

Temporal Alignment for Deep Neural Networks

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In addition, we view the treatment of the **time dimension** of speech by DNN-HMM and GMM-HMMs alike as a **very crude** way of dealing with the intricate **temporal** properties of speech.

Going back in time.....

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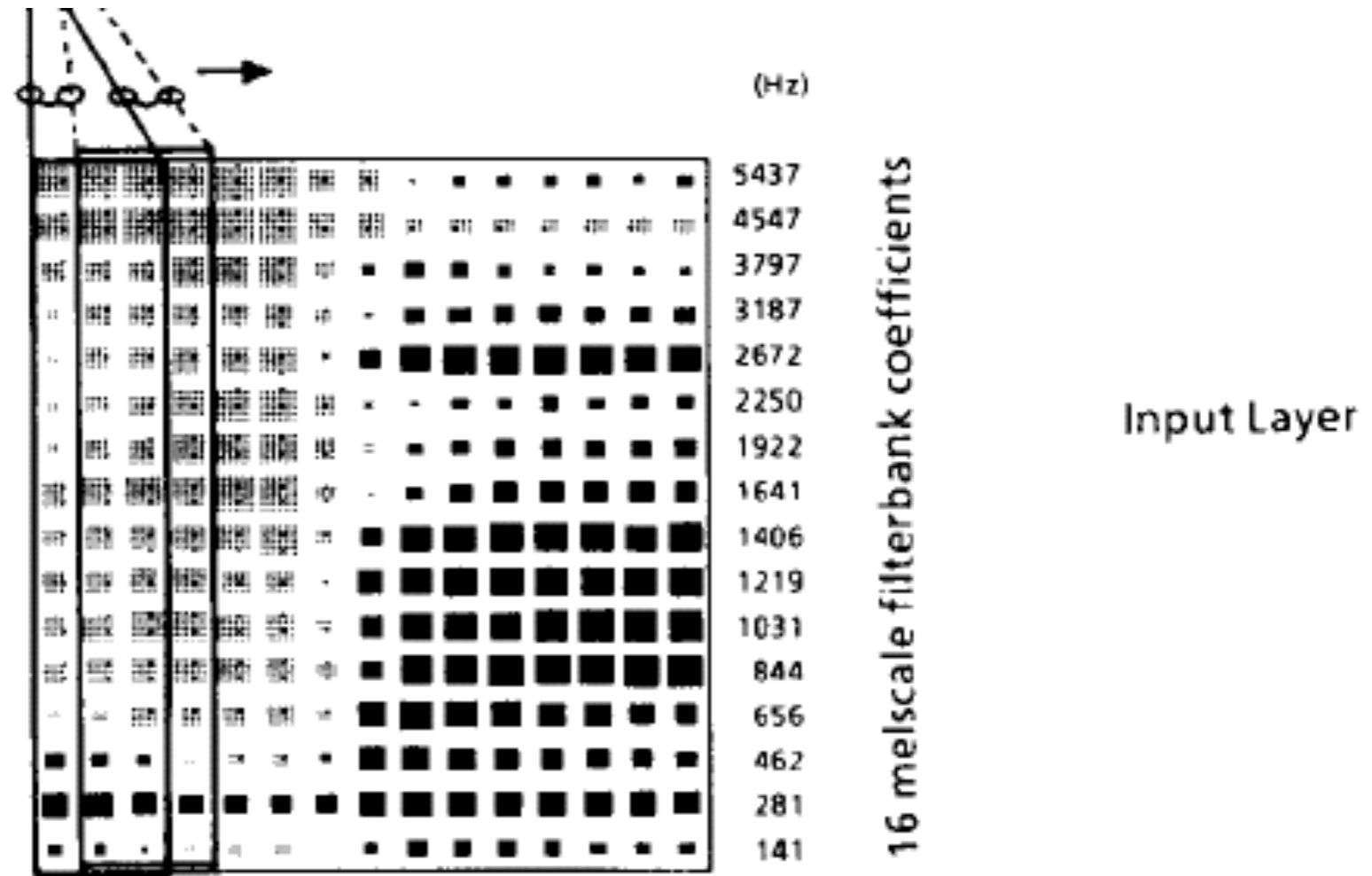
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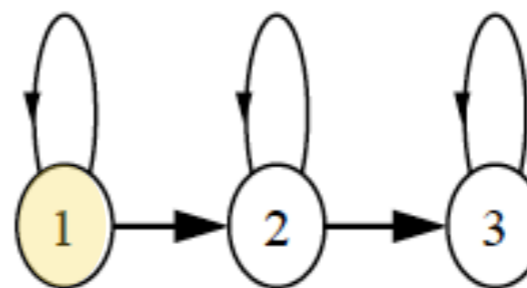
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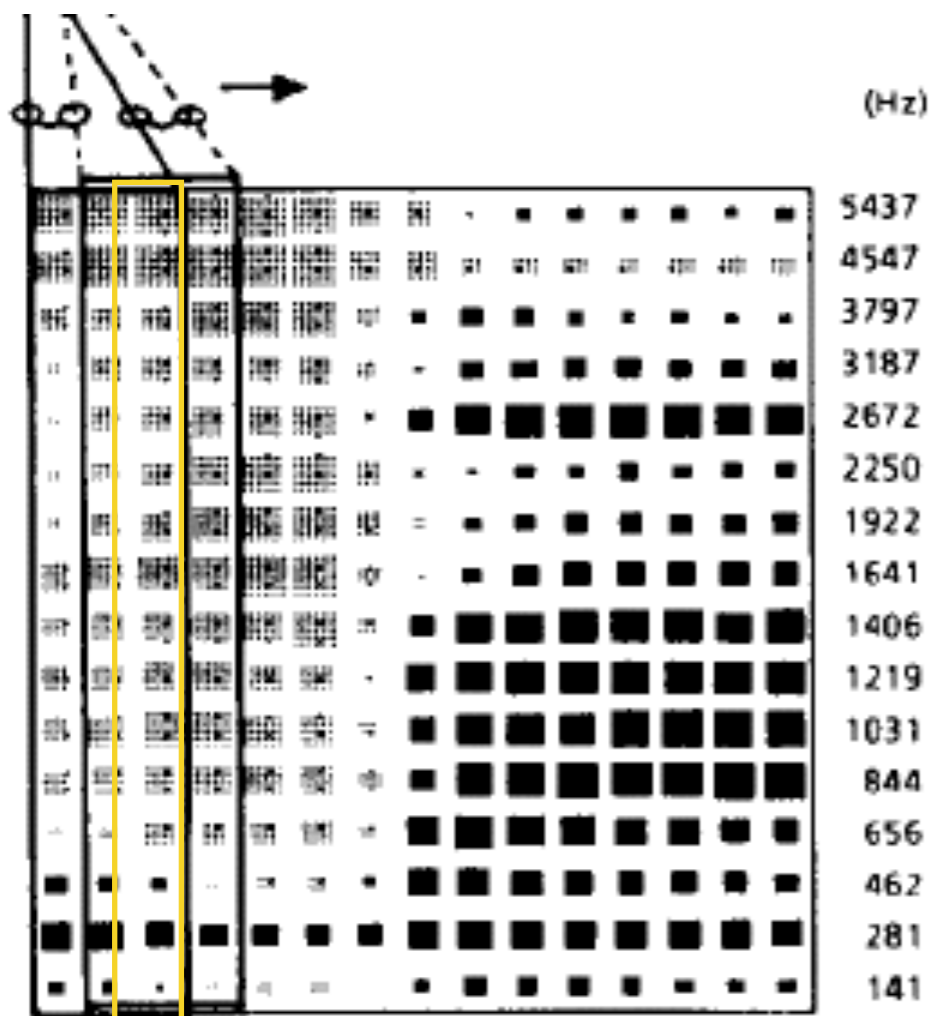
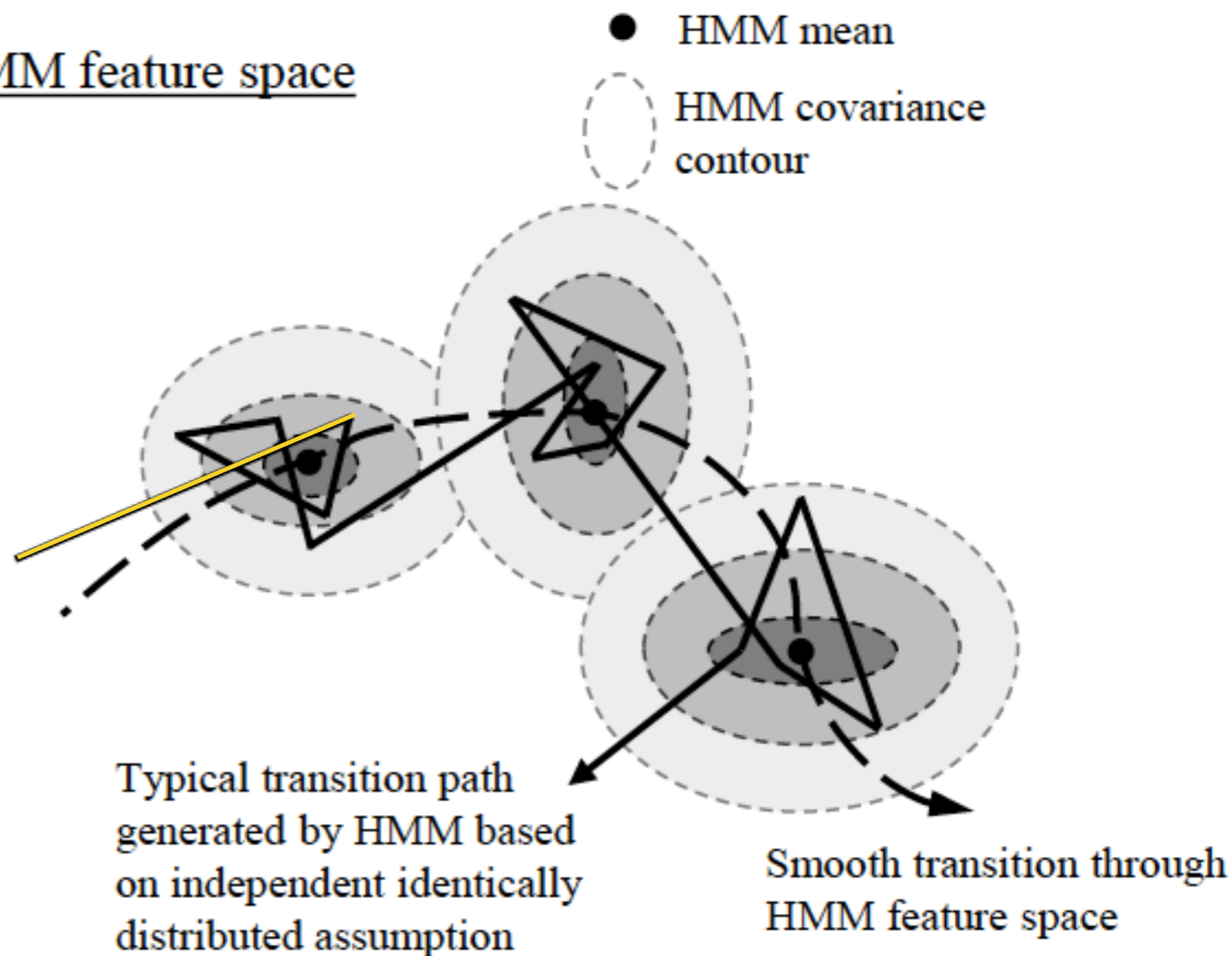
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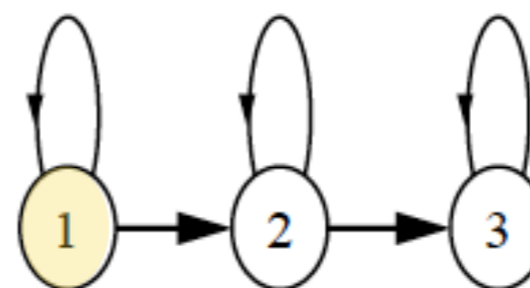
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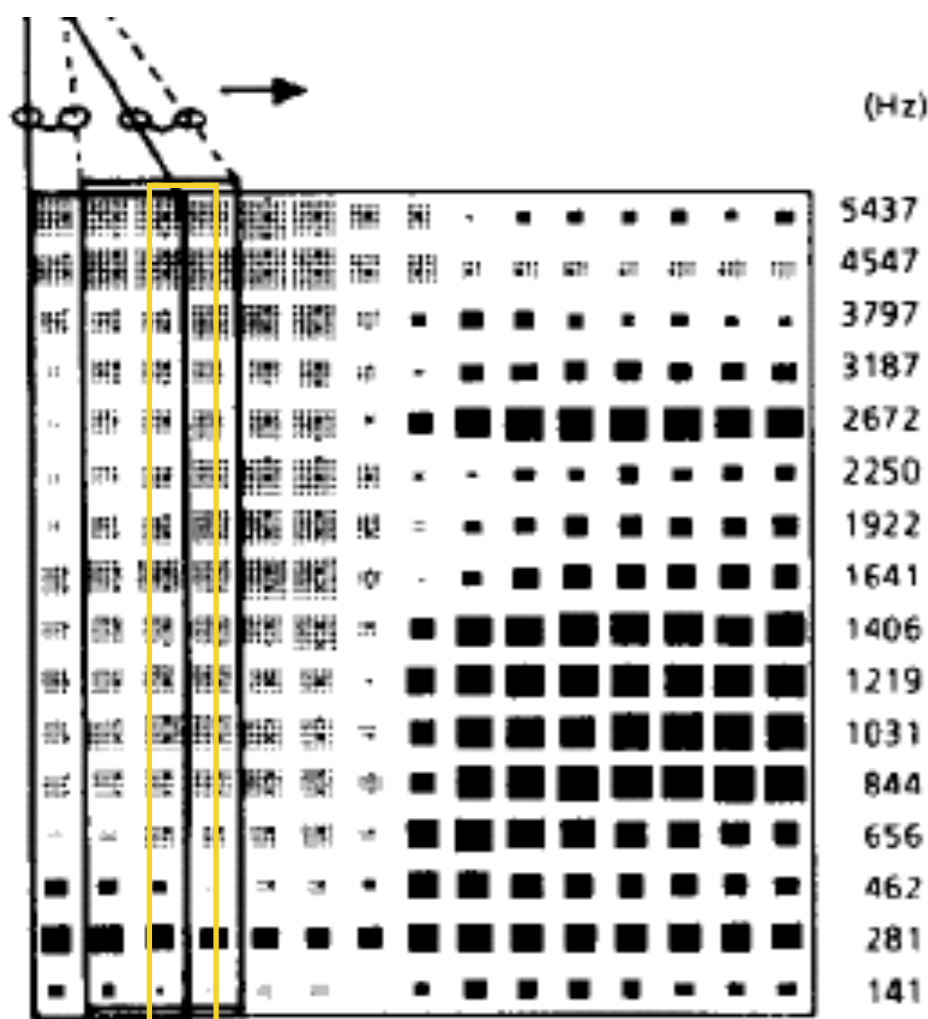
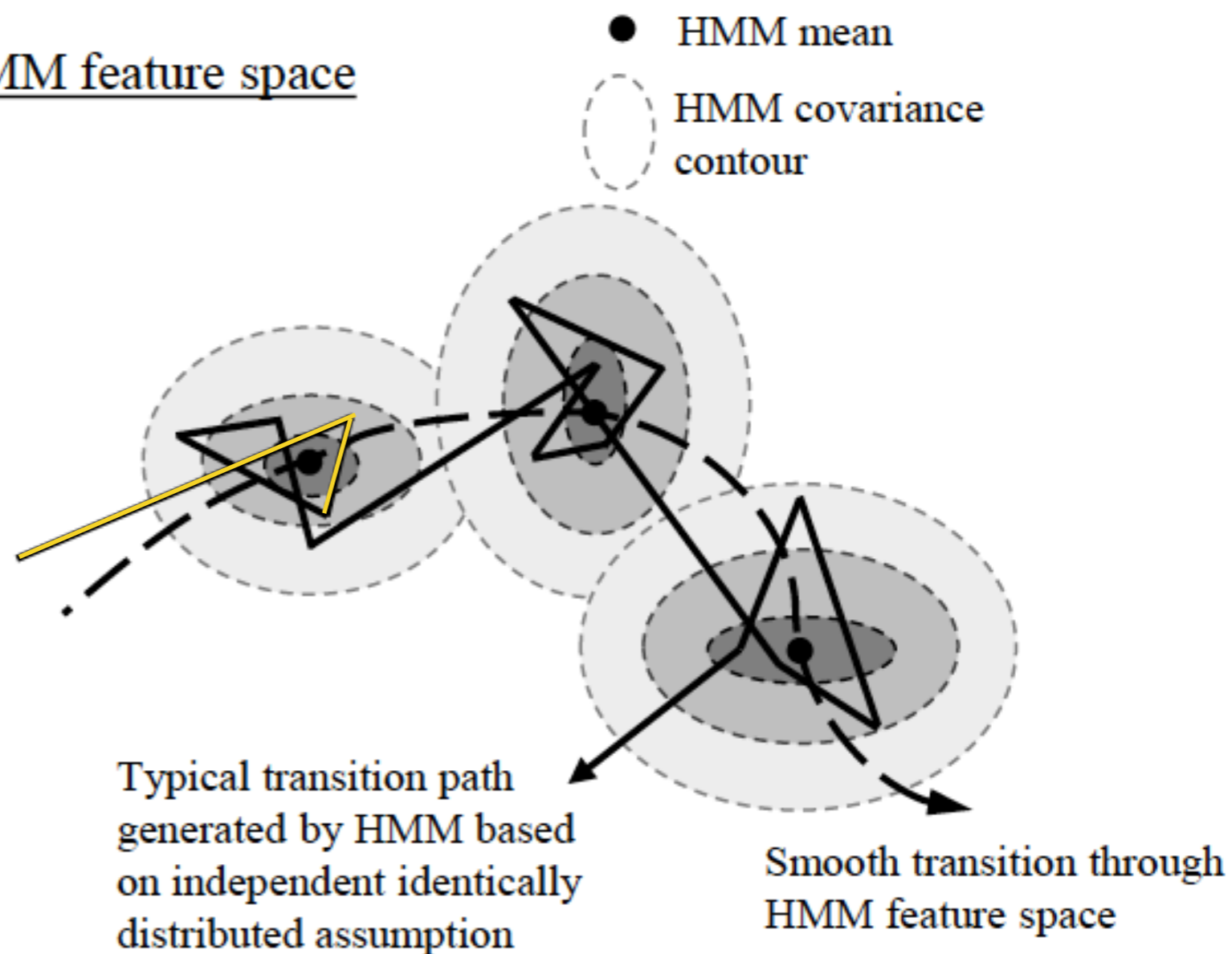
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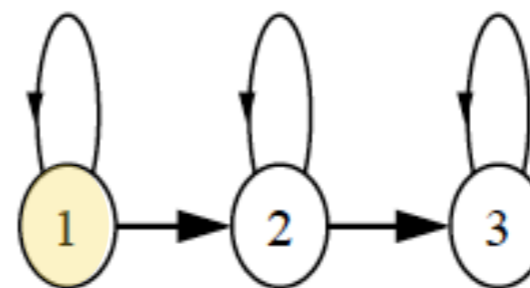
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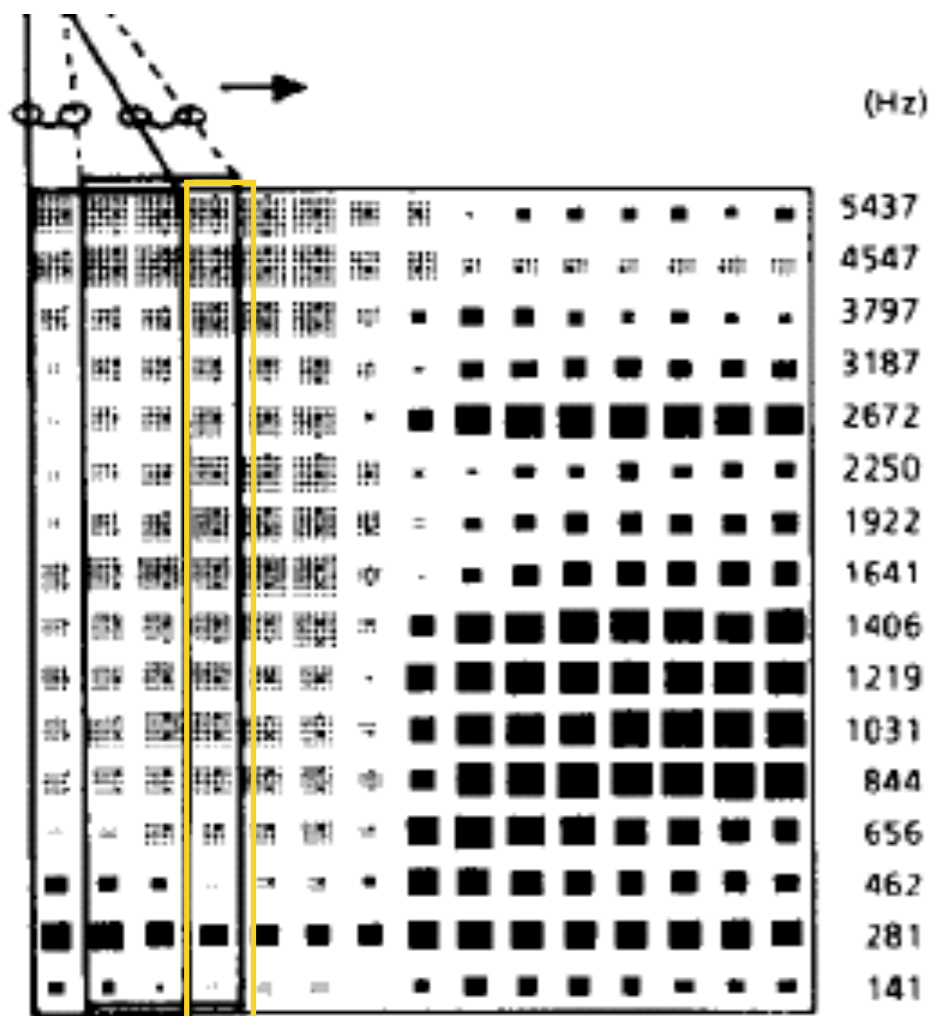
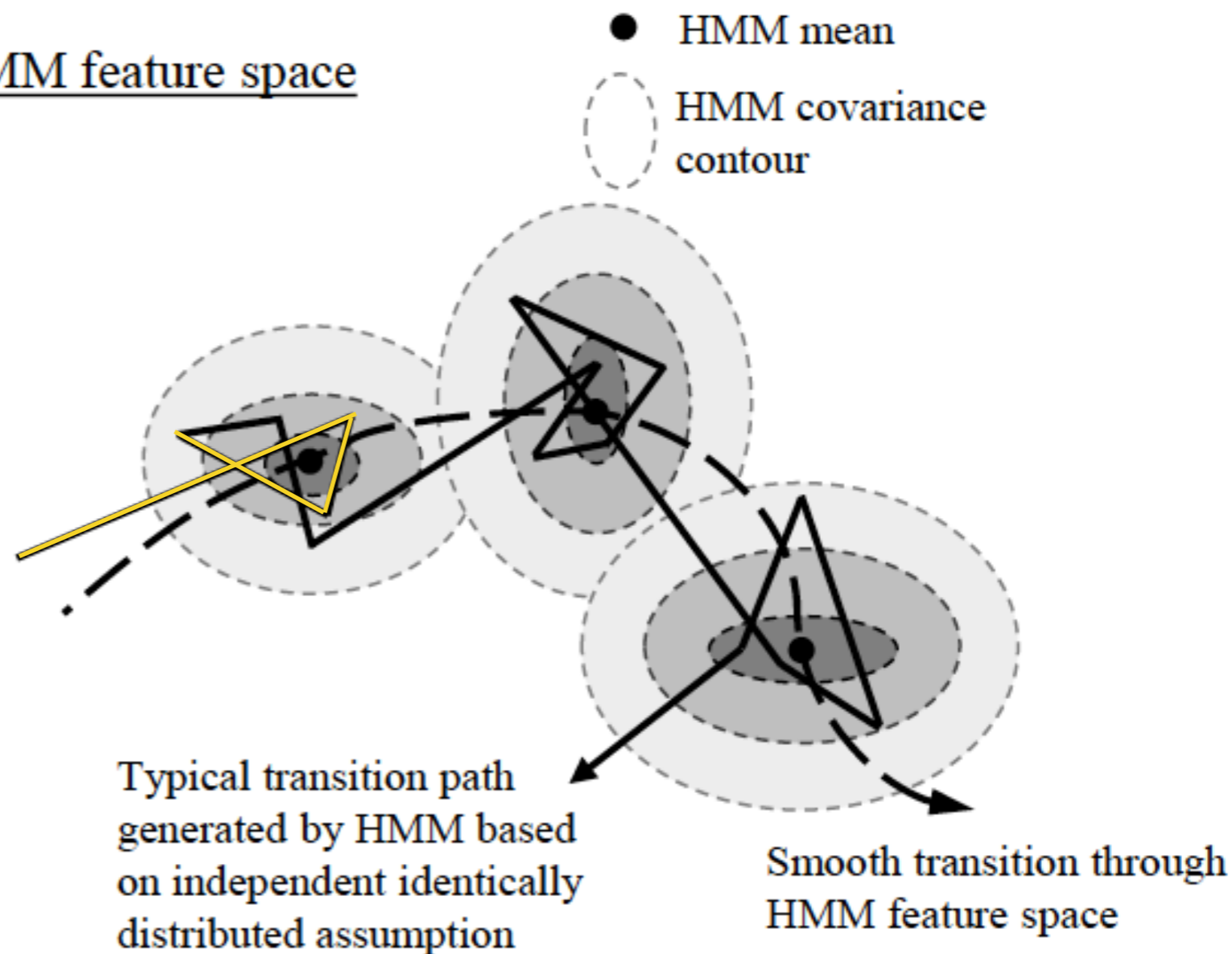
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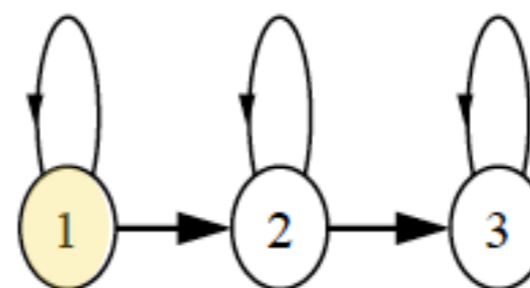
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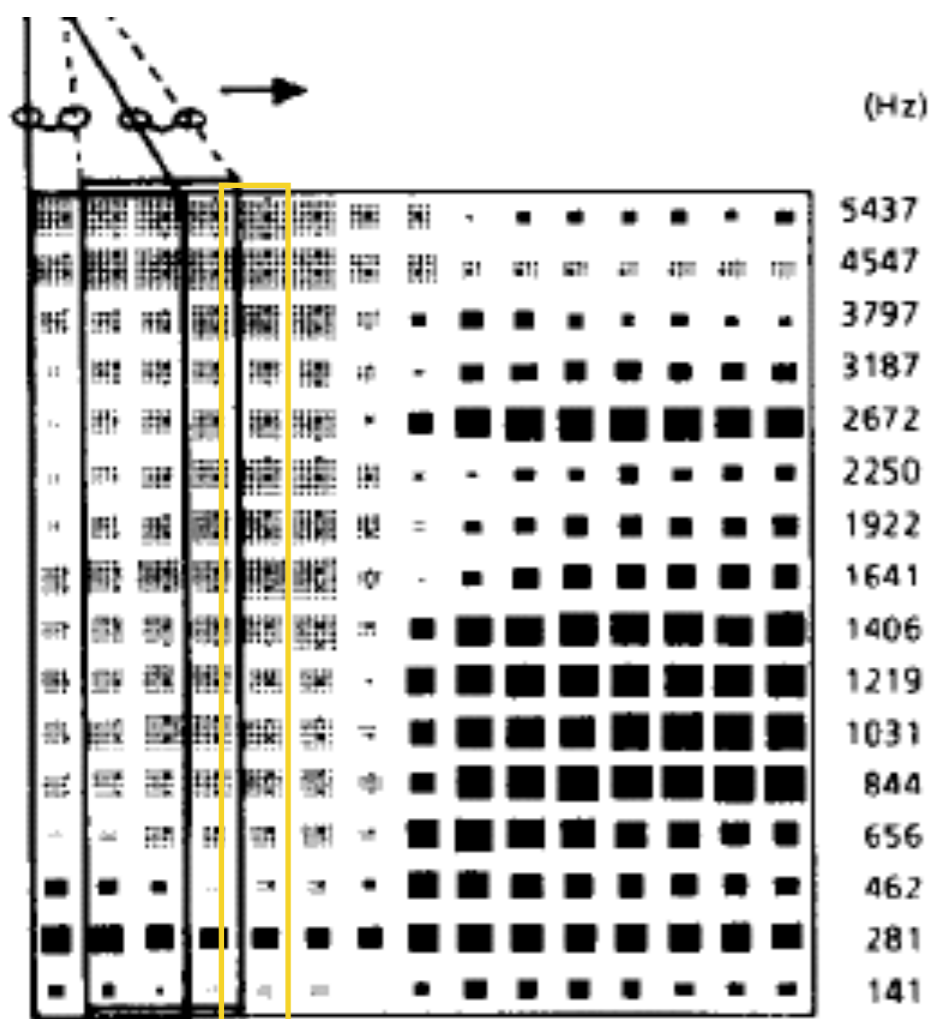
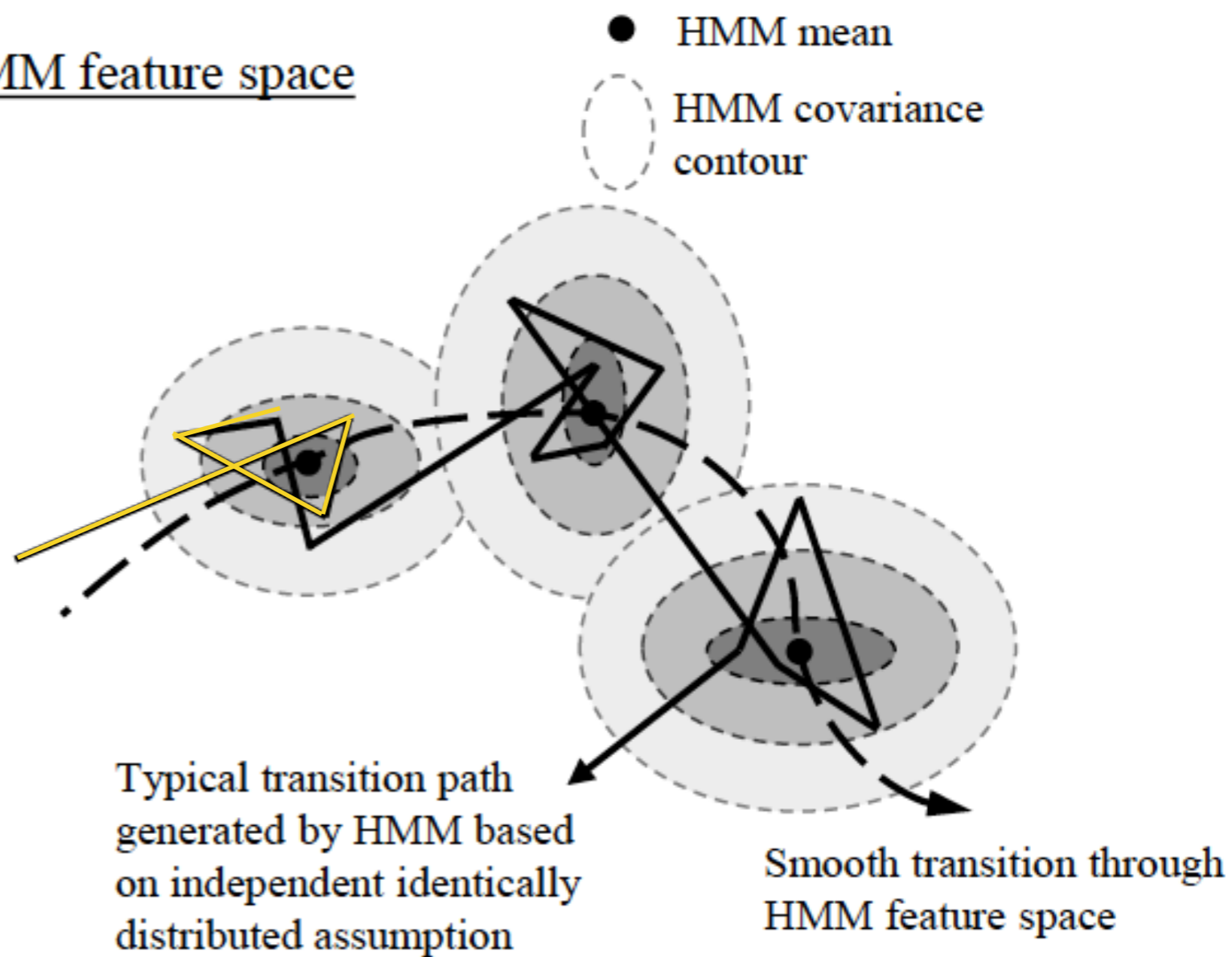
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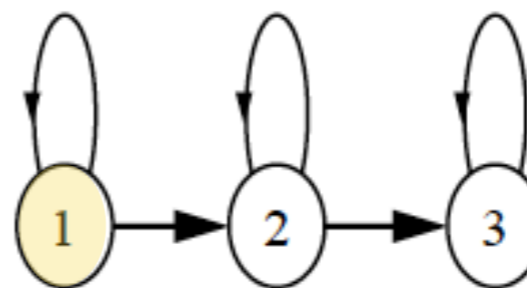
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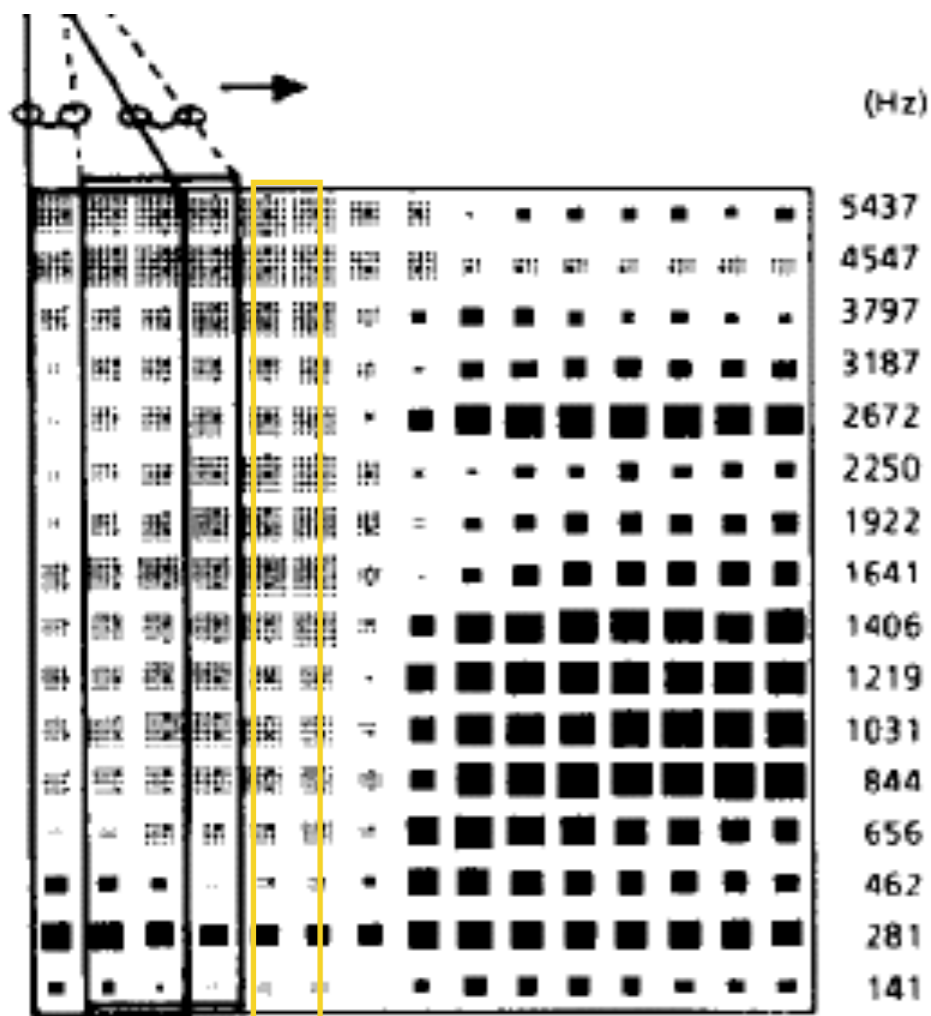
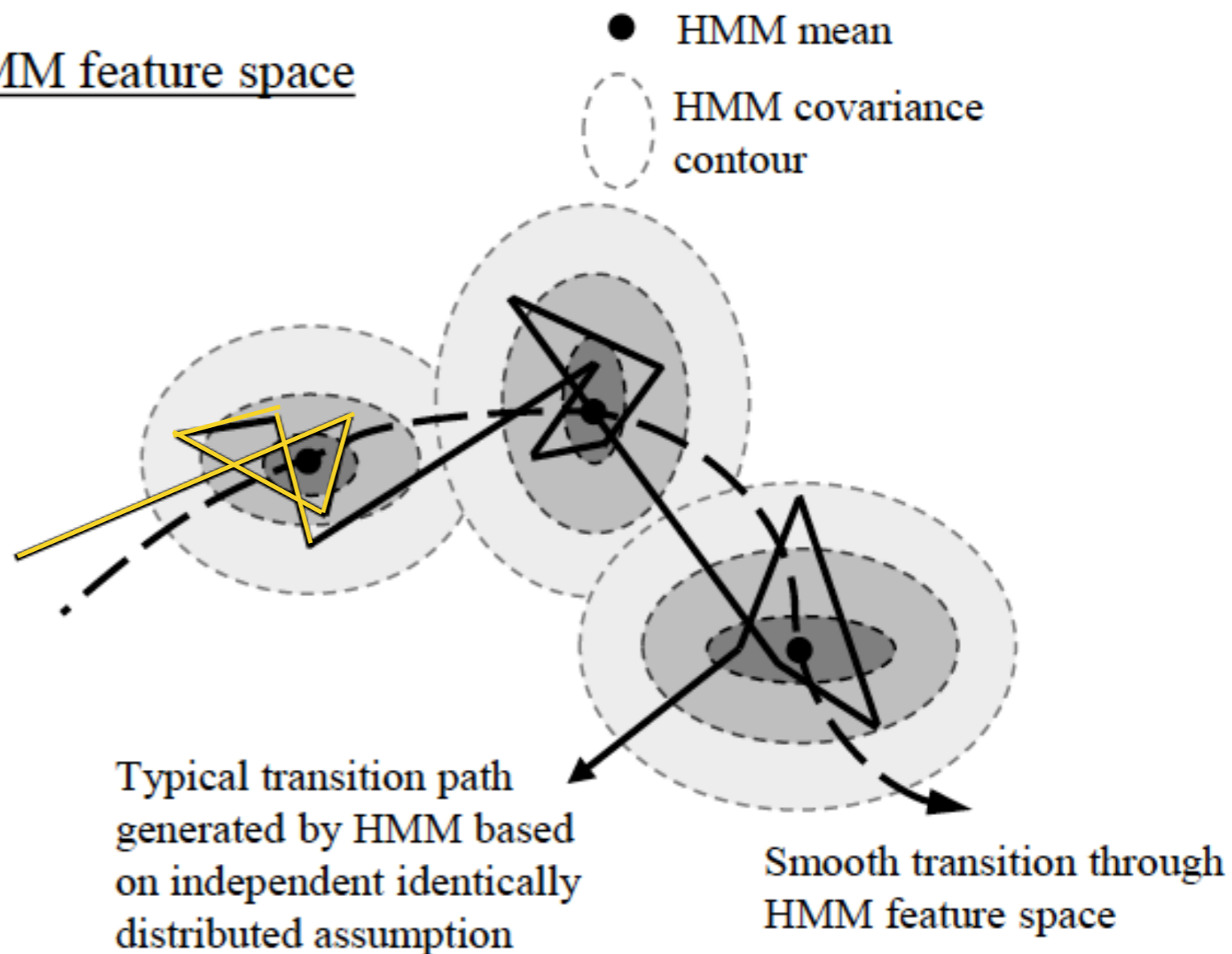
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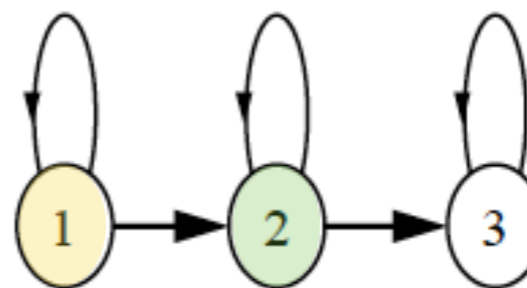
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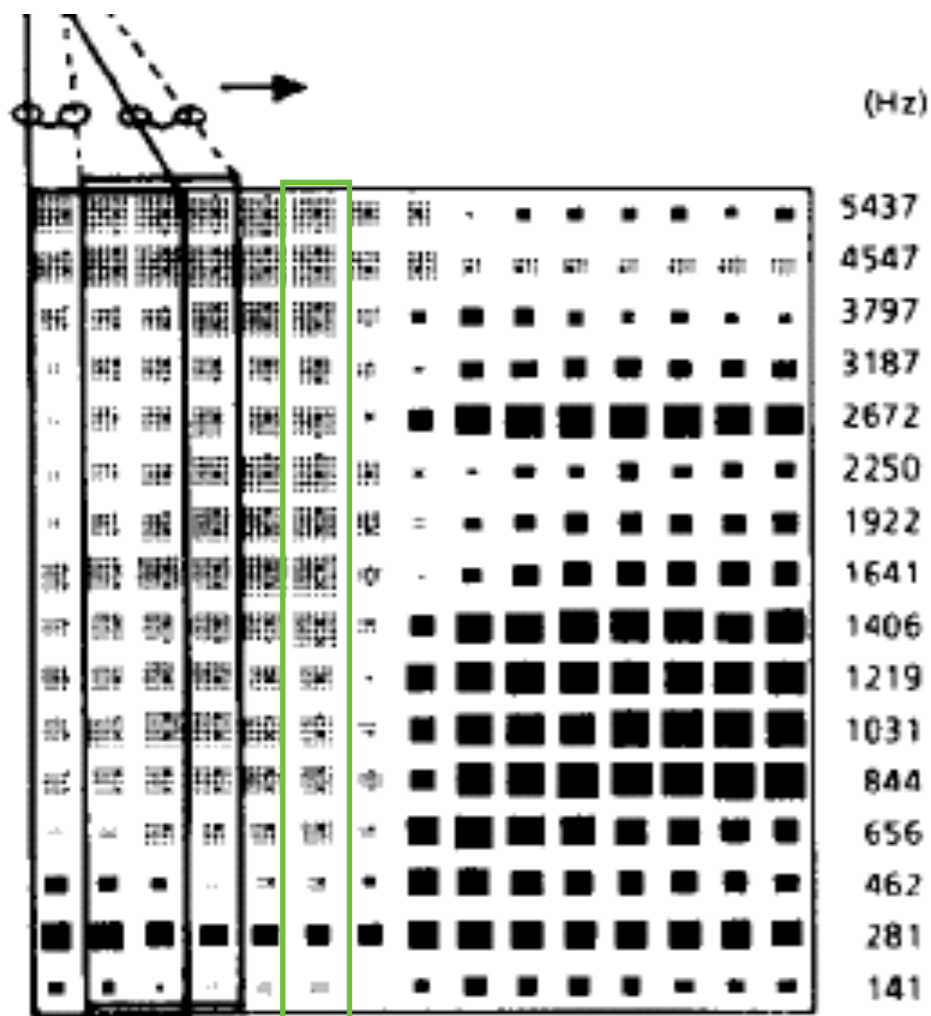
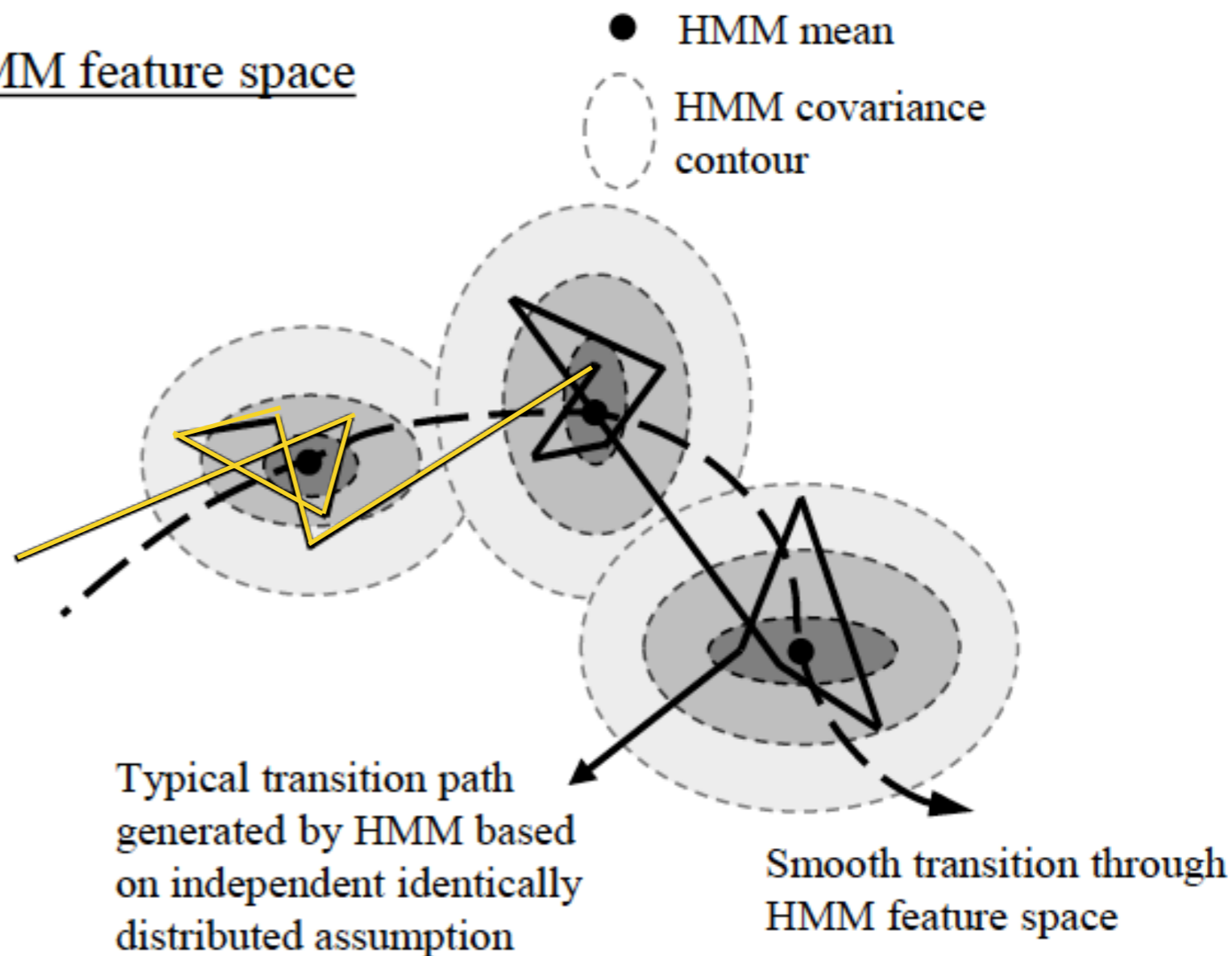
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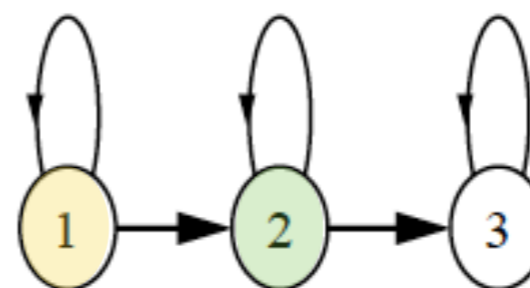
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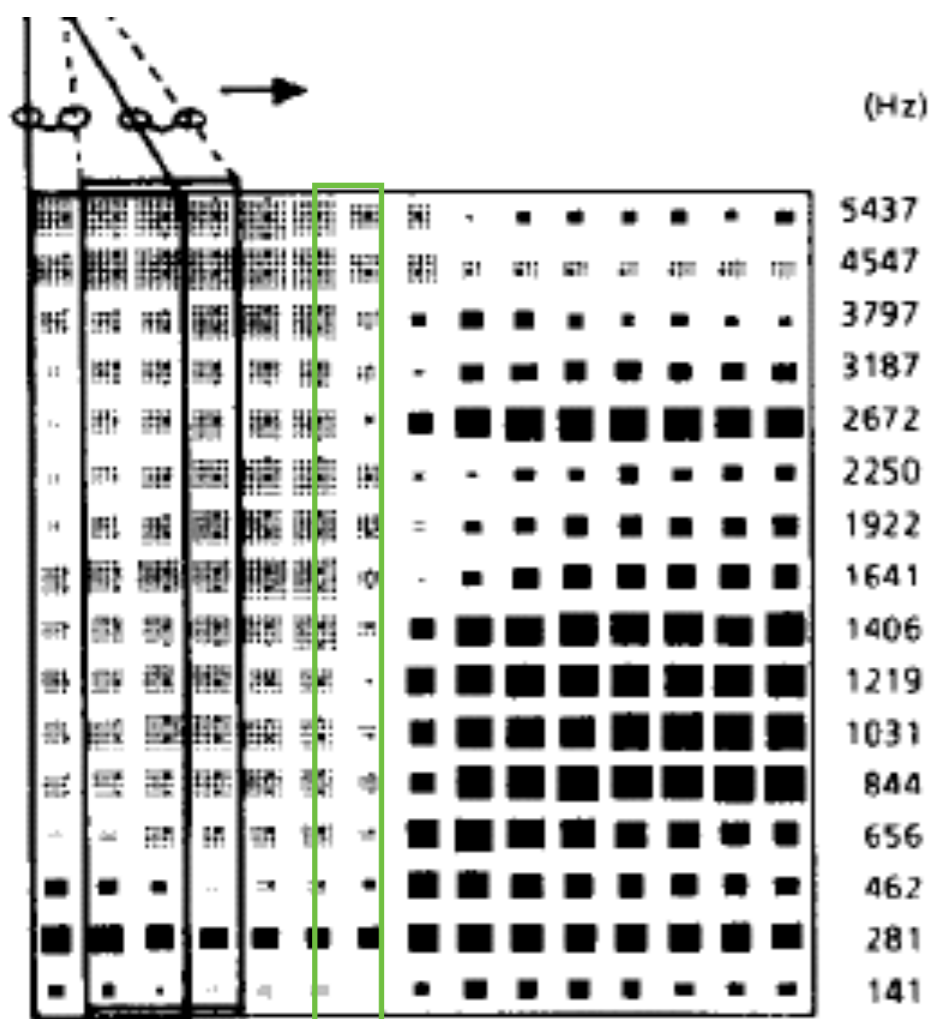
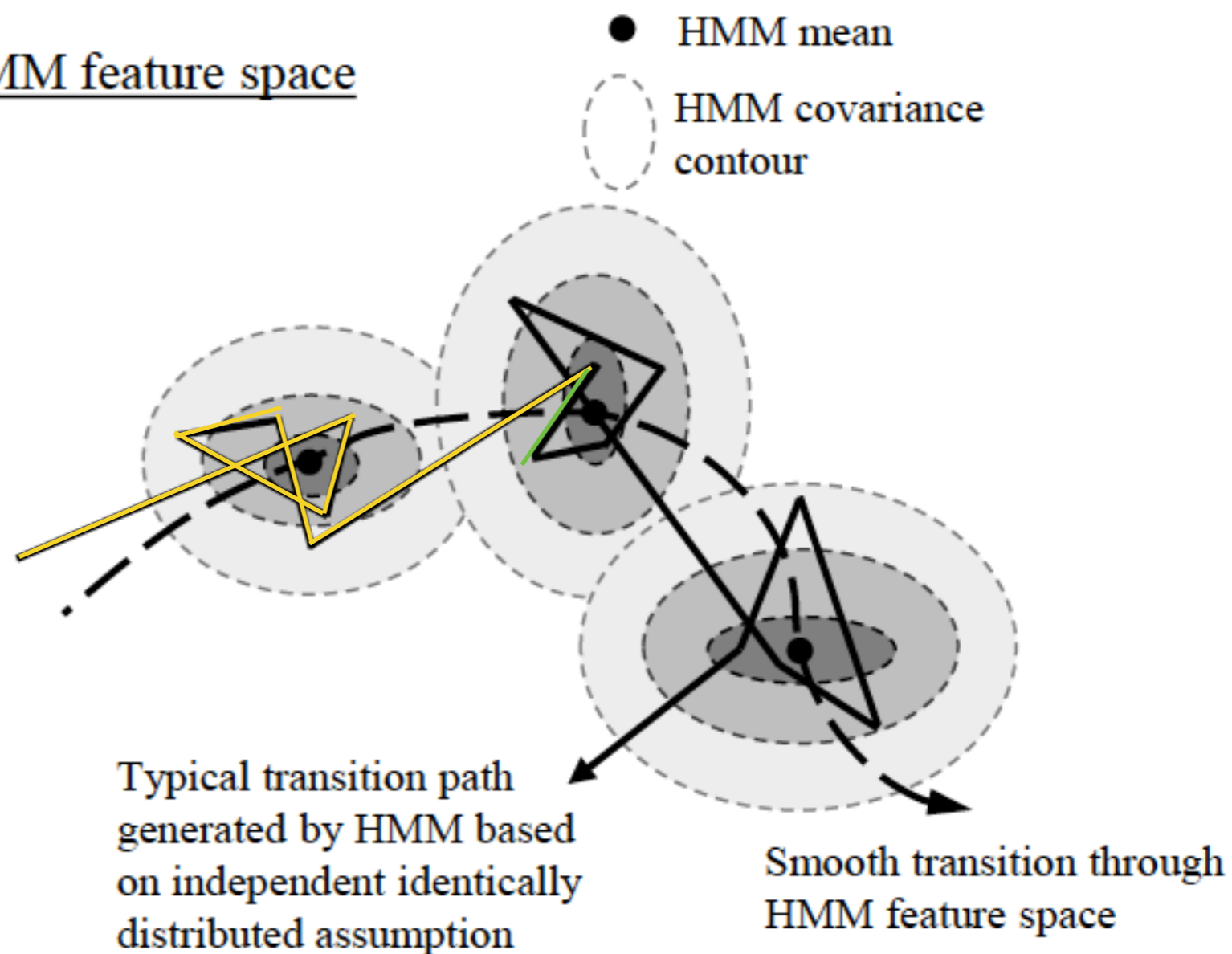
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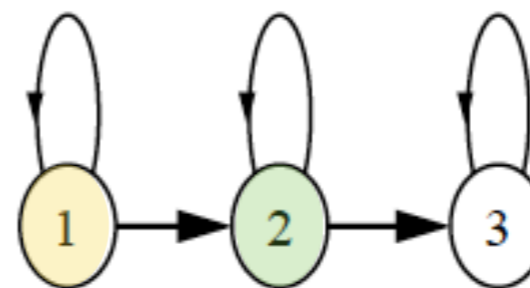
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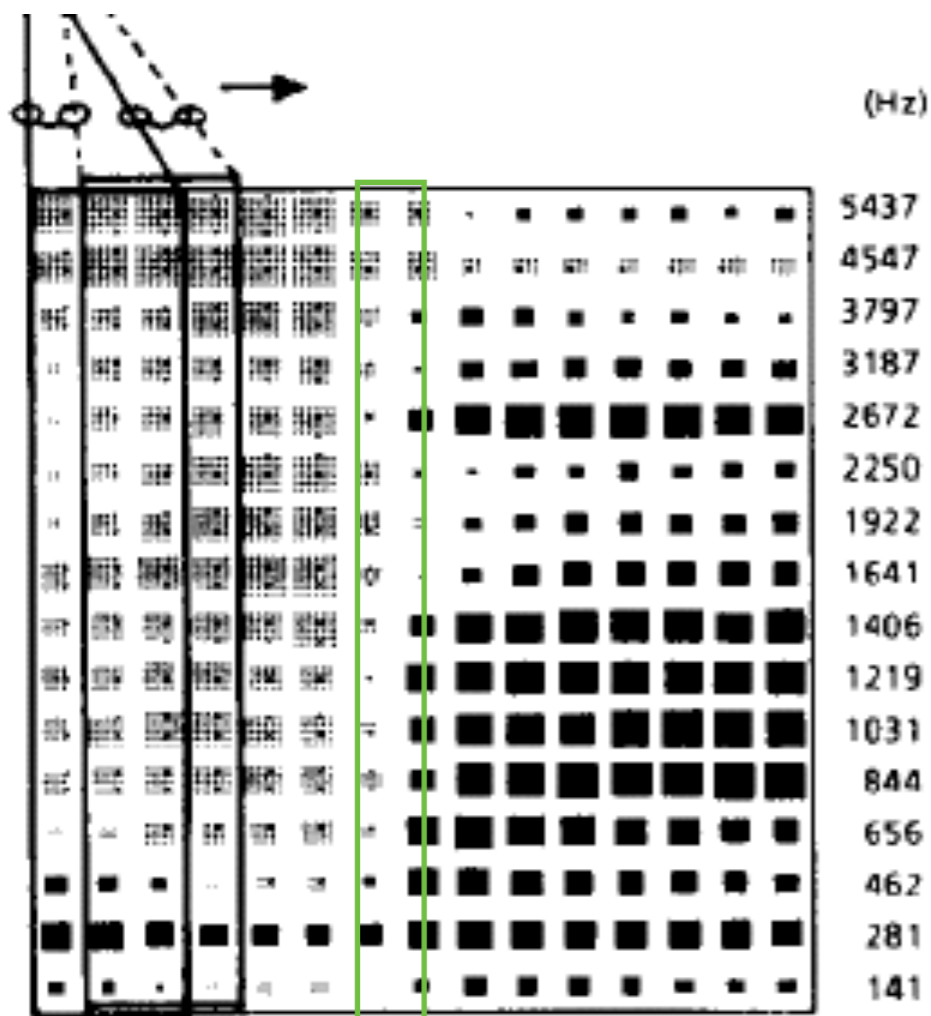
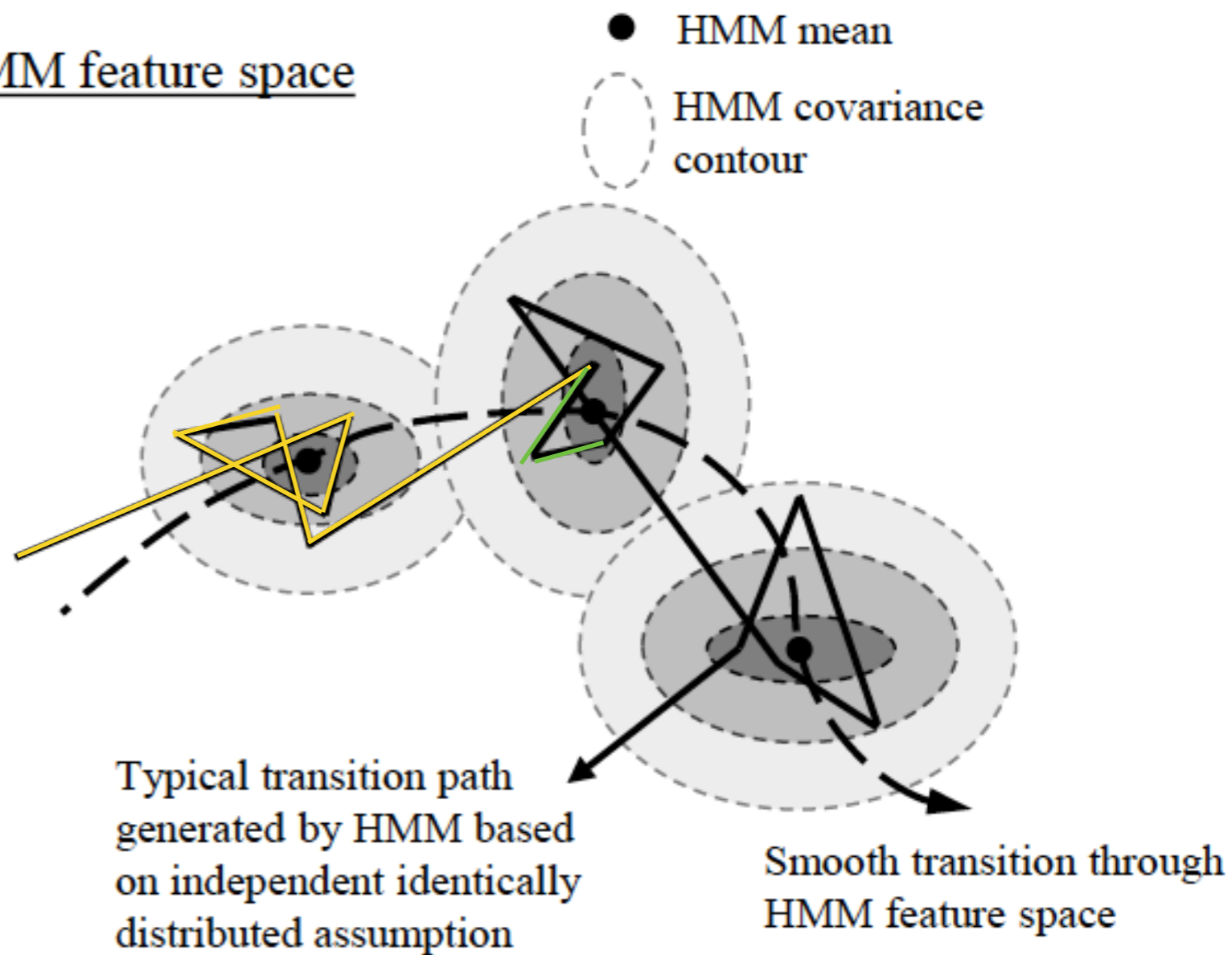
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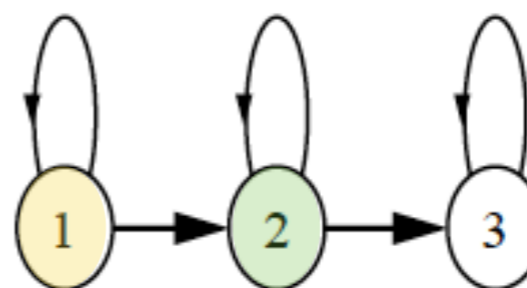
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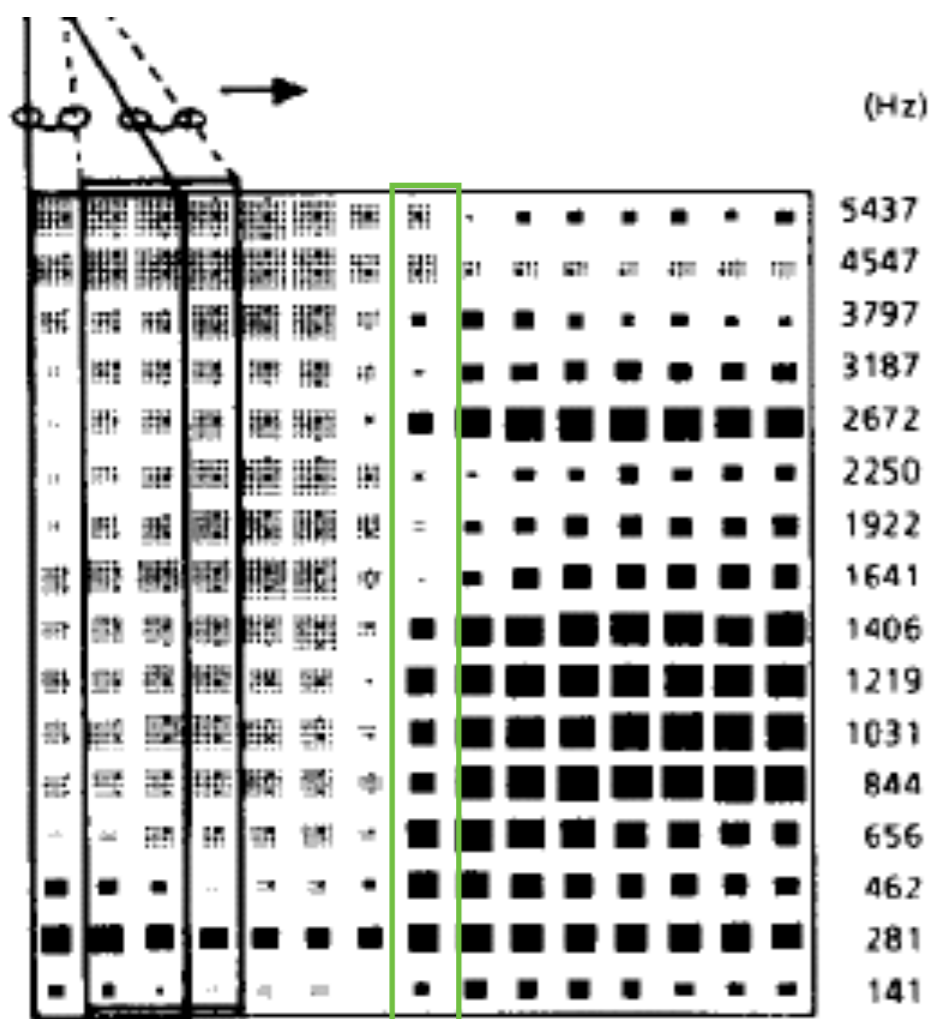
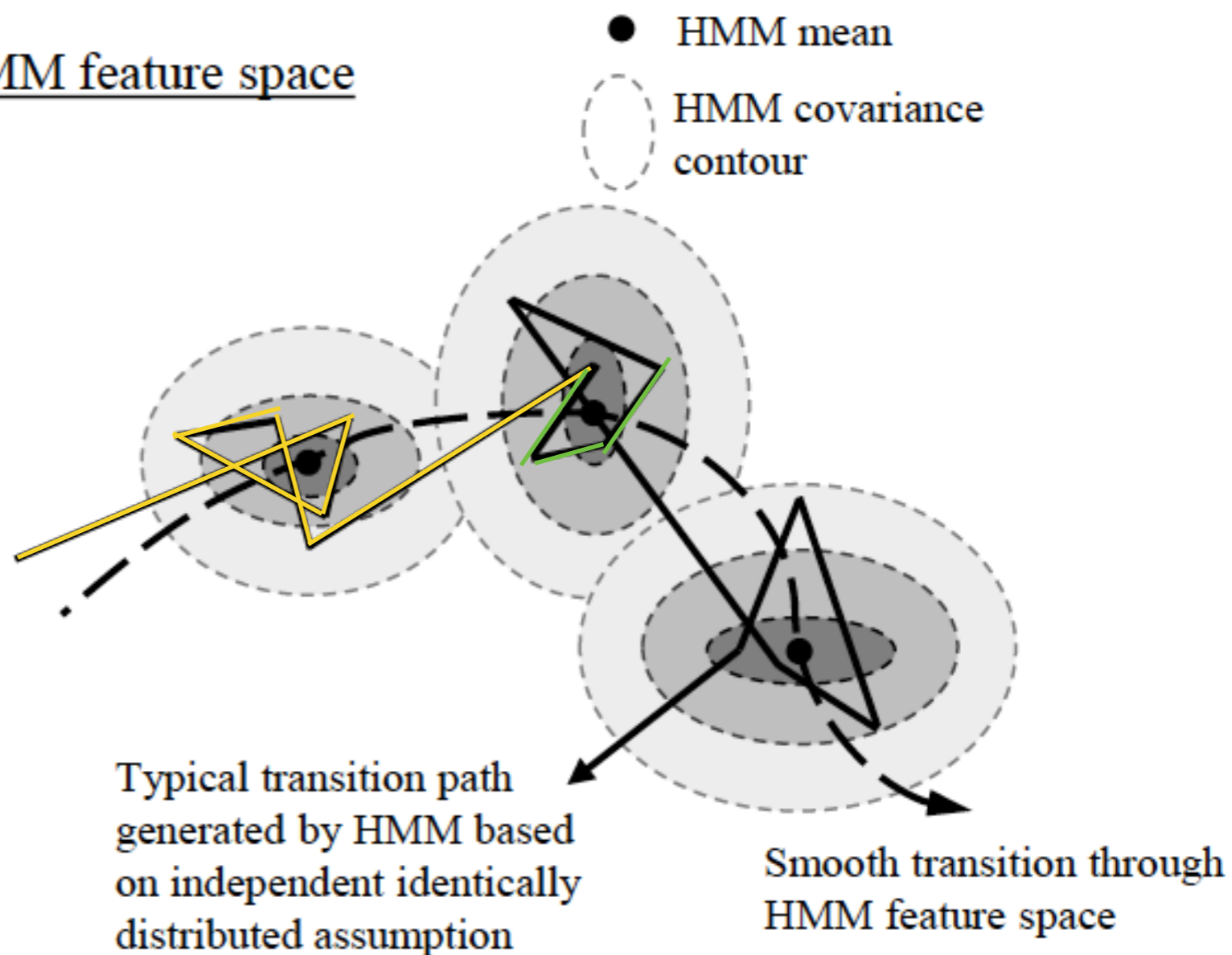
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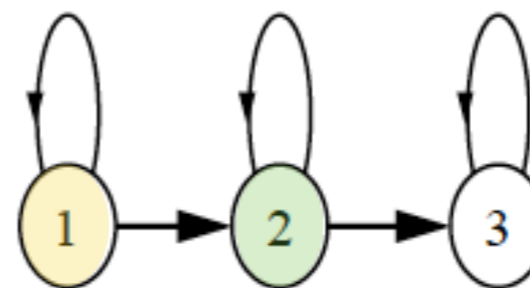
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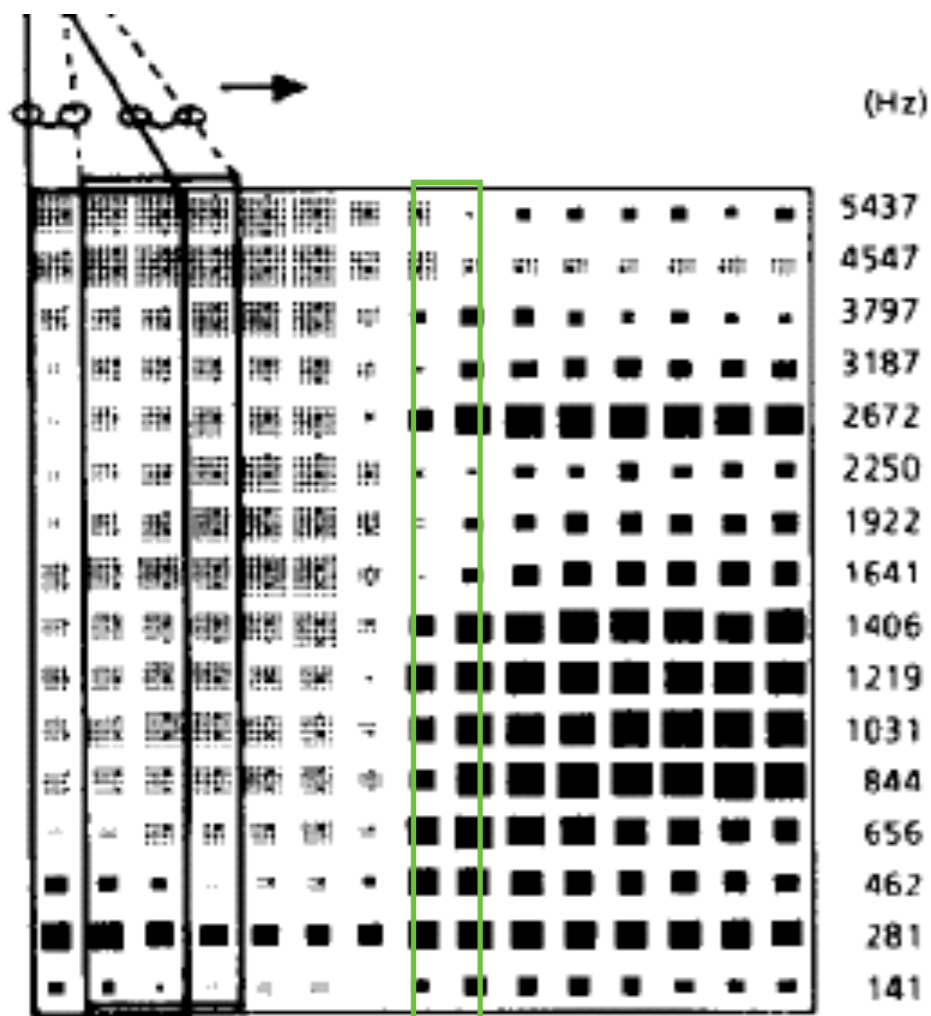
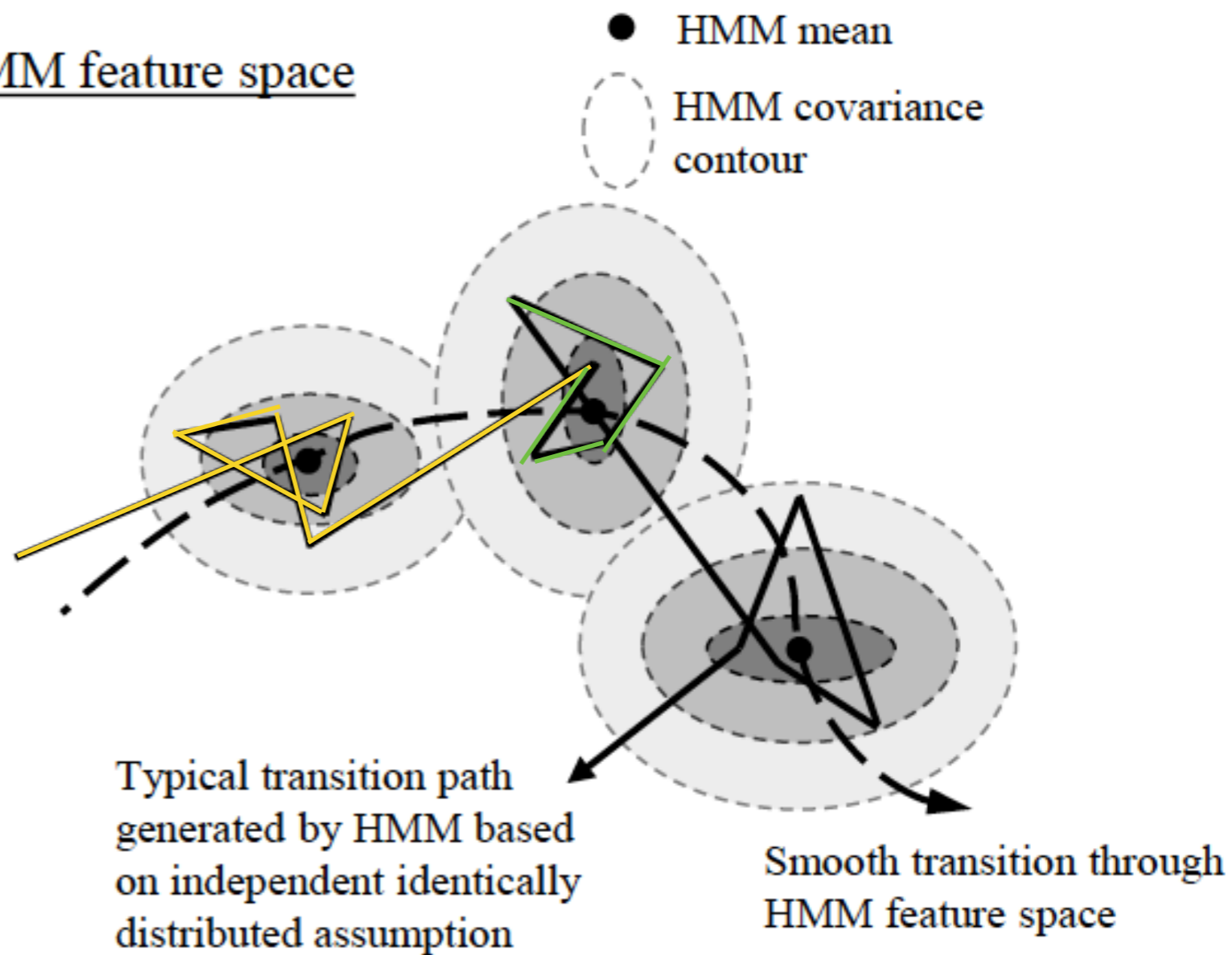
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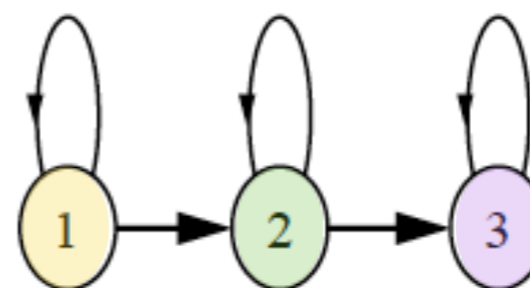
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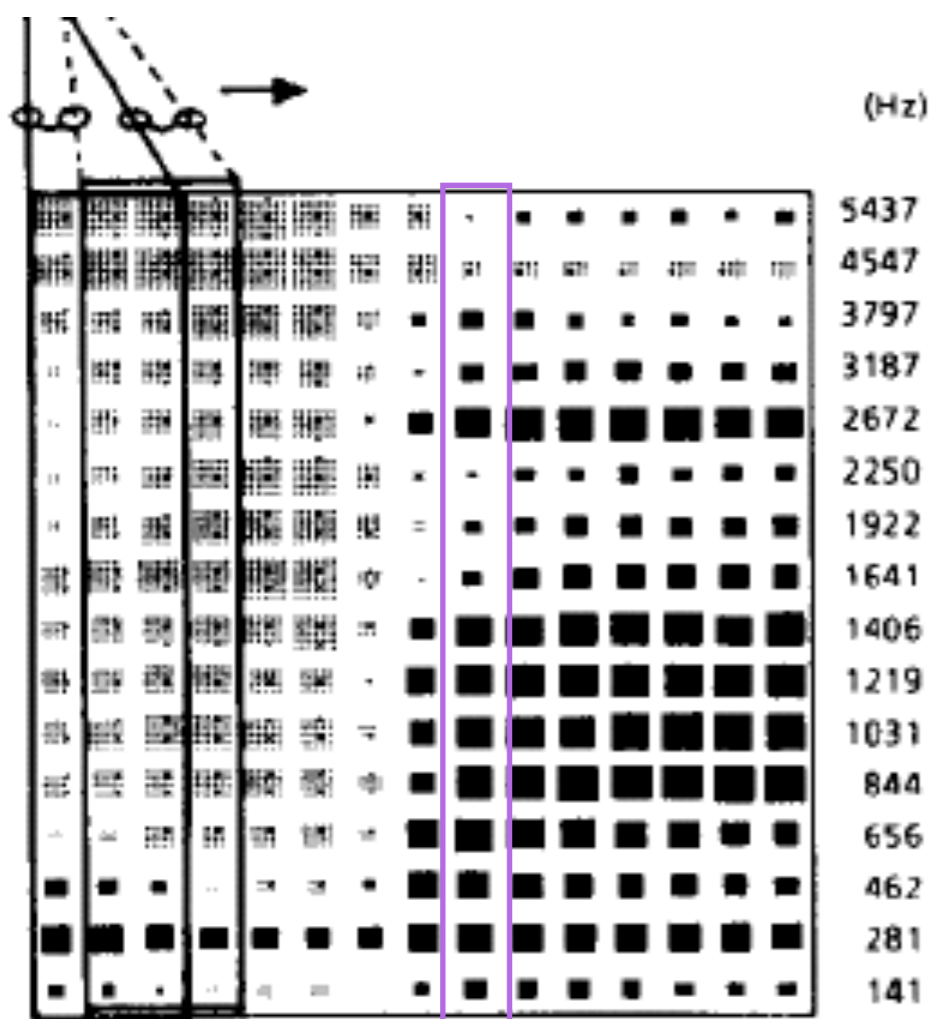
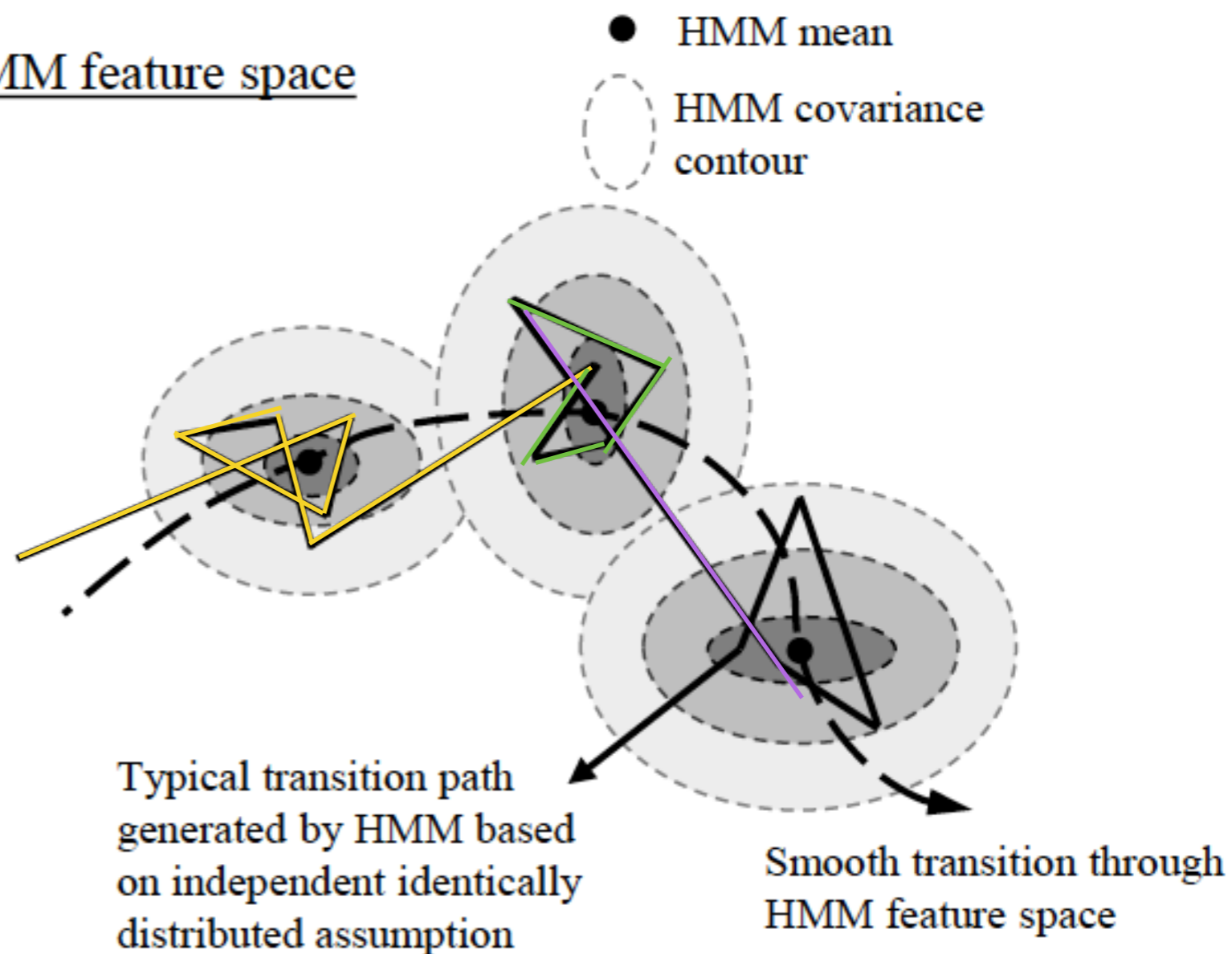
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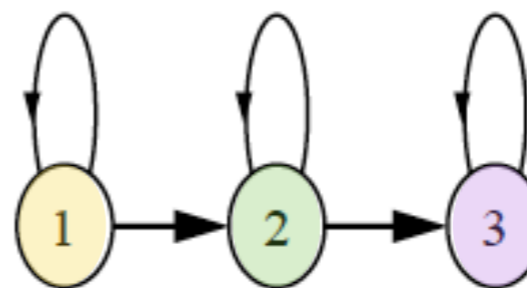
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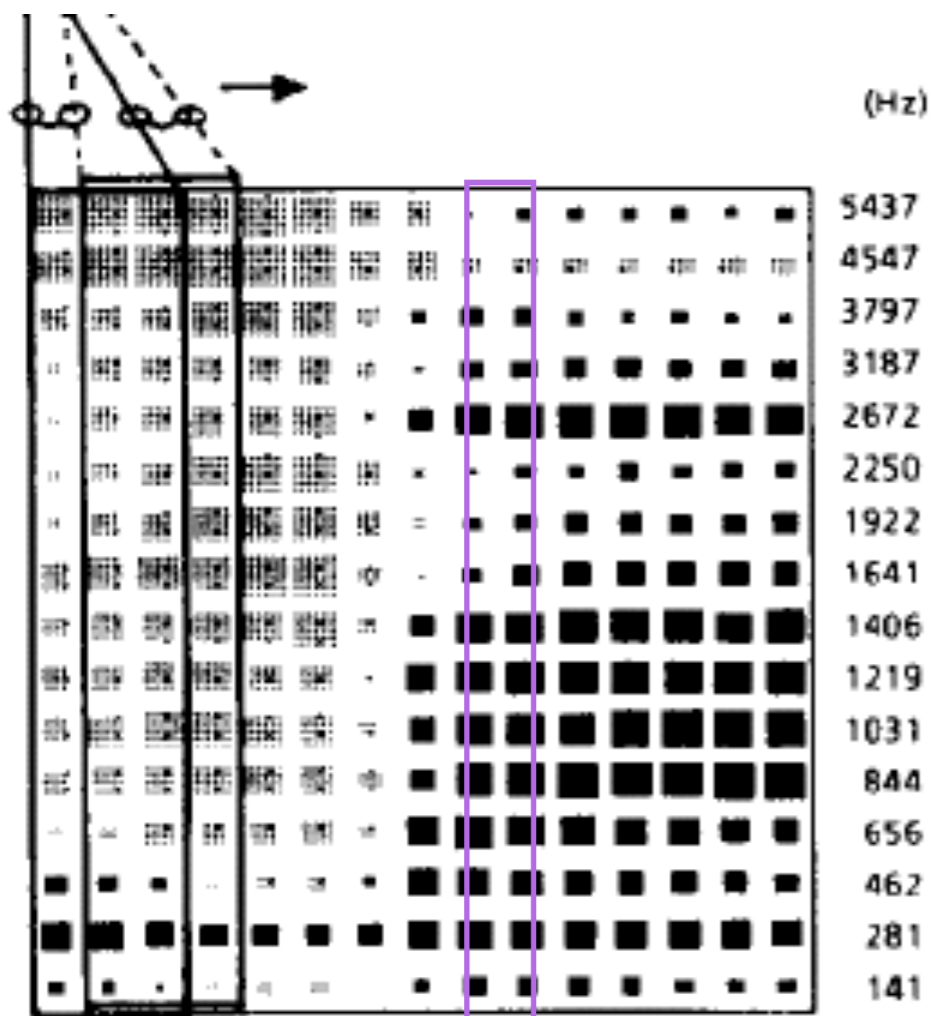
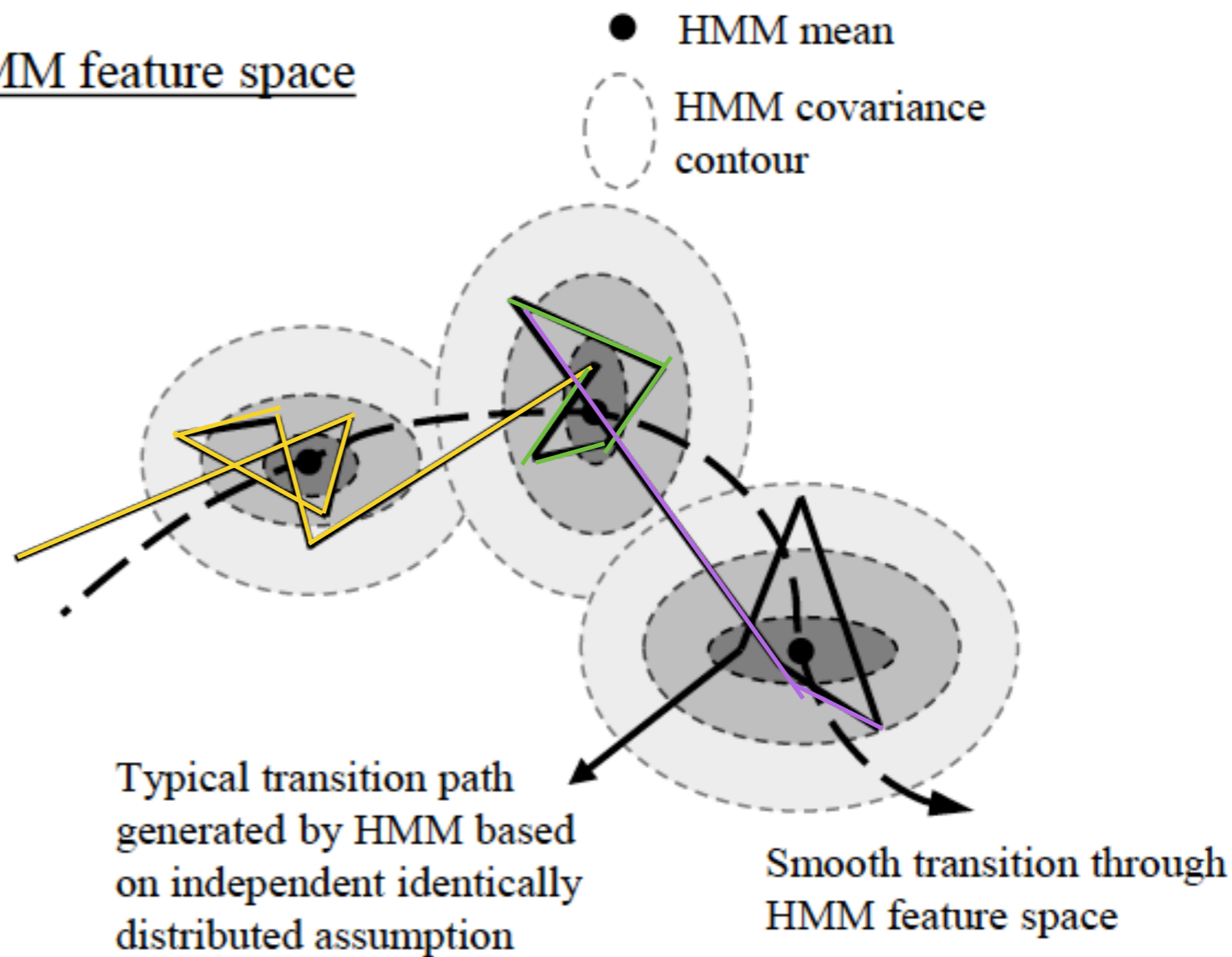
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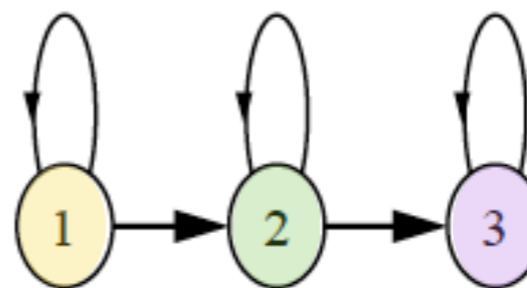
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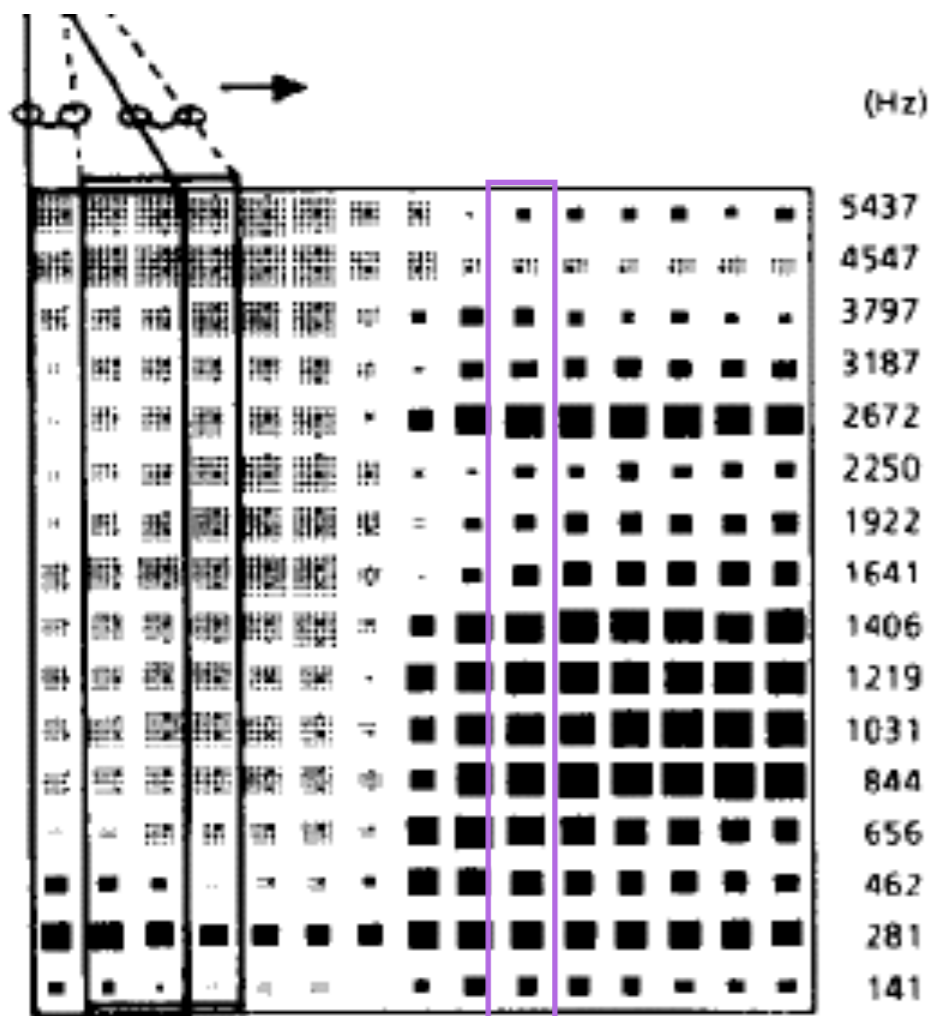
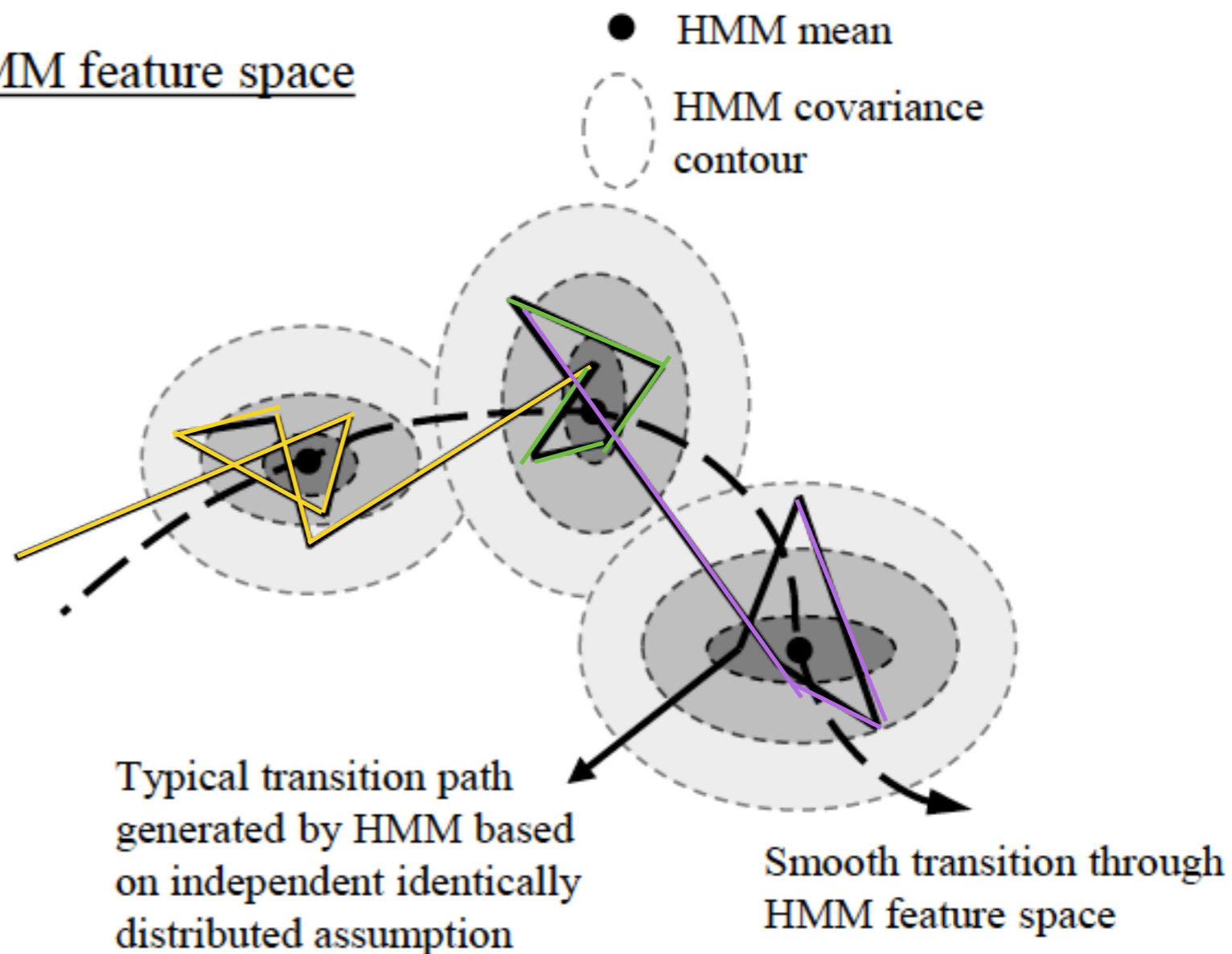
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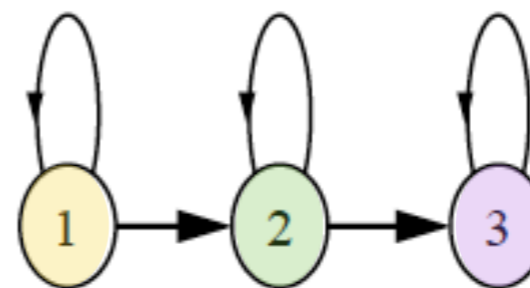
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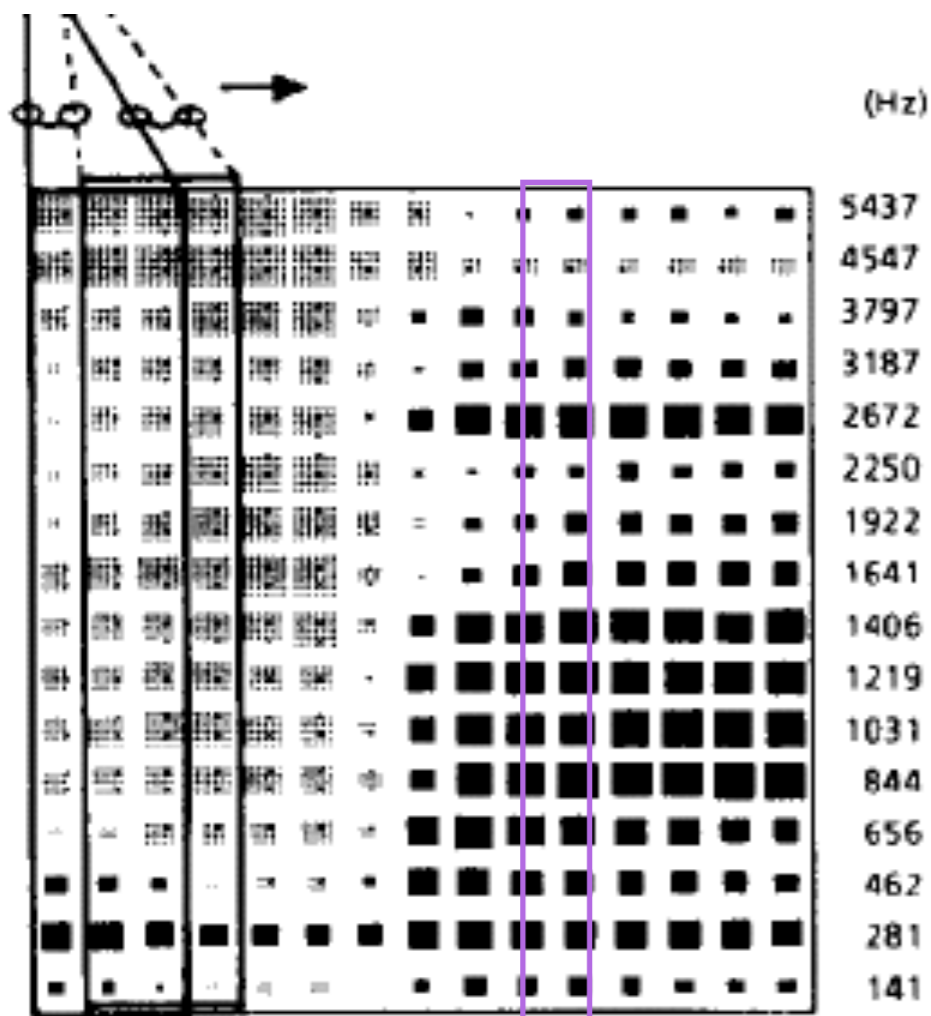
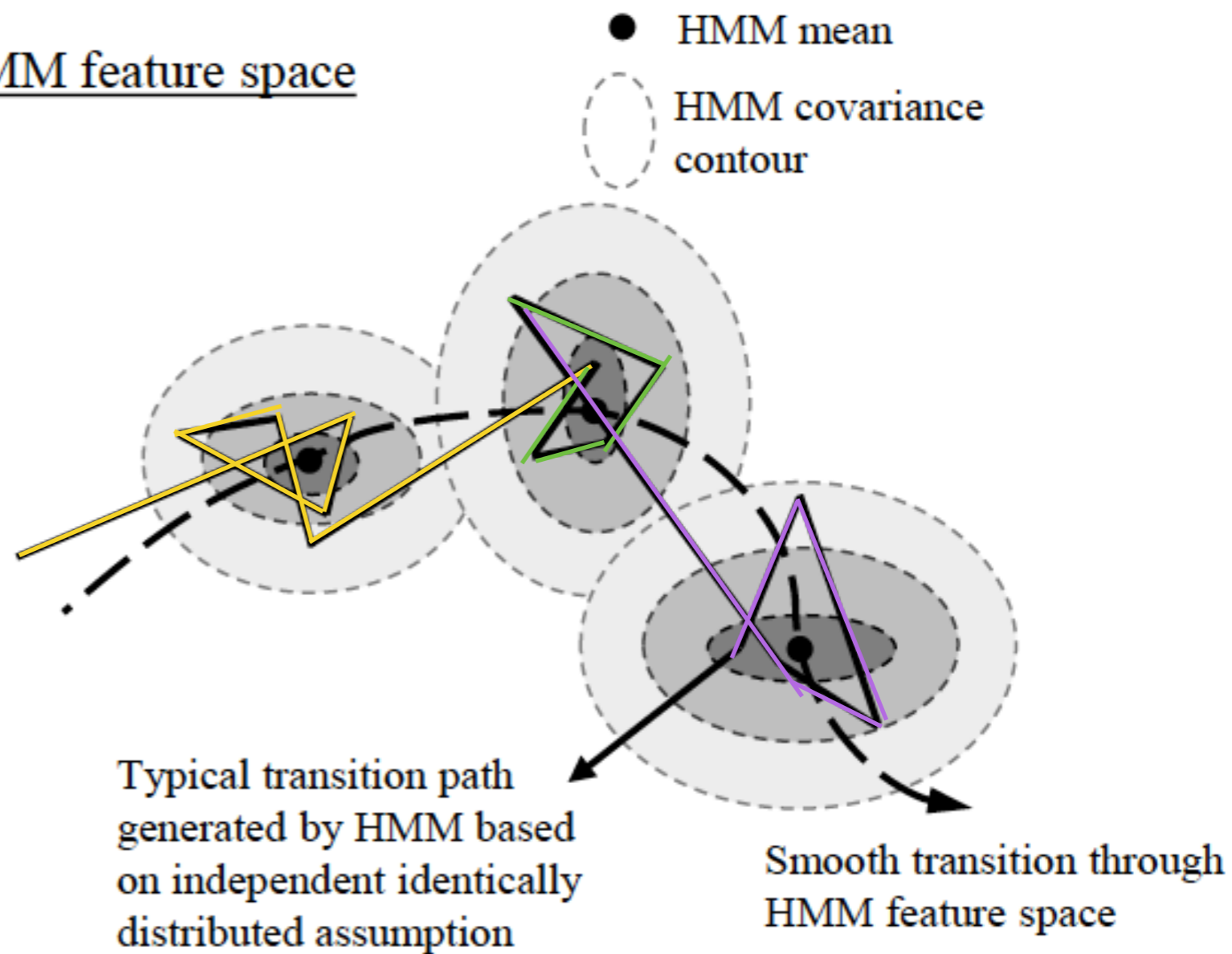
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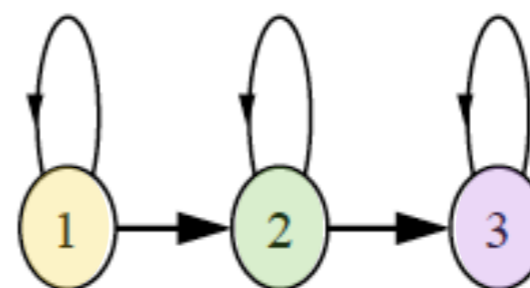
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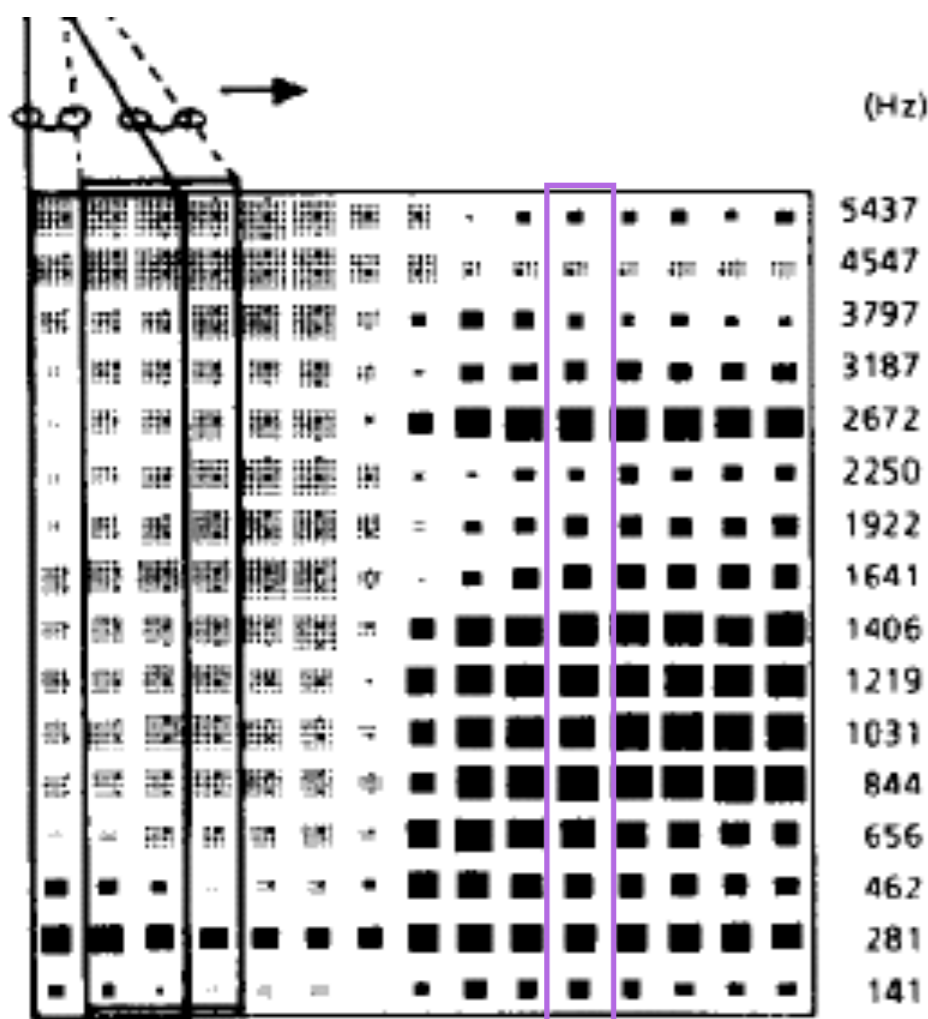
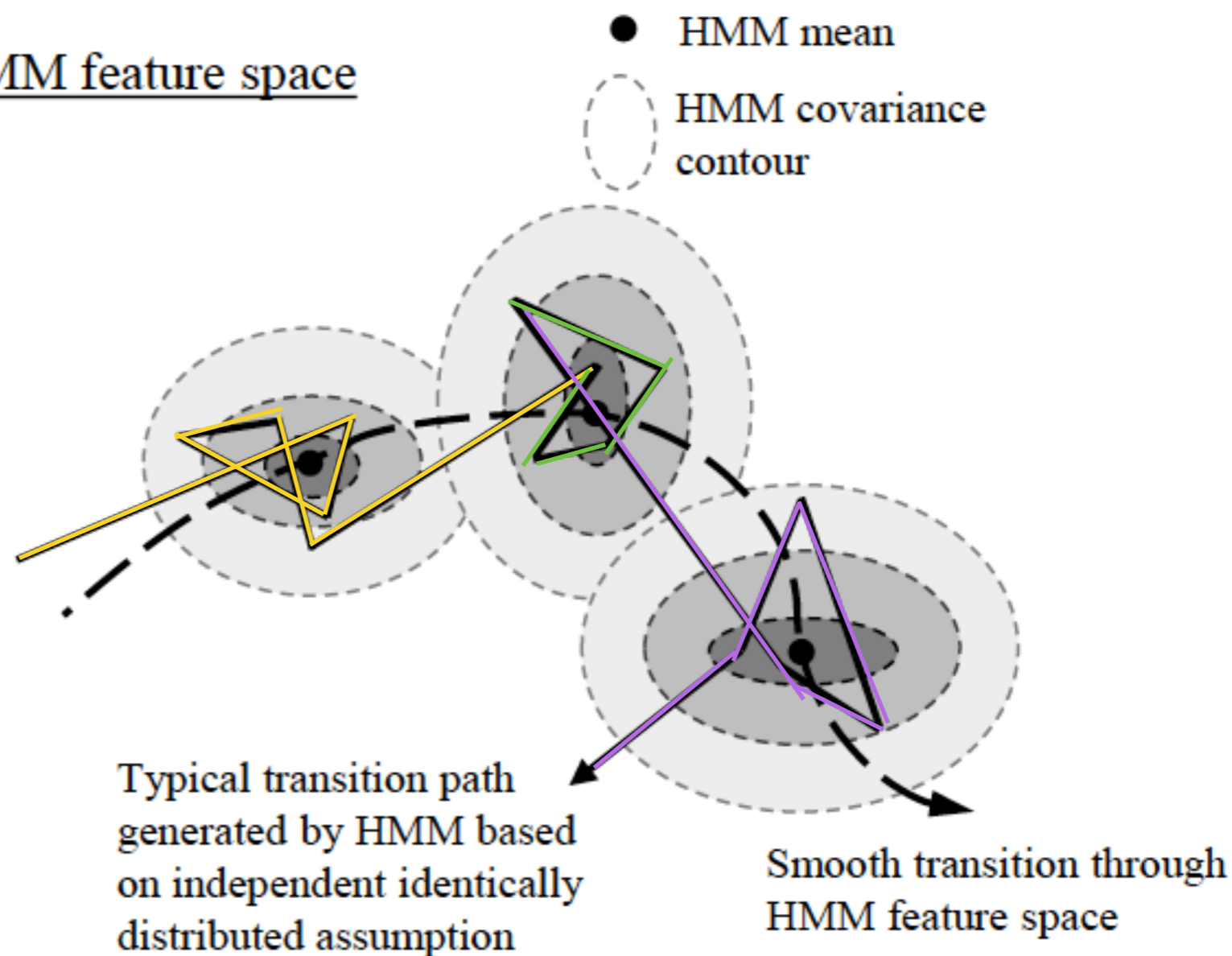
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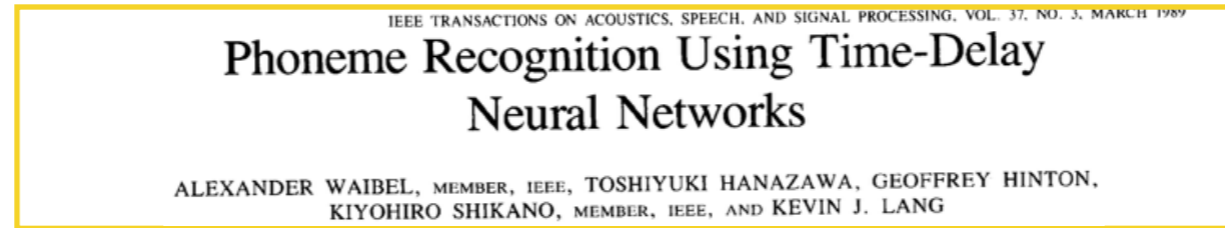
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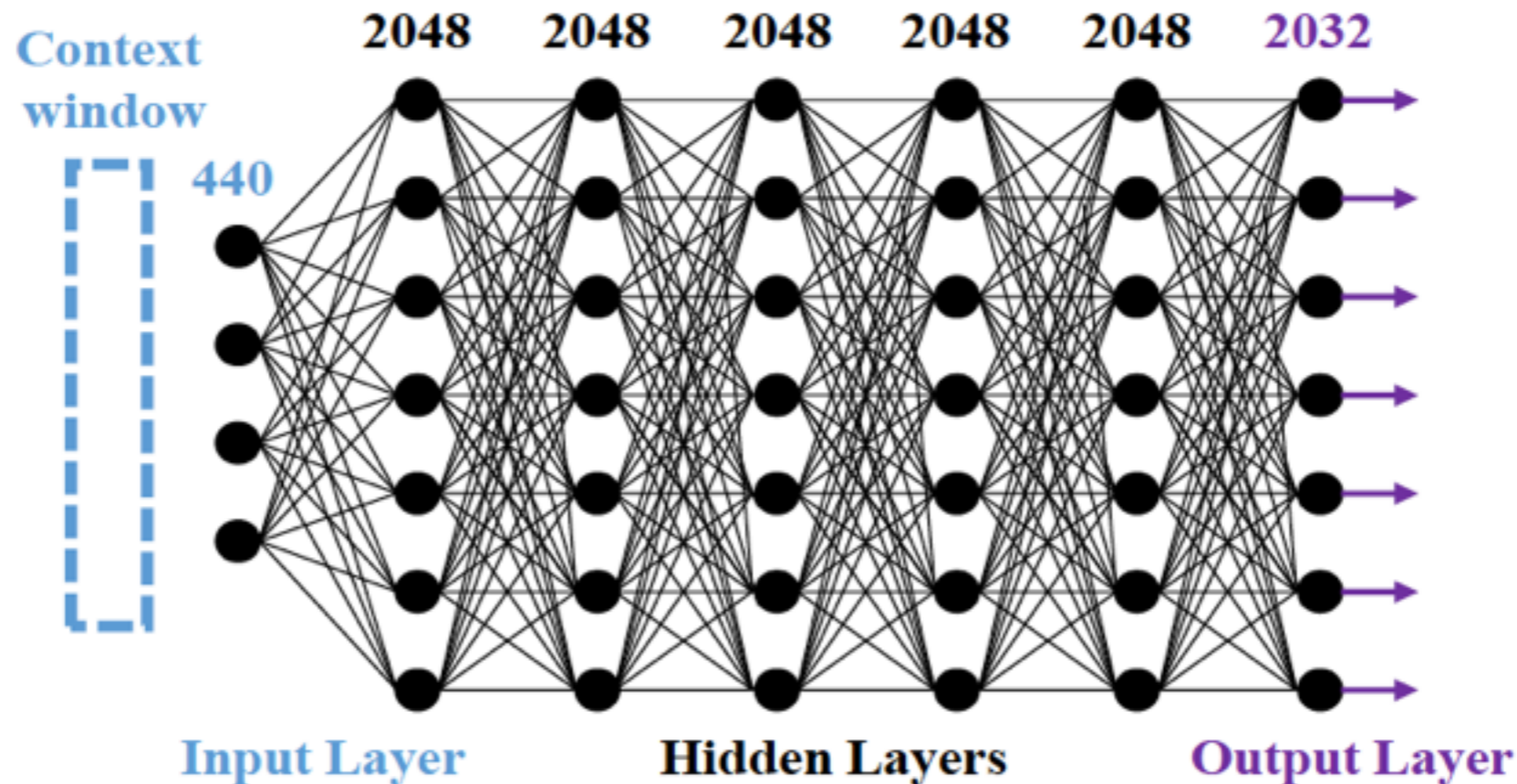
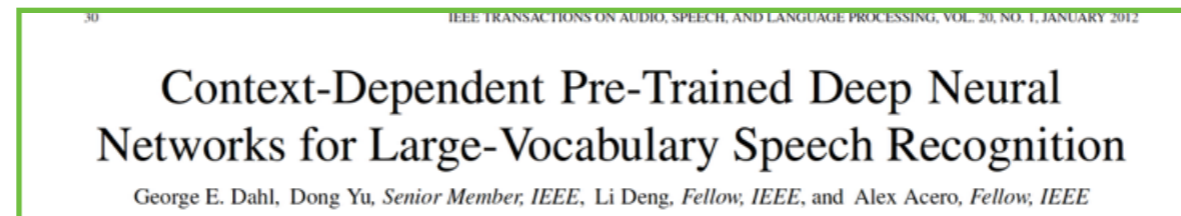
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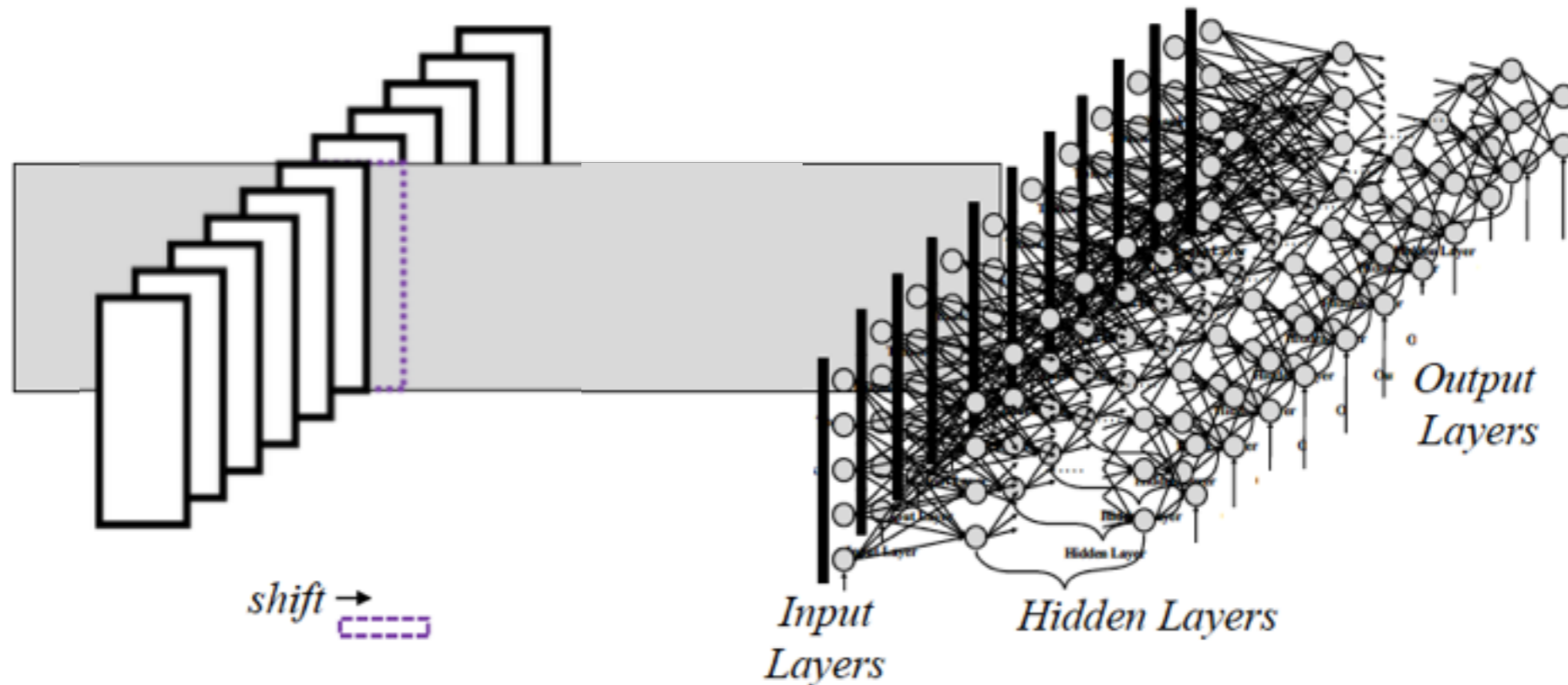
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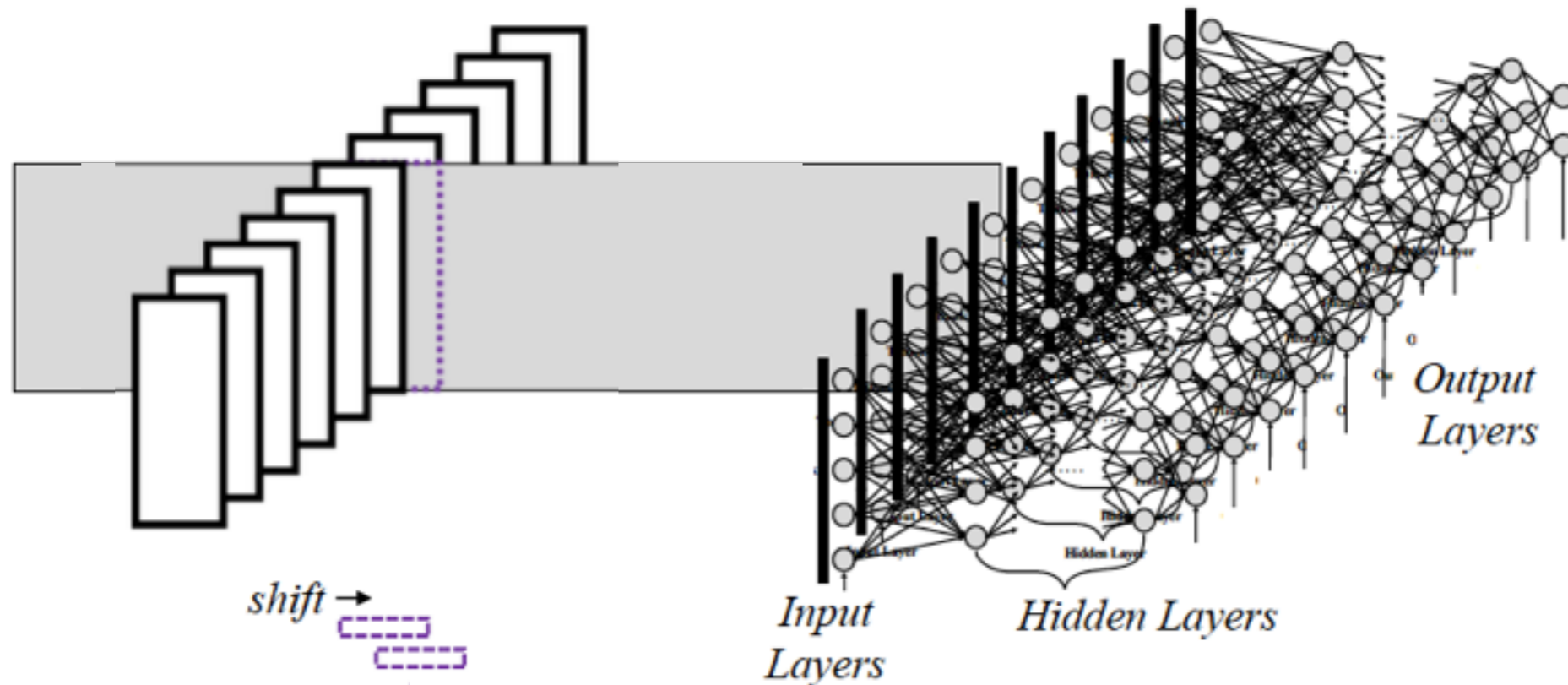
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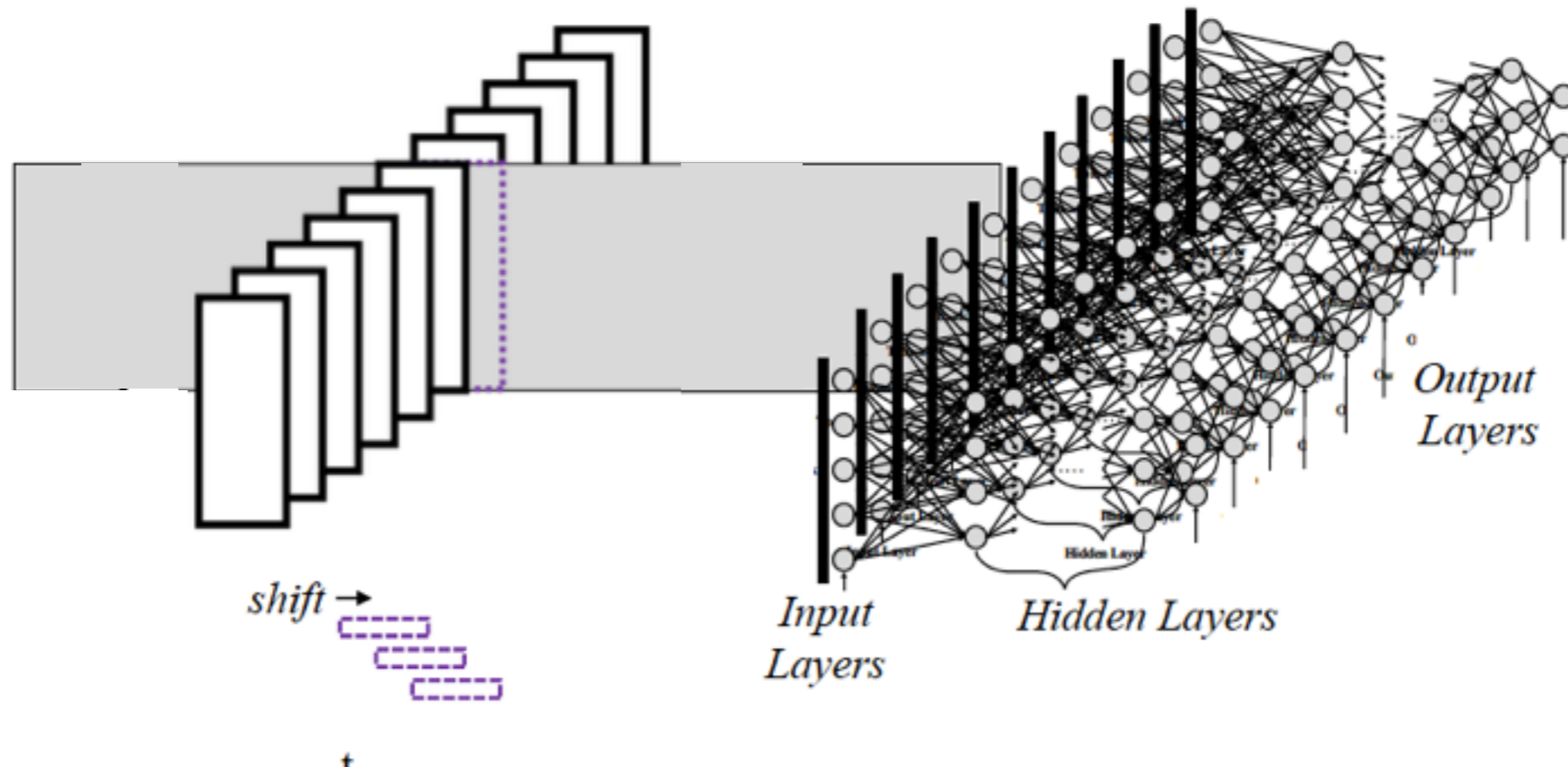


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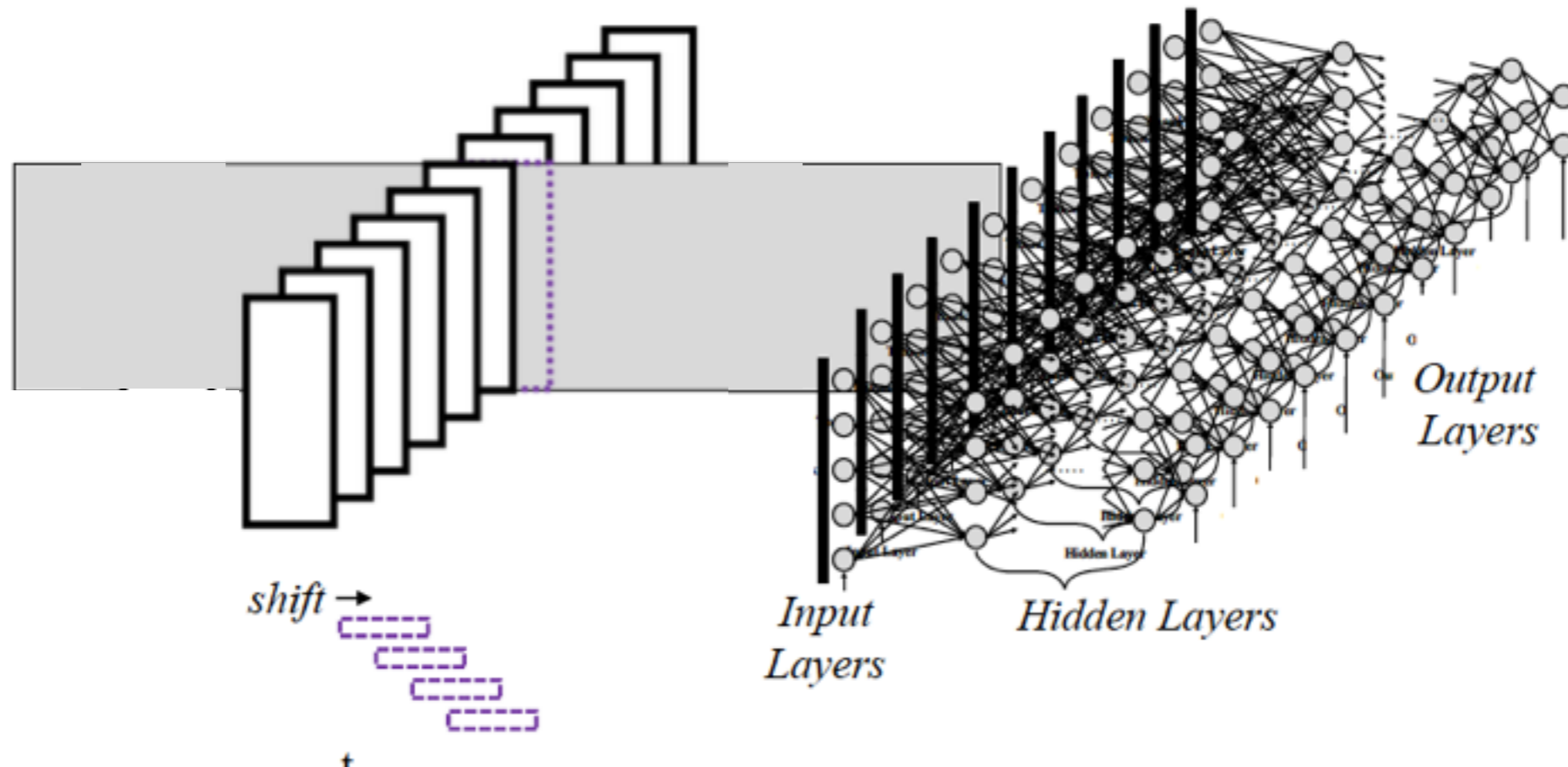


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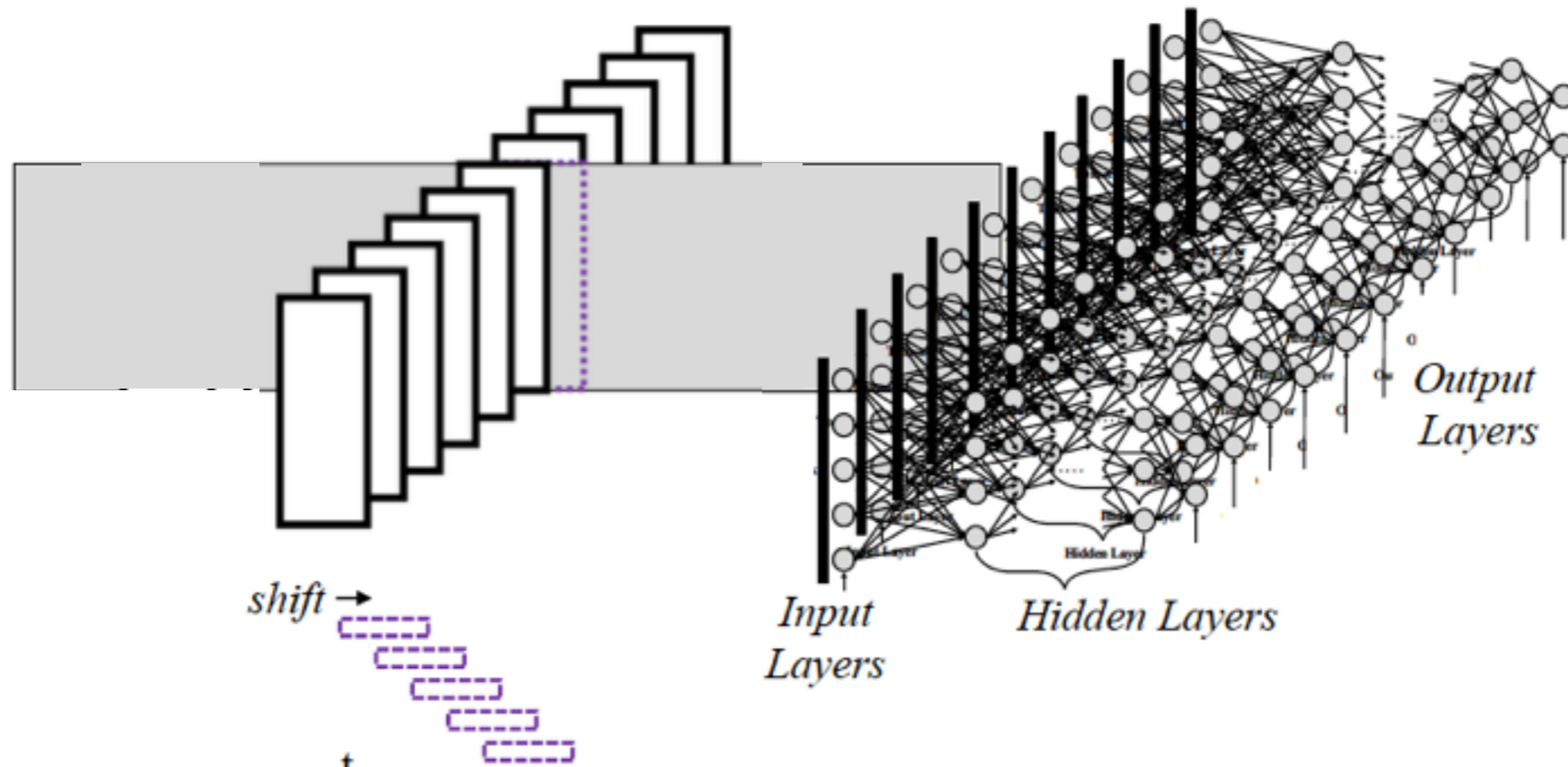


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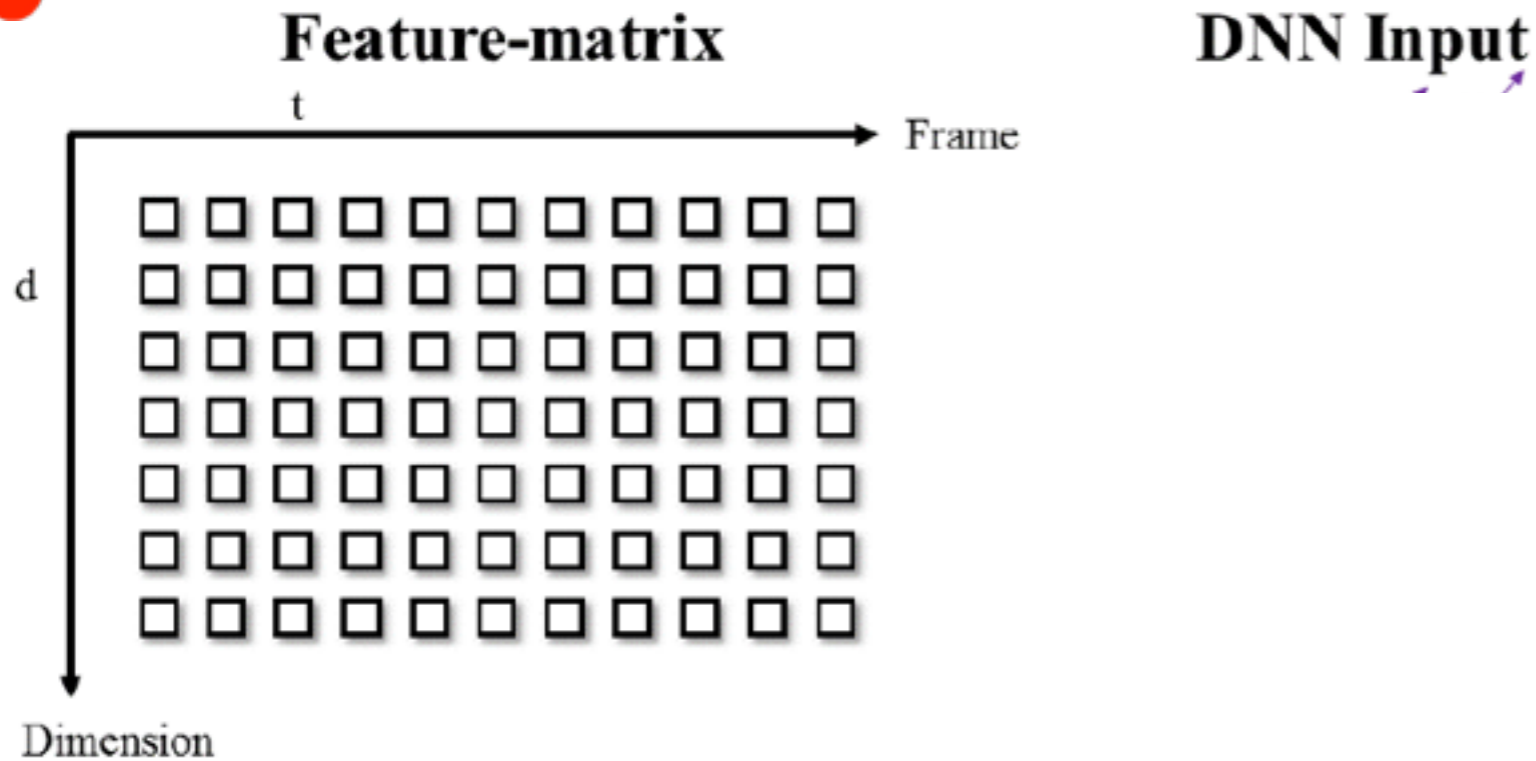


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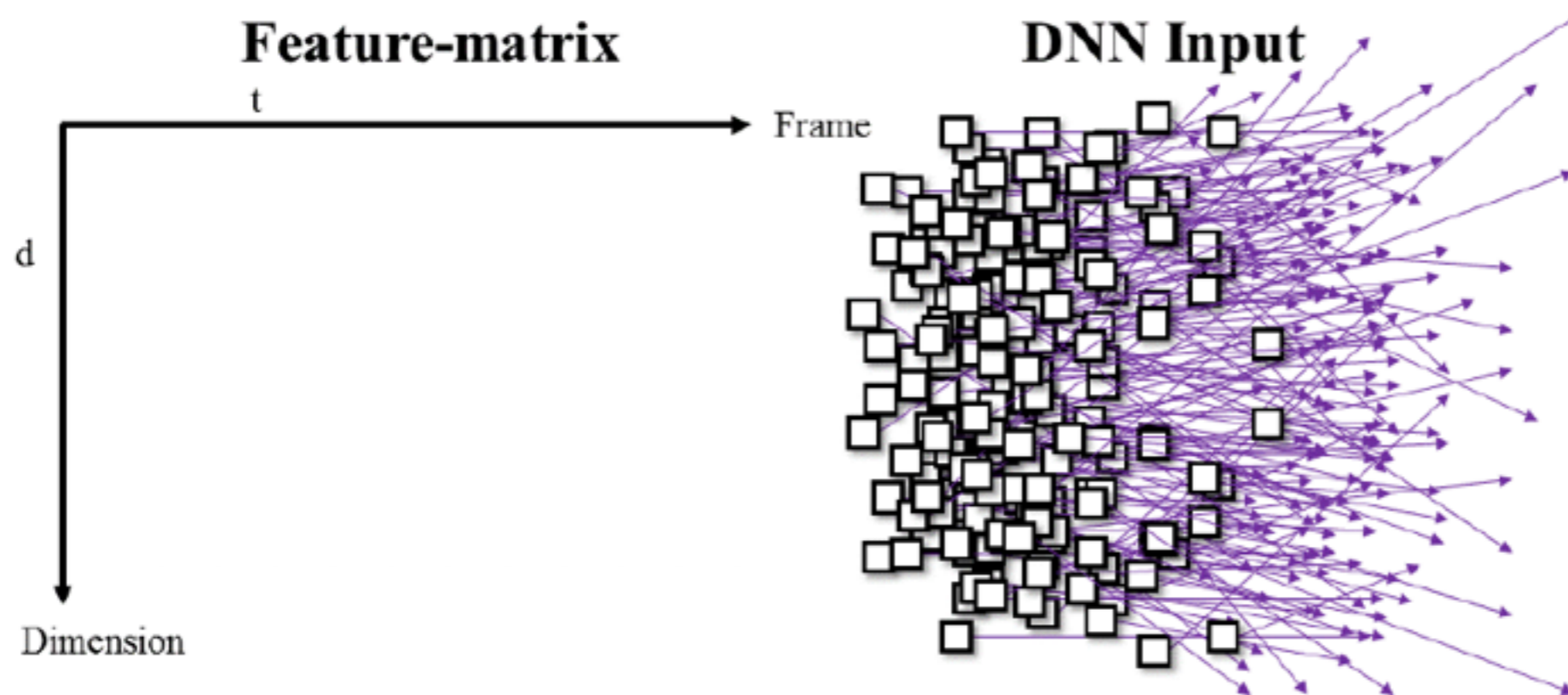


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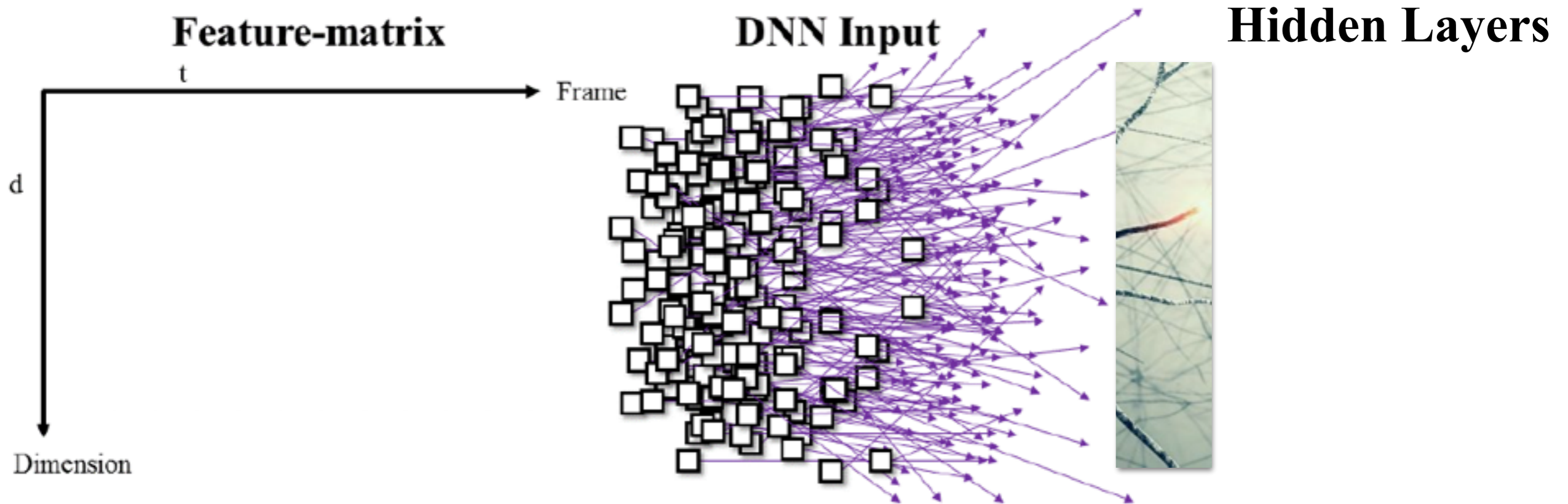
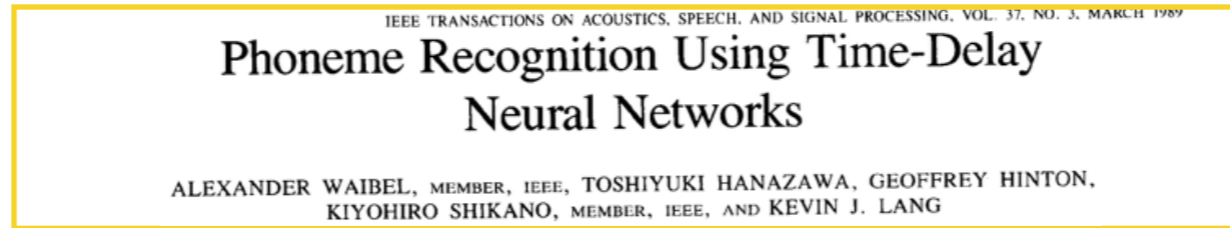


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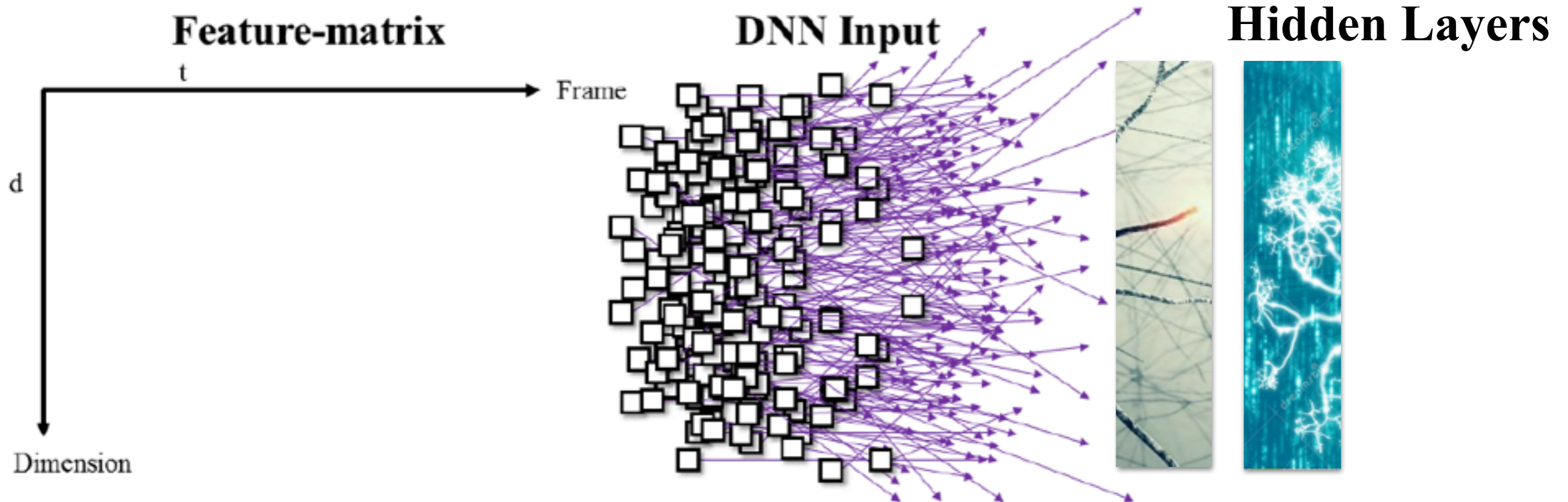
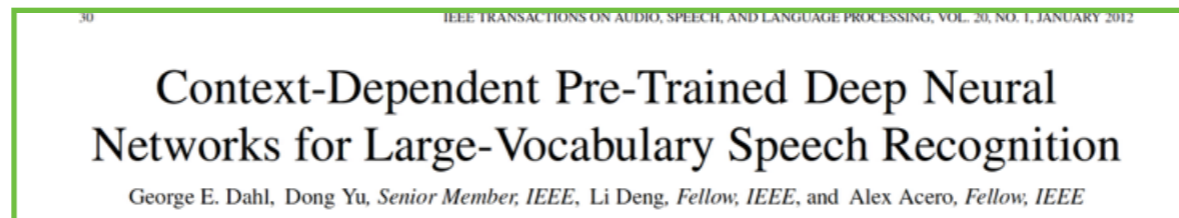


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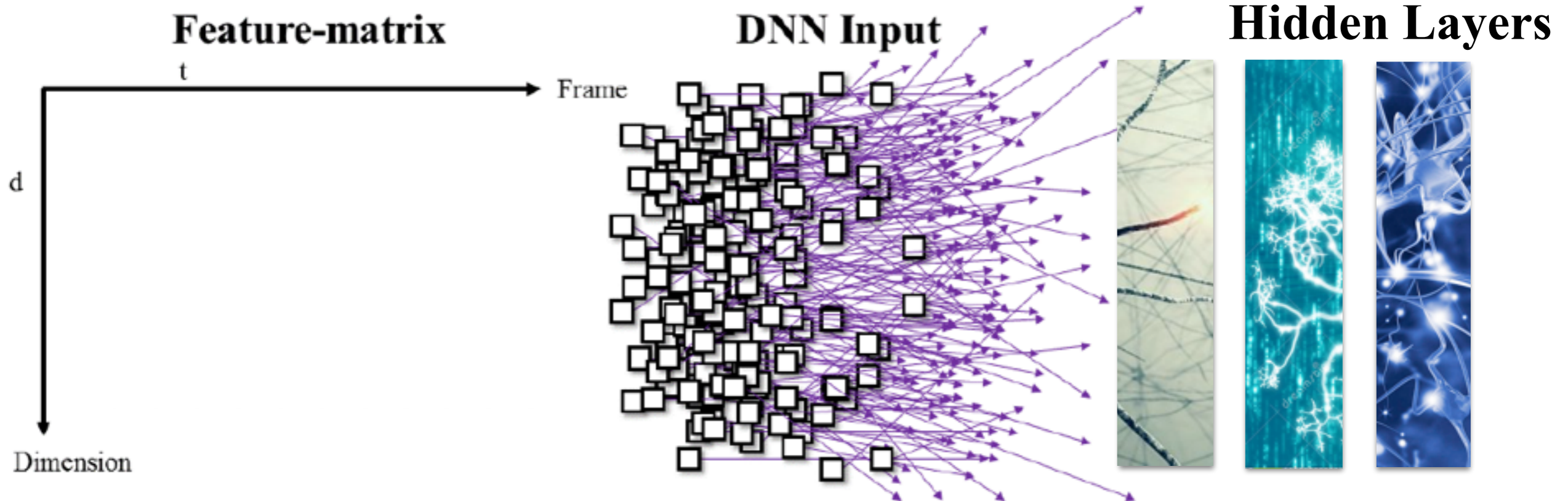


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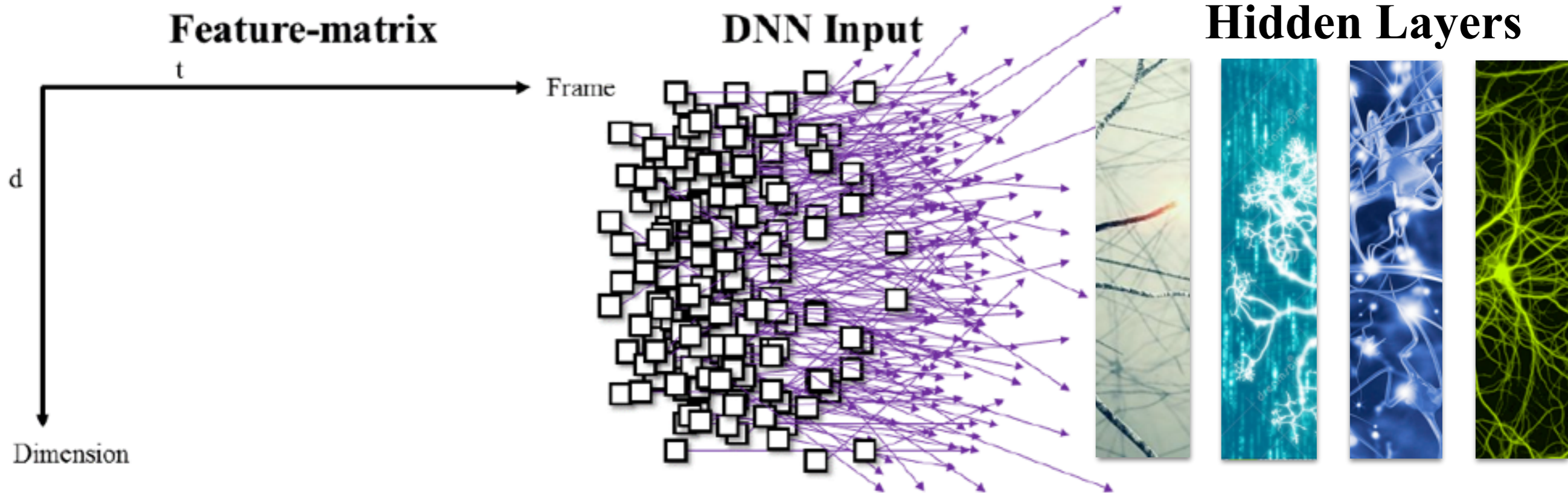
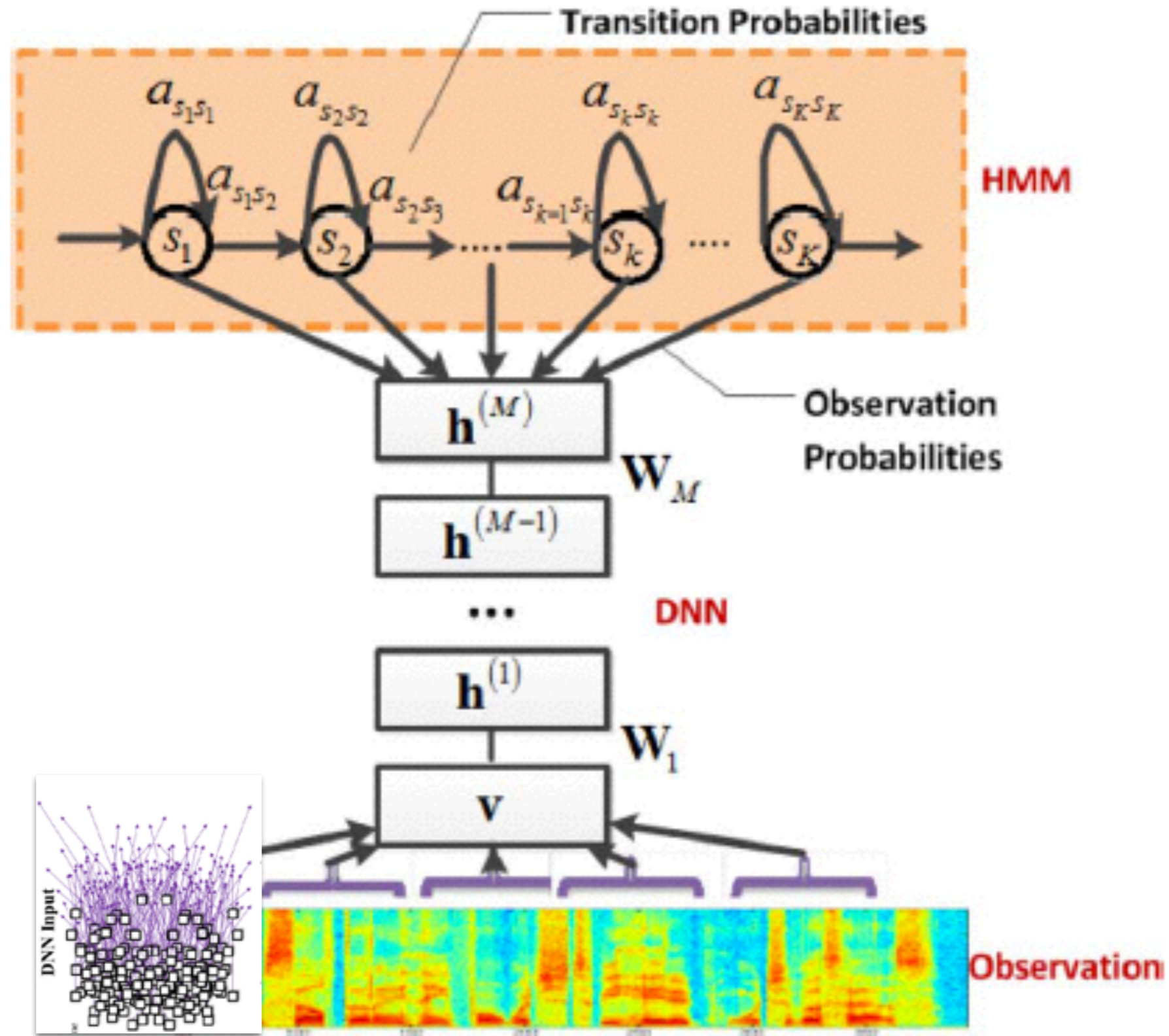
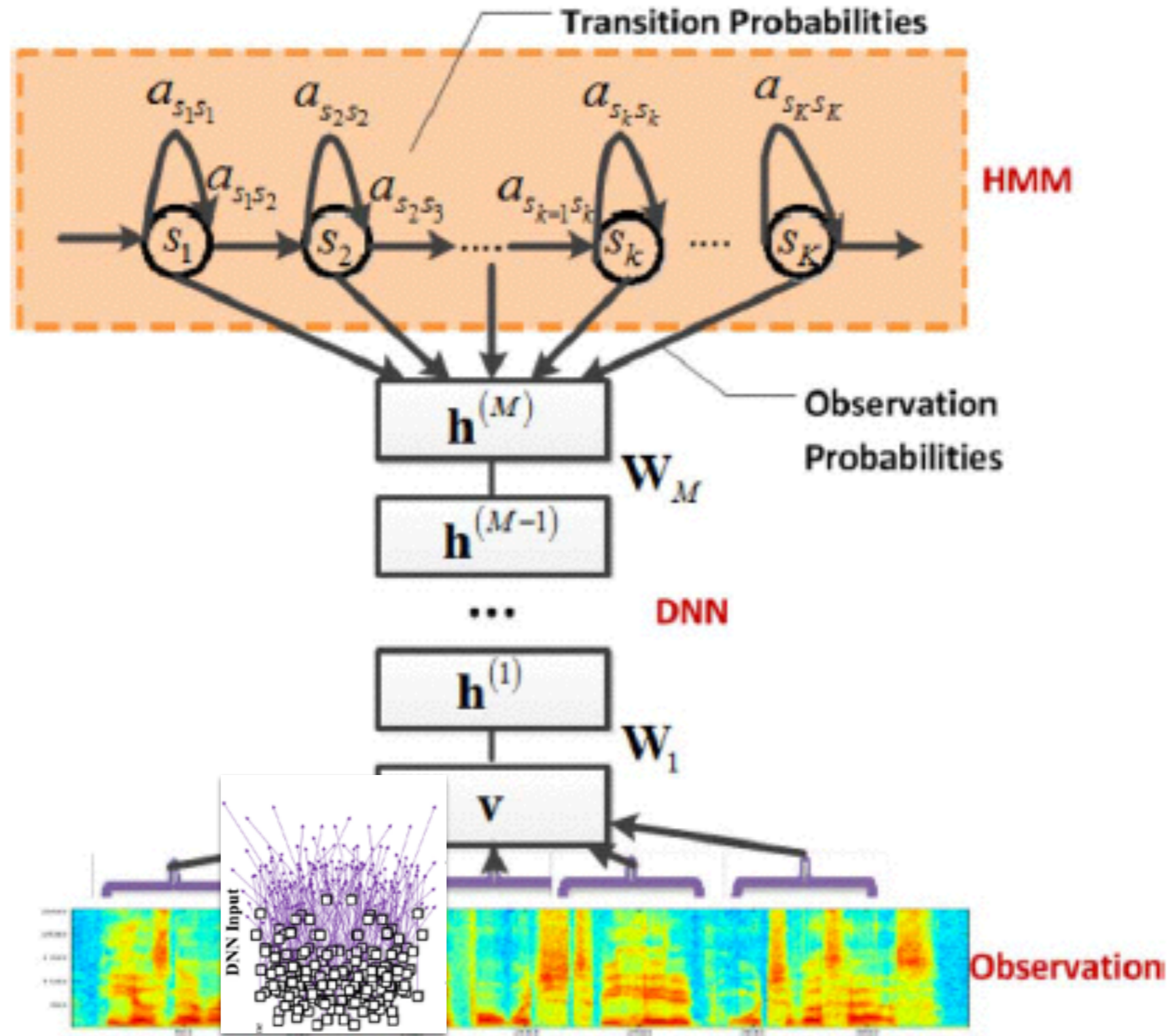


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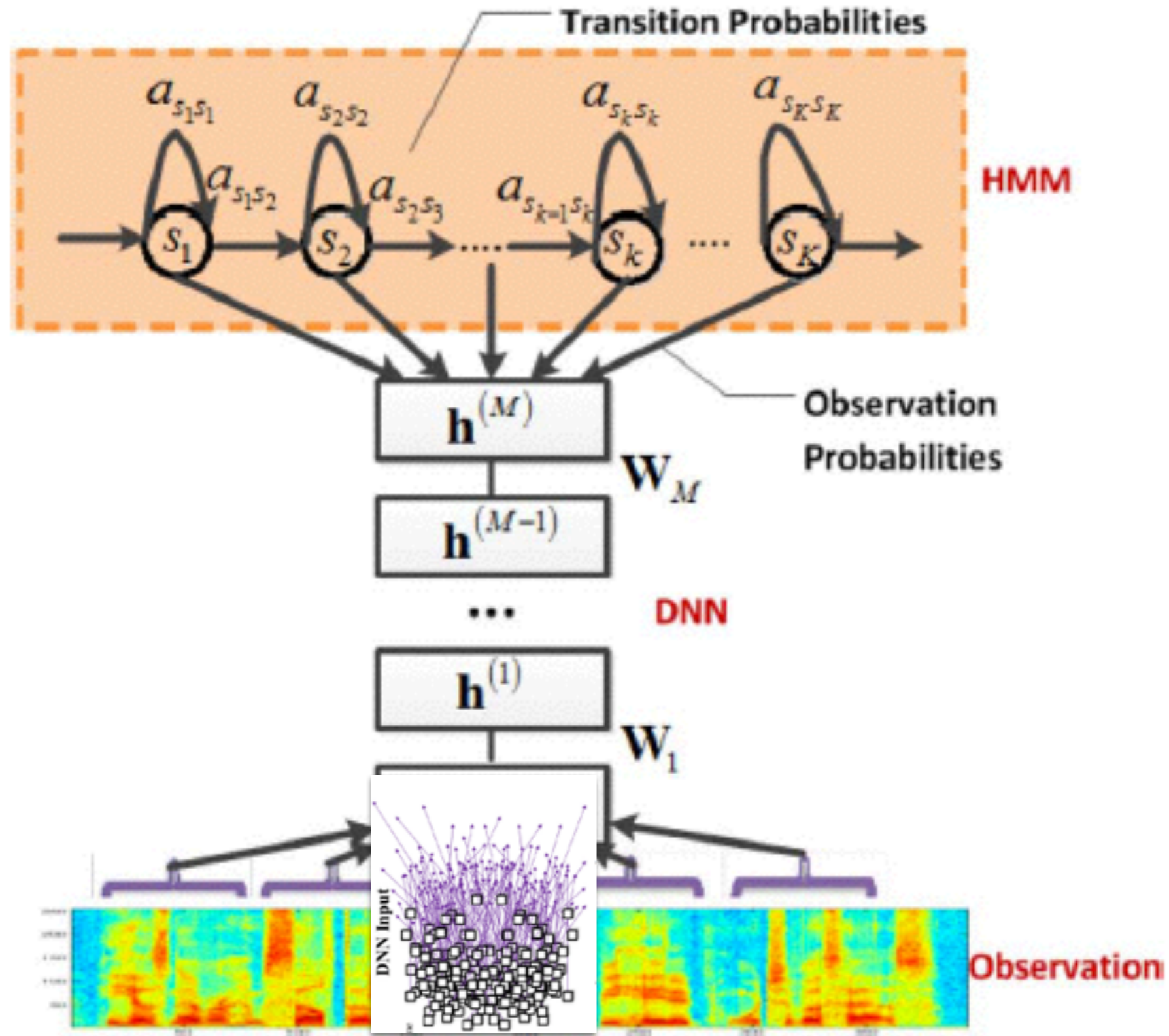
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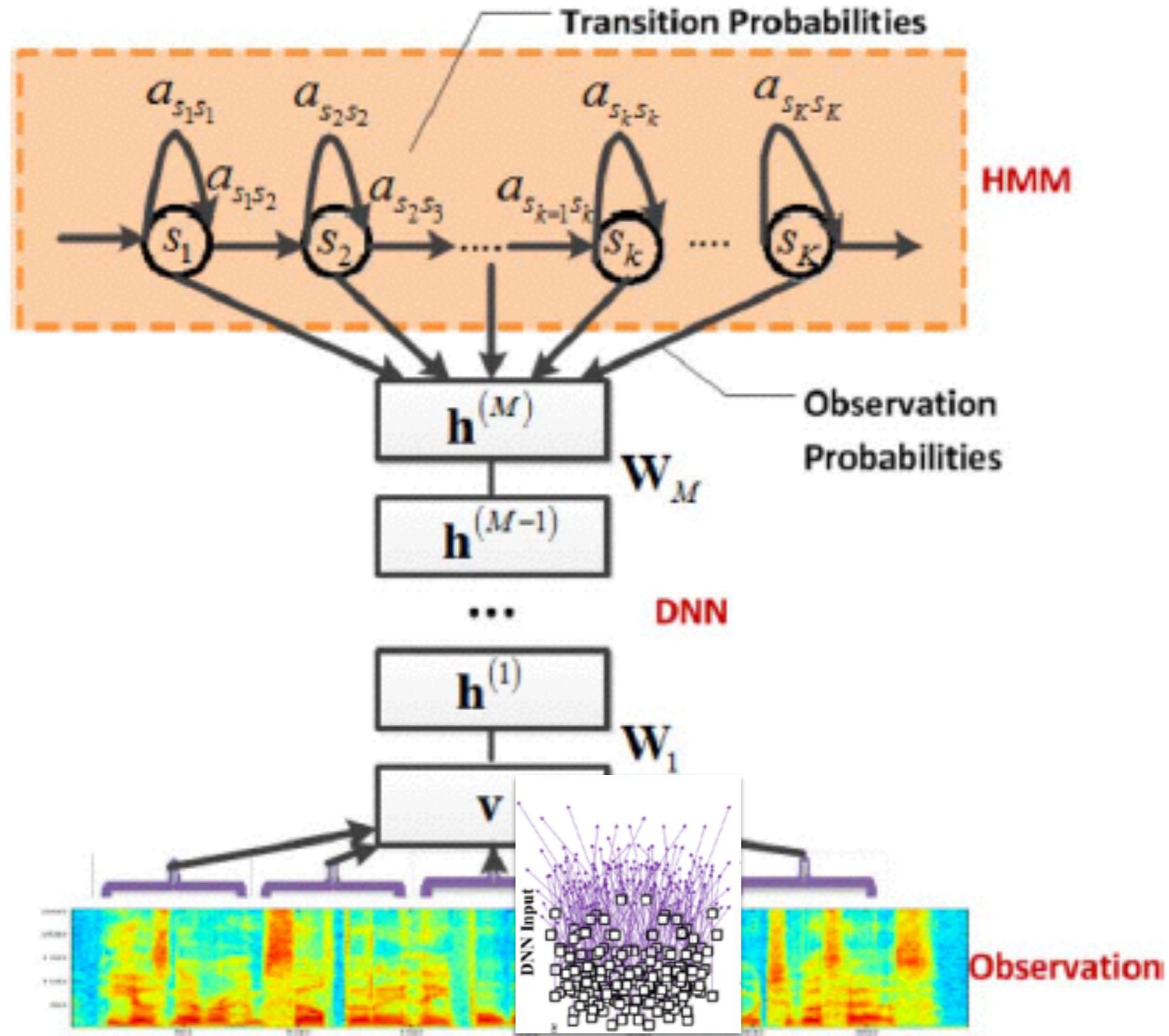
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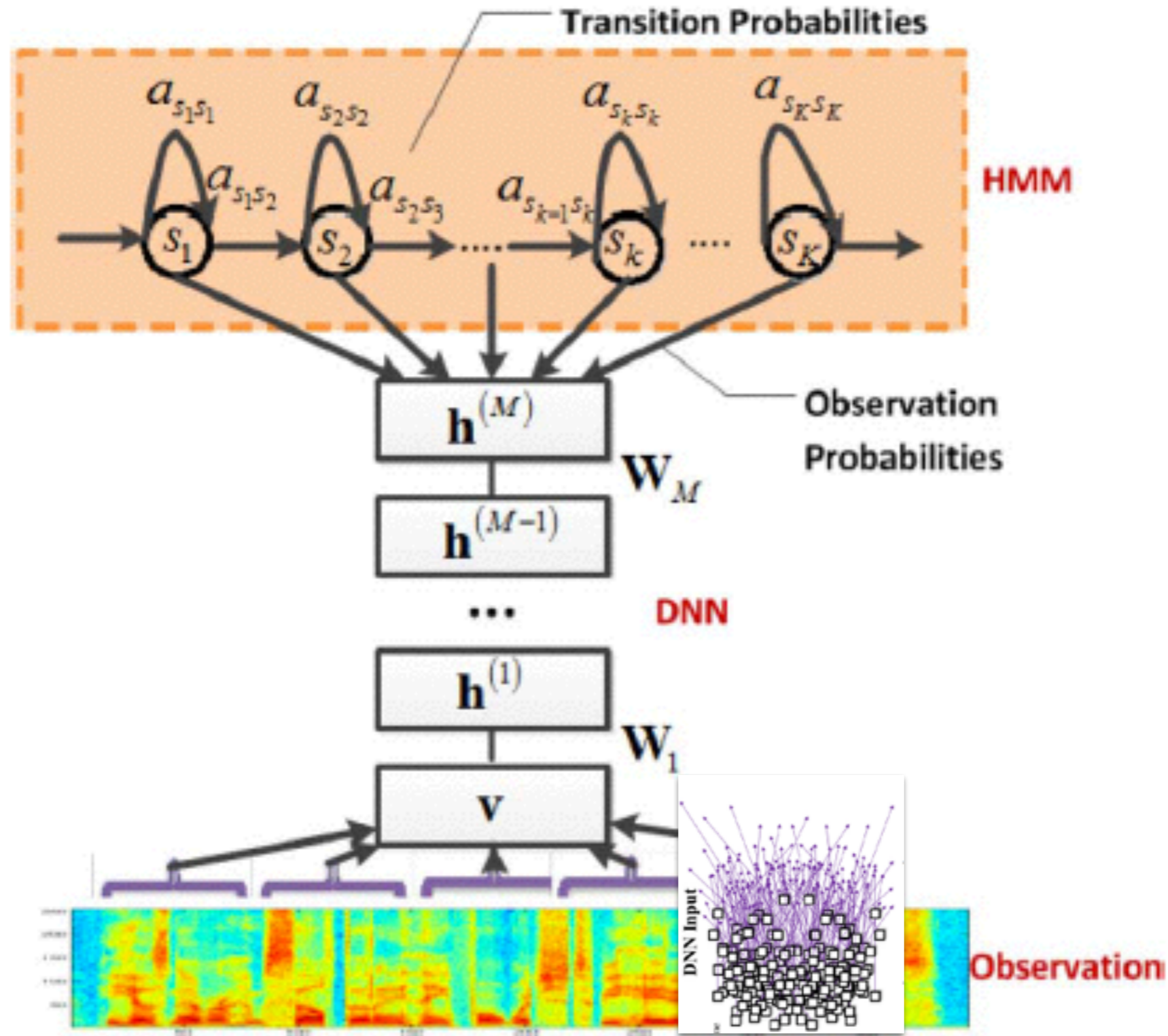
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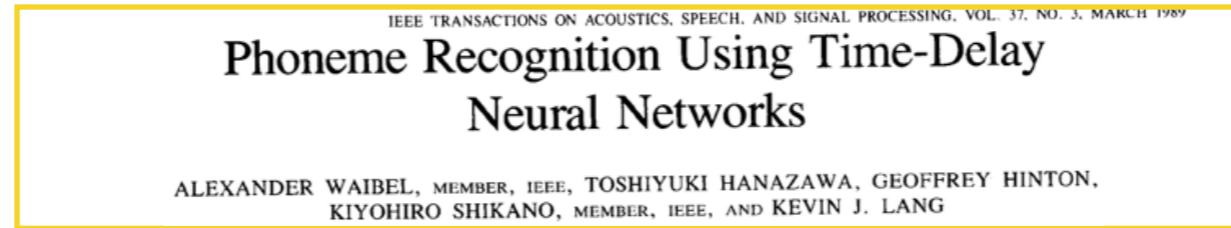
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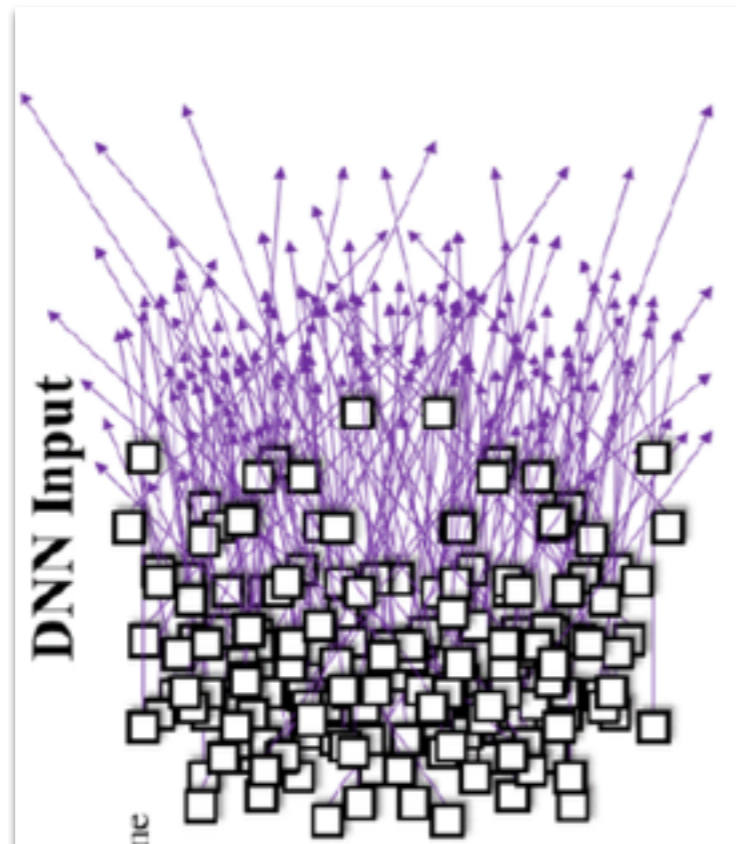
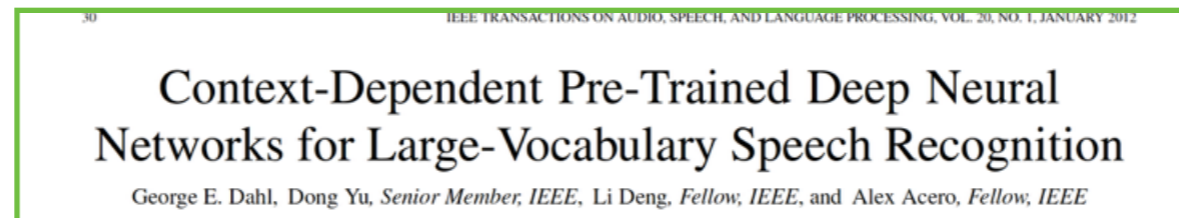
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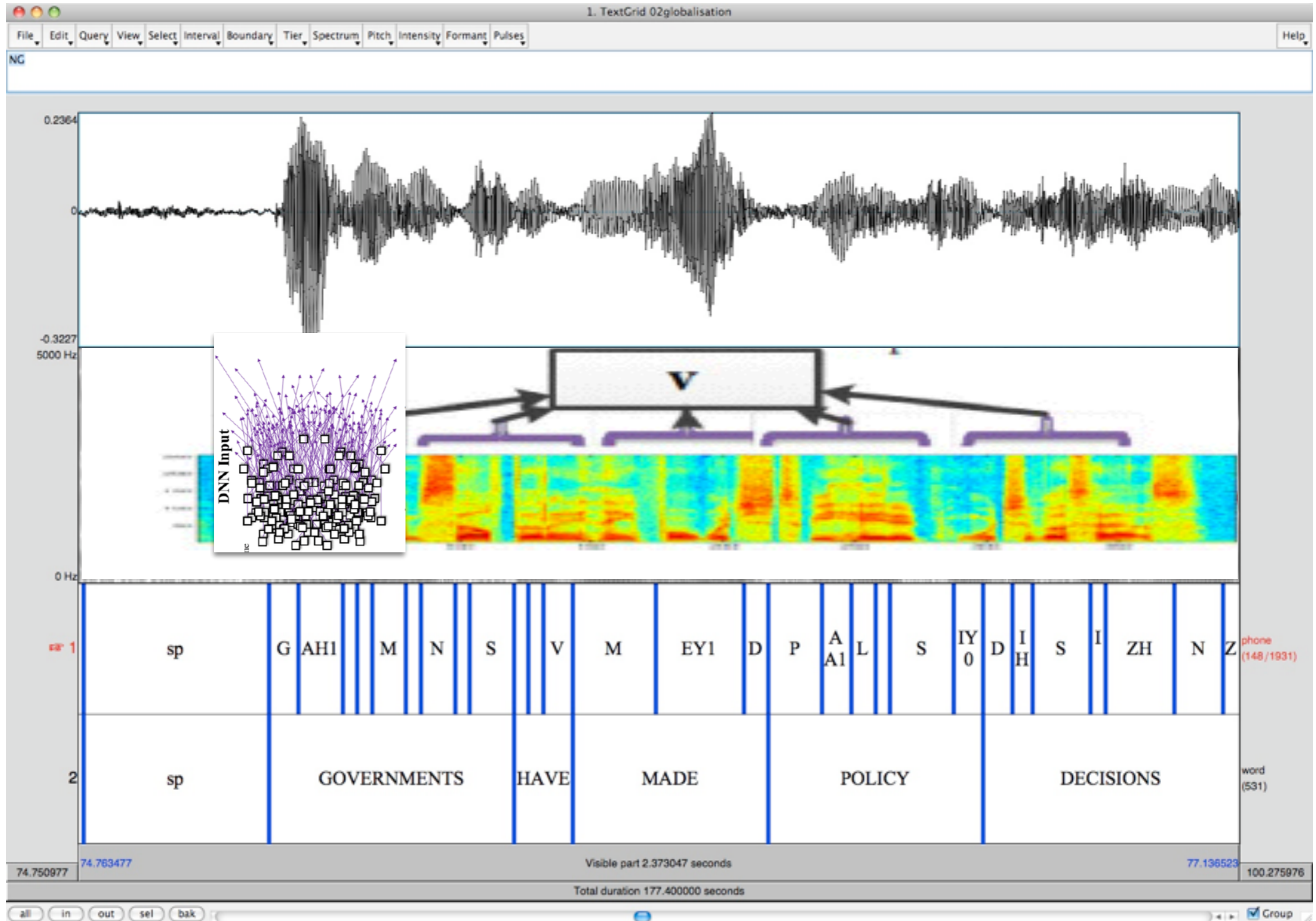
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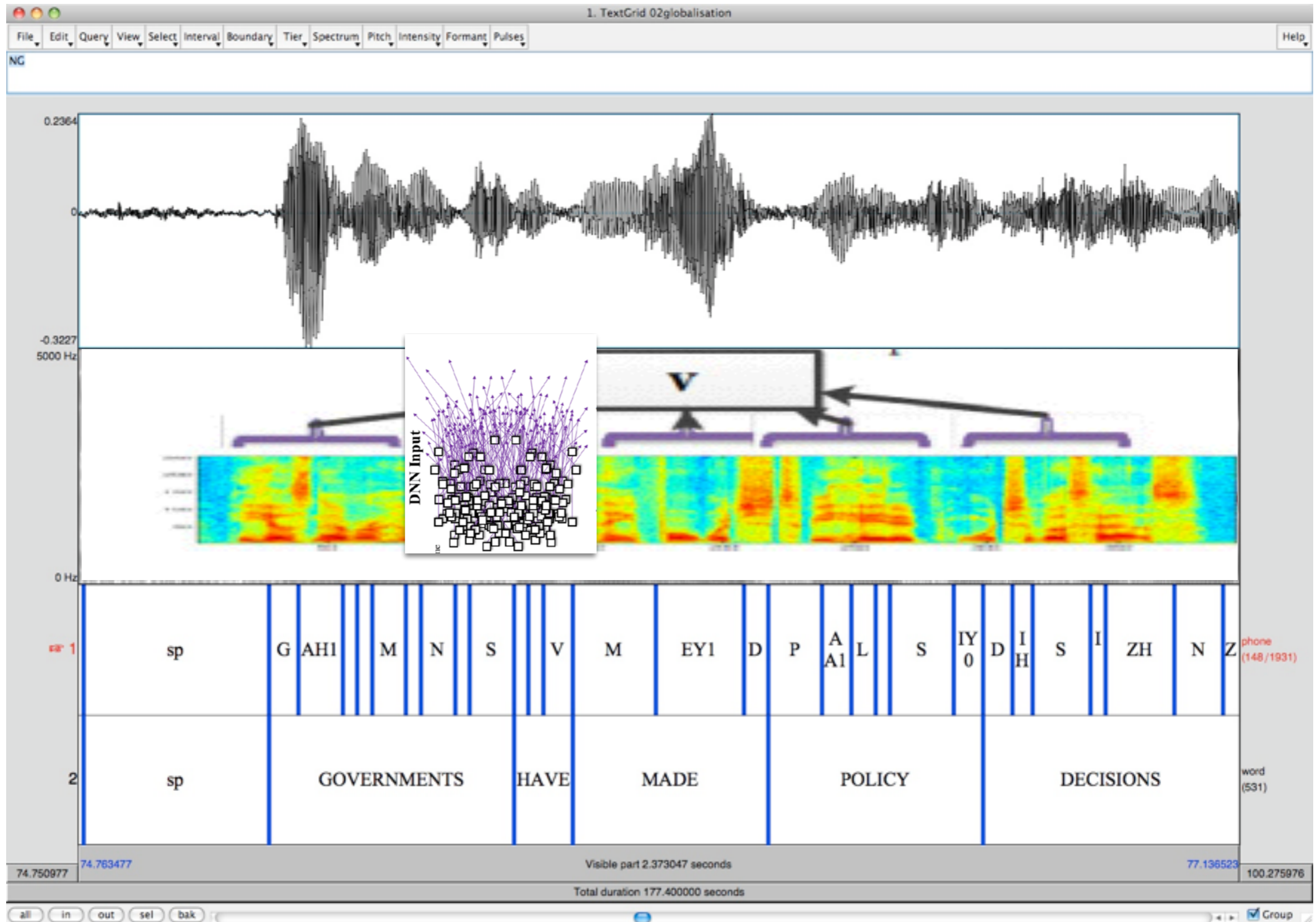
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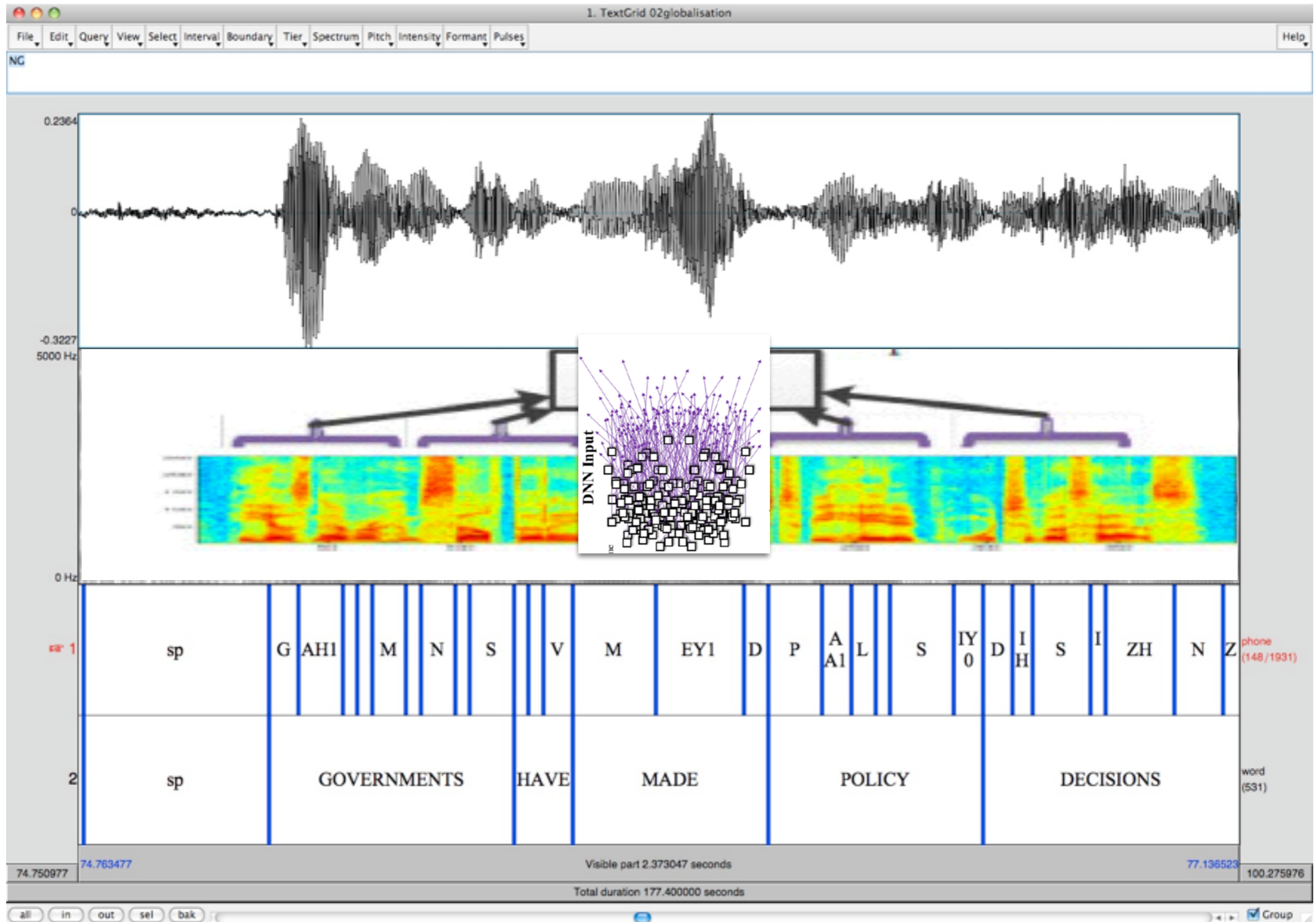
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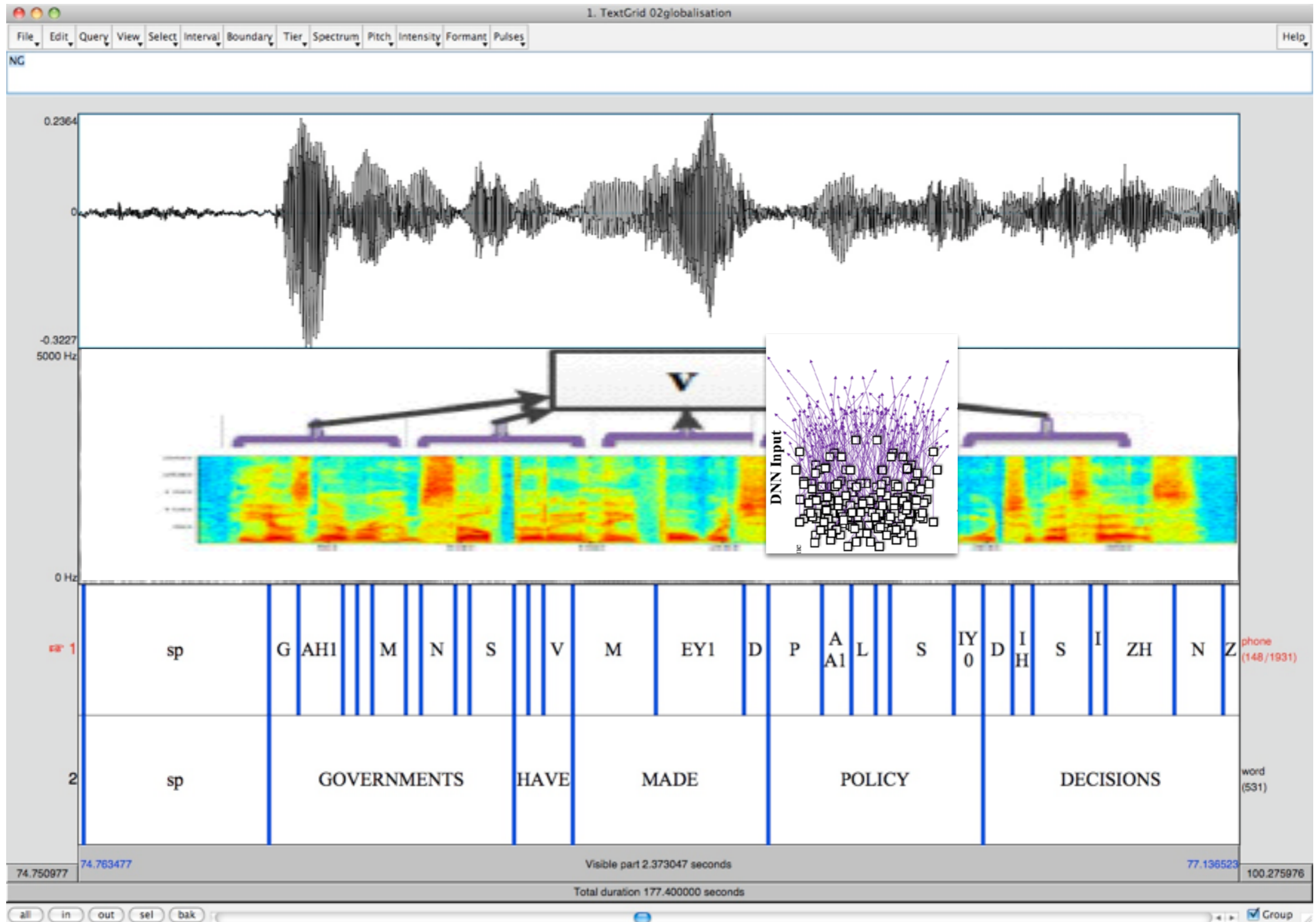
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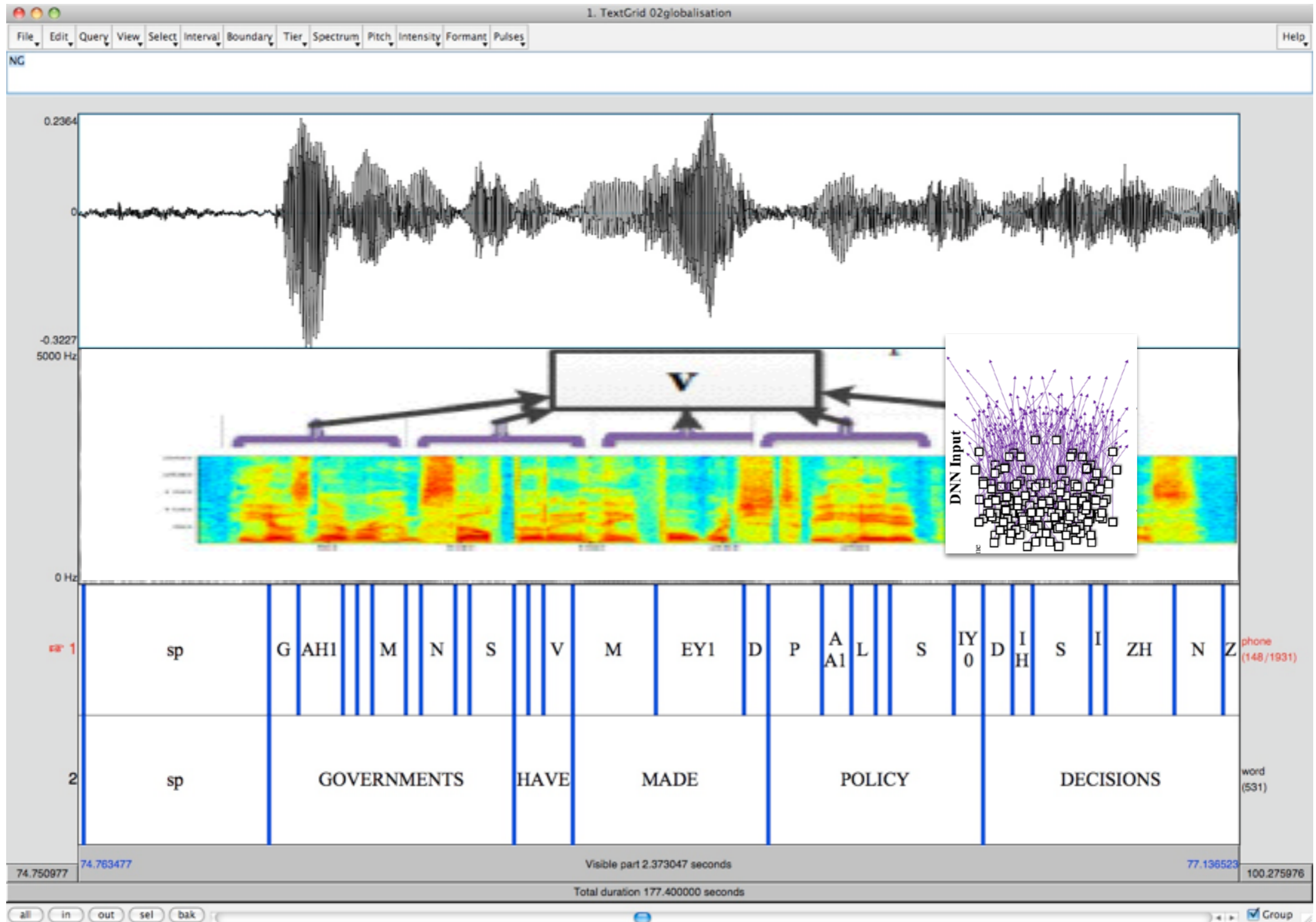
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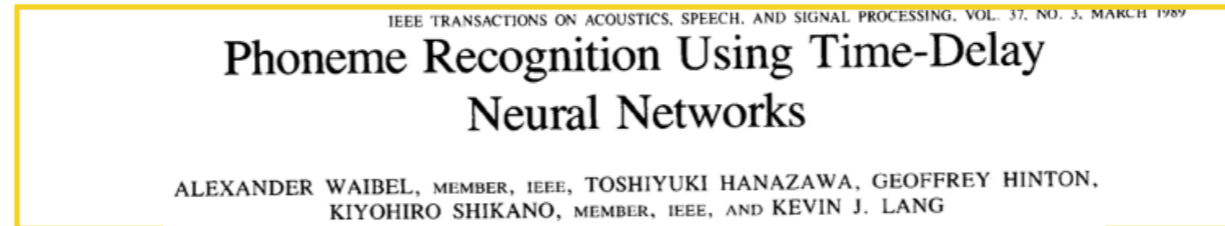
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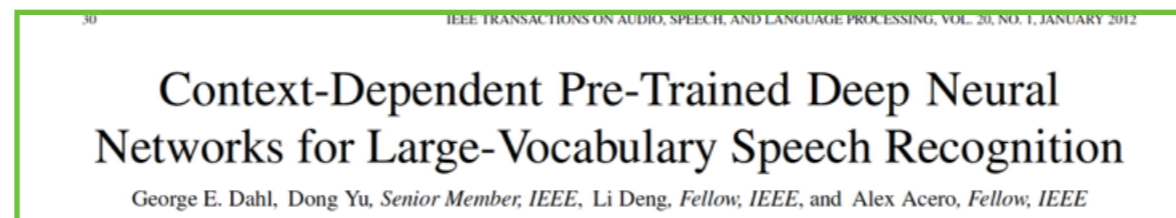
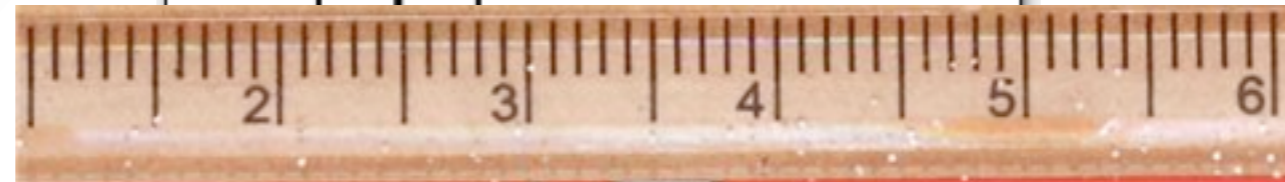
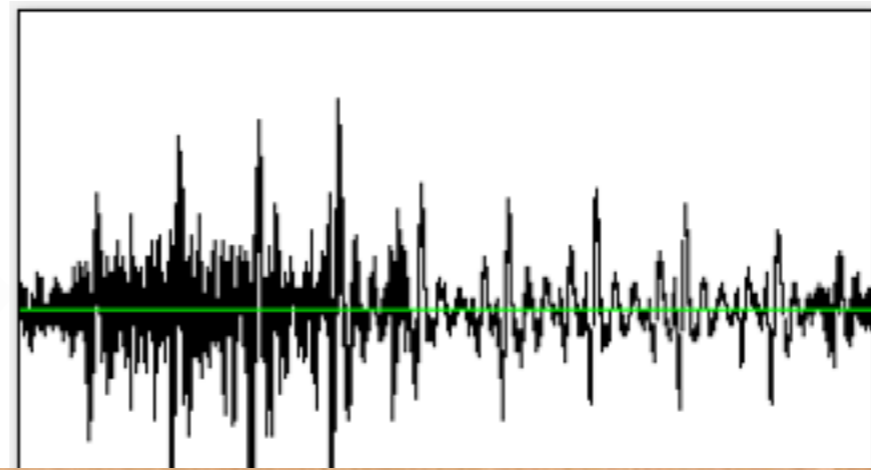


Table III, using a **better alignment** to generate training labels for the DNN can **improve the accuracy.** This observation is

“Crude Alignment”

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a model can generate a crude alignment which is sufficiently

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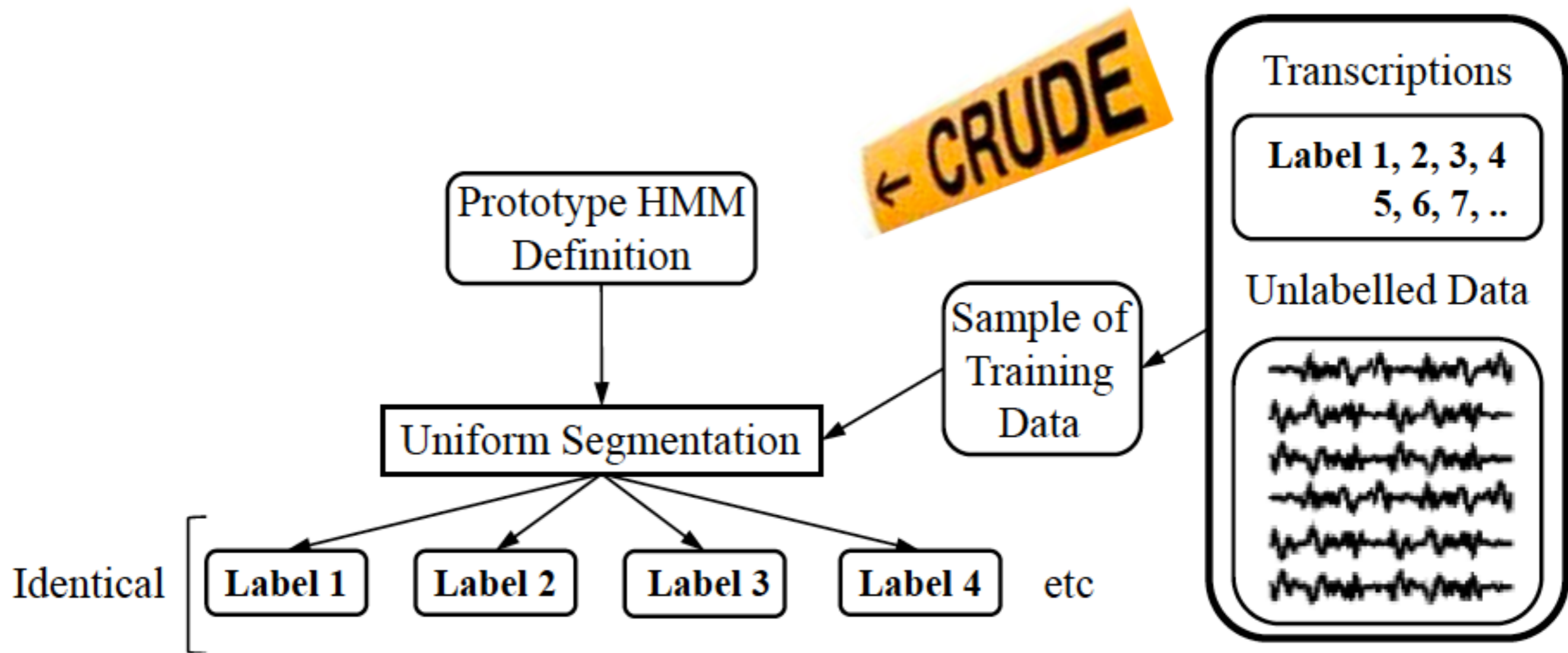
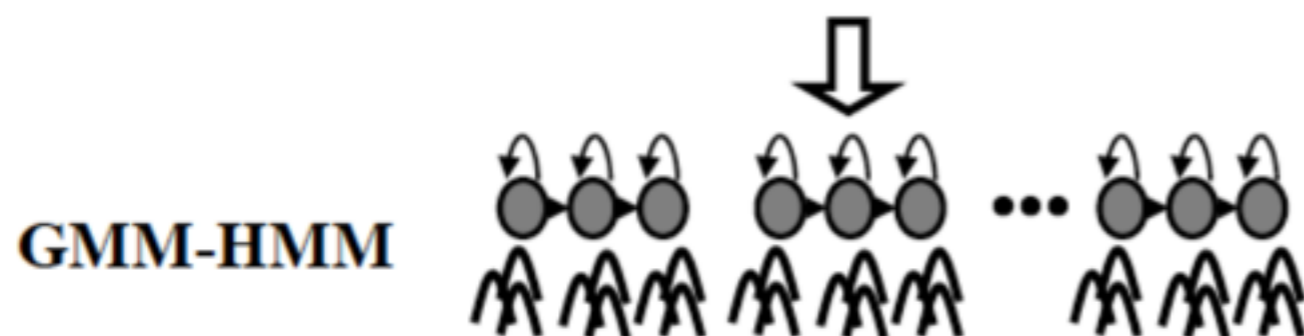


Figure 2: Initialization with uniform segmentation of data.



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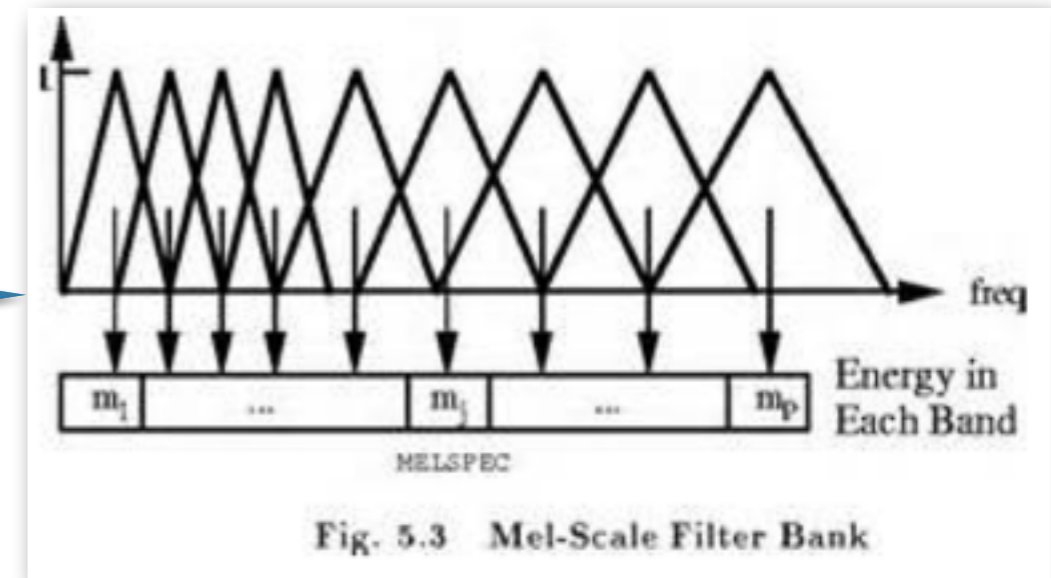
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Higher?

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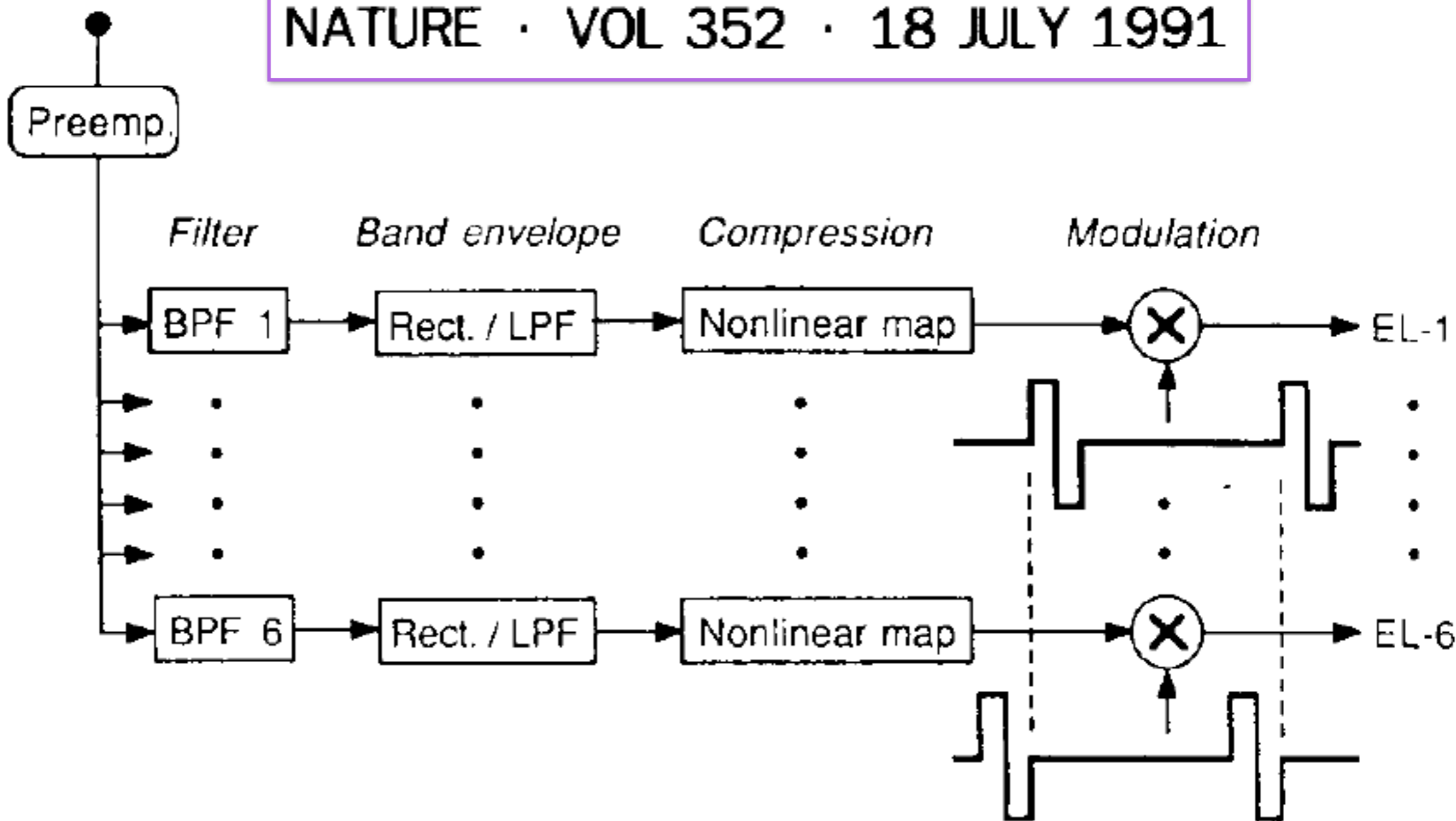
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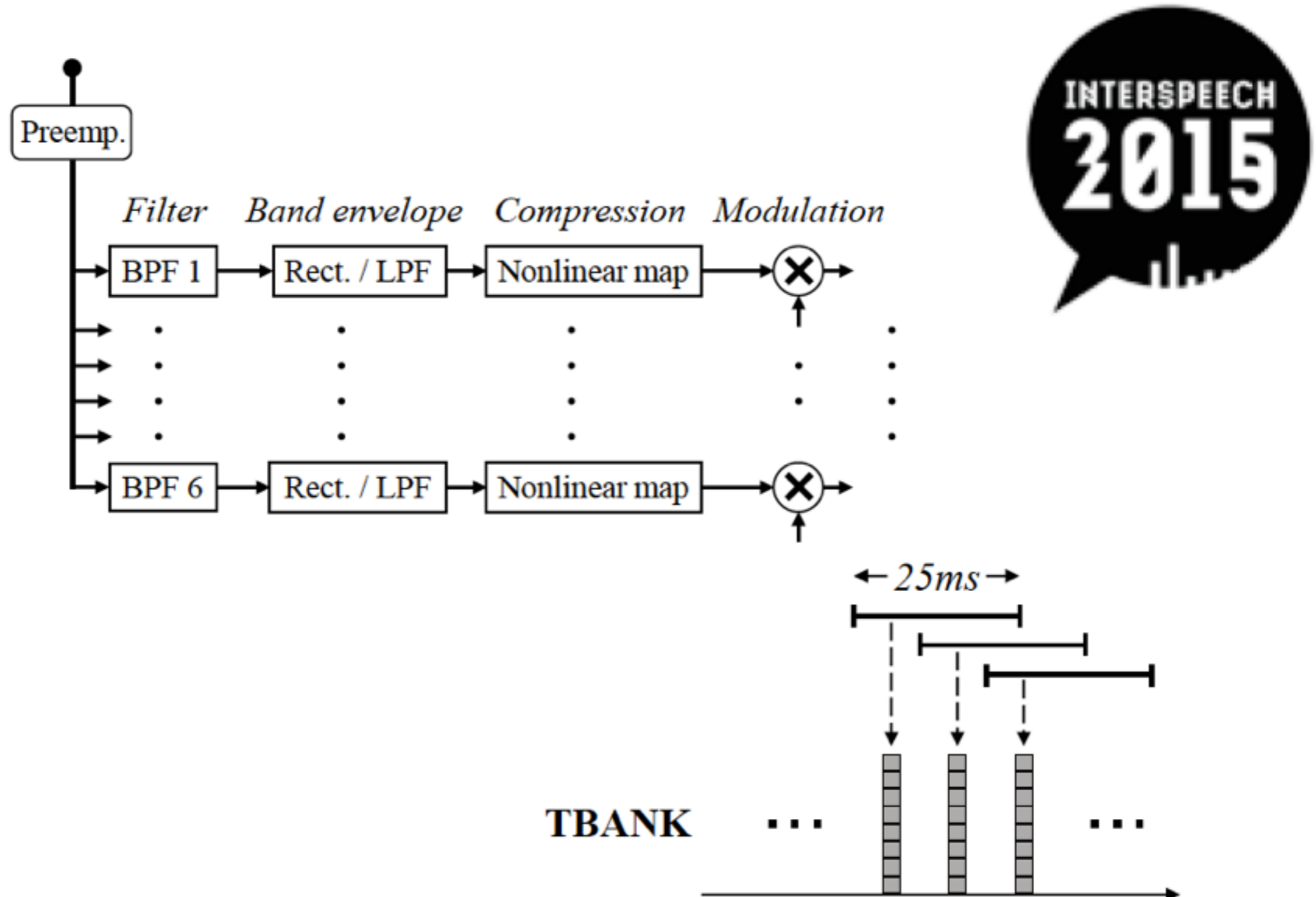
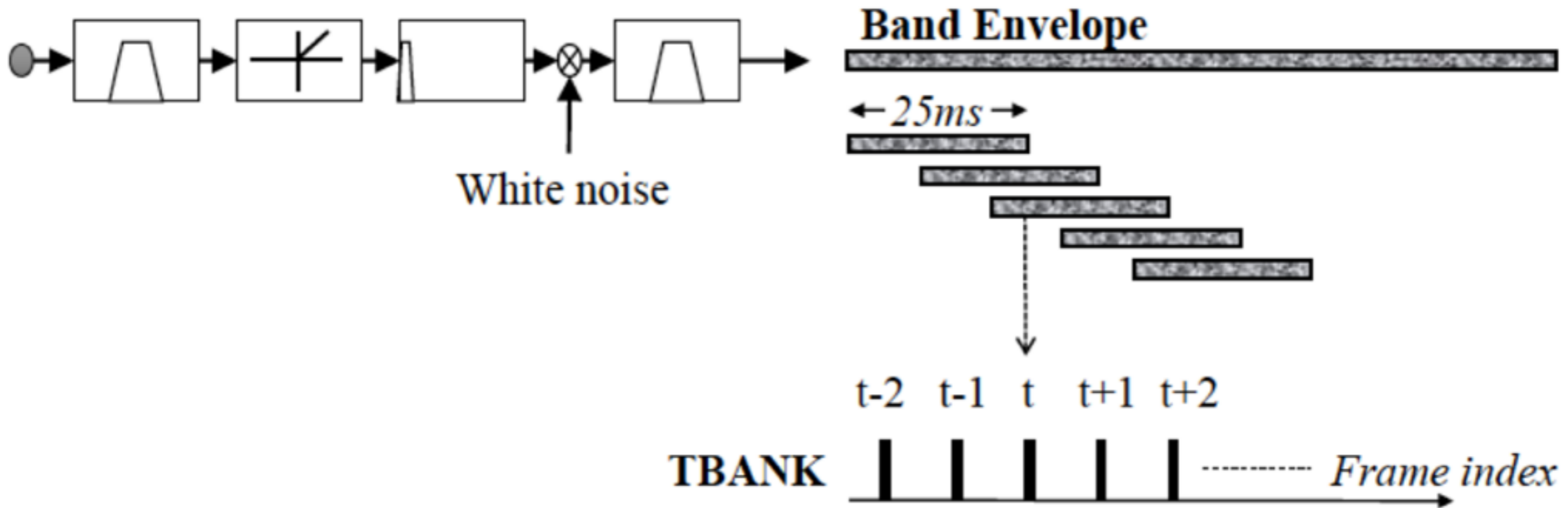


Figure 2: Raw temporal feature for deep neural networks.

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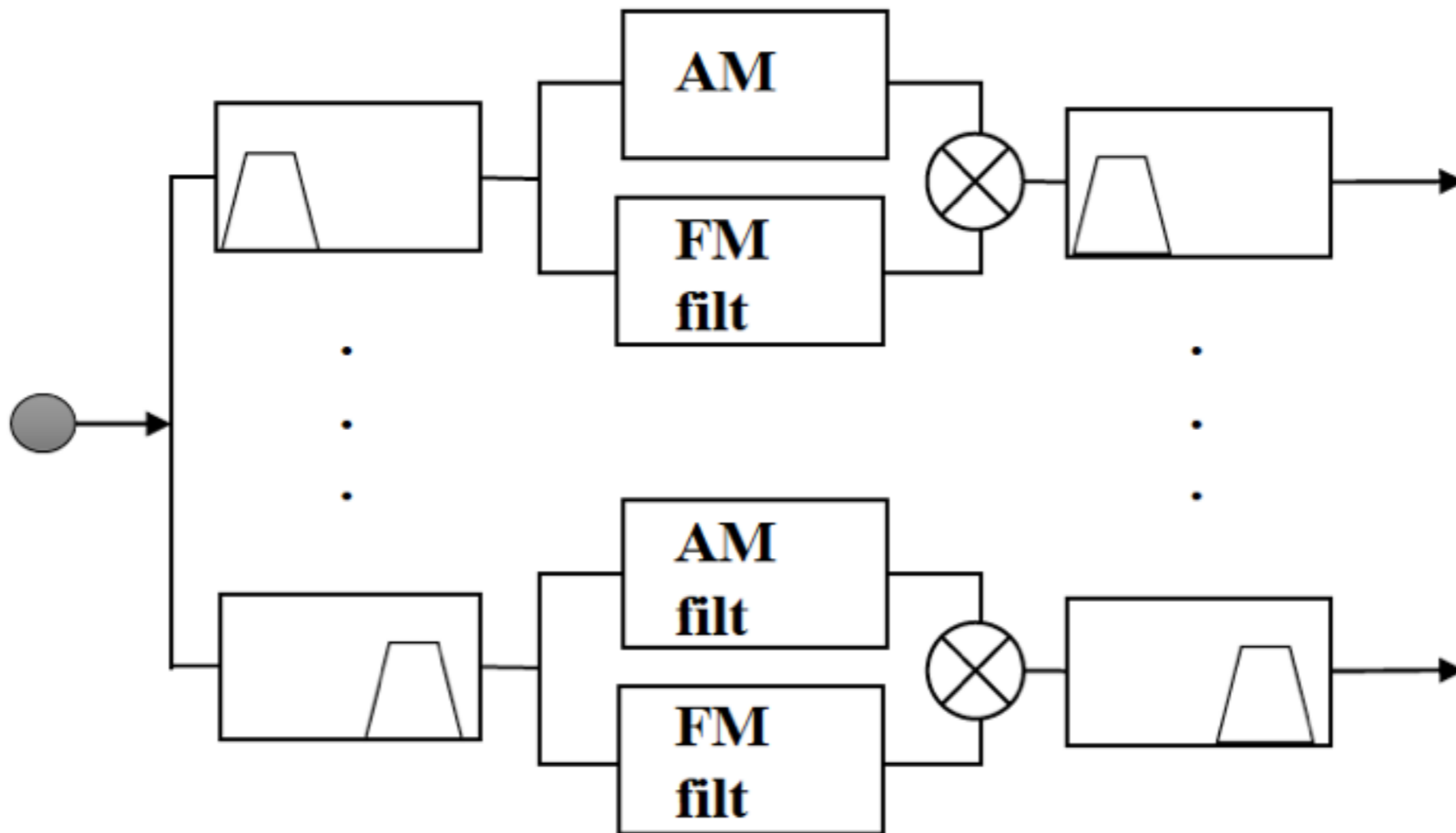
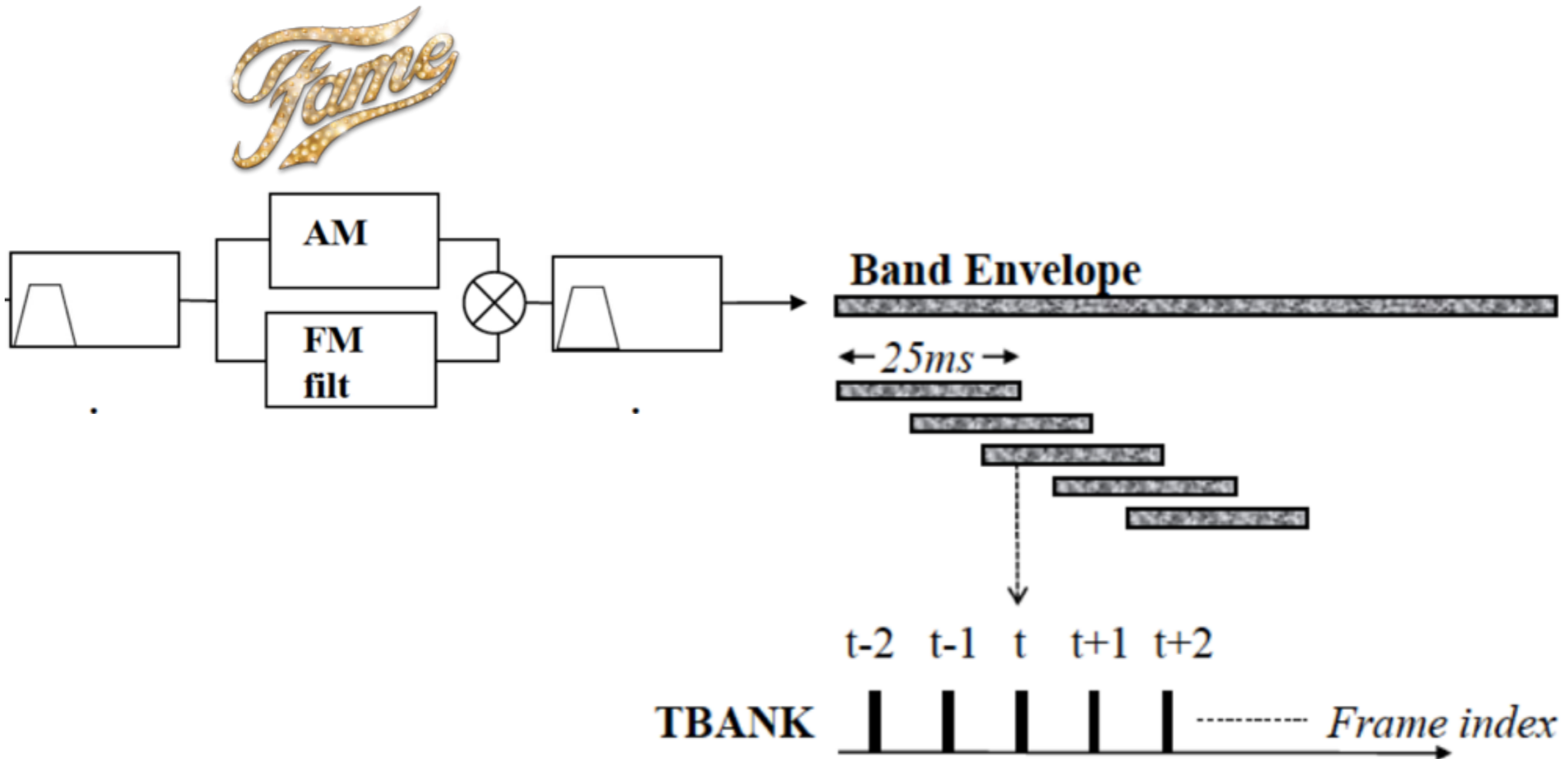


Figure 4: *Frequency amplitude modulation encoding (FAME).*

Frequency Amplitude Modulation Encoder



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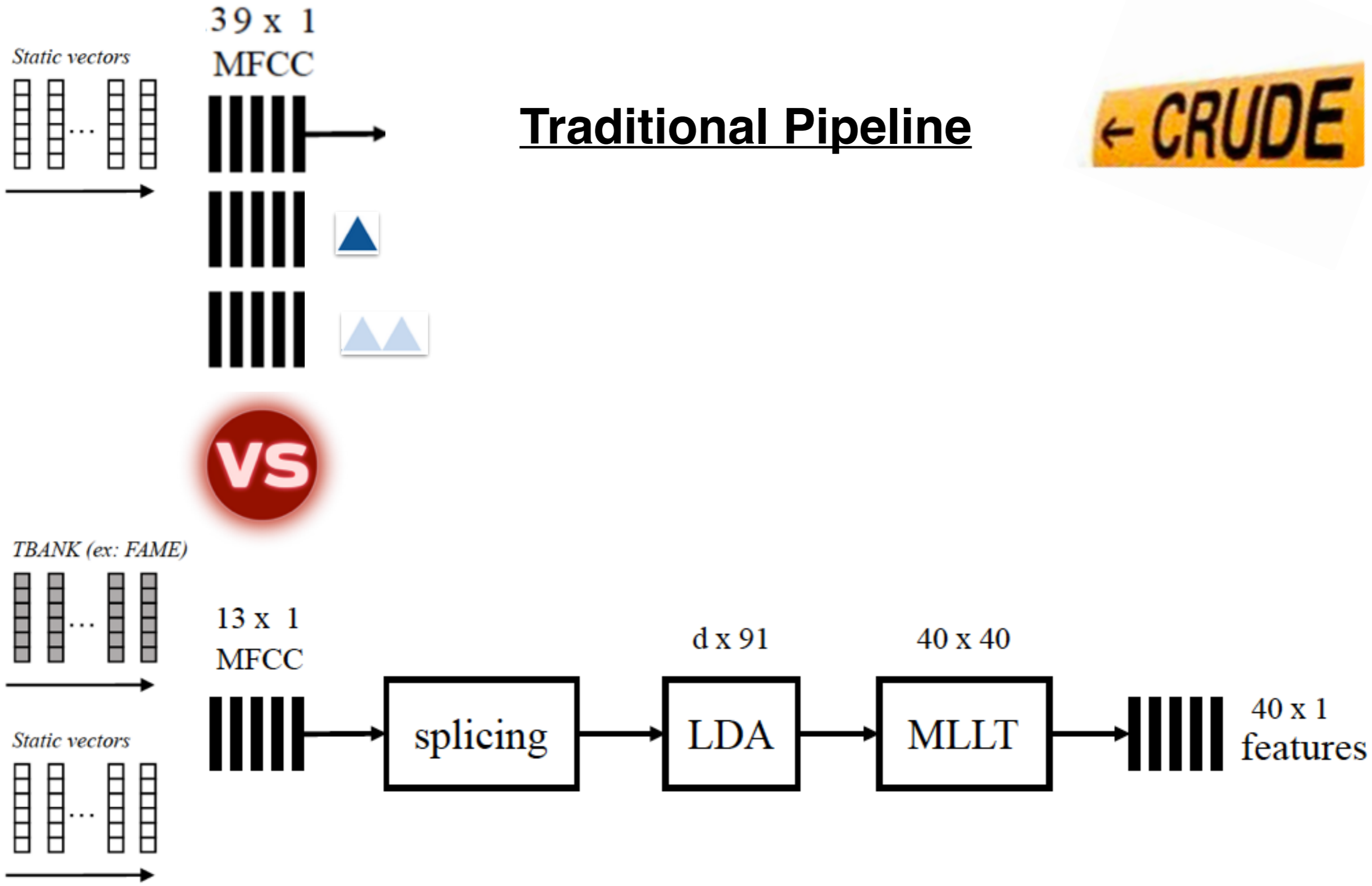
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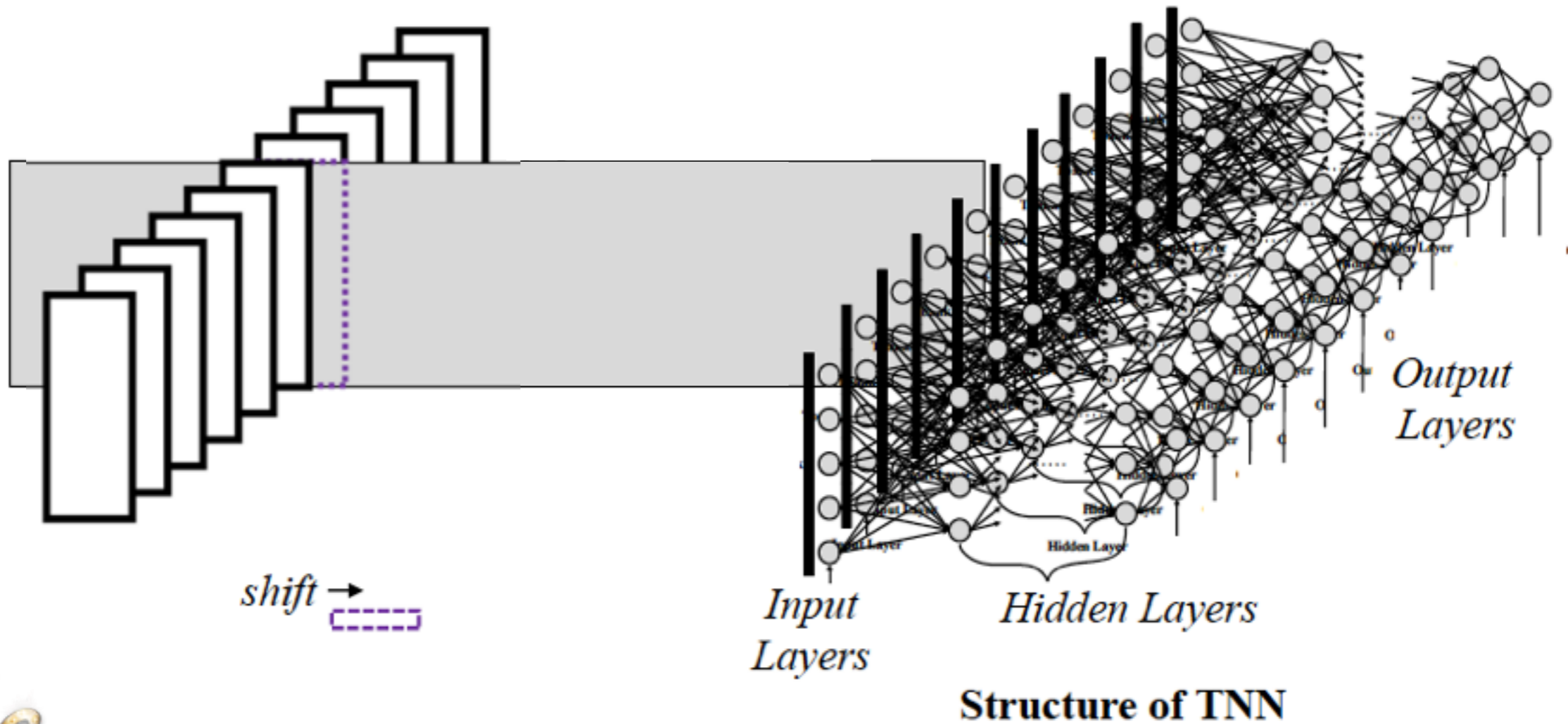


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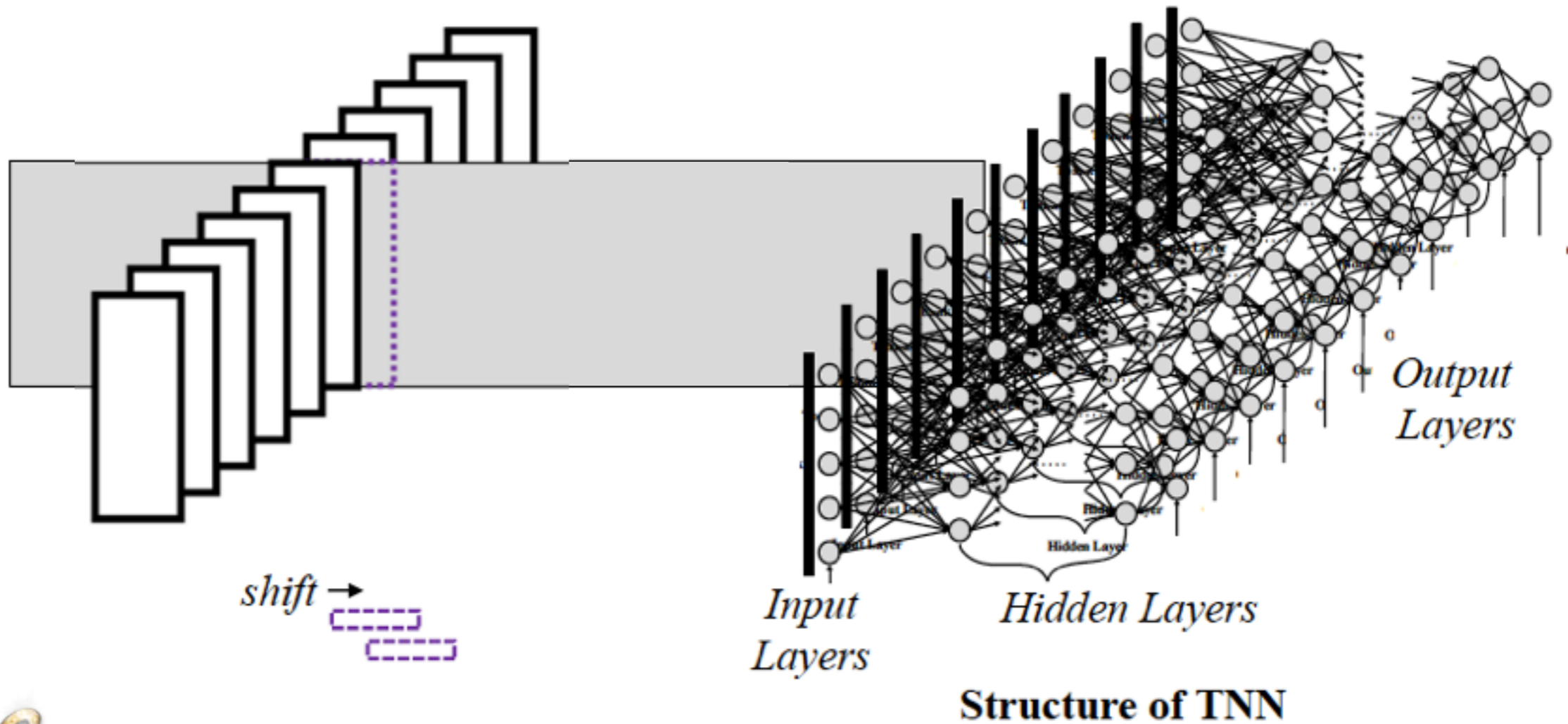
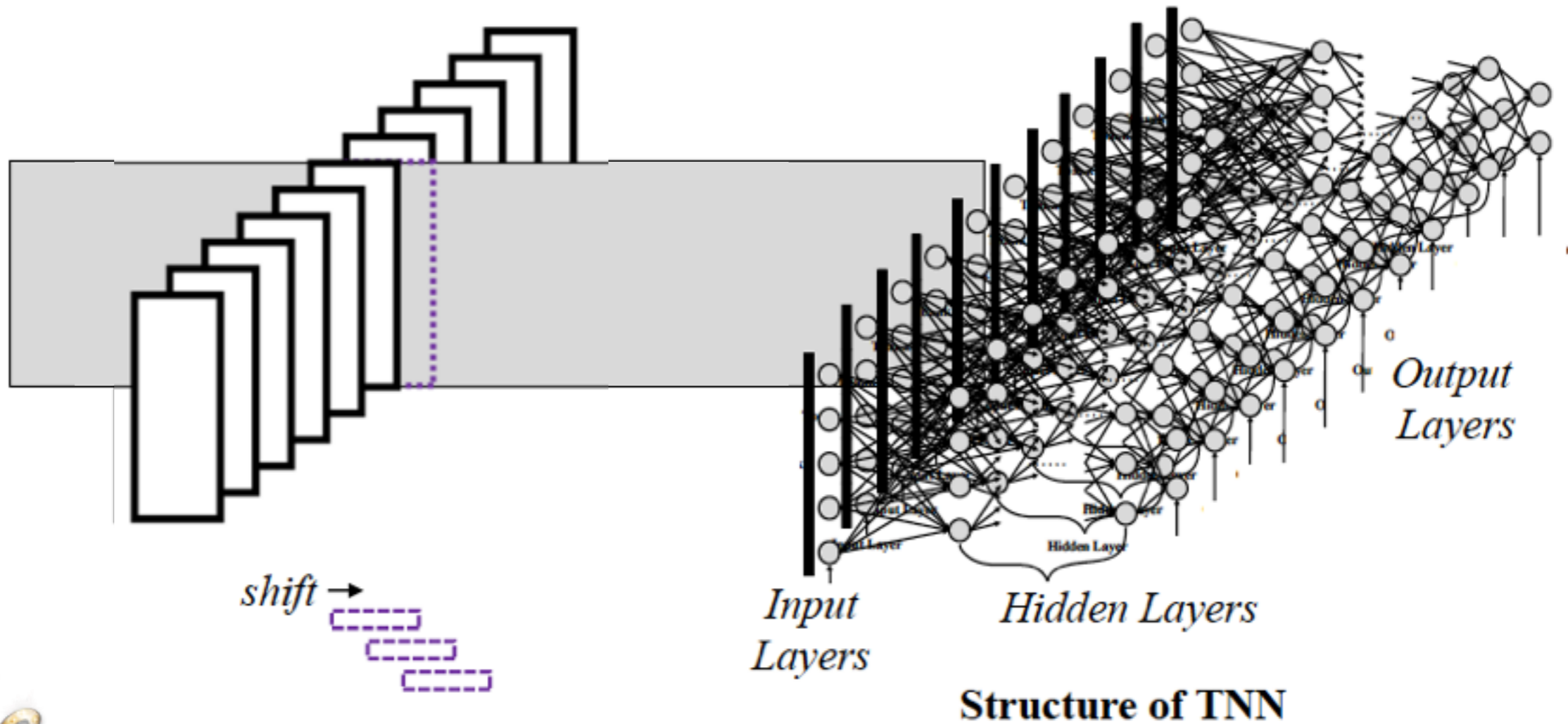


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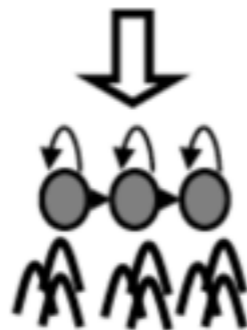


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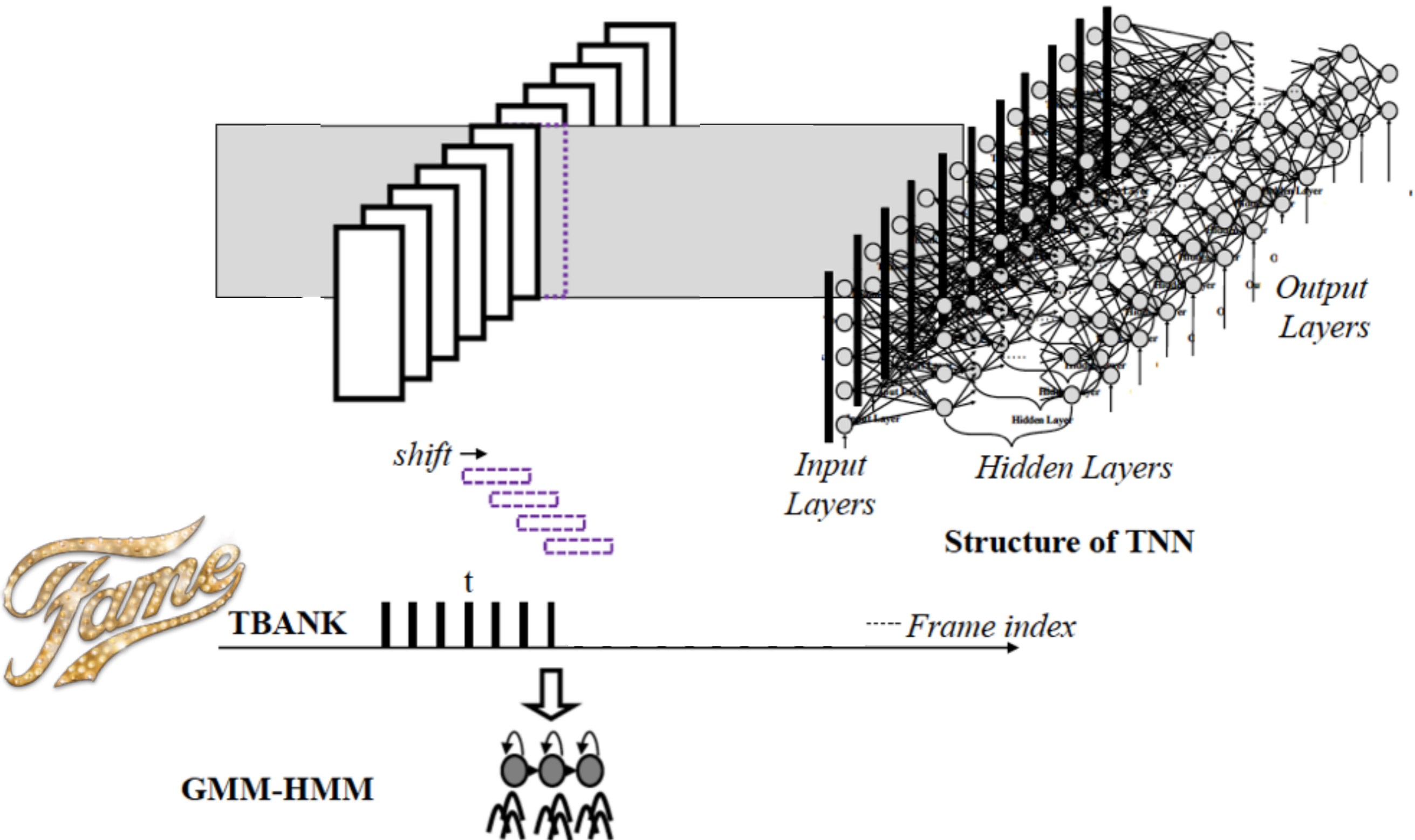


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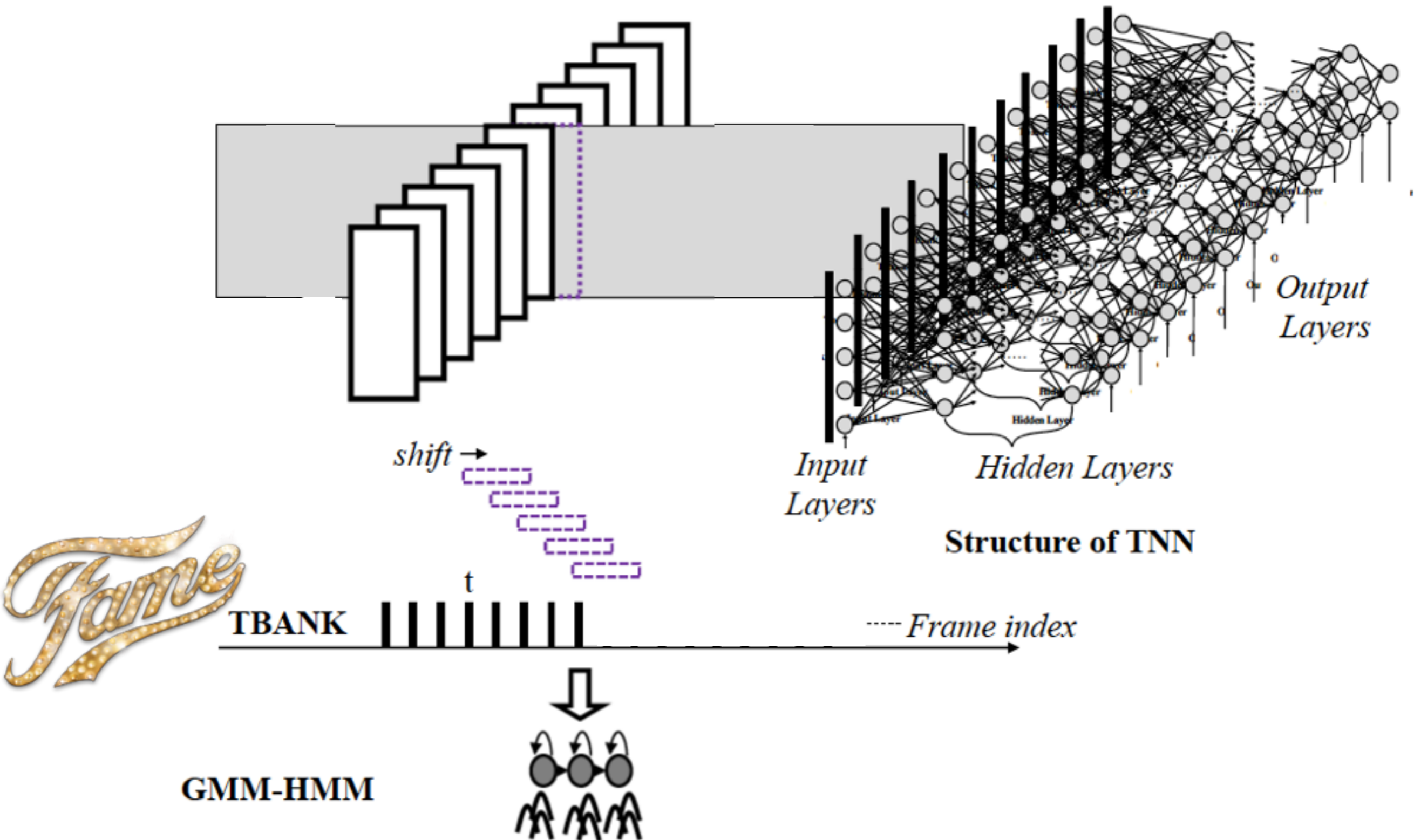
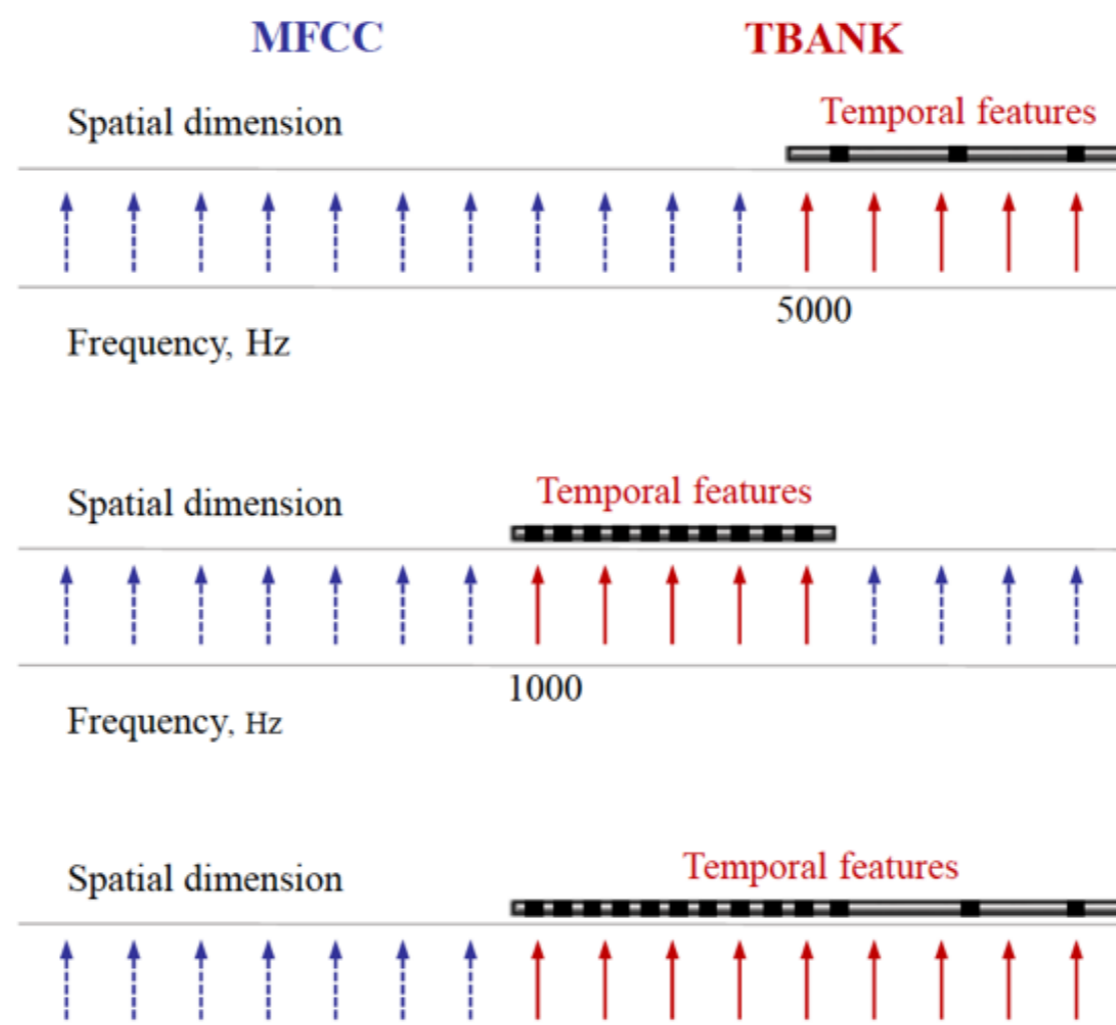


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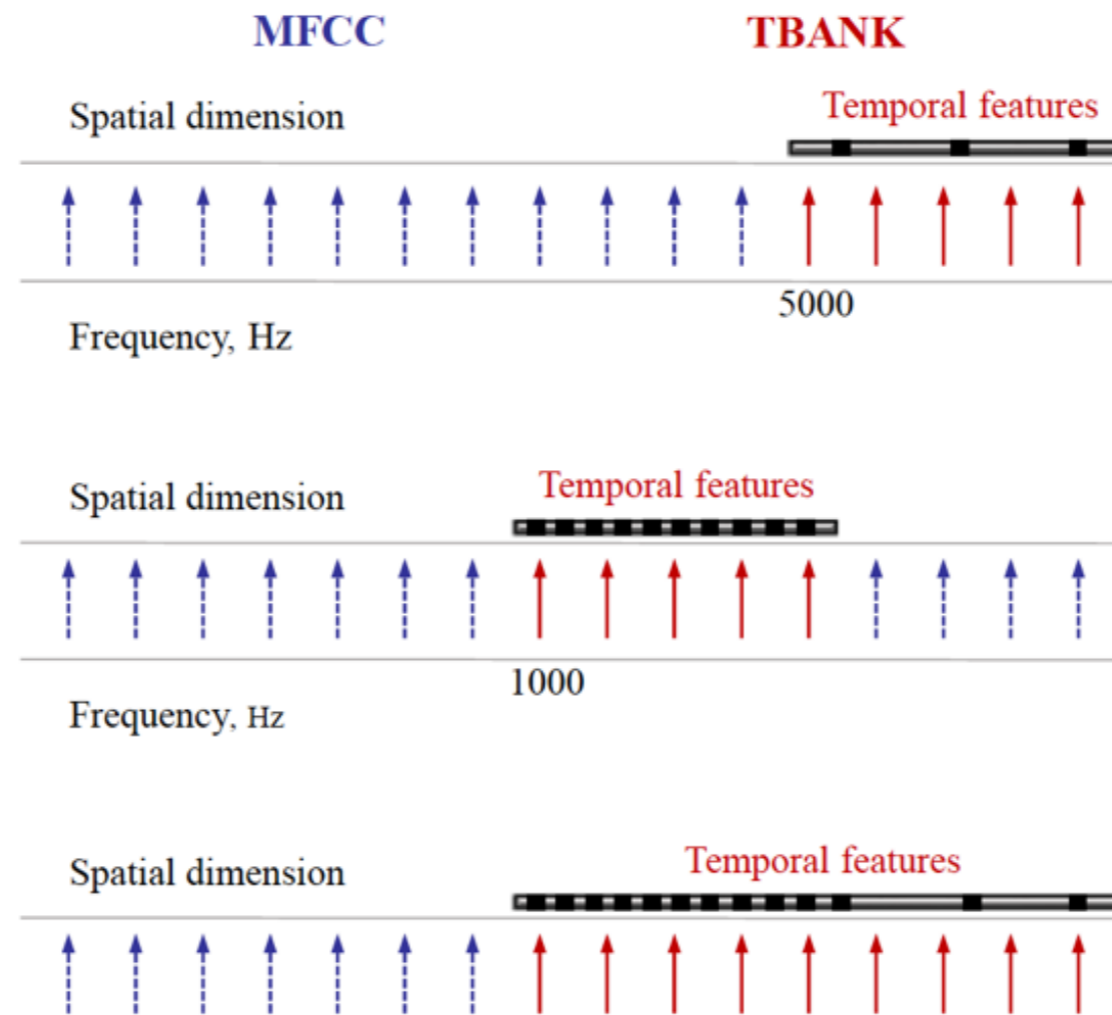
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Table 1: Combining temporal feature representation at mid- and high-frequency regions during state-level alignment.

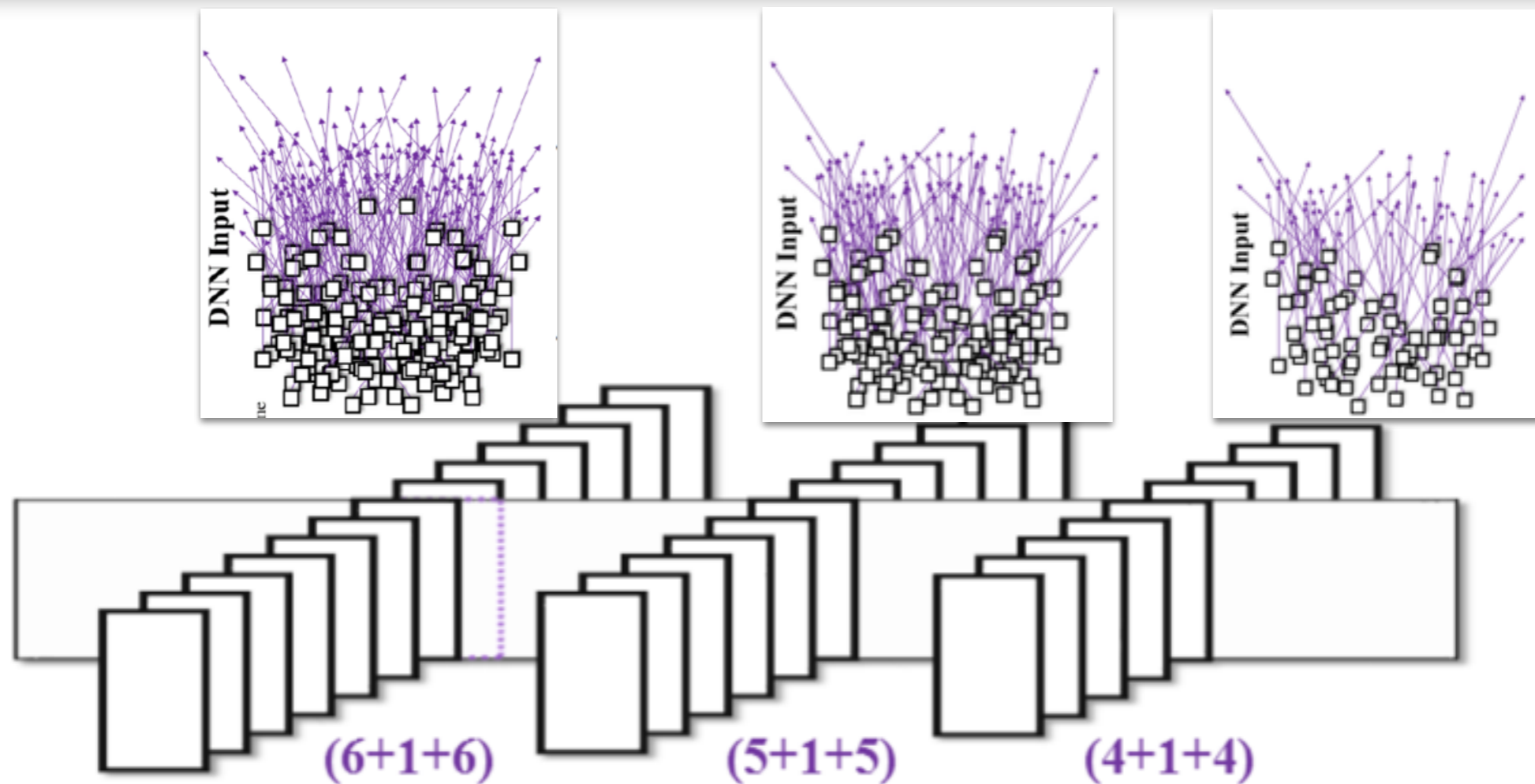
Better Temporal Alignment



Tree-building Features	(GMM) Del, Sub, Ins	(DNN) Del, Sub, Ins
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+FAME (mid)	22, 184, 52	15, 91, 29
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Table 2: Error type (deletion, substitution, insertion) analysis

Better Context Window



Tree-building Features	Context window		
	13 (6+1+6)	11 (5+1+5)	9 (4+1+4)
MFCC	2.76	2.88	2.84
+FAME (high)	2.69	2.45	2.58

Table 6: *DNN performance (WER %) using various context windows of past and future frames as input features.*

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