

Supplementary Material for the paper:

**Machine Learning Framework for Speech Intelligibility  
Prediction using Binaural Room Impulse Responses**



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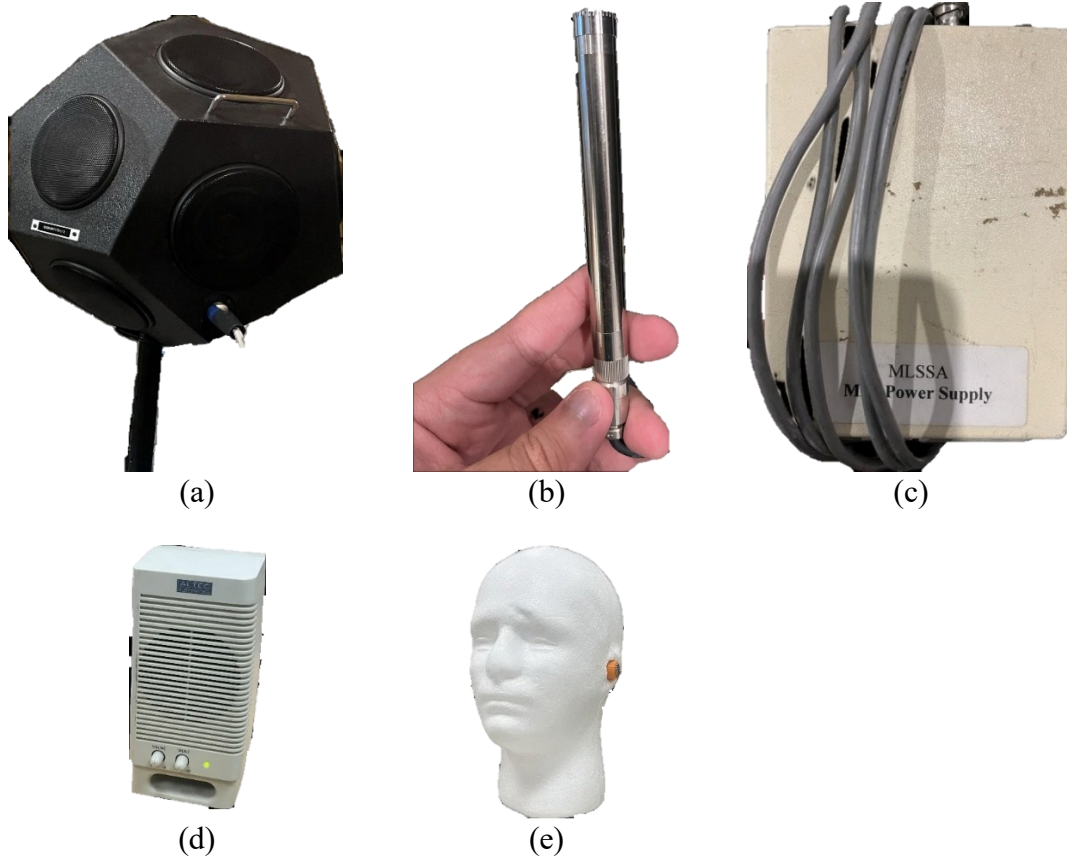


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**Supplementary Figure 1.** Field measurement location (Al-Wable Mosque, Saudi Arabia): (a) Interior view showing a large central dome, four columns as support, an open prayer hall layout, and decorative ceiling lighting, (b) Exterior view of the mosque showing external stone facade and dome illumination enhances its visibility and aesthetic prominence during nighttime (source: Google).

**Supplementary Table 1.** Architectural characteristics of Al-Wabel Mosque.

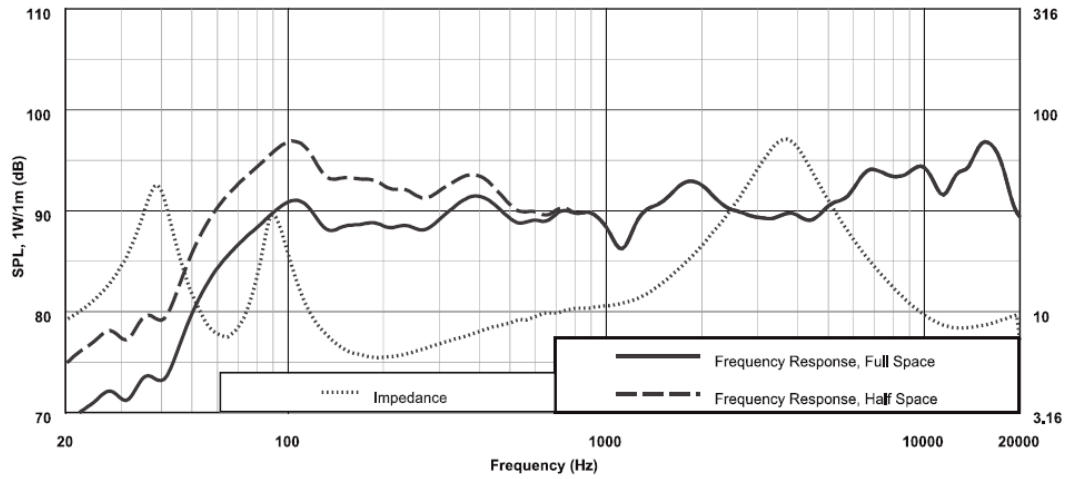
Name	Al-Wabel Mosque
Location	Dammam, Saudi Arabia
Function	Daily and Friday prayers
Length (L) x Width (W) x Height	36 x 36 x 7 m
Aspect ratio (L/W)	1
Floor area	1260 m <sup>2</sup>
Number of columns and domes	4 and 1, respectively
Horizontal and Vertical diameters of the dome	14 m and 7 m, respectively



**Supplementary Figure 2.** Equipments used during field measurement: (a) An omnidirectional source from 01dB that consists of a 12 loudspeaker-dodecahedron and contains a power amplifier and a noise generator. (b) A 1/2 inch condenser microphone from Brüel & Kjær that has a frequency response range of 5 Hz to 20kHz [168]. (c) An external microphone's amplifier. (d) A unidirectional loudspeaker from Altec Lansing (ACS 90 type) that mimics Imam's voice during preaching. (e) A dummy head made of foam with holes (lined with PLA material) designed to hold microphones in the ear position.

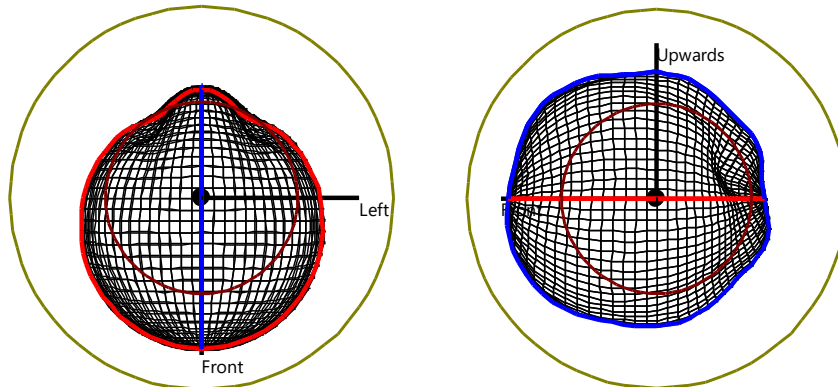


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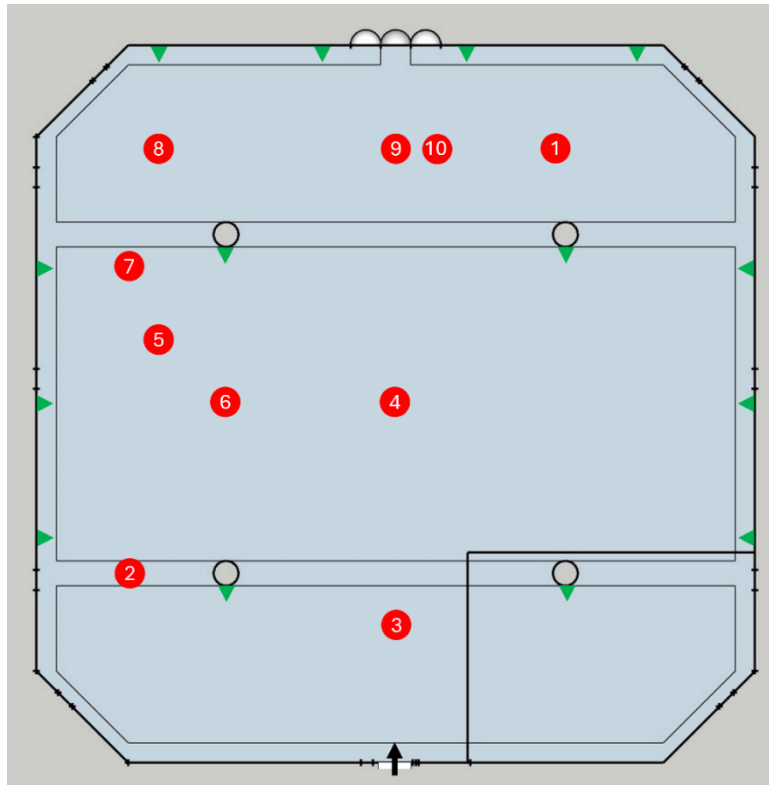


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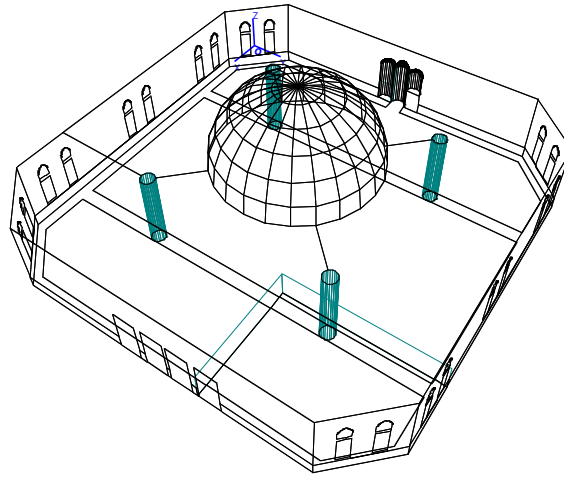
**Supplementary Figure 3.** Technical specifications of the existing mosque's loudspeaker, ElectroVoice Zx1. (a) Physical form of the 8-inch loudspeaker unit. (b) Frequency response and impedance curves of the loudspeaker [171]. (c) Directivities of the loudspeaker: the left diagram shows the horizontal dispersion, while the right diagram shows the vertical dispersion.



**Supplementary Figure 4.** Field measurement setup showing 10 measurement positions. Symbol key: Red circle = measurement position; green triangle = installed mosque loudspeaker; and black arrow = entrance. The qibla direction is toward the qibla niche.



**Supplementary Figure 5.** Set up of binaural acoustic measurements using a dummy head inside the mosque. A researcher positions a 1/2-inch condenser microphone into the dummy head's ear canal, which is mounted on a tripod at listener ear height (0.85 m) to simulate a seated listener during khutbah delivery.

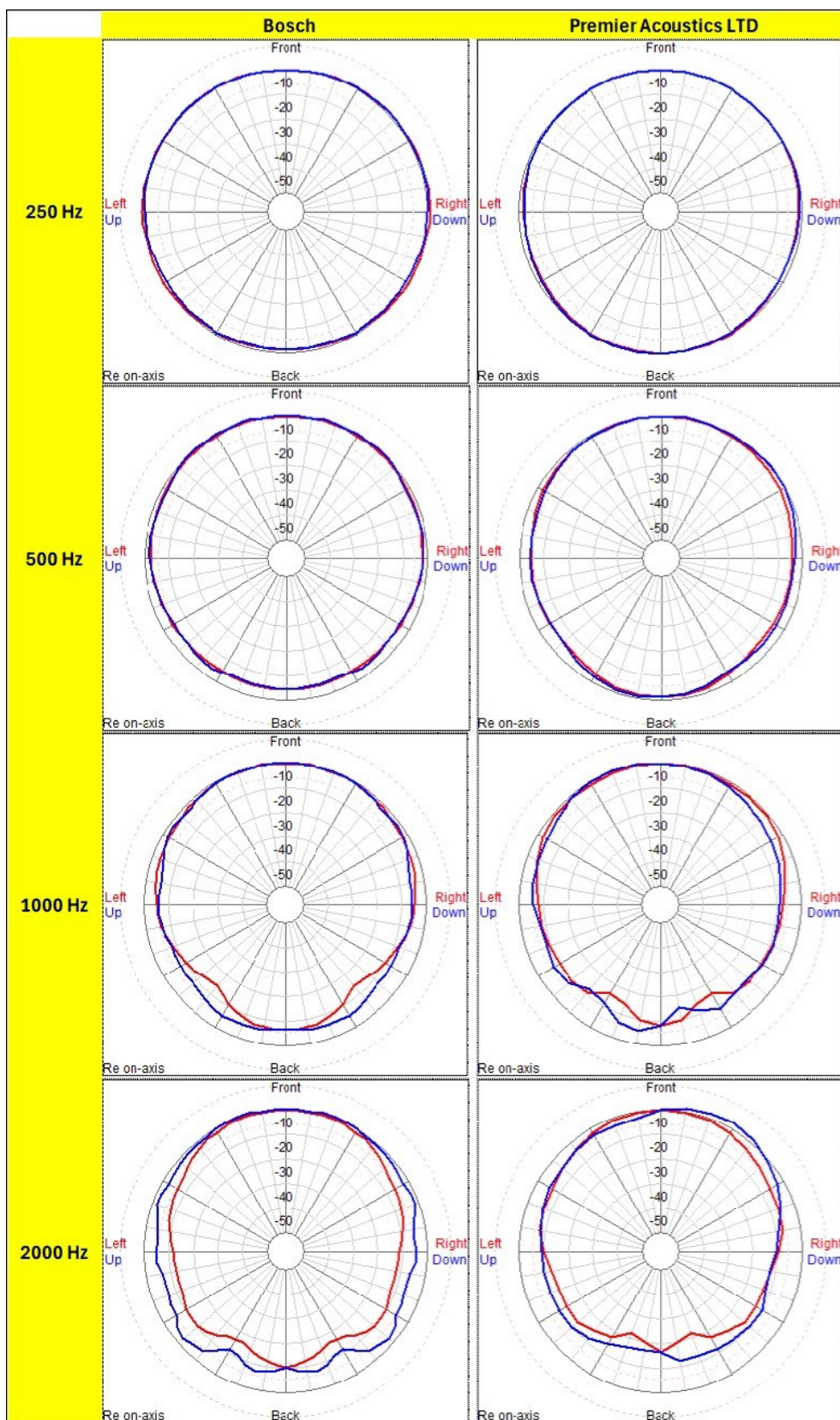


**Supplementary Figure 6.** Wireframe representation of the Al Wabel Mosque, composed of 789 flat polygonal surfaces. The 3D model illustrates architectural elements, including a central hemispherical dome, cylindrical columns, arched windows, and perimeter walls, providing a simplified yet geometrically accurate depiction for analysis and simulation.

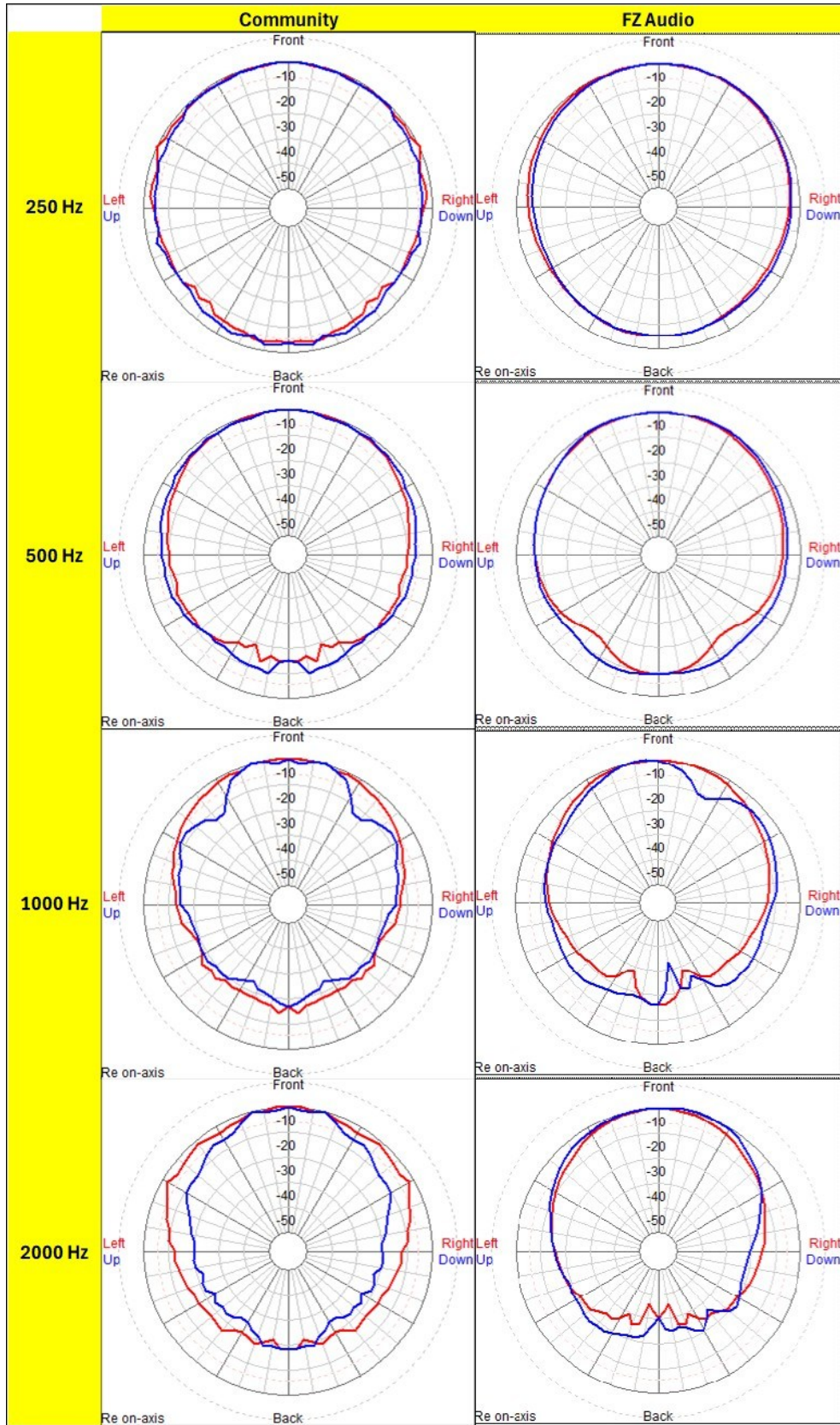
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3	pat path	pad pack	pan pass	20	pale pane	pace pay	page pave	37	kill kick	kin king	kit kid
4	lane lake	lay lace	late lame	21	cane cake	case came	cape cave	38	hang rang	sang fang	bang gang
5	kit hit	bit wit	fit sit	22	shop top	mop hop	cop pop	39	took hook	cook shook	look book
6	must rust	bust dust	gust just	23	coil toil	oil boil	soil foil	40	mass mat	math man	map mad
7	teak teach	team tear	teal tease	24	tan tack	tang tam	tap tab	41	ray rave	raze rake	rate race
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9	bed red	led wed	fed shed	26	same lame	name came	game fame	43	fill hill	kill till	will bill
10	pin fin	sin din	tin win	27	peel eel	reel keel	feel heel	44	sill sing	sick sit	sip sin
11	dug dud	dung dub	duck dun	28	hark bark	dark park	mark lark	45	bale tale	gale pale	sale male
12	sum sup	sun sub	sung sud	29	heave heal	hear heap	heat heath	46	wick lick	sick pick	kick tick
13	seep seek	seen seem	seethe seed	30	cup cuff	cut cuss	cud cub	47	peace peach	peas peat	peak peal
14	not pot	tot hot	got lot	31	thaw paw	law jaw	raw saw	48	bun bug	bus buck	but buff
15	vest best	test west	rest nest	32	pen then	hen den	men ten	49	sag sack	sat sad	sass sap
16	pig pip	pill pit	pin pick	33	puff pus	puck pup	pub pun	50	fun gun	sun run	bun nun
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**Supplementary Figure 7.** List of words during MRT-based listening test





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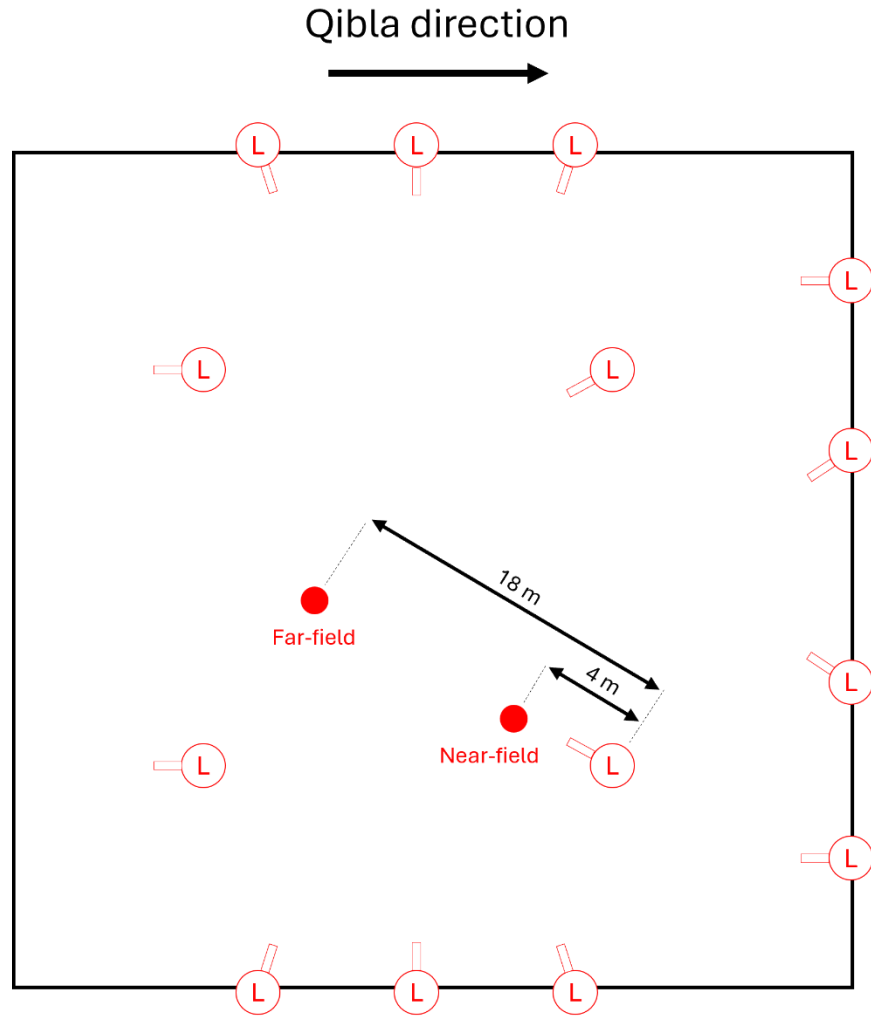
**Supplementary Figure 8.** Directivities of loudspeakers at octave band mid frequencies of 250 Hz, 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, and 2000 Hz from four manufacturers: (a) Bosch and Premier Acoustics LTD; (b)

*Community and FZ Audio. Each plot shows the directivity with red lines indicating horizontal directivity and blue lines indicating vertical directivity.*

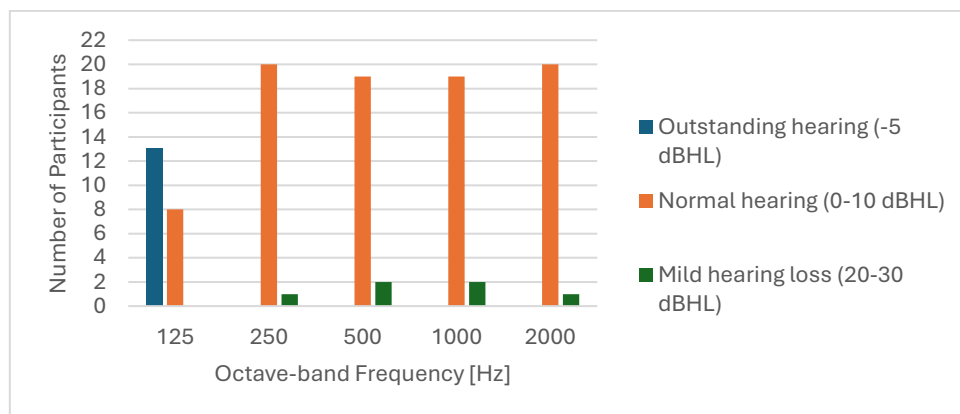
**Supplementary Table 2.** *Summary of the eight simulated BRIR conditions used in the auralization process.*

BRIR label	Simulation condition where the simulated BRIR is generated
1	High directivity at near-field (4 m away from the central column-mounted loudspeaker)
2	Low directivity at near-field (4 m away from the central column-mounted loudspeaker)
3	High directivity at far-field (18 m away from the central column-mounted loudspeaker)
4	Low directivity at far-field (18 m away from the central column-mounted loudspeaker)
5	-15° vertical angle at near-field (2 m away from the central column-mounted loudspeaker)
6	-45° vertical angle at near-field (2 m away from the central column-mounted loudspeaker)
7	-15° vertical angle at far-field (18 m away from the central column-mounted loudspeaker)
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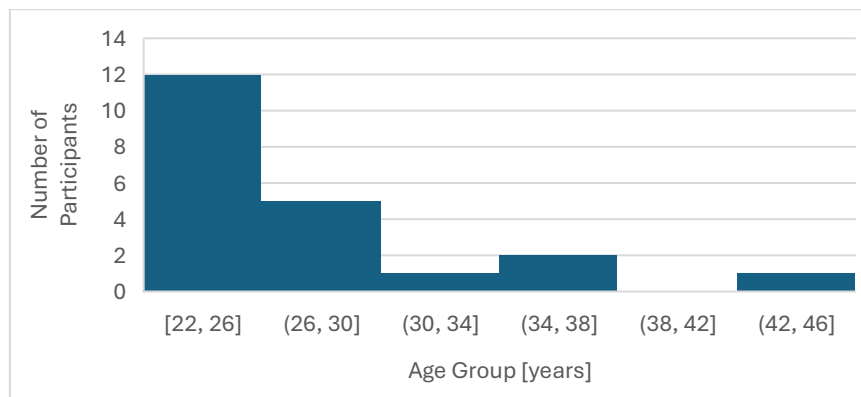




**Supplementary Figure 9.** Illustration of evaluation setup, indicating two analysis points: Near-field and Far-field, relative to the central column-mounted loudspeaker's directivity direction.



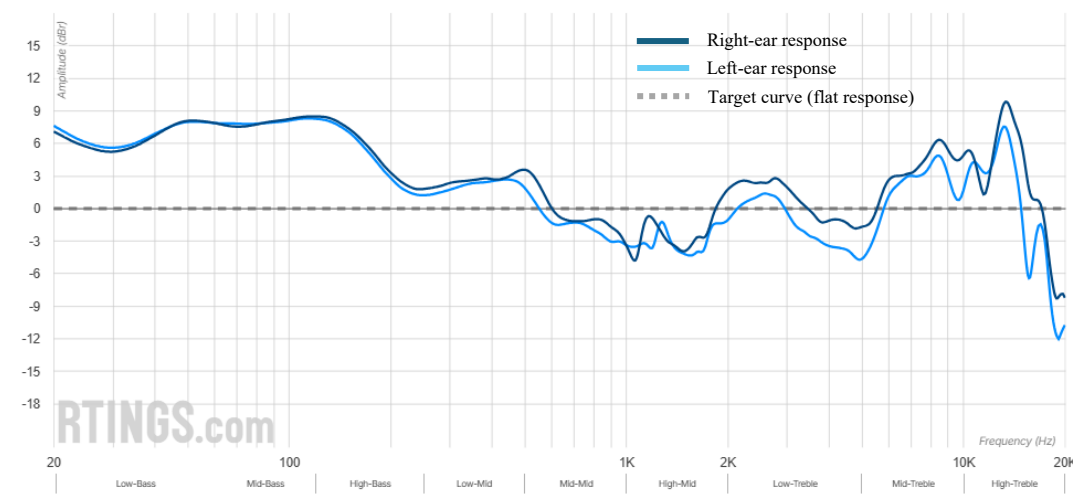
**Supplementary Figure 10.** Hearing condition of participants across octave-band frequencies, categorized by hearing level: outstanding, normal, and mild hearing loss.



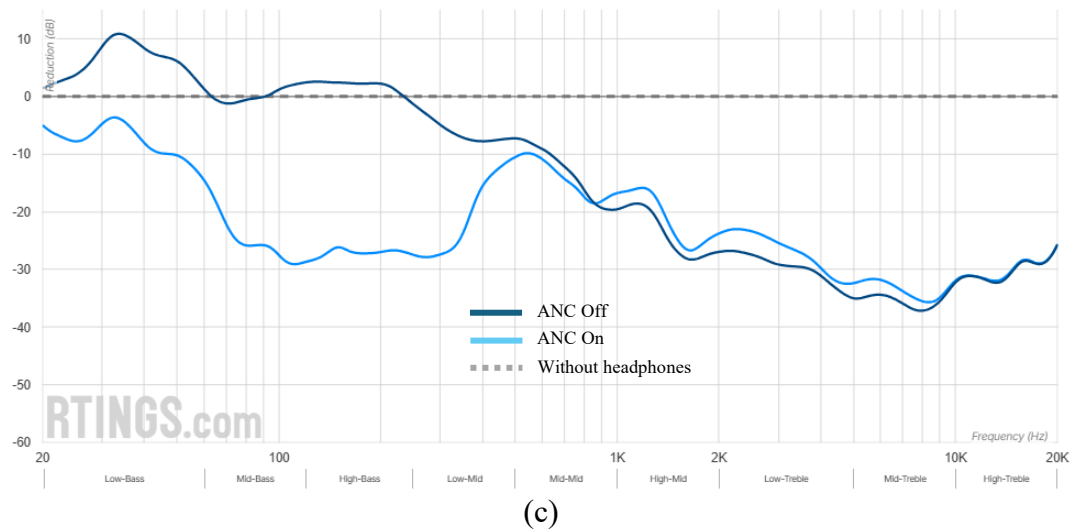
**Supplementary Figure 11.** Histogram illustrates the age distribution of the respondents who participated in the listening test.



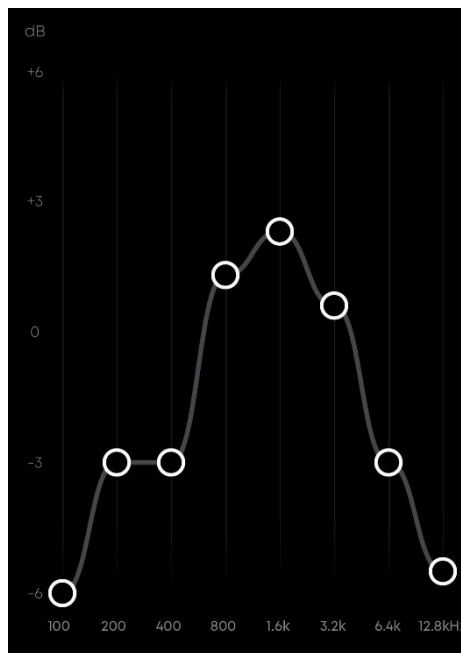
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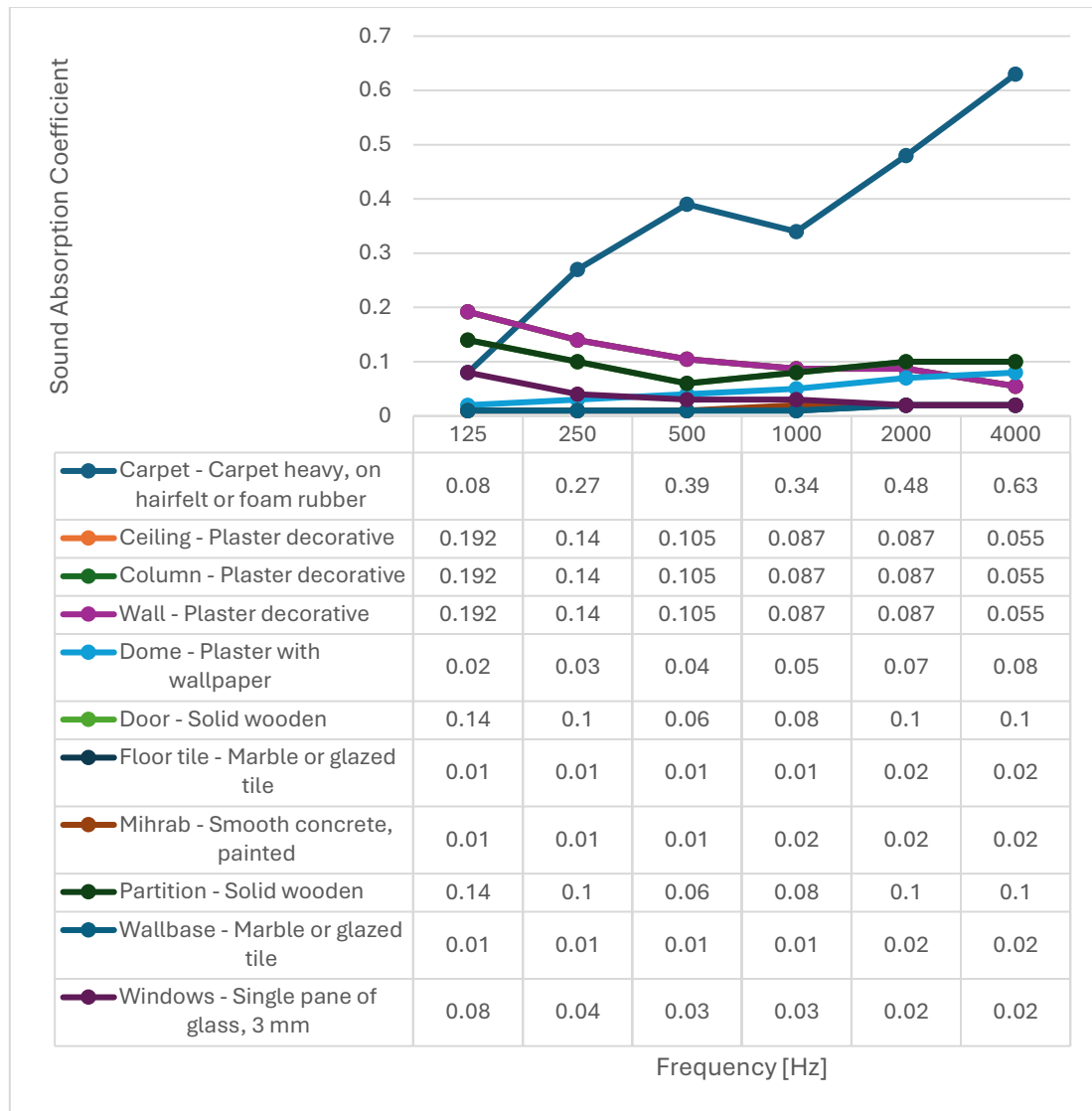
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**Supplementary Figure 12.** Acoustic characteristics of the headphones used in the listening test, Soundcore Life Q30. (a) Physical form of the headphones. (b) Sound profile representing amplitude relative to the target curve [dBr] over the frequency range from 20 to 20000 Hz. (c) Noise isolation performance measures how effectively outside noise is blocked. (source: [rtings.com](https://www.rtings.com)).

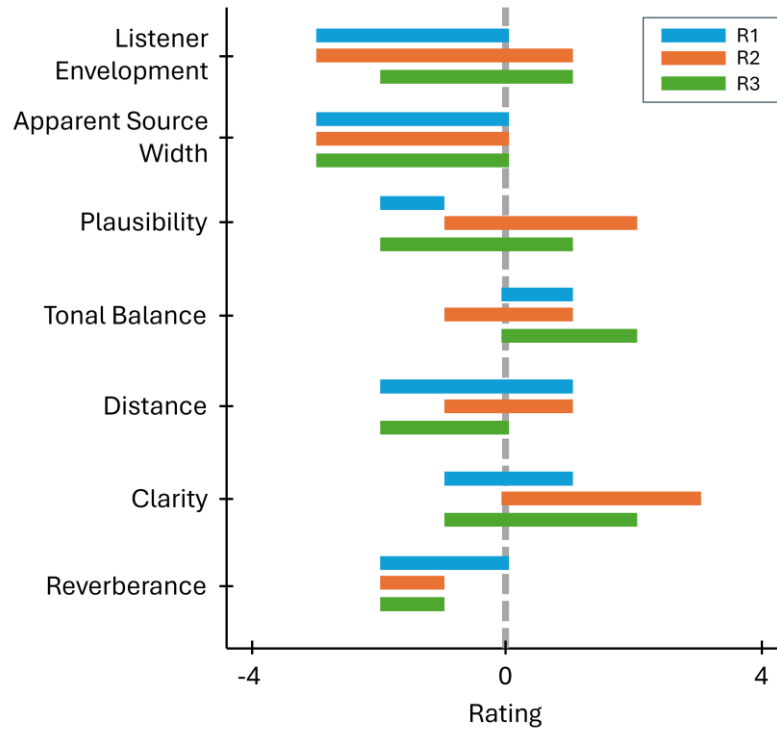


**Supplementary Figure 13.** Custom equalizer setting designed to flatten a V-shaped headphone sound profile—taming excessive bass and treble peaks for a more balanced and neutral listening experience.

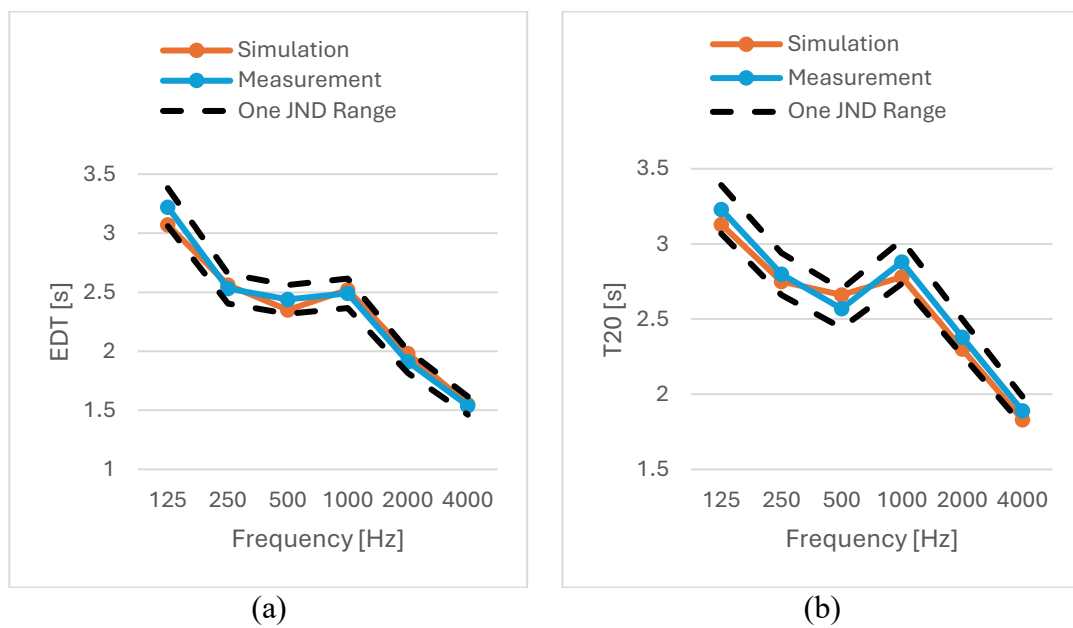


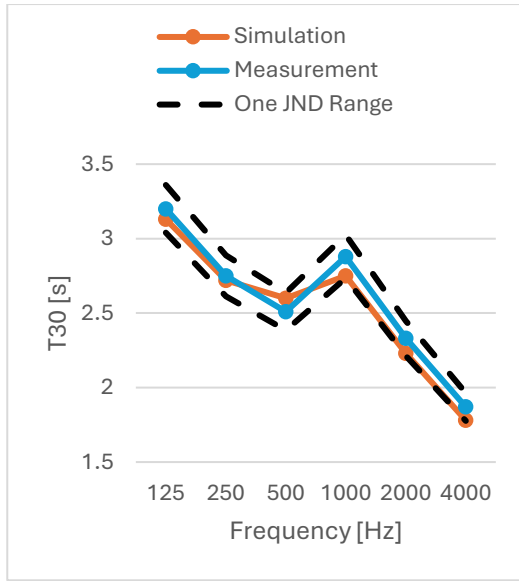
**Supplementary Figure 14.** Sound absorption coefficients of materials applied to the surfaces. Floor tile refers to the floor area not used for praying. Wallbase refers to the wall area located 1 meter above the floor.



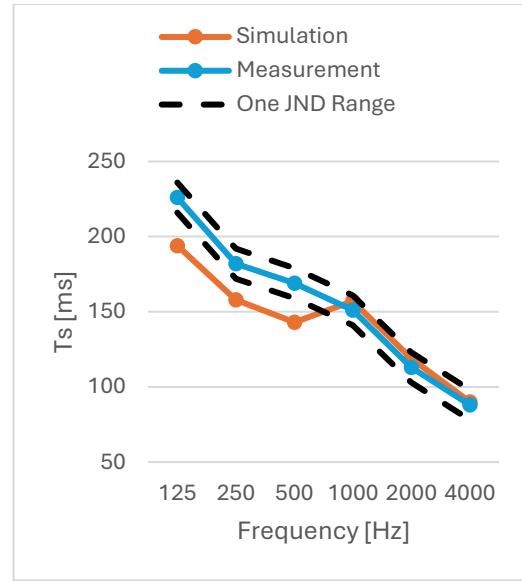


**Supplementary Figure 15.** Subjective comparison of measured and simulated mosque audio recordings. The confidence intervals for seven acoustic metrics are shown for three positions: R1 (near the rear wall), R2 (near the side wall), and R3 (near the front wall). Positive ratings favor the measured recording, while negative ratings favor the simulated recording. The result is considered neutral (no differences between the two recordings) when the confidence intervals include 0.

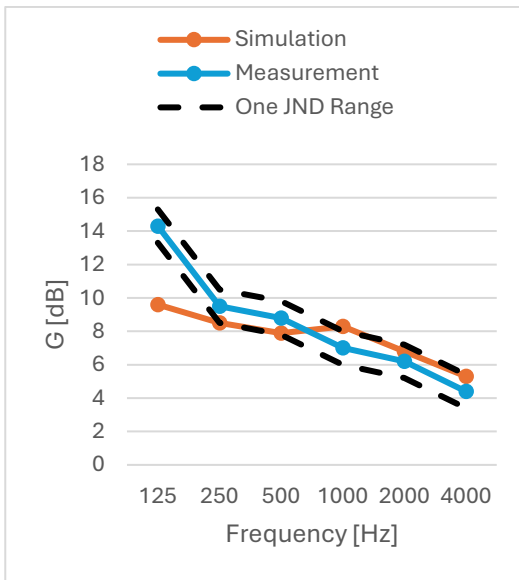




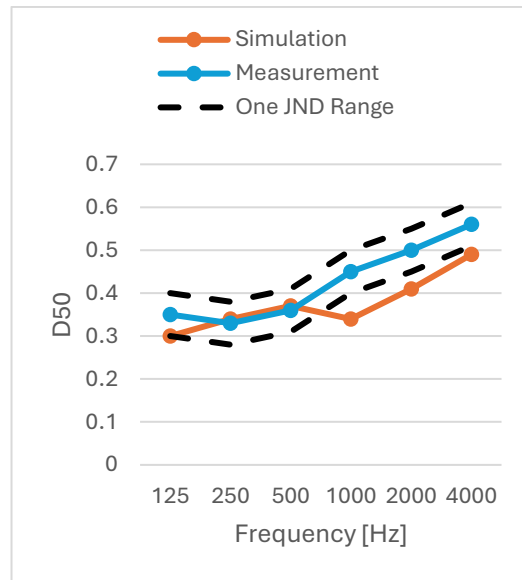
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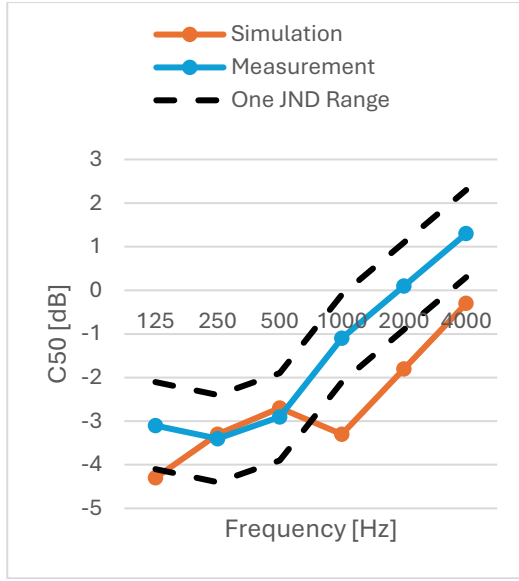
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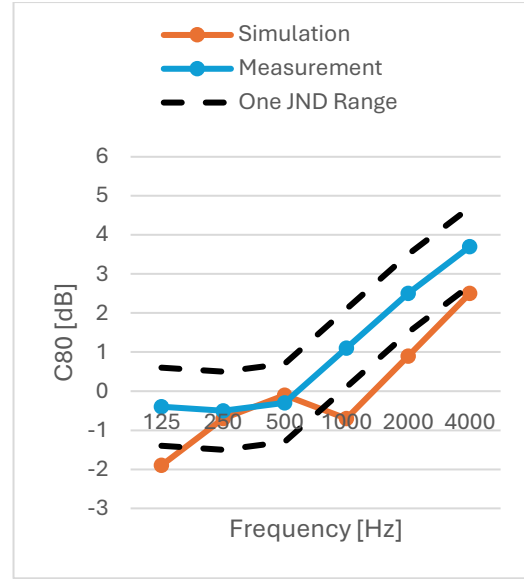
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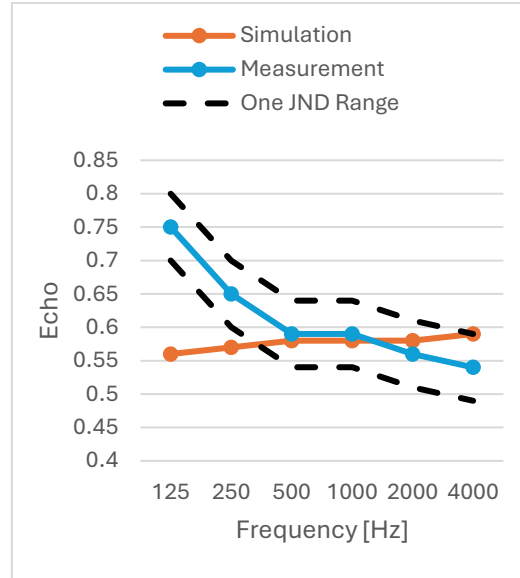
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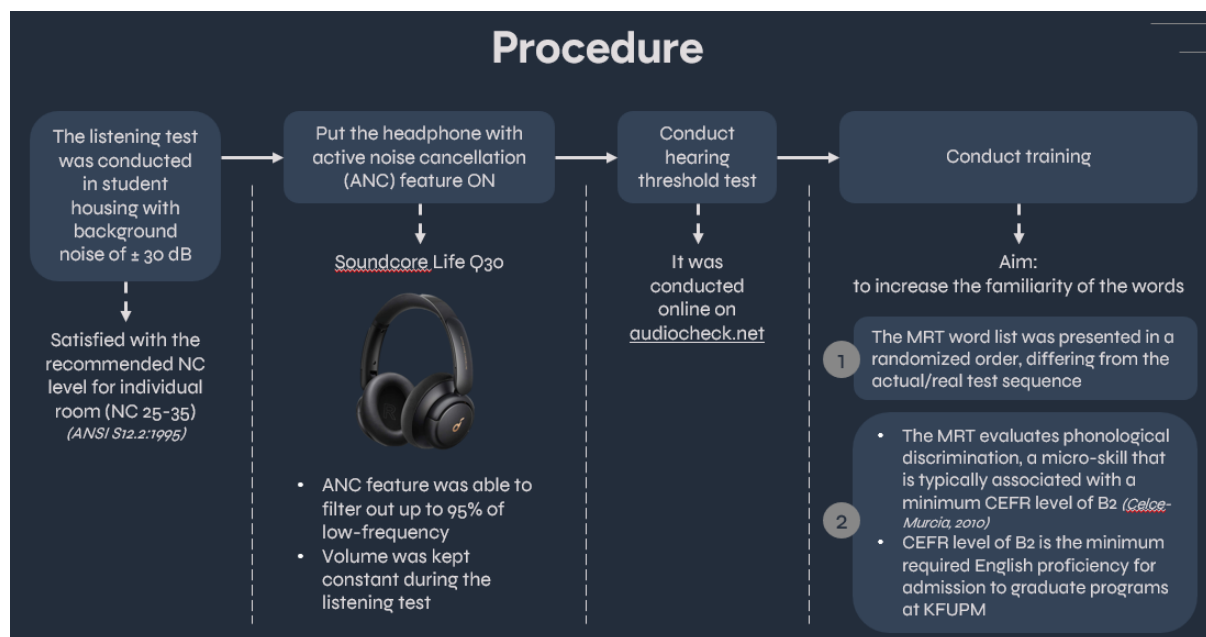


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**Supplementary Figure 16.** Comparison result of nine objective metrics between measured and simulated RIR for calibration: (a) EDT, (b) T20, (c) T30, (d) Ts, (e) G, (f) D50, (g) C50, (h) C80, and (i) Echo. Most of the metrics are within the one JND range, indicating that the simulation model is considered successfully calibrated.



*Supplementary Figure 17. Procedure of listening tests.*