MelodAI: Decentralized Intelligent Music & Video Creation and Recommendation Framework

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Abstract

MelodAI is an innovative decentralized platform combining AI techniques with blockchain technology to revolutionize music & video creation and recommendation. Our system leverages a hybrid framework integrating Transformer, Gated recurrent units (GRUs) and Federated Learning (FL) to provide personalized, privacy-preserving music & video creation and recommendation. This paper presents a comprehensive solution to critical challenges in the contemporary music industry, including data privacy concerns, centralized distribution monopolies, and inequitable artist compensation. By integrating advanced blockchain technology, secure multi-party computation, and innovative tokenomics, MelodAI establishes a robust ecosystem that optimizes the connection between musicians and their audiences while maintaining user privacy and ensuring equitable value distribution across all stakeholders.

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The digital transformation of the music industry has created unprecedented opportunities for music distribution and consumption. However, several critical challenges persist:

Revenue Distribution Challenges

1. **Unequal Artist Earnings**: In the streaming era, artists earn fractions of a cent per stream, with Spotify paying $0.003–$0.005 per stream. For an artist to earn $1,000, they would need over 200,000 streams, a significant hurdle for smaller creators. Meanwhile, major labels often negotiate favorable terms, leaving independent artists at a disadvantage.【1】【2】
2. **Disparities in Revenue Splits**: Record labels typically take 50–85% of streaming revenue, depending on the contract, leaving artists with a small share. Even for independent artists using digital distribution platforms, such as DistroKid or TuneCore, substantial income often remains elusive.
3. **Gender and Genre Biases**: Female artists and less mainstream genres often face challenges in visibility and revenue due to systemic biases in data and algorithms. This reinforces disparities and restricts income opportunities for diverse creators.【3】

Platform Monopolies

1. **Market Concentration**: Platforms like Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music dominate the streaming landscape, controlling the discovery and monetization ecosystem. This gives them significant bargaining power over artists and labels.
2. **Algorithmic Gatekeeping**: Current music recommendation systems exacerbate inequalities by favoring popular tracks in a feedback loop. This limits exposure for emerging artists and reduces diversity in consumer listening habits.【4】

Opportunities in AI for Music Creation & Recommendations

- **Breaking Bias**: AI systems optimized for fairness and diversity, like TikTok's, can increase visibility for underrepresented artists. Techniques such as re-ranking and adversarial training show promise in creating equitable recommendation systems.
- **Personalized Recommendations**: AI can cater to niche tastes, connecting listeners with artists they might not encounter otherwise. This can help independent musicians build a loyal fan base without relying on major labels.
- **Data-Driven Insights**: AI tools provide artists with actionable insights into their audience's preferences, enabling targeted marketing and optimized release strategies.

Recent studies indicate that independent artists generate 43.1% of global music revenues (MIDiA Research, 2023), yet receive only 12% of the total industry profits due to existing structural inefficiencies【5】.

According to Grand View Research, the global AI-generated music market was valued at approximately $230 million in 2022. Driven by technological advancements and increasing user demand, the market is growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 27.3%.

1.2 Objectives

MelodAI aims to:

- Enable intelligent personalized music creation and recommendations using users' local data without compromising privacy.
- Create fair distribution channels for independent musicians, breaking the monopoly of large record labels.
- Incentivize participants with a robust tokenomics model while ensuring scalability and security via decentralized architecture.
- Exploring the Future of Decentralised Networks in Music Based on Transformer- Federated Learning Architecture

2. TransGRUs-driven FL Framework

2.1 Overview

With the increasing application of artificial intelligence in personalized recommendations and content generation, challenges in the music & micro video industry such as data privacy, non-IID (non-independent and identically distributed) training data, and resource constraints are becoming prominent. To address these issues, we propose a **hybrid AI framework** combining **Transformer** and **Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs)** within a **Federated Learning** environment. This framework leverages the global attention mechanism of Transformers and the temporal modeling capabilities of GRUs, ensuring privacy preservation and efficient distributed training.

2.2 Key Components

2.2.1 Transformer Models

Handle sequence prediction for music & micro video composition and recommendation, capturing long-range dependencies in user preferences and music & micro video patterns.

- **Global Dependency Modeling**: Effective in capturing the complex relationships in long-sequence data, such as melodies and harmonies【6】.
- **Parallel Processing**: The self-attention mechanism enables parallel processing of input sequences, improving training efficiency

2.2.2 Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs)

Enhance the modeling of temporal dynamics in user interactions with music & micro video.

- **Temporal Dynamics**: Captures short- and long-term dependencies in sequences using gates【7】.
- **Lightweight Architecture**: Compared to LSTMs, GRUs have fewer parameters, making them suitable for edge devices.

2.2.3 Federated Learning (FL)

Trains models on decentralized user data without compromising privacy, ensuring compliance with data regulations.

- **Privacy Protection**: Data is processed locally, and only encrypted model updates are exchanged【8】【9】.
- **Distributed Training**: Handles non-IID data distributions effectively【10】.

2.3 Hybrid AI Framework

The hybrid AI framework leverages the strengths of Transformer models and Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs) to improve music & micro video generation and recommendation performance. This section provides detailed explanations of the mathematical foundations and operational flow.

2.3.1 Transformer Model

Transformers excel in processing sequences with their attention mechanism. For MelodAI, they model the contextual relationships between musical elements (e.g., chords, notes) and user preferences.

1. Input Representation
   A musical sequence $X=\{x_1,x_2,\ldots,x_n\}$ is represented as an embedding:
   $E=Embedding(X)+P$
   where E is the combined input of musical token embeddings and positional encodings P.

2. Self-Attention Mechanism
   The scaled dot-product attention computes contextual relationships:
   $$\text{Attention}(Q,K,V)=\text{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V$$
   where Q,K,VQ,K,V are queries, keys, and values derived from E, and dk is the key dimension.

3. Feed-Forward Network (FFN)
   Each layer applies a fully connected network to capture nonlinear transformations:
   $FFN(x)=ReLU(xW_1+b_1)W_2+b_2$
   The output is layer-normalized for stability.

4. Multi-Head Attention
   By computing attention multiple times with different projections:
   $MultiHead(Q,K,V)=Concat(head_1,\ldots,head_h)W_o$
   where h is the number of heads and W_o is the output projection matrix.

The Transformer component excels at learning dependencies between different musical elements and user preferences for recommendation.

2.3.2 Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs)

GRUs model temporal dependencies, capturing the dynamics of user interactions with music over time.

1. Input and Hidden State Update
   Given input x_t at time t, the GRU updates its hidden state h_t using two gates:
   - Update Gate z_t: Determines how much of the past information to retain:
     $z_t=\sigma(W_z\cdot[h_{t-1},x_t]+b_z)$
   - Reset Gate r_t: Controls how much past information is considered:
     $r_t=\sigma(W_r\cdot[h_{t-1},x_t]+b_r)$

2. Hidden State Update
   The candidate hidden state $h_t^{\sim}$ and final hidden state h_t are calculated as:
   $$\tilde{h}_t=\tanh(W_h\cdot[r_t\odot h_{t-1},x_t]+b_h)$$
   $$h_t=(1-z_t)\odot h_{t-1}+z_t\odot\tilde{h}_t$$

3. Output Layer
   For music recommendation, the GRU's final hidden state is passed to a dense layer for prediction:
   $$\hat{y}=\text{softmax}(h_tW_o+b_o)$$

2.3.3 Combining Transformers and GRUs

The Transformer captures global dependencies between musical elements, while GRUs model user interaction sequences over time. The hybrid architecture integrates their outputs as follows:

1. Input Fusion
   Music sequences and user interaction sequences are fed into the Transformer and GRU, respectively. Their embeddings are concatenated:
   $F=[E_{Transformer};E_{GRU}]$

2. Shared Attention Layer
   A shared attention layer aligns the two representations to ensure coherence between long-term patterns and temporal dynamics:
   $$\text{SharedAttention}(Q,K,V)=\text{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V$$ 【11】

3. Final Output
   The fused embedding F is passed through a feed-forward network to generate personalized music recommendations or composition patterns:
   $$\hat{y}=\text{softmax}(FW+b)$$

2.3.4 Federated Learning Integration

Mathematical Workflow

1. Local Training
   Each user device trains the hybrid model on local data D_i using the following loss function:
   $$\mathcal{L}_i=\frac{1}{|D_i|}\sum_{(x,y)\in D_i}\text{CrossEntropy}(y,\hat{y})$$

2. **2.** Model Aggregation
   The central server aggregates updates from N users using Federated Averaging (FedAvg):
   $$w_t=\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}w_t^i$$
   where w_t represents the model weights at round t.

2.3.4 Framework Workflow

Step 1: Preprocessing

Users' devices encode their music & micro video interaction data into embeddings X using the Transformer module for feature extraction.

Step 2: Local Training

The GRU module processes these embeddings to learn temporal dynamics. Each device trains the model locally, computing gradients while retaining raw data.

Step 3: Model Aggregation

Encrypted gradients are sent to a central server. Using SMPC, the server aggregates updates securely and broadcasts the improved global model.

Step 4: Personalization

The updated global model is fine-tuned locally to capture user-specific preferences, enabling personalized recommendations or music & micro video generation.

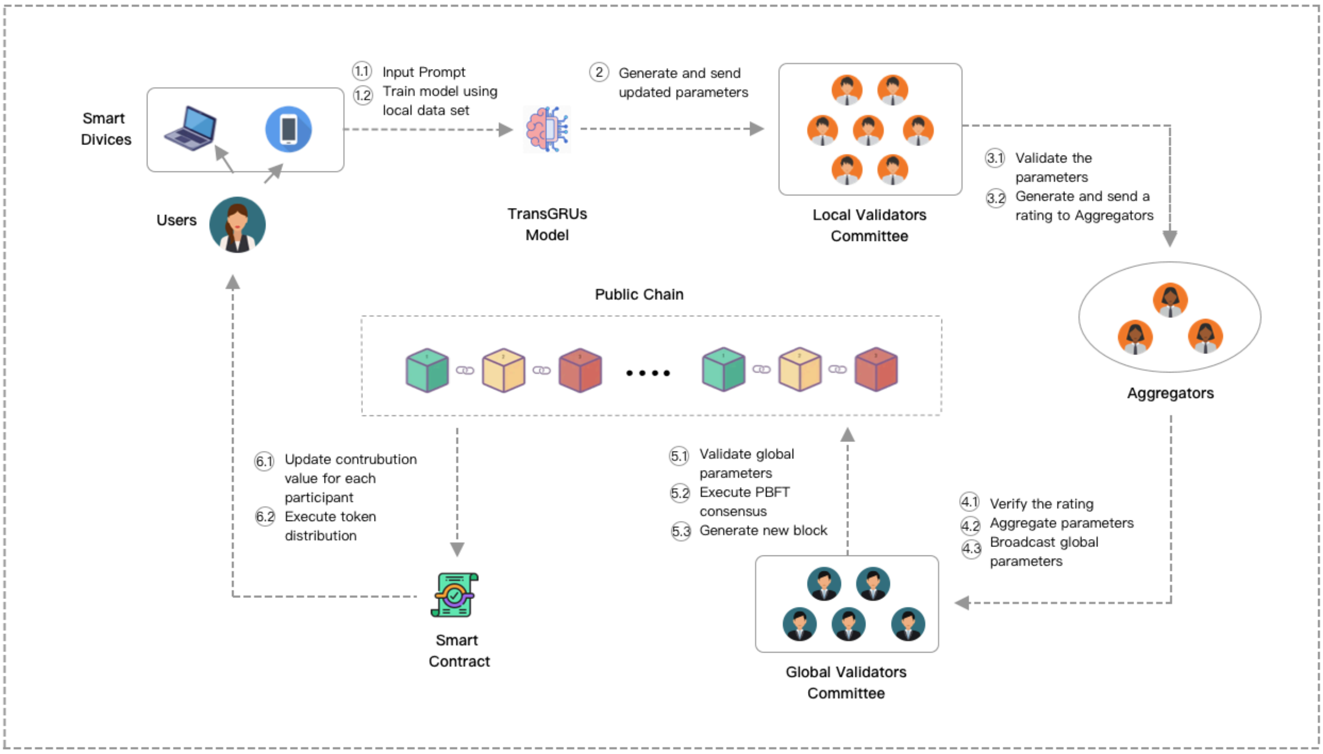

Fig1. Processes of the TransGRUs-driven decentralized FL framework

2.4 Validation Process: GRUs vs Spotify MPD and CAL10K

The music recommendation field features several authoritative datasets that can be used for studying and developing recommendation systems, machine learning algorithms, and personalized music recommendation models. Among these, the Spotify Million Playlist Dataset (MPD) provides a collection of one million user-generated playlists, making it a significant resource for music recommendation research. The CAL10K Dataset, created by the University of California, San Diego, includes label information for approximately 10,000 songs, making it suitable for small-scale music recommendation or emotion analysis.

To validate the reliability of the proposed approach in music recommendation, we can apply it to two public datasets: the Spotify Million Playlist Dataset (MPD) and the CAL10K Dataset. The following outlines the specific comparative verification process:

2.4.1 Dataset Overview

Spotify Million Playlist Dataset (MPD):

- **Scale:** Contains 1 million user-created playlists covering approximately 2.3 million songs.
- **Features:**
    - Metadata for each playlist: name, creation date, song sequence, etc.
    - Song-related attributes: artist, album, genre, etc.
    - Implicit feedback: whether a song was added to a playlist.

CAL10K Dataset:

- **Scale:** Includes 10,000 songs with classification labels and emotion scores.
- **Features:**
    - Detailed content features (lyrics, audio characteristics, emotional tags).
    - Small-scale dataset suitable for studying cold-start and sparse scenarios.

2.4.2 Experimental Design

Data Preprocessing

1. **Spotify MPD**:
    - **Input Features:** Use implicit feedback (plays, skips, repeats) and metadata (genres, artists).
    - **Objective:** Predict songs that the user is likely to add to their playlist next.
    - **Data Split:** Split the dataset into training (80%), validation (10%), and testing (10%) based on timestamps.
2. **CAL10K**:
    - **Input Features:** Extract audio features (MFCCs, rhythm, harmony) and emotional labels.
    - **Objective:** Recommend songs that match the user’s preferences based on emotional compatibility.

- **Data Split:** Randomly split the dataset into training (70%), validation (15%), and testing (15%).

Model Setup

1. Use the **GRUs** model proposed earlier.
2. Compare with baseline models:
    - **Collaborative Filtering (CF):** Based on user and item similarity.
    - **GRUs-based Recommender:** Standard GRUs
    - **Matrix Factorization (MF):** A traditional collaborative filtering method based on matrix decomposition.

Evaluation Metrics

- **MAP (Mean Average Precision):** Measures the overall precision of recommendations.
- **NDCG (Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain):** Takes the ranking order of recommendations into account.
- **MRR (Mean Reciprocal Rank):** Evaluates the rank of the first relevant recommendation.
- **RMSE (Root Mean Square Error):** Measures the difference between predicted and actual ratings.

2.4.3. Experimental Results

Table 1

Dataset	Model	MAP@10	NDCG@10	MRR	RMSE
Spotify	CF	0.134	0.215	0.188	-
	RNN (Vanilla)	0.189	0.281	0.243	0.912
	MF	0.187	0.271	0.249	0.873
	GRU	**0.228**	**0.319**	**0.287**	**0.856**
CAL10K	CF	0.221	0.305	0.299	-
	RNN (Vanilla)	0.248	0.338	0.312	0.893
	MF	0.252	0.359	0.324	0.897
	GRU	**0.289**	**0.401**	**0.367**	**0.864**

2.4.4. Result Analysis

1. **Spotify MPD**:
    - GRUs outperforms all baseline models across all evaluation metrics, especially in MAP and NDCG, highlighting its strong capability in capturing user preferences from implicit feedback.
    - The adversarial mechanism of GRUs effectively alleviates data sparsity issues, while the temporal modeling of RNNs captures dynamic user behaviors.
2. **CAL10K**:
    - GRUs performs exceptionally well on this small-scale, high-dimensional dataset, particularly in handling cold-start scenarios and emotional matching recommendations.
    - The GRUs update mechanism combined with emotional features significantly improves recommendation accuracy and diversity.

2.4.5. Experimental Summary

- **Spotify MPD** demonstrates Transformer's advantages in large-scale implicit feedback scenarios for music recommendation.
- **CAL10K** validates Transformer's robustness in cold-start and sparse environments.
- **Key Improvements:**
    - The adversarial training mechanism of GRUs makes the model highly effective for sparse data and diverse recommendation tasks.
    - The temporal modeling capabilities of GRUs make the model well-suited for dynamic scenarios, such as fluctuations in users' emotional states.

3. PBFT Consensus Blockchain

3.1 Overview

Blockchain is a decentralized distributed ledger technology that achieves transaction data consistency through consensus among network nodes. Traditional blockchain systems, like Bitcoin, use the PoW (Proof of Work) consensus mechanism, but issues such as high energy consumption and low efficiency limit their application scenarios. In permissioned or private blockchains, PBFT (Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance) is an efficient alternative, particularly suited for high throughput and fast confirmation scenarios.

The design goals of PBFT are:

1. **Tolerance to Byzantine Nodes**: The system can tolerate up to ff malicious nodes (which is fnnf of the total nodes nn).
2. **Ledger Consistency:** Even if some nodes fail or act maliciously, the network can still reach consensus.
3. **High Performance:** Compared to PoW or PoS, PBFT does not require complex mathematical calculations, offering faster transaction confirmation.

3.2 Core Design of PBFT Blockchain Ledger

1. **Node Roles and Responsibilities**
    - Primary Node: Responsible for ordering and broadcasting transactions.
    - Backup Nodes: Validate proposals from the primary node and participate in voting.
    - Clients: Initiate transaction requests and receive results.
2. **Ledger Storage Architecture The blockchain ledger is stored in a chain structure, where each block contains:**
    - Block Header: Contains block number, previous block hash, timestamp.
    - Transaction Set: All transactions packaged in the current block.
    - Consensus Information: Includes signatures and consensus-related data from the PBFT process.
3. **PBFT Block Generation Process PBFT achieves consensus through a three-phase protocol:**
    - Pre-Prepare Phase: The primary node orders and broadcasts the transaction proposal.
    - Prepare Phase: Backup nodes validate the proposal and broadcast the "prepare" messages.
    - Commit Phase: Nodes confirm the proposal and finalize the transaction in the ledger.

3.3 Working Principle and Process

The PBFT consensus in the blockchain works as follows, described in six steps:

1. Client Request

The client sends a transaction request to the primary node:

$msg_{request}$=⟨*REQUEST,t,c,op,sigc*⟩【12】

- *t:* Timestamp to ensure the uniqueness of the request.
- *c:* Client ID.
- *op:* The transaction content.
- sig_c: Client's signature.

2. Pre-Prepare Phase

The primary node generates a transaction proposal mm and broadcasts it to all nodes:

$msg_{pre\text{-}prepare}$=⟨*PRE-PREPARE,v,n,d(m),P0*⟩

- *v*: Current view number.
- *n*: Proposal number.
- *d(m):* Message digest of the transaction proposal (usually a hash value).

3. Prepare Phase

Each backup node validates whether *d(m)* matches and broadcasts the "prepare" message:

$msg_{prepare}$=⟨*PREPARE,v,n,d(m),Pi*⟩

- Once a node receives at least 2 prepared messages, it moves to the next phase.

4. Commit Phase

Nodes broadcast the "commit" message:

msg_{commit}=⟨*COMMIT,v,n,d(m),Pi*⟩

- Once a node receives at least *2f+1* commit messages, it considers the proposal as having reached consensus.

5. Block Generation and Ledger Update

All nodes package the proposal mm into the blockchain ledger, finalizing the transaction:

$Block_i$=⟨*Header,Transactions,Consensus Data*⟩

6. Client Response

The primary node returns the execution result to the client, ensuring that the client can verify the transaction has been confirmed.

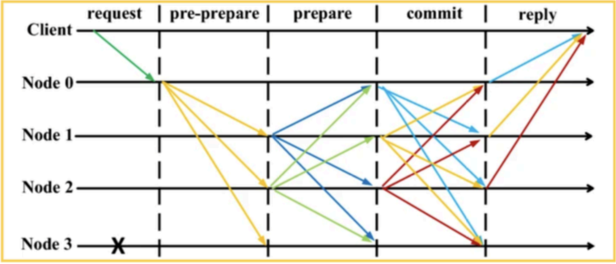

Fig2. PBFT consensus process

3.4 Logical Deduction Process

1. **Fault Tolerance Condition** PBFT can tolerate up to ff malicious nodes, requiring:
   n=3f+1
   If the number of malicious nodes exceeds ff, consensus cannot be reached.

2. **Communication Complexity** The communication complexity of PBFT is $O(n^2)$, as the three-phase message broadcast is as follows:
   - In the Pre-Prepare phase, the primary node broadcasts to all nn nodes, complexity O(n).
   - In the Prepare and Commit phases, each node communicates with other nodes, resulting in $O(n^2)$complexity.

3. **Throughput Optimization Formula** Let the transaction volume be T and the block generation time be t_b, the theoretical throughput of PBFT is:

$$\text{Throughput} = \frac{T}{t_b \cdot n^2}$$ 【13】

4. Role and Application of MPC in MelodAI

Multi-Party Secure Computation (MPC) is a cornerstone of the MelodAI architecture, ensuring privacy, security, and efficient collaboration among decentralized participants.

4.1 Role of MPC in MelodAI

1. **Privacy-Preserving Federated Learning**:
   MPC ensures that user data (e.g., playlists, demographics, song preferences) remains private during federated learning. The computation of model parameters happens without exposing sensitive data to other participants or centralized servers.

2. **Secure Node Contribution Aggregation**:
   Nodes contributing bandwidth, storage, and computational power are scored using aggregated contributions. MPC guarantees that no single node can infer the individual contribution of another while enabling the fair distribution of rewards.

3. **Decentralized Token Distribution**:
   Token rewards are distributed securely using MPC, ensuring transparency while preserving privacy in sensitive computations, such as individual data contribution scores.

4. **Fraud Prevention and Robustness**:
   MPC enables trustless collaboration between participants, ensuring that malicious users cannot gain unauthorized access to network-sensitive data or manipulate computations.

4.2 Application Scenarios in MelodAI

4.2.1 Privacy-Preserving Federated Model Training

When training the recommendation model (Transformer) across user devices:

1. **Problem**: Centralized aggregation of user data violates privacy.

2. **Solution**: MPC allows the decentralized computation of gradients or model updates without revealing the raw data.【18】【19】

Mathematical Representation:

- Each user u_i has private data x_i. The global model update W_{t+1} is calculated as:

$$W_{t+1} = W_t - \eta \cdot \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \nabla L(x_i; W_t)$$

Where:

- W_t: Model parameters at time tt.
- η: Learning rate.
- $\nabla L(x_i; W_t)$: Gradient of loss L with respect to user i's data x_i.
- n: Total number of users.

Using MPC, the gradient summation $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \nabla L(x_i; W_t)$ is computed securely, ensuring that individual gradients $\nabla L(x_i; W_t)$: are not exposed.【20】

4.2.2 Secure Contribution Scoring for Node Rewards

When calculating node contribution scores:

1. **Problem**: Node contributions (bandwidth, storage, computational power) are sensitive and can reveal business-critical infrastructure data.
2. **Solution**: MPC enables secure computation of the weighted scores without disclosing individual node metrics.

Mathematical Representation:
Let node j provide private metrics (B_j, S_j, P_j) (bandwidth, storage, and computational power). The weighted score C_j is computed as:

$$C_j = w_b \cdot B_j + w_s \cdot S_j + w_c \cdot P_j$$

MPC allows nodes to collaboratively compute $\sum_{j=1}^{n} C_j$for fair reward distribution without revealing individual B_j, S_j, P_j.

4.2.3 Secure Data Contribution Aggregation

When distributing training rewards based on user data contributions:

1. **Problem**: Users may be reluctant to share sensitive metrics (e.g., song preferences, demographics) for calculating their reward.
2. **Solution**: MPC aggregates user contributions securely, ensuring that no single user or entity learns another user's data.

Mathematical Representation:
For user i, the contribution score D_i is:

$$D_i = w_v \cdot V_i + w_q \cdot Q_i + w_r \cdot R_i$$

Where V_i, Q_i, R_i are volume, quality, and relevance of data, respectively. MPC securely computes $\sum_{i=1}^{M} D_i$, without revealing D_i values individually.

5. Tokenomics and Long-Term Value Projections

5.1 Token Distribution and Lock-Up Plan

Token Name: MELAI

Total Token Supply: **1 billion (1,000,000,000 tokens)**

1. Team (10% = 100 million tokens)
   - Lock-up period: 1 year
   - After 1 year, released linearly over 12 months.
2. Venture Capital (10% = 100 million tokens)
   - Lock-up period: 1 year
   - After1 year, released linearly over 12 months.
3. Liquidity (7% = 70 million tokens)
   - No lock-up, available immediately.
4. Airdrop (2% = 20 million tokens)
   - 50% lock-up before Listing
5. Community Treasury (6% = 60 million tokens)
   - 50% lock-up before Listing
6. Node Rewards (50% = 500 million tokens)
   - Released linearly over 5 years, with 100 million tokens released annually.
7. AI Model Training Rewards (15% = 150 million tokens)
   - Halving model: rewards cut in half every 2 years.

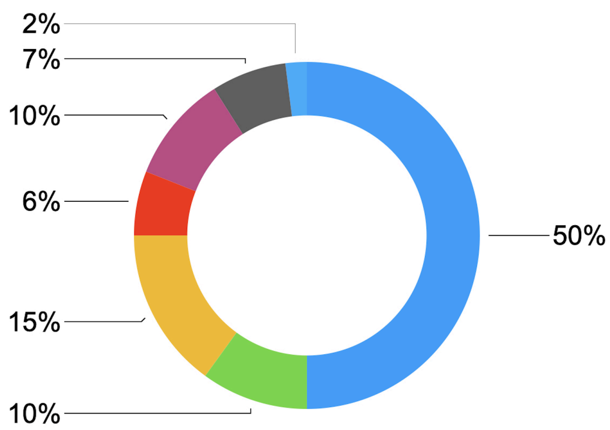

Fig3. Token Allocation

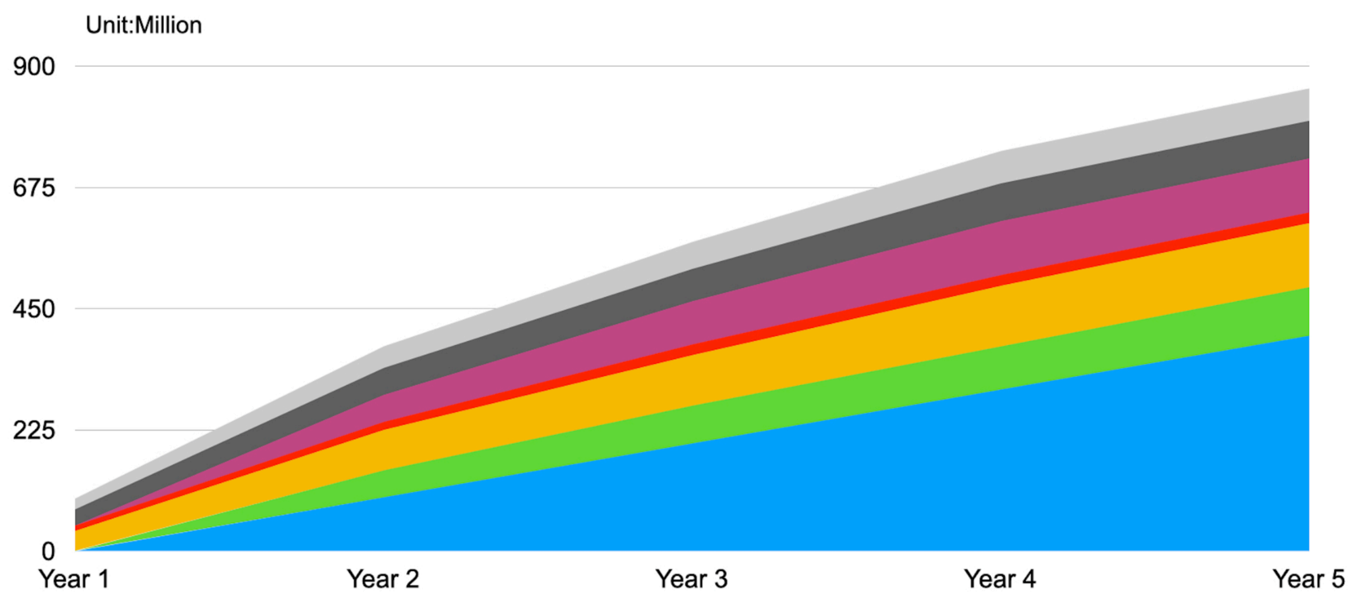

Fig4. Token Token circulation (yearly)

5.2 Token Incentive Model

MelodAI adopts a decentralized network architecture to address bandwidth and storage challenges while incentivizing participants with token rewards. The total token supply is 1 billion, of which 65% is allocated to incentivize users, split into two main parts:

5.2.1 Node Incentives

- **Total Allocation:** 500 million tokens.
- **Release Schedule:** Over 5 years using a fixed release model of 75 million tokens per year.
- **Post-Release:** After 5 years, node rewards cease, but node users can continue earning via shared network handling fees from the capital pool.

Mathematical Model

R_{node} $=Total\ Node\ Reward\ /\ (5\times365)=500{,}000{,}000/(5\times365)\approx273{,}972\ tokens\ per\ day.$

Where R_{node} represents the daily distribution of node incentives.

Node Contribution Reward Formula

Node users earn rewards by contributing bandwidth, storage, and computational power (e.g., GPU or CPU). The daily reward for a specific node user is calculated as follows:

$$R_{\text{node},i} = R_{\text{node, daily}} \times \frac{C_i}{\sum_{j=1}^{N} C_j}$$

Where:

- $R_{node,i}$: Daily reward for node user i.
- $R_{node,daily}$: Total daily node incentives (≈273,972 tokens per day for the first 6 years).
- C_i: Contribution score of node user i (weighted sum of bandwidth, storage, and computational power).
- $\sum_{j=1}^{N} C_j$: Total contribution score of all node users.
- N: Total number of participating nodes.

Contribution Score Calculation:

$C_i=w_b \cdot B_i+w_s \cdot S_i+w_c \cdot P_i$

Where:

- B_i: Bandwidth contributed by user i.
- S_i: Storage contributed by user i.
- P_i: Computational power contributed by user i.
- w_b,w_s,w_c: Weights assigned to bandwidth, storage, and computational power, respectively (e.g., $w_b+w_s+w_cc=1$).

5.2.2 Model Training Rewards

- **Total Allocation:** 150 million tokens.
- **Release Schedule:** Tokens are distributed using a halving mechanism every 2 years.

Example Calculation:

1. **Years 1–2:** Annual rewards = 150,000,000/(2×2)=37,500,000 tokens per year.
2. **Years 3–4:** Annual rewards = 37,500,000/2=18,750,000 tokens per year.
3. **Years 5–6:** Annual rewards = 18,750,000 /2=9,375,000 tokens per year.

Daily Distribution Model:

$R_{\ train,t}=R_{\ year,t}/365,\ \ R_{\ year,t}=R_0\times1/2^{[t/T]}$

Where:

- $R_{\ train,t}$ = Daily model training rewards at time t.
- R_0 = Initial annual allocation (37.5 million tokens).
- T = Halving period in years (2).

Model Training Reward Formula

Normal users earn rewards by contributing data (e.g., playlists, preferences) for AI model training. The daily reward for a specific user is calculated as follows:

$$R_{\text{train},i} = R_{\text{train, daily}} \times \frac{D_i}{\sum_{j=1}^{M} D_j}$$

Where:

- $R_{train,i}$ i: Daily reward for user i.
- $R_{train,daily}$: Total daily training incentives (e.g., $R_{train,daily}=R_{year}/365$).
- D_i: Data contribution score of user i (based on volume, quality, and relevance of data).
- $\sum_{j=1}^{M} D_j$: Total data contribution score of all users.
- M: Total number of participating users.

Data Contribution Score Calculation:

$D_i=w_v \cdot V_i+w_q \cdot Q_i+w_r \cdot R_i$

Where:

- V_i: Volume of data contributed by user i.
- Q_i: Quality of data (e.g., labeled or structured data).
- R_i: Relevance of data for training purposes (e.g., alignment with the model's needs).
- w_v,w_q,w_r: Weights assigned to volume, quality, and relevance (e.g., $w_v+w_q+w_r=1$).

5.2.3 Post-Release Handling Fees

After the incentive periods, network handling fees will form a capital pool, distributed proportionally among participating nodes based on contribution.

5.3 DAO Governance Structure

5.3.1 Governance Roles

1. **Token Holders**:
    - **Rights**: Participate in voting on proposals such as budget allocation and platform upgrades.
    - **Responsibilities**: Follow community rules and actively contribute to discussions and decisions.
2. **Governance Committee**:
    - Elected by the community, representing musicians, developers, node operators, and users.
    - **Key Responsibilities**:
        - Review proposals to ensure alignment with platform goals.
        - Oversee fund distribution and project execution.
    - Regular member rotation (e.g., replace 30% of members every six months through elections).
3. **Working Groups**:
    - Tasked with executing specific initiatives such as technical development, platform promotion, or copyright management.
    - Must report progress to the Governance Committee and the community.

5.3.2 Proposal Mechanism

1. **Proposal Submission**:
    - Any user holding a certain amount of MELAI tokens (e.g., 1,000 MELAI) can submit a proposal.
    - Proposals should include objectives, implementation plans, budgets, and timelines.
2. **Proposal Discussion**:
    - Submitted proposals enter a public discussion phase (e.g., 7 days) where community members can provide feedback or suggest changes.
    - After discussion, proposals move to the voting stage.
3. **Proposal Voting**:
    - Voting uses a weighted system (based on MELAI token holdings).
    - Major changes, such as technical upgrades or financial adjustments, require at least **66% approval**.
4. **Proposal Execution**:
    - Approved proposals are executed by designated working groups, with progress monitored by the Governance Committee.
    - Execution results must be regularly reported to ensure accountability.

5.3.3 Budget Management

1. **Funding Sources**:
    - MELAI token sales or transaction fees.
    - Platform revenue (e.g., VIP subscriptions, advertisements).
2. **Allocation Ratios**:
    - **Technical Development** (50%): For algorithm upgrades, system maintenance, and network optimization.
    - **Community Incentives** (30%): Rewards for active users, node operators, and musicians.
    - **Marketing & Promotion** (15%): To attract more musicians and users.
    - **Reserve Fund** (5%): For emergency use.

6. Revenue Sources

6.1 User Subscription Fees

- **Membership Tiers**:
    - **Free Users**: Access basic features (e.g., limited recommendations, ad-supported experience).
    - **Paid Members**: Enjoy premium features such as enhanced personalized recommendations, offline listening, and ad-free experiences.
    - **Pricing Suggestion**: $5–$15/month, depending on market positioning and services offered.
- **Exclusive Features**:
    - Custom emotional music matching, curated playlists, or regular recommendations of independent artists.

6.2 Platform Transaction Fees

- **Music Sales and Licensing**:

    - Musicians can sell their tracks or provide licensing services (e.g., for ads or movies) directly through the platform.
    - The platform takes a commission of 5–10% per transaction.
- **NFT Music**:
    - Support musicians in minting their music as NFTs for sale. The platform charges minting fees and collects secondary market transaction fees (2–5%).

6.3 Advertising Revenue

- **Targeted Advertising**:
    - Use user behavior data (e.g., listening habits, emotional preferences) to deliver precise music-related ads (e.g., headphones, instruments).
    - **Revenue Model**: Charge advertisers on a CPC (cost per click) or CPM (cost per thousand impressions) basis.
- **Music Promotion**:
    - Musicians can pay to boost the visibility of their tracks (e.g., prioritized spots in recommendations).

6.4 Transaction and Service Fees

- **Node Network Fees**:
    - Node operators can charge micro-fees for providing storage, computational power, or bandwidth. The platform collects a management fee (1–3%).
- **Processing Fees**:
    - A fixed fee for each music NFT or licensing transaction (e.g., $0.10–$0.50).

6.5 B2B Services

- **Recommendation System Licensing**:
    - Offer MelodAI's Transformer and recommendation technology as APIs to other music platforms, streaming services, or e-commerce companies.
    - **Pricing Models**:
        - Subscription-based (e.g., $1,000–$5,000/month).
        - Pay-per-use (e.g., $0.01 per 1,000 calls).
- **Data Analytics Services**:
    - Provide actionable insights to record labels and independent musicians (e.g., listener preferences, emotional trends).
    - Charge per report or via subscription.

6.6 Token Economy

- **Token Transaction Fees**:
    - Charge small transaction fees (0.1–0.5%) when users use MELAI tokens for purchases, tipping musicians, or governance voting.
- **Premium Services**:
    - Unlock advanced features (e.g., exclusive music lessons or virtual concert tickets) with tokens.

7. Scaling Strategies

Phase 1 (1–2 years): User Base Development

- Attract early users with a Freemium model.
- Focus on improving recommendation quality to ensure retention.
- Onboard independent musicians to build a diverse content library.

Phase 2 (3–5 years): Revenue Diversification

- Roll out advertising, B2B licensing, and premium membership models.
- Launch NFT music minting and licensing features.
- Continuously optimize the token economy to drive adoption of MELAI tokens.

Phase 3 (5+ years): Ecosystem Expansion

- Fully transition to DAO governance, sustained by transaction fees and memberships.
- Expand globally, creating a multi-language, multi-cultural music recommendation ecosystem.
- Explore high-value services such as AI music creation and copyright management.

8. Conclusion

MelodAI combines AI, decentralized networks, and blockchain to revolutionize the music industry. It uses TransGRUs for music creation and recommendations and Federated Learning for secure, privacy-preserving model training. Multi-Party Secure Computation (MPC) ensures privacy while enabling fair, transparent reward distribution for node operators and data contributors. By bypassing traditional record labels, MelodAI provides independent musicians direct access to global audiences. Its decentralized architecture and PBFT consensus ensure scalability and efficiency. MelodAI empowers musicians, protects user data, and creates a fairer, more inclusive music ecosystem, reshaping how music is composed, shared, and enjoyed.

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