

# PHY117 HS2024

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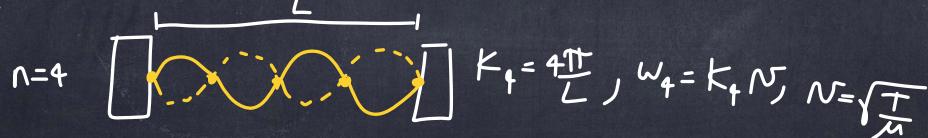
Last time, standing waves:  
in general

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

$$\text{where } K_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} \quad \omega_n = K_n N \quad N = \frac{\omega}{K}$$
$$\omega_n = 2\pi n f_i$$

$$f_i = \frac{N}{\lambda_i} = \frac{K_i N}{2\pi}$$

Example:  
standing  
wave  
on string



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

In general

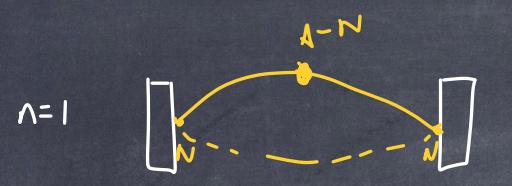
$$y(x,t) = \sum_n A_n \cos(\omega_n t + \delta_n) (\sin k_n x)$$

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

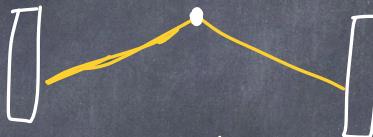
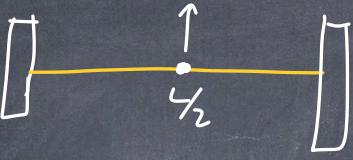
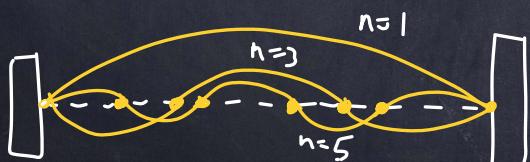
$A_n, \delta_n$ : Amplitude & phase constants (integer)

$A_n^2$ : fraction energy of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  harmonic in our wave

$\delta_n$ : depends on initial conditions



$$0 \quad \frac{L}{2} \quad L$$



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

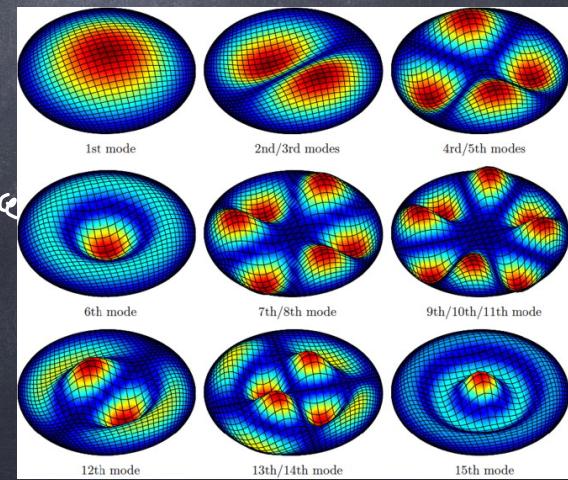
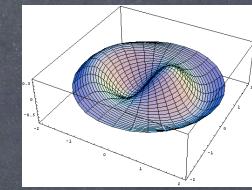
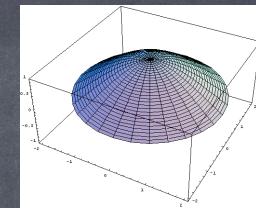


The shape of the harmonics depend on the boundary conditions, which parts are moving + which parts are fixed.

Bessel  
functions ↴



← The circumference  
is fixed  
as a node



# Applications of standing waves (PNY 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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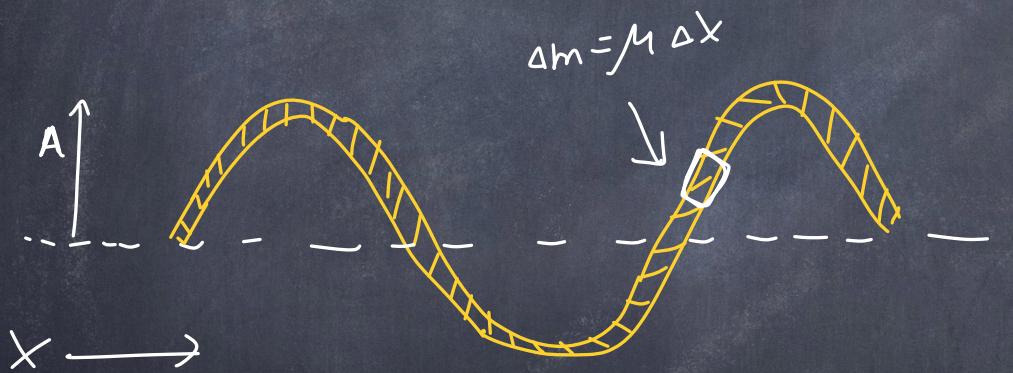
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# Energy transmission in a wave (on a string)

wave can do work



pulse lifts the weight

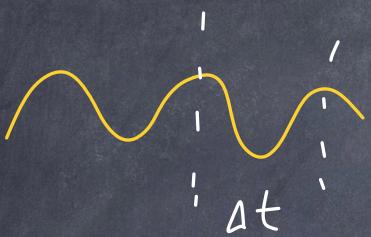


we have a sine wave on a string, with amplitude,  $A$ , and angular frequency,  $\omega$ . It has a  $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{length}} = M$ .

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  $E = \frac{1}{2} k \omega^2 A^2$   $k$ : spring constant  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$   $k \omega \approx \omega^2 m$

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

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



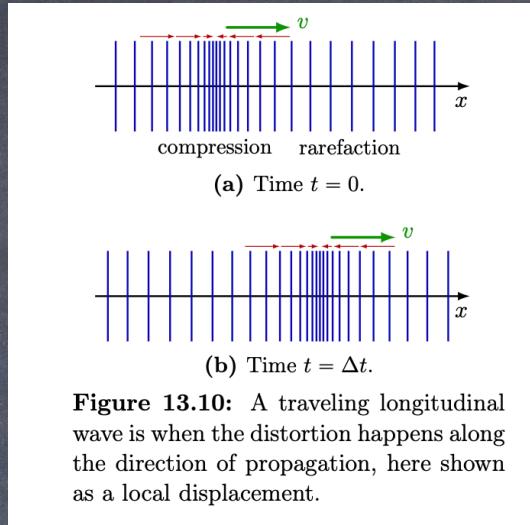
In  $\Delta t$ ,  $\Delta x = \nu \Delta t$

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

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

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

# Longitudinal waves



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

Sound waves are longitudinal waves



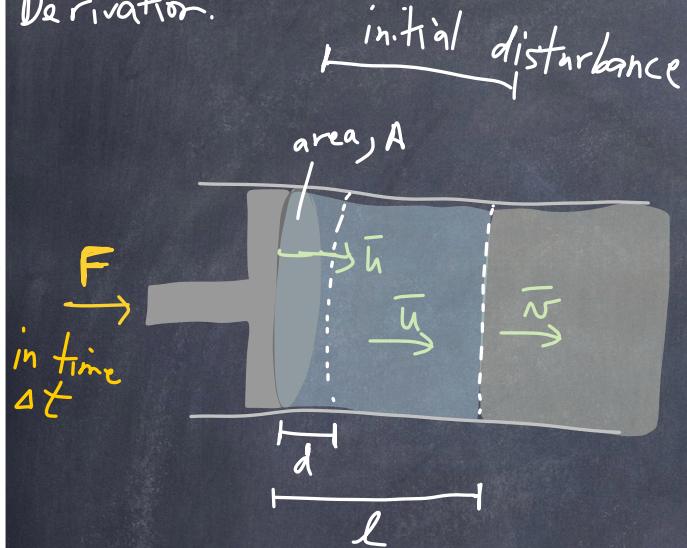
→ disturbance propagates

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

$B = \text{bulk modulus}$

remember

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

①

we push the piston with velocity  $u$  for some time  $\Delta t$ , so a distance  $d = u \Delta t$ . This makes a pulse of  $\Delta P$ .

we assume that the speed of the wave,  $N$ , is much larger than  $u$ . we further assume that the effect of the piston is to cause all the fluid up to the distance  $l$  to get pushed by a velocity,  $u$ .

Now, this initial disturbance propagates with velocity,  $N$ .

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

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

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

The wave has velocity  $v$   
it moves a distance  $l = v\Delta t$

The mass of the fluid that moves in  $\Delta t$  is  $m = \rho v$

$$\boxed{m = \rho A \cdot l = \rho A v \Delta t} \quad ③$$

iii) 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 ② Impulse =  $F\Delta t = A\Delta P\Delta t$  ④

Momentum conservation tells us that:

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

$$\text{From ④ } A\Delta P\Delta t = m\bar{u} = \rho A v \Delta t \bar{u}$$

$\leftarrow$  from ③

$p$  = momentum  
 $F$  = force  
 $P$  = pressure

$$A \Delta P_{\text{at}} = \rho A N \Delta t u$$

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

using ①

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

$V$ : is volume of fluid experiencing wave  
 $\Delta V$ : is volume of fluid moved by piston,  $\Delta V = -A \frac{u_{\text{at}}}{d}$  (-) gets compressed.  
 $\frac{\Delta V}{V} = -\frac{A u_{\text{at}}}{A N u_{\text{at}}} = -\frac{u}{N}$

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

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

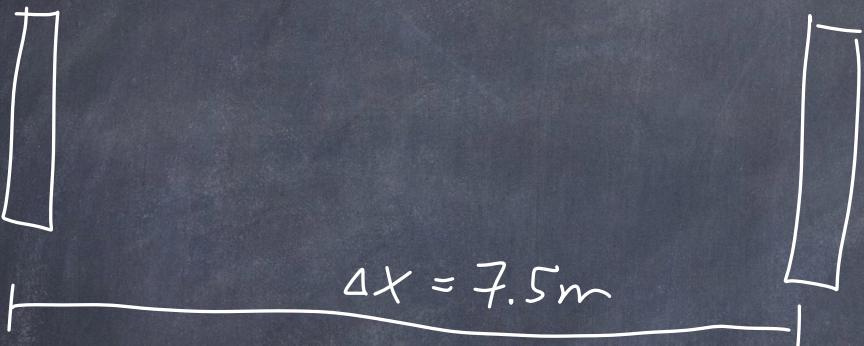
This is the speed of sound in a fluid. Related to the compressibility + density of the fluid.

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

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

prediction

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

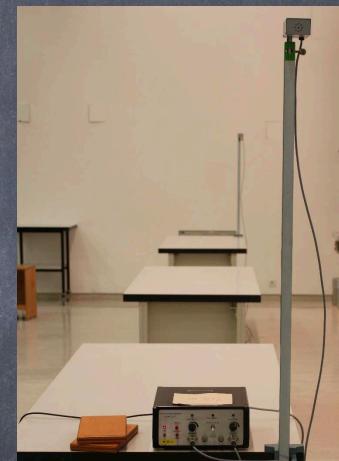


time professor:

time student:

time sound!

$$N_{\text{air sound}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} -$$



Speed of sound in a solid?

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

$Y$  = young's modulus

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

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

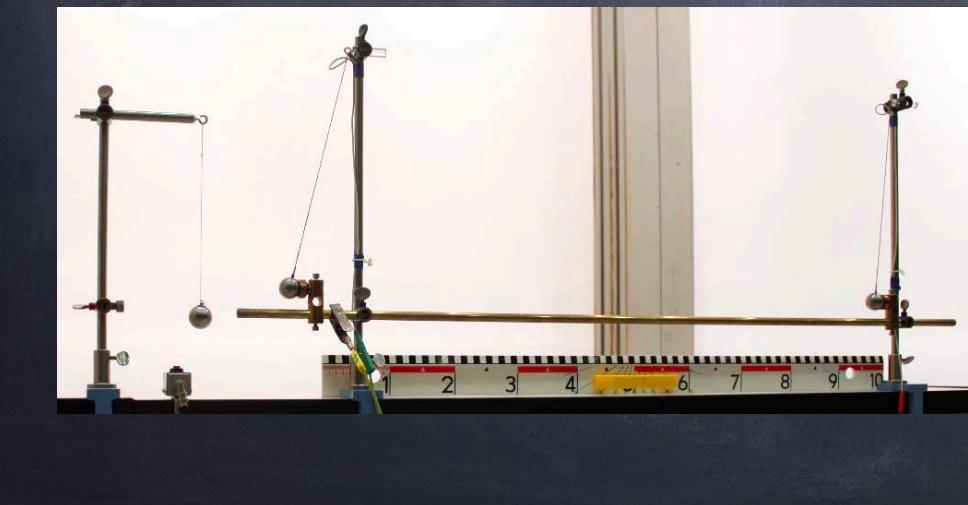
speed of sound in brass

$$x = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$t =$$

$$N =$$

$$N_{\text{sound in brass}} =$$

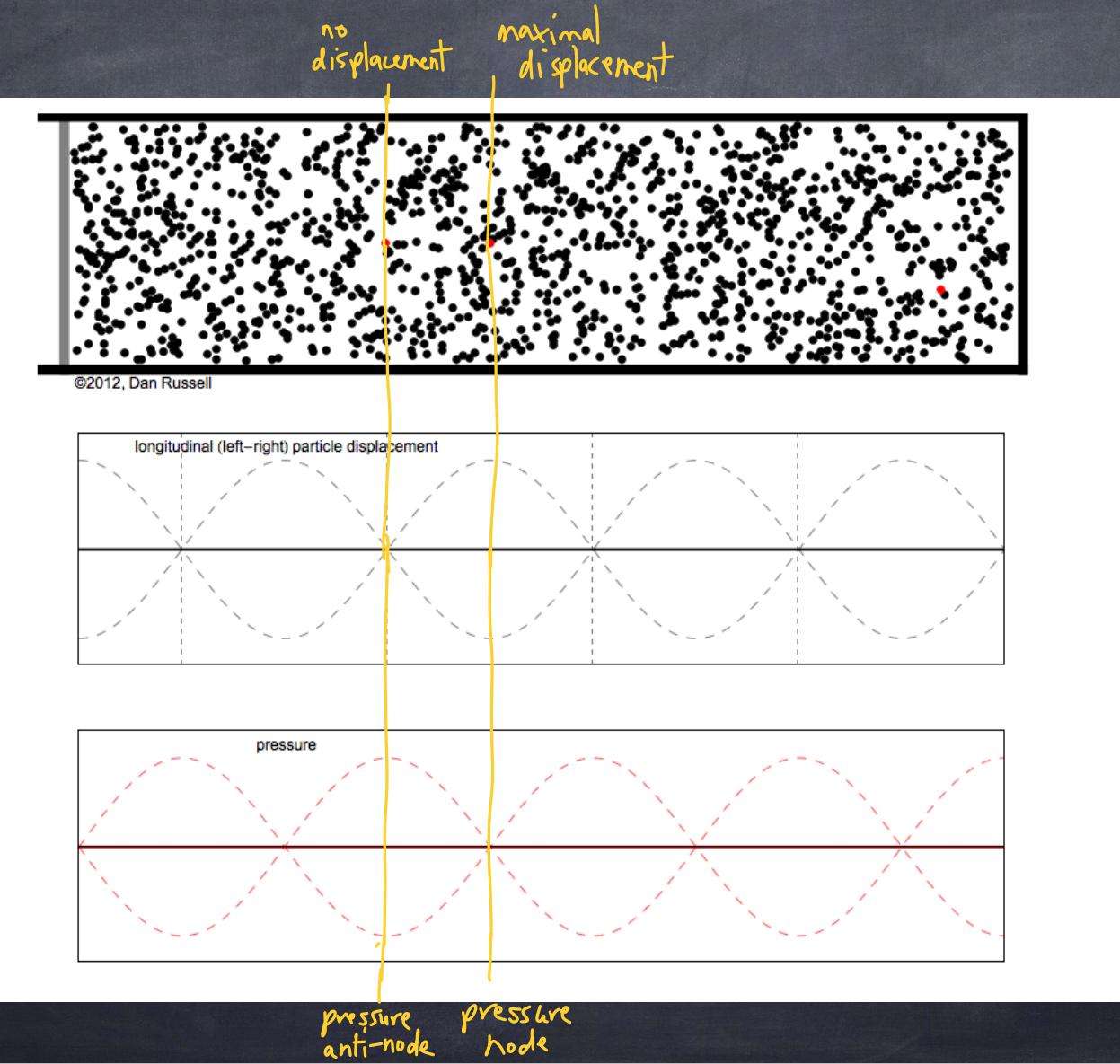


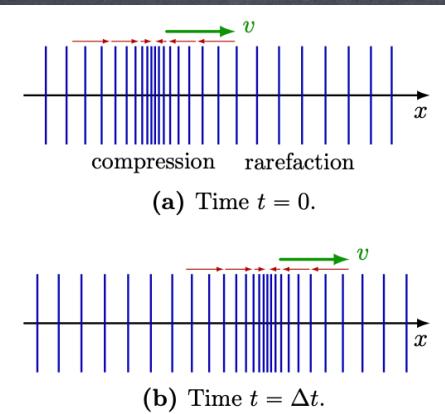
we can create standing waves of sound in a tube

Here,  
with a piston:

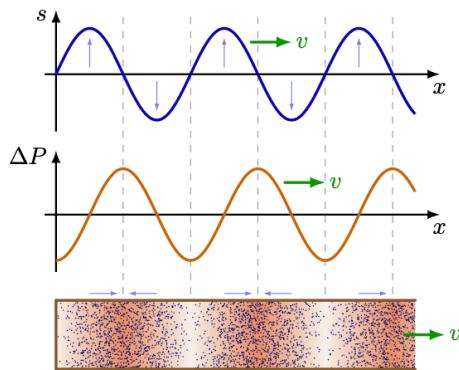
Displacement

pressure  
 $90^\circ$  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  $s$ .

$$\text{Displacement} \quad S = S_0 \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

↑  
 maximal  
 displacement

$90^\circ$   
 phase difference

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

$$P_0 = \rho \omega n S_0$$

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

Important for today

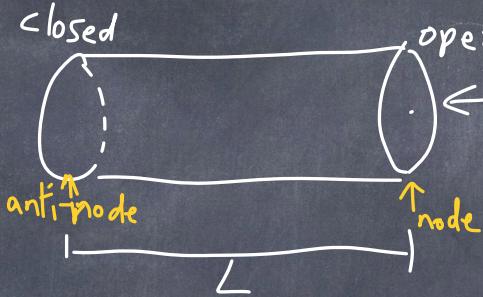
node: position where pressure does  
not change

anti-node: position where pressure  
changes maximally

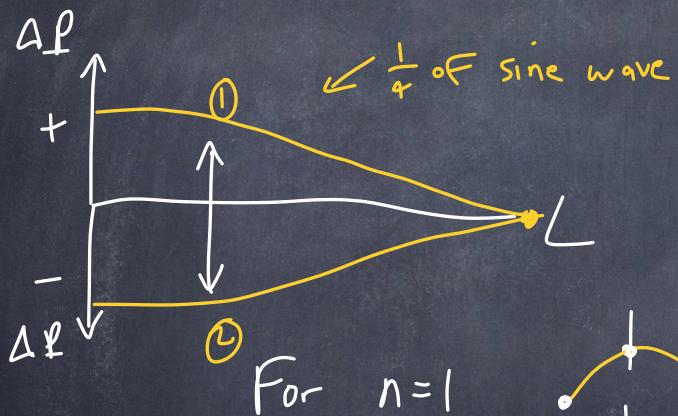
oscillates between  $P + \Delta P$   
to  
 $P - \Delta P$

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

similar to this:



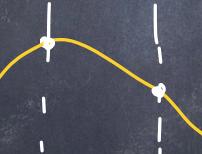
$P_{atm}$  = boundary condition  
that forces  
the open end to  
always have  $P_{atm}$   
(this is a pressure node)



For  $n=1$

$$\frac{1}{4}\lambda_1 = L \quad 4L = \lambda_1 \Rightarrow f_1 = \frac{N}{\lambda_1} = \frac{N}{4L}$$

For  $n=3$

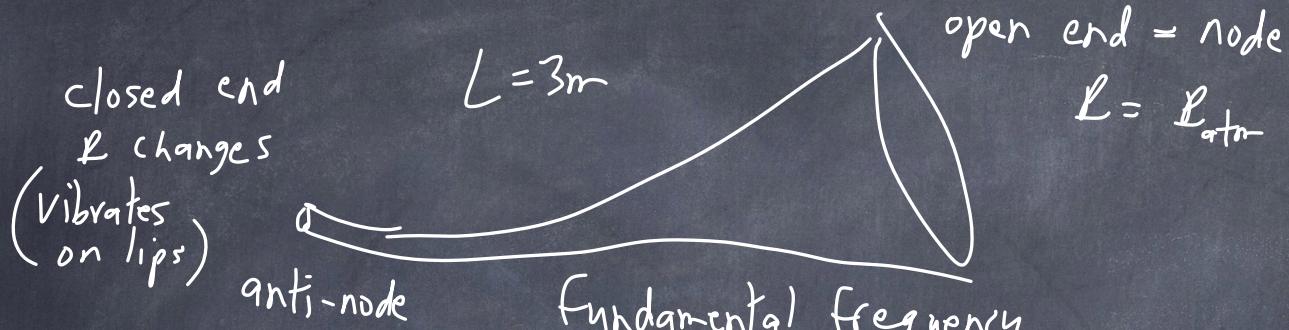


$$\frac{3}{4}\lambda_3 = L \quad \frac{4L}{3} = \lambda_3 \Rightarrow f_3 = \frac{N}{\lambda_3} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{N}{L}$$

In general

$$\lambda_n = \frac{4L}{n} \quad f_n = \frac{N}{\lambda_n} \quad n=1, 3, 5, \dots$$

# Alphorn



open end = node

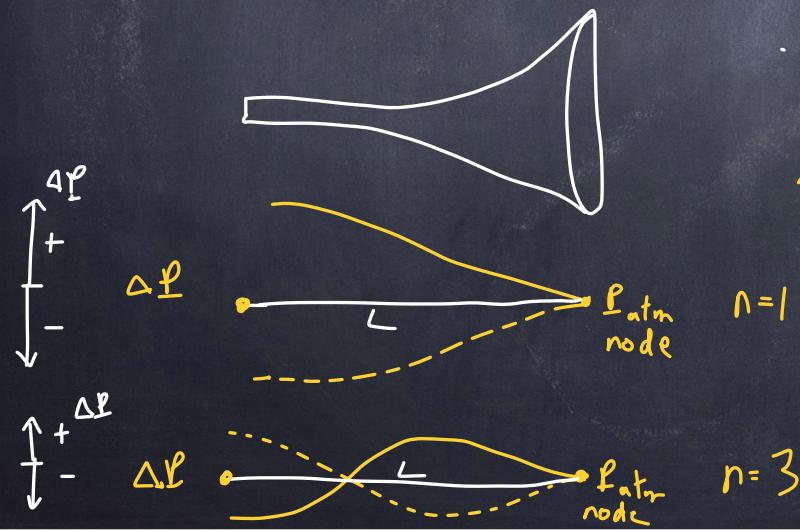
$L = L_{\text{atm}}$

fundamental frequency

$$\text{For Alphorn} = f_1 = \frac{N}{\lambda_1} = \frac{N}{4L} = \frac{340 \text{ m/s}}{4(3 \text{ m})}$$

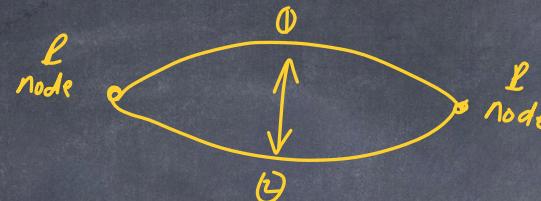
$$= 28 \text{ Hz}$$

$$N_{\text{eff}}, f_3 = \frac{3N}{4L} = 84 \text{ Hz}$$



Standing sound waves, tube open on both ends

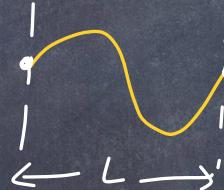
For  $n=1$ ,  
length,  $L$



$n=1$

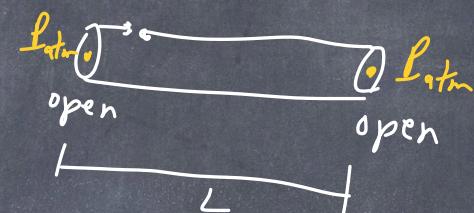
$$L = \frac{\lambda_1}{2}$$

$n=2$



$$L = \lambda_2$$

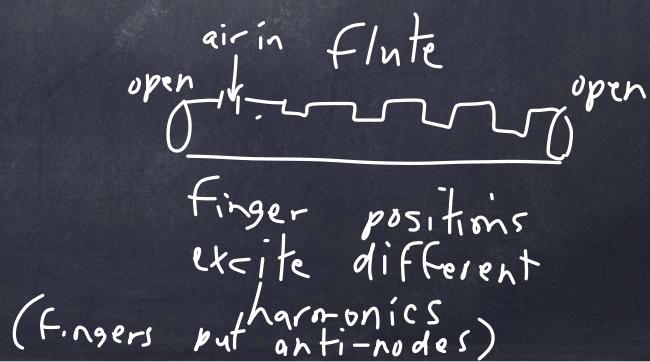
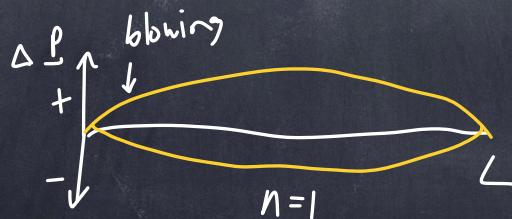
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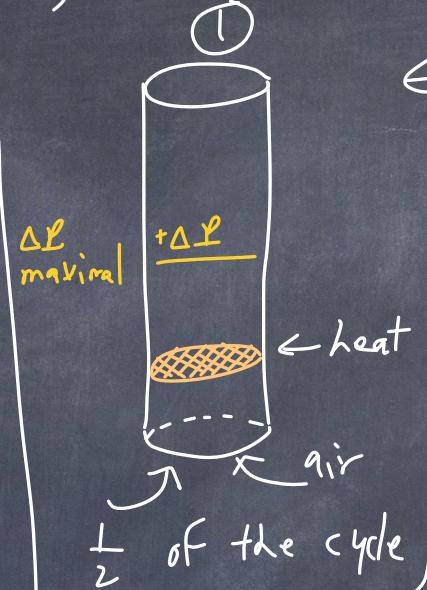
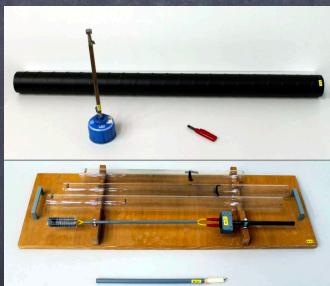
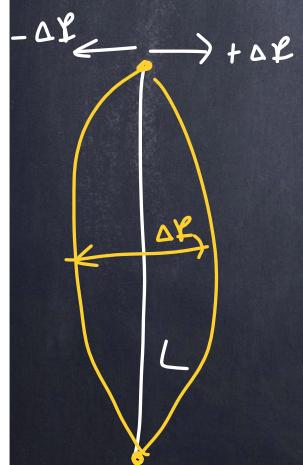
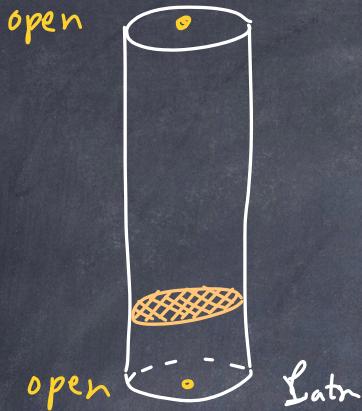
$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n} \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$f_n = \frac{N}{\lambda_n} \quad N = N_{\text{sound}} \text{ or } a_{1-n}$$

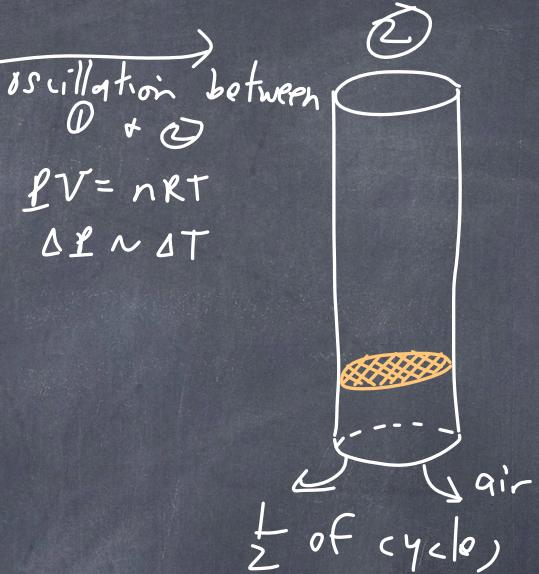


Fingers put anti-nodes

Rijke tube - self-amplifying standing sound waves.



$\frac{1}{2}$  of the cycle,  
air comes in  
and create a  
high pressure  
region in  
center



$\frac{1}{2}$  of cycle)  
air flows  
away from  
high pressure  
region,  
away from  
center,  
low pressure  
in center

