Speech Synthesis

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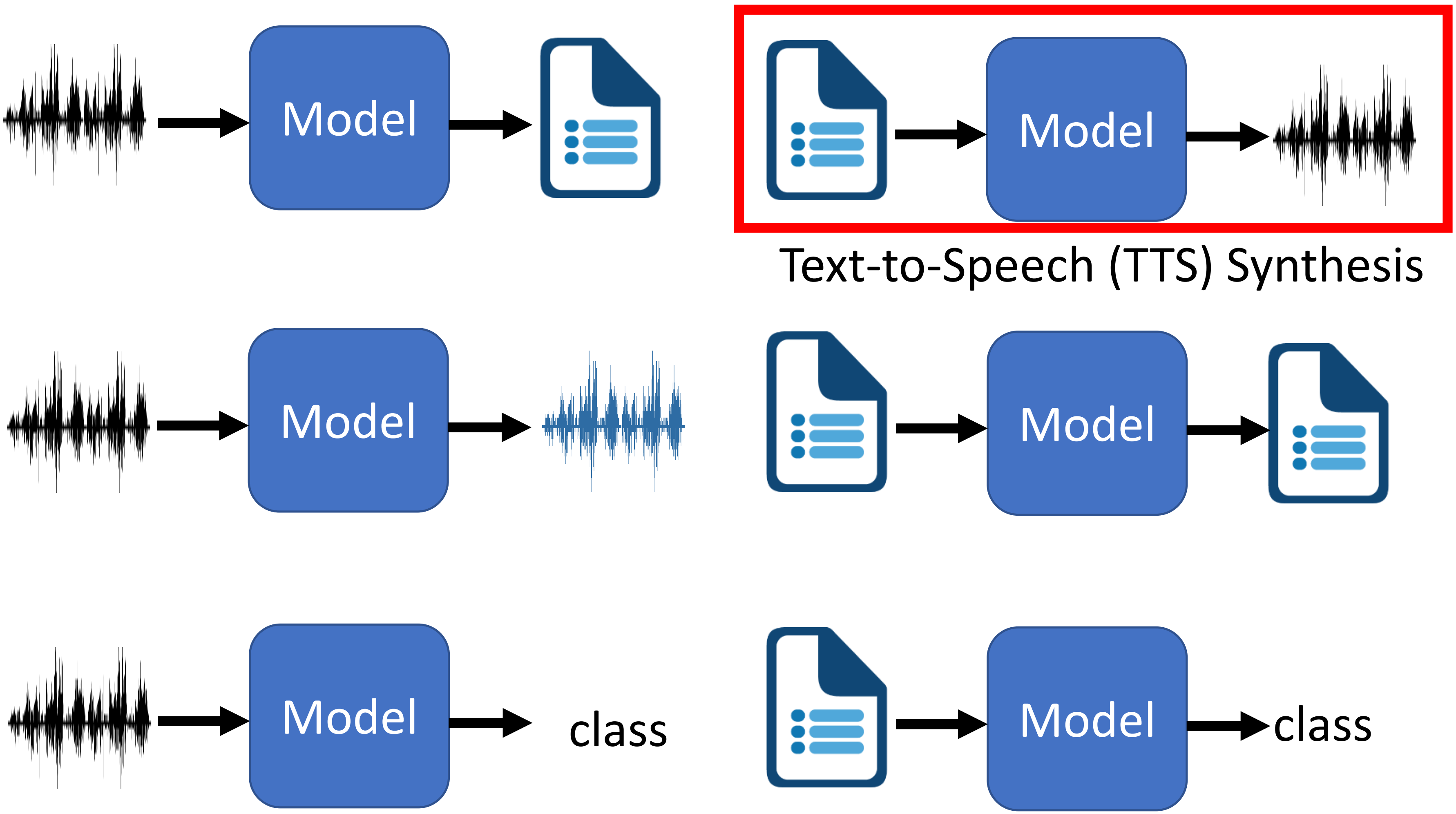

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VODER (1939)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voder

Source of video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rAyrmm7vv0

IBM 7094 (1960s)

- In 1961, John Larry Kelly Jr. using an IBM computer to synthesize speech at Bell lab.

Source of video and audio: https://youtu.be/UGsfwhb4-bQ
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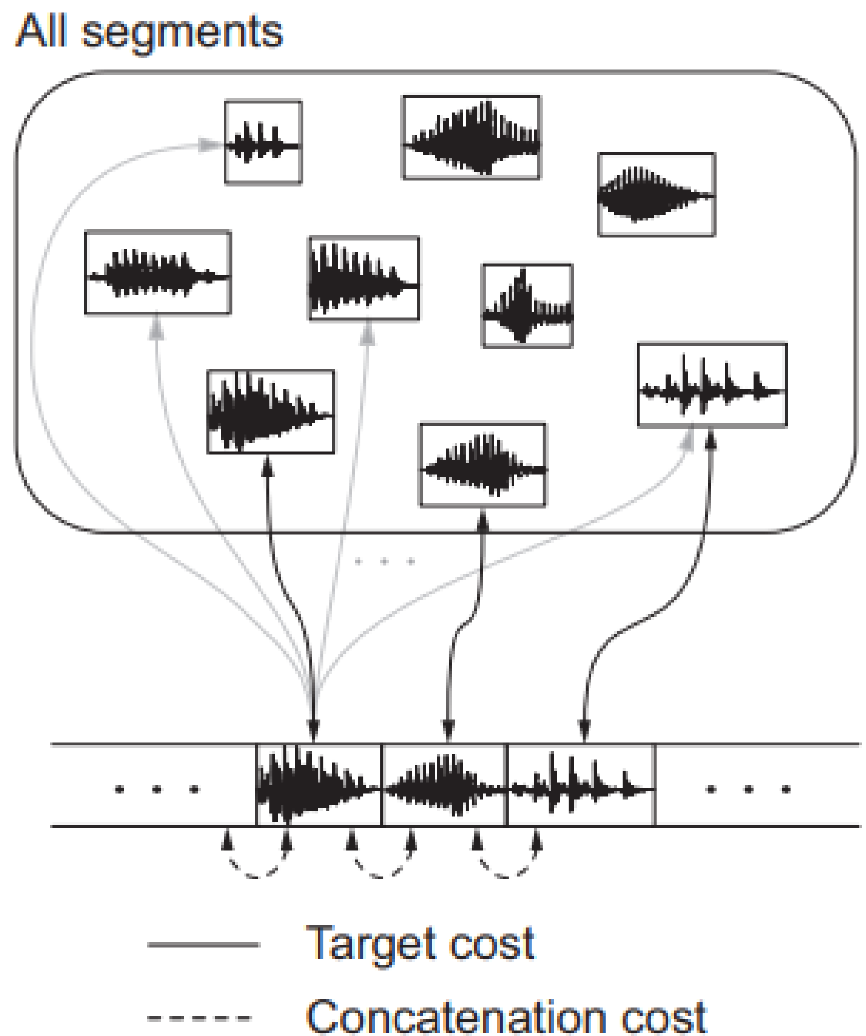
Concatenative Approach

speeches from a large database



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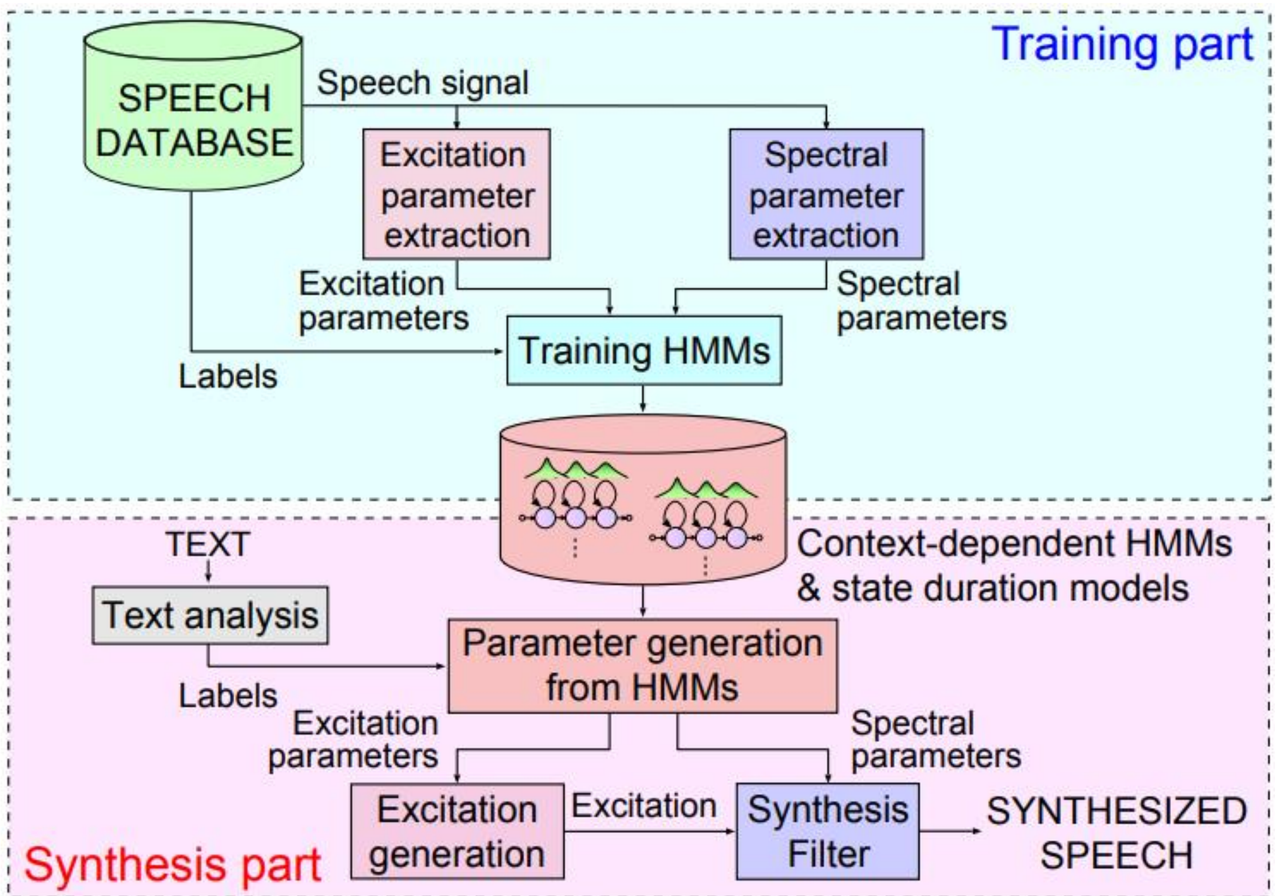
Parametric Approach

HMM/DNN-based Speech Synthesis System (HTS)



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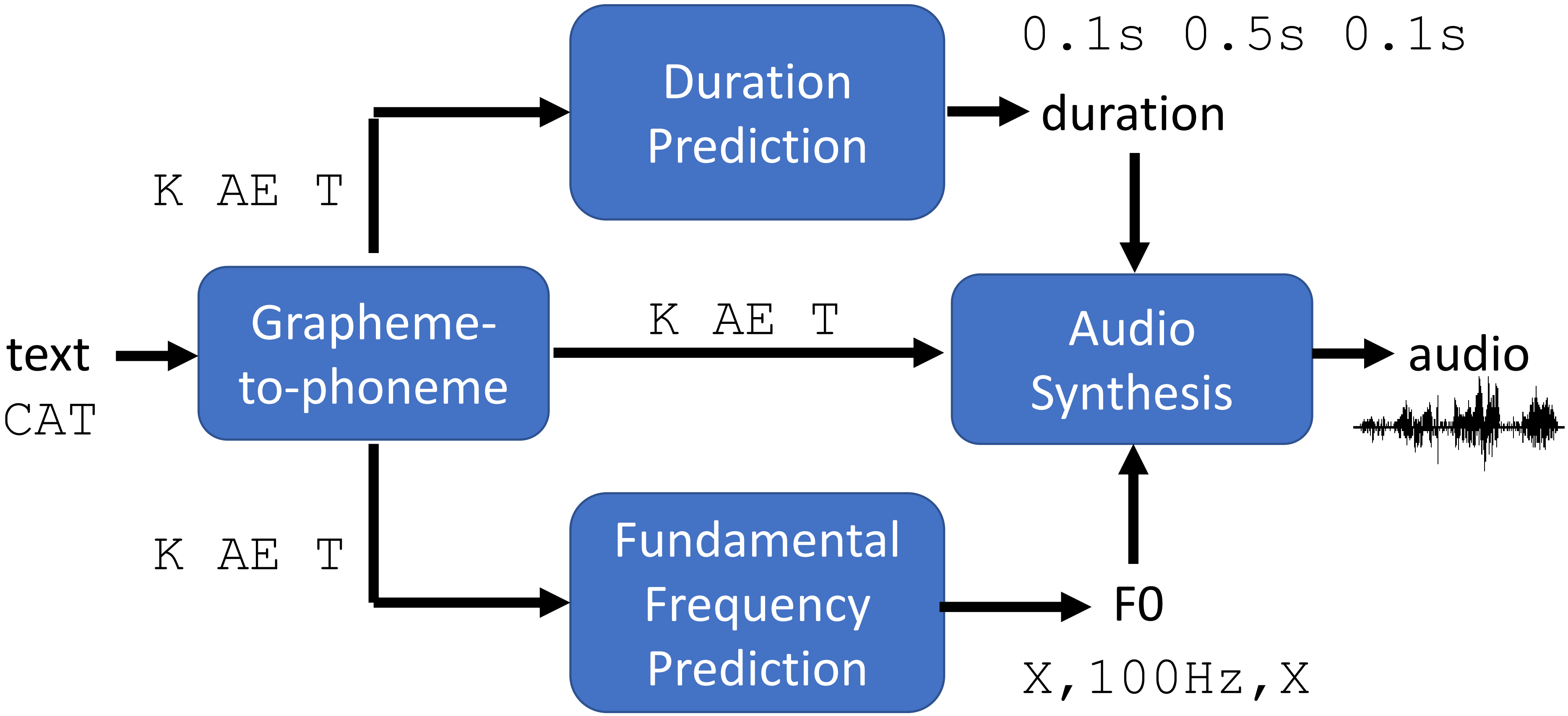
Deep Voice

[Arik, et al., ICML'17]

Deep Voice 3 is end-to-end.

[Ping, et al., ICLR'18]



All the components are deep learning based.

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Tacotron

[Wang, et al., INTERSPEECH'17]
[Shen, et al., ICASSP'18]

TACOTRON: TOWARDS END-TO-END SPEECH SYNTHESIS

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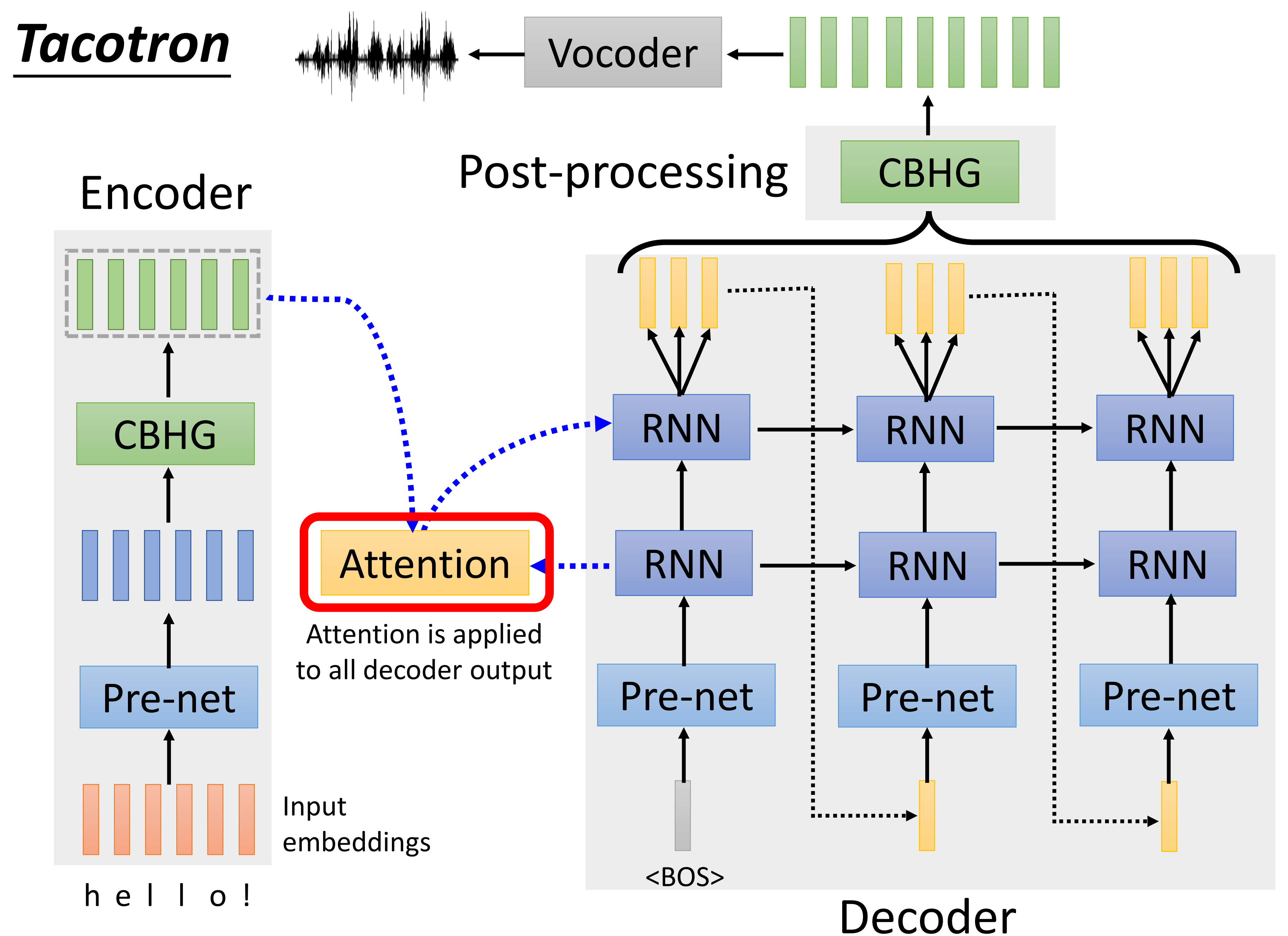
Before Tacotron …

- Tacotron:
    - Input: character
    - Output: (linear) spectrogram
- First Step Towards End-to-end Parametric TTS Synthesis [Wang, et al., INTERSPEECH’16]
    - Input: phoneme
    - Output: acoustic features for STRAIGHT (vocoder)
- Char2wav [Sotelo, et al., ICLR workshop’17]
    - Input: character
    - Output: acoustic features for SampleRNN (vocoder)


Tacotron
Vocoder
Post-processing
CBHG
Encoder
CBHG
Pre-net
Input
embeddings
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Attention
Attention is applied
to all decoder output
RNN
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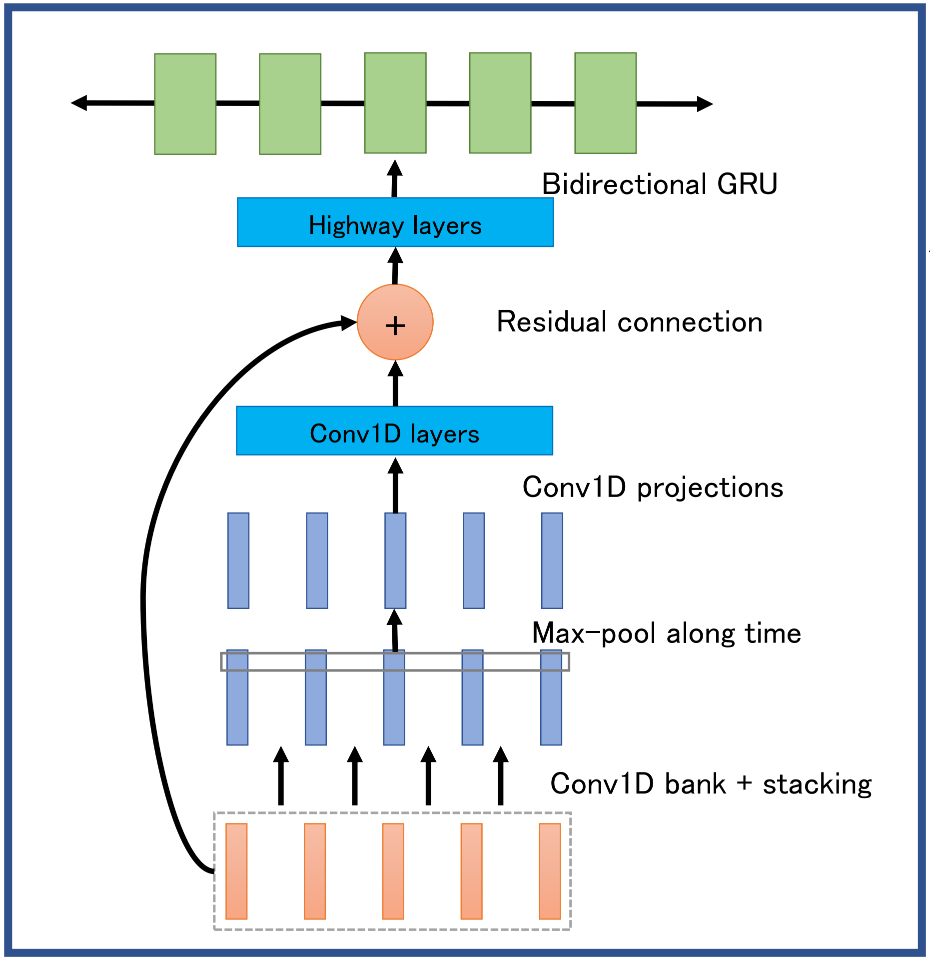
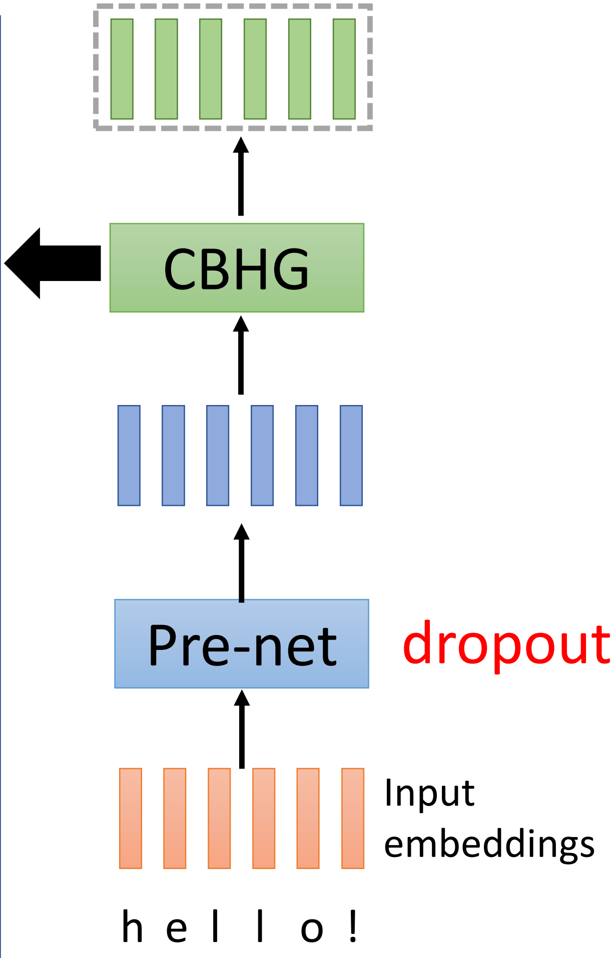
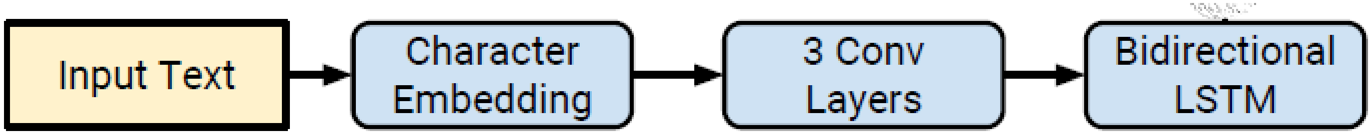
Decoder

Encoder = Grapheme-to-phoneme?



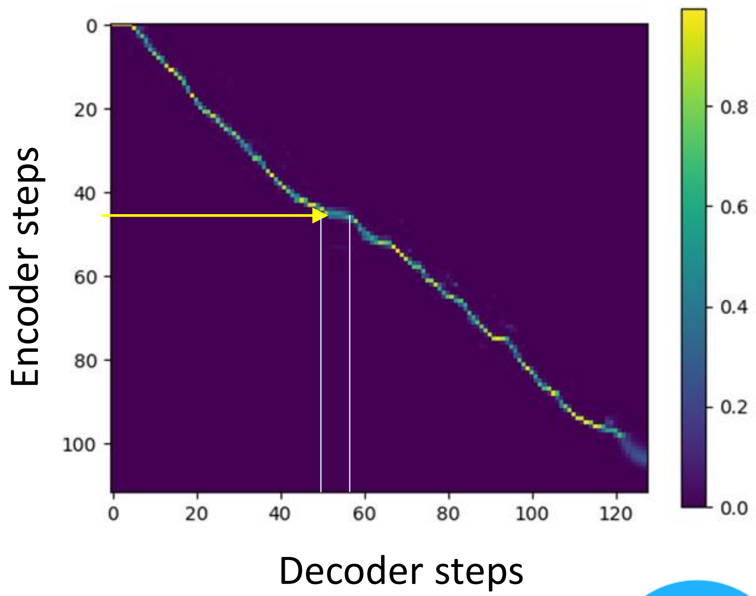


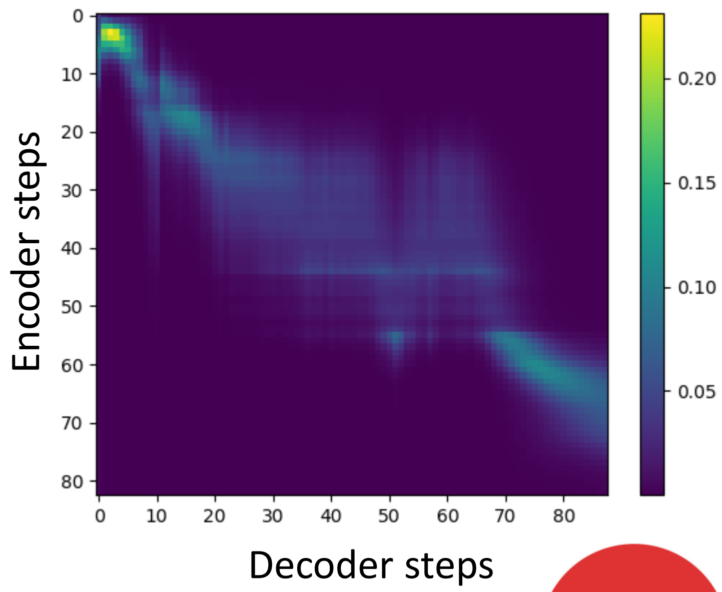


(v2)

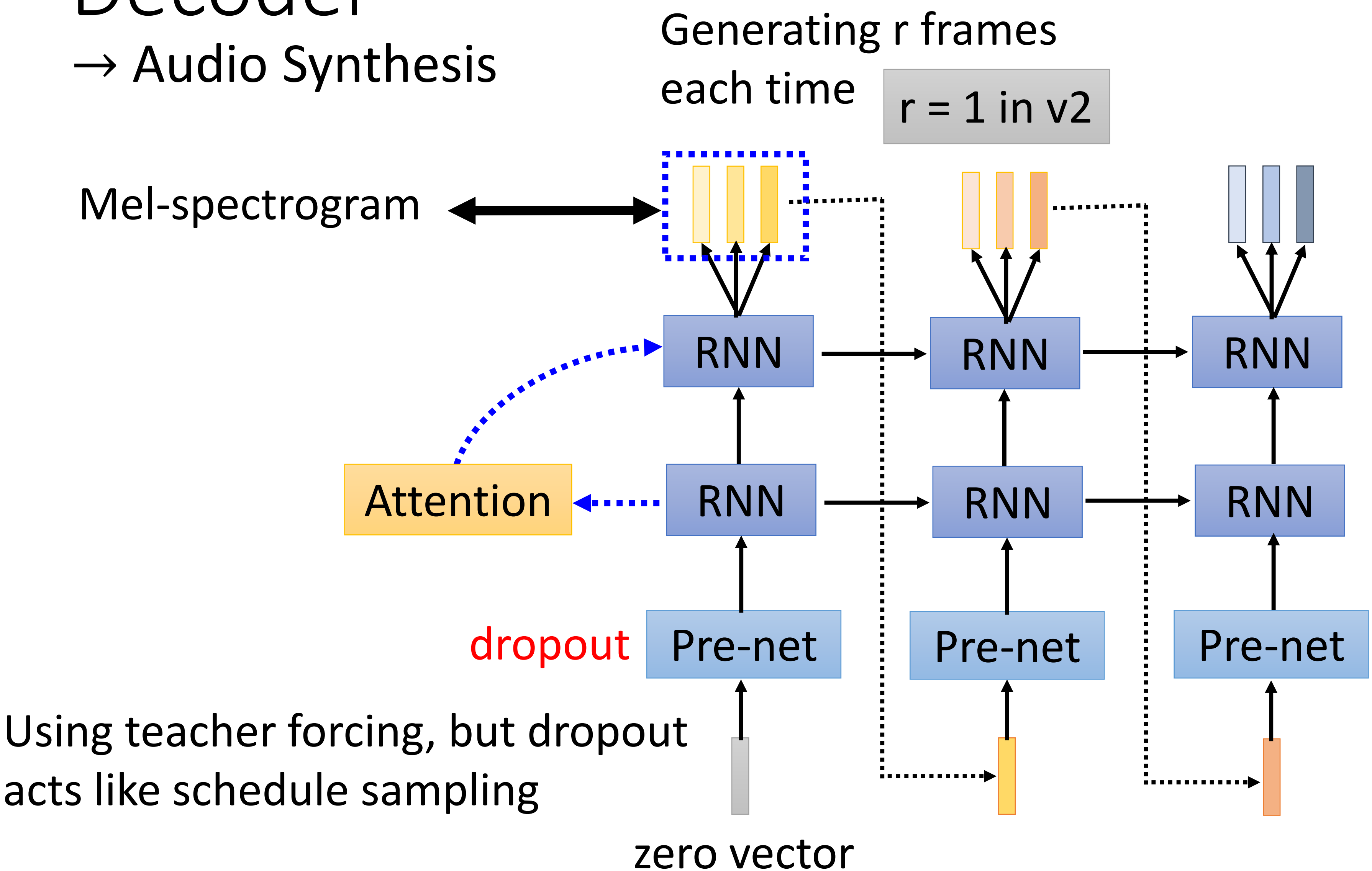
Attention = Modeling Duration ?

- The output audio and input text much be monotonic aligned.





Decoder
→ Audio Synthesis



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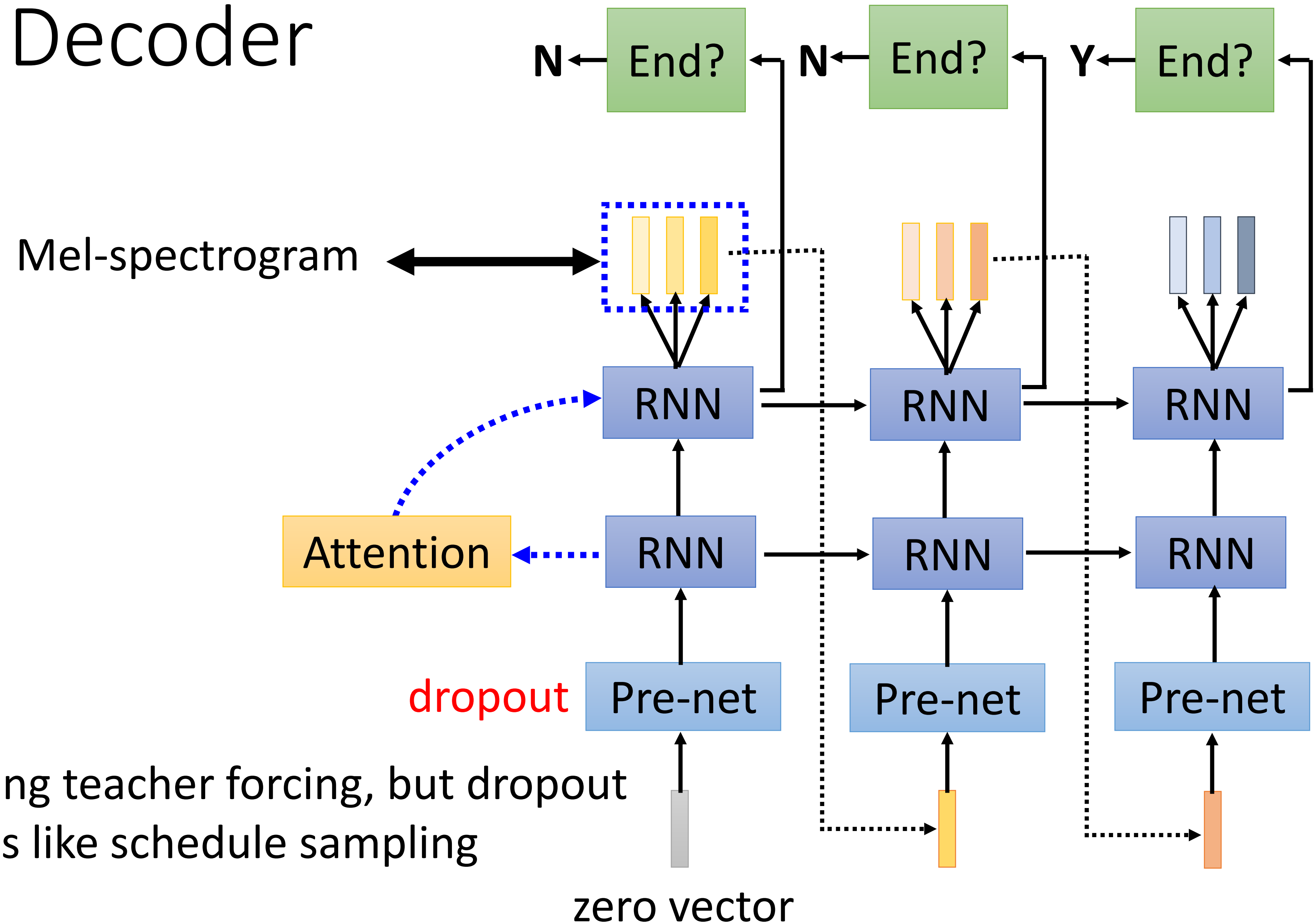
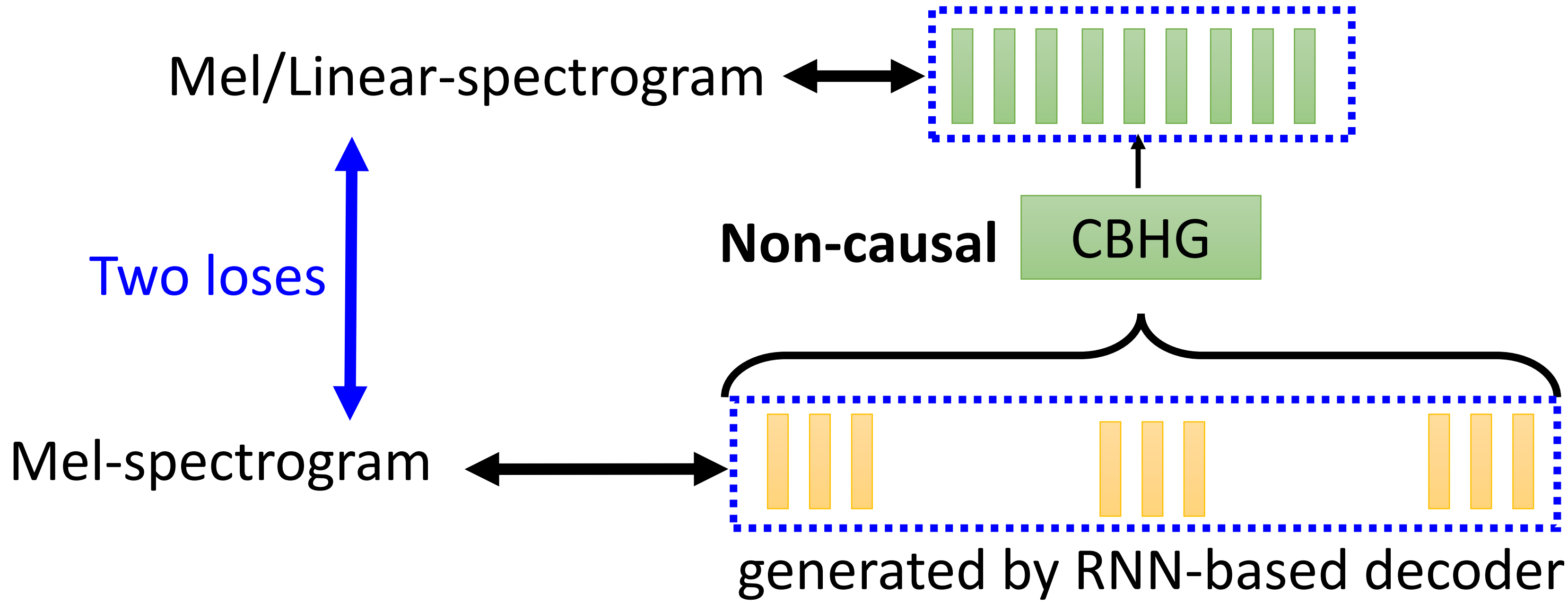


Using teacher forcing, but dropout acts like schedule sampling

Post processing



Vocoder:

Griffin-Lim in v1

Wavnet in v2

How good is Tacotron?

Version 1

[Wang, et al., INTERSPEECH'17]

	mean opinion score
Tacotron	3.82 ± 0.085
Parametric	3.69 ± 0.109
Concatenative	4.09 ± 0.119

Version 2

[Shen, et al., ICASSP'18]

System	MOS
Parametric	3.492 ± 0.096
Tacotron (Griffin-Lim)	4.001 ± 0.087
Concatenative	4.166 ± 0.091
WaveNet (Linguistic)	4.341 ± 0.051
Ground truth	4.582 ± 0.053
Tacotron 2 (this paper)	$\mathbf{4.526 \pm 0.066}$

How good is Tacotron?

System	MOS
Tacotron 2 (Linear + G-L)	3.944 ± 0.091
Tacotron 2 (Linear + WaveNet)	4.510 ± 0.054
Tacotron 2 (Mel + WaveNet)	$\mathbf{4.526 \pm 0.066}$

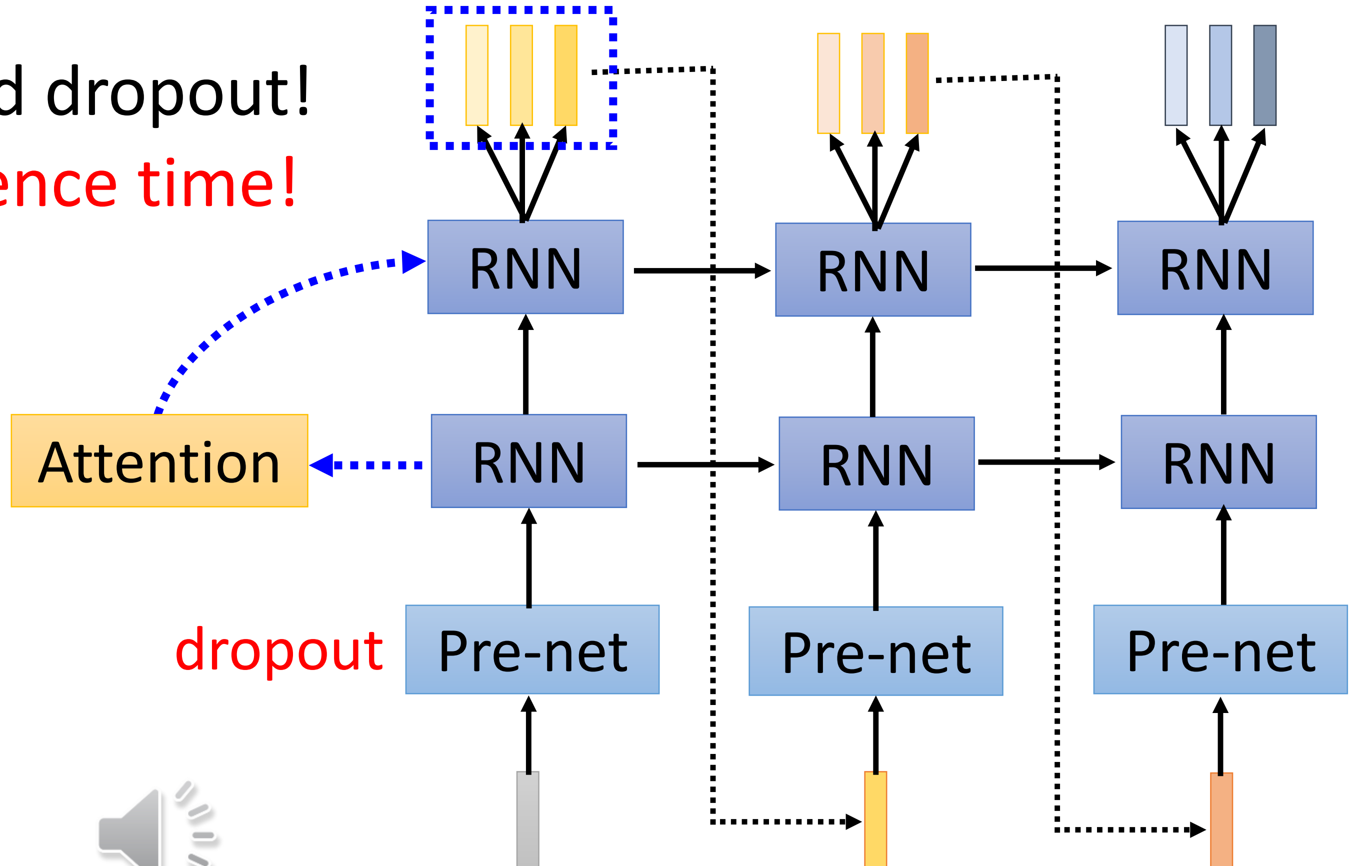
WaveNet is much better than Griffin-Lim

	Synthesis	
Training	Predicted	Ground truth
Predicted	4.526 ± 0.066	4.449 ± 0.060
Ground truth	4.362 ± 0.066	4.522 ± 0.055

WaveNet needs to be trained

Tip at Inference Phase

- You need dropout!
  At inference time!



with dropout

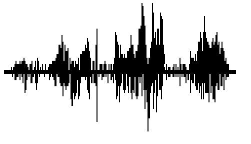
without dropout

用 Tacotron 做閩南語語音合成

中文 → Translation? → 台羅拼音

https://i3thuan5.github.io/tai5-uan5_gian5-gi2_kang1-ku7/index.html

台灣語言工具

台羅拼音 → Tacotron → 

Source of training data: https://suisiann-dataset.ithuan.tw/

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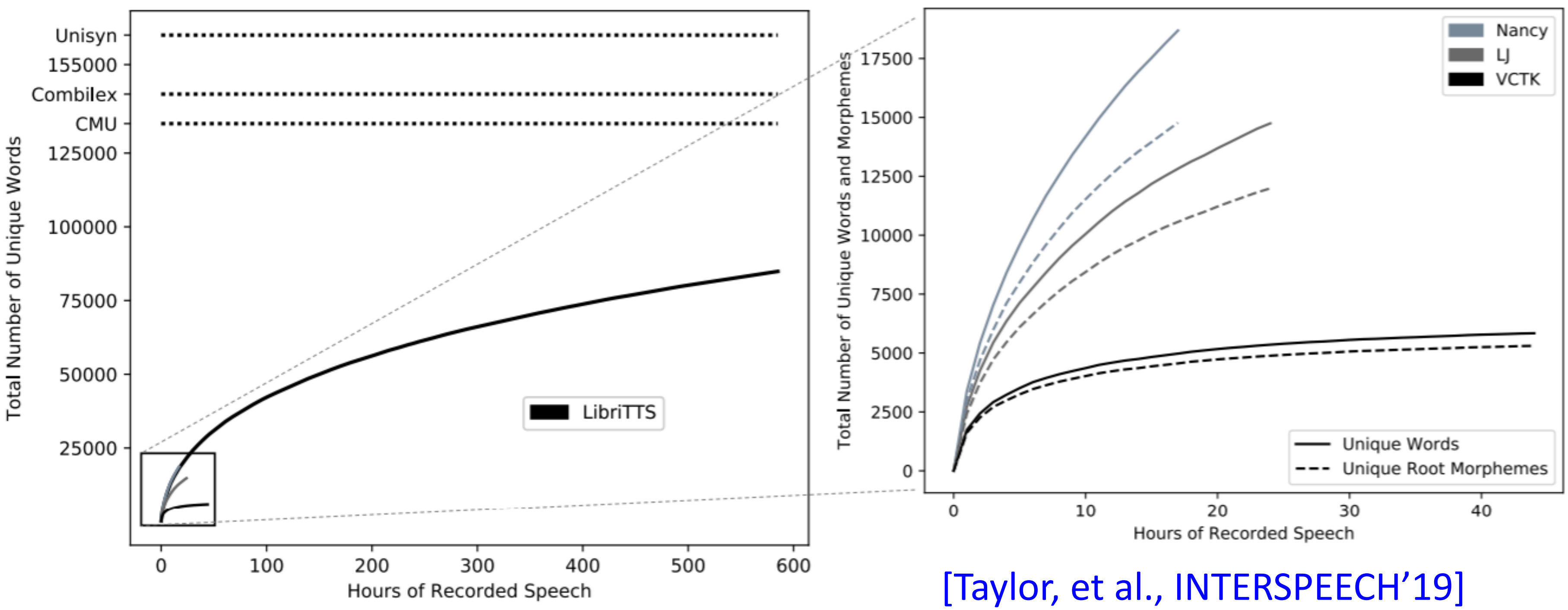
Mispronunciation

- The raters considered ground truth is better than Tacotron 2 because …
- *"… occasional mispronunciation by our system is the primary reason …"*

(LibriTTS dataset 585 hours)



[Taylor, et al., INTERSPEECH'19]

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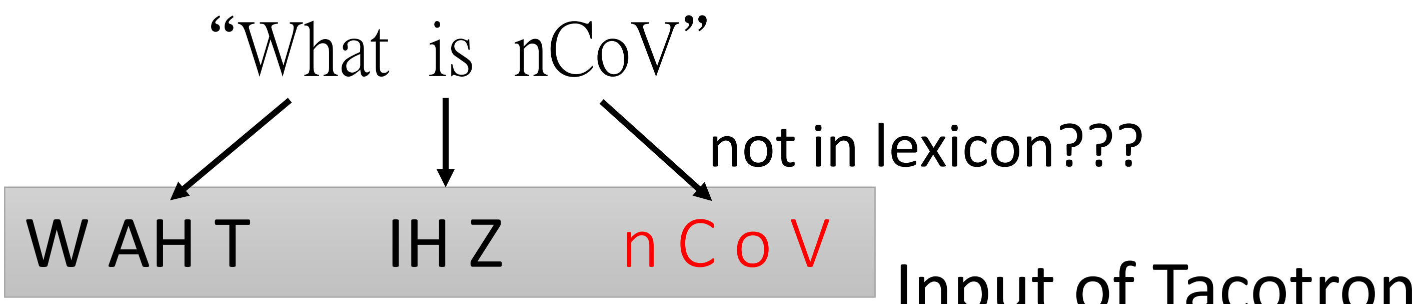
Mispronunciation

- Using a lexicon to transform word to phoneme, and using phoneme as Tacotron input
  - But lots of OOV words …



- Character and phoneme hybrid input [Ping, et al., ICLR’18]

If the pronunciation of machine is incorrect, one can add the word into the lexicon to fix the problem.

More information for Encoder

- Syntactic information

  [Guo, et al., INTERSPEECH’19]

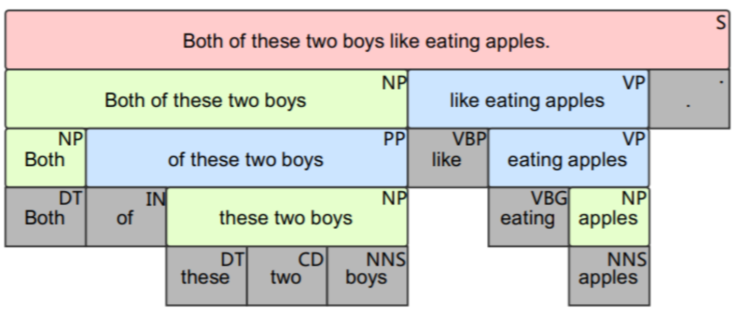


Figure 1: *An example of syntactically parsed tree*

小龍女對楊過說：
「我也想過過過過兒過過的生活」

Source of example:
https://youtu.be/kptTHjBi_ak

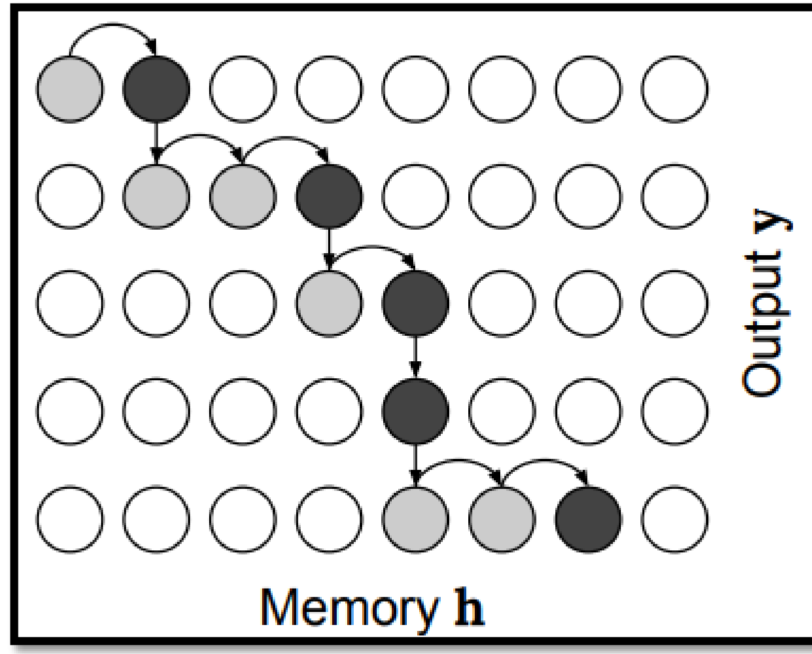
- BERT embedding as input

  [Hayashi, et al., INTERSPEECH’19]

Attention

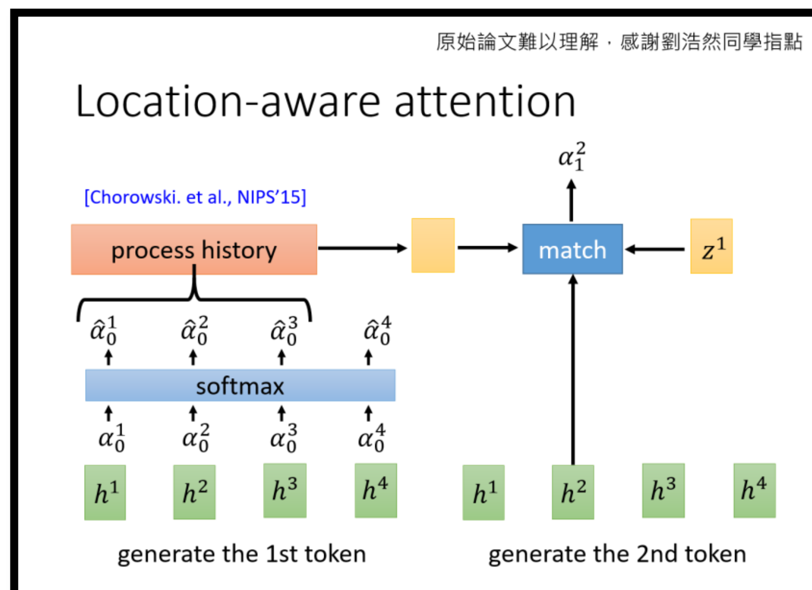
- Monotonic Attention

[Raffel,et al., ICML’17]



- Location-aware attention

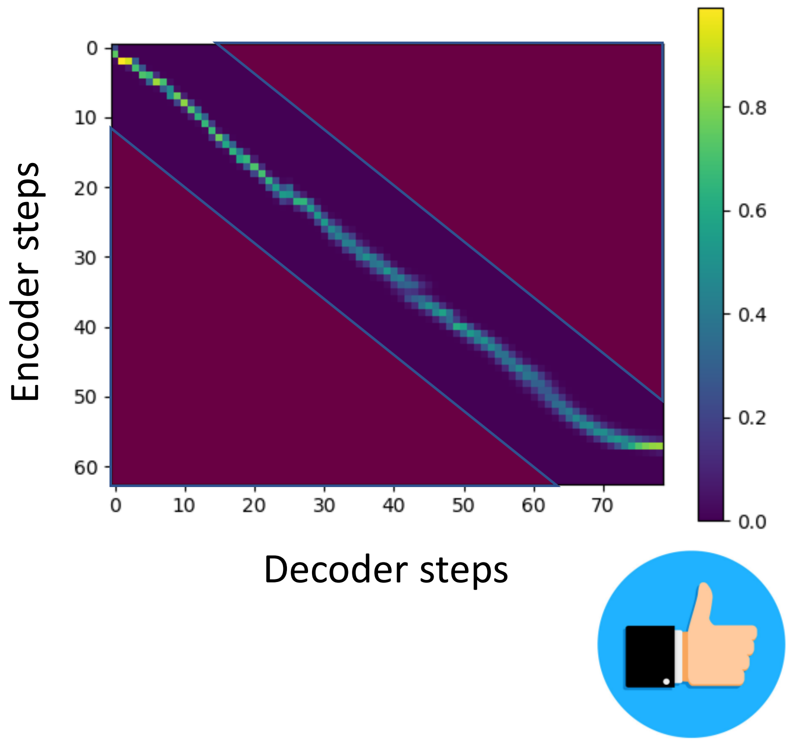
(Have been mentioned when we talked about ASR)

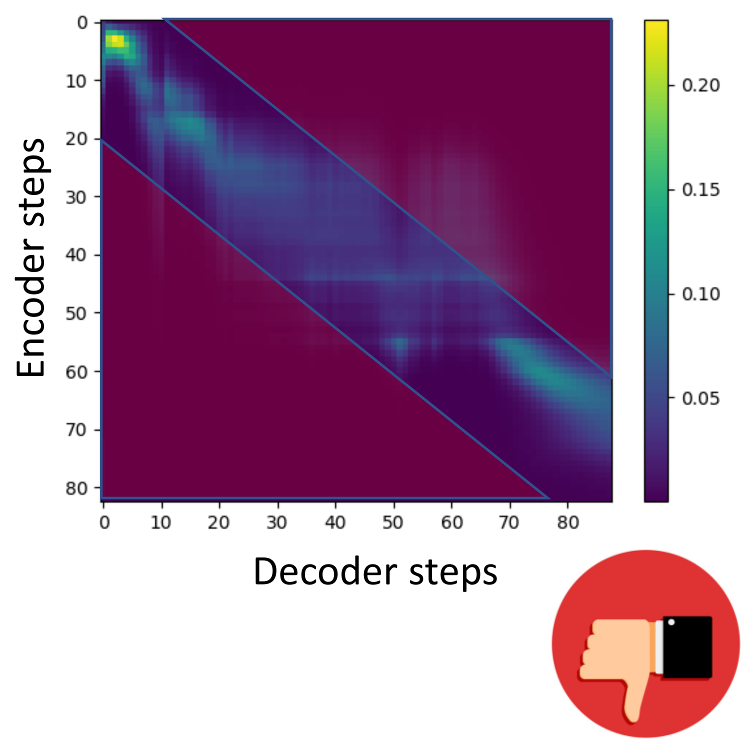


Attention

- Guided Attention [Tachibana, et al., ICASSP'18]

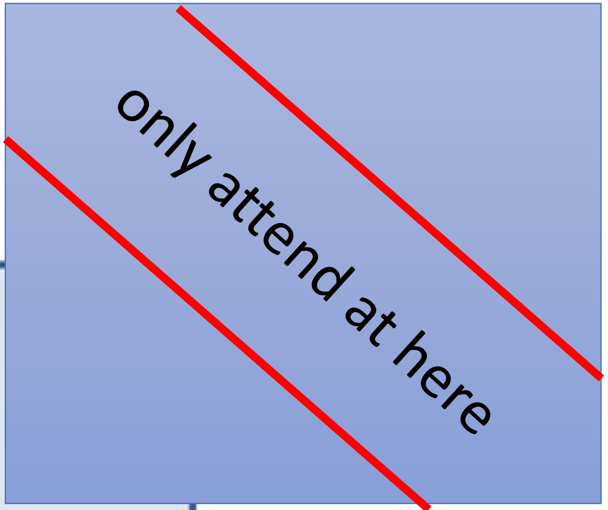
Penalizing the non-diagonal attention matrix during training



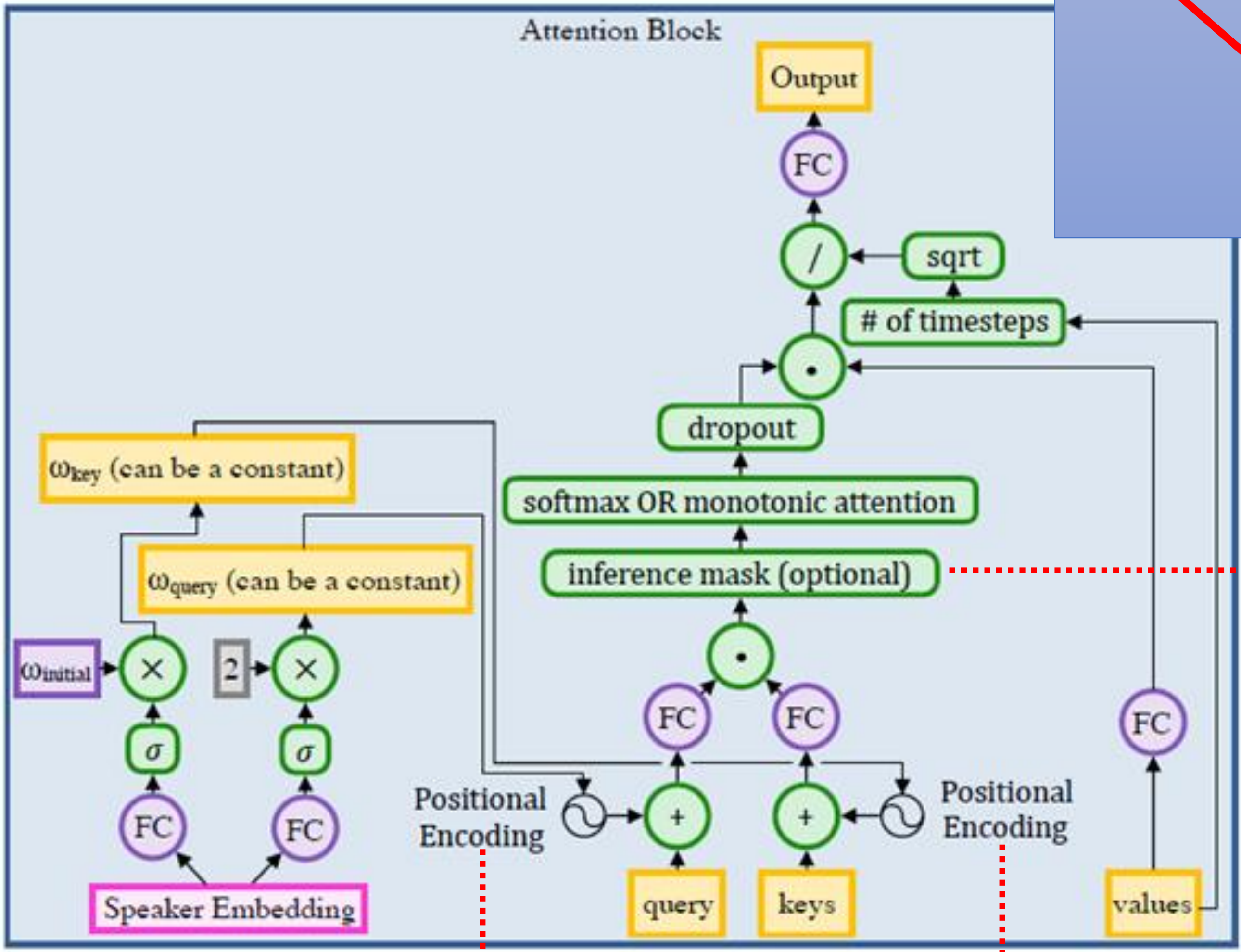


Attention

Attention matrix



(constraint at inference)



Only attend in a fixed window

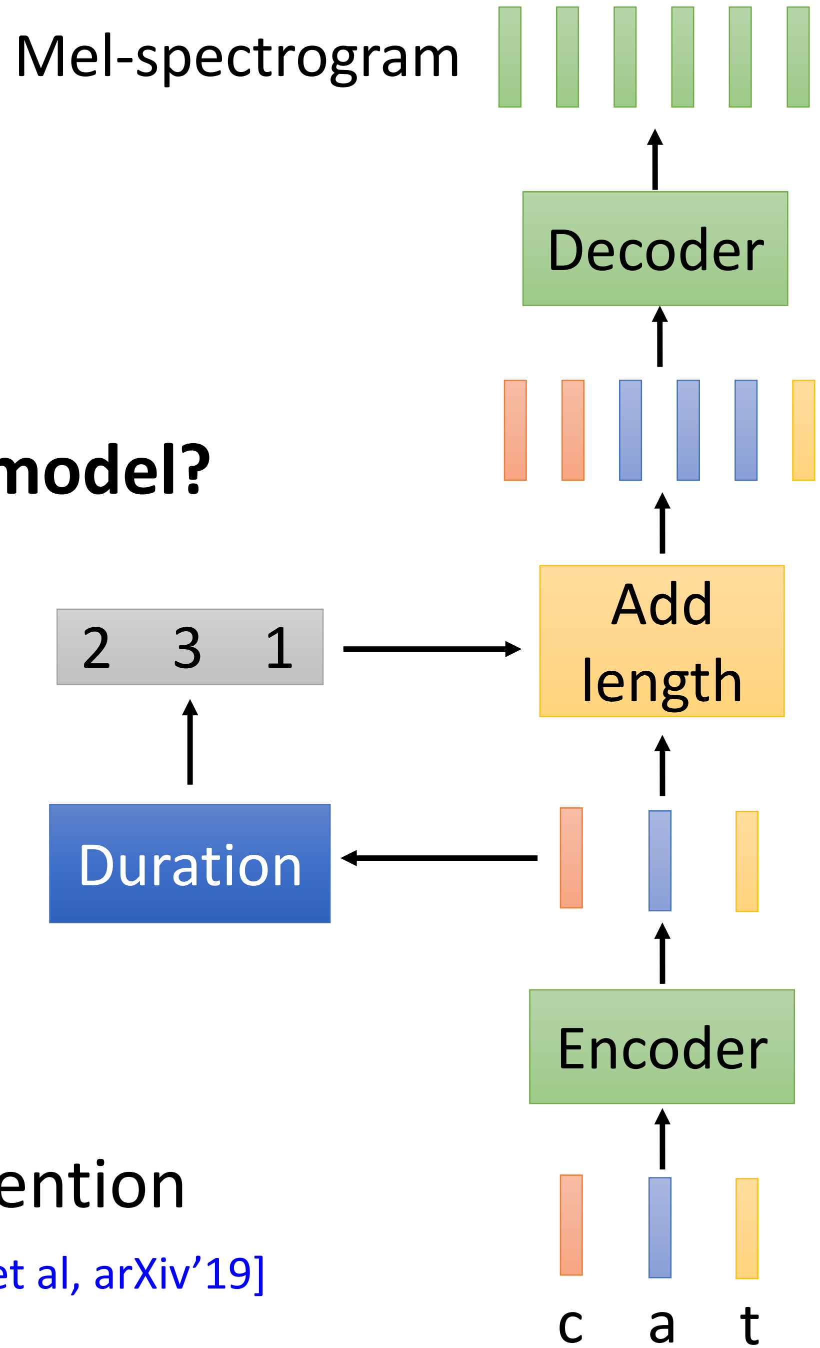
[Ping, et al., ICLR'18]

constraint attention by positional encoding

Fast Speech

[Ren, et al., NeurIPS'19]

How to train this model?



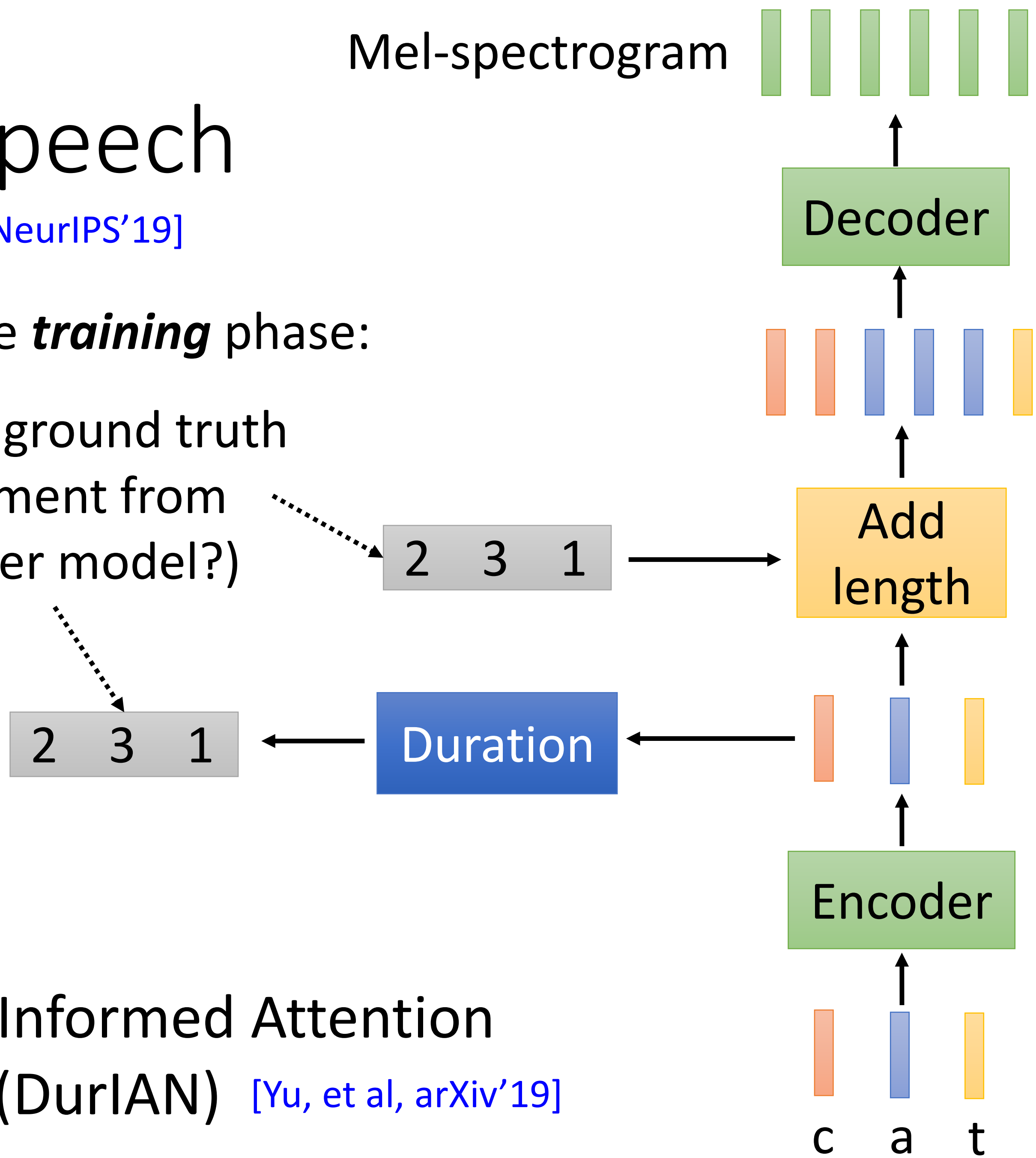
Duration Informed Attention Network (DurIAN) [Yu, et al, arXiv'19]

Fast Speech

[Ren, et al., NeurIPS'19]

During the ***training*** phase:

Using ground truth (alignment from another model?)



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Fast Speech

Source of results: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1905.09263.pdf

In 50 sentences:

Method	Repeats	Skips	Error Sentences	Error Rate
Tacotron 2	4	11	12	24%
Transformer TTS	7	15	17	34%
FastSpeech	0	0	0	0%

zero zero zero zero zero zero zero zero two seven nine eight F three forty zero zero zero zero zero six four two eight zero one eight

c five eight zero three three nine a zero bf eight FALSE zero zero zero bba3add2 - c229 - 4cdb -

Calendaring agent failed with error code 0x80070005 while saving appointment .

Exit process - break ld - Load module - output ud - Unload module - ignore ser - System error - ignore ibp - Initial breakpoint -

h t t p colon slash slash teams slash sites slash T A G slash default dot aspx As always , any feedback , comments ,

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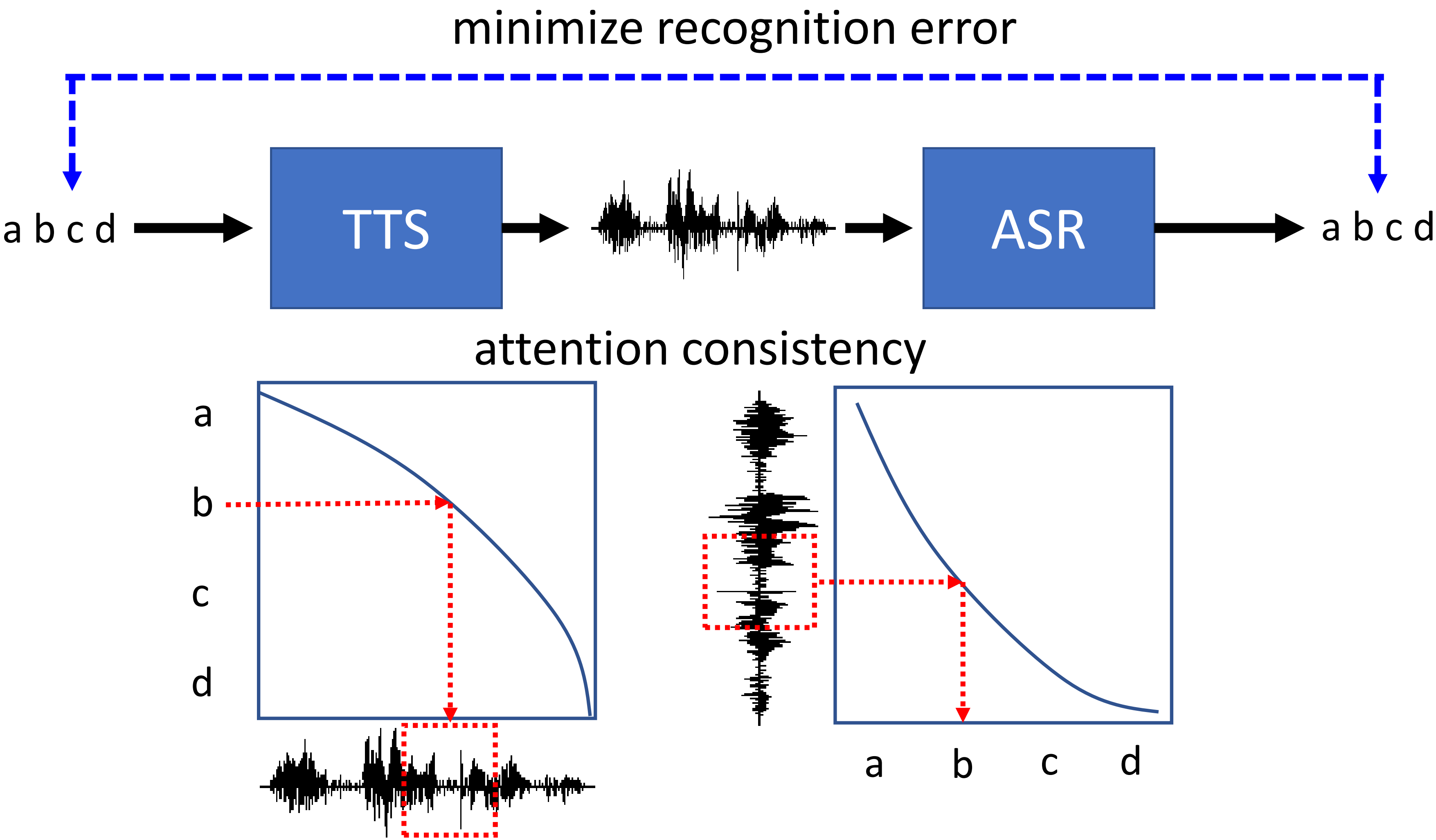
[Tjandra, et al., ASRU'17]

Using ASR to improve TTS

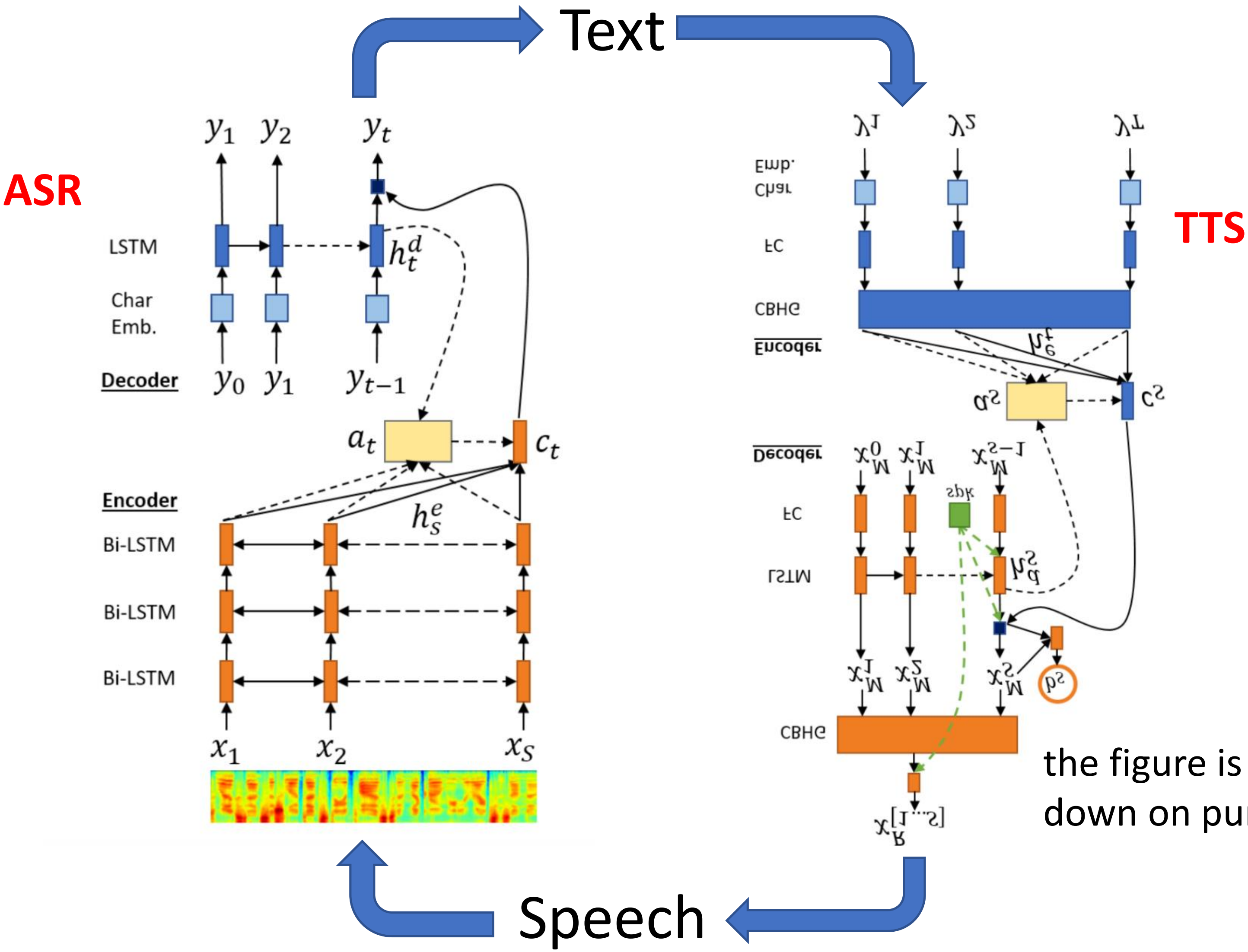


Dual Learning: ASR & TTS

ASR & TTS form a cycle.

Speech Chain

[Tjandra et al., ASRU 2017]



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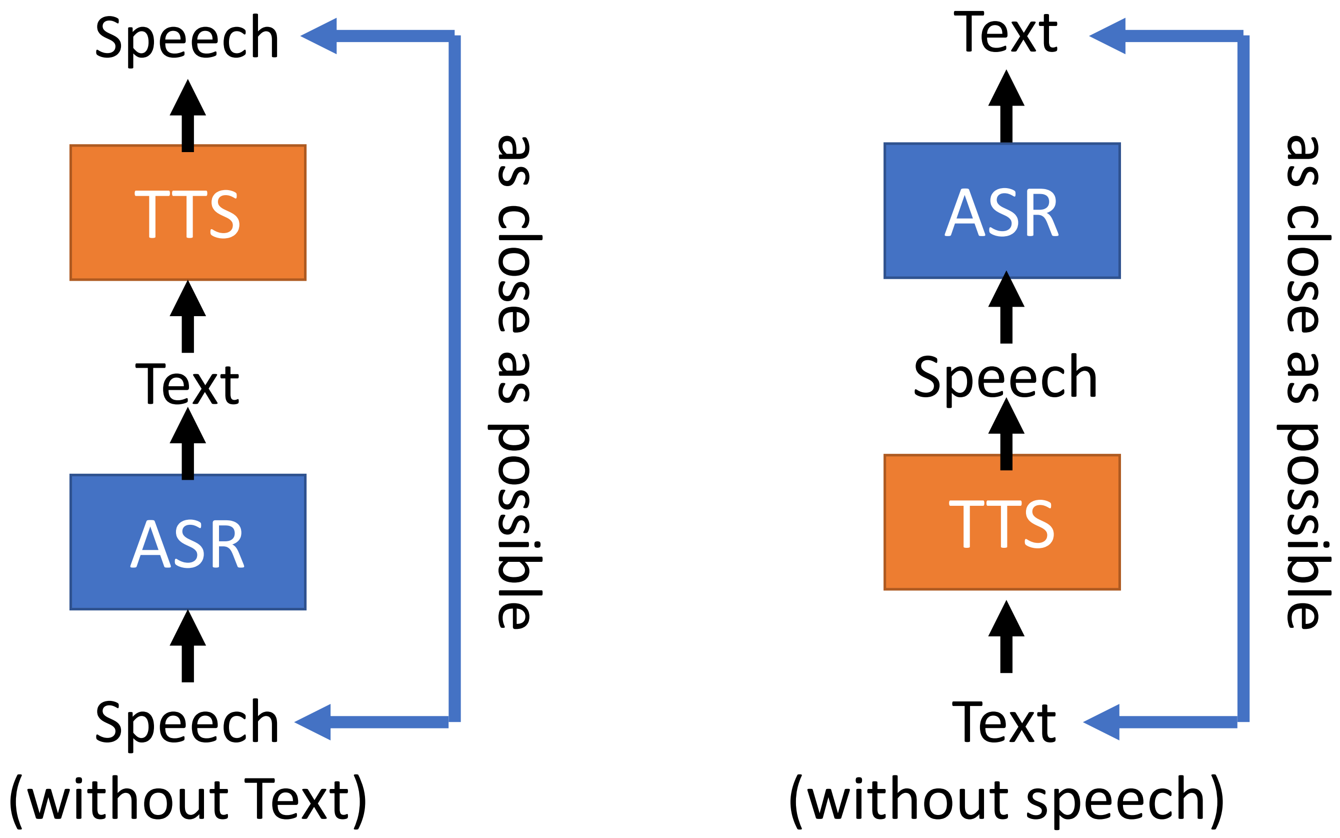
Dual Learning: TTS v.s. ASR

- Given pretrained TTS and ASR system



Dual Learning: TTS v.s. ASR

- Experiments

Mel: mel-spectrogram
Raw: raw waveform

Table 2: Experiment result for multi-speaker test set.

Data	Hyperparameters			ASR	TTS		
	α	β	gen. mode	CER (%)	Mel	Raw	Acc (%)
Paired (80 utt/spk)	-	-	-	26.47	10.213	13.175	98.6
+ Unpaired (remaining)	0.25	1	greedy	23.03	9.137	12.863	98.7
	0.5	1	greedy	20.91	9.312	12.882	98.6
	0.25	1	beam 5	22.55	9.359	12.767	98.6
	0.5	1	beam 5	19.99	9.198	12.839	98.6

1600 utterance-sentence pairs

7200 unpaired utterances and sentences

supervised loss

unsupervised loss

mse

Prediction of the "end-of-utterance"

[Tjandra et al., ASRU 2017]

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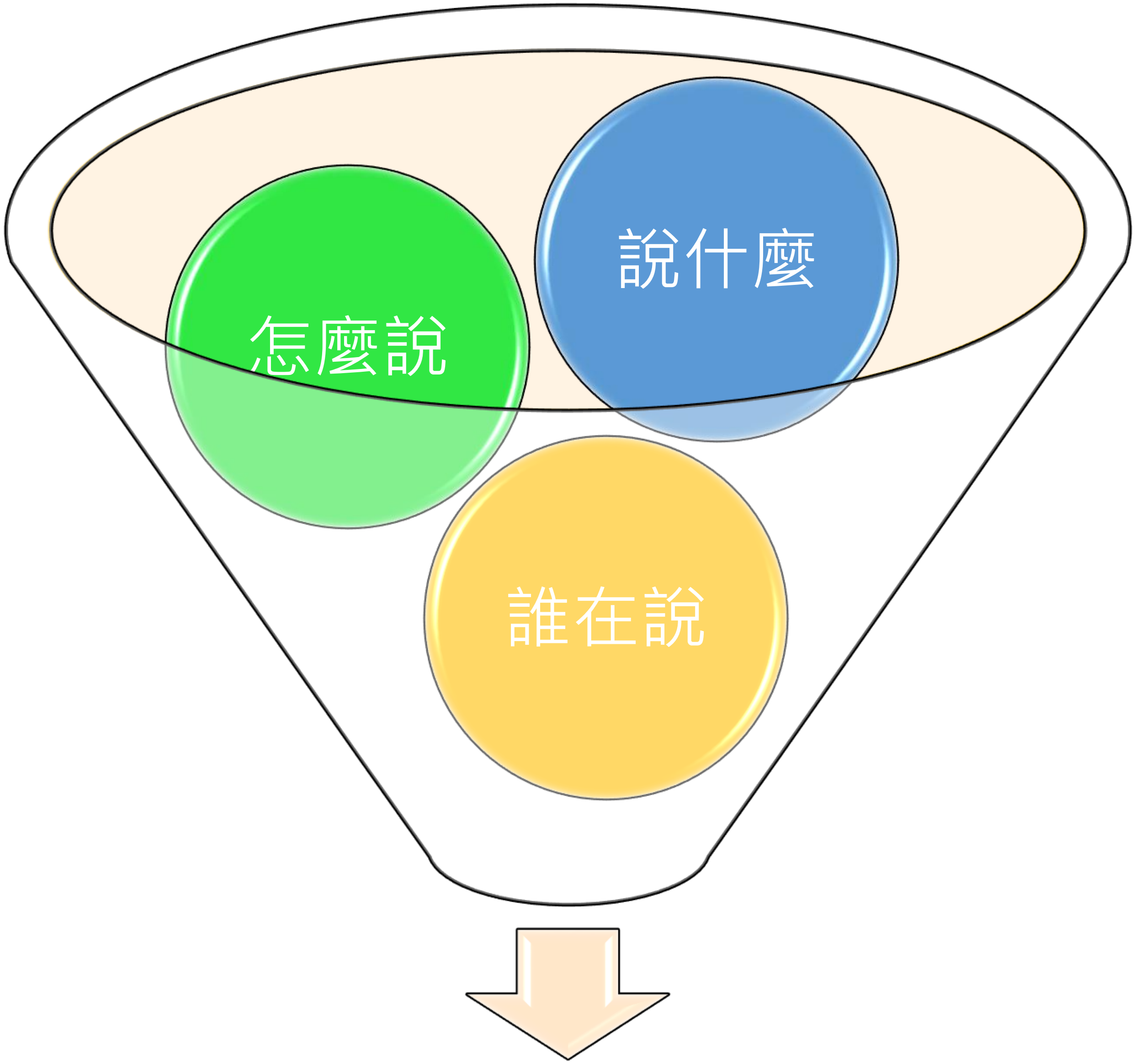


Speech

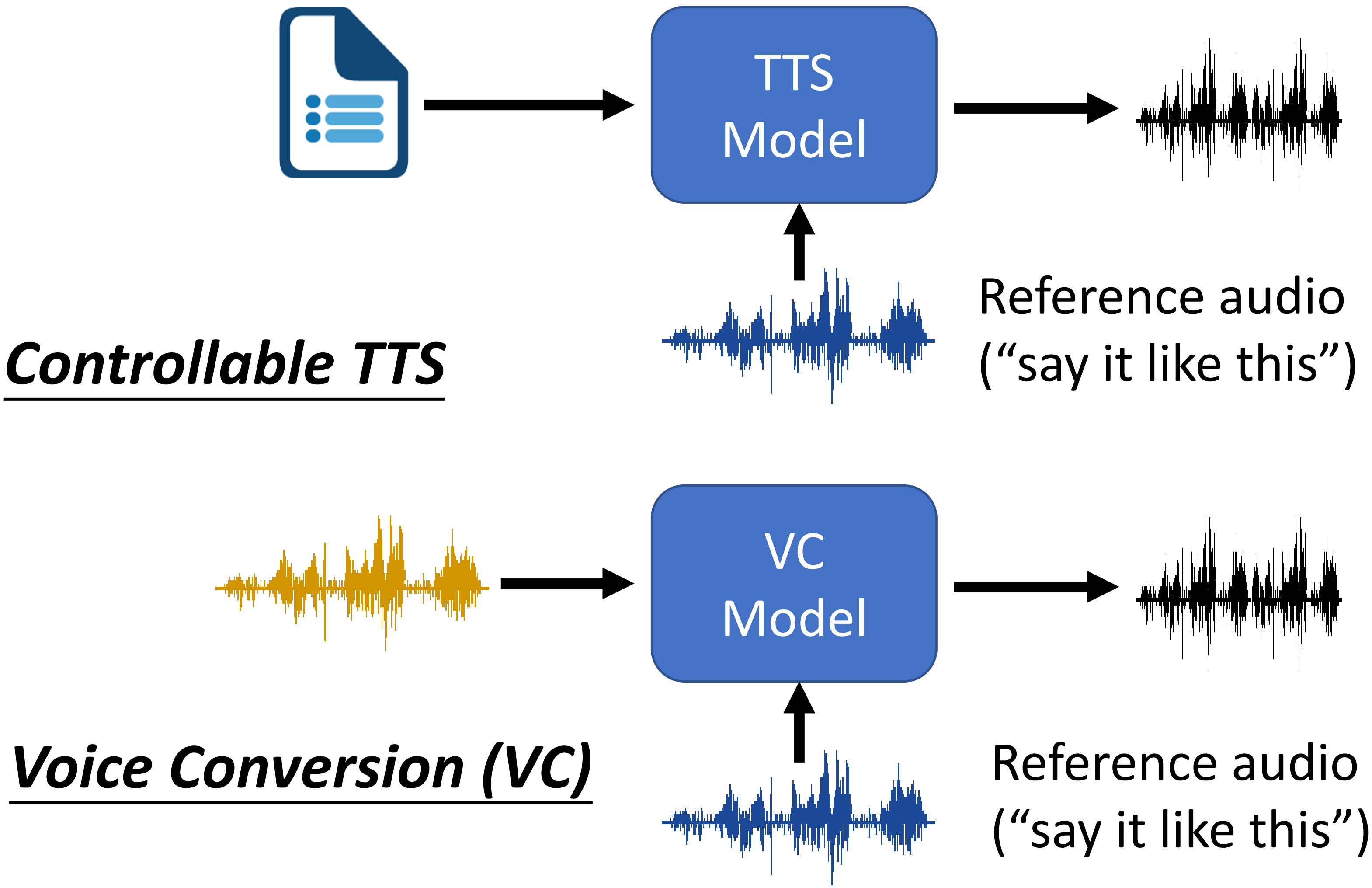
Controllable TTS

- 誰在說?
  - Voice Cloning
  - Lack of high quality single speaker data to train a speech synthesis system
- 怎麼說?
  - Intonation (語調), stress (重音), rhythm (韻律) …
  - Prosody (抑揚頓挫)

Definition. *Prosody is the variation in speech signals that remains after accounting for variation due to phonetics, speaker identity, and channel effects (i.e. the recording environment).*

[Skerry-Ryan, et al., ICML'18]

Controllable TTS v.s. VC



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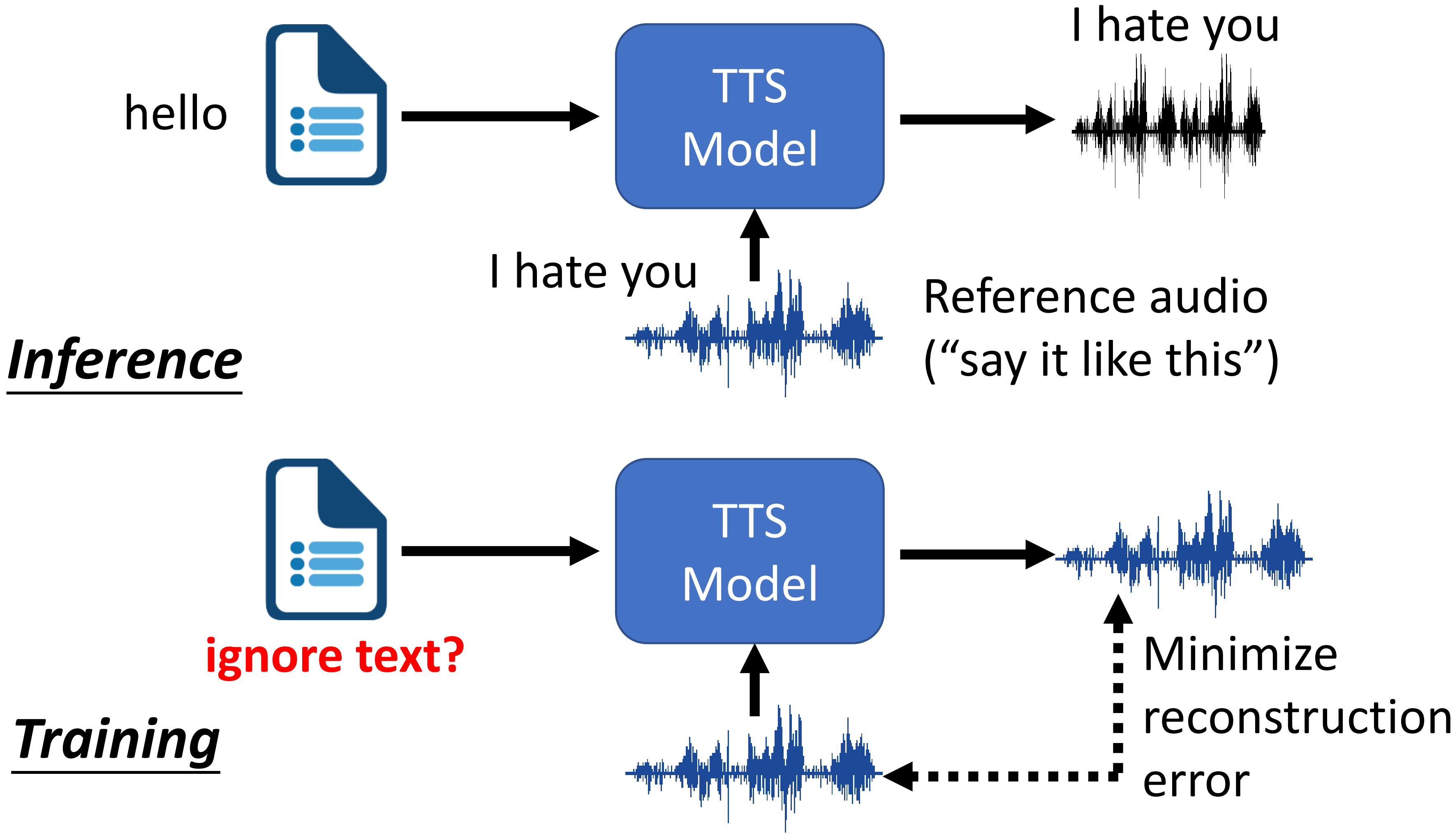
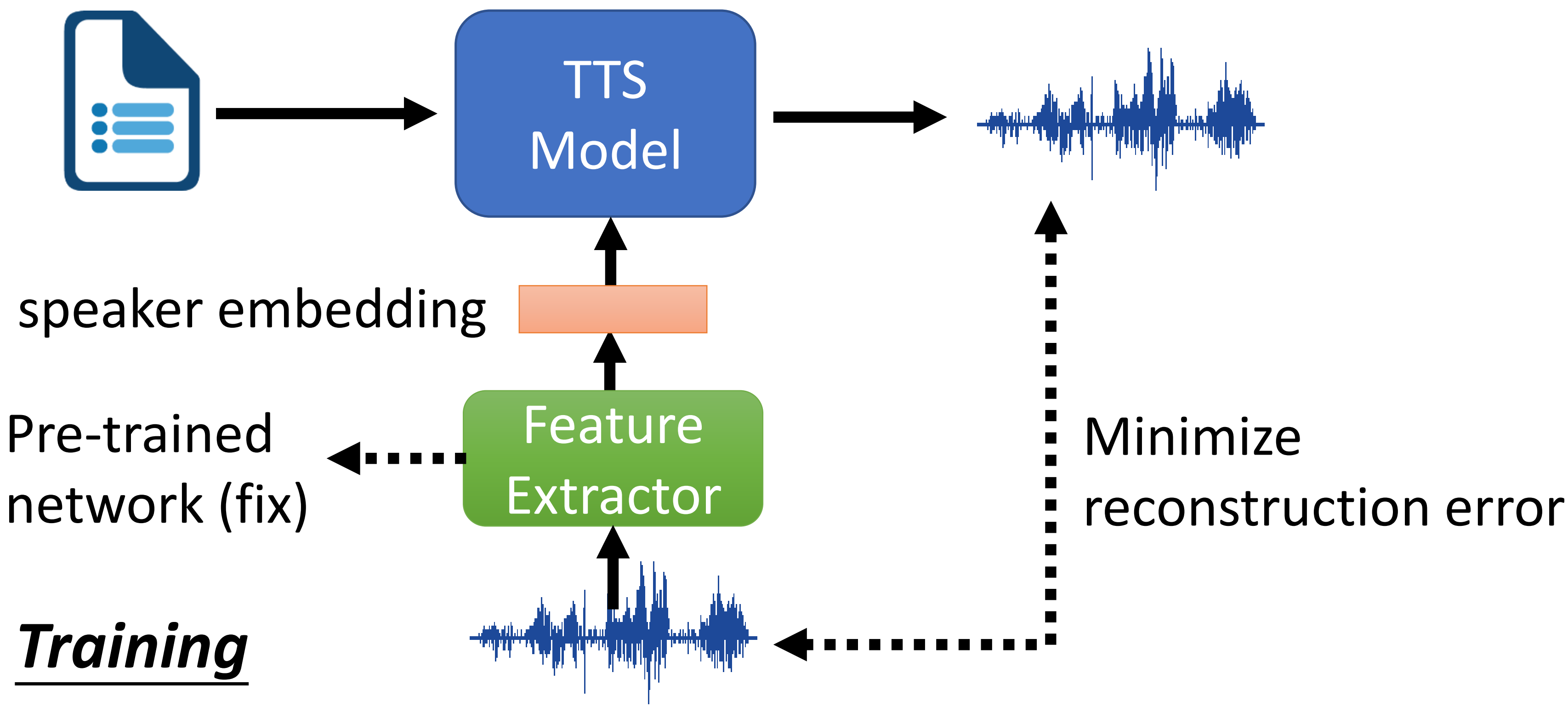


Voice Cloning

[Jia, et al., NeurIPS’18]

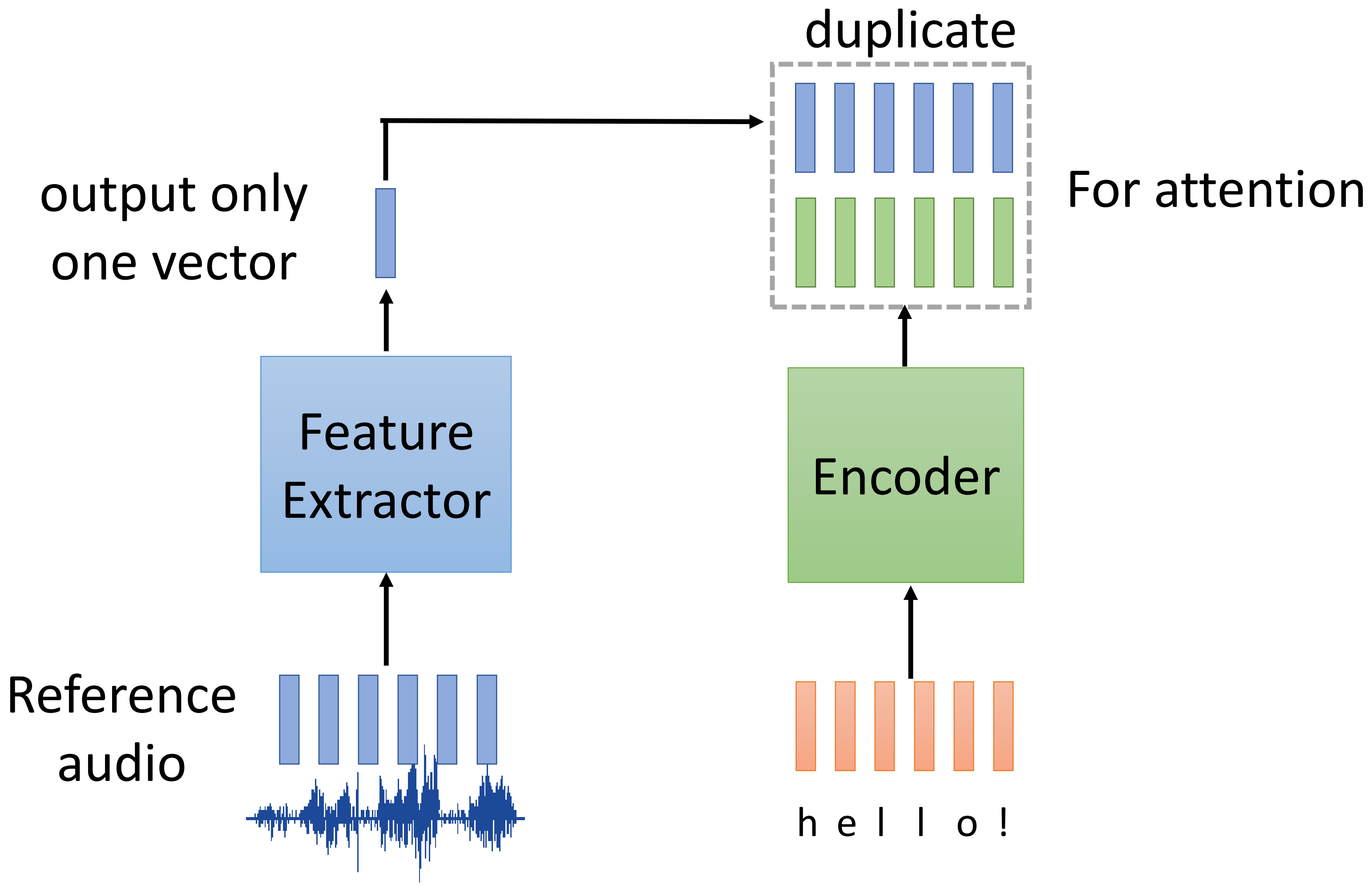


Training

GST-Tacotron

GST = global style tokens

[Wang, et al., ICML'18]



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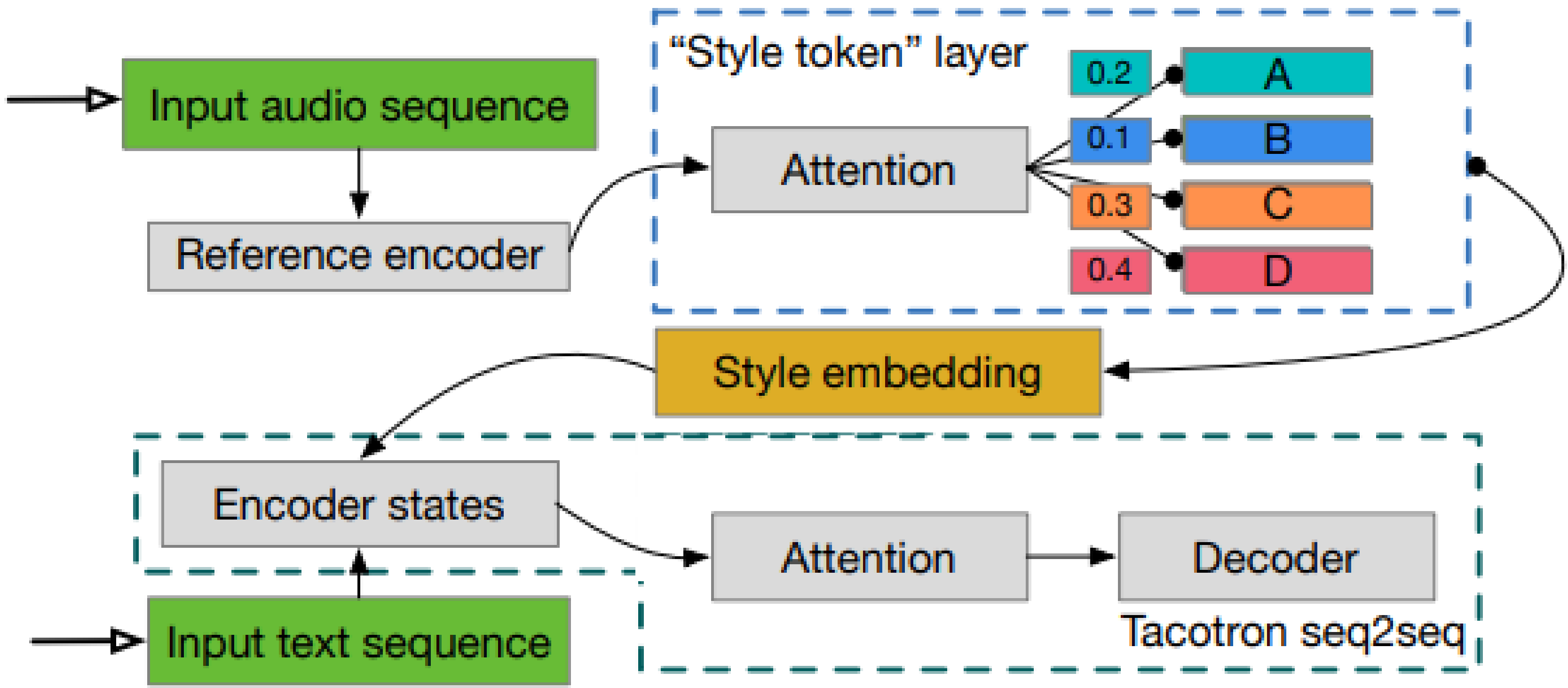

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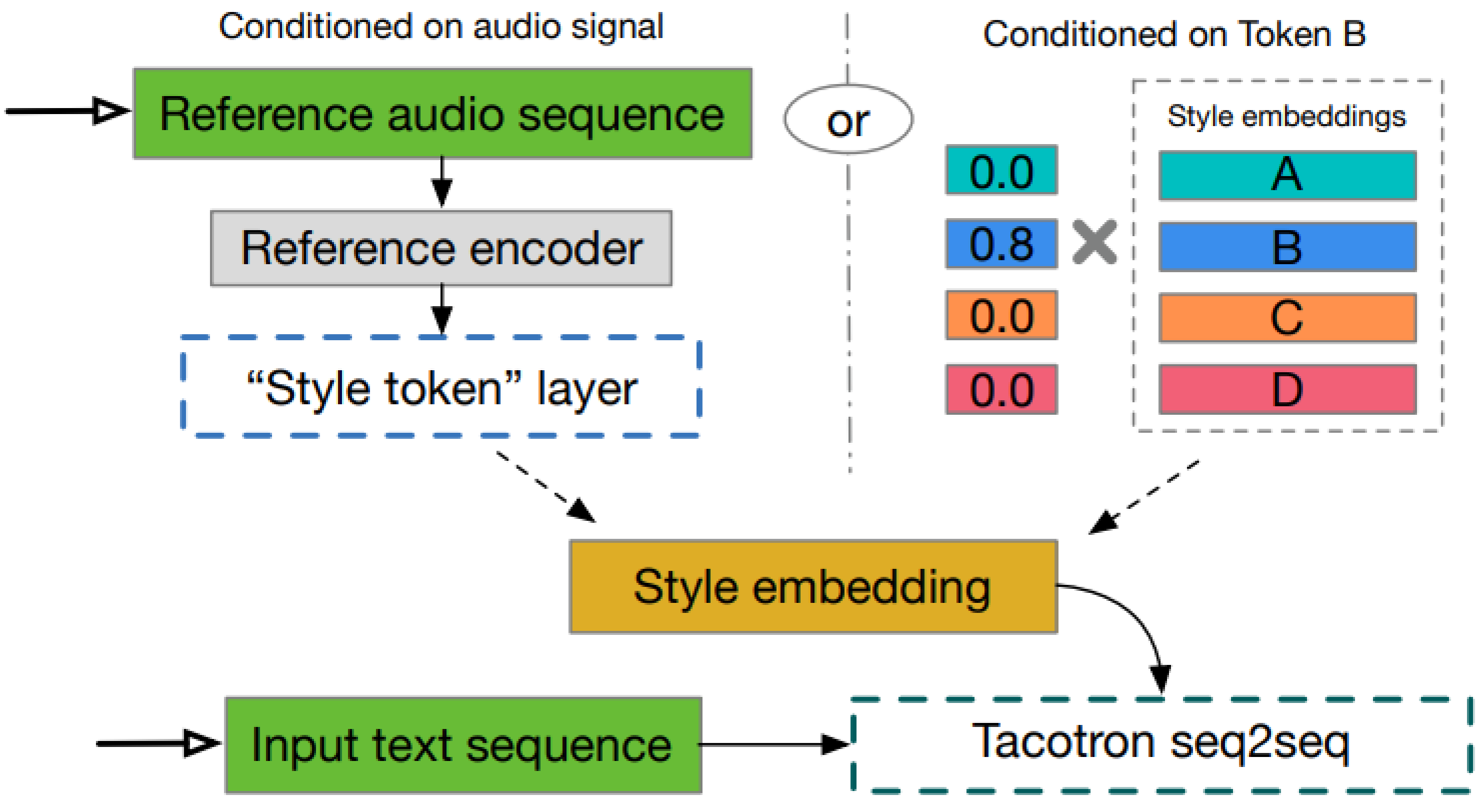
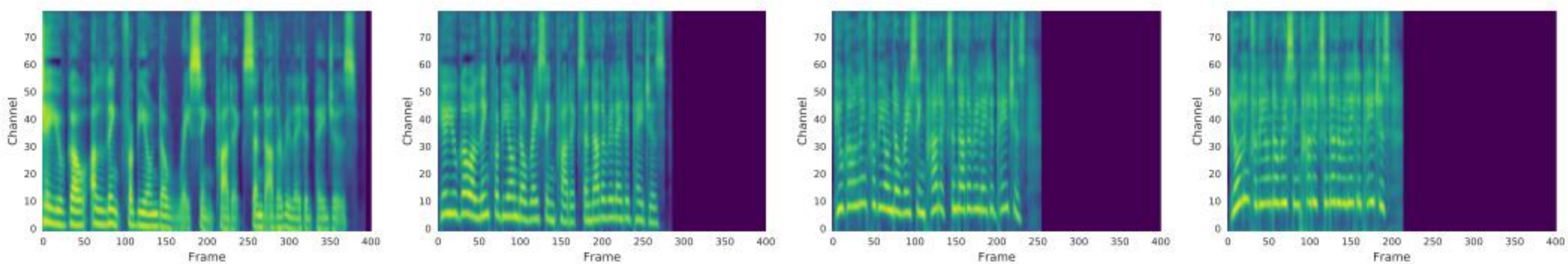
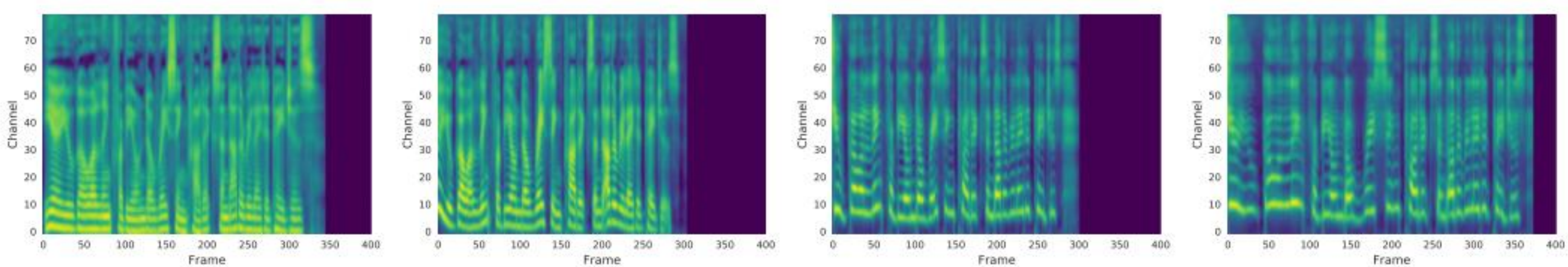


- What does the tokens effect?
  - One token corresponds to a lower pitch voice
  - One token for a decreasing pitch
  - One token for a faster speaking rate
  - ……



(a) Token A (speed)



(b) Token B (animated)

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