

Sonic Boom Penetration Under a Wavy Air-Water Interface

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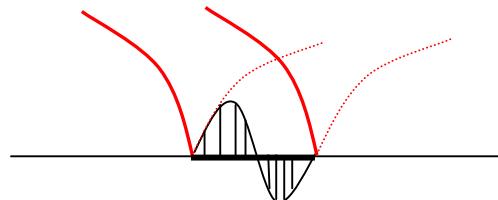
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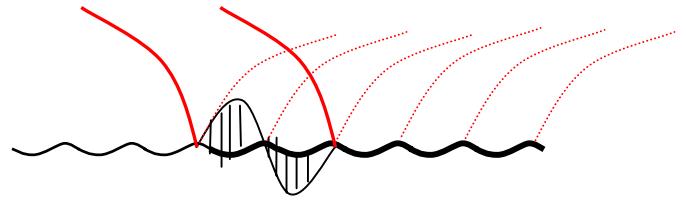
Underwater Acoustics in a moving frame: Distinct difference between wavy and non-wavy interfaces

Sonic Boom over Flat Ocean (Sawyers model 1968)



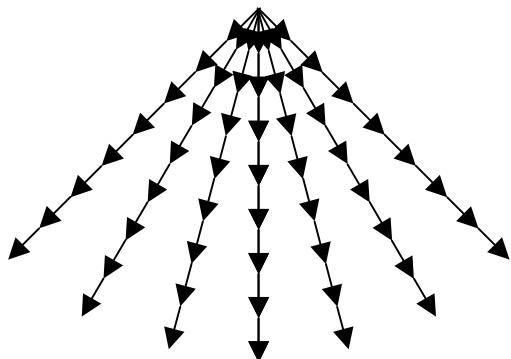
Source in **steady state**

Sonic Boom over Wavy Ocean (Cheng and Lee 2000)



Additional **time-dependant** source produced by wavy surface interaction

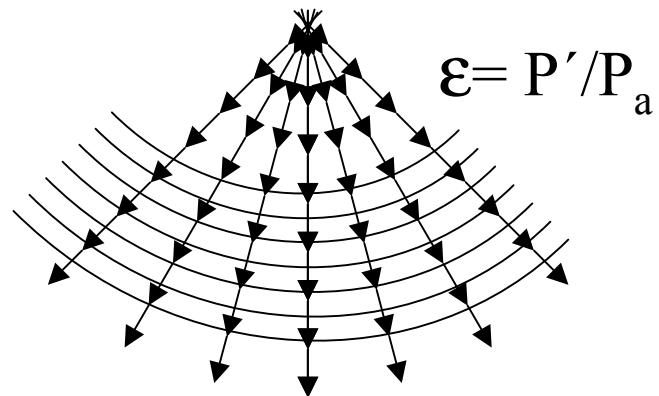
Time independent source



$$|P_1| \sim \epsilon/r \text{ (source)}$$

$$|P_1| \sim \epsilon/r^2 \text{ (dipole)}$$

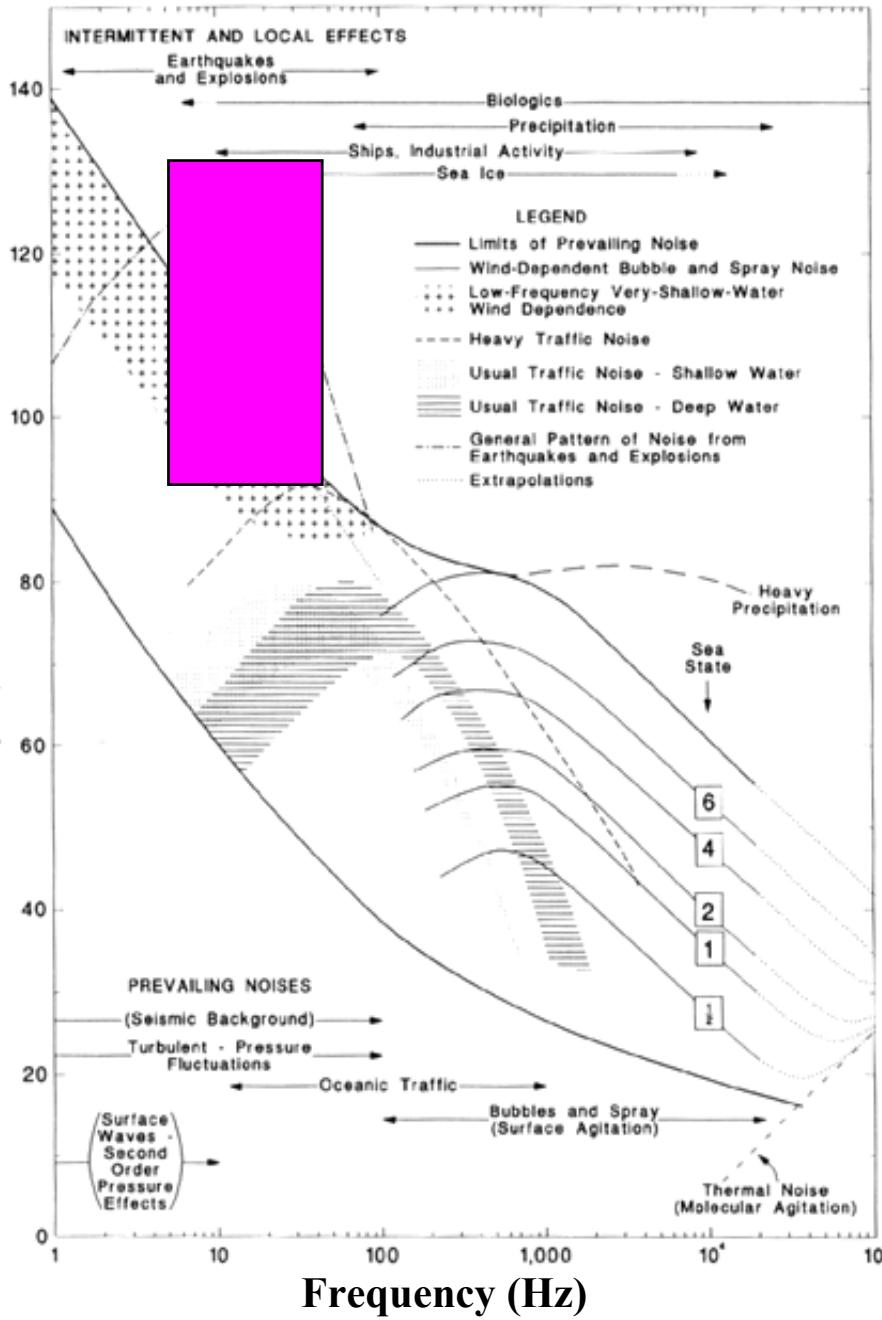
Monochromatic acoustic source



$$P' \sim P_1' + P_2'$$

$$|P_2'| \sim \epsilon \delta / r^{1/2} \text{ (Cylindrical spreading rule)}$$

Sound Pressure Density Spectrum Level (dB re 1 μ Pa/Hz)

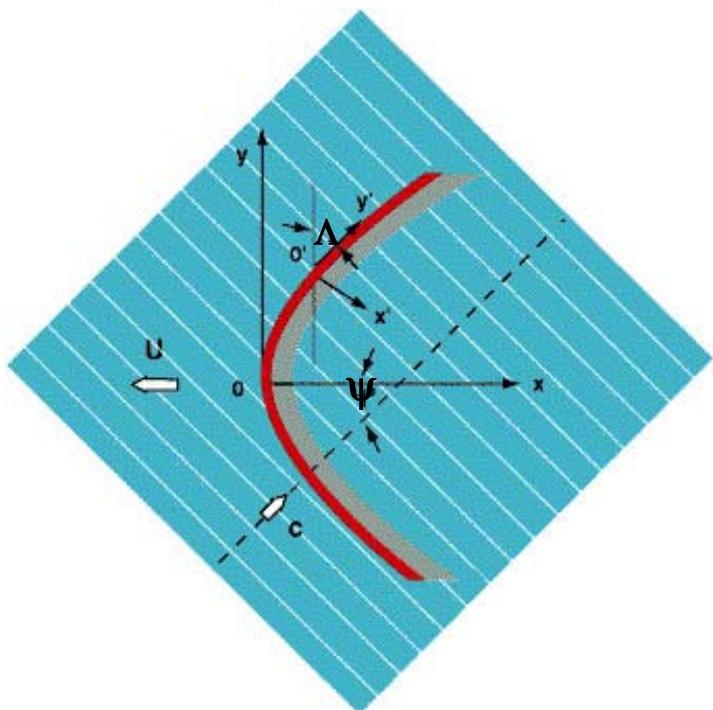
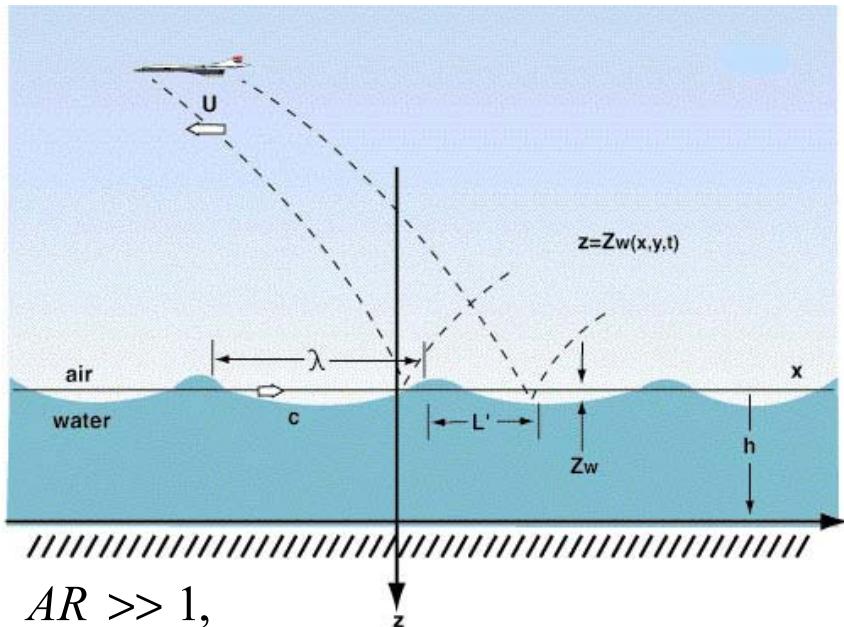


Comparison With Ocean Background Noise

Will the phenomena we are studying be in the frequency and dB range to have an effect on marine animals?

Sonic Boom Noise

REF: Marine Mammals and Noise; W. John Richardson, Charles Green, Jr., Charles I. Malme, & Denis H. Thompson



Model assumptions

$$\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_A} \gg 1, \quad \frac{a_w}{a_A} > 1$$

$$1 < M_A < \frac{a_w}{a_A} \sim 4.53,$$

$$\text{Max wave slope } 2\pi\delta \ll 1,$$

Sinusoidal surface wave train

$$Z_w = \delta \lambda e^{i(k_1 \underline{x} + k_2 \underline{y} - \omega t)}$$

In rest frame

$$Z_w = \delta \lambda e^{i(k'_1 x' + k'_2 y' - \Omega t)}$$

In moving frame

$$\Omega \equiv k(\bar{u} \cos \psi + c)$$

$$\vec{p} = \vec{p}_1(x, z) + \vec{p}_2(x, z, t)$$

Sawyers Flat Ocean $O(\varepsilon)$

Time-Dependent Disturbances, $O(\varepsilon\delta)$
Produced by interaction with Wavy Surface

Near field

$$\vec{p}_1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{p'(x_1, 0) dx_1}{(x_1 - x) - i\bar{z}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{p}'_2 &= \hat{p}_2(x, \bar{z}) e^{-i\Omega t} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(\xi) e^{i[\xi_1 x' + k'_2 y' + \xi_3 \bar{z}' - \Omega t]} d\xi \\ &\quad \xi_3 = \xi_3(\xi_1, \Omega, k'_2) \end{aligned}$$

Far field (deep water)

$$\vec{p}_1 \approx O \frac{\varepsilon}{|\bar{z}|^2}$$

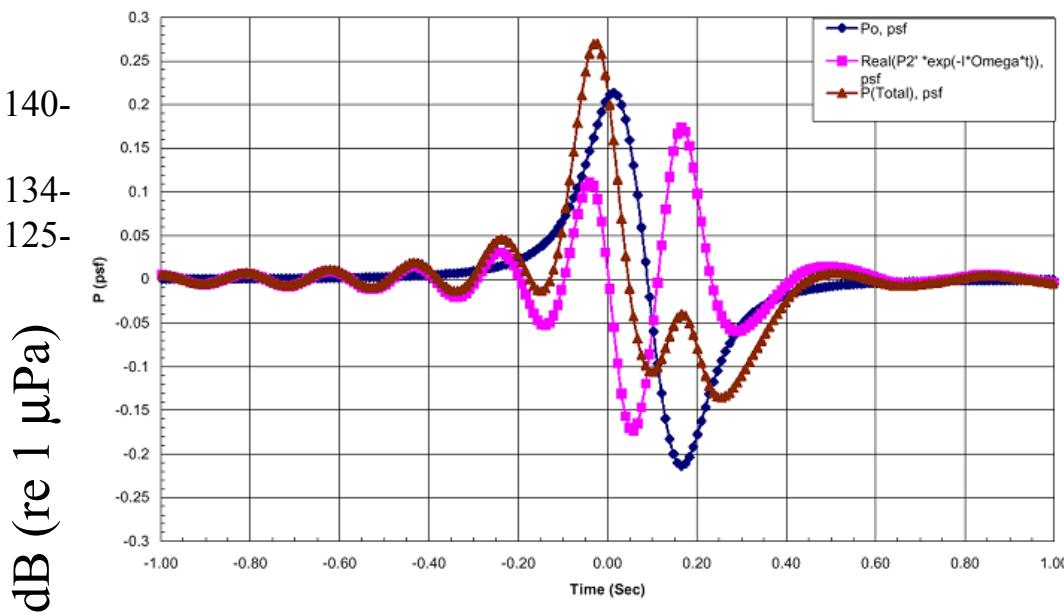
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{p}'_2 &\approx \text{const} \frac{A(\xi_*) e^{i[\xi_* x + \xi_3(\xi_*, \Omega) \bar{z}' - kt]}}{(1 + \eta^2)^{3/4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \\ &\approx O\left(\frac{\varepsilon \delta}{\sqrt{z}}\right) \quad \xi_* = \xi_*(\eta), \quad \eta = \frac{x}{\bar{z}} \end{aligned}$$

Packet of Wavelets

@ fixed z : Wave number and frequency varies slowly

@ fixed η : Wave number and frequency remain invariant

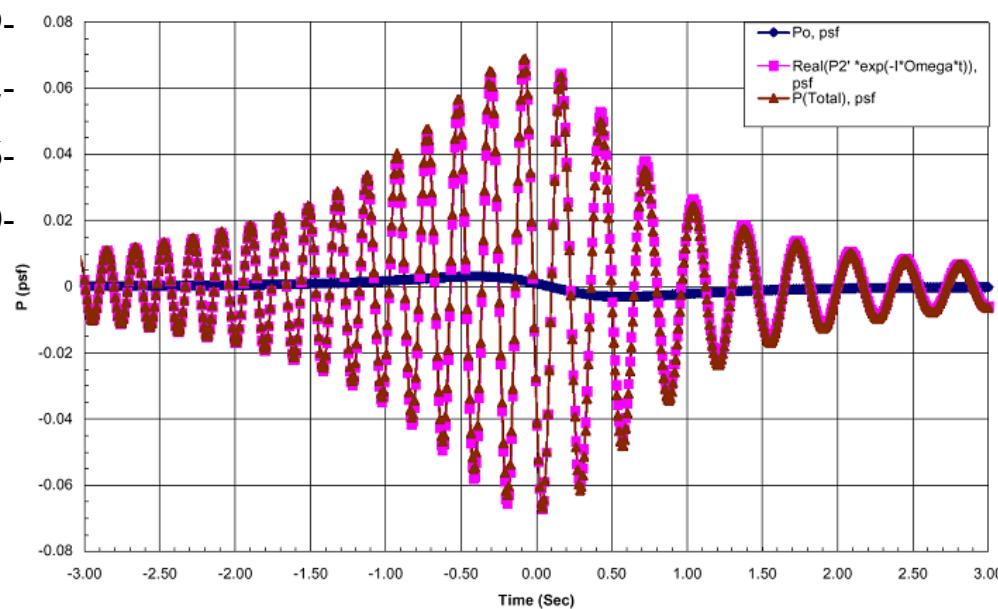
M=1.5, k=4, L'=300ft, Po(Max)=2psf, δ =0.025
Z=150ft



Numerical solution for typical ocean parameters

100 meters depth

M=1.5, k=4, L'=300ft, Po(Max)=2psf, δ =0.025
Z=1,500ft



500 meters depth

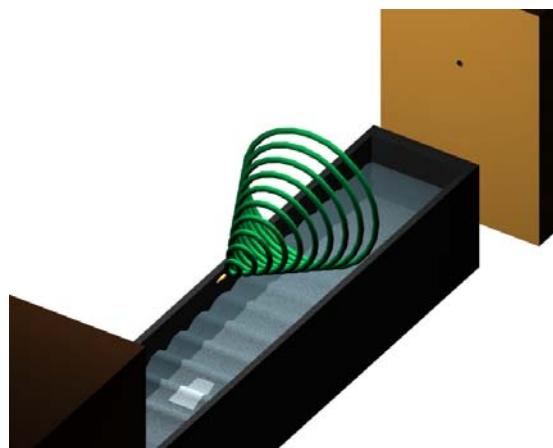
Laboratory study

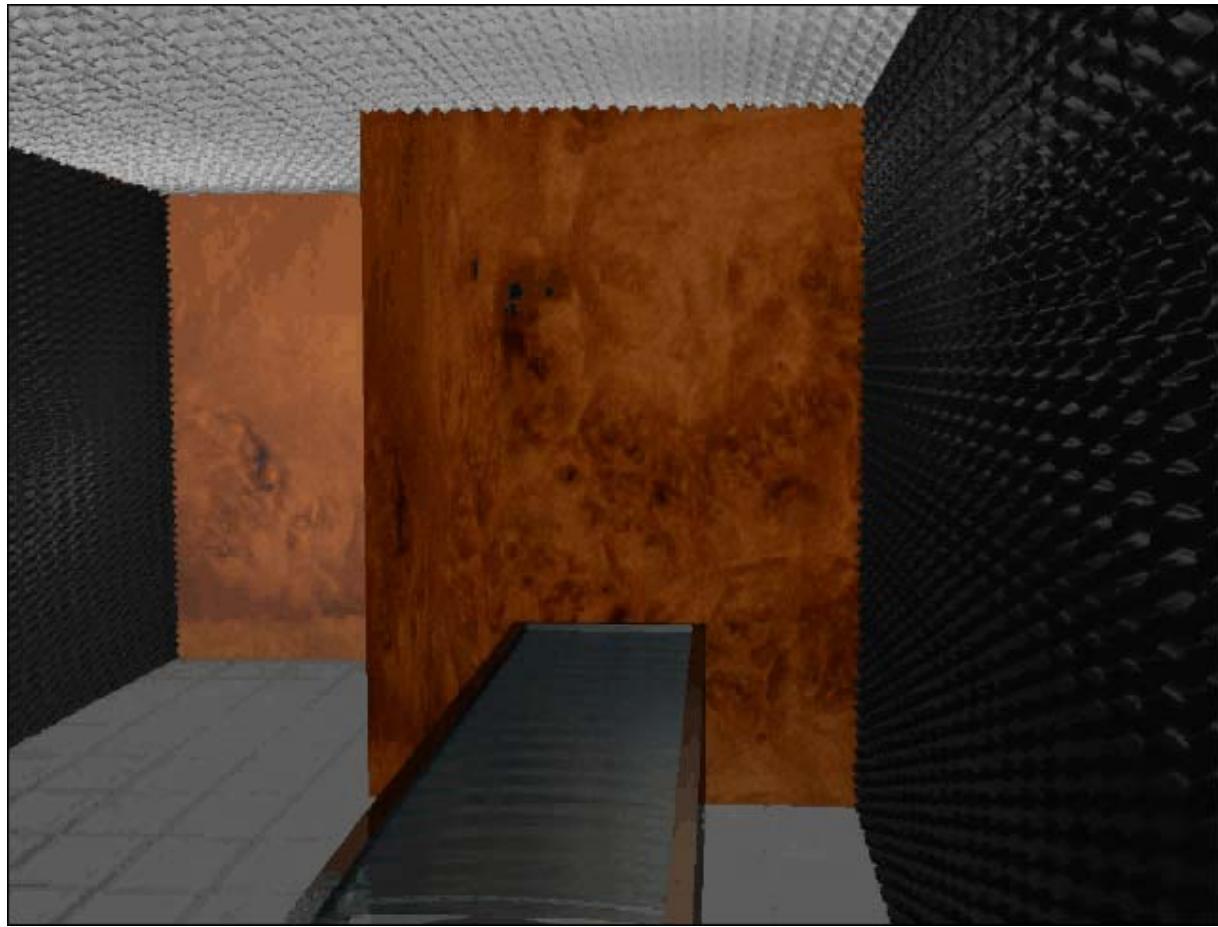
Motivation: Cheng, H. K. and Lee, C. J. (2000) Theoretical and Numerical study

Primary Objective: To answer basic question,

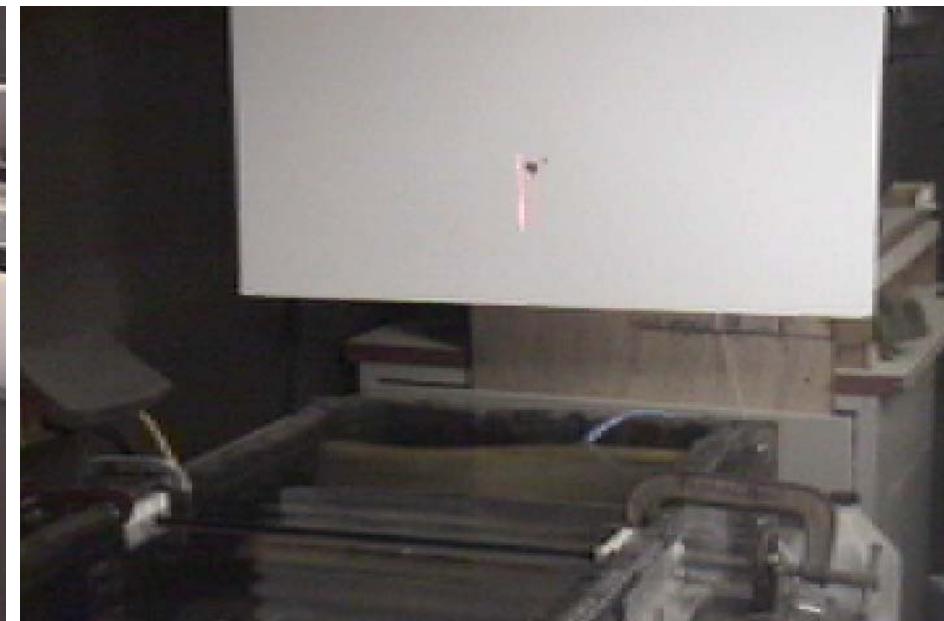
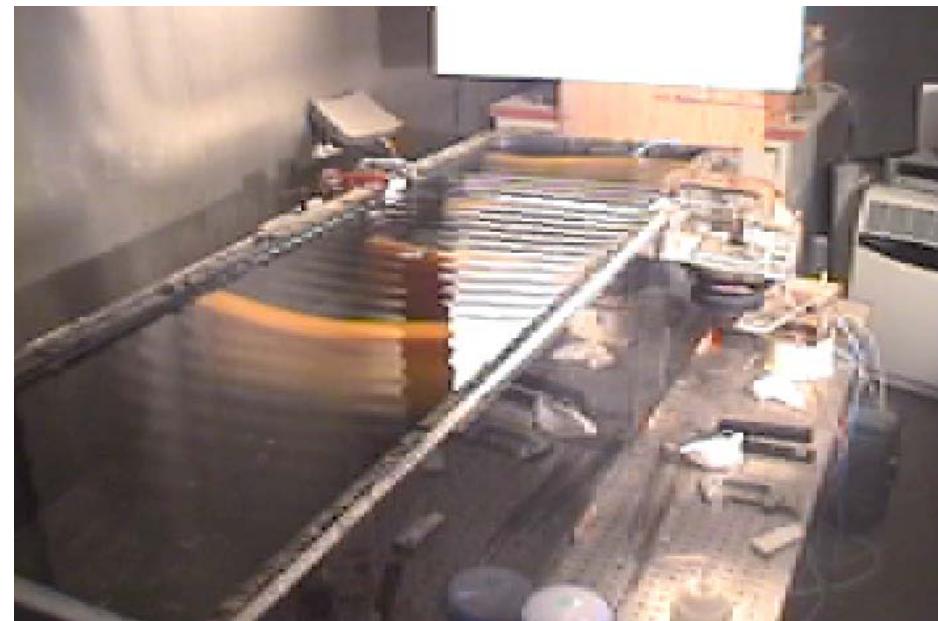
“Can we detect the difference between a wavy and flat surface?”

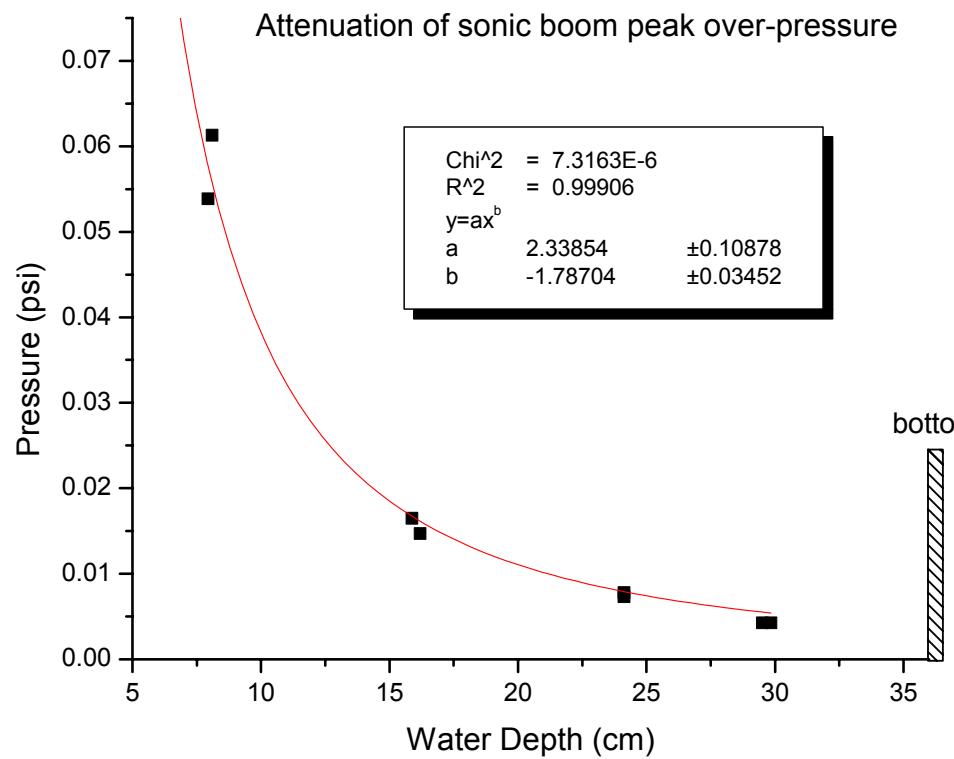
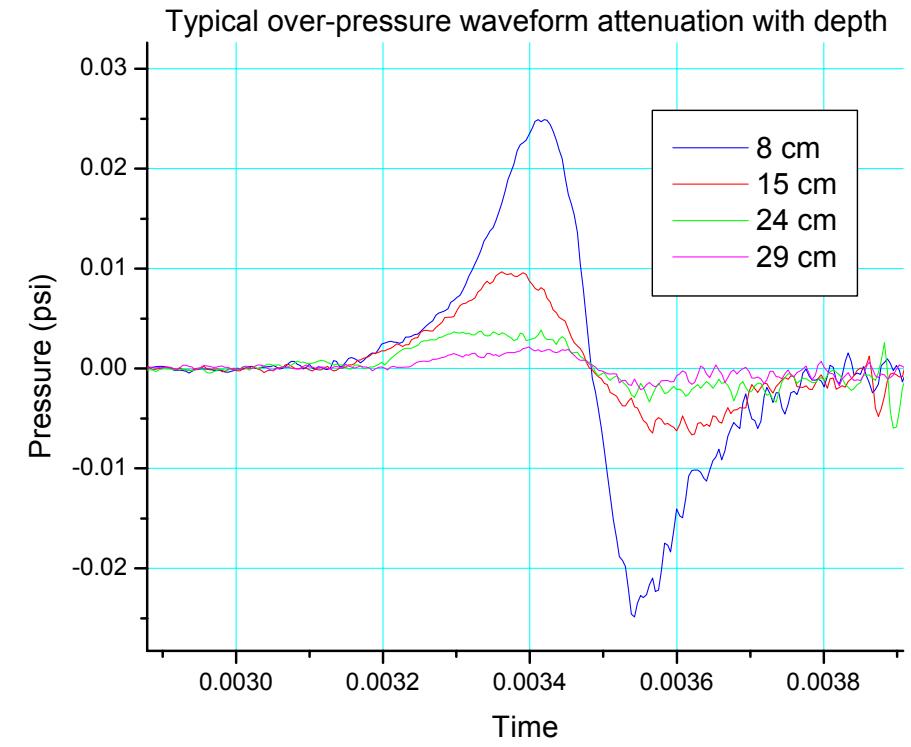
Method: Experimental Laboratory study





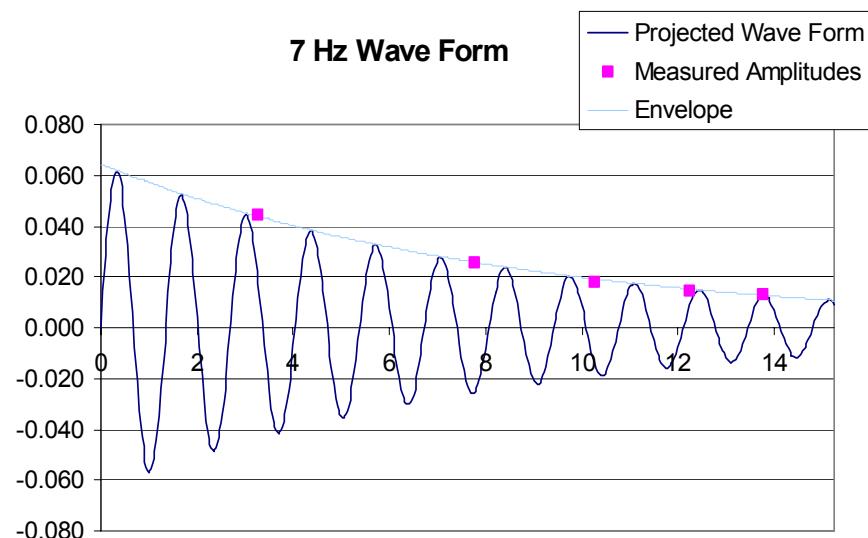
Lab setup
(approximate scale)





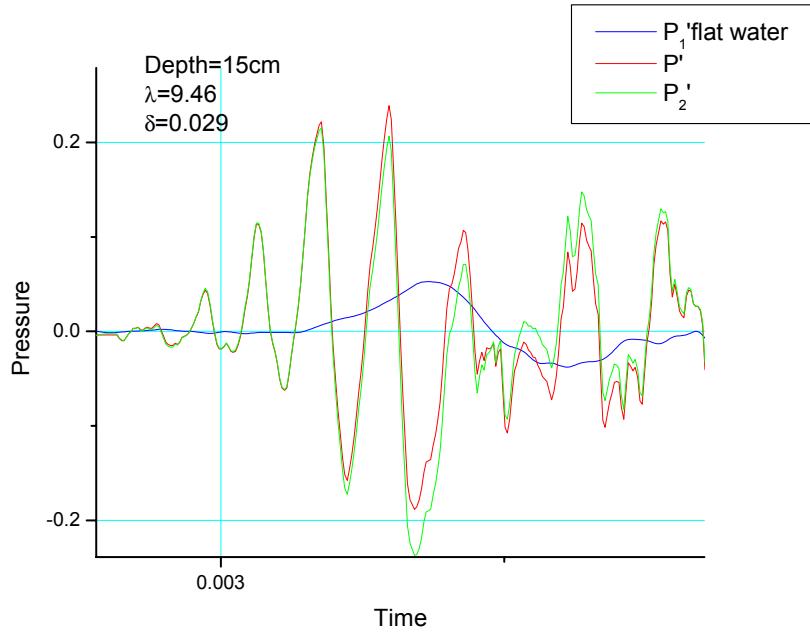
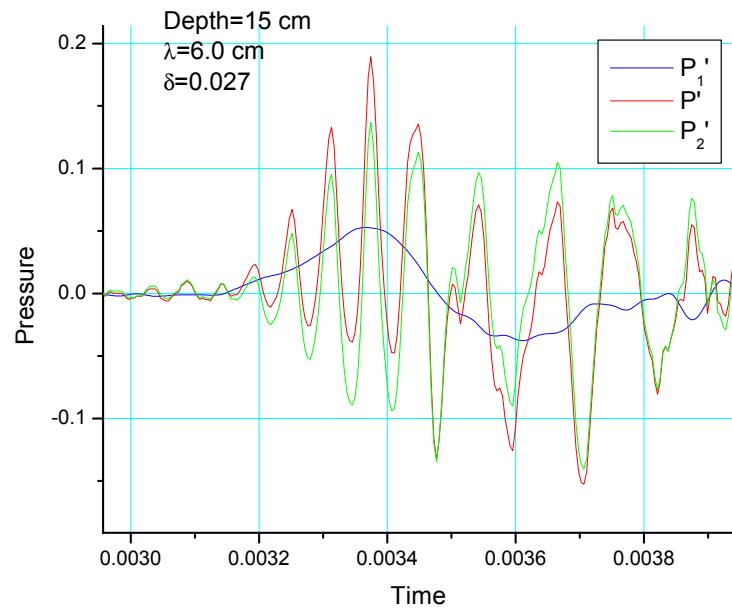
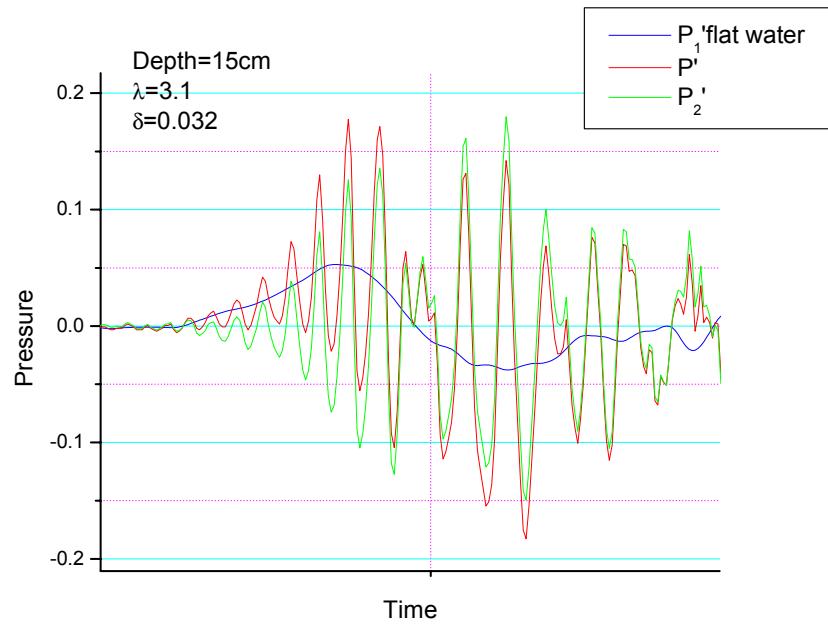
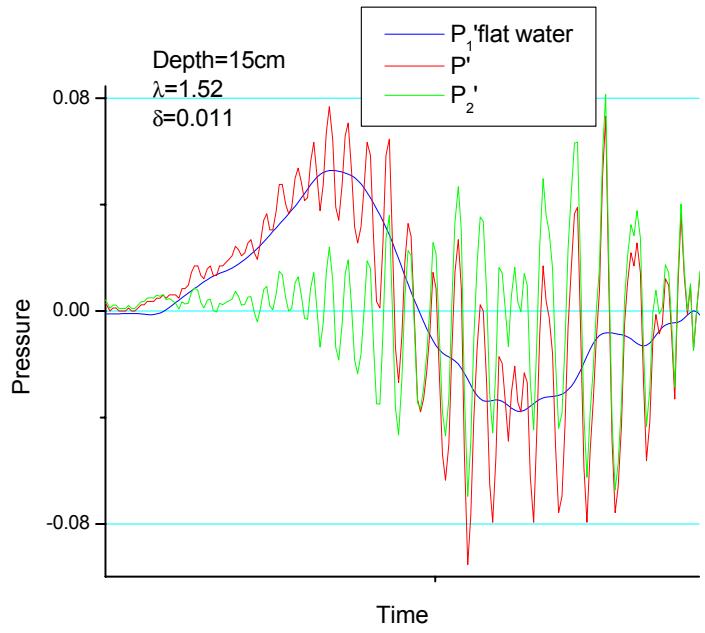
Measured flat water peak over-pressure attenuation

$$|P_1| \sim \epsilon/r^2$$

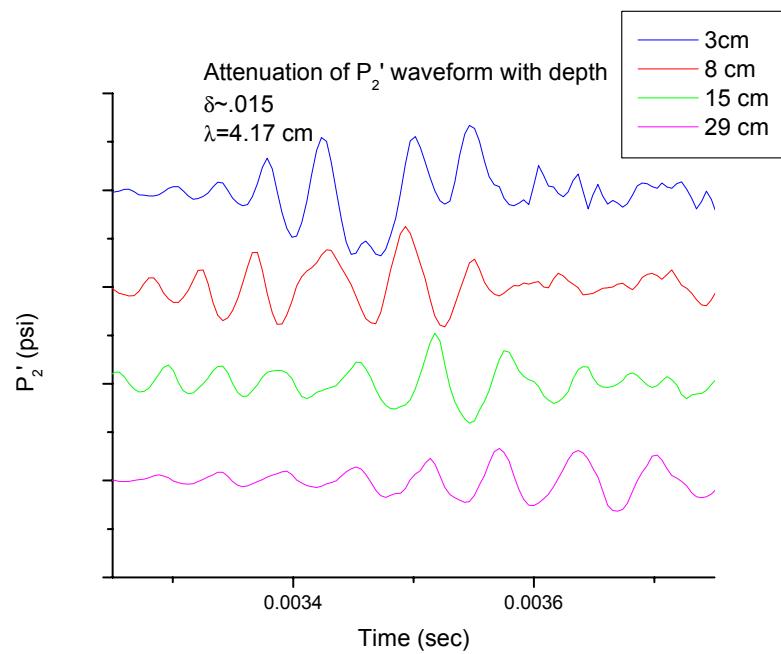


Surface wave height decay away from the paddle

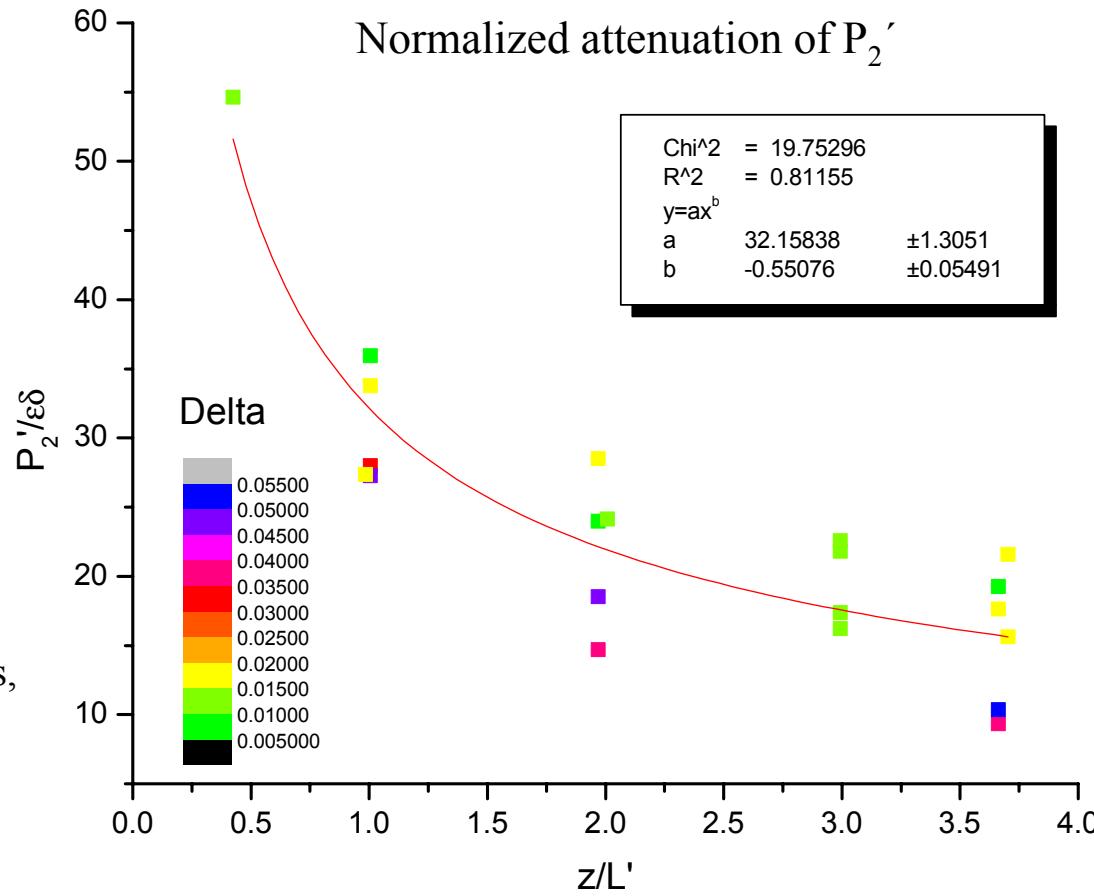
Image of a typical laboratory generated surface wave field



Data for some different experimental conditions

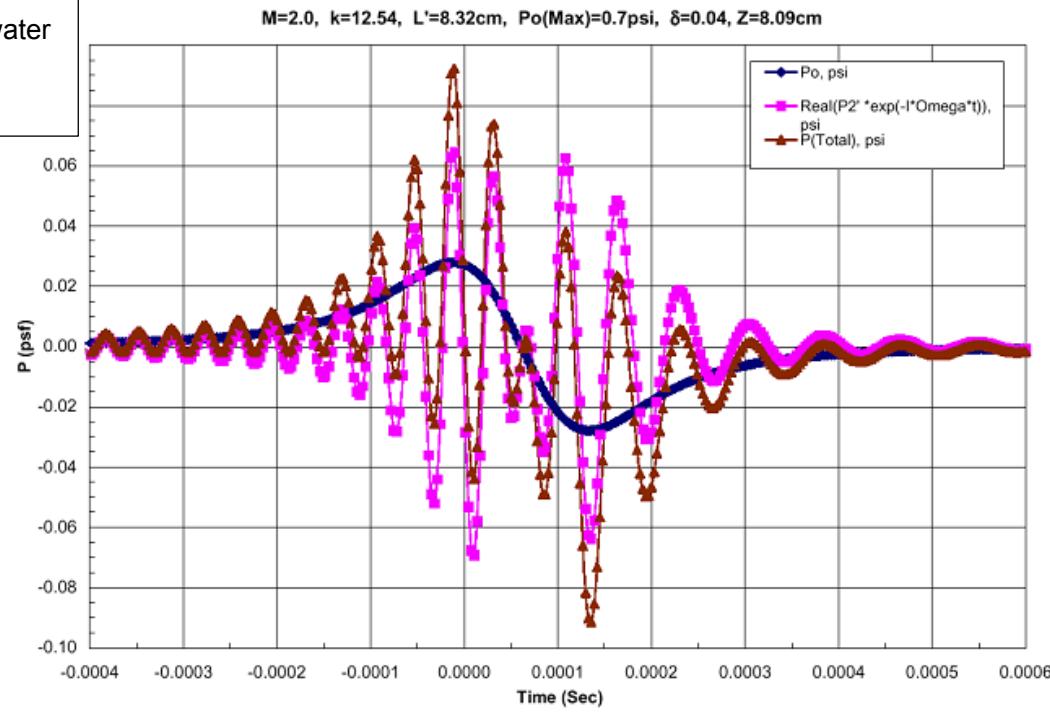
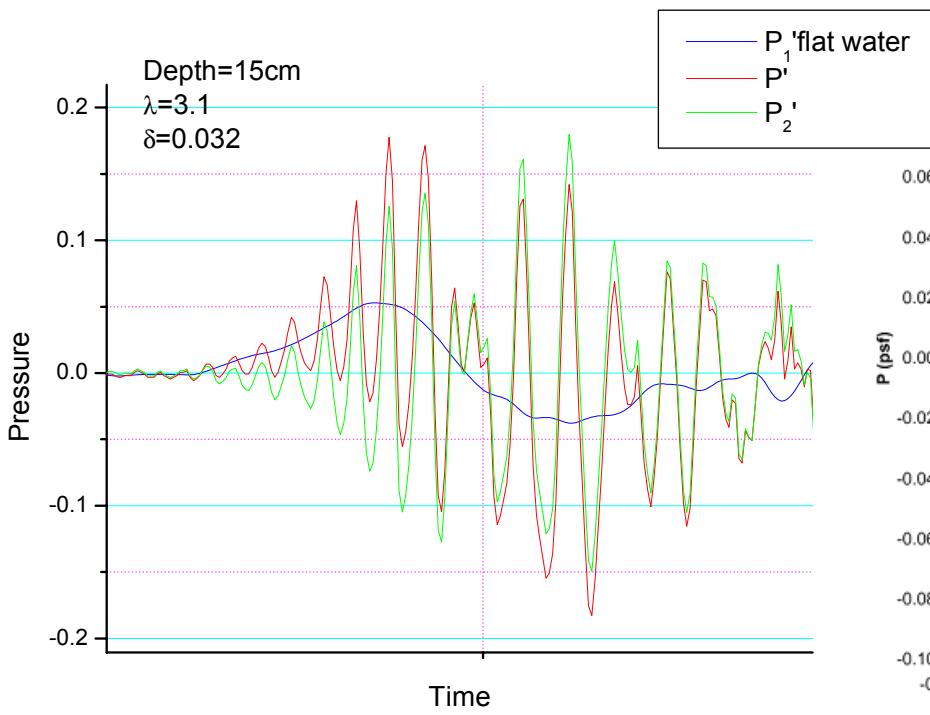


Pressure time traces of P_2' for 4 different depths,
 data offset .05 psi in y



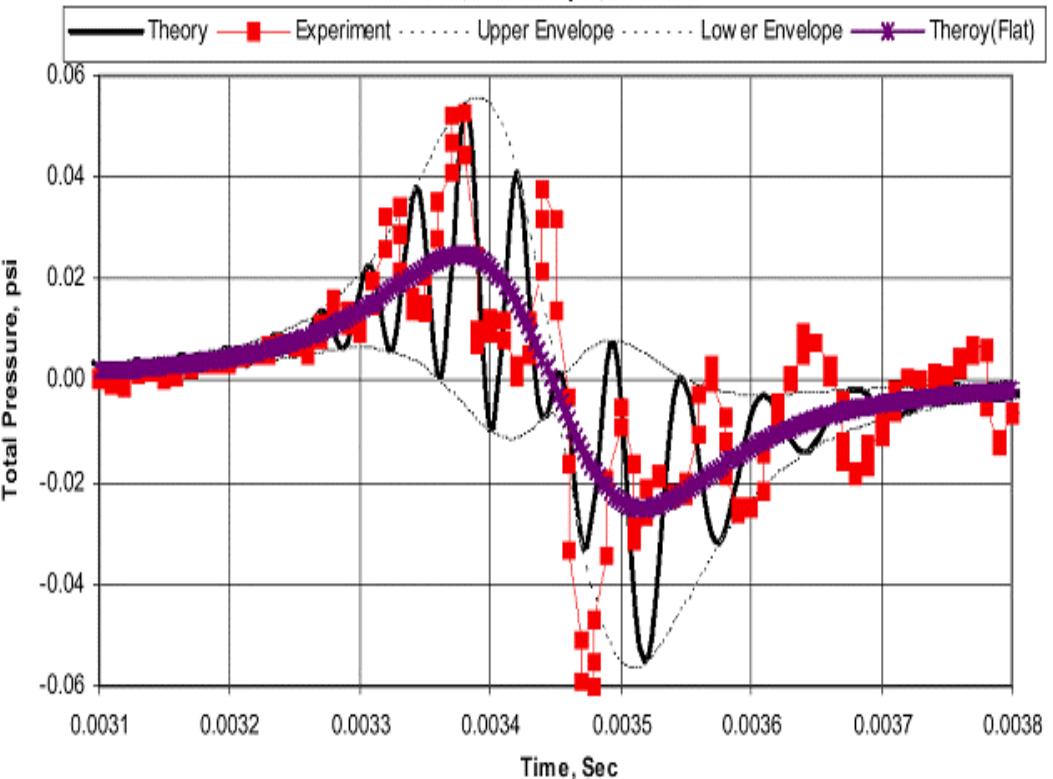
Measured wavy water P_2' attenuation

$$|P_2'| \sim \epsilon \delta / r^{1/2}$$



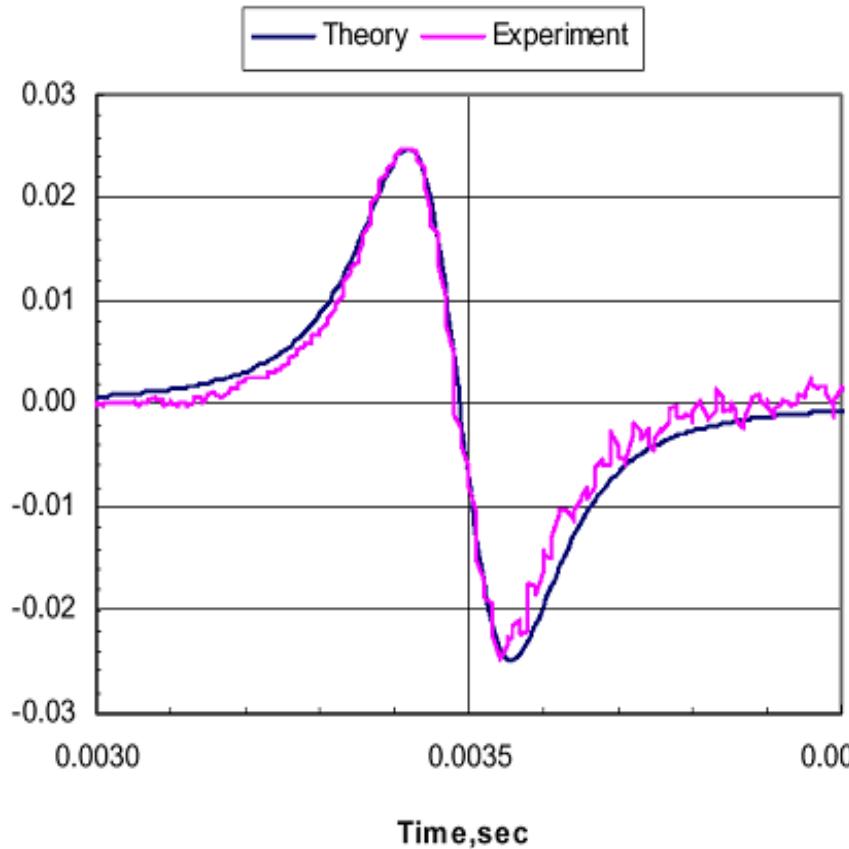
Qualitative similarity between laboratory and numerical results

$M=2.02$, $L'=8.05\text{cm}$, $Z=8.0\text{cm}$
 $k=12.54$, $P_0=0.65\text{psi}$, $\delta=0.02$



Wavy surface

$Z=8.0\text{cm}$



Flat surface

Quantitative comparison of experiment and theory

Conclusions

- The effect of a wavy surface is to produce a packet of wavelets, that at depth overwhelm the Sawyers flat ocean model.
- Sawyers model verified in laboratory to 5 signature depths.
- Good agreement between the Theory, Numerical & Laboratory work Conclusively showing that the theory of Cheng and Lee (2000) is valid at the laboratory scale.

$$|P_1'| \sim \epsilon / r^2$$

Flat water N-wave attenuation

$$P' \sim P_1' + P_2'$$

P_2' overwhelms P_1' at ~ 1 signature depth

$$|P_2'| \sim \epsilon \delta / r^{1/2}$$

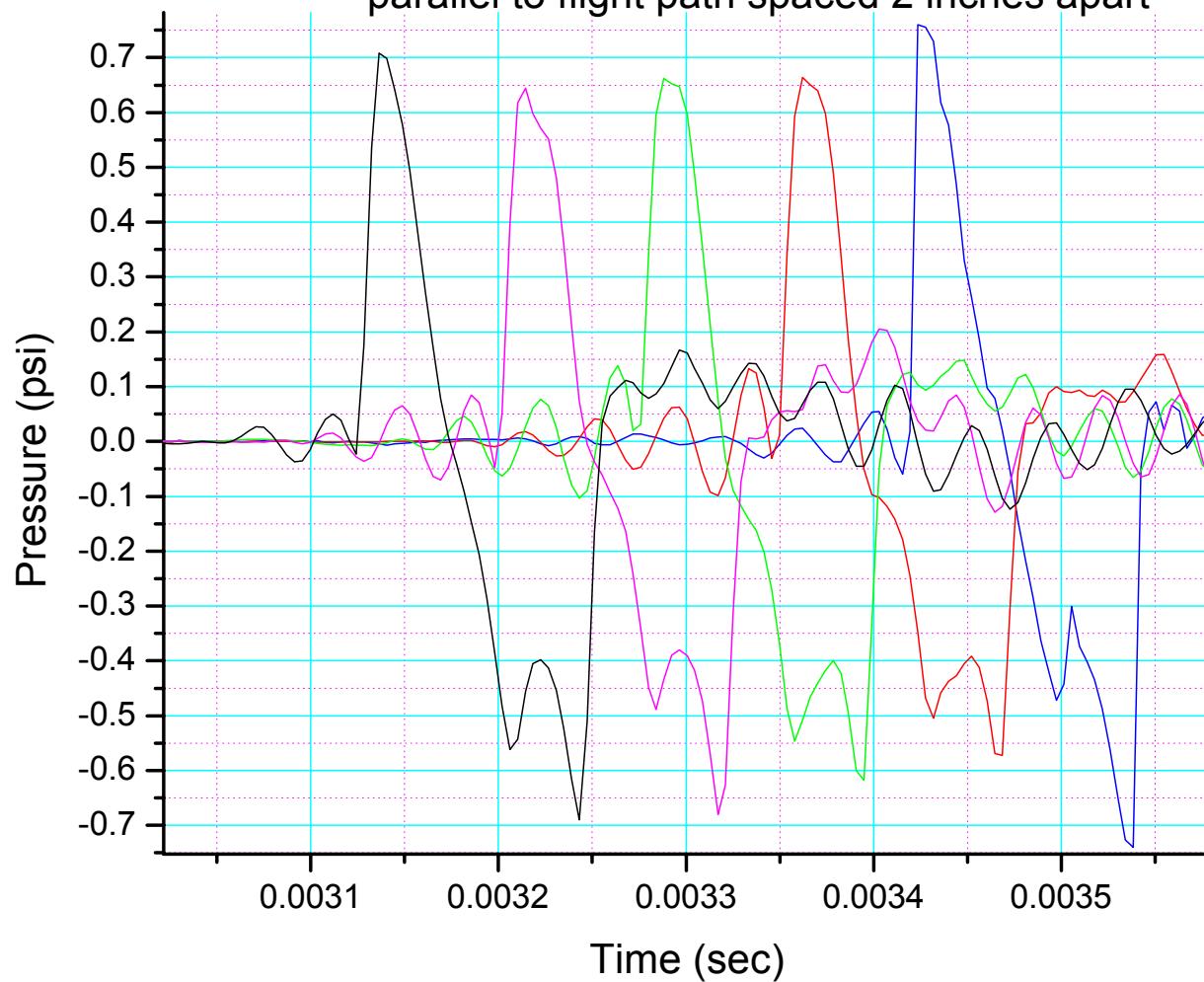
Wavy water attenuation

- Sonic Boom sound levels in the ocean from supersonic over flight predicted > 120 dB (re 1 μ Pa) in the 15-25 Hz range.

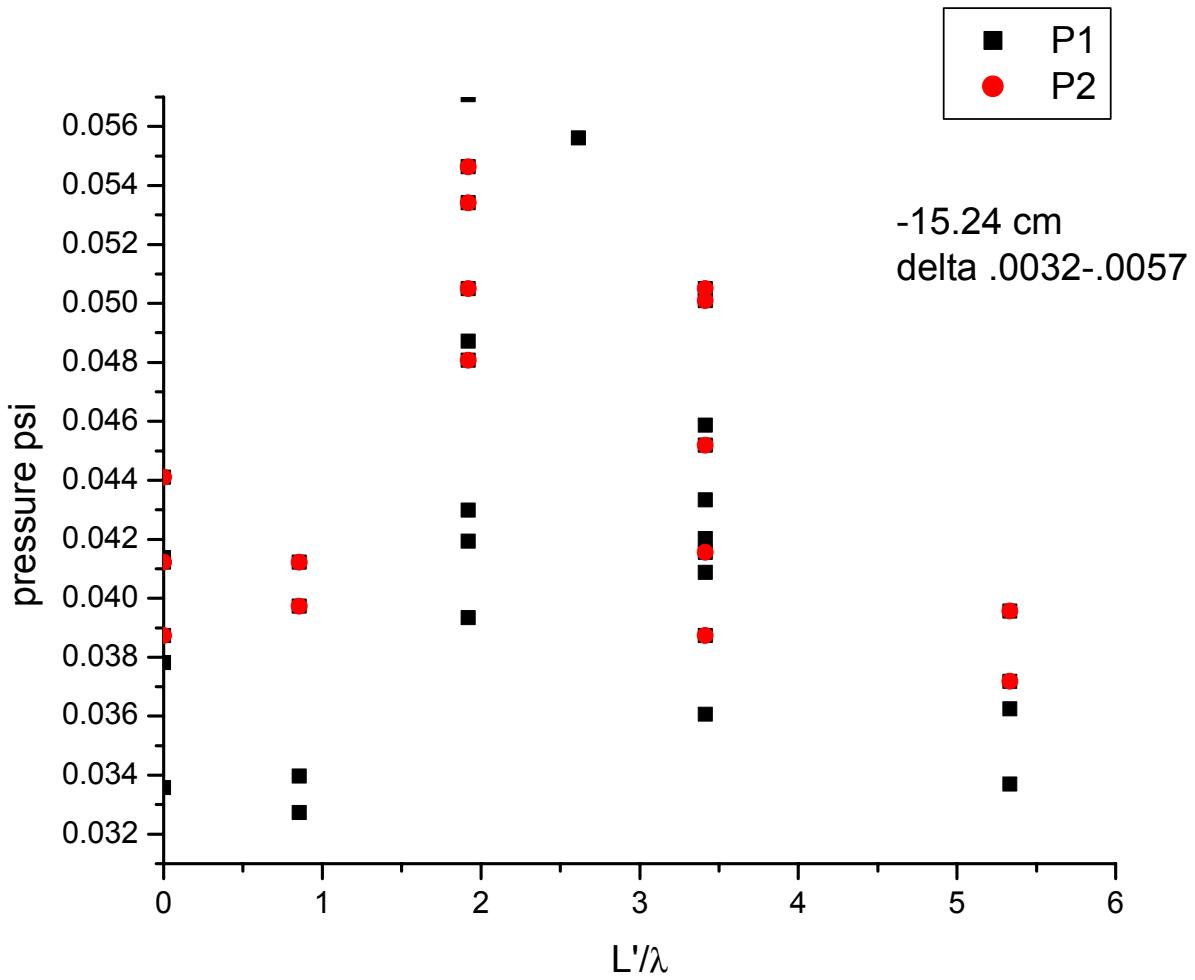
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Sensors placed just above water surface
parallel to flight path spaced 2 inches apart

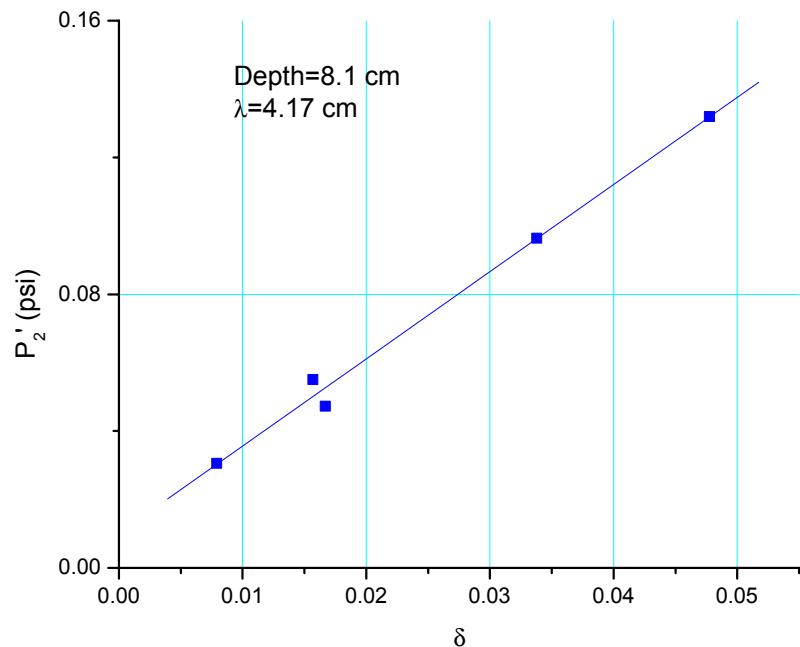


Pressure signals from 5 piezotrons in the air just above the air-water interface

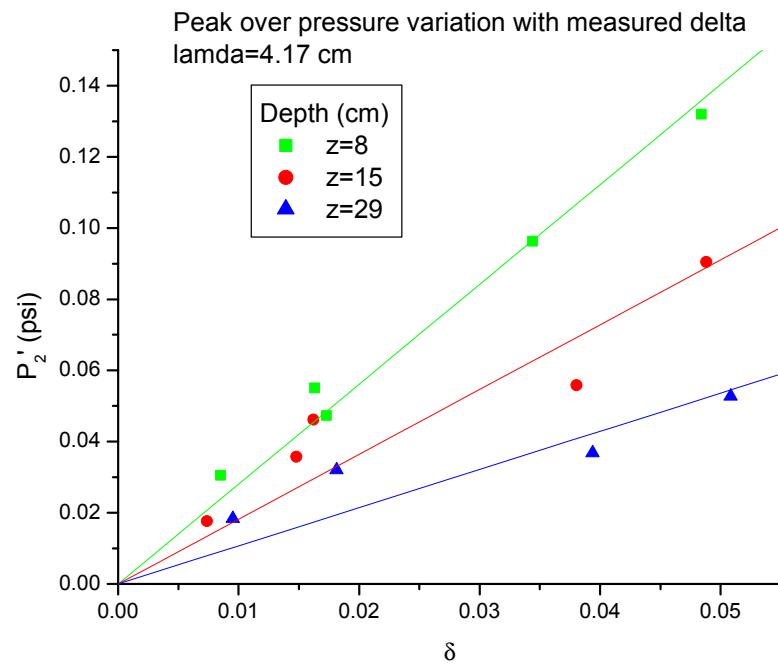


Preliminary peak measured pressure for probes at 2 different stream wise positions vs. λ/L' based on older data acquisition and laboratory setup

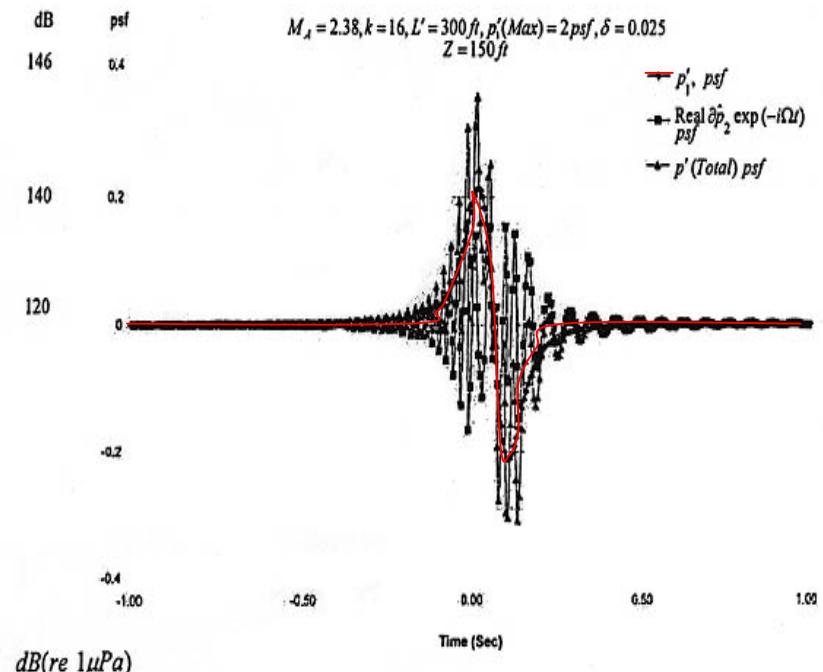
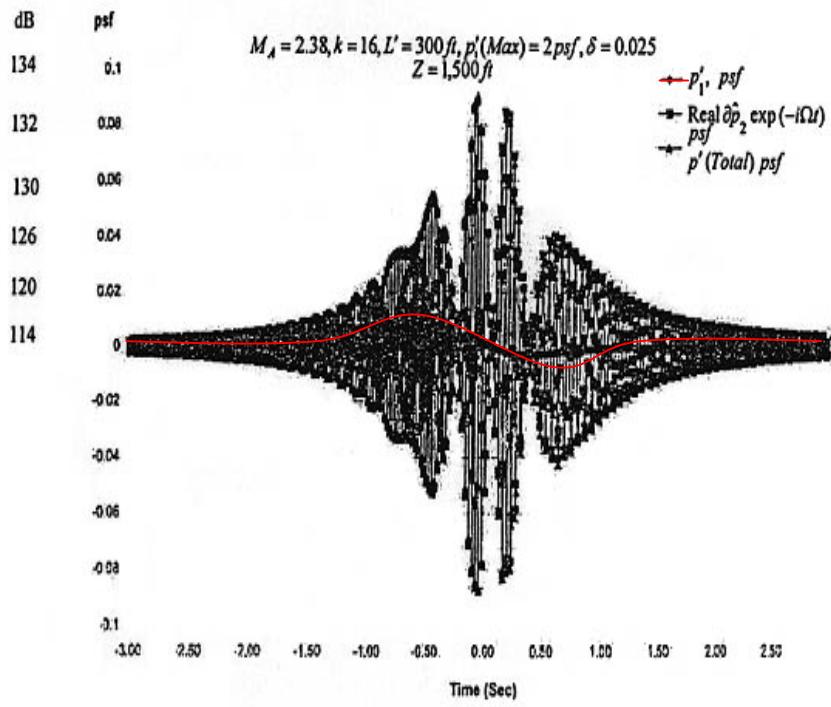
Importance of the wave height δ

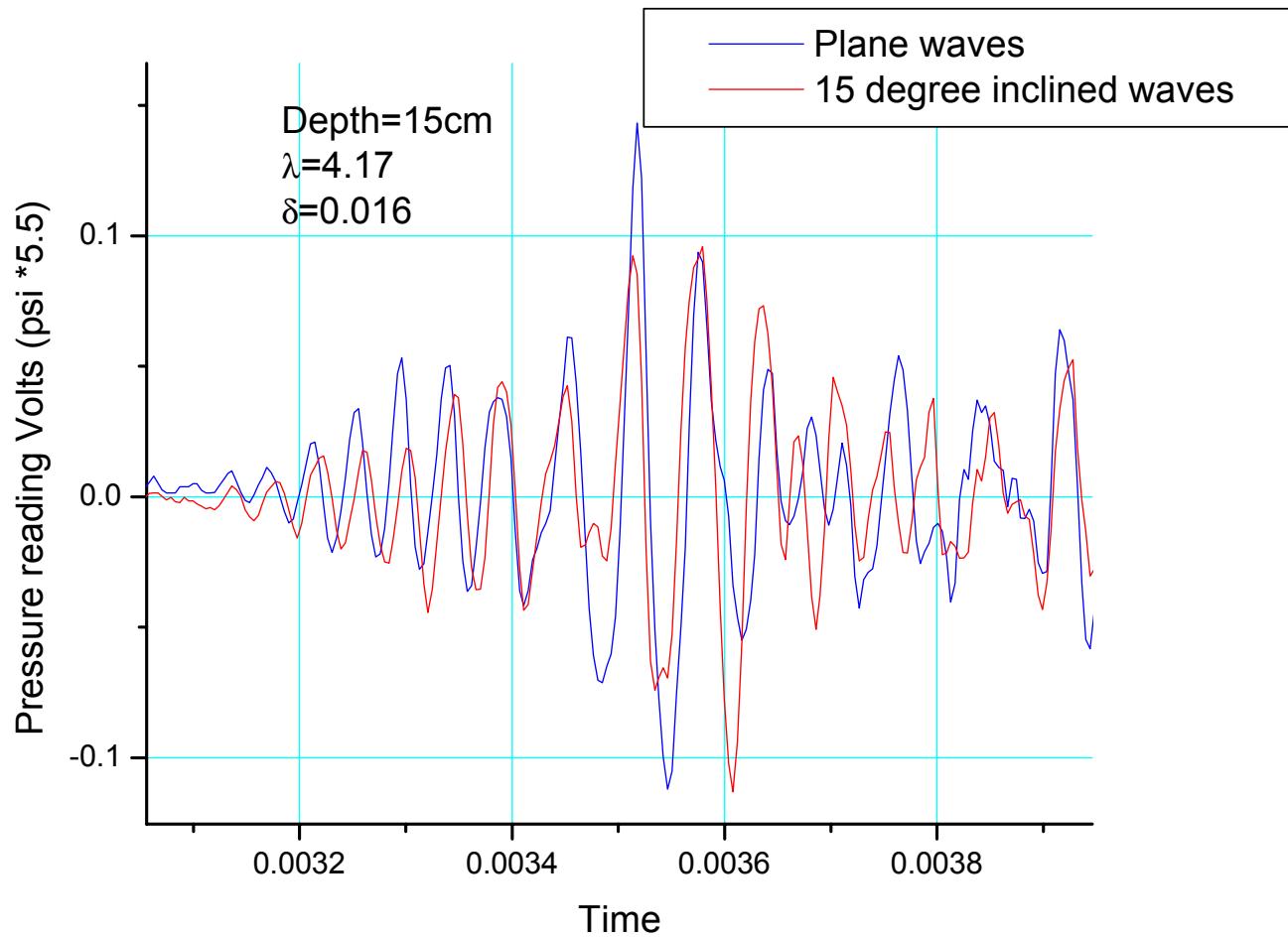


Linear dependence of P'_2 on measured δ for shallow depths



P'_2 verses δ for different depths





Effects of inclined surface wave trains

Fig.1

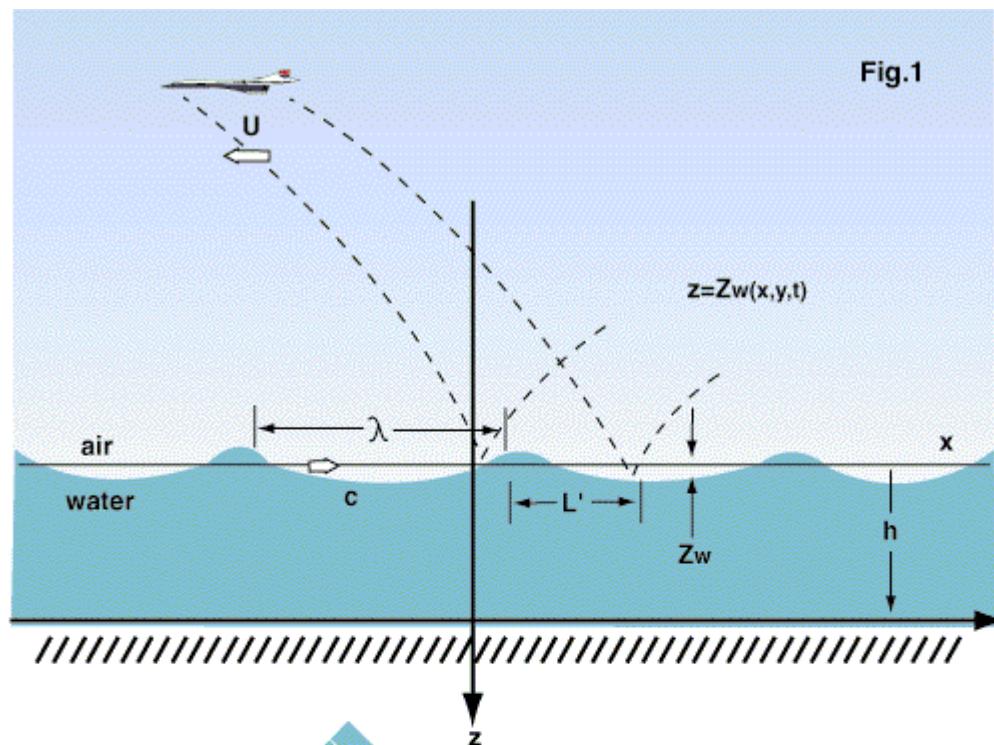
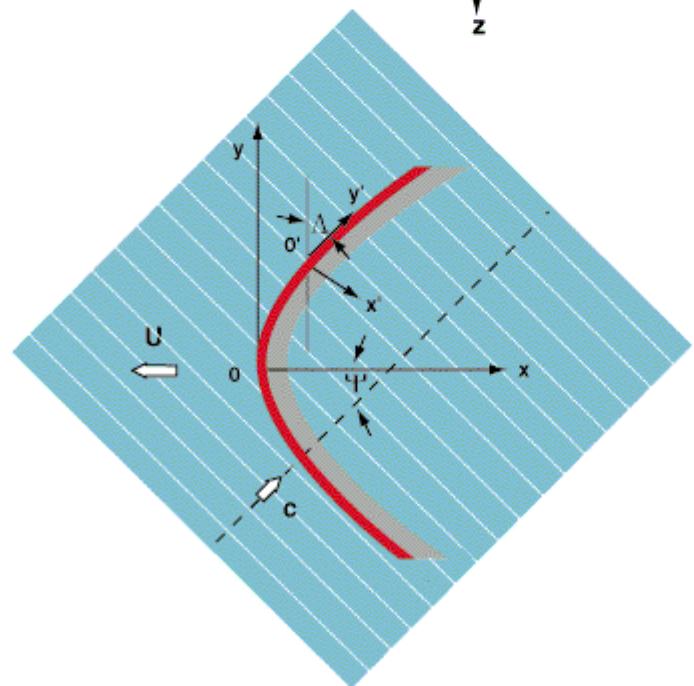
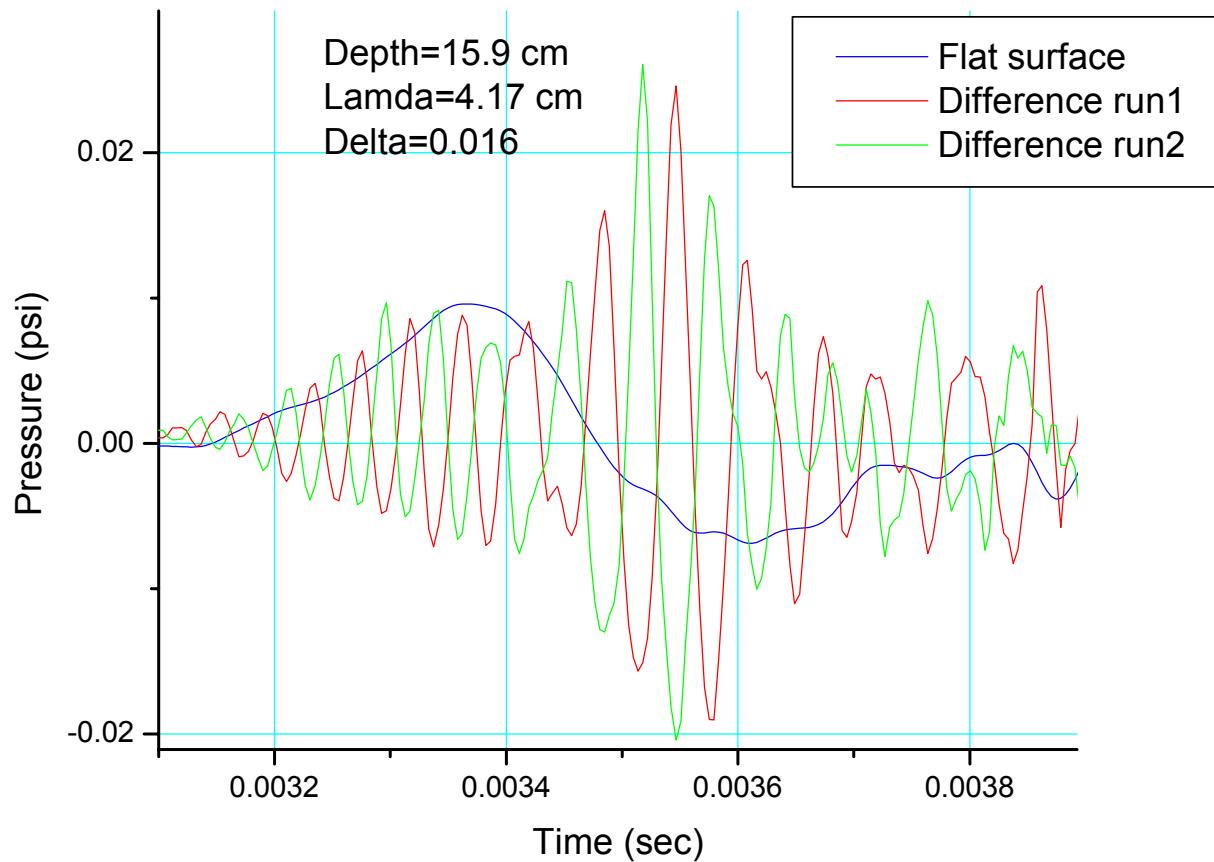


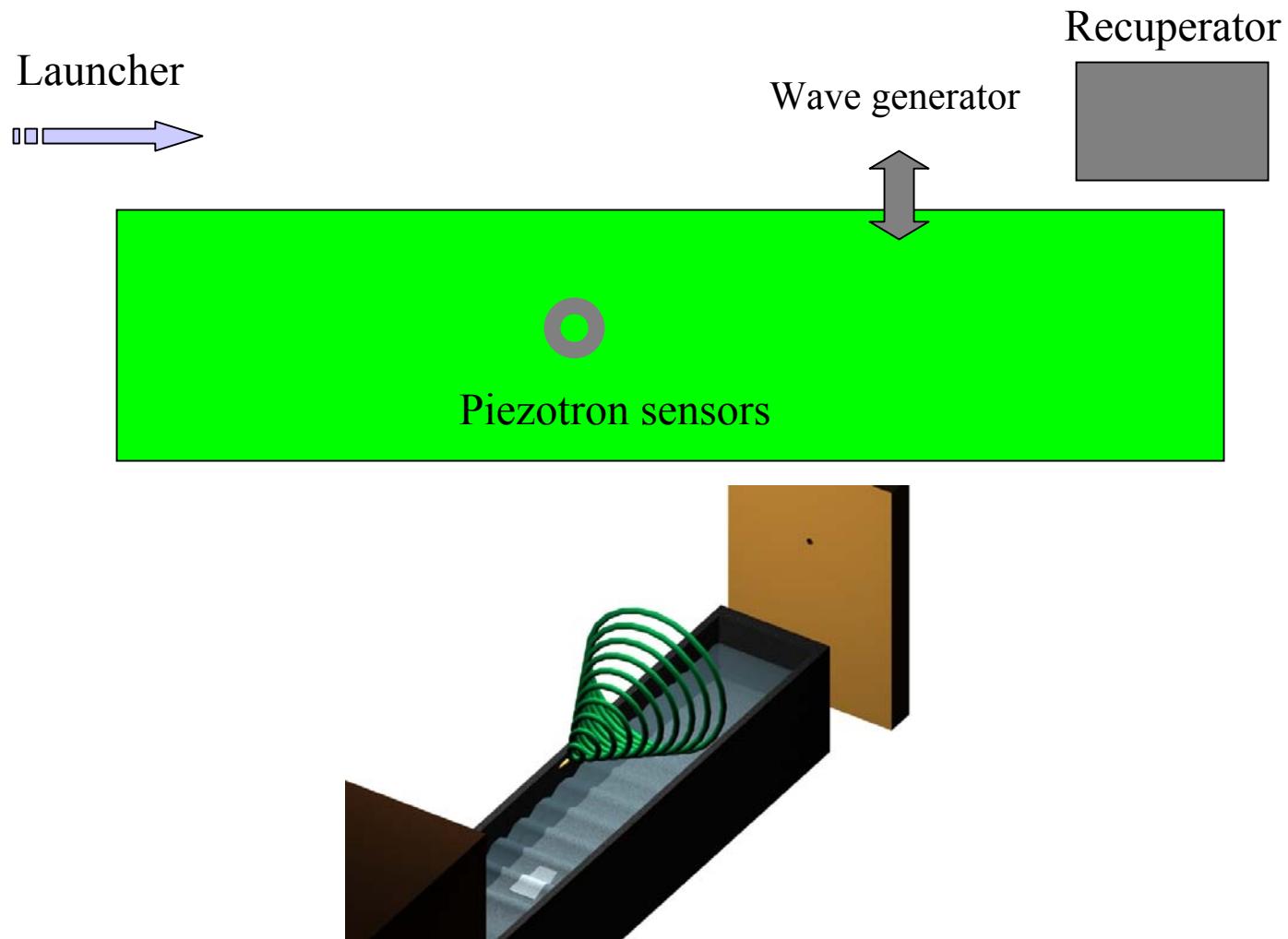
Fig.2



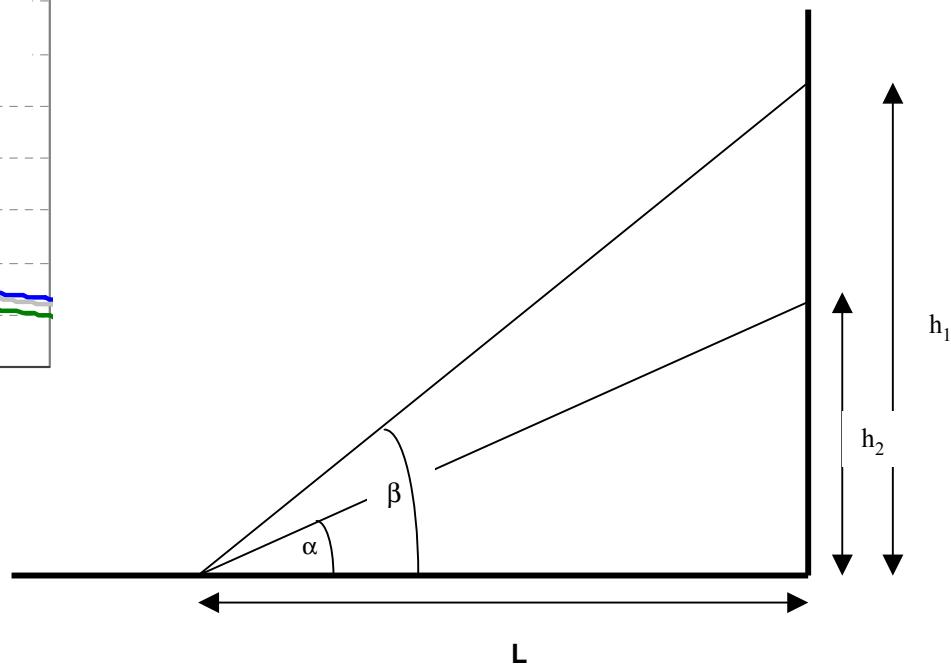
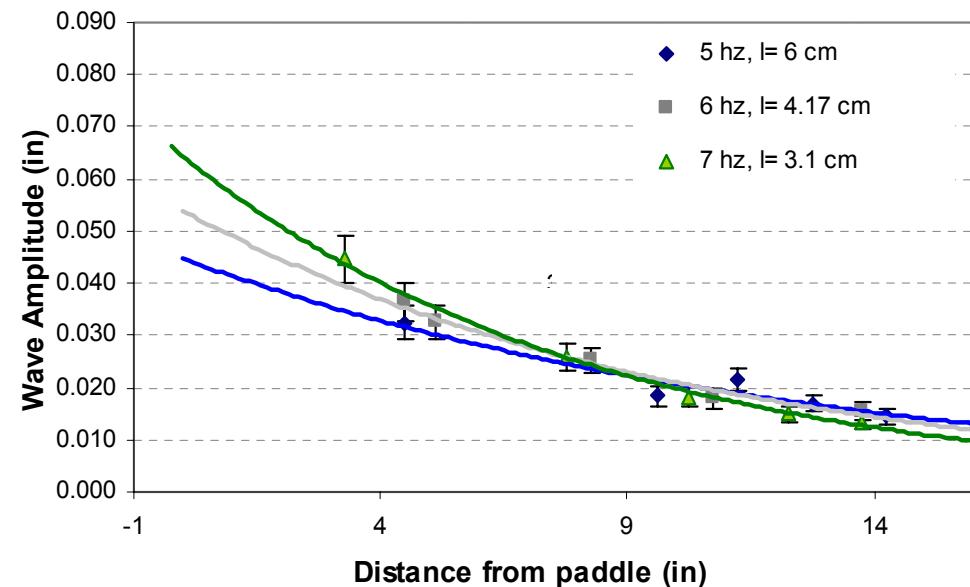


Two different ensembles of the same experiment showing the difference in phase that permits a better resolution of the wave packet envelope

Experimental setup



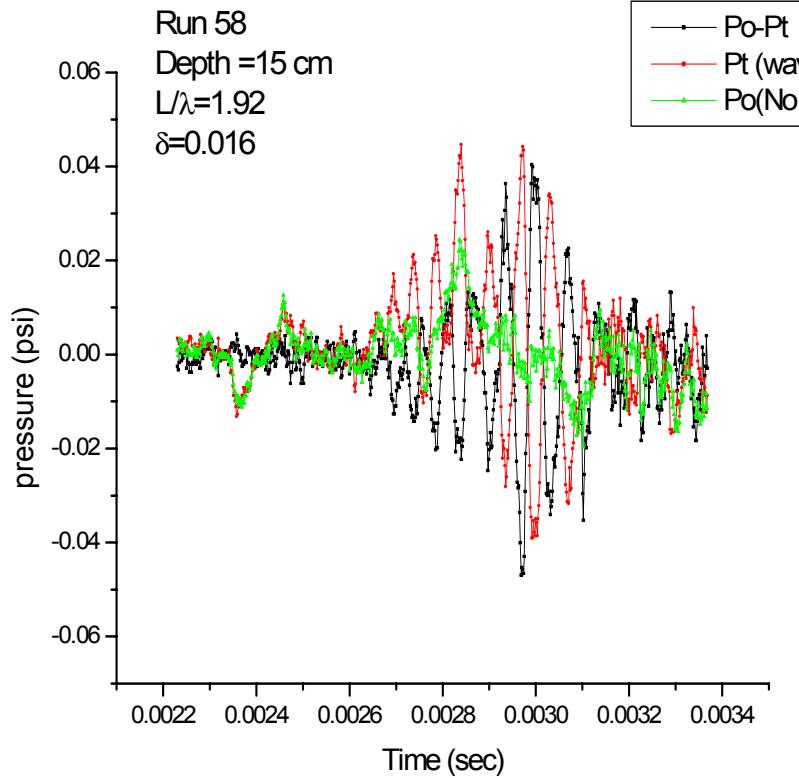
Wave Amplitude in test Section



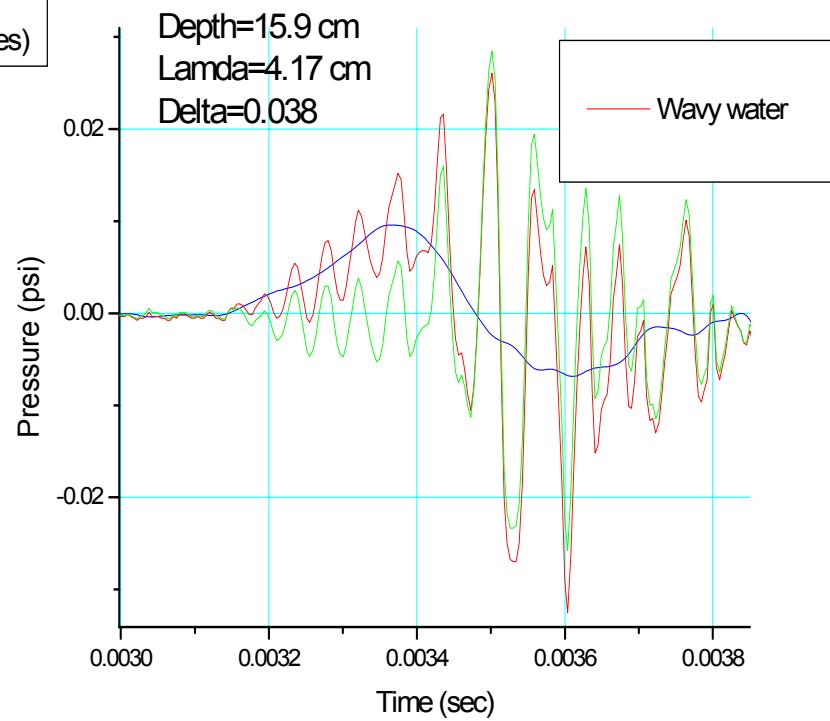
$$A = \delta\lambda / 2\pi,$$

$$2\delta = \tan^{-1}(h_1/L) - \tan^{-1}(h_2/L).$$

Optical wave height gauge geometry



Old data



New data

Improvements in data quality