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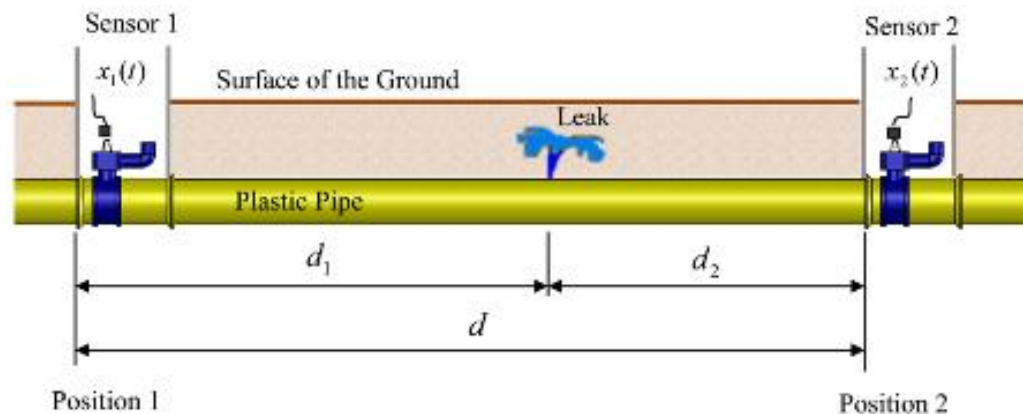
# **Successive Mode Detection and Parameter Estimation**

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## Background

- We want to detect the pipe leakage or blockage by measuring the frequency domain pressure response at the receiver.



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- We have a model which expresses the frequency domain pressure response as a function of system parameters such as the amplitudes and cut off frequencies of different modes.
- These parameters depend on the location/size of the leakage/blockage.
- Therefore, to detect pipe leakage/blockage, we first estimate these parameters from the measured frequency domain pressure response. Then we can infer the location/size of leakage/blockage from the estimated parameters.

## Basic Model

- The frequency domain pressure response at the receiver can be expressed as

$$\psi(f, \alpha) = R(f) \sum_{i=1}^{i_{\max}} a_i \phi(f, fcut_i)$$

where

$$\phi(f, fcut_i) = \frac{\exp\left(-1i \frac{2\pi z}{c} \sqrt{(f^2 - fcut_i^2)}\right)}{\frac{2\pi}{c} \sqrt{f^2 - fcut_i^2}} f$$

$f$  is frequency,  $z, c$  are receiver to projector distance, wavespeed

$\alpha = [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{fcut}]$  is channel parameter vector.  $\mathbf{a}$  is amplitude vector,  $\mathbf{fcut}$  is cut off frequency vector.

$R(f)$  is the speaker's frequency response function.

# Refined Model with Damping & Reflection Term

$$\psi(f, \alpha, ) = R(f) \sum_{i=1}^{i_{\max}} \exp\left(-\frac{2\eta_i}{\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{f_{cut_i}}{f}\right)^2}}\right) (a_i \phi_0(f, f_{cut_i}) + a_{i+i_{\max}} \phi_1(f, f_{cut_i}))$$

where

$$\phi_0(f, f_{cut_i}) = \frac{\exp\left(-1i \frac{2\pi z}{c} \sqrt{(f^2 - f_{cut_i}^2)}\right)}{\frac{2\pi}{c} \sqrt{f^2 - f_{cut_i}^2}} f$$

$$\phi_1(f, f_{cut_i}) = \frac{\exp\left(1i \frac{2\pi z}{c} \sqrt{(f^2 - f_{cut_i}^2)}\right)}{\frac{2\pi}{c} \sqrt{f^2 - f_{cut_i}^2}} f$$

$$\alpha = [a, f_{cut}, \eta]. \quad a \in \mathbb{C}^{2i_{\max}}, \quad f_{cut} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{i_{\max}}, \quad \eta \in \mathbb{C}^{i_{\max}}$$

- The reflection term refers to the propagation change in direction of frequency domain pressure response. It is caused by the signal hitting the blockages and reflecting back.



# Problem Formulation for Parameter Estimation

- **Measurements**  $m(f_n)$ : Measured frequency domain pressure response in the open air channel

$$f_n = 10\text{hz} : \Delta f : 20\text{khz}$$

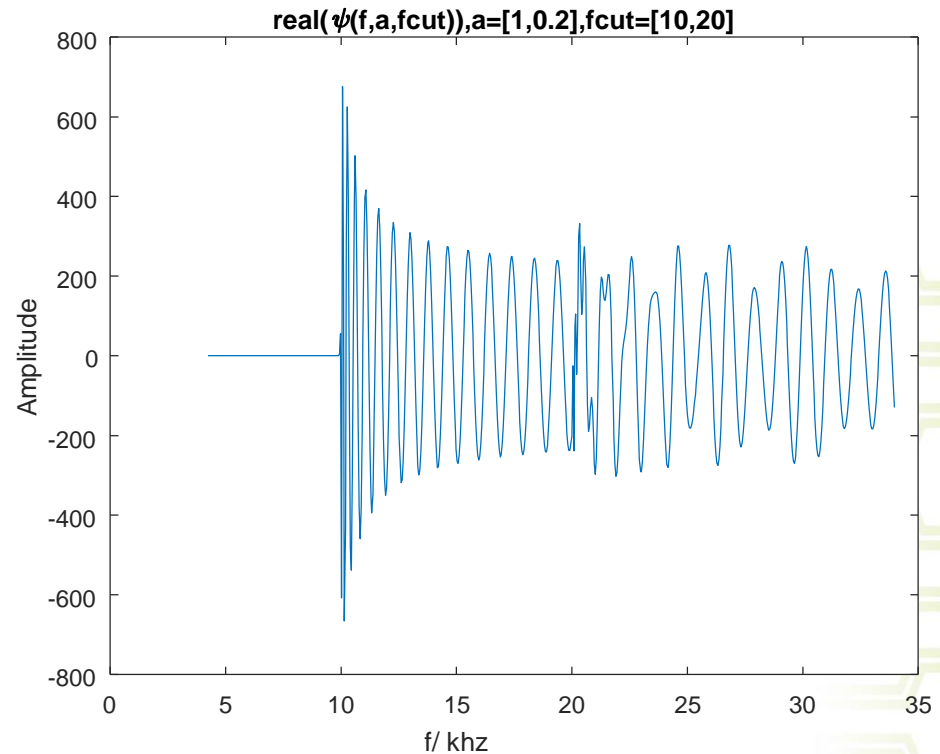
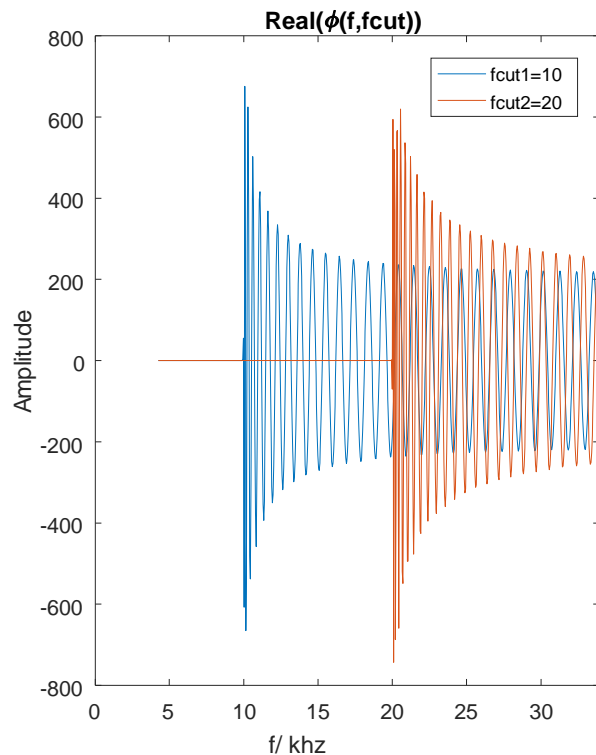
- The goal is to estimate the channel and speaker parameters from the measurements  $m(f_n)$  in the presence of model mismatch and noise
  - note that the 2 different models have different channel parameters

- **Objective function:**

$$g(\alpha) = \sum_n |\psi(f_n, \alpha) - m(f_n)|^2$$

$$\alpha^* = \arg \min_{\alpha} g(\alpha)$$

# Successive Mode Detection and Parameter Estimation (SMD-PE)





# Basic Idea of the Proposed Algorithm

- Generate the *basis window sequence* for a single mode with cut off frequency  $\tau$ : a sequence of size  $N_w$ , start at  $\tau$ , step size  $\Delta f$ , generated using the basic model

$$\phi(f_\tau, \tau) = \frac{\exp\left(-1i \frac{2\pi z}{c} \sqrt{(f_\tau^2 - f_{cut_i}^2)}\right)}{\frac{2\pi}{c} \sqrt{f_\tau^2 - \tau^2}} f_\tau, \quad f_\tau = \tau : \Delta f : \tau + N\Delta f,$$

- Shift the basis window sequence through the signal and calculate the correlation coefficient sequentially. In order to separate two modes, it is necessary for the window size  $N_w$  to be smaller than the gap between two modes

# An Illustration of Correlation Calculation for a Signal with Two Modes

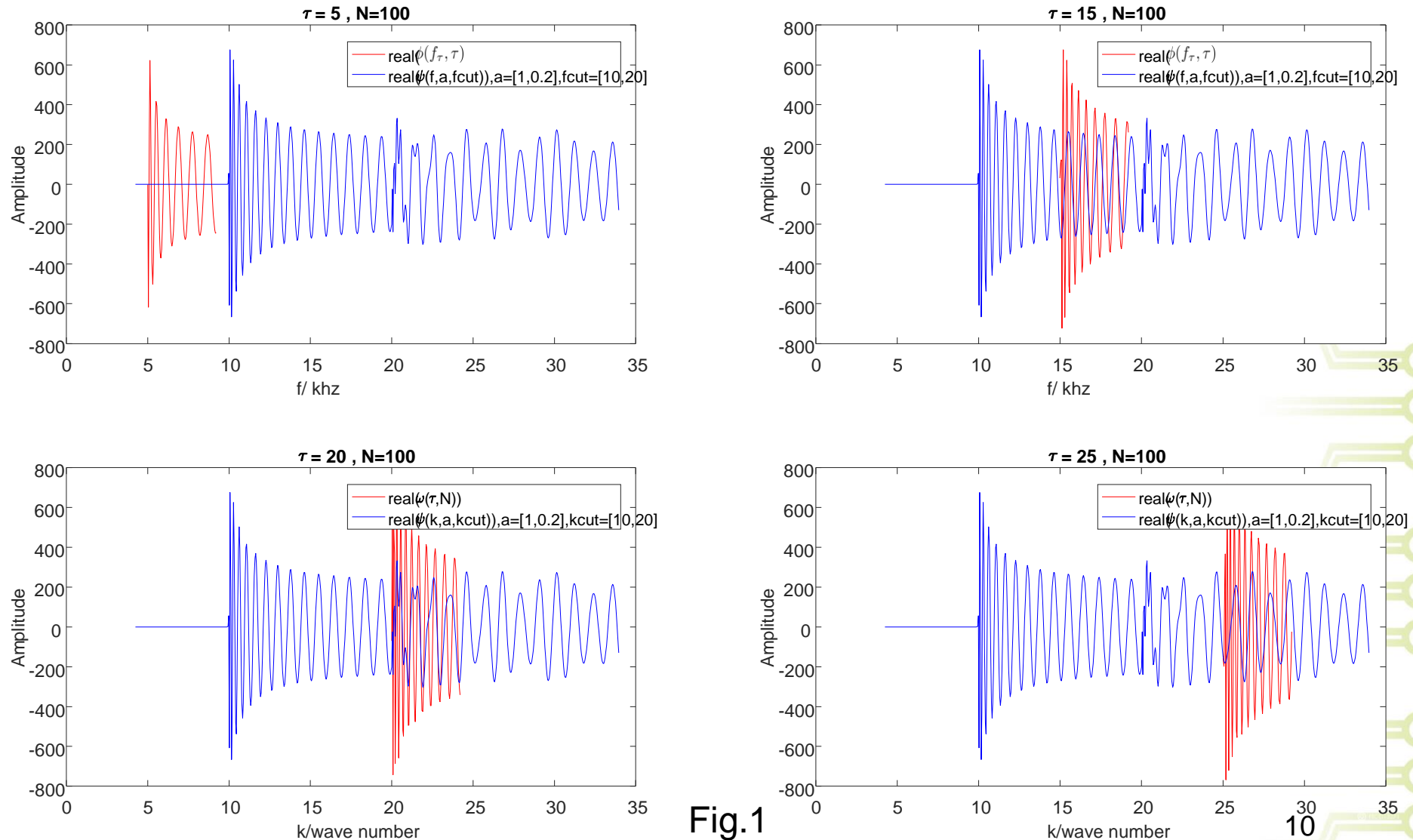


Fig.1

# Basic Idea of the Proposed Algorithm

- The correlation coefficient for given  $\tau$  is:

$$\rho(\tau) = \frac{|\langle \phi(f_\tau, \tau), m(f_\tau) \rangle|}{\|\phi(f_\tau, \tau) m(f_\tau)\|}$$

- $\tau$  is the translation parameter, determines the location of the window. The window is shifted through the signal  $m(f)$
- Fig.2 shows the correlation coefficient by shifting the window through the signal in Fig.1. Two peaks in Fig.1 indicates two dominating modes.
- Two modes can be differentiated from each other since the window size  $N_w$  is smaller than the gap between two modes.
- Second mode's peak is weaker than first mode due to interference. Therefore successive interference cancellation is used to increase accuracy.

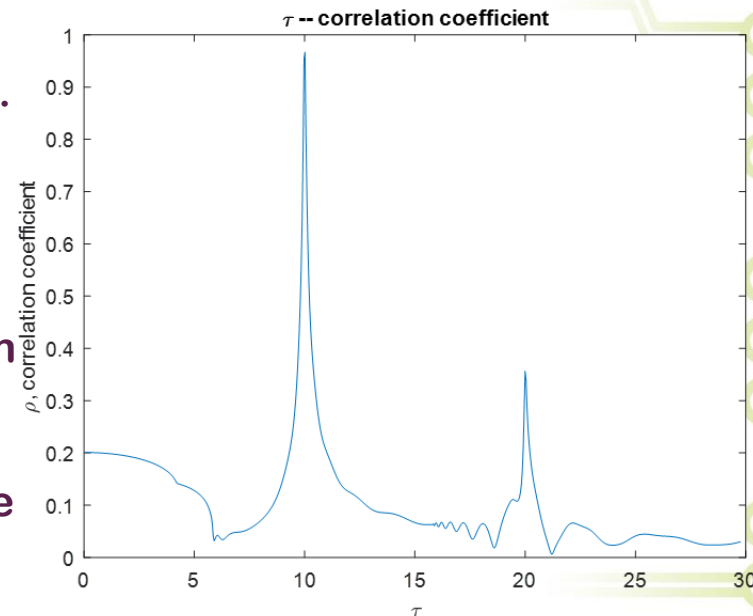


Fig.2

# Basic Idea of the Proposed Algorithm

- In this case, Fig.2 can be used to determine a rough range of  $f_{cut_i}$  since two peaks are separable and clear. Nevertheless, the accuracy of  $f_{cut_i}$  is affected due to assumption of no reflection and damping.
- The empirical value of  $f_{cut_i}$ 's rough range is:

SNR	eta=0.1	eta=0.3	eta=0.5
2dB	$P(\Delta f_{cut} < 5hz) = 0.95$	$P(\Delta f_{cut} < 10hz) = 0.94$	$P(\Delta f_{cut} < 20hz) = 0.93$
10dB	$P(\Delta f_{cut} < 5hz) = 0.97$	$P(\Delta f_{cut} < 10hz) = 0.96$	$P(\Delta f_{cut} < 20hz) = 0.96$

- Therefore, we can search over the rough range of  $f_{cut_i}$  and  $\eta_i$ , and for each fixed  $f_{cut_i}$  and  $\eta_i$ , estimate direct path and reflection path's amplitude  $a_i$  and  $a_{i+imax}$  by solving the following convex problem:

$$[a_i^*, a_{i+imax}^*] = \arg \min_{a_i, a_{i+imax}} (a_i \phi_0(f_\tau, \tau) + a_{i+imax} \phi_1(f_\tau, \tau) - m(f_\tau))$$

- Interference from smaller mode also affects  $f_{cut}'s$  accuracy. Therefore, successive cancellation is used to increase the accuracy of subsequent modes.
- Step1, shifting the window through the signal, stops when a peak is detected.
- Step2, search  $f_{cut_1}$  around the peak, and  $\hat{\eta}_1$  over  $[0,1]$ , generate a basis window sequence (BWS) start at  $f_{cut_1}$ , and estimate  $a_1$  and  $a_3$  by minimizing the mismatch between the BWS and the signal.
- Step3, regenerate the mode's response, and subtract it from the signal to reduce the influence to subsequent modes.

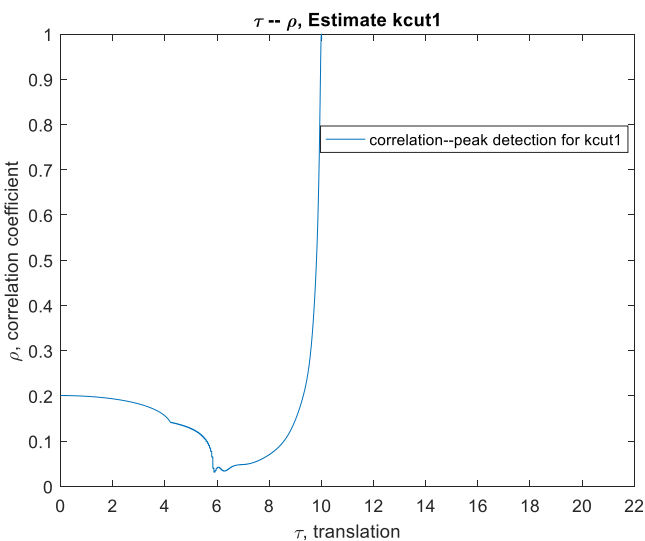


Fig.3 step 1

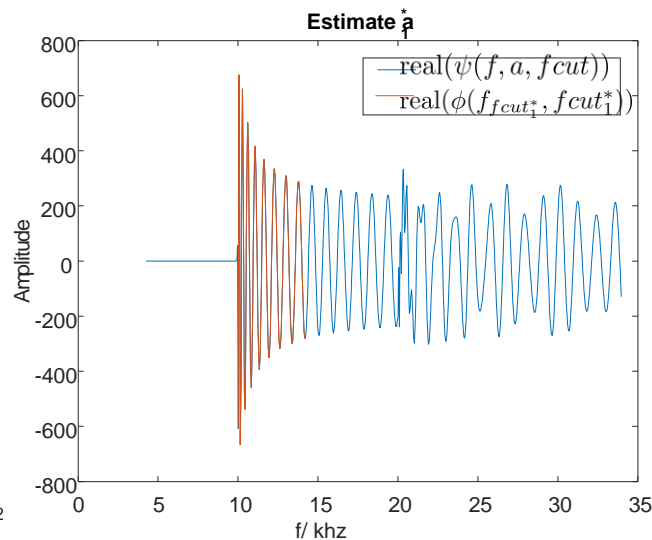


Fig.4 step 2

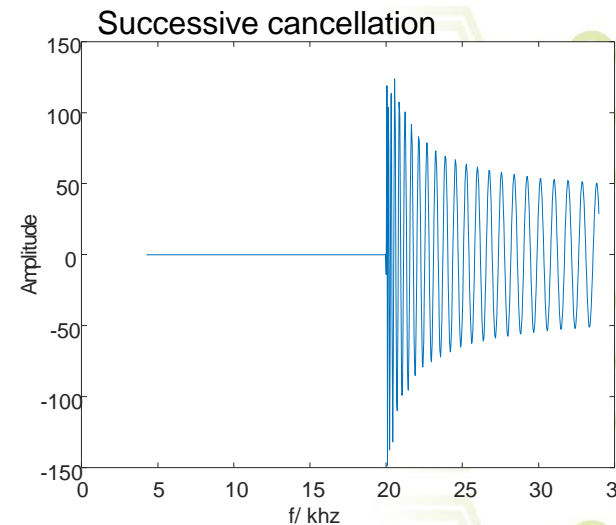


Fig.5 step 3

- Repeat these steps on the resulting signal to estimate  $f_{cut_2}^{\hat{}}$ ,  $\hat{\eta}_2$ ,  $\hat{a}_2$  and  $\hat{a}_4$
- Step1. Shift the window through the signal in Fig.4, stops when a peak is detected . (Fig.6 shows the improvement by using successive cancellation) .
- Step2, search  $f_{cut_2}^{\hat{}}$  around the peak, and  $\hat{\eta}_2$  over  $[0,1]$ , generate a BWS start at  $f_{cut_2}^{\hat{}}$ , and estimate  $\hat{a}_2$  and  $\hat{a}_4$  by minimizing the mismatch between the BWS and the signal.

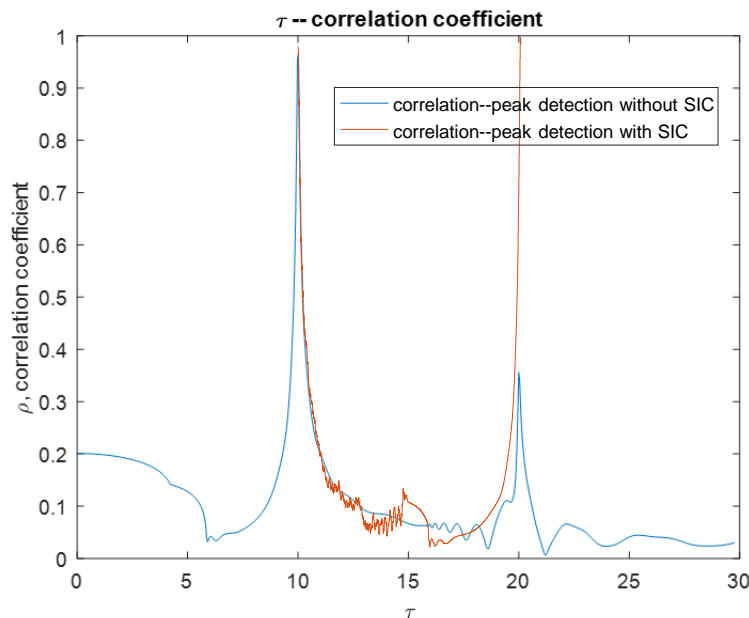


Fig.6

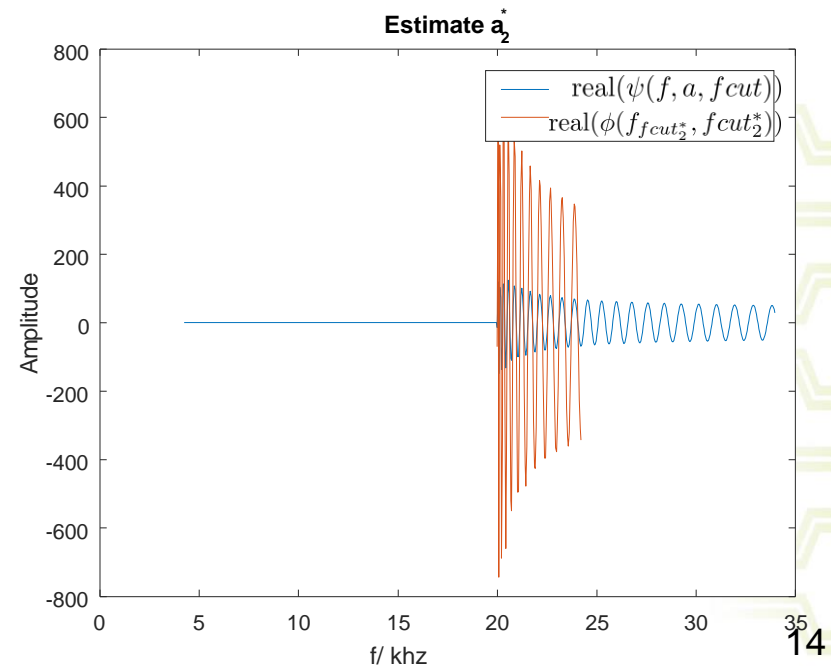
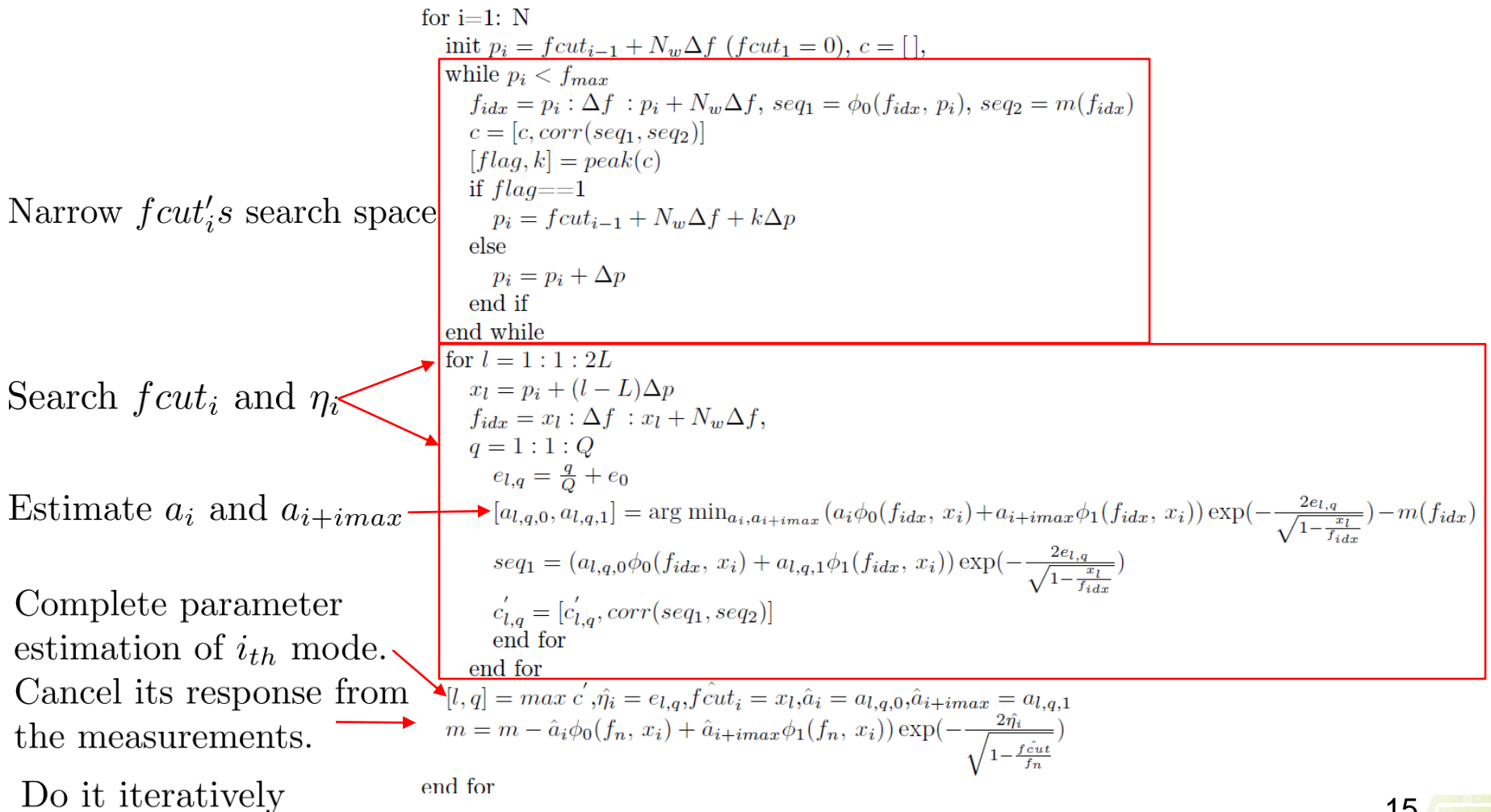


Fig.7

# Proposed Algorithm's Procedure





# Simulation Setup

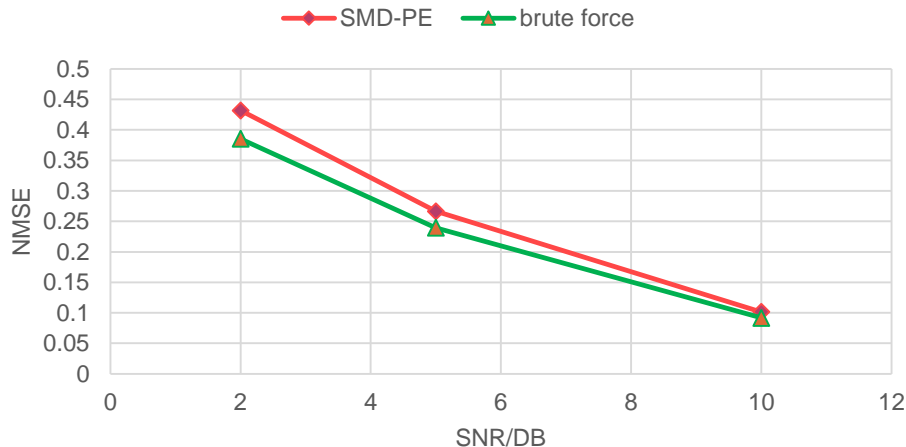
- **Speed:**  $c = 340m/s$
- **Pipe radius:**  $R = 0.02m$
- **Pipe length:**  $z = 1.9m$
- **Number of Mode:**  $N = 4$
- **Window Length:**  $N_w = 300$
- **Frequency:**  $f_n = 10 : 10 : 20e3\text{ }hz$
- **Damping:**  $\eta$  around 0.5
- **Assumption:**  $\min |f_{cut_i} - f_{cut_i} + 1| \leq N_w \Delta f = 3k\text{ }hz$

# Baseline: Brute-force Algorithm

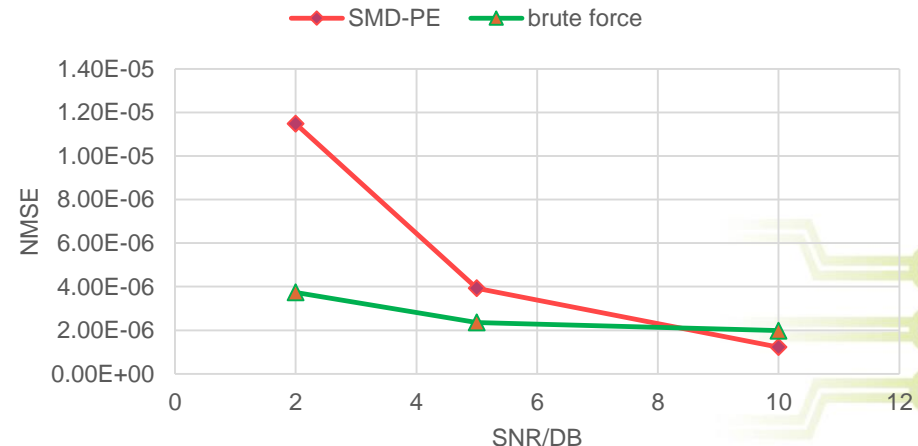
- **Brute-force Algorithm:**
  - Use matlab function “fmincon” to find N local optimums with N random initial points
  - The parameter is given by the best one of the N local optimums
- **Motivation of considering brute-force algorithm:**
  - The brute-force algorithm is expected to achieve a performance close to the global minimum. Therefore, it can serve as a baseline for the proposed algorithm later.
  - The brute-force algorithm can be used as a benchmark to study the impact of different factors, such as equalization method, damping term, reflection term on the performance

# Simulation Results

**NMSE**



**NMSE(FCUT)**

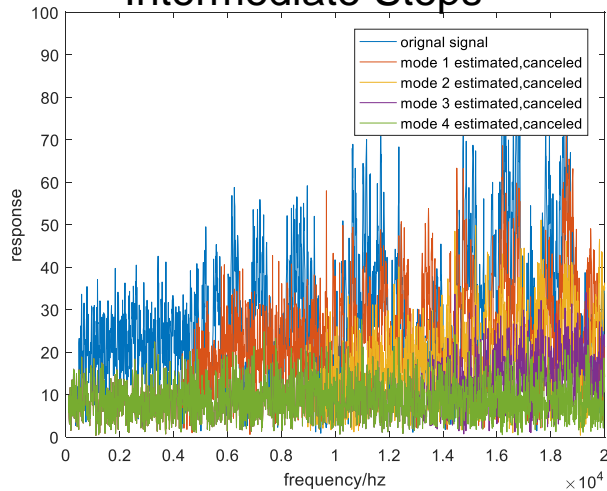


- SMD-PE achieves similar performance as brute force method.
- The deviations of  $f_{cut}$  of both methods are very small
- The SMD-PE has lower complexity than the brute-force (CPU time: around 1 minute versus 30 minutes).
- Conclusion: The SMD-PE is a reliable and low complexity method when the model is accurate and the parameters are in the operating range.

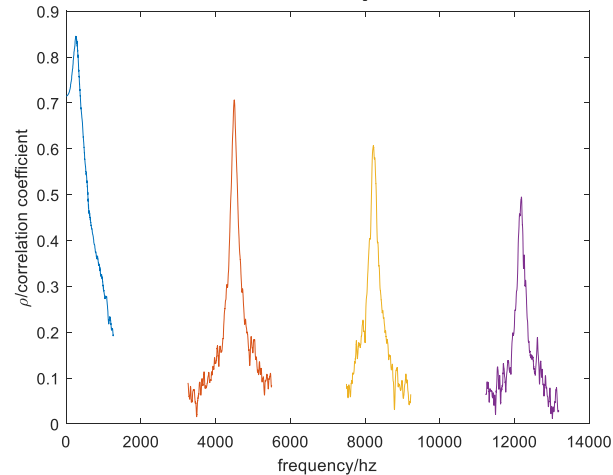
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- SNR=10dB

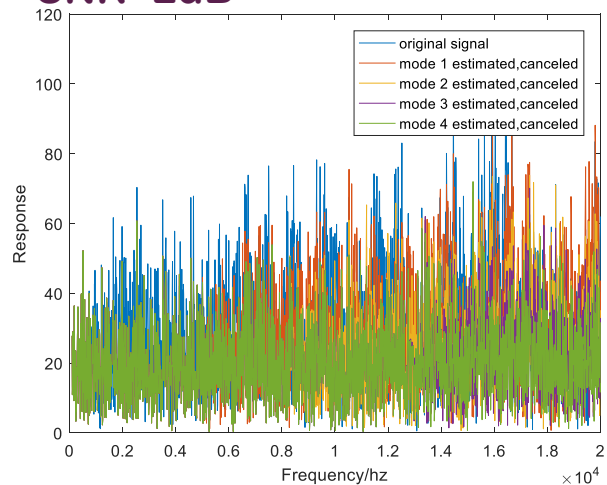
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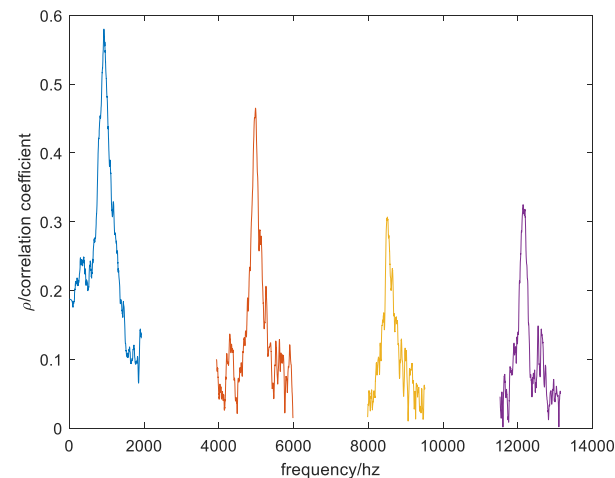
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- SNR=2dB

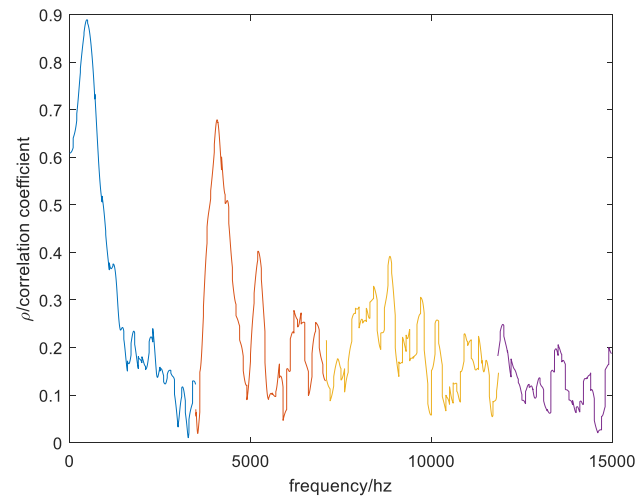
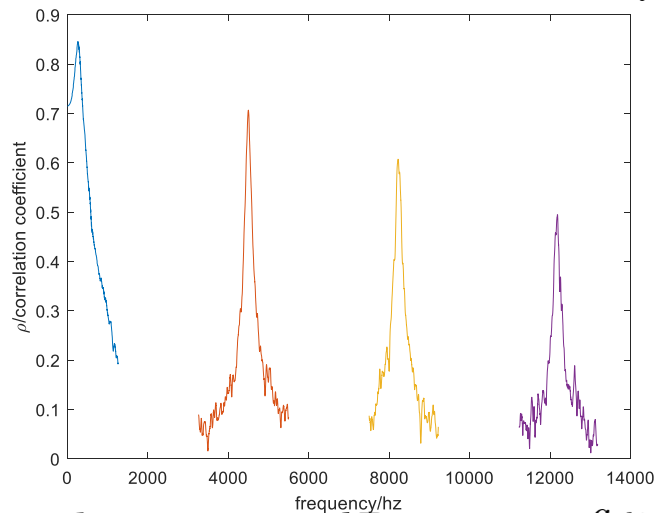


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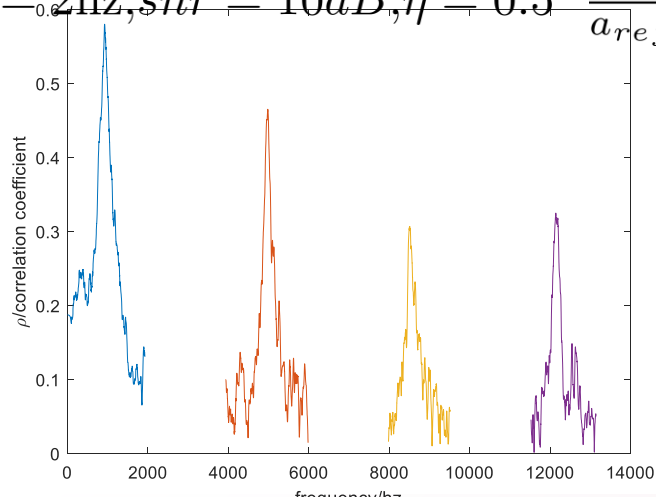


# Impact of Sampling Rate/SNR

$$\Delta f = 10\text{hz}, \text{snr} = 10\text{dB}, \eta = 0.5 \frac{a_{\text{direct}}}{a_{\text{reflec}}} \approx 0.3 \quad \Delta f = 100\text{hz}, \text{snr} = 10\text{dB}, \eta = 0.5 \frac{a_{\text{direct}}}{a_{\text{reflec}}} \approx 0.$$



$$\Delta f = 2\text{hz}, \text{snr} = 10\text{dB}, \eta = 0.5 \frac{a_{\text{direct}}}{a_{\text{reflec}}} \approx 0.3$$



Remark:

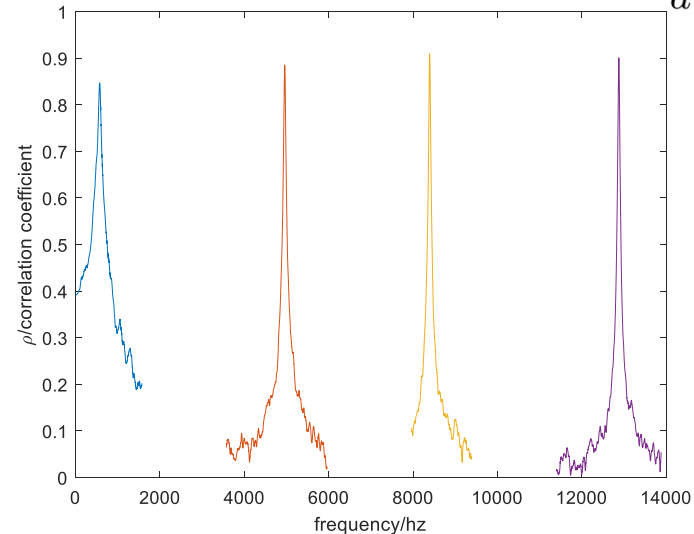
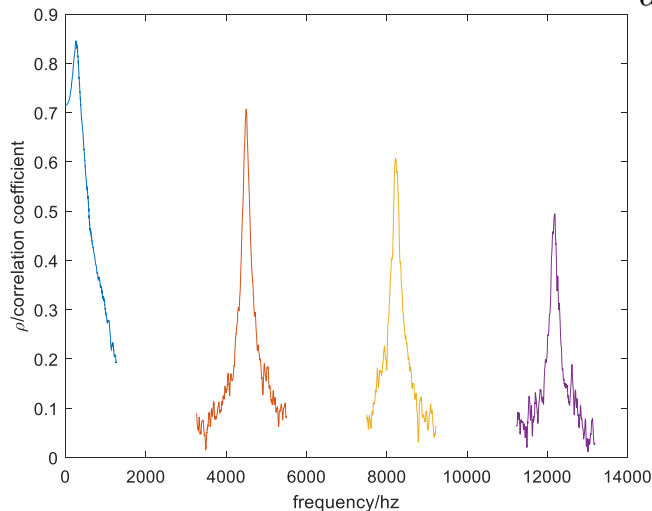
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Reflection term has little impact on SMD-PE's performance.

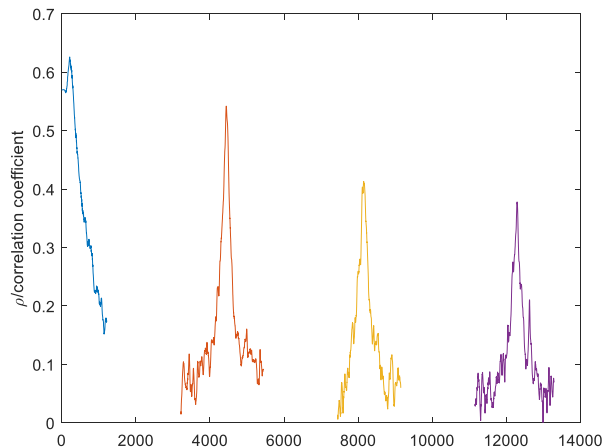
$\frac{a_{\text{direct}}}{a_{\text{reflec}}}$  represents the direct path and reflection path's strength ratio

# Impact of Damping term

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$$\Delta f = 10\text{hz}, \text{snr} = 10\text{dB}, \eta = 0.5 \quad \frac{a_{\text{direct}}}{a_{\text{reflec}}} \approx 1$$



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# Result (Air Channel Measurements)

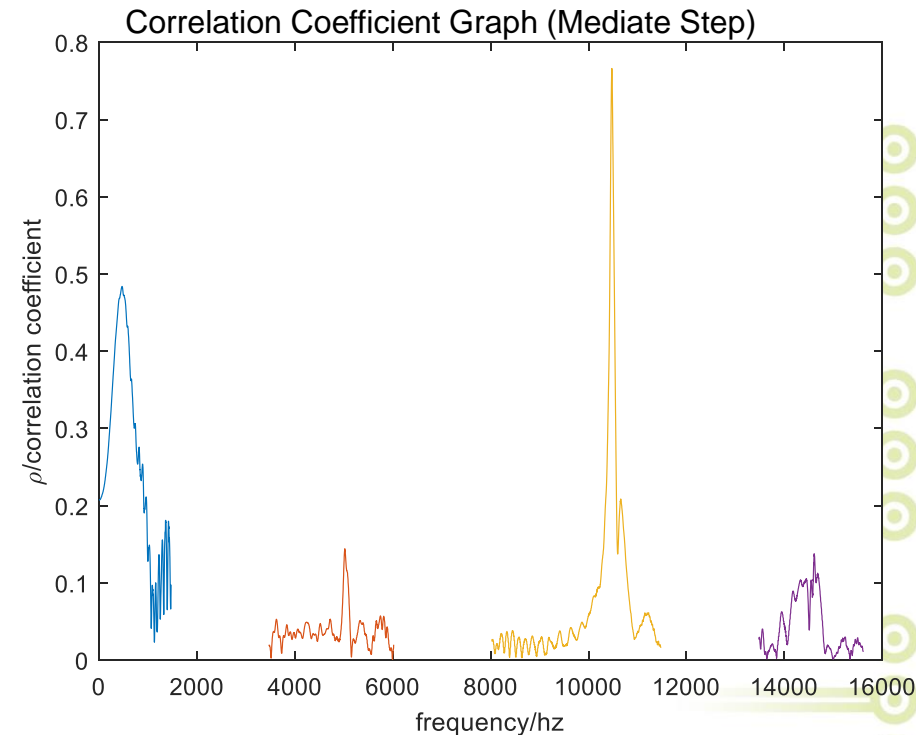
- Theoretical value:

$$f_{cut} = [0, 4981, 8263, 10367, 11366, 14387, 14424, 17358, 18144, 18981, 20295]$$

- Estimated value:

Method	Estimated value	NMSE
Brute Force	[185, 4993, 10343, 13610]	0.69
Successive Detection	[474, 5022, 10477, 14609]	0.83

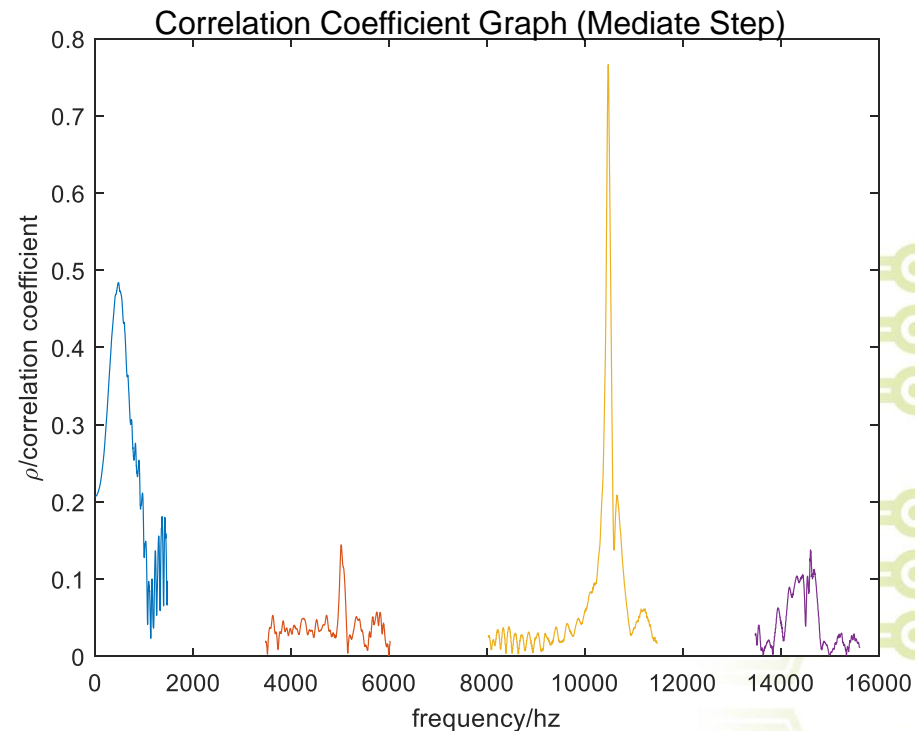
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# Result (Air Channel Measurements)

- The performance of both algorithms degrades significantly due to
  - Model mismatch
  - Inaccurate speaker response
- In the SMD-PE, we can still observe two clear peaks corresponding to two dominate modes



# Conclusion and Future Plans

- **Conclusion:**
  - 1. The SMD-PE is a reliable and low complexity method when the model is accurate and the parameters (e.g., SNR and sampling rate) are in the operating range.
  - 2. Apply SMD-PE to air channel measurements, we can observe two clear peaks corresponding to two dominate modes
  - 3. The results suggest that the model is not completely consistent with the measurements and/or the speaker response is inaccurate.
- **Future plans**
  - Explore