

# Speech Recognition

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# Course Contents

- Both the theoretical and practical issues for spoken language processing will be considered
- Technology for **Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)** will be further emphasized
- Topics to be covered
  - Fundamentals and Statistical Modeling Paradigms
    - Spoken Language Structure
    - Hidden Markov Models
    - Speech Signal Analysis and Feature Extraction
    - Acoustic and Language Modeling
    - Search/Decoding Algorithms
  - Systems and Applications
    - Keyword Spotting, Dictation, Speaker Recognition, Spoken Dialogue, Speech-based Information Retrieval, etc.

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## Speech Recognition

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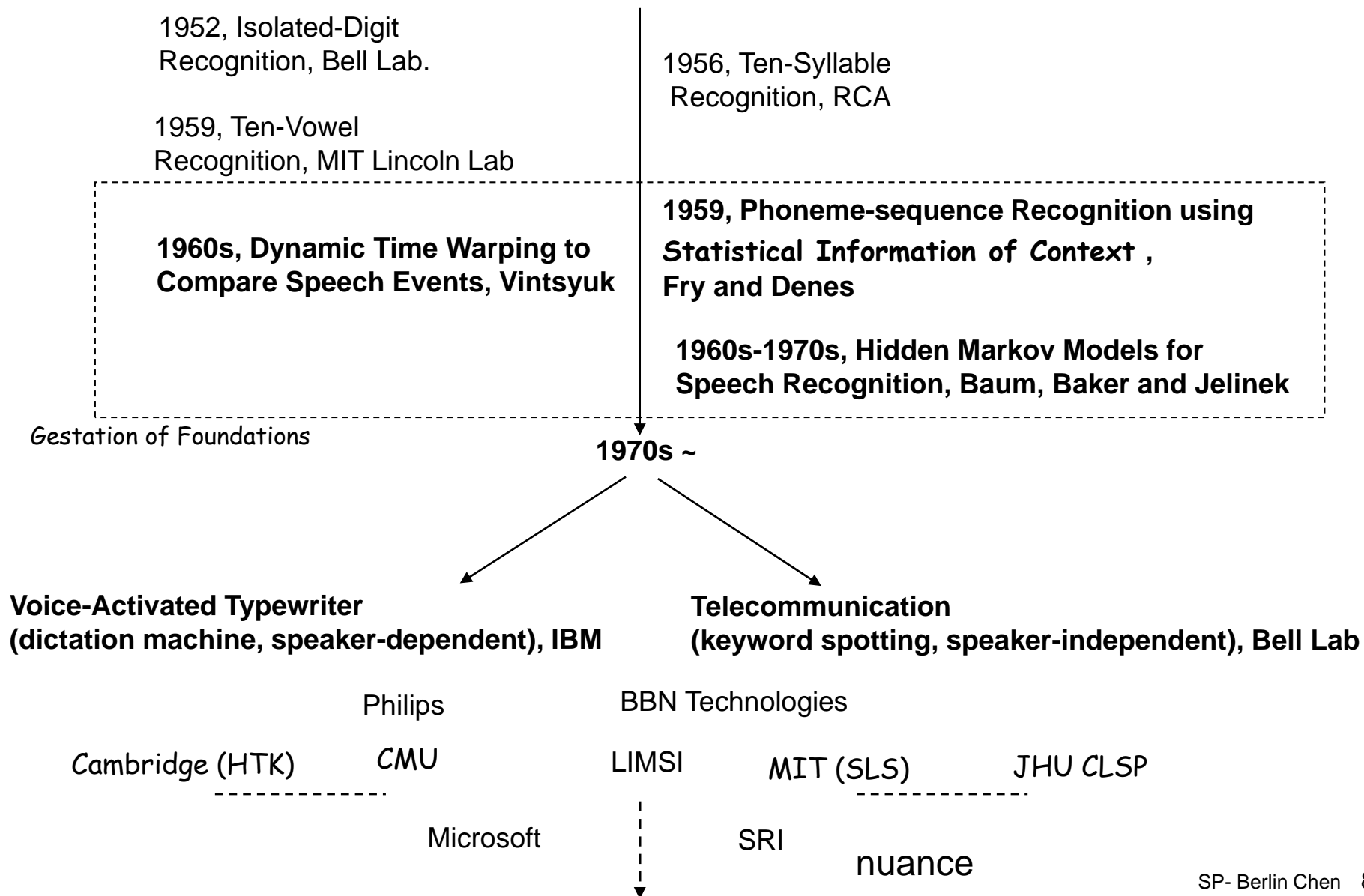
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# Historical Review





# Areas for Speech Processing

- Production, Perception, and Modeling of Speech (phonetics and phonology)
- Signal Processing for Speech
- Speech Coding
- Speech Synthesis (Text-to-Speech)
- Speech Recognition (Speech-to-Text) and Understanding
- Speaker Recognition
- Language Recognition
- Speech Enhancement
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# Progress of Technology (1/6)

- US. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)



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**Ongoing Benchmark Tests**

- GALE Translation (2006 - present)
- Language Recognition (1996 - present)
- Machine Translation (2001 - present)
- Metrics for Machine Translation (2008 - present)
- Rich Transcription (2003 - present)
- Speaker Recognition (1996 - present)
- TRECvid Event Detection (2008-present)
- MADCAT (2008-present)
- Multiple Camera Single Person Tracking (2009-present)

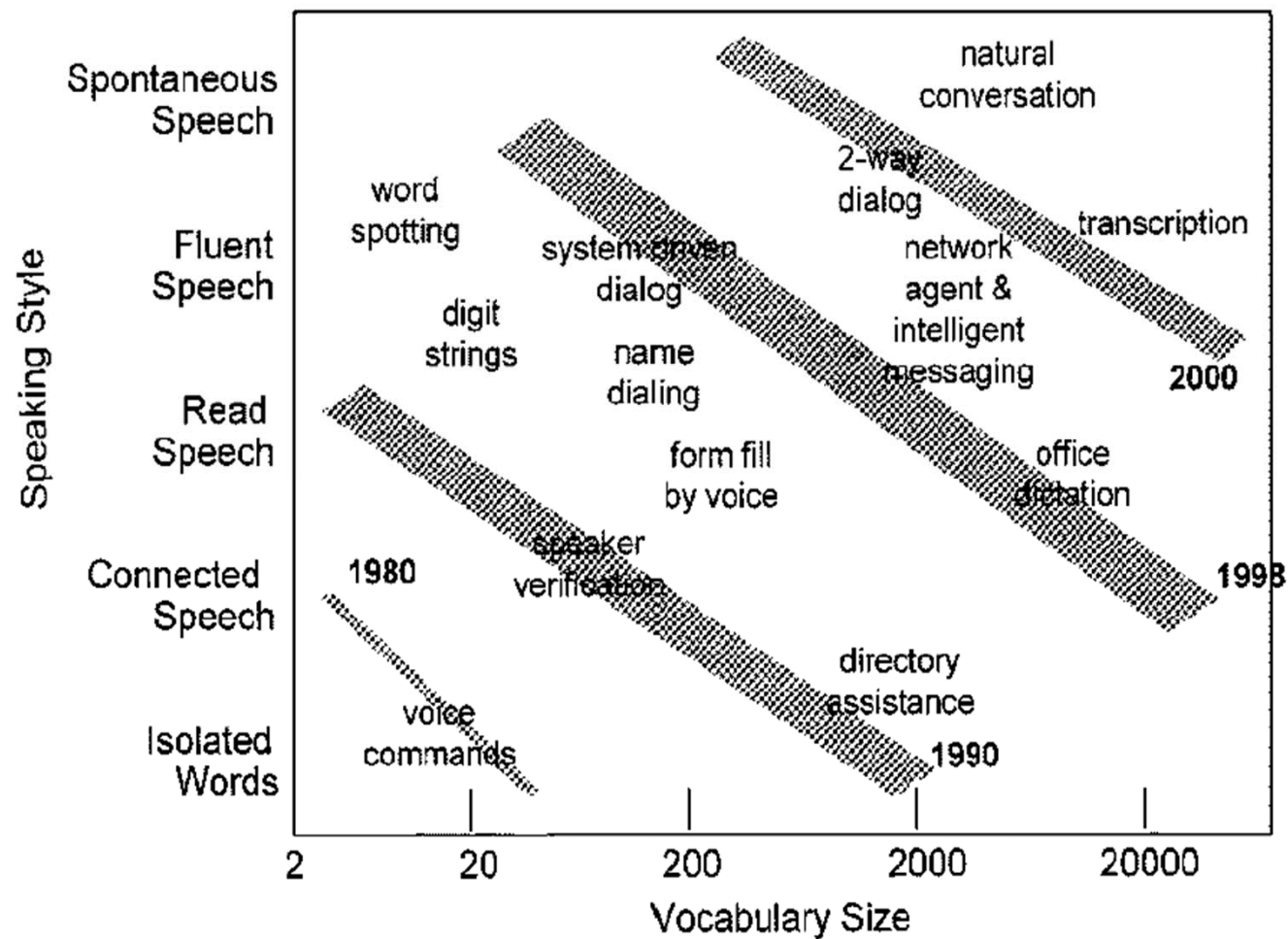
**Past Benchmark Tests**

- CLEAR (2006 - 2007)
- Spoken Term Detection (2006)
- Broadcast News Recognition (1996 - 1999)
- Conversational Telephone Recognition (1997 - 2001)
- Spoken Document Retrieval (1997 - 2000)
- Topic Detection and Tracking (1998 - 2004)
- Automatic Content Extraction (1999 - 2008)

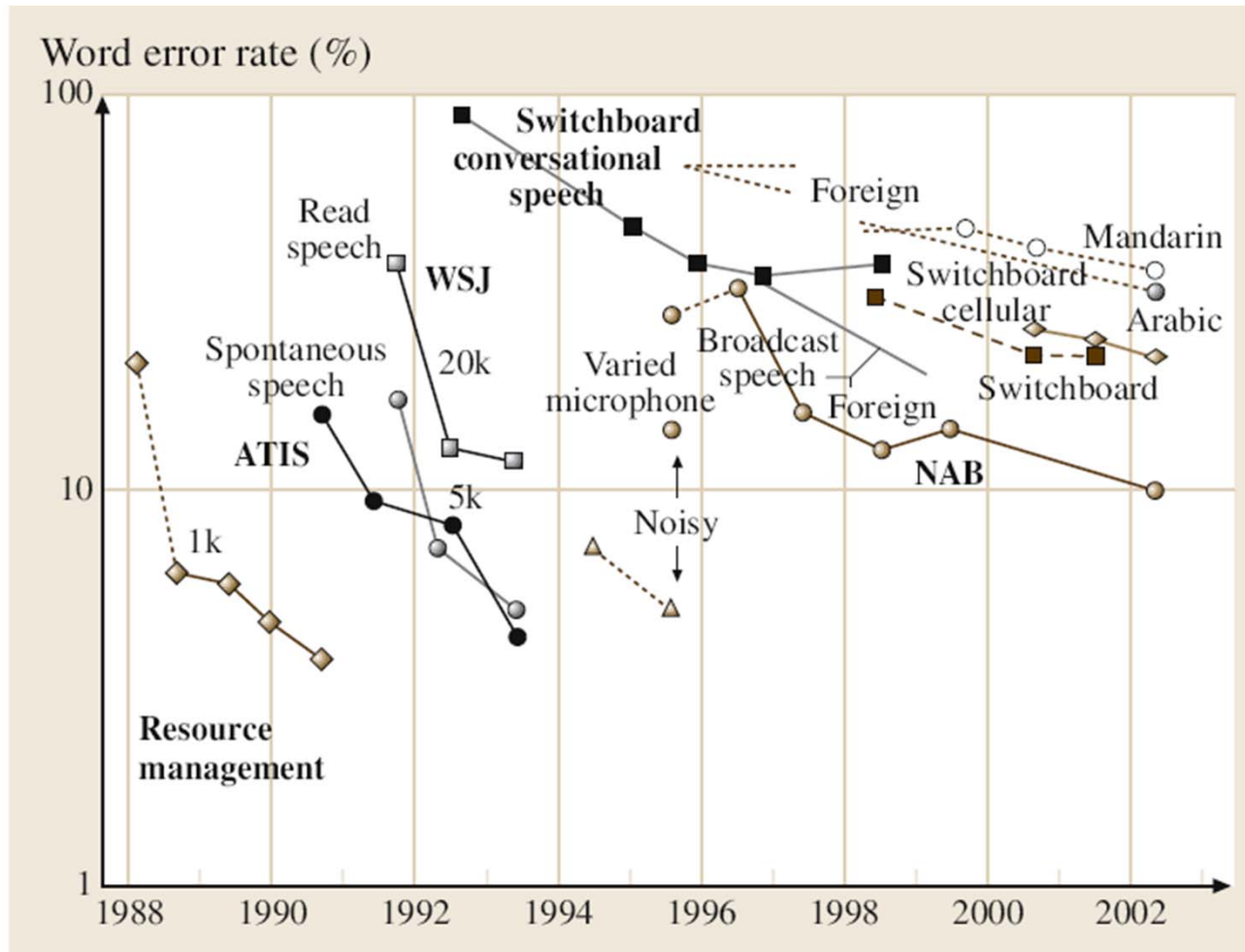
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# Progress of Technology (2/6)

- Generic Application Areas (vocabulary vs. speaking style)



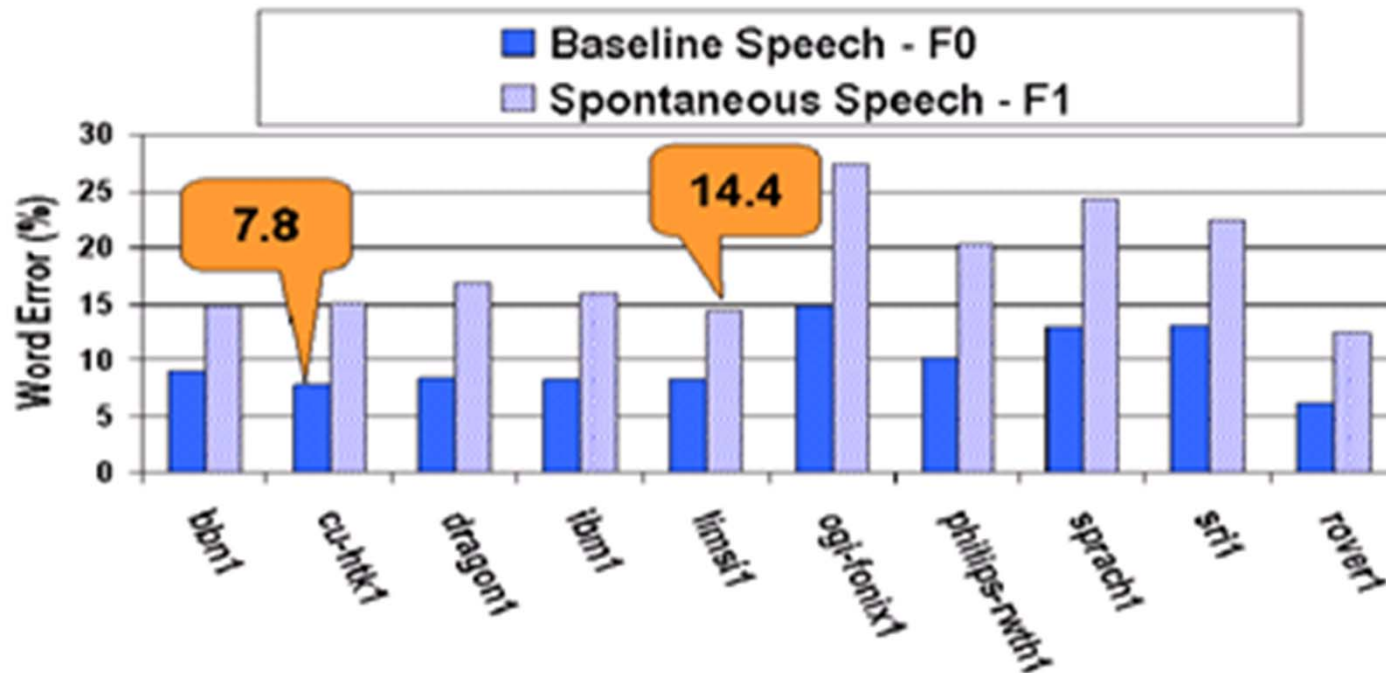
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# Progress of Technology (4/6)

- Benchmarks of ASR performance: Broadcast News Speech



FO: anchor speakers

F1: field reports and interviewees

## Progress of Technology (5/6)

- Benchmarks of ASR performance: Conversational Speech

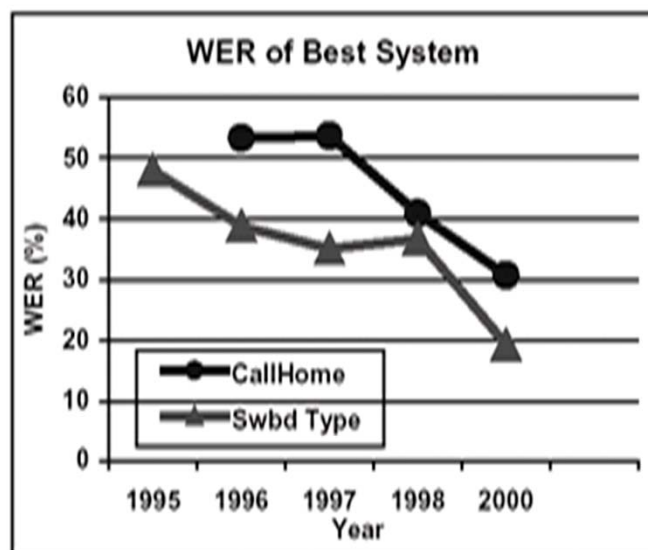


Figure 4 History of lowest word error rates (WER) obtained in NIST conversational speech evaluations on Switchboard and CallHome type conversations in English [26].

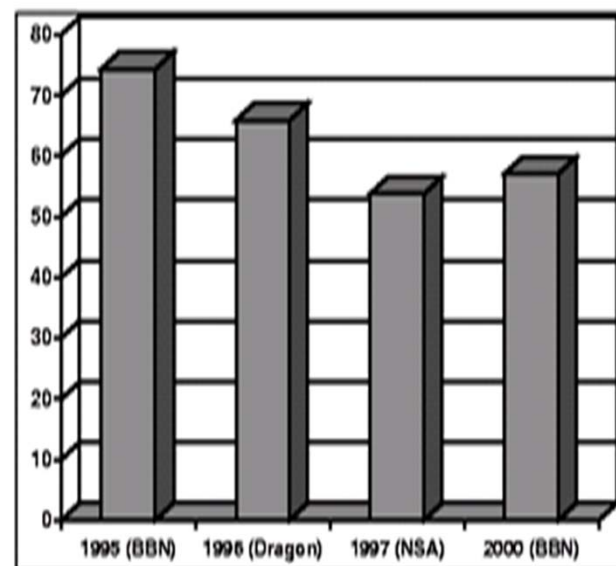


Figure 5 Chinese Character error rates of the best performing evaluation system in NIST Mandarin conversational speech evaluations 1995-2000 [26].

# Progress of Technology (6/6)

- Mandarin Conversational Speech (2003 Evaluation)
  - Acoustic/Training Test Data:
    - training data: 34.9 hours, 379 sides, from LDC CallHome (22.4hrs) and CallFriend (12.5hrs), 451K Words (+7K English word), 628K Characters
    - development data: dev02 1.94 hours from CallFriend

		CER (%)	
		dev02	eval03
P1	trans for VTLN	55.1	54.7
P2	trans for MLLR	50.8	51.3
P3	lat gen (bg)	49.3	50.5
	tgintcat rescore	48.9	49.8
P4	lat MLLR	48.6	49.5
CN	P4	47.9	48.6

%CER on dev02 and eval03 for all stages of 2003 system

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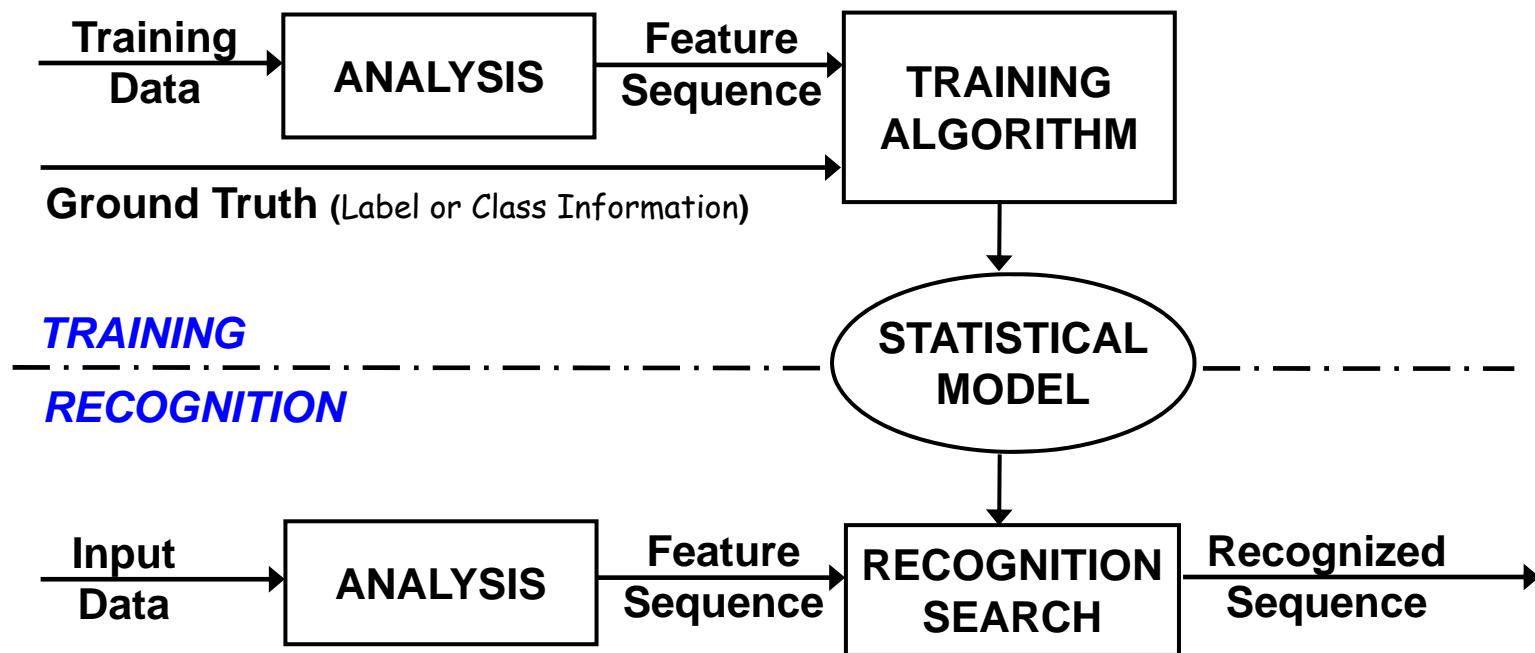


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# Statistical Modeling Paradigm

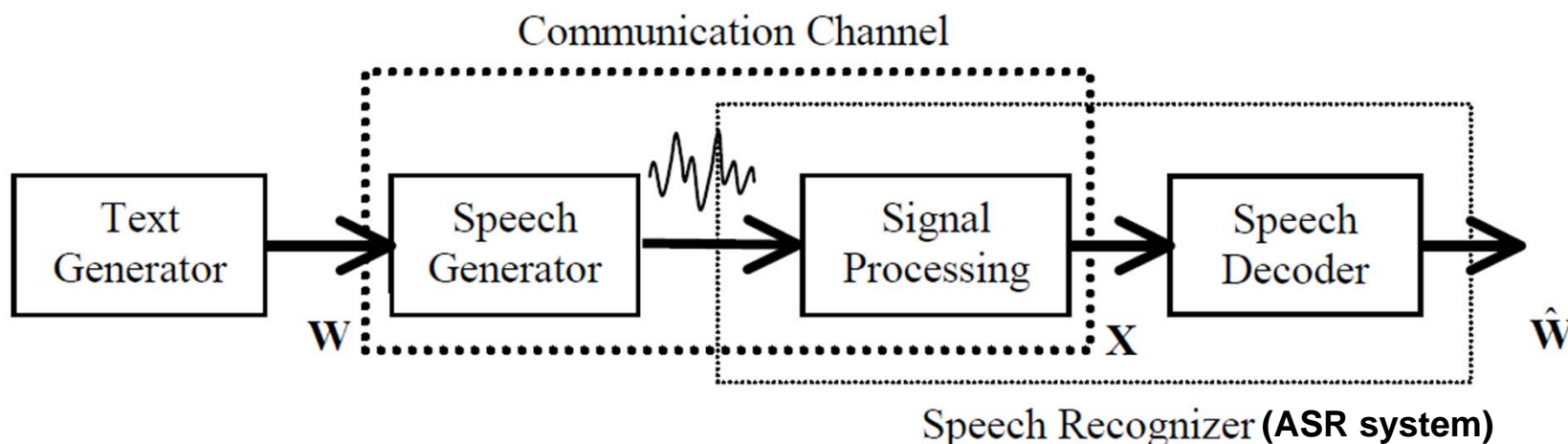
- Most approaches to speech and language processing generally follow the statistical modeling paradigm



- Data-driven approaches: automatically extract “knowledge” from the data
- It would be better to pair data-driven approaches with rule-based ones



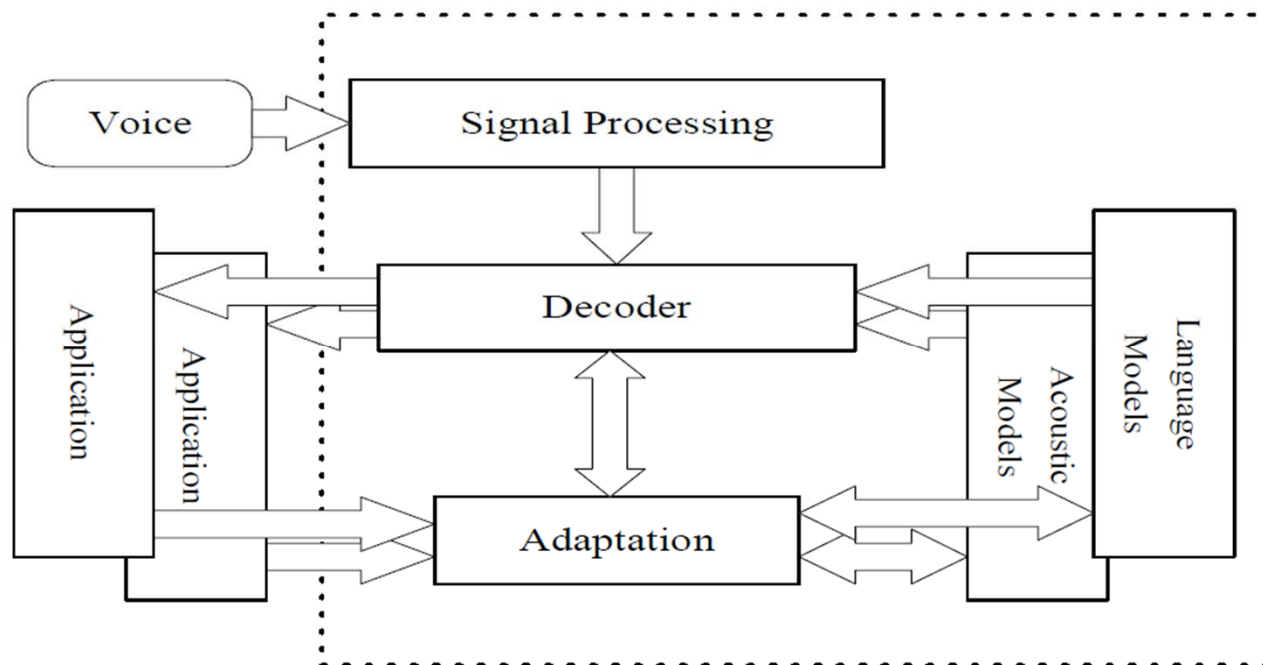
# A Source-Channel Model for ASR



- Communication channel consists of speaker's vocal apparatus to produce speech the waveform and the signal processing component of the speech recognizer
- The speech decoder aims to decode the acoustic signal  $X$  into a word sequence  $\hat{W}$  (Hopefully,  $\hat{W} \approx W$ .)

Uncertainties to be contended with: unknown words, grammatical variation, noise interference, acoustic variation, to name a few

# Basic Architecture of ASR System



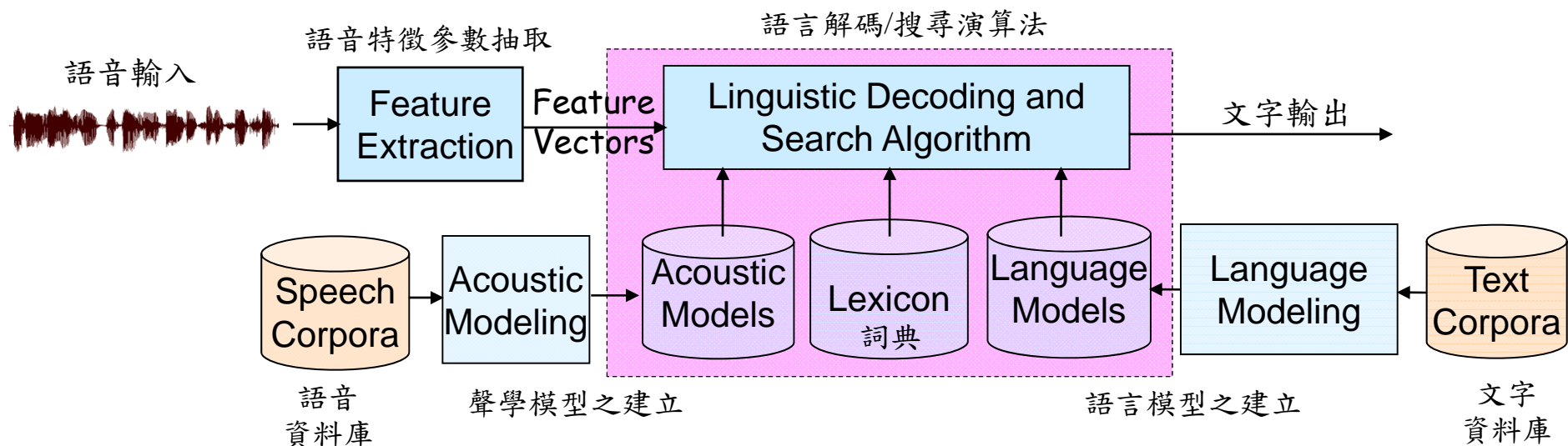
- **Signal processing:** extract salient features for the decoder
- **Decoder:** use both acoustic and language models to generate the “best” word sequence in response to the input voice
- **Adaptation:** modify either acoustic or language models so that improved performance can be obtained

# ASR: Applications

- E.g., Transcription of Broadcast News Speech



# ASR: A Bit of Terminology



可能詞句      語音輸入

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{W}} P(\mathbf{W} | \mathbf{X}) \quad \text{Bayes Decision Theory}$$

$$= \arg \max_{\mathbf{W}} \frac{p(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{W})P(\mathbf{W})}{P(\mathbf{X})} \quad \text{Bayes Rule}$$

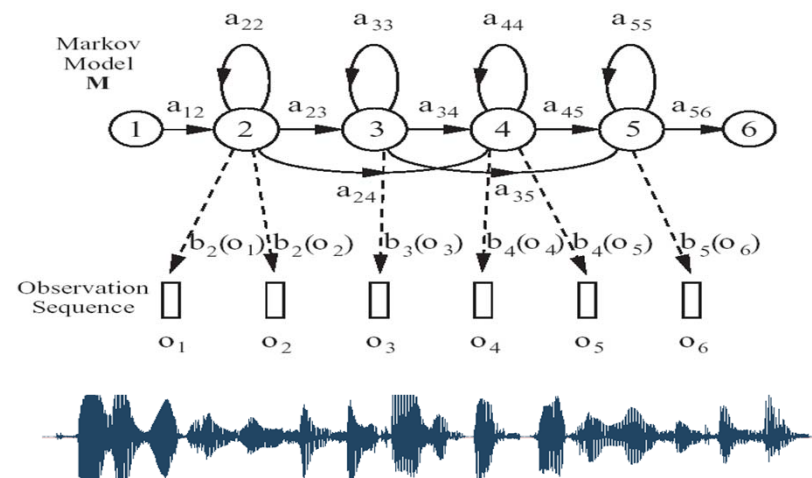
Decoding

$$= \arg \max_{\mathbf{W}} p(\mathbf{X} | \mathbf{W})P(\mathbf{W})$$

Acoustic Modeling      Language Modeling

# ASR: Acoustic Modeling

- Construct **a set of statistical models** representing various sounds (or phonetic units) of the language
  - Approaches based on Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) dominate the area of speech recognition
  - HMMs are based on rigorous mathematical theory built on several decades of mathematical results developed in other fields
  - HMMs are constructed by the process of training on a large corpus of real speech data




# ASR: Language Modeling

- Constrain the acoustic analysis, guide the search through multiple candidate word strings, and quantify the acceptability of the final word string output from a speech recognizer

$$W = w_1 w_2 \dots w_L \implies P(W) = ?$$

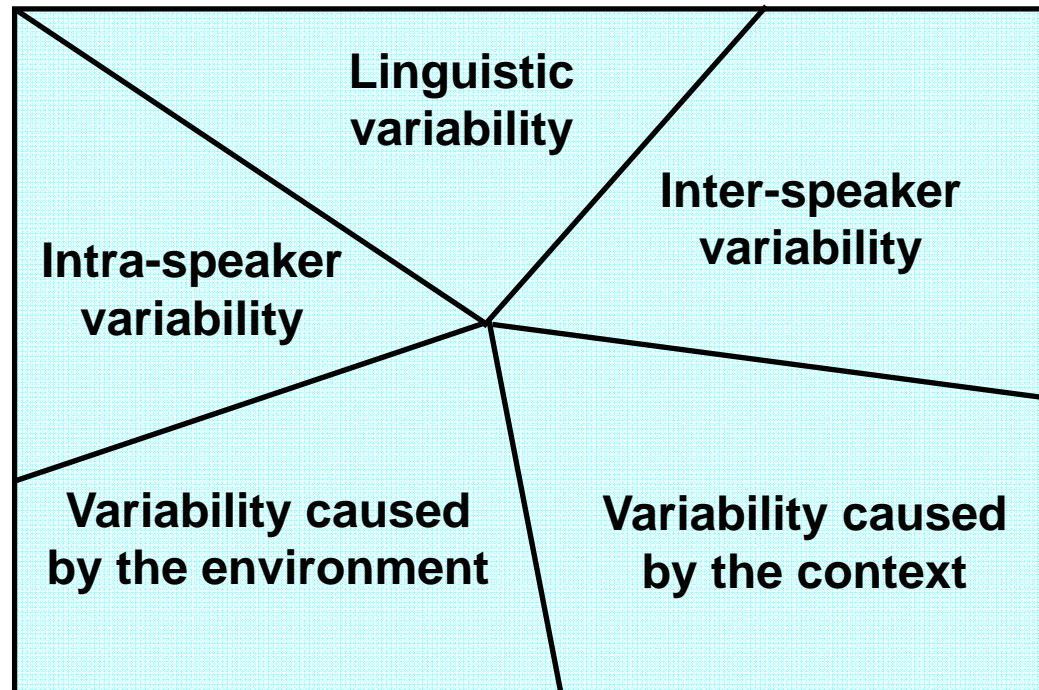
- The  $n$ -gram language model that follows a statistical modeling paradigm is the most prominently-used in ASR

**bigram modeling**


$$P(w_1 w_2 \dots w_L) = P(w_1) P(w_2 | w_1) P(w_3 | w_1 w_2) \dots P(w_L | w_1 w_2 \dots w_{L-1})$$
$$P(w_1 w_2 \dots w_L) = P(w_1) P(w_2 | w_1) P(w_3 | w_2) \dots P(w_L | w_{L-1})$$

# Difficulties: Speech Variability

**Pronunciation  
Variation**



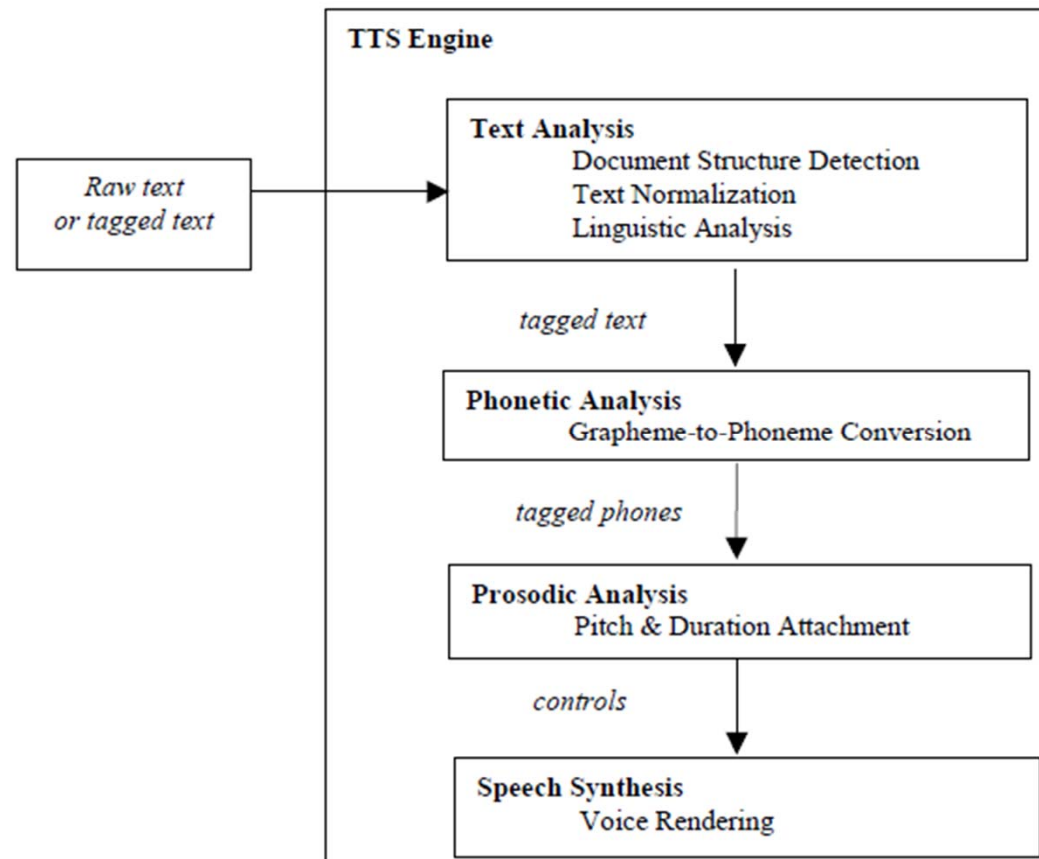
**Speaker-independency  
Speaker-adaptation  
Speaker-dependency**

**Robustness  
Enhancement**

**Context-Dependent  
Acoustic Modeling**

# Text to Speech (TTS)

- TTS can be viewed as ASR in reverse



- We are now able to general high-quality TTS systems, although the quality is inferior to human speech for general-purpose applications

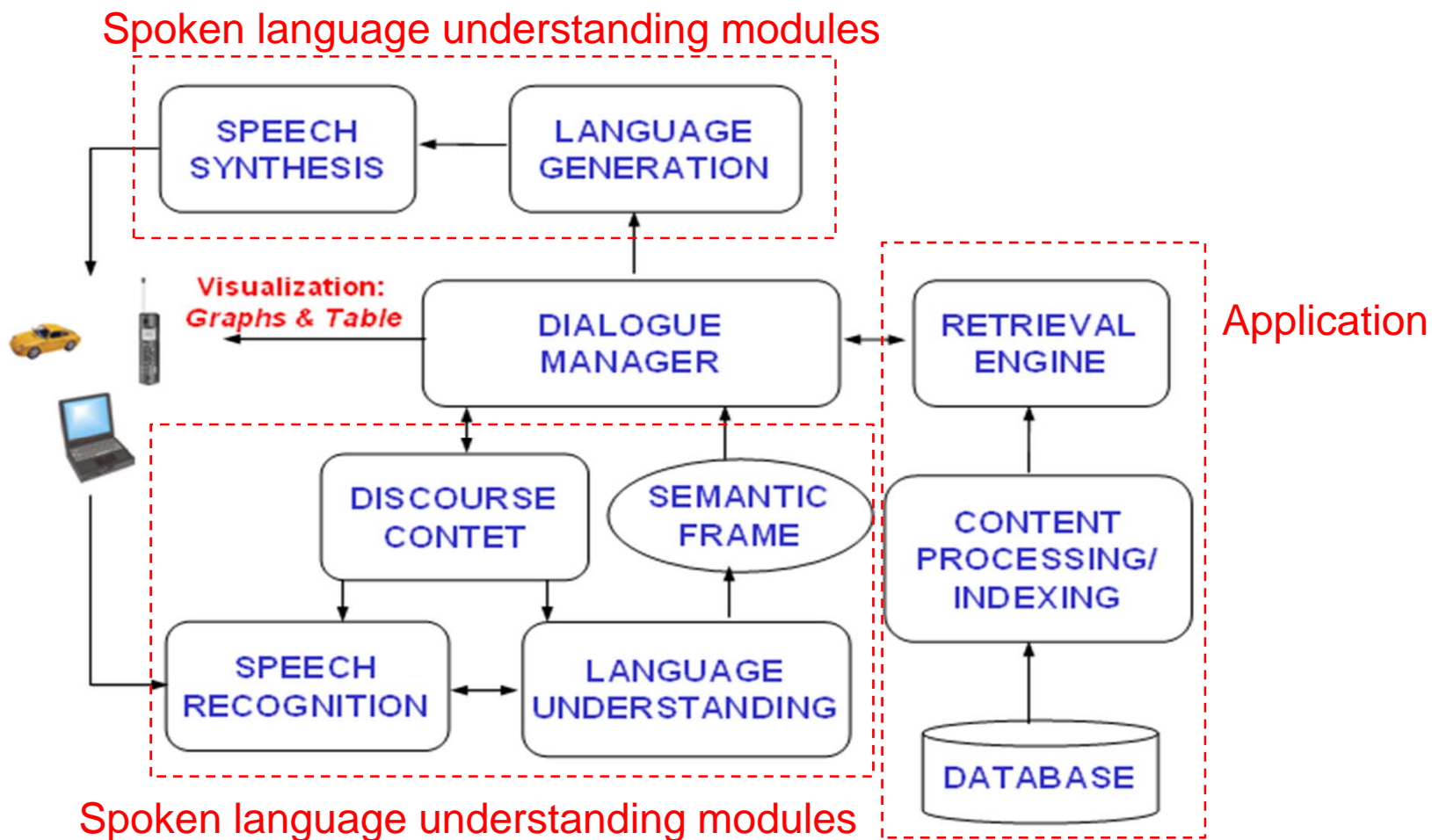


# Spoken Dialogue: CMU's Systems

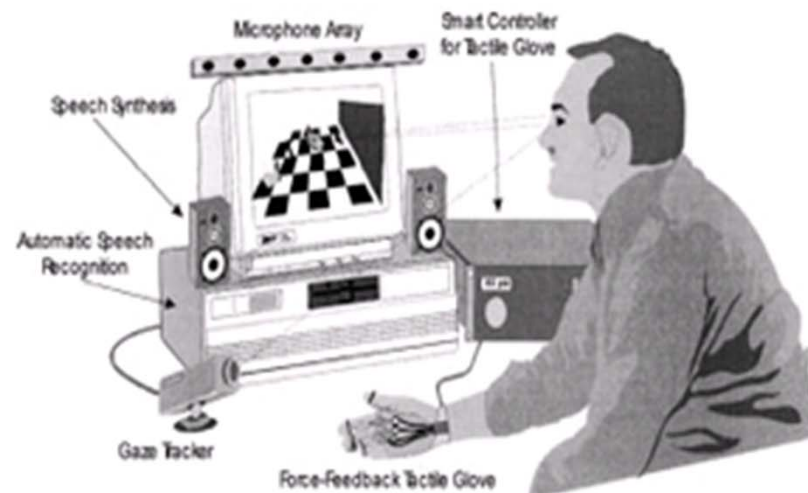
- Spoken language is attractive because it is the most natural, convenient and inexpensive means of exchanging information for humans
- In mobilizing situations, using keystrokes and mouse clicks could be impractical for rapid information access through small handheld devices like PDAs, cellular phones, etc.



# Spoken Dialogue: Basic System Architecture



# Spoken Dialogue: Multimodality of Input and Output



Experimental client workstation incorporating sight, sound, and touch modalities for human/machine communication. The eye tracker provides a gaze-controlled cursor for indicating objects in the display. The tactile force-feedback glove allows displayed objects to be grasped, “felt,” and moved. Hands-free speech recognition and synthesis provides natural conversational interaction [7].

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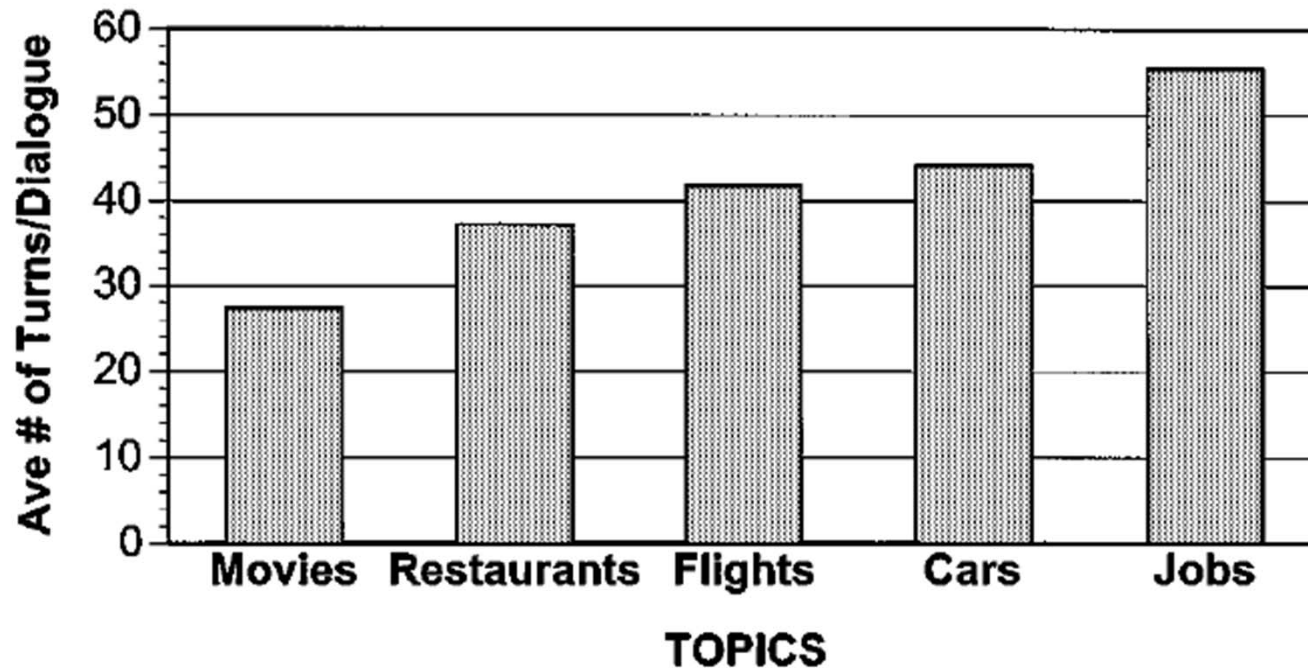
# Spoken Dialogue: Some Deployed Systems

- Complexity Analysis

Domain	Language	Vocabulary Size	Average	
			Words/Utt	Utts/Dialogue
CSELT Train Timetable Info	Italian	760	1.6	6.6
SpeechWorks Air Travel Reservation	English	1000	1.9	10.6
Philips Train Timetable Info	German	1850	2.7	7.0
CMU Movie Information	English	757	3.5	9.2
CMU Air Travel Reservation	English	2851	3.6	12.0
LIMSI Train Timetable Info	French	1800	4.4	14.6
MIT Weather Information	English	1963	5.2	5.6
MIT Air Travel Reservation	English	1100	5.3	14.1
AT&T Operator Assistance	English	4000	7.0	3.0
Air Travel Reservations (human)	English	?	8.0	27.5

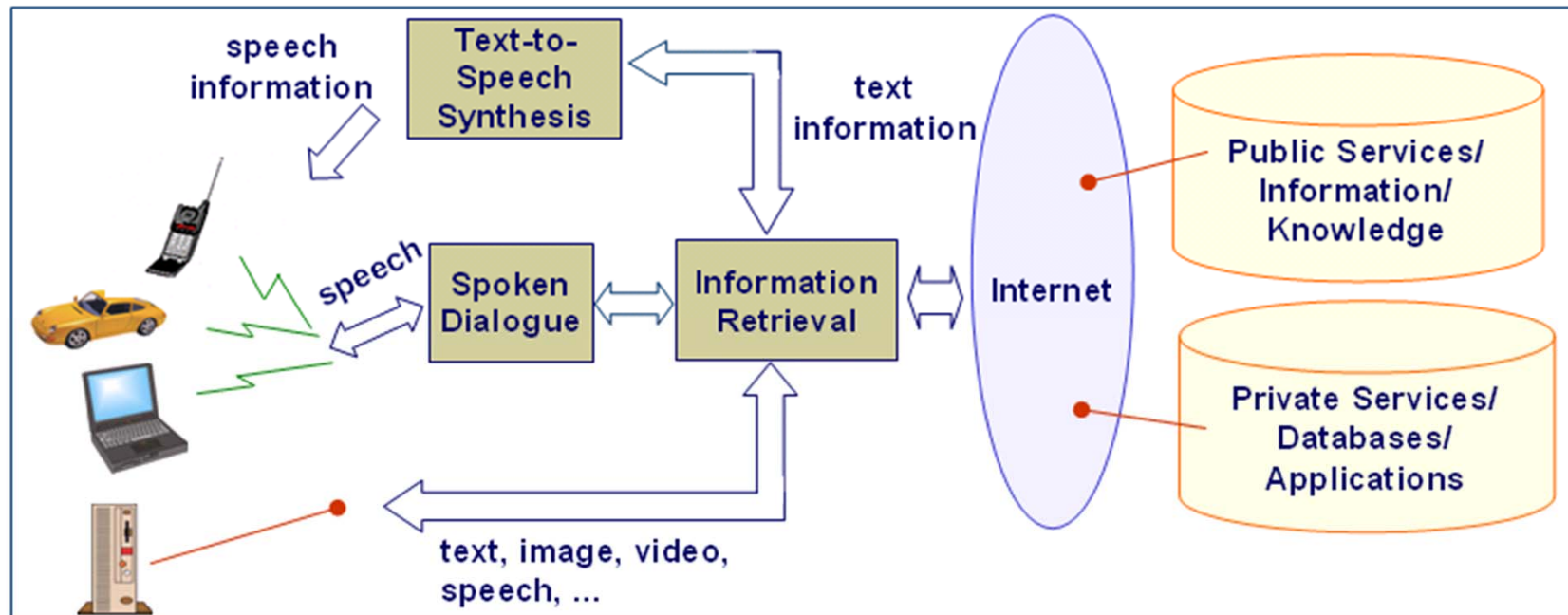
# Spoken Dialogue: Some Statistics

- Topics vs. Dialogue Terms

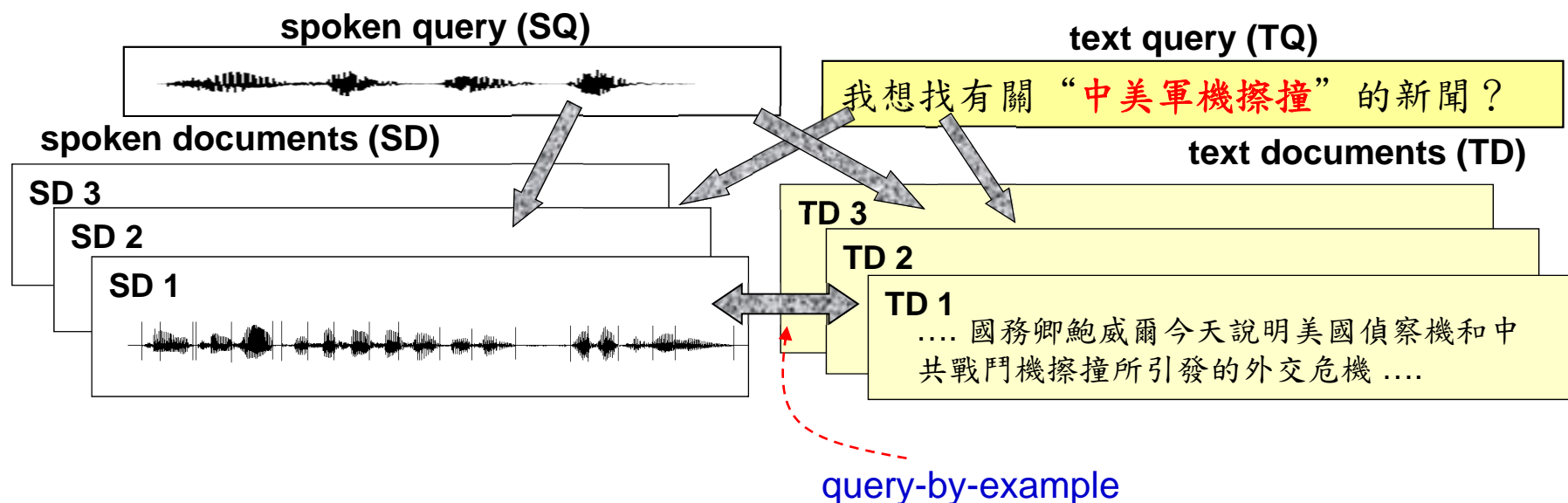


# Speech-based Information Retrieval (1/5)

- Task :
  - Automatically indexing a collection of spoken documents with speech recognition techniques
  - Retrieving relevant documents in response to a text/speech query



# Speech-based Information Retrieval (2/5)



- SQ/SD is the most difficult
- TQ/SD is studied most of the time
- Query-by-example
  - Attempt to retrieve relevant documents when users provide some specific query exemplars describing their information needs
  - Useful for news monitoring and tracking

# Speech-based Information Retrieval (3/5)

輸入聲音問句：“請幫我查總統府升旗典禮”

中文電視廣播新聞檢索系統 2002v1 - Berlin Chen & Lin-shan Lee

辨識1 等待輸入指令...

測靜音 3.70秒

放音

離開

載入新聞

DIALOG  KVSPT  VDRecog

SYL-based  CHR-based  WD-based

QueryByExempars 檢索結果之排名

[ 1 ]	FTV2002-004	3.59164e-001
[ 2 ]	N200201211200-01	1.11802e-001
[ 3 ]	N200201091200-12	1.91467e-001
[ 4 ]	N200110051200-09	1.89940e-001
[ 5 ]	N200109061200-07	1.66562e-001
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檢索到新聞的語音辨識結果

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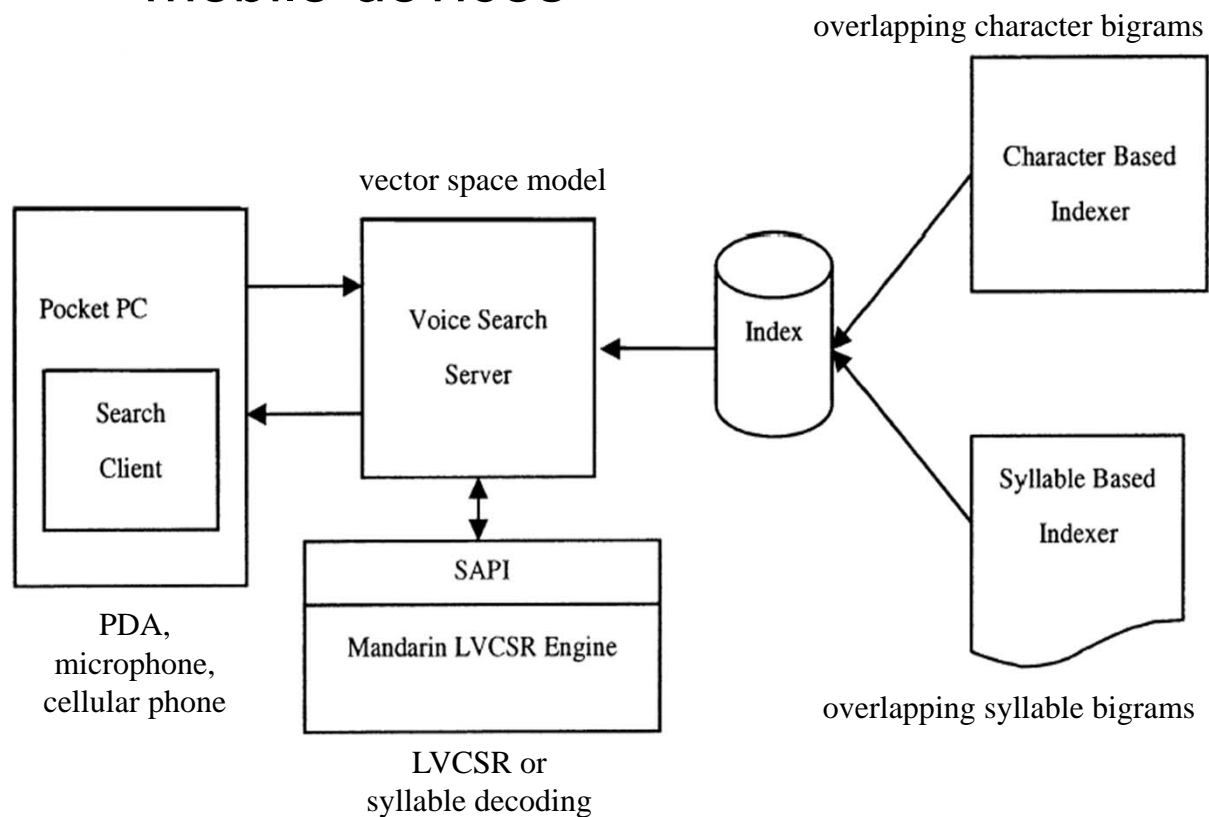
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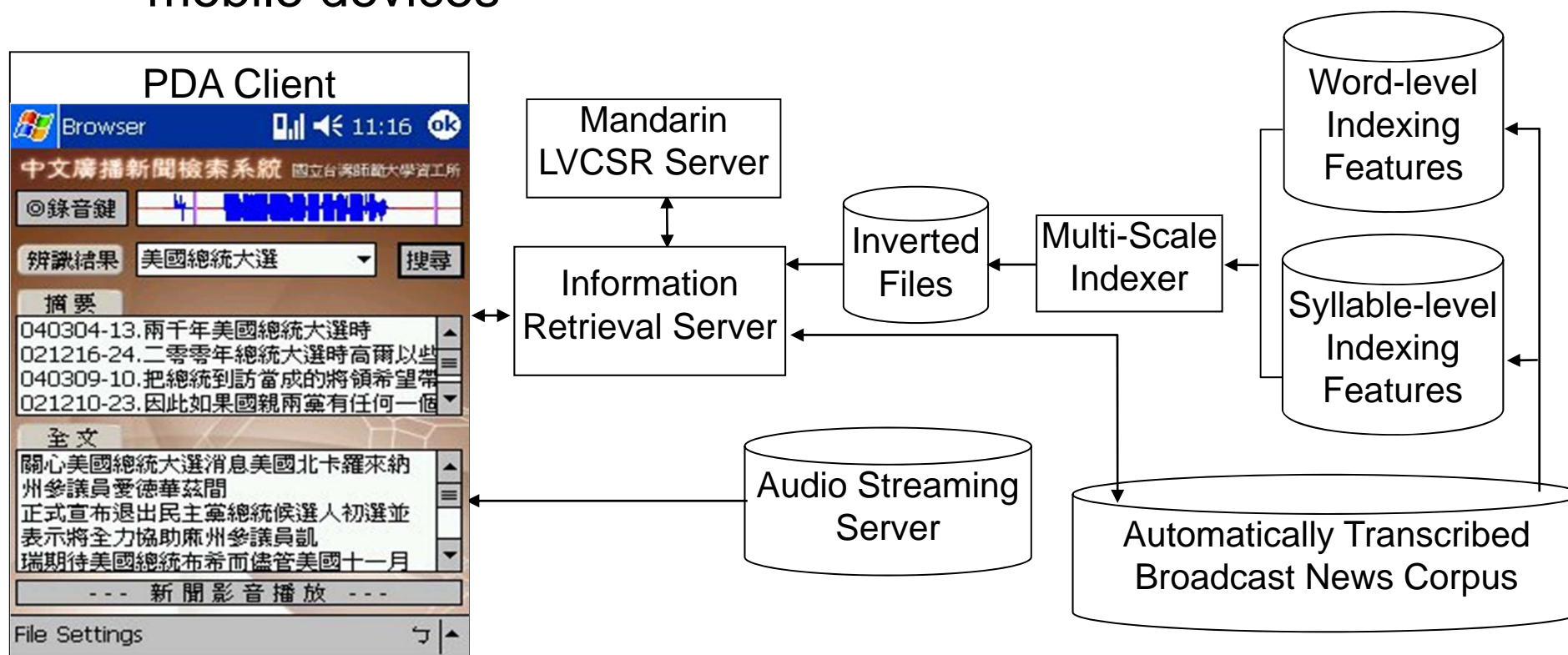
- Spoken queries retrieving text news documents via mobile devices



C.f. Chang, E., Seide, F., Meng, H., Chen, Z., Shi, Y., And Li, Y. C. 2002. A system for spoken query information retrieval on mobile devices. IEEE Trans. on Speech and Audio Processing 10, 8 (2002), 531-541.

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# Spoken Dialogue: Google Voice Search



## Google-411: Finding and connecting to local business

Dial from any phone

1-800-GOOG-411

(1-800-466-4411)

**About GOOG-411**  
Google's new 411 service is free, fast and easy to use. Give it a try now and see how simple it is to find and connect with local businesses for free.

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Dial 1-800-GOOG-411 from any phone

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State the location and business type

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Connect to the business for free

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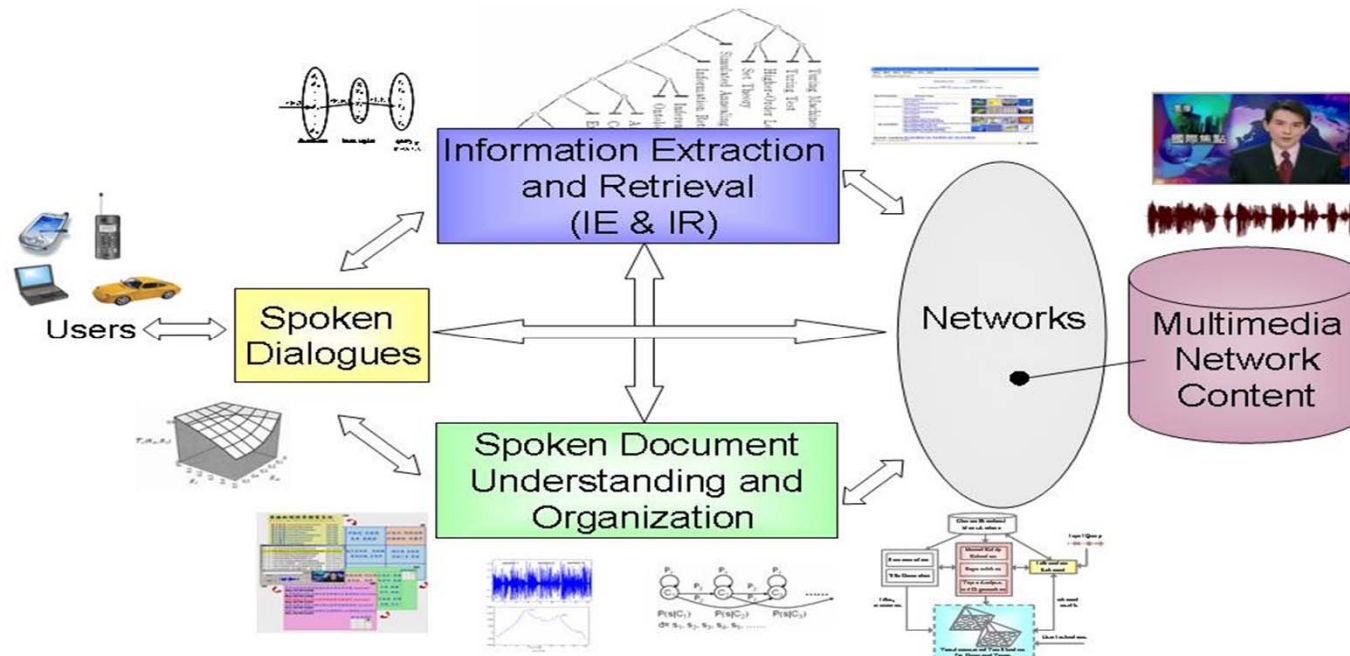
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## Google Audio Indexing: Searching what people are saying inside YouTube videos (currently only for what the politicians are saying)

# Spoken Document Organization and Understanding (1/2)

- Problems
  - The content of multimedia documents very often described by the associated speech information
  - Unlike text documents with paragraphs/titles easy to look through at a glance, multimedia/spoken documents are unstructured and difficult to retrieve/browse



C.f. L.S. Lee and B. Chen, "Spoken document understanding and organization," IEEE Signal Processing Magazine, vol. 22, no. 5, pp. 42-60, Sept. 2005

# Spoken Document Organization and Understanding (2/2)

- For example, spoken documents can be clustered by the latent topics and organized in a two-dimensional tree structure, or a two-layer map

**廣播新聞搜尋瀏覽系統**  
Broadcast News Retrieval/Browsing System

**(a)**

國外政治 [International Political News]	Topic Map
國內政治 [Local Political News]	Topic Map
國外財經 [International Business]	Topic Map
國內財經 [Local Business]	Topic Map
國外影劇 [International Entertainment]	Topic Map
國內影劇 [Local Entertainment]	Topic Map
國外體育 [International Sports]	Topic Map
國內體育 [Local Sports]	Topic Map

**(b)**

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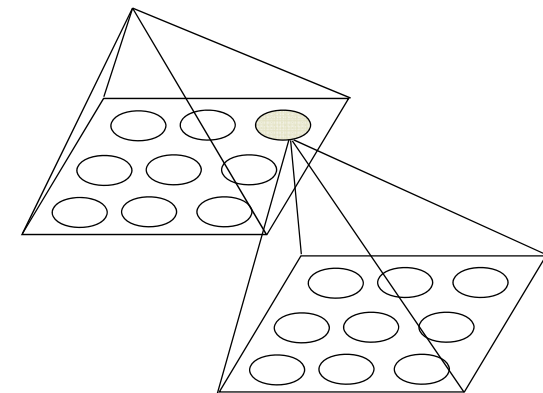
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go to Level-1

go to Level-2



Two-dimensional  
Tree Structure  
for Organized Topics

# Speech-to-Speech Translation

- Multilingual interactive speech translation
  - Aim at the achievement of a communication system for precise recognition and translation of spoken utterances for several conversational topics and environments by using human language knowledge synthetically (adopted form ATR-SLT )



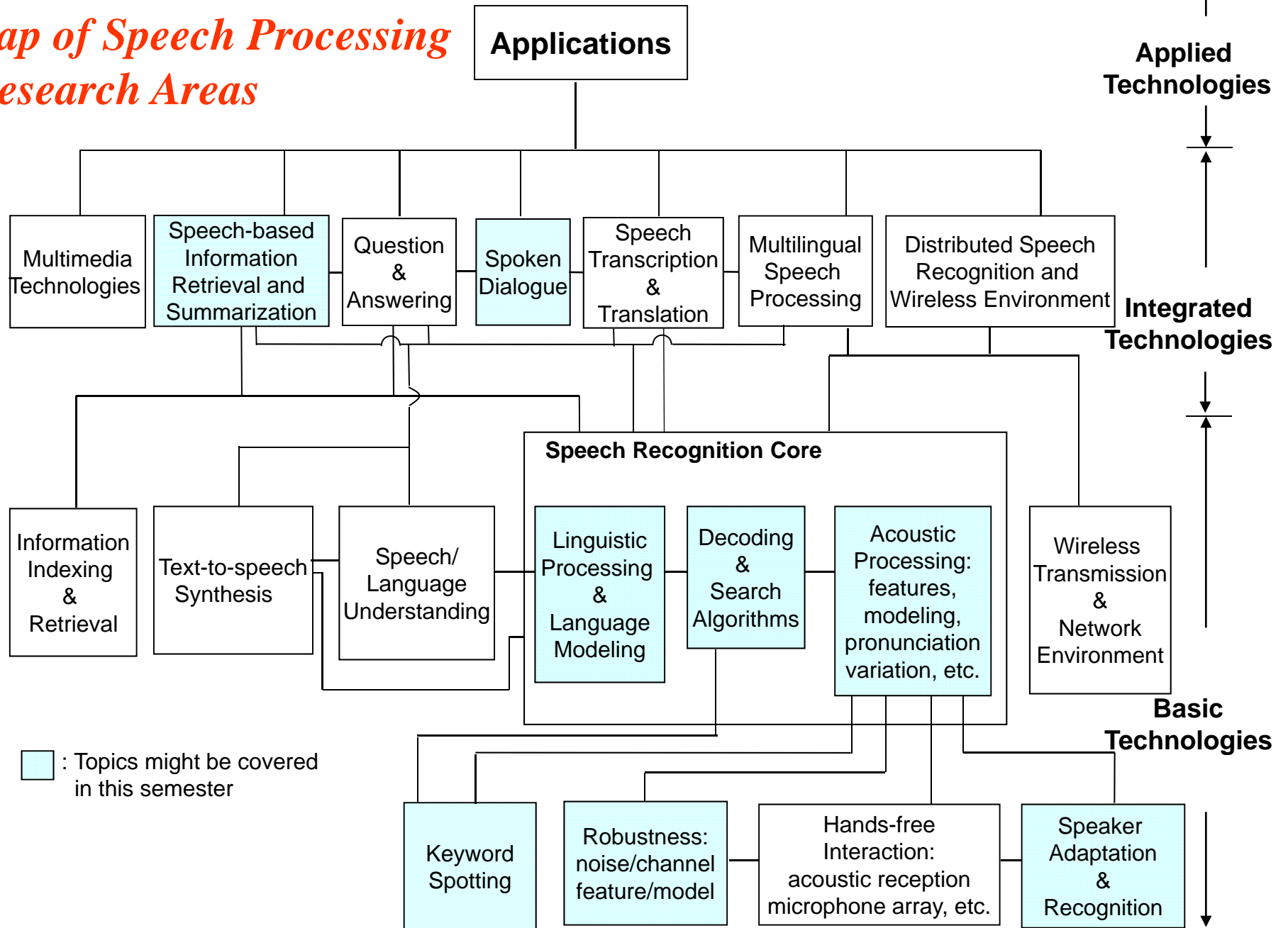
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# Map of Speech Processing Research Areas

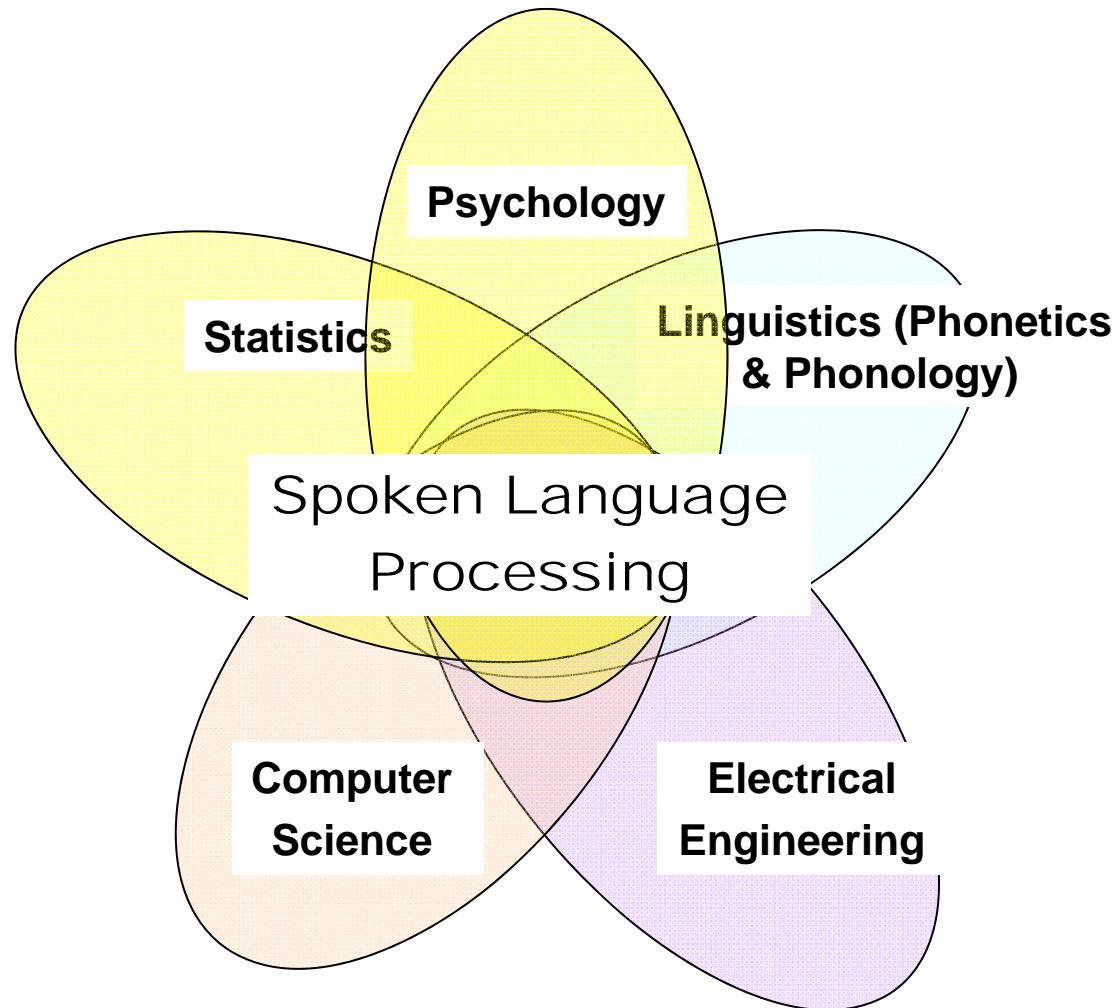
Emerging Technologies



Adapted from Prof. Lin-shan Lee

# Different Academic Disciplines

- The foundations of spoken language processing lies in



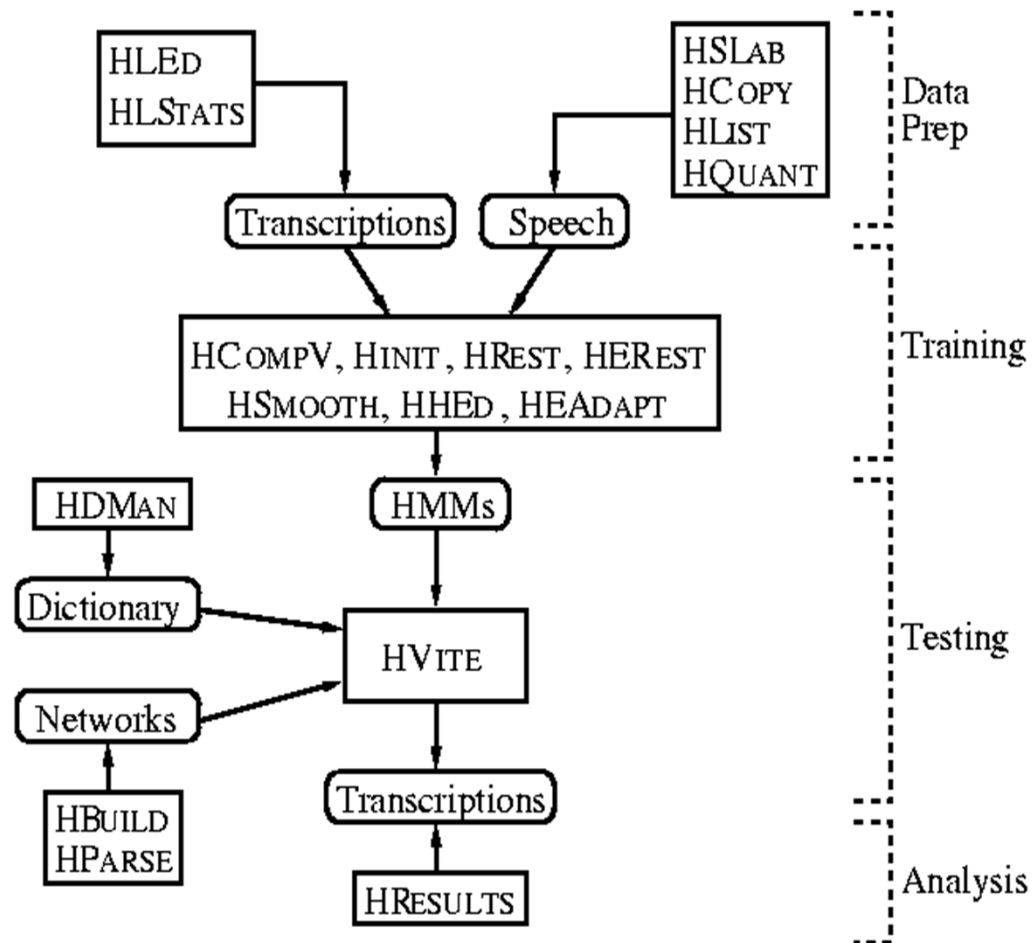


# Speech Processing Toolkit (1/2)

- **HTK (Hidden Markov Model ToolKit)**
  - A toolkit for building Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)
  - The HMM can be used to model any time series and the core of HTK is similarly general-purpose
  - In particular, for the acoustic feature extraction, HMM-based acoustic model training and HMM network decoding

# Speech Processing Toolkit (2/2)

- HTK (**H**idden **M**arkov **M**odel **T**ool**K**it)



# Journals & Conferences

- Journals

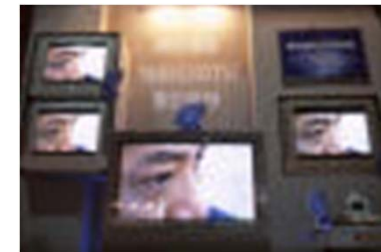
- IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing
- Computer Speech & Language
- Speech Communication
- Proceedings of the IEEE
- IEEE Signal Processing Magazine
- ACM Transactions on Speech and Language Processing
- ACM Transactions on Asian Language Information Processing
- ...

- Conferences

- IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, Signal processing (ICASSP)
- Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (Interspeech)
- IEEE Workshop on Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding (ASRU)
- IEEE Workshop on Spoken Language Technology (SLT)
- International Symposium on Chinese Spoken Language Processing (ISCSLP)
- ROCLING Conference on Computational Linguistics and Speech Processing
- ...

# Speech Industry (1/3)

- Telecommunication
- Information Appliance
- Interactive Voice Response
- Voice Portal
- Multimedia Database
- Education
- .....



# Tentative Schedule

<b>Topics to be Covered</b>
Overview & Introduction
Hidden Markov Models
Spoken Language Structure
Acoustic Modeling & HTK Toolkit
Statistical Language Modeling & SRI LM Toolkit
Speech Signal Representations
Digit Recognition, Word Recognition and Keyword Spotting
Large Vocabulary Continuous Speech Recognition (LVCSR)
Speech Enhancement and Environment Robustness
Model Training and Adaptation Techniques
Utterance Verification and Confidence Measures