
Comparing Deep Composers for Eurovision AI Song Contest

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Eurovision AI Song Contest

- VPRO
 - What makes a song fit for Eurovision?
 - Dataset of ~200 MIDI files
 - Sharing is caring
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Research goals

- How do musAlc, commercial composers and Folk-RNN compare?
 - What parameters produce the “best” result?
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musAlc

- Created by member of AI Contest team
 - Geared towards production of music
 - Advanced tools and parameter tweaking
 - Still in development
 - Dependant
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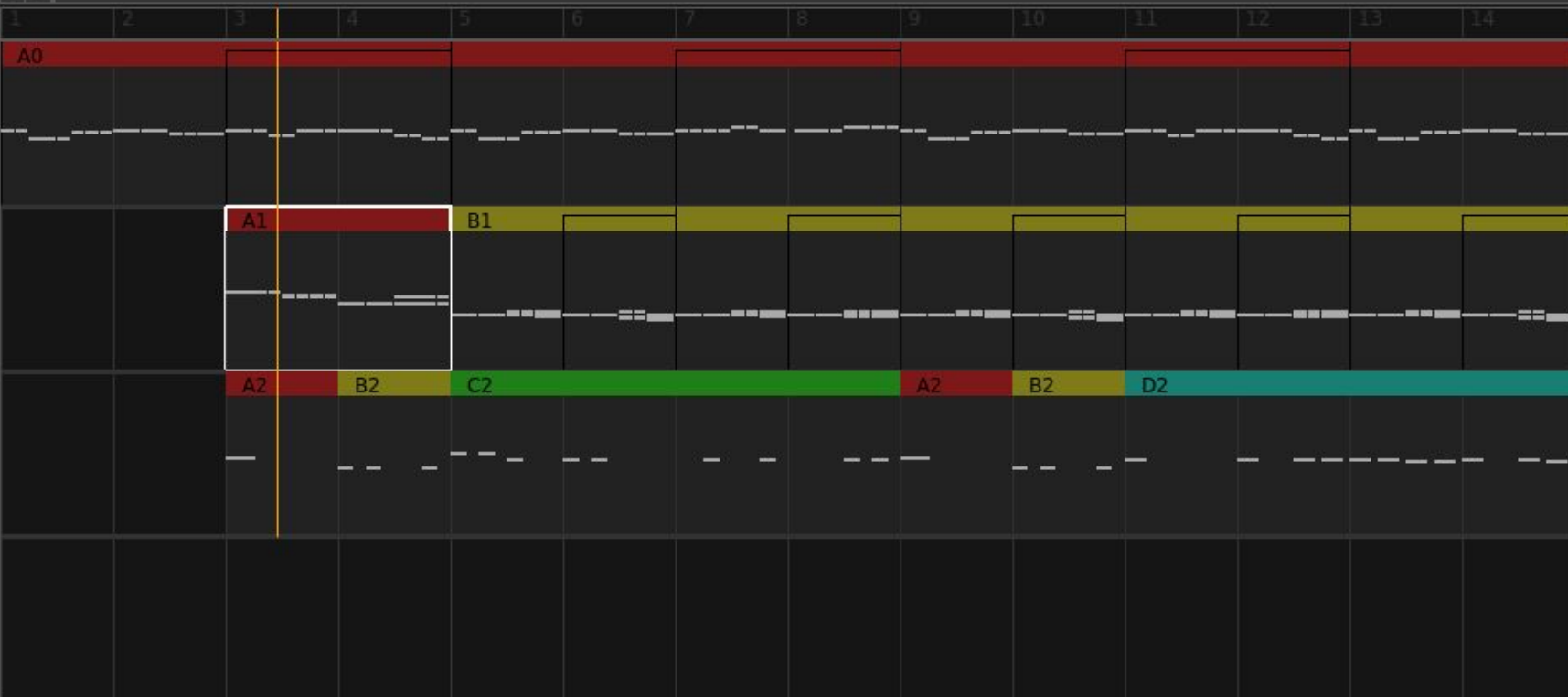
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Commercial products

- [AWS DeepComposer](#)
 - [AWS Sagemaker](#)
 - [Google Magenta](#)
 - [Musenet](#)
 - [Azure](#)
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Folk RNN

- Introduced during prior lectures
 - Meant as composing tool, not producer
 - Originally for folk songs
 - Test of adaptability
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Results - Iteration 1

- Same parameters used by the authors in their paper
 - Samples generated had a huge amount of overfitting
 - Scaling of training parameters to our dataset size
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Results - Iteration 2

- Scaled to our dataset size
 - Neurons per layer
 - Batch size
 - Validation rate
 - Same learning rate
 - Worse than expected
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Results - Iteration 3

- Learning longer and more consistent
 - Epochs up
 - Decay start and rate up
 - Learning rate up
 - Batch size up
 - Better
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Generated samples



Discussion

- Very small dataset
 - musAlc development
 - Consumer market is wide but not perfect
 - Folk RNN can be used for composing
inspiration for the VPRO team
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