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Noise Dataset for Deep Learning-Based Speech Enhancement

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In the real world, ambient noise often impeded human speech, such as passing cars, background chatter, or other environmental sounds. While humans have adapted to filter out most of this noise, computers struggle to do the same. Even with advanced noise cancellation algorithms, unpredictable and ever-changing noise remains a significant challenge. Researchers use many types of real-world noise to improve these algorithms to train artificial neural networks. This requires diverse and regularly updated noise datasets. The goal of this work is to create a noise dataset that will help advance this field. This work presents a comprehensive noise dataset recorded in Vilnius, Lithuania, in 2024. The recordings capture high-quality single-channel audio at a sampling rate of 44.1 kHz, stored in WAV format, and guantized at 24 bits. The dataset was produced using a Shure SM78b dynamic microphone and a MiX-Prie 3 audio interface. The dataset consists of a variety of indoor and outdoor sounds. Long-duration sounds, each lasting 30 minutes, include construction noise, a city street, a bus stop, neighborhood sounds, forest ambiance, rainfall, and the sound of a vaporizer. In addition to these longer recordings, the dataset includes shorter audio samples of specific sounds, such as a garbage truck, a kettle, a coffee maker, a car wash, and a microwave oven. The variety of noise recordings and multichannel format of the dataset make it an optimal choice for tasks such as noise classification, speech enhancement, and noisy speech recognition.

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