The Invention of Apple’s Siri and Other Virtual Assistants

Research and development around computer systems that can understand phonics has been underway since 1952. Originally focused on numbers instead of words, Bell Labs created the Automatic Digit Recognition machine called ‘Audrey’ that was able to understand basic speech sounds known as phonemes, as well as single digits (0 to 9), spoken aloud by one voice.

Almost 70 years ago, Audrey was able to detect basic phonemes and numbers with up to 90% accuracy, but because the system was only able to understand numbers its application was limited to voice dialing for collectors and toll operators.

A quasi-periodic pulsating airflow generated by the opening-closing of the glottis creates a buzzing source, then filtered by the spectrum of upper vocal track to form the voice (Fant 1960).

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