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MONDAY MORNING, 28 NOVEMBER 1994

SABINE ROOM, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.

Session 1aAO

Acoustical Oceanography: Acoustic Inversions for Properties of Gaseous Sediments

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Chair's Introduction---8:00

Invited Papers

8:05

1aAO1. Biogeochemical processes controlling gas bubble production and distribution in organic-rich sediments. Christopher S. Martens (Marine Sci., CB-3300, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3300), Daniel B. Albert (Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC), Hannelore Fiedler (Forschungsanstalt der Bundeswehr fur Wasserschall und Geophysik, 2300 Kiel, Germany), and Friedrich Abegg (Geologisch-Palaeontologisches Institut und Museum der Universitat Kiel, 2300 Kiel, Germany)

Biogeochemical processes in organic-rich, muddy sediments often result in the net production of biogenic gases including methane. In coastal sediments, methane production ultimately leads to near saturation gas concentrations and bubble formation. Rates of production, oxidation, and transport processes, together with in situ temperature and pressure (depth), combine to determine the actual sediment column depth of methane bubble occurrence. Recent studies along North Carolina’s Outer Banks and Eckernfoerde Bay in the Baltic Sea reveal how these processes combine to control saturation gas concentrations and bubble distributions in the upper few meters of coastal sediments. At the North Carolina site, gas production depths vary seasonally, resulting in a bubble layer whose shallowest depth oscillates between 10- and 30-cm depth from summer to winter, respectively. Large quantities of gas escape the sediments via diffusion and bubble ebullition during the warm months. Similar oscillations in the depth of the bubble (acoustic absorption) layer appear to occur in the sediments of Eckernfoerde Bay; however, competing microbial processes prevent saturation methane concentrations at depths above approximately 50 cm. Stable isotope measurements reveal that microbial methane oxidation consumes methane transported above the bubble layer, resulting in little release of gas into the water column.

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1aAO2. Predictions of the acoustic response of free-methane bubbles in muddy sediments. Anthony P. Lyons, Michael E. Duncan (Dept. of Oceanogr., Texas A&M Univ., College Station, TX 77843-3146), James A. Hawkins, Jr. (Naval Res. Lab., Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-5004), and Aubrey L. Anderson (Texas A&M Univ., College Station, TX 77843-3146)

The response of the sediments of Eckernfoerde Bay, Germany to acoustic remote sensing has been attributed to gas features found within the sediment. The existence of features as small as 0.5 mm equivalent spherical radius has been confirmed by x-ray computed tomography of cores taken and scanned under in situ pressures. The interaction of an acoustic pulse from the Acoustic Sediment Classification System (ASCS) with this type of gassy sediment was modeled. The bubble scattering response included the effects of shear modulus and nonspherical bubbles. Model predictions made using the observed gas feature distribution and normal incidence ASCS data agree and show extended returns (greater than a pulse length) from the seafloor bubble layers as well as high attenuation.
Free-methane bubbles cause significant scattering of acoustic energy in the soft sediments of Eckernfördere Bay, Baltic Sea. **In situ** and laboratory measurement of sediment geoacoustic and physical properties were made in an attempt to understand the physical mechanisms responsible for this scattering. **In situ** shear wave velocities (at 100–500 Hz) increased from 5–7 m/s at 2 m into the seafloor, whereas **in situ** compressional wave velocities (at 38 and 59 kHz) varied little (14–25 m/s) with depth. Methane bubbles apparently caused significant attenuation of compressional waves at depths below 1 m, whereas shear wave attenuation was unaffected by gas and decreased with depth. Compressional waves (at 400 kHz) in cores (1%–5% free gas) maintained very low, ranging from <10 m/s at the surface to around 16 m/s at 2 m. Variations in electrical properties were correlated with lithological and bottom towed arrays. Profiling with a bottom towed sledge yielded significant additional geotechnical ground-truthing.

**LaAO5. Geophysical ground-truthing experiments in Eckernförde Bay.** Angela Davis, Dei Huws, and Ron Haynes (School of Ocean Sci., Univ. College of North Wales, Menai Bridge, Gwynedd LL59 5EY, U.K.)

During the 1994 Coastal Benthic Boundary Layer Special Research Program's (CBBLSRP) experiment in Eckernförde Bay, Germany, high-frequency backscattering is caused by gas voids buried at about a meter beneath the seafloor. Assuming the gas voids do not resonate, a simple scattering model is developed based on the Kirchhoff approximation to calculate the backscattering and bistatic scattering strength. Acoustic ray bending due to the sound-speed discontinuity at the water–bottom interface as well as sediment attenuation are taken into account. We find that at 40 kHz, only those gas voids whose exposed cross section is larger than the acoustic wavelength contribute to backscattering significantly. The gas void distribution is estimated based on data from the few cores obtained in situ. The model results are compared with backscattering data, and it is intended that this model be used to compare with bistatic scattering data in the future. [Work supported by ONR through NRL.]
10:25
1aAO8. Acoustic backscatter from bubbles confined in sediment pores. Frank A. Boyle and Nicholas P. Chotiros (Appl. Res. Labs., Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

A model for acoustic backscatter from trapped gas bubbles in sandy sediments was recently presented [F. A. Boyle and N. P. Chotiros, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 2397(A) (1993)]. One of the assumptions was that trapped bubbles respond to an ambient acoustic field as if they were free bubbles surrounded by an infinite volume of water. A refinement to this model includes the effects of solid particles surrounding and constraining the fluid around the bubbles. A new expression for the sediment backscattering strength accounts for fluid confinement in pores. This confinement affects sediment acoustic impedances, bubble resonances, and scattering cross sections. Bistatic fast and slow compressional waves are treated separately. [Work supported by Naval Res. Lab., Stennis Space Center.]

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1aAO9. Bistatic acoustic scattering from trapped gas bubbles in sandy sediments. Frank A. Boyle and Nicholas P. Chotiros (Appl. Res. Labs., Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

A technique based on acoustic reciprocity has recently been used to calculate backscattering strengths of marine sediments [F. A. Boyle and N. P. Chotiros, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 2397(A) (1993)]. The method begins with computation of the pressure induced at an element of scattering volume in the sediment. The pressure returned to a projector is then obtained via a reciprocal relationship between source and scatterer. A similar technique is developed to permit the calculation of bistatic scattering strengths. This technique is combined with a Biot model for acoustic penetration and a scattering model involving trapped bubble resonance scattering, to arrive at a bistatic sandy sediment acoustic scattering model. [Work supported by Naval Res. Lab. Stennis Space Center under the MCM Tactical Environmental Data System (MTEDES) project.]

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Acoustic propagation experiments were conducted with explosives, an air gun, and a continuous source on the New Jersey continental shelf near the AMCOR borehole 6010. This particular area was extensively surveyed by Davies et al. [Marine Geol. 108, 323–343 (1992)] and is the site of previous acoustic experiments by Carey et al. [SACLANT, CP 42, al–a27 (1993)]. Environmental measurements of temperature, conductivity, salinity, sound speed, and bathymetry were made and the signals were received on a vertical array at a sufficient distance from the known source positions. Frequency-time analysis allows for the determination of the dispersive group velocities. The relative position of the sources provides for the measurement of sub-bottom variations on the acoustic propagation. Preliminary results are presented and interpreted in light of normal-mode theory.

11:10
1aAO11. A dynamic penetrometer for rapid assessment of seafloor parameters. T. Akal (SACLANT Undersea Res. Ctr., 19138 San Bartolomeo, La Spezia, Italy) and R. D. Stoll (Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia Univ., Palisades, NY 10964)

Information on geoaoustic and geotechnical parameters of the seafloor is important in sonar performance evaluation as well as in engineering applications. Since measurement of these parameters using traditional methods usually involves some rather elaborate experimental procedures, there is the need for a simple system that can remotely measure some of these parameters from a moving ship or aircraft. To accomplish this a new technique using a probe similar to the expendable bathythermograph (XBT) has been developed wherein the thermistor used to measure water temperature is replaced by an accelerometer. When the probe first impacts the bottom there is rapid deceleration controlled by the shear strength of the sediment, followed by a period of damped oscillation with frequency dependent on the geoaoustic properties of the seafloor. Thus when the impact signature is fully analyzed it is possible to obtain information on both the shear strength of the bottom as well as the geoaoustic properties. At present a series of laboratory and field tests are being carried out in a cooperative program at Lamont–Doherty Earth Observatory and SACLANT Centre. Preliminary results of this work are presented in this paper. [Work supported by ONR.]

11:25
1aAO12. Shear wave attenuation estimates from inversion of Scholte wave data. Hassan B. Ali and Michael K. Broadhead (Code 7173, Naval Res. Lab., Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-5004)

On the basis of the correlation between sediment stratigraphy and modal dispersion, inversion of Scholte wave data allows one to estimate the shear wave velocities within the sediments. In some cases, this may be a sufficient characterization of the sediments. However, shear velocities contain only part of the wave information, and this will not generally suffice for recovery of the full measured time series. In realistic sediments, a propagating pulse will also be affected by the attenuation profile of the medium. Moreover, the amplitudes of the constituent frequencies will generally be attenuated differently, resulting in distortion of the pulse. Using the results of recent deep-water measurements, examples are presented of the relationship between sediment stratigraphy and Scholte wave modal dispersion. The modeling is then extended to examination of seismogram parameters, using iterative analysis of the shear attenuation profiles and exploitation of the spectral properties of the time series. It is shown that the shear Q profile is crucial in achieving an adequate match to the measured data, but some degree of nonuniqueness is possible. [Work supported by Office of Naval Res., Proj. Element No. 0601153N, with technical management provided by the Naval Res. Lab.]

11:40–11:45 Break

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Panel Discussion:
Panel Moderator: Michael D. Richardson
Panel Members: Anthony F. Lyons, Christopher S. Martens, Dajun Tang
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SAN ANTONIO ROOM, 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Session 1aPA

Physical Acoustics: Thermoacoustics

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Contributed Papers

9:00

1aPA1. Numerical study of various thermoacoustic refrigerator configurations. Thomas J. Hoffer (Phys. Dept., Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943)

The results of numerical models and optimizations for various configurations of thermoacoustic refrigerators will be presented. The refrigeration goals are large-scale refrigeration with low temperature span, high efficiency, and reasonably high power density. The physical equations used are the usual plane wave Rott formulation with improved solutions for the heat exchangers and shaped resonator ducts. The primary emphasis will be on solutions having the highest system efficiency, excluding losses associated with electrical drivers and secondary heat exchange.

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Upon integrating the governing equations over the cross section of a thermoacoustic device, a simplified one-dimensional model is obtained. While only approximate, this model renders the study of nonlinear effects very amenable to analysis. In particular, for a thermoacoustic prime mover, the stability limits are calculated and the steady-state amplitude is estimated on the basis of a weakly nonlinear theory. For larger amplitudes, numerical results are presented. The marked propensity of the system to develop shock waves is found to be a very strong factor limiting its efficiency. [Work supported by the Office of Naval Research.]

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1aPA3. A nonlinear analysis of a simple thermoacoustic system. Ronald E. Kumon (Appl. Res. Labs., Univ. Texas at Austin, 10000 Burnet Rd., Austin, TX 78713)

A simple thermoacoustic system was studied to try to better understand the interaction between the temperature, pressure, and velocity modes of the system. The system considered was a one-dimensional "tube," closed and isothermal at both ends and filled with a helium gas. Initially, the gas is static but with a sinusoidal temperature distribution. To obtain a simplified model of the system, a Galerkin-type method was applied to the full hydrodynamic equations in one spatial dimension and the ideal gas law equation of state. By substituting highly truncated sine and cosine series in the spatial variable with time-dependent amplitudes into the aforementioned PDEs, the model was reduced to a set of coupled nonlinear ODEs. First, these equations were linearized and examined for series expansions with different number of terms. Next, the nonlinear ODEs were studied. Finally, these results were compared with direct finite-difference calculations using MacCormack's method to integrate the full hydrodynamic equations.

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1aPA4. Experimental study of acoustic turbulence and streaming in a thermoacoustic stack. D. Felipe Gaitan, Ashok Gopinath, and Anthony A. Atchley (Phys. Dept., Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943)

Recent developments in thermoacoustic devices have generated a renewed interest in finite amplitude standing waves and the nonlinear effects associated with them. In a typical thermoacoustic device, a stack and two heat exchangers are placed inside a resonator approximately midway between the velocity and pressure antinodes. These elements, consisting of closely spaced rigid plates, present both a discontinuity in the fluid flow and a rigid boundary with which the fluid can interact. Under these conditions, at least two well-known effects may occur: acoustic streaming and turbulence. These effects are of particular interest since they could significantly affect the thermoacoustic heat transport inside the stack. In this study, the fluid velocity inside and near a stack was measured qualitatively and quantitatively using a stroboscopic lamp and a laser Doppler velocimeter, respectively. Measurements under different conditions will be presented and discussed. [Work supported by ONR.]

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A low-Mach-number compressible flow model for the simulation of acoustically driven flow fields within thermoacoustic couples is constructed. The model is based on the assumption that length of the thermoacoustic stack is much smaller than the wavelength of the driving standing wave. The latter assumption is used to obtain a simplified description of the impact of acoustic waves while retaining all of the essential features of the unsteady flow developing in the neighborhood of solid boundaries. Results of numerical simulations are presented which illustrate the nonlinear response of the flow to different driving amplitudes and frequencies. [Work supported by the Office of Naval Research.]

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Different visualization techniques are used to gain insight into the heat transfer and fluid flow processes in a thermoacoustic refrigerator model. For this purpose, an enlarged model of a thermoacoustic device, with transparent viewing windows in regions of interest, was built. The model operates with air at atmospheric pressure as the working fluid. The cross section of the resonant tube is rectangular to obtain essentially two-dimensional flow and temperature fields and to allow transilluminatation of the stack region with parallel laser light. On-line holographic interferometry combined with high-speed cinematography is used to analyze and measure the unsteady oscillating temperature fields in the stack region. The design also allows the visualization of the flow fields by smoke injection and the visualization of the temperature distribution on the stack plates using thermochromatic liquid crystals. The results of the visualization experiments provide new information on the stability and transition of the


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A temperature gradient will be applied to the stack and the neon working below onset as a function of the neon pressure. [Work supported by ONR.]

Acoustic driver in the rig will allow us to measure the quality factor $Q$ of a hexagonal lattice hand sewn between two tinned copper heat exchangers. They will consist of over two thousand 75-$\mu$m wires, separated by 750-$\mu$m, in a geometry for thermoacoustic engines is being made in a modular prime mover test rig. By decreasing viscous energy losses, it is hoped that the pin stack will improve the efficiencies of thermoacoustic engines. The stack will consist of over two thousand 75-$\mu$m wires, separated by 750-$\mu$m, in a hexagonal lattice hand sewn between two finned copper heat exchangers. A temperature gradient will be applied to the stack and the neon working fluid by holding one exchanger at 300 K and the other at 77 K. A small acoustic driver in the rig will allow us to measure the quality factor $Q$ below onset as a function of the neon pressure. [Work supported by ONR.]

Thermoacoustic sound source in the Helmholtz limit. [Work supported by ONR.]

11:00
1aPA7. A thermoacoustic pin stack. F. Scott Nessler and Robert M. Keclian (Dept. of Phys., Code PI/Kn, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943)

A comparison of the pin stack geometry with a conventional rolled geometry for thermoacoustic engines is being made in a modular prime mover test rig. By decreasing viscous energy losses, it is hoped that the pin stack will improve the efficiencies of thermoacoustic engines. The stack will consist of over two thousand 75-$\mu$m wires, separated by 750-$\mu$m, in a hexagonal lattice hand sewn between two finned copper heat exchangers. A temperature gradient will be applied to the stack and the neon working fluid by holding one exchanger at 300 K and the other at 77 K. A small acoustic driver in the rig will allow us to measure the quality factor $Q$ below onset as a function of the neon pressure. [Work supported by ONR.]

11:15
1aPA9. Radial versus plane wave thermoacoustic engines: Which is best? W. Patrick Arnott (Atmospheric Sci. Ctr., Desert Res. Inst., P.O. Box 60220, Reno, NV 89506), Jay A. Lightfoot, Richard Raspet, and Henry E. Bass (Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS 38677)

Most previous work in thermoacoustics has considered placing the system and will be discussed. [Work supported by ONR.]

High-power drives for thermoacoustic refrigerators are being investigated by several groups. Theoretical calculations have been performed of the feasibility of parametrically driving a longitudinal resonance tube by modulating the temperature with a high-power laser. Parametric drives are promising since the drive mechanism is distributed over the entire volume of gas and because the response may become large before saturation occurs. Although it is demonstrated that laser drive is not attractive as a practical means of high-power drive for longitudinal resonators, much interesting physics has been considered in the analysis of the proposed system and will be discussed. [Work supported by ONR.]
Session 1pAO

Acoustical Oceanography: Moderate-to-High Frequency Inversions for Sediment Properties

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Chair’s Introduction—1:30

Invited Papers

1:35

1pAO1. Three-dimensional velocity fluctuation structure of the seabed imaged by high-frequency crosswell tomography. Tokuo Yamamoto (Appl. Marine Phys. Div., RSMAS, Univ. of Miami, Miami, FL 33149)

High-resolution images of the compressional wave velocity fluctuation structure of the seabed are inverted from the travel times measured by high-frequency (1–50 kHz) crosswell acoustic tomography experiments at three different sites in shallow water. The three-dimensional power spectra of the velocity fluctuations are determined from the velocity images. The velocity fluctuation spectra are anisotropic in general, i.e., the fluctuation frequency in the vertical direction is much higher than in the horizontal direction. The aspect ratio of the two ranges from 4 to 10. In addition, the major and minor axes of anisotropy are often tilted from the vertical and the horizontal direction. The angle of tilt, called dip, is found as large as 30°. The intensity of the fluctuation spectrum depends on the sediment type. These parameters of the three-dimensional power spectrum affect the scattering of acoustic waves. The strong dependence of acoustic backscattering on the grazing and azimuthal angle observed by Jackson and Briggs (1993) is excellently predicted when the anisotropy and the dip structure of the velocity fluctuations are incorporated in an analytical model of scattering by sediment volume fluctuation (Yamamoto, this meeting). [Work supported by ONR.]

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1pAO2. FM sonar characteristics for normal-incidence sediment classification. Steven G. Schock and Lester R. LeBlanc (Dept. of Ocean Eng., Florida Atlantic Univ., Boca Raton, FL 33431)

The prediction of sediment properties from normal-incidence acoustic measurements made with a broadband sub-bottom profiler requires that several acoustic parameters be estimated from the reflection data using independent numerical techniques to reduce the large potential errors of any one parameter. Examples of acoustic parameters that are combined empirically to estimate the vertical profiles of physical sediment properties are acoustic impedance, interlayer volume scattering, and attenuation. From the analysis of normal-incidence data collected in many depositional environments, the characteristics of a quantitative sub-bottom profiler for estimating impedance and volume scattering include: (1) the acoustic bandwidth of the transmitted pulse must be at least 2 oct for the reliable measurement of signal phase from interlayer reflections; (2) the two-way transmission/reception beam should be a cone with a width between 15° and 20° at the 3-dB down points to ensure that interlayer reflection amplitude to volume and surface scattering noise ratios are at least 6 dB (narrower beamwidths result in reflection amplitude measurement errors from sensor motion or seafloor slopes less than 5°); (3) the transmitted pulses contain energy from 500 Hz to 10 kHz to ensure most interlayer impedance gradients can be accurately measured.

2:15

1pAO3. Acoustic prediction of sediment impedance. Douglas N. Lambert, Donald J. Walter (Naval Res. Lab., Code 7431, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529), William R. Bryant, Niall C. Slowey (Texas A&M Univ., College Station, TX 77843), and John C. Cranford (Neptune Sci., Inc., Slidell, LA 70458)

The Naval Research Laboratory has been developing a normal-incidence, high-frequency (15–30 kHz), narrow beamwidth (6°–12°), high-resolution (>92-dB dynamic range) seismic system with the capability to predict, in near real time, acoustic impedance of the upper several meters of the seafloor using inversion techniques. Acoustic impedance, predicted in a series of ten selectable time windows, is then used to estimate other sediment properties through empirical relationships. A series of ground truth sediment cores have been collected along a seismic trackline in the southwestern Baltic Sea with sediment types varying from glacial till to soft, methane gas-charged clayey silts. Comparison of the high-resolution seismic data to sediment structure determined from the cores shows excellent correlation for both 15- and 30-kHz data. The comparison of laboratory-measured sediment geotechnical properties and acoustically estimated properties shows good correlation in the surficial sediments and somewhat less correlation with depth in the sediments. Since gas bubbles within the sediment are strong acoustic reflectors at these frequencies, the use of standard algorithms for nongassy sediments can lead to overestimation of predicted impedance values.

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1pAO4. Measurements of relative bottom backscattering strength by a digital side scan sonar. Gunther Focher and Ingo H. Stender (Forschungsanstalt der Bundeswehr für Wasserschall-und Geophys., D-24148 Kiel, Germany)

A conventional side scan sonar gives only a qualitative image of seafloor backscatter distribution. It does not allow quantitative measurements of the bottom backscattering strength. Because of the advantages of the side scan sonar (imaging and profiling capacity...
with sediment mean grain size and bulk density. Darryl L. DeBruin, classifier uses historic measurements, empirical relations, and fuzzy set estimate solutions within the resolution bounds of the sonar data. The developed to correlate acoustic impedance and volume scattering with sediment properties with sediment mean grain size and bulk density. Comparisons and field data are used to demonstrate the high-resolution layer detection mean grain size and bulk density. The acoustic impedance is inverted from the rule base classifier model analysis of actual sonar data and geotechnical measurements are made in various depositional environments. The sonar and core data were acquired in Kiel Germany in collaboration with the Coastal Benthic Boundary Layer research team.


A review of recent theoretical and experimental investigations of sound scattering from the seafloor and analysis of methods for remote acoustic characterization of marine sediments are presented. For narrow-band signals, echo characteristics have explicit relationships (in some simple cases they are known) to the reflection and scattering coefficients, which can be related in turn to the material parameters of the medium and used for determination of bottom properties. For wideband signals, the relations between the medium and conventional echo characteristics are not so evident. Moreover, one must introduce other characteristics, such as the two-frequency scattering function. Methods for the determination of bottom parameters in this case are not sufficiently studied up to now, but some advantages of wideband signals can be used such as their high spatial resolution and the possibility of their analysis in the time-frequency domain. The second aspect of the problem is connected with modeling the process of sound interaction with different bottom media. Several geoaoustic models for moderate to high frequencies are considered, taking into account regular sediment stratification and different types irregularity: roughness of the interfaces, volume inhomogeneities, and discrete scatterers.

3:15–3:30 Break

Contributed Papers

3:30

1pAO6. Correlation of acoustic impedance and volume scattering with sediment mean grain size and bulk density. Darryl L. DeBruin, Lester R. LeBlanc, and Steven G. Schock (Ctr. for Acoust. and Vib., Dept. of Ocean Eng., Florida Atlantic Univ., 500 NW 20th St., Boca Raton, FL 33431)

Using high-resolution sonar data, a rule base classifier model is developed to correlate acoustic impedance and volume scattering with sediment mean grain size and bulk density. The acoustic impedance is inverted from the impulse response of the sonar data and the scattering strength is calculated between detected layers using a scattering model. Synthetic data and field data are used to demonstrate the high-resolution layer detection method, based on a local least-squares fit, that extracts the impulse response of the acoustic data. This analysis is heuristically constrained to estimate solutions within the resolution bounds of the sonar data. The classifier uses historic measurements, empirical relations, and fuzzy set theory to build the rule base model that is used to correlate the acoustic properties with sediment mean grain size and bulk density. Comparisons between estimates of mean grain size and bulk density from the rule base classifier model analysis of actual sonar data and geotechnical measurements are made in various depositional environments. The sonar and core data were acquired in Kiel Germany in collaboration with the Coastal Benthic Boundary Layer research team.

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The degree to which surficial and subsurfacial (5–10 m) sediment properties can be determined from their acoustic response to high-frequency (15–30 kHz) short-duration (0.1–0.3 ms) acoustic pulses has been investigated. The acoustic response of the sediment (echo) is assumed to be the convolution of the source pulse with the first several meters of the sediment represented in the time domain by a series of impulses for each reflecting surface. The impedance for each is then determined with a standard deconvolution algorithm. The problem is first approached using a synthetic earth model. The algorithm is next applied to field data collected with the Acoustic Sediment Classification System (ASCS). The results indicate the ability to resolve reflecting horizons and determine the impedance of the sediment surface and subsurface.

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1pAO8. Determination of physical properties of a porous seabed from reflection amplitude data by using the genetic algorithm. Altan Turgut (Inst. of Marine Sci., METU, P.O. Box 28, Erdenli-Icel, Turkey)

A global optimization technique, the genetic algorithm, is effectively used for the inversion of seabed properties from plane-wave reflection data. The seabed is modeled as a porous viscoelastic medium using Biot's theory and the plane-wave reflection coefficient is calculated using the analytical expressions derived by Stoll and Kan [J. ACOUST. SOC. AM. 70, 149–156 (1980)]. A sensitivity analysis indicated that the plane-wave reflection shows strong dependency on the porosity, permeability, and shear modulus of the seabed. Inversion of these parameters is primarily attempted by assigning representative values to other Biot parameters which


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have secondary effects on the plane-wave reflection coefficient. Fast/slow compressional and shear-wave speeds, and density of the seabed, are also calculated using the inverted porosity, permeability, and shear modulus. An experimental technique by using a towed array and chirp signals is also discussed for effective and rapid surveying of the seafloor.

4:30
IpAO10. A structure function constraint for stable least-squares inversion of reflection data. Kenneth E. Gilbert, Timothy J. Kulbago, and P. Jason White (Appl. Res. Lab. and the Graduate Prog. in Acoust., Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

High-frequency seismic profiles often indicate that the near-surface sediments in shallow water are layered on scales larger than about 0.5 m but not on smaller scales. Consequently, for a meaningful least-squares inversion of reflection data using a horizontally stratified sediment model, the wavelengths in the insonifying wave should be long enough to “average out” the small-scale sediment structure. With such a finite wavelength inversion, the sediment model must include some resolution constraints in order to yield a stable inversion. A common approach, for example, is to consider a stack of homogeneous layers where each layer is thicker than, say, a quarter of a wavelength. An alternative constraint method based on a structure function or, equivalently, an autocorrelation function, is presented. It is shown that with a structure function constraint, a stable inversion is obtained even if the layered structure approaches a continuous profile. Without the constraint, the inversion becomes meaningless as a continuum is approached. [Work supported by NRL and ONR.]

4:45
IpAO11. Interpreting and extracting sediment attenuation from measured bottom loss data in the frequency range 500–5000 Hz. Charles W. Holland, Greg Muncill, and Peter Neumann (Planning Syst., Inc., 7923 Jones Branch Dr., McLean, VA 22102)

The angle of intromission is the angle at which there is total transmission across an interface. This phenomena occurs between two ideal (lossless) half-spaces when the sound speed in the transmitting medium is lower and the density higher than in the incident medium. In low-energy environments (i.e., where clay and silty-clay sediment types dominate) the angle of intromission is often observed in measured bottom loss data. The loss at and around the angle of intromission is observed to be a strong function of attenuation in the host medium as well as the effects of gradients, random sedimentary layering, discrete sub-bottom reflecting horizons, roughness, and volume inhomogeneities. The physical mechanisms controlling reflection near the angle of intromission are explored in several data sets to demonstrate the potential for inverting the measured data for attenuation. [Work supported by the ONR/AEAS Program.]

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The bottom boundary layer (BBL) is of great importance in oceanography as it determines the amount of frictional stress a flow encounters from the ocean bottom, and it plays a major role in controlling sediment transport processes. The backscatter of acoustical energy from suspended sediments has proven to be a valuable tool in studying the BBL. Preliminary results from acoustical monitoring of sediment transport at the “Long-Term Ecosystem Observatory” (LEO-15) site located in 15 m of water off of the southern New Jersey coast are presented. The acoustical backscatter system that was deployed at this site during the winter and spring of 1994 is capable of profiling the entire water column by using a downward looking 5-, 2.5-, and 1-mHz sonars and a 1-mHz upward looking sonar. The fine resolution images produced from this system resolved several sediment suspension events and bottom feature movement was observed. [Work supported by NOAA.]

5:15
IpAO13. The continuous spectrum and ambient noise inversions in shallow water. Nicholas M. Carbone, Grant B. Deane, and Michael J. Buckingham (Marine Phys. Lab.-0238, Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, CA 92037-0238)

It has been demonstrated that the ambient noise field in the ocean over continental shelf regions contains sufficient environmental information to allow for inversion of the geoacoustic parameters of the seabed. In past studies both compressional and shear wave speeds have been obtained which are in good agreement with measurements made using independent methods. Other factors which affect the coherence and influence the noise inversions for basement parameters include the sea state and sound-speed profile. We have observed that for low sea states, the ambient noise field contains little or no contribution from the continuous spectrum. Theoretical studies, on the other hand, indicate that the effect of the continuous spectrum is significant for soft seabeds. One explanation for its absence is that at low sea states there are few surface acoustic events close to the observation point, implying that the standard statistical model used to calculate the coherence is not valid for overhead sources. The density of surface acoustic sources in relation to the spatial structure of the ambient noise field will be explored. [Work supported by ONR.]

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PANEL DISCUSSION:

Panel Moderator: Darrell R. Jackson

The major accomplishments in molecular acoustics of liquid systems are summarized. The most promising direction in this field is acoustical thermodynamics. The possibility of acoustical evaluation of thermodynamic parameters of liquids comes from the fact that compressibility of the fluid is the second derivative of Gibbs free energy on pressure. Changes of enthalpy, entropy, free energy, and their pressure and temperature derivatives (heat capacity, volume, expansibility, compressibility, etc.) can be calculated from the pressure and temperature dependencies of sound velocity in the fluid by using additionally the data on the temperature dependencies of density and heat capacity of the fluid at 1 atm. Another new area is related to the studies of the acoustic nonlinearity parameter $B/A$ which is a simple function of the pressure derivative of the bulk modulus and provides unique information on the character of intermolecular forces in the liquid. In aqueous solutions $B/A$ is significantly determined by the structure of water in the hydration shell of the solute. The state of the art in the instrumentation for molecular acoustic studies is presented. New types of acoustical resonators based on the use of cylindrical standing waves enabling one to make measurements in microliter volume samples will be described.

**Contributed Papers**

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**IpPA2.** Matching pursuits with differential operator dictionaries. Wade Trappe and Joseph D. Lakey (Appl. Res. Labs., Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029 and Dept. of Math., Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78712)

This paper will examine in brevity the matching pursuit algorithm proposed by Mallat and Zhang, which yields an adaptive signal decomposition that may be used to derive a phase plane representation of a signal. Based on these ideas, and motivated by the application of wavelets to linear differential operators, a new numerical method for solving differential equations is proposed which is based on performing a matching pursuit algorithm in an operator dictionary. Using this new algorithm the nonhomogeneous Helmholtz differential operator with zero and nonzero boundary conditions shall be examined. A classical differential equation arising from acoustics shall be presented and solved using this new method. Results are presented for the one-dimensional case, and the extension to higher dimensions is examined using the concept of tensor products to construct a dictionary for higher dimensional Hilbert spaces.

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**IpPA3.** Calculation of the transient acoustic wave field emitted by a focused transducer with an arbitrary rim. Adrianus T. de Hoop (Delft Univ. of Technol., Faculty of Elec. Eng., Mekelweg 4, 2628 CD Delft, The Netherlands), Smaine Zeroug, and Sergio Kostek (Schlumberger-Doll Res., Ridgefield, CT, 06877-4103)

Closed-form analytic expressions are derived for the transient acoustic wave field emitted by a focused transducer with an arbitrary rim. The radiating part of the transducer is a spherical surface bounded by a simply connected closed curve of arbitrary shape. Starting from the Kirchhoff-Huygens representation of the emitted acoustic wave field, the expression for the acoustic pressure is transformed into a line integral along the rim of the transducer by employing the Maggi–Rabinowicz transformation in the Kirchhoff theory of diffraction by a black screen. The resulting line integral for the transient acoustic pressure is evaluated numerically to study the shape of the beam emitted by the transducer in its dependence on the shape of the rim and to analyze the resolving power of the transducer in ultrasonic applications. For a focused transducer with a circular rim, a closed-form analytic expression is derived for the transient acoustic pressure on its axis. These results serve as a check on the numerical results obtained for the more general cases. For all cases, the acoustic pressure at the focus admits a closed-form analytic representation. [Adrianus T. de Hoop performed this research as a Visiting Scientist with Schlumberger-Doll Research, Ridgefield, CT.]

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**IpPA4.** Transient axial solution for the reflection of a spherical wave from a paraboloidal mirror. Mark F. Hamilton (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-1063)

A method used previously [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 1256 (1993)] to derive a transient axial solution for a spherical wave reflected from an ellipsoidal mirror is applied to the case of a paraboloidal mirror. The incident spherical wave is reflected from the focus of the mirror. A solution for the impulse response of the reflected axial pressure is obtained in the form $h(z,t) = \delta(t - z/c_0) - h_e(z) \delta(t - t_e(z)) - (c_0/z_0) h_w(z,t)$, where $\delta$ is the Dirac delta function, $c_0$ is sound speed, $z$ is axial distance from the base of the mirror, $t_f$ is distance to the focus, $h_e$ is the relative amplitude of the edge wave, $t_e$ its relative time of arrival, and $h_w$ is the wake. Simple expressions are obtained for $h_e$ and $h_w$. Beyond the focus, the geometrical acoustics result $h_e \sim (1 + d/z_f)^{-1}$ is recovered for the edge wave, where $d$ is the mirror depth. In the far field, $h_e$ becomes a delta function, the impulse response reduces to $h(z,t) = (2z_0/c_0)(\ln(1 + d/z_f)) z^0(t - z/c_0)$, and the derivative of the source waveform is thus obtained. Calculations for various source waveforms are presented. Related measurements are discussed in the following presentation by Gelin et al. (Paper 1pPA5). [Work supported by ONR.]
An experimental investigation of the transient response of a paraboloidal reflector is reported. An inhomogeneous plane N wave was produced by locating an electrical spark at the focus of a machined aluminum paraboloidal reflector (focal length $z_f$=5.08 cm, radius $a=10.80$ cm). A second reflector ($z_f=5.17$ cm, $a=10.05$ cm) was constructed by spinning a container of epoxy at constant speed and allowing it to cure. Peak pressure $P$ and arrival time were measured across the beam (fixed axial distance $z$ measured from the reflector surface, variable radial distance $r$) and the pressure $P$ and arrival time were measured as well as stronger ones ($P=1000$ Pa, $T=12$ μs). For small-signal $N$ waves the axial measurements generally confirm Hamilton's theoretical prediction (previous paper, IPPA4) although the edge waves are weaker than forecast. Transverse measurements agree with ray-theory predictions off axis but are up to 10% low in the axial region. For stronger $N$ waves, transverse measurements of arrival time and peak pressure show evidence of self-refraction (ray bending due solely to finite-amplitude effects). [Work supported by ONR, ARL:UT I/R&D program, and NASA.]

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The quantitative description of diffraction started with Fresnel, who introduced the interference effect to Huygens' principle where diffracted waves are expressed by an integral of secondary wavelets over an opening in an opaque screen. Although this diffraction formula is an approximate one, it has given precise estimation of waves diffracted by the opening. Most diffraction phenomena arise from 3-D objects. However, attempts to apply the diffraction theory to 3-D objects are unsuccessful since, in these cases, the region for integration of secondary wavelets cannot be determined clearly. In order to explain the diffraction by polyhedrons, a hypothetical observer is assumed at an observation point and the Huygens–Fresnel principle is extended to a space seen by the observer virtually. In this virtual space the observer can see real images and mirror images through facets of the polyhedron and every point in real and mirror images is considered as a center of the secondary wavelets. The new representation of sound field diffracted by 3-D objects that satisfies both the wave equation and boundary conditions is derived by this extension [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2354–2362 (1994)]. The algorithm to obtain solutions from this representation will be discussed in detail.

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The time-space domain acoustic wave field in an isotropic, lossy, continuously layered fluid is analyzed using a method that employs a combination of higher-order WKBJ asymptotics and the Cagniard–De Hoop method of inversion. The loss behavior of the fluid is described with the aid of general temporal compliance and inertia memory functions. The continuous layering of the medium manifests itself in the acoustic wave speed, the density of mass, and both memory functions, which are independent, continuous functions of the vertical coordinate. After the application of forward transformations, higher-order WKBJ asymptotic representations of the transform domain solution are derived. The coefficients that occur in these representations satisfy a recurrence scheme, which is well suited for implementation in a symbolic manipulation program. The transform domain WKBJ asymptotic representations are analytically transformed back to the space-time domain with the aid of the Cagniard–De Hoop method. Numerical results for several configurations with an intricate loss behavior are presented.

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The material properties of a piezoelectric continuously twisted structurally chiral medium (PCTSCM) vary helicoidally along the axial direction. Monochromatic axial wave propagation in a PCTSCM has been solved exactly [A. Lakhtakia, Appl. Acoust. (in press)]. It is shown that specific axial propagation modes are related to specific piezoelectric coupling coefficients. By a judicious choice of these coefficients, one may control certain sets of modes independently of other sets of modes. Since the degree of piezoelectric coupling can be engineered, PCTSCMs are promising candidates for future transduction devices. Emphasis has been placed on PCTSCMs with hexagonal symmetries. Graphical support of the conclusions will be presented. [Work supported by NSF.]

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If a material is very nearly isotropic, quantifying the residual anisotropy may be quite difficult using methods such as pulse superposition or neutron scattering, when only a small sample is available. However, resonant ultrasound spectroscopy using piezoelectric film transducers allows precise (<0.1%) measurement of elastic constants even on very small (<0.25 mg), fragile samples. This is of interest in the study oficosahedral quasicrystals, which should theoretically be isotropic, but have closely related phases which are crystalline. Results on several samples of quasi-crystalline and cubic AlCuLi will be presented, and use of rotations of the elastic tensor and Monte Carlo style error simulations to aid in the data analysis will be discussed. [Work supported by NSF Grant No. DMR-9306791 and by ONR.]

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1PPA10. Measurements of ultrasonic attenuation and sound velocity in a single crystal of $\text{La}_{1.67}\text{Sr}_{0.33}\text{CuO}_4$. Hong Zhang, M. J. McKenna, Bimal K. Sarma, Motis Levy (Dept. of Phys., Univ. of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201), T. Kimura, K. Kishio, and K. Kitazawa (Univ. of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan)

Measurements of the ultrasonic attenuation and sound velocity were made at frequencies of 32 and 87 MHz in a large single crystal of $\text{La}_{1.67}\text{Sr}_{0.33}\text{CuO}_4$ ($\sim 4 \times 4 \times 4 \text{ mm}^3$), which exhibits a sharp ($\Delta T \sim 1$ K) superconducting transition at 37 K. For longitudinal waves propagating along the c axis, the sound velocity shows a sharp softening, $\Delta v/v \sim 100$ ppm, concurrent with the sharp superconducting transition in the susceptibility measurements. Following this transition, the susceptibility exhibits a small tail extending to 27 K, where a smaller softening, $\Delta v/v \sim 20$ ppm, has been observed in the velocity measurements. Accompanying the $\sim 100$-ppm velocity drop, there is a signature in the attenuation; following this feature, the attenuation changes as the temperature is decreased further, with a small kink in the attenuation at 27 K. Additional results of the dependence of the attenuation and sound velocity in external magnetic fields, oriented in the a-b plane, will be presented. [Work supported by ONR.]
Experimental measurements of fracture have been made using a wide bandwidth (10 MHz) transducer and a system with a relatively large bond size, with the result that one is able to observe individual bond breaking events. The data provide a direct test of "fuse" models [L. de Arcangelis, S. Redner, and H. J. Herrmann, J. Phys. Lett. (Paris) 46, L585 (1985)] and scaling theories of brittle fracture. Measurements have been made with uniform tensile stress and bending stress, with the latter corresponding to a phase transition in the presence of an external field. For samples of the same width, the observations are quite consistent, showing the effects of precursors, onset, progression, stress waves, crack arrest, and other interesting phenomena. A significant difference in precursors for the uniform and bending stress fields is observed, perhaps a result of the dimensionality of the maximum stress field. [Work supported by NSF Grant No. DMR-9306791 and by ONR.]

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 28 NOVEMBER 1994
TRINITY A AND B, 1:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

Session 1pSP

Speech Communication: Acoustic Analysis and Perception of Consonants (Poster Session)

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Contributed Papers

All posters will be on display from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. To allow contributors an opportunity to see other posters, contributors of odd-numbered papers will be at their posters from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and contributors of even-numbered papers will be at their posters from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Posters will remain on display until 12:00 noon on Tuesday.

1pSP1. Perception of fricatives synthesized by higher-level control of a Klatt synthesizer. David R. Williams (Sensometrics Corp., 26 Lansdowne St., Cambridge, MA 02139)

Results of perceptual tests of fricatives synthesized using an acoustic-articulatory model [K. N. Stevens and C. A. Bickley, J. Phonet. 19, 161–174 (1991)] are presented. Parameters of the model permit time-varying control of vocal-tract shape (first four natural frequencies) and of glottal and oral cross-sectional areas. After computing air flow and intraporal pressure values, KLSYN88 synthesizer source parameters are estimated using mapping equations. The current study examines model predictions for intervocalic alveolar and labio-dental fricatives. Stimulus sets were constructed by varying the sizes of peak glottal opening (8–20 mm²) and minimum oral constriction (4–16 mm²), and the rate of oral constriction near closure/release (4, 16 cm/s). Subjects labeled the synthetic fricatives as voiced or voiceless and rated the "goodness" of the stimuli as exemplars of voiceless fricatives. As expected, stimuli with the smallest and largest glottal openings were judged as voiced and voiceless, respectively. At intermediate glottal opening values, voicing judgments were influenced by the relative sizes of the glottal and oral openings and, to a lesser extent, by oral constriction rate. Goodness ratings of the stimuli generally correlated with labeling judgments. The results demonstrate the robustness of speech sound categories generated in this manner. [Work supported by NIMH.]

1pSP2. Landmark detection for distinctive feature-based speech recognition. Shartene A. Liu (Speech Commun. Group, Res. Lab. of Electron., Dept. of BECS, MIT, Rm. 36-511, Cambridge, MA 02139)

This work is a component of a proposed knowledge-based speech recognition system, which uses landmarks to guide the search for distinctive features. In an utterance, landmarks identify localized regions where the acoustic manifestations of the linguistically motivated distinctive features are most salient. An algorithm for automatically detecting landmarks implemented by abrupt articulatory movements is described. The algorithm is a hierarchically structured algorithm rooted in linguistic and production theory. It looks for abrupt energy changes in six frequency bands across an extensive range of temporal resolution. Landmarks are found based on information about which bands contain the abrupt change, the steady-state quality in the vicinity of the proposed landmark, segmental duration constraints, and an articulatory continuity requirement. Tested on a database of continuous speech recorded in a silent room by male and female speakers, the landmark detector is shown to perform well, with a 94% true detection rate and a 10% false detection rate. Most of the missed landmarks were adjacent to reduced vowels. These promising results indicate that landmarks are robustly identifiable points in the speech waveform and that a landmark detector as a front end in a speech recognition system is feasible. [Work supported by NSF.]

1pSP3. Clear speech does not exaggerate phonetic contrast. John J. Ohala (Dept. of Linguist., Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720)

Structural linguistics teaches that one of the principal properties of speech sounds is being different from each other: The essence of a phoneme is that it is not any other phoneme. In addition, many structuralist theories of sound change are based on notions of preservation of contrast between phonemes. From this one might expect that it should be possible to observe speakers' efforts at maintaining contrasts in speech. One situation where this would be expected is in repeated speech, i.e., where a speaker repeats a word after receiving feedback that it has been mispronounced, as in another similar word. This paper reports results of an analysis of such repeated speech samples of ten English speakers when they produced 1 of 12 near-minimal syllables (bayed, paid, bed, ped, bet, pet, bid, bit, etc.) under two conditions: control and repetition (in response to feedback that their initial production had been misunderstood as one of the other syllables). Contrary to expectations, there was no significant contrastive exaggerations in VOT or vowel duration as a function of the word presented in feedback. [Work supported by AGT, Ltd.]


During the course of a normal conversation talkers make frequent and extensive changes in speaking rate which affects the acoustic realization of both consonants and vowels. Previous research has shown that the articu-
lation rate of a syllable influences both the production and phonetic categorization of its segmental components. However, little certainty exists regarding which portions of the syllable carry information about overall articulation rate. The present study investigated this question by editing the burst and aspiration phases from natural /b/ and /p/ syllables produced at a fast rate of speech, and cross-splicing them onto the same tokens produced at slow rates of speech (and vice versa). These tokens were presented to subjects for speeded classification of the initial consonant. The results indicate that subjects were sensitive to the mismatch in articulation rate between the initial burst and aspiration of the stop consonant and the remainder of the syllable created by the cross-splicing technique. Further investigation using /b/-/p/- continua created in a similar manner indicates that consonant-internal rate information is also used during phonetic categorization of the stimulus. These results are discussed in the context of current issues of rate normalization and speech perception. [Work supported in part by Research and Training Center Grant No. Pt0 DC-01409 from the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders.]

1pSP5. Cross-language tests of the perceptual magnet effect for /s/ and /l/. Paul Iverson (Dept. of Speech and Hear. Sci., WI-10, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195), Eugen Diesch, Claudia Siebert (Tech. Univ. of Berlin, Berlin, Germany), and Patricia K. Kuhl (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA)

Recent experiments by Iverson and Kuhl have suggested that the perceptual organization of the American English /t/ and /l/ categories is strongly influenced by category goodness. American adult listeners exhibit a perceptual magnet effect characterized by low sensitivity and perceptual clustering near the best exemplars of /t/ and /l/ and high sensitivity and stretched perceptual distances near the worst exemplars. The present study compares the responses of native German and English speakers to evaluate whether the representation of these categories is influenced by language experience. In separate experiments, natural phonemes of adult German (/w/ and /l/) and American (/t/ and /l/) speakers were recorded, and synthesized American English (/t/ and /l/) tokens were identified, discriminated, rated for category goodness, and rated for similarity by both groups of subjects. The results demonstrate that German listeners prefer, produce, and have perceptual clustering for /l/ phonemes with a higher F2 frequency than do American listeners. German listeners do not perceive American /t/ phonemes to be good examples of the German /t/ category, and German listeners also exhibit somewhat less perceptual clustering for /t/ phonemes than do American listeners. The results confirm that the perceptual magnet effect for /l/ and /l/ is determined by language experience. [Work supported by NIH.]

1pSP6. A locus equation study of syllable-final stop place of articulation. Harvey M. Sussman (Dept. of Linguist. and Speech Commun., Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712), Jadine Shore, and David Frachter (Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712)

Syllable-final stops have different coarticulatory and perceptual properties compared to syllable-initial stops. Locus equations have previously been used to acoustically characterize place of articulation for initial stop consonants [H. Sussman, H. McCaffrey, and S. Matthews, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 90, 1309–1325 (1991) and H. Sussman, K. Hoemeke, and F. Ahmed, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1256–1268 (1993)]. Since locus equations also encode degree of coarticulation, they might also provide an adequate phonetic description of VC events for final /b/, /d/, and /g/ following varied vowel contexts. Each of ten speakers, five male and five female, produced three repetitions of 90 CVC tokens. For each final stop (/b, d, g/) there were ten medial vowels and three initial consonants—/b, d, g/ /b, d, g/ /b, d, g/. Three points along the second formant were measured—F2 onset (Hz), F2 midpoint (Hz), and F2 offset (Hz). Offset locus equations (VC) were generated for each syllable-final stop place, both across initial consonantal contexts and as a function of each initial stop. In addition, 3-D plots were generated to determine how F2 onset (+), midpoint (y), and offset (z) could acoustically capture and differentiate lexical contrasts. [Work supported by NIDCD.]

1pSP7. Speakers nasalize /l/ if it is preceded by /l/, but listeners don’t care—They still hear /l/. Sharon Y. Manuel (Res. Lab. of Electron., Mass. Inst. of Technol. Bldg. 36-511, Cambridge, MA 02139)

Presumably as a result of coarticulation, /l/ often assimilates to a preceding /l/ in phrases like "win those," but this assimilation is not complete for all features. With respect to the feature [nasal], the assimilation is often radical. The entire consonant region in the middle of the two-word sequence is nasalized. However, acoustic evidence suggests that contextually nasalized /l/ retains its dental place of articulation. Specifically, F2 is considerably lower at the release of a contextually nasalized /l/ than at the release of a true /l/, as would be expected for a dental consonant. Perception tests show that listeners can generally tell the difference between natural tokens of pairs like "win nos" and "win those," even when the /l/ is completely nasalized. In addition, a synthetic stimulus continuum was constructed in which items were varied only with respect to F2 frequency in the vicinity of the nasal consonant regions of phrases like "win now." Listeners systematically reported hearing "those" more often when F2 was low at the release of the nasal consonant. These results are consistent with the claim of Krakow, Fowler, and others, that listeners can at least sometimes factor out coarticulatory effects. [Work supported by NSF.]

1pSP8. Effect of fundamental frequency perturbations on medial stop-consonant [voice] judgments. Michelle R. Malis and Randy L. Diehl (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712)

Previous research has suggested that the direction of short-duration fundamental frequency (F0) perturbations following consonants provides a cue to consonant [voice] status. More recently, Silverman [Phonetica 43, 76–91 (1986)] proposed that the [voice] cue is provided by the direction and extent of F0 perturbations relative to the underlying intonational contour. A competing view, the low-frequency hypothesis, suggests that F0 participates in a more general way whereby any low-frequency energy in the region of the consonant will contribute to the perception of a [l voice] consonant. In this study, 15 speech stimulus series, each ranging perceptually from /lag/ to /fag/, were synthesized by varying only with respect to F0 in 15 ms steps. Fifteen different pitch contours were generated by designing F0 targets at three points in the stimulus: initial vowel, onset of voice energy after closure, and 100 ms after the onset of voicing. Three F0 values were used, arranged into two pairs: 100 and 120 Hz and 120 and 140 Hz. The results indicated that the value of F0 at vowel onset, rather than the relative movement of F0, is the best predictor of subjects’ judgments of consonant [voice] status. [Work supported by NIDCD.]

1pSP9. Devoicing a /l/ does not make an /l/. Caroline L. Smith (Audio Speech Path (126), West LA VA Med. Ctr., 11301 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90073 and Div. of Head and Neck Surgery, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA 90024)

It is well known that voiced stops in English tend not to be fully voiced. For many American speakers, voiced fricatives may also have little or no voicing. In what phonological contexts do speakers devoice underlying /l/? Previous research [T. Veatch, Ling. Soc. Am. mtg., 69 (1989)] emphasized the influence of the following segment. The present study confirms this, and investigates the likelihood of devoicing in different positions in syllable, word, and sentence. Five speakers of American English recorded multiple repetitions of sentences in which /l/ and /l/ occurred in matched environments. Measures of acoustic durations, airflow, and vocal fold vibration as evidenced by EGG were used to compare the production of /l/ and /l/. Preliminary data from one speaker show a variety of /l/, with the duration of vocal fold vibrations as a percentage of frication duration ranging from 0% to 100%. However, the acoustic vowel length difference preceding /l/ and /l/ is maintained, and even those tokens of /l/ in which there was no vocal fold vibration have reduced airflow compared to matched tokens of /l/, suggesting that devoiced /l/ may differ from underlying /l/ in glottal constriction or level of pulmonary activity. [Work supported by NIH.]

1pSP10. Spectral discontinuities and the vowel-length effect. Andrew J. Lotto, Keith R. Kluender, and Lori L. Holt (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706)

Perception of the voicing contrast in CV syllables can be affected by the duration of the following vowel such that longer vowels lead to more "voiced" responses. On the basis of several experiments, Green, Stevens, and Kuhl [Percept. Psychophys. 55, 249–260 (1994)] concluded that con-
vowel-length effect when formant changes result in a spectral peak moving constant, formant changes that resulted in a change in peak harmonic does not preclude the vowel-length effect when fundamental frequency

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Previously [D. E. Francher, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2977 (1994)], identification curves were estimated for English /b,d,g/ using synthetic CV stimuli comprehensively sampling the F2-onset X F2-vowel acoustic space in the vicinity of Sussman's /b,d,g/ locus equations. These results were used to delineate "identification surfaces" situated in locus equation space. The current research uses a biologically plausible neural network (the Kohonen algorithm) to model the above perception results. This algorithm is an abstraction of the local, unsupervised map-organizing process thought to occur in the brain. The Kohonen map forms a two-dimensional representation of stop consonant place categories from F2-onset and F2-vowel inputs. This emergent representation corresponds well with the experimentally observed identification surfaces and can be used to classify novel inputs and predict phoneme boundaries and confusability regions.

ipSPl2. Stimulus intensity and fundamental frequency effects on duplex perception. Houari K. Vorperian (Dept. of Commun. Disord., Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53705), Marleen T. Ochs, and D. Wesley Grantham (Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville, TN 37232-8700)

The simultaneous perception of speech and nonspeech occurs when the intensity of the F3 transition of a three formant synthetic syllable is increased relative to the rest of the syllable (the base). This phenomenon has been interpreted as evidence of a distinct system for speech perception that precedes other specialized systems of general auditory processing ([Liberman and Mattingly, Science 243, 489-494 (1990])]. Using F3 transitions with fundamental frequencies different from the base, and referencing their presentation levels to the level at which each F3 transition was barely audible in the context of the base, identification functions were obtained across a wide range of F3 transition intensities. As previously demonstrated, results showed that the F3 transitions contributed to the speech percept over a wide range of intensities and fundamental frequencies. However, at very intense F3 transition levels, /gu/ identification decreased. Also, both /du/ and /gai/ identification progressively decreased as the fundamental frequency of the F3 transition increasingly differed from the base and interacted with intensity. These findings indicate that information from general auditory processing systems is available to the specialized speech perception system. The speech perception system tolerates a range of information from general auditory processing systems before it rejects such information as irrelevant to speech.

ipSPl3. Acoustic evaluation of surgical intervention for one speech therapy patient. Robert Hagiwara, Susan Meyers Fosoot (Phonet. Lab., UCLA Dept. of Linguist., 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024), David M. Alessi, and Gerald M. Sloan (Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA 90054)

The development of American /l/ (characterized acoustically by a low third formant) in one speech therapy patient (SR, 5y6) after surgical intervention is documented. SR was originally referred to speech therapy for reduction of SR's occlusive sleep apnea. By hypothesis, these procedures would also alleviate any physiological basis for SR's inability to produce /l/. Recordings were made of multiple repetitions of /l/ in 16 phonological contexts on two occasions before surgery. Two more recordings were made after surgical recovery. (If SR does not develop /l/ after surgical intervention, additional recordings will be made after further speech therapy.) Acoustical analysis of these recordings documents SR's development of /l/, and the efficacy of surgical intervention on his speech.

In Swedish a postvocalic consonant is phonologically long following a distinctively short vowel and phonologically short following a distinctively long vowel. Previous research has demonstrated that this distinction is reflected in the relative durations of the corresponding segments. In addition, it has been shown that a consonant tends to be shorter in duration when it occurs in a consonant cluster than when it is a single consonant. However, when a consonant occurs in a cluster, it becomes less obvious whether it is a short or long consonant. The goal of this project is to determine whether the short—long dichotomy of consonants is acoustically realized in clusters. Target words were identified in which /k/ occurred in four different codas structures: C, C, Cs, and sC. Native speakers of Swedish produced the target words in carrier sentences and the duration of the closure of /k/ and the preceding vowels were measured. The results demonstrate that the structure of a consonant cluster and its neighboring segments can affect the duration of a postvocalic consonant. These findings are discussed in terms of syllable internal timing and the extent to which consonant duration varies within clusters.

ipSPl4. Perceptual evidence of voicing assimilation in Russian. Martha W. Burton (415 Moore Bldg., Dept. of Psychol., Penn State Univ., University Park, PA 16802) and Karen E. Robblee (Penn State Univ., University Park, PA 16802)

Previous research has provided acoustic phonetic evidence of voicing assimilation in obstruent clusters across prepositional boundaries in Russian [Burton et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2875(A) (1994)]. The current study investigated whether native speakers of Russian perceive the initial consonant in obstruent clusters consistent with the claims of voicing assimilation or whether they show sensitivity to the underlying voicing of the obstruent. Obstruent clusters that were at the boundary between a preposition and a word were excised from sentences produced by three native speakers of Russian. Listeners were presented with four fricative-stop combinations /x,x,t,t/t/ and four stop-fricative combinations /x,x,t,t/ preceded by 30 ms of an unvoiced vowel and followed by 70 ms of a stressed vowel. Subjects heard eight repetitions of three tokens of each cluster from each speaker. Results indicated that responses were consistent with the voicing characteristics of the following consonant, not the underlying consonant, supporting voicing assimilation. However, in the /tt/ clusters, there were more voiced responses than in the /tt/ clusters, which suggests some evidence of incomplete devoicing of the fricative. Implications of the study for phonetic and phonological theories of speech will be discussed.

ipSPl6. Acoustic features differentiating Korean medial tense and lax stops. Ji-Hye Shin (Dept. of Linguist., Univ. of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720)

Much research has been done on the cues differentiating the three Korean stops in word initial position. This paper focused on a more neglected area: the acoustic cues differentiating the medial tense and lax unaspirated stops. Four adult Korean native speakers, two males and two females, pronounced 16 minimal pairs containing these stops. The average duration of vowels before lax stops is 95 ms longer than before their tense counterparts (143 ms for lax versus 50 ms for tense). In addition, the

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average duration of the stop closure of tense stops is 178 ms longer than that of lax stops (74 ms for lax versus 252 ms for tense). These durational differences are so large that they may be phonologically determined, not phonetically. Moreover, vowel duration may vary with the speaker's sex. Female speakers have much shorter vowel duration before the lax stops. The quality of voicing, tense or lax, is also a cue to these two stop types, as it is in initial position, but the relative duration of the stops and of the preceding vowel appear to be much more important cues. The consequences of these results for the phonological description of Korean as well as the synthesis and automatic recognition of Korean will be discussed.

IpSP17. Hemispheric differences in the perception of Zulu click consonants. Robert A. Avery and Catherine T. Best (Dept. of Psychol., Wesleyan Univ., Middletown, CT 06459 and Haskins Laboratories, New Haven, CT 06511)

Past research has shown that speech sounds are processed better by the left hemisphere, nonspeech sounds by the right hemisphere, in most right-handed people. To date, however, it is unknown whether phonetic contrasts from an unfamiliar language show this same pattern, and whether they are perceived as speech. It is known that adults' perception of non-native speech contrasts is strongly influenced by their language experience; thus non-native contrasts may be handled by different processes than are native contrasts. Best et al. [JEP: HPP 14, 345–360 (1988)] suggested that English speakers' excellent discrimination of Zulu click consonants occurs because they hear the clicks as nonspeech. Right-handed native speakers of English and of Zulu or Xhosa participated in a dichotic listening study on cerebral dominance for perception of clicks in isolation and in /Ca/ syllables. Natural tokens of Zulu click consonants were used (apical, lateral, and palatal places of articulation, and voiceless aspirated, voiceless unaspirated, and voiced categories). Native speakers of Zulu and Xhosa showed a left hemisphere dominance for discrimination of both the isolated clicks and /Ca/ syllables, while native speakers of English demonstrated no such hemispheric dominance. [Work supported by NIH Grant No. HD-01994.]

IpSP18. Combining time averaging and ensemble averaging in analyzing voiceless fricatives in Mandarin. Yi Xu and Lorin Wilde (Speech Group at Res. Lab. of Electron., MIT, 36-513 Vassar St., Cambridge, MA 02139)

The random fluctuations and spurious peaks typically seen in fricative spectra can be reduced by time averaging, i.e., averaging spectra obtained with overlapping time windows over an interval of the frication noise. Furthermore, token-to-token as well as individual speaker variations in fricatives can be reduced by ensemble averaging, i.e., averaging over noise spectra of multiple tokens in the same relative time interval. However, for studying coarticulatory variation in the frication noise, neither of these two methods alone is adequate: Time averaging does not handle token-to-token and individual speaker variations; ensemble averaging requires a large number of tokens to produce smooth and consistent spectra. In the present study, time averaging and ensemble averaging were combined in the analysis of coarticulatory variation of fricatives in Mandarin. The size of the time-averaging interval was 20 ms, and the size of the individual FFT windows was 8 ms. The time-averaged spectra were further ensemble-averaged over ten repetitions of the same sentence by the same speaker. Results indicated that the spectra thus obtained were smooth, and they revealed spectral changes over time more clearly than those obtained by either time averaging or ensemble averaging alone. Further ensemble averaging across different speakers was also explored and has produced encouraging data. [Work supported by NIH.]

IpSP19. Ejectives in Babine-Witsuwit'en. Katharine Davis (Dept. of Speech and Hear. Sci., WJ-10 CDMRC, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195) and Sharon Hargus (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195)

Acoustic properties of ejectives in an Athabaskan language of British Columbia were examined. Data from ten native speakers were recorded in the field. Following Hogan [Phonetica 33, 275–284 (1976)], prerelease closure, burst duration, voice onset time, and postrelease silent interval were measured. Following Ingram and Rigby [Proceedings of the XIth International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Tallinn, Estonia (1987)], burst amplitude and the fundamental frequency of the following vowel were also measured. Values were compared with those of homorganic nonjectives (voiceless unaspirated and voiceless unaspirated). Preliminary results show that the ejective stops may be distinguished from plain aspired stops by VOT alone. Ejectives and plain unaspirated stops have similar VOTs; the principal differences appear to occur in the vowel onset and in the prerelease closure phase. Strong ejective characteristics such as those of Navajo [Lindau, J. Phonet, 12, 147–155 (1984)] do not appear to be present. The present findings, combined with those of Ingram and Rigby (1987) for the contiguous but unrelated language Gitksan, imply that relatively weak ejectives may be an areal phenomenon. Results will also be contrasted with published data from the related languages Chipewyan and Navajo.


This study investigates the acoustic correlates for the four manners of stop articulation ([voice, [aspirated]) at the four different places of articulation (labial, dental, alveolar, and velar) in Urdu. The study follows up Davis' work [J. Phonet. 22, 177–193 (1994)] on manner in the homorganic velar stops in Hindi. Data from four subjects for the 16 stops (ten different tokens of each stop for each subject) support Davis' assertion that F2 "lag" time (between stop-released and onset of F2 for the following vowel) is a more conclusive measure for the feature [aspirated] than the traditional voice onset time (VOT) measure. However in Urdu, unlike Hindi, lag time alone does not exhibit a four-way contrast. A measure of "lead" time (pre-stop-release voicing) is also required. Thresholds for lead time and lag time permit all four manners to be distinguished without reference to the place of articulation for all the subjects. Thus the phonological features [voice] and [aspirated] are more phonetically orthogonal in Urdu than Hindi. The results contribute to the ongoing debate on the invariance versus variability of acoustic cues, and to the discussion concerning the representations relating the phonological and phonetic levels of speech.
Underwater Acoustics: Scattering and Noise

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Contributed Papers

1:00

1pUW1. High-frequency forward scattering from Gaussian spectrum, pressure release, corrugated surfaces: Measurements of twinkling exponents and the dependence of the second moment on distance from surface and pulse length. J. S. Stroud, P. L. Marston (Phys. Dept., Washington State Univ., Pullman, WA 99164-2814), and K. L. Williams (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105)

A single realization of a Gaussian spectrum surface (rms roughness 1.5 cm, correlation length 10 cm) was manufactured out of Styrofoam. This surface provided a pressure release, corrugated surface for an underwater, forward-scattering experiment. Omnidirectional source and receiver were used in the frequency range of 100–300 kHz. Short pulses were used to allow isolation of individual contributions to the scattered field. These individual contributions were then classified using catastrophe theory [K. L. Williams, J. S. Stroud, and P. L. Marston, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 96, 1087–1702 (1994)]. The frequency dependence of the mth higher-order intensity moments was measured and compared to predictions [M. V. Berry, J. Phys. A 10, 2061–2081 (1977)] that is proportional to $k^m$ (for $m \geq 2$), where $k$ is a twinkling exponent. Also, the dependence of $I_2$ on distance from the surface was examined at a single frequency utilizing various pulse lengths. It is known that far from a surface the wave field will obey Gaussian statistics ($I_2 = 2$). For short pulses, however, the statistics of the wave field are strongly dependent upon individual reflections. For longer pulses this is the case near the surface but as one moves away it is shown that the Gaussian limit is approached. [Work supported by ONR.]

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1pUW2. Acoustic scattering from a buoyant plume using an antiparallel scattering geometry. John Oeschger (Dept. of Phys., Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881) and Louis Goodman (Ocean and Atmospheric Phys. Div., Arlington, VA 22217)

An examination is made of the application of the far-field Born approximation to the case of high-frequency acoustic scattering from a thermally produced buoyant plume using a multiple bistatic antiparallel scattering geometry. Initial results indicate the failure of the predictions made by the far-field Born approximation. Further theoretical development includes the higher-order terms (wavefront curvature) in the far-field expansion to fully describe the scattering process. The previously simple relationship, however, between the scattered pressure field and the Fourier transform of the scattering field becomes greatly complicated. The problem is reduced by considering uniform vertical advection of the scattering field and by taking time series measurements of the plume. The resulting prescription relates the complex acoustic data to the two-dimensional Fourier transform of the scattering field through a two-dimensional low-pass filter function which includes the effects of the wavefront curvature terms and the beam pattern. Data are presented for the case of scattering from an unstable plume. Results confirm the predictions made by theory.

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1pUW3. Sound scattering by a single and by a cloud of air bubbles near the sea surface. G. C. Gaunaurd and H. Huang (Naval Surf. Warfare Ctr., White Oak Detachment, Silver Spring, MD 20903-5640)

Sound scattering by an air bubble in a boundless fluid is an old classical problem [i.e., R. Y. Nishi, Acustica 33, 65–74 (1975)]. If the air bubble is near, and strongly interacting with the surface of a liquid half-space, then the scattering cross section (SCS) of the bubble is quite different from its value far away from the boundary. The exact solution for this scattering problem is given that is valid for any incidence direction of the (plane) sound waves, and for any bubble depth, obtained by the method of images. This benchmark solution is found by means of the addition theorems for the spherical wave functions. The resulting SCS contains contributions from the interface, the bubble, and from its image, and it is expressible in terms of coupling coefficients containing products of Wigner 3-j symbols. The formulation is illustrated with many computed plots and it is finally extended to the case of a round, low-concentration cloud of equal size bubbles, just beneath the sea surface. This generalization is possible by replacing the individual bubble properties by those of an "effective medium" describing the bubble cloud just as was found earlier [i.e., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 85, 541–554 (1989)]. [Work supported by NSF's IR Program.]

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1pUW4. Temporal response comparisons between model results and measurements of forward-scattered waves from the sea surface. E. J. Yoerger (Naval Res. Lab., Code 7174, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529) and Suzanne T. McDaniel (Penn State Univ., State College, PA)

The underwater acoustic propagation path for the forward scattering of energy from the sea surface is treated as a linear, time-varying random communications channel in the application of the Helmholtz–Kirchoff integral formulation of this problem. The model used for data comparisons utilizes the bitfrequency system function $\Gamma(\omega, \omega')$ developed by McDaniel [IEEE J. Ocean. Eng. 17, 216–221 (1992)] for the temporal response from a rough surface. The data analyzed for this work were obtained from a shallow-water high-frequency acoustic experiment conducted on the Baltic Sea during May 1993. Acoustic data included measurements of surface forward-scattering, surface reverberation, and direct-path intensities. These were made utilizing two large stationary towers resting on the seafloor. Each tower was equipped with horizontal and vertical receiving arrays anchored 7.6 m above the flat bottom depth of 30 m. Concurrent environmental measurements including wave heights, sound velocity profiles, and sample cores were made. The results presented here are for the surface forward-scattered measurements made at 20, 40, 60, and 90 kHz. [Work supported by the Office of Naval Research, Program Element 61153N, with technical management provided by the Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center, MS.]

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1pUW5. Modeling and analysis of three-dimensional scattering from Arctic Ice features. Taran K. Kapoor and Henrik Schmidt (Dept. of Ocean Eng., MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139)

Interpretation of low-frequency acoustic scattering data from Arctic Ice is facilitated with realistic models of the large-scale features observed under the ice sheet. Previous analyses have modeled these, for example, as a hemispherical protuberance on an infinite plane. Here, the under-
A comparison will be made between the scattered fields from the free and while the plate is assumed to be floating on water. The interaction between elastic plate. The sphere is assumed to be completely submerged in water feature is modeled as a solid elastic sphere attached in the center of a thin and coupled spheres. The analytical results will also be compared with those obtained from the CEAREX89 scattering experiments conducted in the Central Arctic region with 1.8-lb SUS charges detonated at nominal depths of 800 ft. [Work supported by ONR, High Latitude Program.]

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Fluctuations in the intensity of sound forward scattered from the sea surface are discussed. The data originate from an experiment off the southern California coastline using the research platform FLIP. Measurements were made using omnidirectional sources suspended from a spar buoy (tethered to FLIP) and receivers mounted on FLIP’s hull, with range varying between 500 and 1000 m. The frequency was 20–50 kHz and the roughness parameter \( x = \frac{2\Delta h \sin \theta}{\lambda} \) (where \( k \) is acoustic wave number, \( h \) rms wave height, and \( \theta \) grazing angle); thus the measurements represent high-frequency, incoherent scattering in a single surface bounce channel. An often used statistical model for intensity fluctuations in such conditions is the exponential PDF, or its equivalent Rayleigh PDF for amplitude. Examples are presented wherein the exponential model fails a Lilliefors statistical goodness-of-fit test. The Lilliefors test is used for this purpose because parameters of the distribution are not known a priori. An alternative to the single-parameter exponential PDF is the two-parameter gamma PDF. Candidate variables, based on sea state and acquisition geometry that are covariate to the nature of intensity fluctuations, are discussed. [Work supported by ONR Code 321.]

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IpUW7. Influence of statistical surface models on dynamic scattering of high-frequency signals from the ocean surface. Christian Bjerrum-Nielse and Leif Bjørne (Dept. of Indust. Acoust., Tech. Univ. of Denmark, Bldg. 425, DK-2800 Lyngby, Denmark)

Temporal variations of scattering of high-frequency, monochromatic signals from the ocean surface has been studied numerically. In the high-frequency domain the dynamic scattering can be modeled by a coherence function of the scattered pressure field, which is based on the Kirchhoff integral; the surface roughness is described by a spatial surface spectrum and the surface motion is described by the gravity-wave dispersion relation [D. Dowling and D. Jackson, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 3149–37 (1993)]. Applying some modifications to this approach, the temporal coherence function is found by numerical evaluation of a double integral. The time-varying scattering can be examined in the frequency domain by the power spectrum (the Fourier transform of the coherence function). It is examined how a monochromatic signal is shifted and smeared in the frequency domain by comparing computations for the Pierson–Moskowitz spectrum (for a fully developed sea) with computations for the JONSWAP spectrum (for fetch-limited seas). The following results, among other issues, have been obtained: As the fetch decreases, the surface waves become shorter, leading to increasing frequency shifting of the scattered signal. [Work sponsored by the Danish Technical Research Council and the EU/MAST programme.]

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The results of a laboratory experiment to characterize the backscattered sound field from the bubble cloud generated by spilling breaking waves are described. Gravity waves were generated by a computer controlled plunging-type wavemaker along the length of a 12.7-m-long channel where they were made to break in a 3.6 m x 3.6 m x 2.4 m anechoic tank. An underwater F42A transducer with a special parabolic reflector was used to generate incident bursts of sound ranging from 15 to 40 kHz. This procedure was conducted in the presence of breaking and nonbreaking gravity waves in order to isolate the acoustic scattering strength of the bubble clouds from surface roughness. Detailed measurements of the average void fraction of the bubble cloud at the instant the sound was incident were made. These observations show that there is a significant increase in backscattering strength from the bubble cloud when compared to surface roughness. The scattering strength of the bubble cloud, with an average void fraction of 0.33%, is also shown to increase as the incident frequency approaches the resonant frequency of the individual bubbles in the cloud. A simple theory will be given to predict some of these observations.

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IpUW9. Modeling the azimuthal dependence of sea surface backscatter during CST-7. John Dubberley, Richard S. Keiffer (NRL Code 7181, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-5004), and Jorge Novarini (Planning Syst., Inc., Bay St. Louis, MS)

The operator expansion method is applied to realizations of 2-D roughness measured during CST-7 in order to probe the azimuthal dependence of the backscatter from time-evolving, non-fully developed seas which contain swell from distant surface wave sources. To use wave buoy measured data without extrapolation in frequency beyond the measured surface wave spectra, the measured frequencies examined will be limited to 75 and 150 Hz. The modeling goal will be to determine that if surface scatter was alone responsible for acoustic backscatter from the surface, could there be a measurable azimuthal dependence in the scattering during this experiment? Comparisons to some available measured azimuthal dependence will be shown.

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IpUW10. Stability of signal plus noise in performance evaluation of processing schemes. Jacob George and Ronald A. Wagstaff (Naval Res. Lab., Code 7176, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529)

The stability of signal plus noise and the mechanisms governing the combination of signal and noise at the receiver are reported. These questions become important in performance evaluation of processing schemes which are designed to enhance the S/N ratio. Of special interest is the case of a weak signal combining with a relatively stronger noise. Even though the nonlinear interaction of sound by sound continues to be a hot topic [see, for example, P. J. Westervelt, “Answer to criticism of experiment on scattering of sound by sound,” J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2865 (1994)], the largely linear effects governed by the superposition principle are of primary importance in the present application. Simple rules governing the combination of signal and noise, obtained through analysis of experimental data and model calculations, will be discussed. [Work supported by ONR, with technical management provided by NRL/SSC.]

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An estimate of total ice mass in the Arctic is an important parameter for global climate studies, but there are no direct means for providing this...
information. A surrogate measurement, spatial integration of ice thickness, is being pursued by several groups using active acoustic and electromagnetic methods. As a complement to these efforts, the passive evaluation of ice thickness using ambient noise caused by thermal and mechanical stress cracks in the ice sheet is focused on. The acoustic signal received from propagating stress cracks is the convolution of an elemental fracture source function and the spatial distribution function (array) of the propagating cracks. This analytic result predicts a tonal spectral component of $\Omega(1 \text{ kHz})$ that relates directly to ice thickness. Experimental data collected in the Beaufort Sea during the spring of 1994 demonstrates the presence of this spectral peak, which correlates well with the measured ice thickness at the site.

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Forecasting levels and directionality of ambient noise in the littoral environment is important for predicting performance of acoustic sensor systems and developing naval warfare tactics for that environment. Noise due to waves breaking at the beach contributes significantly to the low-frequency ambient noise in shallow water, as shown by the observations of O. B. Wilson, S. N. Wolf, and F. Ingenito [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 78, 190-195 (1985)]. At some geographic points worldwide, unique geoacoustic features contribute to the detectability of “surf point noise” (a term coined by submariners) dozens of kilometers out to sea. The objective of this work is to apply more recently developed and powerful shallow-water propagation loss models and the increased knowledge of the geoacoustic properties of the seabed to obtain a quantitative understanding of observations reported by O. B. Wilson et al., and to make possible the prediction of the noise fields from surf in other locations. The results of the use of the SNAP programs applied to the Monterey Bay environment will be presented.

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Mean noise properties, traditionally used for underwater acoustics systems analysis, are not suitable for evaluating the performance of full spectrum processors because they don’t have sufficient space/time/frequency resolution. A computer model of the noise field associated with breaking surface waves has been developed in an attempt to address this need. Due to the localized structure of the breaking wave sources, the true ambient noise field is inherently discrete and an attempt has been made to include some properties of the discrete nature of the space-time noise field in the model. The model computes a realization of a time-delay beamformed representation of the acoustic field at a vertical array in a shallow-water environment, given some statistical information about the noise sources. The approach taken is stochastic and semiempirical, incorporating recently obtained experimental data on the acoustic coverage (acoustic analog of whitecap coverage), duration, and source level distributions associated with individual breaking waves (Farmer 1994). Sources are considered to radiate as dipoles, and the radiated fields from the individual discrete sources (breaking waves) are propagated to the array using a wave-number integration technique. [Work supported by ONR.]

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In deterministic situations, adaptive processors resolve strong coherent interferers and eliminate their contribution at locations away from them. But, in operation, it is found that the beam noise away from strong interferers is affected by their presence. Stochastic mechanisms involved with the interferer’s signal are assumed to be responsible for this behavior. A comparison of ocean data with a simulation has been made to illustrate the effect of the forward-scattered signal from the ocean surface on adaptive beam noise estimation in shallow water. The stochastic forward-scattering mechanism is dependent on the environment and its effect is apparently influenced by undersampling in the spatial aperture of the measurement array. The dependency of beam noise on waveheight and bathymetry have been observed.
2aAO1. Efficient navigation of parameter landscapes. Michael D. Collins (Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375)

The covariance matrix of the gradient of the cost function contains a great deal of information about a parameter space. The eigenvectors of the covariance matrix form an optimal basis (in the sense of data compression) for the gradient. Since search algorithms base their decisions on the gradient (often in an indirect fashion), the eigenvectors in some sense form an optimal set of generators for navigating parameter landscapes. For problems involving a long valley, there is usually an eigenvector oriented parallel to the valley. Search algorithms based on the optimal generators may find the deepest point in the valley several times faster than algorithms based on other generators. The covariance matrix also contains information about the key underlying parameters. The most important parameters correspond to the eigenvectors associated with the largest eigenvalues. This information can be exploited to reparametrize with a smaller number of parameters. The covariance matrix is the integral of the outer product of the gradient over the parameter space. Obtaining a good estimate of this integral with the Monte Carlo method usually requires relatively little effort, even for high-dimensional parameter spaces. Examples are presented for geoacoustic inverse problems involving acoustic sources and receivers located in the ocean.

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2aAO2. Matched-field inversion of multifrequency data. Peter Gerstoft, Dave Hannay, and Don Gingras (SACLANT Undersea Res. Ctr., 1-19138 La Spezia, Italy)

Geoacoustic inversion using single-frequency data measured on a vertical array has become a popular method for estimating sub-bottom parameters. Inclusion of multiple frequencies in the inversions allows exploitation of both the waveguide dispersion and the different penetration into the sub-bottom at different frequencies. This is achieved, however, at the expense of greater required computing time, and more complicated processing schemes. Several approaches exist for defining a broadband object function, i.e., coherent or incoherent addition across frequencies and hydrophones. Each approach has specific requirements with regard to the recording geometry and the source spectrum. For coherent addition across frequencies not only the source spectrum but also the absolute propagation path must be estimated. When a useful objective function has been defined it is optimized using genetic algorithms [P. Gerstoft, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 92, 2770 (1992)] and genetic-algorithm search [P. Gerstoft, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 770 (1994)]. The first reference noted a lack of sensitivity of the matched-field ambiguity function to zero-mean functional variations of the sound-speed profile. This lack of sensitivity sometimes results in slow convergence of the search algorithm when applied to profiles with several unknown parameters. This problem is observed in simulations using genetic algorithm search. Improved convergence of the genetic algorithm is then achieved by using some nonstandard procedures, including autologous gene exchanges, to generate new solutions. The simulations indicate the practical feasibility of inversion for deep-bottom (up to 500 m) compressional wave speeds at a shallow-water site using a single receiver and coherent synthetic horizontal aperture processing of a towed-source signal.

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2aAO3. Inversion of acoustic field data using genetic algorithms: Shallow-water results. D. P. Gingras and P. Gerstoft (SACLANT Undersea Res. Ctr., Viale San Bartolomeo, 400, 19038 La Spezia, Italy)

Precise knowledge about environmental parameters is highly desirable for precise acoustic modeling of the underwater channel. Simulations have shown that global inversion methods such as simulated annealing and genetic algorithms are effective for the estimation of both geoacoustic and geometric (source location, receiver locations, and water depth) parameters. In this paper genetic algorithms are applied to acoustic field observations. The field observations were collected at a shallow-water site in the Mediterranean Sea near the Italian coast, where the depth was approximately 130 m. The source was stationary and produced a broadband signal at 170 Hz; a vertical array of receivers which spanned most of the water column was employed. The inversion process used the Bartlett processor for the object function. A range-independent version of the SACLANT-CEN normal-mode acoustic propagation model SNAP was used for forward modeling. Inversion was carried out simultaneously over source location parameters, range and depth, and environmental parameters. A 20-min sample of observations was considered; at 1-min intervals estimates of the parameters were computed. As a function of both time and frequency, over a limited frequency band, it was shown that the genetic algorithms produced stable estimates for both the environmental and source location parameters.

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Matched-field inversion for ocean bottom compressional wave speeds using a synthetic horizontal aperture has been demonstrated previously in simulations and data analyses employing optimization by simulated annealing [M. Collins, W. Kuperman, and H. Schmidt, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 92, 2770 (1992)] and genetic-algorithm search [P. Gerstoft, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 770 (1994)]. The first reference noted a lack of sensitivity of the matched-field ambiguity function to zero-mean functional variations of the sound-speed profile. This lack of sensitivity sometimes results in slow convergence of the search algorithm when applied to profiles with several unknown parameters. This problem is observed in simulations using genetic algorithm search. Improved convergence of the genetic algorithm is then achieved by using some nonstandard procedures, including autologous gene exchanges, to generate new solutions. The simulations indicate the practical feasibility of inversion for deep-bottom (up to 500 m) compressional wave speeds at a shallow-water site using a single receiver and coherent synthetic horizontal aperture processing of a towed-source signal.
obtained via the Cramer-Rao bound. The deployment geometry is then bound on estimation error for the water-column sound-speed structure is of the water column, is input to an appropriate range-dependent acoustic phenomenon strongly. By extending multiple bubbles in a line the damping occur for specific bubble spacings if the individual bubbles are primarily bubble size distribution in the bubbly mixture. The present coherent graphic and acoustic modeling. However, the choice of sound-speed parameterization can also severely affect the accuracy of an inversion. For example, an empirical orthogonal function (EOF) representation typically has higher resolution for fewer parameters than a discrete cell representation. But this is at the cost of more limiting assumptions. These issues are addressed by computing the theoretical lower bound on estimation error for discrete cell, EOF, and Fourier internal wave representations of 3-D sound-speed structure.


Bubbles are well known to induce variations of acoustic characteristics in water. The bubble size distribution gives significant information for understanding underwater sound propagation and acoustic roles of bubbles in the ocean. Since the conventional acoustic bubble sizing method only considered sound attenuation due to bubbles around resonance frequencies in a bubbly mixture, a bubble size distribution was incoherently estimated. In the present coherent acoustic bubble sizing method, sound speed as well as sound attenuation are considered to have a coherent estimation of bubble size distribution in the bubbly mixture. The present coherent method is proved to describe a bubble size distribution more accurately than the conventional incoherent one. [Work supported by the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation.]

2aAO7. Multiple bubbles: Collective modes and the origin of superresonances. C. Feuillade (Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center, MS 36929-5004)

Acoustic resonances and scattering from systems of multiple air bubbles in water are described using a coupled differential equation method. By recombination, the problem may be analyzed by scattering from the individual normal modes of vibration of the ensemble. The modes are of two types: "Symmetric" modes, where the bubbles vibrate in phase with each other, typically show downward shifts in frequency and increased damping; "antisymmetric" modes, where some or all of the bubbles vibrate in antiphase, generally show upward frequency shifts and reduced damping and may become super-resonant. For two bubbles the method reproduces frequency shifts measured experimentally. Examination of the modal response functions shows that super-resonances may occur for specific bubble spacings if the individual bubbles are primarily radiation damped. For two and three bubble systems super-resonant scattering is strongly dipolar and propagates little energy in the far field, making the phenomenon difficult to observe experimentally. Scattering from a bubble reflected in a pressure release surface should show the phenomenon strongly. By extending multiple bubbles in a line the damping rates predicted by Weston for an infinite line array may be approached. The method outlined can easily be applied, using matrix methods, to describe acoustic scattering from large ensembles. [Work supported by ONR (Element 602435N). Technical management provided by NRL-SSC.]

2aAO8. Acoustic characterization of laboratory breaking waves in fresh and salt water. Ali R. Kolaini (Natl. Ctr. for Phys. Acoust., Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS 38677)

Results of a laboratory experiment to characterize the underwater acoustic noise radiated from breaking waves in fresh and salt water are described. The underwater sound field radiated by various breaking waves intensities in fresh water in the range from 0.1 to 20 kHz were reported earlier [A. R. Kolaini and L. A. Crum, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. (in press); 92, 2349(A) (1992)]. These waves were generated by a computer-controlled plunging-type wavemaker and propagated along a 12.7-m-long channel where they were made to break at the midsurface of a 3.6-x-3.6-x-2.4-m anechoic tank. Specific attention is given to a comparison of the results obtained in salt and fresh water. The sources of acoustic radiation from bubble clouds, the average sound-pressure level, bubble cloud shape, bubble concentration, and size distribution in these medium are discussed. These results may provide considerable insight into the likely source mechanisms for ocean ambient noise.

2aAO9. Acoustic daylight: Preliminary results from an ambient noise imaging system. John R. Potter, Michael J. Buckingham, Grant B. Deane, Chad L. Epifanio, and Nicholas M. Carbone (MPL 0238, Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., Univ. Calif. at San Diego, 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, CA 92039-0238)

A broadband (8–80 kHz) multibeam (126) acoustic daylight system has been developed which forms real-time images at a 27-Hz frame rate using only natural ambient noise in the ocean. The color and intensity of each pixel of the final image is determined by the spectral shading and intensity of the received signal in each beam normalized to a running-average ambient noise spectrum. The first deployment of this system will be made from a floating research platform (ORB) during August in San Diego Bay. The high-frequency ambient noise at this site is dominated not by surface waves, but by colonies of snapping shrimp (Alpheus and Synalpheus) associated with nearby structures and other habitats. The preliminary results from this deployment will be presented, including a description of the data processing and color mapping algorithm, the ambient noise environment, and some preliminary image results from simple targets at close range. [Work supported by ONR.]

2aAO10. Forward-scattering simulations through ocean-ridge hydrothermal-vent diffusive layer turbulence: Feasibility of vent monitoring. T. F. Duda (Woods Hole Oceanogr. Inst., Bigelow 2, Woods Hole, MA 02543) and D. A. Trivett (Dalhousie Univ., Halifax, NS B3H 4J1, Canada)

Temperature and velocity fluctuations in a bottom boundary layer down-current of Juan de Fuca Ridge hydrothermal sites were monitored in 1990 from tripods. The diffuse flow from relatively cool vents remains near the bottom, and acoustic refractive index fluctuations decay away slowly. Rylov theory-based forward-scattering simulations through structures consistent with the observations are used to verify the validity of Rylov theory, compare the usefulness of various propagation path lengths and frequencies on monitoring, and evaluate the ability of acoustic phase and amplitude recordings to monitor desired vent parameters. The Rylov theory is valid for some ranges and frequencies, but issues such as turbulence homogeneity, energy dissipation rate, boundary-layer depth, beam patterns, and sensor motion would have strong effects on the measurements.


In the spring of 1994 a series of cw and maximal length sequences (M sequences) were transmitted 2660 km across the Arctic Ocean. The transmissions were centered at 19.6 Hz from a Russian source located 300 km north of the Svalbard Archipelago. The transmissions were received in the Arctic. Peter N. Mikhalcevsky (Sci. Appl. Intl. Corp., McLean, VA 22102), Arthur B. Baggeroer (MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139), Alexander Gavrilov (Andreev Inst. of Acoust., Moscow, Russia), and Mark Slavinsky (Inst. of Appl. Phys., Nizhny Novgorod, Russia)

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The ability to measure climatic changes in ocean temperature is fundamentally limited by the presence of mesoscale variability. Because ocean acoustic propagation depends on the range-averaged sound-speed (and hence temperature) profile, long-range acoustic transmissions have been proposed as a means of filtering out mesoscale variability in order to measure a global warming related trend in mean temperature. The Craster–Rao lower bound (CRLB) on the estimation of a change in the mean depth-dependent temperature profile is presented to determine the highest accuracy which could be achieved by acoustic thermometry. This work extends [A. B. Baggeroer, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2850 (A) (1994)] by evaluating the CRLB for different representations of the mean depth-dependent temperature profile perturbation with different levels of an a priori knowledge about the mesoscale sound-speed variability. With prior statistical knowledge of the mesoscale variability, the CRLB indicates that accurate measurement of the climate signal may be possible using a general Chebyshev polynomial representation of the mean depth-dependent temperature perturbation. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2aAO13. High-frequency (>1 cpd) travel time variability of long-range reciprocal acoustic transmissions in the western North Atlantic. Brian D. Dushaw (A.P.L., Univ. of Washington, 1013 NE 40th St., Seattle, WA 98105-6698), Peter F. Worcester, Bruce D. Cornuelle (Univ. of California, La Jolla, CA 92033-0213), and Bruce M. Howe (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105-6698)

Time series of ray travel times were obtained at 350-, 410-, and 670-km ranges in the western North Atlantic during the 1991-2 Acoustic Mid-Ocean Dynamics Experiment (AMODE). Transmissions were recorded for approximately 300 days between six transmitters in a pentagon array. Sound-speed (current) variability is observed by calculating the sum (difference) of reciprocal travel times. The sum and difference of reciprocal travel times are high-pass filtered by removing a daily average. The barotropic-tide current is measured by the differential travel times. Both phase-locked and narrow-band internal-tide sound-speed variability, caused by the internal-tide isolach displacement, are observed by the sum travel times. The acoustic array acts as a high-directivity antenna for the incident internal tide. The observed internal tide is likely generated at the continental shelf surrounding the North American Basin, or perhaps the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. The nonlinear, high-frequency variability (>1 cpd) is due to internal-wave sound-speed and current variability.

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In the 1980s, the Kaneohe source, on the north shore of Oahu, transmitted sound (133 Hz; 60-ms resolution) from 183-m depth to a U.S. Navy receiver at 3700-km distance near northern California. Despite the fact that sound reflects from the Oahu slope before being trapped in the sound channel, ray theory is shown capable of determining the spatial coordinates of the stable acoustic pulses. Rays that bounce from the bottom are probably chaotic, but the coordinates and travel times of eigenrays are insensitive to initial conditions and ocean fluctuations. The coda of the reception can probably not be explained with a propagation model in which the sound-speed field is smoothed to suppress scales smaller than the mesoscale. Instead, it appears that scattering of sound from smaller scales distributes otherwise axially trapped sound over 1000 m in the vertical, thus limiting the vertical resolution achievable with tomography. [Work supported by Advanced Research Projects Agency and Office of Naval Research.]

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2aAO15. The Kaneohe acoustic thermometry experiment and waves. Fred D. Tappert (Appl. Marine Phys., RMSA, Univ. of Miami, 4600 Rickenbacker Cswy., Miami, FL 33149) and John L. Spiesberger (Penn State Univ., University Park, PA 16802)

A new parabolic approximation is derived and implemented that efficiently gives travel time predictions that are accurate to within a few milliseconds at a range of 1000 km and center frequency 75 Hz. Sensitivity of the full-wave travel time predictions to oceanographic and bathymetric inputs along a 3700-km track is studied by comparisons to acoustic data between a source at Kaneohe having center frequency 133 Hz and a bottom mounted receiver near the northern California coast. Path stability for a time interval of several years is also examined with the new broadband PE model, and full-wave generalizations of eigenrays, called eigentubes, are computed. [Work supported by SERDE, ARPA, and ONR.]

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Generally, sound velocity used to be calculated according to equations by Wilson (1960), DelGrosso (1974), Chen and Millero (1977), and others, which were obtained by direct measurement in laboratories based on water depth, temperature, and salinity data collected by the XBT (expendable bathythermograph) or CTD (conductivity–temperature depth) system. However, in observations such as ocean acoustic tomography (OAT) where it is necessary to make accurate measurement of the sound wave propagation over the distance of hundreds to thousands of kilometers, even the slightest difference of the sound velocity can produce significant errors in the observatory accuracy. Thus the effect of various equations of the sound velocity on the formation of the specific sound ray in the SOFAR channel was examined by using the simulation method by the sound ray theory. The simulation results were compared with the specific sound ray data obtained in the 621-km propagation experiment in the northeast Pacific Ocean, and as a result, the equation by Chen and Millero is found to be the most consistent among the three equations.

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A 200-Hz low-frequency sound source for ocean acoustic tomography was developed by using a supermagnetostrictive material made of the rare-earth metal (Th, Dy)Fe3 aimed at increasing the transmission level and the reduction of the sound source size. A sound-pressure level above 190 dB (re: 1 μPa at 1 m) with a frequency bandwidth of over 50 Hz were obtained in the distance range between 900 and 1200 m. Field tests for the long-range propagation of several hundreds of kilometers were carried out.
near the Japan Trench in November 1993. The sound source was moored at a depth of 1242 m and the hydrophone array was moored at a depth of 1385 m. The distance between the sound source and the hydrophone array was 621 km. Received data were recorded with a sufficient signal-to-noise ratio after achieving beamforming to discriminate the sound waves incident upon the hydrophone array from the upper and lower direction. The signals were also received by the acoustic monitoring system suspended from the ship at the distance of 772 km from the sound source. From these results, it is confirmed that this sound source has the capability of 1000-km propagation necessary for the tomography transceiver systems.

TUESDAY MORNING, 29 NOVEMBER 1994
SAN MARCOS ROOM, 8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Session 2aNS

Noise: Fan Noise and General Topics in Noise
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Chair’s Introduction—8:30

Invited Papers

8:35
2aNS1. Turbofan noise research at NASA. John F. Groeneweg (NASA Lewis Res. Ctr., M.S. 77-6, 21000 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland, OH 44135)

Results of recent NASA research to reduce aircraft turbofan noise are described. For very high bypass ratio turbofan engines, the dominant source of engine noise is the fan. A primary mechanism of tone noise generation is the rotor blade wakes interacting with downstream stator vanes. Methods of analyzing rotor–stator tone noise generation are described and sample results are given. The analysis includes the unsteady aerodynamic response of the stators to gusts, coupling to duct modes, and finite element calculation of the far-field radiation accounting of flow in the fan ducts. Wind tunnel tests of model fans and nacelles are described including comparisons between measured and predicted tone directivities. A novel microphone technique is used to measure the acoustic modes in the fan inlet, and the results indicate that a mechanism associated with unsteady fan tip loading can be important in addition to rotor–stator interaction. Finally, concepts for active fan noise control which emphasize control at the source are addressed by an unsteady aerodynamic analysis of compliant stator vanes.

9:00
2aNS2. Historical developments in the control of noise generated by small air-moving devices. George C. Maling, Jr. (Empire State Software Syst., Ltd., P.O. Box 2880, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603)

The scaling laws for air-moving device noise developed by R. D. Madison form a useful starting point in the development of techniques for the control of air-moving device noise. The commercial building boom after World War II provided the impetus for research into air-moving device noise, and the increase in the use of home air-conditioning systems provided the motivation for further research. Beginning in the 1960s, noise generated by computing machinery became important, and the development of air-cooled computing equipment provided a further stimulus to noise control research. Developments in the control of air-moving device noise are reviewed with emphasis on scaling laws, dimensional analysis techniques, mechanisms of noise generation, noise emission measurements, noise reduction techniques, design guidelines, and system effects. Some suggestions for future research on air-moving device noise are given.

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2aNS3. Efficient sound generation in a ducted axial fan due to a rotating wavelike flow pattern. M. H. Krane, P. H. Bent, a) and D. A. Quinlan (AT&T Bell Labs., 600 Mountain Ave., Murray Hill, NJ 07974)

Previous investigations have shown the presence of narrow-band peaks in the acoustic spectra of ducted axial fans at frequencies other than harmonics of the blade passage frequency. This phenomenon is of practical importance because these peaks are strongest when the fan is operating near its best efficiency point. Measurements of the fan flowfield were conducted in the rotating frame using hot-wires and surface-mounted hot-film sensors in order to identify the source of the narrow-band tones. These measurements have shown a rotating wavelike motion composed of several discrete modes. The wave pattern was strongest on the pressure side of the blade in the region between the tip and the midspan. One of the modes of the rotating pattern was found to be an integer multiple of the number of fan blades, resulting in efficient sound generation at that frequency. a)Present address: Acoustics Technology, McDonnell Douglas Aerospace, Mail Code 71-35, 1510 Hughes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810-1864.

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Experimental characterization studies of source impedance have resulted in several direct and indirect methods. The transfer function (TF) method, which is a well-known direct method, has been quite successful in measuring source impedance. However, one
important drawback of the TF method is that it fails for the case of low signal-to-noise ratio in the system. The noise in the system could be due either to the operating source (to be characterized) or to the flow in the system. A novel method to overcome the problem due to low signal-to-noise ratio is presented. A modified transfer function (MTF) is determined by using an additional measurement of transfer function of the system with a very low level of signal of the secondary source used in the method. Then the two transfer functions are used to estimate the MTF. The source impedance is then calculated using the reflection coefficient which is obtained using the MTF. This new MTF method has given very good results on a model electroacoustic speaker-duct system. A modified coherency function is used for error analysis. This MTF method can be used to measure the impedance of sources such as fans and blowers used in cooling systems.

10:15–10:30 Break

Contributed Papers

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2aNSS. Applications of the proposed new method for computing attenuation of fractional octave bands of a wideband noise by atmospheric absorption. Paul D. Joppa (Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, MS 67-MI, Seattle, WA 98124-2307), Louis C. Sutherland (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274), and Allan J. Zuckerwar (NASA Langley Res. Ctr., Hampton, VA 23681-0001)

A simple method for computing the attenuation due to atmospheric absorption for fractional octave bands of noise, outlined in a previous paper [P. D. Joppa, L. C. Sutherland, and A. J. Zuckerwar, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. Suppl. 1 88, S73 (1990)], is briefly reviewed and example applications to aircraft noise and room acoustics presented. The method uses an analytical approximation of a “representative” frequency for which the pure-tone attenuation loss due to atmospheric absorption is equal to the actual loss for the band of noise. The resulting total band attenuation, dBs, for propagation over a distance s, for a band with an exact midband frequency fmb, is equal to a nonlinear function of the total pure-tone attenuation a(fmb)-s over this path where a(fmb) is the pure-tone attenuation coefficient at the exact midband frequency fmb. The method provides better estimates than in SAE ARP 866A for the true band attenuation when the total true band attenuation is less than about 50 dB. For application to room acoustics, it is shown that the “distance” s involved is simply equal to the reverberation time, T times the speed of sound in the room.

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A system has been designed to provide an assessment of noise levels that result from testing activities at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. The system receives meteorological data from surface stations and an upper air sounding system. The meteorological data are used as input into an acoustic ray trace model which projects sound level contours onto a two-dimensional display of the surrounding area. This information is also provided to the range control office where a decision can be made to proceed or delay the test activity depending upon acoustic propagation conditions. To evaluate the noise level predictions, a series of microphones is located off the reservation to monitor sound-pressure levels. Any events of significant level are transmitted back to the central display unit, allowing for comparison between prediction and data. The computer models are modular, allowing for a variety of models to be utilized and tested to achieve the best agreement with data. This technique of prediction and model validation will be used to improve the noise assessment system.

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2aNS7. Abstract withdrawn.
In 1896, Henri Becquerel discovered that a uranium salt could darken a photographic plate, and from this effect went on to discover radioactivity. In 1934, Frenzel and Schultes discovered that acoustic waves, generated in a water bath, could also darken a photographic plate. They attributed this effect to luminescence from the sound field, a phenomenon that would later be known as sonoluminescence. A sound field by itself does not cause luminescence; it is through the mechanism of acoustic cavitation, whereby microscopic gas bubbles are caused to oscillate so violently that a remarkable energy concentration occurs. Under certain conditions, the cavitation event is transitory, and self-destructs within a few acoustic cycles; under other conditions, a stable bubble will luminesce for extended periods of time. This initial presentation will serve as a general review of the phenomenon of acoustic cavitation and demonstrate how bubble dynamics leads to many of the observed effects. Later papers in this session will provide more detail of various aspects of the general phenomenon. [Work supported in part by the Office of Naval Research.]

The mechanism whereby a bubble transduces sound into a clocklike stream of picosecond flashes of ultraviolet light is robust, complex, and unknown. A theoretical understanding of the key bubble parameter, its ambient radius, is lacking. An explanation as to why this phenomenon has so far only been seen in water is elusive. In addition, we do not understand why cooling the water dramatically increases the light output or why sonoluminescence is so sensitive to doping with a noble gas. Experimentally, the spectrum has been unable to be followed past 7 electron volts and so the limits of energy concentration which can be achieved with sonoluminescence from a single bubble are not yet measured. In addition to yielding clues experiments in progress will most likely serve to deepen the mystery! [Work supported by the US DOE Division of Advanced Energy Projects; RL is an AT&T Fellow.]

The collapse of cavitation bubbles generates intense local energy release, resulting in extreme local heating, high local pressures, and high energy chemistry. Determining the local conditions formed during cavitation, however, has proved to be a difficult problem. In our work, sonochemical reactions and the sonoluminescence that results have been used as quantitative probes of both temperature and pressure during cavitation. The effective temperatures reached during cavitation can be probed by measurement of the relative rates of a series of chemical reactions whose temperature dependence is already known. Comparative rate thermometry of multibubble cavitation (immersion horn at 20 kHz and \( \sim 30 \) W/cm\(^2\)) yields effective temperatures of \( \sim 5200 \) K in hydrocarbons [K. S. Suslick, Science 247, 1439 (1990)]. Consistent with this, sonoluminescence in these liquids closely resembles flame emission from excited states of C\(_2\); rotational and vibrational fine structure permits a spectroscopic determination of the emission temperature of C\(_2\) excited states at 5080 \( \pm \) 160 K [E. B. Flint and K. S. Suslick, Science 253, 1397 (1991)]. Sonoluminescence from excited state metal atoms is produced from sonolysis of organometallic compounds, for which the linewidth determines the collisional lifetimes of emitting atoms and the effective local pressures. For excited state Cr atoms produced from Cr(CO\(_6\)), emission lifetime is only 0.20 ps, corresponding to local densities of \( \sim 0.15 \) g/cm\(^3\) or pressures of \( \sim 1.5 \) kBar at 5000 K. [Supported by NSF.]

The discovery of stable "picosecond" sonoluminescence (SL) has stimulated a great deal of theoretical effort aimed at explaining this striking result. Instead of assuming a perfectly smooth spherical bubble (as in the hot-spot theory, the converging shock-wave model or the Casimir effect model), our model is based on bubble deformation and the subsequent disruption of the interface toward
the end of the collapse. The formation of an intracavity spray via the Taylor (hydrodynamic) or the Rayleigh (electrohydrodynamic) instabilities and the electrification of the tiny droplets due to the disturbances of the interfacial electrical double layer during the spraying process are described. The high electrical field \( E \approx 10^9 \text{ Vm}^{-1} \) characterizing a small area of a droplet surface is considered to be responsible for the field emission process. The formation and expansion of a dense microplasma inside the cavity as a consequence of the emission of electrons is proposed to be the origin of picosecond sonoluminescence. By means of this model, which is based both on hydrodynamics and on the microstructure of the bubble interface, the main experimental observations (SL flash temporal localization and duration, shape of the SL spectrum) can be explained.

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2aPAS. Spherical shocks in a van der Waals gas and their stability C. C. Wu (Dept. of Phys., Univ. of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024) and P. H. Roberts (Univ. of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024)

A theory of sonoluminescence has been developed based on the compression and eventual ionization of air in a bubble by the converging shock waves generated by the applied acoustic radiation. The air is compressed to such high densities that departures from the ideal gas law become very significant. An extension to the van der Waals gas has been made to the similarity theory of Guderley for the structure of spherical shocks in an ideal gas. The linear stability of these shocks has also been examined.

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2aPa6. Hydrodynamic simulations of bubble collapse and picosecond sonoluminescence. William C. Moss (Lawrence Livermore Natl. Lab., L-200, P. O. Box 808, Livermore, CA 94550), Douglas B. Clarke, John W. White, and David A. Young (Lawrence Livermore Natl. Lab., Livermore, CA 94550)

Numerical hydrodynamic simulations of the growth and collapse of a 10-\( \mu \text{m} \) air bubble in water were performed. Both the air and the water are treated as compressible fluids. The calculations show that the collapse is nearly isentropic until the final 10 ns, after which a strong spherically converging shock wave evolves and creates enormous temperatures and pressures in the inner 0.02 \( \mu \text{m} \) of the bubble. The reflection of the shock from the center of the bubble produces a diverging shock wave that quenches the high temperatures (>30 eV) and pressures in less than 10 ps (FWHM). The picosecond pulse widths are due primarily to spherical convergence/divergence and nonlinear stiffening of the air equation of state that occurs at high pressures. The peak temperature at the center of the bubble is affected strongly by the ionization model used for the air. The results are consistent with recent measurements of sonoluminescence that had optical pulse widths less than 50 ps and 30-mW peak radiated power in the visible. [This work was performed under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Energy by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory under Contract No. W-7405-Eng-48.]

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2aPA7. Is sonoluminescence collision-induced emission? Lotbar Frommhold (Phys. Dept., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-1081) and Anthony A. Archley (Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943)

An estimate is attempted of the collision-induced emission (CIE) intensity and spectral profile in the visible and near UV region of the spectrum of \( \text{N}_2-\chi \) pairs, where \( \chi \) represents another \( \text{N}_2 \) molecule or an argon atom, etc., for conditions that correspond to shock waves believed to exist in sonoluminescence experiments. Calculated profiles consist of superimposed high overtone bands and resemble measured profiles of sonoluminescence spectra. The intensities calculated on the basis of a few, simple assumptions concerning the induced dipole surface compare favorably with measurements. The agreement obtained suggests that collision-induced emission is a viable or even an attractive alternative to bremsstrahlung to explain sonoluminescence. According to the theory presented, the CIE source is optically thin so that the spectral emission profile is not related to Planck's radiation law.
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of the elastodynamic intensity are presented with an eye toward the clas-

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2aSA1. Energy flux vector field in an ensonified elastodynamic
sphere. Cleon E. Dean (Dept. of Phys., Georgia Southern Univ.,
Landrum Box 8031, Statesboro, GA 30460) and Michael F. Werby
(NRL, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-5004)

Recent interest has been shown in the energy flux density inside an
ensonified elastodynamic scatterer. A spherical model was chosen as the
simplest and most general geometry to analyze. To properly model the
energy flow in an elastodynamic medium, it is necessary to employ the
elastodynamic equivalent of the Poynting vector. Plots of the vector field
of the elastodynamic intensity are presented with an eye toward the clas-
sification of the type of resonance behavior displayed. Analogies with
other resonance phenomena in related geometries suggest the possibility of
fruitful comparison with resonance modes in shells and plates. [Work in
this area supported by ONR/NRL and by ASEE/ONT Summer Fellowship
Program.]

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2aSA2. On the scattering cross section of bodies in inhomogeneous
medium. Yaoping Guo (Dept. of Ocean Engineering, MIT, Cambridge,
MA 02139)

A theorem is proven that relates the scattering cross section of arbi-
trarily shaped scatterers to the scattered far field in one or two particular
directions. This can be regarded as a generalization of the classical optical
direction (also known as the extinction theorem) for homogeneous medium
of infinite extent. In that case, the scattering cross section is given by the
far field in the forward scattering direction. For a half-space with a bound-
ing surface of arbitrary mechanical properties, it is shown that the scatter-
ing cross section is given by the scattered far field in the specular reflection
direction. For an inhomogeneous medium with abrupt density and sound-
speed change at an interface, the scattering cross section is given by the far
field in both the specular reflection direction and the transmission direction
that obeys the Snell’s law. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2aSA3. Forward scattering from hemispherically end-capped
cylindrical shell in shallow water. Angie Sarkissian (Naval Res. Lab.,
Washington, DC 20375-5350)

When measuring the scattered field from a target in the exact forward
direction, the presence of a significantly stronger incident field makes the
traction of the scattered field difficult because the two signals arrive
almost simultaneously. As the position of the target changes, the two sig-
nals arrive at distinct times to make the scattered field easier to extract. In
a bounded medium, multipath arrivals produce additional complications by
increasing the duration of the incident field. Frequency and time domain
computations are made for the scattered field from a hemispherically end-
capped cylindrical shell placed in a bounded medium where the geometry
consists of a fixed source, a fixed receiver, and a target placed in between.
The location of the target is varied, to compare the incident field to the
scattered field in both intensity and arrival times.

9:00
2aSA4. Acoustic scattering from a fluid-loaded elastic plate with a
distributed mass inhomogeneity. J. M. Cuschieri (Ctr. for Acoust. and
Vib., Dept. of Ocean Eng., Florida Atlantic Univ., Boca Raton, FL 33431)
and D. Feit (David Taylor Research Center, Bethesda, MD 20084)

The scattering of a plane acoustic wave by a fluid-loaded, thin, elastic
plate, of infinite extent, with a distributed inhomogeneity is investigated by
solving the equation of motion in the wave-number domain using the
(1994)]. The presence of the distributed inhomogeneity in the equation of
motion, when expressed in the wave-number domain, results in a Fredholm
integral equation of the third kind. By substituting for the product of the
response and the plate characteristic equation, the Fredholm integral of the
third kind is reduced to a Fredholm integral of the second kind. The plate
response in the wave-number domain is obtained from the solution of the
Fredholm integral. Inverse Fourier transforming the wave-number domain
response function gives the spatial domain solution for the response. The
hybrid approach is used to perform the inverse Fourier transform. The
scattered pressure is obtained in a similar manner. Response and scattered
pressure results for distributed mass inhomogeneities, with different dis-
tribution functions, are presented and compared to the results for a line
inhomogeneity. [Work sponsored by ONR.]

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2aSA5. Influence of rib resonances on the acoustic scattering from
rib reinforced elastic plates. Angela K. Karali and Sabih I. Hayek
(Dept. of Eng. Sci. and Mech., Penn State Univ., University Park, PA
16802)

95, 2805 (1994)] the analytic model for the prediction of the acoustic
scattered field by infinite elastic plates reinforced with periodic arrays of
line discontinuities was presented. In this paper the analysis is extended to
infinite elastic plates reinforced with periodic arrays of ribs. If actual ribs
are attached to a plate, instead of line discontinuities, their impedances are
frequency dependent. The ribs are modeled as Timoshenko beams attached
to an elastic plate, whose flexural vibrations are modeled using Mindlin’s
plate theory. Analytic expressions for the rib impedances are obtained and
plotted against the normalized frequency of an incoming plane acoustic
wave. The rib impedances show resonances and antiresonances in the
frequency range of 1 to 15 times the classical coincidence frequency of the
plate. The influence of the rib impedance resonances and antiresonances on
the nonspecularly reflected field is demonstrated by direct calculation of
the acoustic scattered field at several critical frequencies of the ribs.

Structural discontinuities in highly coupled fluid/structure systems are modeled by a novel approach called analytical numerical matching (ANM). ANM separates the low-resolution global influence of a discontinuity from the relatively high-resolution local effects. A continuous, smoothed replacement for a fundamental structural discontinuity is constructed so that the system is identically unchanged beyond a small smoothing region. Simultaneously, the precise local effect of smoothing the discontinuity is retained in analytical form. The smoothed problem is solved by numerical techniques, with rapid convergence and reduced computational cost. The original discontinuous character is restored, using the analytical expression for the local difference between the smoothed and the original problems. ANM has been successfully applied to acoustic scattering from a thin, infinitely long cylindrical shell, with multiple structural discontinuities. Local solutions for line discontinuities with radial, tangential, and rotational constraints have been formulated using ANM. Line constrained scattering problems, as well as line driven problems, are investigated. The ability of analytic numerical matching to replace a discontinuous physical problem with a well-behaved continuous one for numerical evaluation, while ultimately retaining the original geometry and physical behavior, is illustrated. [Work supported by ONR.]

2aSA7. Approximate closed-form analysis of modal coupling for radiation and scattering from fluid loaded structures. Linda P. Franzoni (Mech. and Aerospace Eng., North Carolina State Univ., Raleigh, NC) and Donald B. Bliss (Duke Univ., Durham, NC 27708)

Modal analysis is often used in problems involving radiation and scattering from fluid loaded structures. The modal formulation leads to a coupled system of equations for the modal amplitudes. Typically, structural modes are coupled through the effects of the fluid. In practice, modal coupling is sometimes assumed unimportant, enabling modal coefficients to be solved independently in closed form. This approach is particularly appealing when subsequent analytical treatment of expressions is desirable. The validity of this approach, including the order of the error involved in neglecting coupling is discussed. It is shown that the principal effects of weak modal coupling can be incorporated in a simple way without solving the fully coupled system. An approximate closed-form solution for weakly coupled systems of equations is developed. The approximation is found to work well, even in systems where coupling is fairly strong. The approximate form gives physical insight into the dominant effects of modal coupling, and shows that neglecting coupling may lead to significant errors. The effects of coupling are assessed by solution of model problem involving acoustic scattering from a fluid loaded plate. Solutions are compared for three methods: fully coupled, uncoupled, and the approximate analysis. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2aSA8. Reciprocity relations for endcap scattering of natural waves on a fluid-loaded cylindrical shell. P. W. Smith, Jr., Kevin D. LePage, and J. Gregory McDaniel (Bolt Beranek and Newman, Inc., 70 Fawcett St., Cambridge, MA 02138)

The response field on a finite axisymmetric elastic shell is approximated by a limited set of lightly damped natural waves which are coupled to each other and to far-field sound by the scattering process at the endcaps. In this talk the constraints upon the scattering functions that are a consequence of the principle of reciprocity are obtained through analysis. Results show that the reciprocity constraints predicted for a thin shell example agree well with the observed behavior of natural wave scattering as predicted by SARA 2D finite-element methods. [Work supported by ONR.]


Previous investigations have examined the backscatter from empty and internally loaded shells with no damping treatment, demonstrating the primary importance of helical shear waves. The helical waves contribute to large backscatter for aspect angles within 30 deg of normal for the empty shell. The region increases to 45 deg of normal for the internally loaded shells. A constrained layer was applied to the cylindrical section of an internally loaded shell to damp the helical waves while decoupling them from the internal structures. The intended effect was to lower the backscatter levels and reduce the angular width of strong backscatter to within 30 deg of normal. This preliminary investigation demonstrates the achievement of each of these goals. In addition, the importance of direct acoustic backscatter from the attachment locations of the internal rings was highlighted. The bistatic measurements were conducted over a frequency range of 2.5<ka<10, corresponding to 3/4 to 3 times the ring frequency of the shells. [The authors acknowledge the assistance of NRI for acquisition of data. Work supported by ONR.]

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In solving for velocity and pressure fields in a slow, viscous, incompressible fluid, frequency-domain scattering techniques can be brought into action by taking the Fourier transform of the equations describing Stokesian flows. This is exemplified by considering the scattering of a transverse plane wave by an impenetrable axisymmetric body immersed in a fluid modeled by the steady Stokes' equation, the wave number in the ambient fluid being necessarily complex. The pressure and velocity phasors satisfy the Laplace and the Helmholtz equations, respectively, and are written as sums of incident and scattered components. These components are then expanded in terms of spherical harmonic functions. The point-matching technique is used to satisfy boundary conditions on a discrete set of points on the surface of the scattering body. Convergence of the resulting series solutions is studied for spheroids of different aspect ratios and for varying wave numbers.

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2aSA11. Acoustics wave diffraction on a cylindrical shell with two local masses. Rostislav A. Dudnik and Andrei B. Kolpakov (Dept. of Phys., Inst. Arch. & Civil Eng., 65 Il'inskaya St., 603600 N.-Novgorod, Russia)

The diffraction of a plane sound wave on a thin cylindrical shell having inhomogeneity presented by two identical inertia masses fastened symmetrically on its surface is considered. It is shown that the field scattered by such a shell presents a superposition of the fields radiated by both the symmetrical and antisymmetrical low-frequency azimuth modes excited depending on the direction of initial wave propagation toward the vertical plane of the shell symmetry (θ=0; Φ=180). In support of the existence of corresponding nonsingular normal velocity distributions, a specialized experimental investigation was carried out for the force-excited shell models. The experimental investigation of near as well as far acoustical fields of these shell was executed also. The calculation results of frequency responses and directivity diagrams of the field scattered by the shell with two masses fastened diametrically opposed at the initial only symmetrical oscillations are presented. These results are compared with analogous results for the shell having one inertia mass (at Φ=180). It was found that
Scattered acoustic pressure fields are obtained when a free-flooded cylindrical shell of finite length is subjected to plane waves incident obliquely to the axis of the cylindrical shell. Integral equations are formulated for the cases of a rigid thin shell and an elastic thin shell with simply supported boundary condition at both ends. Equations are solved by a Rayleigh-Ritz type approach. Near-field and far-field acoustic pressures of the scattered sound are calculated. Scattered far-field acoustic pressures for a short shell and a long shell are discussed.

Enhanced backscatter, in which reverberant signal levels at the position of a transient source are greater than mean reverberant signal levels elsewhere, is studied analytically and numerically. Popular weak localization arguments, in which descriptions of responses in terms of incoherent rays are modified to include some effects of coherent interference, indicate that the mean-square response at the source should be twice as large as it is at other points. A modal analysis, however, shows that the actual ratio should be three. A more detailed theory shows that the enhanced return factor is 2 at moderate times, but 3 at late times comparable to the modal density. The theory indicates that the factor of 2 is achieved only if the eigenfrequency statistics have the spectral rigidity predicted by random matrix theory. Thus a connection between spectral rigidity and weak localization is hinted at. Numerical solutions in model undamped two-dimensional reverberation rooms are found to agree with the theory. The effect of damping on these results is also investigated.

Ballroom A, 8:30 to 11:45 A.M.

Session 2aSP

Speech Communication and Engineering Acoustics: Microphone Arrays: Design and Applications I

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Chair's Introduction—8:30

Invited Papers

8:35

2aSP1. Microphone systems and signal processing: New opportunities in sound capture. J. L. Flanagan (CAIP Ctr., Rutgers Univ., Piscataway, NJ 08855-1390) and H. F. Silverman (Brown Univ., Providence, RI 02912)

Over the recent past, advances in two technical areas have opened new opportunities for sophisticated sound capture at distances. High-quality low-cost acoustic sensors, primarily in the form of electret microphones, are plentiful and can be used in large numbers. Continued progress in microelectronics now provides enormous amounts of economical computation. These incentives have stimulated research in new techniques for sound capture in practical acoustic environments—such as conference halls, noisy computer rooms, teleconferencing facilities, and mobile communication. Recent research has embraced the design of large-scale two- and three-dimensional arrays of microphones, and the implementation of algorithms for automatic sound source location. This report reviews the status of research in these areas. It also highlights the emerging applications of distant-talking sound capture for hands-free operation of communications equipment such as automatic speech recognizers. [This research is supported by the National Science Foundation under Contract #MIP 9314625.]
A frequency-domain delay estimator has been used as the basis of a microphone-array talker location and beamforming system [M. S. Brandstein and H. F. Silverman, Techn. Rep. LEMS-116 (1993)]. While the estimator has advantages over previously employed correlation-based delay estimation methods [H. F. Silverman and S. E. Kirtman, Comput. Speech Lang. 6, 129--152 (1990)], including a shorter analysis window and greater accuracy at lower computational cost, it has the disadvantage that since delays between microphone pairs are estimated independently of one another, there is nothing to ensure that a set of estimated delays corresponds to a single location. This not only introduces errors in talker location but degrades the performance of the beamformer. A method for delay estimation and talker location with a microphone array is described that preserves the low computational complexity and rapid tracking ability of the frequency-domain delay estimator, while improving the coherence and stability of the estimated delays and derived source locations. Experimental results using data from a real 16-element array are presented to demonstrate the performance of the algorithms. [Early work principally funded by DARPA/NSF Grant IRI-9001882, and current work by NSF Grant No. 9314625.]


The quality of audio teleconferencing in large rooms and noisy environments can be increased with the use of steerable directional microphone arrays. A minimum bandwidth of 4 oct is required to faithfully transmit the speech signal. In a typical teleconferencing arrangement, only discrete angular directions are of interest and therefore the microphone steering directions are quantized. A standard delay-sum beamformer can result in noticeable frequency response changes as the talker moves between these steering locations. In an effort to mitigate this problem, a broadband constant-directivity beamformer has been designed and constructed. A few of the algorithms developed in this work will be discussed and compared to existing techniques. Basically, the solution revolves around the design of FIR filters that are inserted in the delay-sum beamformer after each element. A constant-beamwidth 4 oct steerable linear array microphone using directional elements will be described. A real-time implementation utilizing multiple AT&T DSP3210 digital signal processors is also described.


By employing speech generation models and new algorithms more and more a priori information about speech signals is utilized in speech recognition and speech coding. A fair signal-to-noise ratio is therefore required to ensure that the a priori information is correct. This implies a need for noise reduction under adverse conditions, such as hands-free operation of telephones in the car compartment or speech recognition in cars [S. Nordholm et al., "Adaptive Array Noise Suppression of Handfree Speaker Input in Cars," IEEE Trans. Veh. Tech. 42, 514--518 (1993)]. The paper presents two adaptive microphone array schemes, aimed for this situation. The first, denoted spatial filtering generalized sidelobe canceller (SPGSC), gives good noise suppression with little distortion of the speech but requires careful calibration. The second, denoted adaptive microphone array employing calibration signals recorded on-site eliminating amplifier tuning and microphone selection. The calibration can be done within 60 s. The AMAEC calibrates the array to the speakers’ location, microphone positions and lobe gains, amplifiers, and to the acoustic environment in the car. No a priori information about signal statistics or array geometry is utilized. [Work supported by Nutek.]

9:55--10:10 Break

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2aSP5. Robust hands-free speech recognition. Qiguang Lin, Chi Wei Che, and James Flanagan (CAIP Ctr., Rutgers Univ., Piscataway, NJ 08855-1390)

When speech recognition technology moves from the laboratory to real-world applications, there is increasing need for robustness. This paper describes a system of microphone arrays and neural networks (MANN) for robust hands-free speech recognition. MANN has the advantage that existing speech recognition systems can directly be deployed in practical adverse environments where distant-talking sound pickup is required. No retraining nor modification of the recognizers is necessary. MANN consists of two synergistic components: (1) signal enhancement by microphone arrays and (2) feature adaptation by neural network computing. High-quality sound capture by the microphone array enables successful feature adaptation by the neural network to mitigate environmental interference. Through neural network computation, a matched training and testing condition is approximated which typically elevates performance of speech recognition. Both computer-simulated and real-room speech input are used to evaluate the capability of MANN. Measurements of isolated-word recognition in noisy, reverberant, and distant-talking conditions show that MANN leads to a word recognition accuracy which is within 4%--6% of that obtained under a close-talking condition in quiet.

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Speech communication in environments with low signal/noise ratios (SNRs) is a primary complaint of the hearing impaired. Microphone beam formation techniques provide an effective approach to improving SNR in these environments. A novel, fixed
microphone array is being developed with user-controlled mainlobe spatial look direction and attenuation band(s), and with a flat frequency response over the speech bandwidth. The array of R microphones and L taps per microphone maximizes energy concentration over a spatial look region and frequency band, subject to spatial and frequency constraints. Constrained maximization of \( w^* A w / w^* B w \) is required, where A and B are matrices specifying spatial and frequency factors, and w is the RL dimensional weight vector. The constraining subspace is specified by the array values, derivative values, and spatial directional constraints; w is obtained as the solution of a tractable unconstrained full-rank lower dimensional generalized eigenvalue problem. Numerical and simulation results for different values of R and L and for different bandwidths will be reported, as well as results of preliminary listening tests with normally hearing and hearing impaired individuals. The feasibility of real-time acoustic beamformers with arrays for hearing aids, and the advantages of this scheme over conventional adaptive schemes will also be discussed.

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2aSP7. A large microphone array for outdoor sound propagation studies. David I. Havelock (Inst. for Microstructural Sci., National Research Council, Ottawa, ON K1A 0R6, Canada)

A sound field propagating outdoors is perturbed by the turbulence in the atmosphere. To study the fluctuations due to turbulence, the sound field is measured simultaneously at a large number of points using a microphone array. The array consists of 64 microphones which can be configured in a variety of geometries ranging from small patches of only a few square meters to an elongated array spanning 700 m. Remote "satellite" arrays are also possible. The data are collected and processed in a mobile equipment trailer. The microphones, electronics, data collection, and processing are described and practical aspects of deploying the array are discussed. The design criteria and example applications of the array are also discussed.

11:10-11:15 Break

11:15-11:45 PANEL DISCUSSION

TUESDAY MORNING, 29 NOVEMBER 1994

BALLROOM B, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Session 2aUW

Underwater Acoustics: Moderate-to-High Frequency Bottom Interacting Acoustics I

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Chair's Introduction—8:00

Invited Papers

8:05

2aUW1. The investigation of millimeter scale heterogeneity in Coastal Benthic Boundary Layer sediments using microresistivity and x-ray imaging of "diver" cores. Peter D. Jackson (British Geological Survey, Keyworth, Notts NG12 5GG, UK), Kevin B. Briggs (Naval Res. Lab., Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-5004), Robert Flint (British Geological Survey, Keyworth, Notts NG12 5GG, UK), Michael A. Lovell, and Peter K. Harvey (Univ. of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH, UK)

A micro-resistivity imaging technique, developed for use on 70-mm "half-round" slabbed core has been adapted for use with larger "diver" cores, 33 mm thick, 350 mm wide, and 440 mm long. This resistivity technique is shown to have a resolution of 5 mm and to operate in a manner which is complimentary to x-ray photography. Theoretical and practical examples are presented showing responses to individual heterogeneity such as shells. The benefits of 3-D investigations are explored via numerical models are shown to be beneficial even in cores such as those above having a "flat" aspect ratio. The microresistivity method is shown to be particularly sensitive to layered structures and the presence of shells within the very high porosity surface layers in Eckernforde Bay (89% porosity 0–10 cm below sea floor). [Work supported by U.S. Navy.]

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2aUW2. Correlation functions for sediment acoustic properties. Kevin B. Briggs (Seafloor Sciences Branch, NRL, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529)

Models for sediment volume scattering require knowledge of the correlation functions for sediment sound velocity and density (or porosity). High-resolution vertical correlation functions of these properties have been estimated using sediment porosity and compressional wave velocity data measured vertically at regular, closely spaced intervals from diver-collected core samples. Because the data series are truncated owing to a limited core length, the correlation functions were estimated using a first-order autoregressive
model and autocorrelations were calculated with Burg's algorithm. Correlation length estimates were from a variety of shallow-water sites. Relationships between grain size and correlation length are discussed.

8:45
2aUW3. Modeling the near-bottom seafloor. Robert D. Stoll (Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia Univ., Palisades, NY 10964)

In mine countermeasures work and other seafloor engineering applications, there are two distinctly different classes of sediment properties that play important roles in object detection and sonar performance—those that determine if an object will sink into the bottom or stay fully or partially exposed and those that control the penetration of high-frequency sonar signals into the bottom. The ability of the seafloor to support an object depends largely on shearing strength which is a nonlinear, large-strain property associated with plastic deformation and complete disruption of the in-situ structure. In contrast, the complex velocity (speed and attenuation) of low-amplitude geoaoustic signals is a small-strain property that can be treated to a good approximation using linear theories. Both classes of response and their interaction are discussed using insights gained from the Biot-Gassmann theory. This theory allows extrapolation from low- to high-frequency response and examination of the effects of various parameters such as gas content and low overburden pressure. In particular the effect of recently measured high attenuation and velocity gradients is discussed and a correlation between shear strength and shear-wave velocity is shown. [Work supported by NRL, CBBLSRP]

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A finite-element microstructure analysis code was used to model the geoaoustic properties of shallow marine clay sediments in Eckernfoerde Bay which has been the subject of an intensive geoaoustic and geotechnical study (Coastal Benthic Boundary Layer—Special Research Program). Uniaxial strain and pure shear were applied to two-phase microstructure models with generalized, periodic plane-strain boundary conditions to generate anisotropic bulk and shear moduli. Analyses were carried out on two length scales: clay microfabric (μm) and gas-filled inclusions (mm). The clay microstructure was modeled as a random lattice of illite platelets with a density and porosity equivalent to average values observed in shallow Eckernfoerde Bay sediments. Saturated and dry framework moduli were calculated and the effective medium velocities were compared with observed velocities. The analysis suggests that shear wave propagation in these sediments is not supported by the framework structure but by differential compression of fluid-filled pores. Radiographic images of pressurized cores containing gas-filled inclusions with dimensions of a few millimeters were also analyzed. The analysis indicates a shear wave velocity anomaly related to the inclusion structure. The calculated effective medium velocities are compared with analytical models of spherical inclusions. [Work supported by ONR]

Contributed Papers

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Wave propagation in saturated granular sediments is modeled through discrete element simulation. The sediments under study are assumed to be primarily sandy, and are thus modeled as cohesionless granular material saturated with pore fluid. Numerical simulation is based on the discrete element method, a numerical scheme employing a modeling strategy to determine the translational and rotational motion of all particles in model material assemblies. For application to wave propagation, the movements of individual particles are a result of the propagation of disturbances through the media. Contact laws between adjacent particles are constructed using elasto-hydrodynamic lubrication theory, and these relations determine the contact force as a function of the relative displacement and relative velocity between neighboring particles. Using these new contact laws, wave motion simulations of one- and two-dimensional computer-generated model assemblies have been conducted. Results indicate that the wave speed and amplitude attenuation are functions of the physical microstructure or fabric of the discrete medium. Wave speed is inversely related to the porosity of the solid phase, while attenuation studies indicate that a branch vector distribution correlates with interparticle force transmission. Model development and simulation results will be presented.

9:25
2aUW6. Acoustical properties of undisturbed sands from the West Florida sand sheet. Horst G. Brandes and Armand J. Silva (Dept. of Ocean Eng., Univ. of Rhode Island, Narragansett, RI 02882)

Eight undisturbed large-diameter (10.1-cm) gravity cores, ranging in length from 13.5 to 50.5 cm, were collected at the CBBL-SRP study site southeast of Panama City, FL. The recovered sediments varied from coarse sand and shell fragments near the surface to fine/medium sand at depth. The Multi Sensor Core Logger was used to measure compressional wave velocity, density, and attenuation as a function of depth in each of the unsplitted cores in two mutually perpendicular directions. Two spring-loaded compressional wave transducers operating at 500 kHz, mounted on the outside of the liner, were used to measure velocity and attenuation, and a Cs-137 gamma ray source with scintillation counter were used to measure bulk density. In the longest of the cores, PC-GC-623, compressional wave velocity varied between 1700 and 1730 m/s in the upper 10 cm and between 1650 and 1700 m/s below that depth. Attenuation decreased slightly with depth, with most values falling between 0.3 and 0.5 dB/kHz/m (with reference to core liner filled with water). Density was relatively depth-independent and ranged between 1.8 and 1.9 g/cm³.

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An optimization technique is discussed which improves the numerical efficiency of the finite difference method with memory variables used to analyze wave propagation in high-loss materials [η=O(1)] [Blanch et al., "Viscoelastic finite difference modeling," Rice University Tech. Rep. TR93-04 (1993)]. With the conventional use of memory variables, the relaxation function of a viscoelastic material is modeled with a series of decaying exponential functions. The amplitudes and relaxation times of these exponentials are then matched, as closely as possible, to the behavior of the viscoelastic material. Using the new optimization technique, the error of the finite difference method, which is completely predictable using
the von Neuman method, is accounted for during the matching process reducing the total error. For narrow-band models, the reoptimization process can reduce run times and memory requirements for 2-D models by about 8X and 4X, respectively. The usefulness and accuracy of this technique versus analytic methods are demonstrated.

10:10–10:30 Break

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2aUW8. The effects of a thin slow sediment layer on shallow water acoustic field. E. C. Shang and Y. Y. Wang (CIRE, Univ. of Colorado/NOAA/Environmental Tech. Lab., Boulder, CO 80303)

The seabed topography often has a thin layer on its top and the sound speed in this thin layer is less than in water. It has been found that this thin layer can significantly affect the acoustic field in water column. First, it changes the bottom reflection character, and, on the other hand, it changes the modal wave-number difference: \( D_{n,m} = 2\pi (k_m - k_n) \). Those two factors determine the basic features of the acoustic field—the modal interference pattern and the modal attenuation rate. Based upon the sensitivity analysis, bottom parameter estimation scheme is proposed.

10:45
2aUW9. Consistent geoacoustic models in the frequency range 50–5000 Hz. Charles W. Holland, Peter Neumann, and Greg Muncell (Planning Systems Inc., 7923 Jones Branch Dr., McLean, VA 22102)

The process of creating a geoacoustic model begins with the process of determining the dominant mechanisms that control bottom interaction for the frequency range and application of interest. For example, a geoacoustic model that treats the seafloor reflection process might be much simpler than a geoacoustic model which treats bottom interaction (i.e., general bi-static scattering including reflection and backscattering as special cases). The following step is to determine values for the parameters that describe those physical mechanisms of importance. This is typically approached by a combination of direct measurements (e.g., core data), empirical modeling (e.g., Hamilton relations [E. L. Hamilton, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 68, 1313–1340 (1980)]), or by inversion the acoustic data. The result can be tested by comparing the geoacoustic model predictions (used as primary inputs to an acoustic model) against measured acoustic data. Geoacoustic model predictions and comparisons with real acoustic data are given for a variety of marine environments. A geoacoustic model that is successfully employed for both seafloor reflection and scattering is demonstrated. [Work supported by the ONR/AES Program.]

11:00
2aUW10. Boundary conditions and the theory of acoustic attenuation in lossy fluid sediments. Grant B. Deane (Marine Phys. Lab.-0238, Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, CA 92039-0238)

During the last decade the traditional view that acoustic attenuation in marine sediments is linear in frequency from seismic to ultrasonic frequencies has been re-examined [A. C. Kibblewhite, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 86, 716–738 (1989)]. In particular, there is a growing body of evidence from the ocean acoustic and marine seismology communities that the characteristics of attenuation in marine sediments are compatible with the Biot–Stoll theory for porous media. The Biot–Stoll formulation predicts a range of frequency dependencies, according to whether a number of attenuation mechanisms, including viscous dissipation, is dominant. The question of how different attenuation mechanisms can be accounted for in a fluid description of sediments will be examined. The convention of complex sound speed does not account for all the effects of absorption due to viscous dissipation when quantities involving both the pressure and velocity field are considered. An example of such a problem is the Pekeris waveguide with a lossy basement. The effect of viscous dissipation can be accounted for by adopting a convention that amounts to introducing a complex quiescent density.

11:15
2aUW11. Acoustic backscattering by the anisotropic and dipped structure of velocity fluctuations within the bottom sediments. Tokuo Yamamoto (Appl. Marine Phys. Div., RSMAS, Univ. of Miami, Miami, FL 33149)

The three-dimensional power spectra of the velocity fluctuations within the seabed measured by high-frequency (1–50 kHz) crosswell acoustic tommography experiments indicate that the velocity fluctuation spectra show anisotropy in general and are often dipped; i.e., the major and minor axes of anisotropy are tilted from the vertical and the horizontal direction (Yamamoto, this meeting). The aspect ratio of the horizontal scale to the vertical scale ranges from 4 to 10 in the shallow-water sediments. The angle of tilt, called dip, is found to have a value of 30 deg. The intensity of the fluctuation spectrum depends on the sediment type. These parameters of the three-dimensional power spectrum affect the scattering of acoustic waves. An analytical solution to acoustic wave scattering by a dip anisotropic 3-D velocity fluctuations in the sediments has been obtained. The strong dependence of acoustic backscattering on the grazing and azimuthal angle observed by Jackson and Briggs (1993) is excellently predicted when the realistic anisotropy and dip structures of the velocity fluctuations are incorporated in this analytical model of scattering by sediment volume fluctuation. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2aUW12. Influence of sediment transport events upon bottom backscattering, Eckernfoerde Bay. Darrell Jackson (Appl. Phys. Lab., Univ. of Washington, 1015 NE 40th St., Seattle, WA 98195) and L. D. Wright (Virginia Inst. of Marine Sci., College of William and Mary, Gloucester Point, VA 23062–1346)

In Spring 1993, oceanographic and acoustic apparatus were deployed in Eckernfoerde Bay, Baltic Sea. An instrumented tetrapod recorded physical data, revealing turbidity events associated with resonant internal waves. Acoustic bottom backscattering data at 40 kHz were acquired simultaneously and show features that correlate with the turbidity events. Such a correlation is surprising as estimates of shear velocity suggest that bottom stress never reached the critical magnitude necessary to resuspend sediment; rather the turbidity events appear to involve advection from a distant location. Correlations are evident in comparisons of acoustically derived time series for change in temperature and change in echo character with time series from current meters, optical backscattering sensors, and thermistors. [Work supported by the NRL CBBL Special Research Program.]

11:45
2aUW13. Normal-mode description of reverberation with a finite area bottom patch average. J. LeMond (Appl. Res. Labs., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78713)

A normal-mode reverberation model is presented that includes the effects of modal interference among spatially correlated fields scattered within a patch of (nearby) bottom locations. At each frequency the integrated scattered field from a bottom patch as a function of patch size is calculated from an explicit normal-mode expression. The time integrated reverberation level at each frequency is computed by squaring this contribution from each patch and summing over bottom patches. As a function of source/receiver separation, the time integrated reverberation levels computed with the finite patch description oscillate about a mean that is consistently lower than the levels obtained in the zero patch area limit. Results from a study of the dependence of the level differences and oscillation magnitudes on environment, frequency and patch area are presented. [Work supported by the Advanced Surveillance and Prediction System (ASAPS) Program of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR, PMW 183-32).]
Session 2pAA

Architectural Acoustics: Performance and Recording Spaces for Popular Music and Topics in Isolation and Reverberation

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Chair’s Introduction—1:00

Invited Papers

1:05

2pAA1. “...through the glass darkly...” or designing for the needs of traveling groups in a multipurpose performing arts facility. Dana S. Hougland and Edward L. Logsdon  
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Predicting and designing for the everchanging acoustic and electroacoustic needs of a traveling show utilizing multipurpose performing arts facilities is an ongoing challenge. Most communities cannot afford the luxury of building and maintaining single-purpose performing arts facilities. There is a need to accommodate a variety of local or resident performing arts groups, as well as traveling shows. Shows may range from simple lectures to Broadway show productions, as well as the everincreasing number of multimedia performances. Measures to facilitate the traveling show performances must be simultaneously unobtrusive when not in use, and readily accessible to the crew of each traveling show. The successes and failures of various techniques are presented and critiqued.

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2pAA2. Popular music performance and acoustics in spaces designed primarily as sports halls. Jack Wrightson  
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Large indoor sports arenas have always served a secondary function as venues for other types of entertainment and as gathering spaces. The reasons include available capacity to serve large crowds, proximity to dense population centers, and the economic needs of the facilities themselves, which cannot afford to operate as a single-season sport franchise. The rise in popularity of the touring “rock acts” is examined, as well as other types of musical presentations, and some of the acoustical planning considerations needed to reasonably successfully accommodate the diverse acoustical needs of various types of entertainment in these halls are discussed. Examples and lessons from recent work will be presented.

2:05

(Russ Berger Design Group, Inc., 4004 Beltline, #110, Dallas, TX 75244)

The design of current recording facilities is being influenced by several factors. The proliferation of digital signal processing equipment, signal acquisition, and storage media have sparked changes in the way recording studio facilities are used. The mixture of programmed synthesis with acoustic studio performance and the resulting changes in recording technique also provide a significant influence on the design of pop music recording facilities. The impact these changes are having on facility layout, configuration, and function; noise and vibration control; the architectural acoustic environment of studios and control rooms; and the electroacoustic interface will be discussed.

Contributed Papers

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Many authors have presented the typical curves of reverberation time versus volume for various auditorium functions, such as religious, concert hall, opera, etc. Most of the religious curves suggest that the auditorium will be used for instrumental (piano or organ) accompaniment of the singing, whether congregational or choir. This paper presents the preliminary results of a congregational survey to discover what the participants of a cappella music desire. A plot of the reverberation times and volumes for the auditoriums of the participating congregations is also presented. From these preliminary results, it appears that the desire is for a more lively environment, and that the reverberation time should be somewhat higher than that of the “protestant church” curve as presented in Acoustics by Beranek. [Work supported by Ryan & Associates.]

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(D. Lubman & Associates, 14301 Middletown Lane, Westminster, CA 92683) and  
(Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611)

Professional music critics often pass judgment on concert hall acoustics in their reviews. Because of the wide circulation given to their reviews, music critics may strongly influence public perceptions of the acoustical environment.

merits of concert halls. Surprisingly, no systematic study has been reported comparing critics’ acoustical judgments with those of musicians and of ordinary listeners in the same hall, despite its potential value to both acoustical and critic communities. For this reason, the ASA launched a cooperative effort with the Music Critics Association of North America (MCANA). Its first step was an informal experiment at Dallas’ Meyerson Symphony Center during MCANA’s June 1994 meeting. The critics’ meeting provided a potential opportunity to obtain acoustical assessments from a significant number of critics attending symphony concerts in the same hall. Standard survey forms and instructions were placed in the registration packets of about 75 music critics at check-in, and were distributed randomly to about 1000 volunteers attending concerts on two consecutive nights. Disappointingly, of 138 survey forms returned so far, only about 10 are from critics. This could improve by presentation time. Survey results and lessons learned will be reported. [Work supported with private donor and TCAA Technical Initiative Funds.]

3:05–3:15 Break

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Many large houses (in excess of 5000 square feet) have recently been built in the Houston, TX area. Some of these houses are constructed on speculation by builders and some are designed and built for specific individuals. This paper summarizes the results of a survey of the builders of both types of homes. Since many individuals who build their own homes design their spaces features that reflect their personality and needs, it was thought that it would be interesting to investigate if “good acoustics” were one of these features. In addition, measurements of background noise, reverberation time, noise reduction between critical spaces, and the noise reduction from outside sources will be discussed. Finally, suggestions for improving the acoustics of large homes will be presented.

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A simple computer system named SIDIART developed in QBASIC language is proposed, which permits the manipulation of a database of materials and their respective absorption coefficients, making their election easy. Knowing the volume and the areas, if the user wishes, the system suggests the optimal 500-Hz reverberation time (RT) from one of ten optional types of rooms. The Sabine or Eyring equations, and relative humidity between 10% to 90% for the calculus of air absorption, can be changed in a fraction of a second. This chamber is a unique facility for acoustical measurements, testing of electroacoustic and signal processing systems, perception tests, or for recording. The panels from which it is constructed could be applied in multipurpose rooms, recording studios, or performances spaces. Reverberation time in the 750-Hz octave band is variable from 0.1–1.6 s; this talk will present full 1/3-oct decay rates of the room. Some interesting impulse responses, and comparisons with image model calculations, will also be given.

3:45

2pAA8. Sound isolation at low frequencies, only an extension of the traditional frequency range? Tor Kihlman (Dept. of Appl. Acoust., Chalmers Univ. of Tech., S-412 96 Gothenburg, Sweden)

The expression “low frequencies” implies a frequency range where the rooms’ dimensions are comparable with the wavelength of sound in the rooms. In this range (below 150 Hz for normal room sizes) the sound field in the rooms consists of a few modes only, and changing of parameters that are not connected to the partition influences the sound insulation. This is not a problem of a correct measurement procedure. It is far more the description of the sound insulation itself in which problems arise. The measured or calculated sound insulation is only valid for the specific case under consideration. Numerical studies of the sound insulation of a flexible partition (characterized by a linp mass) between two rooms show that the dimensions of the sending and receiving rooms have the most important influence. This has to be taken into account when extending the frequency range in the standards concerning sound insulation which is necessary since neighbors low frequency stereo equipment, as well as all present traffic noise from outdoors, demands a sufficient sound insulation even below 100 Hz.

4:00


When treating the property of sound attenuation provided by partitions, different ways are found for its specification. In this paper most common descriptors employed to specify airborne and structureborne sound insulation are summarized and reviewed. Advantages and disadvantages of single-number specifications for sound insulation are commented upon. On the other hand, emphasis is made as to the importance and convenience of field measurements of sound insulation, even though they are time-consuming. Also included is a brief description of the situation prevailing in some countries, Mexico among them, regarding minimum sound insulation requirements between dwellings. Finally, reference is made to the use of acoustic intensity techniques for the measurement of sound insulation and the need of standardization on this type of evaluation.

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2pAA10. Initial tests in AT&T Bell Labs’ Varecchio Chamber. William C. Ward (WARD Lab., 2441 Camino Capitin, Santa Fe, NM 87505), Gary W. Elko, Robert A. Kubli (AT&T Bell Labs., Murray Hill, NJ 07974), and W. Craig McDougal (Acoustic Systems, Austin, TX 78764)

Results are available for the first measurements in the recently completed Varecchio chamber, a digitally controllable variable acoustics facility at AT&T Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, NJ. The 118 m³ (6.7×6.1×2.9 m) room has 368 independently actuated surfaces in the walls, ceiling, and floor. The room boundary conditions can be completely changed in a fraction of a second. This chamber is a unique facility for acoustical measurements, testing of electroacoustic and signal processing systems, perception tests, or for recording. The panels from which it is constructed could be applied in multipurpose rooms, recording studios, or performance spaces. Reverberation time in the 750-Hz octave band is variable from 0.1–1.6 s; this talk will present full 1/3-oct decay rates of the room. Some interesting impulse responses, and comparisons with image model calculations, will also be given.

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Periodic motion of a sound reflector in a tonally excited reverberant sound field results in a multitone reverberant spectrum consisting of symmetrical “sidebands” centered around the forcing frequency. This surprising and useful phenomenon does not violate linear system theory! It was first reported in 1968, late in the history of what some consider to be the “mature” field of architectural acoustics. It was discovered in connection with the invention of rotating diffusers (RDs), which were themselves a surprise. (Moving diffusers were shown to be the only class of diffuser that can improve spatial uniformity of reverberant sound.) Interest in RDs was spurred by their ability to improve the precision of tonal sound power determination in reverberation rooms. But neither the reason for multimodal “sidebands” nor their role in improving spatial uniformity was understood.


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Some workers pronounced sidebands to be trivial doppler shifts. Others
denied their very existence, dismissing data as mere illusions of reactive
sound. At the recent Sabine Centennial, this writer proposed a new "chopper"
hypothesis to account for RD sidebands. More physically compelling
than the doppler hypothesis, it shows strong potential for analytical de-
velopment, and may facilitate RD design optimization. Chopper theory is
reviewed and recent developments are reported.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 29 NOVEMBER 1994

Session 2pAO


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Chair's Introduction—1:40

Invited Papers

1:45

2pAO1. A review of the effects of sound on cetaceans. Adam S. Frankel (Dept. of Oceanogr., Univ. of Hawaii, 1000 Pope Rd., Honolulu, HI 96822) and Christopher W. Clark (Cornell Bioacoust. Res. Prog., Ithaca, NY 14850)

Studies to determine the effects of various acoustic stimuli on whales are reviewed, with an emphasis on those studies that quantified sound level. Most of these studies have tested the effects of anthropogenic sound on bowhead and gray whales, with some work on other species. The variables used to measure the whales' response to sound typically include course deviations and changes in rates of respiration and other behaviors. Examples include the relationship of received level with the probability of avoidance of the sound source [Malme et al., MMS Rep. (1983, 1984)] and changes in respiration rate after the beginning of a sound playback [Richardson et al., Mar. Environ. Res. 29, 135-160 (1990)]. Response thresholds for continuous sounds have typically been measured at 110-124 dB, with responses to orca "screams" near 0 dB S/N ratio [Malme et al., MMS Rep. (1983)]. These studies have led to the use of the 120-dB level as a regulatory criterion for cetacean disturbance. The results of these studies will be presented considering which variables may be important for determining or predicting a whale's response to sound.

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2pAO2. MMATS: Acoustic localization of whales in real time over large areas. David S. Clark (NRaD, San Diego, CA 92152-5000), John Flattery (ORINCON Corp., San Diego, CA 92121), R. Gisiner (NRaD), L. Griffith (NRaD), J. Schilling (ORINCON), T. Sledzinski (ORINCON), and R. Trueblood (ORINCON)

The marine mammal acoustic tracking system (MMATS) provides real-time display and signal processing of ten channels of acoustic data. In this study analog signal data from ten sonobuoys were radioed to a circling aircraft carrying the MMATS hardware; the data were transformed into an intensity/time/frequency display scrolling in real time. Whale species were determined from the signal characteristics; the system includes a neural network for automated detection. Arrival time delays of a signal at three or more sites were used to localize the whale. Acoustic identification and localization of the whales were visually confirmed by observers making an independent visual survey of the area at the same time. Acoustic monitoring capabilities of the type provided by MMATS can significantly reduce the number of whales missed by traditional visual-only monitoring and provides a means of calibrating both methods, reducing the statistical uncertainty of population estimates made using either technique alone. Because MMATS can monitor large areas for long periods of time, it is well suited to monitoring the effects of manmade noise on the activities of whales.

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2pAO3. Acoustic detection and location of blue whales (Balaenoptera musculus) from SOSUS data by matched filtering. Kathleen M. Stafford (Hatfield Marine Sci. Ctr., Oregon State Univ., Newport, OR 97365), Christopher G. Fox (Nat. Ocean. and Atmos. Admin., Newport, OR 97365), and Bruce R. Mate (Oregon State Univ., Newport, OR 97365)

Blue whale calls were recorded off central California in the Fall of 1993. These calls were characterized as to duration, frequency downsweep, intercall interval, and sound-pressure level. Average values were determined from 303 calls, including up to three harmonics (fundamental downsweep from 18.9 to 17.2 Hz over 16 s). These frequency-domain characterizations were then used to develop numerical time series (kernels) that, when convolved with the original time series, produce correlation peaks indicating the presence of blue whale calls (matched filter). When harmonics were present in the data, a combined kernel, including the fundamental frequency and first harmonic, improved the signal to noise ratio over use of the fundamental kernel alone. These matched filters were able to detect blue whale calls even in very "noisy" time series. When applied to hydrophone recordings from three U.S. Navy SOSUS (Sound Surveillance System) arrays, it is possible to produce locations for blue whale calls by timing the arrival of individual calls.
and applying least-squares techniques. This information can be used to increase our knowledge of blue whale distribution in the northeast Pacific. The methods described here may also be extended to other species that employ low-frequency vocalizations or to other ocean areas.

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2pAO4. Effects of boat noise on the acoustic behavior of humpback whales. Thomas F. Norris (Dept. of Vertebrate Zoology, Moss Landing Marine Labs., P.O. Box 450, Moss Landing, CA 95039)

The effects of boat noise on cetacean acoustic behavior are not well understood. To examine these, real sources of boat noise were experimentally introduced to singing humpback whales (Megaptera novaeangliae). Humpback whales were chosen as subjects because they sing long songs that are easy to record. Also, they are often distributed in nearshore environments with heavy boat traffic. Songs from nine animals were analyzed (n=9). Ten variables describing time and frequency characteristics of humpback song signals and the structure of song patterns were compared before and during exposure to boat noise. Means of two variables (intensity duration and phrase duration) were significantly less during boat passes than during control periods. Means of eight other variables were not significantly different. The statistical power of detecting a difference between the means was >90% for all variables describing frequency characteristics of songs. Because the durations of some variables were shortened, these results indicate that boat noise might affect humpback whale singing behavior. However, power analyses indicate that frequency structure is probably not affected. The significance of these effects concerning the behavioral biology of humpback whales is uncertain at this time.

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2pAO5. Temporal and spatial distribution of whale calls off Monterey, California. Khosrow Lashkari (Monterey Bay Aquarium Res. Inst., Pacific Grove, CA 93950)

Twenty-seven hours of acoustic data were recorded from a horizontal array in deep waters off the central coast of California. These data were analyzed to determine the characteristics of diverse underwater acoustic sources. Some of the identified sources were: moored RAFOs sources at ranges of 150-1000 km, low-frequency ship and machinery noise, and sounds of biological origin. Over 400 whale calls were identified and analyzed to determine the distribution of these calls in both time and azimuth. Spectral analysis of the vocalizations indicate that most of the calls were from humpback whales. [Work supported by the United States Navy, Naval Postgraduate School, and Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.]

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2pAO6. The influence of acoustic signals on a juvenile gray whale. Peter J. Rovero, Robert M. Keolian, and James H. Miller (Code PH/Kn, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943)

In May 1994, a juvenile gray whale, Eschrichtius glaucus, entered the Petaluma River, which empties into the north end of San Francisco Bay, CA. The Marine Mammal Center of Sausalito, CA, coordinated a rescue and asked us to lure the whale to deeper water with sound. The Petaluma River is muddy and brackish, 20 km long, and generally 75 m wide and 3 to 4 m deep. Recorded gray whale calls and synthetic signals in the range of 100-900 Hz were broadcast with a J-9 acoustic transducer providing a source level of 153 dB re: 1 μPa at 1 m. Over several hours, the whale, who surfaced for air every 140 s, seemed to be attracted to these sounds as it traveled at a few knots down river, our sound boat typically 50 m ahead who surfaced for air every 140 s, seemed to be attracted to these sounds as it traveled at a few knots down river, our sound boat typically 50 m ahead.

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There is growing concern over the impact of human intrusion into the habitat of certain wild animal species. A major part of this intrusion is in the form of noise from moving vehicles. The level on the ground or underwater caused by moving noise sources has been dealt with as single-event intrusions that may cause startle and associated physiological responses, and as cumulative noise exposures. The later approach allows correlation between the cumulative noise exposure of the whole animal population, and the change in population numbers and overall health. Currently, the most difficult part of this analysis lies in determining the sound exposure of the population since both the animals and the noise sources are spatially and temporally varying. There is a certain amount of knowledge about the movement of both the noise sources and the population; this knowledge can be used to create a kinematic simulation of the motions of both entities. Such a simulation has been used to yield long-term spatial probability distributions of noise sources that can then be superimposed over similarly obtained distributions of the population. This superposition yields the required estimates of the total noise exposure of the population.

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2pAO8. Low-frequency hearing in California sea lions and harbor seals. David Kastak (Long Marine Lab., 100 Shaffer Rd., Santa Cruz, CA 95060) and Ronald J. Schusterman (California State Univ., Hayward, CA 94542)

Studies on pure-tone detection thresholds were conducted on two female California sea lions and on a harbor seal. The older sea lion and the harbor seal were trained to wear custom-fitted headphones in order to determine minimum audible pressures in a binaural listening task. All three animals were trained to respond to underwater signals at frequencies ranging from 100-1600 Hz at a depth of about 1.5 m. Results were very reliable, owing to a combination of psychophysical threshold determining measures. Sensitivity to low-frequency sounds by both species were 25–30 dB better underwater than in air. The low-frequency hearing of the harbor seal was 2–25 dB better than the older seal lion. At 100 Hz, the sensitivity of the harbor seal was 17 dB superior to that of the younger seal lion, and 23 dB superior to the older seal lion. Results at low frequencies support the notion that the harbor seal (phocid) ear is more water adapted than the sea lion (otariid) ear.
The gray whale (Eschrichtius robustus) migrates close to shore along the central California coast, and is easily observable from land. The objective of this study is to determine the effects of low-frequency sounds on gray whale behavior. A J-15 transducer will be used to project tones of varying low frequencies and intensities from a vessel platform located off the coast of central California. Gray whales will be observed from shore during the south and northbound migrations past this region, in the presence and absence of sound production. Observed behaviors will then be compared and any disturbance due to sound will be determined. Results of this experiment will be important in regulating future sound-producing activities along the gray whale migration route. This study will also help resolve some of the controversy over another experiment known as the acoustic thermometry of ocean climate (ATOC). The ATOC program involves the projection of low-frequency sounds at higher intensities to measure changes in the ocean temperature over extended time periods. One of the sound projectors for ATOC is proposed to be placed off the central California coast and within the auditory range of migrating gray whales.

Recent advances in the use of single bubble cavitation [D. F. Gaitan et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 91, 3166 (1992)] have made it possible to examine both the temporal and spectral characteristics of sonoluminescence [B. P. Barber et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 91, 3061 (1992)]. Direct comparison of the spectra of single-bubble sonoluminescence to multibubble sonoluminescence has proved difficult, however, due to differences in experimental conditions. Examination has begun of both single-bubble and multibubble sonoluminescence spectra of various aqueous solutions under closely similar conditions, where, in a systematic way, a variety of dissolved gases, volatile organic liquids, and involatile inorganic salts have been introduced. Qualitative comparisons of these spectra will be discussed. [Work supported by ONR and NSF.]

The very high pressures (>1 GPa) that occur during the final stages of collapse of a cavitation bubble force the water in the vicinity of the bubble wall briefly (~1 ns) into a metastable state of subcooling, relative to the equilibrium phase diagram. Estimates show that the subcooling can fall below the critical temperature for homogeneous nucleation of freezing and that high-pressure ice particles form at a sufficient rate to affect the collapse. Because of the greater density of high-pressure ice, a sudden drop in pressure occurs that triggers a shock wave that converges at the center of the compressed gas in the bubble. Such microshocks are believed to be the cause of the extremely short duration of the flashes of sonoluminescence (<50 ps) that have been observed from single cavitation bubbles. The occurrence of transient, high-pressure solidification can explain different phenomena associated with cavitation, specifically the decrease in cavitation erosion and the increase in sonoluminescence as the overall water temperature approaches 0 °C, together with the nucleation of freezing by cavitation in subcooled liquids. A single explanation for such diverse effects provides strong support for the solidification hypothesis.

The dynamic sound field pressure \( P_s \) required to generate sonoluminescence (SL) from a single trapped bubble is a little higher than the ambient pressure \( P_0 \) (e.g., \( P_s \approx 1.2 P_0 \)). Since the acoustic energy density is proportional to the square of \( P_s \), observation of SL at lower drive levels would imply that even greater degrees of energy concentration accompany the transduction of sound into light. Motivated by this perspective, the dependence of SL on ambient pressure is being measured. Light emission at \( P_s = 0.3 \) Atm has already been achieved. Pressures higher than an atmosphere are also being investigated, especially with attempts to find single bubble SL in liquids other than water. [Work supported by the U.S. DOE Division of Advanced Energy Projects.]
The establishment of stable sonoluminescence from a single trapped bubble of air in water requires more than 5 s. During this time the bubble goes through a transition period (about 1 s long) that is characterized by an emitted intensity which is over ten times smaller than the steady state. Pure noble gas bubbles turn on to their steady state values on a much shorter time scale (say less than 0.2 s). During the transient period light from an air bubble is weaker than light from an Argon bubble but in the steady state the air bubble is brighter. In view of the long time scale required for the establishment of sonoluminescence from a single bubble of air it is concluded that this is a fundamentally different phenomenon from the transient multibubble sonoluminescence that has been studied since its discovery in 1934. [Work supported by the U.S. DOE Division of Advanced Energy Projects.]

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The only pure liquids in which sonoluminescence from a single stable bubble has been observed are water and heavy water. With regard to the content of the trapped bubble there are a number of gases which yield light. Helium is particularly interesting because its spectrum is strongly peaked in the far ultraviolet. In order to learn about the mechanism responsible for sonoluminescence, the search is on for differences between the spectra of He\textsubscript{4} and He\textsubscript{3} bubbles in water and heavy water. Other isotope pairs to be compared include hydrogen and deuterium. [Research supported by the U.S. DOE Division of Advanced Energy Projects.]

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The light emitted during the collapse of large vapor bubbles has been measured. The emission lasts for tens of microseconds and is so intense it must be filtered, under our experimental conditions, to record the complete time-dependent behavior. The majority of the energy appears to be emitted well below 630 nm. Such a long duration emission appears to be more consistent with adiabatic heating than shock phenomena. The temporal shape of the emission compares well with the temporal shape of the pressure produced prior to and after collapse, as well. Such bubbles promote study of the collapse processes in regions of parameter space which are highly accessible. [Work supported by the U.S. Navy.]

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A higher-order Godunov method is used to solve the spherically symmetric, compressible Euler equations with an ideal gas equation of state as a model for single bubble sonoluminescence. Basic shock physics is discussed in this context, exploring how modeled variations of the bubble interior support or suppress the generation and propagation of shock waves within the bubble as well as the interaction of a shock with the bubble interface. [Work supported by ONR through the ONR/ARL program.]

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The Rayleigh–Plesset equation describes the oscillations of a spherical bubble wall under the assumption that the fluid surrounding the bubble is incompressible. Many modifications of this equation have been proposed to incorporate slight fluid compressibility, and though different in form, they are asymptotically equivalent. The different forms of the equations, however, reveal remarkably different properties. In some forms of the modified Rayleigh–Plesset equation, for example, spurious unstable solutions are present while in other cases they are not. Here, physically motivated restrictions on the form of the modified Rayleigh–Plesset equation are discussed. These restrictions are discussed in the context of causality requirements and higher-order corrections to the modified Rayleigh–Plesset equation.

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The phenomenon of sonoluminescence has been of considerable recent interest due to a better understanding of two types of mechanisms: asymmetrical collapse of transient bubbles and single gas bubble oscillation. Asymmetrical collapse of transient bubbles result in lower sonoluminescence temperature; asymmetrical shape modes may also disturb the periodic stability of single gas bubble oscillation. The boundary integral method has been used to study the asymmetrical motions of bubbles of initial diameters of 1–100 \textmu m. The role of initial bubble shape perturbation, dissolved gas saturation, surface tension, and maximum bubble size are observed up to a point where assumptions concerning the maximum bubble wall velocity and the internal bubble dynamics are expected to break down. It is observed that the initial shape perturbation grows when the bubble collapses and decays when it expands. Therefore, it appears that there are circumstances when cyclic single bubble oscillations can occur even with significant shape distortion. [Work supported by Jet Propulsion Lab through Contract No. 958722.]

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Sonoluminescence (SL), the phenomenon of light emission associated with the collapse of bubbles oscillating under an ultrasonic pressure field has been studied by solving the continuity, momentum (Euler), and energy equations for the gas inside the bubble analytically. Heat transfer in the liquid layer adjacent to the bubble wall has also been considered in this analysis. It has been found that the gas behavior is neither adiabatic nor isothermal for a bubble under ultrasound conditions. In this analysis, the launch condition and the Hugoniot curve for the shock propagation has been identified, and the shock duration of 2.7 to 17 ps, which is comparable to experimental results, has been obtained with the help of a similarity solution (Guderley) for converging spherical shock. For SI, the gas temperature after the shock focusing has been found to be 7000–44,000 K, depending on the equilibrium bubble radius and the driving amplitude of ultrasound. It has also been found that the heat flux at bubble collapse is as large as 47 GW/m\textsuperscript{2}, which could be more than enough to cause an explosion of an explosive crystal.

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2pPAa11. Theoretical prediction of luminescence from acoustically driven cracks. Rita Lifsiesjedt and Seth Putterman (Phys. Dept., UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024)

Under the effect of intense long wavelength sound field the length of a crack in a solid medium should oscillate. When the crack length increased the imposed acoustic energy is focused down to regions of...
atomic dimension so as to break the fundamental bonds which determine the crystal structure. It is suggested that this energy comes out as light whose intensity is periodic with the sound wave. This analysis is based upon the elliptical model of a crack modified to include surface tension. [Work supported by the U.S. DOE Office of Basic Energy Science, Division of Engineering and Geophysics; R.L. is an AT&T Fellow.]

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SAN MARCOS ROOM, 2:00 TO 4:15 P.M.

Session 2pPaB

Physical Acoustics: Porous Media and Ducts

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Contributed Papers

2:00

2pPaB1. On the use of probe microphone and level difference measurements to characterize air-filled porous media. Carl K. Frederickson and James M. Sabatier (Natl. Ctr. for Phys. Acoust., Univ. of Mississippi, Coliseum Dr., University, MS 38677)

Air-filled porous media have been characterized acoustically using level difference measurements and an impedance model that depends on a pore-shape factor, porosity, tortuosity, and bulk flow resistance. Least-squares fitting of level difference spectra only allows two of the above parameters to be independently determined. Probe microphone measurements have been used to determine the propagation constant in both washed sand and glass beads. Values of tortuosity calculated from probe microphone measurements were used in the analysis of level difference data to determine porosity and bulk flow resistance. An average pore-shape factor is used in the analysis. For the unconsolidated porous media used, the effect of the pore-shape factor variation was within the error range of the measurement. The availability of both probe microphone and level difference data has also allowed for the comparison of porosity and flow resistance values calculated from each set of data. There are some discrepancies between the frequency dependence of the model and the probe microphone data. [Work supported by USDA.]

2pPaB2. Acoustic probe microphone measurements of Biot type I and II waves in air-filled sands. Craig Hickey, Wayne Prather, and James M. Sabatier (Natl. Ctr. for Phys. Acoust., Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS 38677)

Probe microphone measurements of air-borne sound penetrating into air-filled sands and soils indicate two absorption coefficients for the frequency range 40–4000 Hz. The probe microphone signal attenuates rapidly with depth in a region near the surface. Below that region the microphone signal attenuates significantly slower with depth. Rigid-capillary-tube porous models, which allow for pore-fluid motion only, correctly describe the rapid attenuation of probe pressure. Using these models, pore properties (tortuosity and air permeability) are typically deduced from the measured complex absorption coefficient. The Biot porous-capillary-tube model describes both attenuation regimes. The two absorption coefficients are associated with the Biot type I and II waves. The large attenuation in the region near the surface is associated with the Biot type II wave. The much smaller attenuation coefficient is a consequence of the elasticity of the matrix and is associated with the Biot type I wave. Biot's model is used to calculate the microphone pressure from both Biot type waves as a function of depth. [Work supported by USDA.]

2pPaB3. The influence of pore-size distributions on complex wave number in air-filled porous materials. David W. Craig, Carl K. Frederickson, and James M. Sabatier (Natl. Ctr. for Phys. Acoust., Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS 38677)

Probe microphones have been developed to determine tortuosity and effective flow resistivity for air-filled porous materials, such as agricultural soils. They are used to measure complex wave number as a function of frequency. These data are then inverted using a single-pore-size capillary tube model for propagation in the material. However, the frequency dependence of the measured wave number in sand differs from the predictions of such single-scale models. It is shown that distributions of pore sizes can produce a similar dependence. By summing over pore sizes, wave number as a function of frequency is calculated for lognormal, fractal (power-law), and empirical distributions derived from porosimetry data. Results are also compared with Wilson’s relaxation-matched fractal model [D. K. Wilson, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1136–1135 (1993)]. [Work supported by USDA.]

2pPaB4. Sound propagation in capillary-tube-type porous media: Effects due to the presence of absorbed water in the capillary walls. Miguel Bernard and James M. Sabatier (Natl. Ctr. for Phys. Acoust., Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS 38677)

The effects on sound propagation is investigated in air-filled capillary-tube-type ceramic porous media that result from the presence of small quantities of absorbed water in the tube walls. Specific acoustic impedance measurements are performed for a rigid-backed sample for the cases of both porous and nonporous tube walls. For the nonporous tube walls measurements are performed on dry and wetted walls. Preliminary results suggest a contribution to the increased attenuation of sound in the air-filled porous samples due to the presence of a thin water film. [Work supported in part by ONR.]

2pPaB5. Sound attenuation in a cylindrical tube due to evaporation—condensation. Yi Mao and James M. Sabatier (Natl. Ctr. for Phys. Acoust., Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS 38677)

The influence of evaporation—condensation processes on the sound propagation in a cylindrical tube were studied in an attempt to understand the sound attenuation in porous materials. In the theoretical model, the tube wall was rigid and kept a constant temperature. A very thin layer of water
on the wall was allowed to evaporate into or condense from the sound field propagating in the tube. In addition to the acoustical, thermal, and vorticity modes in Kirchhoff's theory, there exists a mass-diffusion mode. The sound attenuation was obtained by applying the boundary conditions on the tube wall to these four modes. Analytic expressions for the asymptotic behaviors of both high and low-frequency limits were derived. While the sound attenuation due to viscosity could be identified, those due to thermal conduction and evaporation–condensation were coupled. The sound attenuation due to the evaporation–condensation process would increase to a substantially large level when the percentage of vapor in the tube wall was high, but it still underestimated the experimental results in porous materials. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2pPAb6. Wave dynamics and flow in multiple-porosity media. Timothy S. Margulies (908 Marine Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401)

The purpose of this paper is to describe the fluid flow and dynamics of wave propagation in multiple-porosity media (such as applied to porous rock with fissures of different sizes). Coupled partial differential equations for matrix deformation and Darcy flow with compressible mass conservation equations obtained from continuum mixture theory are developed. For the limiting case of a single porosity medium the transient response (pressure decay) solution for drilling into a gas saturated rock layer, for example, that is homogeneous and isotropic, will be derived exactly by transformation of the nonlinear diffusion equation describing the motions. Furthermore, a Burgers equation which admits solitons will be presented. Finally a generalization to the case of dual/triple continua will be treated.

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Sound propagation in an air-filled, high porosity fibrous material involves the elastic response of the fiber skeleton as well as thermal and viscous effects at the fiber–fluid boundaries. A theoretical model of wave propagation in such a medium has been constructed based on the idea of an equivalent fluid, which occupies the entire space and whose properties approximate the locally averaged properties of the actual fluid. Once the elastic properties of the skeleton are known—for example, from vacuum experiments—the model yields phase speeds, attenuation rates, and complex characteristic impedances for both fast and slow waves in the composite medium. Typical results are presented for fiberglass blankets of the type used as thermal insulation in aircraft fuselages. [BRAIN project supported by the European Commission.]

2pPAb8. Sound transmission in a pipe with developing laminar flow: Upstream/downstream phase speed differences. Christopher L. Morfey (Inst. of Sound and Vib. Res., Univ. of Southampton, Southampton SO17 1BJ, UK) and Malcolm G. Smith (Univ. of Southampton, Southampton SO17 1BJ, UK)

In a uniform rigid-walled duct, plane waves propagate with axial phase speed \(1 \pm M\) times the sound speed, according to the inviscid plug-flow model. The difference between the downstream and upstream phase speeds provides a measure of the flow rate; the same concept can be extended to realistic profiles of \(M\) (Mach number) across the duct section, although the lowest-order mode is not a plane wave any more. Calculations were carried out to provide a means of converting phase speed differences to flow rates, assuming that propagation is confined to a single low-order mode (i.e., near-axial propagation). The results were then compared with phase speed measurements made in a cylindrical steel tube, through which air was pumped at a controlled steady flow rate. Close but not perfect agreement was found, which raises the question of whether our neglect of thermoviscous phenomena is justified, particularly near the duct walls. [Work supported by British Gas.]

4:00

2pPAb9. Propagation of sound in a lined circular duct with sheared mean flow. Jinlong Wu and Mark F. Hamilton (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-1063)

This presentation describes an analytical investigation of the propagation of sound in a lined circular duct with sheared mean ambient flow. The main assumptions are that the ambient flow is turbulent and unaffected by the sound, the Mach number for the flow is small compared to unity, the thickness of the viscous boundary layer is small in comparison with the radius of the duct, and the acoustic lining is locally reactive. The mean flow profile away from the wall is assumed to be uniform, but the profile within the boundary layer can take one of several analytic forms. Outside the boundary layer, the acoustic mode structure is described by Bessel functions. The solution within the boundary layer is expressed in terms of Kummer functions, and the dispersion relation is obtained by matching the inner and outer solutions, taking the wall impedance into account. The dispersion relation is solved numerically for the attenuation and phase speed of the sound as a function of mode number, complex wall impedance, boundary layer thickness, and flow profile within the boundary layer. Both upstream and downstream propagation are considered. Comparisons are made with published numerical results.
TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 29 NOVEMBER 1994

Session 2pPP

Psychological and Physiological Acoustics: Emissions, Localization, Rhythm, Masking, and More

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Chair’s Introduction—1:00

Contributed Papers

1:05

2pPP1. Studies of the relationships between ear canal and cochlear signals for external tones and spontaneous and distortion product otoacoustic emissions, and their connection with middle ear transmission. Carrick L. Talmadge and Arnold Tubis (Dept. of Phys., Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, IN 47907)

Some knowledge about the transmission characteristics of the human middle ear may be obtained by comparing ear canal levels of external tones and spontaneous emissions of the same frequency, which when used with another tone give similar ear canal levels of distortion product otoacoustic emissions. It is assumed that the cochlear activity patterns of an external tone of frequency f2 and a spontaneous emission of frequency f2, which produce the same levels of ear canal cubic distortion products when used in conjunction with an external tone of frequency f1 and fixed level, are very similar. The degree of similarity in studied using nonlinear active cochlear models that give spontaneous emissions [Talmadge and Tubis (1993)]. The relationship of the cochlear activities at the place of peak excitation and at the base of the cochlea is also studied in detail. The model results indicate that the comparison of ear canal levels of external tones and spontaneous emissions, which are equivalent with respect to the production of distortion product emissions, may be used to give estimates of the reflection and transmission of cochlear waves at the stapes. [Work supported by the Deafness Research Foundation.]

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2pPP2. Wavelet analysis of transient-evoked otoacoustic emissions. Jeffrey D. Travis and R. Joe Thornhill (Appl. Res. Labs., Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

A novel approach to finding information in transient-evoked otoacoustic emissions (TEOAEs) was used: the discrete wavelet transform. It is argued that wavelet transforms are more appropriate than fast Fourier transforms (FFTs) for signal decomposition because of the transient, nonstationary nature of TEOAEs. Several wavelets were used to obtain time-frequency maps of TEOAEs collected in past experiments. The latency of several frequency bands can be clearly determined for any given subject with this map. Another set of data collected from an experiment in which subjects were administered quinine sulfate was also studied. Quinine sulfate suppresses TEOAEs and induces some hearing loss [D. McFadden and E. G. Pasanen, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 3460–3474 (1994)]. Wavelet analysis on this data revealed any temporal shifts of frequency bands during the effect of the drug, and correlated the TEOAE waveform with the amount of temporary hearing loss at each frequency band.

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2pPP3. Effect of anticholinergic drugs on human spontaneous and click-evoked otoacoustic emissions, frequency discrimination, and lateralization using interaural intensity differences. Nuriman Lee Callaway and Dennis McFadden (Dept. of Psychol., Mezes Hall 330, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712)

The primary neurotransmitter for the cochlear effenter system is widely believed to be acetylcholine. If anticholinergic drugs reduce neurotransmitter activity in the efferent pathway, they should produce effects in accord with those seen in animal studies where the olivocochlear bundle (OCB) was severed. Experiments were conducted to measure effects of three common anticholinergic drugs, diphenhydramine (Benadryl®), hyoscymine (Levsin®), and scopolamine (Transderm-Scop©) on two psycho-physical tasks and two physiological measures. There was no evidence of impaired performance in a complex frequency-discrimination task or in a lateralization task using interaural intensity differences. Also, no compelling evidence was found to indicate that either spontaneous or click-evoked otoacoustic emissions were enhanced by these drugs. After the beginning of these experiments, a report appeared [S. G. Kujawa et al., Hear. Res. 74, 122–134 (1994)] indicating that, in guinea pigs, suppression of distortion-product otoacoustic emissions was reversed by anticholinergics having antinicotinic action, but less so by those having antimuscarinic action. The three anticholinergic drugs used here are primarily antimuscarinic in their action, which may explain the failure to observe the predicted effects. [Work supported by NIDCD.]

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2pPP4. Evidence for heritability and prenatal masculinization of cochlear mechanisms from measures of otoacoustic emissions. Dennis McFadden and John C. Lochlin (Dept. of Psychol. and Inst. for Neurosci., Mezes Hall 330, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712)

Spontaneous and click-evoked otoacoustic emissions (SOAEs and CEOAEs) were measured in twin pairs of various sorts—monozygotic (MZ), same-sex dizygotic (SSDZ), and opposite-sex dizygotic (OSDZ)—as well as in non-twins. Comparison of the number of SOAEs exhibited by MZ and SSDZ twin pairs previously led to the conclusion that about 75% of the individual variation in SOAE expression can be attributed to genes. Parallel calculations will be shown for the CEOAE data. In accord with past surveys, females generally exhibited more SOAEs than males; however, OSDZ females exhibited, on average, less than half as many SOAEs as other females, and thus were comparable to males on this measure. Similarly, the strength of the CEOAEs was generally greater in females than in males, but not in OSDZ females. The interpretation is that the cochleas of OSDZ females have been masculinized by exposure to the high levels of androgens produced prenatally by their male co-twins. (Prenatal masculinizing effects are well known in other mammals.) If correct, the genes apparently lay a groundwork for the expression of emissions—and, correspondingly, good hearing sensitivity—and prenatal exposure to androgens operates to reduce both emission strength and sensitivity. [Work supported by NIDCD.]
ences (ILDs) in high-frequency noise bursts were measured in discrimination and absolute judgment tasks. The discrimination abilities of both groups of observers were symmetrical in that there were no differences in performance between interaural disparities favoring either the right or the left ear. The women were somewhat less sensitive and more variable in their performances than were the men in both the temporal and level discrimination tasks. However, the mean differences between the sexes, 28 μs and 0.9 dB, were not large compared with the variability across individuals. Individuals who performed well-discriminating ILDs also performed well with ITDs. Many observers exhibited ILD subjective midlines which were offset to the left of objective center in the absolute judgement task. This effect was unrelated to ILD discrimination ability, to monaural thresholds, or to absolute judgements based on ITDs.

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2pP06. Localizing broadband noise in a reverberation room. Timothy J. VanderVelde, Millicent M. Ow, Wendy R. Thorpe, William Morris Hartmann, and Brad Rakerd (Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI 48824)

Sound localization experiments were performed to determine the relative importance of steady-state information and onset-transient information to the localization of broadband noise in a reverberant environment. Experiments used a source identification method with an array of 24 speakers, separated by 2 deg of azimuth, in a reverberation room (RT60=4 s). Noise signal onsets were either abrupt, or slowly ramped, or entirely masked by other noise. The ratio of direct to reverberant sound was controlled by positioning the listener with respect to the speakers. Data showed that (1) localization of sound with abrupt onsets is particularly insensitive to direct/reverberant ratio. (2) Slowly ramped onsets allow listeners to use localization information in the weak direct sound before the reverberant field has fully formed. (3) Some listeners (all young) have remarkable ability to extract localization cues from apparently overwhelming reverberated noise when onsets are masked. Further experiments suggested that these listeners make use of cues at high frequencies where reverberated sound is minimized by wall absorption; performance for these listeners decreased dramatically when the noise was lowpass at 5 kHz. [Work supported by NIDCD.] 2:35

Listeners' abilities to detect changes in tempo were investigated with two- and four-tone isochronous sequences with interonset intervals (IOI) of 100, 400, 700, and 1000 ms. Separate thresholds were measured for increases and decreases in tempo using an adaptive-tracking procedure. On each trial a standard pattern was followed by two comparison patterns, one of which was faster or slower than the standard. Listeners judged which comparison pattern was different from the standard. Consistent with previous studies of tempo discrimination, thresholds were found to be lower comparison pattern was different from the standard. Consistent with previous studies of tempo discrimination, thresholds were found to be lower for periodic onsets than for aperiodic onsets. However, at the fastest tempos, listeners showed greater sensitivity to increases than to decreases in tempo, while the reverse was true at the slower tempos. The crossover point occurred at an IOI between 400 and 700 ms. The findings are consistent with the predictions of an entrainment model [J. D. McAuley, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2966 (A) (1994)] in which tempo sensitivity is reflected by the degree to which a system of adaptive oscillators is entrained by the rhythm of a stimulus pattern. [Work supported by NIMH and NIDCD.] 2:50

The problem of pattern recognition in time is usually addressed by buffering, which converts time into a spatial dimension, and allows the application of standard pattern recognition methods. But buffering of high bandwidth sensory input is implausible and problematic. An architecture based on the adaptive oscillator model [J. D. McAuley, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2966 (A) (1994)] is presented which generates a spatial pattern from the rhythmic content of the acoustic input. The acoustic signal is passed through a bank of gammatone filters, each channel is half-wave rectified and down sampled, allowing a simple differencing procedure to identify onsets, which serve as inputs to a 2-D array of oscillators organized by frequency channel and by intrinsic period. Each oscillator adjusts its intrinsic period to match periodic onsets present in the signal. Only those oscillators that succeed in synchronizing their activity to a period in the input signal provide persistent output. After synchronization, the output distribution produces a stable spatial pattern over the 2-D array. The procedure allows treatment of pattern distributed in time without recourse to sensory buffering. Output patterns for a variety of stimuli, including animal gaits, musical rhythms, and prosodic structure will be presented. [This project was supported by ONR.] 3:05–3:20 Break 3:20

Overshoot is the increase in masked threshold for a short signal presented at the onset of a masker compared to the threshold for a signal presented in the temporal center of the masker. One hypothesis to explain this effect is the slow onset time for masker-stimulated ipsilateral efferent activity to influence the response to the masked signal. Recent physiological experiments have shown that noise presented to the contralateral ear, which provides an increment in efferent activity, can increase the neural detectability of short tones masked by noise [Kawase et al., J. Neurophysiol. 70, 2533–2549 (1993)]. The present behavioral experiment took advantage of these findings and measured the amount of overshoot under conditions where a brief contralateral noise was presented prior to the masker onset, in an attempt to "prim" the effenter system prior to the masker onset. All measurements were conducted using insert earphones, which provide approximately 80 dB of interaural attenuation. The preceding contralateral noise reduced or eliminated the overshoot across a wide range of masker levels. Possible mechanisms for the overshoot effect will be discussed. [Work supported by NIDCD.] 3:35
2pP10. Effects of rise/fall time on masked detection thresholds and temporal integration for noise band signals. M. G. Heinz (Dept. of Elec. and Comput. Eng., Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, MD 21218), C. Formby (Univ. of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD 21201), and K. L. Mortimer (Georgetown Univ., Washington, DC 20057)

Formby et al. [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 96, 102–114 (1994)] noted that masked detection thresholds (MDT) and temporal integration (TI) for brief noise band signals may be influenced by the rise/fall time (RFT) used to gate the signals. Also, the definition of signal duration (T), defined (1) exclusive of RFT or (2) inclusive of RFT, affected time constant (τ) estimates for TI. In this study, the role of RFT was evaluated systematically for signal bandwidth (W=62–6000 Hz) and masker conditions reported by Formby et al. The MDTs were measured for a range of rise/fall time (RFT=1–40 ms) and plateau (P=1–20 ms) values to extend Formby et al.'s original durations (T=P=10–480 ms). In general, for a given W and P condition, MDT decreased and became asymptotic with increasing RFT. For a given W, the effect of RFT increased as P decreased, and the effect was greatest for small W. For P=10 ms and RFT=1 ms, MDTs were independent of RFT for all W. For T defined exclusive of RFT (i.e., T=P), τ was inversely proportional to RFT for W≤1000 Hz and invariant with RFT for W>1000 Hz. For T defined inclusive of RFT (i.e.,
The nerve response is summed and low-pass filtered with a temporal window. A computational model of temporal integration. Neil P. McAngus Todd (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, UK)

In this paper a computational model of temporal integration is demonstrated. The model has the following architecture. The first stage computes a representation of the auditory nerve response based on the Sheffield ear. The nerve response is summed and low-pass filtered with a temporal window of about 10 ms [Plack and Moore, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 87, 2178–2187 (1988)]. In the second stage the summed and smoothed nerve response is coupled to a transmission line model of auditory sensory memory. Close to the periphery the impulse response of the transmission line is sharp. As a pulse transmits into the system though, it becomes progressively more attenuated and spread out in time. In the third stage the line is tapped at different points (approximately 10-ms spacing) and peak responses detected, which then become input samples for higher order leaky integrator sections with a time constant of about 200 ms. The model thus resembles the "multiple looks" model as proposed by Viemeister [Viemeister and Wakefield, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 90, 858–865 (1991)] and is able to account for the "resolution-integration" paradox. Quantitative predictions of the model are shown for the temporal integration example from the Houtsma, Rossing, and Wagenaars compact disk.

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A signal processing scheme is proposed to improve speech quality for the hearing-impaired people (HI). In this scheme, Hilbert transform and vector sum generator are used to obtain the Hilbert envelope AM, and it follows a voltage-controlled amplifier (VCA) with the gain inversely proportional to AM, the output signal of VCA is sent to a modulator. On the other hand, AM is dynamically processed by a lowpass filter and nonlinear amplitude processor, then sent to the said modulator to restore the dynamic range of the speech. In comparison with the original speech, the resulting one is of a little spectral enhancement, the intermodulation-distortion (ID), and some compression effect because of the nonlinear amplitude processing. Towards the end of our research, the informal listening experiment was performed, 25 people with sensorineural hearing impairment who wear their own hearing aids routinely participated in the experiment. The experiment results have shown that 80% listeners preferred the processed speech to the original one. This result is quite consistent with one of our expectations: HIs lose the nonlinear active characteristics to some extent, therefore introducing appropriately ID can help HIs to perceive speech.

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Recognition of consonants, especially voiceless plosives, is inadequate in patients who undergo multichannel cochlear implants. This study was undertaken to ascertain acoustic characteristics of voiceless plosives /p/, /t/, and /k/. Consonant-vowel syllables /pa/, /ta/, and /ka/ of a normal human voice were digitized, and processed by computer in three different ways. First, a portion of consonant signals was deleted. Second, a preceding consonant in one syllable and a following vowel in the other syllable were combined. Third, vowel /a/ was synthesized by repetition of the first cycle of following vowels, and was examined by spectral analysis. All processed sounds were perceived by five experienced listeners. Each voiceless plosive was recognized correctly by its processed syllables which had at least a 1-ms signal of consonant from the onset. Following vowels served as a cue for recognizing voiceless plosives. In following vowels, frequency information, especially in the high-frequency range, was an important factor. From these results, recognition of a short signal at the onset of preceding consonants and emphasis of high-frequency power in following vowels are essential for the improvement of speech perception of voiceless plosives in cochlear implantation.
mounted PVDF sensors were used in conjunction with a digital filter network to estimate the traveling waves for bandlimited spectra. Experiments where conducted in which the simultaneous flexural and extensional power flow in semi-infinite and finite beams was controlled using the wave vector sensors and surface mounted piezoceramic actuators. These experiments demonstrate the control of beam vibration using power flow-based methods requires fewer actuators and sensors then corresponding modal control techniques. [Work supported by NASA Langley Research Center.]

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2pSA2. Active structural vibration control via sliding modes: Links to Lyapunov design. Shawn E. Burke (The Charles Stark Draper Lab., 555 Technology Square, Mail Stop 53, Cambridge, MA 02139) and John E. Meyer (Failure Analysis Associates, Menlo Park, CA 94025)

A nonlinear active vibration control design method is developed based upon an extension of variable structure control (VSC) techniques, in particular sliding mode control, to distributed parameter systems. The temporal compensator design utilizes a generalized wave equation representation of the plant. The control is implemented via a series of decentralized single-input/single-output (SISO) local loops around collocated transducers. No a priori knowledge of the temporal plant model is assumed, hence the resulting designs are insensitive to variations in the plant modal frequencies. The equivalent control reduces to output velocity feedback, a known stabilizing control. Active damping performance is enhanced through the introduction of an additive nonlinear term which selectively increases the velocity feedback control with a constrained nonlinear gain profile away from the zero-velocity phase plane origin. Stability constraints are discussed. For simple structural components such as beams and plates, the design method yields controllers identical to those derived using Lyapunov's direct method, which extremize total system energy. Example controllers for beams and plates are presented. In order to demonstrate the application of the nonlinear control, closed-loop vibration control experiments on a 56- x59-in. nine-bay aluminum grillage are summarized.

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2pSA3. Sensor location considerations for active noise control in enclosures. John W. Parkins and Scott D. Sommerfeldt (Appl. Res. Lab. and Graduate Program in Acoustics, Penn State Univ., E.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

Minimizing the squared pressure at a discrete point(s) is one method of achieving global control in an enclosure, but this strategy will fail when the error sensor(s) lie close to nodal planes of the pressure field. In this case, the secondary modes dominate the pressure measurement, and the active control will create a minimum with little consideration given to the dominant mode. Subsequently, primary mode amplification may result, and the total potential energy in the enclosure will increase. A control based on energy density, on the other hand, can generally sense the dominant mode when the error sensor is close to a pressure field nodal plane, due to its dependence on velocity as well as pressure. Nodal patterns of the energy density field consist of nodal lines and nodal points that lie on the pressure field nodal planes. At these locations, energy density measurements will also be dominated by the secondary modes, and may cause primary mode amplification. Computation results of pressure and energy density fields will be presented which provide insight to optimal error sensor placement for the two aforementioned control methods.

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2pSA4. Active control of structural volume velocity using shaped PVDF sensors. Alain Berry (G.A.U.S., Dépt. de génie mécanique, Univ. de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, PQ J1K 2R1, Canada)

In low frequency, the sound power radiated from planar structures is simply related to the net structural volume velocity. A cost function based on the volume velocity in active control of structural radiation has the advantage of keeping the control simple (one error sensor). The implementation of volume velocity error sensors in feedforward control of flexural beams and plates using shaped PVDF films is presented. For a beam, a single extended strip of prescribed shape is needed, while in the case of a panel, a number of shaped strips related to the number of flexural modes contributing to the volume velocity is required. The sensor obtained is independent of the type and frequency of excitation. A procedure for deriving the appropriate sensor shape, based on analytical or experimental modes, is discussed. The experimental implementation of volume velocity sensors is addressed and results of active control using piezoceramic (PZT) actuators are presented in the case of a simply supported beam, and simply supported or clamped panels. The strategy of minimizing the volume velocity is shown to provide significant acoustic attenuation for structural free-field radiation or transmission problems.

2:45–3:00 Break
2pSA5. Active control in three-dimensional enclosures using multiple secondary sources and error sensors. Scott D. Sommerfeldt and John W. Parkins (Appl. Res. Lab. and Graduate Program in Acoustics, Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

The use of multiple secondary sources and multiple error sensors can significantly improve global attenuation whether one employs a control method based on the squared pressure or energy density. A single source positioned close to a pressure node will be inefficient at exciting the corresponding mode, therefore the secondary modes will dominate the pressure field, and attenuation is unlikely at the related frequency. Increasing the number of secondary sources improves the probability that at least one source will not lie close to a pressure node, thereby mitigating this problem. Problems also arise when error sensors are close to nodes. Adding multiple error sensors increases the probability that the sensors will be able to observe the dominant modes, which will yield improved attenuation. Using a greater number of error sensors than secondary sources will yield a determined control system, with a unique optimal solution. If more sources are used than sensors, an underdetermined control system will result which can be uniquely solved by adding more constraints to the system, such as minimum effort. The performance of the energy density versus squared pressure control methods are compared as they relate to the use of multiple secondary sources and multiple error sensors.


A structural-based acoustic intensity (SBAI) sensor has been developed for low-frequency applications. The sensor is comprised of a structural mounted accelerometer and pressure sensor. Local acoustic intensity is calculated by the time average of the product of the velocity and pressure measurements. The ability to use a structural-mounted pressure sensor was confirmed when the phase between a near field and structural-based pressure sensor was determined to be less than 5 deg up to approximately 1500 Hz. Verification of the SBAI sensor proceeded as follows. The structural-based acoustic intensity sensor output was shown to be proportional to the output of a calibrated two microphone intensity sensor from a piston source. Active control of the piston source using the SBAI as an error sensor showed global reduction of radiated acoustic power of approximately 15 dB for several harmonic excitation frequencies. Active control of a complex structure (plate) at various frequencies displayed mixed results. For the (3,2) resonance and a position of (x/Lx = 0.85, y/Ly = 0.78), global reduction of radiated acoustic power of approximately 9 dB was achieved. However, other tests did not show this type of reduction primarily due to the SBAI sensor acting as a local intensity estimator. It is evident that when applied to a complex structure, the point (or points) at which the intensity measurement is taken must be chosen carefully to obtain a global estimate of the far field radiation.

2pSA7. Active sound extraction for noise control. Sameer I. Madassherry (Aerosp. and Mech. Eng., Boston Univ., 110 Cummington St., Boston, MA 02215) and Boa-Teh Chu (Yale University, New Haven CT 06520)

A method of controlling the noise level in duct flows is described. The method is based on the principle of energy extraction by active source(s), rather than by wave cancellation as in "antisound." As such the method of energy extraction is robust, it does not need the delicate signal processing, perfect phase, and amplitude matching, crucial to sound cancellation. Two useful modes of control are discussed, one for quieting low frequencies and the other effective for higher frequencies. The possibility of perfect "noise trapping" in a finite region is also considered, even though it is difficult to implement such complete control in practice. A preliminary experiment that substantiates the concept is described. Extension of this method of noise control to three-dimensional cases is also briefly discussed.

2pSA8. One-dimensional sound field control by sound pressure and energy-density sensor. J. Warner Soditus and Jiri Tichy (Graduate Program in Acoustics, Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

The use of an energy density error quantity for adaptive filtered-x active noise control has been demonstrated to provide advantages over pressure squared control in a one-dimensional experiment [S. D. Sommerfeldt and P. J. Nashif, "An Adaptive Filtered-X Algorithm for Energy-Based Active Control," J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 96, 300–306 (1994)]. The performance of energy-density-based control was further explored in comparison to pressure-squared control. By using two small microphones, the pressure and energy-density sensor was moved through regions of the upstream and downstream of the secondary source in a one-dimensional low-frequency harmonic sound field. Extensive data were collected for various sensor locations to demonstrate that the pressure-based control strongly depends on sensor location, while the energy-density-based control is more sensor location-independent.


Active control of sound radiation from plates with arbitrary boundary conditions is studied in this paper. An optimization procedure for the locations of piezoelectric actuators is developed. The objective function in the optimization is chosen as the sound power radiated from the plates. The influence of the changes in the support conditions on the eigenproperties of the plate is evaluated. The numerical results show that the control performance with respect to a boundary condition change is dependent upon the excitation frequency for the case where actuators are optimized for a certain boundary condition. However for the case of simply supported boundary condition, it is observed that a change in the translational stiffness will result in degraded control performance only when the translational stiffness is significantly less than infinite (i.e., simply supported). [Work supported by ONR.]

A biologically inspired control approach for reducing sound transmission through a distributed elastic system has been theoretically and experimentally verified for narrow-band excitation. The control paradigm approximates natural biological systems for initiating movement, in that a low number of signals are sent from an advanced, centralized controller (analogous to the brain) and are then distributed by local rules and actions to multiple actuators (analogous to muscle fiber). A local learning rule that was developed from linear quadratic optimal control theory and solved a priori was implemented. The investigation considered a plate excited by actuators mounted on the plate in a two-by-two array. Results indicate that increases in transmission loss of approximately 18 dB are attainable for off-resonance excitation. In general, comparisons of theoretical and experimental data show good agreement. This investigation has demonstrated that the biological control approach has the potential to control multimodal response in distributed elastic systems using an array of many actuators with a reduced order main controller. Thus significant reductions in control system computational complexity have been realized by this approach. [Work supported by NASA Langley.]

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Both transient and persistent disturbance rejection were demonstrated experimentally on a cantilevered beam configured with a piezoelectric sensoriactuator. The transient response of the system was suppressed through direct-rate feedback control, and adaptive feedforward control was utilized to minimize the response to a harmonic input disturbance. A time-averaged gradient descent algorithm was implemented to adapt a finite impulse response filter in the feedforward control approach. Experimental results demonstrate that rate-feedback control can be utilized to enhance the transient adaptation of the feedforward control algorithm. Furthermore, the sensoriactuator provides a convenient method of performing both sensing and actuation simultaneously in feedback and feedforward control of adaptive structures.

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A numerical method for determining effective secondary source locations for active control of interior sound fields has been investigated. The method uses intermediate results from an indirect boundary element simulation of a sound field to determine effective boundary locations for secondary sources. In the indirect boundary element method (IBEM), an interior sound field is simulated by replacing the physical boundaries with a fictitious source distribution that is determined from the geometry, the properties of the physical boundaries, and the primary source location(s). Locations of high fictitious source strength, as determined by the IBEM, are found to be particularly effective locations for secondary sources that are components in three dimensional active noise control systems. Numerical results for simple geometries are in agreement with previous experimental results [Elliott et al., J. Sound Vib. 117, 35–58 (1987)], and numerical predictions of active noise control using the proposed method for locating secondary sources resulted in sound pressure level reductions of more than 20 dB in reverberant and semi-reverberant spaces. The results obtained suggest that the method has significant potential for efficiently locating effective secondary sources for a variety of active noise control applications.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 29 NOVEMBER 1994

BALLROOM A, 1:30 TO 4:30 P.M.

Session 2pSP

Speech Communication and Engineering Acoustics: Microphone Arrays: Design and Analysis II

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Contributed Papers

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Microphone pickup of sound in typical rooms is impaired by the combined effects of reverberation and noise. This degrades speech intelligibility and quality particularly in applications where the microphone is located far away from the talker. Recent advances in microphone array technology suggest a potential solution to such problems. This paper gives an overview of current microphone array techniques and discusses the potential benefits for speech communication. Various criteria for measuring the performance of a microphone array are described. A flexible, experimental microphone array intended for research in speech communications is under construction and will be described.

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2pSP2. Stable dereverberation using microphone arrays for speaker verification. A. C. Surendran and J. L. Flanagan (Ctr. for Comput. Aids for Indust. Productivity, P.O. Box 1390, Piscataway, NJ 08855-1390)

The impulse response of a reverberant environment, in general, is a nonminimum phase and cannot be inverted. But an exact inverse of the
environment can be obtained by modeling the room as a multiple input-output (MINT) system [M. Miyoshi and Y. Kanda ICASSP (1980)]. In this report, this model is applied to a microphone array and is used as a front-end processor for a speaker verification system. The matrix is inverted using row action projection (RAP), an iterative approach to solving a system of linear equations. Starting from an initial guess, the solution is repeatedly projected onto each hyperplane of the equation system until it converges. The method is stable, robust to noise, and converges to the pseudo-inverse solution. In computer-simulated experiments, the signal-to-reverberant-noise ratio is found to improve with the number of microphones in the array. A speaker verification system using the array is evaluated at various signal-to-noise ratios (SCNR). Results suggest that verification performance can be substantially elevated in adverse acoustic environments.

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Two hearing augmentation devices developed at the Army Research Laboratory can enhance normal listening abilities and restore hearing degraded by encapsulating headgear. Surrounding sounds are localized with a head-mounted binaural pinna attachment that recreates the head-related transfer function associated with the normal listening. The user’s brain interprets the recreated stereo signals that enter the ear canals through intra-aural speakers, giving excellent restoration of omnidirectional hearing. A hand-held, ultra-directional array extends the user’s listening range. The use of delay and sum beamforming in the array assures maximum directivity in the pointing direction. The binaural long-range hearing device has two linear endfire arrays of eight cardiod microphones each. The slightly offset directivity patterns of the two arrays create stereo outputs, so that the user can interpret differences in amplitude, phase, time-of-arrival, and frequency content of sounds in the forward area. These devices provide aural protection and an intra-aural input for communications, without removing the user from his acoustic environment. Both devices can be monitored remotely, and are ideally suited for detecting speech, personnel, equipment, or vehicles during military or law enforcement missions. Performance measurements of various array configurations will be shown.

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2pSP4. A multisensor connectivist model for the preprocessing of the speech signals. Turker Kuyel and Elmer L. Hixson (Dept. of Elec. Eng., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712)

Due to the inherent redundancy of the speech data, the design of a redundancy reducing speech preprocessor is very important. Preprocessor design is also very important because it can greatly reduce the computational load on the later stages of speech processing. A special laboratory oriented method in speech data acquisition, which is called near-field spectral wave number estimation is implemented. In this method multiple microphones are used. The goal is to incorporate air flow velocity into speech feature vector. This extra feature is used in addition to the short time cepstrum of the sound data to make the final speech vectors. The speech vectors are then quantized into a determined number of categories using a self-organizing neural network. These quantized and extended vectors are then used for the modeling of higher speech concepts such as phonemes and words. The preprocessing scheme reduced the computational complexity considerably at the expense of slight reduction of the recognition accuracy.

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Directional microphones are best noted for their noise reduction properties in communication systems. Close-talking differential microphones are particularly useful when the noise environment disturbs the ability to communicate without error, such as in public and cellular telephony, aircraft communications, etc. These differential microphones work best when they are placed within 1 cm from the lips of the talker where the sound field has a large gradient. For a plane-wave sound field the sensitivity rises proportional to $\alpha$, where $n$ is the order of the difference. Users of differential microphones do not always correctly position the sensor at the proper distance from the mouth and therefore the sensitivity of the microphone may also rise proportional to $\alpha^2$ especially at high frequencies. A method is described of correcting for this high-frequency gain without significantly degrading the noise canceling properties of first- and second-order differential microphones.

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An adaptive differential microphone has been implemented by combining two omnidirectional elements to form back-to-back cardioid directional microphones. By combining the weighted subtraction of these two outputs, any first-order array can be realized. If certain simple constraints are placed on the combination weighting, the null location can be constrained to defined angular regions. Three algorithms that control the constrained adaptation are presented and discussed for the array: the LMS algorithm, Newton’s algorithm, and a time-varying least-squares Wiener filter. A real-time implementation utilizing an AT&T DSP32C digital signal processor is also described.

3:00–3:15 Break

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In a previous talk, “A new adaptive differential microphone array” by Elko and Pong, a differential microphone has been introduced that adapts its directivity pattern to the particular acoustic environment to provide for a good signal-to-noise ratio. There, the selected pattern remains more or less constant with respect to frequency. In this talk an approach is described that contains one more degree of freedom. The spectrum of the signals is partitioned in uniform subbands and different directivity patterns are adaptively chosen in each subband. This allows to cancel multiple noise sources with nonoverlapping spectra. An LMS-based algorithm will be derived with focus on a low computational load and a short delay for the desired signal. Consequences on the speed of adaptation are discussed. Further, experimental results of a first implementation with 33 subbands on a PC-based DSP32C board will be presented. The measurements verify the ability of the algorithm to cancel multiple noise sources with disjoint spectra without distorting the desired signal.

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2pSP8. Adaptive enhancement of microphone array signals. Carsten Sylow (Inst. for Electroacoust., Tech. Univ. of Darmstadt, Merckstr. 25, D-64283 Darmstadt, Germany)

The signal-to-noise ratio of a speech signal picked up by a microphone array can be improved by adaptive post processing. Enhancement techniques known from single microphone or dual microphone signal processing, like noise canceling and spectral subtraction can be extended to a multimicrophone array system. The noise canceling technique and derived structures try to model the room impulse response by an adaptive transversal filter. Thus the performance of these algorithms is limited by the ratio of filter length to reverberation time and by the capability to track the nonstationary impulse response. Reduction of the noise of approximately 8 dB can be achieved with acceptable filter length in a stationary environment, but precautions must be taken to avoid canceling of the desired speech signal. The spectral subtraction method yields higher improvements
The effects of crosscoupling on array performance can be well described by spatiotemporal or spatiofrequency correlation matrices. The data acquisition and analysis required for this approach, however, are very demanding tasks for large wideband arrays. The most important effects of crosscoupling within an array are latent in single element beam patterns which are relatively simple to measure. This paper describes the use of these single element beam patterns to predict array performance and to establish crosscoupling requirements.

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2pSPI0. Minimum error sound source localization. D. Rainton (ATR Human Information Processing Res. Labs., 2-2 Hikaridai, Seika-cho, Soraku-gun, Kyoto 619-02, Japan)

A novel approach to the problem of computing the direction of arrival (DOA) of a sound source using a two-element microphone array is presented. Typically, the DOA is computed by peak picking from the resulting cross-correlation function. In order to improve such estimates it is usually desirable to pre-filter the signals prior to cross correlation. However, proper selection of these pre-filters is often problematic. The proposed algorithm adapts the filters during an initial training session to directly minimize the number of location estimation errors. The only information provided is the signal DOA, no explicit knowledge of the signal or noise spectra are required. It is assumed however that the overall signal/noise statistics are long term stationary over the training and subsequent testing. Examples of both linear and nonlinear filter design are presented for a talker location identification task.

Ballroom B, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Session 2pUW

Underwater Acoustics: Moderate-to-High Frequency Bottom Interacting Acoustics II

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Chair's Introduction—1:00

Invited Papers

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2pUW1. Propagation in range-dependent poro-elastic media. Michael D. Collins (Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375), W. A. Kuperman (Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., La Jolla, CA 92093), and William L. Siegmann (Rensselaer Polytech. Inst., Troy, NY 12180)

Biot's theory of poro-elasticity is derived for heterogeneous media and reduced to a system of three coupled equations. Previous formulations of this problem include a redundant fourth equation. The reduced system factors into incoming and outgoing wave equations and may therefore be solved with the parabolic equation (PE) method, which is useful for range-dependent problems. The operator square root is approximated using rational-linear functions that were originally designed for the elastic PE and provide accuracy and stability. An initial condition for the poro-elastic PE is obtained with the self-starter, which has been generalized to handle compressional and shear sources in poro-elastic media. Qualitative tests involving the propagation and reflection of slow and fast compressional wave beams and shear wave beams demonstrate that the poro-elastic PE handles all wave types. A solution based on the wave-number spectrum has been developed to test the poro-elastic PE quantitatively. The PE and spectral solutions are nearly identical for problems involving a water column overlying a poro-elastic sediment. A nonlinear relationship involving the coefficients of the wave equation and the Biot moduli has been worked out so that the natural parameters (i.e., porosity, density, wave speeds, and attenuations) may be used as inputs to propagation models.
2pUW2. A new high-frequency ocean bottom backscattering model. Nicholas P. Chotiros and Frank A. Boyle (Appl. Res. Labs., Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

A new model of acoustic backscatter from the ocean bottom is presented. Based on the analysis of existing data, three main physical mechanisms have been identified. These are gas bubbles, sediment grains, and interface roughness. Gas bubbles are particularly prevalent in shallow water sediments. A single-scatter approximation is used to model the bubble scattering. Scattering from sediment grains is a multiple-scatter problem which is still under investigation, but an empirical relationship is available. Scattering from interface roughness is modeled in terms of a Kirchhoff–Helmholtz scattering integral. The total backscattering strength is an incoherent sum of the three contributions. It is found that the interface roughness is dominant near normal incidence. The other two mechanisms tend to dominate at shallow grazing angles. [Work supported by Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center under the MCM Tactical Environmental Data System (MTEDS) project.]


A series of high-frequency bottom backscattering experiments were conducted off the coast of Panama City, Florida. Reverberation results will be presented as a function of frequency (20 to 180 kHz) and grazing angle (5°–30°). Geoacoustic parameters taken during the experiments will be used as inputs to an existing seafloor backscattering model initially developed by D. R. Jackson et al. [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 79, 1410–1422 (1986)], and modified by A. Lyons et al. [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2441–2451 (1994)]. The experimental data will then be compared to these model simulations.

2pUW4. Modeling the sonar backscatter by objects buried in very shallow water. Raymond Lim (Code 130B, Coastal Systems Station, Panama City, FL 32407-7001)

Conventional sonar systems for bottom searching underwater coastal environments have limited long-range classification capabilities. This is especially true when objects searched for are significantly buried so that imaging is difficult. To investigate the feasibility of nonimaging methods of classification (e.g., based on isolating resonances in the echo from the desired object), models that faithfully predict the acoustic response of known objects are required. Because the response of the object can be strongly modified by the structure of its local environment, an appropriate model must account for effects due to propagating the acoustic field to and from the object, the scattering itself, and the interaction of the object with its local environment. The present talk will discuss how these issues can be handled in an exact fashion via a transition-matrix formulation both for fully buried and partially buried objects. In either case, the solution involves identifying a suitable set of global basis functions. [Work supported by ONR and the CSS IR program.]

Contributed Papers

2pUW5. Acoustic form function for porous solid spheres: Comparison between theory and experiments. Kerry W. Commander, Raymond Lim (Coastal Systems Station, Panama City, FL 32407-7001), Theodore W. L. Huskey, Steven R. Baker (Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943-5000), and Steven G. Kargl (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105)

An underwater acoustic scattering experiment was performed on three porous solid spheres of varying grain size to determine their acoustic form functions. The spheres were constructed from bonded glass beads, sized to yield permeabilities in the range of fine to medium grained sand. Measurements of required material and lattice parameters were determined on analogous cylindrical samples, including a measurement of the dry lattice modulus per the method described by Garrett [S. L. Garrett, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 88, 210–221 (1990)]. Quantitative agreement between the acoustic measurements and predictions from a theoretical BIOT model [S. G Kargl and R. Lim, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1527–1550 (1993)] was found but only at the low-frequency end (<20 kHz) of the measurements and for the smaller grained spheres. Although the measured and predicted form functions were still qualitatively similar at higher frequencies, deviations due to inhomogeneities in the porous spheres became evident. For each discrete frequency measurement, the spheres were rotated 360 deg and variations in the backscattering strength noted. For values of ka where little variation with sphere orientation was obtained, there was good agreement with the theoretical model.

2pUW6. Moderate frequency scattering from objects in an elastic bottom with rough interfaces. Jayi Yong Lee and Henrik Schmidt (Dept. of Ocean Eng., MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139)

The diffuse reverberation from small scale bottom roughness severely affects the spatial coherence of the scattered field from near-bottom buried objects. To investigate this phenomenon theoretically, a numerical model is being developed for moderate frequency scattering from an elastic inclusion in a stratified, rough bottom. The model combines theories for object scattering and small-scale rough interface scattering. For the numerical implementation, a global approach is introduced, which combines three different methods into a consistent hybrid scheme. Boundary elements are used to compute the effects due to an elastic inclusion [P. Gerstoft and H. Schmidt, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 89, 1629–1642 (1991)], wave-number integration provides numerical Green’s function for the horizontally stratified medium, and finally the rough interface scattering is handled using a self-consistent perturbational method [W. A. Kuperman and H. Schmidt, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 86, 1511–1522 (1989)]. Compared to earlier implementations, the efficiency of the boundary element component of the model has been significantly improved by introducing a new analytical integration approach to the computation of the influence matrices. The modeling approach will be described and its application to realistic sonar scenarios will be demonstrated. [Work supported by ONR.]
2pUW7. Moderate frequency acoustic penetration of a sandy shallow water sediment. Nicholas P. Chotiros (Appl. Res. Labs., University of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029), Age Kristensen, and Enzo Michelozzi (SACLANT Undersea Res. Ctr., LaSpezia, Italy)

An experiment was conducted to investigate acoustic penetration of a sandy shallow water sediment, in the band 500 Hz to 2 kHz, in a site off LaSpezia, Italy. Acoustic sensors were buried in the sediment, forming a sparse three-dimensional array, to measure the sediment penetrating signals. The sound source was a sparkler. The collected signals are processed coherently to give direction and speed of the sediment acoustic waves. From a theoretical point of view, the medium is treated as a poro-elastic solid governed by Biot’s theory of acoustic propagation. It is predicted to support two acoustic waves. Comparisons are made between theory and experiment. [Work supported by Office of Naval Research, Ocean Acoustics Program, Code 11250A, under the initiative for basic research in the physics of moderate to high frequency acoustics.]

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2pUW8. High-frequency acoustic penetration of ocean sediments. Nicholas P. Chotiros, Robert A. Altenburg (Appl. Res. Labs., University of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029), and Stephen J. Stanic (Naval Res. Lab., Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-5004)

Two experiments were conducted to investigate acoustic penetration of ocean sediments: one in a muddy site in the Baltic Sea and the other in a sandy site in the Gulf of Mexico. In both experiments, acoustic sensors were placed in the sediment to measure the acoustic signals. The signals are processed coherently to give direction and speed of the acoustic waves. The data from the two sites give very different results. In the muddy site, the sediment sound speed is very close to that of the water, the situation in the sandy site is more complicated. The medium is treated as a poro-elastic solid governed by Biot’s theory of acoustic propagation. For the sandy site, the theory predicts two acoustic waves, one faster than the sound speed in water, and the other slower. Comparisons are made between theory and experiment. [Work supported by Office of Naval Research, under the Coastal Benthic Boundary Layer (CBBL) Special Research Program.]

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The acoustic intensity penetrating a rough surface is analyzed using Rayleigh–Rice perturbation theory. When the grazing angle of the incident field is below the critical angle in relation to the mean surface, only the zero-order component of the transmitted field is evanescent; the higher-order components contain downward traveling waves. For an incident field below the critical angle, first-order computations using parameters appropriate to a sandy bottom show that the field below the rough surface can be much greater than the corresponding field below a flat surface. These computations are carried out using a low-frequency cutoff for the bottom relief spectrum. With regard to the accuracy of the calculation, both the short-wavelength portion of the relief profile that is retained as well as the long-wavelength portion that is discarded are considered. It is shown that the rms height of the portion retained and the rms slope of the portion discarded are sufficiently small to lend confidence in the perturbation approach. Furthermore, work is required, however, to unequivocally establish the accuracy of the method. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2pUW10. On measuring sediment/Biot properties in shallow water at moderate to high frequencies. Ahmed Abawi, W. S. Hodgkins, W. A. Kuperman ( Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., Univ. of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92039-0701), and Michael D. Collins (Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375)

A broadband line array is being designed and constructed to study the acoustics of shallow water in the moderate to high-frequency regime. The 64-element array will consist of nested apertures half-wavelength spaced at 4, 8, and 16 kHz with a total bandwidth of 2–20 kHz. The intention is to study both the forward and inverse problem, the latter with respect to sediment properties. The poroelastic parabolic equation [Collins et al., this meeting] is being used for simulations to (1) aid in the design of the array, (2) study the forward problem, and (3) investigate the potential observables with respect to the inverse problem. In particular, it is of great interest as to whether effects related to the Biot description are observable by measuring waveguide propagation. The use of the parabolic equation formulation will allow for a consistent extension to range-dependent environments in a future study. [Work supported by ONR Code 3210A.]

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2pUW11. Hybrid methods for incorporating density variations into the split-step PE. David Yevick (Dept. of Elec. Eng., Queen’s Univ., Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6, Canada) and David J. Thomson (Defence Res. Estab. Pacific, FMO Victoria, BC V8S 1B0, Canada)

Density variations are easily analyzed in the context of finite difference parabolic equation (PE) solvers by discretization of an appropriate differential operator. In split-step Fourier solution algorithms, however, variations in the density $\rho$ are instead modeled by adding terms to the refractive index. Since these extra terms depend on derivatives of $\rho$, geoacoustic density profiles must be smoothed appropriately to remove any step discontinuities. In this paper, a new hybrid method is proposed for treating density inhomogeneities in the split-step PE. This approach involves splitting the differential operator into density-independent and density-dependent components. While the former component is propagated using the split-step Fourier technique, the influence of density changes is computed through a finite difference procedure. Such an algorithm is especially attractive as it may be transparently incorporated into the recently proposed hybrid split-step/finite-difference and split-step/Lanczos solvers [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 96, 396–405 (1994)]. Both the hybrid and the standard finite-difference procedures are applied to a shallow-water test case involving jump discontinuities in both the sound speed and the density and are found to be in excellent agreement with reference solutions.

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The propagation of acoustic energy in a shallow water environment is studied using a two-dimensional, staggered-grid finite-difference model. Such a model allows one to view the propagation of energy in the time domain throughout the region of interest. Since fields are available “everywhere,” the model can be used to guide the development of robust schemes for the detection of scatterers in the water column or buried in the sediment. In addition, it can be used to benchmark approximate models for acoustic propagation and scattering in shallow water. This paper considers the effect of different physical features on the possible identification of scatterers. Such scattering mechanisms as top and bottom roughness and inhomogeneities in the water column are considered. Monte Carlo simulations are used to gauge the relative effects of these features. Frequencies on the order of 7.5 kHz are considered for depths up to 30 m. The implementation used here includes several enhancements over traditional finite-difference models. For example, typical finite difference models approximate continuously varying material interfaces by an interface that appears like a staircase—the material properties change only at discrete location. For this research a conformal technique is used to model more accurately the continuous interface. [Work supported by ONR.]
Gaussian beams are often used for the insonifying field in scattering problems from interfaces. They have the advantage of restricting the grazing angle content of the incident field while localizing the scattering region on the interface. However a disadvantage is that the beams spread significantly. For oblique incidence, the width of the beam can vary significantly over the region of interaction on the interface and the scattering problem defined in these terms has an inherent propagation component. Analytical work has been carried out for the propagation of Gaussian beams in homogeneous and heterogeneous media [for example, Cerveny et al., Geophys. J. R. Astron. Soc. 70, 109–128 (1982)]. For a given propagation distance there is an optimal initial beamwidth that will minimize the width of the beam along the whole path. Consequently for a given angle of incidence and a given incident amplitude threshold, there will be a minimum surface scattering area. Optimum beamwidths can be defined and these should be used by all investigators in order to standardize results.

[Work supported by Office of Naval Research.]

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 30 NOVEMBER 1994

BRAZOS ROOM, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:05 P.M.

Session 3aAA

Architectural Acoustics: Case Studies in Architectural Acoustics

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Chair’s Introduction—8:00

Invited Papers

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Small and medium sized communities wanting a high quality performing arts space are faced with reconciling the conflicting demands that different arts forms make on the performance space. The recently completed Cerritos Centre for the Performing Arts in California is unusual in its design in that it utilizes modern technology to provide a space for the performing arts that can become a 1896-seat concert hall, a 1450-seat lyric theatre, a 900-seat drama theatre, a 1934-arena theatre, or a cabaret space seating 1472. The auditorium is transformed including its seating, its sightlines, and its acoustics by the use of movable seating towers. The design demonstrates how a small town can afford to build and operate a facility in scale with its capabilities and aspirations and may well prove to be a key point in the concept of multi purpose spaces of the future.

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The acoustical design of music practice and rehearsal facilities is always an interesting and challenging task. However, the challenges increase significantly when the project is a renovation of existing facilities rather than a new design. In renovation projects, extensive investigation and evaluation of the building structure and construction assemblies are required since, in a great number of cases, the original drawings are no longer available. It is also not unusual for undocumented modifications to have been completed to the structure over the years. A working knowledge of outdated construction techniques and materials is typically required. This paper presents a case study of the renovation of the practice and rehearsal facilities for a university music department originally constructed in 1956. The original wall and ceiling systems did not provide satisfactory airborne sound isolation between practice rooms and major modifications were begun less than a year after opening. These modifications improved the overall degree of sound isolation between practice rooms somewhat, however, they were not completely satisfactory. This paper discusses the current modifications, together with the complications inherent in working on a building over 30-years-old for which minimal information on the original construction assemblies was available.

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A detailed case study in sound isolation criteria for a new music education facility at a major university is presented. Part of the department is to be housed in an existing, historic building with wood floor structures. Part of the new facility will be an addition (new construction).
This paper presents the acoustic design applied to the construction of three broadcasting rooms. Aria Maria Valdés (Av. Popocatepetl 295-7, México 03340 D.F., Mexico) and Mario Vázquez-Raña (Organización Editorial Mexicana, Guillermo Prieto 7, Col. San Rafael, México 06470 D.F., Mexico)

Design for room acoustic insulation, reverberation time, and homogeneous diffusion of acoustic field, results in high building budgets for broadcasting and TV stations, theaters, etc., projected in Mexico. For this reason, they are often constructed without an adequate acoustic design. This paper presents the acoustic design applied to the construction of three broadcasting studios for “Mexico Radio ABC,” considering both a low cost project and long life materials fitted for the Mexico City’s environment, and taking into account a new national draft standard. The project was planned for noisy surroundings (sound pressure levels averaged of 78 dB, A-weighted). External noise comes mainly from traffic, nearby schools and helicopters; indoor noise comes from air conditioned and background office noise. The original volume shape was a parallelepiped, which had to be transformed to avoid undesirable reflections. The reverberation time chosen for control rooms was 0.35 s at 1000 Hz, and 0.22, 0.25, and 0.35 s at 1000 Hz for broadcasting studios; these values were achieved in practice. Final costs were low, in comparison with a construction without previous acoustic design.

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3aAA8. Field impact insulation class (FIIC)—A case study. John J. LoVerde and Gary Mange (Western Electro-Acoust. Lab., 1711 Sixteenth St., Santa Monica, CA 90404)

Impact noise in buildings constitutes a potentially serious problem because of the short duration, high intensity sounds involved [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Airborne, Impact, and Structure Borne Noise, Chapter 7 (1967)]. Since 1974, the State of California has tried to manage this problem by instituting the California Noise Insulation Standards, which require any multi-family dwelling to provide an impact insulation class (IIC) rating of 50 based on laboratory tests, or a field impact insulation class (FIIC) rating of 45 based on field tests [Office of Noise Control, California Noise Insulation Standards, 1–7 (1988)]. Concern about the acceptability of floor ceiling assemblies is increasing due to increased awareness of the problem and larger numbers of people moving into apartments, condominiums and townhomes throughout California. Western Electro-Acoustic Laboratory (WEAL) had the opportunity to witness the installation of floor ceiling assemblies in an apartment complex in Bakersfield, California. Six different assemblies were tested to determine how the FIIC value changed when minor modifications were made to the standard floor ceiling assembly. WEAL will show the results of the field-tested assemblies and compare the data with typical laboratory results for similar constructions.

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3aAAA4. Acoustic project of “Mexico Radio ABC” broadcasting rooms. Ana Maria Valdés (Av. Popocatepetl 295-7, México 03340 D.F., Mexico) and Mario Vázquez-Raña (Organización Editorial Mexicana, Guillermo Prieto 7, Col. San Rafael, México 06470 D.F., Mexico)

The “seat-dip phenomenon” is so called because an anomalous attenuation (dip) in the frequency response of auditoriums is found to be caused by the presence of rows of seats. As sound from the stage grazes over seats, cancellations where reflected and/or diffracted waves interfere with the on-coming wave, and (3) the propagation of the sound of interest at nearly zero degrees over the seats. It is found that the dip is caused by a coincidence of effects rather than the single effect dominant in the literature. The effects are considered. (1) A standing wave between the seat and source with mals relating to the quarter-wavelength distance, (2) half-wave cancellations where reflected and/or diffracted waves interfere with the on-coming wave, and (3) the propagation of the sound of interest at nearly zero degrees over the seats. It is shown that the standing waves and sound pressure cancellations associated with each successive row of seats occur at frequencies that are very close to each other. The effect of frequency spreading of (1) and (2) are presented.

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3aAAA9. Effect of concave sound reflecting surfaces on speech intelligibility and the articulation index. Sami A. Khayat (Dept. of Architecture, Texas A&M Univ., P.O. Box 2844, Bryan, TX 77805-2844) and Lester L. Boyer (Texas A&M Univ., College Station, TX 77843)

Two different methods, the calculation of the articulation index (AI) and the rapid speech transmission index (RASTI) measurement using the speech transmission meter, were utilized to obtain the speech intelligibility in spaces with concave sound reflecting surfaces. Many factors were considered such as room size, size of curvature, position of the sound source, and background noise level. The base cases, spaces without curvatures, showed highly correlated results indicating no significant differences between calculated AI and measured RASTI. With curvatures and the sound
source at 4 ft. away from the center position of the front wall it was found that the effect of room size is significantly different between the two methods under the 2- and 16-ft. radius curvatures only; also, the background noise level showed almost the same effect on both calculated AI and RASTI. Under low background noise levels, spaces with curvatures showed that the effect of change in room size for both methods is identical. The center location for the sound source showed better speech intelligibility under all different testing conditions. Finally, a modification factor is developed and applied to the calculated AI so that reliable estimates of speech intelligibility in spaces with curvatures may be obtained.

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3aAA10. Relations between the apparent source width (ASW) of the sound field in a concert hall and its sound pressure level at low frequencies (GL), and its interaural cross correlation coefficient (IACC). Toshiyuki Okano, Takayuki Hidaka (Takenaka Res. and Develop. Inst., 1-5, Ohtsuka, Inzini-machi, Inba-gun, Chiba, Japan, 270-13), and Leo L. Beranek (975 Memorial Dr., Ste. 804, Cambridge, MA 02138)

The influence of GL (amplifier gain in the low-frequency range below 355 Hz) and IACC on ASW was determined by psychoacoustic experiments with simulated concert-hall sound fields using anechoic symphonic music presented to subjects by multiple loudspeakers. "Equal ASW curves" were determined for 1/1 octave band filtered source signals with mid-frequencies from 125 to 4000 Hz. The ASW's for the upper four bands are found to be equal for the same IACC and SPL band values, indicating equal importance of those bands in determining overall ASW's. Combinations of GL's and IACCE3's (average of IACC's in the 500, 1 and 2 kHz bands) for wide-band musical source signals were determined that produced the same ASW's. The early sound was comprised of 2 to 11 early "reflections" and judgments were made with and without later reverberation. It was found that both larger values of GL and smaller values of IACCE3 result in larger values of the subjectively determined ASW's. It is shown that GL and IACCE3 jointly are physical measures of spatial impression in a concert hall and that, combined, they cover the frequency range from low to high frequencies.

11:35—12:05
PANEL DISCUSSION: Weighing Cost Versus Benefit in Music Education and Performance Facilities
Panel Moderator: J. Christopher Jaffe
Panel Members: Timothy J. Poulkes, J. Godden, David P. Walsh

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 30 NOVEMBER 1994

SABINE ROOM, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.

Session 3aAO

Acoustical Oceanography and Animal Bioacoustics: Effects of Sounds on Marine Mammals: Update and Discussion on the Need for Standards II

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Chair's Introduction—8:00

Invited Papers

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Psychophysical studies have shown that the processing of modulation in one frequency channel is interfered with when a similar modulation pattern is present in another frequency channel. To test for physiological correlates to this phenomena a sinusoidally amplitude-modulated (SAM) probe tone was presented in the presence of a simultaneously gated, modulated, or unmodulated interfering tone while recording from the scalp of anesthetized gerbils. Responses were recorded from the scalp, amplified, digitized, and averaged. The amplitude of the response was determined as the magnitude of the Fourier transform measured at the frequency corresponding to the probe frequency and f... Responses in the presence of the interfering tone were compared to responses obtained to the SAM probe tone alone. The shape of the interference pattern was highly dependent on the modulation frequency of the interfering tone. With some modulation frequencies an increase in interference relative to control responses was observed at the probe frequency, while at other modulation frequencies either no interference, or even enhancement of the response was apparent. In contrast, at the probe frequency interference patterns were very similar for all interference tone modulation frequencies.

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3aAO2. A change in sperm whale (Physeter macrocephalus) distribution correlated to seismic surveys in the Gulf of Mexico. Bruce R. Mate (Hatfield Marine Sci. Ctr., Oregon State Univ., Newport, OR 97365), Kathleen M. Stafford (Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365), and Donald K. Ljungblad (Elk Mountain, WY 82324)

From 7 to 29 June 1993, vessel surveys for sperm whales were conducted in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana coast. Ninety sperm whales were seen in water 600 to 1400 m deep. On four of the first five survey days, whales were found routinely in an area 100 km S.E. of the Mississippi River before a seismic survey operation began (0.092 whales/km). Within the seismic operations area, whale abundance changed significantly to 0.038 whales/km during the first two days and then to 0.0 whales/km for the following five days (p value <0.001). During the first two days of seismic activity, whales were only seen around the periphery of the seismic area. Survey effort for the last 5 days (920 km) and revealed only one group of four animals 61 km S.W. of the seismic survey area and also 56 km N.E. from another active seismic survey. Although the observation of seismic survey activity was serendipitous, it was highly
correlated to numbers of sperm whales. This relationship deserves further investigation. If validated, additional efforts will be needed to identify areas used by sperm whales and assure that the effects of simultaneous seismic surveys do not overlap and prevent sperm whales from using important habitat.

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Models for protecting marine mammals from noise have been suggested that are analogous to human noise criteria, specifically (1) weighting functions that model species-specific auditory threshold functions (analogous to A-weighting); (2) threshold models for predicting the proportion of individuals that avoid a noise (analogous to the Schulz model of annoyance); and (3) the equal-energy hypothesis for predicting hearing loss. Models for reducing sleep interference, speech interference, and attention deficits might also be applicable. All these models will be reviewed. Unfortunately, human noise criteria do not apply to a number of effects that could occur in free-ranging marine mammals. Noise could affect nonauditory physiology. Noise could also mimic natural sounds (e.g., seismic impulses that are similar to tail beats), or attract marine mammals into dangerous areas (e.g., attracting killer whales to fishing gear). Given the paucity of research available on noise effects in marine mammals, standards may be difficult to establish, although they are badly needed. At present, management agencies have adopted extremely conservative noise criteria. The experience of regulating noise in human communities suggests that such stringent criteria cannot be enforced consistently. Solutions that have proved practical for human communities will be reviewed.

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The recent increased public awareness and concern over the potential impact of acoustic sources for oceanographic research, particularly the source for the Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) study, has raised the difficult issue of assessing both short-term and long-term effects. A baseline study in Kauai, HI has been underway for two seasons as part of the Marine Mammal Research Program associated with ATOC. This research specifically addresses the questions related to short-term (<4 months), small scale (<30-km radius zone of influence) issues using traditional visual and acoustic field methods. This includes shore-based and aerial observations, passive hydrophone array tracking, and aerial survey methods. These efforts, conducted prior to any operation of an ATOC source, provide a baseline measure of the level of short-term impact under “normal” conditions off Kauai, where normal includes regular exposure to noise from small craft, ships, helicopters, and airplanes. Potential long-term impact is addressed through statewide aerial surveys and through integration of the inter- and intra-seasonal variability of whale behaviors and distributions. Results of the Kauai research will be presented and discussed in terms of baseline impact and the need for standards.

9:25–9:40 Break

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3aAO5. Marine mammals and ocean-acoustic experiments: A personal view from Monterey Bay. Stanley M. Flatté (Dept. of Phys., Univ. of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064)

Experience in presenting technical descriptions of the relationship between marine mammals and the Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate project to environmental groups, business groups, students, and researchers is described. It is pointed out that the greatest gap in the knowledge base of the general public is the lack of realization that low-frequency acoustic noise in the ocean is at present dominated by anthropogenic sources. [Work supported by ONR Ocean Acoustics.]

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Brain-wave activity (EEG) even at minute levels recorded from the dolphin head surface may be processed in synchrony with sound to reveal an auditory-evoked potential (AEP). AEPs can provide objective information about the auditory system and many features are consistent across species so that experience with common laboratory animals and humans may be of help in evaluating responses. Although AEPs do not require a behavioral response, they may be compared with behavioral responses as sound is attenuated toward threshold. Some components of the AEP are unaffected by level of consciousness, allowing their use to evaluate hearing in sleeping infants and to determine brain damage or brain death. Auditory thresholds, and related information such as temporary threshold shifts, are critical for evaluating the potential impacts of ocean noise pollution on marine animals. Most species that are of concern, such as the great whales will not likely be brought into the laboratory so that their auditory system can be studied; however, many opportunities exist for brief studies when such animals become stranded or entrapped. Physiological studies, including AEPs, could go a long way toward providing critical information needed to define some limits for safe noise exposure for marine animals.

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3aAO7. Whale ears: Structural analyses and implications for acoustic trauma. D. R. Ketten (Dept. of Otolaryngol., Harvard Medical School, MEEI, 243 Charles St., Boston, MA 02114)

Over 75 species of dolphins and whales are spread throughout every aquatic habitat. Although echolocation abilities of some dolphins are well documented, little is known about hearing in most whales. Dolphin signals range as high as 200 kHz, while baleen whales routinely produce 10- to 20-Hz signals. Whales have, therefore, two important auditory considerations: (1) the broadest signal
range of any mammal group; and (2) the only mammalian ears adapted to underwater hearing. In this study, three-dimensional morphometric models of middle and inner ears from noncaptive toothed and baleen whales were used to estimate their hearing ranges. The analyses show echolocating species have basilar membrane stiffness coefficients 3× that of bats. Baleen whales have stiffness coefficients lower than elephants that hear infrasonics. Ganglion cell densities in whales are 2× bat and 3× human values. These data suggest echolocating dolphins may use multiple, parallel processed signal detection mechanisms. Cellular hypertrophy of inner ear support structures (stria vascularis, spiral ligament, basement membrane, etc.) in all whales may mean whales have inner ear mechanisms that decrease the potential for acoustic trauma. [Work supported by ONR Grant No. N00014-92-J-4000.]

Contributed Papers

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3aAO8. Late night fish choruses in the shallow waters off San Diego. G. L. D'Spain, L. Berger, A. M. Richardson, G. Clapp, and J. Rice (Marine Phys. Lab., Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., Mail Code 0704, La Jolla, CA 92039-0701 and NCCOSC/RTDE DIV, San Diego, CA 92152-5001)

Two major experiments, SWellEx-1 and SWellEx-3, and one engineering sea test recently have been conducted in 200-m-deep water 8 miles west of the mouth of San Diego harbor. SWellEx-1 was conducted in August of 1993, the engineering sea test in May 1994, and SWellEx-3 in July 1994. For both of the summertime SWellEx experiments, an unusual oscillation in the background levels between 275-550 Hz and 575-700 Hz was observed, typically starting around midnight local time and lasting until sunrise. The repeating pattern to the oscillations is that of a 3-5 dB increase in spectral levels, which lasts on the order of 20 s, and then followed by 25 s or so of lower levels. Azimuthal beamforming has indicated that the predominant direction of this "cycling sound" is from near coastal waters. In the data from the May 1994 engineering sea test, no such cycling sound was present. The character of these signals, i.e., their spectral content, diurnal variation, their seasonal variation, and their directionality, correspond to those described in year-long, single-hydrophone measurements made from a shallow water tower off San Diego in the early 1960s and ascribed to sounds made by fish of the croaker family [G. A. Clapp, NEL Tech Mem 1027 (1966)]. Additional properties of these signals, including a recording of the sounds made by a single individual, will be presented. [Work supported by ONR Code 321.]

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The ability to track vocalizing whales over large distances (>100 km) using horizontal arrays has recently received much attention in the under-water acoustics community ["Use of Naval Facilities for Ocean Acoustic Research," J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2851-2854 (1994)]. The high source levels of the whales, up to 190 dB re: 1 µPa at 1 m, make this possible. However, tracking vocal whales may provide an incomplete behavioral picture because a significant proportion of whales may be nonvocal at any given instance. (Visual observations are limited to the small proportion of time that whales surface.) Alternatively, the high source levels invite the possibility of treating the vocalizing whale as an active source. Sound from this source of opportunity that is scattered by other members of the herd may be sufficient to locate nonvocal whales with a towed array. Historical data are used to model the spatial distribution of vocal and nonvocal humpback whales migrating off the Eastern Continental Shelf of Australia. A spectral model for scattering from an object in a waveguide based on Ingenito's method is used to determine the scattered field from the whales. Waveguide noise is modeled via the Kuperman and Ingenito approach. Simulations indicate that localization of nonvocal whales is plausible for towed arrays within roughly 10 km of the herd in typical ambient noise conditions. This range may be extended significantly with time-domain matched filtering.

11:10-11:15 Break

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PANEL DISCUSSION:
Panel Moderator: Charles R. Greene, Jr.
Panel Members: Ann E. Bowles, Christopher W. Clark, William F. Dolphin, Jeannie Drevenak, Carol Fairfield, Stanley M. Fletté, Darleen R. Kettner, Bruce R. Mate, Sam H. Ridgway, Ann Terbush
from each vehicle is reduced by 3 dB. It is unlikely that emitted power will be cut in half, unless a number of sources the sum of which is half are attacked. This calls for better and more accurate measurements. Better monitoring equipment and better source location and source ranking equipment is needed. Outdoor monitoring has undergone a development to more rugged, stable, and accurately calibrated systems. Intensity measurements are getting out of the crib. Standards have evolved and calibration procedures are starting to be evolved. Instrumentation has been improved. It is important that intensity probes can now be produced to narrow specifications to fulfill the demand for precise and reproducible measurements; they are no longer selected from large populations, but manufactured to exact specifications. It is important to make proper calibrations, not just assume that certain parts of a probe are working properly. If intensity measurements shall gain in popularity it is important to develop the instrumentation from magic machines into practical tools for the practitioner. Practical systems, calibration, and applications will be discussed.

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3aEA2. Free-field calibration and characterization of microphone systems. Victor Nedzelitsky (Natl. Inst. of Stds. and Technol., Sound Building 233, Rm. A147, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001)

Significant discrepancies occurred in results from the recent European intercomparison of free-field calibration of IEC type LS2aP (13.2 mm nominal diameter) laboratory standard microphones [K. Rasmussen and E. Sandermann Olsen, The Acoustics Laboratory, Technical University of Denmark (DTH) Report PL-07 (1993)]. Consequently, Dr. Richard Barham of the National Physical Laboratory, U.K. (NPL) visited NIST to resolve one such discrepancy between NPL and DTH by obtaining a NIST calibration of a microphone that also had been calibrated by NPL and DTH in the European comparison. All laboratories used the reciprocity method, with independently implemented apparatus at each laboratory. The NIST calibration agreed relatively well with that of DTH, but not NPL, if all laboratories used the same values for the frequency-dependent acoustic center positions of the microphones. The problematic DTH and NPL determinations of acoustic center positions for the type LS2aP microphone, which disagree with the values obtained by scaling the positions standardized for another microphone type, are considered. Various implications for the current draft IEC standard on primary free-field calibration are discussed. Selected NIST free-field comparison calibration methods and transducer characterization procedures, recently applied to relatively novel devices such as micro-machined silicon microphones, are described.

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3aEA3. Microphone monitoring by charge injection calibration. Erling Frederiksen (B&K Res. and Develop. Dept., 2850 Naerum, Denmark)

Charge injection calibration is a new method for monitoring operation conditions of measurement chains consisting of a microphone with preamplifier, cables, and conditioning amplifier. The method replaces the insert-voltage calibration technique which is frequently used with large or unmanned systems. A great advantage of the new method is its ability to check the transducer which is practically ignored by the insert-voltage calibration. From a remote voltage source, a constant charge is "injected" into the microphone capacitance and preamplifier input circuit using a small capacitance integrated with the preamplifier. This leads to an output signal that is inversely proportional to the combined impedance of the transducer and input circuit. An accidental change in the microphone impedance—which is a good transducer condition indicator—would appear as a change in the preamplifier output. High stability and extremely high leakage resistance (typically 10^11) are required for the charge injection capacitor (typically 0.2 pF). This problem was solved and the (patented) method was found to work reliably over a wide frequency range (2 Hz–200 kHz). The new method is less costly and simpler to implement. It also preserves the system resistance to extraneous electrical fields. The method and its ability to indicate malfunctioning are discussed.

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3aEA4. Traceability of acoustics and vibrations standards at the National Center of Metrology in Mexico. J. S. Echeverria-Villagomez (Centro Nacional de MetroLOGIA, km 4.5 Carr. Los Cues, Mpio. El Marques, Queretaro, CP 76900, Mexico)

After the creation of the Mexican Primary Laboratory of Metrology, primary standards on acoustics and vibrations are being established for the first time in the country. For this task, CENAM staff has relied on the technical assistance of the corresponding groups at NIST and NRC. The process has involved several specific features due mainly to the particular needs and conditions of the Mexican laboratory. On the acoustics side, for the instrumentation of the reciprocity method for microphone calibration, the altitude of the site at which CENAM is located and the consequent low pressure lead to the proposal for a pressure-controlled chamber. Both the proposal and its completion has been carried out at NIST, with direction of its staff and participation of CENAM staff. The stage in which the project is at the moment will be shown. Also the instrumentation and methods used for giving traceability from CENAM to transfer and working standards of external customers. On the vibrations side, instrumentation of the reciprocity method for accelerometer calibration has been achieved with the Bouche Labs 5000CR system. Besides an interferometric system is being obtained as a complementary aid and for cross checking purposes. Traceability to transfer and working standards at CENAM is already being accomplished through the comparison method. An evaluation of the systems performance will be presented and a first estimation of their uncertainties will be discussed.

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Sound velocities in pure water at various temperatures were measured. A PZT transducer sends a 2-MHz pulse towards a target stationed at an accurately known distance of 120 mm away. The transit time between the forward pulse and the reflected pulse was measured precisely with statistical averaging and a reference timebase derived from the NRC cesium frequency standard. The
transducer-target probe and liquid chamber was immersed in a temperature controlled bath that was under the control of a computer. Measurements were repeated with known concentrations of alcohol and distilled water. Uncertainties of the measurements will be discussed. The authors would like to thank Lu-Jie of the Tongji University for his contribution to the construction of the measurement circuits.

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3aEA6. Considerations of errors in computer-based measurements. Alan D. Wallis (Cirrus Research plc, Acoustic House, Hunmanby YO14 0PH, UK)

The use of computers has come to dominate acoustical measurements as was predicted at ICA 1983 in Paris. However, what was not predicted was that a generation of acousticians would arrive with no previous experience of older analogue systems. To some of these new generation workers, ‘the computer is always right’ and little or no thought is given to the limitations and accuracy restrictions of a totally digital system. Automatic checks routinely done before and after measurements on previous generations of instruments are sometimes ignored, while instrument tolerances are assumed to be zero and calibrations are assumed to be perfect even though logic suggests otherwise. Consideration is given to making basic checks on computer based instruments, so that reasonable reliance can be placed on the results, often using old and traditional methods brought up to date and translated from the analogue to the digital world. Sample case histories of particular ‘real world’ errors are given, with some idea of the practical limitations of new technology instrumentation and where they sometimes fall short of older units. These are compared with some requirements of ANSI and international standards.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 30 NOVEMBER 1994 SAN MARCOS ROOM, 8:20 A.M. TO 12:05 P.M.

Session 3aNS

Noise: Nonoccupational Noise Exposures and Implications of Recent TLV Changes

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Chair’s Introduction—8:20

Invited Papers

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3aNS1. On comparing noise metrics applied to hearing conservation. John J. Earshen (Angevine Acoust. Consultants, Inc., 1021 Maple St., P.O. Box 725, East Aurora, NY 14052-0725)

A number of different metrics are in use for measuring and reporting exposure to noise for hearing conservation including noise dose, time-weighted average level, sound exposure, and sound exposure level. Functions for computation of individual metrics from measurement of acoustic pressure vary widely. Functions defining particular metrics in some instances contain choices of parameters (e.g., exchange rates and threshold levels). In most instances, once a metric has been evaluated for a particular time profile of acoustic pressure, it is not possible to convert it to another metric if the original time function is not retained. In addition to the defining functions, dynamic and frequency response characteristics of measuring instruments have influences on results obtained and can present obstacles to conversion among metrics. Large bodies of data exist which only contain the finally processed metric. The degree to which comparisons can be made because of recent changes in TLV requires inferential interpretation of the values of specific metrics which are produced by time functions that are identified only in a statistical sense. This paper examines the inferential relationships among prominent metrics for various classes of sound-pressure profiles as obtained with measuring instruments meeting ANSI and IEC performance standards.

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3aNS2. Noise exposures in U.S. coal mines. John P. Seiler, M. P. Valoski, and M. A. Crivaro (U.S. Dept. of Labor, MSHA, P.O. Box 18233, Pittsburgh, PA 15236)

Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) inspectors conduct full-shift environmental noise surveys to determine the occupational noise levels to which coal miners are exposed. These noise surveys are performed to determine compliance with the noise standard promulgated under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977. Data from over 60 000 full-shift noise surveys conducted
from Fiscal Year 1986 through 1992 were entered into a computer database to facilitate analysis. This paper presents the mean and standard deviation of over 60,000 full-shift noise dose measurements for various underground and surface coal mining occupations. Additionally, it compares and contrasts the levels with historical noise exposure measurements for selected coal mining occupations that were published in the 1970s. The findings were that the percentage of miners surveyed that were subjected to noise exposures above 100%, neglecting personal hearing protectors, were 26.5% and 21.6% for surface and underground mining, respectively. Generally, the trend is that the noise exposures for selected occupations have decreased since the 1970s.

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3aNS3. Comparison of daily noise exposures in one workplace based on 3-dB vs 5-dB exchange rates and criteria recommended by the ACGIH versus OSHA. Michelle Petrick (Occupational Health and Safety, IBM, Dept. 692, Bldg. 002, R.O. Box 12195, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709), Larry Royster (NC State University, Raleigh, NC), Julia D. Royster (Environmental Noise Consultants, Inc., Raleigh, NC), and Parker Reist (UNC, Chapel Hill, NC)

In May 1994, the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) recommended as a threshold limit value (TLV) for noise exposure an 8-h time-weighted average (TWA) noise exposure equals or exceeds 85 dBA based on a 3-dB exchange rate. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that employees be included in a hearing conservation program (HCP) if their 8-h time-weighted average (TWA) noise exposure equals or exceeds 85 dBA based on a 5-dB exchange rate. To investigate the number of additional employees who would be included in the HCP at one industrial facility if the ACGIH TLV were used, new personal dosimetry samples were collected for all noise-exposed employees. Employees at this facility have low noise exposures characterized by time-varying or intermittent noise and impact components. To allow analysis of each sample using both exchange rates, each monitored worker wore either two single-setting dosimeters or one double-setting dosimeter. Based on this data the potential impact if OSHA changed its present procedures for determining employee noise exposure will be presented.

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3aNS4. The impact of using a 3-dB vs 5-dB exchange rate on the predicted employee’s 8-h equivalent A-weighted sound-pressure level in three different types of industrial work environments. Larry H. Royster (MAE Dept., NC State Univ., Raleigh, NC 27695-7910) and Julia Doswell Royster (Environmental Noise Consultants, Inc., Raleigh, NC 27622-0698)

A noise database was previously collected using a 5-dB exchange rate for three different types of industrial work environments: paper manufacturing, aluminum casting and rolling, and meat packaging. This database will be reanalyzed to estimate the impact on the percentage of additional employees that would have to be included in each company’s hearing conservation program if a 3-dB exchange rate replaces the present OSHA 5-dB exchange rate. In addition, the effect of using different combinations of criterion and action levels in conjunction with the use of a 3-dB exchange rate will be discussed.

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3aNS5. Contribution of off-the-job noise to hearing thresholds of employees with occupational noise exposure. Julia D. Royster (Environmental Noise Consultants, Inc., P.O. Box 30698, Raleigh, NC 27622), Larry H. Royster (NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695), Pamela S. Calliari (Associated Hear. Services, Raleigh, NC), and Kelly L. Tennyson (Developmental Evaluation Ctr., Raleigh, NC)

Employers often assert that it is fruitless to protect employees from noise at work because workers’ off-the-job noise exposures are sufficient to cause significant hearing loss. Certainly, the lower the action level for including employees in a hearing conservation program (HCP) is set, the greater the potential contribution of nonoccupational exposures becomes. This paper will describe the types of nonoccupational noise exposures reported by employees in HCPs at several industries on annual auditory history questionnaires and in interviews. In order to evaluate the contribution of nonoccupational noise exposure to workers’ hearing thresholds, employees were grouped according to their self-reported amount of off-the-job noise. Results of analyses on age-corrected hearing levels will be presented.

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3aNS6. Nonoccupational noise exposures and estimated daily $L_{eq}$ values for attendance at college basketball games and shopping centers. Larry H. Royster (MAE Dept., NC State Univ., Raleigh, NC 27695-7910) and Julia Doswell Royster (Environmental Noise Consultants, Inc., Raleigh, NC 27622-0698)

Noise exposure data were collected during 1988–1989 home basketball games at North Carolina State University. Thirteen exposure samples averaging 2 h in duration were collected utilizing Larson–Davis 700 noise dosimeters. Measured noise level results were as follows: average unweighted peak pressure was 133.1 dB, average maximum sound level ($L_A$) was 115.2 dB, and average $L_{eq,40 h}$ was 97.1 dB. The equivalent 40-h exposure level $L_{eq,40 h}$ was 84 dBA. As another example of nonoccupational noise exposure, between 1982 and 1994 seven shopping malls in four different cities were visited to establish the sound level distributions. Over 800 noise level samples were obtained. When the data were restricted to malls with at least 500,000 sq ft, it was determined that measured noise levels $L_A$ could be approximated utilizing the following equations (where $N$ is the number of shoppers within a radius of 7.6 m of the measurement location): $L_A = 61 + 10 \log(N^{0.35})$, for $N \leq 10$, and $L_A = 54 + 10 \log(N^{1.29})$, for $N > 10$. 

10:35–10:50 Break
3aNS7. Noise exposure measurements of the Tokyo String Quartet. Larry H. Royster (MAE Dept., NC State Univ., Raleigh, NC 27695-7910) and Julia Doswell Royster (Environmental Noise Consultants, Inc., Raleigh, NC 27622-0698)

During the Spring 1994 Meeting of ASA a special concert was given by the Tokyo String Quartet. During the first part of the program the Tokyo String Quartet played two music selections using each of four different sets of instruments: Old Italian instruments and modern instruments crafted by Carleen Hutchins, Curtin and All, and Robert and Deena Spear. The Tokyo String Quartet had previously agreed to allow noise dosimeter monitoring of their exposures during the first half of the program. In addition, one member of the audience also wore a noise dosimeter during the performance. The measured $L_A$ values across instrument groups for the audience member exhibited a range of 0.7 dBA for the first musical selection and 0.6 dBA for the second selection. The remaining recorded database findings and its analysis will be presented. The authors are grateful to the members of the Tokyo String Quartet for allowing them the opportunity to obtain additional musician noise exposure information.

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As the lawn-maintenance industry grows in suburban residential areas, it has become a new and significant source of environmental noise and occupational noise exposure. Due to the short duration at any one location and public acceptance of this activity, there are few community complaints about the noise (except at unreasonable hours). This paper will concentrate on recreational and occupational exposure, where individuals are exposed to high noise levels for long periods of time. Most lawn-maintenance workers spend from 8-10 h per day exposed to A-weighted sound levels greater than 85 dB, and it appears that few employees wear hearing protection. Sound levels were measured and monitored at the operator’s ear and measured at a distance of 10 ft for the following equipment: lawn mowers, gas and electric edgers, gas and electric trimmers, electric blowers, and an electric hedge trimmer. A-weighted sound levels at the operator’s ear ranged from 82 to 102 dB. A comparison of equipment sound levels will be presented as well as a comparison of noise levels for gas versus electric lawn equipment. Finally, daily noise exposure for lawn-maintenance employees will be developed using the data.

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3aNS9. Sampling strategy for noise dosimetry measurements. Felix Z. Sachs (U.S. Army Cr. for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (Provisional), Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5422)

The U.S. Army has adopted most of the new ACGIH TLVs as criteria in its hearing conservation program. Most significant to the Army program was the change from a non-time-weighted inclusion criterion to the 8-h time-weighted average noise exposure level (TWA). The TWA must now be identified for all Army civilian personnel subjected to hazardous noise exposure and for soldiers working in noise-hazardous industrial operations. This can be accomplished without making noise dosimetry measurements on every single individual suspected of being exposed to hazardous noise. The U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency Technical Guide 181 on noise dosimetry and risk assessment was developed as a guide for evaluating types of noise exposure patterns and includes sampling strategies for dosimetry measurement of TWAs. The statistical basis of the sampling approach will be discussed in some detail. Other changes in the Army hearing conservation program resulting from the adoption of the TLVs will be outlined.

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3aNS10. Active noise reduction for circumaural hearing protectors by digital feedforward control. G. J. Pan, A. J. Brammer, J. Ryan, J. Zera (Inst. for Microstruct. Sci., Natl. Res. Council, Montreal Rd., Ottawa, ON K1A 0R6, Canada) and R. Goubran (Carleton Univ., Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6, Canada)

A commercial analog active noise reduction (ANR) communication headset, constructed using a circumaural hearing protector, has been modified to explore the performance of a digital ANR system for this application. The apparatus retains one ear cup and cushion, together with the earphone and attached microphone of the commercial device. The sound field outside the ear cup is sensed by a miniature microphone attached to the exterior of the ear cup, and forms the “reference” signal. This signal is fed forward to an adaptive controller, which drives the earphone within the ear cup. Control of the sound pressure within the volume enclosed by the hearing protector is maintained by an “error” microphone attached to the earphone, using the filtered-X LMS algorithm. The error-path impulse response is identified off-line. A Texas Instruments TMS320c31 floating point digital signal processor has been used to implement the control system in real time. The noise reduction of the adaptive digital system will be discussed when the hearing protector is subjected to bandlimited noise in the frequency range from 50 to 1000 Hz. [Work done in collaboration with the Defence and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine, Toronto, Ont.]

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Over 24 h the influence of occupational and nonoccupational noise may be distinguished by three periods: job, rest, and sleep. If the level of noise for each period is described in dBA there is no possibility of summing up these levels and receiving mean arithmetical values (average daily) because dBA is a logarithmic value. But if one describes levels of noise in doses there is a possibility of receiving a “medium-weighted” dose of noise load for 24-h because the doses are arithmetical values and it is possible to sum up and divide the total. If the dose level during the work is 1 dose = 80 dBA, at rest 1 dose = 40 dBA (one dose), and during sleep 1 dose = 30 dBA (Ukraine and Russian sanitary standards), then the medium-weighted sanitary standard for the 24-h level of noise is one dose. The increase of the level for each a third 24-h period at 3 dBA above the norm will increase the dose level twice (two doses); at 6 dBA it will increase to four doses; at 9 dBA it will increase to eight doses; at 12 dBA, to sixteen doses, etc. If such high doses for each period are summed up and are then devised in three, a real medium-weighted dose of noise load for 24 h above the standard, which is 1 dose, will be found. This method is simpler than estimating the noise load above the standard for each third period of a 24-h influence of noise.
Physical Acoustics: Outdoor Sound Propagation

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Contributed Papers

8:00


Two hundred seismic stations covering over 50,000 square kilometers in Southern California were used to analyze the sonic boom patterns from the landing of STS-42 in November 1993 and STS-58 in January 1994 at Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB). The instrument ground motion traces show separate arrivals which can be identified as the primary boom, creeping waves generated at the edge of the primary boom carpet, and multiple indirect sonic booms refracted from high altitude. The measured arrival times are compared with the results of linear ray tracing calculations through reference temperature and wind profiles for EAFB. The ray calculations accurately predict the measured arrival times and wavefront angles for the primary sonic boom and the creeping waves in shadow regions, and accurately predict the wavefront angles for the indirect booms. Ray theory using the reference atmosphere fails to predict indirect boom arrival time, observed multiple booms within the first shadow region, and extensive overlap of the multiply refracted sonic booms. These results suggest that boom exposure under the real atmosphere may be larger than previously expected.

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3aPAa2. Sonic boom rise time. Robin O. Cleveland and David T. Blackstock (Appl. Res. Labs. and Mech. Eng. Dept., Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

The rise time of a sonic boom shock in air depends strongly on the relaxation processes of nitrogen and oxygen. Stratification of the atmosphere leads to significant variation of the relaxation processes with altitude. J. Kang [Ph.D. thesis, Penn State (1991)] argues that the shock profile can adjust quickly enough to changes in attenuation that it always appears to be in steady state. If correct, then rise time at the ground can be calculated from local conditions only. A time domain computer algorithm, based on work by Lee and Hamilton ("Time domain modeling of pulsed finite-amplitude sound beams," submitted to J. Acoust. Soc. Am. in March 1994), is presented for a Burgers-type equation. The algorithm includes the effects of nonlinear distortion, thermoviscous absorption, molecular relaxation, and ray tube spreading. A parametric study of the effect of change in relative humidity shows that the steady-state assumption is not justified for sonic boom shocks in the atmosphere. A sonic boom propagated through a real atmosphere is shown to have a rise time that, in all cases run so far, is shorter than that of a steady-state shock calculated using atmospheric properties at the ground only. [Work supported by NASA.]

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3aPAa3. Weakly nonlinear propagation of N waves through turbulence. B. Lipkens (Macro-Sonix, 1054 Technol. Park Dr., Glen Allen, VA 23060) and Philippe Blanc-Benon (Ecole Centrale de Lyon, 69131 Ecully Cedex, France)

Reported here is a numerical investigation to explain experimental observations of the effect of turbulence on N wave propagation [B. Lipkens, Ph.D. thesis, Mech. Eng. Dept., Univ. of Texas at Austin (1993)]. An adaptation of Von Kárman's spectral model for incompressible, isotropic turbulence is used to generate a statistical realization of a turbulent field. The 2-D, random, isotropic velocity or temperature fields consist of a collection of discrete Fourier velocity modes [Ph. Blanc-Benon et al., Theoret. Comput. Fluid Dynamics 2, 271–278 (1991)]. The nonlinear propagation model consists of two parts: (1) Linear geometric acoustics is used to trace rays through each realization of the turbulent field, and (2) a nonlinear transport equation is derived for the propagation along the eigenrays and solved by a Pestorius-type algorithm. The input waveform to the algorithm is a plane N wave similar to that used in the model experiment to simulate sonic boom propagation through a turbulent atmosphere. Statistics of peak pressure and rise time, parameters that determine the loudness of sonic booms, are calculated over 100 realizations. The effect of turbulence is to reduce the nonlinear distortion of the N wave. On average, turbulence reduces peak pressure and increases rise time. Qualitatively, the same conclusions are observed as in the model experiment.

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3aPAa4. A numerical study of random focusing for plane waves propagating in scalar or vectorial turbulent media. Philippe Blanc-Benon and Daniel Juve (Lab. de Mécan. des Fluides et d’Acoust., URA-CNRS 263, BP 163, Ecole Centrale de Lyon, 69131 Ecully Cedex, France)

A numerical simulation has been developed to investigate the random focusing for an acoustic plane wave propagating through scalar or vectorial turbulent fields. The turbulence is represented as a set of realizations of random fields (temperature or incompressible velocity) generated by a limited number of random Fourier modes [M. J. Karweit et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 89, 52–62 (1991)]. Through each realization the propagation of a plane wave is considered in either the geometric or the parabolic approximation. Using the ray equations the ray trajectories and the location of the instantaneous caustics are computed. The acoustic pressure field and the intensity fluctuations are obtained by solving a wide-angle parabolic equation. Ensemble averaging is then performed to evaluate the probability distribution of the occurrence of caustics and the variance of acoustic intensity fluctuations. For 2-D and 3-D scalar simulations the results demonstrate that the position of caustics as well as the maximum peak in the scintillation index are governed by universal parameters related to the transverse spatial derivatives of the correlation function of the fluctuating components of the turbulent medium. Results will be given to generalize the definition of these universal parameters for sound propagation in random velocity fields.

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3aPAa5. Short term fluctuations in the sound field within a shadow region near the ground. David I. Havelock (Inst. for Microstruct. Sci., Natl. Res. Council, Ottawa ON K1A 0R6, Canada)

An acoustic shadow region can be created near the ground by an upwardly refracting atmosphere or masking by prominent terrain features.
Acoustic energy arrives deep within the shadow region principally by scattering from turbulence in the insonified region above the shadow. It is expected that the structure and dynamics of the turbulence ultimately determine the characteristics of the sound field observed in the shadow region. By identifying observable characteristics of this sound field, it is hoped that useful relationships between meteorological dynamics and sound field fluctuations within the shadow region can be established. A large array of microphones has been deployed on an asphalt runway to investigate the sound field fluctuations in a refractive shadow. The frequency range being investigated is 40–1000 Hz, at ranges up to 700 m. The evolution of the sound field over the period of a few seconds is discussed. Examples of the observed sound field are presented.

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3aPAa6. Atmospheric sound propagation in a turbulent atmosphere over irregular terrain. Xiao Di and Kenneth E. Gilbert (Appl. Res. Lab. and the Graduate Program in Acoust., Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

A phase screen method for atmospheric turbulence and a cascaded conformal mapping technique for irregular terrain are used together to investigate scattering of sound by turbulence into a terrain-generated shadow zone. Comparisons with and without atmospheric turbulence are made for frequencies from 50 to 500 Hz. It is shown that with the near-ground turbulence model of Daigle and a hill similar to that in the Joint Acoustic Propagation Experiment (JAPE), turbulence effects are negligible below approximately 125 Hz. Above 125 Hz, there is considerable scattering into the shadow zone behind the hill. For the data currently available from the JAPE measurements, the theoretical predictions are in good agreement with experiment. [Work supported by the Army Research Laboratory.]

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3aPAa7. Scattering of sound by turbulence into a shadow region. Michael R. Stinson (Inst. for Microstruct. Sci., Natl. Res. Council, Ottawa, ON K1A 0R6, Canada)

The sound field above ground due to a point source in an upwardly refracting atmosphere has been computed to determine the nature of turbulent scattering into a shadow region. A Green's function parabolic equation (GFPE) method that includes turbulence via a phase screen approach [X. Di and K. E. Gilbert, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 92, 2405(A) (1992)] is used for the simulations. Flat ground with finite surface impedance and a logarithmic sound-speed profile are assumed, and propagation ranges of 1 km are considered. Different realizations of a turbulent atmosphere were generated employing a Gaussian spectrum to describe the turbulence. For 500-Hz source tones, it was found that the components of the turbulence spectrum that contributed most to the scattered field in the acoustic shadow region corresponded to dimensions of the order of 2–5 m; this scale of structure can be understood in terms of a Briggs reflection condition. The sound pressure at a receiver position in the acoustic shadow appears to be dominated by contributions from a small number of localized scattering regions.

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3aPAa8. Scale model experiments on the diffraction and scattering of sound by a partially rough curved surface. James P. Chambers, a) Yves H. Berthelot, and T. Shane Stone (School of Mech. Eng., Georgia Inst. of Technol., Atlanta, GA 30332-0405)

Scale model experiments have been conducted to study the propagation of sound over a curved surface partially covered with rigid random roughness elements in the high-frequency diffraction/low-frequency scattering regime. The effects of roughness are found by comparing the sound field with that obtained with a fully smooth curved surface. Experiments indicate that roughness in the shadow zone acts to tunnel more sound into the shadow zone of the partially rough surface, relative to the curved smooth surface, via a "creeping boundary wave." This wave qualitatively follows the trends of both creeping waves due to diffraction and Tolstoy-type "boundary waves" due to coherent scattering. However, roughness in the bright zone causes less sound to propagate into the shadow zone of the partially rough surface, relative to the curved smooth surface, because of incoherent scattering. [This work is supported by a Fannie and John Hertz Fellowship.] a)Current address: National Center for Physical Acoustics, University, MS 38677.

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3aPAa9. Estimation of time-varying phase for multiple tones in atmospheric sound propagation. John C. Burgess (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Hawaii, 2540 Dole St., Honolulu, HI 96822) and David I. Havelock (Natl. Res. Council, Ottawa, ON K1A 0S1, Canada)

Atmospheric turbulence affects both the amplitude and phase of transmitted sound. Tones at different frequencies will be affected differently. In an earlier presentation [J. C. Burgess and D. I. Havelock, "Estimation of time-varying phase (instantaneous frequency) in atmospheric sound propagation," J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2838(A) (1994)], the time-varying phase of a single tone was estimated by two methods, one based on an FFT with optimum data windows, the other based on the discrete Hilbert transform. In this presentation, the optimum data window method is extended to multiple tones. Accuracy of the method is examined using a synthesized signal with and without additive noise.

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3aPAa10. Helicopter field data compared with fast field program. Michael T. Barnes (U.S. Army Res. Lab., Battlefield Environment Directorate, White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002)

A study was conducted to compare the fast field program (FFP) to data obtained from helicopters. The purpose of the study was to see how well FFP predictions would compare to helicopter data over ranges out to 20 km and determine if the FFP could be used to reliably predict the propagation conditions for acoustic arrays listening for over a period of 2 weeks acoustic data from several helicopters with various flight paths out to a range of 20 km was recorded. At the same time meteorological conditions were also noted. These included temperatures up to 400 m, relative humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed, and wind direction up to 2000 m. The results were very promising and in most cases provided a good comparison until the helicopter signal was buried in background noise.

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A sensitivity analysis was performed on the Green's function parabolic equation (GFPE) model to determine parameter bounds which maintain model validity. To determine these bounds, inverse theory was used to determine the "best" combination of input parameters over a two-dimensional domain using a normalized sum of squared residuals. A two-dimensional version of the fast field program (FFP), a widely accepted atmospheric propagation model, was used as comparison. Plots of the error surface were then made to show sensitivity bounds. Upward and downward refracting atmospheres were considered for a range of frequencies. The GFPE model was found to require a larger linear parameter representing of about 0.05 wavelengths while the range increment parameter extended from 10 to 120 wavelengths depending on atmospheric profile and frequency. The thickness of the attenuation layer was found to be frequency dependent and ranged from 50 to over 200 wavelengths. The surface wave integral height was found to be a minimum of 30 and 13 wavelengths for the upward and downward atmospheres, respectively. The CPU time for the GFPE model ranged from 10 to 60 s, depending on frequency, and was approximately 60–1000\times faster than the two-dimensional FFP.
3aPAa12. When is downwind propagation really upwind propagation? John M. Noble (U.S. Army Res. Lab., Battlefield Environment Directorate, White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002)

For a long time, atmospheric acoustic propagation has used phases like "upwind propagation," "downwind propagation," and "crosswind propagation" to describe the type of propagation conditions present in the atmosphere. For short-range propagation (<3 km), the portion of the atmosphere between 50 and 100 m will primarily influence the propagation of sound. This region of the atmosphere is called the surface layer. Typically, through this region there is not much change in the mean wind direction. Therefore the terms mentioned earlier have some meaning for short-range propagation. This is due to the effective speed of sound for a given direction not varying much due to the small changes in the mean wind direction with height. For longer range propagation, this terminology could have little to do with the actual propagation conditions due to the effect of wind speed and wind direction variations with height above the surface layer. The purpose of this presentation is to discuss why this terminology is not appropriate and for what conditions it is appropriate for use in atmospheric acoustics.

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3aPAa13. Complex image theory for sound propagation above ground. Michael J. White (U.S. Army Construction Eng. Res. Lab., P.O. Box 9005, Champaign, IL 61826-9005) and Y.L. Li (Univ. of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801)

A very simple and accurate method is introduced for the computation of the sound field above an impedance ground or a porous half-space. The procedure is based on complex image theory. Using Prony's method, the slowly varying part of the integrand in the Sommerfeld integral is approximated by a short series in terms of complex exponential functions. Combining the series of exponential functions and the remaining integrand, the resulting integral can be exactly evaluated by the Sommerfeld identity. A new closed-form expression of the sound field is represented as the original source, its quasistatic image, and three "images" with complex amplitudes and positions. Avoiding numerical evaluation of the Sommerfeld integral makes these closed-form expressions computationally very efficient. Numerical results show that these closed-form Green's functions are very accurate for the computation of the near and intermediate fields.

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PECOS ROOM. 8:30 TO 11:15 A.M.

Session 3aPAb

Physical Acoustics: Bubble Dynamics and Cavitation

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Contributed Papers

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Spark gaps are finding use as underwater acoustic sources in sonar and prospecting applications. It is thus important to determine the influence of pressure and conductivity on the dielectric breakdown of water. Well defined rectangular pulses (80-kV, 3-ns rise time, 100-ns duration) have been applied to a gap (0.04–0.21 cm), between Rogowski profile electrodes, containing de-ionized, nondistilled water, de-ionized, distilled water, or sodium chloride solutions (0.001–1.0 M). Breakdown in these liquids has been studied at pressures up to 400 atm. Calibrated voltage dividers situated on the source and load sides of the test gap permitted measurement of the interelectrode potential and the current response. From these measurements, the time lag to breakdown, breakdown voltage, power input to the...
liquid, and temporal characteristics of the breakdown process have been determined. The breakdown time lag increases with increasing pressure and gap width, and decreases with increasing field. Moreover, it is weakly dependent on the conductivity of the liquid. An Ohmic current-voltage relation has been observed during the prebreakdown stage. A dynamical model has been developed to explain these results and is also presented at this meeting. [Work supported by ONR.]

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The complex free-decay frequency was measured for quadrupole oscillations of acoustically levitated bubbles. Single bubbles were stably levitated for periods of up to 3 h. During this time the natural frequency and damping were measured at approximately 2-min intervals. Bubble oscillations were detected by means of an optical extinction technique. Each free-decay record was taken by abruptly terminating the amplitude modulation used to induce shape oscillations. The method is remarkably sensitive to the presence of impurities which adsorb onto the surface from solution. Damping associated with "clean" small bubbles agrees with predictions associated with viscous and boundary layer considerations for oscillations about a spherical shape. The complex frequency obtained for controlled bulk concentrations of surfactant (Triton X-100) agrees qualitatively with planar surface capillary-wave studies. Salt water solutions and Poiseuille seawater are also examined. Anomalous additional damping was found in association with larger bubbles (radius \( \geq 750 \mu m \)) and possible sources will be considered. [Research supported by ONR.]

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3aPAb3. An experimental investigation of bubble shapes from a nozzle in water. B. K. Choi and S. W. Yoon (Dept. of Phys., Sung Kyun Kwan Univ., Suwon 440-746, Republic of Korea)

The shape oscillations of bubbles from a nozzle in water have been well investigated by Longuet-Higgins [M. S. Longuet-Higgins, J. Fluid Mech. 201, 543–565 (1989)]. In the present paper the elliptical deformation due to a bubble rising in water is introduced in the Longuet-Higgin's theory. The bubble shape oscillations in water are also experimentally observed using a stroboscope photographic technique. The theory with an elliptical deformation condition well describes the experimental observation of bubble shape oscillations. The dependence of antipode time on bubble radius shows good agreement between the theoretical estimation and the experimental observation. [Work supported by the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation.]

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The equilibrium positions and shapes of stably levitated bubbles on the Earth in an ultrasonic standing wave have been measured and calculated for bubbles larger than resonance size (radius=140 \( \mu m \)). The method of levitating bubbles typically having radii \( \geq 400 \mu m \) was previously described [T. J. Asaki, P. L. Marston, and E. H. Trinh, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 706–713 (1993)]. The equilibrium position gives a measure of the radiation force on the bubble. Trapped bubbles exhibit an oblate shape of primarily quadrupole distortion. They are positioned near to and above the axial pressure minimum in the levitation chamber. These results are in good quantitative agreement with predictions based upon the multipole projections of the acoustic radiation pressure on the bubble, taking into account the monopole acoustic response of the bubble. The monopole response is limited by inertia and radiation damping for the size range of bubbles considered. A simplified theory for the shape (based on the deformation resulting from the Bernoulli pressure of incompressible potential flow around a sphere) is generally consistent with the measurements for the smaller bubbles observed. [Research supported by ONR.]

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Recently it was shown that a system of coupled nonlinear acoustic oscillators such as bubbles in a liquid may generate a coherent radiation starting from the initially incoherent state. However, such an active (radiative) coupling is typically weak, especially if the size of the system is smaller than the acoustic wavelength. Here a stronger, reactive coupling, such as an interaction of bubbles via the potential fluid motion around them, is considered. It is shown that an initial incoherent phase distribution is unstable only for the excitation level exceeding a definite threshold. For a nonlinear stage of generation a three-mode analytical model is used, permitting one to perform a phase-plane investigation of a system and to estimate the amplitude and duration of the generated coherent pulse. From the viewpoint of nonlinear dynamics, such an effect is an example of a "chaos–order" transition in a Hamiltonian system (although chaos may be just a lack of coherence). The role of small dissipation is also considered. Some estimates are made for the ensemble of bubbles in a liquid. [Now at Univ. of Colorado at Boulder, CIRES, ETL/ERL/NOAA, 325 Broadway, R/E/ET, Boulder, CO 80303.]

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The diffusion of gas into a spark-generated vapor bubble is shown to be an important factor when attempting to generate repeated oscillations of the bubble. Predictions for the radius–time curve based on the Trilling
equation are matched with experimental measurements and the equilibrium radius is deduced. The high-frequency approximation of the first-order solution of the Eller-Flynn formulation for mass diffusion is utilized to estimate the amount of gas diffused into the bubble at the end of a single cycle. An increase in the bubble radius and collapse time is noted and this process is repeated for an extended number of cycles. The frequency signature of the resulting bubble oscillation is analyzed. The increase in the bubble radius and the period of oscillation due to diffusion, and the gas-microbubble residues remaining after collapse, have potentially important effects when generating a repeated sequence of vapor bubbles, as in extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy. [Work supported in part by the U.S. Navy and the National Institute of Health.]

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Plasma-induced bubbles respond to time-dependent injection of energy which modifies the acoustic output relative to "classical" gas bubbles. Additionally, they consist primarily of hot vapor which complicates the thermodynamics, elevates the importance of some traditionally untreated variables, and requires additional physical process treatments beyond the basic hydrodynamics. A code that is based upon fundamental physical principles was developed to study the importance of many of these variables. The code is capable of treating the actual driving circuit, resultant plasma behavior, transition from cylindrical to spherical geometry early in the discharge, radiation production, plasma chemistry, thermal transport, and hydrodynamics in a modified Flynn formulation. Primary output consists of bubble wall acceleration, radius, etc., energy balance, and far field pressure. The code has been validated with experimental data and will be compared with ongoing hydrocode model development as well. Experimental and theoretical results are presented for large vapor bubbles. [Work supported by the U.S. Navy.]

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3aPAb9. Acoustic microstreaming within a gas-filled bubble. Wesley L. Nyborg (Dept. of Phys., Univ. of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405)

When surface waves occur on the boundary of a gas-filled space surrounded by liquid, the resulting motions of the gas include velocity components parallel to the gas-liquid interface. Because these satisfy a nearly nonslip condition, boundary layers are established and small-scale acoustic streaming is generated in the gas phase. Approximate theory suggests that significant convection can occur, and may play a role in sonic enhancement of rate processes which occur at gas-liquid interfaces. For example, intrabubble streaming may contribute to the enhancement of rectified diffusion observed by Gould [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 56, 1740-1746 (1974)].

11:00
3aPAb10. A model for cavitation damage during ultrasonic cleaning. Quan Qi, John G. Harris, and Robert E. Johnson (Dept. of Theor. and Appl. Mech., Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 216 Talbot Lab., 104 S. Wright St., Urbana, IL 61801)

A model is proposed in this report to describe the potential growth of an existing crack in the structural component caused by collapsing bubbles during ultrasonic cleaning. A local pressure rise is generated by the collapse of a single bubble and the momentum of the collapse is described by the Kelvin impulse \( I(t) \). By assuming a uniform pressure distribution and using dynamic fracture mechanics, we obtain a simple relation that expresses the dynamic stress intensity factor \( K(t) \) as a function of the Kelvin impulse. Further simplification is achieved by assuming spherical bubble deformation in the description of the Kelvin impulse, as suggested by Blake and Gibson [Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech. 19, 99–123 (1987)], and this leads to a relation between the dynamics of a single bubble and the stress intensity factor \( K(t) \). The time history of \( K(t) \) is discussed for a completely collapsed bubble obeying the Rayleigh equation. Once the dynamical stress intensity factor exceeds the fracture toughness \( K_{IC} \), crack will start to grow. Repeated action of collapsing bubbles eventually leads to the failure of the component. [Work supported by the Manufacturing Research Center of the University of Illinois.]
WEDNESDAY MORNING, 30 NOVEMBER 1994

TRINITY B, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Session 3aPP

Psychological and Physiological Acoustics: Posters on Hearing
(Poster Session)

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Contributed Papers

All posters will be on display from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. To allow contributors an opportunity to see other posters, contributors of odd-numbered papers will be at their posters from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., and contributors of even-numbered papers will be at their posters from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Posters will remain on display until 5:00 p.m.

3aPP1. Forward-masked intensity increment thresholds at two recovery times. Lance Nizami and Bruce A. Schneider (Dept. of Psychol., Erindale College, Univ. of Toronto, 3359 Mississauga Rd., Mississauga, ON L5L 1C6, Canada)

Forward-masked just-noticeable differences were obtained from two listeners using a two-interval forced-choice procedure. In one of the intervals, a 2-kHz, 200-ms masker preceded a 2-kHz Gaussian-shaped tone pip (σ=0.5 ms). The other interval contained the same masker followed by a comparison tone pip. The listener’s task was to identify the interval containing the louder tone pip. Within a block of trails both masker intensity (range = 10–80 dB SPL) and masker-target time gap (3 or 80 ms) were kept constant. The intensity of the standard tone pip (before multiplication by the Gaussian envelope) was always set to 20 dB above the level of the masker. When intensity-increment thresholds are plotted as a function of masker level at both time gaps, thresholds rise to a maximum at a masker level of 50 dB SPL before declining again. This pattern may be consistent with the idea of two intensity-processing channels, one for louder sounds and one for softer ones [see F-G. Zeng, C. W. Turner, and E. M. Relkin, Hear. Res. 55, 223-230 (1992)]. [Work supported by NSERC.]

3aPP2. Abstract withdrawn.

3aPP3. Effect of the level difference between leading and trailing stimuli on pitch, loudness, and binaural perception. Shigeaki Aoki (NTT Human Interface Labs.; 1-2356, Tako Yokosuka-shi, Kanagawa 238-03, Japan) and Tamto Houtgast (TNO Inst. for Human Factors, Soesterberg, The Netherlands)

The total perception for pitch and loudness as a function of level difference between the leading and trailing stimuli is investigated using the same stimulus configuration and measuring the paradigm which clearly showed that the dominance of the leading stimulus depends on the level difference [S. Aoki and T. Houtgast, Hear. Res. (1992)]. A brief stimulus of 20 ms is subdivided into two parts with durations T1 and T2. Each part consists of a sinusoidal signal of either 1 or 2 kHz for pitch perception, or each part consists of a 2-kHz sinusoidal signal with either + or -3 dB for loudness perception. The measuring paradigm aims at assessing the critical ratio T1/T2 for which both parts contribute equally to the overall sensation of pitch or loudness for these brief stimuli. In contrast to the earlier study on dichotic cues, the effect of the level difference between the leading and trailing stimuli on pitch perception is found to be smaller and discontinuous. The effect on loudness perception is found to be greater and symmetrical. It is also found that the characteristic curves of these perceptions form a meaningful triangular area.


A novel computational model of localization has been implemented. Using a simplified model of the cochlea filter bank, maximum-likelihood estimates of azimuth and elevation are formed from interaural intensity and phase differences at energy onsets in multiple critical bands. Preliminary results show that the model is capable of resolving front/back confusions and other elevation ambiguities resulting from the “cones of confusion.” The onset sampling strategy is intended to model psychoacoustic phenomena such as the precedence effect and allows the model to deal with multiple sound sources and reverberant environments. Examples of the model’s ability to resolve ambiguous signals will be presented and compared with human performance. [Work supported by NSF.]

3aPP5. Efferent adaptation and fatigue: The effect of contralateral noise on spontaneous otoacoustic emissions. Gregory L. Dykstra (Dept. of Psychol., Mezes Hall 330, Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712)

Mott et al. [Hear. Res. 38, 229–242 (1989)] have shown that both frequency and amplitude of spontaneous otoacoustic emissions (SOAEs) can be modulated by contralateral acoustic stimulation. They also examined the effects of stimulus durations up to 4 min in search of long-term adaptation, but none was found. Because the driven rate of efferent fibers declines by only about one spike per second per minute [M. C. Liberman and M. C. Brown, Hear. Res. 24, 17–36 (1986)], longer durations might be necessary to observe efferent adaptation/fatigue. In the present study, SOAEs of three subjects were measured in the presence of contralateral narrow-band noises with various frequency characteristics and with durations of up to 60 min. The hypothesized effect—an initial decline in SOAEs amplitude under contralateral stimulation followed by a return to preexposure levels with the onset of efferent adaptation—was not consis-
good signed English is reported elsewhere [K. Baynos et al., Int. Neuropsychiatry, 1980]. In a group of subjects independently treated from well-defined classes with narrow transitions to intervals with wide extremes. Under similar conditions subsequent dose–response functions for an individual differed little. Name brand and generic preparations apparently dissolve at different rates; some differences among individuals may reflect variations in excipients or compounding.

3aPP9. The effect of a diver’s glove on vibrotactile thresholds. Jeffrey D. Travis and Joan Schoppe (Appl. Res. Labs., The Univ of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

An experiment measuring vibrotactile thresholds in human subjects was performed. Vibration thresholds at frequencies between 100 and 400 Hz under normal conditions were compared with other researchers’ published results. To examine how diving gear would affect a sea diver’s vibratory sensitivity, vibrotactile thresholds were determined on the middle phalanx of subjects with and without diver’s gloves. Two kinds of diver’s gloves were tested, one designed for cold water and the other for warm water. It was established that diver’s gloves do have an effect on vibrotactile thresholds, and that the specific type of glove (cold water or warm water) alters the normal shape of the threshold curves in different ways.


Introducing more audio/video equipment (CD, DCC, TV, CD-I, etc.) into a room creates a new audio problem, one of multiple sound sources with multiple listeners. When different persons, denoted as A, B, C, etc., listen to different programs, denoted as “a,” “b,” “c,” person A experiences program “a” as sound and programs “b” and “c” as noise. Each person would prefer a high sound/noise (S/N) ratio at his listening position. In this contribution the situation of two persons working with their (multimedia) PCs in an office, or watching in a living room two TVs with accompanying sound, is considered. In order to obtain a specification, listening tests were done, which gave a desired S/N ratio of about 20 dB(B). In an anechoic environment such a specification is easily realized using a loudspeaker array to control the directivity. In a real (living) room this is not sufficient and active noise control (to decrease N) and active sound control (to increase S) are used, particularly in the low-frequency region. During the presentation at the conference, recordings will be reproduced of realized S/N ratios of 34 dB(B) in the anechoic room and of more than 20 dB(B) in a living room.

3aPP11. Multisensory interaction: Influence of spatial visual cues on auditory detection. Dietrich Paritz (Graduate College Psychoacoust., FB 8, Oldenburg Univ., D-26111 Oldenburg, Germany)

Recent physiological and psychological studies suggest spatiotopic maps of auditory space often build up by groups of multisensory neurons. At this neuronal level stimulus representations of different modalities seem to be transformed into a common coordinate system. A multimodal stimulus may produce enhancement, depression, or no interaction effect on the cell activity, depending on its certain spatiotemporal combination. In several experiments the influence of visual cues on auditory perception was examined. The results indicate a dependence on spatial and temporal parameters. [Work supported by DFG.]
3aSP. Extending the perceptual magnet effect to a CVC word context. Richard Eyraud and Patricia K. Kuhl (Dept. of Speech and Hear. Sci., WI-10, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195)

Recent research by Kuhl and her colleagues has demonstrated a perceptual magnet effect in vowels and consonants suggesting that perceptual organization is strongly influenced by category goodness. Equidistant regions surrounding the worst exemplars of a category are "stretched," demonstrating relatively better discriminability and increased perceptual distances. Conversely, regions surrounding the best exemplars of a category are "stretched," demonstrating relatively better discriminability and increased perceptual distances. The present experiments extend this finding to a word context by investigating the perceptual organization of the American English vowel /i/ in isolation and in a CVC word context, specifically /bid/. In the vowel experiment, eight variants of /i/ were synthesized by independently changing F1 and F2. Similarly, in the CVC word experiment, eight variants of the word /bid/ were synthesized by independently changing the vowel steady states of F1 and F2. Adult monolingual speakers were asked to judge the goodness of each variant and the similarity of paired tokens on a seven-point scale. Multidimensional scaling analyses demonstrated a similar perceptual magnet effect in both the vowel and CVC word experiments. These results suggest that the perceptual magnet effect observed with phonetic units extends to the lexical level, possibly contributing to lexical access. [Work supported by NIH.]

3aSP2. Effect of voice quality on the tense/lax distinction for English vowels. Lori L. Holt, Andrew J. Lotto, and Keith R. Kluender (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706)

For a variety of East and West African languages, voice quality covaries with tongue root advancement. In these vowel systems, an advanced tongue root vowel is produced with breathy phonation, whereas, a modal voice quality is used with nonadvanced tongue root. A potential explanation for this regularity, based on the interaction between acoustic effects of vocal-tract shape and of voice quality, was evaluated. Because it has been suggested that the advanced tongue root contrast is similar to the tense/lax contrast in English, male and female series varying perceptually from tense to lax were synthesized for several English vowels. Breathy productions of each series were created by increasing spectral tilt. Results from identification tasks indicated that, in general, breathy phonation led to more high vowels being identified as tense. In addition, the effect of breathiness was greater for vowels modeled after female productions. These results suggest that the covariation in African languages may be consistent with the general principle of auditory enhancement and adaptive dispersion. The findings may also be relevant to gender differences in voice quality. [Work supported by NIDCD Grant No. DC-00719 and NSF Grant No. DBS-9258482.]

3aSP3. Limitation on labial anticipation in [i] in a language with an [i]–[y] contrast. Cécile Fougeron (Phon. Lab., Dept. of Linguist., UCLA, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024-1543 and Inst. de Phonét. CNRS URA1027, Paris, France)

In French, the acoustic effects of anticipation of a final high front rounded vowel, [y], can be observed in a preceding [i]. This labial anticipation induces a lowering of the formants being measured (F2,F3,F4) both in the middle and, to a greater extent, at the end of the [i] in [iCy] sequences. Although significant, this contextual influence does not jeopardize the acoustic contrast between [i] and [y]. To understand the articulatory basis of these results, acoustic consequences of the gestures involved in the so-called rounding contrast between [i] and [y] are investigated through articulatory modeling. An [i]-like area function is simulated with different degrees and combinations of anticipatory lip protrusion, reduction of the area at the lips, and larynx lowering. [i] allows little variation in lip gestures; beyond a limited range of coarticulation [i] shifts acoustically to the region occupied by [y]. While [i] appears to be quantal when we consider variation in tongue constriction, it shows a sensitive response to lip perturbation. In the [iCy] sequences observed, it seems that constraints on distinctiveness prevent a greater labial anticipation.

3aSP4. Effects of lexical status on native and non-native English-speaking adults' vowel perception. Victoria L. Michel, Lauren A. Randazza, Amanda C. Walley (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL 35294), and James E. Flege (UAB)

Monolingual, English-speaking adults and native Chinese (Mandarin) speakers who learned English as a second language heard stimuli from two "native," synthetic continua, in which the vowels ranged from English /i/ to /i/ in the context /b_b/ or /b_p/. Thus the end points of the first continuum constituted an English word and a nonword ("bib" vs "*beeb"); the reverse held for the second continuum ("*hip" vs "beep"). These same subjects also heard stimuli from two "foreign" continua, where the vowels ranged from English /i/ to a foreign (non-English) vowel /yi/ in the contexts described above. Thus the end points of the first continuum corresponded to a word and a nonword ("bib" vs "*beeb"); both end points of the second continuum corresponded to nonwords ("*hip" vs "*beep"). After training on end points, subjects' identifications of the nine stimuli of a given continuum were examined to assess whether: the Chinese speakers, like native English speakers, exhibit a "lexical bias" effect for English vowels (from the native continua); vowel categories not bounded by another native/English vowel (as in the foreign continua) expand outward or become better defined with increased exposure to English and/or lexical status. [Work supported by NIH.]

3aSP5. Learning to perceive and produce American English vowels: A study of speakers of Brazilian Portuguese. Marilalice Szpigel (Dept. Speech, Commun. Sci., and Theatre, St. John's Univ., 8000 Utopia Parkway, Jamaica, NY 11439) and Fredericka Bell-Berti (St. John's Univ., Jamaica, NY 11439 and Haskins Labs., New Haven, CT 06511)
Brazilians who are fluent in English have more difficulty perceiving and producing American English vowels than consonants. This study examines vowel perception and production by ten native speakers of Brazilian Portuguese who had begun the sixth year of study of American English (at the Instituto Brasil-Estados Unidos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). At this level, all students are able to speak English fluently, but with varying degrees of proficiency; within the program constraints, the subjects were chosen to represent different levels of English proficiency. These bilinguals’ perception of American English vowels (produced by native speakers of American English) will be compared to the reported perception of American English vowels [G. Peterson and H. Barney, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 39, 151–184 (1952)]. The bilinguals’ productions of 15 American English vowels were identified by six teachers of English (three native Americans and three native Brazilians), with extensive experience teaching English. Ability to perceive the American English vowels will be related to production ability, for the group and for the two best and two poorest students. [Work supported by St. John’s University and by NIH Grant No. DC-00121 to the Huskins Laboratories.]


Acoustic analysis of nasalized vowels in the frequency domain indicates the presence of extra peaks, one between the first two formants with amplitude P1 and one below the first formant with amplitude P0; the first-formant amplitude A1 is also reduced relative to its amplitude for a nonnasal vowel. These acoustic characteristics may be explained by speech production theory. The objective of this study is to determine the base line values for the acoustic parameters in quantifying nasality. A1-P1 and A1-P0 were tested as measures of nasality by comparing vowels adjacent to nasal consonants and those adjacent to stops for English speakers. For high vowels, A1-P1 is a better parameter to distinguish nasal vowels from non-nasal vowels, with an average difference of 10 dB; however, A1-P0 is better for low vowels, with an average difference of 7 dB. French nasal vowels adjacent to stops were also examined. To further test these parameters as measures of nasality, they were systematically manipulated in synthetic speech and presented in perceptual experiments. High correlation was obtained between nasality perception and normalized acoustic parameters. [Work supported by NSF, NIH, and LeBel fellowship.]

3aSP7. Dialect differences in vowel production and perception. Alice Faber (Haskins Labs., 270 Crown St., New Haven, CT 06511), Catherine T. Best (Wesleyan Univ., Middletown, CT 06459 and Haskins Labs., New Haven, CT 06511), and Marianna Di Paolo (Univ. of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112)

Earlier work [Faber et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1865 (1994)] reported differences among American-English-speaking listeners from Utah and Connecticut/NY in perception of the HEEL–HILL and POOL–PULL contrasts (pairs that are nearly merged in Utah but distinct in the northeast US), measured by three tasks, labeling, AXB discrimination, and keyword identification. On these tasks, a few CT/NY listeners (those with parents from the southern US) performed differently from the other subjects. Their vowel spaces also were qualitatively different from those of the other listeners, based on acoustic analysis of three readings of the keywords. The CT/southern listeners had more high back crowding and did better on Utah POOL/PULL than the other listeners, while the Utah listeners had more high front crowding and did better on Utah HEEL/HILL. These results accord with the literature reviewed by Bradlow [Cross-Linguistic Study of Vowel Inventories, Cornell (1993)] relating listeners’ ability to discern small vowel differences to the number of vowels in their language, but were tentative because of the small number of CT/southern subjects. The current study presents perception and production data from additional Connecticut/NY subjects confirming the original finding. [Work supported by NIH.]

3aSP8. Formant discrimination in femalelike vowels as a function of F1–F2, Bark distance. Dennis L. Hughes and Randy L. Diehl (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712)

Hughes and Diehl [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2978(A) (1994)] reported that discrimination of first formant frequency for both single and multiple formant stimuli was strongly influenced by both a formant/formant interaction and F1–F2 Bark distance. No evidence for a peak in discriminability near F1–F2 = 3.0–3.5 Bark was observed, however. The current study extended these findings to stimuli more characteristic of female talkers. Listeners performed a formant discrimination task on one of five series of four-formant stimuli varying in F1–F2 distance. F2 ranged from 3.2 to 7.7 Bark within a series, and F2 from 1.75 to 2.5 Bark between series. Preliminary results confirm both the strength of the formant/formant interaction and the lack of a peak in discriminability at F1–F2 = 3.0–3.5 Bark. Results also point up the need for a more adequate characterization of how formant frequency is represented in the auditory system. [Work supported by NIDCD.]

3aSP9. The perception of vowel height in Castilian Spanish: Effects of varying F1–F2, Bark distance. Richard P. Fahey (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712) and Luis E. Lopez-Bascuñas (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 8223, Madrid, Spain)

Analyzing American English vowels, Syrdal and Gopal [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 79, 1086–1100 (1986)] found that F1–F2 Bark distance was highly correlated with vowel height. The [±high] distinction could be based on a boundary at 3–3.5 Bark F1–F2 distance. This corresponds to the distance under which the center of gravity effect is thought to occur [Chistovich and Lubinskaia, Hear. Res. 1, 185–195 (1986)]. Since a feature distinction with an auditory basis is a good candidate for a phonetic universal, one would expect the [±high] boundary to be at 3–3.5 Bark F1–F2 distance in many languages. This is true of the [±high] distinction in American English, for both front vowels [Hoemeke and Diehl, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 2422(A) (1993)] and back vowels [Fahey, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2978(A) (1994)]. In the current study and the back vowels, the effect of Bark F1–F2 distance on vowel height series ranging between /i/ and /e/ or /u/ and /o/ is examined. Within each set, F0 and formant pattern varied orthogonally. Data were analyzed to determine (1) whether F1–F2 distance is a correlate of perceived vowel height, and (2) whether the [±high] boundary is at 3–3.5 Bark F1–F2 distance.

3aSP10. The effect of removing the fundamental component on the perception of vowel height in stimuli with varying F0. Randy L. Diehl and Richard P. Fahey (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712)

Using front vowels, Hoemeke and Diehl [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 2422(A) (1993)] found that F1–F2 Bark distance is a correlate of perceived vowel height. This finding is consistent with a suggestion that perceived vowel quality depends on the pattern of the neural “place” representation, rather than the absolute position of spectral peaks [Pottier and Steinberg, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 22, 807–820 (1950)]. On this view, vowel perception should be disrupted if a critical component of the place pattern is removed. In the current study, listeners identified synthetic vowels varying between /i/ and /e/ with F0 varied orthogonally, in three conditions: in quiet, in quiet with the fundamental component removed, and in low-pass noise with the fundamental component removed. The results reported by Hoemeke and Diehl were replicated in all three conditions: Increasing F0 shifted the phoneme boundary towards the /e/ end point. There was no apparent decrease in the size of this effect in the conditions where the fundamental component was absent. Thus the role of F0 in vowel height perception is not as a formantlike peak in the place representation of the spectrum. [Work supported by NIDCD.]

3aSP11. Priming and the enhancement of concurrent vowels. D. D. Paschall (The Univ. of Texas at Dallas, P.O. Box 830688, GR4.1, Richardson, TX 75083-0688)

Experiments were conducted to determine whether listeners with normal hearing can exploit information in a prior sample of speech to segregate a target voice from a second, competing voice. There are at least two ways that exposure to a prior sample of speech might aid the perceptual segregation of voices. First, peripheral adaptation processes can reduce the auditory response to preexisting sounds in order to enhance newly arriving energy associated with the onset of a second voice. Second, perceptual grouping based on harmonicity or spectrum envelope cues can reduce the interfering effects of preexisting sounds. To separate the contribution of these factors, concurrent vowel pairs were preceded by a precursor which
3aSP12. Modeling formant frequency discrimination for isolated English vowels using excitation patterns. Yijian Zheng and Diane Kewley-Port (Dept. of Speech and Hear. Sci., Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN 47405)

Thresholds for formant discrimination across three sets of female and male vowels with different F0 were significantly different in a recent report [Kewley-Port et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2978A (1994)]. This analysis examined whether excitation patterns could model these and other effects of stimulus parameters on formant thresholds. The goal was to determine if an "auditory metric" would be constant across the three stimulus sets when ΔF thresholds varied by 25 Hz. A separate discrimination study showed that listeners only attend to harmonic components with a restricted region near the formant [Sommers and Kewley-Port, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 2422A (1993)]. Based on those results, four critical bands around the altered formant were selected, and the area within the critical-band spectra for the standard and just discriminable vowel was calculated. This spectral distance across formant frequency and gender was shown to be constant in three analyses: (1) ΔF threshold differences across the three sets of vowels were no longer significant; (2) slopes for ΔF thresholds (approximately 1.0) were flat for spectral distance; (3) variability of spectral distance across F1 and F2 is significantly smaller than that of ΔF thresholds. Results suggest that the auditory system has an inherent nonlinear transformation which changes threshold differences to be almost constant in the internal representation.

3aSP13. Modeling listeners' categorization of a large F1-F2-F3 continuum. Terrance M. Neary and Michael Kiefte (Dept. of Linguist., Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2E7, Canada)

A number of alternate spectral representations have been suggested for vowel spectra [see H. Hermansky, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 87, 1738–1752 (1990)]. To better evaluate the perceptual relevance of some of these, 972 vowels were synthesized. The stimuli were each 115 ms in duration with a falling F0 contour (125–100 Hz). F1 ranged (in 0.5 Bark steps) from 250 to 760, F2 from 750 to 2260, and F3 from 1360 to 3080 Hz. F4 and F5 were fixed at 3500 and 4500 Hz, respectively. Constraints were placed on formant separations to ensure relatively natural stimuli.) Fifteen speakers of Western Canadian English categorized the stimuli as the vowels /i, ï, e, ê, æ, a, ə, o, u, ö, y, /; Preliminary results indicate that while nominal synthesis formant frequencies can provide a relatively good fit to the data, alternate representations such as cepstral coefficients based on Hermandsky's PLP analysis may provide moderate improvements of fit. However, linear transformations of the PLP cepstra show strong correlations with formant frequencies [similar to those noted by D. Broad and F. Clermont, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 86, 2013–2017 (1985)]. [Work supported by SSHRC.]

3aSP14. Formant movement and duration cues in the identification of vowels. Amy T. Neel and Diane Kewley-Port (Dept. of Speech and Hear. Sci., Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN 47405)

Traditionally, target values of F1 and F2 are viewed as primary determinants of vowel identity. Several recent studies, however, have demonstrated the importance of dynamic formant information to vowel identification. The present study examines the contribution of both dynamic and durational information to vowel identification using sine-wave vowel analogs. Sine-wave stimuli consisting of two tones representing F1 and F2 were constructed using careful LPC measurements of ten vowel tokens produced in /dVd/ context by male and female speakers. Four types of stimuli were constructed by varying two factors: (1) appropriate versus fixed vowel duration and (2) variation in tones representing formant movement throughout the token versus static target formant values. Listeners identified the sine-wave vowel analogs using a key-word response form. Results demonstrated that stimuli with appropriate vowel duration were identified with significantly greater accuracy than those with fixed length. For appropriate duration stimuli, there was no significant difference for dynamic versus static tokens. However, for fixed length stimuli listeners identified dynamic tokens with significantly greater accuracy than static stimuli. This suggests that intrinsic vowel duration, as expected, is an important cue to vowel identity and that dynamic formant information is used more by listeners when duration cues are unavailable.

3aSP15. A linear model of boundary shifts in /i/-/ï/-/e/ continua. Anna K. Nabelek and Alexandra Ovchinnikov (Dept. of Audiol. and Speech Pathol., The Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37960-0740)

Boundary locations were tested for /i/-/ï/-/e/ continua with steady-state or linearly changing formants in which F2 was varied. F1 and F2 trajectories had upward and downward directions. Boundary shifts were calculated for changing formant stimuli relative to the boundary for steady-state stimuli. The directions of this boundary shifts indicated perceptual emphasis of the final segments of F2 trajectory which might be a consequence of low-frequency spread of masking from F1 to F2. A linear model was developed in which boundary shifts were related to spectral distance between F1 and F2 trajectories. Parameters were initial and final frequencies of F1 and boundary F2 established for each continuum with steady-state stimuli. When the distance was constant in time shifts depended on directions of F1 and F2 trajectories, described by two model terms containing differences of initial and final frequencies of F1 and F2. When the distance was time dependent the time dependence was toward the greater spectral distance, described by two model terms containing ratios of initial and final frequencies. [Work supported by NIH.]

3aSP16. The spectral center of gravity effect and auditory filter bandwidth. Marc Fagelson (Dept. of Speech Commun., Prog. in Commun. Sci. and Disord., Univ. of Texas—Austin, CMA 2.200, Austin, TX 78712) and Linda M. Thibodeau (Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712)

The spectral center of gravity refers to a listener's averaging of frequency and intensity components when formant peaks in a speechlike signal are separated by 3.5 Bark units or less. In this paper a total of 18 synthetic vowels whose spectra approximated /ae/ or /i/ were generated digitally; each stimulus contained the first 40 harmonics of a 100-Hz fundamental. Nine spectra contained three formants, while the balance contained only two. Subjects with normal hearing and mild high-frequency hearing loss above 3000 Hz were instructed to identify synthetic vowels as either /ae/ or /i/ as F2 frequency was varied between nine different values in 100-Hz steps for both the two-formant and three-formant stimuli. Probit analysis indicated that the normal-hearing subjects identified stimuli more consistently than the mildly hearing-impaired listeners across F2 frequencies for three-formant stimuli. The F2 coefficient corresponding to the perceived increase in vowel formant occurred at a lower frequency for normal-hearing listeners. Auditory filter bandwidth was negatively correlated with the F3–F2 Bark difference. Results suggest that spectral averaging may help listeners disambiguate confusing speech signals.

3aSP17. The effects of pitch changes on the perception of vowel sequences. Beeta K. Nordenstrom, Magdalene H. Chalikia, and Elizabeth M. Eilsen (Dept. of Psychol., Moorhead State Univ., Moorhead, MN 56563)

When listeners hear a repeated sequence of steady-state vowels (of the same duration and pitch) phonemic transformations occur, and they report hearing words and phrases absent in the original stimulus. A previous study [M. H. Chalikia, R. Meyer, and R. Lindemann, 34th Psychon. Society Meet. (1993)] investigated the possible effects of variations in vowel duration, pitch, or both. Listeners successfully matched these vowel sequences to the verbal forms heard with vowels of equal duration and pitch (base-line stimuli). In this study a broader variation in pitch was employed, and the vowel sounds were computer-generated rather than naturally produced. Six base-line sequences of six 60-ms vowels (at 100 Hz), followed by a 300-ms silent gap, were used. Four variations of these were created by randomly changing the pitch of individual vowels. Most listeners were able to match the modified vowel sequences to the verbal forms heard with the base-line stimuli, thus confirming the robust, stable nature of the verbal quality.
3aSP18. The effects of duration changes on the perception of vowel sequences. Magdalene H. Chalikia and Tammy Dresser (Dept. of Psychol., Moorhead State Univ., Moorhead, MN 56563)

Previous studies have shown that listeners exposed to a repeated sequence of steady-state vowels (of same duration and pitch) experience phonemic transformations, and report hearing words and phrases absent in the original stimulus. A previous study [M. H. Chalikia, R. Meyer, and R. Lindemann, 34th Psychon. Society Meet. (1993)] investigated the possible effects of variations in vowel duration. Duration variations ranged from 30 to 120 ms per vowel. Listeners successfully matched these stimuli to the verbal forms heard with vowels of equal duration and pitch, confirming the robust, stable nature of the verbal organizations. It was suggested that these organizations are based upon objective acoustic characteristics, and the stimulus manipulations were probably perceived as prosodic variations. In this study a broader variation in duration was employed (10-300 ms), in an attempt to examine listeners' limitations in performing the matching task. Six base-line sequences of six 80-ms vowels (at 100 Hz), followed by a 300-ms silent gap, were used. Four variations of these were created by randomly changing the duration of individual vowels within a sequence. Most listeners were not able to perform the task. Implications concerning the perceptual organization of speech will be discussed.

3aSP19. Perceptual implications of selected aspects of vocal behavior. Shari L. Campbell (Dept. of Commun. Sci. and Disorders, 576 Aderhold Hall, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602)

The perceptual dimensions derived from acoustical changes associated with vowel quality, voice quality, voice classification, and gender are not clearly defined. This project uses the trained singing voice as a source of clearly defined. This project uses the trained singing voice as a source of controlled variation in parameters important to the timbre of both speech and voice. A database of vowels was collected from 18 singers representing six major voice classifications. Reiterations were made of three vowels at three or four fundamental frequencies and at three dynamic levels in normal register. Six subjects also attempted to match loudness (as indicated by a target of equal phon) for this isoparametric condition. Spectral measures (e.g., FFTs, STFTs, 1/3-octave band levels) were transformed in a manner intended to approximate perceptually relevant aspects of auditory processing (e.g., loudness and sharpness densities and loudness and sharpness over time). By comparing the spectral measures with their transformations, it may be possible to make inferences concerning which acoustical changes are perceptually relevant, and about the nature of their perceptual representation. [Work supported by the Institute for Perception Research, Eindhoven, The Netherlands.]

3aSP20. Evaluating speech quality with adaptive psychophysical methods. Muralidhar Kudumula (Elec. Eng., Univ. of Oklahoma, Norman, OK) and Blas Espinosa-Varas (Univ. Oklahoma Health Sciences Ctr., Oklahoma City, OK 73190)

This study examines some advantages of adaptive psychophysical tests for obtaining reliable and efficient estimates of speech quality. Specifically, in vowels corrupted by additive white noise, noise-detection thresholds were measured adaptively. The 350-ms vowels were obtained by addition of the first 32-35 harmonics of 100-200 fundamental frequencies, with spectral envelopes appropriate for /i/ and /a/. Noise was synthesized by random-phase addition of harmonics of a 10-Hz fundamental; the noise bandwidth was equal to those of the vowels. In a 2IFC task, subjects had to determine the observation interval that contained a “noisy vowel.” The focus of this study is to formulate a speech parameter estimation algorithm for analysis/detection of vocal fold cancer. The proposed method separates speech components under healthy and assumed pathology conditions using a mixed excitation speech model. This problem is addressed using an iterative maximum-likelihood (ML) estimation procedure, based on the estimation-maximization (EM) algorithm. Two new features, termed enhanced spectral pathology component (ESPC) and mean area peak value (MAPV) index are estimated and shown to vary consistently between healthy and pathology conditions. For classification, a hidden Markov model recognizer is formulated using MAPV and/or ESPC spectral features. Classifier evaluations using speech recordings from healthy and vocal fold cancer patients for sustained vowels, showed that while MAPV is a useful feature for vocal fold cancer detection (88.7%), superior performance was achieved using a finer spectral representation of ESPC (92.8%). Since direct glottal flow estimation is not necessary, the inability to accurately characterize vocal fold pathology due to incomplete glottal closure is no longer an issue. The results suggest that the ESPC feature can provide a noninvasive approach for analysis, detection, and characterization of speech production under vocal fold pathology.
Acoustic phase stability in a shallow-water environment. Christine T. Mire and Stephen Stanic (Naval Res. Lab., Code 7174, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529)

The formation of a synthetic aperture is dependent on the phase stability of the medium. Temporal and spatial phase stability of the medium were estimated from measurements taken during a high-frequency experiment conducted in August 1993 in the shallow-water coastal environment off Panama City, Florida. Phase stability was estimated from sequences of 150 0.5-ms and 1.0-ms pulses separated by 1-s intervals at experimental frequencies of 20, 40, 60, and 90 kHz. Phase fluctuations were found to contain both deterministic and random components which changed with time, indicating a changing propagation environment. Phase fluctuations were spatially correlated between both vertical and horizontal components of the receiving array. The relationship between acoustic phase stability and environmental factors is examined. Results of this analysis are compared with previous phase stability measurements [J. T. Christoff, C. D. Loggins, and E. L. Pipkin, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 71, 1606-1607 (1982); P. T. Gough and M. P. Hayes, ibid. 86, 837-839 (1989)]. [Work sponsored by ONR.]
refraction or reflection by strong gradients can lead to significant enhancement of high-frequency scattering. This enhancement occurs over a wide range of bistatic angles, but is strongest when the incident and scattered grazing angles are equal. These effects can be explained in terms of the reflection coefficient of the corresponding mean (flat) surface. [Work supported by ONR.]

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Sound propagation at moderate frequencies (depth to wavelength ratio between 20 and 100) in shallow-water environments is extremely complicated, variable, and poorly understood due to multiple processes that cover a wide range of temporal and spatial scales. Broadband full-wave numerical simulations are performed with the UMPE model at a large number of geophysical times to display the temporal variability, stability, and coherence of acoustic pulse arrivals in a multipath environment that includes multiple rough bottom forward scattering and multiple forward volume scattering by internal waves that are described by either a Garrett-Munk type of spectral model or a soliton type of model. It is found that the effects of rough bottom scattering change the phase structure while the effects of internal waves account for the observed temporal fluctuations, leading to coherence times of minutes for individual multipaths at 20-km ranges, and a stable envelope having a coherence time of hours. [Work supported by ONR.]

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3aUW8. Temporal model of high-frequency seafloor acoustic backscatter. Christian de Moustier and Daniel Sternlicht (Marine Phys. Lab., Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., 9500 Gilman Dr., La Jolla, CA 92039-0205)

A monostatic temporal model of seafloor acoustic backscatter has been developed to investigate the relative contributions of interface roughness and inhomogeneities in the sediment volume for measurements made at various angles of incidence. The model takes into account sonar parameters such as acoustic wavelength, beam pattern, pulse length, and angle of incidence, and it includes a theoretical angular dependence of seafloor scattering strength that is controlled by the roughness statistics of the surface insomnified, by its refraction index, and by a volume reverberation term. Simulations have been carried over angles of incidence from 0° to 60°, and at acoustic frequencies ranging from 10 to 100 kHz for various types of substrates. The theoretical angular dependence predicts that the contribution from the sediment volume becomes noticeable for angles of incidence greater than about 6°; however, in the temporal model it is shown that this contribution can be detected closer to normal incidence for small beamwidths (e.g., 2°). When applied to a multi-narrow-beam sonar geometry this temporal model shows greater potential for bottom classification than the angular dependence function of acoustic backscatter obtained by integrating the returns received in each beam. [Work supported by ONR.]

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3aUW9. Spatial coherence of high-frequency (67-kHz) acoustic fluctuations in fully developed turbulence. Michael J. Buckingham, John R. Potter, and Grant B. Deane (Marine Phys. Lab., Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., La Jolla, CA 92039-0213)

As part of ONR’s high-frequency initiative, a field experiment to determine the temporal and spatial coherence of acoustic fluctuations induced by propagation through a fully developed turbulent flow has been planned in collaboration with several other research groups for late September 1994. Narrow-band measurements (67-kHz coded signals) will be taken in Cordova Channel, British Columbia, where strong, semidiurnal tidal flows (up to 1.0 m/s) create fully developed turbulence (Reynolds number ~10^5), and and strong mixing prevents stratification (bulk Richardson number ~0.02). Prior experiments have established the turbulent nature of the flow and examined the horizontal arrival angle and intensity fluctuations with time. In the present experiment, a new compact acoustic array, consisting of 128 hydrophones in an elliptical configuration, is being adapted to monitor the acoustic arrivals in the vertical and horizontal, with finer spatial resolution than has previously been obtained. Amplitude and phase data will be recorded from 15 channels. Environmental data from ADCPs, turbulence meters, side-scan sonars, microstructure instruments, CTDs, etc., will be available to help interpret the acoustic results. Preliminary results of the acoustic fluctuation experiment will be presented, with an analysis of the fine-scale phase and intensity coherence, which are intimately related to the microstructure of the transmitting medium.

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Despite the proliferation of high-frequency sonar imaging systems, the variability of high-frequency sound propagation in shallow water has only recently been measured. In a series of experiments adjacent to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography pier, the variability of sound at a frequency of 450 kHz has been measured. The experimental measurement consisted of deploying a multibeam imaging system on a tripod in approximately 20 ft of water. Repeated sonification and subsequent measurement of the backscattered waveforms indicate that a large degree of variability can exist in the backscattered data. In order to determine whether the source of the variability in the backscattered data was originating from the bottom or the volume, a corner reflector was deployed. Assuming that the variability in the sound reflected from the bottom consists of the superposition of both volume and the bottom variability, and that the sound from the corner reflector consists of variability only from the volume, assignment of the relative importance between the two forms of variability can be made. The importance of these two sources of variability as a function of environmental conditions such as tide and surface conditions will be presented. [Work supported by ONR.]

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3aUW11. Dereverberation of shallow-water, high-frequency signals. Jean O. Nam and J. Robert Fricke (Dept. Ocean Eng., Cambridge, MA 02139)

Propagation of high-frequency signals, O(10 kHz), in a shallow-water channel, O(10 m), is complicated by multipath effects associated with the surface and bottom. The goal of this research is to dereverberate the time spread and dispersed received signal into a process signal with a temporal duration comparable to that of the outgoing pulse. Given the impulse response of the channel and the received signal, an inverse filtering method utilizing minimum-phase components can be effective. However, because of channel dynamics caused by turbulence, internal waves, and thermal stratification, calculation of the exact impulse response is impossible. A more robust signal recovery method, known as cepstral smoothing, has been developed to separate the signal from the channel impulse response in the cepstral domain. Using this method, the recovery is independent of the channel impulse response and is robust in the presence of additive noise. The cepstral smoothing method dereverberates the original signal, but absolute time delay information is lost. A moving rms window applied to the original received signal recovers the lost time delay.

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3aUW12. Shallow-water reverberation measurement and prediction. James H. Miller, Charles E. Muggleworth, Ching-Sang Chiu (Code EC/MR, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943), and James F. Lynch ( Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst., Woods Hole, MA 02543)

In August 1992, a shallow-water, low-frequency reverberation measurement was made in the Barents Sea utilizing explosive SUS charges as sound sources and a middepth hydrophone as the receiver. The objectives
of this work were to analyze the reverberation data from this experiment, compare several theories which have been proposed to model reverberation, develop a technique for estimating the bottom backscattering coefficient in shallow water from single hydrophone acoustic data, and determine the reverberent characteristics of the experimental region. The threedimensional Hamiltonian Acoustic Ray-tracing Program for the Ocean (HARP) was used as the primary propagation modeling tool. The temporal signal processing consisted of a short-time Fourier-transform spectral estimation method applied to data from the single hydrophone. Chapman's source spectrum model was used. A bistatic Lambert's Law with a frequency-dependent constant was found to fit the data from the experiment. A statistical analysis showed that the reverberation from the Barents Sea experiment was Gaussian to a high degree of confidence.

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3aUW13. Shallow-water backscatter reduction through selective mode excitation. D. F. Gingras (SACLANT Undersea Res. Ctr., Viale San Bartolomeo, 400, 19038 La Spezia, Italy)

In shallow-water areas the utilization of active sonar is complicated by the fact that in these environments the performance of active sonar systems is degraded by backscatter generated by source signal interaction with channel boundaries. In this paper knowledge about the shallow-water acoustic channel, namely the normal-mode structure, is used to design vertical source arrays which minimize source signal boundary interaction. The boundary signal interaction is minimized for many environments by exciting only the first mode. Mode one excitation is accomplished by weighting the array sources by the amplitude and polarity of the mode one eigenfunction. Simulations across the frequency range from 200 to 700 Hz using a two-way PE backscatter model were conducted. It was shown that a vertical array of sources, containing only 15 elements, can reduce bottom generated backscatter by as much as 15–20 dB.

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3aUW14. Source localization via received arrival time structure analysis. S. A. Stotts and N. R. Bedford (Appl. Res. Labs., The Univ. of Texas at Austin, PO. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78712)

An efficient and robust method has been developed to locate impulsive sources in an ocean environment. A sonobuoy field was first deployed in a ring-type pattern. GPS receivers were installed on the buoys to obtain their locations within a few meters of accuracy. Charges were then set off at arbitrary locations within the ring. High-resolution plots were used to obtain direct path and first bottom bounce arrivals on each buoy. A model grid of arrival times was constructed, corresponding to the dimensions of the buoy field. A ray model previously developed here at ARL:UT [E. K. Westwood and P. J. Vidmar, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 81, 912–924 (1987)] was used to obtain model travel times. The minimum value of the least-square error between the real arrival times and the modeled travel times resulted in an unambiguous location of the source, within the limits of the grid spacing chosen. This value was calculated by picking one phone as the reference and then summing the errors of each phone relative to the reference. Successive iterations with finer grid spacings result in true location within the accuracy of the buoy locations. Results obtained at Lake Travis and the Gulf of Mexico will be presented. [Work supported by ARPA.]
Session 3pEA

Engineering Acoustics: Acoustical Measurement and Instrumentation II

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3pEA1. Target response measurement system for the NUWC Lake Seneca Test Facility. David M. Deveaux, Lynn F. Carlson (Naval Undersea Warfare Ctr. Range Development Div., B104/Code 3622, Newport, RI 02841), and Peter J. Stein (Scientific Solutions, Inc., Nashua, NH 03062)

Here is presented an overview of the target response measurement system (TRMS) deployed at the NUWC Lake Seneca test facility. This system is capable of measuring the target strength of objects at ranges from 10 to 300 m. The frequency range for monostatic measurements is from 300 Hz to 400 kHz. The current bistatic capability is measurements every 5° over a 90° window from 2 to 15 kHz. A multichannel PC-based digital data-acquisition system has been developed which includes high-speed A/D boards, baseband translation, and real-time monitoring of TS as a function of target aspect angle. Target aspect angle and acoustic source signatures are measured at the target and telemetered to the acquisition for digital storage along with the acoustic data. Accuracies of 1 dB in TS and 1° resolution in target aspect angle are possible. Measurements are generally clutter limited to a target strength less than −30 dB re: 1 m. Clutter of the target harness is usually a major issue and is discussed. The target strength of various targets and support structures is presented.

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3pEA2. Five axis programmable positioning system for underwater acoustic measurements at Penn State. Kyle M. Becker (Graduate Prog. in Acoust., Penn State Univ., Appl. Res. Lab., Student Area, P. O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

To facilitate underwater acoustic measurements at Penn State, a five axis computer controlled positioning system has been developed by the author and installed in the new water tank facilities at the Applied Research Laboratory. Providing linear motion in three directions and rotations about two axes, the system allows an acoustic transducer to be positioned and oriented at virtually any position and direction within the water tank. Motion is controlled along each axis via programmable controllers (indexers) which are in turn accessed by a computer via RS 232. Resolution in the linear directions is 0.005 in. Angular resolution is 0.18°. Working in conjunction with the appropriate data-acquisition hardware and software, the positioning system allows the entire measurement procedure to be automated. Although designed initially for use in monostatic and bistatic surface scattering experiments, the system is also being used for other interesting underwater experiments, including bottom sediment studies, and the effects of thermal gradients on acoustic signals.

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For times long compared to the acoustic wave transit time in a test tank, the signal from point acoustic sources may be dominated by internal reflections and the modal response of the experimental tank in which experiments are performed. If the free-field source behavior of the acoustic source is desired, it can be extracted by taking advantage of special properties of the source/tank system. The transducer can be operated in a manner which permits characterization of the tank response; then the processed results can be used to reduce the effects of the tank response in the signals of interest. Spectral methods for this signal processing will be described and illustrated. The result is that signal characteristics in spectral regions of interest can be more clearly resolved and enhanced. [Work sponsored by U.S. Navy.]

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An acoustical agglomeration system is an apparatus which can be used to enhance the efficiency of current particulate removal devices. This study presents the design and construction of an acoustical agglomeration chamber and associated measurement instrumentation. The system consists of a main chamber 3.05 m long with an inner diameter of 0.075 m. The dimensions are sufficient to develop the particulate gas stream as well as acoustical plane-wave fields up to 2500 Hz. The inlet flow velocities of the gas stream range from 0.5 to 5 m/s with operating pressures ranging from 101 to 1010 KPa. A midrange (e.g., 200–4000 Hz) heavy duty electroacoustic driver is used as the sound source. The particulate size distribution is optically measured with a Malvern 2600 laser particle sizer. A silencer was used to reduce the noise level coming out of the agglomeration chamber. The performance testing of the agglomeration apparatus was carried out using aluminum oxide particulate with frequencies of 1 and 2 kHz in the range of sound-pressure levels between 140 and 160 dB. An increase in particulate size from 16 to 26 μm was achieved in the preliminary measurements. This study will have applications in reducing emission of hazardous, fine particulate into the atmosphere. [Work supported by New Jersey Hazardous Substance Management Research Center.]

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3pEA5. Characterizing the performance of piezoelectric ceramic as a function of stress, electric field, and thermal history. R. Lowell Smith and Alan V. Bray (Texas Res. Inst., 9063 Bee Caves Rd., Austin, TX 78733)

The relatively recent development of large flextensional and other low-frequency, high-power transducers has stimulated renewed interest in the performance of piezoelectric ceramic under conditions of high stress and...
electric field. This paper addresses the development of special fixturing for the assembly and testing of structures emulating the use of PZT-8 material in high-power projectors. The test fixtures themselves are Tonpilz oscillators. Using a system of four tie rods, axial loads as high as 2.2×10^4 N (50 000 lbf) can be applied. The tie rods are fitted with strain gauges so that load can be monitored as often as desired during the course of aging and stress and electrical drive sensitivity studies. Initially data were acquired for combined static and dynamic stress in a controlled thermal environment. The performance characteristics of the piezoelectric ceramic are inferred from electrical admittance measurements. Providing for the incorporation of extensometers and closed-loop control of axial stress allows the fixtures to be used for a number of broader applications such as measurement of the viscoelastic properties of ceramic. [Work supported by SPAWAR.]

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The volumetric velocity of an acoustic source is sufficient to characterize its source strength if the acoustic impedance of the load presented to the source is known. Although a calibrated accelerometer can accurately determine the velocity of a piston, the volumetric velocity requires a determination of the effective area of the "piston." For a thermoacoustic refrigerator operating at resonance, this load is purely resistive. Three methods for determining the effective area of an electrodynamic thermoacoustic driver will be presented. For in situ measurements, good agreement (±2%–4%) was obtained between direct measurement of the force, using the known BI product and the resonant reciprocity method using the transfer impedance calculated by Rudnick [G. W. Swift, A. Migliori, S. L. Garrett, and J. C. Wheasley, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 53, 1906–1910 (1982)]. The result for effective area obtained by measurement of pressure under the reactive load presented by a small coupler [T. Hofier, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 83, 777–786 (1988)] was smaller and more pressure dependent. A possible explanation for this discrepancy, based on bellows deformation under different loading, will be presented. [Work supported by OAR, the Naval Postgraduate School Direct Funded Research Program, and the Navy Science Assistance Program.]

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Session 3pID

Interdisciplinary: Hot Topics in Acoustics

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A special session on "Hot Topics in Acoustics" is presented at each meeting of the Society. A member is chosen from each of three or four of the Society's technical committees or specialty groups to present a tutorial talk on topics of current special interest. The talks are intended to help acousticians become familiar with issues and achievements that are not within their own primary fields of interest.

Chair's Introduction—1:30

Invited Papers

1:35


This lecture will review some of the current topics of interest in the architectural acoustics community. There has been much recent work in trying to determine what physical factors contribute to subtc perceptions of spaciousness and source width in rooms. Efforts
to standardize measurement techniques for recently proposed acoustical measures derived from the impulse response of rooms is underway as well as experiments to determine the utility of these measures in applied situations. These measures are also predicted in rooms by tests in physical scale models and computer models. Aural simulation of the effects of the architectural features of rooms on the qualities of music and speech is also being pursued. Measurements of the effects of flanking transmission, plumbing noise, and impact noise are also being refined as are recommended methods for assessing background noise levels in rooms. A significant area of activity in the architectural community that differentiates it from other technical committees occurs through the design and construction of real buildings to meet design goals based on current understandings of sound perception and propagation. Several case studies of actual buildings that have been designed to test some of the emerging knowledge gained in the laboratory will be presented.

1:55

3pID2. Hot topics in acoustical oceanography.  Lawrence A. Crum  (Appl. Phys. Lab., Univ. of Washington, 1013 N.E. 40th St., Seattle, WA 98105-6698) and  Michael J. Buckingham  (Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., La Jolla, CA 92039-0213)

Since acoustical oceanography was given full Technical Committee status within the ASA in November 1991, there has been a rapid development of novel techniques for interrogating the ocean using sound. For example, the total global precipitation amount is poorly known; however, by examining the underwater noise produced by rainfall, it may be possible to use underwater acoustic monitoring devices to obtain an estimate of this precipitation and from that better estimates of the global heat flux. Recently, it has been demonstrated that the sound pulses can be propagated over extremely large distances in the ocean; consequently, a precise timing of the arrival of these sound pulses over extended periods would enable changes in the average ocean temperature to be monitored, and thus provide information on global warming. Similarly, ambient noise provides the basis of a new acoustic imaging technique, designated acoustic daylight, that is analogous to conventional photography but based on sound rather than light. These and a variety of other topics will be presented.

2:15

3pID3. Increasing the Acoustical Society's role in noise control and noise effects.  B. M. Brooks  (P.O. Box 322, Vernon, CT 06066),  T. J. Dubois  (Tujunga, CA 91042),  R. M. Hoover  (Houston, TX 77082),  O. C. Maling  (Poughkeepsie, NY 12603), and  L. C. Sutherland  (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274)

At the meeting of the Technical Committee on Noise at the fall 1991 meeting of ASA in Houston, a discussion was held on how, or if, the Acoustical Society should develop more concrete policies or action concerning noise control and noise effects. As a result of that discussion, a Noise Task Group was formed by the authors at the direction of the Chair of the Technical Committee to explore the issues involved. Since that time, several special sessions have been held to help establish a direction for this activity. This talk will briefly review some of the more important elements of that activity which, properly, are beginning to involve members of other technical committees within the Society in such areas as hearing screening tests at ASA meetings, development of lecture materials for use in presenting talks to youth on acoustics and noise, and potential development of room noise criteria and/or rating schemes for meeting spaces. Other such action areas that have evolved from these special sessions will be mentioned. These offer other opportunities for ASA members to help achieve a goal worthy of the Society—to preserve quiet and tranquility in concert with advances in technology and population growth.

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Session 3pSA

Structural Acoustics and Vibration: Numerical and Physical Experimental Methods

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Contributed Papers

1:00

3pSA1. Wave propagation in truss structures.  Yueping Guo  (Dept. of Ocean Eng., MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139)

A wave-based approach is used to study truss vibrations. Each truss member is treated as a wave-bearing system so that the number of unknowns is the same as the number of wave types, independent of the physical dimension and frequency. A global matrix system is then formed to solve the overall problem, which, because of the wave approach used for the truss members, is very sparse and numerically absolutely stable. Thus even large-scale trusses can be studied with computation that is almost trivial. An example is given for a truss with 35 joints, connecting 109 beams, which is also used in our experimental studies. Results are obtained to discuss features such as pass/stop bands, modal density, and energy sharing between different wave types. [Work supported by ONR.]

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3pSA2. Effect of mass loading on the dynamic behavior of a three-dimensional truss.  Joseph E. Bondaryk and Ira Dyer  (Dept. of Ocean Eng., MIT, 77 Massachusetts Ave., Rm. S-435, Cambridge, MA 02139)

Recent trends in submarine design suggest the use of trusslike structures, connected to the hull by a limited number of attachment points, to
support rotating machinery and decks with passive loads. The ratio of the supported mass to the truss mass is high, typically 5–10. This loading must affect the dynamic response of the truss. It is believed that resiliently mounted mass will have a "fuzzy" effect on the truss and result in damping of structural waves. The MIT Structural Acoustics Group is making experimental measurements on a 1:15 scale model of a nonpractical, 3D, submarine truss, constructed of 0.5-in. aluminum tubing, up to frequencies of 5 kHz. The dynamic response of two identical trusses, one unloaded and one mass-loaded at a ratio of 5:1, to octave-band noise are measured and compared. The results show the effects of passive and resiliently mounted mass loading on a truss structure. [Research supported by ONR.]

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3pSA3. Influence of dynamic absorbers on a three-dimensional truss. Denis Brantinne and Ira Dyer (Dept. of Ocean Eng., MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139)

The objective of this research is to explore experimentally the effects of adding dynamic absorbers to a three-dimensional truss and to design analytical models which predict the phenomena of attenuation. The truss is built with cells made of aluminum rods and connected in series. 110 dynamic absorbers are mounted on the rods in the center cell to achieve a local mass ratio of 3. The truss is excited at one end with white noise to measure the spatial attenuation averaged on octave bands as a function of axial distance. The data are compared to the spatial attenuation for the undamped structure. The differences determine the effect of the dynamic absorbers. The overall shape of the differential curves of attenuation versus axial distance is a step function, with the step located in the dynamic absorbers attachment area. Assuming the equipartition of energy between the different wave types and using the classical theory of attenuation of waves propagating on a semi-infinite rod loaded with a continuous layer or dynamic absorbers, one predicts stronger attenuation than experimental data at low frequencies. The assumption of equipartition of energy proves to be incorrect and the applicability of the semi-infinite model is questioned. Subsequently, a new theory is derived and validated by experiment to describe the attenuation of waves on finite rods loaded with a layer of dynamic absorbers. At low frequencies, this model achieves a better estimation of the axial attenuation along the truss. [Work supported by ONR.]

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3pSA4. The effect of surface characterization and laser beams polarization on laser Doppler vibrometry. Ming Yang, Jacek Jarzynski, and Yves H. Berthelot (School of Mech. Eng., Georgia Inst. of Technol., Atlanta, GA 30332)

In a laser Doppler vibrometry, the characterization of the measured surface plays an important role in both in-plane and out-of-plane surface motion measurements. Experimental data is presented for the in-plane optical probe configuration, where the vibrating surface is illuminated symmetrically by two laser beams. However, some of the conclusions of the present study apply also to out-of-plane vibration measurements. It is found that certain surfaces perform better than others. How the surface character affects the in-plane surface motion measurement (in particular, the signal-to-noise ratio and the probe alignment) is studied. The surfaces studied are lathe-finished, polished aluminum and steel surfaces and two types of retroreflecting tapes from 3M company. Also, the profiles of the metallic surfaces are obtained with a profilometer. A simple model is used to relate the surface characteristics to the performance of in-plane motion measurement. The effect of polarization of the two laser beams is also studied, including the depolarization of the light by the surface. [Work supported by ONR.]

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3pSA5. Dispersion of longitudinal waves in periodic seaptate liquid–elastic waveguides. L. Sheiba (EG&G WASC, Inc., 1396 Piccard Dr., Rockville, MD 20850)

The propagation of longitudinal waves in a composite liquid–elastic waveguide is analyzed. The waveguide is a periodic structure consisting of alternating liquid–elastic cylinders joined by rigid septa. The elastic material (Lamé constants: \( \mu, \lambda \), Poisson relation \( \nu = 0.5 \)) and the liquid material (\( \mu = 0, \sigma = 0.5 \)) are assumed to have low compressibility, and the septa are rigid and weightless. Consequently, the boundary between the cylinder and the septum’s radial displacement is absent, and the axial displacements are planar. The admittance matrix \( Y \) of the unit cylinder is initially constructed within a framework of the hypothesis of plane cross sections, neglecting strains induced by hydrostatic stress. Hydrostatic stress waves are approximately included by adding to the unit cylinder admittance matrix correction \( \Delta Y \) associated with the strains of hydrostatic stress in the cylinder. Transfer matrix of the liquid–elastic waveguide and its elements, expressed through the waveguide sections elastic parameters, have been obtained. It has been shown that damping in a waveguide with a periodic structure is much greater in comparison with a regular waveguide, even when the latter is made with a high-loss material.

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The weakly nonlinear character of a cracked vibrating beam is exploited for the purpose of determining crack location, depth, and opening load. The approach is motivated by examining the response of a bilinear spring-mass system to excitation at two frequencies, such that the difference between the two frequencies is the resonant frequency of the system. The numerically generated steady-state response of the system clearly portrays the presence of the bilinear spring, even if the difference between the compressive and tensile stiffness is very small. The same idea is applied to a cracked beam forced at two frequencies, with the crack providing a local bilinear stiffness in the beam. The numerically generated steady-state response shows the effect of the opening and closing of the crack. The prominence of this nonlinear effect is then correlated with crack position and depth. It is shown that the nonlinear effect is maximized if a static load is also placed on the beam that would cause the crack to be on the verge of opening, thus determining the opening load. A perturbation analysis is applied to the problem, and some preliminary experimental results are discussed. [Work supported by the Army Research Office.]

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With the increasing demand for safety and reliability on structures and mechanical systems, damage detection by nondestructive evaluation (NDE) methods has attracted considerable attention from many researchers. This paper presents a new method for damage detection based on time-frequency analysis of transient bending wave propagation. The wavelet transform and short-time Fourier transform are applied to the analysis of impulse-induced bending wave propagation in a cracked finite beam. The time-frequency representation resulting from the transformation of measured acceleration response is utilized to identify the reflection part of the transient bending wave by a crack and to determine its reflection coefficient and the arrival time (from the location of the crack to the transducer position) for different frequency components contained in the transient bending wave. The quantity of the crack is evaluated from the reflection coefficient, and its location is estimated from the arrival time. To demonstrate the effectiveness of the presented method in quantifying and locating cracks, a cantilever beam and a free–free beam with the same crack are investigated.
Wave propagation in thermoporoelastic plate. H. S. Paul and V. M. Murali (Dept. of Math., Indian Inst. of Technol., Madras 600 036, India)

A perceptually plausible solution to the problem of automatic recognition of speech in arbitrary noise backgrounds involves computational auditory scene analysis (ASA) followed by recognition of the separated patterns. However, it is not generally possible to recover a complete representation of individual acoustic sources, so a new approach is required to recognize partial descriptions. Suitable modifications to the powerful stochastic framework of hidden Markov models (HMM) have recently been described [M. P. Cooke, P. D. Green, and M. D. Crawford, Proc. Int. Conf. Spoken Language Processing (1994)]. The studies reported here demonstrate HMM-based digit recognition in noise. An auditory-nerve firing rate representation undergoes auditory scene analysis, producing a mask of time-frequency locations where the speech is dominant. Each mask frame defines a marginal distribution for the HMM probability calculation. Results show robust performance even when the mask has most of its elements removed. Further, these studies suggest a solution to the problem of sensitivity to F0 in matching auditory representations of speech in which F1 is represented by a set of resolved harmonics. The new approach ensures that the matching process operates on a partial description consisting largely of harmonic peaks.

A computational model of speech segmentation. Neil P. McAngus Todd (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, U.K.) and Guy Brown (Univ. of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN, U.K.)

Recently a computational model of prosody perception based on a multi-time-scale decomposition of the output from a cochlear model has been demonstrated [Todd and Brown, “A multi-scale auditory model of prosodic perception,” Proceedings of the International Conference on Spoken Language Processing (1994)]. This model determines the temporal grouping and prominence of syllables from a speech signal. In this paper we present evidence to show that the model is able to carry out a complete segmentation of a speech signal, from the level of individual phonemes and phoneme clusters up to the phrase and utterance level. Implications for speech recognition are discussed.

Motivated by the human auditory system, a new signal transform is presented which models the way humans hear. Cochlear processing acts like a constant bandwidth bank of filters in the low-frequency range but is proportional bandwidth at higher frequencies. This new transform, which we call the composite wavelet transform, is better able to model this process than standard signal processing techniques such as the short-time Fourier transform (STFT) and the continuous wavelet transform (CWT). The composite wavelet transform in fact provides a signal analysis tool that is able to examine signals with competing signal structures whereas
the STFT and the CWT do not. Numerical results for this transform are presented along with a comparison to the STFT and the CWT.

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It is investigated to what extent the separation of overlapping acoustical sounds may be achieved by detecting and grouping modulated frequency bands. Comodulation is defined by coherent envelope fluctuations which are detected by means of physiological motivated algorithms involving spike representation and coincidence detection. Groups of comodulated frequency bands are defined by cluster analysis and their temporal variations are traced. Every group detected can then be separated from its "acoustical background" by suppressing all channels not belonging to the given group. The paper addresses problems concerning the definition of suppression gain values and the problem of overlapping groups.

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3pSP5. Processing of continuous speech by a hierarchical neural network. Wolf Dieter Brandt and Holger Behme (Drittes Physikalisches Inst. der Univ. Göttingen, Buergerstr. 42-44, D-37073 Göttingen, Germany)

A multilevel neural network has been developed for the tasks of psychoacoustical preprocessing of speech, segmentation, segment classification, and recognition. Various neurophysiological and psychoacoustical results have been taken into account. The network relies heavily on unsupervised learning. On increasing and nonlinear time scales, each level of the network extracts segments from the stream of input data and classifies them using topology-conserving vector quantizers (self-organizing feature maps SOFM, "neural gas" algorithm (NGA) and passes the results to the next level. Modified learning algorithms for feature maps have been developed to achieve better representation of low-energetic consonants and transient parts in the first level. On higher levels variants of the NGA are used. The segmentation algorithm uses, depending on the level, the topological relationships within the SOFM or statistical information extracted from the training data. Within each segment, dynamic time normalization is achieved by appropriate temporal integration. The output of the topmost level is passed to a recognition network containing a linguistic model to perform continuous speech recognition. Results using this purely neural and in many parts self-organizing method will be presented and compared to classical methods. [Work supported by BMFT.]

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BALLROOM B, 1:30 TO 3:00 P.M.

Session 3pUW

Underwater Acoustics: Signal Processing I: Matched Field

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Contributed Papers

1:30

3pUW1. Calculation of a source spectrum using matched-field tracking. Homer Bucker (Code 541, NRD, NCCOSC, San Diego, CA 92152)

An underwater acoustic source can be detected by finding the best match between a measured set of covariance matrix elements and those calculated for possible tracks [H. Bucker, "Matched-field tracking in shallow water," J. Acoust. Soc. Am. (to be published)]. Let (σ_H) be the measured elements and (σ_H) be the elements calculated for the best track of a unit source. Here, index i refers to a pair of sensors, f to a frequency bin, and t is for different times. Then a plot of S(f,t)=σ_H/σ_H is a Lofargram in which the effects of the multipath propagation have, at least in part, been removed. Of course, the success of the deconvolution depends upon the accuracy of the propagation model and contamination of other sound sources. Several examples will be presented to illustrate the method.

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Matched-field processing is typically considered as a static problem of locating a fixed, narrow-band source. However, the source does not randomly jump from point to point during the course of time and much can be gained by exploiting this extra information. Various schemes have been proposed in the past for treating source motion. A key problem is that even when the source motion is uniform the source may appear to have a nonuniform speed due to environmental mismatch. We show that by allowing for these random perturbations in source motion, an improvement in the localization results is obtained.

2:00


Preliminary results will be presented for the second TCP Environmental Signal Processing Exercise (TESPEX 2), which was conducted in June 1994 in shallow waters north of Darwin, Australia. There were two objectives: (1) demonstrate improvements in environmental source tracking [Collins et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 3335 (1993)] (a single-frequency, single-hydrophone synthetic-aperture tracking technique) by relying on a second, horizontally separated hydrophone, and (2) determine the horizontal resolution the environment provides to a vertical array by through-match-field processing [Perkins and Kuperman, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 87, 1553 (1990)]. The approach was to first characterize the region by towing a high-SNR source throughout the region and measure the replica fields using two vertical line arrays separated by several kilometers (one with 32 elements, the other 4 elements), and then to use this data to form the replicas needed to track the source as it traversed the region along a variety of tracks. The measured replicas are supplemented by modeled
replicas; the environment used in the modeling is determined by inverting the measured data. We present preliminary processing results relevant to both objectives, including environmental inversions and tracking with measured and modeled replicas. *Present address: Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA 92039.

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The effects of array-element location errors on the performance of the three broadband matched-field processing algorithms (Bartlett, maximum likelihood, and sector focusing) have been investigated. The KRAKEN propagation model was used to generate the replica acoustic pressure field at multiple frequencies for a shallow-water channel with a depth variable sound-speed profile typical of a midlatitude summer environment. It was also used to simulate a "detected" field due to an acoustic source in the presence of both uncorrelated and correlated (modal) noise. These fields were then correlated using the three algorithms for selected degrees of sound-speed and array deformation error. Results will be presented. [Work sponsored by the Office of Naval Research, Program Element 61153N, with technical management provided by NRL-SSC.]

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3pUWS. Acoustic array navigation in shallow water. D. F. Gingras, L. Troiano (SAICANT Undersea Res. Ctr., Viale San Bartolomoe, 400, 19038 La Spezia, Italy), and R. B. Williams (Naval Ctr. for Command, Control, and Ocean Surveillance, San Diego, CA)

The inversion of acoustic field data for estimation of unknown environmental or geometric parameters is receiving considerable attention. The environmental parameters usually consist of bathymetry, sound speed in the water, and bottom properties such as sound speed, attenuation, and density. The geometric parameters consist of source and array sensor positions. In many situations it is assumed that the array sensor positions are known and in these cases it is important to the inversion process that the array sensor positions are known precisely. In this paper an acoustic navigation method for precisely determining sensor position is presented. Acoustic travel time measurements were used to navigate the sensors of a 94-m vertical array in shallow water (130 m). Array navigation performance was evaluated during a vertical array deployment in the Mediterranean from the R/V Alliance. A network of four bottom-moored acoustic transponders were interrogated from the Alliance and their replies were received by the vertical array sensors and telemetered to the Alliance and their replies were received by the vertical array sensors and telemetered to the Alliance for navigation processing. In October, over a 2-day period, current versus depth and array shape was monitored. During this period the local currents were small; the array shape was estimated to be almost straight and nearly vertical.

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A broadband signal (shot) received on a vertical array was processed for geoaoustic inversion of bottom sound-speed profile. The data were beamformed to show the distribution of waterborne and bottom interacting signals. By correlating the (complex) beams containing the bottom interacting signals with the equivalently formed beams for the replica field (matched beam processing), one evaluates the ambiguity function maximum at the source location and searches for the bottom sound-speed profile which yields the highest correlation for the matched beam processing. Different frequency bands of the signal are investigated to evaluate the sensitivity to bottom sound-speed variations. The inverted sound-speed profiles are found consistent (within the resolution of 50–100 m/s) with the sound-speed profiles estimated from (1) core samples and other geoaoustic data at the site, and (2) the arrival time of the Head waves [J. Wolf, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1769 (1993)].

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PLenary Session, Business Meeting, and Awards Ceremony

Jiri Tichy, Chair
President, Acoustical Society of America

Business Meeting

Presentation of certificates to New Fellows and Science Writing Award recipients

Presentation of Awards

Distinguished Service Citation to William J. Cavanaugh

Silver Medal in Noise to Kenneth M. Eldred

Silver Medal in Physical Acoustics to Julian D. Maynard

Silver Medal in Speech Communication to Peter Ladefoged

Electronic music performance presented by Haeyon Kim Lent and Keith Lent
Session 4aAB

Animal Bioacoustics: Animal Bioacoustics Research Methodology I

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Chair’s Introduction—8:00

Invited Papers

8:05

4aAB1. A novel mechanism for directional hearing in a parasitoid fly. D. Robert, R. R. Hoy (Sec. of Neurobiol. and Behavior, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853-2702), and R. N. Miles (State Univ. of New York, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000)

Sound localization is a basic behavioral task of the auditory system. Incident sound waves arrive at the ears and generate interaural differences in time of arrival and in amplitude that are key cues for the computation of sound direction. In small animals, both cues can become vanishingly small, posing a challenge for directional hearing. Yet nearly all animals that hear can localize sound. In the fly Ormia ochracea, the two acoustic sensors are separated by only about 520 μm, and are contained within an undivided air-filled chamber, an arrangement that results in minimal differences in interaural time (<2 μs) and no intensity cues from an incident sound wave. Using laser vibrometry, it is shown that the mechanical response of the tympanal membranes has a pronounced directional sensitivity. Using probe microphones and neurophysiological recording techniques, it is demonstrated that this fly utilizes a novel mechanism for the detection of an incident sound wave. This mechanism relies on the mechanical coupling between the two tympanal membranes. In effect, the fly’s ears operate by mechanical preprocessing, converting interaural acoustic time differences of 2 ms or less into neural time differences large enough to encode in the central nervous system.

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4aAB2. Seismic communication in amphibians. Peter M. Narins (Dept. of Biol., UCLA, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024)

The white-lipped frog, Leptodactylus albilibris, exhibits the greatest sensitivity to substrate-borne vibrations (seismic stimuli) reported to date for any terrestrial animal. Nerve fibers from the sacculus, the source of this extraordinary sensitivity, show clear responses to sinusoidal seismic stimuli with peak accelerations less than 0.001 cm/s². In addition, this animal generates substrate-borne vibrational signals during calling. As the male’s vocal sac expands, it strikes the substrate impulsively, generating a vertically polarized surface (Rayleigh) wave that is detected by neighboring males. These Rayleigh waves are used as inraspecific communication signals to coordinate chorus behavior in this species. Recently, a particularly unusual behavior has been described for one species of Malaysian treefrog (Polypedates). During nocturnal courtship, females living in dense mats of floating vegetation perch conspicuously on a reed or blade of grass and tap their rear toes rhythmically. Males on neighboring reeds were observed to quickly locate and mate with the tapping female. Thus it is likely that toe tapping functions as a vibrational signal indicating the female’s presence to neighboring males. It is becoming clear that seismic communication and sensitivity to whole-body vibrations are more ubiquitous among the vertebrates than had been previously imagined. [Work supported by NIH.]

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4aAB3. Studying the evolutionary history of communication: The ghost of signals past. Michael J. Ryan (Dept. of Zool., Univ. of Texas, Austin, TX 78712)

The efficiency of communication can be maximized by a tight match between signal and receiver. This view underlies the field of animal communication and has led biologists to propose functional and evolutionary models that are firmly grounded in such linkage. Recent empirical studies have shown, however, that tight linkage between sender and receiver need not be the case. Using the phonotactic response of female frogs to variation in mating calls, it has been shown that some aspects of the receiver are quite broad relative to the conspecific signal. For example, females show preferences for signals of their own species to which are added components from the signals of other species. Also, using algorithms for reconstruction of ancestral traits, it is shown that key stimuli needed for species-specific pattern recognition have not been tightly linked with receiver evolution. These studies suggest a more liberal interpretation for the evolution of animal communication systems.

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4aAB4. Effects of aircraft noise on wildlife: Techniques used in Air Force research. Robert C. Kull (AL/OEBN, 2610 Seventh St., Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7901)

Many researchers have set out to study the effects of noise on animals, especially aircraft noise, for the past 20 years yet have failed in properly describing the noise their subject animals were exposed to. In 1989 the Air Force began a series of wildlife studies to determine the effects of aircraft noise. Research included effects on Desert Bighorn Sheep, caribou, kit fox, domestic turkeys, dairy cows, horses, and raptors. One major objective in these studies was to accurately determine the noise exposure levels from aircraft.
Conventional methods were used for research on domestic animals, but studies on wild animals posed special problems. Various techniques and procedures of how noise exposures were determined will be described.

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4aAB5. Physiological monitoring of noise effects in wildlife.  D. W. DeYoung (Univ. Animal Care, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85724) and R. C. Kull, Jr.  (AL/OEBN, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH 45433-7901)

Noise as a stress to animals will be discussed with respect to the physiological parameters that characterize it. Known currently available radiotelemetry systems that can monitor some of these parameters will be presented. Data that can be reliably derived from parameters obtained by available radiotelemetry systems will be presented. Possible pathology due to long-term stress as well as information for animal studies, telemetry implant surgery and anesthesia, and the potential complications of implant surgery will be discussed. Finally, recommendations for future study of noise as a stressor to animals will be made. [Work supported by USAF.]

10:05-10:15  Break

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Fluctuations and uncertainties in winds (currents) and sound speed place lower limits on the accuracy with which calling animals can be passively localized from their calls in terrestrial and marine environments. The most accurate acoustic passive localizations of animals require simultaneous mapping of these environmental fluctuations using tomographic techniques [J. Spiesberger and K. Frisstrup, Am. Nat. 135, 107-153 (1990)]. One localization experiment conducted in a wood found tomographic localization of a cap gun possible but tomographic localization of birds difficult because of echoes. Marine environments may be conducive to tomographic localizations because of a paucity of reflecting surfaces at low frequencies. A new oceanographic instrument called a surface suspended acoustic receiver (SSAR) has the potential for passively localizing and censusing calling animals throughout the world’s oceans in real time. [Work partially supported by Advanced Research Projects Agency.]

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Sound-pressure levels of animal sounds have been measured in so many different ways that comparison between studies is very nearly impossible. The transient, repetitive nature of most vocalizations means that standard sound level meters may yield very different numbers, depending on meter time constant and frequency weighting. Integrating sound level meters, which average sound over various periods and measure sound exposure level directly, are an improvement, but are hard to use for measuring single, transient sounds such as a frog call or an echolocation pulse. A better way, with brief signals, is to record them through calibrated transducers, along with calibration tones of known amplitude, onto tape recorders with linear response to varying levels. These recordings can then be measured with digital spectrum analyzers in a way that is reliable, accurate, and repeatable. Possible measures include peak, octave, one-third octave, maximum, time-average, sound exposure, and spectrum levels. Comparability requires attention to and reporting of important details, such as averaging times, filter bandwidth and weighting functions, and adherence to standards for measuring and reporting sound.

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4aAB8. Determining the effects of low-frequency sound on the fish auditory system.  Mardi C. Hastings, James J. Finneran (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Ohio State Univ., 206 W. 18th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210), Arthur N. Popper, and Pamela J. Lanford (Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD)

A 15-m-long flexible waveguide was successfully used to create a traveling wave for frequencies below 300 Hz in water. A cylindrical waveguide that allows only plane-wave propagation was designed and fabricated from Plexiglas. This flexible material reduced the effective stiffness and hence the sonic speed and wavelength of the disturbance generated by a 19 underwater sound projector flanged to one end. In addition, the energy of the wave was dissipated as it traveled along the waveguide, consequently, little if any reflection occurred at its end. The fish were placed inside a PVC mesh cage and positioned in the waveguide approximately 3 m down from the 19. Then they were exposed to either a continuous wave or a pulsed wave similar to manmade sources. Afterwards the fish were held for a specified time period and then sacrificed. The auditory organs were treated with fixative and removed. Then they were shipped overnight to the University of Maryland where the tissue was immediately prepared for scanning electron microscopy to determine if sensory hair cells had been destroyed. This method has yielded dependable data to help assess the effects of low-frequency sound on hearing in fish. [Work supported by ONR.]

Contributed Papers

11:15

4aAB9. Abiotic controls on elephant communication.  David Larom, Michael Garstang (Dept. of Environmental Sci., Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903), Richard Raspet (Univ of Mississippi, University, MS 38677), and Malan Lindeque (Etosha Ecological Institute, Namibia, Africa)

Atmospheric conditions conducive to long-range transmission of low-frequency sound as used by elephants are found to exist in the Etosha National Park in Namibia during the late dry season. Meteorological measurements show that strong temperature inversions form at the surface before sunset and decay with sunrise, often accompanied by calm wind conditions during the early evening. These observations are used in an acoustic model to determine the sensitivity of infrasound to the effects of (a) the strength, thickness, and elevation of temperature inversions, and (b) the growth and decay of an inversion typical of dry, elevated African savannas. The results suggest that elephant communication range more than doubles at night. Optimum conditions occur 1-2 h after sunset on
This strong diurnal cycle in communication range may be reflected in likely, with greatest amplification occurring at the lowest frequency tested. Clearly, relatively cold, calm nights. At these times ranges of over 10 km are expected, with greatest amplification occurring at the lowest frequency tested.


Vertical profiles of acoustical scattering at four frequencies were obtained at a mesh of points covering the major regions of a small, manmade freshwater lake. Inversion methods were used to estimate size-abundance profiles of zooplankters using a scattering model validated for oceanic zooplankton such as copepods. These profiles were then used to form estimates of lake-wide 3-D spatial patterns sorted by size classes of the dominant zooplankters. Results illustrate the value of multifrequency acoustical surveys as an adjunct to conventional sampling for rapid assessment of spatial distributional features of zooplankton populations in lakes. Problems with applications of ocean-based assessment techniques to lacustrine environments, such as the lack of validated scattering models for freshwater zooplankton, are discussed.

THURSDAY MORNING, 1 DECEMBER 1994 SAN ANTONIO ROOM, 8:30 TO 11:45 A.M.

Session 4aEA

Engineering Acoustics: Piezocomposite Transducers

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Invited Papers

8:30


Piezorubber is a composite material consisting of lead titanate powder dispersed in a neoprene rubber matrix. Piezorubber has certain acoustic properties that sets this transduction material apart from the traditional ceramics. Among these are some good qualities such as a high hydrostatic sensitivity, a relatively low lateral sensitivity, high resistance to shock, and conformability. Some less attractive qualities are the low dielectric constant and high density. Nevertheless, piezorubber has been the material of choice for several US Navy projects. These include a hydrophone flank array for ASW, a high-frequency array of small elements, a 700-element wide bandwidth listening array, a conformal shell-mounted low-frequency hydrophone, a continuous element for towed arrays, and high-frequency elements for side-looking sonars. These six projects will be described briefly, concentrating on the achieved benefits and what has been learned about applying piezorubber to hydrophone applications, also indicating the areas where the application was less than completely successful.

9:00

4aEA2. U.S. Navy 0–3 piezocomposite transducers. Mark L. Pecoraro (Naval Res. Lab., Underwater Sound Reference Detachment, P.O. Box 568337, Orlando, FL 32856-8337)

Interest in 0–3 piezoelectric composite materials for use in hydrophone applications has grown considerably in recent years. Designs which require operation in the hydrostatic mode with a large hydrostatic voltage coefficient $g_h$ are desired to increase free-field voltage sensitivity and meet the ever increasing demands placed on hydrophone performance. U.S. Navy scientists at the Naval Research Laboratory, Underwater Sound Reference Detachment, have investigated the utilization of 0–3 piezocomposite for sonar applications and have developed various hydrophone configurations based on specific program requirements. The requirements of the programs, such as a lightweight, low-profile, and high receive sensitivity, demanded unique designs and the need for utilizing the unique characteristics of 0–3 composite materials. The hydrophones presented in this discussion used a 0–3 composite known at NRL simply as piezorubber or PZR. This material consists of lead titanate particles embedded in a neoprene elastomeric matrix. This discussion will cover the development, including problems and solutions, fabrication, and testing of two unique 0–3 composite hydrophones.

11:30


A central problem in bioacoustic transient (animal sound) detection and classification has been the lack of standards against which to compare various methods. A similar problem existed in speech recognition research; it was solved by the creation of databases (e.g., TIMIT) used as common data sources for testing and comparing different methods. A similar database has been initiated for use in marine mammal sound detection and classification. Initially, mysticete sounds have been placed in the database; since their low frequency makes possible a low sampling rate, a large number of sounds may be stored in the space available. The database currently holds sounds of four species of mysticete—1765 blue, 3909 finback, 356 minke, and 589 bowhead whale vocalizations—at sampling rates from 100 Hz to 2 kHz. It was desired to categorize sounds by signal-to-noise ratio, since performance of detection methods will depend on this; since no measure of SNR for transient signals is well known, a simple measure of energy ratio within the sounds' frequency band was used. The database includes performance data of some detection methods, and it is hoped that other researchers will contribute both sounds and performance data. The database is accessible at ftpornith.cornell.edu.

Surface-mounted sensors can be used to monitor the performance of an underwater acoustic projector, or to control its impedance in a complex dynamic environment. However, there are few examples in the literature of studies involving such sensors and actuators. These issues include spatial sampling, near field sensing, internal resonances, and both direct and extraneous coupling mechanisms, all of which can contribute to complicate the system transfer functions and limit the applicability of the 1-3 piezocomposite actuator material. This has contributed to reducing the development and manufacturing costs of piezocomposite transducers. This presentation will discuss the various transducers developed by Fugro-UDI for commercial applications ranging from simple echo-sounder transducers, to sidescan transducers, through to multielement arrays for electronically scanned sonars. Sensitivities and beam patterns for piezocomposite devices will be compared with their ceramic counterparts. Other important transducer parameters such as pressure and temperature dependence of the piezocomposite materials will be presented.

Contributed Papers

11:00

4aEA7. A dynamic model for piezoelectric composite transducers and coupling coefficient k . Yongan Shui (Inst. of Acoust., Nanjing Univ., Nanjing 210008, People’s Republic of China) and Qiang Xue (Analogic Corp., Peabody, MA 01960)

A dynamic model for piezoelectric composite transducers and coupling coefficient k .

Piezoelectric composite materials are increasingly used in medical and other ultrasonic transducers. In order to design composite transducers with desirable performance, especially in high-frequency range where polymer and ceramic structures are not much smaller than wavelength, a good understanding of dynamic behavior of the material is necessary. This work developed a dynamic model to investigate wave propagation along thickness direction and resonant behavior of the transducer. Relationships of thickness resonant frequencies as well as lateral periodic resonant frequencies with composite configuration and material (polymer and ceramic) properties were emphasized. Discussions on coupling coefficient k of transducers as a function of volume fraction and aspect ratio of composite are presented. A series of composite transducers with varied parameters were fabricated and measured. Experimental results of k and resonant frequencies are compared with the theory.

11:15

4aEA8. 1-3 composite transducer for partial discharge detection in high-voltage transformers. Valsala Kumsingal (Ctr. for Mater. Technol., Univ. of Technol., P.O. Box 123, Broadway, NSW 2007, Australia)

A dynamic model for piezoelectric composite transducers and coupling coefficient k .

Ultrasonic techniques alone or in combination with electrical methods are increasingly being used for the detection and/or location of partial discharge (PD) in high-voltage transformers and other electrical plants.
Ultrasonic transducers used for fault location are traditionally coupled externally on to the transformer wall. Mounting transducers inside the transformer steel tank has certain definite advantages like better noise immunity, increased sensitivity due to better acoustic matching to oil, and less complicated signals (only longitudinal waves). Transformers are filled with mineral oil whose temperature could rise up to 110 °C during normal operation. Also, there are large electric and magnetic fields and strong mechanical vibrations as well inside the transformer. The authors has developed 1–3 piezopolymer composite transducers which are capable of operating in this adverse environment. These transducers were life tested in mineral oil at 130 °C for over 500 days and their K values monitored as a function of time. Life test and vibration test data for several transducers as well as sensitivity, frequency response, pulse width, and constructional details are presented.

THURSDAY MORNING, 1 DECEMBER 1994

BOSQUE ROOM, 8:15 TO 10:20 A.M.

Session 4aMUa

Musical Acoustics: General Topics

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Chair’s Introduction—8:15

Contributed Papers

8:20


More than 50 years ago, Martin investigated lip vibrations in a coronet mouthpiece using stroboscopic photography [D. Martin, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 13, 305–307 (1942)]. Since then, several researchers have based lip models on Martin’s data. Unfortunately, due to the quality of the photographs, it is difficult to obtain anything more than a limited quantitative description of the lip motion. The purpose of this study is to obtain more detailed photographic sequences and lip motion data on which new models may be based. The trombone was selected as representative of the lip reed family. A computer-controlled fiber optic stroboscope was used to capture the motion of a player’s lips on video. By inserting the optic bundle through small holes drilled in the mouthpiece, lip motion was observed from the front and side for six notes (Bb2, F3, Bb3, D4, F4, G4) played at loud and soft dynamic levels. Video sequences and resulting lip motion data will be presented and discussed.

8:35

4aMUa2. Brass sound simulation with a lip vibration model having two degrees of freedom. Seiji Adachi and Masaki Sato (ATR Human Information Processing Res. Labs., 2-2 Hikaridai, Seika-cho, Soraku-gun, Kyoto 619-02, Japan)

Brass sound simulation is carried out with the use of a two-dimensional lip vibration model, where lips execute both rolling and reciprocating motions. This model allows lips to operate on both the lower and higher frequency sides of the air-column resonance frequencies. Oscillations generated by the total sound production system are on both the lower and higher frequency sides in the first and second resonance modes, while in the higher modes they are realized only on the lower side. The harmonic series selected from these oscillations in the second and higher modes to achieve the optimum pitch turns out to comprise an oscillation on the higher side of the second resonance frequency and oscillations on the lower sides of the higher resonance frequencies. This result closely matches the transition of lip vibration states from the outward-striking vibration at the second mode (i.e., the lowest mode among the ones used musically) to the vocal-cord-like vibration at the higher modes, which is observed in the simultaneous measurement [S. Yoshikawa, submitted to J. Acoust. Soc. Am.] of mouthpiece pressure and lip vibration.

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4aMUa3. On the use of Schrödinger’s equation in the analytic determination of horn reflectance. David Berners and Julius O. Smith, III (Ctr. for Comput. Res. in Music and Acoust., Dept. of Music, Stanford Univ., Stanford, CA 94305-8180)

The flaring horn has traditionally been modeled in one dimension using piecewise conical or cylindrical elements. Acoustic properties within each element are known, and scattering between the elements is computed. Under the piecewise model, a shape for the wavefront of the acoustic disturbance within the horn is implicitly assumed (planar for cylindrical elements, spherical for conical elements). For horns of significant flare, the true wavefront shape will be neither planar nor spherical. A more general model is thus desirable. Here an alternate model is presented: The flaring horn is modeled according to Webster’s equation. A change of variables transforms the equation into the form of the Schrödinger wave equation using in one-dimensional particle scattering. Boundary conditions can be derived directly from the physical dimensions of the horn, and the solution of the equation gives estimates of acoustic properties in terms of frequency dependent reflection and transmission coefficients. Here, Webster’s equation is solved along the entire length of the horn, with no lumped scattering. Advantages over piecewise modeling techniques include the ability to specify arbitrary axisymmetric wavefront shapes for the acoustic disturbance within the horn. Under appropriate assumptions for wavefront shapes, results converge to those obtained with traditional piecewise models.

9:05

4aMUa4. The wave digital hammer: A computationally efficient traveling wave model of the piano hammer and the felt mallet. Scott A. Van Duyne and Julius O. Smith, III (CCRMA, Stanford Univ., 660 Lomita Dr., Stanford, CA 94305)

Recent work has led to traveling wave string and membrane models using the digital waveguide and the 2-D digital waveguide mesh. This paper introduces a new development for these musical instrument models which extends their usefulness: a traveling wave model for the piano hammer, or felt mallet. When a mallet strikes an ideal membrane or string, it sinks down into it, feeling a pure resistive impedance. In the membrane case, the depression induces a circular traveling wave outward. If the membrane is bounded, reflected waves return to the strike point to throw the mallet away from the membrane. This complex mallet–membrane interaction can have very different and difficult to predict acoustical effects, particularly when a second or third strike occurs while the membrane

is still in motion, as in a drum roll. The piano hammer, or felt mallet, is viewed as a nonlinear mass/spring (inductor/capacitor) system, the nonlinear spring representing the felt portion. By decomposing the system into appropriate traveling waves, a unit of delay is extracted in the discrete time version, greatly simplifying the implementation. This wave digital hammer can be attached to any waveguide string or membrane model at a time-varying lossless scattering junction.

9:20

4aMUa5. Rhythmogram analysis of human and synthetic performance. Neil P. McAngus Todd (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, United Kingdom), Eric Clarke, and Luke Windsor (Univ. of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN, UK)

Previously, a method of performance analysis has been described which is based on a multiscales decomposition of the acoustic signal [Todd, "Wavelet analysis of rhythm," J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 2290(A) (1993)]. This analysis is sensitive to a variety of expressive devices employed by musical performers including tempo, dynamics, and articulation. The output of the analysis is a "rhythmogram" which resembles the time-span reduction of the theory of Lerdahl and Jackendoff. In this paper, the results of some analyses of real and synthetic performances are presented [Todd, "The dynamics of dynamics: a model of musical expression," J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 91, 3540–3550 (1992)].

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4aMUa6. The pitch of elements of a harmonic complex. Blane Anderson and W. Dixon Ward (Dept. of Commun. Disord., Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455)

It is well established that the pitch of a sinusoid is shifted away from the frequency of a simultaneous noise band or sinusoid. Attempts to determine whether or not such pitch shifts occur among elements of a harmonic complex tone have given results that are apparently conflicting. In an endeavor to shed light, or at least a few shadows, on the question, seven listeners adjusted a sinusoid to match the pitch of either the 3rd or 7th harmonic of a preceding 220-Hz 8-harmonic complex in which the harmonic was periodically interrupted. Both monotonic and dichotic presentations for each harmonic of a preceding 220-Hz 8-harmonic complex in which the harmonic in question was periodically interrupted. Both monotonic and dichotic procedures, with corrections for diplacusis, were employed in order to control for possible adaptation effects. On average, the pitch of the 7th harmonic was shifted upward by about 25 cents due to the presence of its neighbors, but the pitch of the 3rd harmonic was unaffected. In both cases, however, consistent individual differences were found, so that no unequivocal conclusions can be reached.

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4aMUa7. Historical temperaments analysis system. Alejandro S. Esbri (Dept. of Electron. Music, Superior School of Music, Concepción

This paper describes in a succinct form an historical temperaments analysis system designed for musicians with advanced knowledge of intervalic theory. By introducing the concept of positive trajectory reduction in the fifth circle diagram of the temperament to be analyzed, it is possible to do a very fast calculation of the size of any interval inside that temperament, within an error of ±1 cent. The corresponding exact frequency ratio becomes obvious in many cases and it is easy to summarize all the intervalic information in one analysis sheet. In addition to the fifth circle diagram, this sheet includes frequency ratios for the chromatic, diatonic, and hexatonic scales (especially their size in cents), intervals with respect to the tonic, and the deviation in cents of each note from equal temperament. With this system, piano tuning students can make comparisons of different temperaments, classify them, and understand their practicality for different types of keyboard music. Besides, the practical tuning instructions for each temperament can be comprehended much better. Also, with this analysis system, composers and keyboardists are able to program any temperament in an electronic synthesizer with user-tuning option, and the system is even helpful for creating new temperaments.

10:05

4aMUa8. Musicians' tendency to stretch larger-than-octave melodic intervals. Andrzej Rakowski (Music Acoust. Lab., Chopin Academy of Music, Okolnik 2, Warsaw 00-368, Poland)

Four musicians experienced in identifying musical intervals, but not possessing absolute pitch, tuned a pure-tone oscillator in individual sessions to obtain various melodic intervals with a standard pure tone 500 Hz. Within a single task the standard and variable tones were interchanging until the intended value of a melodic musical interval was obtained. Stimuli were presented via earphones at a loudness level 50 phons. An isosonic filter was used to maintain equal loudness of tones. The variable oscillator was set at either very low or very high frequency at the beginning of each task. The range of 3 octaves above and 2 octaves below standard was investigated and each subject tuned each of the 60 musical intervals within this range 10 times. The sequence of tunings within each octave was quasirandom. The results are presented as mean deviations of each interval from its equally tempered value. The dispersion of results as well as intersubject and intrasubject variability is shown. A tendency appears toward stretching large melodic intervals; they are stretched the more the larger they are. Maximum stretch across 5 octaves investigated is about 1 semitone. [Work supported by the Polish National Committee for Scientific Research.]
Session 4aMUb

Musical Acoustics: Computer Music

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Chair's Introduction—10:30

Invited Papers

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4aMUb1. Technical and aesthetic considerations in interactive computer music systems. Todd Winkler (Dept. of Music, Brown Univ., Box 1924, Providence, RI 02912)

The proliferation of reliable interactive computer music systems has created opportunities for performers to directly influence computer music processes. Performing musicians are highly valued for their unique sense of musical expression and taste: the ever-changing subtleties of tempo, dynamics, timbre, and articulation encapsulated in the larger musical framework of musical gesture and phrasing. How can musicians communicate their highly refined skills to a computer, and elicit similarly musical results? This paper describes techniques whereby performers influence highly flexible compositional algorithms that are subtly responsive to musical nuances. These algorithms create MIDI data used to control synthesizers and signal processors. Musical examples will be demonstrated using FollowPlay, a computer program for interactive music and a real-time environment for music composition. The program consists of a large collection of software modules organized into three functional types: Listener Objects analyze and record aspects of a musician's performance, Composition Objects respond by generating MIDI data, and Interpreter Objects unify the entire collection with a graphical user interface that handles timing and intermodular communications.

11:05

4aMUb2. A touch sensitive dance floor/MIDI controller. Russell F. Pinkston (Dept. of Music, Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712)

A prototype MIDI Dance Surface has been developed which is capable of transmitting precise position coordinates, velocity, and pressure information in the form of standard MIDI messages. The surface consists of a large number of force sensing resistors (FSRs) which are attached to heavy duty plastic sheeting and covered with polyethylene foam. The sheets may either be placed on top of or beneath a standard Marley Dance floor. The FSRs are typically arranged in a grid with 16 columns (left to right) and 4 rows (front to back), which results in a 16 ft. square dance surface with 64 1 X 4 ft. velocity and pressure sensitive regions, each of which is assigned a separate input channel of a Voltage to MIDI Interface Box which has 64 analog inputs, plus MIDI Out. The MIDI Box incorporates a Motorola MC68HC11 microprocessor and can be programmed to convert input/output analog signals to/from any desired MIDI messages, on multiple MIDI channels. Hence, used in conjunction with an “intelligent” external MIDI processing system, it is ideal for use in interactive dance compositions in which one or more dancers can affect both the music and lighting by the nature of their movements and by their precise position(s) on the surface.

Contributed Papers

11:35

4aMUb3. Real-time computer simulation of concert hall acoustics: Arbitrary geometries. Turker Kuyel, Elmer L. Hixson (Dept. of Elec. Eng., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712), and Russell Pinkston (Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712)

Artificial reverberation is a challenging application of the computer technology in the fields of musical acoustics, architecture, multimedia, or even in home audio. Real-time operation and high perceptual quality are the two challenges for artificial reverberator design. In this paper, the theory and the implementation of “real-time computer simulation of concert hall acoustics’’ is discussed. Efficient real-time algorithms based on theoretical models have been built. The memory and computational requirements of these algorithms have been determined. Successful implementation of these theoretical models and software algorithms have been implemented in UT Computer Music Studios using “Accelerando” audio processor. “Accelerando” implementation assumes arbitrary room geometries for the early reverberation response, and rectangular room geometries for the late reverberation response. Extensions of the model and algorithms are made to enable the effective simulation of the late reverberation responses of concert halls with arbitrary geometries. For real-time implementation of the extended algorithms, MasPar MP1 massively parallel computer is used.

11:50

4aMUb4. Effects of processing audio signals through equivalent color matching filters. Andrew Blackford (Elec. Eng., Univ. of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73109) and B. Espinoza-Varas (Univ. of Oklahoma Health Sci. Ctr., Oklahoma City, OK 73190)

In applications that combine musical sounds with visual colors, it is relevant to define rules that may relate color dimensions to the pitch and timbre of sounds. In a first attempt toward defining such rules, this investigation examined effects of processing audio signals through equivalent color matching filters. Using Butterworth bandpass filters, a three filter bank (f1, f2, f3) was designed to approximate the response of filters used in the CIE 1931 Standard Observer [G. Wyszecki and W. S. Stile, Color Science (1982)]. The bandwidths of the color-matching filters were trans-
posed to the audible frequency range (0.02–20.0 kHz); the filter passbands were 0.05–0.6 kHz and 9.0–11.0 kHz for f1, 1.0–4.0 kHz for f2, and 9.0–11.0 kHz for f3; the passband gains were 1.15, 0.35, 1.0, and 1.75, respectively. Synthesized audio signal were passed through the filter bank and the power, P, at the filter outputs was computed. The P values were used to specify the X and Y coordinates of CIE chromaticity diagrams as follows: \[ X = \frac{P_{f1}}{P_{f1} + P_{f2} + P_{f3}}; \quad Y = \frac{P_{f2}}{P_{f1} + P_{f2} + P_{f3}}. \]

Chromaticity diagrams were obtained for: (a) 0.07–8.0 kHz sinusoids; (b) vowels with different fundamentals; and (c) complex sounds consisting of 2-21 equal-energy sinusoids. [Work supported by OCAST.]

THURSDAY MORNING, 1 DECEMBER 1994

Session 4aNS

Noise: Progress Report and Discussion on the Continuing Activity on ASA’s Role in Noise and its Control

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Invited Paper

4aNS1. Noise: Progress report and discussion on the continuing activity on ASA’s role in noise and its control. Robert M. Hoover, Chair (Hoover and Keith, Inc., 11381 Meadowglen, Houston, TX 77082)

A discussion meeting is being sponsored by the Technical Committee on Noise to review progress made to date on the actions initiated by the Technical Committee on Noise at the Denver 1993 meeting to increase the role of the ASA in noise and its control. Members of the steering committee will each review the specific activities undertaken in the areas of education, collaboration with other societies, increasing public awareness of noise and the establishment of a task force to determine feasibility of establishing an ASA clearinghouse on noise.

THURSDAY MORNING, 1 DECEMBER 1994

Session 4aPAa

Physical Acoustics and Structural Acoustics and Vibration: Ray Methods in Radiation and Scattering from Elastic Objects I

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Chair’s Introduction—8:25

Invited Papers

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Waves propagating along ray paths on shells have various descriptors, such as the dispersion relation that connects frequency and the two principal wave-number components for each point on the surface. Other descriptors include polarization relations: complex ratios of amplitudes of quantities that oscillate under the influence of a propagating wave. Such oscillating quantities include the components of the displacement vector for points on the middle surface, the acoustic pressure at the external surface, and the locally-spatially-averaged passive forces exerted on the shell by the internal structure. Energy balance relations are also wave descriptors. Such descriptors are derivable directly from the equations of elasticity and fluid mechanics. In any frequency and
wavelength along the direction of propagation is somewhat smaller than the effective shell radius associated with that direction. It is not necessary for the frequency to be high and/or for the wavelength to be smaller than both of the principal radii of curvature. Radiation of sound into the fluid from waves traveling slower than the speed of sound is possible as long as there is some point above the surface at which the extrapolated phase velocity is supersonic; the explanation is analogous to why propellers with subsonic tip speeds radiate sound. [Work supported by ONR.]

9:00


Observations of backscattering by thin spherical shells in water were carried out using tone bursts and a novel broadband transient source [G. Kaduchak, Ph.D. dissertation, WSU (1994)]. Ray theory pertaining to some of the underlying features observed will be discussed including: (a) a bipolar specular feature of the impulse response sensitive to the shell’s mass-per-area; (b) a high-frequency enhancement of the tone burst response due to a backwards wave [G. Kaduchak et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. (in press)]; (c) the coincidence frequency enhancement of the tone burst and impulse responses associated with the a_0_ wave; (d) low-frequency features evident in the impulse response associated with the effect of curvature on the a_0_ wave (or what some authors describe as the “Junger wave”); and (e) periodic s_0_ wave packets giving resonance dips up to moderate frequencies. Feature (b) is sometimes called the thickness quasiresonance and for the stainless steel shell studied the ray theory uses the s_2_ leaky Lamb wave properties in the negative group-velocity region. The development of ray theory for situations where conventional thin shell theory is not applicable will be reviewed. [Work supported by ONR.]

9:30

4aPAa3. Selected topics in computational ray methods. Roger H. Hackman (Lockheed Palo Alto Res. Lab., Palo Alto, CA 94304-1191) and Gary S. Sammelmann (Coastal Systems Station, Panama City, FL 32407-5000)

Several selected topics intimately involved with the application of ray theory to acoustic scattering are discussed. The first topic is the application of quantitative ray theory to the low-frequency acoustic scattering from large aspect ratio solids. In this approach, the scattering amplitude is developed as a time-ordered perturbation series. The series for the elastic response is explicitly summed to obtain a closed form expression that is analogous to results obtained for spherical and infinite cylindrical geometries through application of the Sommerfeld-Watson transformation. Emphasis is placed on novel features that have no counterpart on these simpler geometries (e.g., “bipolar” coupling phenomena) and their implications for resonance excitation. A second topic deals with a near-field/far-field target strength model for more complicated geometrical shapes that is under development at CSS. But theoretical and experimental results are presented. A third topic is high-frequency “quasi-resonance” phenomenon of thin shell structures. The structure of the “quasiresonance” mode is obtained for both complex wave number (real frequency) and complex frequency (real wave number) extensions of the reflection coefficient for a fluid loaded flat plate. The results are used to synthesize the scattering amplitude for spherical shells using forms previously derived for the Sommerfeld-Watson transform.

10:00–10:15 Break

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4aPAa4. Implementation of a ray tracing algorithm to calculate the acoustic scattering from fluid loaded, doubly curved shells. Douglas A. Rebinsky, Andrew N. Norris (Dept. of Mech. and Aerosp. Eng., Rutgers Univ., P.O. Box 909, Piscataway, NJ 08855-0909), and Yang Yang (SFA, Inc., Landover, MD 20785)

Ray tracing is used to calculate the acoustical and structural response of smooth, elastic shells of nonseparable shape. The frequency range of interest is below flexural coincidence but still high enough that asymptotic methods are applicable. The structure and development of ray-like solutions on arbitrarily doubly curved shells is reviewed with a discussion of two mechanisms: (1) a “background” response determined by the local inertial impedance, and (2) phase matching to longitudinal and shear waves. The background response can be approximated by specular reflection, but the membrane waves require global treatment over the whole structure. After first calculating the coupling curves, which are the closed loci defined by phase matching with the incident wavefield, “pressure” rays are then sent out over the shell with each ray and its amplitude evolving according to a ray equation and a transport equation. Illustrative examples of ray paths and ray-tube areas will be presented for ellipsoidal and quasicylindrical shells. The use of the Gaussian beam summation method to describe the wavefield will be discussed. Numerical comparisons are made with the exact results for the canonical geometries, and extensions to nonseparable shapes and discontinuous shells will be shown and discussed. [Work supported by ONR.]

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4aPAa5. Rays, modes, and spectra: Footprints in phase space. Leopold B. Felsen (Dept. of Aerosp. and Mech. Eng., Boston Univ., 110 Cummings St., Boston, MA 02215)

Ray methods have been used extensively to describe mid- and high-frequency, as well as pulsed, phenomena associated with acoustic propagation in the presence of submerged solid or layered elastic structures. The relevant wavefields include externally reflected and diffracted, as well as externally–internally coupled, progressing constituents, repetitive multiples of which combine into oscillatory (modal) forms. Full exploitation of ray methods for radiation and scattering scenarios, either forward (for classification) or inverse (for identification), is aided by systematic footpointing of the (space-time)–(wave number-frequency) characteristics of the
various wave objects in a (configuration)-(spectrum) phase space catalog. "Clean" footprints obtained from forward asymptotics for certain test problems are shown to be diffused (a) by windowed processings that are applied to extract these footprints from data (imaging), and (b) by space-time limits imposed on the data set. Examples include submerged elastic cylindrical, and finite flat plate geometries. Also included are simple models of truncated strict or perturbed periodicity, with illustration of superresolution and backpropagation [L. Carin et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. (submitted)]. [Work supported by ONR and AFOSR.]

11:15
4aPAb. Postmodern quantum mechanics: Chaos and the Schrödinger wave equation. Steven Tomsovic (Dept. of Phys., Washington State Univ., Pullman, WA 99164-2814)

Recent theoretical and experimental developments are driving a growing interest in the asymptotic wave behavior of quantum mechanics. The underlying ray theory is based on the trajectories found in the corresponding classical mechanical system. Many systems exhibit some chaotic motion and present a number of challenges for the theory. Recent advances will be illustrated with the stadium billiard which has become one of the premiere paradigms of highly chaotic dynamics [E. J. Heller and S. Tomsovic, Phys. Today 46(7), 38 (1993)]. Both the time-dependent and stationary solutions will be discussed. [Work supported by NSF Grant No. PHY-9305582.]

THURSDAY MORNING, 1 DECEMBER 1994

PECOS ROOM, 9:00 TO 11:00 A.M.

Session 4aPAb

Physical Acoustics and Bioresponse to Vibration and to Ultrasound: Bioeffects of Ultrasound and Cavitation

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Contributed Papers

9:00

Marine lung and Drosophila larvae were used to compare effects of isolated positive and negative pulses on tissue containing gas bodies. The basic pulse, produced by an underwater spark, was positive. It could be isolated by floating absorptive, nonreflecting rubber on the water surface to prevent reflection. When an isolated negative pulse was desired, the rubber was removed and the direct, positive pulse was blocked by inserting a jagged-edge barrier between the spark and the exposure area. The jagged edge rendered the diffracted wave (from the barrier edge) incoherent and therefore negligible in the exposure area. Exposure levels were varied by altering the proximity of the exposure area to the source. For each level, lung damage and larva mortality due to 20-pulse exposures were measured. Positive pulses were found to be at least as damaging, to both tissues, as negative pulses having the same amplitude. If the damage was due to cavitation, this result is contrary to conventional wisdom, which holds negative pressure largely responsible for the violence of inertial cavitation. It is speculated that the expansion and ensuing catastrophic collapse of a bubble are hindered in the presence of tissue. [Work supported by ONR, NIH, and ARL: UT IR&D program.]

9:15
4aPAb2. Sound transmission to the human fetus. Christopher L. Morley and Roger J. Pinnington (Inst. of Sound and Vib. Res., Univ. of Southampton, Southampton SO17 1BJ, United Kingdom)

A common noninvasive test for fetal well-being involves transmitting an audio-frequency acoustic signal into the amniotic fluid by means of a mechanical vibrator, which is applied to the mother's abdomen close to the fetal head. This test has been simulated in the laboratory, using a silicone rubber model uterus of spherical shape filled with water. The outside of the model was excited by an impedance head and a load-distributing contact disk. Mechanical impedance measurements were compared with similar measurements on volunteer subjects at about 30 weeks' pregnancy, and showed similar trends as a function of frequency. The model was then used to establish a transfer function between the exciting force and the acoustic pressure in the water-filled cavity. A simple theoretical model is presented which accounts for the main features observed experimentally. Results indicate that commercial fetal stimulators can produce intrauterine sound pressures as high as 30 Pa rms (180 Pa peak pressure) close to the point of excitation. The actual level depends on the thickness of the subcutaneous fat layer which couples the vibrator to the uterus.

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Reflection and superposition of stress waves is analyzed using finite difference techniques to better understand the effect of stone parameters and geometry on the distribution of strains within kidney stones and gallstones during lithotripsy. Concrections of irregular geometries are subjected to ultrasonic wave sources that simulate lithotripter pulses. The time evolution of strain is calculated inside cylinders of rectangular and circular cross sections, due to an incident radially diverging source in the liquid surrounding the solid. Two schemes are considered to explicitly account for the main features observed experimentally. Results indicate that commercial fetal stimulators can produce intrauterine sound pressures as high as 30 Pa rms (180 Pa peak pressure) close to the point of excitation. The actual level depends on the thickness of the subcutaneous fat layer which couples the vibrator to the uterus.

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for the liquid–solid interface conditions. Both schemes account for varying grid sizes and give identical results for straight interfaces, but the second scheme also handles irregular interfaces. The time sequence obtained numerically for strain at the center of a rectangular cylinder also matches well with the experimental results [S. M. Gracewski et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 652–661 (1993)]. In addition, strain contours are plotted for the propagation of $P$ (longitudinal) and $SV$ (shear vertical) waves inside a circular cylinder. It is shown that the reflection from the concave back surface of the circular cylinder has a focusing effect with the subsequent formation of focal zones (caustics).

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The steady-state response induced by an ultrasonic wave in a structure comprised of two layers, a bubbly liquid, and a viscoelastic solid with a rigid boundary, is studied in the linear approximation. This structure models a steadily cavitating liquid in contact with tissue. The upper surface of the liquid is driven harmonically and models the source. The lower surface of the solid is rigid and models bone. Though the cavitation processes are nonlinear, the propagation is approximated as linear. The model of the bubbly liquid is a simple continuum one, supplemented by allowing for a distribution of different bubble radii and for damping of the oscillations of each bubble. The model contains three functions, the probability distribution describing the distribution of bubble radii, and two functions modeling the mechanical response of, respectively, the individual bubble and the tissue. Numerical examples are worked out by adapting data taken from various published sources to deduce the parameters of these functions. These examples permit an assessment of the overall attenuation of the structure, and of the magnitude of the pressure and particle velocity in the bubbly liquid, and of the traction and the particle displacement in the tissue. [Partial support from Arjo, Inc., Morton Grove, IL.]

10:00
4aPAb5. Cavitation in water generated by pulse Doppler ultrasound. Ronald A. Roy (Appl. Phys. Lab., Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105) and J. Brian Fowlkes (Univ. of Michigan Medical Ctr., Ann Arbor, MI 48109)

A recently published study reports the direct observation of transient microcavitation in water produced by clinical diagnostic ultrasound [Holland et al., IEEE UFFC 39, 95–101 (1992)]. Results are presented from a similar study in which an aqueous suspension of 0.2-µm-diam polystyrene spheres was sonicated by an ATL UM9 scanner operating in the pulse Doppler mode at 3.5 and 5.0 MHz. The suspension was degassed to approximately 90% of saturation. Using a computer-automated active cavitation detector [Roy et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 87, 2451–2458 (1990)], cavitation production rates were obtained for a variety of pulse parameters such as intensity, peak negative pressure, pulse length, and pulse repetition frequency. Results suggest a cavitation threshold which is fairly well predicted by the mechanical index calculated from the various pulse waveforms obtained in situ. [Work supported by NIH through Grant No. R01 CA39374.]

10:15
4aPAb6. Cavitation from short pulses high-frequency ultrasound: A study of cavitation production rates and their dependence on acoustical parameters. Adam Calabrese (Dept. of Phys., Univ. of Mistsippi, Oxford, MS 38677) and Ronald A. Roy (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105)

Previously, cavitation due to pulsed megahertz-frequency ultrasound was detected using a technique that only looked for the onset of detectable cavitation [Calabrese et al., Advances in Nonlinear Acoustics, ed. by H. Huber, pp. 394–399 (1993)]. This method provides little information about cavitation production rates, which may be better correlated to a mechanical bioeffect than the threshold alone. A modified approach using a passive cavitation detector [Roy et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 87, 2451–2458 (1990)] is used to determine the rate of cavitation as a function of acoustic pressure amplitude. Measurements are repeated for a variety of pulse lengths (from 3 to 100 µs) and duty cycles (from 0.1% to 20%) and at frequencies of 1, 2.25, and 5 MHz. Initial results suggest that the threshold pressure for cavitation is weakly dependent on pulse length and decreases with increasing duty cycle. [Work supported by NIH through Grant No. RO1 CA39374.]
Session 4aSPa

Speech Communication: Production and Perception of Speech by Children I

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Chair's Introduction—8:00

Invited Papers

8:05
4aSPa1. Anatomic development of the vocal tract: Implications for speech motor control and acoustic properties of speech. Ray D. Kent (Dept. of Commun. Disord., Univ. of Wisconsin, 1975 Willow Dr., Madison, WI 53706)

It has been proposed that models of speech production should be developed with consideration of age and gender differences. Although some important age differences in anatomy and acoustic patterns of vocalization have been described between infants and adults, much less attention has been given to the anatomic development of the speech production system between infancy and adulthood. This talk reviews the anatomic development of the craniofacial, oral, and laryngeal systems of speech production between birth and young adulthood. Implications of the developmental patterns are considered for the ontogeny of speech production, especially speech motor control and acoustic patterns of speech. Consideration also is given to gender and race as they relate to vocal tract anatomy and its development in children. Topics to be reviewed include: craniofacial skeleton, nasopharynx, tongue, lips, and larynx. The overall pattern of development will be summarized for each system and intervals of especially rapid growth will be identified. A major hypothesis to be evaluated is whether growth is harmonious across the major anatomic systems.

8:30
4aSPa2. Development of skilled speech production in children. Shari R. Baum (School of Commun. Sci. & Disord., McGill Univ., 1266 Pine Ave. W., Montreal, PQ H3G 1A8, Canada) and William F. Katz (Univ. of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX)

There has been much recent interest in the manner in which children develop mature speech production capabilities. Investigations of both normal speech acquisition and developmental speech production impairments have contributed to our current knowledge base. A consistent finding is that young children's speech is highly variable, both in its temporal and spectral attributes, and that this variability diminishes gradually with age. However, the exact manner in which articulatory precision emerges (or fails to emerge in speech disorders) continues to be the subject of debate. For example, some research on anticipatory coarticulation suggests a developmental progression from syllable- to segment-based timing strategies while other research suggests the opposite. Similarly, some studies of compensatory articulation show comparable degrees of motor equivalence in young children and adults, while others show that this aspect of motor control emerges gradually with maturation. This presentation will review key experiments (primarily based on acoustic analyses), consider potential explanations for the controversial data, and discuss methodological alternatives that may assist in the resolution of outstanding questions. Recent evidence indicates that specific motor patterns of different articulators will play a major role.

8:55
4aSPa3. The developmental role of acoustic boundaries in speech perception. Ralph N. Ohde (Div. of Hear. and Speech Sci., Box 552, Station 17, Vanderbilt Univ. School of Medicine, Nashville, TN 37232-8700)

During production, there are frequent abrupt changes in the amplitude or in the spectrum of the sound, and these variations are regarded as boundaries between speech sounds. The information appears rich in cues for phonetic features of the segments occurring within 10 to 30 ms of the acoustic boundaries. Recent research examining children's speech shows that the information contained within the acoustic boundaries of their productions provides important cues for consonant place of articulation. In addition, interspeaker variability for these segments is low, as compared to properties such as formant transitions. Current studies also reveal that for both adult and child speech a principal mechanism involved in processing acoustic boundary cues involves short-term memory, and that the elimination of boundary information negatively affects perception of place of articulation, particularly for children's speech. Furthermore, the importance of acoustic boundaries in children's speech extends to their perception of place of articulation of both consonants and vowels. Young children accurately process place of articulation from very short duration stimuli, which includes the period of rapid spectrum change. In the current paper, this evidence supporting the salience of acoustic boundary information in children's speech and children's perception of speech will be presented. [Work supported by NIH, DC00464.]
THURSDAY MORNING, 1 DECEMBER 1994
SAN SABA ROOM, 10:15 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.

Session 4aSPb

Speech Communication: Production and Perception of Speech by Children II (Poster Session)

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All posters will be on display from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. To allow contributors an opportunity to see other posters, contributors of odd-numbered papers will be at their posters from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., and contributors of even-numbered papers will be at their posters from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Posters will remain on display until 10:00 p.m. on Friday.

4aSPb1. Prosodic features of foreigner talk register in the speech of 10- to 11- and 6- to 7-year-old American children. Jennifer Sullivan and Andrea G. Levitt (Wellesley College, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02181-8289)

At what age and in what ways do children begin to modify their speech in the presence of a non-native speaker? Two groups of six American children each, three girls and three boys, were asked to teach two children, one a native speaker of English and another with limited English proficiency, to recite the pledge of allegiance and two children's poems. The children in the younger group were between 6 and 7. When speaking to the non-native child, the older group of children were between 10 and 11 years old, and those in the younger group were between 6 and 7. When speaking to the native speaker, the older group of children produced shorter utterances, repeated often, and spoke significantly more slowly than when speaking to the non-native speaker. Repetitions were generally spoken with a lower F0, and the older children also used a significantly reduced F0 range when addressing the non-native speaker. There were no differences in the prosodic adjustments made by the boys and the girls. The children in the younger group generally made few modifications in their speech to the non-native child, although some of the older subjects in this group occasionally modified their speech to the non-native speaker in ways similar to those of the older children. [Work supported by NIH Grant No. 1 R15 HD28173-01.]

4aSPb2. Prosodic cues for phrasal boundaries in productions by children and adults. Sushama Verma, Anne M. Manering, Branden M. Kornell, William F. Katz (Dept. of Commun. Disord., Univ. of Texas at Dallas, Callier Center, 1966 Inwood Rd., Dallas, TX 75235), and Cheryl Beach (3408 Custer St., Cincinnati, OH 45208)

Although recent evidence suggests that young children use prosodic information to “bootstrap” themselves into syntactic comprehension, little is known about how children use prosody to signal syntactic boundaries in their spoken utterances. A speech elicitation task examined the extent to which children and adults control duration and intonation to mark phrase boundaries in spontaneous speech. Adults and young children (ages 5 and 7) were asked to describe groupings of colored blocks in a manner such that a blindfolded listener could tell “which blocks go together.” This procedure elicited utterances corresponding to three syntactic bracketings of the phrase “pink and green and white.” Acoustic analysis of subjects’ productions indicated that adults reliably controlled duration (i.e., syllable lengthening, pauses) and intonation fall-rise patterns to signal phrase boundaries. In contrast, children’s productions were highly variable and showed no evidence of intonation cues being involved. Individual subject analyses suggested that some of the 7-year-old children used duration cue to signal phrase boundaries, although the contrasts were not as marked as in the adult data. The results were interpreted as showing that by age 7, most children have not yet mastered prosodic cues for phrasal boundaries in their speech production.
Subjects were then trained on one endpoint from each continuum in one of two continua. The continua endpoints formed nonwords (e.g., beb--, p...). Sub- was used to investigate the infants' ability to discriminate target words that

greater proportion of tokens were perceived as compatible with the trained

carrier phase five times (e.g., "The sound you will hear is."). Subjects

learning conditions. Subjects in the exposure condition heard items in a

infant-directed or adult-directed speech ("direction") and for each direc-

nations of direction and focus, was first submitted to adult scrutiny in order

to select unambiguous carrier sentences in which adequate target words

were subsequently edited. Both adults and infants were tested by the head-

procedure, to assess the differences between the infants' and adults'

use of the prosodic information. [Research supported by The Bank of

Sterncentenary Foundation, Grant No. 94-0435.]

4aSPb4. The nature of top-down representations that affect bottom-up phonemic processing in children and adults. Angel L. Bauman (Dept. of Psychol., SUNY-Buffalo, Park Hall, Box 604110, Buffalo, NY 14260-4110) and Judith C. Goodman (Univ. of California at San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093)

Adults and children use lexical knowledge to interpret phonemes in speech [W. F. Ganong, JEP: HPF 6, 110-125 (1980); Hurlburt and Good-

man, in preparation; S. Nittouer and A. Boothroyd, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 87, 2705-2715 (1990)]. This study examines the nature of lexical repre-

sentations necessary for top-down effects. In a baseline assessment, 5-year-

olds and adults heard stimuli from seven-step voice onset time (VOT) con-

tinua. The continua endpoints formed nonwords (e.g., beb---, p---).

Subjects were then trained on one endpoint from each continuum in one of two learning conditions. Subjects in the exposure condition heard items which included a carrier phase five times (e.g., "The sound you will hear is."). Subjects in the concept condition heard five instances of each item used as a picture label, in definitional sentences, and in a sentence identifying its super-

ordinate category. After training, subjects again heard the baseline VOT continua. Children's and adults' phoneme boundaries shifted such that a greater proportion of tokens were perceived as compatible with the trained end of the continuum regardless of learning condition. This suggests that minimal exposure to a sound pattern, rather than fully-specified lexical knowledge, can result in top-down effects in speech perception.

4aSPb5. Voice pitch as an aid to speechreading in young children. Joanna D. Fagg (School of Commun. Sci. and Disord., McGill Univ., 1266 Pine Ave. West, Montréal, PQ H3G 1A8, Canada)

The speechreading ability of a group of young children with normal hearing was assessed using a simple, closed-set, single word identification task. The speechreading test was devised such that the accurate identifi-
cation of half of the test items would be expected to be facilitated by the ability to perceive voicing contrasts. All of the subjects performed the task twice, once with visual speech information only and once with visual information supplemented by a voice pitch signal, derived using an elec-
trolytograph. Subjects were found to be able to identify familiar words through speechreading, both in the silent condition and with the addition voice pitch signal. No significant overall improvement was found to result from the provision of voice pitch information. However, subjects were found to significantly improve in their ability to identify those test items which required the discrimination of voicing contrasts. Conclusions were drawn about the normal speech perceptual processes of young children and about the possible benefits of providing simple speech pattern information, such as the voice pitch signal, for children with profound hearing losses.

4aSPb6. A developmental study of audiovisual speech perception using the McGurk paradigm. Neil S. Hockley and Linda Polka (School of Commun. Sci. and Disord., McGill Univ., 1266 Pine Ave. West, Montréal, PQ H3G 1A8, Canada)

The development of audiovisual speech perception was examined in this experiment using the McGurk paradigm (McGurk and MacDonald, 1976), in which a visual recording of a person saying a particular syllable

is synchronized with the auditory presentation of another syllable. Previ-

ous audiovisual speech studies have shown that adult perception is strongly

influenced by the visual speech information whereas the perception of

young children (5–8 years) shows a very weak influence of visual speech patterns and a strong bias favoring the auditory speech information. In this investigation 46 children in four age groups (5, 7, 9, and 11 year olds) and 15 adults were presented with conflicting audiovisual syllables in which an auditory /ba/ sequence was combined with visual /va/, /ba/, /da/, and /ga/ sequences, respectively. The results indicated that the influence of auditory information decreased with increasing age, while the influence of visual information and the integration of auditory and visual information in-

creased across the age groups. In addition, an adult-like response pattern was observed in only half of the children in the oldest child subject group (10–12 years old) suggesting that the ability to utilize visual speech infor-

mation continues to develop beyond the age of 12. [Work supported by

NSERC.]

4aSPb7. Infant dependence on acoustic cue redundancy: Discrimination of the word-final voicing contrast. Margret A. Orme and Linda Polka (School of Commun. Sci. and Disord., McGill Univ., 1266 Pine Ave. West, Montréal, PQ H3G 1A8, Canada)

Discrimination of a word-final stop consonant voicing contrast, /b/d/–

/b/ , by adults and infants at two ages (6–8 and 10–12 months) was investi-

gated in a category-change conditioned headturn procedure across three stimulus conditions: full cue (FC), burst and closure cues neutralized (BCCN), and vowel duration neutralized (VDN). Adults performed at ceil-

ing levels for all three conditions. No infant age differences were observed. However, there was some evidence that infants benefited from the pres-

ence of redundant acoustic cues (FC>BCCN, but FC>VDN). Infants per-

formed significantly better with the VDN stimuli indicating that final re-

lease burst information is more salient to infants than vowel duration
differences for this /b/d/–/b/ contrast. This result differs from findings of

prior research on adult and infant perception of such contrasts which showed a prominent use of the preceding vowel duration cue. This finding

suggests that vowel duration becomes useful as a cue to final stop voicing with linguistic sophistication. [Work supported by NSERC.]

4aSPb8. Sensitivity to the distinctive features of vowels in newborn speech segmentation. Kelley L. Kaye (Univ. of Texas at Dallas, School of Human Develop. GR41, P. O. Box 830688, Richardson, TX 75083-0688)

A previous study investigating the unit of speech perception in new-

borns [K. L. Kaye, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 92, 2299(A) (1992)] yielded results suggesting that speech processing in newborns requires both the definition of the multidimensional perceptual space of the utterances in terms of small perceptual units, and the chunking of phonemes into syllables for cognitive processing in memory. The present study focused on the perceptual process, investigating whether newborns are sensitive to the distinctive features of vowels. A vowel can be characterized by three opposed distinctive features. Using an operant ([SI) sucking procedure, one group of newborns received, over earphones, a presentation set with 0 distinctive feature variation, a second group with greater than 0 but less than 1 distinctive feature variation, and a third group with 2 distinctive features variation between the computer synthesized vowels in the set. Results indicated that responding is affected by the number of distinctive features required to define the vowel set, and together these studies indicate that newborns can segment speech in terms of syllables, phonemes, and distinctive features. Distinctive features are normally defined in articulatory terms, yet newborns do not have the appropriate articulatory equipment. The theoretical implications of this will be discussed.

4aSPb9. Prototype preference and magent effects in newborns: Evidence for an innate component. Michelle Aldridge (Caliiner Ctr. for Commun. Disord.—UTD, 1966 Inwood Rd., Dallas, TX 75235)

Within the vowel space there are subareas which correspond to specific vowel categories. Within each subarea there is a point which defines the best exemplar or prototype of that vowel. Kuhl [J. Phon. 21, 125–139 (1993)] has argued that the area immediately surrounding a prototype is perceptually shrunken, with reduced variance in responding to points in that immediately surrounding area, a magnet effect [Kuhl (1993)]. Empiri-
cally, prototype points correspond to the averages of large numbers of utterances. This leads to the hypothesis that prototypes are learned. It is equally possible that prototypes are innate [Kuhl (1993)]. To decide between these two hypotheses an experiment was run with newborns. The vowel /y/ was used in the experiment; /y/ does not occur in Texas. The newborns' only experience was provided in the experiment. "Best exemplar" was equated with "most attractive" measured by listening time in an operant choice task. Results indicated that experience did not determine preference. The prototype /y/ was preferred, regardless of the experience provided. No significant magnet effect occurred. A second, slightly different, experiment did find a magnet effect. The difference between the two experiments may explain why the magnet effect occurs.

4aSPb10. Deficits in linguistic experience delay the development of mature speech perception abilities and of phonemic awareness. Susan Nittrouer (Boys Town Natl. Res. Hospital, 555 North 30th St., Omaha, NE 68131)

One model of how mature patterns of speech perception develop suggests that the weighting of various kinds of acoustic information changes as a result of experience with a native language. It has further been suggested that this developmental shift in perceptual weighting is related to the development of mature sensitivity to the phonemic structure of one's native language (i.e., phonemic awareness). Thus it could be predicted that deficits in linguistic experience would delay both the development of mature patterns of speech perception and of phonemic awareness. This preliminary study tested this prediction by administering labeling and phonemic-awareness tasks to two groups of children: those of mid-socioeconomic status (SES) and those of low SES. Several studies have shown that parental language directed to low-SES children differs from that directed to mid-SES children in kind and amount, such that low-SES children may be thought of as enduring deficits in linguistic experience. Results showed that low-SES children performed differently from mid-SES children on both experimental tasks, displaying results similar to those of younger, mid-SES children in other studies. These results suggest that linguistic experience plays a role in the development both of mature perceptual weighting schemes for speech signals and of phonemic awareness.

4aSPb11. Maturational limitations to pronunciation accuracy in a second language. Grace H. Yeni-Komshian (Dept. of Hear. and Speech Sci., Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742) and James E. Fegle (Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham, AL 35233)

This study examines pronunciation proficiency in a second language (L2) as a function of the age of (L2) acquisition. Accuracy of pronunciation of words and sentences produced by Korean–English bilinguals who began learning their L2 (English) between 2 and 24 years of age is reported. All subjects were born in Korea and had resided in the U.S. for at least 8 years. Their average age at the time of testing was about 24 years. The results are based on the subjects’ accuracy of pronunciation of vowels and consonants in English words and sentences. Preliminary findings, regarding segmental phonemes, indicate no major difficulties up to about 11 years for L2 acquisition. Those who learned English (L2) at or later than 12 had significantly lower pronunciation accuracy scores. These difficulties were more evident in vowels than in consonants. The results support the critical period for language learning hypothesis. The discussion will address the problem of specifying the optimum conditions for second language acquisition and first language retention.

THURSDAY MORNING, 1 DECEMBER 1994

BALLROOM B, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.

Session 4aUW

Underwater Acoustics: Signal Processing II

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Contributed Papers

8:00


A unique tool for low/mid-frequency (LF/MF) shallow-water reverberation and scattering measurements has been developed. The towed vertically directive source (TVDS) is designed to overcome the two critical deficiencies in most attempts to measure LF scattering characteristics of the ocean bottom in shallow water—insufficient source level and inadequate directivity of the sound source. Although TVDS provides high source level and directivity at LF and MF (220 to 230 dB over the frequency band from 400 to 4000 Hz) it is designed for use on 3000 ton research vessels at tow depths to 180 m. An articulated strut allows aperture for a 20 deg vertical beamwidth at 600 Hz but permits TVDS to be deployed and retrieved with the low-frequency array retracted. An MF array with center frequency of 3000 Hz is mounted in the vertical stabilizer of TVDS and also provides a 20 deg vertical beamwidth. Provision for simultaneous transmission at LF and MF will permit frequency diversity in measurements over a decade of frequency with scattered signal reception on the TVDS transducer arrays or an adjacent towed array. TVDS design and test results will be discussed. [Work sponsored by ONR.]

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4aUW2. Performance of adaptive beamforming (ABF) for fixed receiver bistatic active systems. Yung P. Lee and John Hanna (Sci. Applications Int. Corp., 1710 Goodridge Dr., MS T1-3-5, McLean, VA 22102)

Data collected from a sea test have been processed and analyzed to examine the performance of adaptive spatial beamforming techniques in fixed receiver bistatic active systems. Adaptive beamforming using both the least-mean-squared (LMS) method and block sample-matrix-inversion (SMI) method have been studied. The LMS method uses the current input signal to recursively update the adaptive weight; it converges slowly and provides only a little adaptive gain (over the conventional beamforming) for reverberation suppression. On the other hand, the SMI method uses an estimate of the current covariance matrix to recursively update the adaptive weight; it converges rapidly and provides more than 10 dB adaptive gain. It is well known that adaptive processing is very sensitive to mismatch due to system errors or environmental fluctuations. To recover the signal lost in mismatch, two robust SMI adaptive beamformers, Feedback-Loop White-Noise-Constrained (FLWNC) method and Signal-Coherence-Constrained Reduced-Rank (SCCRR) method, were applied. They successfully recover signals and maintain excellent clutter suppression.
The performance of a generic low-frequency, active sonar was simulated using a broadband, coupled mode, propagation model. The low-frequency active system consisted of a 1000-Hz source with source level of 220 dB and a towed horizontal array of hydrophones. The ocean environment used in the simulation was 159 tomographic snapshots of the Barents Sea Polar Front, taken every 5 min. These tomographic images over a range of 35 km provide a virtual ocean in which system performance and environmental data requirements can be assessed. The probability of detection calculated as a function of time for 13 h is compared with that estimated using a range-and-time-independent assumption. The importance of coastal acoustic tomography for tactical applications will be discussed.

8:45
4aUW4. Reverberation characterization and suppression in the presence of channel spreading. Geoffrey S. Edelson (Lockheed Sanders, Inc., MAN6-2000, P.O. Box 686, Nashua, NH 03061-0868) and Ivars P. Kirsteins (SACLANT Undersea Research Centre, La Spezia, Italy)

In active sonar, the reverberation plus target time series can be modeled as the joint convolution of the signal with the channel and scatterer impulse responses. Especially in shallow water, the channel response cannot be adequately modeled as propagation over discrete paths. A maximum likelihood type approach is proposed for estimating the arrival times of signals which have propagated via a continuum of paths, i.e., temporally spread channels. The channel spreading is included in the model by using a discrete prolate spheroidal sequence (DPSS) to represent the channel impulse response of given duration, but unknown shape. Thus the unknown parameters are the arrival times and the scale factors of the DPSS expansion. The parameters are estimated using an iterative methodology which decomposes the original data into its constituent components and then estimates the parameters of the individual components through a sequence of one-dimensional searches. Experimental data and computer simulation examples indicate that the method performs well.

9:00
4aUW5. Dynamic stereo imaging of hard-skinned sonar targets. Terry L. Henderson (Appl. Res. Lab., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

The visible portion of a hard-skinned sonar target can be scanned in x-y-z coordinates by beamforming a planar array, to give a 3-D representation. However, a simple line array running along the x axis can provide a projection view of a target that lies along the z axis, with its upper and lower surfaces being projected semitransparently onto the x-z plane, giving a picture analogous to that of a biological specimen viewed with a slide microscope. If the line array is turned about the z axis, it will appear that the target is revolving around the z axis. When this tumbling view is presented 14° out of phase to the left and right eyes, a stereoscopic view of the tumbling target is obtained, with its 3-D form revealed by the brain’s innate tomographic signal processing capability. In-water experiments have been conducted for several target shapes. Other means of generating dynamic displays have been developed that are suitable for scanning objects on the seafloor. A videotape of results for several targets has been prepared. Further simplifications of the array structure and processing are possible, with some limitations and weaknesses. [Work supported by ARL/UT IR&D.]

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Ultrasonic synthetic aperture imaging is a useful technique for detecting cracks in the material and viewing the underwater environment. Since high-frequency ultrasonics are utilized for such purposes, transducers with sufficient transient response have been made available. On the other hand, ordinary transducers for measurements in air are of the resonant type because of comparatively low practical frequency used. However, the utilization of resonant type transducers for synthetic aperture imaging in air makes the measurement resolution poor. This degradation comes from the narrow-band characteristics of transducers, which cause signal distortion in transduction. In this study, to compensate for the narrow-band characteristics of transducers, a deconvolution technique is applied for preprocessing of synthetic aperture imaging and improvement is attained thereby in the case of using the resonant type transducer. The filter used for deconvolution is of the FIR type which is designed in the time domain. The desired filter output has bandpass characteristics with a center frequency of 40 kHz corresponding to the resonant frequency of the transducer and the passband is 6 kHz. Experimental results show that resolution of synthetic aperture imaging is improved by a factor of 3.0 in the range direction and 3.5 in the lateral direction by using deconvolution processing.

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Detection of solid spherical elastic objects is approached via optimal detection and estimation theory in conjunction with acoustic scattering models for both the object and the environment. The objective is the development of full field (amplitude and phase) optimal decision methods for high-frequency active detection of a target in the vicinity of the seafloor. This parametric approach incorporates the inherent uncertainty of both object composition and seafloor geomorphology. The acoustic model used for the spherical object is the well-known modal series solution and is parameterized by object size, density (object and medium), compressional wave speed (object and medium), and shear wave speed. This deterministic model is used to predict the target signature measured at an array of sensors. Acoustic modeling of the seafloor is performed by applying the 3-D Helmholtz-Kirchhoff formulation to the anisotropic, power-law description of seafloor relief due to Goff and Jordan and is parameterized by correlation length (two directions), lineation direction, rms height, and fractal dimension. This model is used to predict the spatial and temporal coherence of the scattered sound field. Illustrative detection examples are presented along with receiver operator characteristic (ROC) performance. [Work supported by ONR: Ocean Acoustics.]

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It has been shown that for the case of Gaussian reverberation, the likelihood ratio detector can be made robust with respect to inexact knowledge of the acoustic scattering medium by incorporating a probabilistic description of environmental uncertainty and a model for the wave-number spectrum of the bottom-interacting acoustic field [Premus et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. (submitted)]. In this work a generalized form of the optimum detector is presented which requires full-field (amplitude and phase) modeling capability for the scattered field and relies on Monte Carlo integration to treat environmental uncertainty. The performance of the generalized
detector formulation is compared to that of the original detector formulation, which is a special case based on explicit modeling of the reverberation second-order statistics that is exact for the case of Gaussian reverberation. Tradeoffs involving the prior knowledge, modeling assumptions and computational requirements are discussed. [Work supported by ONR, Ocean Acoustics.]

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The equal-likelihood rationale [R. Pitre and N. R. Davis, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. (to be published)] for the selection of probability models has been extended and strengthened. The method is shown to be optimally robust, testable, and correctable. Nonlinear parameter estimation and filtering equations are developed based on this formalism and its application to modeling active sonar in a random waveguide is formulated. [Work sponsored by ONR.]

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Power spectral analysis does a reasonably good job of signal detection but fares poorly in characterization because the phase information is ignored in the spectral computations. From spectral analysis, an initial or seed value for the period of the target signal is obtained. The original digitally sampled noisy time signal is resampled (up/down sample rate conversion) at such a rate that precisely an integer number of time samples are obtained on each cycle of the quasiperiodic target signal. These noisy cycles are synchronously averaged in the time domain and an estimate for the shape of the target signal is computed. The sample rate conversion, and the synchronous averaging is repeated until the rms value of the result is maximized (i.e., phase cancellation is minimized). The voltage signal-noise ratio of the reconstructed target signal is proportional to the square root of the number of target cycles averaged. This procedure was tested with laboratory type signals and found to have an excellent performance at signal-to-noise voltage ratios as low as ~40 dB.

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4aUW11. Asymptotic behavior of the matched-phase noise filter in the limit of low signal-to-noise ratio. B. Edward McDonald and Gregory J. Orris (Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375-5000)

It has been shown elsewhere that information about the shape of the noise spectrum with no phase knowledge can be used to construct a noise rejection algorithm which we call the matched-phase filter. Here, it is demonstrated that to first order in the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), the matched-phase filter is capable of improving an arbitrarily low SNR (<1) to order unity when the spectrum of the noise is known exactly. This analysis accounts for properties of numerical results with computer-generated signal and noise, with SNR values below ~100 dB. Since computers have dynamic ranges far in excess of audio equipment, these results in an actual experiment would be limited by the dynamic ranges of the equipment used. Also shown are examples illustrating the performance of the algorithm when the noise spectrum is known only approximately.

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4aUW12. A multiresolution, likelihood-based approach to pattern classification with application to characterization and automated recognition of marine mammal sounds. Thomas J. Hayward (Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375-5350)

A multiresolution, likelihood-based statistical approach is presented for characterizing labeled classes of samples (e.g., measured time series or time-frequency distributions of acoustic transients) and for classifying new samples based on this statistical characterization. The labeled classes are characterized by a histogram associated with a multiresolution decomposition of the data in each class. Classification of a new sample is then performed by calculating, for each labeled class, the conditional probability of the sample given the statistics of that class. These conditional probabilities, which are interpreted as relative likelihoods that the sample belongs to each of the classes, are calculated in a recursive computation that proceeds from coarse to fine resolution. A simple, efficient computer implementation using associative arrays is presented. Successful classification of both time series and time-frequency distributions of marine-mammal vocalizations is demonstrated using relatively small numbers of labeled samples (~10 per class). [Work supported by ONR.]

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Often in applications it is desired to remotely identify an object from its acoustic signature. In active sonar the object is insonified by a transmitted waveform and the received pressure is processed to localize and identify the object. Here, the received pressure time series from spherical acoustic objects in motion that have been insonified by linear frequency modulated (LFM) waveforms are used to identify the objects. The unknown object's unknown constant velocity using a unique property of the fourth-order cumulant spectrum [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 1460–1465 (1993)] is extracted and then its transfer function is extracted. The results for five spherical acoustic objects in motion are discussed. Three methods, deconvolution, matched filtering, and fourth-order cumulant spectrum deconvolution to extract the object's transfer function are compared.

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4aUW14. Towed array geometry estimation during ship's maneuvering. S. M. Jesus, P. Felisberto (UCEF-Univ. of Algarve, PT-8000 Faro, Portugal), and F. Coelho (Hydrographic Inst.-PT-1000 Lisbon, Portugal)

Towed arrays of hydrophones are commonly used as receiving apparatus for determining the directionality of the underwater acoustic field. It is well known that a line array beam response has an inherent left-right ambiguity and that any deformation of the array will produce a distortion on the estimated acoustic field directionality. In particular, the array cannot be operated during ship's maneuvering which is a potential drawback to its operational usage. In theory, if the array is not straight but the hydrophone's position are known at each time instant, the beamformer could be compensated in order to obtain a corrected beam response. More, depending on the array shape, the left–right ambiguity could also be resolved. In practice, it is extremely difficult to obtain sufficiently accurate measurements of the hydrophone positions. This paper presents the measurements obtained at sea, with a 156 m aperture array, instrumented with several high precision tiltmeters, compasses, depth sensors, and accelerometers. After filtering and preliminary analysis of the sensor position data it is concluded that the array is never a straight horizontal line. The array has approximately a catenary shape with vertical deviations at the tail up to 15 m at constant tow speed. Under maneuvering, the array is largely deformed and a consistent shape could be estimated on real time from the nonposition sensors. The use of the estimated geometry for acoustic data processing, shows that consistent beam responses (close to theoretical) could be obtained even under strong array distortion. It is also shown, with real data, that the knowledge of array geometry significantly improves full-field matching for source localization and/or bottom characterization.

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4aUW15. A fundamental study of multipath localization using bottomed receivers in shallow water. Randall W. Smith, Jaime F. Nualart, and David E. Grant (Appl. Res. Lab., Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

The basic characteristics of multipath propagation from a shallow source to a bottomed receiver in shallow water are investigated, with an
emphasis on application to the problem of source localization. For this fundamental study, the environment is assumed to be ideal (perfectly reflecting bottom and surface, range invariant depth, isovelocity). The delays between travel times along different propagation paths depend on the location (range, depth, and bearing) of the source relative to the receiver. Measurements of several such time delays can be used to determine the location of the source. It was found that the travel time difference between paths having differing numbers of traversals of the water column depends strongly on range but weakly on depth. In contrast, the travel time difference between paths having an equal number of traversals but which have different source angles (i.e., up or down) depends strongly on depth but weakly on range. As an example, these observations are applied to localize a towed sound source in a real environment. The example provides a background for an assessment of how accurately a real environment must be modeled in order to obtain reasonable results.

THURSDAY MORNING, 1 DECEMBER 1994

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Scope of S12: Standards, specifications and terminology in the field of acoustical noise pertaining to methods of measurement, evaluation and control; including biological safety, tolerance and comfort and physical acoustics as related to environmental and occupational noise.


An optimal \textit{a posteriori} probability approach to matched field processing using time domain data in the form of arrival times is implemented. The inherent robustness of this technique is demonstrated with respect to conventional narrow-band frequency domain based matched field processing techniques. A ray-tracing method and a wideband normal mode method are compared as modeling mechanisms for this application. Localization performance for a shallow-water source localization problem is presented using probabilities of correct localization. Specific results for this shallow-water environment are presented as a function of signal-to-noise ratio.

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Standards Committee S1 on Acoustics. Working group chairs will report on their preparation of standards on methods of measurement and testing, and terminology, in physical acoustics, electroacoustics, sonics, ultrasonics, and underwater sound. Work in progress includes measurement of noise sources, noise dosimeters, integrating sound-level meters, and revision and extension of sound level meter specifications. Open discussion of committee reports is encouraged.

The international activities in ISO/TC 43 Acoustics, and IEC/TC 29 Electroacoustics, will also be discussed. The chairs of the respective U.S. Technical Advisory Groups for ISO/TC 43 (H. E. von Gierke), and IEC/TC 29 (V. Nedzelmitsky), will report on current activities of these Technical Committees, including their most recent meetings. (ISO/TC 43 and IEC/TC 29 both met in London, U.K. during November 1994).

Scope of S1: Standards, specifications, methods of measurement and test and terminology in the field of physical acoustics including architectural acoustics, electroacoustics, sonics and ultrasonics, and underwater sound, but excluding those aspects which pertain to biological safety, tolerance and comfort.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1 DECEMBER 1994

Session 4pAB

Animal Bioacoustics: Animal Bioacoustics Research Methodology II

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Chair’s Introduction—1:30

Invited Papers

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4pAB1. Otoacoustic emissions in animals: An intricate view of the peripheral stage of acoustic processing. Brenda L. Lonsbury-Martin, Glen K. Martin, and Martin L. Whitehead (Univ. of Miami Ear Inst. (M805), P.O. Box 016960, Miami, FL 33101)

Otoacoustic emissions (OAEs) represent sounds generated by the ear that can be simply measured from the ear canal. In particular, OAEs provide a means to examine in detail the encoding properties of the outer hair-cell system, which presumably generates emitted responses. Animal research using emissions as a response measure consists of four general classes of utilization including the use of...

The recent application of Navy Integrated Undersea Surveillance System (IUSS) data (Whales '93) for detecting and tracking low-frequency sounds from whales has led to a renewed interest in the use of these arrays for marine mammal research. Previous work with sparse arrays has limited the detection and tracking to ranges of tens of kilometers, while the IUSS allows for orders of magnitude greater coverage. SOSUS data are processed via computer systems specifically developed for detecting and tracking whales, as well as through annotations, to determine individual, geographic, and seasonal variability in vocalizations for at least four species (blue, finback, humpback, and minke), and there are also numerous sounds from unidentified whales. Given that these animals use these deliberate patterns of intense low-frequency sounds for either communication, navigation, or food finding, verification of sound function will be deduced through careful examination of behavioral context and other environmental conditions such as local productivity, bathymetry, and oceanography. Results from the Whales '93 and continuing Dual Use projects will be presented. This will include descriptions of signal variability for the different species of marine mammals and preliminary interpretation of the results in terms of sound function. [Work supported by ONR and NRL.]

4pAB3. The role of passive sonar technology in marine mammal population assessment. William E. Evans (Texas Inst. of Oceanogr., Texas A&M Univ., P.O. Box 1675, Galveston, TX 77553) and Robert Benson (Texas A&M Univ., College Station, TX 77843-3367)

When sonar detection of marine organisms is mentioned most every one visualizes active sonars. This is because development of passive sonar systems has been essentially limited to military use until recently. With the development of new designs, submarines could run deeper and more silent than in the past. The development of more sensitive listening systems was essential. With the development of improved passive sonars, a vast variety of biological noise mostly generated by cetaceans was documented. Most dolphins and whales are either direct or incidental noise makers. In many cases sound generating cetaceans can be identified as to family and in some cases to species (e.g., Physeter macrocephalus, Tursiops truncatus). In 1992 The Texas Institute of Oceanography, Center for Bioacoustics, Texas A&M University, in partnership with the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Research Center, conducted a three-year acoustic/visual seasonal census of the cetaceans of the Gulf of Mexico. A linear towed array and sonobouy arrays were used. Thirteen of the 21 species of cetaceans known to occur in the Gulf of Mexico were detected acoustically using the towed array. Acoustic contacts were compared with the distribution and density of these species determined by the visual survey. The use of a mobile directional acoustic array had the advantage of detecting the presence of cetaceans 24 h a day. Because of this the number of acoustic contacts was significantly greater than those for the visual survey. In the case of the sperm whale it was possible to assess the distribution and also estimate the population density.

4pAB4. Vocalization tracking of blue and fin whales in the North Pacific. Mark A. McDonald, John A. Hildebrand, and Spahr C. Webb (Scripps Inst. of Oceanogr., Univ. of California, La Jolla, CA 92039-0205)

Arrays of seafloor seismometers provide the ability to track vocalizing marine mammals in the deep ocean over a radius of 20 km or more with position accuracy as good as several hundred meters. These tracking data can be used to infer swimming speed and apparent respiration rate, as measured by position change and by repeated pauses in the vocalization sequence. Speed and respiration rate can be compared during times of relative quiet, during the passage of large merchant vessels, and during times of man-made acoustic transmissions to evaluate possible effects of low-frequency noise. Seafloor seismometer arrays also allow study of fin whale call sequences, which often are interactions between multiple whales located several kilometers apart. That these fin whales are interacting, rather than calling independently, is suggested by: (1) consistent spacing between calls with rarely overlapping calls, (2) a distinctive spectral signature for each whale, and (3) synchronization of respiration among vocalizing whales.


There are a variety of acoustical methods which can be used as tools in basic and applied research in biological oceanography, estuarine ecology, and in limnology. The mode of application of these tools is often as important and interesting as are the sensor characteristics. Two such sensor systems, the TAPS and the BITS, are being used to sense and describe temporal and spatial distributions of small zooplankton in situ. These sensors operate as active sonars at discrete, multiple frequencies from hundreds of kilohertz to several megahertz. Acoustical design parameters and the mode of deployment for several of these systems will be presented. TAPS operates in either a profiling mode or in a cast mode. BITS estimates zooplankton abundance at discrete depths from a mooring and telemeters the data to shore. Data from both will be used to illustrate their application in both marine and estuarine ecosystems science. Illustrations of the acoustical data each of these systems produces will be illustrated, along with several ancillary
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Auditory-evoked potentials (AEPs) recorded from the scalp surface are neurogenic potentials arising from the massed discharge of neural populations in response to acoustic stimuli and provide a "window" on the physiologic basis of auditory processing. AEPs, in particular the transient-evoked auditory brain-stem response (ABR) have been widely used in human clinical settings for the evaluation of auditory functioning. Recently, several new techniques using continuous amplitude-modulated tonal stimuli have been investigated. Many of these techniques take advantage of auditory nonlinearities which result in the auditory system acting as an envelope extractor. This envelope following response (EFR), phase locking of neural discharge to waveform periodicities, has been measuring using two-tone, sinusoidal amplitude-modulated, and multitone, multiple envelope components signals. The EFR offers great promise for frequency specific threshold measurements, especially for low-frequency audiometry and for the examination of auditory processing of complex sounds.

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A compact field portable system has been developed and tested for presenting sound stimuli (20 Hz–200 kHz) and acquiring and analyzing sound and microvolt-level electrophysiological responses in marine animals. Stimulus sound is controlled for frequency, amplitude, duration, rise/fall times, intersimulus interval, phase, and masking noise. Analysis is by synchronous averaging, with artifact rejection, and is displayed, stored, and may be printed, if desired. The weather resistant system includes hardware based on a 486 with fast bus and software for presenting shaped tones and pulses, acquiring up to eight channels of data for display, storage, and analysis. The system includes all necessary functional units (suction cup electrodes, high gain (X500K) amplifiers, analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converters, fiber-optic intermodule connection, computer with LCD screen that can be seen in bright sunlight, an internal 1.2-gigabyte hard disk, power amplifier, transducers, power source) and is constructed in a set of small cases that can be hand carried to remote sites. To date, the system has been used for hearing tests in dolphins, Tursiops, white whales, Delphinapterus, and a beached pygmy Sperm whale, Kogia. [Work supported by ONR.]

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4pAB8. Dynamics of dolphin biosonar search and detection. J. E. Sigurdson (Code 511, NCCOSC, RDT&E Div., 53405 Front St., San Diego, CA 92152-6530)

The biosonar emissions of a free-swimming dolphin were measured with respect to direction and timing while the animal searched for and reported objects at various ranges and bearings from a test enclosure. The technology allows a quantitative description of the pulse-by-pulse scan pattern of the freely moving animal and subsequent inferences about search strategies, echo-integration time, functional beam coverage, and learning effects on biosonar performance. Presently, the methods are being extended to test an animal from a boat in the open ocean with measurement of the animal's attitude and movement in three dimensions as well as the spectral content of emitted pulses during search, detection, and discrimination. The technique combines standardized test paradigms, and instrumentation pack carried by the animal, and a positioning system. The animal's pack is a self-contained, data-acquisition system with sensors for magnetic azimuth, acoustic emissions, attitude, and motion. It is based on a high-speed, real-time microprocessor with open software architecture for maximum flexibility. The positioning system employs a high-accuracy real-time differential GPS for prepositioning targets and monitoring the position of the boat and animal during a search.

Contributed Papers

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4pAB9. Neural network modeling of a dolphin's sonar discrimination capabilities. Lars N. Andersen, A. René Rasmussen (Tech. Univ. of Denmark, Lyngby, Denmark), Whislav W. L. Au, Paul E. Nachtigall (Hawaii Inst. of Marine Biol., Kailua, HI 96734), and Herbert Roitblat (Univ. of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI)

The capability of an echo-locating dolphin to discriminate targets in the wall thickness of cylinders was previously modeled by a counterpropagation neural network using only spectral information of the echoes [W. W. L. Au, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2728–2735 (1994)]. In this study, both time and frequency information were used to model the dolphin discrimination capabilities. Echoes from the same cylinders were digitized using a broadband simulated dolphin sonar signal with the transducer mounted on the dolphin's pinn. The echoes were filtered by a bank of constant- Q digital filters and the energy from each filter was computed in time increments of 1/bandwidth. Echo features of the standard and each comparison target were analyzed in pairs by both a counterpropagation and a backpropagation neural network. The backpropagation network performed better than the counterpropagation network, and the use of both time and frequency domain features resulted in better performance than if only time or frequency domain features were used. [Work supported by ONR, Grant No. ONR N00014-93-1378.]

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The continued high interest in the effects of man-made sounds on marine wildlife has resulted in increased use of playback experiments. In such experiments, the intent is often to simulate a larger more powerful
source of sound, e.g., a drill ship, with a playback of a recording, but using a small bandwidth source system such as a J-11 to play the sound back. Simulation accuracy is assumed to be met in these playbacks if the receive level of the sound at the animals being observed is the same as they would be exposed to by the full scale source. To achieve this same receive level the playback source must often be moved to within short range of the animals. The purpose of this paper is to identify and discuss those components of the actual full scale exposure that may not be accurately simulated in an experiment where sound level at the animal is the only control variable. Components examined include the temporal, spectral, and spatial properties of the noise field, as well as the relative motion of animal and source with emphasis on the highly variable nature of the noise field at short playback ranges. Recommendations are made to assist experimental designers in developing more accurate simulations.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1 DECEMBER 1994

SAN ANTONIO ROOM, 1:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

Session 4pEA

Engineering Acoustics: Transducers and Transducer Modeling

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Contributed Papers

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4pEA1. Theoretical model for a (3,1) drive low-frequency piezofilm hydrophone. P. Philip Thomson (Dept. of Appl. Phys., School of Phys., Univ. of New South Wales, Sydney 2052, Australia)

An innovative (3,1) drive transducer design has been discussed in the literature [J. J. Bhatt, P. P. Thomson, and P. R. S Pillai, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 3053–56 (1993)] using a poled piezofilm adhered to a driver pin which is fixed to the center of a rigidly clamped circular plate. This paper attempts to analyze the above transducer for a particular frequency range in terms of the theory of transverse vibrations of a clamped circular plate carrying a concentrated mass at its center [R. E. Roberson, J. Appl. Mech. 18, 349–352 (1951)]. The system satisfies the requirements for vibrational analysis and the natural frequencies can be estimated from above theory. A statistical approach is made to calculate the theoretical sensitivity below resonance. The prestretched piezofilm acts as a longitudinal vibrator with the electric field perpendicular to its length and the transducer system can be represented by a six-terminal network with an electrical input voltage driving the mechanical load acting only on one edge of the piezofilm. The surface strain developed in the diaphragm in response to the acoustic pressure and electroacoustic sensitivity are evaluated by thin plate theory and piezoelectricity. The calculated values are in agreement with experimental results.

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4pEA2. State switched acoustic source. Gregg D. Larson and Peter H. Rogers (School of Mech. Eng., Georgia Inst. of Technol., Atlanta, GA 30332-0405)

To produce high amplitude low-frequency signals, an underwater transducer must generate a relatively large volume displacement. Since water exerts a large reaction force back on the transducer, “conventional wisdom” dictates that such a transducer would have to be a high Q resonant device and thus not be broadband as seemingly required for many applications. However, a transducer does not have to be broadband in the conventional sense to work in communication and SONAR systems. A transducer capable of switching between discrete frequencies is adequate for communication and one capable of switching among several frequencies could produce chirp signals for active sonars. Ordinarily, a broadband transducer is needed to switch frequencies rapidly. It is theoretically possible, however, to instantaneously switch frequencies with a high Q resonant system provided that the system’s resonant and drive frequencies are altered simultaneously. Such a “state-switched” transducer [Munk, Webb, Birdsell, unpublished (1980), (1981)] would retain the advantages (high power, high efficiency, and large displacements) of a high Q resonant transducer without the accompanying disadvantage of slow response time. A state-switched acoustic source with an active spring of PZT has been built to demonstrate the state switching concept. [Research supported by ONR 334.]

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4pEA3. A planar-omnidirectional sensor for broadband and high-frequency underwater acoustic applications. Thomas R. Howarth, Sam Petrie, and Larry E. Ivey (Naval Res. Lab., Underwater Sound Reference Detachment, P.O. Box 568337, Orlando, FL 32856-8337)

A prototype hydrophone with planar-omnidirectional radiation characteristics has been developed for broadband, high-frequency, underwater...
A superior underwater projector having low frequency, high power, high efficiency, and broad bandwidth for the Ocean Acoustic Tomography (OAT) system has been developed. The OAT system is proposed to measure temperature and current distributions of a wide range of sea area with a diameter of about 1000 km on real time by using sound waves. The projector vibrates in the radial mode of octagonal radiating plates connected with eight driving units having giant magnetostrictive rods. The projector is able to emit sound of more than 190 dB [0 dB = 1 μPa-m] at a low frequency of about 200 Hz under the operation depth of about 1000 m when it is excited by electric input power of about 900 W. The performance is enough to cover the range of 1000 km for the OAT system. Also, the derived values from measurements are in good agreement with the calculations based on the simple equivalent circuit model.

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Applications of both linear and nonlinear theories of piezoelectricity to transduction problems commonly ignore internal material dissipation effects. Such losses can be represented phenomenologically via the introduction of complex dielectric, elastic, and piezoelectric coefficients. However, there is some confusion in the literature with respect to the proper partitioning of electrical and mechanical attributes in the presence of piezoelectric coupling. This paper is a review of this situation wherein dissipation coefficients are motivated from more fundamental physical insights. Equivalent circuit models are useful both for developing this perspective and summarizing the results. Suggestions are also presented for generalizing the celebrated Mason model to include the coupling of orthogonal modes via Poisson dilation. This formalism is intended to provide straightforward procedures for computing piezoelectric oscillator performance characteristics using a personal computer. The approach is evaluated via regression analysis in terms of its self-consistency for interpreting Tonpilz oscillator admittance data. The procedures developed are expected to be applicable for the interpretation of data associated with a variety of other electroacoustic structures.

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An electromechanical transducer can be regarded as an energy converter, and also as an impedance inverter. It could be significant for understanding the transduction process to introduce a new generalized concept, *inversive impedance*, which is defined as a ratio of the open-circuited voltage caused by a motion at the mechanical end of a transducer to the exciting current required to produce the same motion, i.e., a ratio of the receiving (voltage) sensitivity of a transducer to its sending (current) sensitivity. Thus the electrical driving-point impedance is composed of an impedance without coupling and an inversive impedance, which is induced by electromechanical coupling, and is constant at a given frequency for a particular transducer. The transduction process or the impedance inversion process can be described by only three independent parameters [L.-F. Ge, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 91, 2326 (A) (1992)], and determined uniquely by a mapping between the electrical driving-point impedance and its mechanical load impedance. It is an inherent physical property independent of analogy-type chosen and mathematical representation that a piezoelectric-type transducer is reciprocal, and an electrodynamic-type transducer is antireciprocal. Thus there exists, respectively, an optimum way to perform reciprocity calibration for the two types of electromechanical transducers.
In a previous paper [H. C. Robinson, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2833 (A) (1994)], a variational method for determining the modal radiation impedance of baffled transducer arrays, based on the radiated power, was presented. In this paper, these variational methods will be extended to include un baffled arrays of radiators with arbitrary spatial orientation. The surface velocity of each of the radiators is represented by \( \text{in vacuo eigenmode unbarfled arrays of radiators with arbitrary spatial orientation.} \)

The arbitrary orientation of the array elements will be represented by transforming the surface velocities and pressures using Euler angles. As a specific example, the case of two coplanar class IV flexensional transducers will be examined in detail. The \( \text{in vacuo eigen-} \)

The behavior of the modal radiation impedances as a function of dimensionless separation distance \( kd \), as well as of relative orientation, will be investigated. Comparisons of the results to equivalent circuit models and experimental data will be presented. [Work sponsored by ONR.]

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4pEA10. The combined finite element and hybrid-type infinite element analysis for complex structure underwater transducers. Jong-Rak Yoon and Chun-Duck Kim (Dept. of Telematics Eng. and Dept. of Elec. Eng., Natl. Fisheries Univ. of Pusan, Pusan, Korea 608-737)

A numerical method for evaluating the electroacoustical characteristics of a complex structure of transducer immersed in an infinite acoustic medium is adopted. The mechanical, electrical, and acoustical response of the transducer in the finite region is modeled by the finite element method; the Sommerfeld radiation condition to the infinite region is modeled by the hybrid-type infinite element method, and the boundary between both regions is formulated with compatibility of the acoustical admittance in both regions. The numerical results, which include the elastic response, the radiation impedance, and the input electrical admittance, are given for a single piezoelectric cylinder and a coaxial two piezoelectric cylinder array with various polyurethane windows. The technique allows one to interpret and to optimize design parameters such as geometrical shape and mechanical properties of structure components, electrical characteristics of piezoelectric elements, etc.

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There is a need to develop a wideband underwater sound source. This need can be accomplished by an array of different resonance frequencies of transducers. An axisymmetric array transducer, which consists of three different size piezoelectric cylinder elements, is designed and its coupled electrical, mechanical, and acoustical characteristics are evaluated using the combined single code finite element method and hybrid-type infinite element method. The numerical result of electrical input impedance is consistent with the measurement result using an impedance analyzer and is shown to be better than that by Warren P. Mason’s equivalent circuit modeling method. Its bandwidth and directivity pattern are also obtained and its limits as underwater sound projector are discussed.

4:00

4pEA12. Coupling finite element and impedance element to model the radiation of piezoelectric transducers in boreholes. Didace Ekeom and Bertrand Dubus (Inst. d’Electron. et de Microélectron. du Nord, UMR CNRS 9929, Dépt. ISEN, 41 boulevard Vauban, 59046 Lille Cedex, France)

In the context of petroleum acoustics, it is of great interest to modelize the radiation of the piezoelectric transducer in a borehole surrounded by an homogeneous isotropic elastic formation of infinite extent without restrictive assumptions on the geometry, radiation pattern, or types of waves. The finite element method is well suited to solve such problems if the truncation of the infinite formation is correctly treated. This truncation generates ingoing waves which normally do not exist in infinite domain. In this paper, classical finite elements (ATLA code) are used to model in steady state the transducer, the fluid-filled borehole, and part of the formation inside a spherical boundary. On this exterior boundary, impedance elements are used to take into account the infinite character of the formation. These elements are obtained by discretizing the mechanical impedance of outgoing spherical \( P \) and \( S \) waves. The method is validated by studying two configurations having analytical solutions: the pulsating sphere and the oscillating point. Results include displacement fields and radiation patterns for \( P \) and \( S \) waves. Finally, the radiation of a cylindrical piezoelectric transducer in an oil-filled borehole [S. Kostek et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 109 (1994)] is analyzed. \( P \) and \( S \) components of the displacement field, electrical admittance of the transducer, directivity patterns, and distribution of radiated energy are displayed.

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4pEA13. Thermodynamic property considerations for modeling piezoelectric ceramic vibrators including thermal effects. Won-kyu Moon and Ilene J. Busch-Vishniac (Mech. Eng. Dept., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712)

The thermodynamic characteristics of piezoelectric ceramics are investigated by considering two thermodynamic material property models: isentropically linear and isothermally linear models. Those two models are two possible interpretations of the data on temperature-dependent linear coefficients of piezoelectric ceramics. Thermodynamic differences of the two models are examined and effects of the thermo-electro-mechanical couplings are evaluated in examples. Application of the thermo-electro-mechanical model to PZT4 shows that the difference observed in piezoelectric constants obtained by static and dynamic measurements cannot be explained by the difference between isothermal and isentropic processes.

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4pEA14. Bond graph model for one-dimensional heat conduction for modeling of piezoelectric ceramic vibrators including thermal effects. Won-kyu Moon and Ilene J. Busch-Vishniac (Mech. Eng. Dept., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712)

A new bond graph model for conduction heat transfer is developed and applied to consideration of thermal energy balance in the piezoelectric thickness vibrator. In formulation of the model, the mechanical and electrical effects are included, so it can be applied directly to the temperature-dependent thickness vibrator. Although the analysis is applied to the one-dimensional case only, the method can be used for general heat conduction problems. For the purpose of evaluation of the new method, the model predictions for one-dimensional heat conduction excluding other variable effects are compared with the results of the analytic solutions in simple cases. The simulation illustrates the validity and the accuracy of the model.

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4pEA15. Cooling low-frequency sonar projectors by heat transfer optimization. Bertrand Dubus, Patrice Bigotte (Inst. d’Electron. et de Microélectron. du Nord, UMR CNRS 9929, Dépt. ISEN, 41 boulevard Vauban, 59046 Lille Cedex, France), Gilles Grosko (Eramet, 83500 La Seyne sur Mer, France), and Didier Boucher (DCN-Ingenierie Sud, 83140 Six Fours les Plages, France)

Heating has become a critical issue for low-frequency projectors due to their high dissipated power density and long excitation time. In this paper, the cooling of sonar projectors in terms of heat transfer optimization is presented. An analysis of the projector heating requires the description of the heat conduction in the structure and the heat exchanges with the surrounding medium. This analysis is performed in steady state using both
analysitcal (thermoelectrical analogies) and numerical (finite element) models. For the reference transducer (double-ended longitudinal piezoelectric vibrator), the temperature distribution and heat fluxes are computed. The temperature decrease and the importance of various heat paths are evaluated for various techniques of cooling. Practical considerations (simplicity, stability, cost, size) and cooling efficiency are both taken into account to determine the optimal solution. At constant dissipated power density, the maximum temperature is theoretically divided by 3. Temperature measurements on reference and optimized projectors are provided and compared to predictions. Extension of the technique to other geometries of projectors and other types of active materials (magnetostrictive, electrostrictive) is discussed.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1 DECEMBER 1994

PECOS ROOM, 1:00 TO 5:30 P.M.

Session 4pPAa

Physical Acoustics: Nonlinear Acoustics

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Contributed Papers

1:00

4pPAa1. Nonscattering of sound by sound resulting from a head-on collision of two plane-wave pulses. Peter J. Westervelt (Dept. of Phys., Brown Univ., Box 1843, Providence, RI 02906)

Two arbitrary pulses \( p_2(t-c_0 x) \) and \( p_1(t+c_0 x) \) each of width \( c_0 t \) pass through one another at \( x=0 \), generating a differential surface mass rate source density \( \dot{q}(x,t) = q_0 \delta(t) \) where \( q_0 = Ad(p_1 p_2)/dt \) and \( A = \rho_0 c_0^2 \). The equation for the scattered pressure \( p_s \) is \( \nabla \phi(x,t) = \int d\tau \nabla \phi(\tau) \), where it is chosen when \( x'<0 \), when \( x'>0 \), and \( t_2 = t_1 + c_0^2 (x' - x) \). Suppose \( x'>c_0 t/2 \), then \( x' \) lies outside the interaction zone, it is found that \( \phi(x,t) = \phi(x,t) \), and \( \phi(x,t) = \phi(x,t) \), which is precisely the result obtained previously [P. J. Westervelt, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 29, 934 (1957)]. In the event \( x'<-c_0 t/2 \) \( x' \) again lies outside the interaction zone and \( \phi(x,t) = \phi(x,t) \). Within the interaction region \( -c_0 t/2 < x < c_0 t/2 \) so that \( \phi(x,t) = \phi(x,t) \), \( \phi(x,t) = \phi(x,t) \), and is a plane wave with \( \phi(x,t) = \phi(x,t) \). Thus in the earlier result \( p_s = p_2/2 \). The zero scattering results obtained here conflict with nonzero results obtained by Trivett and Rogers [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 71, 1114 (1982)] and by Ingard and Pridmore-Brown.

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4pPAa2. Scattering of sound by sound within the interaction zone. Peter J. Westervelt (Dept. of Phys., Brown Univ., Box 1843, Providence, RI 02906)

Starting with Eckart's equation for \( \phi \), the scattered density [P. J. Westervelt, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 29, 934 (1957)], \( \nabla \phi = -\nabla \phi + c_0^2 \nabla T \), the variables \( x^1 = c_0 t \) and \( \psi_2 = -c_0^2 \rho_0 c_0^2 \psi_2 \) are introduced for which \( \nabla \phi = -\nabla \phi + c_0^2 \nabla T \), and \( \nabla^2 \psi = \nabla^2 \psi + c_0^2 \nabla^2 T \), and \( \nabla^2 \psi + \nabla^2 \psi = 0 \) to obtain \( \nabla^2 \phi = -2c_0^2 \rho_0 c_0^2 \phi_0 \). Next it is assumed that \( \phi(x,t) = \phi(x,t) \), which is possible for plane waves but it is assumed that this is not the case [L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz, Fluid Mechanics (Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA, 1959), p. 267]. In the event \( x'<-c_0 t/2 \), \( x' \) again lies outside the interaction zone and \( \phi(x,t) = \phi(x,t) \), which is the result obtained previously. [P. J. Westervelt, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1774 (A) (1993)], recalling that \( \phi \) is here a plane wave; thus in the earlier result \( p_s = p_2/2 \). It is assumed that there was no signal scattered out of the interaction region, but it is assumed that this is the case for plane waves and thus that this is not the case [P. J. Westervelt, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2965 (A) (1994)] stated that a recent experiment by Ray and Wu [R. Roy and J. Wu, in Proceedings of the 13th ISNA, edited by H. Hobek (Elsevier Science, London, 1993)] supported the position that there was no signal scattered out of the interaction region of two perpendicular, collimated sound beams. In this paper, an analysis of the Ray and Wu experiment is presented, specifically, and of previous experiments, in general, which have failed to find any scattering of sound by sound. The analysis indicates that the null results of the experiments do not necessarily support theoretical null predictions.

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4pPAa3. Criticism of experiments on the scattering of sound by sound. D. H. Trivett (Naval Res. Lab., Underwater Sound Ref. Det., P.O. Box 568337, Orlando, FL 32856-8337) and Peter H. Rogers (Georgia Inst. of Technol., Atlanta, GA 30332-0435)

At the 127th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Westervelt [Peter J. Westervelt, "Answer to criticism of experiments on the scattering of sound by sound," J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2965 (A) (1994)] stated that a recent experiment by Roy and Wu [R. Roy and J. Wu, in Proceedings of the 13th ISNA, edited by H. Hobek (Elsevier Science, London, 1993)] supported the position that there was no signal scattered out of the interaction region of two perpendicular, collimated sound beams. In this paper, an analysis of the Roy and Wu experiment is presented, specifically, and of previous experiments, in general, which have failed to find any scattering of sound by sound. The analysis indicates that the null results of the experiments do not necessarily support theoretical null predictions.

4pPAa4. Experimental difficulties in measuring the scattering of sound by sound. James A. TanCate (Appl. Res. Labs. and Mech. Eng., Dept., Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

The question of whether one sound beam can interact with another at nonzero angle and scatter nonlinearly generated sound outside the mutual interaction region has been debated since the 1950s. Experimental work on this problem has left the question unresolved. This presentation describes experimental difficulties associated with measuring scattered sound produced by real diffracting primary beams. Optimal conditions for observing scattered sound, as outlined by Bernsen et al. [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 86, 1968 (1989)] and by Darvynos and Hamilton [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 87, 1955 (1990)], are reviewed in relation to the design of our own experiments. Our experiments were performed with either two uniform circular sources in water (megahertz frequencies), or with one circular source and the other a shaded source with lower sidelobes. A variety of primary frequency ratios, interaction angles, and other parameters were considered.
Comparison of the primary beam patterns with measured sum and difference frequency field patterns reveals the difficulty in identifying which components of the latter correspond to "scattered" sound. It is concluded that two Gaussian-type sources with exceedingly good sidelobe suppression are needed to perform a reasonable experiment. [Work supported by the Packard Foundation and ONR.]

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4pPAa5. Analytical method for describing the paraxial region of finite amplitude sound beams. Mark F. Hamilton (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-1063), Vera A. Khokhlova, and Oleg V. Rudenko (Moscow State Univ., Moscow 119899, Russia)

The paraxial region of finite amplitude sound beams in lossless fluids is studied theoretically. Both focused and unfocused beams are considered. A special analytical method which combines the parabolic approximation (KZ equation) with nonlinear geometrical acoustics (NGA) is developed to model nonlinear and diffraction effects near the axis of the beam. The corresponding system of nonlinear equations describing waveform evolution is derived. For the case of an initially sinusoidal wave radiated by a Gaussian source, an analytical solution of the coupled equations is obtained along the axis of the beam. The solution is expressed in both the time and frequency domains. In the high-frequency limit, classical simple wave solutions are recovered (plane-wave solution for unfocused beams and spherical wave solution for focused beams). In the limit of weak nonlinearity, the quasilinear axial solutions of the KZ equation for the fundamental and second-harmonic components are recovered. The analytical solution is in good agreement with numerical solutions of the KZ equation for a wide range of ratios between the focal length, Rayleigh distance, and shock formation distance. Harmonic propagation curves, waveform distortion, focusing amplification factors, and other characteristics are calculated. [Work supported in part by NATO and ISF.]

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4pPAa6. A study of the role of diffraction in the behavior of focusing step shocks using NPE-type equations and a finite difference program. Andrew A. Piacsek (Graduate Prog. in Acoust., Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

A finite difference solution to an NPE-like equation is used to study the linear and nonlinear behavior of focusing step shocks in regions where caustics are formed. The initial condition is a nominally plane step pulse with a hyperbolic tangent rise profile of thickness \(L_a\); the wavefront has a single ripple of length scale \(L_w\), concave towards the direction of propagation. When \(\varepsilon = L_a/L_w\) is much less than unity, the linear numerical simulation showed that the shock behaves nearly according to geometric theory. Several different values of \(\varepsilon\) were investigated, verifying the linear theory predictions of normalized amplitude \(-e^{-1/4}\) at the cusp [J. Hunter and J. Keller, Wave Motion 9, 429-443 (1987)]. Numerical solutions are also obtained for three cases of nonlinear propagation with dissipation. In addition to \(\varepsilon\), the distinguishing parameters are shock amplitude and dissipation. It is observed that for cases in which nonlinearity is stronger relative to diffraction and focusing, the wavefront forms a cusp at a later time, caustics are less pronounced, and the (normalized) rise time is shorter. Implications of these results on the effect of caustics on sonic boom rise times is discussed.

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4pPAa7. Modification of the spectral method for describing nonlinear acoustic waves containing shocks. Vera A. Khokhlova and Oleg A. Sapozhnikov (Dept. of Acoust., Phys. Faculty, Moscow State Univ., Moscow 119899, Russia)

Numerical simulations of finite amplitude sound waves become particularly time consuming in the case of strongly distorted wavefronts that contain shocks. To improve the efficiency of time domain numerical codes, weak shock theory can be used to separate the description of the shock front from the evolution of the continuous segments of the wave. The idea of the present work is to modify the spectral method by taking into account the known asymptotic behavior of high-frequency components in shock waves. Use of asymptotic results permits the number of spectral components retained in the numerical computations to be reduced. A finite set of coupled equations for the spectral amplitudes, which approximates the infinite set of spectral equations corresponding to an exact formulation, is obtained for the simple wave equation. This reduction is achieved by introducing asymptotic expressions for the high-frequency components in sawtoothlike waves. Several model problems are studied. It is shown that less than 15 harmonics require numerical calculation in order to obtain an adequate description of the evolution of an initially sinusoidal wave to a sawtoothlike waveform. [Work supported by ISF and the Russian Fund for Fundamental Investigations.]

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4pPAa8. Generation of streaming and rarefaction of the gas in the far field of the weakly nonlinear plane waves. Takeru Yano and Yoshinori Inoue (Dept. of Eng. Sci., Hokkaido Univ., Sapporo 060, Japan)

The propagation of weakly nonlinear plane waves emitted from a harmonically oscillating plate into an ideal gas of semi-infinite extent is considered under the condition that the energy dissipation is negligibly small everywhere except for discontinuous shock fronts. Recently, the authors have numerically shown that, in the case of strongly nonlinear waves, contrary to the result of the conventional weakly nonlinear theory, streaming due to shocks occurs in the direction of wave propagation and thereby the gas near the source is rarified as time proceeds [Y. Inoue and T. Yano, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1632-1642 (1993)]. In the present paper, the evolution of the weakly nonlinear waves including shocks is determined up to \(O(M^3)\), where \(M\) is the acoustic Mach number \((M \ll 1)\). In this order, the wave profile develops to an asymmetrical sawtoothlike one in the far field and weak streaming is excited in the region beyond the shock formation distance. For \(M \leq 0.2\), the results quantitatively agree with those in the previous work. Furthermore, by taking into account both the production of entropy and the generation of reflected wave at each shock front, the physical mechanism is clarified for the rarefaction of the gas in \(O(M^3)\).

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4pPAa9. Prediction of the time-averaged pressure distribution for finite amplitude standing waves. Reh-ihm Chen and Victor W. Sparrow (Graduate Prog. in Acoust., Penn State Univ., 157 Hammond Bldg., University Park, PA 16802)

A finite difference numerical approach to studying two-dimensional nonlinear wave propagation was recently developed [V. W. Sparrow and R. Raspet, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 90, 2683-2691 (1991)]. In this talk the approach is modified and applied to a one-dimensional finite amplitude standing wave in a rigid tube. The numerical method can solve for lossless, weakly nonlinear waves in the tube including all second-order nonlinearities from the continuity equation, momentum equation, and the equation of state. The acoustic pressure in the time, space, and frequency domains and the time-averaged acoustic pressure distribution are all determined. Generation of harmonics of the fundamental frequency along with the development of a nonzero, time-averaged pressure are seen from discrete Fourier transforms of the numerical results. The results for the time-averaged pressure distribution are compared to recent analytical predictions [C. P. Lee and T. G. Wang, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1099-1109 (1993)]. The results show agreement between the present work and that of Lee and Wang when the nonlinearities from both the momentum equation and equation of state are included. A slightly different result is obtained when one also includes nonlinearity from the continuity equation.
waves and diffracting beams, obtained previously via ad hoc modification of this session, the resulting spectral equations are transformed into time domain evolution equations. Model equations for cylindrical waves and diffracting beams, obtained previously via ad hoc modification of the plane-wave model, can be derived rigorously from the new generalized equations. The nonlinear terms are shown to be equivalent to those obtained previously by Parker [Int. J. Eng. Sci. 26, 113 (1985)] by entirely different methods. Numerical results for the shock formation distance are used to define an effective coefficient of nonlinearity that is consistent with the corresponding parameter for sound waves in fluids. The coefficient is of order one for common isotropic solids, as for the case of fluids, but it is several orders of magnitude larger in rock with microcracks and other inhomogeneous features. [Work supported by DOE, ONR, and NSF.]

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4pPAa13. Theoretical model for nonlinear Stoneley and Scholte waves. G. Douglas Meeghan, Mark F. Hamilton, and E. A. Zabolotskaya (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Texas at Austin, TX 78712-1063)

The Hamiltonian formulation previously to derive model equations for nonlinear Rayleigh waves [Zabolotskaya, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 91, 2569 (1992)] is used here to obtain a mathematical model for nonlinear Stoneley and Scholte waves. Planar interfaces formed by contact between two isotropic materials are assumed. The resulting coupled spectral equations are expressed in the same form as those for Rayleigh waves. In particular, the nonlinearity coefficient matrix can be written as $R_{\alpha\beta}^2 = R_{\alpha\beta}^0 + KR_{\alpha\beta}^0$, where $K$ is a constant and $R_{\alpha\beta}^0$ (corresponding to medium $i = 1, 2$) are matrices having the same mathematical form as the matrix obtained for Rayleigh waves. Since $R_{\alpha\beta}^0$ exhibits the same symmetries as the nonlinearity matrix for Rayleigh waves, the model equations for Stoneley and Scholte waves can be analyzed with the same mathematical techniques that have been employed in recent investigations of nonlinear Rayleigh waves (see, e.g., other papers in this session). The coupled spectral equations were solved numerically for Stoneley and Scholte waves at interfaces formed by a variety of media pairs, including some geological materials. Comparisons of harmonic generation and shock formation are made with the corresponding processes in Rayleigh waves. [Work supported by AASERT and ONR.]

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The hypothesis that cracks in ice may provide anomalously strong acoustic nonlinearity is experimentally verified. Two series of experiments were performed. One of them was done in situ, on a freshwater lake covered by a 40-cm-thick ice. Flexural waves were excited in ice by a vibrator in frequency range 0.2–2 kHz and received by accelerometers. Air temperature was −5 and +3 °C for two different series of measurements. A high level of nonlinearity was registered. In particular, a pronounced subharmonic signal was generated which testifies for parametric instability. The second experiment was performed in laboratory conditions, when a “crack” was created artificially, at a contact between two pieces of ice. We studied modulation of ultrasound (about 26 kHz) by low-frequency (30–90 Hz) vibrations. For vibration acceleration amplitudes up to 0.1 and 0.3 g a pronounced modulation spectrum appeared; moreover, modulation frequency subharmonics were observed in this case. Some theoretical considerations of the effects observed are also given. It is believed that nonlinear effect can be effectively used for Arctic ice characterization. Now at Univ. of Colorado, CIRES, ETL/ERL/NOAA, 325 Broadway R/E/EE, Boulder, CO 80303.

4:45
4pPAa15. Diffusing light photography of solitons and capillary-wave turbulence. W. Wright, R. Budak, and S. Puttermann (Phys. Dept., UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024)

The attenuation of light propagating through a slab of water (containing a dilute concentration of polyballs) is approximately proportional to its thickness. Application of this insight to the local elevation of a fluid surface has enabled us to use photography to determine the instantaneous global topography of the surface of a fluid in motion. Use of diffusing light enables us to obtain images that are free of the caustics which plague shadowgraphs. Applications include breather solitons and wave turbulence which results from the nonlinear interaction of a broadband spectrum of high amplitude surface ripples. Measurements indicate that as the amplitude of excitation of the surface of water is increased the wave number of the capillary motion displays a transition to a broadband spectrum. The nonlinearity in the new evolution equations are expressed as time derivatives and Hilbert transforms of the displacement variables. Waveforms calculated with the time domain evolution equations are shown to agree with results based on the original frequency domain equations. [Work supported by the Packard Foundation, ONR, and NSF.]

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temporal response of a single pixel yields the power spectrum of the surface height as a function of frequency \( f \). The numerous harmonics which can be seen at low amplitude merge at high amplitude into a broad-band spectrum which goes as \( 1/f^3 \). This technique should permit the measurement of turbulent parameters which go beyond the purported range of current theories. [Work supported by US DOE Division of Engineering and Geophysics and NASA Microgravity.]

**4pPAa16. Experimental study of streaming in acoustic resonators.**


Anomalous rotations of solid and liquid drops have been observed in resonant chambers in both liquid and in the microgravity environment of space in the Drop Physics Module (DPM) aboard the United States Microgravity Laboratory (USML-1) mission in 1992. The observed torques are produced by acoustic streaming, typically in the nondegenerate plane where rotations are undesired, and have been attributed to an imbalance in the paired driver amplitudes. To quantify the torque exerted on the inclusion, measurements were made using suspended and levitated spherical samples with single and paired driver configurations. Experiments were conducted in both degenerate and nondegenerate planes to study the effects of orthogonal coupling. Absorption effects of active and passive drivers are presented, along with asymmetrical driver configurations. The results will be used to control and eliminate unwanted tumbling rotations in the USML-2 DPM experiments to be flown in 1995. [Work supported by NASA through JPL Contract No. 958722.]

**5:00**

**4pPAa17. Generation and propagation of high intensity short acoustic pulses in dispersive media.**

J. B. Esipov, K. A. Naugol'nykh, O. B. Ovchinnikov, A. E. Pashin, and O. M. Zoryal (N. Andreiv Acoust. Inst., 117036, Schvernik st. 4, Moscow, Russia)

Experiments on laser generation of acoustical pulses, amplitude 10 MPa and duration 1 \( \mu \)s, and their propagation in different liquids have been carried out. Propagation was measured in both pure liquids and structured media. Nonlinearity and dispersion caused evolution of the propagating signals. Some theoretical treatment of the results indicate the possibility of obtaining data on spectral features of the nonlinear response of the medium.

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**THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1 DECEMBER 1994**

**WEDGWOOD ROOM, 1:15 TO 4:45 P.M.**

**Session 4pPAb**

**Contributed Papers**

**1:15**

**4pPAb1. Geometrical theory of acoustic scattering by thin elastic shells.**

Jin-Meng Ho (SFA, Inc., 1401 McCormick Dr., Landover, MD 20785 and Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375)

The sound field scattered by a smooth thin elastic shell immersed in fluid arises largely from specular reflection and acoustic–membrane coupling, unless both source and observer are located near or on the shell. These two contributions have been found to be well described by ray fields for canonical shells in the mid-frequency regime, and hence may be generalized by the principle of localization to accommodate more general geometries. By examining the excitation, propagation, and radiation processes of the supersonic membrane waves on the shell, this paper defines the excitation and radiation coefficients associated with these shell-guided leaky waves as well as the divergence coefficients of the ray tubes characterizing the variation of the wave amplitudes. It extends the concepts of Keller and Karal's geometrical theory for surface waves [J. B. Keller and F. C. Karal, Jr., J. Appl. Phys. 31, 1039–1046 (1960)]. The explicit evaluation of these coefficients, and therefore the leaky fields, is demonstrated for two classes of shells—cylindrical shells of arbitrary cross section and shells of revolution—based on the knowledge of cylindrical and spherical shell prototypes and differential geometry. The reflected waves are more straightforward and the related coefficients are readily determined. [Work supported by ONR.]

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**4pPAb2. Radiation from fluid-loaded smooth elastic shells of arbitrary shape.**

Yang Yang (SFA, Inc., 1401 McCormick Dr., Landover, MD 20785)

A ray method is systematically used to derive a relation between radiated acoustic waves and elastic waves traveling over a smooth elastic shell of arbitrary shape. The radiated acoustic field is found to be intimately connected with the geometry of the shell's surface and the elastic wavefronts. This connection leads to an asymptotic expression for the local radiation impedance associated with each surface ray under the condition \( k_fR \gg 1 \), where \( k_f \) is the wave number in fluid and \( R \) the smallest radius of curvature of the shell. The first term in this formula is actually the result for an infinite flat plate, which is homogeneous and isotropic, while the second term introduces inhomogeneity and anisotropy into the radiation impedance because it explicitly depends on the local curvatures of the shell's surface and the elastic wavefronts. The general result is further simplified for a cylindrical shell with cross sections of arbitrary shape. Comparisons are made between the present asymptotic solution and the exact solution in the two special cases of vibrating circular cylindrical shells and spherical shells. It turns out that the first two terms in the asymptotic expansions of these solutions have exactly the same expression. [Work supported by ONR and NRL.]

**1:45**

**4pPAb3. Acoustic scattering from fluid-loaded elastic shells: A Gaussian beam approach.**

Yang Yang (SFA, Inc., 1401 McCormick Dr., Landover, MD 20785), Andrew N. Norris (Rutgers Univ., Piscataway, NJ 08855-0909), and Luise S. Couchman (Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375-5000)

Acoustic scattering problems from fluid-loaded elastic shells are usually formulated in terms of surface Helmholtz integrals. The numerical evaluation of these integrals is very time consuming, especially at high
A new method is proposed here for the computation of the scattered fields. The basic idea is to use ray methods to first represent the supersonic surface fields. The surface integral is then represented as a summation of individual integrals along Gaussian beams. Each integral is approximated as a line integral along the center ray of the beam, and finally, the acoustic far field is obtained by asymptotically evaluating each line integral at its stationary points. The asymptotic expression for the membrane wave part is uniform and valid at all the observation angles. The difficulties of dealing with caustics and infinite sets of rays do not arise in the present formalism. This approach allows the acoustic response to be easily calculated without resorting to two-point ray tracing or surface Helmholtz integrals. It is therefore numerically fast. The numerical results agree well with the available exact solution and the pure ray results on a spherical shell for $k_r a > 10$, where $k_r$ is the fluid wave number. [Work supported by ONR and NRL.]

4p1AB4. Impulse response of thin shells: Source development, analysis of the bipolar specular contribution, and computations showing the effect of water on the inside of the shell. Gregory Kaduchak and Philip L. Marston (Dept. of Phys., Washington State Univ., Pullman, WA 99164-2814)

The response of shells to a delta function pressure impulse is well suited to interpretation with ray methods. We examine the theory for PVDF sheet sources [C. S. Kwiatkowski, G. Kaduchak, and P. L. Marston, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1831 (A) (1993)] which facilitated wideband impulse scattering measurements in modest-sized water tanks. Response features for spherical and nonspherical shells will be discussed. An approximation is developed for the bipolar specular feature which for an empty sphere of radius $a$ becomes $\mathcal{g}(T) = 2a^2 \exp(-T a^2)$, where $T = t_{sc}/a$, the delta function is the initial specular echo, $\theta$ is a unit step function, and $\pi_a = \rho_a/\rho_f$ is the dimensionless null frequency. The densities of the shell and water are $\rho_0$ and $\rho_f$. Thus the mass-per-area $\rho_f h$ for the shell of thickness $h$ affects the magnitude and decay time of the negative feature. Observations for an empty spherical shell and an end cone piece of an MIT/NRL model shell will be examined. Computations show that both the bipolar feature and the coincidence frequency wave packet for spherical shells are not quenched when water is inside the shell. [Work supported by ONR.]

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4p1AB5. Asymptotic determination of the eigenfrequencies of a sphere in a fluid. G. C. Gaunaurd (Naval Surface Warfare Center, White Oak Detachment, R-34, Silver Spring, MD 20903-5640)

Starting from a phase-matching principle that is the acoustical analog of the Boltz–Sommerfeld–Wilson quantization rule of the old “quantum theory,” it is analytically shown how to asymptotically obtain the eigenfrequencies of an insulated sphere immersed in a fluid. This technique was first illustrated by J. B. Keller [cf. Ann. Phys. 4, 180–188 (1958)] and has been extended by many authors, notably L. B. Pelson and J. M. Ho, who have renamed it the “ray-acoustic algorithm.” It is shown here how the acoustical counterpart of this quantum principle leads to a resonance condition for the (external) eigenfrequencies of a sphere (rigid, soft, or to some extent, elastic) that exactly coincides with F. W. J. Olver’s (1954) classical asymptotic formula for the (complex) zeros of the spherical Hankel functions. The poles of the scattering amplitude of an elastic sphere fall into two great families, one depending on shape, and the other on elastic composition. The asymptotic spacings in between the shape-dependent zeros in the (complex) $k a$ plane are shown to reduce to a uniform value, obtained earlier by numerical means, which manifests itself in all the (RST) “background” curves of the sphere. [Work supported by NSWC-DD IR Program.]

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Time-dependent Stokesian fluid flow around an arbitrary body can be analyzed in terms of time-harmonic phasors. Analytical techniques commonly used for frequency-domain scattering can therefore be brought to use. The scattering response of a body is often quantitated by the extinction cross section. However, the wave number for Stokesian flows is necessarily complex, so the usual interpretation of the extinction cross section is untenable in the present instance. It is shown, however, that a detector-based interpretation of the extinction cross section is unambiguous and experimentally relevant. An almost exact formula is derived for the extinction coefficient for the far-field, forward scattering case. Computed values of extinction cross sections are presented for spheres and spheroids.

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Expressions for diffraction coefficients for canonical shapes, joints, and discontinuities are necessary in applications of the geometrical theory of diffraction to scattering from submerged structures. In many cases of practical interest, however, the diffraction coefficients are either not available or are very difficult to evaluate. The use of perturbation theory and matched asymptotic expansions in obtaining suitable approximations of diffraction coefficients is described. These two methods can yield approximations that are simple to compute, easy to apply, and are valid in complementary parametric ranges. The perturbation method assumes that the properties of the solid or its geometry are nearly homogeneous. Matched asymptotics, on the other hand, is a useful tool when the solid is nearly hard, or the fluid is light. The accuracy of these methods is demonstrated by comparing them to the exact solution for diffraction by an impedance discontinuity. When the effort is made to obtain uniformly valid asymptotic expressions, the results prove to be remarkably accurate even at values of $e = 1$ (here, $e$ is a “small” parameter).

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4p1AB8. Acoustic and flexural wave interaction at the junction of two flat plates. Andrew N. Norris, Douglas A. Rebinsky (Dept. of Mech. and Aerosp. Eng., Rutgers Univ., Piscataway, NJ 08855-0909), and G. Wickham (Univ. of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, UK)

A general solution is developed for the acoustic and structural scattered response from the junction of two flat plates under unilateral fluid loading. The plates are modeled by the classical theory of flexure, and the solution is found using the Wiener–Hopf technique for the dual integral equations for the unknown pressure on the plates. Explicit formulas are obtained for the pressure transform when the plates are in welded or clamped contact, and corresponding explicit and relatively simple expressions are given for the various diffraction coefficients associated with the fluid/structure interaction. Numerical results for the redistribution of energy from flexural to acoustic at a thickness discontinuity will be discussed in detail. [Work supported by ONR.]

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4p1AB9. Longitudinal wave diffraction generated at curved plate junctions. Douglas A. Rebinsky (Dept. of Mech. and Aerosp. Eng., Rutgers Univ., P.O. Box 909, Piscataway, NJ 08855-0909)

A perturbation solution is developed to study diffracted longitudinal membrane waves originating from the junction of two curved plates which are joined so that their tangent is continuous. It is shown that the diffracted longitudinal wave field at the plates is dependent upon or forced by a background solution which characterizes the acoustic interaction between two joined, flat plates and the surrounding fluid. Two forms of background

High-frequency (1.5-MHz) sonar experiments were performed on a stainless-steel rectangular parallelepiped block in water in order to determine the most likely mechanism for producing a strongly backscattered signal. When the angle of incidence is near the Rayleigh angle of the steel, a leaky Rayleigh wave is launched on the flat surface of the block. When this wave reaches the edge of the block, part of it is reflected and propagates to the adjacent edge forming the corner, where it is reflected again. The net result is that the wave vector of the Rayleigh wave is reversed, and the resulting leaky radiation gives a pronounced enhancement of the backscattering. For a randomly oriented block, this effect is more likely to be observed than specular reflection, since the latter requires that two of the Euler angles of the surface normal lie in a small range, while for the Rayleigh mechanism only one angle is narrowly constrained. The observed peak amplitude of the retroreflected backscattered signal agrees well with an approximate theoretical model [Marston et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1861 (A) (1993)] modified for the present case of Rayleigh waves. [Work supported by ONR.]

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This paper applies the spectral theory to the formulation of both the pressure field and the displacements of a source-excited cylindrical shell with the internal attachment of a mass-spring substructure at two arbitrary locations. Respectively alternative representations in the series and integral forms, with a distinct correspondence between each other, may be readily written down. The series form generalizes Guo's solution which is limited to the diametrical attachment of the spring to the shell [Y. P. Guo, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 91, 925–938 (1992)], while the integral form is suitable for further ray acoustic reductions which are also affected here. Furthermore, the internal loading is equivalent to the spring-shell interaction forces acting at the attachment locations. The radiation from the induced forces superimposed with the contribution due to the empty shell then gives rise to the total structural and acoustic responses of the internal-shell-fluid system. The equivalent forces, which in general have both normal and tangential components, are functions of the shell displacements at the attachments; the latter may be in turn determined from their continuity conditions and evaluated either by normal-mode series or the geometrical acoustics fields and shell guided modes. [Work supported by ONR.]

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An important step in dealing with the mass-spring loaded cylindrical shell is to evaluate the total shell displacements at the attachment points, which determine the strength of the equivalent forces. Through dynamical balance at such points, these displacements satisfy a system of linear equations whose coefficients involve the shell displacements generated by surface forces of unit strength, a Green's-function problem with both source and observer located on the shell surface. It is thus evident that flexural waves, though subsonic, must be accounted for in the ray acoustic solution to the latter problem. Numerical examples show that they produce high Q intense resonances because of their extremely small radiation damping, which would be dominated by structural damping for dissipative shell material, imprinting their signature in the far field through radiation of the induced forces and carrying much of the information on the internal load. By including the flexural as well as membrane waves, the ray model accurately predicts the induced forces, the shell displacements, and the surface and far-zone pressures in the frequency range of interest; $1 < ka < 25$ (where $k$ is the fluid acoustic wave number and $a$ is the shell mean radius). [Work supported by ONR.]

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The problem of the impact of a rigid body of revolution with an elastic isotropic layer is considered in the initial stage of dynamic interaction. The initial stage is characterized by the fact that the velocity of the displacement of the intersection points of the sphere with the upper boundary of the layer is larger than the velocity of longitudinal waves; in so doing the free surface external to the contact domain with the body is undisturbed. The method of successive approximations as well as the ray method, according to which the solution behind the fronts of incident and reflected waves is constructed in terms of power series (ray expansions), are used as methods of solution. In the problem under consideration, use has been made of one-term ray expansions whereby the main characteristics of the shock interaction have been obtained, and the possibility of localized damage of the material of the layer at the points lying along the central ray has been examined.

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Evidence of gestural overlap across speaking rate: Acoustic data. Kris Tjaden and Gary Weisruer (Waisman Ctr. and Dept. of Commun. Disorders, 1500 Highland Ave., Univ. of Wisconsin—Madison, Madison, WI 53705)

The form of phonetic gestures has been assumed to remain stable across variations in speaking rate. Segmentalization or amount of gestural overlap has been shown to covary with speaking rate. However, the precise relationship between speaking rate and acoustic measures of segmentalization has not been delineated. In the present investigation, speakers produced multiple repetitions of the words "build," "dill," and "gill" in carrier phrases at graded, self-selected speaking rates ranging from slow to fast. F2 onset frequency of the vocalic nucleus served as an index of segmentalization and was used to predict the time delay to the onset of the major F2 transition associated with /Il/. Previous work suggests F2 onset frequency is sensitive to degree of gestural overlap in vocalic nuclei preceding by alveolar consonants. Preliminary results suggest (1) longer vocalic nuclei tend to be associated with F2 onset frequencies closer to the F2 peak of preceding consonantal articulatory locus, and (2) the linear relationship between F2 onset and time to target deteriorates above certain speaking durations, suggesting that the basic form of the gesture is altered at slower rates. [Work supported by DC 00319.]

Articulatory evidence for acoustic goals for consonants. J. S. Perkell, M. L. Matthies, and J. A. Swirsky (Speech Commun. Group, Res. Lab. of Electron., Rm. 36-531, MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139)

Evidence has been found for trading relations between tongue-body raising and upper lip protrusion (measured with an EMMA system) for the vowel /u/, reflecting a "motor equivalence" strategy that should help to constrain acoustic variation [Perkell et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 93, 2948-2961 (1993)]. Theoretically, analogous relations in the transformation between the area function and the acoustic transfer function are possible for the consornts /r/ and /l/, which are also produced with two independently controllable constrictions, formed by the tongue and by the lips. Such relations might occur more among tokens that are least prototypical, i.e., closest to perceptual boundaries. In a preliminary test of these hypotheses, a single speaker has produced the sounds /r/, /l/, and /u/, embedded in contexts that might induce differences in prototypicity. Motor equivalence was observed for the /r/ in /rut/ (least prototypical, with the highest F2 values) but not in /put/ or /lut/. For /l/ and /l/, anterior displacement of the tongue constriction was positively correlated with upper lip protrusion, providing initial support for the hypothesis that movement goals for the consonants also include acoustic components, which are manifested in a tendency to maintain sufficient front cavity length to help assure acoustic-phonetic distinctiveness. [Work supported by NIH.]

On explaining intrinsic vowel duration differences: An electromagnetic mid-sagittal articulometer (EMMA) study. Alice Turk, Melanie Matthies, Joseph Perkell, and Mario Swirsky (Res. Lab. of Electron., Rm. 36-531, MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139)

The purpose of this study is to determine whether intrinsic vowel duration differences arise from an explicit timing control strategy or solely from the distance an articulator travels. Presumably, a difference in control strategy would be reflected in a change in the relation of peak velocity to distance traveled, or in the amount of time position is maintained. An EMMA system was used to track movements of points on the tongue and jaw during the production of /AV/a (V=/e, E, eo, a, u/) tokens in a constant frame at two different speaking rates. Measurements were made of target position, distance traveled, and peak velocity for each gesture toward and away from the vowel target. Preliminary results from one speaker suggest that the duration of articulatory movement can be well predicted by articulatory distance and peak velocity alone. Furthermore, all of the reduced vowels measured in the study showed a similar relationship between peak velocity and displacement, suggesting that the same control strategy was used for all of them. [Work supported by NIH.]

On the perceptual characteristics of "speech gestures." René Carré, Samir Chenoukhou (ENST, 46 rue Barraut, Paris, France), Pierre Divenyi (Veterans Affairs Med. Ctr., Martinez, CA), and Björn Lindblom (Univ. of Stockholm)

The notion of "speech gesture" or "phonetic gesture" has been developed as a theoretical construct during the past few years. For present purposes, the term is specified as a "phonologically significant task defined on the vocal tract area function." A given task generally involves the coordination of the movements of several articulators. It appears reasonable to expect speech gestures to have perceptual characteristics like the following: (a) Within certain limits, the time course of speech gestures is not important; (b) within certain limits, the precise synchronization of two, or more, gestures (e.g., constriction displacement and lip opening) is also unimportant; (c) vowel reduction is a natural consequence of speech gestures. The commands of the distinctive region model were studied as possible speech gestures. Preliminary tests show, as hypothesized, that there are no significant perceptual differences (a) when the shape of a gestural transition is changed to be linear, quadratic, logarithmic, or cosine; (b) when the time separation between two gestures varies from -30 to +30 ms; (c) when gestural dynamics (transitional rate of change) is kept constant but the target is not reached (because of movement undershoot).

The articulatory kinematics of two levels of stress contrast. K. Bretonnel Cohen, Mary E. Beckman (Linguist. Dept., Ohio State Univ., Columbus, OH 43210-1298), Jan Edwards, and Marios Fourakis (Ohio State Univ.)

Intonation pattern and syllable duration are thought to be the most salient perceptual cues to phrase stress. However, intonation is an inherently ambiguous cue, since not all English pitch accents involve higher
pitch on the accented syllable, and because there are stress contrasts at a lower level, where stress cannot be equated with accentuation. Duration, too, is ambiguous, since it can cue other prosodic contrasts, such as phraseal position. This study examines finer-grained timing cues to stress. A strain-gauge system was used to examine jaw opening and closing movements in /pp/ sequences in intonationally accented full-voweled syllables, unaccented full-voweled syllables, and completely stressless (reduced-vowel) syllables produced by four speakers. Measured values for movement duration, displacement, and velocity were consistently larger in accented than in unaccented full-voweled syllables. However, these differences were nowhere near as large as the differences between full- and reduced-vowel syllables. Reduced syllables also had steeper velocity-displacement relationships, suggesting a durational difference at the level of gestural dynamics as well. However, no such consistent difference was observed between accented and unaccented full-voweled syllables. These results support the notion that stress contrasts are not uniformly interpreted in the phonetics at different levels.

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Every few years it is appropriate to review our knowledge of the phonetic structures of the world’s languages and try to assess how many different speech sounds there are. Problems arise because it is not easy to say whether two sounds occurring in different languages are the same or not. Two sounds are definitely different if they distinguish words within a language. But if they occur in different languages this test cannot be used. This is the basis of the IPA problem. The International Phonetic Association tries to provide a way of symbolizing every distinct speech sound, but it cannot tell whether two sounds are potentially distinct when they have been observed only in different languages. The data from recent phonetic studies indicate that there are limitless ways in which the sounds of one language can differ from another, but that the number of parameters along which sounds can vary is fairly small. In most cases the variation in the sounds that occur in different languages is the result of the use of a different value of one of the parameters, rather than the use of some novel parameter that has not been observed in other languages.

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4pSP7. High vowel devoicing in Turkish. Stefanie Jannedy (Dep. of Linguist., Ohio State Univ., 222 Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH 43210)

Jun and Beckman (ICSLP94) explain vowel devoicing in Japanese and Korean in terms of gestural overlap [Browman and Goldstein, LabPhonl (1990)]; the glottal gestures for preceding and following voiceless consonants overlap to a greater or lesser extent with the glottal gesture for high vowels. The devoicing of the four short high Turkish [i i y u] can be explained by the same model which predicts that vowels are more likely to undergo devoicing if they are short and the adjacent voiceless consonants have strong and large glottal opening gestures. This study evaluates influencing factors such as preceding and following environment, rate, stress, and syllable type. Subjects read 210 words positioned utterance initially in a carrier phrase at three rates. Faster rates and lack of stress facilitated devoicing most. As in Japanese and Korean, there were more devoiced combinations of vowels /a,i,u,e,o/ and C was one of consonants /p,t,k,b,d,g/. A Korean in terms of gestural overlap [Browman and Goldstein, LabPhonl (1990)]; the glottal gestures for preceding and following voiceless consonants overlap to a greater or lesser extent with the glottal gesture for high vowels. The devoicing of the four short high Turkish [i i y u] can be explained by the same model which predicts that vowels are more likely to undergo devoicing if they are short and the adjacent voiceless consonants have strong and large glottal opening gestures. This study evaluates influencing factors such as preceding and following environment, rate, stress, and syllable type. Subjects read 210 words positioned utterance initially in a carrier phrase at three rates. Faster rates and lack of stress facilitated devoicing most. As in Japanese and Korean, there were more devoiced combinations of vowels /a,i,u,e,o/ and C was one of consonants /p,t,k,b,d,g/. A Japanese male subject uttered these sequences at several speeds with different stress. Articulatory data were sampled when the vowel tract was constricted for vowels or when the vocal tract closed for plosives: For each vowel and consonant, 200 data frames were sampled on average from the whole data set of about 150 000 frames (10 min). The variability of the vocal tract configuration was then quantitatively analyzed for each

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4pSP8. Control of lip closure in stop consonant production. Anders Löfqvist and Vincent L. Gracco (Haskins Labs., 270 Crown St., New Haven, CT 06511-6695)

Studies applying mechanical perturbations to the lower lip and the jaw have shown a trade off between movements of perturbed and unperturbed articulators in making the lip closure for a bilabial stop. While this concept is attractive, evidence for such trading relationships in normal speech has remained elusive, partly due to methodological problems. This study examines the vertical positions of the upper and lower lip at closure for bilabial stops. An electromagnetic transduction system was used to track receivers on the upper and lower lips, and the lower incisors for transducing jaw movements. The speech material consisted of VCV sequences where the first vowel was /a/, the middle consonant /p/b/, and the second vowel /a/; stress occurred on the second vowel. Preliminary results from three subjects showed upper lip positions at closure to occur over a range of 0.3 cm; the range for lower lip positions was 0.5 cm. Examination of 40 tokens for each subject revealed a positive relationship between upper and lower lip positions at closure, with correlation coefficients ranging from 0.5 to 0.7. The results will be discussed in relation to theories of speech motor control. [Work supported by NIH.]
average position. The variation was very small when the vocal tract closed
phoneme by calculating the variation of each measurement point from its
utterance speed, and stress affect the vocal tract configuration was also
investigated.

4:20 4pSPII. Perceptual evaluation of articulatory movement recovered
from acoustic data. Richard S. McGowan and Philip E. Rubin (Haskins
Labs., 270 Crown St., New Haven, CT 06511-6695)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1 DECEMBER 1994

4pUW1. Bistatic bottom scattering observed by seafloor vertical
arrays during the July 1993 ARSRP bottom reverberation
experiment. K. B. Smith and W. S. Hodgkiss (Marine Phys. Lab.,
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During the July 1993 ARSRP bottom reverberation experiment, the R/V KNorr deployed bottom-moored, 64-element, vertical line arrays
(VLAs) with the data being recorded by autonomous digital recording
packages (GARRPs). Bistatic scattering data were recorded by these VLAs
from R/V CORY CHOUEST and R/V ALLIANCE transmissions. In this paper,
bottom scattering observed at Site B' in the SRP Natural Laboratory with
these VLAs will be shown and the received scatter related to the source-
array positions and bathymetry. Modeling using UMPE/PEREV [K. B.
Smith, F. D. Tappert, and W. S. Hodgkiss, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1766 (A)
Soc. Am. 95, 2826 (A) (1994)] will be used to provide insight into the spatial
and temporal structure of the observed scatter. [Work supported by ONR
Code 3210A.]

1:00 4pUW2. Computer model simulations of reverberation from the
ARSRP acoustics experiment. Stanley A. Chin-Bing (Naval Res. Lab.,
Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-5004) and Joseph E. Murphy (Univ. of
New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148)

Detailed reverberation measurements were made from the mid-Atlantic
ridge region during the 1993 Acoustics Experiment, Acoustic Reverbera-
tion Special Research Program (ARSRP). The reverberation scenario (des-
nignated as "Seg 076") that ensonified a segment of sedimented seafloor
overlying an anelastic subbottom has been examined. Computer simula-
tions of the reverberant field were generated and compared with the AR-
SRP measured reverberation. Time domain and cw computer simulations
were made using high-resolution ocean acoustic–seismoacoustic computer
models. Several realizations of the rough range-dependent sediment and
sub-bottom were used (from the Webb-Jordan sediment distribution model
and the Goff–Jordan fractional seafloor/basement model). Computer simula-
tions allowed "numerical experiments" to be performed whereby parts of
the environment were changed or eliminated. Simulation results that help
identify those seafloor regions responsible for the reverberant returns
are presented. [Work supported by ONR, Acoustic Reverberation SRP, and
the High Performance Computing DoD Shared Resource Center: U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station (CEWES) HPC Center,
Vicksburg, MS.]

A method involving task dynamics and a genetic algorithm [see
McGowan, Speech Commum. 14, 19-48 (1994)] was used to recover ar-
ticulation from the speech acoustics of a human subject. Six utterances
from a single subject were chosen to test the applicability of the proposed
method to human beings: /g/l, /g/l, /d/a/, /d/ı/, /b/, and /b/. The first three
formant trajectories of the natural utterances were extracted and used to
represent the acoustic data. A genetic algorithm was used in constrained
optimization of task-dynamic parameters applied to the Haskins Labora-
tories articulatory synthesizer, ASY. The articulatory movements recovered
in this manner were assessed using perceptual tests of the resulting speech
generated by ASY and by a visualization of the resulting ASY articulation.

4pSPH. Perceptual evaluation of articulatory movement recovered
from acoustic data. Richard S. McGowan and Philip E. Rubin (Haskins
Labs., 270 Crown St., New Haven, CT 06511-6695)
broadband explosive and controlled narrow-band sources. Propagation is were conducted using horizontal and vertical array receivers with both oceanous sand seafloor. Concurrent propagation and reverberation experiments broad bandwidth was about 60 s and includes both diffuse returns and arrivals from major bathymetric features. [Work supported by ONR.]

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Volumetric inhomogeneities of marine sediments, especially their horizontal changes, are of great importance in understanding bottom scattering processes, but difficult to assess. Though certain theoretical models are available, so far little is known about sediment variability experimentally. During the 1993 ARSRP experiment, bottom scattering data over a sediment pond were obtained using the Deep Towed Acoustics/Geophysics System (DTAGS) near the bottom with its receiving acoustic array configured vertically. By analyzing this data set, the following results have been found: (1) The sediment is layered, but with gentle changes horizontally. (2) Beamforming in the normal direction of multiple pings reveals that there are two irregular sublayers at depths of about 16 and 20 m beneath the seafloor. Their thicknesses are both about 15-20 m. (3) Simulations based on a simple model compare favorably with the experimental data, and the results suggest that volumetric inhomogeneities can be identified by examining the ping-to-ping correlation of the vertically reflected field. (4) The backscattered field is determined by first subtracting the coherently reflected portion of the field and then beamforming the residual portion at the desired grazing angles; the behavior of the backscattered field correlates well with the aforementioned irregular sublayers. [Work supported by ONR.]

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Using a vertical receiving array to measure bottom backscattering is clearly advantageous over the single receiver configuration. In the single receiver case, one uses arrival time information and the assumption that the scatterers are on the seafloor to obtain backscattering strength as a function of grazing angle; a vertical array, on the other hand, can be steered in various desired directions without invoking the aforementioned assumption. However, sediment stratification causes reflections in the normal direction, which are generally much stronger than the scattered signals at oblique angles. If one uses conventional beamforming, the reflected signals in the normal direction may therefore contaminate the signals received at oblique angles through sidelobe leakage. Therefore a multiple constraint beamforming technique is applied which substantially reduces the sidelobe level in the normal direction and enables one to measure backscattering strength at oblique angles. This technique is employed in the analysis of a deep ocean backscattering data set, and it is found that sediment inhomogeneities rather than seafloor roughness are the primary cause of backscattering. [Work supported by ONR.]

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4pUW7. Spatial coherence and rough bottom scattering in shallow water. R. Dwi Susanto and Henrik Schmidt (Dept. of Ocean Eng., MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139)

Shallow-water acoustic data collected off Mallorca in March 1993 are analyzed for spatial coherence, and their relation to rough bottom scattering is investigated. Bistatic reverberation data were collected by a horizontal receiver array with equispaced hydrophones suspended 1 m above the bottom. A flextransitional transducer towed behind the ship was used as a source, generating a 209-dB source level at center frequency of 400 Hz, with 5-ms signal length, and 10-s interval. The ship made a hexagonal run with the horizontal receiver array inside the track. A theoretical source model has been designed to approximate the actual source pulse, and is used to match-filter the data. The modal arrivals are clearly identified in the resulting impulse responses, allowing for mode-by-mode analysis. The total field is decomposed into a mean field (coherent field) and scattered field (incoherent field) by a stacking procedure. The spatial coherence is then calculated using a correlation and a coherence function. The magnitude square of the complex coherence function (MSC) of the total field was 0.9 while the MSC of the scattered field was 0.1, which suggested that the bottom roughness was very small, allowing for modeling by perturbation theory.

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4pUW8. Scattering due to sound-speed inhomogeneities in ocean waveguides. Brian Tracey and Henrik Schmidt (Dept. of Ocean Eng., MIT, 77 Massachusetts Ave., Bldg. 5-007, Cambridge, MA 02139)

A self-consistent perturbation method for three-dimensional acoustic scattering due to sound-speed inhomogeneities has been developed. This method allows calculation of the mean-field attenuation due to scattering, as well as the second-order statistics of the reverberant field. Propagation in a shallow ocean overlying a sediment bottom containing sound-speed inhomogeneities is considered as an application. A modal expansion of the acoustic field is assumed and (mean-field) modal attenuation coefficients are calculated. The attenuation coefficient calculation is straightforward and is suitable for use with standard normal-mode codes. Numerical results show this work is consistent with an earlier approach to plane-wave scattering [D. Tang and G. Frisk, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 90, 2751–2756 (1991)], and illustrate the importance of scattering into the continuous spectrum. The spatial correlation and intensity of the reverberant field in the waveguide are calculated. [Work supported by ONR High Latitude Program.]

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Bistatic reverberation from a highly lineated ridge in the mid-Atlantic was measured by two research vessels during the ARSRP Main Acoustics Experiment of 1993. Each vessel used a vertical source array and a horizontal receiving array to collect bistatic and monostatic data over a full range of incident and scattered angles with respect to the ridge axis. High-resolution bathymetry reveals that the ridge protrudes above conjugate depth for roughly 50 km, and is characterized by a number of extended scarps running parallel to the ridge axis. Sufficient excess depth exists around the ridge to isolate it with waterborne propagation paths from 1/2 convergence zone (CZ) range (~33 km) where low-frequency returns register precisely with steep scarps. Significant variations in received level from a given scarp occur as a function of incident and scattered angle. The most prominent returns register with scarps facing the receiving array. Registration between returns from high-resolution waveforms (~10 m in range) and fine-scale bathymetry is used to elucidate the fundamental scattering process. Comparisons with monostatic measurements of the same ridge from 1/2 CZ and 2 1/2 CZ indicate how fine-scale structure from a given scarp is smeared in long-range reverberation.

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The structure of continental boundaries such as the east coast of the United States has a shallow sloping bottom that changes to a steeper slope at the shelf break. Our laboratory acoustic model has exaggerated slopes. The "shelf" has a 10.8 ø slope; the bottom changes to a 50 ø slope at the
A digital ocean bottom seismometer (OBS) has been constructed comprising a hydrophone, three 4.5-Hz geophones in a symmetric orthogonal configuration, 24-bit sigma–delta analogue-to-digital conversion, and a radio telemetry link to a ship-board monitoring and recording laboratory. Careful attention to self-noise floors and OBS/seabed coupling has resulted in an instrument capable of accurately measuring ambient noise on both hydrophone and geophone sensors in the 1–50-Hz range. A vibrator mounted in the OBS, controllable from the receiving platform, allows in situ calibration of the OBS response to seaborne motion. The instrument’s design, construction, deployment, and operation will be described briefly, followed by some examples of the unusual ambient noise data sets that have been collected. At one thinly sedimented site, a very-low-frequency banded structure was observed in the ambient noise on the horizontal geophone channels only; at many sites, a strong 6-Hz signal associated with offshore drilling activity was observed intermittently in all the geophone signals but was not seen in the hydrophone signals.

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4pUW12. Backscattering in shallow-water waveguides caused by obstacles on the seafloor. Finn B. Jensen (SACLANT Undersea Res. Ctr., I-19138 La Spezia, Italy)

As a result of a recent workshop on low-frequency reverberation and scattering modeling organized by S. A. Chin-Bing and D. B. King at NRL-SSC, it became evident that accurate wave-theoretic models are available for studying feature backscattering in ocean waveguides. A well tested, two-way coupled mode code [R. B. Evans, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 74, 188–195 (1983)] is applied to compute backscattering from a single obstacle on the seafloor. Of particular interest is the effect of height and slope of the scattering facet on the reverberant field. It is shown that only steep slopes cause strong backscattering.

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Meeting of Accredited Standards Committee S3 on Biogacoustics

to be held jointly with the


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Standards Committee S3 on Biogacoustics. The current status of standards under preparation will be discussed. In addition to those topics of interest, including hearing conservation, noise, dosimeters, hearing aids, etc., consideration will be given to new standards which might be needed over the next few years. Open discussion of committee reports is encouraged.


Scope of S3: Standards, specifications, methods of measurement and test, and terminology in the fields of mechanical shock and physiological acoustics, including aspects of general acoustics, shock, and vibration which pertain to biological safety, tolerance, and comfort.

FRIDAY MORNING, 2 DECEMBER 1994

BOSQUE ROOM, 8:30 TO 11:45 A.M.

Session 5aEA

Engineering Acoustics: General Topics

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Contributed Papers

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Noise generated by a jet impinging on a surface is of interest in itself for such applications as vertical takeoff. Here we consider the image argument [see A. Powell, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 32, 982 (1960) and W. C. Meecham, ibid. 37, 516 (1965)]. It shows that there can be no dipole sound for a large flat surface, only the volume, quadrupole aerosound. The sound generated by the viscous layer at the surface is neglected, and is examined by us here and shown to be indeed negligible. The simulation was carried out in two separate steps. The first step was to generate the hydrodynamic field which was compared to well-documented experimental results of similar flows. Once an adequate hydrodynamic field was generated, the
theoretical treatment of Carle and Lighthill relating surface generated sound and the nature of aeroacoustic sound, respectively, was employed to get order-of-magnitude values for the sound intensity and develop directivity patterns. The source region considered was the viscous region near the surface. The $kE$ turbulence model was employed and did a fair job of depicting the fluid field. Velocity profiles of the free-jet region were very successful, while the model broke down some in the "wall jet" region of the flow. Surface pressure and shear stress distribution was in good agreement with experimental values. The acoustic values were then obtained and the viscous layer was found to generate very low intensity levels, in the neighborhood of 25 dB, much less than the volume sound.

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5aEA2. Two-sound-pressures theorem for aerodynamic sound from two-dimensional flows. Brenda Henderson (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Houston, Houston, TX 77204-4792)

The two-sound-pressures theorem [A. Powell, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 34, 902–906 (1963)] applies to sound generated by inviscid, incompressible, free flows when the source region is acoustically compact and shows that the acoustic far field must be reducible to lateral quadrupole radiation only. In two dimensions, the source region is not compact in the third dimension and it is not obvious that the three-sound-pressures theorem directly applies in this case. The two-sound-pressures theorem is developed by integrating Lighthill’s surface term over the “third” dimension and is shown to be satisfied by two-dimensional lateral quadrupole radiation. In all known two-dimensional situations, the two-sound-pressures theorem is satisfied. A simple two-dimensional line vortex problem involving the collision of four rectilinear vortices is presented as an illustration.

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5aEA3. Symmetrical mode of rectangular choked jet screech. Dan Lin and Alan Powell (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Houston, TX 77204-4792)

The screech and edge tones of rectangular jets had always been considered to be due to asymmetric (sinuous) jet instabilities, with out-of-phase sound fields across the jet plane. Kozi’s 1991 screech measurements showed a discontinuity at $2.12 \leq R_a < 2.16$, $R_a$ is the pressure ratio, the wavelengths $\lambda$ below this being about 25% less than the empirical $\lambda = k(\sqrt{g} - R_a)$, $a = \text{small dimension of rectangular nozzle}$, $k = \text{constant} = 5.2$ (Powell), $= 5.0$ (Krothapalli), $R_a$ is the critical value. However, Lin’s 1992 schlieren photographs showed a symmetric (varicose) mode for edge tones at a pressure ratio $R = 2.36$ and small nozzle-to-edge distances for the same nozzle, aspect ratio 4.8, with wavelengths about half that for (asymmetrical) screech. Lin’s 1992 investigation of screech for $R < R_a$ showed unambiguous symmetry of the sound field, implying symmetrical (varicose) jet instabilities. The evidence consisted of signals from microphones symmetrically placed in the nozzle plane that showed unambiguous symmetry below the discontinuity and asymmetry above; correlation measurements were consistent with this (though of low coherence). Powell’s phase criterion $\lambda/\eta = (1 + M_{\text{ref}})M_{\text{ref}}$ is satisfied within 10% for $2.5 \leq R < 3.6$, with significant discrepancies elsewhere.

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5aEA4. Vortex sound in 2D: "vortex-force" and "vorticity-alone" forms. Alan Powell (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Houston, TX 77204-4792)

In the contiguous method [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 36, 830–832 (1964)] an incompressible inviscid flow causes pressure or velocity perturbations, $p_{\text{ac}}$ or $u$, on geometrically distant surface (cylinder) that drives the contiguous external acoustic field. Solid surfaces are replaced by some appropriate vortex image system. The far field sound pressures are found to be $p(x) = f(x) = f(x/c)$. For quadrupoles, $\rho^\ast = \rho(1/\sqrt{g}(\pi))\left[\rho(1/\sqrt{g}(\pi))\right]^2$, for dipole sound, with $\rho^\ast \approx 1/\sqrt{g}(\pi)$, $\rho^\ast \approx 1/\sqrt{g}(\pi)$, and $\rho^\ast \approx 1/\sqrt{g}(\pi)$. The source region is assumed to be the same nozzle, aspect ratio 4.8, with wavelength about half that for (asymmetrical) screech. Lin’s 1992 investigation of screech for $R < R_a$ showed unambiguous symmetry of the sound field, implying symmetrical (varicose) jet instabilities. The evidence consisted of signals from microphones symmetrically placed in the nozzle plane that showed unambiguous symmetry below the discontinuity and asymmetry above; correlation measurements were consistent with this (though of low coherence). Powell’s phase criterion $\lambda/\eta = (1 + M_{\text{ref}})M_{\text{ref}}$ is satisfied within 10% for $2.5 \leq R < 3.6$, with significant discrepancies elsewhere.

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5aEA5. Vortex sound: Equivalence of "vortex-force" and "vorticity-alone" forms. Alan Powell (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Houston, TX 77204-4792)

A direct general proof is offered of the equivalence of the source integrals of the "vortex-force" and "vorticity-alone" formulations of aerodynamic dipole and quadrupole sound in both two and three dimensions as given in the previous paper. For the dipole (with solid surfaces replaced by an image system), take the expansion of $\mathbf{V}(a-b)$, $a = \mathbf{x}, b = \mathbf{x}/u$, apply Helmholz’ equation $\mathbf{f} + \nabla\times\mathbf{f} = 0$, then after some manipulation and reduction integrate over 2-D or 3-D space and use Kelvin’s theorems; finally, differentiate w.r.t. $t$ and take the x component. For the quadrupole, form $\mathbf{V} \times V/2 = \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{V}}$, and proceed similarly, introducing $Jy = \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{V}}/2 = \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}/2$ in 2-D but $Jy = \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{V}}/2 = \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}/2$ in 3-D. Only kinematic relationships have been used apart from the foregoing hydrodynamic integral relationships for the quadrupole. Most transparently, in 2-D, for the dipole, if no vorticity is generated, $V_y = \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{V}}/2 = \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}/2$, so moving vorticity $V_y = \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{V}}/2 = \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}/2$. The vorticity-alone form reduces directly to the vortex force form: $Jy = \nabla \times \overline{\mathbf{V}}/2 = \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}/2$.

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Low-frequency broadband jet engine exhaust noise radiated into the surrounding area has been a problem for facilities that perform ground jet engine run up operations such as military hush-houses. This low-frequency acoustic radiation is capable of propagating over long distances, creating a noise and vibration problem in nearby communities. In this paper, active noise control (ANC) is experimentally implemented to achieve attenuation of low-frequency turbo-fan jet engine exhaust noise in a nearby area. The control method is the feedforward filtered-x LMS algorithm and is implemented for both single-input, single-output and multiple-input, multiple-output systems. The control inputs are generated by filtering a reference signal through adaptive FIR filters before being input to the control loudspeakers, and microphones are used to generate the reference and error signals. Attenuations of up to 15 dB are achieved in the 1/3-octave bands at the error sensor locations. The results also demonstrate a large area of reduction surrounding the error microphones with overall attenuations of up to 7 dB and generally agree with analytical predictions. Results are demonstrated for both a running jet engine in a small scale hush-house facility and an un-suppressed running jet engine. [Work sponsored by the U. S. Air Force.]
mechanisms: (i) The direct path results from the detection by the sensors of the fluctuating pressures from the turbulent boundary layer after propagation through the OD [Ko et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 85, 1469 (1989)]; (ii) the flexural noise is associated with the fluctuation of the extended sensors via their lateral sensitivity [Montgomery et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1688 (1993)]; (iii) The vibrating SSP radiates acoustic pressures in the near field which are sensed by the array. The OD and SSP are assumed of infinite extent for the direct path and of finite extent otherwise. This paper presents an analytical model for the later path. Results are displayed in terms of wave-number-frequency spectrum of the radiated pressure and of frequency spectral density. The relative contribution of the different paths and the effect of various parameters of the array are discussed.

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5aEA8. Instrumentation to generate a two-phase turbulent (bubble) submerged water jet for flow noise measurements. Murray S. Korman (Dept. of Phys., U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402)

It has been demonstrated that the near-field pressure spectrum (generated by a turbulent submerged water jet) is enhanced when the turbulent flow is modified to become a two-phase flow containing air bubbles ['Proceedings of the 14th ICA, Beijing, China,' Acoustica 76, supplement to No. 4, May (1992), paper B6-1, p. 70]. An amplification factor $G = \frac{p_{\text{two-phase}}}{p_{\text{single-phase}}}$ is measured as a function of the gross void fraction $\beta$ of the air bubbles. Results showed that $G \approx \beta^2$ and $G \approx 20$ at $\beta = 0.0065$. The range of void fraction was limited due to the use of the bubble maker (located at the jet nozzle entrance) which consisted of a sintered ceramic disk that was housed in a glass Buchner funnel and fed compressed nitrogen gas. It is possible to improve this apparatus by using carbonated water at high pressure in a nozzle that consists of an array of small holes in a thin circular plate. This arrangement can be controlled to produce very high sound levels on a cw basis. Our experiments have demonstrated the ability to stabilize bubble motion due to buoyancy, reexcite bubble oscillations with high efficiency, and the use of close-loop feedback control for timing of energy injection. Experimental results of the acoustic output and bubble motion are presented. [Work supported by the U. S. Navy.]

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5aEA9. The combustion source sound: Combustion and bubble dynamics theory and experiment. Janet L. Elffrey (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712), Preston S. Wilson, and Thomas G. Muir (Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

In combustion systems, characteristics such as adiabatic flame temperature and laminar flame speed are highly dependent on the equivalence ratio, which is defined as the actual fuel/oxidizer ratio divided by the stoichiometric fuel/oxidizer ratio. Experimental results indicate that the acoustic output of the combusted sound source (CSS) also shows equivalence ratio dependency. Peak acoustic pressure produced by CSS is low for lean mixtures, rises to a maximum for near stoichiometric mixtures, and falls for rich mixtures. Experiments were also conducted to compare the acoustic output of CSS with the predictions of Rayleigh–Willis bubble theory. The measured acoustic output of CSS follows the trend of Rayleigh–Willis bubble theory but always falls below the absolute values. Energy losses that are not accounted for in the theory are probably responsible for the high predictions. Other factors that affect the acoustic output of CSS are discussed, including the shape of the combustion chamber, the source of ignition, the type of oxidizer and fuel, the presence of high-pressure bubble collapses, and the generation of high-frequency components. [Work supported by ONR.]

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5aEA11. Perturbation method applied to vibration monitoring of slotted beams. Xiu Ting C. Man and Robert D. Finch (Mech. Eng. Dept., Univ. of Houston, 4800 Calhoun Rd., Houston, TX 77204-4792)

Vibration signals can be used in monitoring the structural integrity of steel beams. If the beams are cracked or slotted, the resonant frequencies will decrease and the mode shapes will change depending on the size and the location of the defects. The current study involves applying a perturbation method in prediction of resonant frequencies and mode shapes of a slotted beam. Modal analysis techniques are used in estimation of modal parameters including resonant frequencies, damping, and mode shapes. The effect of using the modal analysis method on the frequency resolution will be discussed. A large discrepancy was observed between experimental frequency shifts and those predicted by the perturbation method for relatively large slots. As required by the method itself, perturbation to the system (in this case is slot) should be small, which will lead to small changes in modal parameters. These results are compared with those obtained previously [Man et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2029–2037 (1994)] by solving the exact vibration equation for a slotted beam. It is clear that the perturbation technique is not accurate, although it does give correct qualitative predictions which are not readily apparent with the other approach.

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A theoretical model was developed to evaluate the reduction of flexural waves which is generated by a line force applied on an infinite plate using a compliant baffle. The compliant baffle layer placed between the plate excited by a line force and a signal conditioning plate is designed for reducing pressure fluctuations from the vibrating plate. The baffle layer considered here is the compliant-tube array, modeled by Juenger [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 78, 1010 (1985)] to represent a homogeneous (dispersive) fluid layer. Effects of various parameters such as the aspect ratio of the compliant tube, the distance between tubes, and the damping of the tube material on the flexural wave reduction are presented. Calculations made for the nondispersive fluid layer are compared with those made for the dispersive fluid layer.
After a basic overview-type course (which must include laboratory experience) at least two additional courses should be provided in order to ensure that the undergraduate student has a sufficiently strong background in acoustics. The second course might deal almost exclusively with the theory and applications of ultrasonics, and the third course could be an independent study, whereby the student can pursue topics of specific interest under professorial guidance. For architecture majors, a special course in building acoustics should be a requisite—not so much for the purpose of making them acoustic experts as to inculcate in them an awareness of the acoustical implications of their work.

FRIDAY MORNING, 2 DECEMBER 1994
SAN MARCOS ROOM, 8:15 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Session 5aNS

Noise and Psychological and Physiological Acoustics: The Annoyance of Low-Level Environmental Sounds

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Chair's Introduction—8:15

Invited Papers

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5aNS1. Low levels of noise and resolution of their nuisance. John J. Van Houten (J. J. Van Houten and Associates, Inc., Irvine, CA 92714)

Noise ordinances provide objective standards which are used in the resolution of complaints, disputes, and land use compatibility concerns. However, application of the prevailing ordinance standard may indicate that compliance exists without adequately addressing the nuisance which motivated the complaint. The frustration of relentless noise and its related nuisance can be the motivation for litigation. Legal action may be the only remedy for its ultimate abatement. This paper will consider low levels of noise, less than the prevailing public agency standard, and will explore justification for the resolution of the nuisance which they may cause. Sources of such noise include a neighbor's pool pump/motor or air conditioner, industrial equipment, transformers, combustion burners, pumping units, water flow in pipes, etc. Noise ordinance standards which prevail in California will be reviewed, and nuisance criteria will be identified. In addition, case histories will be discussed which will provide examples of the resolution of the nuisance caused by low level noise.

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5aNS2. A perceived low-frequency sound in Taos, New Mexico. Joe H. Mullins (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87121) and Horace Poteet (Sandia Natl. Labs., Albuquerque, NM 87185-5800)

Persistent complaints of an annoying low-frequency sound in Northern New Mexico, particularly in the vicinity of Taos, led to a request by members of the Congressional delegation of NM for an investigation. During the summer of 1993, in Taos, extensive simultaneous measurements were carried out of acoustic, seismic, electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic signals by a team from Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories, the Air Force Phillips Laboratory, and the University of New Mexico. Since anecdotal evidence and signal matching tests by the hearers implicated the frequencies between 30 to 100 Hz, special attention was given to that range. However, no signals were found matching the description, and in particular no airborne audio signals in this range were found other than background, even though the acoustical detector was capable of measuring signals less than -50 dB SPL. Subsequent complaints of similar sounds from widely distributed areas in the U.S., and a long history of these in the U.K. [R. N. Vasudevan and C. G. Gordon, Appl. Acoust. 10, 57–69 (1977)] have focused attention on human hearing in the 20–100 Hz range. New instruments are being developed and controlled clinical tests are planned with hearers and nonhearers in the Taos area.

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5aNS3. Low-frequency acoustic measurements at Los Alamos. Rodney W. Whitaker (Los Alamos Natl. Lab., EES-5 MS F665, LANL, Los Alamos, NM 87545)

Los Alamos National Laboratory has had an active program of atmospheric infrasonic measurement for the last 10 years, in the frequency region of 0.1–10 Hz. During this time, substantial data have been gathered on acoustic signals from underground nuclear tests, earthquakes, and large conventional explosions, often at long range. Normal operational activity, issues of long-range propagation, and interesting data examples will be discussed. Recent work related to a low level environmental noise problem will also be presented.

Low-frequency sounds from both natural and civilization sources can travel for long distances (tens or hundreds of kilometers), producing local regions of enhanced as well as reduced intensity depending upon range and time. Thus the identification of sources can be difficult, since merely mapping sound level in the direction of increasing intensity may not help to identify distant sources. A brief review of some examples of low-frequency background sounds provides the basis for a discussion of potential methods for identifying sound sources in a complex propagation environment. At low frequencies (<100 Hz) it is more difficult to determine direction with simple, portable systems. Some practical approaches for low-frequency source location are described.

10:00–10:15 PANEL DISCUSSION

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5aNS5. Response of national park visitors to the sounds of aircraft overflights. William E. Robert (Harris Miller Miller & Hanson, Inc., 15 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803)

The responses of over 750 national park visitors to sounds of aircraft overflights were measured at six study areas in the Grand Canyon, Hawaii Volcanoes, and Haleakala National Parks. Park visitors were observed as they entered each study area, and were asked to participate in a brief survey as they exited the area. The survey included questions about the visitor's reasons for visiting the park, and asked visitors to rate their responses to aircraft sounds on five-point scales. Simultaneously, in one to three positions representative of the study area, A-weighted sound levels were recorded at 1-s intervals using extremely low noise instrumentation. In addition, human observers maintained time-synchronized logs of aircraft audibility, types of aircraft audible, types of background sounds, and other factors. Several mitigating variables, such as background sound level and visitor expectations, were tested for their ability to improve the dose-response relationships. Logistic regression was used to generate four separate dose-response relationships, relating two visitor responses (annoyance due to aircraft sounds, and interference of aircraft sounds with natural quiet) to two acoustic doses (percentage of time aircraft are audible, and aircraft A-weighted equivalent sound level). [Work supported by National Park Service.]

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Long-term noise monitoring has been possible in the past with large, expensive systems which were designed to withstand harsh environmental conditions including rain and cold temperatures while recording several months worth of interval data. For the past 7 years, CSTI and others have experimented with the use of noise dosimeters for outdoor measurements, monitoring sound levels for a few days up to 6 months. In order to use these monitors in the field, however, consideration must be given to issues such as how to protect the monitor and download the data since dosimeters are not sold as part of an integrated outdoor monitoring system. A water-proof, tamper-proof enclosure which holds the monitor and external battery, and a mast to position and protect the microphone are essential elements to such a system. Data downloading may be performed in the field with a portable computer or over a phone line. This paper will summarize experiences at solving some of the problems.

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Automated monitoring of low level ambient noise levels presents many challenges. The obvious challenge is to have a noise monitor with a low noise floor, less than 20 dBA, so that the ambient can be monitored. Other challenges include designing a lightweight system that can be backpacked to the monitoring site, and the site selection. Site selection criteria include protecting the monitor from direct sunlight and heat, and locating the microphone so that the influence on the measurements from rustling leaves and wind will be minimal. This paper presents the results of our learning curve from three studies of low level ambient noise.

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Past studies of the annoyance of heavy weapons noise have shown the relationship between the yearly average exposure and average annoyance as reported by residents. However, no one has reported the relationship between individual weapons blasts and the annoyance reported by homeowners who were experiencing these events inside their own home. As part of a noise and vibration measurement study undertaken in response to community complaints, four homeowners made judgments of the annoyance of heavy weapons noise. When these judgments were plotted against the outdoor measured linear peak SPL, "moderate annoyance" was found to begin just above 115 dB. This finding is consistent with a report by L. L. Pater in 1976 that there was a low probability of complaints from residents living in the vicinity of the Naval Surface Weapons Center, Dahlgren, VA, if weapons blasts were below 115-dB peak at the complainant's home.

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5aNS9. Annoyance of individual vehicle pass-by noise for light and heavy vehicles. Niek J. Versfeld, Joos Vis, and Frank W. M. Geurtsen (TNO Human Factors Res. Inst., P.O. Box 23, 3769 ZG Soesterberg, The Netherlands)

A laboratory experiment has been conducted to assess the noise annoyance of individual vehicle pass-bys as a function of sound level. Vehicle type varied from passenger cars to heavy tanks. Results showed that for each individual vehicle type, the A-weighted sound exposure level (SEL) was the most important predictor of the annoyance. However, at a given annoyance, the difference in level between different vehicle types could be as high as 11 dBA SEL. The difference in level between the high-frequency part and the low-frequency part of the spectrum seemed to play a role in the annoyance, in that sounds containing relatively much high-frequency energy (e.g., passenger cars) were judged as being more annoying than those having relatively much low-frequency energy (such as tanks). [Work supported by the Ministry of Defence.]
5aNS10. Effect of silent periods having short or long durations on the annoyance of vehicle sounds. Niek J. Versfeld, Joos Vos, and Frank W. M. Geurtsen (TNO Human Factors Res. Inst., P.O. Box 23, 3769 ZG Soesterberg, The Netherlands)

Two laboratory experiments were performed to study the effect on annoyance of noise concentration in time. The first (rating-scale) experiment dealt with the influence on annoyance of short-time silent periods (varying from 0 to 160 s) in pass-by vehicle noise of 240-s total duration.

FRIDAY MORNING, 2 DECEMBER 1994

SABINE ROOM, 8:15 TO 11:45 A.M.

Session 5aPA

Physical Acoustics: Scattering and Elastic Wave Propagation

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Contributed Papers

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Acoustic scattering by a given inhomogeneity can be compactly described by a scattering operator. This operator acts on the transmitted acoustic field to yield the scattered acoustic field on a measurement surface. For scattering at fixed frequency, the operator is known to admit a basis of eigenfunctions. When a finite number of transmit angles and receiving points is considered, the scattering operator can be represented as a matrix with an associated basis of eigenvectors. The present paper reports an investigation of the relationship between these eigenfunctions, eigenvectors, and associated eigenvalues and the characteristics of scattering objects, including their location, size, shape, orientation, and strength. Scattering operators are derived analytically for axisymmetric scatterers such as cylinders; in this case, the eigenfunctions of the operators take on simple trigonometric forms. Connections are noted between the eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the scattering operators and the basis functions that appear in orthogonal function representations of the scattered fields. Scattering matrices for arbitrary scatterers are calculated using a coupled finite-element/integral equation method due to Kirsch and Monk [IMA J. Num. Anal. (to appear)]. Examples of the relationship between scatterer properties and eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the scattering matrix are presented.

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5aPA2. Evidence for the existence of strong bending modes for signals scattered at oblique incidence from spherical shells. M. F. Werby (Naval Res. Lab., Code 7181, Stennis Space Center, MS) and N. A. Sidorovskaia (Univ. of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA)

In an earlier work [Werby et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 85, 2365 (1989)] it was established that bending (flexing) modes are excited for signals scattering at oblique incidence from solid spheroidal shells. This was accomplished by comparing the exact T-matrix resonance predictions with those predicted from Timoshenko beam theory which accurately predicts the bending modes of a bar. One must then ask, do such modes exist for shells? One would expect that for fairly thick shells such modes do, but do they exist for thin shells too? In this study scattering of acoustical signals from elastic shells of various materials, aspect ratios, and shell thicknesses are examined. The study does indeed demonstrate the presence of bending modes even for very thin shells. It is interesting that for thick shells the resonance's manifest themselves as maximum amplitude returns while for thin shells they manifest themselves as minimum amplitude returns. The effect with the transitional nature of a rigidlike background is associated to a softlike background for the two extremes so that the return signals vary in their coherence from adding constructively to adding destructively over the thickness variation. The sensitivity of resonance locations as a function of the elastic parameters is also presented. [Work sponsored by NRL and ONR.]

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5aPA4. The study of pulse signals from elastic spheroidal shells near reflecting interfaces. N. A. Sidorovskaia (Dept. of Phys., Univ. of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA), Cleon Dean (Georgia Southern Univ., Statesboro, GA) and M. F. Werby (Naval Res. Lab., Code 7181, Stennis Space Center, MS)

In a pioneering work Talmant et al. [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 86, 278 (1989)] established the presence of pseudo-Stonely resonances excited when acoustical signals scatter from shells at or near coincidence frequency. This notion was supported by the argument that Stoneley waves exist at the fluid–elastic interface of a plate when water is on one side and the other side is evacuated. It is known that nondispersive waterborne waves are excited at the fluid–water interface for that case in the frequency region around coincidence frequency. This coincided with the bounded shell case in which very narrow strong resonances corresponded with the waterborne waves and a broad envelope function corresponded with the onset of the flexural resonances which become manifest at coincidence frequency when the flexural waves become supersonic and thus radiated into the water. The envelope effect corresponds to an abrupt phase change of pressure at coincidence frequency. An analogous argument predicts the existence of pseudo-Scholte resonances. The analog for that case is a plate in which fluids of like properties exist on both sides. In that case waterborne waves exist over the entire frequency range. The implication is that if one scatterers from such an object there should be a proliferation of waterborne waves and thus for closed shells an abundance of resonances associated with waterborne waves circumnavigating the shell should be present. Can the abundance of sharp peaks excited on fluid filled shells be explained in terms of this mechanism? This issue is examined and the question is answered. [Work sponsored by NRL and ONR.]

Results showed that, at a fixed equivalent sound level, and with the number of vehicles kept constant, annoyance hardly depended on the duration and position in time of the silent period. In the second experiment subjects had to compare the annoyance of road traffic sounds with that of sounds from heavy vehicles (such as tanks). In deciding which fragment was more annoying, the subjects had to imagine that they were exposed to the road traffic sounds throughout the year, whereas the sounds of heavy vehicles were only audible during a certain part of the day, week, or year. Results indicate that, at a given equivalent sound level, concentration of the sounds in time reduces annoyance. [Work supported by the Ministry of Defence.]
A formulation is presented that allows one to describe backscattered echoes from elastic shells near pressure release and rigid interfaces. This formulation is always consistent even at low frequencies and large distances from the interfaces and allows for the rapid reproduction of backscattered echoes over frequency ranges of practical interest. Numerical results are examined for pulse signals scattering from various targets as a function of target material, distance from the interface, and the effect that the two interface extremes have on the detected signals. [Work sponsored by NRL and ONR.]

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5aPAS. Acoustic scattering from a rigid sphere coated with multiple layers of absorbing materials: Eigenfunction expansion method. B. S. Sridhara (Ind. Studies Dept., Middle Tenn. State Univ., Murfreesboro, TN 37132) and Sadasiva M. Rao (Auburn Univ., Auburn, AL 36849)

Far-field scattered properties for a rigid sphere coated with several layers of absorbing materials have been obtained using the eigenfunction expansion method. The sphere coated with \( m \) number of acoustic layers and placed in air, in a lossless situation, was considered. Compatibility conditions of sound pressures and sound velocities were applied at layer interfaces. The resulting \((2m+1)\) complex linear algebraic equations involving material properties, and the spherical Bessel, Newman, and Hankel functions, were written in the matrix form. Computer codes were developed and the equations were solved for the coefficients which, along with other variables and parameters, were used to compute the scattered field properties. The formulation was verified by comparing the far-field scattered parameter and comparing it with the available standard results. Far-field scattered properties were computed for a rigid sphere coated with a total of 12 different layers. In each case, the magnitude of the far-field scatter parameter was computed and plotted as a function of the angle in the range from 0° to 180°. It was observed that the scatter parameter was sensitive to the change in the angle and the variation was relatively large in the range from 100° to 160° in the case of certain layers.

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5aPAS. A new generalized k-space (GKS) method for transient elastodynamic scattering problems. Qing-Huo Liu (Schlumberger-Doll Res., Old Quarry Rd., Ridgefield, CT 06877)

A conventional approach to simulating transient elastic wave propagation in inhomogeneous media has been the finite-difference (FD) method. However, the FD method requires a large number of grids in order to obtain accurate results. This is because in conventional FD schemes, second-order (sometimes higher-order) differences are used to approximate the spatial derivatives. In this work, a new generalized k-space (GKS) method is described for elastodynamic scattering problems. From its integral representation in spatial-frequency \(( k-f ) \) domain, a local equation is derived for the displacement field in spectral-frequency \(( k-f ) \) domain. This equation becomes a time-convolution equation in spectral-time \(( k-t ) \) domain. Using two temporal propagators, compressional and shear, this time-convolution equation can be converted into two time-stepping equations, which become much easier to solve. Hence, at each time step, the solution is first obtained in the \( k-t \) domain, and then transformed to the \( r-t \) domain by using spatial FFT. Since the GKS method uses the Fourier transform to represent the spatial derivatives, it is much more accurate than the FD method. Numerical examples show that the GKS method with only four grids per wavelength can achieve the same accuracy as the FD method with 16 grids per wavelength.

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5aPAS. Large-scale 3D finite-difference simulation of elastic wave propagation in borehole environments. Qing-Huo Liu, Eric Schoen, François Daube, Curt Randall, Hsiu-lin Liu, and Ping Lee (Schlumberger-Doll Res., Old Quarry Rd., Ridgefield, CT 06877)

Elastic wave propagation in realistic borehole environments is very complex because of the presence of borehole, dipping beds, and other irregular scatterers. In order to understand this complex wave propagation phenomenon for sonic logging applications, a three-dimensional finite-difference (FD) method was used to simulate elastic wave propagation on a parallel computing architecture. The FD scheme solves the first-order elastic wave equations with central differencing in both space and time via staggered grids. Liao's absorbing boundary condition is used to reduce artificial reflections from the finite computational domain. In this work, uniform grids in Cartesian coordinates are used to discretize the inhomogeneous medium. Because of the staircase approximation of the circular borehole, it is observed that the discretization requirement is quite different for monopole and dipole sources. Several methods are suggested to remedy this problem. The results from the FD method were validated by other methods available for several special geometries. Numerical examples will be shown to demonstrate the interaction of elastic waves with borehole and the surrounding geologic structures. Applications to interpretation of sonic logging will be illustrated.
domain. Once this dyadic Green's function is found, elastic waves due to
function is then obtained by inverse transforming this solution in $k_z-n$
domain to yield the received voltage as a finite sum of multiply reflected
signals that phase match to the interrogating signal. Expressions
measured are the multiply scattered signals averaged over the aperture of
the transducer, and that the dominant contribution comes from the scat-
tered signals that phase match to the interrogating signal. Expressions
relating the modeled reflected and transmitted signals to the convolution
of the incident sound field with the crack-opening displacements at the focal
region are given. Numerical examples are worked out for similar and
contrasting materials on each side of the interface. [Work supported by
the NSF.]
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Analytical/numerical matching (ANM) is a hybrid scheme combining a low-resolution global numerical solution with a high-resolution local analytical solution to form a composite solution. ANM is applied to a harmonically vibrating flat plate in two dimensions to calculate the radiated acoustic field and the associated fluid loading. The problem utilizes overlapping smooth doublets, and local corrections to calculate the doublet strength distribution along the plate. A smoothing length scale is introduced that is larger than the smallest physical scale, and smaller than the largest physical scale. The global low-resolution solution is calculated numerically using smooth doublets, and converges quickly. Local corrections are done with high-resolution local analytical solutions. The global numerical solution is asymptotically matched to the local analytical solutions via a matching solution. The matching solution cancels the global solution in the near field, and cancels the local solution in the far field. The method is very robust, offering an insensitivity to collocation point position. ANM provides high-resolution calculations from low-resolution numerics with analytical corrections, while avoiding the subtlety involving singular integral equations, and their numerical implementation. [Work supported by ONR.][3339 J. Acoust. Soc. Am., Vol. 96, No. 5, Pt. 2, November 1994]

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5aSA2. A 3-D finite element model for sound transmission through a double-plate system with isotropic elastic porous materials. Raymond Panneton, Noureddine Atalla (G.A.U.S., Dépt. Génie Mécanique, Univ. de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, PQ J1K 2R1, Canada), and J.-F. Allard (Univ. du Maine, Le Mans, France)

The prediction of sound transmission through multilayer structures is of utmost importance in aircrafts, buildings, and other engineering applications. In view of optimizing the transmission loss, the finite element method is an interesting mean to model such structures since it permits one to account for complex structure geometries and to model accurately the boundary conditions. In this paper, a 3-D finite element model is developed to evaluate the normal incidence transmission loss through a double-plate system with cavity absorption. The cavity is filled with an air-saturated isotropic elastic porous material. The model uses a two-field finite element procedure for the porous medium based on the Biot theory. Since the Biot theory considers only the energy dissipation due to the viscous effects, the frequency-dependent bulk modulus of the air, worked out by Champoux and Allard [J. Appl. Phys. 70, 2182-2191 (1991)], is adopted to account for the energy dissipation due to thermal exchanges. Also, two sets of field variables are considered: the u-U and the u-P sets, where u and U are the solid and fluid displacements and P is the pore-fluid pressure. Both approaches are developed and compared through numerical simulations. [Work supported by Bombardier, Inc., Canadair, and N.S.E.R.C.]

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The analysis of acoustic radiation and scattering from submerged elastic structures is an important and challenging problem. Often, numerical solutions are hampered by the fact that the acoustic pressure field can be very sensitive to structural detail. In this presentation, a baffled plate submerged in a semi-infinite acoustic medium is used study this sensitive. A finite element description of the structure and a boundary element description of the fluid are used to model the plate-fluid-baffle arrangement. The sensitivity information is obtained by applying perturbation techniques to the matrix equations that arise, yielding exact derivatives of the chosen field variable. Several types of local structural perturbations (point masses, springs, dampers, and ribs) as well as global perturbations (Young's modulus, density, damping) are considered. The nature of the structural sensitivity is examined and some investigation is made into what types of structural features have the greatest impact on radiation and scattering. Finally, the use of the sensitivity information for engineering and design is discussed.

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Sound power radiated by a cubic structure as a function of normal surface velocity was written using the boundary element method [K. A. Cuneo and G. H. Koopman, J. Vib. Acoust. 113, 387-394 (1991)]. This function was minimized by a gradient method with linear and second-order velocity constraints. The constraints were formulated to reflect physical limitations in the ability of constrained layer damping material to modify structural velocity. Complex velocity phase was held constant while amplitude was allowed only to decrease. Initially, simulated velocity patterns were used to test the method and software created. Sound power reductions of 3 dB were achieved while modifying the normal velocity amplitude over only 0.45% of the surface area of the cube at a single frequency. Later, velocity of a real structure was measured using a laser vibrometer. Minimum sound power and corresponding velocity distributions were calculated for nondimensional ka ranging from 0.5 to 3.0. [Work supported by NSF, Contract No. MSS-9103377.]

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The structural intensity formula provided by Williams [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 89, 1615-1622 (1991)] is used to consider the flow of power

Session 5aSA

Structural Acoustics and Vibration: Numerical and Analytic Methods

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along an infinite length, thin cylindrical shell driven by a harmonic force applied in the radial direction. Finite element modeling is used to show that the active component of the time-averaged intensity oscillates with respect to the axial coordinate of the shell at a wave number given by the difference between the bending and longitudinal wave numbers. The reactive component of the intensity also oscillates at this rate and is in phase quadrature with the active component. This suggests that the total power at any point along the shell is constant and power is exchanged between wave types. The stored (reactive) power is shown to be associated with circumferential expansions and contractions of the shell.

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5aSA8. Balance of energy between scattered and reflected waves resulting from an axial surface wave incident on a discontinuity of a fluid-loaded cylindrical shell. Steven L. Means (Graduate Prog. in Acoust., New ARL Bldg., Penn State Univ., University Park, PA 16801)

There is a branch of the dispersion curve of fluid-loaded cylindrical shells in which fluid mass and an "effective" spring stiffness balance at low frequencies. This leads to a surface wave with a wave number which becomes increasingly close to the acoustic wave number as the frequency tends to zero. When such a surface wave, propagating along the axis of the cylinder, is incident on a shell discontinuity, energy is scattered back along the cylinder's axis and into the surrounding fluid. The present paper examines the balance of the energy between the reflected and the scattered waves. Comparisons are made with analogous surface waves scattered by a discontinuity of an elastic plate on an elastic foundation.

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5aSA7. A numerical experiment on the coupling of structural-borne sound into an aircraft interior. Brian H. Houston, Martin H. Marcus, Earl G. Williams, Douglas M. Photiadis, and J. A. Bucaro (Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375-5350)

Numerical experiments have been carried out to study the broadband structural acoustics of an aircraft-like shell under point excitation. The dominant mechanisms that lead to the enhancement of interior acoustic modes of this finite shell are examined. To this end, the shell response is studied for both the fluid-loaded and in vacuo cases. A rigid shell calculation was also performed to determine the importance of the wall compliance on the interior acoustics. It was found that the low-frequency shell response is not dependent on the free-wave dispersions, and is driven by the interior volume acoustic modes. At higher frequencies, the shell and fluid are coupled at shell wave numbers determined by the free-wave dispersions. In general, the shell and fluid couple at primarily one circumferential mode.

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5aSA8. Implementation of infinite elements in adaptive multilevel substructuring for structural acoustic calculations. Paul D. D Souza and Jeffrey K. Bennighof (Dept. of Aerospace Eng. and Eng. Mech., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-1085)

A procedure is presented for incorporating infinite element modeling of the external acoustic medium in structural acoustic calculations using adaptive multilevel substructuring. The coupled structure-fluid system is modeled using finite elements for the structure, and for the acoustic fluid external to the structure and within a circumscribing prolate spheroid, and infinite elements external to the prolate spheroid, following the formulation of Burnett (1994). The adaptive multilevel substructuring approach transforms the structure model from the original finite element one in terms of nodal displacements, to a much more efficient one in terms of responses in approximate substructure vibration modes, which are selectively included in the model to optimize accuracy per degree of freedom. This approach is also used on the finite element portion of the acoustic fluid model, and results in a high level of model reduction there. Transformation of the infinite element portion of the acoustic fluid model is not practical because of its frequency dependence. The transformation process results in a linear system that is generally reduced in order, having a sparse symmetric coefficient matrix amenable to the use of a profile solver. The procedure is demonstrated on numerical examples in three dimensions. [Work supported by ONR.

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Wavelet frame expansions are utilized to introduce "wavelet response functions" (WRF). The convolution integral is replaced by an efficient synthesis scheme by incorporating multiresolution and wavelet frame expansion concepts. Wavelet frame expansion is used to partition a wide spectral range into multiresolution frequency bands. The response from each resolution level is obtained by using a sampling interval that is matched with the bandwidth. The contributions coming from different resolution levels are combined to construct the overall system response. In the applications, the attention is focused on the synthesis of the transient time-domain vibration response of proportionally damped \((B_p = \gamma J_0, n=\text{modes})\), wideband linear systems. Naturally, such systems, having impulse response durations that are inversely proportional to the modal bandwidths \((\tau_{\text{modal}} = 2/\delta B_p)\), require a multiresolution synthesis scheme during the construction of this transient response, which involves fast-decaying high-frequency components that are superimposed on top of slowly decaying low-frequency modal responses. The proposed construction technique averts the time-domain aliasing problem associated with the DFT schemes. The effectiveness of the wavelet frame synthesis scheme is demonstrated by considering the construction of the transient vibration response of a finite dispersive system.

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A wavelet transform is used to synthesize distinct contributions from the monostatic form function for a randomly ribbed, complex end-capped, finite cylindrical shell. In order to achieve satisfactory wave packets, as measured by their cross-correlation with the original impulse response, two wavelet transforms are used, a temporal wavelet transform and a spectral wavelet transform. This is in contrast to synthesizing wave packets from the Wigler distribution where just one two-dimensional surface was necessary. However, interference terms between components in the Wigner distribution, which is quadratic in the underlying signal, are absent in the linear wavelet transform. This allows for a more facile synthesis of the acoustic excitations. The interference terms in the Wigler distribution can sometimes fall at points in the time-frequency plane where a signal component exists, making it difficult to synthesize that component without corruption caused by the presence of other compounds in the form function.

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An infinitely long Bernoulli beam with linear damping is acted upon by a localized force given by \(\lambda(x)u(t)e^{-z}\). The results are then obtained in wave-number space and the inversion is carried out by using an FFT algorithm. Several interesting and not previously reported results will be presented. The solution in the transform domain is composed of four terms: two transient terms with wave numbers equal to \(k = \gamma \phi\) and \(k = 2\gamma \phi\) and two steady-state terms; one propagates energy into the far field while the other is a decaying localized disturbance. The disturbance created by this near field sloshes energy back and forth near the location of the forcing function. The apparent backward traveling wave which is present in the steady-state condition is not due to the localized continuous reflection of energy.
from the distributed damping but is due to the requirement that the beam vibration has to have continuity of slope and slope. The force responsible for the continuity of the slope is the culprit for this apparent phenomena. If the forcing function is \cos \omega t, the steady-state solution can be obtained within 20 periods, while if the function \sin \omega t is used, then the steady-state solution cannot be obtained until more than 10^6 periods.

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5aSAI2. SEA with exterior fluid loading: An open channeling. Paul E. Barbone (Dept. of Aerospace and Mech. Engr., 110 Cummington St., Boston Univ., Boston, MA 02215) and D. G. Crighton (Univ. of Cambridge, Cambridge CB3 9EW, UK)

We describe the vibration of a submerged elastic solid within a statistical energy analysis (SEA) framework. We discuss the modal structure of a submerged elastic solid, and contrast it to that assumed in traditional SEA analyses. In particular, submerged solids have higher modal density than their in vacuo counterparts, much higher levels of (frequency dependent) damping, and possibly strong coupling between the fluid and solid. Further, modes of submerged structures do not form a complete set, and the energy of oscillation in a fluid/solid mode is often irretrievable, independent of the coupling in the system. These results pinpoint the shortcomings of SEA in addressing exterior fluid loading. We close by identifying research directions for the advancement of SEA toward incorporating exterior fluid loading. [Work supported by ONR.]

Special Note: Posters to be presented in Session 5pSP will be on display in Ballroom A from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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WEDGWOOD ROOM, 9:00 TO 11:35 A.M.

Session 5aSP

Speech Communication: Models of Speech Production

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Chair's Introduction—9:00

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Speech synthesis and coding schemes commonly incorporate a random noise component during voicing. It is hard to isolate this noise in recorded speech because of the inaccuracy of characterizing a modulated random process from a few nonidentical periods with a strong periodic component. Direct measurement on humans poses many clinical difficulties. Computational hydrodynamic modeling is difficult, and reliable modeling of turbulence is an unsolved problem. Here, direct steady-state measurements are made on a detailed, life-size mechanical model. A molded rubber model of the vocal cords is driven synchronously with the sampling clock so that precise repetitions of pitch periods are generated. The random component of the recording is isolated by subtracting away the periodic component (obtained by ensemble averaging across 1000 pitch periods). The noise power and its spectrum at each point in the pitch period are estimated by ensemble averaging the autocorrelations of the noise. The noise results are well explained in terms of the directly measured transglottal pressure and glottal area. In high-passed human speech, bursts of noise appear to follow the closed-glottis interval. To explain this, it is necessary to include transit time for glottal air bursts to reach an obstruction 2–3 cm downstream. [Also a student at MIT.]

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5aSP2. The normal modes of incompressible vocal fold tissues. David A. Berry and Ingo R. Titze (Natl. Ctr. for Voice and Speech, Dept. of Speech Pathol. and Audiol., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242)

Much of the theoretical groundwork for treating vocal fold vibrations as viscoelastic waves in a continuum can be found in earlier publications [Titze and Strong, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 57, 736–744 (1975) and Titze, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 60, 1366–1380 (1976)]. Both of these papers are based on small-amplitude vibrations where linearization is assumed to be valid, allowing normal modes and natural frequencies to be calculated. Although vocal fold tissues are known to be nearly incompressible, the first analytic expression for the normal modes of vocal fold tissues were based on the assumption of complete compressibility. The present study shows how the analytic normal modes deform and how the natural frequencies of oscillation shift as the vocal fold tissues are gradually changed from being strictly compressible to absolutely incompressible, leaving all other factors constant. [This research was supported by Grant No. P60 DC00976 from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.]

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5aSP3. A Navier–Stokes solution of laryngeal flow during vocal fold oscillations. Fariborz Alipour and Ingo Titze (Dept. of Speech Pathol. and Audiol. and the Natl. Ctr. for Voice and Speech, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-1012)

Dynamic modeling of vocal fold tissue movement and laryngeal airflow was combined in a computer simulations for the purpose of voice production. A finite-element model was used for the solution of tissue mechanics and a finite volume method was used in the solution of Navier–Stokes equations for the airflow. A so-called "shadow method" simulated the glottal constriction in the flow model to avoid the complexity of grid movement. The two-dimensional flow equations were solved in an iterative manner until the given transglottal pressure was approximated. The flow solution was then used in the estimation of the aerodynamic forces on the tissue, required in the finite element solution of tissue movement. The results indicate that glottal velocity profiles are parabolic, with maximum velocity in the exiting jet reaching 35 m/s. The time-varying Reynolds number in the glottis can reach up to 1500 at a lung pressure of 8 cm water. The jet velocity waveform is similar to that of an excised larynx and the pressure profiles are similar to those of steady flows in physical models.
also, the displacement of the inferior portion of glottis shows previously described phase differences with the superior portions. [Work supported by NIDCD Grant No. DC00831-03.]

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5aSP4. Stress-strain response of the human vocal ligament and its effect on \( F_0 \) control. Ingo R. Titze, Young B. Min, and Fariborz Alipour-Haghighi (Natl. Ctr. for Voice and Speech and Dept. of Speech Pathol. and Audiol., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242)

The longitudinal elastic properties of the human vocal ligament were quantified by stress-strain measurements and by modeling the response mathematically. Human ligaments were obtained from surgery and autopsy cases. They were dissected, mounted, and stretched with a dual-serve ergometer to measure force versus elongation and to convert the results into stress and strain. To calculate a longitudinal Young's modulus, the stress-strain curves were fitted with polynomial and exponential functions and differentiated. Young's modulus was separately defined in the low and high strain regions. The mean Young's modulus for the low strain region was 33.1±10.4 kPa. In the high strain region, A and B parameters for an exponential fit in the high strain portion were 1.4±1.0 and 9.6±1.2 kPa, respectively. The stress-strain and Young's modulus curves showed the typical hysteresis and nonlinearity seen previously in other vocal fold tissues (muscle and mucosa), but the nonlinearity was most profound for the vocal ligament. The effect of these results on \( F_0 \) control will be discussed. [Work supported by NIDCD Grant No. DC00976.]

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5aSP5. A dynamical systems model representation of the \( F_0 \) fluctuation of voice. Yuki Kakita and Hitoshi Okamoto (Dept. of Electron., Kansazawa Inst. Tech. (KIT), 7-1 Ohigigaoka, Nonoichi-Machi, Kanazawa-Minami, 921 Japan)

This paper proposes a simple model of generating time series of \( F_0 \) (fundamental frequency) fluctuation of voice from the viewpoint of the dynamical systems generating the irregularity. The data examined were the \( F_0 \) fluctuation for two kinds of voice, the normal and the pathological (perceived as "rough"). The time series of \( F_0 \) were obtained from the acoustic waveform of sustained utterances. The voice samples analyzed were for 20 normal (for five male and three female subjects) and 39 pathological (rough) (for sixteen male and one female subjects). By examining the time series and the pseudo-phase-portraits, a simple two-dimensional mathematical model generating the time series of fluctuation is proposed by combining the characteristics of the Hénon map ("folding" operation) and the Delayed logistic map ("twisting" operation). Using the model, basic aspects of the fluctuations as well as of the pseudo-phase-portraits are successfully described with a single control parameter. The model simulation also suggests that a resultant intermittent type of fluctuation manifests a chaotic behavior which is actually observed in a pathological rough voice. The transition of fluctuation from the normal voice to the pathological voice is simulated by this model.

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5aSP6. Multiphonic vocalizations: A multifactor analysis of Tibetan monk chanting. Claudio F. Milsrein and Thomas Shipp (Dept. of Speech and Hear. Sci., Univ. of Arizona, Bldg. 71, Tucson, AZ 85721)

Multiphonic chanting refers to highly specialized vocal techniques wherein one person is able to sing two or more tones simultaneously. Tibetan chanting is one of these techniques. Five Tibetan monks were studied (two low chanters and three high chanters). Digital recordings, EGG, airflow glottograms, oral fiberoptic laryngoscopy, and perceptual data were analyzed. Spectra from both types of chanters presented a display of extremely well defined \( F_1 \) and \( F_2 \) tuned to specific harmonics (harmonics 5 and 9 for low chanters and harmonics 2 and 4 for high chanters). Low chanters showed unusual activity at the vocal fold level and were able to maintain the multiphonic quality and formant tuning despite significant modifications of the vocal tract. It is suggested that the larynx is responsible for the production of the multiple tones in low chanters. Low and high chanters appear to use different strategies to achieve the same multiphonic effect. Our findings corroborate earlier findings by Smith, Stevens, and Tomlinson [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 41, 1262–1264 (1967)] for low chanters.

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5aSP7. Three-dimensional tongue shapes of sibilant fricatives. Shirikantti Narayanan, Abeer Alwan (Dept. of Elect. Eng., 66-147E Eng. IV, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024), and Kate Haker ( Cedars-Sinai Med. Ctr., Los Angeles, CA 90048)

In this study, 3-D tongue shapes reconstructed from MR images obtained during sustained production of the fricatives /s, z, ʒ/ by four speakers are analyzed. Images were collected in the coronal, axial, and sagittal planes using a GE SIGNA 1.5 T machine with image slice thickness of 3 mm and no interscan spacing. Results show that the tongue body for /s/ and /z/ is significantly lowered behind the constriction with respect to the tip and back of the tongue; the tongue body has flat or slightly convex contours in the constriction region that become significantly concave behind the constriction. The degree of concavity is speaker dependent, and decreasing concavity is observed as the posterior pharyngeal wall is approached. For /ʃ/ and /ʒ/, the tongue body rises slightly along its midline before it starts sloping towards its posterior end; the tongue shape behind the constriction is convex (two subjects) or flat (two subjects) and gradually turns concave towards the posterior region. The "growing" effect in /s, z/ contributes to a relatively abrupt increase in the area function behind the constriction when compared to /ʃ, ʒ/. Similarly, raising of the tongue back in /s, z/ results in smaller areas near the velum when compared to /ʃ, ʒ/. The acoustic significance of these articulatory shapes are discussed. [Work supported in part by NSF.]

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The goal of this research is to obtain a three-dimensional (3-D) tongue model as a reference placement for dynamic simulations of the tongue during speech articulation. The tongue structural model adapted to each individual's anatomy will be developed by integrating tongue shape information from MRI scans and anatomical drawings to form an anatomical model. The data structure of this model will be a finite element mesh. Interactive programs written in MATLAB are developed to (i) manually extract tissue boundary information from MRI data of the tongue and other oral structures, (ii) combine this information with the anatomical drawings of cross sections of the human tongue to form an anatomical model, and (iii) fit a basic finite element model (topological model) to the anatomical model to form the tongue structural model for a sample vowel gesture of each subject. Both processes (ii) and (iii) will be achieved by a method of 3-D nonuniform geometrical mapping using a generalized thin-plate spline mapping. Two tongue structural models (one for a Caucasian native American male and another for an Asian native Japanese male) will be built, using MRI data obtained during a sustained vowel production. [Work supported in part by a NSF grant to Dr. O. Fujimura.]

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5aSP9. Determining vocal tract shape with small section length given only a few formants. T. V. Ananthapadmanabha (Voice and Speech Syst., 53, "Girinivas," Temple St., Malleswaram, Bangalore 560 003, India)

Vocal tract shape made up of cylindrical sections of equal length can be determined given the formant data of vowel sounds; the number of sections...
equals twice the number of formants. For an adult male speaker, use of four formants, results in a large section length of 2.125 cm. If section length of 0.5 cm is desired, 17 formants have to be specified which appears impractical. A method for obtaining vocal tract shape with small section lengths, given only a few lower formants (up to fourth or fifth) is presented. For vocal tract of $M$ sections, only the lower $M/2$ formants are independent and upper formants are constrained by the lower formants.

This constraint gives unrealistic locations for the upper formants. One method for predicting the upper formants would be to use those of a uniform tube of same length as that of the vocal tract. For a desired section length (say 0.5 cm), the required formants (say, 17) can be specified by using the given lower formants (say, four) and predicted upper formants (say, from 5 to 17). Validation of the method using x-ray data and simulated vocal tract shapes is presented.

FRIDAY MORNING, 2 DECEMBER 1994

Underwater Acoustics: Propagation I

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Contributed Papers

8:00
5aUW1. A new parabolic equation for range-dependent sound speeds. Roger Dashen (Phys. Dept., Univ. of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92037), Daniel Wurmser, and Gregory Oriris (Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375-5350)

A new parabolic equation for range-dependent sound speeds has been developed by modifying a procedure borrowed from quantum mechanics. The forward and backward propagating solutions are decoupled order by order by repeated applications of the Foldy-Wouthuysen transformation. The result includes energy-conserving terms which are proportional to the second range derivative of the sound speed squared. Physically, the technique has identified the terms responsible for heretofore anomalous refractive effects which accumulate during propagation as a result of rapid oscillations between the forward and backward propagating solutions. Moreover, this phenomenon does not result in permanent energy transfer between the two types of solutions. [Work supported by ONR.]

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The usual range-stepping algorithms used to obtain an approximate solution to the Helmholtz equation are based on the parabolic approximation and restricted to the forward propagating component of the solution. A complete solution of the Helmholtz equation in an inhomogeneous medium must also include backpropagating waves, that is, waves scattered towards the source by inhomogeneities. The inclusion of such effects in a numerically feasible full-wave approach to acoustic propagation is a problem of continual interest in ocean acoustics. This problem has been studied using the method of coupled amplitudes. Theoretical developments on the application of this technique to ocean acoustics will be discussed as well as numerical applications to the ASA range-dependent benchmark problems. Numerical application of this method involves a fourfold increase in the number of arithmetic operations as compared with that required for solving the same problem using a PE approach. However, one does get the backscattered field and one not does have to approximate square roots of differential operators as one must do in the PE approach. Since an elliptic equation is being solved one encounters numerical instabilities; how to deal with them will be discussed.

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5aUW3. A numerical method for random two-way propagation in the Helmholtz equation. Roger M. Oba (Naval Res. Lab., Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-5004)

Consider a strongly stratified ocean with randomness for which numerical computation of average complex pressure with two-way propagation is to be made. Let depth dependence be piecewise continuously differentiable and sediment be modeled by a fluid bottom. Within a fixed range interval, model uncertainty by an ensemble dependence upon some parameter in a continuously differentiable way, and the range dependence to be piecewise constant over independent intervals. For a single frequency source at a known depth, analysis for one element of the ensemble proceeds via the Helmholtz equation in radial symmetry and satisfies an outward radiation condition at large range. A previously developed modification for finite length range intervals in finite depth of the Koehler-Papanicolaou coupled mode equations in the forward scattering approximation [R. M. Oba, Acoust. Lett. 16, 56-61 (1992)] computes the transmission loss and phase for the average solutions for one-way propagation. This paper presents a reformulation of this method to two-way propagation of average solutions. This analysis will also show the development and computation of averaged scattering type operators. [Work supported by Naval Research Laboratory and ONR.]
The strength and size of these anomalies are consistent with predictions from multiple scattering theory. Understanding these features creates the possibility of inversion for a statistical description of the small-scale oceanography in addition to permitting constructive tactical use and improved quantitative estimates of system performance. [Work supported by ONR.]

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SaUW11. Effect of random volume and surface fluctuations on propagation in shallow water. Terry E. Ewart and Daniel Roussell (Appl. Phys. Lab., Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105)

The potential difficulties associated with modeling acoustic propagation in shallow-water environments are well documented. Larger scale deterministic features combine with random fluctuations in the water column, sediment, sea surface, and bottom to produce an extremely complicated propagation regime. The extent to which each of these features needs to be included in realistic propagation models remains to be quantified. Towards this end, results from a series of detailed simulations generated using the parabolic equation (PE) method are presented. Beginning with a deterministic downward refracting sound-speed profile and a known sloping bottom, realizations of the random features are sequentially added to the simulation. Pierson-Moskowitz surface waves, power-law bottom roughness, and representative bottom absorption are used to model the medium. The individual and cumulative effects of these scattering mechanisms on the acoustic wavefront are evaluated. Successive interactions with a random bottom are studied. The results are quantified by using a modal decomposition and also by examining the local arrival angle of energy as a function of depth. [Work supported by ONR.]

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In this research, an acoustic pulse propagating in a turbulent ocean with slightly range-dependent vertical sound-speed profile is investigated. A numerical approach called the split-step method, based on the parabolic equation, is used to simulate each frequency component of the pulse to propagate through the ocean. A random phase screen is generated to include the effects of random fluctuation of sound-speed profile in each step. The average acoustic pulse profile and root-mean-square pulse width are evaluated for different fluctuation strengths and scale lengths of turbulence. Some results are compared with those computed by theoretical approaches. It is found that in each realization the pulse echoes, due to the multiple scattering, are changed in arrival times, pulse shapes, and amplitudes. This phenomenon is a consequence of the peculiar time dependence of internal waves, and does not occur in other physical situations, such as atmospheric optics. Results of a numerical simulation which demonstrate the effect are presented.

As part of the ARSRP, a software package called Acoustical Ray-Tracing Insonification Software (AR'TIST) was developed which performs the coregistration of received signals to areas of the seafloor for direct paths. The transmitting and receiving array beampatterns are projected onto the actual seafloor by ray-tracing to yield two insonification patterns. The (x,y) loci of ray contacts with the seafloor are then triangulated and shadow-zone processed so that the interior of each triangle is inside the illuminated region. Using a bivariate interpolator over each triangle of the insonification pattern, an intersection pattern is generated on a rectangular grid, yielding among other parameters: two-way travel times, TL, beam-pattern values, and grazing angles. Only the points which lie in the illuminated zones of both the receiver and transmitter are kept. By using another bivariate interpolator over each patch of the intersection pattern, pairs of time contours are generated and for each patch intersected by a contour, the fractional area lying inside the time window is calculated. The final step in the coregistration is to select only those patches which are most loudly insonified for each time window. The patches do not have to be adjacent and the amplitude criteria are user-specified. [Work supported by ONR.]

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SaUW13. Intensity statistics of acoustic waves scattered by internal waves. Roger Dashen and James Gerber (Univ. of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093-0319)

Intensity correlations for ocean acoustic propagation show markedly different behavior in the partially saturated regime than in the fully saturated regime. In contrast to the known exponential decay of temporal intensity correlations in full saturation, partial saturation correlations fall off very slowly. This phenomenon is a consequence of the peculiar time dependence of internal waves, and does not occur in other physical situations, such as atmospheric optics. Results of a numerical simulation which demonstrate the effect are presented.

Diffraction of the acoustic fields by spatially localized inhomogeneities in oceanic waveguides has been investigated. The formula for scattering matrix of diffracted waveguide modes has been obtained using a “short-wave” approximation. The spatial-frequency diffraction patterns for different locations of inhomogeneities, sources and receivers, and properties both of the spatial-localized inhomogeneities and the waveguides were investigated numerically. The possibilities of diffracted fields measurement in natural waveguides were investigated under the conditions of physical modeling in the ultrasonic frequency region. The significance of physical modeling methods for investigation of diffraction phenomena in ocean was demonstrated. It was shown that the efficiency of diffracted field observa-
The conventional materials, such as PZT ceramics, show a high electromechanical coupling factor; however, they must be acoustically matched to tissue in order to facilitate transmission and reception over a broad frequency band. Application of this ceramic in linear arrays entails additional complexity. Each element in an array must be subdivided into several subelements to suppress coupling unwanted lateral modes. Thus piezoelectric ceramics with large electromechanical anisotropies (the electromechanical coupling factor for thickness dilatational vibration \(K_t\)) have recently come to be developed for use as high-frequency ultrasonic transducer materials. \(\text{PbTiO}_3\) ceramics modified with alkaline metals or rare earth elements and \(\text{Eu}\) for \(\text{Pb}\) and \(\text{Mn}\) for \(\text{Ti}\) are examined, and the results are compared with the partial substitution of \(\text{Sm}\) and other elements of the lanthanides group. Takeuchi et al. found that the \(\text{Sm}\) ion was excellent in an ultrasonic field. Travel time can be measured by calculating the time difference between transmitted signal and received signal. In a conventional method, time resolution is limited to its pulse width. Also, the received signal has an influence on the transducer characteristic and propagation characteristic and is distorted from the transmitted signal. It is not easy to compare between two different signals for measuring travel time. A technique to analyze the pulse signal by phase for measuring travel time is proposed. This technique can be applied to both a continuous-wave method and an impulse wave method for measuring travel time. The major feature is that the fluctuation of signals dependent on time is displayed in time domain, faithfully. Another feature is a method for identifying different amplitudes and dc bias. This technique is useful and acceptable for estimating time information such as travel time.

Since individual layers in a composite material return their own reflections, it is necessary for ultrasonic NDE to separate a received signal into a series of reflections. This becomes more complicated when the layers are thinner than the wavelength of the ultrasonic signal used for testing, resulting in overlapping reflections. The Gauss linearization minimization method was used to separate overlapping reflections [J. V. Beck and K. J. Arnold, Parameter Estimation in Engineering and Science (Wiley, New York, 1977)]. This algorithm fits a pulse obtained from the pulser receiver to the measured data. Amplitude and time delay estimates are made for each reflection. Multilayer Plexiglas samples with subwavelength thickness can be increased using results of calculation and measurements under model conditions. The spatial-temporal filtration by horizontal and vertical arrays and by matching processing of complex pulse illumination signals were discussed as methods for isolation of diffracted signals against the background of noise of randomly distributed oceanic inhomogeneities. Besides that, a systematic concept of the structure of perturbed signals in waveguides and an analysis of the possibilities of its observations in layered waveguides were developed.
nesses at 1 but not at 5 MHz were fabricated to verify the performance of the algorithm. Each sample was tested at 1 and at 5 MHz. The algorithm provided curve fits for the 1-MHz data that were almost identical to the theoretical results. The maximum error was 8% and the average error was 2%. Each of the reflections predicted by the curve fits were identified and verified in the 5-MHz data. [Work supported by the Mississippi NSF EPSCoR grant.]

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5pEA5. Remote sensing of sheet metal texture in aluminum alloys. Sherman Min, Lawrence Peng, Wei-yang Lu, and Darcy Hughes (Sandia Natl. Labs., Livermore, CA 94551)

Metal forming operations such as deep drawing, stretching, bending, hemming, etc. are all significantly influenced by the degree of crystallographic anisotropy (texture) present within the workpiece. An effort is underway at Sandia National Laboratories/CA to develop two noncontact ultrasonic systems for the measurement of texture in aluminum sheets. Although the effect of stress wave velocities on elastic anisotropy is well known, its ability to predict plastic behavior has yet to be firmly established. Ultrasonic measurements, which hold the potential for remote, in-process screening, will be shown to exhibit a high degree of correlation with current techniques for measuring texture, which are off-line, destructive, and often inaccurate. Results from an electromagnetic acoustic transducer (EMAT) system are used as a baseline comparison for a more promising noncontact technique involving the optical generation and detection of ultrasound, commonly referred to as laser ultrasounds (LU). In addition to displaying the level of anisotropy, slowness curves obtained from these systems suggest the ability to distinguish between different types of texture, as predicted from theory.

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5pEA6. Techniques and instruments for investigating the ultrasonic analogs of magnetooptic effects. Vladimir V. Gudkov (Inst. for Metal Phys. of Russian Academy of Sci., 18 Kovalevskaya St., GSP-170, Ekaterinburg 620219, Russia)

Magnetoacoustic phenomena involving alteration of the polarization of a transverse wave (namely, the ultrasonic analogs of the Faraday and Cotton-Mouton effects) have been found in yttrium iron garnet [H. Matthews and R. C. LeCraw, Phys. Rev. Lett. 8, 397 (1962); B. Luthi, Phys. Lett. 3, 285 (1963)]. As the ellipticity E and the angle F of rotation of the polarization plane are rather large in magnetized materials, it was possible to make the first measurements using distortion of the exponential decay of the ultrasonic echo pulses in the oscilloscope screen. After discovering these effects in metals, a precise technique for E and F evaluation has been required. A technique for measuring F has been suggested by Boyd and Gavenda [Phys. Rev. 152, 645 (1966)]. It is based on measurements of amplitude versus magnetic field for two cases: field parallel and antiparallel to the wave vector. In the present paper both some original generalizations of this technique as well as a device which enables simultaneous measurements of E and F are reported. In addition, an instrument for visual observation of the ellipsoid of polarization and the direction of the major ellipsoid axis is described.

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5pEA7. Optimum frequency range for partial discharge detection in high-voltage transformers using ultrasonic methods. Joseph Kursingal (Ctq. for Mater. Technol., Univ. of Technol., P.O. Box 123, Broadway, NSW 2007, Australia)

Partial discharge (PD) erosion of insulation is one of the deteriorative mechanisms in transformers and high-voltage plants leading to early failure. Ultrasonic detection techniques are used regularly for location of PDs when electrical method [IEC Pub. 76/IEC 270] used in routine tests or DGA results indicate the presence of PD. The technique uses either externally or internally mounted ultrasonic transducers (J. Unsworth, J. Kursingal, and R. E. James, Proceedings of IPCADM 94, IEEE). Unfortunately ultrasonic technique requires expert supervision to distinguish PD signal patterns from some typical transformer noise patterns. Moreover, transducers are selected based on commercial availability or for their ability to reject radio interference. A study was conducted to determine the optimum frequency range for PD detection to give maximum range sensitivity and acoustic interference rejection. This paper presents transformer noise recorded in the field as well as in the laboratory with externally and internally mounted transducers. The data records are Fourier analyzed and transducer response corrected to obtain the acoustic noise spectra. It is found that there is an upper cutoff frequency for transformer acoustic noise which is around 75 kHz and signals originating from PD have frequency components much beyond this range. Factors which influence range sensitivity are also discussed.

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A dual-transducer acoustic time domain correlation technique has been developed to measure instantaneous blood flow speed and direction. The experiment was performed with an artificial blood flow system in a water tank. The volumetric flow velocity as well as the instantaneous flow velocity at any sites in an artificial blood vessel can be measured with the dual-transducer technique. In the steady flow measurements, the volumetric flow rates estimated from the dual-transducer technique were within the error range of 8% from those of the hydrodynamic flow measurements. Even in the turbulent flow measurements, the instantaneous flow speed and direction can be determined at any sites in the vessel with the dual-transducer acoustic time domain correlation technique.

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The temperature variation due to ultrasonic absorption in a protein solution has been experimentally investigated. Egg white and 10.6% ovalbumin solution were used as the samples of protein solutions. For ultrasonic absorption the continuous sound waves of 3.5, 5.0, 7.5, and 10.0 MHz from focused transducers were incident upon the samples of finite volume, respectively. The temperature variation was measured at the focal region of an ultrasonic beam in the sample. The measurements showed that the temperature variation in the egg white was much larger than that in the 10.6% ovalbumin solution. This discrepancy might be due to the differences in protein composition.

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Considering the semiconductor wafers as anisotropic plates, Lamb wave propagation characteristics are related to variable parameters dynamically changing during processing. Particularly, the effect of wafer temperature and thin-film growth on phase velocity of zeroth order Lamb waves are analyzed theoretically. These modes are chosen to enable single mode operation in silicon wafers for frequency-thickness product F*d less than 3 MHz. The surface impedance approach is used in theoretical modeling of propagation in general multilayered anisotropic solid structures. Temperature, thin film, and their combined sensitivity figures are calculated for commonly used structures in semiconductor processing. The results are interpreted to obtain optimum ultrasonic sensor system parameters for certain applications. For example, in case of aluminum films on (100) silicon, antisymmetric mode in (100) direction shows negligible sensitivity to thin films around F*d=0.8 MHz mm. The same figure for silicon oxide film is 1.57 MHz mm. In a combined measurement, a temperature sensor using these system parameters to measure phase velocity will be minimally affected by thin films, enabling an isolated temperature measurement. Practical implementations of the results in rapid thermal processing environment are also discussed in the paper. [Work supported by SRC.]
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 DECEMBER 1994

Session 5pSP

Speech Communication: Voice Quality, Speech Training, Phonetics, and Prosody (Poster Session)

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Contributed Papers

To allow extended viewing time, all posters will be on display from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The session will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. To allow contributors an opportunity to see other posters, contributors of odd-numbered papers will be at their posters from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and contributors of even-numbered papers will be at their posters from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

5pSP1. The dimensional structure of the lexicon. Lee H. Wurm and Douglas A. Vakoch (Dept. of Psychol., State Univ. of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-2500)

Past research indicates that the lexical access of emotion words is influenced by the dimensions of evaluation and activity. Increased reaction time to a lexical decision task using emotion words and nonwords was predicted by low loadings on evaluation and activity as determined by ratings on semantic differential scales [L. H. Wurm and D. A. Vakoch, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2974 (1994)]. The current study examines the extent to which evaluation, activity, and potency influence lexical access of words more representative of the entire lexicon [C. E. Osgood, J. Pers. Soc. Psychol. 12, 194–199 (1969)]. Implications for a dimensional model of the structure of the lexicon are discussed.

5pSP2. Teaching phonetics to undergraduates at the University of Washington. Sharon Hargus (Dept. of Linguist., GN-40 Padelford Hall, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195) and Katharine Davis (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195)

In 1993, the Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement Program of the National Science Foundation awarded $23,960 to the University of Washington (who provided matching funds) for phonetics facilities for undergraduate education. In accordance with NSF guidelines, a summary of the progress to date is presented here. Funds were used to purchase a DOS machine and a Macintosh, which run software including programs for signal processing, speech synthesis, statistics, word processing, and graphics. Also purchased were analog and digital tape recorders, a mixer, microphones, and other speech analysis equipment including a nasometer and an airflow meter. A sound-treated booth in which to do recordings and microphones, and other speech analysis equipment including a nasometer and an airflow meter. A sound-treated booth in which to do recordings and analysis of phonology, and students in the Language Acquisition course learned about individual differences in the implementation of phonology, and students in the Language Acquisition course learned about the phonetic characteristics of “motherese.” There are plans for additional equipment which will enable us to teach students about speech perception as well.


A computer-based speech training system, the Indiana Speech Training Aid (ISTRA), has been shown to be clinically effective for improving the speech of hearing-impaired and phonologically disordered individuals [Kewley-Port et al., Clin. Linguist. Phon. 5, 13–38 (1991)]. The potential value of speech recognition technology for the training of foreign-accented speech, using an overall measure of speech quality as feedback, was assessed. Phonological errors in English spoken by two native Mandarin speakers were analyzed and several training targets selected. One consonant and one vowel contrast each were selected for training using ISTRA, and by a speech-language pathologist (SLP). Pre- and posttraining tokens were rated for quality by a listener jury. Results showed significant improvement for both the ISTRA-trained consonant /l/ and the SLP-trained consonant /l/. However, only one of the two vowel contrasts for each speaker improved significantly. ISTRA-trained sounds which showed significant improvement did so for both trained and untrained words. Two untrained phonemes, /l/ and /l/, also improved significantly, possibly indicating a generalization of improved sounds to other phonological distinctions in English. These results are promising as regards the usefulness of speech recognition technology for pronunciation training. [Work supported by NIH/DCD SBIR Program.]

5pSP4. Training effects for identification of synthetic speech tokens for listeners with normal and impaired hearing. Amy R. Horwitz and Christopher W. Turner (Dept. of Commun. Sci. and Disord., 805 S. Crouse Ave., Syracuse, NY 13244-2280)

Training effects for identification of speech-like stimuli having frequency, amplitude, and temporal characteristics based upon natural consonant–vowel (CV) speech tokens were measured. Two types of dynamic speech stimuli were synthesized. Specifically, in the first type formants were represented by pure tones and in the second by sweeping three "formant" filters across a voicing-source spectrum, to more closely approximate natural speech. Following a brief familiarization period, normal-hearing and hearing-impaired subjects listened to and identified six CV syllables in a closed-set format. The order of presentation for the type of synthesized speech tokens was counterbalanced so that initially half of the subjects were tested with the pure-tone speech syllables while the other half were tested with the broader "voiced format" speech. Data were collected over the course of several months. Substantial training effects were observed for both types of speech stimuli, with all subjects ultimately achieving similar identification scores for both types of syllables. [Work supported by NIH/DCD.]

5pSP5. Vocal correlates of interpersonal issues. Douglas A. Vakoch, Dean A. Pollina, and Lee H. Wurm (Dept. of Psychol., State Univ. of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-2500)

Previous studies have related different interpersonal styles to the fundamental frequency (F0) of subjects’ speech. For example, high ratings of pitch have been associated with self-attributions of dominance and affiliation [K. R. Scherer, J. Psychol. Res. 3, 281–298 (1974)], which are two dimensions along which interpersonal issues have been defined [L. E. Alden, J. S. Wiggins, and A. L. Pincus, J. Pers. Assessment 55, 521–536 (1990); L. S. Benjamin, Psychol. Rev. 81, 392–425 (1974)]. Similarly, subjects with greater pitch variability have been judged to be more benevolent [G. B. Ray, Commun. Monographs 53, 266–276 (1986)]. Previous studies, however, have failed to focus on the problematic aspects of interpersonal functioning. The current study reports on the acoustical correlates of six types of interpersonal problems: (1) excessive concern about the evaluations of others, (2) impact of past abuse, (3) dissatisfaction with therapist, (4) excessive responsibility for partner, (5) fear of abandonment, and (6) lack of autonomy.
The fundamental frequency (F0) of speech has been used for examining both transient emotional states [D. A. Vakoch, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2974 (1994)] and more stable personality traits. For example, low perceived pitch has been associated with high emotional stability [K. R. Scherer, Eur. J. Soc. Psychol. 8, 467–487 (1978)]. In the current study, characteristics derived from F0 were related to five personality traits as measured by the NEO-PI: neuroticism, extraversion, openness, agreeableness, and conscientiousness. A high degree of openness was predicted by a high mean F0 of an utterance (p<0.0025) and by a great variability in F0 within an utterance (p<0.0004). The best predictor of neuroticism was pitch F0 within an utterance, with subjects scoring high on this scale having a higher maximum F0 (p<0.021). The latter finding, in conjunction with previous research on attributions of emotional stability, suggests a convergence between objective acoustical measures and subjective perceptions of personality.

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When hearing a word which is continuously repeated, listeners report that the word seems to change into different forms and then vacillates among these forms. This auditory illusion has been called the verbal transformation effect [R. M. Warren, Br. J. Psychol. 17, 249–258 (1961)] and is considered to be caused by the lack of verbal context, produced by the repetition. This study further investigated the role of context in the interpretation of auditory stimulation. Twenty-six listeners heard the individual, continuous, repetition of six stimuli: an English sentence, an English word, and a Chinese word (each played forward and backward). It was assumed that listeners will report verbal transformations with all stimuli except the English sentence, since only this condition contained sufficient contextual cues. Results showed that both forms of the English sentence were treated in the same manner, and that significantly more verbal transformations were reported with the words.

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the fewest and shortest pauses, and child-directed speech in between the other two. Mean F0 was significantly higher for child-directed speech than for the other two registers, which did not differ from one another. The three registers did differ significantly from one another in terms of F0 range, with child-directed speech showing the greatest F0 range, native speech the smallest, and foreigner talk in between the other two. [Work supported by NIH Grant No. 1 R15 HD28173-01.]


When Spanish speakers repeat words or phrases in discourse, some repetitions are due to false starts or hesitations while others are used for emphasis or clarity. These will be referred to as “hesitations” and “emphasis” repetitions, respectively. Although the purpose of the repetition can often be determined from discourse context or part of speech, this study shows that there are also prosodic cues that serve to distinguish the two types. The speech data consist of all repetitions uttered by a male Colombian speaker over the course of a 1-h spontaneous conversations. The following acoustic information was obtained for each utterance and its repetition: duration, peak amplitude, average amplitude, and duration of any intervening pause. Pauses occur more often and tend to be longer in hesitation repetitions. Contrary to previously reported findings for English, however, a pause is frequently not present. The first element of the hesitation repetition tends to be longer than the second. Amplitude does not appear to differentiate the two types of repetitions. The results suggest that durations is the most important cue for distinguishing between types of repetitions.


One of the obstacles to investigating speech rhythm has been the difficulty in locating the syllabic beat. This study attempts to address that difficulty by using perceptual centers (p-centers) as an index of speech rhythm. P-centers were extracted from natural utterances, which were determined both by listeners using a method of adjustment procedure and by an acoustic p-center model. The phonetic structure (syllabic onset) and stress patterns of the syllables in the utterances were varied, and the effects of the manipulations on the utterance's rhythms were investigated. As expected, the p-centers of the syllables varied systematically with their own phonetic structure. Preliminary findings indicate that the p-center of the syllables also changes along with the p-center of the previous or subsequent syllable so as to maintain a relatively constant interval between the two p-centers. The study also examines the effects on rhythm altering stress patterns, by determining whether unstressed syllables might influence p-centers. The results will be discussed in terms of dynamic constraints which might affect speech production. [Work supported in part by National Multipurpose Research and Training Center Grant No. P60 DC-01460 from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.]

5pSP15. Perceptual centers are affected by stress location in English disyllables. Alan Bell and Debra Halperin Biasca (Dept. of Linguist., Box 295, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309)

The perceptual centers of English disyllables were investigated in two experiments. Six subjects participated in the first experiment, and five in the second. The first experiment compared initially stressed disyllables with five onsets whose duration varied from 4 (batter) to 180 ms (batter). Its results demonstrated that initially stressed disyllables with longer onsets have perceptual centers that are displaced relatively further from the acoustic beginning of the word by about the same amount as the difference in the onset durations, in agreement with earlier research on English monosyllables [e.g., A. Cooper, D. Whalen, and C. Fowler, Percept. Psychophys. 39, 187–196 (1986)]. The second experiment compared initially stressed disyllables with disyllables composed of a reduced first syllable and a stressed second syllable, e.g., comm'ute vs 'comet, holding the total duration of all items constant. Again, longer onsets produced later perceptual centers for both stress locations, but the perceptual centers of finally stressed disyllables were later than those of initially stressed ones by about 50 ms, or roughly half the duration from the beginning of the unstressed vowel to the beginning of the stressed vowel.

5pSP16. Perceptual centers in Japanese disyllables. Alan Bell (Dept. of Linguist., Box 295, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309) and Yasunori Morishima (Dept. of Psychol., Box 345, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309)

Most research on perceptual centers has been based on monosyllables in languages with stress; indeed the term “stress beat” is sometimes used for the same phenomenon. Accent in Japanese is mainly realized by pitch; amplitude and duration are relatively unimportant. Perceptual centers in disyllabic words perceived by four Japanese were used to investigate the characteristics of perceptual centers in the context of pitch accent. Perceptual centers occur later in disyllables with longer consonant onsets, by a magnitude comparable to that found for stressed monosyllables [e.g., Cooper et al., Percept. Psychophys. 39, 187–196 (1986)] and for Japanese monosyllables [Hoequist, Lang. Speech 26, 367–376 (1983)]. The effect of lengthening the tail (the portion following the initial consonant) of disyllables also corresponded in magnitude to that found previously. Accent placement had little or no effect. The same effect of onset duration was found for initially accented and finally accented disyllables whose duration and amplitude contour were held constant. A small accent difference with respect to the effect of tail duration was found in words of the same duration but retaining differences in amplitude contour. The results are consonant with the greater prominence effects found for amplitude and duration than for pitch in rhythmic perception.

5pSP17. Spectral analysis of amplitude envelopes of bandpass filtered speech. King-Leung Kong (Dept. of Psychol., Univ. of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

The amplitude envelopes of rectified bandpass filtered speech have been found to provide useful cues for speech perception [K. W. Grant, L. D. Braida, and R. J. Renn, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 1065–1073 (1994)]. An analog terminal was built to yield 25 such envelopes from filters with center (carrier) frequencies from 150 to 4850 Hz. Each envelope was then subjected to another round of bandpass filtering and rectification to yield a modulation spectrum of the envelope (spectral envelope of modified frequency) from half the carrier frequency to 700 Hz. The spectra were examined for cues for the identification of voicing, fundamental frequency, and consonants. Voicing was generally characterized by the concentration of formant energy at a single carrier and modulation frequency, corresponding to the formant and fundamental frequencies, respectively. The second formant of the front vowel /i/ and nasal release sometimes exhibited bimodal modulation spectra, suggesting multiple sources of modulation. Stop consonants and fricatives were characterized by elements scattered at high carrier and modulation frequencies whose occurrences might not coincide. Some consonants could be identified with elements at specific modulation frequencies: e.g., /g/ and /j/ suggested a 700-Hz source modulating carriers whose frequencies depended on the following vowel.


A predictor is presented which estimates the mean opinion score (MOS) for a given speech sample from speech and noise transfer characteristics of a specific handset applied to an artificial car. The critical band rate excitation pattern is computed in 50-ms blocks for original and distorted speech signals and additive room noise. For each block three psychoacoustic parameters are computed: An intelligibility index (I) is evaluated using SNR analysis in each sub-band and considering simultaneous masking effects. Naturalness (N) is estimated by spectral distance between original and distorted speech. A loudness index (L) is derived from loudness (computed similar to ISO532) using a trapezoid function: L decreases if the loudness which is exceeded in 10% of time is lower than 15 sone or higher than 45 sone. The MOS is predicted as a weighted sum of I, N, and L. The prediction results were verified by an opinion test including totally 442 speech samples of several talkers which were filtered simulating typical transfer characteristics of handsets and presented in a noisy environment. 3350 J. Acoust. Soc. Am., Vol. 96, No. 5, Pt. 2, November 1994 128th Meeting: Acoustical Society of America 3350
Cepstrum coefficients (including their different variants and/or derivatives) are nowadays commonly utilized in automatic speech recognition systems. Most adaptation algorithms for robust speech recognition also make use of cepstrum coefficients. It is therefore important to have a tool which can efficiently calculate and display cepstra. A computer program has been recently developed to display the ceprogram of speech signals. The program has the following features: (1) It computes both linear prediction based and FFT based cepstra; (2) it displays cepstrum coefficients and their derivatives as a function of time and cepstrum index, as well as cepstrum coefficients at a fixed frame (section display); (3) it generates synthesized spectra from cepstrum coefficients. In addition, the program can be used to segment and playback speech waveforms. The program has been utilized to study variations in cepstrum coefficients caused by speaker variability and channel differences. The tool is a useful supplement to conventional spectrograms for speech analysis. (The program is coded in C and runs in the X-window environment. It is available upon request.)

The PEACC method for characterizing dynamic aspects of speech.

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In the phonetics/speech perception community, the assertion that dynamic aspects of the speech signal are employed in robust speech decoding is not particularly controversial. Though an increasing number of studies are addressing the various dynamic cues of speech, quantitative, analytical research has managed somewhat by a lack of established methods. Methods for studying dynamic phenomena are much less well developed than those for more static properties. This paper proposes a new method for characterizing dynamic aspects of speech, the Piecewise Exponential Approximation with Continuity Constraints (PEACC) method, to help remedy this state of affairs. As its name suggests, PEACC performs piecewise fitting of exponential segments — \( \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i e^{b_i t} \) — to the sampled signal. Dynamic programming is utilized in global sequence optimization where MSE is minimized within the solution space permitted by the constraints on continuity. This method has broad applicability and parameterizes low-distortion fits at a specifiable level of detail; however, its principle strength, from the perspective of speech science research, is that its resulting signal transition parameters have direct, intuitive interpretations. The paper concludes with a brief examination of the results of applying PEACC to a corpus of formant track data. [Work supported by NSF.]

Analysis of quality factors in synthetic speech produced by rules.

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This paper investigates how various factors affect the quality of synthetic speech produced by rules. Using rules to synthesize speech will be an important technique for providing various telecommunication services in future intelligent networks. The quality of synthetic speech is generally measured by subjectively evaluating the speech from the viewpoint of speech science research, is that its resulting signal quality (expressed by MOS) of speech synthesized by several Japanese text-to-speech systems are compared with the effects of using additive speech-correlated white noise as a natural speech material. Experimental results show that such factors as subject, listening experience, average pitch frequency, and text affect synthetic speech more than natural speech.

Variation in the truth value of propositions has been shown to yield changes in cognitive event-related potentials (ERPs) [D. A. Pollina and N. K. Squires, Psychophys. 30, S52 (1993)]. Given the connection between the arousal of the central nervous system and peripheral systems, the same paradigm that was used to detect many-valued beliefs via ERPs was used to detect degree of belief by an acoustical analysis of the voice. Degree of belief was manipulated by having subjects solve a murder mystery, after which they learned facts associated with three people: (1) the person they most suspected of committing the murder, (2) the person they knew could not be the murderer, and (3) the person they judged next most likely to be the murderer, and (3) the person they knew could not be the murderer. Articulatory precision of subjects' utterances was measured by formant location and spectral composition. F. J. Tolkmitt and K. R. Scherer, J. Exp. Psychol. Human Percept. Perform. 12, 302–313 (1986)).

These measures were related to the degree to which subjects believed each statement to be true.

Lie detection based on ohonator processes.

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Deception has been shown to be associated with changes in the fundamental frequency (FO) of vocalizations. For example, during attempted
deception, $F_0$ typically increases [P. Ekman, W. V. Friesen, and K. R. Scherer, Semiotica 16, 23–27 (1976); L. A. Streeter, R. M. Kraus, V. Geller, C. Olson, and W. Apple, J. Pers. Soc. Psychol. 35, 345–350 (1977)]. The current study examines changes in $F_0$ for the identical utterance at two points in time: prior to establishing any belief about the statement, and after having a belief. By analyzing the same phrase at baseline and after the belief manipulation, more precise measurements corresponding to belief can be made than in previous studies.

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Underwater Acoustics: Propagation II

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Previous work formulated an adaptive algorithm for exciting a single mode in a shallow-water waveguide using feedback control [Buck et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 2927(A) (1994)]. This paper presents results obtained using this algorithm in a laboratory waveguide experiment under a variety of conditions. Unlike previous laboratory single-mode excitation experiments [Clay and Huang, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 67, 792–794 (1980); Gazanhes and Garnier, ibid. 69, 963–969 (1981)], our algorithm does not require a priori environmental knowledge, but only the sound-speed profile at the feedback array. The experiment results to be presented demonstrate the algorithm's convergence behavior and robustness to environmental mismatch. If time permits, present experimental results illustrating the ability of the algorithm to track time variations in the channel will also be presented. [Work supported by ONR and ARPA.]

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Recently, an efficient, numerically robust algorithm for calculating acoustic normal modes was shown to have more than an order of magnitude improvement in speed while maintaining high accuracy over other algorithms (submitted to JASA by the authors, June '94). A limitation remains, however, in its dependence on presampled wave numbers in the search for the roots of the characteristic equation (eigenvalues). Since coarse wave-number presampling may result in some eigenvalues remaining undetected, the presampling part of this code is the most time consuming portion—particularly for multichannel environments. We introduce a new approach which overcomes this problem: Analytic derivatives (up to sixth order) are calculated to locally approximate the numerically robust characteristic equation with Padé approximants when finding successive eigenvalues. The requirement of wave-number presampling is thereby avoided and eigenvalue root finding is achieved with a superlinear convergence property. Its speed and accuracy will be compared with previous methods for single and multichannel ocean acoustic environments. [Work supported by the ARL Internal Research and Development Program.]
slope is not too severe. Bottom interacting paths in such an environment are usually sufficiently attenuated to make consideration of mode coupling unnecessary. An environment further complicated by an offshore rise can cause additional acoustic energy to be introduced into lower-order modes due to bottom interaction. These low-order modes will then propagate in deep water until encountering the continental shelf. Experimental results from the Arctic Ocean between 25 and 45 Hz suggest such propagation conditions. These results, and their interpretation in the context of a coupled mode study will be presented. Emphasis will be placed on the conditions under which mode coupling will occur, and when it must be considered in prediction and localization problems. The coupled mode model, COUPLE [R. B. Evans, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 74, 188–195 (1983)], is used as the vehicle for this study. Additional approximation schemes of obtaining a coupled mode result will be explored with the objective of obtaining a faster numerical solution. Comparisons will be made with adiabatic normal mode, and parabolic equations models.

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5pUW6. Trans-Arctic propagation effects of changes in ice morphology. Henrik Schmidt and Brian Tracey (Dept. of Ocean Eng., MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139)

The objective of the Trans-Arctic Propagation (TAP) experiment carried out in the spring of 1994 was to investigate the feasibility of using acoustic thermometry for inferring changes in the Arctic climate [P. Mikhailovsky, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 94, 1760(A) (1993)]. An important issue is which acoustic property will provide the strongest climate change signature. The sensitivity of various properties of the acoustic field to changes in ice volume was investigated theoretically. A perturbation formulation for 3-D scattering from rough ice has been combined with the KRAKEN normal-mode code to provide a model of the second-order statistics of the acoustic field. Such a hybrid model has been shown to provide excellent agreement with historical Arctic transmission loss data [J. LeMond and Schmidt, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 96, 1783–1795 (1994)]. We use this model to investigate the sensitivity of deterministic properties of the coherent field, such as modal loss, and modal phase and group velocity, to change in ice thickness and roughness statistics. In addition, the model has been used to investigate the sensitivity to changes in the ice cover of the higher-order statistics such as cross-modal correlation, and spatial correlation in general. Comparing these theoretical sensitivity measures, we discuss the potential performance of both deterministic and statistic acoustic thermometry in the Arctic.

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5pUW7. An efficient algorithm for calculating depth dependent modal phase and for mode identification in normal-mode models based on the Airy equation. J. LeMond and Robert A. Koch (Appl. Res. Labs., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78713)

The underwater acoustic normal modes of multichannel environments may exhibit closely spaced eigenvalues that require a fine horizontal wave-number sample in models based on the Airy equation. Also, for broadband applications the maximum frequency difference that permits accurate interpolation is limited by the frequency difference of the modal depth functions. A straightforward and numerically efficient algorithm to construct a monotonic depth-dependent phase using the properties of the Airy functions is presented that significantly reduces the computational burdens imposed by these constraints. The total phase change of a mode across the depth of the waveguide gives the mode number, modulo r, which is essential to adiabatic normal-mode calculations for range variable environments because the acoustic field must be propagated from one environment to the next mode by mode. [Work supported by the Advanced Surveillance and Prediction System (ASAPS) Program of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR, PMW 181-14).]

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Broadband normal-mode model analyses of propagation in a shallow-water range-independent environment and in a wedge environment are presented. The model is first used to calculate received time series from a point source for a range invariant shallow-water acoustic environment with a constant water sound-speed medium and a penetrable bottom. Range invariant mode model time series are compared to actual experimental data [C. Tindle et al., J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 81, 288–293 (1987)] and to time series that were calculated using a ray model that includes beam displacement [E. Westwood and C. Tindle, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 81, 1752–1761 (1987)]. The time series from both the mode and ray models agree with each other and with the measured data. In addition, time series from an adiabatic mode model for a shallow-water wedge environment are compared to the experimental results obtained by C. Tindle et al. [Work supported by IR&D Fund at Applied Research Laboratories, The University of Texas at Austin.]

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In range-dependent environments, the adiabatic assumption, which neglects discrete mode coupling, is often made. Up continental shelves and in shallow-water regions, abrupt changes in the environment make this assumption suspect. An issue in these environments is the degree to which the adiabatic assumption is valid. Transmission loss calculations using both a parabolic equation and coupled mode models show that for steep slopes, much more energy reaches the shelf from deep water than predicted by the adiabatic approximation. This increase in shelf energy is shown to be due to discrete mode coupling. In this study, changes in energy flux with range are used as a criterion for when the adiabatic assumption breaks down. The flux is computed from a parabolic equation model in upslope environments as a function of range, frequency, and slope angle. It is shown that rapid flux variations are good predictors of when the adiabatic approximation breaks down and mode coupling becomes significant. [Work supported by ONR, Program Element 602435N, with technical management provided by the Naval Research Laboratory.]

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The wave field is decomposed into its frequency-wave-number components, and a compound-matrix ODE theory is formulated for multiregion fluid–solid media using multipoint boundary conditions. Forward propagation of compound entities is done to a matching depth, from which stabilized backward propagation to the receivers is performed. Wave-number integration as well as modal synthesis is covered. Source arrays and receivers may be arbitrarily located. An appropriate adjoint problem is defined and solved. The formula for modal excitation coefficients is generalized to cover leaky modes, which have an exponential increase with depth. Three methods for stable and automatic computation of modal depth functions, in solid as well as fluid regions, are proposed. In work by M. B. Porter and E. L. Reiss [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 77, 1760–1767 (1985)] the mode shapes in the solid bottom were left aside, and the method by F. Schwab et al. [Bull. Seismol. Soc. Am. 74, 1555–1578 (1984)] involves experimentation with a cutoff depth for an artificial homogeneous half-space. For a medium composed of homogeneous layers, it is shown how efficient computations are obtained by writing the propagator matrices.
involved as products of sparse matrices, which are applied in sequence. Numerical stability can be achieved without artificially splitting thick homogeneous layers.

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5pUW11. A time-dependent solution of a wave traversing a wedge by a finite length ping ray trace technique. Elmer White (Naval Res. Lab., Stennis Space Center, MS and 130 Moonraker Dr., Slidell, LA 70458)

A technique has been developed which demonstrates that an acoustic wave can be simulated using modified ray trace theory for acoustic modeling in shallow water. The resulting time-dependent wave and the transmission loss data closely compares to that benchmarked in the PE Workshop Proceedings of the Second Parabolic Equation Workshop published in May 1993, edited by S. A. Chin-Bing, D. B. King, J. A. Davis, and R. B. Evans. The solution approximating test case 2, a range-dependent environment demonstrates forward and backscatter characteristics which agree with both PE and normal-mode theory in its behavior patterns. A VCR composite of time images generated by the code TRING will be shown which demonstrates the sound wave pattern as it traverses a wedge. Transmission loss data are compared to PE generated TL to verify its accuracy.

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5pUW12. Finding eigenrays in environments prone to numerical instability and chaos by directly optimizing the travel time integral. Martin A. Mazur and Kenneth E. Gilbert (Appl. Res. Lab. and the Graduate Prog. in Acoust., Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

In classical ray tracing, eigenrays are determined by a “shooting” approach whereby the launch angles of rays are varied until the rays intersect the receiver. In nonseparable range-dependent environments, the ray paths computed by conventional methods are sometimes chaotic, thereby putting a fundamental limit on the accuracy of ray tracing. Previous researchers [M. D. Collins and W. A. Kuperman, “Overcoming ray chaos,” J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 95, 3167–3170 (1994)] have suggested that ray chaos can be overcome by recasting the problem in terms of Fermat’s principle of minimum propagation time. The problem then becomes amenable to so-called “direct methods” of optimization theory. For the specialized duct investigated by Collins and Kuperman we have easily found eigenrays using a simple Rayleigh–Ritz method for directly minimizing the travel time integral. The structure of the ray equations for the duct suggests, however, that the numerical instability may actually be due to “stiffness” rather than chaos. To investigate chaos independently of numerical issues such as stiffness, we consider several nonseparable, range-dependent ducts with known piecewise analytic ray solutions. Results obtained from a shooting method and from Fermat’s principle for several such ducts are presented and discussed. [Work supported by ONR.]