

# End-to-End Neural TTS and Parallel Wave Generation

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概要 : There are two phenomenal trends in speech synthesis research: 1) directly generating waveform samples through state-of-the-art generative models, and 2) building end-to-end TTS systems without too much expert knowledge. In this talk, I will first present our recent work on parallel wave generation, which removes the autoregressive inference bottleneck in WaveNet. I will also compare various non-autoregressive generative models for waveform synthesis. In addition, “end-to-end” speech synthesis actually refers to the text-to-spectrogram models with a separate vocoder in previous studies. I will introduce the first text-to-wave neural architecture for TTS, which is fully convolutional and enables truly end-to-end training from scratch.

## 経歴

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