

Semisupervised Neural Proto-Language Reconstruction

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Abstract

Existing work implementing comparative reconstruction of ancestral languages (protolanguages) has usually required full supervision. However, historical reconstruction models are only of practical value if they can be trained with a limited amount of labeled data. We propose a semisupervised historical reconstruction task in which the model is trained on only a small amount of labeled data (cognate sets with proto-forms) and a large amount of unlabeled data (cognate sets without proto-forms). We propose a neural architecture for comparative reconstruction (DPD-BiReconstructor) incorporating an essential insight from linguists’ comparative method: that reconstructed words should not only be reconstructable from their daughter words, but also deterministically transformable back into their daughter words. We show that this architecture is able to leverage unlabeled cognate sets to outperform strong semisupervised baselines on this novel task¹.

1 Introduction

In the 19th century, European philologists made a discovery that would change the direction of the human sciences: they discovered that languages change in systematic ways and that, by leveraging these systematic patterns, it was possible to reproducibly reconstruct ancestors of families of languages (protolanguages) even when no record of those languages survived. This technique, called the comparative method, provided an unprecedented window into the human past—its cultures, its migrations, and its encounters between populations.

The assumption that historical changes in pronunciation (“sound changes”) are regular, known as ‘the regularity principle’ or ‘the Neogrammarian hypothesis’, is fundamental to the comparative

	‘grandchild’	‘bone’	‘breast’	‘laugh’
Kachai	ðe	re	ne	ni
Huishu	ruk	ruk	nuk	nuk
Ukhrul	ru	ru	nu	nu
Reference	*du	*ru	*nu	*ni
Label	Y	Y	N	N
D2P	*du	*ru	*nu	*nu
DPD	*du	*ru	*nu	*nU

Table 1: Hypothetical illustration of the shortcomings of daughter-to-proto (D2P) models drawn from Tangkhulic Languages. “U” represents a sound other than “u” predicted by a hypothetical daughter-to-proto-daughter (DPD) model. “Y” and “N” indicate whether the reference protoform is labeled.

method (Campbell, 2021). As the 19th century Neogrammarians Hermann Osthoff and Karl Brugmann put it:

“Every sound change, in so far as it proceeds mechanically, is completed in accordance with laws admitting of no exceptions; i.e. the direction in which the change takes place is always the same for all members of a language community, apart from the case of dialect division, and all words in which the sound subject to change occurs in the same conditions are affected by the change without exception.” (*Morphologische Untersuchungen auf dem Gebiete der indogermanischen Sprachen i*, Brugmann and Osthoff, 1878, p. xiii, translated and quoted in Szemerényi, 1996)

The comparative method, however, is challenging for humans to apply. This is true largely because it involves dealing with large volumes of data and modeling numerous interactions between competing patterns. One must balance the need for phonetic similarity between reconstructed words and their descendants (reflexes) with the need to be able to deterministically derive reflexes from

¹The code is available at <https://github.com/cmu-11lab/dpd>.

reconstructed words with a single set of sound changes. It imposes a heavy cognitive load. For this reason, researchers have long aspired to implement the comparative method computationally.

With some exceptions (He et al., 2023; Akavarapu and Bhattacharya, 2023), recent attempts at automatic reconstruction models mostly take the form of neural sequence-to-sequence transduction models similar to those used for machine translation, trained with full supervision on a dataset where every cognate set is paired with a gold reconstruction (Meloni et al., 2021; Chang et al., 2022; Fourrier, 2022; Cui et al., 2022; Kim et al., 2023).

The development of supervised reconstruction systems has given the field insights into how reconstruction of protolanguages (unattested ancestor languages) can be modelled computationally. However, in a realistic scenario, these models only become usable once the hardest part of reconstruction has been done (since they rely on the linguist having already identified enough of the sound changes in the data to reconstruct a substantial part of the lexicon). Computational models of comparative reconstruction are most useful if they can be deployed without training data, or if only a small volume of labeled data is needed to prime the comparative pump.

We introduce a semisupervised protoform (reconstructed parent word) reconstruction task wherein the reconstruction model has access at training time to both a small number of cognate sets (sets of daughter words—reflexes—of a single parent) labeled with a protoform and a large number of unlabeled cognate sets, mirroring the situation of historical linguists early in their reconstruction of a protolanguage. Though similar to semisupervised machine translation, the semisupervised reconstruction formulation entails the absence of target-side monolingual data. Most semisupervised machine translation techniques rely on monolingual data in the target language, such as back-translation (Edunov et al., 2018; Sennrich et al., 2016) and pre-trained target-side language models (Skorokhodov et al., 2018; Gülcöhre et al., 2015). In contrast, in this task, models have access only to cognate sets (no monolingual text), meaning the structure of the problem is quite different.

In this paper, we propose to incorporate the comparative method into a semisupervised reconstruction model via end-to-end multi-task learning. Our

proposed model, named DPD-BiReconstructor, learns to improve its reconstructions by performing reflex predictions on an intermediate representation of its predicted reconstructions. Reflex prediction losses are propagated into the reconstruction network, allowing the model to train on cognate sets without protoform labels. A hypothetical example from three Tangkhulic languages is shown in Table 1. In this example, the phonetic information in the ‘grandchild’ and ‘bone’ sets is insufficient to reconstruct ‘laugh’ with a distinct vowel, so daughter-to-proto (D2P) models will typically reconstruct the two words identically. Models incorporating reflex prediction, however, are able—in principle—to learn to reconstruct words like ‘laugh’ as distinct from words like ‘breast’. Experiments show that DPD is an attractive approach for semisupervised reconstruction, and a combination of DPD with existing semisupervised strategies performs significantly better than baseline strategies in almost all situations. Additionally, analyses show some indication that DPD-based models could help improve supervised reconstruction.

2 Methods

2.1 Model

We propose a multi-task reconstruction strategy that learns to recover reflexes from its own reconstructions, effectively utilizing unlabeled cognate sets. Our model comprises a reconstruction sub-network (D2P for daughter-to-protoform) and a reflex-prediction sub-network (P2D for protoform-to-daughter) with shared phoneme embeddings. On labeled data, the model learns sound changes from accurate reconstructions to reflexes, in addition to learning reconstruction. In the absence of labeled protoforms, the reflex prediction sub-network acts as a weak supervision by informing the reconstruction sub-network on whether correct reflexes can be derived from proposed reconstructions. This workflow directly mirrors the comparative method’s constraint that reconstruction must yield protoforms such that reflexes can be derived from them through regular sound changes. We refer to our training strategy and its architectural realization as Daughters-to-Protoform-to-Daughters Bidirectional Reconstructor (DPD).

For D2P to learn from P2D, we propagate gradients from P2D into D2P. It is not feasible, however, to simply feed token predictions from D2P into P2D, as token outputs are not differentiable.

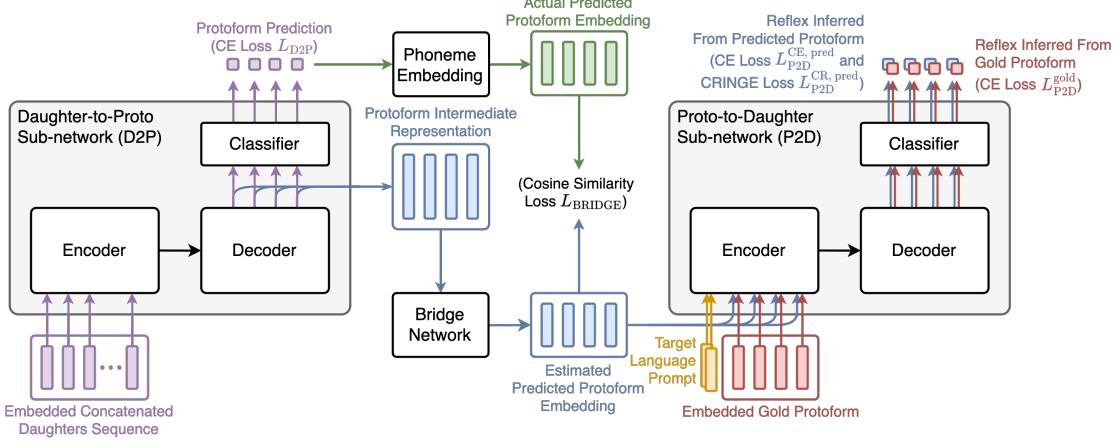


Figure 1: The DPD architecture, with a reconstruction sub-network (D2P), a reflex prediction sub-network (P2D), and a dense bridge network. The bridge network connects the final-layer decoder state from D2P to the encoder input of P2D. For labeled data, supervised cross-entropy (CE) is computed for D2P’s protoform prediction L_{D2P} and P2D’s reflex prediction from the gold protoform L_{P2D}^{gold} . On both labeled and unlabeled data, reflex prediction losses (based on the predicted protoform) consisting of a CE loss $L_{P2D}^{CE, pred}$ and a CRINGE loss $L_{P2D}^{CR, pred}$ (for incorrectly predicted protoforms) are propagated into both sub-networks. An additional cosine similarity loss L_{BRIDGE} is used to train the bridge network. The overall loss is calculated as a weighted sum of all the losses, with the weights being tunable hyperparameters. Reflexes in the same cognate are concatenated together (with separators) into one sequence and embedded with both phoneme and language embedding as in Meloni et al. (2021) and Kim et al. (2023) (and an additional positional embedding for Transformer). Phoneme embedding is shared among D2P and P2D, whereas language embedding is only used in D2P.

Instead, we represent reconstruction outputs as a continuous latent space, inspired by end-to-end spoken language understanding systems in which a semantic understanding sub-network receives a latent representation of text transcriptions from a speech-recognition sub-network (Saxon et al., 2021; Arora et al., 2022). In particular, D2P’s final-layer decoder output is connected to P2D’s encoder via a trainable dense network, referred to as the bridge network (See Figure 1).

There is no easy way to transform gold protoforms used to train P2D so that they match the bridge network’s output latent representation. To encourage a consistent input representation for P2D, we add a cosine similarity loss between the bridge network’s output and the actual phoneme embeddings of D2P’s predictions, effectively training the bridge network to serve as an alternative embedding for reconstructed protoforms.

As a final training objective, we discourage P2D from producing correct reflexes given incorrect protoforms so that D2P can be better informed when producing incorrect reconstructions. This is achieved via a CRINGE loss on the P2D outputs, designed to penalize negative examples (Adolphs et al., 2022). For negative examples, the CRINGE loss contrasts each negative token with

an estimated positive token (by sampling a non-negative token in the model’s top- k predictions) and applies a contrastive learning objective (cross-entropy loss) to lower the probability of the negative token. When training the P2D sub-network, a correctly predicted reflex is considered a negative example if the input was an incorrect protoform.

The DPD strategy does not specify the architecture of the D2P and P2D sub-networks. In this paper, we adapt existing encoder-decoder architectures proposed for neural reconstruction, including GRU sub-networks based on Meloni et al. (2021)² and Transformer sub-networks based on Kim et al. (2023).

2.2 Semisupervised Strategies

Aside from our DPD strategy, a naïve approach is to discard unlabeled data and perform supervised training. We take this, the **supervised-only strategy**, as our first baseline. To compare with established semisupervised machine learning techniques, we implement two more strategies: Bootstrapping and Π -models, representing

²We use Chang et al. (2022)’s PyTorch reimplementation obtain from <https://github.com/cmu-llab/middle-chinese-reconstruction>, with minor modifications to support multi-layer.

the **proxy-labelling** and **consistency regularization** approaches respectively.

Bootstrapping adds the model’s most confident predictions on unlabeled data to the train set as pseudo-labels (Lee, 2013). In our Bootstrapping setup, the model’s most confident (i.e. probable) protoform reconstructions for unlabeled cognate sets, filtered by a minimum confidence threshold and capped at a maximum number of top predictions per epoch, are added as pseudo-labels to the training set at the end of each epoch starting from a set number of warmup epochs (See Appendix C for Bootstrapping hyperparameters).

Π -model optimizes the model’s consistency by creating two stochastically augmented inputs from the same training example, feeding both of augmented inputs into the model, and minimizing the mean square difference between the two outputs (Laine and Aila, 2017). For continuous inputs, stochastic augmentation could be simple noise. Stochastic changes to phonemes, however, would defy protoform reconstruction’s goal of finding regular sound changes. Instead, we implement stochastic cognate set augmentation by randomly permuting the order of reflexes and randomly dropping daughter languages.

Observe that some of the above strategies can be combined: Bootstrapping can always be used on top of every other strategy, while our proposed DPD architecture can be merged with Π -model into a model that performs both reflex prediction and consistency regularization (See Appendix O for detail). In total, we test 8 strategies: supervised only (SUPV), Bootstrapping (BST), Π -model (Π M), Π -model with Bootstrapping (Π M-BST), DPD-BiReconstructor (DPD), DPD with Bootstrapping (DPD-BST), DPD merged with Π -model (DPD- Π M), and DPD- Π M with Bootstrapping (DPD- Π M-BST). Among the 8 strategies, we consider single baseline strategies (SUPV, BST, Π M) to be weak baselines, and the combination of non-DPD semisupervised techniques (Π M-BST) to be the strong baseline. Combined with 2 encoder-decoder architectures, GRU and Transformer, we experiment with 16 strategy-architecture combinations which we identify by an architecture prefix (GRU- or Trans-) followed by the strategy name.

2.3 Experiments

Datasets: We test both Romance and Sinitic languages, represented by the phonetic version³ of Meloni et al. (2021)’s Romance dataset (Romphon) for Latin reconstruction and Chang et al. (2022)’s WikiHan dataset for Middle Chinese reconstruction⁴. We simulate the semisupervised reconstruction scenario by hiding a random subset of protoform labels from the fully labeled train set. We refer to the percentage of labels retained after label removal as the **labeling setting**.

Cross-strategy comparisons: The primary interest of our experiments is how reconstruction performance differs between strategies with a fixed percentage of labels. We fix the labeled percentage at 10%, which entails approximately 516 and 870 labeled cognate sets for WikiHan and Romphon respectively. Due to randomness in semisupervised dataset generation, we repeat the experiment on four randomly generated semisupervised trained sets for each of WikiHan and Romphon, labeled group 1 to group 4. Each of the 16 strategy-architecture combinations is tested 10 times in each group. We then compare the performance of strategies within the same architecture.

Cross-labeling setting comparisons: We test all strategies on datasets with 5%, 10%, 20%, and 30% of labels to study the relationship between the labeling setting and the model’s performance⁵. With these labeling settings, the numbers of labeled cognate sets ranging from 181 to 1,084 for WikiHan and 304 to 1,821 for Romphon⁶. Randomly selecting labels for each of the labeling settings—especially on already small datasets—introduces variations on the learnable information contained in the labels and could introduce noise. To mitigate this, we enforce a monotonic subset selection constraint: given the complete train label set L and a semisupervised label set $L_{p_i} \subseteq L$ retaining p_i per cent of the labels, semisupervised sets L_{p_1}, L_{p_2} of increasing percentages ($p_1 \leq p_2$) must satisfy $L_{p_1} \subseteq L_{p_2}$ (See Figure 2). The 10% labeled

³We focus on the phonetic version due to a large number of semisupervised strategies and since DPD is primarily motivated by phonetic reconstruction.

⁴Romphon is not licenced for redistribution; WikiHan is licenced under Creative Commons CC0. For more dataset details, see Appendix A.

⁵It is often the case that, in manual reconstruction projects, the majority of sound changes can be discovered from a minority of the available cognate sets. We hope to capture this observation with our choice of labeling settings.

⁶See Table 6 for detail.

dataset we use in cross-labeling setting comparison corresponds to group 1 in cross-strategy comparison (See Appendix B for detail).

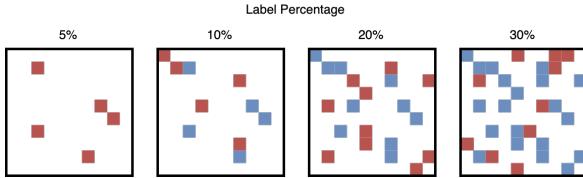


Figure 2: An illustration of the monotonic constraint for creating semisupervised datasets of varied labeling settings. In a hypothetical dataset with 100 cognate sets, represented as a 10×10 grid, shaded cells indicate cognate sets with associated labels (i.e. gold protoform). “■” indicates a protoform label not present in a previous subset. Observe that as the percentage of labels increases, no label is removed.

Hyperparameters: We use Bayesian search to tune hyperparameters for all 16 strategy-architectures combinations on a fixed 10% labeled semisupervised dataset⁷. For each strategy-architecture combination, for 100 iterations, we select the hyperparameter leading to the best validation phoneme edit distance. See Appendix C for details on hyperparameters.

Evaluation metrics: Evaluation metrics we use follow directly from supervised reconstruction literature, including token edit distance (TED), a count of the number of insertion, deletion, or substitution operations between the prediction and the target (Levenshtein, 1966); token error rate (TER), a length-normalized token edit distance (Cui et al., 2022); accuracy (ACC); feature error rate (FER), a measure of phonetic distance by Pan-Phon (Mortensen et al., 2016); and B-Cubed F Score (BCFS), a measure of structural similarity between the prediction and the target (Amigó et al., 2009; List, 2019).

Statistical tests: For each combination of dataset group, labeling setting, and architecture, we test all strategies against each other for differences. We use both the Wilcoxon Rank-Sum test (Wilcoxon, 1992) and Bootstrap test for mean difference (Sivaganesan, 1994) to test for significance in performance difference. We use a $\alpha = 0.01$ significance threshold and consider results to be significant if indicated by both tests.

⁷Due to a large number of strategy-architecture combinations, tuning the model on every labeling settings is costly. We fix the dataset generation seed to 0 for tuning.

3 Results

Cross-strategy comparisons: Table 2 shows the performance of all strategy-architecture combinations on four 10% labeled datasets. For both architectures on WikiHan, DPD-IIIM-BST performs the best and significantly better than all baselines on all metrics. Transformer trained with DPD attains similar performance to DPD-IIIM-BST, outperforming all baseline strategies. GRU trained with DPD performs similarly to IIIM-BST, both of which perform better than weak baselines in a majority of situations. On Rom-phon, Transformer performed the best when trained with DPD-IIIM-BST while GRU performed the best when trained with DPD-BST, both of which are significantly better than all baselines across all metrics.

Interestingly, while Kim et al. (2023) finds that a supervised Transformer model outperforms Meloni et al. (2021)’s GRU model on Rom-phon but not WikiHan, we observe the opposite in a 10% labeled semisupervised reconstruction setup, with Transformer outperforming GRU on WikiHan but not Rom-phon under most strategies. This appears to contradict Kim et al. (2023)’s hypothesis that a Transformer reconstruction model requires more data compared to an RNN.

Consistent with our hypothesis that access to different subsets of labels affects learning outcomes, we observe high variations in performance between dataset groups. Figures 6 and 7 visualize the performance of strategy-architecture combination by group, revealing that most strategies tend to do better on some dataset seeds.

Performance for varied labeling settings: Despite only being tuned with 10% of labels, DPD-based strategies generalized to other labeling settings, often outperforming strong baseline strategies on all metrics on at least one of the architectures (See Appendix F for detail). We see a non-linear scaling between performance and the percentage of labels and notice higher performance variations between strategies for lower percentages of labels. At a 5% labeling setting, for example, GRU-DPD-IIIM-BST almost doubles the accuracy of GRU-SUPV on WikiHan. At a 30% labeling setting, some strategies attain accuracy close to existing fully supervised reconstruction models, with Trans-DPD-IIIM 5.14 percentage points behind Meloni et al. (2021)’s supervised GRU on WikiHan (Chang et al., 2022) and GRU-DPD-BST 7.30 percentage points behind Kim et al. (2023)’s

Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED ↓	TER ↓	FER ↓	BCFS ↑
Transformer	DPD-IIM-BST (ours)	40.50% <small>§§</small>	1.0075 <small>§§</small>	0.2360 <small>§§</small>	0.0970 <small>§§</small>	0.6707 <small>§§</small>
	DPD-BST (ours)	39.06% <small>§§</small>	1.0367 <small>§§</small>	0.2428 <small>§§</small>	0.0997 <small>§§</small>	0.6630 <small>§§</small>
	DPD-IIM (ours)	37.72% <small>§§</small>	1.0791 <small>§§</small>	0.2528 <small>§§</small>	0.1022 <small>§§</small>	0.6472 <small>§§</small>
	DPD (ours)	39.50% <small>§§</small>	1.0356 <small>§§</small>	0.2426 <small>§§</small>	0.0993 <small>§§</small>	0.6564 <small>§§</small>
	IIM-BST	34.21%	1.1489	0.2691	0.1106	0.6371
	BST (Lee, 2013)	34.78%	1.1455	0.2683	0.1109	0.6334
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	34.30%	1.1699	0.2740	0.1122	0.6209
	SUPV	33.25%	1.1891	0.2785	0.1140	0.6138
GRU	DPD-IIM-BST (ours)	39.74% <small>§§</small>	1.0280 <small>§§</small>	0.2408 <small>§§</small>	0.0972 <small>§§</small>	0.6683 <small>§§</small>
	DPD-BST (ours)	35.89% <small>§§</small>	1.1025 <small>§§</small>	0.2582 <small>§§</small>	0.1039 <small>§§</small>	0.6493 <small>§§</small>
	DPD-IIM (ours)	37.90% <small>§§</small>	1.0697 <small>§§</small>	0.2506 <small>§§</small>	0.1006 <small>§§</small>	0.6517 <small>§§</small>
	DPD (ours)	34.51% <small>§§</small>	1.1538 <small>§§</small>	0.2703 <small>§§</small>	0.1091 <small>§§</small>	0.6278 <small>§§</small>
	IIM-BST	34.99% <small>§§</small>	1.1479 <small>§§</small>	0.2689 <small>§§</small>	0.1077 <small>§§</small>	0.6354 <small>§§</small>
	BST (Lee, 2013)	28.18%	1.3092	0.3067	0.1208	0.5939
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	32.59%	1.2047	0.2822	0.1137	0.6166
	SUPV	28.16%	1.3257	0.3105	0.1234	0.5835
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED ↓	TER ↓	FER ↓	BCFS ↑
Transformer	DPD-IIM-BST (ours)	34.63% <small>§§</small>	1.3115 <small>§§</small>	0.1463 <small>§§</small>	0.0588 <small>§§</small>	0.7850 <small>§§</small>
	DPD-BST (ours)	33.51% <small>§§</small>	1.3605 <small>§§</small>	0.1517 <small>§§</small>	0.0599 <small>§§</small>	0.7763 <small>§§</small>
	DPD-IIM (ours)	29.24%	1.5888	0.1772	0.0732	0.7423
	DPD (ours)	31.94% <small>§§</small>	1.5111	0.1685	0.0678 <small>§§</small>	0.7529
	IIM-BST	32.10% <small>§§</small>	1.4005 <small>§§</small>	0.1562 <small>§§</small>	0.0636 <small>§§</small>	0.7716 <small>§§</small>
	BST (Lee, 2013)	29.95%	1.5066	0.1680	0.0704	0.7555
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	26.97%	1.7134	0.1911	0.0796	0.7239
	SUPV	26.99%	1.7331	0.1933	0.0794	0.7218
GRU	DPD-IIM-BST (ours)	36.78% <small>¶¶</small>	1.2380 <small>§§</small>	0.1381 <small>§§</small>	0.0483 <small>§§</small>	0.7980 <small>§§</small>
	DPD-BST (ours)	37.60% <small>§§</small>	1.2149 <small>§§</small>	0.1355 <small>§§</small>	0.0457 <small>§§</small>	0.8014 <small>§§</small>
	DPD-IIM (ours)	31.51%	1.4892	0.1661	0.0628	0.7586
	DPD (ours)	31.12%	1.4837	0.1655	0.0608	0.7591
	IIM-BST	35.50%	1.2970	0.1447	0.0531	0.7909 <small>¶</small>
	BST (Lee, 2013)	35.87%	1.2893	0.1438	0.0509	0.7908
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	29.40%	1.5440	0.1722	0.0643	0.7517
	SUPV	30.69%	1.5018	0.1675	0.0612	0.7558

Table 2: Performance of all strategies on 10% labeled WikiHan (top) and Rom-phon (bottom) for each architecture, averaged across all runs in four groups (10 runs per strategy-architecture combination per group). Bold: best-performing strategy for the corresponding architecture and dataset; ¶: significantly better than all weak baselines (SUPV, BST, and IIM) on group 1 with $p < 0.01$; ¶¶: significantly better than the IIM-BST strong baseline and all weak baselines on group 1 with $p < 0.01$; §, §§, §§§, ¶, ¶¶, ¶¶¶: likewise for groups 2, 3, and 4.

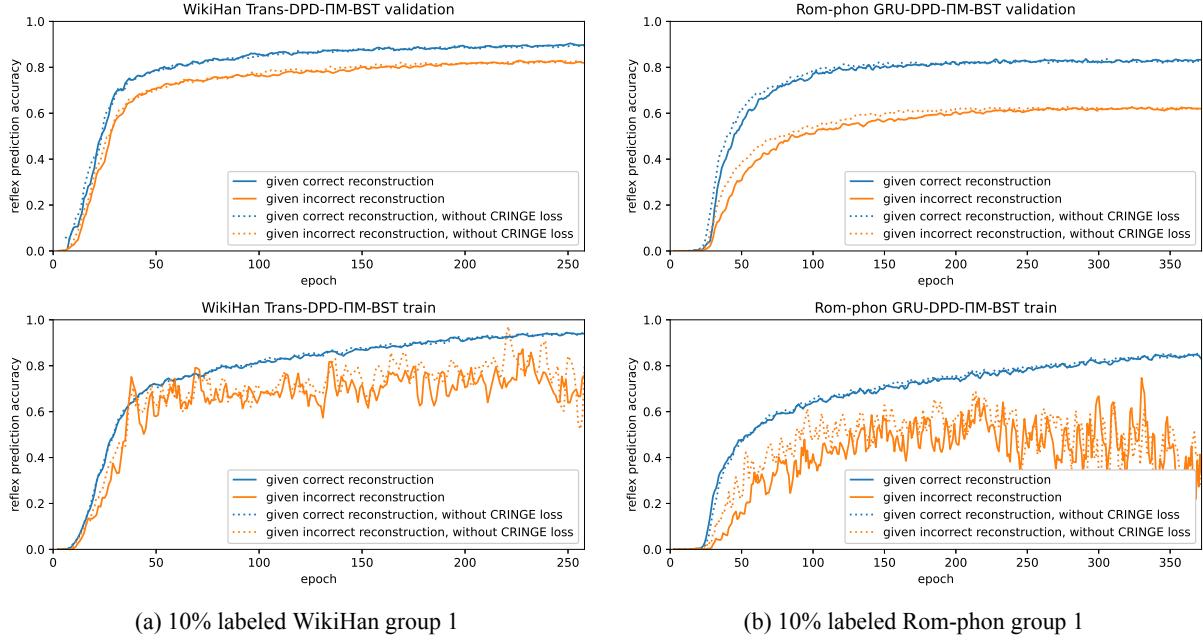
supervised Transformer on Rom-phon (See Table 15 and Appendix J for detail).

4 Analysis

4.1 DPD Training

We investigate the interaction between D2P and P2D during training. Figure 3 shows the train and validation accuracy trajectories of reflexes reconstructed from the intermediate representation of protoform reconstructions. We perform a CRINGE loss ablation by repeating the same run but with CRINGE loss disabled (same hyperpa-

rameter and model parameter initialization). In both cases, reflexes are more accurately predicted from correct protoform reconstructions, corroborating our motivation that better reflex reconstruction should promote better protoform reconstruction. CRINGE loss appears to lead to slightly lower reflex accuracy given incorrect reconstruction at earlier epochs, albeit at the expense of slightly lower reflex accuracy given correct reconstruction. In practice, we find the CRINGE loss weight to be a relatively insignificant hyperparameter.



(a) 10% labeled WikiHan group 1

(b) 10% labeled Rom-phon group 1

Figure 3: Validation (top) and train (bottom) reflex reconstruction accuracy given correct versus incorrect protoform prediction during training for a randomly selected run within the most accurate strategy. A rolling average of window size 3 is used for smoothing.

4.2 Reflex Prediction Performance

While the DPD architecture is designed for reflex prediction-assisted reconstruction, we observe good reflex performance in some situations. Table 3 shows the strategy-architecture combinations with the most accurate P2D sub-network when evaluated on gold protoforms⁸. Compared to reconstruction, we obtain semisupervised reflex prediction performance that are much closer to supervised performance, even with small percentages of labels—consistent with the assumption that sound changes in the proto-to-daughters direction are easier to model.

It is worth noting, however, that reflex prediction performance based on gold protoforms depends on the weight of the corresponding loss. In fact, some of the best DPD models perform poorly

when the P2D sub-network is evaluated on gold protoforms. We conclude that P2D’s ability to assist D2P during training is not contingent on P2D’s performance on gold protoforms as discrete input.

4.3 Learned Phonetic Representations

Inspired by Meloni et al. (2021), we probe the model’s learned embeddings for a hierarchical organization of phonemes using sklearn’s Ward variance minimization algorithm (Ward, 1963). Figure 4 shows the results for two selected daughter languages on the most accurate model in each dataset (GRU-DPD-BST for Rom-phon and Trans-DPD-IIIM-BST for WikiHan) and the best model from their non-DPD counterpart (GRU-BST and Trans-IIIM-BST respectively).

For French, phoneme embeddings trained with DPD-BST reveals a clear division between vowels and consonants similar to Meloni et al. (2021)’s supervised reconstruction model. Except for [ø], nasal vowels are grouped together. Specific

⁸It is arguably more interesting to evaluate reflex prediction performance based on the model’s latent protoform representation. Unfortunately, obtaining latent representations of correct protoforms is not always possible.

		5%	10%	20%	30%	100%
WikiHan	Top performer	GRU-DPD-IIIM-BST	GRU-DPD-IIIM-BST	Trans-DPD-IIIM-BST	GRU-DPD-BST	-
	ACC	45.37%	56.74%	61.83%	62.02%	66.43%
Rom-phon	Top performer	Trans-DPD-IIIM-BST	Trans-DPD-IIIM-BST	Trans-DPD-BST	Trans-DPD-BST	-
	ACC	53.51%	57.95%	60.08%	61.13%	63.85%

Table 3: Strategy-architecture combinations with the highest reflex prediction accuracy in group 1 for each labeling setting, along with reference supervised (100% labeled) reflex prediction accuracy.

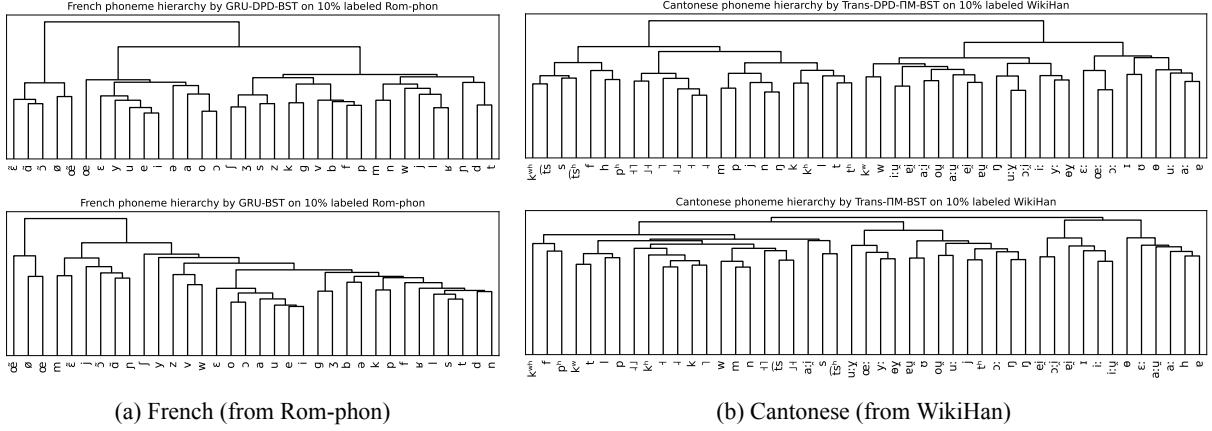


Figure 4: Hirarchical clustering revealing learned phoneme organization for two selected daughter languages obtained from the best run (within group 1 of 10% labeling setting) in the best DPD-based strategy-architecture combination (top) and the best run from their non-DPD counterpart (bottom).

phoneme pairs with minimal difference in features are also placed together, such as the alveolar fricatives [s] and [z], post-alveolar fricatives [ʃ] and [ʒ], and velar plosives [k] and [g], and all of which only differ in voicing. In the embeddings trained with BST, some but not all vowels are clustered together, and sister groups (i.e. immediate relative in the tree) are less interpretable, such as [m] and [ɛ̄] as well as [b] and [ə]. For Cantonese, we see a similar pattern where vowels and consonants have a clearer division when trained with DPD-ΠM-BST. Additionally, tones are organized into the same cluster by DPD-ΠM-BST but not by ΠM-BST. In Appendix N, we extend our probe to set of all phonemes present in daughter languages⁹ and find that the above observations generalize to phoneme organization beyond a single language, which Meloni et al. (2021) does not consider as part of their analysis.

We conclude from phonetic probing that DPD-based strategies are better at capturing linguistically meaningful representations of phonemes. It is possible that DPD-based strategies need good phonetic representations to perform well on multiple phonology-intensive tasks, which could in turn better inform protoform reconstruction.

4.4 Ablation on Unlabeled Data

To study whether the performance gains of semisupervised strategies are because of their effective use of unlabeled cognate sets, we perform ablation experiments at a 10% labeling setting but with all

⁹Phonemes present only in the protolanguage are not included because non-DPD do not update their embeddings.

unlabeled training data removed¹⁰, effectively creating a small supervised training set¹¹.

We find that, in the absence of unlabeled data, ΠM, DPD, and DPD-ΠM can sometimes perform significantly better than SUPV, but almost always perform significantly worse than when unlabeled data is used or when unlabeled data is used in conjunction with Bootstrapping (see Tables 13 and 14). This seems to suggest that ΠM, DPD, and DPD-ΠM learn effectively from both labeled and unlabeled data. It is possible that, on labeled data, the P2D sub-network in DPD can still inform the D2P sub-subnetwork, and the stochastic data augmentation in our implementation of Π-model can augment labeled training examples.

4.5 Applicability in Supervised Reconstruction

Seeing some indication that the semisupervised reconstruction strategies are applicable for supervised reconstruction on a small subset of the training set (see Section 4.4), we test whether their advantages generalize to supervised reconstruction on the full training set¹².

Table 15 compares the supervised reconstruction performance of ΠM, DPD, and DPD-ΠM with existing supervised reconstruction methods, including Meloni et al. (2021)'s GRU model, Kim et al. (2023)'s Transformer model, and Lu et al. (2024)'s state-of-the-art reranked reconstruction systems. We find that, with the right architecture,

¹⁰We exclude strategies with Bootstrapping because it has no effect when there is no unlabeled data.

¹¹See Appendix I for experimental details.

¹²See Appendix J for experimental details.

IIM, DPD, and DPD-IIM can often outperform SUPV. On average, Trans-DPD-IIM performs the best on WikiHan for all metrics, and GRU-DPD performs the best on Rom-phon for all metrics except FER. On WikiHan, Trans-DPD-IIM performs significantly better than Lu et al. (2024) on FER only. On Rom-phon, GRU-DPD and GRU-DPD-IIM both perform significantly better than Lu et al. (2024) on ACC only. We conclude that, despite being motivated by semisupervised reconstruction, IIM and DPD could be useful for supervised reconstruction. We leave it to future work to understand the role of data augmentation and the DPD architecture in supervised settings.

5 Related Work

Computational Historical Linguistics: Protoform reconstruction and reflex prediction are two central tasks in computational historical linguistics. Protoform reconstruction predicts the protoform given reflexes in a cognate set, while reflex prediction models the changes from the protoform to its reflexes. Computational reconstruction and reflex prediction methods vary and include rule-based systems (Heeringa and Joseph, 2007; Marr and Mortensen, 2020, 2023), probabilistic models operating on phylogenetic trees (Bouchard-Côté et al., 2007b,a, 2009, 2013), automated alignment systems (Bodt and List, 2022; List et al., 2022), and more recently, neural networks (Fourrier, 2022).

Supervised Reconstruction and reflex prediction: Ciobanu and Dinu (2018) and Ciobanu et al. (2020) formulate protoform reconstruction as a sequence labelling task and use conditional random field to reconstruct protoform phonemes at each position in the daughter sequences. Meloni et al. (2021) reformulates the reconstruction task as a sequence-to-sequence task by concatenating reflexes into a single input sequence separated by language tags and uses GRU to reconstruct Latin on a new Romance dataset. A group of subsequent researchers refined this task with additional datasets (Chang et al., 2022) and improved neural methods (Kim et al., 2023; Akavarapu and Bhattacharya, 2023; Lu et al., 2024).

Reflex prediction can be viewed as sequence-to-sequence transduction in the reverse direction. Cathcart and Rama (2020) propose an LSTM encoder-decoder model to infer Indo-Aryan reflexes from Old Indo-Aryan, aided by semantic

embedding. Arora et al. (2023) replicates Cathcart and Rama (2020)'s experiments on South Asia languages with both GRU and Transformer models. As reflex prediction maps from protolanguage to multiple daughter languages, a prompting token is often attached to the input to specify the target daughter language.

Non-Supervised Computational Historical Linguistics: Past work in which comparative reconstruction was performed without full supervision included Bouchard-Côté et al. (2009) and He et al. (2023). To the best of our knowledge, no research focuses specifically on semisupervised neural reconstruction.

Semisupervised Learning: Effective semisupervised learning should utilize unlabeled training data. One approach is proxy-labelling, by which synthesized labels are added to unlabeled training examples via heuristics (Ouali et al., 2020). Another approach is consistency regularisation, largely based on the smoothness assumption that is applicable regardless of whether labels are present: similar input data in high-density regions should have similar labels, whereas input data separated by low-density regions should not (Tsai and Lin, 2019; Ouali et al., 2020; Luo et al., 2018).

Our task is related to semisupervised machine translation (Edunov et al., 2018; Sennrich et al., 2016; Skorokhodov et al., 2018; Gülcöhre et al., 2015; Cheng et al., 2016). However, it differs crucially in that the model has no access to monolingual text, only labeled and unlabeled cognate sets.

6 Conclusion

We introduce the task of semisupervised reconstruction, marking a step forward toward a practical computational reconstruction system that can assist early-stage protolanguage reconstruction projects. We design the DPD-BiReconstructor architecture to implement historical linguists' comparative method, yielding performance that surpasses existing sequence-to-sequence reconstruction models and established semisupervised learning techniques, especially when protoform labels are scarce.

Limitations

Due to a large number of possible strategies, we have limited our focus of semisupervised reconstruction experiments with DPD to 10% labeled

WikiHan and Rom-phon datasets. It is left to future work to expand the research on semisupervised reconstruction to other datasets.

Though DPD has a clear motivation and demonstrates superior empirical performance, interpretations of what sound changes DPD learns from the unlabeled cognate sets that enable its better reconstruction performance are less clear. Our theory is that neural networks within the system are sufficiently expressive to learn better reconstruction in a bidirectional manner, but we have not yet obtained evidence that the model’s reasoning matches that of a linguist beyond having a better representation of phonemes and taking the step to derive the reflexes from the reconstruction. Nevertheless, we demonstrate that inferring reflexes from reconstructions is not just a powerful methodology for historical linguistics, but also for computational historical linguistics.

Although we observe less accurate reflexes being predicted from incorrect protoforms compared to correct protoforms, reflexes derived from incorrect protoforms are still highly accurate. Future work could explore ways to mitigate this issue and improve the reflex prediction sub-network’s ability to discriminate between correct and incorrect protoforms.

It is also notable that our implementation of the Π -Model included only reflex permutation and daughter deletion as noising strategies. It is possible that other possible strategies may have strengthened this baseline.

The protoform reconstruction task is far from solved—with humans’ success at the reconstruction of ancient languages, a truly intelligent reconstruction system should in the future be able to perform reconstruction without the help of labels.

Ethics

Historical reconstruction involves very limited risks to humans. The risks that do exist are both individual and political. On the one hand, we cannot guarantee that all of the data used in this study were collected in an ethical fashion. However, we did not do any data collection and relied upon existing resources which, to the best of our knowledge, were collected under standard scholarly and scientific protocols. On the other hand, the results of historical reconstruction can be politically fraught. For example, historical reconstructions can be used to show, in some cases, that linguis-

tic boundaries between people groups do not align with cultural and political loyalties. This can be disruptive and may even be associated with violence. Because our work does not concentrate directly on phylogeny—the main source of political complications in comparative reconstruction—we believe that the risks are minimal.

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A Dataset Details

Both WikiHan and Rom-phon are split by 70%, 10%, and 20% into train, validation, and test sets. We remove labels from the supervised train set to create semisupervised train sets. The validation and test sets are left unmodified. The splits for WikiHan (Chang et al., 2022) match the original work. The splits and preprocessing for Meloni et al. (2021) and matches Kim et al. (2023). Table 4 shows the number of cognate sets in each split. WikiHan includes 8 daughter languages: Cantonese, Gan, Hakka, Jin, Mandarin, Hokkien, Wu, and Xiang. Rom-phon includes 5 daughter languages: French, Italian, Spanish, Romanian, and Portuguese.

B Dataset Groups

Semisupervised reconstruction datasets are generated pseudo-randomly based on a seed, which is

	WikiHan	Rom-phon
Train	3,615	6,071
Validation	517	878
Test	1,033	1,754
Total	5,165	8,703

Table 4: Number of cognate sets in the train, validation, and test split of both datasets.

itself chosen randomly. That is, a dataset seed deterministically generates a semisupervised dataset. To generate a semisupervised dataset, we initialize PyTorch’s pseudo-random number generator with the dataset seed, assign a uniformly distributed number between 0 and 1 to each training example with `torch.rand` in the same order as they appear in the dataset, and keep the protoform label on cognate sets whose assigned number is above a threshold such that the desired percentage of labels remain. The dataset seed is independent of seeds used to initialize model parameters in the experiments. Table 5 details the dataset seed used to select the subset of training labels to include for each experiment setup, and Table 6 details the number of labels at each labeling setting. We use group 1 for comparisons between labeling settings, with the same dataset seed ensuring label sets are monotonic subsets with respect to labeling settings with increasing percentages of labels. For the 10% labeled setting, four distinct dataset seeds simulate variations in the training data.

C Hyperparameters

We tune hyperparameters using Bayesian search on WandB (Biewald, 2020) with 100 runs for each strategy-architecture combination. We validate the model every 3 epochs and use early stopping if no improvement is made after 24 epochs. The dataset used for tuning semisupervised models is a 10% labeled train set generated using 0 as the dataset seed, making it different from the semisupervised datasets used in the experiments. Hyperparameters for semisupervised models can be found in Tables 16 and 17. Additional hyperparameter tunings for analysis purposes (Sections I and J) follow the same procedure but remove unlabeled training data or use a different labeling setting.

D Training

Parameter counts for the models can be found in Table 22. Hyperparameter tuning and experiments

are performed on a mix of NVIDIA GeForce GTX 1080 Ti, NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2080 Ti, NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada Generation, NVIDIA RTX A6000, Quadro RTX 8000, and Tesla V100-SXM2-32GB GPUs for a total of 411 GPU days.

E Package Usage

Our model is implemented in PyTorch (See the code for details at <https://github.com/cmu-llab/dpd>). Sequence alignment is done using lingpy (List and Forkel, 2021) with default parameters. Hierarchical clustering is done using AgglomerativeClustering from sklearn with Ward linkage and distance threshold set to 0. Bootstrap tests are done using scipy with random state set to 0, a 99% confidence interval, and 9,999 resamples (default). Wilcoxon Rank-Sum tests are done using scipy at default parameter. Hierarchical clustering is visualized using scipy. Plots are created using Matplotlib.

F Additional Performance Data

Tables 8 and 9 show the performance of each strategy on group 1 for the 5%, 20%, and 30% labeling settings, along with indicators of statistical significance.

G Transductive Evaluation

Evaluation for semisupervised learning can be categorized as transductive and inductive (Ouali et al., 2020). Inductive evaluation tests the model’s performance on unseen data in a test set, whereas transductive evaluation tests the model’s ability to predict labels for the unlabeled data in the train set. In the context of semisupervised protoform reconstruction, transductive evaluation corresponds to the early stage of a real-world reconstruction project where cognate sets in higher abundance than known protoforms. In this section, we report the transductive performance of all the strategies.

We find that transductive performance differences between strategies are largely similar to inductive performance on the test set. Significance as to whether our DPD strategies perform better than baseline is also similar to that of inductive evaluation on the test set. For detailed transductive performance and their statistical significance, see Tables 10 (10% labeled WikiHan and Rom-phon), 11 (5%, 20%, and 30% labeled WikiHan), and 12 (5%, 20%, and 30% labeled Rom-phon).

		5%	10%	20%	30%
WikiHan	Group 1	2706283079	2706283079	2706283079	2706283079
	Group 2		2188396888		
	Group 3		2718489156		
	Group 4		1416758132		
Rom-phon	Group 1	1893608599	1893608599	1893608599	1893608599
	Group 2		1517201602		
	Group 3		2341117665		
	Group 4		3045950670		

Table 5: Dataset seeds used to create semisupervised train sets for each group and labeling setting. Using the same seed on Group 1 guarantees the monotonic increasing subset selection constraint for comparison between different labeling settings.

	WikiHan	Rom-phon
5%	181	304
10%	362	607
20%	723	1,214
30%	1,084	1,821
100%	3,615	6,071

Table 6: Number of labeled training examples (i.e. cognate sets with an associated gold protoform) in the train set for each labeling setting and dataset, as well as the total number of cognate sets for reference (100%).

We observed no clear pattern as to which strategies perform better on transductive evaluation compared to inductive evaluation. On 10% labeled WikiHan, average transductive accuracies are all 0.0-1.14% higher than their test accuracies. On 10% labeled Rom-phon, transductive accuracies for all strategies are 1.20-1.90% worse than their test accuracies. Given that differences between test and transductive performance are relatively consistent across strategies, including for supervised strategies in which the unlabeled portion of the train set effectively acts as another test set, our hypothesis is that the fixed train-test split played a role in the evaluation.

H Aligned Error Analysis

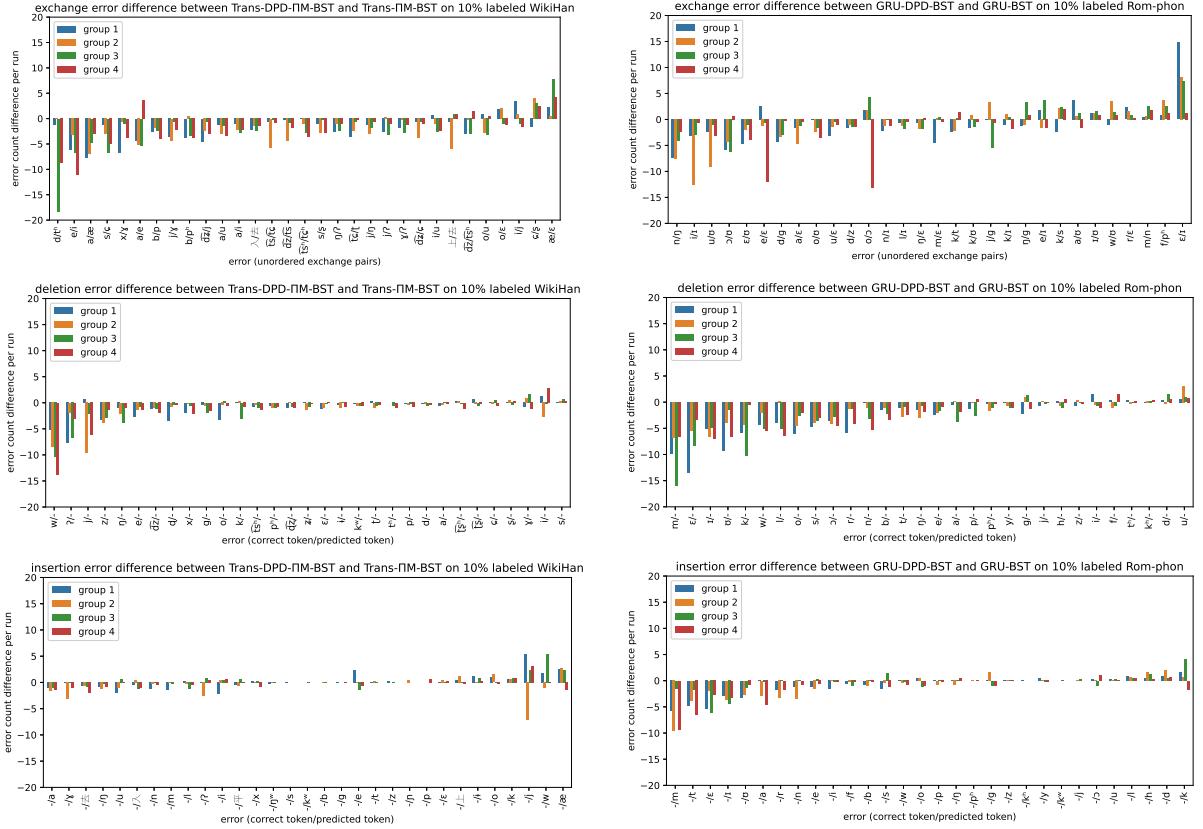
As an additional analysis, we align the protoform predictions and their targets on the test set using lingpy (List and Forkel, 2021) and identify errors made by reconstruction models. Consistent with Meloni et al. (2021)'s (supervised reconstruction) error analysis on Rom-phon, tense-lax errors occur most frequently for both the best DPD strategy and its non-DPD counterpart, with [i]/[ɪ], [e]/[ɛ], [o]/[ɔ], and [u]/[ʊ] being the top-four exchange er-

rors¹³. The top errors in WikiHan include inserting or deleting [j] and [w], vowel height exchange errors between pairs such as [e]/[i], [o]/[u], and [æ]/[a], tone errors, along with [a]/[o] errors. Exchange errors make up 68% and 63% of all errors for WikiHan and Rom-phon respectively.

We compare the average number of exchange errors between the best DPD-based strategy and their non-DPD counterpart. Figure 5 shows the most prominent exchange and non-exchange (i.e. insertion or deletion) error differences between the strategies. On average, GRU-DPD-BST makes 130 fewer mistakes than GRU-BST among 1731 test entries on Rom-phon, with a majority (72%) being insertion or deletion error reductions. Trans-DPD-IIM-BST makes 144 fewer mistakes than Trans-IIM-BST on WikiHan among 1033 test entries, with a majority (74%) being exchange error reductions. Some error differences between DPD and its non-DPD counterpart appear highly dependent on the dataset, such as GRU-DPD-BST making on average about 13 less [o]/[ɔ] errors on group 4 but more such errors on all other groups. Differences between groups could indicate that the distribution of additional unlabeled cognate sets in the training data plays an important role in the error patterns of DPD-BST strategies.

On Rom-phon, DPD is better at deciding whether to insert [m] in the reconstruction. This is the exact type of problem DPD is designed to handle: in situations where it is not apparent from the reflexes whether a phoneme absent in the reflexes should be added, it is often the case that one of the decisions will lead to lost information in the reconstruction. In DPD, the reflex prediction sub-network should be able to detect such information

¹³The [i]/[ɪ] exchange error, for example, refers to [i] being predicted in place of [ɪ] or vice versa.



(a) Error count differences between Trans-DPD-ΠM-BST and Trans-ΠM-BST on WikiHan.

(b) Error count differences between GRU-DPD-BST and GRU-BST on Rom-phon.

Figure 5: Most notable error count differences per run between the best-performing strategy-architecture combination and their non-DPD counterpart, averaged across 10 runs for each group on 10% labeled datasets. A negative count difference indicates fewer mistakes made by a DPD-based strategy. Exchange error pairs (top) are in no specific order. Insertion or deletion errors (middle and bottom) are ordered and the x-labels indicate the target phoneme followed by the predicted phoneme, separated by a slash.

loss, which would otherwise lead to reflexes not being inferable from the reconstruction.

We compare errors made by the best GRU-DPD-BST against GRU-BST (within group 1 at 10% labeling setting). Among test examples where only one of GRU-DPD-BST and GRU-BST is correct, we see 12¹⁴ instances where GRU-DPD-BST produces the correct reconstruction but GRU-BST makes a mistake on [m] insertion or deletion. The opposite is true in only 2 instances¹⁵. Table 7 shows three test examples where GRU-DPD-BST performs better at deciding whether to add an [m] in the reconstruction as well as one example where it fails.

We hypothesize that since DPD makes better use of unlabeled data, an error is less likely to occur if there is an abundance of unlabeled examples involving information about the underlying

¹⁴excluding two false positives by lingpy

¹⁵excluding one false positive by lingpy

sound change pattern governing the context of a possible error. However, without explicit rules being learned by the models, it is difficult to assess what additional information is available to DPD in the unlabeled portion of the dataset and how the model learns from it. In an attempt to test this hypothesis, we estimate the abundance of learning resources in the unlabeled dataset by counting the number of examples involving the same sound correspondences (using lingpy Meloni et al. (2021)'s multi-sequence alignment) as a heuristic. We find no indication that count differences in exchange, insertion, or deletion errors are correlated with a higher abundance of training examples with the same sound correspondence in the unlabeled portion of the train set. Previous work has observed that statistical baselines can perform better than neural models at identifying the sound correct correspondences Fourrier and Sagot (2022), implying that sound correspondence is not necessarily a

	konsentire	popularem	immateriale
French	kɔ̃sɛ̃tɪr - -	populɛr - -	immaτɛʁjɛl - -
Italian	konsente nti re - -	popolare - -	immaτeriale - -
Romanian	konsi m t - si -	popular - -	i - maτerjal - -
Spanish	konsente ntir - -	popular - -	i nmaτerjal - -
Portuguese	kunse i nti r - -	popular - -	i - maτerial - -
Latin	konsε nti re -	populare m	immaτeriale m
GRU-DPD-BST prediction	konsε nti re -	populare m	immaτeriale m
GRU-BST prediction	konsε m t i re m	populare -	i - maτeriale m

	traditorem
French	tʁε - - - t - ʁ - -
Italian	tra di to re -
Romanian	trə dət o r - -
Spanish	traið - - o r - -
Portuguese	trai d - - o r - -
Latin	tra di to r e m
GRU-DPD-BST prediction	trai d - - u r e -
GRU-BST prediction	tra di to r e m

Table 7: Instances where GRU-DPD-BST produces the correct protoform but GRU-BST makes a [m] insertion or deletion error (top) and an instance where the opposite is true (bottom). The success examples are *immateriale* ‘immaterial’, *consentire* ‘to agree’, and *popularem* ‘popular’. The failure example is *traditorem* ‘traitor’. Words are aligned manually, and ‘-’ indicates an empty position in the alignment. The positions where an [m] insertion or deletion error occur are shaded.

proxy for sound change rules. It is likely that our DPD models learnt to use unlabeled cognate sets via means other than just sound correspondences.

I Details on Unlabeled Data Ablation Experiments

We perform ablations on unlabeled training at a 10% labeling setting using the group 1 dataset seed, effectively keeping the same subset of labeled data as semisupervised group 1 experiments. This is equivalent to supervised reconstruction but with only 362 and 607 training examples for WikiHan and Rom-phon respectively.

We perform additional hyperparameter tuning for non-trivial semisupervised strategies¹⁶ to account for a large difference in dataset size. The hyperparameter we use are reported in Tables 18 and 19. We then perform 10 runs (random seed) for each strategy other than SUPV.

Table 13 compares the performance of various strategies after ablation, and Table 14 compares the performance with base strategies including ΠIM, DPD, and DPD-ΠIM under the configuration of whether to exclude unlabeled data, include unlabeled

data, or include and pseudo-label unlabeled data (+BST, include unlabelled).

In many situations, the non-trivial semisupervised strategies still perform significantly better than SUPV despite the lack of unlabeled data. On WikiHan, DPD-ΠIM performs the best on all metrics except Trans-DPD-ΠIM on BCFS. On Rom-Phon, ΠIM performs the best on all metrics. For strategies involving DPD but not ΠIM, performance is always higher when unlabeled cognate sets are used. Interestingly, strategies involving ΠIM sometimes perform worse when using unlabeled cognate sets on Rom-phon. In almost all situations, configurations that include and pseudo-label unlabeled cognate sets perform significantly better than when unlabeled data is excluded.

J Details on 100% Labeled Supervised Reconstruction Experiments

Similar to the setup for unlabeled data ablation at 10% labeling setting (see Section I), we tune additional hyperparameters for ΠIM, DPD, and DPD-ΠIM to account for a difference in data. The hyperparameters we obtain are reported in Tables 20 and 21.

The SUPV strategy is equivalent to existing reconstruction models: GRU-SUPV is equivalent to

¹⁶For SUPV, including unlabeled data has no effect, so we reuse hyperparameters and runs from semisupervised reconstruction experiments.

Meloni et al. (2021) and Trans-SUPV is equivalent Kim et al. (2023). Existing hyperparameters and checkpoints exist for SUPV: for WikiHan, we obtain 10 checkpoints from Kim et al. (2023) and 10 additional checkpoints from Lu et al. (2024); for Rom-phon, we obtain 20 checkpoints from Lu et al. (2024) (for hyperparameters, refer to Kim et al. (2023) and Lu et al. (2024)). For all other strategies, we perform 10 runs (random seed).

We compare the results of IIM, DPD, and DPD-IIM (both GRU and Transformer) against existing supervised reconstruction systems in Table 15. We use Meloni et al. (2021) and Kim et al. (2023) as SUPV baselines, and Lu et al. (2024)'s state-of-the-art supervised reconstruction systems (both GRU-BS + GRU Reranker and GRU-BS + Trans. Reranker) as strong baselines. We obtain evaluation results for 20 runs per setup from Lu et al. (2024).

K Sample Outputs at Different Labeling Settings

We compare the protoform predictions of the best-performing strategy-architecture combination (best at a 10% labeling setting) trained on different labeling settings (with group 1 dataset seed)¹⁷. We present sample predictions stratified by the following categories:

- The predictions are correct at all %
- The predictions are correct only above a certain % threshold
- The predictions are correct only below a certain % threshold
- The predictions are incorrect at all %
- All other patterns

Table 23 shows the distribution of test examples in these categories. Tables 25 and 24 show sample protoform predictions in each of these categories (proportionate sampling). For both datasets, correct only above a certain % threshold is the most common category when the predictions differ between labeling setting.

L Sample Outputs from Different Strategies

We show sample predictions from the best performing runs in group 1. Tables 28 and 27 show predictions of the best-performing strategy-architecture

¹⁷At a 100% labeling setting, BST has no effect, so Trans-DPD-IIM-BST is equivalent to Trans-DPD-IIM and GRU-DPD-BST is equivalent to GRU-DPD.

combination and its non-DPD counterpart for each dataset, proportionately sampled by the confusion matrices in Table 26. Tables 30 and 29 compares predictions across all 16 strategy-architecture pairs for 4 randomly selected test examples among those with the most diverse (approximately in the upper quartile¹⁸) protoform predictions.

M Performance Data Visualizations

Figures 6 and 7 show the distribution of semisupervised reconstruction performance by group on 10% labeled datasets. Figures 8 and 9 visualize the group 1 performance of each strategy-architecture combination on datasets with different percentages of label.

N Additional Phonetic Probing Results

A complete set of hierarchical clusterings of learned phoneme embeddings can be found in Figures 10 (Rom-phon) and 11 (WikiHan). Similar to French and Cantonese, phoneme embeddings learned using a DPD-based strategy also appear more interpretable for other languages. For instance, Trans-DPD-IIM-BST creates a big cluster of tones within all phonemes present in daughter languages in WikiHan, and GRU-DPD-BST creates a cluster encompassing most palatalized consonants in Romanian.

O DPD-IIM Implementation

In a hybrid model combining the DPD architecture with Π -model, we first augment the input cognate set to obtain two augmented inputs A and B . Input A is used to train DPD as described in Figure 1. Input B is fed through D2P (and not P2D). A mean square difference loss then is used to minimize the difference between the D2P classifier logits given A and B as inputs.

P Responsible Use of AI

GitHub Copilot has been used as a coding assistant for our model implementation and data analysis. All code generated by Github Copilot is checked manually.

¹⁸The precise cutoff is top 25.65% for WikiHan and top 24.91% for Rom-phon, accounting for ties and integer divisions.

Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	21.85% ①	1.5150 ①	0.3549 ①	0.1575 ①	0.5485 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	23.41% ①	1.4501 ①	0.3397 ①	0.1441 ①	0.5676 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	23.90% ①	1.4488 ①	0.3394 ①	0.1445 ①	0.5622 ①
	DPD (ours)	25.46% ①	1.3682 ①	0.3205 ①	0.1374 ①	0.5747 ①
	IIIM-BST	16.04%	1.7841	0.4179	0.1805	0.4872
	BST (Lee, 2013)	16.47%	1.7365	0.4068	0.1736	0.4897
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	18.18%	1.6594	0.3887	0.1672	0.5076
	SUPV	16.12%	1.7178	0.4024	0.1703	0.4927
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	27.70% ①	1.2834 ①	0.3006 ①	0.1207 ①	0.6144 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	22.85% ①	1.4037 ①	0.3288 ①	0.1338 ①	0.5865 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	25.33% ①	1.3600 ①	0.3186 ①	0.1286 ①	0.5901 ①
	DPD (ours)	21.39%	1.4842	0.3477	0.1419	0.5570
	IIIM-BST	21.52%	1.4863	0.3481	0.1462	0.5666
	BST (Lee, 2013)	16.22%	1.6901	0.3959	0.1656	0.5152
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	20.57%	1.5301	0.3584	0.1464	0.5503
	SUPV	15.99%	1.6812	0.3938	0.1616	0.5140
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	47.02% ①	0.8648 ①	0.2026 ①	0.0816	0.7049 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	45.90%	0.8773	0.2055	0.0834	0.7027
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	44.72%	0.9246	0.2166	0.0881	0.6884
	DPD (ours)	45.03%	0.9087	0.2129	0.0896	0.6916
	IIIM-BST	45.48%	0.8905	0.2086	0.0848	0.6979
	BST (Lee, 2013)	45.30%	0.8887	0.2082	0.0840	0.6988
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	42.26%	0.9758	0.2286	0.0949	0.6739
	SUPV	42.62%	0.9641	0.2258	0.0945	0.6745
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	46.17% ①	0.9069 ①	0.2124 ①	0.0851 ①	0.6941 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	45.23% ①	0.9045 ①	0.2119 ①	0.0861 ①	0.6940 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	44.12% ①	0.9554 ①	0.2238 ①	0.0909 ①	0.6794 ①
	DPD (ours)	43.11% ①	0.9605 ①	0.2250 ①	0.0906 ①	0.6764 ①
	IIIM-BST	44.32% ①	0.9475 ①	0.2220 ①	0.0900 ①	0.6839 ①
	BST (Lee, 2013)	40.47%	1.0143	0.2376	0.0953	0.6614
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	41.37%	1.0056	0.2356	0.0957	0.6661
	SUPV	39.24%	1.0448	0.2447	0.0992	0.6530
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	49.93%	0.8229	0.1928	0.0789	0.7163
	DPD-BST (ours)	49.99%	0.8170	0.1914	0.0782	0.7177
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	50.44%	0.8090	0.1895	0.0778	0.7212
	DPD (ours)	48.66%	0.8457	0.1981	0.0811	0.7078
	IIIM-BST	49.64%	0.8268	0.1937	0.0790	0.7149
	BST (Lee, 2013)	49.50%	0.8270	0.1937	0.0782	0.7134
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	47.56%	0.8700	0.2038	0.0834	0.7025
	SUPV	46.92%	0.8842	0.2071	0.0856	0.6958
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	49.43% ①	0.8389 ①	0.1965 ①	0.0789 ①	0.7126 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	48.79% ①	0.8342 ①	0.1954 ①	0.0797 ①	0.7116 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	49.84% ①	0.8370 ①	0.1961 ①	0.0791 ①	0.7136 ①
	DPD (ours)	47.67% ①	0.8696	0.2037	0.0824	0.7020 ①
	IIIM-BST	47.73%	0.8788	0.2059	0.0825	0.7005
	BST (Lee, 2013)	45.59%	0.9066	0.2124	0.0853	0.6897
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	46.28%	0.9045	0.2119	0.0857	0.6924
	SUPV	44.82%	0.9199	0.2155	0.0866	0.6867

Table 8: Performance of all strategies on 5% (top), 20% (middle), and 30% (bottom) labeled WikiHan for each architecture, averaged across 10 runs in group 1. Bold: best-performing strategy for the corresponding architecture; ①: significantly better than all weak baselines (SUPV, BST, and IIIM) with $p < 0.01$; ②: significantly better than the IIIM-BST strong baseline and all weak baselines with $p < 0.01$.

Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	27.38% ①	1.5508 ①	0.1730 ①	0.0717 ①	0.7523 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	26.04% ①	1.6169 ①	0.1803 ①	0.0751 ①	0.7403 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	16.33%	2.3046	0.2570	0.1149	0.6474
	DPD (ours)	23.52% ①	1.8284 ①	0.2039 ①	0.0854 ①	0.7110 ①
	IIIM-BST	18.19%	2.1148	0.2359	0.1127	0.6724
	BST (Lee, 2013)	16.65%	2.2502	0.2510	0.1222	0.6560
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	10.66%	2.8262	0.3152	0.1468	0.5806
	SUPV	14.54%	2.4150	0.2694	0.1188	0.6314
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	30.68%	1.3867 ①	0.1547 ①	0.0562 ①	0.7788 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	30.94%	1.3731 ①	0.1531 ①	0.0518 ①	0.7803 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	25.48%	1.6870	0.1882	0.0740	0.7328
	DPD (ours)	24.13%	1.7210	0.1919	0.0733	0.7269
	IIIM-BST	28.96%	1.4869	0.1658	0.0654	0.7673
	BST (Lee, 2013)	30.29%	1.4572	0.1625	0.0605	0.7687
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	22.81%	1.8119	0.2021	0.0809	0.7141
	SUPV	24.11%	1.7354	0.1936	0.0747	0.7255
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	40.60% ①	1.1887 ①	0.1326 ①	0.0531 ①	0.8004 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	39.49% ①	1.2052 ①	0.1344 ①	0.0515 ①	0.7968
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	38.84%	1.2421	0.1385	0.0556	0.7921
	DPD (ours)	37.79%	1.3035	0.1454	0.0562	0.7824
	IIIM-BST	40.22% ①	1.2023 ①	0.1341 ①	0.0536	0.7982 ①
	BST (Lee, 2013)	38.18%	1.2467	0.1390	0.0553	0.7919
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	37.98%	1.2797	0.1427	0.0585	0.7865
	SUPV	35.14%	1.3910	0.1551	0.0609	0.7699
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	42.57% ①	1.1351 ①	0.1266 ①	0.0468	0.8080 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	42.13% ①	1.1079 ①	0.1236 ①	0.0426 ①	0.8134 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	38.51%	1.2476	0.1392	0.0519	0.7922
	DPD (ours)	37.47%	1.2702	0.1417	0.0510	0.7890
	IIIM-BST	41.01%	1.1721	0.1307	0.0490	0.8045
	BST (Lee, 2013)	40.33%	1.1779	0.1314	0.0474	0.8031
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	36.71%	1.2994	0.1449	0.0529	0.7860
	SUPV	37.25%	1.2947	0.1444	0.0524	0.7834
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	45.05% ①	1.0812 ①	0.1206 ①	0.0475	0.8162 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	43.28%	1.1281	0.1258	0.0482	0.8089
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	42.65%	1.1182 ①	0.1247 ①	0.0501	0.8132
	DPD (ours)	43.07%	1.1588	0.1293	0.0492	0.8034
	IIIM-BST	44.21% ①	1.1196	0.1249	0.0499	0.8102
	BST (Lee, 2013)	42.76%	1.1515	0.1284	0.0485	0.8045
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	41.61%	1.1447	0.1277	0.0519	0.8095
	SUPV	40.61%	1.2381	0.1381	0.0526	0.7912
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	45.19% ①	1.0966	0.1223	0.0457	0.8127
	DPD-BST (ours)	45.74% ①	1.0417 ①	0.1162 ①	0.0400 ①	0.8214 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	43.31%	1.1358	0.1267	0.0466	0.8089
	DPD (ours)	41.57%	1.1681	0.1303	0.0473	0.8037
	IIIM-BST	44.70%	1.1134	0.1242	0.0472	0.8117
	BST (Lee, 2013)	44.05%	1.1081	0.1236	0.0446	0.8125
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	41.11%	1.1838	0.1320	0.0482	0.8023
	SUPV	40.94%	1.1985	0.1337	0.0479	0.7983

Table 9: Performance of all strategies on 5% (top), 20% (middle), and 30% (bottom) labeled Rom-phon for each architecture, averaged across 10 runs in group 1. Bold: best-performing strategy for the corresponding architecture; ①: significantly better than all weak baselines (SUPV, BST, and IIIM) with $p < 0.01$; ②: significantly better than the IIIM-BST strong baseline and all weak baselines with $p < 0.01$.

Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	41.15% <small>❸</small>	0.9955 <small>❸</small>	0.2326 <small>❸</small>	0.0920 <small>❸</small>	0.6703 <small>❸</small>
	DPD-BST (ours)	39.83% <small>❸</small>	1.0212 <small>❸</small>	0.2386 <small>❸</small>	0.0944 <small>❸</small>	0.6636 <small>❸</small>
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	38.28% <small>❸</small>	1.0612 <small>❸</small>	0.2480 <small>❸</small>	0.0968 <small>❸</small>	0.6478 <small>❸</small>
	DPD (ours)	39.61% <small>❸</small>	1.0295 <small>❸</small>	0.2406 <small>❸</small>	0.0946 <small>❸</small>	0.6547 <small>❸</small>
	IIIM-BST	34.76%	1.1447	0.2675	0.1078	0.6336
	BST (Lee, 2013)	34.93%	1.1490	0.2685	0.1086	0.6281
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	34.43%	1.1721	0.2739	0.1087	0.6151
	SUPV	33.57%	1.1920	0.2785	0.1110	0.6078
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	40.50% <small>❸</small>	0.9977 <small>❸</small>	0.2331 <small>❸</small>	0.0894 <small>❸</small>	0.6716 <small>❸</small>
	DPD-BST (ours)	36.64% <small>❻❷</small>	1.0794 <small>❸</small>	0.2522 <small>❸</small>	0.0978 <small>❷</small>	0.6512 <small>❸</small>
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	38.67% <small>❸</small>	1.0460 <small>❸</small>	0.2444 <small>❸</small>	0.0933 <small>❸</small>	0.6533 <small>❸</small>
	DPD (ours)	35.12% <small>❶</small>	1.1339 <small>❶</small>	0.2650 <small>❶</small>	0.1030	0.6282 <small>❶</small>
	IIIM-BST	35.28% <small>❶</small>	1.1266 <small>❸</small>	0.2632 <small>❸</small>	0.1016 <small>❶</small>	0.6360 <small>❻❷</small>
	BST (Lee, 2013)	29.24%	1.2929	0.3021	0.1174	0.5931
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	33.69%	1.1774	0.2751	0.1063	0.6173
	SUPV	28.98%	1.3066	0.3053	0.1185	0.5827
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	32.94% <small>❸</small>	1.3682 <small>❸</small>	0.1533 <small>❸</small>	0.0597 <small>❸</small>	0.7717 <small>❸</small>
	DPD-BST (ours)	31.80% <small>❸</small>	1.4636 <small>❸</small>	0.1640 <small>❸</small>	0.0634 <small>❸</small>	0.7553 <small>❸</small>
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	27.58%	1.6277	0.1824	0.0732 <small>❷❻</small>	0.7328
	DPD (ours)	30.15% <small>❷❸</small>	1.5413 <small>❷❸</small>	0.1727 <small>❷❸</small>	0.0678 <small>❷❸</small>	0.7449 <small>❷❸</small>
	IIIM-BST	30.36% <small>❷❸</small>	1.5174 <small>❷❸</small>	0.1700 <small>❷❸</small>	0.0681 <small>❷❸</small>	0.7487 <small>❷❸</small>
	BST (Lee, 2013)	28.70%	1.6216	0.1817	0.0754	0.7332
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	25.18%	1.7561	0.1968	0.0804	0.7144
	SUPV	25.37%	1.7756	0.1990	0.0802	0.7122
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	35.34% <small>❶❻</small>	1.2634 <small>❸</small>	0.1416 <small>❸</small>	0.0480 <small>❸</small>	0.7899 <small>❸</small>
	DPD-BST (ours)	35.83% <small>❸</small>	1.2402 <small>❸</small>	0.1390 <small>❸</small>	0.0458 <small>❸</small>	0.7929 <small>❸</small>
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	30.19%	1.5103	0.1692	0.0619	0.7511
	DPD (ours)	29.83%	1.5071	0.1689	0.0604	0.7512
	IIIM-BST	34.31% <small>❶</small>	1.3134 <small>❶</small>	0.1472 <small>❶</small>	0.0523	0.7846 <small>❶❻</small>
	BST (Lee, 2013)	34.22%	1.3163	0.1475	0.0514	0.7819
	IIIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	28.16%	1.5648	0.1754	0.0636	0.7447
	SUPV	29.30%	1.5292	0.1714	0.0610	0.7473

Table 10: Transductive evaluation of all strategies on 10% labeled WikiHan (top) and Rom-phon (bottom) for each architecture, averaged across all runs in four groups (10 runs per strategy-architecture combination per group). **Bold:** best-performing strategy for the corresponding architecture and dataset; ❶: significantly better than all weak baselines (SUPV, BST, and IIIM) on group 1 with $p < 0.01$; ❷: significantly better than the IIIM-BST strong baseline and all weak baselines on group 1 with $p < 0.01$; ❸, ❹, ❺, ❻: likewise for groups 2, 3, and 4.

Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	21.40% ①	1.5246 ①	0.3564 ①	0.1525 ①	0.5403 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	23.74% ①	1.4558 ①	0.3403 ①	0.1409 ①	0.5608 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	23.98% ①	1.4538 ①	0.3398 ①	0.1407 ①	0.5564 ①
	DPD (ours)	25.35% ①	1.3911 ①	0.3252 ①	0.1348 ①	0.5636 ①
	IIIM-BST	15.97%	1.7986	0.4204	0.1786	0.4774
	BST (Lee, 2013)	16.43%	1.7464	0.4082	0.1681	0.4805
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	17.80%	1.6913	0.3953	0.1665	0.4935
	SUPV	16.42%	1.7418	0.4071	0.1681	0.4815
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	28.38% ①	1.2499 ①	0.2922 ①	0.1126 ①	0.6175 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	24.32% ①	1.3716 ①	0.3206 ①	0.1258 ①	0.5876 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	25.73% ①	1.3493 ①	0.3154 ①	0.1238 ①	0.5887 ①
	DPD (ours)	22.27%	1.4420	0.3371	0.1329 ①	0.5599
	IIIM-BST	22.06%	1.4639	0.3422	0.1395	0.5641 ①
	BST (Lee, 2013)	16.50%	1.6554	0.3870	0.1596	0.5169
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	20.89%	1.5094	0.3528	0.1407	0.5486
	SUPV	16.72%	1.6520	0.3861	0.1572	0.5120
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	48.17% ①	0.8513 ①	0.1986 ①	0.0749 ①	0.7039 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	46.61%	0.8666 ①	0.2022 ①	0.0768	0.7004 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	44.99%	0.8983	0.2096	0.0798	0.6912
	DPD (ours)	44.88%	0.9125	0.2129	0.0838	0.6852
	IIIM-BST	45.93%	0.8904	0.2077	0.0788	0.6939
	BST (Lee, 2013)	45.43%	0.8995	0.2099	0.0791	0.6904
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	41.61%	0.9829	0.2293	0.0898	0.6671
	SUPV	42.25%	0.9698	0.2263	0.0888	0.6683
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	47.92% ①	0.8527 ①	0.1990 ①	0.0755 ①	0.7031 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	46.07% ①	0.8783 ①	0.2049 ①	0.0791 ①	0.6966 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	44.82% ①	0.9194 ①	0.2145 ①	0.0827 ①	0.6839 ①
	DPD (ours)	44.01% ①	0.9309 ①	0.2172 ①	0.0855 ①	0.6801 ①
	IIIM-BST	44.73% ①	0.9232 ①	0.2154 ①	0.0831 ①	0.6836 ①
	BST (Lee, 2013)	41.60%	0.9888	0.2307	0.0908	0.6646
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	42.34%	0.9793	0.2285	0.0889	0.6666
	SUPV	40.12%	1.0283	0.2399	0.0938	0.6518
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	50.21%	0.8336	0.1941	0.0738	0.7087
	DPD-BST (ours)	50.42% ①	0.8217 ①	0.1913 ①	0.0716 ①	0.7121 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	50.60% ①	0.8105 ①	0.1887 ①	0.0716 ①	0.7166 ①
	DPD (ours)	48.51%	0.8571	0.1995	0.0760	0.7013
	IIIM-BST	49.81%	0.8389	0.1953	0.0744	0.7071
	BST (Lee, 2013)	49.40%	0.8476	0.1973	0.0751	0.7046
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	46.97%	0.8905	0.2073	0.0804	0.6923
	SUPV	46.27%	0.9019	0.2100	0.0805	0.6881
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	49.55% ①	0.8296 ①	0.1931 ①	0.0737 ①	0.7119 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	49.01% ①	0.8413 ①	0.1959 ①	0.0746 ①	0.7066 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	49.55% ①	0.8310 ①	0.1935 ①	0.0732 ①	0.7107 ①
	DPD (ours)	47.95%	0.8635	0.2010	0.0770	0.7009
	IIIM-BST	48.31% ①	0.8653 ①	0.2015 ①	0.0761 ①	0.6996 ①
	BST (Lee, 2013)	46.35%	0.9051	0.2107	0.0812	0.6879
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	46.00%	0.9041	0.2105	0.0803	0.6893
	SUPV	44.53%	0.9415	0.2192	0.0847	0.6787

Table 11: Transductive evaluation of all strategies on 5% (top), 20% (middle), and 30% (bottom) labeled WikiHan for each architecture, averaged across 10 runs in group 1. Bold: best-performing strategy for the corresponding architecture; ①: significantly better than all weak baselines (SUPV, BST, and IIIM) with $p < 0.01$; ②: significantly better than the IIIM-BST strong baseline and all weak baselines with $p < 0.01$.

Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	25.73% ①	1.6015 ①	0.1797 ①	0.0735 ①	0.7399 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	24.62% ①	1.7219 ①	0.1932 ①	0.0797 ①	0.7199 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	15.46%	2.3351	0.2620	0.1148 ①	0.6387
	DPD (ours)	22.38% ①	1.8658 ①	0.2093 ①	0.0861 ①	0.7002 ①
	IIIM-BST	17.29%	2.2002	0.2468	0.1160	0.6544
	BST (Lee, 2013)	15.85%	2.3260	0.2610	0.1248	0.6394
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	9.67%	2.8616	0.3210	0.1461	0.5706
	SUPV	14.06%	2.4557	0.2755	0.1203	0.6219
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	29.62% ①	1.3946 ①	0.1565 ①	0.0553 ①	0.7724 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	29.67% ①	1.3977 ①	0.1568 ①	0.0519 ①	0.7712 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	24.86%	1.7148	0.1924	0.0731	0.7230
	DPD (ours)	24.02%	1.7394	0.1951	0.0734	0.7185
	IIIM-BST	28.42%	1.5011	0.1684	0.0648	0.7601
	BST (Lee, 2013)	28.49%	1.5016	0.1685	0.0624	0.7568
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	22.36%	1.8316	0.2055	0.0807	0.7054
	SUPV	23.49%	1.7649	0.1980	0.0751	0.7146
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	38.96% ①	1.2502 ①	0.1404 ①	0.0539 ①	0.7860 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	37.75% ①	1.3183	0.1480	0.0551 ①	0.7740
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	36.67%	1.2899 ①	0.1448 ①	0.0552 ①	0.7804 ①
	DPD (ours)	36.11%	1.3521	0.1518	0.0569	0.7706
	IIIM-BST	38.04% ①	1.2899 ①	0.1448 ①	0.0557 ①	0.7796 ①
	BST (Lee, 2013)	35.99%	1.3854	0.1555	0.0609	0.7647
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	35.57%	1.3284	0.1491	0.0580	0.7748
	SUPV	33.61%	1.4521	0.1630	0.0621	0.7569
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	41.19% ①	1.1635 ①	0.1306 ①	0.0462 ①	0.7991 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	41.00% ①	1.1345 ①	0.1274 ①	0.0425 ①	0.8041 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	36.77%	1.2877	0.1446	0.0513	0.7811
	DPD (ours)	35.94%	1.3036	0.1464	0.0511	0.7788
	IIIM-BST	40.07%	1.1982	0.1345	0.0482	0.7960
	BST (Lee, 2013)	39.21%	1.2014	0.1349	0.0472	0.7945
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	35.17%	1.3368	0.1501	0.0530	0.7751
	SUPV	35.60%	1.3277	0.1491	0.0524	0.7736
Architecture	Strategy	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	41.96% ①	1.1563 ①	0.1302 ①	0.0485 ①	0.7998 ①
	DPD-BST (ours)	40.53% ①	1.2425	0.1399	0.0513	0.7853
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	39.29%	1.1843 ①	0.1333 ①	0.0503 ①	0.7974 ①
	DPD (ours)	39.57%	1.2368	0.1392	0.0509	0.7867
	IIIM-BST	41.02% ①	1.1950	0.1345	0.0510	0.7929
	BST (Lee, 2013)	39.94%	1.2865	0.1448	0.0542	0.7773
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	37.92%	1.2134	0.1366	0.0523	0.7933
	SUPV	37.44%	1.3133	0.1478	0.0545	0.7755
GRU	DPD-IIIM-BST (ours)	43.29% ①	1.1312	0.1273	0.0447	0.8023
	DPD-BST (ours)	43.92% ①	1.0702 ①	0.1205 ①	0.0402 ①	0.8119 ①
	DPD-IIIM (ours)	40.62%	1.1738	0.1321	0.0461	0.7974
	DPD (ours)	38.84%	1.2149	0.1368	0.0470	0.7903
	IIIM-BST	42.93% ①	1.1497	0.1294	0.0464	0.8006
	BST (Lee, 2013)	41.81%	1.1402	0.1284	0.0439	0.8016
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	39.08%	1.2188	0.1372	0.0475	0.7911
	SUPV	38.77%	1.2268	0.1381	0.0471	0.7878

Table 12: Transductive evaluation of all strategies on 5% (top), 20% (middle), and 30% (bottom) labeled Rom-phon for each architecture, averaged across 10 runs in group 1. Bold: best-performing strategy for the corresponding architecture; ①: significantly better than all weak baselines (SUPV, BST, and IIIM) with $p < 0.01$; ②: significantly better than the IIIM-BST strong baseline and all weak baselines with $p < 0.01$.

Architecture	Strategy	ACC%\uparrow	TED\downarrow	TER\downarrow	FER\downarrow	BCFS\uparrow
Transformer	SUPV	33.25%	1.1891	0.2785	0.1140	0.6138
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	32.21%	1.2141	0.2844	0.1140	0.6077
	DPD (ours)	33.57%	1.1621	0.2722	0.1108	0.6246 ①
	DPD-IIM (ours)	34.93% ①	1.1307 ①	0.2649 ①	0.1097	0.6344 ①
GRU	SUPV	28.16%	1.3257	0.3105	0.1234	0.5835
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	29.46% ①	1.2475 ①	0.2922 ①	0.1157 ①	0.6124 ①
	DPD (ours)	26.57%	1.3424	0.3144	0.1259	0.5830
	DPD-IIM (ours)	30.27% ①	1.2393 ①	0.2903 ①	0.1156 ①	0.6067 ①

Architecture	Strategy	ACC%\uparrow	TED\downarrow	TER\downarrow	FER\downarrow	BCFS\uparrow
Transformer	SUPV	26.99%	1.7331	0.1933	0.0794	0.7218
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	30.01% ①	1.5261 ①	0.1702 ①	0.0699 ①	0.7536 ①
	DPD (ours)	28.22%	1.6713	0.1864	0.0745	0.7308
	DPD-IIM (ours)	27.42%	1.5860 ①	0.1769 ①	0.0741	0.7465 ①
GRU	SUPV	30.69%	1.5018	0.1675	0.0612	0.7558
	IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	32.38% ①	1.4232 ①	0.1587 ①	0.0591	0.7718 ①
	DPD (ours)	30.68%	1.5010	0.1674	0.0629	0.7588
	DPD-IIM (ours)	32.35% ①	1.4294 ①	0.1594 ①	0.0596	0.7702 ①

Table 13: Performance when unlabeled cognate sets are excluded for 10% labeled group 1 WikiHan (top) and 10% labeled group 1 Rom-phon (bottom), averaged across 10 runs. Bold: best-performing strategy for the corresponding architecture; ①: significantly better than SUPV ($p < 0.01$); **①**: significantly better than both SUPV and IIM ($p < 0.01$).

Architecture	Base Strategy	Configuration	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	SUPV	exclude/include unlabeled	32.41%	1.1922	0.2793	0.1145	0.6122
		+BST, include unlabeled	34.87% ①	1.1277 ①	0.2641 ①	0.1088 ①	0.6388 ①
		IIM	32.21%	1.2141	0.2844	0.1140	0.6077
	DPM	exclude unlabeled	34.50% ①	1.1547 ①	0.2705 ①	0.1102	0.6256 ①
		include unlabeled	34.41%	1.1348 ①	0.2658 ①	0.1067 ①	0.6418 ①
		+BST, include unlabeled	39.61% ①	1.0051 ①	0.2354 ①	0.0948 ①	0.6722 ①
	DPD-IIM	exclude unlabeled	34.93%	1.1307	0.2649	0.1097	0.6344
		include unlabeled	37.16% ①	1.0819 ①	0.2534 ①	0.1027 ①	0.6469 ①
		+BST, include unlabeled	39.93% ①	0.9997 ①	0.2342 ①	0.0959 ①	0.6747 ①
GRU	SUPV	exclude/include unlabeled	27.42%	1.3288	0.3112	0.1238	0.5834
		+BST, include unlabeled	29.44%	1.2600 ①	0.2951 ①	0.1167	0.6071 ①
		IIM	29.46%	1.2475	0.2922	0.1157	0.6124
	DPM	exclude unlabeled	31.32%	1.2195	0.2856	0.1129	0.6145
		include unlabeled	35.46% ①	1.1168 ①	0.2616 ①	0.1026 ①	0.6452 ①
		+BST, include unlabeled	35.59% ①	1.1035 ①	0.2585 ①	0.1031 ①	0.6499 ①
	DPD-IIM	exclude unlabeled	30.27%	1.2393	0.2903	0.1156	0.6067
		include unlabeled	36.19% ①	1.0992 ①	0.2575 ①	0.1007 ①	0.6440 ①
		+BST, include unlabeled	39.92% ①	1.0093 ①	0.2364 ①	0.0952 ①	0.6735 ①

Architecture	Base Strategy	Configuration	ACC%↑	TED↓	TER↓	FER↓	BCFS↑
Transformer	SUPV	exclude/include unlabeled	27.66%	1.6753	0.1869	0.0758	0.7303
		+BST, include unlabeled	30.56% ①	1.4712 ①	0.1641 ①	0.0681 ①	0.7610 ①
		IIM	30.01%	1.5261	0.1702	0.0699	0.7536
	DPM	exclude unlabeled	27.69%	1.6483	0.1838	0.0751	0.7332
		include unlabeled	31.90% ①	1.3935 ①	0.1554 ①	0.0636 ①	0.7740 ①
		+BST, include unlabeled	33.96% ①	1.3332 ①	0.1487 ①	0.0591 ①	0.7812 ①
	DPD-IIM	exclude unlabeled	28.22%	1.6713	0.1864	0.0745	0.7308
		include unlabeled	31.81% ①	1.5031 ①	0.1677 ①	0.0668 ①	0.7543 ①
		+BST, include unlabeled	33.96% ①	1.3332 ①	0.1487 ①	0.0591 ①	0.7812 ①
GRU	SUPV	exclude/include unlabeled	30.01%	1.5156	0.1690	0.0607	0.7547
		+BST, include unlabeled	35.21% ①	1.3284 ①	0.1482 ①	0.0530 ①	0.7857 ①
		IIM	32.38%	1.4232	0.1587	0.0591	0.7718
	DPM	exclude unlabeled	29.42%	1.5511	0.1730	0.0643	0.7529
		include unlabeled	35.38% ①	1.3072 ①	0.1458 ①	0.0537 ①	0.7896 ①
		+BST, include unlabeled	36.45% ①	1.2469 ①	0.1391 ①	0.0473 ①	0.7977 ①
	DPD-IIM	exclude unlabeled	30.68%	1.5010	0.1674	0.0629	0.7588
		include unlabeled	30.74%	1.4816	0.1652	0.0591 ①	0.7589
		+BST, include unlabeled	36.45% ①	1.2469 ①	0.1391 ①	0.0473 ①	0.7977 ①

Table 14: Performance comparison between whether to exclude unlabeled data, include unlabeled data, or include and pseudo-label unlabeled data (+BST, include unlabeled), evaluated on 10% labeled group 1 WikiHan (top) and 10% labeled group 1 Rom-phon (bottom), averaged across 10 runs. Bold: best performance for the corresponding base strategy; ①: significantly better than when unlabeled data are not used ($p < 0.01$). For SUPV without BST, including and excluding unlabeled data are equivalent.

Dataset	Reconstruction System	ACC% \uparrow	TED \downarrow	TER \downarrow	FER \downarrow	BCFS \uparrow
WikiHan	GRU-SUPV (Meloni et al., 2021)	55.58%	0.7360	0.1724	0.0686	0.7426
	Trans-SUPV (Kim et al., 2023)	54.62%	0.7453	0.1746	0.0696	0.7393
	GRU-BS + GRU Reranker (Lu et al., 2024)	57.14% ○	0.7045 ○	0.1650 ○	0.0661 ○	0.7515 ○
	GRU-BS + Trans. Reranker (Lu et al., 2024)	57.26% ○	0.7029 ○	0.1646 ○	0.0658 ○	0.7520 ○
	GRU-IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	57.37% ○	0.7109 ○	0.1665 ○	0.0646 ○	0.7505 ○
	GRU-DPD (ours)	55.22%	0.7405	0.1734	0.0680	0.7410
	GRU-DPD-IIM (ours)	56.63% ○	0.7206	0.1688	0.0645 ○	0.7469
	Trans-IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	56.89% ○	0.7144 ○	0.1673 ○	0.0661 ○	0.7487 ○
	Trans-DPD (ours)	56.36%	0.7183 ○	0.1683 ○	0.0670	0.7479 ○
	Trans-DPD-IIM (ours)	57.63% ○	0.6967 ○	0.1632 ○	0.0631 ●	0.7544 ○
Rom-phon	GRU-SUPV (Meloni et al., 2021)	51.92%	0.9775	0.1244	0.0390	0.8275
	Trans-SUPV (Kim et al., 2023)	53.04%	0.9050	0.1148	0.0377	0.8417
	GRU-BS + GRU Reranker (Lu et al., 2024)	53.95% ○	0.8775 ○	0.0979 ○	0.0336 ○	0.8460 ○
	GRU-BS + Trans. Reranker (Lu et al., 2024)	53.85% ○	0.8765 ○	0.0978 ○	0.0333 ○	0.8461 ○
	GRU-IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	54.43% ○	0.9226	0.1029 ○	0.0388	0.8390
	GRU-DPD (ours)	56.20% ●	0.8658 ○	0.0966 ○	0.0350 ○	0.8462 ○
	GRU-DPD-IIM (ours)	55.68% ●	0.8810 ○	0.0983 ○	0.0371	0.8453 ○
	Trans-IIM (Laine and Aila, 2017)	54.95% ○	0.8864 ○	0.0989 ○	0.0379	0.8450
	Trans-DPD (ours)	53.44%	0.9318	0.1039 ○	0.0391	0.8367
	Trans-DPD-IIM (ours)	53.25%	0.8921	0.0995 ○	0.0376	0.8459 ○

Table 15: Supervised reconstruction (100% labeling setting) performance of baseline methods and semisupervised strategies, averaged across 20 or 10 runs (see Section J for detail). Bold: best-performing reconstruction system for the corresponding dataset; ○: significantly better than both GRU-SUPV ([Meloni et al., 2021](#)) and Trans-SUPV ([Kim et al., 2023](#)) ($p < 0.01$); ●: significantly better than all of GRU-SUPV ([Meloni et al., 2021](#)), Trans-SUPV ([Kim et al., 2023](#)), GRU-BS + GRU Reranker ([Lu et al., 2024](#)), and GRU-BS + Trans. Reranker ([Lu et al., 2024](#)) ($p < 0.01$).

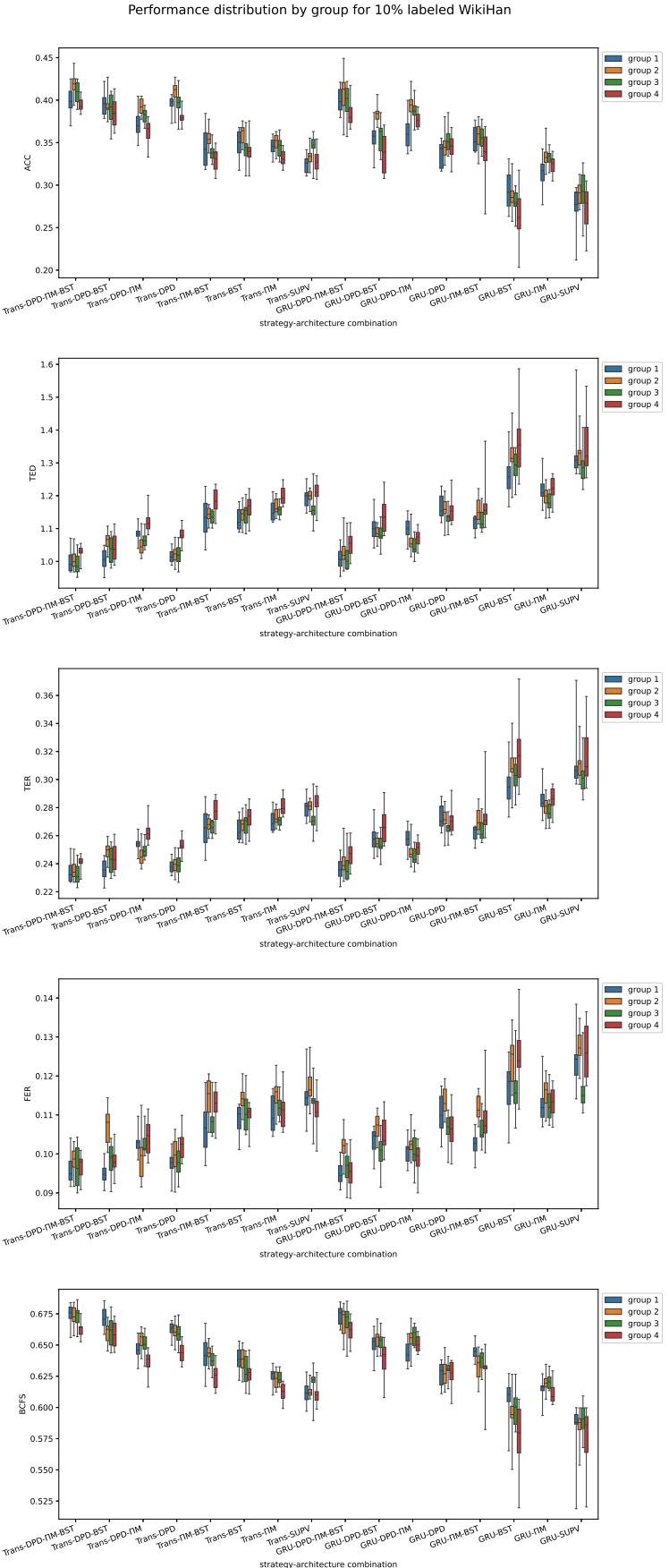


Figure 6: Box plots showing performance distribution for each metric and for each group on 10% labeled WikiHan.

Performance distribution by group for 10% labeled Rom-phon

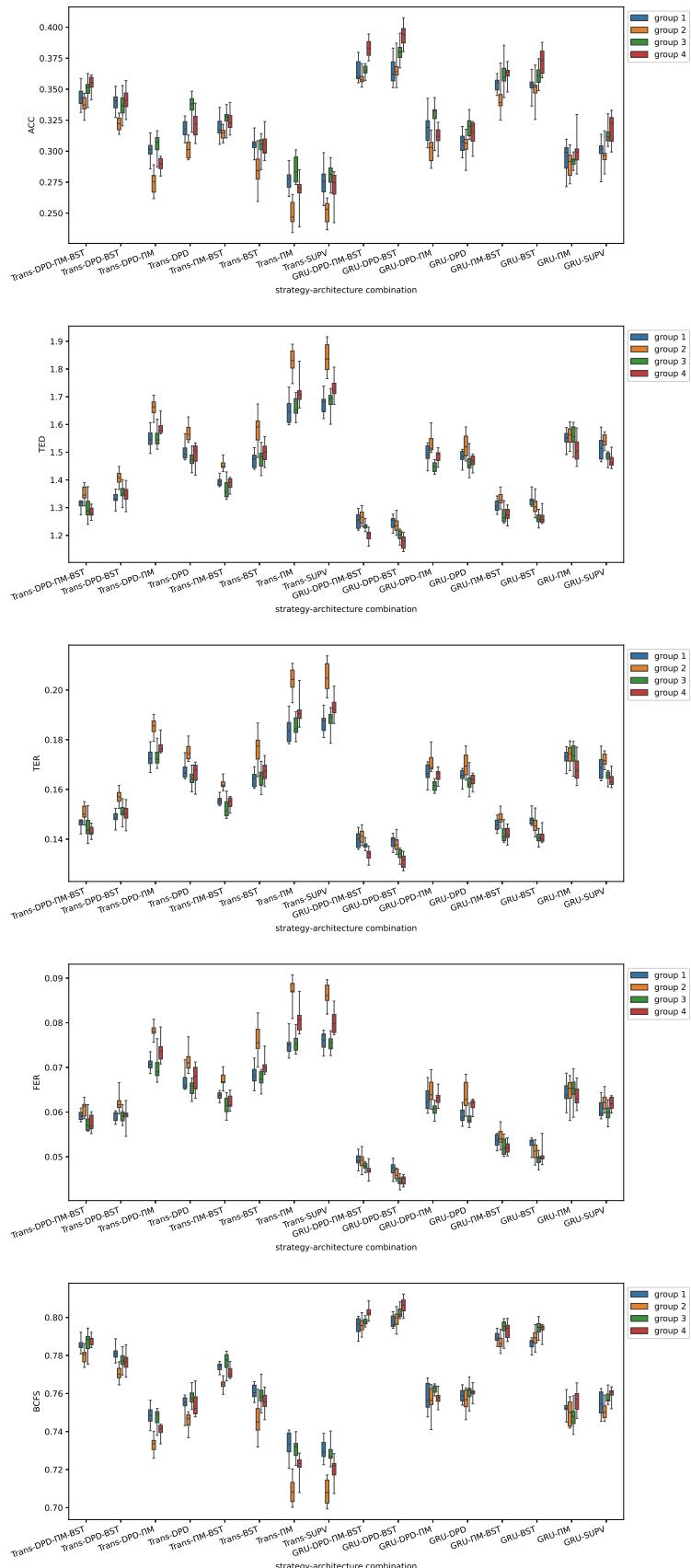


Figure 7: Box plots showing performance distribution for each metric and for each group on 10% labeled Rom-phon.

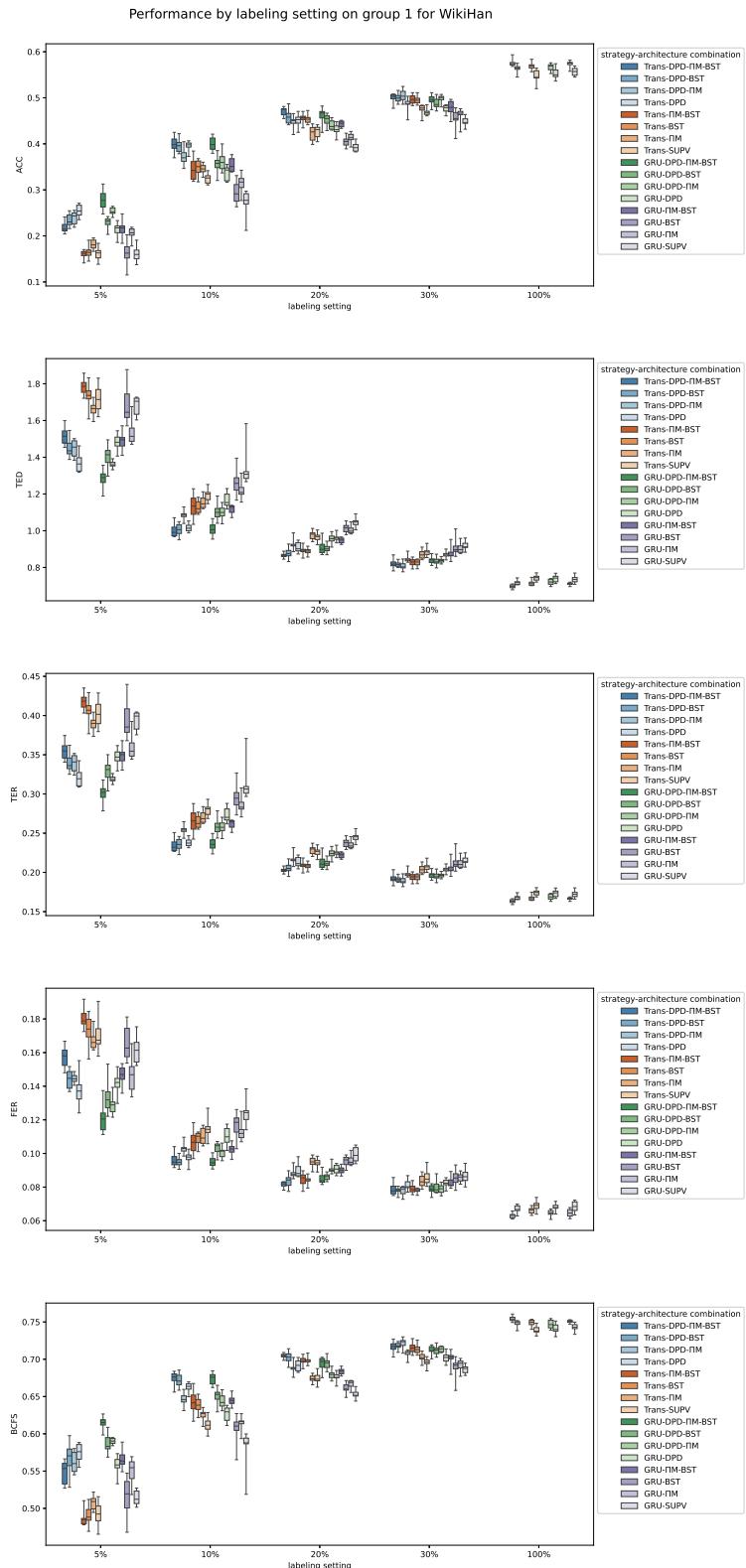


Figure 8: Box plots showing performance distribution for each metric given varied percentages of labels on WikiHan group 1.

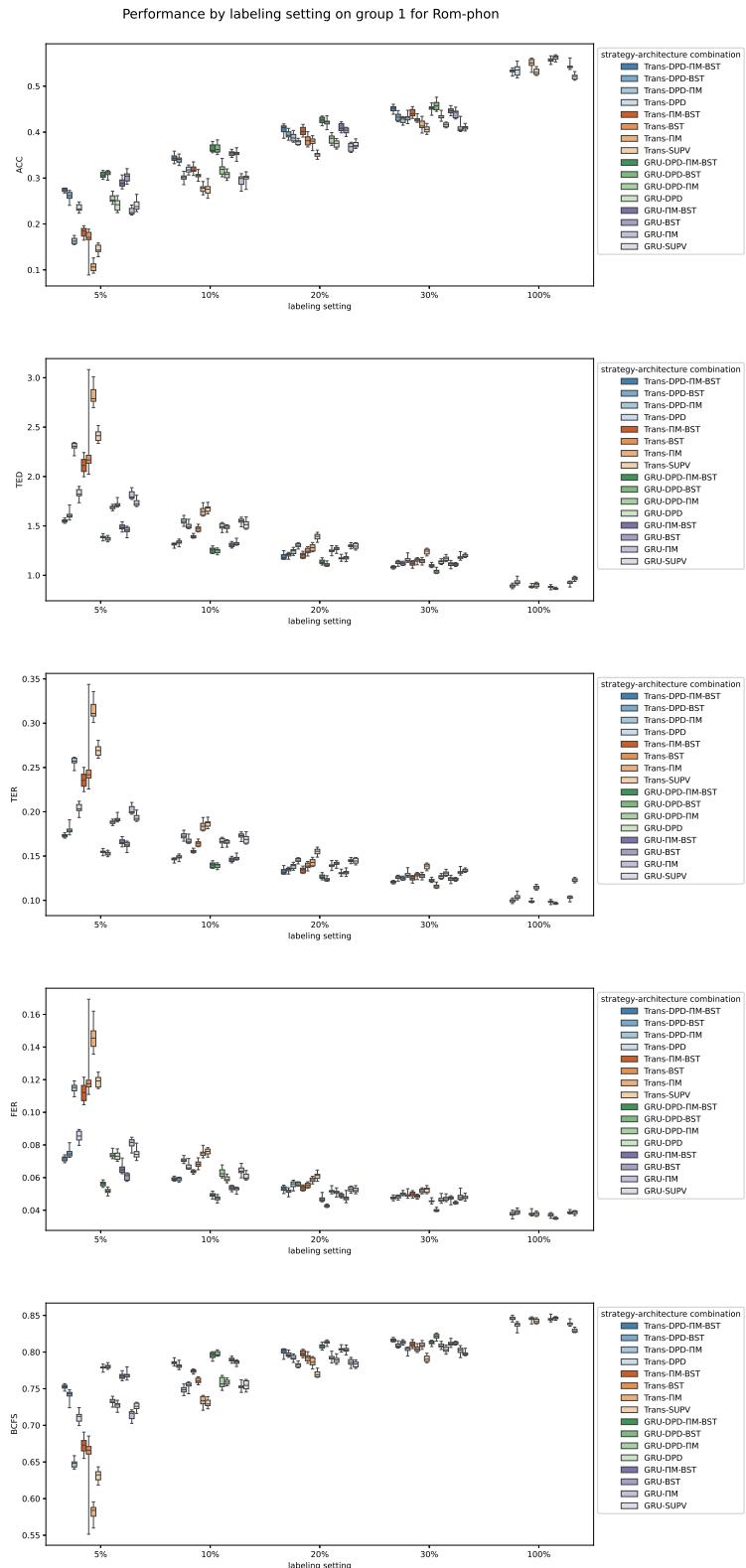


Figure 9: Box plots showing performance distribution for each metric given varied percentages of labels on Rom-phon group 1.

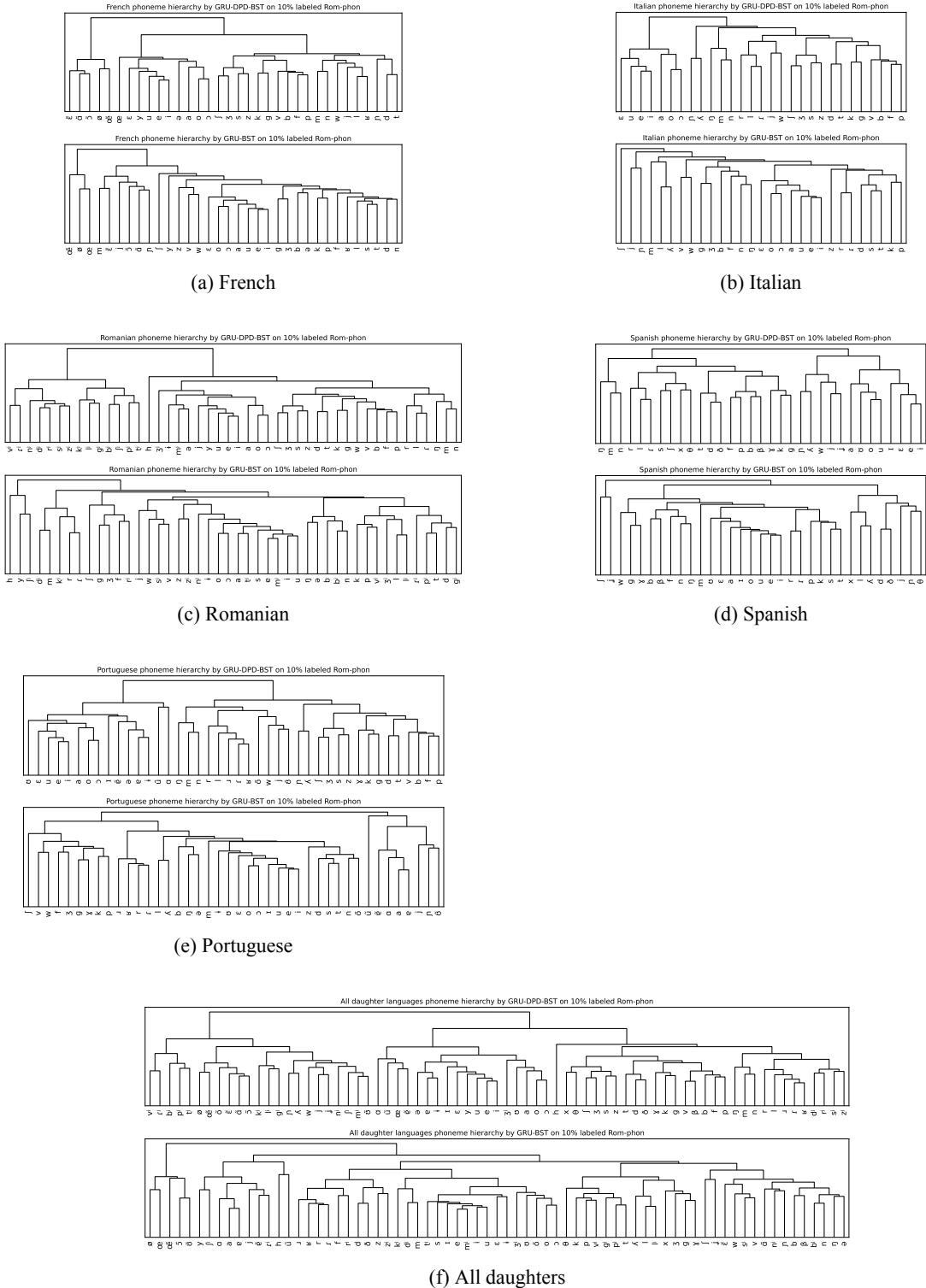


Figure 10: Hierarchical clustering revealing phoneme organization learned by the best run in the best DPD-based strategy-architecture combination (within group 1 and on 10% labeled Rom-phon) (top) and the best run from their non-DPD counterpart (bottom). Note that a comparison for Latin is not possible since non-DPD strategies do not learn embeddings for Latin phonemes.

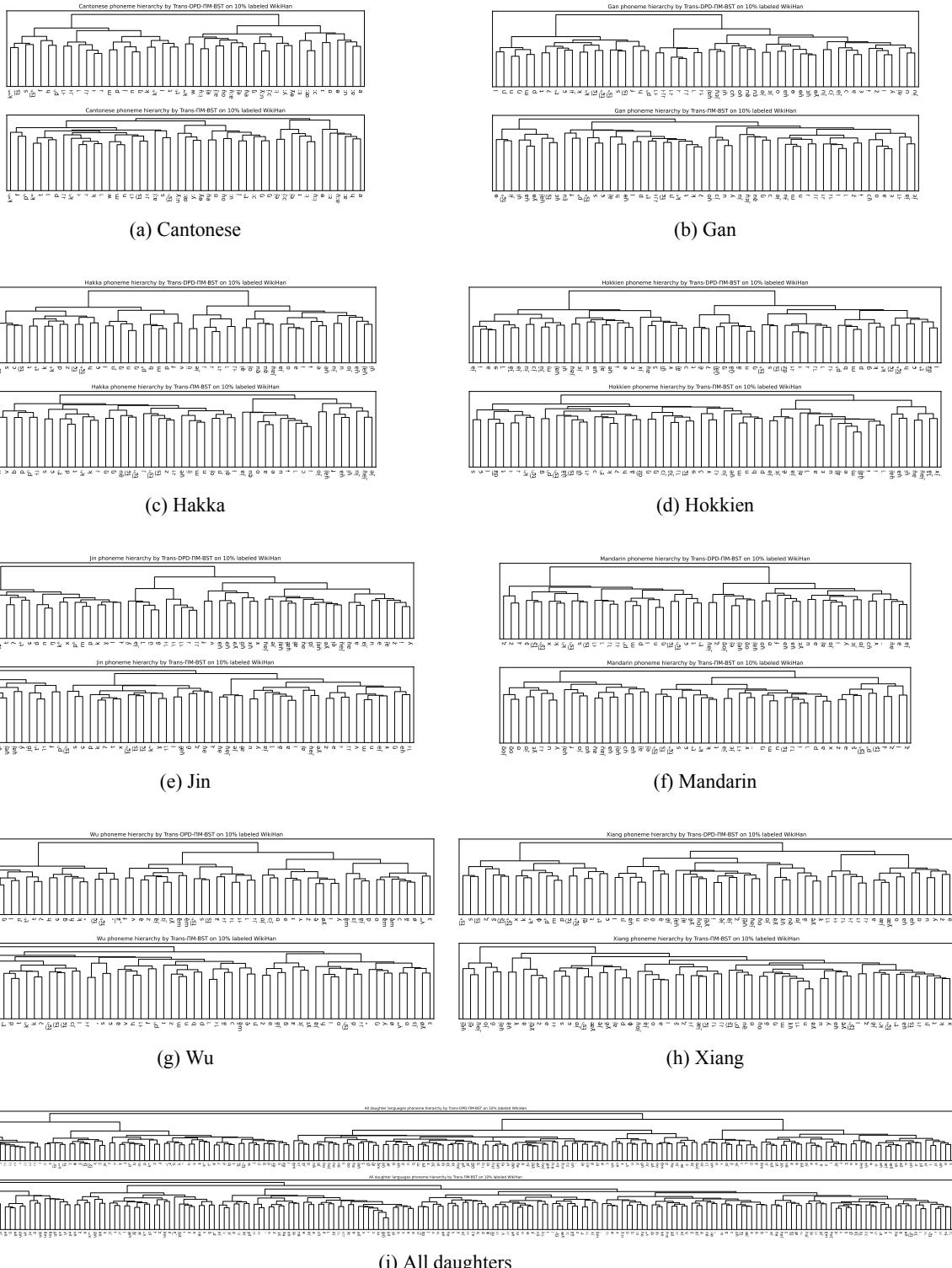


Figure 11: Hierarchical clustering revealing phoneme organization learned by the best run in the best DPD-based strategy-architecture combination (within group 1 and on 10% labeled WikiHan) (top) and the best run from their non-DPD counterpart (bottom). Note that a comparison for Middle Chinese is not possible since non-DPD strategies do not learn embeddings for Middle Chinese phonemes.

	GRU-SUPV	GRU-TIM	GRU-BST	GRU-JIM-BST	GRU-DDP	GRU-DDP-JIM	GRU-DDP-BST	GRU-DDP-JIM-BST	Trans-SUPV	Trans-TIM	Trans-BST	Trans-JIM-BST	Trans-DDP	Trans-DDP-JIM	Trans-DDP-BST	Trans-DDP-JIM-BST
batch size	128	64	128	64	128	64	128	64	128	256	256	64	256	64	256	64
max epochs	221	247	238	253	345	268	384	253	205	288	374	341	261	256	390	259
warmup epochs (learning rate)	29	12	22	16	37	10	2	27	26	6	17	26	18	7	31	22
β_1 (Adam)	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
β_2 (Adam)	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990
ϵ (Adam)	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018	1.00e-018
learning rate	0.0009315	0.0007376	0.0005255	0.000546	0.0007678	0.000974	0.0008380	0.0008118	0.0007602	0.0005026	0.000974	0.0008375	0.0007032	0.0009268	0.0006642	0.0008475
weight decay (Adam)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.00e-07	1.00e-07	1.00e-07	1.00e-07	1.00e-07	1.00e-07	0.000	0.000
DDP protoform reconstruction weight																
DDP bridge network weight																
DDP reflex prediction from gold protoform weight																
DDP reflex prediction from reconstruction weight																
DDP CRNGE loss cap k																
DDP stirred embedding size																
DDP encoder layers count	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
DDP dropout	0.3117	0.2189	0.2336	0.3137	0.3228	0.2997	0.1999	0.2471	0.2539	0.1951	0.1949	0.1877	0.1594	0.2649	0.1574	0.1692
DDP inference decode max length	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
DDP feedforward dimension	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512
DDP embedding size	384	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	256	384	256	128	256	128	256	128
DDP model size	128	64	128	128	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64
DDP encoder layers count																
DDP number of heads																
DDP max input length																
P2D encoder layers count																
P2D dropout																
P2D inference decode max length																
P2D feedforward dimension																
P2D embedding size																
P2D model size																
P2D encoder layers count																
P2D number of heads																
P2D max input length																
Boostrapping starting epoch																
Boostrapping log probability threshold																
Boostrapping max new pseudo-labels per epoch	38	7	24	4	16	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1D-model consistency ramp-up epochs	-0.006900	-0.008731	-0.007431	-0.005348	-0.002607	-0.009312	-0.005975	-0.003975	-0.007042	-0.007042	-0.007042	-0.007042	-0.007042	-0.007042	-0.007042	-0.007042
1D-model max consistency scaling	1	75	87	41	54	79	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
	382.0	222.1	275.1	181.7	223.3	184.5										

Table 16: Hyperparameters for semisupervised reconstruction experiments on WikiHan.

	GRU-SUPV	GRU-TIM	GRU-BST	GRU-TIM-BST	GRU-DDP	GRU-DDP-TIM	GRU-DDP-BST	Trans-SUPV	Trans-TIM	Trans-BST	Trans-TIM-BST	Trans-DDP	Trans-DDP-TIM	Trans-DDP-BST	Trans-DDP-TIM-BST
batch size	256	256	64	64	256	256	128	128	256	256	256	256	256	128	128
max epochs	316	283	289	383	224	334	371	373	219	266	382	344	305	206	216
warmup epochs (learning rate)	39	15	20	29	34	29	26	13	33	4	36	37	37	29	32
β_1 (Adam)	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
β_2 (Adam)	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990	0.990
ϵ (Adam)	1.00e-18	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08
learning rate	0.0005089	0.0005475	0.0007060	0.0009183	0.0006284	0.0005706	0.0008698	0.0006257	0.0005128	0.0009196	0.0006014	0.0005052	0.0006181	0.0005023	0.0005886
weight decay (Adam)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.00e-07	1.00e-07
DDP protoform reconstruction weight															
DDP bridge network weight															
DDP refex prediction from gold protoform weight															
DDP refex prediction from reconstruction weight															
DDP CRNGE loss cap k															
DDP stirred embedding size															
DDP encoder layers count	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
DDP dropout	0.3342	0.2129	0.2680	0.2261	0.3300	0.1774	0.1970	0.2402	0.2838	0.3484	0.1963	0.2587	0.2667	0.3453	0.2551
DDP inference decode max length	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
DDP feedforward dimension	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512
DDP embedding size	384	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	128
DDP model size	128	128	64	64	64	64	128	128	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
DDP encoder layers count															
DDP number of heads															
DDP max input length															
DDP encoder layers count															
DDP dropout															
DDP inference decode max length															
DDP feedforward dimension															
DDP embedding size															
DDP model size															
DDP encoder layers count															
DDP number of heads															
DDP max input length															
Boostrapping starting epoch															
Boostrapping log probability threshold															
Boostrapping max new pseudo-labels per epoch	37	20	28	-0.005401	16	4	-0.004997	28	8	8	8	8	39	-0.001733	-0.007130
1-l model consistency rump-up epochs	18	51	95	86	37	48	69	1	2	2	2	2	23	18	192.2
1-l model max consistency scaling	166.8	168.4	198.2	211.6	393.6	248.6	301.3								

Table 17: Hyperparameters for semisupervised reconstruction experiments on Rom-phon.

	GRU-SUPV	GRU-TIM	GRU-DPD	GRU-DPD-TIM	Trans-SUPV	Trans-TIM	Trans-DPD	Trans-DPD-TIM
batch size	128	128	64	256	128	64	64	64
max epochs	221	206	323	363	205	383	217	363
warmup epochs (learning rate)	29	17	5	11	26	35	37	37
β_1 (Adam)	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
β_2 (Adam)	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990
ϵ (Adam)	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08
learning rate	0.0009315	0.0008794	0.00053477	0.0009955	0.0007602	0.0009179	0.0008318	0.0009033
weight decay (Adam)	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.00e-07	1.00e-07	1.00e-07	0.000	1.00e-07
DPDprotoform reconstruction weight								
DPD bridge network weight	0.195	0.6016						
DPD reflex prediction from gold protoform weight	0.01908	0.2512						
DPD reflex prediction from reconstruction weight	0.4224	0.1871						
DPD CRINGE loss weight α	1.140	0.7006						
DPD CRINGE loss cap k	0.4218	0.03425						
DPD shared embedding size	2	5						
D2P embedding size	384	256						
D2P encoder layers count	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
D2P dropout	0.3117	0.3494	0.2859	0.2805	0.2539	0.3113	0.2902	0.2546
D2P inference decode max length	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
D2P feedforward dimension	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512
D2P embedding size	384	128						
D2P model size	128	64	64	128	256	384	384	128
D2P encoder layers count								
D2P number of heads			2	2	2	2	2	2
D2P max input length			8	8	8	8	8	8
P2D encoder layers count			128	128	128	128	128	128
P2D dropout			2	2	2	2	2	2
P2D inference decode max length			15	15	15	15	15	15
P2D feedforward dimension			512	512	512	512	512	512
P2D embedding size			2	2	2	2	2	2
P2D model size			0.19334	0.2122	0.2663	0.2663	0.2011	0.2011
P2D encoder layers count			15	15	15	15	15	15
P2D number of heads			128	128	128	128	128	128
P2D max input length								
Booststrapping starting epoch								
Booststrapping log probability threshold								
Il-model consistency ramp-up epochs	11	24		28		4		
Il-model max consistency scaling	352.9	257.3		202.9		197.1		

Table 18: Additional hyperparameters for 10% labeled WikiHan when unlabeled cognate sets are excluded.

	GRU-SUPV	GRU-TIM	GRU-DPD	GRU-DPD-TIM	Trans-SUPV	Trans-TIM	Trans-DPD	Trans-DPD-TIM
batch size	256	256	128	128	256	64	64	256
max epochs	316	210	357	373	219	355	221	310
warmup epochs (learning rate)	39	17	29	14	33	31	22	33
β_1 (Adam)	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
β_2 (Adam)	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990
ϵ (Adam)	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08
learning rate	0.0006089	0.0009945	0.0006927	0.0005954	0.0007210	0.0007154	0.0007520	0.0009266
weight decay (Adam)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.00e-07	0.000	0.000	0.000
DPD protoform reconstruction weight								
DPB bridge network weight								
DPB reflex prediction from gold protoform weight								
DPD reflex prediction from reconstruction weight								
DPB CRINGE loss weight α								
DPB CRINGE loss cap k								
DPB shared embedding size								
DPI shared embedding size								
D2P encoder layers count	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
D2P dropout	0.3342	0.2882	0.3709	0.2913	0.2838	0.3305	0.2617	0.3448
D2P inference decode max length	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
D2P feedforward dimension	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512
D2P embedding size	384	128	256	256	384	384	384	384
D2P model size	128	128	64	64	128	64	128	128
D2P encoder layers count								
D2P number of heads								
D2P max input length								
P2D encoder layers count								
P2D dropout								
P2D inference decode max length								
P2D feedforward dimension								
P2D embedding size								
P2D model size								
P2D encoder layers count								
P2D number of heads								
P2D max input length								
Boostrapping starting epoch								
Boostrapping log probability threshold								
Il-model consistency ramp-up epochs	21		25		24		6	
Il-model max consistency scaling	266.8		145.5		370.4		334.1	

Table 19: Additional hyperparameters for 10% labeled Rom-phon when unlabeled cognate sets are excluded.

	GRU-TIM	GRU-DPD	GRU-DPD-TIM	Trans-TIM	Trans-DPD	Trans-DPD-TIM
batch size	256	64	256	128	128	64
max epochs	283	269	275	382	232	315
warmup epochs (learning rate)	4	7	4	22	40	22
β_1 (Adam)	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
β_2 (Adam)	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990
ϵ (Adam)	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08
learning rate	0.0006593	0.005142	0.000896	0.007581	0.007199	0.007997
weight decay (Adam)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.00e-07
DPD protoform reconstruction weight	0.8200	0.9314	0.5602	0.5602	1.427	
DPD bridge network weight	0.3285	0.5967	0.4405	0.5442		
DPD reflex prediction from gold protoform weight	0.5770	0.3550	0.5421	0.4134		
DPD reflex prediction from reconstruction weight	0.8717	0.6495	1.009	0.8214		
DPD CRNGE loss weight α	0.3174	0.2638	0.001917	0.2851		
DPD CRNGE loss cap k	5	3	4	4		
DPD start embedding size	128	128	128	128		
D2P encoder layers count	2	2	2	2		
D2P dropout	0.2404	0.2346	0.1761	0.1685	0.2935	0.3055
D2P inference decode max length	15	15	15	15	15	15
D2P feedforward dimension	512	512	512	512	512	512
D2P embedding size	128	128	256			
D2P model size	128	64	128			
D2P encoder layers count			2	2		
D2P number of heads			8	8		
D2P max input length			128	128		
P2D encoder layers count		2	2	2		
P2D dropout	0.1692	0.3488	0.3083	0.1804		
P2D inference decode max length	15	15	15	15		
P2D feedforward dimension	512	512	512	512		
P2D embedding size	128	64				
P2D model size			2	2		
P2D encoder layers count			8	8		
P2D number of heads			128	128		
P2D max input length						
Bootstrapping starting epoch						
Bootstrapping log probability threshold						
Bootstrapping max new pseudo-labels per epoch						
II-model consistency ramp-up epochs	4	22	14	14		
II-model max consistency scaling	257.4	156.4	200.2	142.0		

Table 20: Additional hyperparameters for 100% labeled WikiHan.

	GRU-TIM	GRU-DPD	GRU-DPD-TIM	Trans-TIM	Trans-DPD	Trans-DPD-TIM
batch size	256	128	64	64	64	128
max epochs	379	309	307	295	218	365
warmup epochs (learning rate)	39	37	7	33	13	3
β_1 (Adam)	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900
β_2 (Adam)	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990	0.9990
ϵ (Adam)	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08	1.00e-08
learning rate	0.0008681	0.0008735	0.0005797	0.0006855	0.0006586	0.0006777
weight decay (Adam)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.00e-07
DPD protoform reconstruction weight	0.5814	1.84	1.84	0.5771	1.473	
DPD bridge network weight	0.7379	0.5496	0.5159	0.196		
DPD reflex prediction from gold protoform weight	0.3473	0.2647	0.3375	0.5105		
DPD reflex prediction from reconstruction weight	1.147	0.5560	0.5103	1.405		
DPD CRNGE loss weight α	0.1322	0.1322	0.4757	0.09542		
DPD CRNGE loss cap k	4	4	5	1		
DPD start embedding size	256	384	384	256		
D2P encoder layers count	2	2	2	2		
D2P dropout	0.2888	0.2923	0.3016	0.1566	0.2144	0.2418
D2P inference decode max length	30	30	30	30	30	30
D2P feedforward dimension	512	512	512	512	512	512
D2P embedding size	256	128	128			
D2P model size	128	128	128			
D2P encoder layers count			2	2		
D2P number of heads			8	8		
D2P max input length			128	128		
P2D encoder layers count		2	2	2	2	
P2D dropout	0.1589	0.2117		0.1996	0.2921	
P2D inference decode max length	30	30	30	30	30	
P2D feedforward dimension	512	512	512	512		
P2D embedding size	64	64	64			
P2D model size			2	2		
P2D encoder layers count			8	8		
P2D number of heads			128	128		
P2D max input length						
Bootstrapping starting epoch						
Bootstrapping log probability threshold						
Bootstrapping max new pseudo-labels per epoch	9	15	30	29		
II-model consistency ramp-up epochs	83.25	92.97	67.85	64.89		
II-model max consistency scaling						

Table 21: Additional hyperparameters for 100% labeled Rom-phon.

	Semisupervised		10%, exclude unlabeled		100%	
	WikiHan	Rom-phon	WikiHan	Rom-phon	WikiHan	Rom-phon
GRU-SUPV	1,724,288	1,605,184	1,724,288	1,605,184		
GRU-PIM	1,231,232	1,605,184	1,231,232	1,605,184	1,724,288	1,605,184
GRU-DPD	2,851,584	3,036,416	3,130,112	2,929,024	2,851,584	3,101,952
GRU-DPD-PIM	2,754,560	2,929,024	3,748,864	3,450,752	2,917,120	3,516,288
Trans-SUPV	3,938,917	3,846,935	3,938,917	3,846,935		
Trans-PIM	3,938,917	3,846,935	3,938,917	3,846,935	3,938,917	3,846,935
Trans-DPD	6,373,066	11,488,686	11,653,706	11,488,686	2,665,290	11,488,686
Trans-DPD-PIM	2,665,290	11,488,686	2,665,290	11,488,686	2,665,290	6,262,958
GRU-BST	1,724,288	1,112,128				
GRU-PIM-BST	1,724,288	1,112,128				
GRU-DPD-BST	2,851,584	3,516,288				
GRU-DPD-PIM-BST	3,218,944	3,516,288				
Trans-BST	3,938,917	3,846,935				
Trans-PIM-BST	3,938,917	3,846,935				
Trans-DPD-BST	6,373,066	11,488,686				
Trans-DPD-PIM-BST	6,373,066	6,262,958				

Table 22: Trainable parameter count for each architecture-strategy combination in each experiment setup.

Dataset	Category	Count	Percentage
WikiHan	Correct at all %	140	13.55%
	Correct only above % threshold	359	34.75%
	Correct only below % threshold	37	3.58%
	Incorrect at all %	278	26.91%
	Other pattern	219	21.20%
Rom-phon	Correct at all %	359	20.47%
	Correct only above % threshold	451	25.71%
	Correct only below % threshold	65	3.71%
	Incorrect at all %	586	33.41%
	Other pattern	293	16.70%

Table 23: Distribution of reconstruction correctness patterns across labeling setting for Trans-DPD-PIM-BST on group 1 WikiHan and GRU-DPD-BST on group 1 Rom-phon.

Category	\hat{y} @ 5%	\hat{y} @ 10%	\hat{y} @ 20%	\hat{y} @ 30%	\hat{y} @ 100%	y (Reference)
Correct at all %	bjwot 入					
	dzoj平	dzoj平	dzoj平	dzoj平	dzoj平	dzoj平
	jen平	jen平	jen平	jen平	jen平	jen平
	k ^h wa平					
	luk ^w 入					
	mjun平	mjun平	mjun平	mjun平	mjun平	mjun平
	teuw平	teuw平	teuw平	teuw平	teuw平	teuw平
	xjuw去	xjuw去	xjuw去	xjuw去	xjuw去	xjuw去
Correct only above % threshold	bju去	bju去	bju去	bju去	bju去	bju去
	bjwin平	bjwon平	bjwon平	bjwon平	bjwon平	bjwon平
	lan去	ljan去	ljan去	ljan去	ljan去	ljan去
	maw上	mæw上	mæw上	mæw上	mæw上	mæw上
	jew上	new上	new上	new上	new上	new上
	bjwin平	pjun平	pjun平	pjun平	pjun平	pjun平
	sjuw去	su去	su去	su去	su去	su去
	dzaj去	tsoj去	tsoj去	tsoj去	tsoj去	tsoj去
	sen去	zjen去	zjen去	zjen去	zjen去	zjen去
	juŋ ^w 平	joŋ ^w 平				
	kwak入	kwak入	kæk ^w 入	kæk ^w 入	kæk ^w 入	kæk ^w 入
	mat入	mat入	mwat入	mwat入	mwat入	mwat入
	yæj平	yøj平	yej平	yej平	yej平	yej平
	djuŋ ^w 平	djuŋ ^w 平	ts ^b uŋ ^w 平	ts ^b uŋ ^w 平	ts ^b uŋ ^w 平	ts ^b uŋ ^w 平
	ts ^b jak入	djwak入	teak入	teak入	teak入	teak入
	gij平	gij平	gij平	gij平	gi平	gi平
	kwan去	kwan去	kwen去	kwen去	kjwen去	kjwen去
	k ^h inj平	k ^h onj平	k ^h əŋ平	k ^h əŋ平	k ^h əŋ平	k ^h əŋ平
	mam平	kom平	yam平	yam平	yom平	yom平
	tean平	t̩ŋ平	t̩ŋ平	qzæŋ平	tsen平	tsen平
	jun ^w 平	jon ^w 平	jon ^w 平	jon ^w 平	?jon ^w 平	?jon ^w 平
Correct only below % threshold	jej去	jej去	?ej去	?ej去	?ej去	jej去
	kij去	kij去	kij去	kij去	kij去	kij去
Incorrect at all %	daw上	daw上	daw上	daw上	daw上	daw去
	ts ^b jen平	dzem平	dzem平	dzem平	dzem平	dzem平
	gio平	gio平	gio平	gio平	gio平	gio平
	kwan去	kwan去	ywæŋ去	giwan去	kwan去	k ^h wan ^上
	k ^h wan ^w 平					
	pap入	pæ上	pæ上	pæ上	pæ上	pæ去
	kep入	kjep入	kjep入	tsjep入	kjep入	tssep入
	tjwan上	tsan上	tsen上	tsan上	tsan上	tswan上
	t̩e去	di去	ts ^b i去	ts ^b i去	ts ^b je去	ts ^b ij去
	ywij去	ywej去	ywej去	ywej去	ywej去	zwij去
	jen去	njen去	njen去	njen去	njen去	njen去
	næn去	nep入	dzep入	nep入	nep入	eep入
	tei去	tee去	di去	di平	dij去	di上
	sjwa上	swa上	swa上	swa上	swa上	sjo上
	te ^c 平	ts ^b i平	ts ^b i平	ts ^b i平	ts ^b je平	ts ^b je平
	?anj去	?anj去	?anj去	?anj去	?anj去	?anj去
Other pattern	dan平	don平	dan平	dan平	dan平	dan平
	mjew平	mew平	mjew平	mjew平	mjew平	mjew平
	ywæ平	yu平	ywæ平	ywæ平	ywæ平	ywæ平
	dzjem平	zjem平	dzjem平	zjem平	dzjem平	dzjem平
	pjej去	pej去	pjej去	pej去	pej去	pej去
	ŋæ平	ŋen平	bæ平	ŋæ平	ŋæ平	ŋæ平
	yjen平	yjen平	yen平	yen平	yæŋ平	yæŋ平
	luk ^w 入	jok ^w 入	juk ^w 入	lok入	jok ^w 入	jok ^w 入
	kew上	k ^h aw上				
	pjen上	pjen上	pjæŋ上	pjien上	pjæŋ上	pjæŋ上
	kwam平	k ^h om平	k ^h am平	kæm平	kam平	k ^h am平
	min上	min上	min上	min平	min上	min平
	yjwen去	yjen去	yjwen去	ywen去	zjwen去	ywen去

Table 24: Sample protoform predictions by Trans-DPD-IIIM-BST for different labeling settings on group 1 WikiHan. Bold: correct protoform; \hat{y} @ {5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 100%}: protoform prediction when trained with a {5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 100%} labeling setting; y : gold protoform.

Category	\hat{y} @ 5%	\hat{y} @ 10%	\hat{y} @ 20%	\hat{y} @ 30%	\hat{y} @ 100%	y (Reference)
Correct at all %	baltevəm distillationem kakare mərsʊm medikamentəm puritatem sanare skapsləm taktilem variabilem wənəstəm wərməm	baltevəm distillationem kakare mərsʊm medikamentəm puritatem sanare skapsləm taktilem variabilem wənəstəm wərməm	baltevəm distillationem kakare mərsʊm medikamentəm puritatem sanare skapsləm taktilem variabilem wənəstəm wərməm	baltevəm distillationem kakare mərsʊm medikamentəm puritatem sanare skapsləm taktilem variabilem wənəstəm wərməm	baltevəm distillationem kakare mərsʊm medikamentəm puritatem sanare skapsləm taktilem variabilem wənəstəm wərməm	baltevəm distillationem kakare mərsʊm medikamentəm puritatem sanare skapsləm taktilem variabilem wənəstəm wərməm
Correct only above % threshold	armipotentem enonkiare infantiam söbdəm indikatiwəm ekwabilitatem diskretionem plenariəm prerogatiwam preskribere dilatorium fritam ekstrarre ekwiwokare konsensəm injkarabilem	armipotentem enontrare infantiam sördəm indikatiwəm ekwabilitatem diskretionem plenariəm prerogatiwam preskribere dilatorium fritam ekstrarre ekwiwokare konsensəm injkarabilem	armipotentem enontrare infantiam sördəm indikatiwəm ekwabilitatem diskretionem plenariəm prerogatiwam preskribere dilatorium fritam ekstrarre ekwiwokare konsensəm injkarabilem	armipotentem enontrare infantiam sördəm indikatiwəm ekwabilitatem diskretionem plenariəm prerogatiwam preskribere dilatorium fritam ekstrarre ekwiwokare konsensəm injkarabilem	armipotentem enontrare infantiam sördəm indikatiwəm ekwabilitatem diskretionem plenariəm prerogatiwam preskribere dilatorium fritam ekstrarre ekwiwokare konsensəm injkarabilem	armipotentem enontrare infantiam sördəm indikatiwəm ekwabilitatem diskretionem plenariəm prerogatiwam preskribere dilatorium fritam ekstrarre ekwiwokare konsensəm injkarabilem
Correct only below % threshold	illustrare kernere	illustrare kernere	illustrare kernere	illustrare kernere	illustrare kernere	illustrare kernere
Incorrect at all %	abissəm adesionem allegere frotisetəm ipnotikəm kyrkondurre küwilem maritalem nukleare parire proklamationem pelegrintəm ekswerkəm sköltorem söllatūm stanrəm settennem termitem tristetiam gōvernaiem	abissəm adesionem allegere frotisetəm ipnotikəm kyrkondurre küwilem maritalem nukleare parire proklamationem pelegrintəm ekswerkəm sköltorem söllatūm stanrəm settennem termitem tristetiam gōvernaiem	abissəm adesionem allegere frotitetəm hypnotikəm kirkondurre küwilem maritalem nukleare parire proklamationem pelegrintəm ekswertəm sköltorem söllaktūm stanəvəm settennem termitem tristetiam gōvernətəm	abissəm adesionem allegere frottetəm hyhypnotikəm kirkondurem küibilem maritalem nukleare parire proklamationem pelegrintəm ekswertəm sköltorem söllaktūm stanəvəm settennem termitem tristetiam gōvernətəm	abissəm adesionem allegere frottetəm hyhypnotikəm kirkondurem küibilem maritalem nukleare parire proklamationem pelegrintəm ekswertəm sköltorem söllaktūm stanəvəm settennem termitem tristetiam gōvernətəm	abyssəm adhesionem allegare frottetəm hypnotikəm kirkondukere küibile maritalem nuklearem parere proklamationem pelegrintəm ekswertəm sköltorem söllaktūm stanəvəm settennem termitem tristetiam gōbernəkələm
Other pattern	təporem wadəm immaterialem bustəm injkwilinəm eram konstitutionem məlkere petatem empirikəm	təporem wadəm immaterialem bustəm injkwilinəm eram konstitutionem məlkere petasəm imprikəm	təporem wadəm immaterialem bustəm injkwilinəm eram konstitutionem məlkere petasəm imprikəm	təporem wadəm immaterialem bustəm injkwilinəm eram konstitutionem məlkere petatəm imprikəm	təporem wadəm immaterialem bustəm injkwilinəm eram konstitutionem məlkere petatəm imprikəm	təporem wadəm immaterialem bustəm injkwilinəm eram konstitutionem məlkere pestəs empyrikəm

Table 25: Sample protoform predictions by GRU-DPD-BST for different labeling settings on group 1 Rom-phon. Bold: correct protoform; \hat{y} @ {5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 100%}: protoform prediction when trained with a {5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 100%} labeling setting; y: gold protoform.

		Trans-IIIM-BST	
		correct	incorrect
Trans-DPD-IIIM-BST	correct	334 (32.33%)	112 (10.84%)
	incorrect	69 (6.68%)	518 (50.15%)

		GRU-BST	
		correct	incorrect
GRU-DPD-BST	correct	546 (31.13%)	126 (7.18%)
	incorrect	96 (5.47%)	986 (56.21%)

Table 26: Confusion matrix of protoform prediction correctness for Trans-DPD-IIIM-BST vs. Trans-IIIM-BST on WikiHan (top) and GRU-DPD-BST vs. GRU-BST on Rom-phon (bottom)

Romanian	French	Italian	Spanish	Portuguese	Latin	Latin _{non-DPD}	Latin _{DPD}	Romanian _{DPD}	French _{DPD}	Italian _{DPD}	Spanish _{DPD}	Portuguese _{DPD}
- adăcă	adikt	adetto	adicto	badit	addictum	addictum	addictum	- adikt	adicto	adetto	adicto	adicto
- apădă	apôde	apprendere	aprender	-	-	appendere	appendere	- apădă	apendre	aprendere	apender	apendre
- arde	ardor	ardore	ardor	ardor	ardorem	ardorem	ardorem	- ardor	ardor	ardore	ardor	ardor
- besjăs	besjăs	bestiar	bestiar	-	bestiarum	bestiarum	bestiarum	- bestjăs	bestiar	bestjario	bestjario	bestjario
- bovin	bovē	bovin	buvins	buvins	bovinum	bovinum	bovinum	- bovin	bovin	bovino	bovino	bovino
- debil	debil	dibekai	dibekai	dibekai	debakkari	debakkari	debakkari	- debile	défile	dibekai	dibekai	dibekai
- delikăs	delikăs	delinkwenta	delinkwenta	delinkwenta	delinkwentam	delinkwentam	delinkwentam	- delikăs	delinkwenta	delinkwenta	delinkwenta	delinkwenta
- fluid	fluid	fluído	fluído	fluído	fluidum	fluidum	fluidum	- fluid	fluído	fluído	fluído	fluído
- firmate	-	-	-	-	firmitatem	firmitatem	firmitatem	- firmate	-	-	-	-
- tjeapă	siv	-	-	-	képam	képam	tjeamă	- siva	-	-	-	-
- kwadilaterus	-	kwadrilatero	-	-	kwadrilaterum	kwadrilaterum	kwadrilaterum	- kwadilater	kwadrilatero	kwadrilatero	kwadrilatero	kwadrilatero
- -	-	-	-	-	kerult	kerult	kerult	- kerult	-	-	-	-
- konsubstansial	-	komunizare	-	-	komisarare	komunizare	komunizare	- komunizare	-	-	-	-
- kummat	ksybistăsij	konstantisajale	konstantisajal	konstantisajal	konstantalem	konstantalem	konstantalem	- kummat	-	-	-	-
- labil	koya	kojato	kujanđo	kujanđo	konatam	konatam	konatam	- labile	-	-	-	-
- labil	labil	labil	labil	labil	labil	labil	labil	- labil	-	-	-	-
- mitige	mitigare	mitigar	mitivar	mitivar	mitigare	mitigare	mitigare	- mitige	-	-	-	-
- nodos	mendaſe	mendaſem	mendakem	mendakem	mendakem	mendakem	mendakem	- mendaſe	-	-	-	-
- not	nota	nota	notam	notam	notam	notam	notam	- nota	-	-	-	-
- orasie	oratōn	oratōn	oratōnem	oratōnem	oratōnem	oratōnem	oratōnem	- orasie	- oratōn	- oratōn	- orasie	- orasie
- prefektură	prefektivă	prefectura	prefecture	prefecture	prefekturam	prefekturam	prefekturam	- prefektură	- prefecture	- prefectura	- prefecture	- prefecture
- presed	presed	preſedere	præfēdere	præfēdere	præfēderem	præfēderem	præfēderem	- presed	- préfēder	- préfēdere	- préfēder	- préfēder
- profes	profeso	professo	professo	professo	professum	professum	professum	- profes	- profeso	- professio	- professio	- professio
- purifika	purificare	purifikar	purifikar	purifikar	purifikare	purifikare	purifikare	- purifika	- purifikar	- purifikare	- purifikar	- purifikar
- pekuļu	pekuļuo	pekuļuo	pekuļuo	pekuļuo	pekuļotum	pekuļotum	pekuļotum	- pekuļu	- pekuļuo	- pekuļuo	- pekuļuo	- pekuļuo
- -	-	-	-	-	pudoroso	pudoroso	pudoroso	-	-	-	-	-
- sanasjă	sanatōne	sanatōne	sanatōne	sanatōne	sanatōnem	sanatōnem	sanatōnem	- sanasjă	- sanatōne	- sanatōne	- sanatōne	- sanatōne
- sarfina	-	sarknam	-	-	sarknam	sarknam	sarknam	- sarfina	-	-	-	-
- sekvityd	-	speme	-	-	spemem	spemem	spemem	- sekvityd	-	-	-	-
- trăsport	transportare	transportar	transportare	transportare	transportare	transportare	transportare	- trăsport	- transportare	- transportare	- transportare	- transportare
- trăstes	trăstesa	tristeſa	tristeſe	tristeſe	tristatam	tristatam	tristatam	- trăstes	- tristesa	- tristetă	- tristetă	- tristetă
- tub	tob	tubo	tubo	tubo	tobrum	tobrum	tobrum	- tub	- tubo	- tubo	- tubo	- tubo
- venial	veniale	venial	venial	venial	weniale	weniale	weniale	- venial	- veniale	- veniale	- veniale	- veniale
- verităgnozo	verităgnozo	verităgnozo	verităgnozo	verităgnozo	veritignosum	veritignosum	veritignosum	- verităgnozo	- verităgnozo	- verităgnozo	- verităgnozo	- verităgnozo
- vaduva	vov	vedova	bjuda	vitue	wedwan	wedwan	wedwan	- vov	- veduwo	- veduwo	- veduwo	- veduwo
- ivoriu	ivow	avano	efbore	-	ewarum	ewarum	ewarum	- evow	- evwar	- evwar	- evwar	- evwar
- eksprege	eksprege	surgare	ekspregar	ekspregar	espargare	espargare	espargare	- eksprege	- surgare	- surgare	- surgare	- surgare
- episkopat	episkopat	episkopado	epijkupadă	epijkupadă	episkopatum	episkopatum	episkopatum	- episkopat	- episkopato	- episkopato	- episkopato	- episkopato
- gladiu	gladio	gladio	gladiu	gladiu	gladiu	gladiu	gladiu	- gladiu	- gladio	- gladio	- gladio	- gladio
- gratioſos	gratioſo	gratioſo	gratioſo	gratioſo	gratiosum	gratiosum	gratiosum	- gratioſos	- gratioſo	- gratioſo	- gratioſo	- gratioſo
- geometria	xometria	geomētria	geomētria	geomētria	geomētriam	geomētriam	geomētriam	- geometria	- geometria	- geometria	- geometria	- geometria
- inadare	indagare	indagare	indagare	indagare	indagare	indagare	indagare	- inadare	- inadare	- inadare	- inadare	- inadare

Table 28: Sample reconstruction predictions by GRU-DPD-BST (denoted DPD) and GRU-BST (denoted non-DPD) and sample reflex prediction predictions by GRU-DPD-BST (with latent reconstruction as input) for Rom-phon (proportionate sampling according to the confusion matrix in Table 26). **Language:** prediction for **Language**; bold: correct prediction; ‘-’: the dataset does not contain this reflex.

	Cantonese	Gan	Hakka	Hokkien	Jin	Mandarin	Wu	Xiang	Middle Chinese
Reference	$\widehat{ts^h}a:m\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{dz}am$ 平
GRU-SUPV									$\widehat{dz}æm$ 平
GRU-IIM									$\widehat{dz}jem$ 平
GRU-BST									$\widehat{ts^h}æm$ 平
GRU-IIM-BST									$\widehat{dz}om$ 平
GRU-DPD	$\widehat{ts^h}a:m\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{dz}æm$ 平
GRU-DPD-IIM	$\widehat{ts^h}a:m\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}æm$ 平
GRU-DPD-BST	$\widehat{ts^h}a:m\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	dæm平
GRU-DPD-IIM-BST	$\widehat{ts^h}a:m\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{dz}am$ 平
Trans-SUPV									$\widehat{ts^h}æm$ 平
Trans-IIM									$\widehat{dz}æm$ 平
Trans-BST									$\widehat{ts^h}æm$ 平
Trans-IIM-BST									$\widehat{dz}am$ 平
Trans-DPD	$\widehat{ts^h}a:m\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}æm$ 平
Trans-DPD-IIM	$\widehat{ts^h}a:m\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am$ 平
Trans-DPD-BST	$\widehat{ts^h}a:m\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{dz}am$ 平
Trans-DPD-IIM-BST	$\widehat{ts^h}a:m\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}am\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{dz}am$ 平
Reference	jœ:k↓	jœ?l	jœk↓	jœ?l	jœ?l	jœ?l	jœ?l	jœ?l	jakλ
GRU-SUPV									jakλ
GRU-IIM									jakλ
GRU-BST									jakλ
GRU-IIM-BST									jakλ
GRU-DPD	jœ:k↓	jœ?l	jœk↓	jœ?l	jœ?l	yœ↓	fia?l	jœ↓	jækλ
GRU-DPD-IIM	jœ:k↓	jœ?l	jœk↓	jœ?l	yœ?l	yœ↓	fia?l	jœ↓	jakλ
GRU-DPD-BST	jœ:k↓	jœ?l	jœk↓	jœ?l	jœ?l	yœ↓	fia?l	jœ↓	jakλ
GRU-DPD-IIM-BST	jœ:k↓	jœ?l	jœk↓	jœ?l	jœ?l	yœ↓	fia?l	jœ↓	jakλ
Trans-SUPV									je?w入
Trans-IIM									jakλ
Trans-BST									jek入
Trans-IIM-BST									jakλ
Trans-DPD	jœ:k↓	jœ?l	jœk↓	jœ?l	yœ?l	yœ?l	fia?l	jœ↓	jew去
Trans-DPD-IIM	jœ:k↓	jœ?l	jœk↓	jœ?l	jœ?l	yœ↓	fia?l	jœ↓	jakλ
Trans-DPD-BST	jœ:k↓	jœ?l	jœk↓	jœ?l	jœ?l	yœ↓	fia?l	jœ↓	jakλ
Trans-DPD-IIM-BST	jœ:k↓	jœ?l	jœk↓	jœ?l	jœ?l	yœ↓	fia?l	jœ↓	jaw去
Reference	fet↓	-	fut↓	hut↓	xqa?↓	xu↓	-	-	xwotλ
GRU-SUPV									ywot入
GRU-IIM									yuw去
GRU-BST									ywot入
GRU-IIM-BST									yjut入
GRU-DPD	fet↓	-	fat↓	hut↓	fua?↓	fu↓	-	-	k ^b wot入
GRU-DPD-IIM	fet↓	-	fut↓	hut↓	xuə?↓	xu↓	-	-	xwotλ
GRU-DPD-BST	fet↓	-	vat↓	hyat↓	xuə?↓	xua	-	-	ywot入
GRU-DPD-IIM-BST	fet↓	-	fit↓	hut↓	xuə?↓	xu↓	-	-	xjut入
Trans-SUPV									xjut入
Trans-IIM									xwotλ
Trans-BST									xjwot入
Trans-IIM-BST									xwotλ
Trans-DPD	fet↓	-	fat↓	huat↓	xua?↓	xua	-	-	xwat入
Trans-DPD-IIM	fet↓	-	fut↓	hut↓	fūə?↓	xu↓	-	-	xwotλ
Trans-DPD-BST	fet↓	-	fit↓	hut↓	xuə?↓	xu↓	-	-	xwotλ
Trans-DPD-IIM-BST	fet↓	-	fit↓	hut↓	euə?↓	eu↓	-	-	xut入
Reference	sa:n↓	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{dz}en$ 平
GRU-SUPV									$\widehat{ts^h}æn$ 平
GRU-IIM									$\widehat{dz}æn$ 平
GRU-BST									$\widehat{dz}æn$ 平
GRU-IIM-BST									$\widehat{dz}on$ 平
GRU-DPD	sa:n↓	-	-	san↓	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{dz}on$ 平
GRU-DPD-IIM	$\widehat{ts^h}a:n\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{te}han$ 平
GRU-DPD-BST	$\widehat{ts^h}a:n\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{s}æn$ 平
GRU-DPD-IIM-BST	$\widehat{ts^h}a:n\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{dz}an$ 平
Trans-SUPV									$\widehat{ts^h}æn$ 平
Trans-IIM									$\widehat{ts^h}æn$ 平
Trans-BST									$\widehat{ts^h}æn$ 平
Trans-IIM-BST									$\widehat{dz}an$ 平
Trans-DPD	$\widehat{ts^h}a:n\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}æn$ 平
Trans-DPD-IIM	$\widehat{ts^h}a:n\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}æn$ 平
Trans-DPD-BST	sa:n↓	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}æn$ 平
Trans-DPD-IIM-BST	$\widehat{ts^h}a:n\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	$\widehat{ts^h}an\downarrow$	-	-	$\widehat{dz}æn$ 平

Table 29: Example outputs on WikiHan for all strategy-architecture combinations. Bold: correct protoform or reflex; ‘-’: the dataset does not contain this reflex; blank: reflex prediction is not applicable for the strategy.

	Romanian	French	Italian	Spanish	Portuguese	Latin
Reference	-	kōtrībye	kontribuire	kontrībwir	kunṭābui̯	kōntribūere
GRU-SUPV						kōntribōbrem
GRU-IIM						kōntributorem
GRU-BST						kōntribure
GRU-TIM-BST						kōntribuirem
GRU-DPD	-	kōtrībye	kontribuire	kontrībwir	kunṭābui̯	kōntribōre
GRU-DPD-IIM	-	kōtrībyl	kontribuire	kontrībuer	kunṭābui̯	kōntribōre
GRU-DPD-BST	-	kōtrībye	kontribuire	kontrībwir	kunṭābui̯	kōntribuirem
GRU-DPD-IIM-BST	-	kōtrībye	kontribuire	kontrībwir	kunṭābui̯	kōntriburem
Trans-SUPV						kōntribire
Trans-IIM						kōntribōre
Trans-BST						kōntribire
Trans-TIM-BST						kōntribōre
Trans-DPD	-	kōtrībye	kontribuire	kontrībwir	kunṭābui̯	kōntribōre
Trans-DPD-IIM	-	kōtrībys	kontriburre	kontrībuir	kunṭābui̯	kōntribōre
Trans-DPD-BST	-	kōtrībye	kontribuire	kontrībwir	kunṭābui̯	kōntribōre
Trans-DPD-IIM-BST	-	kōtrībye	kontribuire	kontrībuir	kunṭābui̯	kōntribōre
Reference	t̪ensor	sāsə̄s	t̪ensore	θensor	señsor	kensorem
GRU-SUPV						kimsōres
GRU-IIM						kimsōrsom
GRU-BST						kensōrem
GRU-TIM-BST						kensōrem
GRU-DPD	t̪ensor	sāsə̄s	t̪ensore	θensor	señsor	kensōre
GRU-DPD-IIM	t̪ensor	sāsə̄s	t̪ensore	θensor	señsua	kimsōrem
GRU-DPD-BST	t̪ensor	sāsə̄s	t̪ensore	θensor	señsor	kensōrem
GRU-DPD-IIM-BST	t̪ensor	sāsə̄s	t̪ensore	θensor	señsua	kensōrem
Trans-SUPV						kenssōrem
Trans-IIM						kiŋkōrem
Trans-BST						kensōrem
Trans-TIM-BST						kensōrem
Trans-DPD	t̪ensor	sāsə̄s	t̪ensore	θensor	señsor	kiŋserōrem
Trans-DPD-IIM	t̪ensor	sāsə̄s	t̪ensore	θensor	señsor	kensōrem
Trans-DPD-BST	t̪ensor	sāsə̄s	t̪ensore	θensor	señsor	kensōrem
Trans-DPD-IIM-BST	t̪ensor	sāsə̄s	t̪ensore	θensor	señsor	kensōrem
Reference	insuflatsje	ēsyflasjō	insuflattione	insuflaθjon	iŋsuflasē̄s	insøfflationem
GRU-SUPV						insøflationem
GRU-IIM						insøp̄lationem
GRU-BST						insøflationem
GRU-TIM-BST						insøflationem
GRU-DPD	insuflatsje	ēsyflasjō	insuflattione	insuflaθjon	iŋsuflasē̄s	insøflationem
GRU-DPD-IIM	insuflatsje	ēsyflasjō	insuflattione	insuflaθjon	iŋsuflasē̄s	insøflationem
GRU-DPD-BST	insuflatsje	ēsyflasjō	insuflattione	insuflaθjon	iŋsuflasē̄s	insøflationem
GRU-DPD-IIM-BST	insuflatsje	ēsyflakjō	insuflattione	insuflaθjon	iŋsuflasē̄s	insøflationem
Trans-SUPV						insøflationem
Trans-IIM						insøp̄lationem
Trans-BST						insøflationem
Trans-TIM-BST						insøflationem
Trans-DPD	insuflatsje	ēsyflasjō	insuflattione	insuflaθjon	iŋsuflasē̄s	insølationem
Trans-DPD-IIM	insuflatsje	ēsyllasjō	insuflattione	insuflaθjon	iŋsuflasē̄s	insølationem
Trans-DPD-BST	insuflatsje	ēsyflasjō	insuflattione	insuflaθjon	iŋsuflasē̄s	insølationem
Trans-DPD-IIM-BST	insuflatsje	ēsyflasjō	insuflattione	insuflaθjon	iŋsuflasē̄s	insølationem
Reference	-	-	perdžurio	-	perəzurj̄s	perur̄r̄om
GRU-SUPV						perdiur̄r̄om
GRU-IIM						perd̄ur̄er̄om
GRU-BST						pergur̄r̄om
GRU-TIM-BST						perder̄r̄om
GRU-DPD	-	-	perižorio	-	perizur̄s	pergur̄r̄om
GRU-DPD-IIM	-	-	perižurio	-	perizur̄s	perur̄r̄om
GRU-DPD-BST	-	-	perdžurio	-	perəzurj̄s	pergur̄r̄om
GRU-DPD-IIM-BST	-	-	pergžurio	-	perəgur̄j̄s	pergur̄r̄om
Trans-SUPV						pergur̄r̄om
Trans-IIM						pergur̄r̄om
Trans-BST						pergur̄r̄om
Trans-TIM-BST						pergur̄r̄om
Trans-DPD	-	-	perdžurio	-	perəzurj̄s	pergur̄r̄om
Trans-DPD-IIM	-	-	perdžurio	-	perəgur̄j̄s	pergur̄r̄om
Trans-DPD-BST	-	-	perdžurio	-	perəzurj̄s	pergur̄r̄om
Trans-DPD-IIM-BST	-	-	perdžurio	-	perəzurj̄s	pergur̄r̄om

Table 30: Example outputs on Rom-phon for all strategy-architecture combinations. **Bold:** correct protoform or reflex; **'-':** the dataset does not contain this reflex; blank: reflex prediction is not applicable for the strategy.