

Electroacoustics

Acoustical engineering

sound and rely on electroacoustic engineering, e.g. mobile phones, portable media players, and tablet computers. The term "electroacoustics" is also used

Acoustical engineering (also known as acoustic engineering) is the branch of engineering dealing with sound and vibration. It includes the application of acoustics, the science of sound and vibration, in technology. Acoustical engineers are typically concerned with the design, analysis and control of sound.

One goal of acoustical engineering can be the reduction of unwanted noise, which is referred to as noise control. Unwanted noise can have significant impacts on animal and human health and well-being, reduce attainment by students in schools, and cause hearing loss. Noise control principles are implemented into technology and design in a variety of ways, including control by redesigning sound sources, the design of noise barriers, sound absorbers, suppressors, and buffer zones, and the use of hearing protection (earmuffs or earplugs).

Besides noise control, acoustical engineering also covers positive uses of sound, such as the use of ultrasound in medicine, programming digital synthesizers, designing concert halls to enhance the sound of orchestras and specifying railway station sound systems so that announcements are intelligible.

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Electro-acoustic guitar, a type of guitar

Electroacoustic music, a variety of experimental music

Quad Electroacoustics

Acoustical Manufacturing Co. Ltd changed its name to QUAD Electroacoustics Ltd. In 1995, QUAD Electroacoustics Ltd was bought by Verity Group plc, joining its existing

QUAD Electroacoustics is a British manufacturer of hi-fi equipment, based Huntingdon, England. QUAD is part of the IAG Group, with corporate headquarters located in Shenzhen, China.

Electroacoustic music

eContact! 8.4 – Ressources éducatives / Educational Resources (Montréal: CEC), an annotated list of journals publishing articles related to electroacoustics.

Electroacoustic music is a genre of Western art music in which composers use recording technology and audio signal processing to manipulate the timbres of acoustic sounds in the creation of pieces of music. It originated around the middle of the 20th century, following the incorporation of electronic sound production into formal compositional practice. The initial developments in electroacoustic music composition to fixed

media during the 20th century are associated with the activities of the Groupe de recherches musicales at the ORTF in Paris, the home of musique concrète, the Studio for Electronic Music in Cologne, where the focus was on the composition of elektronische Musik, and the Columbia-Princeton Electronic Music Center in New York City, where tape music, electronic music, and computer music were all explored. Practical electronic music instruments began to appear in the early 20th century.

Sensitivity (electronics)

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The sensitivity of an electronic device, such as a communications system receiver, or detection device, such as a PIN diode, is the minimum magnitude of input signal required to produce a specified output signal having a specified signal-to-noise ratio, or other specified criteria. In general, it is the signal level required for a particular quality of received information.

In signal processing, sensitivity also relates to bandwidth and noise floor as is explained in more detail below.

In the field of electronics different definitions are used for sensitivity. The IEEE dictionary states: "Definitions of sensitivity fall into two contrasting categories." It also provides multiple definitions relevant to sensors among which 1: "(measuring devices) The ratio of the magnitude of its response to the magnitude of the quantity measured." and 2: "(radio receiver or similar device) Taken as the minimum input signal required to produce a specified output signal having a specified signal-to-noise ratio.". The first of these definitions is similar to the definition of responsivity and as a consequence sensitivity is sometimes considered to be improperly used as a synonym for responsivity, and it is argued that the second definition, which is closely related to the detection limit, is a better indicator of the performance of a measuring system.

To summarize, two contrasting definitions of sensitivity are used in the field of electronics

Sensitivity first definition: the ratio between output and input signal, or the slope of the output versus input response curve of a transducer, microphone or sensor. An example is given in the section below on electroacoustics.

Sensitivity second definition: the minimum magnitude of input signal required to produce an output signal with a specified signal-to-noise ratio of an instrument or sensor. Examples of the use of this definition are given in the sections below on receivers and electronic sensors.

Live electronic music

électroacoustique / Live-electronics – Improvisation – Interactivity in Electroacoustics (October). Montréal: CEC. Burns, Christopher (2002). "Realizing Lucier

Live electronic music (also known as live electronics) is a form of music that can include traditional electronic sound-generating devices, modified electric musical instruments, hacked sound generating technologies, and computers. Initially the practice developed in reaction to sound-based composition for fixed media such as musique concrète, electronic music and early computer music. Musical improvisation often plays a large role in the performance of this music. The timbres of various sounds may be transformed extensively using devices such as amplifiers, filters, ring modulators and other forms of circuitry. Real-time generation and manipulation of audio using live coding is now commonplace.

Electric harp

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International Confederation of Electroacoustic Music

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The ICEM holds the International Electronic Music Festival and gives music awards for electroacoustic music during the former Bourges International Electro-Acoustic Music Competition (also known as "Bourges Electroacoustic Music Competition" and as the International Electro-Acoustic Music Competition, founded in 1973, "to promote electroacoustic composition," and began to include music software as a category in 1996.

The ElectroAcoustic Music Days 2023 were held by Hellenic Electroacoustic Music Composers Association (HELMCA), in Rethymno.

Electroacoustic phenomena

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Electroacoustic phenomena arise when ultrasound propagates through a fluid containing ions. The associated particle motion generates electric signals because ions have electric charge. This coupling between ultrasound and electric field is called electroacoustic phenomena. The fluid might be a simple Newtonian liquid, or complex heterogeneous dispersion, emulsion or even a porous body. There are several different electroacoustic effects depending on the nature of the fluid.

Ion vibration current (IVI) and potential, an electric signal that arises when an acoustic wave propagates through a homogeneous fluid.

Streaming vibration current (SVI) and potential, an electric signal that arises when an acoustic wave propagates through a porous body in which the pores are filled with fluid.

Colloid vibration current (CVI) and potential, an electric signal that arises when ultrasound propagates through a heterogeneous fluid, such as a dispersion or emulsion.

Electric sonic amplitude (ESA), the inverse of the CVI effect, in which an acoustic field arises when an electric field propagates through a heterogeneous fluid.

Acousto-optic modulator

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