# Sound Field Recording and Reproduction Using Small Number of Microphones and Loudspeakers

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# **Real-time Sound Field Transmission System**



- > Loudspeakers (for high freq.): 64, 6cm intervals
- Loudspeakers (for low freq.): 32, 12cm intervals
- Microphones: 64, 6cm intervals
- Array size: 3.84 m
- Sampling freq.: 48 kHz, Delay: 152 ms



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[Koyama+ IEEE TASLP 2012]

# **Today's Topic**

How to reduce microphones and loudspeakers in recording and reproduction?



- > Insufficient number of array elements: *spatial aliasing artifacts* 
  - Low reproduction accuracy at high frequencies
  - Inaccurate frequency characteristics (coloration effect)

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#### Improve reproduction accuracy using prior information

- Reduction of the number of microphones [Koyama+ ICASSP2014, 2015]
  - Improve reproduction accuracy within predefined near-field source area
- Reduction of the number of loudspeakers [Ueno+ ICASSP2017, HSCMA2017]
  - Improve reproduction accuracy within predefined listening area

# REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF MICROPHONES



# **Conventional: WFR filtering method**



#### Signal conversion based on plane-wave decomposition

# **Conventional: WFR filtering method**



Spatial aliasing artifacts due to plane wave decomposition Significant error above spatial Nyquist freq of microphone array

#### Sound Field Decomposition in Recording

$$\frac{p(\mathbf{r},\omega)}{\text{Received}} = \sum_{n} b_n(\omega) \frac{\varphi_n(\mathbf{r},\omega)}{\text{Basis function}}$$

- ♦ Plane wave / harmonic decomposition suffers from spatial aliasing artifacts because many basis functions are used
- ♦ Observed signals should be represented by a few basis functions for accurate interpolation of sound field
- ♦ Appropriate basis function may be close to pressure distribution originating from near-field sound sources
- ♦ To obtain driving signals of loudspeakers, basis functions must be <u>elementary</u> <u>solutions of Helmholtz equation</u> (e.g. Green functions)

Sound field decomposition

Sound field decomposition into elementary solutions of Helmholtz equation is necessary

# Generative model of sound field

[Koyama+ ICASSP 2014]



# Sound field consisting of near-field source and far-field plane-wave components

# Generative model of sound field

[Koyama+ ICASSP 2014]



# Generative model of sound field

#### $\succ$ Observe sound pressure distribution on plane $\Gamma$



higher reproduction accuracy above spatial Nyquist freq



A few elements of  ${\bf X}$  has non-zero values under the assumption of spatially sparse source distribution

#### Sparse signal decomposition





# **Block diagram of signal conversion**



#### Decomposition stage

– Group sparse decomposition of  $\underline{\mathbf{Y}}$ 

#### Reconstruction stage

- $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{z}$  are respectively converted into driving signals
- $\mathbf{d}$  is obtained as sum of two components

# **Simulation Experiment**



- Proposed method (Proposed), method based on sparse circular harmonics decomposition (CH) WFR filtering method (WFR), and Sound Pressure Control method (SPC) were compared
- > 32 microphones (0.06 m intervals) and 48 loudspeakers (0.04 m intervals)
- $\succ \Omega$ : Rectangular region of 2.4x2.4 m, Grid points: (0.01 m, 0.02 m) intervals
- Source directivity: unidirectional
- Source signal: single frequency sinewave

# **Simulation Experiment**



#### Frequency vs. SDR

#### Source location: (-0.32, -0.84, 0.0) m



SDRRs above spatial Nyquist frequency were improved

# Reproduced sound pressure distribution (4.0 kHz)

#### Source location: (-0.32, -0.84, 0.0) m



#### Frequency response of reproduced sound field

#### Frequency response at (0.0, 1.0, 0.0) m



**Reproduced frequency response was improved** 

### **Experiments using real data**



- Proposed method (Proposed) and WFR filtering method (WFR), were compared
- Same experimental setting as the previous one
- Reproduced region was simulated as free field
- Source signal: speech

# **Reproduced sound pressure distribution**



# **Reduction of The Number of Microphones**

- Conventional plane wave decomposition is suffered from spatial aliasing artifacts
- Sound field representation using near-field source and plane wave components
- Sound field decomposition based on spatial sparsity of near-field source components
- Group sparsity based on physical properties of sound field
- Experimental results indicated that reproduction accuracy above spatial Nyquist frequency can be improved

# REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF LOUDSPEAKERS

### Listening-area-informed sound field reproduction

Highly-accurate sound field reproduction exploiting prior information on listening area



Probability distribution on the listeners' position is given
 High reproduction accuracy within the listening area is achieved

#### **Problem statement**

 $\succ$  Sound field synthesized by L discrete secondary sources in 2D

**Transfer function**  $p_{\rm syn}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{\underline{h}(\mathbf{r})}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{\underline{d}} \quad \begin{vmatrix} \text{ranster function} \\ \mathbf{\underline{h}(\mathbf{r})} = [h(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_1), \cdots, h(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_L)] \end{vmatrix}$ ving signals  $\underline{d(\mathbf{r})} = [d(\mathbf{r}_1), \cdots, d(\mathbf{r}_L)]$ **Driving signals** 

Expectation minimization of pressure error

minimize  $\int_{\mathbf{r}\in V} \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r})}{\mathbf{r}} \left| \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{r})^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{d} - p_{\mathrm{des}}(\mathbf{r}) \right|^{2} d\mathbf{r}$ Given desired pressure Prior distribution on the listeners' position inside listening area  $V_{\parallel}$ 

#### **Problem statement**

 $\ge \rho(\mathbf{r})$  is a mixture of truncated Gaussian distributions [Ueno+ HSCMA 2017]



#### Harmonic Expansion of Objective Function

> Objective function

$$\mathcal{J} = \int_{\mathbf{r} \in V} \underline{\rho(\mathbf{r})} \left| \underline{\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{r})}^{\mathsf{T}} \underline{\mathbf{d}} - p_{\text{des}}(\mathbf{r}) \right|^2 d\mathbf{r}$$
  
Difficult to minimize analytically due to multiple integrals

Circular harmonic expansion

Basis functions:  $\underline{\varphi_{m}(\mathbf{r})} = J_{m}(kr)e^{jm\phi}$  ( $\mathbf{r} = (r, \phi)$ : Polar coordinates)  $\left[\begin{array}{c} \underline{\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{r})} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} c_{-M,1} & \cdots & c_{M,1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{-M,1} & \cdots & c_{M,L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_{-M}(\mathbf{r}) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_{M}(\mathbf{r}) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}}\underline{\varphi(\mathbf{r})}$   $p_{\mathrm{des}}(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \begin{bmatrix} b_{-M} & \cdots & b_{M} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_{-M}(\mathbf{r}) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_{M}(\mathbf{r}) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}^{\mathsf{T}}\underline{\varphi(\mathbf{r})}$ October 24, 2017

#### Harmonic Expansion of Objective Function

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Approximation using circular harmonic expansion

$$\int \mathbf{\hat{h}(\mathbf{r})} \simeq \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$p_{des}(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \mathbf{b}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathcal{J} \simeq (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{b})^{\mathsf{H}} \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{r} \in V} \rho(\mathbf{r}) \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{r})^{*} \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{r})^{\mathsf{T}} d\mathbf{r} \right\} (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{b})$$

$$\mathbf{W}$$

Integrals including  $ho({f r})\,$  and  $oldsymbol{arphi}({f r})\,$  are only required to be calculated

#### Harmonic Expansion of Objective Function

 $\succ$  Each element of  $\underline{\mathbf{W}}$  can be analytically calculated as

$$w_{m,n} = \int_{\mathbf{r} \in V} \rho(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_m(\mathbf{r})^* \varphi_n(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

$$(m,n) \text{ element} = \int_{\mathbf{r} \in V} J_m(kr) e^{-jm\phi} J_n(kr) e^{jn\phi} d\mathbf{r}$$

$$= \int_0^R J_m(kr) J_n(kr) r dr \int_0^{2\pi} e^{j(n-m)\phi} d\phi$$

$$= \delta_{m,n} \pi R^2 \left\{ J_m(kR)^2 - J_{m-1}(kR) J_{m+1}(kR) \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{W} \text{ is a diagonal matrix with positive value}$$

W can be analytically calculated for uniform distribution
 Similar results can be obtained for truncated Gaussian distribution

#### **Optimal Driving Signals**

> Objective function using circular harmonic expansion

$$\mathcal{J} \simeq \left(\mathbf{C}\underline{\mathbf{d}} - \mathbf{b}\right)^{\mathsf{H}} \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{r} \in V} \underline{\rho(\mathbf{r})} \boldsymbol{\varphi(\mathbf{r})}^{*} \boldsymbol{\varphi(\mathbf{r})}^{\mathsf{T}} d\mathbf{r} \right\} \left(\mathbf{C}\underline{\mathbf{d}} - \mathbf{b}\right)$$
$$\mathbf{W}$$

> Optimal driving signals

$$\hat{\underline{\mathbf{d}}} = \left(\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{H}}\underline{\mathbf{W}}\mathbf{C} + \lambda\mathbf{I}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{H}}\underline{\mathbf{W}}\mathbf{b}$$

Objective function is simply minimized and optimal driving signals can be obtained

### **Relationship with mode-matching method**

Proposed method

$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} = \left( \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{H}} \mathbf{\underline{W}} \mathbf{C} + \lambda \mathbf{I} 
ight)^{-1} \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{H}} \mathbf{\underline{W}} \mathbf{b}$$

> Circular harmonics are optimally weighted based on prior information

 $\succ$  Mode-matching method: least squares solution of  $\, \mathbf{C} \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{b} \,$ 

$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} = \left(\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{H}}\mathbf{C} + \lambda\mathbf{I}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{H}}\mathbf{k}$$

Circular harmonics have to be truncated at appropriate order
 Truncation at M = [kR] is empirically known to give high performance within circular region of radius R

#### **Relationship with mode-matching method**

Weight on circular harmonics when k = 36.9 rad/m and R = 0.4 m



**Optimal weight on circular harmonics based on prior information** 

#### **Extension to Multiple Listening Areas**

> Objective function

Approximation using circular harmonic expansion

$$\mathcal{J} \simeq \sum_{q=1}^{Q} \left( \mathbf{C}^{(q)} \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{b}^{(q)} \right)^{\mathsf{H}} \mathbf{W}^{(q)} \left( \mathbf{C}^{(q)} \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{b}^{(q)} \right)$$

#### > Optimal driving signals

$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} = \left(\sum_{q=1}^{Q} \mathbf{C}^{(q)\mathsf{H}} \mathbf{W}^{(q)} \mathbf{C}^{(q)} + \lambda \mathbf{I}\right)^{-1} \sum_{q=1}^{Q} \mathbf{C}^{(q)\mathsf{H}} \mathbf{W}^{(q)} \mathbf{b}^{(q)}$$

# **Simulation Experiment**

- Array geometry
  - Linear: 25 loudspeakers, 0.16 m intervals
  - Circular: 64 loudspeakers, 2.0 m radius
- Desired sound field: cylindrical wave
- Listening area: two circular areas
- > Compared method:
  - Proposed
  - MM: Mode-matching method



- CD: Continuous distribution method (WFS/HOA) [Spors+ 2008, Poletti 2005]
- CD w/ BL: CD with band limitation [Ahrens+ 2009, 2011]
- Evaluation: Signal-to-Distortion Ratio of Reproduction (SDRR) Original pressure distribution

$$SDRR = 10 \log_{10} \frac{\sum_{i} \sum_{j} \sum_{k} |\bar{p}_{org}(x_i, y_j, t_k)|^2}{\sum_{i} \sum_{j} \sum_{k} |\bar{p}_{org}(x_i, y_j, t_k) - \bar{p}_{rep}(x_i, y_j, t_k)|^2}$$

Reproduced pressure distribution

#### **Pressure distribution (2 kHz, linear array)**

**Proposed** (SDRR = **68.51** dB) **MM** (SDRR = **60.42** dB)





**CD w/ BL** (SDRR = **5.81** dB)



#### Error distribution (2 kHz, linear array)



#### Frequency vs. SDRR (linear array)



#### Pressure distribution (2 kHz, circular array)

**Proposed** (SDRR = **66.58** dB) **MM** (SDRR = **39.63** dB) -2 -2 -1 Sound pressure distribution <u>٤</u>0 >1 <u>3</u>0 2 2 -2 2 -2 0 1 x [m] -1 -1 2 0 x [m] **CD w/ BL** (SDRR = **17.79** dB) **CD** (SDRR = **0.65** dB) -2 -2 -1 <u></u> 5 1 <u>٤</u>0 >1 2 2 -2 -1 -2 -1 2 2 0 1 0 1 x [m] x [m]

0.5

0

-0.5

0.5

0

-0.5

-1

-1

#### Error distribution (2 kHz, circular array)



#### Frequency vs. SDRR (circular array)



# **Reduction of The Number of Loudspeakers**

- Sound field reproduction exploiting prior information on listening area
- Objective function is formulated as expectation minimization of spatial squared error inside listening areas
- Optimal driving signals are obtained by circular harmonic expansion
- Optimal weighting of circular harmonics can be analytically calculated based on prior information
- Experimental results indicated that high reproduction accuracy can be achieved by using the proposed method

# Conclusion

# Reduction of microphones and loudspeakers in sound field recording and reproduction

- Improve reproduction accuracy exploiting prior information
- Near-field source area and source sparsity for reducing microphones
- Probability distribution on listeners' position for reducing loudspeakers
- These two methods can be combined

# Thank you for your attention!

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