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Session 2: Modeling: binaural, spatialization

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Highlights from Presentation 2.1 "Creation of test material that simulates the stereo capture of a teleconference site"

- Requirements on stimuli:
 - Several speakers
 - (changing) position
 - back ground noise
- Generation of stimuli:
 - (Live recording)
 - Flexible simulation based on
 - Recording of IR of venue
 - Recording of background noise in same venue
 - Anechoic recordings of speech

Highlights from Presentation 2.2 "Spatial audio conferencing"

- Review of research on binaural and spatial audio conferencing at BT
 - Improved experience
 - Demand from testers `where to buy ´
- Discussion of network structures for multipoint audio conferencing
 - local, central or distributed processing
- Outline of European project TA2
 - Interactive audiovisual scenes

Highlights from Presentation 2.3 "3D telephony"

- Simulation of 3D sound sources with room reflections
- First results on the quality (ease of listening) for different layouts

Conclusions / Recommendations

- Start studying <u>transmission formats</u> for <u>spatial audio</u> for audio conferencing and teleconference applications
- Take into account the <u>flexible</u> positioning of <u>audio objects</u>
- Start studying test methods for the evaluation of spatial audio systems with/without <u>natural</u> background