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Abstract

From the available biometric technologies, automatic speaker [recognition](#) is one of the most convenient and accessible ones due to abundance of mobile devices equipped with a microphone, allowing users to be authenticated across multiple environments and devices. [Speaker recognition](#) also finds use in forensics and surveillance. Due to the acoustic mismatch induced by varied environments and devices of the same speaker, leading to increased number of identification errors, much of the research focuses on compensating for such technology-induced variations, especially using machine learning at the statistical back-end. Another much less studied but at least as detrimental source of acoustic variation, however, arises from mismatched speaking styles induced by the speaker, leading to a substantial performance drop in [recognition](#) accuracy. This is a major problem especially in forensics where perpetrators may purposefully disguise their identity by varying their speaking style. We focus on one of the most commonly used ways of disguising [one's](#) speaker identity, namely, whispering. We approach the problem of normal-whisper acoustic mismatch compensation from the viewpoint of robust feature extraction. Since whispered speech is intelligible, yet a low-intensity signal and therefore prone to extrinsic distortions, we take advantage of robust, long-term speech analysis methods that utilize slow articulatory movements in speech production. In specific, we address the problem

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