

of low pitch (the residue)
 of the basilar membrane
 tones gives the perception

pre-emptively into the form
 of "colour" of the ear might
 (see 6). We shall, however,
 conceptions about a local
 ar membrane in principle
 ability that a periodicity
 of harmonics should occur
 this stimulus.

consider a mechanical model
 which consists of a system
 of progressive charac-
 (of harp). For the sake
 e that the sensitivity of
 is same, and that the width
 for all resonators is equal
 ge of the characteristic
 a ideal periodic impulse is
 system, the spectrum of
 . Each of the harmonics
 le region of resonators to
 e excitation curves which
 om figs. 8a and b. In fig. 9
 on curves are drawn on a
 scale for the first 20 har-
 monics the excitation curves
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 tor will react simultane-
 larger number of adjacent
 that for low frequencies,
 rves do not yet overlap
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 ulation is practically zero.

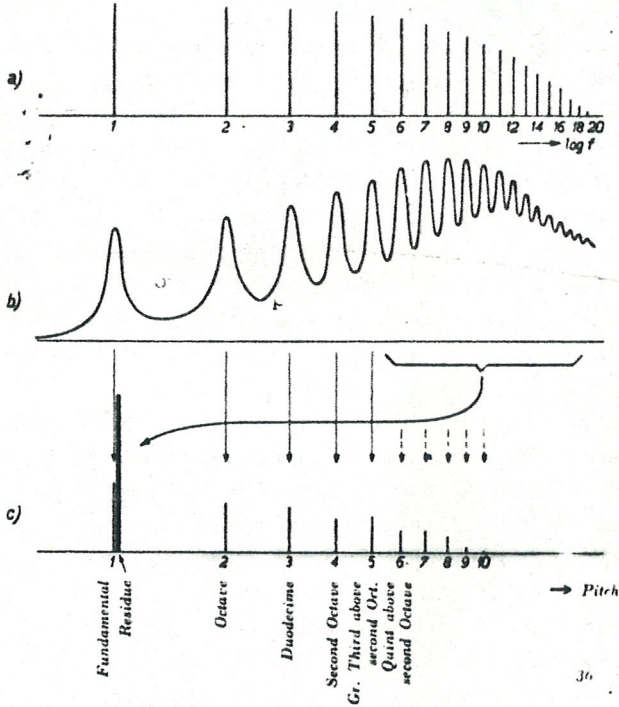


Fig. 10. Diagram of the occurrence of the subjective sound spectrum.

- a) The objective spectrum of a periodic impulse with a width equal to 1/20 of the length of the period.
- b) The stimulus caused by this impulse on the basilar membrane.
- c) The subjective spectrum in which the ear analyses the stimulus represented by (b). The stimuli coming from those parts of the basilar membrane upon which the higher harmonics are localized are perceived collectively as a component of low pitch, the residue.

Applications of the hypothesis of the residue

We shall now discuss several remarkable phenomena in which the hypothesis or the residue can be applied.

Anharmonic sounds

While in the case of stringed and wind instruments, in which strings and air columns.

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