

Physics 1240: Sound and Music

Today (7/9/19): Course Details, Units, What Is Sound?

Next time: Hooke's Law, Oscillations, Resonance



Welcome to Physics 1240: Sound and Music

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Clicker Question 1.1

What's your favorite kind of music?

A) Classical / Jazz / World

B) Electronic / Pop

C) Indie / Rock

D) Hip Hop / Rap

E) Other





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Clicker Question 1.2

What's your favorite kind of physics?

- A) Quantum Chromodynamics
- B) Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics
- C) Just pure math
- D) Astrology
- E) Um, what?

SI Units –

Le Système International d'unités

Base units:

meters [m] (3.3 ft), kilograms [kg] (2.2 lb), seconds [s]

Prefixes:

milli (m)	0.001	10^{-3}
centi (c)	0.01	10^{-2}
deci (d)	0.1	10^{-1}
kilo (k)	1000	10^3
mega (M)	1,000,000	10^6

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$$5 \text{ mN} = 5 (10^{-3})\text{N} = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}$$

$$1 (\text{mm})^2 = 1 ((10^{-3})\text{m})^2 = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$$

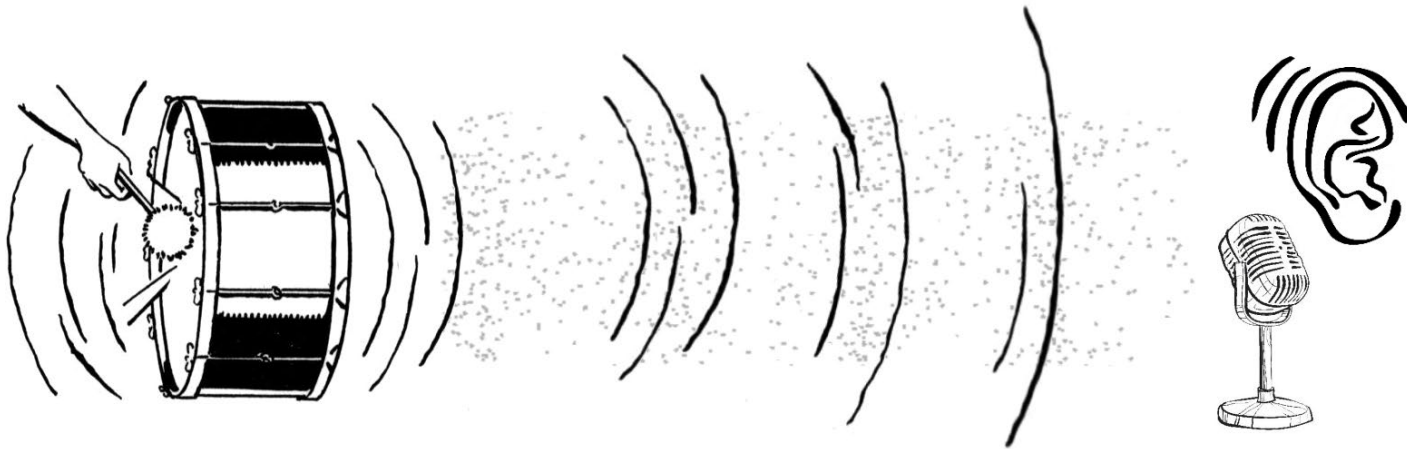
$$\frac{5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N}}{1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2} = 5 \times 10^3 \text{ N/m}^2$$

Musical Acoustics – the science of musical sound

Generation

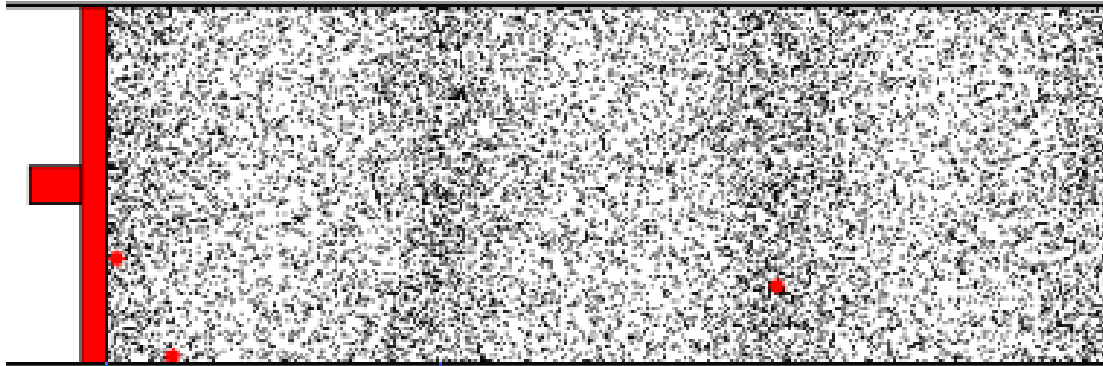
Propagation

Reception/Perception



What is sound?

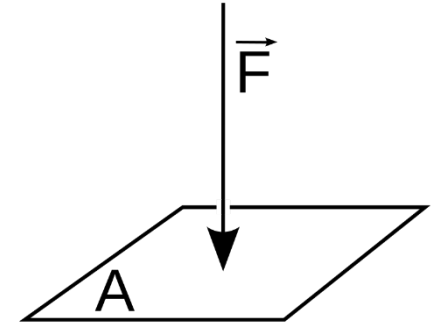
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Pressure

- Force per unit area (e.g. thumbtack, gas molecules hitting wall, ears, lungs)



	Unit	Symbol	Conversion
SI	pascal	Pa	$1 \text{ Pa} \equiv 1 \text{ N/m}^2$
other	atmosphere	atm	$1 \text{ atm} = 101325 \text{ N/m}^2$
other	pounds per square inch	psi	$14.7 \text{ psi} = 1 \text{ atm}$

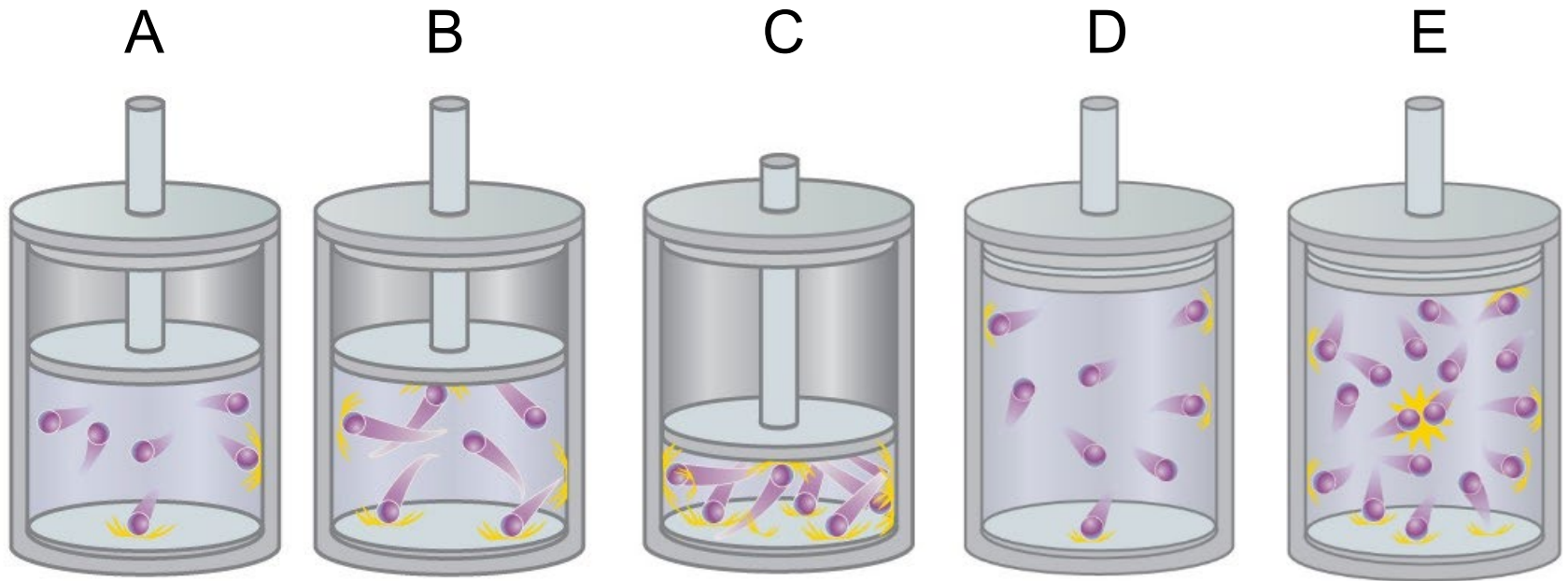


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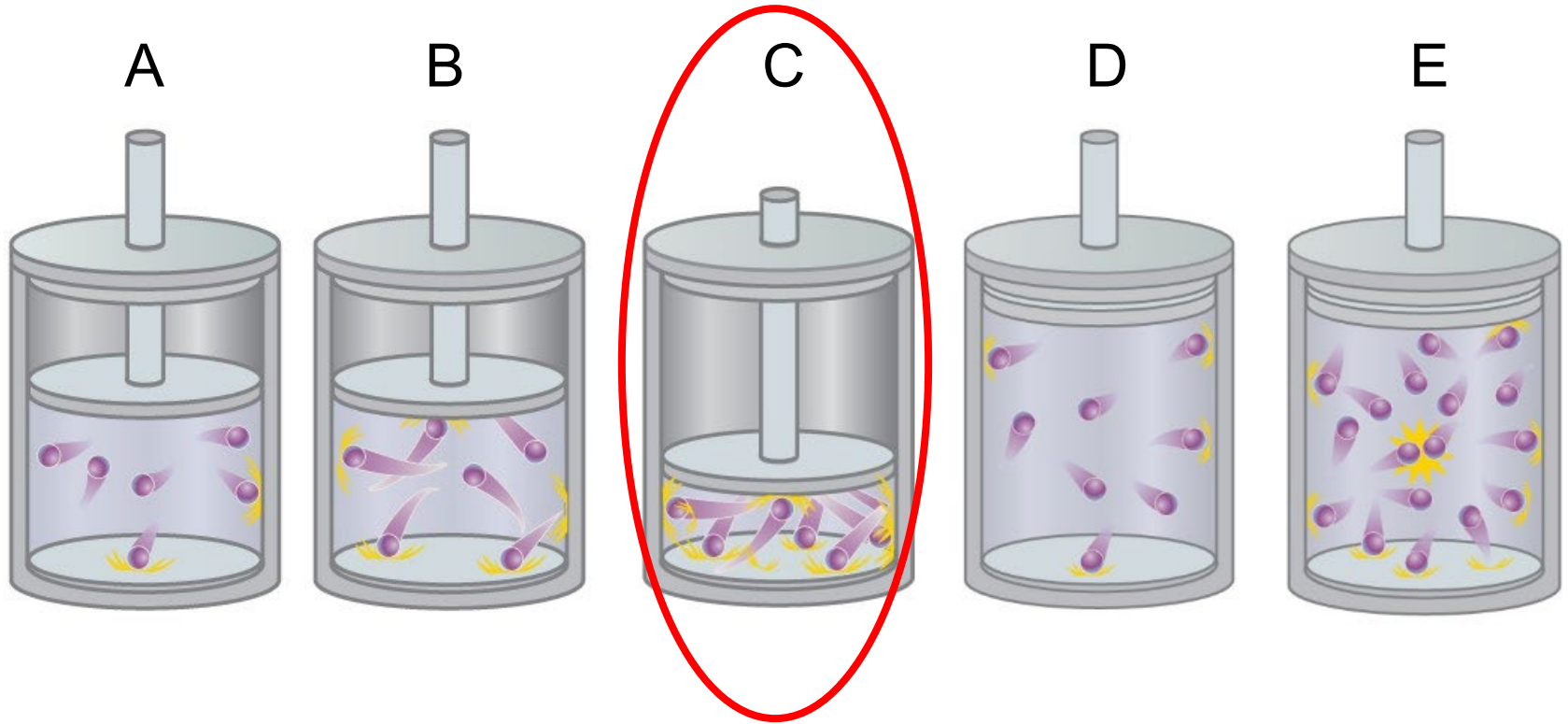


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Medium

- Sound requires a medium (gas, liquid, or solid) to travel through (without it, there can't be pressure disturbances)
- What happens to sound when there is no medium? (demo: bell in a vacuum)
- Sound speed depends on the phase of the medium (solid, liquid, or gas)—in what way?



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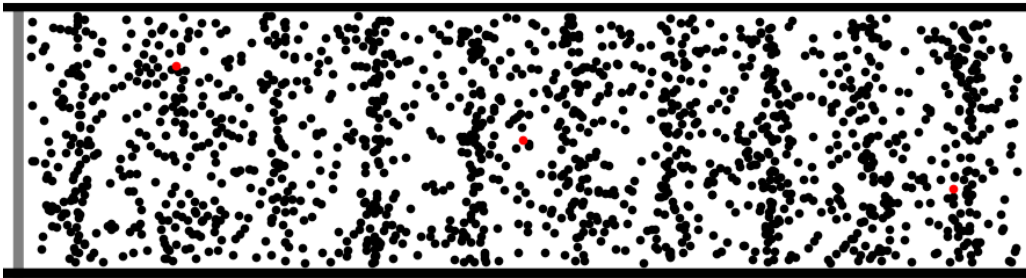
Sound in air travels 343 m/s (767 mph)

Sound in water travels 4.3 times faster than air

Sound in iron travels 14 times faster than air

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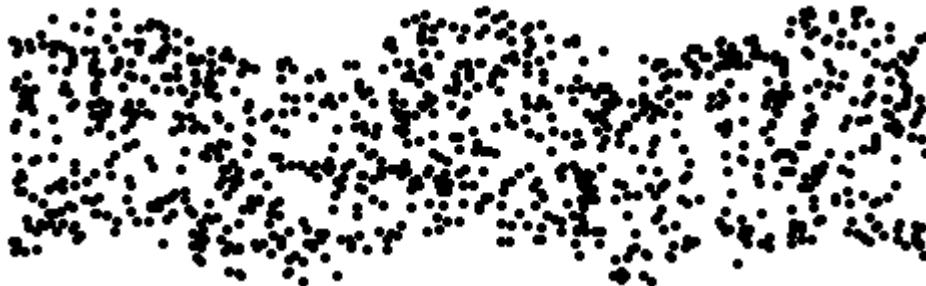
- Longitudinal: particle displacement is **parallel** to the wave's direction of propagation



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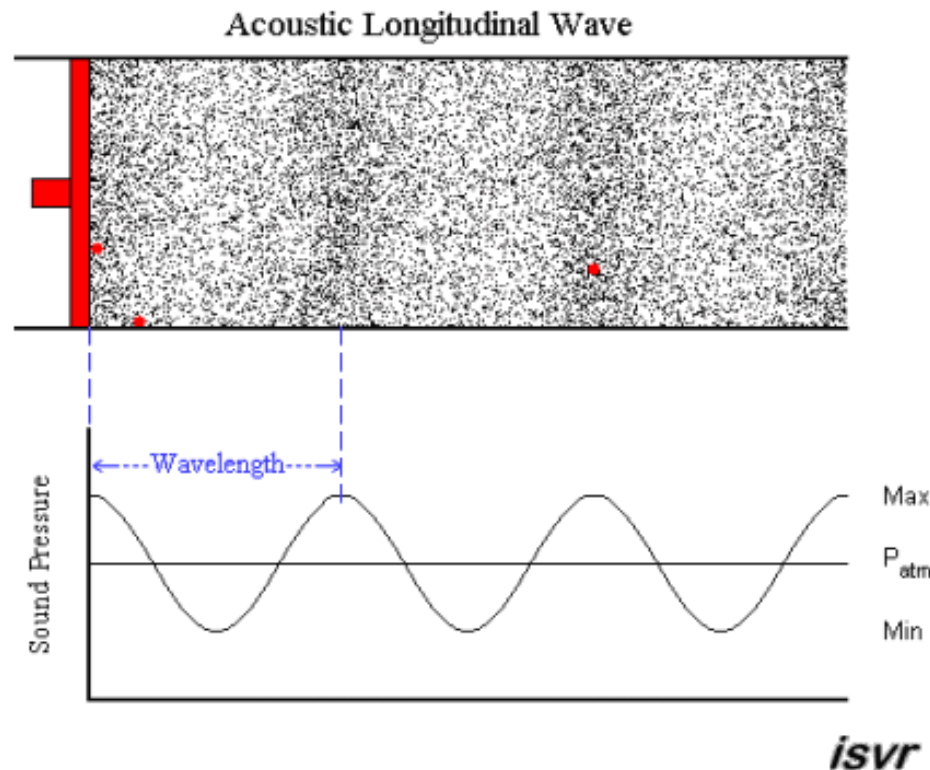
- Transverse: particle displacement is **perpendicular** to the wave's direction of propagation



Peaks &
Troughs

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- But.... graphs of pressure, particle displacement, or particle velocity look like transverse waves – don't be fooled!



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Wave properties:

- Speed ($v=343$ m/s for air at 20°C and 1 atm)
- Wavelength (λ in meters)
- Frequency (f in hertz)
 - $1 \text{ Hz} = 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$

$$v = \lambda f$$

$$[\text{m/s}] = [\text{m}] [\text{Hz}]$$

