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SUMMARY

The speech intelligibility and quality of a MELP¹ low bitrate speech coder (1200 bps) were investigated in an experiment, in which the speech coder was either combined with or without a noise pre-processing system. The central question to be addressed was to what extent the performance of the speech coder could be improved by adding a noise pre-processing system.

In the speech intelligibility test, participants were presented with CVC-words (consonant-vowel-consonant words) under fifteen different transmission conditions: three systems (speech coder, noise pre-processor, combination of speech coder and noise pre-processor) were tested for five noise conditions, i.e. a 'clean' condition (no additive noise), aircraft noise at 12 and 6 dB SNR, and vehicle noise at 12 and 6 dB SNR. For each transmission condition, word scores and individual phoneme scores for the initial consonant, vowel and the final consonant were obtained. These can be used for diagnostic purposes.

In the speech quality test, mean opinion scores (MOS) were obtained: participants rated the quality of short sentences on a five-point scale ranging from bad to excellent. The sentences were presented under similar transmission conditions as in the speech intelligibility test.

The results of both tests show that the performance of the MELP speech coder is affected by noise, as could be expected. Furthermore, its performance seems to depend on the fundamental frequency of the speaker's voice: word (intelligibility) and mean opinion (quality) scores for male speech generally are higher than for female speech. When the MELP speech coder is combined with the noise pre-processor used in this study the speech intelligibility and speech quality are significantly improved in case of low frequency noise (e.g. vehicle), but for high frequency noise (e.g. aircraft) improvements, if any, are found only when the noise level is high (6 dB SNR).

¹ MELP: Mixed Excited Linear Prediction

Spraakverstaanbaarheid en spraakwaliteit van een MELP-spraakcodeersysteem in combinatie met een ruisonderdrukkend systeem

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SAMENVATTING

De spraakverstaanbaarheid en kwaliteit van een MELP² 'low bitrate' spraakcodeersysteem (1200 bps) zijn onderzocht in een experiment waarin het spraakcodeersysteem met en zonder ruisonderdrukker voorkwam. De centrale vraag van dit onderzoek luidde in hoeverre de 'performance' van het spraakcodeersysteem door toevoeging van een ruisonderdrukker verbeterd kan worden.

In de verstaanbaarheidstest kregen luisteraars CVC-woorden (consonant-vocaal-consonant) aangeboden onder 15 verschillende transmissiecondities, nl. drie systemen (spraakcodeersysteem, ruisonderdrukker, spraakcodeersysteem met ruisonderdrukker) werden getest in vijf condities bestaande uit 'schone' spraak (geen ruis toegevoegd), spraak tegen een achtergrond van vliegtuiglawaai met signaal-ruis-verhoudingen van 12 en 6 dB en spraak tegen een achtergrond van voertuiglawaai met signaal-ruis-verhoudingen van 12 en 6 dB.

Voor iedere transmissieconditie zijn woordscores en individuele foneemcores (voor initiële consonant, vocaal en finale consonant) bepaald. Deze scores kunnen voor diagnostische doeleinden worden gebruikt.

In de kwaliteitstest zijn 'mean opinion scores' (MOS) bepaald: luisteraars beoordeelden de kwaliteit van korte zinnen op een vijfpunts-schaal van slecht tot uitstekend. De zinnen werden aangeboden onder dezelfde 15 transmissiecondities als in de verstaanbaarheidstest.

De resultaten van beide testen laten zien dat het MELP-spraakcodeersysteem ten gevolge van lawaai slechter presteert, zoals te verwachten was. De 'performance' van het systeem lijkt af te hangen van de grondfrequentie van de stem van de spreker: woordscores (verstaanbaarheid) en MOS-scores (kwaliteit) zijn over het algemeen hoger voor mannelijke sprekers dan voor vrouwelijke sprekers. Wanneer het spraakcodeersysteem gecombineerd wordt met de in deze studie onderzochte ruisonderdrukker, dan leidt dit tot een verbetering van zowel de verstaanbaarheid als de kwaliteit in geval van laagfrequente stoorsignalen (bv. voertuiglawaai), maar voor hoogfrequente stoorsignalen (bv. vliegtuiglawaai) treedt een verbetering slechts op bij een hoog lawaainiveau (6 dB signaal-ruis-verhouding).

² MELP: Mixed Excited Linear Prediction

1 INTRODUCTION

The speech intelligibility and quality of the MELP³ low bitrate speech coder (1200 bps) was determined in conditions with and without a noise pre-processing system. Also, the intelligibility and quality of the noise pre-processing system alone was determined. The coder and noise pre-processing system were tested in various transmission conditions, simulating practical adverse conditions, such as additive noise (e.g. caused by aircraft or vehicle).

2 MEASURING SPEECH INTELLIGIBILITY

2.1 Participants

Four female listeners (age between 21 and 35 years, normal hearing) participated in the speech intelligibility test. They were tested on five consecutive days, each day for approx. three hours including breaks, in two individual sessions (2 participants were tested simultaneously). The first day was used for training and the remaining days for actual testing. The participants were paid for their participation.

2.2 Test materials

The intelligibility was measured using CVC-words (consonant-vowel-consonant words) as described in Steeneken et al. (1990). Word lists consisting of 51 CVC-words were used as test materials. The distribution of the consonants and vowels in these lists are equally balanced (i.e. 17 initial consonants, 15 vowels and 11 final consonants appear in each list). Each word on the list was embedded in a carrier phrase.

Recordings were made of four male and four female speakers, each producing 15 different lists for a total of 120 unique word lists under good laboratory conditions (high-quality microphone, no ambient noise). The 15 lists for each speaker were then processed in such a way that they represent three pairs of five different transmission conditions: a 'clean' condition in which no noise was added, and four adverse conditions in which one of two types of noise (aircraft and vehicle) at one of two different signal-to-noise ratios were added (the noises were obtained from the NATO-RSG10 noise database 1989).

For each speaker, the 15 lists representing three pairs of five transmission conditions were recorded on CD-ROM. After this, the CD-ROM was processed by Tübitak-Uekae: one pair of five transmission conditions was processed by using the MELP speech coder, the second pair by using the noise pre-processing system and the third pair by using the combination of the speech coder with the noise pre-processing system. Table I illustrates the various conditions.

³ MELP: Mixed Excited Linear Prediction

Table I The 15 different transmission conditions used in the speech intelligibility test (SNR = signal-to-noise ratio, NPP = noise pre-processing).

MELP speech coder	NPP system	MELP + NPP system
Clean	Clean	Clean
Aircraft noise, 12 dB SNR	Aircraft noise, 12 dB SNR	Aircraft noise, 12 dB SNR
Aircraft noise, 6 dB SNR	Aircraft noise, 6 dB SNR	Aircraft noise, 6 dB SNR
Vehicle noise, 12 dB SNR	Vehicle noise, 12 dB SNR	Vehicle noise, 12 dB SNR
Vehicle noise, 6 dB SNR	Vehicle noise, 6 dB SNR	Vehicle noise, 6 dB SNR

2.3 Procedure

One random list was made out of the 120 (8 speakers * 15 conditions) processed word lists. Forty word lists were presented to the listening panel per day, in blocks of 10 to 15 lists with pauses between the blocks. The word lists presented on the first testing day were repeated on the fourth testing day.

Participants' task was to listen to the CVC-words, presented through headsets, and enter their response into the computer. The sound was set at a comfortable listening level (65 dB).

2.4 Analysis and results

The word score as well as the score for the initial consonants, the vowels, and the final consonants were determined. Results of the first testing day were not taken into the analysis, because of possible learning effects showing up. In Tables II and III the mean word scores for, respectively, male and female speakers are given, as well as the standard error.

Table II Mean CVC-word scores (mean) and standard error (se) for the 15 different transmission conditions for MALE speech (based on 4 speakers). Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, SNR = signal-to-noise ratio.

MALE SPEAKERS	Coder		NPP		NPPCoder	
	word score (%)	mean	se	mean	se	mean
clean	51.0	2.7	81.9	1.3	53.8	3.0
aircraft, 12 dB SNR	39.8	3.2	72.2	1.9	42.8	3.7
aircraft, 6 dB SNR	25.5	2.4	62.7	1.7	28.2	3.1
vehicle, 12 dB SNR	30.5	2.8	72.2	1.4	41.5	3.8
vehicle, 6 dB SNR	16.4	3.3	64.8	3.5	29.7	2.6

Table III Mean CVC-word scores (mean) and standard error (se) for the 15 different transmission conditions for FEMALE speech (based on 4 speakers). Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, SNR = signal-to-noise ratio.

FEMALE SPEAKERS	Coder		NPP		NPPCoder	
	word score (%)	mean	se	mean	se	mean
clean	38.8	1.7	80.3	1.2	39.1	2.0
aircraft, 12 dB SNR	24.8	2.7	66.4	2.9	24.9	2.7
aircraft, 6 dB SNR	13.0	2.5	52.1	4.2	19.6	3.3
vehicle, 12 dB SNR	17.4	2.0	66.7	4.1	31.4	2.8
vehicle, 6 dB SNR	9.2	2.1	58.6	4.1	26.6	1.9

The word scores for the male speakers generally are higher than for the female speakers. The analyses showed that this difference is significant ($p < 0.001$). This is most likely due to the lower fundamental frequency of the male speech, providing the speech coder with more harmonic components.

The central question is whether the noise pre-processor improves the performance of the speech coder. Statistical analyses (Analysis of Variance, ANOVA and Tukey-tests) indicated a significant improvement between the five Coder and NPPCoder conditions for male speech ($p < 0.001$) and for female speech ($p < 0.001$).

There appears to be a difference in the degree of noise cancellation for aircraft and vehicle noise. With vehicle (low frequency) noise, the pre-processor improves the performance of the speech coder to a larger extent than with aircraft (high frequency) noise. Comparing Coder with NPPCoder conditions, results of the analyses showed no improvement in case of aircraft noise ($p > 0.05$) and a significant improvement in case of vehicle noise ($p < 0.01$) for male speech. For female speech, an improvement was found with aircraft noise ($p < 0.05$) in case of a high noise level (6 dB) only, and a substantial improvement with vehicle noise ($p < 0.01$) regardless of the noise level. The pre-processor, therefore, is more effective for low frequency noise signals.

An interesting finding is that the differences in speech intelligibility between aircraft noise and vehicle noise conditions disappear when noise cancellation is applied. This effect is most clearly seen with male speakers.

Tables IV–VI present mean percent correctly identified initial consonants, vowels and final consonants (and standard error of mean) for male speech. In Tables VII–IX the results are given for female speech. As can be seen, the standard errors are small, indicating that the scores of the listeners do not diverge too much but fall within a well-defined range.

Table IV Mean initial consonant scores (mean) and standard error (se) for the 15 different transmission conditions for MALE speech (based on 4 speakers). Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, SNR = signal-to-noise ratio.

MALE SPEAKERS	Coder		NPP		NPPCoder		
	C initial score (%)	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>
clean		71.4	2.4	88.7	0.9	70.8	2.4
aircraft, 12 dB SNR		60.3	2.9	84.2	1.3	63.4	3.0
aircraft, 6 dB SNR		50.0	3.6	79.2	1.8	49.0	2.9
vehicle, 12 dB SNR		48.8	3.3	83.3	1.2	60.7	3.6
vehicle, 6 dB SNR		36.6	4.1	76.7	3.0	53.7	3.2

Table V Mean vowel scores (mean) and standard error (se) for the 15 different transmission conditions for MALE speech. Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, SNR = signal-to-noise ratio.

MALE SPEAKERS	Coder		NPP		NPPCoder		
	Vowel score (%)	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>
clean		80.4	1.7	93.6	0.9	83.9	2.4
aircraft, 12 dB SNR		82.0	2.0	93.8	1.1	76.7	2.9
aircraft, 6 dB SNR		65.7	2.8	91.2	1.1	73.7	3.4
vehicle, 12 dB SNR		80.0	1.6	93.3	1.0	78.7	2.6
vehicle, 6 dB SNR		64.2	3.0	90.8	0.8	75.1	2.2

Table VI Mean final consonant scores (mean) and standard error (se) for the 15 different transmission conditions for MALE speech. Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, SNR = signal-to-noise ratio.

MALE SPEAKERS	Coder		NPP		NPPCoder		
	C final score (%)	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>
clean		83.0	1.4	98.0	0.5	87.4	1.4
aircraft, 12 dB SNR		75.5	1.5	91.2	1.6	77.5	1.7
aircraft, 6 dB SNR		59.1	2.4	84.6	1.2	70.7	2.0
vehicle, 12 dB SNR		68.0	2.3	93.8	1.1	79.8	1.1
vehicle, 6 dB SNR		50.2	3.0	89.7	1.2	68.0	1.6

Table VII Mean initial consonant scores (mean) and standard error (se) for the 15 different transmission conditions for FEMALE speech (based on 4 speakers). Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, SNR = signal-to-noise ratio.

FEMALE SPEAKERS	Coder		NPP		NPPCoder		
	C initial score (%)	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>
clean		64.1	1.9	88.7	0.6	65.3	2.6
aircraft, 12 dB SNR		53.1	2.8	86.2	1.4	54.4	2.9
aircraft, 6 dB SNR		40.8	3.4	77.2	2.8	45.7	3.5
vehicle, 12 dB SNR		44.5	2.9	81.7	2.3	58.2	2.8
vehicle, 6 dB SNR		34.1	3.2	77.2	2.8	54.5	2.0

Table VIII Mean vowel scores (mean) and standard error (se) for the 15 different transmission conditions for FEMALE speech. Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, SNR = signal-to-noise ratio.

FEMALE SPEAKERS	Coder		NPP		NPPCoder	
	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>
Vowel score (%)						
clean	76.0	1.8	93.9	0.9	73.8	1.3
aircraft, 12 dB SNR	64.3	2.1	91.1	0.8	65.2	1.4
aircraft, 6 dB SNR	52.8	3.2	83.2	3.7	58.6	3.2
vehicle, 12 dB SNR	65.8	2.6	90.4	1.7	69.5	2.9
vehicle, 6 dB SNR	50.7	3.0	88.7	1.6	70.8	2.0

Table IX Mean final consonant scores (mean) and standard error (se) for the 15 different transmission conditions for FEMALE speech. Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, SNR = signal-to-noise ratio.

FEMALE SPEAKERS	Coder		NPP		NPPCoder	
	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>mean</i>	<i>se</i>
C final score (%)						
clean	76.8	1.9	94.6	0.8	74.5	1.1
aircraft, 12 dB SNR	57.7	3.0	84.2	1.9	64.0	2.5
aircraft, 6 dB SNR	42.9	3.0	74.6	2.6	57.0	3.4
vehicle, 12 dB SNR	52.5	2.1	86.9	2.6	72.7	1.9
vehicle, 6 dB SNR	36.8	3.7	80.4	2.4	59.3	3.3

Tables X–XV present the confusion matrices for the initial consonants and vowels in case of transmission through the MELP speech coder, noise pre-processor, or a combination of the speech coder and the noise pre-processor, respectively, for clean male speech (no noise added). Tables XVI–XXI for clean female speech. Initial consonants that are mainly confused (identification < 75%) are T, F, M, N, L, W, B, D, V and Z. The majority of V/F and Z/S-confusions were caused by two participants systematically responding the voiceless counterparts when hearing V and Z. Vowels that are confused (identification < 75%) are AU, EU, E, OO, OE, and U. Generally, for female speech more confusions occur than for male speech, as can be expected.

Table X Confusion matrix for the initial consonants transmitted through the MELP speech coder, for CLEAN MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	39	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	48	81.3
2 T	3	33	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	48	68.8
3 K	1	2	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	48	89.6
4 F	-	-	-	28	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	1	48	58.3
5 S	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	48	93.8
6 G	-	-	-	1	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	95.8
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	15	-	-	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	47.9
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	35	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	72.9
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	22	1	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	45.8
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	33	6	4	4	-	-	-	-	48	68.8
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
15 B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	2	-	32	1	-	-	-	48	66.7
16 D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	-	5	33	-	-	-	48	68.8
17 V	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	48	43.8
18 Z	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	-	-	-	14	-	48	29.2
Confusion	4	4	11	27	25	8	7	0	28	0	4	28	44	12	9	1	15	2	4	233	

Table XI Confusion matrix for the vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder, for CLEAN MALE speech.

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	46	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	95.8
2 AU	3	39	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	75.0
3 A	1	2	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	96.9
4 EE	-	-	-	40	-	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	11	1	48	64.6	
7 E	1	-	2	9	-	1	52	2	16	-	-	1	4	8	-	96	54.2	
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	48	91.7	
9 I	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	40	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	83.3	
10 OO	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	8	-	2	-	-	44	72.7	
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	34	1	6	-	-	1	48	70.8	
12 O	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	38	-	-	-	-	48	79.2	
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	-	-	39	-	1	-	48	81.3	
14 UI	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	1	48	95.8	
15 U	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	4	-	-	-	4	-	35	-	48	72.9	
Confusion	5	2	17	9	1	4	2	19	28	7	7	9	19	5	23	3	160	

Table XII Confusion matrix for the initial consonants transmitted through the noise pre-processor, for CLEAN MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
2 T	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
3 K	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
4 F	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	48	64.6
5 S	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	48	79.2
6 G	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	48	95.8
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
12 W	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	48	91.7
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
15 B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
16 D	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	48	97.9
17 V	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	48	45.8
18 Z	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	48	35.4
Confusion	0	1	0	25	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	19	10	2	92	

Table XIII Confusion matrix for the vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor, for CLEAN MALE speech.

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
2 AU	-	34	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	70.8
3 A	-	-	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	100.0
4 EE	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	48	81.3
7 E	-	-	-	-	5	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	96	93.8
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
9 I	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
10 OO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	3	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
12 O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	47	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	1	-	48	97.9
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	48	100.0
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	1	48	87.5
Confusion	0	0	14	2	5	5	2	0	8	1	0	3	0	1	10	1	52	

Table XIV Confusion matrix for the initial consonants transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, for CLEAN MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	32	7	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	48	66.7
2 T	-	39	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
3 K	4	2	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
4 F	-	-	1	26	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	15	-	-	48	54.2
5 S	-	-	-	-	40	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	48	83.3
6 G	-	-	-	1	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	95.8
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	7	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	79.2
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	27	3	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	56.3
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	35	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	72.9
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	39	2	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	2	36	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	48	75.0
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	2	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	38	-	-	1	-	-	48	79.2
15 B	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	30	2	-	-	-	48	62.5
16 D	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	11	2	-	1	31	-	-	-	48	64.6
17 V	-	-	-	18	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	6	1	-	-	1	19	-	-	48	39.6
18 Z	-	-	-	-	24	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	15	-	48	31.3
Confusion	4	9	11	21	24	13	19	0	11	7	12	38	21	12	4	8	18	6	0	238	

Table XV Confusion matrix for the vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, for CLEAN MALE speech.

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	48	95.8
2 AU	1	32	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	66.7
3 A	-	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	96	96.9
4 EE	-	-	-	37	1	-	-	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
5 IJ	-	-	-	6	40	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	48	93.8
7 E	-	-	1	7	-	-	58	-	27	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	96	60.4
8 IE	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	43	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	89.6
9 I	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	36	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	75.0
10 OO	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	43	-	3	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	41	3	1	-	2	-	48	85.4
12 O	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	48	91.7
14 UI	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	48	97.9
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	7	-	-	1	2	-	35	-	48	72.9
Confusion	3	2	16	19	1	4	1	12	47	1	0	10	3	4	8	0	131	

Table XVI Confusion matrix for the initial consonants transmitted through the MELP speech coder, for CLEAN FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	31	8	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	48	64.6
2 T	5	33	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	68.8
3 K	1	1	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
4 F	-	1	-	20	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	48	41.7
5 S	-	-	-	2	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	48	87.5
6 G	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	13	-	-	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	41.7
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-.-
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	24	1	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	50.0
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	28	-	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	58.3
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	36	2	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	48	75.0
12 W	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	36	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	75.0
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	79.2
15 B	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	4	-	23	5	1	-	-	-	48	47.9
16 D	-	5	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	8	4	-	5	22	-	-	-	-	48	45.8
17 V	-	-	-	22	1	5	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	48	35.4
18 Z	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	48	31.3
Confusion	6	15	13	30	38	22	6	0	18	10	1	28	72	4	5	5	16	4	0	293	

Table XVII Confusion matrix for the vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder, for CLEAN FEMALE speech.

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	42	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	48	87.5
2 AU	2	30	15	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	62.5
3 A	1	5	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	96	90.6
4 EE	-	-	-	33	-	1	3	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	48	68.8
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	46	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
6 EU	-	-	-	-	1	37	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	5	-	48	77.1
7 E	1	-	-	-	9	1	69	-	8	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	96	71.9
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	48	87.5
9 I	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	6	31	-	1	3	3	-	-	-	48	64.6
10 OO	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	30	3	8	-	1	1	-	48	62.5
11 OE	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	35	2	2	-	4	-	48	72.9
12 O	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	36	-	-	-	-	48	75.0
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	36	-	5	-	48	75.0
14 UI	3	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	48	79.2
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	1	-	-	-	12	-	28	-	48	58.3
Confusion	7	6	23	5	18	13	6	12	26	4	8	15	23	7	23	0	196	

Table XVIII Confusion matrix for the initial consonants transmitted through the noise pre-processor, for CLEAN FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	47	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
2 T	1	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
3 K	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
4 F	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	48	62.5
5 S	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	48	91.7
6 G	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-.-
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	97.9
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
15 B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
16 D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	47	-	-	-	48	97.9
17 V	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	48	45.8
18 Z	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	48	27.1
Confusion	1	1	0	24	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	0	18	4	1	92	

Table XIX Confusion matrix for the vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor, for CLEAN FEMALE speech.

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
2 AU	-	43	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
3 A	-	1	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	99.0
4 EE	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	93.8
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	48	91.7
7 E	-	-	-	-	3	-	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	96	94.8
8 IE	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
9 I	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
10 OO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	10	-	-	-	-	48	79.2
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	40	7	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
12 O	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	43	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	1	-	48	97.9
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	48	100.0
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	48	95.8
Confusion	0	1	6	5	3	1	1	0	4	4	0	17	0	2	5	1	50	

Table XX Confusion matrix for the initial consonants transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, for CLEAN FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	35	2	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	48	72.9
2 T	-	38	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	79.2
3 K	-	5	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
4 F	-	-	-	21	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	17	-	-	48	43.8
5 S	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	1	-	48	83.3
6 G	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	21	2	-	1	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	33.3
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	27	-	-	-	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	56.3
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	7	29	-	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	60.4
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
12 W	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	36	5	-	1	-	1	2	-	48	75.0
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	37	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
15 B	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	18	-	1	21	1	-	-	-	48	43.8
16 D	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	7	23	1	1	-	-	48	47.9
17 V	-	-	-	23	-	4	-	-	-	1	4	1	1	-	-	14	-	-	-	48	29.2
18 Z	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	19	-	48	39.6
Confusion	6	11	13	26	26	13	14	0	28	6	3	42	42	10	9	2	23	8	1	283	

Table XXI Confusion matrix for the vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, for CLEAN FEMALE speech.

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	97.9
2 AU	1	34	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	70.8
3 A	2	2	78	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	4	4	-	96	81.3
4 EE	-	-	-	34	-	-	3	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	70.8
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	48	91.7
6 EU	-	-	-	5	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	-	48	77.1
7 E	-	-	-	2	5	-	73	3	6	-	-	2	-	3	2	-	96	76.0
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	1	-	1	1	6	-	1	-	48	79.2
9 I	-	-	-	7	-	1	1	10	25	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	48	52.1
10 OO	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	11	-	-	-	-	48	70.8
11 OE	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	1	1	28	5	3	-	4	-	48	58.3
12 O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	41	-	-	1	-	48	85.4
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	-	2	-	30	-	8	-	48	62.5
14 UI	-	5	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	1	-	48	81.3
15 U	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	3	6	-	1	-	12	1	20	-	48	41.7
Confusion	3	9	11	17	6	7	5	31	21	11	5	23	27	13	24	1	214	

3 MEASURING SPEECH QUALITY

3.1 Participants

Sixteen listeners (age between 18 and 30 years, normal hearing) participated in the speech quality test. They were tested for approx. 75 minutes including breaks. The participants were paid for their participation.

3.2 Test materials

The speech quality was measured using SRT-sentences (speech reception threshold sentences) as described in Plomp & Mimpen (1979) and Steeneken et al. (1990). Lists consisting of these sentences were used as test materials.

Recordings were made of four male and four female speakers. Each speaker produced a unique list and 15 copies of this list were created, for a total of 120 lists under good laboratory conditions (high-quality microphone, no ambient noise). The 15 lists for each speaker were then processed in the same manner as the test materials used in the speech intelligibility test, representing three pairs of five different transmission conditions: a 'clean' condition in which no noise was added, and four adverse conditions in which one of two types of noise (aircraft and vehicle) at one of two different signal-to-noise ratios were added.

For each speaker, the 15 processed lists were recorded on CD-ROM. After this, the CD-ROM was processed by Tübitak-Uekae: one pair of five transmission conditions was processed by using the MELP speech coder, the second pair by using the noise pre-processing system and the third pair by using the combination of the speech coder with the noise pre-processing system. After processing the same 15 transmission conditions as in the speech intelligibility test were obtained (see Table I).

3.3 Procedure

Hundred-and-twenty (8 speakers * 15 conditions) processed sentence lists were presented to the listeners, in blocks of 40 lists with pauses between the blocks. Sixteen listeners were tested in five sessions (per session 3 to 4 participants simultaneously), using a new random list in each session. Prior to testing, a practice list of 15 sentence lists containing examples of the entire quality range was given.

Participants' task was to listen to the sentences, presented through headsets, and to rate the quality of the speech on a five-point scale (i.e. bad, poor, fair, good, excellent). They entered their response onto response sheets. The sound was set at a comfortable listening level (65 dB).

3.4 Analysis and results

Participants' quality judgements were analysed and Mean Opinion Scores (MOS) were calculated for each transmission condition. Figure 1 illustrates MOS scores for the 15 different

transmission conditions for male and female speakers (averaged over 4 speakers) separately, and averaged over all speakers.

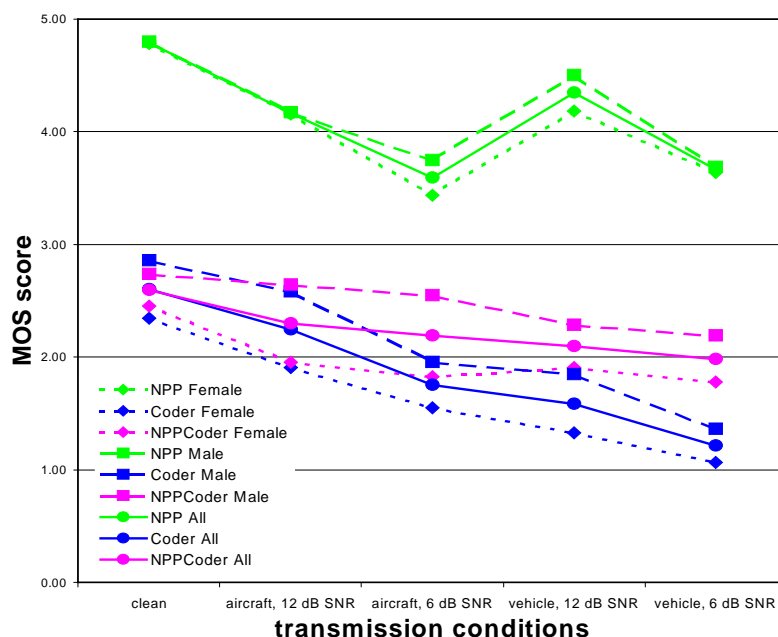


Fig. 1 MOS scores for the 15 different transmission conditions for MALE and FEMALE speakers, and averaged over ALL speakers. Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor, SNR = signal-to-noise ratio.

The statistical analyses (ANOVA, Tukey-tests) show similar results for MOS scores as was found for the CVC-word scores.

The MOS scores for the male speakers generally are higher than for the female speakers ($p < 0.001$). Participants rated the quality of both male and female speech significantly higher ($p < 0.002$) when the speech coder was combined with the noise pre-processor than without.

Also for MOS scores, a difference in the degree of noise cancellation for aircraft and vehicle noise was found. Comparing Coder with NPPCoder conditions, results of the analyses showed almost no effects in case of aircraft noise ($p > 0.05$) and a substantial improvement in case of vehicle noise ($p < 0.01$) for both male and female speech.

4 CORRELATION BETWEEN SPEECH INTELLIGIBILITY AND SPEECH QUALITY SCORES

The quality ratings (MOS scores) appear to very nicely correspond to the CVC-word scores. The scatter diagram in Figures 2, 3 and 4 illustrate the relation between the scores from both tests, for male, female and all speakers, respectively (averaged over speakers). The correlation is $r = 0.969$ for male, $r = 0.989$ for female, and $r = 0.983$ for all speakers (regression analysis Pearson's r , $p < 0.001$).

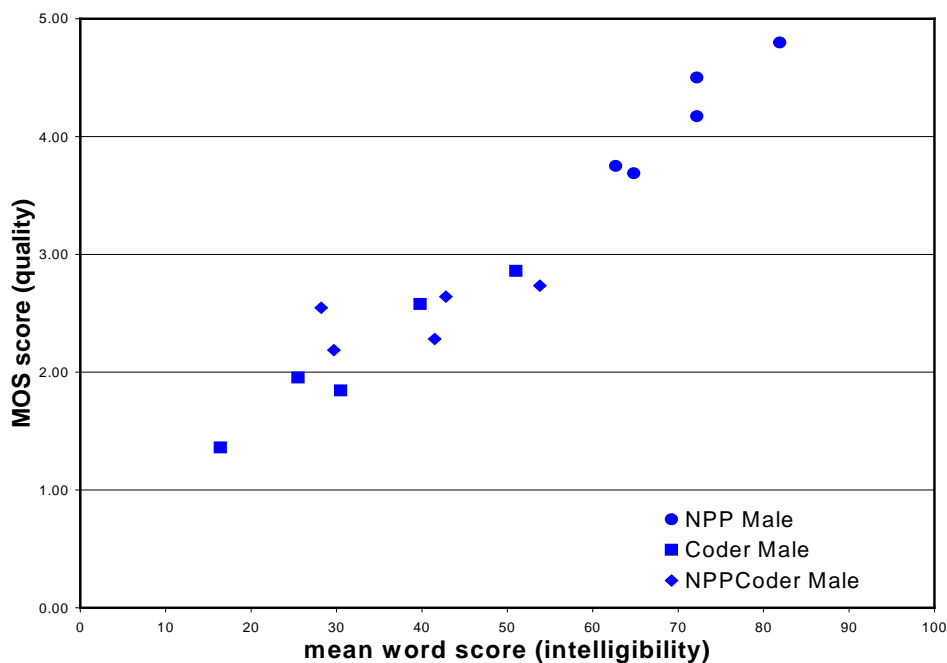


Fig. 2 Correlation between mean CVC-word scores (speech intelligibility) and Mean Opinion Scores (speech quality) for the 15 different transmission conditions for MALE speakers. Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor.

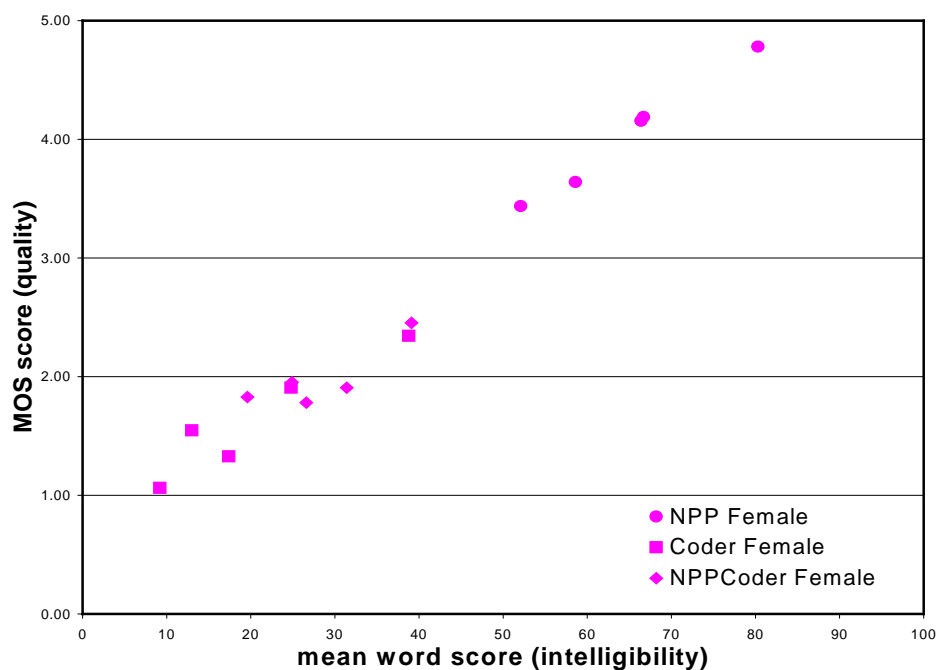


Fig. 3 Correlation between mean CVC-word scores (speech intelligibility) and Mean Opinion Scores (speech quality) for the 15 different transmission conditions for FEMALE speakers. Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor.

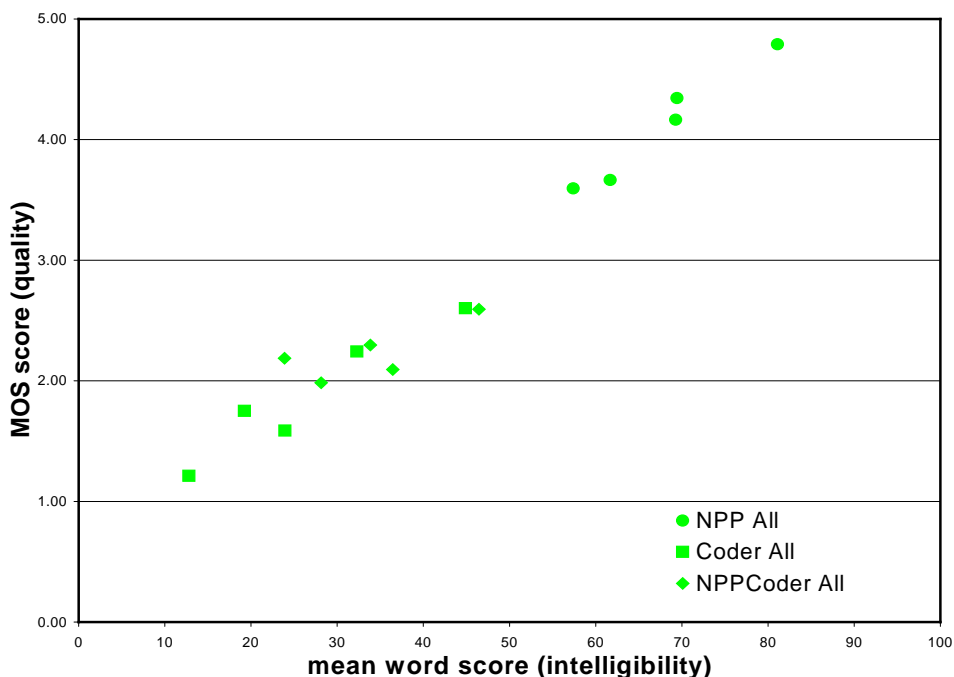


Fig. 4 Correlation between mean CVC-word scores (speech intelligibility) and Mean Opinion Scores (speech quality) for the 15 different transmission conditions averaged over ALL speakers. Coder = MELP speech coder, NPP = noise pre-processor, NPPCoder = speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor.

5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The performance of the MELP speech coder is affected by noise, as could be expected. Furthermore, its performance seems to depend on the fundamental frequency of the speaker's voice: word (intelligibility) and mean opinion (quality) scores for male speech generally are higher than for female speech. The central question of this study was to investigate whether the performance of the speech coder could be improved by adding a noise pre-processing system. When the MELP speech coder is combined with the noise pre-processor used in this study the speech intelligibility and speech quality are significantly improved in case of low frequency noise (e.g. vehicle), but for high frequency noise (e.g. aircraft) improvements, if any, are found only when the noise level is high (6 dB SNR).

The present study also showed a very high correlation between CVC-word scores and MOS scores, which may indicate that intelligibility is an important factor when people are judging speech quality.

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APPENDIX

Confusion matrices for MALE (Tables A.1–12) and FEMALE (Tables A.13–24) speakers in the noise conditions

Table A.1 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder for aircraft noise at 6 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response Stimulus	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
1 P	21	-	6	6	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	7	-	-	48	43.8
2 T	4	30	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	48	62.5
3 K	1	2	28	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	2	-	-	1	-	1	48	58.3
4 F	5	-	2	16	-	9	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	2	1	2	7	-	-	48	33.3
5 S	-	-	-	-	41	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	48	85.4
6 G	1	-	4	5	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	48	66.7
7 M	1	-	-	-	1	-	26	-	16	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	48	54.2
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	21	2	-	-	12	1	-	1	-	-	-	48	43.8
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	10	19	2	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	39.6
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	28	5	4	4	1	3	-	-	-	48	58.3
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	4	7	18	4	7	1	1	-	-	-	48	37.5
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	5	35	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	72.9
14 H	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	2	2	5	29	-	3	1	-	-	48	60.4
15 B	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	2	7	3	5	22	2	1	-	-	48	45.8
16 D	-	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	6	1	2	24	2	1	-	-	48	50.0
17 V	4	1	-	9	-	2	-	-	-	-	5	2	4	4	4	5	8	-	-	48	16.7
18 Z	-	3	-	1	26	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	-	1	-	10	-	48	20.8
Confusion	17	7	18	31	29	27	21	0	38	12	25	31	56	34	9	20	25	6	2	408	

Response Stimulus	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
1 AA	45	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	48	93.8
2 AU	3	30	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	62.5
3 A	2	-	91	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	96	94.8
4 EE	-	-	-	20	-	3	2	4	13	-	3	-	1	1	1	-	48	41.7
5 IJ	-	-	1	-	42	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	48	87.5
6 EU	2	-	-	-	-	29	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	10	-	48	60.4
7 E	-	-	-	-	4	-	61	4	10	-	2	4	4	4	3	-	96	63.5
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	2	-	3	-	6	-	2	-	48	72.9
9 I	-	-	-	3	1	-	5	21	14	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	48	29.2
10 OO	-	6	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	13	2	19	2	-	1	-	48	27.1
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	3	-	24	-	7	-	1	2	48	50.0
12 O	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	2	38	-	-	-	-	48	79.2
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	1	-	4	-	32	-	-	-	48	66.7
14 UI	2	-	-	-	3	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	48	77.1
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	5	1	1	6	5	-	25	-	48	52.1
Confusion	9	7	22	3	8	8	16	53	40	4	17	32	28	11	20	2	280	

Table A.2 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder for aircraft noise at 12 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	30	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	5	-	-	3	-	-	48	62.5
2 T	4	27	5	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	-	3	-	-	-	48	56.3
3 K	7	-	34	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	48	70.8
4 F	3	1	1	17	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	14	1	-	48	35.4
5 S	-	1	-	-	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	48	87.5
6 G	-	-	2	1	-	33	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	5	1	-	2	-	-	48	68.8
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	-	10	-	-	1	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	48	60.4
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	30	2	1	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	62.5
10 L	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	7	30	2	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	62.5
11 R	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	32	3	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	48	66.7
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2	1	38	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	48	79.2
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3	40	-	-	1	-	1	-	48	83.3
14 H	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	-	1	39	-	1	-	-	-	48	81.3
15 B	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	16	1	1	25	-	1	-	-	48	52.1
16 D	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	6	1	-	6	26	2	-	-	48	54.2
17 V	-	-	-	15	-	4	-	-	2	-	4	10	3	2	-	-	8	-	-	48	16.7
18 Z	-	-	1	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	1	-	12	-	48	25.0
Confusion	16	5	12	28	29	16	11	0	24	12	15	45	35	28	11	7	22	7	1	324	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	46	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
2 AU	-	41	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	85.4
3 A	2	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	96	96.9
4 EE	-	-	-	32	-	-	1	5	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	66.7
5 IJ	-	-	-	1	39	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
6 EU	-	-	-	3	-	32	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	7	-	48	66.7
7 E	-	-	2	-	3	-	83	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	96	86.5
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	48	95.8
9 I	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	7	35	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	72.9
10 OO	-	5	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	24	5	9	-	-	1	-	48	50.0
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	34	1	8	-	-	-	48	70.8
12 O	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	39	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	1	-	1	-	39	-	-	-	48	81.3
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	1	48	91.7
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	48	87.5
Confusion	2	6	16	6	4	4	16	20	26	2	8	11	14	2	9	1	147	

Table A.3 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder for vehicle noise at 6 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	7	3	2	7	-	2	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	6	3	7	4	-	-	48	14.6
2 T	2	14	8	7	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	2	7	1	-	48	29.2
3 K	3	1	21	3	1	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	3	3	1	-	-	48	43.8
4 F	5	2	2	17	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	5	1	-	7	-	1	48	35.4
5 S	-	-	-	-	38	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	48	79.2
6 G	1	-	4	1	-	34	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	2	-	1	48	70.8
7 M	2	-	-	1	1	-	21	-	4	2	3	1	6	5	1	-	1	-	-	48	43.8
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--
9 N	-	1	1	1	1	6	5	-	13	2	-	-	8	3	-	4	-	-	3	48	27.1
10 L	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	3	23	8	2	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	48	47.9
11 R	2	-	2	3	-	4	2	-	2	-	17	4	3	6	2	-	1	-	-	48	35.4
12 W	6	3	1	6	1	-	-	-	-	4	5	13	2	5	-	-	1	-	1	48	27.1
13 J	1	-	1	1	-	6	-	-	1	-	1	1	29	3	-	1	-	1	2	48	60.4
14 H	1	1	4	3	1	8	1	-	3	-	1	-	2	20	1	-	1	-	1	48	41.7
15 B	9	-	6	7	1	2	1	-	-	3	1	3	2	3	7	1	2	-	-	48	14.6
16 D	1	3	2	3	2	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	6	5	1	15	3	-	1	48	31.3
17 V	2	1	8	9	1	3	-	-	1	-	4	4	1	7	1	1	4	-	1	48	8.3
18 Z	-	-	1	-	27	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	3	1	6	-	48	12.5
Confusion	36	15	42	52	37	62	11	0	15	18	28	18	44	54	14	22	32	6	11	517	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	31	-	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	48	64.6
2 AU	3	15	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	48	31.3
3 A	2	1	90	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	96	93.8
4 EE	-	-	-	18	-	1	3	7	14	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	48	37.5
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	40	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	48	83.3
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	3	-	44	81.8
7 E	-	1	3	1	5	-	57	7	11	-	1	1	1	2	4	2	96	59.4
8 IE	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	33	1	-	5	1	2	-	2	-	48	68.8
9 I	-	-	-	3	1	-	3	8	24	-	4	-	1	1	2	1	48	50.0
10 OO	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	1	22	-	-	1	1	48	33.3
11 OE	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	6	1	2	16	2	11	-	2	4	48	33.3
12 O	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	31	-	-	-	-	48	64.6
13 UU	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	37	-	3	2	48	77.1
14 UI	2	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	52	86.5
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	8	-	35	-	48	72.9
Confusion	9	8	58	6	8	5	16	32	30	6	13	28	30	13	19	11	292	

Table A.4 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder for vehicle noise at 12 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	14	-	4	8	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	4	3	3	4	1	2	-	1	48	29.2
2 T	3	13	5	4	-	4	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	3	-	4	5	-	-	48	27.1
3 K	5	3	17	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	1	1	3	2	-	-	48	35.4
4 F	1	-	1	21	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	17	-	-	48	43.8
5 S	-	-	-	-	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	48	87.5
6 G	-	1	-	3	1	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	1	48	72.9
7 M	-	-	-	-	1	-	29	-	8	1	1	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	60.4
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	2	-	2	1	-	-	8	-	23	2	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	48	47.9
10 L	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	24	7	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	48	50.0
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	3	25	2	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	48	52.1
12 W	1	1	1	3	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	15	10	9	4	-	-	-	-	48	31.3
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	95.8
14 H	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	3	36	-	3	-	-	-	-	48	75.0
15 B	4	-	3	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	10	1	4	13	5	1	-	-	48	27.1
16 D	2	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	3	34	-	-	-	48	70.8
17 V	2	1	3	10	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	4	-	3	4	3	-	48	8.3
18 Z	-	-	-	-	32	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	7	2	48	14.6
Confusion	20	9	20	36	37	32	17	0	17	8	14	36	56	41	12	20	29	8	6	418	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	48	93.8
2 AU	-	37	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
3 A	-	1	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	96	97.9
4 EE	-	-	-	26	6	-	3	-	10	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	48	54.2
5 IJ	-	-	-	1	44	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	48	85.4
7 E	1	-	2	3	1	-	81	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	96	84.4
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	48	89.6
9 I	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	11	32	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	48	66.7
10 OO	-	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	19	-	16	-	-	-	1	48	39.6
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	34	4	2	-	-	1	48	70.8
12 O	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	40	-	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	4	-	36	-	1	-	48	75.0
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	48	95.8
15 U	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	1	35	-	48	72.9
Confusion	1	7	23	6	7	8	7	22	20	2	7	21	13	4	9	6	163	

Table A.5 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor for aircraft noise at 6 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	40	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
2 T	-	47	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
3 K	-	1	40	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
4 F	-	-	-	31	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	48	64.6
5 S	-	-	1	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	48	91.7
6 G	2	-	1	2	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	48	85.4
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	40	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	83.3
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	38	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	48	79.2
12 W	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	37	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	97.9
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	37	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
15 B	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	48	79.2
16 D	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	48	97.9
17 V	1	-	-	18	-	12	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	48	29.2
18 Z	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	48	29.2
Confusion	9	3	5	26	34	21	8	0	4	1	3	7	16	4	11	2	13	3	0	170	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	46	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	95.8
2 AU	-	46	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
3 A	-	3	88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	96	91.7
4 EE	-	-	-	43	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	48	91.7
7 E	-	-	1	-	2	-	86	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92	93.5
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	93.8
9 I	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	98.1
10 OO	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	4	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	47	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
12 O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	43	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	10	-	34	-	3	-	48	70.8
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	48	100.0
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	38	-	48	79.2
Confusion	0	9	4	0	2	4	4	1	6	7	11	13	1	1	9	0	72	

Table A.6 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor for aircraft noise at 12 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	46	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
2 T	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	48	91.7
3 K	2	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
4 F	-	-	-	27	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	48	56.3
5 S	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	48	91.7
6 G	-	-	-	1	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	48	93.8
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
12 W	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	48	87.5
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	97.9
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
15 B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	45	2	-	-	-	48	93.8
16 D	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	42	-	-	1	48	87.5
17 V	-	-	-	19	-	2	-	-	-	-	7	-	2	-	-	18	-	-	-	48	37.5
18 Z	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	48	31.3
Confusion	2	5	0	23	34	3	0	0	6	2	0	13	1	3	2	5	21	4	5	129	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
2 AU	-	37	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
3 A	-	-	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	100.0
4 EE	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	48	89.6
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	48	81.3
7 E	-	-	-	-	-	-	92	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	96	95.8
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
9 I	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	87.5
10 OO	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	5	-	-	-	1	48	85.4
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
12 O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	1	48	97.9
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	2	48	95.8
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	48	100.0
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	48	97.9
Confusion	0	1	11	2	0	1	3	2	7	0	0	5	0	5	9	5	51	

Table A.7 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor for vehicle noise at 6 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	34	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	48	70.8
2 T	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	48	81.3
3 K	-	-	45	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
4 F	-	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	48	60.4
5 S	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	48	77.1
6 G	1	1	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
7 M	-	-	-	1	-	-	33	-	4	-	-	7	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	48	68.8
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
11 R	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	48	87.5
12 W	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	1	2	2	-	2	-	-	48	81.3
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
14 H	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	1	37	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
15 B	9	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	28	3	-	-	-	48	58.3
16 D	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	48	79.2
17 V	-	-	-	22	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	24	-	-	48	50.0
18 Z	-	-	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	48	33.3
Confusion	10	12	5	34	34	2	0	0	8	0	3	19	2	11	6	13	20	11	0	190	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	47	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
2 AU	-	37	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
3 A	-	-	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	96	97.9
4 EE	-	-	-	42	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	87.5
5 IJ	-	-	-	1	46	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	48	79.2
7 E	-	-	-	-	2	1	79	1	2	-	-	-	-	8	2	1	96	82.3
8 IE	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	44	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
9 I	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
10 OO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	4	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
12 O	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	45	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	42	-	1	-	52	80.8
14 UI	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	48	97.9
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	44	95.5
Confusion	0	0	14	4	3	4	2	1	9	1	9	6	0	8	13	1	75	

Table A.8 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor for vehicle noise at 12 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
2 T	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
3 K	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
4 F	-	-	-	26	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	48	54.2
5 S	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	48	89.6
6 G	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	97.9
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	39	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	48	81.3
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	43	1	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
15 B	5	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	40	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
16 D	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	40	-	-	-	48	83.3
17 V	-	-	-	23	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	19	-	-	48	39.6
18 Z	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	48	41.7
Confusion	5	6	1	24	28	6	0	0	5	0	4	10	2	8	10	1	21	5	0	136	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
2 AU	-	41	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
3 A	-	-	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	100.0
4 EE	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13	-	48	70.8
7 E	-	-	-	-	1	-	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	96	96.9
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
9 I	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
10 OO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	2	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
12 O	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	4	1	-	48	89.6
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	48	100.0
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	41	-	48	85.4
Confusion	0	0	11	1	1	3	7	0	5	0	0	2	4	7	14	0	55	

Table A.9 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor for aircraft noise at 6 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response Stimulus	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%	
1 P	23	1	-	6	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	8	-	-	3	-	-	48	47.9	
2 T	6	34	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	48	70.8	
3 K	2	1	31	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	48	64.6	
4 F	4	-	-	13	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	16	1	-	48	27.1	
5 S	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	48	83.3	
6 G	1	2	-	5	2	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	5	-	-	48	62.5	
7 M	-	-	-	1	-	-	15	-	12	5	-	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	31.3	
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.	
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	24	2	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	1	48	50.0	
10 L	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	20	9	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	41.7	
11 R	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	29	2	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	48	60.4	
12 W	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	24	11	-	5	3	1	-	-	48	50.0	
13 J	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	4	34	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	48	70.8	
14 H	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	1	2	3	11	20	1	3	-	-	-	48	41.7	
15 B	5	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	11	4	2	18	2	1	-	-	48	37.5	
16 D	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	12	-	3	27	-	-	-	48	56.3	
17 V	4	-	1	8	-	8	-	-	-	2	3	4	5	1	1	11	-	-	-	48	22.9	
18 Z	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	48	14.6
Confusion	24	6	4	24	37	31	15	0	20	21	17	32	93	29	12	13	26	9	3	416		

Response Stimulus	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
1 AA	45	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
2 AU	2	33	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	68.8
3 A	-	-	92	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	96	95.8
4 EE	-	-	-	31	3	-	-	2	11	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	64.6
5 IJ	-	-	-	6	41	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
6 EU	-	-	-	1	-	37	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	4	-	-	48	77.1
7 E	-	-	1	11	4	1	58	-	14	-	1	-	-	1	4	1	96	60.4
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	3	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	48	77.1
9 I	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	31	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	48	64.6
10 OO	-	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	8	-	-	-	-	48	64.6
11 OE	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	5	3	6	21	3	4	-	3	1	48	43.8
12 O	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	46	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
13 UU	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	1	1	6	-	29	-	4	-	48	60.4
14 UI	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	41	1	1	48	85.4
15 U	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	2	11	-	1	2	-	-	28	-	48	58.3
Confusion	3	6	20	21	7	8	6	24	44	8	10	15	12	6	21	4	215	

Table A.10 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor for aircraft noise at 12 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	32	2	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	48	66.7
2 T	5	33	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	48	68.8
3 K	7	1	33	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	48	68.8
4 F	-	-	1	22	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	48	45.8
5 S	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	48	89.6
6 G	-	-	-	2	-	45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	12	4	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	54.2
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	31	2	-	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	64.6
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	32	-	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	66.7
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	3	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	48	72.9
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	41	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	85.4
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	4	39	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	81.3
14 H	1	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	5	2	4	27	-	2	-	-	-	48	56.3
15 B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	6	-	23	4	-	-	-	48	47.9
16 D	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	1	36	-	-	-	48	75.0
17 V	1	1	1	13	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	11	2	5	1	1	9	-	-	48	18.8
18 Z	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	1	-	-	10	-	48	20.8
Confusion	14	4	6	22	32	23	4	0	16	11	9	42	60	15	5	14	18	4	0	299	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	41	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	93.2
2 AU	1	35	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	72.9
3 A	-	-	96	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	100	96.0
4 EE	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
5 IJ	-	-	-	9	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
6 EU	-	-	1	-	1	23	-	-	3	-	-	1	3	2	14	-	48	47.9
7 E	-	-	2	7	-	-	54	2	18	-	-	-	1	2	10	-	96	56.3
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
9 I	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	75.0
10 OO	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	14	-	-	3	-	48	62.5
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	33	3	6	-	-	-	48	68.8
12 O	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	41	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	4	-	1	-	32	-	-	-	48	66.7
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	48	91.7
15 U	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	2	7	-	-	-	2	-	30	-	48	62.5
Confusion	1	1	20	16	2	7	5	28	38	6	3	20	12	4	27	0	190	

Table A.11 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor for vehicle noise at 6 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%	
Stimulus																						
1 P	25	-	4	5	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	4	1	1	-	-	-	48	52.1	
2 T	2	28	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	2	5	2	2	-	-	48	58.3	
3 K	1	2	25	1	-	5	-	-	1	-	4	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	48	52.1	
4 F	-	-	1	19	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	1	-	14	-	-	48	39.6	
5 S	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	48	89.6	
6 G	-	1	-	1	-	36	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	3	-	2	-	-	48	75.0	
7 M	-	-	1	3	-	1	21	-	5	1	-	8	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	48	43.8	
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-.-	
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	26	4	-	-	10	1	1	3	-	-	-	48	54.2	
10 L	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	3	26	-	-	10	1	-	-	1	-	1	48	54.2	
11 R	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	36	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	48	75.0	
12 W	-	-	-	6	1	1	2	-	-	-	4	14	3	7	8	1	1	-	-	48	29.2	
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	44	2	1	-	-	-	-	48	91.7	
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	6	4	32	1	-	1	-	-	48	66.7	
15 B	12	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	3	16	-	2	-	-	48	33.3	
16 D	2	4	4	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	21	-	-	-	-	48	43.8	
17 V	-	-	-	15	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	1	19	-	-	48	39.6	
18 Z	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	48	14.6
Confusion	17	7	11	42	44	26	10	0	9	8	13	35	57	36	22	12	23	5	1	378		

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	46	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
2 AU	-	33	12	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	68.8
3 A	-	1	93	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	96	96.9
4 EE	-	-	-	39	-	-	3	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
5 IJ	-	-	-	6	36	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	75.0
6 EU	-	-	-	2	-	36	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	48	75.0
7 E	-	-	-	7	1	1	52	4	22	-	-	-	-	4	5	-	96	54.2
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	48	79.2
9 I	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	18	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	50.0
10 OO	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	3	11	-	-	1	-	48	60.4
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	36	3	6	-	-	-	48	75.0
12 O	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	43	-	-	-	1	48	89.6	
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	2	-	33	-	1	-	44	75.0
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	2	-	52	73.1
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	5	-	1	-	1	1	37	-	48	77.1
Confusion	0	3	17	21	1	14	14	26	46	3	7	15	15	6	14	1	203	

Table A.12 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor for vehicle noise at 12 dB SNR, MALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	29	1	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	3	2	-	-	-	48	60.4
2 T	8	28	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	48	58.3
3 K	-	1	46	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
4 F	1	2	-	15	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	15	-	-	48	31.3
5 S	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	48	75.0
6 G	1	-	-	1	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	93.8
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	17	1	-	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	33.3
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	25	1	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	56.8
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8	26	1	2	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	48	54.2
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	40	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	39	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
13 J	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	37	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	48	77.1
14 H	1	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	4	1	7	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	62.5
15 B	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	2	-	27	1	-	-	-	-	48	56.3
16 D	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	6	5	2	28	-	-	-	-	52	53.8
17 V	3	1	-	15	1	2	-	-	-	2	3	5	2	-	1	13	-	-	-	48	27.1
18 Z	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	48	31.3
Confusion	24	7	9	18	27	23	3	0	26	3	9	26	72	28	11	4	16	12	3	321	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	47	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
2 AU	1	31	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	64.6
3 A	-	1	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	96	94.8
4 EE	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
5 IJ	-	-	-	5	41	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	12	-	-	48	64.6
7 E	-	-	-	1	5	-	67	-	18	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	96	69.8
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	6	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	48	79.2
9 I	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	42	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	48	87.5
10 OO	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	16	-	-	1	1	48	54.2
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	36	7	1	-	1	-	48	75.0
12 O	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	42	-	-	-	1	-	48	87.5
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	2	-	39	-	-	-	48	81.3
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	48	91.7
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	5	-	-	8	-	30	-	-	48	62.5
Confusion	1	5	18	8	5	7	1	14	40	4	2	27	17	1	21	3	174	

Table A.13 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder for aircraft noise at 6 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	17	7	7	3	-	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	2	-	48	35.4
2 T	4	22	14	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	3	-	-	48	45.8
3 K	1	1	34	-	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	48	70.8
4 F	8	2	11	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	9	-	2	48	22.9
5 S	2	1	1	-	33	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	48	68.8
6 G	-	-	5	3	-	25	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	5	-	1	48	52.1
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	14	3	-	-	13	3	-	-	-	1	1	48	27.1
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	18	4	-	1	17	1	-	-	1	-	2	48	37.5
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	20	1	5	18	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	41.7
11 R	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	5	2	18	7	7	5	-	1	-	-	-	48	37.5
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	9	16	13	3	1	2	1	-	-	48	33.3
13 J	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	33	-	1	2	-	1	-	48	68.8
14 H	2	-	2	1	2	-	1	-	1	3	1	-	14	16	-	3	2	-	-	48	33.3
15 B	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	10	5	-	24	2	-	-	-	48	50.0
16 D	1	2	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	11	-	7	19	1	-	-	48	39.6
17 V	4	4	3	8	3	2	-	-	-	-	4	7	7	-	2	4	-	-	-	48	8.3
18 Z	1	-	-	-	21	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	10	-	48	20.8
Confusion	24	17	46	17	31	16	10	0	28	18	17	34	12	34	11	12	28	11	6	483	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	36	-	3	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	48	75.0
2 AU	1	21	13	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	3	-	5	-	-	48	43.8
3 A	10	6	63	-	4	-	-	2	1	-	4	2	1	2	1	-	96	65.6
4 EE	-	-	-	22	2	2	2	7	10	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	48	45.8
5 IJ	-	1	-	1	35	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	-	5	1	-	48	72.9
6 EU	-	-	-	4	1	22	-	-	1	-	4	1	8	4	3	-	48	45.8
7 E	-	3	-	2	5	2	39	6	9	2	1	6	7	5	9	-	96	40.6
8 IE	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	32	3	-	3	1	3	-	4	1	48	66.7
9 I	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	19	15	-	2	1	5	-	1	-	48	31.3
10 OO	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	3	6	1	-	2	-	44	59.1
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	2	3	18	2	9	-	3	2	48	37.5
12 O	-	2	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	36	1	-	-	-	52	69.2
13 UU	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	16	2	-	7	-	16	-	3	1	48	33.3
14 UI	4	2	6	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	-	28	-	-	48	58.3
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	3	7	-	3	3	4	-	22	-	48	45.8
Confusion	16	17	29	13	17	13	7	61	37	20	29	30	39	23	28	6	385	

Table A.14 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder for aircraft noise at 12 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	13	8	7	10	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	1	48	27.1
2 T	3	22	12	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	-	48	45.8
3 K	3	1	40	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	83.3
4 F	4	1	8	21	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	6	2	-	48	43.8
5 S	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	48	85.4
6 G	-	-	1	2	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	91.7
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	13	-	-	2	16	1	-	-	-	-	1	48	31.3
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	26	2	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	54.2
10 L	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	9	18	-	-	15	1	-	2	-	-	-	48	37.5
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	39	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
12 W	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	34	6	-	2	-	-	1	-	48	70.8
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	3	40	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	83.3
14 H	2	-	3	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	1	2	6	24	1	-	1	-	1	48	50.0
15 B	4	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	1	13	5	1	16	1	-	-	-	48	33.3
16 D	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	10	1	6	21	-	3	-	48	43.8
17 V	3	1	1	18	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	3	1	-	7	1	-	48	14.6
18 Z	1	-	-	1	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	2	-	1	1	12	-	48	25.0
Confusion	21	13	34	35	30	21	10	0	25	9	7	29	87	14	10	5	13	17	3	383	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	39	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
2 AU	2	37	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
3 A	4	1	77	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	3	-	1	96	80.2	
4 EE	-	-	-	35	2	-	1	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	72.9
5 IJ	-	-	-	3	36	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	48	75.0
6 EU	-	-	-	2	-	33	1	-	1	1	1	-	4	1	11	1	56	58.9
7 E	-	-	4	2	6	4	53	-	11	-	-	4	-	3	9	-	96	55.2
8 IE	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	30	8	-	1	-	4	-	4	-	48	62.5
9 I	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	14	23	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	48	47.9
10 OO	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	31	3	6	1	1	4	-	48	64.6
11 OE	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	10	2	2	19	1	6	1	3	-	48	39.6
12 O	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	7	34	-	-	3	-	48	70.8
13 UU	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	13	2	-	3	1	25	-	6	-	52	48.1
14 UI	-	2	2	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	36	75.0
15 U	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	3	-	4	1	6	-	26	1	48	54.2	
Confusion	6	8	24	18	13	7	6	43	36	6	19	21	23	15	43	3	291	

Table A.15 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder for vehicle noise at 6 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%	
Stimulus																						
1 P	14	6	7	4	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	2	-	1	2	1	3	-	3	48	29.2	
2 T	5	13	2	3	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	1	-	6	6	-	3	48	27.1	
3 K	-	1	28	2	-	6	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	2	48	58.3	
4 F	9	2	4	10	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	3	2	5	-	4	48	20.8	
5 S	1	-	-	2	32	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	3	48	66.7	
6 G	2	-	2	3	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	1	-	3	48	64.6
7 M	-	-	1	-	-	-	12	-	15	1	1	2	8	4	1	2	-	-	1	48	25.0	
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.	
9 N	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	-	19	5	2	2	9	2	-	1	-	-	1	48	39.6	
10 L	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	20	2	2	12	1	2	1	-	-	2	48	41.7		
11 R	-	-	3	2	-	3	1	-	1	-	19	4	3	6	3	2	-	-	1	48	39.6	
12 W	1	-	-	1	3	4	1	-	2	3	7	8	4	-	6	5	-	3	48	14.6		
13 J	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	3	27	6	1	4	-	-	-	48	56.3		
14 H	1	-	7	4	-	9	1	-	1	-	2	5	12	-	3	1	-	2	48	25.0		
15 B	6	2	4	8	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	5	4	1	3	4	1	-	4	48	6.3	
16 D	2	1	-	3	1	-	2	-	3	6	1	2	7	1	1	15	1	1	1	48	31.3	
17 V	4	2	4	6	3	5	-	-	1	-	6	4	3	1	-	7	-	2	48	14.6		
18 Z	1	3	-	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	1	1	2	1	9	4	48	18.8		
Confusion	33	17	36	40	27	37	11	0	30	22	12	34	76	38	15	36	27	8	39	538		

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	30	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	4	48	62.5
2 AU	2	14	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	29.2
3 A	3	5	73	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	4	-	3	3	1	96	76.0
4 EE	-	-	-	33	-	1	2	1	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	68.8
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	40	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	48	83.3
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	1	3	2	1	4	1	1	10	3	48	45.8
7 E	1	3	7	3	7	-	43	1	13	-	-	3	-	1	9	5	96	44.8
8 IE	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	20	4	1	3	1	9	-	4	2	48	41.7
9 I	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	16	14	1	1	2	2	-	5	2	48	29.2
10 OO	-	7	3	-	1	2	-	1	-	22	-	7	-	-	1	4	48	45.8
11 OE	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	6	5	1	11	7	7	-	2	5	48	22.9
12 O	1	1	6	-	-	1	2	1	3	4	24	-	-	2	3	48	50.0	
13 UU	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	12	4	1	3	-	16	-	5	2	48	33.3
14 UI	3	-	1	-	2	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	32	2	3	48	66.7
15 U	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	5	8	-	1	2	6	2	20	1	48	41.7
Confusion	12	16	60	4	15	7	12	46	53	11	16	30	25	11	45	39	402	

Table A.16 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder for vehicle noise at 12 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	14	6	6	8	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	3	-	-	48	29.2
2 T	2	30	3	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	48	62.5
3 K	-	6	23	3	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	1	-	2	48	47.9
4 F	-	2	1	19	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	48	39.6
5 S	-	-	-	1	40	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	48	83.3
6 G	2	1	-	1	1	34	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	3	1	1	48	70.8
7 M	-	-	1	-	-	-	19	-	11	-	-	2	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	48	39.6
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	18	7	7	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	37.5
10 L	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	21	5	-	12	-	3	1	-	-	-	2	48	43.8
11 R	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	1	5	23	2	4	2	1	2	3	-	-	48	47.9
12 W	1	-	2	4	3	1	1	-	1	1	1	15	6	4	4	4	-	-	-	48	31.3
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	34	2	-	5	1	-	-	48	70.8
14 H	-	-	1	5	-	15	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	14	2	-	4	-	1	48	29.2
15 B	4	1	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	24	2	7	-	-	48	50.0
16 D	4	4	1	5	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	8	-	4	11	3	1	-	48	22.9
17 V	3	2	1	15	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	1	4	13	-	-	48	27.1
18 Z	-	2	-	2	23	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	3	1	11	-	48	22.9
Confusion	16	25	17	58	32	45	9	0	19	14	19	16	67	15	16	24	48	7	6	453	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	30	1	8	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	48	62.5
2 AU	1	25	19	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	48	52.1
3 A	-	6	82	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	1	-	96	85.4
4 EE	-	-	-	36	-	-	1	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	75.0
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	44	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
6 EU	-	-	-	1	-	31	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	12	2	48	64.6
7 E	-	-	1	1	9	2	61	2	10	-	-	1	-	3	6	-	96	63.5
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	8	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	48	72.9
9 I	-	-	-	5	-	-	1	9	31	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	48	64.6
10 OO	-	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	24	1	11	-	-	7	-	48	50.0
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	3	1	19	4	11	-	3	-	48	39.6
12 O	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	10	24	1	-	3	-	48	50.0
13 UU	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	2	1	26	1	3	2	48	54.2
14 UI	1	-	3	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	48	79.2
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	1	3	-	2	-	3	-	31	-	48	64.6
Confusion	2	8	38	7	15	18	11	29	37	8	16	21	18	9	36	6	279	

Table A.17 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor for aircraft noise at 6 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	38	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	48	79.2
2 T	1	45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	93.8
3 K	1	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
4 F	-	3	-	29	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	10	1	1	48	60.4
5 S	-	-	-	1	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	-	48	75.0
6 G	-	-	-	2	2	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	48	87.5
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	7	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	40	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	42	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	87.5
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	93.8
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	36	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	48	75.0
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	41	1	-	1	2	-	1	48	85.4
14 H	1	-	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	36	-	-	-	-	-	48	75.0
15 B	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	38	2	1	-	-	48	79.2
16 D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	44	-	-	-	48	91.7
17 V	1	1	-	19	3	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	3	12	3	-	48	25.0
18 Z	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	22	-	48	45.8
Confusion	6	6	4	26	30	7	8	0	12	2	4	11	12	6	9	6	19	16	2	186	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	38	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	48	79.2
2 AU	1	40	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	48	83.3
3 A	-	4	88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	96	91.7
4 EE	-	-	-	43	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
5 IJ	-	-	-	1	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	95.8
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	7	-	48	81.3
7 E	-	-	7	1	3	-	74	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	5	1	96	77.1
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
9 I	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	3	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
10 OO	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	40	-	4	-	-	1	-	48	83.3
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	43	2	1	-	1	-	48	89.6
12 O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	35	4	-	-	1	-	48	72.9
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	6	-	35	-	5	-	48	72.9
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	48	89.6
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	37	-	48	77.1
Confusion	1	5	11	10	3	19	1	3	13	10	8	11	10	11	19	2	137	

Table A.18 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor for aircraft noise at 12 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	39	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	81.3
2 T	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
3 K	1	-	46	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
4 F	-	-	-	32	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	48	66.7
5 S	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	48	89.6
6 G	-	-	-	-	1	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	95.8
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
14 H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	47	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
15 B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	43	1	-	-	-	48	89.6
16 D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	48	100.0
17 V	-	-	-	26	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	20	-	-	48	41.7
18 Z	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	48	29.2
Confusion	1	0	6	28	36	3	3	0	3	2	0	5	2	0	2	2	14	5	1	113	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
2 AU	-	39	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	81.3
3 A	-	3	86	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	92	93.5
4 EE	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	47	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	48	89.6
7 E	-	-	-	-	4	-	96	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	104	92.3
8 IE	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	41	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	48	85.4
9 I	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1	36	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	44	81.8
10 OO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	7	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	2	-	-	-	-	48	95.8
12 O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	42	-	-	-	-	48	87.5
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	1	-	52	96.2
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	44	93.2
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	44	-	48	91.7
Confusion	0	3	8	6	4	5	2	1	10	6	1	12	3	2	9	1	73	

Table A.19 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor for vehicle noise at 6 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	37	1	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
2 T	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	48	91.7
3 K	1	4	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
4 F	-	1	-	29	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	1	48	60.4
5 S	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	40	85.0
6 G	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	15	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	64.6
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	48	85.4
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	45	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	48	89.6
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	4	36	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	48	75.0
13 J	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	2	-	-	-	1	-	48	87.5
14 H	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	45	-	-	1	-	-	48	93.8
15 B	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	1	37	-	-	-	-	48	77.1
16 D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	45	-	-	-	48	93.8
17 V	-	-	-	26	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	1	-	48	37.5
18 Z	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	56	21.4
Confusion	2	6	6	30	49	2	9	0	16	2	5	10	7	3	6	5	17	8	3	186	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	43	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	48	89.6
2 AU	-	43	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
3 A	-	6	89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	96	92.7
4 EE	-	-	-	42	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	87.5
5 IJ	-	-	-	5	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	89.6
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	56	98.2
7 E	-	-	-	5	10	-	79	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	82.3
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	91.7
9 I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	42	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	48	87.5
10 OO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	2	2	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	46	-	1	-	-	-	48	95.8
12 O	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	10	1	35	-	-	-	-	-	48	72.9
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	42	-	1	1	48	87.5
14 UI	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-	-	40	85.0
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	43	-	48	89.6
Confusion	0	7	6	13	12	2	2	4	10	10	6	3	6	4	4	3	92	

Table A.20 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the noise pre-processor for vehicle noise at 12 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	39	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
2 T	3	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
3 K	3	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
4 F	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	44	63.6
5 S	-	2	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	48	79.2
6 G	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	5	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	38	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	48	79.2
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	100.0
14 H	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	40	-	1	2	-	-	48	83.3
15 B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	43	2	-	-	-	48	89.6
16 D	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	40	-	-	-	48	83.3
17 V	-	-	-	28	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	52	42.3
18 Z	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	10	-	48	20.8
Confusion	6	9	1	32	37	0	0	0	5	2	2	8	7	4	6	4	18	8	0	149	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	44	95.5
2 AU	-	40	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	48	83.3
3 A	-	1	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	99.0
4 EE	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	88.5
5 IJ	-	-	-	4	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
6 EU	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	48	89.6
7 E	1	-	-	1	6	-	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	96	89.6
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
9 I	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
10 OO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	4	-	-	-	-	48	91.7
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	1	2	-	1	-	48	91.7
12 O	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	40	-	-	-	-	-	48	83.3
13 UU	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	44	-	2	-	48	91.7
14 UI	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	48	97.9
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	39	-	48	81.3
Confusion	1	1	6	7	6	4	0	2	21	7	1	6	3	3	10	0	78	

Table A.21 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor for aircraft noise at 6 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	20	6	2	8	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	48	41.7
2 T	6	21	10	3	2	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	43.8
3 K	4	1	32	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	48	66.7
4 F	2	2	1	13	3	19	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	48	27.1
5 S	-	-	-	-	42	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	48	87.5
6 G	-	-	1	-	6	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	48	83.3
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	16	1	-	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	37.5
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	22	1	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	45.8
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	19	1	-	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	48	39.6
11 R	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	31	8	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	64.6
12 W	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	22	15	2	-	-	-	-	1	48	45.8
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	11	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	70.8
14 H	2	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	2	-	5	-	16	14	-	1	1	-	-	48	29.2
15 B	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	8	-	19	2	1	-	-	48	39.6
16 D	-	-	-	2	7	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	13	1	5	8	1	1	-	48	16.7
17 V	3	2	-	7	4	8	-	-	1	-	3	4	6	1	-	-	8	1	-	48	16.7
18 Z	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	-	-	1	10	-	48	20.8
Confusion	19	11	14	25	51	42	13	0	28	7	23	41	126	11	6	3	12	10	1	443	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	39	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	48	81.3
2 AU	1	28	15	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	58.3
3 A	1	4	84	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	96	87.5
4 EE	-	-	-	30	-	-	1	6	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	62.5
5 IJ	-	-	-	2	35	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	48	72.9
6 EU	-	1	-	3	1	22	1	-	-	2	-	3	2	2	11	-	48	45.8
7 E	1	2	4	2	9	1	48	4	3	3	-	8	3	2	6	-	96	50.0
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	34	4	-	2	-	6	-	1	-	48	70.8
9 I	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	19	21	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	48	43.8
10 OO	-	-	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	21	3	10	-	-	2	-	48	43.8
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	5	-	16	5	11	-	2	-	48	33.3
12 O	-	-	10	1	-	-	1	4	-	2	5	24	1	-	-	-	48	50.0
13 UU	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	12	6	-	-	1	23	-	3	-	48	47.9
14 UI	3	1	3	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	35	-	-	48	72.9
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	6	2	3	3	6	3	18	-	48	37.5
Confusion	6	8	38	14	16	8	16	61	36	10	15	32	31	20	27	0	338	

Table A.22 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor for aircraft noise at 12 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	30	4	1	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	48	62.5
2 T	9	25	3	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	-	-	48	52.1
3 K	-	-	42	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	48	87.5
4 F	2	1	1	18	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	48	37.5
5 S	-	-	-	-	34	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	-	48	70.8
6 G	-	-	-	-	2	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	48	89.6
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	21	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	35.4
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	28	1	-	1	14	-	1	-	-	-	-	48	58.3
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	18	2	2	12	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	37.5
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	34	5	1	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	48	70.8
12 W	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	4	-	23	15	1	-	-	-	1	-	48	47.9
13 J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	41	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	48	85.4
14 H	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	-	1	-	3	7	27	-	-	-	4	-	-	48	56.3
15 B	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	8	4	1	22	1	1	-	-	48	45.8
16 D	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	14	-	4	18	-	-	-	48	37.5
17 V	2	-	-	11	7	9	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	1	-	-	8	2	-	48	16.7
18 Z	-	-	-	-	28	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	48	33.3
Confusion	18	6	5	21	40	36	6	0	37	11	8	35	81	10	5	4	27	21	1	372	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	41	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	48	85.4
2 AU	-	24	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	54.5
3 A	-	3	80	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	5	2	1	-	1	96	83.3
4 EE	-	-	-	26	-	1	-	7	12	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	48	54.2
5 IJ	-	-	-	2	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	48	79.2
6 EU	-	-	1	1	-	28	-	1	4	-	-	1	3	-	9	-	48	58.3
7 E	-	-	-	1	14	-	59	4	1	1	2	6	-	7	1	-	96	61.5
8 IE	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	35	5	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	48	72.9
9 I	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	20	18	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	48	37.5
10 OO	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	1	7	-	-	1	-	48	75.0
11 OE	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	7	4	-	23	3	6	-	1	-	48	47.9
12 O	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	41	-	-	-	-	48	85.4
13 UU	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	7	10	-	2	-	21	-	4	-	48	43.8
14 UI	-	2	3	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	52	78.8
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	9	3	-	-	3	8	-	21	-	48	43.8
Confusion	0	9	32	10	17	8	8	56	39	3	9	25	29	19	19	1	284	

Table A.23 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor for vehicle noise at 6 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																					
1 P	28	2	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	1	3	-	-	48	58.3
2 T	2	29	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	7	-	-	48	60.4
3 K	-	3	35	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	72.9
4 F	2	4	-	19	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	7	1	-	48	39.6
5 S	-	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	48	81.3
6 G	-	-	-	1	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	16	4	-	3	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	20.8
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	24	4	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	50.0
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	17	2	3	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	35.4
11 R	-	-	-	2	1	3	2	-	-	-	33	1	4	-	-	1	-	-	1	48	68.8
12 W	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	26	11	5	-	2	-	-	-	48	54.2
13 J	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	39	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
14 H	-	1	-	3	-	6	-	-	2	-	1	1	7	26	-	-	-	1	-	48	54.2
15 B	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	2	-	20	6	-	-	-	48	41.7
16 D	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	6	30	-	1	-	48	62.5
17 V	1	-	1	10	3	7	-	-	1	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	14	3	-	48	29.2
18 Z	-	-	-	-	28	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	-	11	-	48	22.9
Confusion	5	13	5	24	36	39	8	0	24	11	9	43	88	13	7	13	18	14	1	371	

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	41	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	48	85.4
2 AU	-	33	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	68.8
3 A	-	2	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	96	93.8
4 EE	-	-	-	39	-	-	2	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	81.3
5 IJ	-	-	-	-	44	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	48	91.7
6 EU	-	-	-	1	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	48	89.6	
7 E	-	-	-	2	6	2	63	2	9	-	-	-	3	2	7	-	96	65.6
8 IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	8	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	48	62.5
9 I	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	6	31	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	48	64.6
10 OO	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	2	4	3	-	-	-	48	64.6
11 OE	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	1	-	17	2	10	-	12	-	48	35.4
12 O	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	2	26	-	1	-	-	48	54.2
13 UU	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9	2	-	3	-	26	-	2	-	44	59.1
14 UI	-	6	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	48	79.2
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	8	1	1	-	9	-	26	-	52	50.0
Confusion	0	11	29	9	8	3	9	29	34	16	10	9	40	6	24	1	238	

Table A.24 Confusion matrix for the initial consonants and vowels transmitted through the MELP speech coder combined with the noise pre-processor for vehicle noise at 12 dB SNR, FEMALE speech.

Response	P	T	K	F	S	G	M	NG	N	L	R	W	J	H	B	D	V	Z	??	Tot	%	
Stimulus																						
1 P	27	2	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	1	-	4	-	-	48	56.3	
2 T	3	35	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	48	72.9	
3 K	-	-	43	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	89.6	
4 F	-	-	1	21	3	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	48	43.8	
5 S	-	-	-	-	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	48	85.4	
6 G	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	48	97.9	
7 M	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	16	3	-	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	35.4	
8 NG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	--.	
9 N	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	20	1	2	1	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	41.7	
10 L	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	20	1	4	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	41.7	
11 R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	33	7	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	48	68.8	
12 W	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	33	6	6	1	-	-	-	-	48	68.8	
13 J	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	93.8	
14 H	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	41	-	-	1	-	-	48	85.4	
15 B	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	24	5	1	7	-	1	-	-	48	14.6	
16 D	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	4	-	2	28	-	-	-	48	58.3	
17 V	1	-	1	17	1	12	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	1	-	-	9	1	-	48	18.8	
18 Z	-	-	-	1	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	48	16.7
Confusion	7	3	9	30	41	31	12	0	23	6	11	51	69	15	5	3	17	8	0	341		

Response	AA	AU	A	EE	IJ	EU	E	IE	I	OO	OE	O	UU	UI	U	??	Tot	%
Stimulus																		
1 AA	45	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	93.8
2 AU	-	29	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	48	60.4
3 A	-	3	88	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	96	91.7
4 EE	-	-	-	35	-	1	-	7	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	48	72.9
5 IJ	-	-	-	2	38	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	48	79.2
6 EU	-	-	-	1	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	5	-	48	75.0
7 E	-	-	-	1	2	1	68	4	5	-	1	1	4	2	7	-	96	70.8
8 IE	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	31	5	-	2	-	8	-	1	-	48	64.6
9 I	-	-	-	7	-	-	2	9	29	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	48	60.4
10 OO	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	35	4	5	-	1	-	-	48	72.9
11 OE	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	4	23	-	12	-	3	-	48	47.9
12 O	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	5	37	-	-	1	-	48	77.1
13 UU	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	8	2	-	6	-	27	-	3	-	48	56.3
14 UI	5	4	1	-	9	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	48	54.2
15 U	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	6	-	3	5	9	1	20	-	48	41.7
Confusion	5	8	19	14	12	7	5	38	25	9	22	13	37	13	22	0	249	