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# Acoustics, Ultrasound and Vibration MWG9 / CCAUV

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**I'M JUST GOING TO TAKE A SHORT  
NAP AFTER LUNCH...**




**...AAAAAND IT'S DARK.**

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# Agenda

1. Metrology area domain
  2. Historical evolution of measurements
  3. Measurands, units and standards
  4. Structure of the BIPM consultative committee
  5. The SIM metrology working group perspective
  6. Uncertainty budgets and traceability
  7. Current technical challenges and future trends
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# Acoustics?...



Acoustics?...



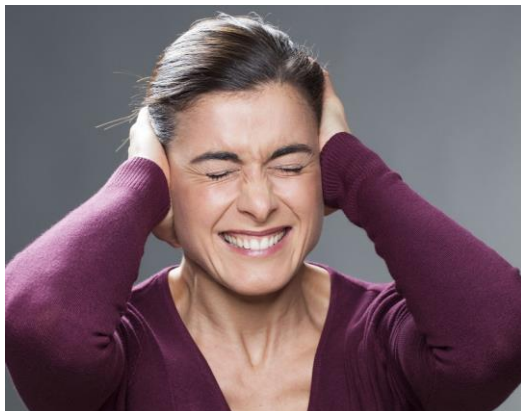
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Opera?...



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Loud concerts?...



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Noise and nuisance?...



# Ultrasound?...

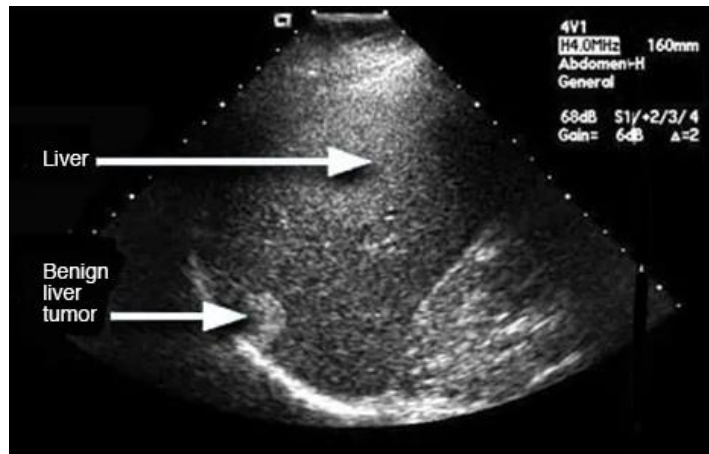


## Ultrasound?...



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## Echo-location?...



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## Scans?...



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## Physiotherapy?...



**Vibration?...**



Vibration?...



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Music?...



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Relaxation?...



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(Non-cosmic) strings?...



# Infrasound?...



## Infrasound?...



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## Tsunamis?...

**Infrasound?...**



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**Communication?...**



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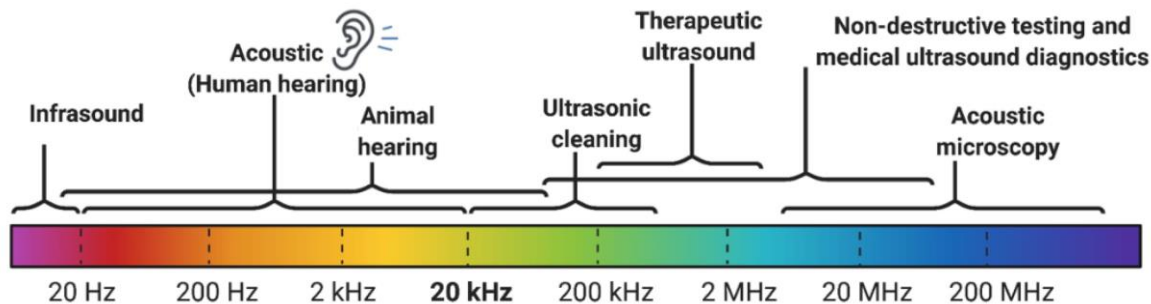
**"Listening"?...**



# Metrology area domain



# Sound and the electromagnetic spectrum



*Pharmaceutics 2022, 14(10), 2231*

| Radiation Type | Gamma Ray  | X-ray      | Ultraviolet | Visible            | Infrared  | Microwave | Radio  |
|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Wavelength (m) | $10^{-12}$ | $10^{-10}$ | $10^{-8}$   | $5 \times 10^{-6}$ | $10^{-5}$ | $10^{-1}$ | $10^3$ |



Wavelength range:  
1.73  $\mu\text{m}$  to 3.5 km



About the Size of   Atomic Nuclei   Atoms   Molecules   Protozoans   Pinpoint   Honey Bee   Humans   Buildings

Short wavelength  
High energy  
High frequency



Long wavelength  
Low energy  
Low frequency

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# International System of Units – SI



- 7 base units, traceable to 7 defined constants
- In acoustics, ultrasound and vibration, quantities are based on derived units – combination of base units:
  - Pressure → pascal (Pa)
  - Power → watt (W)
  - Acceleration → metre per second squared ( $\text{m/s}^2$ )
  - dB → log representation of pressure: level
- Device sensitivities are expressed linearly (output divided by quantity) or logarithmically (referenced to a value)
  - $\text{V} / \text{m/s}^2$  → accelerometer sensitivity
  - dB reference  $20 \mu\text{Pa}$  → microphone sensitivity

# International Committee for Weights and Measures – CIPM

## Consultative Committees of the CIPM



**CCAUV**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR ACOUSTICS, ULTRASOUND  
AND VIBRATION



**CCL**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR LENGTH



**CCPR**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PHOTOMETRY AND  
RADIOMETRY



**CCRI**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR IONIZING RADIATION



**CCTF**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR TIME AND FREQUENCY



**CCEM**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR ELECTRICITY AND  
MAGNETISM



**CCM**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR MASS AND RELATED  
QUANTITIES



**CCQM**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR AMOUNT OF SUBSTANCE:  
METROLOGY IN CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY



**CCT**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THERMOMETRY



**CCU**

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR UNITS

# BIPM key comparison database – KCDB

KCDB

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Home > CMC search

CMC QUICK SEARCH CMC ADVANCED SEARCH

GENERAL PHYSICS  
Acoustics, Ultrasound, Vibration

CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY

IONIZING RADIATION

Keywords

Search

All branches  
All branches  
Sound in air  
Sound in water  
Vibration

OTHER FILTERS

RESET APPLY CRITERIA

Results for: Acoustics, Ultrasound, Vibration  
1263 results

SELECT ALL

- Acoustics, Ultrasound and Vibration:  
All 1263, SIM 340
- Electricity and Magnetism:  
All 4582, SIM 938
- Length:  
All 1680, SIM 331
- Mass and Related Quantities:  
All 2965, SIM 864
- Photometry and Radiometry:  
All 1558, SIM 331
- Thermometry:  
All 2984, SIM 633
- Time and Frequency:  
All 828, SIM 188
- Chemistry and Biology:  
All 6471, SIM 2380
- Ionizing Radiation:  
All 3668, SIM 1127



# Historical evolution of measurements



# Light and sound

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- Known even at prehistoric times: light travels faster than sound
- You can see the light source; but where is the sound source?

# Ancient Greece and Roman Empire

*Epidaurus*



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*Colosseum*



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- Theatre: Place for viewing
- Amphitheatre: Around place for viewing

# Sound and acoustic(k)s

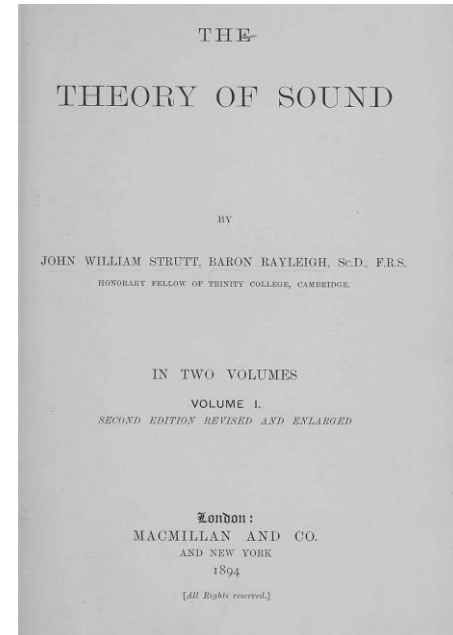


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- Sound has been a puzzle for centuries; even up to the 17th century, natural philosophers struggled devising ways of measuring its properties
- An anonymous author in the Philosophical Transactions of The Royal Society wrote:

*"Hearing may be divided into direct, refracted, and reflexed, which are yet nameless unless we call them acousticks, diacousticks, and catacousticks."*


- Calculus changed nearly everything: elasticities, densities, strings, propagation...all outlined in The Theory of Sound by Lord Rayleigh.



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## Speed of sound

- Pierre Gassendi and Marin Mersenne used a pendulum to measure the time between the flash and sound arrival from exploding gunpowder: **448 m/s**
  - Gassendi also reached the conclusion that regardless of the source (high-pitched crack from musket or cannon ball), the time difference was the same: different pitches travel at the same speed
  - Netwon used calculus to predict the speed of sound: **298 m/s**
  - John Flamsteed and Edmond Halley measured the speed of sound and found that their value was 20% higher than Netwon's theoretical value.
  - Who was right and who was wrong?
  - Netwon's theory was without any flaw; Flamsteed and Halley accounted for everything in their measurements. This could only mean that:
    - Newton won on that occasion. But the challenge was far from over.
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# A history of speed measurements

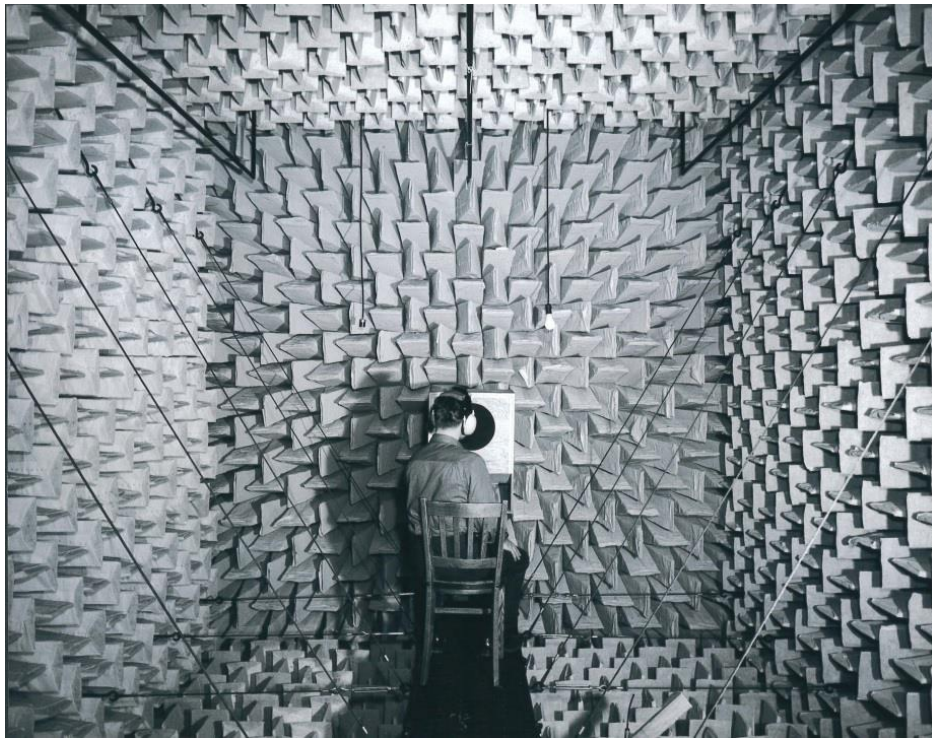
## MEASUREMENTS OF THE SPEED OF SOUND PRIOR TO 1800

| <i>Publication</i> |                       |  | <i>Publication</i> |                     |  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| <i>Date</i>        | <i>Experimenter</i>   | <i>Speed (English feet per second)</i> | <i>Date</i>        | <i>Experimenter</i> | <i>Speed (English feet per second)</i> |
| 1636               | Mersenne              | 1036 <sup>3</sup>                      | 1708               | Flamsteed, Halley   | 1142 <sup>11</sup>                     |
| 1636               | Mersenne              | 1470 <sup>4</sup>                      | 1708               | Derham              | 1142 <sup>11</sup>                     |
| 1644               | Roberval              | 600 <sup>5</sup>                       | 1738               | Cassini de Thury    | 1107 <sup>12</sup>                     |
| 1666               | Accademia del Cimento | 1148 <sup>6</sup>                      | 1739               | Cassini de Thury    | 1096 <sup>13</sup>                     |
| 1677               | Cassini               | 1152 <sup>7</sup>                      | 1744               | Blanconi            | 1043 <sup>14</sup>                     |
| 1685               | Boyle                 | 1200 <sup>8</sup>                      | 1745               | La Condamine        | 1112 <sup>15</sup>                     |
| 1687               | Newton                | 920-1085 <sup>9</sup>                  | 1751               | La Condamine        | 1175 <sup>16</sup>                     |
| 1698               | Walker                | 1305 <sup>10</sup>                     | 1778               | Kästner, Mayer      | 1106 <sup>17</sup>                     |
|                    |                       |  | 1791               | Müller              | 1109 <sup>18</sup>                     |

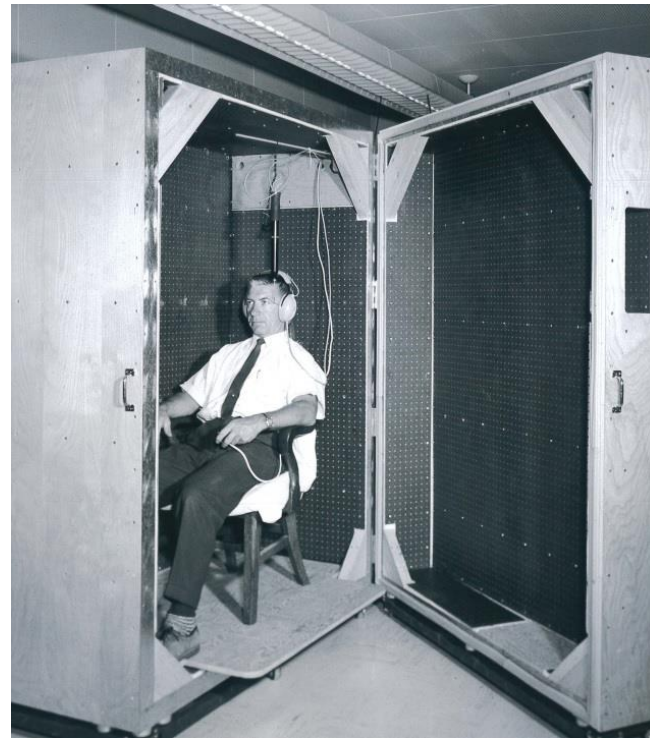
*Laplace and The Speed of Sound, Bernard S. Fynn, 1964*

- Values in table vary from 182.88 m/s to 448.06 m/s (1 foot = 0.3048 metres)
- Newton's value (280 m/s) assumed isothermal process
- Laplace based on adiabatic process, introduced correction to Newton's formula: 332 m/s (1089 feet/s)
- In 1738 the Academy of Sciences in Paris measured and published the speed of sound within 0.5% of the current accepted value

# Acoustics, ultrasound and vibration



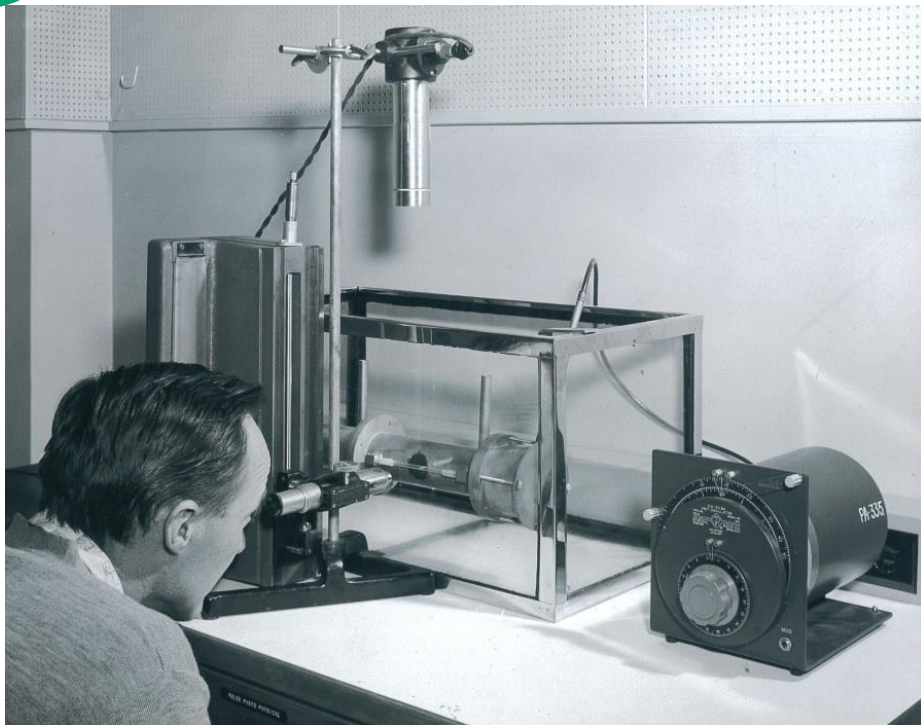
Fully anechoic chamber



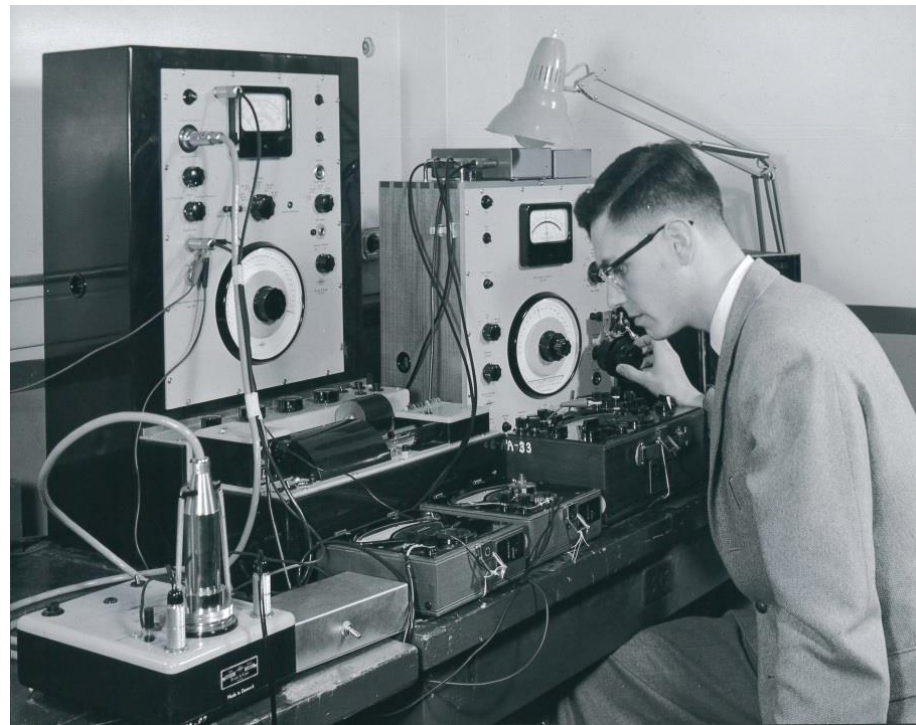
Audiometric testing

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# Acoustics, ultrasound and vibration



Visualizing and measuring flows

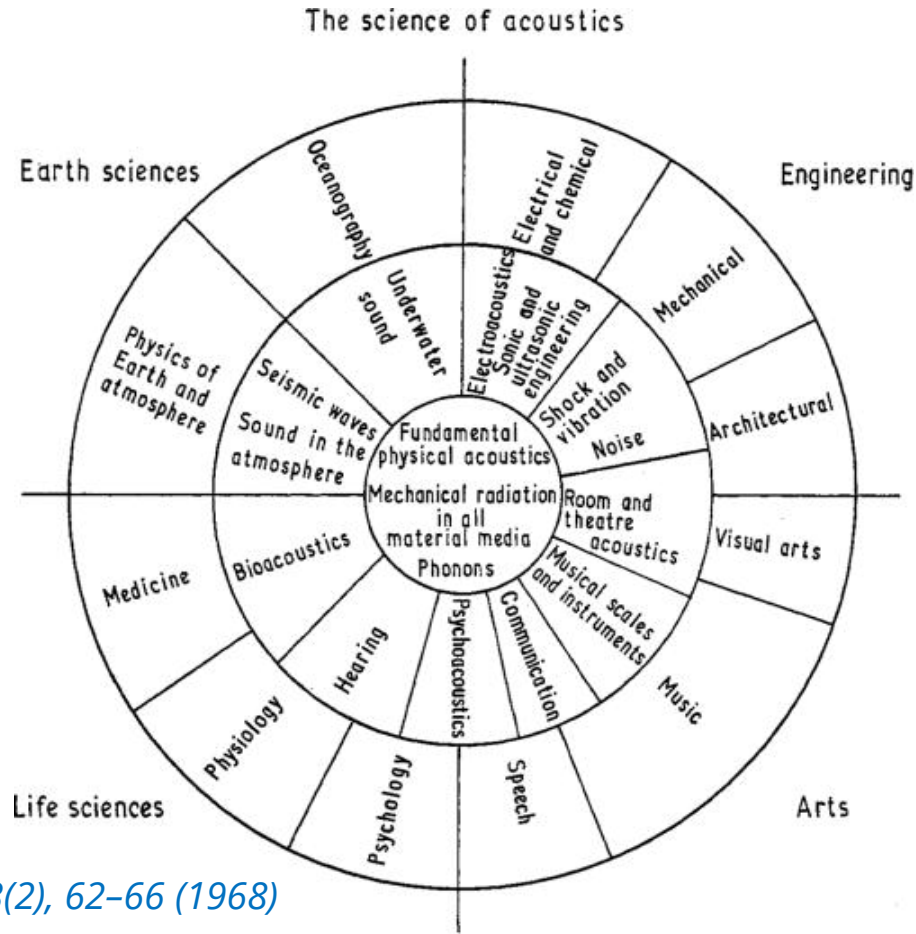


Microphone calibration

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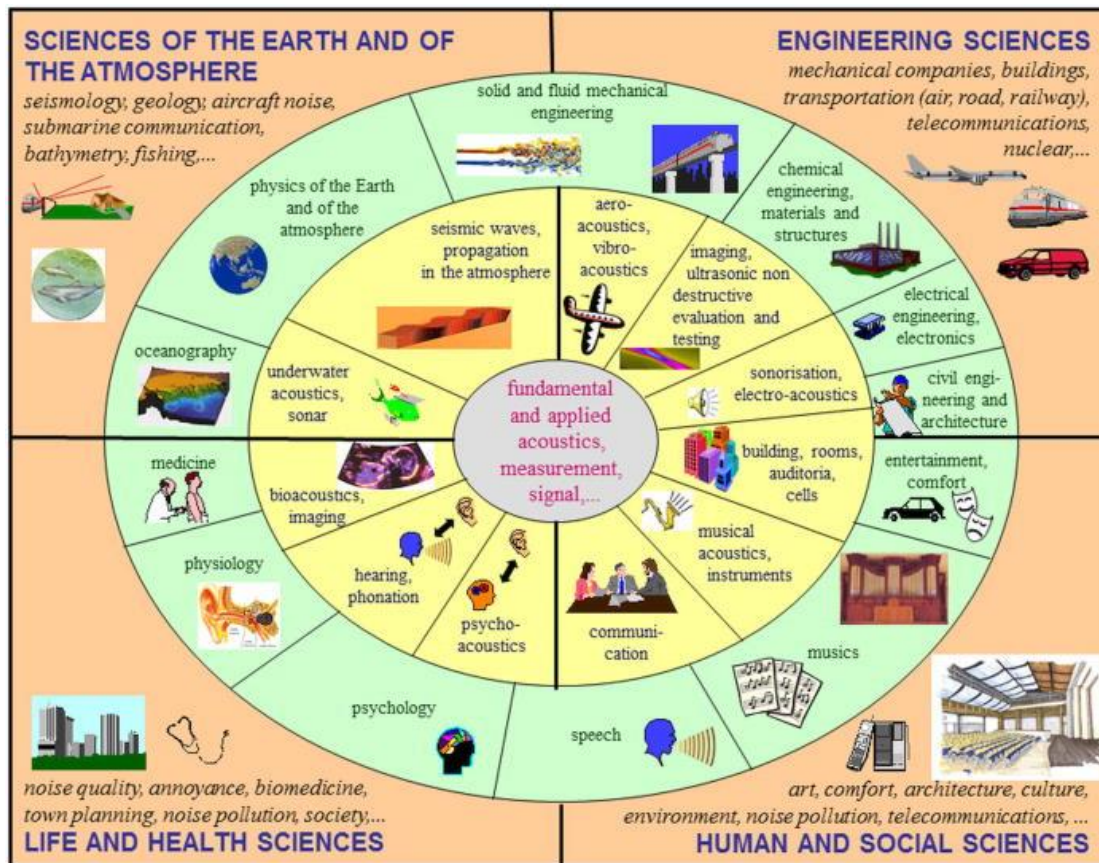
# Acoustics, ultrasound and vibration

Lindsay's  
Wheel of Acoustics



# Acoustics, ultrasound and vibration

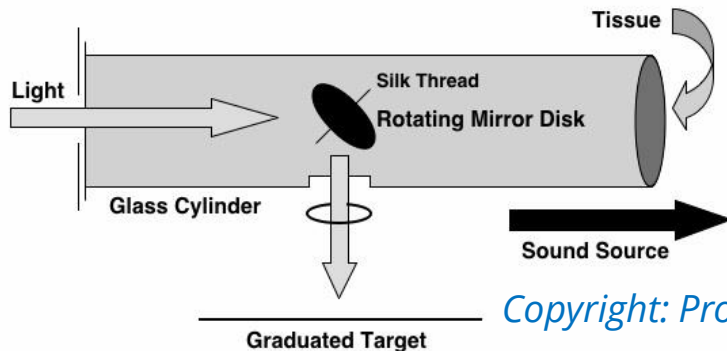
Lindsay's  
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(modernized)



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# Evolution of measurement devices

- Rayleigh disk



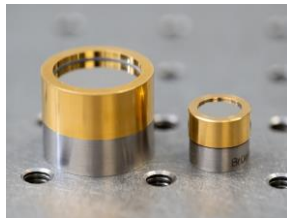
$$\tau = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \rho \cdot r^3 \cdot u^2$$

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- Microphones: convert incident sound pressure to electrical signals
- dynamic (galvanometer), condenser (capacitive) and contact (piezoelectric)



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# Evolution of measurement devices

- Accelerometers: measure physical acceleration relative to freefall
- Piezoelectric, capacitive or piezoresistive



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- Hydrophones: convert incident pressure to electrical signal
- Piezoelectric type



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# Measurands, units and standards



# Acoustical chambers

Hemi (left) and fully (right) anechoic chambers



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# Acoustical chambers

Reverberation chamber (left) and listening room (right)

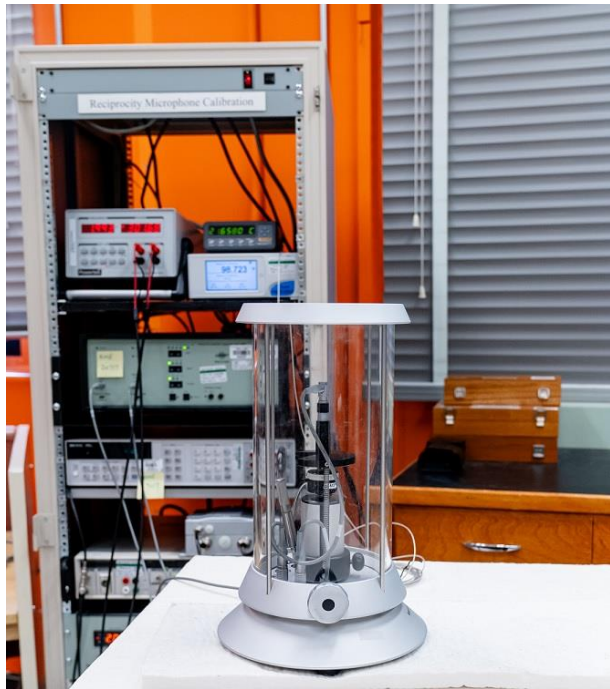


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*Hak et al., Proceedings of 20th International  
Congress on Acoustics, ICA 2010*

# Ultrasound and vibration labs

Acoustics lab (left), ultrasound lab (centre) and vibration lab (right)



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# Acoustics

## Quantity

- Pressure sensitivity
- Free-field sensitivity
- Sound pressure level
- System response level
- Electrostatic actuator response

## Units

- dB (reference: 20  $\mu\text{Pa}$ )
- dB (reference: 1 V/Pa)
- dB (reference: sensitivity at 250 Hz)
- Degrees  $^{\circ}$

## Devices under test

- Laboratory standard microphone
- Working standard microphone
- Sound level meter
- Sound calibrator (single or multi frequency)
- Audiometer, artificial ear
- Combined frequency range: 1 Hz – 200 kHz

## Methods

- Pressure field reciprocity
- Free field reciprocity
- Comparison



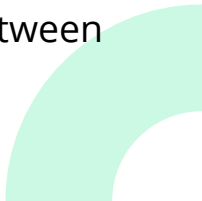
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## Standards - acoustics

- IEC 61094-1:2000 – Measurement microphones – Part 1: Specifications for laboratory standard microphones
  - IEC 61094-4:1995 – Measurement microphones – Part 4: Specifications for working standard microphones
  - IEC 61094-2:2009+AMD1:2022 CSV – Electroacoustics – Measurement microphones – Part 2: Primary method for pressure calibration of laboratory standard microphones by the reciprocity technique
  - IEC 61094-3:2016 – Electroacoustics – Measurement microphones – Part 3: Primary method for free-field calibration of laboratory standard microphones by the reciprocity technique
  - IEC 61094-5:2016 – Electroacoustics – Measurement microphones – Part 5: Methods for pressure calibration of working standard microphones by comparison
  - IEC 61094-8:2012 – Measurement microphones – Part 8: Methods for determining the free-field sensitivity of working standard microphones by comparison
  - IEC TS 61094-7:2006 – Measurement microphones – Part 7: Values for the difference between free-field and pressure sensitivity levels of laboratory standard microphones
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# Ultrasound and underwater acoustics

## Quantity

- Ultrasonic power

## Device under test

- Ultrasonic source transducer: 0.5 MHz – 40 MHz

## Units

- mW
- W

## Methods

- Radiation force balance



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## Quantity

- Free-field sensitivity

## Device under test

- Hydrophone: 1 kHz – 20 MHz

## Units

- $\mu\text{V} / \text{Pa}$
- $\text{mV} / \text{Pa}$
- $\text{V} / \text{Pa}$

## Methods


- Three – transducer spherical wave reciprocity
- Planar scanning technique
- Comparison method
- Laser interferometry



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## Standards – ultrasound

- IEC 62127-3:2022 – Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 3: Properties of hydrophones for ultrasonic fields
  - IEC TR 61088:1991 – Characteristics and measurements of ultrasonic piezoceramic transducers
  - IEC 61828:2020 – Ultrasonics – Transducers – Definitions and measurement methods regarding focusing for the transmitted fields
  - IEC 62127-1:2022 – Ultrasonics – Hydrophones - Part 1: Measurement and characterization of medical ultrasonic fields
  - IEC 62127-2:2007+AMD1:2013+AMD2:2017 CSV – Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 2: Calibration for ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz
  - IEC 61161:2013 – Ultrasonics – Power measurement – Radiation force balances and performance requirements
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- Laser interferometry



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## Standards – underwater

- ISO 18405:2017 – Underwater acoustics – Terminology
  - IEC 60500:2017 – Underwater acoustics – Hydrophones – Properties of hydrophones in the frequency range 1 Hz to 500 kHz
  - IEC 60565-1:2020 – Underwater acoustics – Hydrophones – Calibration of hydrophones – Part 1: Procedures for free-field calibration of hydrophones
  - IEC 60565-2:2019 – Underwater acoustics - Hydrophones - Calibration of hydrophones - Part 2: Procedures for low frequency pressure calibration
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# Vibration

## Quantity

- Charge sensitivity
- Voltage sensitivity
- Acceleration

## Units

- $\text{pC} / \text{m/s}^2$  and  $\text{C} / \text{m/s}^2$
- $\text{mV} / \text{m/s}^2$  and  $\text{V} / \text{m/s}^2$
- $\text{m/s}^2$
- Degrees  $^\circ$



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## Devices under test


- Accelerometer
- Calibrator
- Acceleration measuring chain
- Combined frequency range: 0.5 Hz – 20 kHz

## Methods

- Laser interferometry (fringe counting, fringe disappearance and sine approximation)
- Shock excitation
- Comparison



## Standards – vibration

- ISO 16063-1:1998 – Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock transducers – Part 1: Basic concepts
  - ISO 16063-11:1999 – Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock transducers – Part 11: Primary vibration calibration by laser interferometry
  - ISO 16063-13:2001 – Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock transducers – Part 13: Primary shock calibration using laser interferometry
  - ISO 16063-21:2003 – Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock transducers – Part 21: Vibration calibration by comparison to a reference transducer
  - ISO 16063-22:2005 – Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock transducers – Part 22: Shock calibration by comparison to a reference transducer
  - ISO 16063-41:2011 – Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock transducers – Part 41: Calibration of laser vibrometers
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# **Structure of the BIPM consultative committee**





# Consultative Committee for Acoustics, Ultrasound and Vibration

## Board

- President: Dr. Gustavo P. Ripper – INMETRO (Brazil)
- Executive secretary: Dr. Romain Coulon – BIPM
- Ex officio member: Dr Martin J.T. Milton – BIPM, Director
- Website: <https://www.bipm.org/en/committees/cc/ccauv>

## Liaisons

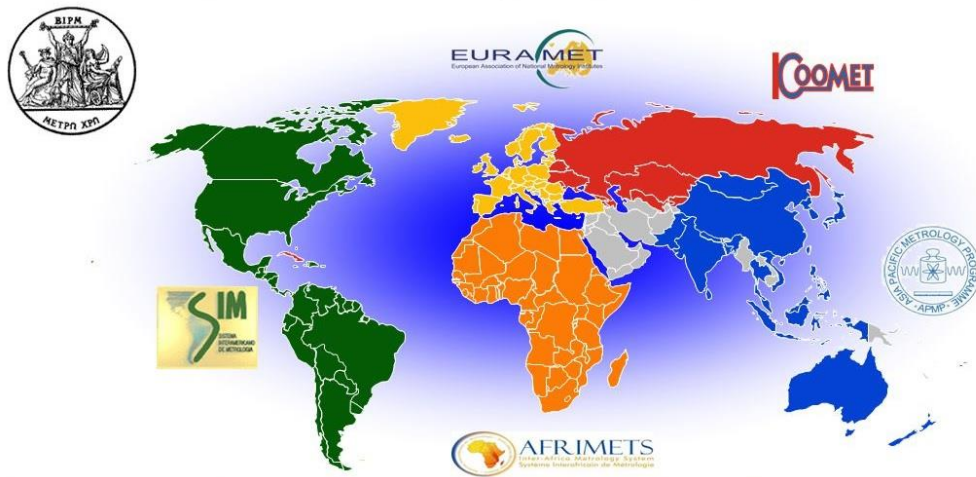
- Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
  - International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
  - International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
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# CCAUV: mission and regional metrology organizations

## Mission

- In addition to its formal work in the organization of key comparisons in acoustics, ultrasound and vibration measurements, the CCAUV acts as the focus for this diverse community, seeking to develop common aims and increased collaboration between national metrology institutes and appropriate designated organizations in Member States of the BIPM.

- RMOs:





# CCAUV: structure

## Members: 18

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| CENAM (Mexico)            | NIST (USA)           |
| DFM (Denmark)             | NMIA (Australia)     |
| GUM (Poland)              | NMIJ/AIST (Japan)    |
| INMETRO (Brazil)          | NMISA (South Africa) |
| INRIM (Italy)             | NPL (UK)             |
| KRISS (Republic of Korea) | NRC (Canada)         |
| LNE (France)              | PTB (Germany)        |
| METAS (Switzerland)       | UME (Turkey)         |
| NIM (China)               | VNIIM (Russia)       |

## Observers: 14

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| BEV (Austria)        | IPQ (Portugal)             |
| BIM (Bulgaria)       | KEBS (Kenya)               |
| CEM (Spain)          | NIS (Egypt)                |
| CMI (Czech Republic) | NMC A*STAR (Singapore)     |
| CMS/ITRI (Taiwan)    | SE "NDI Systema" (Ukraine) |
| CSIR/NPLI (India)    | SMU (Slovakia)             |
| INM (Romania)        | VNIIFTRI (Russia)          |





# CCAUV Working Group for Key Comparisons

## CCAUV-KCWG

Members: 11

CENAM (Mexico)  
DFM (Denmark)  
GUM (Poland)  
LNE (France)  
NIST (USA)  
NIM (China)  
NMIA (Australia)  
NMIJ/AIST (Japan)  
NMISA (South Africa)  
NPL (UK)  
PTB (Germany)

## Terms of reference

- Identify the need and feasibility of CCAUV key and supplementary comparisons
- Review and approve technical protocols for comparisons that are intended to be used for the support of CMC claims
- Give advice on the analysis of KCs, calculation of KCRVs and linking procedures;
- Review and comment Draft B reports prior to their submission to the CCAUV for approval
- Contribute to the SPWG on matters of key comparisons
- Give advice in case of disagreement during a comparison





# CCAUV Working Group for Regional Metrology Organizations Coordination

## CCAUV-RMOWG

Members: 6

KRISS (Republic of Korea)  
NIST (USA)  
NMISA (South Africa)  
SASO-NMCC (Saudi Arabia)  
UME (Turkey)  
VNIIFTRI (Russia)

## Terms of reference

- Keep RMO representatives abreast of relevant CCAUV developments
- Strengthen the cooperation between the RMOs
- Resolve inter-RMO CMC review obstacles
- Review the guidelines for CMC table entries
- Provide guidance on the range of CMCs supported by particular KCs and SCs
- Review the list of relevant service categories, in line with the stakeholder requirements
- Harmonize intra-RMO CMC review processes
- Maintain a technical assessor database






# CCAUV Working Group on Strategic Planning

## CCAUV-SPWG

Members: 10

CENAM (Mexico)  
INMETRO (Brazil)  
KRISS (Republic of Korea)  
LNE (France)  
NIM (China)  
NIST (USA)  
NMIJ/AIST (Japan)  
NMISA (South Africa)  
NRC (Canada)  
PTB (Germany)

## Terms of reference

- View on metrological requirements, the way these are driven by needs and the key technologies providing solutions to the challenges;
  - Provide input into the CC Strategy Document as the basis for the strategic plan proposed to the CGPM
  - Provide expert input and advice to the CC Strategy Document identifying future pilot studies and KCs
  - Advise the CCAUV on optimal operational structure
  - Share information on national priorities for emerging metrology helping NMIs to formulate improved metrological programmes;
  - Identify areas suitable for collaboration
  - Respond to developments within other CCs, including the future of the SI
- 



# CCAUV Task Group on Digitalization

## CCAUV-TG-DIG

Members: 6

CENAM (Mexico)  
DFM (Denmark)  
INMETRO (Brazil)  
NIM (China)  
NMISA (South Africa)  
NPL (UK)

## Terms of reference

- To support the development of the SI Reference Point and BIPM digital services in the field of AUV
  - To support the activities of the CIPM Forum on Metrology and Digitalization in AUV
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# Key and supplementary comparisons

## Structure

- Organization: CCAUV or Regional: SIM, APMP, etc.
- Sub-field: acoustics (A), ultrasound (U), vibration (V), underwater (W)
- Type: key or supplementary
- Identifier number: 1, 2, 1.1, etc.

## Examples

- SIM.AUV.A-S2: calibration of sound pressure level
  - APMP.AUV.U-K3: ultrasonic output power
  - CCAUV.V-K2: vibration acceleration
  - COOMET.AUV.W-S1: free-field hydrophone calibrations
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# Consultative Committee for Acoustics, Ultrasound and Vibration





# **The SIM metrology working group perspective**





# SIM Metrology Working Group 9 – acoustics, ultrasound and vibration

## Board

- Chair: Dr. Akobuije Chijioke – NIST (USA)
- Vice-chair: Dr. Andres Esteban Perez Matsumoto – CENAM (Mexico)
- Website: <https://sim-metrologia.org/about-us/structure/technical-committee/acoustics-ultrasound-and-vibration/>

## SIM MWG 9


Members: 8

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| CENAM (Mexico)   | INTI (Argentina)     |
| INACAL (Peru)    | LACOMET (Costa Rica) |
| INM (Colombia)   | NIST (USA)           |
| INMETRO (Brazil) | NRC (Canada)         |

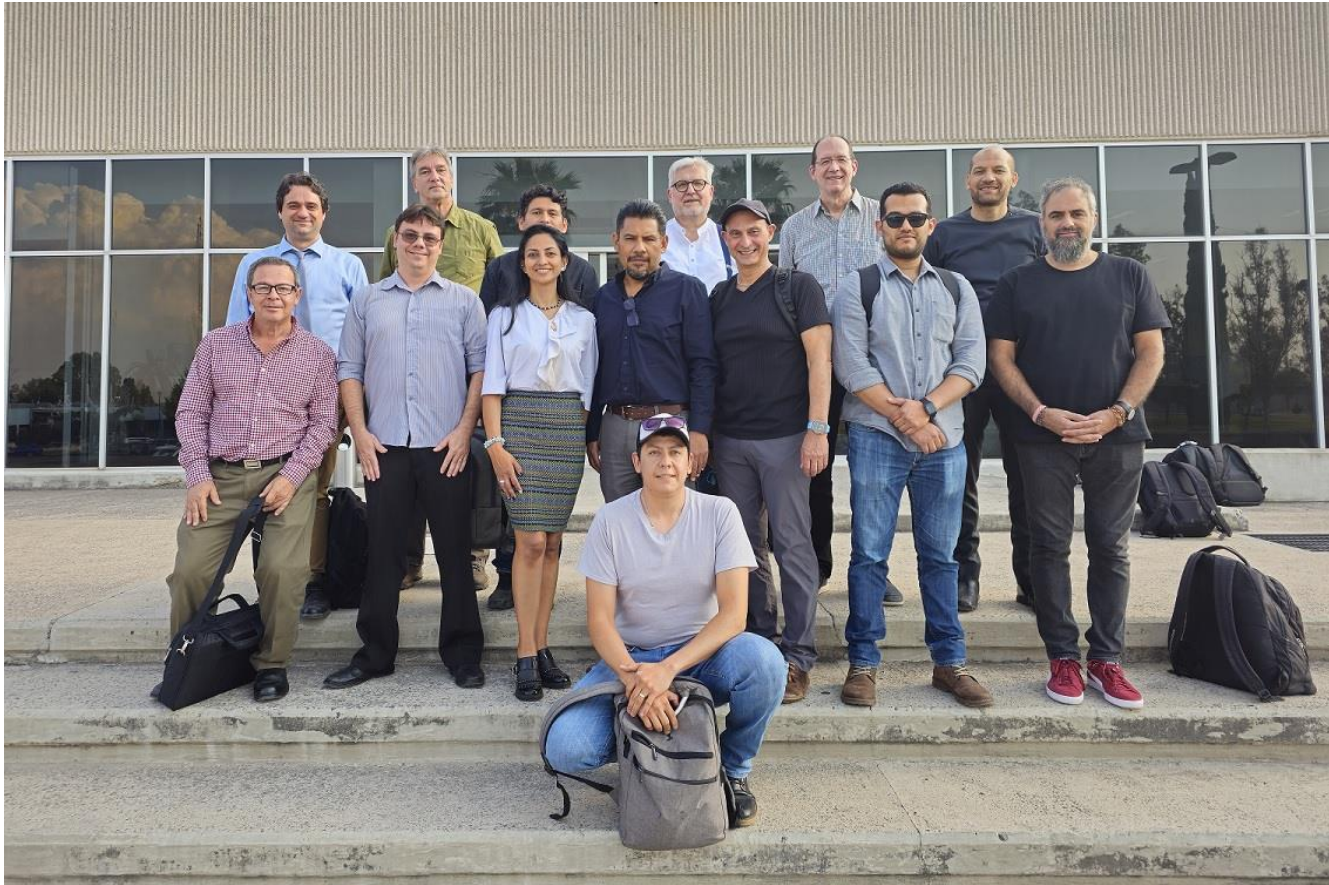




## SIM MWG 9 – mission and objectives

- Supports SIM and its member NMIs/DIs in meeting the obligations under the CIPM MRA in the field of acoustics, ultrasound, and vibration measurements
  - Realizes the derived SI units and conducts research in calibration and measurement techniques as a foundation for metrology, which supports a wide range of customer needs
  - Organizes regional KCs, SCs and pilot studies links these SIM activities to other RMOs and the CCAUV
  - Facilitates cooperation in preparing, publishing, and maintaining calibration and measurement capability claims (CMCs) of member economies and of American laboratories new to international metrology
  - Facilitates technical cooperation among its members and guests through meetings, workshops, and training opportunities at various NMIs/DIs
  - Seeks harmonization among its members through sustainable networking and cooperation with other communities to promote and share advanced technology
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# Uncertainty budgets and traceability



# Uncertainty budget example: acoustics

| Input quantity                              | Magn.                  | Source (distribution)                               |
|---|------------------------|---|
| <b><u>Electrical transfer impedance</u></b> |                        |   |
| Reference impedance: capacitance at 1 kHz   | 0.05 pF                | Calibrated ( $t$ , 95 %, $k = 2$ )                  |
| Reference impedance: leakage resistance     | 0.1 GΩ                 | Estimated (Gauss., std uncertainty)                 |
| Reference impedance: frequency dependence   | 23 μF/F                | Estimated (Gauss., std uncertainty) [A18, p63]      |
| Voltage ratio: voltmeter                    | 120 μV/V               | Calculated ( $t$ , std uncertainty) [A14, p192-193] |
| Voltage ratio: phasemeter                   | 0.1 °                  | Manufacturer (rect., semi-range) [A10, p185]        |
| Voltage ratio: magnitude repeatability      | 150 μV/V               | Measured (Gauss., std dev.) [A5, p167; A11, p156]   |
| Voltage ratio: phase repeatability          | 0.02 °                 | Measured (Gauss., std deviation) [A10, p184]        |
| Noise: cross-talk                           | 0.0025 dB              | Estimated (Gauss., std uncertainty)                 |
| Noise: inherent noise                       | 0.0001 dB              | Estimated (Gauss., std uncertainty)                 |
| Noise: distortion and harmonics             | 0.0001 dB              | Estimated (Gauss., std uncertainty)                 |
| Frequency of signal: tolerance              | 25 μHz/Hz              | Measured (rect., semi-range)                        |
| Ground shield: transmitter                  | 0.0015 dB              | Estimated (rect., semi-range)                       |
| Ground shield: receiver                     | 0.0009 dB              | Estimated (rect., semi-range)                       |
| <b><u>Acoustic transfer impedance</u></b>   |                        |   |
| Static pressure: pressure indicator         | 5 Pa                   | Calibrated ( $t$ , 95 %, $k = 2$ )                  |
| Static pressure: spatial variation          | 8 Pa                   | Measured (rect., semi-range) [A9, p13]              |
| Static pressure: temporal variation         | 10 Pa                  | Measured (Gauss., 95 %, $k = 2$ ) [A9, p13]         |
| Temperature: calibration                    | 0.006 °C               | Calibrated ( $t$ , 95 %, $k = 2$ )                  |
| Temperature: indication error               | 0.002 °C               | Measured (rect., semi-range) [A14, p190]            |
| Temperature: spatial variation              | 0.9 °C                 | Estimated ( $t$ , 95 %, $k = 2$ ) [A9, p109]        |
| Temperature: temporal variation             | 0.03 °C                | Measured (Gauss., 95 %, $k = 2$ ) [A9, p27]         |
| Relative humidity: calibration              | 2.0 %                  | Calibrated ( $t$ , 95 %, $k = 2$ ) [A18, p39]       |
| Relative humidity: indication error         | 2 %                    | Measured (rect., semi-range) [A14, p191]            |
| Relative humidity: spatial variation        | 0.1 %                  | Measured (Gauss., std deviation) [A9, p20]          |
| Relative humidity: temporal variation       | 0.5 %                  | Measured (rect., semi-range) [A9, p18]              |
| Couplers: length                            | 1.5 μm                 | Calibrated ( $t$ , 95 %, $k = 2.1$ )                |
| Couplers: diameter                          | 1.0 μm                 | Calibrated ( $t$ , 95 %, $k = 2.1$ )                |
| Couplers: leakage                           | $6.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ dB | Estimated (Gauss., std uncertainty) [A9, p177]      |
| Pressure radial non-uniformity              | 0 dB                   | Estimated (rect., semi-range)                       |
| Polarizing voltage: tolerance               | 0.02 V                 | NRC tolerance (rect., semi-range)                   |
| Polarizing voltage: electrometer            | 400 μV/V               | Calibration ( $t$ , 95 %, $k = 2$ )                 |

Reciprocity –  
LS1P microphones

# Uncertainty budget example: acoustics

| Input quantity                                     | Magn.                   | Source (distribution)  |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| Polarizing voltage: effect at 250 Hz               | 0.01 dB/V               | Manufacturer (rect., semi-range)                             |
| Polarizing voltage: frequency dependence of effect | 0 dB/V                  | Manufacturer (rect., semi-range)                             |
| Front cavity: depth                                | 10 $\mu\text{m}$        | Calibration ( $t$ , 95 %, $k = 2$ )                          |
| Front cavity: diameter                             | 30 $\mu\text{m}$        | IEC 61094-1 tolerance limits (rect., semi-range)             |
| Front volume                                       | 2.5 $\text{mm}^3$       | Estimated from results (Gauss., std. uncertainty) [A10, p79] |
| Diaphragm equivalent volume                        | 15 $\text{mm}^3$        | Estimated (Gauss., 95 %, $k = 2$ )                           |
| Diaphragm resonance frequency                      | 0.52 kHz                | Rasmussen, 2001 (Gauss., 95 %, $k = 2$ )                     |
| Loss factor of microphone                          | 0.05 1                  | Estimated (Gauss., 95 %, $k = 2$ )                           |
| Diaphragm: effective diameter                      | 0.1 mm                  | Estimated (Gauss., std uncertainty)                          |
| Static pressure coeff.: unc.                       | 0.0005 dB/kPa           | Rasmussen, 2001 (Gauss., 95 %, $k = 2$ )                     |
| Static pressure coeff.: repeat.                    | 5 %                     | Rasmussen, 2001 (Gauss., rel. std uncertainty)               |
| Temperature coeff.: unc.                           | 0.0016 dB/°C            | Rasmussen, 2001 (Gauss., 95 %, $k = 2$ )                     |
| Temperature coeff.: repeat.                        | 5 %                     | Rasmussen, 2001 (Gauss., rel. std uncertainty)               |
| Influence of relative humidity                     | $25 \cdot 10^{-6}$ dB/% | Manufacturer (Gauss., std uncertainty)                       |
| Speed of sound: equation                           | $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ 1     | IEC 61094-2 (Gauss., rel. std uncertainty)                   |
| Density: equation                                  | $2.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ 1   | IEC 61094-2 (Gauss., rel. std uncertainty)                   |
| Ratio of specific heats: equation                  | $3.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ 1   | IEC 61094-2 (Gauss., rel. std uncertainty)                   |
| Effect of excess volume                            | 0 dB                    | Estimated (rect., semi-range)                                |
| Effect of viscous losses                           | 0 dB                    | Estimated (Gauss., std uncertainty)                          |
| Radial wave motion correction                      | 0 dB                    | Estimated (Gauss., std uncertainty)                          |
| <b><u>Experiment</u></b>                           |                         |  |
| Calculation error                                  | 0 dB                    | Validation (rect., semi-range) [A8, p83]                     |
| Repeatability: magnitude                           | 0.004 dB                | Measured (Gauss., standard dev.) [A10, p109-110]             |
| Repeatability: phase                               | 0.01 °                  | Measured (Gauss., standard dev.) [A11, p166]                 |
| Rounding of results: magnitude                     | $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ dB    | Calculated (rect., semi-range)                               |
| Rounding of results: phase                         | $5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ °     | Calculated (rect., semi-range)                               |

Reciprocity –  
LS1P microphones

# Uncertainty budget example: vibration

| Component   | Source  | Estimated relative standard uncertainty (%) | Sensitivity coefficient | Degrees of freedom | Relative uncertainty contribution (%) |
|---|---|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $u(\hat{u}_V)$  | Voltage measurement, due to calibration         | 0.0254                                      | 1                       | 9                  | 0.0254                                |
|   | Voltage measurement, drifting after calibration | 0.0199                                      | 1                       | $\infty$           | 0.0199                                |
| $u(\hat{u}_D)$  | Distortion                                      | 0.2887                                      | 1                       | 12                 | 0.2887                                |
| $u(\hat{u}_T)$  | Transverse etc acceleration                     | 0.0007                                      | 1                       | 10                 | 0.0007                                |
| $u(\hat{s}_Q)$  | Displacement quantization                       | 0.0036                                      | -1                      | $\infty$           | -0.0036                               |
| $u(\hat{s}_H)$  | Trigger hysteresis                              | 0.0005                                      | -1                      | $\infty$           | -0.0005                               |
| $u(\hat{s}_\lambda)$                                    | Laser wavelength                                | 0.0002                                      | 1                       | $\infty$           | 0.0002                                |
| $u(\hat{s}_N)$  | Refractive index                                | 0.0002                                      | 1                       | $\infty$           | 0.0002                                |
| $u(\hat{s}_F)$  | Filtering effect                                | 0.0000                                      | -1                      | $\infty$           | 0.0000                                |
| $u(\hat{s}_{VD})$                                       | Voltage disturbance                             | 0.0000                                      | -1                      | $\infty$           | 0.0000                                |
| $u(\hat{s}_{MD})$                                       | Motion disturbance                              | 0.0577                                      | -1                      | $\infty$           | -0.0577                               |
| $u(\hat{s}_{PD})$                                       | Phase disturbance                               | 0.0001                                      | -1                      | $\infty$           | -0.0001                               |
| $u(\hat{s}_{RE})$                                       | Residual effects                                | -0.0001                                     | -1                      | $\infty$           | 0.0001                                |
| $u(f_{FG})$   | Vibration frequency                             | 0.0058                                      | -2                      | $\infty$           | -0.0116                               |
| $u(s_{RE})$   | Repeatability                                   | 0.0500                                      | 1                       | 4                  | 0.0241                                |
| Relative combined uncertainty                           |   |   |                         |                    | 0.297                                 |
| <b>Relative expanded uncertainty (<math>k=2</math>)</b> |   |   |                         |                    | <b>0.594</b>                          |
| Effective degrees of freedom                            |   |   |                         |                    | 14                                    |

Primary  
low frequency  
sinusoidal calibration  
by laser interferometry

# Uncertainty budget example: ultrasound

| Source  | Description              | Type | D. of f. | Distribution | Estimated contributions (%) |              |              |
|---|--------------------------|------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|   |                          |      |          |              | Power 0.5 W                 | Power 1 W    | Power 5 W    |
| Mass  | Electronic balance       | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.28                        | 0.17         | 0.07         |
|   | Temperature              | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.6                         | 0.3          | 0.06         |
|   | Suspension wires         | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.0001                      | 0.0001       | 0.0001       |
|   | Residual mass reading    | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.6                         | 0.3          | 0.14         |
| Sound speed                                       | Wong & Zhu's formula     | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.001                       | 0.001        | 0.001        |
|   | Temperature & pressure   | B    | $\infty$ | Normal       | 0.0095                      | 0.0095       | 0.0095       |
|   | Temperature change       | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.05                        | 0.05         | 0.05         |
|   | Heating effects          | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.004                       | 0.004        | 0.004        |
|   | Pressure change          | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.0001                      | 0.0001       | 0.0001       |
|   | Nonzero salinity         | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0                           | 0            | 0            |
| Water attenuation                                 | Fisher's formula         | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.02                        | 0.02         | 0.02         |
|   | Temperature              | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.018                       | 0.018        | 0.018        |
|   | Distance                 | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.01                        | 0.01         | 0.01         |
|   | Frequency                | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0                           | 0            | 0            |
| Imperfect target                                  | Reflection coefficient   | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.4                         | 0.4          | 0.4          |
|   | Misalignment             | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 1.6                         | 1.6          | 1.6          |
|   | Cone tip diffraction     | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.5                         | 0.5          | 0.5          |
|   | Multiple reflection      | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 1                           | 1            | 1            |
| Beam pattern                                      | Practical limitation     | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 1                           | 1            | 1            |
| Gravitation                                       | NRC mass standard        | B    | $\infty$ | Rectangular  | 0.001                       | 0.001        | 0.001        |
| Ultrasonic power                                  | Random Effect in Repeats | A    | 4        | Normal       | 2.2                         | 0.9          | 0.9          |
| Relative combined uncertainty (%)                 |                          |      |          |              | 2.631                       | 1.602        | 1.584        |
| Effective degrees of freedom                      |                          |      |          |              | 8                           | 38           | 36           |
| Expanded uncertainty (%) ( $k=2.31, 2.02, 2.03$ ) |                          |      |          |              | <b>6.079</b>                | <b>3.237</b> | <b>3.219</b> |

Calibration of ultrasonic transducers by the radiation force method

# Traceability for acoustics

## Areas of Metrology

### Acoustics

- Measurement microphones



### Dimensional

- Plane wave couplers for LS1P and LS2P microphones

### Electrical

- Insert-voltage microphone preamplifier
- Phasemeter
- Reciprocity apparatus
- Transmitter unit
- RMS voltmeter



### Frequency & Time

- Sine generator

### Pressure

- Barometer

### Temperature

- Digital Thermometer
- Humidity indicator

# Traceability for ultrasound and vibration

## Areas of Metrology

### Ultrasound

- Reference transducer

### Mass

- Electronic balance
- Standard weights

### Electrical Standards

- RF RMS voltmeter
- RF power amplifier

### Frequency & Time

- Sine generator

### Pressure

- Barometer

### Temperature

- Hygrometer



## Areas of Metrology

### Vibration

- Shaker

### Electrical

- Photo Detector
- Amplifier
- Power amplifier
- RMS voltage
- Oscilloscope

### Frequency & Time

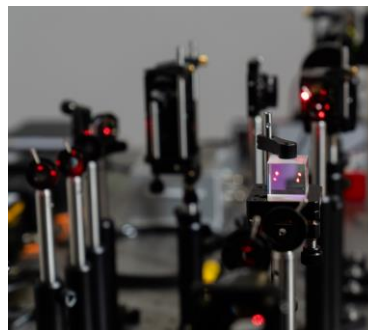
- Function generator
- He-Ne laser
- Frequency counter

### Pressure

- Barometer

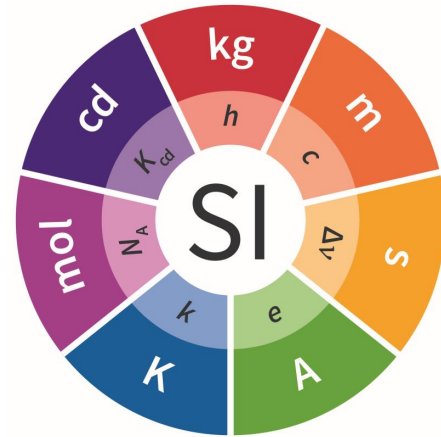
### Temperature

- Hygrometer



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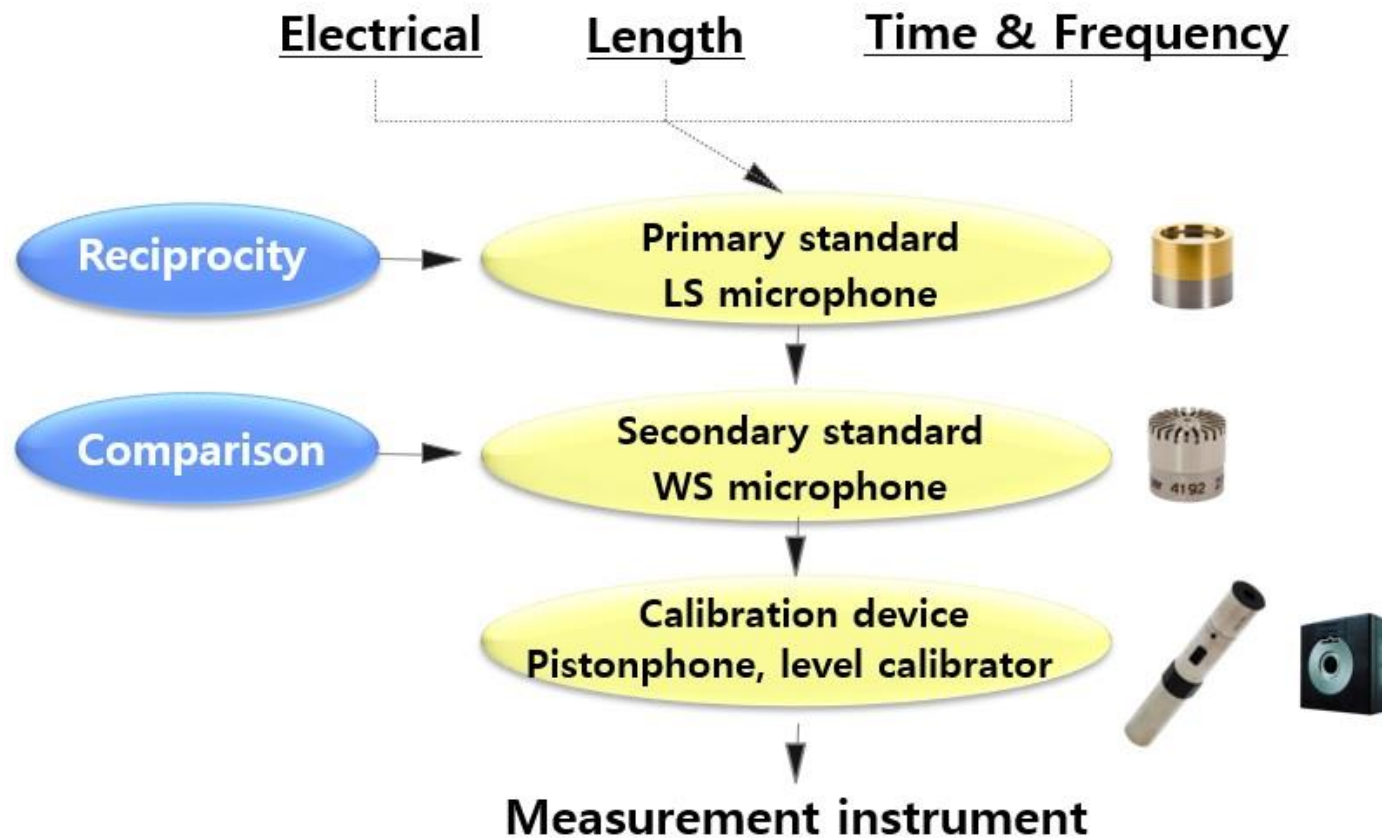
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- This does not imply that derived units are also defined likewise
- Acoustics: artefact (microphones and couplers) and method (reciprocity) dB



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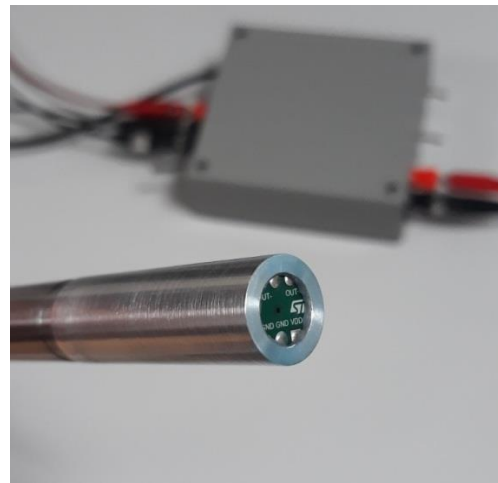
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Reciprocity: past, current and future but very limited microphones coverage

Free-field: pressure comparison and optical including laboratory standard microphones and MEMS



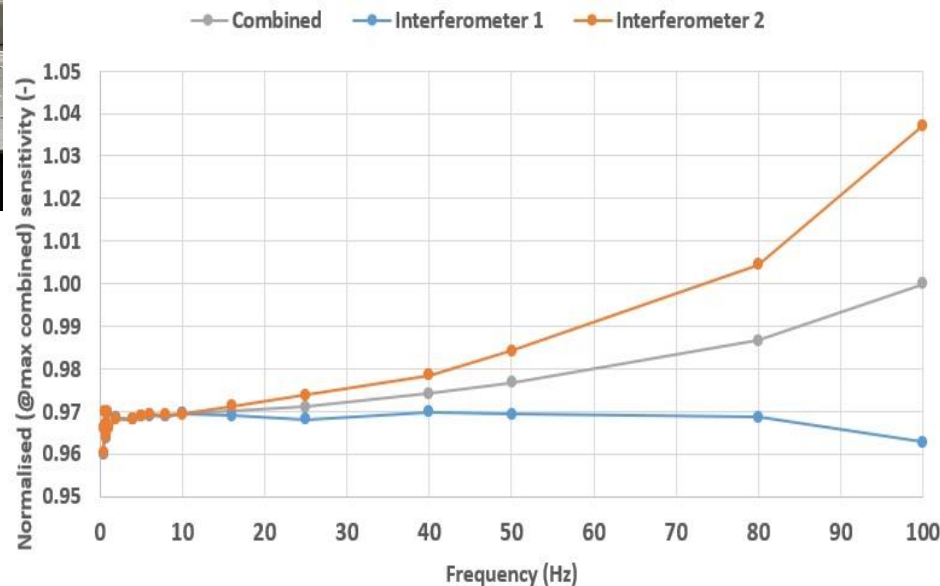
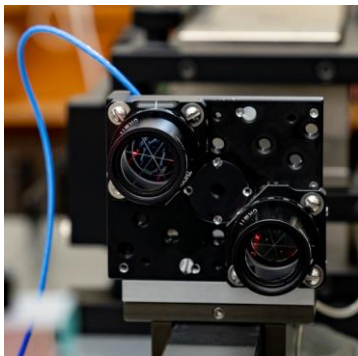
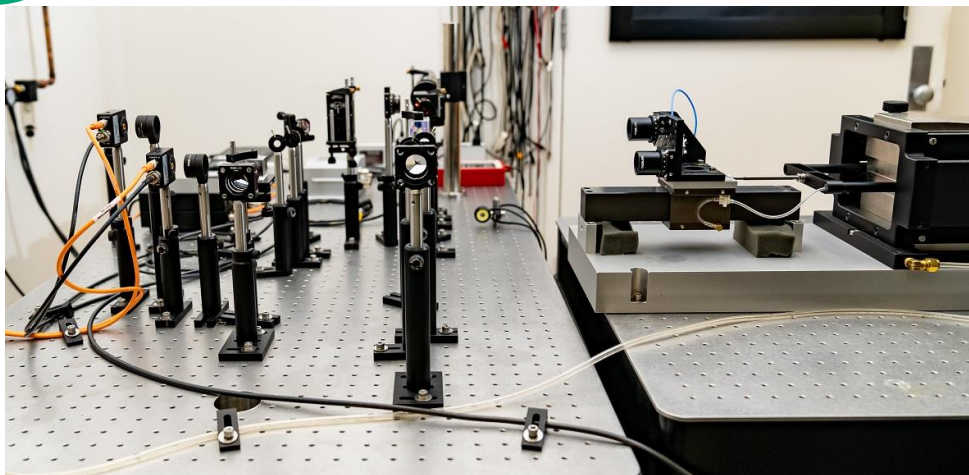
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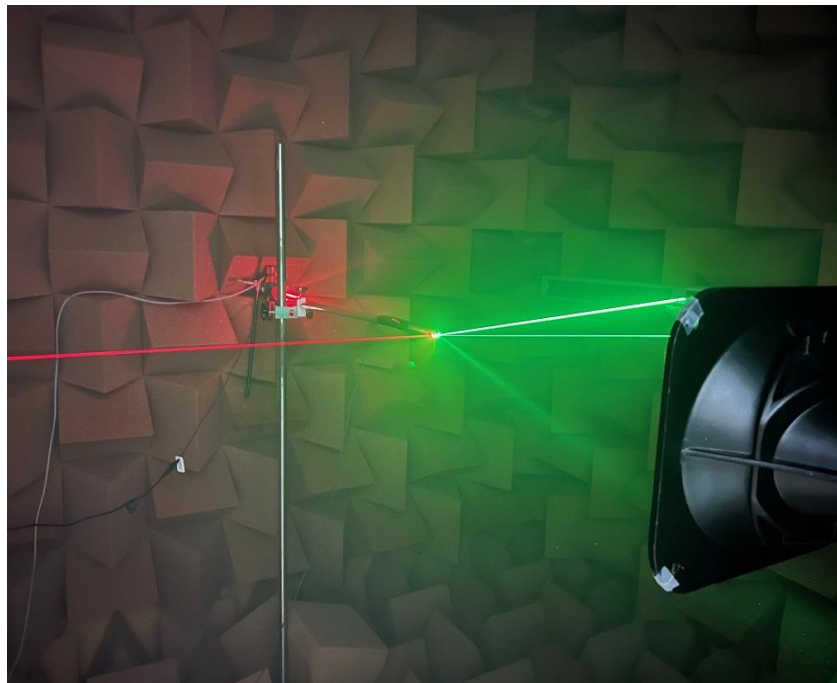
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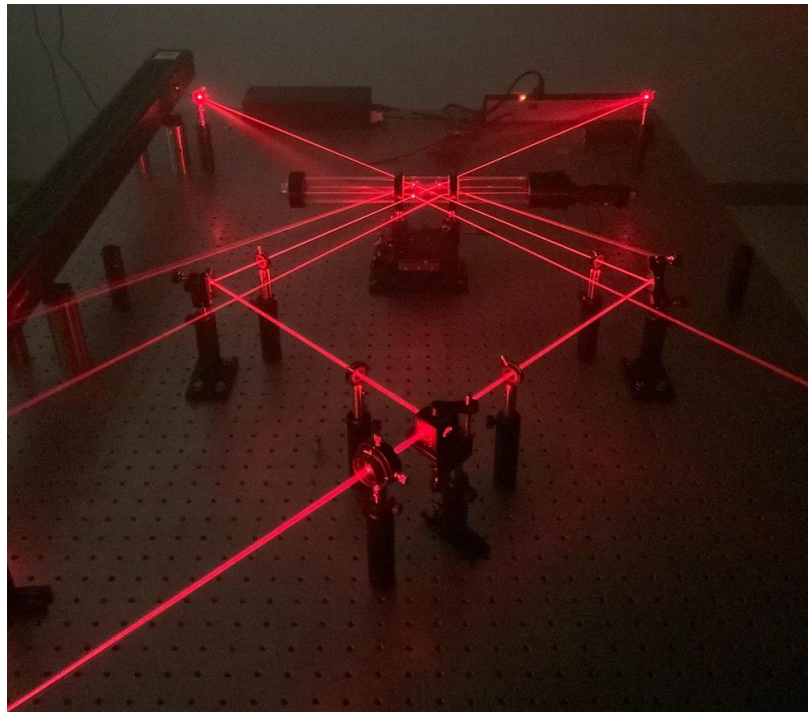


# Acoustics

Optical realizations of the acoustic Pa and MEMS calibrations



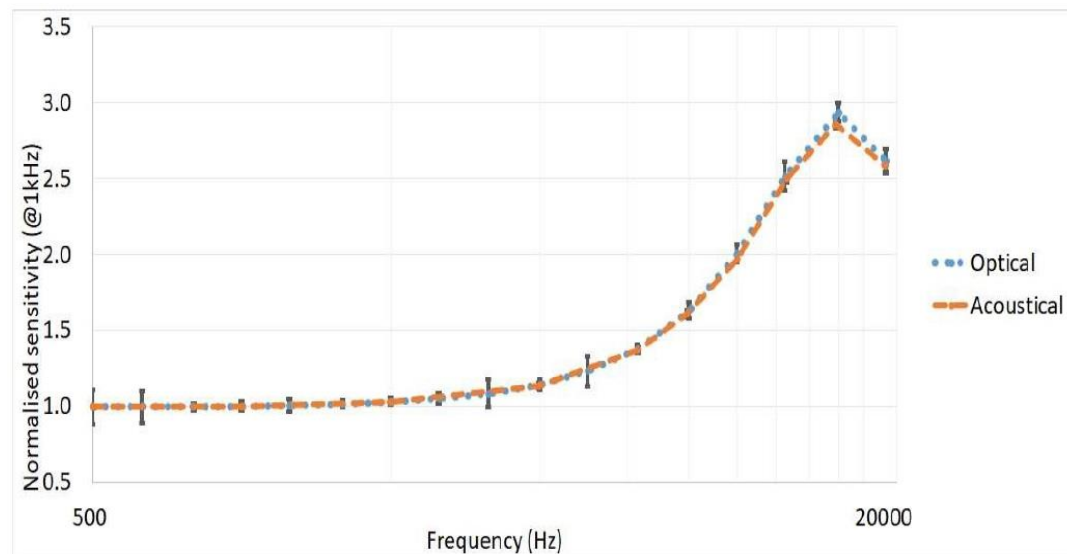
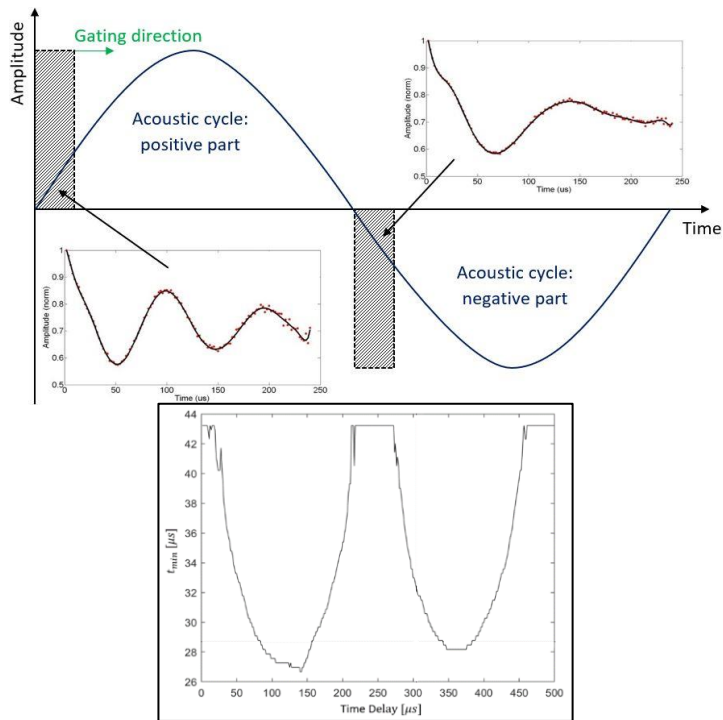
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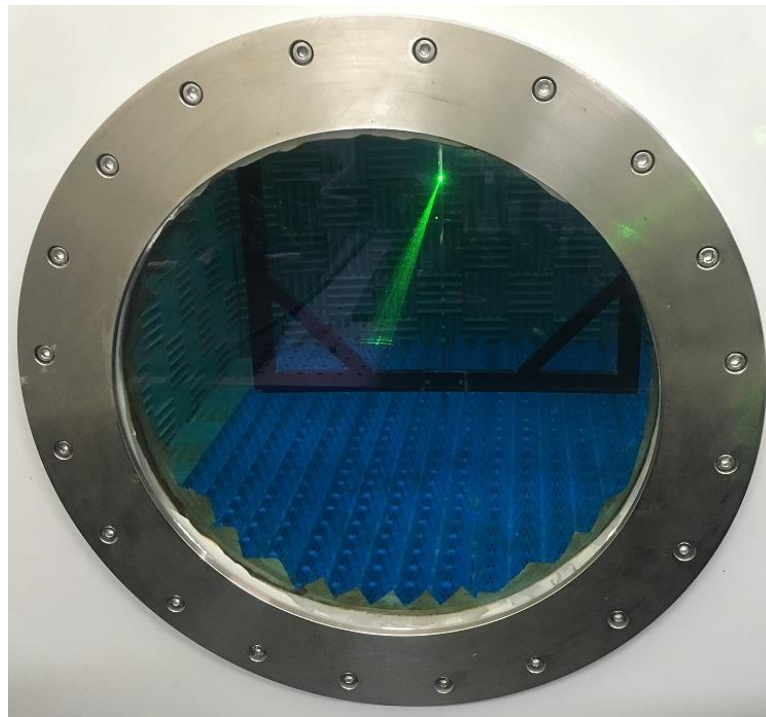
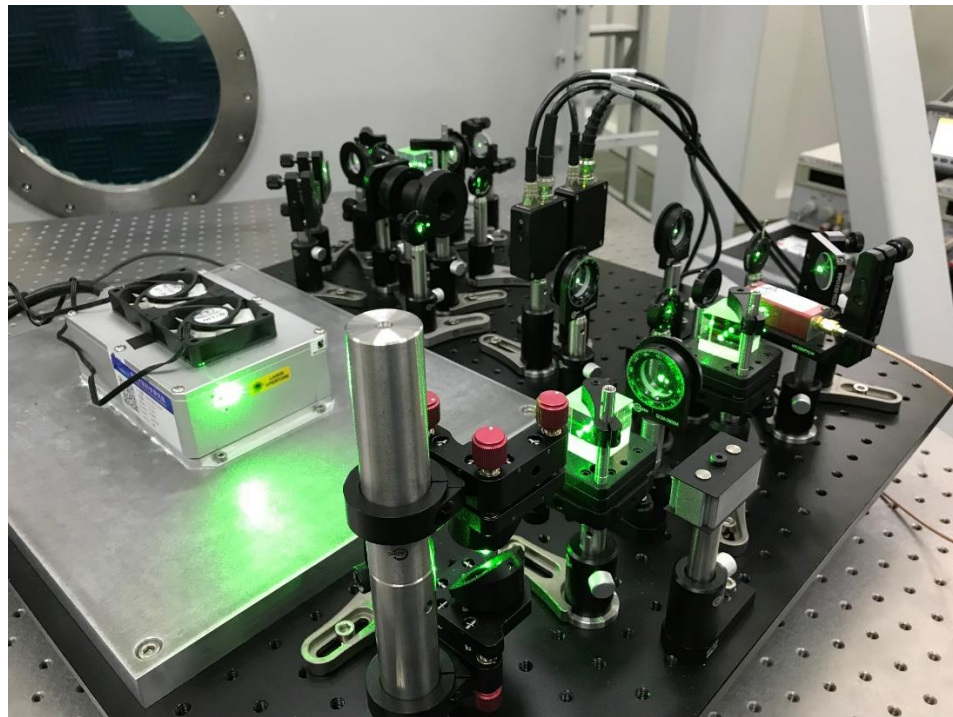
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## Optical realizations of the acoustic Pa and MEMS calibrations



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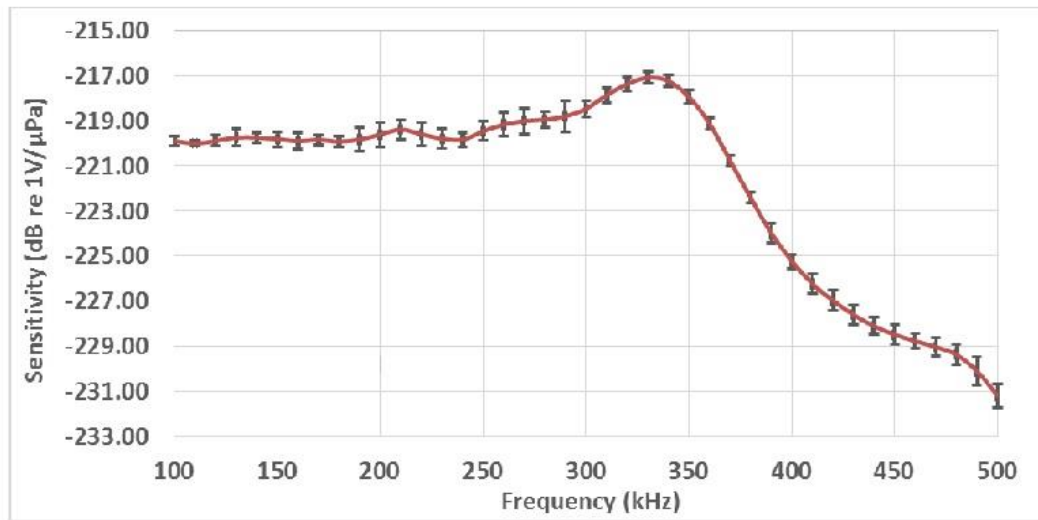
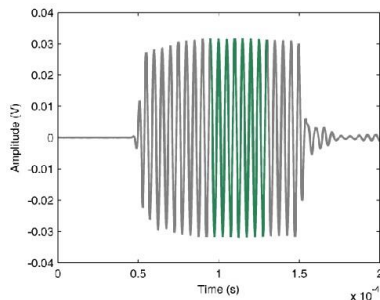
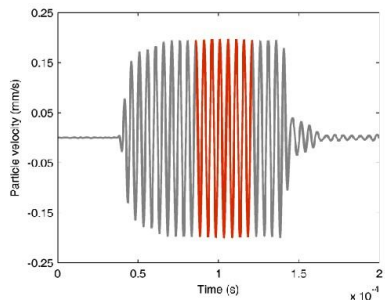
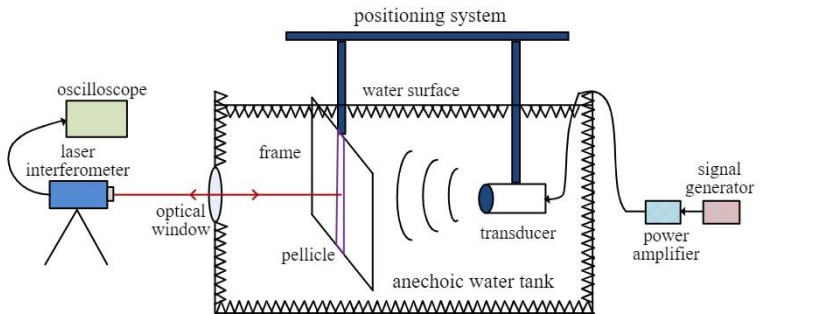
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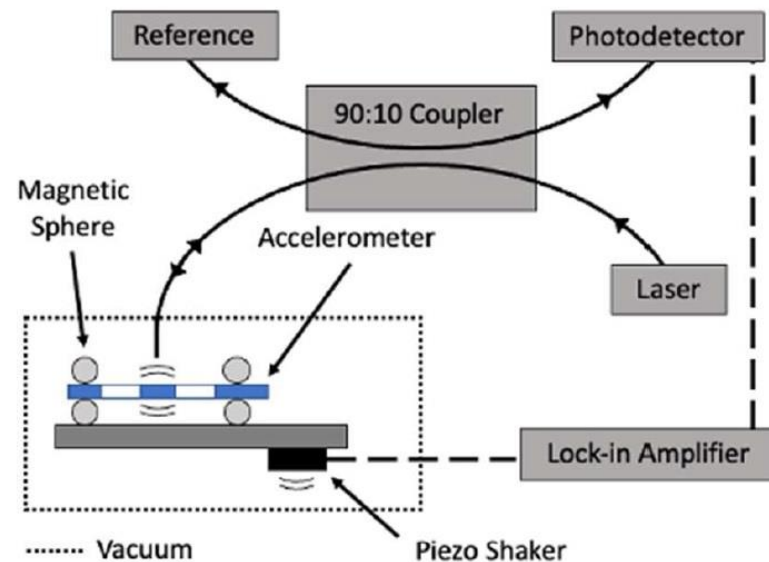
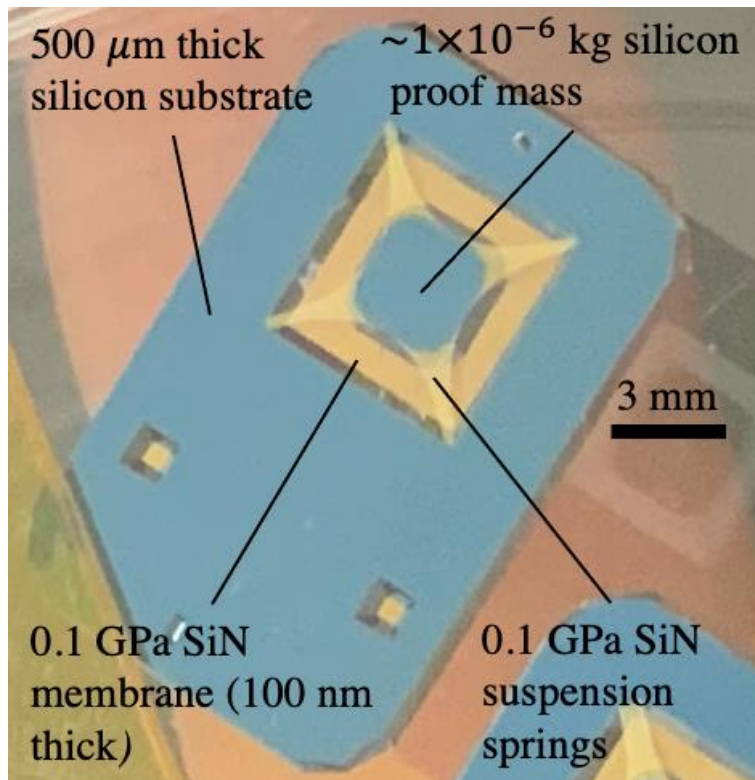
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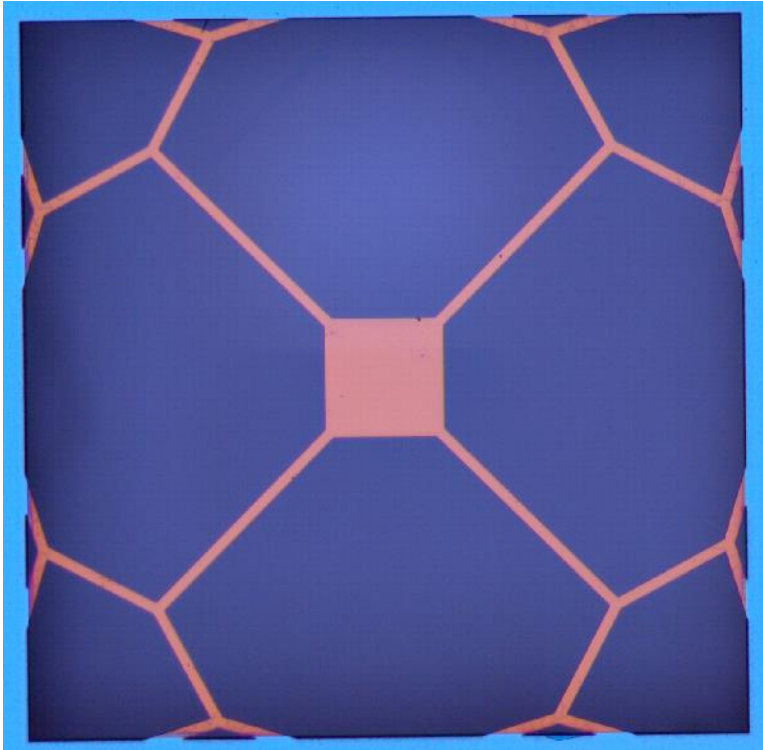
## Silicon Nitride mass-loaded MEMS accelerometers



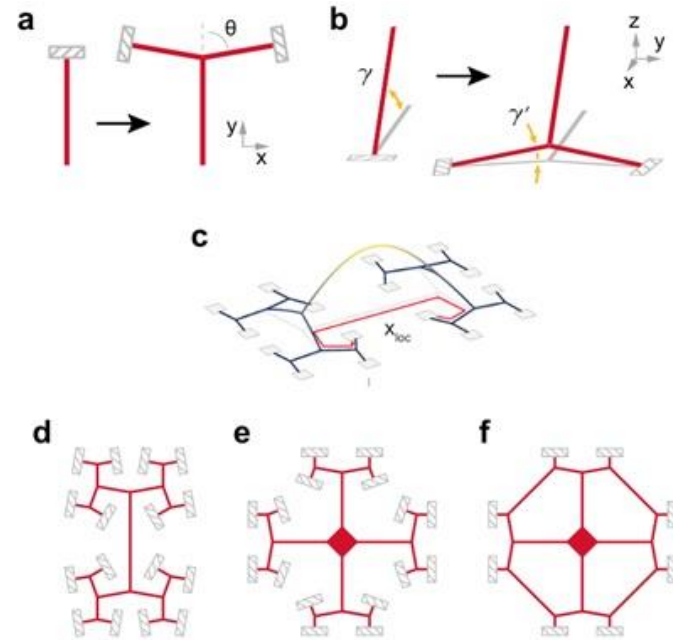
$$S_{a,tmech} = \left( \frac{4k_B T \omega_0}{mQ} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

# Vibration

## Silicon Nitride non-mass-loaded MEMS accelerometers

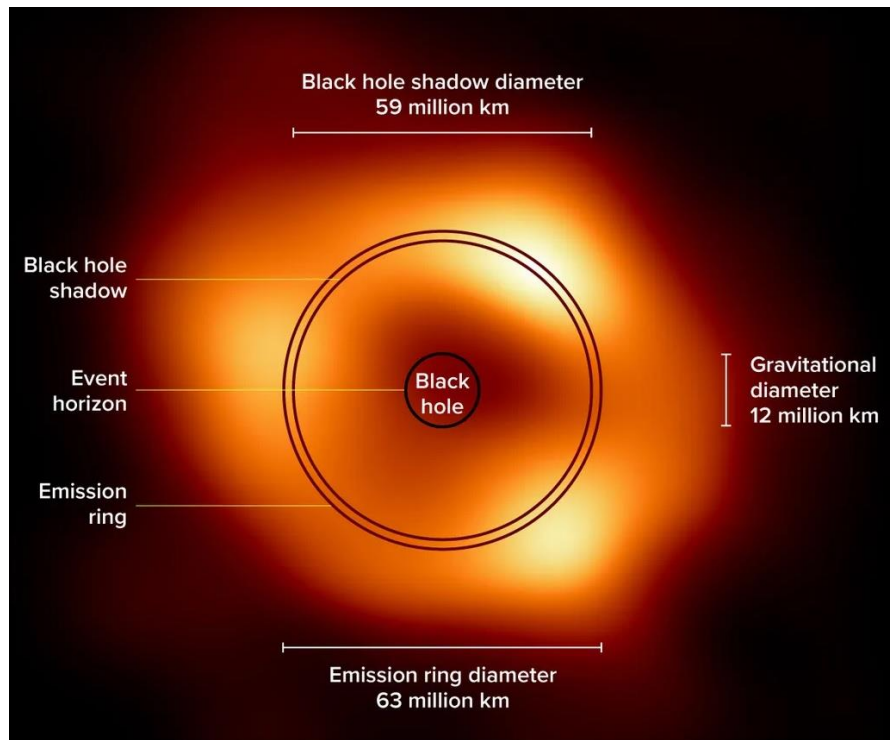


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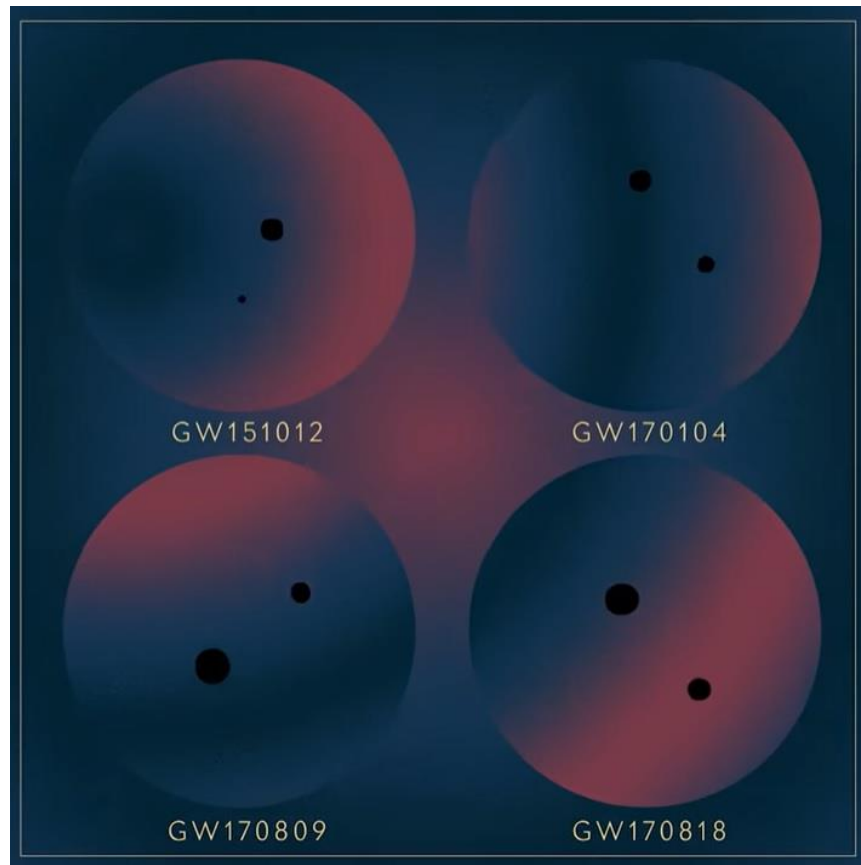


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# Black holes and mergers

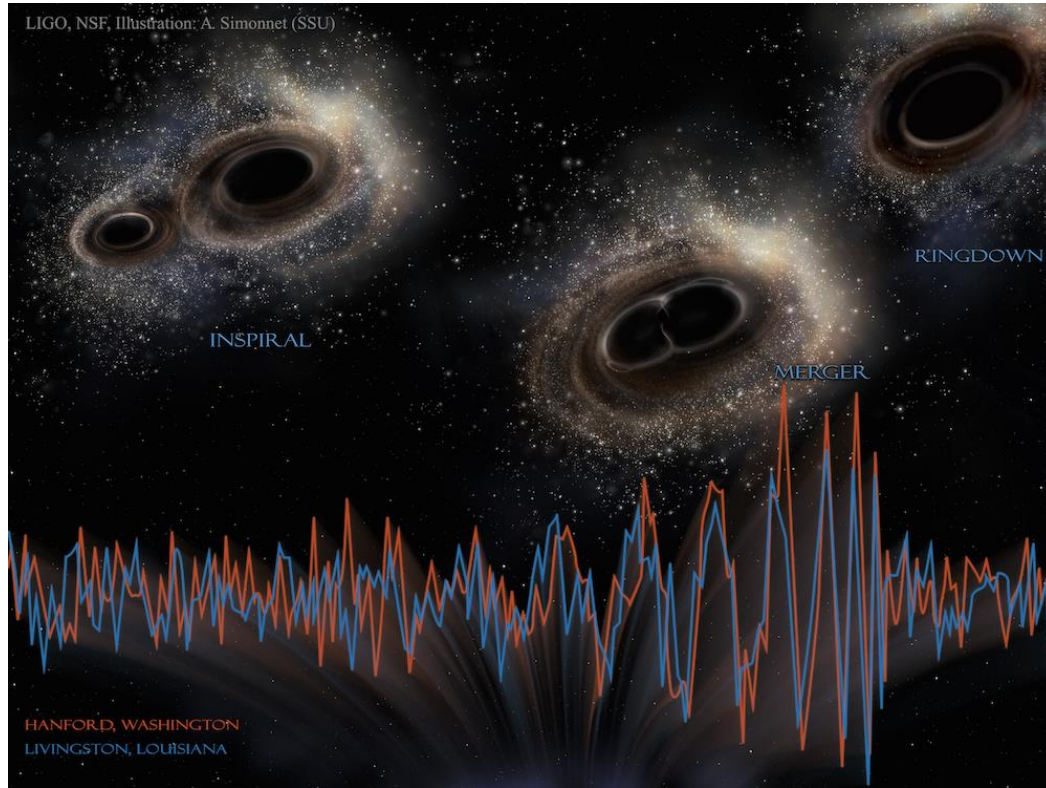


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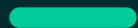
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# Black holes and mergers



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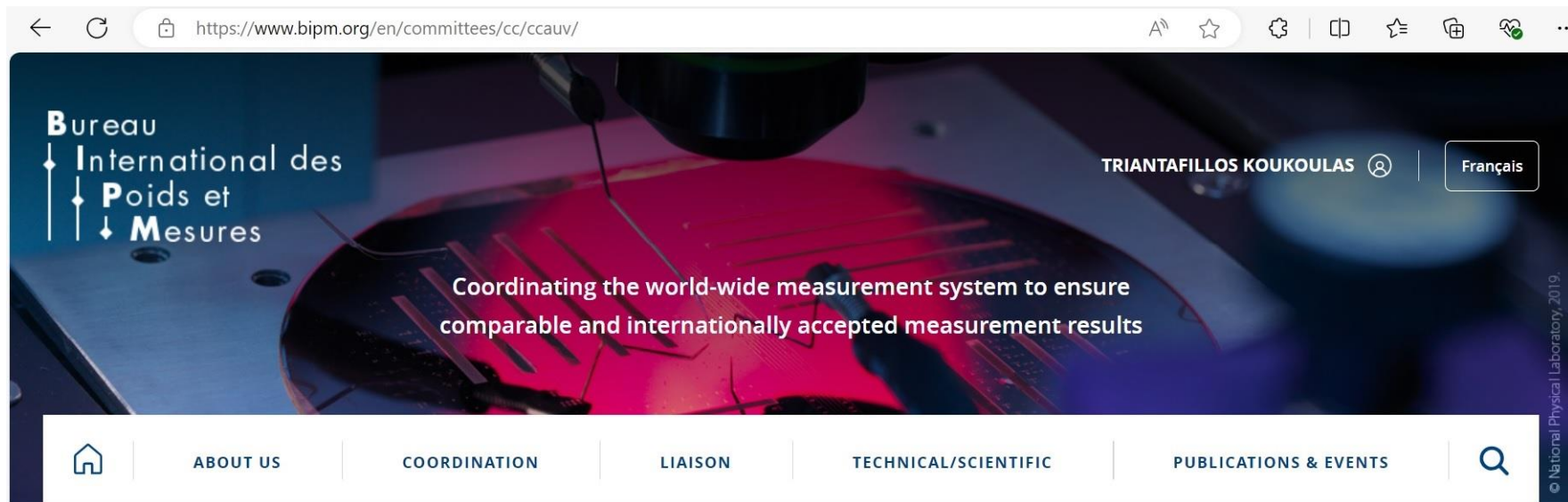
- The oscillations in the light signals received at the LIGO were within the human hearing range: light frequencies converted into sound frequencies
- The result (chirp) is the sound of the black holes colliding



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