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Acoustic Systems (Split Beam Echo Sounder) to Determine Abundance of Fish in Marine Fisheries

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Abstract

Acoustic waves are transmitted into the subsurface ocean will experience (scattering) caused by marine organisms, material distributed in the ocean, the structure is not homogeneous in seawater, as well as reflections from the surface and the seabed. Estimation of fish stocks in the waters wide as in Indonesia have a lot of them are using the acoustic method. Acoustic method has high speed in predicting the size of fish stocks so as to allow acquiring data in real time, accurate and high speed so as to contribute fairly high for the provision of data and information of fishery resources. Split beam echo sounder comprises two aspects, and a transducer. First aspect is the high-resolution color display for displaying echogram at some observations and also serves as a controller in the operation of the echo sounder. The second aspect is tranciever consisting of transmitter and receiver. Echosunder divided bim first inserted into the ES 3800 by SIMRAD beginning of the 1980s and in 1985 was introduced to fishermen in Japan as a tool for catching up. Split beam transducer is divided into four quadrants. Factors that contribute affect the value of Target Strength (TS) fish Strength targer can generally be influenced by three factors: a target factor itself, environmental factors, and factors acoustic instrument. Factors include the size of the target, the anatomy of fish, swim bladder, the behavior of orientation.

Keywords: Acoustic systems; Estimation of fish stocks; Split beam echo sounder; SIMRAD; Target strength

Introduction

Acoustic waves are transmitted into the subsurface ocean will experience (scattering) caused by marine organisms, material distributed in the ocean, the structure is not homogeneous in seawater, as well as reflections from the surface and the seabed. Part of the initial acoustic energy on an object and is reflected back to the source called backscattering [1]. According in [2], a good fisheries resource management must control the number of catches in conjunction with the number of stocks that can be exploited. It required an estimate of the number of fish stocks at the time and acoustic survey techniques can be used to estimate the abundance of fish at a time and under certain conditions. The use of echosounder and echo integrator for the purposes of exploration of fishery resources today are growing rapidly.

Hardware echo integrator aims to get the echo signal integration. The accuracy of this method is very high so it can be applied as estimate the abundance of fish in the waters [2]. According in [3], hydroacoustic method with detection backscatter value of mangrove crab *(scylla sp.)* using cruzpro fishfinder pcff-80 hydroacoustic instrument. According in [4,5] hydroacoustic method is an underwater detection methods that use acoustic devices, among others: echosounder, fish finder, sonar, and Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP) (Figure 1).

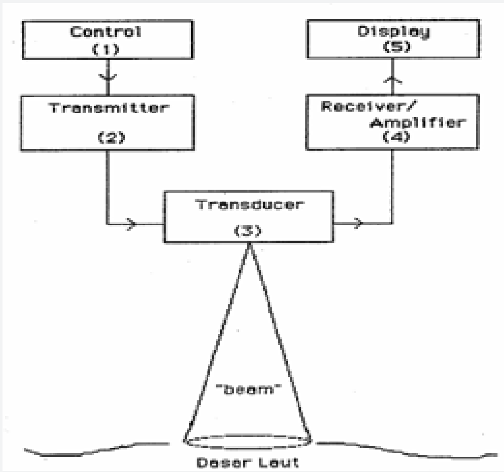

Figure 1: Working mode of hydroacoustictool (Source: in [5]).

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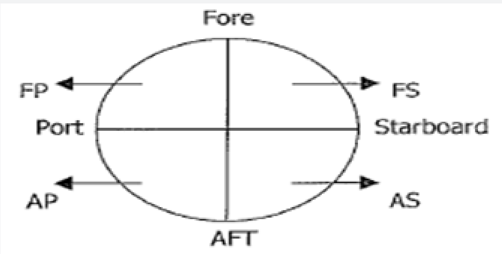

Figure 2: Split beam transducer (Source in [6]).

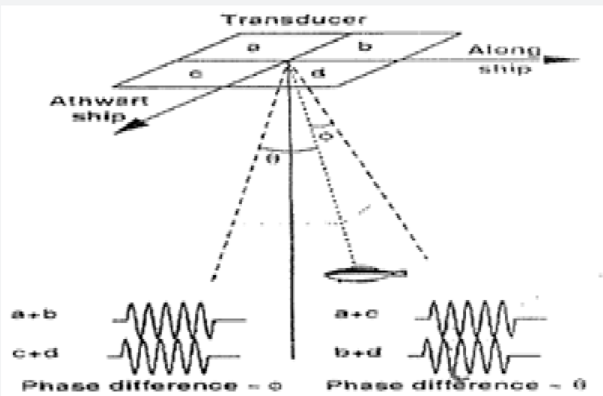

Figure 3: Split beam shape and a full beam transducer (Source : in [6]).

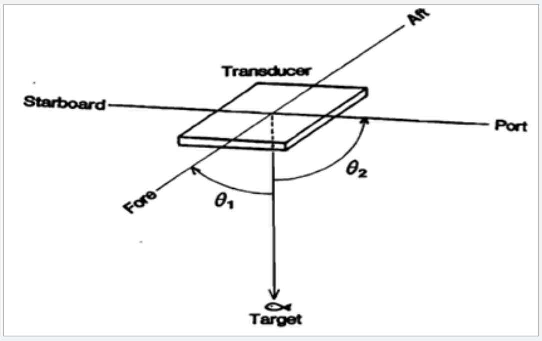

Figure 4: Geometry targets in Split Beam transducer. Towards the target defined by the θ1 and θ2 angle (Source in [6]).

Split beam echo sounder has the function of Time Varied Gain (TVG) in acoustic data acquisition system serves as a reliever TVG attenuation (Amplifier) whether caused by geometrical spreading and absorbs noise as it propagates into the water. There are two types of functions, namely TVG TVG function that works to echo a single fish called TVG 40 log R and a function for a group of fish that TVG 20 log R (Figure 5 & 6).

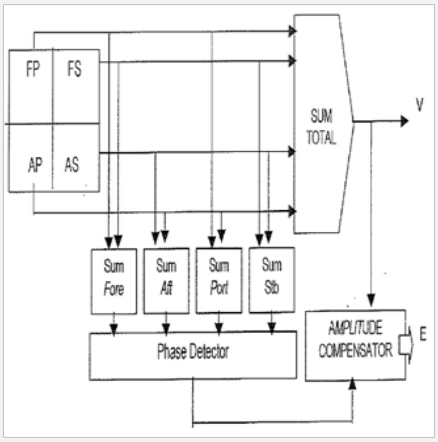

Figure 5: Block diagram of the receiver split beam echosounder (Source in [8]).

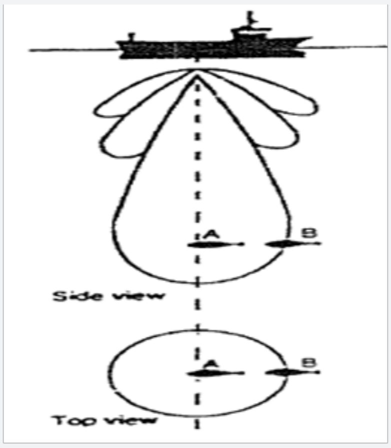

Figure 6: The working principle of SplitBeam on detecting fish echosounder (Souce in [9]).

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In (Figure 6) by Simrad, fish axis A located right above the maximum transducer gain, while fish B is located at the end (edge) transducer beam where the gain is lower. A fish echo thus more likely to result stronger than the backscatter echo in fish B. Although both of these fish are at the same depth and the same size. To determine the size of the fish from the echo strength alone is not enough, however, knowledge about the pattern beam transducer and the fish in the beam position is very important to correct transducer gain strength and determining the target value of real fish (Figure 7 & 8).

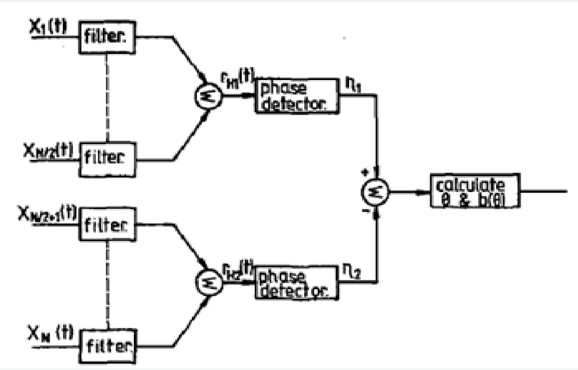

Figure 7: Split Beam Processor to obtain estimates of the incidence angle and the beam pattern factor (Souce in [10]).

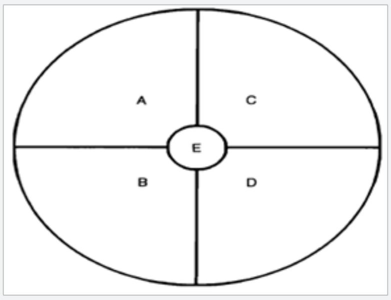

Figure 8: Diagram of a dual beam transducer / split beam, showing the location of the various segments described in the text and the shape of each beam used in the split reception beam or dual beam (Source in [11]).

Table 1: Beam descriptionts, TVG, Used, and signal in split beam echosounder.

Beam Descriptions	TVG	Used	Signal
A+C	40 logR +2 αR	Split-beam phase measurements	10kHz
B+D	40 logR +2 αR	Split-beam phase measurements	10kHz
A+B	40 logR +2 αR	Split-beam phase measurements	10kHz
C+D	40 logR +2 αR	Split-beam phase measurements	10kHz
E	40 logR +2 αR	Amplitude Dual Beam, Split Beam	Detected
A + B + C + D +E	40 logR +2 αR	Integration echo	Detected

An estimate obtained approximate angle of incidence and factors beam pattern in the acoustic signals can be obtained by using a processor of the split beam which has a signal source X leads to Phase detection and will produce energy or power by means of calculating the results of input and will generate output waveform display in Figure 8 (Table 1).

Target Strength

Target strength (TS) is the ability of the target to reflect a sound about it. Based domain is used, the target strength is defined into two, namely in the form of Target StrengthIntensity (TSi) and Energy Target Strength (TSE). Targeth strength (TS) can be defined as the quotient between the value of the intensity of the noise coming about the target and multiplied by the number of ten (10) in [10-12] is:

TSi =10 log Ir/Ii (1)

TSe =10 log Er/Ei (2)

Information:f

TSi: Intensity target of strength

Ii: Intensity of sound on targets

Ir: Reflected sound intensity targets

TSE: Energy Target Strength

Ei: Energy sound on targets

Er: Energy reflection sound at a distance of 1 meter from the target

According in [12] stated that the target strength (TS) is a measure decibel sound that is returned by the target as measured on a standard distance of 1 meter from the acoustic center of the target is located, relative to the intensity of sound that hit the target. A simple model to estimate the back scattering cross section based on the size of fish referred by [6]:

$\sigma_{bs} = b_0 L^2$ (3)

$TS = 20 \text{ Log } L + b_0$ (4)

Then, according in [13] introduced the equation which connects the backscattering cross section (σ_bs), fish length (L) and wavelength (λ) by the following equation: σ_bs / λ^2 = a⟦(L/ λ) ⟧^b (dB) where a and b are constants that depend on the anatomy, fish size and wavelength. Equation (4) can be converted into a logarithmic form becomes:

$TS = a \text{ Log}(L) + b \text{ Log } (f) + b_0$ (5)

Information:

TS = Target strength (TS)

F = Sound frequency

A, b = Constant

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Then obtained the possibility of the average best performing measurements on the measurement of the target strength of the dorsal aspect:

TS_D = 19,1 log (L) – 0,9 (f) – 62 (6)

But according in [11] explains more about the similarities that show no difference in the comparison of results of different frequencies. Furthermore, the equation [11] to formulate relationships TS (Target Strength) to the length of the fish, namely:

TS= 20 Log (L) - 68 (dB) (7)

Conversions strength target value into a length (L) for pelagic fish used equation TS = 20 log L-73.97 [14]. Relations targets strength and OBS (backscattering cross-section, m^2) is calculated based in [6] with equation:

TS=10 log óbs (8)

equation for densitas ikan (ñA, ind./⟦nmi⟧^2) is :

ñA=sA /óbs (9)

fish length (L) associated with óbsis:

óbs=aL^b (10)

associated of target strength and L is:

TS=20 log L+A (11)

Where:

A = the value of the target strength to 1 cm long fish (normalized target of strength)

Conversions strength target value into a length (L) for pelagic fish used equation: TS = 20 log L-73.97 [14]. According in [15], the relationship length (L) and weight (W) of a species of fish that is: (Figure 9)

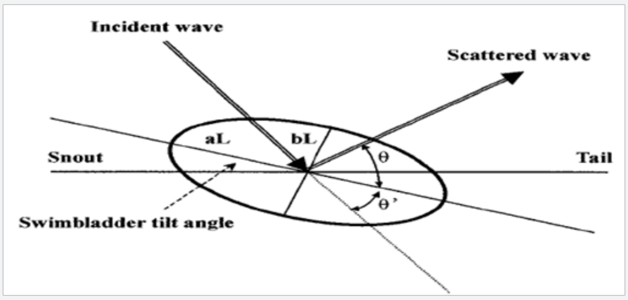

Figure 9: Swim bladder Geometry for Soft spheroid models (Source in [20]).

W=aL^{b} (12)

In addition [14] has a long and weighs equation to convert length into weight alleged allegations are as follows:

Wt=a { $\sum_1^{i1}$.ni(Li+ÄL/2).$^{(b+1)}$ - (Li-ÄL/2).$^{(b+1)}$}/{(b+1)ÄL}} (13)

Information:

Wt: Total weight (g)

Al: Class interval length (cm)

Li: The midpoint of the long-the grade (cm)

Ni: Number of individuals in the grade

a, b: Constants for certain species

Factors that contribute affect the value of Target Strength (TS) fish Strength targer can generally be influenced by three factors: a target factor itself, environmental factors, and factors acoustic instrument. Factors include the size of the target, the anatomy of fish, swim bladder, the behavior of orientation [16]. Factors such targets are:

Size of fish

There is a relationship between the size of the fish with a value of TS, but the relationship varies greatly depending on the species. Generally for fish species, the larger the fish the greater its value TS. This is especially true for the region of the graph geometrical relationship between the size of the target and TS, for the region, resonance, resonance region and the transition region, the tendency of the relationship is not valid [12]. Anatomy such as the head, body, tail and fins have a different sound reflections. Likewise, stomach, intestine, liver, bones, flesh and gills have a specific gravity = (ρ) and the speed of sound = (c) different so acoustically will have the ability to reflect a different sound.

Swimbladder of fish

Acoustically fish and marine organisms are divided into two major groups, namely blader fish (have a swim bladder). Fish that have a swim bladder generally do not have the right meksimum TS on the dorsal aspect, while fish that do not have a swim bladder with a maximum value of TS is generally right on the dorsal aspect. TS value of fish that have a swim bladder [17,18]. With deformed-cylinder model (DCM) with Approximation of>5 and the value of Tilt Angle was not until (<40°) according to [19] results from the resultant corner of a fish that has swim bladder that is:

Behavior / orientation fish

Results of a previous study conducted by [20,21] states that the value of Target Strength (TS) is determined by the orientation of the fish, especially the slope of the body to a line connecting between the head and tail. Fish orientation will include tilting, yawing and rolling along. Yawing no effect because generally spherical transducer position so that the fish does not cause changes in the angle when viewed from the transducer, for Rolling no real effect because the fish have a swim bladder due partly reflected energy is derived from the swim bladder did not come from the dorsal aspect. Tillting lead to a change in angle position transducer is good for fish that have a swim bladder or not [8].

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Instrumental factor

The small big factor value Beam pattern depending on the extent of the transducer will be greater the beam angle of the transducer, and vice versa. Large beam angle changes cause TS great value, separately it is better to use a relatively narrow beam.

Acoustic reflections of fish and plankton that are returned in the form of echo is detected by the receiver has an appeal. Estimation of biomass can be seen from how much force the target and how to interpret it. TS plankton are numbers that indicate the size of the echo. The larger the value, the greater echo energy is returned to the receiver by the target. Unit of measure Standard International (SI) for the TS expressed in decibels (dB). The decibel is a logarithmic form of a comparison or ratio of the two intensities due to the values involved can be very large or very small. According in [22] TS formulated as backscattering cross-section of the target which returns a signal and is expressed in the equation:

$$TS = 10 \log (\sigma / 4\pi) \qquad (14)$$

Then the value of TS theoretical spherical object is:

$$TS = 10 \text{ Log } a^2/4 \qquad (15)$$

Where σ = Target strength individual or backscattering cross-section (σ bs) with TS according in [22,23] with equation :

$$TS = 10 \log \sigma bs \qquad (16)$$

Volume Backscattering Strength (SV)

Volume Backscattering Strength (SV) is defined as the ratio between the intensity reflected by a group of single targets (target located at a water volume of certain diinsonifikasi instantaneously measured at a distance of 1m from target with the intensity of sound that hit the target. Definition Volume Backscattering Strength (SV) has the same meaning as the target strength for a single target, while Volume Backscattering strength (SV) for a group of fish.

Each individual targets is the source of the reflected sound wave, so that the output of the integration will be proportional to the quantity of fish in the group. Echo integration methods used to measure Volume Backscattering Strength (SV) based on the measurement of the total power backscattered on the transducer [8].

Volume Backscattering Strength (SV) is the ratio between the intensity reflected by a single group targets where the target is located at a water volume [24]. This is similar to the definition of TS where TS value is the result of the detection of a single organism, while SV is the value for mendetaksi organism groups. [25] states SV is defined into the equation:

$$SV = 10 \log (Is\, i / I) \qquad (17)$$

Information:

I_s: Intensity scattering volume measured 1m from the center of the acoustic waves.

I_i: Scattering intensity emitted

Fish Density (Abundance Fish)

To date research on fish stock estimates done by cruise track using a SIMRAD EK 60 Scientific split beam echosounder system with a frequency of 70kHz and acoustic data acquisition is performed continuously during the day and night during the period boat cruise at speeds ranging between 7-8 knots. Trails include a data acquisition area of an area that allows the analysis of spatially made with zig-zag shape according to [6,26,27] with the length of each transect approximately 1nmi of bounds islands outwards. Density values for fish processing performed on Ms. Excel. The treatment may be carried out after the integration process SV and TS. Density is generated by using the formula [28,29]:

$$SV (dB) = 10 \log (N\, \tau bs) = 10 \log N + TS \qquad (18)$$

Assuming the numerical density is proportional to the density of individuals, then the equation (1) can be rewritten as follows:

$$SV (dB) = 10 \log \rho + A \qquad (19)$$

Where:

SV: Volume strength (dB)

ρ: Abundance / density of organisms (in d/m^3)

A: Target average strength (dB)

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