

# 2D sound field reproduction with elliptical loudspeaker array based on circular microphone array signals

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## Introduction

### Sound Field Reproduction

often implemented with loudspeaker arrays (linear, circular, etc.,)

### Circular Loudspeaker Array (CLA)

2D Higher Order Ambisonics (2D-HOA) based on

Circular Harmonics Expansion (CHE)

Pros: analytical driving function

Cons: does not fit rectangular rooms well

### Artificial-shaped array

Boundary Surface Control (BoSC)

Pros: can use an optimal shape

Cons: numerical solution (LMS)

### Elliptical Loudspeaker Array (ELA)

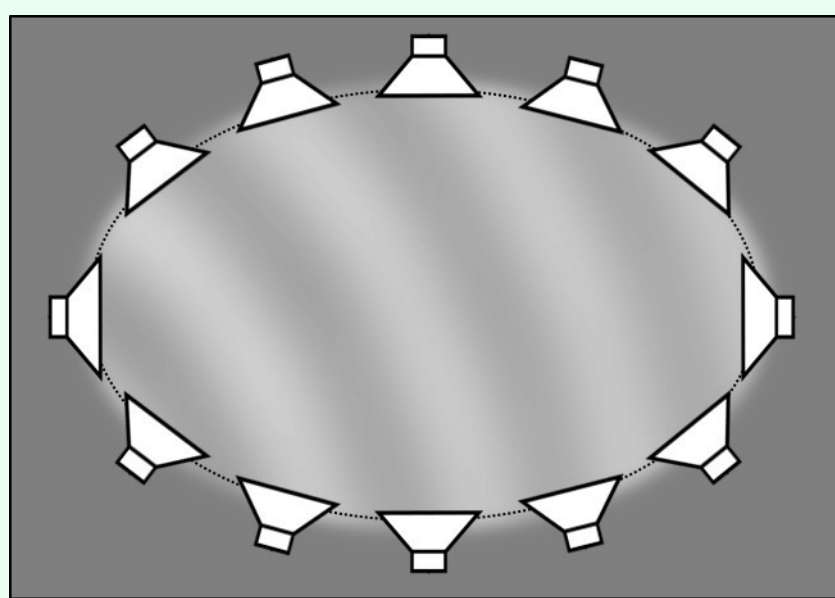
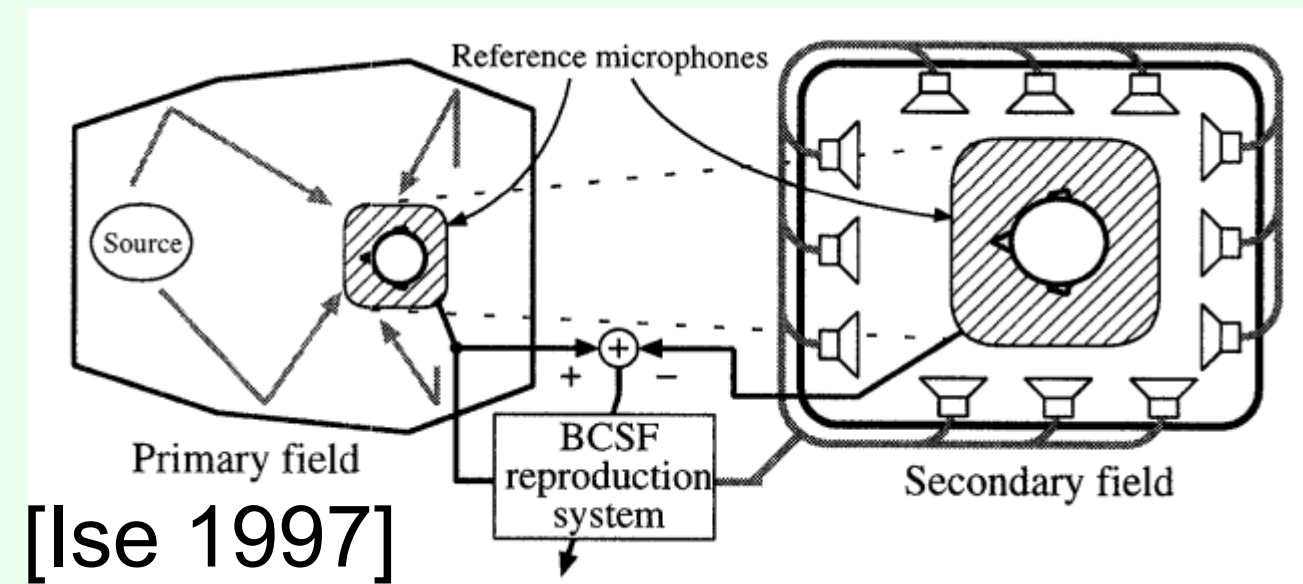
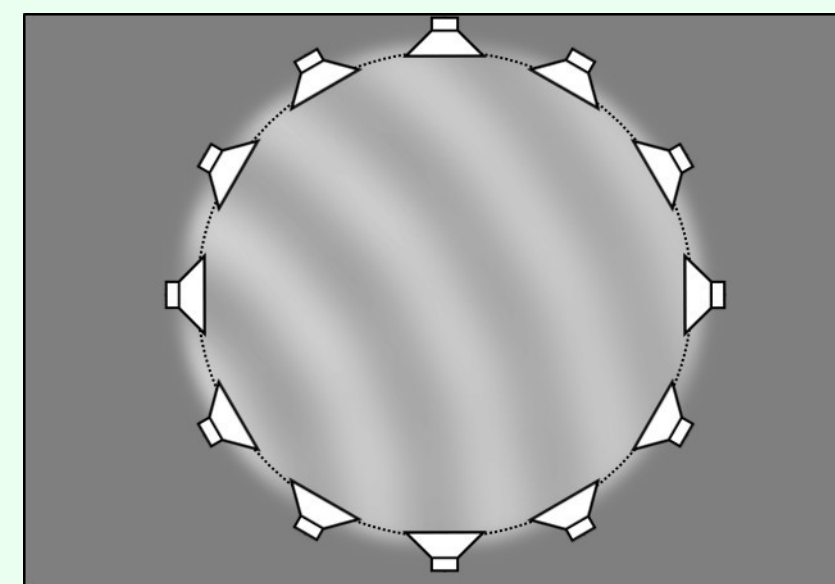
Fits normal room better than CLA.

Can be solved in an orthogonal coordinate system

**Elliptical Harmonics Expansion (EHE)** based on

**Mathieu functions**

Analytical method: **mode-matching method**



## Sound field reproduction using ELA

### Mode-matching method based on Mathieu functions

A sound field can be expanded by Mathieu function (EHE):

$$p(v, u) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} [\alpha_n^i M_n^{(1)}(q, u) m e_n(q, v) + \alpha_n^s M_n^{(4)}(q, u) m e_n(q, v)]$$

For a sound field with no source inside the ELA, there are only incident field:

$$p(v, u) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha_n M_n^{(1)}(q, u) m e_n(q, v)$$

The secondary field reproduced by  $L$  loudspeakers on the curve  $u = u_0$  is

$$\hat{p}(v, u) = \sum_{l=1}^L G(v, u | v_l, u_0) D(v_l)$$

$(v_l, u_0)$ : coordinates of  $l$ th loudspeaker;  $D$ : driving function;  $G$ : Green function for free field

Apply EHE to driving function and use the orthogonality of Mathieu function

$$\hat{p}(v, u) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \beta_n d_n M_n^{(1)}(q, u) m e_n(q, v)$$

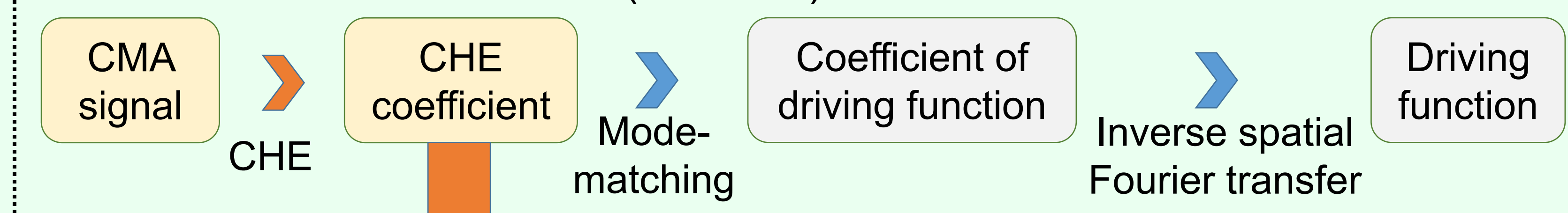
$$\beta_n = -\frac{j}{4} L M_n^{(4)}(q, u_0)$$

Match the coefficient of the original field and the secondary field by modes, driving function can be derived by

$$D(v_l) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} d_n m e_n(q, v_l) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_n}{\beta_n} m e_n(q, v_l) \quad (1)$$

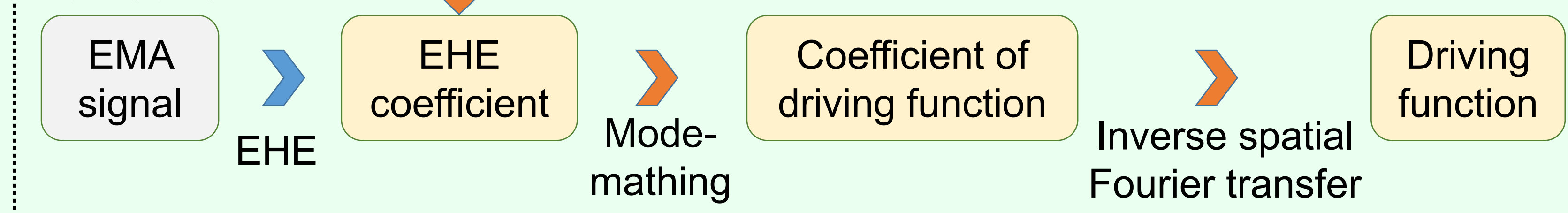
## Proposed Method

Conventional method for CLA (2D-HOA)



**Coefficient transform using additional theorem of Mathieu function**

Method for ELA



### Sound field recording using CMA (conventional method)

In studies of 2D-HOA[Poletti 2000], it is common to record fields with CMA.

CMA signals can be expanded by Bessel function (CHE):

$$p(r_0, \phi_i) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \eta_m J_m(kr_0) e^{jm\phi_i} \quad (2)$$

$(r_0, \phi_i)$ : coordinates of  $i$ th microphone;  $J_m(z)$ : Bessel function

Furthermore for a CMA with rigid baffle (to avoid the forbidden frequency):

$$\eta_m = \frac{j\pi k r_0 H_m^{(2)'}(kr_0)}{2\mathcal{M}} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{M}} p(r_0, \phi_i) e^{-jm\phi_i}$$

$\mathcal{M}$ : number of microphones;  $H_m^{(2)'}(z)$ : differential of Hankel function of the 2<sup>nd</sup> kind

### Coefficient transform using additional theorem

With the mode-matching method for ELA, we can derive the driving function with (1) if only the coefficient  $\alpha_n$  is known.

Besides, a coefficient  $\eta_m$  can be derived from CMA signal.

It will become possible to apply CMA signal if we can transfer  $\alpha_n \leftrightarrow \eta_m$

### Additional theorem of Mathieu function

In 2-dimensional space, when polar coordinates  $(r, \phi)$  and elliptical coordinates  $(u, v)$  show the same point, and  $r > a$ , we have

$$J_m(kr) e^{jm\phi} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \tau_{n,m}^* M_{m+n}^{(1)}(q, u) m e_{m+n}(q, v)$$

$\tau_{n,m}^* = j^{-n} c_n^{m+n}$  for even  $n$  and  $\tau_{n,m}^* = 0$  for odd  $n$ ;  $c_n^{m+n}$ : coefficient used for calculating Mathieu functions

Apply additional theorem to (2):

$$p(r_0, \phi_i) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \eta_m \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \tau_{n,m}^* M_{m+n}^{(1)}(q, u) m e_{m+n}(q, v)$$

$$= \sum_{n'=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \eta_m \tau_{n'-m,m}^* \right] M_{n'}^{(1)}(q, u) m e_{n'}(q, v)$$

Finally, substitute  $\tilde{\alpha}_{n'}$  as  $\alpha_n$  into (1) to obtain the driving function

## Numerical Simulation

### Simulating conditions

$a = \sqrt{5}/4$  in the elliptical coordinate system.

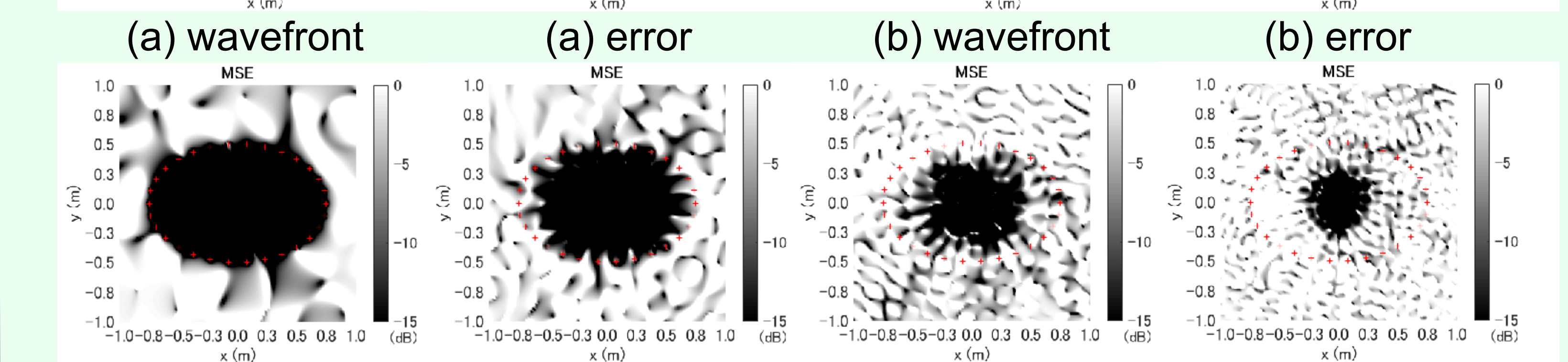
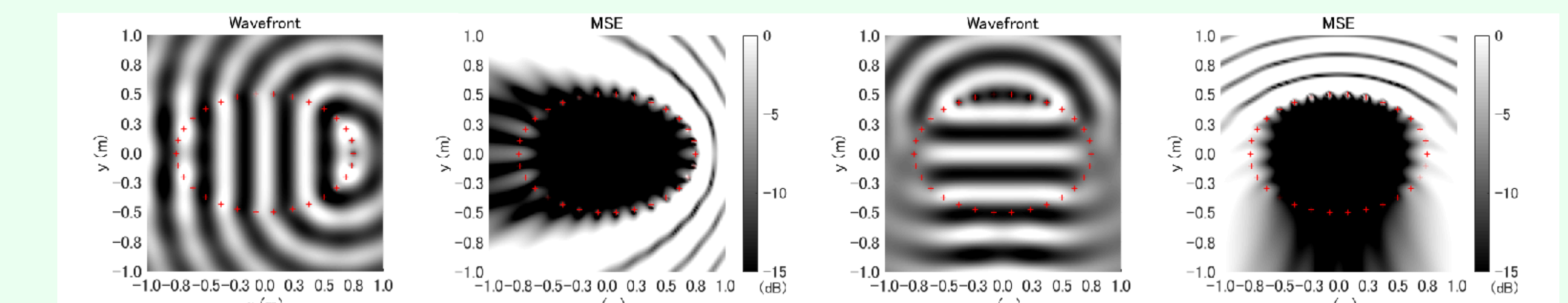
ELA: 30 loudspeakers; 1.5 m major axis, 1.0 m minor axis;  $u_0 \approx 0.80$ ; truncation order for EHE: 30.

CMA: 24 microphones: 0.3 m radius, truncation order for CHE: 11.

(a) 1 kHz plane wave, arriving from  $\varphi = 0$ ;

(b) 1 kHz plane wave, arriving from  $\varphi = \pi/2$ ;

(c) 30 random cylindrical waves at c1:0.5 kHz, c2:1 kHz, c3:1.5 kHz, c4:2 kHz



Red crosses: loudspeaker location; normalized reproduction error:  $\varepsilon = 10 \log_{10} (|\hat{p} - p|^2 / |p|^2)$

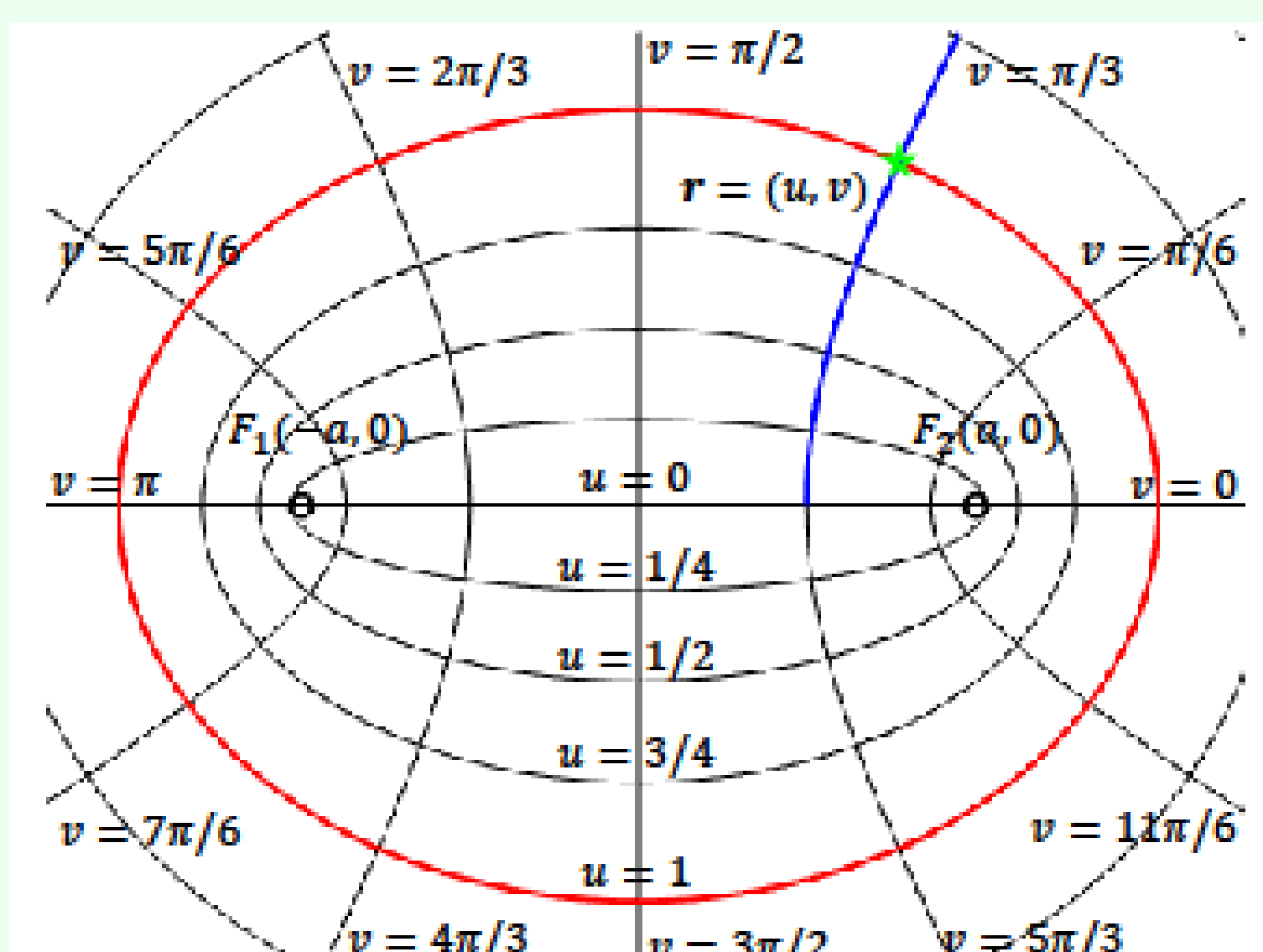
**Proposed method can reproduce interior sound field. Listening area become smaller in higher frequencies**

## Summary

we proposed a method for sound field reproduction using ELA and CMA signals. In numerical simulations, the proposed method was valid for sound field reproduction. Studies about the listening area and truncation orders will be discussed in further studies.

## Mathieu Functions

### Elliptical coordinate system



Elliptical coordinate system

$$\begin{cases} x = a \cosh u \cos v \\ y = a \sinh u \sin v \end{cases}$$

$v \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $u \in [0, \infty)$

$F_1(-a, 0)$ ,  $F_2(a, 0)$ : Foci

**Functions of an ellipse**

$u = u_0$  ( $u_0$ : const)

**Helmholtz equation**

$$\nabla^2 \psi(v, u) + k^2 \psi(v, u) = 0$$

$k$ : wave number

### Laplace operator in elliptical coordinate system

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{a^2 (\cosh 2u - \cos 2v)} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} \right)$$

Separation of variables:  $\psi(v, u) = N(v) \cdot M(u)$

**Mathieu Function:** a solution of Helmholtz equation

$N(v) = \{m e_n(q, v)\}$  : Mathieu angular function

$M(u) = \{M_n^{(\zeta)}(q, u) | \zeta \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\}$  : Mathieu radial function