SPEECH ENHANCEMENT IN HEARING AIDS USING REMOTE MICROPHONES

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The **But it arrives** microphone I'm delayed to my wearing picks HAs! up what I say.

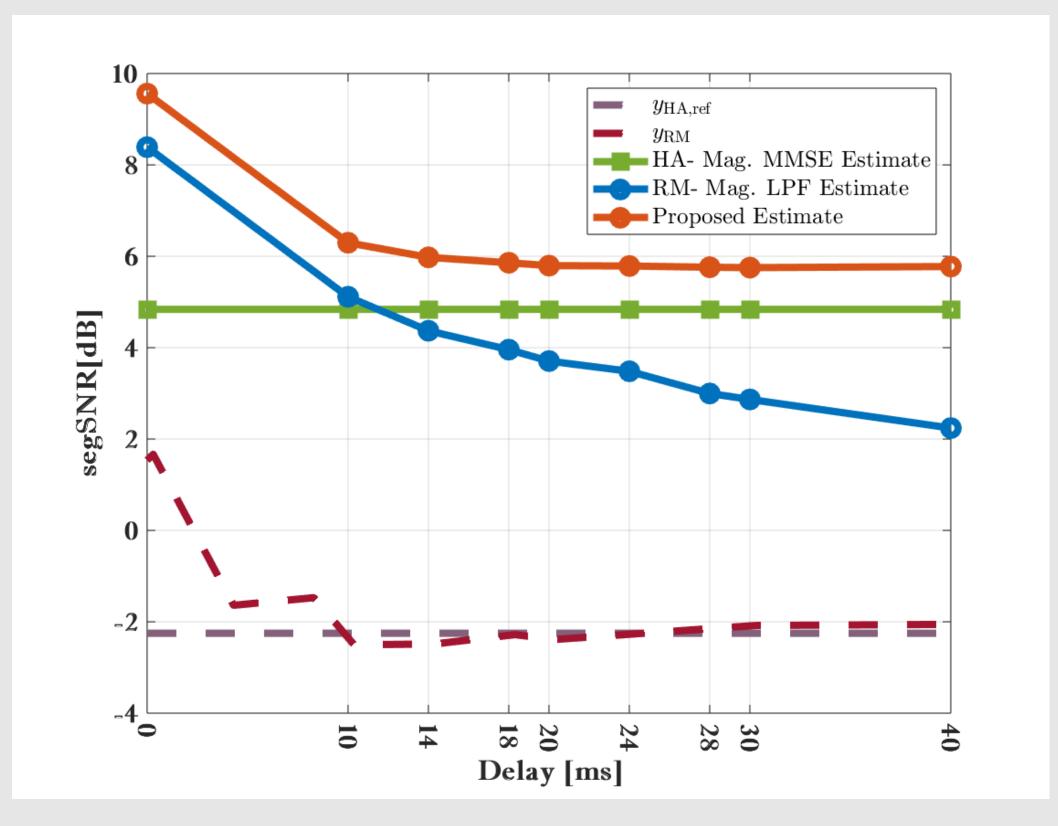
- Time differences of arrival (TDOA) between Remote Microphone (RM) signal and Hearing Aid Microphone (HA) signals are typically overlooked in methods in literature.
 - Direct playback of the RM signal with TDOA lead to undesirable audio artifacts like comb-filtering and echoes [1].

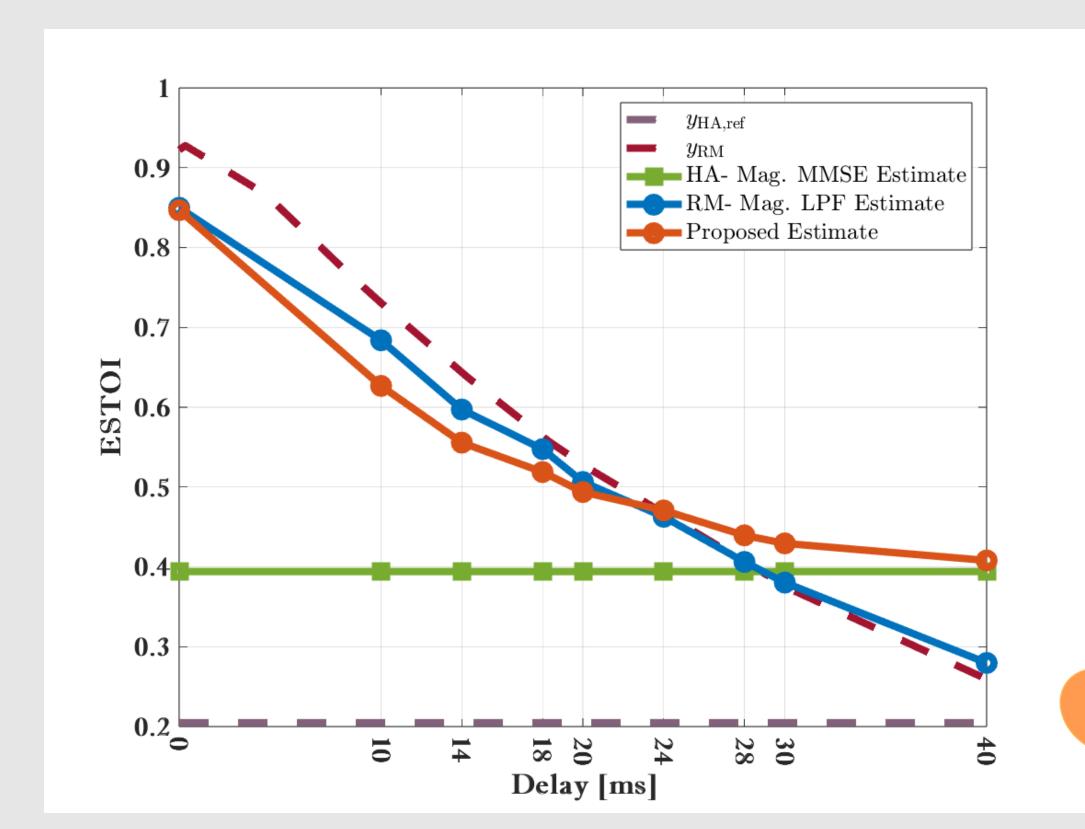
Direct target signal path (+) HeHelo lo Delayed RM signal through the wireless! channel 30 ms

How can we use the RM with HAs? $Y_{HA}(l) = [Y_1(l) ... Y_M(l)]$ Estimate nMSE of the $\underline{y}_{HA}(n)$ **MMSE Estimate** Multi-channel MMSE **STFT** Compare the nMSEs **Filter** [2,3] $x_{desired}(n)$ Pick the estimate with lower nMSE **Linear Prediction Filter STFT** $y_{RM}(n-\tau)$ $\underline{Y}_{RM}(l) = [Y_{RM}(l)]$ Estimate nMSE of the LPF Estimate $Y_{RM}(l-L+1)$

Up to what TDOA can the RM be useful?

With ambient café noise at 0 dB....





The RM signal can be used up to TDOA<40ms.

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