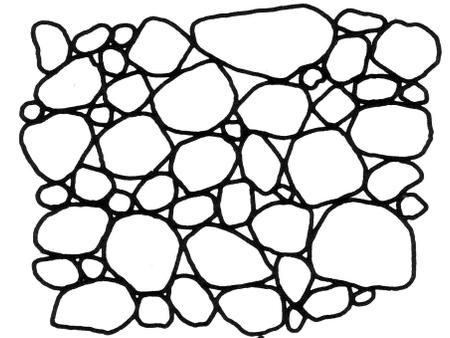


The Question of the Existence of Other Propagating Compressional Waves in Porous Media



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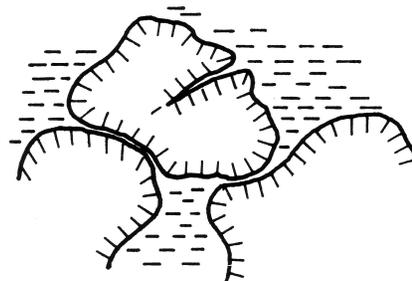
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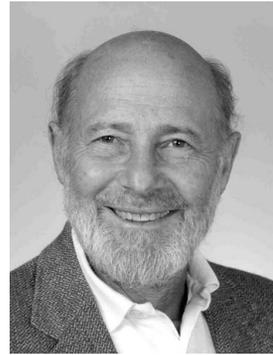
Yakov I. Frenkel



*(Figure from Biot,
JASA, 1962)*



Maurice A. Biot



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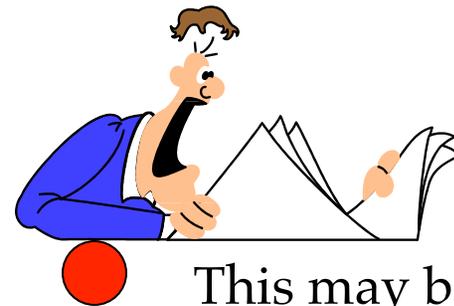
- The possibility of a second “compressional” wave in porous media was suggested in a paper published in 1944 by Yakov Frenkel.
- Biot, in a paper in 1956, mentions the existence of Frenkel’s paper, but says little of substance about it. In the same paper, Biot gave a heuristic analysis that also led to the suggestion that there was a second compressional wave.
- If there were any experimental discoveries of such a second wave in porous media prior to 1956, they were not announced (at least not noticeably) in the main-stream scientific literature.

● A beginning along the present lines was made by Frenkel.² He discusses the rotational and dilatational waves, but the subject is summarily treated and important features are neglected.

Sound absorption in material containing air was the object of extensive work by Zwicker and Kosten.³ Rotational waves are not considered, and simplified equations are used for the dilatational waves. The

² J. Frenkel, J. Phys. (U. S. S. R) 8, 230 (1944).

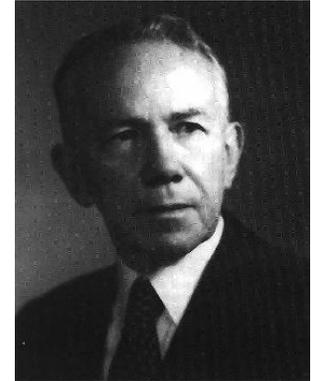
³ C. Zwicker and C. W. Kosten, *Sound Absorbing Materials* (Elsevier Publishing Company, Inc., New York, 1949).



● This may be a case where theory preceded experiment.

Biot's Field Equations

(low frequency version, 1956a)



solid equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\rho_{11}\mathbf{u} + \rho_{12}\mathbf{U}) - \nabla (A'\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + Q\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}) + \nabla \times \{N(\nabla \times \mathbf{u})\} = b\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{u})$$

inertia term

pressure term

shear term

dashpot term

$$A' = A + 2N$$

fluid equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\rho_{21}\mathbf{u} + \rho_{22}\mathbf{U}) - \nabla (Q\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + R\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}) = -b\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{u})$$

$$\rho_{12} = \rho_{21}$$

2 vector fields

8 heuristic coefficients

Identifications derived from modified Burrige-Keller formulation*:

*Derivation presented at ASA meeting in June 2006.

χ_f porosity

$$\chi_s + \chi_f = 1$$

$\langle \rangle$ averaged over microscale

$\beta, \phi, \gamma_{\text{dil}}, \gamma_{\text{sh}}$
dimensionless parameters

η viscosity

a representative grain size

$$\bullet \mathbf{u}_{\text{Biot}} = \langle \mathbf{u} \rangle_s \quad \bullet \mathbf{U}_{\text{Biot}} = \langle \mathbf{U} \rangle_f$$

$$\bullet \rho_{11} = \chi_s \rho_s + \phi \chi_f \rho_f \quad \bullet \rho_{12} = -\phi \chi_f \rho_f$$

$$\bullet \rho_{22} = (1 + \phi) \chi_f \rho_f \quad \bullet b = \frac{\eta \chi_f}{a^2 \beta}$$

$$\bullet A = B_{\text{eff}} \chi_s^2 [1 - \gamma_{\text{dil}}]^2 + \gamma_{\text{dil}} \chi_s \left(\lambda_L + \frac{2}{3} \mu_L \right) - \frac{2}{3} \mu_L \chi_s \gamma_{\text{sh}}$$

$$\bullet N = \mu_L \chi_s \gamma_{\text{sh}}$$

$$\bullet R = B_{\text{eff}} \chi_f^2$$

$$\bullet Q = B_{\text{eff}} \chi_s \chi_f [1 - \gamma_{\text{dil}}]$$



Effective bulk modulus

$$B_{\text{eff}} = \left[\frac{3\chi_s (1 - \gamma_{\text{dil}})}{3\lambda_L + 2\mu_L} + \frac{\chi_f}{\rho_f c_f^2} \right]^{-1}$$

(cf. Mallock, ProcRoySoc, 1910)



Biot and Frenkel never explicitly mentioned the concept of *local averaging* in their papers, but the idea appears to be implicit.

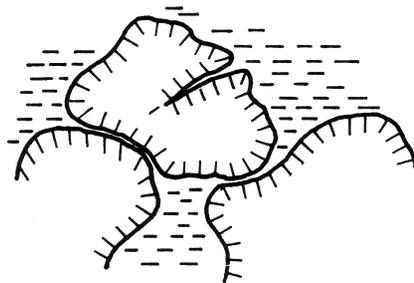
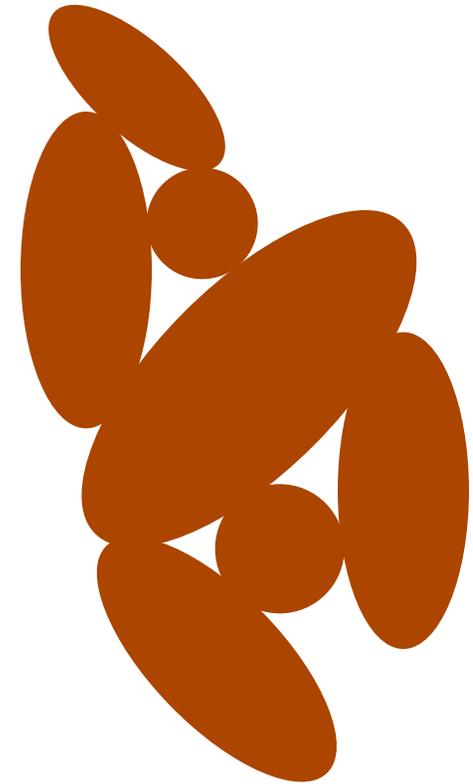


Hey! The JASA reviewers back in those days weren't all that picky.

General observations about

$$\beta, \phi, \gamma_{\text{dil}}, \gamma_{\text{sh}}$$

- *Dimensionless*
- *Independent of porosity*
- *Independent of material properties*
- *Depend on grain shapes, grain orientation, size distribution*
- *Very difficult to compute numerically*



*(Figure from Biot,
JASA, 1962)*

Dispersion relation for Biot's two "longitudinal" waves

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\omega^2 \rho_{11} + k^2 (2N + A) - i\omega b & -\omega^2 \rho_{12} + k^2 Q + i\omega b \\ -\omega^2 \rho_{12} + k^2 Q + i\omega b & -\omega^2 \rho_{22} + k^2 R - i\omega b \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{U} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha k^4 - (\beta \omega^2 + i\epsilon b \omega) k^2 + (\gamma \omega^4 + i\delta b \omega^3) = 0$$

quadratic equation with frequency-dependent coefficients

$$\alpha = (2N + A)R - \underline{Q^2}$$

$$\beta = R\rho_{11} + (2N + A)\rho_{22} - \underline{2Q\rho_{12}}$$

$$\gamma = \rho_{11}\rho_{22} - \underline{\rho_{12}^2}$$

$$\delta = \rho_{11} + \underline{2\rho_{12}} + \rho_{22}$$

$$\epsilon = 2N + A + \underline{2Q} + R$$

wish to explore
dependence of two
roots on frequency



Frequency dependences of wave-numbers

presuming
 $\omega_3 > 0$

(three characteristic frequencies defined in subsequent slide)

$$(k_1)^2 = \frac{i\omega\epsilon b}{2\alpha} \left[1 - i \frac{\omega}{\omega_1} \ominus \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_2^2} \ominus 2i \frac{\omega}{\omega_3} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$(k_1)^2 \rightarrow \frac{\epsilon b}{2\alpha} \left[\left(\frac{1}{\omega_1} - \frac{1}{\omega_3} \right) \omega^2 + i \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_2^2} + \frac{1}{\omega_3^2} \right) \omega^3 \right] \quad (\text{low frequency limit})$$

$$(k_2)^2 = \frac{i\omega\epsilon b}{2\alpha} \left[1 - i \frac{\omega}{\omega_1} \oplus \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_2^2} \ominus 2i \frac{\omega}{\omega_3} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$(k_2)^2 \rightarrow \frac{\epsilon b}{\alpha} \left[i\omega + \left(\frac{1}{\omega_1} + \frac{1}{\omega_3} \right) \omega^2 \right] \quad (\text{low frequency limit})$$

$$(k_1)^2 = \frac{i\omega\epsilon b}{2\alpha} \left[1 - i \frac{\omega}{\omega_1} - \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_2^2} - 2i \frac{\omega}{\omega_3} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{\epsilon b}{\beta} = b \left[\frac{(2N + A)R - Q^2}{R\rho_{11} + (2N + A)\rho_{22} - 2Q\rho_{12}} \right]$$

$$\omega_2^2 = \frac{b^2\epsilon^2}{\beta^2 - 4\alpha\gamma} = b^2 \left[\frac{(2N + A + R + 2Q)^2}{(R\rho_{11} - [2N + A]\rho_{22})^2 + 4Q^2\rho_{11}\rho_{22} + 4\rho_{12}^2(2N + A)R} \right]$$

$$\omega_3 = \frac{2b\epsilon}{\beta\epsilon - 4\alpha\delta}$$

$$\omega_2 > \omega_1$$

$$\alpha = (2N + A)R - Q^2$$

$$\delta = \rho_{11} + 2\rho_{12} + \rho_{22}$$

$$\beta = R\rho_{11} + (2N + A)\rho_{22} - 2Q\rho_{12}$$

$$\epsilon = 2N + A + 2Q + R$$

Fast and slow waves

presuming
 $\omega_3 > 0$

$$(k_2)^2 - (k_1)^2 = \frac{i\omega\epsilon b}{\alpha} [\text{Radical}]$$

$$[\text{Radical}] = \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_2^2} - 2i\frac{\omega}{\omega_3}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$-\pi < \text{Ph}\{[\text{Radical}]^2\} < 0$$

$$-\pi/2 < \text{Ph}\{[\text{Radical}]\} < 0$$

$$[\text{Radical}] = a - ib$$

$$\text{Re}\{(k_2^2)\} > \text{Re}\{(k_1^2)\}$$

Conclude: if both waves are predominantly propagating waves, the second wave has the smaller phase velocity.

Orthogonality relation

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\omega^2 \rho_{11} + k^2 (2N + A) - i\omega b & -\omega^2 \rho_{12} + k^2 Q + i\omega b \\ -\omega^2 \rho_{12} + k^2 Q + i\omega b & -\omega^2 \rho_{22} + k^2 R - i\omega b \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{U} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

requires $\begin{Bmatrix} \hat{u}_2 \\ \hat{U}_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 2N + A & Q \\ Q & R \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{u}_1 \\ \hat{U}_1 \end{Bmatrix} = 0$

Conclude: if $\frac{\hat{U}_1}{\hat{u}_1}$ is real and positive,

then $\frac{\hat{U}_2}{\hat{u}_2}$ is real and negative.

Caveat: what you might call the fast wave is not necessarily all that fast!

A. B. Wood and D. E. Weston, The Propagation of Sound in Mud, *Acustica*, Vol. 14, 1964.



The velocity of sound measured in situ was 3% below that of sea water.

Emsworth harbor

Mud layer, 3 foot depth

Gravel

Acoustic-mode wave speed

$$c_{\text{ac}}^2 = \frac{A + 2N + 2Q + R}{\rho_{11} + 2\rho_{12} + \rho_{22}}$$

$$c_{\text{ac}}^2 = \frac{B_{\text{eff}} (1 - \chi_s \gamma_{\text{dil}})^2 + \frac{4}{3} \mu_L \chi_s \gamma_{\text{sh}} + \gamma_{\text{dil}} \chi_s (\lambda_L + \frac{2}{3} \mu_L)}{\chi_s \rho_s + \chi_f \rho_f}$$

(almost Wood's equation)

$$c_{\text{ac}}^2 \approx \frac{B_{\text{eff}}}{\rho_{\text{eff}}} \quad B_{\text{eff}} = \left[\frac{3\chi_s (1 - \gamma_{\text{dil}})}{3\lambda_L + 2\mu_L} + \frac{\chi_f}{\rho_f c_f^2} \right]^{-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{B_{\text{eff}}} \approx \chi_s \frac{1}{B_s} + \chi_f \frac{1}{B_f}$$

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$$c_{ac} \approx c_f \left\{ 1 - \frac{\chi_s}{2} \left(\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_f} + \frac{B_f}{B_s} - 2 \right) \right\} \quad \text{for small } \chi_s$$

(positive)

$$0.03 \approx \frac{\chi_s}{2} \left(\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_f} + \frac{B_f}{B_s} - 2 \right)$$

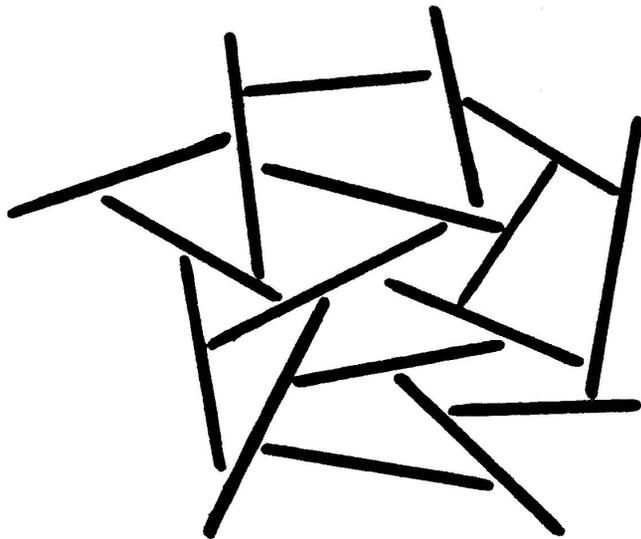
$$\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_f} \approx 2.6$$

$$\frac{B_f}{B_s} \approx 0.1$$



$$\chi_s \approx 0.1$$

Why is the porosity of mud so high?



Card-house theory



$$(k_1)^2 = \frac{i\omega\epsilon b}{2\alpha} \left[1 - i \frac{\omega}{\omega_1} \ominus \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_2^2} \ominus 2i \frac{\omega}{\omega_3} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$\omega_3 \gg \omega_2 > \omega_1$$

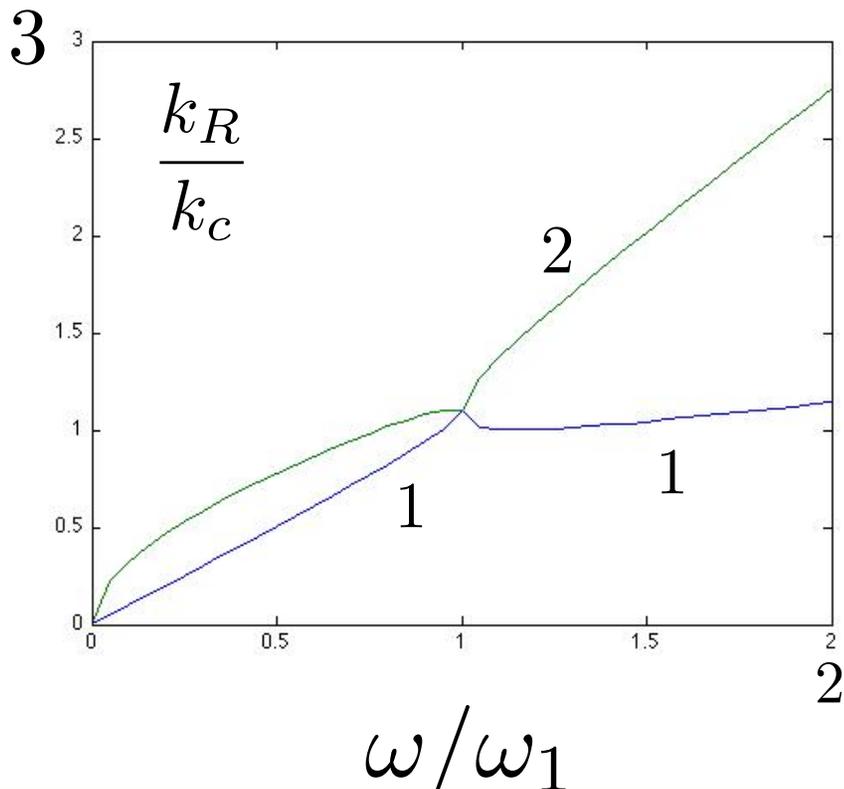
$$\omega_2 \approx \omega_1$$

Granular media limit:

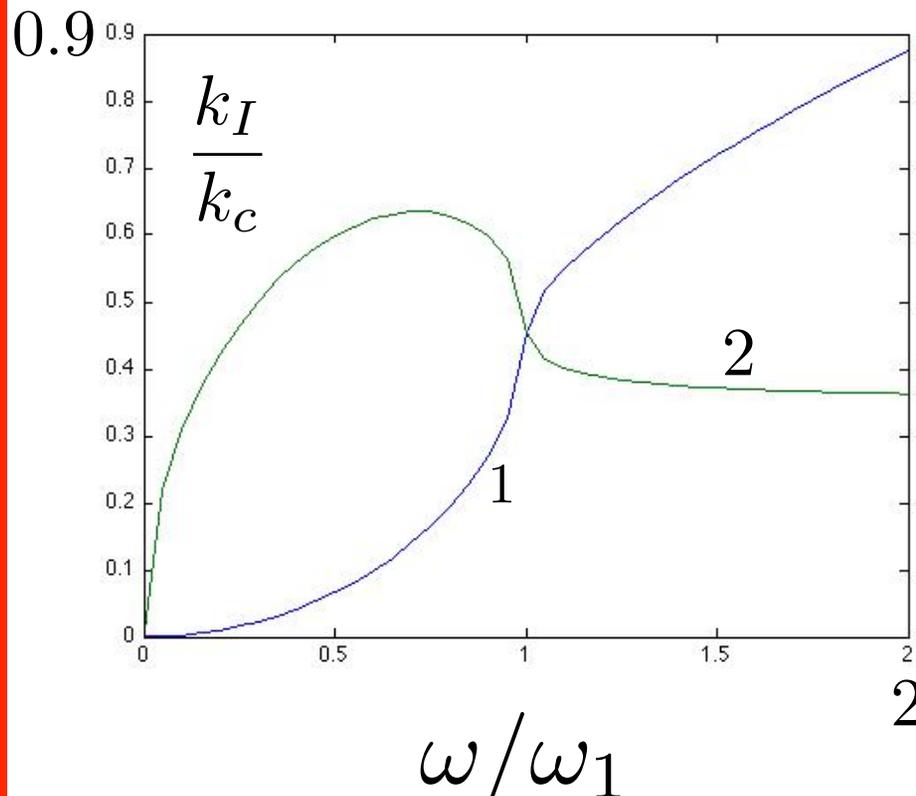
$$(k_1)^2 \approx \frac{i\omega\epsilon b}{2\alpha} \left[1 - i \frac{\omega}{\omega_1} - \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_1^2} - i0^+ \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$(k_2)^2 \approx \frac{i\omega\epsilon b}{2\alpha} \left[1 - i \frac{\omega}{\omega_1} + \left(1 - \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_1^2} - i0^+ \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

Real parts



Imaginary parts



$$\frac{k_1}{k_c} \rightarrow e^{i\pi/4} \left[\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_1} \right)^{1/2} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\omega_1}{\omega} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

$$\frac{k_2}{k_c} \rightarrow \sqrt{2} \frac{\omega}{\omega_1} + i \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

According to Biot's formulation: *(In the granular media limit)*

- *Both modes are "the same" at $\omega \approx \omega_2$*
- *Both modes are highly attenuated at this frequency*
- *First mode morphs into a diffusion wave*
- *Far above this frequency, the second mode is propagating.*
- *The first mode is not propagating at moderately high frequencies*

Questions about “mid-frequency” validity of Biot’s formulation

(In the granular media limit)

- *Behavior near $\omega \approx \omega_2$ seems bizarre*
- *No simple physical explanation*
- *Is the higher frequency realization of the second mode the more appropriate extension of the lower frequency realization of the first mode?*
- *If one of the two modes is not existing at higher frequencies, then perhaps it is the first mode that is more likely to be the one that isn’t propagating.*

Remark in a paper published two years ago

[2] It is now over 50 years since *Biot* [1956a, 1956b] predicted a second, or slow, compressional wave that exists in addition to the normal “fast” compressional and the shear waves in saturated porous and permeable media. It is nearly 30 years since *Plona* [1980] experimentally verified its existence. Despite this and also despite a large theoretical literature, there are still only a few definitive observations of the slow wave. The mode is highly attenuated; and it is not clear if it has yet been seen outside of the laboratory. However, our inability to find the slow wave directly does

Bouzidi and Schmitt, JGR, August 2009

Ideal experiment: propagation in porous media

*Unbounded statistically homogeneous
and isotropic porous medium*



source



sensors

Naturally occurring porous medium

*Unbounded statistically homogeneous
and isotropic porous medium*


source


sensors

Naturally occurring porous medium

Source:

-  Spatially concentrated
-  Excites no shear
-  Tone burst
-  Narrow band of frequencies
-  Finite time duration
-  Several cycles

*Unbounded statistically homogeneous
and isotropic porous medium*


source


sensors

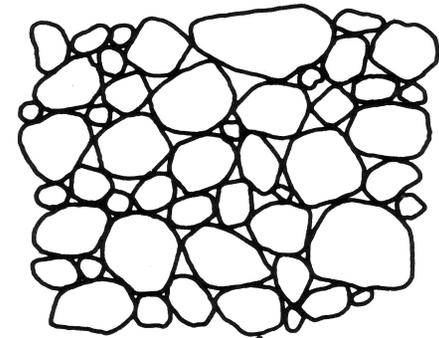
Naturally occurring porous medium

Sensors:

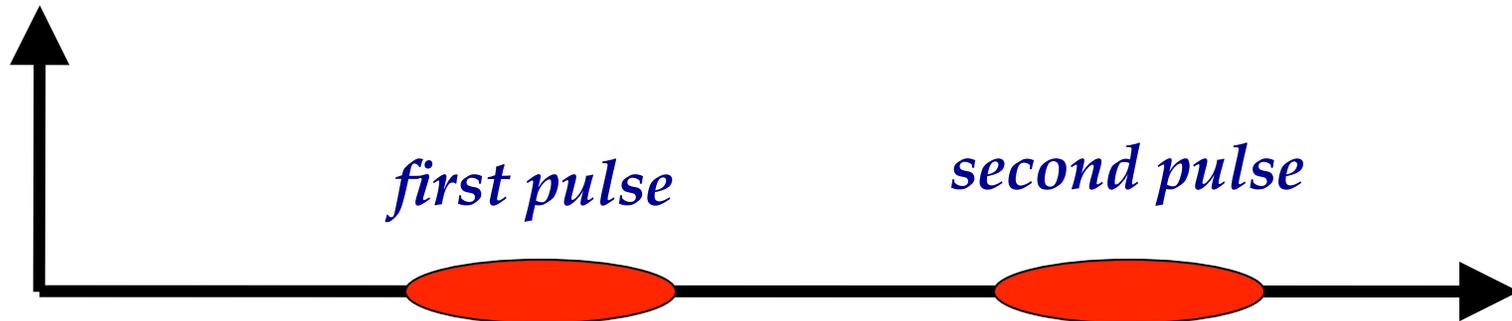
-  Various large radial distances
-  Measure time variation of quantities
-  Locally spatially averaged
-  Solid matter displacement
-  Fluid matter displacement

“Commonly” expected outcome of ideal experiment

At fixed radial distance r :



amplitude



time

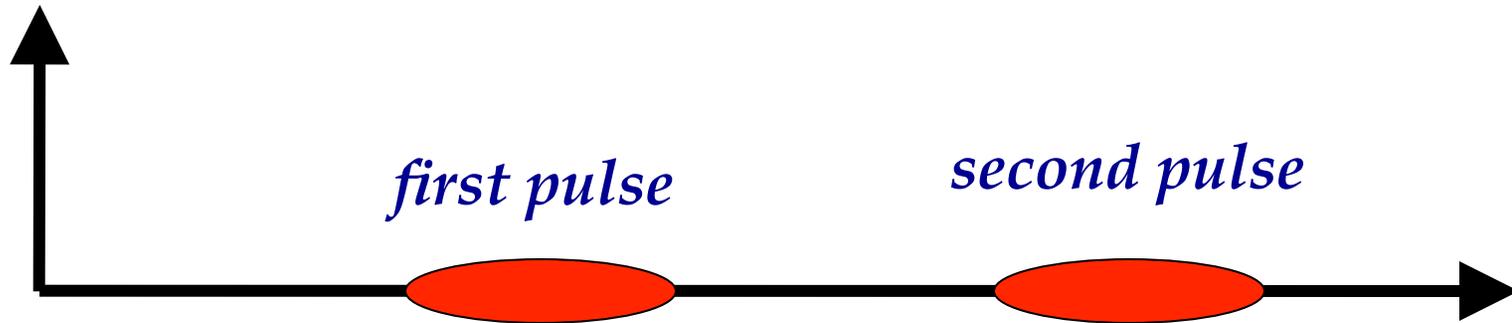
Data at different radial distances is expected to indicate that each pulse travels with a definite characteristic speed.

v_1

v_2

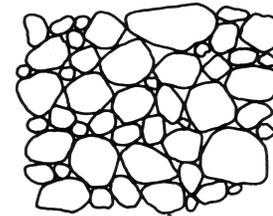
“Commonly” expected properties of the two pulses

amplitude



time

- $\lambda = v/f$ is much larger than a representative grain size

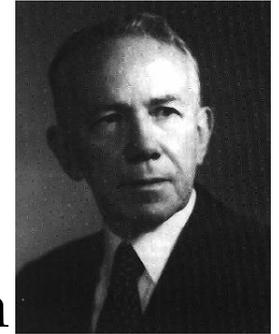


- For first pulse, solid and fluid displacements in phase
- For second pulse, solid and fluid displacements out of phase

- “Energy” in pulse decreases with range nearly as 1 over range squared

$$\int_{\Delta t} (\text{amp})^2 dt$$

Examination of derivation of Biot's equations



The equations represent attempt(s) to provide a deterministic (as opposed to statistical) continuum mechanics (as opposed to kinetic theory) of porous media.

Biot wrote many similar papers and *changed notation frequently* in successive papers, and also *changed the form of his porous media equations* in successive papers.

However, the changes in the underlying equations are *primarily cosmetic*. The underlying *assumptions* are, for the most part, the same in all the Biot papers.

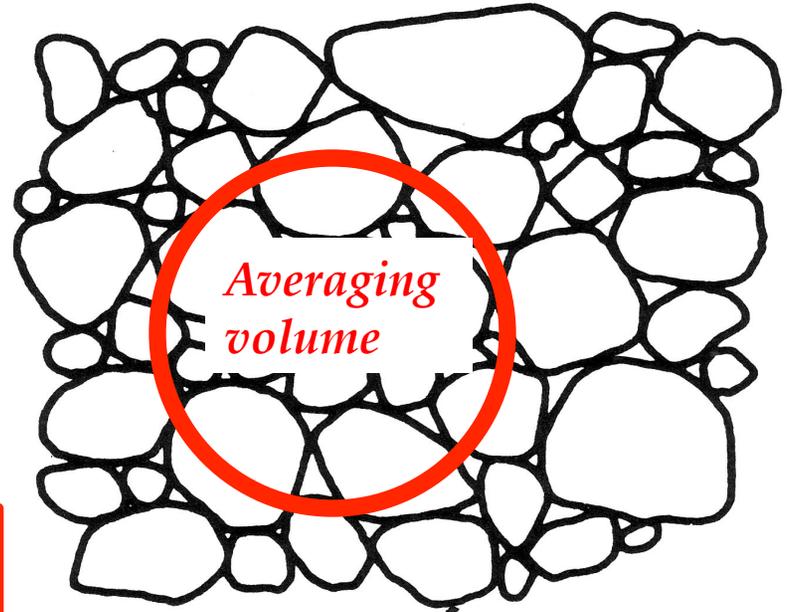
What is the most crucial assumption and how universally applicable is it?



This is the crux of the present talk. Obviously, the universal applicability is being questioned.

Assumption that *two* locally averaged displacement fields are *adequate* for description of any phenomenon of interest

Why not just one?
Why not three?



u =local average of displacement vector of solid matter, averaged over the volume actually occupied by the solid

U for fluid matter

● Assumption dates back at least as far as Frenkel (1944)



$$1 < 2 < \infty$$



To what extent are Biot's equations sacrosanct?

You have to have *at least one* displacement variable. Two is *better* than one, maybe three is *better* than two, maybe four is *better* than three. *Stop* at N if the resulting theory seems adequate.

Example for $N > 2$

$$u_a, u_b, u_c$$

$$U_A, U_A, U_C$$

 u_a

local average of displacement vector of solid matter that is in grains with characteristics of type 'a', averaged over the volume occupied by solid matter of type 'a'.

 U_A

local average of displacement vector of fluid matter that is in pores with characteristics of type 'A', averaged over the volume occupied by fluid matter of type 'A'.

For Biot-Frenkel models, N is 2, and there are two 'compressional waves'.

Second corresponds to diffusion disturbance in the limit of low frequencies.

Darcy diffusion mode

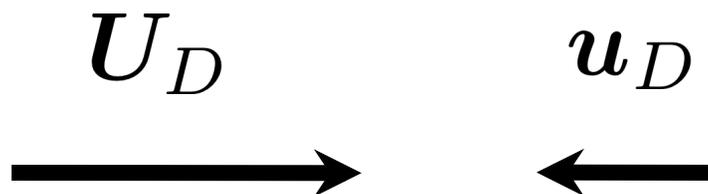


Henry Darcy

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{U}_D = 0; \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{u}_D = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 (\mathbf{U}_D - \mathbf{u}_D) = \kappa \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\mathbf{U}_D - \mathbf{u}_D)$$

diffusion equation



oppositely directed

The prediction of a Darcy mode disturbance by the N=2 Biot model at low frequencies is *physically realistic*. And both it and the acoustic compressional mode cannot simultaneously be predicted by a N=1 model.

Very good!



OK. So having an N=2 model might give you something good beyond what you would get from an N=1 model.

But ---- what about the predictions at higher frequencies?

Analytical discovery of distinct wave types associated with a model with N different displacement vector fields

- N coupled vector (3-components) linear partial differential equations
- Derived from Hamilton's principle (extended Newtonian mechanics)
- Each equation of second order in spatial variables
- May involve operators that are complicated functions of d/dt
- Medium is statistically homogeneous and isotropic



This is all standard mathematical physics or theoretical mechanics stuff. Needed to prove the statement on the next slide.

Polynomial of N-th degree has N roots

- For a continuum model with N vector displacement fields, you can have N longitudinal (compressional) 'waves.'

● N physically-admissible k_c 's

(some caveats)



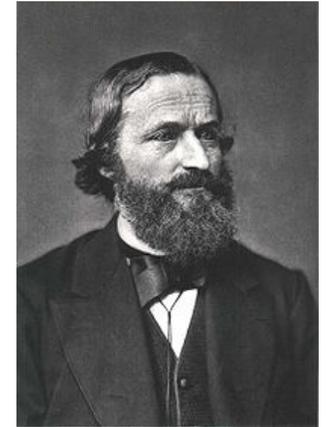
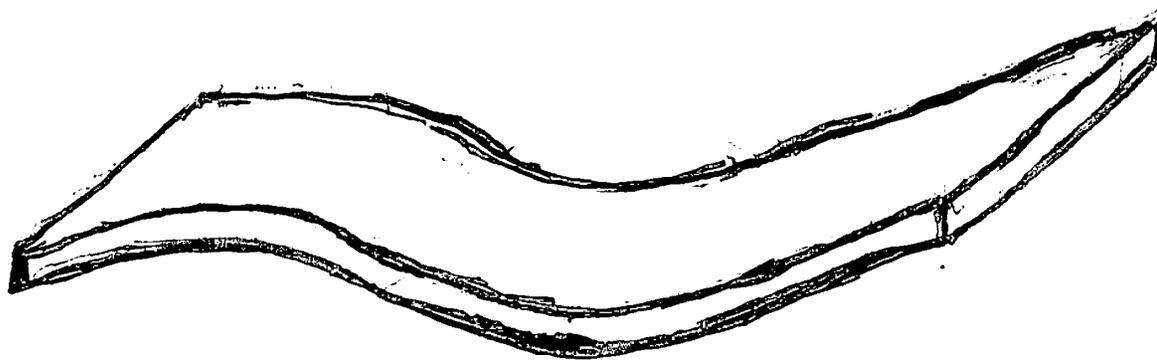
Wow! You can have a second wave, a third wave, a fourth wave, as many as you want!

Example of when N being larger results in an improvement



Let's take a look at something analogous.

Rayleigh-Ritz technique for finding natural modes and frequencies



Gustav Kirchhoff

Expansion in terms of assumed modes

$$\Psi_{\text{trial}} = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \Psi_n(x, y)$$



John W. Strutt
(aka Lord Rayleigh)



Walter Ritz

$[\omega^2]_{\text{stationary}}$ = Rayleigh quotient
= functional of Ψ_{trial}

The bigger N , the better the approximate answer for

$$\omega_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi_{\text{nat},1}$$

But ---- don't expect anything good for

$$\omega_N \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi_{\text{nat},N}$$



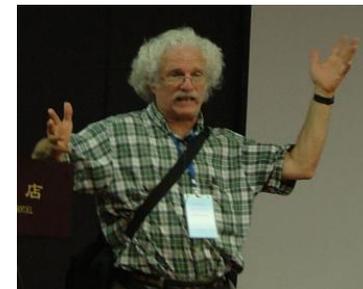
OK. Maybe some of the predictions for bigger N 's should be taken with a grain of salt.

“Theoretical Proofs” of Existence of Biot’s Second Wave

[*Schoenberg APL 1983*] M. Schoenberg, Wave propagation in a finely laminated periodic elastoacoustic medium, *Appl. Phys. Letters*, Vol. 42, 1983.

[*Schoenberg JASA 1983*] M. Schoenberg and P. N. Sen, Properties of a periodically stratified acoustic half-space and its relation to a Biot fluid, *J. Acoust. Soc. Amer.*, Vol. 73, 1983.

However, the emergence of a second wave in these derivations requires that the medium be *perfectly periodic*.



Michael Schoenberg
(1939-2008)

Is the medium being perfectly periodic essential?

- Naturally occurring porous medium is not perfectly periodic.
- It is typically a random medium.
- But it tends to be statistically homogeneous.
- Statistical descriptors for any one region tend to be same as for distant regions.

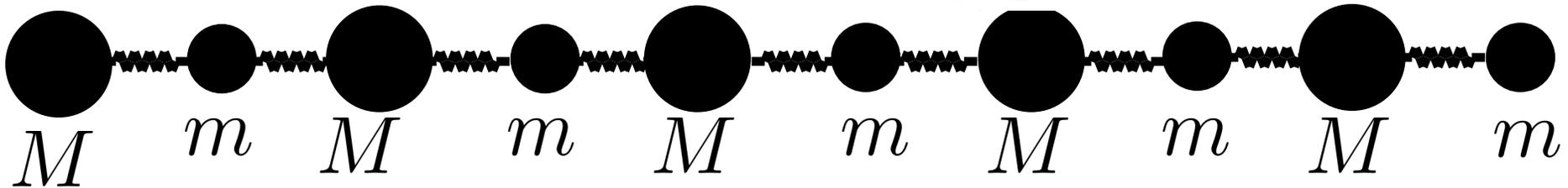
Max Born and Theodor von Karman
Über Schwingungen in Raumgittern

Physikalische Zeitung, 1912

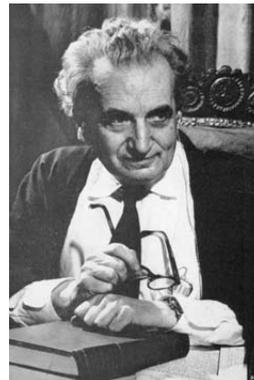
Want to explore physical concepts using a much simpler model, but with some mathematical analogy to porous media



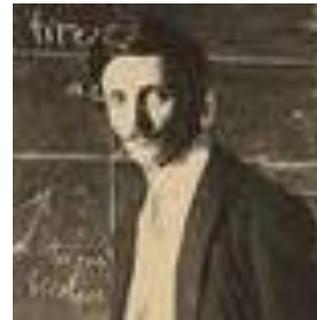
(Linear chain of springs and masses.)



Max Born



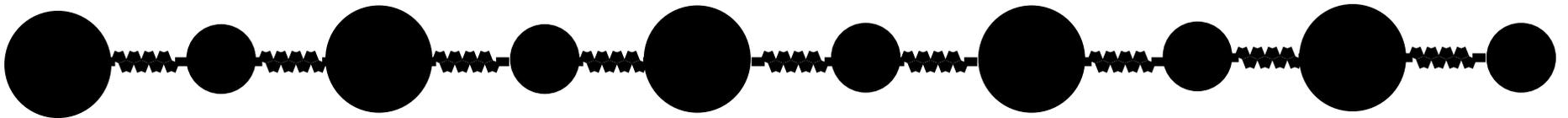
Theodor von Karman



Leon Brillouin

What happens when this lattice is not perfectly periodic?

Diatomic lattice example of Born and Von Karman (1912)



$$X_n = \hat{X} e^{-i\omega t} e^{i\kappa n} \quad x_n = \hat{x} e^{-i\omega t} e^{i\kappa n}$$

$$k = \frac{\kappa}{\Delta x}$$

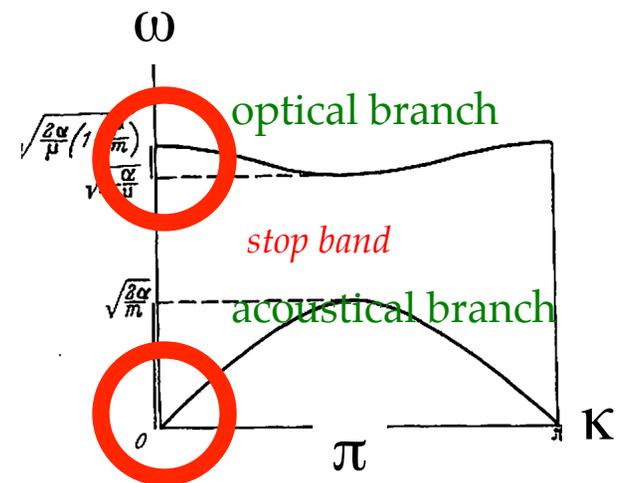
$$\omega^4 - 2k_{\text{sp}} \frac{M+m}{Mm} \omega^2 + \frac{4k_{\text{sp}}^2}{Mm} \sin^2(\kappa/2) = 0$$

For small κ (long wavelengths):

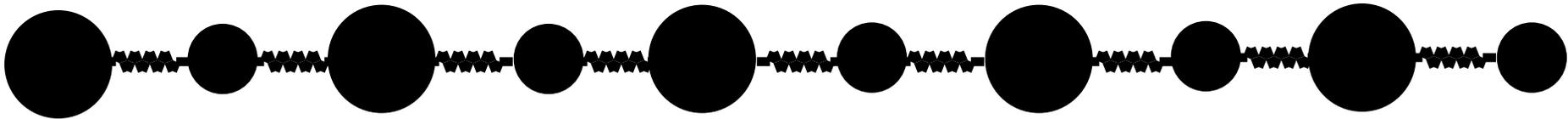
$$\omega^4 - 2k_{\text{sp}} \frac{M+m}{Mm} \omega^2 + \frac{k_{\text{sp}}^2}{Mm} \kappa^2 = 0$$



You definitely get a second wave here. and we can do a reasonably good job at explaining the physics



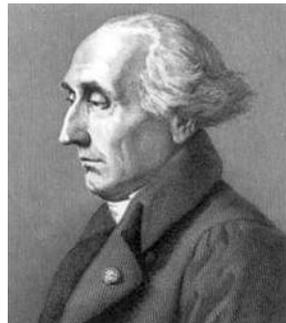
Physical interpretation of diatomic lattice model



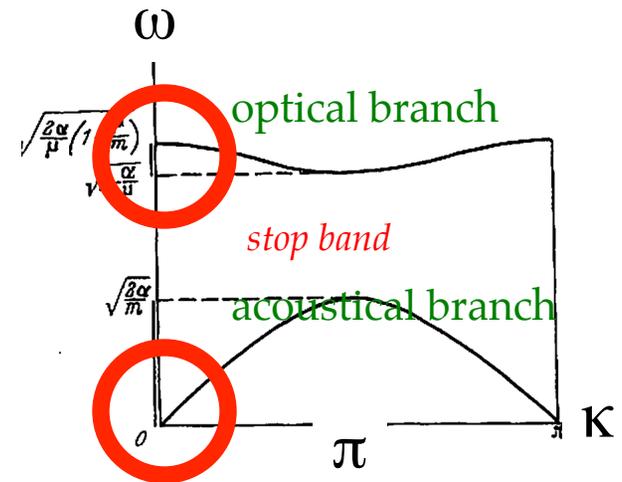
For small κ (long wavelengths):

acoustical branch

$$\kappa^2 \approx \frac{2(M + m)}{k_{sp}} \omega^2$$



Joseph-Louis Lagrange



optical branch

$$\kappa^2 \approx \frac{2(M + m)}{k_{sp}} \left[\frac{2k_{sp}(M + m)}{Mm} - \omega^2 \right]$$

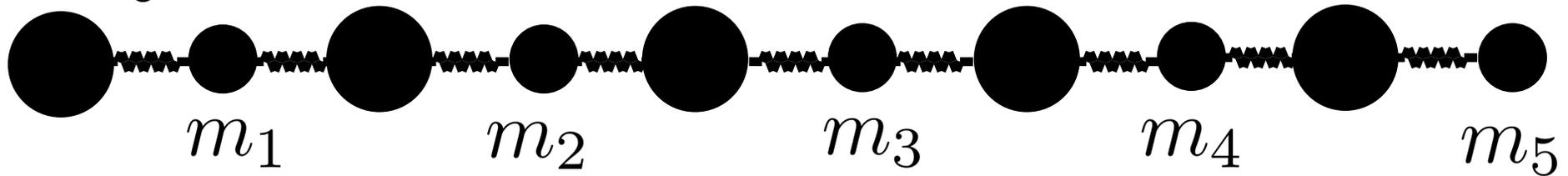
cutoff frequency squared

$$\frac{\hat{X}}{\hat{x}} = -\frac{m}{M}$$

at cutoff frequency

Cutoff frequency is an internal resonance frequency!

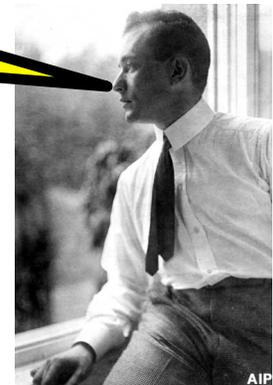
Suppose all the little masses are not exactly the same



Find the average little mass
Replace each little mass
by the average mass

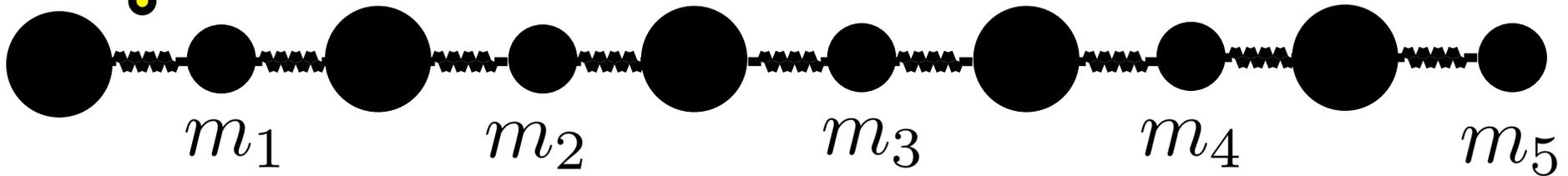


Take an arbitrarily long segment
of the chain and use periodic
boundary conditions



- $N + 1$ little masses in a cell
- $m_{N+2} = m_1; \quad m_{N+3} = m_2$
- N optical modes
- Cutoff frequencies are nearly the same

Progressive interference of N optical modes



- Take a frequency for which all modes are propagating
- Suppose all modes are equally excited at $x=0$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{ik_n x}$$



To get an inkling of what can happen, we are taking the lattice to be just slightly nonperiodic

- Reduces to diatomic chain result when all little masses are the same
- With increasing propagation distance, different modes can interfere or reinforce. They all reinforce at $x=0$, so the initial trend is increasing interference.
- Plausible theory suggests that interference effect at large x causes average decrease as

$$|\hat{p}| \rightarrow K \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} e^{ikx}$$

- Disturbance is no longer a plane wave.

Derivation of the 'plausible' theoretical result

$$|\hat{p}| \rightarrow K \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} e^{ikx}$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{ik_n x} \quad k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_N$$

$$\hat{p} \approx \frac{1}{N} \int_0^N e^{ik_{\text{sm}}(n)x} dn$$

Replacement of discrete
wave-number series by
smeared continuous function

$$\hat{p} \approx \left(e^{ik_{\text{sm}}(n_{\text{sp}})x} \right) \frac{1}{N} \int_C e^{i\alpha(\Delta n)^2} d(\Delta n)$$

Approximate evaluation of
integral by method of
stationary phase (sp)

$$\hat{p} \approx \left(e^{ik_{\text{sm}}(n_{\text{sp}})x} \right) \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{N} \left(\frac{\pi}{\alpha} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2} k''_{\text{sm}}(n_{\text{sp}})x$$

“Experimental Proofs” of Existence of Biot’s Second Wave

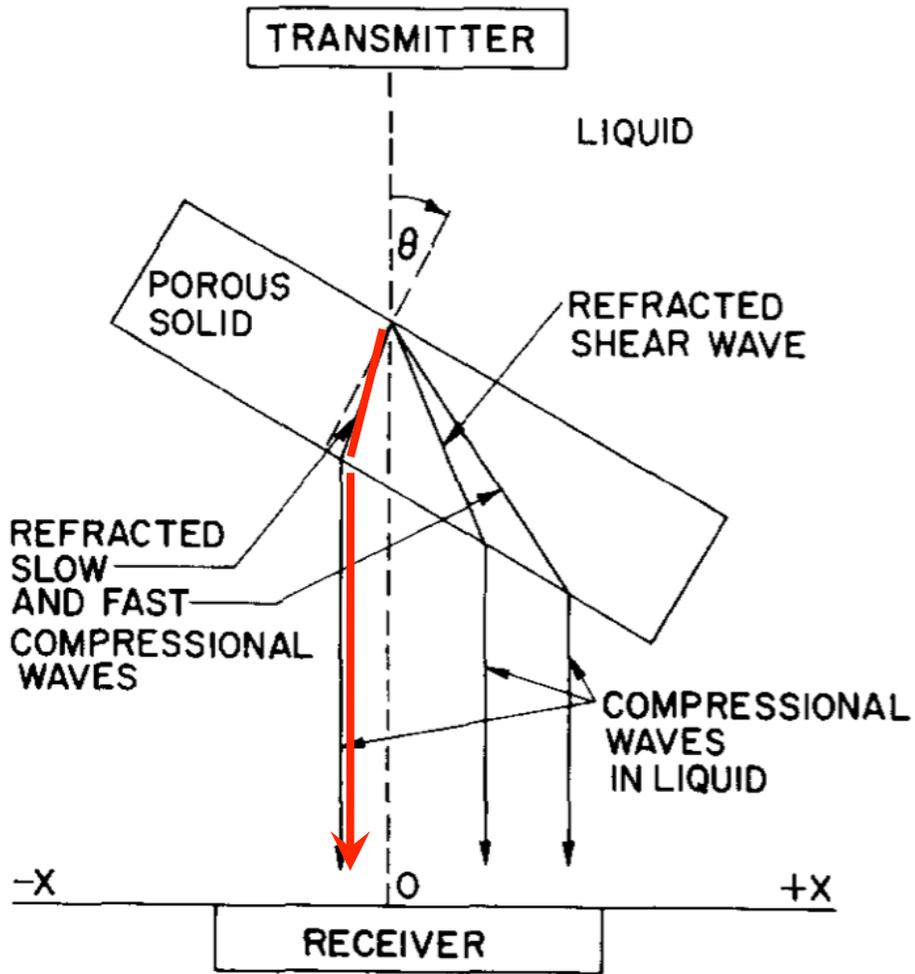
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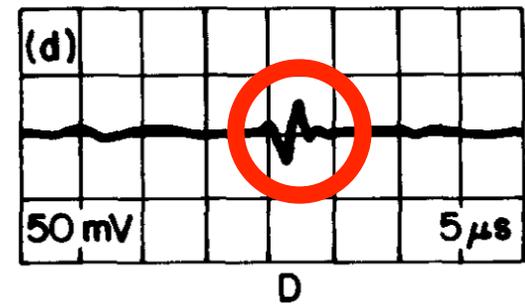
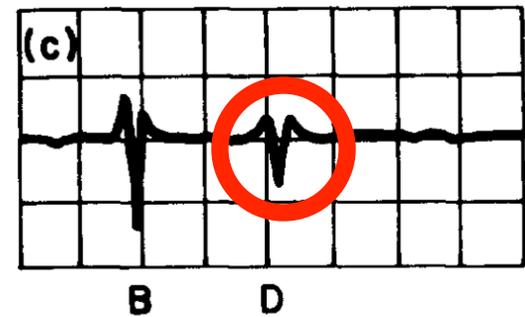
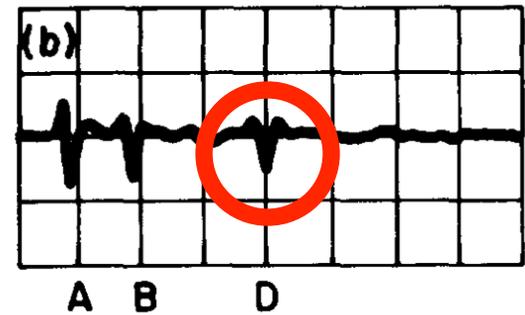
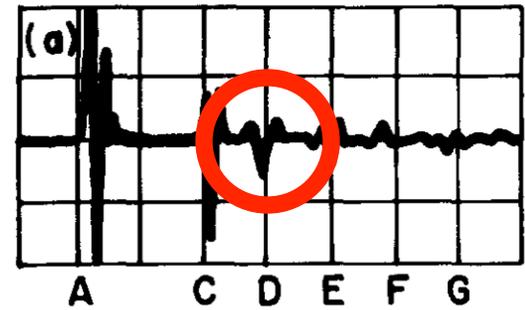
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Plona's experiment (1980)



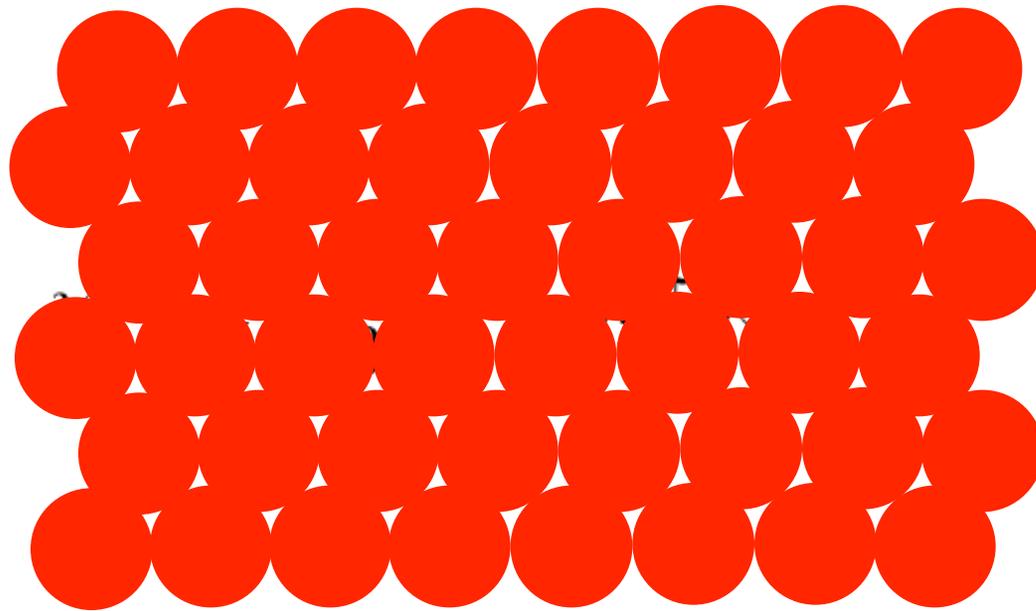
mode-conversion technique



General comments about Plona's experiment

- Very difficult
- Clever technique
- Somewhat contrived, artificial medium
- Medium nearly perfectly periodic
- Propagation distance very short
- Incomplete
 - *Only one frequency*
 - *Transition frequency range not explored*
 - *Plane wave nature not verified*

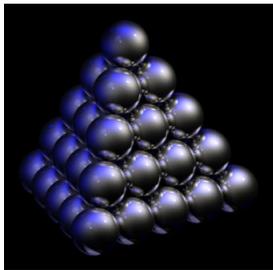




Face centered cubic packing

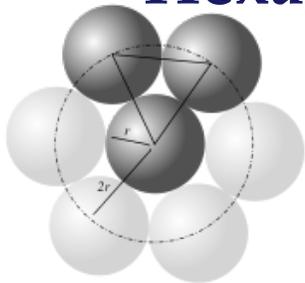
Plona constructed slab of sintered glass beads, all of nearly same diameter, reported porosity of the order of 0.258

Hence, medium was probably nearly perfectly periodic.

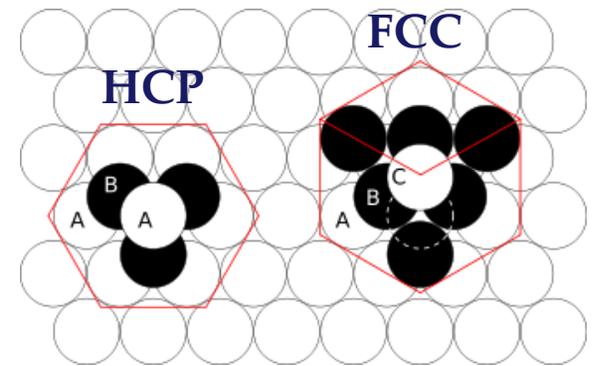


$$\chi_f = 1 - \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{2}} = 0.2595$$

Hexagonal close packing

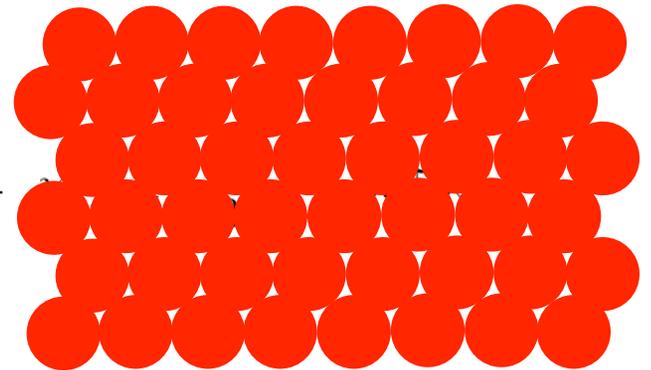


$$\chi_f = 1 - \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{2}} = 0.2595$$



Parameters of Plona's Experiment

- Speed of second wave $c_2 = 1040$ m/s
- Diameter of glass beads $d = 0.21$ to 0.29 mm
- Primary frequency of pulses $f = 500$ kHz
- Wavelength $\lambda = 2$ mm
- Thickness of slabs $h = 14$ to 21 mm
- Relevant ratios



- $\frac{h}{d} = 40$ to 200

- $\frac{\lambda}{d} = 6$ to 10

- $ka \approx 0.4$

- $\frac{h}{\lambda} = 7$ to 10

Too small for the detection of interference effects

Literature is now vast, but the present speaker is convinced that, at least for granular media in water, *you don't get the second pulse.*



What you should find instead is a *lower amplitude tail* that follows the first pulse, which has *little spatial correlation* and which is more representative of propagation through a random medium

Concluding Remarks



- Propagating second wave has no viable physical interpretation. (*Very bad sign!*)
- Propagating second wave has not been unambiguously observed in naturally occurring porous media (random media). (*Bigfoot sightings; Loch Ness monster sightings, Elvis sightings*)
- Experimental proofs of existence are incomplete, inconclusive, and **not at all convincing**
- Can devise **new experiments** that will more nearly adequately test this aspect of Biot's theory
- **Numerical simulations** at microscale to test theory are also conceivable
- Possible analogy to light waves diffusing through thick **water clouds** in atmosphere
- If dynamical disturbances other than sound or diffusion are observable and significant, then *development of statistical theory* is suggested

