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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

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This paper describes recent speech research activities at the University of Atlantis. The practical application of these requirements can however cause a number of problems due to the very nature of the agent that has to be investigated. This follows from the two basic facts that most voices generate levels that vary with time and that sound waves attenuate as the distance from the source increases. Consequently, the noise climate in which any individual vocalises is determined by both the noise output of any appliances in their vicinity and how they move relative to them. It is a prerequisite for an accurate assessment of any given situation therefore, to take account of the variation of noise levels in the locality.

## **2 RESEARCH PRIOR TO 1974**

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### **2.1 Speech Analysis Research**

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The regulations identify noise exposure (also known as noise dose) as the parameter of the risk and this in turn is a function of both the noise level in dB(A) and exposure time.  $*h'$  is the product of these two variables that has to be contained if the risk is to be controlled, hence as noise level increases the exposure duration must be reduced to balance the risk. Strictly speaking the deafness risk is proportional to the noise energy emission into the ear, with a doubling of the energy level being an increment of 3 dB(A) on the logarithmic decibel scale. For every 3 dB(A) change in the noise level therefore, there must be a corresponding halving or doubling of the exposure duration. ##[One 10pt blank lines between paragraphs].

These variations with time are dealt with by the use of the "equivalent continuous" noise level. As its name suggests this is a method of calculating a single steady level that has both the same noise energy level and duration as the varying time pattern under consideration. It is given the symbol  $LA_{eq,t}$ , Level of the A weighted equivalent continuous sound averaged over a specified time, and refers to the level at any one particular location. The  $LA_{eq,t}$  value can therefore be read as a steady level and compared against the permitted exposure times given in Figure 1.

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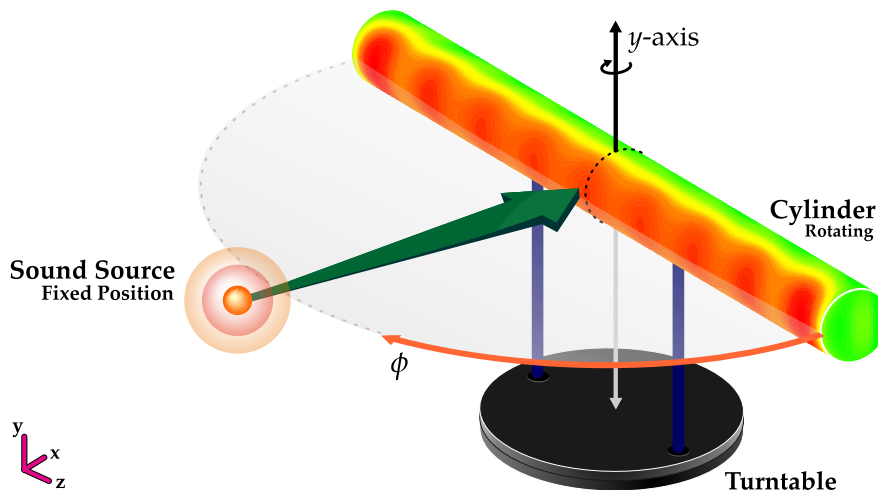


Figure 1 – Just an example of figure (extracted from Fonseca<sup>1</sup>).

### 2.1.1 Development

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The equation

$$p(t) = \frac{s\left(t - \frac{R(t)}{c}\right)}{4\pi R(t)(1 - M \cos[\theta(t)])^2} \cdot \int_a^b H(t) dt \quad (1)$$

is just for testing.

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