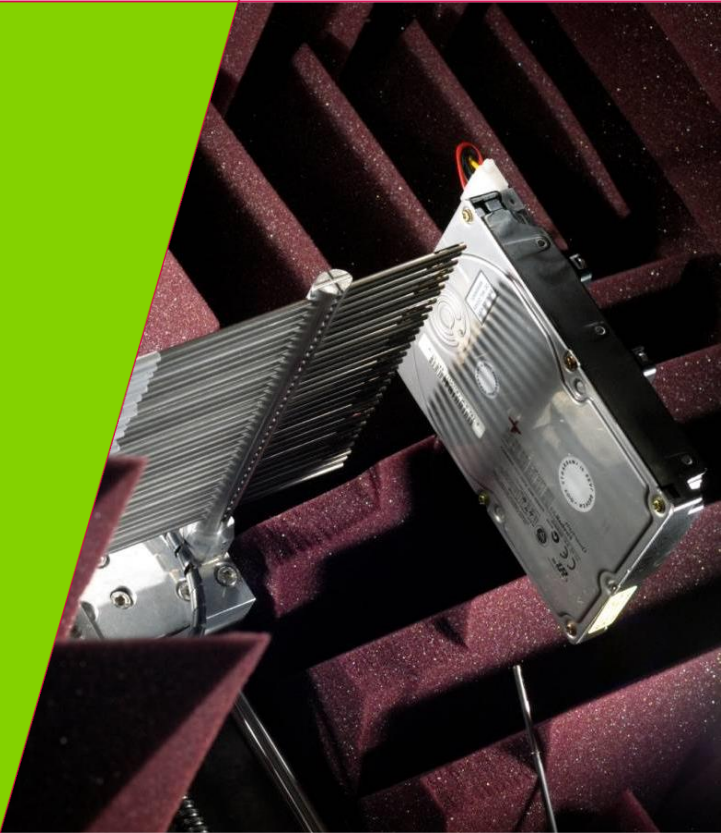


Sound radiation from structures

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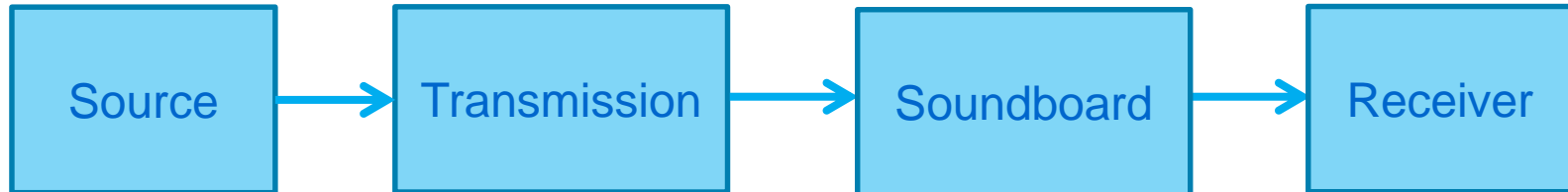
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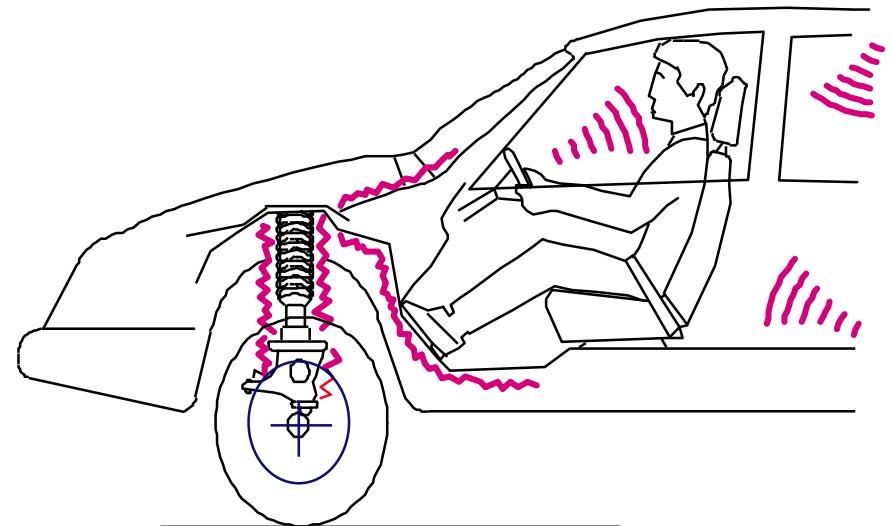
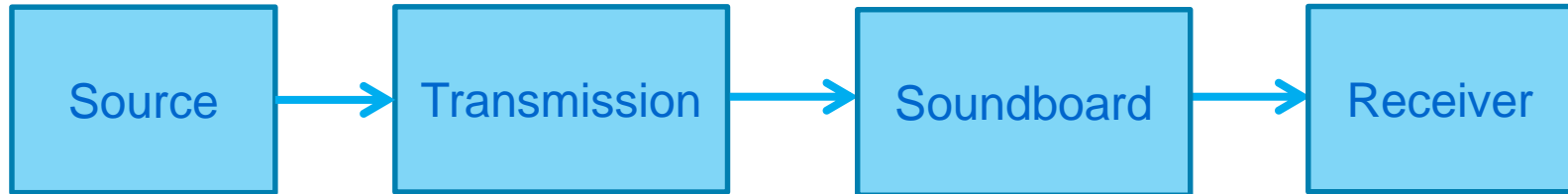


What do they have in common?

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Wave types

Acoustic /
Structural



- Longitudinal

- Transverse

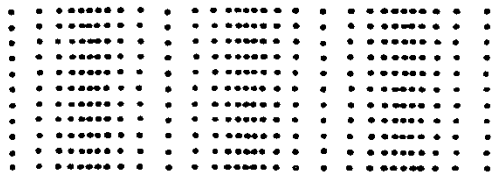
$C = \text{constant}$

Structural

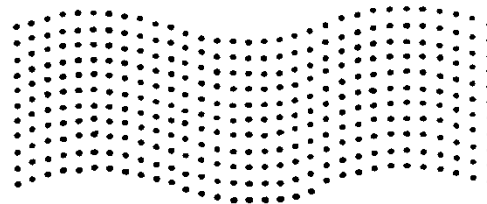


- Bending

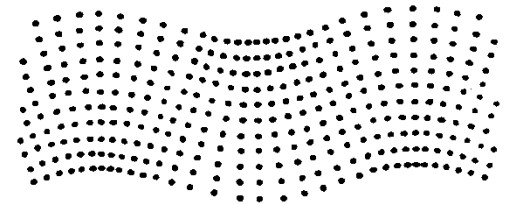
$C = C(f)$



Longitudinal



Transverse

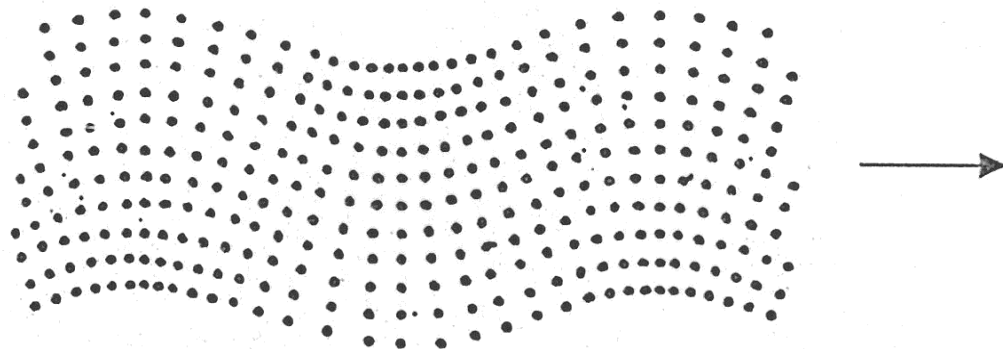


Bending

Structural wave types

- **Pure / corrected bending wave**
- **Mainly transverse vibrations**

Corrected bending wave includes effects of rotary inertia and shear deformation



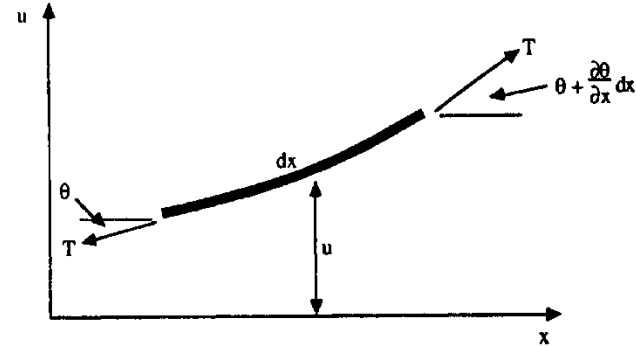
Most important for acoustic radiation

- most strongly excited (lowest mechanical impedance in audio freq.range)
- radiates most effectively (as compared to other wave types)

Transverse vibrations an infinite string

$$T \left(\cancel{\theta} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} dx \right) - T \cancel{\theta} = \rho_L dx \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$



$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c_s^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

where $c_s = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho_L}}$ is the phase velocity [m/s]

Transverse bending of a beam

Fourth order partial differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} + \frac{EI}{\rho_L} \frac{\partial^4 \mathbf{u}}{\partial x^4} = 0 \quad \text{where } \rho_L \text{ is the mass per unit length.}$$

Consider the solution $u(x, t) = Ae^{i(\omega t - kx)} \rightarrow k^4 = \frac{\rho_L}{EI} \omega^2$

$$k_B = \pm \sqrt[4]{\frac{\rho_L}{EI} \omega^2} \rightarrow c_B = \frac{\omega}{k_B} = \sqrt{\omega} \sqrt[4]{\frac{EI}{\rho_L}}$$

$$c_B = \sqrt{1.8 c_L f h}$$

with $c_L = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}}$, $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ and

h is the beam height.

Bending waves in plates

Fourth order partial differential equation:

$$\rho_s \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \frac{Et^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left\{ \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial y^4} \right\} = 0$$

where ρ_s is the mass per unit area.

Vectorial sum in x- and y-direction:

$$\vec{k}_B = \vec{k}_x + \vec{k}_y \quad \rightarrow \quad |k_B|^2 = |k_x|^2 + |k_y|^2$$

$$c_B = \sqrt{1.8c_L f h} \quad \text{with } c_L = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho(1-\nu^2)}}, f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} \text{ and } h \text{ is the plate thickness.}$$

Dispersion

Beam:

$$c_B = \sqrt{1.8c_L fh}$$

with $c_L = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}}$, $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ and

h is the beam height.

Plate:

$$c_B = \sqrt{1.8c_L fh}$$

with $c_L = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho(1-\nu^2)}}$, $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$ and

h is the plate thickness.

In both cases:

$$c(f) \propto \sqrt{fh} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda_B \propto \sqrt{h} / \sqrt{f}$$

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwMlaDg4Zeg>

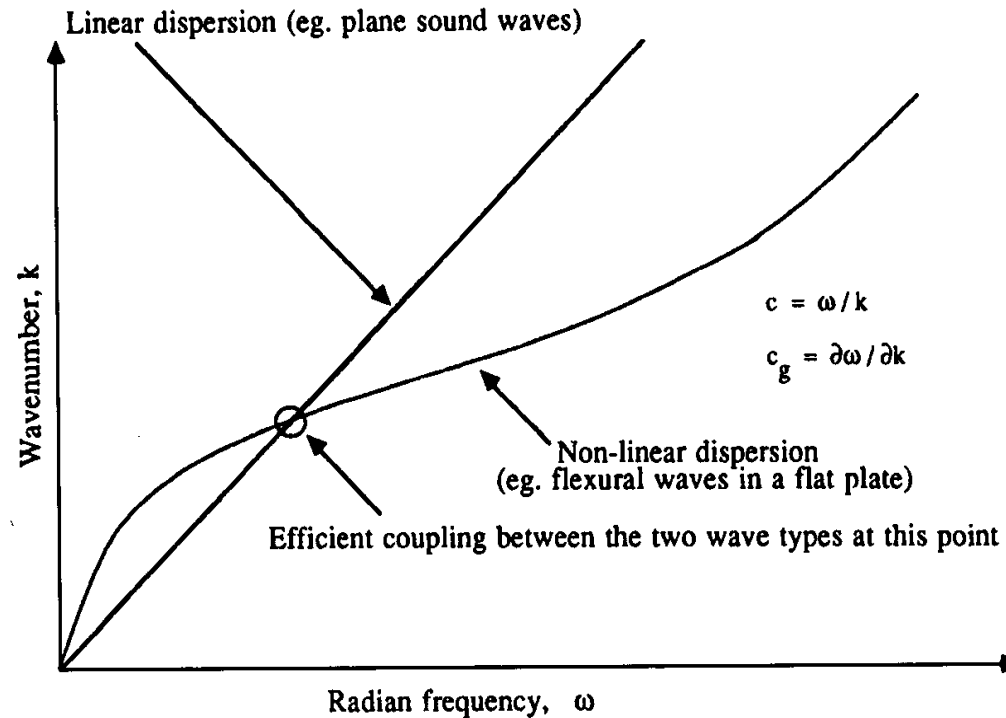
Phase velocity, group velocity

Phase velocity:

$$c = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

Group velocity:

$$c_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k}$$



Critical frequency plates

At the critical frequency (coincidence frequency) the acoustic wave velocity and the bending wave velocity are equal:

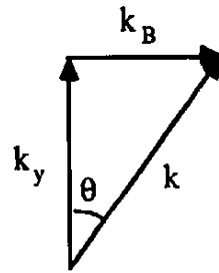
$$c = c_B = \sqrt{1.8c_L f_c h} \quad \text{with} \quad c_L = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho(1-\nu^2)}} \quad h : \text{plate thickness.}$$

This leads to:

$$f_c = \frac{c^2}{1.8c_L h}$$

The critical frequency of a plate only depends on the material properties and plate thickness

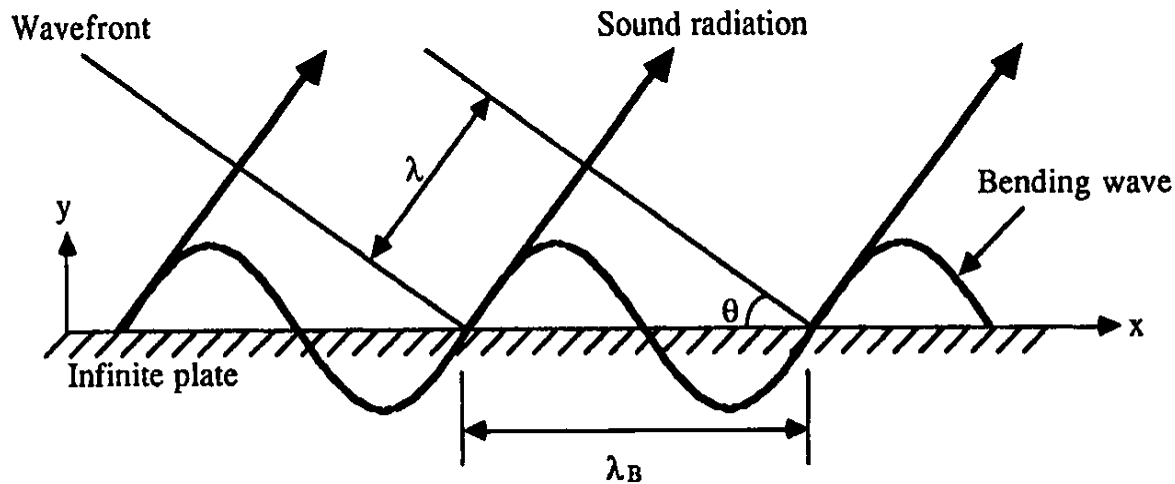
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$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{k_B}{k}$$

$$k_B = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_B} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{f}{1.8c_L t}}$$

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



Sound radiation from infinite plates

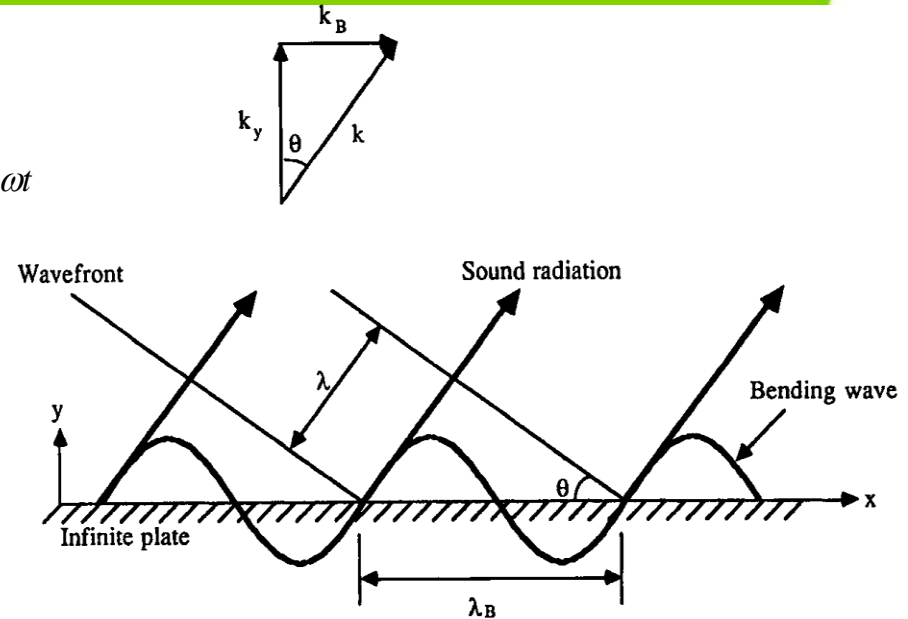
Solving for p_{\max} gives:

$$p(x, y, t) = \frac{c\rho_0 u_{yp\max}}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{k_B^2}{k^2}}} e^{-ik_B x} e^{-iy\sqrt{k^2 - k_B^2}} e^{i\omega t}$$

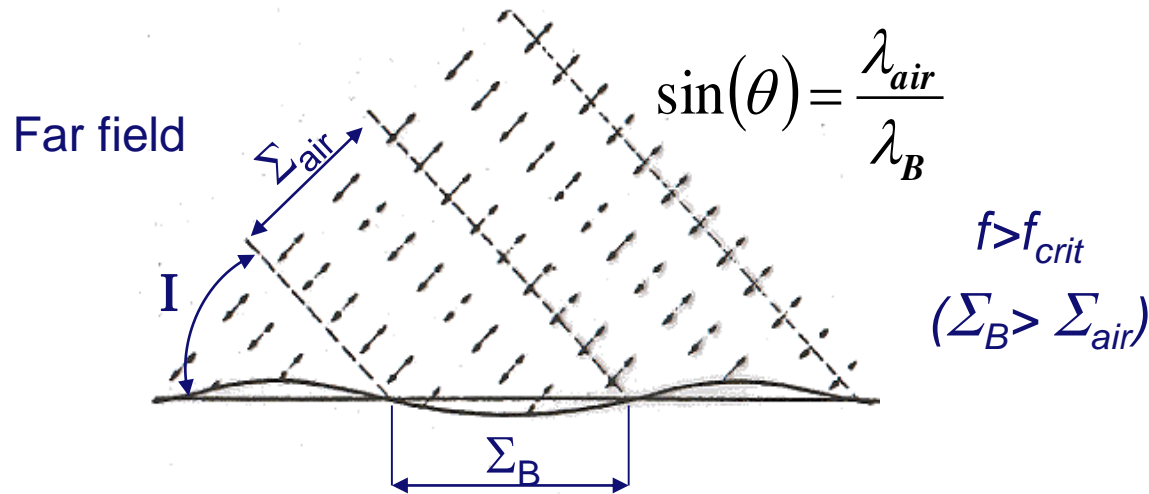
With: $u_{yp} = u_{yp\max} e^{-ik_B x}$

Note that: $k_y = \sqrt{k^2 - k_B^2}$

And that the pressure increases rapidly as $\frac{k_B^2}{k^2} \rightarrow 1$



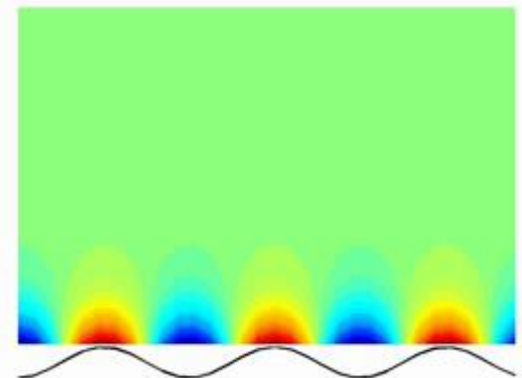
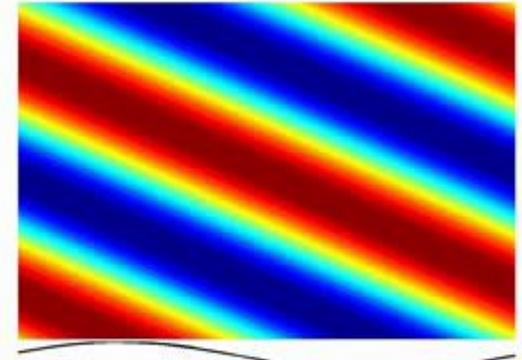
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“hydrodynamic shortcut”

$$\lambda_{air} \propto \frac{1}{f}$$

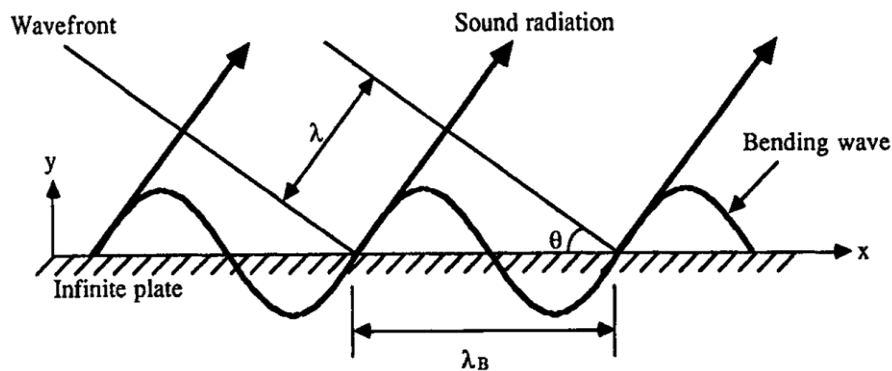
$$\lambda_B \propto \frac{\sqrt{h}}{\sqrt{f}}$$



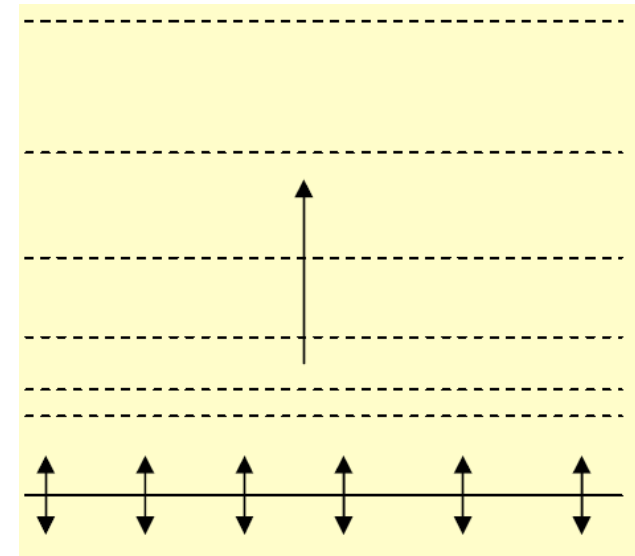
Radiation ratio (Radiation efficiency)

Radiation ratio: Sound power radiated by the plate divided by the sound power radiated by a large rigid piston with the same surface area and same r.m.s. vibration velocity

$$\sigma_{plate} = \frac{\Pi_{plate}}{\Pi_{piston}}$$



Piston



Sound power radiated by a vibrating piston

Acoustic radiation of a large (compared to the acoustic wavelength) and rigid piston.

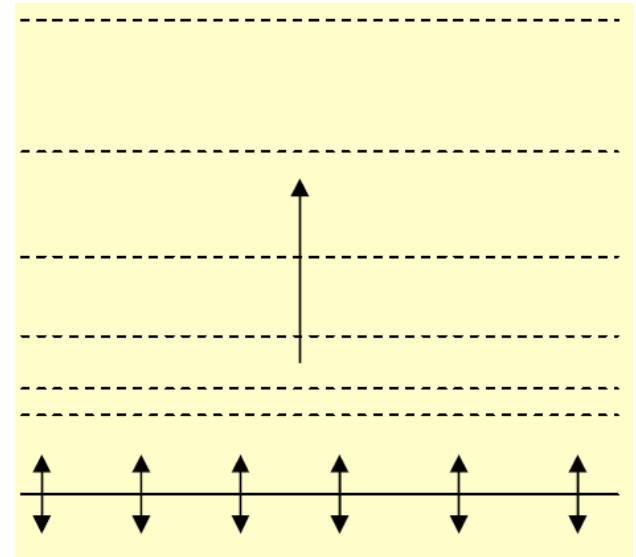
$$\Pi = \pi r^2 \rho_{rms} u_{rms}$$

For plane waves the velocity and the pressure are related through the specific acoustic impedance .

$$u = \frac{1}{\rho_0 c} p$$

Therefore:

$$\Pi = \rho_0 c S u_{rms}^2$$



Radiation ratio infinite plate

Plate

$$\Pi = \rho_0 c S \frac{u_{prms}^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{k_B^2}{k^2}}}$$

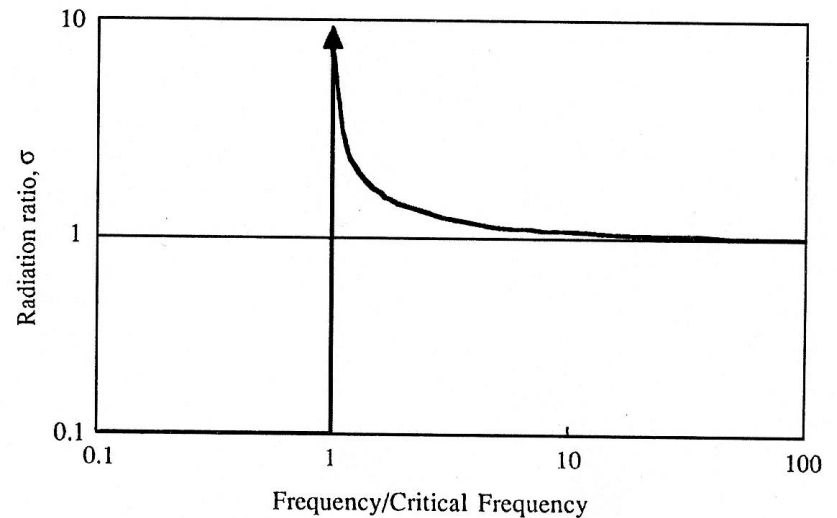
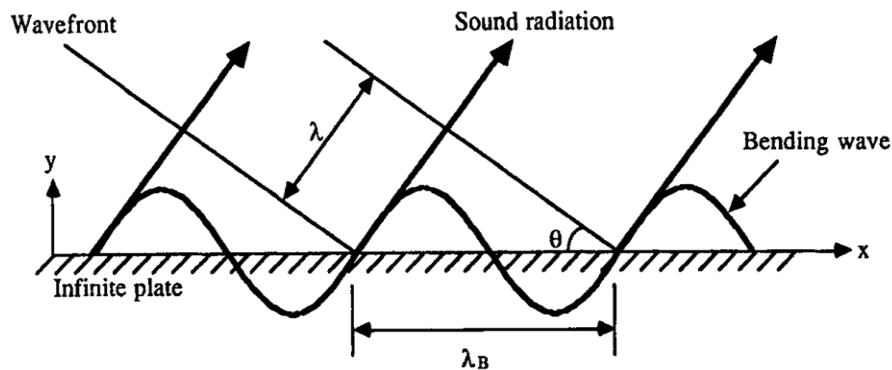
Piston

$$\Pi = \rho_0 c S u_{prms}^2$$

$$\sigma_{plate} = \frac{\Pi_{plate}}{\Pi_{piston}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{k_B^2}{k^2}}}$$

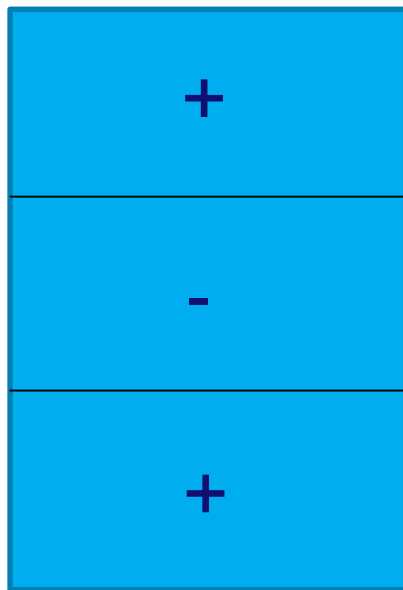
Radiation ratio infinite plate

$$\sigma_{plate} = \frac{\Pi_{plate}}{\Pi_{piston}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{k_B^2}{k^2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{f_c}{f}}}$$

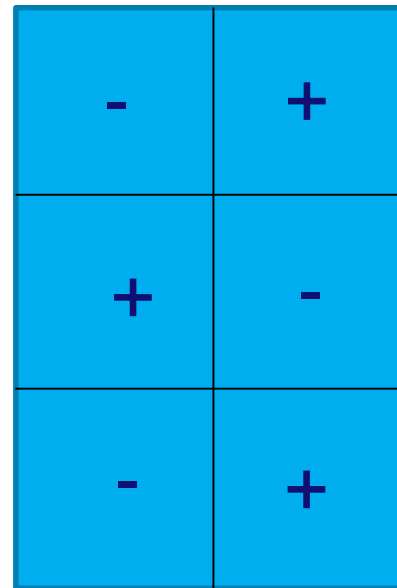


Radiation from finite plates

Below the critical frequency (subsonic modes) radiation efficiency depends on modeshape



Odd mode



Even mode

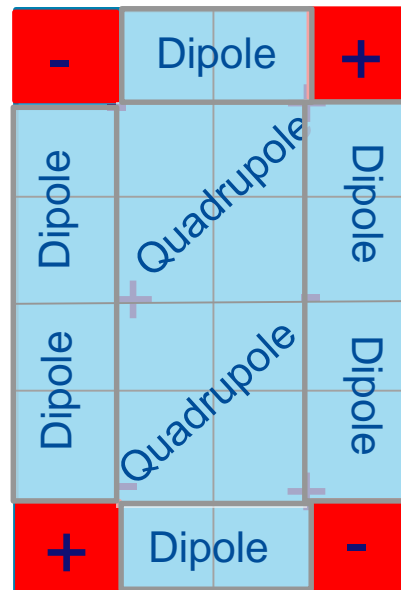
At low frequencies odd modes are better radiators (higher radiation efficiency) than even modes

Radiation from finite plates

Below critical frequency dipole and quadrupole cancellations



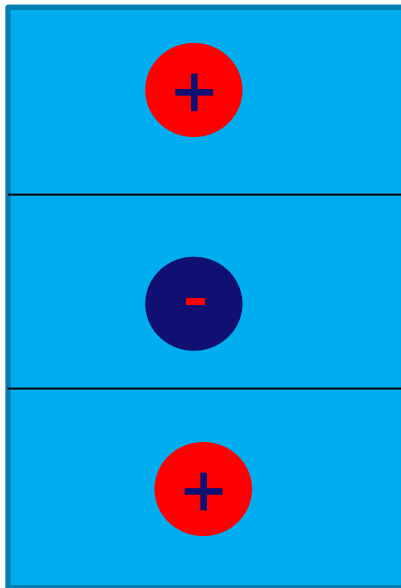
Odd mode=
Edge radiation



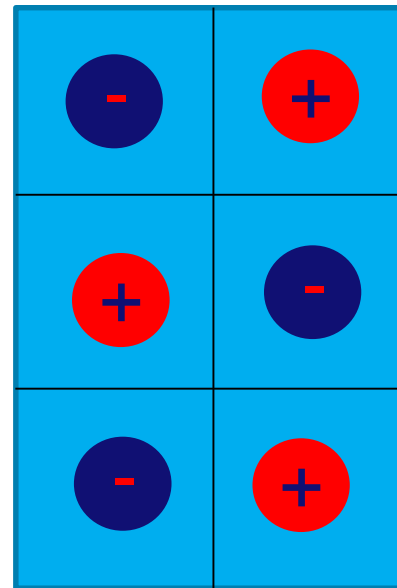
Even mode=
Corner radiation

Radiation from finite plates

Above the critical frequency efficient radiation, each part of the plate radiates independently as a monopole



Odd mode

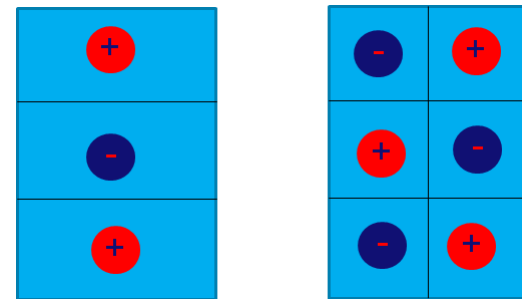
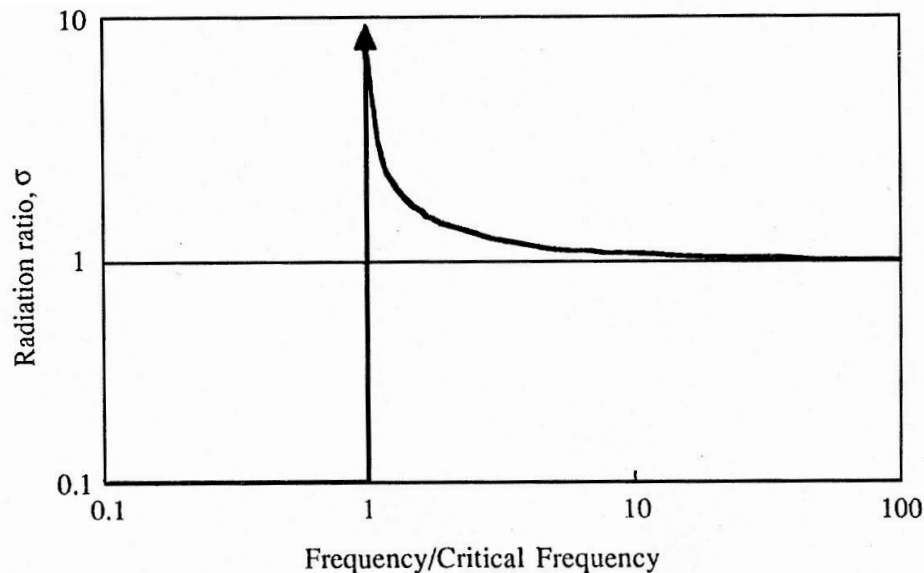


Even mode

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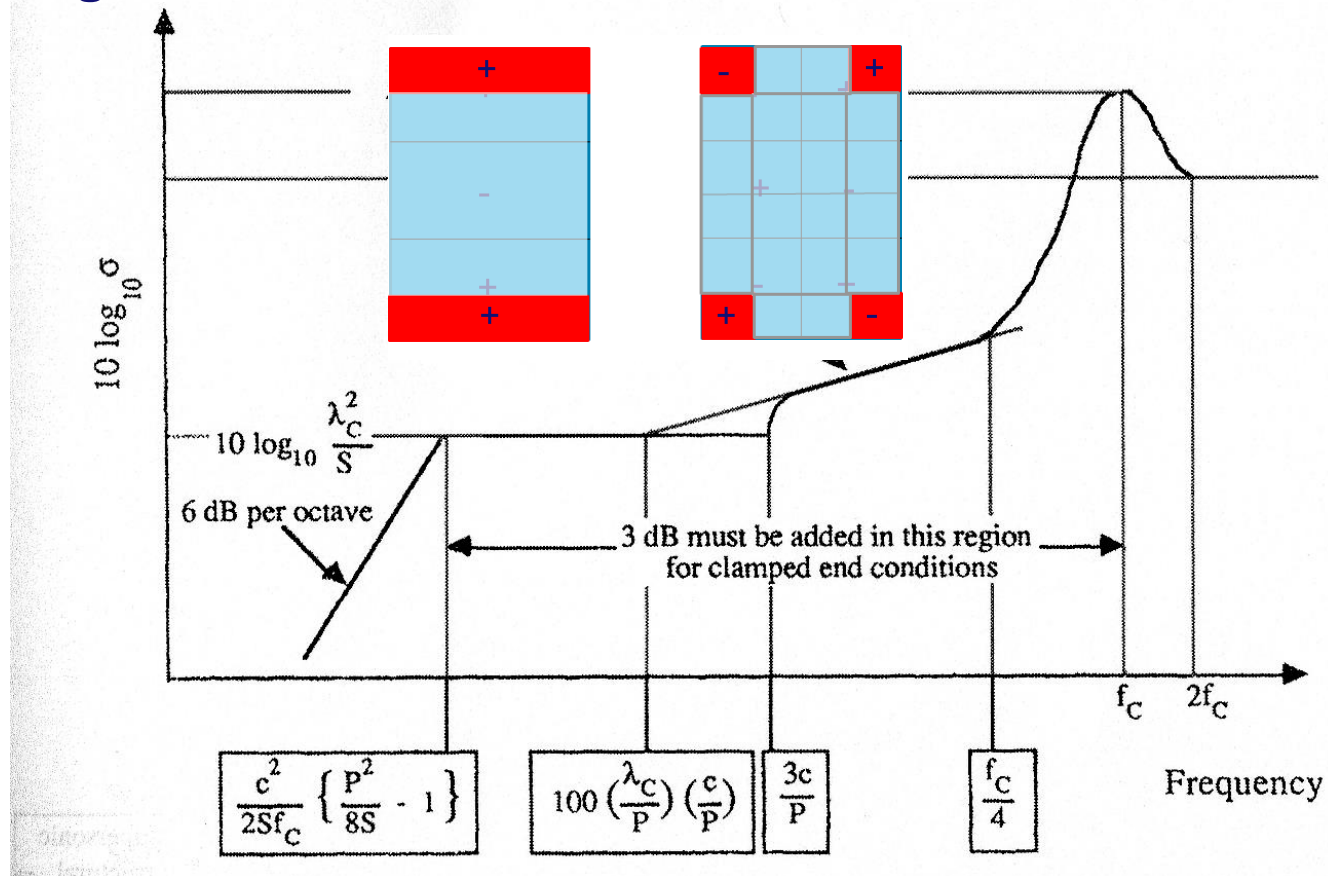
Above the critical frequency approximately similar to infinite plates

$$\sigma_{plate} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{f_c}{f}}} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{for } f \gg f_c$$



Radiation ratio finite plates

Design curve for broadband mechanical excitation of flat plates



Conclusions

- **Infinite plates can only radiate sound above the critical frequency.**
- **Real (finite) plates can radiate sound at all frequencies, but below the critical frequency they are inefficient radiators.**

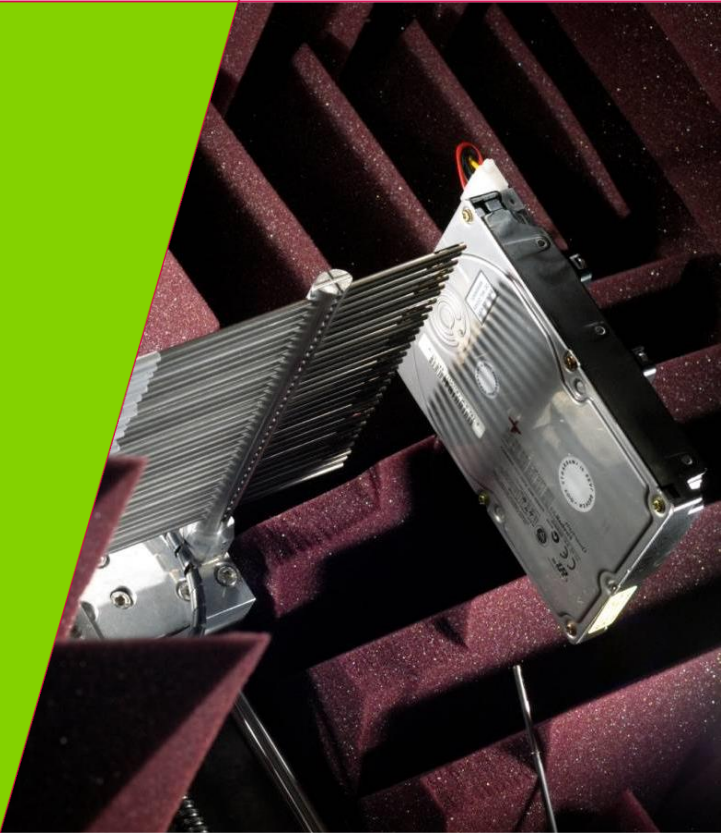
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