
ARCHITECTURAL ACOUSTICS

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Acoustics

- Acoustics is the science of sound, including its production, transmission and effects - Allan D. Pierce, *Acoustics An Introduction to Its Physical Principles and Applications*, McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1981 (ASA reprint 1989).

Architectural Acoustics

- Sound in an Enclosure.
(We all know what it is, but it's difficult to define.)

Density: $\rho_o(P_o, T)$

Pressure: $P_o \approx 100 \text{ kPa}$

$p(t)$ = instantaneous

p = effective = $\sqrt{\langle p^2(t) \rangle}$

Frequency/ Wavelength:

Speed of Sound: $c = \lambda f$

$$c = 331.4 \sqrt{\frac{T}{273}}$$

$$c = \gamma \frac{P_o}{\rho_o}$$

Log Notation

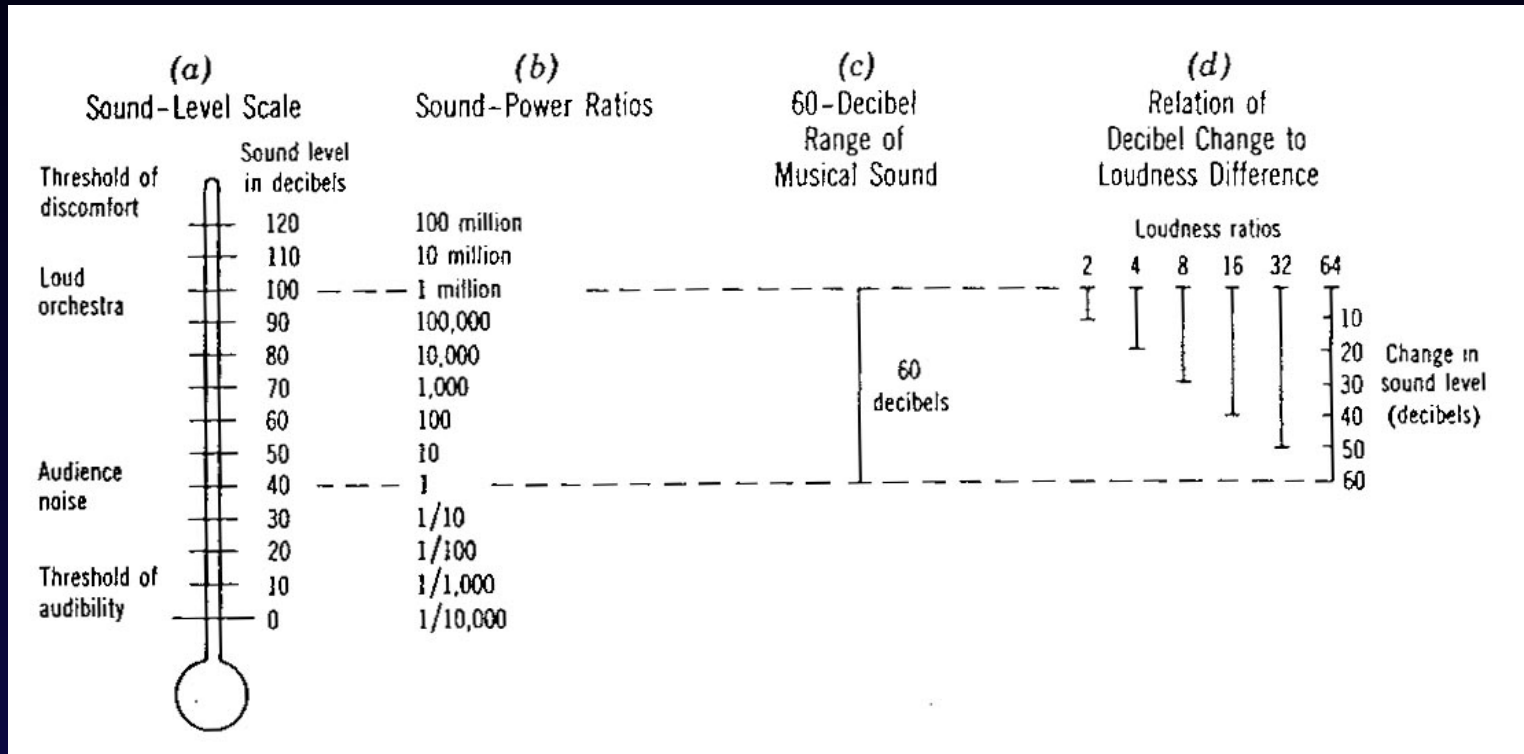


Figure 1

SPL (sound pressure level)

$$L_p = \text{SPL} = 20 \log p / p_{\text{ref}}$$

$$p_{\text{ref}} = 0.00002 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\text{Pa} = [\text{N}/\text{m}^2] = [\text{Kg}\cdot\text{m}/\text{s}^2\cdot\text{m}^2] = [\text{kg}/\text{s}^2\cdot\text{m}]$$

SWL (sound power level)

$$SWL = 10 \log W / W_{ref}$$

$$W_{ref} = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W} = 1 \text{ pW}$$

$$W = [\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 / \text{s}^3]$$

I (intensity)

$$L_I = IL = 10 \log I / I_{\text{ref}}$$

$$I_{\text{ref}} = 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2 = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ kg/s}^3$$

Waves

PLANE:

$$\frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2}$$

COMPLEX
FORM OF THE
HARMONIC
SOLUTION



$$P = A e^{j(\omega t - kx)} + B e^{j(\omega t + kx)}$$

Waves

CYLINDRICAL: $\nabla^2 p + k^2 p = 0$ ($k = T/c$)

$$\nabla^2 = \frac{1}{w} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left(w \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \right) + \frac{1}{w^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

One solution:

$$p = A \left[J_0 \left(\frac{2\pi v w}{c} \right) + i N_0 \left(\frac{2\pi v w}{c} \right) \right] e^{-2\pi i v t}$$

\rightarrow
 $w \rightarrow \infty$ $A \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi k w}} e^{i k (w - ct) - i(\pi/4)}$

$$k = \frac{2\pi v}{c} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

\rightarrow
 $w \rightarrow 0$ $i \frac{2A}{\pi} \ln(w) e^{-2\pi i v t}$

Waves

SPHERICAL:

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial p}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2}$$

if $a \ll \lambda$ then $p/r \gg \partial p / \partial r$ @ $r = a$

$$P \cong \frac{\rho}{4\pi} \frac{dS}{dt} \quad \text{at } r = a$$

$$p \cong \frac{\rho}{4\pi r} S' \left(t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \quad \text{where } S'(z) = (d/dz)S(z)$$

$S = \text{Total Flow}$

Human Factors

RANGE
OF
AUDIBILITY:

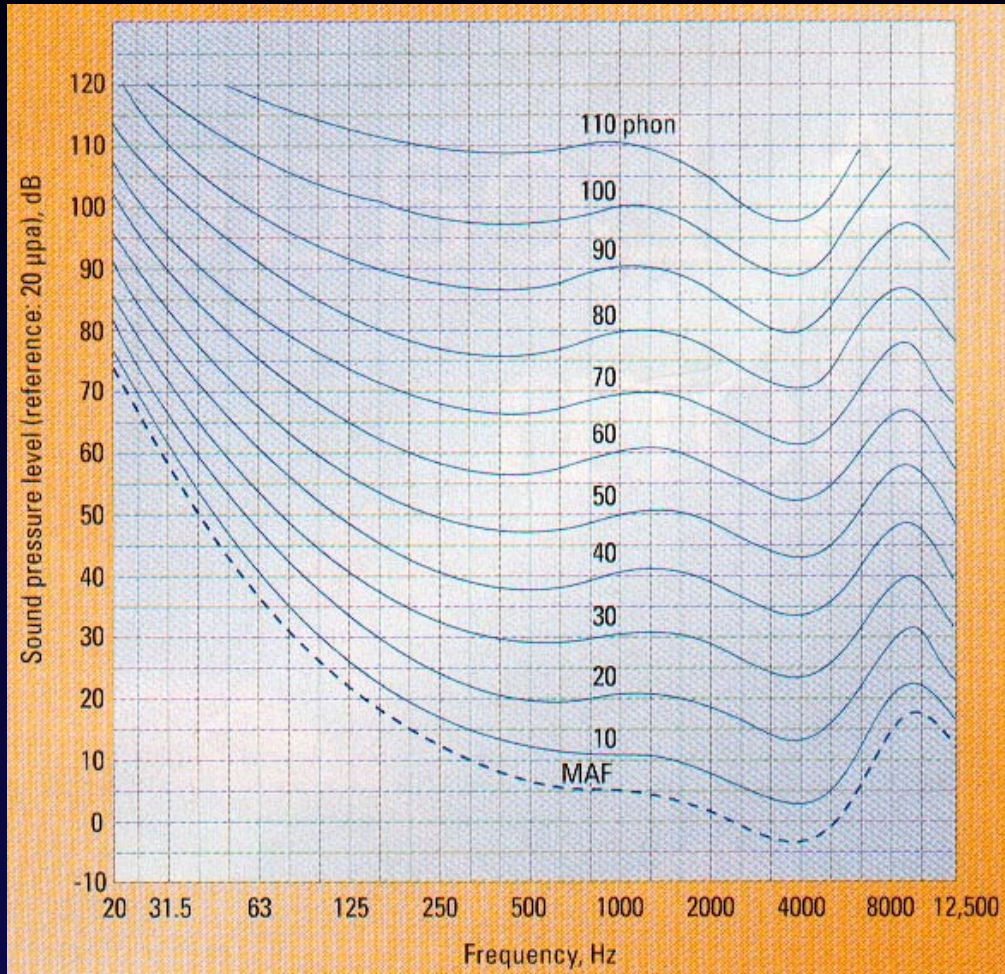


Figure 2

Human Factors



Figure 3

Human Factors

Range

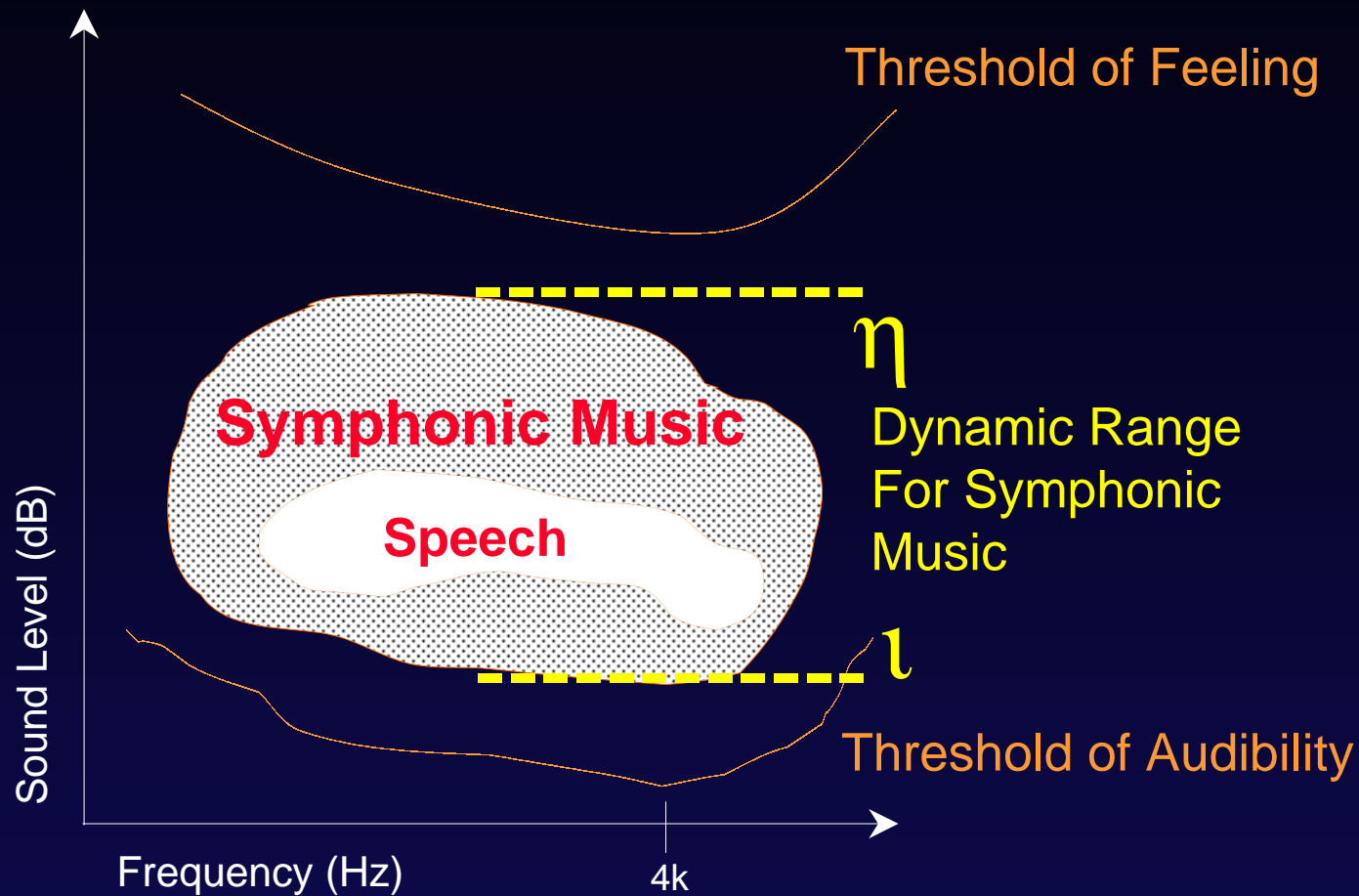


Figure 4

Human Factors

Band	CTR. FREQ. (Hz)	Bandwidth (Hz)	Band	CTR. FREQ. (Hz)	Bandwidth (Hz)
1	50	100	13	1850	280
2	150	100	14	2150	320
3	250	100	15	2500	380
4	350	100	16	2900	450
5	450	110	17	3400	550
6	570	120	18	4000	700
7	700	140	19	4800	900
8	840	150	20	5800	1100
9	1000	160	21	7000	1300
10	1170	190	22	8500	1800
11	1370	210	23	10500	2500
12	1600	240	24	13500	3500

Figure 5

Critical Bands

Common Sounds

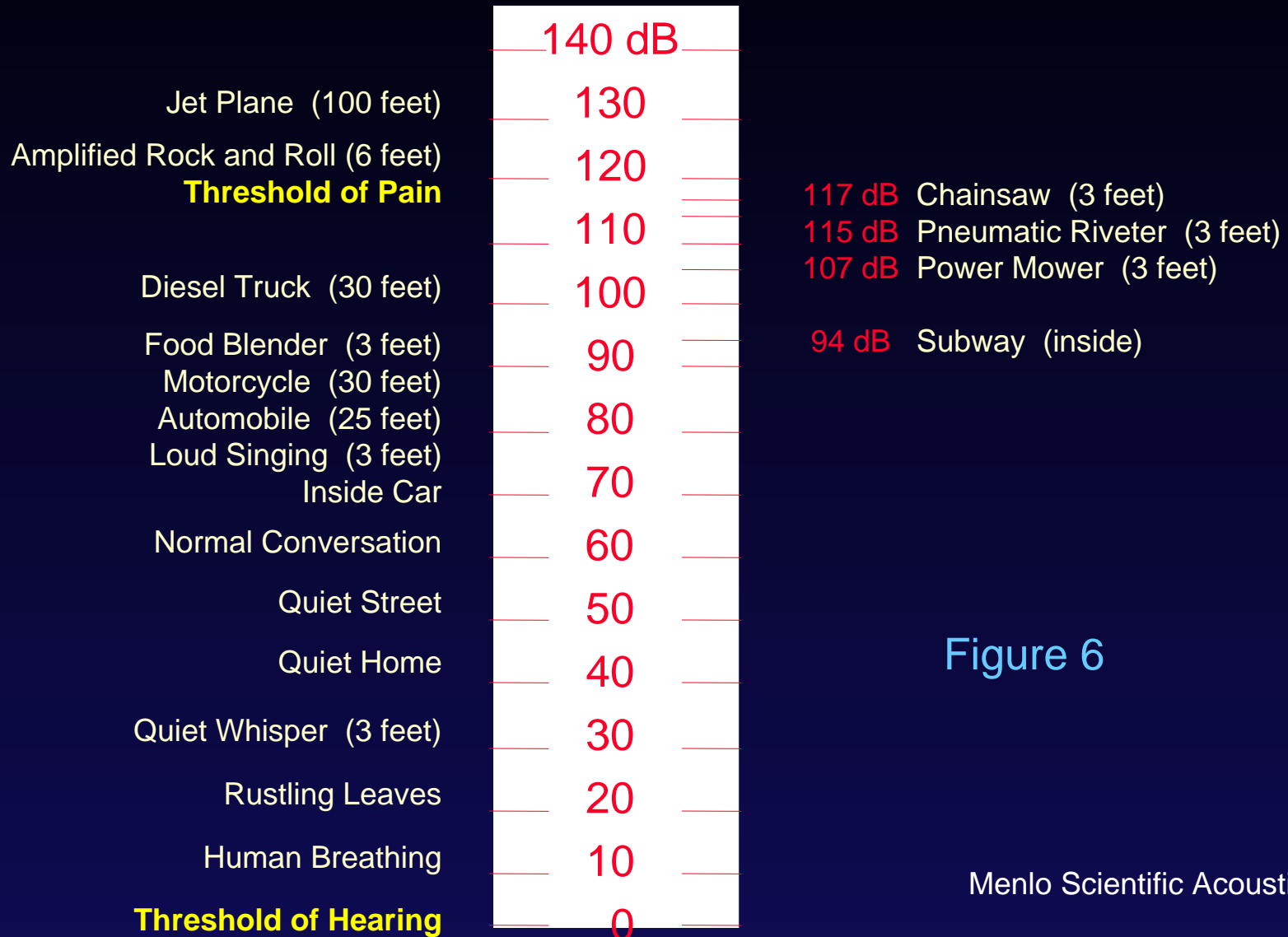


Figure 6

Measurement

THIRD OCTAVE BAND NO.	CENTER FREQUENCY (Hz.)	FREQUENCY RANGE (Hz)	CORRESPONDING OCTAVE BAND
14	25	22 to 28	Sub-Octave 22 to 45
15	-- 31.5 --	28 to 36	
16	40	35 to 45	
17	50	45 to 56	1 45 to 89
18	-- 63 --	56 to 71	
19	80	71 to 89	
20	100	89 to 112	2 89 to 178
21	-- 125 --	112 to 141	
22	160	141 to 178	
23	200	178 to 224	3 178 to 355
24	-- 250 --	224 to 282	
25	315	282 to 355	
26	400	355 to 447	4 354 to 709
27	-- 500 --	447 to 563	
28	630	562 to 708	
29	800	708 to 892	5 707 to 1414
30	-- 1000 --	891 to 1123	
31	1250	1122 to 1413	
32	1600	1412 to 1779	6 1411 to 2822
33	-- 2000 --	1778 to 2240	
34	2500	2238 to 2819	
35	3150	2817 to 3549	7 2815 to 5630
36	-- 4000 --	3547 to 4469	
37	5000	4465 to 5625	
38	6300	5621 to 7082	8 5617 to 11234
39	-- 8000 --	7077 to 8916	
40	10000	8909 to 11225	

Figure 7

History

שמות תרומה כו

אָרְבַּע בָּאֵמָה הַרְיֵעָה הָאֶחָת מִדָּה אֶחָת לְכָל־הַיְרֵיעוֹת:
3 חֲמֵשׁ הַרְיֵיעוֹת תִּהְיוּן הַכֹּהֲנִים אִשָּׁה אֶל־אֲחֵיהֶם וְחֲמֵשׁ יְרֵיעוֹת
4 הַכֹּהֲנִים אִשָּׁה אֶל־אֲחֵיהֶם: וְעִשִׂיתָ לָלֶאֱת תְּכַלֵּת עַל שֵׁפֶת
הַרְיֵיעָה הָאֶחָת מִקְצֵה כַּחֲבֵרֶת וְכֵן תַּעֲשֶׂה בְּשֵׁפֶת הַרְיֵיעָה
5 הַקְּצוּנָה בְּמִחְבֵּרֶת הַשְּׁנִיָּת: הַמְּשִׁים לָלֶאֱת תַּעֲשֶׂה
בִּירֵיעָה הָאֶחָת וְחֲמֵשִׁים לָלֶאֱת תַּעֲשֶׂה בְּקִצֵּה הַרְיֵיעָה
אֲשֶׁר בְּמִחְבֵּרֶת הַשְּׁנִיָּת מִקְבִּילוֹת הַלְּלֶאֱת אִשָּׁה אֶל־
6 אֲחֵיהֶם: וְעִשִׂיתָ חֲמֵשִׁים קָרְסֵי זָהָב וְחִבְרָתְךָ אֶת־הַרְיֵיעוֹת
7 אִשָּׁה אֶל־אֲחֵיהֶם בְּקָרְסִים וְהָגָה הַמְּשִׁכָּן אַחֶר: וְעִשִׂיתָ
יְרֵיעַת עוֹים לְאַהֲלֵי עַל־הַמְּשִׁכָּן עֶשְׂתִּירֵעֶשְׂרֵה יְרֵיעוֹת
8 תַּעֲשֶׂה אֹתָם: אָרְדָּה הַרְיֵיעָה הָאֶחָת שְׁלֹשִׁים בָּאֵמָה
וְרַחֵב אַרְבַּע בָּאֵמָה הַרְיֵיעָה הָאֶחָת מִדָּה אֶחָת לַעֲשִׂיתִי
9 עֲשֶׂרֶה יְרֵיעוֹת: וְחִבְרָתְךָ אֶת־חֲמֵשׁ הַרְיֵיעוֹת לְכֹד וְאֶת־
שֵׁשׁ הַרְיֵיעוֹת לְכֹד וְכַפֵּלְתָּ אֶת־הַרְיֵיעָה הַשְּׁשִׁית אֶל־מִל
10 פָּנֵי הָאֹהֶל: וְעִשִׂיתָ חֲמֵשִׁים לָלֶאֱת עַל שֵׁפֶת הַרְיֵיעָה
הָאֶחָת הַקְּצוּנָה כַּחֲבֵרֶת וְחֲמֵשִׁים לָלֶאֱת עַל שֵׁפֶת

v. 9 קמץ כ"ד

שמות תרומה כה כו

33 וּשְׁלֹשָׁה קָנֵי מְנִיָּה מֵאֲדָה הַשְּׁנִי: שְׁלֹשָׁה גְבַעִים מִשְׁקָלֵם
בְּקִנְיָה הָאֶחָד כַּפֵּתֵר וְפָרַח וּשְׁלֹשָׁה גְבַעִים מִשְׁקָלֵם
בְּקִנְיָה הָאֶחָד כַּפֵּתֵר וְפָרַח בֶּן לְשֵׁשֶׁת הַקָּנִים הַזֵּאֲאִים
34 מִן־הַמְּנִיָּה: וּבְמִנְיָה אַרְבַּעַה גְבַעִים מִשְׁקָלֵם כַּפֵּתֵרֶיהָ
לָהּ וּפָרַחֶיהָ: וְכַפֵּתֵר תַּחַת שְׁנֵי הַקָּנִים מִנְיָה וְכַפֵּתֵר תַּחַת
שְׁנֵי הַקָּנִים מִנְיָה וְכַפֵּתֵר תַּחַת־שְׁנֵי הַקָּנִים מִנְיָה לְשֵׁשֶׁת
36 הַקָּנִים הַזֵּאֲאִים מִן־הַמְּנִיָּה: כַּפֵּתֵרֵיהֶם וְקִנְתָּם מִנְיָה
37 יִהְיוּ כָּלָה מִקְשָׁה אֶחָת זָהָב טָהוֹר: וְעִשִׂיתָ אֶת־גִּרְתֵּיהֶם
38 שְׁבָעָה וְהַעֲלֵה אֶת־גִּרְתֵּיהֶם וְהֵאָזֵר עַל־עִבְרֵי פִנְיָה: וּמִלְקַחְתִּיהָ
39 וּמִחֻתֹּתֶיהָ זָהָב טָהוֹר: כֶּכֶר זָהָב טָהוֹר תַּעֲשֶׂה אֹתָהּ אֵת
40 כָּל־הַכֹּהֲלִים הָאֵלֶּה: וְרָאָה וַעֲשֶׂה בְּתַבְנִיתָם אֲשֶׁר־אֲתֵּה
קְרָאָה כְּנֶרֶד: ׀

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א וְאֶת־הַמְּשִׁכָּן תַּעֲשֶׂה עֶשְׂרֵה יְרֵיעוֹת שֵׁשׁ מִשְׁנֹר וְתַכְלֵת
וְאֶרְגָּמָן וְתִלְעַת שְׁנֵי כַרְבִּים מַעֲשֶׂה חֹשֶׁב תַּעֲשֶׂה אֹתָם:
2 אָרְדָּה הַרְיֵיעָה הָאֶחָת שְׁמֹנֶה וְעֶשְׂרִים בָּאֵמָה וְרַחֵב

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History



Reflection

$$x > 4\lambda$$

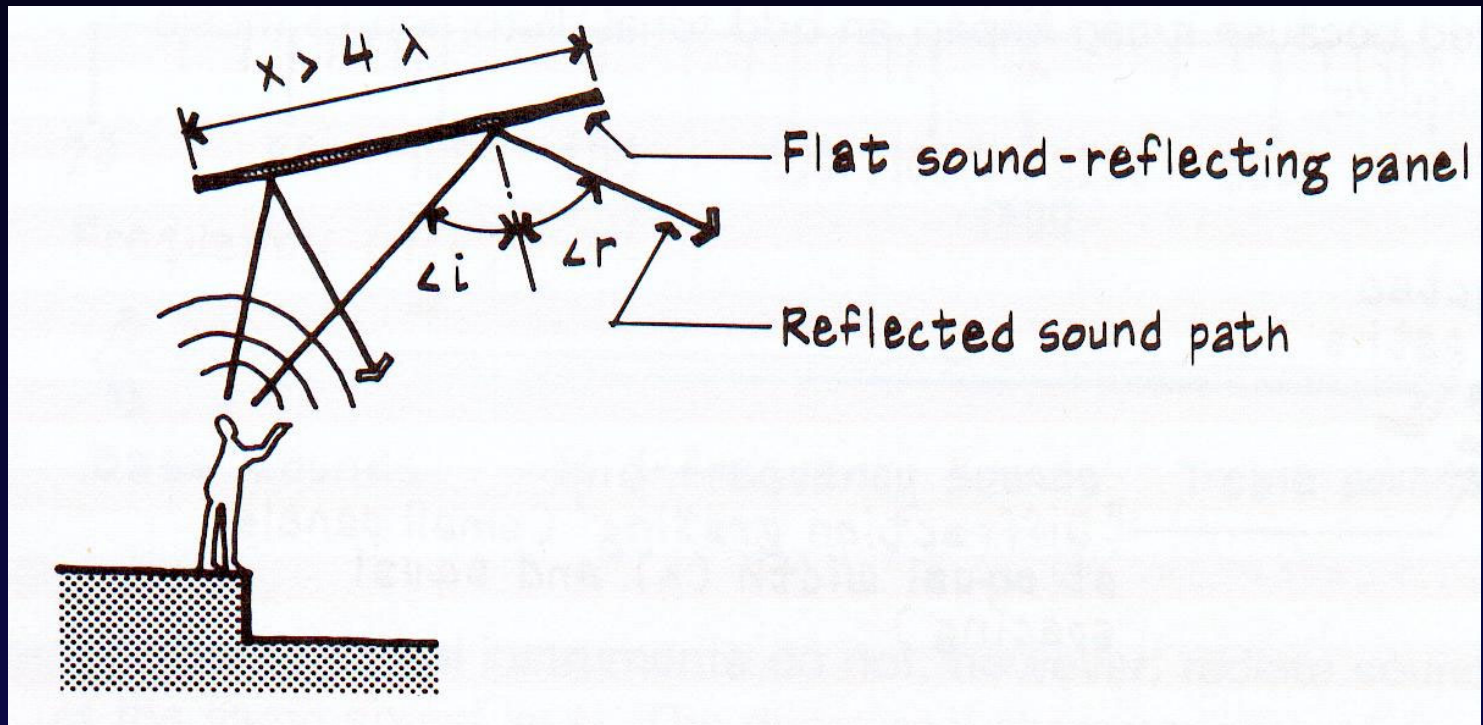


Figure 8

Diffusion

$$x \approx \lambda$$

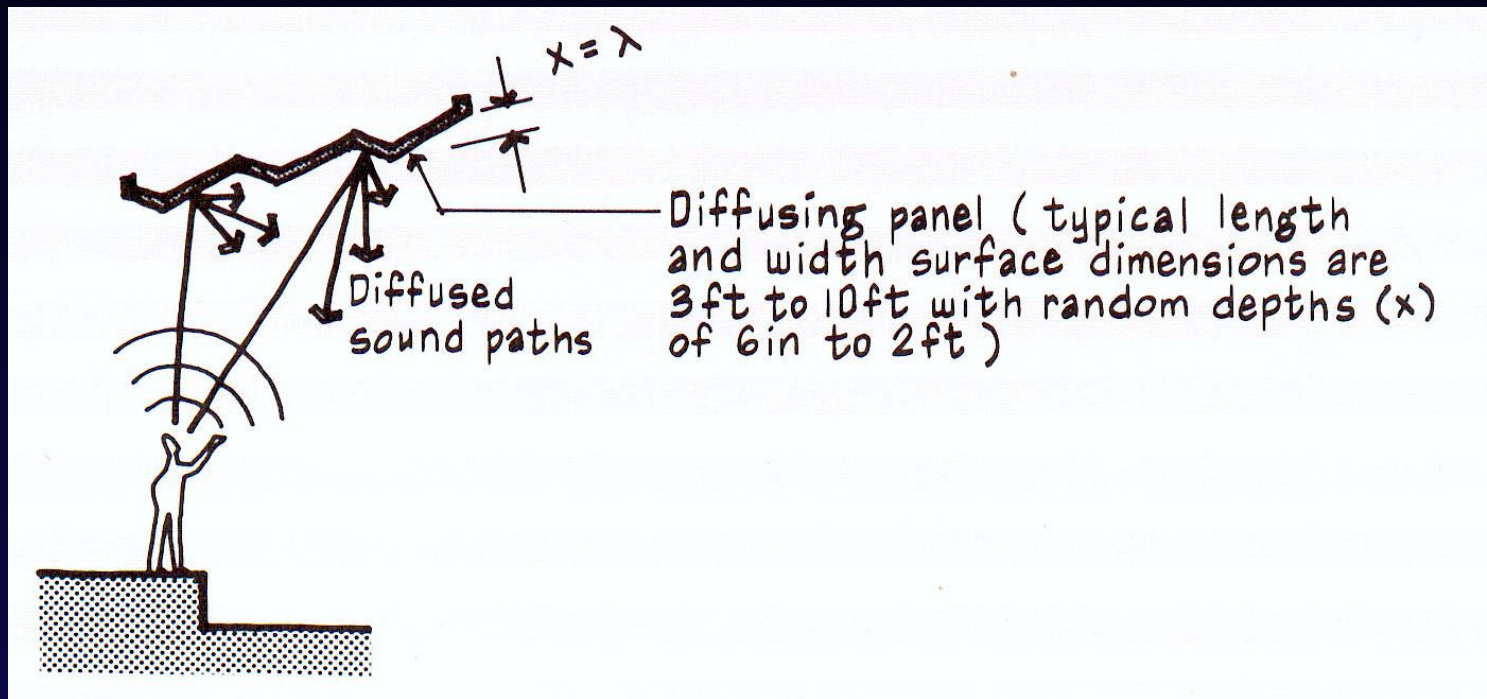


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Diffraction

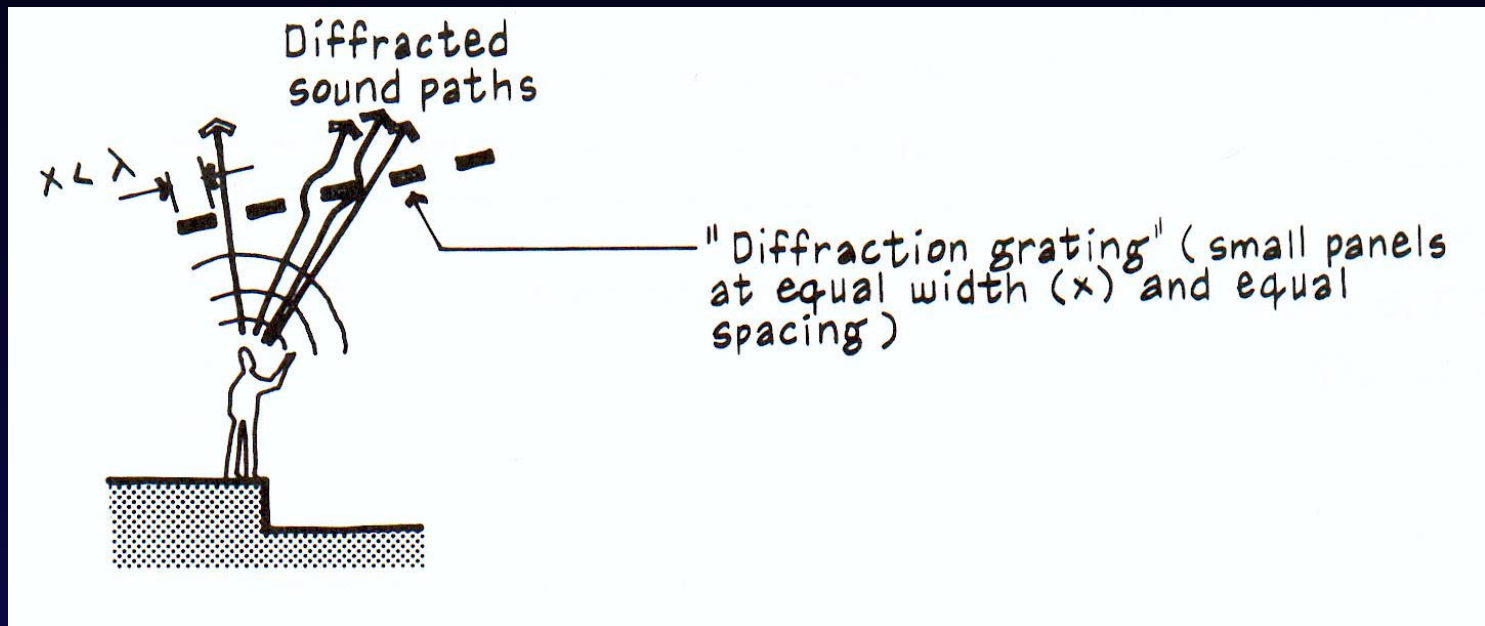


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Concave Reflector

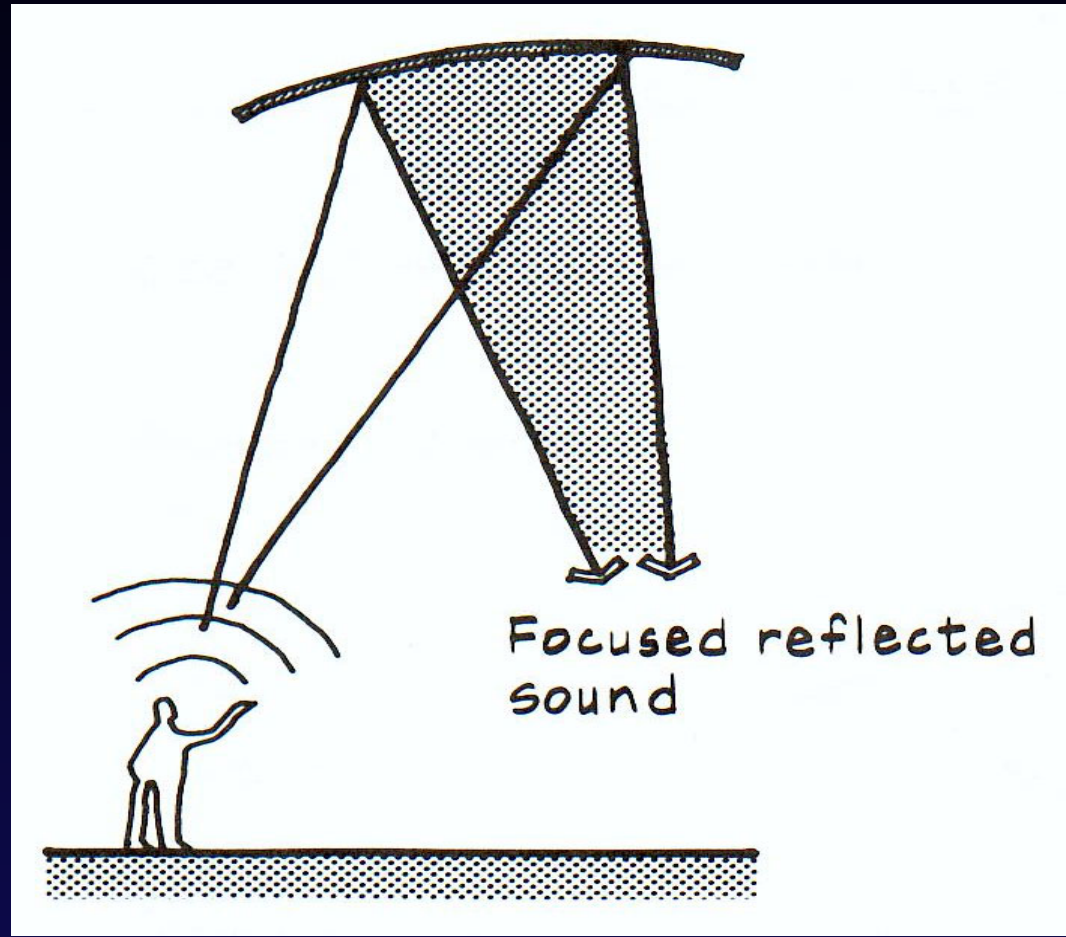


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Flat Reflector

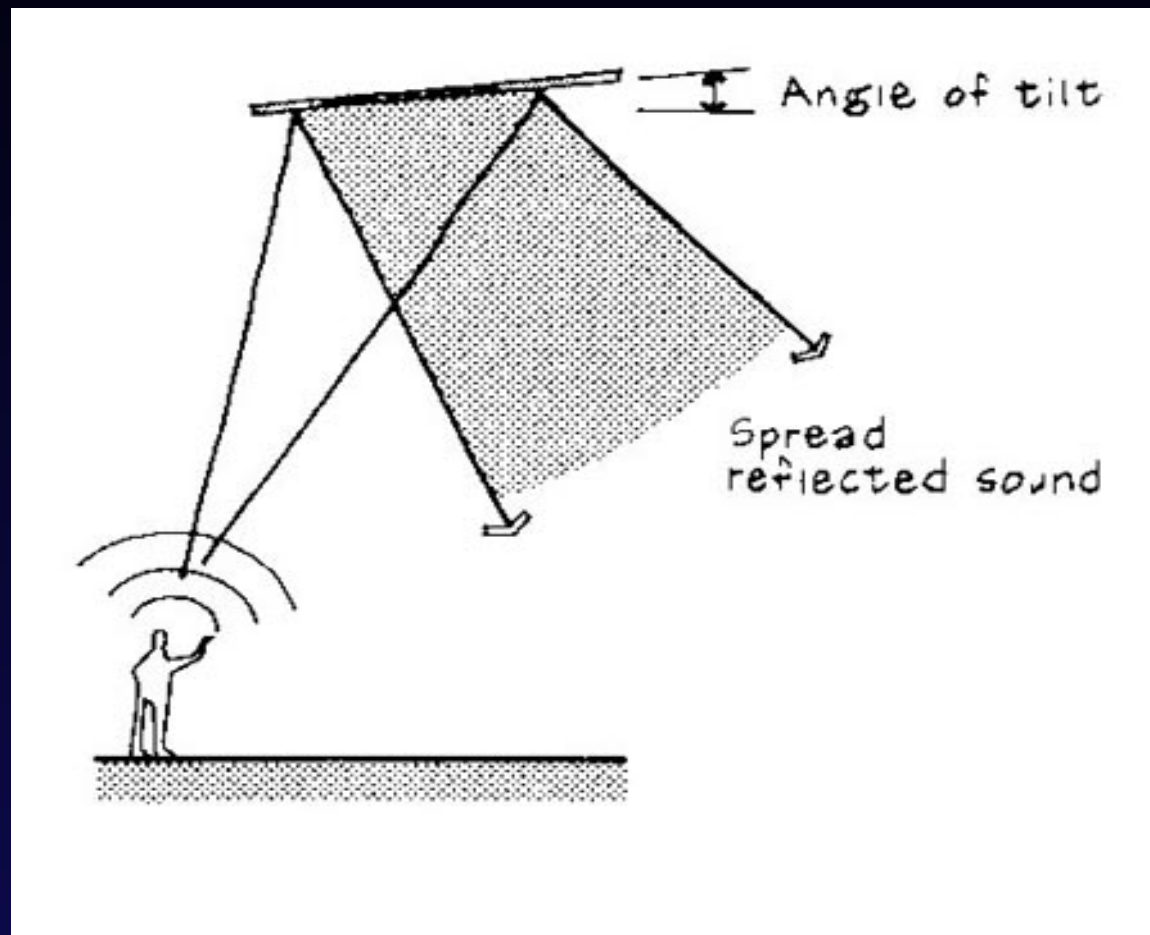


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Convex Reflector

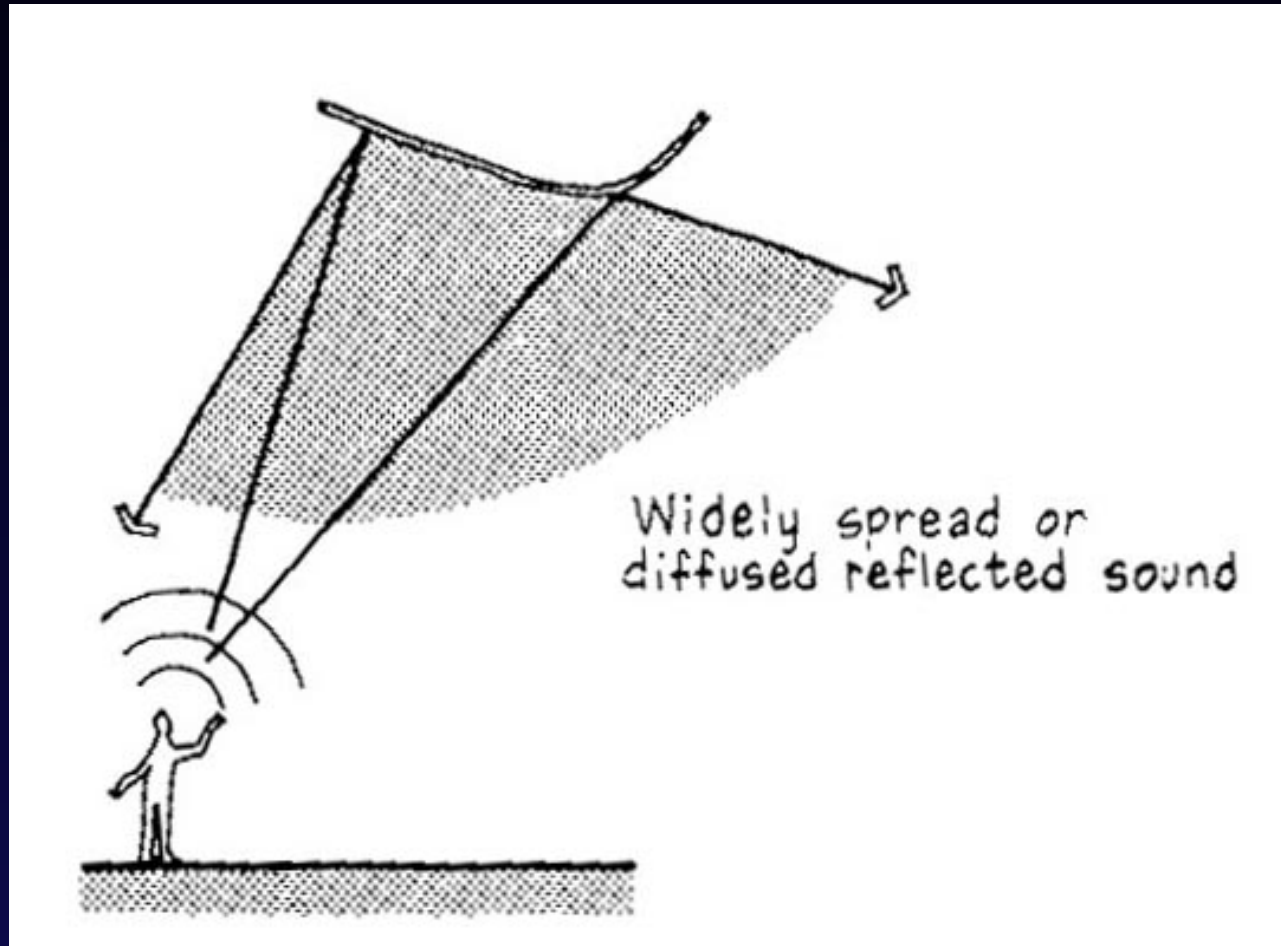


Figure 13

Room Modes

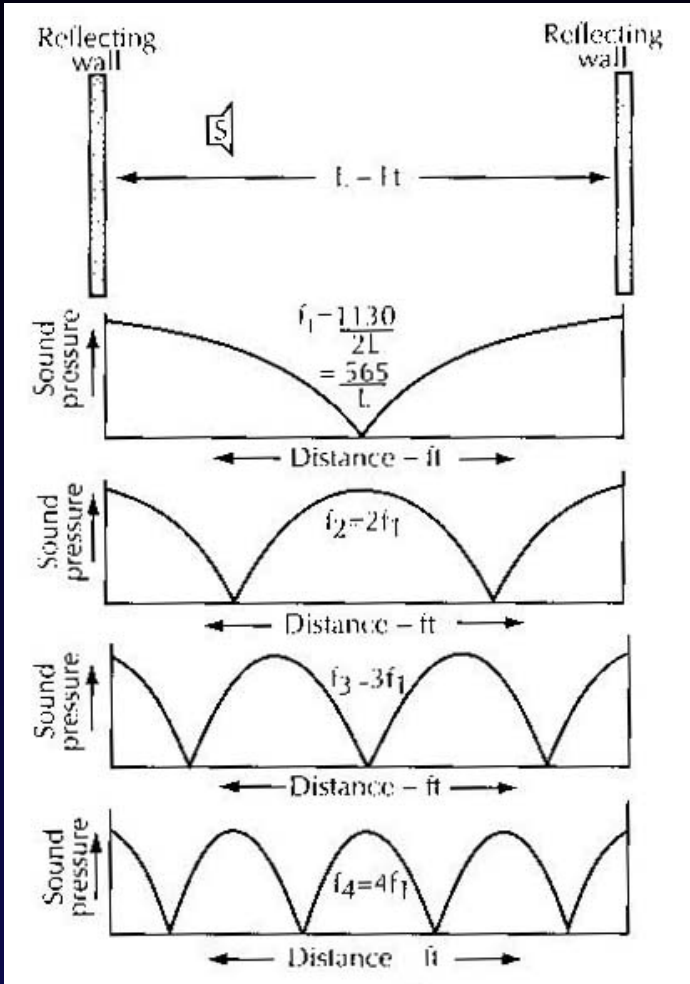


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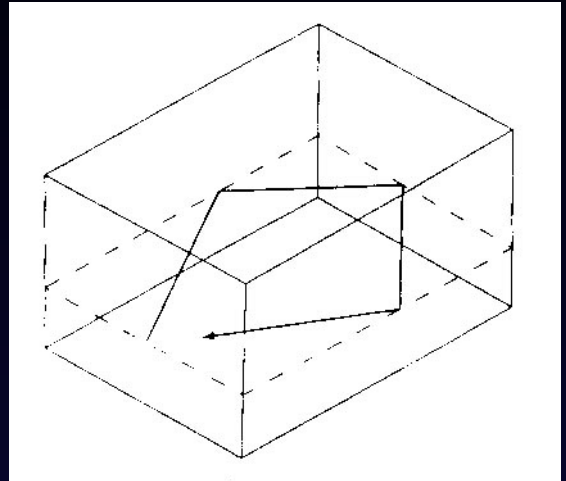


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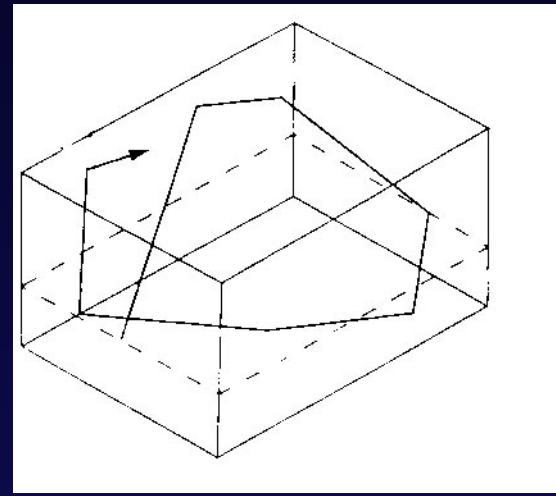


Figure 16

Reverberant Decay

large room

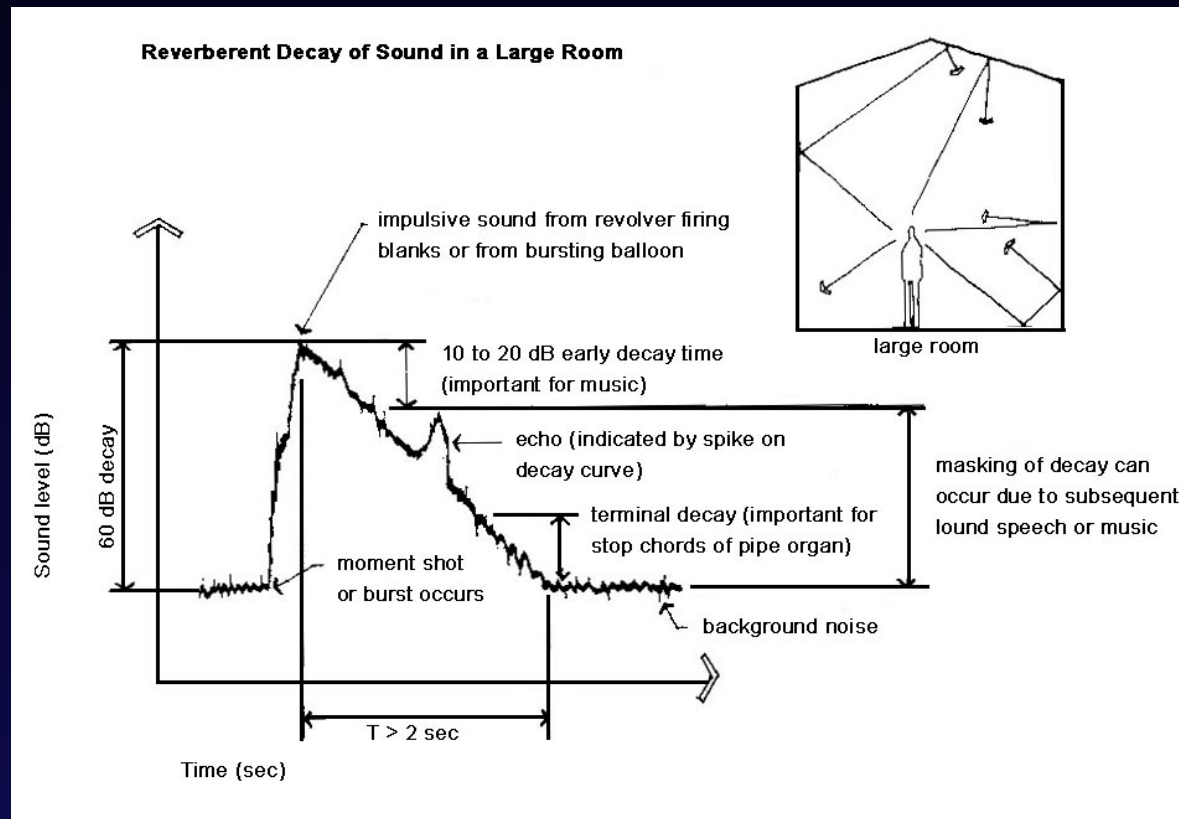


Figure 17

Reverberant Decay

small room

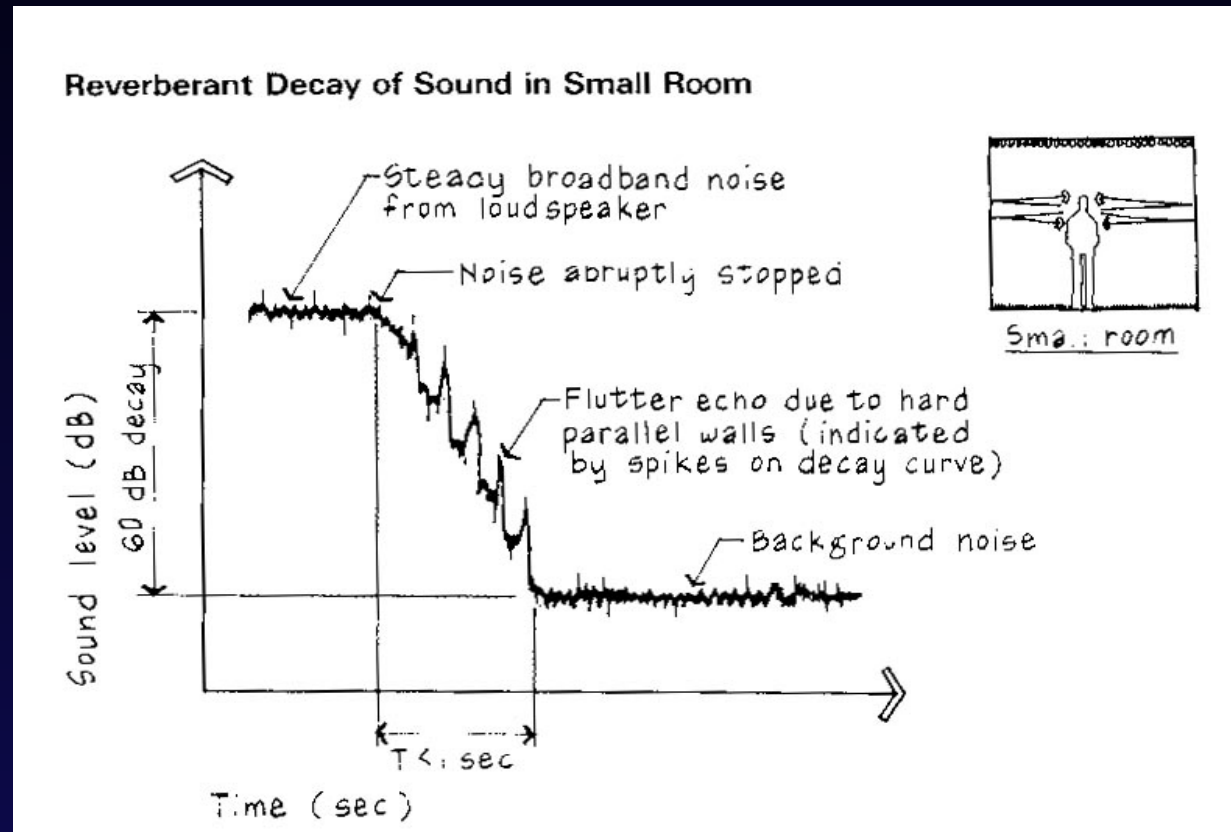


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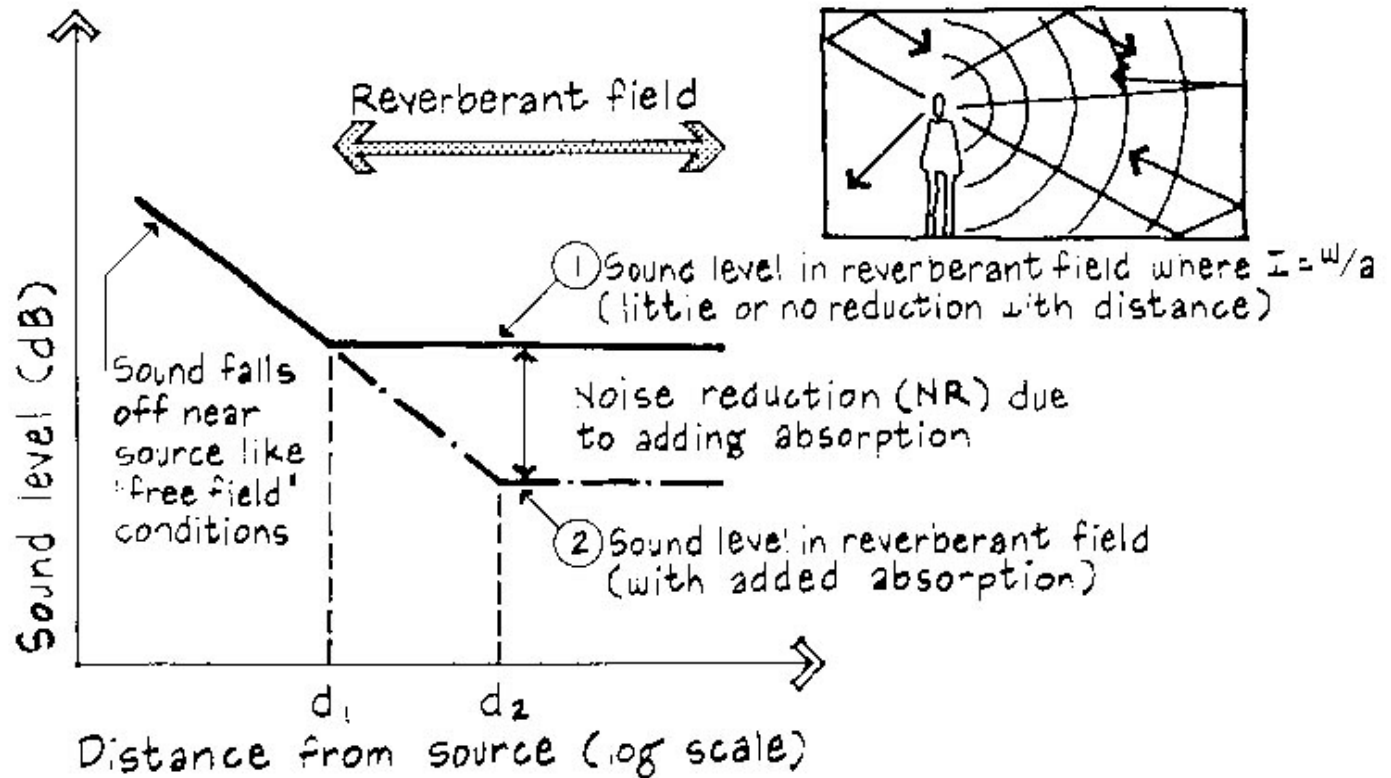


Figure 19

Small Rooms

- Modes
- Shape
- Reflection management

Large Rooms

TIME METRICS

Reverberation Time (*RT60*)

Bass Ratio (*BR*)

Large Rooms

ENERGY METRICS

Strength (G)

Speech Time Index (STI)

Sound Pressure Distribution (ΔL)

Articulation Loss (AL_{cons})

Center Time (t_s)

Subjective Intelligibility Tests

Energy Definition Measure (C_{50})

Clarity (C_{80})

Register Balance Measure (B_R)

Sound Coloration (K_t and K_h)

Large Rooms

Spacial Impression Measure
for Music (R)

Lateral Efficiency
(LE for Music, LF and LFC)

Interaural Cross Correlation
Coefficient ($IACC$)

Interaural Time-Delay Gap
($ITDG$, $t1$)
Reverberance Measure (H)

Diffusion

Stage Support ($ST1$)

Texture

Early Decay Time (EDT)

Intimacy

Spaciousness

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