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Jon W. Mooney, Acoustics by JW Mooney Ilc

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11:55 PM Tuesday NC_2025_0105.pdf DOI: https://doi.org/10.3397/NC_2025_0105 A multi-resolution SEA methodology for efficient modeling of large industrial spaces 729 Tom Burns, Soundcoat

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11:55 AM Tuesday NC_2025_0132.pdf DOI: https://doi.org/10.3397/NC_2025_0132 Reducing rail noise in tunnels, cuts and on viaducts using strategically placed sound absorbers 757 Andrew Weaver, Durisol; Gary Stephen FIGALLO, Ekho Infrastructure Solutions; Lisa Rienstra, Durisol Ltd

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Scott Noel, Harris Miller & Hanson Inc.; Hayden Jubera, HMMH; Tara Elizabeth Cruz, Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc.

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Naomi Jensen, MD Acoustics; Samuel Hord, MD Acoustics, LLC; Francisco Irarrazabal, MD Acoustics, LLC; Bethany Wu, MD Acoustics

11:55 AM Tuesday NC_2025_0129.pdf DOI: https://doi.org/10.3397/NC_2025_0129 Prediction and assessment of impulse noise caused by regular ball impacts in pickleball 791 Antonio Notario Tévar, DataKustik GmbH; Wolfgang Probst, DataKustik GmbH

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Tudor Ravineala, Valeo; Darius Kurniawan, Valeo; Saad Bennouna, Valeo Thermal Systems

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4:20 PM Tuesday NC_2025_0075.pdf DOI: https://doi.org/10.3397/NC_2025_0075 Acoustics in buildings with mass timber floor/ceiling assemblies: theory, practice and acoustical solutions. 1000
Michael Brown, RWDI

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Enhancing the vibration performance of mass timber floors: Effects of non-structural components
Omer Tigli, McNamara Salvia Structural Engineers; Sajad Hormozabad, McNamara Salvia Structural Engineers

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Purdue University; J. Stuart Bolton, Ray W. Herrick Laboratories

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System (NAS) 1095

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The Future of Peace and Quiet N/A

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Ryan Barretta, Connecticut Department of Transportation; Anna LaRose, Connecticut Department of Transportation

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Challenges and opportunities conducting noise and vibration measurements of rail frogs across multiple types of rail, vehicles, and diverse existing conditions. N/A

Paul Joseph Campbell, Cross-Spectrum Acoustics

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Advanced Acoustic Pressure and Structural Vibration Analysis in Ballast Water Tanks: Investigating the Impact of External Excitations on Noise Propagation in Dynamic Marine Environments Using NX and MATLAB N/A

Solomon Ochuko Ologe, University Polytechnic of Catalonia BARCELONATEC; Amir Alizadeh Shiraz, University Polytechnic of Catalonia, Barcelona

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An experimental approach to increase protected area visitors' awareness of the natural soundscape and boost visitor well-being N/A

Katharina Bremser, Kansas State University; Leah Coffey, Kansas State University; Brian Peterson, Kansas State University; Sarah Jackson, Kansas State University; Lauren Ferguson, University New Hampshire; Layla Hood, Kansas State University; Justus Rucker, Kansas State University

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Building to a Low Vibration Facility 1159

Ethan Brush, Acentech Incorporated

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Pierre-Claude Ostiguy, Soft dB; Roderick Mackenzie, Soft dB; Patrick Lavoie, Eldorado Gold; Magdeleine Sciard, Soft dB

10:50 AM Wednesday NC_2025_0068.pdf DOI: https://doi.org/10.3397/NC_2025_0068 Facility and Community Collaboration on Solving a Noise Problem 1175

Marc Wallace, Tech Environmental Inc.; David Coate, David Coate Consulting; Patricia T. Rosa, Tech Environmental Inc.

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CFD modeling of design impacts on aerodynamic, acoustic and thermal performance of noise control solutions for air-cooled chillers 1186

Viken Koukounian, Parklane Mechanical Acoustics; Hamid Mortazavi, Parklane Mechanical Acoustics

11:30 AM Wednesday NC_2025_0089.pdf DOI: https://doi.org/10.3397/NC_2025_0089 Modeling methods and measurements of noise emissions from utility-scale energy storage facilities 1192 Justin Bowers, Hankard Environmental, Inc.; Michael Hankard, Hankard Environmental, Inc.; Lessa Cerio, Hankard Environmental, Inc.; Spencer Thomas, Hankard Environmental, Inc.

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Acoustical consulting challenges in designing new power facilities 1208

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Calibration of the Exterior Effects Room for Psychoacoustic Testing at the NASA Langley Research Center 1227 Tyler Tracy, Stephen A. Rizzi, Andrew Christian, Aric Aumann