

# Two-Step Modal Identification for Increased Resolution Analysis of Percussive Sounds

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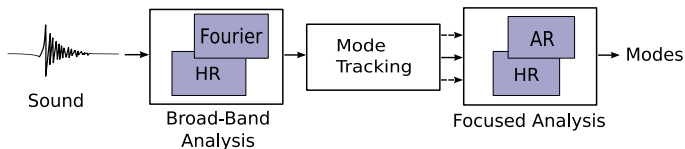
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- synthesize impact sounds between objects for virtual environments
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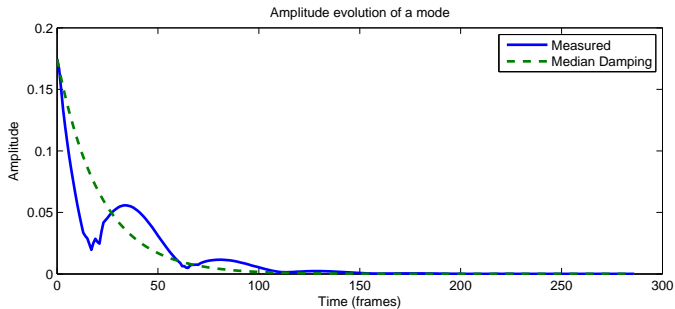
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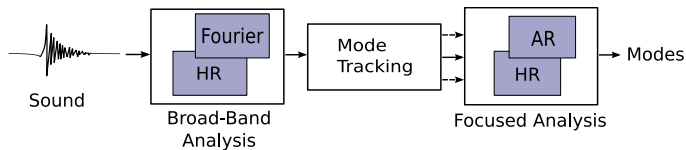
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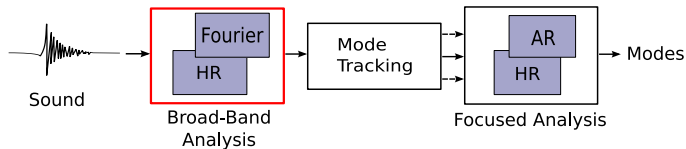
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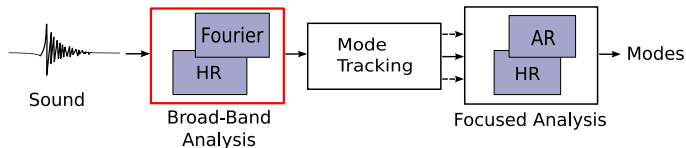


## Fourier-Based Analysis:

- STFT  $\Rightarrow$  one spectrum per frame
- Peaks picking using improved amplitude, frequency and phase estimation techniques [Lagrange *et al.* JAES'07]
- $\delta_k$  estimated by fitting an exponential on the amplitude profile, or Energy Decay Relief [Jot ICASSP'92] of one mode



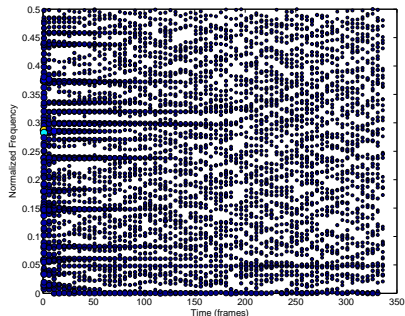
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## High Resolution Analysis:

- Using the adaptive implementation of the ESPRIT algorithm [Badeau *et al.* WASSPA'05]
- Frame-based analysis:
  - pre-processing
  - $f_k$  and  $\delta_k$  estimation
  - $A_k$  and  $\phi_k$  estimation

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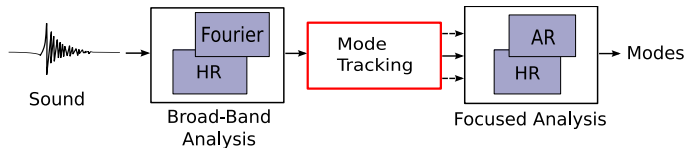


Corresponding **sound**

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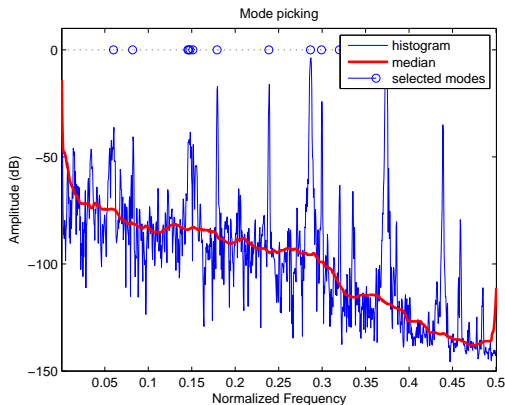
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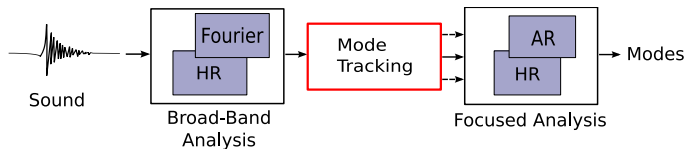


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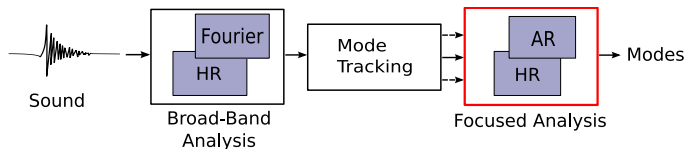
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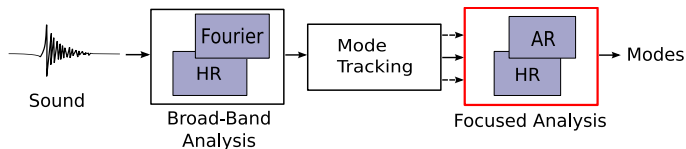
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- 2 Detected modes tracked over time using standard frequency proximity criterion

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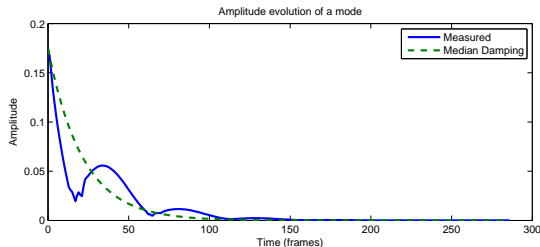
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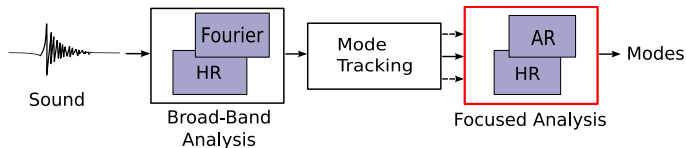
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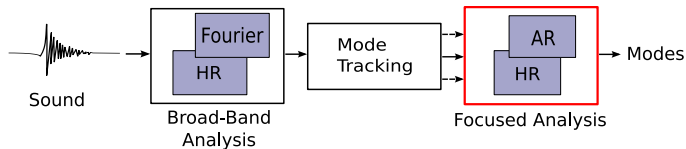
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  - modulation + downsampling

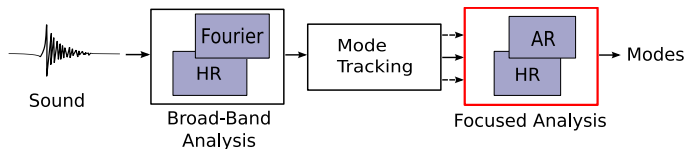


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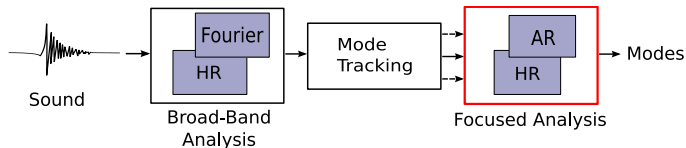
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  - HR analysis using a non adaptive ESPRIT (not frame-based)

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  - discarding:  $\delta_k > 0$  and  $|f_{mode} - f_k| > \Delta f_{max}$
  - $\frac{A_k}{\max(A_k)} > \text{threshold}$

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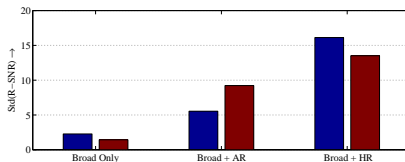
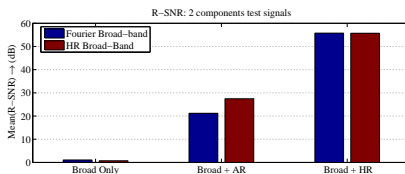
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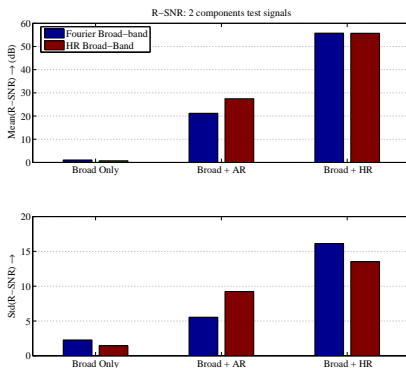
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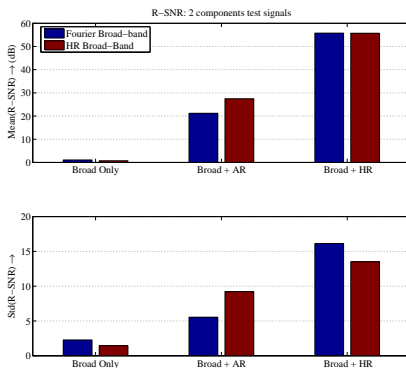
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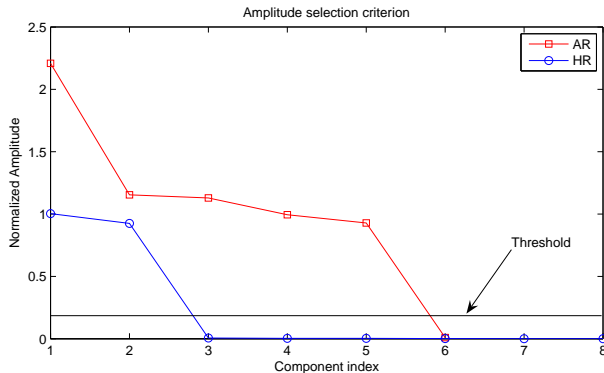
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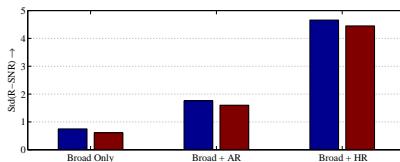
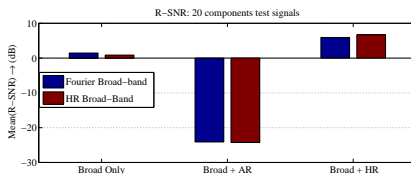
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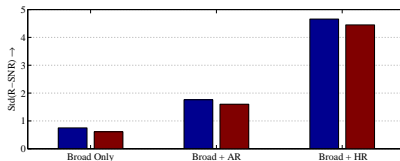
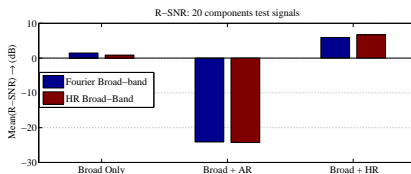
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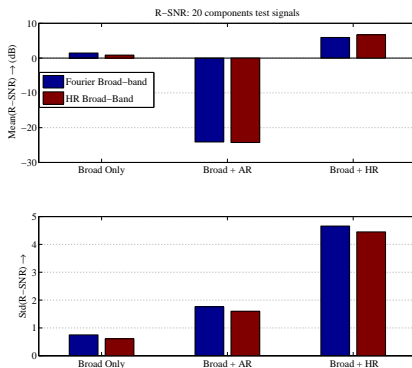


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- **Fourier Broadband + HR focused analysis** = good compromise: computation load / good results

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# “Real world” cases

## Type of sound:

- Metallic plate struck by ceramic hammer

# Performance Assessment

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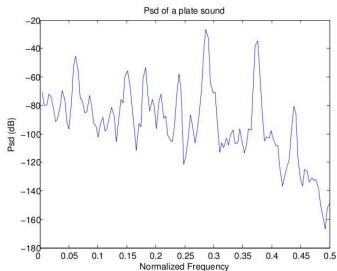
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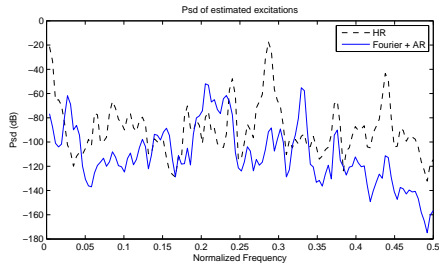
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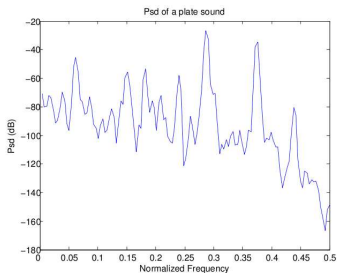
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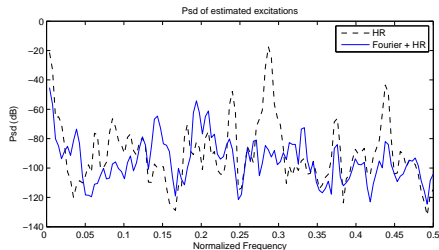
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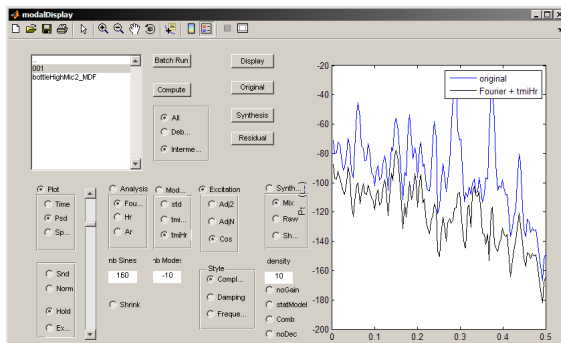
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- Main modes of the sounds are generally absent from excitation signals
- Presence of strong modes in excitation = artifact of deconvolution method

# Conclusion

A two-step analysis scheme for the estimation of modal parameters from recorded sounds.

- alleviating parametrization and manual post-processing
- interest demonstrated in the case of synthetic signals
- interest demonstrated in the context of excitation estimation for source filter modeling



Toolbox available upon request: [mathieu.lagrange@mcgill.ca](mailto:mathieu.lagrange@mcgill.ca)

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