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Used Symbols

Indices

a	signal a
abt	sampling, sampled
b	signal b
c	signal c
d	diffuse field
f	free field transfer function
FG	critical band
G	weighting factor
HE	auditory event
i	summation index
k	summation index
korr	corrected value
l	left ear
m	transferred to the reference point center of the head
max	maximal value
min	minimal value
o	upper cut-off frequency of the critical band
p	summations index for sound sources
q	sound source (also summation index)
r	right ear
soll	value of the desired direction
SQ	sound source
u	lower cut-off frequency of the critical band
x	parameter of an arbitrary estimator x (x= a or b)
μ	mean value
σ	standard deviation
θ	input direction

Exponents

'	estimator
+	cross power density of a signal
*	conjugated complex

Formula Symbols

$a(t)$	time function of the sound signal a
$a_m(t)$	time function of the sound signal a at the reference point center of the head
$a_m'(t)$	estimator for the sound signal amplitude a at the reference point center of the head
$\underline{a}_m(t)$	analytic time function of the sound signal a at the reference point center of the head
$\underline{A}(f)$	Fourier-transform of the sound signal a
$\underline{A}_m(t)^2$	source vector (at the reference point center of the head)
$\underline{A}_m'(t)^2$	source estimator (at the reference point center of the head)
$\underline{A}_m(f, \tau)$	Fourier-transform of the sound signal a at the reference point center of the head
$\underline{A}_m^+(f, t)^2$	spectral cross power density of sound signal $a(t)$ at the reference point center of the head
AntWB	range of answers of the auditory experiments (e.g.. $\pm 90^\circ$)
$b(t)$	time function of the sound signal b
$b_m(t)$	time function of the sound signal b at the reference point center of the head
$b_m'(t)$	estimator for the sound signal amplitude b at the reference point center of the head
$\underline{b}_m(t)$	analytic time function of the sound signal b at the reference point center of the head
$\underline{B}(f)$	Fourier transform of the sound signal b
$\underline{B}_m(t)^2$	source vector (at the reference point center of the head)
$\underline{B}_m'(t)^2$	sound source estimator (at the reference point center of the head)
$\underline{B}_m(f, \tau)$	Fourier transform of the sound signal at the reference point center of the head
$\underline{B}_m^+(f, \tau)^2$	spectral cross power density of sound signal $b(t)$ at the reference point center of the head
c_{schall}	sound velocity
d	microphone distance
$\underline{d}(t)$	interaural difference
$E_m'^2$	power density of the diffuse sound field
$\underline{e}_{m\theta}$	analytic time signal of mirror sources
f	frequency
f_{abt}	sampling rate
$\underline{f}_{\text{korrr}}$	correction factor
f_m	center frequency of the critical band
f_{min}	lower limit of the considered frequency range
f_{max}	upper limit of the considered frequency range
f_o	upper cut-off frequency
f_{oi}	upper cut-off frequency of the critical band i
f_u	lower cut-off frequency
f_{ui}	lower cut-off frequency of the critical band i
$f()$	function of
F	lock-in range around a sound source, where auditory events are considered as correctly localized
\mathcal{F}	Fourier transform

\mathcal{F}^{-1}	inverse Fourier transform
FG	critical band
g	weighting factor
$\underline{G}_m'^2$	compensation signal for correction purposes
$h_l(t, \tau)$	outer ear impulse response of the left ear
$h_r(t, \tau)$	outer ear impulse response of the right ear
$\underline{H}_l(f, \tau)$	transfer function left ear - center of the head
$\underline{H}_{lf}(f, \tau)$	free field-outer ear -transfer function of the left ear
$\underline{H}_m(f, \tau)$	free field-transfer function head position - center of the head
$\underline{H}_{qk}(f, \tau)$	free field-transfer function sound source - head position
$\underline{H}_{ql}(f, \tau)$	transfer function sound source - left ear
$\underline{H}_{qr}(f, \tau)$	transfer function sound source - right ear
$\underline{H}_r(f, \tau)$	transfer function right ear - center of the head
$\underline{H}_{rf}(f, \tau)$	free field-outer ear -transfer function of the right ear
$\underline{H}_{rl}(f, \tau)$	interaural transfer function
HE	auditory event
$\underline{k}(t)$	cross product
$l(t)$	real time function of the left ear signal.
$\underline{l}(t)$	analytic time signal of the left ear signal.
$\underline{L}(f)$	Fourier transform of the left ear signal.
LG	localization rate: degree of correspondence between sound direction and auditory event
Lt	lateralization (-10=left, 0=center, 10=right)
n_{oi}	slew rate of the upper filter slope of the critical band i
n_{ui}	slew rate of the lower filter slope of the critical band i
M, N	total amount
N_{HE}	number of perceived auditory events in an auditory experiment
N_{SQ}	number of sound sources
$r(t)$	real time function of the right ear signal.
$\underline{r}(t)$	analytic time signal of the right ear signal.
$\underline{R}(f)$	Fourier transform of the right ear signal.
s	signal of the desired direction
s_m	signal of the desired direction at the reference point center of the head
$s_m'^2$	signal power estimator for the desired direction at the reference point center of the head
$\underline{s}_m'^2$	source vector estimator for the desired direction (reference point center of the head)
$S_{rl}(\tau)$	cross correlation function
$S_{rl}(\tau, t)$	sliding cross correlation function
$\underline{S}_{rl}(f, t)$	Fourier transform of the sliding cross correlation function
SE	sound event
t	time

T	time interval
T_{μ}	integration time for the evaluation of the statistical parameters
Vers	experiment (number)
VP	test person(number)
w_r	guess probability
w(t)	window function
$\underline{W}(f)$	Fourier transform of the window function
W_x	weighting function for the estimator x
x	arbitrary estimator (x = a or b)
$x_m'^2$	power of an arbitrary estimator at the reference point center of the head
$\underline{X}_m'^2$	arbitrary source estimator (reference point center of the head)
α	interaural damping
α'	estimator for the interaural damping
β	interaural phase
β'	estimator for the interaural phase
β_x'	interaural phase of the arbitrary source estimator $\underline{X}_m'^2$
Δf	(center-)frequency difference of auditory experiment signals
Δf_L	(center-)frequency difference, at which one sound source can be localized correctly.
Δf_{L2}	(center-)frequency difference, at which both sound sources can be localized correctly.
Δf_{FG}	bandwidth of a critical band
ΔL	interaural level difference
$\underline{\mu}$	complex mean value of the cross correlation function or of the cross product
μ_l	mean value of the power of the left ear signal
μ_r	mean value of the power of the right ear signal
Φ	signal phase
$\Delta\Phi_{ab}$	difference between the signal phases of the signals a and b
Ω	current angular velocity
$\underline{\sigma}$	complex standard deviation of the cross correlation function or of the cross product
σ_l	standard deviation of the power of the left ear signal
σ_r	standard deviation of the power of the right ear signal
τ	interaural time difference
τ'	additional interaural time difference (cross correlation function)
τ_L	normalized interaural time difference ($\pm 90^\circ$ corresponds to $\pm 625\mu s$)
τ_{max}	maximal interaural time difference
τ_m	mean interaural time difference inside the considered frequency range
τ_o	mean runtime source-receiver
θ	angle of incidence