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Perspectives on the use of Distributed Speech Recognition for in-car Telematics

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Embedded



vs Connected







Distributed Speech Recognition



Conventional





Benefits of DSR



• Improves performance over wireless channels

- Minimises impact of codec & channel errors
- Consistent performance over coverage area
- Improved performance in background noise
 - 53% reduction in error rate
- Ease of integration of combined speech and data applications
 - Use packet data channel for both DSR and other data



DSR Standards





DSR Advanced front-end (Oct 02) DSR Extended Advanced Front-end (Nov 03)



Speech Enabled Services Fixed point DSR standard created DSR selected as the recommended codec for SES (Approved June 04)

IETF

RTP payload formats for DSR Specifications standardised at rfc

3GPP2

Speech Enabled Services New Work Item (Approved Jan 05)



Results of ASR vendor evaluations in 3GPP

	Number	AMR4.75	DSR	Average
	of db	Average	Average	Improvement
ð KHZ	tested	Absolute	Absolute	
		Performance	Performance	
Digits	11	13.2	7.7	39.9%
Sub-word	5	9.1	6.5	30.0%
Tone confusability	1	3.6	3.1	14.8%
Channel errors	4	6.1	2.4	52.8%
Weighted Average				36%

- Extensive testing on 21 different speech databases
 - Covering different languages, tasks and environments
- Tests performed with IBM and Scansoft commercial recognisers
- Results for low data-rate comparison for packet data (< 8kbit/s)

Packet Switched Channel Errors



- Aurora-3 Italian speech database
- GPRS network simulation for distribution of errors

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Coded speech vs DSR

	DSR	AMR 4.75	Degradation
Well matched	96.5	94.4	-57%
Med mismatch	90.4	83.9	-68%
High mismatch	88.6	76.8	-104%
Average	92.4	86.3	-73%
	DSR	EVRC	Degradation
Well matched	DSR 96.5	EVRC 90.6	Degradation -165%
Well matched Med mismatch	DSR 96.5 90.4	EVRC 90.6 75.9	Degradation -165% -151%
Well matched Med mismatch High mismatch	DSR 96.5 90.4 88.6	EVRC 90.6 75.9 70.5	Degradation -165% -151% -160%



Conclusions

 DSR provides substantial performance advantages for Voice driven Telematics services

• Standards for the DSR features and transport protocols for interoperability are complete

o Is there a need to incorporate in specific telematics standards?