

# Vector Quantized Attention for Speech Enhancement

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# Speech Enhancement

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The real world is full of various background noises. These noises can pollute the speech signal and reduce the accuracy of ASR, hearing aids and other speech tasks.

However, when humans face these sounds disturbed by background noise, they can reduce the noise interference by adjusting their focus.

# Speech Enhancement

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When they understand the speaker's content, they can even use their knowledge of the language to recover damaged speech signals.

Therefore, the research focus of this monograph will focus on how to use the attention mechanism and acoustic units to suppress the damage caused by noise and reconstruct clean speech.

# Methodology

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Incorporating Symbolic Sequential  
Modeling For Speech Enhancement

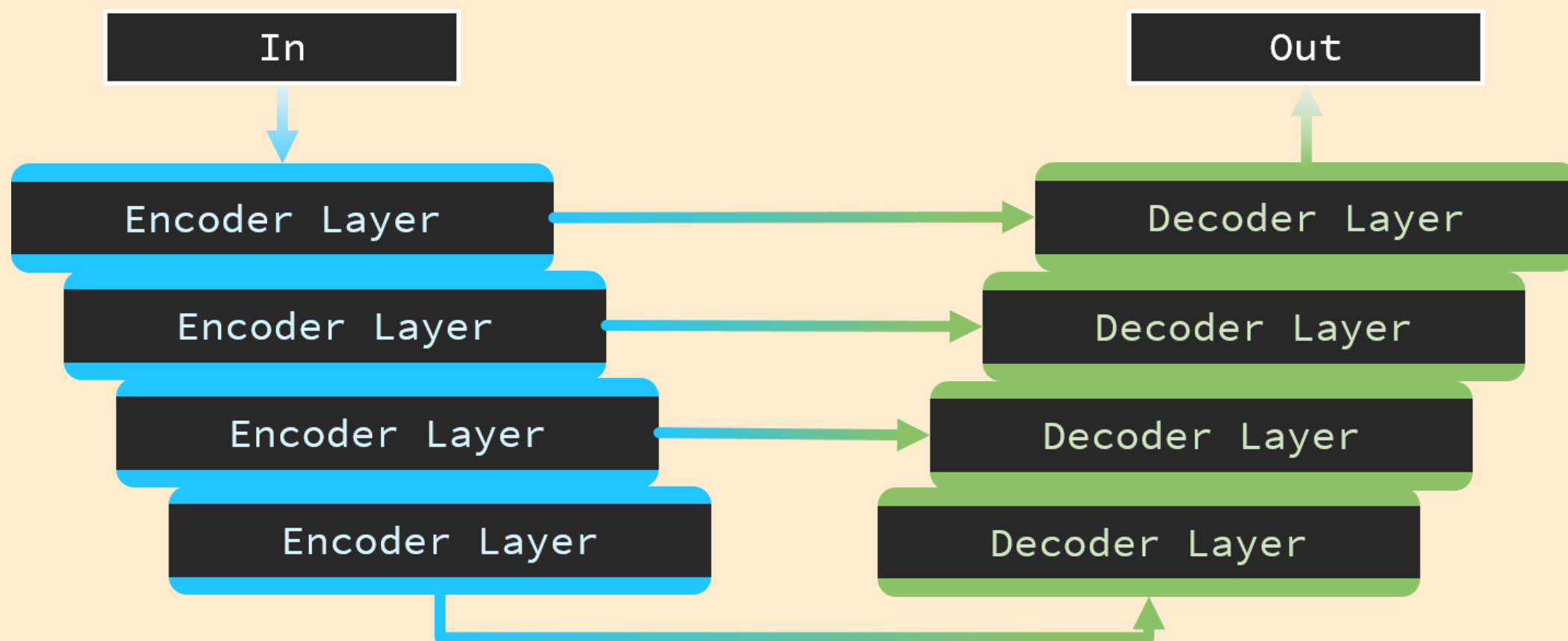
U-Net

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VQ-VAE

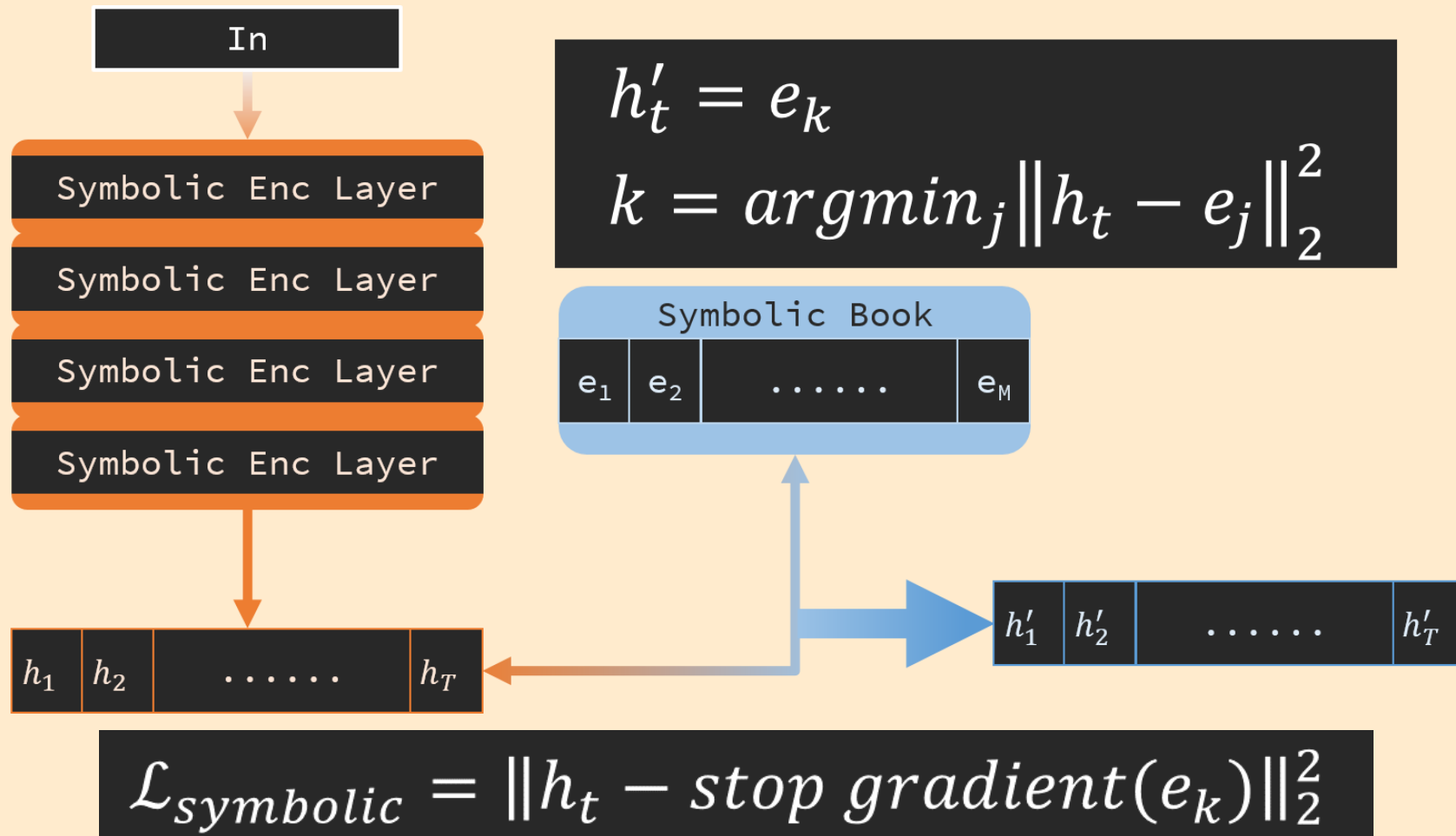
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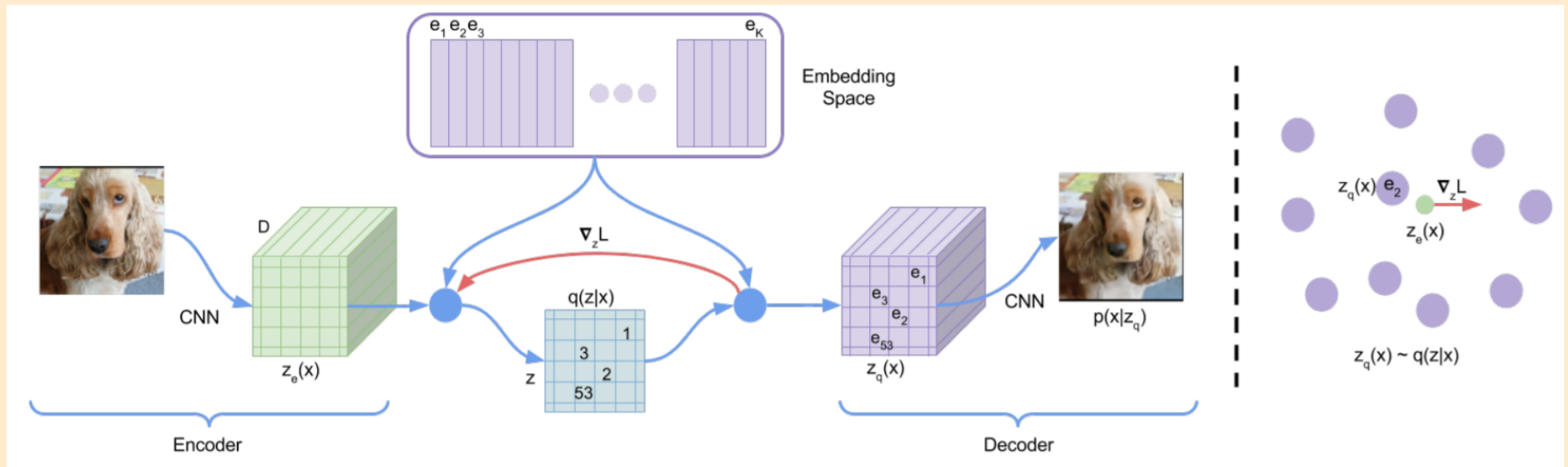
Multi Head Attention



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# Symbolic Encoder





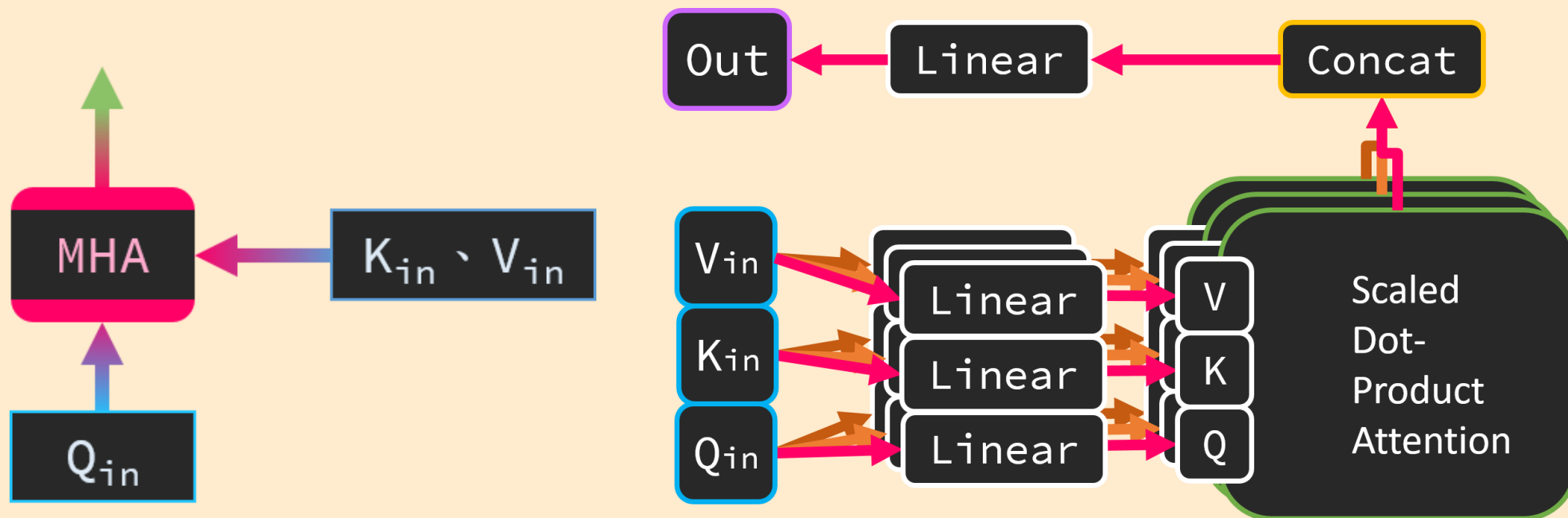
The hidden vector output by the Encoder is vector quantized before being input to the Decoder for generation.

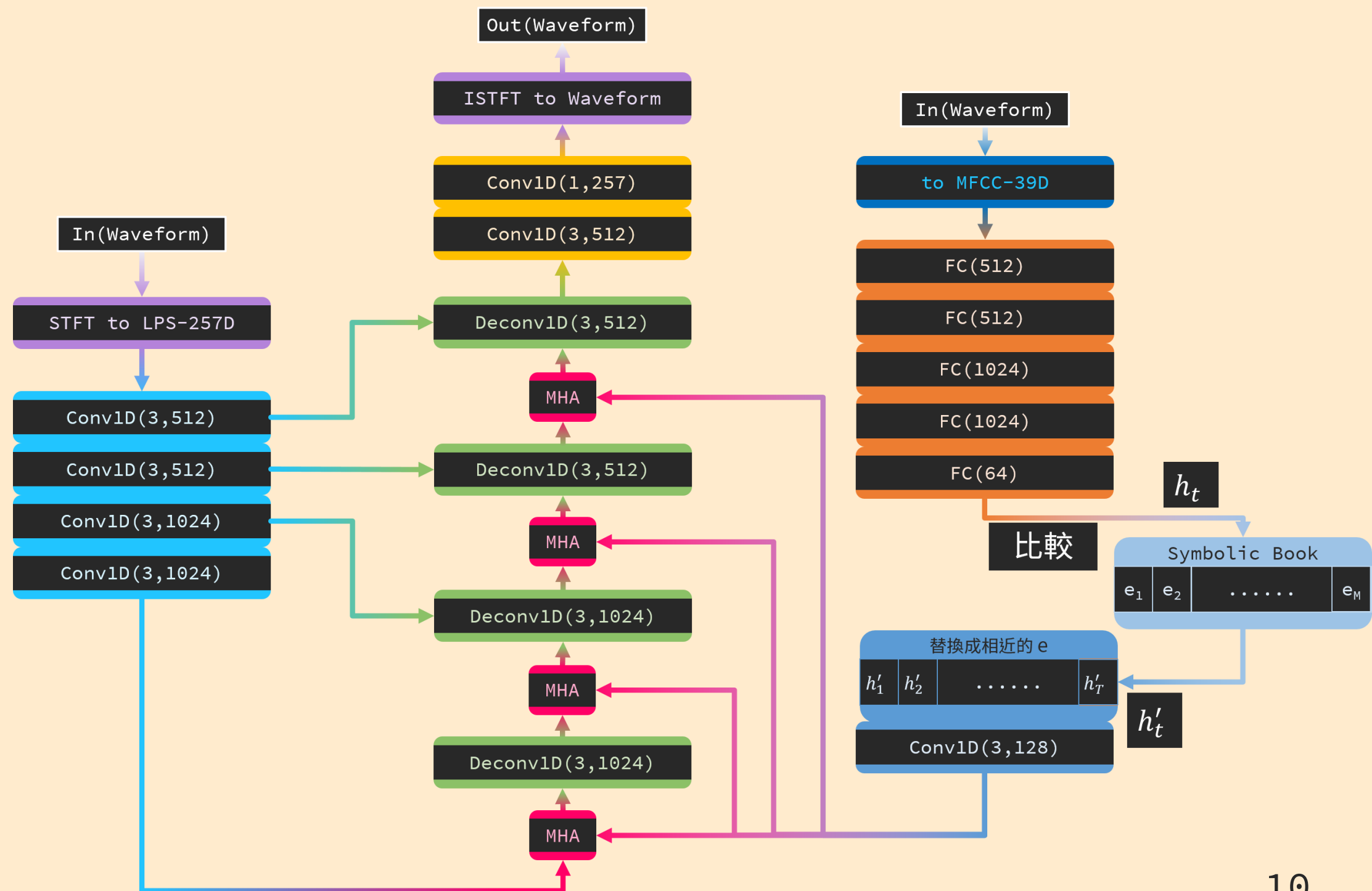
Two-step training:

- **Train Encoder-CodeBook-Decoder.**
- Train Pixel CNN to generate discrete hidden variants. ( $Q(z|x)$  in the figure above)



# Multi Head Attention





$$\mathcal{L}_{mse} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|Dec(Enc(x_i)) - y_i\|_2^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{symbolic} = \|h_t - stop\ gradient(e_k)\|_2^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{total} = \mathcal{L}_{mse} + \lambda \cdot \mathcal{L}_{symbolic}$$

# Experiments

SNR	Noisy		U-Net		U-Net-MOL		Proposed (64)		Oracle	
	PESQ	STOI	PESQ	STOI	PESQ	STOI	PESQ	STOI	PESQ	STOI
-6	1.213	0.532	1.685	0.602	1.800	0.619	<b>1.828</b>	<b>0.624</b>	1.961	0.703
-3	1.353	0.598	1.880	0.669	1.974	0.681	<b>2.045</b>	<b>0.693</b>	2.140	0.741
0	1.517	0.669	2.071	0.725	2.140	0.736	<b>2.240</b>	<b>0.750</b>	2.306	0.776
3	1.702	0.739	2.237	0.770	2.290	0.779	<b>2.416</b>	<b>0.794</b>	2.456	0.806
6	1.902	0.823	2.387	0.805	2.424	0.813	<b>2.581</b>	<b>0.830</b>	2.592	0.831
Avg.	1.537	0.669	2.052	0.714	2.126	0.725	<b>2.222</b>	<b>0.738</b>	2.291	0.771

# Problems

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1. The experiment did not reach the desired result on the evaluation criteria of PESQ and STOI.
2. Even if the correct acoustic information is given to the Oracle model, there is not much improvement compared with the Proposed model.

# Possible Solutions

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- Change the current Encoder-Decoder :  
Even if the correct acoustic information is used, it cannot bring significant improvement.  
Indicates that the current Encoder-Decoder may not be able to extract important information.

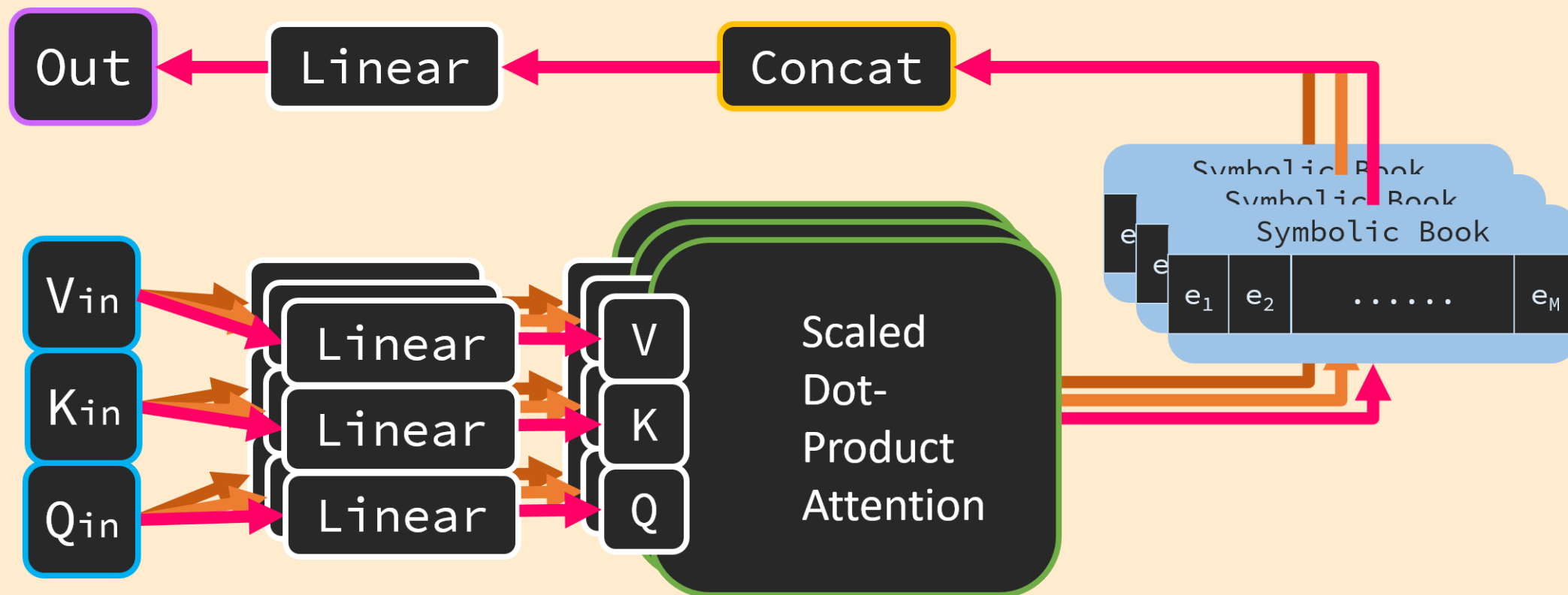
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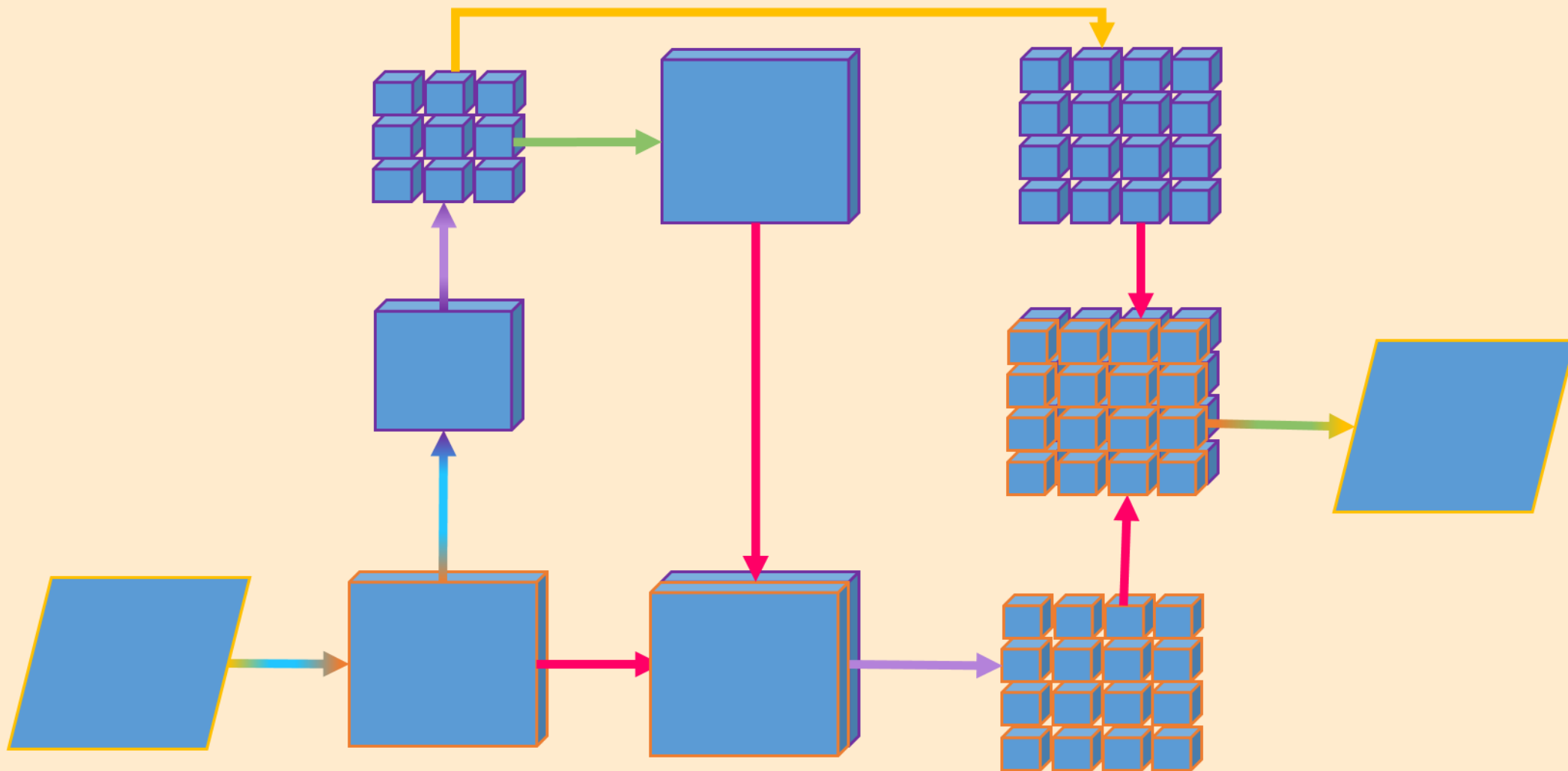
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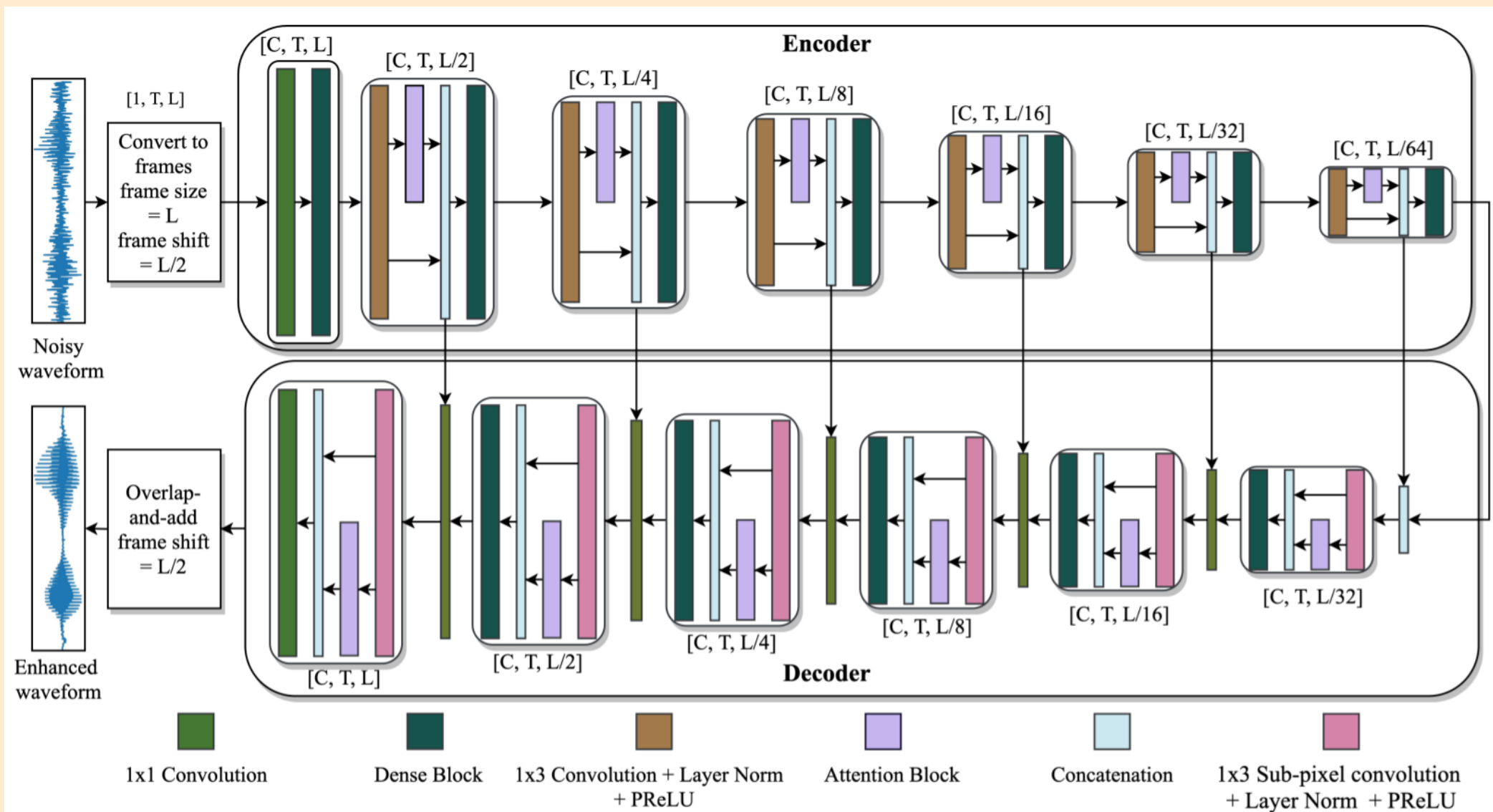
- Use the multi-layer (multi-resolution) of VQ-VAE 2 to try to preserve the sound characteristics of different fineness.

- Calculate from Time Domain.
- Use Phase information.



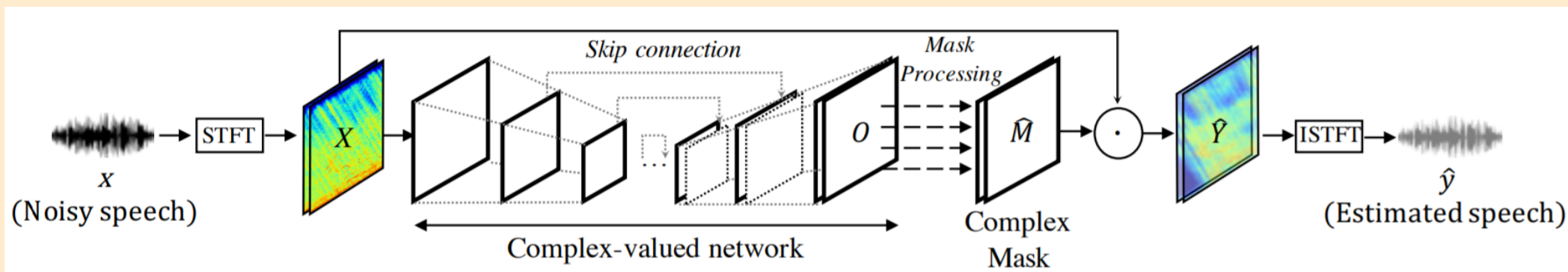






## Possible Solutions **Deep Complex U-Net**

### Phase-Aware Speech Enhancement with Deep Complex U-Net



# Schedule

