

# A mixed Fourier transform for impedance boundary conditions of acoustic waves at grazing incidence

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# Problem

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  - ▶ Sonic boom near lateral cutoff impacted by ground impedance
  - ▶ Incorporate ground impedance in prediction

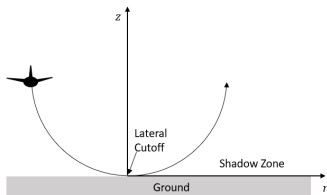
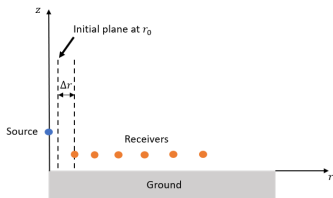


Figure 1: Illustration of lateral cutoff region

- Goals:
  - ▶ Adapt a transform method to incorporate ground impedance
  - ▶ Implement in a one-way solver with angular spectrum method
  - ▶ Discuss future implementation in acoustic propagation codes, specifically sonic boom propagation near lateral cutoff
  - ▶ Big picture: advanced prediction capabilities for flight test planning

# Previous Approaches

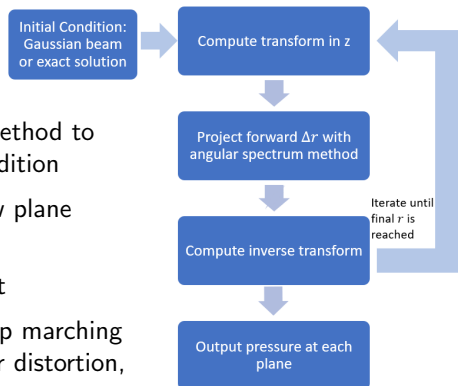
- Start with simple problem of monopole above impedance plane
- Current methods:
  - ▶ Geometrical acoustics [1]
  - ▶ Fast-field program [2, 3]
  - ▶ Parabolic equation (and wide-angle parabolic eqn.) [4]
- Drawbacks:
  - ▶ Caustics
  - ▶ Fourier transform both source and image plane
  - ▶ Paraxial approximation [5]



**Figure 2:** Diagram of sound propagation by a point source over a finite impedance plane

# Approach

- Start with initial solution at initial plane  $r_0$
- Take transform in  $z$
- Adapt mixed Fourier transform method to account for ground boundary condition
- Compute solution of ODE on new plane ( $r_0 + \Delta r$ )
- Take inverse transform and repeat
- Can be incorporated into split-step marching codes (with flow effects, nonlinear distortion, etc.)



# Method Outline

- Present the angular spectrum method for free space
- Discuss transforms for presence of infinite plane
- Present mixed Fourier transform approach
- Incorporate into angular spectrum method

# Helical Wave Spectrum

- Start with Helmholtz equation, assume axisymmetry
- Take Fourier transform in  $z$

$$r^2 \frac{d^2 \tilde{P}}{dr^2} + r \frac{d\tilde{P}}{dr} + (rk_r)^2 \tilde{P} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$k_r^2 = k^2 - k_z^2 \quad (2)$$

- Spectrum at  $r_0$  is known, compute at  $r_0 + \Delta r$
- Outgoing wave solution [6] (verified by asymptotic form of  $H_0^1(rk_r)$ )

$$\tilde{P}(r_0 + \Delta r) = \tilde{P}(r_0) \frac{H_0^1((r_0 + \Delta r)k_r)}{H_0^1(r_0 k_r)} \quad (3)$$

- How do we incorporate boundary condition?  $\eta_g =$  normalized ground admittance

$$\left[ \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + ik\eta_g P \right]_{z=0} = 0 \quad (4)$$

# Mixed Fourier Transform

- Dirchelet BC: sine transform
- Neumann BC: cosine transform
- Assume a transform that is a combination of sine and cosine

$$\tilde{P}(r, k_z) = \mathcal{N}(P) = \int_0^{\infty} P(r, z) (a \cos(k_z z) + b \sin(k_z z)) dz \quad (5)$$

- Integrate by parts, apply boundary condition:  $a = -k_z$  and  $b = \alpha$
- $\alpha = ik\eta_g$
- Inverse transform given by Kuttler and Dockery [7]

$$P(r, z) = Ke^{-\alpha z} + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{-\infty} \tilde{P}(r, k_z) \frac{\alpha \sin(k_z z) - k_z \cos(k_z z)}{\alpha^2 + k_z^2} dk_z, \quad (6)$$

- When  $Re(\alpha)$  approaches zero, denominator could approach a pole



# Discrete Mixed Fourier Transform

- Instead, compute the discrete mixed Fourier transform (DMFT) [8]
- Consider the auxiliary function

$$w(z) = \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + ik\eta_g P, \quad (7)$$

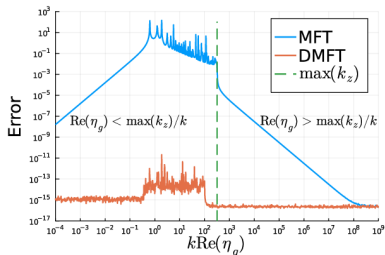
- Take sine transform of  $w(z)$
- Propagate forward with Eqn. 3, substitute  $\tilde{w}$  for  $\tilde{P}$
- Take inverse sine transform of  $\tilde{w}$
- Numerically compute particular solution  $\psi$  of Eqn. 7
- $P$  is the sum of particular and homogeneous ( $\phi$ ) solutions

$$P = \psi + \phi \quad (8)$$

- Details on procedure: [8, 9, 10]

# Accuracy of Computing DMFT

- Numerical issues arise in MFT when  $\text{Re}(\eta_g) < \max(k_z)/k$
- To test accuracy of DMFT vs MFT, take a test function, say  $\sin(2\pi z/h)$
- Set  $\text{Im}(\eta_g) = 0$  and vary  $\text{Re}(\eta_g)$
- Perform forward (Eqns. 5 and 11-13) and inverse (Eqns. 6 and 15-16)
- Compare error to original function
- Test functions: sine, cosine, exponential, and hyperbolic cosine all used



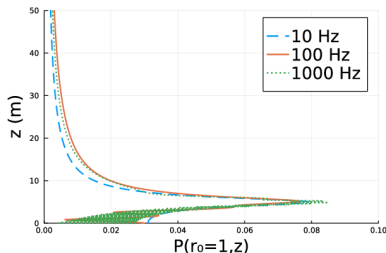
**Figure 3:**  $L^2$  norm error between the original function (sine wave) and the function after applying the forward and inverse transforms of the MFT and DMFT. Note the greatly reduced error of the DMFT compared to the MFT for  $k\text{Re}(\eta_g) < \max(k_z)$

# Benchmark Case

- Verify method with outdoor sound propagation benchmark cases [1]
- Case 1: Propagation over porous sand in medium with no refraction effects
- Ground impedance: four parameter model of Attenborough [11, 12]
- Initial condition: exact solution at  $r = 1$  m

**Table 1:** Problem parameters for sound propagation of monopole source above a homogeneous isotropic layer of porous sand [1]

Parameter	Value
Source height ( $z_s$ )	5 m
Receiver height ( $z_r$ )	1 m
Sound speed ( $c_0$ )	$343 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Air Density ( $\rho_0$ )	$1.2 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$
Flow resistivity ( $\sigma$ )	$366000.0 \text{ Pa s m}^{-2}$
Porosity ( $\Omega$ )	0.27
Pore shape factor ( $s_p$ )	0.5
Grain shape factor ( $n_p$ )	0.5

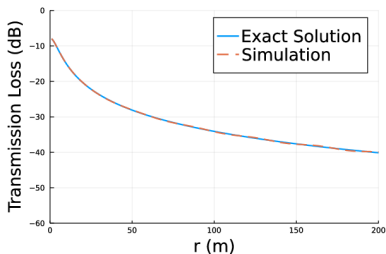


**Figure 4:** Initial conditions at  $r_0 = 1$  m for each of the three source frequencies considered.

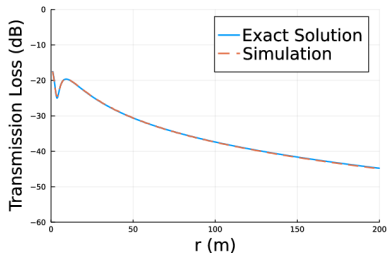
# Transmission Loss

**Table 2:** Source frequencies and associated L2 norm error of predictions when compared to exact solution

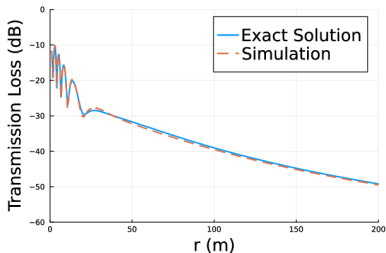
Frequency	Percent Error
1 Hz	0.48 %
10 Hz	0.45 %
100 Hz	0.26 %
1000 Hz	1.06 %



**Figure 5:** Transmission loss at 10 Hz.



**Figure 6:** Transmission loss at 100 Hz.



**Figure 7:** Transmission loss at 1000 Hz.

# Summary and Conclusions

- Current progress in adapting DMFT to acoustic propagation
- Incorporated into angular spectrum method, no paraxial approximation
- Results compared to benchmark cases
- Largest error at 1000 Hz
- Future Work:
  - ▶ Ongoing work in adapting DMFT method to computational acoustics
  - ▶ Extend to 3D non-axisymmetric problems
  - ▶ Integrate with sonic boom prediction code near lateral cutoff region

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# Poles of Inverse MFT

- Take  $\text{Im}(Z_g) = 0$ , then

$$\text{Im}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 + k_z^2}\right) = \frac{\frac{k}{\text{Re}(Z_g)}}{k_z^2 - \left(\frac{k}{\text{Re}(Z_g)}\right)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Re}\left(\frac{k_z}{\alpha^2 + k_z^2}\right) = \frac{k_z}{k_z^2 - \left(\frac{k}{\text{Re}(Z_g)}\right)^2} \quad (9)$$

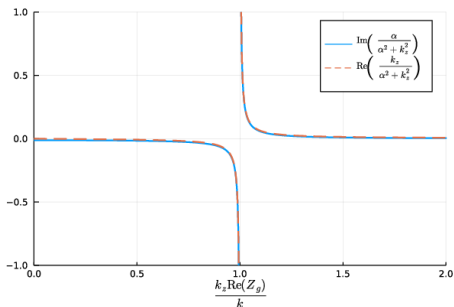


Figure 8: Poles that arise in the inverse transform



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$$w(z) = \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + ik\eta_g P, \quad (10)$$

- $\tilde{P}$  on the interior points is just the sine transform of  $w(z)$
- Forward transform:

$$\tilde{w}_1 = D \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda^{n-1} P_n \quad (11)$$

$$\tilde{w}_j = \mathcal{F}_s(P_n), \quad n, j = 2, \dots, N-1 \quad (12)$$

$$\tilde{w}_N = D \sum_{n=1}^N (-\lambda)^{N-n} P_n \quad (13)$$

$$D = \frac{2(1 - \lambda^2)}{(1 + \lambda^2)(1 - \lambda^{2N})} \quad (14)$$

# Discrete Mixed Fourier Transform

- Inverse transform, particular solution:

$$\frac{\psi_{j+1} - \psi_{j-1}}{2\Delta z} + \alpha\psi_j = \mathcal{F}_s(\tilde{w}_n), \quad n, j = 2, \dots, N-1 \quad (15)$$

- Homogeneous solution:

$$\phi_j = B_1\lambda^j + B_2(-\lambda)^{N-j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, N \quad (16)$$

$$\lambda^2 + 2\alpha dz\lambda - 1 = 0 \quad (17)$$

$$B_1 = \tilde{w}_1 - D \sum_{n=1}^N \psi_n \lambda^n \quad (18)$$

$$B_2 = \tilde{w}_N - D \sum_{n=1}^N \psi_n (-\lambda)^{N-n} \quad (19)$$

- More info on DMFT in [8, 10], inverse transform is

$$P_j = \psi_j + \phi_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, N \quad (20)$$

# Transmission Loss

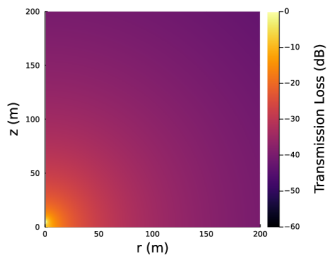


Figure 9: Exact transmission loss at 1 Hz.

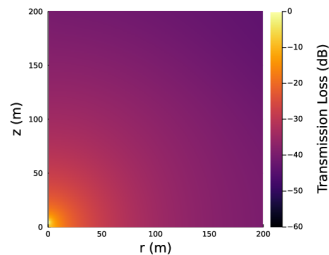


Figure 10: Predicted transmission loss at 1 Hz.

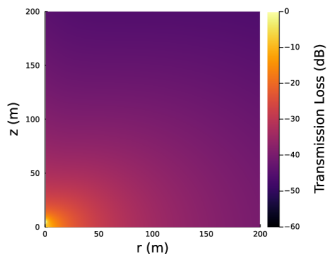


Figure 11: Exact transmission loss at 10 Hz.

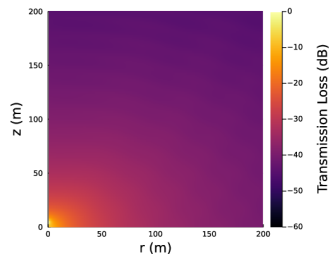


Figure 12: Predicted transmission loss at 10 Hz.

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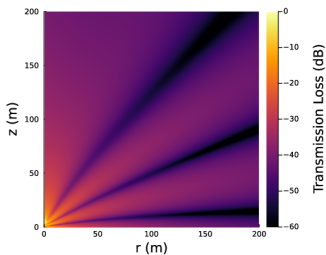


Figure 13: Exact transmission loss at 100 Hz.

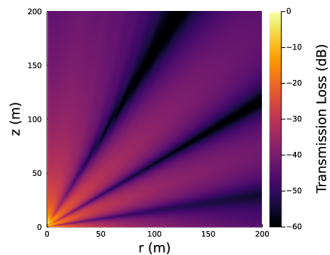


Figure 14: Predicted transmission loss at 100 Hz.

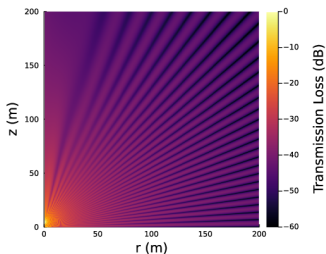


Figure 15: Exact transmission loss at 1000 Hz.

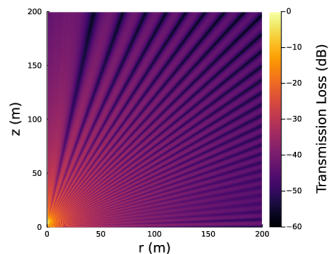


Figure 16: Predicted transmission loss at 1000 Hz.

# Grid Resolution

- Simulations for higher source frequencies had less points per wavelength

**Table 3:** Points per wavelength in the transverse direction rounded down to nearest integer

Frequency	Points per wavelength
10 Hz	94
100 Hz	29
1000 Hz	15