

#### DETECTABILITY OF ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE

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#### - OBJECTIVES AND BACKGROUND

# 1. INTRODUCTION

## □ OBJECTIVE:

- Study the perception in electric vehicles from the road safety point of view. Focused on Motorcycles.
- Evaluate the measurement protocols for establish the detectability of electric vehicles

- SOUND SAMPLES
- SIGNAL ACQUISITION
- CONFIGURATION
- MEASUREMENTS CONDUCTED

- MEASUREMENTS: we have conducted a PASS-BY test obtaining the following measures:
  - Sound Pressure Level. ISO 362 (SPL)
  - Horizontal Sound Directivity with Lineal Array (HSD)
  - Audio Samples Acquisition. Mototcycles PASS-BY tests
  - Sound Pressure Level. Pedestrian Point of View

#### □ CONFIGURATION: SPL & HSD







#### CONFIGURATION: Audio Samples





### □ CONFIGURATION:

The measurements were performed at the University Miguel Hernández of Elche, on a road with a characterized asphalt G20 + S20



## MATERIAL AND METHODS:

- Binaural Measurements
  - HEAD Acoustics HSM III.
  - Sample Frequency: 44100 Hz.
  - 16 bits with noise shaping algorithm.
  - High-Pass Filter: 22 Hz, 5th order.
  - Diffuse Field filter.



## □ MATERIAL AND METHODS :

- Monoaural Measurements
  - 1/2" Prepolarized Microphone.
    PCB Piezotronics 377B02.
  - Sample Frequency: 44100 Hz.
  - 16 bits.
  - High-Pass Filter: 20 Hz, 5th order.



## □ MATERIAL AND METHODS :

- Sound Card Acquisition
  - TASCAM US-144MKii.
  - S/PDIF. IEC60958 Standard\*
- SPL Pedestrian Area
  - Sound Level Meter B&K Type 2250.
  - LAeq.



# MATERIAL AND METHODS :

SPL ISO 362

- Sound Level Meter B&K Type 2260.
- HSD Microphone Array
  - 9 Microphone B&K ¼" 4935
  - Acquisition System LMS Pimento 16 channels



## □ TESTED VEHICLES:

- HONDA LEAD 110
  - Monocilindre 4 times
  - Equivalent Engine 108 cc
  - Max. Power 6,6 kW
  - Max. Par 9,3 Nm
  - Weight 114 kg



- □ TESTED VEHICLES :
  - ETRICKS EVO 001
    - DC Brushless
    - Equivalent Engine 49 cc
    - Max. Power 2,2 kW.
    - Max. Par 55 Nm
    - Weight 38 kg



## □ TESTED VEHICLES :

- BRAMMO ENERGIA+
  - AC Brushless
  - Equivalent Engine 125 cc
  - Max. Power 13 kW.
  - Max. Par 40 Nm
  - Weight 145 kg



## □ TESTED VEHICLES :

- SCUTUM S01
  - DC Brushless
  - Equivalent Engine 125 cc
  - Max. Power 4 kW.
  - Weight 90 kg



## □ TESTED VEHICLES :

- ZUAP PRO
  - Hybrid
  - Equivalent Engine 125 cc
  - Max. Power 13 kW.
  - Weight 111 kg



#### □ TEST CONDITIONS:

- Different Speeds: 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 km/h\*
- 4 Iterations for each vehicle:
  - 2xPASS\_BY Left-Right
  - 2xPASS\_BY Right-Left

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES: 112 audio files

## □ TEST CONDITIONS:

- Start Time Test: 10:35 AM.
- End Time Test: 12:33 PM.
- Environmental Conditions:
  - Temperature: 23 27 °C
  - Humidity: 48 %
  - Wind Speed: 0'8 m/s (wind gusts 2'2 m/s after 11:54 AM.)

#### **EXAMPLES:**



Honda Lead



Scutum



ETricks



Zuap Electric



Brammo



**Zuap Combustion** 

#### **EXAMPLES:**





## □ EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Motorcycles Spectral Analysis. Critical Frequency Bands.
- Horizontal Diretivity of the Vehicles
- SPL Comparison: IC vs EV/HEV
- Detectability of electric motorcycles in urban environments
- Psychoacoustic tests: annoyance

- SIGNAL POST-PROCESSING
- BACKGROUND NOISE ANALYSIS
- SAMPLE SELECTION
- SIGNAL PRE-PROCESSING

- Signal Pre-Processing. Global:
  - 80 Hz High-Pass Butterworth Filter, 5th order → wind noise removal
- Selection of Right Sound Samples
  - Samples removed:
    - Barking
    - Planes
    - Clipped by wind





Background Noise



- Condition of Tested Vehicles. Mechanical Failures.
  Untensioned Chain.
  - Friction.



- Signal Post-Processing for Subjective Test:
  - Headphones EqualizationRecording Equalization (DF)

Inverse filtering by means System Impulse Response





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#### 20 km/h Spectrum Comparison. Hybrid Motorcycle.



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### ■ 30 km/h Spectrum Comparison. Hybrid Motorcycle.



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- Detectability Test Setup:
  - A pedestrian standing on the sidewalk, at a distance of 3 meters from the centre of the traffic lane, prepared to cross the road.
  - The motorcycle approaches the listener individually, at a constant speed of 20 km/h, covering a distance of ±30 meters form the pedestrian.
  - The vehicles will be presented together with an urban environment background noise with a SPL of 61,2 dB(A).
  - The subject must indicate, by pressing a button, the moment he perceives the vehicle approach.

## DETECTABILITY:

- Background Noise (SPL Spectrum)
  - Environments recorded

Problem: pass-by vehicles included in the background noise can be confused with the pass-by vehicles included for the test

White Noise Filtered Fitting it to Environmental Spectrum

Problem: signal without dynamics. Unrealistic.

Final option  $\rightarrow$  static idle IC vehicles. 61'2 dB(A)

## DETECTABILITY:

- Time between samples: 1 20 s. (randomly)
- How to validate the suitability of the candidate?
  - Audiometry
  - Survey

- Detectability Test. Preliminar Results:
  - 37 subjects (mean 25, median 20)
  - 48,65% female 51,35% male
  - 5 motorcyles (1 IC, 3 Evs, 1 HEV)
  - 6 iterations (3xLR 3xRL)

#### Detectability Test. Preliminar Results:



- HEV IC mode HEV E mode: aprox.
  difference 12'5 m.
- $\square$  M4: distance to pedestrian < 5 m.
- Minimum difference in reaction time between ICs and EVs → 1 s. (5,5 m)

Kruskal-Wallis Test: H(222) = 164,43. P<0,05. Significant difference between groups



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