
Machine Listening for Music and Sound Analysis

Lecture 6 - Environmental Sound Analysis 2

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Overview

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- Acoustic Anomaly Detection
- Real-World Deployment
 - Process Steps
 - Challenges
- Use-Cases
 - Urban Noise Monitoring
 - Traffic Monitoring
 - Industrial Sound Analysis
 - Context-sensitive Hearables
 - Bioacoustic Monitoring

Acoustic Scene Classification Task

- Acoustic scene classification (ASC)
 - Multi-class (1 of N) classification scenario
 - Summative label (tagging)
- Acoustic scene
 - Typical set of sounds
 - Example: office
 - Keyboard clicks
 - Human conversations
 - Printer
 - Air conditioner

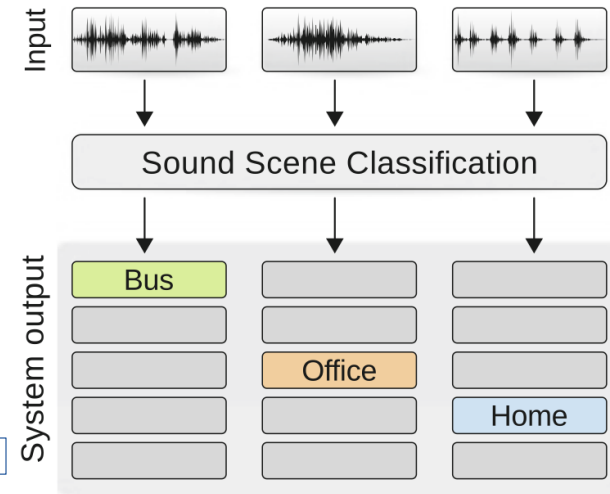
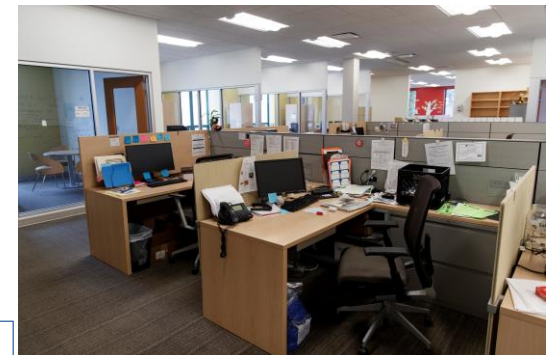


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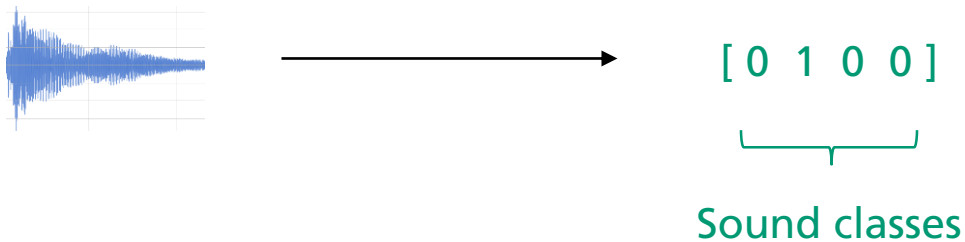
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Fig. 2



Acoustic Scene Classification Pipeline

- Label encoding
 - One-hot-encoded (global) target
- Example
 - 4 scene classes (bus, office, home, forest)
 - Encoding of an office recording



Acoustic Scene Classification Pipeline

- Network architectures
 - Similar to SED (CNN & CRNN)
- Differences
 - Temporal result aggregation within network
 - Dense layer / pooling
 - Final layer: Softmax activation function (multiclass classification)
- Current Research Topics [[Abeßer, 2020](#)]
 - Attention → learn to focus on spectrogram regions
 - Open-set classification → detect unknown classes
 - Transfer learning → fine-tune pre-trained models with less data

Acoustic Anomaly Detection Task

■ Goal

- Detect deviations from “normal” state
- Is emitted sound from target object normal or anomalous?

■ Challenges

- Often only training examples for normal state available
- Acoustic anomalies are often subtle compared to louder background noise

■ Application Scenarios

- Detecting machine failures
- Intrusion detection (glass break...)

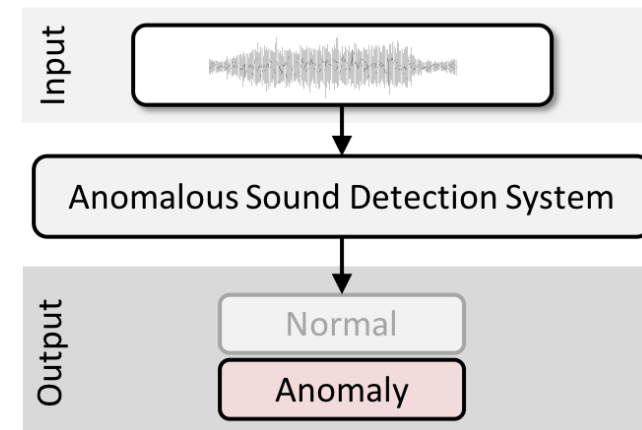


Fig. 3

Acoustic Anomaly Detection Approaches

■ Traditional methods

■ Distribution outlier detection

- Modelling normal state distribution
- Detect distribution outliers
- E.g.: One-class GMM / SVM

■ Time-series analysis

- AD via prediction error
- E.g.: Autoregressive models, Hidden-Markov-Models (HMM)

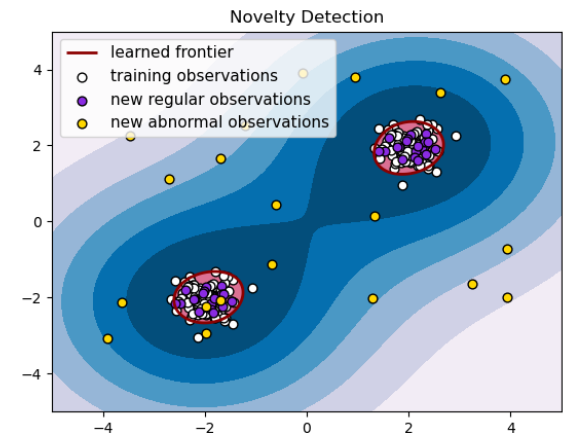


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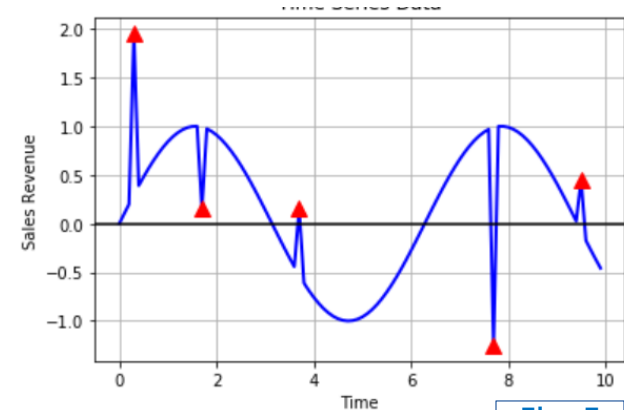


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Acoustic Anomaly Detection Approaches

- Novel methods

- Autoencoder (encoder → decoder) models

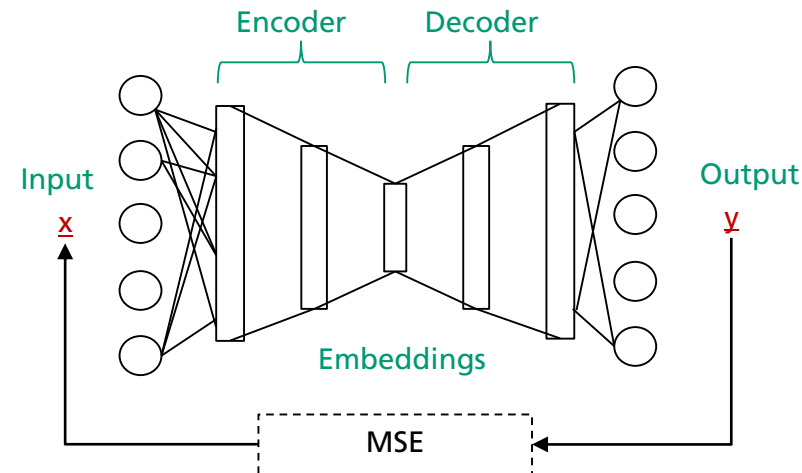
- Idea:

- normal sounds can be better reconstructed than anomalous sounds

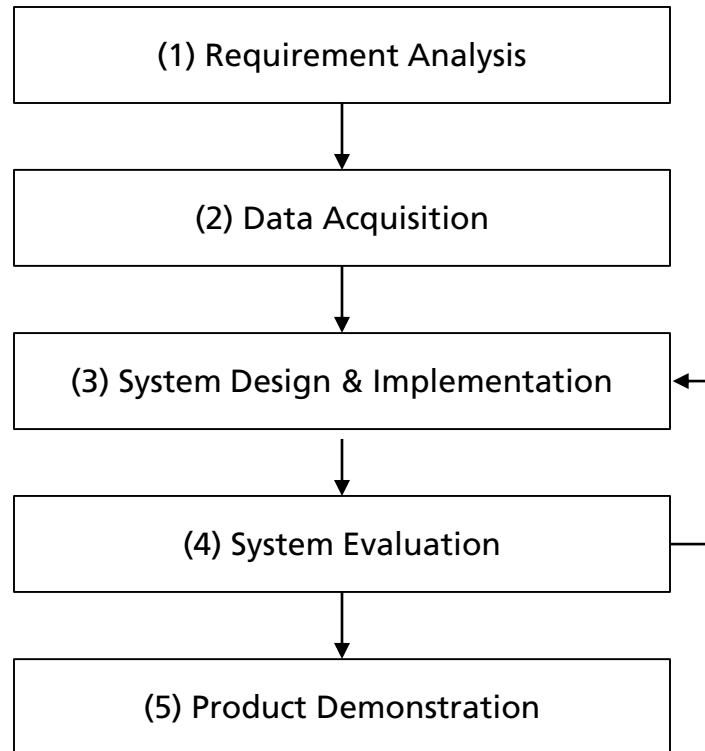
- Dense, convolutional, variational AE

- Interpolation DNN

- Interpolate spectrogram frame from surrounding frames



Real-World Deployment Project Phases



Real-World Deployment

(1) Requirement Analysis

- Target application
 - Main characteristics
- Relevant ESA research problem
 - Sound classes
- Performance requirements
 - Analysis window size
 - Metrics (accuracy, recall, precision, f-score, etc.)
- User Experience
 - Error type categorization / prioritization

Real-World Deployment

(1) Requirement Analysis (Example)

- Target application (context-aware cell phones)
 - Main characteristics (ringtone type & loudness adapts to user's environment)
- Relevant ESA research problem (acoustic scene classification)
 - Sound classes (at home, opera, traffic ...)
- Performance requirements
 - Analysis window size (5s)
 - Metrics (accuracy, recall, precision, f-score, etc.) ($F > 0.85$)
- User Experience
 - Error type categorization / prioritization
 - (confusion opera \leftrightarrow traffic worse than traffic \leftrightarrow at home)

Real-World Deployment

(1) Requirement Analysis

- Performance constraints
 - Computer platform (Raspberry 4, Jetson Nano, etc.)
 - Memory, CPU / GPU performance
 - Inference time vs. real-time
- Model constraints
 - Architecture
 - # Parameters
 - # Layers
 - Model size
 - Floating-point resolution

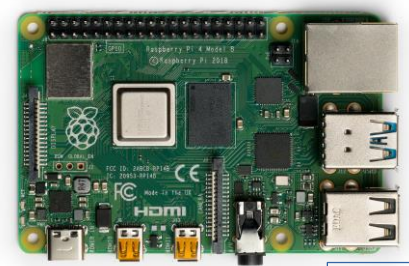


Fig. 6

Raspberry 4



Fig. 7

Jetson Nano

Real-World Deployment

(2) Data Acquisition

- Preliminary considerations
 - Acoustic conditions at deployment scenario / target use-case
 - Room size / characteristics, echoes / feedback, background noises
 - Target sound variability
 - Sensor placement
 - Recording procedure
 - Microphone type / setup
 - (Background noise removal)
 - Security / Privacy
 - Data transmission / storage

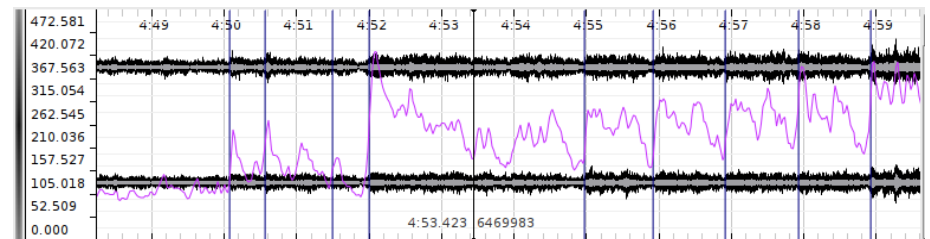
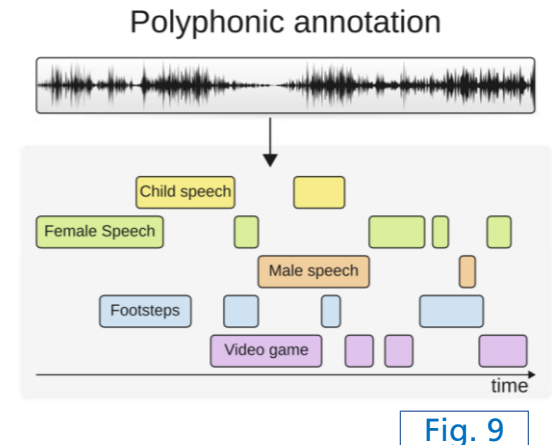


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Real-World Deployment

(2) Data Acquisition

- Audio Recording
- Annotation
 - Time / labor expensive
 - Contextual metadata (time, location, ...)
 - Granularity (segment vs. file-level)
 - Subjectivity (annotator agreement)
 - Use existing tools (e.g., Sonic Visualiser)
- Data split
 - Train / Validation / Test



Real-World Deployment

(3) System Design & Implementation

- Goal → Proof-of-Concept (PoC)
 - Solves defined problem
 - Demonstrate capability / feasibility under laboratory environment (datasets)
- Quickly implement baseline system (reference point)
- Iterative improvement of system components
 - Audio processing (pre-processing, feature extraction)
 - Machine learning (learning / recognition / detection)

Real-World Deployment

(4) System Evaluation

- Goal → Realistic performance estimate
 - Ideally test condition & target application are similar
 - Compare to baseline system / state-of-the-art methods
- Incremental changes & evaluation
 - Identify most important factors that influence the system's performance
- Evaluation
 - Offline (pre-recorded audio) vs. online (real-time recordings)
 - Objective (test dataset, defined metrics) vs. subjective (user tests)

Real-World Deployment

(5) Product Demonstration

- Goal → Develop PoC further into a Prototype
 - Key features according to requirement analysis
 - Tested in realistic use-cases (technology validation)
 - Tested with real users (user experience / perception of good performing system)
- Iterative development until ready for deployment
 - Problem examples: too high latency, too low noise-robustness
- Finally
 - System integration (user interface etc.)
 - Deployed to the market (small scale pilot -> full scale)

Real-World Deployment Challenges

- Data Mismatch / Domain Shift
- Model Complexity
- Privacy / Security

Real-World Deployment

(1) Data Mismatch / Domain Shift

- Differences in data distribution due to
 - Room acoustics (reverb, reflections)
 - Microphone characteristics (frequency response, directionality)
- Domain adaptation
 - Adapt model / feature mapping from source to target domain
 - Unsupervised: adversarial training [\[Gharib, 2018\]](#)
 - Supervised: transfer learning
- Data augmentation
 - Increase model robustness by increasing data variability
- Data normalization [\[Johnson, 2020\]](#)
 - Align source and target data distributions

Real-World Deployment

(1) Data Mismatch / Domain Shift

■ Domain adaptation (DA)

■ Unsupervised DA via adversarial training [Gharib, 2018]

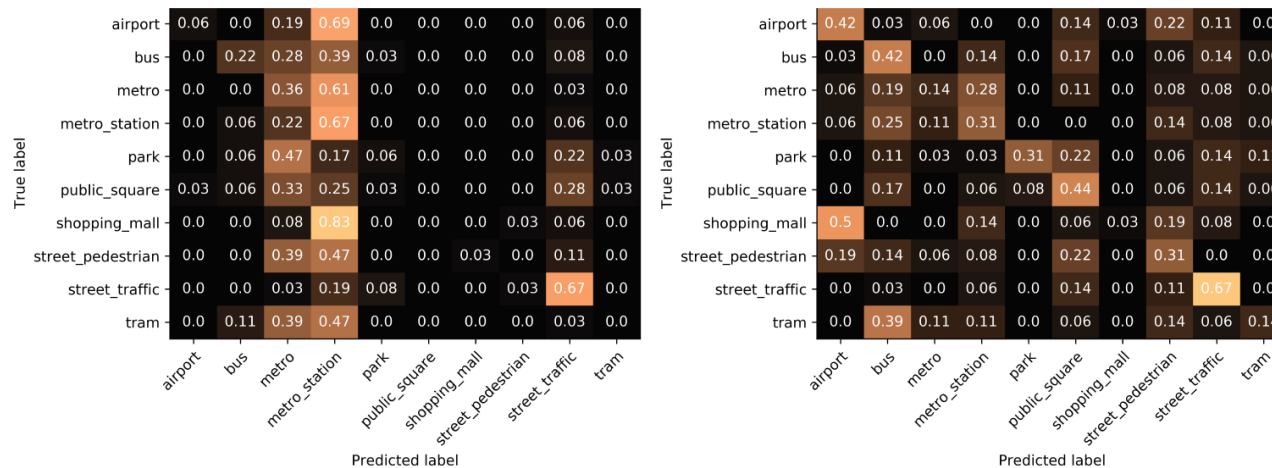


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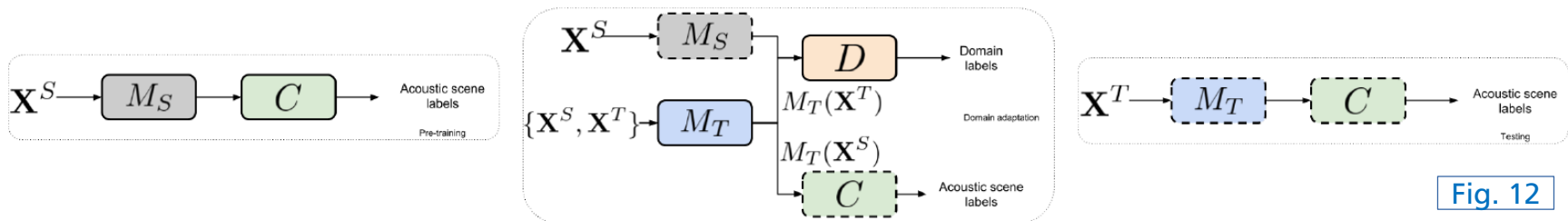


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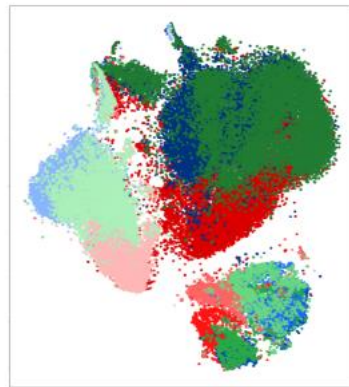
Real-World Deployment

(1) Data Mismatch / Domain Shift

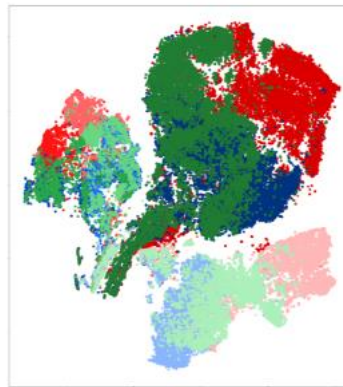
- Data normalization

- Align source and target data distribution (zero mean & standard deviations) [Johnson, 2020]
 - Reduce domain shift

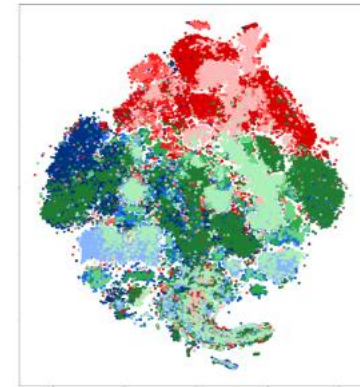
Metal ball surface
classification
(colors = classes,
shadings = recordings)



(a) No Norm



(b) Global Norm



(c) Adaptive Norm

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Real-World Deployment

(2) Model Complexity

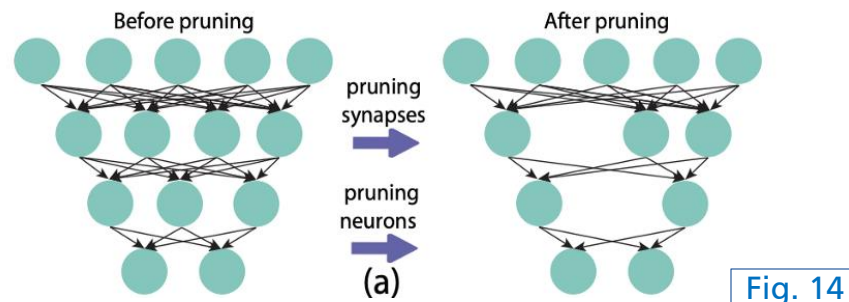
■ Goals

- Reduce model size – fewer parameters, less memory required
- Reduce latency (inference time) / lower energy consumption

■ Approaches ([Wang, 2021])

■ Pruning

- Identify & remove redundant connections / neurons



Real-World Deployment

(2) Model Complexity

■ Approaches

■ Quantization

- Reduce numeric precision while minimize information loss
 - Ex.: 32-bit floating point \rightarrow 8-bit fixed point (256 values)
- Reduce memory footprint of network weights

■ Low-rank tensor decompositions

- Replace (many) redundant filters by a linear combination of fewer filters

■ Knowledge Distillation

- Transfer knowledge from complex (teacher) to simpler (student) model

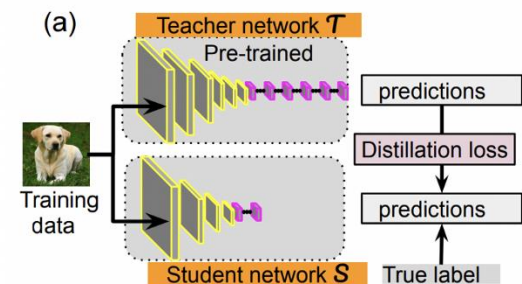


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Real-World Deployment

(3) Privacy / Data Protection and Data Security

- Depending on the specific application, challenges include e.g.
 - Avoiding processing and storage of speech content and speaker characteristics (person-related information)
 - Ensuring authenticity of recordings, and recording time / location
 - Ensuring confidentiality of recordings, annotations and models during storage, transmission and (sometimes) training
 - Avoiding replay attacks

Real-World Deployment

(3) Privacy / Data Protection and Data Security

- Countermeasures

- Data anonymization (speech filtering / scrambling, etc.)
- Data authentication, encryption and key management (based on security standards and cryptography)
- Secure Federated Learning (incl. FHE and Differential Privacy)
- Replay detection

Application Scenarios

(1) Urban Noise Monitoring



Fig. 16

- Joint R&D project (2016 – 2018)
 - Fraunhofer IDMT, IMMS, SSJ GmbH, BE
- Goal
 - Develop distributed sensor network for
 - Sound level measurement
 - Sound classification
- Approach
 - Mobile sensor units
 - Raspberry Pi 3, quad-core ARM, 1GB RAM
 - Battery + MEMS microphones
 - Sensor locations (light poles)



Fig. 17



Fig. 18

Application Scenarios

(1) Urban Noise Monitoring



■ Measurements

- Different loudness values (8/s)
- Sound event detection (1/s)
 - 9 sound event classes (car, conversation, music, roadworks, siren, train, tram, truck, wind)

Spectrogram
examples (2 s long)

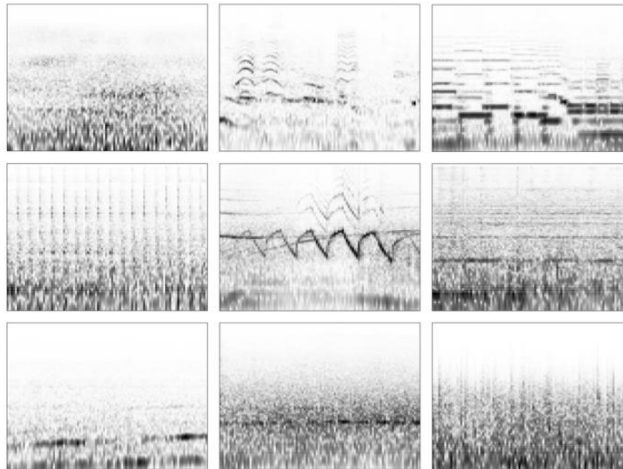


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■ CNN architecture

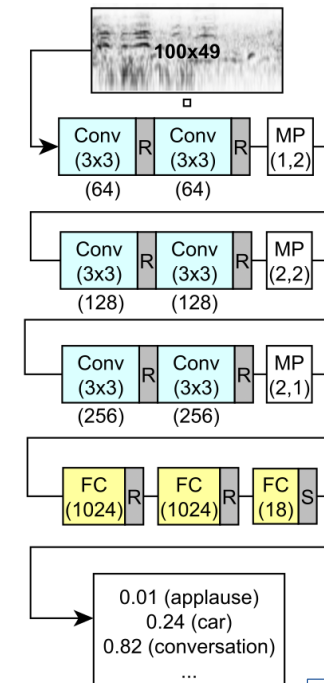


Fig. 20

Application Scenarios

(2) Traffic Monitoring

■ Tasks

- Vehicle detection
- Direction of movement estimation
- Speed estimation
- Vehicle type classification
 - Car, truck, bus, motorcycle etc.

■ Challenges

- Microphone type
- Local acoustic conditions
- Vehicle speed
- Street surface quality & weather conditions



Fig. 21

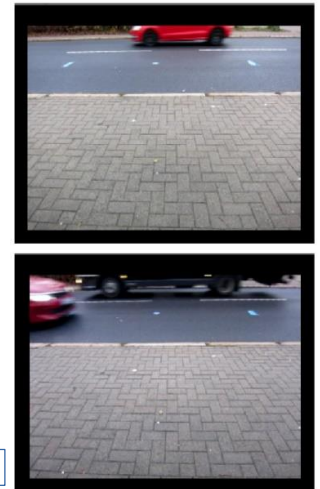


Fig. 22

Application Scenarios

(2) Traffic Monitoring

■ Audio Features

- Vehicle detection & direction of movement & speed

- Channel cross-correlation

- Vehicle type classification

- Mel spectrogram

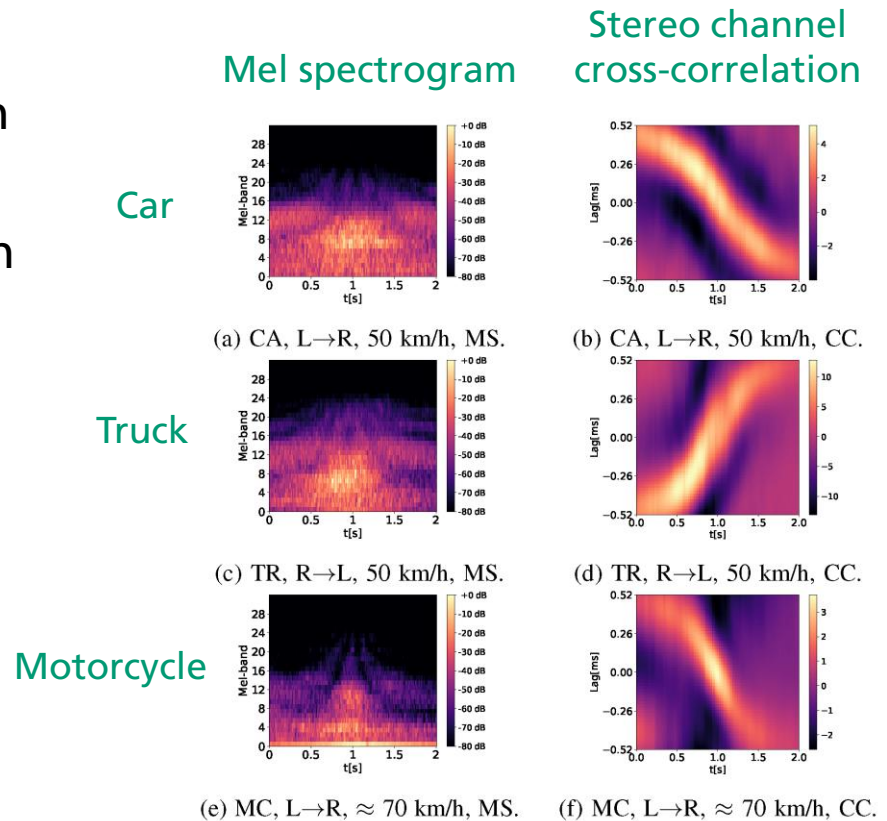
■ Neural network architectures (#parameters)

- CNNs (1,1 – 3,2 mio.)

- MobileNetMini (15,000)

■ Example (truck, car, motorcycle)

- 2s clips (IDMT-Traffic dataset)



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Fig. 23

Application Scenarios

(3) Industrial Sound Analysis

■ Challenges

- Real-time analysis & classification of industrial sounds
- Energy-efficient AI algorithms
- Sound variations due to different machine states
- Acoustic anomalies subtle compared to background noises

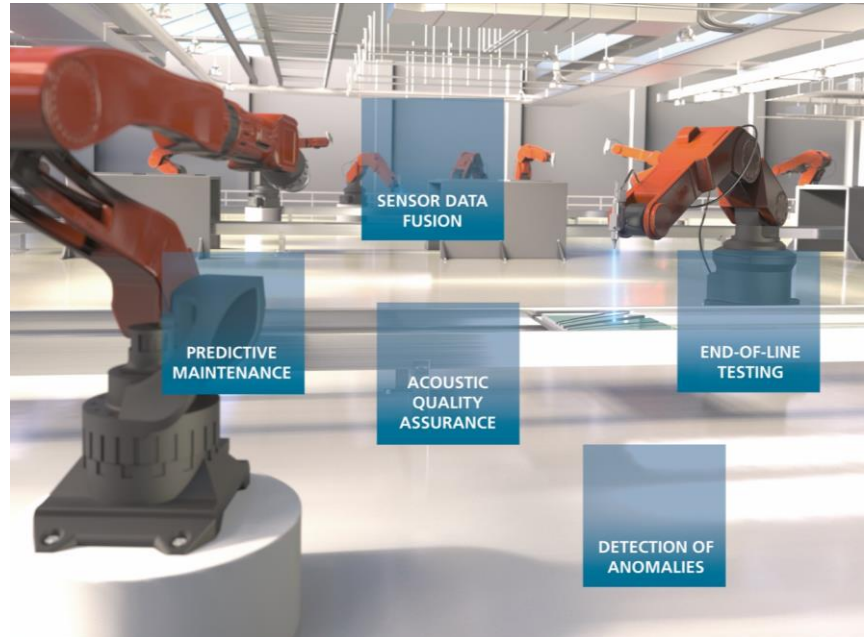


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Application Scenarios

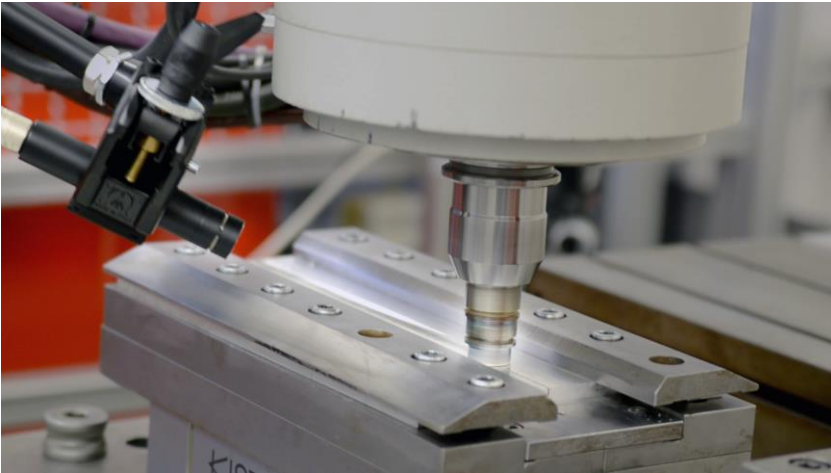
(3) Industrial Sound Analysis

- Example use-cases @ Industrial Media Applications (Fraunhofer IDMT)



Compressed Air Leakage Detection

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Friction Stir Welding

Fig. 26

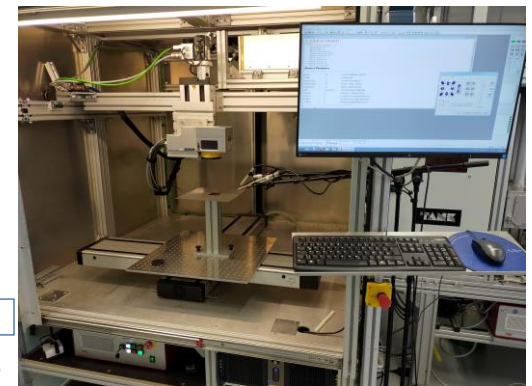


Fig. 27

Laser Ablation Machine

Application Scenarios

(4) Context-Sensitive Hearables

- Wireless earbuds, hearing aids
- Functionality
 - Context-awareness
 - Detect listeners location / activity (ASC)
 - E.g.: At home, traffic, subway, restaurant, sport
 - Detect relevant sound events (SED):
 - E.g.: Siren, honking, scream
 - Background noise reduction
 - Dynamic volume adjustments
 - (Immersive listening experience)

Application Scenarios

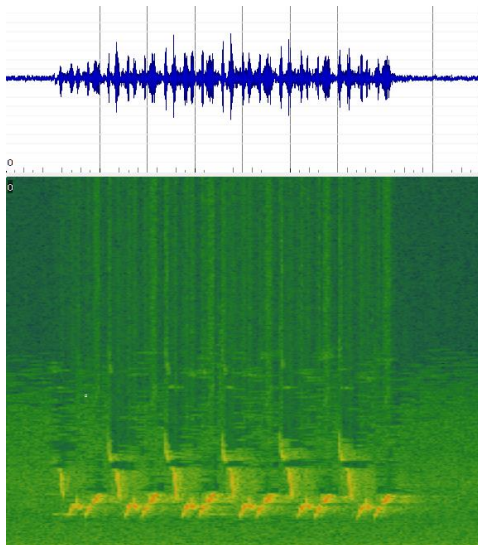
(5) Bioacoustic Monitoring

- Autonomous acoustic sensors
 - Non-intrusive
 - Allow for long-term recordings (days / weeks ...)
- Monitored species: birds, primates, bees, marine mammals, etc.
- Monitor
 - Population sizes / migration patterns
- Challenges for SED
 - High variability even within sounds classes
 - Large amounts of unlabelled data (annotation requires expert knowledge)
 - Few-shot learning (DCASE 2021, task 5)

Application Scenarios

(5) Bioacoustic Monitoring

- Bird sound detection → detection / classification / counting

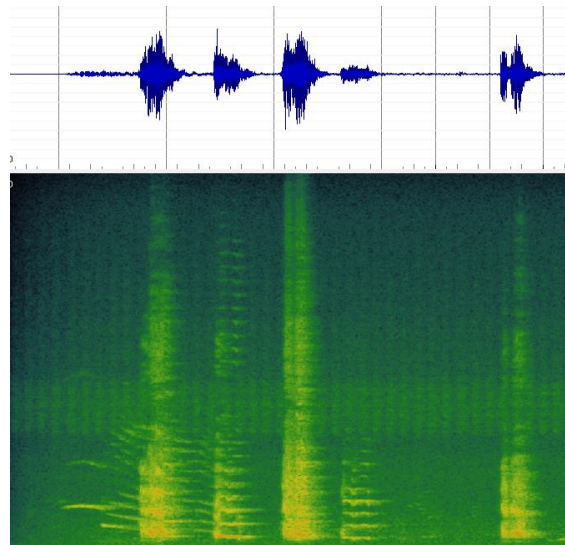


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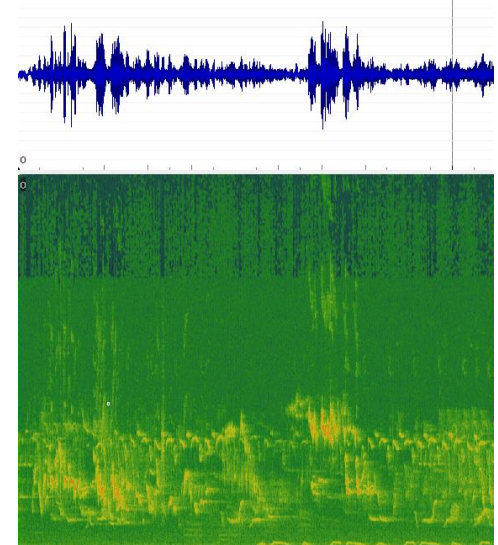


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Fig. 29

Flamingo



AUD-5

Dawn chorus
(bird ensemble)

Summary

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 - Process Steps
 - Challenges
- Use-Cases
 - Urban Noise Monitoring
 - Traffic Monitoring
 - Industrial Sound Analysis
 - Context-sensitive Hearables
 - Bioacoustic Monitoring

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Fig. 24-27: Fraunhofer IDMT

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Fig. 29: <https://cdn.download.ams.birds.cornell.edu/api/v1/asset/54167691/1800>

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AUD-2: Three clips from IDMT-Traffic dataset [Abeßer, 2021]

AUD-3: <https://freesound.org/people/IFartInUrGeneralDirection/sounds/96195/>

AUD-4: <https://freesound.org/people/InspectorJ/sounds/400860/>

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■ Any questions?

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