

## Time-Domain vs. Frequency-Domain Sound Field Measurements

### Introduction:

In this lab handout, we discuss the physical meaning of, the relationship(s) between, and the experimental techniques associated with time-domain vs. frequency-domain measurements of over-pressure  $p$  and particle velocity  $\vec{u}$  associated with an arbitrary sound field.

For sound waves propagating in air, the instantaneous over-pressure  $p(\vec{r}, t)$  (*n.b.* a scalar quantity) and the instantaneous 3-D vector particle velocity  $\vec{u}(\vec{r}, t)$  obey their respective wave equations, which are {neglecting/ignoring (small) dissipative/energy loss effects) and for normal/everyday sound pressure levels ( $SPL \ll 134 \text{ dB}$ ) }:

$$\boxed{\nabla^2 p(\vec{r}, t) + \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 p(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t^2} = 0} \quad \text{and:} \quad \boxed{\nabla^2 \vec{u}(\vec{r}, t) + \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t^2} = 0}$$

where  $v$  is the wave propagation speed in the medium (= air, in this case, here).

The instantaneous over-pressure  $p(\vec{r}, t)$  and particle velocity  $\vec{u}(\vec{r}, t)$  are not independent quantities. For *e.g.* traveling-type sound waves in air, neglecting/ignoring (small) dissipative/energy loss effects and normal/everyday sound pressure levels ( $SPL \ll 134 \text{ dB}$ ), the Euler equation for inviscid (*i.e.* dissipationless) fluid flow reasonably accurately describes the spatial-temporal relationship between these two instantaneous physical quantities:

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial \vec{u}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho_o} \vec{\nabla} p(\vec{r}, t)} \quad \text{where for sound propagation in air: } \rho_o^{\text{air}} = 1.204 \text{ kg/m}^3 \text{ @ NTP.}$$

### Sound Field Measurements in One Dimension:

For the sake of simplicity and clarity, we first discuss 1-D sound fields, such as that associated with the propagation of a monochromatic (*i.e.* single-frequency) traveling plane wave in the  $+\hat{z}$  direction, or *e.g.* the “far-field” ( $r \gg \lambda$ ) regime associated with the radial-outward propagation of {monochromatic/ single-frequency} spherical waves emanating from a point sound source, located at the origin. Please refer to the UIUC Physics 406 Lecture Notes XII and XII – Part 2 for discussion/details of the nature of these two 1-D type sound fields.

In order to completely describe an arbitrary, instantaneous monochromatic/single-frequency  $\{\omega \equiv 2\pi f\}$  1-D sound field associated with a 1-D longitudinal sound wave (at least locally) propagating in the  $+\hat{z}$  direction, we need to measure two physical quantities at the listener’s position, *e.g.*  $\vec{r} = z\hat{z}$ :

- a.) the instantaneous over-pressure,  $p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and
- b.) the instantaneous 1-D particle velocity  $u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$ .

The **most general** mathematical description – in the **time-domain** – for these two **instantaneous physical** quantities, associated with a monochromatic/single-frequency traveling 1-D sound wave (at least locally) propagating in the  $+\hat{z}$  direction, for a listener's position at  $\vec{r} = z\hat{z}$  are:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos \Theta_p(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos(\omega t + \varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega)) \\ &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_p^o(\omega)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos \Theta_{u_z}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos(\omega t + \varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)) \\ &= u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)] \end{aligned}$$

Note that the **amplitudes** for over-pressure  $p_0(\vec{r}, \omega)$  and longitudinal particle-velocity  $u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)$  are **time-independent** quantities {for a constant-amplitude sound source}. However, depending on the detailed nature of the **specific** sound source under consideration in a given physics situation, the **amplitudes**  $p_0(\vec{r}, \omega)$  and  $u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)$  in general can be/are position- **and** frequency-dependent.

Note that the **overall** arguments of the cosine function(s),  $\Theta_p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and  $\Theta_{u_z}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  in the above  $+\hat{z}$  1-D traveling-wave expressions for instantaneous over-pressure  $p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and 1-D longitudinal particle velocity  $u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  are, in general **not** constants, due to {in general} possible position- and frequency-dependence of the overall phases  $\varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega)$  and  $\varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)$ , the {longitudinal} wavenumber  $k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)$  and the ( $\vec{r} = 0$ ) phases  $\varphi_p^o(\omega)$  and  $\varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)$ :

$$\Theta_p(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = \omega t + \varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega) = \omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_p^o(\omega)$$

$$\Theta_{u_z}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = \omega t + \varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)$$

The **overall** phase(s) associated with the generalized over-pressure and {longitudinal} 1-D particle velocity waves are:

$$\varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega) = \varphi_p^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z \quad \text{At the origin } (\vec{r} = 0): \quad \varphi_p(0, \omega) = \varphi_p^o(\omega)$$

$$\varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z \quad \text{At the origin } (\vec{r} = 0): \quad \varphi_{u_z}(0, \omega) = \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)$$

At ( $\vec{r} = 0, t = 0$ ) we also see that:  $\Theta_p(0, 0; \omega) = \varphi_p^o(\omega)$  and:  $\Theta_{u_z}(0, 0; \omega) = \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)$ .

Thus the instantaneous over-pressure and {longitudinal} 1-D particle velocity at ( $\vec{r} = 0, t = 0$ ) are:

$$p(0, 0; \omega) = p_0(0, \omega) \cos \varphi_p^o(\omega)$$

$$u_z(0, 0; \omega) = u_{0_z}(0, \omega) \cos \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)$$

**Important Comment:** The ( $\vec{r} = 0, t = 0$ ) phases  $\varphi_p^o(\omega)$  and  $\varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)$  are defined **relative** *e.g.* to the sine-wave signal output from a sine-wave function generator that is used to produce the sound field in the first place. The sine-wave signal output from the function generator  $V_{FG}(\omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos \omega t$  thus provides the **reference** signal needed for defining, and determining/ experimentally measuring the ( $\vec{r} = 0, t = 0$ ) **relative** phases  $\varphi_p^o(\omega)$  and  $\varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)$ .

Note that for a **constant/fixed** value of the **overall** phase(s), the position  $z$  and the time  $t$  are related to each other via  $z(t) = v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot t$  where  $v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega)$  is the **phase speed** associated with the longitudinal propagation of the 1-D traveling wave:  $v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega) = f \cdot \lambda_z(\vec{r}, \omega) = \omega/k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)$  {= the speed of propagation of **surfaces** of **constant phase**}, which again, depending on the detailed nature of the **specific** sound source under consideration in a given physics situation, the phase speed  $v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega)$ , the {longitudinal} wavelength  $\lambda_z(\vec{r}, \omega)$  and the {longitudinal} wavenumber  $k_z(\vec{r}, \omega) \equiv 2\pi/\lambda_z(\vec{r}, \omega)$  can be/are in general both position- **and**. frequency-dependent. Thus, we see that:

$$\Theta_p(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = \omega t + \varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega) = \omega t - \omega z/v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega) + \varphi_p^o(\omega) = \omega(t - z/v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega)) + \varphi_p^o(\omega)$$

$$\Theta_{u_z}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = \omega t + \varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \omega t - \omega z/v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega) + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega) = \omega(t - z/v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega)) + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)$$

The **overall** phase(s) associated with the generalized over-pressure and {longitudinal} 1-D particle velocity traveling waves are:

$$\varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega) = \varphi_p^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega) z = \varphi_p^o(\omega) - \omega z/v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega)$$

$$\varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega) z = \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega) - \omega z/v_\phi(\vec{r}, \omega)$$

A modern digital oscilloscope or *e.g.* a digital recorder (*n.b.* both are manifestly **time-domain** instruments!) can be used to measure the time-dependent voltages output from omni-directional pressure and/or 1-D particle velocity microphones, *e.g.* located at the “listener” point  $\vec{r} = z\hat{z}$  in a sound field associated with a monochromatic/single-frequency traveling 1-D sound wave (at least locally) propagating in the  $+\hat{z}$  direction. The instantaneous **voltage** signals output from the  $p$ - and  $u$ -mics will be of the form:

$$V_{p-mic}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = V_{p-mic}^o(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - k_z z + \varphi_p^o(\omega)]$$

$$V_{u-mic}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = V_{u-mic}^o(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - k_z z + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)]$$

The  $p$ - and  $u$ -mics must be **absolutely** calibrated to obtain their respective **microphone sensitivity calibration constants**  $S_{p-mic}$  ( $mV/Pa$ ) and  $S_{u-mic}$  ( $mV/Pa^*$ ) {or  $S_{u-mic}$  ( $mV/mm/s$ )} (*n.b.*  $1.0 Pa^* = 2.42(mm/s)$ ), in order to {absolutely} convert their respective voltage signals  $V_{p-mic}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and  $V_{u-mic}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  into  $p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and  $u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  signals:

$$p(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = V_{p\text{-mic}}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) / S_{p\text{-mic}} (Pa)$$

$$u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = V_{u\text{-mic}}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) / S_{u\text{-mic}} (Pa^* \text{ or } mm/s)$$

The **absolute** calibration of  $p$ - and  $u$ -mics that we routinely use in the UIUC Physics of Music/Musical Instruments Lab is discussed in detail in the Lab Handout “**Absolute Calibration of Pressure and Particle Velocity Microphones**” – available on the UIUC Physics 193POM/ P406POM Lab Handout Webpages.

We can gain some additional physical insight into the nature of these two instantaneous acoustic signals by using the trigonometric identity  $\cos(A + B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$ .

At the listener’s location  $\vec{r} = z\hat{z}$ , for arbitrary time  $t$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t + \varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega)] = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - (k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z - \varphi_p^o(\omega))] \\ &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \left\{ \cos \omega t \cos(k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z - \varphi_p^o(\omega)) - \sin \omega t \sin(k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z - \varphi_p^o(\omega)) \right\} \\ &= \underbrace{\left\{ p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos(k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z - \varphi_p^o(\omega)) \right\}}_{\substack{\text{Amplitude component @ } \vec{r} \\ \text{in-phase with} \\ V_{FG}(t; \omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos(\omega t)}} \cos \omega t - \underbrace{\left\{ p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \sin(k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z - \varphi_p^o(\omega)) \right\}}_{\substack{\text{Amplitude component @ } \vec{r} \\ 90^\circ \text{ out-of-phase with} \\ V_{FG}(t; \omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos(\omega t)}} \sin \omega t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t + \varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)] = u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t + \varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)] \\ &= u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \left\{ \cos \omega t \cos(k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z - \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)) - \sin \omega t \sin(k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z - \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)) \right\} \\ &= \underbrace{\left\{ u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos(k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z - \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)) \right\}}_{\substack{\text{Amplitude component @ } \vec{r} \\ \text{in-phase with} \\ V_{FG}(t; \omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos(\omega t)}} \cos \omega t - \underbrace{\left\{ u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \sin(k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z - \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)) \right\}}_{\substack{\text{Amplitude component @ } \vec{r} \\ 90^\circ \text{ out-of-phase with} \\ V_{FG}(t; \omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos(\omega t)}} \sin \omega t \end{aligned}$$

If we choose the listener’s position to be at the origin ( $\vec{r} = 0$ ), at arbitrary time  $t$ , using the fact that  $\cos x$  ( $\sin x$ ) is an *even* (*odd*) function of  $x$ , *i.e.*  $\cos(-x) = \cos x$  ( $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$ ) respectively, the above expressions become:

$$p(0, t; \omega) = \underbrace{\left\{ p_0(0, \omega) \cos \varphi_p^o(\omega) \right\}}_{\substack{\text{Amplitude component @ } \vec{r}=0 \\ \text{in-phase with} \\ V_{FG}(t; \omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos(\omega t)}} \cos \omega t + \underbrace{\left\{ p_0(0, \omega) \sin \varphi_p^o(\omega) \right\}}_{\substack{\text{Amplitude component @ } \vec{r}=0 \\ 90^\circ \text{ out-of-phase with} \\ V_{FG}(t; \omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos(\omega t)}} \sin \omega t$$

$$u_z(0, t; \omega) = \underbrace{\left\{ u_{0_z}(0, \omega) \cos \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega) \right\}}_{\substack{\text{Amplitude component @ } \vec{r}=0 \\ \text{in-phase with} \\ V_{FG}(t; \omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos(\omega t)}} \cos \omega t + \underbrace{\left\{ u_{0_z}(0, \omega) \sin \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega) \right\}}_{\substack{\text{Amplitude component @ } \vec{r}=0 \\ 90^\circ \text{ out-of-phase with} \\ V_{FG}(t; \omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos(\omega t)}} \sin \omega t$$

As discussed in detail in Physics 406 Lecture Notes XIII – Part 2, experimentally, we can *e.g.* use lock-in amplifier and/or spectral analysis cross-correlation techniques to obtain/measure/determine the above in-phase and  $90^\circ$  out-of-phase **amplitude** components of over-pressure and 1-D particle velocity, phase-referenced relative to the sine-wave signal  $V_{FG}(\omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos \omega t$  output from the sine-wave function generator that is used to produce the monochromatic/single-frequency sound field in the first place.

Note that the above purely real mathematical expressions that describe the **instantaneous** over-pressure  $p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and 1-D particle velocity  $u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  are manifestly **time-domain** quantities. These expressions can be related to their **frequency-domain** counterparts as follows:

First, we “**complexify**” the above **instantaneous** time-domain over-pressure  $p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and 1-D particle velocity  $u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  expressions by adding an “imaginary”,  $90^\circ$  phase-shifted component to their purely real expressions. Defining  $i \equiv \sqrt{-1}$ , with complex conjugation  $i^* \equiv -i = -\sqrt{-1}$  {hence  $i^* \cdot i = i \cdot i^* = +1$ }, the **complex instantaneous** over-pressure  $\tilde{p}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and 1-D particle velocity  $\tilde{u}_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  at the listener’s location  $\vec{r} = z\hat{z}$ , for arbitrary time  $t$  are:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{p}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t + \varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega)] + i \cdot p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \sin[\omega t + \varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega)] \\ &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_p^o(\omega)] + i \cdot p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \sin[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_p^o(\omega)] \\ &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \left\{ \cos[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_p^o(\omega)] + i \cdot \sin[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_p^o(\omega)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t + \varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)] + i \cdot u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \sin[\omega t + \varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)] \\ &= u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)] + i \cdot u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \sin[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)] \\ &= u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \left\{ \cos[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)] + i \cdot \sin[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We then use the Euler relation  $e^{\pm i\theta} = \cos \theta \pm i \sin \theta$  to equivalently write these expressions in complex exponential notation:

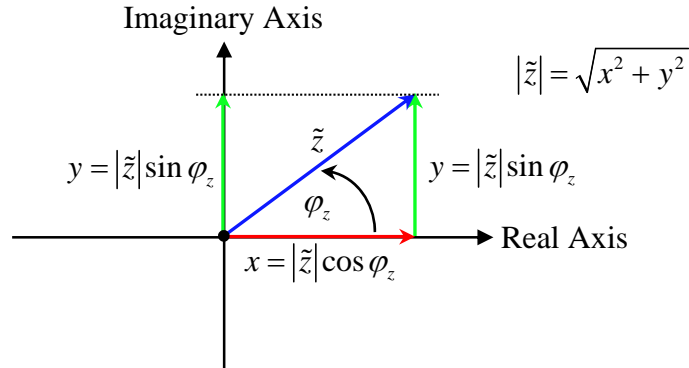
$$\tilde{p}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) e^{i[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_p^o(\omega)]} = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i[\varphi_p^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z]} \cdot e^{i\omega t} = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega)} \cdot e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\tilde{u}_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) e^{i[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)]} = u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i[\varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z]} \cdot e^{i\omega t} = u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)} \cdot e^{i\omega t}$$

Now for **any** complex quantity  $\tilde{z} = x + iy$ , the **magnitude** of the complex quantity  $\tilde{z}$  is  $|\tilde{z}| = \sqrt{\tilde{z} \cdot \tilde{z}^*} = \sqrt{(x + iy) \cdot (x - iy)} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  {*n.b.* a purely **real** quantity}, the phase  $\varphi_z = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ ,  $x = |\tilde{z}| \cos \varphi_z$  and  $y = |\tilde{z}| \sin \varphi_z$ . Thus, we can equivalently write the complex quantity  $\tilde{z}$  as:

$$\tilde{z} = x + iy = |\tilde{z}| \cos \varphi_z + i |\tilde{z}| \sin \varphi_z = |\tilde{z}| (\cos \varphi_z + i \sin \varphi_z) = |\tilde{z}| e^{i\varphi_z}$$

A **phasor diagram** of the “generic” complex quantity  $\tilde{z} = x + iy = |\tilde{z}| \cos \varphi_z + i |\tilde{z}| \sin \varphi_z = |\tilde{z}| e^{i\varphi_z}$  in the complex plane is shown in the figure below:



The **real** part (or component) of  $\tilde{z}$ ,  $x = \text{Re}\{\tilde{z}\} = |\tilde{z}| \cos \varphi_z$  lies on the **horizontal** axis. The **imaginary** part (or component) of  $\tilde{z}$ ,  $y = \text{Im}\{\tilde{z}\} = |\tilde{z}| \sin \varphi_z$  lies on the **vertical** axis. Thus, **complex**  $\tilde{z}$  lies somewhere in the complex plane, oriented at an angle  $\varphi_z = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ , **referenced** to the **horizontal** axis. In an acoustical physics situation, the physical meaning of the real (imaginary) part of the complex quantity  $\tilde{z}$  {e.g. complex  $\tilde{p}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  or  $\tilde{u}_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$ } is that component of  $\tilde{z}$  which is in-phase (90° out-of-phase) with the {purely **real**} **reference** signal  $\{V_{FG}(\omega) = V_{FG}^o \cos \omega t\}$ , respectively.

Since  $\tilde{z} = x + iy = |\tilde{z}| e^{i\varphi_z}$ , we can write the (purely real amplitude)·(complex overall phase) amplitude products in the above **time-domain** expressions for **complex instantaneous** over-pressure  $\tilde{p}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and 1-D particle velocity  $\tilde{u}_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  as **complex amplitudes**:

$$\tilde{p}_0(\vec{r}, \omega) = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega)} = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i[\varphi_p^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z]}$$

$$\tilde{u}_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) = u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)} = u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i[\varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z]}$$

Note that the above **complex amplitudes** for over-pressure and 1-D particle velocity are **time-independent** {for a constant-amplitude sound source}, and in fact are none other than the **frequency-domain** representations of the **time-domain** expressions for **complex instantaneous** over-pressure  $\tilde{p}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and 1-D particle velocity  $\tilde{u}_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$ !

As discussed in Physics 406 Lecture Notes XIII – Part 2, the complex **frequency-domain** vs. complex **time-domain** representations of acoustical quantities such as complex over-pressure  $\tilde{p}$  and/or complex particle velocity  $\tilde{u}$  are related to each other by **Fourier transforms** of each other.

For any **continuous** complex **time-domain** function  $\tilde{f}(t)$ :

The Fourier transform of  $\tilde{f}(t)$  to the frequency domain is:

$$\tilde{f}(\omega) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{f}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

The inverse Fourier transform of  $\tilde{f}(\omega)$  to the time domain is:

$$\tilde{f}(t) \equiv \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{f}(\omega) e^{+i\omega t} d\omega$$

Thus, it should now be clear to the reader that for a **harmonic/single-frequency sound field**, we can write the **time-domain complex instantaneous** over-pressure  $p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and 1-D particle velocity  $u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  at the listener's location  $\vec{r} = z\hat{z}$  for arbitrary time  $t$  in an elegant and compact manner - as the product of the (**complex frequency-domain amplitude**)·(complex  $e^{i\omega t}$  factor):

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{p}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= \tilde{p}_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\omega t} \\ &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega)} \cdot e^{i\omega t} = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i[\varphi_p^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z]} \cdot e^{i\omega t} = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_p^o(\omega)]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= \tilde{u}_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\omega t} \\ &= u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)} \cdot e^{i\omega t} = u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i[\varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega) - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z]} \cdot e^{i\omega t} = u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i[\omega t - k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)]} \end{aligned}$$

### **Sound Field Measurements in Three Dimensions:**

The mathematical description and experimental measurement of 3-D sound fields is a straight-forward generalization of the above-discussed 1-D situation. For a monochromatic/single-frequency 3-D sound field, the **physical** {purely **real**}, **instantaneous time-domain** scalar over-pressure  $p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and 3-D instantaneous vector particle velocity  $\vec{u}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  are, e.g. in Cartesian coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos \Theta_p(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos(\omega t + \varphi_p(\vec{r}, \omega)) \\ &= p_0(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - \vec{k}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \vec{r} + \varphi_p^o(\omega)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= u_x(\vec{r}, t; \omega) \hat{x} + u_y(\vec{r}, t; \omega) \hat{y} + u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega) \hat{z} \\ &= u_{0_x}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos \Theta_{u_x}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) \hat{x} + u_{0_y}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos \Theta_{u_y}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) \hat{y} + u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos \Theta_{u_z}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) \hat{z} \\ &= u_{0_x}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos(\omega t + \varphi_{u_x}(\vec{r}, \omega)) \hat{x} + u_{0_y}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos(\omega t + \varphi_{u_y}(\vec{r}, \omega)) \hat{y} \\ &\quad + u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos(\omega t + \varphi_{u_z}(\vec{r}, \omega)) \hat{z} \\ &= u_{0_x}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - \vec{k}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \vec{r} + \varphi_{u_x}^o(\omega)] \hat{x} + u_{0_y}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - \vec{k}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \vec{r} + \varphi_{u_y}^o(\omega)] \hat{y} \\ &\quad + u_{0_z}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cos[\omega t - \vec{k}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \vec{r} + \varphi_{u_z}^o(\omega)] \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$

where the 3-D vector wavenumber  $\vec{k}(\vec{r}, \omega) = k_x(\vec{r}, \omega) \hat{x} + k_y(\vec{r}, \omega) \hat{y} + k_z(\vec{r}, \omega) \hat{z}$ ,

with  $k = |\vec{k}| = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}$ .

The listener's position vector {referenced to the sound source located at the origin} is  $\vec{r} = x\hat{x} + y\hat{y} + z\hat{z}$ ,  $r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ . Thus, the 3-D dot-product factor:

$\vec{k}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \vec{r} = k_x(\vec{r}, \omega)x + k_y(\vec{r}, \omega)y + k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)z$ . Note that  $\cos \Theta_x, \cos \Theta_y, \cos \Theta_z$  are the 3-D direction cosines. Then, since  $\hat{k}_x \cdot \hat{r} = \cos \Theta_x$ ,  $\hat{k}_y \cdot \hat{r} = \cos \Theta_y$  and  $\hat{k}_z \cdot \hat{r} = \cos \Theta_z$  the above 3-D dot-product factor can also equivalently be written as:

$$\vec{k}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot \vec{r} = k_x(\vec{r}, \omega)r \cos \Theta_x + k_y(\vec{r}, \omega)r \cos \Theta_y + k_z(\vec{r}, \omega)r \cos \Theta_z.$$

Thus, we see that for a monochromatic/single-frequency 3-D sound field, the **physical, instantaneous time-domain** scalar over-pressure  $p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  is similar in form to that for the monochromatic/single-frequency 1-D sound field case, whereas for the **physical, instantaneous time-domain** 3-D vector particle velocity  $\vec{u}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = u_x(\vec{r}, t; \omega)\hat{x} + u_y(\vec{r}, t; \omega)\hat{y} + u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)\hat{z}$ , we have three {orthogonal/x-y-z} components to deal with/measure for the 3-D sound field case vs. only one component for the 1-D case. Three independent, orthogonally-oriented particle velocity microphones, located at the listener's position  $\vec{r}$  are thus needed to measure/completely specify the 3-D vector particle velocity  $\vec{u}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  at that location.

For the monochromatic/single-frequency 3-D sound field we again “**complexify**” the **physical, instantaneous time-domain** scalar over-pressure  $p(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and 3-D vector particle velocity  $\vec{u}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  following the above-described prescription for the 1-D sound field case. Then, the relations between **complex time-domain** scalar over-pressure  $\tilde{p}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$ , **complex time-domain** 3-D vector particle velocity  $\tilde{\vec{u}}(\vec{r}, t; \omega)$  and their **complex frequency-domain** counterparts,  $\tilde{p}(\vec{r}, \omega)$  and  $\tilde{\vec{u}}(\vec{r}, \omega)$  are also elegantly/compactly given by:

$$\tilde{p}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) = \tilde{p}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\vec{u}}(\vec{r}, t; \omega) &= u_x(\vec{r}, t; \omega)\hat{x} + u_y(\vec{r}, t; \omega)\hat{y} + u_z(\vec{r}, t; \omega)\hat{z} = \tilde{\vec{u}}(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\omega t} \\ &= \tilde{u}_x(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\omega t} \hat{x} + \tilde{u}_y(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\omega t} \hat{y} + \tilde{u}_z(\vec{r}, \omega) \cdot e^{i\omega t} \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$