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**Active Control of Vortex Induced Vibrations of a Tethered Sphere in a Uniform Air Flow** RENE VAN HOUT, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, DAVID GREENBLATT, AMIT ZVI KATZ, Technion - Institute of Technology — VIV of two heavy tethered spheres ( $D = 40$  mm,  $m^* = m_{sphere}/\rho_f V_{sphere} = 21$  and  $67$ ,  $L^* = L/D = 2.50$ ) were studied in a wind tunnel under uniform free stream velocities up to  $U^* = U/f_n D = 15.9$ , with and without acoustic control. Control was achieved using two speakers mounted on either side of the spheres and driven in-phase at  $f = 35$ Hz ( $f^* = 22.3$ ). In the non-controlled case, the bifurcation map of transverse sphere oscillation amplitude,  $A_y$ , showed stationary motion as well as periodic and non-stationary oscillations with increasing  $U^*$ . For  $m^* = 21$ ,  $A_y^{\max}$  was about twice as large as for  $m^* = 67$ . Acoustic control dampened  $A_y^{\max}$  in the periodic region ( $m^* = 67$ ) and increased  $A_y^{\max}$  in the non-stationary region for both spheres. Sphere boundary layer dynamics in the three different bifurcation regions were studied using time resolved PIV with a horizontal laser sheet positioned at the center of the sphere. The field of view was  $55 \times 55$  mm<sup>2</sup> containing one quarter of the sphere. Results will be presented on the vortex dynamics near the sphere's surface with and without acoustic control.

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