

# PHY 117 HS2023

Week 12, Lecture 1

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Last time, standing waves:  
in general

$$y(x,t) = 2A \cos \omega t \sin kx$$

where  $k_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}$  +  $\omega_n = k_n v$  +  $v = \frac{\omega}{k}$   
 $\omega_n = 2\pi n f_1$

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{\lambda_1} = \frac{k_1 v}{2\pi}$$

Example:  
standing  
wave  
on string

$n=4$    $k_4 = \frac{4\pi}{L}$ ,  $\omega_4 = k_4 v$ ,  $v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$



Vibrating systems have (in general) multiple standing waves, superimposed.

In general

$$y(x,t) = \sum_n A_n \cos(\omega_n t + \delta_n) (\sin k_n x)$$

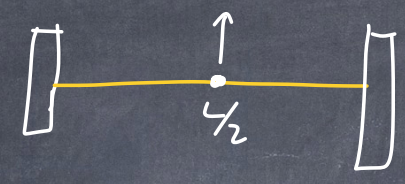
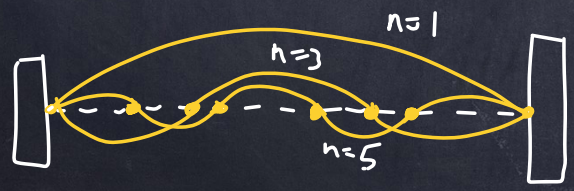
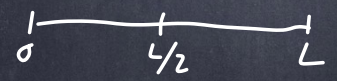
$\omega_n, k_n$ : angular frequency, wave number  
for some  $n$  (harmonic value, integer)

$A_n, \delta_n$ : Amplitude & phase constants

$A_n^2$ : fraction energy of the  $n$ th harmonic in our wave

$\delta_n$ : depends on initial conditions





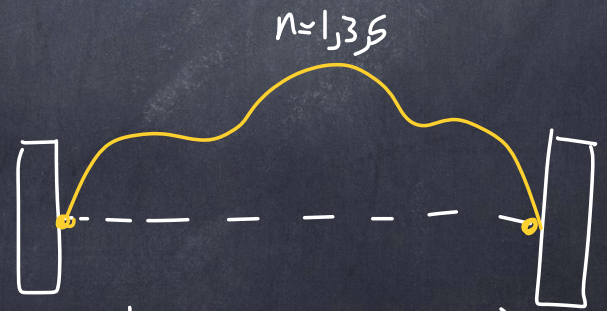
we pluck the string at  $\frac{L}{2}$



we excite harmonics, depending on where we pluck the string, to get different  $A_n$ .

(relative energies of each harmonic)

for  $\frac{L}{2}$ , we create an anti-node in the middle, and this excite the odd harmonics  $n=1, 3, 5, \dots$

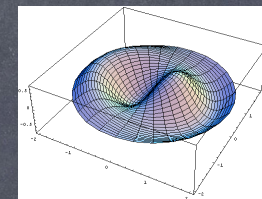
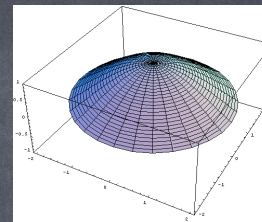
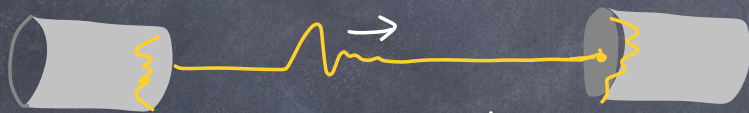


Most energy goes into the fundamental frequency,  $n=1$



# Standing waves on a flat, round surface: diaphragm

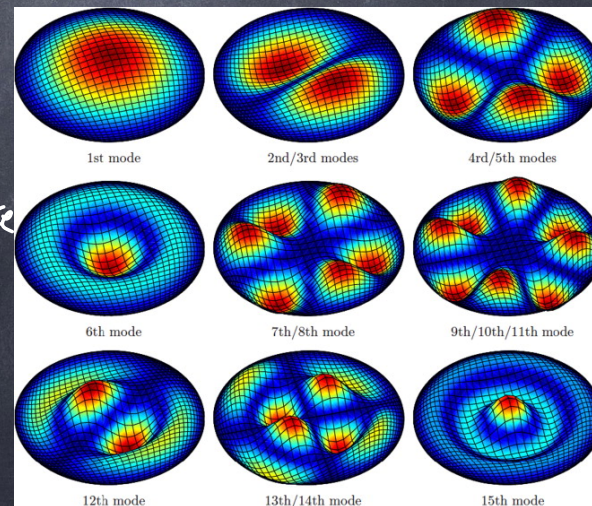
T: tension



The shape of the harmonics depend on the boundary conditions, which parts are moving + which parts are fixed.

Bessel Functions

← The circumference is fixed as a node





# Applications of standing waves (PHY 127)


Q: why do electrons in an atom only exist in some states?  
A: standing waves

## Wavelengths for Different States


For a hydrogen atom:

Electron wave resonance


$n = 1$

  $\lambda_1 = 2\pi r_1 = 6.28a_0$

$n = 2$

  $2\lambda_2 = 2\pi r_2$   
 $\lambda_2 = 12.57a_0$

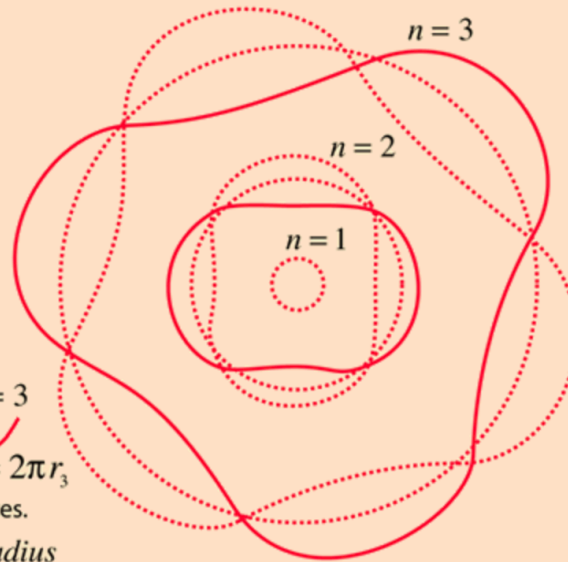
$n = 3$

  $3\lambda_3 = 2\pi r_3$   
 $\lambda_3 = 18.85a_0$

Wavelengths for hydrogen states.

$a_0 = 0.0529\text{nm} = \text{Bohr radius}$

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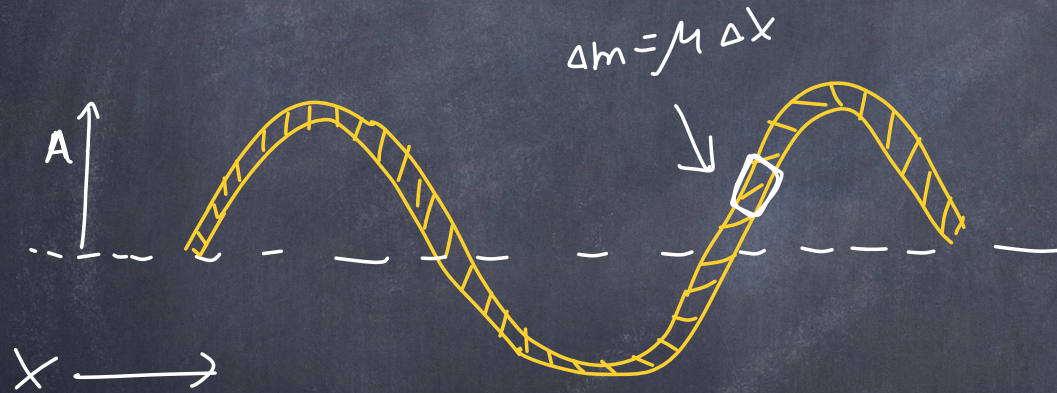


# Energy transmission in a wave (on a string)

wave can do work



pulse lifts the weight



we have a sine wave on a string, with amplitude,  $A$ , and angular frequency,  $\omega$ . It has a  $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{length}} = \mu$ .

Our piece of string ( $\Delta x$ ) oscillates up & down as a simple harmonic oscillator (s.h.o.)  
Previously, we determined that the energy of a s.h.o.

is  $E = \frac{1}{2} k^{\text{sp}} A^2$

$k^{\text{sp}}$ : spring constant

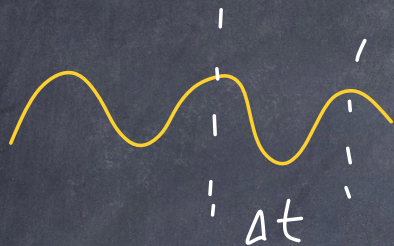
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k^{\text{sp}}}{m}}$$

$$k^{\text{sp}} = \omega^2 m$$



$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \mu \omega^2 A^2 \Delta x = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \Delta m A^2 = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 (\underbrace{\mu \Delta x}_{\Delta m}) A^2$$

$$\text{Energy} = \Delta E = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \mu \Delta x A^2$$



$$\text{In } \Delta t, \Delta x = v \Delta t$$

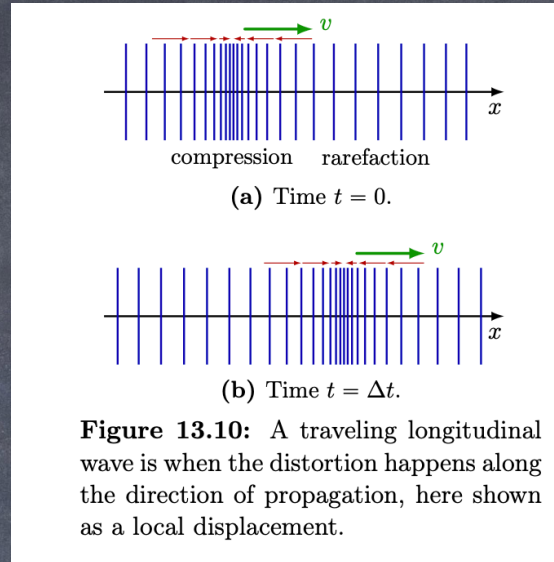
$$\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \mu \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} A^2 = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \mu v A^2 = \text{Power}$$

Note that energy,  $E \propto A^2$ ,  $E \propto \omega^2$   
 $E \propto \mu$

$$\text{Power} \propto \frac{1}{\Delta t}$$



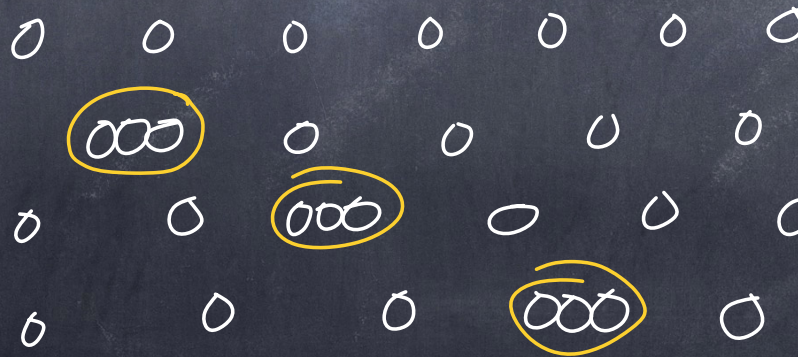
# Longitudinal waves



Sound waves are longitudinal waves

air molecules

★ disturbance



in air  
or fluid.

$t=0$   
 $t=1$   
 $t=2$   
 $t=3$

→ disturbance propagates



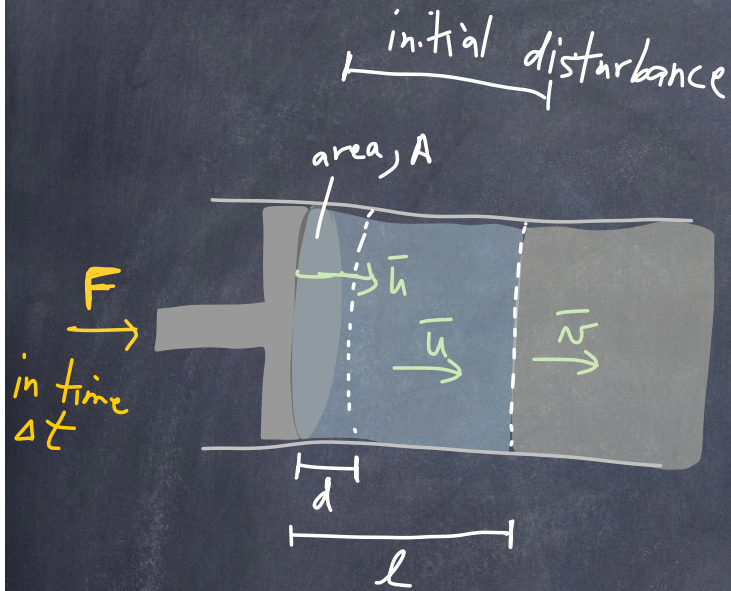
What is sound? A pressure increase  $\Delta P$  that moves with a velocity that depends on medium.  
 Now fast is sound in a fluid?

Derivation:  $\rho$ : fluid density

$B$  = Bulk modulus

remember

$$B = \frac{\Delta P}{-\left(\frac{\Delta V}{V}\right)} \quad (1)$$



we push the piston with velocity  $u$  in some time  $\Delta t$ ,  
 so a distance  $d = u \Delta t$

the fluid up to a distance  $l$  is pushed with velocity  $u$ .  
 $l$  is defined by the speed of the wave  $v$ , where  $v \gg u$

The disturbance propagates with velocity,  $v$ .



1) compress our piston quickly in time  $\Delta t$ ,  
with velocity  $u \Rightarrow d = u \Delta t$

This causes a pressure increase  $\Delta p = \frac{F}{A}$

2) This creates a pulse of pressure,  
which is a sound wave  $\equiv$  pressure wave.

$$F = A \Delta p \quad (3)$$

The wave has velocity  $v$

it moves a distance  $l = v \Delta t$

The mass of the fluid that moves is  $m = \rho V$

$$m = \rho A \cdot l = \rho A v \Delta t \quad (2)$$

3) we want to know  $v$ . we can do this with momentum conservation.  
we can go from  $F \rightarrow$  impulse,  $\Delta p \rightarrow$  momentum,  $p \rightarrow$  velocity

using (3) Impulse =  $F \Delta t = A \Delta p \Delta t$  (4)

Momentum

conservation tells us that:

$\Delta p$  of piston =  $\Delta p$  of fluid

from (4)  $A \Delta p \Delta t = m \bar{v} = \rho A v \Delta t \bar{v}$   
from (2)

$p =$  momentum  
 $\neq p =$  pressure



$$\cancel{A} \Delta P \cancel{\Delta t} = \rho \cancel{A} \cancel{N} \cancel{\Delta t} u$$

$$\Delta P = \rho N u$$

using ①

$$-B \frac{\Delta V}{V} = \rho N u$$

$V$ : is volume of fluid  
 $\Delta V$ : is volume of fluid moved by piston,  $\Delta V = \underbrace{-A u \Delta t}_d$  (-) gets compressed.  
 $\frac{\Delta V}{V} = \frac{\cancel{-A} u \cancel{\Delta t}}{\cancel{A} N \cancel{\Delta t}} = -\frac{u}{N}$

$$-B \left( -\frac{u}{N} \right) = \rho N u \quad \frac{B}{N} = \rho N$$

$$N = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho}}$$

This is the speed of sound in a fluid. Related to the compressibility + density of the fluid.

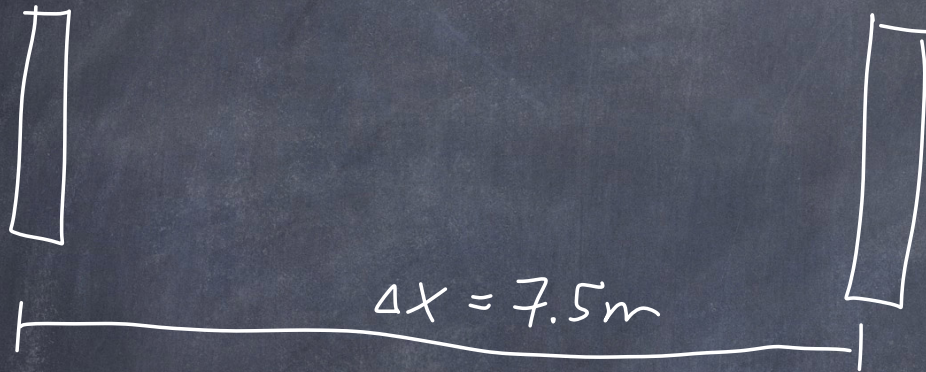


For air,  $B = 142 \text{ kPa}$ ,  $\rho = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$$v_{\text{sound in air}} = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho}} = 343 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

prediction

Note on temperature,  
for molecules  
 $T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$   
 $v \propto \sqrt{\text{Temperature}}$

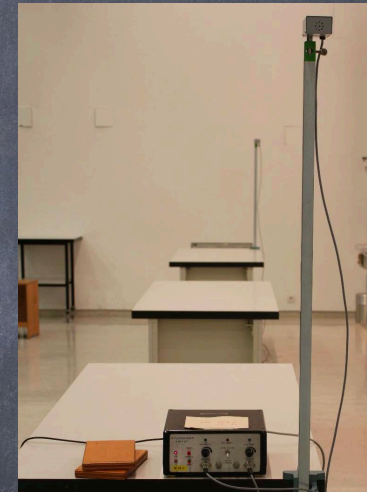


time professor:  $2.5 \text{ s} \Rightarrow v_{\text{prof}} = \frac{7.5 \text{ m}}{2.5 \text{ s}} = 3 \text{ m/s}$

time student:  $23 \text{ ms}$

time sound:  $22.5 \text{ ms}$

$$v_{\text{air sound}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = \frac{7.5 \text{ m}}{22.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}} = 333 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$





Speed of sound in a solid?

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{Y}{\rho}}$$

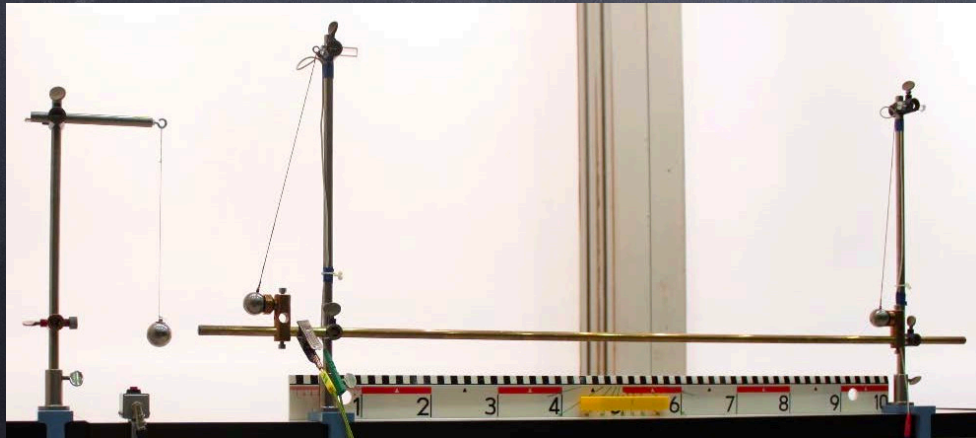
$Y$  = young's module

brass:  $Y = 10 \times 10^{10} \frac{N}{m^2}$

$$\rho = 8.73 \frac{g}{cm^3} = 8730 \frac{kg}{m^3}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{10 \times 10^{10} \frac{N}{m^2}}{8730 \frac{kg}{m^3}}} = 3384 \frac{m}{s}$$

speed of sound in brass



$$x = 1 m$$

$$t = 0.3 ms$$

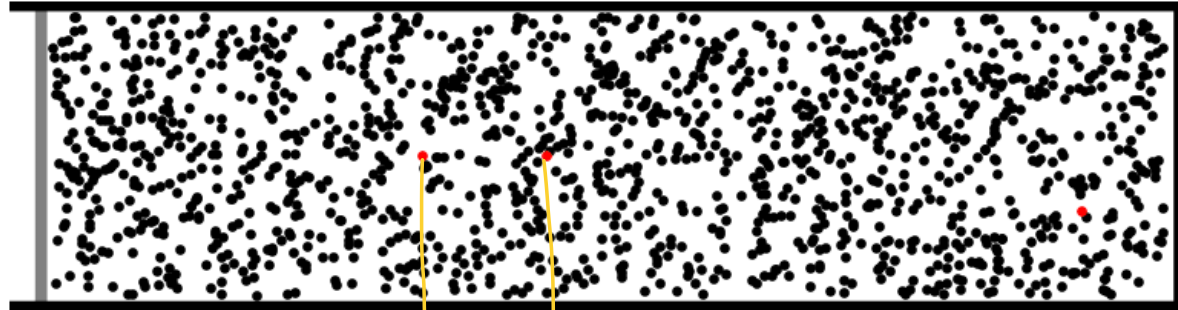
$$v = \frac{1m}{0.3 ms} = \frac{1m}{0.3 \times 10^{-3} s}$$

$$v_{\text{sound in brass}} = 3333 \frac{m}{s}$$



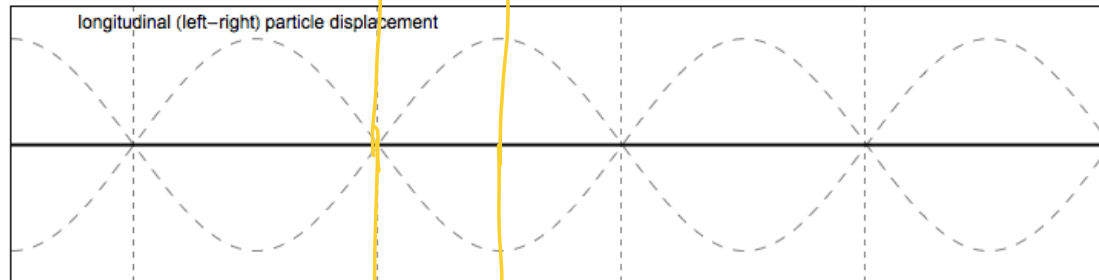
we can create standing waves of sound in a tube

Here,  
with a piston:

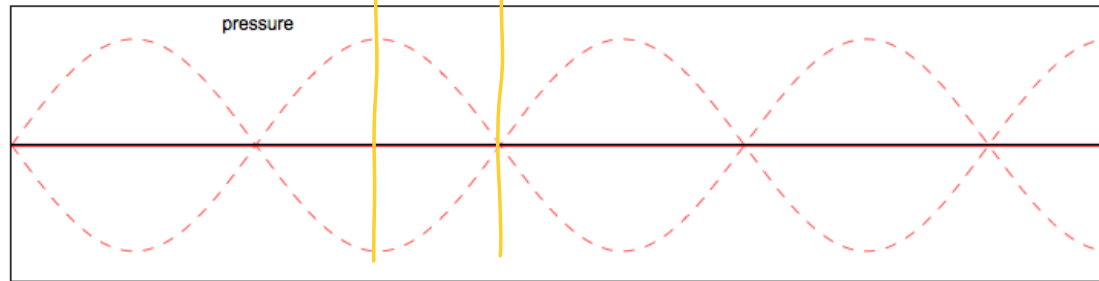


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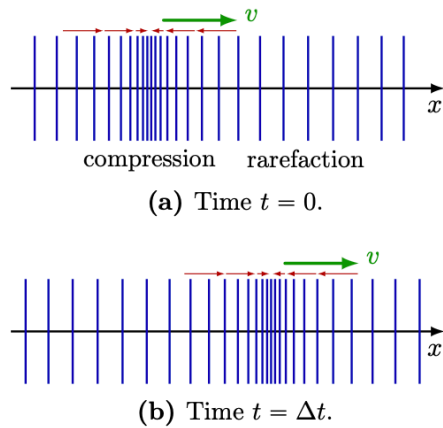
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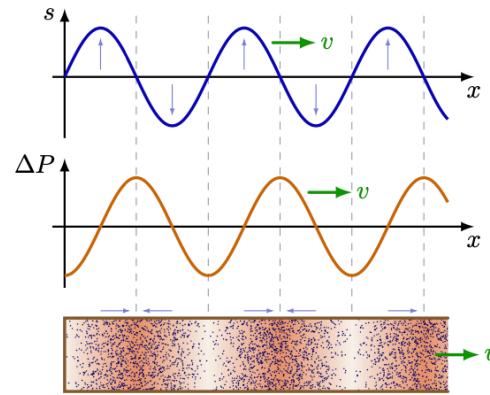
Pressure  
90° out  
of phase







**Figure 13.10:** A traveling longitudinal wave is when the distortion happens along the direction of propagation, here shown as a local displacement.



**Figure 13.11:** Sound wave traveling in a tube of air, shown as a local, average displacement  $s$  of air molecules in the longitudinal ( $x$ ) direction (blue), and a local pressure variation  $\Delta P$  (orange),  $90^\circ$  out of phase with  $s$ .

Displacement  $S = S_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$

↑  
maksimal displacement

$\Delta P = \text{pressure change} \equiv P = P_0 \sin(kx - \omega t - \frac{\pi}{2})$

90°  
phase difference  
↓

$P_0 = \rho \omega v S_0$

$\rho$ : density of medium  
 $\omega$ : angular frequency  
 $v$ : speed of sound



Important for today

node: position where pressure does not change

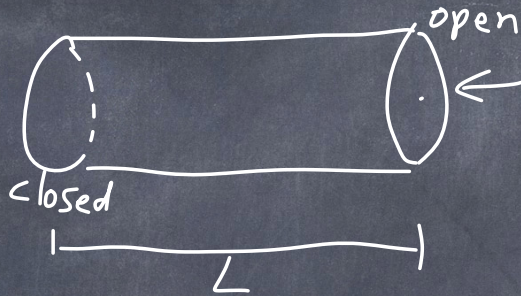
anti-node: position where pressure changes maximally

oscillates between  $+P$  to  $-P$

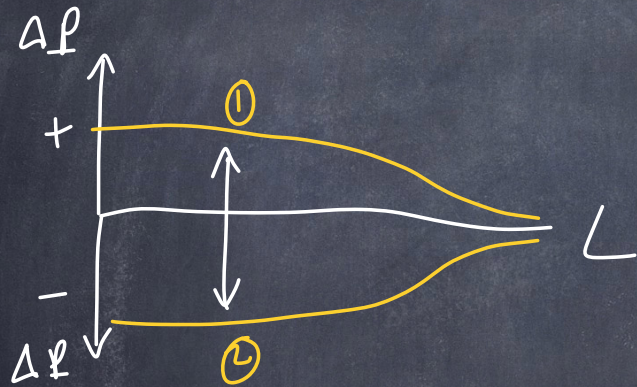
are  $\Delta P$





Standing waves in a tube closed on one end, open on the other end.



$P_{atm}$  = boundary condition that forces the open end to always have  $P_{atm}$  (this is a pressure node)



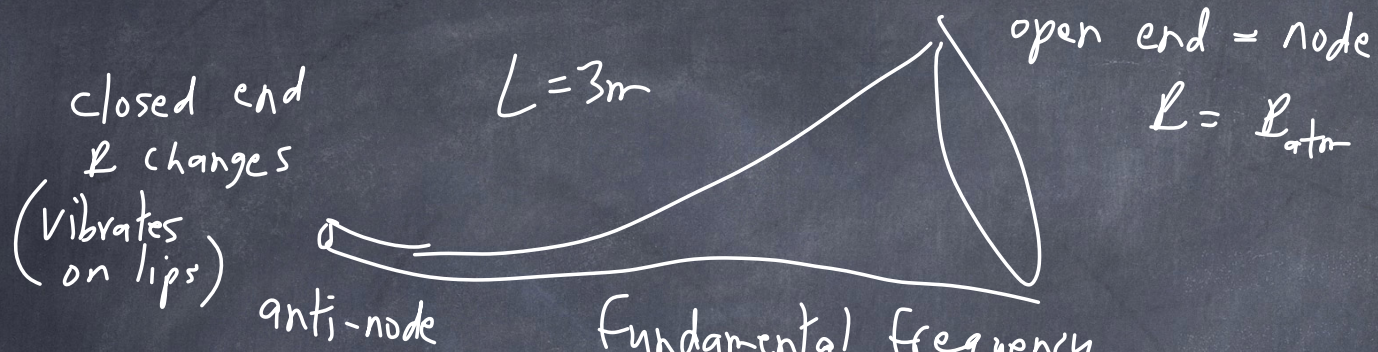
For  $n=1$    $\frac{1}{4}\lambda_1 = L$   $4L = \lambda_1 \Rightarrow f_1 = \frac{v}{\lambda_1} = \frac{v}{4L}$

For  $n=3$    $\frac{3}{4}\lambda_3 = L$   $\frac{4L}{3} = \lambda_3 \Rightarrow f_3 = \frac{v}{\lambda_3} = \frac{3}{4}\frac{v}{L}$

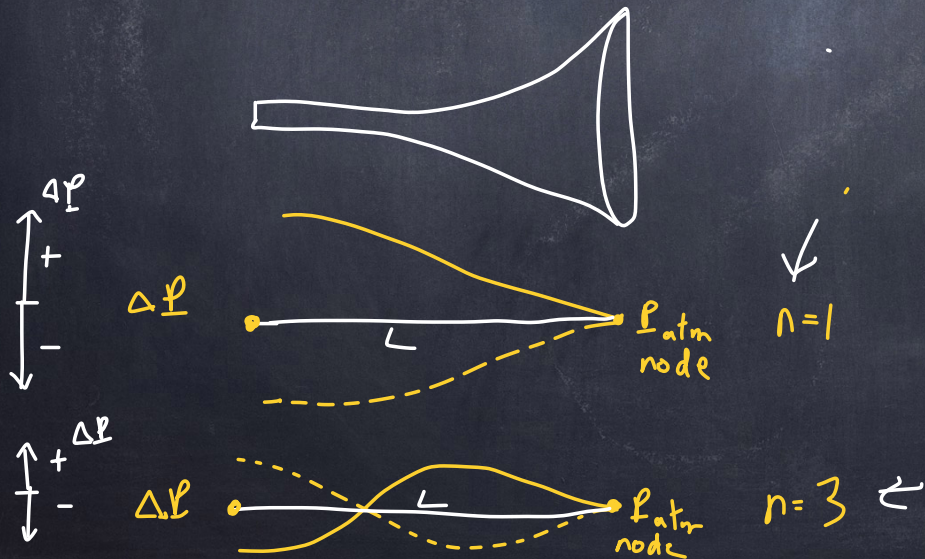
In general  $\lambda_n = \frac{4L}{n}$   $f_n = \frac{v}{\lambda_n}$   $n=1,3,5,\dots$



# Alphorn



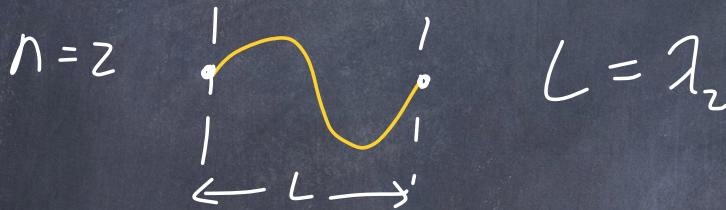
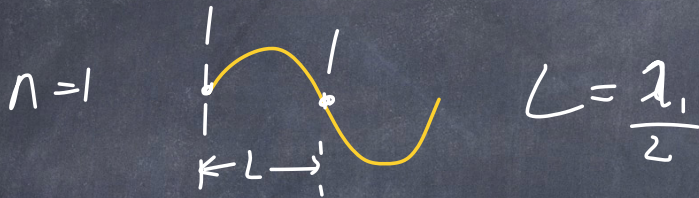
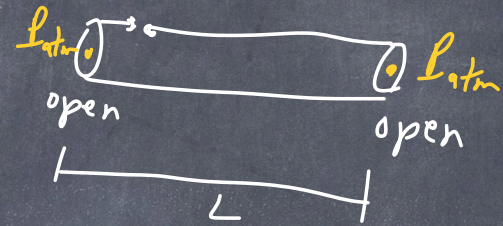
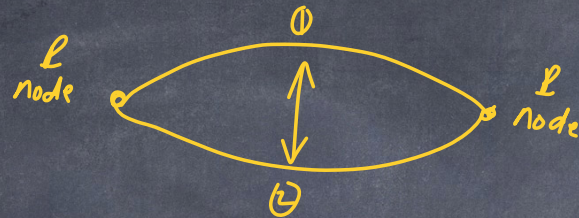
Fundamental frequency  
 For Alphorn =  $f_1 = \frac{v}{\lambda_1} = \frac{v}{4L} = \frac{340\text{m/s}}{4(3\text{m})} = 28\text{ Hz}$





# Standing sound waves, tube open on both ends (flute)

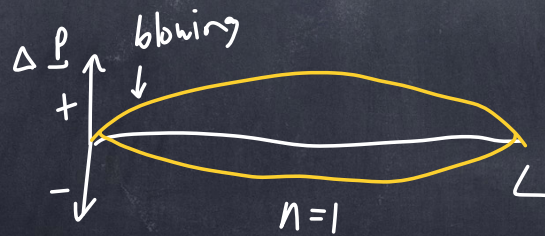
For  $n=1$ ,  
length,  $L$



In general,

$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n} \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$f_n = \frac{v}{\lambda_n} \quad v = v_{\text{sound in air}}$$



finger positions  
excite different  
(fingers put harmonics  
anti-nodes)



Rijke tube - self-amplifying standing sound waves.

open



open

Lath

$\Delta P$   
maximal



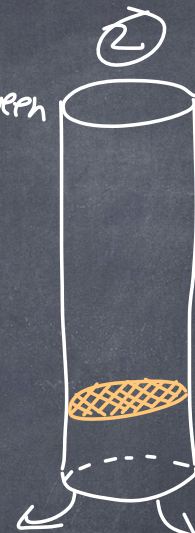
$\frac{1}{2}$  of the cycle,

air come in  
and create a  
high pressure  
region in  
center

oscillation between  
① + ②

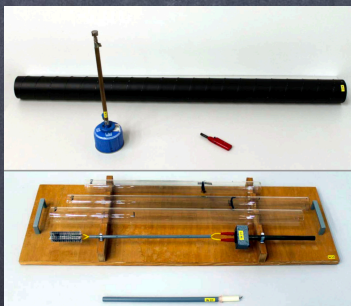
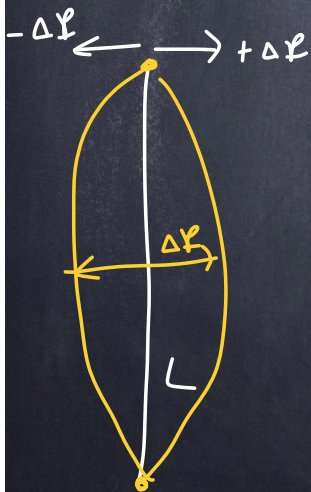
$$pV = nRT$$

$$\Delta p \sim \Delta T$$

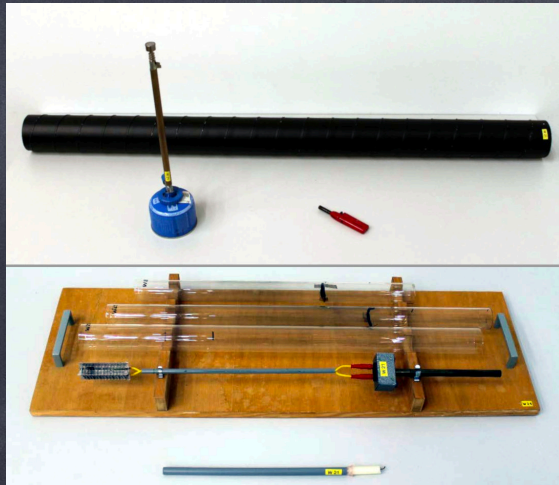


$\frac{1}{2}$  of cycle,

air flows  
away from  
high pressure  
region,  
away from  
center,  
low pressure  
in center



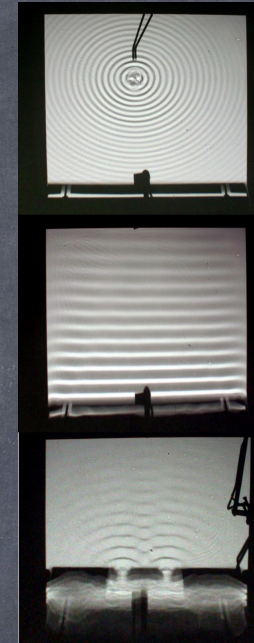




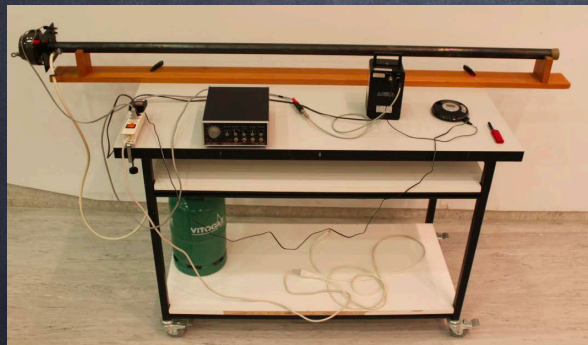
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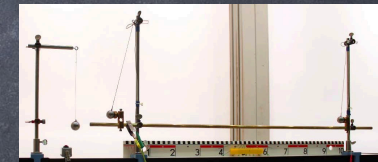
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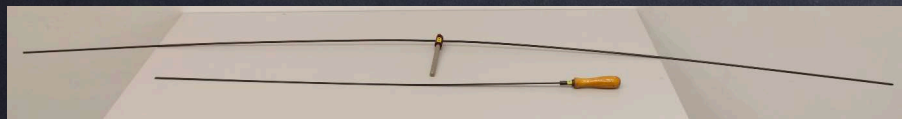
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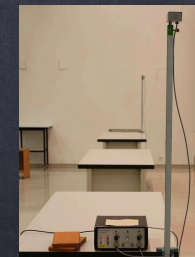
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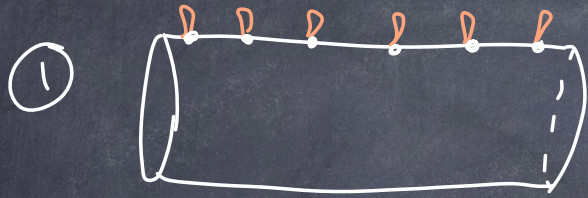
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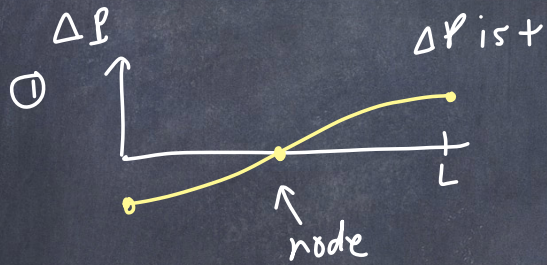
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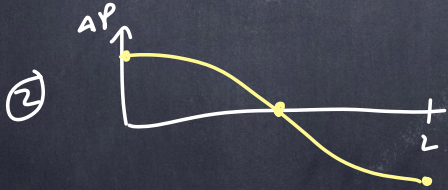
# Ruben's flame tube



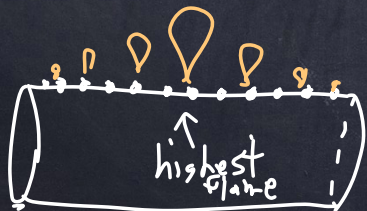
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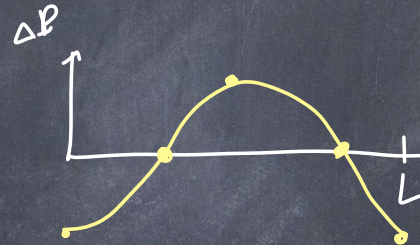
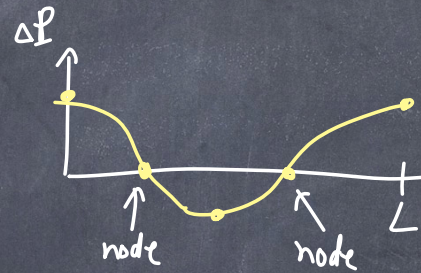
oscillate



① → ② → ① ...



$n=2$



flame is higher  
at node because  
 $\Delta P$  is smaller than  
 $P_{atm}$   
(see next page)



For quiet sounds,  $\Delta P$  of the gas  $<$   $P$  of the gas

From Bernoulli's equation, gas flow is proportional to square root of the pressure difference between inside + outside tube.

$$\text{Flow} \sim \sqrt{P_{\text{inside}} - P_{\text{outside}}}$$

(The flow of gas out of the pipe)

$\Delta P_{\text{maximal}}$ , anti-nodes produce lower flames  
(flow rate is lower)

$\Delta P = 0$ , nodes, flow rate is higher

Part of the cycle, pressure is higher than average but part is lower. On average

This is why pressure is higher at nodes:

$$\sqrt{\text{Pressure difference at anti-nodes}} < \sqrt{\text{Pressure at nodes}}$$