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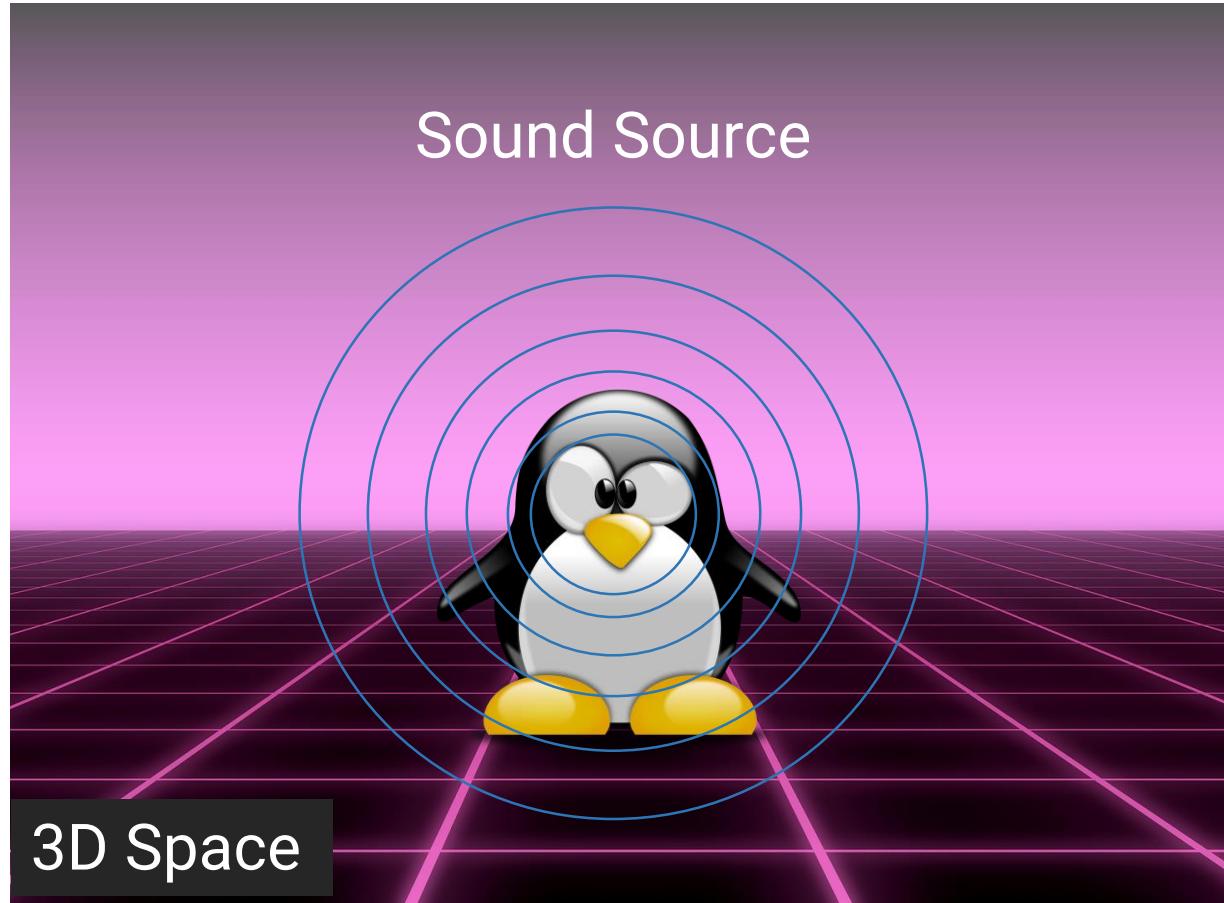
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## 3D Indoor Audio Localization of Moving Objects



# What is 3D Acoustic Source Localization?



Determination of the Position of a Sound Source in 3D Space

So we are trying to answer the question:  
**Where is Tux?**

$$P_{\text{Tux}} = (x, y, z) ?$$

# How is 3D Acoustic Source Localization typically approached?

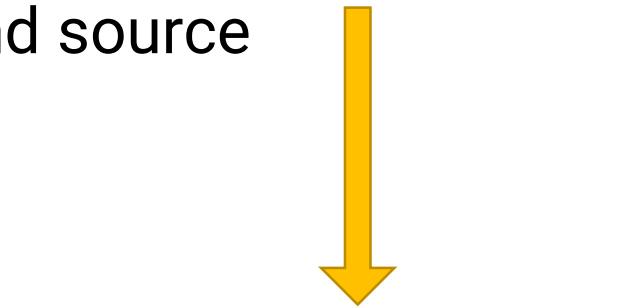


- 1) Multiple microphones at *known*, fixed locations
- 2) Record sound emitted by sound source
- 3) Deduce sound source position



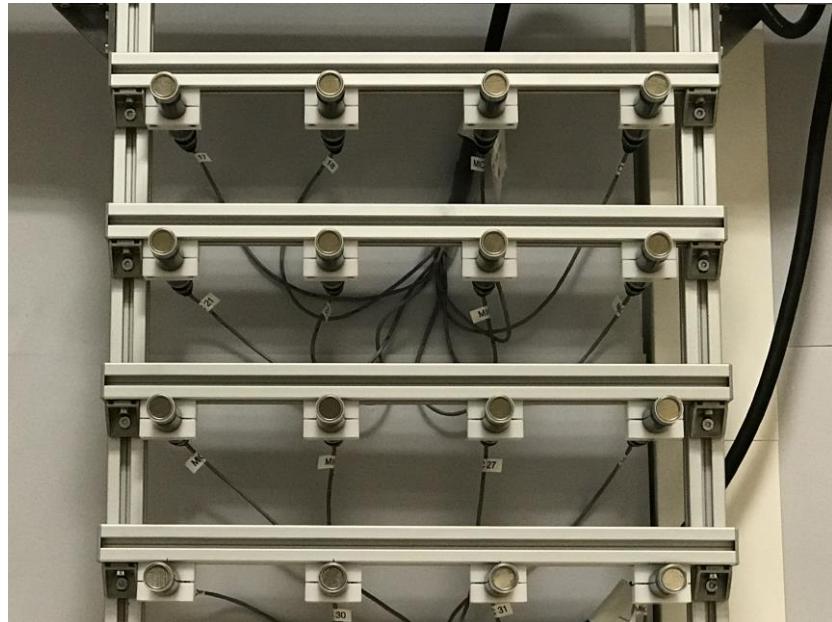
## Localization Method Categories

- Time Difference of Arrival (TDOA)
- Beamforming
- Equation System-based

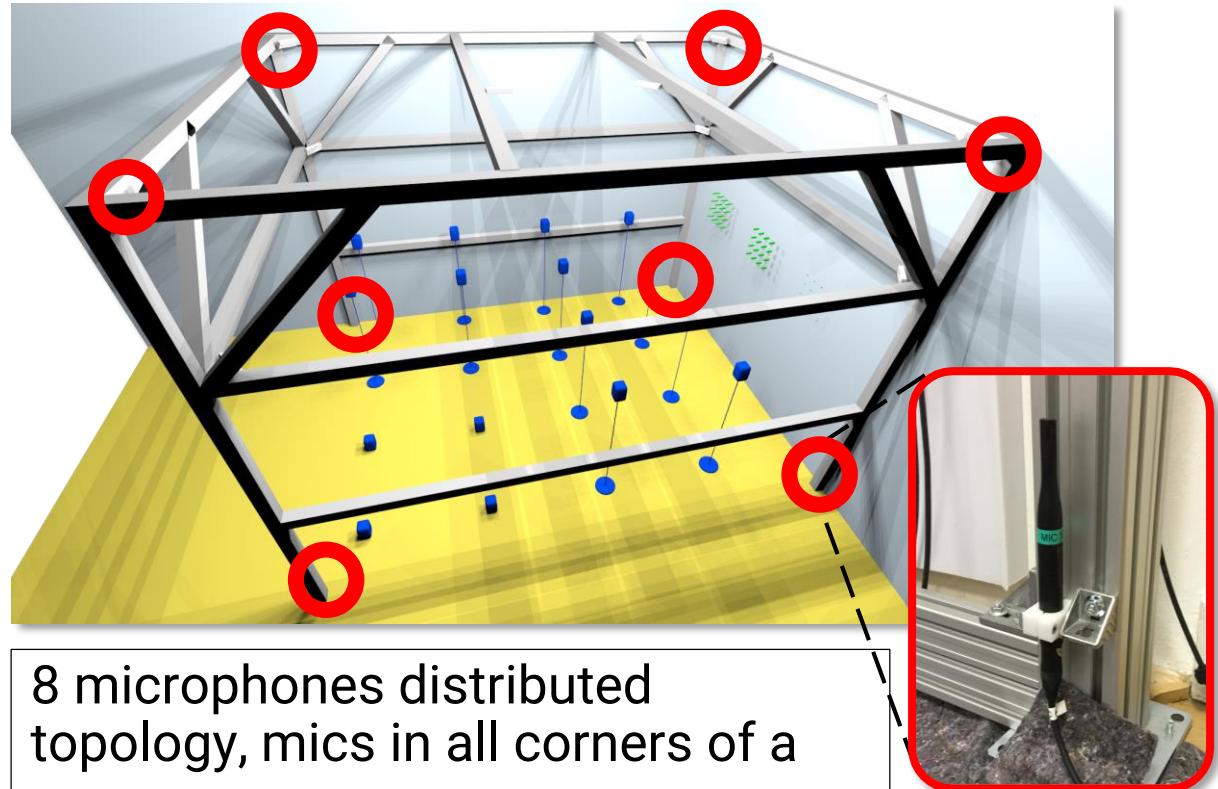


- Planar arrays
- Distributed topologies

# Microphone Geometries – Planar Arrays vs. Distributed Topologies



16 microphones planar array,  
4×4 rectangular configuration



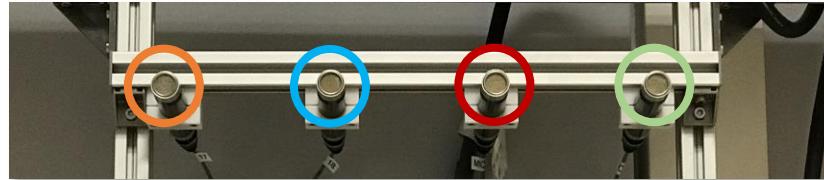
8 microphones distributed  
topology, mics in all corners of a  
room

# How does TDOA based Localization work with Planar Arrays?

## Step 1

Calculate Angle of Arrivals (AOAs)

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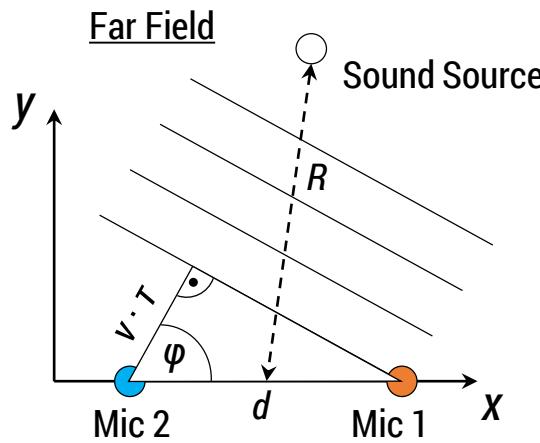


Upper Row of 4x4 Microphone Array

[2]

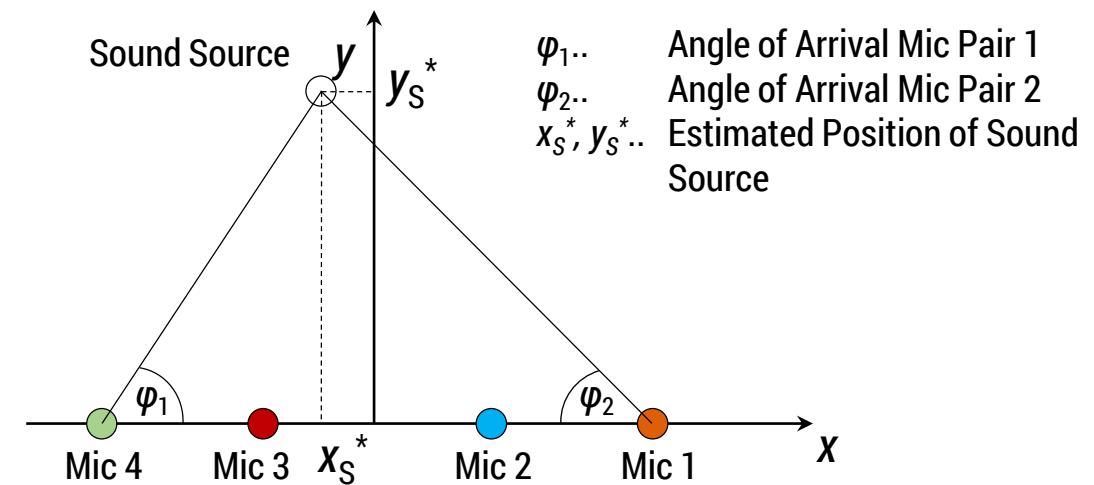
## Step 2

Combine AOAs and localize Sound Source



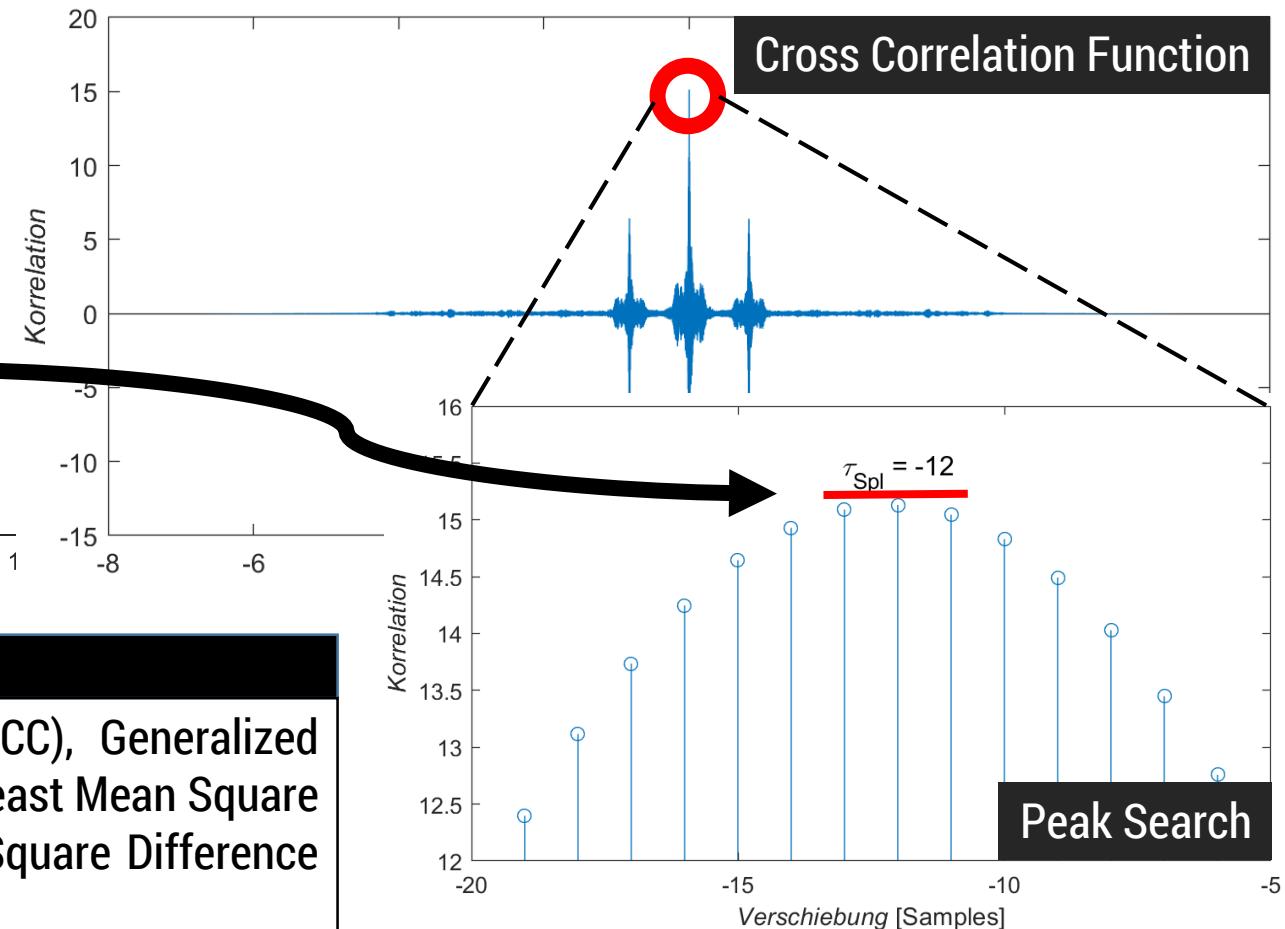
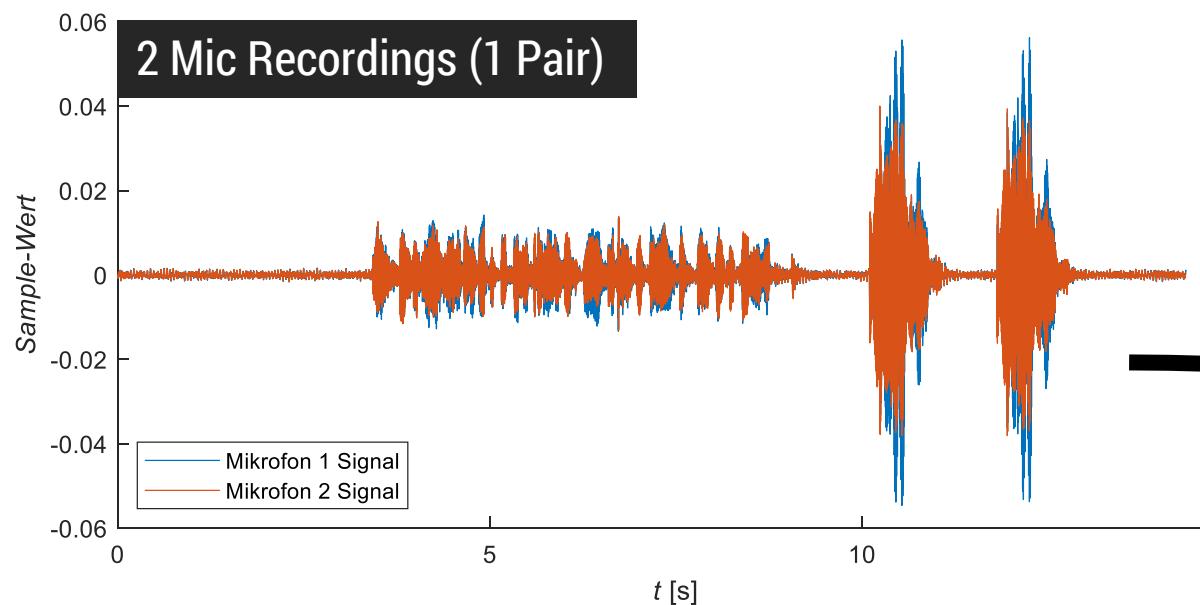
$$\varphi = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{v \cdot \tau}{d} \right), \text{ for } R > \lambda$$

- φ.. Angle of Arrival
- d.. Distance b/w Microphones
- R.. Average Distance b/w Sound Source & Microphones
- v.. Speed of Sound
- λ.. Wave Length
- τ.. Measured Time Delay b/w Microphone Signals



- φ<sub>1</sub>.. Angle of Arrival Mic Pair 1
- φ<sub>2</sub>.. Angle of Arrival Mic Pair 2
- x<sub>s</sub><sup>\*</sup>, y<sub>s</sub><sup>\*</sup>.. Estimated Position of Sound Source

# Estimating $\tau$ – Time Delay Estimation



## Selection of Time Delay Estimation Methods [3]

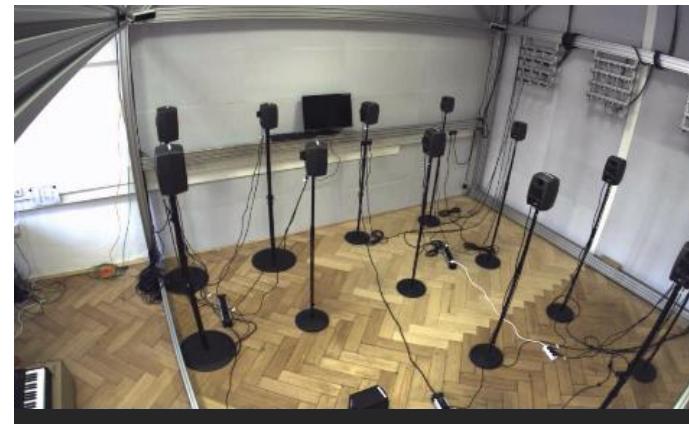
Cross Correlation (CC), Generalized Cross Correlation (GCC), Generalized Cross Correlation Phase Transform (GCC-PHAT), Adaptive Least Mean Square Filter (LMS), Maximum Likelihood Estimator (ML), Average Square Difference Function (ASDF)

# MC Localization Dataset I – Static Sources & Planar Arrays

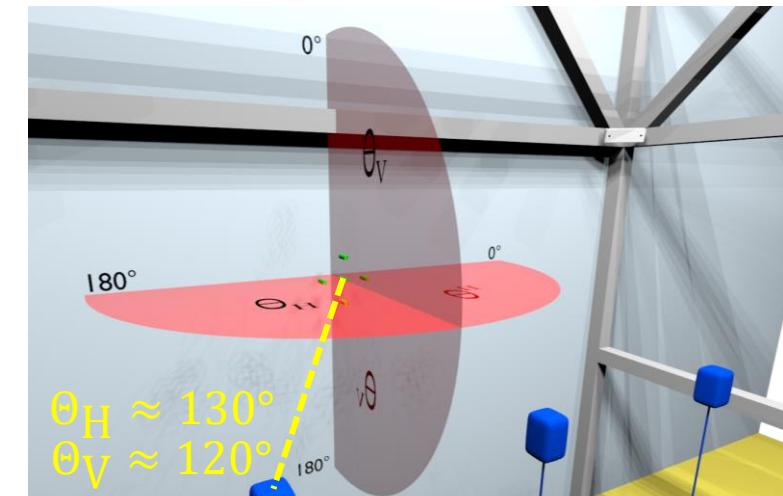
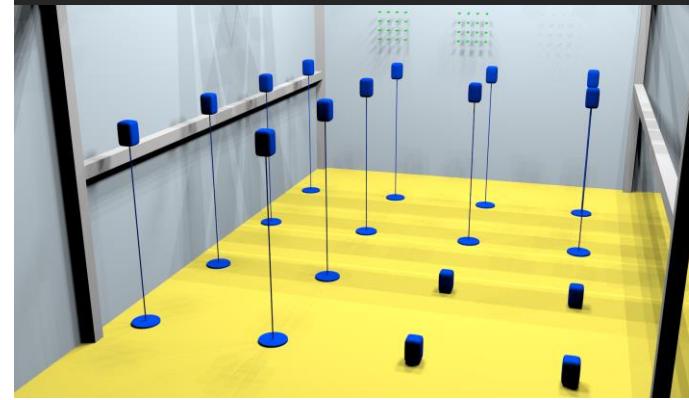


## MC Localization-Dataset I

Place	Media Computing Lab
Author	Dr. Hussein
Sound Sources	16 loudspeakers coordinates known
Source Audio	10s newscast
Microphones	56 microphones in 3 arrays coordinates known
Methodology	16 loudspeakers consecutively played back the source audio file. One recording per loudspeaker



Real & Virtual Scheme of Dataset

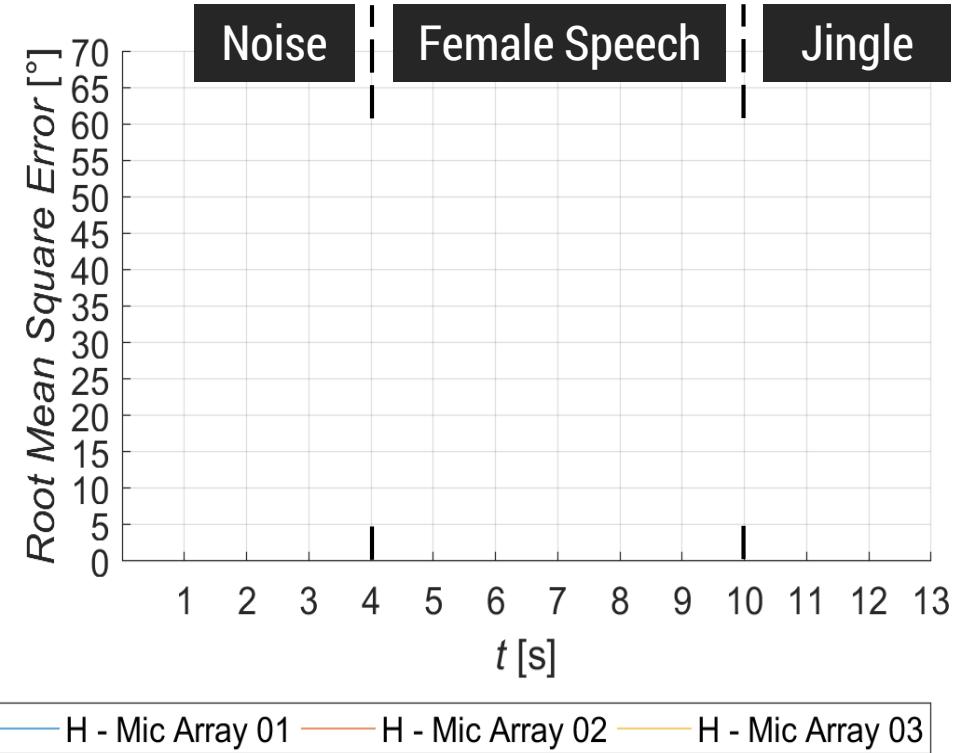
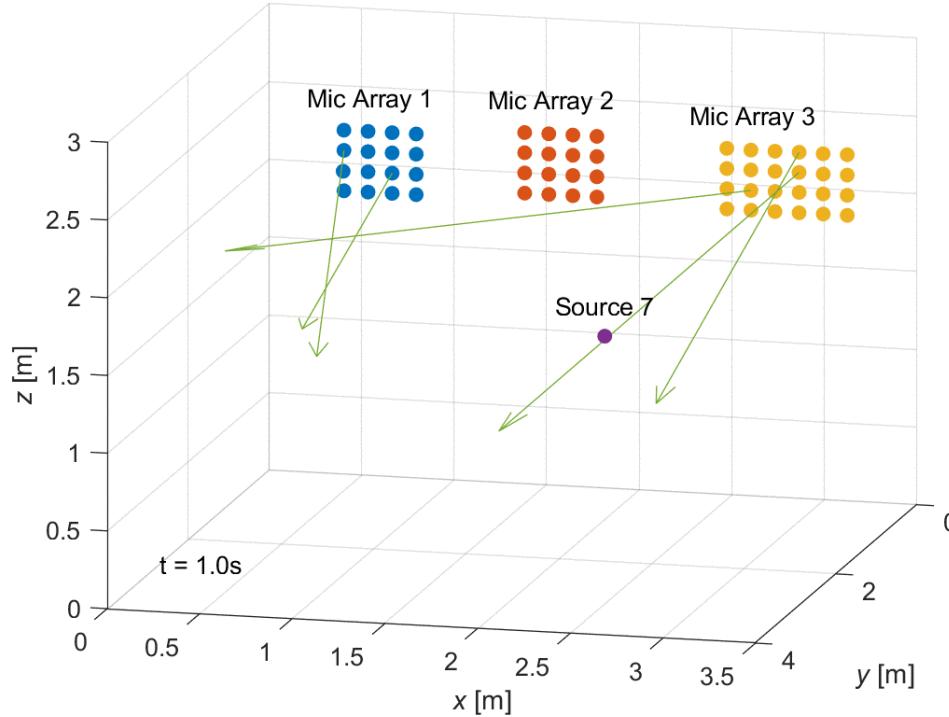


Angle Conventions & 3D AOA Example

# MC Localization Dataset I – Results & Visualization (TDOA Method)

## Step 1

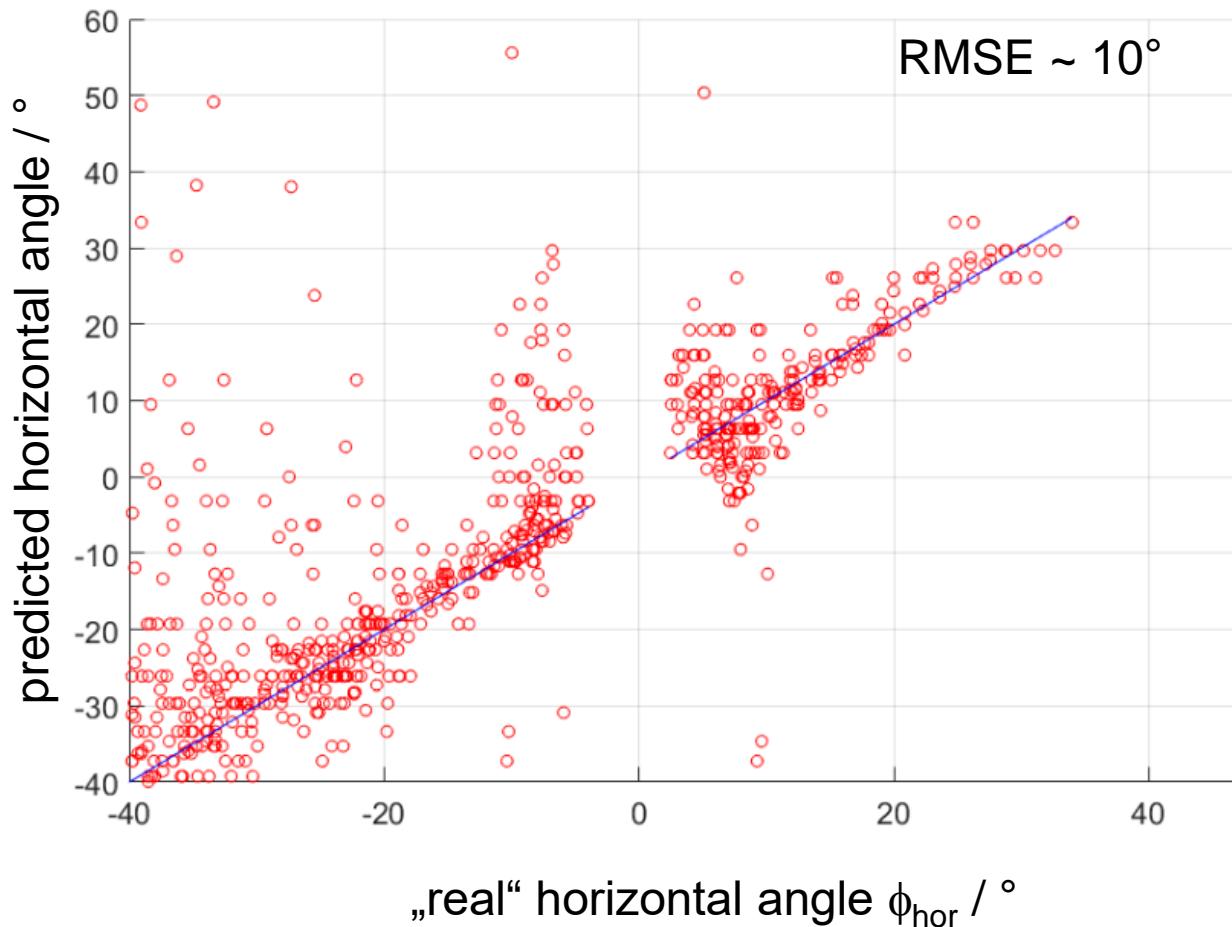
### Calculate Angle of Arrivals (AOAs)



## Step 2 Combine AOAs and localize Sound Source

Calculate 3D region (e.g. sphere) in which the AOA vectors are spatially particularly close

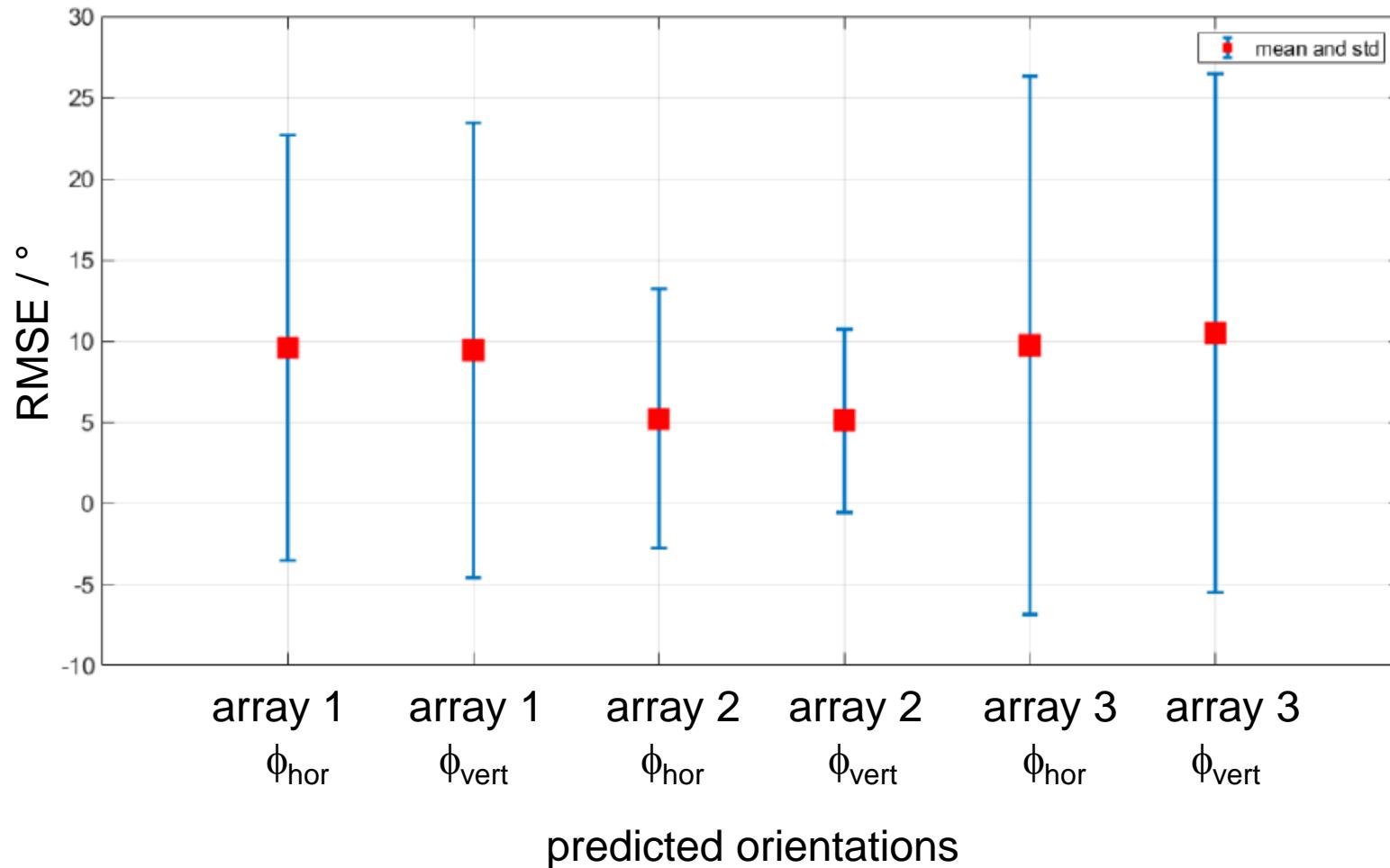
# MC Localization Dataset I – Location Determination Results of static sources



- 60 different horizontal microphone pair combinations
- 16 sound sources
- microphone array 3 (24 microphones)

→ RMSE - Root Mean Squared Error to estimate deviations from model

# MC Localization Dataset I – Location Determination Results of Static Sources



Average over  
16 static sources

→ Most accurate:  
Array 2:  
cardioid pattern

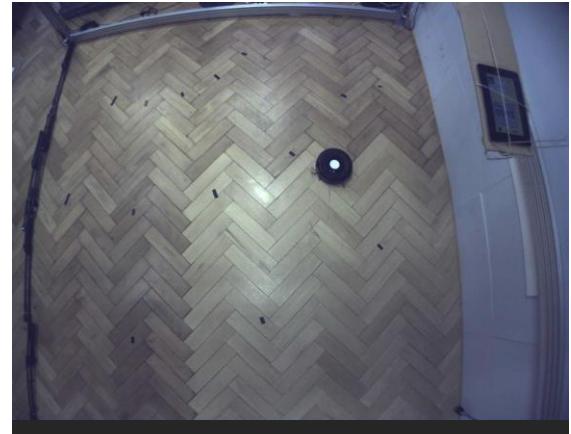
# MC Localization Dataset II – Dynamic Sources

Example Video from Dataset

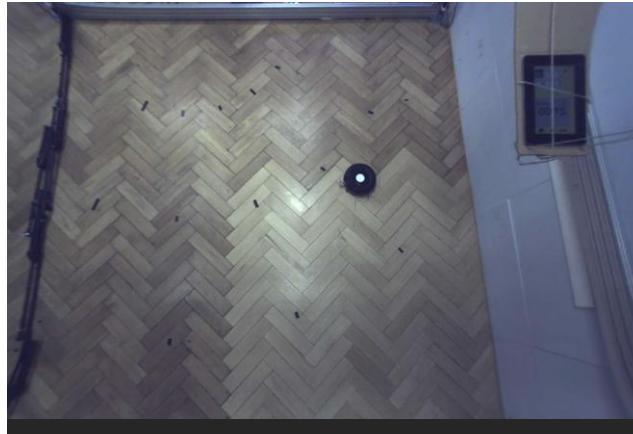
MC Localization-Dataset II	
Place	Media Computing Lab
Author	R. Erler & F. Schmidsberger
Sound Source	Moving vacuum cleaner robot, <b><i>coordinates known</i></b>
Source Audio	Noise
Microphones	48 mics in 3 arrays, 8 mics in corners, coordinates known
Methodology	Record audio and topview video synchronously while robot vacuums the floor



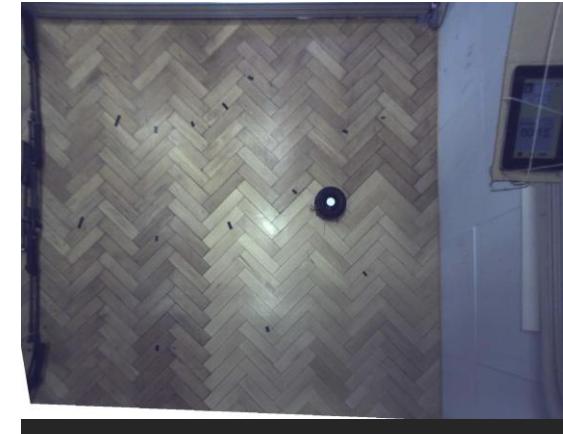
# MC Localization Dataset II – How can we generate the Ground Truth?



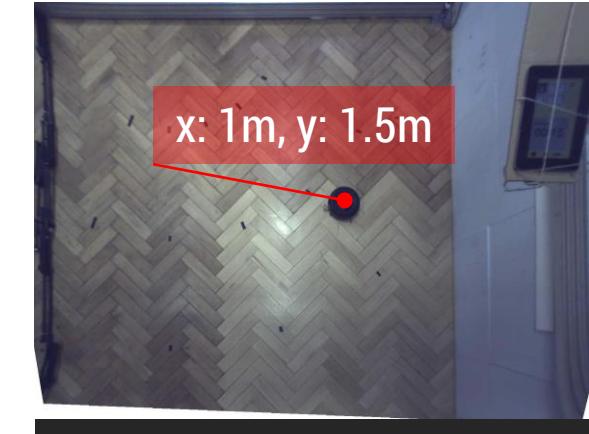
Raw Image



Rectified Image

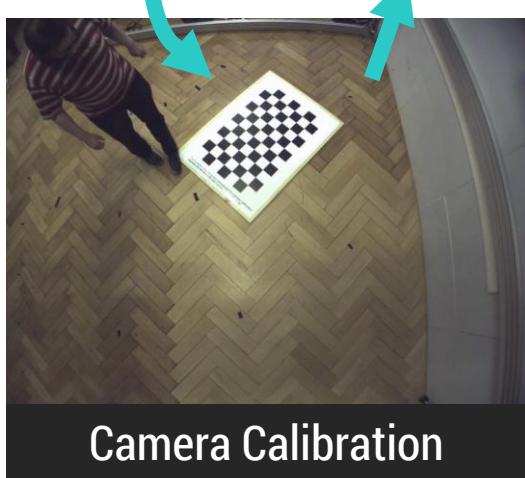


Perspective corr. Image



x: 1m, y: 1.5m

Annotated Image



Camera Calibration

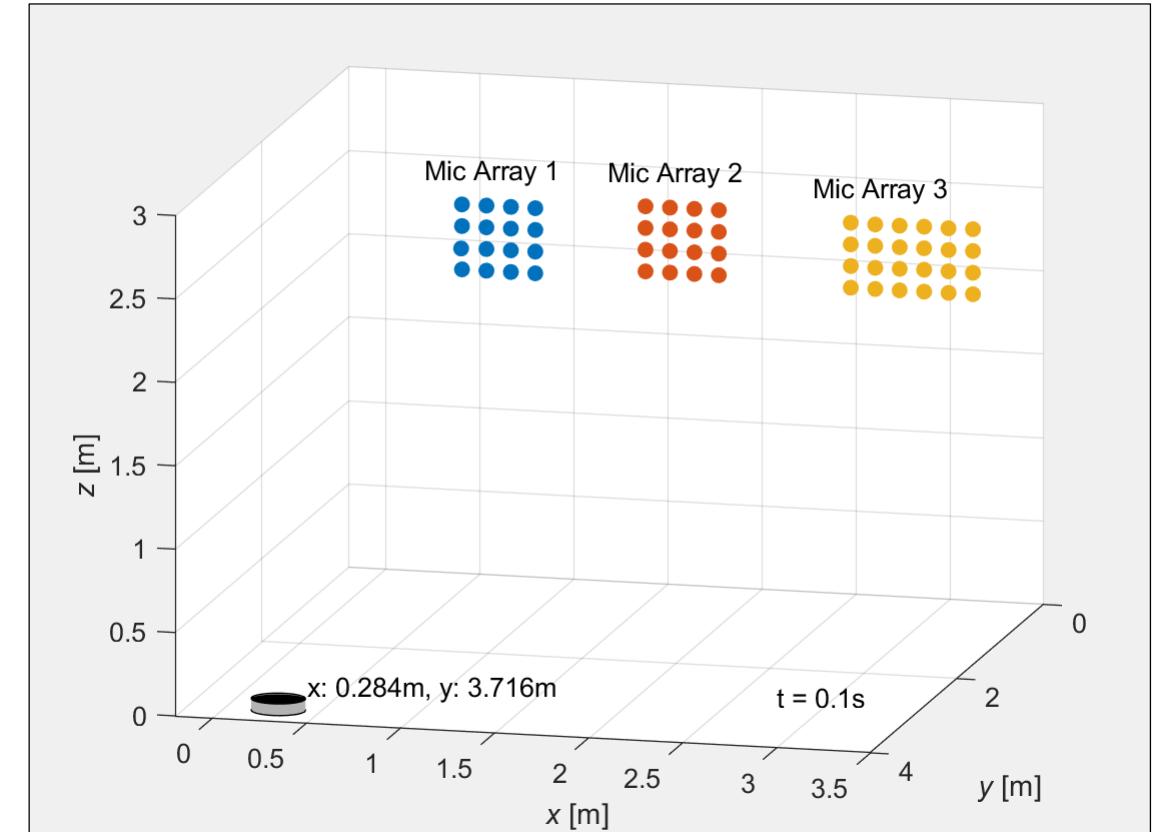
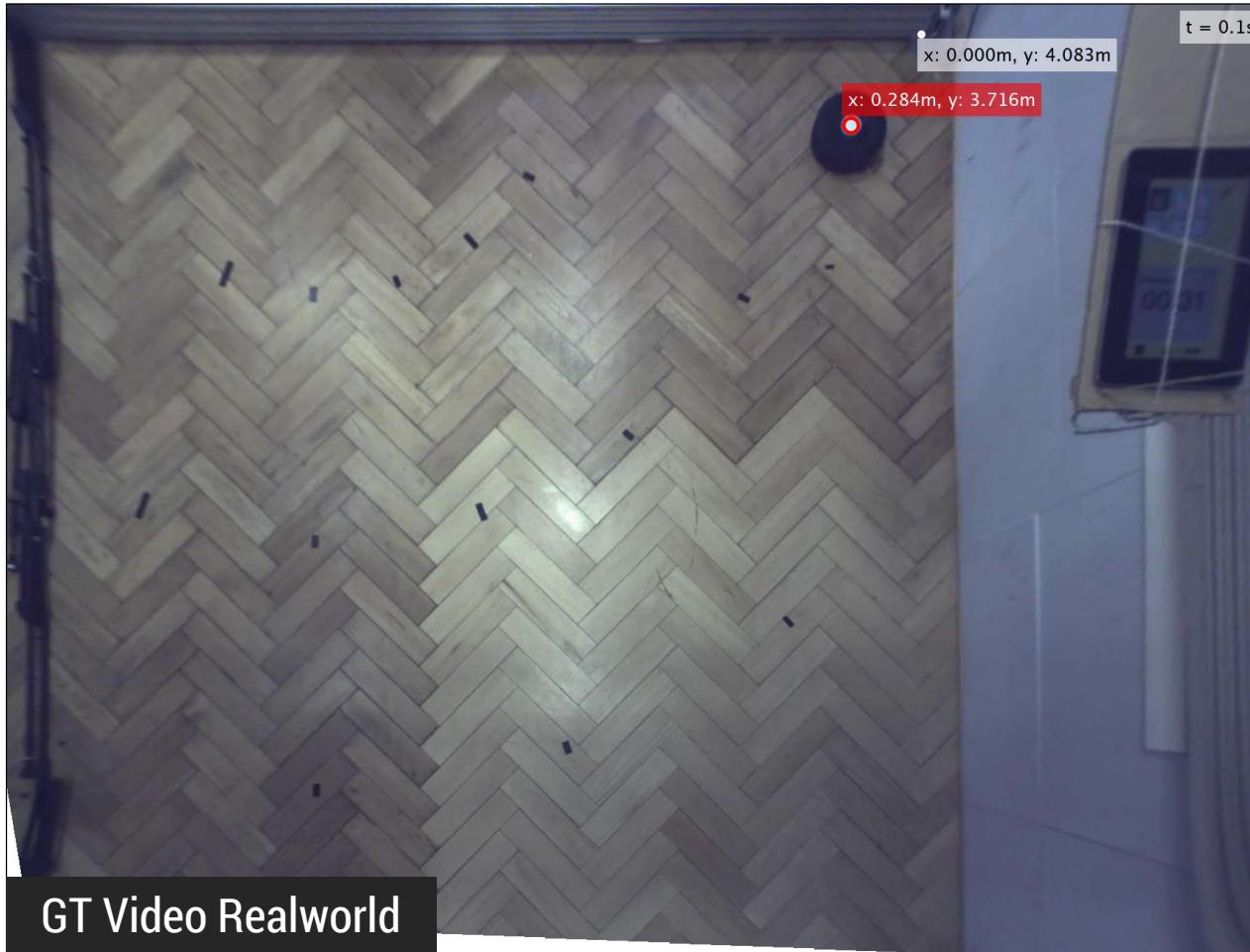


Homography Matrix

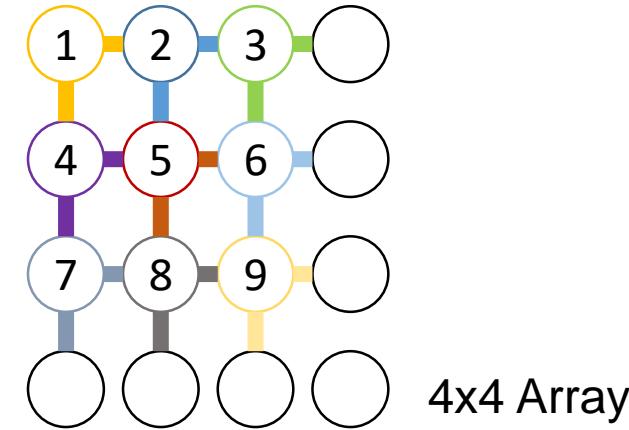
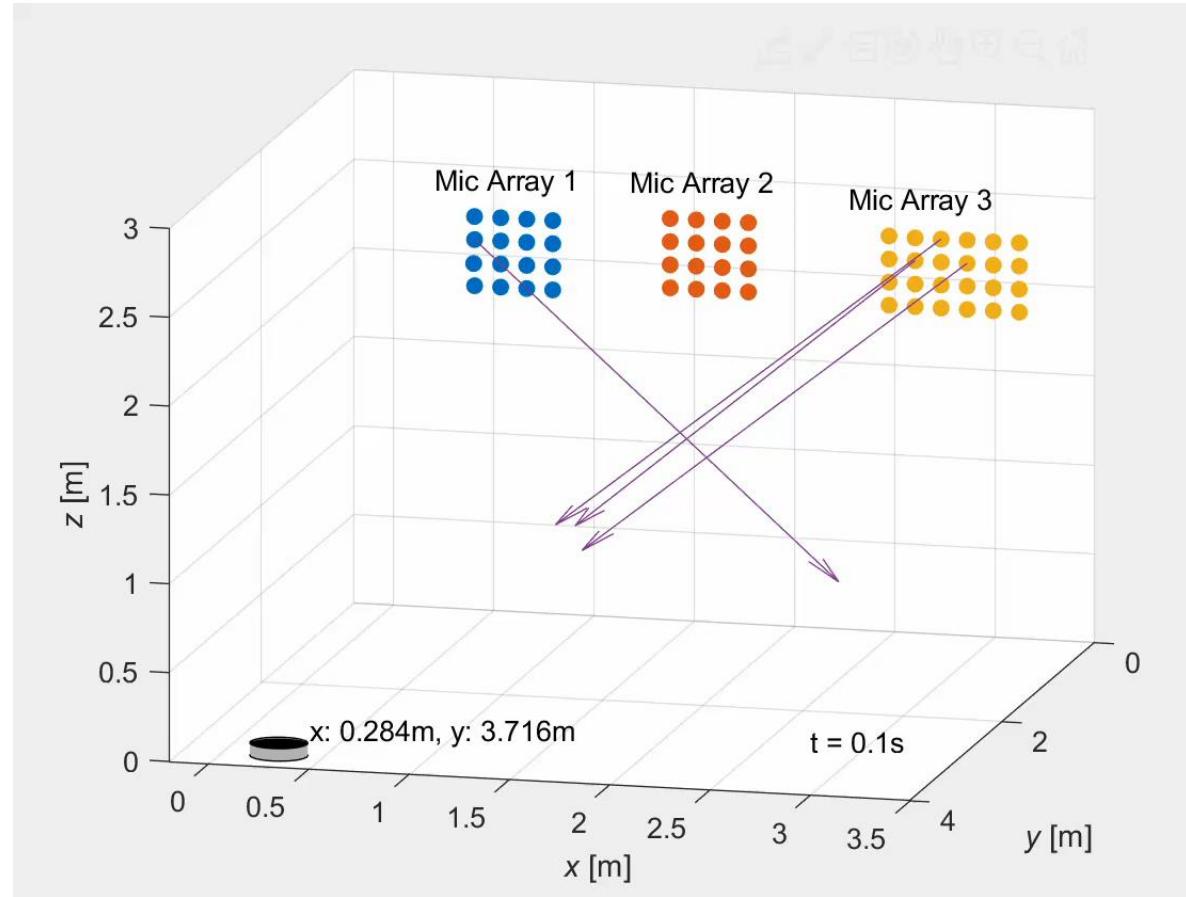
Label Robot  
Center in  
Image  
Coordinates  
( $x_{px}$ ,  $y_{px}$ )

Transform  
( $x_{px}$ ,  $y_{px}$ )  
into World  
Coordinates  
( $x_w$ ,  $y_w$ )

# MC Localization Dataset II – Ground Truth Visualization



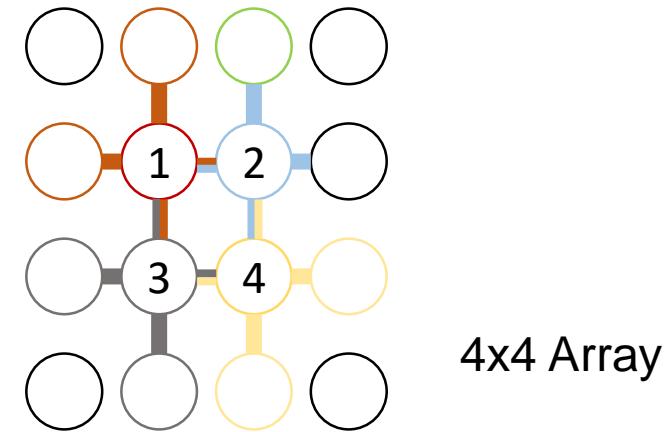
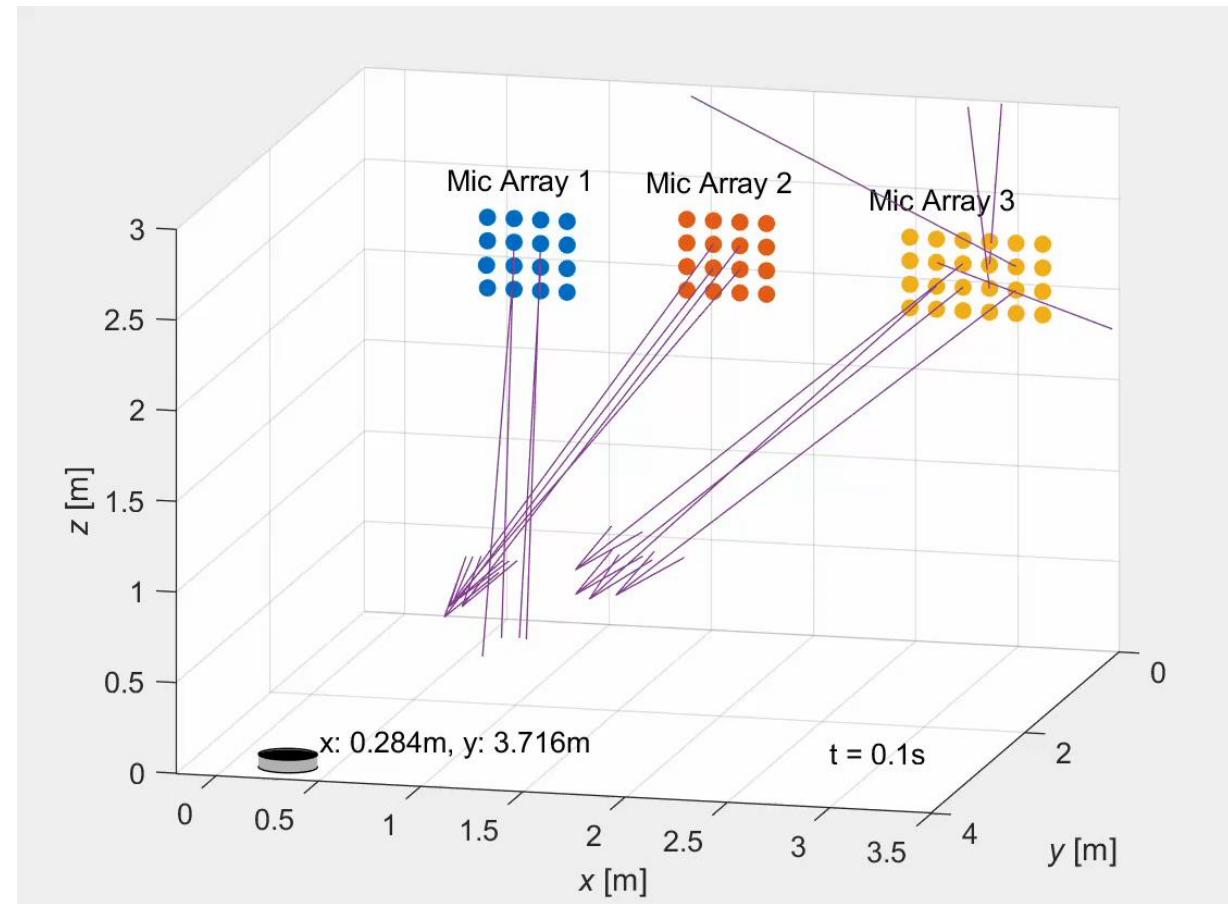
# MC Localization Dataset II – Location Determination Results



## Localization:

- only direct neighbor  $\rightarrow 9 \times L\text{-shape mic pairs}$
- only vertical angles considered  $0^\circ \leq \phi_{\text{vert}} \leq 90^\circ$

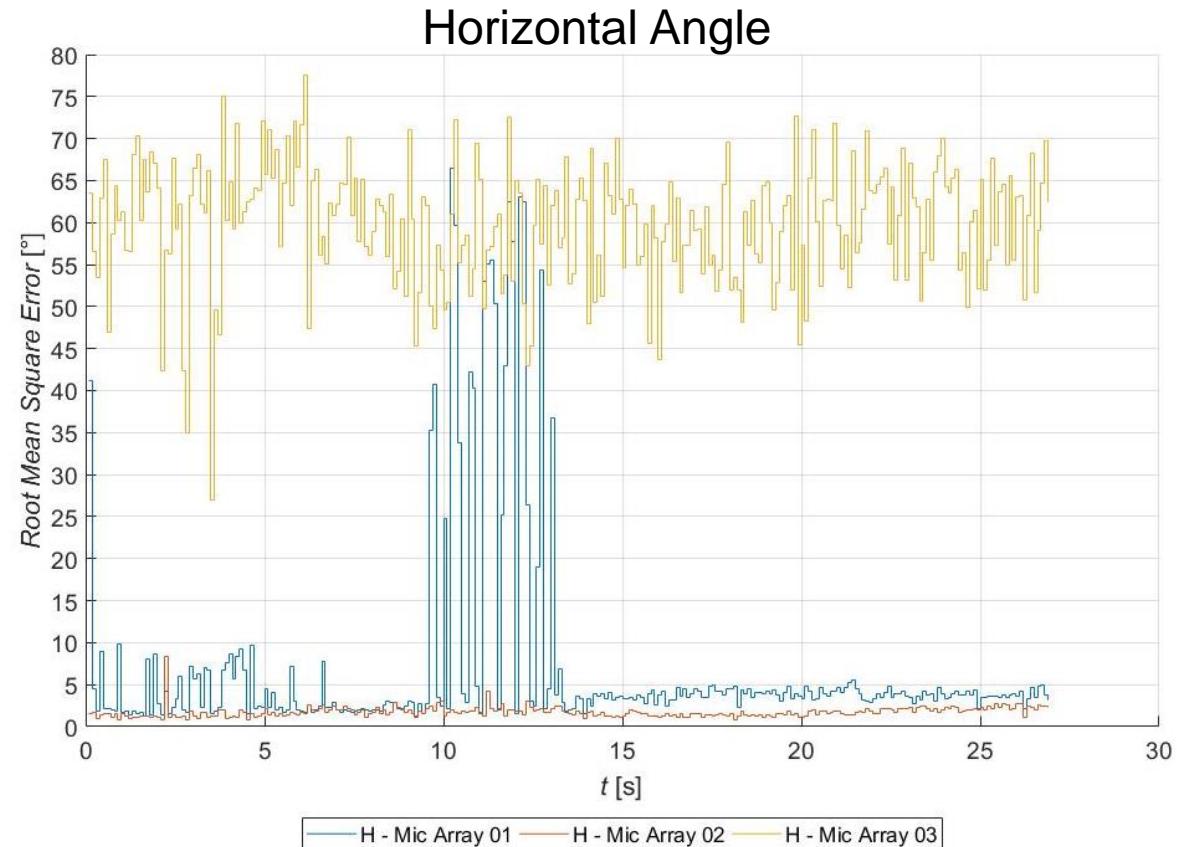
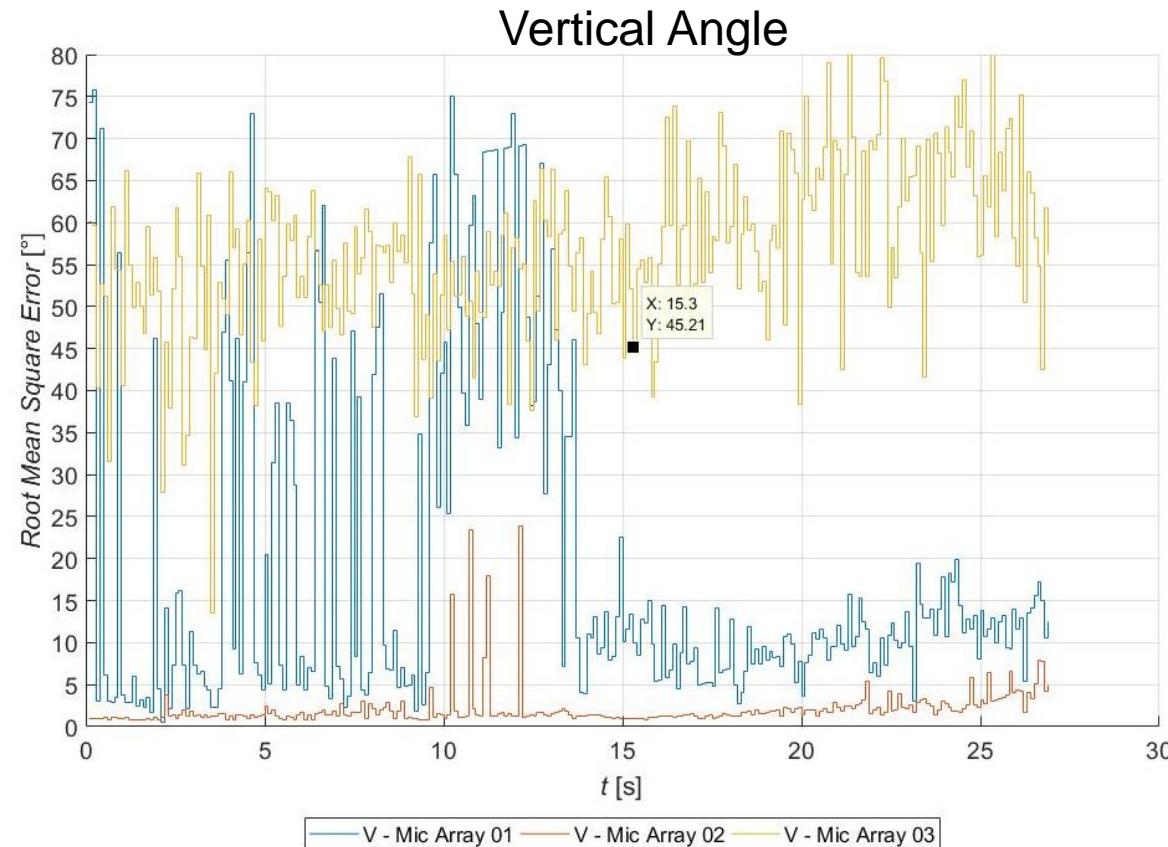
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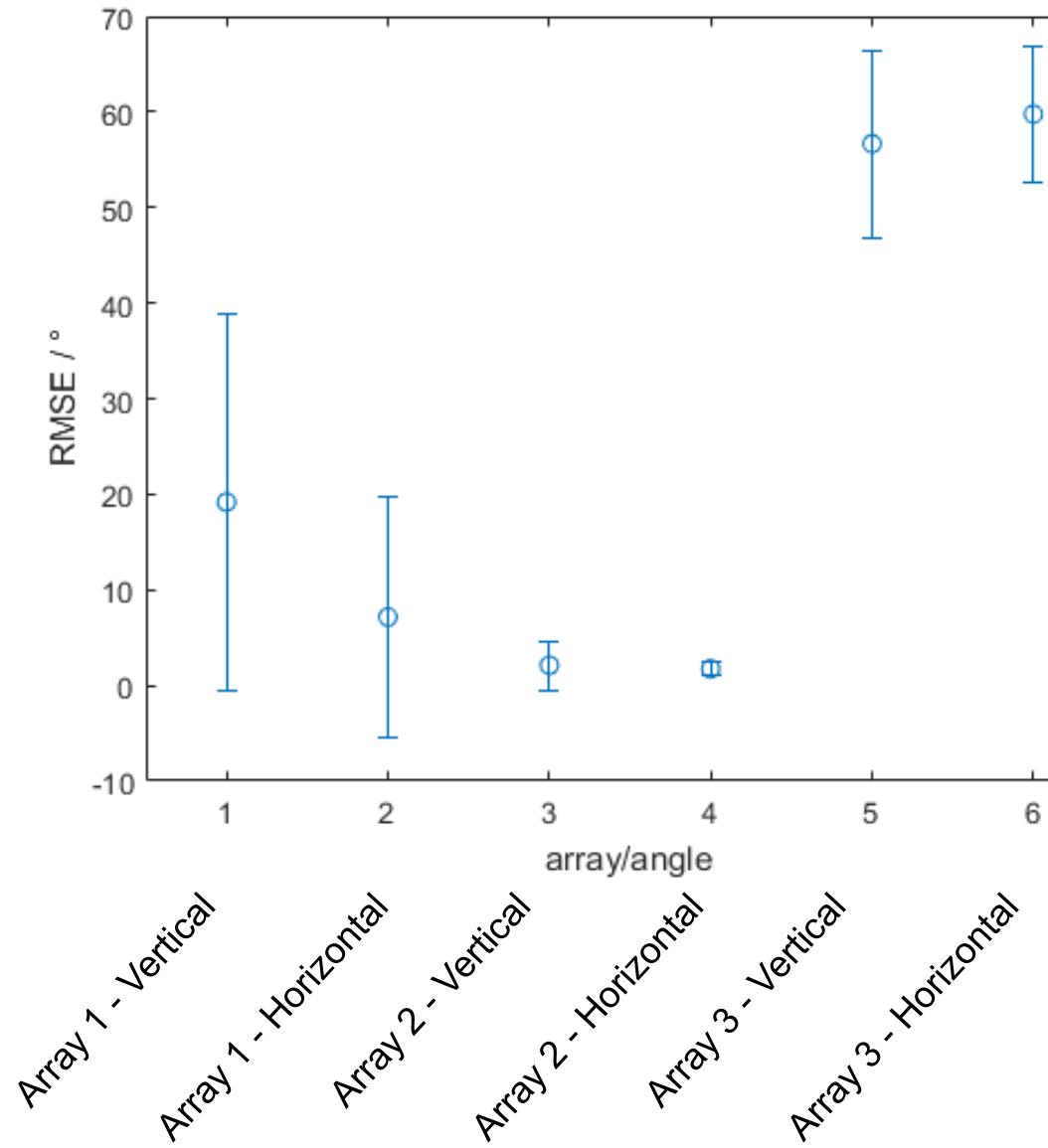


## Localization:

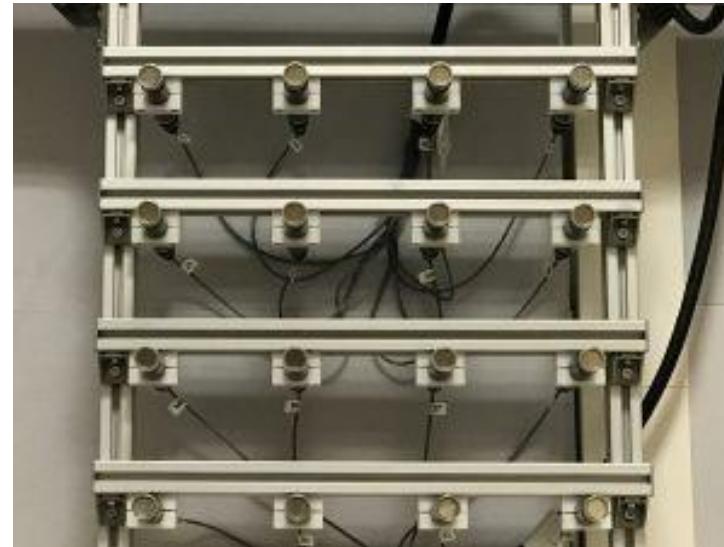
- only direct neighbor  $\rightarrow 4 \times \text{X-shape mic pair}$
- all angles considered  $0^\circ \leq \phi_{\text{vert}} \leq 90^\circ$

# Evaluation of Array 1 vs. Array 2 vs. Array 3





## Evaluation of Array 1 vs. Array 2 vs. Array 3



→ best results for cardioid  
microphones

# Implementation Details

Data Processing Task	Essential (Matlab) functions*	Matlab Toolboxes
Camera Calibration	Camera Calibrator App	Computer Vision
Rectification	undistortImage	Image Processing
Image Annotation (Ground Truth)	imageLabeler (App)	Computer Vision
Coordinate Transformation	Cp2tform	Image Processing
Time Delay of Arrival	Xcorr	Signal Processing
Direction of Arrival	Cosine/Algebra	
Evaluation/Regression	Fit, (Goodnes of Fit)	Curve Fitting
Visualisation	scatter3	-

\*Matlab 2018a

# Outlook

- Sensor Fusion with (Deep Learning based) Localized Objects from Video Material
- Publication of results and source code
- Integration into lecture/tutorials (Matlab Live Editor)
- Optimization of localization
  - Beamforming
  - Geometry
  - Deep Learning
- Search (Industrial) Cooperations



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