Direction of Acoustic Analysis Efforts

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Purpose of this Session

1 Brainstorm and discuss ideas.

- 2 Gain knowledge and understand the history of acoustic analyses so we don't waste time doing pointless or already-done work.
- 3 Set hard goals for highest priority analyses to prevent getting lost following random rabbit holes.
 - → Then update the list on GitHub.

Piezos

• Originally 12 piezos in PICO-40L. 10 still work.





A bubble is formed.

The sound wave hits the quartz.

The sound wave echos.

Constant noise from pumps, air handlers, people talking, etc.

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Anatomy of an Acoustic Signal Speeds of Sound A bubble is formed. 100 ms⁻¹ The sound wave hits the quartz. The sound wave echos. 3 5800 ms⁻¹ The bubble reason (Demonster effect).



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- The bellows move the inner jar.

Blip Analysis

Rajan Anderson (UNAM)

Blips

- Acoustic artefacts ("blips") seen in piezo signals.
- Narrow frequency range.

Main Questions:

- Frequency of blips?
- Is there a pattern?
- Are they related to t_e ?

Chirps

- Were seen in PICASSO and PICO-2L, and now again in PICO-40L.
- No pattern and broad frequency range?

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• **Preliminary Hypothesis:** Failed bubbles. However, this happens on too short of timescales (ns vs 10 µS), and the amplitude is not right.

Modelling and 2D COMSOL Simulations

Emery Pattison (University of Alberta)

• Model piezo voltage with an equation used for bubble acoustics in oceanography:

$$V(t) = \sum_{N} A_N \cos(\omega_N (t - t_N)) e^{-\omega_N \delta(t - t_N)}$$

- Adapt the model to PICO.
- Potential to predict the number of bubbles based on signal shape.



Bubble Growth and Directionality

Shane Meister (Queen's University)



- Use the phase information and the piezo positions to triangulate bubble position.
- How is this complicated by the quartz, piezo types, etc.?
- This could be used to calculate bubble growth.
- It could allow for characterisation of spatial extent of bubble and get directionality of the particle that caused the bubble.
- Is this remotely possible?

Bellows Position Reconstruction

Aqeeb Ahmed (University of Alberta)



- Does the IV have a different wall rate than OV?
- Bellows events seem to occur two or three at a time, but from different areas. Are they related?
- Bellows events are difficult to see with the cameras, and position reconstruction is usually unreliable.
- Use phase shift in piezo signal to reconstruct event position independently of the optical reconstruction.

A Small Bonk?

- Is there a way to calibrate the piezos for position reconstruction by creating sounds at specific locations and looking at the responses of the piezos?
- This would likely have to be extrapolated out to the real operating conditions of the detector.
- Are there piezos on the inside and/or outside of the PV?



