# Measurements of the resonance properties of fish swim bladders 

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## Fish swim bladders

## An important gas-filled organ in most bony fish

- It helps to control their buoyancy and swimming stability.
- It contributes to their sensory of sound.
- The acoustical properties are widely used in marine science.
- Potential applications in freshwater ecosystems: acoustical deterrents, parasite load diagnosis, etc.

The resonating balloon


## Swim bladder resonance



- Swim bladders will resonate at right frequencies by sound.
- The wall of the bubble will vibrate to the greatest magnitude when it is resonating.
- The bigger bubble gets a lower resonance frequency.


## Underwater acoustics

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## The travelling of sound waves

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## Methodology



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## Empty tube frequency response



Three tube resonances appear at 400, 500 and 660 Hz .

## Frequency response of tube with a balloon



A very sharp peak appeared at 97 Hz while original tube modes shifted due to the air-water mixture dispersion.

## Recently euthanised brown trout



Total number $N=18$;
Body length (standard length) S.D. $\mathrm{L}=22.1 \mathrm{~cm} \pm 2.0$.

## Swim bladder of the brown trout



Swim bladder volume $V=8.6 \mathrm{~mL}$;
Equivalent spherical bubble radius $a=1.26 \mathrm{~cm}$.

## Empty tube, tube with balloon/fish



A damped resonance peak shows at 316 Hz .

## Results



- Bigger fish gets a lower resonance frequency.
- Resonance frequency S.D. $f \mathrm{R}=292 \mathrm{~Hz} \pm$ 12.6.


## The call for a new tank






The new acrylic test tank has been built for resonance measurements and behavioural response studies.

## Transfer function (dummy swim bladder)



The resonance peak of the dummy swim bladder (48 mm diameter) appears at 125 Hz in the TF of the new tank.

## THANK YOU

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