

# Flue instruments

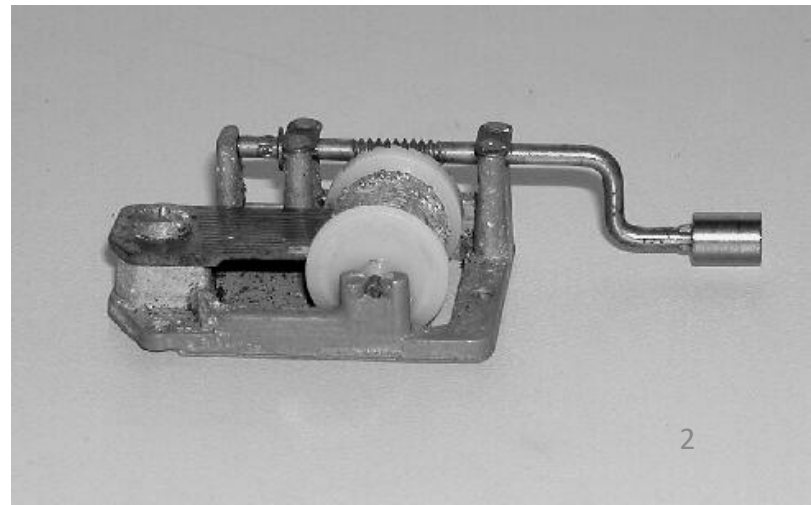
- Sound source
  - Acoustics

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# Source of sound (Wall vibration)

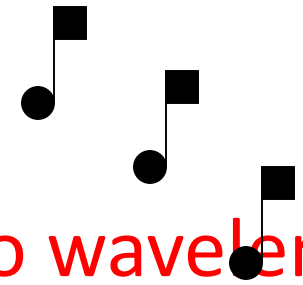
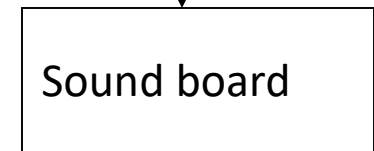
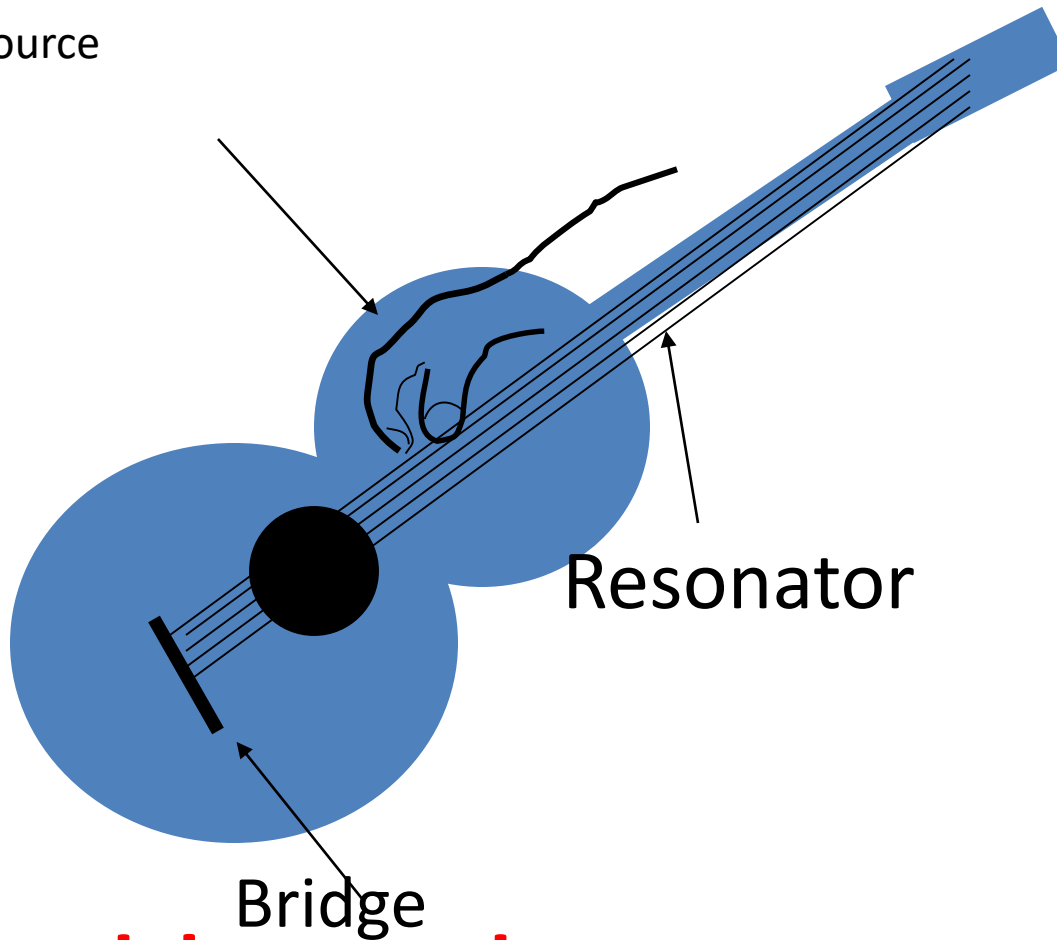
-Sound source  
in musical box is very  
inefficient.

-Why?



# Musical Instrument

Energy source



**Sound board** large compared to wavelength

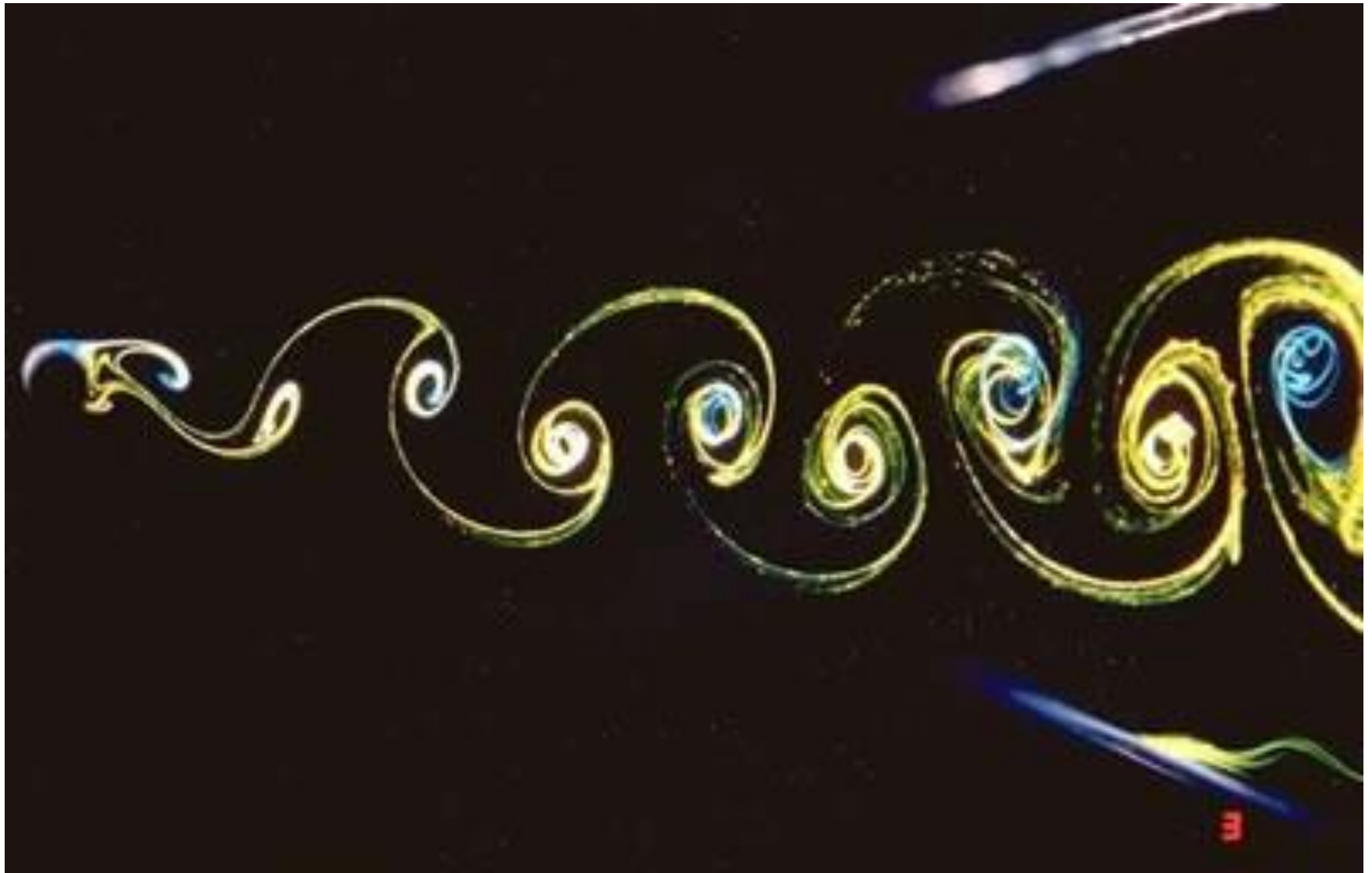
# Aeolian sound sources:

## **Voice of the wind**

-The sound is produced by an unsteady flow without wall vibration.

-Whistling of cylinder in a cross flow...

Lift force:

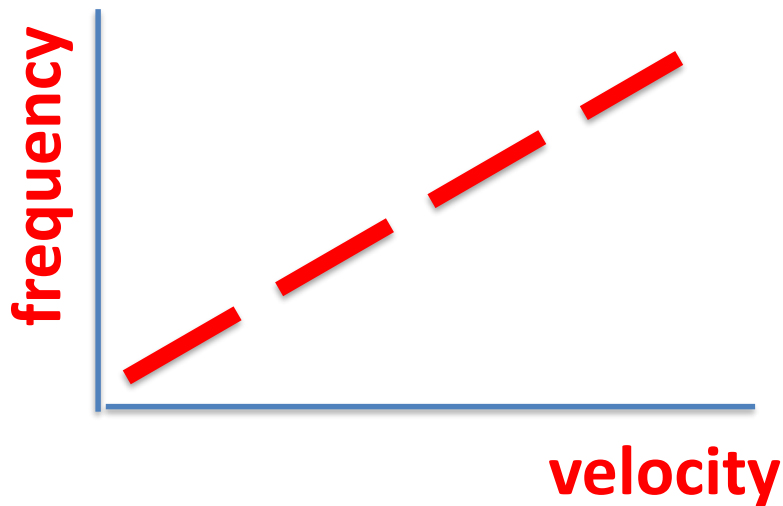


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The whistling frequency  $f$  is proportional to the flow velocity  $U$ :

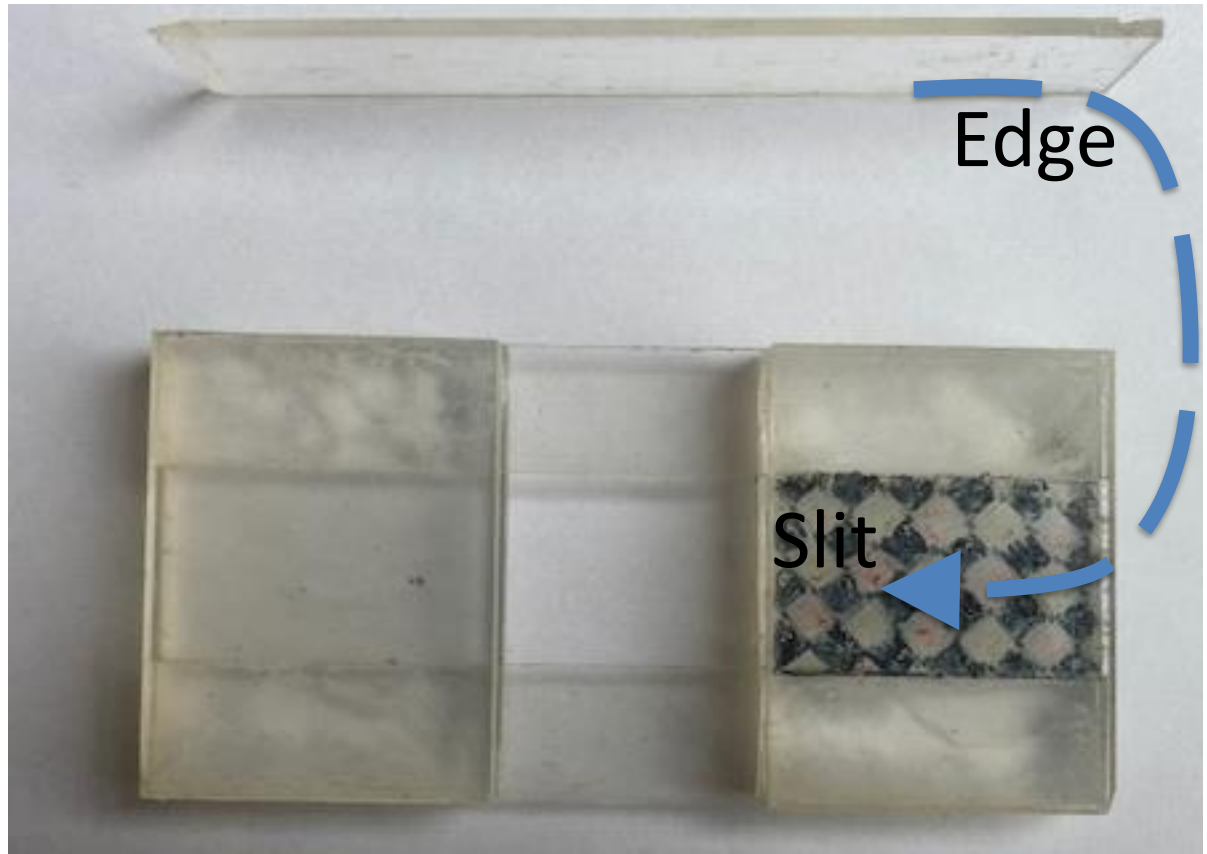
**Strouhal number**

$$St = \frac{fD}{U} \gg 0.2$$



# Edge tone

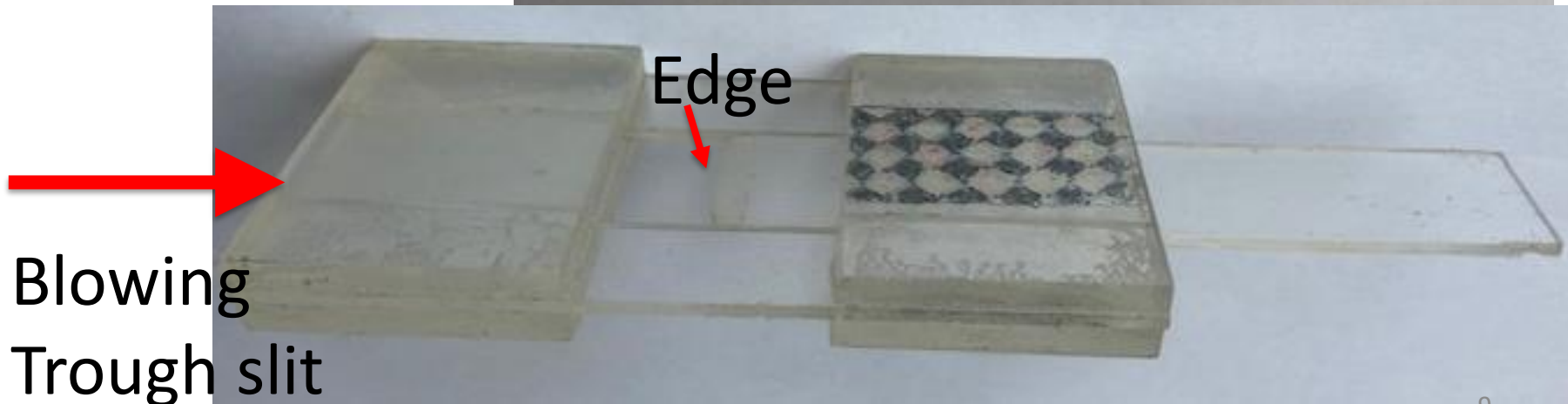
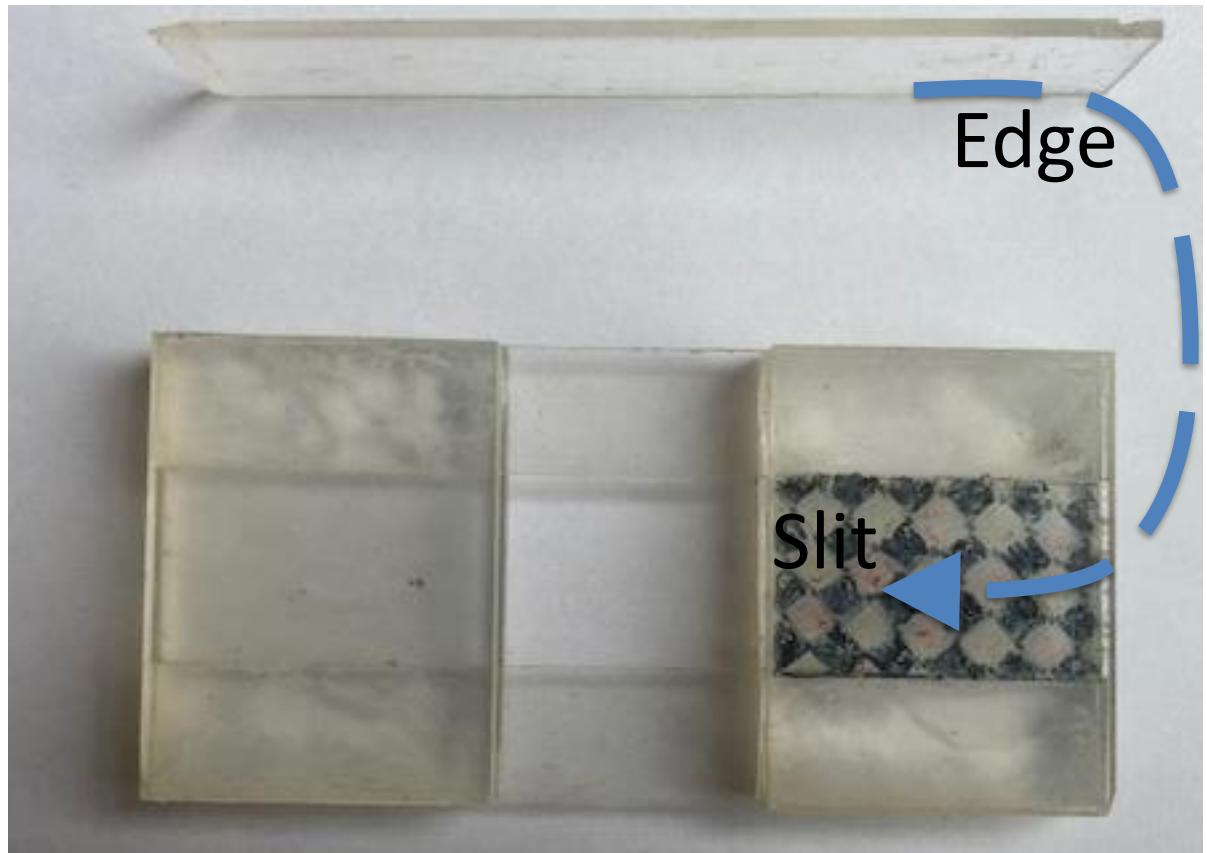
Place edge in slit

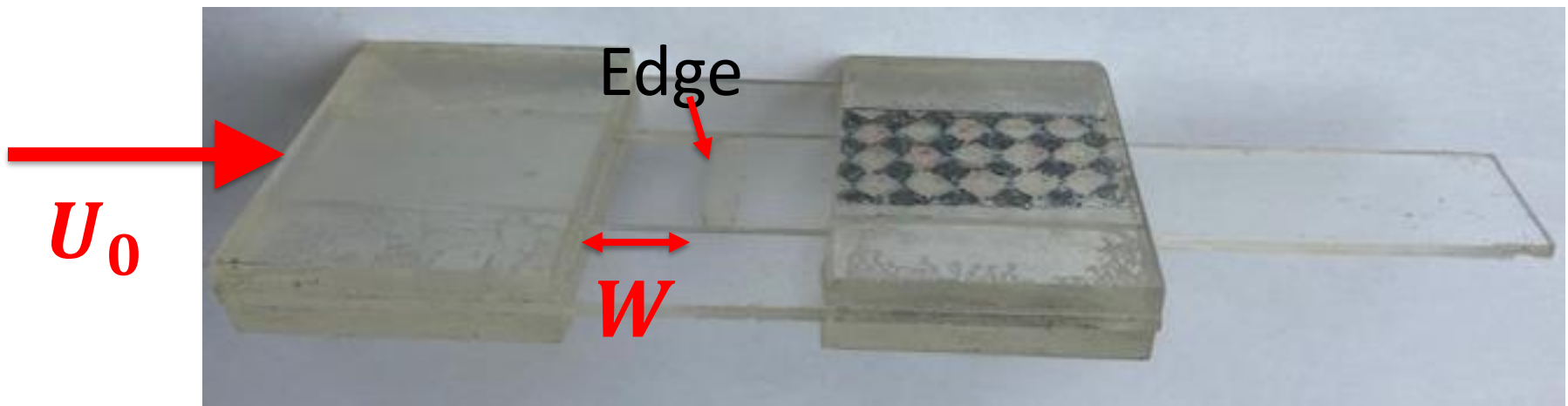




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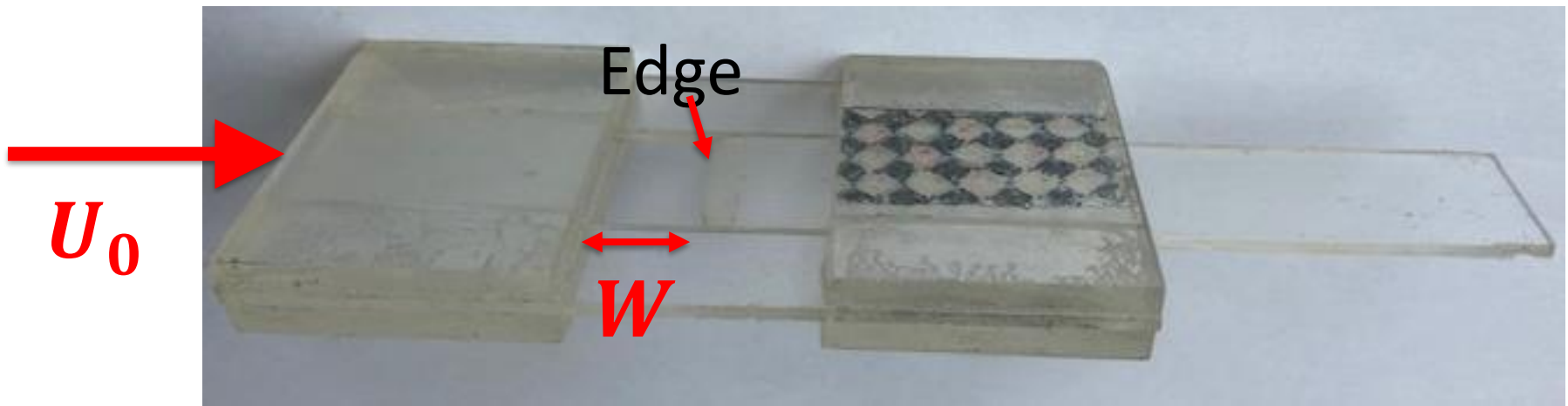
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-Pitch proportional to flow velocity  
(constant Strouhal number )

$$St_w = \frac{fW}{U_0}$$



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$$St_W = \frac{fW}{U_0}$$

$$U_0 \approx \sqrt{\frac{2 P_{mouth}}{\rho_0}}$$

**Bernoulli**

**Visualisation of  
edge-tone oscillation  
in water**

**Kaykayoglu and Rockwell  
(JFM 1986)**





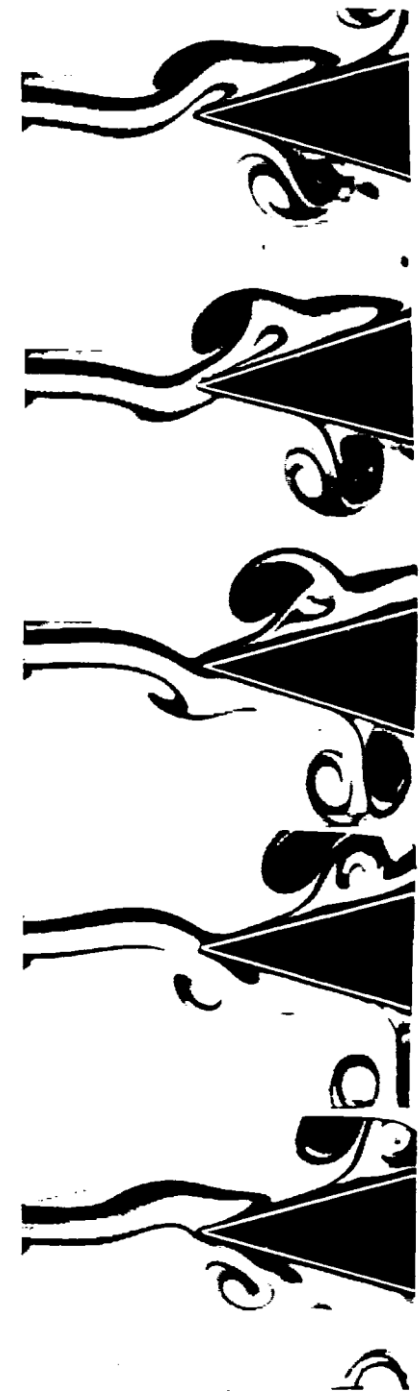












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**Organ pipe**

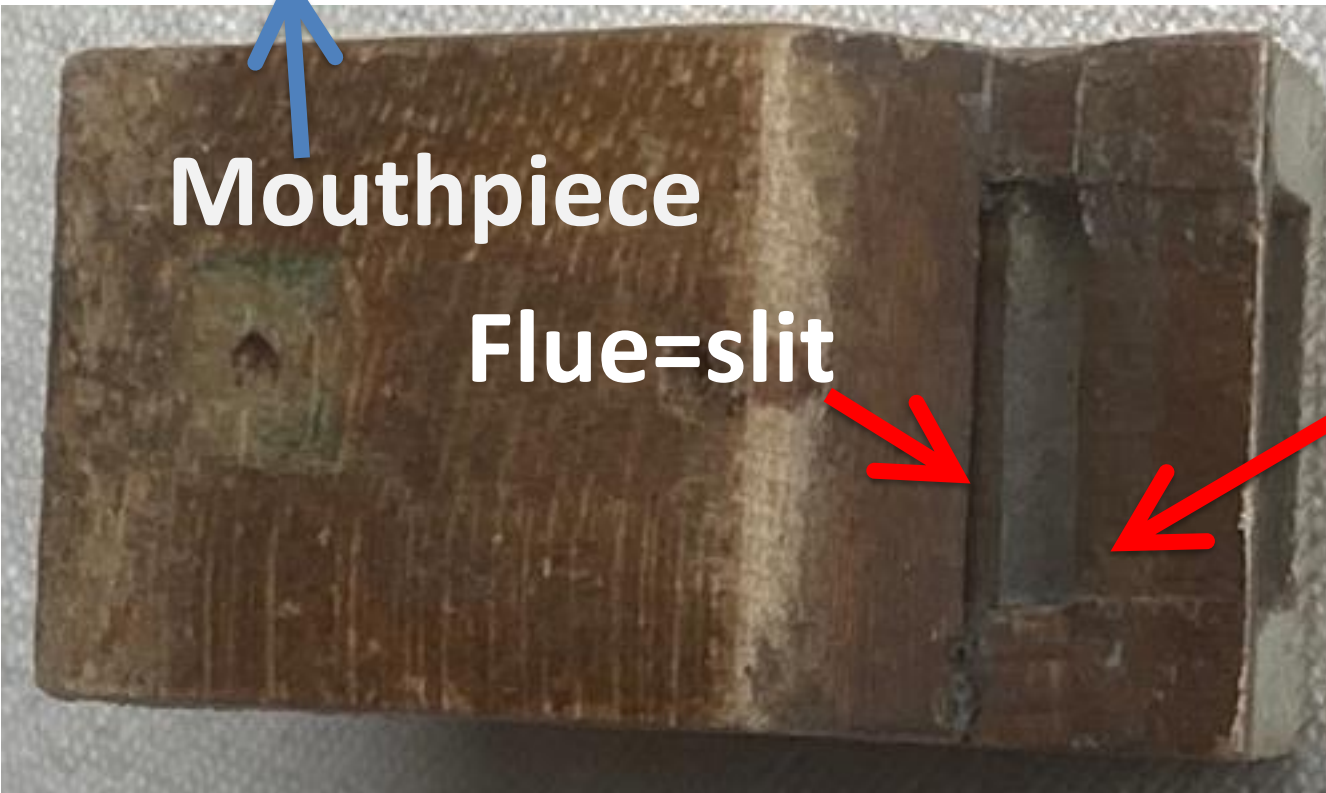
**Pipe = Sound board**



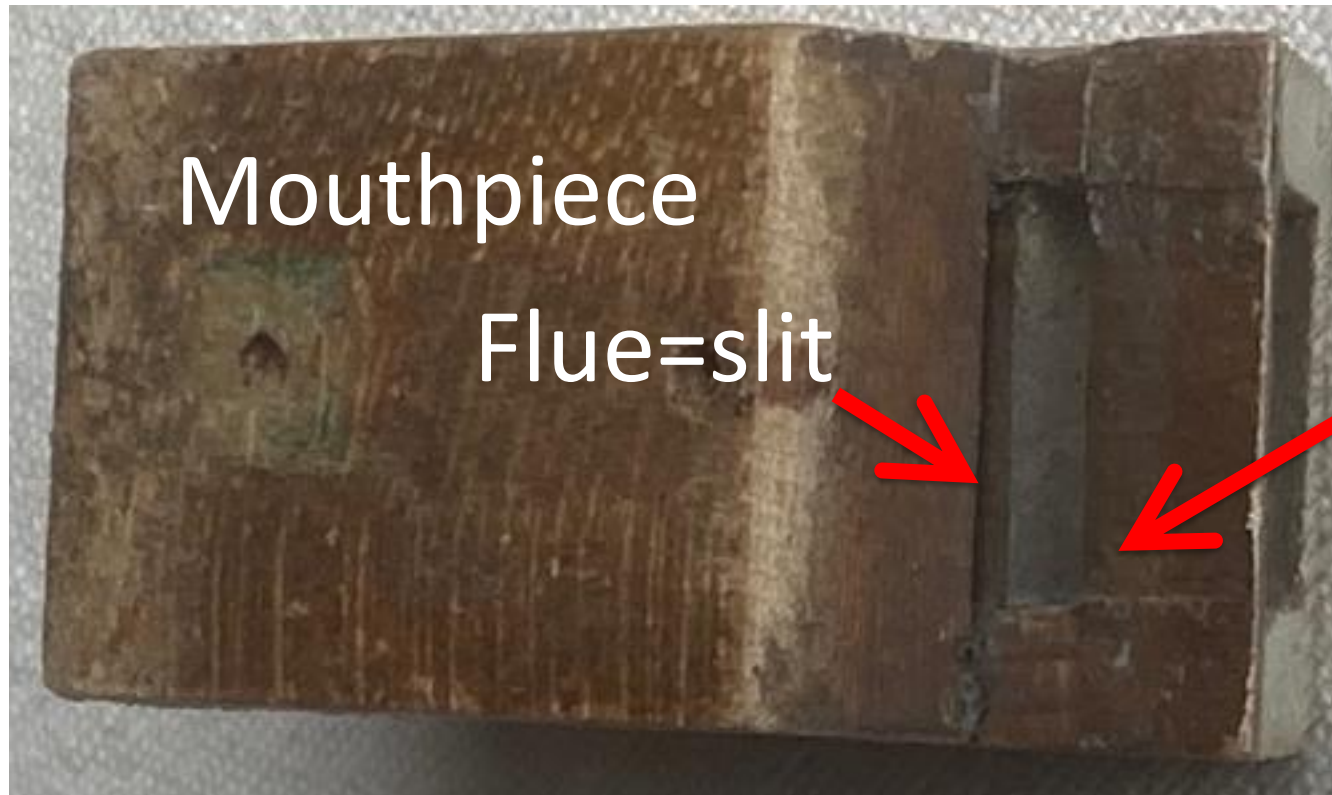
**Mouthpiece**

**Flue=slit**

**Edge**



# Organ pipe mouthpiece



Edge

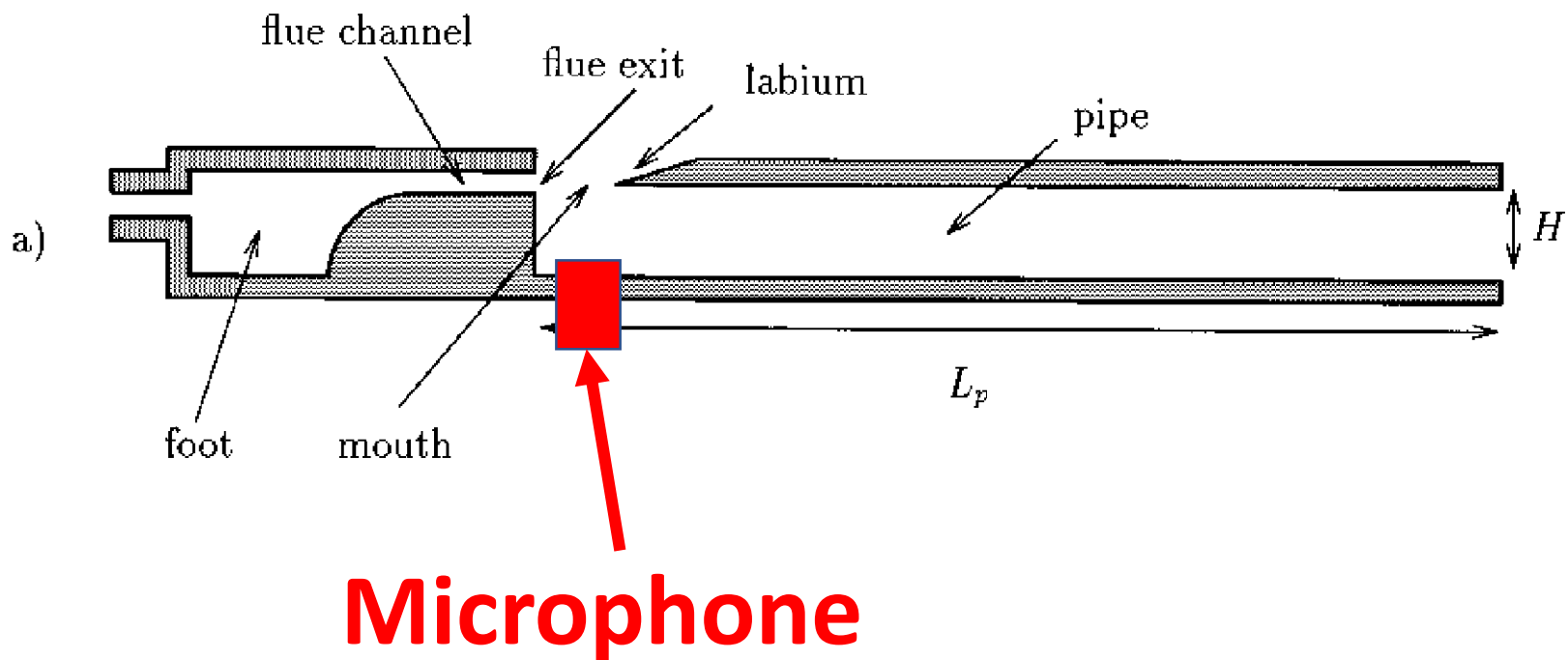
Edge-tone

**Organ pipe**

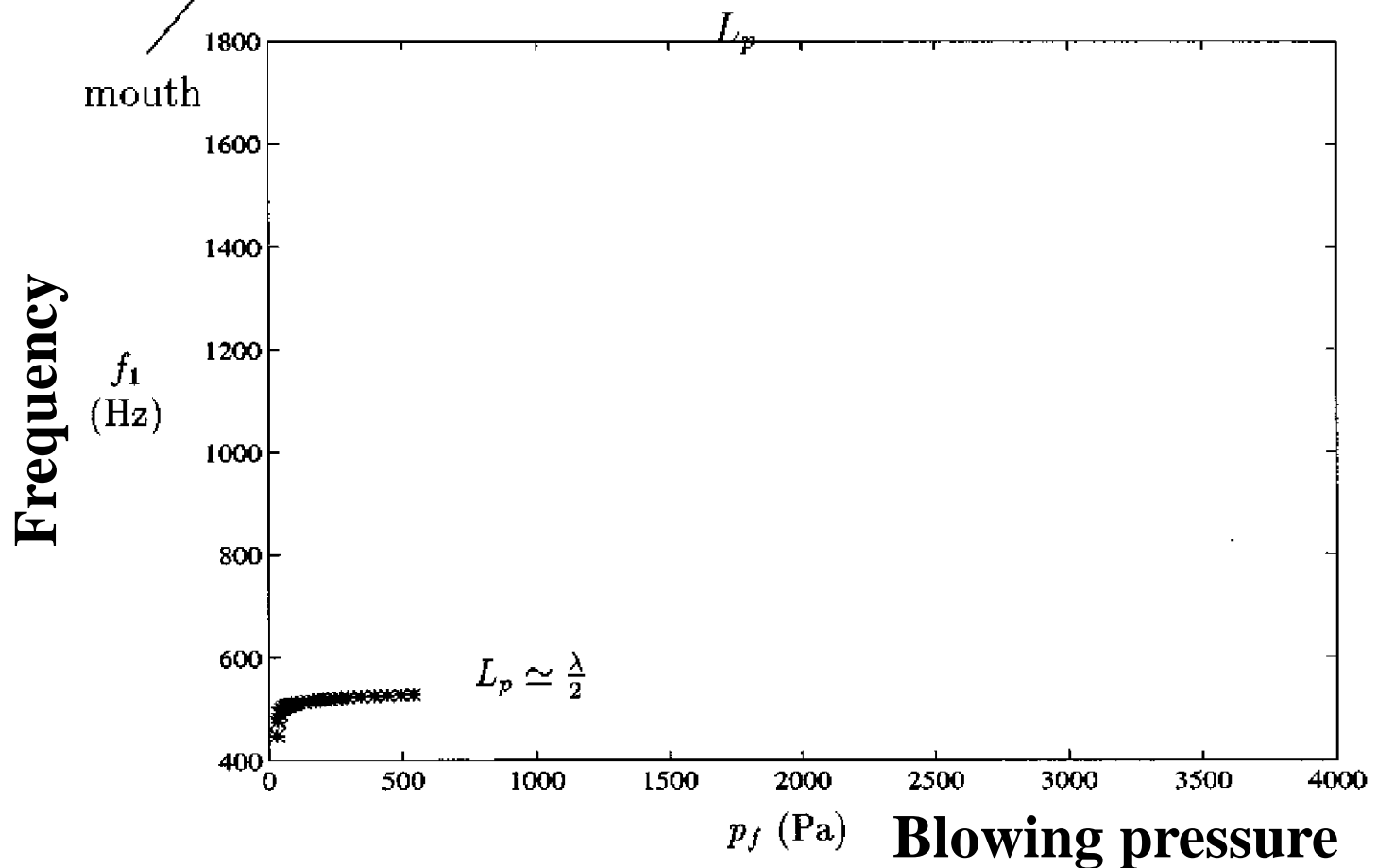
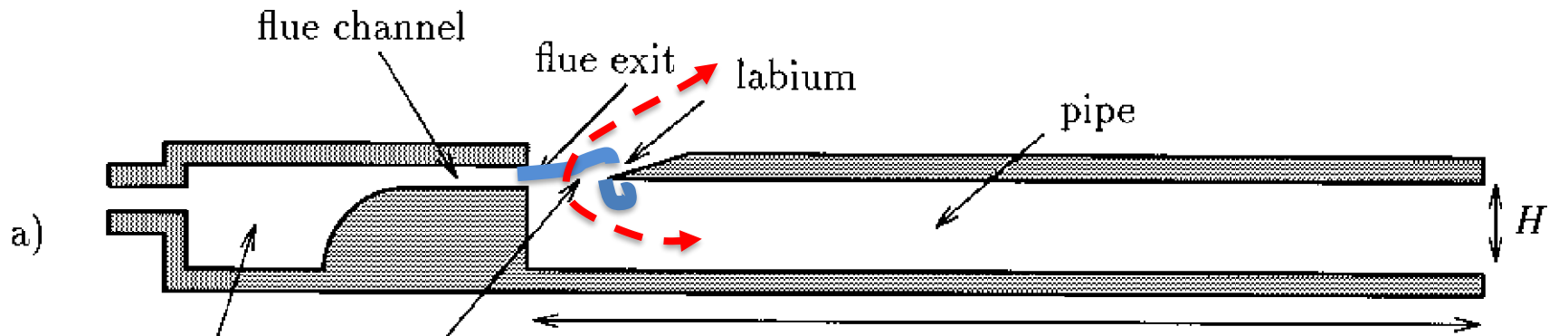


**Mouthpiece  
(sound source)**

**Pipe = Sound board  
and Resonator**



**Measurements on similar organ pipe**

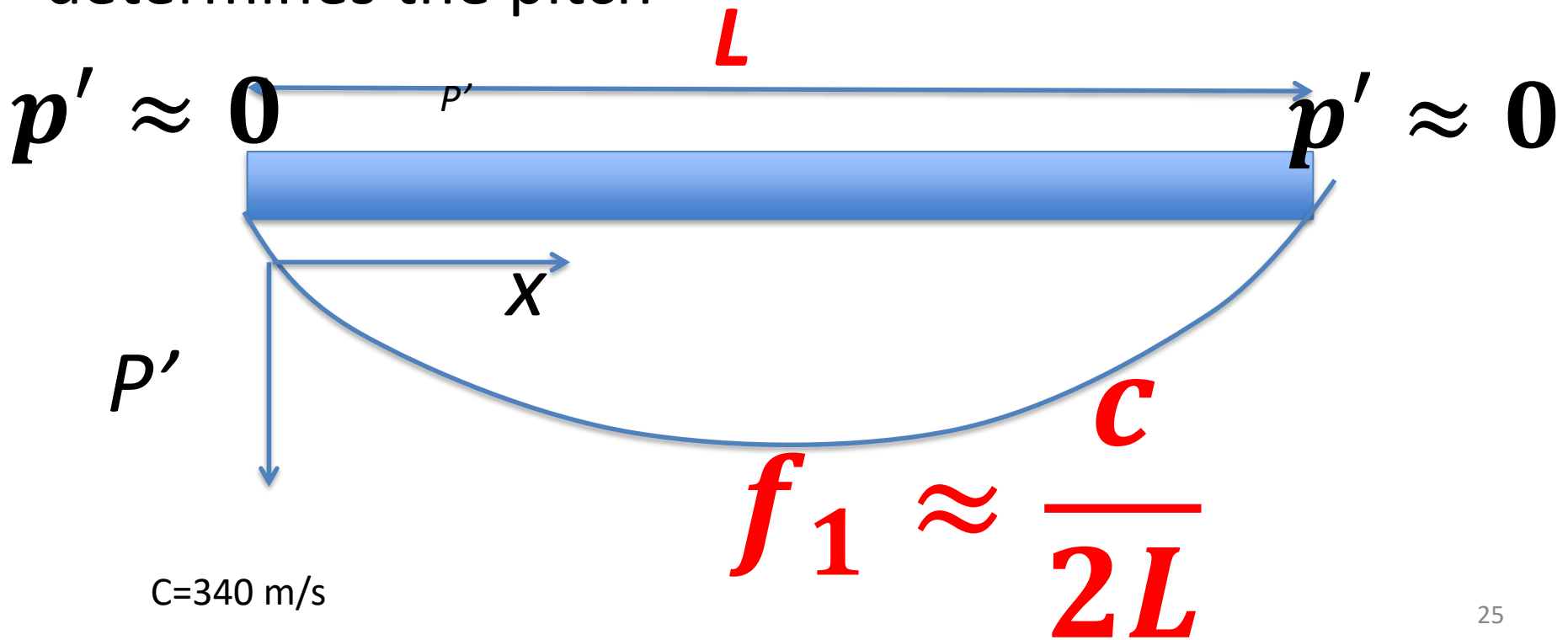




Sound much louder

Standing plane waves in pipe determine frequency

Length  $L$  of “Resonator (Sound board)”  
determines the pitch



Mouth pressure

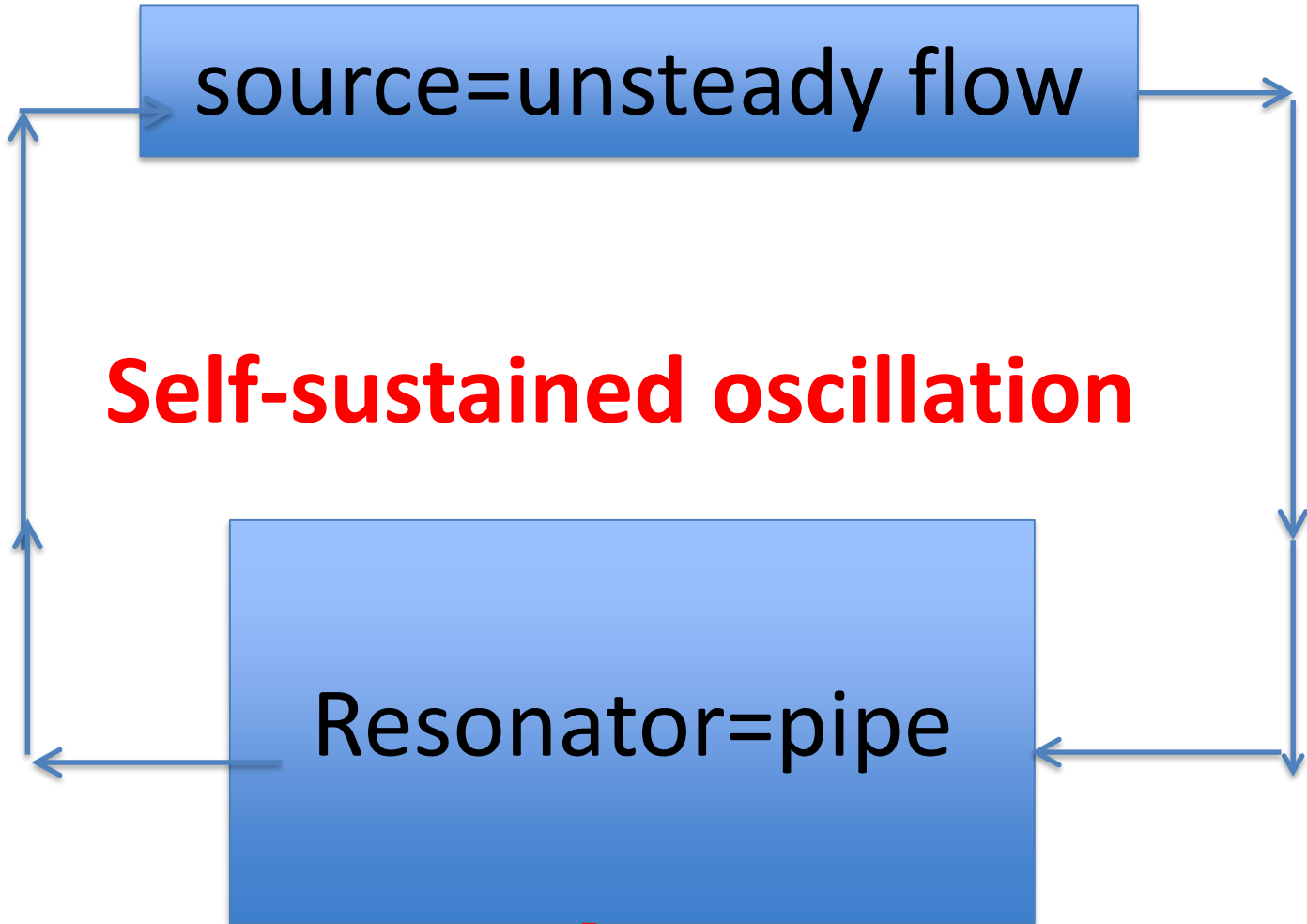


source=unsteady flow

**Self-sustained oscillation**

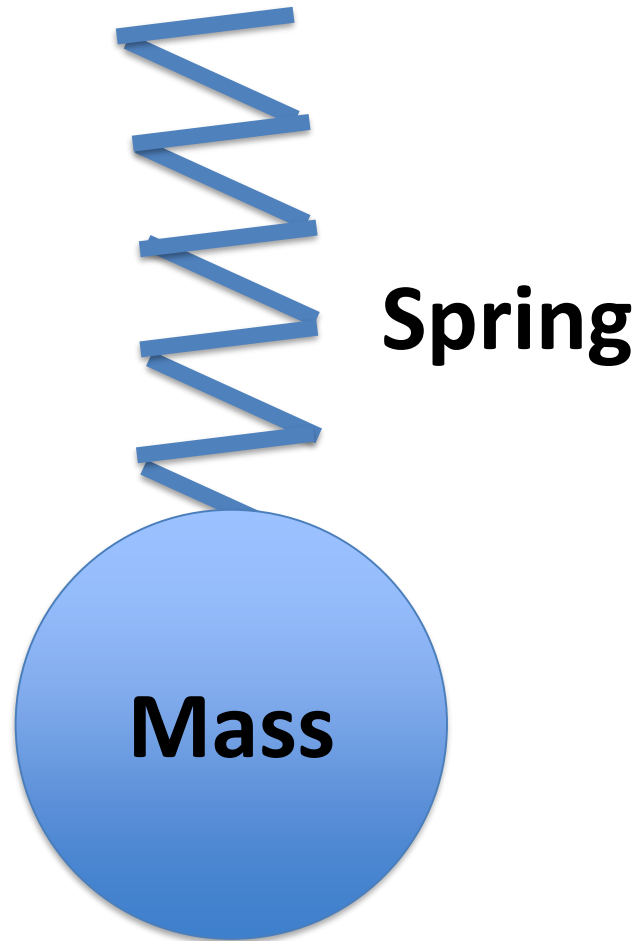
Resonator=pipe

Sound radiation



**NON-LINEARITY ESSENTIAL**  
**TO REACH**  
**STEADY OSCILLATION AMPLITUDE**

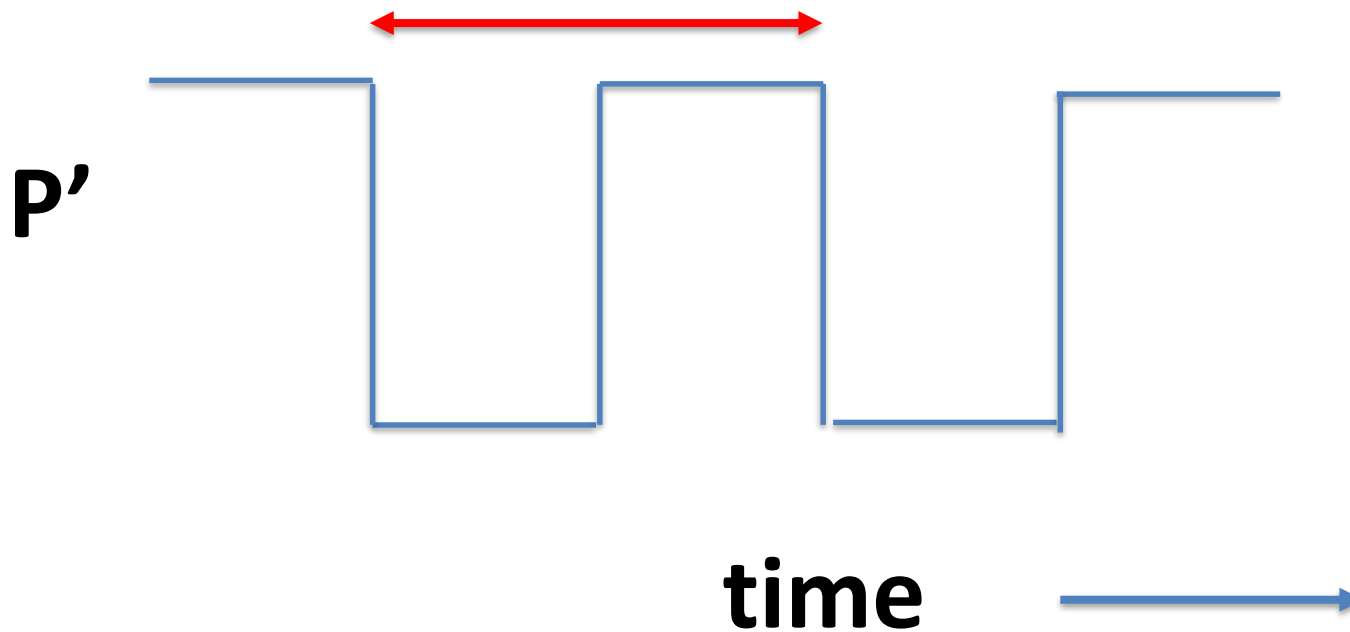
# Amplitude limiting non-linearity?



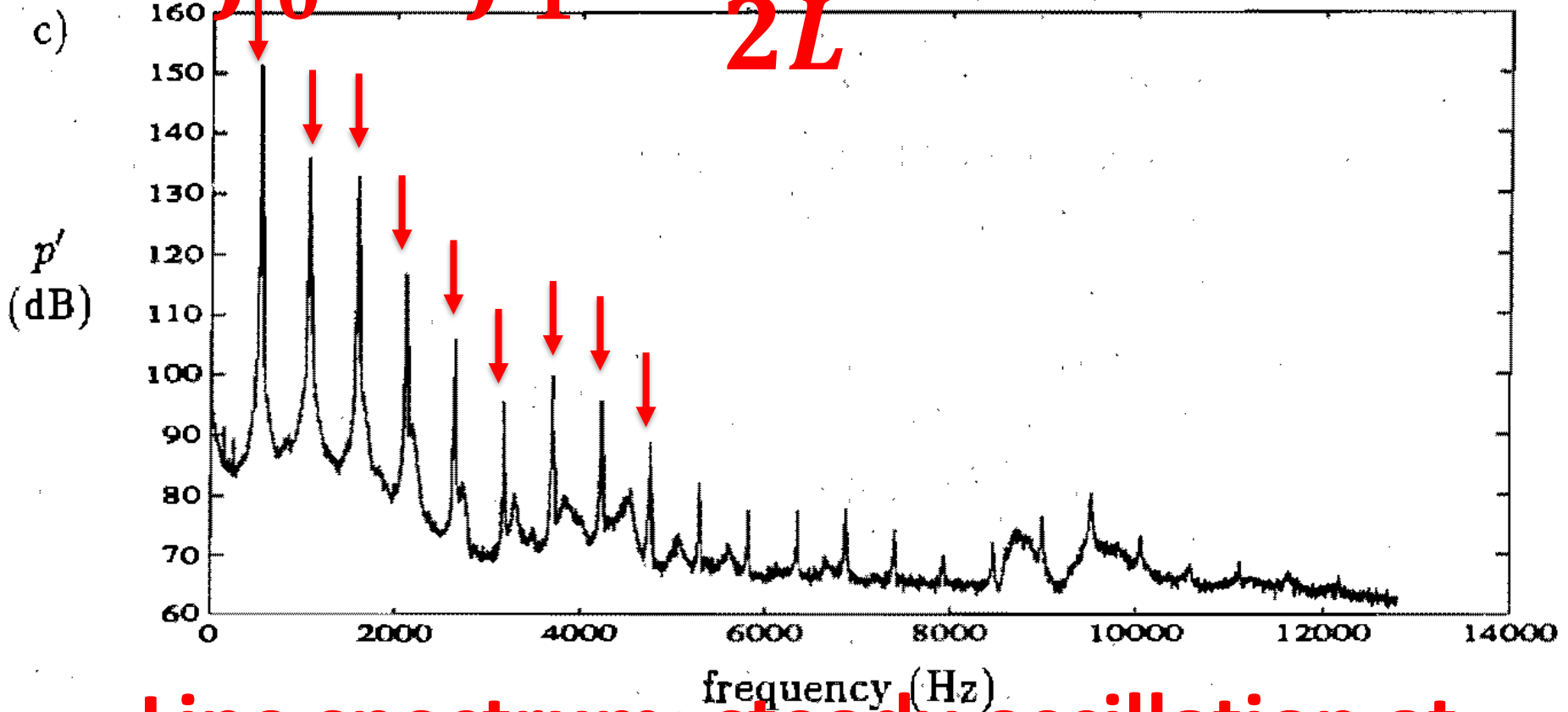
**Floor**

# Non-linearity generates higher harmonics

$$T_0 = \frac{1}{f_0}$$

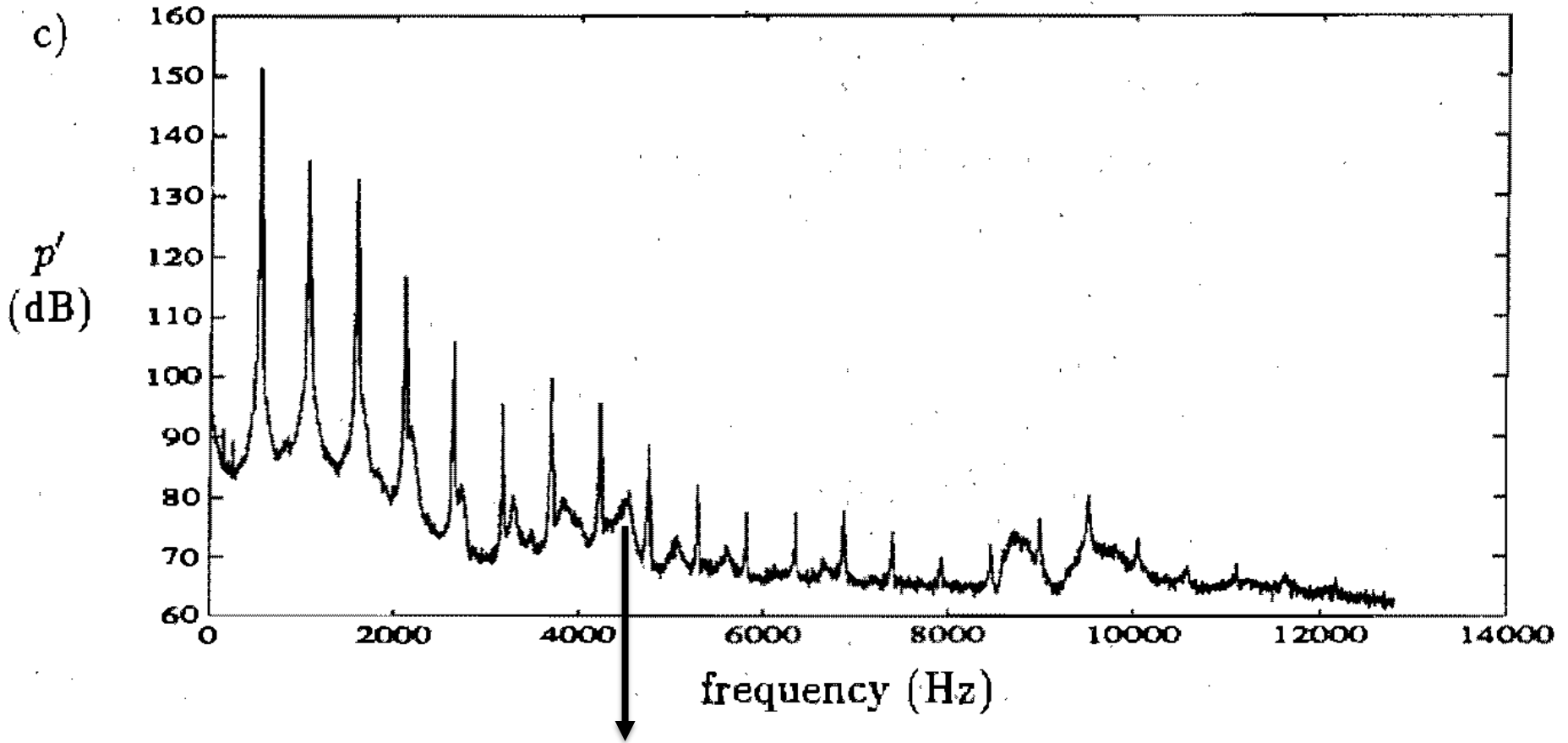


$$f_0 \approx f_1 = \frac{c}{2L}$$



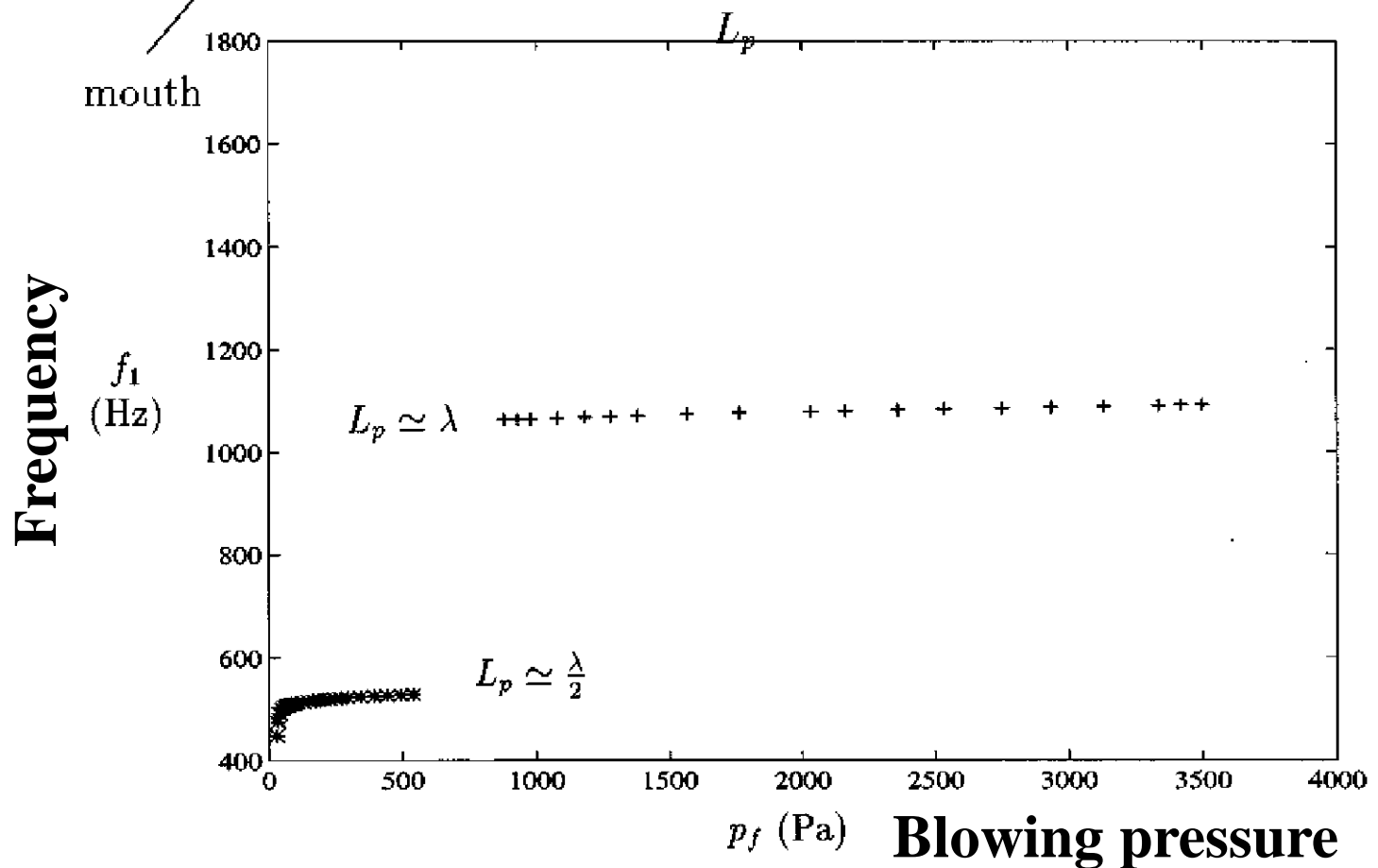
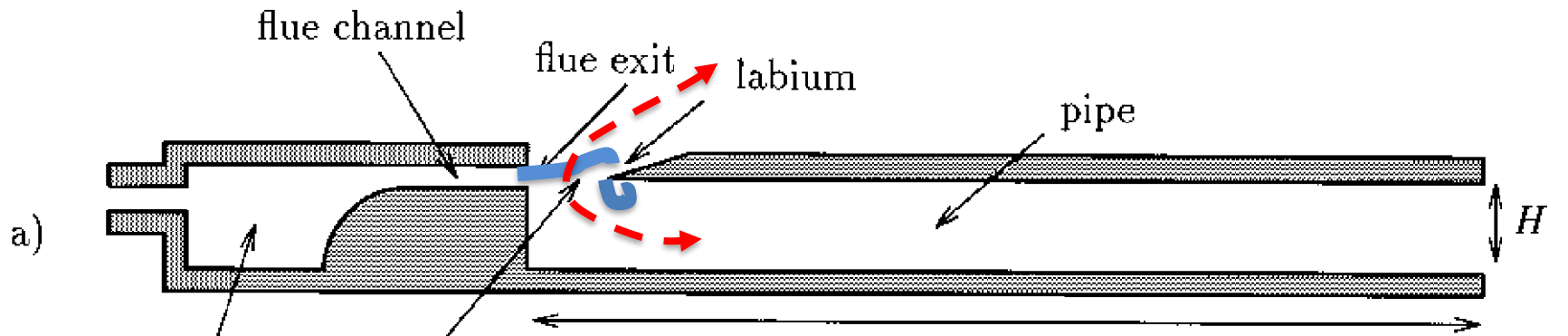
**Line spectrum: steady oscillation at frequency  $f_0$  with harmonics at  $n f_0$**

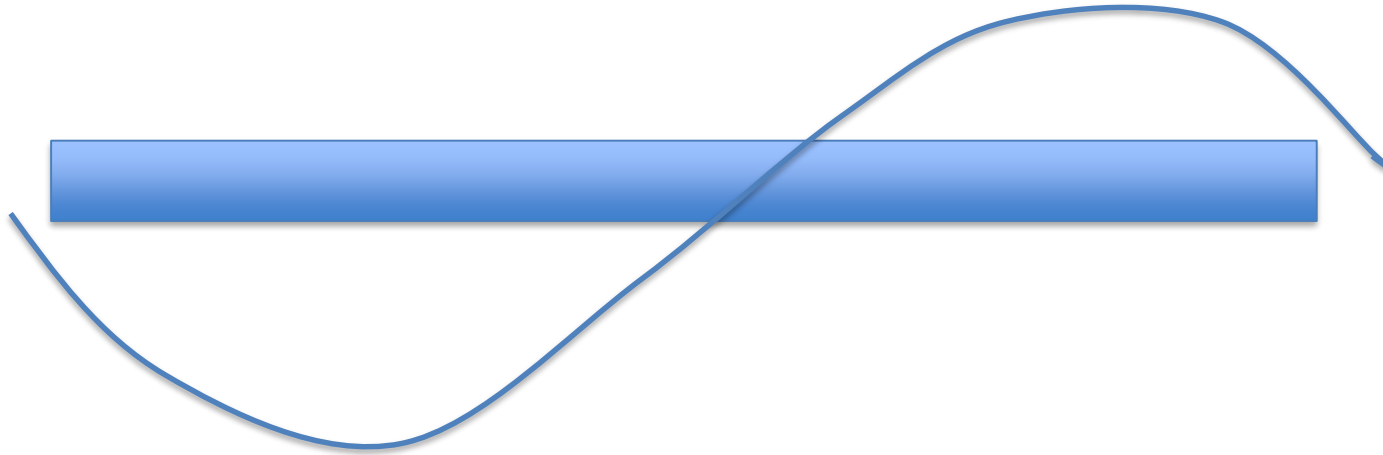
**The higher harmonics are essential for the perception of musical sound (quality).**



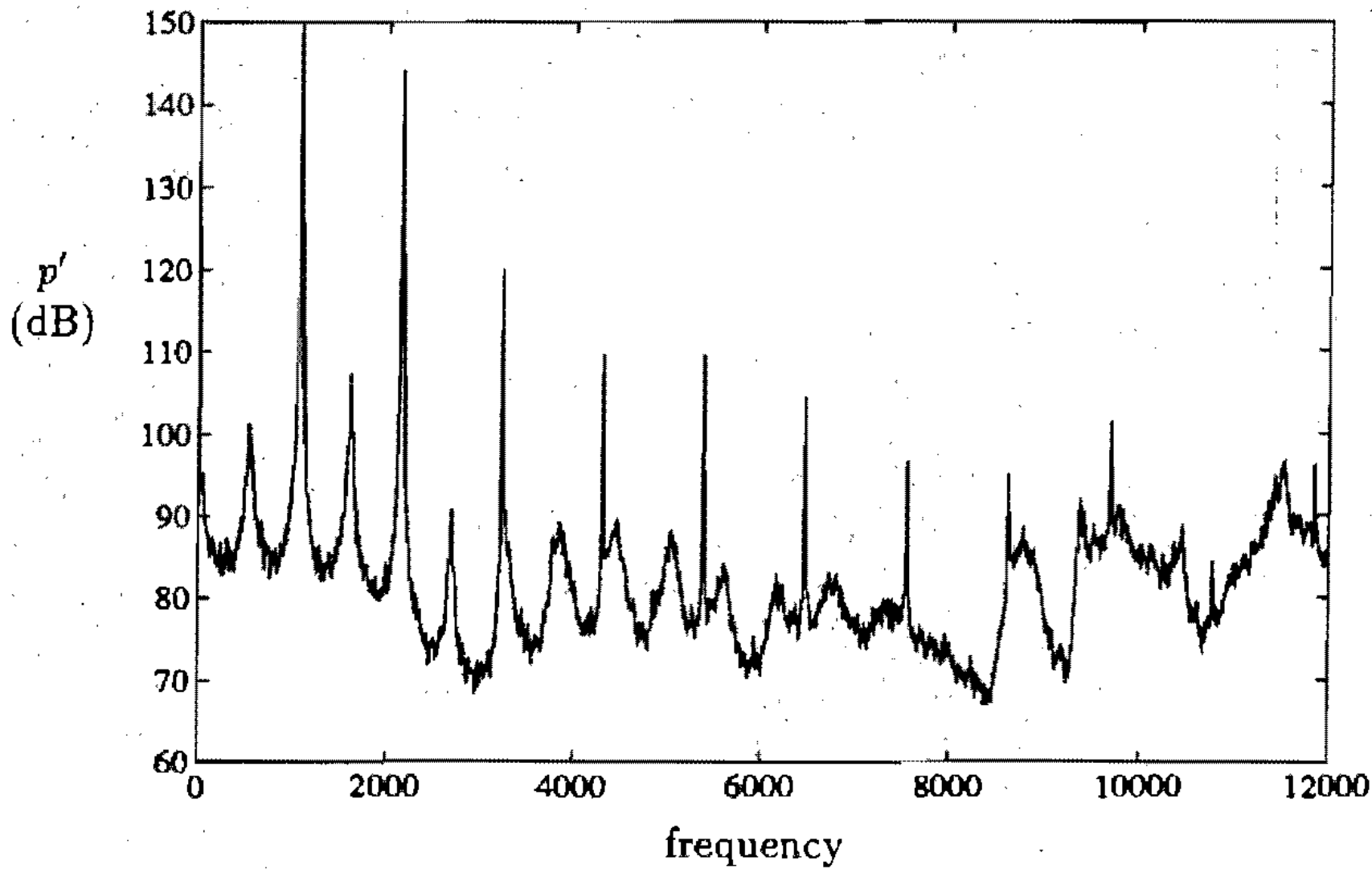
**Broadband noise spectrum due to turbulence**

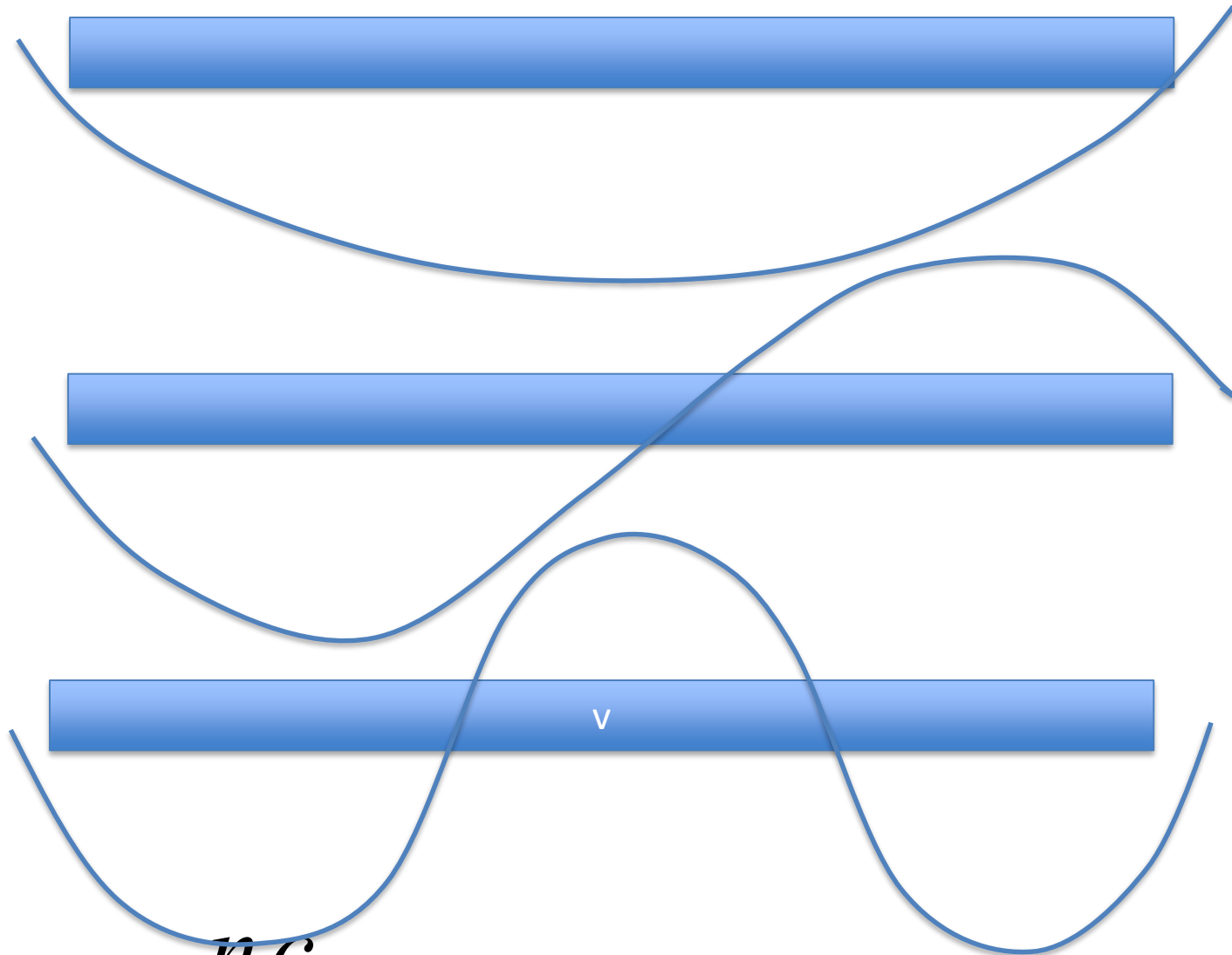






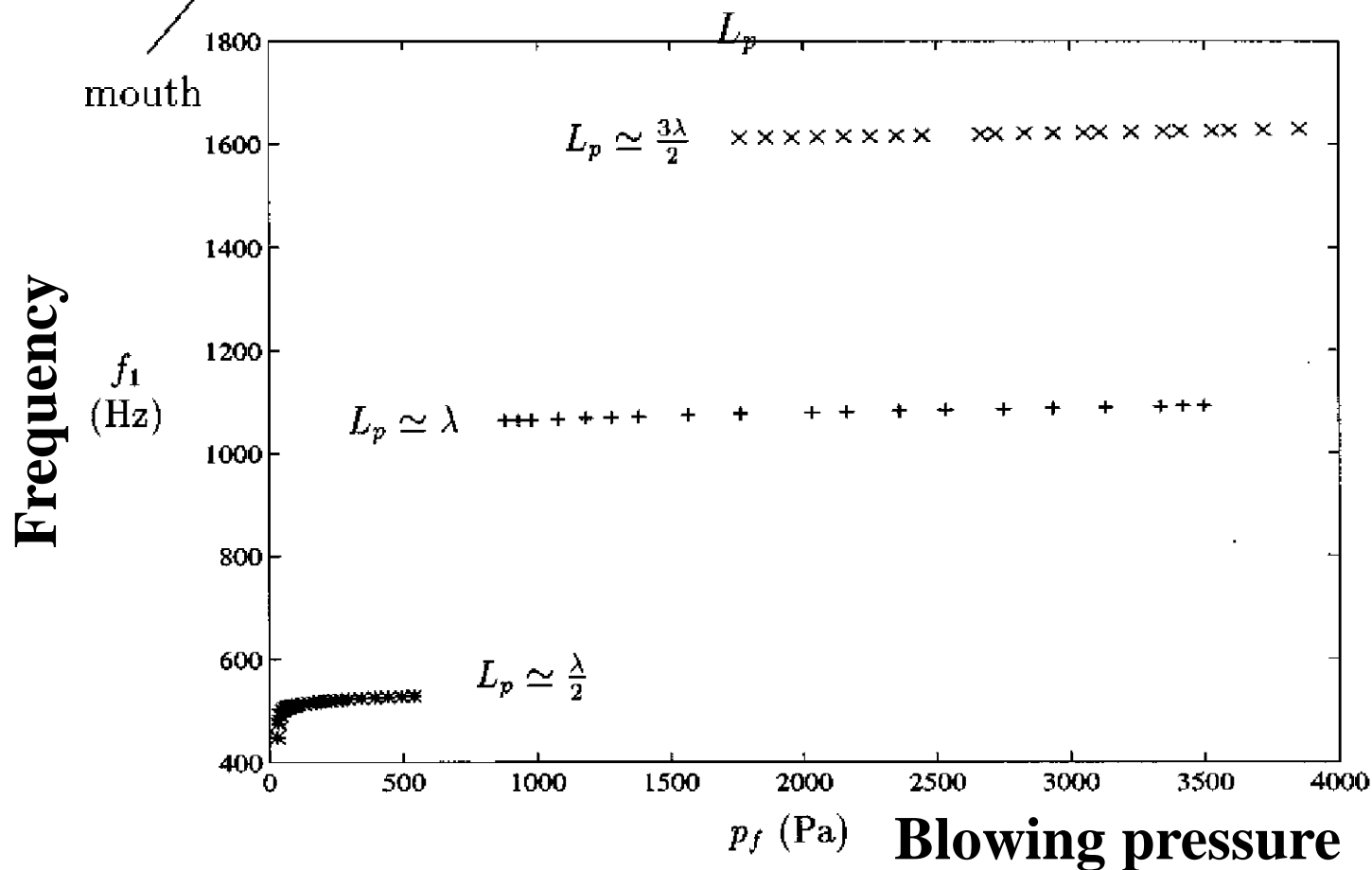
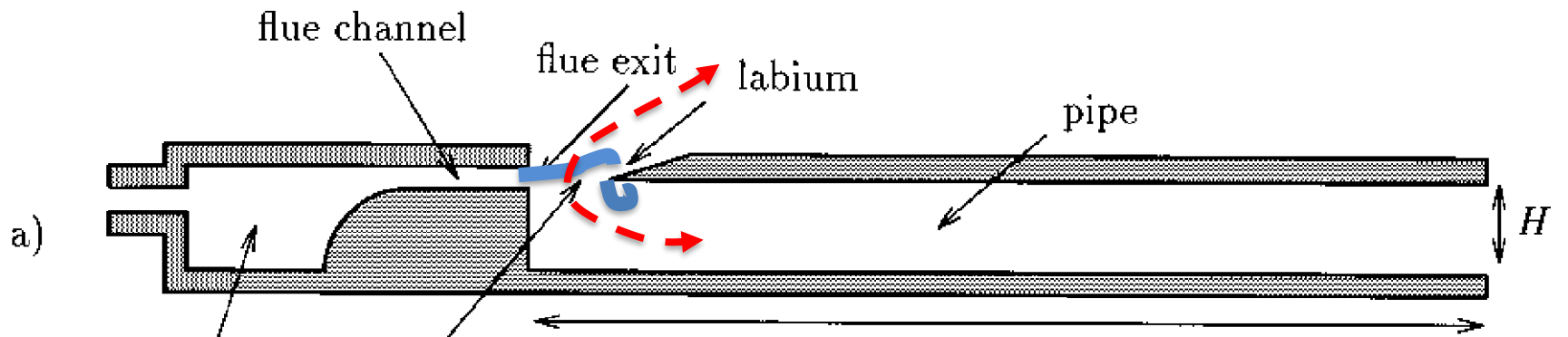
$$f_0 \approx f_2 = \frac{c}{L}$$



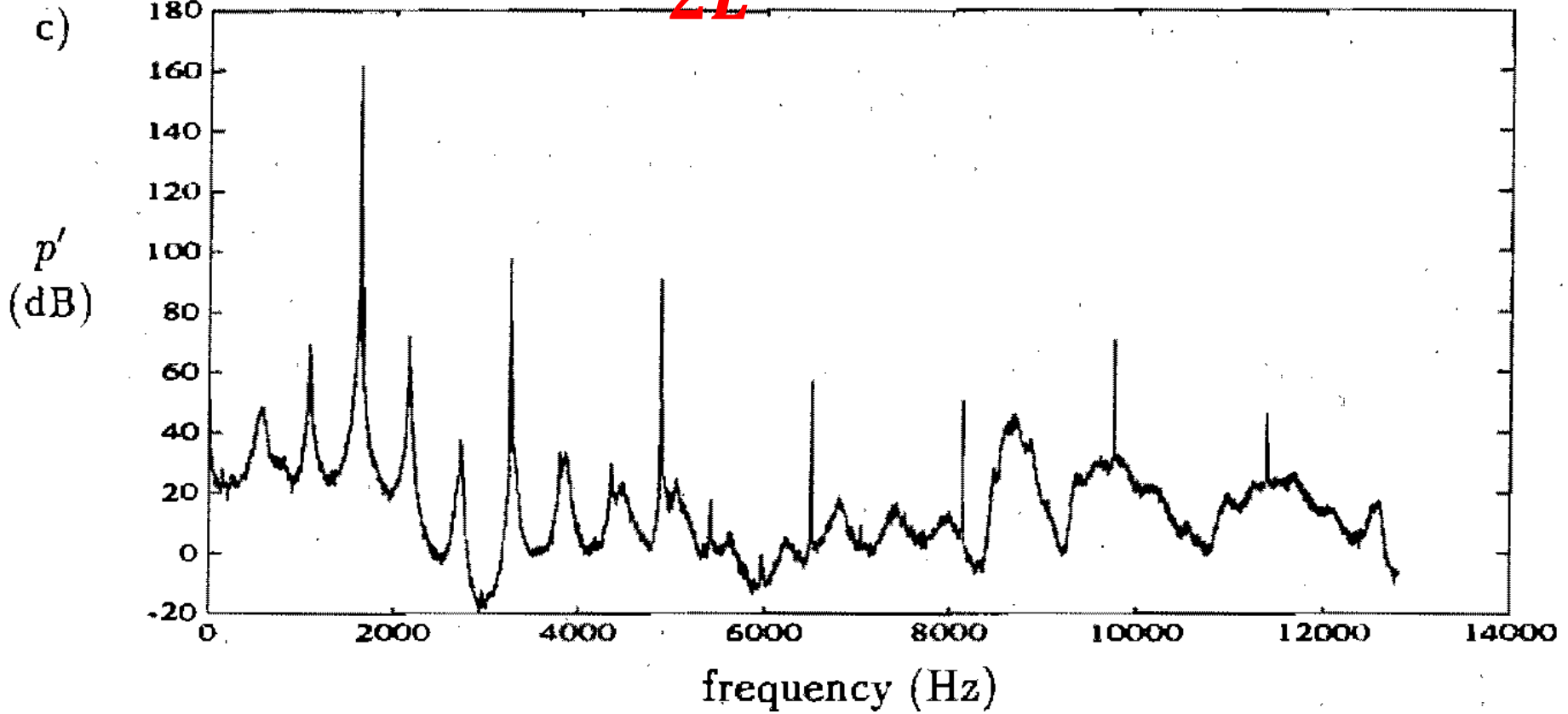


$$f_n \gg \frac{nc}{2(L + 2d)} ; n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

**(open-open) pipe**



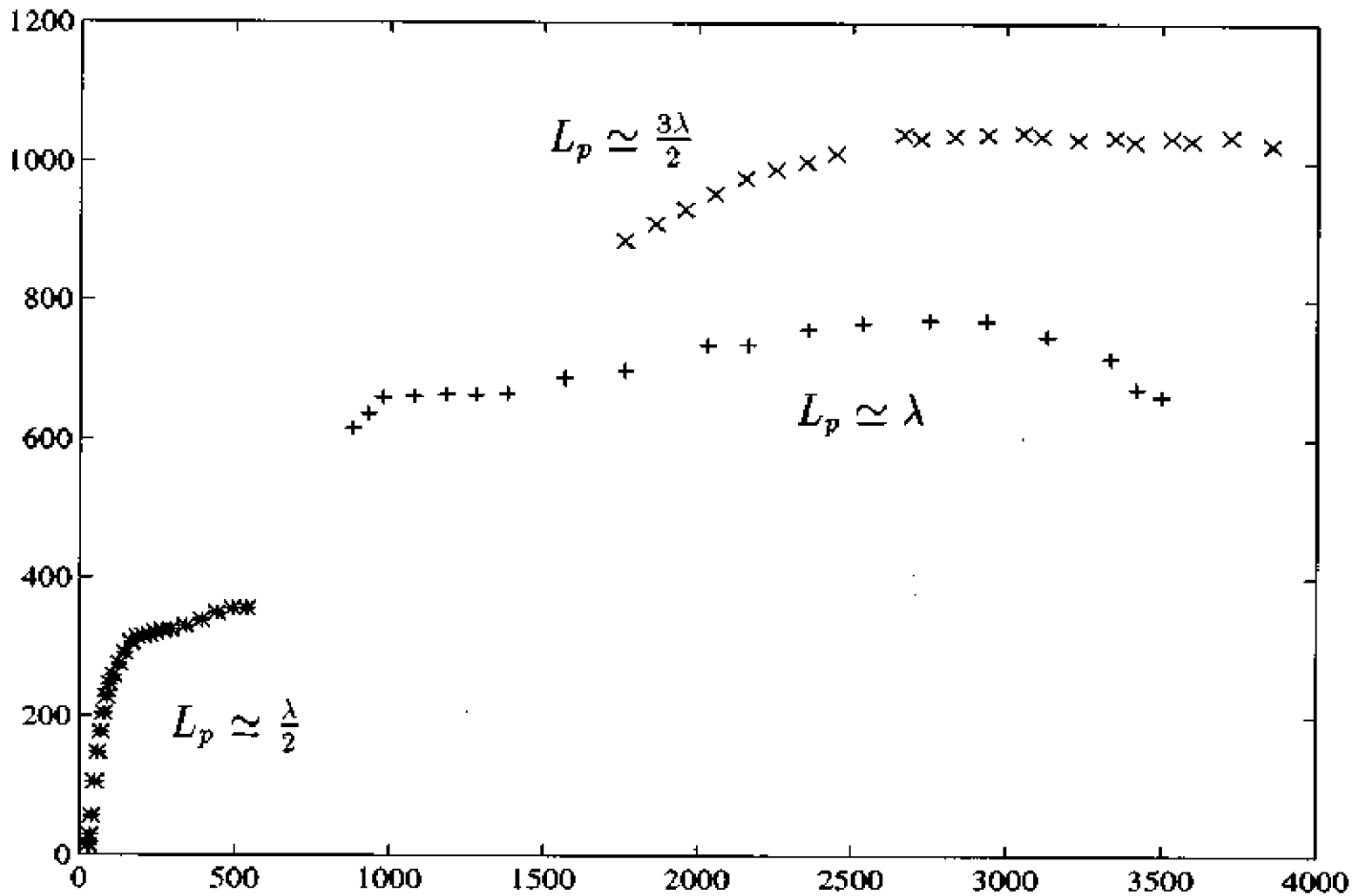
$$f_0 \approx f_3 = \frac{3c}{2L}$$



**Acoustic pressure amplitude  $p'$  increases  
with blowing pressure**

Amplitude (Pa)

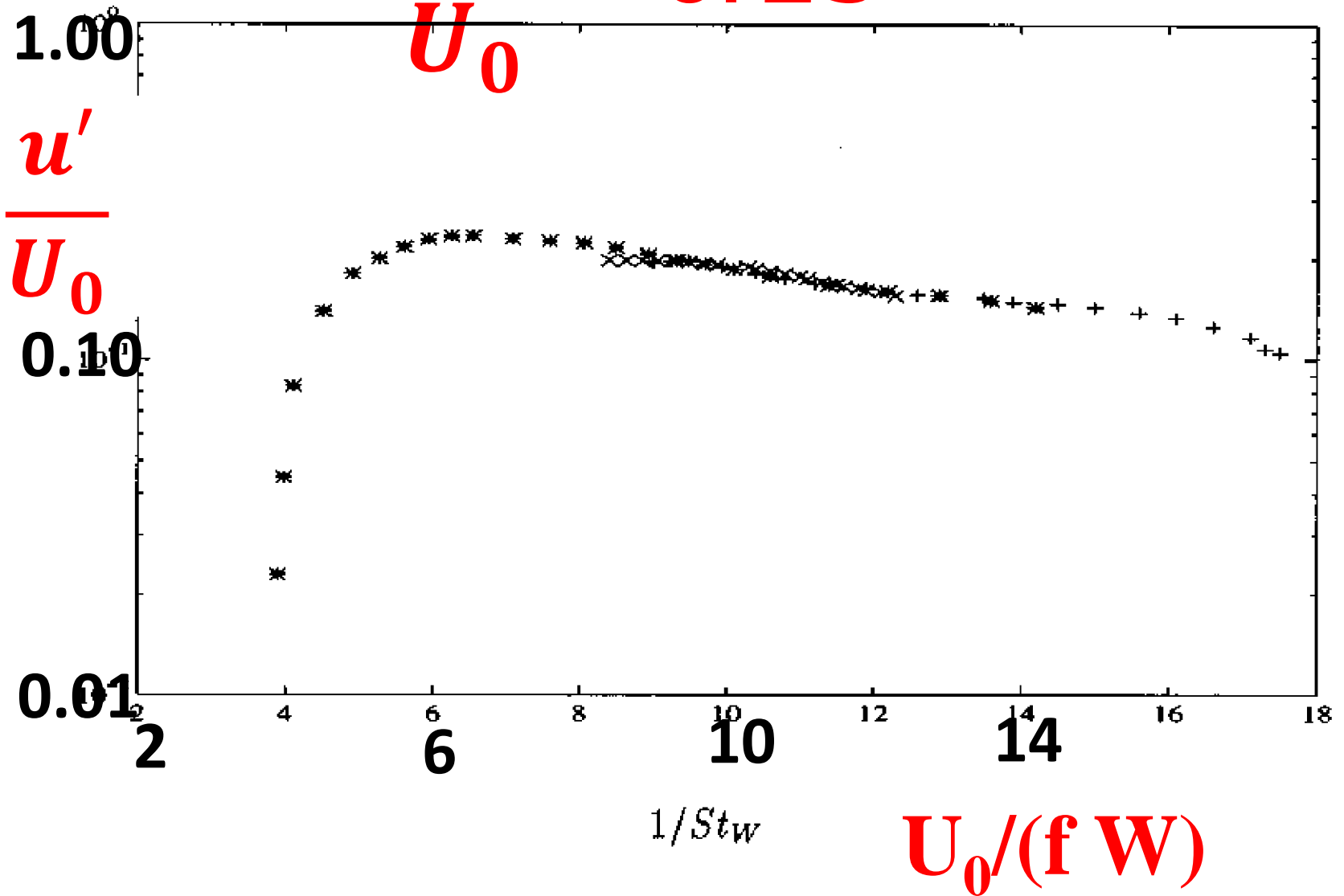
$p_1(\omega_1)$   
(Pa)



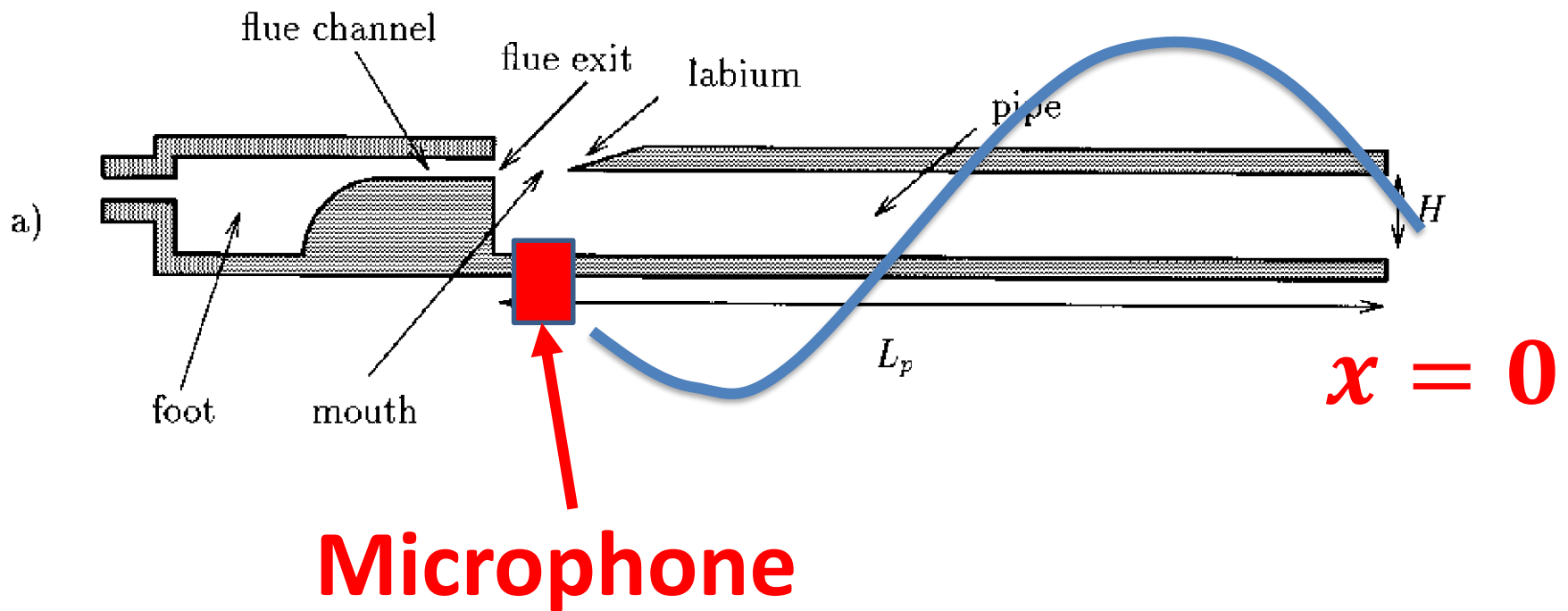
$P_f$   
Blowing pressure (Pa)



$$\frac{u'}{U_0} \approx 0.25$$

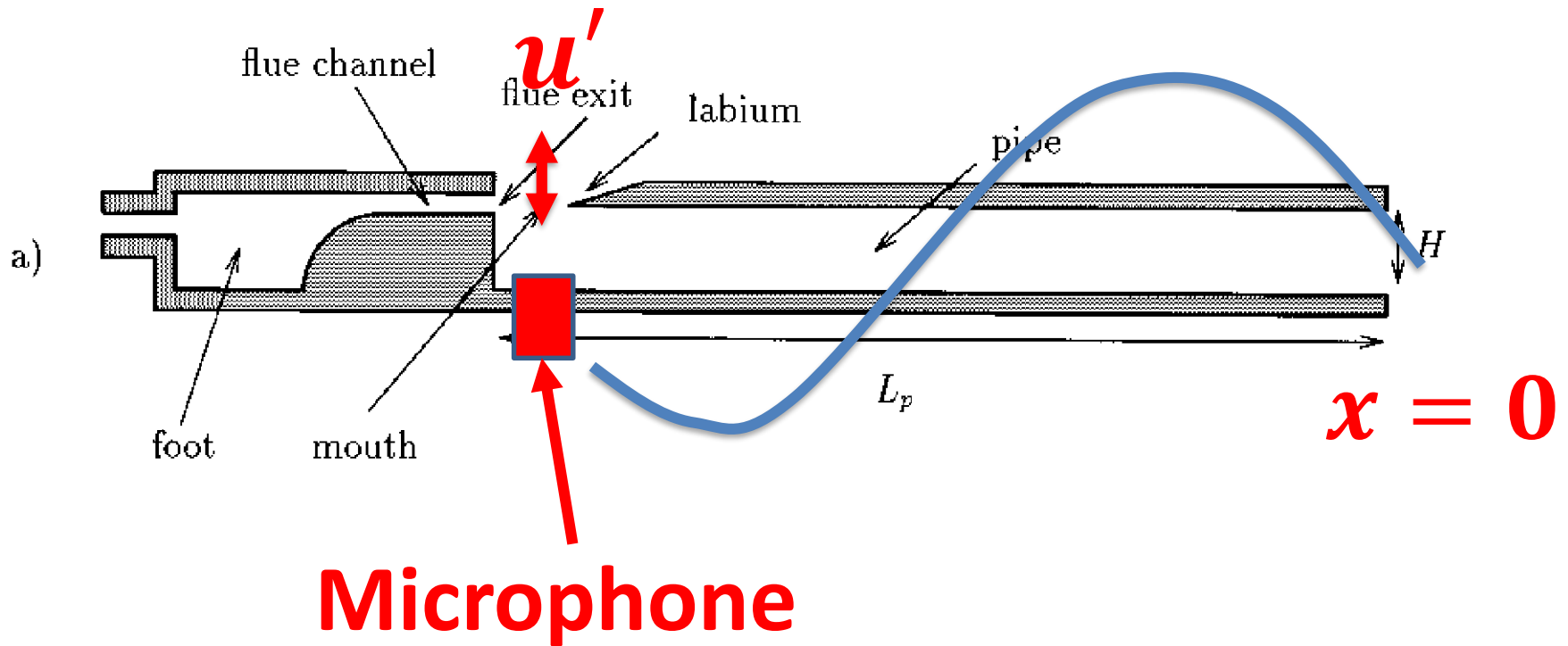


$$p' = \alpha \cos(2\pi ft) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi fx}{c}\right)$$



**Plane standing wave model**

$$p' = \alpha \cos(2\pi ft) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi fx}{c}\right)$$



$$p' = a \cos(\omega t) \sin\left(\frac{\omega x}{c}\right)$$

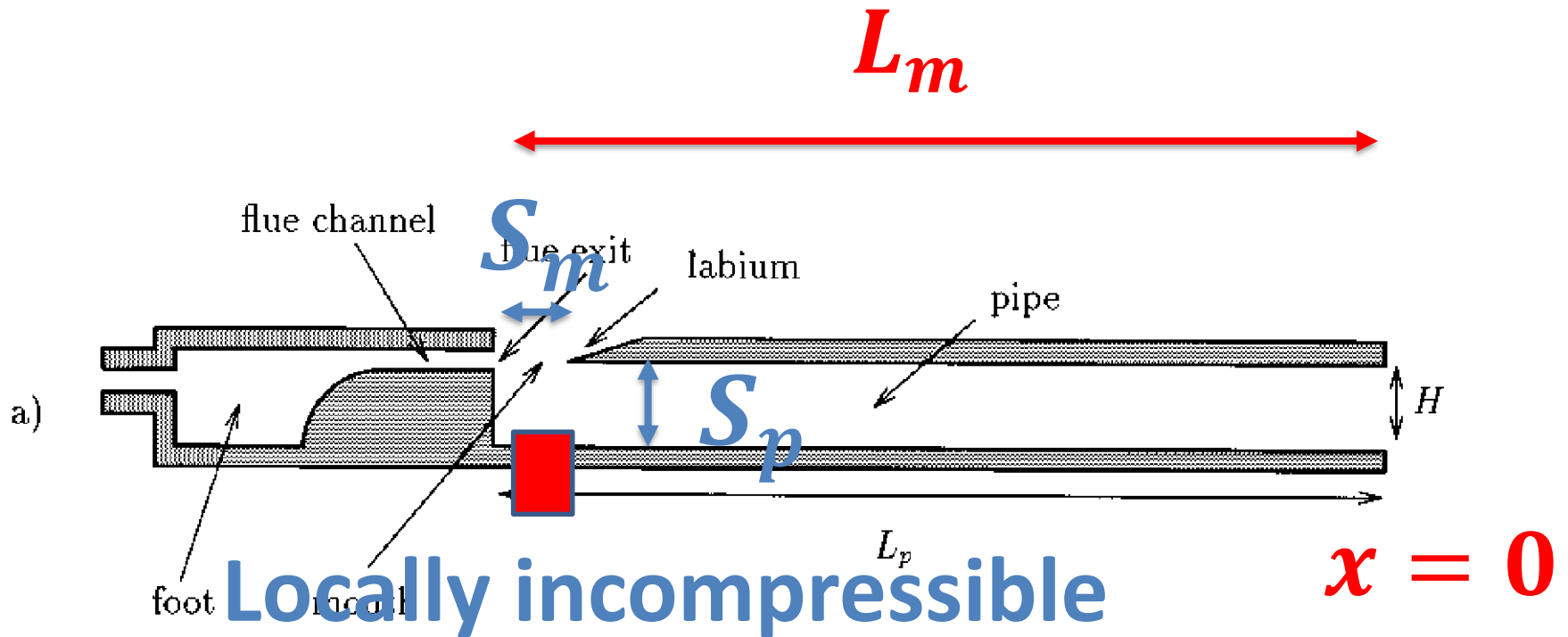
$$r \frac{\partial u'_p}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial p'}{\partial x}$$

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$$u'_p = - \frac{a}{rc} \sin(\omega t) \cos\left(\frac{\omega x}{c}\right)$$

**In pipe at the microphone position**



**Locally incompressible  
acoustic flow**

$$S_p u'_p = S_m u'$$

# Dimensionless flow velocity (1/Strouhal)

$$\frac{1}{St} = \frac{U_0}{fW} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{2P_{mouth}}{r}}}{fW}; \quad r = 1.2 \text{ kg} / \text{m}^3$$

# Dimensionless amplitude (amplitude acoustic velocity/jet velocity)

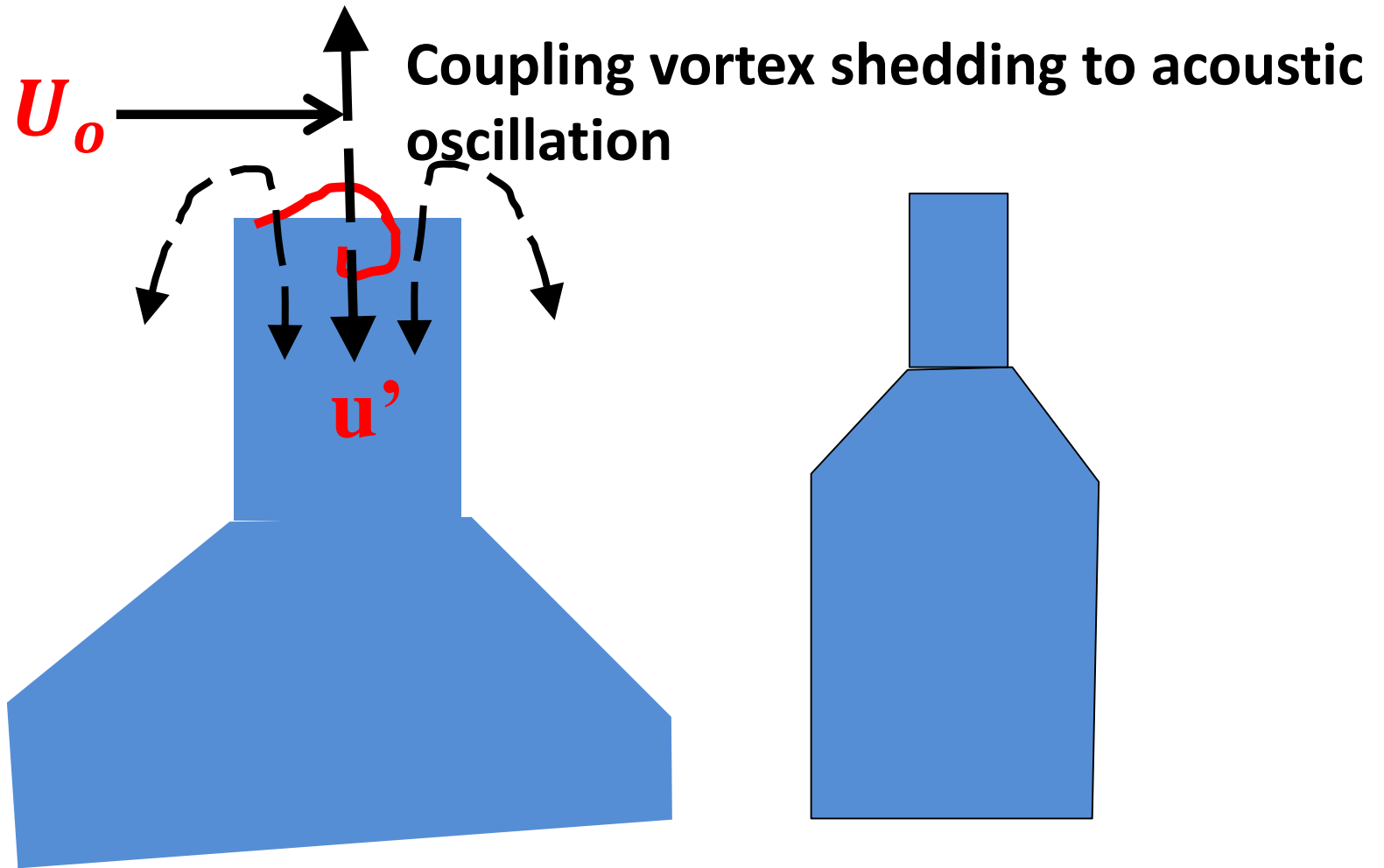
$$\frac{u'}{U_0} = \frac{a}{rcU_0} \left| \cos\left(\frac{WL_m}{c}\right) \right| \frac{S_p}{S_m}$$

**Grazing flow**

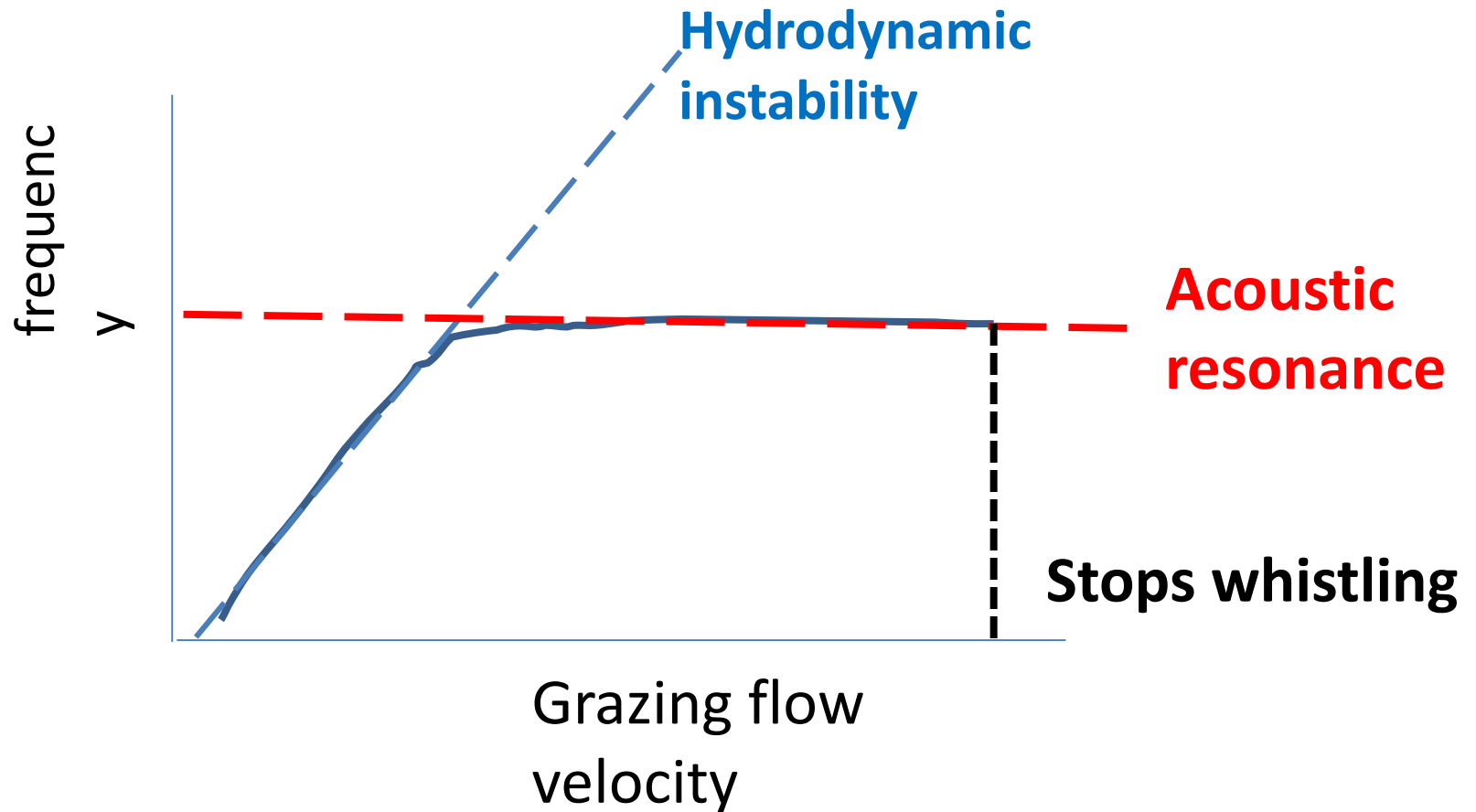


**Bottle**

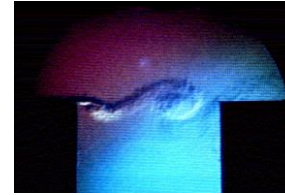
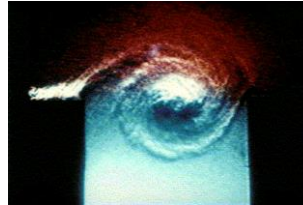




# Oscillation frequency



Hydrodynamic  
modes

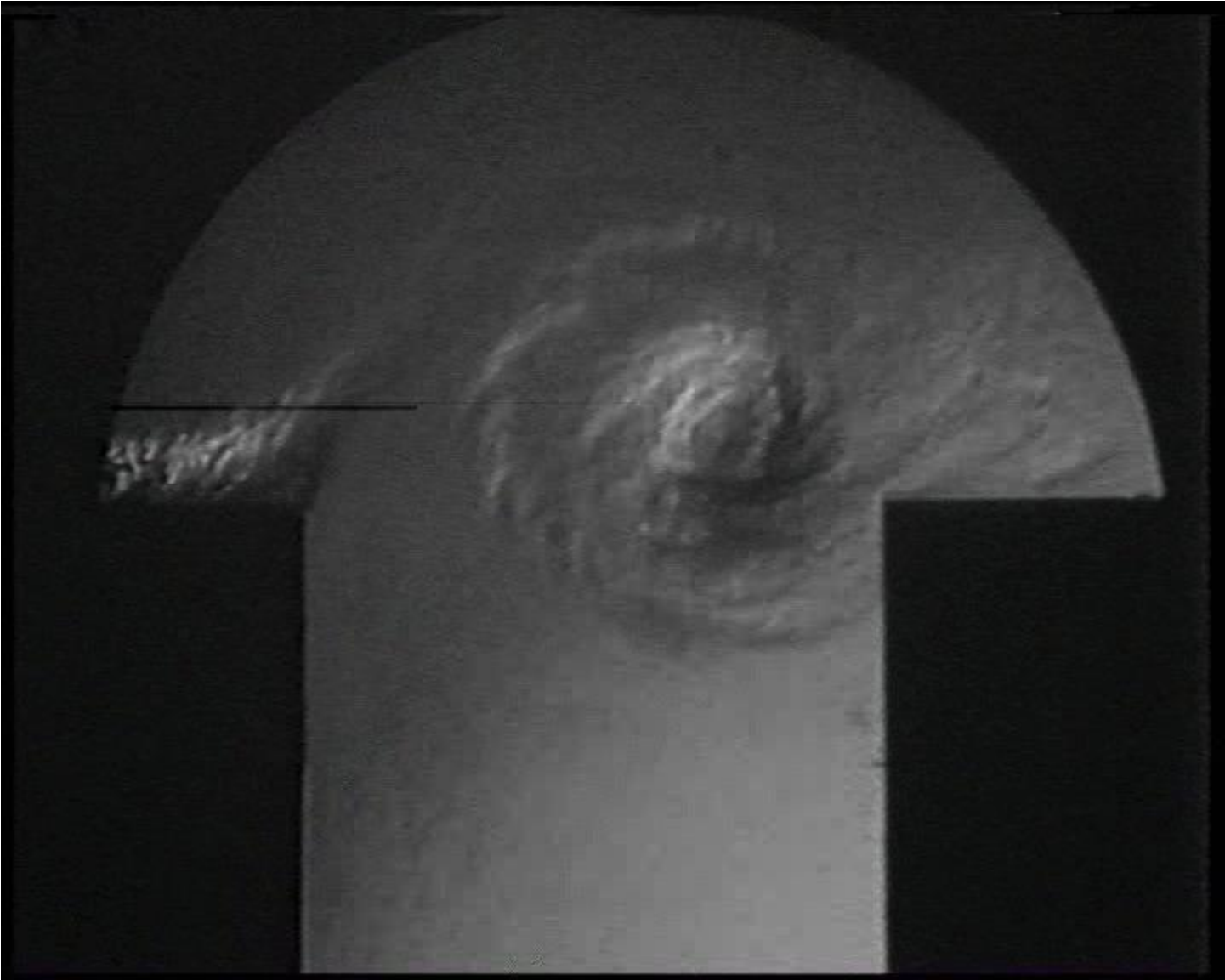


Perturbation  
of shear layer  
(acoustic  
feedback)

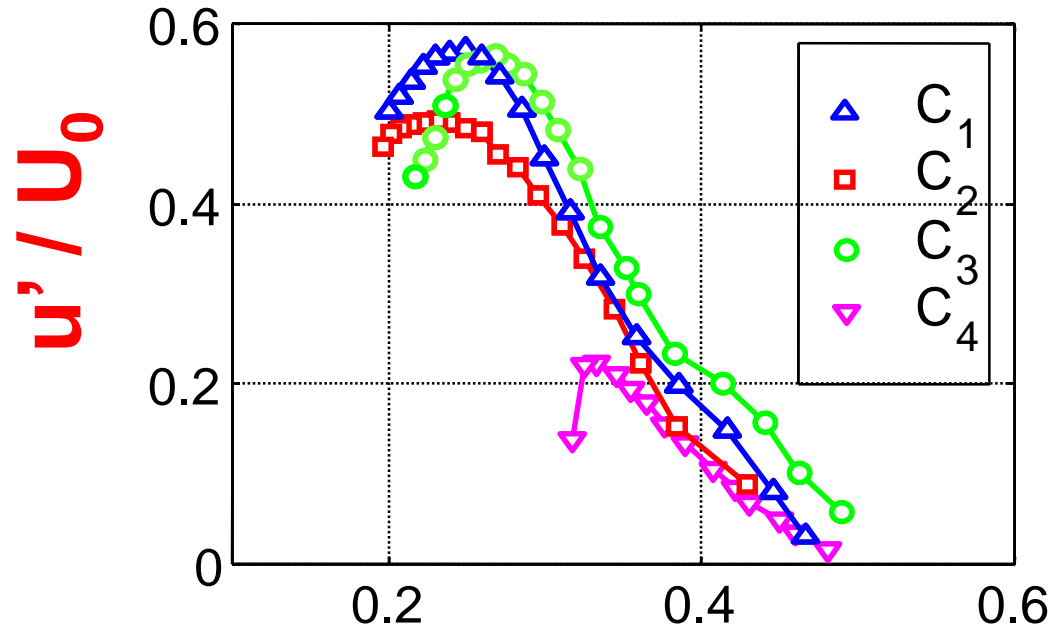
**Hydrodynamic instability**  
(Amplifier)

**Bottle resonance**  
(Filter)

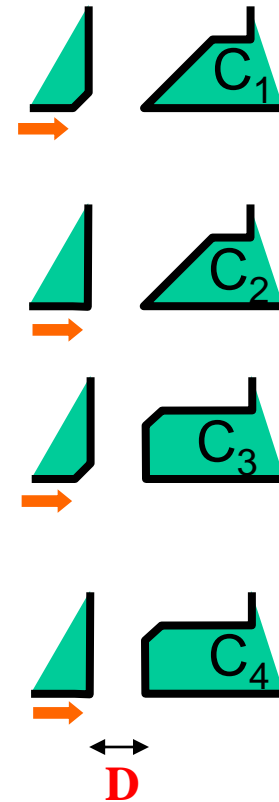
Unsteady  
force  
on wall  
(sound source)



# Ratio acoustic velocity in neck / grazing flow velocity



$$Sr = \frac{fD}{U_0}$$



Mouth pressure



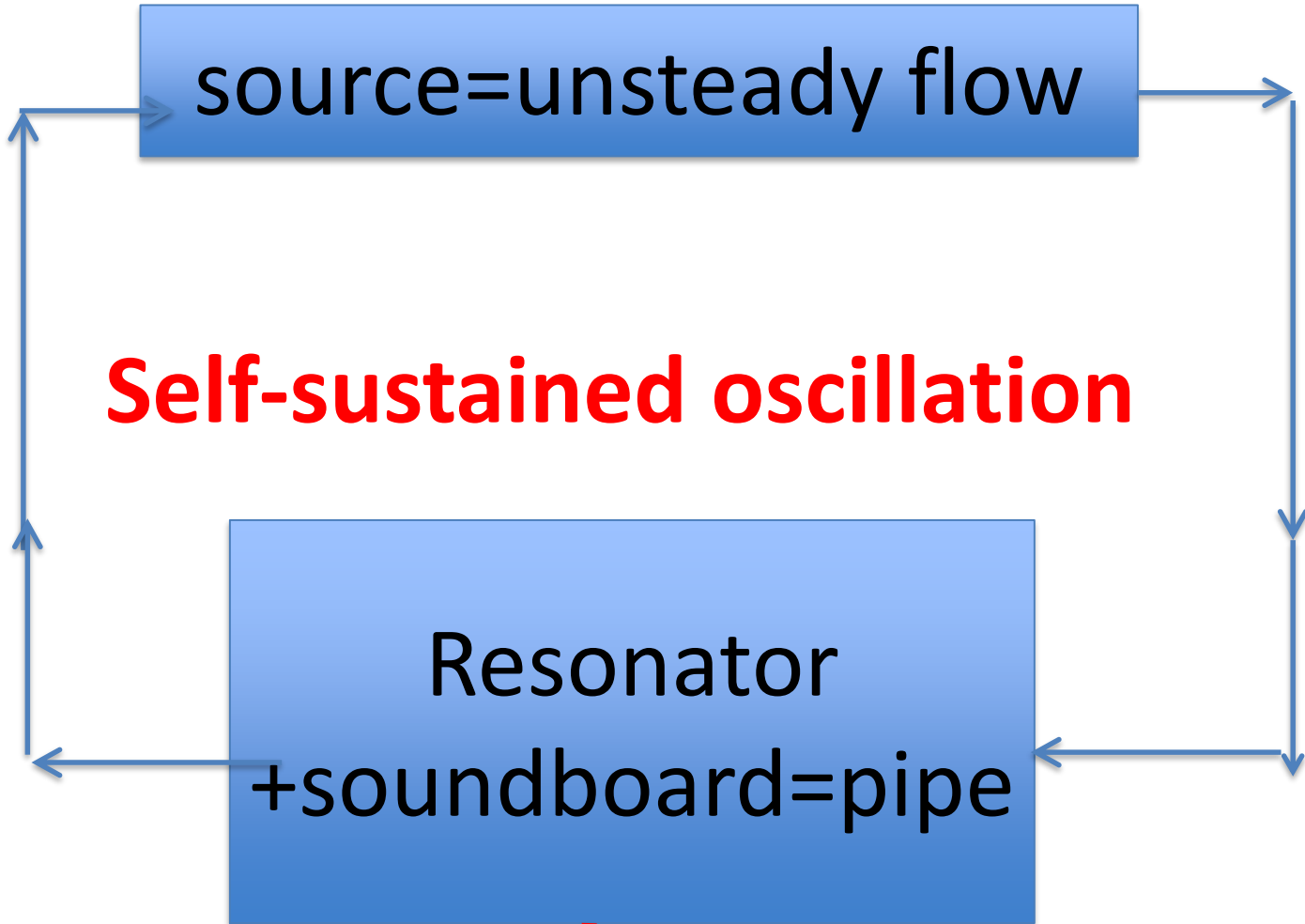
source=unsteady flow

**Self-sustained oscillation**

Resonator

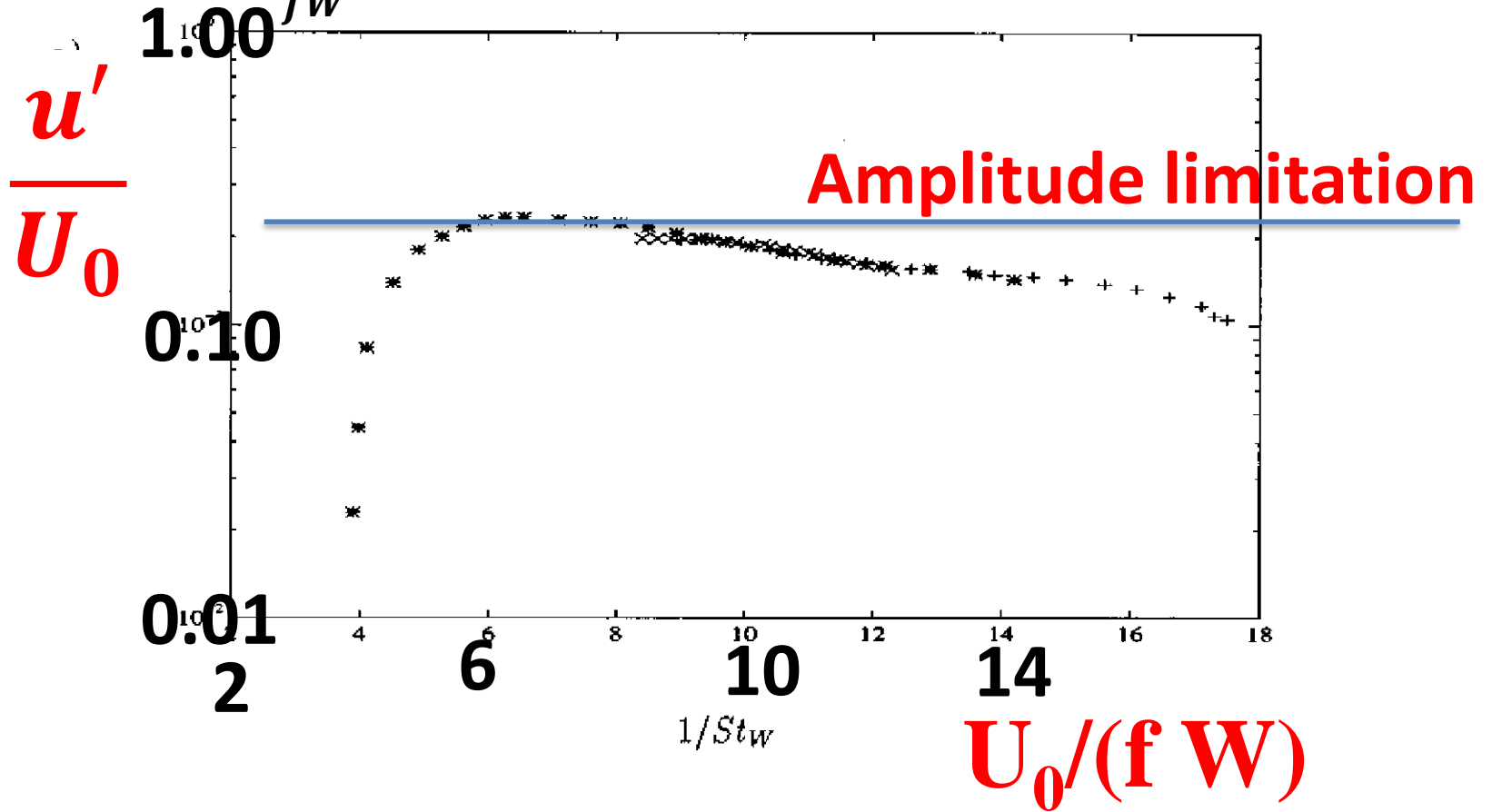
+soundboard=pipe

Sound radiation



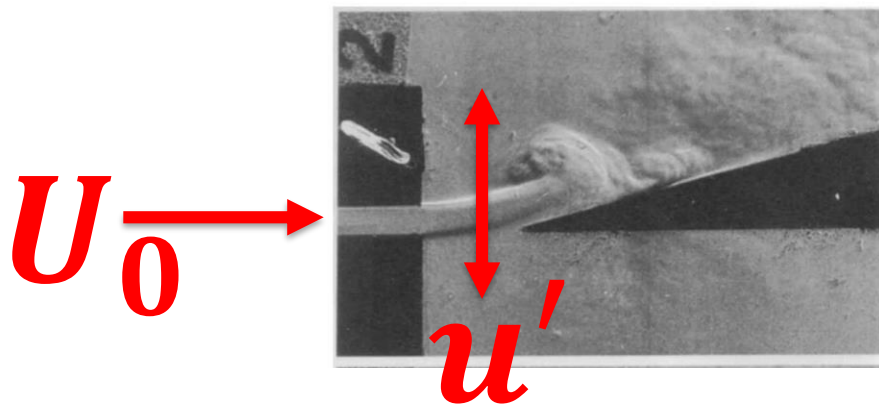
$u_{ac}/U_0$  dimensionless amplitude

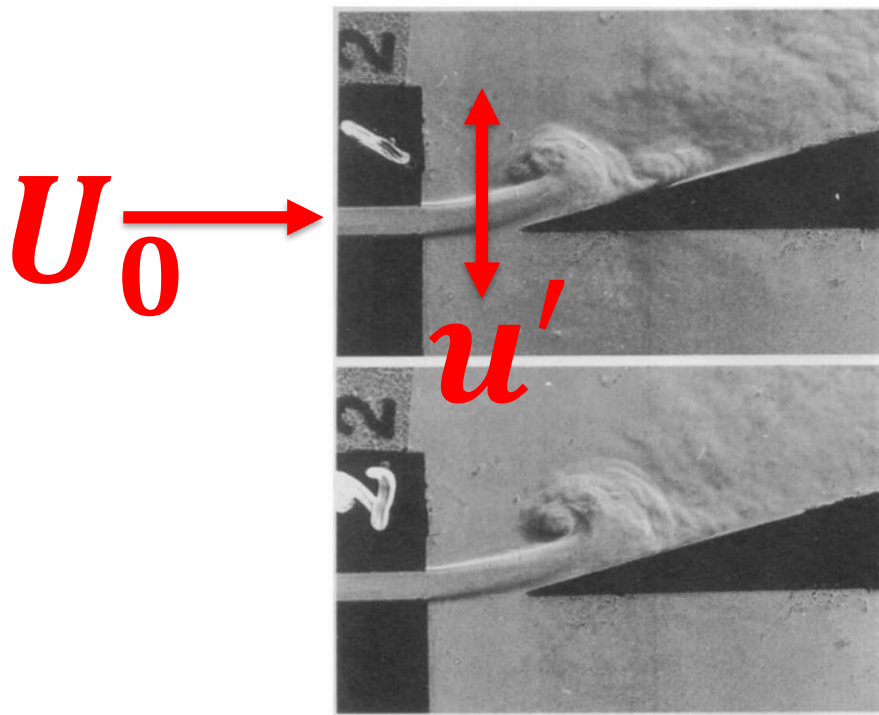
$\frac{U_0}{fW}$   
dimensionless velocity



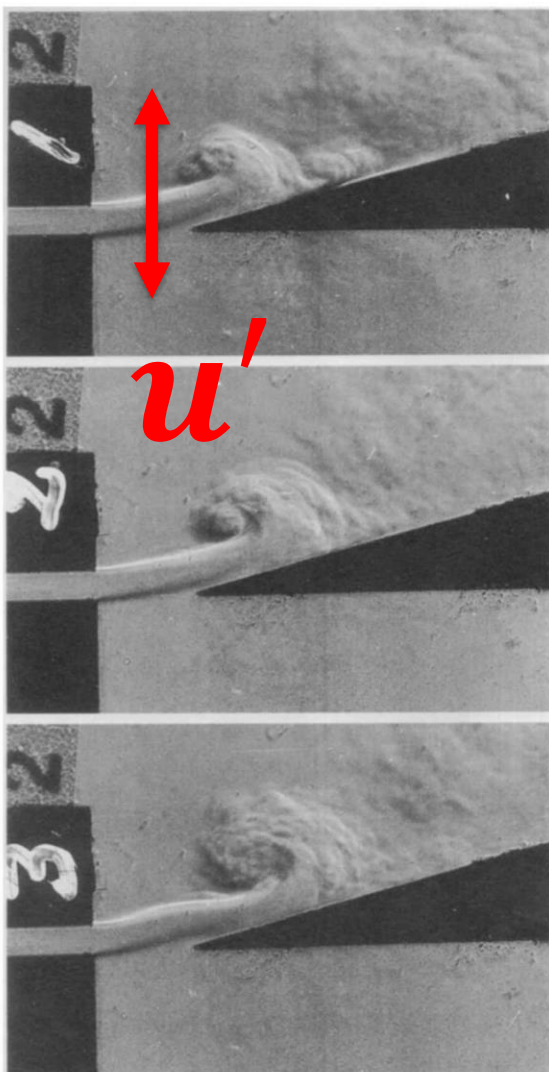
**Amplitude limiting non-linearity ?**





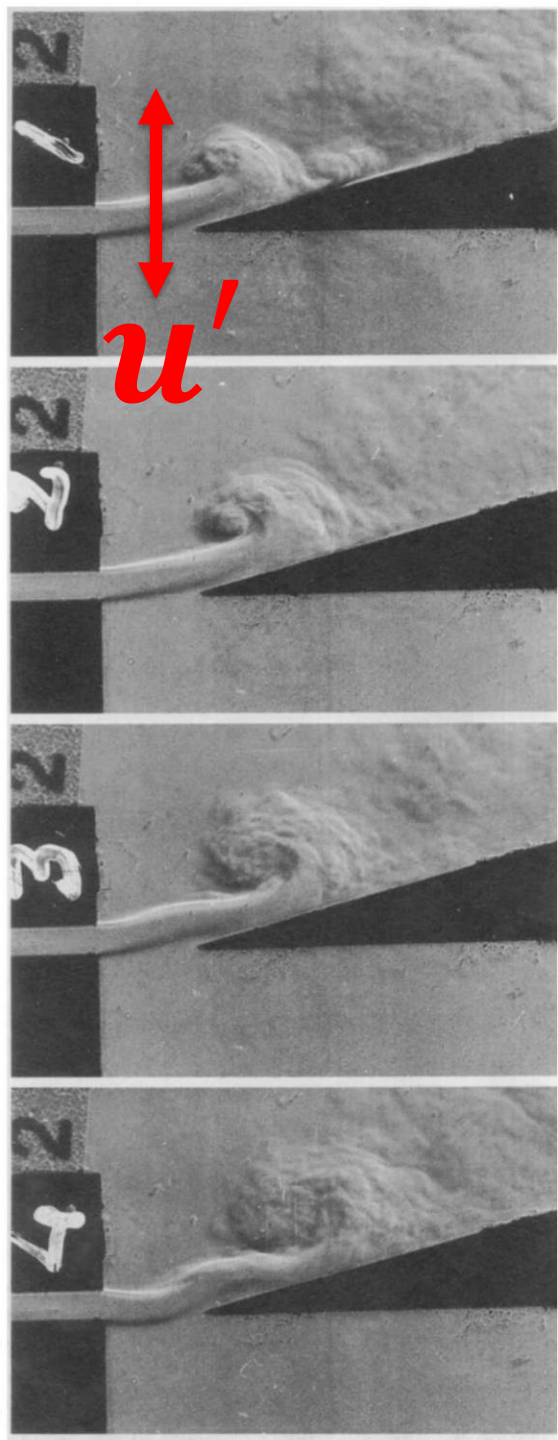


$U_0$



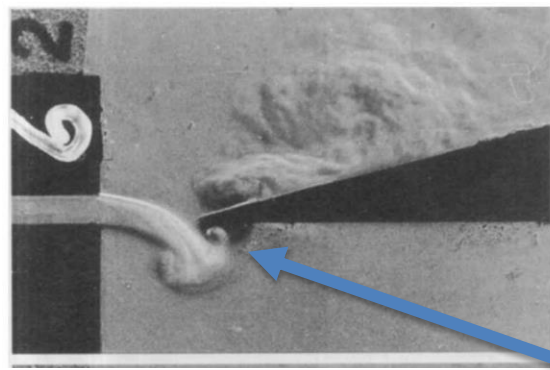
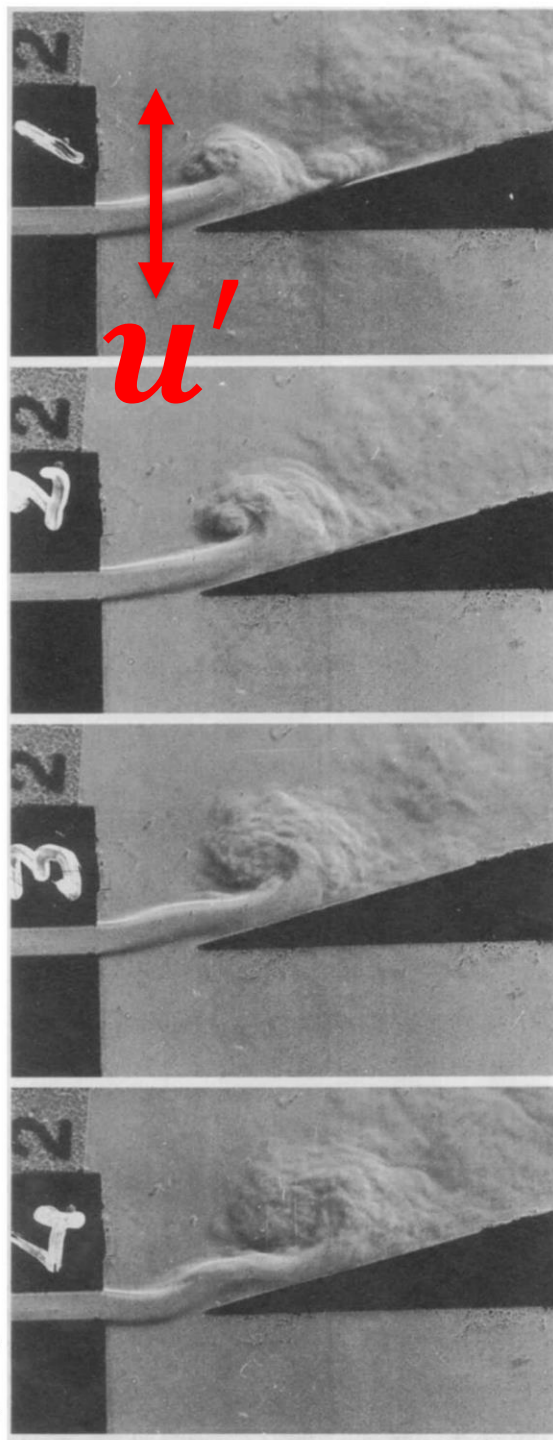
$U_0$

$u'$



$U_0$

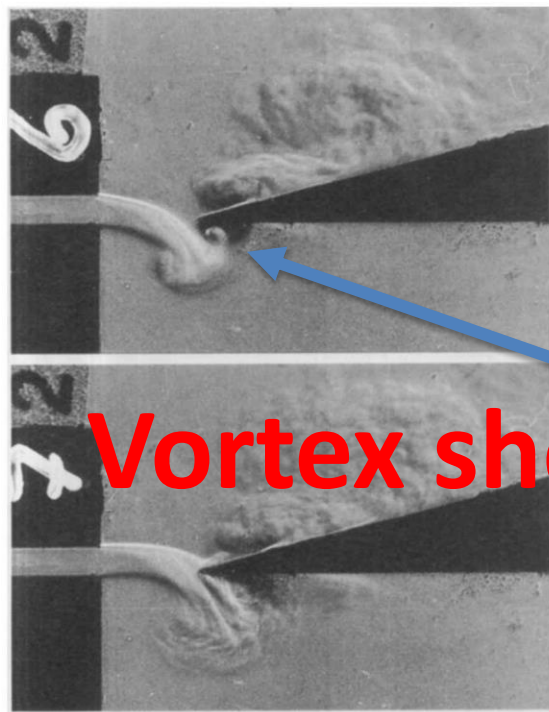
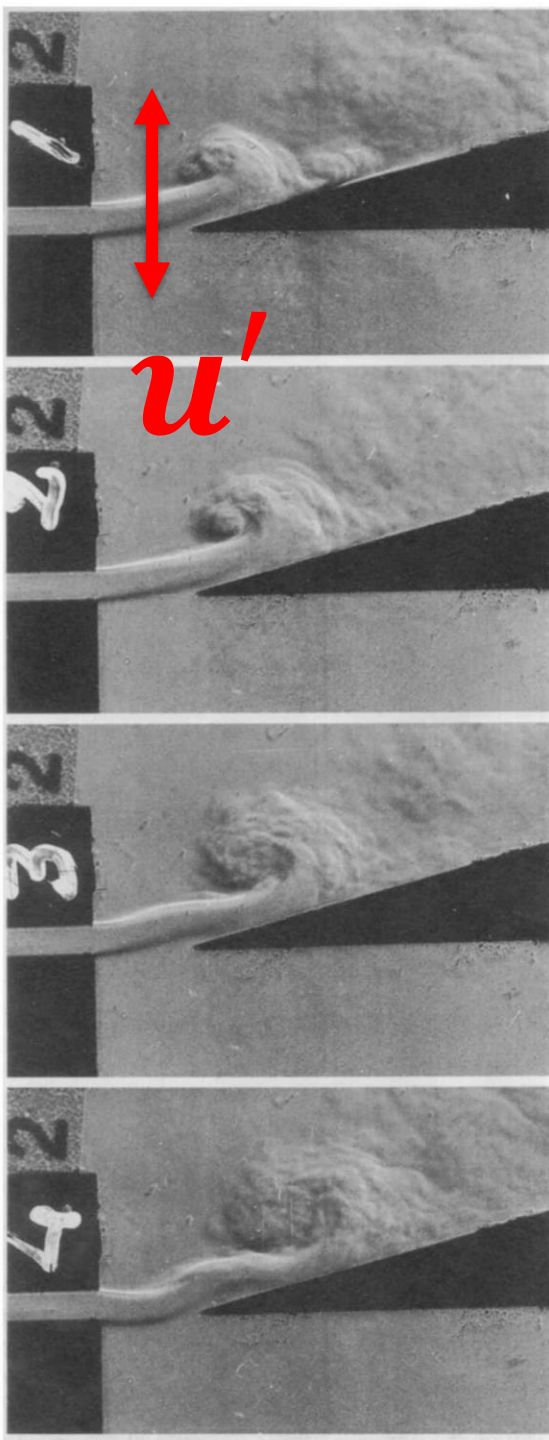
$u'$



**Vortex shedding**

$U_0$

$u'$

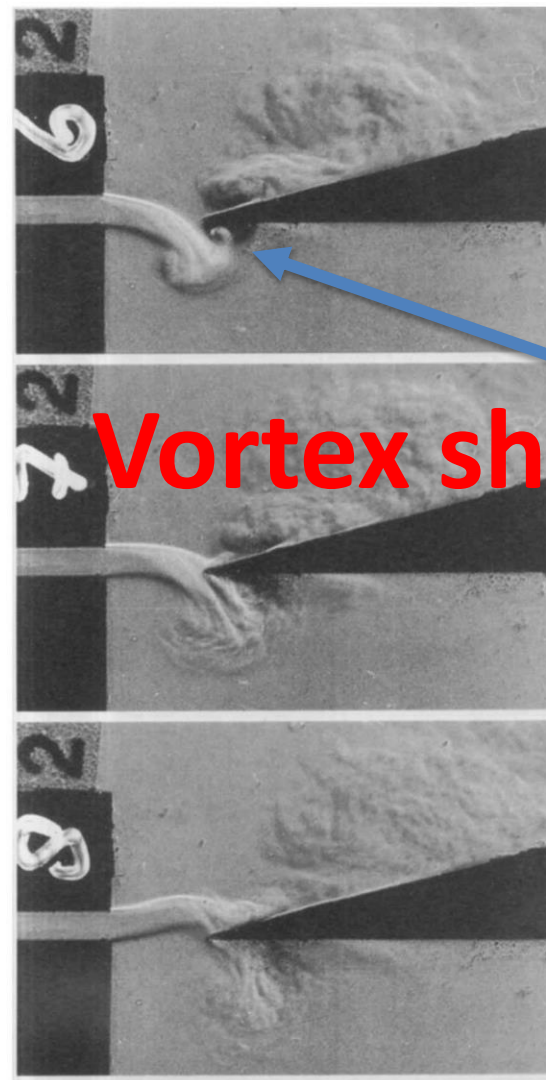
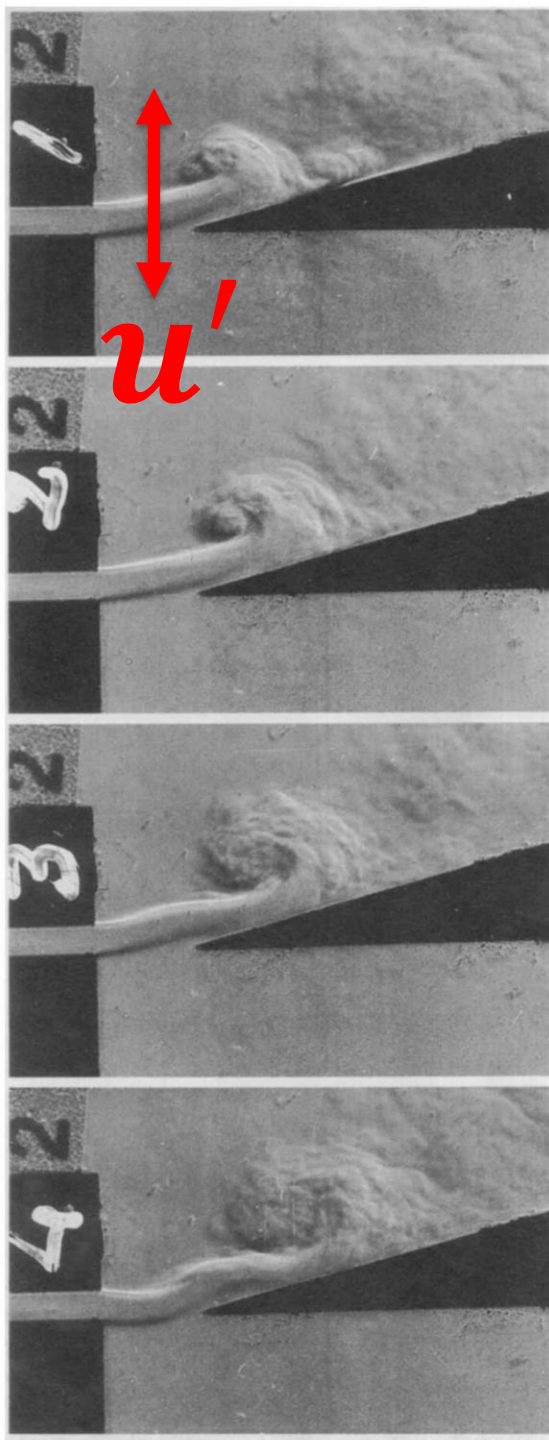


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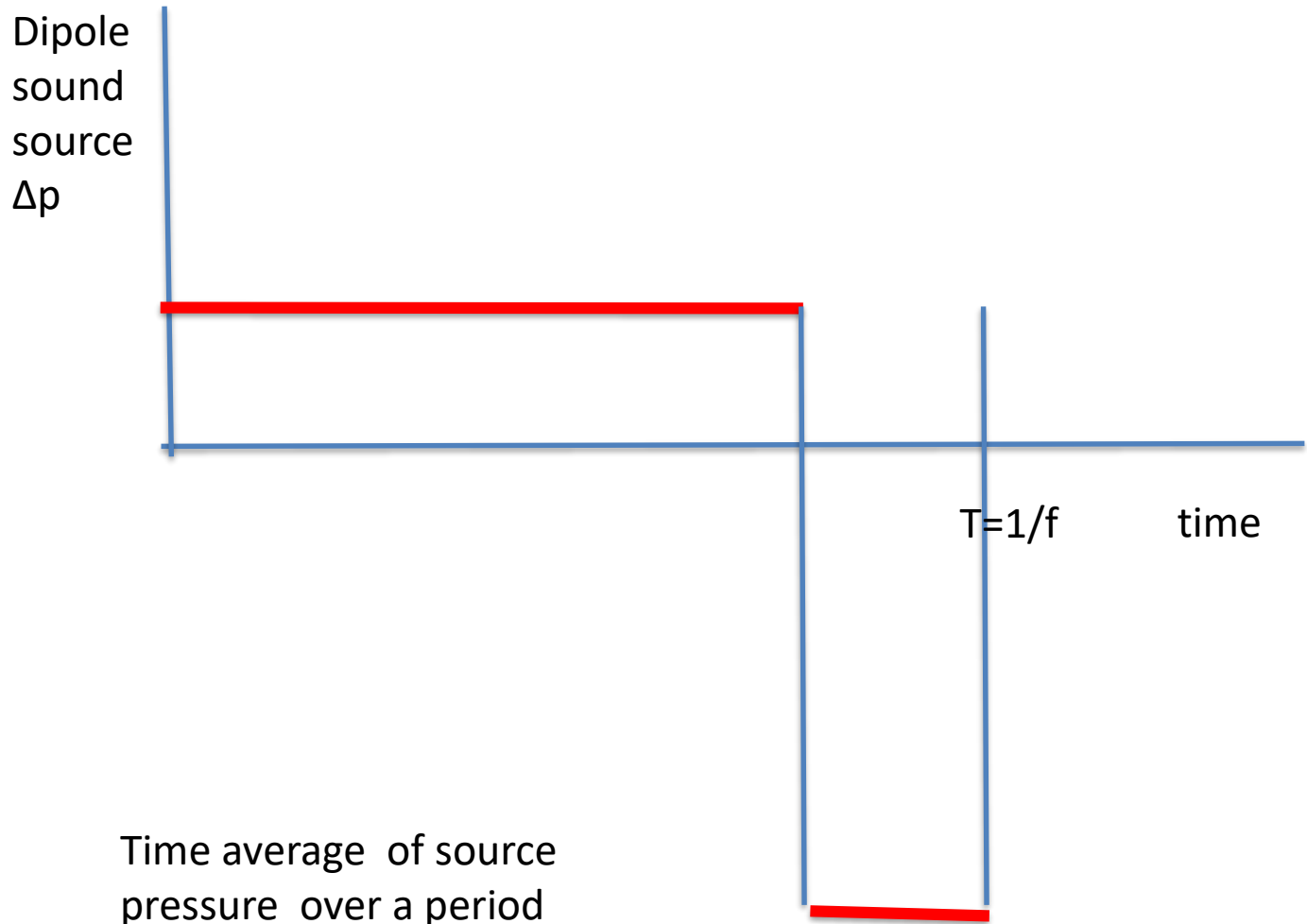
$U_0$

$u'$



**Vortex shedding**

Mention that the jet remains 70% of the oscillation period above the labium. Hence the interaction results in a sort pulse.



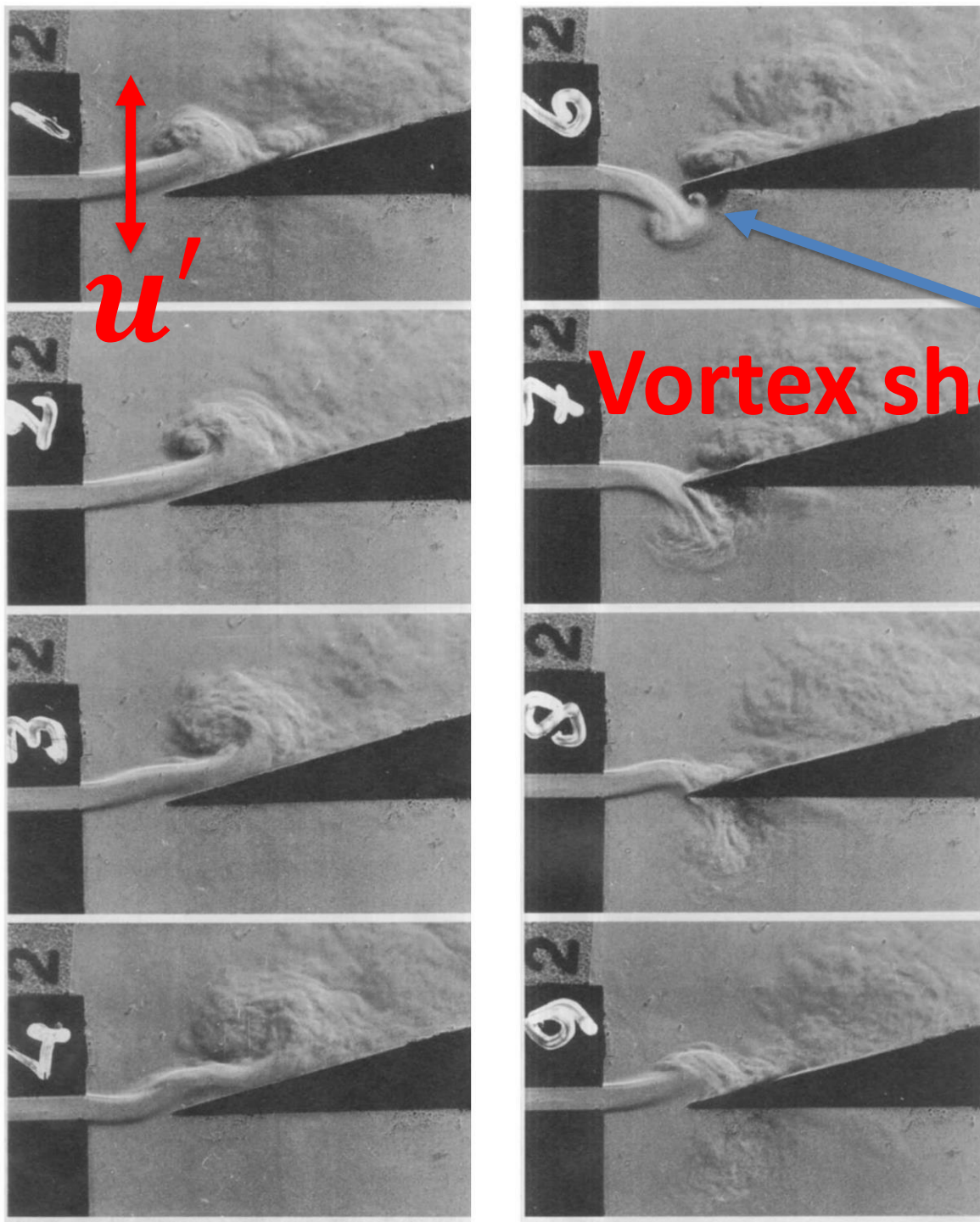
Time average of source pressure over a period of oscillation  $T$  is zero.



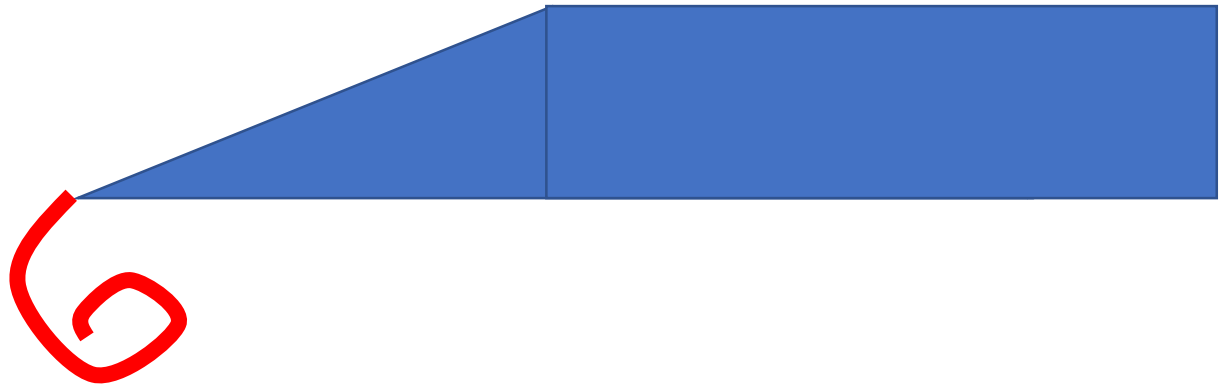
$U_0$

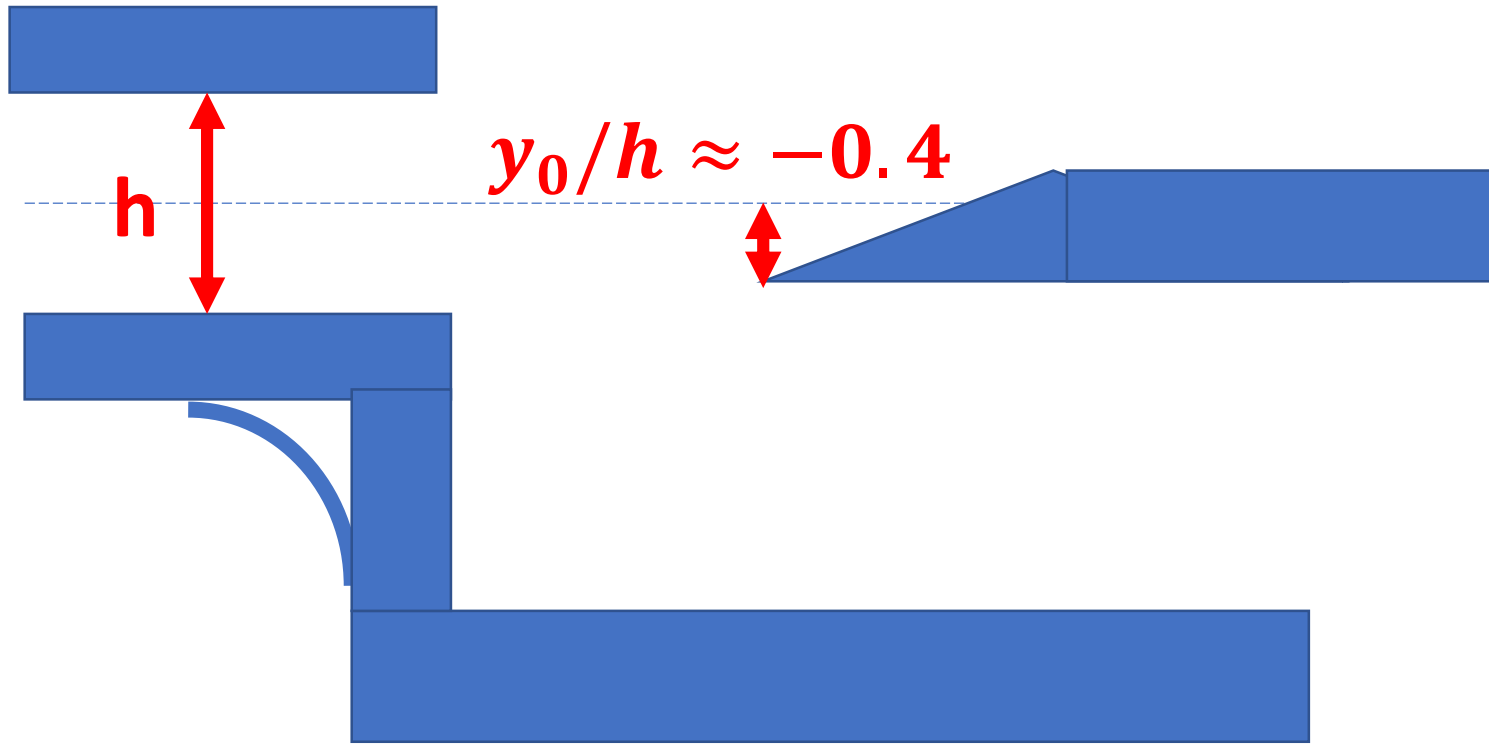
$u'$

Vortex shedding

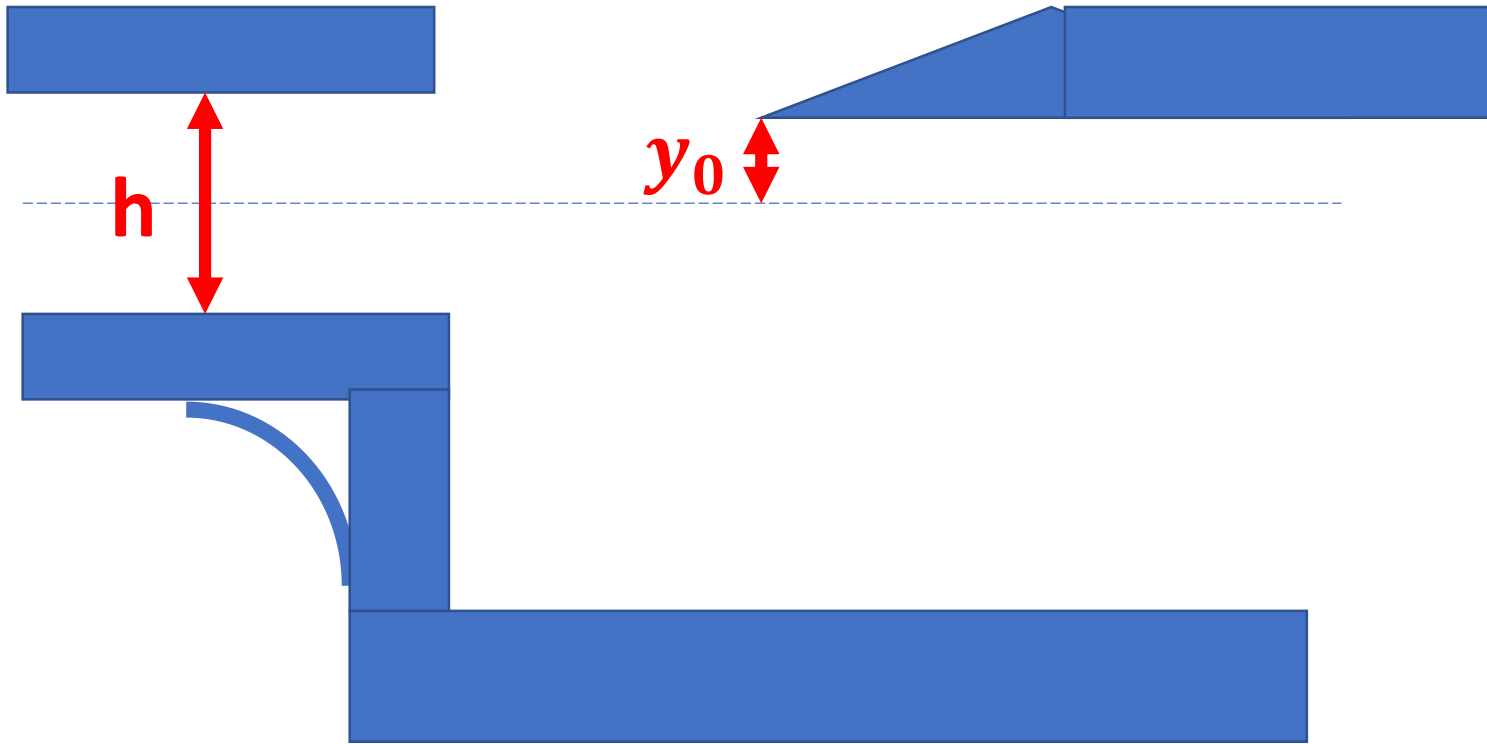


**Vortex shedding at the labium  
is the amplitude limiting mechanism**



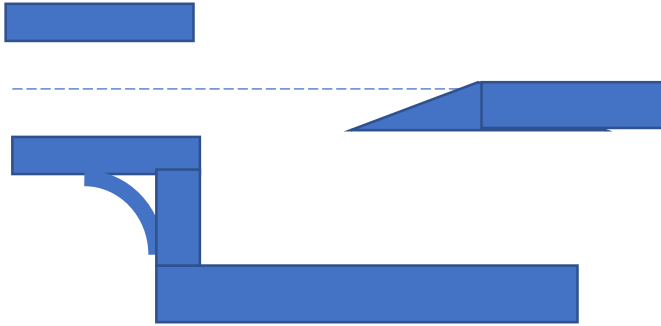


**Typical recorder flute geometry**

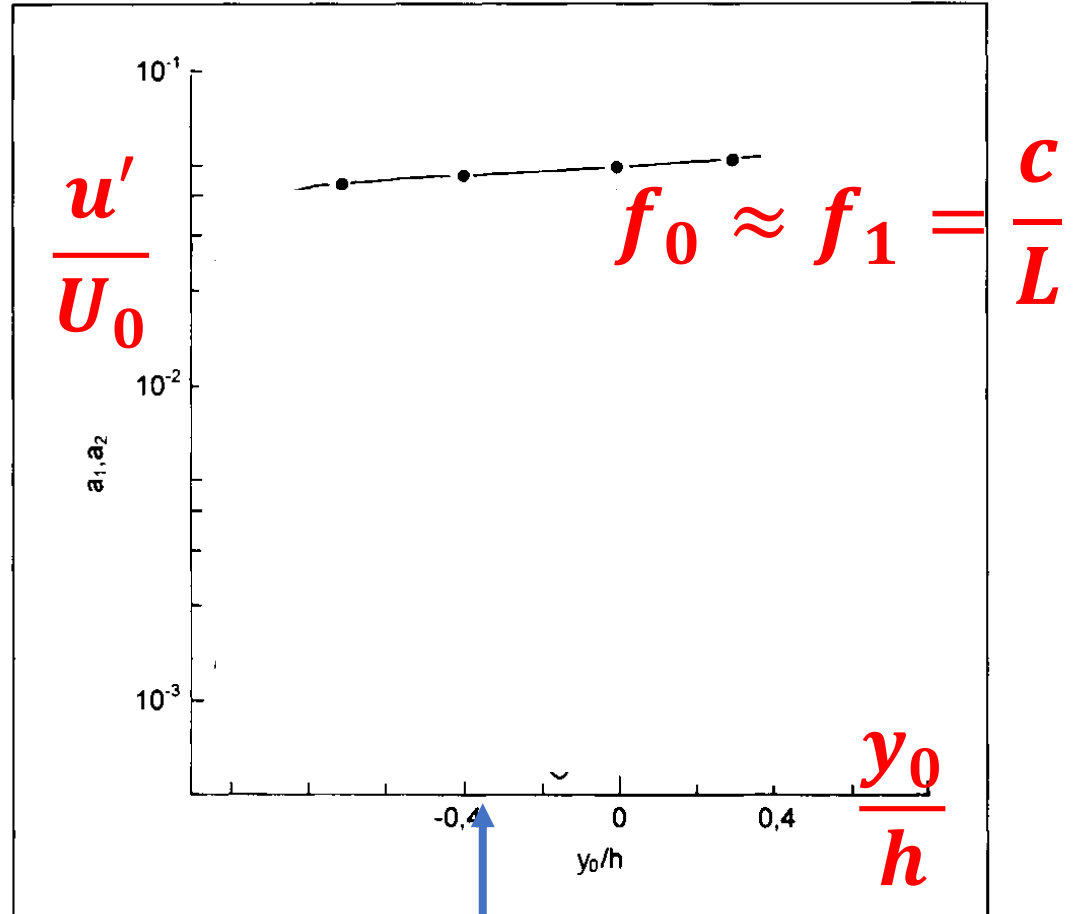


**Influence offset of labium**

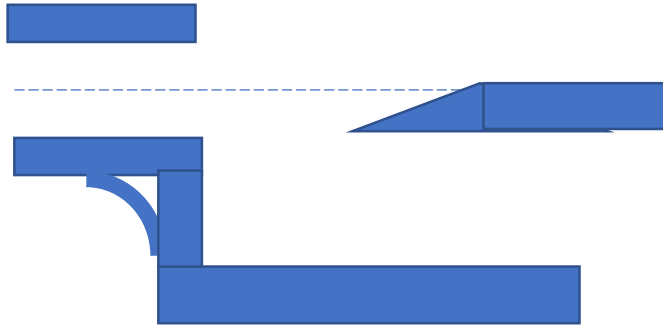
# Recorder-like geometry



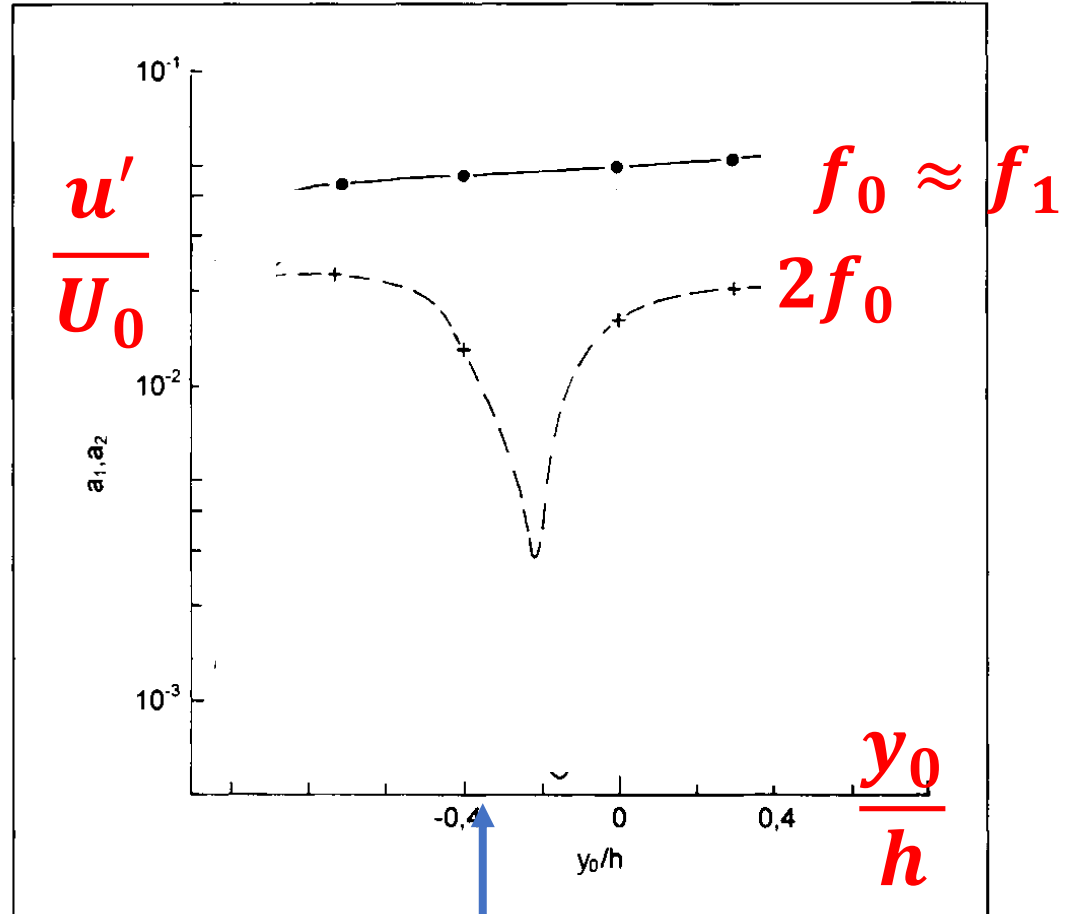
- Fundamental  $f_0$
- - -** Harmonic  $2f_0$



Recorder flute

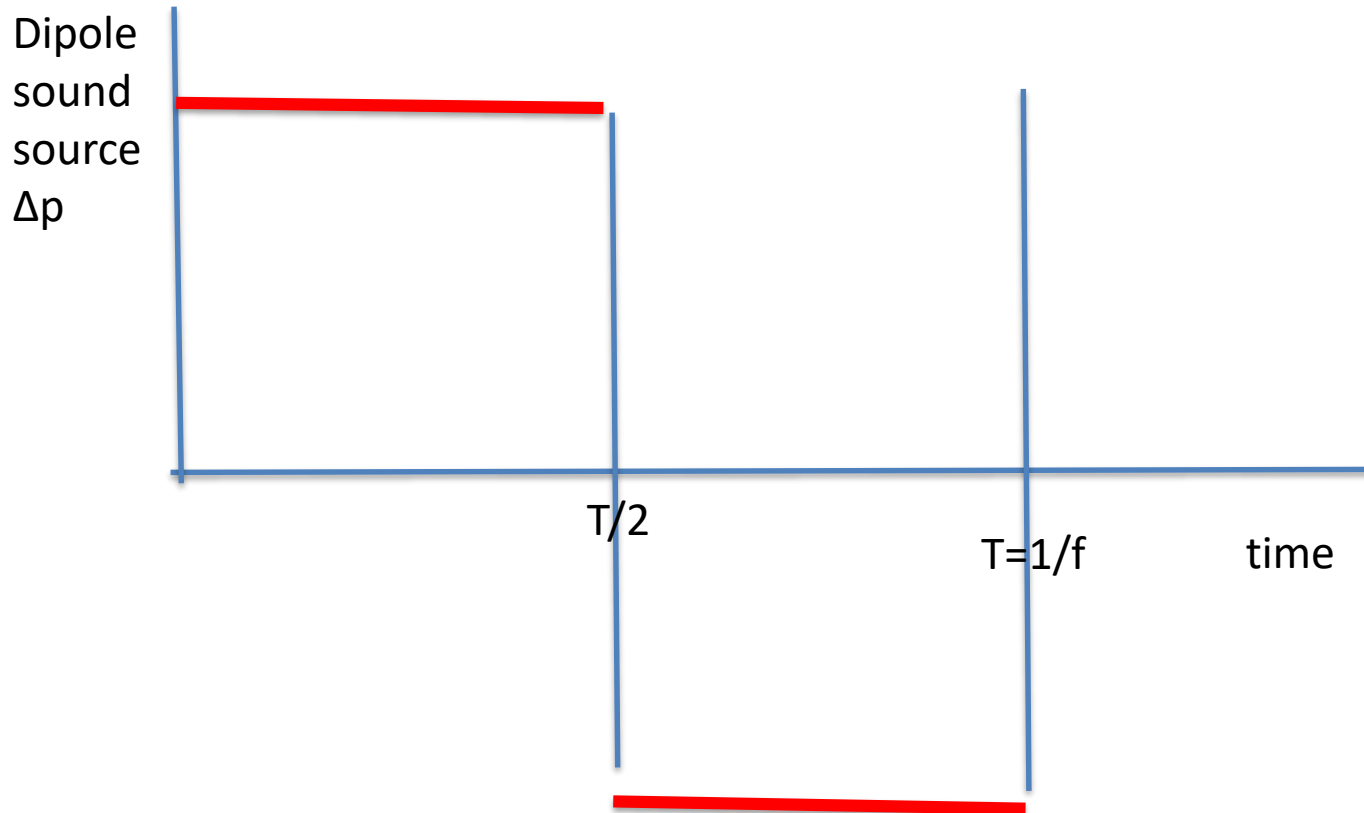


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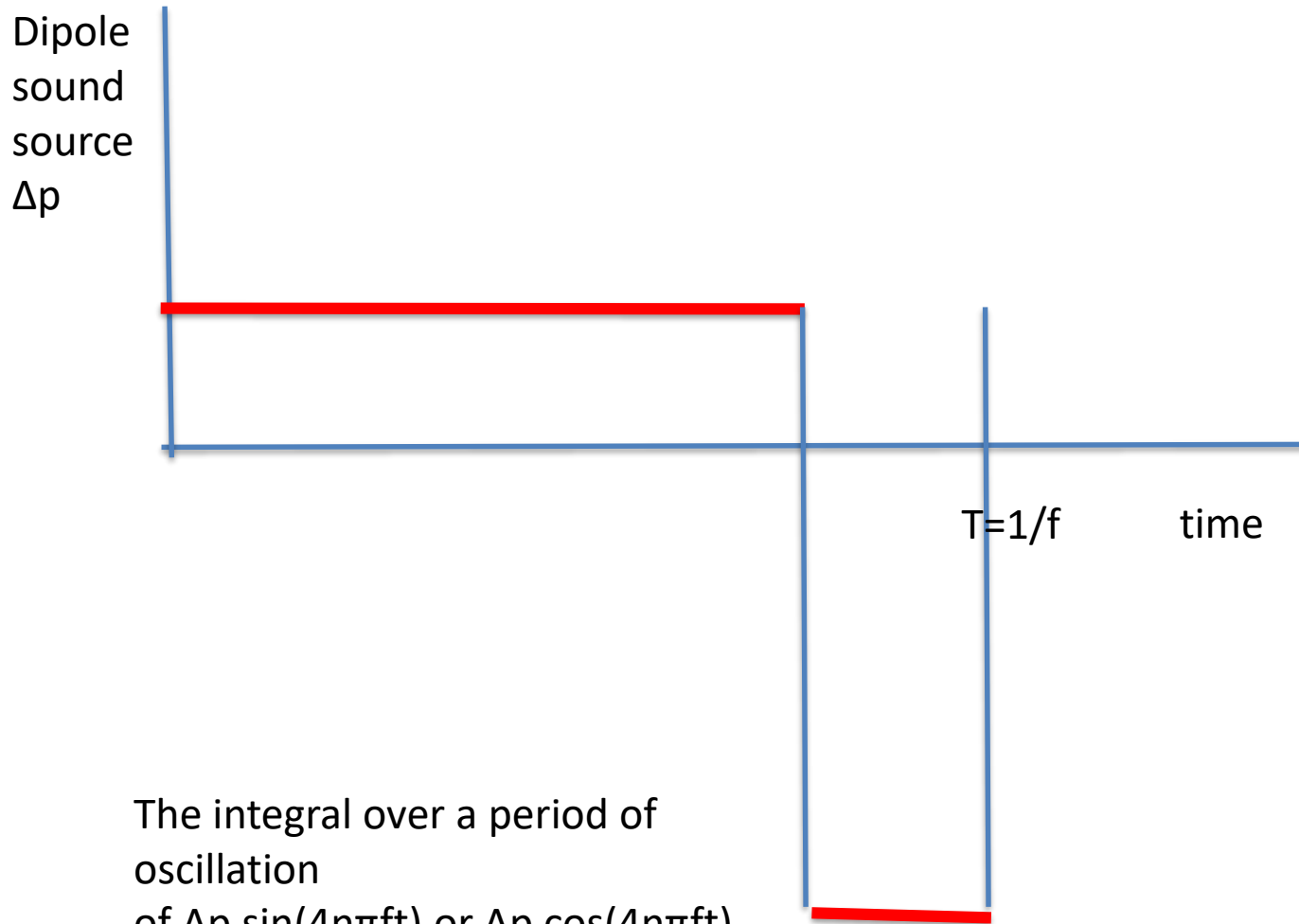
Recorder flute

# A symmetric labium position suppresses even harmonics



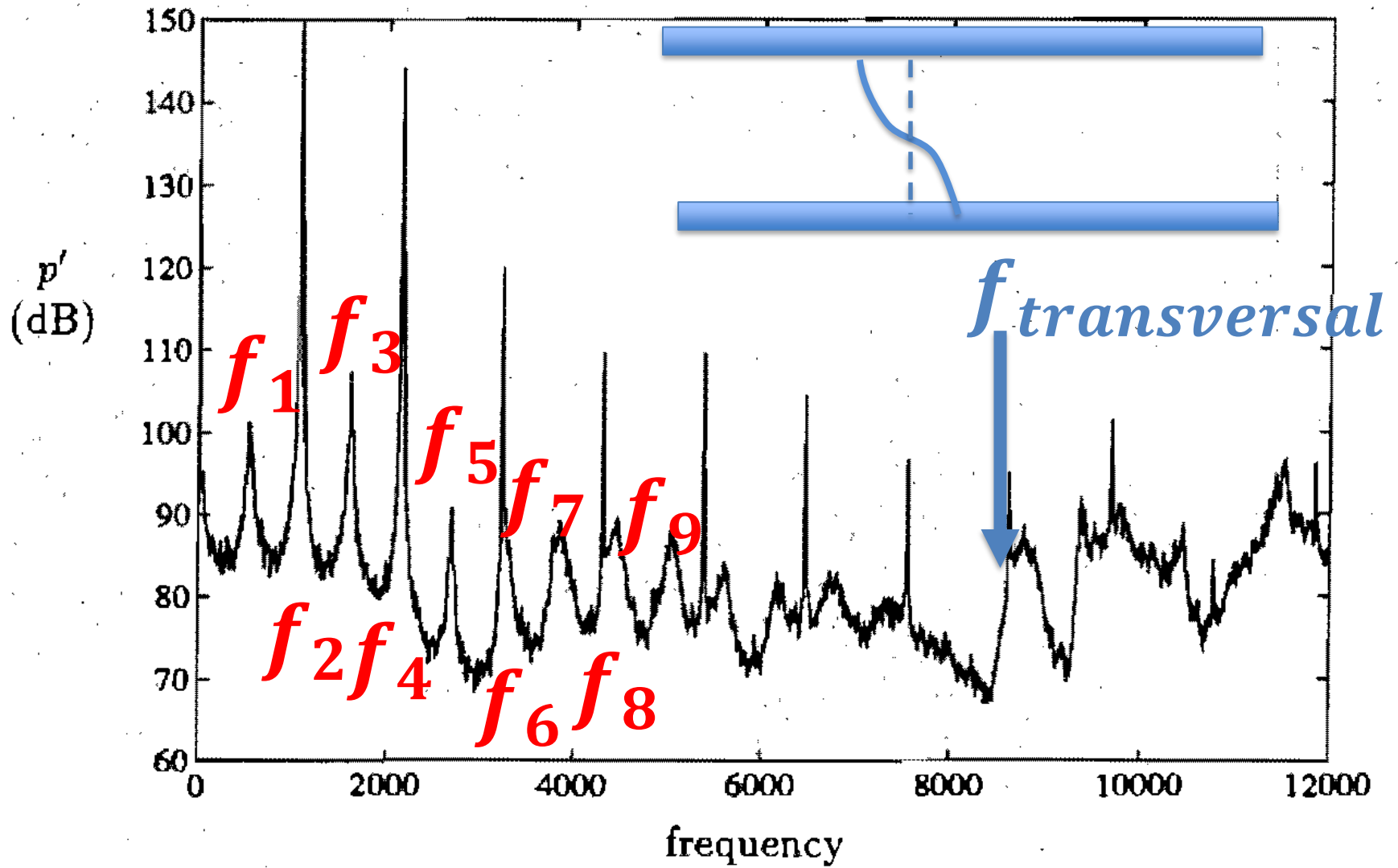
A symmetric signal does not produce even harmonics (the integral over a period of oscillation of  $\Delta p \sin(4n\pi ft)$  or  $\Delta p \cos(4n\pi ft)$  (with  $n=1,2,3,\dots$ ) vanishes).

# An asymmetric labium position generates even harmonics



The integral over a period of oscillation of  $\Delta p \sin(4n\pi ft)$  or  $\Delta p \cos(4n\pi ft)$  (with  $n=1,2,3\dots$ )



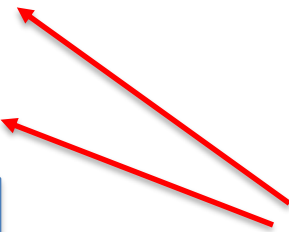
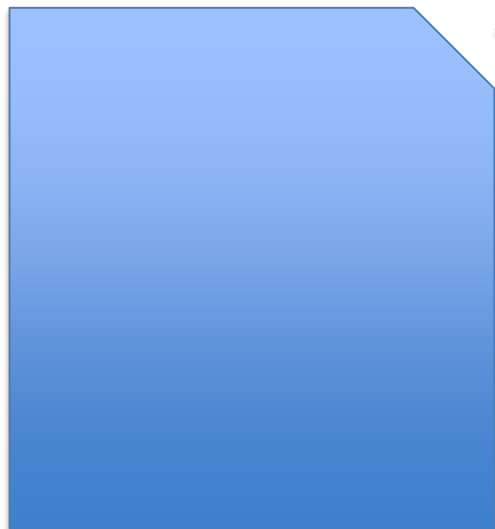


# Break

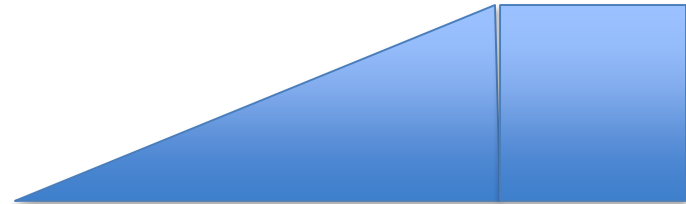
**Attack transient is essential for musical sound perception**



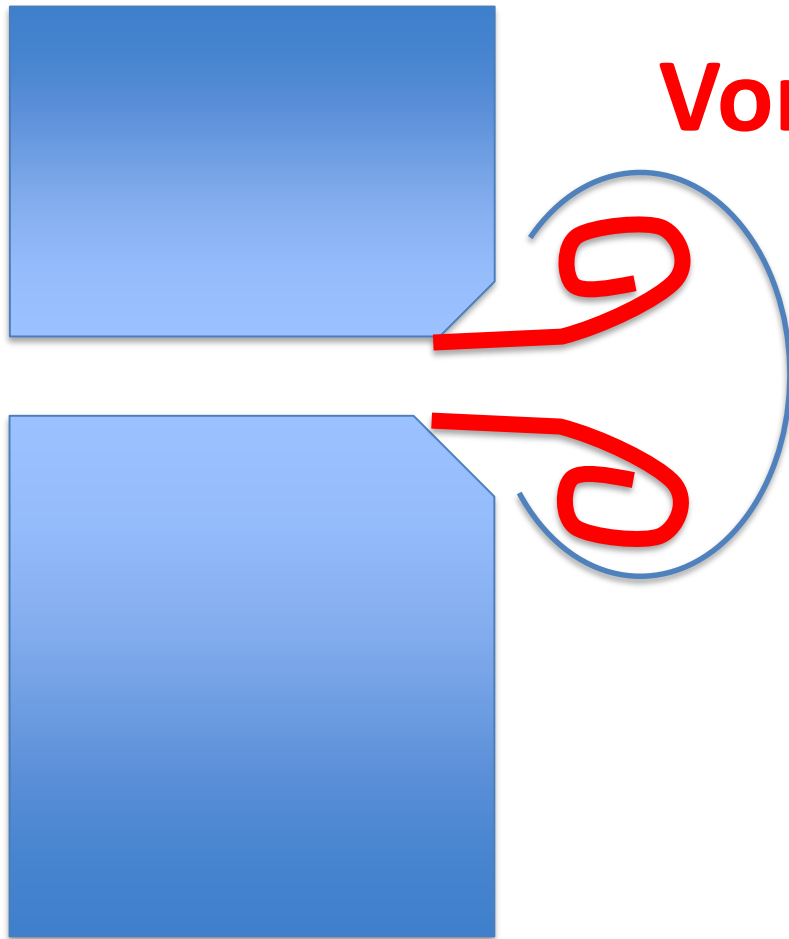
## **Attack transient in a recorder-like organ pipe Flow visualization Benoit Fabre (2013)**



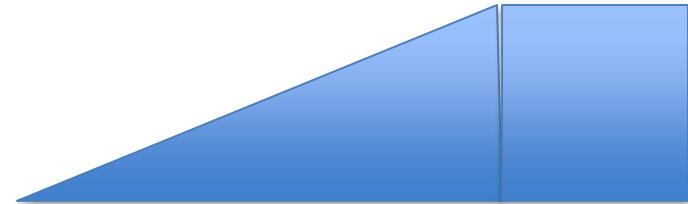
**Chamfers**



**Pipe**

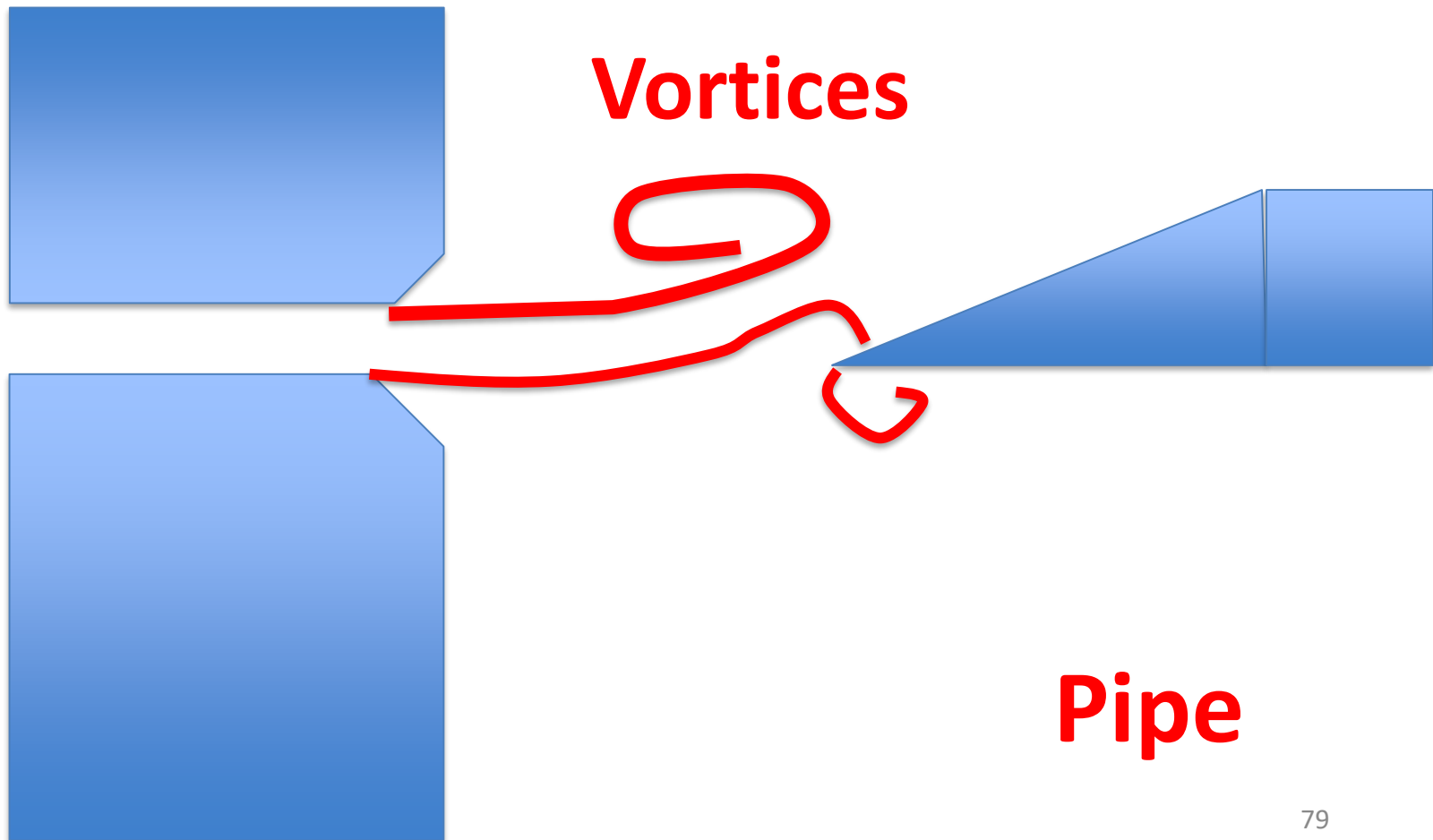


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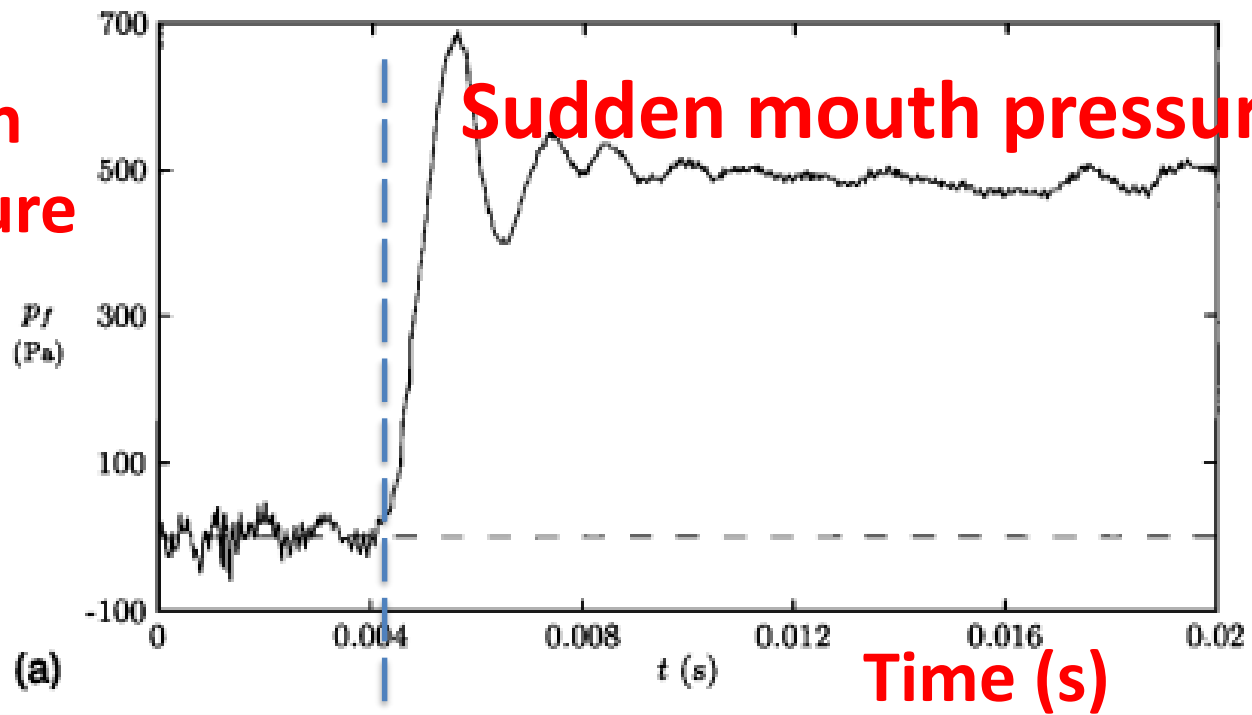


**Pipe**

# Interaction of jet with labium

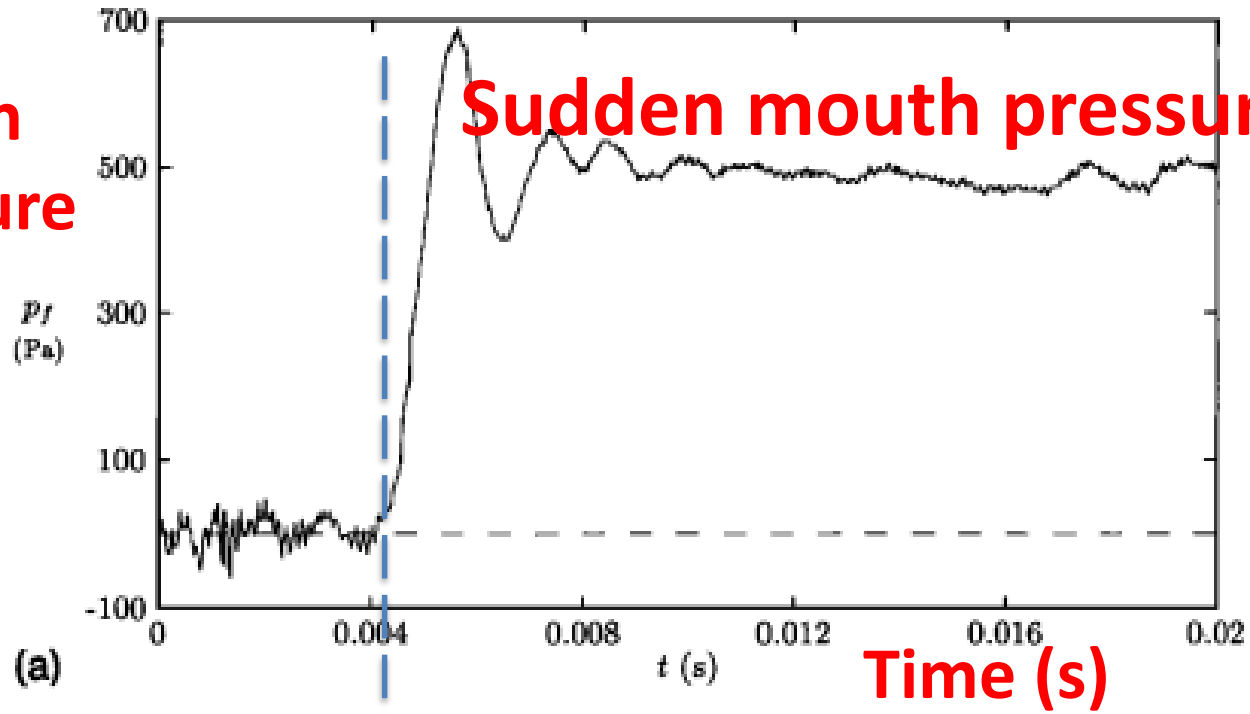


**Mouth  
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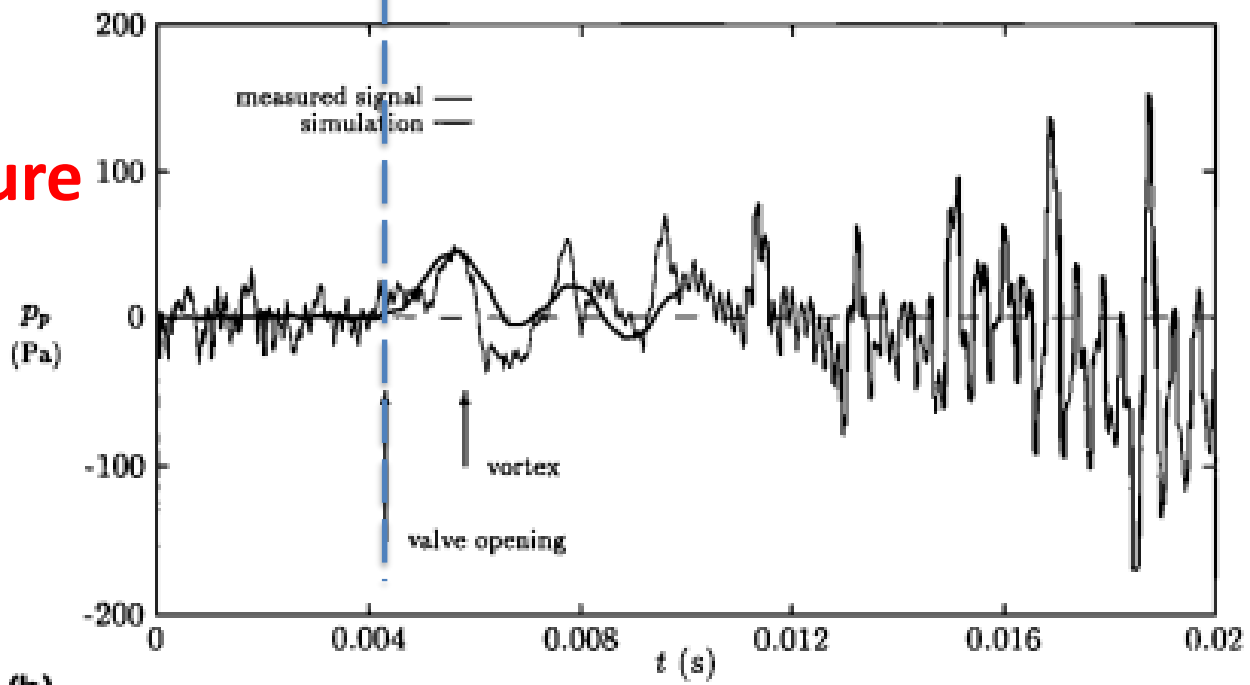




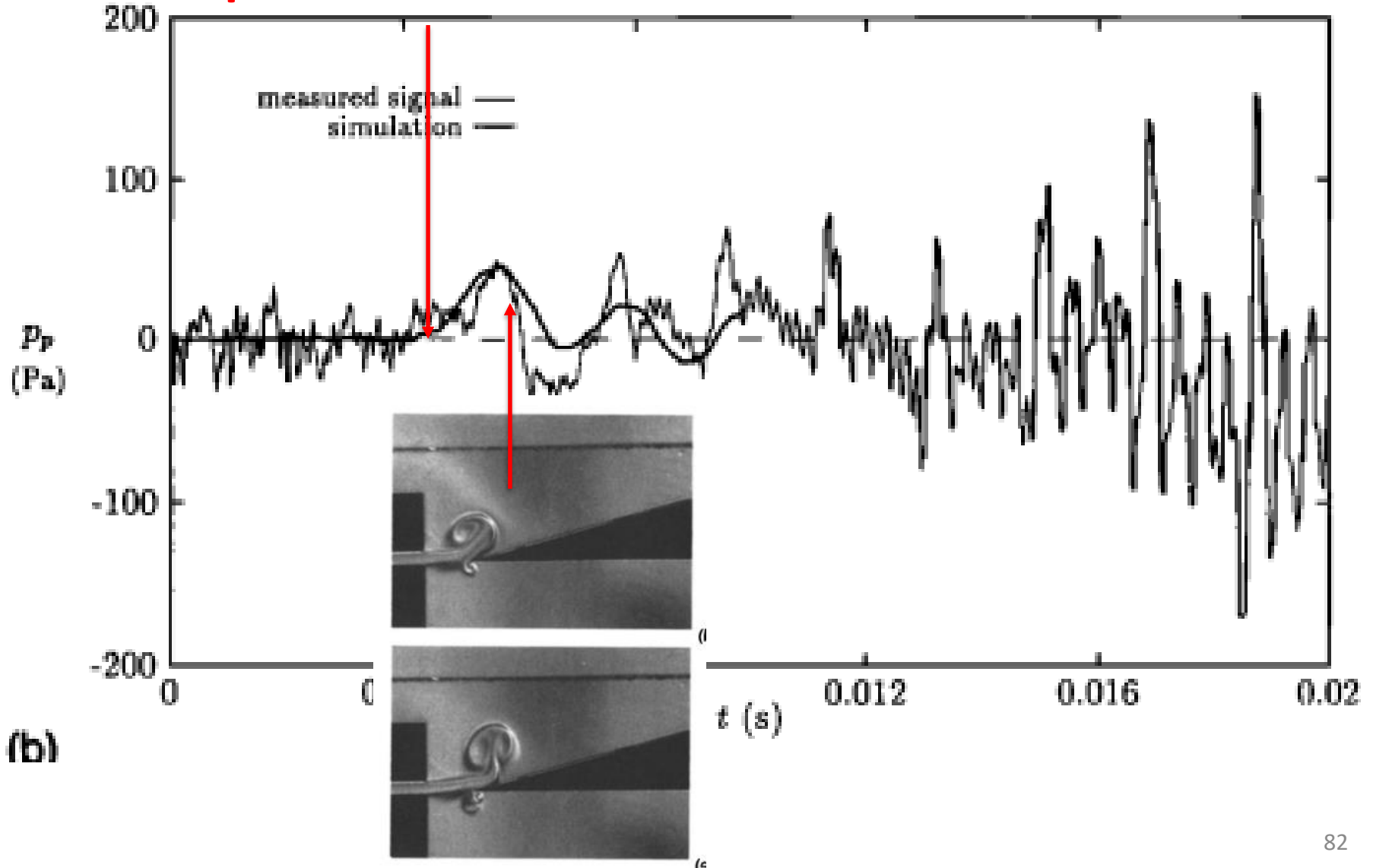
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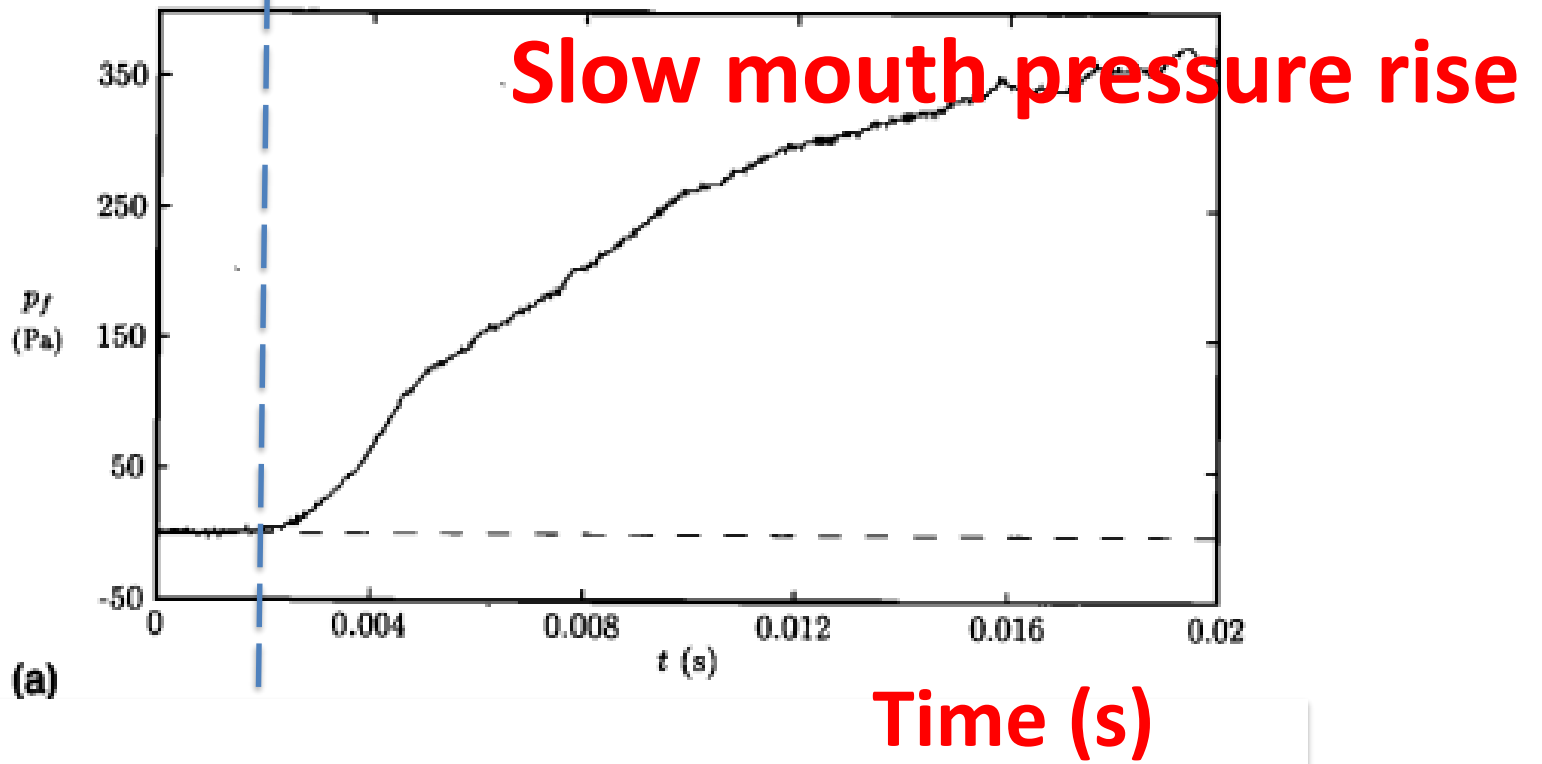


**Pipe  
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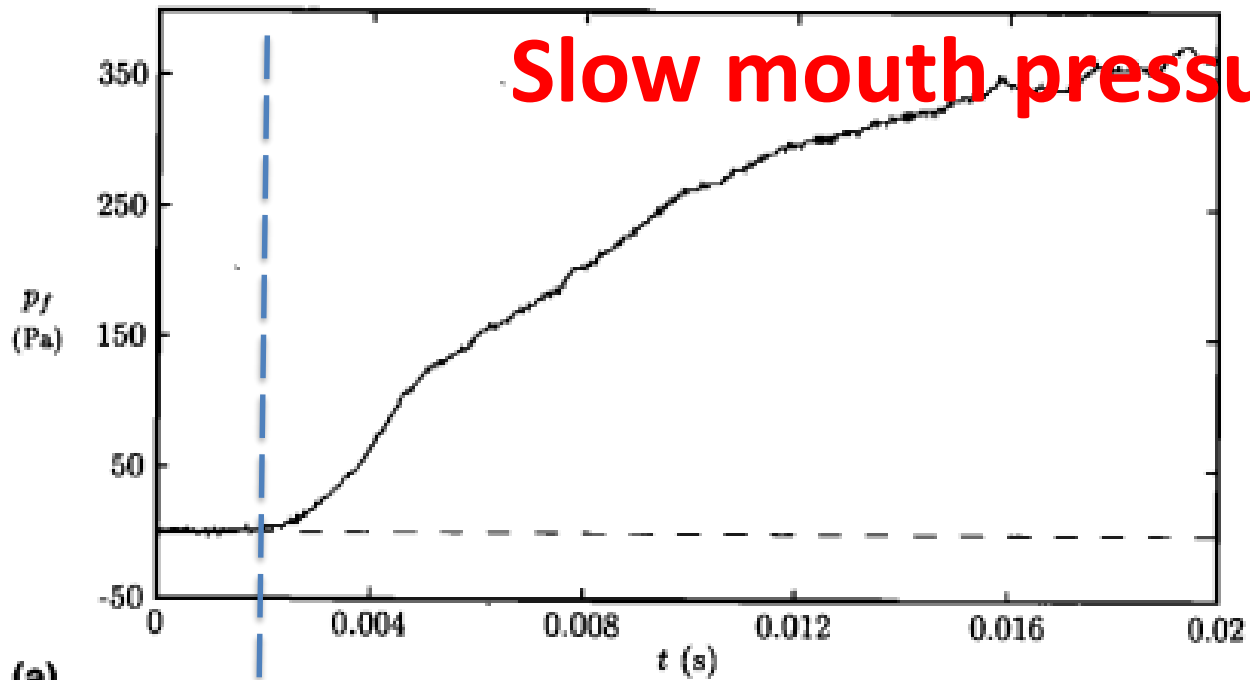


# Sudden mouth pressure rise

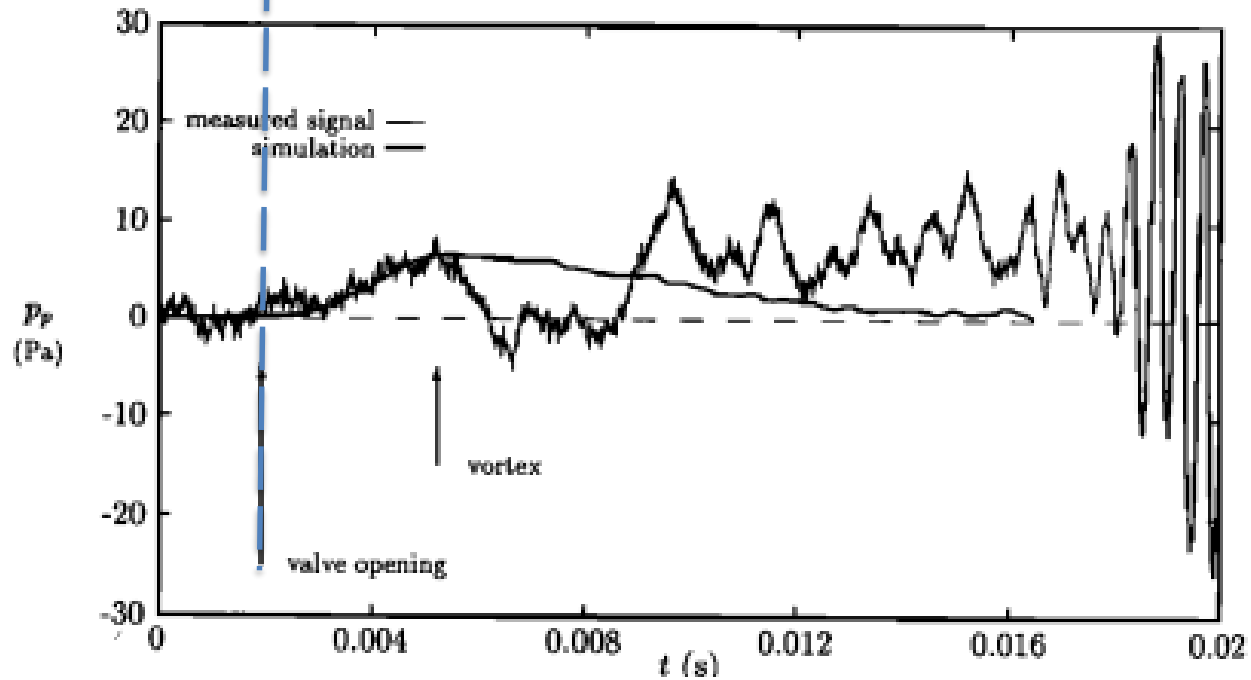


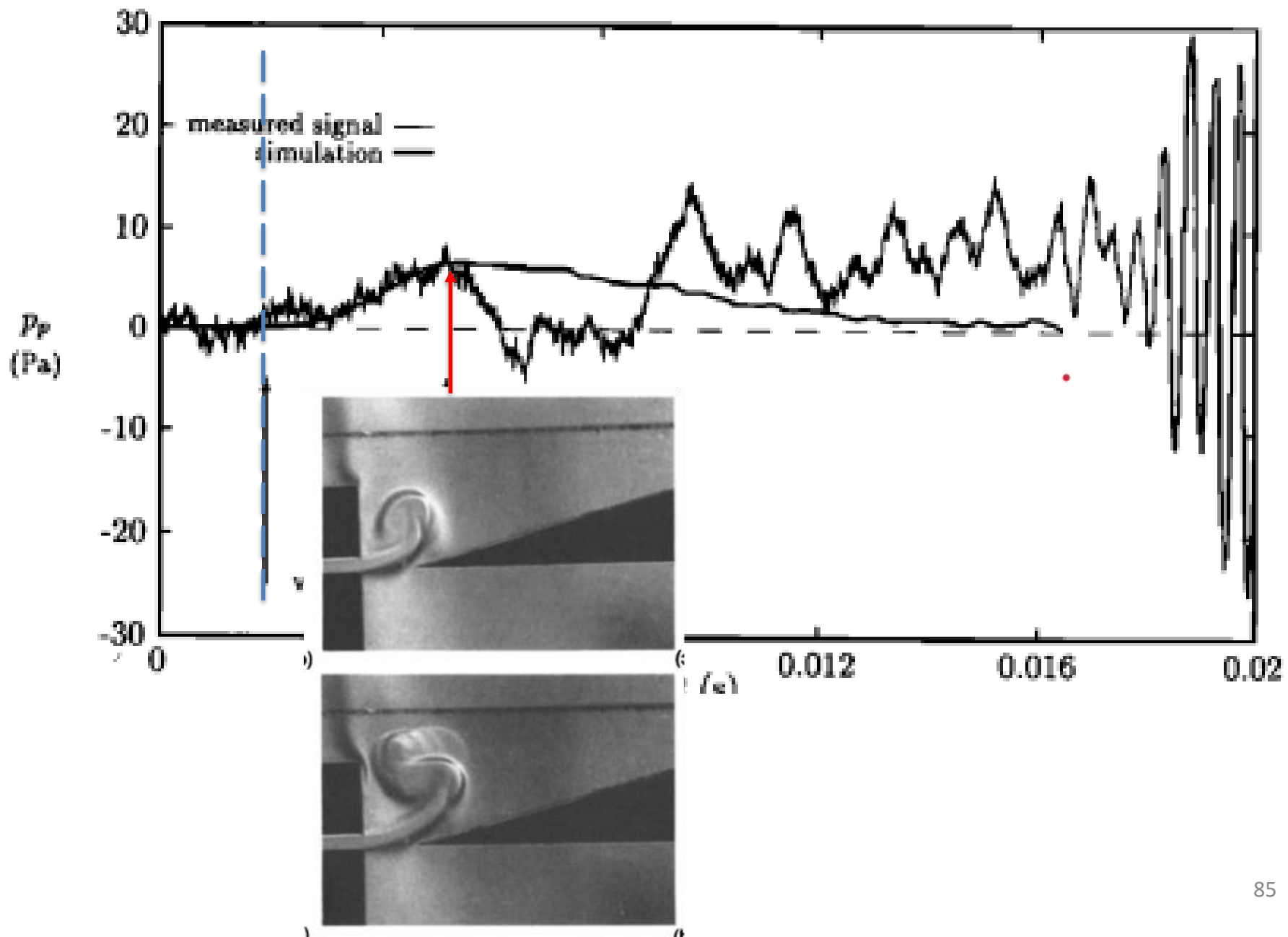


# Slow mouth pressure rise



(a)







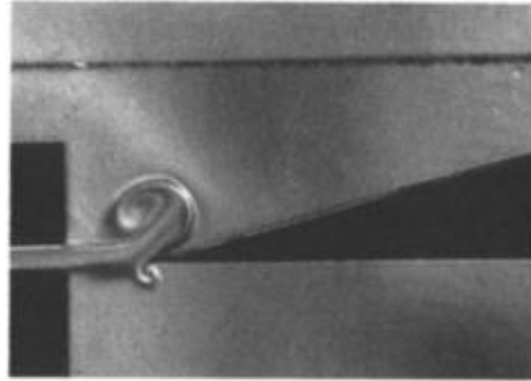
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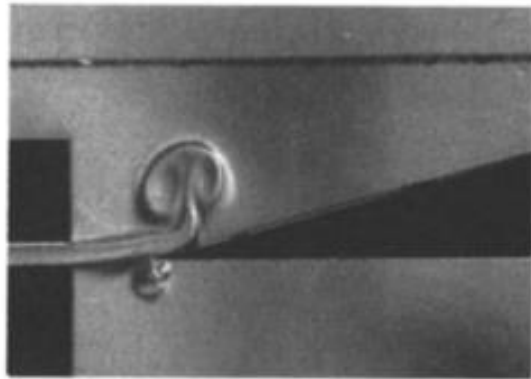
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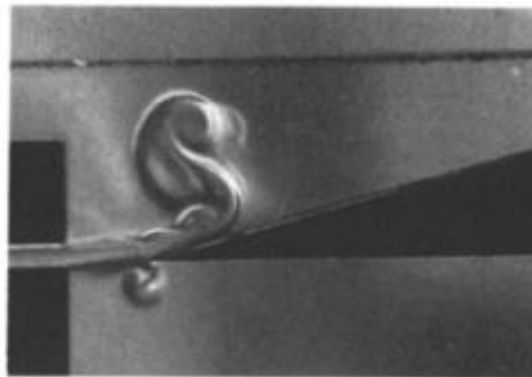
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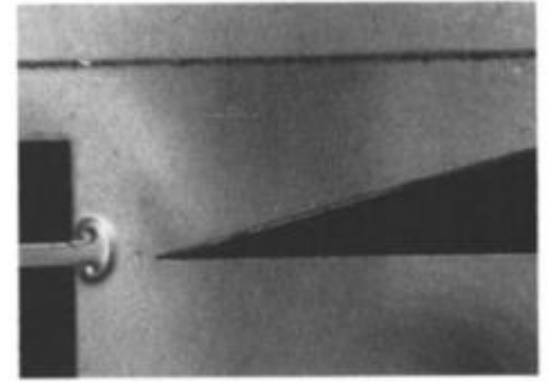
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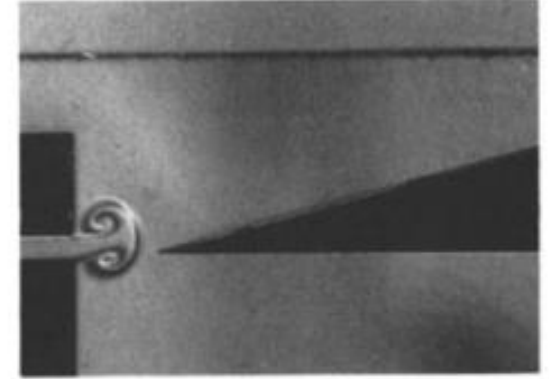
(d)



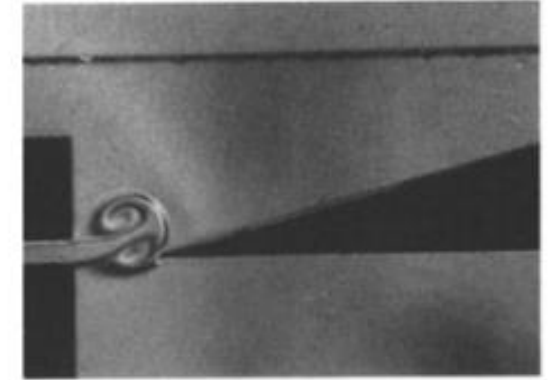
(f)



(c)



(e)



(a)



# **Attack transient in a recorder-like organ pipe**

## **Flow visualization Benoit Fabre (2013)**

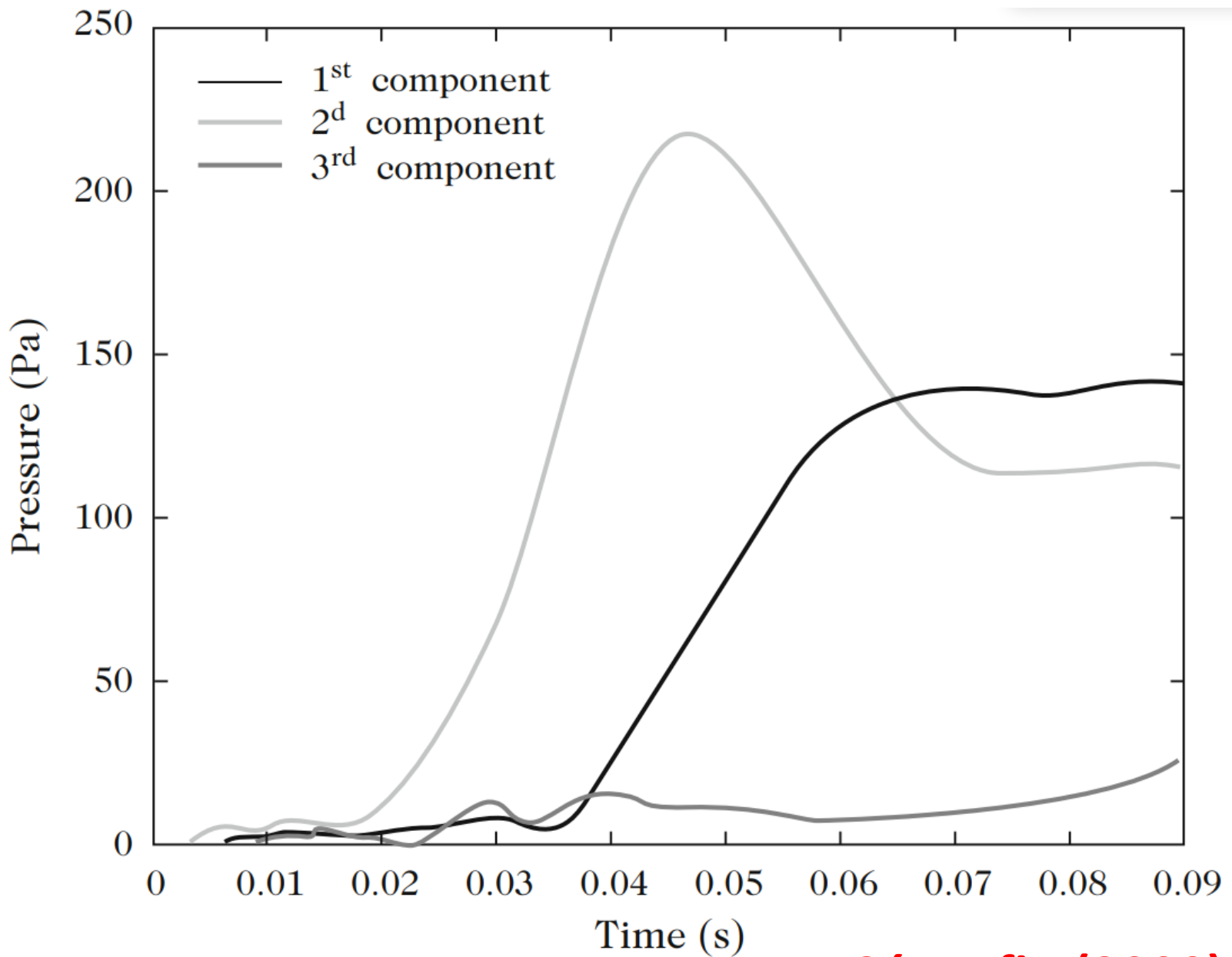
Oscillation starts as an “edge-tone” mixed with acoustic pipe oscillation on higher mode.

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**Castellengo (1999)**

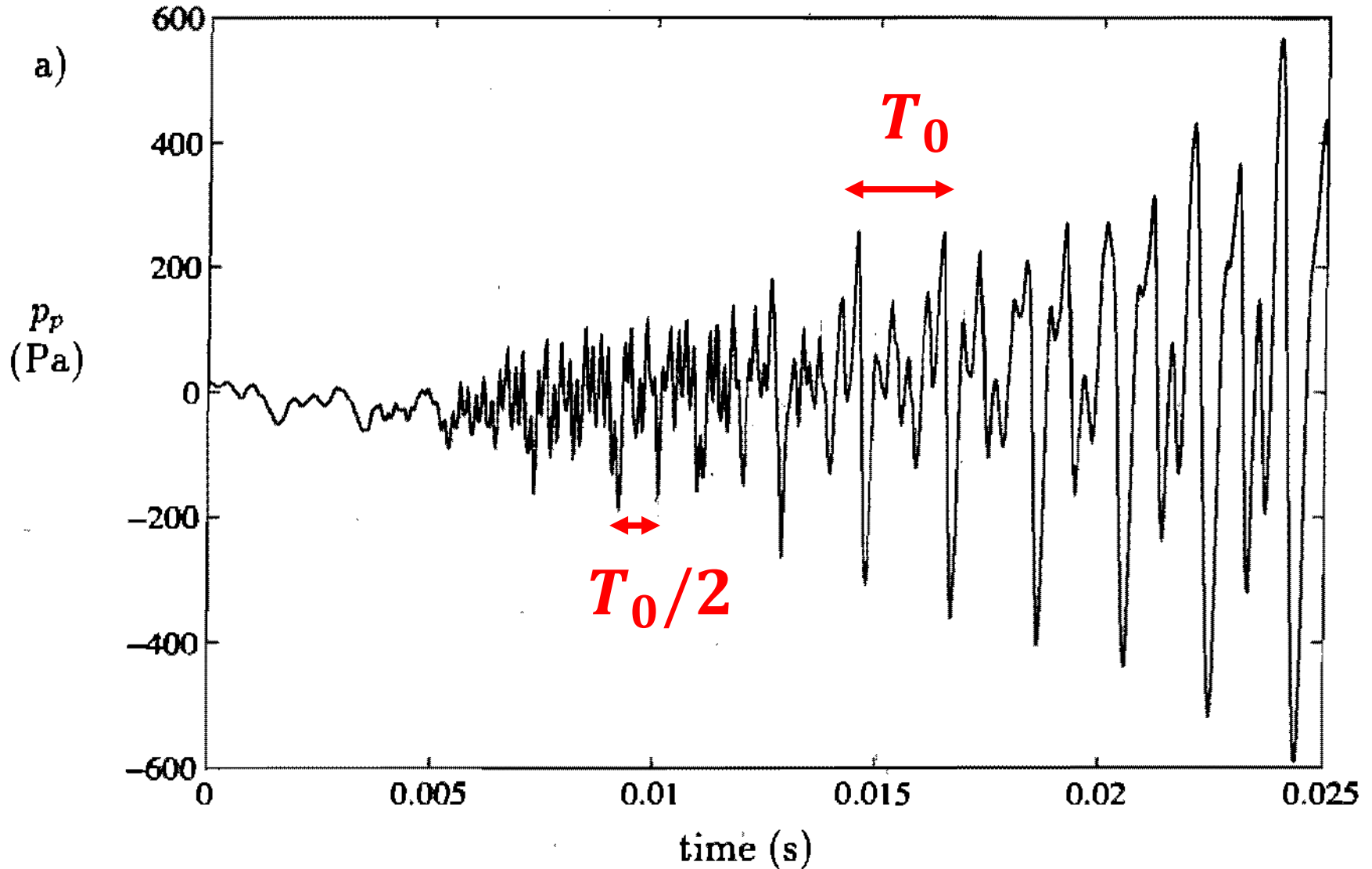






**Ségoufin (2000)**

# Attack transient (internal signal)

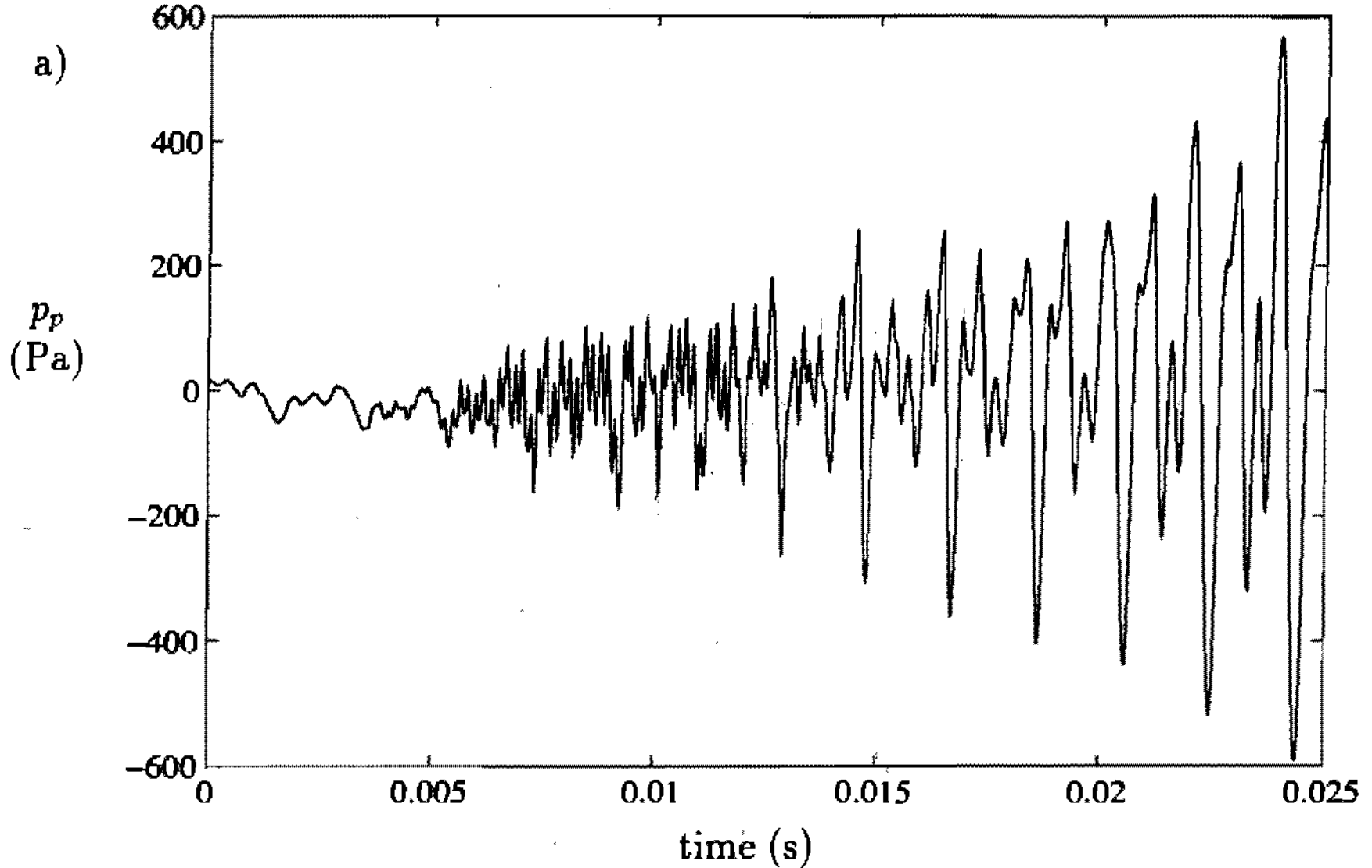


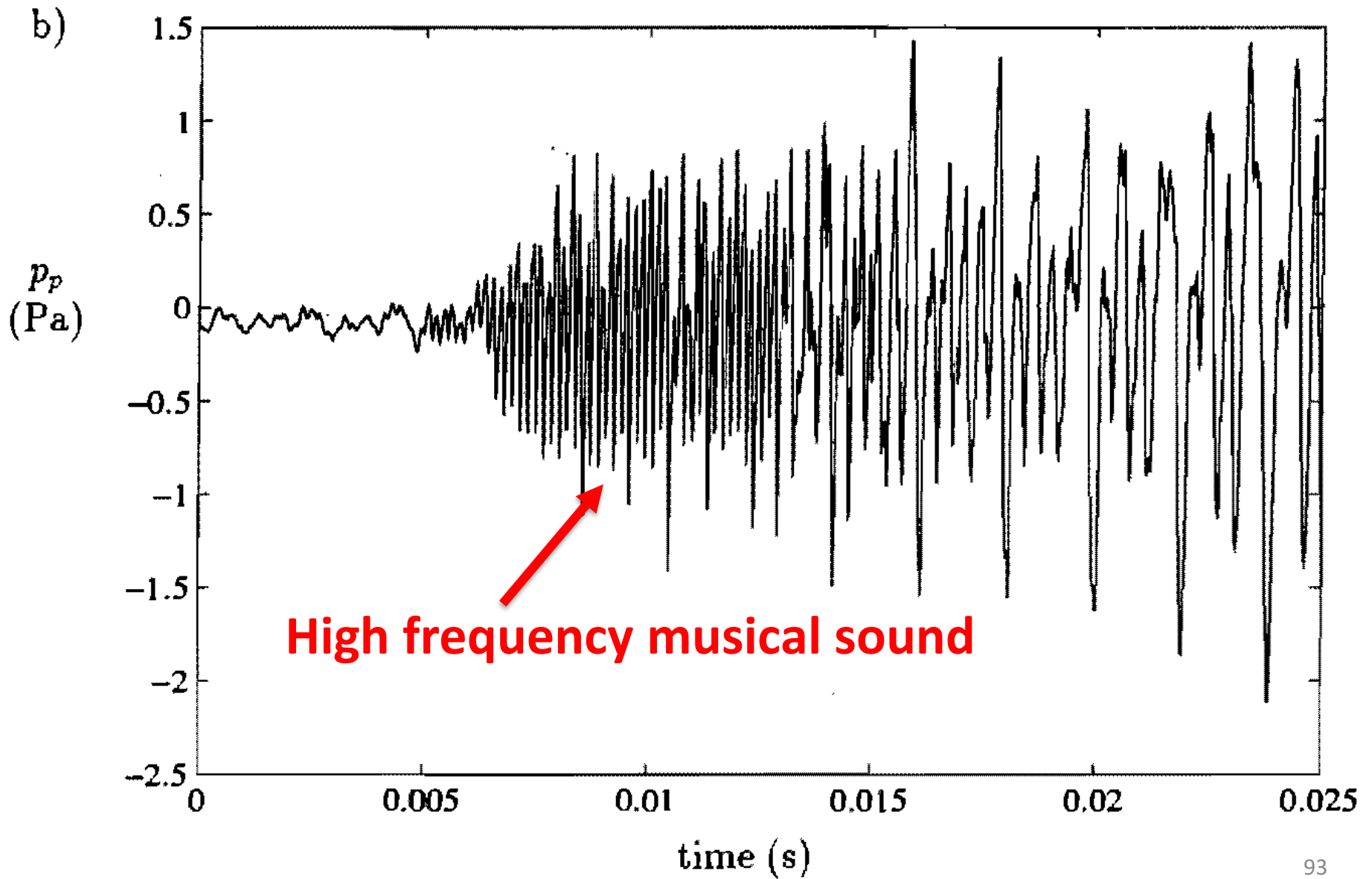


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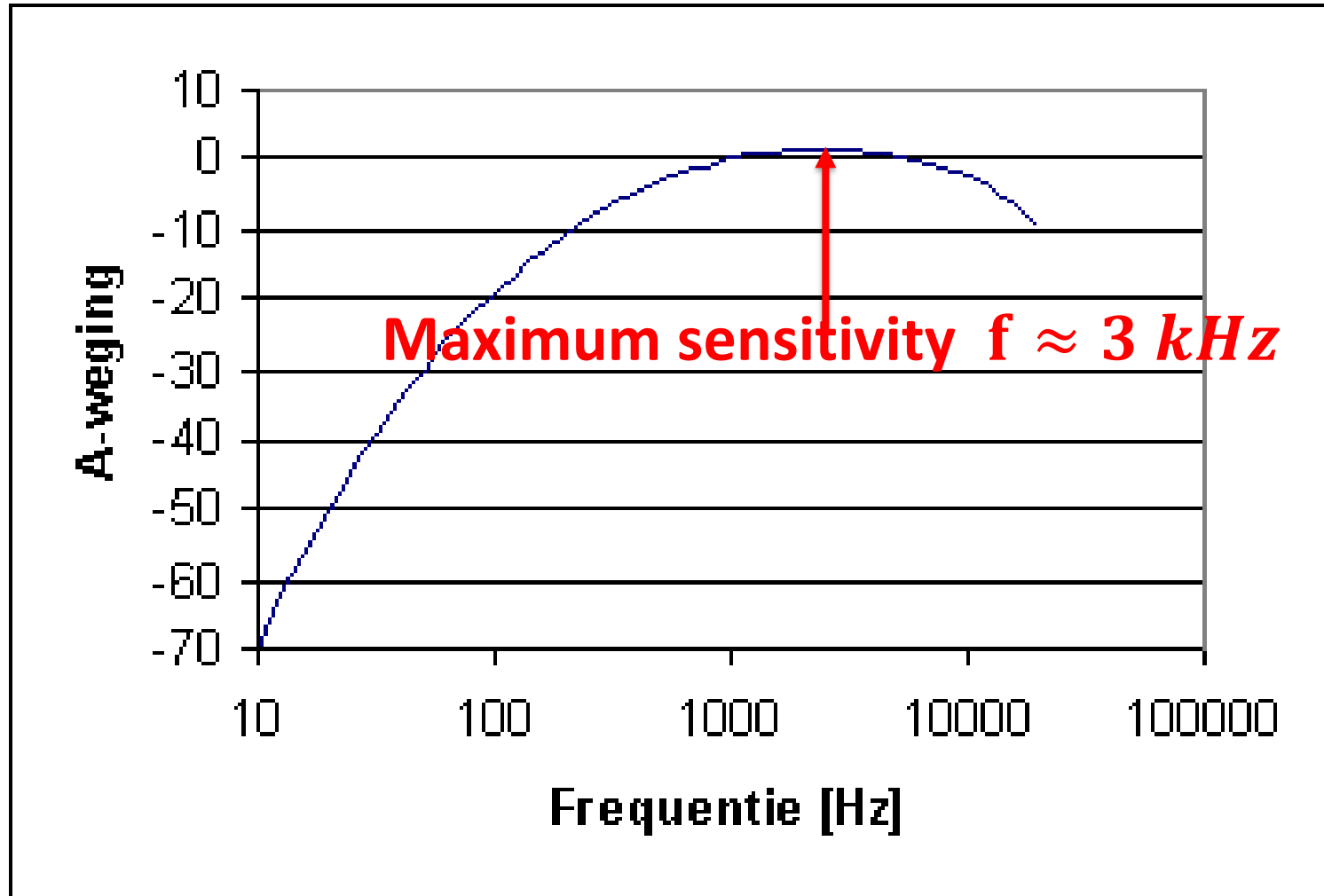




**Radiated power increases with frequency:**

$$I = \langle p' u' \rangle \propto (k a_0)^4 = \left( \frac{2\pi f a_0}{c} \right)^4$$

# Sensitivity of human hearing (dBA)

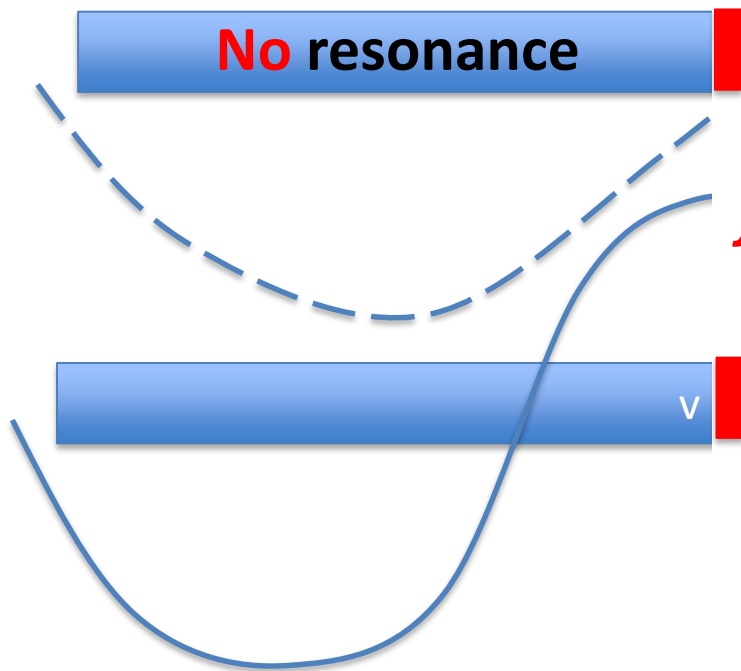
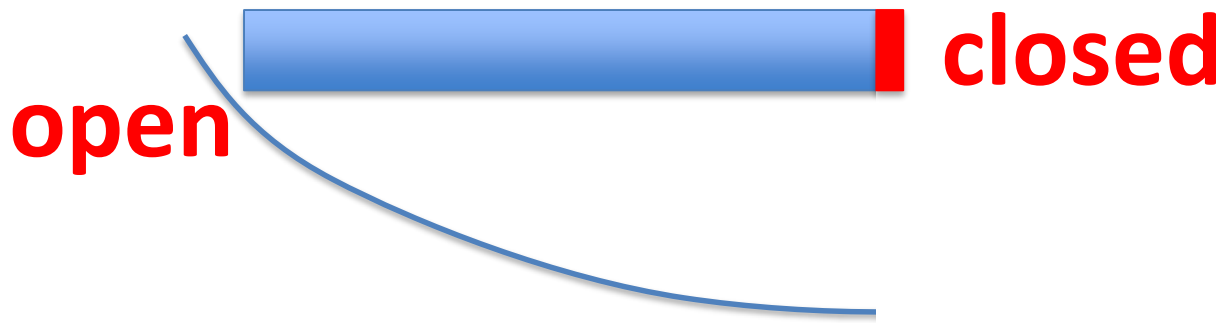


**For low pitch the radiated sound of the fundamental is below the hearing threshold for pure tones. The low pitch “fundamental” is “constructed” by our brains using the higher harmonics.**



# Sound source

## Acoustics

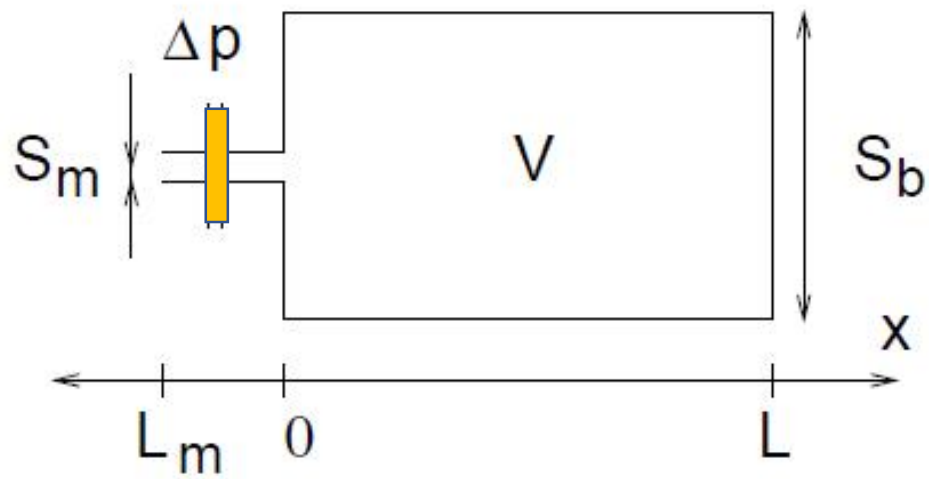


$$f_n \approx \frac{(2n - 1)c}{4(L + \delta)}$$

**Open end**  
 $p \approx 0$

**Closed end**  
 $\frac{\partial p'}{\partial x} = 0$

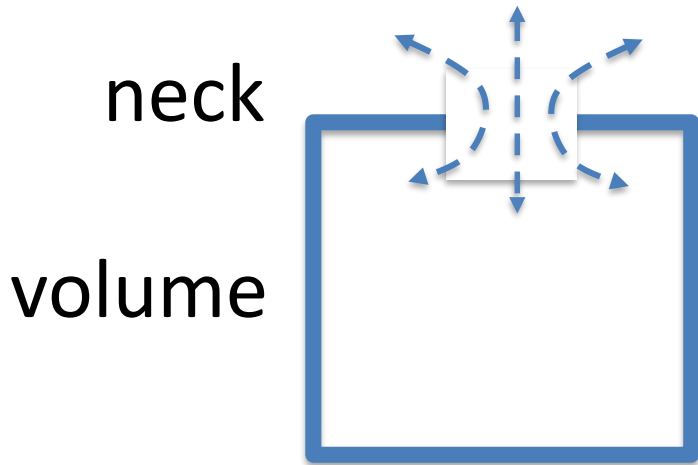
**Uneven harmonics dominate  
spectrum open-closed pipe instruments  
with cylindrical pipes  
(organ pipes, clarinet...)**



# Resonance frequency of a tone hole

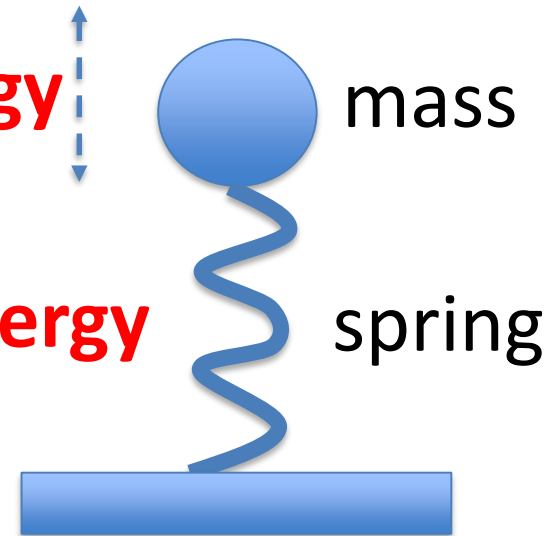
$$\omega = 2\pi f = \sqrt{\frac{m}{K}}$$

$$m = \rho S_n \delta_n$$



**Kinetic energy**

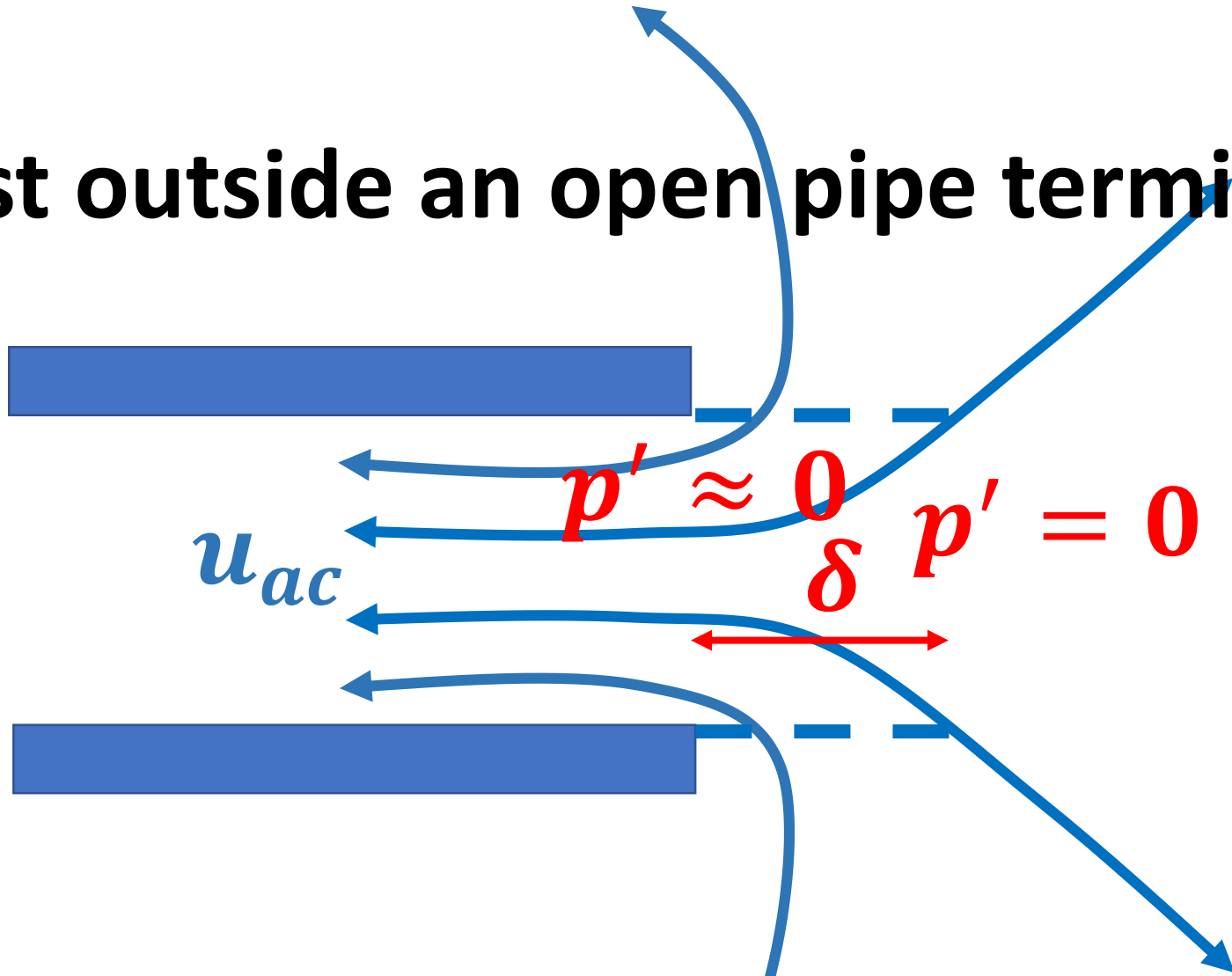
**Potential energy**



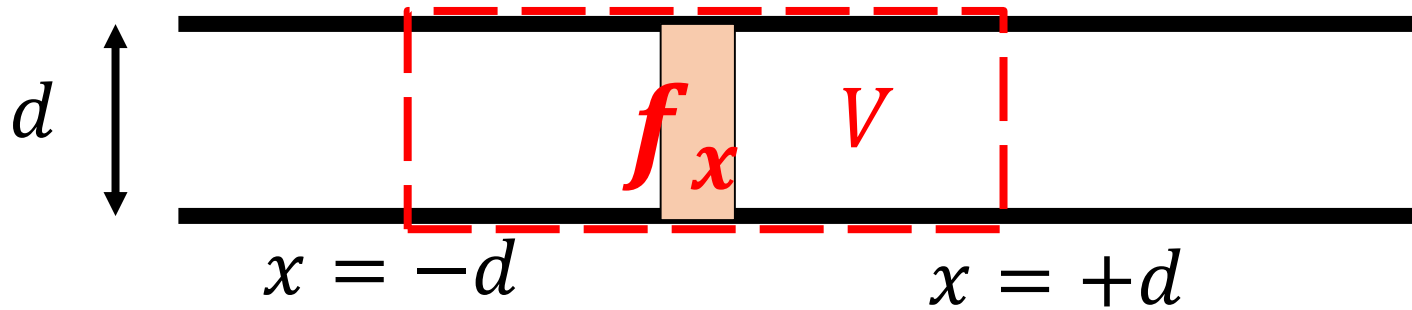
$$K = -\frac{F}{\Delta x} = \frac{\gamma p S_n^2}{V}$$

Effective neck length:  $\delta_n$

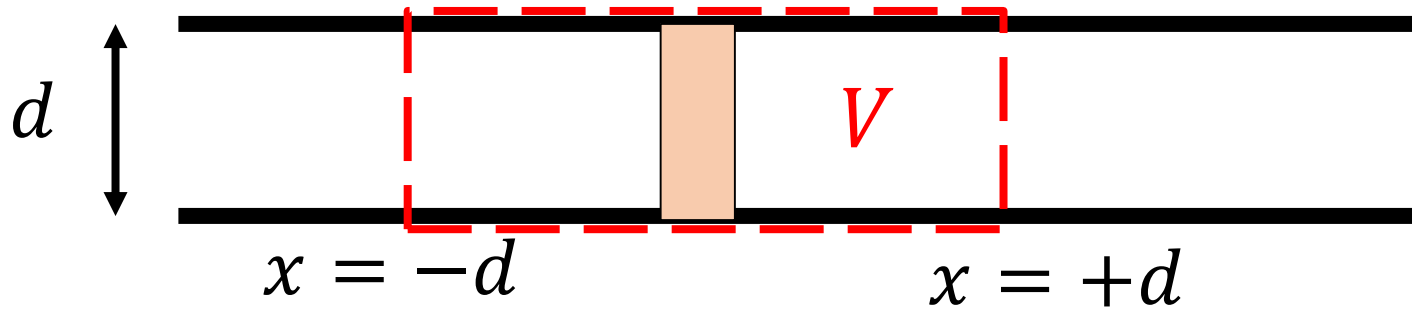
**Just outside an open pipe termination**



**Mass of air in end correction takes kinetic energy of flow into account**

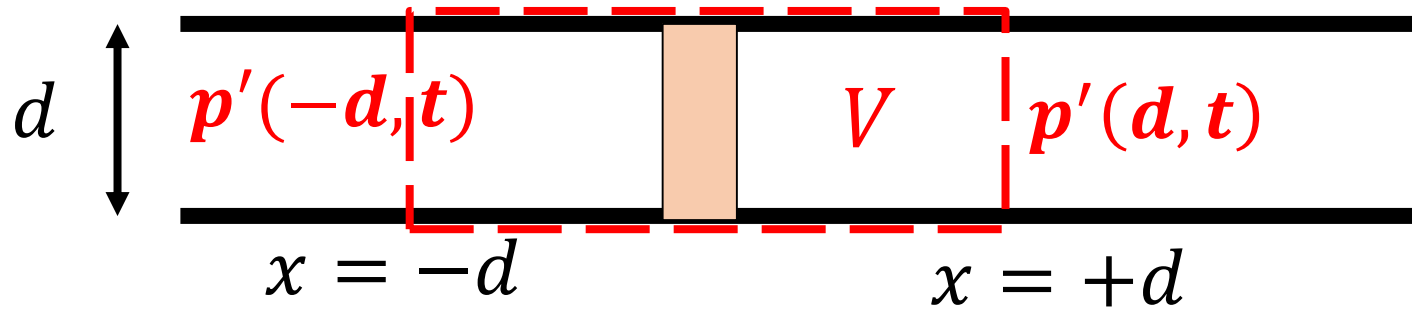


Low frequency  $\left( \left( \frac{\omega d}{c} \right)^2 \ll 1 \right) \Rightarrow$  Plane waves  $p'(x, t)$



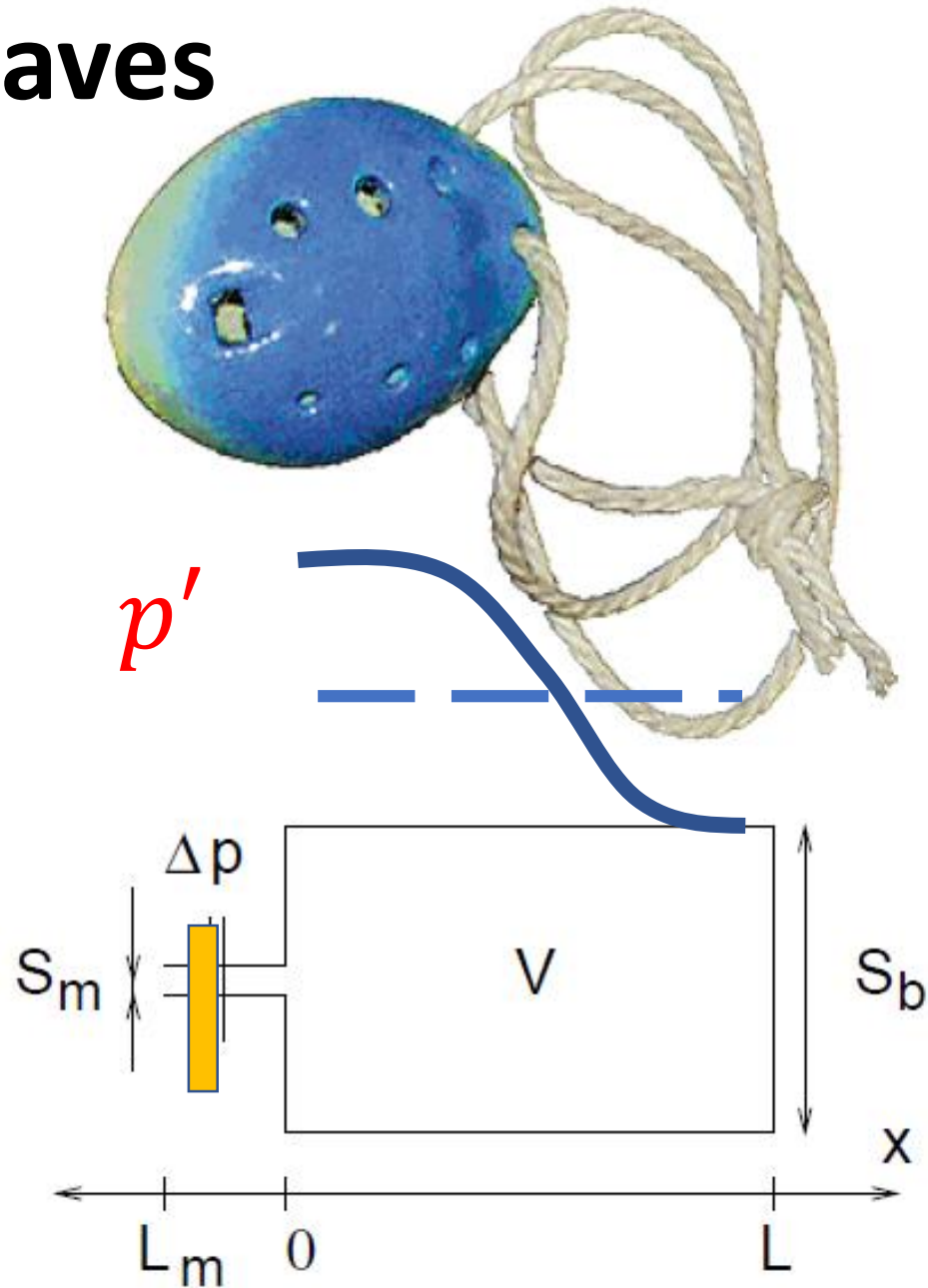
$$\iiint_V \nabla p' dV = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} (p'(d, t) - p'(-d, t)) \approx F_x(t) \equiv \iiint_V f_x dV$$



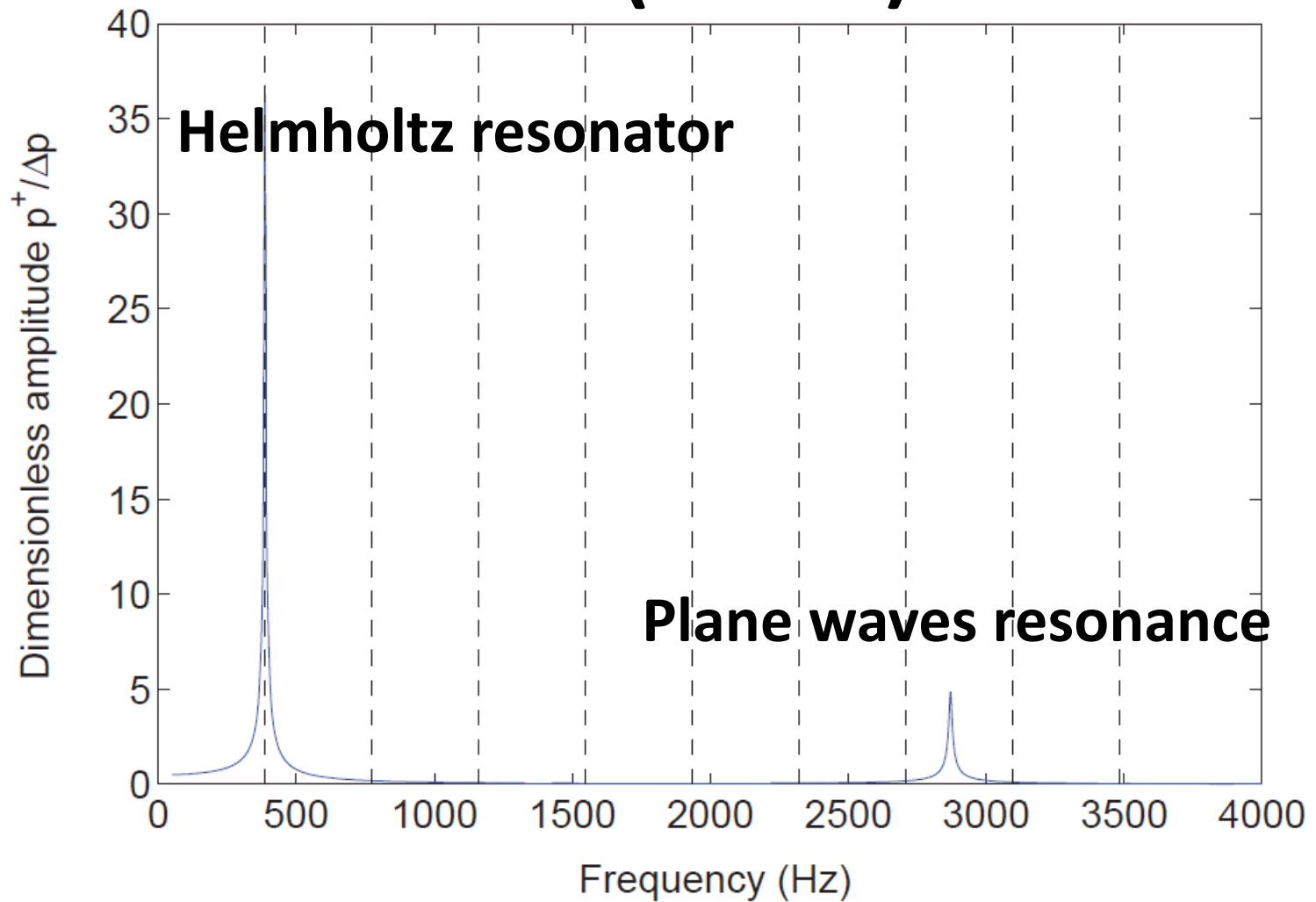


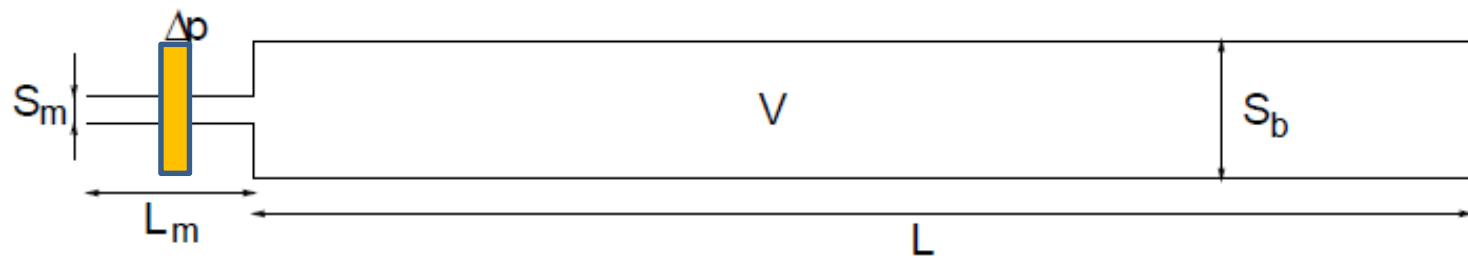
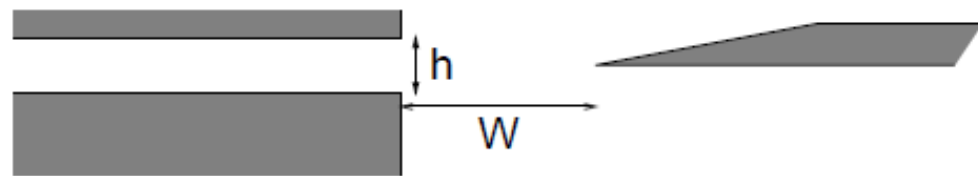
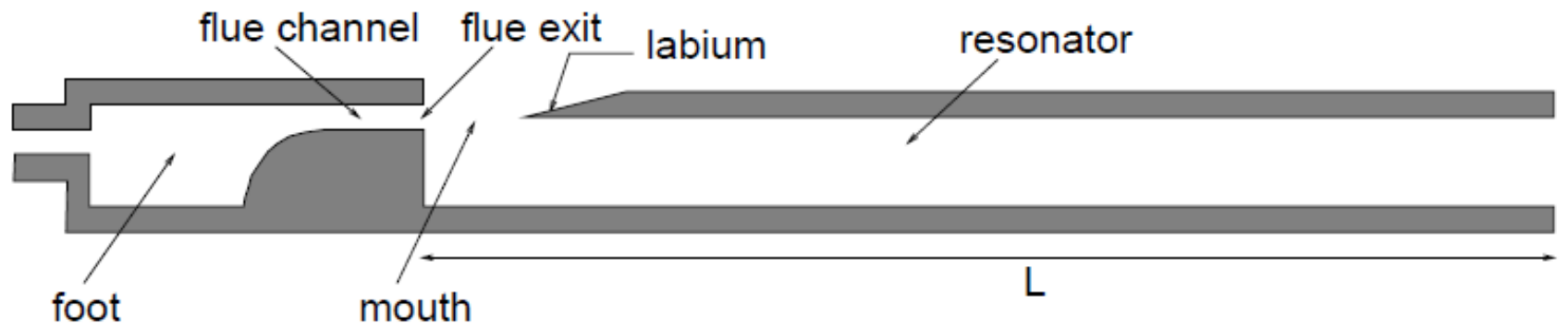
$$\Delta p = (p'(d, t) - p'(-d, t)) \approx \frac{F_x(t)}{\left(\frac{\pi d^2}{4}\right)}$$

# Plane waves

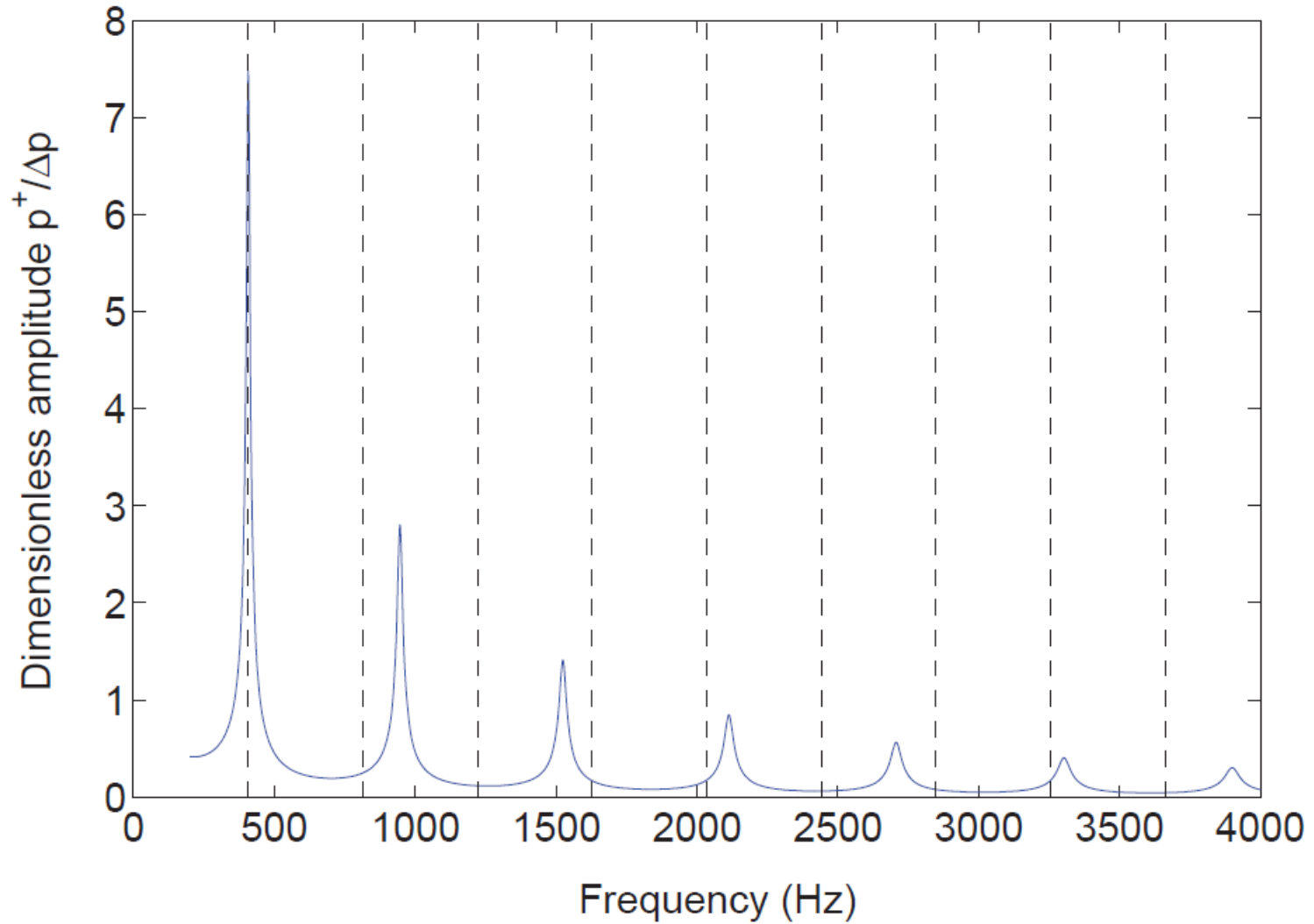


# Ocarina (bottle)

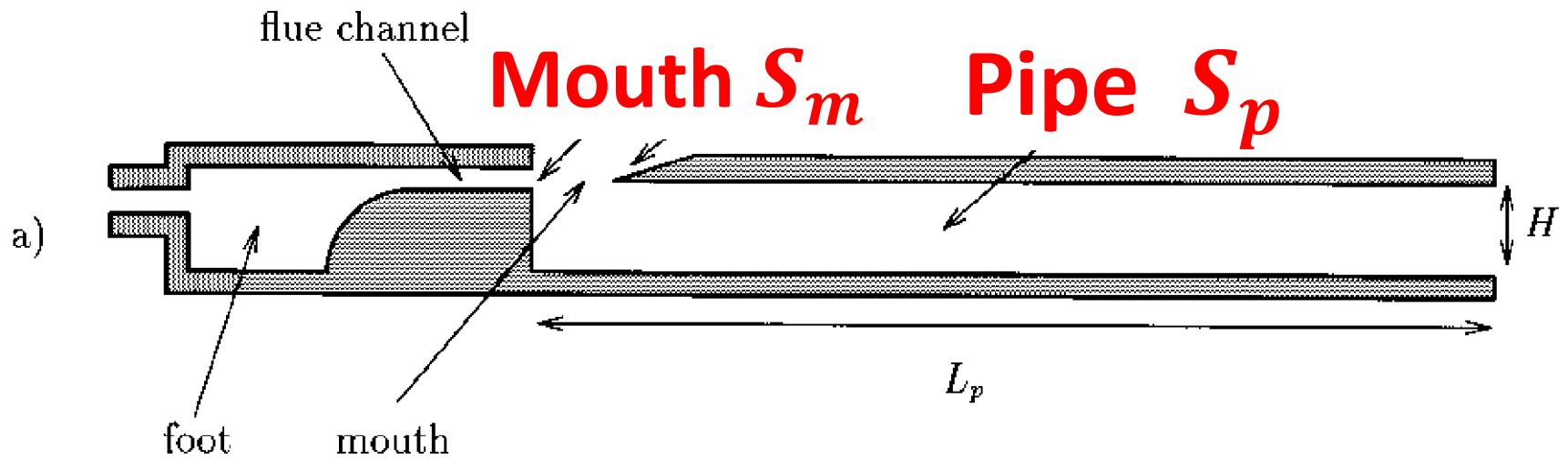




# Organ pipe



$$\frac{S_p}{S_m} > 1$$



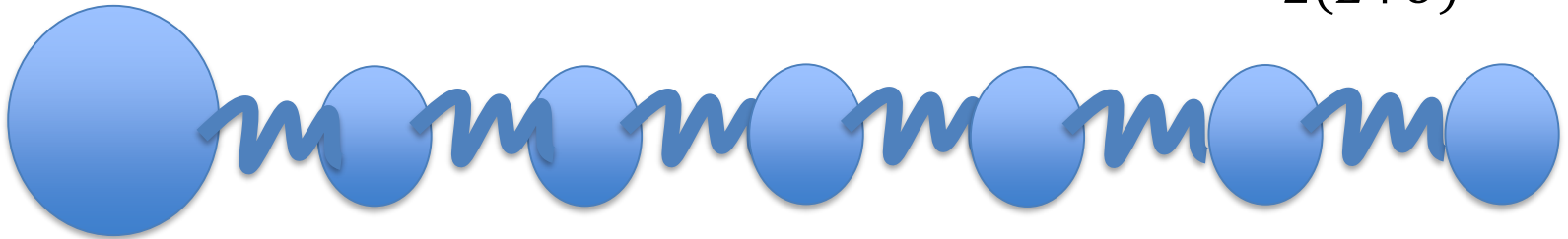
**Ideal open-open pipe:  $f_n = n f_1 = \frac{n c}{2 L}$**



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**Recorder flute  $f_n = n f_1 \sim \frac{n c}{2(L+\delta)}$**

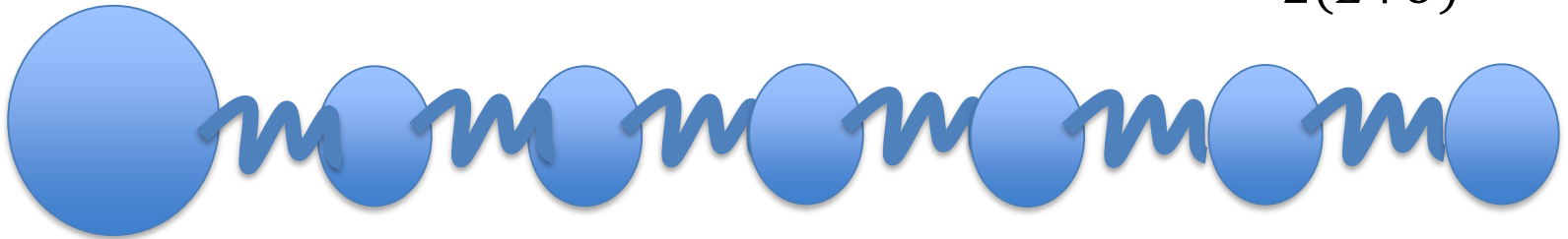




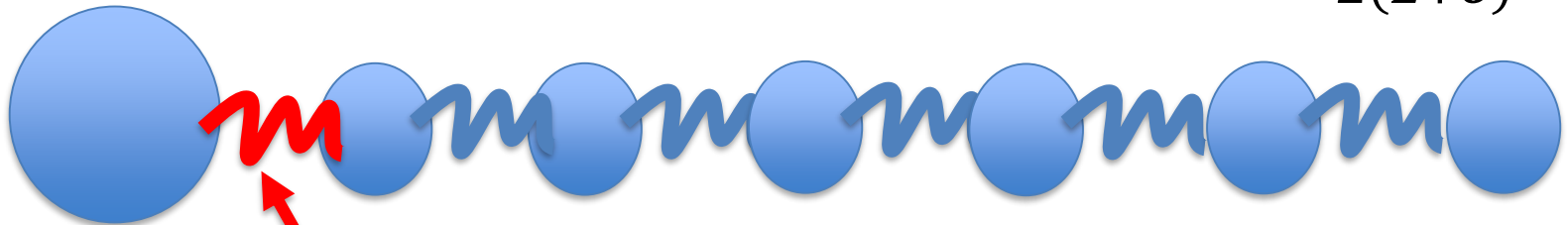
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Traverso flute  $f_n = n f_1 = \frac{n c}{2(L+\delta)}$



Modified spring

mouth

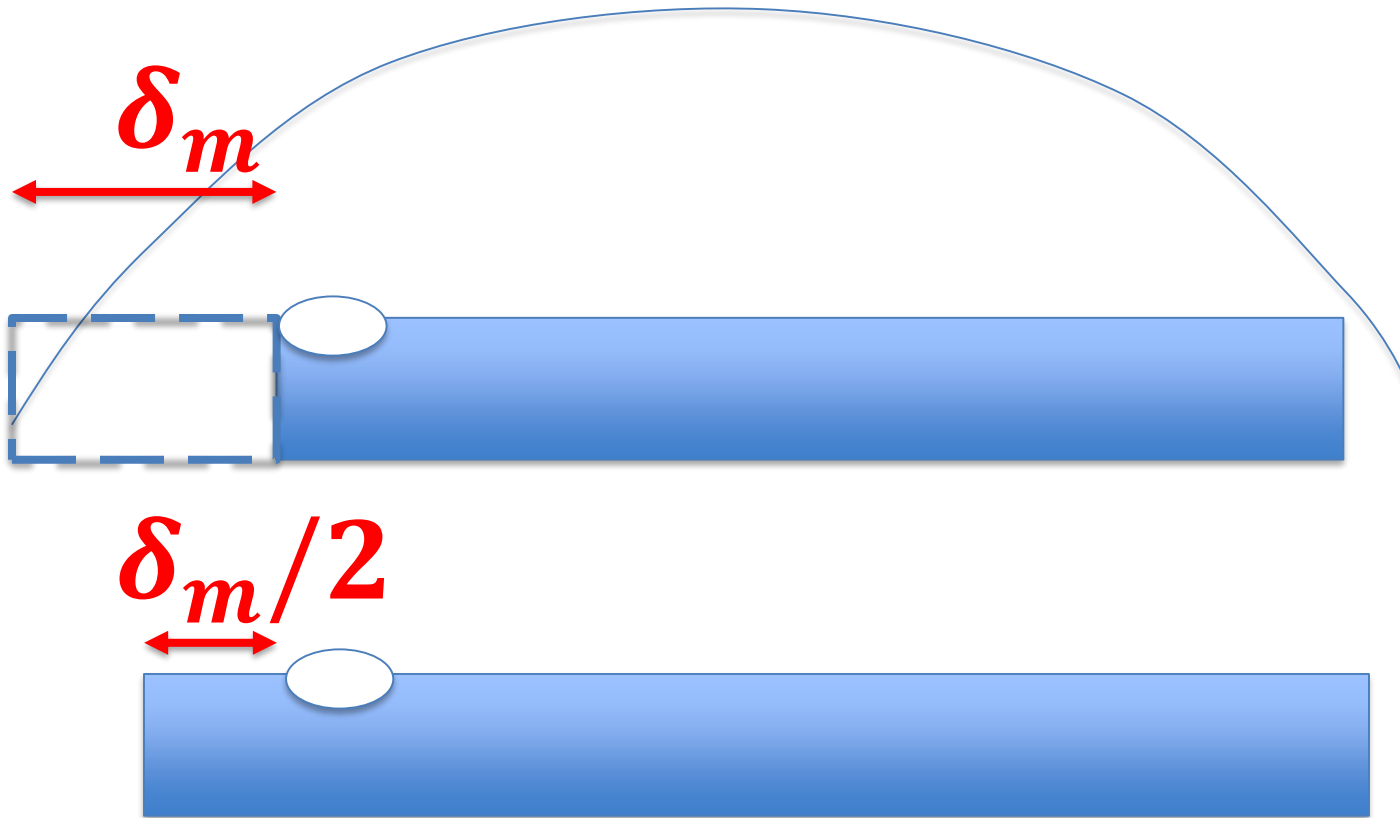
Organ pipe



Traverso flute

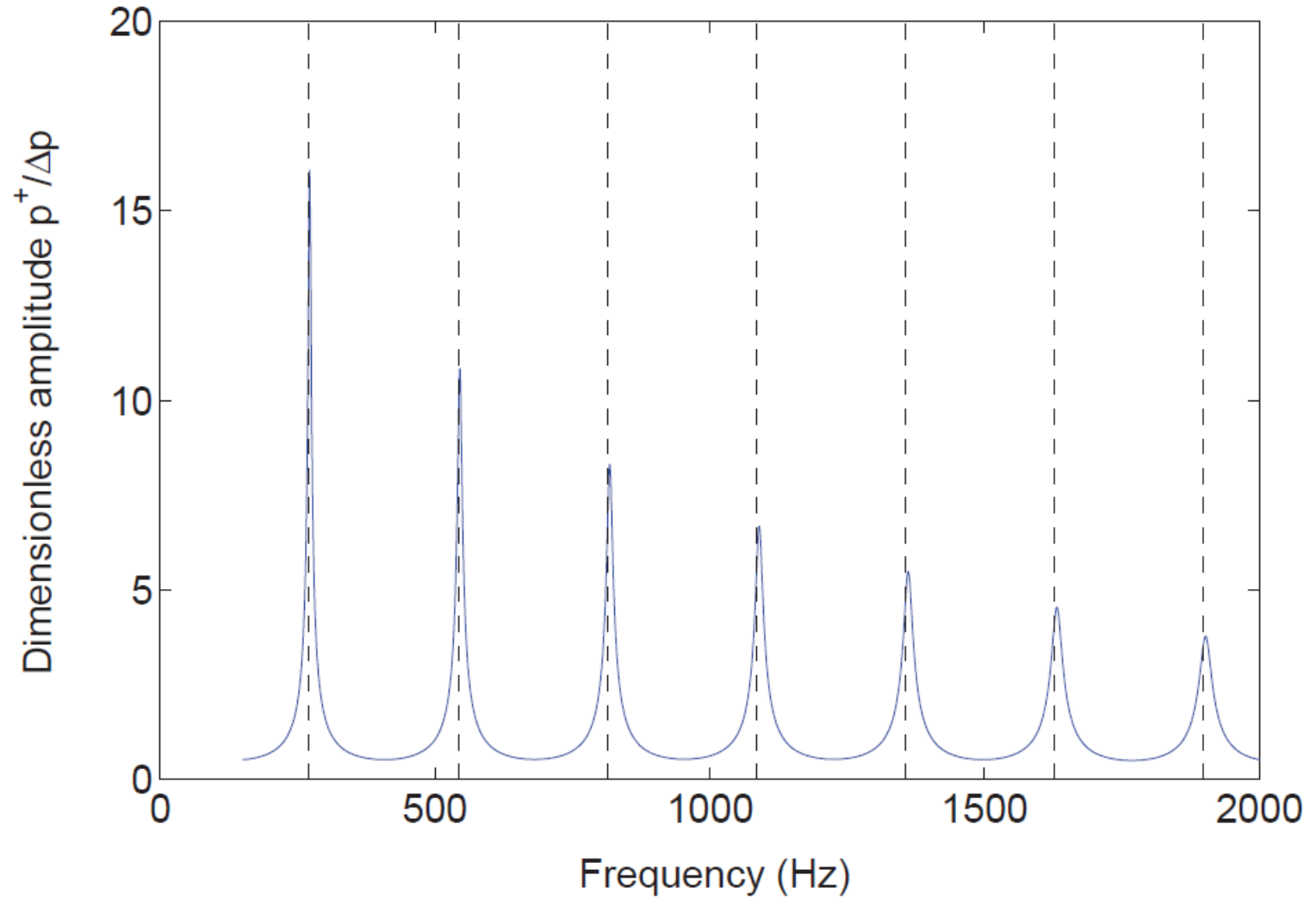


Extra compliance to compensate  
for inertia in mouth



In the baroque flute the head joint is cylindrical, this provides a good response for the lowest notes. The head joint of the modern Boehm flute is not cylindrical to obtain an optimal acoustic response for all the notes.

# Flute



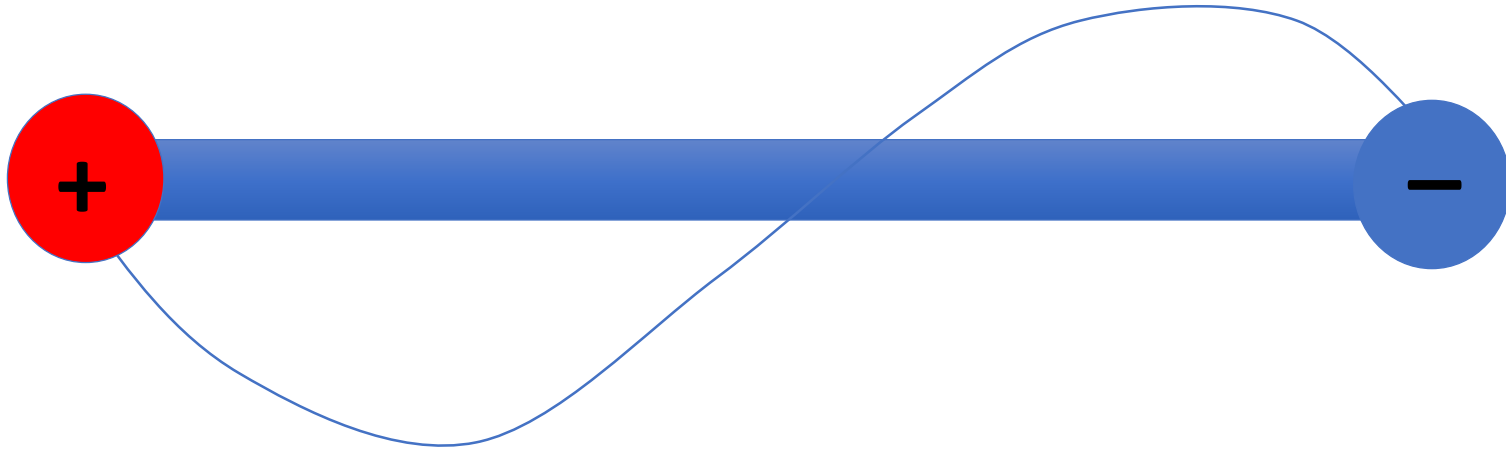
Modes multiple of first mode implies:  
Sound is rich in higher harmonics  
Bright sound

$$f_n \approx n f_1 \approx n f_0$$

# Directivity: fundamental mode

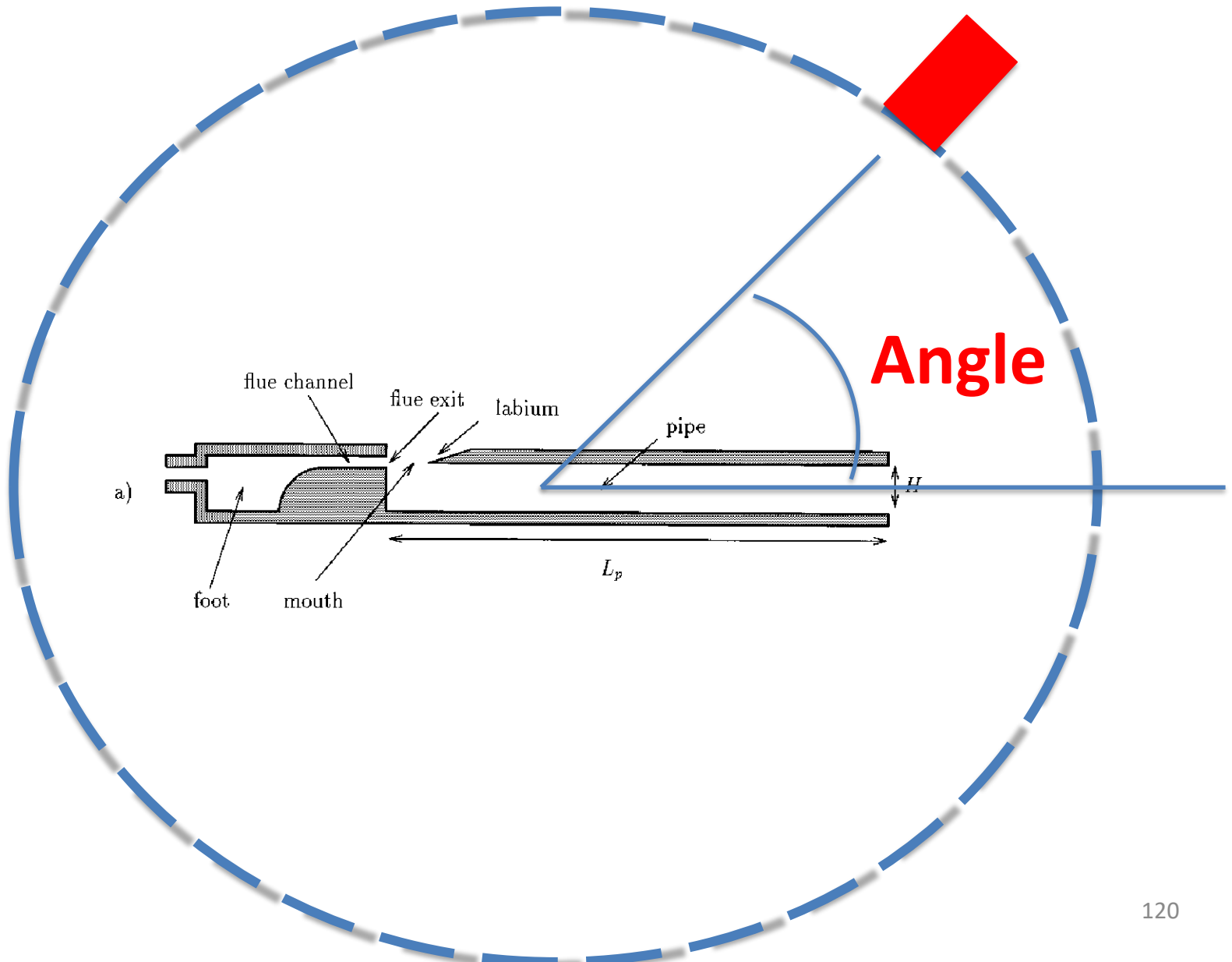


## Directivity second mode



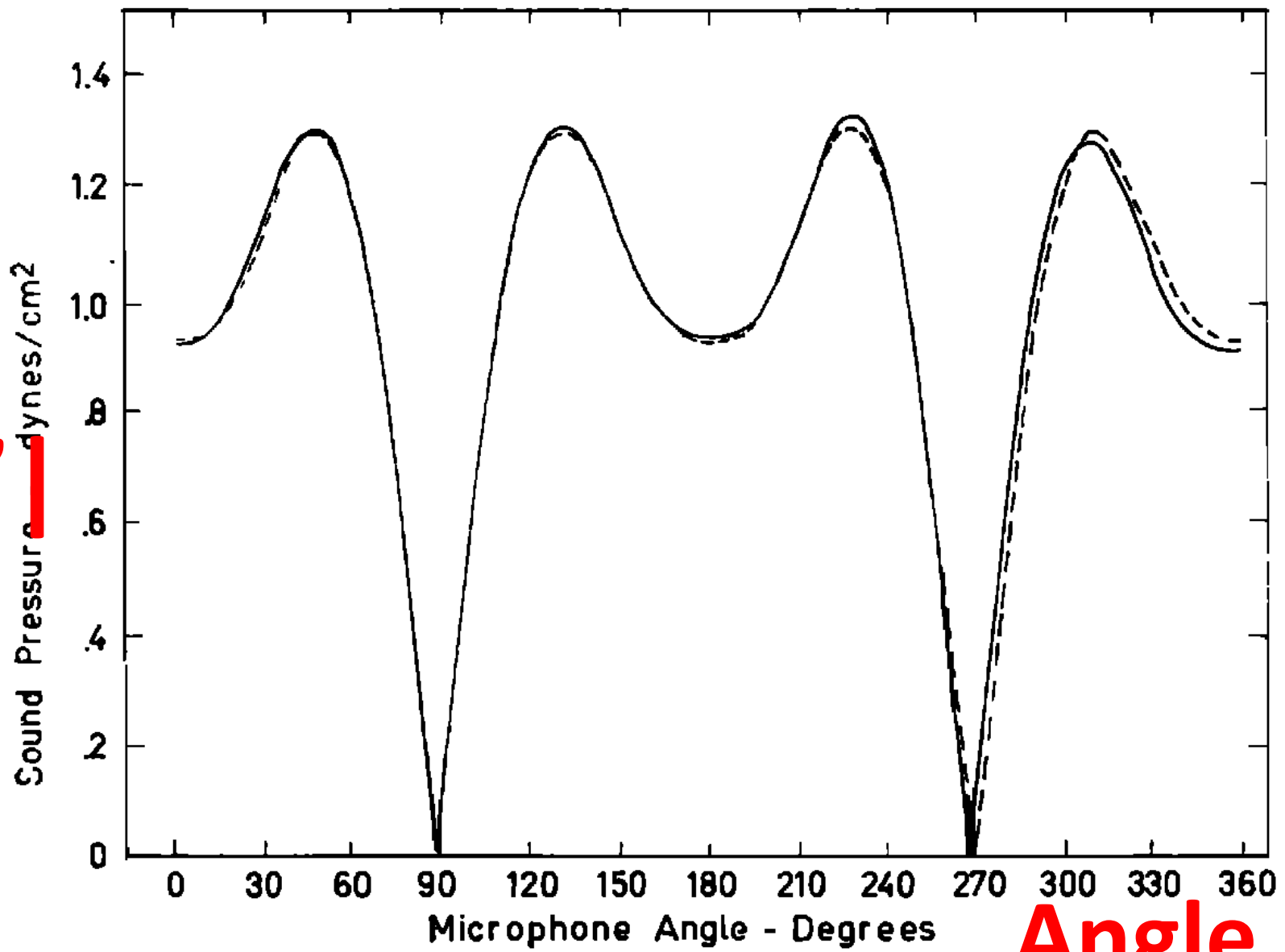
**Equal sound strength of sources?  
Coltman (1977)**

# Distant microphone





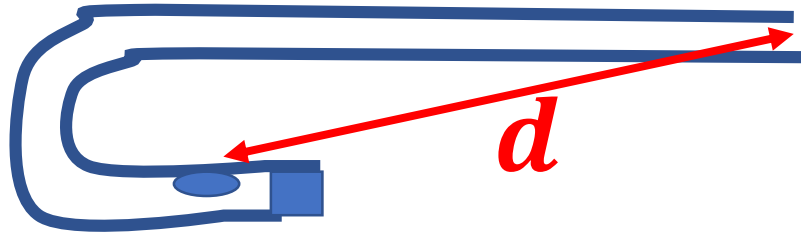
**IP'**

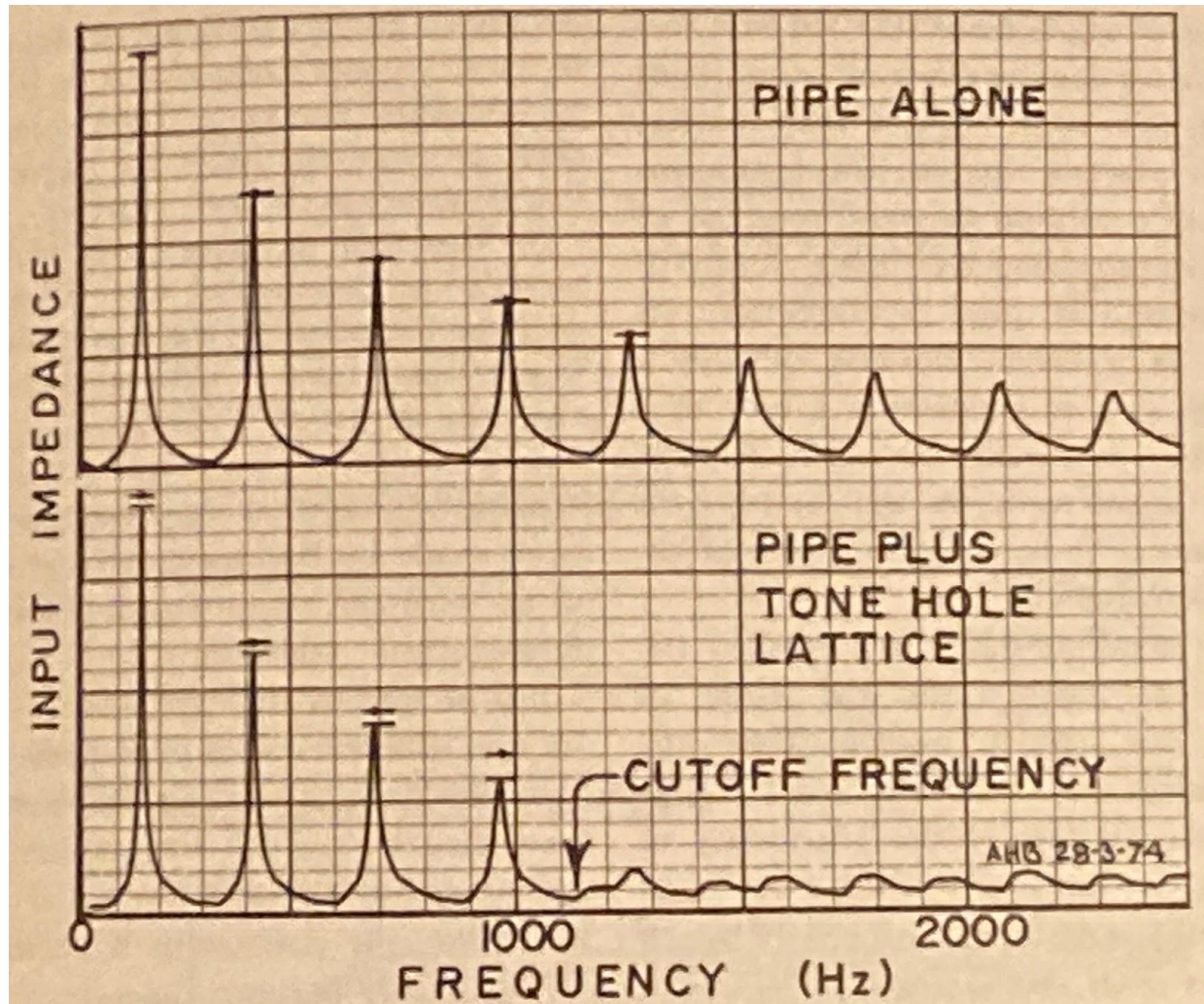


**Angle**

----- theory  
————— experiment

## Curved pipe effect (Coltman 1984)



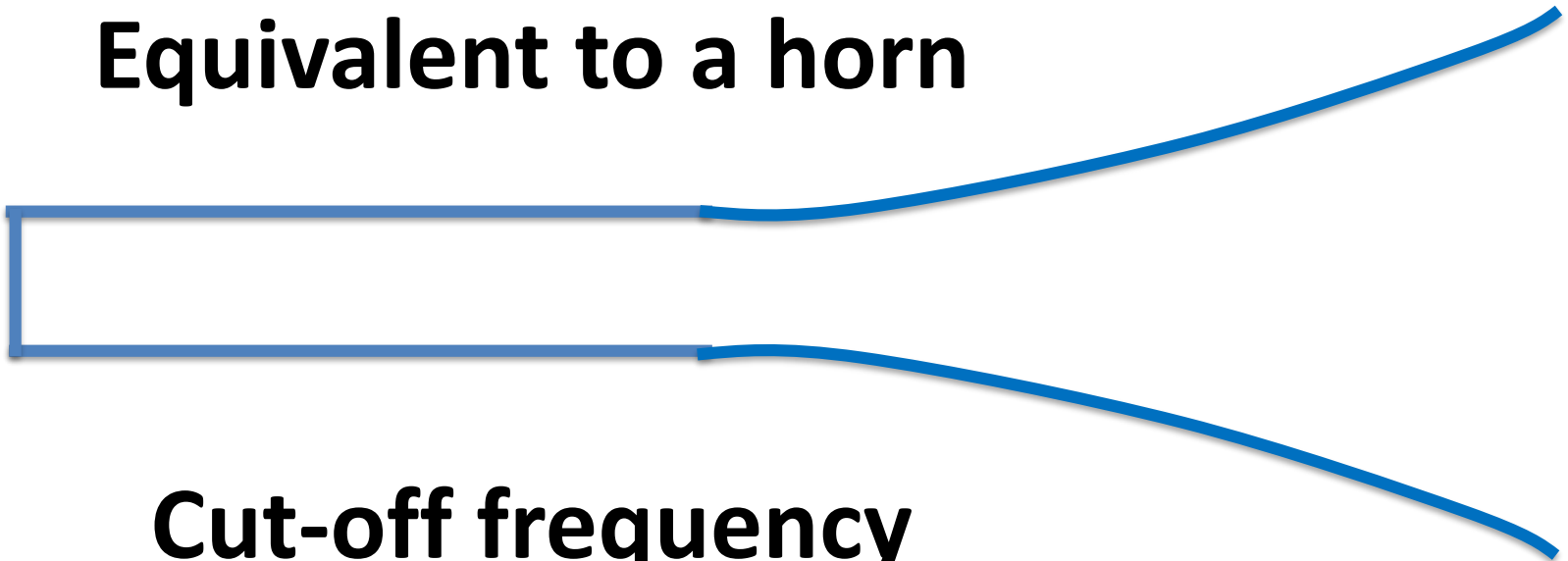


**Benade (1976)**

# Tone-hole lattice helps radiation high frequencies



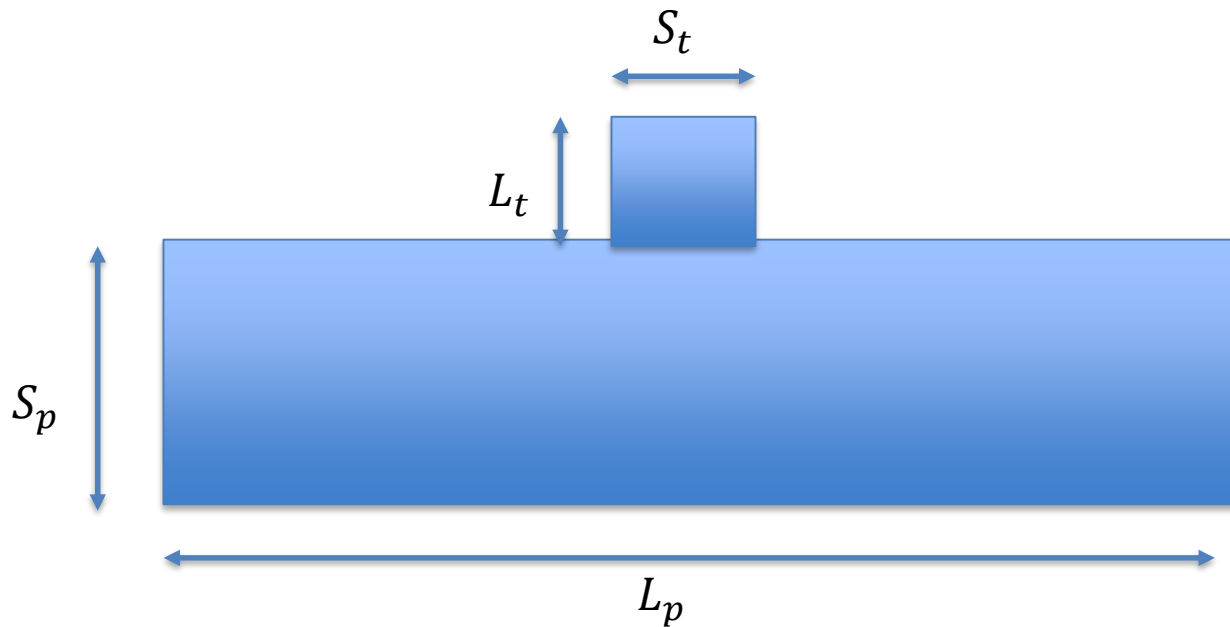
Equivalent to a horn



Cut-off frequency

## Helmholtz resonance frequency cell:

$$\omega_c = c_0 \sqrt{\frac{S_t}{S_p L_p L_t}}$$



**Prandtl:**

**VORTICES ARE THE MUSCLES OF FLOW**

**Müller & Obermeir** (Fluid Dyn. Res. 3, (1988) 43 – 51):

**VORTICES ARE THE VOICE OF FLOWS**

The acoustics of musical instruments is subtle.

**But the musician is even more important.**

<https://youtu.be/Ve6PTrILGOU>

[https://youtu.be/\\_YdjyplZ\\_o](https://youtu.be/_YdjyplZ_o)

[Windorgel op de Nolledijk, te Vlissingen –  
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[\(1\) Chakra Windorgel met prachtig geluid -  
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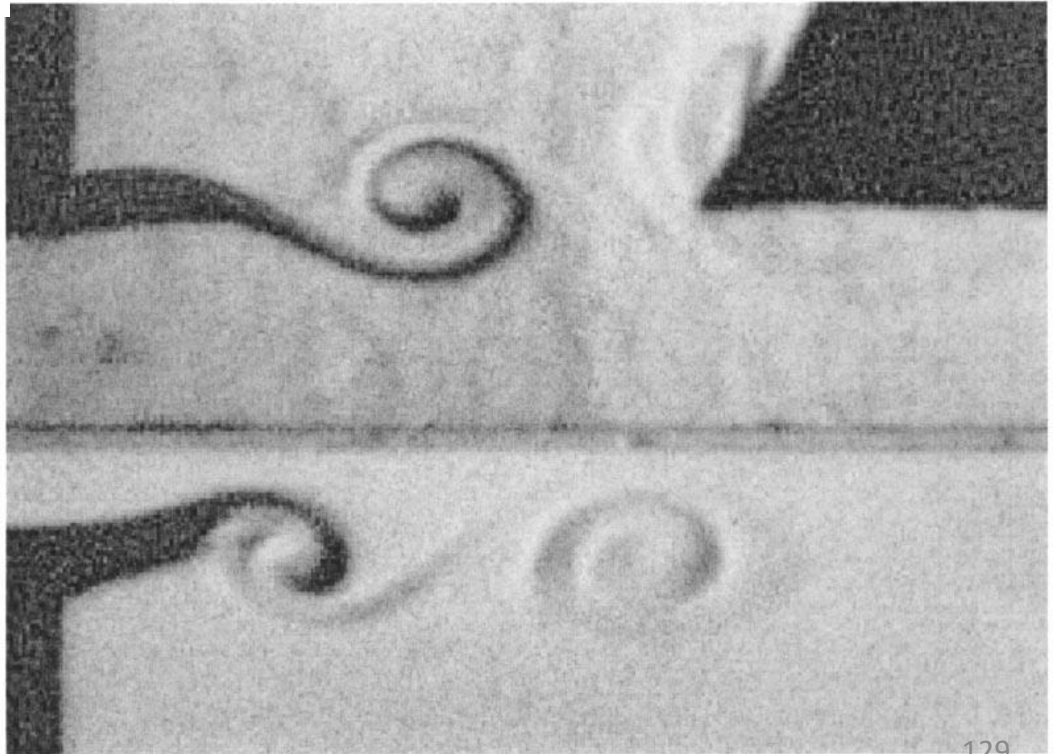
Most Aeolian organs have a very poor acoustical design.



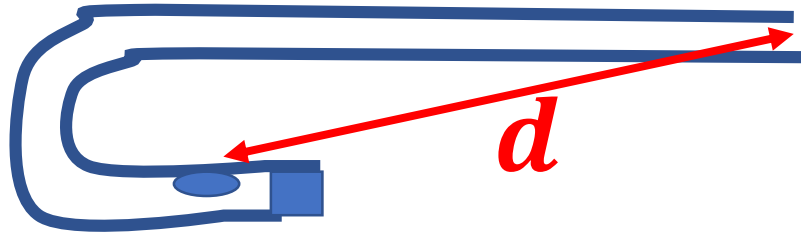


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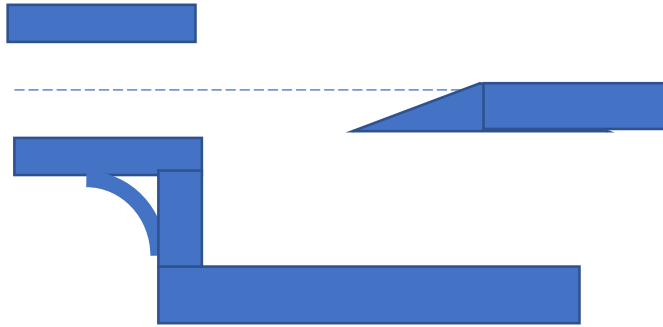
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AUTUMN SCHOOL SERIES  
IN  
ACOUSTICS



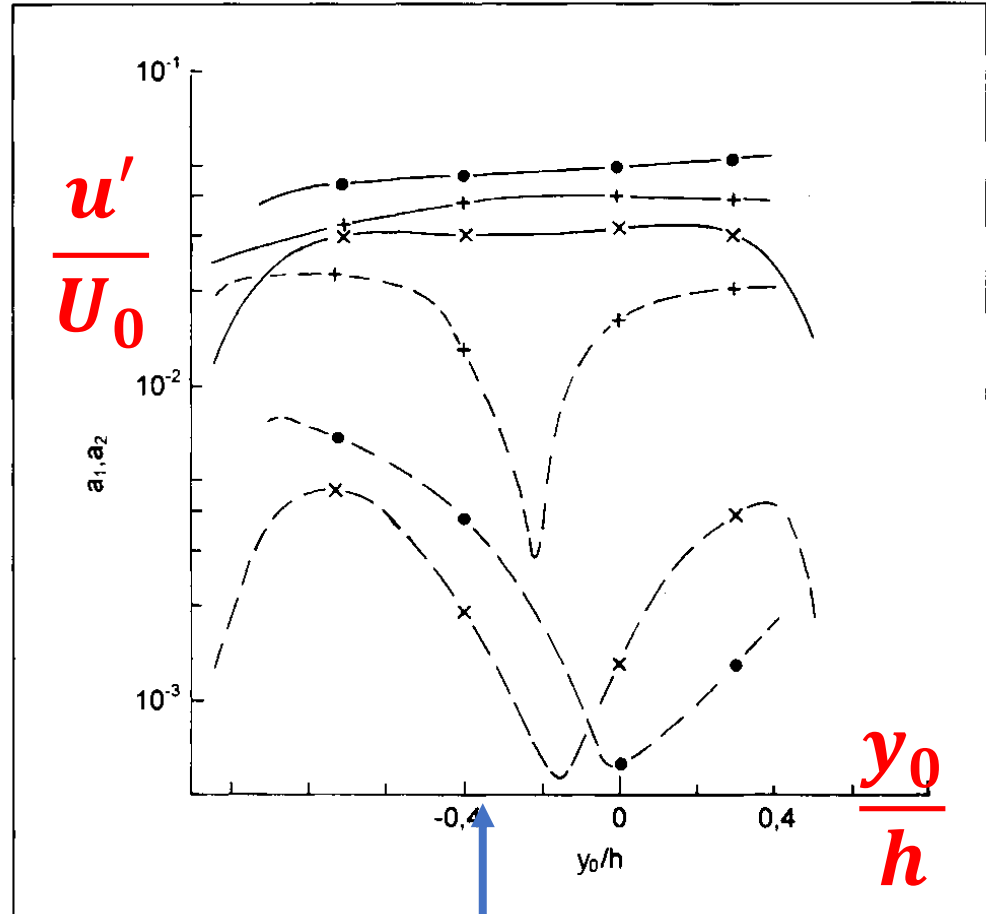
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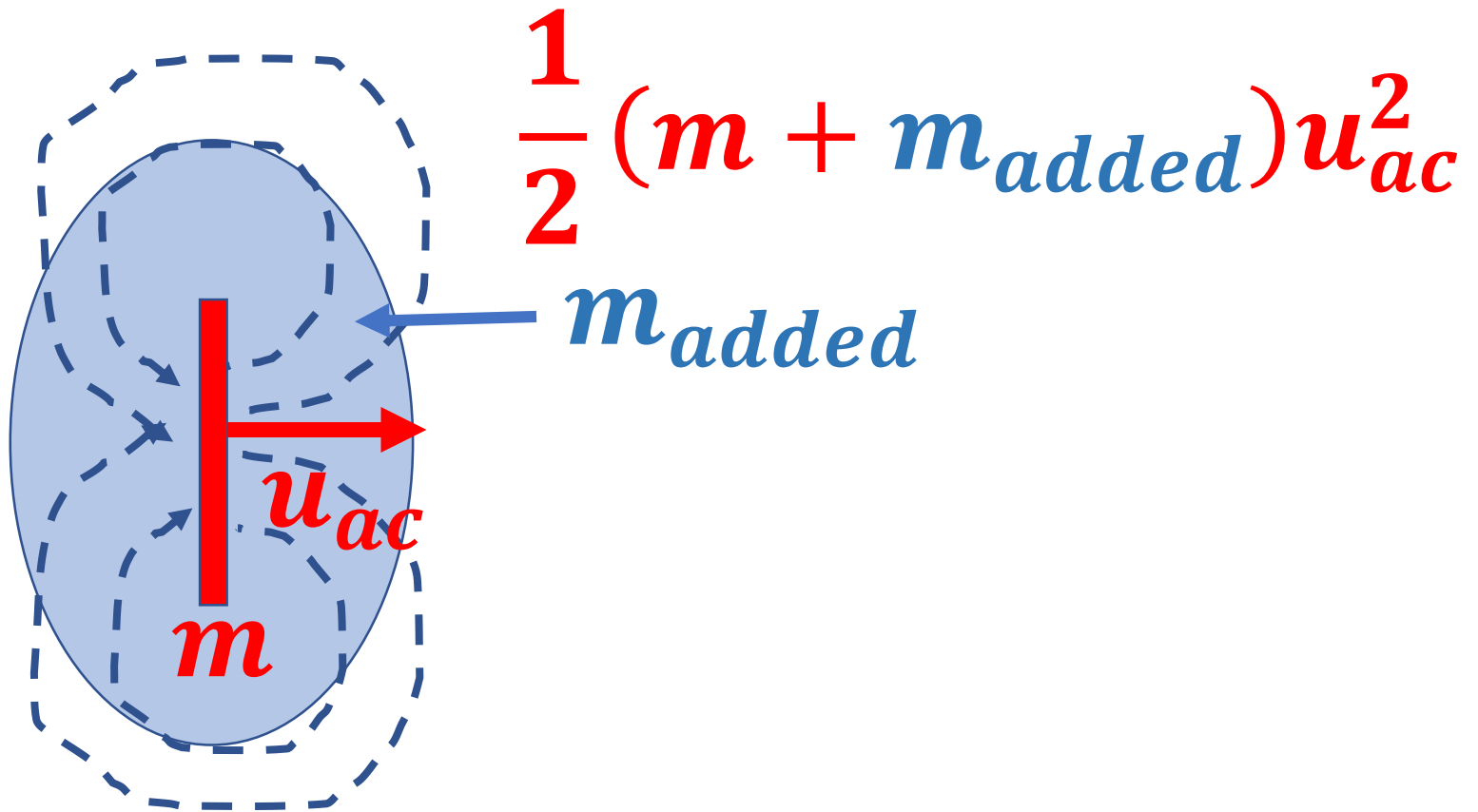
$$\frac{W}{W_0} = 1 \pm \frac{2 i_1 i_2}{i_1^2 + i_2^2} \frac{\sin k d}{k d}$$



Fundamental  $f_0$   
 Harmonic  $2f_0$



Recorder flute



**Plate in fluid: The added mass takes the kinetic energy of the fluid into account**

## **Differences between small and large instruments ?**

**-In large instruments transversal pipe**

**Oscillation are in audible sound range.**

**-Higher Reynolds numbers: more turbulence  
(broadband noise)**