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### Motivation

□ Room Acoustics with Source of Finite Size



Available techniques are not suitable for a fast and accurate room acoustics simulations of finite-size sources

Sound prediction of a flat screen TV:

- Not point sources
- Arbitrary room shapes
- Fast





#### □ The Use of Equivalent Source Models (ESM)



### **ESM in Room Acoustics**



□ Sound Field Components in Room Acoustics



Total sound field:



□ Free-space ESM vs. Room Acoustics ESM



## **Boundary Conditions**



- BC of the Room Components in Room Acoustics
- $\circ$  BC on source surface, Γ<sub>1</sub>, (admittance  $\beta_1$ ):

Total:  $\beta_1(x)p_t(x) + u_0(x) = u_{nt}(x)$ Free-space:  $\beta_1(x)p_f(x) + u_0(x) = u_{nf}(x)$ 

In-vacuo driving velocity on the source surface. (source characteristics)

• BC on room surface,  $\Gamma_2$ , (admittance  $\beta_2$ ):

Total: 
$$\beta_2(x)p_t(x) = u_{nt}(x)$$



Boundary conditions used in the room acoustics ESM:

$$\beta_1(x)p_r(x) - u_{nr}(x) = 0 \qquad x \in \Gamma_1$$
  
$$\beta_2(x)p_r(x) - u_{nr}(x) = u_{nf}(x) - \beta_2(x)p_f(x) \qquad x \in \Gamma_2.$$

The problem of room acoustics: Given:  $P_f$ ,  $u_f$ ; Calculate:  $P_r$ ,  $u_r$ 



#### **Construction of ESM in General**



General Procedure of Constructing Room Acoustics ESM



### Two Types of ESMs

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Room Acoustics ESM Using Monopole Distributions

- Monopoles are distributed inside the source surface (outgoing wave) and outside the room surface (incoming wave)
- Sound field expression (2D):

$$g(x, y) = \frac{j}{4} H_0^{(1)}(kr)$$

Incoming waves

Room Acoustics ESM Using Monopole Distributions

- Multipoles of monopole, dipole, quadrupole, ... *n* th order, ... (both incoming and outgoing)
- Sound field expression (2D):

$$n = 0: \qquad P_0^{out}(x, y) = \frac{j}{4} H_0^{(1)}(kr), \qquad P_0^{in}(x, y) = \frac{j}{4} H_0^{(2)}(kr)$$

$$n \text{ th order:} \begin{cases} P_{Sn}^{out} = S_n P_n^{out} = S_n R_n (P_0^{out}) \cdot \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 \dots \cdot \vec{v}_n \\ P_{Sn}^{in} = S_n P_n^{in} = S_n R_n (P_0^{in}) \cdot \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 \dots \cdot \vec{v}_n \end{cases}, \qquad R_n$$

$$Details \text{ on next slide} \qquad \cdot$$



- ø tensor outer product
- tensor inner product



Sound field of Multipole Sources



□Sound field expression for multipole sources (2D):

Sound field of order n + 1 source and order n source can be related by directional derivative:

$$P_{Sn+1}(\vec{X} \mid \vec{X}_{0}, \omega) = d < \nabla P_{Sn}(\vec{X} \mid \vec{X}_{0}, \omega), \vec{v}_{n+1} > \\ = d < \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial P_{Sn}(\vec{X} \mid \vec{X}_{0}, \omega)}{\partial x_{0}}, \frac{\partial P_{Sn}(\vec{X} \mid \vec{X}_{0}, \omega)}{\partial y_{0}} \end{bmatrix}^{T}, \vec{v}_{n+1} > \\ \\ \textbf{Dipole:} \quad P_{S1} = Sd_{1} < \nabla P_{0}, \vec{v}_{1} >, \\ \textbf{Dipole strength:} \quad Sd_{1} \\ \textbf{Quadrupole:} \quad P_{S2} = Sd_{1}d_{2}\vec{v}_{2}^{T}\vec{R}_{2}\vec{v}_{1}, \\ \textbf{Quadrupole strength:} \quad Sd_{1} \\ \textbf{Quadrupole strength:} \quad Sd_{1} \\ \hline \frac{\partial^{2}P_{0}}{\partial x^{2}}, \frac{\partial^{2}P_{0}}{\partial x\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial^{2}P_{0}}{\partial y\partial x}, \frac{\partial^{2}P_{0}}{\partial y^{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \textbf{Order n:} \\ P_{Sn} = Q_{n}g_{n} \\ \textbf{Source strength:} \\ Q_{n} = Sd_{1}d_{2}...d_{n} \\ g_{n} = R_{n}(P_{0})\cdot\vec{v}_{1}\cdot\vec{v}_{2}...\vec{v}_{n}, \\ R_{n} = \nabla^{\otimes n} \\ \otimes & - \text{ tensor outer product} \\ \cdot & - \text{ tensor inner product} \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

#### **Decomposition of the Multipoles**



□ For a source of order n (n > 1), there could be infinitely many types because of the orientation vectors.



• Can be numerically enumerated for an arbitrary *n*.

### **Simulation Setup**



#### □ Simulation in a 2 dimensional room (circular geometry)



### **Models Used in Simulations**



#### Different models used in the simulation

| Type of ESM                               | Number of Parameters |
|---|----------------------|
| Multipole ESM (order up to 3)             | 10                   |
| Multipole ESM (order up to 6)             | 28                   |
| Monopole ESM (outside: 100; inside: 30)   | 130                  |
| Monopole ESM (outside: 150; inside: 45)   | 195                  |
| Monopole ESM (outside: 200; inside: 60)   | 260                  |
| Monopole ESM (outside: 1000; inside: 300) | 1300                 |

 Result from a Boundary Element Model was used as the true sound field.

#### Choice of regularization techniques





#### □ Results from monopole distribution ESMs



Spatially averaged prediction from monopole ESMs





- Accurate (up to 5000 Hz) if there are a large number of monopoles and with regularization.
- Regularization may cause instabilities.



#### □ Results from monopole distribution ESMs



#### □ Results from multipole ESMs

- Regularization does not cause instabilities (more robust).
- The spatially averaged predictions are similar with different multipole orders (accurate up to 5000 Hz).
- Multipole ESM requires much fewer number of model parameters than monopole ESM

0

500

1000

1500

2000

2500

Frequency (Hz)

Spatially averaged prediction from multipole ESMs

3000

3500

4000

4500

5000









Prediction from multipole ESMs at 2000 Hz



Prediction from multipole ESMs at 4000 Hz

- Increase of multipole order improves the prediction oscillation in space.
- It is flexible to balance the computational effort and the prediction accuracy. (choose an appropriate truncation order



## Conclusions



- Equivalent source models are constructed for room acoustics simulations with finite-size source, arbitrary geometry and nonuniform surface normal impedances.
- In room acoustics ESMs, both outgoing and incoming waves should be included, and the impedance boundary conditions for the room component sound field are used for parameter estimation.
- Both monopole ESMs and multipole ESMs can achieve accurate performance up to 5000 Hz, but the multipole ESM requires fewer model parameters and is more robust.
- When using multipole ESM, there is a flexible balance between the computational effort and the prediction accuracy, controlled by choosing an appropriate truncation order.



