

Wavelike-fire extinguisher

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Abstract

In this research by simulation and several experiments the parameters which are important to be considered in building a wavelike-fire extinguisher as a new device have been investigated. The most complete hypothesis is based on the phenomenon of vortex or fluid flow. According to this hypothesis, the transmitted audio forms several vortex flows of air with frequency and amplitude, which leads to an increase in the vibrations of oxygen and its removal from the fire environment. By experiments and data analysis, future models are introduced as fire extinguisher too.

Key words

fire extinguisher, acoustic waves, automotive systems

Introduction

There is a lot of fire damages in all over the world, for instance in jungles, cities & ... but how can we avoid these damages by extinguishing fire very quickly, from distance? A new plan as fire extinguishers is sound. "DARPA" or America's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency launched the Instant Fire Suppression (IFS) research program, tasked first with finding out more about the actual nature of fire, and then using this new model, found knowledge to develop novel fire suppression techniques. Instead of chemical reaction, DARPA's main realization was that flames are *cold plasmas*, and thus could be manipulated with physical forces such as electromagnetic radiation and acoustic waves. In this research by

simulation and several experiments I have found the parameters are important to be considered in building a wavelike-fire extinguisher as a new device and develop this device by electromagnetic waves; and use it for firefighters. To compare with other fire-extinguishing equipment, it is compact and lightweight which proves its superiority. This scheme can be used in future automotive systems, mechanical equipment, residences or as a supplement to extinguish the fire.

Basic Theories and Hypothesis

Hypothesis 1: Damping Energy of gas fluid will be given as (Eq. 1):

$$\sum E = 0 \Rightarrow E_{sound} = E_{fluid} \Rightarrow E_m \sin^2(kx - \omega t) = \frac{1}{2} k' s^2 \quad (1)$$

and coefficient of oscillation for gas fluid (Eq. 2) is:

$$k' = m\omega^2 = \rho V \omega^2 = 4\pi^2 f^2 \rho V \quad (2)$$

Energy and power of sound wave (Eq. 3 & 4) are, respectively:

$$E = \int P \cdot t = 2tA\pi f \Delta p_m s_m \sin^2(kx - \omega t) \quad (3)$$

$$P = \frac{A(\Delta p_m)^2}{\rho v} \sin^2(kx - \omega t) \quad (4)$$

| | |
|--------------|---|
| K | number of wave |
| K' | coefficient of oscillation |
| ρ | density of gas fluid (in condition of fire) |
| V | volume of gas |
| Δp_m | maximum pressure difference |
| s_m | maximum displacement of sound wave |
| A | surface of gas |
| F | frequency of sound wave |
| T | time of extinguishing fire |
| λ | wave length |

the frequency can be found as (Eq. 5 & 6):

$$E_m \sin^2(kx - \omega t_1) = 2\pi^2 f^2 \rho V S^2 \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t\pi f \Delta p_m s_m \sin^2(kx - \omega t) = 2\pi^2 f^2 \rho V S^2 \Rightarrow t \Delta p_m$$

$$= 3.14 f s_m \Rightarrow 1.7584 f = t * 289845.4871 * \frac{6.28}{\lambda} \Rightarrow$$

$$f = 579690.9742 * \frac{t}{\lambda} \Leftrightarrow t = H \text{ (even number)} \quad (6)$$

Hypothesis 2:

Vortex formation (air flow) with specific frequency is the most complete hypothesis. According to this hypothesis, the transmitted audio forms several vortex flows of air (as the ring) with frequency and amplitude, which leads to an increase in the vibrations of oxygen and its removal from the fire environment. The frequency will respond at a specific interval and depending on the characteristics of the wave, the time for the shutdown of the fire is different.

Velocity of the ring as a function of distance (Eq. 7) is:

$$V = V_0 e^{-cx} \quad (7)$$

Velocity of the ring as a function of time (Eq.8):

$$V = \frac{V_0}{(1 + V_0 ct)} \quad (8)$$

Radius of the vortex ring (Eq. 9) is:

$$R = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3Ro^L}{4\gamma}} \quad (9)$$

And distance traveled by the ring in time t (Eq. 10) is:

$$X(t) = \frac{1}{c} \ln(V_0 ct + 1) \quad (10)$$

so energy of a ring (Eq. 11) will be:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \rho r^2 R \Lambda' \quad \Lambda' = \ln\left(\frac{8R}{a}\right) - \alpha \quad \alpha = 2.05 \quad (11)$$

Where the parameters are:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| L, T | stoke length and stoke time |
| $V_p = L/T$ | mean velocity of sound source |
| $L/Do = V_p T / Do$ | dimensionless formation time |
| $L/Do = 4$ | formation number |
| Do, Ro | diameter and radius of the pipe |
| ν | kinematic viscosity of the fluid |
| γ | eccentricity of the air |
| K | Bessel added mass factor |
| Cdc | measured drag coefficient on a ring |

Experimental setup, tools and Results

The instruments were used in our setup are included as signal generator, power supply, amplifier, pipes, aperture, subwoofer and fuel (Fig. 1). ANSYS, CATIA, MATLAB, and Proteus Professional were software for data analysis. Multi meter, Oscilloscope, dB meter and ruler were measuring tools.

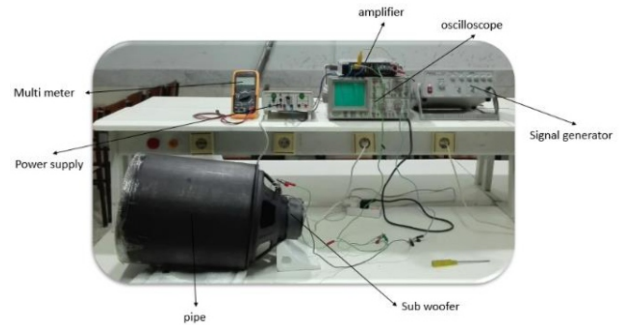
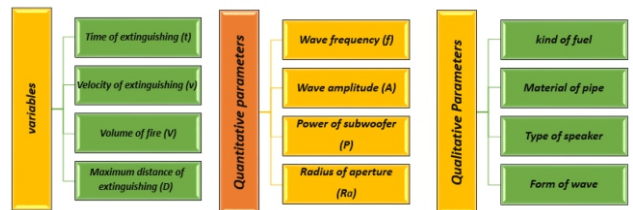


Fig 1: Experimental Setup

Variables, qualitative and quantitative parameters are separately clarified in table (2).

Table 2: Different parameters in this investigation



In constant volume of fire, length of the pipe, radius of aperture, power of woofer with oil as fuel and changing the frequency, time of extinguishing in different distances are calculated and the relation are shown as (Fig. 2 & 3).

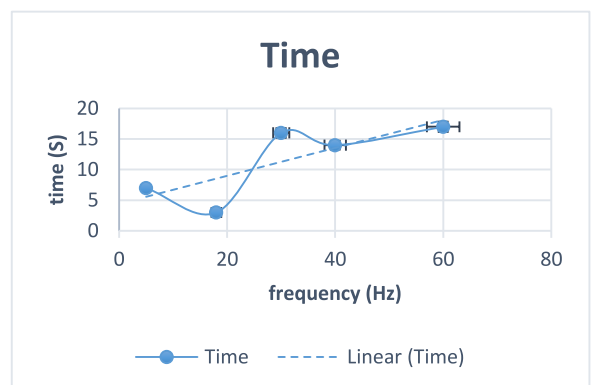


Fig. 2: Time vs frequency

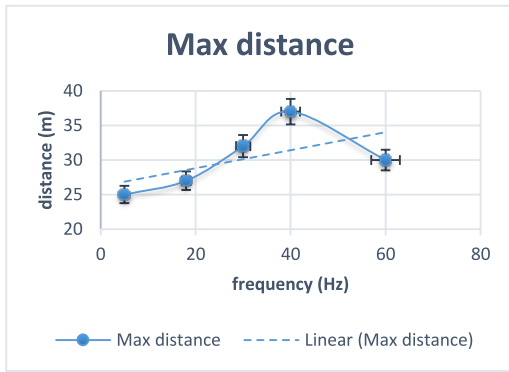


Fig. 3: Distance vs frequency

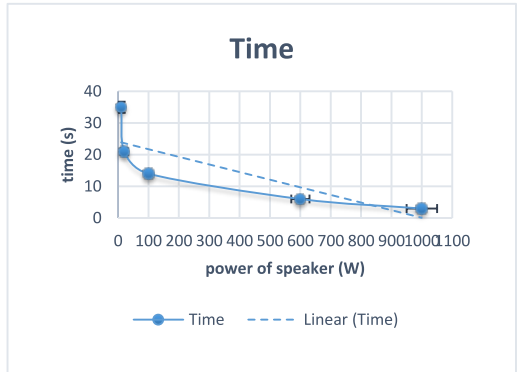


Fig. 7: Time vs power of speaker

Radius of aperture, the amplitude and power of speaker are parameters have been investigated too (Fig. 4 -7).

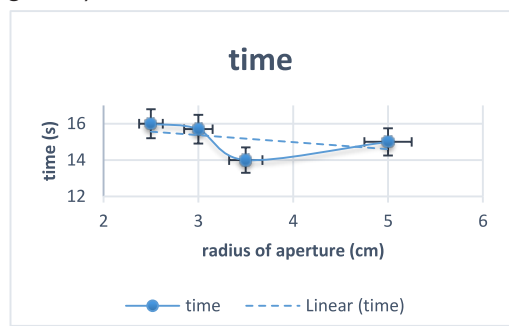


Fig. 4: time vs radius of aperture

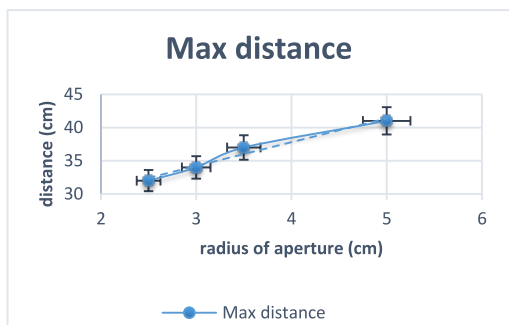


Fig. 5: Distance vs radius of aperture

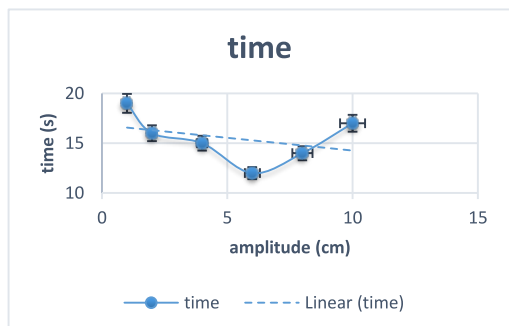


Fig. 6: Time vs amplitude

Conclusions and Discussion

As the result we found how changing frequency, radius of aperture, amplitude and power of speaker will effect on time and maximum distance of extinguishing.

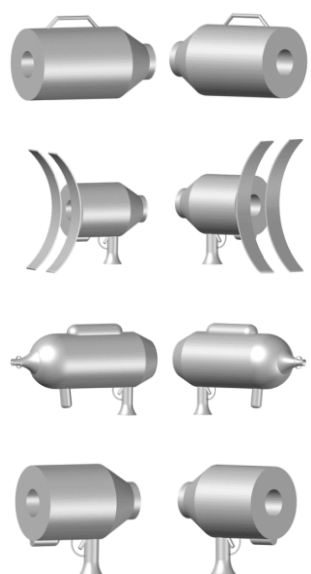
$$\begin{array}{l}
 t \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \propto \frac{1}{A} \\ \propto P \\ \propto f \\ \propto \frac{1}{r} \end{array} \right. \quad
 D \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \propto \frac{1}{A} \\ \propto P \\ \propto f \\ \propto r \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

What are the flaws of this model and how we can solve these problems (table 4)?

Table 4: Flaws and solutions

| Flaws | Solutions |
|-----------------------------|--|
| bad noise | using ultrasonic or electromagnetic waves |
| inability to eliminate heat | using liquid nitrogen cool pad or use CO ₂ gas instead of a |
| non-portable | using ion battery instead of power supply and making signal generator which use DC electricity |
| Heavy weight | using subwoofer made by Ferro-fluid or light materials, and miniaturize the materials |

Future Models



| Models | Features |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Sound wave model | frequency domain (5-60 Hz) _ power of subwoofer (100-1000 watt) _ length of pipe (30 cm) |
| Electromagnetic wave | frequency domain (very high) – having antenna – control by app(available) – length of pipe(20 cm) |
| Ultrasonic wave | having horn (acoustic lens) – frequency domain(very high) – cooling pad – length of pipe (30 cm) |
| Fire extinguisher along (sound wave) | length of pipe (20 cm) – frequency domain (5-60) – control with app – having Wi-Fi and blue tooth – portable – having lithium ion battery |

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