

Phase recovery based on signal modeling: application to audio source separation

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Source separation



Applications: karaoke, automatic transcription, denoising...



Challenges: Reduction of interference and artifacts.



Short-Term Fourier Transform (STFT)

Exploit the particular structure of music signals.





Time-Frequency (TF) overlap

Source estimation:

Soft masking of the mixture's STFT: $\hat{X}_k = G_k \odot X$.

⊖ Issues when sources **overlap** in the TF domain:



 $\ominus \hat{X}_k \neq \mathsf{STFT} \text{ of a } \hat{x}_k.$

Problem setting

Mixture model:
$$x(n) = \sum_{k} x_k(n)$$
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STFT: $X(f, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N_w-1} x(n+tS) w_a(n) e^{-2i\pi \frac{f}{F}n}$.

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Goal: compute an estimate \hat{X}_k of X_k .

- Magnitude estimation;
- Phase reconstruction is necessary for time-domain synthesis;
- Joint estimation of amplitude and phase.

Nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF)

Model: $V \approx \hat{V} = WH$, where V, W and H are nonnegative.



- Estimation: minimization of D(V, WH);
- Extensions: constraints (sparsity, harmonicity...), side-information (music score)...



Phase reconstruction

Wiener filtering: $\hat{X}_k = \frac{\hat{V}_k^{\odot 2}}{\sum_l \hat{V}_l^{\odot 2}} \odot X \rightarrow \phi$ -source = ϕ -mixture.



Inconsistency: $\mathcal{I}(X) = ||X - \mathcal{F}(X)||_{\mathsf{F}}^2$, $\mathcal{F} = STFT \circ STFT^{-1}$. [Griffin, 1984] Iteratively applying \mathcal{F} ; [Le Roux, 2008] Direct minimization of \mathcal{I} .



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Extensions

- Combine mixture phase/consistency constraint;
- Consistent Wiener filtering [Le Roux, 2013].



NMF with phase estimation

Complex NMF (CNMF) [Kameoka, 2009]

$$\hat{X}(f,t) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \hat{X}_{k} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \underbrace{W(f,k)H(k,t)}_{\text{NMF model}} e^{i\phi_{k}(f,t)}.$$

- Estimation by minimization of the Euclidean distance between X and X (+ sparsity).
- \blacktriangleright \oplus Joint estimation of magnitude and phase.
- ▶ Needs to be constrained, e.g. consistency [Le Roux, 2009].



NMF with phase estimation

High Resolution NMF (HRNMF) [Badeau, 2014] Modeling each frequency band by means of AR filtering:

$$\hat{X}_k(f,t) = b_k(f,t) + \sum_{p=1}^{P(k,f)} a_p(k,f) \hat{X}_k(f,t-p),$$

 $b_k(f,t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0,\sigma_k(f,t)^2)$ where $\sigma_k(f,t)^2 = W(f,k)H(k,t)$

- ► The complex STFT components are directly estimated.
- ► ⊕ Naturally captures phase dependencies over time.

How "well" do those methods perform?

Performance measurement with BSS Eval [Vincent, 2006]:

 Signal to Distortion/Interference/Artifacts Ratios (SDR, SIR, SAR).

Comparison of NMF-based source separation techniques:

- It is mandatory to design novel phase recovery techniques;
- Consistency \neq separation quality;
- HRNMF is promising \rightarrow signal modeling.

How can we incorporate model-based phase information in a mixture model for audio source separation?



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Sinusoidal model

A signal is modeled as a \sum of sinusoids [McAuley, 1986]:

$$x(n)=\sum_{p}A_{p}e^{2i\pi\nu_{p}n+i\phi_{0,p}}.$$



STFT's phase of the p-th partial:

$$\phi_p(f,t) = \phi_p(f,t-1) + 2\pi S \nu_p.$$

In the p-th region of influence

$$\phi(f,t) = \angle X(f,t) = \phi_p(f,t).$$

Phase unwrapping (PU) relation:

$$\phi(f,t) = \phi(f,t-1) + 2\pi S \nu(f).$$

Frequency estimation

Most techniques use:

- ▶ the STFT's phase (e.g. phase vocoder [Laroche, 1999]);
- ▶ a harmonic model (e.g. Harmonic Spectral Product/Sum...).



 \rightarrow Quadratic Interpolated FFT (QIFFT).

- Each peak \approx a parabola;
- Max. of the parabola $\rightarrow \nu_p$.
- ▶ Estimation within each time frame → slowly-varying sinusoids.
- A recursive relationship \rightarrow initialization.

Phase recovery procedure

Tempogram Toolbox [Grosche, 2011]:

Onset frames detection.

Initialize PU within onset frames:

- Assumed known (Oracle);
- Mixture phase (source separation).



- ► In frame *t*:
 - 1. Frequency estimation ν_p by QIFFT near each magnitude peak;
 - 2. Decomposition into regions of influence: $\forall f \in I_p$, $\nu(f, t) = \nu_p$;
 - 3. Phase unwrapping: $\phi(f, t) = \phi(f, t-1) + 2\pi S\nu(f, t)$.
- Proceed to next frame.

Comparison with Griffin Lim

Onset phases are known;

Magnitudes: known (Oracle) or NMF (semi-Oracle).

SDR results (in dB):

	Ora	acle	semi-Oracle		
	GL	ΡU	GL	PU	
Piano	0.4	5.8	-0.2	4.7	
Guitar	-0.5	2.2	-11.2	-9.7	
Strings	-6.5	0.4	-8.9	-4.7	
Speech	1.1	-1.8	-11.8	-11.6	

- Phase unwrapping (PU) > Griffin Lim (GL);
- Limits of the SDR.

Influence of the window length



Applications:

- not many frames to recover (click removal);
- additional phase information: source separation.

Source separation - Problem setting

- Mixture model: $X = \sum_k X_k$ with known magnitudes.
- ▶ Goal: estimate \hat{X}_k .

Problem:

minimize
$$||X-\sum_k \hat{X}_k||_{\mathsf{F}}^2$$
 s.t. $|\hat{X}_k|=V_k.$

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Proposed approach:

- Iterative procedure;
- Phase information through the initialization.









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- 5. Return to step 2.



Influence of the initialization

 \rightarrow Initialization with the PU technique.

Mixtures of piano notes with TF overlap:



► +3.5 dB in SDR/SAR, +7.5 dB in SIR over a random initialization.





Source separation results

DSD100 database:

- 50 development songs + 50 test songs;
- ▶ 4 sources: bass, drums, vocals and other.

Magnitudes are known or estimated by NMF.

Method	SDR	SIR	SAR
Wiener	9.1	16.4	10.4
Consistent Wiener	11.1	19.7	12.0
Proposed	11.0	22.3	11.3

Example: mix ؇ bass 📢

▶ Proposed procedure \P > Consistent Wiener filtering \P Significant reduction of computational cost ($\approx \times 7$).



Phase recovery by sinusoidal modeling -Conclusion

Exploiting phase information based on sinusoidal modeling improves the source separation quality over a phase-unaware approach.



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Approach:

- Model the signal within onset frames (e.g. impulse);
- ► Exploit the repetition of audio events → onset phase constraints.



Model of repeated audio events

Two onset signals are equal up to a gain factor and a delay:



Onset mixture model

Onset matrix: $Y(f, m) = X(f, t_m)$. Model within onset frames:

$$\widetilde{Y}(f,m) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} V_k(f,t_m) e^{i\psi_k(f)} e^{i\lambda_k(m)f}.$$

Goal: estimate \hat{Y}_k . Minimization of:

$$C_r = ||Y - \sum_{k=1}^{K} \hat{Y}_k||_{\mathsf{F}}^2 + \sigma \sum_{k=1}^{K} ||\tilde{Y}_k - \hat{Y}_k||_{\mathsf{F}}^2.$$

- ► $\partial_{\psi}C_r = 0$ (resp. $\partial_{\phi}C_r = 0$) \rightarrow update on ψ (resp. ϕ);
- Adaptation of the ESPRIT algorithm \rightarrow update on λ .



Experiments on mixtures of piano notes

Influence of σ :

• Estimation error $\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k} ||Y_k - \hat{Y}_k||_{\mathsf{F}};$



Slight improvement over Wiener filtering.



Experiments on mixtures of piano notes

Source separation:

Onset phase recovery + Iterative procedure with PU.

Onset phase	SDR	SIR	SAR
Mixture	20.4	27.1	21.5
Proposed model	21.0	27.9	22.1
Oracle	22.6	29.8	23.6

- Proposed onset phase model > mixture phase;
- Some room for further improvement.

Repetition model - Conclusion

A phase constraint based on a model of repeated audio events improves the separation over using the mixture phase.



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Goal: Joint estimation of magnitude and phase. Complex NMF model:

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Needs to be constrained (*cf.* benchmark).

Phase constraints based on time signal properties.



Complex NMF - Phase constraints

Phase unwrapping constraint (cf. [Bronson, 2014]) :

$$\mathcal{C}_{u}(\phi) = \sum_{f,k} \sum_{t \neq \text{onsets}} |X(f,t)|^{2} |e^{i\phi_{k}(f,t)+} - e^{i\phi_{k}(f,t-1)+2i\pi S\nu_{k}(f)}|^{2}.$$

Phase repetition constraint within onset frames:

$$\mathcal{C}_r(\phi,\psi,\lambda) = \sum_{f,k} \sum_{t \in ext{onsets}} |X(f,t)|^2 |e^{i\phi_k(f,t)} - e^{i\psi_k(f) + i\lambda_k(t)f}|^2.$$



Complete cost function:



$$\bullet \ \theta = \{W, H, \phi, \psi, \lambda\};$$

Minimization of \mathcal{C} :

Coordinate descent, auxiliary function method.



CNMF - Experiments on simple data

Influence of σ_u



Influence of σ_r

The repetition constraint does not improve the results.



CNMF - Experiments on simple data

Source separation

Data	Method	SDR	SIR	SAR
	NMF-W	11.7	16.8	13.5
Synthetic sinusoids	CNMF	9.6	16.7	10.7
	$CNMF$ - ϕ	12.3	SIR 16.8 16.7 23.2 18.5 19.6 22.1	12.8
	NMF-W	14.7	18.5	17.4
Piano notes	Method SDR SIR	14.9		
	$CNMF$ - ϕ	14.6	22.1	15.7

• CNMF- ϕ > CNMF.

Reconstruction of a piano note partial:







CNMF - Experiments on DSD100

Optimal weights (learning database): $(\sigma_r, \sigma_u) \approx (0.1, 0.1)$.

Source separation (test database):

Method	SDR	SIR	SAR	
NMF-W	1.9	10.2	3.7	
CNMF	1.4	10.9	2.9	
$CNMF extsf{-}\phi$	1.7	12.2	2.9	



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• $\sigma_u/\sigma_r \rightarrow$ trade-off between SDR, SIR and SAR.

A promising approach for separating overlapping sources in the TF domain with improved interference rejection.



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Proposed approach:

- A non-uniform phase model.
- A robust magnitude model.



Von Mises phase

Mixture model: $X = \sum_{k} V_k e^{i\phi_k}$ with constant magnitudes.

• A prior phase μ_k can be obtained.

 $\phi_k \sim \text{Von Mises}$ (VM) with location μ_k .



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Drawback: a non-tractable model.

 \rightarrow Approximate the VM model by a Gaussian model which keeps the phase dependencies.



Anisotropic Gaussian (AG) model

Mixture model: $X = \sum_{k} X_{k}$ with complex Gaussian variables:

$$X_k \sim \mathcal{N}(\underbrace{m_k}_{\text{Mean}}, \underbrace{\gamma_k}_{\text{Variance}}, \underbrace{c_k}_{\text{Relation}}), \ \Gamma_k = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_k & c_k \\ \overline{c}_k & \gamma_k \end{pmatrix}$$

Key idea: the moments are the same ones in VM and AG models.



MMSE estimator of the sources

$$\hat{X}_k = \mathbb{E}(X_k | X).$$

For Gaussian mixtures:

$$\underline{\hat{X}}_{k} = \underline{m}_{k} + \Gamma_{k}\Gamma_{X}^{-1}(\underline{X} - \underline{m}_{X})$$
 where $\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \overline{u} \end{pmatrix}$.

• Conservative:
$$\sum_k \hat{X}_k = X;$$

• When $\kappa \to 0$: Wiener filtering $\frac{V_k^2}{\sum_l V_l^2} X!$

 \rightarrow Optimal combination of prior and mixture phases.

Experiments on DSD100

Influence of the concentration parameter:



Source separation:

- Wiener < Proposed MMSE < Consistent Wiener;
- 🕨 Mix 🍕 Bass 🍕 Consistent Wiener 🐠 Proposed 🐠



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Tests on the DSD100 database:

	Oracle			semi-Oracle		
	SDR SIR SAR			SDR	SIR	SAR
lter	10.0	20.5	10.4	5.3	15.0	5.9
MMSE	9.0	16.7	9.9	7.4	13.9	8.6

- Magnitude estimate \approx Oracle \rightarrow iterative procedure;
- Alternatively \rightarrow MMSE estimator from AG model.



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Common distributions (Poisson, Rayleigh) are not heavy-tailed.

- ► *Stable* distributions: additivity and robustness to outliers...
- ... not nonnegative in general.
- \rightarrow A robust nonnegative data model based on the stable distribution family for source separation.



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Lévy NMF model:

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$$X = \sum_{k} X_{k}$$
 where X_{k} is Lévy-distributed: $X_{k} \sim \mathcal{L}(\sigma_{k})$.

$$o X \sim \mathcal{L}(\sigma)$$
 with $\sigma^{\odot 1/2} = \sum_k \sigma_k^{\odot 1/2}$.

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• NMF model: $\sigma^{\odot 1/2} = WH$.

Model estimation

Maximum Likelihood (ML) estimation:

$$L(W,H) \propto -d_{IS}([WH]^{\odot 2},X),$$
where $d_{IS}(a,b) = rac{a}{b} - \log rac{a}{b} - 1.$

Minimization of d_{IS} :

- Naïve approach;
- Majorize-Minimization (MM);
- Majorize-Equalization (ME).





Source separation

• For any $P\alpha S$ distribution:

$$\hat{X}_k = \mathbb{E}(X_k|X) = \frac{\sigma_k^{\odot \alpha}}{\sum_{I} \sigma_I^{\odot \alpha}} \odot X.$$

 \rightarrow Generalized Wiener filtering

Lévy NMF model:

$$\hat{X}_k = \frac{W_k H_k}{\sum_l W_l H_l} \odot X.$$



Application: music spectrogram inpainting

Guitar spectrograms are corrupted by impulsive TF noise.



The models are learned directly on the corrupted data:

- ISNMF [Févotte,2009], KLNMF [Lee, 1999], Cauchy NMF [Liutkus, 2015];
- Lévy NMF;
- Robust PCA (RPCA) [Candès, 2011];
- Weighted ISNMF [Limem, 2013];

The noise location is unknown (except for Weighted ISNMF).



Application: music spectrogram inpainting

Method	$\log(KL)$		4000	ISNMF	4000	Lévy N	MF
ISNMF KLNMF Cauchy NMF	9.0 6.2 3.4		3500 3000 (ZH) 2500 2000 900		3500 3000 2500 2000		
RPCA	3.6		5 1500 1000 500	ta anti riga angi	1500 1000 500		
Lévy NMF Weighted ISNMF	3.2 3.8	W	C	o 5 Time (s)	10	0 5 Time	10 (s)

- IS/KL NMFs: very poor results;
- Lévy NMF compares favorably with other robust methods.



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Contributions

- ▶ Novel phase recovery → improved source separation;
- Phase unwrapping: interference rejection (deterministic iterative procedure / probabilistic framework);
- Onsets: accounting for a repetition property for modeling the phase;
- A phase-constrained CNMF framework;
- A robust nonnegative source separation model.





Perspectives

- Sinusoidal model-based constraints in multi-resolution transforms;
- Refined modeling of onsets;
- Multichannel modeling;
- ► Nonnegative models (inverse-gamma, PαS...);
- ► A complete probabilistic model: Rayleigh or PaS magnitude + Von Mises phase.



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Signals are corrupted with clicks in the time-domain. Restoration in the TF domain:

Phase: forward + backward unwrapping.





Lévy NMF vs. ISNMF

Updates rules if K = 1 and $W(f) = 1 \forall f$:

$$H_{\mathsf{IS}}(t) \leftarrow rac{1}{F} \sum_{f} X(f,t), \ H_{\mathsf{L\acute{e}vy}}(t) \leftarrow \sqrt{rac{F}{\sum_{f} rac{1}{X(f,t)}}}.$$

► ISNMF → arithmetic mean;

• Lévy NMF \rightarrow harmonic mean (and $\sqrt{}$).

If X(f,t) = 1 except for one entry: $X(f_0,t_0) = 10^8$, then:

$$H_{\mathsf{IS}}(t_0) \leftarrow 10^7$$
, $H_{\mathsf{L\acute{e}vy}}(t_0) \leftarrow 1.05$.

 \rightarrow Lévy NMF is robust to outliers.

Rayleigh magnitude + Von Mises phase

Proposed model: $X = \sum_k X_k = \sum_k V_k e^{i\phi_k}$ with:

$$V_k(f,t) \sim \underbrace{\mathcal{R}(\sigma_k(f,t))}_{\text{Rayleigh}} \text{ and } \phi_k(f,t) \sim \underbrace{\mathcal{VM}(\mu_k(f,t),\kappa_k(f,t))}_{\text{Von Mises}}.$$

- NMF model: $\sigma_k(f, t)^2 = W(f, k)H(k, t);$
- Markov chain prior on $\mu_k \rightarrow$ Phase Unwrapping;
- ► Non-tractability → Anisotropic Gaussian approximation;



• SAGE algorithm \rightarrow "Complex ISNMF".

