

Session 15 **Transducers** 2/21/2023

Course syllabus and schedule

See: http://courses.washington.edu/phys536/syllabus.htm

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Measuring very low SPLs

- The anechoic chamber at Orfield Laboratories in Minneapolis is "the quietest place in the world" (Guinness), with a background noise reading of –9.4 decibels – how can this SPL be measured?
	- Utter silence is very disorienting, can cause people to have trouble standing – people can't tolerate it more than 45 min
- Correlation technique: 2 identical mics face to face
	- $-$ Signal = $p(t) + n(t)$ (room SPL and mic noise)
	- Two identical mics: $s_1(t) = p_1(t) + n_1(t)$, $s_2(t) = p_2(t) + n_2(t)$
		- n_1 (t) and n_2 (t) are uncorrelated and cancel when you average:

Transducers

Transform electrical signals into sound waves, or vice-versa

• Most common types: piezoelectric, "condenser" (capacitor), or electromagnetic ("dynamic")

- Piezos: highly sensitive, low threshold, wide range of ampitude, insensitive to electromagnetic fields and radiation – but high Z
	- High impedance \rightarrow matches vacuum tube inputs but not solid state electronics; high noise susceptibility
	- Useful for underwater transducers: ceramic piezo works well in high pressure environment

Early microphones

- Antonio Meucci invented an electromagnetic microphone in 1856 with moving a coil in a magnetic field – used for in-home communications!
- The carbon microphone was independently developed in 1878 by D. E. Hughes in UK, and E. Berliner and Thomas Edison in the US.
	- Carbon microphone = variable resistor acting on current from battery
		- Used as amplifiers in early telephone repeaters, allowing long distance phone before vacuum tube amplifiers
			- » Electromagnetic telephone receiver is mechanically coupled to a carbon microphone.

Signal

Voltage source (battery)

An early application for carbon mics

(Thanks to student report where I learned about this!)

- Théâtrophone (1881): telephone distribution system in Europe that let subscribers to listen to live performances over the telephone lines
	- Clément Ader, French engineer: in 1878 improved on the telephone invented by Bell, and established the first telephone network in Paris in 1880 (also contributed to aviation and gasoline engines)
	- Streaming live music 80 years before the internet
		- Also provided in-home access to news and information

Condenser mics

- Condenser microphones (E. C. Wente, 1916): low cost, sturdy
	- diaphragm acts as one plate of a capacitor, vibrations produce changes in the distance between the plates \rightarrow varying C
	- The voltage across the capacitor reflect changes in capacitance.
	- DC-biased microphone: plates are biased with a fixed charge
		- Electret: material with quasi-permanent surface charge or dipole moment - no bias power required
	- RF condenser microphone: low voltage RF signal modulated by capacitance changes, yields a low-noise audio frequency signal with a very low source impedance.
		- absence of higher DC bias voltage allows RF mic diaphragms with less stiffness, wider frequency response

Piezo-electric mics

- Piezo element produces voltage difference with stress
	- Fabricated as single chip example of a Micro-ElectroMechanical System (MEMS)
	- Durable and cheap, relatively large electrical output, can work directly off the vibrations on a surface (contact mic), no power source needed
	- Highly linear up to very high sound pressure levels (170 dB), simple construction, survive high temperatures, unaffected by dust – good for outdoor applications potential difference

Piezoelectric materials used in silicon microphones are ZnO, PVDF (polyvinylidene fluoride), and PZT (PbZrTi) ceramic

https://acoustics.org/pressroom/httpdocs/137th/fischer.html

Piezo-resistive mics

(Differ from piezo-electric, which generate voltage when stressed)

- Piezo element varies resistance with stress: carbon mic updated!
	- Another example of a MEMS device
	- Low noise, high linearity up to extreme SPLs, simplicity, low cost
	- Polycrystalline or monocrystalline Si used for the piezoresistive layer

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Electrets

- Made from waxes, polymers or resins, by solidifying while in E field, or adding charge to surfaces
	- $-$ Quasi-stable charge trapping $-$ lifetime $=$ decades
- Real-charge or dipole electrets
	- Real-charge electrets which contain excess charge of one or both polarities, either on the dielectric's surfaces (a surface charge) within the dielectric's volume (a space charge)
	- Oriented-dipole electrets contain oriented (aligned) dipoles

Dynamic microphones

- "Dynamic" (electromagnetic) transducers typically use permanent magnet and vibrating coil or foil to generate signal
	- Rugged, work best to record loud sounds.
	- output is considerably lower than for condenser. poorer high f response -- used for rock concerts, outdoor sound
	- Ribbon mics \rightarrow high quality studio mics

Dynamic microphones

- Comparison of frequency responses for different mic types
	- Electret condenser

– Dynamic

– Ribbon

Application: hearing aids

- Hearing aids use electret or MDM mics
	- Electret mics cheaper but susceptible to moisture and temperature changes
	- MEMS microphones more resistant to changes in humidity and temperature, so more stable and consistent over time.
- Directional microphones
	- typically cardioid configuration with 3–4 dB enhancement
- multi-microphone arrays:
	- two separate, well-matched omnidirectional microphones, allow users to switch between omni or directional modes
- Digital MMAs almost all, today
	- real-time signals from two spatially separated omni mics are digitized and sent to spatial processor that combines signals to produce optimal directivity pattern

www.lifesci.sussex.ac.uk/home/Chris_Darwin

Microphone specs

• Commonly used microphone directional patterns

- dBm: spec used for microphones $=$ decibels re 1 mW: 0 dBm $=$ 1 mW.
- For power only, but due to historical conventions and equipment 1 dBm it is sometimes taken as 1 mW into a 600 ohm load so 0.775 V signal

Microphone specs

- Sensitivity specs:
	- $-$ Free-field sensitivity $=$ voltage generated when in a free sound field (no enclosure) at a sound pressure of 1 Pascal (SPL = 94 dB)
	- xx mV per Pascal @ 1 kHz, or yy dBV/Pascal @ 1 kHz
		- dBV = dB for RMS voltage, relative to 1 V
	- $-$ Equivalent noise level (ENL) = self-noise of the microphone
		- Active microphones have built-in circuits that produce self-noise when powered; not present in passive mic types
		- Brownian motion and thermal noise also add to a lesser extent.
		- A-weighted RMS: measure approximates the ear's sensitivity, filtering out low-frequency noise
			- Very low ENL on A scale is typically below 15 dB(A).
		- The ITU-R (International Telecommunication Union, regulates radio communications) BS.468-4 standard
			- Good for comparing noise in condenser microphones as it shows if the microphone suffers from "popcorn noise" or other crackling noise forms.
			- Very low ENL on this scale is typically below 25-30 dB.

www.dpamicrophones.com/

Weightings for mic ENF specs

TU-R 468 response curve (formerly known as CCIR curve), compared to A-weighting, and ISO 226 40-phon equal-loudness contours

- Example of specs: DPA model 2011 Cardioid Microphone
	- free-field sensitivity, nominal, ± 2 dB: 10 mV/Pa; -40 dB re. 1 V/Pa

(Nominal ± 2 dB means: output within 7.9 mV and 12.6 mV exposed 94 dB SPL)

• Equivalent noise level, A-weighted: 20 dB(A) re. 20 µPa (max. 23 dB(A)) .

ITU-R468 (blk), A-weighting (blue), and inverse ISO 226 (2003) (red)

Loudspeakers

Loudspeakers

- Non-dynamic loudspeakers
- Most large loudspeakers have electromagnetic drivers
- Tweeters (high frequency range) may have other types
	- Dome tweeters have dynamic drivers, but voice coil is connected to a dome via a low compliance suspension.
	- Piezo tweeters: have low fidelity; often used in toys, buzzers, alarms
	- ribbon tweeters have useful directional properties: very wide horizontal coverage and very tight vertically

Tweeter with acoustic lens dome membrane

- 1. Magnet
- 2. Voicecoil
- 3. Membrane
- 4. Suspension

Non-dynamic Loudspeakers

- Electrostatic tweeter: thin diaphragm with conductive coating, suspended between two screens or perforated metal sheets (stators)
	- Old idea (GE 1934; A.Janszen, 1957), but not Clu lute (OL 155 1, Alberts 1, Alberts 1, Common due to high cost, low power efficiency poor bass, fragility
	- Distortion one to two orders of magnitude lower than dynamic drivers
	- Excellent high frequency response: driver is almost free of resonances
	- Electrostatics reduce harmonic distortion* because of their push-pull design. They also have minimal phase distortion.

* Nonlinearities cause distortion, in the form of new harmonics when a pure sine wave fed to the system

Total Harmonic Distortion is ratio of total power in harmonics to power in fundamental: $THD(f) = \sqrt{P_2^2 + P_3^2 + P_4^2 + ...} / P_1$

A) Diaphragm B) Spars C) Stators martinlogan.com

Bass-Reflex Loudspeaker Enclosure

- Electrodynamic loudspeaker is very inefficient at low frdquencies unless enclosed.
	- Simple enclosure allows only the front surface of the speaker's cone to radiate - half the sound power is wasted
- Helmholtz resonator is driven above its resonance frequency, ωo, produces phase reversal
	- Helmholtz enclosure uses the energy produced by the back of the loudspeaker

- Bass-reflex loudspeaker enclosure* takes the volume velocity generated from the rear of the loudspeaker cone, and inverts its phase
	- At low f, the distance between cone's center and vent (neck of the Helmholtz resonator) is $<< \lambda/2 \rightarrow$ motion of air oscillating in the port adds \sim in-phase to motiion driven by the front of the loudspeaker cone.

* L. L. Beranek, Acoustics (McGraw-Hill, 1954)

Bass-Reflex Loudspeaker Enclosure

At frequencies above 33 Hz, the net volume velocity (black solid line) exceeds the volume velocity from the front of the loudspeaker alone (dashed black line), demonstrating the enhancement provided

 \rightarrow Today, very rare to see small loudspeaker enclosures for lowfrequency output that are not bass-reflex (Helmholtz resonator)

- **-** speaker's input impedance
- … velocity of the air oscillating in the port
- **-** velocity produced by the loudspeaker cone Solid black: magnitude of vector sum of the port and loudspeaker contributions

Example of commercial speakers for audio

Outdoor high-volume speaker arrays

• Example: Bose SM20 Array

"Requires external power amplifiers and DSP to provide full-range response from $59 - 18,000$ Hz with peak array output of up to 145 dB"

Frequency Response $(+ / -3$ dB) (1) 69 – 16,000 Hz

Frequency Range (-10 dB) 59 – 18,000 Hz

Recommended High-Pass Protection Filter 70 Hz Nominal Coverage Pattern 100° H x 20° V (includes waveguides for 70° H x 20° V) Recommended Crossover 750 Hz (acoustic; requires active, 2-way crossover in DSP)

Power Handling, long-term continuous: 450 W (lf) 100 W (hf) Power Handling, peak: 1800 W (lf) 400 W (hf)

Outdoor and large-volume speakers

• Point-source loudspeakers for sound reinforcement, zone fills, or delays

Example: Bose AMM112 12-in (305 mm) woofer High Frequency 3-in (76 mm) compression driver Coverage Pattern: 110° horizontal $\times 60^{\circ}$ vertical Tilt-back Angle 35° Crossover: Internal passive or external bi-amp Power Handling, Long-term Continuous 300 W, Peak 2800 W

Frequency (Hz)

Example: performance-space speakers

- Bose® F1 Model 812 Flexible Array Loudspeaker
- control its vertical coverage pattern pull the array into position to create pattern wanted, system sets EQ to maintain optimum tonal balance
- Built in 1 kW amplifiers with controls

8 vertically mounted drivers, 12-inch LF driver, 2-channel integrated mixer

J-position

Underwater transducers

- Underwater transducers: hydrophones and projectors ("pingers")
	- Piezo elements are usually ceramic to withstand high pressures
	- Same device may be used as hydrophone or pinger
		- Applying an electrical signal to the transducer produces mechanical vibration in the piezoelectric element.
	- $-$ Most devices are rated only for depths of $1 \sim 2000$ m, special types needed for "full ocean depth" (avg 5000m)

deep-water sensor in pressure-balanced housing (sea.co.uk)

B&K 8105

Typical underwater transducer

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Bob Odom, Sr. Principal Physicist, UW Applied Physics Lab (see www.apl.washington.edu), Prof. Emeritus of Earth Sciences

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- Undersea acoustic communications
- Remote sensing of the environment
- Acoustical oceanography \bullet
- Scattering from objects deployed in the ocean \bullet
- Ambient noise in air and underwater environments
- Measurement and control of underwater industrial noise
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Acoustics

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<u>Acoustics</u>

- Propagation of sound in the ocean is of great interest to many mammals (and other classes of animals)
	- We'll focus on acoustics of seawater
	- Jumping ahead for a quick intro before our guest speakers
- Speed of sound in water
	- Freshwater c depends on T and P
	- Seawater adds another factor: salinity
	- Formulas for c
		- Historic example: Wilson formula (JASA 32:641, 1960): coefficients for a polynomial fit with standard deviation 0.22 m/sec.
		- Simplified formula (Medwin, JASA 58:1318, 1975)
			- $T = deg C$, z=depth in m, S=salinity in ppt $(0/00)$

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c = 1449.2 + 4.67 - 0.0557^2 + 0.000297^3
$$

 $+ (1.34 - 0.010T)(S - 35) + 0.016z$

- Famous feature of ocean sound speed vs depth:
	- Reversing slope at \sim 1 km

Recall: sound rays refract when c changes

- Produces a trap for sound rays:
- Deep Sound Channel
- Acts like a waveguide for sound
- Sound can travel great distances
- Surface observers can't hear sounds produced in the channel

- Background noise underwater
	- Shipping noise has increased greatly since 1983!

- Major noise pollution sources
	- Broadband dB re 1 microPa

Speakers next week

Tues: Art Wright, VP for Operations, Williamson Associates Ocean Engineering (see www.wassoc.com)

PB4Y surveyed in Lake Washington. Plane dimensions: 20m long with 32m wingspan

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Standing waves in rectangular cavities

- Sound boxes for musical instruments and building ducts act as cavity resonators for sound
	- We can apply similar procedure as with pipes, except now in Cartesian coordinates and with no openings
		- Cavity has dimensions L_x , L_y , L_{zz}
		- Assume walls are rigid (particle speed u=0 at wall)

• Assume walls are rigid (particle speed u=0 at wall) L_x
\n• Repeat procedure used for 2D case in membranes:
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\nabla^2 p = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} \rightarrow \frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\Big|_{x=0, L_x} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}\Big|_{y=0, L_y} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial z}\Big|_{z=0, L_z} = 0 \quad (u = 0 \text{ at walls})
$$

- Separation of variables:
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$$
p = X(x)Y(y)Z(z) e^{i\omega t} \rightarrow \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + k_x^2\right)X = 0
$$
, same for y, z

separate constants must be related: $\omega / c = k^2 = k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2$ $u = 0$ at walls $\rightarrow p = A_{lmn} \cos(k_{xl} x) \cos(k_{vm} y) \cos(k_{zn} z) \exp(i\omega_{lmn} t)$ with $k_{xl} = l\pi / L_x$, $k_{ym} = m\pi / L_y$, $k_{zn} = n\pi / L_z$, $\{l, m, n\} = 0, 1, 2...$ Allowed *ω*s are quantized: $\omega_{lmn} = \sqrt{(l\pi / L_x)^2 + (m\pi / L_y)^2 + (n\pi / L_z)}$ 2

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 L_y

 \overline{L}_z

Driven longitudinal vibrations and resonance in bars

• Bar (length L) is driven at $x=0$ by force F_0 exp(i ωt), and support at other end $x=L$ has mechanical impedance Z_{mL}

- At the driven end,
$$
F_0 e^{i\omega t} = -\rho_L c^2 \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\Big|_{x=0}
$$
 with $\rho_L = \rho S$, $c^2 = \frac{Y}{\rho}$

– At x=L, boundary condition is

$$
Z_{m(L)} = \frac{f_L}{u(L,t)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)_{x=L} = -\frac{Z_{m(L)}}{\rho_L c^2} \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t}\right)_{x=L}
$$

$$
\zeta(x,t) = Ae^{i(\omega t - kx)} + Be^{i(\omega t + kx)}
$$
 with wave number $k = \omega/c$