

# Sound field reproduction with exterior cancellation using analytical weighting of harmonic coefficients

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## Abstract

### Sound field reproduction for high-fidelity audio systems

- Physical reproduction of sound field using loudspeaker array

#### Conventional methods

- Assumption of free space (no reflection)
- e.g., wave field synthesis and higher order ambisonics
- **Performance degradation in reverberant environment**

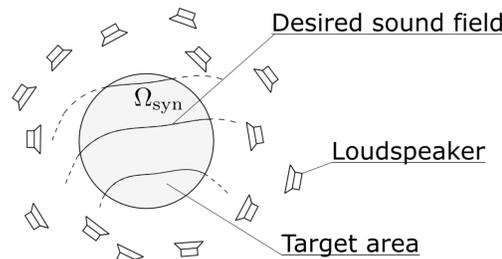
#### Proposed method

- Sound field reproduction with exterior cancellation
- Formulated so as to be applicable to any type of loudspeaker array (e.g., double-layer monopole array and distributed array of higher-order loudspeakers)
- Using analytical weighting of harmonic coefficients (cf. mode-matching method [1])

## Problem Statement

- Two-dimensional sound field is assumed
- Our objective is jointly achieving **reproduction of desired sound field** within target area and **suppression of exterior radiation**
- $l$ th loudspeaker's driving signal and transfer function are denoted as  $d_l(\omega)$  and  $g_l(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$ , respectively
- Synthesized sound field is represented as

$$u_{\text{syn}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \sum_{l=1}^L d_l(\omega) g_l(\mathbf{r}, \omega)$$



### Optimization problem for sound field reproduction with exterior cancellation

$$\underset{\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{C}^L}{\text{minimize}} \quad \mathcal{J} = \mathcal{J}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{d}) + \gamma \mathcal{J}_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{d})$$

Constant parameter

- $\mathcal{J}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{d})$  represents interior reproduction error

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{d}) = \int_{\Omega_{\text{syn}}} w(\mathbf{r}) |u_{\text{syn}}(\mathbf{r}) - u_{\text{des}}(\mathbf{r})|^2 d\mathbf{r}$$

Target area: Assumed as circle      Spatial weighting: Assumed as uniform distribution      Desired sound field

- $\mathcal{J}_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{d})$  represents exterior radiation power

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{d}) = \int_{\partial\Omega_S} I_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

Circle enclosing all loudspeakers      Acoustic intensity in outward normal direction

## Derivation of Optimal Driving Signals

- Based on **harmonic analysis of sound field**, optimal driving signals are derived

#### Interior sound field expansion

$$u(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}_{\mu}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}_0) \varphi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)$$

Interior basis function  
 $\varphi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) = J_{\mu}(kr) \exp(j\mu\phi)$

#### Exterior sound field expansion

$$u(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mu=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{u}_{\mu}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_0) \psi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)$$

Exterior basis function  
 $\psi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) = H_{\mu}(kr) \exp(j\mu\phi)$

- Objective functions are rewritten as

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{int}}(\mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{d}^H \mathbf{A}_{\text{int}} \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}^H \mathbf{b}_{\text{int}} - \mathbf{b}_{\text{int}}^H \mathbf{d} + \text{const.}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}_{\text{int}})_{l_1, l_2} = \sum_{\mu=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{w}_{\mu} g_{l_1, \mu}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}})^* g_{l_2, \mu}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}}) \quad \mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}} : \text{Center of } \Omega_{\text{syn}}$$

$$(\mathbf{b}_{\text{int}})_l = \sum_{\mu=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{w}_{\mu} g_{l, \mu}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}})^* \hat{u}_{\text{des}, \mu}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}})$$

$$\hat{w}_{\mu} = \int_{\Omega_{\text{syn}}} w(\mathbf{r}) |\varphi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}})|^2 d\mathbf{r} = J_{\mu}(kR_{\text{syn}})^2 - J_{\mu-1}(kR_{\text{syn}})J_{\mu+1}(kR_{\text{syn}})$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{d}^H \mathbf{A}_{\text{ext}} \mathbf{d}$$

$$(\mathbf{A}_{\text{ext}})_{l_1, l_2} = \frac{2}{\rho c k} \sum_{\mu=-\infty}^{\infty} g_{l_1, \mu}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_S)^* g_{l_2, \mu}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_S) \quad \mathbf{r}_S : \text{Center of } \Omega_S$$

- This includes infinite sum, but can be calculated analytically using addition theorems for Bessel functions

#### Optimal driving signals

Regularization parameter

$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} = (\mathbf{A}_{\text{int}} + \gamma \mathbf{A}_{\text{ext}} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_L)^{-1} \mathbf{b}_{\text{int}}$$

## Comparison with Mode-Matching Method

- In mode-matching method, driving signals are obtained as

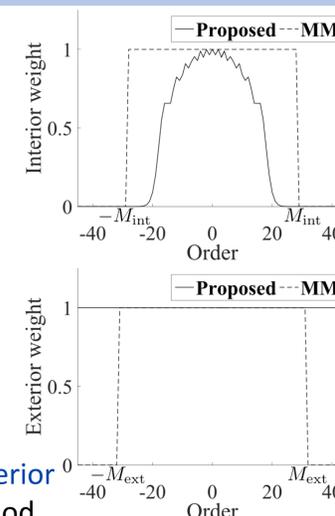
$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} = (\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{int}} + \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{ext}} + \lambda \mathbf{I}_L)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{\text{int}}$$

$$(\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{int}})_{l_1, l_2} = \sum_{\mu=-M_{\text{int}}}^{M_{\text{int}}} g_{l_1, \mu}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}})^* g_{l_2, \mu}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}})$$

$$(\bar{\mathbf{b}}_{\text{int}})_l = \sum_{\mu=-M_{\text{int}}}^{M_{\text{int}}} g_{l, \mu}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}})^* \hat{u}_{\text{des}, \mu}^{\text{int}}(\mathbf{r}_{\text{syn}})$$

$$(\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{ext}})_{l_1, l_2} = \sum_{\mu=-M_{\text{ext}}}^{M_{\text{ext}}} g_{l_1, \mu}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_S)^* g_{l_2, \mu}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_S)$$

- Right figures show example of **interior and exterior weights** in proposed and mode-matching method



## Simulation Results

- Circular array (of radius 1.5m) of 12 ideal third-order loudspeakers
- Comparing proposed method with mode-matching method [1]
- Each third-order loudspeaker was assumed to be seven individual multipoles (from -3<sup>rd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Evaluation criteria: signal-to-distortion ratio (SDR) and suppression-power ratio (SPR)

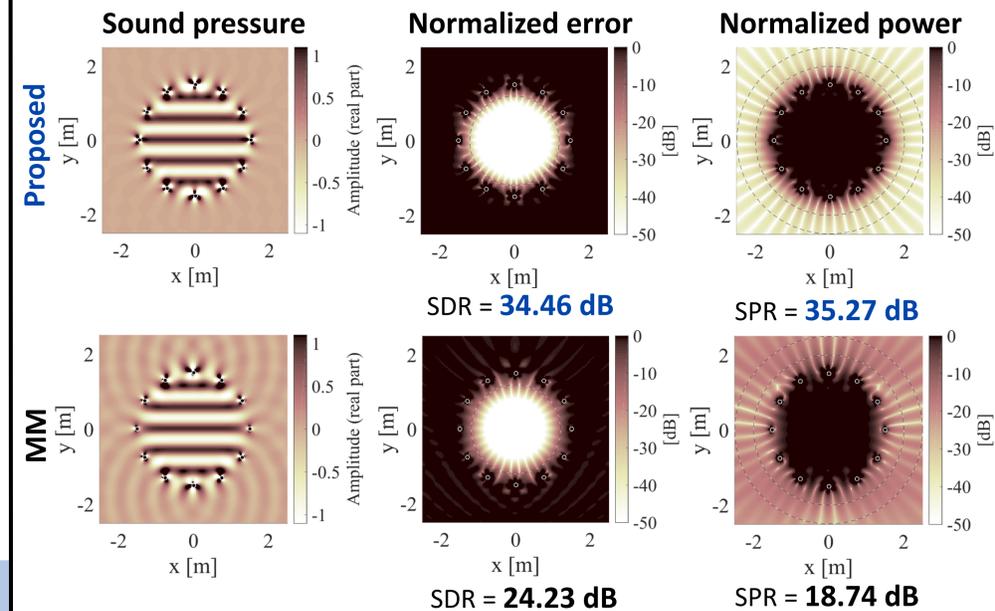
$$\text{SDR}(\omega) = 10 \log_{10} \frac{\int_{\Omega_{\text{syn}}} |u_{\text{des}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)|^2 d\mathbf{r}}{\int_{\Omega_{\text{syn}}} |u_{\text{syn}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega) - u_{\text{des}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)|^2 d\mathbf{r}}$$

- $\Omega_{\text{syn}}$  was circular area of radius 1.2 m

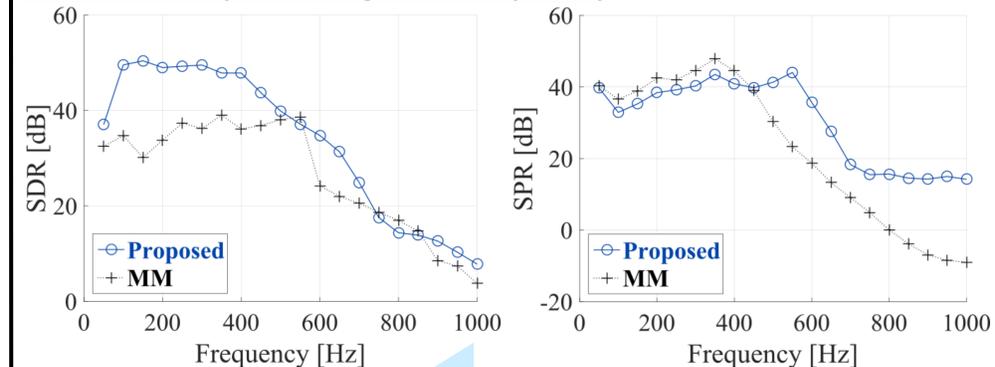
$$\text{SPR}(\omega) = 10 \log_{10} \frac{\int_{\Omega_{\text{ext}}} |u_{\text{des}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)|^2 d\mathbf{r}}{\int_{\Omega_{\text{ext}}} |u_{\text{syn}}(\mathbf{r}, \omega)|^2 d\mathbf{r}}$$

- $\Omega_{\text{ext}}$  was area bounded by two circles of radii 2.0 and 2.5 m

### Reproduction results: plane wave, 600 Hz



### SDR and SPR plotted against frequency



**High reproduction accuracy and exterior power suppression are achieved by using proposed method**

[1] M. A. Poletti, T. D. Abhayapala and P. Samarasinghe, "Interior and exterior sound field control using two dimensional higher-order variable-directivity sources," J. Acoust. Soc. Am., vol. 131, no. 5, pp. 3814-3823, 2012.