

Neural Discrete Representation Learning

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Generative Models

Goal: Estimate the probability distribution of high-dimensional data

Such as images, audio, video, text, ...

Motivation:

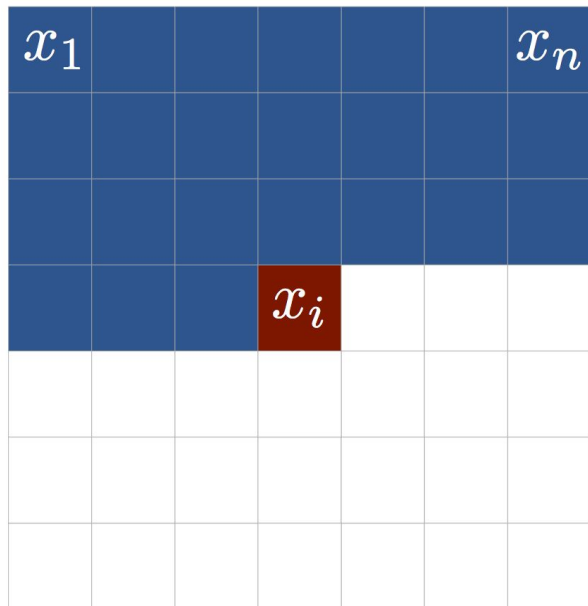
Learn the underlying structure in data.

Capture the dependencies between the variables.

Generate new data with similar properties.

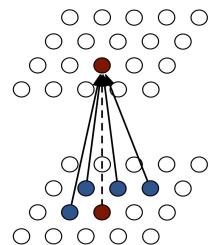
Learn useful features from the data in an unsupervised fashion.

Autoregressive Models



$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n^2} p(x_i | x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})$$

Recent Autoregressive models at DeepMind



PixelRNN

PixelCNN

Geyser



White Whale



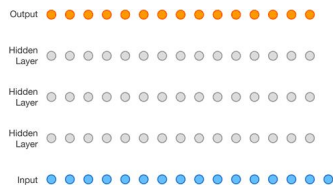
Hartebeest



Tiger



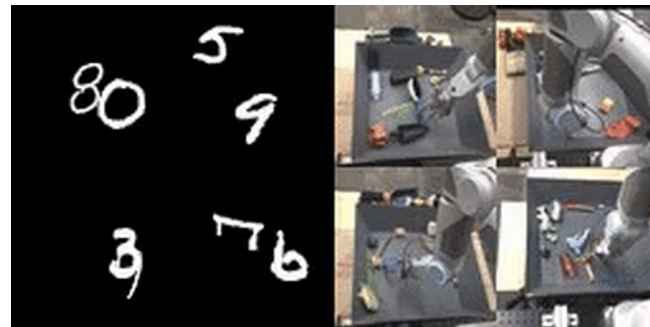
van den Oord et al, 2016ab



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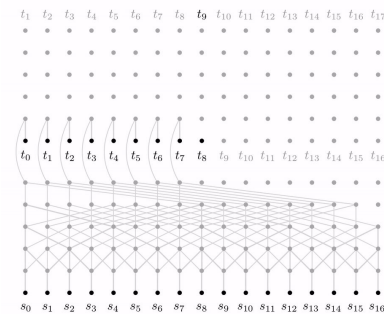
WaveNet

van den Oord et al, 2016c



Video Pixel Networks

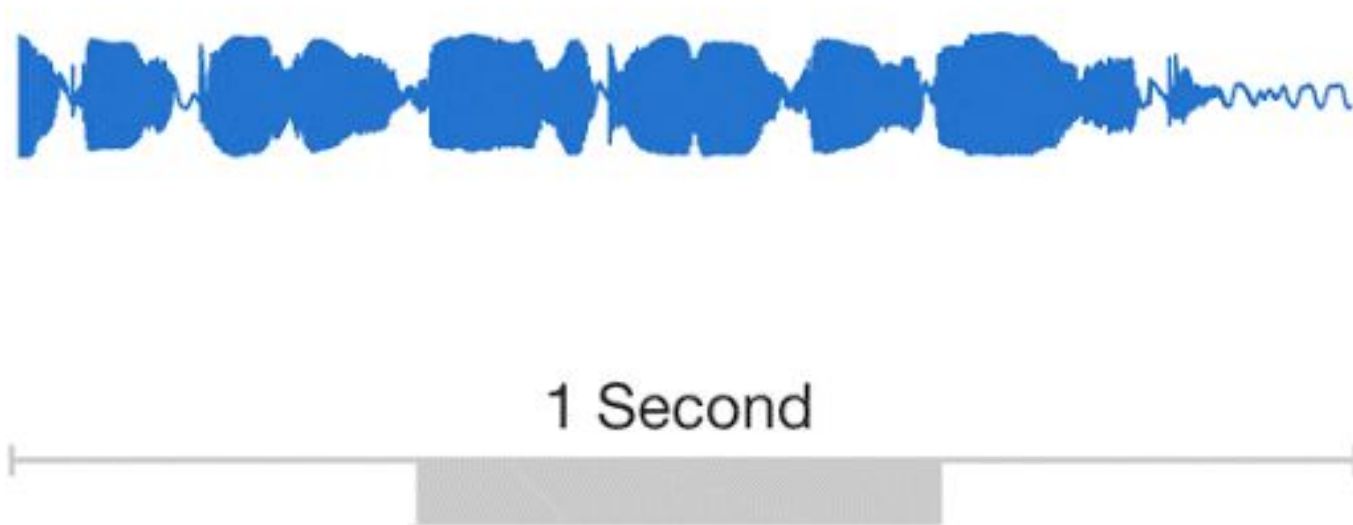
Kalchbrenner et al, 2016a



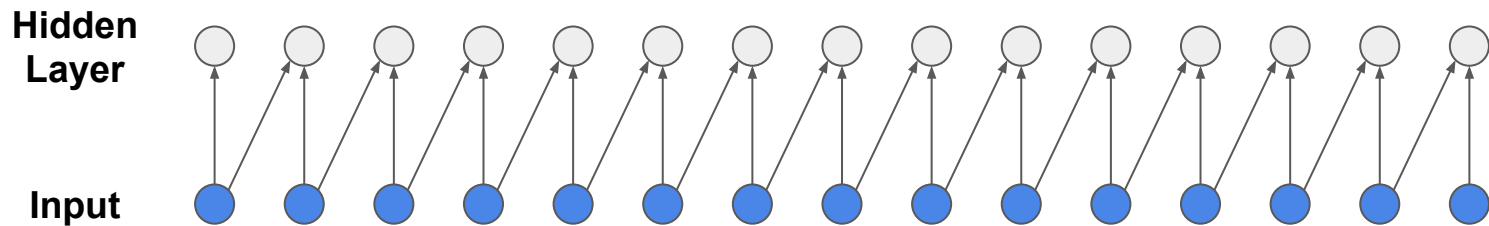
ByteNet

Kalchbrenner et al, 2016b

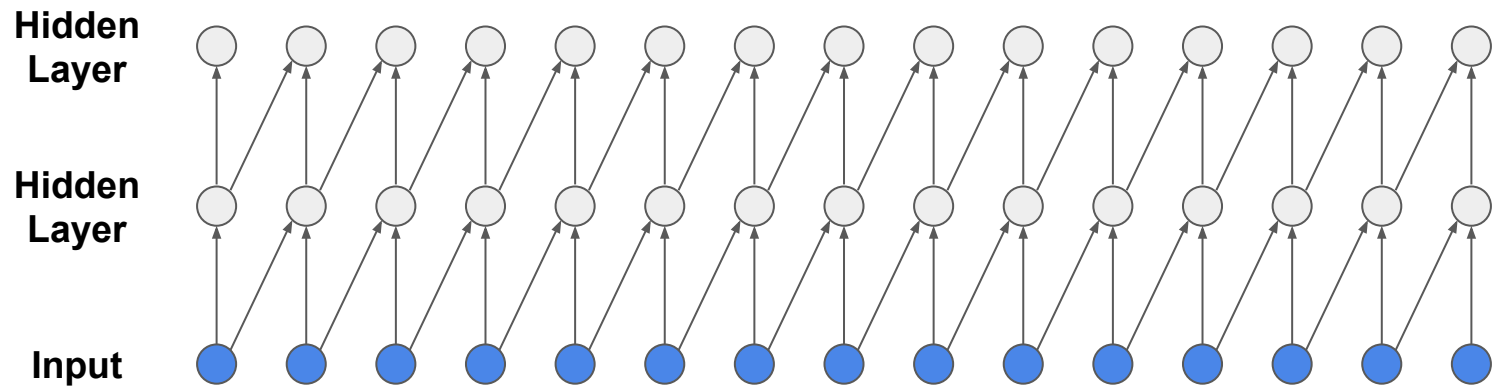
Modeling Audio



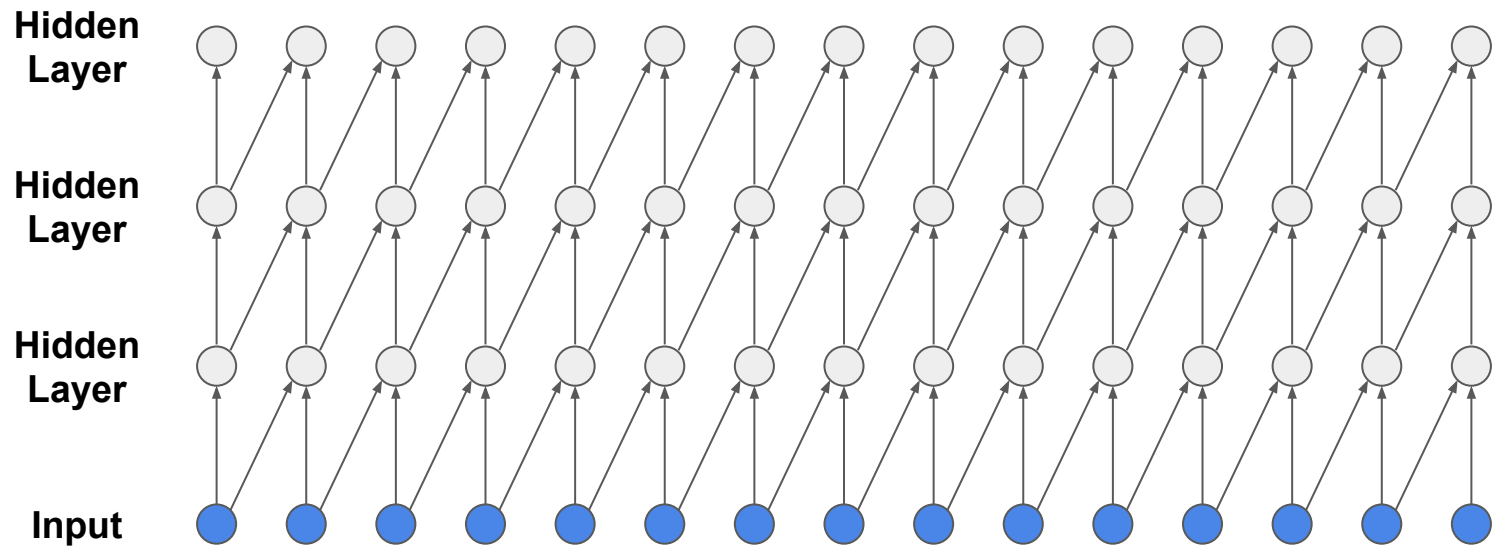
Causal Convolution



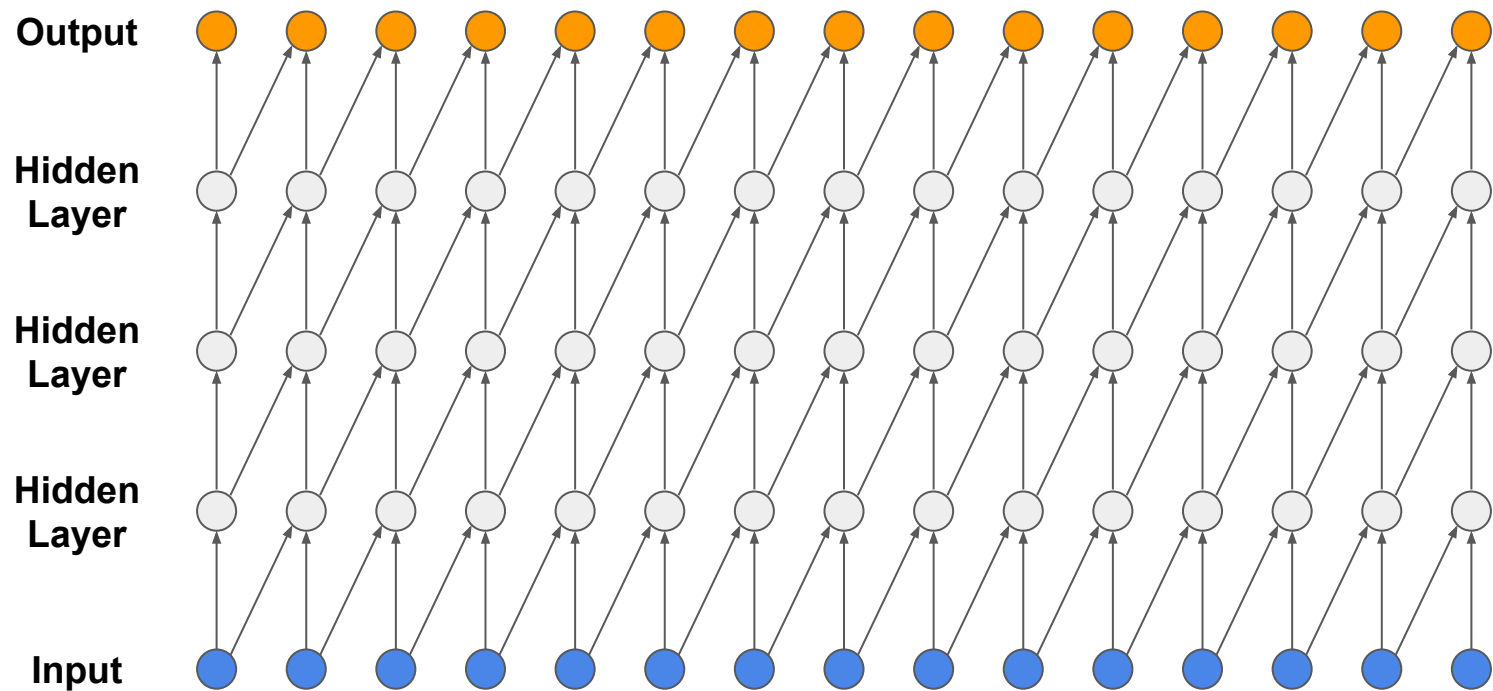
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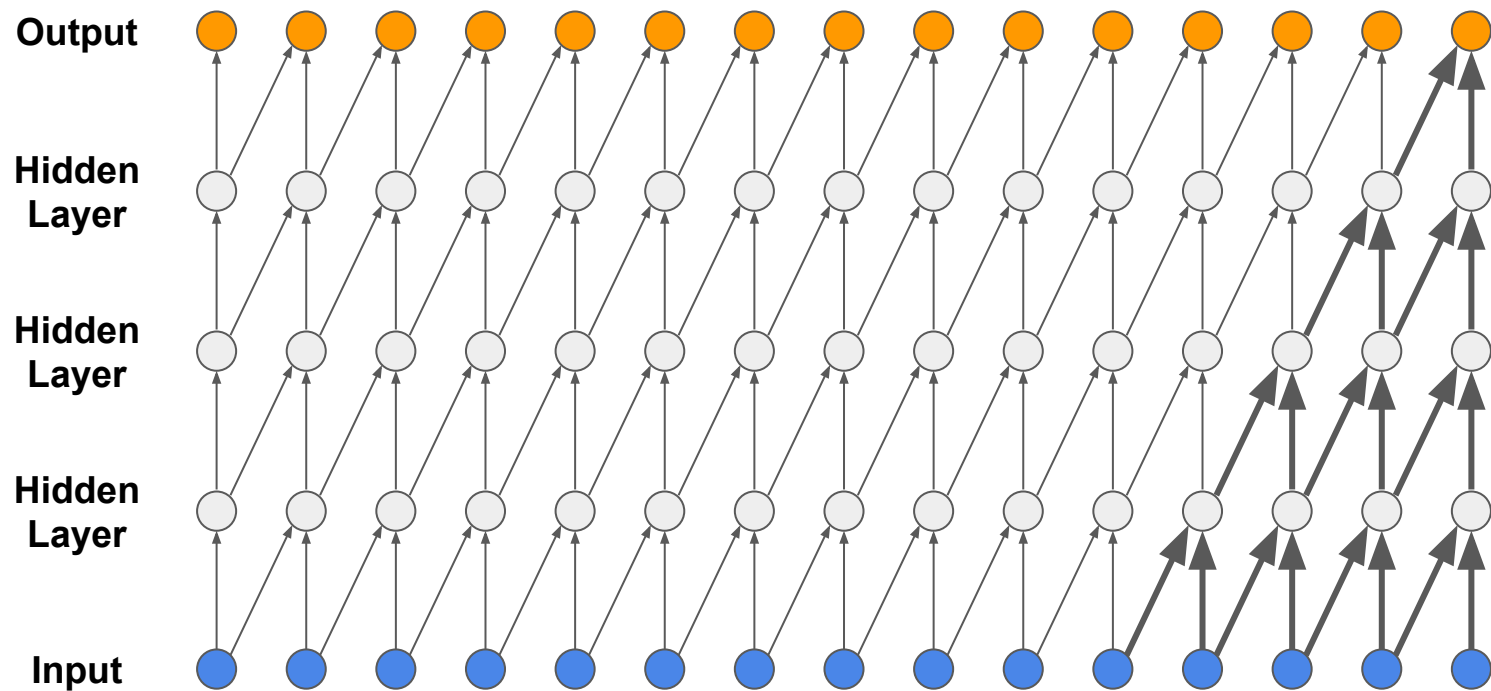
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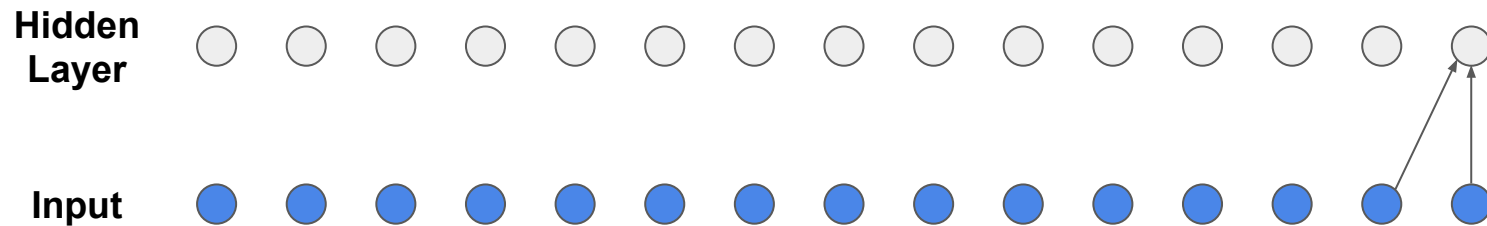


Causal Dilated Convolution

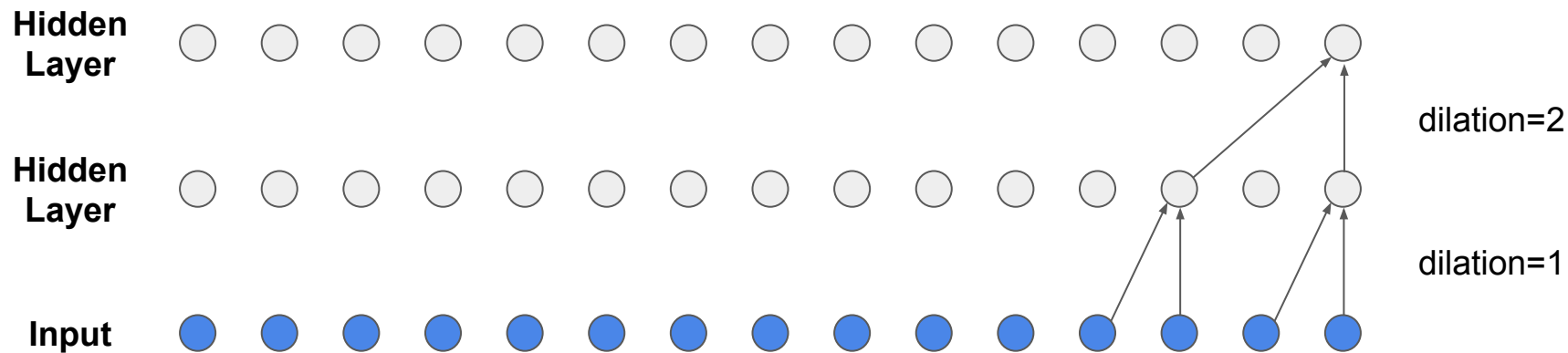
Input



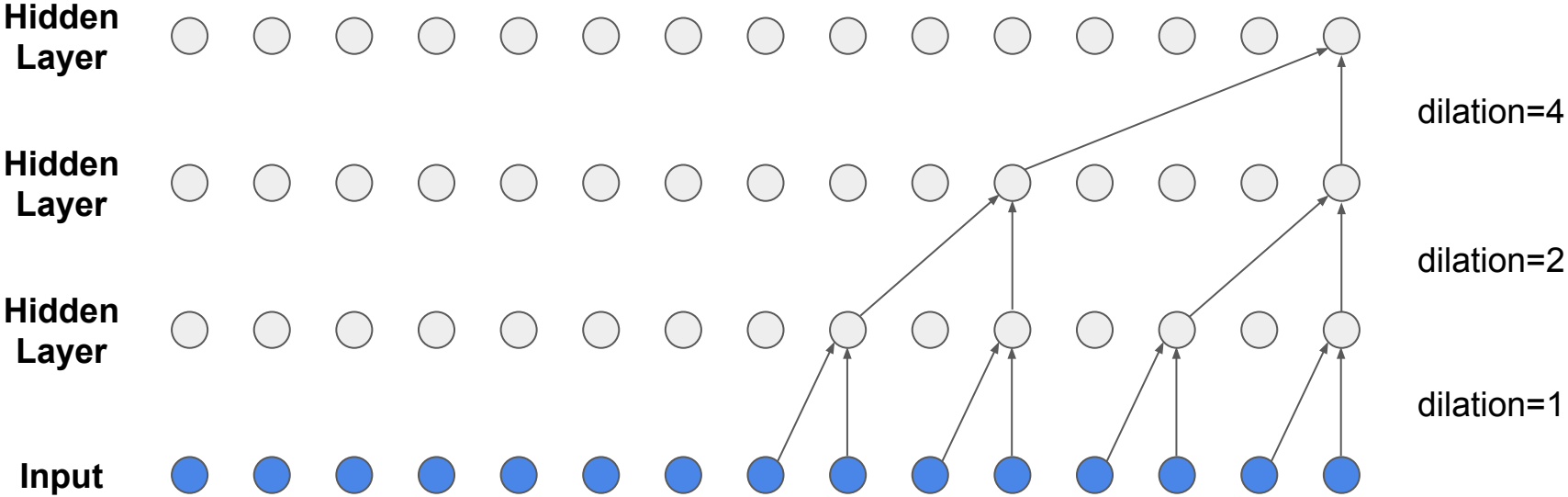
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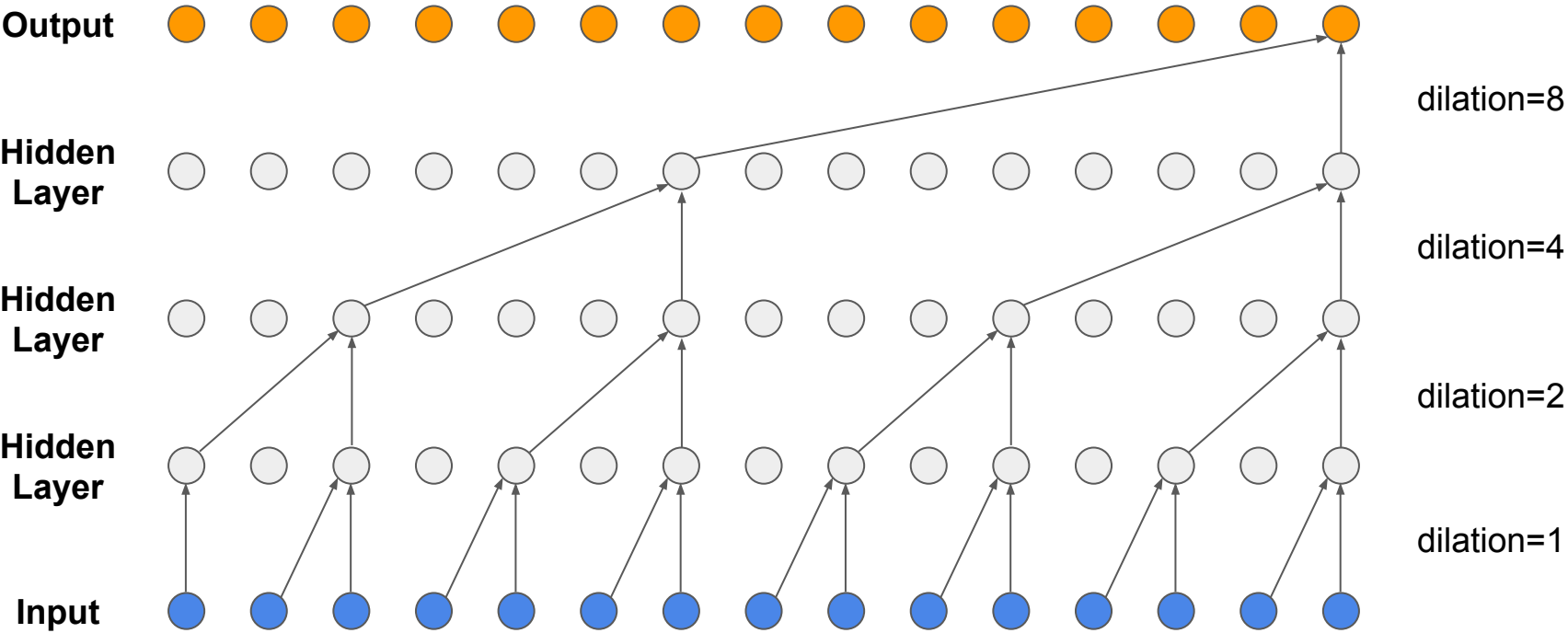
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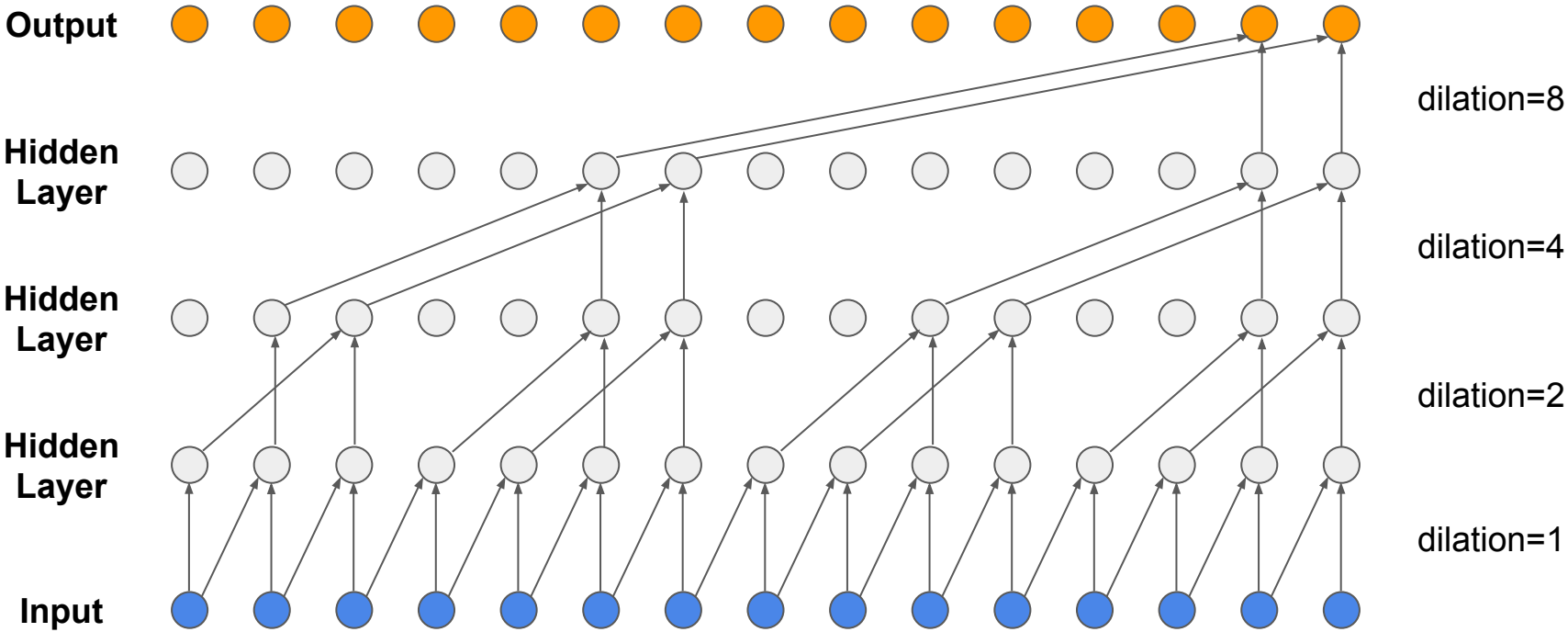
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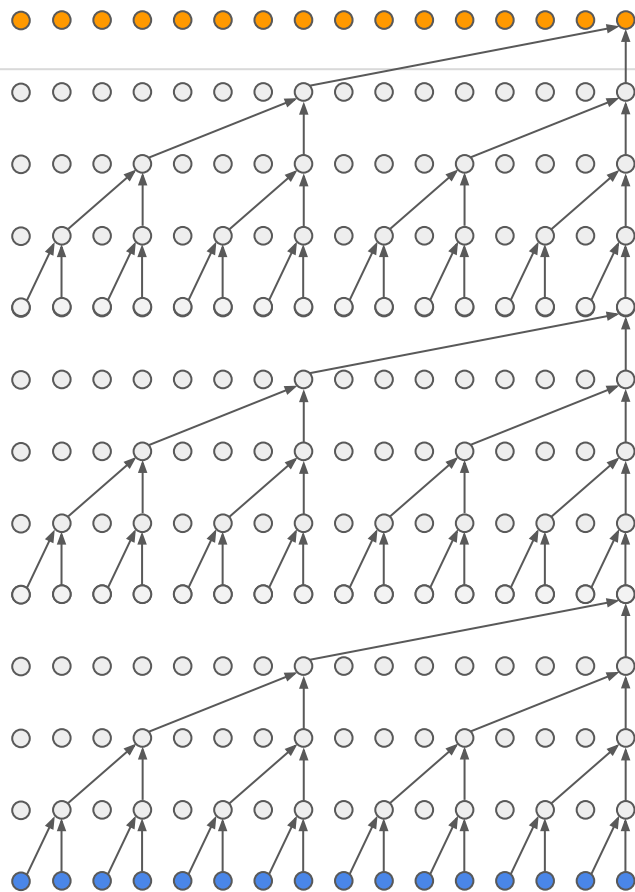
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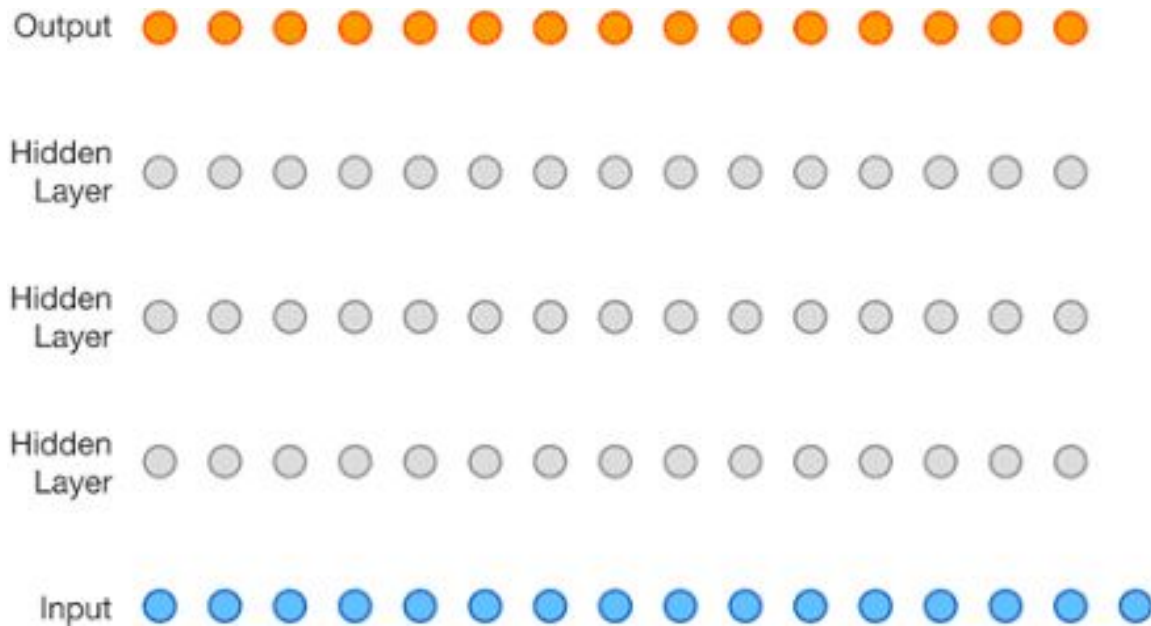
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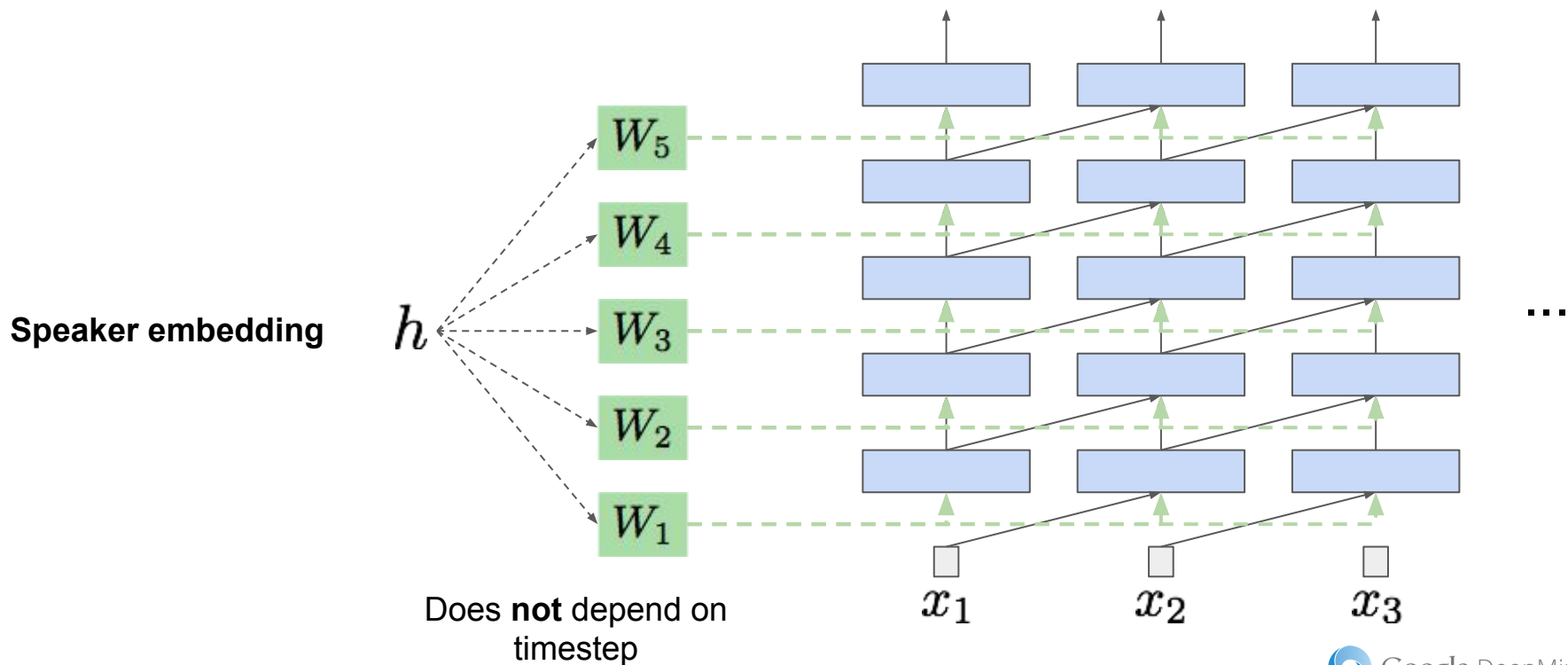
Multiple Stacks



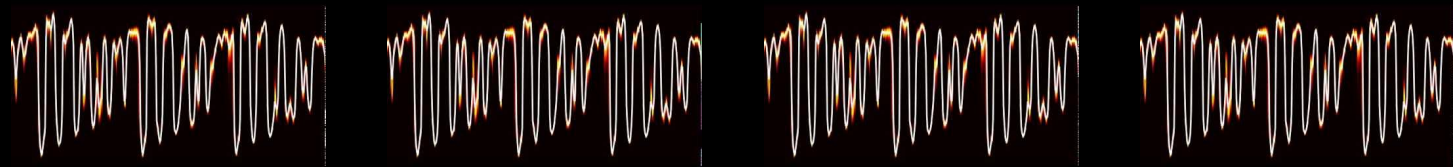
Sampling



Speaker-conditional Generation

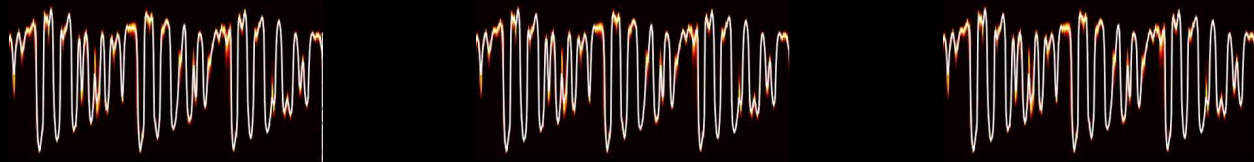


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Text-To-Speech samples

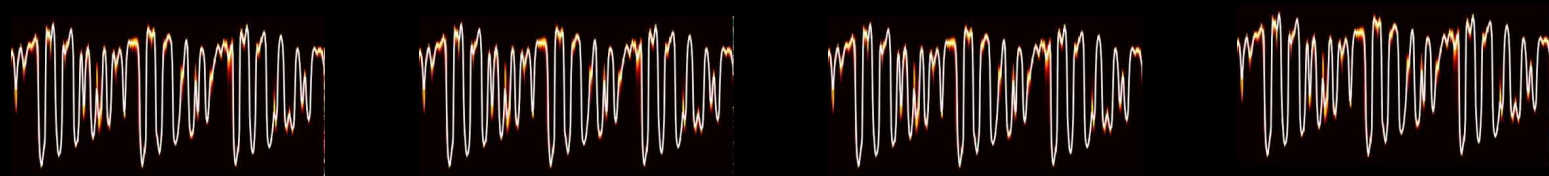
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Speaker-conditional samples

(but not conditioned on text)

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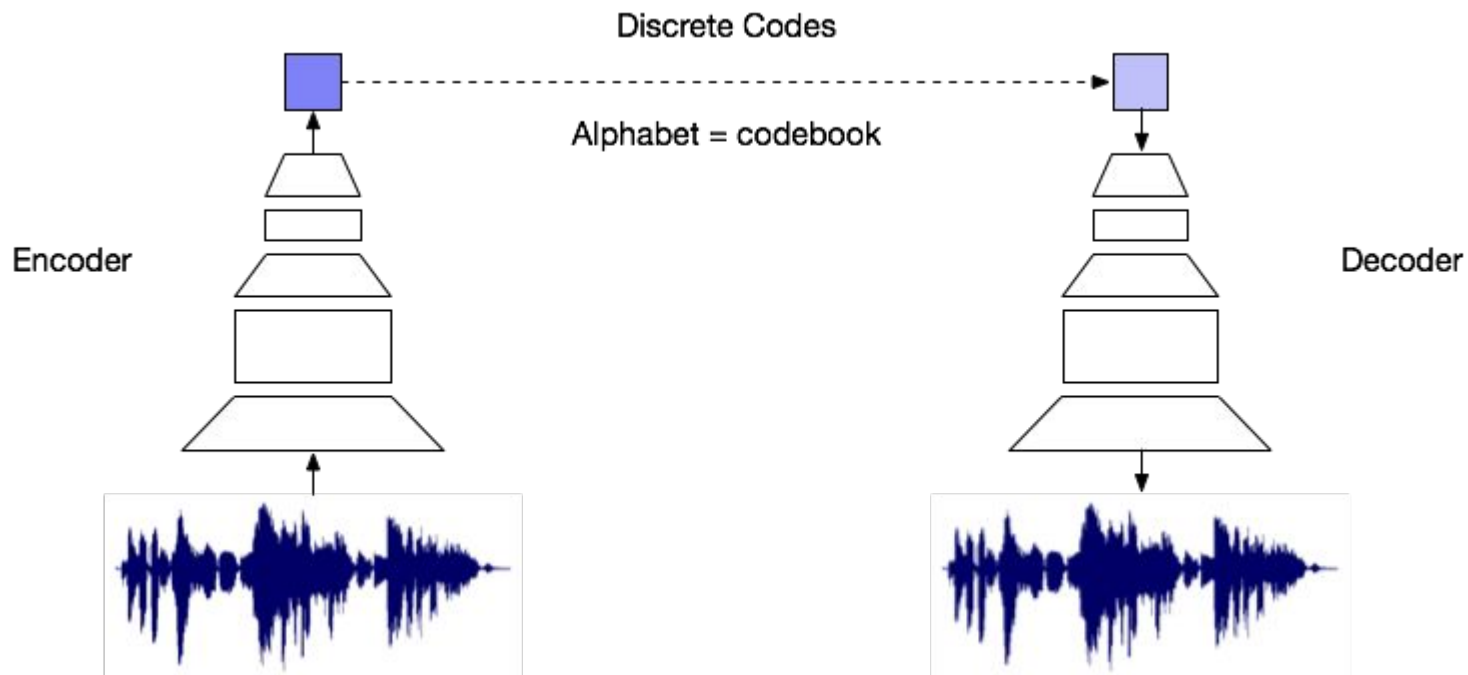


Piano Music samples

VQ-VAE

- Towards modeling a latent space
 - Learn meaningful representations.
 - Abstract away noise and details.
 - Model what's important in a compressed latent representation.
- Why discrete?
 - Many important real-world things are discrete.
 - Arguably easier to model for the prior (e.g., softmax vs RNADE)
 - Continuous representations are often inherently discretized by encoder/decoder.

VQ-VAE

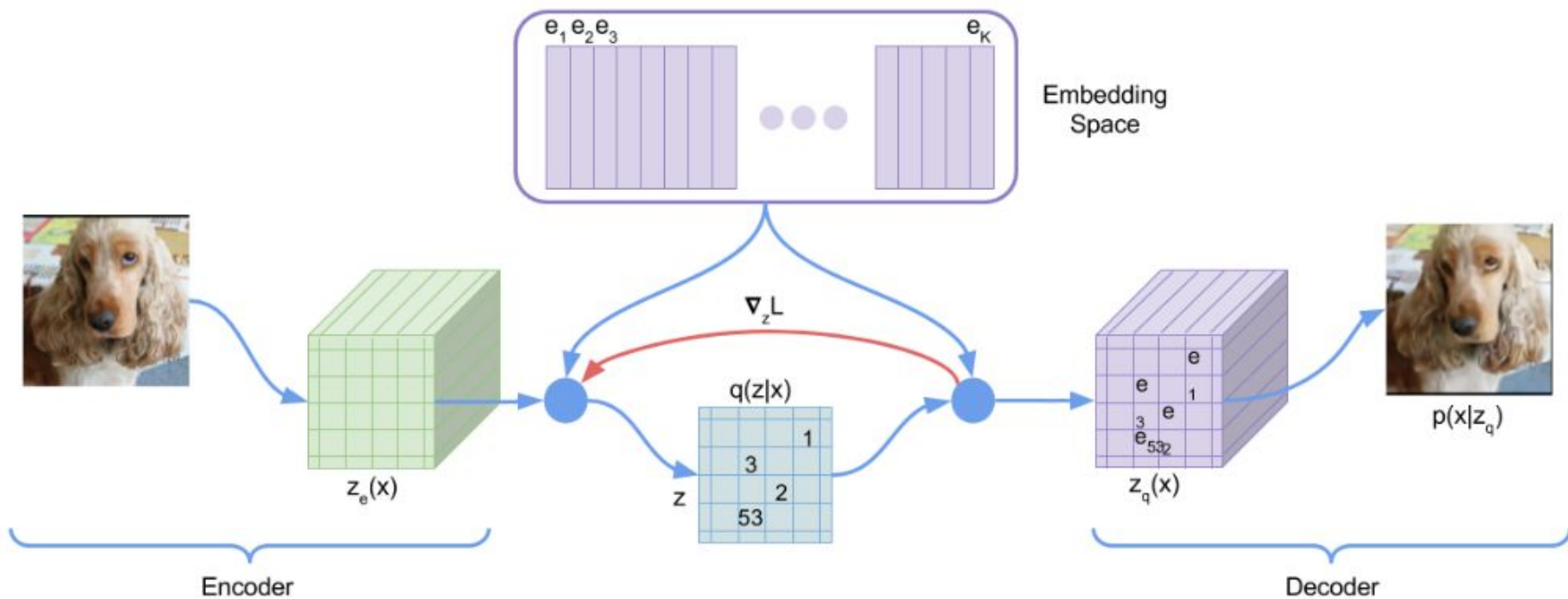


Related work:

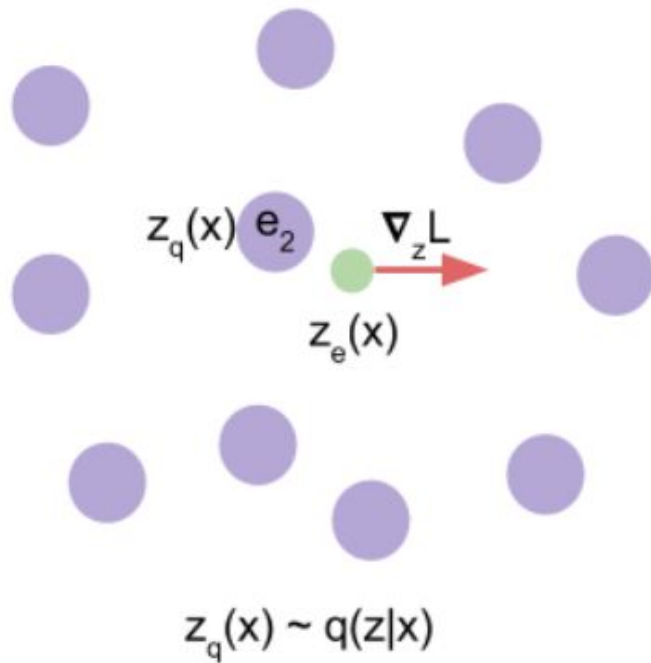
PixelVAE (Gulrajani et al, 2016)

Variational Lossy AutoEncoder (Chen et al, 2016)

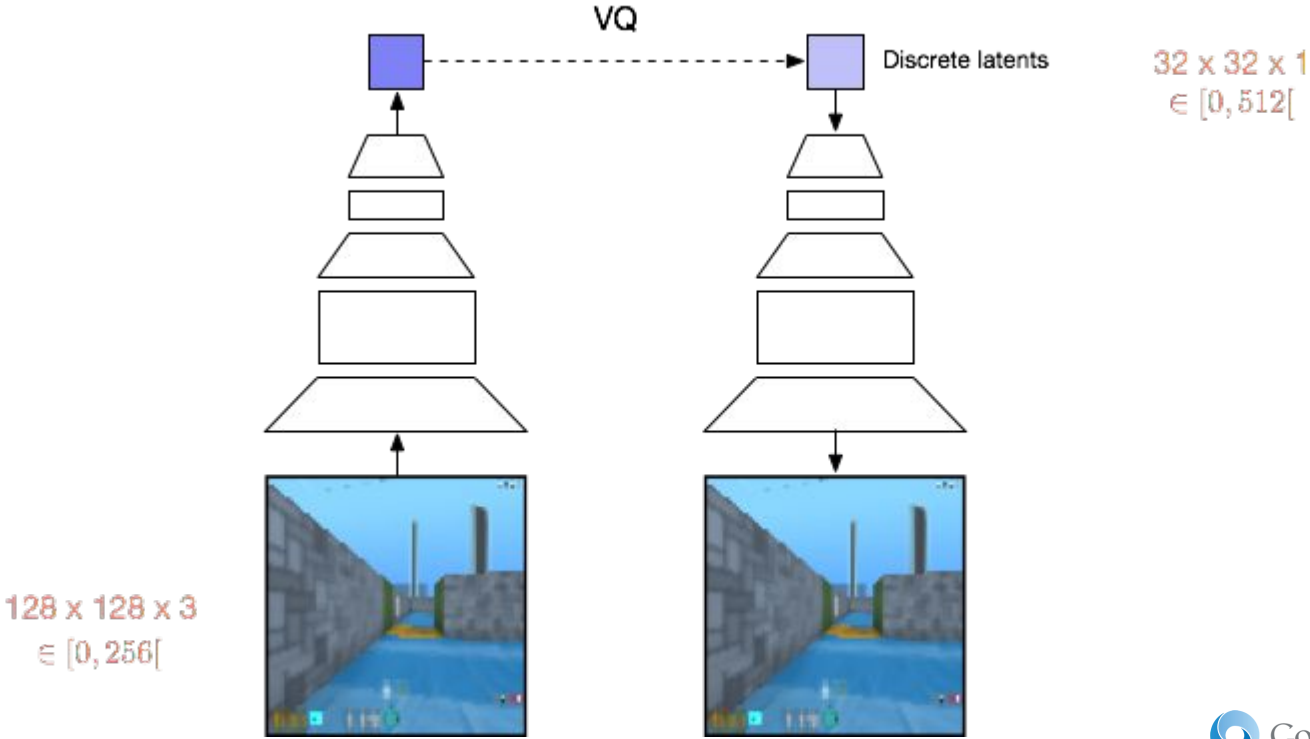
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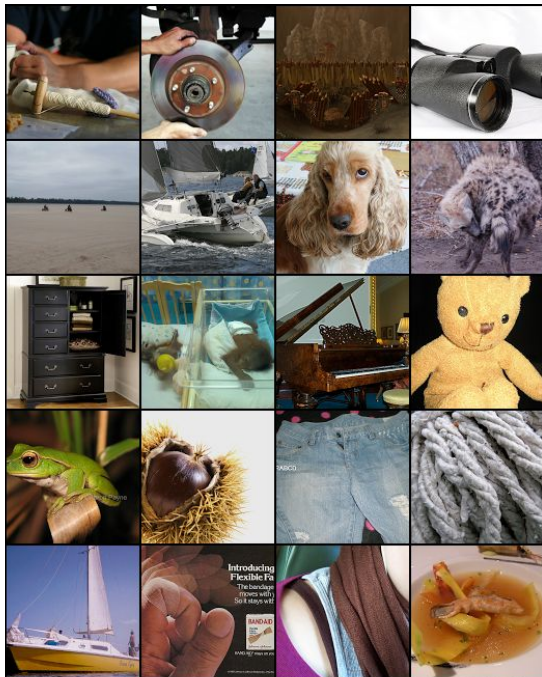


Images

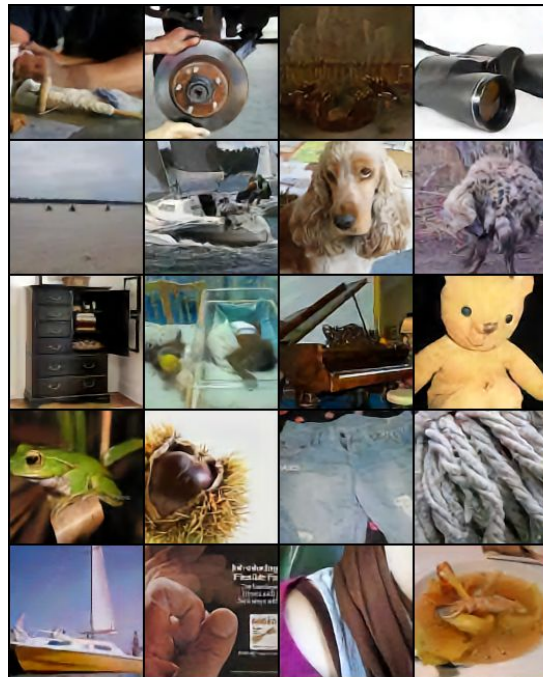


ImageNet reconstructions

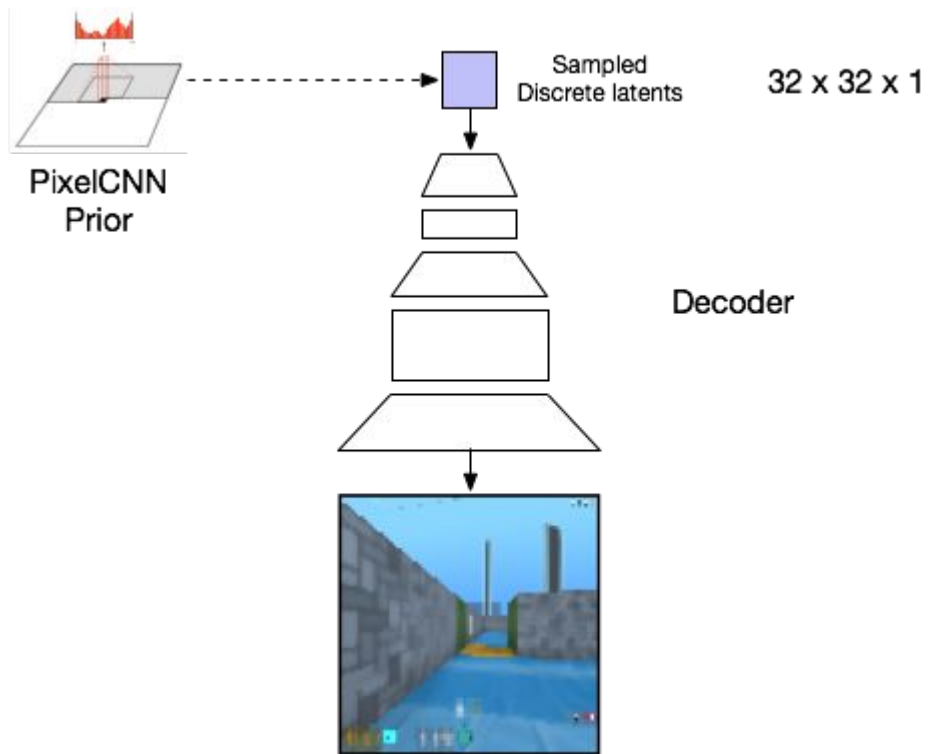
Original 128x128 images



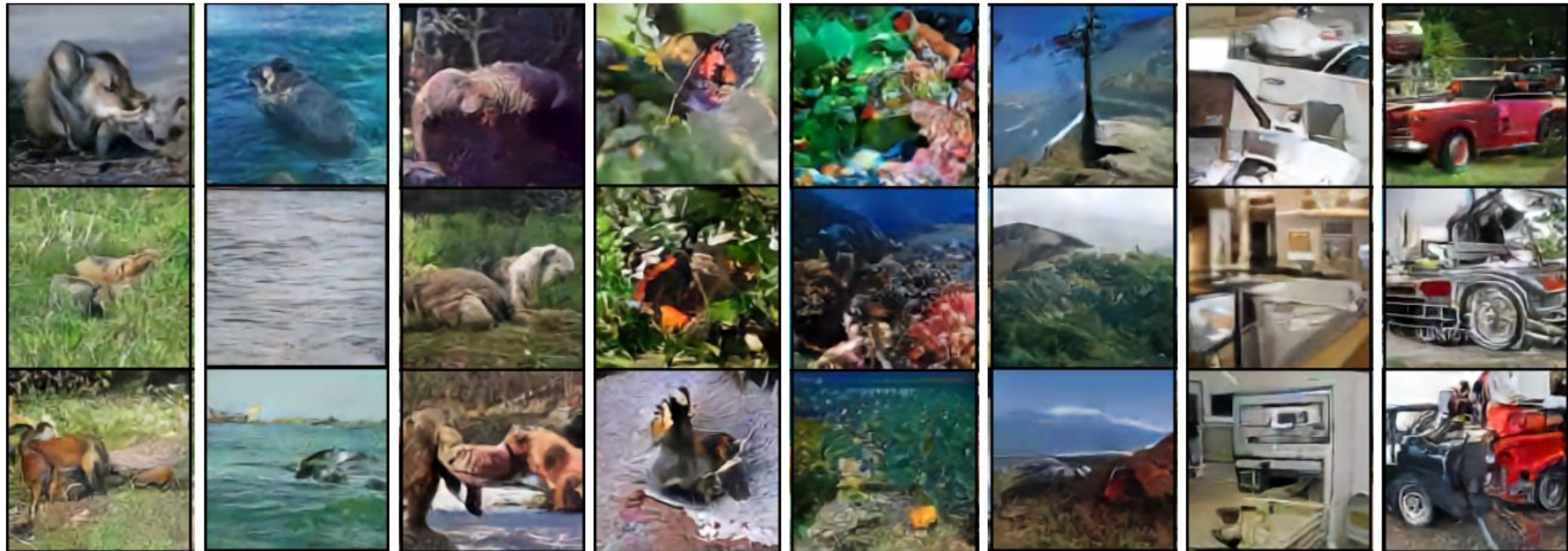
Reconstructions



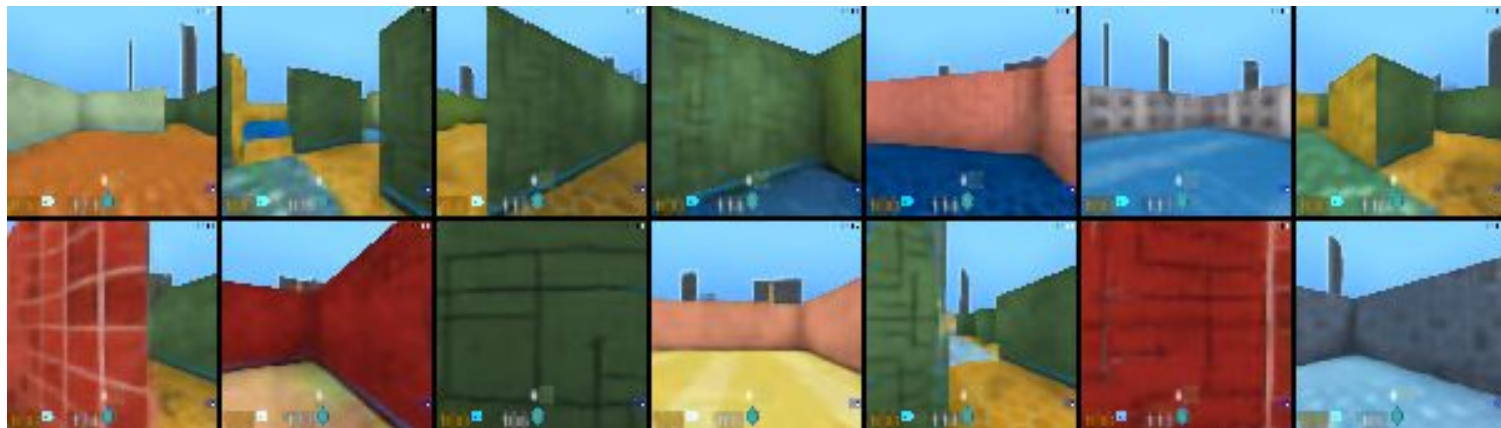
VQ-VAE - Sample



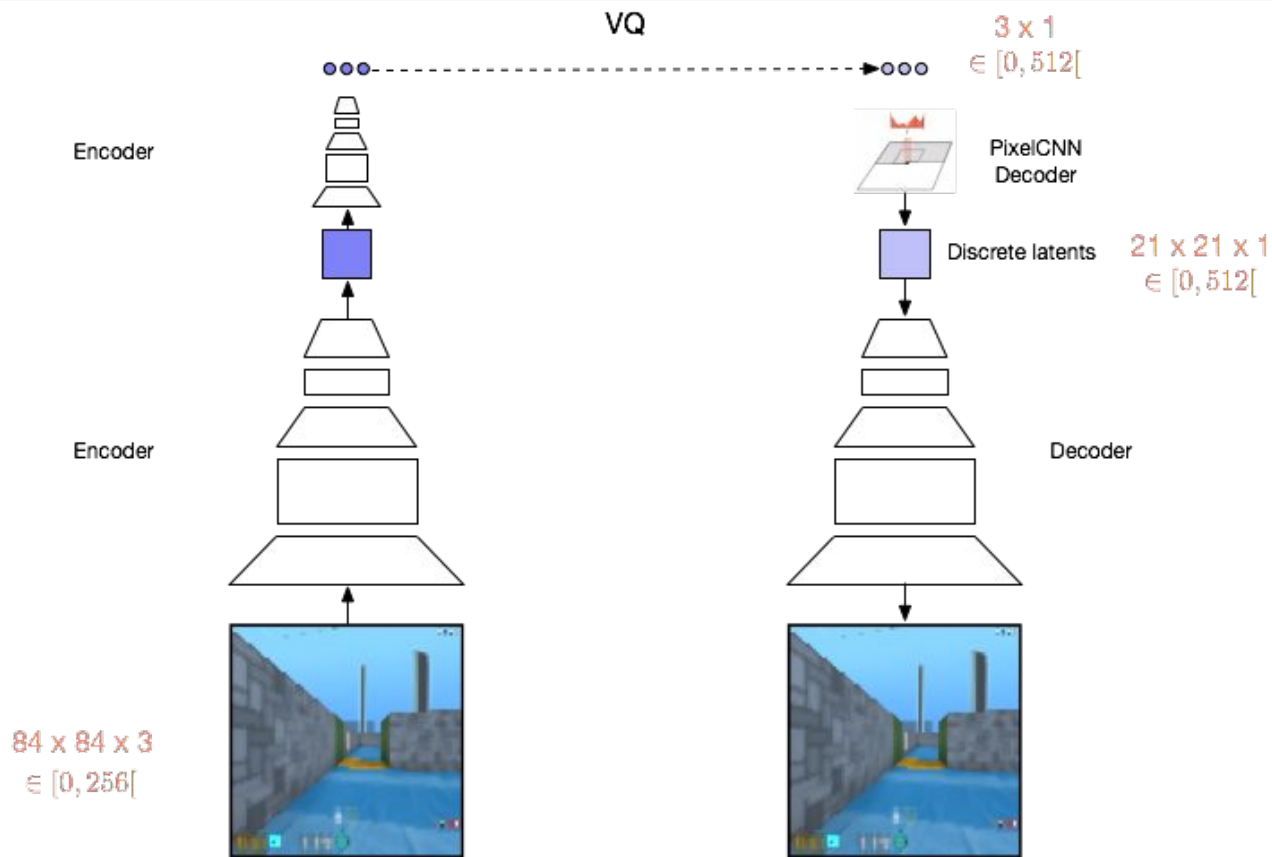
ImageNet samples



DM-Lab Samples



3 Global Latents Reconstruction



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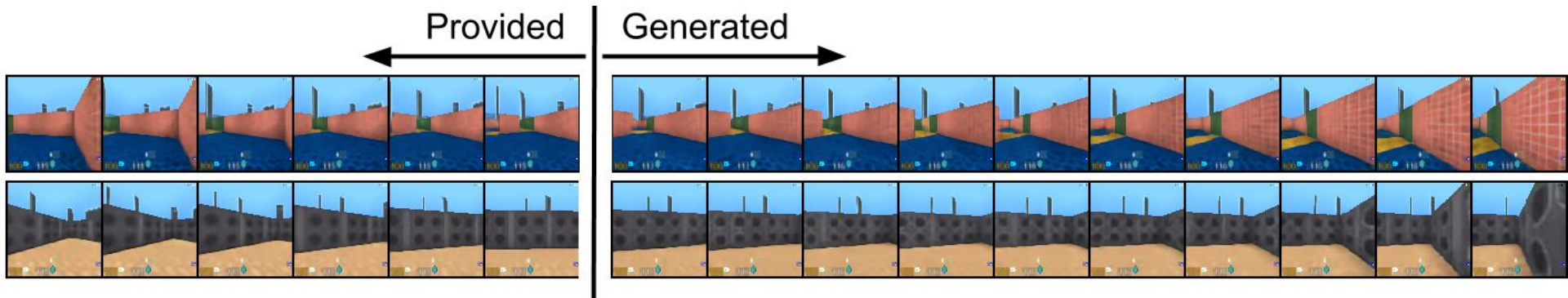
Originals



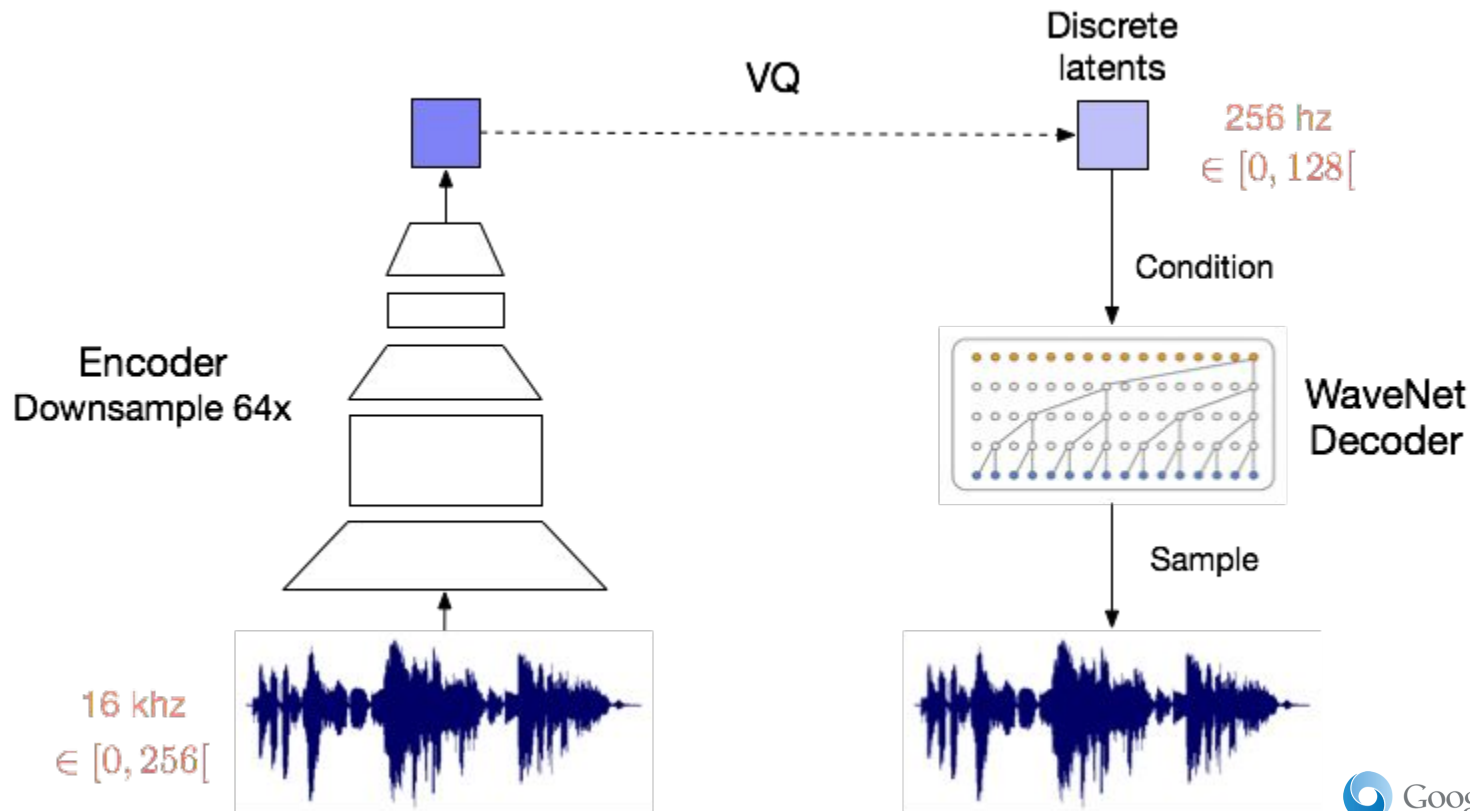
Reconstructions from compressed representations (27 bits per image).



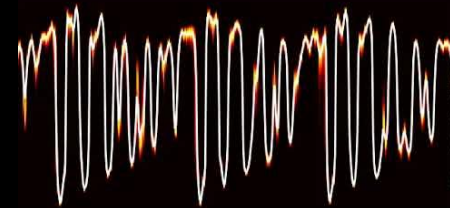
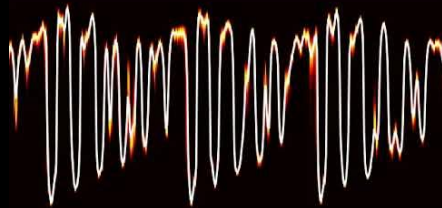
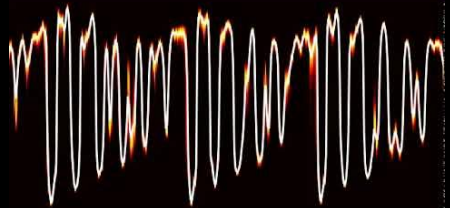
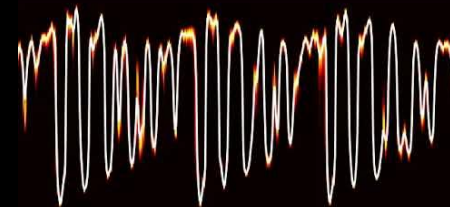
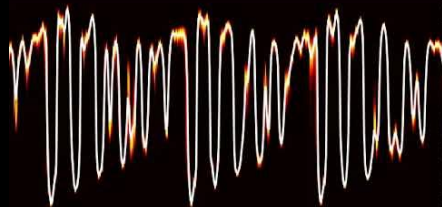
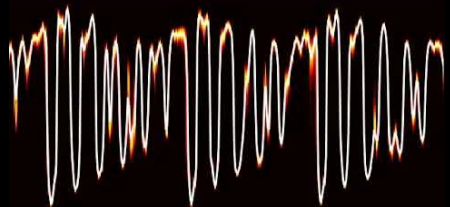
Video Generation in the latent space



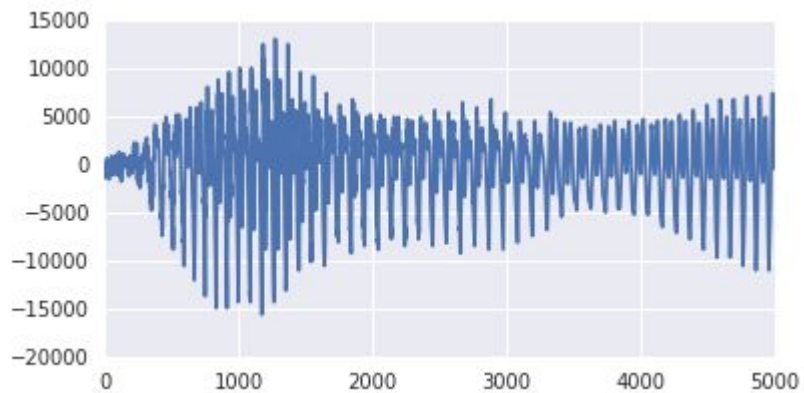
Speech



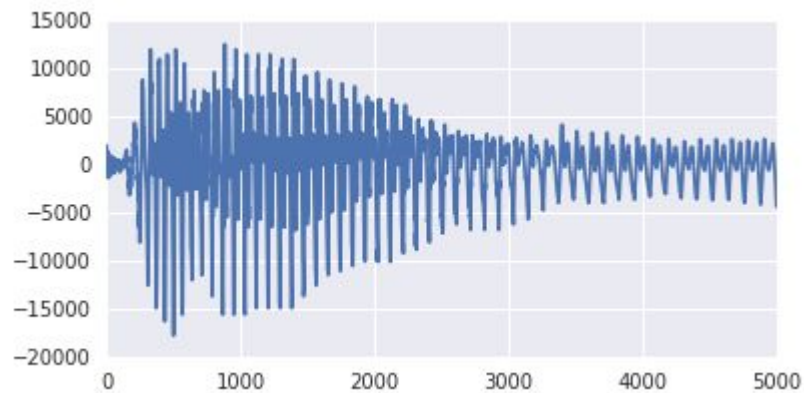
<https://avdnoord.github.io/homepage/vqvae/>



Speech - reconstruction

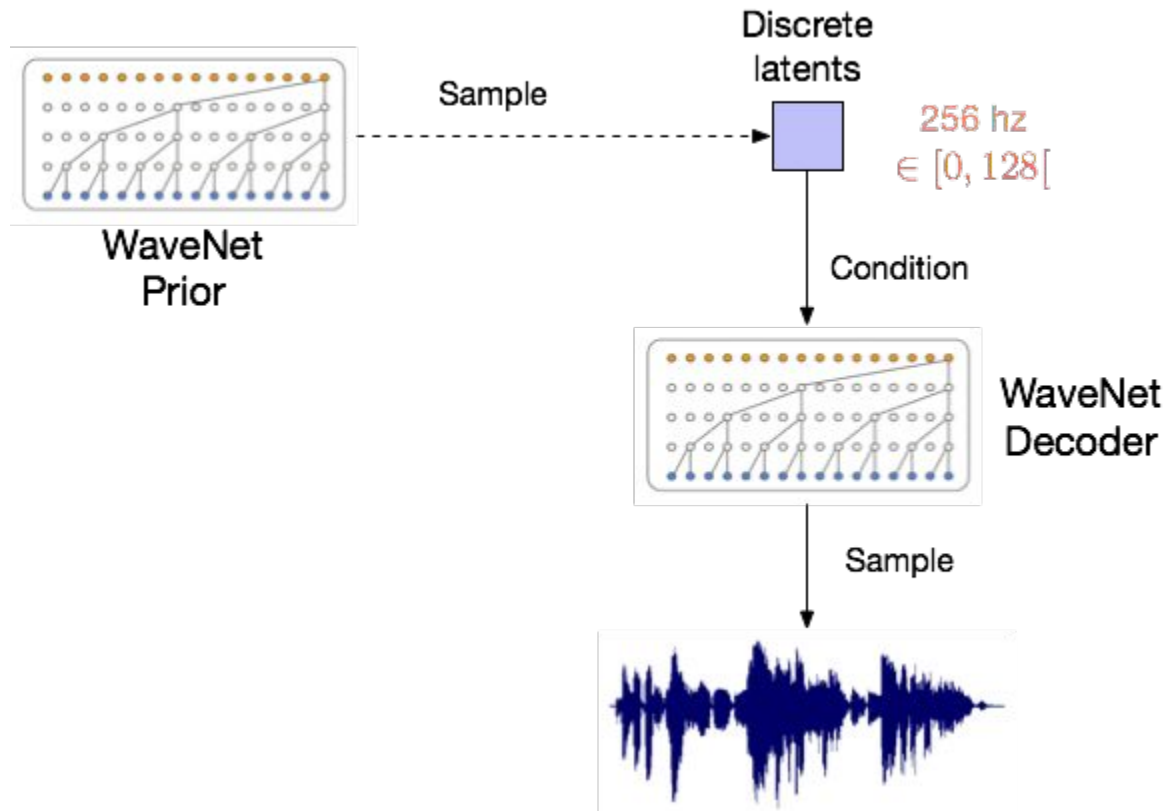


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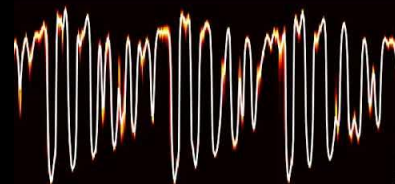
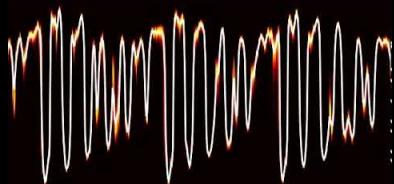
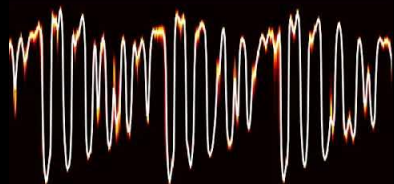


Reconstruction

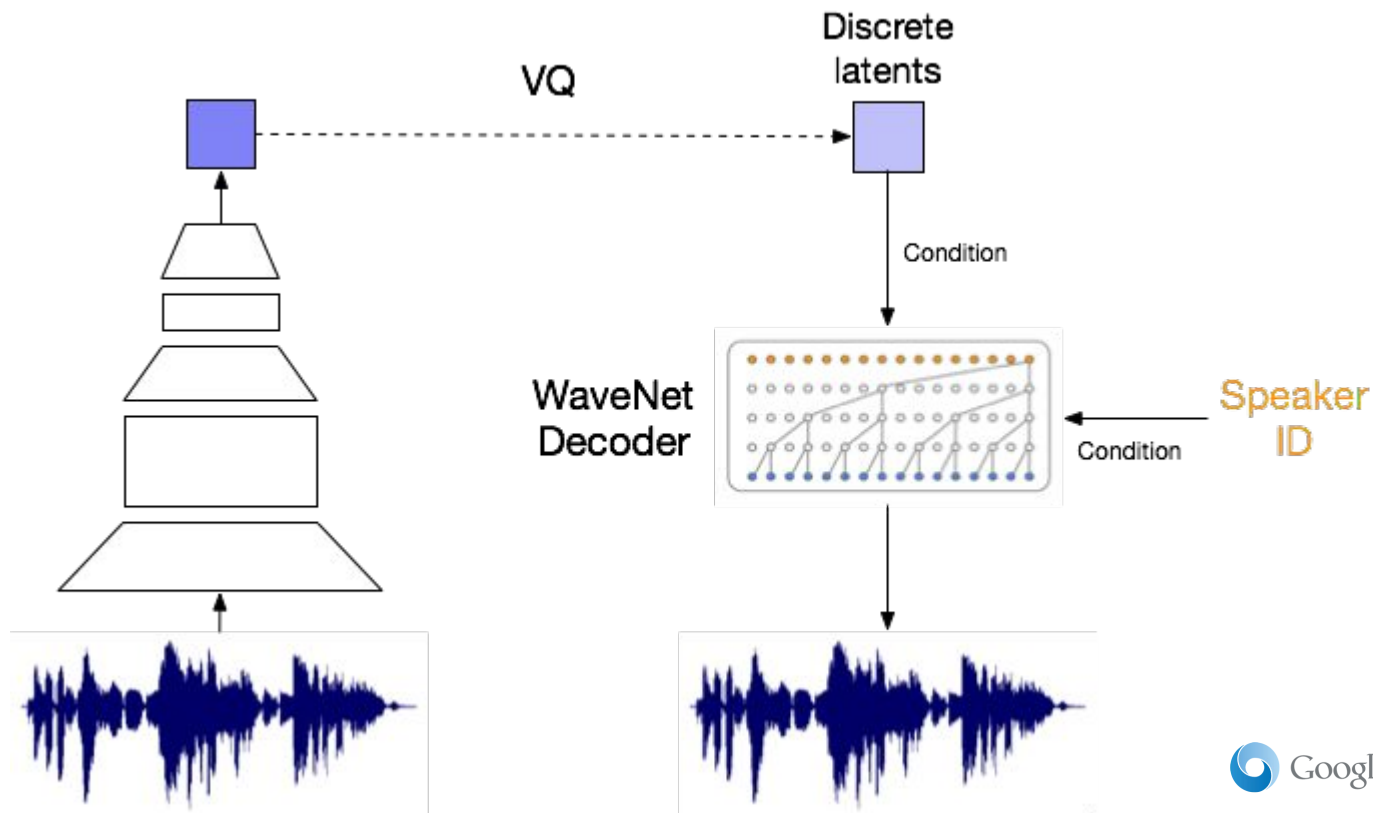
Speech - Sample from prior



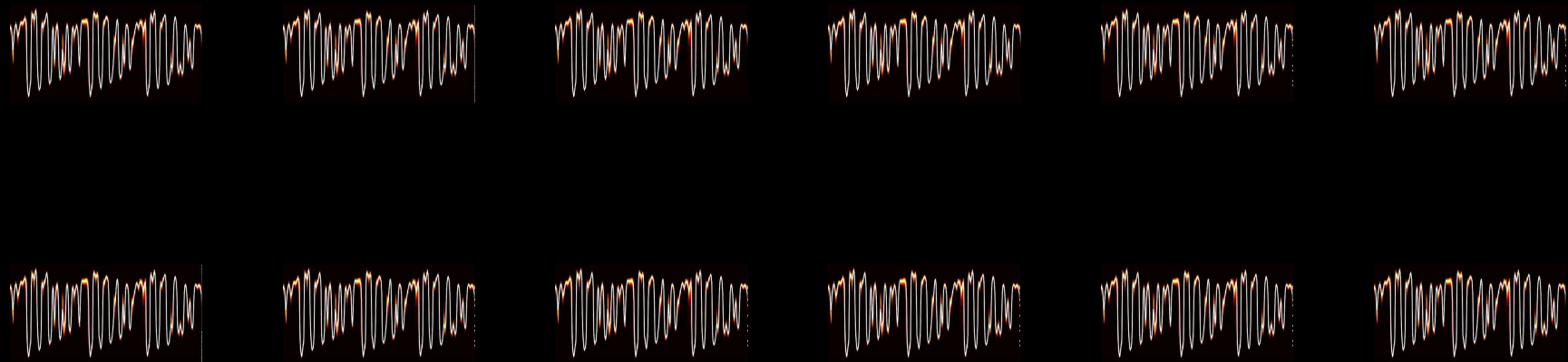
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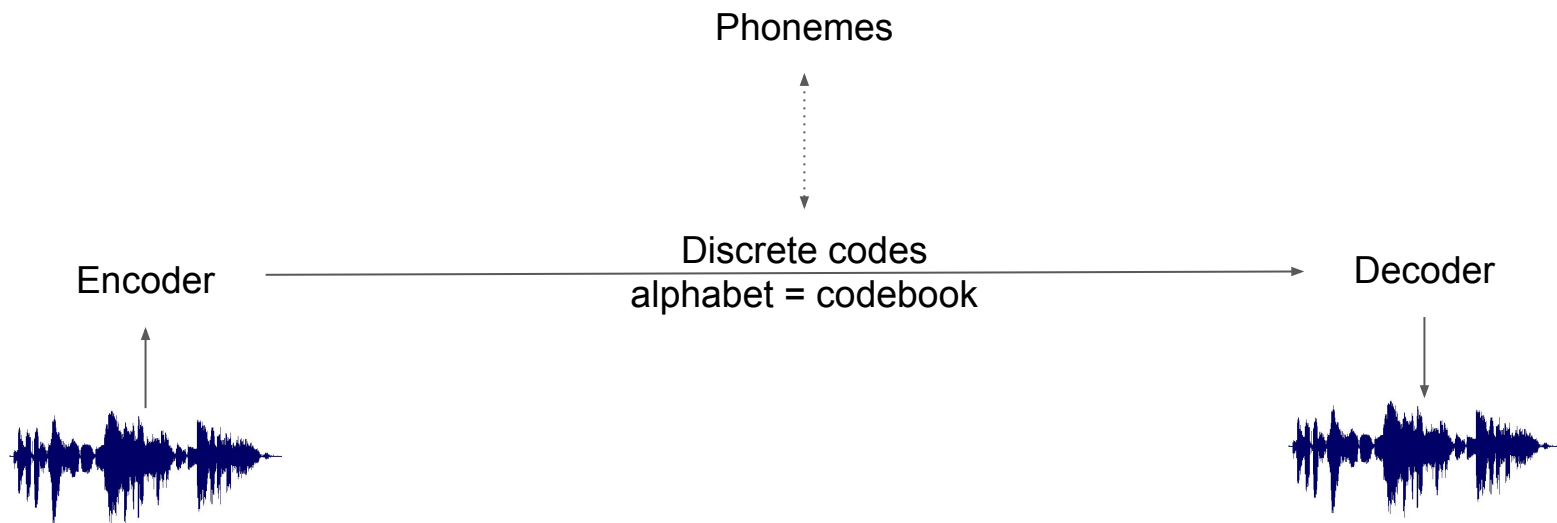
Speech - speaker conditional



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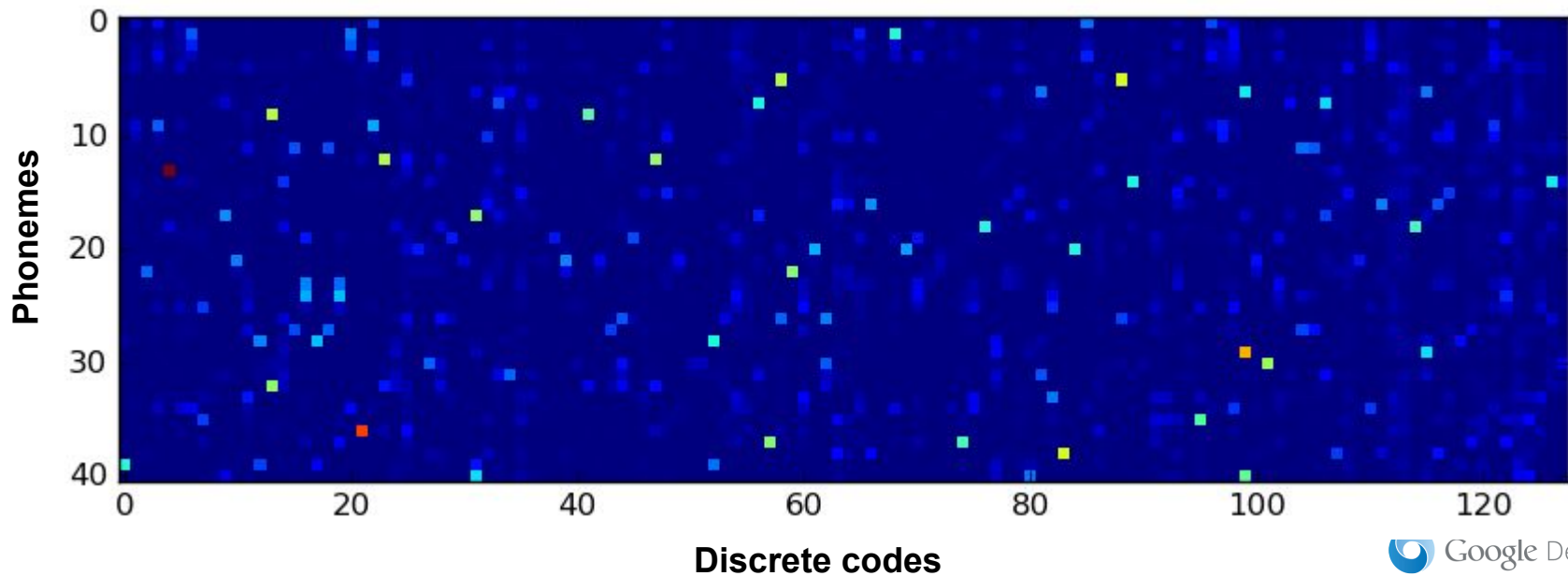


Unsupervised Learning of phonemes



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41-way classification
49.3% accuracy **fully unsupervised**



References and related work

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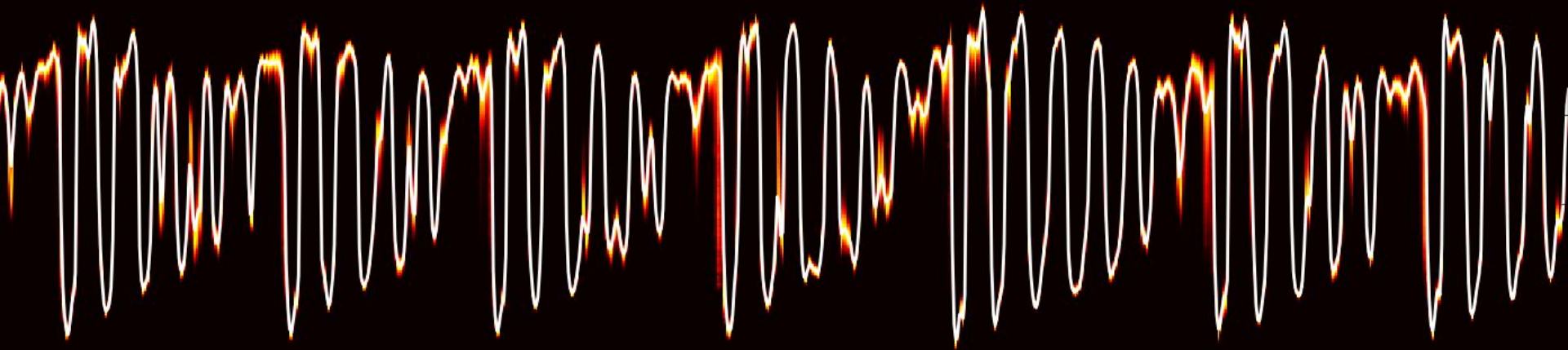
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