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["NHSS: A Speech and Singing Parallel Database"](#), by Bidisha Sharma, Xiaoxue Gao, Karthika Vijayan, Xiaohai Tian, and Haizhou Li, submitted to Speech Communication.

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Schedule 1

Description of the NHSS Database:

We present a database of parallel recordings of speech and singing, collected and released by the Human Language Technology (HLT) laboratory at the National University of Singapore (NUS), that is called NUS-HLT Speak-Sing (NHSS) database. We release this database to the public for research activities, that include, but not limited to, comparative studies of acoustic attributes of speech and singing signals, cooperative synthesis of speech and singing voices, and speech-to-singing conversion. This database consists of recordings of sung vocals of English pop songs, the spoken counterpart of lyrics of the songs read by the singers in their natural reading manner, and manually prepared utterance-level and word-level annotations. The audio recordings in the NHSS database correspond to a total of 100 songs sung and spoken by 10 singers, resulting in total of 7 hours audio data. There are 5 male and 5 female singers, singing and reading the lyrics of 10 songs each.