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Introduction

• Goal is to tune the spatial wave profile to maximize the transmitted energy across fluid-solid interfaces



Introduction

- Potential applications for enhanced acoustic energy transmission into solid materials:
 - Nondestructive structural testing
 - Medical ultrasound imaging and ablation
 - Other, non-contact ultrasound applications



(Image credit: http://ndtoverseas.org/Conventional %20Non%20Destructive%20Test.html)



(Image credit: http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/ sebin/x/k/tumor_abl_overview.jpg)

Results for Plane Waves

• Minimum in reflection can be achieved by varying spatial decay rate β near the Rayleigh angle χ^2



Exemplary Fluid—Solid Interface:



p(x')

 $\rightarrow x$

Fluid

Solid

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(Image credit: http://www.sjvgeology.org/oil/Rayleigh_surface_waves2.gif)

Bounded Wave Profiles

• Versatile form to model the incident wave pressure profile:

$$\tilde{p}(x',0) = \tilde{A} \exp\left[\beta x' - \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{|x'|}{W}\right)^{\alpha}\right] \exp(-j\omega t)$$

(form adapted from Vanaverbeke et al., J. Acoustical Soc. Am., 2003)



Bounded Wave Profiles

 Analysis requires Fourier decomposition into plane wave components



Surface Wave Excitation Efficiency

• Measure of the penetration of the incident wave energy and subsequent excitation of the solid surface wave

$$\eta(x) = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{x} \left[\left| I_{inc,z}(\xi, 0) \right| - \left| I_{R,z}(\xi, 0) \right| \right] d\xi}{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| I_{inc,z}(\xi, 0) \right| d\xi}$$





Bertoni & Tamir, Appl. Phys., 1973.



Surface Wave Excitation Efficiency, $\eta(x^*)$

Square/Gaussian Incident Waves

"Bounded Inhomogeneous"



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Induced Particle Velocities, $|\tilde{v}_z|$ (m/s)



Effect of Material Dissipation

Surface Wave Excitation Efficiency, $\eta(x^*)$

Viscoelastic Solid



Lossless Solid

Results with Material Dissipation

Induced Stresses in Stainless Steel, $|\tilde{\sigma}_{zz}|$ (MPa)



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Results with Material Dissipation

Induced Normal Intensities, $|I_z|$ (W/mm²)



Conclusions

- Investigation of tunable "bounded inhomogeneous" incident wave profiles for enhanced transmission across fluid—solid interfaces
 - Increased surface wave excitation efficiency
 - Increased subsurface stress and energy flux
- Material dissipation causes a shift in the optimal profile parameters (lower degree of asymmetry, larger beamwidth) p(x')



Next Steps in Investigation of Waveforms



Generation of these types of profiles by phased arrays (*image adapted from Robin et al., J. Acoustical Soc. Am., 2014*)



Analysis of pulse excitation by various waveforms (image adapted from Ambrozinski et al., Appl. Phys. Lett., 2016) The authors would like to thank the U.S. Office of Naval Research for its support of this research under ONR Grant No. N00014-10-1-0958.

