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EDUCATION

99/2012- 06/2019, Ph.D. in Information and Communication Engineering CIAIC, Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU), China.
Advisor: Prof. Jingdong Chen and Prof. Jacob Benesty
Microphone Array Speech Enhancement for Speech Communication and Human-machine Interfaces.

10/2015 - 11/2017, **Ph.D. (joint)** in Information and Communication Engineering INRS-EMT, University of Quebec, Canada.

Advisor: Prof. Jacob Benesty.

9 09/2008 - 06/2012, **B.Sc.** in Electronic Engineering Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU), China.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 3 06/2019 Present, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Technion, Israel. Work on the Signal and Image processing Lab in the team of Prof. Israel Cohen. Lead a project on microphone array for speech enhancement.
- 3 10/2015 11/2017, **Visiting researcher**, *INRS-EMT*, *University of Quebec, Canada*. Work on microphone arrays frequency-invariant beamforming.
- Work on audio and speech signal processing projects.
 Help supervising students on signal processing (4 bachelor students, 4 master students).
- 11/2015 02/2019, Researcher, Research Institute of CVTE Co., Ltd., China. In charge of a project on speech enhancement for video conferencing system.
- 3 01/2015 10/2015, Internship/Researcher, CIAIC-IFLYTEK Joint Laboratory, China As a core member, participated a front-end enhancement system for intelligent speaker and vehicle automotive speech recognition.
- 3 07/2014 08/2014, **Visiting Student**, *Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Israel* Study image processing (Mentor: Prof. Israel Cohen).

SELECTED PRIZES AND AWARDS

- Best Ph.D. Thesis Award of Chinese Institute of Electronics, in 01/2021.
- Technion Andrew and Erna Finci Viterbi Post-Doctoral Fellowship's award, in 09/2019.
- IEEE SPS travel grants for ICASSP 2018, in 04/2018.
- China Ministry of Industry and Information Outstanding Scholarship, in 10/2017.
- China National Scholarship for Graduate, in 10/2015.
- China CSC Scholarship, in 05/2015.
- IEEE SPS travel grants for ICASSP 2015, in 04/2015.
- NPU Best Thesis Award, in 05/2012.
- NPU Outstanding Graduate Students Awards, in 06/2012.
- China National Scholarship for Undergraduate, twice, respectively in 10/2010 and 10/2011.
- NPU Excellent Student and the First Prize Scholarship, **3 times** in 09/2009, 09/2010, and 09/2011.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

- [1] X. Chen, J. Benesty, **G. Huang**, and J. Chen, "On the Robustness of the Superdirective Beamformer," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 29, 2021.
- [2] W. Yang, **G. Huang**, J. Chen, J. Benesty, I. Cohen, and W. Kellermann, "Robust dereverberation with Kronecker product based multichannel linear prediction," *IEEE Signal Processing Letter*, vol. 28, pp. 101-105, 2021.
- [3] X. Zhao, J. Benesty, **G. Huang**, and J. Chen, "Study of a particular family of differential beamformers: beampatterns with no nulls," *IEEE Signal Processing Letter*, vol. 28, pp. 191-195, 2021.
- [4] X. Wang, **G. Huang**, J. Chen, J. Benesty, and I. Cohen, "Time difference of arrival estimation based on a Kronecker product decomposition," *IEEE Signal Processing Letter*, vol. 28, pp. 51-55, 2021.
- [5] X. Zhao, J. Benesty, G. Huang, and J. Chen, "Differential Beamforming from the Beampattern Factorization Perspective," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 29, pp. 632-643, 2021.
- [6] W. Yang, J. Benesty, **G. Huang**, and J. Chen, "A new class of differential beamformers," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 29, pp. 594-606, 2021.
- [7] Y. Wang, J. Chen, J. Benesty, J. Jin, and **G. Huang**, "Binaural heterophasic superdirective beamforming," *Sensors*, vol. 21, no. 1, 74, Dec. 2020.
- [8] J. Jin, J. Chen, J. Benesty, Y. Wang, and G. Huang, "Heterophasic binaural differential beamforming for speech intelligibility improvement," *IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology*, vol. 69, no. 11, pp. 13497-13509, Nov. 2020.
- [9] **G. Huang**, J. Chen, J. Benesty, I. Cohen, and X. Zhao, "Steerable differential beamformers with planar microphone arrays," *EURASIP Journal on Audio, Speech, and Music Processing*, Vol. 2020, no. 15, pp.1-18, Nov. 2020.

- [10] J. Jin, **G. Huang**, X. Wang, J. Chen, J. Benesty, and I. Cohen, "Steering study of linear differential microphone arrays," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 29, pp.158-170, Nov. 2020.
- [11] **G. Huang**, I. Cohen, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "Continuously steerable differential beamformers with null constraints for circular microphone arrays," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.*, vol. 148, no. 3, pp. 1248-1258, Sep. 2020.
- [12] **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, I. Cohen, and J. Chen, "A simple theory and new method of differential beamforming with uniform linear microphone arrays," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 28, pp. 1079-1093, Mar. 2020.
- [13] **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, I. Cohen, and J. Chen, "Differential beamforming on graphs," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 28, pp.901-913, Feb. 2020.
- [14] **G. Huang**, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "Design of planar differential microphone arrays with fractional orders," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 28, pp. 116-130, Oct. 2019.
- [15] T. Long, J. Chen, **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, and I. Cohen, "Acoustic source localization based on geometric projection in reverberant and noisy environments," *IEEE J. Selected Topics Signal Process.*, vol. 13, no. 1, pp. 143-155, Mar. 2019.
- [16] **G. Huang**, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "Insights into the frequency-invariant beamforming with concentric circular microphone arrays," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 26, no. 12, pp. 2305-2318, Dec. 2018.
- [17] **G. Huang**, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "On the design of differential beamformers with arbitrary microphone array geometry," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.*, vol. 144, no. 1, pp. EL66-EL70, Jul. 2018.
- [18] **G. Huang**, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "A flexible high directivity beamformer with spherical microphone arrays," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.*, vol. 143, no. 5, pp. 3024-3035, May 2018.
- [19] **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "On the design of frequency-invariant beampatterns with uniform circular microphone arrays," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 25, no. 5, pp. 1140-1153, May 2017.
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- [21] **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "Superdirective beamforming based on the Krylov matrix," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 22, no. 12, pp. 2034-2047, Dec. 2016.
- [22] **G. Huang**, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "Direction-of-arrival estimation of passive acoustic sources in reverberant environments based on the Householder transformation," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.*, vol. 138, no. 5, pp. 3053-3060, Nov. 2015.
- [23] **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, T. Long, and J. Chen, "A family of maximum SNR filters for noise reduction," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, Lang. Process.*, vol. 22, no. 12, pp. 2034-2047, Dec. 2014.

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- [1] **G. Huang**, Y. Wang, I. Cohen, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "Combined differential beamforming with uniform linear microphone arrays," *IEEE ICASSP*, 2021.
- [2] X. Wang, **G. Huang**, I. Cohen, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "Robust steerable differential beamformers with null constraints for concentric circular microphone arrays," *IEEE ICASSP*, 2021.
- [3] X. Zhao, **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, J. Chen, and I. Cohen, "Design of square differential microphone arrays with multistage structure," *IEEE ICASSP*, 2021.
- [4] **G. Huang**, I. Cohen, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "Kronecker product beamforming with multiple differential microphone arrays," in *Proc. IEEE SAM*, 2020, pp. 1-5.
- [5] **G. Huang**, J. Chen, J. Benesty, and I. Cohen, "Robust and steerable Kronecker product differential beamforming with rectangular microphone arrays," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2020, pp. 211-215.
- [6] D. Li, **G. Huang**, Y. Lei, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "Robust source separation with differential microphone arrays and independent low-rank matrix analysis," in *Proc. EUSIPCO*, 2020, pp. 291-295.
- [7] X. Zhao, G. Huang, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "An improved solution to the frequency-invariant beamforming with concentric circular microphone arrays," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2020, pp. 556-560.
- [8] X. Chen, **G. Huang**, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "A Maximum-Achievable-Directivity Beamformer with White-Noise-Gain Constraint for Spherical Microphone Arrays" in *Proc. ICA*, 2019, pp. 2752-2759.
- [9] X. Wang, **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, J. Chen, and I. Cohen, "Design of Kronecker product beamformers with cuboid microphone arrays." in *Proc. ICA*, 2019, pp. 2660-2667.
- [10] X. Zhao, **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "Optimal design of symmetric and asymmetric beampatterns with circular arrays," in *Proc. ICA*, 2019, pp. 2909-2916.
- [11] **G. Huang**, X. Zhao, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "Properties and limits of the minimum-norm differential beamformers with circular microphone arrays," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2019, pp. 426-430. (IEEE SPS travel grant)
- [12] W. Yang, **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, I. Cohen, and J. Chen, "On the design of flexible Kronecker product beamformers with linear microphone arrays," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2019, pp. 441-445.
- [13] J. Jin, **G. Huang**, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "Design of Optimal Linear Differential Microphone Arrays Based Array Geometry Optimization," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2019, pp. 5741-5745.
- [14] W. Yang, **G. Huang**, W. Zhang, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "Dereverberation with differential microphone arrays and the weighted-prediction-error method," in *Proc. IEEE IWAENC*, 2018, pp. 376-380.
- [15] **G. Huang**, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "On the design of robust steerable frequency-invariant beampatterns with concentric circular microphone arrays," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2018, pp. 506-510.
- [16] **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "Study of the frequency-domain multichannel noise reduction problem with the Householder transformation," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2017, pp. 486-490.
- [17] **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "Subspace superdirective beamforming with uniform circular microphone arrays," in *Proc. IEEE IWAENC*, 2016, pp. 1-5.

- [18] **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "A parametric superdirective beamformer with uniform linear microphone arrays," in *Proc. ICA*, 2016.
- [19] C. Li, J. Benesty, **G. Huang**, and J. Chen, "Subspace superdirective beamformers based on joint diagonalization," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2016, pp. 400-405.
- [20] **G. Huang**, J. Benesty, and J. Chen, "On a multichannel maximum SNR filter for noise reduction in the STFT domain," in *Proc. IEEE ChinaSIP*, 2015, pp. 697-700.
- [21] **G. Huang**, J. Chen, and J. Benesty, "Investigation of a parametric gain approach to single-channel speech enhancement," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2015, pp. 206-210. (IEEE SPS travel grant)
- [22] J. Yu, J. Benesty, **G. Huang**, and J. Chen, "Optimal single-channel noise reduction filtering matrices from the Pearson correlation coefficient perspective," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2015, pp. 201-205.
- [23] J. Yu, J. Benesty, **G. Huang**, and J. Chen, "Examples of optimal noise reduction filters derived from the squared Pearson correlation coefficient," in *Proc. IEEE ICASSP*, 2014, pp. 1571-1575.

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- [1] J. Chen and **G. Huang**, "Frequency-invariant beamformer for compact multi-ringed circular differential microphone arrays," *US patent*, US10506337B2, 2019. Granted.
- [2] J. Chen, **G. Huang**, and J. Benesty, "Concentric circular differential microphone arrays and associated beamforming," *US patent*, US9930448B1, 2018. Granted
- [3] J. Chen, **G. Huang**, and J. Benesty, "Flexible geographically-distributed differential microphone array and associated beamformer," *US patent*. Pending.
- [4] J. Chen, J. Benesty, Y. Wang, and **G. Huang**, "Heterophasic Binaural Differential Beamforming for Speech Intelligibility Improvement," *US patent*. Pending.
- [5] J. Chen, **G. Huang**, and J. Benesty, "Parametric superdirective beamformer with uniform linear microphone arrays," *China patent*, no. 201610545565.7, 2016. Granted
- [6] J. Chen, C. Li, **G. Huang**, and J. Benesty, "Subspace superdirective beamformers based on joint diagonalization," *China patent*, no. 201610108588.1, 2016. Granted
- [7] J. Chen, **G. Huang**, and J. Benesty, "A source localization method and device," *China patent*, no. 201510378580.2, 2015. Granted

PRESENTATIONS

- Oral presentation (virtual), *IEEE SAM 2020*, Hangzhou, China, 06/2020.
- Oral presentation (virtual), ICASSP 2020, Barcelona, Spain, 05/2020.
- Poster presentation, ICASSP 2019, Brighton, United Kingdom, 05/2019.
- Invited oral presentations, PhD Forum on APSIPA 2018, Hawaii, USA, 11/2018.
- Poster presentation, IWAENC 2018, Tokyo, Japan, 09/2018.
- Poster presentation, ICASSP 2018, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 04/2018
- Invited talk at Alibaba AI Labs, Hangzhou, China, 03/2018.
- Invited talk at Research institute at CVTE, Guangzhou, China, 06/2017.

- Poster presentation, ICASSP 2017, New Orleans, USA, 03/2017.
- Oral presentation, ICA 2016, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 09/2016.
- Poster presentation, IWAENC 2016, Xi'an, China, 09/2016.
- Invited oral presentation, ChinaSIP 2015, Chengdu, China, 07/2015.
- Poster presentation, ICASSP 2015, Brisbane, Australian, 04/2015.

TEACHING, SUPERVISING, AND MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Teaching

- Microphone Arrays Signal Processing. [CIAIC, NPU, 01/2018 06/2019, 2 hours/week]
- Research in Signal Processing: How to Excel? [CIAIC Orientation, NPU, 09/2017, 09/2018]

Co-supervised Ph.D. student

- Xuehan Wang, Beamforming with Cube Microphone Arrays. [Technion, From 09/2019]
- Wenxing Yang, Microphone Array Beamforming and Dereverberation. [NPU, From 09/2018]

S Co-supervised master student

- Jilu Jin, Optimal Differential Beamforming Based on Geometry Optimization. [NPU, From 08/2018]
- Yuzhu Wang, Binaural Differential Beamforming. [NPU, From 09/2017]
- Bingjie Zhang, DOA estimation with Co-prime Microphone Arrays. [NPU, 09/2016 03/2018]

Co-supervised bachelor's thesis

- Xueqing Luo, Dual Microphone Speech Enhancement. [NPU, 09/2018 06/2019]
- Yunyi Bai, Superdirective Beamformers with Microphone Arrays. [NPU, 09/2017 06/2018]
- Wenxing Yang, Design of Circular Differential Microphone Arrays. [NPU, 09/2016 06/2017]
- Beibei Yang, Microphone Array Source Localization. [NPU, 09/2015 06/2016]

EXAMPLES OF PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION

Team/Project Leader at CIAIC [02/2018 - 05/2019]

- Desktop Conference System for high directivity speech acquisition.
 Led a team (with five graduate students) working on the project of Desktop Conference System.
 We developed a microphone arrays based desktop conference system for high directivity speech acquisition that over the existing situations and applied one US patents (granted).
- Microphone arrays speech enhancement system for smart-speaker.
 Led a team (with three graduate students) worked on the project of speech enhancement for smart-speaker. We developed the world-leading concentric circular microphone arrays based speech enhancement system for smart-speaker. We also solved the world wide difficult problem of deep nulls in the frequency invariant microphone array beamforming, and applied one US patents (granted).

Project Leader at CVTE Co., Ltd. [11/2017 - 02/2018]

- Speech enhancement system for the MAXHUB conference panel.

Led a project on developing a speech enhancement system for the MAXHUB conference panel that can allow for multi-party video conferences. I independently developed the source localization, dereverberation, beamforming, and noise reduction algorithms for the conference panel, the product testing is in progress.

Researcher/Core-participant at NPU-IFLYTEK Joint Laboratory [01/2014 - 05/2015]

- Front-end speech enhancement system on vehicle for automotive speech recognition.

As a core-participant, I developed the dual-channel source localization and speech enhancement algorithm for vehicle system. The developed algorithm is used in many IFLYTEK vehicle systems.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Student member of IEEE, IEEE SPS, IEEE Young Professionals, ISCA, and APSIPA.
- Reviewer for scientific journals:
 - IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing;
 - IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing;
 - IEEE Signal Processing Letters;
 - IEEE Transactions on Multimedia
 - IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology;
 - IEEE-ASME Transactions on Mechatronics;
 - Journal of the Acoustical Society of America;
 - Speech Communication;
 - EURASIP Journal on Audio, Speech, and Music Processing;
 - IEEE Communications Letters;
 - EURASIP Journal on Advances in Signal Processing;
 - IEEE Access:
 - Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing;
 - Sensors;
 - Electronics.
- **Programme Committee/Reviewer** for international conferences:
 - ICASSP 2021;
 - Interspeech 2020;
 - APSIPA 2020, 2019;
 - EUSIPCO 2016;
 - IWAENC 2016;
 - ChinaSIP 2015;
 - ICSPCC 2015.
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REFERENCES

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