Mechanical Processing in Internally Coupled Ears

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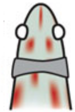
Outline for section 1

Auditory Systems

Independent Ears

Eustachian tubes generally very narrow.

Effectively independent eardrum vibrations.



Coupled Ears

Wide eustachian tubes open into the mouth cavity.

Eardrums vibrations influence eachother.

Binaural Hearing Cues

Direction and frequency dependent phase and amplitude differences between the ears.

Interaural Time Difference

Equivalent to phase difference between membrane vibrations.

Interaural Level Difference

Equivalent to amplitude difference between membrane vibrations.

Advantages of Coupled Ears

- Low frequencies result in reduced degradation of hearing cues in dense enviroments.

Outline for section 2

Mouth Cavity

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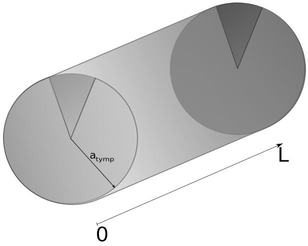

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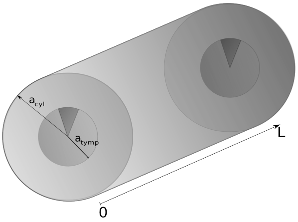

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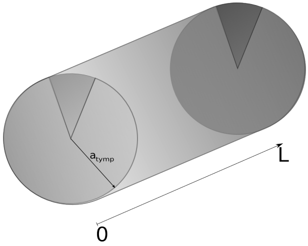

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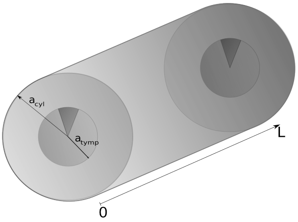

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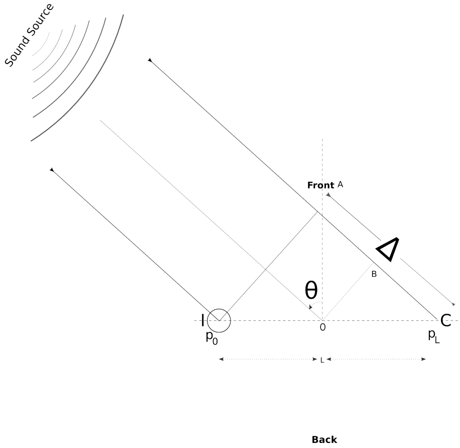

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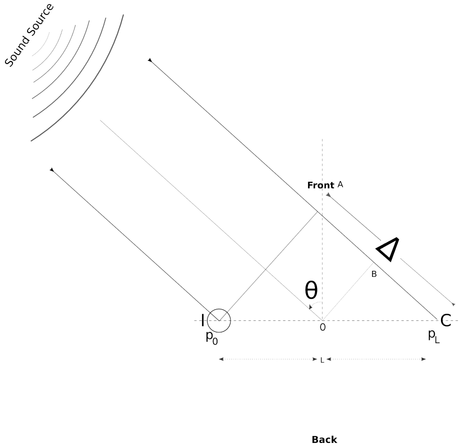

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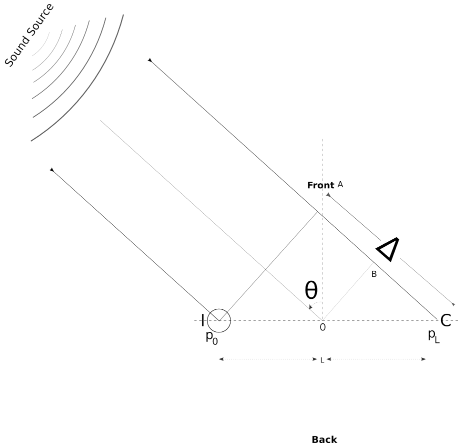

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- $|p_0| = |p_L|$.
- Increased phase difference due to diffraction - $\Delta = 1.5kL\sin\theta$.
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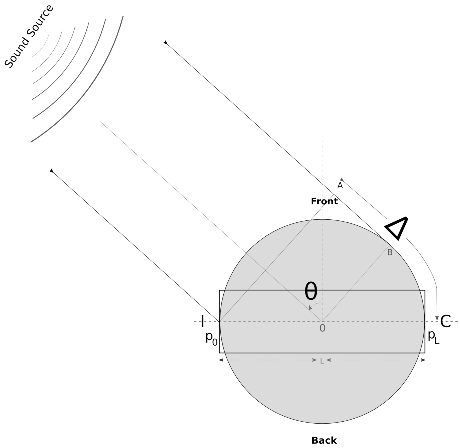

Cavity Pressure

3D Wave Equation

$$\frac{1}{c^2}\partial_t^2 p(x,r,\phi,t) = \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial p(x,r,\phi,t)}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^2}\frac{\partial^2 p(x,r,\phi,t)}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial p(x,r,\phi,t)}{\partial x^2} \tag{1}$$

To be solved using the separation ansatz

$$p(x,r,\phi,t) = f(x)g(r)h(\phi)e^{j\omega t}.$$

Separated Equations and their Solutions

x- and ϕ- directions

$$\frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} + \zeta^2 f(x) = 0 \longrightarrow f(x) = e^{\pm j\zeta x} \tag{2}$$

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Boundary Conditions - ϕ

Smoothness and Continuity in ϕ.

$$\phi \rightarrow h(0) = h(2\pi) \quad \text{and} \quad h'(0) = h'(2\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow h(\phi) = \cos q\phi, \;\; q = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \tag{5}$$

Boundary Conditions - r

Impenetrable boundary at $r = a_{\mathrm{cyl}}$, i.e. normal derivative vanishes

$$-j\rho\omega\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{n}.\,\nabla p(x,r,\phi;t)\big|_{r=a_{\mathrm{cyl}}} \equiv \left.\frac{\partial g}{\partial r}\right|_{r=a_{\mathrm{cyl}}} = 0 \tag{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(r) = J_q(\nu_{\mathrm{qs}} r/a_{\mathrm{cyl}}) \tag{7}$$

Bessel Prime Zeros

- ν_{qs} - zeros of J_q', $s = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$
- ν_{00}=0

General Solution

Pressure Modes

$$p(x,r,\phi,t) = \sum_{q=0,s=0}^{\infty} p_{\mathrm{qs}}(x,r,\phi)e^{j\omega t} \tag{8}$$

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where, $\zeta_{\mathrm{qs}} = \sqrt{k^2 - \nu_{\mathrm{qs}}^2/a_{\mathrm{cyl}}^2}$

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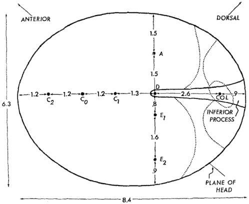
Eardrum

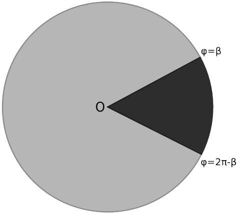
Sketch of a Tokay eardrum as seen from the outside[a].



COL - approximate position opposite the extracolumella insertion.

[a] G. A. Manley, "The middle ear of the tokay gecko," *Journal of Comparative Physiology*, vol. 81, no. 3, pp. 239–250, 1972

The ICE eardrum.



Extracolumella (dark) - rigid, stationary.

Tympanum - assumed linear elastic.

Rigidly clamped at the boundaries ($r = a_{\mathrm{tymp}}$ and $\phi = \beta,\ 2\pi - \beta$)

Membrane Vibrations

Membrane EOM

$$-\partial_t^2 u(r,\phi;t) - 2\alpha\partial_t u(r,\phi;t) + c_M^2 \Delta_{(2)} u(r,\phi;t) = \frac{1}{\rho_m d}\Psi(r,\phi;t) \qquad (11)$$

Membrane parameters

α - damping coefficient, c_M^2 - propagation velocity

ρ_m - density, d - thickness.

Free-Undamped Membrane, $\alpha \to 0$, $\Psi \to 0$

Separation Ansatz

$$u(r,\phi;t) = f(r)g(\phi)h(t) \tag{12}$$

Separated Equations

$$\frac{d^2 g(\phi)}{d\phi^2} + \kappa^2 g(\phi) = 0 \tag{13}$$

$$\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\frac{\partial f(r)}{\partial r}\right) + \left[\mu^2 - \frac{\kappa^2}{r^2}\right] f(r) = 0 \tag{14}$$

$$\frac{d^2 h(t)}{dt^2} + c_M^2 \mu^2 h(t) = 0 \tag{15}$$

Boundary Conditions

ϕ-direction: $u(r, \beta; t) = u(r, 2\pi - \beta, t) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow g(\phi) = \sin \kappa(\phi - \beta) \tag{16}$$

$$\text{where, } \kappa = \frac{m\pi}{2(\pi - \beta)}, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$$

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Steady State Solution

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Substitute u_{ss} in Membrane EOM.

$$C_{\mathrm{mn}} = \frac{p \int dS u_{\mathrm{mn}}}{\Omega_{\mathrm{mn}} \int dS u_{\mathrm{mn}}^2} \tag{22}$$

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Forced Vibrations contd.

Transient Solution

Same as the solution for a free damped membrane

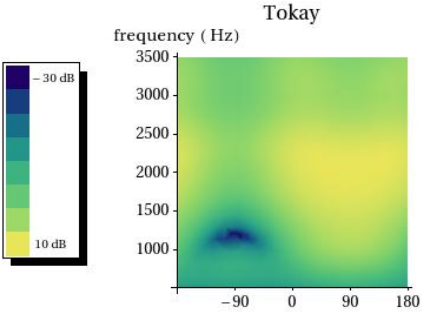
$$u_{\mathrm{t}}(r,\phi;t) = \sum_{m=0,n=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{C}_{\mathrm{mn}} u_{\mathrm{mn}}(r,\phi) e^{j\omega_{\mathrm{mn}} t - \alpha t} \tag{23}$$

$\widetilde{C}_{\mathrm{mn}}$ determined from the membrane displacement at $t = 0$.

$u_{\mathrm{t}} \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$.

Outline for section 3

Vibration Amplitude



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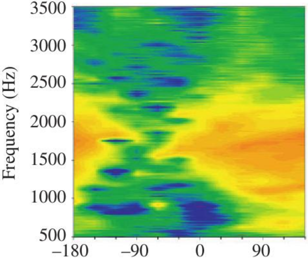

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Outline for section 4

Conclusion

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