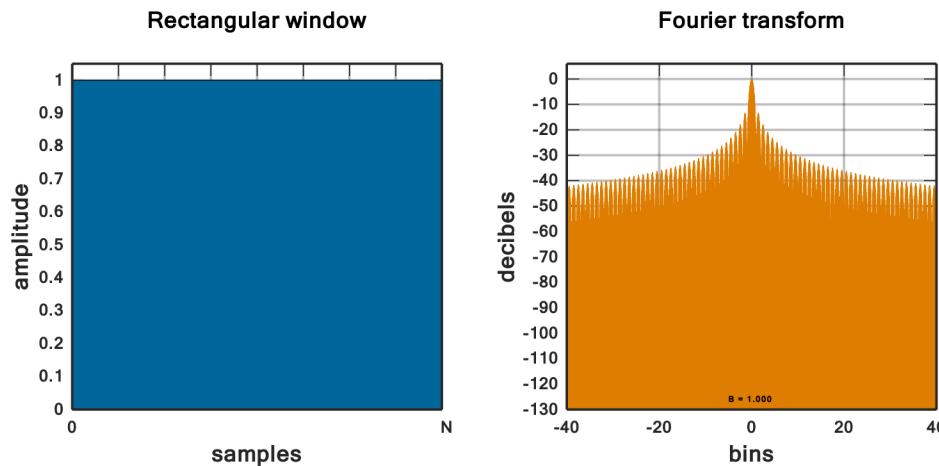


Figure 16.2 Windowing, showing a 25 ms rectangular window with a 10ms stride.

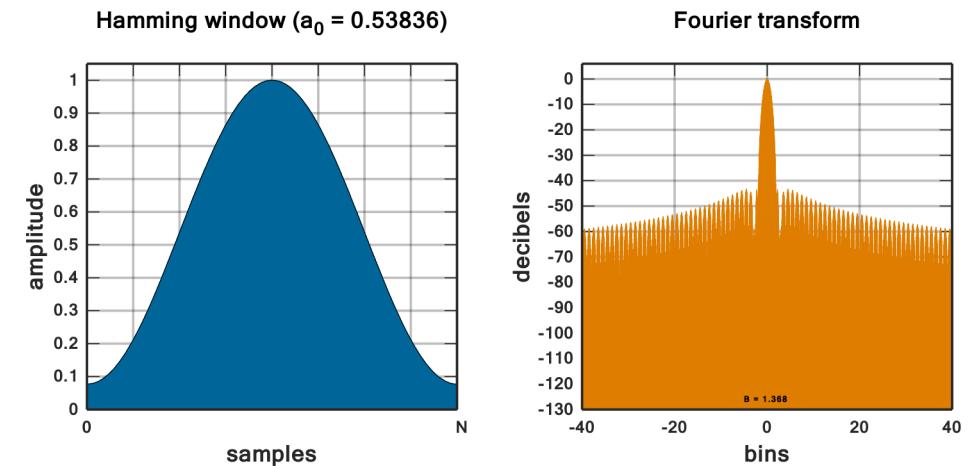
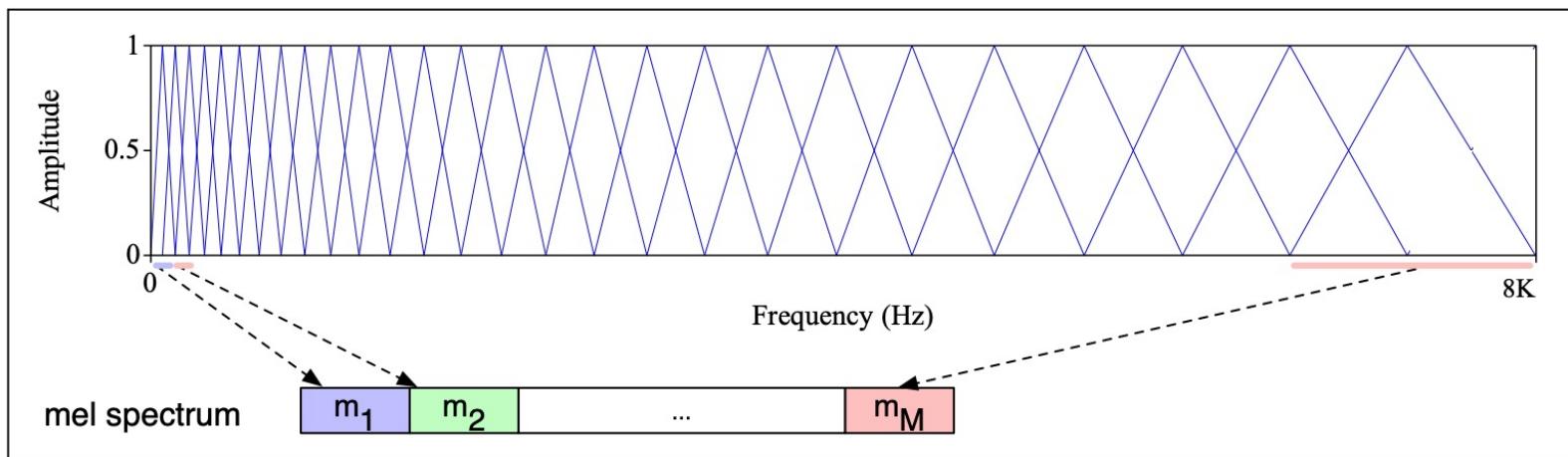


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# Convert to Frequency domain

- Apply FFT inside each window
- Apply Mel Filter banks
  - Why? Human hearing is less sensitive at higher frequency



**Figure 16.5** The mel filter bank (Davis and Mermelstein, 1980). Each triangular filter, spaced logarithmically along the mel scale, collects energy from a given frequency range.

# Before and after Mel

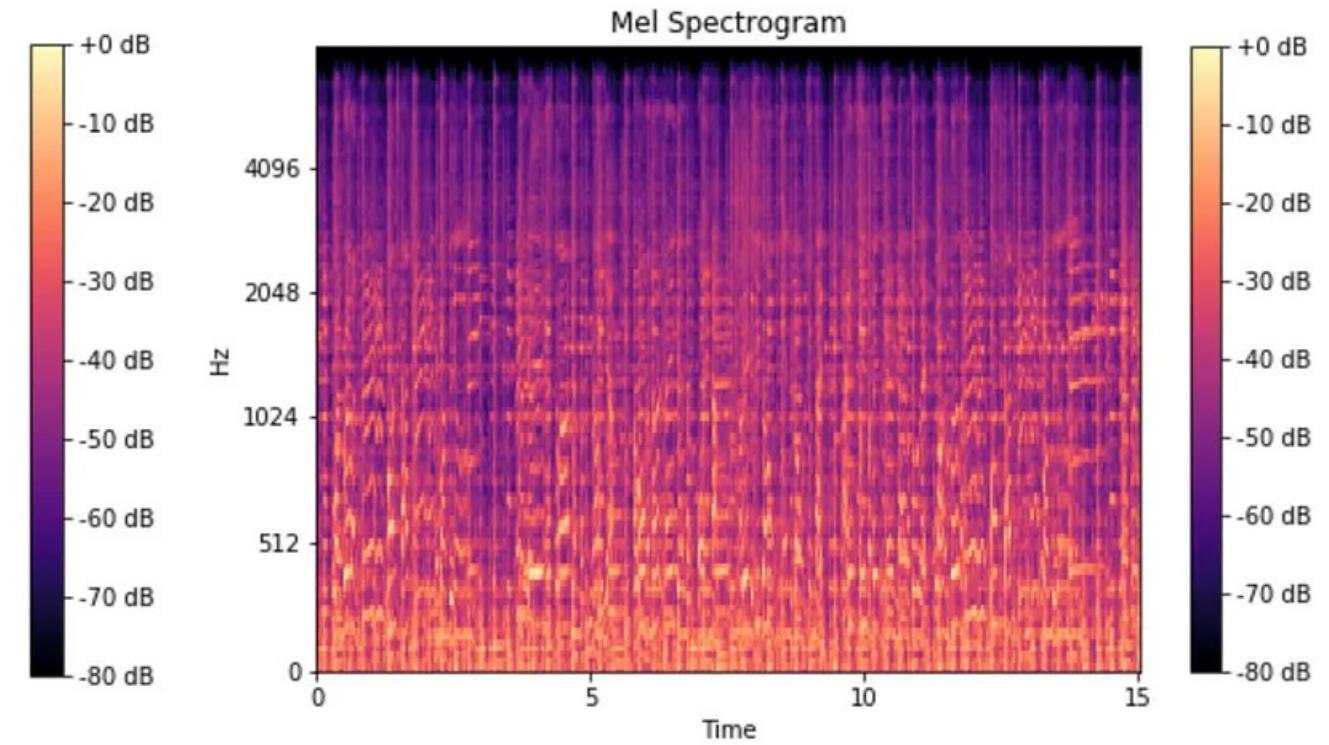
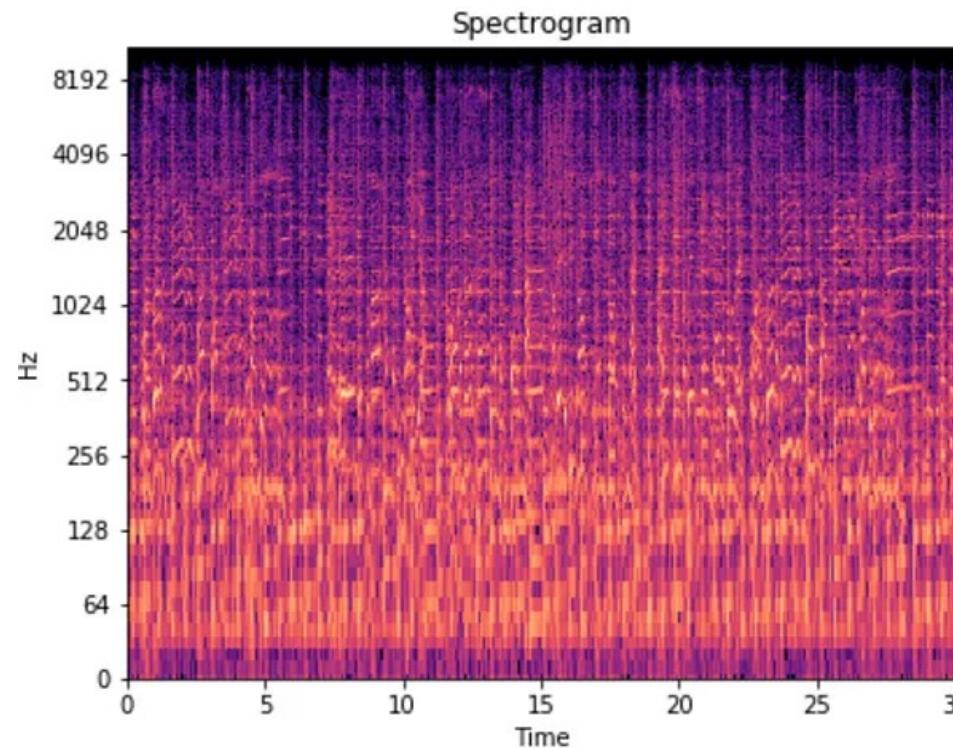
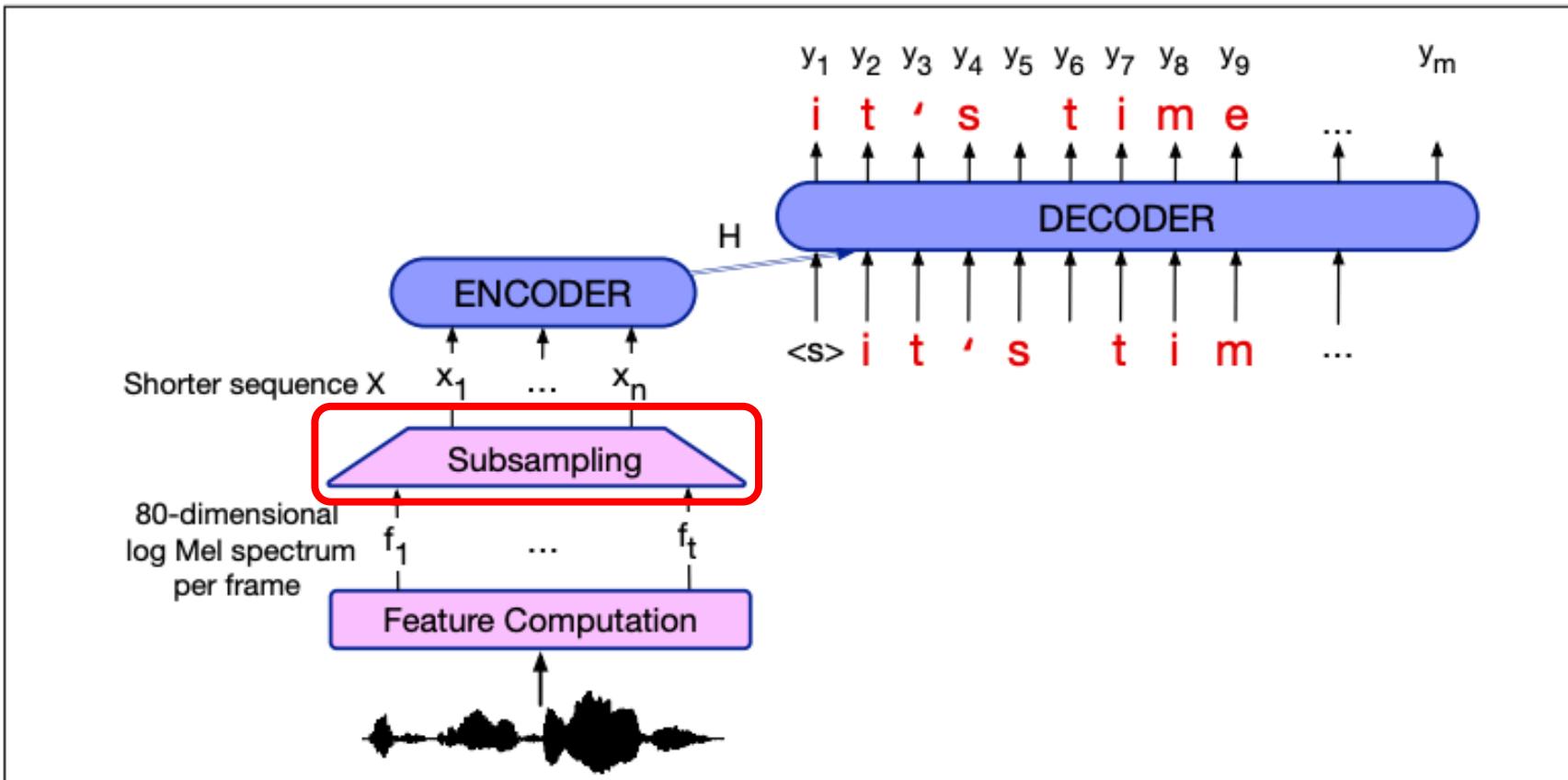


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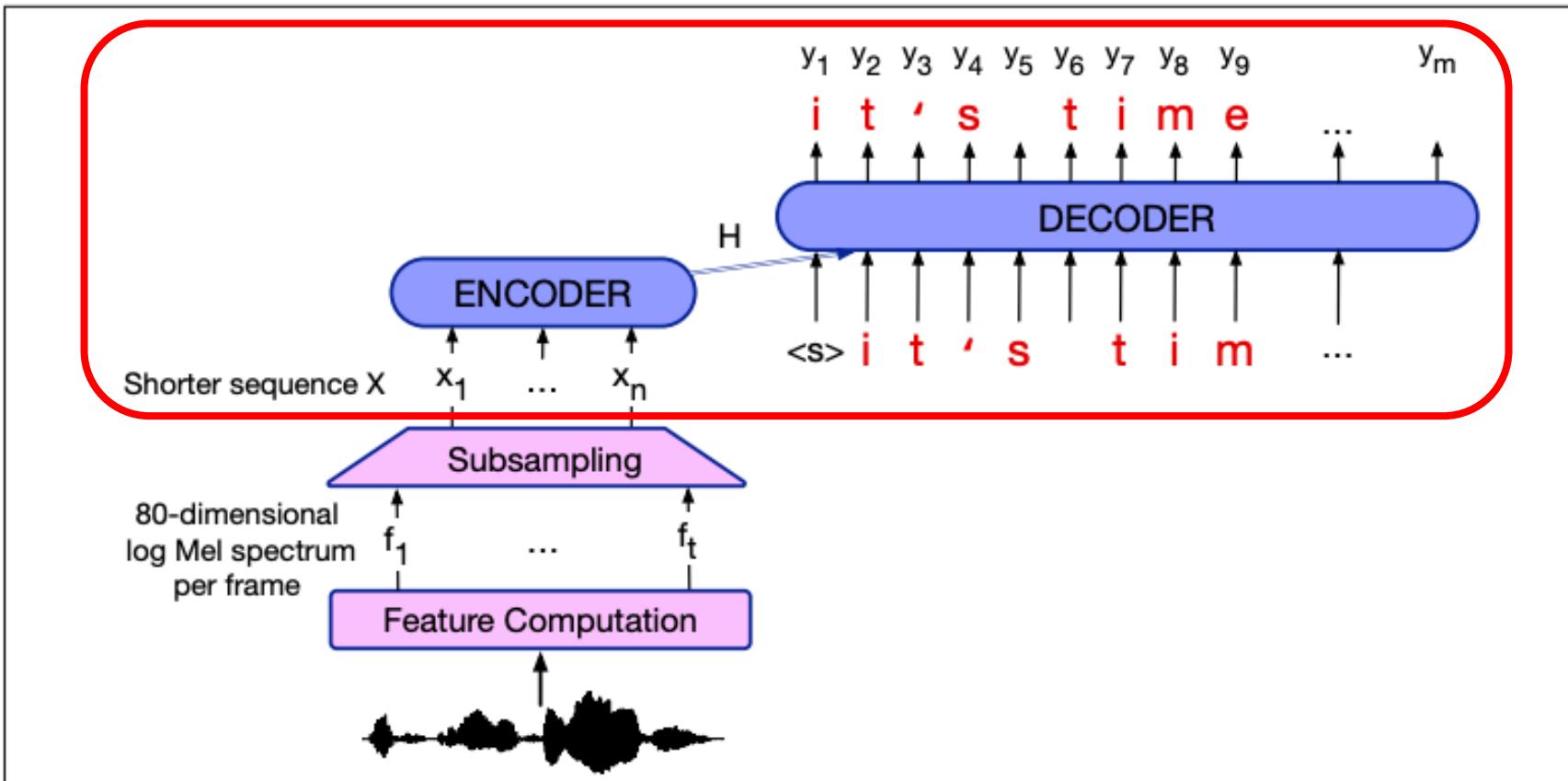
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# Subsampling

- Input is very long sequence, e.g.,
  - 2s audio is 200 frames, assuming 10ms stride at windowing
- Ways to lower the frame rate:
  - Stack adjacent frames
  - 1D filter along time axis

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# What are the y's

- Characters



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## End-to-End Speech Recognition in English and Mandarin

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- Words, less common

- Subwords, popular now



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# LSTM based Encoder-Decoder

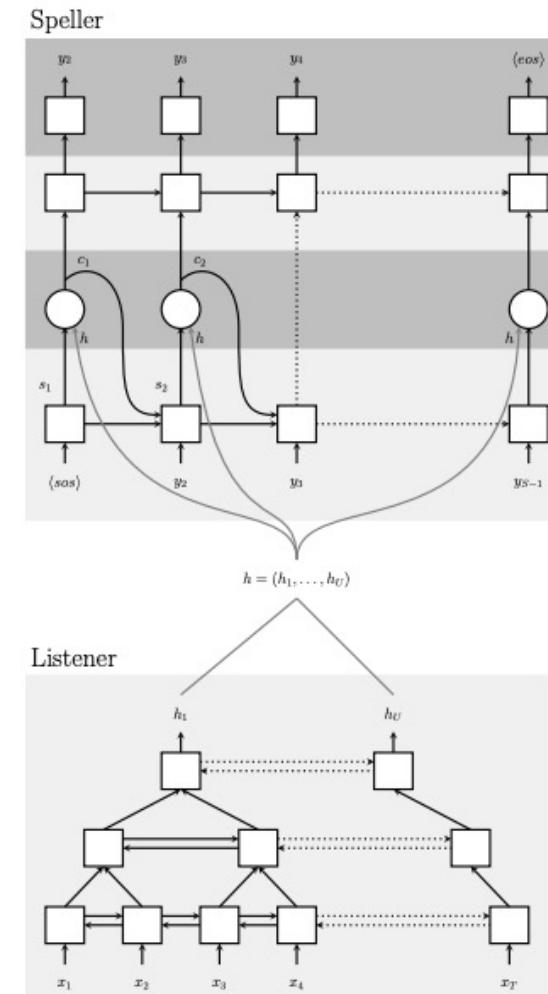
**LISTEN, ATTEND AND SPELL: A NEURAL NETWORK FOR  
LARGE VOCABULARY CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH RECOGNITION**

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**Fig. 1:** Listen, Attend and Spell (LAS) model: the listener is a pyramidal BLSTM encoding our input sequence  $\mathbf{x}$  into high level features  $\mathbf{h}$ , the speller is an attention-based decoder generating the  $\mathbf{y}$  characters from  $\mathbf{h}$ .

# Transformer based Encoder-Decoder

## Conformer: Convolution-augmented Transformer for Speech Recognition

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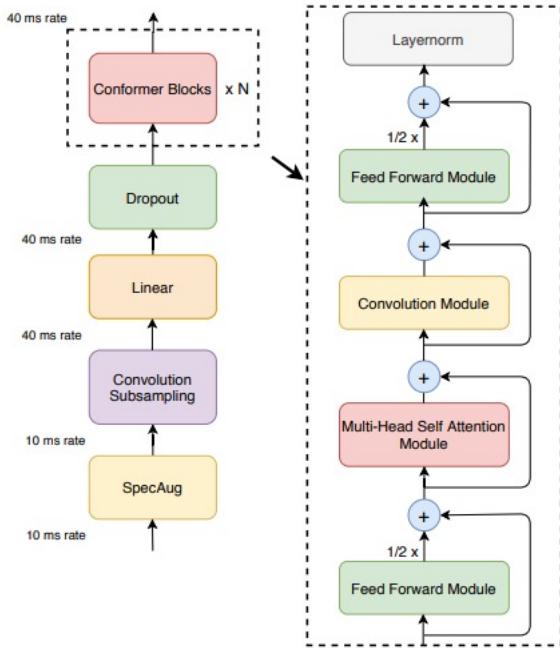


Figure 1: **Conformer encoder model architecture.** Conformer comprises of two macaron-like feed-forward layers with half-step residual connections sandwiching the multi-headed self-attention and convolution modules. This is followed by a post layernorm.

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Table 2: Comparison of Conformer with recent published models. Our model shows improvements consistently over various model parameter size constraints. At 10.3M parameters, our model is 0.7% better on testother when compared to contemporary work, ContextNet(S) [10]. At 30.7M model parameters our model already significantly outperforms the previous published state of the art results of Transformer Transducer [7] with 139M parameters.

Method	#Params (M)	WER Without LM		WER With LM	
		testclean	testother	testclean	testother
<b>Hybrid</b>					
Transformer [33]	-	-	-	2.26	4.85
<b>CTC</b>					
QuartzNet [9]	19	3.90	11.28	2.69	7.25
<b>LAS</b>					
Transformer [34]	270	2.89	6.98	2.33	5.17
Transformer [19]	-	2.2	5.6	2.6	5.7
LSTM	360	2.6	6.0	2.2	5.2
<b>Transducer</b>					
Transformer [7]	139	2.4	5.6	2.0	4.6
ContextNet(S) [10]	10.8	2.9	7.0	2.3	5.5
ContextNet(M) [10]	31.4	2.4	5.4	<b>2.0</b>	4.5
ContextNet(L) [10]	112.7	<b>2.1</b>	4.6	<b>1.9</b>	4.1
<b>Conformer (Ours)</b>					
Conformer(S)	10.3	<b>2.7</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Conformer(M)	30.7	<b>2.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Conformer(L)	118.8	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>

# Use Language Model

- “two” and “to” sounds alike
- How to make sure we decode the right one?
- Use Language Model
  - Easy way: rescoring N-best list
  - Hard way: add LM score at decoding
- We can finetune the language model for ASR

## Large Margin Neural Language Model

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# Evaluation Metric: Word Error Rate

- Edit (Levenshtein) distance between reference and decoded

$$\text{Word Error Rate} = 100 \times \frac{\text{Insertions} + \text{Substitutions} + \text{Deletions}}{\text{Total Words in Correct Transcript}}$$

- Implementation based on Dynamic programming

		H	Y	U	N	D	A	I
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
H	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
O	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6
N	3	2	2	2	2	3	4	5
D	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	4
A	5	4	4	4	4	3	2	3

$$\text{lev}_{a,b}(i,j) = \begin{cases} 0 & , i = j = 0 \\ i & , j = 0 \text{ and } i > 0 \\ j & , i = 0 \text{ and } j > 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} \text{lev}_{a,b}(i-1,j) + 1 \\ \text{lev}_{a,b}(i,j-1) + 1 \\ \text{lev}_{a,b}(i-1,j-1) + [a_i \neq b_j] \end{cases} & , \text{ else} \end{cases}$$

Example from <https://www.cuelogic.com/blog/the-levenshtein-algorithm>