

Audible Enclaves and PAL Technology

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Sound waves are **longitudinal**, propagating through **compression and rarefaction**, but they also spread due to **diffraction**, leading to **dispersion** (which **increases with frequency**), making **precise sound delivery** to a **specific individual difficult in noisy environments**.

- However, audible enclaves and parametric array loudspeakers (PAL) solve this by focusing sound into narrow beams, ensuring only the intended listener hears it.
- Audible Enclaves (AE): These are focused pockets of sound created using 2 high-frequency waves that are individually inaudible but produce audible sound at specific locations through nonlinear interactions.
 - This ensures **precision sound delivery** without external disturbance, enhancing **privacy** and customization.
- PAL: PAL uses high-frequency ultrasonic waves modulated with an audio signal to create a highly directional sound beam, ensuring only targeted listeners hear the audio.
 - By self-demodulating in the air, they generate focused sound while preventing unwanted dispersion.
- Applications of PAL and AE: PAL and AE find applications in museums, retail, public announcements, immersive entertainment, assistive technology, and security, offering precise audio without disturbing surrounding areas.

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