

- **Resonance frequencies**
- **The glottal source**

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*Background reading:*

- *AAP Ch 2, sec 2.1, first half*
- *AAP Ch 3, sec 3.3.3, "Auto-correlation pitch tracking"*

# 0. Today's objectives

After today's class, you should be able to:

- Calculate tube length, resonance wavelength, or resonance frequency (for a tube), given one of the other values
- Recognize a glottal-source spectrum and understand the relationship between its component frequencies and its  $f_0$
- Understand some common pitch-tracker errors and what they mean

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| **(pressure) node / (displacement) antinode**
  - The closed end of a tube of vibrating air  
| **(pressure) antinode / (displacement) node**
- **Why?** | **physical conditions** determine this!



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- If we know
  - the **length** of the string or tube ( $L$ )
  - “**how much wave**” fits for the  **$n$ th resonance** (based on boundary conditions)
- We can calculate the  **$n$ th resonance wavelength  $\lambda_n$**
- **Wavelength ( $\lambda$ )** and **frequency ( $f$ )** are related:

$$c = \lambda f$$

where  $c$  is the speed of the wave  
(about 350 m/s for sound in air, according to AAP)
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- What is the **glottal source wave**?
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    - The sound wave produced by the vibration of the vocal folds
- To actually hear this sound wave, you would have to put a microphone right above the glottis
  - The sound waves of any speech we normally hear are **further modified** by passing through the vocal tract
    - This is the content of the rest of the course!

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- The glottal source wave is a complex wave with the following property:
  - All of the components of this complex wave have frequencies that are **whole-number multiples** of the lowest-component frequency
- How does the fundamental frequency of the glottal source wave **relate** to the frequency of its lowest component?

### 3. Pitch tracker — Overview

- Autocorrelation methods (see AAP, sec 3.3.3)
  - Overlay the waveform on itself
  - What time interval between the original waveform and the copy is needed for the best correlation between the two?
- Pitch tracker errors:
  - Pitch halving
  - Pitch doubling
- Bad settings?  
Or, irregular pitch periods in the voice?