

SPEECH ENHANCEMENT IN HEARING AIDS USING REMOTE MICROPHONES

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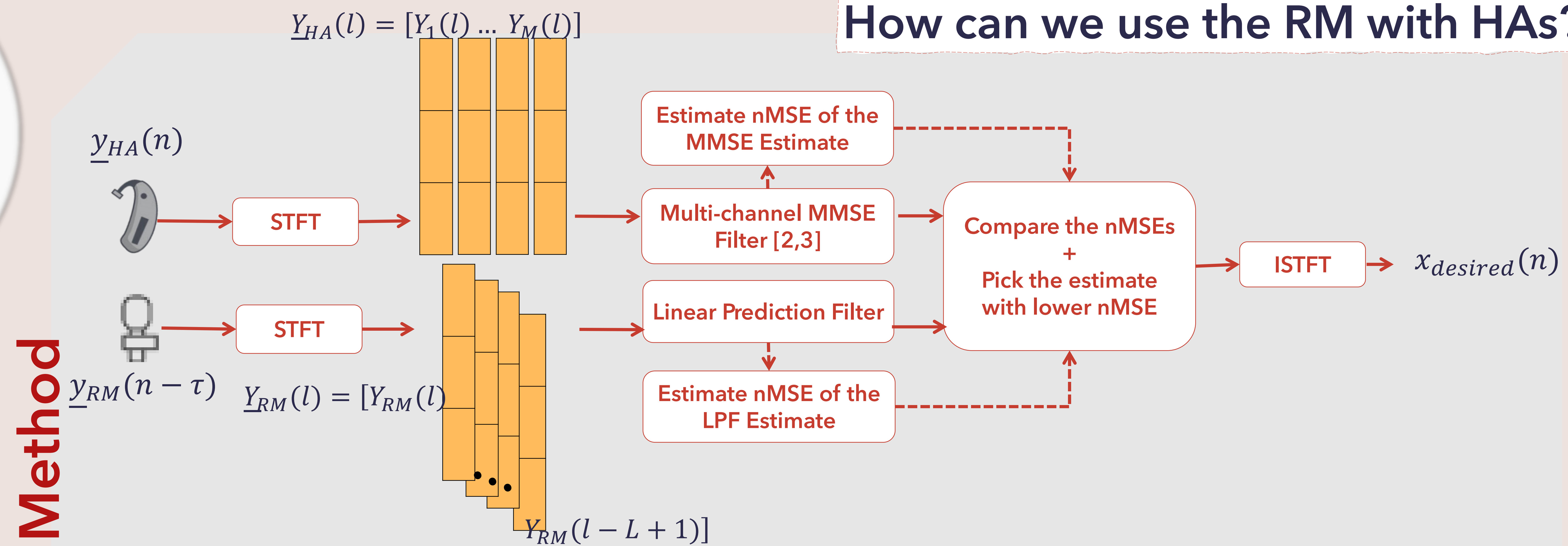
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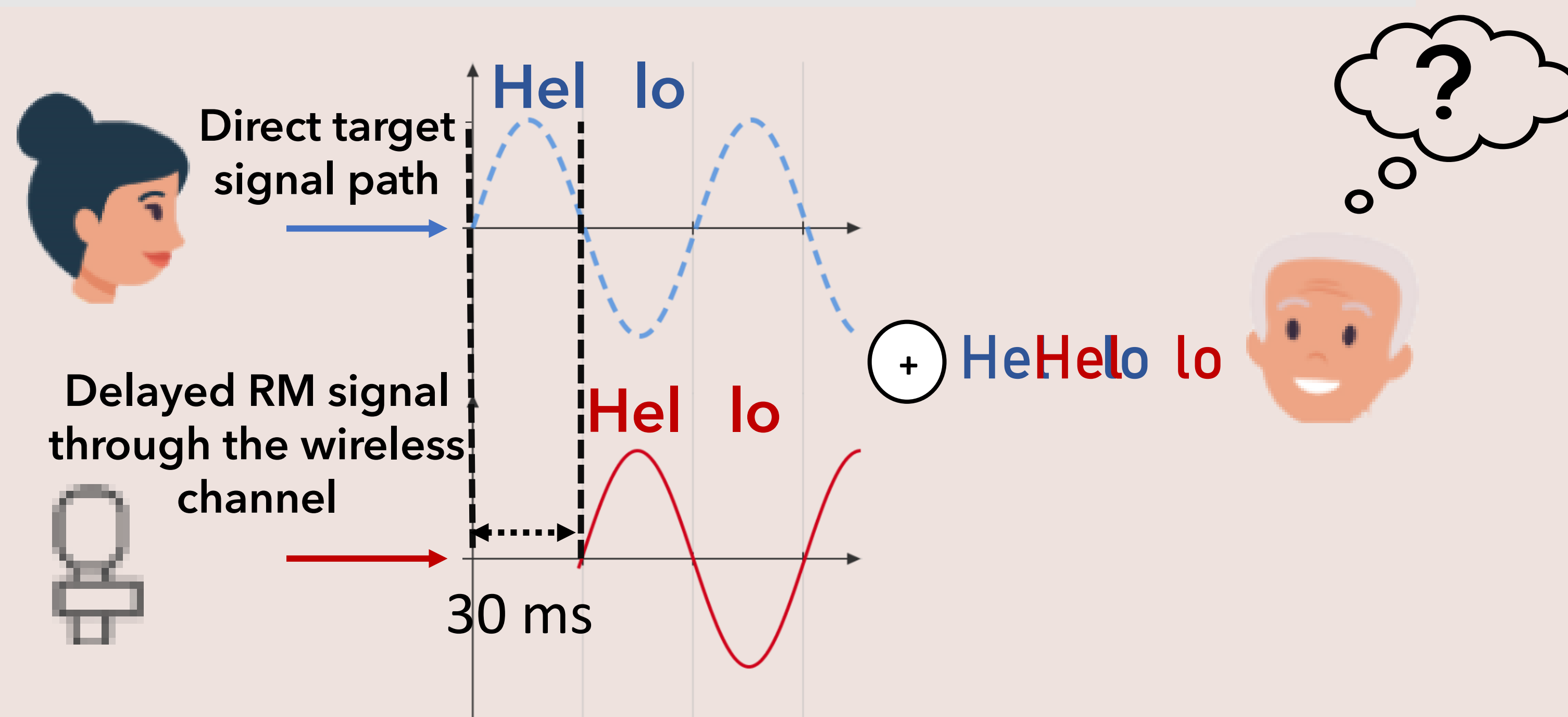


How can we use the RM with HAs?



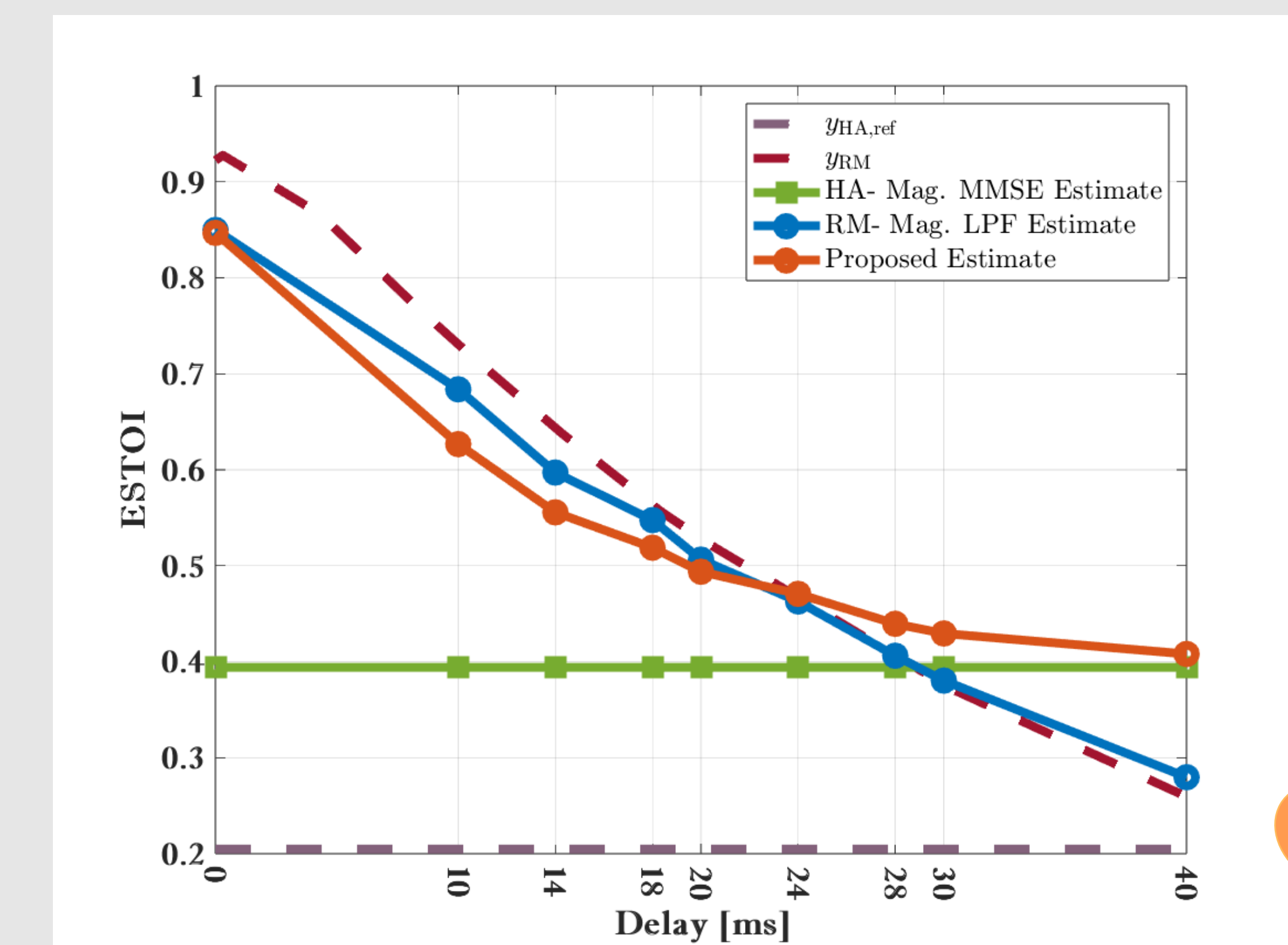
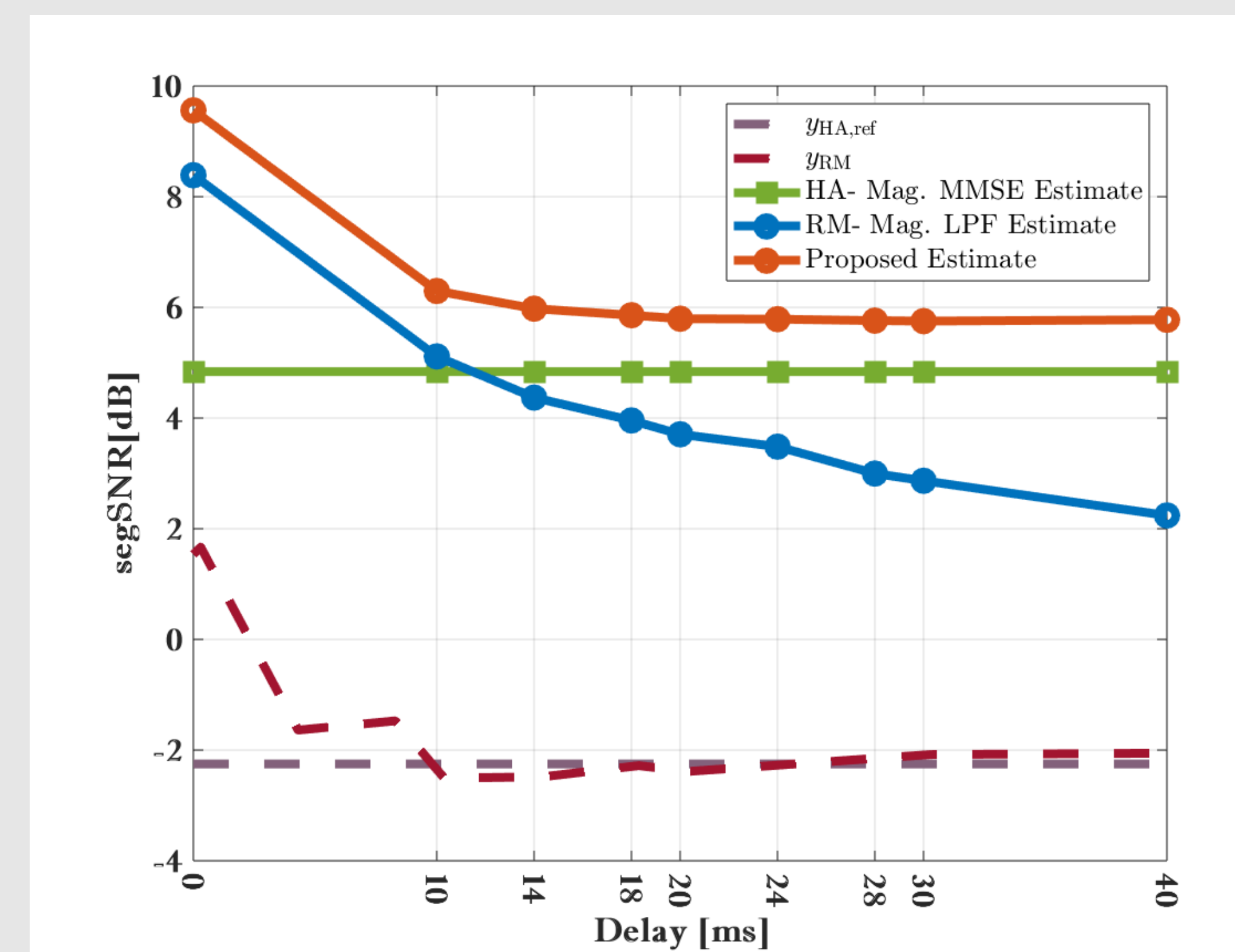
Introduction

- 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].



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.

Listening tests are underway!

Results

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