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Architectural Acoustics

Lecture 1: Introduction and historical overview

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Course Structure (8 modules- 40 lectures)

Module		Instructor	No. of lectures	Total Duration (hrs)
1.	Sound Physics	SG, SPB	5	2.5
2.	Room acoustics and reverberation	SG, SPB	5	2.5
3.	Sound absorption	SG	5	2.5
4.	Acoustical criteria of space design	SG	5	2.5
5.	Design principles of auditorium	SG	5	2.5
6.	Electro-acoustics and open-air auditorium	SG, SPB	5	2.5
7.	Air and structure borne sound propagation	SPB	5	2.5
8.	Environmental acoustics	SPB	5	2.5

Definition

“Acoustics” is derived from the Greek word **ἀκουστικός** (akoustikos), meaning “of or for hearing, ready to hear”

- is a branch of physics
- deals with study of all kinds of mechanical waves in any medium
- It was Aristotle who first established the relation that anything that vibrates can produce sound dates back to (384–322 BC).
- Architectural acoustics recognised as a science just over a century

Architectural Acoustics

- The scientific knowhow to achieve a **good sound within a space** (building)
- Involves the study of speech **intelligibility**, speech **privacy**, music **quality**, **noise** control and **vibration reduction** within the built environment.

HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION



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- Earliest meeting places were open areas in natural forms
Epidaurus 330BC, Flavian Amphitheatre 71AD, Circus Maximus, Hippodrome
- Understanding of the **directional nature** of human voice
- Seating arrangements were made in **concentric semi-circles** in front of speakers for best audibility

- Earliest outdoor amphitheaters
- Seating plan: **segmented circle**, more than 180° , mostly on hill-sides facing the sea.
- Theories followed: wind carried the sound, specific material requirement
- **Steeply raked seats, low background noise**

Resulted in increased intelligibility (clarity)



Greco-Hellenistic theater, Epidauros 330BC

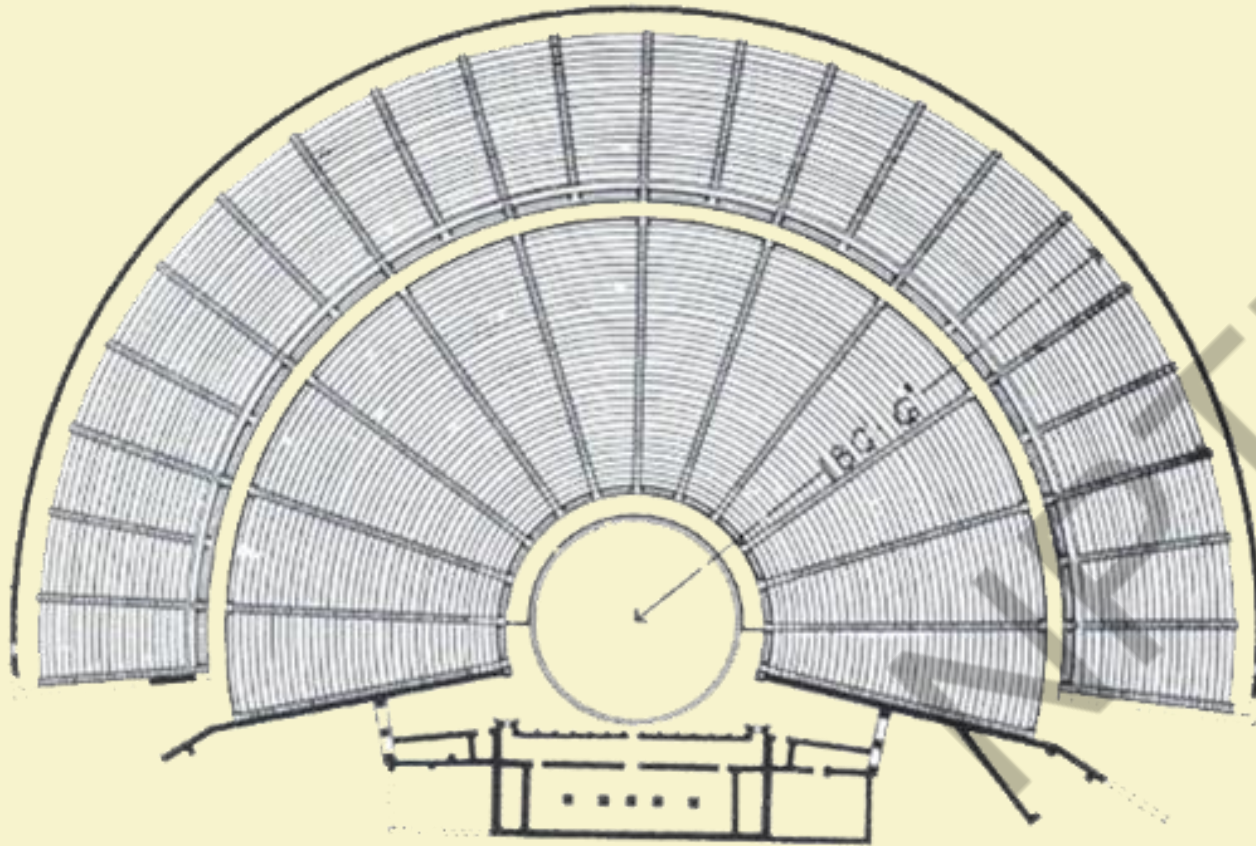


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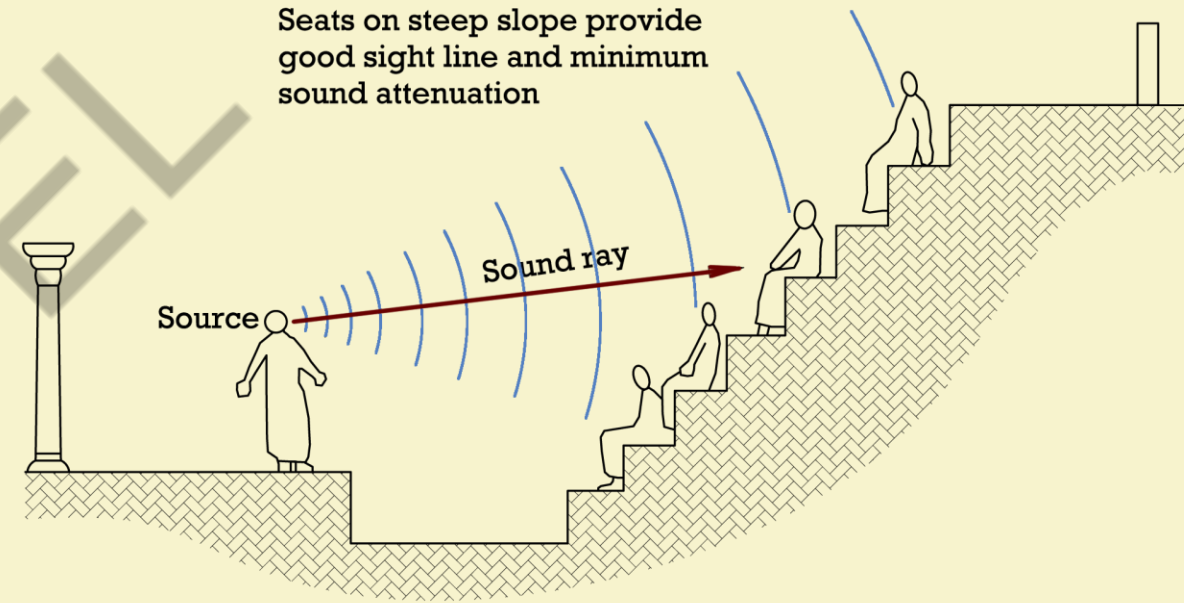


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PLAN



Plan and section: during Greek period

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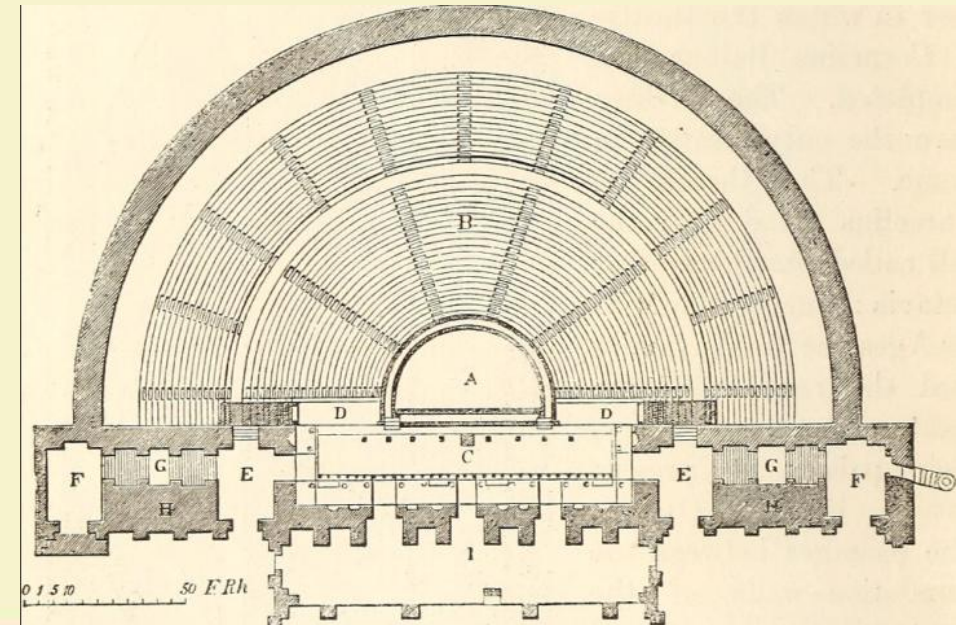
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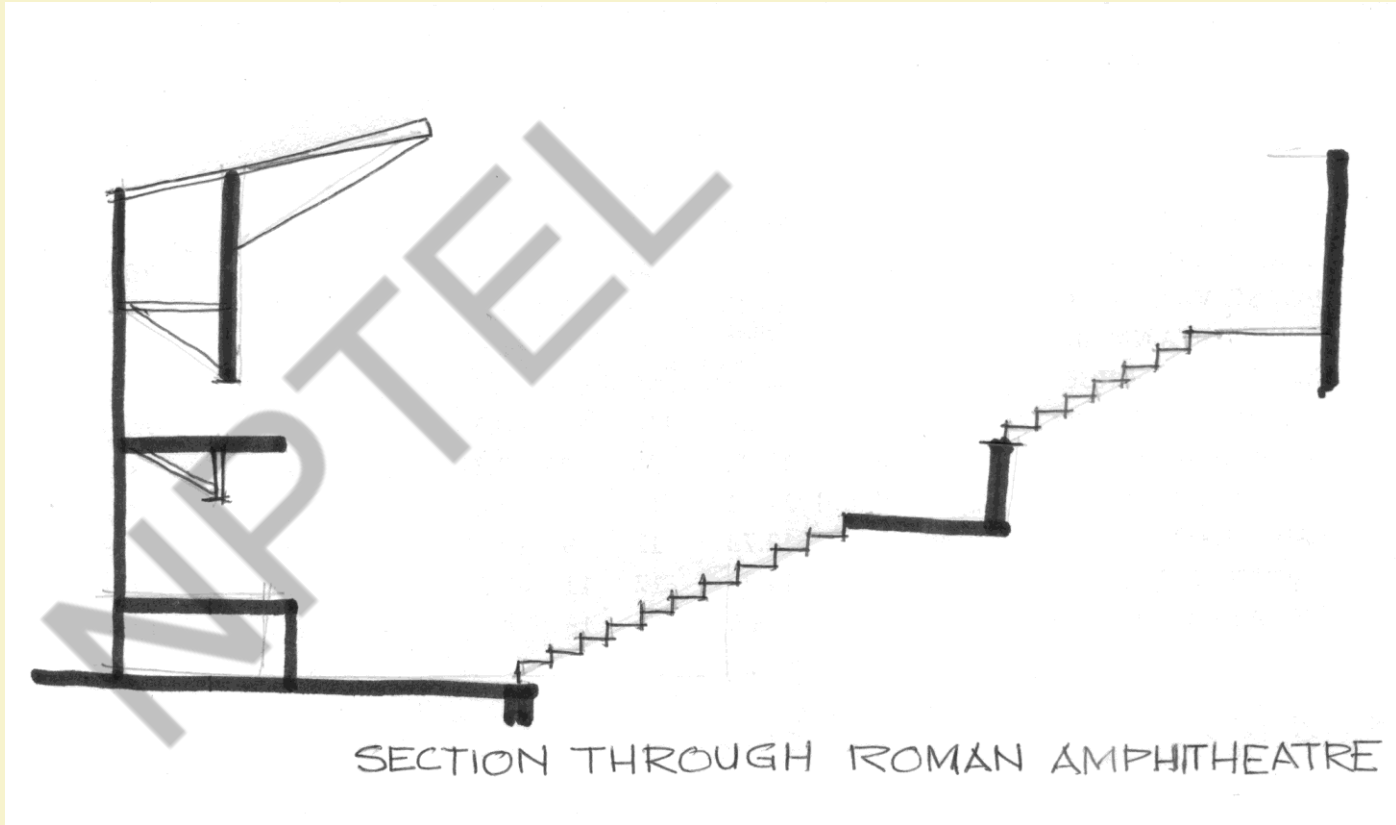
Early Roman

- Seating arc limited to **180°**.
 - Used arch features instead of hill slopes
 - Added a **stagehouse** (*skiene*) behind the actors, a **raised seating area** (*proskenion*), **hung awnings** (*valeria*) to shade the patrons
- Ex: Aspendus Roman theatre, Turkey



Typical plan during Roman period





Early Roman



Flavian Amphitheatre 71AD (Capacity - 40,000)

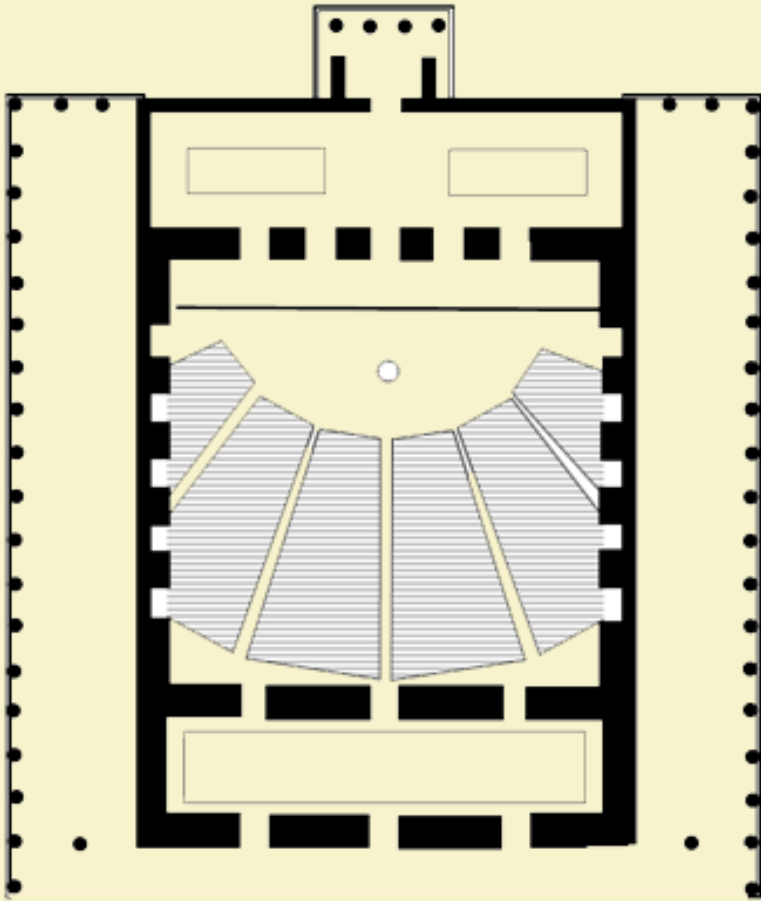


The Colosseum, Rome *Source: pixabay.com*

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Early Roman

- Smaller theatres (odea)- built for **dramas/plays** (dialogues)
- Examples-Odeon of Agrippa, 12BC



PLAN



Vitruvius Pollio, Book: De Architectura (27BC)

- Seating should not face South (audience should not be looking at the Sun)
- Unrestricted sightlines to be maintained
- Open mouths of Large sounding vases to be placed centered on cavities on wedges such that the mouth is exposed to the stage for improved sound quality

Early Christian Period 400 – 800AD

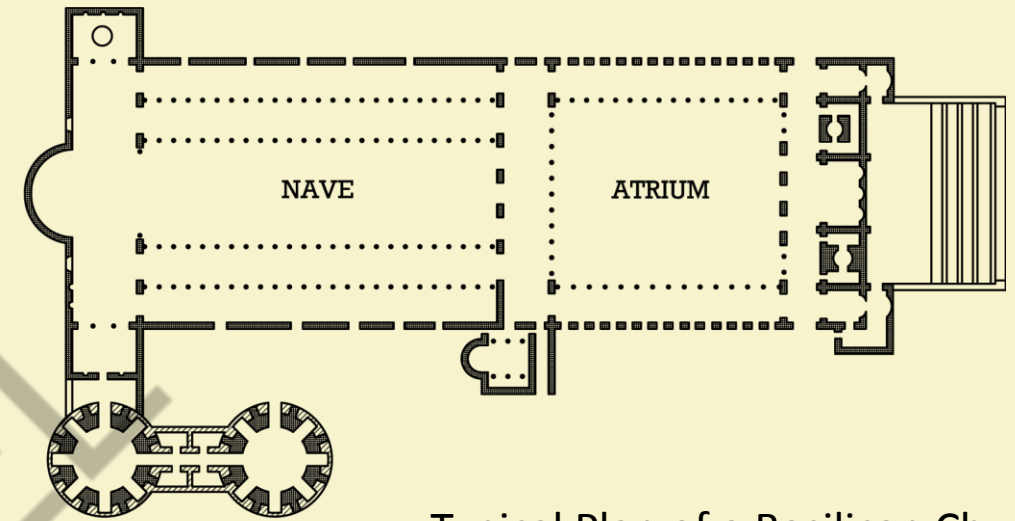
- Basilican church of St. Peter, Rome, 330AD.
- **High central nave** with two parallel aisle on either side.
- Aisles separated by **colonnade** which supported upper walls.
- **Low pitched roof**, ending in an apse.
- Preceded by **atrium**.

Model for later church construction.

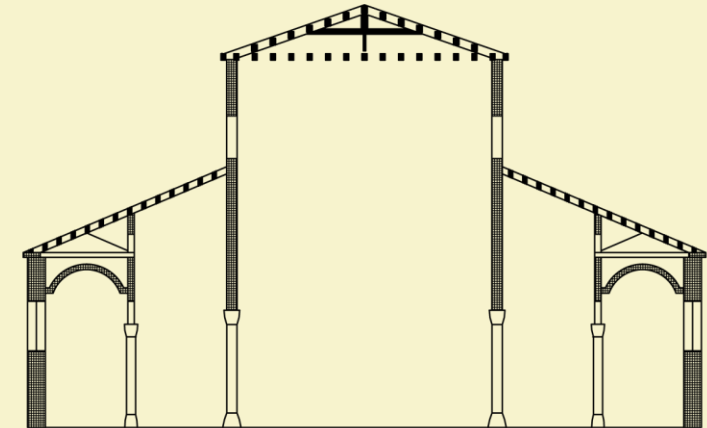


Early Basilican churches

- **Highly reverberant**
- Pace and form of music had to **adjust to the architecture** to be comprehended.
- The simple melodic line, the sound blending from chants in such spaces were beautiful.



Typical Plan of a Basilican Church



Typical section of a Basilican Church

- Hagia Sophia, Istanbul (537AD)
- **Enormous dome**, spanning 33 meters (107 feet) in diameter
- Set in the centre of a 76 meter (250 foot) long central nave.
- Dissipative forms adopted to disperse the sound
- Stalactites at the corners to disperse sound
- Use of tow, a plant fibre, in plaster to absorb some and rebound sound

Interior of Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

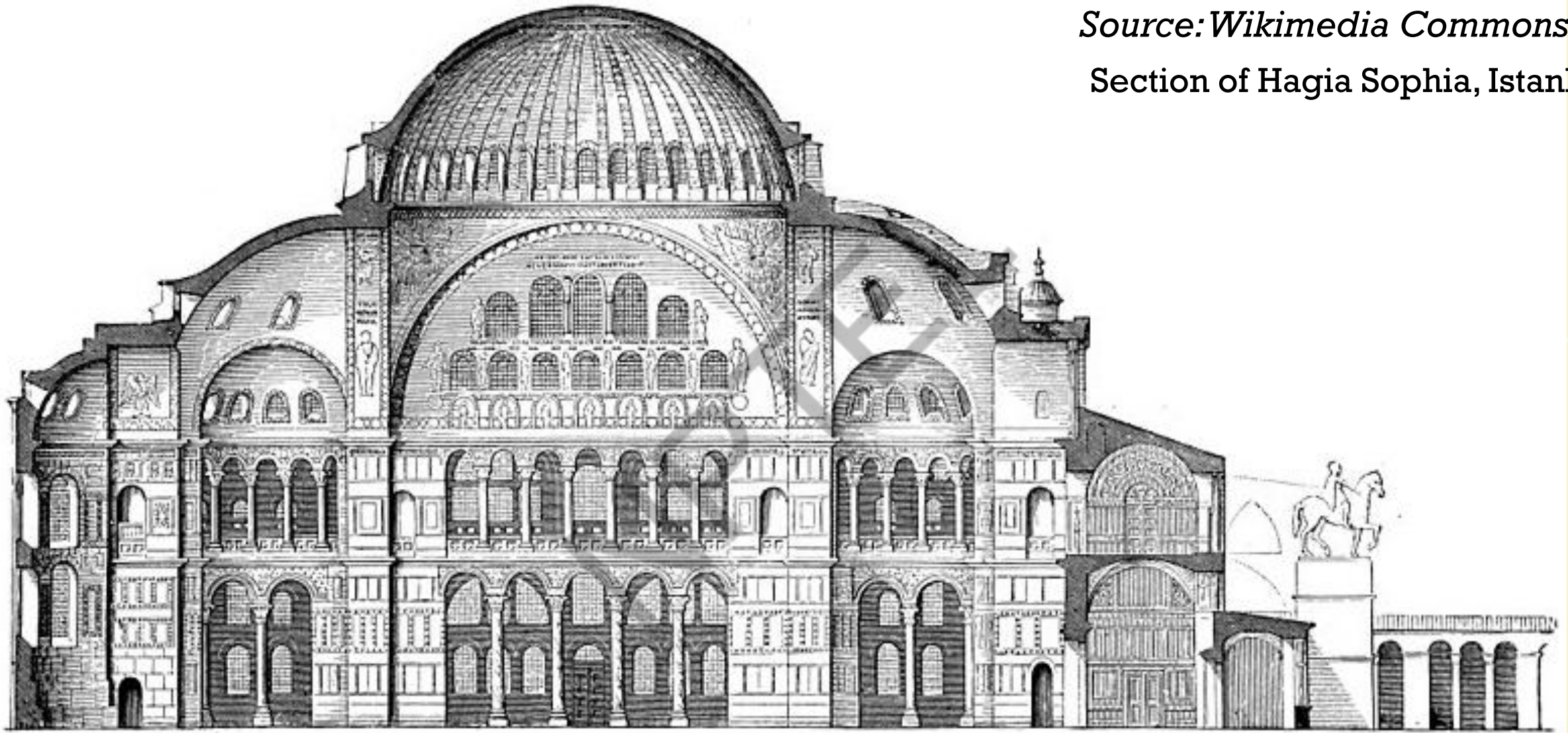


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Section of Hagia Sophia, Istanbul



Romanesque and Gothic Cathedrals (800 – 1100 AD)

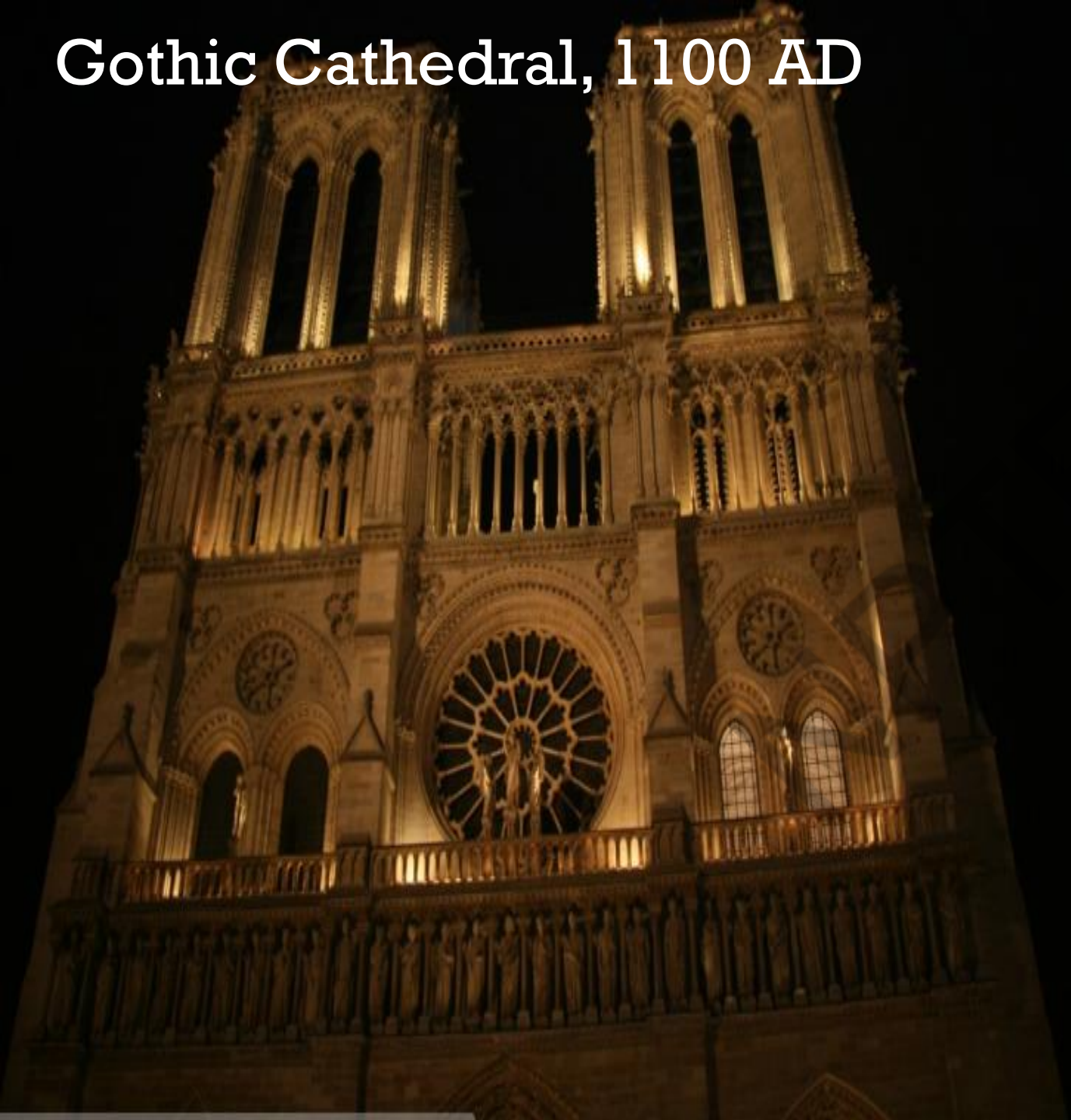
Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris

- art and engineering of working in stone
- vaulted naves, over 30 meters (100 feet) high
- lightened with windows and open colonnades

Plain chant was the music of the religious orders and was suited perfectly to the cathedrals.



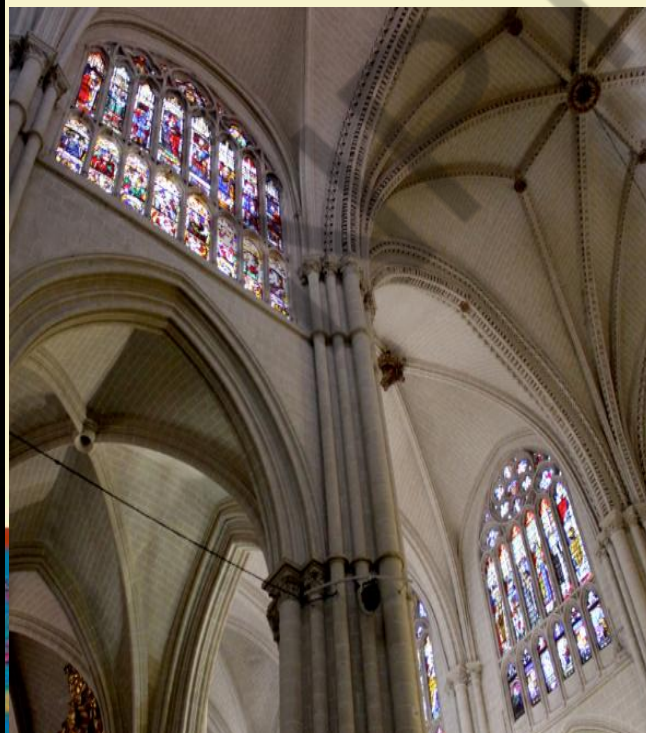
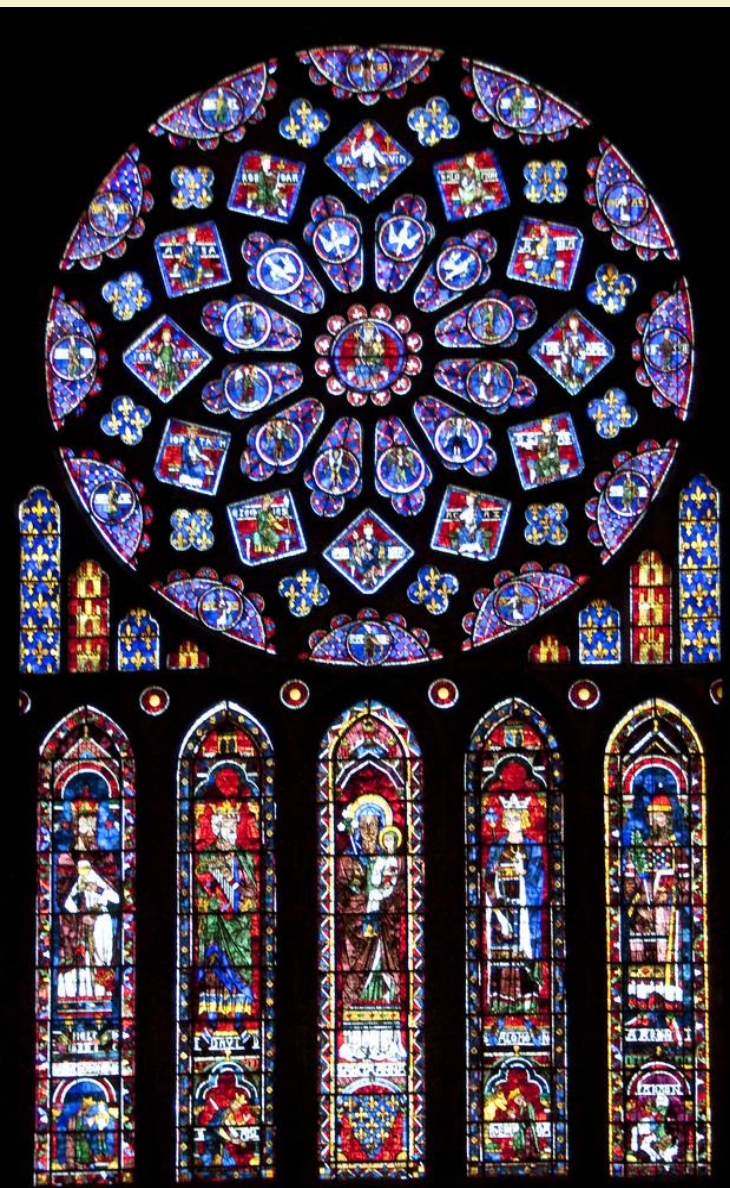
Gothic Cathedral, 1100 AD



Cathedral of Notre Dame

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Rose-glass windows





The Suleymaniye Mosque Istanbul (1558)

The series of openings in the dome present for sound absorption

Mimar Sinan, the Architect avoided using regular forms like a perfect square or cube, and used niches, buttresses, galleries, etc. to break regularity.



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Renaissance (14th to 17th)

Rise of towns and commerce,
public entertainment became
more secular
less of religious in focus

Plays and theatres

Semi-elliptical seating plan
of Romans was pushed back
into a **'U' shaped seating**.

Little acoustical support in halls

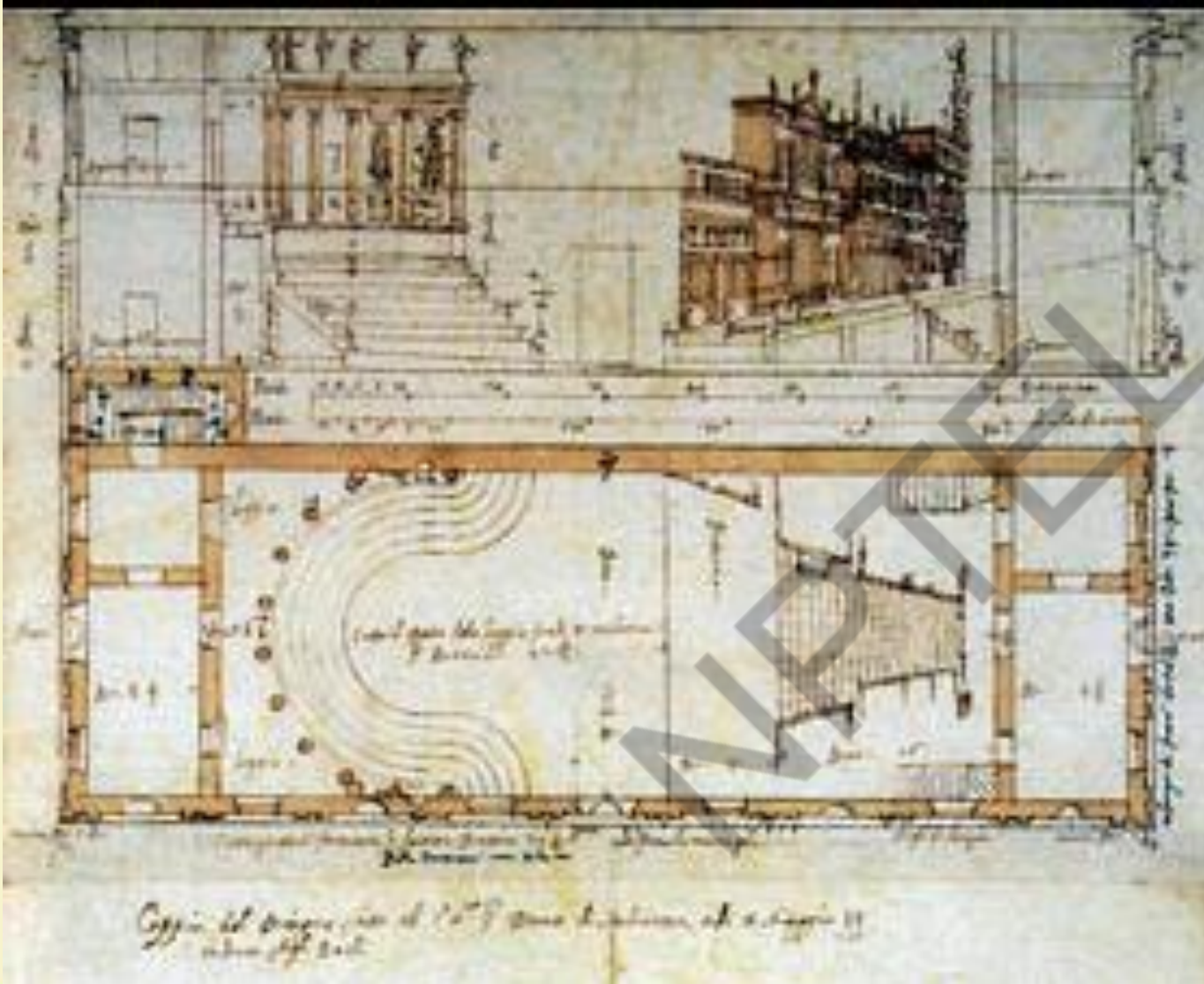
Italian Opera Houses
Truncated elliptical seating



Teatro Olimpico, Vicenza, Italy

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Renaissance



Typical seating plan

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Baroque (17th – 18th)

Baroque theatres

Baroque era
instrumental music



Theatro-Farnese, Parma, Italy

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Theatro Santi Giovanni e Paolo, Venice



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Classical (18th – 19th)

-----a revival of visual and performing arts and music concerts (Haydn, Mozart & Bach, Bethoven)

Shoebox halls: high ceilings, multiple diffusing surfaces, and low seating capacity



Hanover Square Room, London



Altes Gewandhaus, Leipzig, Germany



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Shoebox Halls



Stadt-casino Basel, Switzerland



Altes Gewandhaus, Leipzig, Germany



Grosser Musikvereinssaal, Vienna

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Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Beginning of Architectural Acoustics

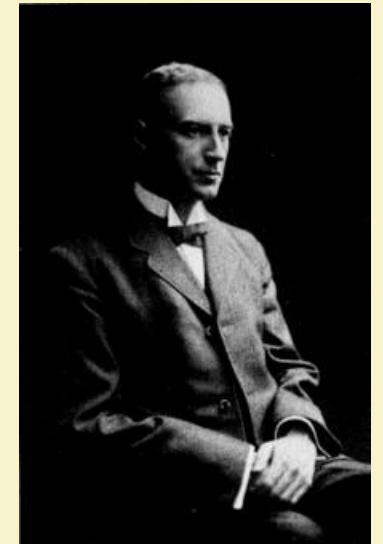
Knowledge of the acoustical behavior of rooms had not yet been set out in quantitative form.

Successful halls were designed using incremental changes from previously constructed rooms.

It was all experimental - termed as 'bizarre science' by the Architect of Paris Opera House.

Acoustical correction of Fogg Lecture Hall(1896)

Theoretical beginnings of architectural acoustics started by the young physics professor at Harvard College



Father of Acoustical sciences: **Wallace Clement Sabine** (1868–1919)

Key discovery was that the product of the total absorption and the reverberation time was a constant.

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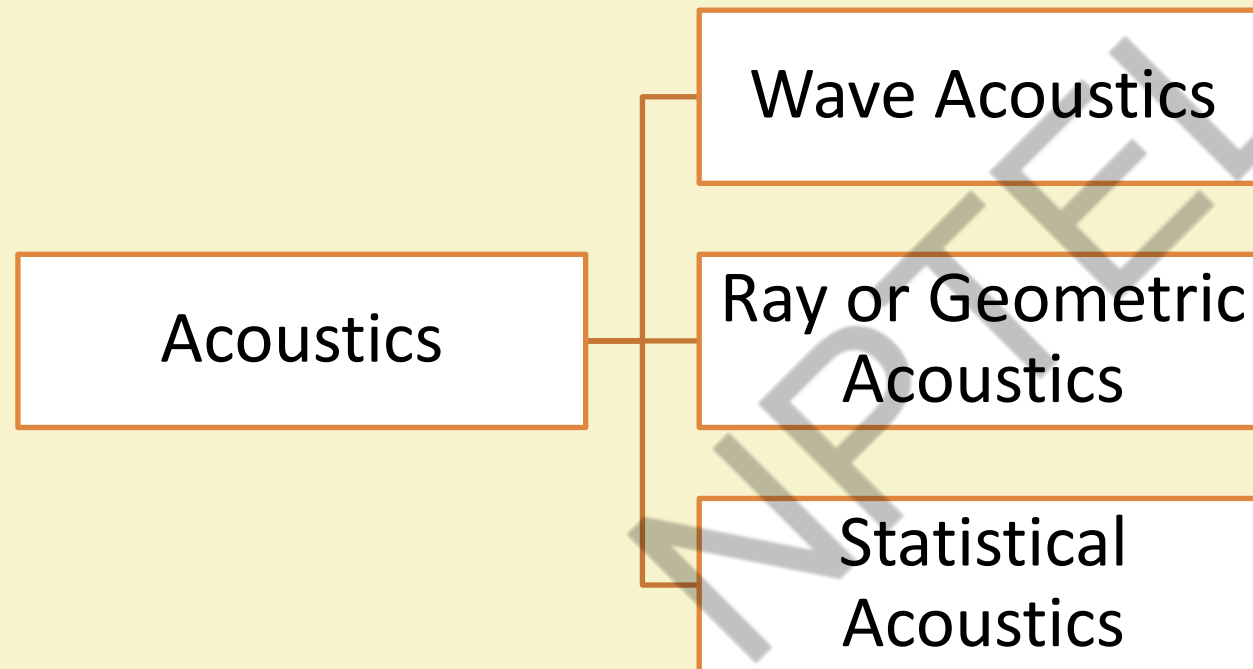
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Learning Objective

- Develop the basic understanding of sound propagation
- Establish the fundamental parameters of sound wave from generalised wave equation

Types of Acoustics



Architectural Acoustics



Outdoor Acoustics/ Open-air Acoustics



Environmental Acoustics

- Noise Control
- City Planning
- Acoustics and Landscape



Indoor/Room Acoustics



Building Acoustics

- Design Fundamental
- Acoustical Material
- Noise Reduction
- Indoor Acoustical Quality
- Sound Transmission
- Mechanical Vibration Control

Objective / Physical Definition

Sound is a form of energy. It travels in waves through elastic media and causes fluctuation of pressure and particle displacement.

Sound is an auditory sensation produced by stimulation of the organ of hearing, evoked by physical fluctuation of pressure in media.

Subjective / Physiological Definition

Longitudinal Wave

In a *Longitudinal Wave* the particle displacement is parallel to the direction of wave propagation.

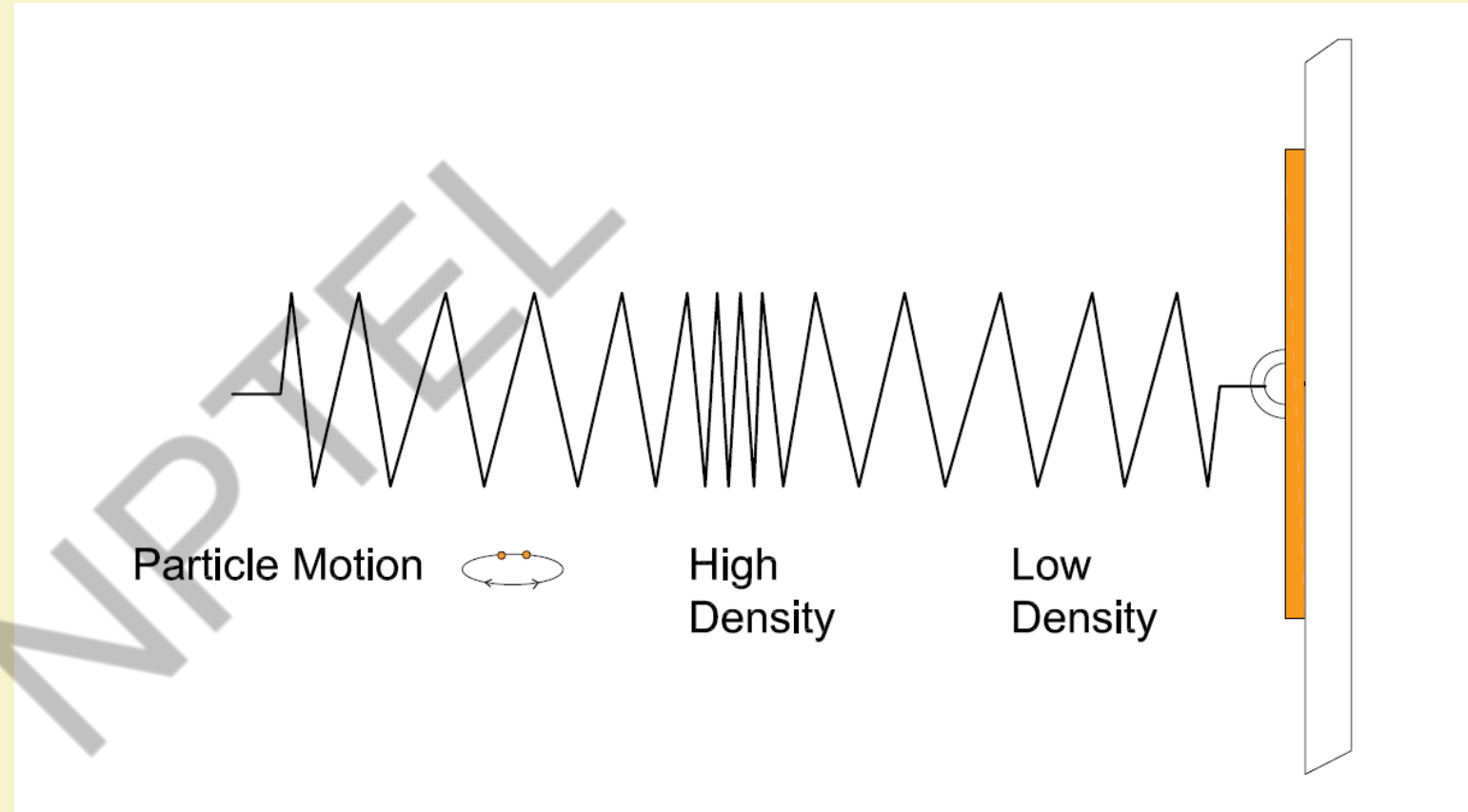
In a *Transverse Wave* the particle displacement is perpendicular to the direction of wave propagation

Transverse Wave

Longitudinal Wave Motion

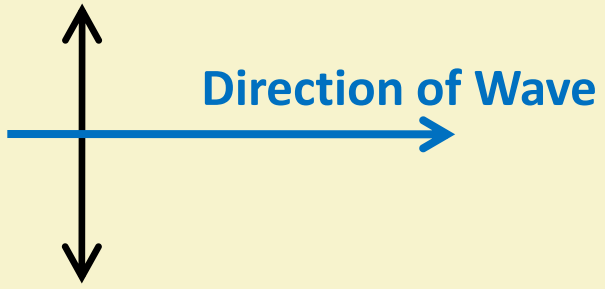
Direction of Wave
→
↔
Motion of Particle

- Motion of a Spring
- Sound Wave
- P-Wave

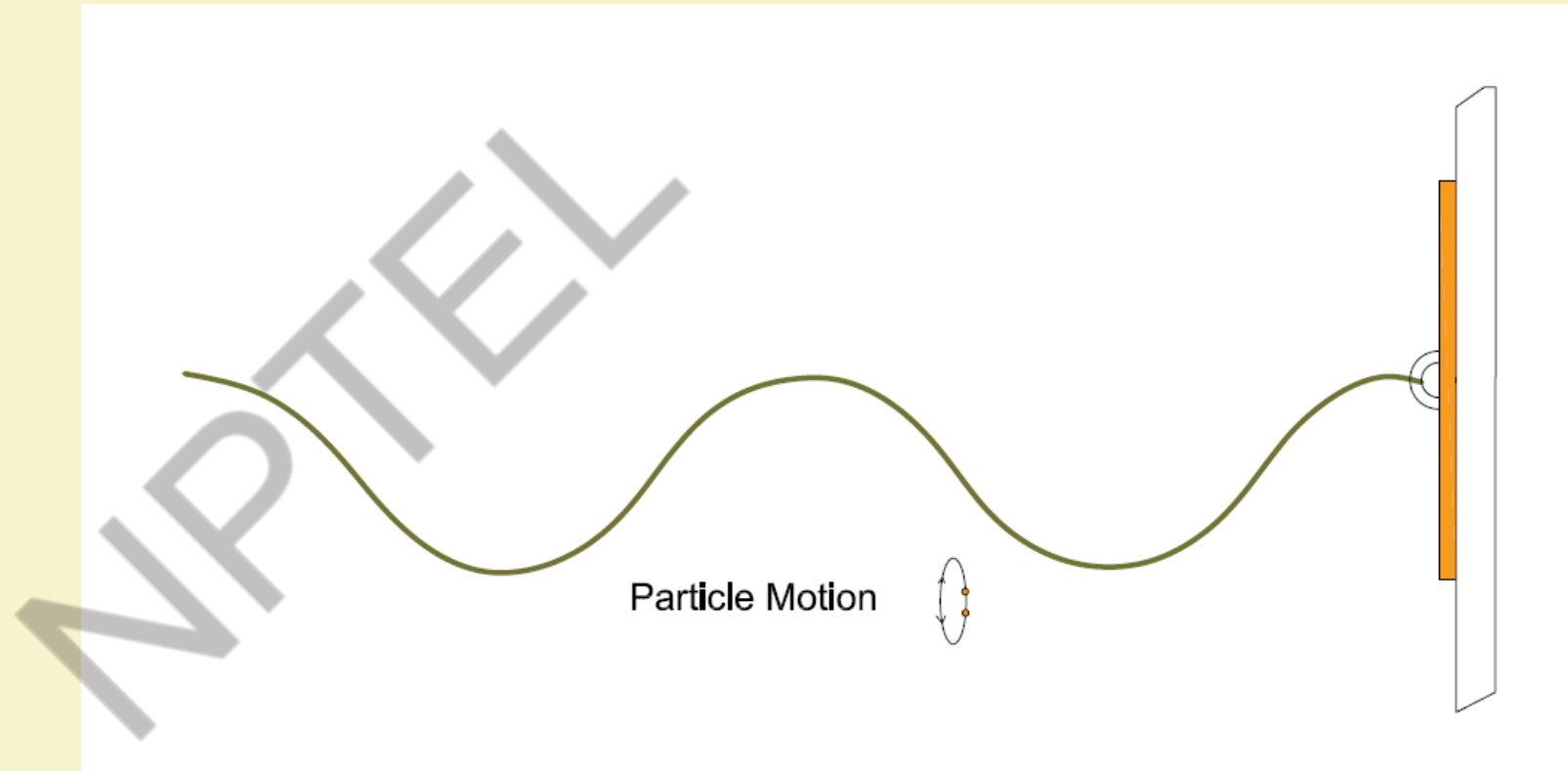


Transverse Wave Motion

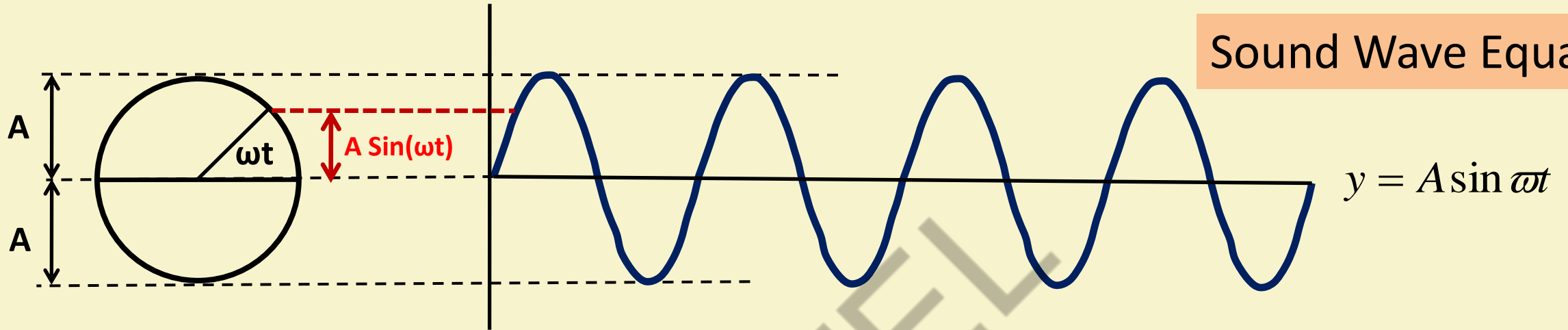
Motion of Particle



- Motion of a String
- Water Ripples
- S-Wave
- Electromagnetic Wave



Sound Wave Equation

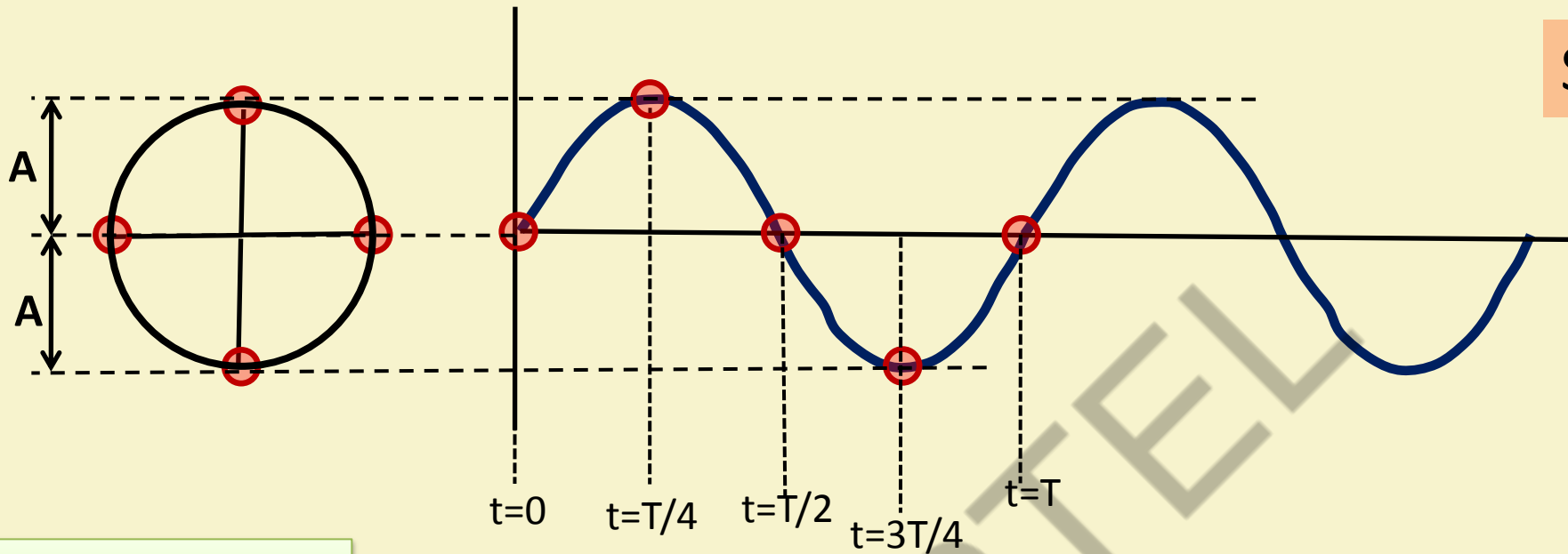


Time period is the time taken for a complete revolution (2π radians)
with angular velocity ω
 $T = \text{Time period} = (2\pi/\omega)$

$$y = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}t\right)$$

$A = \text{Amplitude}$
 $\omega = \text{Circular frequency (rad/sec)}$
 $t = \text{time}$
 $\omega t = \text{angular movement after time 't'}$

Sound Wave Equation



At $t=0$
 $y=0$

At $t=T/4$
 $y= A \sin (2\pi/T) (T/4) = A \sin(\pi/2) = A$

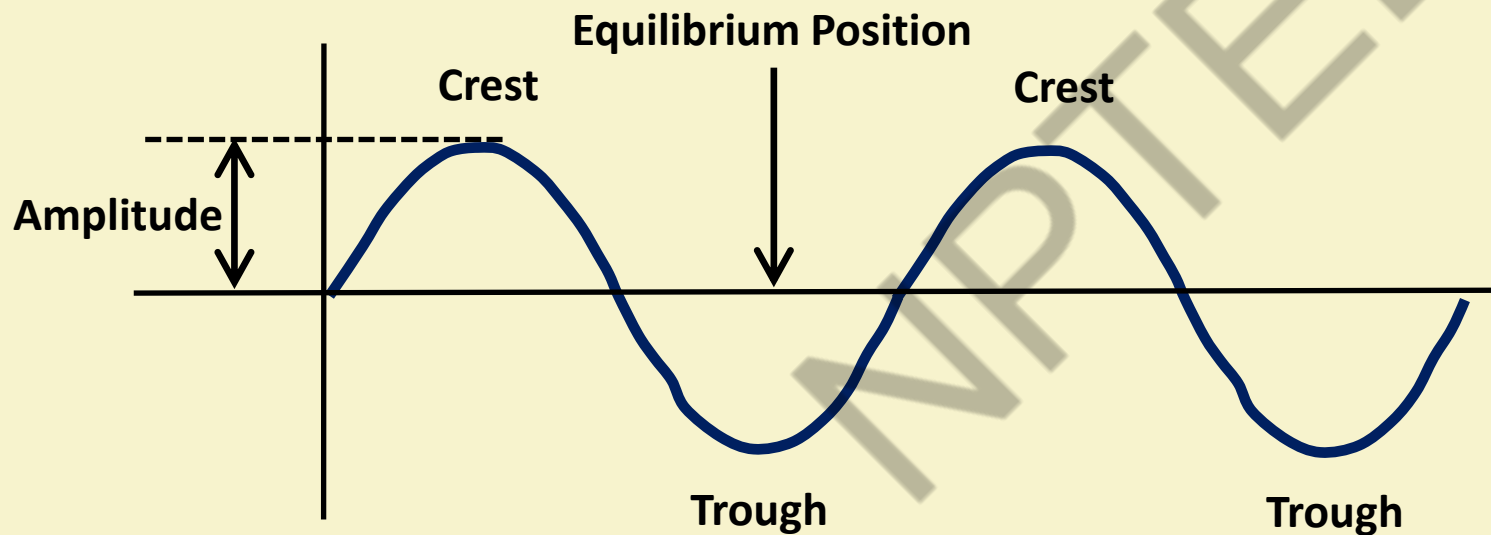
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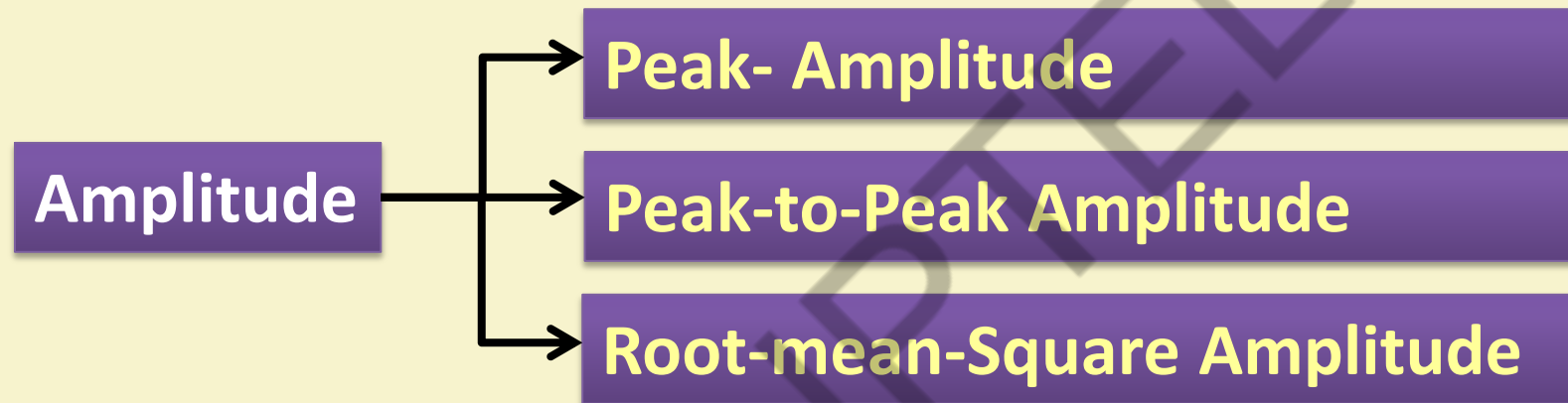
At $t=3T/4$
 $y= A \sin (2\pi/T) (3T/4) = A \sin(3\pi/2) = -A$

At $t=T$
 $y= A \sin (2\pi/T) (T) = A \sin(2\pi) = 0$

Amplitude

The maximum extent of a vibration or oscillation in a propagating wave motion, measured from the position of equilibrium is called **Amplitude**

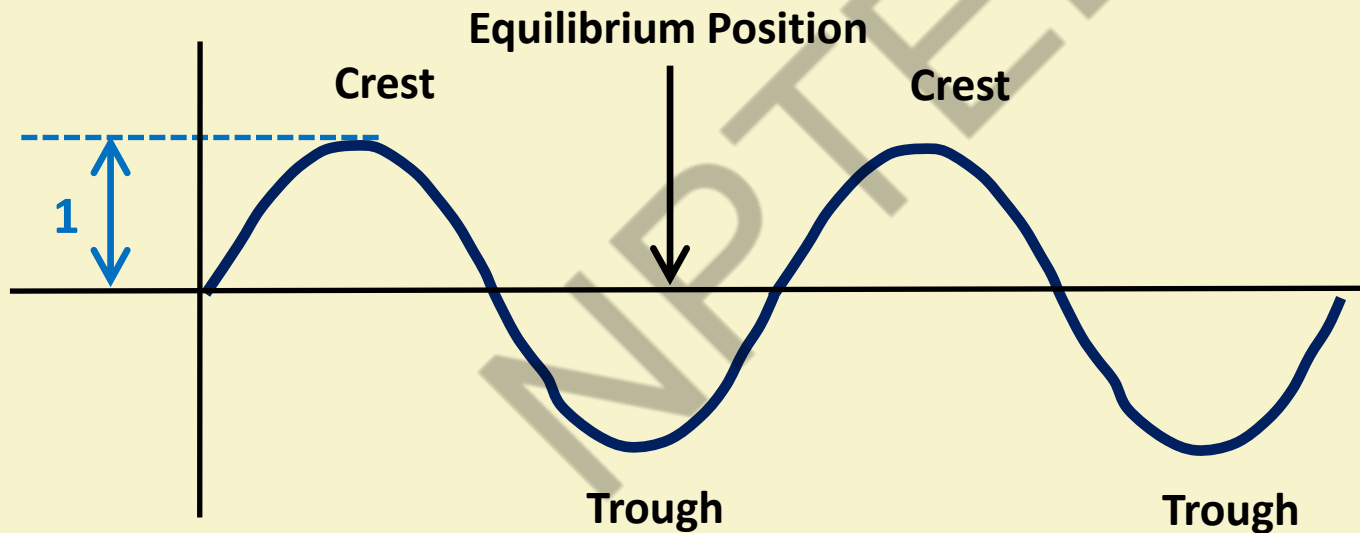




Peak- Amplitude

Amplitude

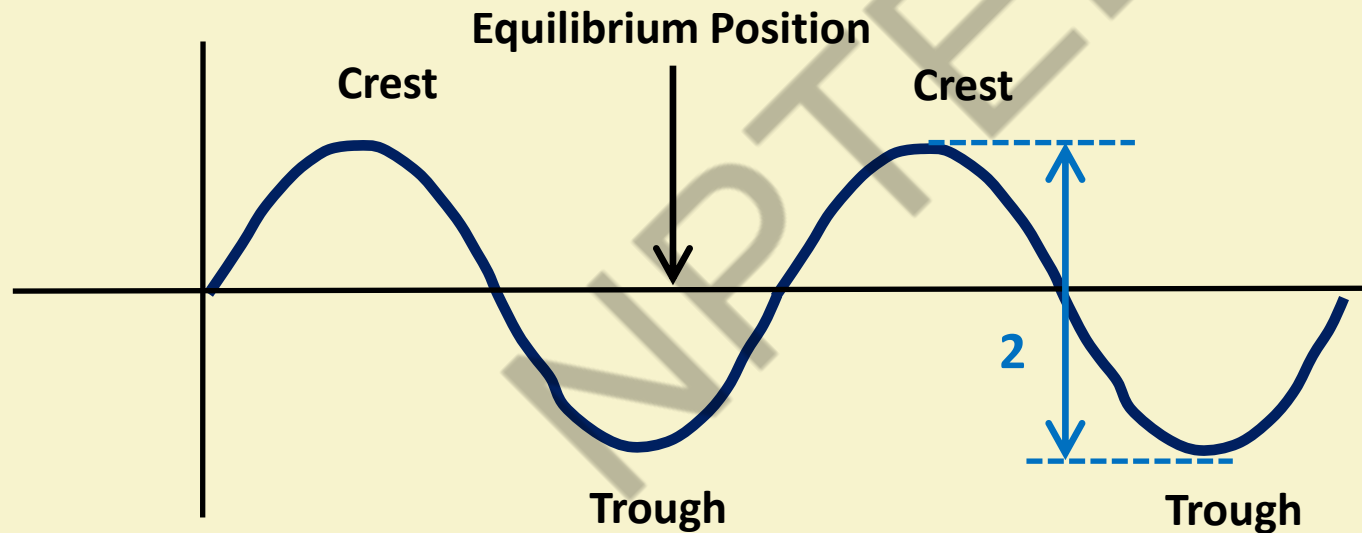
The extent of a vibration between the Crest to the position of equilibrium in a propagating wave motion is called **Peak- Amplitude** [1]



Peak-to-Peak Amplitude

Amplitude

The extent of a vibration between the Crest to Trough in a propagating wave motion is called **Peak-to-Peak Amplitude** [2]

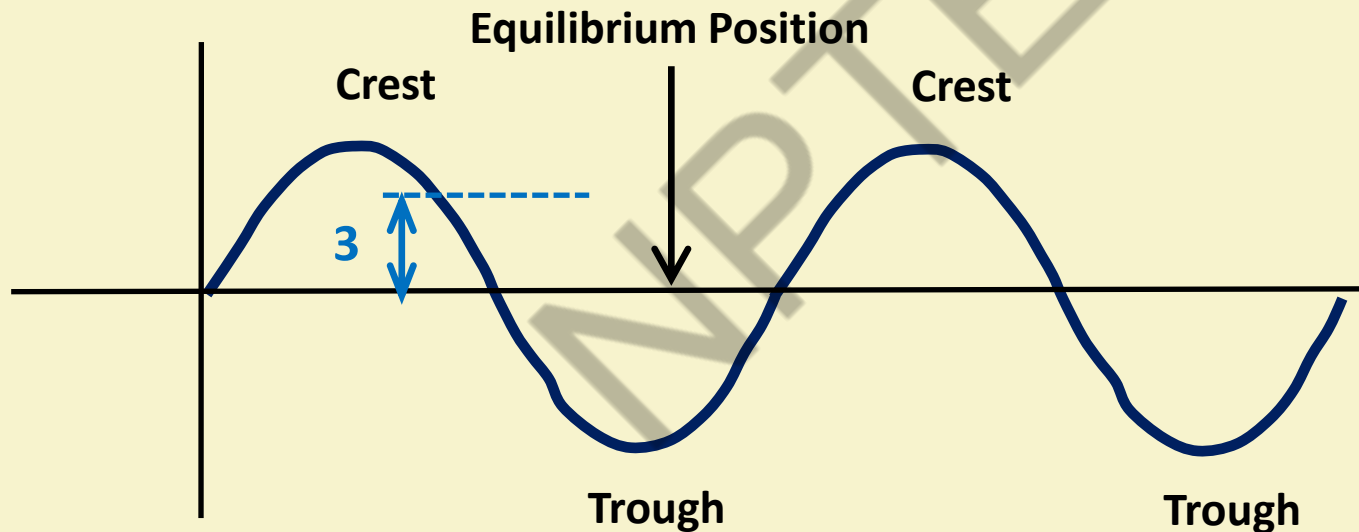


Root-mean-Square Amplitude

Amplitude

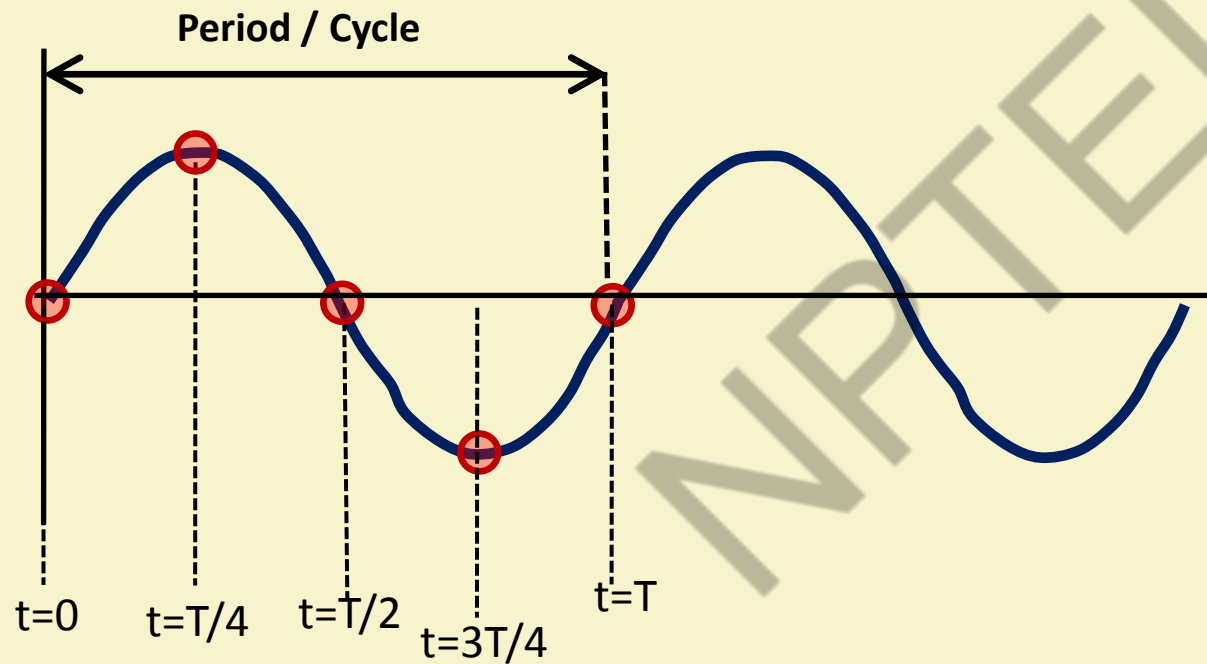
The square root of the squared average values of the waveform is called **Root-mean-Square Amplitude [3]**

In the case of the sine wave, the RMS value is 0.707 times the peak value



Time Period

The time needed for one complete cycle of vibration to pass a given point is called **Time Period**.



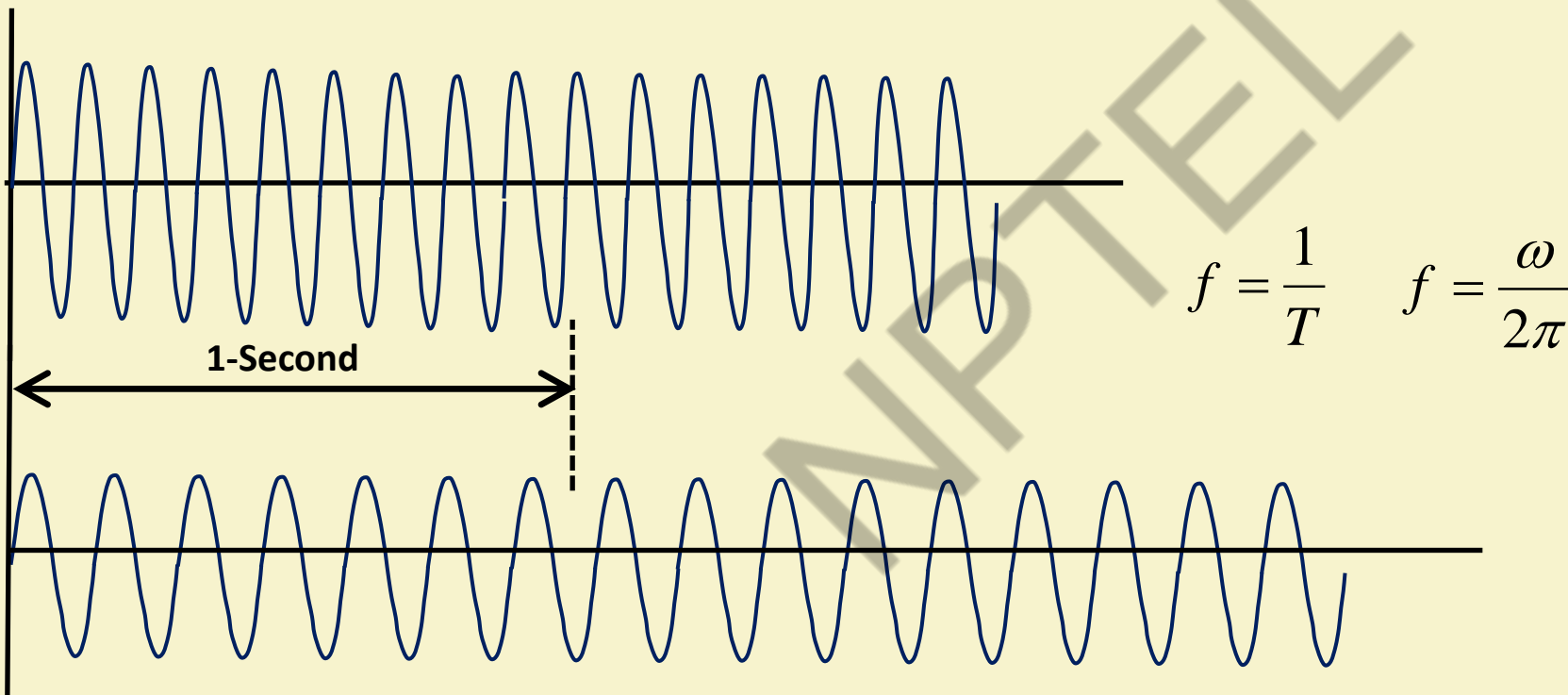
$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

Frequency describes the number of complete wave cycle that pass a fixed point in unit time.

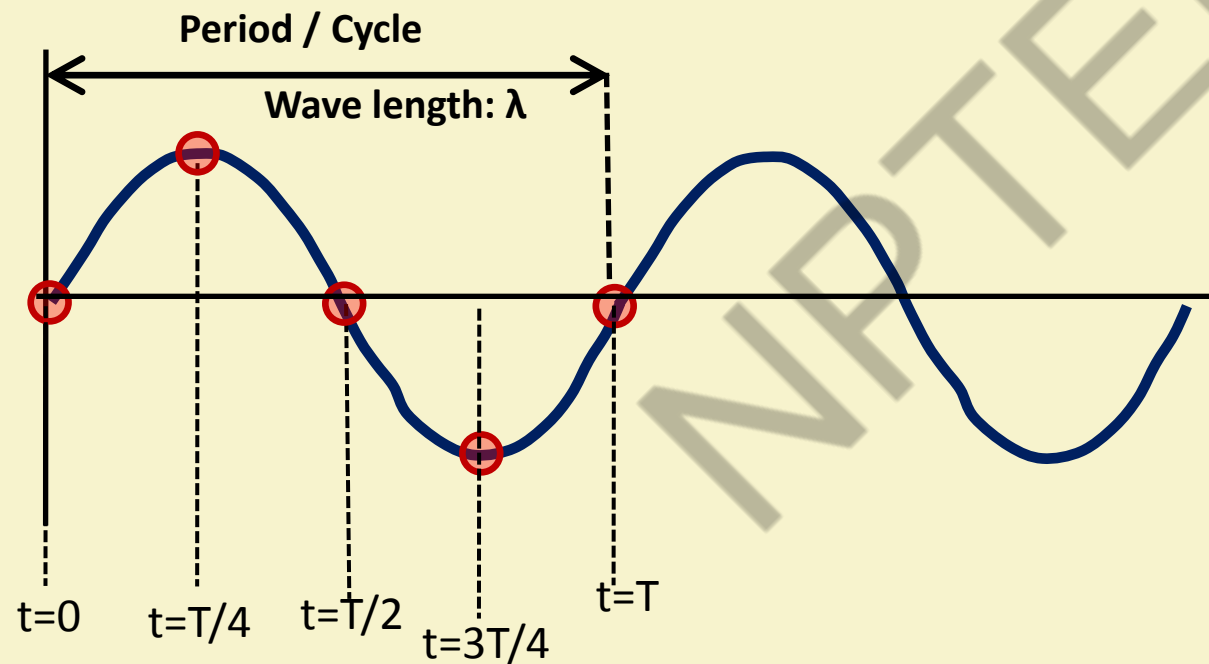
Frequency

Usually frequency is measured in cycles per second (CPS) or hertz unit, named in honor of the 19th-century German physicist Heinrich Rudolf Hertz



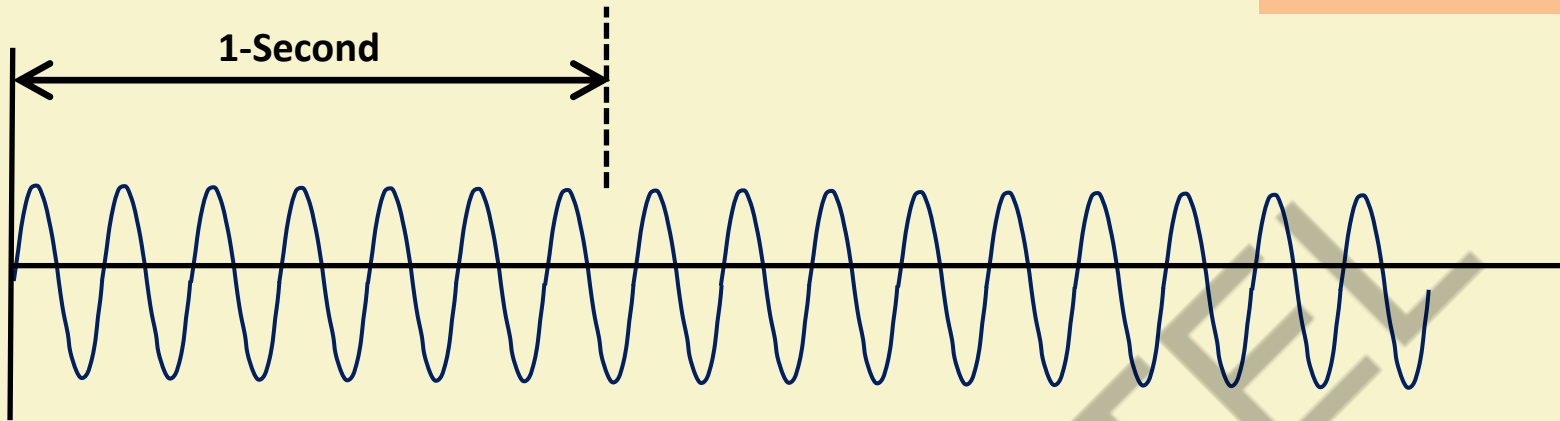
Wavelength

The distance between two successive crests or troughs, or the distance of a complete cycle of a wave propagation of in the direction of wave motion is called **Wavelength**.



Sound Wave: Frequency & Wave Length

Distance = Frequency times Wave Length



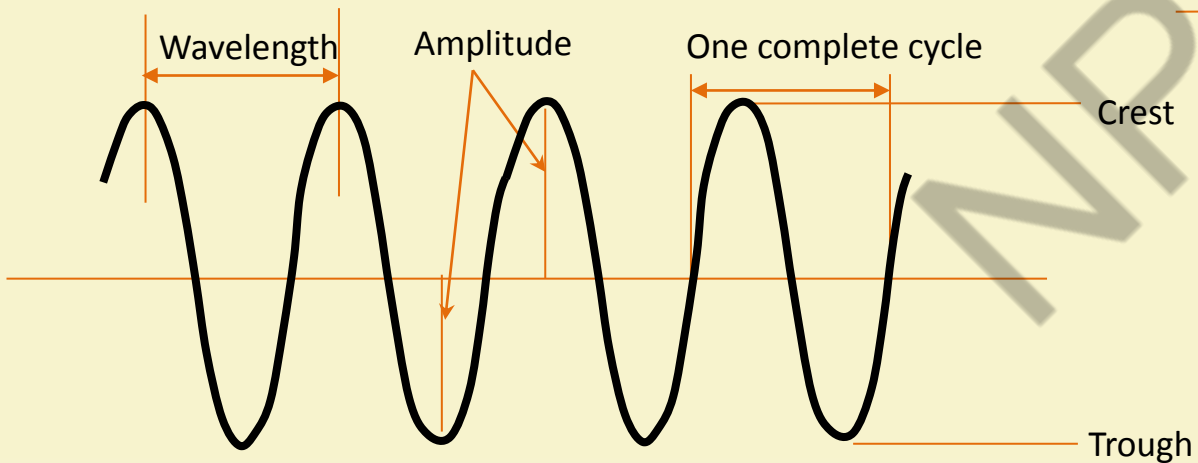
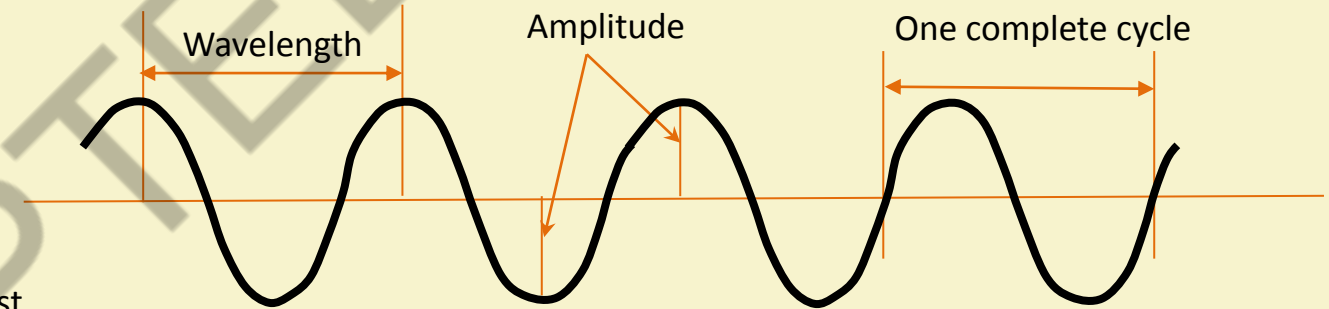
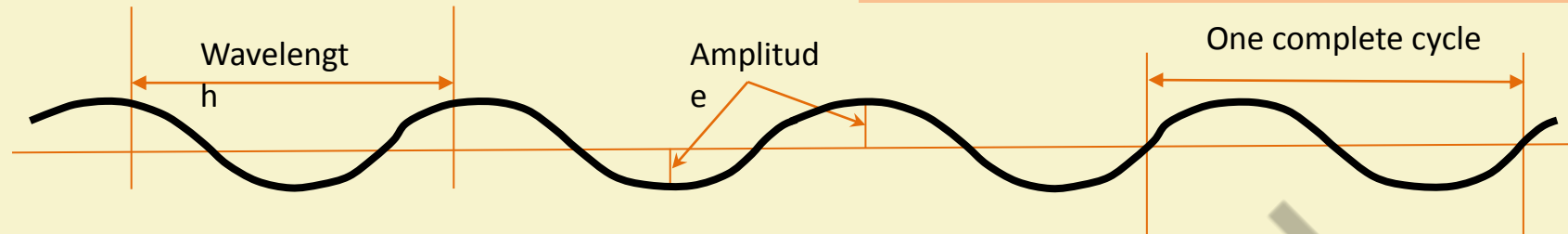
v = Velocity of Propagation

v = No. of Cycle per second X length of each Cycle

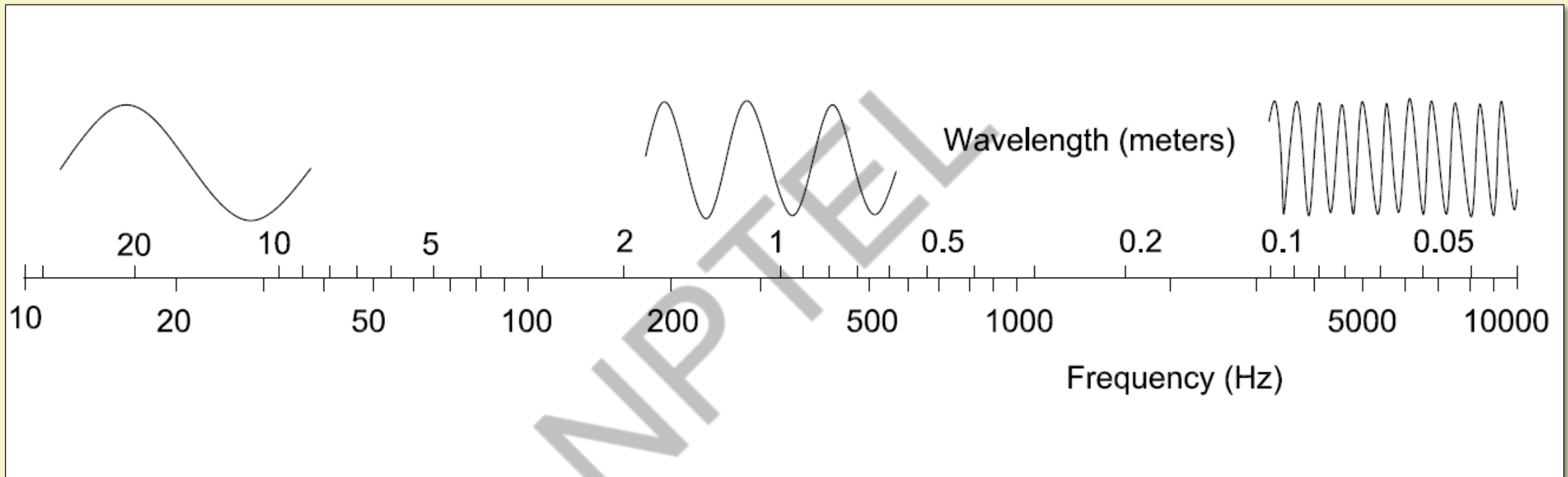
v = Frequency (n) X Wave-Length (λ)

$$v = n \cdot \lambda$$

Variation of Frequency, Amplitude & Wavelength



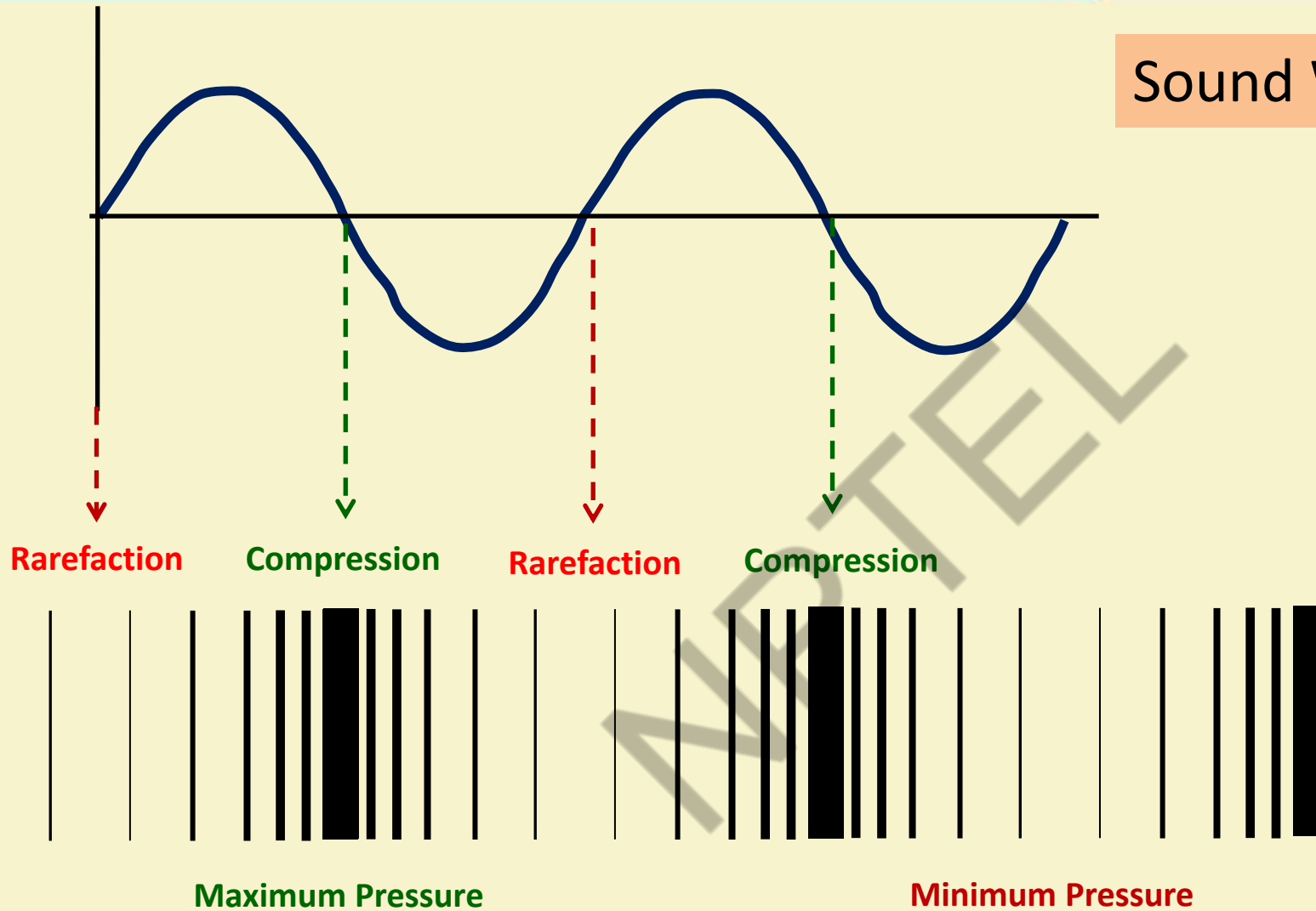
Nomogram of Frequency & Wave Length



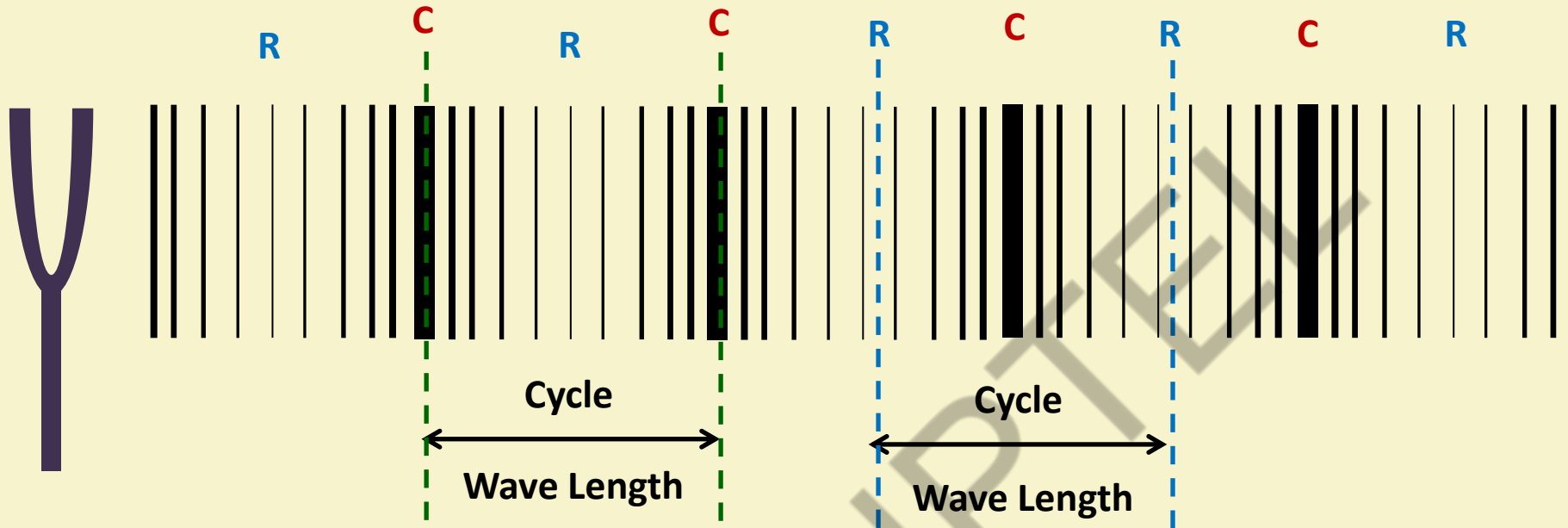
Nomogram of Frequency and Wave Length



Sound Wave Propagation in Air



Sound Wave Propagation in Air



Speed of Sound

Velocity of Sound in Air (c) is depend upon:

- Atmospheric Pressure (p)
- Density of Air (ρ)
- Temperature of Air (t_a)

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{1.4p}{\rho}}$$

$$c = 331 \sqrt{1 + \frac{t_a}{273}}$$

$$c = 331 + 0.6 \times t_a$$

The speed of sound in air at room temperature is 340 m/s

Can you find the **Amplitude and Frequency** of a wave if its equation is given?

Try with: $y = 2 \times 10^{-3} \sin(600t)$

Can you find the **Wavelength** also, in normal room temperature air?

Suppose, **two different sound wave** having **same amplitude**.

The **frequency** of one wave is **double of the other**.

Can you **sketch** the one full cycle of both the wave motions

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Lecture 03: Frequency and Octave

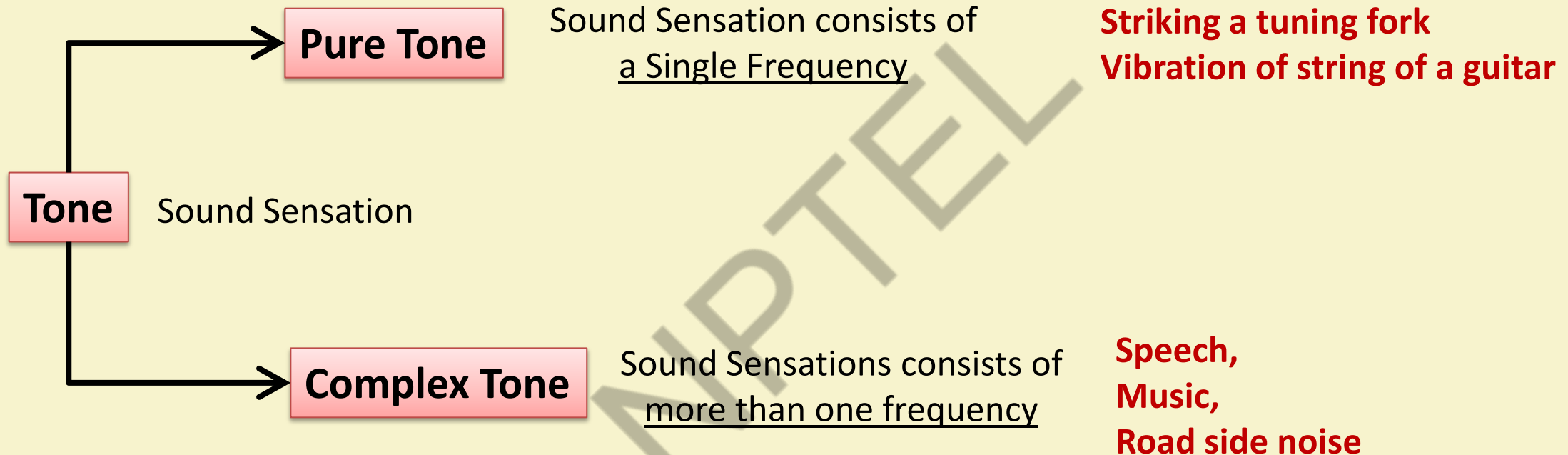
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Learning Objective

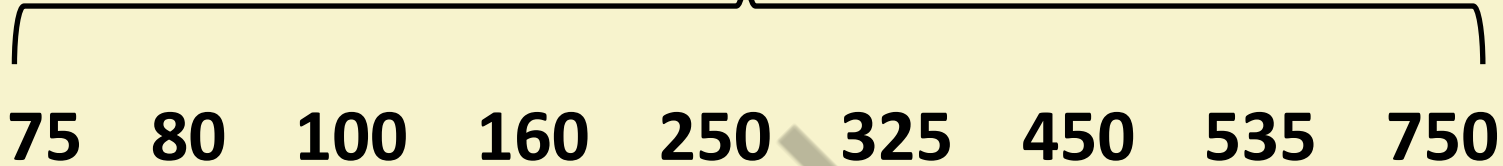
- Distinguish between various combination of sound frequencies
- Interpret the super imposition of wave motion

- The number of oscillation or cycle or displacement per unit time is known as frequency
- So frequency is numerically equal to **Cycles per Second (CPS)**. The unit of frequency is **Hertz (Hz)**
- A normal human ear responds to sounds within the audio frequency range about **20 to 20000 Hz**



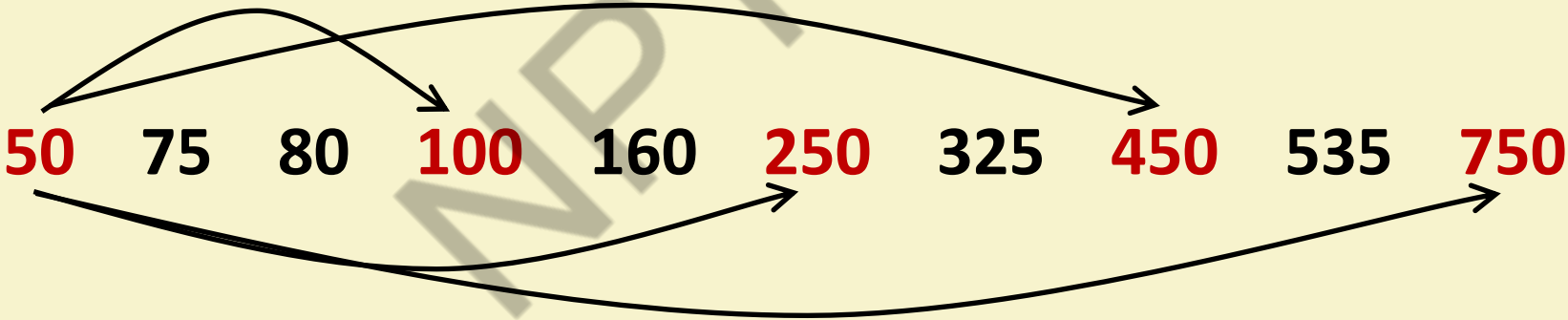
Rest all higher frequencies **Overtone or Integral Frequencies or Partial**

Complex Tone

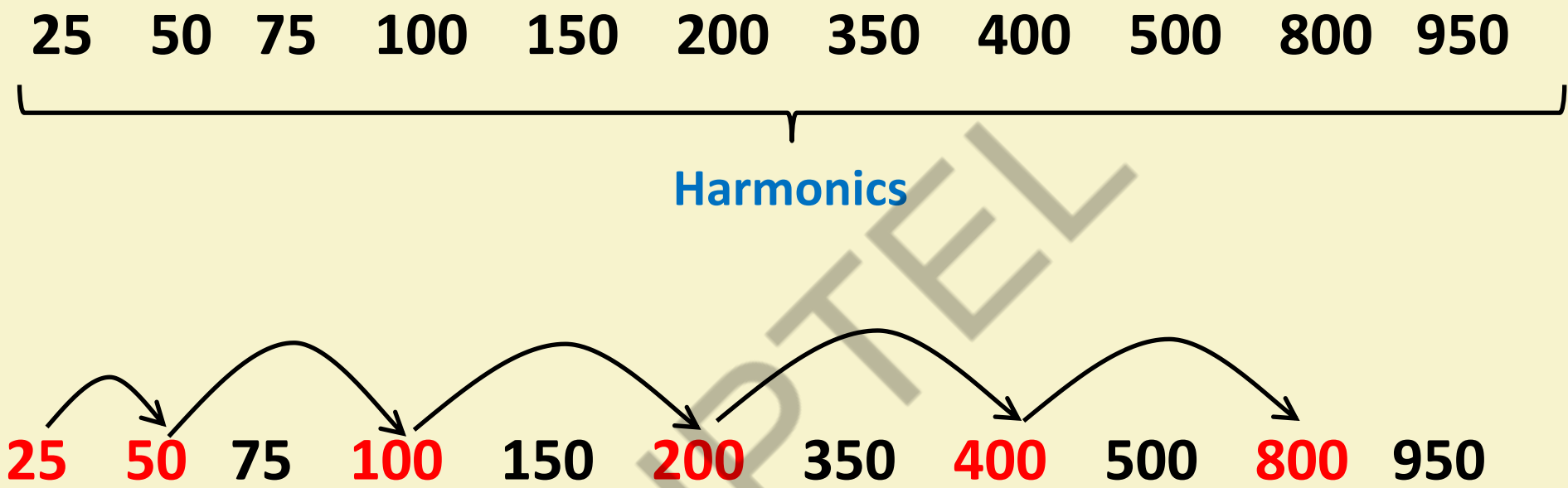


Fundamental Tone

The lowest frequency present in the complex tone



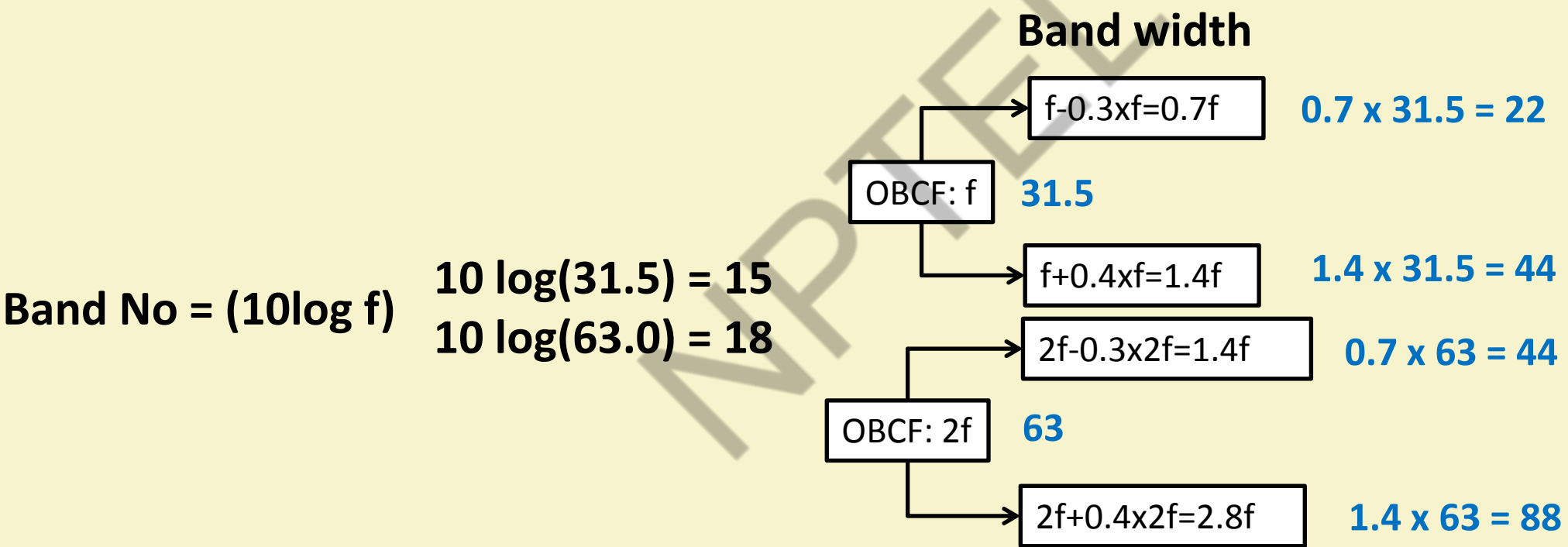
Harmonics Numerical integer multiples of the fundamental (including the fundamental)



Octave If a frequency is double of the another, then these two are called Octave

Octave Band Central Frequency

31.5	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000	16000
15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42



Octave Band Central Frequency

OBCF(f)	Band No.(10log f)	Band width
		22
31.5	15	
		44
63	18	
		88
125	21	
		175
250	24	
		350
500	27	
		700

OBCF(f)	Band No.(10log f)	Band width
		700
1000	30	
		1400
2000	33	
		2800
4000	36	
		5600
8000	39	
		11200
16000	42	
		22400

Necessity of Octave Band

Octave criteria gives an opportunity to logically select some specific frequencies out of many

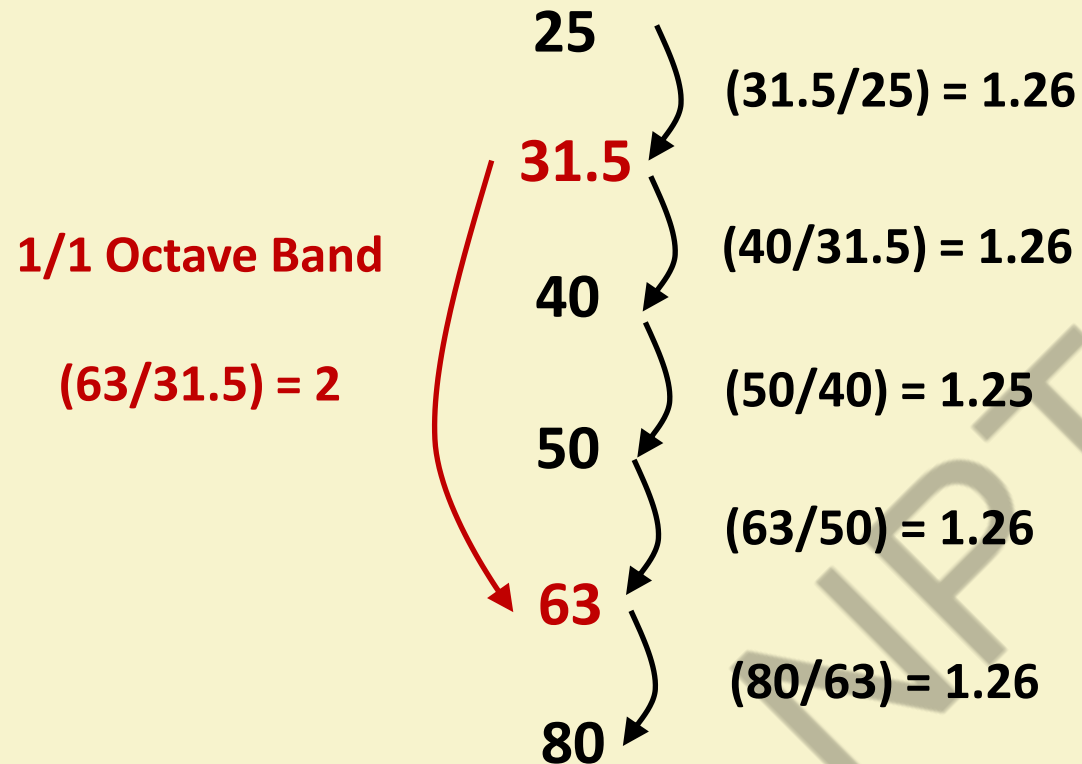
The logarithm of octave frequencies are separated by equal distance

The octave band central frequencies provide the common platform for material testing and assess the acoustical data

One Third Octave Band

1/1 Octave Band		Band No				1/3 Octave Band
	31.5		14	→ Antilog 1.4 →	25	
			$10 \log(31.5) = 15$		31.5	
			16	→ Antilog 1.6 →	40	
			17	→ Antilog 1.7 →	50	
			19	→ Antilog 1.9 →	80	
	63		$10 \log(63.0) = 18$		63	

One Third Octave Band



1/3 Octave Band

$$\sqrt[3]{2} = 1.2599$$

In One-third Octave band, the next higher frequency is 'Cube root of Two' times the Immediate lower frequency



One Third Octave Band

Octave	Band No.		1/3rd Octave
31.5	10log 31.5	14 Antilog 1.4	25
		15	
		16 Antilog 1.6	40
63	10log 63	17 Antilog 1.7	50
		18	
		19 Antilog 1.9	80
125	10log 125	20 Antilog 2.0	100
		21	
		22 Antilog 2.2	160
250	10log 250	23 Antilog 2.3	200
		24	
		25 Antilog 2.5	315
500	10log 500	26 Antilog 2.4	400
		27	
		28 Antilog 2.8	630
		29 Antilog 2.9	800



One Third Octave Band

Octave	Band No.		1/3rd Octave
	31	Antilog 3.1	1260
	32	Antilog 3.2	1600
2000	10log 2000	33	
	34	Antilog 3.4	2500
	35	Antilog 3.5	3150
4000	10log 4000	36	
	37	Antilog 3.7	5000
	38	Antilog 3.8	6300
8000	10log 8000	39	
	40	Antilog 4.0	10000
	41	Antilog 4.1	12500
16000	10log 16000	42	
	43	Antilog 4.3	20000

THIRTY One-third Octave Band Central Frequencies

1/1 OBCG & 1/3 OBCF

25 **31.5** 40 50 **63** 80 100 **125** 160 200 **250**
315 400 **500** 630 800 **1000** 1260 1600 **2000**
2500 3150 **4000** 5000 6300 **8000** 10000 12500 **16000** 20000

TEN Octave Band Central Frequencies

31.5 **63** **125** **250**
500 **1000** **2000**
4000 **8000** **16000**

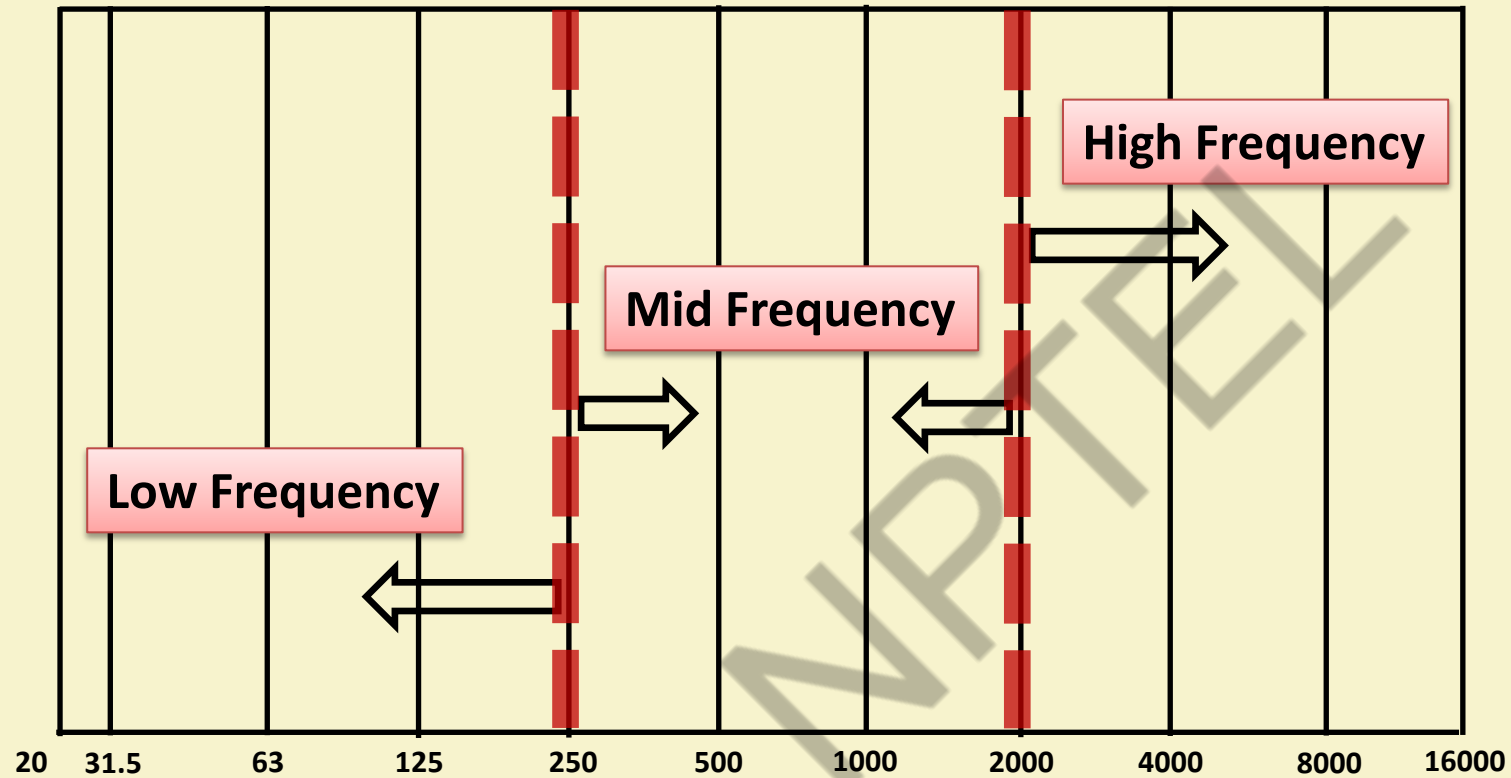


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Low, Medium and High Frequency Sound



Bass and Treble Sound

Humans can listen to it **20Hz to 20,000Hz**.

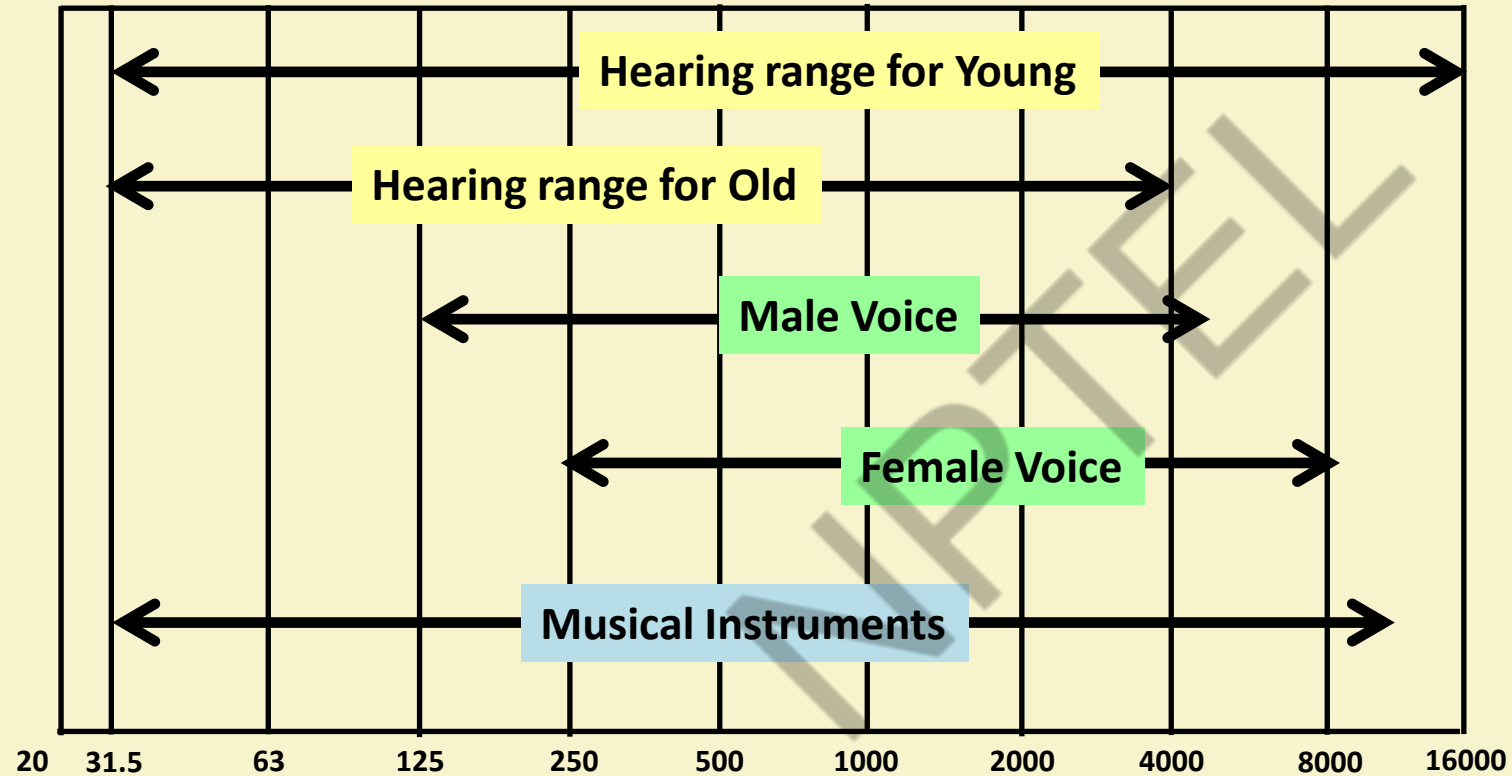
This audio spectrum is divided mainly into 3 categories.

Bass is low frequency range, approximately 20Hz to 250Hz.

Mid range is approximately 250Hz to 2000Hz.

Treble is the high frequency range, above 2000Hz.

Frequency Range of Audible Sound



Can you distinguish the **Harmonics and Octave** from a given set of complex tone?

Try with the complex tone given:

23 36 46 51 69 85 92 154 161 184 236 368 483

Suppose, **two different sound wave** having the following data

Sound wave 1: Amplitude = 50mm & Frequency = 79.577 Hz

Sound wave 2: Amplitude = 2.5mm & Frequency = 318.31 Hz

Can you find the **particle displacement** of the superimposed wave at **Time = 0.25 sec**

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End of Lecture 03: Frequency and Octave



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Lecture 04: Sound Pressure and Intensity Level

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Learning Objective

Convert the Sound Intensity and Pressure into Sound Level

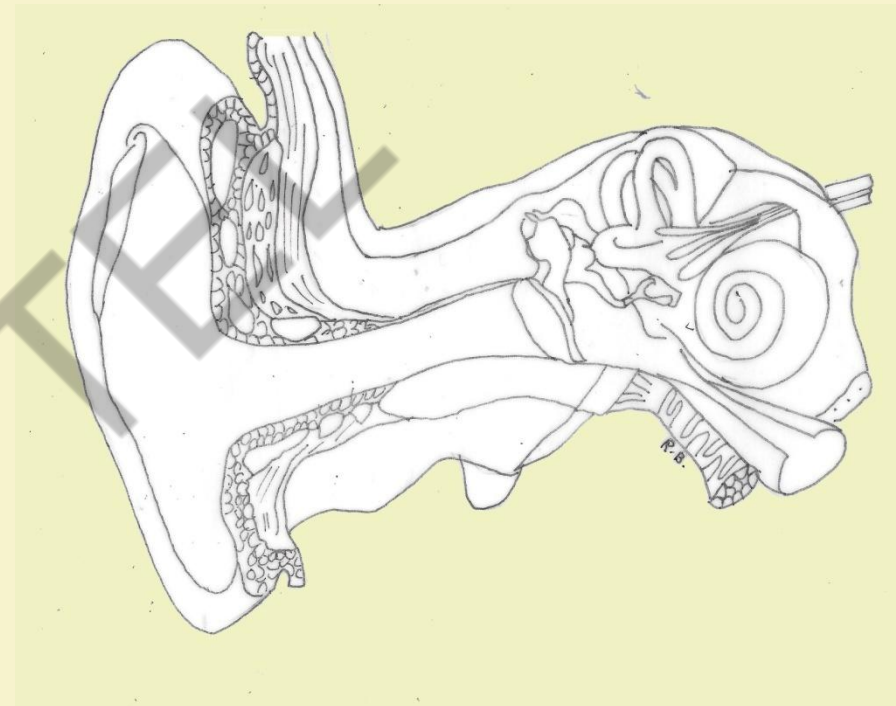
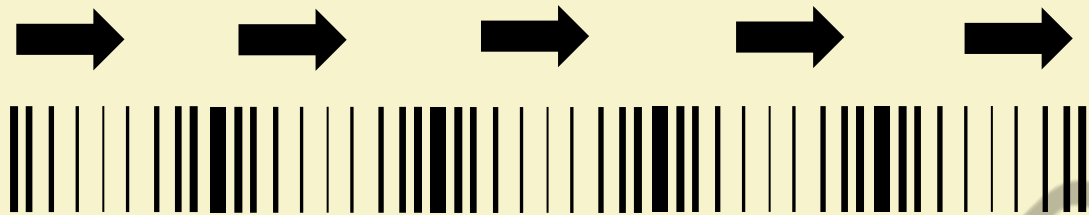
Calculate the Resultant Sound Level from multiple Sound source

$$\log a = x, \Rightarrow 10^x = a$$

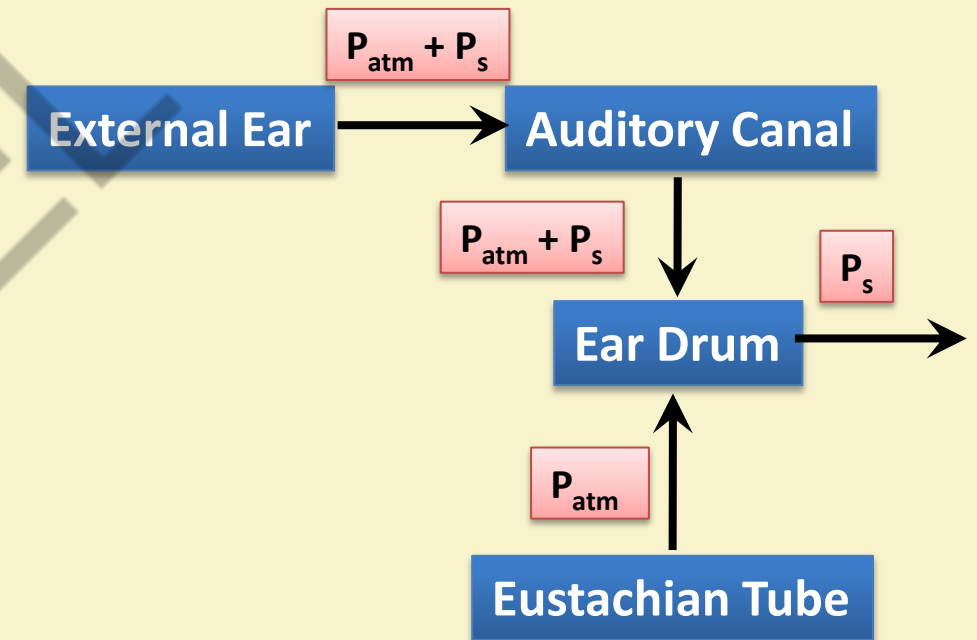
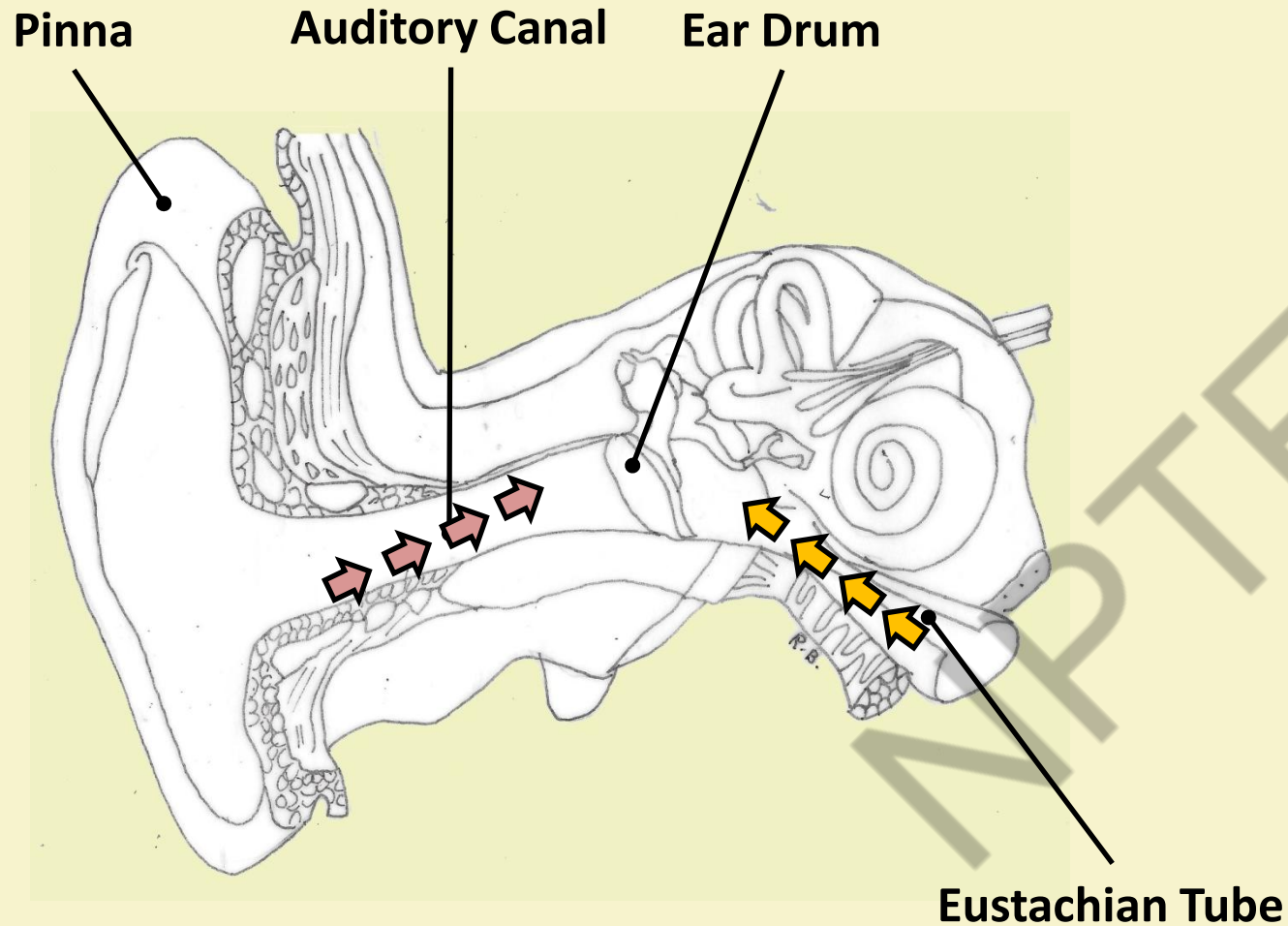
$$(\log a) + (\log b) = \log(ab)$$

$$(\log a) - (\log b) = \log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$$

$$\log a^n = n \times \log a$$

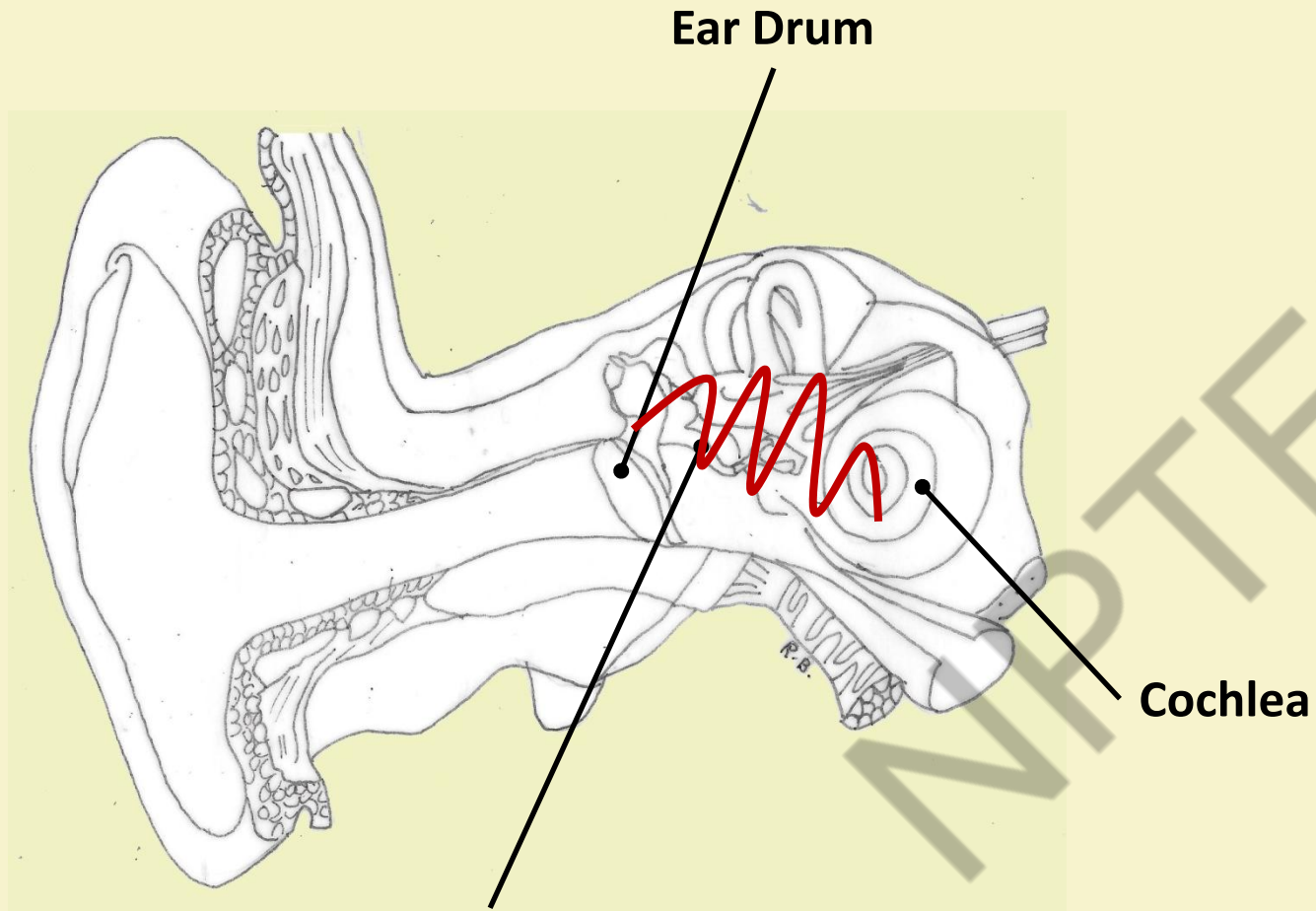


Human Hearing

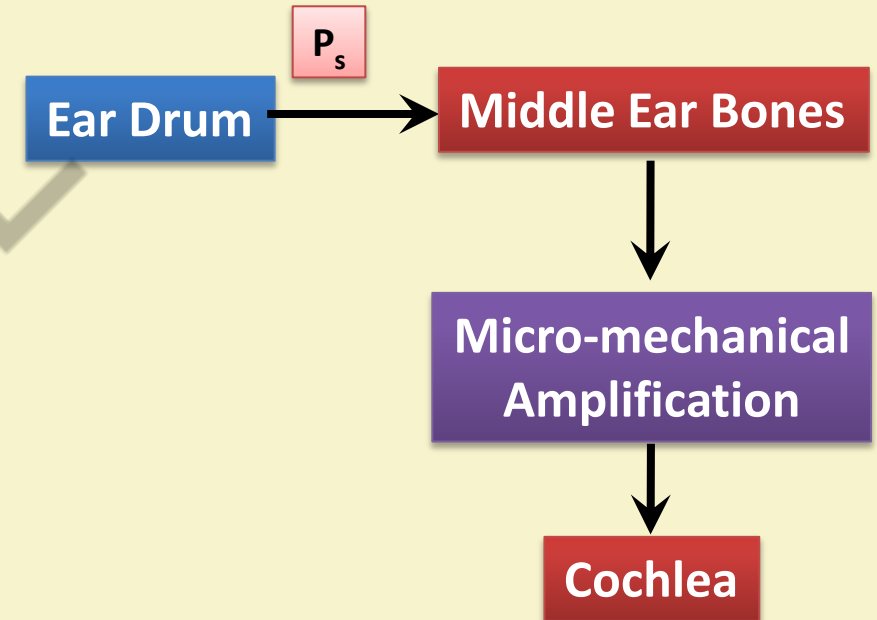


Atmospheric Pressure: P_{atm}
Pressure due to Sound: P_s

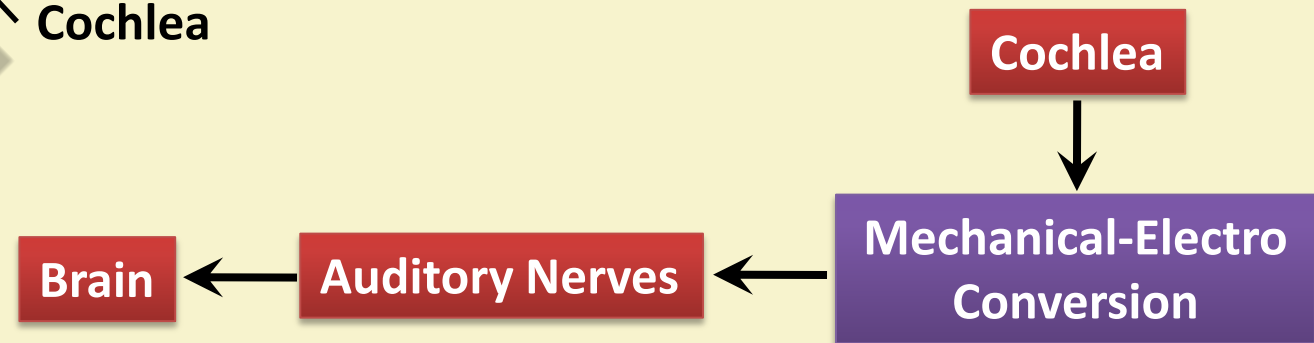
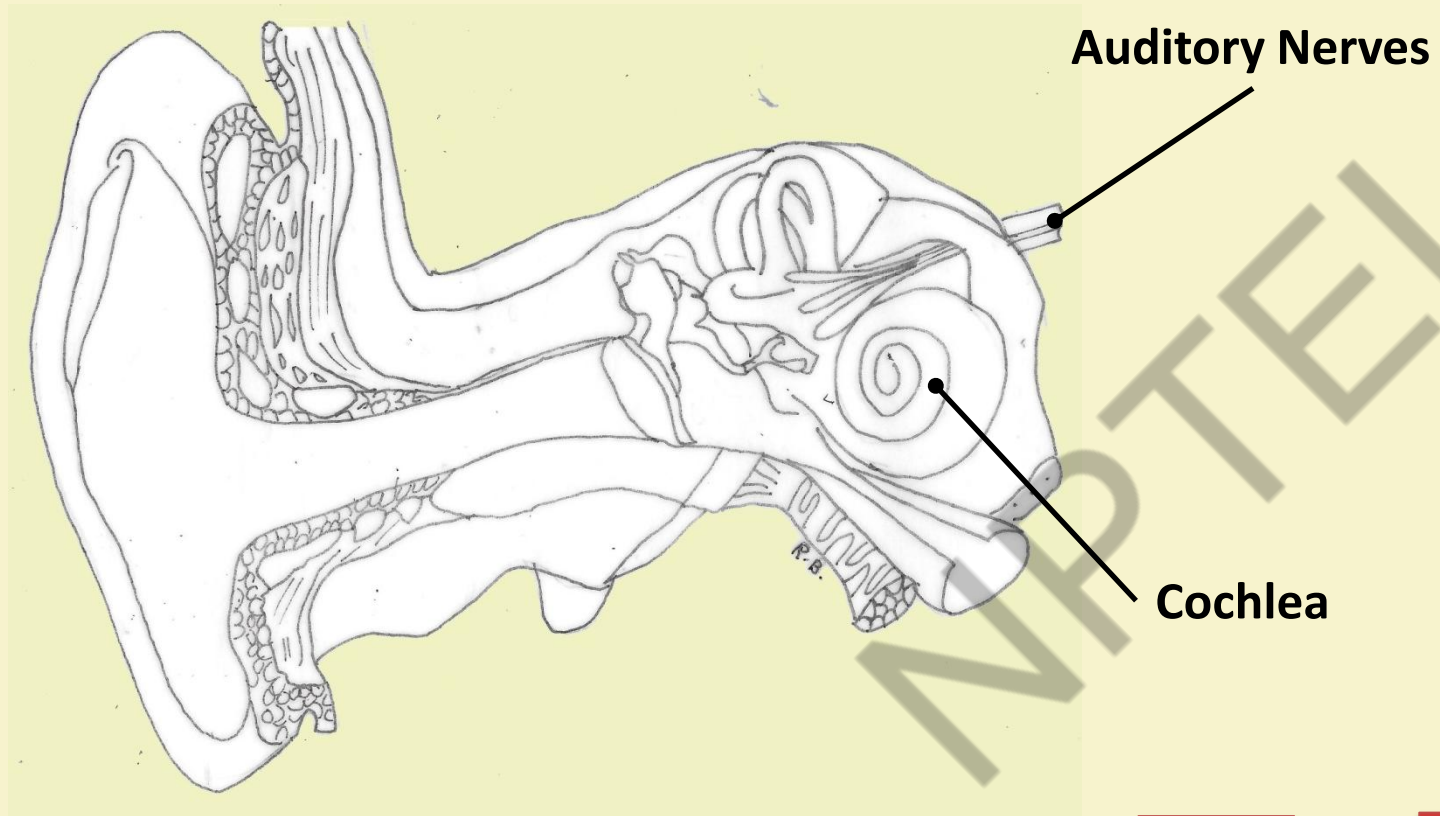
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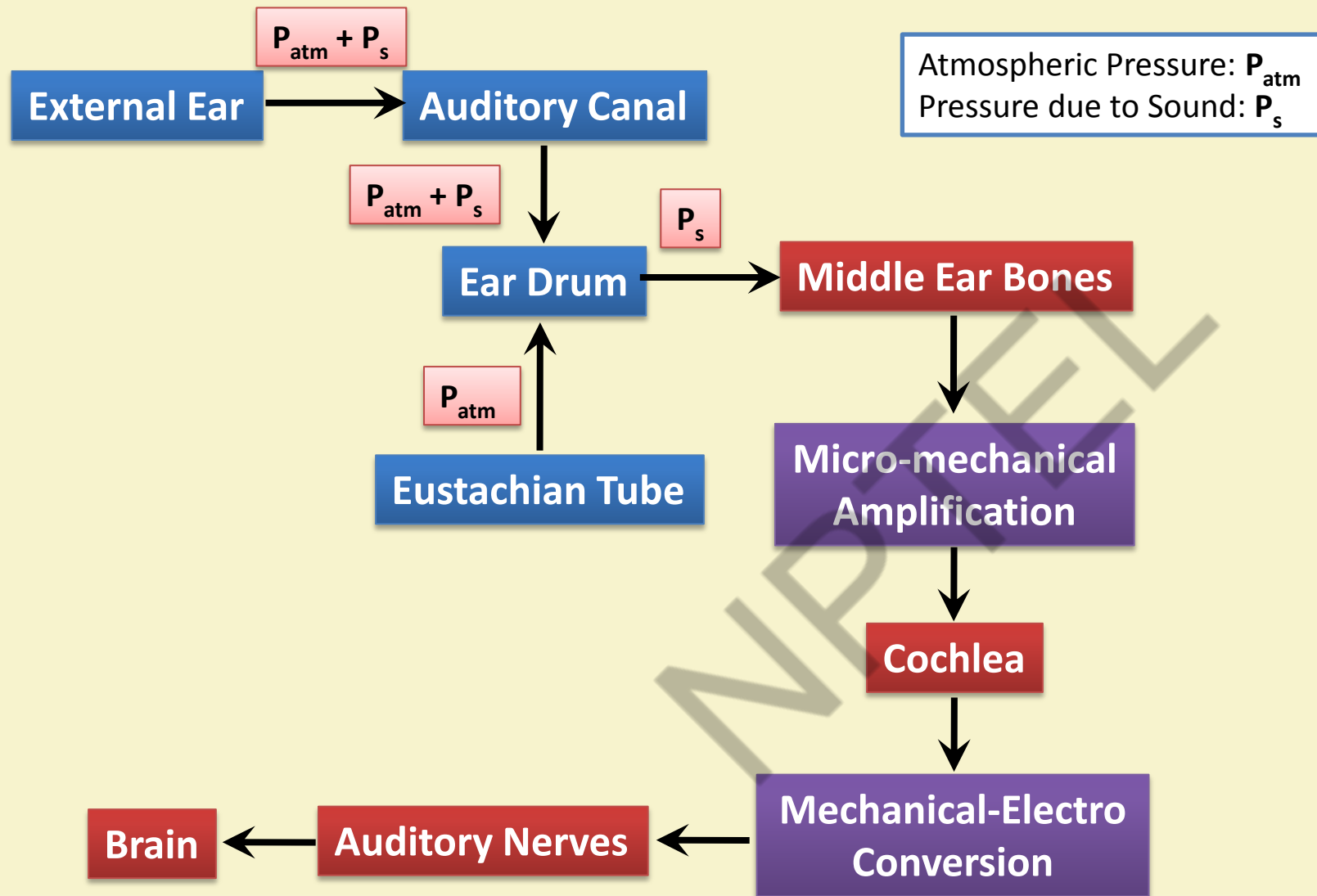
Middle Ear Bones
Malleus, Incus, and Stapes



Human Hearing



Human Hearing



Psychologist Weber suggested:-

Change of **Subjective Response (R)**
is proportional to
the Functional **change of Stimulus (S)**

$$\delta R = \frac{\delta S}{S}$$

Integrating:

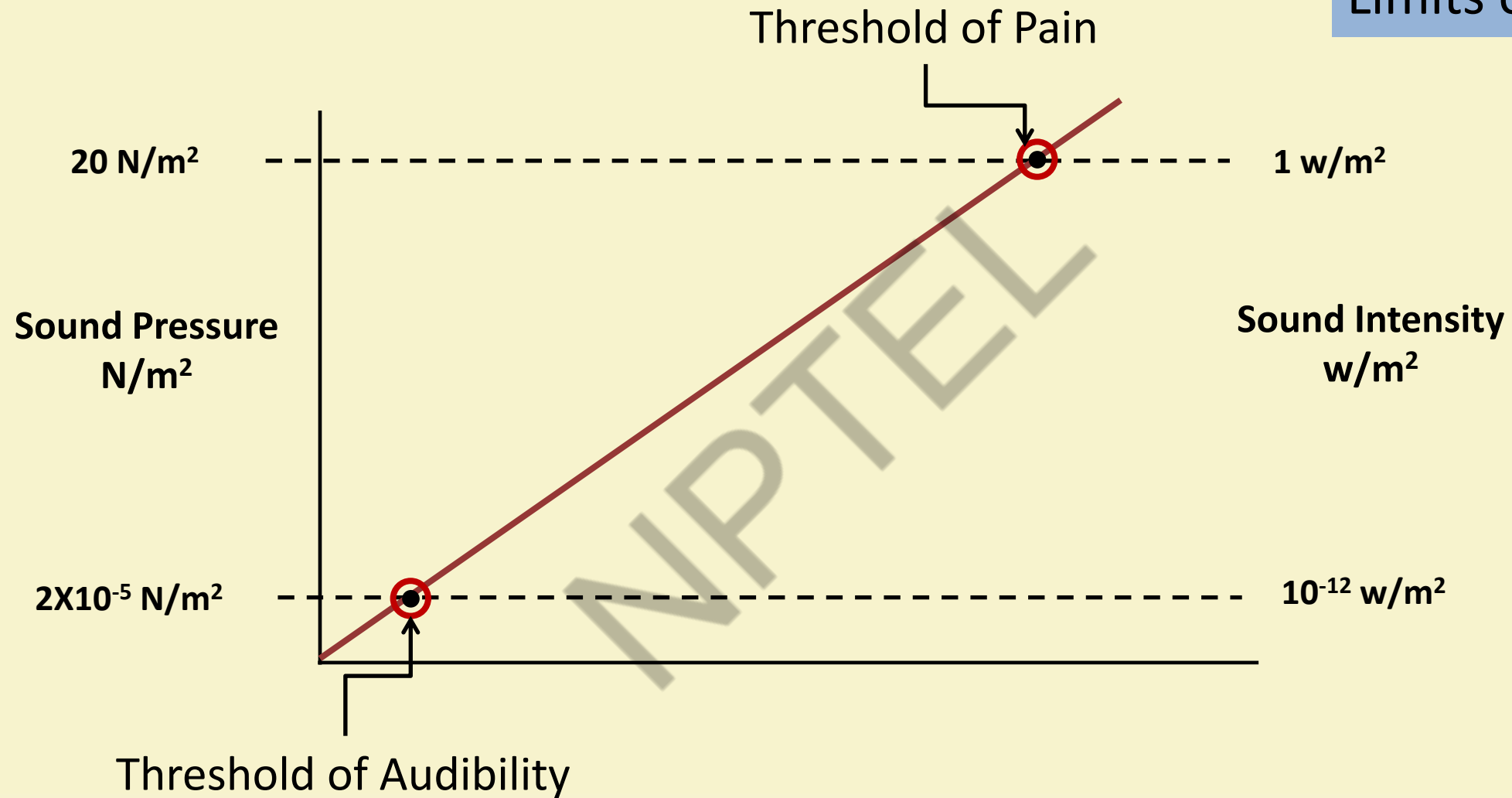
$$\int \delta R = \int \frac{\delta S}{S}$$

$$R = \log(S) + C$$

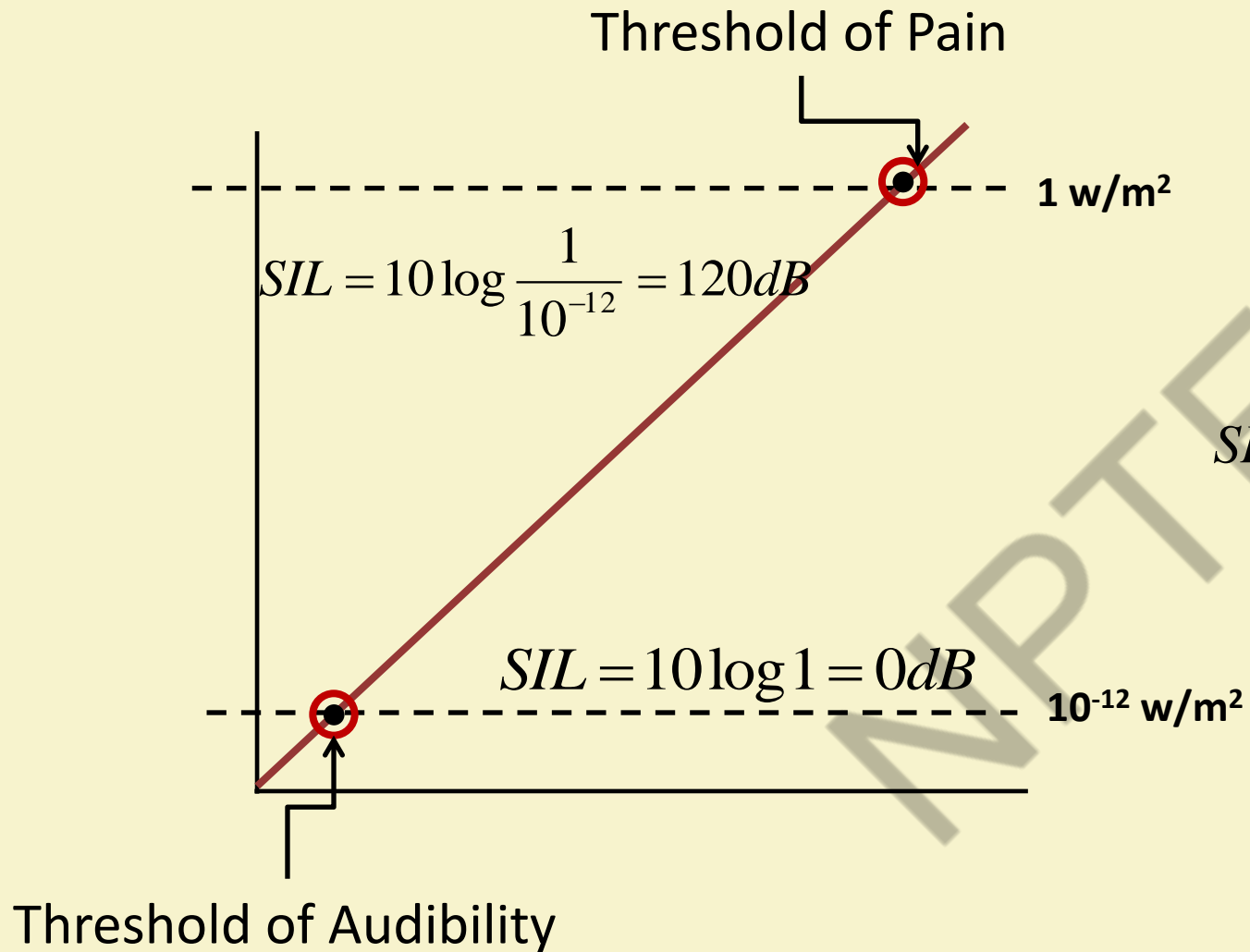
$$R = k \cdot \log(S)$$

We hear Logarithmic

Limits of Audibility



Sound Intensity Level



Sound Intensity Level

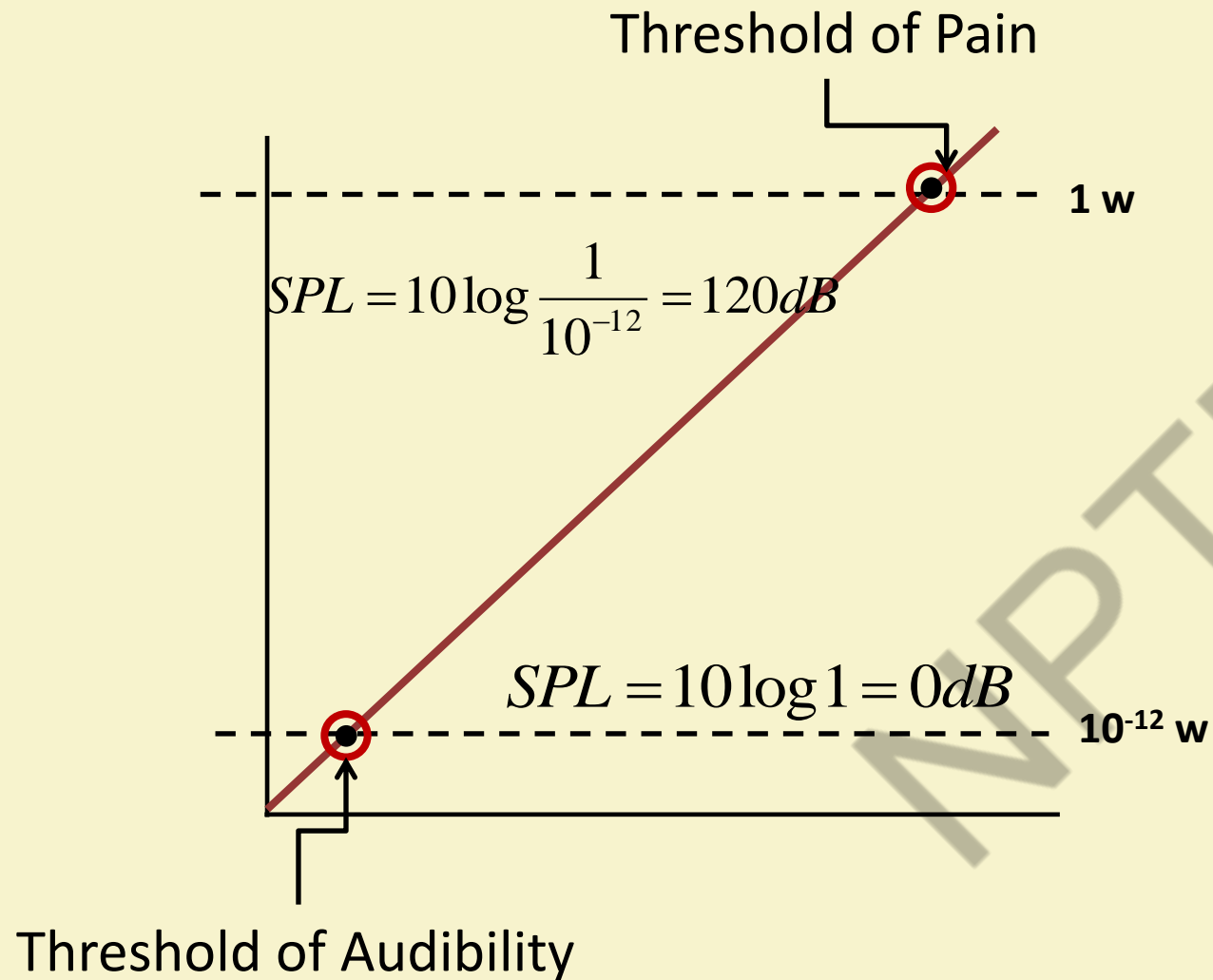
$$SIL = \log \frac{I}{I_{ref}} \text{ [bel]}$$

$$SIL = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_{ref}} \text{ decibel}$$

I = Actual Sound Intensity in W/m^2

$$I_{ref} = 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$$

Sound Power Level

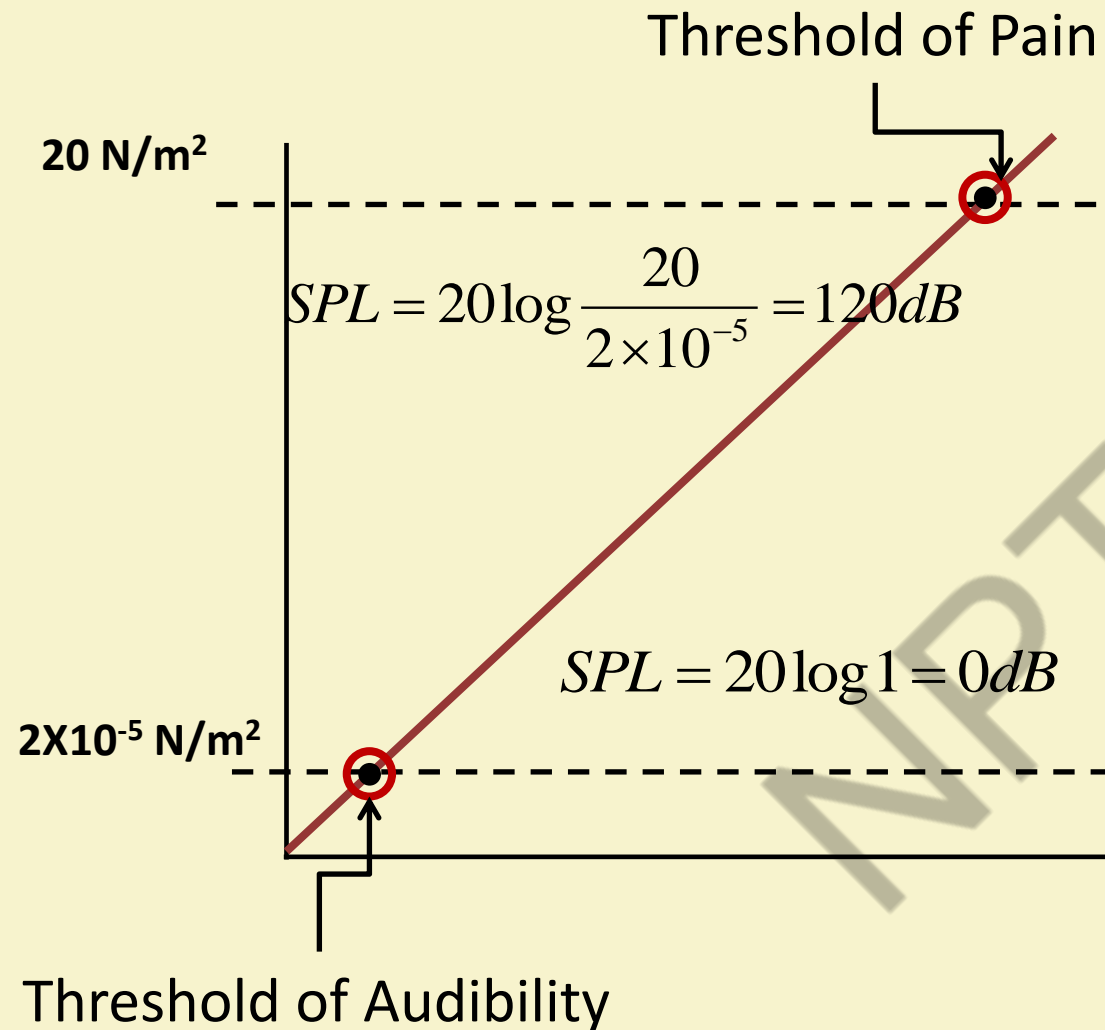


Sound Power Level

$$SPL = 10 \log \frac{W}{W_{ref}}$$

W = Actual Sound Power in W
 $W_{ref} = 10^{-12} \text{ W}$

Sound Pressure Level



Intensity \propto (Pressure)²

Sound Pressure Level

$$SPL = 20\log \frac{P}{P_{ref}}$$

P = Actual Sound Pressure in Pa

$P_{ref} = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Pa} = 20 \mu\text{Pa}$



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Sound Level Meter



Alexander Graham Bell



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Sound Intensity to Sound Level Conversion

Sound Intensity Level from Sound Intensity

$$L = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_{ref}}$$

If Sound Intensity is 0.005 W/m^2

So, replacing: $I = 0.005 \text{ W/m}^2$ & $I_{ref} = 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$

$$L = 10 \log \frac{0.005}{10^{-12}} = 10 \log(5^9) = 10 \times 9.698 = 97 \text{ dB}$$

Sound Level to Intensity Conversion

Sound Intensity from Sound Intensity Level

$$\boxed{L = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_{ref}}} \Rightarrow \log \frac{I}{I_{ref}} = \left(\frac{L}{10} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{I}{I_{ref}} = 10^{\left(\frac{L}{10} \right)} \Rightarrow \boxed{I = I_{ref} \times 10^{\left(\frac{L}{10} \right)}}$$

If SIL is 65 dB

So, replacing: $L = 65$ db

$$I = I_{ref} \times 10^{\left(\frac{L}{10} \right)} = 10^{-12} \times 10^{\left(\frac{65}{10} \right)} = 10^{-12} \times 10^{6.5} = 3.162 \times 10^{-6} W / m^2$$

Range of Sound Level

Sound Sources	Sound Level in dB
Sweeping of dry leaves	10
Background noise in TV Studio	20
Library / Bed Room	30 – 40
Residential Zone	50
Normal Conversation	60
Vacuum Cleaner (1m)	70
Heavy City Traffic	80
Pneumatic Drill	90 – 100
Discotheque	100 – 110
Jet Aircraft (100m)	140



Source-1



$$L_1 = 10 \log \frac{I_1}{I_{ref}} \Rightarrow I_1 = I_{ref} \times 10^{\left(\frac{L_1}{10}\right)}$$

Sound Intensities can be Arithmetically Added



Source-2

$$L_2 = 10 \log \frac{I_2}{I_{ref}} \Rightarrow I_2 = I_{ref} \times 10^{\left(\frac{L_2}{10}\right)}$$

So, if two different SPL of L_1 & L_2 are added,
Then the resultant SPL will be given by:

$$L_{Total} = 10 \log \left[10^{\left(\frac{L_1}{10}\right)} + 10^{\left(\frac{L_2}{10}\right)} \right]$$

Addition of Sound Levels

$$I_{Total} = (I_1 + I_2) = I_{ref} \times \left[10^{\left(\frac{L_1}{10}\right)} + 10^{\left(\frac{L_2}{10}\right)} \right]$$

$$L_{Total} = 10 \log \frac{I_{Total}}{I_{ref}} = 10 \log \left[10^{\left(\frac{L_1}{10}\right)} + 10^{\left(\frac{L_2}{10}\right)} \right]$$

Addition of Sound Levels

If both the sound source are producing same intensity

$$\text{Then, } L_1 = L_2 = L$$

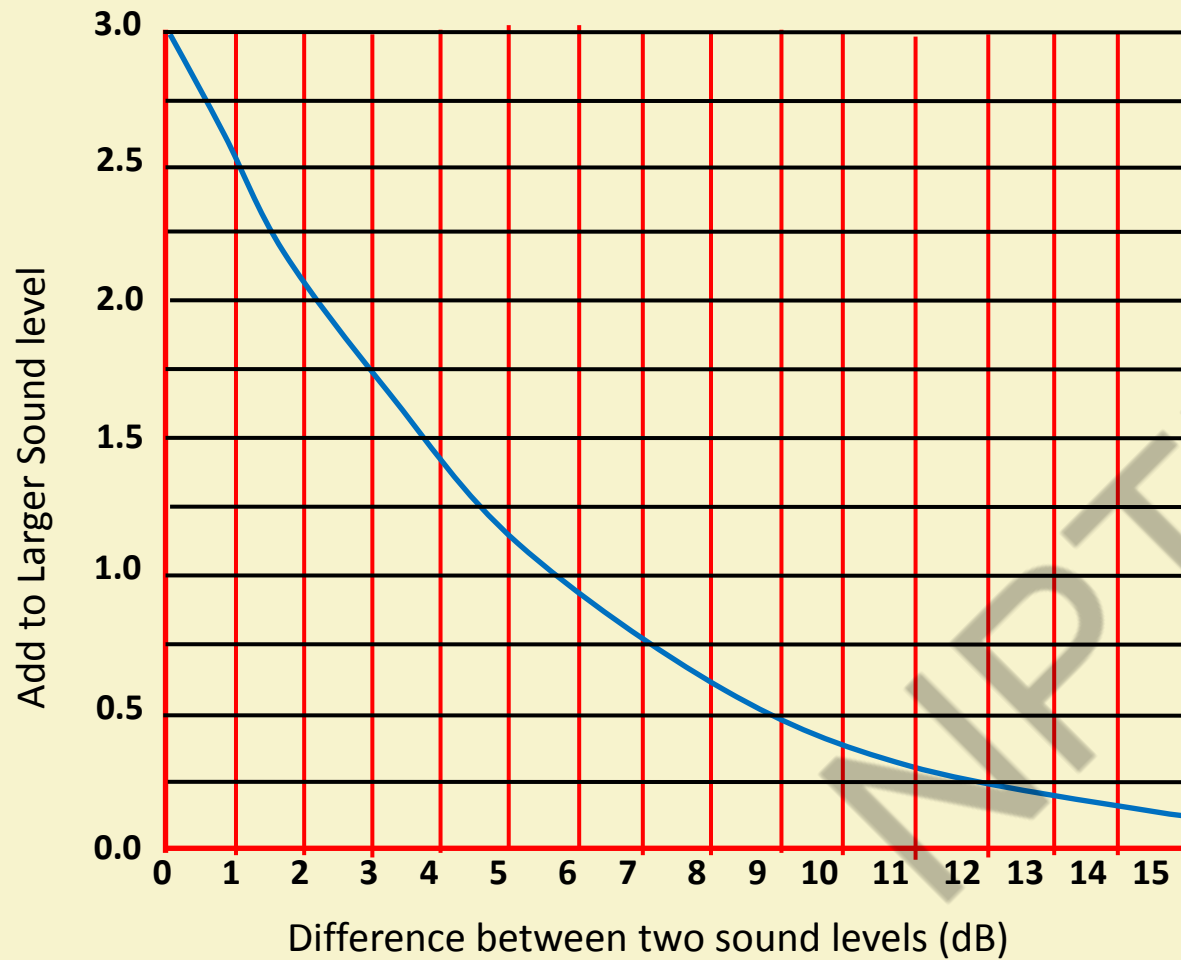
$$I_1 = I_2 = I$$

$$I_{Total} = (I_1 + I_2) = 2I$$

$$L_{Total} = 10 \log \frac{I_{Total}}{I_{ref}} = 10 \log \frac{2I}{I_{ref}} = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_{ref}} + 10 \log(2)$$

$$L_{Total} = L + 3dB$$

Addition of Sound Levels



How to read this graph??

Addition of Sound Levels

Let

$$L_1 = 60 \text{ dB} \quad \& \quad L_2 = 65 \text{ dB}$$

$$L_{Total} = 10 \log \left[10^{\left(\frac{60}{10}\right)} + 10^{\left(\frac{65}{10}\right)} \right] = 10 \log (10^6 + 10^{6.5}) = 66.2 \text{ dB}$$

$$66.2 = 65 + 1.2$$

Let

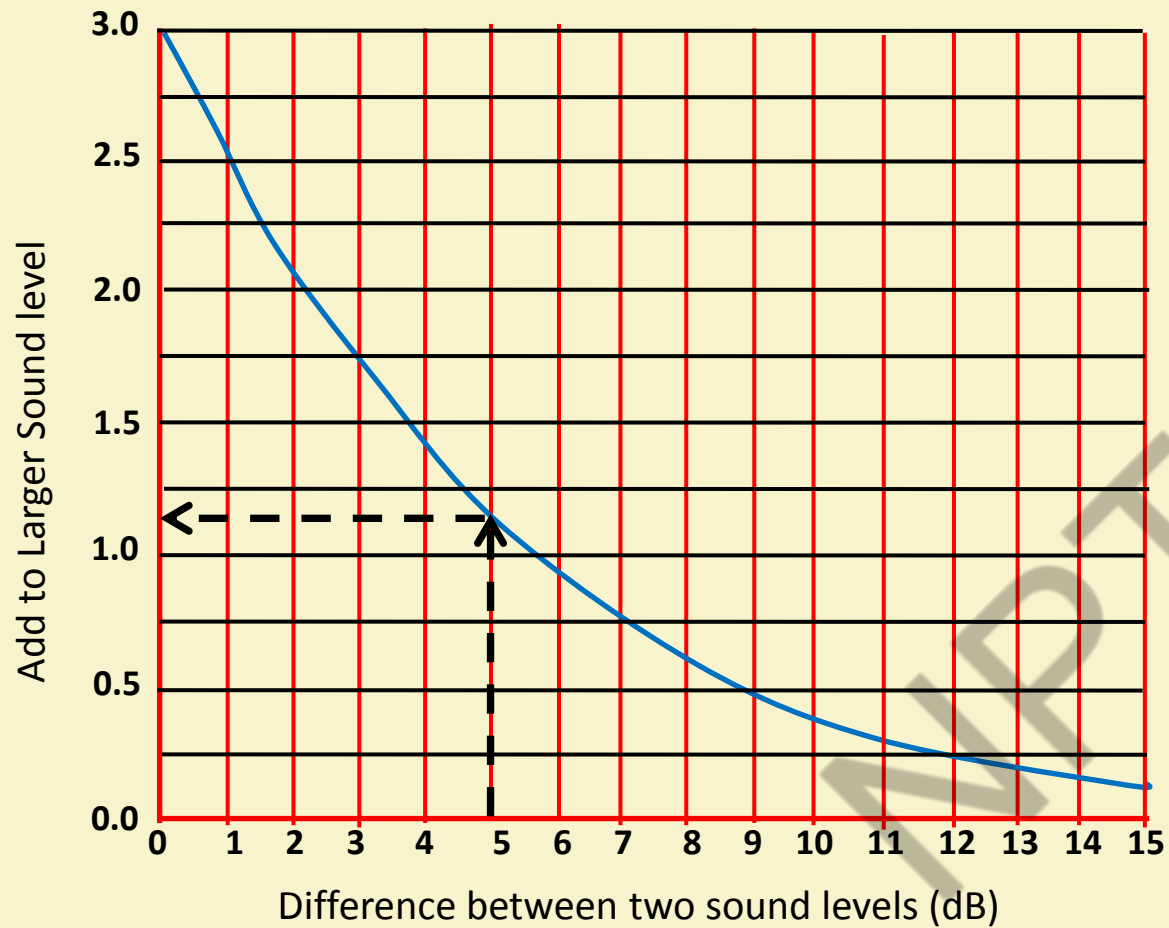
$$L_1 = 90 \text{ dB} \quad \& \quad L_2 = 95 \text{ dB}$$

$$L_{Total} = 10 \log (10^9 + 10^{9.5}) = 96.2 \text{ dB} \quad 96.2 = 95 + 1.2$$

Difference between two sound levels = 5dB

Add 1.2dB to the larger Sound Level

Addition of Sound Levels



Difference between two sound levels = 5dB

Add 1.2dB to the larger Sound Level

Addition of Sound Levels

In case of Many Sound Levels and/ or intensities are added together

$$L_{Total} = 10\log \left[10^{\left(\frac{L_1}{10}\right)} + 10^{\left(\frac{L_2}{10}\right)} + 10^{\left(\frac{L_3}{10}\right)} + \dots + 10^{\left(\frac{L_n}{10}\right)} \right]$$

$$L_{Total} = 10\log \sum_{i=1}^n 10^{\left(\frac{L_i}{10}\right)}$$

Can you convert the following physical parameters to its related Sound Levels

1. Sound Intensity of 0.004 W/m^2
2. Sound Pressure of 1.2 MPa

If two different source of sound having dB level: 58dB & 62 dB are added,
What will be the resultant Sound Level?

1. Compute using mathematical formula
2. Check your result from the graph

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Lecture 05: Near & Far Field Propagation and Loudness

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Differentiate between Near and Far Field Propagation of Sound
Correlate among Frequency, Sound Level and Loudness of Sound

Intensity is Power per unit Area

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time}} \times \frac{1}{\text{Area}} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Time}} \times \frac{\text{Length}}{\text{Volume}}$$

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} \times \frac{\text{Length}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} \times \text{Wave Velocity}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Intensity} &= \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} \times \text{Wave Velocity} \\ &\quad \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ &\quad \text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{Mass} \times V_{\text{max}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (A\omega)^2 \\ &\quad \text{Volume} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Density}} = \frac{m}{\rho} \end{aligned}$$

Sound Intensity

$$\text{Energy} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{Mass} \times V_{\text{max}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m(A\omega)^2$$

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} \times \text{Wave Velocity}$$

$$\text{Volume} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Density}} = \frac{m}{\rho}$$

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} \times \text{Wave Velocity} = \frac{1}{2} m(A\omega)^2 \times \frac{\rho}{m} \times c$$

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{1}{2} \rho c(A\omega)^2$$



Acoustical Impedance

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{1}{2} \rho c (A \omega)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad I = \frac{1}{2} \rho c (A \omega)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{(\rho c A \omega)^2}{\rho c}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{P_0^2}{z}$$

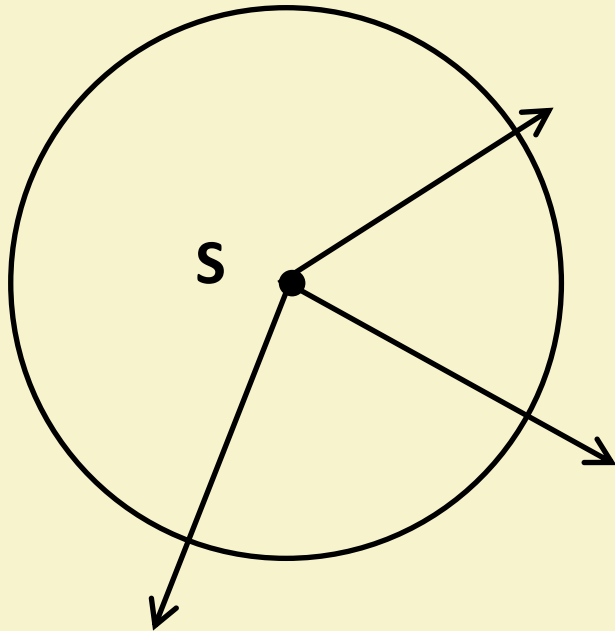
Where, P_0 is Pressure Amplitude of Sound Wave Propagation

$$P_0 = \rho c A \omega \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\text{Kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \times \text{m} \times \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} = \frac{\text{Kg}}{\text{m}^3} \times \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times \text{m} = \frac{\text{Kg}}{\text{m}^2} \times \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = \text{Kg} \times \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{1}{\text{m}^2} = \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}^2} = \text{Mpa}$$

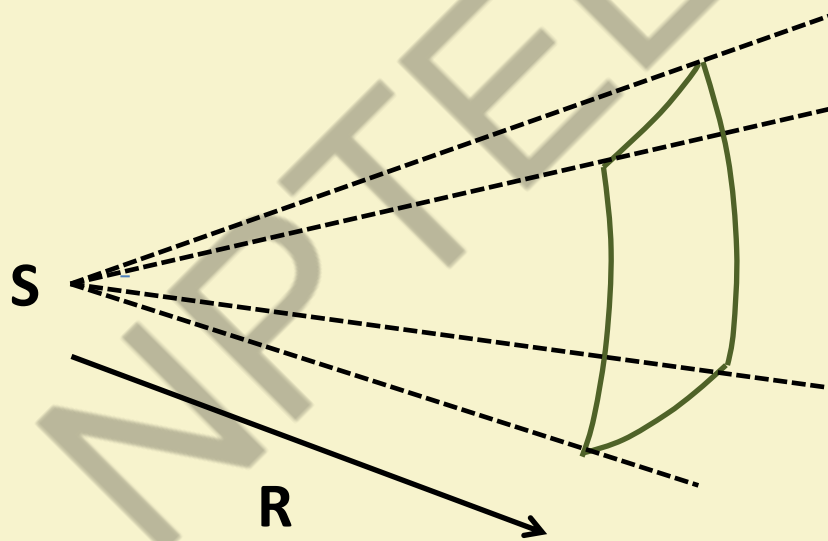
Specific Acoustical Impedance (z): Product of Medium Density (ρ) & Wave Velocity (c)

Spherical Propagation

Point Source >>>>>> Spherical Propagation



$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{Watt output}}{\text{Surface Area of the Sphere}}$$



$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{W}{4\pi R^2}$$



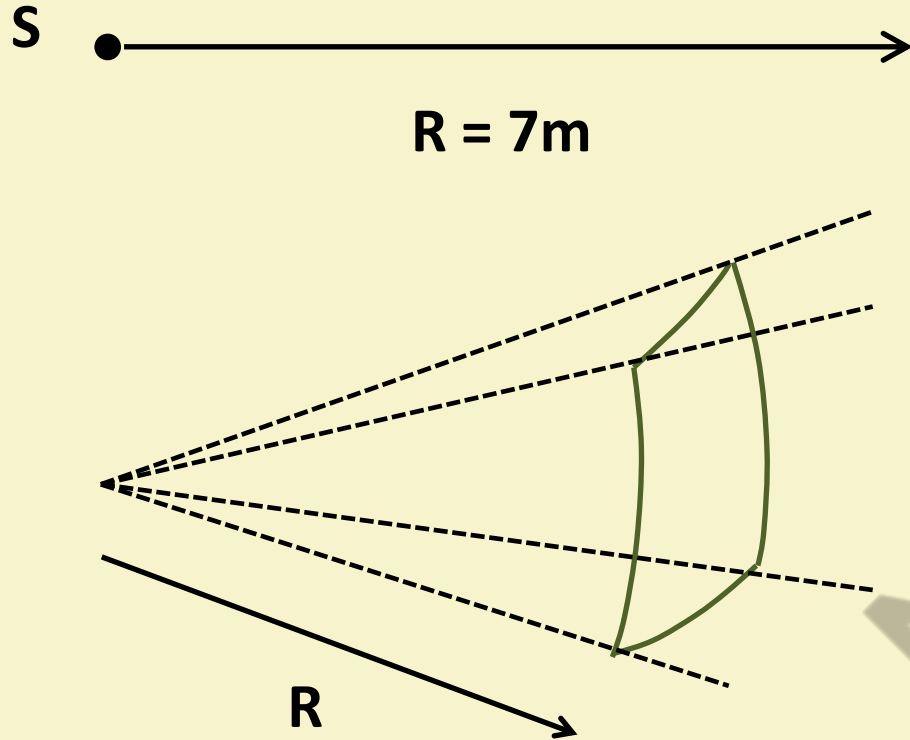
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Spherical Propagation

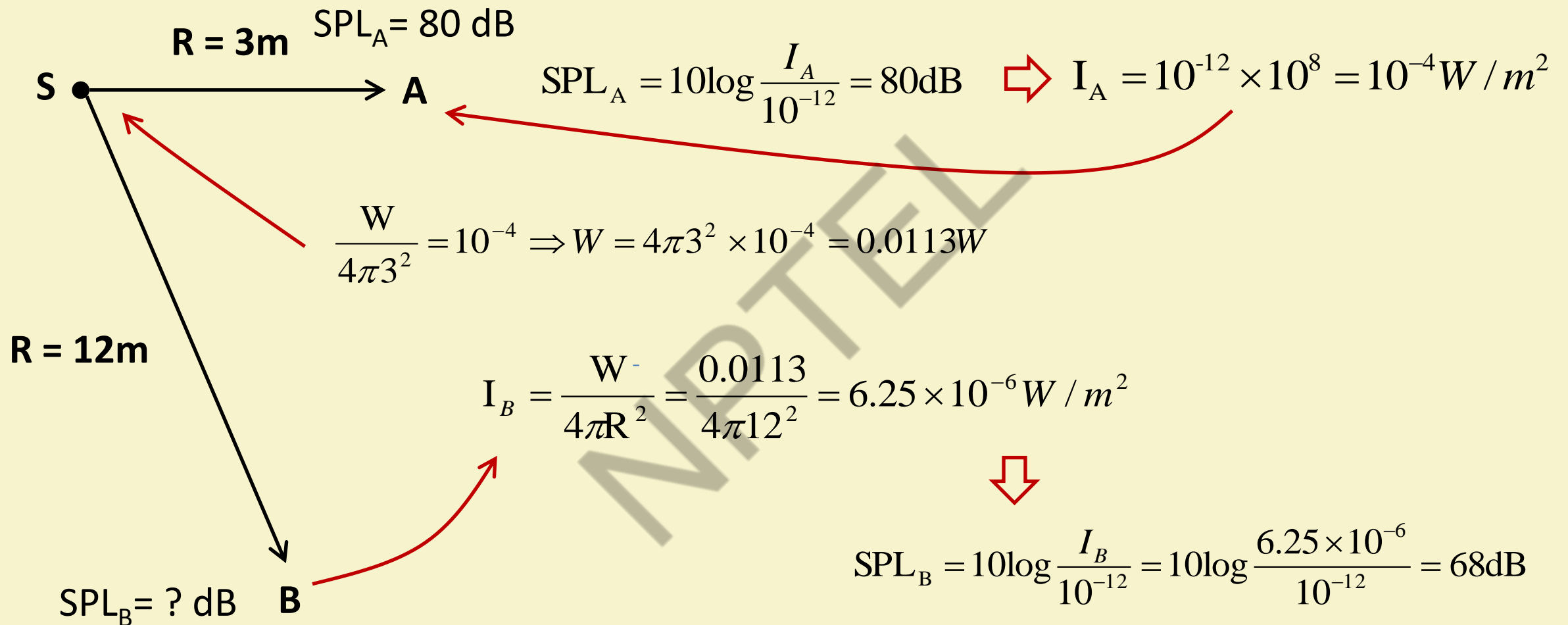
Sound Output = 0.0005 Watt



$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{W}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{0.0005}{4 \times \pi \times 7^2} = 8.12 \times 10^{-7} \text{ W/m}^2$$

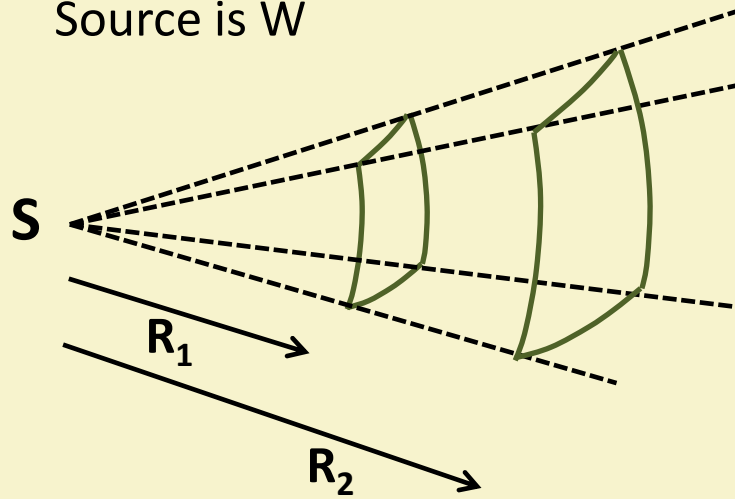
$$\text{SPL} = 10 \log \frac{8.12 \times 10^{-7}}{10^{-12}} = 59 \text{ dB}$$

Spherical Propagation



Spherical Propagation

Sound Output from Source is W

$$I_1 = \frac{W}{4\pi R_1^2} \Rightarrow \text{SPL}_1 = 10\log \frac{I_1}{I_{ref}}$$


$$I_2 = \frac{W}{4\pi R_2^2} \Rightarrow \text{SPL}_2 = 10\log \frac{I_2}{I_{ref}}$$

$$\text{SPL}_1 > \text{SPL}_2$$

$$\text{SPL}_1 - \text{SPL}_2 = 10\log \frac{I_1}{I_{ref}} - 10\log \frac{I_2}{I_{ref}} = 10\log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_{ref}} \times \frac{I_{ref}}{I_2} \right)$$

$$\text{SPL}_1 - \text{SPL}_2 = 10\log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_2} \right) = 10\log \left(\frac{W}{4\pi R_1^2} \times \frac{4\pi R_2^2}{W} \right)$$

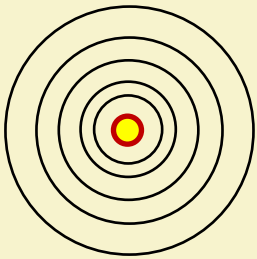
$$\text{If, } R_2 = 2R_1 \quad \text{SPL}_1 - \text{SPL}_2 = 20\log \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) = 20\log(2) = 6\text{dB}$$

$$\text{SPL}_1 - \text{SPL}_2 = 10\log \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)^2 = 20\log \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)$$

Spherical & Cylindrical Propagation

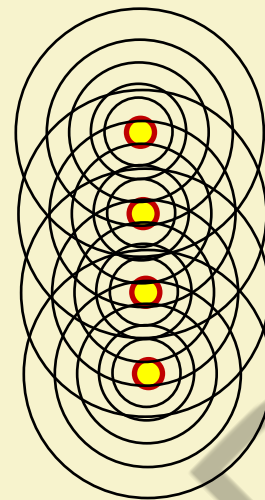
Multiple Point Source
Line Source

Point Source



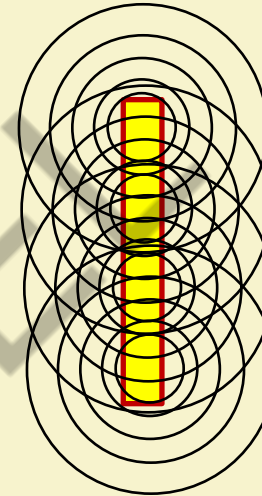
Spherical Propagation

Single Loudspeaker
Human Voice
Noise from a Car



Cylindrical Propagation

Road Traffic Noise
Railway
Array of Loudspeakers

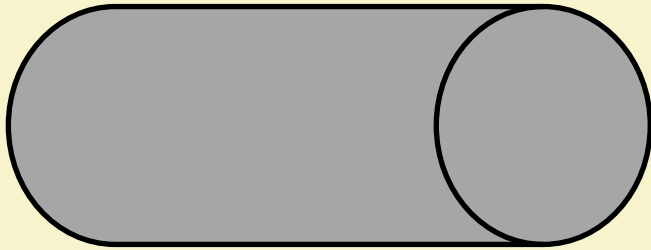


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Cylindrical Propagation



Radius = R

Length = L

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{Watt output}}{\text{Surface Area of the Cylinder}}$$

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{W}{2\pi RL}$$

Length of the line source 100m

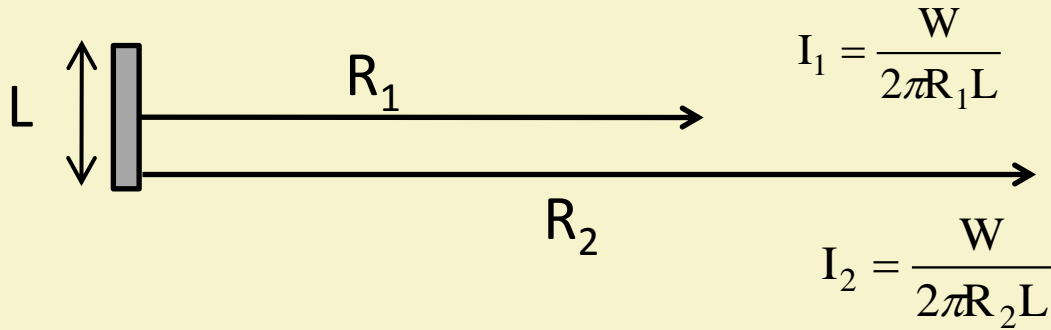
Sound output = 0.005 Watt

SPL at 7m from the Line Source=?

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{W}{2\pi RL} = \frac{0.005}{2\pi \times 7 \times 100} = 1.137 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W / m}^2$$

$$L = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_{ref}} = 10 \log \frac{1.137 \times 10^{-6}}{10^{-12}} = 60.5 \text{ dB}$$

Sound Output from Source
is W, having length = L



Cylindrical Propagation

$$SPL_1 > SPL_2$$

$$SPL_1 - SPL_2 = 10 \log \frac{I_1}{I_{ref}} - 10 \log \frac{I_2}{I_{ref}} = 10 \log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_{ref}} \times \frac{I_{ref}}{I_2} \right)$$

$$SPL_1 - SPL_2 = 10 \log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_2} \right) = 10 \log \left(\frac{W}{2\pi R_1 L} \times \frac{2\pi R_2 L}{W} \right)$$

$$SPL_1 - SPL_2 = 10 \log \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)$$

$$\text{If, } R_2 = 2R_1 \quad SPL_1 - SPL_2 = 10 \log \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) = 10 \log(2) = 3dB$$

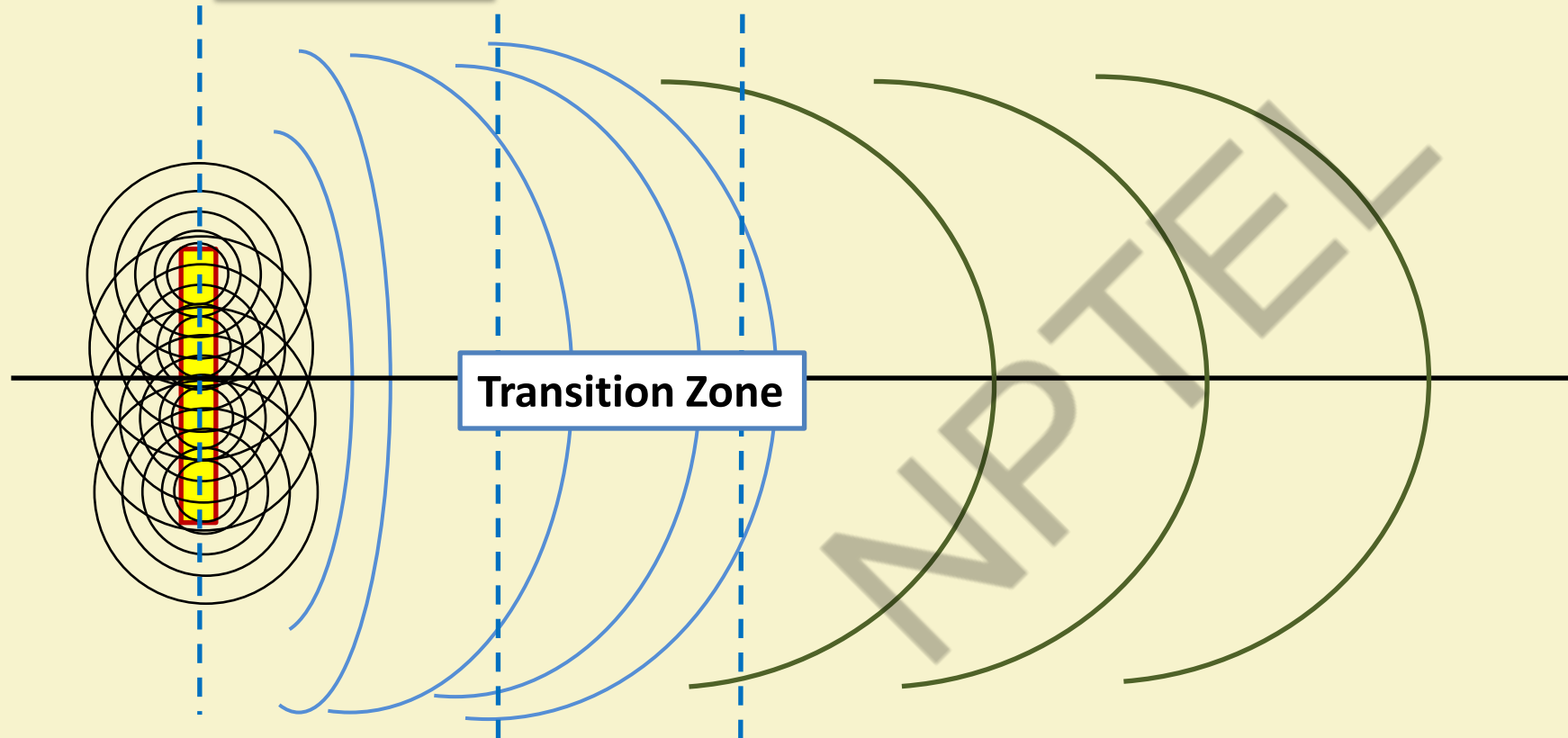
Cylindrical
Propagation

NEAR FIELD

Spherical
Propagation

FAR FIELD

Near and Far Field Propagation

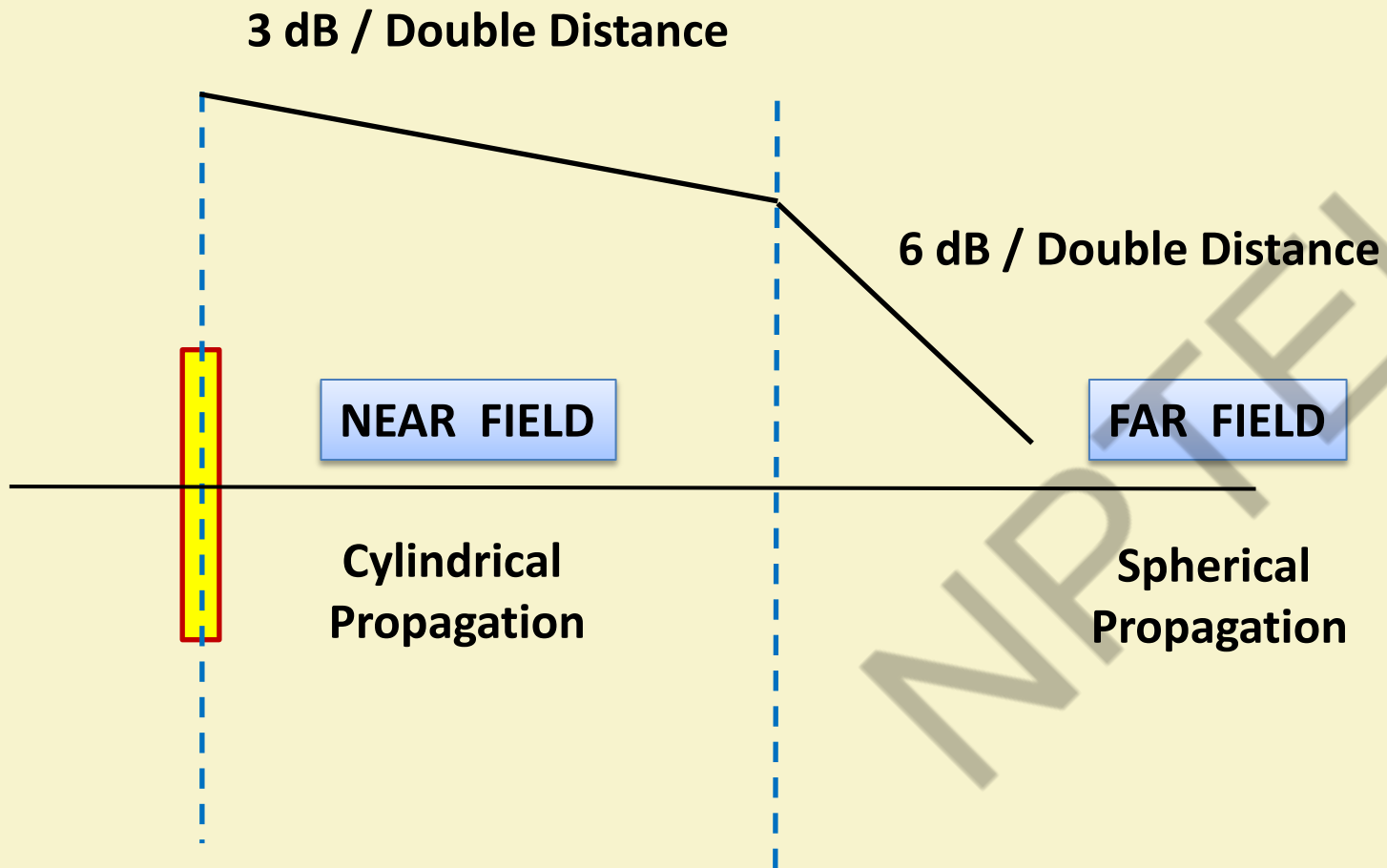


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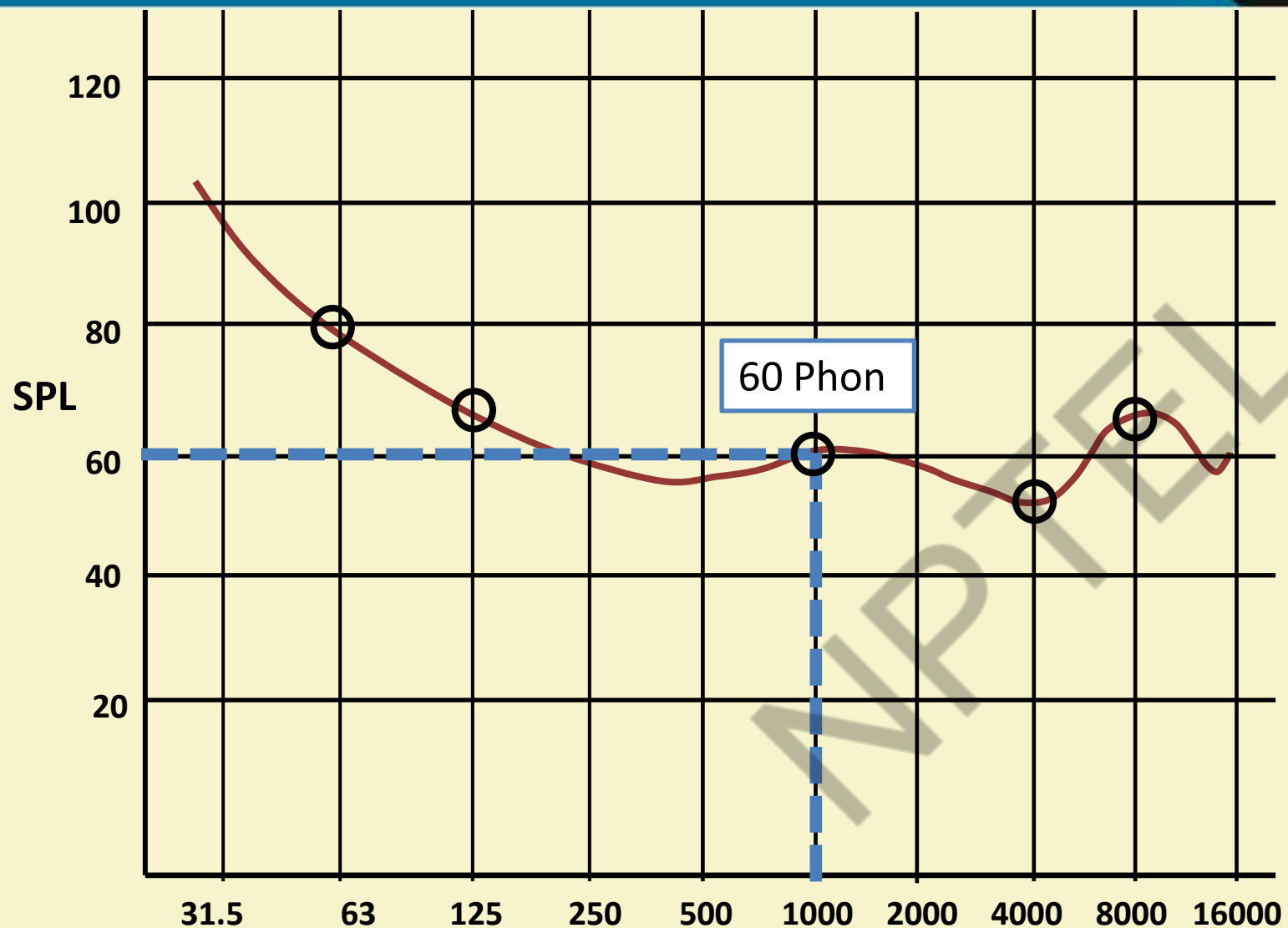


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Near and Far Field Propagation

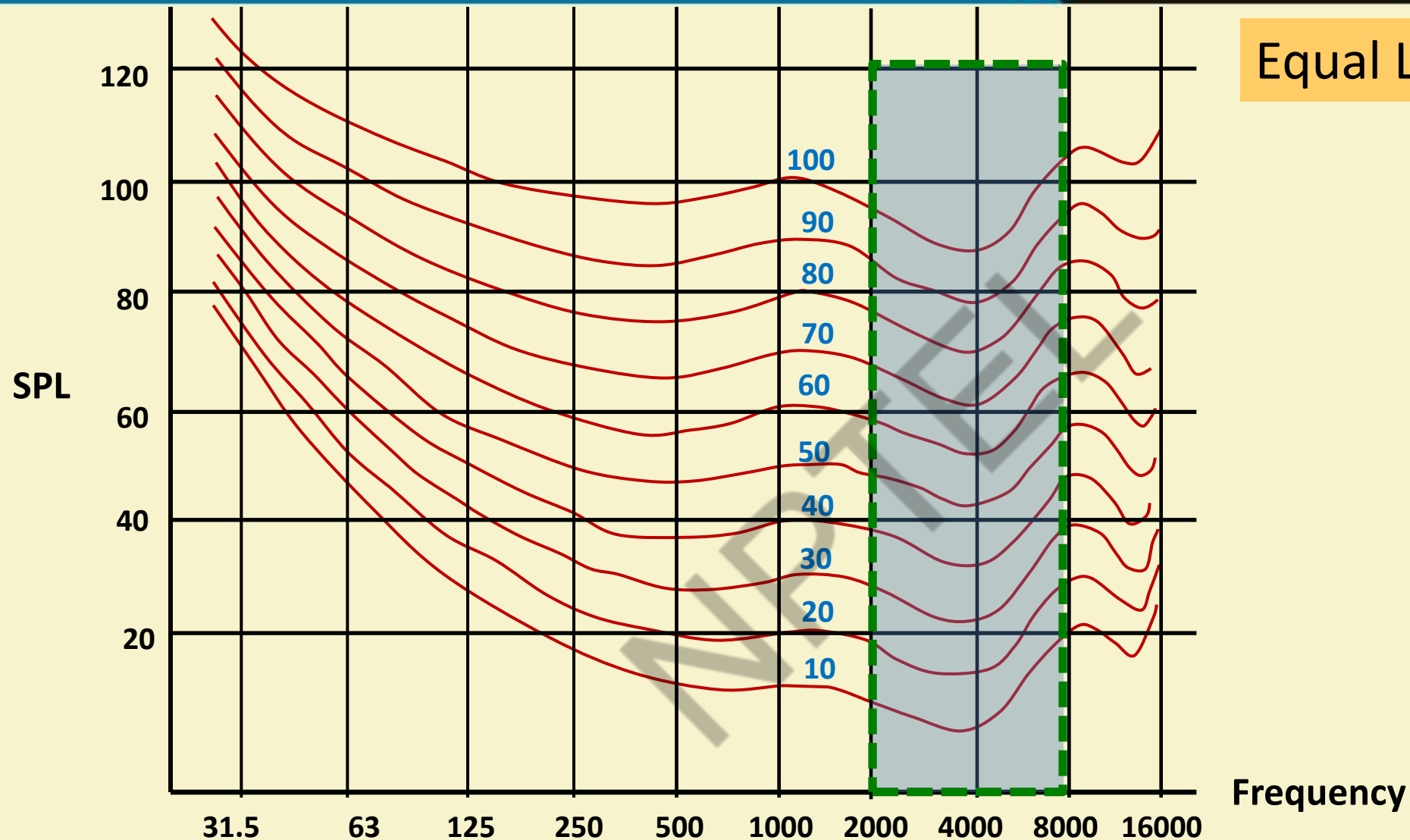


Loudness

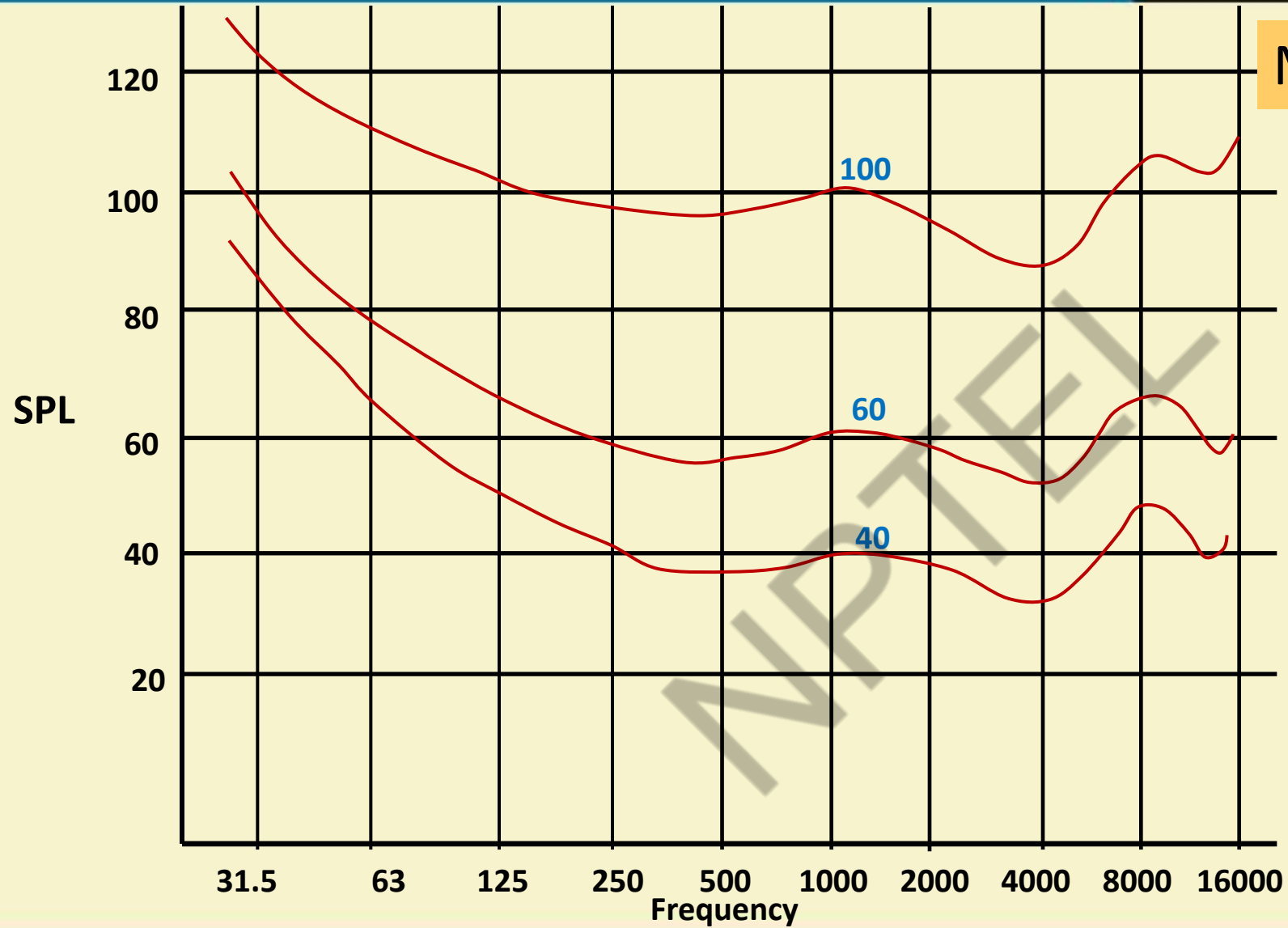


By definition,
1 Phon is equivalent to 1 dB at 1000 Hz

Equal Loudness Contour



Measurement of Loudness



If two sources produce Loudness of 40 and 60 Phon separately, Then the combine loudness is not be 100 Phon

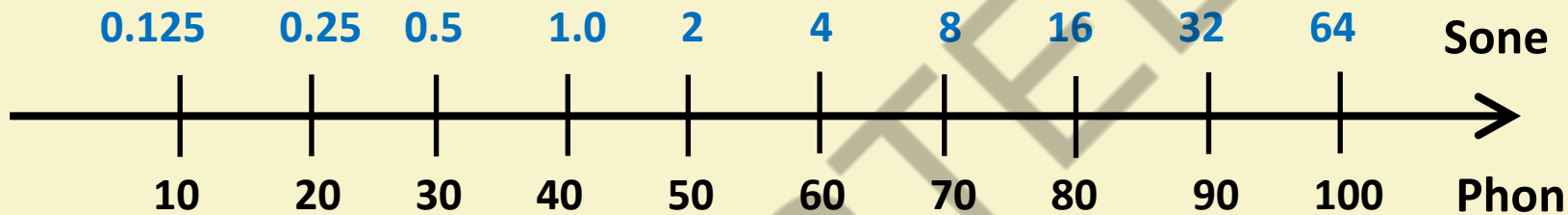


Measurement of Loudness

A Sone scale is adopted over the Phon and it is more linear.

A loudness of 10 phon increase is given a increase the Sone by 2 multiplication factor.

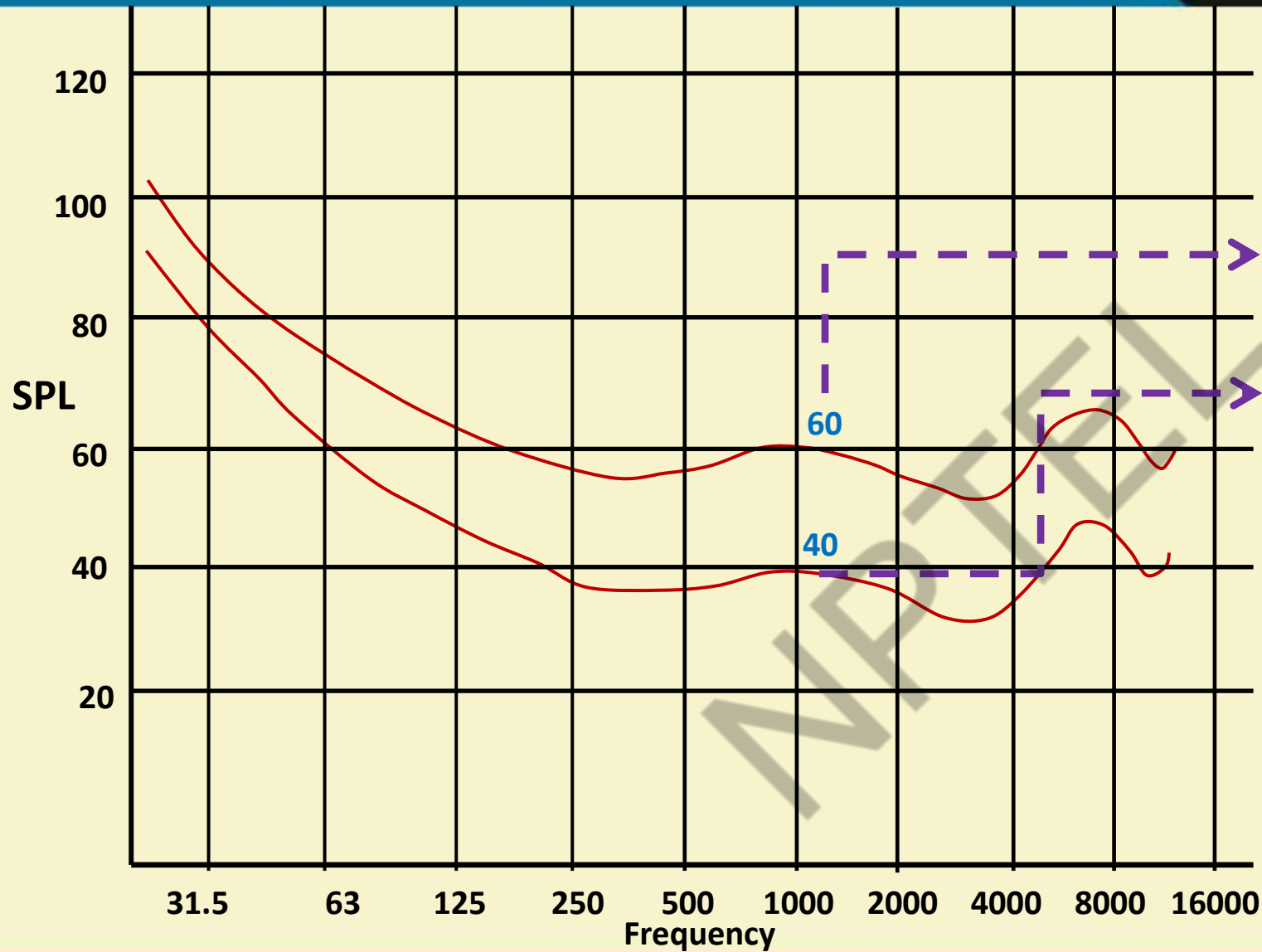
40 Phon is kept as 1 Sone



$$\text{Sone} = 2^{\left(\frac{\text{Phon}-40}{10}\right)}$$

$$\text{Phon} = 40 + 33.22 \times \log(\text{Sone})$$

Measurement of Loudness



$$\text{Sone} = 2^{\left(\frac{\text{Phon}-40}{10}\right)} = 2^{\frac{60-40}{10}} = 4$$

$$\text{Sone} = 2^{\left(\frac{\text{Phon}-40}{10}\right)} = 2^{\frac{40-40}{10}} = 1$$

Total Sone = 5

$$\text{Phon} = 40 + 33.22 \times \log(\text{Sone})$$

$$\text{Phon} = 40 + 33.22 \log(5) = 63$$

Find the SIL at a distance 10 m from a sound source:

If the SIL at 3m from the source of sound is 75dB

Assume (1) Near Field Propagation

(2) Far Field Propagation

Can you find the resultant loudness of two sounds having following physical parameters

Sound – A: Frequency: 250 Hz , SPL: 60 dB

Sound – B: Frequency: 4 kHz , SPL: 70 dB

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