**Topic: Acoustic Digital Communications in Multipath Environment**

**Abstract:**
Tracking of underwater object is performed cooperatively. The underwater objects to be tracked are outfitted with an acoustics transmitter that emits a known signal at a known repetition rate. Many digital modulation techniques exist, including Frequency Modulation and Phase Modulation. Shallow water environments are particularly challenging for signal transmission/reception due to multipaths. Multipath effects include constructive and destructive interference due to overlapping reception of signals from different transmission paths. In this talk, we will present some simulation results of a performance evaluation of candidate signal types for shallow water tracking. The performance evaluation is based primarily on analysis of unclassified scientific data set. The Matlab simulation, digital signal detection, GPS, boat tracking as well as undersea Raytrace, etc will be discussed.

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