
Machine Listening for Music and Sound Analysis

Lecture 4 – Music Information Retrieval II

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Overview

- Pitch Detection
- Instrument Recognition
- Source Separation

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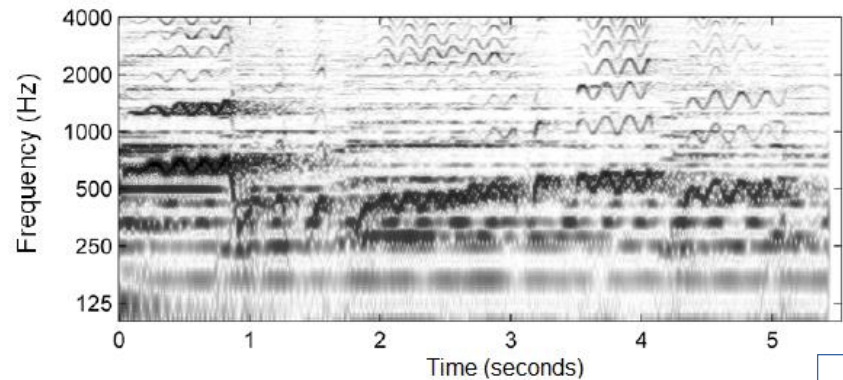


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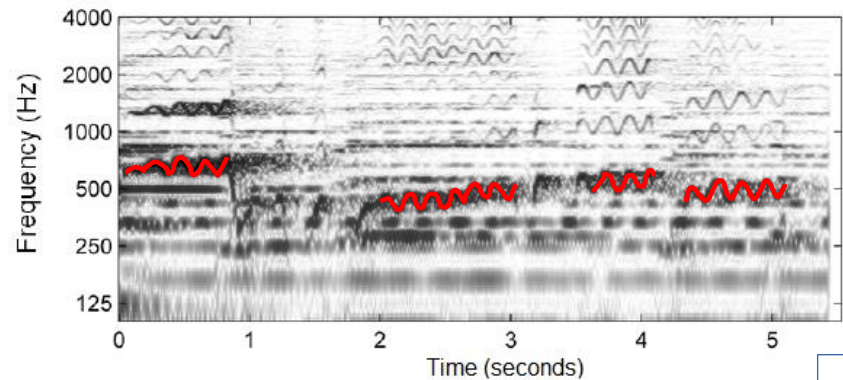


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2) Voicing detection

Melody
No melody



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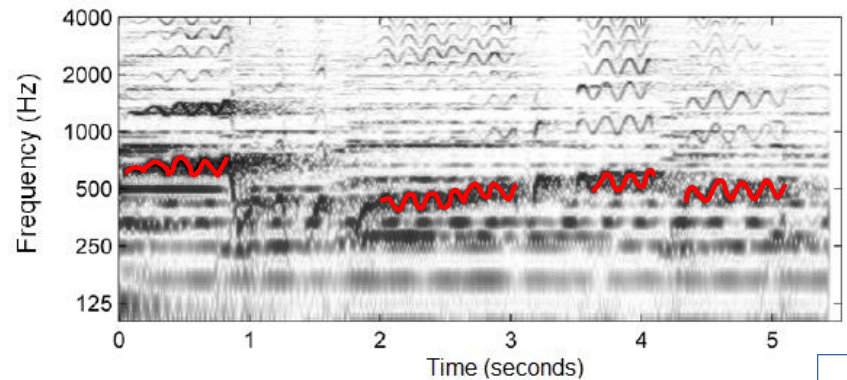


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Pitch Detection

Application Scenarios

- Music Instrument Tuning
- Music Education
- Music Transcription
- Bird Recognition



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

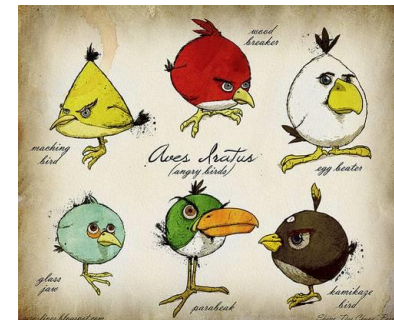


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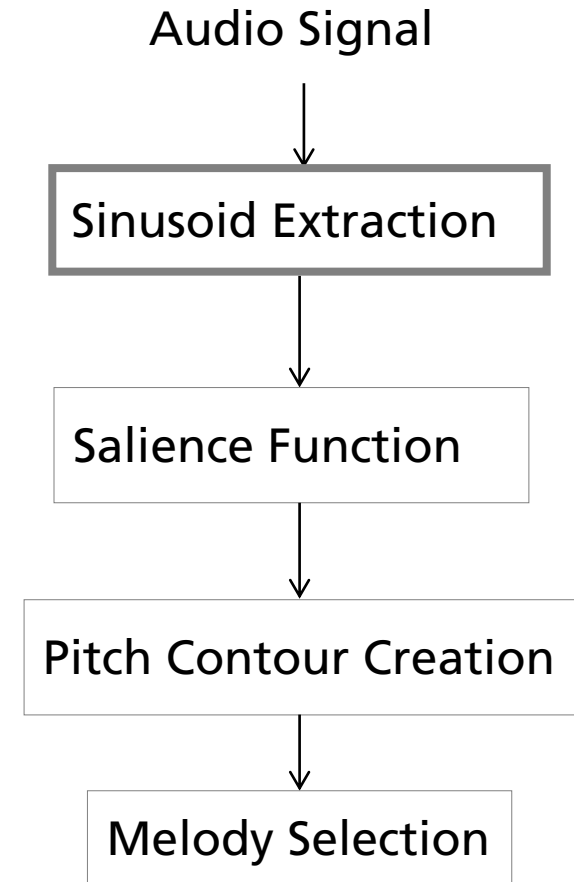


Increasing Difficulty &
Complexity

Pitch Detection

Traditional Methods

- MELODIA [[Salamon & Gomez, 2012](#)]
 - Melody Extraction from polyphonic audio
- Steps
 - Sinusoid Extraction
 - Equal loudness filter
 - STFT
 - Detection of predominant peaks
 - Frequency refinement via instantaneous frequency (IF)



Pitch Detection

Traditional Methods

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 - Harmonic summation
 - Sum over possible harmonic frequencies

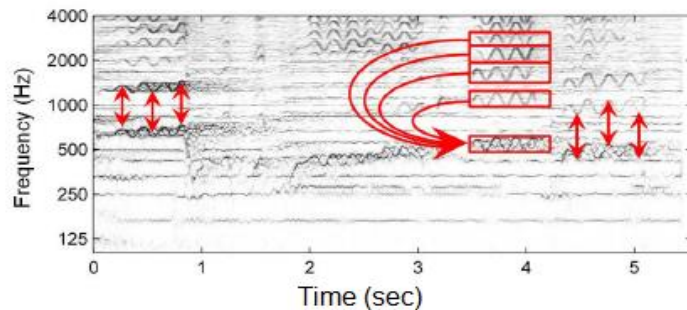
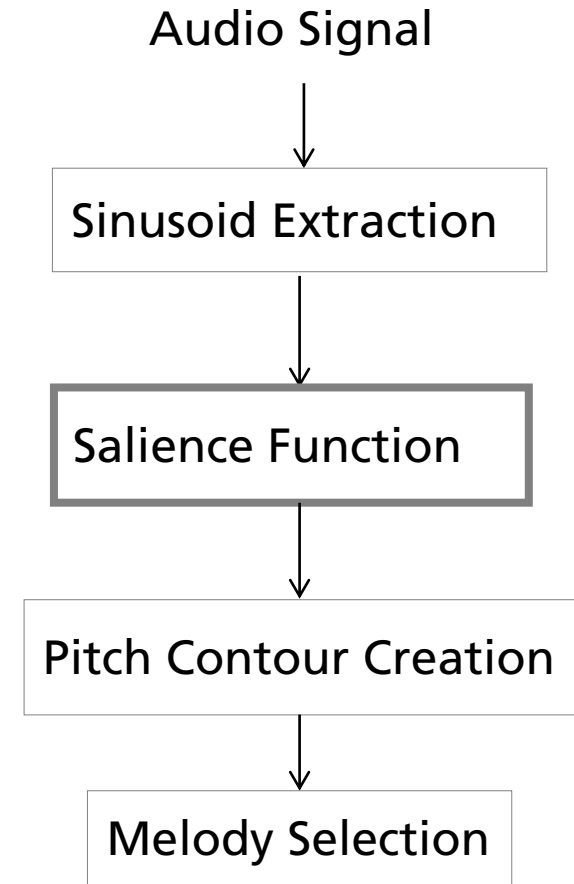


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- Frequencies \rightarrow pitch candidates

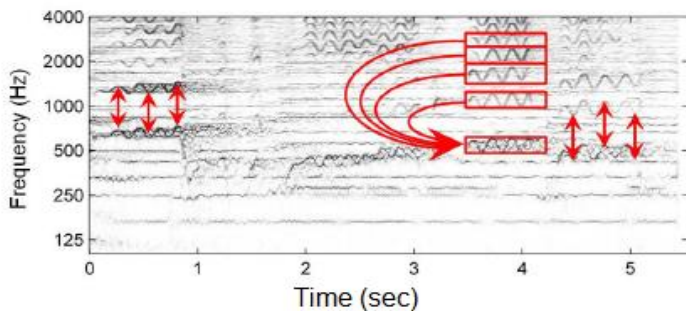
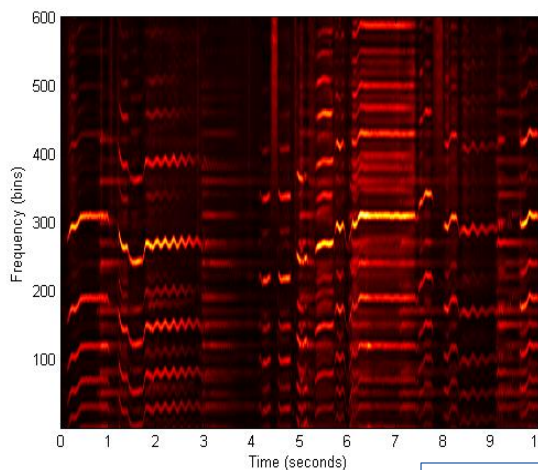
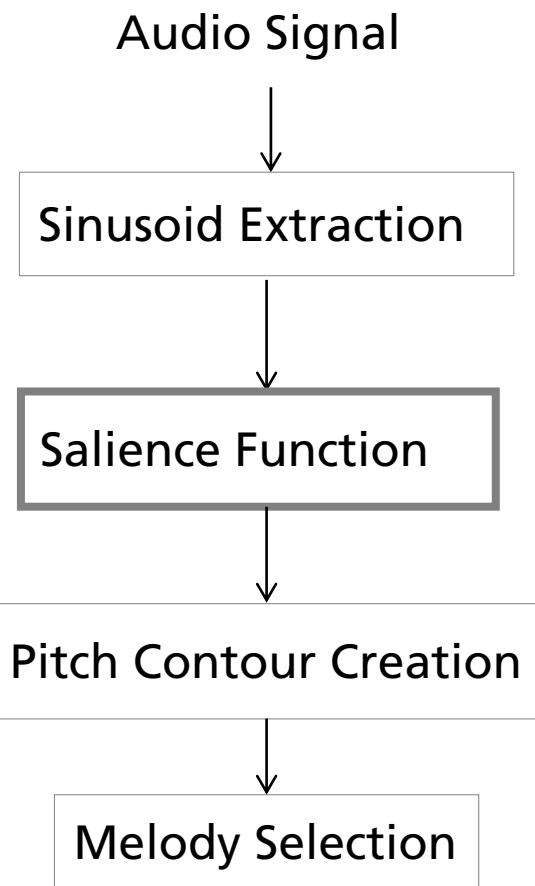


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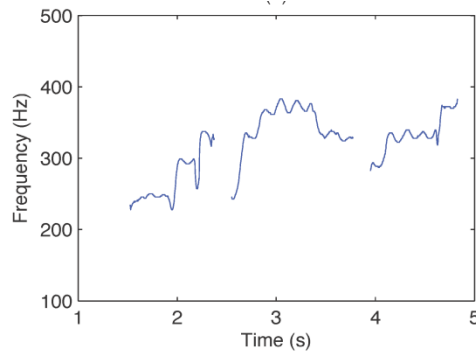
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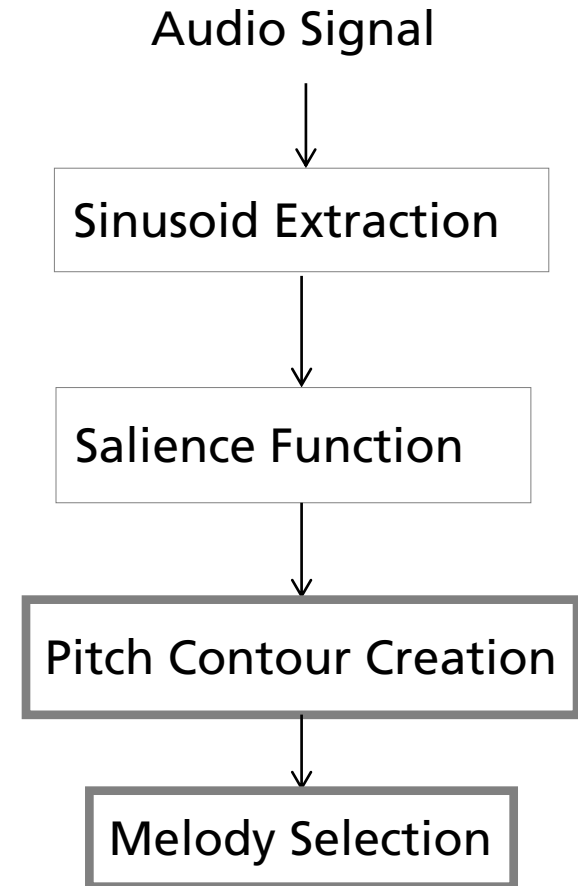
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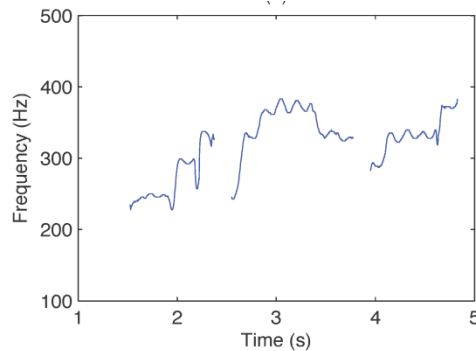
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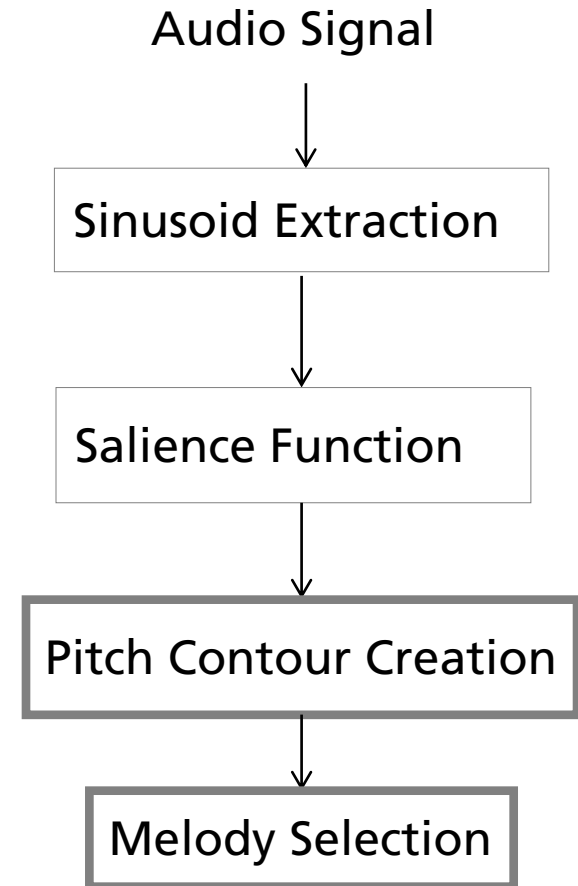
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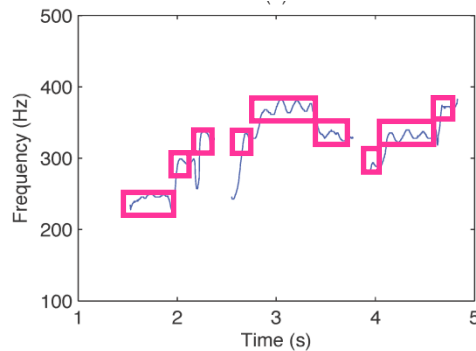
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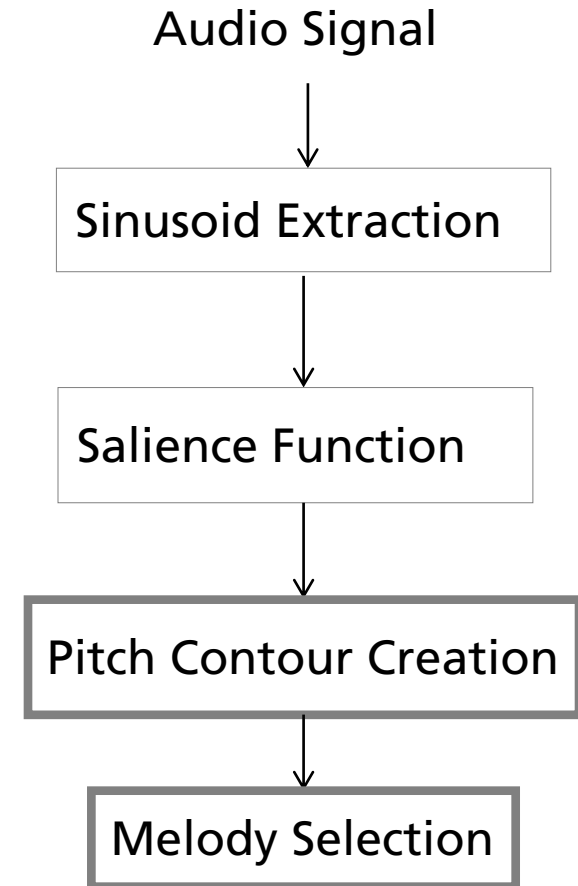
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Note events

Own



Pitch Detection

Traditional Methods (Melodia)

- Melodia plugin available for Sonic Visualiser

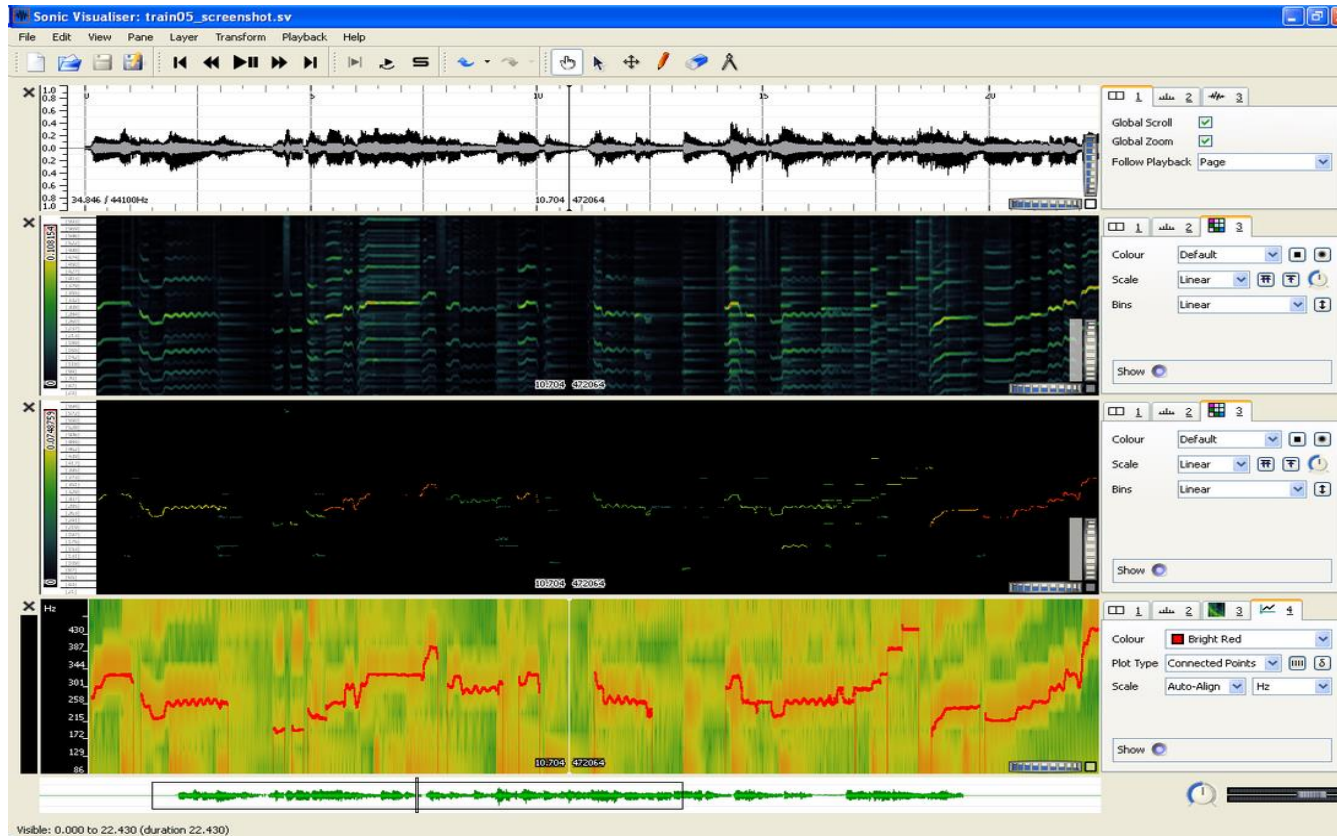


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 - End-to-end modeling
 - Audio samples → pitch likelihoods
 - 20 cent resolution (5 pitch bins per semitones)

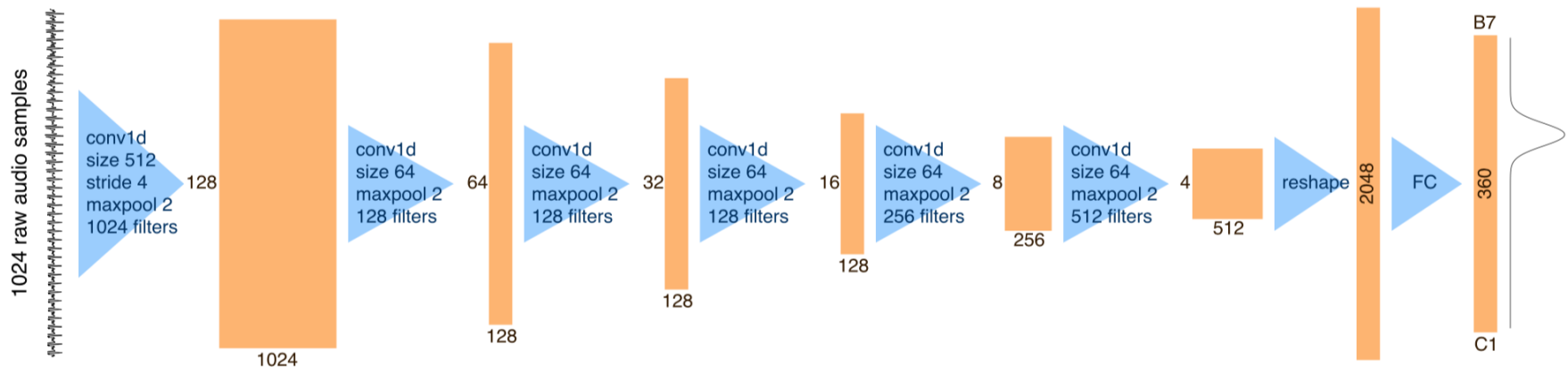
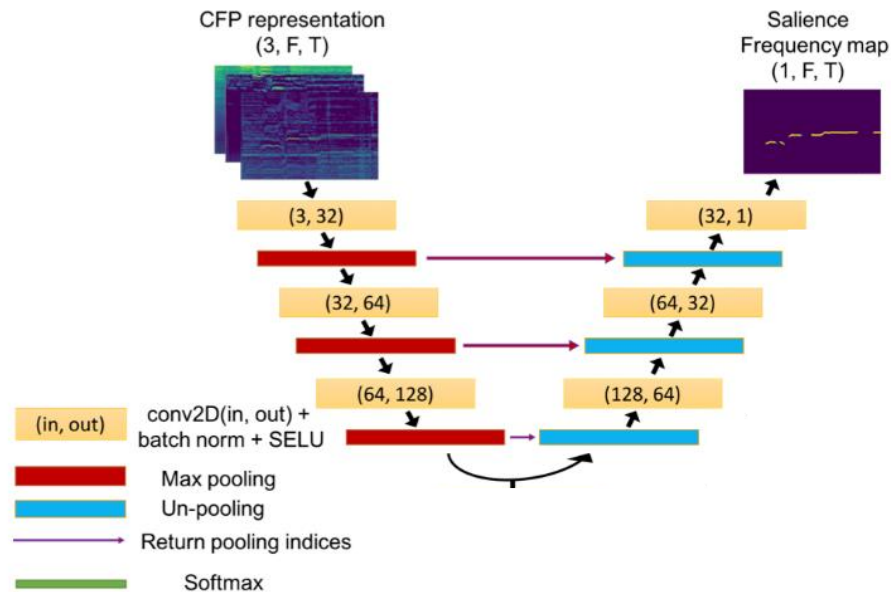


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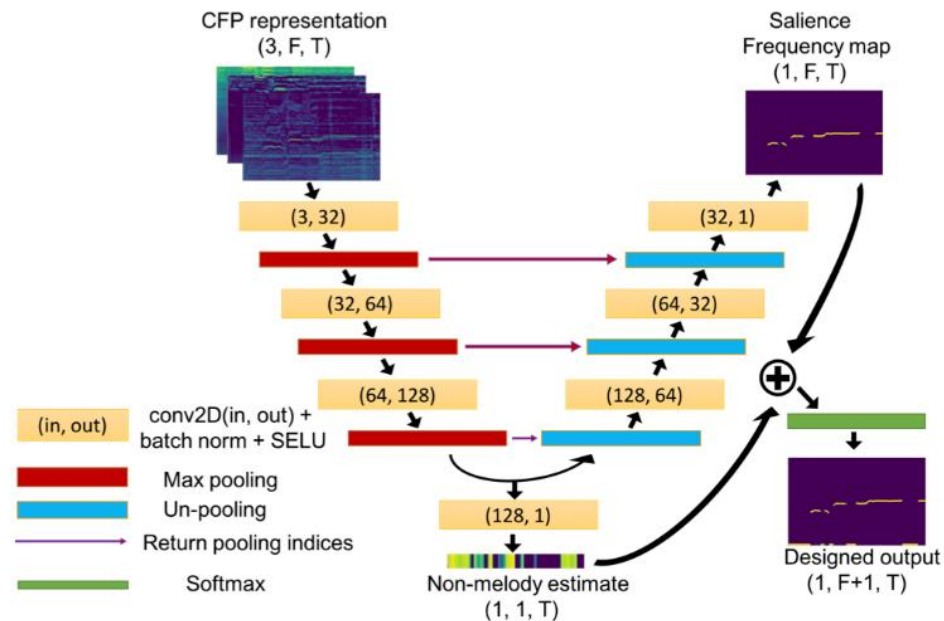


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- Classification on different taxonomy levels
 - Woodwind instruments → saxophone → tenor saxophone

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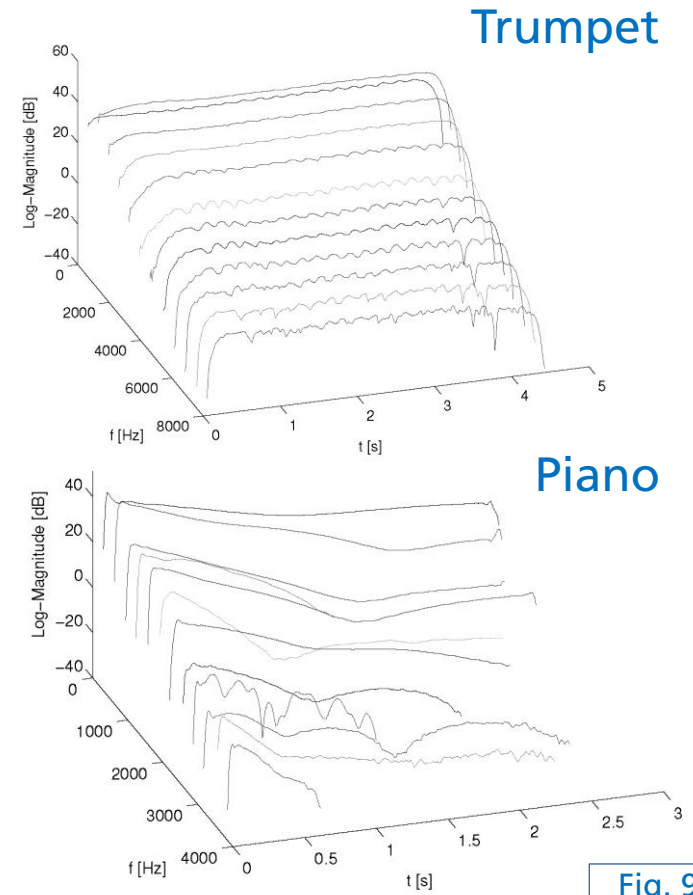
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 - Partial envelopes
 - Observe magnitude decay & modulation

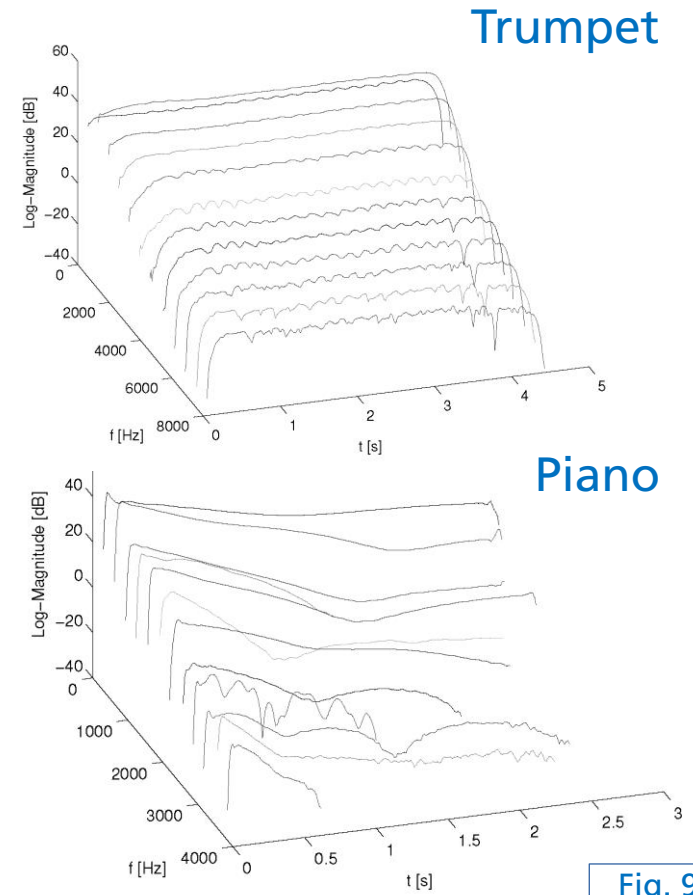


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Instrument Recognition

Novel Methods

- Mel spectrogram + CNN model [Han et al., 2017]
 - Mel Spectrogram as input
 - Multiple convolutional layers & pooling operations
 - Final (dense) classification layers

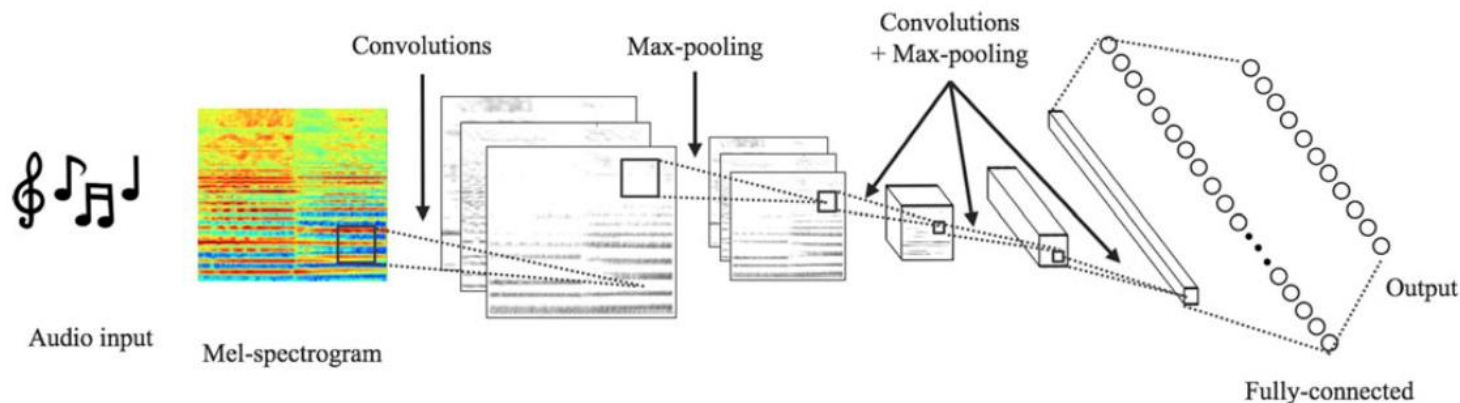


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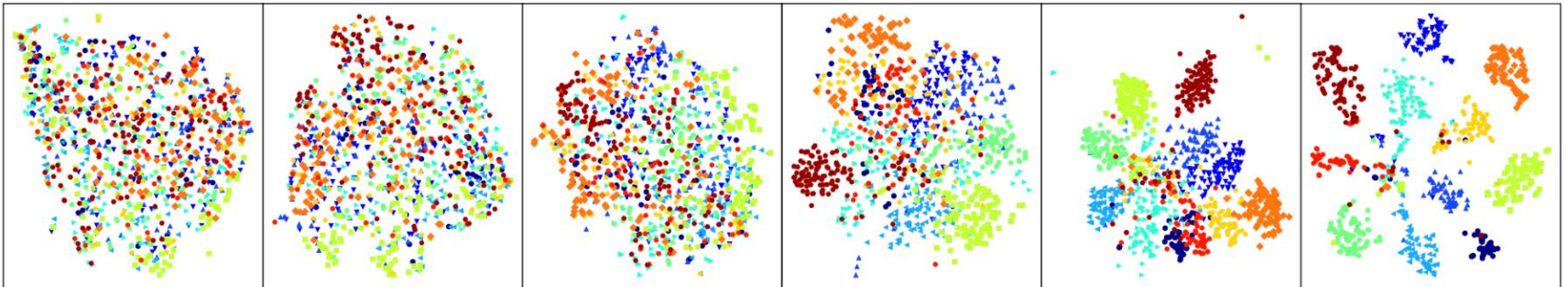


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Deeper layers

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 - Spectral input features (CQT)
 - Pitch-activity (piano-roll)

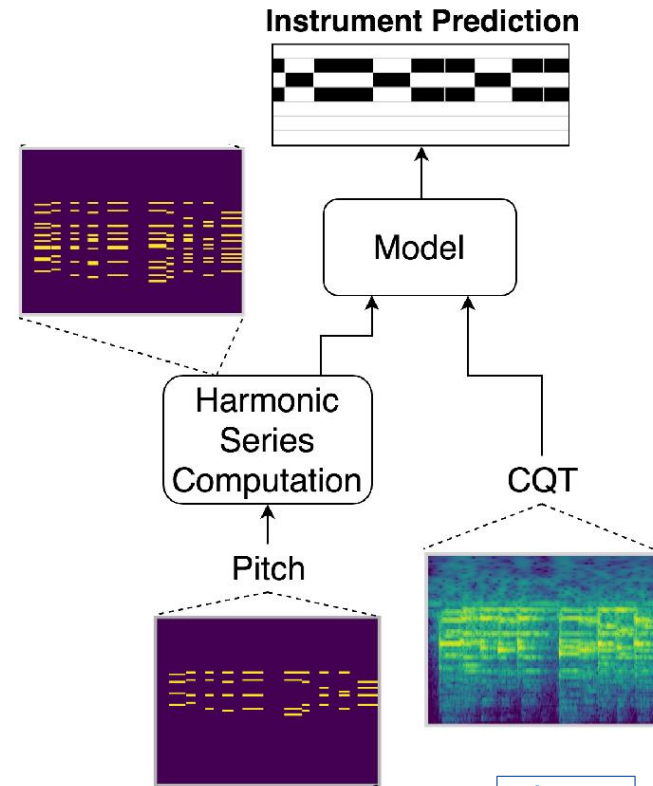


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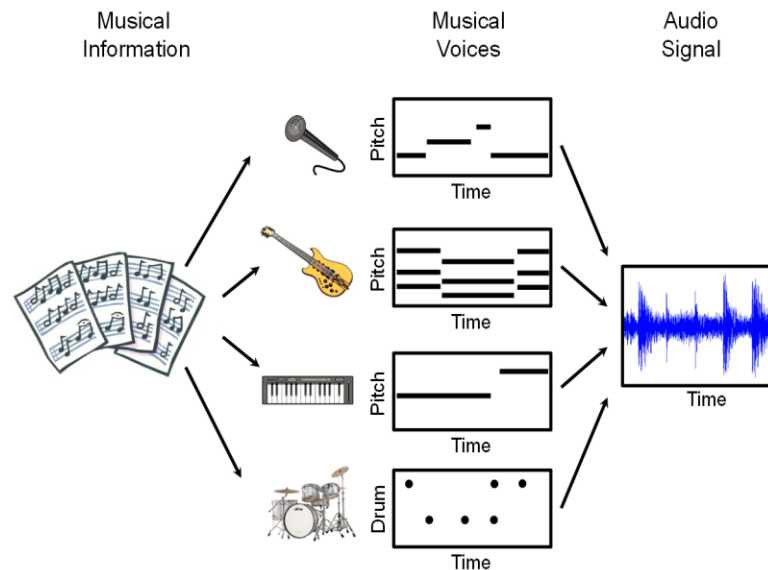


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 - Output: 1 stem per instrument

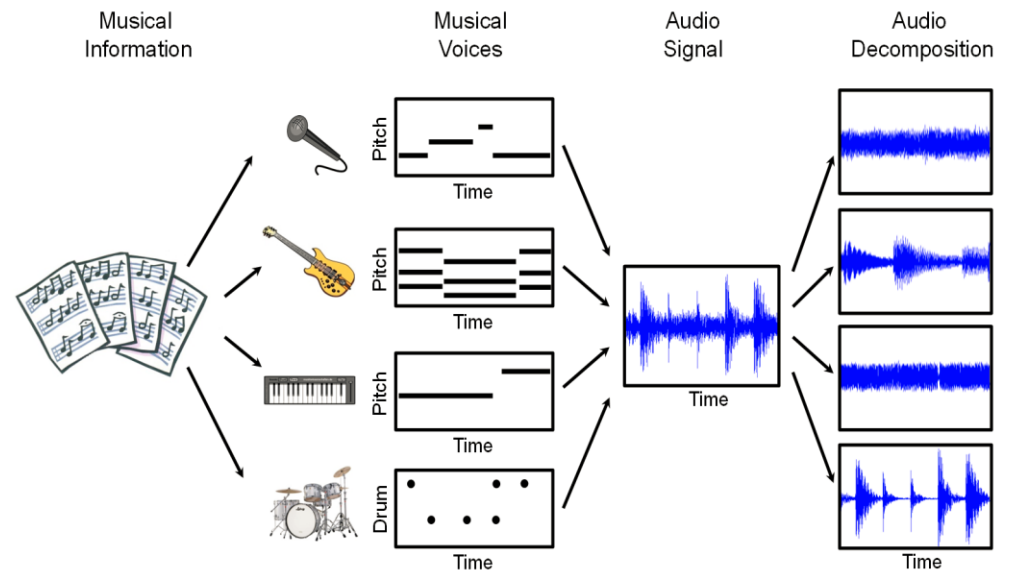


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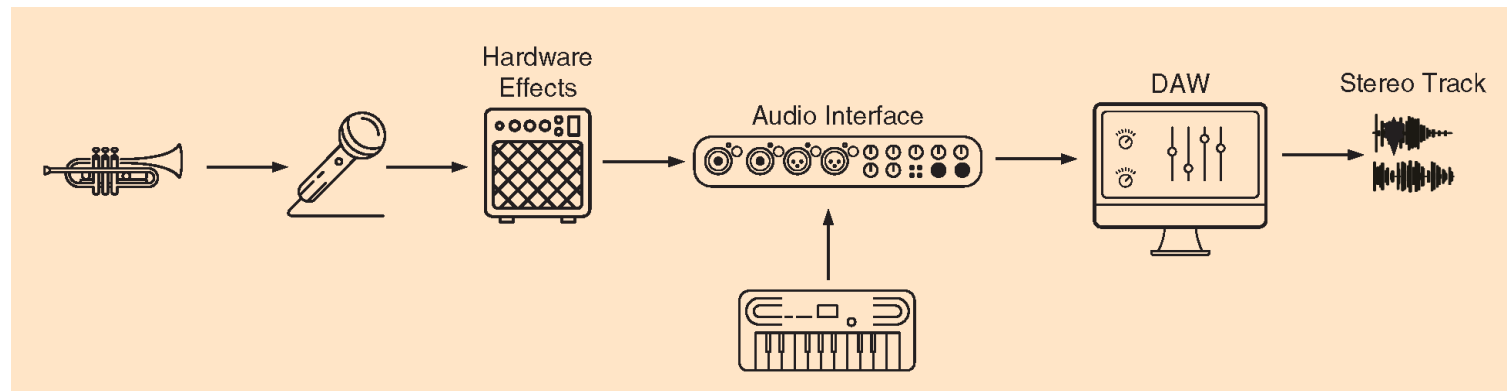


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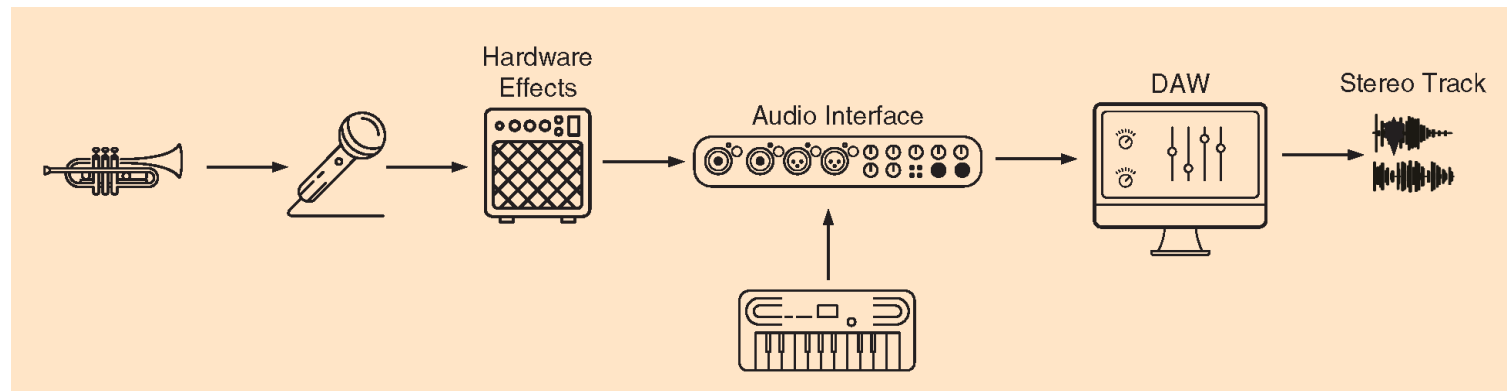


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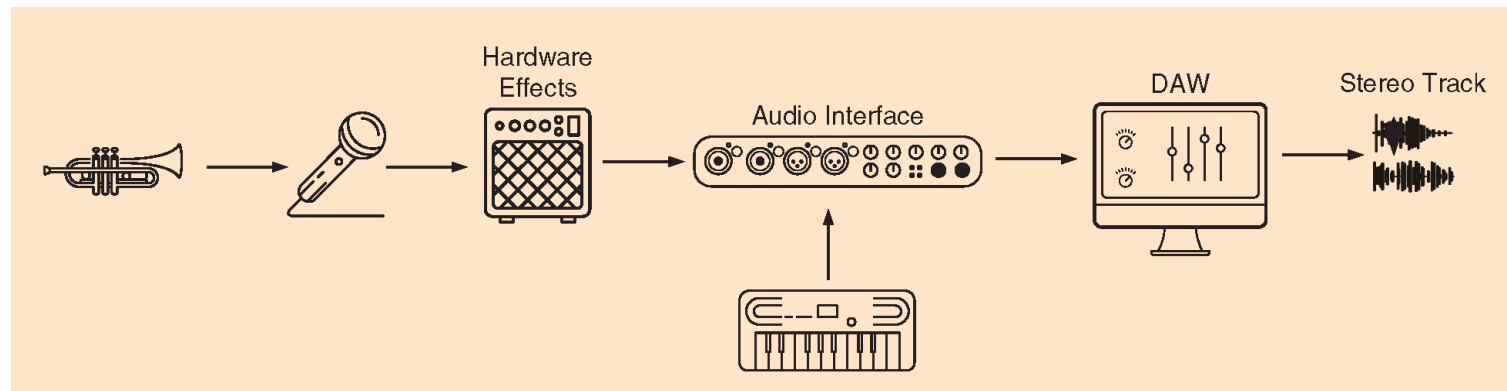


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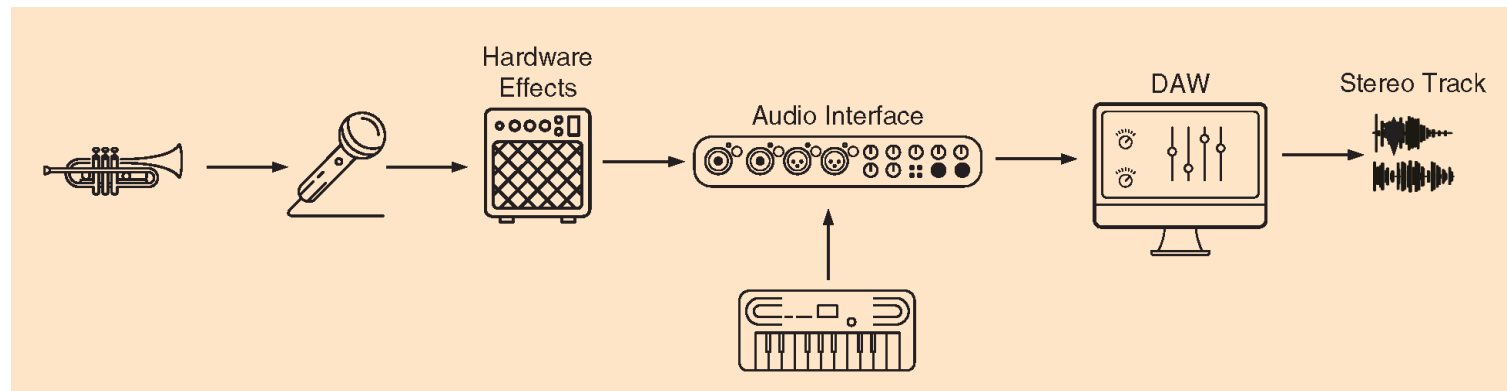


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 - Solo / Backing track generation
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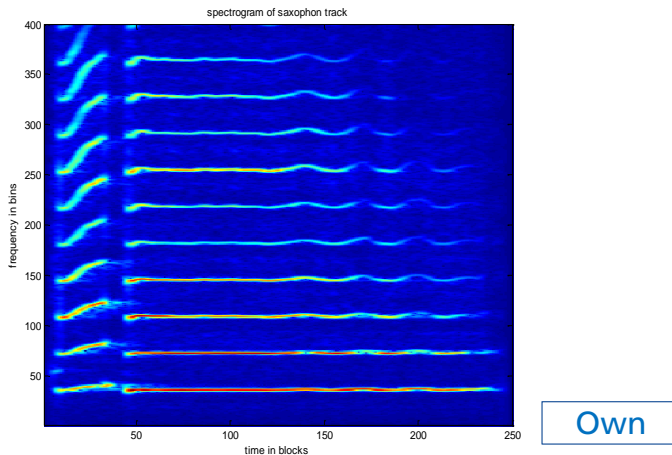
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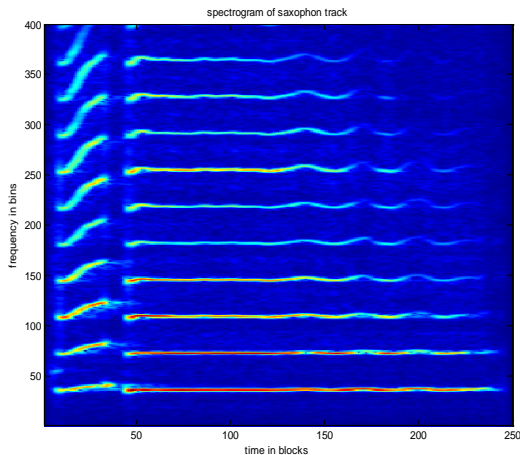


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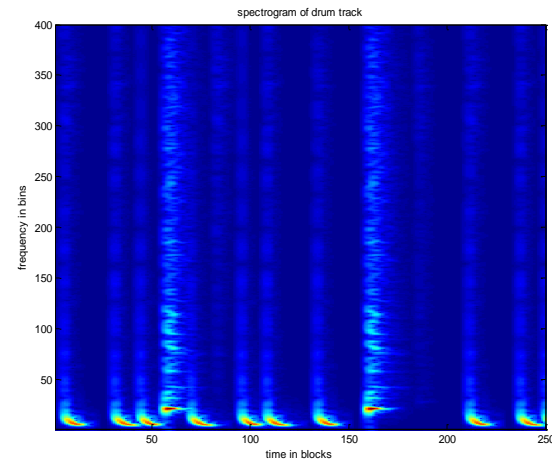
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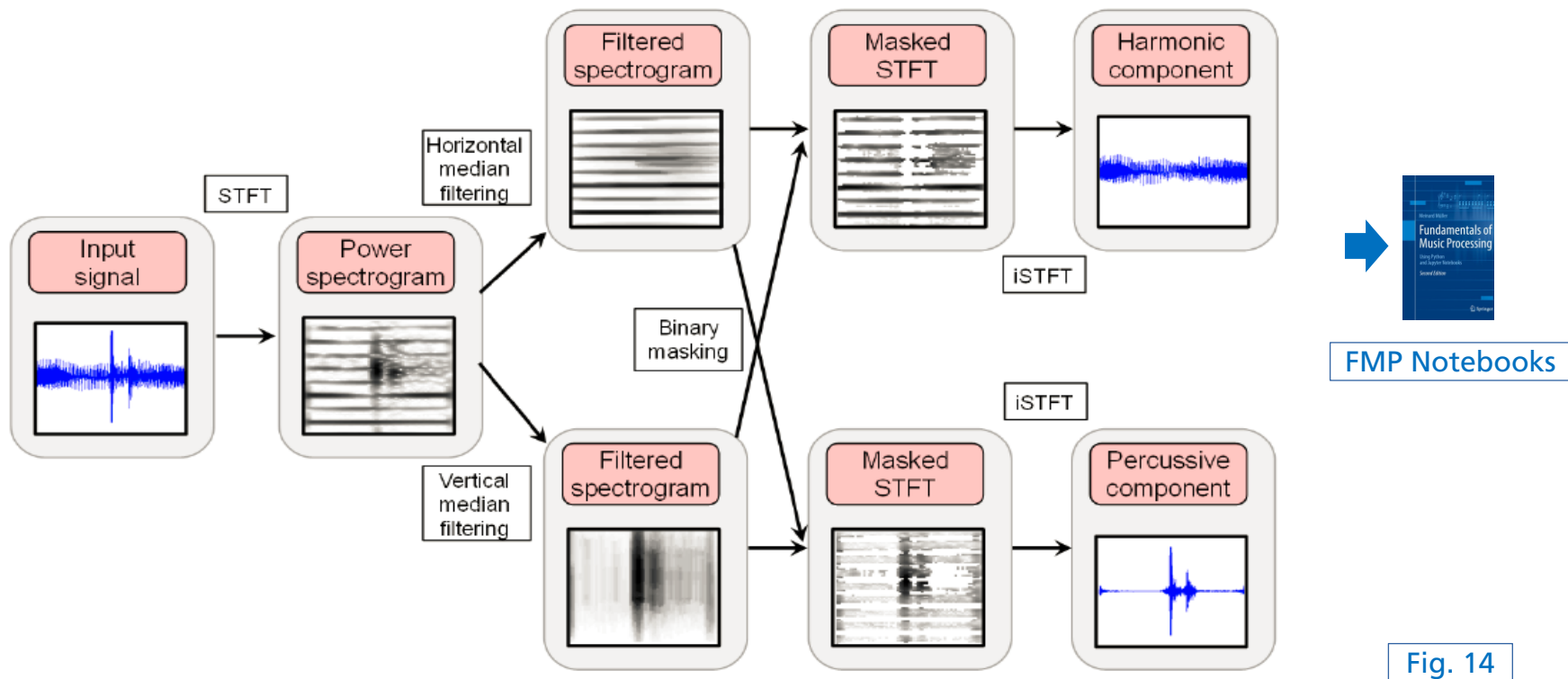
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- Wide-band (vertical)
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 - Instantaneous Frequency Distribution (IFD)
 - How does phase change over time?

$$\Phi(k, n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\phi(k, n)}{dn}$$

Instantaneous Frequency

k – frequency bin

Unwrapped phase

Source Separation

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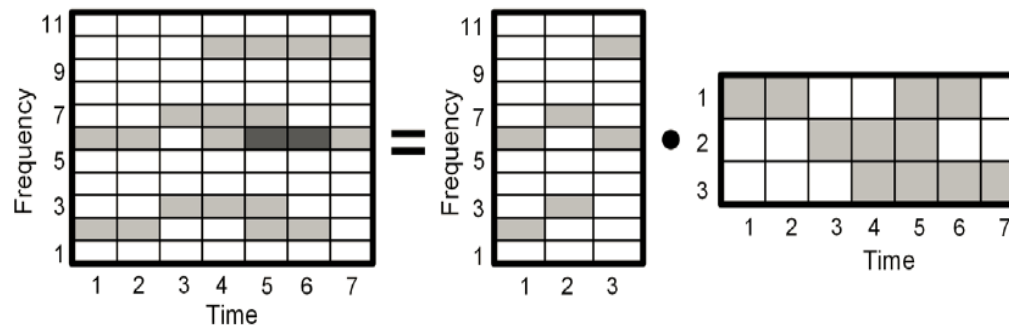
$$P(k, n) = 1 - H(k, n)$$

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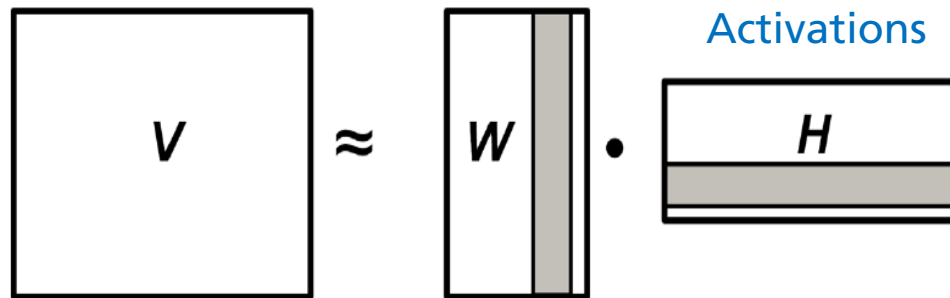
■ Non-Negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)

■ Factorize spectrogram V into set of components: $V \approx WH$



Templates

Activations



vn

Source Separation

Traditional Approaches

- Non-Negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)

- Algorithm: $V \approx WH$

- Randomly initialize W & H

- Use update rules to alternately update W & H

- Minimize cost function

- Cost function examples

- Euclidean distance

$$\|A - B\|^2 = \sum_{ij} (A_{ij} - B_{ij})^2$$

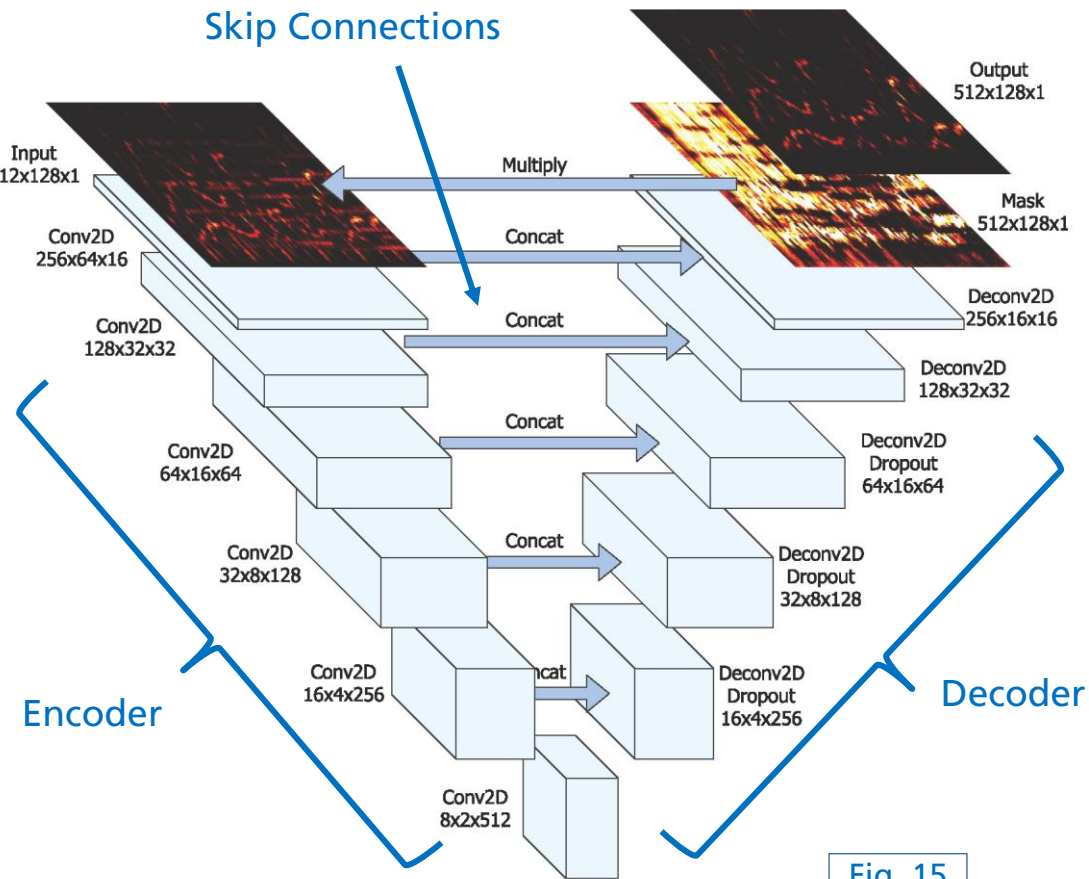
- Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$D(A||B) = \sum_{ij} \left(A_{ij} \log \frac{A_{ij}}{B_{ij}} - A_{ij} + B_{ij} \right)$$

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- U-Net based [Jansson et al., 2017]
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- Issue

- Only magnitude of STFT is modeled

- Still phase from the mixture is used

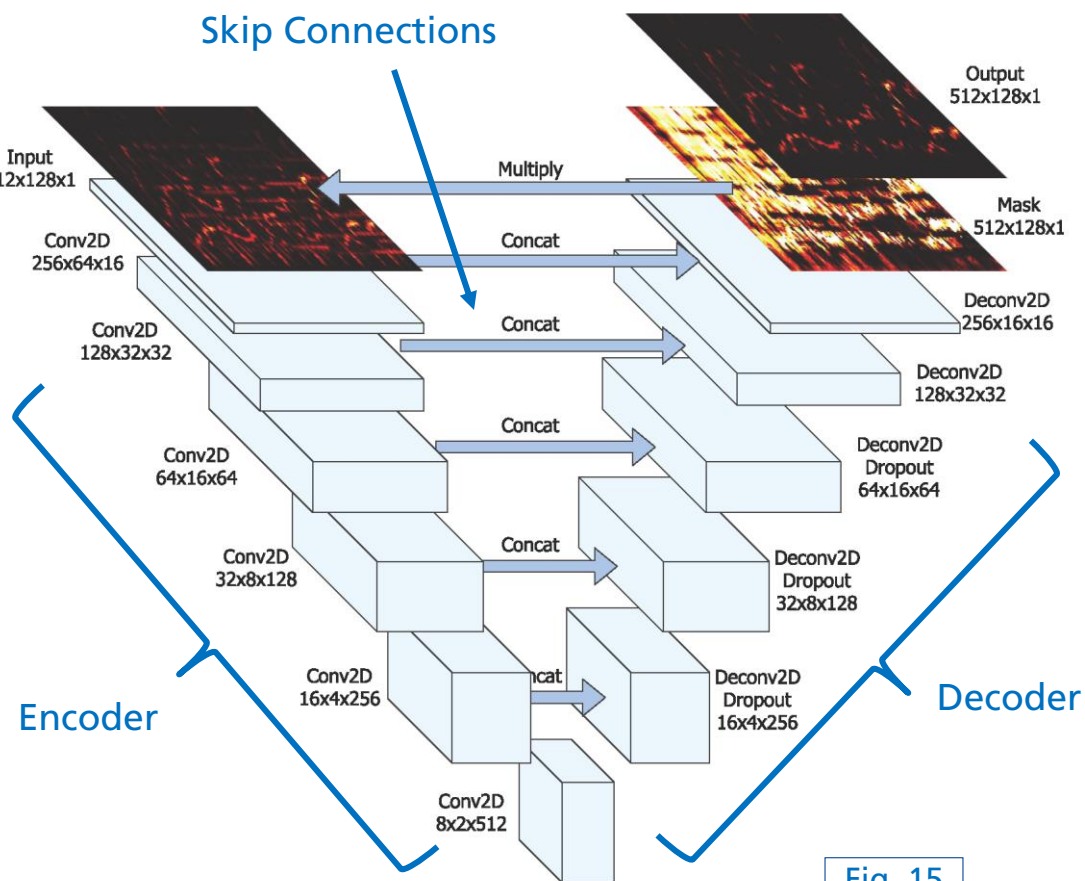


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 - 3 pre-trained models
 - 2 stems (vocals and accompaniments)
 - 4 stems (vocals, drums, bass, and other)
 - 5 stems (vocals, drums, bass, piano and other)



[Spleeter Demo](#)

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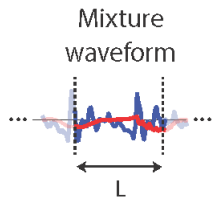


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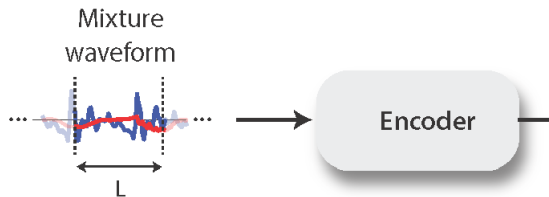


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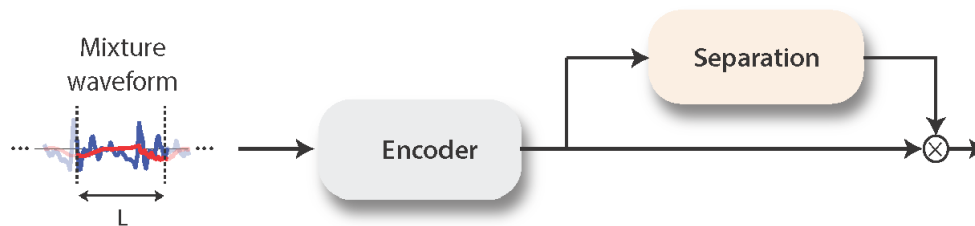


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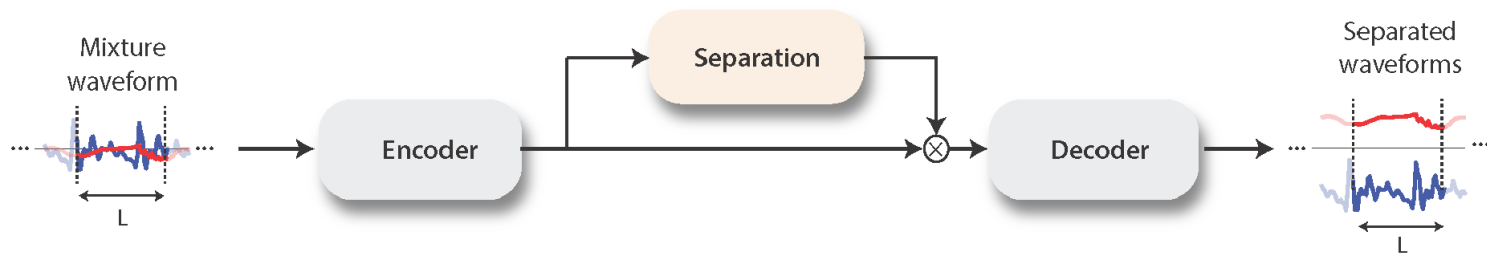


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 - Stack of 1-D dilated convolutional blocks
 - Large receptive field → model long-term dependencies

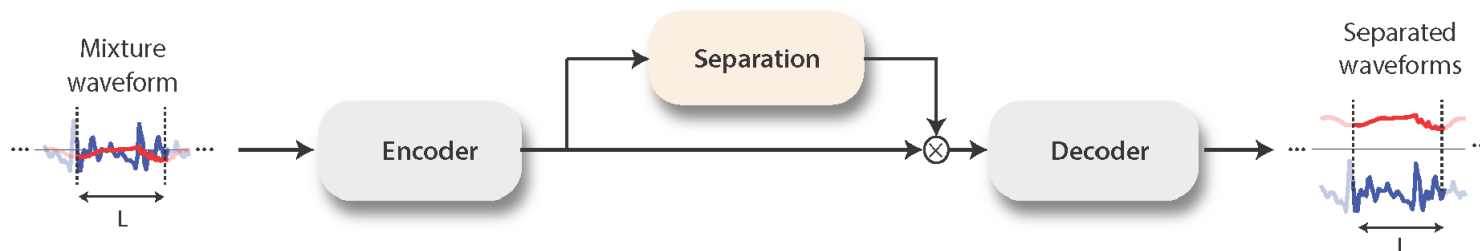


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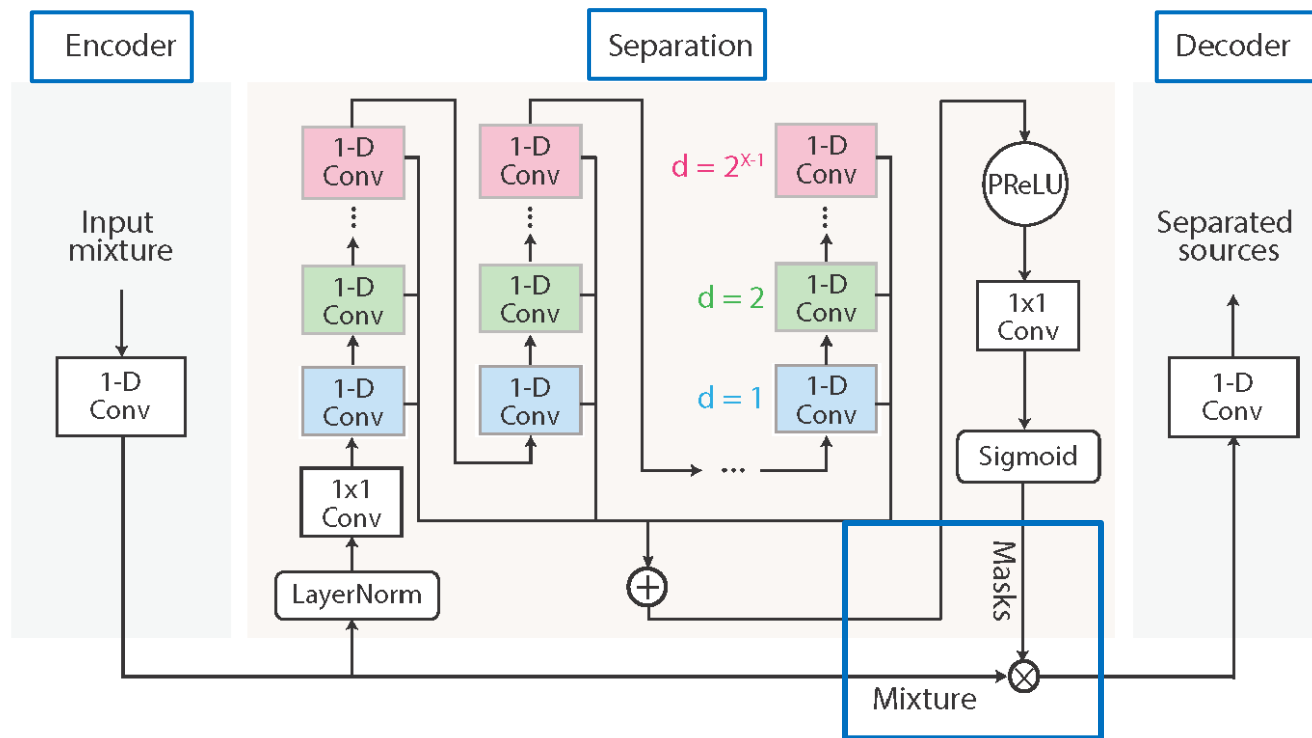


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Summary

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 - Source Separation

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Images

Fig. 1: [Müller, 2021], p. 449, Fig. 8.15(b)

Fig. 2: <http://www.guitaradventures.com/wp-content/uploads/Tuning-your-guitar.jpg>

Fig. 3: <https://cdn2.whatoplay.com/screenshots/2631slide-4.jpg>

Fig. 4: https://cdn.androidcommunity.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/500x_angrybirdsdarwin.jpg

Fig. 5: [Müller, 2021], p. 449, Fig. 8.15(a)

Fig. 6: Sonic Visualiser: <http://www.sonicvisualiser.org/> , Melodia plugin: <http://mtg.upf.edu/technologies/melodia>

Fig. 7: [Kim et al., 2018], p. 2, Fig. 1

Fig. 8: [Hsieh et al., 2019], p. 2, Fig. 2

Fig. 9: [Grasis et al., 2014], p. 6, Fig. 3

Fig. 10: [Han et al., 2017], p. 3, Fig. 1

Fig. 11: [Han et al., 2017], p. 9, Fig. 6

Fig. 12: [Hung & Yang, 2018], p. 4, Fig. 1

Fig. 13: [Cano et al., 2019], p. 3, Fig. 3

Fig. 14: [Müller, 2021], p. 425, Fig. 8.3

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Fig. 15: [Jansson, 2017], p. 3, Fig. 1

Fig. 16: [Luo & Mesgarani, 2019], p. 3, Fig. 1(A)

Fig. 17: [Luo & Mesgarani, 2019], p. 3, Fig. 1(B)

Fig. 18: [Müller, 2021], p. 422, Fig. 8.1

Sounds

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Thank you!

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