

# POLYPHONIC SOUND EVENT DETECTION AND LOCALIZATION USING A TWO-STAGE STRATEGY

## Technical Report

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### ABSTRACT

The joint training of SED and DOAE affects the performance of both. We adopt a two-stage polyphonic sound event detection and localization method. The method learns SED first, after which the learned feature layers are transferred for DOAE. It then uses the SED ground truth as a mask to train DOAE.

We select Log mel spectrograms and GCCPHAT as the input features, and the GCCPHAT feature which contains phase difference information between any of the two microphones improves the performance of DOAE.

**Index Terms**—Sound event detection, Source Localization, Direction Of Arrival, Log Mel, GCCPATH, Convolutional Recurrent Neural Networks

## 1. PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

### 1.1. Preprocessing and Feature Extracting

#### 1.1.1. Logmel Feature

Ambisonics was developed as a spatial sound encoding approach several decades ago. It is based on the spherical harmonic (SH) decomposition of the sound field. Ambisonics encoding for planewave sound fields can be expressed as

$$b(t) = \sum_{n=0}^N y_n s_n(t) \quad (1)$$

where  $s_n(t)$  is the  $n$ -th plane-wave source signal,  $N$  is the total number of sources, and  $y_n$  is the vector of the spherical harmonic function values for direction  $(\theta_n, \phi_n)$ , and can be expressed as

$$y_n = [Y_0^0(\theta_n, \phi_n), Y_1^{-1}(\theta_n, \phi_n), Y_1^0(\theta_n, \phi_n), Y_1^1(\theta_n, \phi_n), \dots, Y_L^{-L}(\theta_n, \phi_n), \dots, Y_L^0(\theta_n, \phi_n), \dots, Y_L^L(\theta_n, \phi_n)]^T \quad (2)$$

where  $L$  indicates the order of Ambisonics. It can be seen that Ambisonics contains the information of the source DOA. In addition, a higher directional resolution relates to a higher order of Ambisonics. Order- $L$  of Ambisonics needs at least  $(L + 1)^2$  microphones to encode. In real applications, the sound field is recorded using a spherical microphone array and converted into Ambisonics.

#### 1.1.2. Generalized Cross-Correlation

GCC is widely used in TDOA estimation by means of maximizing the cross-correlation function to obtain the lag time between two microphones. The cross-correlation function is usually calculated through the inverse-FFT of the cross power spectrum. GCC-PHAT is the phase-transformed version of GCC, which whitens the cross power spectrum to eliminate the influence of the amplitude, leaving only the phase. GCC-PHAT can be expressed as

$$GCC_{i,j}(t, \tau) = F_{f \rightarrow \tau}^{-1} \frac{X_i(f, t) X_j^*(f, t)}{|X_i(f, t)| |X_j^*(f, t)|} \quad (3)$$

Where  $F_{f \rightarrow \tau}^{-1}$  is the inverse-FFT from  $f$  to  $\tau$ ,  $X_i(f, t)$  is the ShortTime Fourier Transform (STFT) of the  $i$ -th microphone signal, and  $*$  denotes the conjugate. TDOA, which is the lag time  $\Delta \tau$  between two microphones, can then be estimated by maximizing GCC with respect to  $\tau$ . Nevertheless, this estimation is usually not stable, especially in high reverberation and low SNR environments, and does not directly work for multiple sources. However,  $GCC_{ij}(t, \tau)$  contains all of the time delay information and is generally short-timestationary.  $GCC_{ij}(t, \tau)$  can also be considered as a GCC spectrogram with  $\tau$  corresponding to the number of mel-band filters. That is, GCC-PHAT can be stacked with a log mel spectrogram as the input features. In order to determine the size of GCC-PHAT, the largest distance between two microphones  $d_{max}$  needs to be used.

The maximum delayed samples corresponding to  $\Delta \tau_{max}$  can be estimated by  $d_{max}/c \cdot f_s$ , where  $c$  is the sound speed and  $f_s$  is the sample rate. In this paper, log mel and GCC-PHAT will be stacked as the input features, considering the possibility of the advance and the delay of GCC. The number of mel-bands, therefore, should be no smaller than the doubled number of delayed samples plus one.

### 1.2. Model architecture

#### 1.2.1. The model

A logarithm of mel-scale spectrogram (logmel) is widely used pre-processing step in audio signal analysis. In this work, we applied Gcc-path and Log-mel as our input features and they are concatenated to data of 10 channels. The full architecture for our model is presented in Fig. 1.

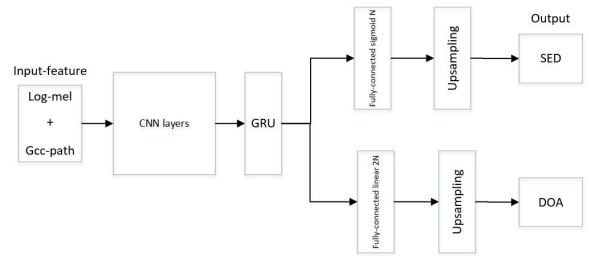


Fig. 1 The full architecture of our model

The CNN layers is displayed in Fig. 2.

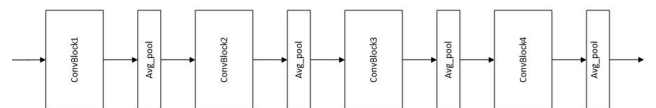


Fig. 2 The CNN layers

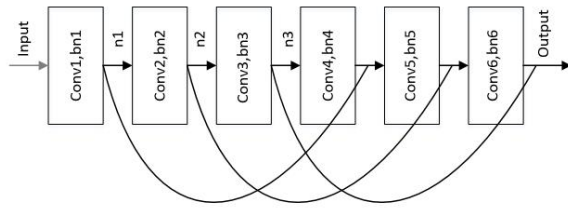


Fig. 3 The ConvBlock of CNN layers

The ConvBlock of CNN layers is illustrated in Fig. 3.

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