

General Acoustics

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L'ouvrage fournit avec minutie les bases de l'acoustique classique, tout en présentant régulièrement un ensemble d'applications relevant de la pratique de l'acoustique. Il est construit pour être compréhensible sans avoir recours à d'autres documents. Son contenu est lié à l'acoustique en milieux fluides simples, puis en milieux solides homogènes. Les hypothèses sous-jacentes sont régulièrement précisées et les méthodes exposées conservent le plus souvent un caractère analytique.

Pour couvrir le domaine de l'acoustique fondamentale, l'ouvrage traite successivement : les ondes acoustiques, l'environnement sonore et la perception des sons, les équations générales, les solutions fondamentales dans les systèmes de coordonnées courants, les problèmes aux limites et leur formulation intégrale, la propagation en milieu solide homogène (avec application au contrôle non destructif par ultrasons). Il s'achève sur des annexes qui apportent des éclairages sur les éléments mathématiques utiles et sur certaines notions délicates (impédance, vitesses de phase et de groupe...).

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Vitruve Marcus Pollio, (-88? to -26?, Roman architect and military engineer)

Orchestrates: reflective stone slab which remains open and plays the part of reflectors of sounds. These reflections and those of the back wall being added to the direct sound reinforce the transmitted energy and consequently improve the speech intelligibility.





Epidaure theater (Grèce)

One millenium and a half later (2/4)



The sound results from a current of atoms emitted by the sound object; celerity and frequency of the sound being interpreted respectively like the speed of the atoms and their number emitted per unit of times...(cf. scientific context of the time)

Pierre Gassendi French, (1592-1655)



Christiaan Huygens

Deutch. (1629-1695)

Global explanation of the sound and luminous phenomena; Huygens interprets both of them as being due to the propagation of longitudinal waves, associated to the vibrations of the molecules of elastic media in the case of the sound, and to the oscillating movements of ether, hypothetical substrate of the luminous phenomena, in the case of the light.

One millenium and a half later (4/4)



The analysis of the complex sounds was experimentally carried out by the German physiologist and physicist, Hermann von Helmholtz (1821-1894), by means of resonators which bear its name :

Hermann L. von Helmholtz German, (1821-1894)





associated to a timbre which results from the fundamental sound.

The mathematical analysis of these complex sounds is based on famous work of the French mathematician Joseph Fourier (1768-1830), which always makes authority.

Jean-Baptiste Joseph Fourier French, (1768-1830)

One millenium and a half later (1/4)





Sound radiation of a small clock enclosed in a vessel where Boyle makes a partial vacuum

shows the need for the presence of air for the production and the transmission of noise.

Acoustics, which is considered under many aspects as a branch of mechanics, is henceforth detached from the musical art to become a real science of the sound phenomenon.

Experiment of Robert Boyle (1627-1691)



those which date from this period.

One millenium and a half later (3/4)

The mathematical theory of the sound propagation starts. Physics of continuous media or fields theory (of which the sound field) started to reach its final mathematical structure.

Since then, the theories, so complex are they, are considered (for the greatest part) as refinements of

Isaac Newton English. (1642-1727)



Leonhard Euler Swiss, (1707-1783) Jean Bernoulli's student



Joseph Louis Lagrange (Comte de-) French, (1736-1813)



d'Alembert French, (1717-1783)

The speed of sound

Measurements made about 1860-1870 in tubes lengths going up to 4900 meters (sewers of Paris)



Experiments made in 1826 on the Geneva Lake by the physicists Colladon and Sturm



bronze bell, struck by an

articulated hammer



by night



ear trumpet

Visualization of the vibrations of the acoustic wave (1/3)

Any sound vibration, here transmitted by a tube to

the back of the membrane (on the left on the

figure) makes the membrane vibrating, which

makes the pressure of gas contained in the cavity in

front of the membrane varying. Consequently, the

flow of gas at the exit of the nozzle (burner) is modulated at the frequency of the sound

disturbance, which produces a height of flame

which fluctuates at the same frequency. The

variations of height of this flame allow, by an

appropriated method, in particular by the use of a

turning mirror, a visual appreciation of the nature

of the analyzed sounds. The manometric cells are,

with Helmholtz's resonators, one of the essential



Cell sensitive to the pressure variations the timbre of the musical sounds. (manometric cell) from Karl Rudolf Koenig (1832-1901) Specimen of the Montesquieu college, in Le Mans http://www.inrp.fr/she/instruments/instr_aco_capsule_koenig.htm

Visualization of the vibrations of the acoustic wave (3/3)



Rudolf Koenig was born in Koenigsberg in Eastern Prussia, but is established in Paris in 1851. Initially apprentice in the famous violin maker Jean Cambric Villaume (1798-1875), he left him in 1858 to found his own company and to manufacture acoustic apparatuses. One says of him: "The name of Koenig is synonymous with the brilliant days of acoustics of the 19th century. Its instruments were among most beautiful, most effective and most precise of this time".

http://misha1.u-strasbg.fr/AMUSS/OdS311.htm

MECHANICAL WAVE (1/5)

A mechanical wave is an oscillatory motion which is gradually transmitted in a material medium, by vicinity, like information, a change of position which one transmits to his neighbor.



Animation courtesy of Dr. Dan Russell, Kettering University





Visualization of the vibrations of the acoustic wave (2/3)



Manometric analyzer from Karl Rudolf Koenig (1832-1901)

The left part of the apparatus is made up of Helmholtz's resonators of increasing size top to downwards. Each one of them is connected to the back with a manometric cell which transmits the vibrations of the air in the resonators to a gas supplying the flames which are thus modulated. Using the device of the turning mirror, often used in the laboratories of physics at that time, the structure of the sound was visually analyzed. The rotation of the mirror with 4 faces (on the right) will cut out the movements of the flame and thus will slow down it: the vibration of the flame becomes visible for the eye.

http://www.inrp.fr/she/instruments/instr_aco_analyseur_koenig.

Lord Rayleigh



John William Strutt (Lord Rayleigh) English, (1842-1919)

At the dawn of XXth century, the top of research in acoustics was marked by the masterly work of the English scientist John William Strutt, Lord Rayleigh (1842-1919), who, in particular, synthesized the knowledge obtained before in its treaty A theory of sound, whose first edition appeared in 1877 (T.I) and 1885 (T. II). The bases of acoustics then were posed.

MECHANICAL WAVE (2/5)



Schematic representation of matter made up of molecules (of given masses) with elastic interactions.













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