

Session 2aAAa**Architectural Acoustics: ETS-Lindgren Acoustic Test Laboratory and Factory Tour**

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A tour of the new ETS-Lindgren Acoustic Research Laboratory in Cedar Park, Texas will be conducted. The schedule for the day includes a technical discussion on acoustic test facilities followed by a lunch break and factory tour. As a bonus, the tour will feature demonstrations of the material presented in the technical discussion.

Tour participants will see several state-of-the-art chambers for acoustic test services, including a hemi-anechoic chamber and two reverberation chambers, impedance tubes and supporting acoustic test equipment and software. The laboratory offers product noise emission testing and structural/architectural acoustic testing.

Product noise emission testing is commonly performed in the double-walled hemi-anechoic chamber that is designed to measure very low noise emissions from products and devices at 80 Hz and above. Outside chamber dimensions are 8.5 m long \times 8.5 m wide \times 7 m high. This chamber is ideal for testing sound power and pressure levels as well as small fan noise. Products tested include Information Technology Equipment (ITE) such as laptop computers and associated printers, home appliances, garden equipment — essentially any noise emitting device may be tested in this chamber. Commonly referenced standards for testing in this chamber include ISO 3744, ISO 3745, ISO 7779, ISO 11201, and ECMA 74. Structural/architectural acoustic testing is performed in the reverberation chambers. With transmission loss testing of wall samples, windows, doors, automobile panels and the like, design engineers can determine how much sound energy is transmitted through a product in the chambers. The source chamber measures 7.4 m long \times 5.9 m wide \times 4.8 m high; the receive chamber measures 7.4 m long \times 9.2 m wide \times 6 m high. ASTM E90, ASTM C423, ASTM E596, and ISO 3741 are the most commonly referenced standards for testing in these chambers.

To enhance chamber performance, the hemi-anechoic inner chamber sits on a 50 ton isolated concrete slab while the reverberation chambers sit on individual floating concrete slabs. The laboratory is ISO 17025 accredited under the US Department of Commerce NIST National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) Lab Code 100286-0. The tour will also feature a stop in ETS-Lindgren's ISO 9001 certified factory. Tour participants will see how acoustic chambers are constructed.

Bus loading will begin promptly at 8:00 am outside the main entrance of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, on Losoya Street. Tour participants will travel in a luxury air-conditioned motor coach for approximately 90 minute ride to Cedar Park (near Austin). The bus is equipped with bathroom facilities. Refreshments will be provided upon arrival at ETS-Lindgren. A traditional Texas Style BBQ lunch buffet will be served at noon. Snacks in the afternoon and a treat for the return bus ride to San Antonio will also be provided. The bus will depart Cedar Park by 2:30 pm for an arrival at the Hyatt Hotel before 5:00 pm, traffic permitting. Please note tour attendance is limited to 50 people and reservations will be confirmed in the order received until space is filled. There is no fee to attend, but you must have a prior reservation to board the bus. To make your reservation, please visit www.ets-lindgrenregistration.com/ASAtour. For more information, please contact Janet O'Neil, janet.oneil@ets-lindgren.com or phone +1.425.868.2558.

Session 2aAAb**Architectural Acoustics, ASA Committee on Standards, Noise, and Speech Communication: Classroom Acoustics: New Design Approaches—Both Successes and Failures**

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*BAi, LLC, 4006 Speedway, Austin, TX 78751***Chair's Introduction—7:55*****Invited Papers*****8:00****2aAAb1. Predicting acoustic performance in reconfigurable classrooms.** Kenneth P. Roy and Kenneth W. Good, Jr. (Bldg. Products Technol. Lab., Armstrong World Industries, 2500 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA 17604, kproy@armstrong.com)

Both laboratory component tests and field system evaluations were conducted to screen architectural designs relative to sound quality performance within a classroom, and noise intrusion between classrooms. Recognized standards such as ANSI S12.60 for Acoustics in Schools and other rating systems such as LEED for Schools and CHPS provide guidance on performance/design needs for K-12 schools. But what about postsecondary schools and especially those designed with reconfigurable architectural elements such as relocatable walls and raised floor system—can these be made to work? Initial results from this ongoing research will be discussed, including wall performance, ceiling/plenum effects, and sound system effects.

8:20**2aAAb2. Case study in classroom acoustics measurements.** Kenneth Good and Kenneth Roy (Armstrong World Ind. 2500 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603, kwgoodjr@armstrong.com)

Recent work was done related to exploring variations and interpretations of measurement techniques in a classroom environment. The primary focus of the work was related to quantifying room to room isolation; however, minimal background noise and reverberation time measurements were included. This presentation will discuss the differences in the measurements methods, results, and when each may be appropriate.

8:40**2aAAb3. Modular classroom acoustics: Where we are and where we should be going.** Norman H. Philipp and Lily M. Wang (Architectural Engr. Prog., Peter Kiewit Inst., Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1110 S. 67th St., Omaha, NE 68182-0681, philipp.norman@gmail.com)

This paper presents a review of an 18-month study into the acoustical characteristics of modular (or relocatable) classrooms within the Omaha Public School District in Omaha, NE. The study included measurements of reverberation times, interior background noise levels (both occupied and unoccupied), and exterior facade sound insulation properties. From analysis of the gathered data, recommendations are made regarding sound insulation classification systems and background noise levels for the renovation of existing modular classrooms. These results may be used to inform the pending addendum to ANSI S12.60-2002, regarding acoustic guidelines for modular classrooms. Suggestions for future research are also discussed.

9:00**2aAAb4. Acoustics in a high school gymnasium.** Stephanie Hoeman, Jon Birney, Hannah Schultheis, Shane Kanter, and Bob Coffeen (The Univ. of Kansas, 1465 Jayhawk Blvd., Lawrence, KS 66046, stephanie.hoeman@gmail.com)

A high school gymnasium constructed with unintentionally interesting acoustics was recently scheduled for a new sound reinforcement system. It was determined that the sound reinforcement system would be of little consequence until the architectural acoustics of the space were addressed. The gymnasium was constructed of entirely concave shapes which resulted in severe sound focusing. The space was extremely reverberant and exhibited many distinct, distracting reflections. Impulse responses were made in the space and computer models were made. The goal was to find a solution to reduce unwanted reflections and shorten the reverberation time. Since this project was for a public school with limited funds, utmost importance was placed on a solution that would be economical and uncomplicated to install. Acoustical analysis and auralizations of the space in its current condition and the projected performance of recommendations were compared to find an effective, cost-efficient solution the school board could implement to improve the architectural acoustics before the sound reinforcement system was added.

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2aAAb5. Current trends in K-12 classroom design. Jessica Molter and Jonathan Hodge (Pfluger Assoc., LP 209 E Riverside Dr., Austin, TX 78704)

Presentation of current trends in K-12 Classroom Design with an emphasis on items that contribute to acoustic performance of the space.

9:40

2aAAb6. Classroom reinvented, a quantum leap in classroom design. Kenneth Good (Acoust. Privacy Enterprises, LLC, Mount Joy, PA 17552, kwgoodjr@acousticprivacy.com)

How do you design an environment to maximize your impact on a child's development when you are limited to just an hour or two a week? Traditional academic education or biblical instruction, the environment is critical to success in reaching children and youth. This case study will explore the acoustical performance and design strategies that went into LCBC's new and nontraditional building for children and students.

Contributed Paper

10:00

2aAAb7. Optimizing the signal-to-noise ratio in speech rooms using passive acoustics. Peter D'Antonio (RPG Diffusor Systems, Inc., 651-C Commerce Dr., Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, pdantonio@rpginc.com)

Adults with normal hearing require a roughly 0-dB signal-to-noise ratio for good speech intelligibility in classrooms and lecture halls. However, significantly higher values may be needed to compensate for neurological immaturity, sensorineural and conductive hearing losses, language proficiency, and excessive reverberation. ANSI 12.60 addresses ways to lower the noise interference due to background levels and reverberation time. However, it is

also possible to increase the signal, by reflecting or diffusing early reflection. While speech power is delivered in the vowels which are predominately in the 250–500-Hz frequency range, speech intelligibility is delivered in the consonants, which occur in the 2–4-kHz frequency range. Therefore, effective core learning designs can incorporate scattering surfaces, rather than surfaces that absorb in the 2–4-kHz region, on the front wall, lower side walls, and central ceiling areas, to increase the speech signal. The decay time can be controlled with broadband absorption on the perimeter of the ceiling and upper wall surfaces. A computer model analysis of various speech environments will be presented.

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REGENCY EAST 2, 10:20 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Session 2aAAc

Architectural Acoustics, Noise, ASA Committee on Standards, and Speech Communication: Classroom Acoustics: An Update

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Invited Papers

10:20

2aAAc1. Working towards an enforceable standard for classroom acoustics. Lois Thibault (US Access Board, 1331 F St. NW, 1000, Washington, DC 20004)

The US Access Board has proposed to reference ANSI/ASA S12.60-2002 (R-2009) in the 2012 International Building Code (IBC), which will provide for local enforcement. If this proposal is adopted, the Board will then update its 2004 ADA-ABA Accessibility Guidelines to harmonize with the IBC. This paper will review the history of classroom acoustics initiatives, including the standard, and update attendees on the current process. Other classroom acoustics activity will be highlighted, particularly sustainability and green design proposals, and the 2010 re-authorization activities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

10:40

2aAAc2. The acoustic treatment in classroom refurbishment: A double blind experimental study examining the acoustic and auditory environment of the cellular classroom. David C. Canning (Div. of Psych. and Lang. Studies, Univ. College London, 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AP, United Kingdom and Hear2Learn, United Kingdom, canningd@gmail.com)

This paper will present data from the Essex Study of mainstream schools designed for inclusion of children with special hearing difficulties. It will present data from the experimental study which was set up to guide the specification of classroom acoustic performance standards. The UK Special Educational Needs Legislation requires education authorities to meet the special educational needs of all children. The major need considered in the provision of children with special hearing requirements, including deaf and hard of hearing children, is their ability to function when there is competing sound. Control of competing sound is in part the job of the teacher, as the dominant source of sound is created by the occupants, but the acoustician has a significant role to play. The acoustic performance of a classroom has considerable impact on every aspect of teaching and learning and ultimately on whether a child's special educational needs can be met within an inclusive educational setting. The findings of the study have implications for the acoustical performance of all schools, given that every school might reasonably be expected to provide for children with special hearing requirements. [The support of Sweyne Park School, Essex County Council, The National Deaf Children's Society, and the Federation of Property Services is acknowledged.]

11:00

2aAAc3. Auralizing adult-child listening differences. Peggy B. Nelson (Dept. of Speech-Lang.-Hearing Sci., Univ. of Minnesota, 164 Pillsbury Dr. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455, peggynelson@umn.edu), Jonah Sacks, and Jennifer Hinckley (Acentech, 33 Moulton St., Cambridge, MA 02138)

Substantial data from previous research show that children and adults require different acoustical conditions for good understanding. For example, adults can understand the majority of speech when the audibility of the speech is reduced to 40% or 20%, but young children need 80% or 60% audibility for the same level of understanding. Also, while adults need 4 to 6 bands of vocoded speech to reach good performance levels, children need 8–12 bands. While adults experience a release from masking when signals and background noise arise from different angles, children do not gain the same benefit, and in fact may experience masking from background noises coming from any direction. J.H. and J.S. from Acentech prepared auralizations that demonstrate these differences between children and adults. Those auralizations will be presented and discussed as possible educational tools.

11:20

2aAAc4. Integrating acoustical issues in the design of high-performance schools. Gary W. Siebein (School of Architecture, Univ. of Florida, P.O. Box 115702, Gainesville, FL 32611), Chris Jones, Robert M. Lilkendey, Hyun Paek, and Reece Skelton (Siebein Assoc., Inc., 625 NW 60th St., Ste. C, Gainesville, FL 32607)

ANSI 12.60 presents acoustical performance criteria for interior finishes to control reverberation inside classrooms, provide sound isolating wall and floor/ceiling assemblies between rooms, and limit noise from building equipment to allow perception and understanding of human voices within educational occupancies by young listeners with normal hearing and some degrees of hearing impairments. In practice, many schools are built that develop in an uneasy way trying to meet or sometimes to avoid meeting ANSI criteria because of perceived difficulties and expense in achieving the required results. A method to integrate acoustical design principles with the basic architectural design scheme of a school that can be implemented early in the design process was developed so acoustical performance can be simply implemented in school projects. This paper presents a core set of acoustical planning principles that can be implemented early in the design process so that ANSI criteria for room finishes, sound isolation, and building equipment noise can be met as the design progresses.

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2aAAc5. High-performance acoustic ceilings make quiet classrooms quieter. David Lubman (DL Acoust., 14301 Middletown Ln., Westminster, CA 92683, dlubman@dlacoustics.com) and Louis C. Sutherland (Consultant in Acoust., 27803 Longhill Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275)

Highly beneficial noise level reductions of 5–10 dB are reported in occupied classrooms equipped with highly sound absorbing ceilings. The incremental cost for such ceilings is nominal. These “Lombard effect” benefits apply to small classrooms with very low reverberation times (0.5 s or less) which is less than the 0.6-s maximum specified in ANSI S12.60-2002. The amount of noise reduction depends on teaching/learning style. In the typical noise reduction lecture classrooms (single talker), the typical noise reduction benefit is 5 dB in lecture classrooms (single talker) and group learning classrooms (multiple talkers). Unfortunately, these benefits require unoccupied background noise levels (BNLs) of about 35 dBA. They are not expected in typical noisy American classrooms (BNL ~>45 dBA). This underscores the importance of compliance with ANSI's 35-dBA BNL limit rather than the lenient and unsupported 45-dBA limit permitted in recent LEED and California CHPS guidelines. Details are reported in the outstanding study “Acoustic Ergonomics of School” by Oberdorster and Tiesler [University of Bremen, Germany (2006)]. Similar benefits were reported earlier in a case study by Sutherland [“The role of soundscape in children's learning,” *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **112**, 2412–2413 (2002)].

Session 2aAOa

Acoustical Oceanography: Acoustic Inversion

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Contributed Papers

8:00

2aAOa1. Seabed sound speed and attenuation from broadband acoustic measurements in the Shallow Water 2006 experiment. Lin Wan, Ji-Xun Zhou, Peter H. Rogers (Woodruff School of Mech. Eng., Georgia Inst. of Technol., Atlanta, GA 30332, lin.wan@gatech.edu), and David P. Knobles (Appl. Res. Labs., The Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78713)

In the Shallow Water 2006 experiment, a set of broadband combusive sound source (CSS) signals was measured by two L-shaped arrays separated by 20 km on the New Jersey continental shelf with a water depth of around 72 m. The measured CSS data, which exhibit modal dispersion, are utilized to infer values for the seabed sound speed and attenuation. The seabed sound speed is estimated by matching the theoretical and measured modal dispersion curves, which are extracted using an adaptive time-frequency analysis technique. The frequency dependence of the seabed attenuation is inferred by minimizing the difference between the theoretical and measured modal amplitude ratios in the 50–400-Hz band. The resultant seabed attenuation is similar to the low-frequency seabed attenuation data obtained at 20 locations in different coastal zones around the world by Zhou *et al.* [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. **125**, 2847–2866 (2009)]. The depth dependence of the seabed attenuation will be discussed. [Work supported by the Office of Naval Research.]

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2aAOa2. Time domain geoacoustic inversion using back-propagation on an L-shaped array. Cheolsoo Park, Peter Gerstoft, Woojae Seong, and William S. Hodgkiss (Marine Phys. Lab., Univ. of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093-0238)

This paper presents inversion of Shallow Water 06 experimental data measured on an L-shaped array (SWAMI 32). The array was deployed in 70-m water depth and consists of an equally spaced 10-element vertical line array (VLA) and a 256-m-long bottom moored 20-element horizontal line array (HLA). A mid-frequency (1100–2900-Hz) chirp source was towed at 35-m depth along a circular track around the VLA with radius 190 m. Time domain inversions using VLA, HLA, and both arrays were carried out and results compared. For the inversions, a multi-step optimization scheme is applied to the data using very fast simulated reannealing. The objective function is defined by the power of the back-propagated signal from the array to the source. At each step, water column sound speed profile, experimental geometry, and geoacoustic parameters are inverted successively. Accurate HLA positions were essential for the HLA and the HLA+VLA inversions. Finally, the inversion results were compared with other results near the site. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2aAOa3. The estimation of geoacoustic parameters via low frequencies (50–100 Hz) for selected Shallow Water 06 test data. A. Tolstoy (ATolstoy Sci., Inc., 1538 Hampton Hill Circle, McLean, VA 22101, atolstoy@ieee.org) and Yong-Min Jiang (Univ. of Victoria, Victoria, BC, V8W 3P6, Canada)

This work will demonstrate the geoacoustic inversion “success” on data of using only one or two low frequencies, multiple ranges, and multiple realizations for geoacoustic inversion of actual SW06 data. The data used are the same as those processed by Jiang and Chapman and involves three ranges (1, 3, and 5 km) and multi-tonal continuous wave data collected on a

16 phone vertical array. Multiple realizations of the data were used where each reduced the non-uniqueness a bit. The multiple ranges and frequencies also reduced the non-uniqueness of the suggested solutions. However, there still remains a significant number (hundreds) of possible “solutions,” (values of ctop, cbot, hsed, and chsp) for which $MFP < 0.9$ (including those suggested by Jiang and Chapman). The use of higher frequencies requires refinement of more parameters (such as the ocean sound-speed profile, source depth and range, water depth, and phone locations) but would not necessarily improve estimates of such bottom parameters as chsp and hsed. Thus, non-uniqueness of bottom parameters is an issue which may well exist for all inversion approaches.

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2aAOa4. Ocean tomography with acoustic daylight: A case study. Oleg A. Godin, Nikolay A. Zabotin (NOAA/Earth System Res. Lab., CIRES, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80305, oleg.godin@noaa.gov), and Valery V. Goncharov (P. P. Shirshov Oceanology Inst., Russian Acad. of Sci., Moscow 117997, Russia)

Ambient and shipping noise in the ocean provides acoustic illumination, which can be used, akin to daylight in the atmosphere, to visualize objects and characterize the environment [Buckingham *et al.*, Nature (London) **356**, 327–329 (1992)]. It has been shown theoretically [O. A. Godin, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 054301 (2006)] that, under rather general conditions, deterministic travel times between any two points in an inhomogeneous, moving or motionless, time-independent medium can be retrieved from the cross-correlation function of non-diffused acoustic noise recorded at the two points, without a detailed knowledge of the noise field’s sources or properties. Using the data obtained during the 1998–1999 Billboard Array Experiment [Worcester *et al.*, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. **117**, 1499–1510 (2005)], this paper demonstrates the feasibility of a tomographic reconstruction of the sound speed field from cross-correlation of acoustic noise recorded on a pair of vertical line arrays (VLAs) in deep water. Limitations of the noise data inversion associated with the ocean temporal variability, the VLA horizontal separation, recording bandwidth, and the noise directionality are analyzed. Prospects of long-range water column tomography with acoustic daylight are discussed. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2aAOa5. Two-point coherence of acoustic noise recorded by the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory billboard array. Oleg A. Godin and Nikolay A. Zabotin (NOAA/Earth System Res. Lab., CIRES, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80305, oleg.godin@noaa.gov)

Acoustic noise in the ocean contains extensive information about the noise sources and the propagation environment. In particular, two-point correlation function of noise (NCCF) is known to have peaks which correspond to acoustic travel times between the two points provided the noise field is sufficiently diffuse. In this paper, measurements of acoustic noise performed during the 1998–1999 Billboard Array Experiment [Baggeroer *et al.*, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. **117**, 1643–1665 (2005)] are re-examined with the goal of extracting environmental information. NCCF is evaluated by averaging time series of noise recorded on various vertical line arrays that comprise the Billboard Array. For any two hydrophones, NCCF is found to have a number of robust peaks. Possible generation and propagation mechanism responsible for various features of the NCCF are discussed. Statistical distributions

of noise are utilized to differentiate between the NCCF peaks of different origins and to identify those peaks, which can be used to retrieve information about the sound speed without detailed knowledge of the noise sources. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2aAOa6. Measurements of sound speed in bubbly liquids under high-pressure conditions. Chad A. Greene and Preston S. Wilson (Mech. Eng. Dept. and Appl. Res. Labs., The Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-0292)

Methane hydrates occur naturally on the ocean bottom and in the upper layers of sediment on continental shelves. Seismic surveying could be used to locate methane hydrates; however, their low-frequency acoustic properties are not well-known. In addition, these properties can vary dramatically depending on whether the methane is in a gas or solid phase. As a step toward better understanding the three-phase case of gassy sediments in water, the two-phase case of methane gas bubbles in water was investigated. Wood's equation is often used to model sound propagation in bubbly liquids and has been widely verified by experiments at atmospheric pressure. However, there is little information in the literature verifying the validity of Wood's equation at high pressures. Low-frequency (0.5–10-kHz), resonator-based sound speed measurements were obtained for air bubbles in water and methane bubbles in water under pressures ranging from 1 to 10 atm at room temperature. The results are presented and compared to the predictions of Wood's equation. [Work sponsored by ONR.]

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2aAOa7. Estimating bubble density from attenuation measurements through an underwater explosion. Fred D. Holt, IV and R. Lee Culver (Appl. Res. Lab., The Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

Underwater explosions have been studied intensively in the United States since 1941 [e.g., Cole (1945)]. Research to date primarily focuses on the initial shock and subsequent pressure waves caused by the oscillations of a "gas globe" that is the result of a charge detonation. These phenomena

have relatively short timescales (typically less than 2 s). However, as the gas globe rises in the water column and breaks the surface, it leaves behind a residual bubble cloud which has been markedly less studied. A recent experiment measured the spatial and time-dependent acoustic response of the bubble cloud resulting from a charge detonated at 50-ft depth. A directional projector was used to propagate a linear FM (5–65-kHz) pulse through the bubble cloud to an array of hydrophones placed on the opposite side of the charge in order to measure attenuation. This talk will focus on the methods used to estimate bubble density size spectra from the attenuation measurements, those of Commander and McDonald (1991), Caruthers (1999), and Czerski (2009). [Work sponsored by the Office of Naval Research, Code 333.]

9:45

2aAOa8. Sediment shear as a perturbation in geoacoustic inversions and an explanation of the anomalous frequency dependence of the attenuation. Allan D. Pierce and William M. Carey (Dept. of Mech. Engr., Boston Univ., Boston, MA 02215, adp@bu.edu)

The depth dependent shear wave speed in marine sediments is much less than both the compressional and water column sound speeds. The neglect of shear in geoacoustic inversions is usually justifiable, but at frequencies less than 300 Hz, the loss of acoustic energy from the water column because of nonreturning radiation of shear waves into the bottom dominates the loss due to the intrinsic attenuation of the sediment. To account for this in a simple manner, a perturbation theory that takes advantage of the small shear speed has been devised. The canonical problem addressed takes the disturbance as having a horizontal trace velocity ω/k in the x direction, this being somewhat less than the compressional speed in the bottom but substantially larger than the depth-dependent shear wave speed. To lowest order the stress components σ_{zz} and σ_{xx} satisfy the same reduced Helmholtz–Bergmann equation as if the bottom were an inhomogeneous fluid. The shear stress σ_{xz} satisfies an approximately uncoupled equation governing a shear wave propagating vertically downward. Coupling occurs at the interface, and the power carried off by the shear wave can be approximately determined. Results succinctly and quantitatively explain why geoacoustic inversions yield attenuation frequency exponents less than 2.

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RIO GRANDE EAST, 10:15 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Session 2aAOB

Acoustical Oceanography: Acoustics and Ocean Acidity I

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Chair's Introduction—10:15

Invited Paper

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2aAOB1. A brief history of the discovery of the low frequency sound absorption mechanism in seawater and its pH dependence. David G. Browning (139 Old North Rd., Kingston, RI 02881), Vernon P. Simmons (335 Burgundy Rd., Healdsburg, CA 95448), and William H. Thorp (2 Brook St., Noank, CT 06340)

In the 1960s tests with a new surface ship sonar indicated that low-frequency (less than 10 000 Hz) propagation loss was greater than predicted by the existing MgSO_4 absorption model. Propagation measurements in the SOFAR channel showed that the anomalous absorption was up to ten times greater than predicted and could be fitted by a 1-kHz relaxation. This was not without controversy at the time, but interest in this fundamental parameter spurred a major measurement effort by the U.S. Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory and other laboratories in the US, Canada, New Zealand, Europe, and Australia, resulting in at-sea measurements from Hudson Bay to

the Tasman Sea. Yeager and Fisher conducted laboratory t-jump measurements that identified a boron based low-frequency relaxation mechanism in seawater. Simmons and Fisher followed with resonant sphere measurements to quantify the resulting acoustic absorption. A compilation of the at-sea results showed, somewhat surprisingly, a correlation with pH: the lower the pH, the lower the absorption. Mellen quantified the pH dependence by extensive laboratory resonator measurements. These results were confirmed by measurements conducted in China. The possible application of acoustically monitoring ocean pH was first suggested by Browning and Mellen in 1990.

Acoustical Oceanography Mini Tutorial

10:45

2aAOB2. Rapidly changing ocean pH and the increasing transparency of the ocean to sound. Peter G. Brewer (MBARI, 7700 Sandholdt Rd., Moss Landing, CA 95039, brpe@mbari.org)

The intrinsic sound absorption coefficient (α , dB/km) of seawater is pH dependent with significant effects at 10 kHz and below. Ocean pH is declining from fossil fuel CO₂ invasion, from excess nutrient input, and from climate change reducing ocean ventilation. These effects produce reductions in ocean borate and carbonate species such that an ~18% decrease in α in the upper ocean has occurred today. Reasonable projections based on IPCC scenarios predict changes of 40% or more by mid-century [Hester *et al.*, *Geophys. Res. Lett.* **35**, L19601 (2008)]; larger changes in the sound channel are very likely. The projected increased transparency of the ocean to sound has attracted strong international environmental attention, and also provides an opportunity for acoustic detection and monitoring of such changes over large ocean regions. How strong is the basis for such assertions, can they be tested, and how well can environmental effects be predicted? This tutorial shows that the rate of change in pH in the sound channel has been underestimated, and how the unusual 1970s era reliance on the Soviet Gorshkov atlas as a pH data resource came about. This now presents a challenge for convergence of modern acoustic, environmental, and global change needs.

Invited Paper

11:35

2aAOB3. Long-term trends in ambient noise levels. George V. Frisk (Dept. of Ocean Eng., Florida Atlantic Univ., 101 N. Beach Rd., Dania Beach, FL 33004, gfrisk@seatech.fau.edu)

This paper addresses the subject of long-term trends in ambient noise levels, a topic of great interest to both the scientific community and the general public. This attention stems primarily from concerns over the effects of apparently increasing sound levels on marine mammals. A growing, though limited, body of literature suggests that low-frequency noise levels increased approximately 15 dB during the period 1950–2000, an amount that corresponds to about 3 dB/decade. One hypothesis states that this increase is predominantly anthropogenic in nature and can be attributed to increased commercial shipping activity, which, in turn, can be linked to global economic growth. As a result, a direct correlation may be drawn between ambient noise levels and the behavior of the global economy. This special session addresses an additional consequence of global economic activity, namely, increased ocean acidification leading to decreased absorption and therefore to increases in ambient noise levels associated with distant shipping. This paper also suggests topics of considerable interest for future research including (1) the relative contributions of commercial shipping activity versus ocean acidification to ambient noise levels and (2) the effect of the current economic downturn on noise levels. [Work supported by ONR.]

TUESDAY MORNING, 27 OCTOBER 2009

PECAN, 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Session 2aEA

Engineering Acoustics and Signal Processing in Acoustics: Acoustic Measurement and Models for Sensors and Arrays

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Chair's Introduction—8:00

Invited Papers

8:05

2aEA1. Multidomain modeling of a variable reluctance transducer. Stephen C. Thompson (Appl. Res. Lab., The Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

The variable reluctance magnetic transducer consists simply of a magnetic air gap and a magnetic return path that are supplied with static and dynamic sources of magnetic flux. The dynamic flux is generated by a coil current. The static flux may come either from a permanent magnet or a coil. The attractive magnetic force across the gap is modulated by the dynamic flux to provide the mechanical excitation for the device. The variable reluctance device is fundamentally nonlinear for at least three reasons: (1) the mechanical force across the gap is a quadratic function of the total magnetic flux, (2) the changing gap dimension changes the reluctance in the magnetic circuit so that the flux does not change linearly with coil current, and (3) saturation of the magnetic circuit may be an important aspect

of the design that must be included in the modeling. In practical cases, the dynamic variation in gap dimension is large enough that a linearized approximation is insufficient to predict the performance. An approximate model using a set of nonlinear differential and algebraic equations will be discussed that can predict the stability and performance of variable reluctance transducers.

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2aEA2. Lead magnesium niobate-lead titanate solution based giant-piezoelectric crystals for next generation of acoustic transduction devices. Pengdi Han (H. C. Mater. Corp., 479 Quadrangle Dr., Ste.-E, Bolingbrook, IL 60440)

The PMN-PT (binary solid solution of lead magnesium niobate and lead titanate) based piezoelectric crystals have been commercialized now. The giant-piezoelectric crystal can be broadly utilized for the next generation of acoustic transduction devices. In this paper, the major concepts and current status of the crystals and products will be presented and discussed in terms of applications. Following a brief review on the history of development of crystal growth and commercialization in the past decade, the detailed physical properties of the PMN-PT and newly developed PIN-PMN-PT crystals (high depoling temperature and high driving field) are presented and discussed in terms of applications in ultrasound transducers. At present (001)-seeded single crystals of 3 and 4 in. diameters are commercially available. In order to sufficiently utilize the advantages of the crystals, discussions focus on the following: (1) The differences between single crystal and PZT ceramics. (2) The concept of so called "domain-engineering" (artificially domaining) in context of elasto-piezo-dielectric matrices. (3) The relationships between the property and ferroelectric domain structure. (4) How to select the crystal products. In summary, the achievement of the development and fabrication of the giant-piezoelectric crystals has led to a new era that there are new opportunities readily to be explored for the next generation of acoustic transduction devices.

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2aEA3. Analysis models for the Underwater Sound Reference Division low-frequency acoustic calibration systems. Dehua Huang and Anthony Paolero (NUWC, Newport, RI 02841)

The state of an art for calibrating acoustic transducers at very low frequencies is by way of a confined and well understood environment. The Underwater Sound Reference Division (USRD) has three such calibration systems, called systems K, J, and L, respectively. Each system has a cylindrical tube, of certain length and diameter, that determine a cutoff calibration frequency. System K operates in a standing wave mode condition. Systems J and L both operate in traveling wave mode conditions, where plane waves propagate from one end of the tube to the other. Optimally locating a calibrated transducer and an unknown within the tube provides the proper configuration for calibration. This paper demonstrates the simulation tools to predict performance of aforementioned low-frequency calibration systems. The mathematical model, the GUI coding, simulation, predicted, and test results will be presented.

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2aEA4. Electroacoustic transducer and array modeling tools. Ender Kuntsal (Int. Transducer Corp. (ITC), 869 Ward Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93111, ekuntsal@itc-transducers.com)

The availability and the accuracy of transducer and array design tools are becoming even more important with the changing economical climate. The engineers would like to evaluate their designs more quickly in place of the prototyping, which requires additional manufacturing and testing time and expense. The software models must be user friendly, provide results that can be relied on, and also be affordable. The strength of a transducer and array design engineering team is still extensively based on experience and background, but these tools make the process more efficient. There are many transducer and design software programs used in industry and academia. Some are based on analytical solutions and some use more complicated numerical methods such as finite element models, which have the capability of modeling piezoelectric materials and acoustical parameters. Among these are ATILA, PAFEC, MAVART, NASTRAN, PZFlex, and other powerful programs such as CHIEF and TRN. Some of these programs can be used to design both resonators and arrays while taking baffling and/or acoustic interaction effects into account. In this presentation, a summary of commonly available software packages and their features will be described.

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2aEA5. High-power single crystal based projectors. Richard J. Meyers, Jr., Douglas C. Markley, Charles W. Allen, and Nevin P. Sherlock (The Appl. Res. Lab., The Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804)

Significant progress has been made at integrating single crystalline relaxor ferroelectrics into many types of SONAR transducers. For high-power projectors, PMN-28PT has offered efficient, broad band-width capability. For higher duty cycles, thermal limitations are reached resulting in power and duty cycle tradeoffs. Electrical bias is also required for crystal implementation when high-power operation is needed. Continuing research in compositional tailoring has resulted in several new modified relaxor crystal systems with improved temperature stability, lower loss, and higher coercive fields. PIN-PMN-PT ternary crystals are of particular interest. This ternary system offers 25–40 °C improvement in working temperature, reduced temperature sensitivity, and approximately two times increase in coercive field without sacrifice in electromechanical coupling or piezoelectric coefficients. To demonstrate the impact of this newer ternary crystal composition on high-power transduction, planar tonpilz arrays were fabricated and tested. This presentation will highlight important material properties and compare the results of high-power measurements of single transducer elements and arrays made from PMN-28PT and PIN modified ternary crystals. Acoustic tests were conducted as a function of ambient temperature, increased drive level, and increased duty cycle operation. [Work supported by ONR.]

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2aEA6. Broadband characteristics of piezoelectric transducer bonded to a thick plate resonator. Iwaki Akiyama, Natsuki Yoshizumi (Dept. of Electric and Electron. Eng., Shonan Inst. of Tech., 1-1-25 Tsujido-nishikaigan, Fujisawa 251-8511, Japan, akiyama@elec.shonan-it.ac.jp), Shigemi Saito (Tokai Univ., Orito, Shimizu-ku, Shizuoka 424-8610, Japan), Katsumi Ohira, Osamu Takahashi (Japan Probe Co., Ltd., Minami-ku, Yokohama 232-0033, Japan), and Kentaro Nakamura (Tokyo Inst. of Tech., Yokohama 226-8503, Japan)

The piezoelectric transducer bonded to a thick plate resonator wholly vibrates as a single transducer. Since the distribution of stress in the thickness direction is asymmetric, the transducer resonates at even order harmonic frequencies as well as odd order ones. The back of the resonator is bonded to a quarter-wavelength matching layer to transmit backward the fundamental frequency wave through the layer. The front of piezoelectric transducer is bonded to another matching layer to transmit forward the ultrasonic wave of higher order frequencies. If both the piezoelectric transducer and the resonator are made of low Q materials, the admittance curve including troughs among resonance peaks is flattened and shows broadband characteristics. Such broadband characteristic transducers made of one to three composite piezoelectric materials were experimentally studied. The thickness of the piezoelectric transducer and the resonator were designed for resonance frequencies of 7 and 1 MHz, respectively. The back of matching layer was bonded to the absorbing material not to reflect forward the ultrasonic waves of 1 MHz. As a result, the ultrasound of center frequency of 5 MHz and fractional bandwidth of 100% were transmitted from the transducer driven by an impulsive signal.

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2aEA7. The design of quarter-wavelength impedance matching layers for cylindrical transducers. Douglas R. Heyden, Preston S. Wilson (Appl. Res. Labs. and Mech. Eng. Dept., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78713-8029), and Richard H. Crawford (The Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-0292)

Impedance matching layers are commonly used in piezoelectric underwater acoustic projectors. The layer maximizes transmitted power from the ceramic into the water and also increases the bandwidth of the projector. For the design of cylindrical transducers, it is common in practice to utilize the familiar plane wave formulation of the quarter-wavelength impedance matching layer as a starting point for the design of the cylindrical layer. Material properties and thickness are then modified by trial and error, heuristic, or empirical methods to optimize the design. This practice is undertaken because, apparently, the quarter-wavelength impedance matching layer formulation is not readily available in the acoustics literature for the cylindrical coordinate system. To address this deficiency, the reflection and transmission coefficients for the cylindrical three-medium problem were derived. No general zero-reflection, perfect transmission condition was found, but the equations can be used to find the material properties and layer thickness required to maximize transmission at a given frequency. The results of the derivation are shown and used in the design of a layered cylindrical piezoelectric transducer.

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2aEA8. Time reversal focusing for pipeline structural health monitoring. Joel Harley, Nicholas O'Donoghue, José M.F. Moura (Elec. and Comput. Eng., Carnegie Mellon Univ., Pittsburgh, PA 15213), and Yuanwei Jin (Univ. of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD 21853)

Guided wave technologies have become popular tools for nondestructive testing due to their potential to travel long distances. Unfortunately, analyzing data from guided waves is often difficult because of the numerous multimodal and dispersive effects that distort signals in solid media. Time reversal has been shown to be robust against these unwanted and adverse effects. Time reversal techniques are commonly used to focus ultrasonic waves across a medium and have been used to perform nondestructive test-

ing using pulse-echo techniques. This paper investigates the use of time reversal processing techniques to compensate for multimodal and dispersive effects in a low-power structural health monitoring system for pipelines. Time reversal methods are demonstrated as a pitch-catch operation between two transducer arrays to illuminate changes caused by damage on a pipe. It is then shown and discussed how differences in the location and severity of damage affect the signals recorded at the receiving transducer array and how these results can be interpreted to measure those changes. The results are demonstrated experimentally and then compared with equivalent finite element simulations. [National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) is the funding source for this effort with Cost Share being provided by Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). CMU is funded under a Subcontract Agreement with Concurrent Technologies Corporation. N.O. is supported by a National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship.]

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2aEA9. A radial propagator for computing axisymmetric pressure fields using the angular spectrum method. Edward H. Pees (Naval Undersea Warfare Ctr., 1176 Howell St., Newport, RI 02841)

The notion of a propagator is central to the angular spectrum of plane wave formulation of diffraction theory, which expresses the pressure field diffracted by a two-dimensional aperture as a superposition of a continuum of plane waves. In the conventional form, an exponential term, known as a propagator, is multiplied by the wavenumber spectrum obtained from a two-dimensional spatial Fourier transform of the aperture boundary condition, to obtain the wavenumber spectrum in a plane parallel to the boundary, offset by some distance specified in the propagator. By repeated use of this propagator and Fourier inversion, one can completely reconstruct the homogeneous part of the pressure field beyond the aperture boundary. In this presentation, we draw upon earlier work relating the boundary condition to the axial pressure and show that when the aperture is axially symmetric, an alternative type of propagator can be derived that propagates an axial wavenumber spectrum away from the axis of the aperture. Use of this radial propagator can be computationally advantageous since it allows for field reconstruction using one-dimensional Fourier transforms instead of Hankel transforms or two-dimensional Fourier transforms.

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2aEA10. A planar acoustic array for voice collection. David J. Gonski, Duong Tran-Luu, and Stephen Tenney (Army Res. Lab., 2800 Powder Mill Rd., Adelphi, MD 20783, dgonski@arl.army.mil)

A planar 7×7 acoustic array of microphones spaced 1 in. apart has been developed and tested. This array is intended for the collection of human speech. A simple analog electronic summation of the 49 microphone signals is carried out to form a preferential collection area in front of the array. We have conducted an analysis of the directional performance of the array to model its directivity. Two configurations of the array were tested. An array was populated with omnidirectional hearing aide microphones, and a second array was configured with cardioid microphones. Performance of each of these arrays was measured in an anechoic chamber and compared with the theoretical performance. To improve the front to back rejection a sound-absorbing pad was placed on the backside of the array. Two versions of the pad were characterized in the anechoic chamber, both were found to be effective. The array was packaged into a plastic box with open cell foam on the front for wind noise suppression and the sound-absorbing pad on the back for improved front to back rejection. Detailed acoustic and electronic design characteristics are presented.

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2aEA11. Microphone array techniques using cross-correlations. Matthew B. Rhudy (Univ. of Pittsburgh, 560 Benedum Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15261, mbr5002@gmail.com) and Brian A. Bucci (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15261)

Civilian noise complaints and damage claims have created a need to establish a detailed record of impulse noise generated at military training facilities. Wind noise is causing false positive impulse detections in the cur-

rent noise monitoring systems. Multiple channel data methods were investigated in order to distinguish the characteristics of noise events. A microphone array was used to collect four simultaneous channels of military impulse and wind noise data. Cross-correlation functions were then used to characterize the input waveforms. Three different analyses of microphone array data were developed. A new value, the min peak correlation coefficient, is defined from the minimum value of peaks of the cross-correlation coefficient functions among the different channels. This value is a measure of the likelihood that a given waveform originated from a correlated noise source. The angle of incidence of the noise source is calculated using a sound source localization technique based on the geometry of the array. A weighted averaging method was also developed to synthesize multiple channels of data into one single channel. This method preserves the correlated part of the overall signal, while reducing the effects of uncorrelated noise, such as wind.

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2aEA12. On the radiation and wave propagation of sound within horns. Daniel Tengelsen (Dept. of Phys., Brig. Young Univ., N-283 ESC, Provo, UT 84602, daniel.tengelsen@gmail.com), Vianey Villamizar, Brian E. Anderson, and Timothy W. Leishman (Brigham Young Univ., Provo, UT 84602)

The horns used in loudspeaker systems are well known for their ability to increase radiation efficiency and control directivity. Because of the horn's

ubiquitous nature, significant research efforts have been undertaken to explore both its directional and frequency response characteristics. The following research reported in this presentation incorporates several numerical methods (including finite difference and boundary element analysis) to better understand the nature of wave propagation through horns and the effects that geometrical and configurational changes have in better controlling directivity and improving frequency response.

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2aEA13. On the acoustic impedance of a sealed loudspeaker enclosure. Timothy W. Leishman and Xi Chen (Acoust. Res. Group, Dept. of Phys. and Astronomy, Brigham Young Univ., Provo, UT 84602)

The acoustic impedance of a sealed loudspeaker enclosure is often oversimplified in loudspeaker models, which typically include only rough acoustical characteristics of the enclosed air volume and absorptive fill materials when no driver is present. The acoustical effects produced by sound transmission through and around the rear driver elements (e.g., the frame, magnet, voice-coil former, spider, pole-piece vent, etc.) may also be important for certain loudspeakers and applications. This presentation explores these effects through a discussion of enhanced modeling possibilities and the introduction of measurement techniques that may be used to assess the acoustic impedance of a loudspeaker enclosure when the driver is in place. The impedance more closely represents that actually seen by the rear portion of the driver diaphragm.

TUESDAY MORNING, 27 OCTOBER 2009

REGENCY EAST 1, 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Session 2aED

Education in Acoustics: Hands-on Experiments for High School Students

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Approximately 20 acoustics demonstrations will be set up, ranging in complexity from simple resonance on a string to ultrasonic levitation. Around 40 local high school students will perform these experiments with help from Acoustical Society of America (ASA) scientists and student members of ASA. Regular ASA conference participants are welcome as long as they do not interfere with student experimentation.

TUESDAY MORNING, 27 OCTOBER 2009

LIVE OAK, 9:00 TO 10:15 A.M.

Session 2aMUa

Musical Acoustics: Acoustics of Free-Reed Instruments I

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Invited Papers

9:00

2aMUa1. Blown-closed free reeds with and without pipe resonators. James P. Cottingham (Phys. Dept., Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, jcotting@coe.edu)

The Asian mouth-blown free reed instruments are of ancient origin and use a symmetric free reed coupled to a pipe resonator. The reed behaves as a blown-open or outward striking reed, with playing frequency below both the resonant frequency of the pipe and the natural frequency of the reed. Although these instruments were known in Europe when the Western free reed family originated about 200 years ago, it does not appear that the mechanism used in the Western instruments was copied from them. In Western free reed instruments the reed tongue is offset from the opening in the frame, permitting operation on only one direction of air flow. Pipe resonators are not required and generally not used. If one of these reeds is coupled with a pipe, the sounding frequency can, within certain

limits, be pulled to match the pipe frequency, and it behaves as a blown-closed or inward striking reed, with playing frequency below both the resonant frequency of the pipe and the natural frequency of the reed. This paper summarizes recent experimental research on the blown-closed free reed, with or without coupling to a pipe resonator, with emphasis on significant differences between the two situations.

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2aMUa2. Free reeds coupling with either a vocal tract or rather small pipe. Laurent Millot (IDEAT UMR 8153, CNRS, Univ. Paris 1, ENS Louis-Lumière, 7 allée du Promontoire, BP 22, F-93161 Noisy-le-Grand Cedex, France, l.millot@ens-louis-lumiere.fr)

Free reed model used is based on a precise description of flow passing through, the section defined between the shallot and the bended reed, and on the modelling of reed as a clamped-free cantilever beam. Classical description of loading pipe is based on wave reflection function, not designed to be excited by a flow but backward- and forward-traveling plane waves, so the free reed coupling with such a pipe model is physically irrelevant. Then, it is shown that an acoustical flow description is needed, and simple, for at least rather short pipe, giving more realistic sound simulations. It is then explained why a vocal tract description, physically relevant, is possible using only acoustical flow modeling for each element constituting the vocal tract model. In fact, flow acoustical modeling for elements is linked to electroacoustical analogies derived not as a low-pass approximations of input impedance but using the approximation of flow behavior for each element, valid for the whole audio range rather than only the low-pass register. Theoretical explanations should be given to explain why wave paradigm may be irrelevant and sound numerical simulations would be given for each coupling situation considered.

Contributed Paper

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2aMUa3. Acoustical curiosities of an American reed organ. Thomas G. Muir (Natl. Ctr. for Physical Acoust., Univ. of Mississippi, One Coliseum Dr., Univ., MS 38677)

Free reed organs of the 19th and early 20th centuries have long provided interesting pursuits involving their acquisition, restoration, history and mu-

sicology, as well as performance, and for some—acoustical studies of the instruments. There is a preservation society with a journal, and the literature includes a treatise, books, and learned articles. Some acoustical curiosities of one such instrument are described, including stop types, reed spectra, waveforms, loudness, and intonation.

TUESDAY MORNING, 27 OCTOBER 2009

LIVE OAK, 10:30 TO 11:15 A.M.

Session 2aMUB

Musical Acoustics: Acoustical Measurements on Musical Instruments

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Contributed Papers

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2aMUB1. Physics of water crotales. Randy Worland (Dept. of Phys., Univ. of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner, Tacoma, WA 98416-1031, worland@ups.edu)

Contemporary composers writing for percussion often incorporate unconventional playing techniques with the use of traditional instruments. Among these extended techniques is the lowering of gongs and crotales into water as they are being struck, resulting in a unique glissando effect that involves changes in both pitch and timbre. The orchestral crotale has a relatively simple geometry and overtone structure, making it an appropriate starting point for the study of this performance technique. Building on previously published work on the physics of crotales [B. M. Deutsch, C. L. Ramirez, and T. R. Moore, *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **116**, 2427–2433 (2004)], an experimental investigation of the overtone frequencies and frequency ratios of a crotale as a function of water depth is presented. Mode images created using electronic speckle-pattern interferometry are also shown.

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2aMUB2. The auger shell whistle. Daniel Zietlow and Thomas Moore (Dept. of Phys., Rollins College, 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789, dzietlow@rollins.edu)

We report on investigations of a musical instrument made from the shell

Terebra Turritella, or auger shell. To our knowledge, this instrument has been developed only recently. The instrument is played from the large end using an edge tone, and a diatonic scale is achievable merely by drilling five tone holes in a straight line down the length of the spiral shell. It is surprising that a naturally occurring cavity can produce a diatonic scale, and implies that there is something special about the shape of the auger shell. However, experimental and theoretical investigations reveal that the auger shell does not actually have such a resonance structure.

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2aMUB3. Why using complex stimuli for acoustical measurements may be necessary to get physically relevant analysis results. Laurent Millot (IDEAT UMR 8153, CNRS, Univ. Paris 1, ENS Louis-Lumière, 7 allée du Promontoire, BP 22, F-93161 Noisy-le-Grand Cedex, France, l.millot@ens-louis-lumiere.fr)

Classical methods for measurements and analysis in Musical Acoustics (and also Acoustics) rely on Fourier transforms, linear excitation superposition assumption, and monochromatic excitation or noise equivalents. It is shown that classical methods using measurements at a single point (input impedance measurement, for instance) may not be physically relevant. Indeed, only a time sampling and related time Fourier transforms are performed while physical phenomena are spatio-temporal. Even if one considers a monochromatic forward traveling wave excitation, the use of the

dispersion relation is not valid in spatio-temporal or spatio-frequency parameter space. It is shown that measurements need to be performed using also a spatial mapping to be physically relevant which implies at least Fourier bi-transforms (plane case). Then, it may be more simple and physically relevant to perform measurements with the whole complex excitation and use a frequency subband analysis tool, with a perceptive frequency subband

mapping. Such a tool is described and it is shown that it permits the real-time switch between listening of partial to total resynthesis for any studied measurement signal, providing great surprises for the physical relevant subband(s) and the perceptive relevant ones. Audio performance will be given.

TUESDAY MORNING, 27 OCTOBER 2009

REGENCY EAST 3, 8:15 TO 11:50 A.M.

Session 2aPA

Physical Acoustics and Biomedical Ultrasound/Bioresponse to Vibration: 40th Anniversary of the Khokhlov-Zabolotskaya (KZ) Equation

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Chair's Introduction—8:15

Invited Papers

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2aPA1. Historical aspects of the Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya equation and its generalizations. Oleg V. Rudenko, Vera A. Khokhlova (Dept. of Acoust., Phys. Faculty, Moscow State Univ., Moscow 119991, Russia, rudenko@acs366.phys.msu.ru), and Mark F. Hamilton (The Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-0292)

Derivation of the Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya (KZ) equation provided a new approach to describing the combined effects of nonlinear propagation and diffraction in sound beams. In this paper, historical aspects of the KZ equation and its generalizations are presented. The interest in nonlinear acoustic beams of Academician Khokhlov and his colleagues at Moscow State University was inspired in the 1960s by emerging developments in laser physics and the corresponding models of nonlinear optical beams. The two cases, acoustical and optical, represent two limiting cases of nonlinear beams in weakly and strongly dispersive media, respectively, which required different theoretical approaches. The KZ equation and analogous nonlinear evolution equations of nonlinear wave physics are reviewed. It is illustrated how theoretical studies combined with numerical modeling resulted in predictions of new physical phenomena in nonlinear acoustic beams. Concurrently, newer applications of nonlinear acoustics such as parametric arrays, sonic booms, and medical acoustics stimulated the derivation of generalized KZ-type equations together with analytical and numerical methods to solve them. Modern applications and corresponding generalized KZ-type models that include effects such as frequency-dependent absorption, weak dispersion, scalar and vectorial inhomogeneities of the propagation medium, different orders of nonlinearity, and more accurate description of diffraction are presented.

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2aPA2. Variations of the nonlinear equation for diffracting beams in fluids to study different modes of propagation in elastic media. Evgenia A. Zabolotskaya (Appl. Res. Labs., The Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

Four variations of the equation for nonlinear acoustic beam propagation derived originally for a fluid will be reviewed. These variations describe finite amplitude beam propagation in isotropic elastic solids and in crystals, influence of diffraction on nonlinear Rayleigh waves, and nonlinear shear wave beams. The distinguishing features of each case will be discussed. The equation for nonlinear longitudinal wave beams in isotropic solids is based on nonlinear theory of elasticity and is close to the original equation for fluids. The equation for sound beams in crystals takes into account that the direction of energy propagation does not coincide with the direction normal to wavefronts. Nevertheless, the general form of the equation is similar to that of the original equation for fluids. Distinguishing features of Rayleigh waves are that they are two-dimensional and their nonlinearity is nonlocal. Because of the nonlocal nonlinearity, the evolution equation for this case was derived in the frequency domain using Hamiltonian formalism. The equation for nonlinear shear wave beams was derived in the cubic approximation in terms of particle displacement and it accounts for any polarization. Solutions of these evolution equations will be presented to illustrate phenomena specific to each case.

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2aPA3. Group analysis of the Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya type equations. Oleg A. Sapozhnikov (Dept. of Acoust., Phys. Faculty, Moscow State Univ., Leninskie Gory, Moscow 119991, Russia, and Ctr. for Industrial and Medical Ultrasound, APL, Univ. of Washington, 1013 NE 40th St., Seattle, WA 98105, olegs@apl.washington.edu)

Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya (KZ) equation is the basic equation of the theory of acoustic beams propagating in quadratically nonlinear media. Being generalized for the case of a medium with general-type nonlinearity and expressed in dimensionless notation, it has the form $[u_z + P(u)u_\tau]_\tau = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$, where u represents waveform, τ is retarded time, z is axial coordinate, x and y are lateral coordinates, and $P(u)$ characterizes a nonlinear addition to the linear wave velocity: quadratic nonlinearity corresponds to $P(u)=u$, cubic one to $P(u)=u^2$, etc. No general analytical solution has been obtained for this nonlinear KZ-type equation, so numerical methods or asymptotic approximations are usually employed. Additional powerful mathematical tool is Lie group analysis that enables to find general symmetries of differential equations. These symmetries help to generalize known analytical and numerical solutions, derive new solutions, and obtain conservation laws. Results of group analysis of KZ and KZK equations are discussed for various nonlinearities $P(u)$. Examples of obtaining of new solutions and deriving of reduced equations are presented. It is also shown that the generalized KZ equation can be written in Euler–Lagrange form, which makes it possible to apply Nöther theorem and derive new conservation laws for nonlinear acoustic beams.

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2aPA4. Nonlinear acoustic wave propagation in inhomogeneous moving media. Philippe Blanc-Benon (LMFA, UMR CNRS 5509, Ecole Centrale de Lyon, 69134 Ecully Cedex, France, philippe.blanc-benon@ec-lyon.fr), Mikhail V. Averianov (Moscow State Univ., Moscow 119991, Russia), Robin O. Cleveland (Boston Univ., Boston, MA 02215), and Vera A. Khokhlova (Moscow State Univ., Moscow 119991, Russia)

Extensive theoretical analysis, numerical studies, and both large-scale and laboratory-scale experiments have been dedicated to the problem of shock wave propagation in air during recent years. The current interest is motivated by supersonic civil transport which is necessarily affected by problems of sonic boom propagation in the atmosphere. The high-amplitude shock wave generated by a supersonic aircraft propagates through the atmosphere toward the ground and generates an acoustic field with non-uniform pressure distribution. Temporal characteristics and spatial structure of the sonic boom are influenced by aircraft trajectory, nonlinear effects, and diffraction and scattering by inhomogeneities. We review recent results from various teams based on a generalized KZK-type equation that includes the effects of a moving inhomogeneous media. Statistical analysis of the numerical solutions is performed, and the results are compared to experimental data obtained in the controlled laboratory-scale experiments conducted in the Ecole Centrale de Lyon anechoic wind tunnel.

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2aPA5. Acoustic dissipation and finite-amplitude sound propagation in two-phase porous media. N. I. Pushkina, J. I. Osypik, and Ya. M. Zhileikin (Sci. Res. Comput. Ctr., Moscow State Univ., Vorobyovy Gory, Moscow 119992, Russia, n.pushkina@mererand.com)

Acoustic spectroscopy is known to be an important tool for studying various media. In the presented work, specific features of acoustic dissipation in two-phase porous media are theoretically studied and the propagation of a finite-amplitude attenuating sound beam described by the KZK-type equation is analyzed numerically for the case of a marine sediment. The KZK-type equation has been derived from the classical Biot equations, and it contains a dissipative operator corresponding to the frequency correction function $F(\kappa)$ in the Biot equations. In the present work, the properties of the correction function are studied and its well applicable representations are obtained. It is shown that the expansion of the correction function over κ^2 converges at $\kappa < 5$. An asymptotic expansion of this function is obtained at large κ values. For high frequencies, simple dependence of viscous attenuation and phase velocity on parameters of a medium, useful for diagnostics of these parameters, has been found. The propagation of a finite-amplitude acoustic beam in a dissipative marine sediment has been numerically analyzed which showed that intense acoustic beam propagation can be accompanied by considerable non-linear phenomena while diffraction only weakly affects the process.

10:00—10:15 Break

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2aPA6. Toward a better understanding of high intensity focused ultrasound therapy using the Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya–Kuznetsov equation. L. A. Crum, M. S. Canney, M. R. Bailey (Ctr. for Industrial and Medical Ultrasound, Appl. Phys. Lab., Univ. of Washington, 1013 NE 40th St., Seattle, WA 98105), O. V. Bessonova (Moscow State Univ., Moscow 119991, Russia), and V. A. Khokhlova (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105)

High intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) therapy is an emerging medical technology in which acoustic pressure amplitudes of up to 100 MPa are used to induce tissue ablation, often in combination with real-time imaging. The ultrasound energy is typically focused into a millimeter-size volume and used to thermally coagulate the tissue of interest while ideally sparing surrounding tissue. Nonlinear effects are important in HIFU as *in situ* intensities for clinical applications of up to 30 000 W/cm² have been reported. Since controlled experiments are often difficult to perform, especially *in vivo*, modeling can aid in understanding the physical phenomena involved in HIFU-induced tissue ablation. The Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya–Kuznetsov (KZK) equation is applicable to HIFU because it includes all of the basic physical phenomena that are relevant to HIFU including acoustic beams, diffraction, focusing, nonlinear propagation, shock formation, and dissipation. In this paper, an overview of several recent advances in KZK modeling for HIFU applications are described. It is shown that shock-induced heating in tissue can cause localized boiling in milliseconds; furthermore, the bubbles associated with boiling can significantly alter HIFU treatments. [Work supported in part by NSBRI SMST01601, NIH EB007643, and RFBR 09-02-01530.]

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2aPA7. Shocking stones with the Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya–Kuznetsov equation. Robin O. Cleveland (Dept. of Mech. Engin., Boston Univ., 110 Cummington St, Boston, MA 02215, robinc@bu.edu)

In shock wave lithotripsy (SWL) high-amplitude acoustic waves generated outside the body are focused onto kidney stones in order to fragment them into pieces that are small enough to pass naturally. In order to investigate mechanisms of fragmentation and collateral damage to the soft tissue it is necessary to understand the acoustic field delivered to the tissue in and around the kidney. This is not easily accomplished experimentally and motivates the development of numerical models. The application of the Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya–Kuznetsov (KZK) equation to the SWL problem is discussed as there are two underlying assumptions that are challenged: the peak pressures are on the order of 50 MPa resulting in an appreciable acoustic Mach number of 0.02, and large focusing gains are employed which violate the paraxial approximation. Predictions using the KZK equation, with a layered model of the tissue path to the kidney, demonstrate that the waveform shape, in particular, the risetime, is strongly affected by the tissue path. However, once the waveform enters the urine in the collecting space of the kidney, the waveform heals and a sharp shock results within about 5 mm of propagation. [Work supported in part by NIH DK-43881.]

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2aPA8. Nonlinear pulsing schemes for diagnostic ultrasound. Michalakis Averkiou (Dept. of Mech. Eng., Univ. of Cyprus, 75 Kalipoleos Str., 1678 Nicosia, Cyprus, maverk@ucy.ac.cy)

With the introduction of ultrasound contrast agents and the development of tissue harmonic imaging (THI), nonlinear acoustics has become a major research direction in diagnostic ultrasound. In THI an image is formed from the nonlinear components (due to nonlinear propagation) of the backscattered signal. Pulsing schemes have been invented to specifically detect the nonlinear components. These schemes are pulse inversion (PI), power modulation (PM), and their combinations (PMPI2, PMPI3, and PMPI4). The KZK equation is used to investigate these pulsing schemes in conditions that closely resemble ultrasound imaging in order to fully understand the properties of these schemes. Measurements of nonlinear propagation of such pulses were compared with the KZK predictions and were found in good agreement. Pulse inversion isolates the even harmonic components only and extracts the *total* amount of nonlinearity in those components. With pulsing schemes with different amplitudes (PM, PMPI2, and PMPI3), the *differential* nonlinearity between pulses is detected, with PMPI2 extracting the largest total amount. In addition, the schemes with amplitude modulation have a *nonlinear fundamental* component that suffers less than the higher harmonics from thermoviscous absorption and thus offers more signal in penetration limited cases.

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2aPA9. Statistical solutions of the Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya–Kuznetsov equation for analyzing mechanisms of image quality enhancement in tissue harmonic imaging. Xiang Yan (Dept. of Mech. Eng., The Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-0292) and Mark F. Hamilton (The Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78713-8029)

Statistical solutions of the Khokhlov–Zabolotskaya–Kuznetsov equation were obtained to analyze mechanisms contributing to image quality enhancement in tissue harmonic imaging (THI). The focus is on suppression of image clutter due to phase aberration and reverberation. Tissue heterogeneity is modeled with a random phase screen characterized by its variance and spatial correlation length. Solutions for the mean intensities of the linear (fundamental mode) and second-harmonic fields were derived from a focused Gaussian beam that is transmitted through a phase screen located an arbitrary distance from the source. The random phase variations of the screen are assumed to be small and described by a Gaussian autocorrelation function. The solutions are validated by comparison with ensemble averages of direct numerical simulations. A benefit of the analytical approach is separation of the different contributions to deformation of the beam by the phase screen, and the statistical approach is convenient for quantifying the merits of THI. The degree to which THI reduces beam deformation is assessed using a measure based on signal-to-clutter ratios introduced previously for this purpose by C. E. Bradley [Proceedings of 17th International Symposium on Nonlinear Acoustics (AIP, New York, 2006)]. Statistical solutions will also be presented for backscattering. [Work supported by NIH DK070618.]

Contributed Paper

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2aPA10. Nonlinear acoustical beam formation and beam profiles in fluids. Cristian Pantea and Dipen N. Sinha (Mater. Phys. and Applications, MPA-11, MS D429, Los Alamos Natl. Lab., Los Alamos, NM 87545)

Nonlinear acoustical beam formation in fluids is investigated in several different configurations: (i) collinear mixing due to simultaneous excitation of a single transducer by two different high frequency signals, (ii) non-collinear mixing due to excitation from two separate transducers, (iii) nonlinear de-modulation of an amplitude modulated fixed frequency, and (iv) nonlinear mixing due to excitation of a single transducer by a fixed fre-

quency and a chirped frequency signal. In all cases, the difference frequency acoustic beam generated by nonlinear mixing in the fluid is investigated. In contrast to using solids as the nonlinear medium, fluids have the advantage that the beam can be scanned in all directions allowing the determination of three-dimensional beam profile. The experiments were performed mainly in water and Fluorinert FC43. In the collinear measurement configuration, where the nonlinear down-converted beam is produced from a single transducer, the experimental results are compared with the predictions from the KZK equation. Electronics and transducer nonlinearity and the role of transducer “effective diameter” will also be discussed.

Session 2aPP

Psychological and Physiological Acoustics: Cognitive Aspects of Hearing

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Contributed Papers

8:15

2aPP1. Signal-to-noise-ratio loss in hearing-impairment and feature enhancement. Woojae Han (Dept. of Speech and Hearing Sci., Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 901 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820, whan5@illinois.edu), Riya Singh, and Jont Allen (Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801)

The primary purpose of this study is to investigate detailed consequences of hearing loss and to scrutinize if individual hearing impaired (HI) listeners exhibit individual patterns in their consonant confusion scores. 16 English nonsense CV syllables, by 18 various talkers in five speech-weighted noise (-12, -6, 0, +6, and +12-dB signal-to-noise-ratios) and quiet conditions, were randomly presented to 11 HI subjects (18 HI ears) having sensorineural hearing losses at two different amplified levels: with and without NAL-R (similar to fitting hearing aids). The HI ears have sensorineural hearing loss with flat (mild-to-moderate-to-severe), ski-slop at low- and/or high-frequency regions, and cookie-bite configurations. To characterize the consonant loss, the performance of each HI ear was compared to average normal-hearing listeners in masking noise. Preliminary analysis shows that each HI ear has an individual profile, which is a characteristic of the impaired ear. Once the noise-sensitive consonants are identified, the aim is to use signal processing techniques to selectively enhance features to make them audible in noise. [Work supported by the NIH Grant RDC009277A.]

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2aPP2. Comodulation masking release to detect cochlear dead regions in hearing impaired ears. Riya Singh (Dept. of Elec. and Comput. Eng., Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Everitt Lab, 1406 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801), Woojae Han, and Jont B. Allen (Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801)

The purpose of this study is to investigate if comodulation masking release experiments with hearing impaired (HI) individuals can be used as a reliable method to detect dead regions in the cochlea, if any. The experiment involves detection of a pure tone in a narrow band of noise (the on-signal band) in presence of four other narrow bands of noise that fall outside the auditory bandwidth at the center frequency of the on-signal band. These flanking bands are either all co-modulated so as to have the same amplitude envelope as the on-signal band or are randomly modulated and are presented monaurally to an impaired ear. Each band is level adjusted to be audible to the HI ear. Data are being collected for both these cases from normal-hearing listeners and HI listeners with no dead regions. Every HI individual also undergoes psychophysical tuning curve and threshold-equalizing noise tests which are currently used tests to detect cochlear dead regions. Each HI individual also takes speech perception tests with CV syllables under various noise conditions. The consonant loss profiles from the perception experiments help make a reasonable estimate of the possibility of a dead region. [Work supported by NIH.]

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2aPP3. Infants' vowel discrimination in modulated and unmodulated noise. Lynne A. Werner (Dept. Speech & Hearing Sci., Univ. of Washington, 1417 NE 42nd St., Seattle, WA 98105-6246)

Adults detect and discriminate masked sounds better in temporally modulated maskers than in unmodulated maskers. It is not known whether

the same is true of infants. In this study, 7-9-month-olds learned to respond when a repeated vowel changed from /a/ to /i/ or from /i/ to /a/ in speech spectrum noise. Discrimination was assessed using an observer-based procedure. In one condition the noise was unmodulated. In the other, the noise was modulated with the envelope of single talker speech. The level of the noise was 60-dB SPL. For infants in group 1, the level of the vowel in both conditions was set so that $d' = 1$ was achieved in the unmodulated noise; discrimination in modulated noise was the second condition tested. For infants in group 2, the level of the vowel was fixed at the average level used to test the infants in group 1; discrimination in modulated noise was tested first. In both groups, d' in the modulated noise condition averaged only 0.5. Thus, infants were unable to take advantage of masker modulation to improve speech discrimination. Their speech discrimination was poorer in modulated than in unmodulated noise. [Work supported by NIH R01 DC00396 and P30 DC04661.]

9:00

2aPP4. Enduring non-verbal memory for spectral timbre. Denis McKeown and Tom Mercer (Dept. of Psych., Univ. of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom)

It is often assumed that auditory sensory memory disappears within a few seconds or is so smudged as not to permit fine discriminations between successive sounds beyond a few seconds. But studies have been confounded by proactive interference, task difficulty, and verbal labeling. In Experiment 1, participants heard two complex tones separated by a silent retention interval of 2, 4, 8, 16, or 32 s. Tones varied widely in pitch from trial to trial (so no standard memory could be formed) and were non-speech-like (difficult to verbalize), and very long inter-trial intervals were used (32 s) to reduce interference from prior sounds. After the tone-pair presentation, listeners made a same-different response based on slight differences in spectral timbre. Discrimination performance expressed as d' , at each retention interval revealed that the persistence of memory for spectral timbre surpassed the usually quoted lifetime of some few seconds and for certain participants it endured for 32 s. In Experiment 2, overall stimulus levels were roved within trials to rule out loudness cues in the discrimination. It is proposed that reasonably robust non-verbal memory traces for spectral timbre persist for several seconds allowing listeners to make fine discriminations of changes to a spectrum.

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2aPP5. Efficient coding of correlated complex acoustic dimensions through active listening. Christian E. Stilp, Timothy T. Rogers, and Keith R. Kluender (Dept. of Psych., Univ. of Wisconsin, 1202 W. Johnson St., Madison, WI 53706, cestilp@wisc.edu)

Efficient coding extracts and exploits redundancy to optimize information processing in sensorineural systems. Stilp *et al.* [J. Acoust. Soc. Am. **124**, 2496 (2008)] reported evidence for rapid and efficient adaptation to correlation among complex acoustic attributes. In the study, following passive exposure to highly correlated stimulus features, discriminability of sound pairs violating the correlation is temporarily lost before subsequent recovery via active testing with stimuli whose features were poorly correlated. The present study examines listeners' ability to extract and exploit correlation between stimulus attributes exclusively through active testing. Listeners discriminated stimuli (AXB) for which two complex, independent dimensions, attack/decay (AD) and spectral shape (SS), were

highly correlated ($r^2=0.96$). In the first testing block of 128 trials, discrimination of sound pairs respecting the correlation is superior to sound pairs violating the correlation. Only through successive testing blocks, listeners discover variance orthogonal to the otherwise perfect correlation between AD and SS, and discrimination recovers to baseline levels. Listener performance will be discussed within the context of maximum likelihood and connectionist models. [Work supported by NIDCD.]

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2aPP6. Neural representation of speech sounds: Study using frequency following response. Radhika Aravamudhan (George S. Osborne College of Audiol., Salus Univ., 8360 Old York Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027, raravamudhan@salus.edu)

The neural encoding of an acoustic signal begins in the auditory nerve and travels to the auditory brainstem and further to the auditory cortex. Previous studies have used nonspeech signals like tones and clicks to evaluate the integrity and synchrony of the auditory pathway. Most of the previous research has focused on how any acoustic signal is perceived by using behavioral methods. One of the main areas in understanding how we hear the signal depends on how this acoustic signal is represented in the auditory pathway. A number of studies have studied the acoustic parameters that influence the perception of speech, but very few of them have focused on how these acoustic changes are represented in the auditory pathway. Since the signal representation in the auditory pathway is very crucial to how the signal is perceived, studies that focus on the relationship between the changes in the input acoustics and its influence on neural representation become very

essential. In the current project the neural representation of isolated vowels and vowels in CV context was recorded using human frequency following response. The results will be discussed in the paper.

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2aPP7. How can a video game cause panic attacks? I. Effects of an auditory stressor on the human brainstem. Judith L. Lauter, Elizabeth Mathukutty, and Brandon Scott (Dept. of Human Services, Stephen F. Austin State Univ., Box 13019 SFA Station, Nacogdoches, TX 75962, jlauter@sfasu.edu)

The auditory brainstem response (ABR) was recorded during simultaneous binaural presentation of two types of sounds: (1) condensation clicks presented through in-the-ear earphones at 43.1/s, 60 dB nHL; and (2) recordings of breathing sounds, presented through supra-aural headphones, at levels adjusted by participants to be equivalent to the clicks. In alternate blocks, the breathing sounds were either: (1) a recording of quiet breathing (blocks 1, 3, and 5) or (2) a recording of erratic (stressed) breathing (blocks 2 and 4). The erratic breathing was modeled on a video game soundtrack in which the character was represented as running, wounded, and frightened. Four 2048-sweep ABR waveforms were collected in each of the five blocks, and the mean amplitude of ABR peak V was calculated over each set of four waveforms. Results indicate a significant decrease in the amplitude of ABR peak V during erratic breathing versus quiet breathing. Implications include (1) possible new evidence of the effect of selective attention on the ABR, (2) the potential for using auditory stressors to study the central physiology of emotional responses in humans, and (3) clues to physiological correlates of the effects of certain video games known to evoke panic attacks in susceptible players.

TUESDAY MORNING, 27 OCTOBER 2009

REGENCY WEST 1 & 2, 9:00 TO 11:50 A.M.

Session 2aSC

Speech Communication: Advances in Speech Synthesis

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Invited Papers

9:00

2aSC1. Talking heads: Speech synthesis and embodied cognition. Philip Rubin, Gordon Ramsay (Haskins Labs., 300 George St., New Haven, CT 06511 and Yale School of Medicine, 333 Cedar St., New Haven, CT 06510, rubin@haskins.yale.edu), and Eric Vatikiotis-Bateson (Univ. of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4, Canada, evb@interchange.ubc.ca)

This presentation provides a brief overview of 300 years of effort toward the creation of talking heads: mechanical, electronic, and/or computational models of human speech. Speech, language, communication, and cognition are fundamentally shaped, in part, by both biological and physical factors. To understand this grounding and how to effectively replicate its most salient aspects in synthesis systems requires us to pay serious attention to the structure, kinematics, and dynamics of the articulators; the organization and characterization of complex, emergent behavior in multimodal systems; and the consideration of how events within such systems unfold over multiple time scales. New approaches that will help advance our knowledge and improve our synthesis tools and techniques will be discussed.

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2aSC2. Challenges in evaluating the intelligibility of text-to-speech. Ann Syrdal (AT&T Res., 180 Park Ave., Rm. D159, Florham Park, NJ 07932-0971, syrdal@research.att.com), Murray Spiegel (Telcordia Technologies, Piscataway, NJ 08854-4151), Deborah Rekart (AT&T Services, Dallas, TX 75287), Susan R. Hertz (Nova Speech LLC and Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14850), Tom Carrell (Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0738), H. Timothy Bunnell (Alfred I duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, DE 19803), and Corine Bickley (Gallaudet Univ., Washington, DC 20002)

Text-to-speech (TTS) technology imposes different constraints on intelligibility than those sufficient for the evaluation of other speech communication systems. For example, the newly revised standard S.2-2009 explicitly excludes TTS from the speech communication systems it covers. Since there is no current standard appropriate for evaluating TTS intelligibility, the ASA Standards Bio-

coustics (S3) working group on Text-to-Speech Technology (WG91) was formed with the initial goal of developing such standard. We describe several ways in which standard methods of testing speech intelligibility are unsuitable for TTS technology and outline our approach to overcoming these limitations. We present an overview of our proposed standard, which is currently nearing its final draft stages.

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2aSC3. Recombinant speech synthesis: Natural text-to-speech synthesis with prosodic control. Esther A. Klabbbers, Taniya Mishra, and Jan P.H. van Santen (Div. of Biomedical Comput. Sci., Oregon Health & Sci. Univ., 20000 NW Walker Rd., Beaverton, OR 97006, klabbbers@cslu.ogi.edu)

Unit selection text-to-speech synthesis methods rely on large corpora to cover all phoneme sequences in as many prosodic contexts as possible. This coverage is rarely complete except in limited domains. This becomes particularly salient when using prosodic markup to generate specific prosodic patterns (e.g., emphatic stress). An architecture is proposed combining the naturalness of unit-selection synthesis with the requirement of prosodic control. The speech corpus consists of multiple sub-corpora, each optimized to cover a “linguistic subspace”; subspaces include phoneme sequences, left-headed feet, sentence structures, and paralinguistic categories. The system relies on the superpositional model of intonation to decompose natural pitch contours into component contours, e.g., phrase curves (corresponding to phrases) and accent curves (corresponding to left-headed feet); on analogous methods for timing; and on hybridization methods to implement paralinguistic features. During synthesis, phoneme sequences, curves, and parameters are generated from the sub-corpora, optionally modified as per prosodic control tags, and “re-combined.” The explicit representation in terms of component curves allows for complete prosodic control, while the naturalness of the prosodic patterns is guaranteed by extracting these curves from natural speech and smoothly modifying them, thereby preserving important natural detail. [Research supported by NSF grant 0205731, “Prosody generation in child-oriented speech.”]

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2aSC4. Speech transformation: Increasing intelligibility and changing speakers. Alexander Kain (Div. of Biomedical Comput. Sci. Oregon Health & Sci. Univ., 20000 NW Walker Rd., Beaverton, OR 97206, kaina@ohsu.edu)

Speech transformation changes an aspect of speech without changing its message, typically using a process of analysis, feature modification, and synthesis. The feature modification step can consist of a (trainable) mapping function or a hybridization of several feature sets for the purposes of perceptual experimentation. First, speech transformation approaches are presented that aim to increase the intelligibility of speech. One approach is used in the context of increasing the intelligibility of conversationally spoken speech for hearing-impaired listeners. Another approach aims to increase the intelligibility of speaking-impaired individuals by the general population. Second, transformation approaches are presented which aim to change a source speaker’s speech (natural or TTS-generated) to sound as if a specific target speaker had spoken it (also known as voice transformation).

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2aSC5. Quasi-articulatory synthesis as a tool for basic science and education. Helen M. Hanson (ECE Dept., Union College, 807 Union St., Schenectady, NY 12308)

HLsyn is a quasi-articulatory speech synthesis system based on Klatt’s formant synthesis model [D. K. Klatt and L. C. Klatt, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. **87**, 820–857 (1990)]. The elements of a circuit model of the vocal tract are derived from cross-sectional areas of constrictions and subglottal pressure. Solution of the circuit results in pressure drops across constrictions, which in turn lead to source characteristics (both periodic and noise). The circuit model imposes constraints on the relations between the pressures and flows in the circuit, resulting in more natural variation in the amplitudes of two simultaneous sources, e.g., a periodic source and a noise source. While the virtues of HLsyn as a speech synthesis system have often been sung [e.g., Hanson and Stevens, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. **112**, 1158–1182 (2002)], HLsyn has other uses that may go unnoticed. Using HLsyn to explore or simulate the production of certain sounds often leads to insights about how speech is produced. That is, this synthesizer can be used to explore the basic science of speech production and perception. Likewise, HLsyn as a tool in basic speech science courses brings equations and circuits to life for students. Examples of insights gained through HLsyn will be described. [Work supported by NIH.]

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2aSC6. Advances in simulation of sentence-level speech production with kinematic models of the vocal tract and vocal folds. Brad H. Story (Dept. of Speech, Lang., and Hearing Sci., Univ. of Arizona, 1131 E. 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85721)

Speech simulation refers to a system in which computational models are used to simulate the physical processes of human sound production. These processes consist primarily of vocal fold vibration and acoustic wave propagation in the tracheal, nasal, vocal tract systems, and radiated acoustic output. Although simulations of various aspects of speech production are typically limited to short time scales, this presentation will focus on using kinematic models of the vocal folds and vocal tract shape to generate speech at the level of words and sentences. Specifically, the vibrating medial surface of the vocal folds is represented by a kinematic model which allows for direct time-dependent specification of fundamental frequency, amplitude of vibration, glottal geometry, and glottal symmetry. The vocal tract shape is also governed by a kinematic model, based on data collected with MRI and x-ray microbeam techniques, that allows for specification of time-dependent cross-sectional area changes in an acoustic waveguide. When these models are coupled, the result is an acoustically-interactive simulation of the sound production process from which pressures and airflows are generated. The components of the system will be presented and then used to demonstrate samples of simulated speech. [Work supported by NIH R01-DC04789.]

11:30—11:50 Panel-Discussion

Session 2aSP**Signal Processing in Acoustics: Time-Frequency Theory and Applications**

Edmund J. Sullivan, Chair

*EJS Consultants, 46 Lawton Brook Ln., Portsmouth, RI 02871-1032***Chair's Introduction—7:55*****Invited Papers*****8:00****2aSP1. Wave propagation in phase-space.** Leon Cohen (Dept. of Physics, City Univ.-Hunter College, 695 Park Ave., New York, NY 10021)

We derive exact expressions for the spreading of a propagating pulse in a dispersive medium. We address both the deterministic and the random case, and also allow for the possibility of frequency-dependent attenuation. The conditions for contraction of a pulse before it eventually spreads to infinity are derived. In the interpretation of the expressions, we show that considerable insight may be achieved if the pulse is analyzed in phase-space where the phase-space distribution may be time-frequency or position-wavenumber. Applications to a train of pulses relevant to reverberation and clutter is also discussed. [Work supported by ONR 321US.]

8:20**2aSP2. Time-frequency and position-wavenumber acoustic signal analysis.** Patrick J. Loughlin (745 Benedum Hall, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15261, loughlin@pitt.edu)

The spectrogram, which is a plot of the spectral intensity of a signal over time, has been widely used in acoustic signal processing because many signals, such as speech, animal vocalizations, music, and the sonar backscatter from elastic objects, have frequencies that change over time, which convey important information about the signal or source from which it originated. Since the development of the spectrograph at Bell Laboratories in the 1940s, more modern methods for time-frequency analysis, such as the Choi-Williams and Zhao-Atlas-Marks distributions, have been developed, which overcome some of the limitations of the spectrogram and, in particular can show time-frequency detail in the signal that is obscured by the spectrogram. We will discuss these methods and the general area of time-frequency acoustic signal analysis with examples drawn from a variety of applications. A particular focus will be made on showing how time-frequency analysis, and also position-wavenumber analysis, can be used to formulate and gain physical insights into dispersive pulse propagation. We will also comment on and illustrate the use of wavelets for time-frequency analysis. [Work supported by ONR 321US.]

8:40**2aSP3. Gibbs sampling for modal arrival time and amplitude estimation from time-frequency representations of acoustic signals.** Zoi-Heleni Michalopoulou (Dept. of Math. Sci., New Jersey Inst. of Technol., Newark, NJ 07102, michalop@njit.edu)

A Gibbs sampling-maximum *a posteriori* approach is developed for modal arrival time and amplitude estimation from time-frequency representations of broadband acoustic signals propagating in underwater media. The goal is to obtain accurate estimates of arrival times of propagating modes and corresponding amplitudes, which can then be employed for source localization and geoacoustic inversion. The method provides uncertainty information on both modal arrival time and amplitude estimates, typically unavailable when traditional methods are used. Estimates and uncertainty are propagated through an inversion process, generating posterior probability distributions of source range and geoacoustic properties. [Work supported by ONR.]

9:00**2aSP4. Adaptive noise and interference removal from speech based on a modified short time Fourier transform.** Douglas J. Nelson (Natl. Security Agency, 9800 Savage Rd., Fort Meade, MD 20755-6214)

A simple linear adaptive method for removing noise and interference from speech is presented. The method is based on a linear time-frequency representation in which the short time Fourier transform (STFT) is concentrated (reassigned) in frequency. The concentration process results in a complex-valued surface in which speech components and narrowband AM/FM interference components are essentially time-varying spectral impulses. Unwanted components may be removed from the surface, and the clean signal with these components removed may be reconstructed as a linear time marginal, computed by integrating the surface with respect to frequency. This process is linear and results in a nearly distortion-free reconstructed signal. Moreover, unlike processes like methods such as spectral subtraction, the process requires no Fourier inversion. This process is computationally efficient since the STFT is implemented as a bank of recursive two tap filters.

2aSP5. Estimation of seismic interface wave dispersion in geoacoustic inversion. Hefeng Dong (Dept. of Elec. & Telec., Norwegian Univ. of Sci. & Techn., NO-7491 Trondheim, Norway) and Lanbo Liu (Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269-2037)

Shear wave velocity variation as depth in underwater environment is closely related to dispersion of seismic interface waves traveling along the water/sediment boundary. An estimate of the dispersion of seismic interface waves can be obtained by time-frequency analysis. There are different methods for the time-frequency analysis to estimate dispersion of the interface waves. Phase velocity dispersion can be estimated by multi-sensor method, while group velocity dispersion can be estimated by single-sensor method. Multi-sensor method uses array data by knowing sensor-spacing, which gives the average estimate of the phase velocity within the ranges covered by the array. Single-sensor method uses one trace at a time by knowing the distance between source and the sensor, and gives the local group velocity estimate. In this paper, time-frequency analysis methods for both phase- and group-velocity estimations are presented. An experimental example for estimation of shear wave velocity variation as depth in the upper layers of the sediment is presented by inverting the estimated dispersion relations of seismic interface waves [Work supported by NFR under No. 186923/130].

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2aSP6. Space-time-frequency analysis of the scattered acoustic wave field from elastic shells recorded by bistatic sonar systems. Karim G. Sabra and Shaun D. Anderson (Woodruff School of Mech. Eng., Georgia Inst. of Technol., Graduate Box 1000, Atlanta, GA 30332, karim.sabra@me.gatech.edu)

An ongoing challenge for underwater sonar systems is to discriminate a man made target (shell) from surrounding clutter returns and to provide robust classification features for the estimation of the physical target characteristics (e.g., shell thickness and material properties). To this end, time-frequency analysis, and, in particular, Wigner–Ville analysis, has been shown to provide a robust processing tool for interpreting the evolutionary time dependent aspect of the scattered acoustic wave field from elastic shells. The design of a robust space-time-frequency bistatic sonar system to enhance the target detection of shells with the use of a sensor array will be presented. Practical implications for bistatic mine countermeasure sonar systems, using a network of autonomous underwater vehicles, will be discussed.

10:00—10:15 Break

Contributed Papers

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2aSP7. Application of compressive sampling to passive sonar signals. R. Lee. Culver (Grad. Prog. Acoust. & Appl. Res. Lab., Penn State Univ., P.O. Box 30, State College, PA 16804) and N. K. Bose (Penn State Univ., State College, PA 16804)

Recently the compressive sampling (CS) paradigm has generated considerable interest in the signal processing community because it offers the potential to fully characterize signals without satisfying the Nyquist requirement (sampling frequency must be more than twice the highest frequency in the signal). Signal compression itself is not new; it is used in all file compression algorithms. However, it generally requires that all coefficients be generated, many or most of which are discarded and only a few are transmitted. The theoretical basis for CS has been presented in a number of signal processing and statistics journal articles [e.g., Candès and Wakin, *IEEE SP* (March 2008)]. CS is fixed (non-adaptive) and is efficient in that only the coefficients required for signal characterization are calculated. The key requirement of CS is to find a basis in which the signal representation is sparse and thus can be represented with a minimum number of coefficients. Here we explore possible benefits of applying CS to sonar signals, including signal compression, bandwidth reduction, and exploitation of sparse sampling geometries. [Work sponsored by ONR Undersea Signal Processing.]

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2aSP8. Time-frequency analysis techniques for long range sediment tomography. Gopu R. Potty and James H. Miller (Dept. of Ocean Eng., Univ. of Rhode Island, Narragansett, RI 02879)

Long range sediment tomography technique uses travel-time of acoustic normal modes at different frequencies to invert for the geoacoustic properties. The modal travel-times are calculated from the time-frequency analysis of the acoustic time series. Travel times in the frequency range 1 Hz to less than 1 kHz modes 1–6 obtained using broadband sources are typically used as data for the inversion. Various time-frequency analysis techniques used in the past in the context of long range sediment tomography will be presented. These techniques include short time Fourier transform, wavelet transform, matching pursuit algorithms, and dispersion based short time Fourier transforms. Performance of these techniques will be compared

using data from various types of broadband sources deployed during different field experiments. [Work supported by Office of Naval Research.]

10:45

2aSP9. Using time corrected instantaneous frequency to detect source motion of a towed projector. Jack A Shooter (Appl. Res. Labs, Univ. of Texas at Austin, P.O. Box 8029, Austin, TX 78713-8029, shooter@arlut.utexas.edu)

The TCIF algorithm [S. Fulop and K. Fitz, *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* 119, 360–371 (2006)] was applied to a narrow band projector from the Shallow Water 2006 Hudson Canyon experiment. To observe Doppler shifts near CPA, short overlapping FFTs were formed from the measured time series data. The appearance of a secondary Doppler component indicates that the source was wobbling or fishtailing during the tow event. Analysis indicated the source was moving back and forth with amplitudes of about 6 in., at a rate of 1–2 cycles/s. Detecting these source dynamics required a basic FFT length less than 18% of the variable period and signal-to-noise ratio greater than 18 dB. Narrowband filtering the data significantly reduced interference from outside the band of interest. The FFT lengths were so short the frequency bin spacing was much greater than the wobble frequency variation, yet TCIF permitted the source wobble period to be observed. [Work supported by IR&D.]

11:00

2aSP10. Temporal analysis of human motion signatures. Alexander Ekimov, Marshall Bradley, and James Sabatier (NCPA, Univ. of Mississippi, 1 Coliseum Dr., University, MS 38677, aekimov@olemiss.edu)

Passive and active signals characterize human motion. Passive signals produced by footsteps are recorded with microphones and geophones. Active signals are measured with Doppler techniques and characterize the oscillatory motion of human body parts with different acoustic cross-sections and velocities. Simultaneous measurements of human passive and active signatures show temporal synchronization. This synchronization results in equal cadence frequencies for human motion signatures. These signatures are compared to a mathematical model of human motion [Boulic *et al.*, “A global human walking model with real-time kinematic personification,” Vi-

sual Comput. (1990)]. This empirical model predicts the motion of key body parts including shoulders, elbows, fingers, hips, knees, and toes for an “average” human walking at a constant velocity. Speeds of the body parts depend on the walking velocity and the size of the individual as parametrized by thigh height. Comparison of experimental data with the predictions of the mathematical simulations enhances the capability to characterize humans. Measurements of the motion signatures of walking humans using a multi-modal sensor suite (seismic, passive, and active ultrasonics, and radar sensors) are presented and discussed. [Work supported by Department of the Army, Army Research Office Contracts W911NF-04-1-0190 and W911NF-08-1-0389.]

11:15

2aSP11. Blind deconvolution of quadratic time-frequency representations of musical signals for reverberation feature extraction. Gang Ren (Dept. of Elec. and Comput. Eng., Univ. of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627, garen@ece.rochester.edu), Mark F. Bocko, and Dave Headlam (Univ. of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627)

An acoustic space is uniquely characterized by its reverberant behavior. Due to the complexity of the multiple reflections and diffraction of sound in an enclosure, currently available system identification algorithms cannot effectively estimate the impulse response of a concert hall simply from musical recordings in that space. This paper reports the use of blind image deconvolution methods to construct echo patterns from quadratic time-frequency representations of reverberant recordings of music. First, a quadratic time-frequency analysis is performed to decompose the musical signal into its constituent harmonic components. Quadratic time-frequency analysis methods are known to give enhanced resolution in the time-frequency plane in comparison to conventional Fourier analysis. Reverberant features then appear as blur in the time-frequency plane, which can be

estimated by employing the methods of blind deconvolution of this “image” of the sound. The proposed algorithm retrieves both the blur pattern, which corresponds to the reverberation echogram, and the direct acoustic signal. By choosing the time-frequency frame scale and smoothing window, a multi-resolution analysis of the underlying acoustic impulse response is obtained. Various quadratic time-frequency analysis methods are evaluated and their relative performance is reported. The proposed methods are also compared to existing dereverberation algorithms.

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2aSP12. Speech localization in any direction using power and frequency signatures, gradients, and differences. Colin L. Barnhill and James West (ECE Dept., Johns Hopkins Univ., 3400 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218, cb@jhu.edu)

Speech localization is a relatively simple task for a human but, often, a difficult task for acoustic arrays. Although arrays can localize impulsive and narrow-band sources through the use of cross-correlation and subspace methods (like MUSIC), these methods break down when there is low SNR, reverberant conditions, or the source is neither impulsive nor narrow-band. Interesting speech sources (for teleconferencing or surveillance) are most often in environments where many of the breakdown conditions exist. New or multiple methods are necessary to reliably localize speech. A new algorithm will be presented that makes use of multiple localization methods to locate the desired speech signal. The localization methods are based on the time and frequency power signatures, gradients, and differences of third order supercardioid beams. Multiple beams are used to spatially segregate power signatures, and the results are clustered to determine position. Using a spherical array, it is possible to localize speech in any direction using these beams. Experimental acoustic and mathematical results in real room situations will be presented.

TUESDAY MORNING, 27 OCTOBER 2009

RIO GRANDE CENTER, 10:20 TO 11:45 A.M.

Session 2aUW

Underwater Acoustics: Reverberation Measurements and Modeling I

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Chair's Introduction—10:20

Invited Paper

10:25

2aUW1. Update on the reverberation modeling workshops. John S. Perkins (Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC 20375, john.perkins@nrl.navy.mil) and Eric I. Thorsos (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105-6698)

In order to investigate the status of reverberation modeling and establish well-defined benchmark problems, two reverberation modeling workshops have been jointly sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and the Navy Program Executive Office C4I (PMW 120). The first workshop was held 7–9 November 2006, and the second during 13–15 May 2008. This paper presents the approach used in formulating the reverberation problems posed to workshop participants and shows examples of the modeling agreement obtained for some of the workshop problems. Issues that have arisen as workshop participants have collaborated in their attempts to produce consensus solutions will be pointed out. Finally, some of the problems to be addressed at a proposed third workshop will be discussed.

10:45

2aUW2. Ray versus mode differences in reverberation modeling solutions for environments with high boundary scattering loss. Eric I. Thorsos, Frank S. Henyey, Jie Yang, and Stephen A. Reynolds (Appl. Phys. Lab., Univ. of Washington, 1013 NE 40th St., Seattle, WA 98105, eit@apl.washington.edu)

Several of the problems for the first Reverberation Modeling Workshop yielded interesting differences between solutions obtained with ray and normal mode methods. These particular problems were defined with high boundary scattering loss. A bottom reverberation case at 3.5 kHz with a down-refracting sound speed profile (Problem VI) will be considered as a case in point. The ray solutions show a "direct path" contribution unaffected by the bottom scattering loss as long as a direct path can reach the bottom, while the mode solutions obtained to date show a lower reverberation level during this period due to modal attenuation. These differences occur in both incoherent and coherent reverberation solutions for both rays and modes. Arguments will be presented that indicate the correctness of the ray solutions for this case. Suggestions will also be made on how the mode approach can be used to obtain solutions in agreement with the ray method. [Work supported by ONR and the Navy Program Executive Office C4I (PMW 120).]

11:00

2aUW3. Reverberation versus time or reverberation versus range? A definitive relationship. Chris Harrison (NATO Undersea Res. Ctr., Viale San Bartolomeo 400, 19126 La Spezia, Italy)

Strictly reverberation consists of all the back-scattered contributions from many locations that arrive at one absolute time regardless of their respective travel times. However, for calculation purposes, particularly at long range, it is often more convenient to assume the scatterers to be close together at a single location with corresponding propagation loss for the outward and return paths. It would be useful to know whether the latter approximation is a safe one or not. An analytical method of calculating reverberation either at a fixed time or at a fixed range will be presented. The ratio of these quantities is found to depend on the (vertical) angular spread of the contributing paths. In isovelocity water at long ranges, mode-stripping

reduces the angular spread to the point where fixed-range reverberation is indistinguishable from fixed-time. The greatest effect is at shorter ranges where there is no significant mode-stripping, and the ratio rises to roughly 1 plus 0.855 times the square of the critical angle (in radians). Thus the effect is typically less than 1 dB at any range.

11:15

2aUW4. Modeling acoustic propagation in shallow water using finite elements. Marcia J. Isakson and Preston S. Wilson (Appl. Res. Labs., The Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78713, misakson@arlut.utexas.edu)

Finite element models approach an exact solution of the Helmholtz equation as discretization density increases. Therefore, these solutions are an excellent benchmark model for reverberation studies. This study will present finite element reverberation solutions for two-dimensional shallow water waveguides for times up to 4 s. Five waveguides are considered: rough bottom only, rough surface only, rough surface and rough bottom, rough interfaces with summer (downward refracting) profile, and rough interfaces with winter (upward) refracting profile. [Work sponsored by Office of Naval Research, Ocean Acoustics.]

11:30

2aUW5. High-frequency broadband coherent reverberation predictions for the reverberation modeling workshop. Kevin D. LePage (NATO Undersea Res. Ctr., Viale San Bartolomeo 400, 19126 La Spezia, Italy)

The reverberation modeling workshop included cases with strong attenuation to the forward propagation caused by multiple forward scattering. The effects of this attenuation were consolidated into effective reflection coefficients using the small slope approximation and provided to workshop participants. In this talk the coherent modeling of reverberation for these strongly attenuated cases using complex modes as computed by KRAKENC is described, and the results of these coherent modal predictions are compared to results obtained by other participants using ray theory. The importance of including both the complex mode shapes and eigenvalues, as well as the coherent interactions between modes, to obtain accurate predictions is discussed.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 27 OCTOBER 2009

RIO GRANDE WEST, 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

Session 2pAB

Animal Bioacoustics: Emotion-Related Mechanisms of Mammalian Vocalizations

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Chair's Introduction—2:00

Invited Papers

2:05

2pAB1. Emotion-related acoustic communication in bats. Sabine Schmidt (Inst. of Zoology, Univ. of Veterinary Medicine Hanover, Bunteweg 17, 30559 Hanover, Germany, sabine.schmidt@tiho-hannover.de)

Some features of emotional prosody in human speech may be rooted in mechanisms common to mammals. The role of vocal communication in social interactions was studied in bats, a highly vocal group evolutionarily remote from primates. The present paper focuses on communication during agonistic encounters in the Indian False Vampire bat. Three call types with distinct time-frequency contours occurred; aggression calls, whistles, and response calls. In a first experiment, agonistic approach situations were analyzed to assess the extent to which these call types reflected the specific part of the caller in the interaction and the intensity of the agonistic display. A frame-by-frame video analysis followed by a sound analysis revealed that call type indicated the part of the respective caller while interaction intensity was encoded in similar parameter changes across call types. The systematic change in vocal parameters with

affect intensity corresponded to prosodic changes in human speech. A playback experiment based on a habituation-dishabituation paradigm investigated how the bats categorized the vocalizations emitted during third-party agonistic interactions. The bats were able to discriminate between call types; however, they did not necessarily form categories corresponding to call type in reciprocal experiments, an evidence for a context-dependent evaluation of social calls.

2:25

2pAB2. Vocal production, affect expression, and communicative function in African elephant rumble vocalizations. Joseph Soltis (Education and Sci. Disney's Animal Kingdom, Box 10000, Bay Lake, FL 32830, joseph.soltis@disney.com)

African elephant rumbles are harmonically rich vocalizations with clear formant structure. The low-frequency, high amplitude nature of rumbles is consistent with the observed large vocal production anatomy. Examination of formant locations and inter-formant dispersion implicates the trunk in addition to the oral cavity in rumble production. Adult female African elephants express affect intensity in ways similar to other mammals. When interacting with social superiors, subordinate rumbles exhibited increased and more variable fundamental frequencies, and increased amplitudes and durations, compared to periods of social calm. Filter features did not change across behavioral contexts. Acoustic responses originally related solely to affect may come to serve communicative functions. During dyadic approaches by adult females, rumbles resembling the "fear response" of subordinates (i.e., those with increased durations and more variable fundamental frequencies) increased the likelihood of friendly social interaction, and these signals were produced by both subordinate and dominant animals. Two top-ranking females were co-dominant and competed for alpha status. When interacting with each other, they produced rumbles with decreased fundamental frequencies, increased amplitudes and durations, and a decrease in inter-formant dispersion. This acoustic response is not generally consistent with the expression of affect but may signal large body size to social competitors.

2:45

2pAB3. Affect cues in communication calls of tree shrews. Elke Zimmermann (Inst. of Zoology, Univ. of Vet. Medicine, Buenteweg 17, 30559 Hannover, Germany, elke.zimmermann@tiho-hannover.de)

Comparative studies on affective prosody in human speech revealed remarkable cross-cultural similarities suggesting that affective prosody may have originated from a prehuman basis. To explore this hypothesis, the acoustic variation in communication calls and its perception in tree shrews were examined. Tree shrews are small diurnal mammals, genetically closely related to primates, living in dispersed pairs in the dense tropical forests of south-east Asia. Calls were induced experimentally in a social encounter and a disturbance paradigm, respectively, and related to two behaviorally defined arousal states within specific behavioral contexts. Context and arousal state of the caller reliably predicted spectral and temporal variations in call structure. Whereas context is closely associated with the frequency-time contour of calls (call type), arousal is expressed in shifts of fundamental frequency and the rate of call production. In a habituation-dishabituation paradigm, testing the effect of arousal-related variation within the same call type, tree shrews were able to discriminate acoustically between two arousal states. All in all, these findings document the relevance of affect cues in the vocal communication system of a non-primate mammal, the tree shrew, and support that mechanisms involved in the acoustical expression and perception of emotions are deeply rooted in mammals. [Work supported by DFG FOR 499.]

3:05

2pAB4. Infant mouse isolation ultrasounds: Production, perception and neural plasticity. Robert C Liu (Dept. of Biology, Emory Univ., 1510 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30322, robert.liu@emory.edu)

Mouse pups emit ultrasonic whistles when they are isolated from their nest, likely reflecting an increased state of arousal that may be modulated by emotional and motivational processes [G. Ehret, *Behav. Genet.* **35**, 19–29 (2005)]. Mouse mothers recognize the behavioral relevance of these calls and search out these pups to retrieve them to the nest. On the other hand, pup-naive virgin females do not prefer to approach these calls over a neutral sound, suggesting they do not recognize their significance. Whether this difference in recognition correlates with any changes in how the auditory system processes these vocalizations is being investigated. Evidence from electrophysiological recordings in the auditory cortex of both anesthetized and awake female mice demonstrate that the cortical activity evoked by natural ultrasonic calls is changed in a way that could functionally improve the ability to detect and discriminate them. These results indicate that irrespective of a possible difference between virgins and mothers in the neural circuitry for deciding to respond to pup calls, the sensory system itself is plastic in its representation of these vocalizations.

Contributed Paper

3:25

2pAB5. About phonetic and perceptual similarities in laughing, smiling, and crying speech. Donna Erickson (1-11-1 Kamiasao, Asao-ku, Kawasaki City, Kanagawa 215-8558, Japan), Caroline Menezes (Univ. of Toledo, Toledo, OH), and Ken-ichi Sakakibara (Univ. of Hokkaido, Sapporo, Japan)

Acoustic, articulatory (EMA), and perceptual characteristics of recordings of spontaneous happy laughing/smiling, sad crying, and neutral speech were examined. Listeners were asked to (1) rate the emotional intensity of the speech and (2) categorize it as happy, sad, not-emotional, unknown, or other. Results show distinctive acoustic, articulatory, and perceptual characteristics for listeners' ratings of "emotional" versus "not-emotional" speech. Emotional speech has significantly higher F0, higher F2, lower H2, raised

/retracted upper lip, and lowered tongue. Between happy laughing/smiling speech and sad crying speech, phonetic and perceptual similarities were observed, with mismatches between the emotion intended by the speaker and that perceived by listeners. The results of this study highlight how underlying emotions interact with temporal emotion in a complex way, affecting the perception of emotion. Laughing and crying to bring about a type of catharsis or balance to the system are also discussed. [This work was supported in part by Japanese Ministry of Education, Science, Sport, and Culture, Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C), (2007–2010):19520371 and SCOPE (071705001) of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan.]

Invited Paper

3:40

2pAB6. Emotion and vocalization in mammalian perspective: What do we know, what do we need to know? Michael J. Owren (Dept. of Psych., Georgia State Univ., P.O. Box 5010, Atlanta, GA 30302-5010, owren@gsu.edu)

Emotional processes can play a central role in mammalian vocal communication, including both in triggering vocalizations and in mediating listener behavioral responses. However, the processes involved have received relatively little attention within the field of animal bioacoustics, at least in comparison to topics such as vocal anatomy, sensory processing, and the possible importance of higher-order cognition. It is therefore useful to take stock of what we currently know about the role of emotion in mammalian vocalization across species. Common elements of the papers in this Special Session will be highlighted, with the goal of identifying commonalities and differences in underlying approaches and overall findings. This overview will focus on key areas and issues that should be addressed both in reaching a better understanding of the role of emotion in vocalization and in raising the profile of this critical component of organismal function in the larger arena of the science of vocal communication.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 27 OCTOBER 2009

RIO GRANDE EAST, 1:35 TO 3:00 P.M.

Session 2pAOa

Acoustical Oceanography: Acoustics and Ocean Acidity II

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Invited Paper

1:35

2pAOa1. Ocean acidification and its impact on ocean noise level: An analysis using empirical and physical models of acoustic transmission loss. D. Benjamin Reeder and Ching-Sang Chiu (Dept. of Oceanogr., Naval Postgrad. School, Monterey, CA 93943, dbreeder@nps.edu)

Over the next several hundred years, ocean acidification is expected to reduce average ocean pH. It has been reported that, given a 0.3 reduction in pH from 8.1 to 7.8, a 40% reduction in the acoustic absorption coefficient at low frequencies (less than 1 kHz) could result, suggesting a significant increase in ocean noise. Such extrapolations are based on the corresponding percentage change in the absorption loss only and ignore other dominant acoustic energy loss mechanisms, such as seabed attenuation, as well as the effect of ocean waveguide physics and the depth dependence of ocean pH. Presented here is an analysis of the impact of the reduction in ocean pH on ocean noise level using empirical and physical models of acoustic transmission loss. Three ocean acoustic environments are analyzed to elucidate the expected change in ocean noise level as a function of frequency: shallow water, a surface duct, and the deep ocean. Results show a negligible change in ocean noise in the shallow water and surface duct environments for all frequencies. In the deep ocean, the maximum change in ocean noise level occurs at approximately 2 kHz, with no significant change below 800 Hz.

Contributed Papers

2:00

2pAOa2. Ocean noise level change in response to ocean acidification. Ilya A. Udovydchenkov and Timothy F. Duda (AOPE Dept., Woods Hole Oceanograph. Inst., 266 Woods Hole Rd., Woods Hole, MA, 02543)

It has been known for several decades that reduction in ocean pH (increase in acidity) would have an impact on ocean sound content and propagation loss. Net flux of carbon dioxide into the ocean has already reduced pH in the upper ocean, and as a result has reduced absorption in those same waters. This trend will likely continue. Based on forecasts of oceanic pH profiles and sound sources, changes in ocean sound content (ambient noise) can be computed. In general, sound energy loss can be partitioned into intrinsic dissipation (the chemical relaxation absorption process) and dissipation in the seafloor, with the boundary loss being analogous to subunity reflectivity at the boundaries of a room or concert hall. Here, expected deep ocean noise level changes in various frequency bands from 0.1 to 10 kHz are presented. A model is used that includes basic propagation physics (including the sound channel), depth variability of absorption, loss of sound

energy into seafloor, and distributed acoustic sources. At low frequency, little sound is absorbed, so absorption effects are muted. At higher frequencies, sound does not propagate far, also minimizing absorption effects. In the center of the band, there can be sizable effects.

2:15

2pAOa3. A computational assessment of the sensitivity of ambient noise level to ocean acidification. John E Joseph and Ching-Sang Chiu (Oceanogr. Dept., Naval Postgrad. School, 833 Dyer Rd., Monterey, CA 93943, jejoseph@nps.edu)

Low-frequency (<2 kHz) sound propagating through the ocean is attenuated by the pH-dependent boric acid chemical relaxation process. This well-studied process shows that lower seawater pH results in lower sound attenuation at low frequencies. Thus, the uptake of anthropogenic CO₂ by seawater, leading to ocean acidification and lowering pH of seawater, has potential to change ambient noise levels. An important question is: By how much? Here, changes in ambient noise level due to theoretical changes in

seawater pH have been calculated at three different locations, the Pacific, Atlantic, and Arctic oceans, using a hypothetical spatial distribution of pH based on the literature and forecasted to the year 2100 [Cao *et al.*, (2007); McNeil and Matear, (2006)]. A range-dependent acoustic model has been applied using sound speed and winds based on climatology, and a historical shipping database to make ambient noise level predictions. Results of our model calculations are presented and discussed.

2:30

2pAOa4. Sound absorption and pH quantification in the presence of signal fluctuations. Timothy F. Duda (AOPE Dept. MS 11, Woods Hole Oceanograph. Inst., Woods Hole, MA 02543)

The technique of using differential sound attenuation over a known path in two or more frequency bands to measure pH -dependent sound absorption effects, and by extension integrated ocean pH , was introduced in the 1980s by Jin and Worcester. The method is complicated by the fact that the mean levels of fluctuating signals with additive noise must be determined. The gain of the measurement increases with propagation distance because absorption (attenuation) accumulates with distance, but fluctuations tend to also increase with distance, and signal to noise ratio decreases, inhibiting the measurement. The fluctuation effects dominate. Utilizing intensity fluctuation data (from long-range experiments of recent decades) plus estimated signal and noise levels, the quantity of independent differential attenuation

data points needed (N) to make measurement (pH accuracy of 0.05) is estimated and presented, as a function of center frequency, band separation, and propagation distance. One such estimate is $N=500$ for 450-Hz, 200-Hz band separation, 700 km. Reducing to 100-Hz separation quadruples N for a given distance and center frequency. Increasing distance slightly increases N and shifts the optimal frequency (least N required) downward, while reducing it has the opposite effect.

2:45

2pAOa5. Effect of ocean acidity on the mid-frequency ambient noise field in shallow water. Daniel Rouseff and Dajun Tang (Appl. Phys. Lab., Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105)

Due to increased acidification, Hester *et al.* [Geophys. Res. Lett. **35**, L19601] estimate that by midcentury the sound absorption of seawater will decrease by almost 40%. In the present study, the expected relative increase in the mid-frequency ambient noise field is estimated. Emphasis is placed on shallow water scenarios with typical summertime sound speed profiles and frequencies from 1 to 5 kHz. A model is developed that assumes shallow water internal waves will redistribute energy from high-order acoustic modes excited by noise sources near the sea surface into ducted, low-order modes that propagate with low loss. Calculations are made as a function of pH level, the strength of the internal waves, and the bottom composition. The modeled noise field is beamformed and the effect on the so-called ambient noise notch is estimated.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 27 OCTOBER 2009

RIO GRANDE EAST, 3:45 TO 4:45 P.M.

Session 2pAOB

Acoustical Oceanography: Munk Award Lecture

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Chair's Introduction—3:45

Invited Paper

3:55

2pAOB1. Acoustical oceanography and shallow water acoustics. James F. Lynch (Woods Hole Oceanograph. Inst., 98 Water St., Woods Hole, MA 02543, jlynch@whoi.edu)

In acoustical oceanography, we use sound to help infer the physical characteristics of the ocean and seabed. There is a rich store of oceanographic, geological, and biological phenomena to be explored in shallow water, and we look at some of these phenomena first, with an eye toward what the current interests and challenges are. In seabed acoustics, the continental slopes and the canyons that cross-cut them are new and challenging areas to address. In physical oceanography, the full four-dimensional description of the internal wave field on the continental shelf is still a challenge. Also, the physical oceanography of the shelfbreak, continental slope, and canyons is another exciting new area. Biologically, the fact that marine life concentrates near the shelfbreak and in canyons is known, but is not well quantified. In looking at these topics, we will first address the forward propagation problem, and then decide how and if the acoustic inverse problem should be addressed. We will also discuss what specific ocean, biological, and seabed properties most need to be measured, and also how to best measure them—whether acoustically or otherwise.

Session 2pBB

Biomedical Ultrasound/Bioresponse to Vibration: Imaging, Therapy, and Propagation

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Contributed Papers

1:00

2pBB1. Kidney stone localization *in vitro* using multiple-signal-classification. Jonathan M. Kracht, Paul E. Barbone, and Robin O. Cleveland (Boston Univ., 110 Cummington St., Boston, MA 02215)

During shock wave lithotripsy, respiration and patient movement result in motion of a kidney stone. It has been estimated that 50% of the shock waves miss the stone. The misshots result in damage to the tissue with no therapeutic benefit. Here we employed a ring array of seven piezo-electric elements with center frequency of ~600 kHz to track stones *in vitro*. Each element was used to transmit in turn, and the individual waveforms received on all elements were recorded. The Fourier transform of these data gives the multistatic response matrix, whose largest eigenvalues represent the dominant scatterers in the medium. The associated eigenvectors were employed by the multiple-signal-classification (MUSIC) method to generate a scattering indicator image from which scatterer locations were determined. We tested MUSIC's applicability to track artificial kidney stones in water or with a tissue phantom. Single targets were tracked with an accuracy of 4 mm. A single stone resulted in three eigenvalues and therefore the seven element array could track two targets. Two targets were resolved for separations of 10 mm. The results indicate that MUSIC can be employed to track kidney stones although more elements would be required to track multiple fragments. [Work supported in part by NIH DK-43881].

1:15

2pBB2. Radiation pressure from ultrasound to help kidney stones pass. Wei Lu, Bryan W. Cunitz, Peter J. Kaczowski (Ctr. for Industrial and Medical Ultrasound, Appl. Phys. Lab., Univ. of Washington, 1013 NE 40th Seattle, WA 98105, weilu@u.washington.edu), Anup Shah (Univ. of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA 98195), Oleg A. Sapozhnikov (Phys. Faculty, Moscow State Univ., Moscow 119991, Russian Federation), and Michael R. Bailey (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105)

Residual kidney stone fragments often remain months after treatment. These fragments may nucleate new stones and contribute to a 50% recurrence within 5 years. Here, a research focused ultrasound device was used to generate fragment motion with the goal of facilitating passage. Natural and artificial stones 1–8 mm in length were surgically placed in the urine space in pig kidneys. The ultrasound source was a 2.75-MHz, eight-element annular array with a 6-cm radius of curvature. At adjustable focal depths of 5–8 cm, the focal pressure beam width in water was about 2 mm, and peak pressure was about 4 MPa. Targeting was done by ultrasound using B-mode and twinkling artifact that stones produce in Doppler mode. The commercial imaging probe was placed within and oriented down the axis of the therapy probe. Ultrasound and fluoroscopy showed the stones moving in real-time under the influence of the focused ultrasound. Stones moved on the order of 1 cm/s away from the source and several stones moved several centimeters down the ureter. It appeared that stones were affected only when directly in the focal beam, perhaps indicating that radiation pressure not streaming caused the motion. [Work supported by NIH DK43881 and NSBRI SMST001601.]

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2pBB3. Dependency of attenuation slope of tumor tissue on animal viability. Alexander Haak, Zachary T. Hafes (Dept. of Elec. Eng., Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 405 N. Mathews, Urbana, IL 61801, ahaak@uiuc.edu), Timothy J. Hall (Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53705), and William D. O'Brien, Jr. (Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801, ahaak@uiuc.edu)

The attenuation slope (AS) is an acoustic parameter that can be utilized to characterize tissue. Previously, an algorithm was developed and validated on tissue mimicking phantoms that utilized the backscattered ultrasound signal to estimate the AS from single element pulse/echo data. Most AS data reported in literature have been acquired from dead tissue samples. There may be differences in the AS between live and dead tissues due to blood flow. Therefore, the dependency of the AS on animal viability is investigated. Fibroadenomas that developed spontaneously in Sprague Dawley rats were scanned with two single element transducers (3.5 and 7.5 MHz). The animal was then euthanized and the tumor was scanned again using the same parameters as in the previous scan. The data were postprocessed and the AS were estimated. The estimated AS of fibroadenomas for live animals ranged from 0.34–1.4 and 0.53–1.48 dB/cm MHz for 3.5 and 7.5 MHz, respectively. Similar AS results (0.3–1.1 and 0.5–1.4 dB/cm MHz for 3.5 and 7.5 MHz, respectively) were obtained for the euthanized animals. An analysis of variance was performed on the AS data and no significant difference in the AS estimated between live and dead animals was obtained. [Work supported by NIH Grant No. R01CA111289.]

1:45

2pBB4. Comparison of ultrasonic backscatter coefficient estimates from rat mammary tumors using single element and array transducers. Lauren A. Wirtzfeld, Goutam Ghoshal, Zachary T. Hafes, Rita J. Miller, Sandhya Sarwate (Bioacoustics Res. Lab., Dept. of Elec. and Comput. Eng., Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 405 N. Mathews, Urbana, IL 61801), Timothy J. Hall (Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53705), Michael L. Oelze, and William D. O'Brien, Jr. (Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801)

The ultrasonic backscatter coefficient (BSC) is the fundamental quantitative estimate from measurements that can be parametrized to yield the effective scatterer diameter and acoustic concentration. The ability to accurately estimate the BSC using different imaging systems (i.e., a system independent estimate) is significant for clinical application of QUS imaging. In this study, BSCs were estimated from spontaneous mammary tumors in rats using both single-element transducers and linear arrays from a clinical imaging system. The BSC as a function of frequency was computed from the rf backscattered signals from Sprague Dawley rats that developed either fibroadenoma or carcinoma tumors. The tumors were scanned using three single-element transducers with a collective –10-dB bandwidth of 1.4–18 MHz and two linear arrays from the Ultrasonix RP system with a collective –10-dB bandwidth of 2–8 MHz. For the single-element transducers, a smooth Plexiglas plate was used to acquire a reference scan. For the linear arrays, a well characterized tissue mimicking phantom containing spherical glass beads was used as a reference. Based on the respective reference scans, the BSCs were extracted from the data. The results between a laboratory system and a clinical imaging system showed good agreement. [NIH Grant R01CA111289.]

2:00

2pBB5. A low-frequency array system for transcranial foreign body detection. Caleb H. Farny, Sai Chun Tang, and Greg T. Clement (Dept. of Radiology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Med. School, 221 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115, cfarny@bwh.harvard.edu)

There has been recent interest in developing portable devices for advanced battlefield regions to detect foreign bodies that have penetrated the skull. Here we present on a compact ultrasound array system for transcranial detection of foreign bodies embedded in a tissue-mimicking phantom. The system is designed to be powered from a laptop via USB and present information regarding the presence of foreign targets within the skull. Design parameters investigated the influence of transducer center frequency and diameter, with particular importance placed on minimizing the number of transducers employed in the array for weight reduction. Frequencies ranging from 320 to 800 kHz were examined as well as the tradeoff between longitudinal and shear mode propagations through the skull bone layer. *Ex vivo* human calvaria were used to mimic application conditions. Measurement consisted of successive excitation of each transducer in the array by a three-cycle bipolar pulse from a single-channel multiplex pulse-receive system, and the scattered signal was successively received by each transducer in the array. The maximum volume of interrogation and resolution of detection relative to the skull bone were determined from placement of stainless steel and ceramic targets embedded in the phantom positioned inside the skull. [Work supported by USAMRMC:NPI-0704-00710.]

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2pBB6. In vivo imaging of developing mouse embryos using a high-frequency annular-array and chirp-coded excitation. Jonathan Mamou, Jeffrey A. Ketterling (F. L. Luzzi Ctr. for Biomedical Eng., Riverside Res. Inst., 156 William St., New York, NY 10038, mamou@rrinyc.org), Orlando Aristizábal, and Daniel H. Turnbull (New York Univ. School of Medicine, New York, NY 10016)

High-frequency ultrasound (HFU) offers great potential for *in vivo* imaging of developing mouse embryos. Nevertheless, mouse-embryo imaging remains challenging because of the random orientation of the embryos and of the limited acoustic penetration depth of HFU. In this study, a 34-MHz, five-element annular array was excited using conventional mono-cycle and chirp-coded excitations. Synthetic focusing and pulse compression (for the chirp excitation) were used to form images with increased depth of field and penetration depth (for the chirp excitation). Three-dimensional (3-D) datasets were acquired from 11-, 12-, and 13-day-old mouse-embryo heads using both excitation schemes and a respiratory-gating algorithm that limited motion artifacts. 3-D reconstructions of the brain ventricles were formed and compared to MRI-based reconstructions. The chirp-based reconstructions were more morphologically accurate than the mono-cycle-based reconstructions. Furthermore, only chirp datasets provided sufficient penetration depth to correctly segment the brain ventricles lying deep inside the mother. Differences between the calculated brain-ventricle volumes obtained using chirp and mono-cycle excitations were as high as 80%. The results of this study suggest that high-frequency chirp-annular-array imaging could become a valuable tool for translational studies and non-invasive efficient phenotyping of the early mouse central nervous system. [Work supported by NIH Grants EB006509 and EB008606.]

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2pBB7. Shannon entropy can detect myocardial anisotropy without specular echo gating *in vitro*. Ya-Jian Cheng, Michael S. Hughes, Jon N. Marsh, Kirk D. Wallace, and Samuel A. Wickline (Dept. Biomedical Eng., Washington Univ. in St. Louis, Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63124, primase@gmail.com)

Ultrasonic images are often corrupted by specular echoes that obscure features near interfacial boundaries. This problem can be especially severe for *in vitro* examination of excised tissues (e.g., myocardium) which must often be sliced into thin sections to permit examination by other techniques in addition to ultrasound (e.g., optical, MRI, and histology), in order to characterize infarct region size and myofiber orientation. In many of these studies, myocardial anisotropy is obscured without removal of specular echoes by gating. Here, it is demonstrated that entropy imaging enables visualiza-

tion of myocardial anisotropy without gating. Short axis slice of mouse heart ($n=4$) was C-scanned on a 55×55 grid, with 0.1 mm stepsize. At each point one 8-bit, 2048 point, time-averaged A-line was acquired. These were analyzed using three signal receivers, log variance, log energy (sum of squared), and Shannon entropy, to produce one pixel value at each location in the C-scan. Diffusion-tensor-weighted magnetic resonance at 12 T was used to validate the ultrasonic result. Among the three signal receivers, only entropy clearly resolves myocardial anisotropy without specular echo removal. [This work supported by NIH CA119342, and NSC-095-SAF-1-564-051-TMS.]

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2pBB8. Real-time Renyi entropy processing for molecular imaging using targeted nanoparticles. Kirk Wallace, John McCarthy, Victor Wickerhauser, Jon Marsh, Gregory Lanza, Samuel Wickline, and Michael Hughes (Washington Univ. in Saint Louis, St. Louis, MO 63108)

Previously, improvements in *in vivo* molecular imaging sensitivity were obtained using Renyi entropy, $I_f(r)$ with values of r near 2, specifically $r=1.99$. This result raised the possibility of further improvements in sensitivity even closer to the limit $r \rightarrow 2$ [at $r=2$, $I_f(r)$ is undefined]. However, such an investigation was not feasible due to excessive computational time required to calculate $I_f(r)$ near this limit. In this study, an asymptotic expression for the limiting behavior of $I_f(r)$ as $r \rightarrow 2$ is derived and used to present results analogous to those obtained with $I_f(1.99)$. Moreover, the limiting form, $I_{f,\infty}$ is computable directly from the experimentally measured waveform, $f(t)$ by an algorithm suitable for real-time implementation. To test our approach, five mice were injected with $\alpha_v\beta_3$ -targeted nanoparticles, and ultrasound images obtained at 0-, 15-, 30-, and 45-min post-injection. Two control groups ($N=5$, injected with untargeted-nanoparticles, or no injection) were also imaged. Renyi images were able to differentiate the groups ($p < 0.05$) at 15 min post-injection. This outcome agrees with previous studies using targeted-nanoparticles and demonstrates the ability of entropy-based signal receivers when used in conjunction with targeted-nanoparticles to elucidate the presence of $\alpha_v\beta_3$ -integrins in primordial neovasculature, particularly in acoustically unfavorable environments. [Work supported by NIH EB002168.]

3:00—3:15 Break

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2pBB9. Assessment of shear elasticity and viscosity of tissue using acoustic radiation force applied to a spherical acoustic inhomogeneity. Andrei B. Karpiouk, Salavat R. Aglyamov, and Stanislav Y. Emelianov (Dept. of Biomedical Eng., Univ. of Texas at Austin, r. 3.314, 107 W Dean Keeton St., Austin, TX 78712, andrei.karpiouk@engr.utexas.edu)

An accurate assessment of mechanical properties of tissue is desired in many applications ranging from biomedical research to medical diagnostics and surgery. Currently, several methods to assess shear elasticity of tissue are available while the techniques to measure tissue viscosity are not yet fully developed. However, shear viscosity is an indicative functional parameter of soft tissue. In addition, the local changes of shear viscosity can affect the accuracy of shear elasticity assessment. Therefore, in this study, an acoustic radiation force approach to assess both shear elasticity and viscosity of tissue is developed. Such approach is based on monitoring of the spatio-temporal displacement of an ultrasound inhomogeneity in response to applied impulsive radiation force. In experiments, a 2-mm-diameter solid sphere was embedded into the gel phantoms with varying shear elasticity and viscosity. The sphere was then perturbed using acoustic radiation force produced by a single-element focused ultrasound transducer operating at 3.5 MHz. The displacement of the sphere was monitored using another single-element focused ultrasound transducer with center frequency of 25 MHz. The results indicate that the temporal characteristics of the displacement can be used to assess both shear elasticity and viscosity of tissues simultaneously and independently. [Work supported by NIH.]

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2pBB10. Quantitative estimation of complex shear modulus of liver and hydrogels through shear-wave imaging. M. Orescanin (Dept. of Elec. and Comput. Eng., Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 405 N. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL 61801, moresca2@uiuc.edu), M. A. Qayyum, K. S. Toohey, and M. F. Insana (Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801)

A Doppler-based shear-wave imaging technique is described for estimating the complex shear modulus ($\mu + i\omega\eta$) at shear-wave frequencies between 50 and 450 Hz. The developed technique involves a mechanical actuator that harmonically drives a stainless steel biopsy needle placed in the medium. Narrowband cylindrical shear waves are imaged using pulsed Doppler techniques. Shear moduli were computed from Doppler detected velocity. A phase gradient technique is applied to measure shear-wave speed. Spatially averaged speeds were numerically fit to a mathematical model relating dispersion and complex modulus. The proposed method was used to estimate complex shear modulus of the homogeneous three dimensional collagen hydrogels and of fresh and thermally-damaged porcine liver. The elastic shear modulus of 4% collagen hydrogel was measured, $\mu = 640 \pm 14$ Pa, using a commercial rheometer as a standard. The phase gradient approach yielded frequency-independent moduli $\mu = 570 \pm 67$ Pa and $\eta = 0.16 \pm 0.09$ Pa s. For fresh liver shear-wave imaging between 50–300 Hz yielded frequency-independent moduli $\mu = 1757 \pm 733$ Pa and $\eta = 1.72 \pm 0.48$ Pa s and $\mu = 3851 \pm 3233$ Pa and $\eta = 8.9 \pm 2.9$ Pa s for thermally-damaged liver. Good agreement between the rheometer measurements and the shear-wave imaging approach shows that we can quantitatively estimate viscoelastic properties of the hydrogels and liver.

3:45

2pBB11. Generation of long pulses of focused ultrasound by time reversal system. Laurent Fillinger (Artann Labs., 1459 Lower Ferry Rd., Trenton, NJ 08618), Yegor Sinelnikov (126 Liberty Ave., Port Jefferson, NY 11777), Alexander Sutin, and Armen Sarvazyan (Artann Labs., Trenton, NJ 08618)

Ultrasound focusing based on time reversal acoustics (TRA) principles typically produces short ultrasound pulses having relatively low time-average intensity, which highly limits the therapeutic applications of these systems. The aim of this study was to explore theoretically and experimentally the possibility of generating long ultrasound signals by the TRA focusing. The TRA focusing of long signals requires application of broadband signals and depends on the signal bandwidth and the number of transducers. The radiation of the sequence of the TRA focused long signals makes it possible to focus ultrasound in a continuous mode. The theoretical model comprised several point sources located inside a liquid-filled reverberator. The model allowed calculation of the spatial structure of ultrasound field for the various focused signals. The dependence of the focused field spatial structure on the bandwidth of the signal as well as onto the number of ultrasonic transducers was investigated. Experiments were conducted using a water filled plastic bottle reverberator with five attached

transducers. The effective TRA focusing of long signals was demonstrated for linear sweep and band-limited noise in the 200–800-kHz range.

4:00

2pBB12. Fast MATLAB-based ultrasound simulation software: Time harmonic calculations. Robert J. McGough, Donald VanderLaan, and Joshua Wong (Dept. of Elec. and Comput. Eng., Michigan State Univ., 2120 Eng. Bldg., East Lansing, MI 48824)

A library of fast C++ routines is created for MATLAB simulations of time harmonic pressures generated by ultrasound phased arrays. These programs are included in the recently released FOCUS software package, where FOCUS is an acronym for “fast object-oriented C++ ultrasound simulator.” FOCUS is intended for large scale phased array simulations, characterizations of beamforming strategies, and analysis of new phased array designs. This software supports nearfield simulations of individual flat circular and rectangular pistons and focused spherical shells. Routines for pressure calculations with flat and curved phased array geometries consisting of circular and rectangular elements are also included. Within the FOCUS program, time harmonic simulations are performed with a combination of the fast nearfield method and the angular spectrum approach. Comparisons of errors and computation times with competing programs are evaluated for single element and phased array calculations, and results show that, for the same peak error value, FOCUS achieves an order of magnitude or more reduction in the computation time in large phased array simulations.

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2pBB13. Fast MATLAB-based ultrasound simulation software: Transient calculations. Robert J. McGough, Donald VanderLaan, and Joshua Wong (Dept. of Elec. and Comput. Eng., Michigan State Univ., 2120 Eng. Bldg., East Lansing, MI 48824)

The FOCUS software package quickly calculates transient pressure fields generated by ultrasound phased arrays. This software is useful for visualizing pressure wave propagation in the nearfield region, and the results are directly applicable to beamforming evaluations and phased array design for diagnostic and therapeutic applications. FOCUS includes support for transient pressure calculations with single transducers, including flat circular and rectangular pistons as well as spherically focused shells, and arrays of flat circular and rectangular transducers. Routines to calculate time delays for focusing the arrays are also included with the software. Transient calculations are performed with a combination of the fast nearfield method and time space decomposition, which achieves rapid convergence to reduce the numerical error while significantly reducing the computation time. Within the FOCUS software, time space decomposition is implemented with a simplified approach that decreases the overhead and reduces the computational complexity. The advantages of FOCUS over competing approaches include short computation times and small numerical errors. Examples of the supported element and array geometries will be shown, and sample codes will be provided. Transient pressure fields computed with FOCUS and with FIELD II are compared, and results show that, for the same peak error value, FOCUS is several times faster for calculations in the nearfield region.

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Session 2pMUa

Musical Acoustics: Acoustics of Free-Reed Instruments II: Accordion Acoustics

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Invited Paper

1:00

2pMUa1. The adoption of the accordion and other bellows-blown free-reed instruments in world cultures. Paul A. Wheeler (Utah State Univ., 4120 Old Main Hill, Logan, UT 84322-4120)

Free-reed mouth organs, such as the Laotian khaen or the Chinese sheng, have been known for centuries in Asia. Several free-reed instruments (such as the accordion, concertina, and harmonium) using bellows rather than the mouth as a wind supply were developed in Europe during the 19th century. As European influence spread throughout the world, so did the adoption of the accordion-like instruments that penetrate local musical cultures around the world. This paper presents an overview of the usage of bellows-blown free-reed instruments in musical cultures of the world. It includes the zydeco accordion of New Orleans, the bandoneon (concertina) of the Argentine tango, and the harmonium of Hindustani music in India.

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2pMUa2. Characteristics and construction of the accordion. John J. Stankus (11308 Pickfair Dr., Austin, Texas, 78750-2528, squeeze@accordion.com)

The accordion family has a broad spectrum of members including piano accordions, chromatic button accordions, diatonic button accordions, bayans, buttonbox accordions, concertinas, and bandoneons. The common sound generator in all of these instruments is the free reed. This presentation will focus on the characteristics and construction of the accordion with emphasis on the tunings and the reeds. The configuration of the keys and buttons will be explained using the piano accordion. The application of the concert tuning and musette tuning will be contrasted. The versatility of the accordion will be shown as the combination of the four sets of reeds emulates the various instruments of the orchestra. The effect of tone chambers will be discussed. Accordion construction and its materials will be explained with photos and hands on parts. The materials and construction processes will be described with focus on the reeds and reed blocks. The 19th century construction of the accordion has not really changed. Some ideas will be presented for building a modern accordion utilizing the latest materials and processes. Examples of this are the use of carbon fiber molded case and reed manufacture using electrostatic discharge machining.

Contributed Papers

2:00

2pMUa3. Vibrational modes of accordion reeds. Sarah L. Behrens (Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, slbehrens@coe.edu), Whitney L. Coyle (Murray State Univ., Murray, KY 42071), Nicholas P. Goodweiler (Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242), and James P. Cottingham (Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402)

Some new measurements made of the oscillation of air-driven accordion reeds show that higher transverse modes through the fourth mode are present as well as the first torsional mode. The second and third transverse modes are observable even at low amplitudes of oscillation. All of these have been previously observed in reed organ reeds [Paquette *et al.*, *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **114**, 2348 (2003)]. Additionally, for the first time a lateral mode of vibration (transverse vibration perpendicular to the usual first transverse mode) has been observed. For airflow in a given direction, only one of the two reeds mounted in each wind chamber is the primary source of sound production, but the vibration of the secondary reed has also been studied. The amplitudes of higher-frequency modes relative to the fundamental are observed to be higher in the secondary reed than in the primary reed. Finite element calculations of the reed modes have been made, and the calculated mode frequencies and node locations were used to verify mode identification. [Work partially supported by National Science Foundation REU Grant No. PHY-0354058.]

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2pMUa4. Influence of accordion reed chamber geometry on reed vibration and airflow. Whitney L. Coyle (Murray State Univ., Murray, KY 42071, wlcoyle@hotmail.com), Sarah L. Behrens, and James P. Cottingham (Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402)

An experimental study has been made on the motion of air-driven accordion reeds in which some measurements were made with the reed block removed from the instrument, but most were made with the reeds in the instrument with the bellows replaced by a clear acrylic wind chest driven at appropriate blowing pressure by a small organ blower. Measurements of reed displacement and velocity as a function of time were made using a laser vibrometer system, and corresponding sound pressure waveforms were obtained from a probe microphone near the reed opening. Airflow waveforms were calculated by integrating the pressure waveform and using a computed area function. Effects of changes in reed chamber geometry on the reed vibration spectrum and the airflow waveform have been investigated, along with effects on the spectrum of the radiated sound and sounding frequency. Results of changes in the position of the pallet valve, such as partial opening, have also been studied. Additional measurements made for each reed include the variation in sounding frequency and amplitude of vibration with blowing pressure. The results are compared with previous measurements and calculations from theoretical models. [Work partially supported by National Science Foundation REU Grant No. PHY-0354058.]

Invited Paper

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2pMUa5. Accordion reeds, cavity resonance, and pitch bend. Thomas Tonon (11 Bolymar Ave., Princeton Junction, NJ 08550)

In keyed free reed instruments such as accordions and concertinas, the reeds are mounted over cavities that have little effect on the vibration of the reed itself, because resonances between the reed and cavity are rarely encountered. In fact, in conventional instruments, resonances can interfere with the self-excitation mechanism of the reed and become problematic to the builder. On the other hand, one can exploit such resonances in order to produce pitch bend and other acoustic effects, by intentionally designing the cavity for near resonance and by providing a mechanism that permits the musician to engage resonance at will. First, conventionally designed cavity resonance is investigated over the frequency range of the instrument, illustrating the thoroughness and facility with which cavity resonance can be designed out of conventional instruments. Finally, cavity designs and linkage mechanisms to exploit desirable acoustic effects of cavity resonance are illustrated.

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LIVE OAK, 3:15 TO 4:15 P.M.

Session 2pMUB

Musical Acoustics: Pitch Bending Accordion Demonstration and Concert

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Accordionist Ruben Coe of Laredo, Texas, will demonstrate pitch bending on a specially designed accordion.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 27 OCTOBER 2009

RIO GRANDE CENTER, 5:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

Session 2pMUc

Musical Acoustics: Concert Featuring Juan Tejeda and the Band Conjunto Aztlan

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Conjunto Aztlan, founded in Austin in 1977, performs in the Austin and San Antonio areas. The instrumentation features Tejano button accordion, two- and three-part harmonies, and original songs. The music includes traditional conjunto as well as a variety of other styles.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 27 OCTOBER 2009

REGENCY EAST 1, 1:30 TO 4:15 P.M.

Session 2pNS

Noise: Advancements in Noise Control, Hearing Conservation, and Speech

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Contributed Papers

1:30

2pNS1. Comparison of noise levels between four hospital wings with different material treatments. Cassandra H. Wiese, Lily M. Wang, and Lauren M. Ronsse (Architectural Engr. Prog., Peter Kiewit Inst., Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1110 S. 67th St., Omaha, NE 68182-0681, cwiese@mail.unomaha.edu)

Noise levels in four hospital areas of the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE, have been measured and compared to study the relationship between materials present in each of the zones and the resulting noise levels. The four areas evaluated, including three hospital wings and a neonatal intensive care unit, have varying levels of acoustic floor and ceiling

treatments in the hallways and nurses' stations. Sound pressure levels were logged every 10 s over a 24-h period in at least three different locations simultaneously within each area: at the nurses' station, in the hallway, and in a nearby patient room. The resulting data were analyzed in terms of the hourly A-weighted equivalent sound levels (L_{eq}) as well as various exceedance levels (L_n). Results indicate that the material finishes in a zone are found to affect the ambient sound levels within the nurses' stations and hallways, while peak levels remain similar in most of the areas. Sound levels in the patient rooms, however, appear less correlated to materials in the hallway and nurses' station and more impacted by the peak levels coming from those spaces as well as patient equipment.

1:45

2pNS2. Mitigating existing mechanical noise in a new state-of-the-art Indoor Training Center for University of Washington Golf. Julie A. Wiebusch (The Greenbusch Group, Inc., 1900 West Nickerson, Ste. 201, Seattle, WA 98119)

For several years, excessive mechanical noise levels had rendered the "multi-purpose room" in the UW Hec Edmundson Pavilion virtually unusable by every athletic department. Adjacent to a mechanical room and separated only by a pair of poorly sealed doors, the room served as the main pathway for all ductwork from the mechanical room to other areas in the building. In addition, a large duct branched off of the main duct and ran vertically along one wall to exhaust the locker rooms below. The vertical portion of this duct had been partially enclosed in a gypsum board chase, which was making contact with the ductwork. The vibrational energy was re-radiated as airborne sound, emitting a low-frequency rumble throughout the space. Background noise levels were measured in excess of 70 dBA and NC 67. The space was offered to the Men's and Women's Golf Teams for their new Indoor Training Facility. This case study presents the mitigation techniques used to reduce noise levels to allow the room to be transformed into a cutting edge training facility.

2:00

2pNS3. Controlling ball mill noise with acoustic blankets: A case study. David R Zuchelli (Mine Safety and Health Administration, P.O. Box 18233, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, zuchelli.david@dol.gov)

The purpose of wrapping ball mills with thermal/acoustic blankets is twofold: (1) to maintain the desired temperature inside the mill and (2) to reduce the sound emanating from the mill. This field case study focuses solely on the latter, evaluating and documenting the sound level reduction attributed to the installation of the blankets and its potential to reduce the noise dose experienced by the process attendant. One of the three ball mills had already been treated (baseline) before the evaluation started. However, treating the remaining two mills still proved to be very effective, further reducing ball mill noise in the near field by as much as 10.0 dBA and producing far field noise reductions of 3.0 dBA or greater, extending as far as 35 ft from the mills and to the floor above. The model developed from the survey data shows that a process attendant spending a substantial portion of a shift in the mill building will experience a significant reduction in overall noise dose.

2:15

2pNS4. Evaluation of hydraulic silencers. Nicholas E. Earnhart, Kenneth A. Marek, and Kenneth A. Cunefare (Woodruff School of Mech. Eng., Georgia Inst. of Technol., 771 Ferst Dr., Grad Box 261, Atlanta, GA 30332, nick.earnhart@gmail.com)

Hydraulic silencers are devices used to mitigate fluid-borne noise in fluid power systems. Fluid-borne noise may be produced by positive-displacement pumps and interacts with system components to generate vibration and air-borne noise. It is of interest to quantify the performance of silencers with regard to the input reflection coefficient and transmission loss. A test rig has been constructed that uses a six-sensor method to determine these quantities. Construction and methodology will be presented along with results for a commercially available silencer.

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2pNS5. Numerical model for a hydraulic in-line silencer. Kenneth A. Marek, Nicholas E. Earnhart, and Kenneth A. Cunefare (Dept. of Mech. Engr., Georgia Inst. of Technol., 771 Ferst Dr., Grad Box 334, Atlanta, GA 30332, ken.marek@gatech.edu)

It is proposed that an in-line hydraulic silencer with a particular engineered lining can provide an effective alternative to other current silencing technologies. As a first step in validating this hypothesis, and to help with the design process, a numerical model is developed for a hydraulic silencer. The silencer consists of an annular dispersive medium with a rigid outer

boundary, where fluid flow is directed through the annulus. Silencer characteristics, including input port impedance and acoustic transmission loss, are predicted by this model. Effects of silencer geometry and material properties, including nonlinearities, are discussed.

2:45—3:00 Break

3:00

2pNS6. Improvement of vowel formant discrimination: Effects of global and local enhancement. Ashley Woodall and Chang Liu (Dept. of Commun. Sci. and Disord., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712)

Vowel formant discrimination measures the smallest change in vowel formant frequency that is detectable. Thresholds of vowel formant discrimination were examined for F2 frequency of three American English vowels on normal-hearing and hearing-impaired listeners. Vowel stimuli were manipulated with a global enhancement by increasing speech level from 70- to 90-dB SPL and a local enhancement by increasing F2 amplitudes of 3, 6, and 9 dB. For each listener, vowel formant discrimination was tested for six sets of stimuli (3 local F2 enhancement \times 2 global enhancement). Results showed that both normal-hearing and hearing-impaired listeners significantly benefited from local enhancement and local plus global enhancement, but not from global enhancement only. In addition, the improvement in vowel formant discrimination for hearing-impaired listeners was substantially higher than for normal-hearing listeners. However, given the same formant structure (original or enhanced F2), normal-hearing listeners did not receive any benefit from increasing the global level from 70- to 90-dB SPL. On the other hand, hearing-impaired listeners improved their thresholds from 70- to 90-dB SPL, but only when enhanced F2 was presented. There results indicate that, to improve vowel formant discrimination, local enhancement of target formant amplitude is more important than global enhancement.

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2pNS7. Testing the limits: Quantifying the degradation of automatic speech recognition in reverberant environments. Stephen Secules (Arup Acoust., 13 Fitzroy St., London W1T 4BQ, United Kingdom, stephen.secules@arup.com) and Jonas Braasch (Rennselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, NY 12180)

Surprisingly little is known about the specific character of the depreciation of automatic speech recognition in reverberation—its primary acoustics causes (e.g., room geometry and reverberation strength) or speech effects (blurring of syllables, plosives, and consonants). The focus of this study is to precisely quantify the depreciation of speech recognition accuracy for reverberant signals using a black box experiment to vary reverberation characteristics and observe speech recognition accuracy. The methodology tests two speech recognition platforms on a recognition task of similar sounding word lists. A range of reverberant settings was simulated by convolution with an impulse response. The recognizers had the least reverberant recognition accuracy for words which only differed by their ending consonants. The depreciation of recognition accuracy from early reflections alone was lower than the overall room effect; however, the overall depreciation with respect to the absorption coefficient was well predicted by the strength of the reverberant tail. The results were compared to the results of prior research.

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2pNS8. Angle dependent effects for impulse noise reduction for hearing protectors. William J. Murphy, Amir Khan, and Edward L. Zechmann (Hearing Loss Prevention Team, Nat. Inst. Occup. Safety and Health, 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-27, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1998, wjm4@cdc.gov)

The proposed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulation for labeling hearing protection devices (HPDs) includes an impulsive noise reduction rating. In 2009, the American National Standards Institute Subcommittee for noise approved a revised standard for measuring the impulsive insertion loss of HPDs, ANSI/ASA S12.42-2009. The exposure at the ear in response to a forward-propagating wave depends strongly on the orientation of the head with respect to the direction of propagation. Furthermore, the insertion loss varies with the peak sound pressure level. This paper reports

the results of tests performed using an acoustic shock tube to produce peak impulses of approximately 160-dB peak sound pressure level. Two manikins were evaluated: the GRAS KEMAR manikin equipped with 1/2- and 1/4-in. microphone in a GRAS 711 IEC coupler and the Institute de Saint Louis manikin equipped with a Bruel & Kjaer IEC 711 coupler equipped with a 1/4 in. microphone. The manikin heads were rotated through ± 90 deg relative to the direction of the oncoming wavefront and impulsive peak insertion loss was measured according to S12.42-2009. [Portions of the research were supported by U.S. EPA Interagency Agreement No. 75921973-01-0.]

3:45

2pNS9. *In-situ* measures of user's preferred listening levels with a portable digital music device. Edward L. Goshorn, Kathryn J. White, and Brett E. Kemker (Speech and Hearing Sci. Dept., 118 College Dr. 5092, Univ. of Southern MS, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001)

The recent development and popular use of personally worn digital music devices (PDMDs) have led to concerns about the intensity levels they produce. There is concern that users will set a PDMD to levels that are known to be hazardous to human hearing. The concern stems from the pri-

vate nature of a PDMD in that insert earphones are worn that restrict the output to the user's ears, thus prohibiting monitoring of such devices by parents, teachers, employers, etc. This project measured the *in-situ* dB SPL produced by PDMDs worn by 31 young adults (18–23 years) who had been wearing PDMDs for 3 years or less. Subjects set their PDMD to their preferred listening level (PLL) for a popular tune. Once set, *in-situ* SPL measures of the tune at a reference point and then for a white noise were obtained with a probe microphone located near the eardrum. Hearing thresholds were also obtained. Results showed a range of 52–107 dB with a mean PLL of 83 dB for music and a range of 53–99 dB with a mean PLL of 79 dB for white noise. None of the subjects had significant hearing loss.

4:00

2pNS10. Ultrawideband filter for audible sound. M. S. Kushwaha (Dept. of Phys., Univ. Sci. Tech. Lille1, Citye Scientifique, 59650 Villeneuve D'Ascq, France)

Extensive band structure computation has been performed for two-dimensional periodic arrays of rigid stainless steel cylinders in air, with Bloch vector being perpendicular to the cylinders. It is proposed that the fabrication of a multiperiodic system in tandem could create a huge hole in sound within the human audible range of frequencies.

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REGENCY EAST 3, 1:55 TO 4:05 P.M.

Session 2pPA

Physical Acoustics and Engineering Acoustics: A Man For All Seasons: Tribute to Robert T. Beyer

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Murray S. Korman, Cochair

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Chair's Introduction—1:55

Invited Papers

2:00

2pPA1. Robert T. Beyer: Thoughts and reflections from his family. Rick Beyer (34 Outlook Dr., Lexington, MA 02421, rick@plateofpeas.com)

Thoughts and reflections on what made Robert T. Beyer such an inspiring and unforgettable person, through family stories, 50 years of correspondence, and memories that friends and colleagues have shared with his children.

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2pPA2. Contributions of Robert T. Beyer to acoustical science: A review. Kenneth G. Foote (Woods Hole Oceanograph. Inst., Woods Hole, MA 02543), Stephen V. Letcher (Dept. of Phys., Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881), and Mark B. Moffett (731 Annapquatucket Rd., North Kingstown, RI 02852)

From his appointment as Instructor at Brown University in 1945 until well after his retirement, Beyer made significant contributions to the discovery and dissemination of knowledge about physical acoustics. Beginning with water and electrolytic solutions, Beyer and his students used ultrasonics to study relaxation processes in liquified gases, organic liquids, and single crystals, and in liquid metals. The 1951 review article with Markham and Lindsay [Markham, Beyer, and Lindsay, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **23**, 353411 (1951)] became a starting point for all ultrasonicians. Nonlinear acoustic phenomena also received special attention by Beyer and his students, who measured absorption and distortion of finite-amplitude waves; interaction of sound with sound, noise, and turbulence, including the first empirical verification of the parametric acoustic array in both water and air; and nonlinearity parameter of fluids as diverse as water, organic liquids, and liquid metals. New apparatus and methods were developed to aid the measurements, as of radiation pressure for the determination of absorption, a radio-frequency pulse system to measure distortion, and a complex wattmeter to measure intensity in a reactive acoustic field.

2pPA3. Robert T. Beyer: A sustained record of distinguished service to the profession. Allan D. Pierce (Acoust. Society of America, Ste. 1NO1, 2 Huntington Quadrangle, Melville, NY 11747, adp@bu.edu)

A historical and anecdotal account is given of Robert T. Beyer's professional service. Highlights include his service to the Acoustical Society as Member of the Executive Council (1956–1959), Vice-President (1961–1962), Chair of the Physical Acoustics Technical Committee (1963–1964), President-Elect (1967–1968), President (1968–1969), and Treasurer (1974–1994). He was Chair of the Investments Committee (1990–1992) and served as an Associate Editor of the Journal for three distinct terms: 1952–1955 (References), 1965–1969 (Acoustical News from Abroad), and 1985–1991 (Book Reviews). He also served as interim Editor-in-Chief after the death of Robert B. Lindsay in 1985. Beyer was a voracious reader, an indefatigable translator, and a prolific writer. He wrote several textbooks, numerous book reviews, and frequent reports in JASA on the finances of the Society. His activities as a translator and editor of translated journals are legendary. Beyer's connections with the American Institute of Physics include Board of Governors (1969), Member of Executive Committee of Board (1974), Member of Translation Advisory Board (1955–1978) and its Chairman (1957–1977), and Board of Translations Editors (1978). The ASA awarded Beyer its Distinguished Service Citation in 1978, but he undoubtedly did enough more between 1978 and 2008 to justify being awarded several additional Service Citations.

Contributed Papers

3:00

2pPA4. Robert Beyer's laboratory in nonlinear acoustics: 1975–1982 and earlier perspectives. Timothy K. Stanton (Dept. of Appl. Ocean Phys. and Eng., Woods Hole Oceanograph. Inst., Woods Hole, MA 02543, tstanton@whoi.edu) and Murray S. Korman (U.S. Naval Acad., Annapolis, MD 21402)

Professor Robert T. Beyer's laboratory at Brown University transitioned in the mid-1970s to conduct experiments (under Navy funding) on the nonlinear interaction of sound with noise (by T.K.S.) and, shortly after, on the nonlinear interaction of sound with turbulence (by M.S.K.). In this presentation, T.K.S. and M.S.K. recall their experiences in Beyer's laboratory during their tenure as graduate students. Under Beyer's guidance and support both graduate students ("unofficially" numbers 20 and 21) built up their experiments—mostly from scratch—but were able to use some remnants left over from an earlier era of graduate students, which included some intricately made ultrasonic transducers and precise mechanical staging. Beyer's earlier graduate students' dissertations also proved to be an invaluable source of knowledge. T.K.S. and M.S.K. developed considerable apparatus for their research. Prototype electronic equipment in that era involved mostly analog electronics because of the significant challenges associated with building the digital version at that time. The development of equipment including the complex acoustic watt meter (T.K.S.) and the hot film anemometer (M.S.K.) will be presented along with descriptions of their mea-

surements of nonlinear scattering. Professor Beyer's mentoring—the teacher, the historian, and storyteller—along with his fatherly guidance are heartfelt today.

3:15

2pPA5. Beyer's legacy in determination of nonlinear acoustic parameters. E. Carr Everbach (Eng. Dept., Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081 ceverba1@swarthmore.edu)

Beyer's classic 1974 text *Nonlinear Acoustics*, which was first published in 1976 and was later reprinted in 1994, provided the pedagogical foundation for generations of productive acoustics work. This talk will focus on Beyer's contributions to the theory and measurement of acoustic nonlinearity parameters, and on the later research that grew out of it, especially efforts to quantify and employ the acoustic nonlinear parameter B/A in innovative imaging strategies.

3:30

2pPA6. Robert T. Beyer: A portrait in nonlinear acoustics. Murray S. Korman (Dept. of Phys., U.S. Naval Acad., Annapolis, MD 21402) and Thomas G. Muir (Natl. Ctr. for Physical Acoust., University, MS 38677)

Robert T. Beyer's early work in nonlinear acoustics is explored through his publications, his book, *Nonlinear Acoustics*, and his work with graduate students and colleagues. Beyer's work was at the crossroads of the fundamental physics of nonlinear acoustics and his dogged pursuit of the B/A constant provided the essential information necessary for the field to develop.

3:45—4:05 Panel Discussion

Session 2pSC

Speech Communication: Speech Dynamics, Methods, and Models (Poster Session)

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Contributed Papers

All posters will be on display from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. To allow contributors an opportunity to see other posters, contributors of odd-numbered papers will be at their posters from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and contributors of event-numbered papers will be at their posters from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2pSC1. Kinematic modeling and acoustic measures of breathy voice.

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A variety of disordered vocal fold structural and vibratory parameters have been identified in patients with breathy dysphonia, although the contribution of each parameter to voice quality is unknown. This study is part of an effort to determine the relation between production and voice quality. A kinematic vocal fold model [based on I. R. Titze, *Speech Commun.*, **8**, 191–201 (1989)] that emulates the medial surface of the vocal folds was used to ascertain factors that lead to breathy voice. Based on the ratings of four expert listeners, five parameters were selected for further study. Combinations of multiple levels of adduction, bulging, nodal point, epilaryngeal area, and phase were used to generate 180 samples of sustained /a/ and /t/. Seven acoustic analyses were performed for each sample: maximum flow declination rate, maximum area declination rate, two measures of H1-H2, two measures of cepstral peak prominence, and noise to harmonics ratio. All parameters led to systematic changes in acoustic measures reflecting increasing breathiness, with several inconsistencies highlighting the uniqueness of each measure. The H1-H2 measures were inconsistent with the other data. Results will be described in light of how each measure can inform researchers about production. [Work supported in part by NIH R01-DC04789.]

2pSC2. VOICESAUCE: A program for voice analysis. Yen-Liang Shue (Dept. of Elec. Eng., Univ. of California, Los Angeles, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90095, yshue@ee.ucla.edu), Patricia Keating, and Chad Vicens (UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1543)

VOICESAUCE is a new application, implemented in MATLAB, which provides automated voice measurements over time from audio recordings. The measures currently computed are F0, H1(*), H2(*), H4(*), H1(*)-H2(*), H2(*)-H4(*), H1(*)-A1, H1(*)-A2, H1(*)-A3, energy, Cepstral Peak Prominence, F1-F4, and B1-B4, where (*) indicates that harmonic amplitudes are reported with and without corrections for formant frequencies and bandwidths [Iseli *et al.* (2006)]. Formant values are calculated using the Snack Sound Toolkit, while F0 is calculated using the STRAIGHT algorithm; harmonic spectra magnitudes are computed pitch-synchronously. VOICESAUCE takes as input a folder of wav files, and for each input wav file produces a MATLAB file with values every millisecond for all measures. It can operate over the whole input file or over segments delimited by a PRAAT textgrid file. VOICESAUCE then takes these MATLAB outputs, optionally along with electroglottographic measurements obtained separately from PCQUIRERX, and provides condensed outputs in text format; alternatively it can write the MATLAB outputs to the format used by the Emu Speech Database system. We compare results of VOICESAUCE analysis with manual measurements from FFT spectra and with measurements from a PRAAT script. [Work supported by NSF.]

2pSC3. Voice quality variation with fundamental frequency in English and Mandarin. Patricia Keating (Phonet. Lab., Dept. of Linguist., UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1543, keating@humnet.ucla.edu) and Yen-Liang Shue (Univ. of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA 90095)

Previous research has shown that F0 is positively related to H1*-H2* across male speakers of English [Iseli *et al.* (2006)] and to H1-H2 (after inverse filtering) within individual male speakers of Dutch [Swerts and Veldhuis (2001)]. That is, males who have overall higher-pitched voices generally have overall higher values of H1*-H2* (cross-speaker relation), and as an individual male's F0 goes up, H1-H2 generally also goes up (within-speaker relation). The present study investigates both of these relations, cross-speaker and within-speaker, for male and female speakers of English and Mandarin, and extends them to a large set of voice quality measures. The speech samples consist of repeated rising and falling tone sweeps, in which speakers began at a self-selected comfortable pitch, and then swept either up or down in pitch to their highest or lowest comfortable pitch. The beginnings of the sweeps are tested for cross-speaker relations, while the entire sweeps are tested for within-speaker relations. VOICESAUCE, a new program for voice analysis, is used to extract F0, energy, cepstral peak prominence, formants and bandwidths, and a variety of harmonic amplitude measures. Many measures are shown to be strongly related to F0. [Work supported by NSF.]

2pSC4. Voice quality and emotion classification on the valence scale. Ka Won Choi and Jeung-Yoon Choi (School of Elec. and Electron. Eng., Yonsei Univ., Seoul 120-749, Republic of Korea, toktok@dsp.yonsei.ac.kr)

While discriminating between several basic human emotions, such as neutral, joy, sadness, and anger, it has been observed that the most difficult emotions to tell apart automatically are between the two states of joy and anger. Since these two emotions have similarities on the arousal scale, it is difficult to distinguish them by simply using pitch and energy related feature measurements. Therefore, in this study, other additional feature parameters, related to voice quality, that are useful for discriminating between the two emotions of joy and anger are focused. For voice quality related features, global statistics of normalized spectral band energy, spectral tilt, open quotient, and first formant bandwidth values, along with their respective slopes and convexities, are measured from the happy and angry emotional speech from a Korean emotional database. From ANOVA tests, parameters of normalized spectral band energy, spectral tilt, and open quotient appear to be useful. Also, slopes and convexities of voice quality measurements appear to be more important than the values itself. These results are meaningful for classifying emotional states distributed on the valence scale and are expected to contribute in improving an overall emotion recognition system.

2pSC5. Automated extraction of prosodic features and analysis for emotional states. Suk-Myung Lee and Jeung-Yoon Choi (Yonsei Univ., 134 Sinchondong, Seodaemun-gu, 120-749 Seoul, Republic of Korea, pooh390@dsp.yonsei.ac.kr)

This study investigated the relationship between emotional states and prosody. A prosody detection algorithm [Choi *et al.*, *J. Acous. Soc. Am.* **188**, 2579–2587] was applied to extract accents and intonational boundaries automatically. The measurements used are derived from duration, pitch, harmonic structure, spectral tilt, and amplitude. Detection experiments on the Boston University Radio Speech Corpus show equal error detection rates around 70% for accent and intonational boundary detection. This algorithm was applied to a Korean emotional database subset, in which five sentences

were spoken by 15 speakers over four emotions: neutral, joy, sadness, and anger. By comparing the ratio of events that were detected as accent and intonational boundaries between neutral speech and emotional speech, our experiments find different distributions of these events for each emotion. In preliminary experiments, joy and anger tended to have fewer events classified as boundaries compared to other emotions. Also, joy and sadness have more events corresponding to accents. These results indicate that prosody detection can be useful for classification of emotion.

2pSC6. Modeling segmentation precision and inter-segmenter variability. Diana Stojanovic (Dept. of Linguist., Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa, 1890 East-West Rd., Honolulu, HI 96822, stojanov@hawaii.edu)

Inter-segmenter differences have been reported in the literature to affect the measurements of segment durations [Allen (1975)] and more specifically rhythm metrics [Mairano and Romano (2007)]. Segmenters may differ in criteria used for segmentation as well as resolution of uncertainty due to gradual change between segments (such as between nasalized vowel and coda nasal). In addition, small variations in the location of segmentation border (one period of the waveform, or 5–10 ms for adult speakers) are likely both between two segmenters and between different segmentation sessions of the same segmenter. This study investigates the effect of segmentation errors on the classification power of rhythm metrics. Errors are modeled to represent (1) small random variation and (2) resolution of larger interval uncertainties (20–30 ms). Simulations using the two scenarios were performed on samples of manually segmented speech. Results show that errors in scenario-1 do not affect the separation of languages in (%V, stdC), (rPVI-C, nPVI-V), and (%V, VarcoV) space, which implies that precision of less than 5 ms is not required in studies that use these measures. Errors in scenario-2 may be large enough to shift a language closer to the group it does not belong, depending on the frequency of such errors.

2pSC7. Aerodynamic modeling for concatenative speech synthesis. Kevin B. McGowan (Dept. of Linguist., Univ. of Michigan, 611 Tappan St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109, clunis@umich.edu)

Listeners can perceive and use a wide array of fine-grained phonetic details, including the detailed coarticulatory influences of adjacent sounds, when perceiving speech. Details like anticipatory nasalization in *can*, for example, potentially provide the listener with a rich network of informative cues and are a key to understanding listeners' ability to disambiguate speech sounds from seemingly ambiguous input. Unfortunately, these coarticulatory cues are generally missing or contradictory in the output of speech synthesis systems. These systems work by concatenating variable-length sound units chosen from a large database of recorded speech. Units are chosen to minimize two functions: the cost of aligning a particular unit with the desired speech output (target cost) and the cost of adjoining the next sound to the most recently selected unit (join cost). Generally, these costs are calculated using features which can be automatically extracted from the acoustic speech signal. A unit selection database is created, automatically segmented and automatically labeled with nasal and oral airflow feature vectors. These aerodynamic features are used as a proxy for articulatory information in the calculation of join and cost functions. Listeners' mean opinion scores are obtained on output from this system and a baseline acoustic system for comparison.

2pSC8. Normalization for vocal tract differences using long term average spectrum. Antonia D. Vitela, Andrew J. Lotto, and Brad H. Story (Speech, Lang. and Hearing Sci., Univ. of Arizona, 1131 E. 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85721)

Differences in vocal tract size and anatomy lead to substantial differences in acoustic realization of vowels. Much of the variability in vocal tract area functions is captured in the area function of the "neutral" (non-articulating) vocal tract of each talker. A listener could perceptually normalize talker variability substantially by extracting the neutral vocal tract and using it as a referent. Alternatively, the listener could extract the auditory representation of the output of the neutral tract and use it as a referent for the auditory representation of the vowel space. We will present such a model of perceptual talker normalization for vowels and demonstrate its effectiveness for a variety of vocal tract shapes and lengths. Additionally, we will provide evidence that this normalization may be implemented in an auditory process that (i) extracts the long term average spectrum from running speech

(providing an estimate of the neutral vowel), (ii) represents new input relative to this spectral average (providing normalization), and (iii) is not specific to speech. Additional analyses and perceptual results will demonstrate how this model can extend to normalization of consonant perception. [Work supported by NIH/NIDCD to A.J.L. and B.H.S. and Diversity Supplement to A.D.V.]

2pSC9. Analysis of the human phonation with different vocal fold geometries by applying a two-dimensional fully coupled fluid-solid-acoustic finite element scheme. Stefan Zoerner, Manfred Kaltenbacher (Dept. of Appl. Mechatronics, Univ. of Klagenfurt, Universit Str. 65-67, Klagenfurt, 9020, Austria, stefan.zoerner@uni-klu.ac.at), Reinhard Lerch, and Michael Dllinger (Univ. Erlangen-Nürnberg, Erlangen 91054, Germany)

A numerical two-dimensional model is presented simulating the human laryngeal voice production. Air flowing through the larynx interacts with the structural mechanics of the vocal folds forcing them to vibrate and induce sound. In turn, the vibrations of the vocal folds cause the airflow to pulsate which acts as a further sound source inside the larynx. This coupled field problem is modeled by utilizing an enhanced finite element method. The presented approach takes all three involved physical fields consisting of fluid mechanics, solid mechanics, acoustics, and their interactions fully into account. The results of these simulations clearly demonstrate the impact of different vocal fold geometries on the fluid field, e.g., changing the occurrence of the Coanda effect. In addition, influences on the produced sound signal resulting in modified main acoustic frequencies are observed. An additional eigenfrequency analysis on the vocal fold model was performed showing that the first eigenmode and the vibrational frequency in the transient case are identical. The first eigenmode was in the range of about 100 Hz depending on the vocal fold geometry.

2pSC10. Articulatory characteristics of coronal consonants in Argentine Spanish: An electropalatographic study. Alexei Kochetov (Dept. of Linguist., Univ. of Toronto, 130 St. George St., Toronto M5S 3H1, Canada, al.kochetov@utoronto.ca) and Laura Colantoni (Univ. of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1K7, Canada)

Previous articulatory investigations of Spanish have been largely limited to its Peninsular varieties. This study uses electropalatography (EPG) to investigate articulatory characteristics of coronal consonant contrasts in Argentine Spanish as part of a larger project examining phonetic variation across Spanish dialects. Simultaneous EPG and acoustic data were collected from four female speakers of Buenos Aires Spanish reading sentences with various intervocalic coronal consonants. Results revealed consistent differences in terms of anterior/posterior tongue placement and the amount of linguopalatal contact with the primary distinction between (denti-)alveolar and post-alveolar articulations within the classes of stops/affricates, fricatives, nasals, and laterals/rhotics. Inter-speaker variation was observed, however, in the articulation of some consonants, namely, in the apical or laminal realization of the post-alveolar fricative and in the palatal or palatalized alveolar realization of the post-alveolar nasal. These findings diverge from those reported for Peninsular Spanish [A. M. Fernández Planas, *Estudios de fonética experimental*, 16, 11–80 (2007)], revealing some dialectal differences in the degree of fronting of denti-alveolars. Additionally, results suggest a sound change in progress in Argentine Spanish, such as the depalatalization of the palatal nasal. [Work supported by Connaught, University of Toronto.]

2pSC11. An acoustic and electroglottographic study of breathy phonation in Gujarati. Sameer ud Dowlah Khan (Dept. of Linguist., Cornell Univ., 203 Morrill Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853, sameeruddowlahkhan@gmail.com)

While it has long been established that breathy and modal vowels in Gujarati can be reliably distinguished based on the H1-H2 measure [Fischer-Jorgensen (1967); Bickley (1982)], and that Gujarati listeners attend solely to H1-H2 when distinguishing phonation types in Gujarati and in other languages [Bickley (1982); Esposito (2006)], new research [Khan and Thattai (2009)] suggests that in more casual speech styles, H1-H2 may play a smaller role in distinguishing breathy-modal minimal pairs. In such speech styles, additional acoustic measures (e.g., H1-A3, CPP, and rms energy) are more effective in distinguishing breathy and modal vowels for some

speakers. To more closely examine the phonetics of breathy vowels in casual speech, the current study examines both acoustic and electroglottographic data collected from naturalistic productions of breathy-modal minimal pairs. Preliminary data suggest that while all speakers distinguish modal and breathy vowels, the strategies used by each speaker to produce the contrast vary considerably. [Work supported by NSF.]

2pSC12. An acoustic and electroglottographic study of White Hmong phonation. Christina M. Esposito, Joseph Ptacek (Dept. of Linguist., Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105, esposito@macalester.edu), and Sherrie Yang (UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90095)

This study examines the phonation of White Hmong, a language with seven tones (traditionally described as high, mid, low, high-falling, mid-rising, low-falling, and mid-low), five of which are associated with modal phonation, and two of which are associated with non-modal phonation; the low-falling tone is creaky and mid-low tone is breathy. Thirty-three speakers were recorded producing words with all seven tones; 12 also made electroglottographic (EGG) recordings. Acoustic measures were cepstral peak prominence (CPP) and harmonic amplitudes $H1^*$ and $H2^*$, $H1^*-H2^*$, $H1^*-A1^*$, $H1^*-A2^*$, $H1^*-A3^*$, and $H2^*-H4^*$. EGG measures were closed quotient (CQ) and peak-closing velocity (PCV). Measures were made automatically using VOICESAUCE and PCQUIRERX. Results showed that none of the measures tested distinguished all three phonation types. However, several measures distinguished two categories: $H1$ distinguished creaky versus non-creaky, $H1-H2$ distinguished breathy from creaky, and the EGG measures CQ and PCV both distinguished breathy from non-breathy. $H1^*-A1^*$, $H1^*-A2^*$, $H1^*-A3^*$, and $H2^*-H4^*$ did not distinguish any of the phonation types. This suggests that phonation contrasts are realized across several phonetic dimensions in White Hmong. In addition, there was a gender difference in the production of phonation, with females having significantly higher CPP than males, suggesting that female phonations are noisier. [Work supported by NSF.]

2pSC13. Effects of altered sensorimotor function of the tongue on spectral characteristics of sibilants /s, z/. Juha-Pertti Laaksonen, Jana Rieger (Dept. of Speech Pathol. and Audiol., Univ. of Alberta, 2-70 Corbett Hall, Edmonton, AB T6G 2G4, Canada laaksone@ualberta.ca), Jeffrey Harris, and Hadi Seikaly (Univ. of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2B7, Canada)

Acoustic characteristics of sibilant sounds produced by 17 Canadian English-speaking female (6 patients) and male (11 patients) tongue cancer patients were studied. The patients had undergone a tongue resection of the anterior 2/3 of the tongue, and tongue reconstruction with a radial forearm free flap (RFFF). The acoustic data included measurements of the spectral moments (mean, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis) of sibilants /s, z/ analyzed from speech samples (stimulus sentences and Zoo Passage) which were recorded before the tongue resection, and 1 month, 6 months, and 12 months after the resection with RFFF reconstruction. Primarily, the tongue reconstruction with RFFF was found to result in temporary changes on the spectral characteristics such that speech output was found to approach the pre-operative speech quality over the 1-year period. In addition, RFFF reconstruction of the tongue was found to have some gender-specific effects in the acoustic characteristics analyzed. However, there was variability between patients, indicating individual compensatory and adaptive mechanisms for the altered sensorimotor function of the tongue following tongue reconstruction with RFFF. [The protocol for this study has been approved by the Health Research Ethics Board (HREB) of the University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB, Canada).]

2pSC14. Finding prosodic events using voice source measurements over multiple syllables. Ran Han and Jeung-Yoon Choi (Dept. of Elec. and Electron. Eng., Yonsei Univ., 132 Shinchon-dong, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul, 120-749, Korea, magnolia@dsp.yonsei.ac.kr)

Voice source measurements such as slope and convexity of pitch, harmonic structure, spectral tilt, and amplitude have been shown to be closely correlated with prosodic events, and using these measurements over multiple syllables has been shown to produce better performance than using measurements taken over a single syllable. In this study, these measurements for specific prosodic events, namely, for nine types of accents are

more closely examined, observed in the Boston University Radio Speech Corpus. Examination of distributions of these measurements at various accent levels shows that the presence of a high accent is correlated with less negative slopes of these measurements and a low accent is correlated with more negative slopes. From ANOVA tests, analyses show that several measurements yield high significance in distinguishing among accent levels. This study also includes an examination of the distributions of these measurements across boundary levels, and results show that voice source measurements are useful in distinguishing among the various accent levels in prosody.

2pSC15. Aeroacoustics of voiceless fricatives: An *in-vitro* investigation on simplified vocal tract geometries. Olivier Estienne, Annemie Van Hirtum (Grenoble Universities), Hélène Baillet (LEA, Université de Poitiers, ENSMA, CNRS), and Xavier Pelorson (Grenoble Universities, Grenoble 38100 France)

Production of fricatives consonants is a complex aeroacoustical problem involving the interaction of turbulent airflow with the particular geometry of the vocal tract. The current study introduces a simplified mechanical static vocal tract including a tongue replica and a rectangular thin obstacle downstream of the constriction formed by the tongue and the upper tract wall. First, pressure of the vocal tract flow and far-field noise are measured for different entrance volume velocities, longitudinal tongue positions, and obstacle heights. Changing the geometrical parameters induces spectral noticeable changes and, particularly, when the ratio obstacle height/tract height is close to 1, spectra are shaped like those of sibilant fricatives. Next, velocity-turbulence measurements in the same conditions by means of hot film anemometry are realized, which permits to find relations between aerodynamics and previous acoustical observations. It will also complete pressure data for the validation of future vocal tract flow models, which could serve for fricatives synthesis applications.

2pSC16. Auditory feedback and articulatory timing. Takashi Mitsuya (Dept. of Psych., Queen's Univ., 62 Arch St., Kingston, ON K7L3N6, Canada, takashi.mitsuya@queensu.ca), Ewen N. MacDonald, and Kevin G. Munhall (Queen's Univ., Kingston, ON, Canada)

Talkers listen to their own voice while they speak and use that feedback to monitor and control fine details of speech production. When auditory feedback is perturbed in real time, talkers spontaneously alter their speech production to compensate for the perturbation. Most research using real-time altered auditory feedback has focused on spectral manipulations of vowels with little attention devoted to temporal manipulations of consonants. In the present study, we examine the role of acoustic feedback in control of voice onset time (VOT). Utterances of the words "tip" and "dip" were recorded from native English speakers, and several representative productions were selected for each speaker. After this, talkers were asked to repeatedly produce either tip or dip. During these productions a real-time processing system was used to provide modified feedback through headphones. When talkers said one word, they simultaneously heard their own voice saying the other word. Results showed that the speakers compensated for the VOT perturbation such that they lengthened their VOT for /t/ when the VOT of the feedback was shorter (/d/). Based on these results, a comparison of the role of auditory feedback in controlling temporal and spectral aspects of speech production will be discussed.

2pSC17. Relationships among vowel formant discrimination, discrimination of intensity and frequency, and frequency selectivity. Leah Guempel, Kathleen O'Brien, and Chang Liu (Dept. of Commun. Sci. and Disord., Univ. of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712)

The goal of the present study was to investigate if vowel formant discrimination could be accounted for by intensity discrimination and frequency discrimination as well as by frequency selectivity. Intensity discrimination and frequency discrimination were measured for tonal signals at 250, 500, 1000, and 2000 Hz presented at 70-dB SPL for 21 young normal-hearing listeners with American English as their native language. Auditory filter was measured using notched noise method at the four frequencies above. In addition, thresholds of vowel formant discrimination were examined for F1 and F2 of three English vowels for the same group of listeners. Overall, thresholds of vowel formant discrimination had significantly modest correlation with intensity discrimination, but no significant correlations

with frequency discrimination and frequency selectivity. These results indicate that vowel formant discrimination may be associated with intensity discrimination of harmonics in speech sounds, but not determined by frequency discrimination and frequency selectivity. Other factors accounting for vowel formant discrimination will be discussed.

2pSC18. Segregation of co-channel speech signals using a least-squares approach. Srikanth Vishnubhotla and Carol Espy-Wilson (Inst. for Systems Res. and Elec. & Comput. Engg., Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742, srikanth@umd.edu)

In this work, an approach to segregate overlapping speech signals from a single-channel recording is presented, and its performance demonstrated for the two-speaker case. The approach relies on a previous algorithm to estimate the pitch frequencies of the participating speakers and then identify

their voiced regions. Depending on the voiced-unvoiced combination of the two speakers, an appropriate over-determined system of equations is set up which is then solved to unravel the contributions of the two speakers to the speech mixture. In the voiced-voiced case, the harmonics of the two pitch frequencies are used to set up the basis set. For the voiced-unvoiced and unvoiced-unvoiced cases, a wavelet-based approach is used to construct the basis set. The segregated contributions are then assigned to the appropriate speakers by imposing the temporal continuity of the mel-frequency cepstral coefficients of these separated speech segments. The perceptual quality of the segregated speech is evaluated using the PESQ measure, which shows a significant improvement compared to the mixture signal. On evaluation on a speech recognition task, the algorithm shows comparable or better performance than the state-of-the-art algorithms, even when the target speaker of interest is significantly weaker than the masking speaker.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 27 OCTOBER 2009

RIO GRANDE CENTER, 1:00 TO 3:30 P.M.

Session 2pUW

Underwater Acoustics: Reverberation Measurements and Modeling II

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Contributed Papers

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2pUW1. Improving the efficiency of the comprehensive acoustic simulation system Navy standard reverberation model. Henry Weinberg (23 Colonial Dr., Waterford, CT 06385, chic@ct.metrocast) and Ruth E. Keenan (SAIC, Box 658, Mashpee, MA 02649)

Research projects that use supercomputers and real-time applications for at-sea exercises would benefit from more efficient code. This paper describes various approaches that significantly reduced the run time of the comprehensive acoustic simulation system (CASS) Navy standard reverberation model. These include computer upgrades, parallel processing, and reconfiguring code. For example, typical CASS run times of two 3-GHz computers differed by a factor of 10 because the faster computer had more efficient memory. Three types of parallelization were also tried. The easiest to implement used a platform that contained numerous blades with eight processors per blade. Reverberation runs were split along receiver bearing angles with several bearing angles per processor. The second parallelization attempted fine grain segmentation. This proved inefficient exchanging data between processors until the GRAB eigenray model was restructured. The third approach, OPENMP, has the advantage of using the same code on computers without multiple processors. Of course, there will be no improvement in efficiency. A disadvantage is that OPENMP is difficult to master. Improved hardware and multiple processors alone were insufficient to provide adequate results for many applications. The approach described here requires reverberation and clutter predictions along numerous receiver beams in seconds.

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2pUW2. Modeling and observations of coherent effects in reverberation from the Clutter09 cruise. Kevin D. LePage (NATO Undersea Res. Ctr., Viale San Bartolomeo 400, 19126 La Spezia, Italy)

Reverberation is often assumed to be a process which decorrelates multipath, leading to the use of intensity models which ignore coherent interactions. In this talk experimental evidence of coherent effects in reverberation are demonstrated from data obtained during the Clutter09 cruise in the Straits of Sicily conducted by NURC, and the ephemeral nature of these effects is discussed. The theoretical basis for coherence between reverberation multipaths is described for both rough surface and volume scattering, including the theoretical basis and conditions for the appearance and characteristics of striations in the reverberation spectrograms.

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2pUW3. Spectral roughness inferred from measured reverberation time series. Steven A. Stotts and Robert A. Koch (Appl. Res. Labs., The Univ. of Texas at Austin, 10000 Burnet Rd., Austin, TX 78758, stotts@arlut.utexas.edu)

Reverberation data are often interpreted in terms of either Lambert's law or a scattering kernel representation with a specified roughness spectrum. The parameters in these descriptions are adjusted and combined with a propagation model to produce simulated reverberation time series that fit the data. An alternative is to retain the scattering description with two separable factors: a well-defined physics-based vertical angle factor that can be justified analytically and a roughness spectrum factor that is adjusted to reproduce the measured data. For this purpose the scattering description is based on a two-way coupled-mode formalism that was shown to accurately produce reverberation time series for a two-dimensional, rough-bottom Pekeris waveguide [Knobles, Reverberation Workshop I, Austin, TX (November 2006)]. For water-sediment interface scattering, the off-diagonal components of the vertical angle factor in the Born approximation were shown to be equivalent to the kernel adopted by the Reverberation Workshop [Stotts

and Koch, *JASA Exp. Lett.*, EL242–EL248 (2008)]. Examples from the Reverberation Workshop problem sets will be used to demonstrate the fitting process for specific roughness spectra.

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2pUW4. A practical approach towards a timely seafloor interaction database. Juan I. Arvelo, Jr. (Appl. Phys. Lab., The Johns Hopkins Univ., 11100 Johns Hopkins Rd., Laurel, MD 20723-6099), David Zeddies (Marine Acoust. Inc., Arlington, VA 22203), and William T. Ellison (Marine Acoust. Inc., Middletown, RI 02842)

A seafloor database of physics-based parameters may be considered an ideal resource. However, geoacoustic inversion to a model accurately describing the sediment structure, sub-bottom inhomogeneities, interface roughness, and anisotropy is still a very challenging research topic. While such geoacoustic inversion challenges are resolved, a more practical approach toward the generation of a timely seafloor interaction database is sorely needed. This practical approach must offer the flexibility to accommodate any physics-based and empirical model, direct measurement, and geoacoustic inversion from all research and operational sonars. It must also offer consistency with other seafloor-related databases, sufficiency to be useful to any sonar model, and completeness to model sonar systems across a wide frequency range. Empirical seafloor scattering models have a limited number of parameters to fit all measurements across grazing angle and frequency, while the most complete physics-based models have too many parameters for high-confidence geoacoustic inversion. Therefore, a more practical worldwide seafloor database must also offer enough flexibility to accurately reconstruct the seafloor reflection and scattering functions with a minimum number of parameters. Finally, this approach must quickly arrive at an unambiguous unique solution. Such an approach will be described and demonstrated. [This effort was supported by SPAWAR.]

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2pUW5. Prediction of clutter on the Malta Plateau. P. L. Nielsen (NURC, V. S. Bartolomeo 400, 19126, La Spezia, Italy), M. Prior (CTBTO, Vienna Int. Ctr., P.O. Box 1200,1400 Vienna, Austria), and C. Harrison (NURC, V. S. Bartolomeo 400, 19126, La Spezia, Italy)

NURC has conducted a series of experiments on the Malta Plateau, Mediterranean Sea, with the focus on collecting environmental and acoustic clutter data. Strong correlation between the environmental and processed acoustic data has been established for certain regions which provides important information to enhance prediction capabilities and signal processing algorithms and to eventually reduce the clutter returns in the sonar processing chain. However, strong clutter-like returns are persistently observed from a confined location on the Plateau with no clear indication of significant scattering features, i.e., no evidence of bathymetric features, variations in sub-bottom stratification, or changes in bottom geoacoustic properties. Only the sub-bottom profiling shows inclusions in the upper 5 m of the sediment, and these inclusions are hypothesized to have slightly different geoacoustic properties than the surrounding. This hypothesis is presented and verified by backscattered time-series computations using a two-way prediction model applied in an environment similar to that of the acquired acoustic data. [Work supported by the NATO Undersea Research Centre, the CLUTTER JRP partners, and the Office of Naval Research OA321.]

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2pUW6. Target echo and clutter calculations, including time spreading using normal-mode group velocities. Dale D. Ellis (DRDC Atlantic, P.O. Box 1012, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Z7, Canada, dale.ellis@drdc-rddc.gc.ca)

The shallow-water normal-mode reverberation approach [D. D. Ellis, *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **97**, 2804–2814 (1995)] can be extended to handle the echo from a target or discrete clutter objects. Normal modes are used to handle the propagation, and ray-mode analogies are used to handle the echo and scattering. The time spreading of the echo can be approximated using the modal group velocities. This description for the time spreading is approximate, but the computations are quite efficient, since the normal modes need only be calculated at one frequency. The target can be point-like and mode functions can be used, or the target can be considered more extended and the mode amplitude envelopes can be used. The formulation will be pre-

sented, along with a number of calculations based on problems from the ONR Reverberation Modeling Workshops. [Work supported in part by ONR, Code No. 3210A.]

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2pUW7. Reverberation and scattering measurements from seabed clutter features using an autonomous undersea vehicle. Charles W. Holland (Appl. Res. Lab., The Penn State Univ., State College, PA, cwh10@psu.edu), Peter L. Nielsen, and Reginald Hollett (NATO Undersea Res. Ctr., La Spezia, Italy)

Acoustic reverberation in littoral ocean waveguides is often controlled by small-scale seabed heterogeneities. Thus, validation of reverberation models and development of realistic simulations require measurements of those scales. Clutter features for mid-frequency active sonars span scales from order 1–1000 m. The smaller scale seabed features $O(1-10)m$, however, are not generally represented in bathymetric data, even from modern hull-mounted multibeam systems. One promising tool for isolation and quantitative measurement of small-scale seabed features is an AUV with a source (800–3500 Hz) and towed array. Recent measurements from the Clutter09 experiment in the Straits of Sicily show that $O(1-10)m$ scale seabed features (e.g., carbonate chimneys on mud volcanoes) are resolved and can be quantified. [Work supported by the Office of Naval Research OA321 and the NATO Undersea Research Centre.]

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2pUW8. Scattering from superspheroidal acoustic objects. Christopher Feuillade (Laboratorio de Acústica, Universidad Tecnológica de Chile-INACAP, Sede Pérez Rosales, Brown Norte 290, Ñuñoa 779-0569, Santiago, Chile, chris.feuilleade@gmail.com)

The extended boundary condition technique of Waterman [*J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **45**, 1417–1429 (1969)] has been used to study scattering from extended axisymmetric acoustic objects. These objects are formed using the mathematical function for a “super-ellipse” [i.e., $(x/a)^s + (z/b)^s = 1$, where $s=2n$, $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$] and revolving around the z -axis. For $s=2$, the object is a spheroid with aspect ratio $\alpha=b/a$. As s increases, the shape of the object approaches a right circular cylinder of radius a and length $2b$. The method allows the scattered field to be accurately determined for all azimuthal angles as a function of frequency. The method is applied to the case of air-filled objects in water, which has importance for the interpretation of acoustic scattering from oceanic objects such as air-bubbles, the swim bladders of some fish, and zooplankton. It is found that the frequency increases with α , exactly as predicted using a geometrical method by Weston, and increases in a relatively minor way with s . In addition, the method shows that the monopole resonance, which leads to a spherically symmetric scattering distribution, continues to dominate low-frequency scattering even for cylindrically shaped, air-filled objects with an aspect ratio up to $\alpha=40$ and $s=32$.

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2pUW9. A numerical study of rough interface reverberation suppression, clutter elimination and target resonance excitation in heterogeneous media with single channel iterative time reversal. Yingzi Ying, Li Ma, and Bingwen Sun (Inst. of Acoust., Chinese Acad. of Sci., 21 Beisihuanxi Rd., Beijing 100190, China, yingyz05@mails.gucas.ac.cn)

The presence of echo returns from the rough interface of two layered medium, and the clutter of volume scattering hinders the detection of target buried in heterogeneous media. The situations are often raised in ultrasonic breast tumor diagnosis and underwater acoustic buried mine detection. This work investigates the application of monostatic single channel iterative time reversal in mitigating the difficulties with a numerical study. Simulations based on pseudospectral finite-difference time-domain method are performed with a sphere buried in the heterogeneous media of lower layer, a transmitter is situated at the upper homogeneous domain, and the interface position is normally distributed. A wideband signal is launched to initiate the process, and the time-reversed echo received at same position is emanated as renewed interrogation pulse for next iteration. Some field snapshots are taken and the echo is recorded in each iteration. The results illustrate as the number of iteration increases, small volume scattering is eliminated, and rough interface reverberation is suppressed relatively. The echoes will con-

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verge to a narrowband waveform corresponding to an object's dominant resonance mode. The detection of target is achieved by exploiting this important acoustic signature. [Work supported by the CAS Innovation Fund.]

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2pUW10. Three-dimensional reverberation modeling. Edmund J. Sullivan (Prometheus Inc., Portsmouth, RI 02871, paddy priest@aol.com) and Carlos Godoy (Naval Undersea Warfare Ctr., Newport, RI, 02841)

Previously, reverberation modeling at sonar and torpedo frequencies was based on spectral factorization, which does not allow correct broadband, non-zero Doppler simulation in real time for a multi-channel receiver. This paper presents a new approach which avoids these limitations. Instead of transmitting the pulse itself, the method transmits a superposition of many

copies of the pulse, each with a random amplitude and phase. This "noiselet" mimics the point-scatterer method without requiring a prohibitively large number of scattering points. We refer to it as the early randomization method (ERM). The propagation model used, the GRAB ray model, contains the bathymetry information, enabling the ERM to produce a statistically realistic reverberation field with a minimal number of rays. The computational load increases linearly with the number of receiver elements instead of with its cube, since there is no power spectral density matrix to factor. Since the randomness is introduced directly into the noiselet, the ERM is not limited to a particular statistical model, allowing non-Gaussian cases to be treated. Previously, this approach has shown excellent results for the two-dimensional, range-dependent case. Here, the method is generalized to also allow cross-range dependence. Comparisons with the CASS/GRAB model are shown.

TUESDAY EVENING, 28 OCTOBER 2009

7:30 TO 9:30 P.M.

Opening Meetings of Technical Committees

The Technical Committees of the Acoustical Society of America will hold open meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. On Tuesday and Thursday the meetings will be held starting immediately after the Social Hours at 7:30 p.m. On Wednesday, one technical committee will meet at 7:30 p.m.

These are working, collegial meetings. Much of the work of the Society is accomplished by actions that originate and are taken in these meetings including proposals for special sessions, workshops and technical initiatives. All meeting participants are cordially invited to attend these meetings and to participate actively in the discussion

Committees meeting on Tuesday are as follows:

Acoustical Oceanography	Rio Grande East
Architectural Acoustics	Rio Grande Center
Engineering Acoustics	Pecan
Musical Acoustics	Live Oak
Physical Acoustics	Rio Grande West
Psychological & Physiological Acoustics	Blanco/Llano