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# **Abstract**

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**Index Terms**: speech recognition, human-computer interaction, computational paralinguistics

# 1. Introduction

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# 1.1. General guidelines

Authors are encouraged to describe how their work relates to prior work by themselves and by others, and to make clear statements about the novelty of their work. This may require careful wording to avoid unmasking the identity of the authors in the version submitted for review (guidance in Section 1.2). All submissions must be compliant with the ISCA Code of Ethics for Authors, the Pre-prints Policy, and the Conference Policy. These can be found on the conference website under the "For authors" section.

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All (co-)authors must be responsible and accountable for the work and content of the paper, and they must consent to its submission. Generative AI tools cannot be a co-author of the paper. They can be used for editing and polishing manuscripts, but should not be used for producing a significant part of the manuscript. The use of generative AI tools should be acknowledged in a subsection titled Generative AI Use Disclosure between the Acknowledgments of the References.

#### 1.1.3. List of authors

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  - The paper clearly states what claims are being investigated, and why.
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  - The main claims made in the abstract and introduction accurately reflect the paper's contributions and scope.
  - The limitations of your work are described.
  - The relevant assumptions made in your work are stated in the paper.
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  - Sufficient details of the model (architecture), including reference(s) to prior literature.
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  - Relevant details such as languages, audio duration distribution, number of examples, and label distributions, or a reference where that information can be found.
  - Details of train/validation (development)/test splits. Ideally, the lists should be released with the supplementary material if not already publicly available.
  - Explanation of all pre-processing steps, including any criteria used to exclude samples, if applicable.
  - Reference(s) to all data set(s) drawn from the existing literature.
  - For newly collected data, a complete description of the data collection process, such as subjects, instructions to annotators and methods for quality control and a statement on whether ethics approval was necessary.
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# 1.2. Double-blind review

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- Two columns are used except for the title section and for large figures or tables that may need a full page width.
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Section headings are centred in boldface with the first word capitalised and the rest of the heading in lower case. Sub-headings appear like major headings, except they start at the left margin in the column. Sub-sub-headings appear like sub-headings, except they are in italics and not boldface. See the examples in this file. No more than 3 levels of headings should be used.

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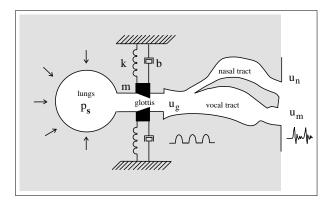


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of speech production.

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- all tables are referenced in the text.

Table 1: This is an example of a table

Ratio	Decibels
1/10	-20
1/1	0
2/1	$\approx 6$
3.16/1	10
10/1	20

# 2.4. Equations

Equations should be placed on separate lines and numbered. We define

$$x(t) = s(t')$$

$$= s(f_{\omega}(t))$$
(1)

where  $f_{\omega}(t)$  is a special warping function. Equation 2 is a little more complicated.

$$f_{\omega}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{\nu^{-1k} d\nu}{(1 - \beta \nu^{-1})(\nu^{-1} - \beta)}$$
 (2)

# **2.5.** Style

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Affiliation	Author affiliation
Email	Email address
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Body Text	First paragraph in abstract
Body Text Next	Following paragraphs in abstract
Index	Index terms
<ol> <li>Heading 1</li> </ol>	1 <sup>st</sup> level section heading
1.1 Heading 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> level section heading
1.1.1 Heading 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> level section heading
Body Text	First paragraph in section
Body Text Next	Following paragraphs in section
Figure Caption	Figure caption
Table Caption	Table caption
Equation	Equations
<ul> <li>List Bullet</li> </ul>	Bulleted lists
[1] Reference	References

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On Windows, the bullzip printer can convert any PDF to have embedded and subsetted fonts. On Linux & MacOS, converting to and from Postscript will embed all fonts:

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