

Speech Masking System

Based on Spatially Separated Multiple TTS Maskers With A Compact Circular Loudspeaker Array



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1. Introduction

- Speech privacy and sound masking
 - Localized sound spot synthesis
 - -> target sound can be heard even slightly in nontarget direction
 - Speech masking system with time-reversal signals of target speech
 - -> Meaningless sounds are difficult to hear
 - -> Target speech can be sometimes heard

Proposed demo system

- Speech masking system with text-to-speech (TTS) and multiple sound spot synthesis
- Compact demo system carried out with a backpack





(a) Localized sound spot synthesis



(c) Speech masking system with single masker

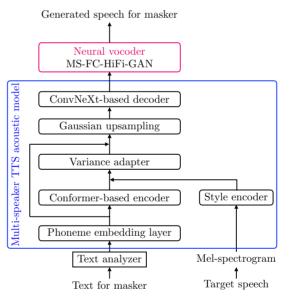
(b) Multiple sound spot synthesis Proposed Target , Masker 1 Masker 5 (d) Speech masking system with five maskers

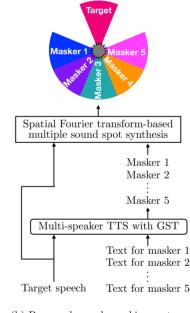




2. Proposed speech masking system

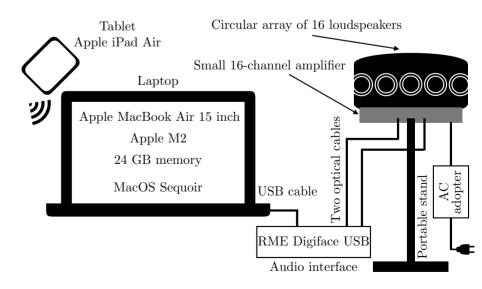
- Proposed spatially separated multiple TTS-based maskers
 - Maskers with same voice quality as target speech are generated with multi-speaker TTS
 - Target speech and generated five TTS-based maskers are synthesized with multiple sound spot synthesis





(a) Multi-speaker TTS with global style tokens

(b) Proposed speech masking system



- Demonstrations with an implemented system
 - Localized sound spot synthesis
 - Multiple sound spot synthesis
 - Speech masking system with single masker
 - Speech masking system with five TTS maskers

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