

# A 1D model for the recorder

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- Open problem presented in Benasque 2007  
(keep hoping!)
- Greatly inspired by the work of Juan Casado-Díaz, Manuel Luna-Laynez and François Murat
- Involved mathematics applied to a concrete model

# Introduction: wind instruments

A musical note is the sum of several frequencies:

- A lowest frequency, **the fundamental one**, which is responsible of the note produced.
- Higher frequencies (or overtones), being multiple of the fundamental one, **the harmonics**, whose relative amplitudes are responsible of the tone of the note.

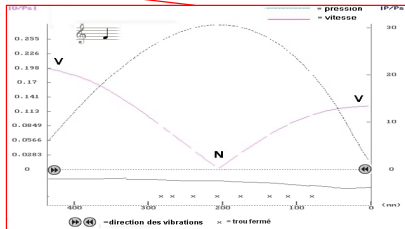
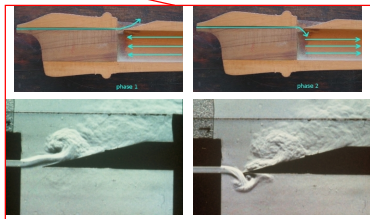
A musical instrument is an objet generating sounds, whose overtones are as close as possible of the multiples of the lowest frequency (this is the difference between a bell and a pot).

# Introduction: wind instruments

A wind instrument is the combination of an exciter (fipple, reed. . . ) and a tube. The exciter creates the oscillation and the eigenfrequencies of the tube selects the produced note.

Excitateur

Resonateur

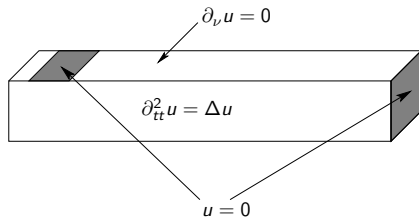


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# Introduction: the resonances

Assume that:

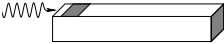
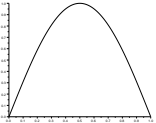
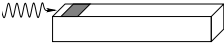
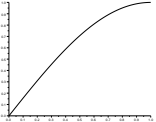
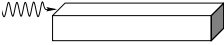
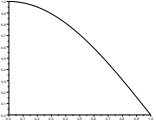
- the pressure  $u$  in the tube follows the wave equation
$$\partial_{tt}^2 u = \Delta u$$
- at the inner surface of the tube, the pressure satisfies Neumann B.C.  $\partial_\nu u = 0$
- at an open part of the tube, the pressure is equal to the exterior pressure  $u = 0$ .



The resonances are **the square roots of the eigenvalues of the Laplacian operator**.

# Introduction: the resonances

If the tube is sufficiently thin, then the 3D Laplacian operator is well approximated by the **1D Laplacian operator**.

flute recorder open organ pipe ...			$\pi/L$ $2\pi/L$ $3\pi/L$ ...
closed organ pipe pan-pipes ...			$\pi/2L$ $3\pi/2L$ $5\pi/2L$ ...
reed instruments (clarinet, oboe...)			$\pi/2L$ $3\pi/2L$ $5\pi/2L$ ...

## What happens when a hole of the flute is open?

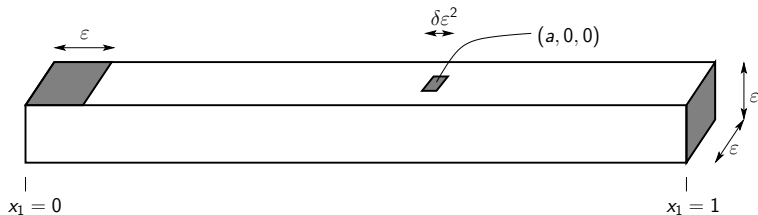
- **1st case: large hole**  
(modern instruments)  
The flute behaves as a tube truncated at the place of the hole. We recover a harmonic sound.
- **2nd case: small hole**  
(recorder, baroque flutes)  
Not so simple: fork fingering, half-holes, not harmonic (high frequencies are less modified by the hole)...



# Main result

Set  $x = (x_1, \tilde{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $a \in ]0, 1[$  and  $\delta > 0$ . Consider the domain  $\Omega_\epsilon$  as follows.



*Gray: Dirichlet B.C., white: Neumann B.C.*

$\Delta_\epsilon$  is the positive Laplacian operator in  $\Omega_\epsilon$  with the associated B.C.



$$\forall u, v \in D(\Delta_\varepsilon), \quad \langle \Delta_\varepsilon u | v \rangle_{L^2(\Omega_\varepsilon)} = \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} \nabla u \nabla v .$$

Let  $A : D(A) \longrightarrow L^2(0, 1)$  given by  $Au = -u''$  and

$$D(A) = \{u \in H^2((0, a) \cup (a, 1)) \cap H_0^1(0, 1) \mid u'(a^+) - u'(a^-) = \alpha \delta u(a)\}$$

with  $\alpha$  depending on the geometry of the hole.

$$\forall u, v \in D(A), \quad \langle Au | v \rangle_{L^2(0,1)} = \int_0^1 u'(x)v'(x)dx + \alpha \delta u(a)v(a) .$$

# Main result

Let  $0 < \lambda_\varepsilon^1 < \lambda_\varepsilon^2 \leq \lambda_\varepsilon^3 \leq \dots$  be the eigenvalues of  $\Delta_\varepsilon$ .

Let  $0 < \lambda^1 < \lambda^2 \leq \lambda^3 \leq \dots$  be the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

## Theorem – R.J. (2011)

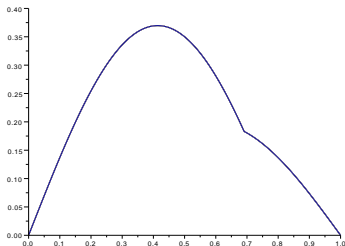
*When  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the spectrum of  $\Delta_\varepsilon$  converges to the one of  $A$ , i.e.*

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}^* , \quad \lambda_\varepsilon^k \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lambda^k .$$

Main idea: use the techniques of J. Casado-Díaz, M. Luna-Laynez and F. Murat dealing with domains with several orders of thickness.

# Discussion

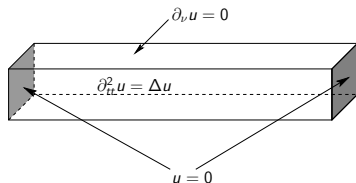
$$\mu^2 \text{ is an eigenvalue of } A \text{ iff } \alpha\delta = \frac{-\mu \sin \mu}{\sin(\mu a) \sin(\mu(1-a))}.$$



- It is the expected profile of pressure.
- One can adjust  $a$  or  $\delta \Rightarrow$  creation of fork fingerings, half-holes. . .
- The overtones are not really harmonic.

# Sketch of the proof (simplified case)

First consider the tube without open holes.



Min-Max principle

$$\lambda_\varepsilon^k = \min_{E^k \text{ vect. space of dim } k \text{ of } H_0^1(\Omega_\varepsilon)} \max_{u \in E^k} \frac{\int |\nabla u|^2}{\int |u|^2}.$$

- Lower-semicontinuity of the spectrum: Min-Max principle and embedding of the eigenfunctions of  $A$  in  $H_0^1(\Omega_\varepsilon)$ .
- Upper-semicontinuity of the spectrum: Min-Max principle and weak convergence of the  $k$ -th eigenfunction of  $\Delta_\varepsilon$  to an eigenfunction of  $A$ .

# Sketch of the proof (simplified case)

## Proof of the lower-semicontinuity of the spectrum:

- Let  $\varphi^k = \sin(k\pi \cdot)$  be the eigenfunctions of  $\partial_{x_1}^2$ . We embed  $\varphi^k$  in  $D(\Delta_\varepsilon)$  by setting  $\varphi_\varepsilon^k(x) = \sin(k\pi x_1)$ , we get

$$\langle \varphi_\varepsilon^j | \varphi_\varepsilon^k \rangle_{L^2(\Omega_\varepsilon)} = \varepsilon^2 \langle \varphi^j | \varphi^k \rangle_{L^2(0,1)}$$

$$\langle \nabla \varphi_\varepsilon^j | \nabla \varphi_\varepsilon^k \rangle_{L^2(\Omega_\varepsilon)} = \varepsilon^2 \langle \partial_{x_1} \varphi^j | \partial_{x_1} \varphi^k \rangle_{L^2(]0,1[)}$$

- We apply Min-Max principle

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_\varepsilon^k &= \min_{E^k \text{ vect. space of dim } k \text{ of } H_0^1(\Omega_\varepsilon)} \max_{u \in E^k} \frac{\int |\nabla u|^2}{\int |u|^2} \\ &\leq \max_{u \in \text{vect}(\varphi_\varepsilon^j)_{j \leq k}} \frac{\int |\nabla u|^2}{\int |u|^2} \\ &\leq \lambda^k \end{aligned}$$

# Sketch of the proof (simplified case)

## Proof of the upper-semicontinuity of the spectrum:

- Up to extracting,  $\lambda_\varepsilon^k$  converges to  $\lambda_0^k$ .
- We move to  $\Omega = (0, 1)^3$  by setting  $v_\varepsilon^k(x) = \varphi_\varepsilon^k(x_1, \varepsilon \tilde{x})$ . We have

$$\int_{\Omega} |\partial_{x_1} v_\varepsilon^k|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} |\partial_{\tilde{x}} v_\varepsilon^k|^2 = \lambda_\varepsilon^k .$$

- Up to extracting,  $v_\varepsilon^k$  converges to  $v^k$  weakly in  $H^1(0, 1)$  and strongly in  $H^{3/4}(0, 1)$ .

# Sketch of the proof (simplified case)

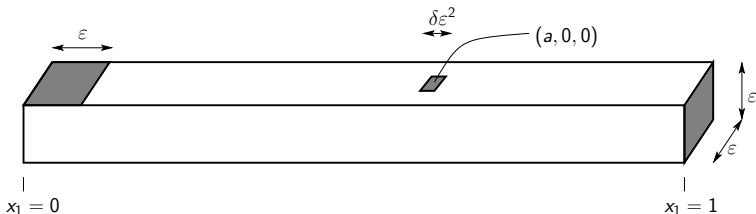
Let  $\psi$  be a 1D test function. We embed  $\psi$  in  $\Omega_\varepsilon$  by setting  $\psi_\varepsilon(x) = \psi(x_1)$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} \nabla \varphi_\varepsilon^k \nabla \psi_\varepsilon &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \lambda_\varepsilon^k \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} \varphi_\varepsilon^k \psi_\varepsilon \\ \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 \partial_{x_1} v^k \partial_{x_1} \psi &= \lambda_0^k \int_0^1 v^k \psi . \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $v^k$  is a eigenfunction of  $\partial_{x_1 x_1}^2$  for the eigenvalue  $\lambda_0^k$  and  $\lambda_0^k \geq \lambda^k$  because the  $v^k$  are orthogonal.

# Sketch of the proof

Consider the original domain with an open hole



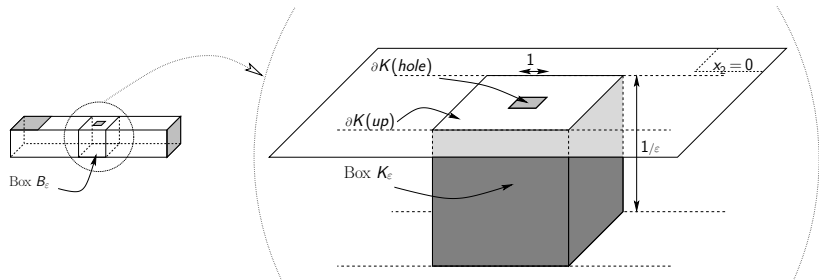
We cannot use the canonical embedding  $1D \rightarrow 3D$ : one needs to study what happens around the hole.

Method: one introduces a zoom close to the hole and the corresponding functional spaces following [J. Casado-Díaz, M. Luna-Laynez and F. Murat].



# Zoom around the hole

Let  $K$  be the half-space  $\{x_1, x_2 < 0\}$  with the boundary condition  $u = 0$  on  $\partial K(\text{hole})$  and  $\partial_\nu u = 0$  on  $\partial K(\text{up})$ .



$$\dot{H}^1(K) = \{v \in H_{loc}^1(K), \nabla v \in L^2(K) \text{ and } u|_{\partial K(\text{hole})} = 0\}$$

$$\dot{H}_0^1(K) = \text{closure of } C_0^\infty(K) \text{ in } \dot{H}^1(K)$$

We endow both spaces of the scalar product  $\langle u|v \rangle = \int \nabla u \nabla v$ .

# Zoom around the hole

Let  $\chi \in C^\infty(\overline{K})$  satisfying the boundary conditions and  $\chi \equiv 1$  outside a bounded ball.

## Theorem

$\dot{H}^1(K)$  and  $\dot{H}_0^1(K)$  are Hilbert spaces and

$$\dot{H}^1(K) = \dot{H}_0^1(K) \oplus \mathbb{R}\chi .$$

Moreover,  $u \in \dot{H}^1(K)$  belongs to  $\dot{H}_0^1(K)$  if and only if  $u \in L^6(K)$ .  
Finally,  $u \in \dot{H}^1(K)$  splits in  $u = \dot{u} + \bar{u}\chi$  where

$$\dot{u} \in \dot{H}_0^1(K) \quad \bar{u} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{K_\varepsilon} \int_{K_\varepsilon} u(x) dx .$$

# Zoom around the hole

We define  $\zeta$  as the unique solution in  $\dot{H}^1(K)$  of

$$\begin{cases} \Delta \zeta = 0 \\ \bar{\zeta} = 1 \\ +B.C. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\alpha = \int_K |\nabla \zeta|^2$ .

$\zeta$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\chi$  on the orthogonal space of  $\dot{H}_0^1(K)$

$$\langle u|v \rangle_{\dot{H}^1(K)} = \int \nabla \dot{u} \nabla \dot{v} + \alpha \bar{u} \bar{v}$$

## Proposition

*There exists a sequence  $(\zeta_\varepsilon)$  converging to  $\zeta$  in  $\dot{H}^1(K)$  such that  $\zeta_\varepsilon \equiv 1$  outside  $K_\varepsilon$ .*

We set  $\tilde{\zeta}_\varepsilon = \zeta_\varepsilon(\cdot/\varepsilon^2)$  which is supported in  $B_\varepsilon$ .

## Sketch of the proof of the lower-semicontinuity of the spectrum:

- Let  $(\varphi^k)$  be the eigenfunctions of  $A$ . We embed  $\varphi^k$  in  $D(\Delta_\varepsilon)$  to  $\varphi_\varepsilon^k$  such that

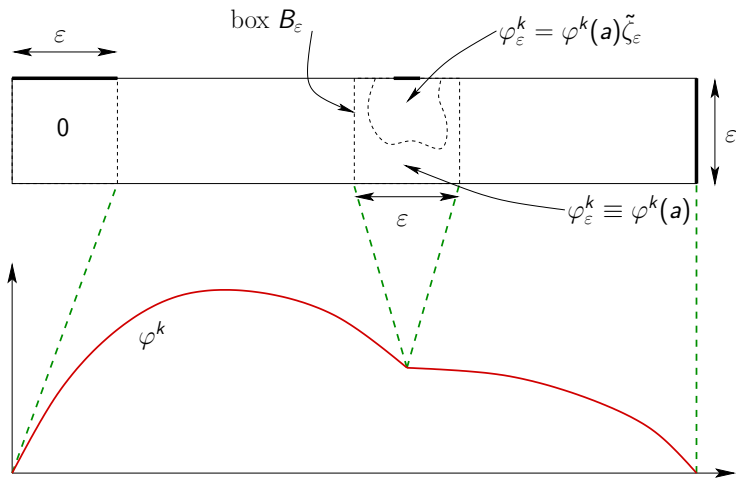
$$\langle \varphi_\varepsilon^j | \varphi_\varepsilon^k \rangle_{L^2(\Omega_\varepsilon)} = \varepsilon^2 \langle \varphi^j | \varphi^k \rangle_{L^2(0,1)} + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\langle \Delta_\varepsilon \varphi_\varepsilon^j | \varphi_\varepsilon^k \rangle_{L^2(\Omega_\varepsilon)} = \varepsilon^2 \langle A \varphi^j | \varphi^k \rangle_{L^2(0,1)} + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

- We apply Min-Max principle

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_\varepsilon^k &= \min_{E^k \text{ vect. space of dim } k \text{ of } H_0^1(\Omega_\varepsilon)} \max_{u \in E^k} \frac{\int |\nabla u|^2}{\int |u|^2} \\ &\leq \max_{u \in \text{vect}(\varphi_\varepsilon^j)_{j \leq k}} \frac{\int |\nabla u|^2}{\int |u|^2} \\ &\leq \lambda^k + o(\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

# Lower-semicontinuity



$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} |\nabla \varphi_\varepsilon^k|^2 \simeq \int_0^1 |\partial_x \varphi^k|^2 + \delta |\varphi^k(a)|^2 \int_K |\nabla \zeta|^2$$

## Sketch of the proof of the upper-semicontinuity of the spectrum:

- Up to extracting,  $\lambda_\varepsilon^k$  converges to  $\lambda_0^k$ .
- We move to  $\Omega = (0, 1)^3$  by setting  $v_\varepsilon^k(x) = \varphi_\varepsilon^k(x_1, \varepsilon \tilde{x})$ . We have

$$\int_{\Omega} |\partial_{x_1} v_\varepsilon^k|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} |\partial_{\tilde{x}} v_\varepsilon^k|^2 = \lambda_\varepsilon^k .$$

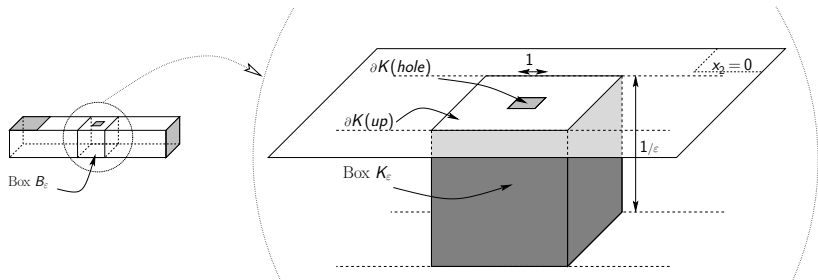
- Up to extracting,  $v_\varepsilon^k$  converges to  $v^k$  weakly in  $H^1(0, 1)$  and strongly in  $H^{3/4}(0, 1)$ .
- We prove that  $v^k$  is an eigenfunction of  $A$  for the eigenvalue  $\lambda_0^k$ .

# Upper-semicontinuity

Let  $\psi \in H_0^1(]0, 1[)$  be a test function. We embed  $\psi$  in  $\Omega_\varepsilon$  as above and we show that

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} \nabla \varphi_\varepsilon^k \nabla \psi_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \lambda_\varepsilon^k \int_{\Omega_\varepsilon} \varphi_\varepsilon^k \psi_\varepsilon$$
$$\xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 \partial_{x_1} v^k \partial_{x_1} \psi + \alpha \delta v^k(a) \psi(a) = \lambda_0^k \int_0^1 v^k \psi .$$

Crucial point: what happens in the box  $B_\varepsilon$ ?



# Upper-semicontinuity

Why

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \int_{B_\varepsilon} \nabla \varphi_\varepsilon^k \nabla \psi_\varepsilon = \int_{K_\varepsilon} \nabla w_\varepsilon \nabla (\psi(a)\zeta_\varepsilon)$$

converges to  $v^k(a)\psi(a) \int_K |\nabla \zeta|^2$ ?

- By construction  $\psi(a)\zeta_\varepsilon \rightarrow \psi(a)\zeta$  in  $\dot{H}^1(K)$ .
- We can assume that  $w_\varepsilon$  converges weakly to  $w_0$  in  $\dot{H}^1(K)$
- If  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(K)$ , then  $\int_K \nabla w_0 \nabla \phi = 0$
- The mean value of  $w_0$  is given by

$$\bar{w}_0 = \lim_{\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{|K_{\varepsilon_n}|} \int_{K_{\varepsilon_n}} w_{\varepsilon_n} = v^k(a).$$

- Thus  $w_\varepsilon \rightharpoonup w_0 = v^k(a)\zeta$  in  $\dot{H}^1(K)$ .



## Further discussions

- Several holes: several discontinuities of the derivative.
- Cylindrical flutes: no changes for the first order.
- Conical flutes: the 1D Laplacian operator is replaced by a Laplacian operator with a different metric  $\frac{1}{S(x)}\partial_x(S(x)\partial_x\cdot)$  where  $S(x)$  is the sectional volume.
- External radiation: one has to compute the second order.
- Interaction with the exciter: ???

**Thank you  
for your  
attention**

