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# Primary Method for the Complex Calibration of a Hydrophone from 1 Hz to 2 kHz

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**THESIS**

EXTENDING THE CALIBRATION IN THE UNDERWATER  
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COUPLER TO INCORPORATE PHASE

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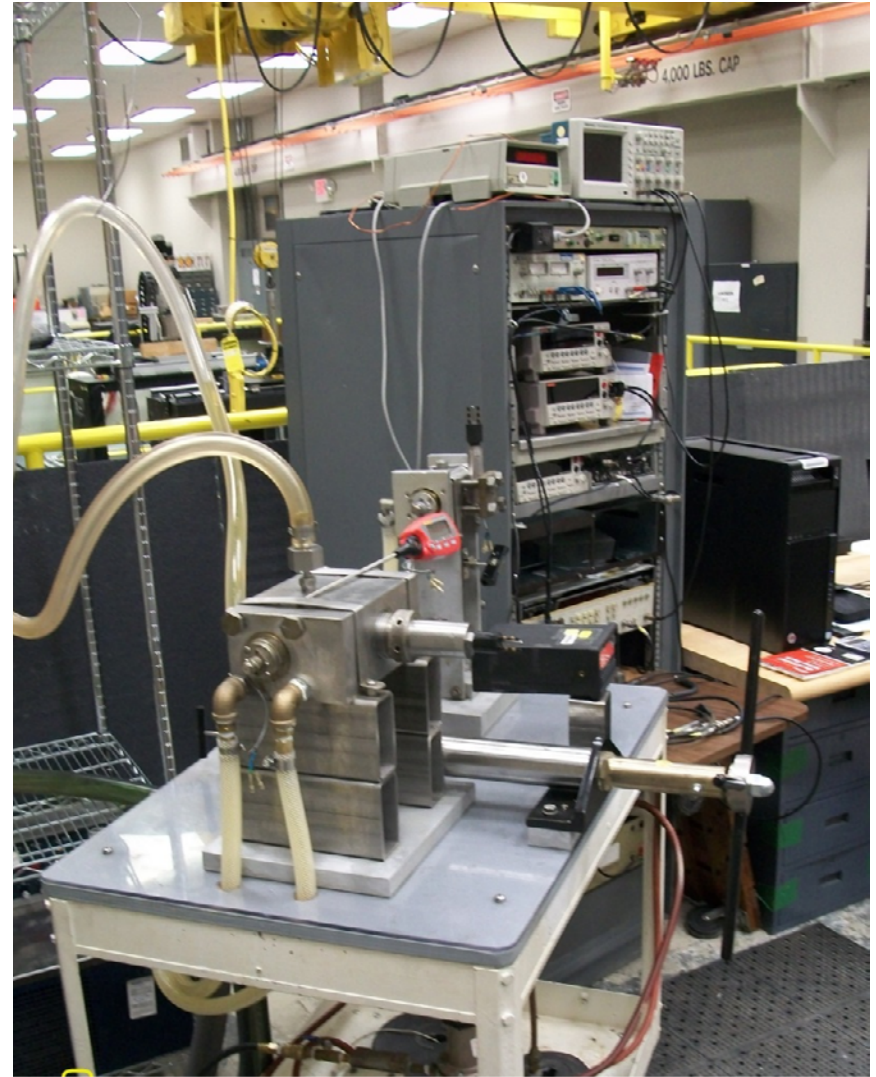
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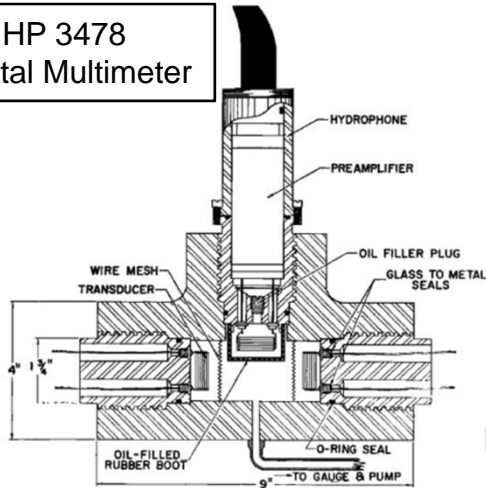
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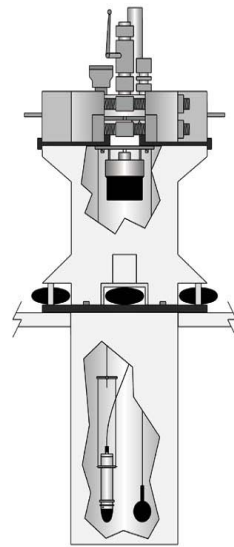
# Traceability at Low Frequency

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Digital Multimeter

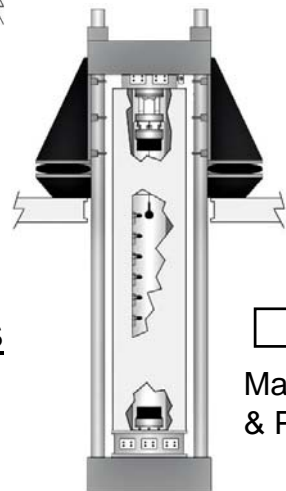


Magnitude

HP 3562  
Signal Analyzer



Magnitude & Phase



Magnitude & Phase

Custom  
Measurement  
System

Primary Reference Standard  
Reciprocity Coupler  
Type H48 and Type A47

Secondary Reference Standards  
Standing Wave Tube  
Traveling Wave Tubes

User Applications  
USRD Facility Standards  
USRD Standards Leasing  
Other Navy Labs  
Gov't Agencies  
Non-Gov't Orgs.  
Academia  
Industry



# Theory

$$M_H = \left( \frac{e_{HY}e_{HX}}{e_{YX}i_Y} J \right)^{1/2}$$

## Configuration (a)

$$e_{HX} = M_{HPX} = M_H i_X S_X$$

$$e_{YX} = M_Y i_X S_X$$

## Configuration (b)

$$e_{HY} = M_H i_Y S_Y$$

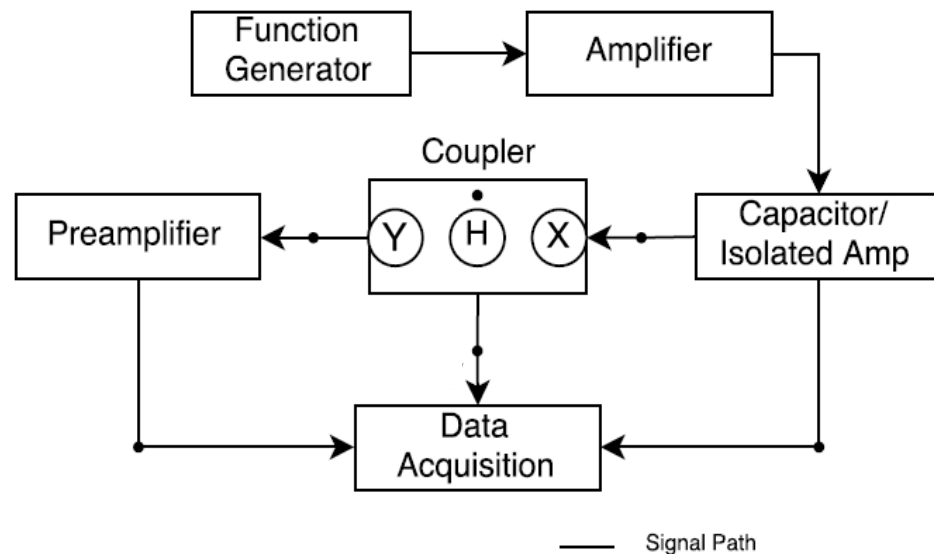
## Reciprocity Parameter

$$J = \frac{M_Y}{S_Y} = \frac{j\omega V}{\rho c^2} = j\omega C$$

$C$  is the acoustical compliance of the coupler fluid medium  
 $\rho c^2$  is the adiabatic bulk modulus of the fill fluid (castor oil)  
 $V$  is the coupler volume

Table 1. Reciprocity calibration measurement groupings, adapted from [1].

Configuration	Input Current Measurement	Transmitting Transducer	Receiving Transducers	Output Voltage Measurements
(a)	$i_X$	Reciprocal Transducer X	Hydrophone, Reciprocal Transducer Y	$e_{HX}, e_{YX}$
(b)	$i_Y$	Reciprocal Transducer Y	Hydrophone, Reciprocal Transducer X	$e_{HY}, e_{XY}$



# Practice

$$M_H = \sqrt{\frac{e_{HX}e_{HY}}{\sqrt{e_{YX}e_{CX}} \times e_{XY}e_{CY}}} \left( \frac{V}{C_p \rho c^2} \right)$$

$C_p$  is capacitance

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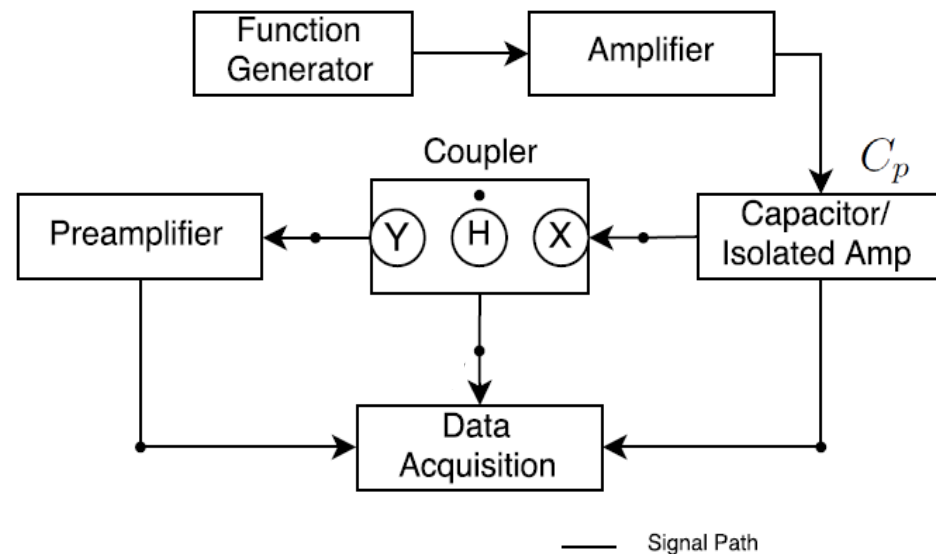
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$$e_{XY} = M_X i_Y S_Y$$

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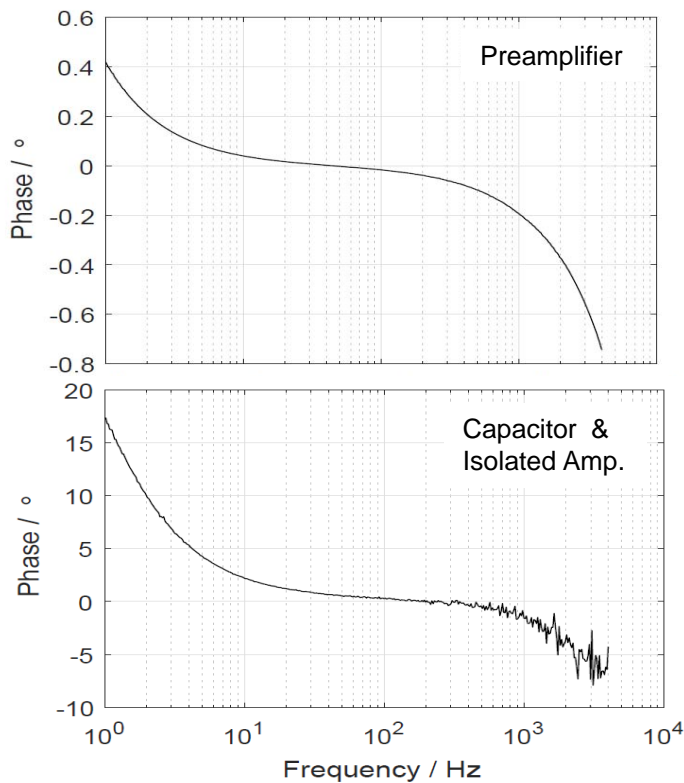
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# Systematic Errors & Corrections

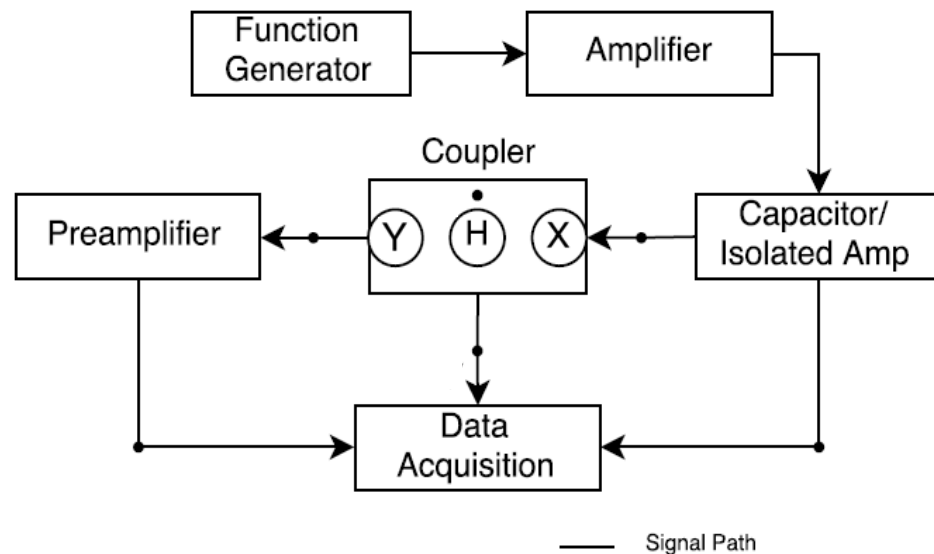
## Phase

- Preamplifier (Itaco 1201)
- Capacitor / Isolated Amplifier
- Sequential sampling skew



## Magnitude

- Coupler compliance
  - Transducer compliance
  - Acoustic wavelength
- } 0.25 to 0.33 dB



# Uncertainty

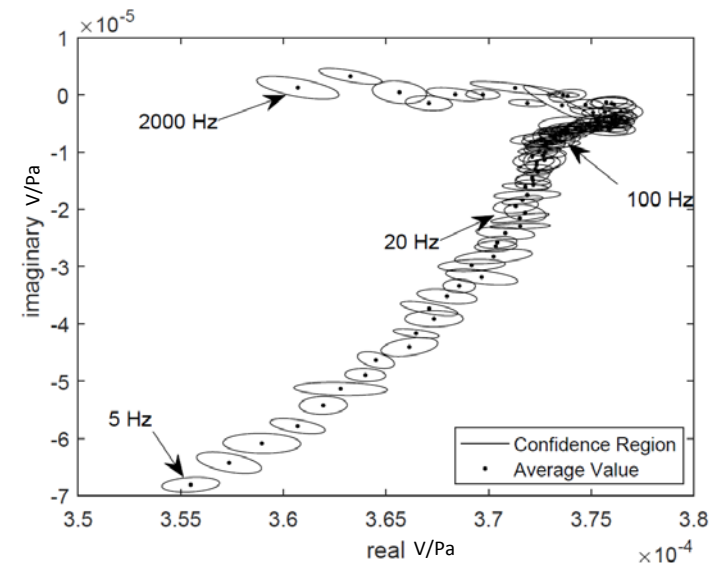
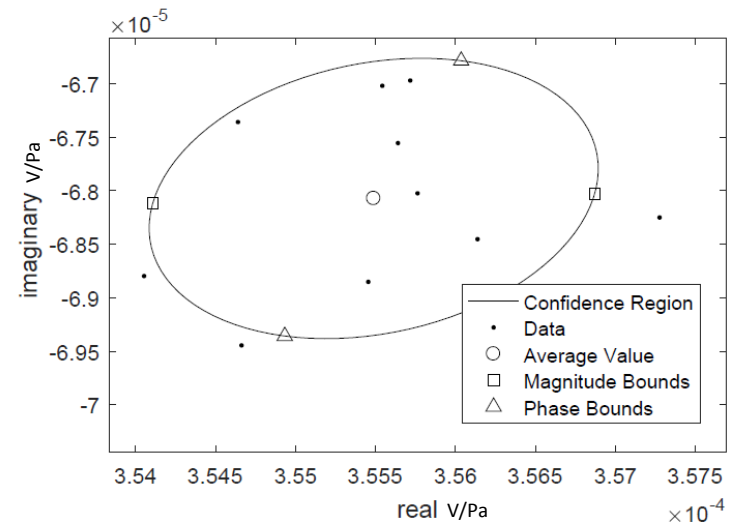
## Type A

- Random errors modeled using a bivariate normal distribution for the real and imaginary parts of the complex sensitivity.
- Semi-major  $a$  and semi-minor  $b$  axes of elliptical uncertainty bound given by largest and smallest eigenvalues of covariance matrix,

$$a = \sqrt{s\lambda_{\max}} \quad b = \sqrt{s\lambda_{\min}}$$

where  $s$  is a coverage factor given by

$$s = \left( \frac{2(n-1)}{n-2} F_{2,n-2}(\alpha) \right)^{1/2}$$

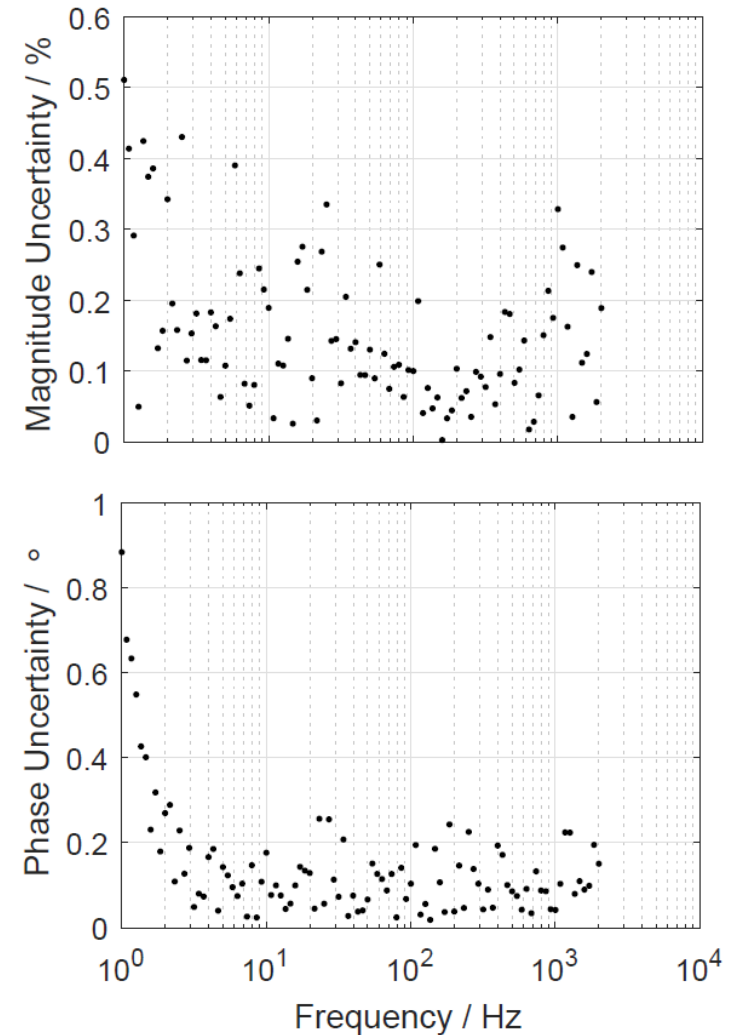




# Uncertainty

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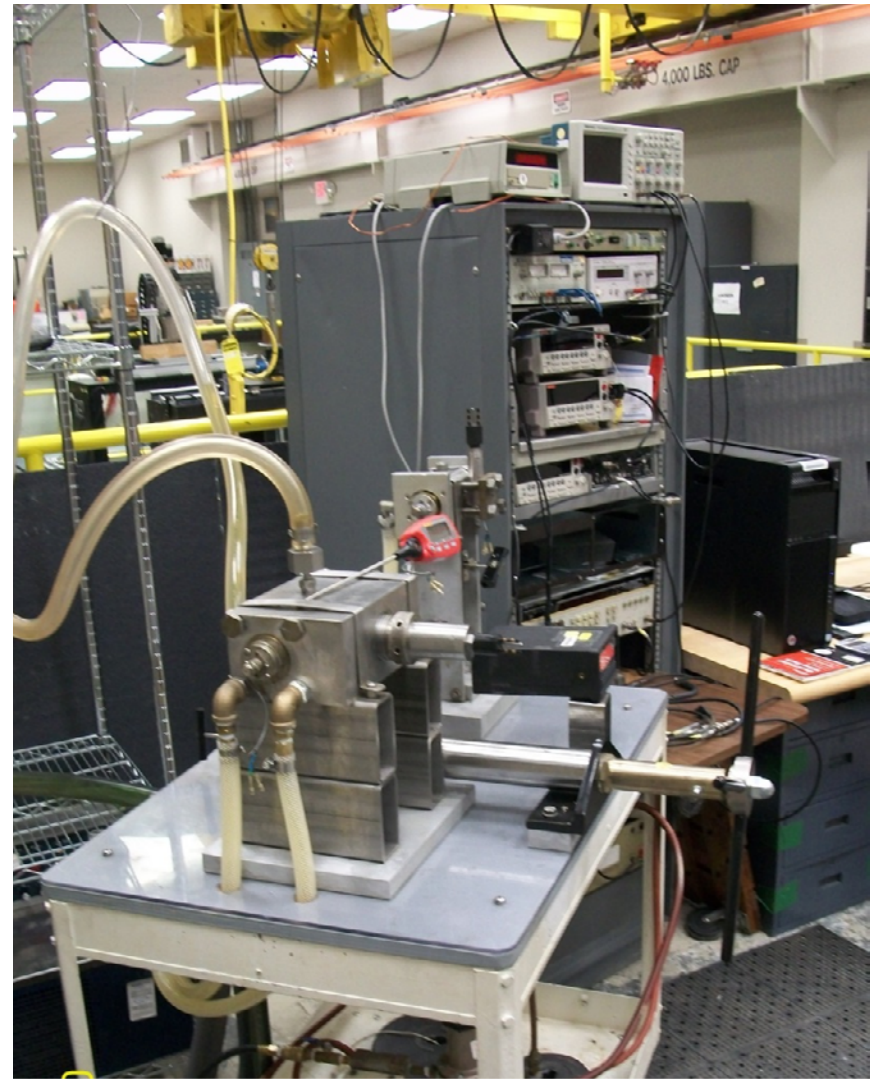
- Rotation angle of covariance ellipse given by correlation of real and imaginary parts of measurements.
- Type A component of uncertainties in magnitude and phase of the complex sensitivity calculated from covariance ellipse boundaries.



# Uncertainty

## Type B

- Magnitude
  - Speed of sound in castor oil
  - Volume of reciprocity coupler
  - Voltage measurements
  - Capacitance
  - Density of castor oil
  
- Phase
  - $\pm 0.5^\circ$  for HP35565 signal analyzer used to correct phase shift in the differential amplifier.

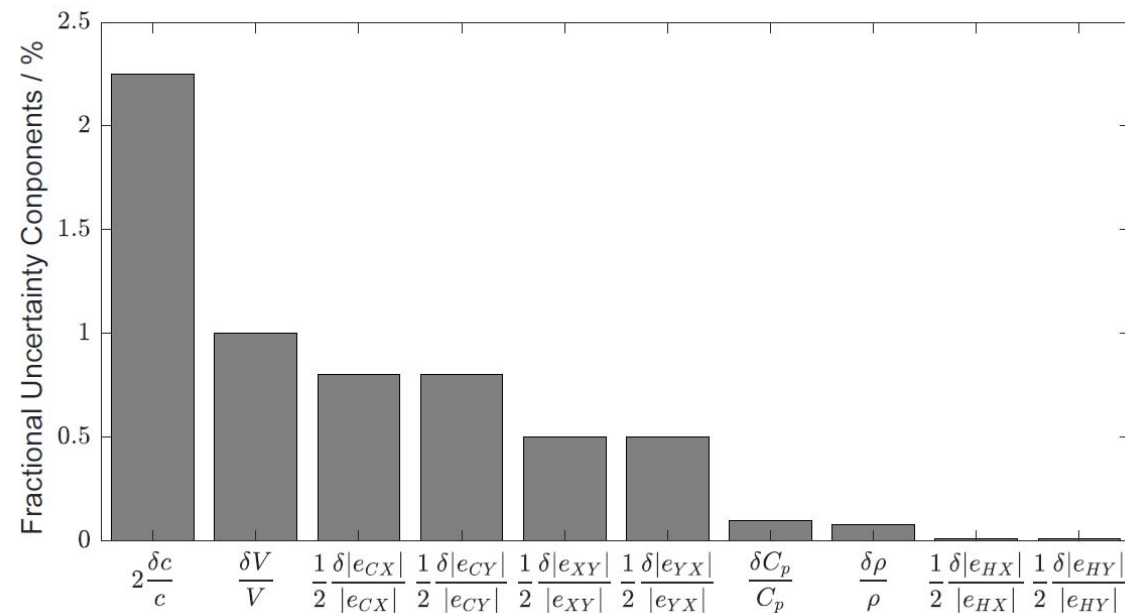


# Uncertainty

Type B

$$\frac{\delta|M_H|}{|M_H|_B} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( 2 \frac{\delta c}{c} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta V}{V} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta|e_{cX}|}{|e_{cX}|} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta|e_{cY}|}{|e_{cY}|} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta|e_{YX}|}{|e_{YX}|} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta|e_{XY}|}{|e_{XY}|} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta C_p}{C_p} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta|e_{HX}|}{|e_{HX}|} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\delta|e_{HY}|}{|e_{HY}|} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

- Magnitude






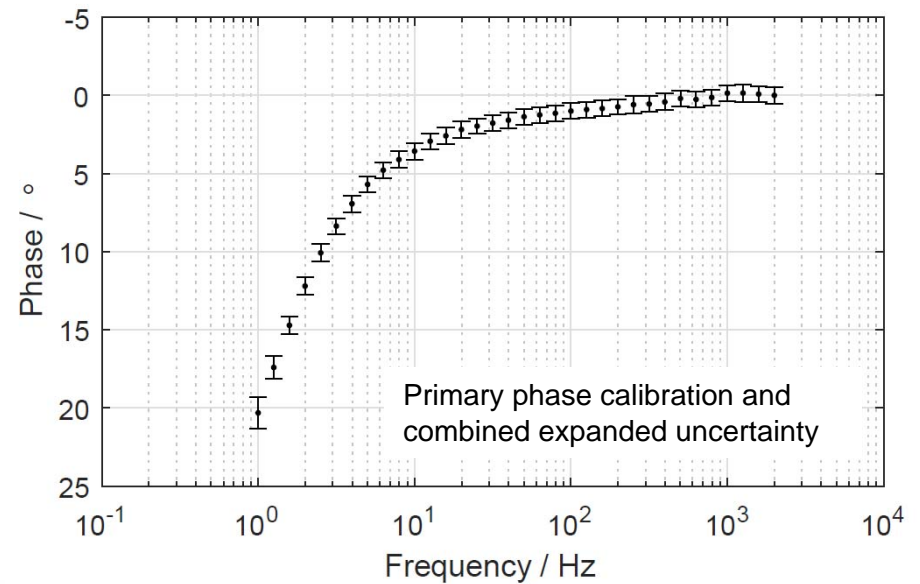
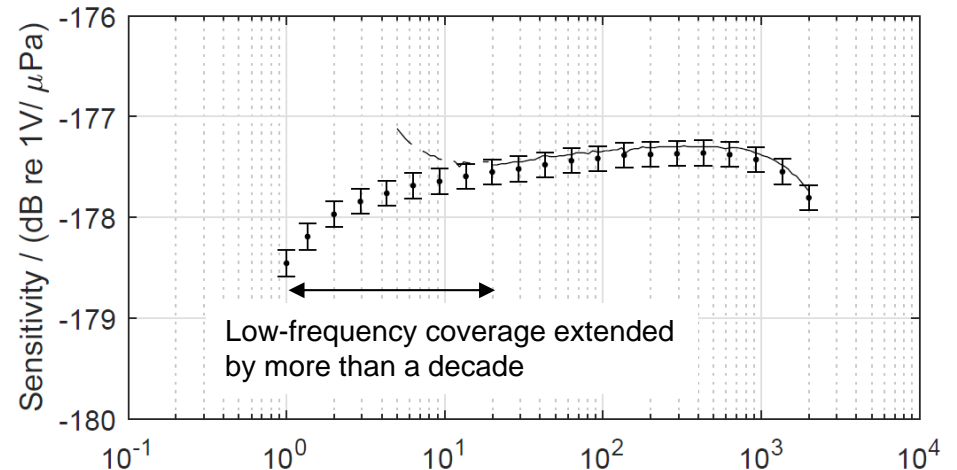
# Results

$$\frac{\delta|M_H|}{|M_H|_{\text{total}}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta|M_H|}{|M_H|}\right)_A^2 + \left(\frac{\delta|M_H|}{|M_H|}\right)_B^2}$$

$$\delta\phi_{\text{tot}} = \sqrt{\delta\phi_A^2 + 0.5^2}$$

Frequency/Hz	FFVS/dB re 1V/ $\mu$ Pa	Phase/ $^\circ$
1	$-178.5 \pm 0.1$	$20. \pm 1$
2	$-178.0 \pm 0.1$	$12.2 \pm 0.6$
4	$-177.8 \pm 0.1$	$6.9 \pm 0.5$
8	$-177.7 \pm 0.1$	$4.1 \pm 0.5$
16	$-177.6 \pm 0.1$	$2.6 \pm 0.5$
32	$-177.5 \pm 0.1$	$1.8 \pm 0.5$
64	$-177.3 \pm 0.1$	$1.2 \pm 0.5$
128	$-177.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.9 \pm 0.5$
256	$-177.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.5 \pm 0.5$
512	$-177.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.2 \pm 0.5$
1024	$-177.4 \pm 0.1$	$-0.2 \pm 0.5$
2000	$-177.8 \pm 0.1$	$0.0 \pm 0.5$

 from time series data  
 from multimeter data (below instrument measurement range)  
 from multimeter data (within instrument measurement range)



# Conclusions

A primary calibration method was demonstrated to obtain both the magnitude and phase of the complex sensitivity for a Type H48 hydrophone at frequencies between 1 Hz and 2 kHz.

The combined expanded uncertainties of the magnitude and phase of the complex sensitivity at 1 Hz were 0.1 dB re 1V/ $\mu$ Pa and 1°, with the uncertainty in phase decreasing to 0.5° at 4 Hz (and above).

The combined expanded uncertainty in magnitude was controlled by the (Type B) fractional uncertainties for sound speed in castor oil, volume of the reciprocity coupler and reciprocal transducer voltage measurements.

The combined expanded uncertainty in phase (above 4 Hz) was controlled by the specified phase tolerance (Type B) of the HP35565 signal analyzer used to measure the phase response of the differential amplifier and to correct the measured data.



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