
Eurospeech, RESPITE & THISL

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Outline

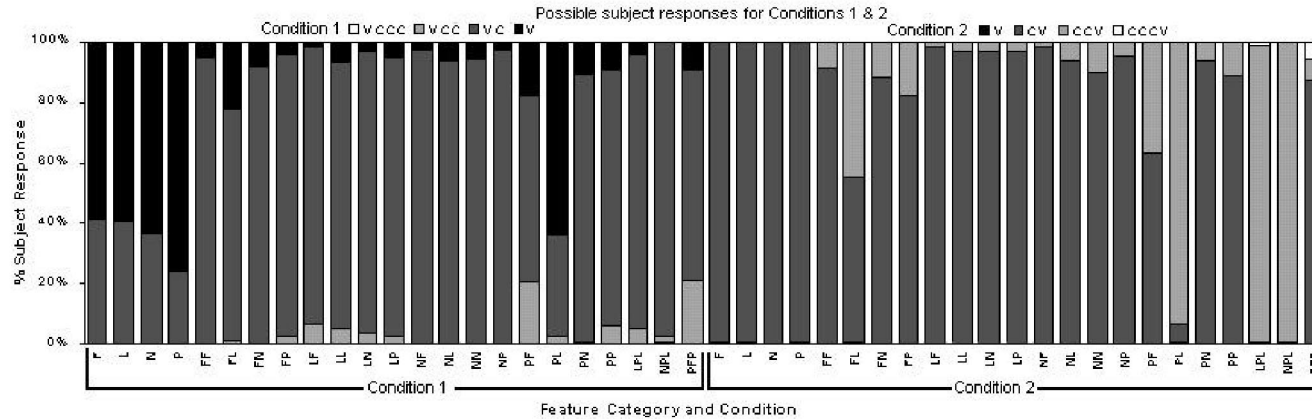
- 1 Eurospeech-99 (Budapest, 1999sep06-09)**
- 2 RESPITE meeting (Les Marecottes, 1999sep13)**
- 3 THISL meeting (Les Marecottes, 1999sep20)**



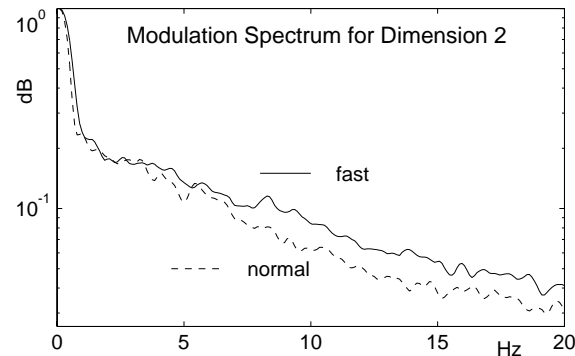
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Eurospeech-99

- Where do humans hear syllable breaks?
(Goslin, Content & Frauenfelder, S8P3.6)



- Modspec correction for speaking rate
(Paches-Leal, Rose & Nadeu, S1P1.8)



More Eurospeech

- GTE “Rough’n’ready” SDR demo
(Liu & Kubala, S6.O1.2)

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying a search interface for 'Rough'n'Ready GTE'. The search results are displayed in a list view, and a selected result is shown in a detailed view with a text snippet and a list of related terms.

Your query has finished

Search: Topic, Organization, Speaker, Story, Person, Location, Text

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Well as all work during president Clinton's trip to New York tonight and he enjoys the performance of the opera Carmen at Lincoln Center and see the scene there is a lot of Broadway. Now earlier today Mr. Clinton announced that the UN united Nations general assembly that he plans to send a nuclear test ban treaty to the Senate the treaty bans all nuclear test explosions and is regarded as a milestone in the arms control. Two israeli security guards were wounded in an early morning shooting in Jordan a government official says three men and a car opened fire on the guard's car wounding both before Skipping guards were treated at a hospital and released it is real several West Bank villages were sealed by israeli soldiers who search for the islamic militants behind two recent suicide bombings in Jerusalem palestinian leader Yasser Arafat says that he believes those was counsel for the bombing case and abroad.

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Palestinian self-rule areas
Israel
Politics and government
Arafat, Yasir
Palestinian Arabs



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RESPITE meeting

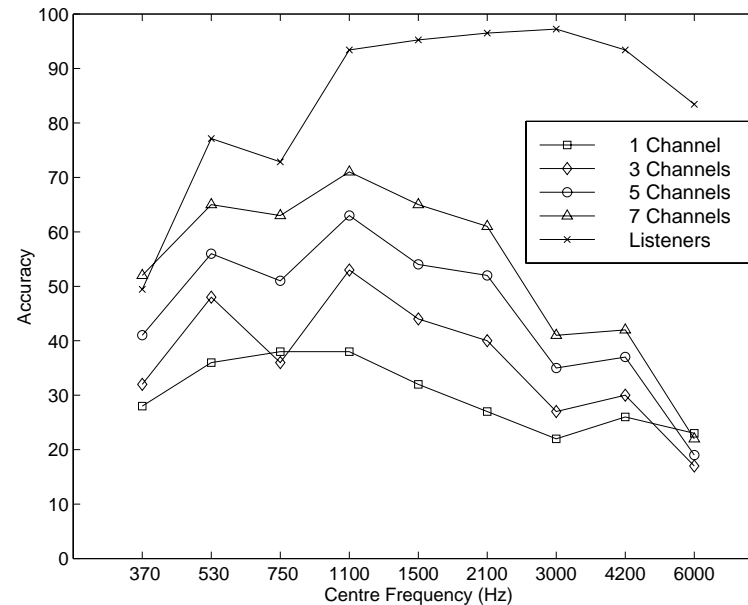
- **RESPITE**
 - REcognition of Speech by Partial Information TEchniques
 - first year of 3 year EU-funded project
 - Sheffield (Green), FPMons, ICP Grenoble, IDIAP, DaimlerChrysler, Matra
 - ICSI involvement: Multistream, AURORA, CASA
 - also: missing data, integration, applications
- **Meeting**
 - beautiful Swiss chalet-hotel near IDIAP
 - joint with SPHEAR, a European training network
 - mostly research updates



RESPITE research highlights

Sheffield: Humans/computers for band-pass ASR

- people are better in high frequency



(ICPhS-99)

Sheffield: State-based imputation of missing data

- substitute max-likelihood value given obs, state
→decorrelation techniques (deltas, tiffing)

(Eurospeech-99)



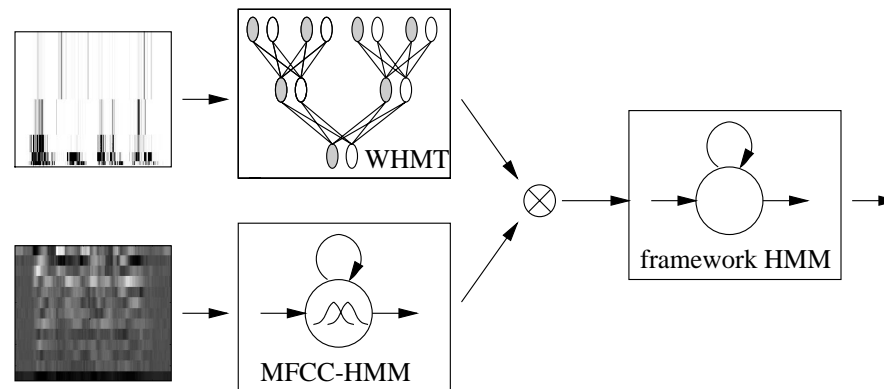
More RESPITE research

IDIAP: EM weights for multistream

- Full-combination = 16 different nets
- Static weights to maximise data likelihood
- likelihood formulation - outliers delete selves?

IDIAP: HMMs for feature modeling

- arbitrary 'hidden states' in wavelet tree nodes
= Wavelet Hidden Markov Trees, WHMT



→ data likelihood from HMM model

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THISL meeting

- **THISL**
 - THematic Indexing of Spoken Language
 - last year of 3 year EU project
 - Sheffield (Renals), Softsound (Robinson), BBC, Mons, IDIAP, Thomson
 - provide spoken-query interface to BBC news recorded archives
- **Meeting**
 - also at beautiful Swiss chalet, but foggy
 - Mats Ljungqvist, new EU project officer, present
 - mostly discussing details of final demo
 - TREC8 submission
 - exploitation/follow-on plans



ICSI work in THISL

- spoken query evaluation
- ThisIGUI

The screenshot shows the 'ThisIR demo' application window. It features a menu bar with 'File' and 'Options'. The main interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Panel:** Contains a 'Status: idle' indicator and a vertical list of buttons: 'Record speech', 'Stop recording', 'Play speech', 'Load speech ...', 'Save speech ...', and 'Resubmit speech'. A green progress bar is visible at the bottom of this panel.
- Query Section:** 'Enter query:' field contains 'at one stories and bangladesh'. Below it are 'Start date:' (1995, January, 01) and 'End date:' (2004, December, 31) fields.
- Programs List:** A list of programs including 'BBC1: Six O'Clock News', 'Radio 4: Midnight News', 'Radio 4: Six O'Clock News', and 'Radio 4: The Today Programme'.
- Results Section:** 'Results for:' field contains 'stories bangladesh'. Below it is a table with columns 'Program', 'Date', 'Offset', and 'Context'. The table lists several news items from Radio 4 and BBC1.
- Playback Section:** 'Program:' field shows 'Radio 4: Midnight News', 'Date:' shows '1998nov21', and 'File:' shows 'r061121'. A 'Stop playback' button is present.
- Transcript Section:** A text area showing a transcript of the audio, with timestamps on the left (e.g., 11:33, 11:35, 11:40, 11:46, 11:52, 11:58, 12:03, 12:05, 12:16, 12:19).

Annotations with arrows point to various features:

- Date filters:** Points to the date selection fields.
- Speech input:** Points to the 'Record speech' button.
- BBC data:** Points to the 'BBC1: Nine O'Clock News' entry in the results table.
- Program filter:** Points to the 'Programs:' list.
- Context summaries:** Points to the 'Context' column in the results table.
- Pauses & sentence breaks shown:** Points to the transcript text.
- Whole-show transcripts:** Points to the bottom of the transcript area.
- click-to-play:** Points to the transcript text.

