



Work conducted in WP2

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Outline

▶ Impulse response & HRTF measurements

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▶ Sound source localization for NAO: a benchmark

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Impulse Response and HRTF Measurements

- ▶ Head-related impulse responses for the original NAO head
 - Azimuth between 0° and 360° with 5° steps
 - Fixed elevation
 - Online soon

- ▶ Room impulse responses
 - Azimuth between 0° and 360° with 5° steps
 - Fixed elevation
 - Distances of 1m, 2m, and 4m
 - Absorbing and reverberant configuration of laboratory
 - Work in progress

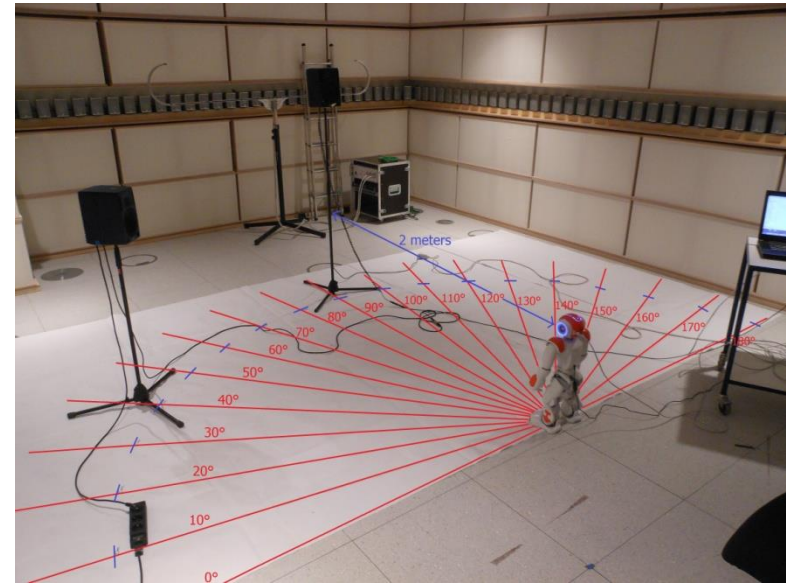
Sound-localization & ego-noise datasets

▶ NAO_LOC dataset

- ~1 hour of annotated recordings
- 19 azimuth (0° - 180°), 2 elevations
- Absorbing and reverberant
- 1 and 2 sources recordings
- Speech and white-noise
- Fixed distance

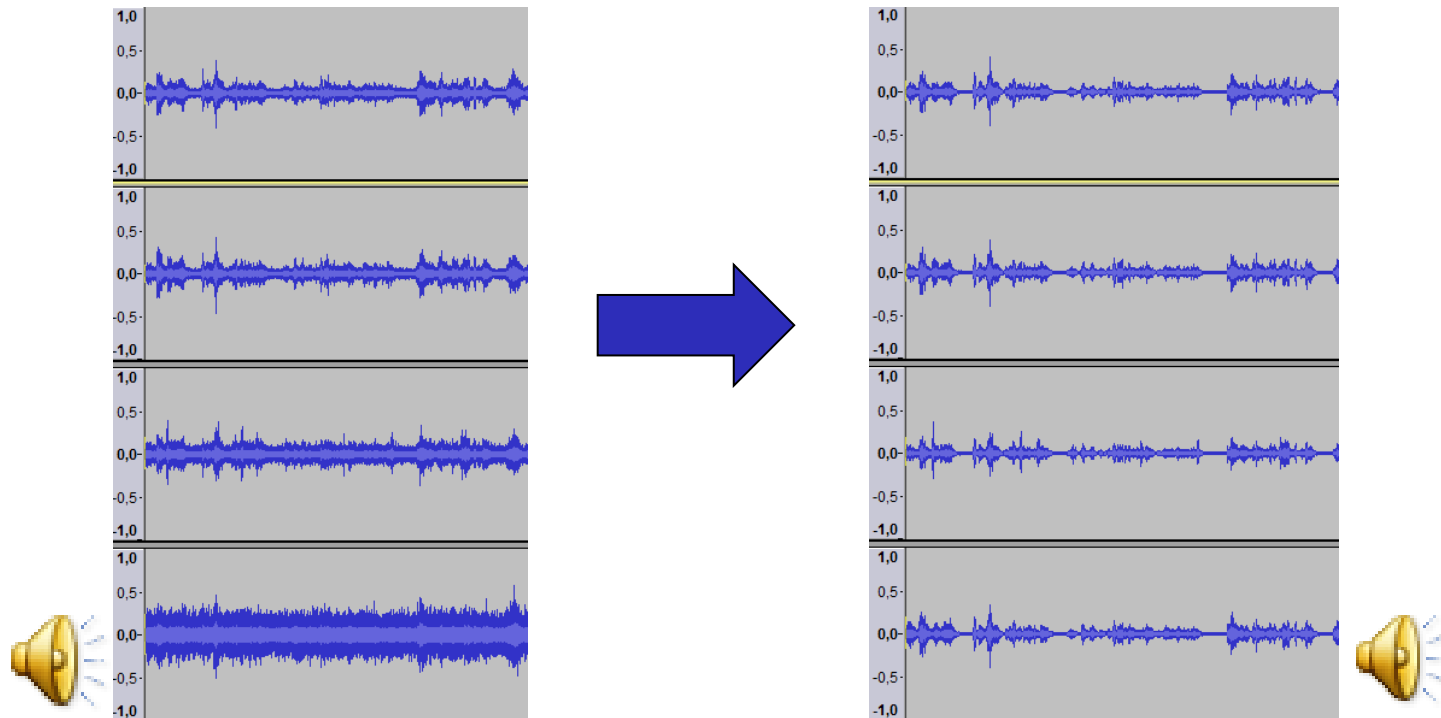
▶ NAO_EGONOISE dataset

- External (arms) and internal microphones
- 2 arm positions
- Walking, waving and nodding movements
- 1 and 2 source recordings
- Sound pressure levels available



Fan noise reduction using multichannel Wiener filtering

- ▶ 4-channel Wiener filtering
- ▶ Good noise reduction performance due to the stationarity of the fan noise
- ▶ Matlab code will be made available to all partners



Spatial filtering

- ▶ HRTF-based robust frequency-invariant least-squares beamformer
 - **Main idea:** Use HRTFs instead of free-field steering vectors for already existing beamformer design [**Mabande et al. 2009**]
 - Data-independent beamformer
 - Ongoing student master thesis

- ▶ Linearly constrained minimum variance signal extraction based on minimum mutual information criterion
 - **Main idea:** Use TRINICON-BSS to create a constrained beamformer and the blocking matrix, using the RTF [**Reindl et al. 2014**]
 - Data-dependent beamformer
 - Started in June

[**Mabande et al. 2009**]: E. Mabande, A. Schad, and W. Kellermann. Design of robust superdirective beamformers as a convex optimization problem. In *Proc. IEEE Int. Conf. Acoustics, Speech, Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 77-80, Taipei, Taiwan, Apr. 2009

[**Reindl et al. 2014**]: K. Reindl, S. Meier, H. Barfuss, and W. Kellermann. Minimum mutual information-based linearly constrained broadband signal extraction. *IEEE Trans. Audio, Speech, and Language Processing*, May 2014

Sound source localization for NAO: a benchmark

- ▶ Comparison of 3 state-of-the-art sound-source localization methods using NAO's signals
 - The HUMAVIPS method (GCC + az/el mapping)
 - MUSIC with generalized eigenvalue decomposition
 - TRINICON-BSS + average directivity pattern
- ▶ Results are improved using MWF pre-processing
- ▶ The most stable and precise method is TRINICON
- ▶ Results of all methods degrade in reverberation