# Machine Listening for Music and Sound Analysis

# Lecture 6 - Environmental Sound Analysis 2

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# **Overview**

- Acoustic Scene Classification
- Acoustic Anomaly Detection
- Real-World Deployment
  - Process Steps
  - Challenges
- Use-Cases
  - Urban Noise Monitoring
  - Traffic Monitoring
  - Industrial Sound Analysis
  - Context-sensitive Hearables
  - Bioacoustic Monitoring

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- Acoustic scene
  - Typical set of sounds
  - Example: Office
    - Keyboard clicks
    - Human conversations
    - Printer
    - Air conditioner





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- Label encoding
  - One-hot-encoded (global) target
- Example
  - 4 scene classes (bus, office, home, forest)
  - Encoding of an office recording



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- Current Research Topics [Abeßer, 2020]
  - Attention  $\rightarrow$  learn to focus on spectrogram regions
  - Open-set classification  $\rightarrow$  detect unknown classes
  - **Transfer learning**  $\rightarrow$  fine-tune pre-trained models with less data

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  - Detecting machine failures
  - Intrusion detection (glass break...)



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- Time-series analysis
  - AD via prediction error
  - E.g.: Autoregressive models, Hidden-Markov-Models (HMM)



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- Dense, convolutional, variational AE
- Interpolation DNN
  - Interpolate spectrogram frame from surrounding frames



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- Security / Privacy
- Data transmission / storage



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- Iterative improvement of system components
  - Audio processing (pre-processing, feature extraction)
  - Machine learning (learning / recognition / detection)

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- Incremental changes & evaluation
  - Identify most important factors that influence the system's performance
- Evaluation
  - Offline (pre-recorded audio) vs. online (real-time recordings)
  - Objective (test dataset, defined metrics) vs. subjective (user tests)

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- Iterative development until ready for deployment
  - Problem examples: too high latency, too low noise-robustness
- Finally
- System integration (user interface etc.)
- Deployed to the market (small scale pilot -> full scale)

# Real-World Deployment Challenges

- Data Mismatch / Domain Shift
- Model Complexity
- Privacy / Security
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Data augmentation

Increase model robustness by increasing data variability

Data normalization [Johnson, 2020] [Latifi, 2023]

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#### Data normalization

- Align source and target data distribution (zero mean & standard deviations) [Johnson, 2020]
  - Reduce domain shift



Fig. 13

Metal ball surface classification (colors = classes, shadings = recordings)

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Approaches ([Wang, 2021])

Pruning

Identify & remove redundant connections / neurons



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- Knowledge Distillation
  - Transfer knowledge from complex (teacher) to simpler (student) model



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- Ensuring confidentiality of recordings, annotations and models during storage, transmission and (sometimes) training
- Avoiding replay attacks

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- Approach
  - Mobile sensor units
    - Raspberry Pi 3, quad-core ARM, 1GB RAM
    - Battery + MEMS microphones
    - Sensor locations (light poles)







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CNN architecture

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  - Local acoustic conditions
  - Vehicle speed
  - Street surface quality & weather conditions



#### Audio Features

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  - 2s clips (IDMT-Traffic dataset)



### **Application Scenarios** (3) Industrial Sound Analysis

#### Challenges

- Real-time analysis & classification of industrial sounds
- Energy-efficient Al algorithms
- Sound variations due to different machine states
- Acoustic anomalies subtle compared to background noises





### **Application Scenarios** (3) Industrial Sound Analysis

Example use-cases @ Industrial Media Applications (Fraunhofer IDMT)



#### **Friction Stir Welding**

Fig. 26



**Compressed Air Leakage Detection** 

Fig. 27



Laser Ablation Machine

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  - Dynamic volume adjustments
  - (Immersive listening experience)

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  - Population sizes / migration patterns
- Challenges for SED
  - High variability even within sounds classes
  - Large amounts of unlabelled data (annotation requires expert knowledge)

Few-shot learning (DCASE 2021, task 5)

### **Application Scenarios** (5) Bioacoustic Monitoring

#### Bird sound detection $\rightarrow$ detection / classification / counting



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# **Computational Analysis of Sound and Music**

Novel lecture in summer semester 2024!

	Week	Date 1	Date 2
I. Foundations	1	Audio	Audio
	2	Audio	ML/DL
	3	ML/DL	ML/DL
II. Applications	4	Music Information Retrieval	
	5		
	6		
	7	Environmental Sound Analysis	
	8		
III. Research Project	9	Intro / Topics	Literature research
	10	Datasets	ML/DL pipeline
	11	Evaluation/metrics	Visualization/Paper writing
	12	Wrap-Up, Paper Deadline	Project presentation, Q/A

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- AUD-2: Three clips from IDMT-Traffic dataset [Abeßer, 2021]
- AUD-3: https://freesound.org/people/IFartInUrGeneralDirection/sounds/96195/
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## Thank you!

Any questions?

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