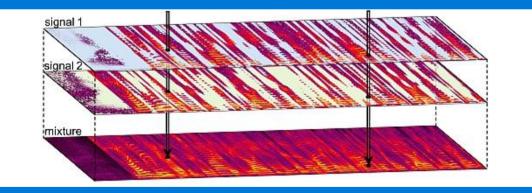
Sequence Modeling in Unsupervised Single-channel Overlapped Speech Recognition

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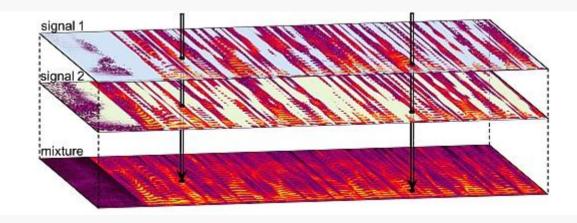
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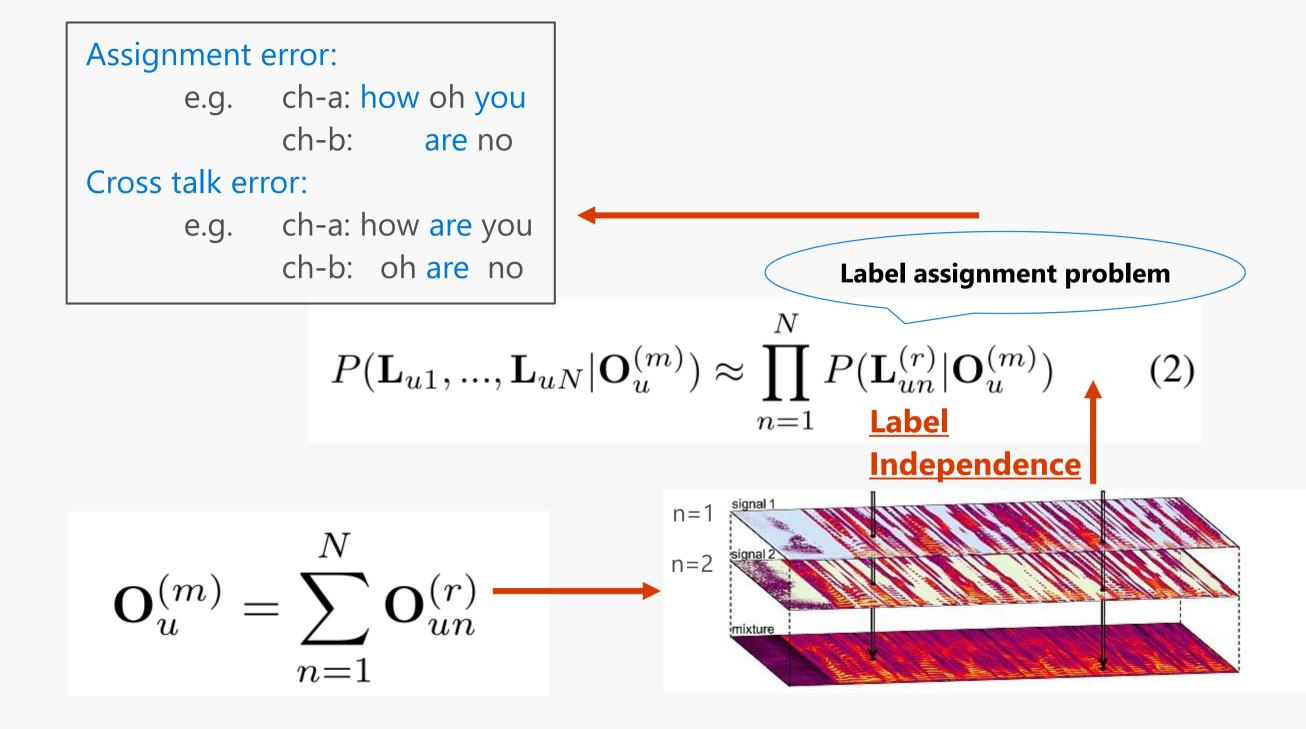
• Cocktail-party problem



N=2 $P(\mathbf{L}_{u1},...,\mathbf{L}_{uN}|\mathbf{O}_{u}^{(m)})$

 $\sim N$ ${(r)}{un}$ $\mathbf{O}_{u}^{(m)}$ $= \sum O_{a}^{l}$ n=1





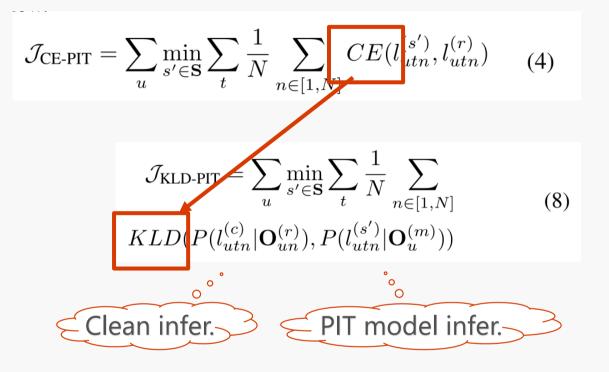
Permutation Invariant Training for ASR

$$P(\mathbf{L}_{u1}, ..., \mathbf{L}_{uN} | \mathbf{O}_{u}^{(m)}) \approx \prod_{n=1}^{N} P(\mathbf{L}_{un}^{(r)} | \mathbf{O}_{u}^{(m)})$$
(2)
$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{CE-PIT}} = \sum_{u} \min_{s' \in \mathbf{S}} \sum_{t} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in [1,N]} CE(l_{utn}^{(s')}, l_{utn}^{(r)})$$
(4)

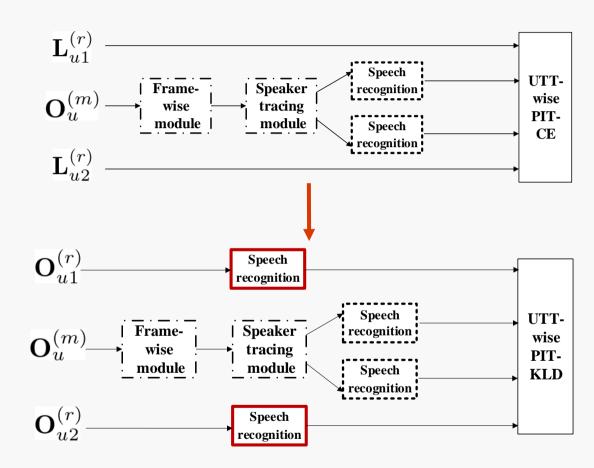
Minimum error Cross entropy error Cross entropy error (assignment 1) (assignment 2) Labels 2 Labels 1 input input (M frames) (M frames) Pairwise scores Predictions 2 Predictions 1 output 2 output 1 (M frames) (M frames) 01 02 Softmax 2 Softmax 1 H_i , i = 1, 2, ..., NRNN Feature $H_0 = Y$

- Disadvantage
 - Model Complexity (3 hardest problems)
 - Frame CE \rightarrow Utt. Problem
 - No Linguistics

PIT + Transfer Learning (TS)



- Better model convergence
 - Domain adaptation v.s. from scratch



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Linguistics - Multi-outputs Seq. Disc. Training

- Motivation:
 - Both ASR & speaker tracing \rightarrow sequential
 - Implicit integrating language model
- Formulation:

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{CE-PIT}} = \sum_{u} \min_{s' \in \mathbf{S}} \sum_{t} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in [1, N]} CE(l_{utn}^{(s')}, l_{utn}^{(r)}) \quad (4)$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{SEQ-PIT}} = \sum_{u} \min_{s' \in \mathbf{S}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n \in [1, N]} \mathcal{J}_{\text{SEQ}} \mathbf{L}_{un}^{(s')}, \mathbf{L}_{un}^{(r)}) \quad (12)$$

• Key challenges:

- Design the multi-output search space
- Integrate with label assignment

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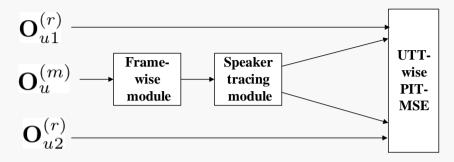
Proposed methods

- Follow PIT-TS diagram
- Motivation
 - improve sequence modeling & language model
- Method
 - Implicit correlation modeling \rightarrow explicit
 - Integrate linguistic information

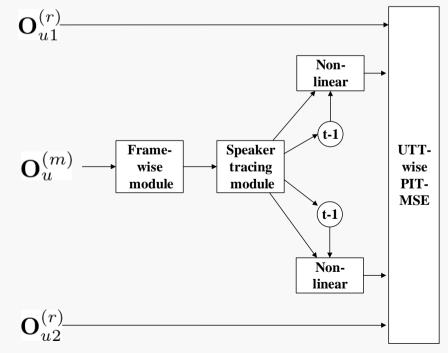
Acoustics – Temporal Correlation Modeling

- Motivation
 - Sequential correlation v.s. stream decorrelation
 - the frequency bins between adjacent frames of the same speaker are correlated
 - Last inference can improve current inference

Assignment	error:	
e.g.	ch-a: hc	w oh you
	ch-b:	are no







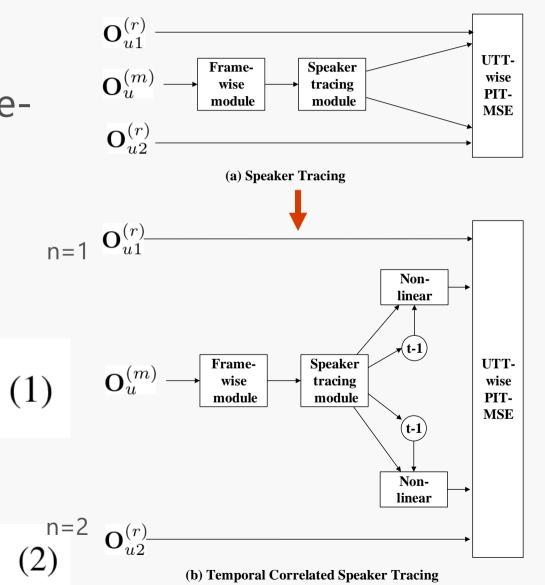
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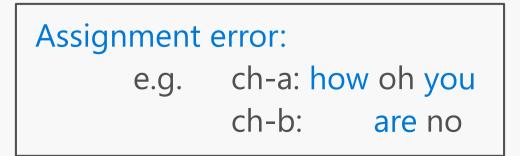
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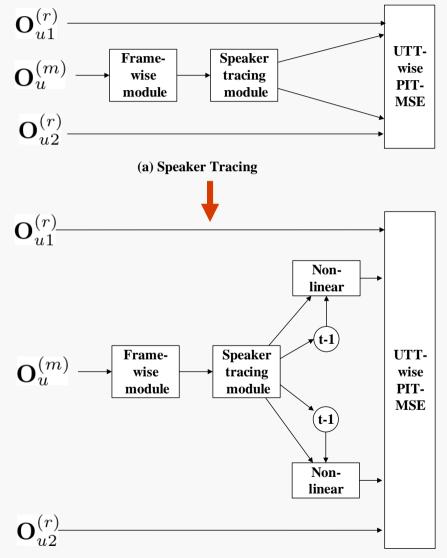
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Acoustics – Temporal Correlation Modeling

- Motivation
 - Sequential correlation v.s. stream decorrelation
 - last inference can improve current inference
- Sequential labels correlation
- alleviates the assignment & cross talk errors



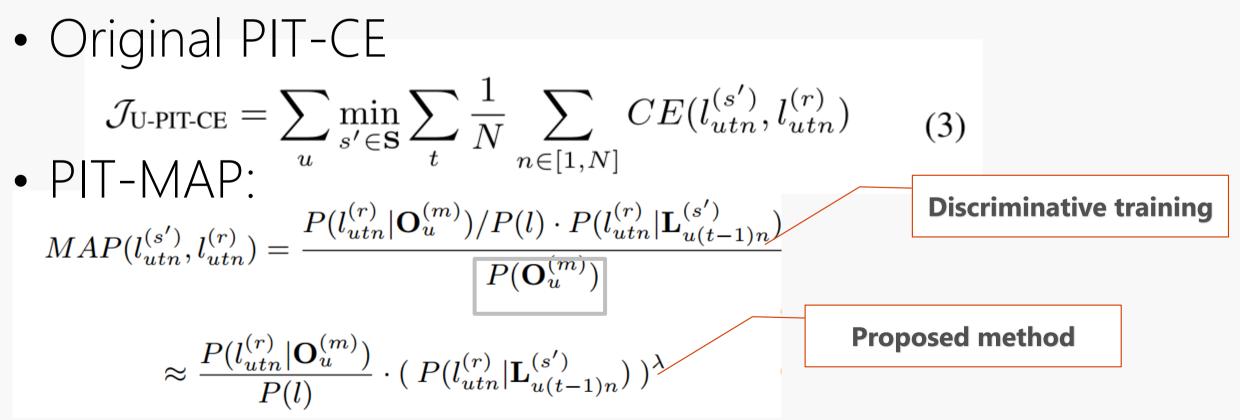


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 - Improve assignment decision by combining LM in training stage
 - Still train a **pure** acoustic model and integrate it with more powerful word level language model in evaluation stage
- Original PIT-CE

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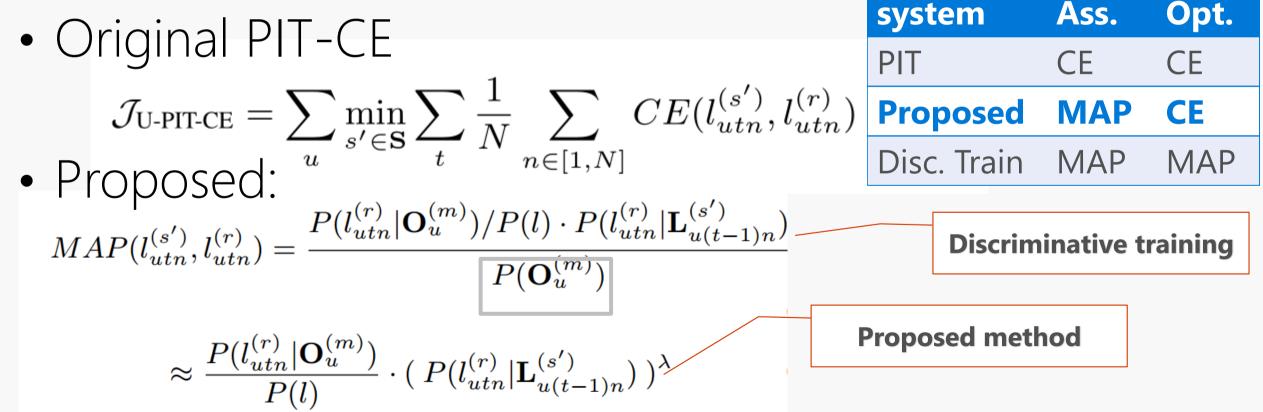
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• Proposed:

$$MAP(l_{utn}^{(s')}, l_{utn}^{(r)}) = \underbrace{\frac{P(l_{utn}^{(r)} | \mathbf{O}_{u}^{(m)})}{P(l)}}_{P(l)} (P(l_{utn}^{(r)} | \mathbf{L}_{u(t-1)n}^{(s')}))^{\lambda} \quad (4)$$

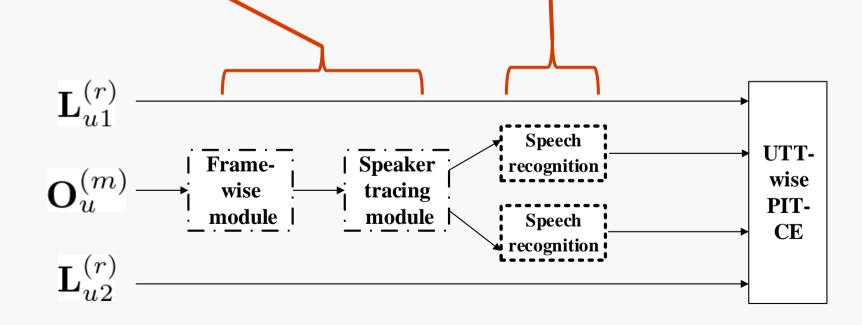
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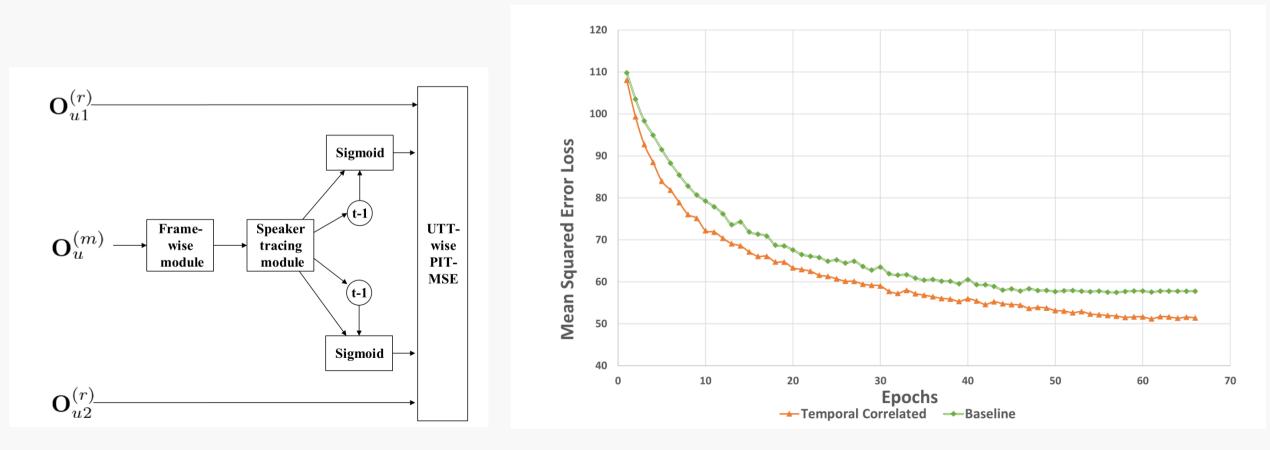
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 - Baseline 2: + transfer learning (TS, taught by clean teacher)

Neural network	Model	WER
	PIT-ASR	57.5
6 BLSTM + 4 BLSTM	progressive joint training + clean teacher	38.9

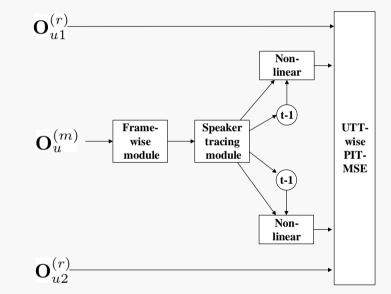
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- WER improve after joint training



Temporal Correlated	# of Sigmoid	WER	Rel. (%)
×	0	38.9	0
	0	37.5	-3.6
\checkmark	1	35.8	-8.0
	2	36.7	-5.7

Experiments – LM Integration

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$$Assign. \quad \text{Opt.} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} & \mathbf{50} \text{ hours} & \mathbf{150} \text{ hours} \\ \text{WER} & \text{Rel.} \quad (\%) & \text{WER} & \text{Rel.} \quad (\%) \\ \hline \mathbf{CE} & \mathbf{CE} & \mathbf{38.9} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{32.8} & \mathbf{0} \\ \text{MAP} & \mathbf{CE} & \mathbf{37.3} & \mathbf{-4.1} & \mathbf{30.9} & \mathbf{-5.8} \end{array}$$

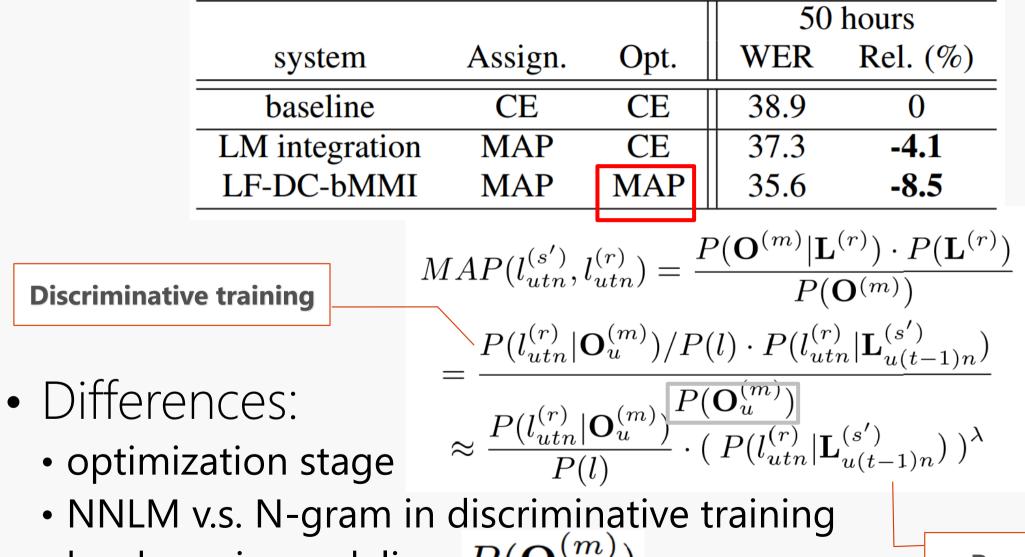
Experiments – LM Integration

• Baseline: modularization + clean teacher WER=32.8

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CE	CE	38.9	0	32.8	0	_	
MAP	CE	37.3	-4.1	30.9	-5.8		

- with more data, the improvement becomes larger
 - AM becomes stronger
 - Assignment decision is not over-fit to the LM

Experiments – Compare with disc. training



• hardness in modeling $P(\mathbf{O}_{u}^{(m)})$

Proposed method

Experiments – Combination

Method	WER	Rel. (%)
baseline	38.9	0
+ Temporal Correlated	35.8	-8.0
+ LM Integration	34.4	-11.5
+ LF-DC-bMMI	31.6	-18.8

• Operate in different levels \rightarrow can be combined

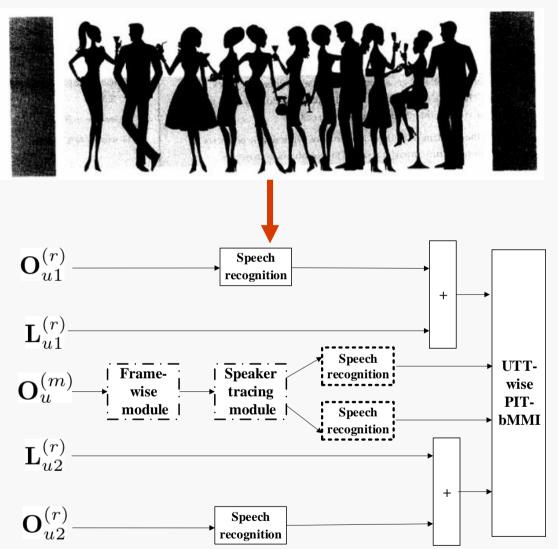
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+ MMI clean teacher	35.8	-8.0
+ LF-DC-bMMI	35.2	-9.5

- Operate in different levels \rightarrow can be combined
- Better than only utilize TS + discriminative training

Our final system

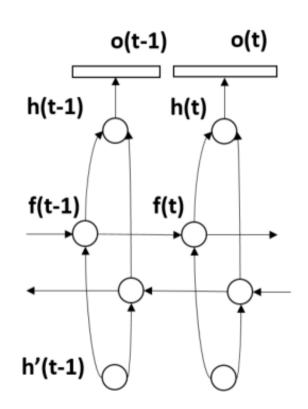
- Acoustics
 - Modular Initialization 4%
 CNN 10%
 - Transfer Learning Based Joint Training 20%
 - Temporal Correlation Modeling 8%
- Linguistics
 - Multi-outputs Sequence Discriminative Training 8%
 - Integrating Language Model in Assignment Decision 4%

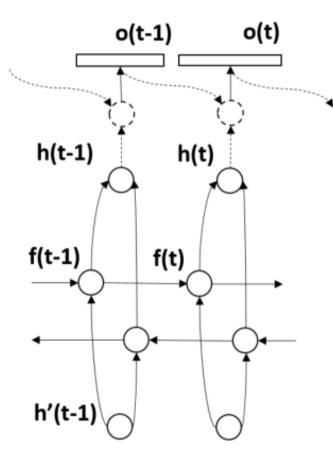


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Backup materials

Temporal correlation modeling in BLSTM





(a) BLSTM

(b) Temporal Correlated BLSTM

Experiments – Example 50hrs (F-F)

- Clean ASR (90+WER)
- 1 PIT-CE
- 2 Transf.
- 3 +MMI teacher
- 4 +seq. disc. tr.



1 id: (sw_4776_a-006) 2 Labels: <> 3 File: sw_4776 4 Channel: a
6 REF: i just ** **** GO WALKING AND I USUALLY TRY TO go for about an hour (e-) and i HAVE TRIED DOING IT EVERY DAY BUT i mean some times I do NOT EVEN DO IT ONCE DURING THE WEEK but you know MOST OF THE TIME I
7 8 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 18 22 11 4 18 22 11 4 9 HYP: i just SO LONG AS THEY HAVE COME HERE AS MUCH AS WE go for about an hour and i **** ***** WAS READING IN ANY WAY i mean some times * do *** IT LONGER THAN A WOMAN AND STUFF but you know **** ** **** **** 10 Eval: I I I S S S S D
¹¹ ¹² Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 34 7 10 1 2 Transf.
13 HYP: i just go OUT YOU and i usually *** HAVE go for about an hour *** i **** tried ***** IN every day but i mean some times i do not even do it once during the week but you know **** ** *** **** **** ONCE WE TURN DEFINIT 14 Eval: I S D S D D D D S S S S
15 16 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 36 9 6 2 17 HYP: i just go OUT HERE and i HAD LIKE to HAVE go for about an hour *** i **** AM TRYING every day but i mean some times i do not even do it once during the week but you know **** ** WHAT REALLY TRYING to ge
18 Eval: IS S S D D S 19 20 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 37 9 5 1 4 + seq. disc. tr.
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<pre>23 24 id: (sw_4854_b-009) 25 Labels: <> 26 File: sw_4854 27 Channel: b</pre>
28 29 REF: well I (don-) i DO NOT CAMP NEAR AS MUCH AS WE USED TO WE USED TO go *** TO THE LAKE all the time (%hesitation) WE (USE-) WE ALL SKI and everything *** WE USED TO ALL GO TO THE LAKE ALL the TIME AND MY PARENTS
11 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 20 22 20 2 12 HYP: well * i ** *** **** ** *** ** ** ** ** ** ** *
34 35 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 42 9 11 0 36 HYP: well i i ** *** CAMPED near as much as we used to we **** ** FEEL LIKE all the time we we all *** SCAN everything ** **** ** THESE DOGS OVER LIKE all the time and my parents had a cabin IN 37 Eval: D D D S D D S S
38 39 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 42 10 10 0 40 HYP: well * i ** THINK CAMPED near as much as we used to we **** ** FEEL LIKE all the time and my parents had a cabin 41 Eval: D D S S D D D S S S S S S S S S S S S
42 43 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 47 8 7 0 44 HYP: well * i ** THINK CAMPED near as much as we used to go to *** lake all the time we we all SCREAM and everything ** **** ** THESE DOGS BUT LIKE all the time and my parents had a cabin I 45 Eval: D D S S D D D D S S S S S S S S S S S

Experiments – Example 150hrs (F-F)

- Clean ASR (90+WER)
- 1 PIT-CE
- 2 Transf.
- 3 +CNN
- 4 +seq. disc. tr.



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1 id: (sw 4776 a-006)
2 Labels: <>
  File: sw 4776
 Channel: a
  REF: i just go WALKING and i usually TRY TO
                                                 go for about an hour (e-) AND i have tried DOING IT EVERY DAY but i mean some times i do not even do it once during the week but you know MOST OF THE TIME i TRY to get out there
                                                                  1 PIT-CE
8 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 38 5 8 0
  HYP: i just go ON
                        and i usually *** THOUSAND go for about an hour
                                                                        *** i have tried ***** ** TO NAME but i mean some times i do not even do it once during the week but you know **** ** *** **** i LIKE to get out there
10 Eval:
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12 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 39 6 6 2
                                                                           *** i WOULD TRY doing it every day but i mean some times i do not even do it once during the week *** you know **** ** *** WE WE try to get out there
13 HYP: i just go OUT TO EAT
                               and i usually *** HAVE go for about an hour
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16 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 42 5 4 1
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17 HYP: i just go OUT AND
                            and i usually *** HAVE go for about an hour
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18 Eval:
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20 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 41 8 2 0
21 HYP: i just go WATCHING and i usually DO NOT go for about an hour
                                                                     and i **** tried doing it every day but i mean some times i do not even do it once during the week but you know **** ONCE IN SOME WAY TRYING to get out there
22 Eval:
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24 id: (sw 4854 b-009)
25 Labels: <>
26 File: sw 4854
27 Channel: b
29 REF: well I (don-) i DO NOT camp NEAR as much as we used to we used TO GO to THE LAKE all the time (%hesitation) we (use-) we all SKI AND everything WE USED TO ALL GO TO THE LAKE ALL THE time AND my parents HAD a CABIN AT THE
31 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 36 10 16 0
                                                                                                                     we all STAY IN everything ** **** ** *** ** *** YOU STILL ILLEGAL time *** my parents GOT a ***** ** **
32 HYP: well *
                    i ** THINK camp HERE as much as we used to we used ** ** to *** LEAVE all the time
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35 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 42 10 10 0
36 HYP: well *
                     i AM A camp near as much as we used to we **** ** ** FEEL LIKE all the time
                                                                                                                    we all *** SCAN everything ** **** ** *** THESE DOGS ARE LIKE all the time and my parents had a cabin IN the l
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  HYP: well *
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41 Eval:
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43 Scores: (#C #S #D #I) 46 9 7 0
44 HYP: well *
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