

Beamforming Bake-Off: Implement, compare, and analyze classical + advanced acoustic beamformers on a controlled synthetic scene.

**Scene (free-field, no flow):**

- **Array geometries:** (A) 32-mic Uniform Circular Array (UCA), radius 0.5 m; (B) 48-mic spiral (aperiodic) within 0.6 m radius.
- **Sources @  $z=1.5$  m:**  
S1:  $(x,y)=(0.20,0.00)$  m, tonal @ 2 kHz  
S2:  $(x,y)=(0.26,0.00)$  m, tonal @ 2 kHz (coherent with S1  $\rightarrow$  hard resolution test)  
S3:  $(x,y)=(-0.35,0.25)$  m, broadband (1–4 kHz), **incoherent**
- **Frequencies evaluated:** 1, 2, 4, 8 kHz (8 kHz intentionally near/above spatial-aliasing for the UCA).
- **Snapshots:** default  $K=200$ ; vary  $K \in \{25, 50, 100, 200\}$ .
- **Noise:** spatially white, set by SNR (default 10 dB).

**TO DO:**

1. Implement: CB, MVDR (with diagonal loading), MUSIC, Functional BF (FB, parameter mmm), CLEAN-SC (simplified), and DAMAS (Gauss–Seidel, nonnegative).
2. Produce maps on a 2D scan grid and compare across methods, arrays, frequencies, and snapshots.
3. Report metrics: **localization error**, **resolution (FWHM)**, **MSR** (mainlobe-sidelobe ratio), **false positives**, **runtime**, and **robustness vs. snapshots**.
4. Discuss **spatial aliasing** effects (esp. @8 kHz), **coherent-source** behavior (S1/S2), and **array layout** trade-offs (UCA vs spiral).
5. (Bonus) Inject **steering-vector mismatch** (e.g., +2% speed-of-sound error) and show winners/losers.