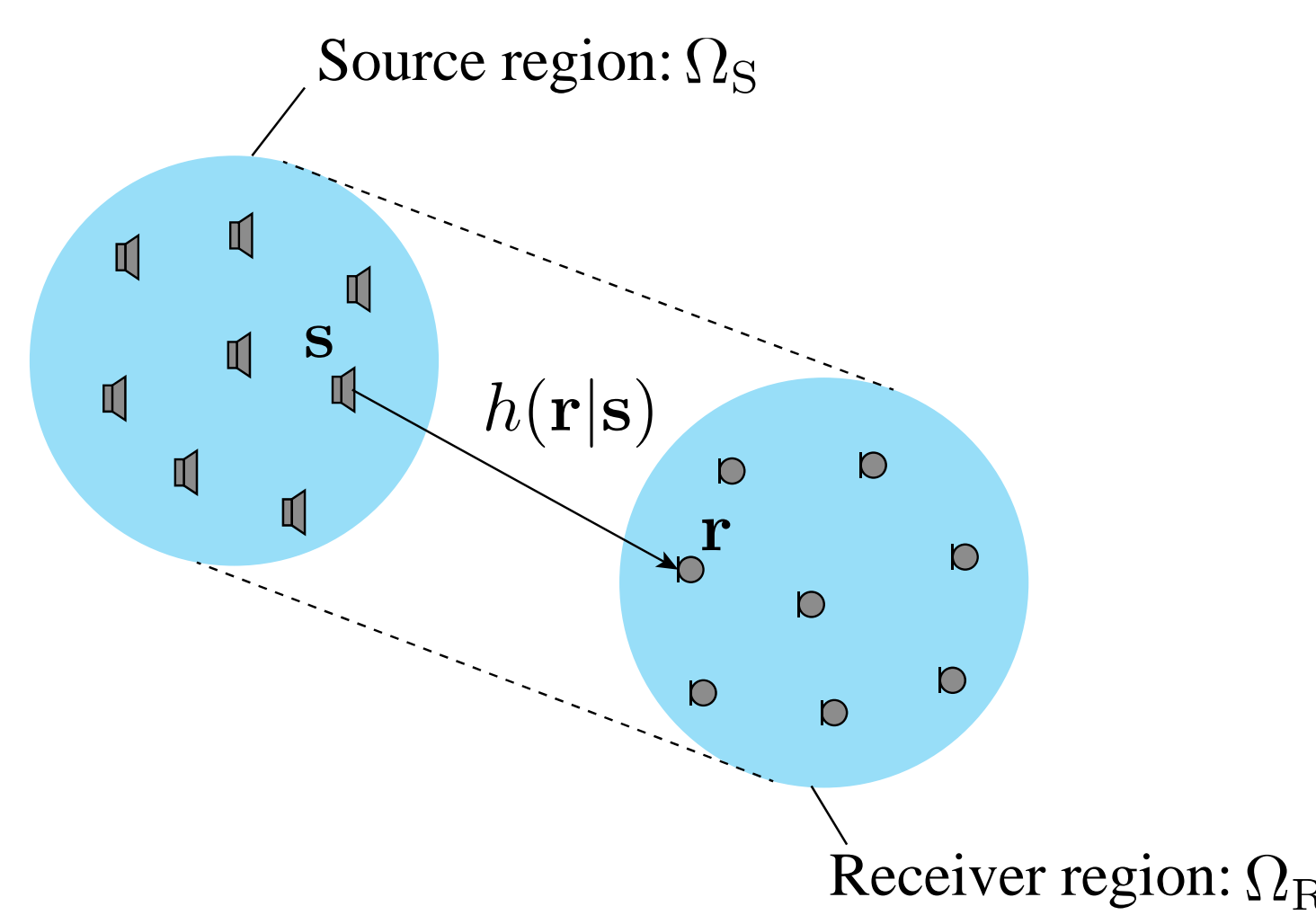


Region-to-region kernel interpolation of acoustic transfer function with directional weighting

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Background

- The environment effects signal recordings.
⇒ Reflections, diffraction and other physical phenomena.
- We calculate the **acoustic transfer function** (ATF) to represent these effects.
- We wish to represent the ATF in a **region-to-region** basis, using ATF measurements alone.
- The ATF can be represented using sound field analysis techniques.



Problem statement

- The ATF can be divided into a direct component $h_D(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}, k)$ and a reverberant component $h_R(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}, k)$.
- $h_D(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}, k) = \frac{e^{ik\|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{s}\|}}{4\pi\|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{s}\|}$ Assumed to be point source in the free-field
- The reverberant component can be approximated using kernel ridge regression.
⇒ We have shown this method performs better than the wavefunction expansion in [Ribeiro+, 2020].
- The interpolation function will be:

$$\hat{h}_R(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}) = \boldsymbol{\kappa}(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s})(\mathbf{K} + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{y}$$
Measurements

where

$$\boldsymbol{\kappa}(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}) = [\kappa(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{q}_1), \dots, \kappa(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{q}_N)]$$

and

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \kappa(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_1) & \kappa(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) & \dots & \kappa(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_N) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \kappa(\mathbf{q}_N, \mathbf{q}_1) & \kappa(\mathbf{q}_N, \mathbf{q}_2) & \dots & \kappa(\mathbf{q}_N, \mathbf{q}_N) \end{bmatrix}$$

But what kernel function should we use?

⇒ Embedding directionality into the kernel has been shown to improve sound field interpolation results in [Ito+, 2020].

Proposed method

- We employed the Herglotz wavefunction:

$$h_R(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}) = \mathcal{I}(\tilde{h}_R; \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}),$$

$$\mathcal{I}(f; \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}) := \int_{\mathbb{S}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^2} e^{ik(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot \mathbf{s})} f(\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}) d\hat{\mathbf{r}} d\hat{\mathbf{s}}$$
Superposition of plane waves

- Which allowed us to define the following function set and inner product, forming a Hilbert space:

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ h_R = \mathcal{I}(\tilde{h}_R; \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}) : \tilde{h}_R \in L^2(W, \mathbb{S}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^2), \tilde{h}_R(\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}) = \tilde{h}_R(\hat{\mathbf{s}}, \hat{\mathbf{r}}) \forall \hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{s}} \in \mathbb{S}^2 \right\}$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^2} \frac{\tilde{f}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}) \overline{\tilde{g}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{s}})}}{W(\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{s}})} d\hat{\mathbf{r}} d\hat{\mathbf{s}}, \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{H}$$
Acoustic reciprocity

informing this kernel function:

$$\kappa(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{r}'|\mathbf{s}') = \mathcal{I}\left(W(\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}) \left(\frac{e^{-ik(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r}' + \hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot \mathbf{s}')} + e^{-ik(\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{s}' + \hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot \mathbf{r}')}}{2} \right); \mathbf{r}|\mathbf{s}\right)$$

- Making the space a reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS).
- We chose the following weight function:

$$W(\hat{\mathbf{r}}, \hat{\mathbf{s}}) = w(\hat{\mathbf{r}})w(\hat{\mathbf{s}})$$

$$w(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(1 + \gamma^2 - \frac{\cosh(\beta \hat{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}_0)}{\cosh(\beta)} \right)$$
Favors early reflections

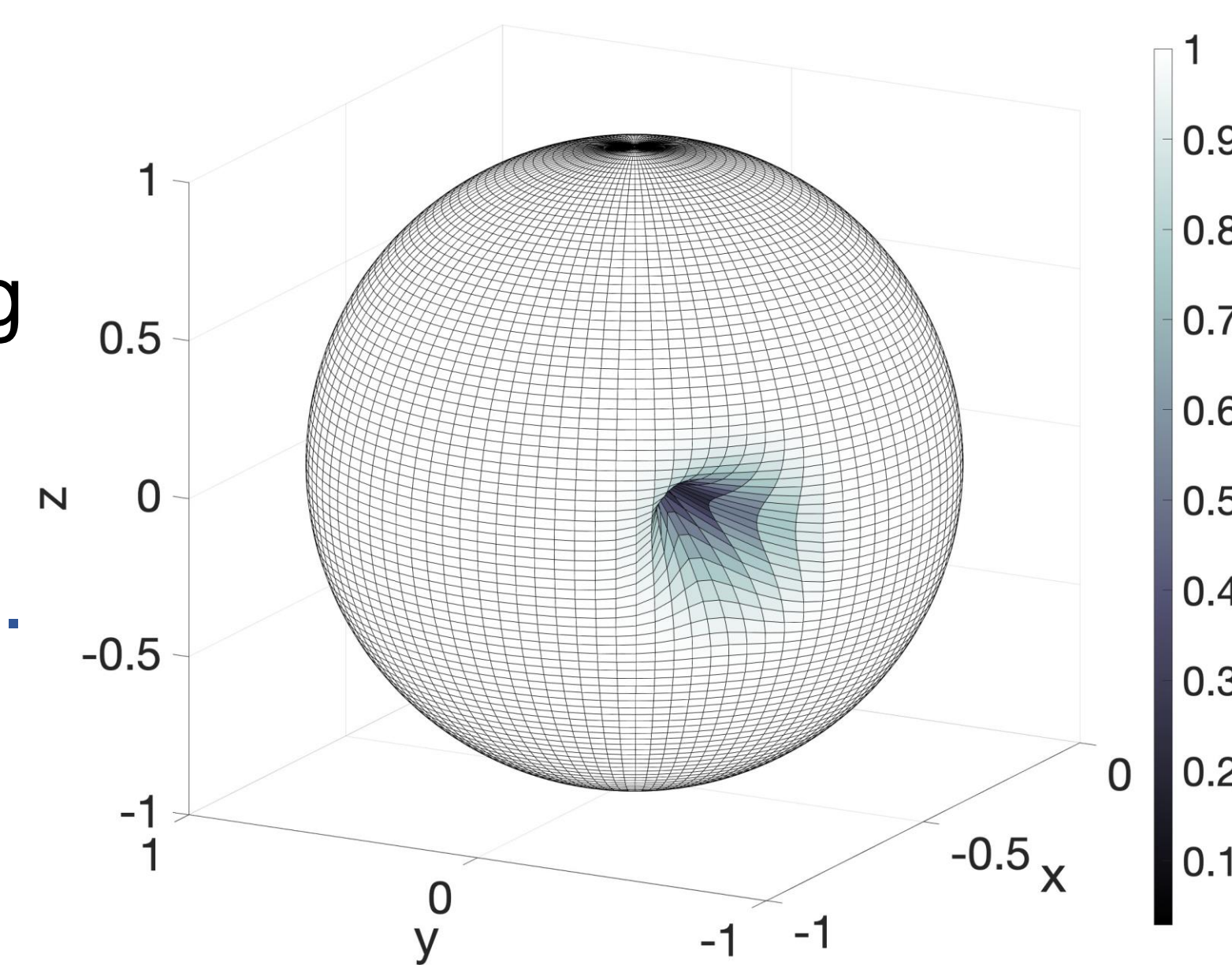
- Considering the direct component is removed, the weight was made minimal in the direction connecting the centers.

⇒ The hyperparameter β controls the width of the cavity, γ the depth.

- Parameters were obtained by optimizing leave-one-out (LOO) cross-validation of the square error (SQE) and Tukey biweight loss.

$$\text{SQE}(z) = |z|^2$$

$$\text{Tukey}(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma^2}{6} \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{|z|^2}{\sigma^2} \right)^3 \right), & |z| \leq \sigma \\ \frac{\sigma^2}{6}, & |z| > \sigma \end{cases}$$
Robust loss function

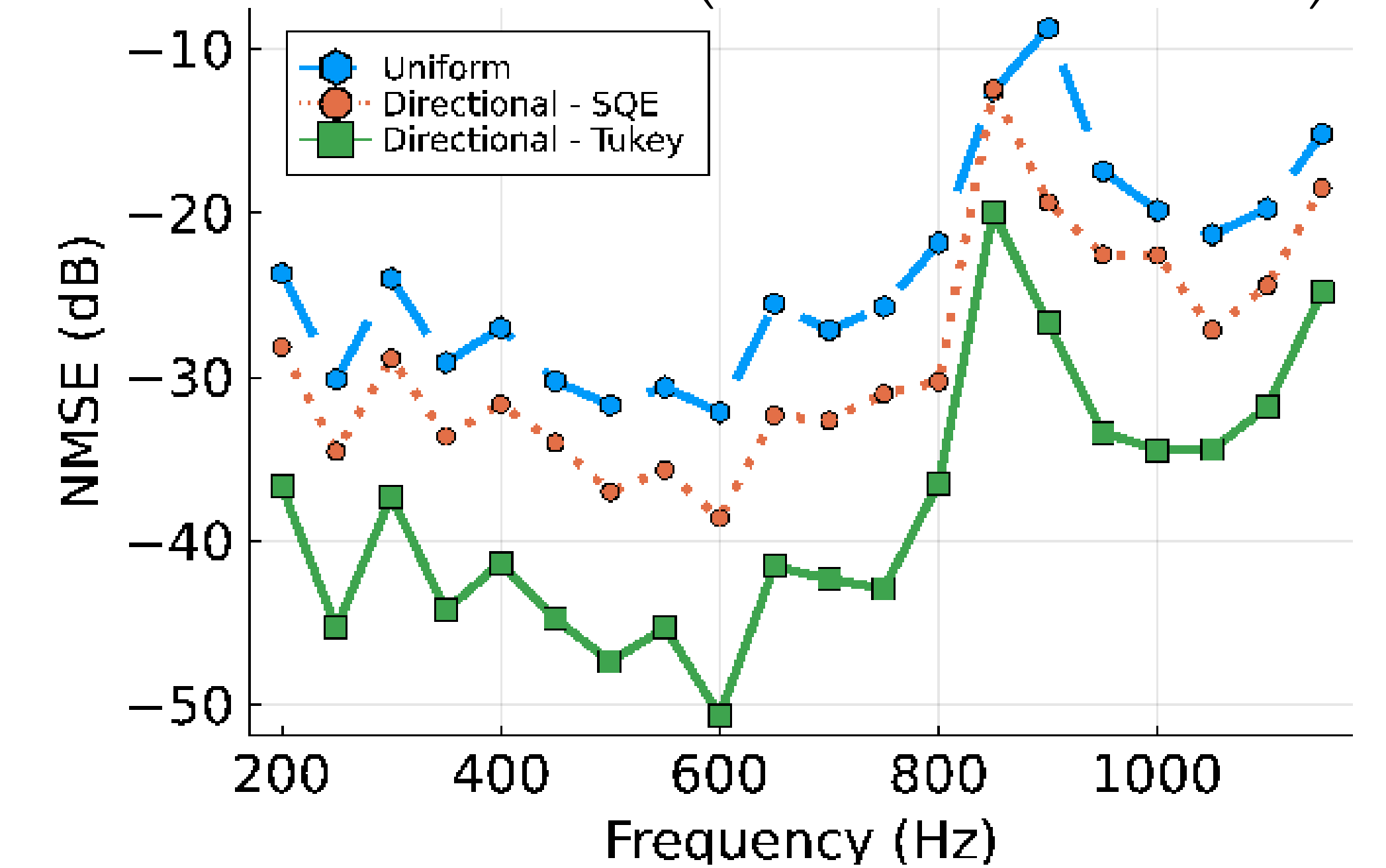


Experimental results

- Simulations with the image source method.
 - Room dimensions: 3.2 m × 4.0 m × 2.7 m.
 - Reverberation time: $T_{60} = 0.45$ s.
 - Radius of both regions: 0.2 m.
 - Centers of $\Omega_{S,R}$: $\pm(0.35, 0.43, 0.29)$ m.
- We compared the proposed directionally-weighted kernels to the **uniform** kernel derived when $w \equiv (4\pi)^{-1}$.

Normalized mean square error (NMSE)

$$\text{NMSE} = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\sum_n |\hat{h}(\mathbf{q}'_n) - h(\mathbf{q}'_n)|^2}{\sum_n |h(\mathbf{q}'_n)|^2} \right)$$



Reconstruction of impulse response (950Hz)

