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DECAY CURVES for nine partial tones of the lowest C on the keyboard demonstrate that the partial tones of a piano note do not all die away from an initial maximum at the same rate. In some cases they may even increase in loudness before beginning to decay. For each curve 30 measurements were made at equal intervals of .08 second each. Obviously the partial structure of a tone at any given time is different from the structure at any other time.

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