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Multi-frame Full-rank Spatial Covariance Analysis for Underdetermined BSS in Reverberant Environment

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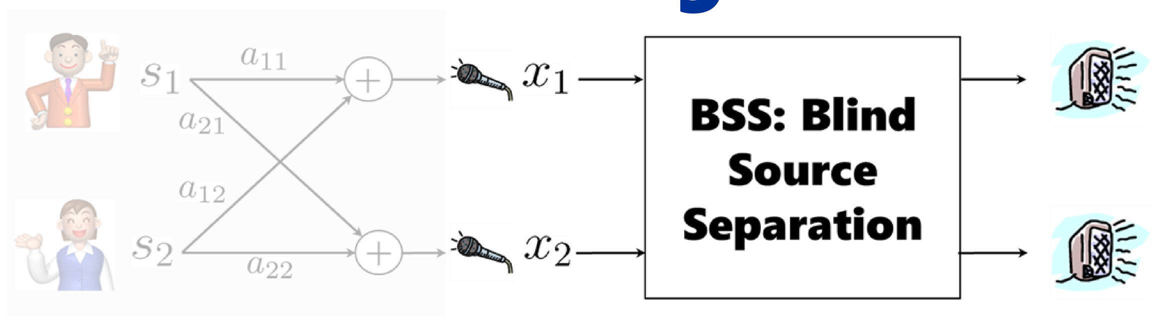
Background

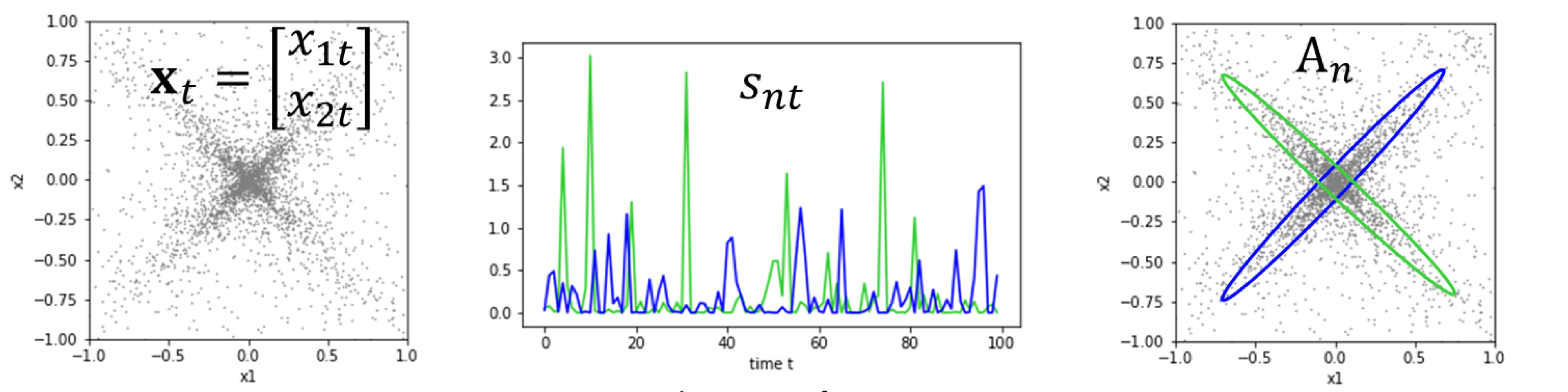


	overdetermined $N \le M$	underdetermined $N > M$
less reverberant	ICA	FCA
highly reverberant	WPE	

- ICA: Independent Component Analysis
- FCA: Full-rank spatial Covariance Analysis } BSS methods
- WPE: Weighted Prediction Error .... a blind dereverberation method

FCA model

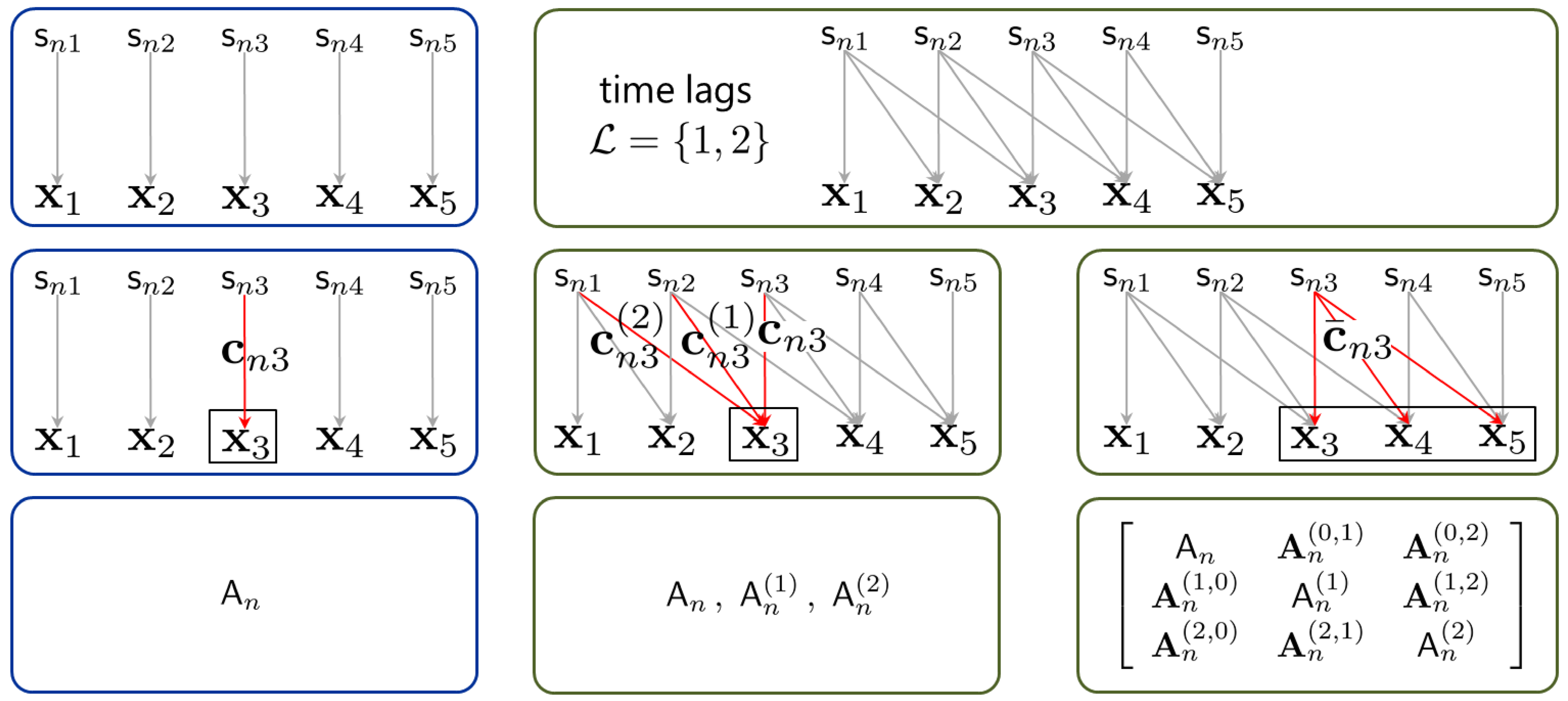
- **Observation vector**
  - sum of source components $\mathbf{x}_t = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbf{c}_{nt}$ $\quad \mathbf{c}_{nt} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1nt} \\ \vdots \\ c_{Mnt} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^M$
- **Source component vector**
  - follows a zero-mean Gaussian distribution $p(\mathbf{c}_{nt}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{c}_{nt} \mid \mathbf{0}, \mathsf{C}_{nt})$ with a covariance matrix C_{nt} $\quad \mathsf{C}_{nt} = \mathsf{s}_{nt}\mathsf{A}_n$
- **Parameters** $\theta = \{\{\{\mathsf{s}_{nt}\}_{t=1}^{T}, \mathsf{A}_n\}_{n=1}^{N}\}$



Temporal power of source n — Spatial property from source n to all microphones

FCA and its Extensions

Original: FCA — Conventional: FCAd (delayed source components) — Our proposal: mfFCA (multi-frame)



Proposed mfFCA model

- **Multi-frame vectors**
  - observation $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_t \\ \mathbf{x}_{t+1} \\ \mathbf{x}_{t+2} \end{bmatrix}$ $\quad$ source component $\bar{\mathbf{c}}_{nt} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{nt} \\ \mathbf{c}_{n(t+1)}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{c}_{n(t+2)}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}$
- **Source component vector** $\bar{\mathbf{c}}_{nt}$
  - zero-mean Gaussian distribution $p(\bar{\mathbf{c}}_{nt}) = \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{c}}_{nt} \mid \mathbf{0}, \bar{\mathsf{C}}_{nt})$
  - covariance matrix has larger dimensionality $\bar{\mathsf{C}}_{nt} = \mathsf{s}_{nt}\bar{\mathsf{A}}_n$ $\quad \bar{\mathsf{A}}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{A}_n & \mathbf{A}_n^{(0,1)} & \mathbf{A}_n^{(0,2)} \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{(1,0)} & \mathsf{A}_n^{(1)} & \mathbf{A}_n^{(1,2)} \\ \mathbf{A}_n^{(2,0)} & \mathbf{A}_n^{(2,1)} & \mathsf{A}_n^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}$
- **Observation vector** $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t$
  - zero-mean Gaussian distribution $p(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t \mid \theta) = \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t \mid \mathbf{0}, \bar{\mathsf{X}}_t)$
  - covariance matrix has additional terms specific to mfFCA $\bar{\mathsf{X}}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{X}_t & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \mathsf{X}_{t+l_L} \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathrm{BoffDiag}\bar{\mathsf{C}}_{nt}$ (FCAd / mfFCA)

mfFCA: EM algorithm

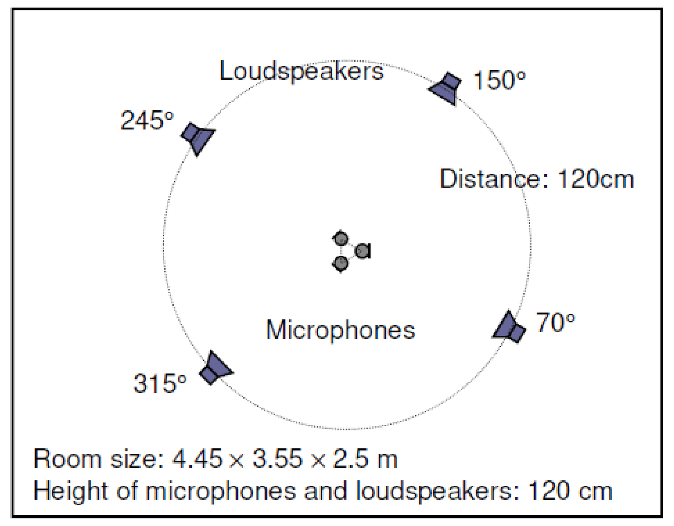
- **For optimizing parameters** $\theta = \{\{\{\mathsf{s}_{nt}\}_{t=1}^{T}, \bar{\mathsf{A}}_n\}_{n=1}^{N}\}$
- **E-step**
  - conditional distribution $p(\bar{\mathbf{c}}_{nt} \mid \bar{\mathbf{x}}_t, \theta) = \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mathbf{c}}_{nt} \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}_{nt}^{(\bar{c})}, \Sigma_{nt}^{(\bar{c})})$
  - mean vector $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{nt}^{(\bar{c})} = \bar{\mathsf{C}}_{nt}\bar{\mathsf{X}}_t^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t$
  - covariance matrix $\Sigma_{nt}^{(\bar{c})} = \bar{\mathsf{C}}_{nt} - \bar{\mathsf{C}}_{nt}\bar{\mathsf{X}}_t^{-1}\bar{\mathsf{C}}_{nt}$
- **M-step**
  - optimize parameters

$$\bar{\mathsf{A}}_n \leftarrow \frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}\frac{1}{\mathsf{s}_{nt}}\widetilde{\mathsf{C}}_{nt} \qquad \text{with} \quad \widetilde{\mathsf{C}}_{nt} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{nt}^{(\bar{c})}\boldsymbol{\mu}_{nt}^{(\bar{c})\mathsf{H}} + \Sigma_{nt}^{(\bar{c})}$$

$$\mathsf{s}_{nt} \leftarrow \frac{1}{M(L+1)}\mathrm{tr}\left(\bar{\mathsf{A}}_n^{-1}\widetilde{\mathsf{C}}_{nt}\right)$$

Experiments

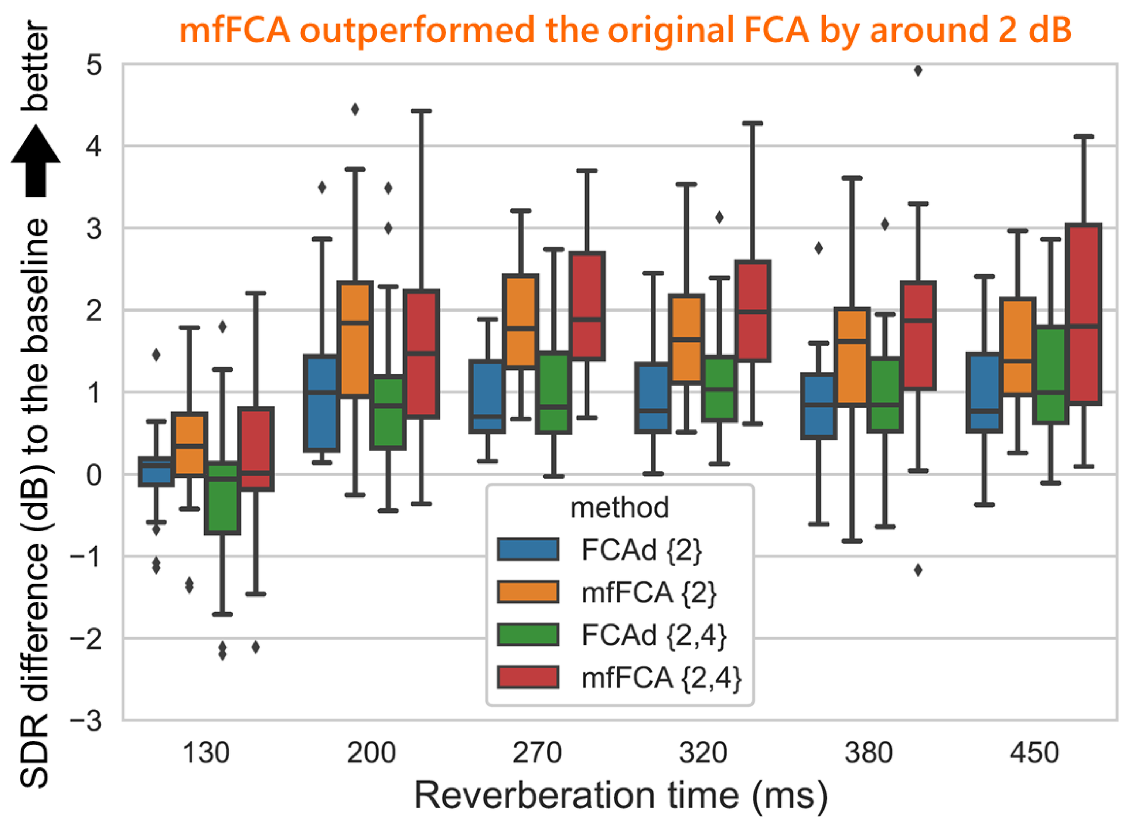
- **Conditions**
  - $M = 3$ microphones
  - $N = 4$ sources
  - 6-second speeches
  - reverberation time: 130 ms to 450 ms



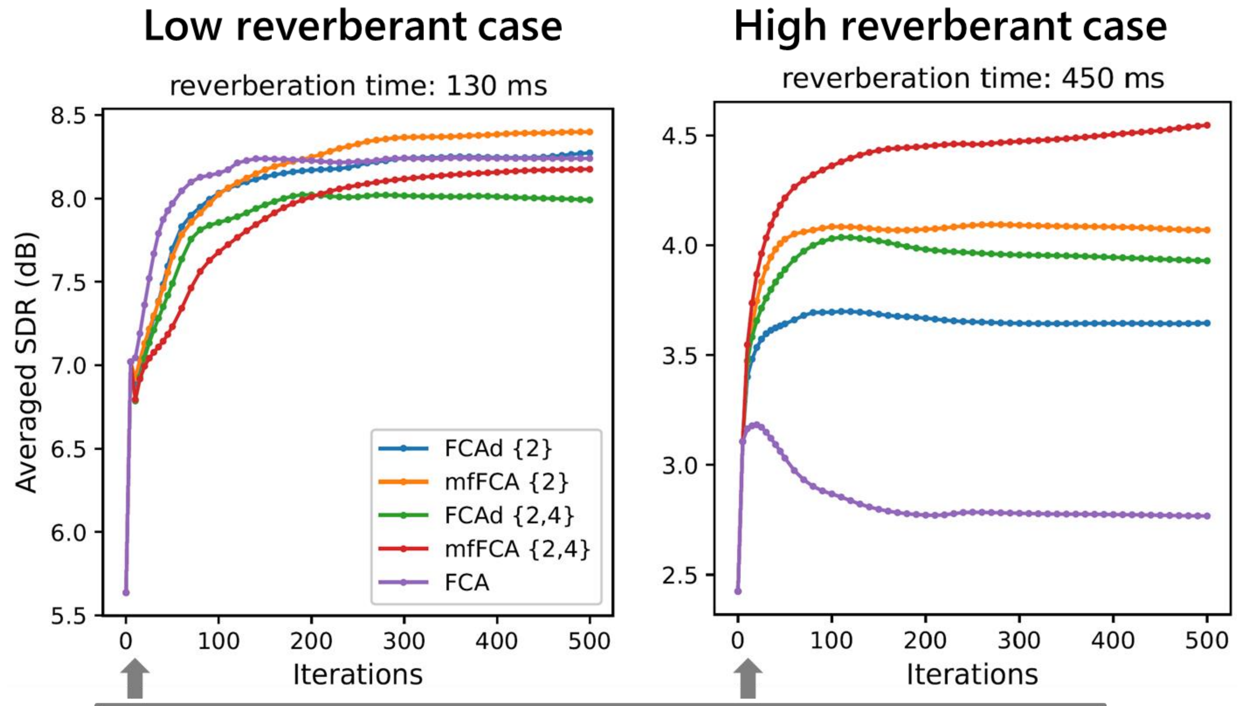
- **Separation performance**
  - measured in signal-to-distortion ratios (SDRs)
  - did not aim for dereverberation (source images with reverberations at microphones were set as reference signals)
- **5 methods**
  - FCA original, baseline
  - FCAd conventional: $\mathcal{L} = \{2\}$, $\mathcal{L} = \{2, 4\}$
  - mfFCA our proposal: $\mathcal{L} = \{2\}$, $\mathcal{L} = \{2, 4\}$

Overall results

mfFCA outperformed the original FCA by around 2 dB



Convergence behavior



- FCA parameters were initialized by the procedure shown in [29].
- The first 5 iterations were by the original FCA model and updates.

Conclusion

- **A new FCA model** mfFCA
  - source components span multiple time frames
  - modeled with covariance matrix of larger dimensionality
- **Developed**
  - the whole probabilistic models and EM algorithm
- **Experimental results**
  - show that the proposed method considerably improved the separation performance for underdetermined reverberant convolutive mixtures
- **Future work**
  - evaluating the dereverberation capability of mfFCA
  - reducing the computational complexity further (already accelerated the computation by a GPU)