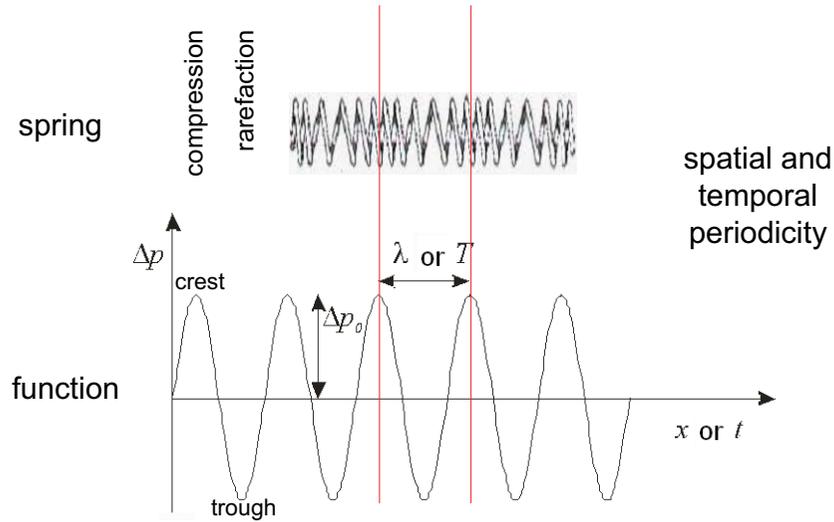


Sound: mechanical wave



longitudinal wave
(in the interior of liquids and gases only this type)

transverse wave

hydrostatic pressure + pressure change, sound pressure

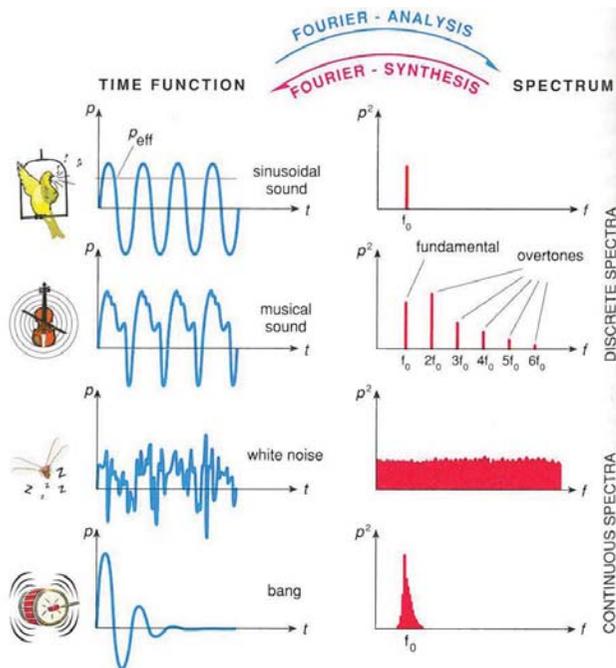
$$p_{\text{total}} = p_{\text{hydrostat}} + \Delta p$$

pressure DC + AC

amplitude phase

$$\Delta p(t, x) = \Delta p_{\text{max}} \sin \left[2\pi \left(\frac{t}{T} - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right) \right]$$

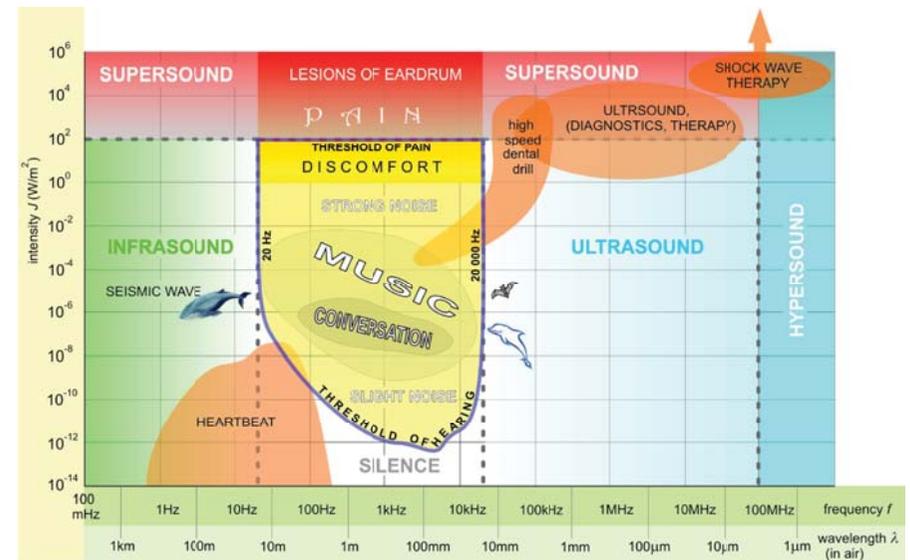
$$c \cdot T = \lambda, \quad c = f \cdot \lambda$$



pitch:
frequency of the fundamental

tone colour:
relative strengths of overtones/harmonics (spectrum)

Frequency and intensity regions of sounds



The role of elastic medium

$$\kappa = -\frac{\Delta V}{V \Delta p}$$

compressibility
relative volume decrease over pressure

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho \kappa}}$$

speed of sound

$$Z = \frac{\rho}{v} = \frac{\rho_{\max}}{v_{\max}}$$

acoustic impedance
(definition)

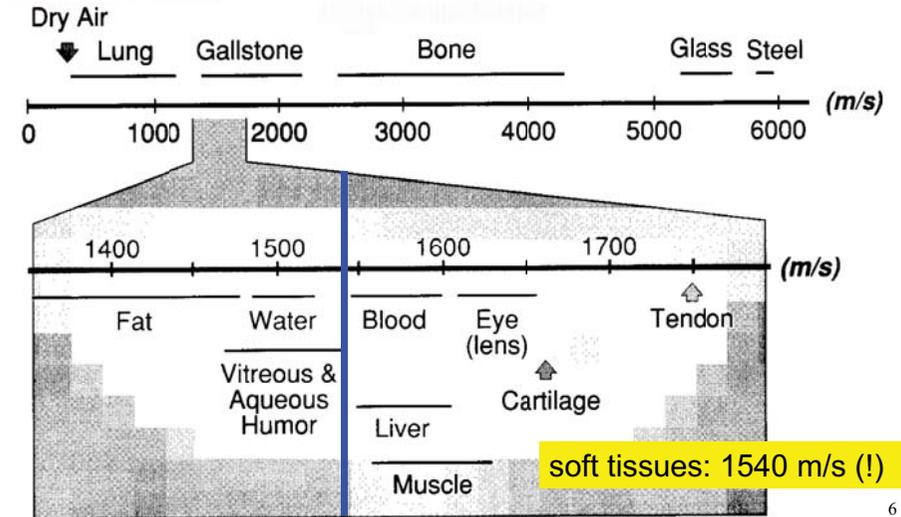
$$Z = c\rho = \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{\kappa}}$$

acoustic impedance
(useful form)

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Speed of sound/US in different media



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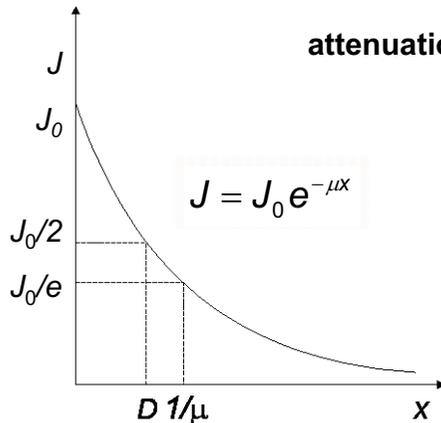
Intensity of US

$$J = \frac{1}{Z} \Delta p_{\text{eff}}^2$$

$$P_{\text{el}} = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{el}}} U_{\text{eff}}^2$$

intensity = energy-current density electric analogy

Loss of energy during propagation (absorption)



attenuation: $\alpha = 10 \cdot \lg \frac{J_0}{J}$ dB
 $\alpha = 10 \cdot \mu \cdot x \cdot \lg e$ dB
 μ is proportional to frequency in the diagnostic range

specific attenuation: $\frac{\alpha}{f \cdot x}$

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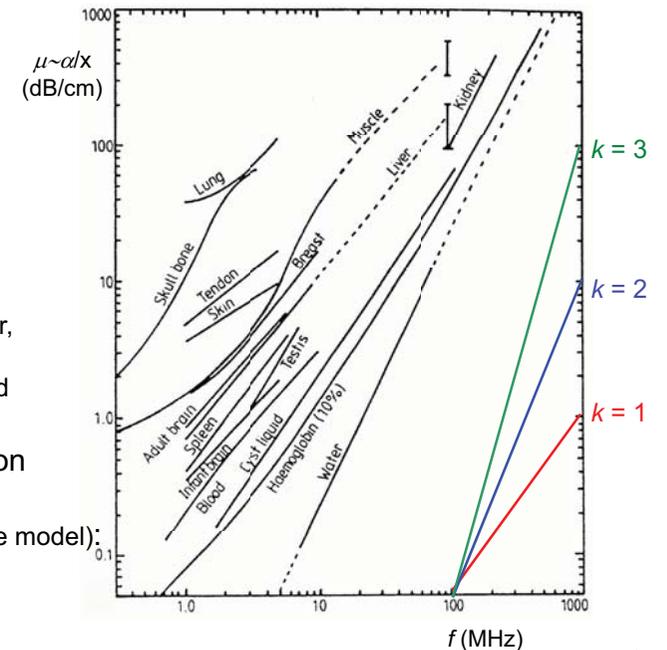
μ is proportional to frequency in the diagnostic range

$\mu \sim f^k, k \sim 1(?)$
 $\log \mu \sim k \log f$

if the graph is a linear, the power function approximation is valid

specific attenuation for soft tissues (homogeneous tissue model):

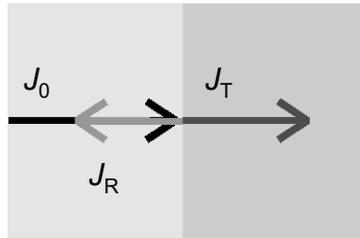
$$\frac{\alpha}{f x} \sim 1 \frac{\text{dB}}{\text{cm MHz}}$$



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Phenomena at the boundary of different media

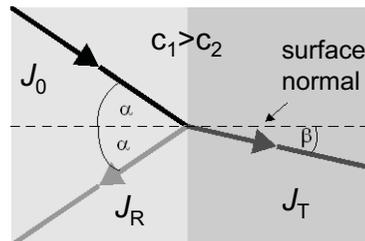
normal/perpendicular incidence



$$J_0 = J_R + J_T$$

reflection and transmission (penetration)

skew incidence



$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

Snellius-Descartes

Reflection (normal incidence)

reflectivity:

$$R = \frac{J_{\text{reflected}}}{J_{\text{incident}}} = \left(\frac{Z_1 - Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \right)^2$$

“full” reflection:

$$Z_1 \ll Z_2, \quad R \approx 1$$

boundary surface	R
muscle/blood	0.001
fat/liver	0.006
fat/muscle	0.01
bone/muscle	0.41
bone/fat	0.48
soft tissue/air	0.99



Generation of US. Piezoelectric effect

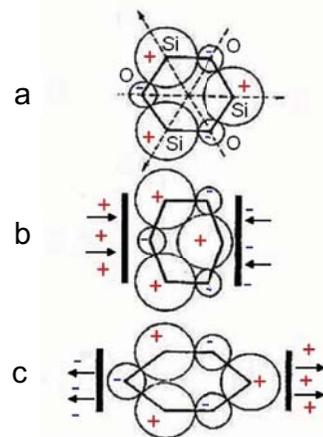
source of electric signal (sine wave oscillator)+ transducer (piezo-crystal)

(a) Center of charge of positive and negative charges coincides.

(b) and (c) As a result of pressure, the charge centers are separated, i.e. a potential difference arises (direct ~).

The crystal is deformed when voltage is applied (inverse ~).

production: **inverse** ~
detection: **direct** ~

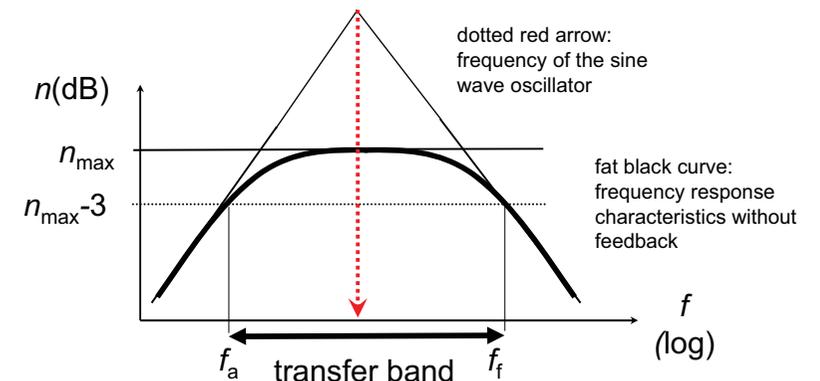


Source of electric signal : sine wave oscillator

amplifier with positive feedback

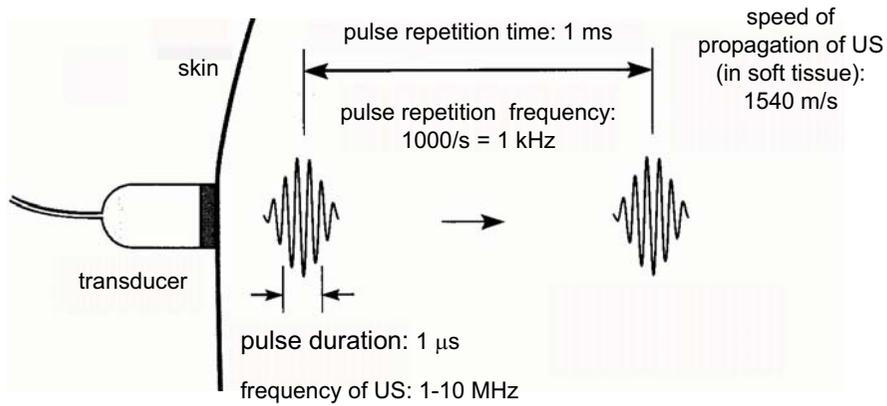
$$A_{U, \text{feedback}} = \frac{A_U}{1 - \beta A_U}$$

$\beta A_U = 1$, amplification = „infinity“ → sine wave oscillator
no input signal, output signal: sine voltage



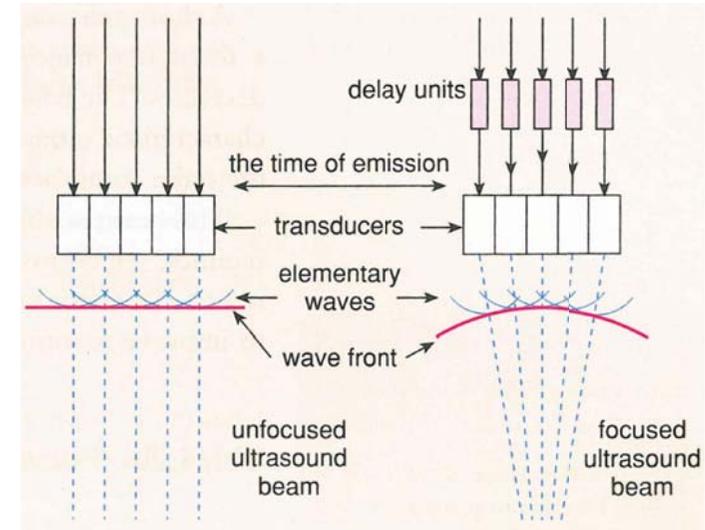
Characteristic of US pulses

transducer: transmitter and receiver is the same unit
time sharing mode: pulses instead of continuous wave US



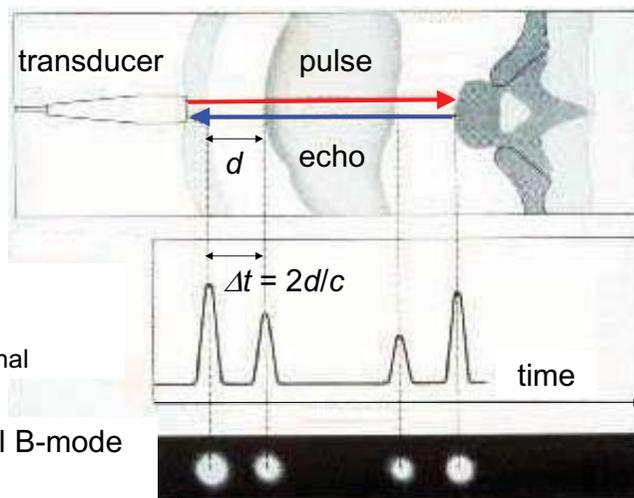
Textbook, Fig. VIII.32.

Electronic focusing



cf. Textbook Fig. on p.507

Receiving the echos

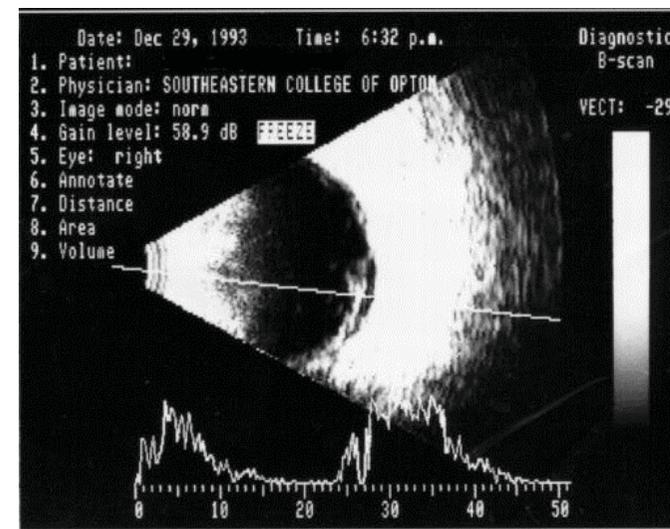


A-mode
 (Amplitude)
 only 1-dimensional

1-dimensional B-mode
 (Brightness)

cf. Textbook Fig. VIII.33

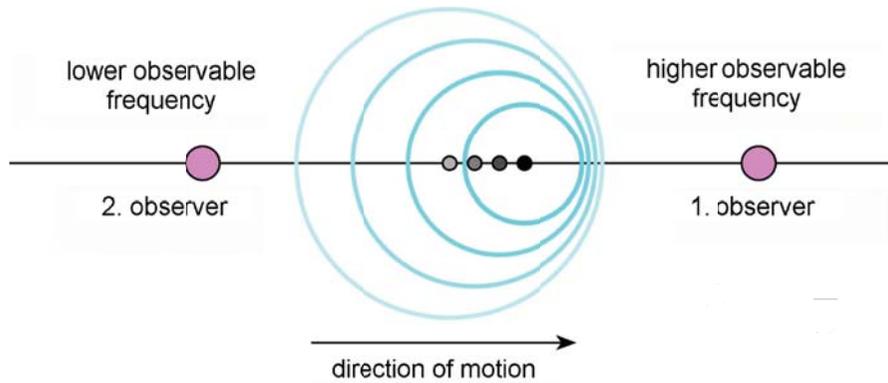
2-dimensional B-mode and A-mode (used in ophthalmology)



real speed of propagation for the accurate determination of distances:
 cornea: 1641 m/s
 aqueous humour: 1532 m/s
 crystalline lens: 1641 m/s
 vitreous body: 1532 m/s

Doppler phenomenon

„The pitch of a train whistle seems to get higher as it approaches, then seems to lower as the train whistle moves away.” (C. Doppler, 1842)



Teextbook Fig. VIII.39

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f' : **observed frequency**, f : original frequency

- (a) standing source and moving observer (v_o)
 +: observer approaches the source
 -: observer moves away from the source

$$f' = f \left(1 \pm \frac{v_o}{c} \right)$$

- (b) moving source and standing observer
 (if $v_s \ll c$, then „same” as (a))

$$f' = \frac{f}{1 \mp \frac{v_s}{c}}$$

- (c) moving source and moving observer

$$f' = f \frac{1 \pm \frac{v_o}{c}}{1 \mp \frac{v_s}{c}}$$

- (d) moving reflecting object (surface),
 (if $v_R \ll c$)

$$f' = f \left(1 \pm \frac{2v_R}{c} \right)$$

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Doppler frequency = frequency change = frequency shift

if $v_i, v_R \ll c$ (i= S or O)

rearranging equation (a)
moving source or observer:

$$\Delta f = f_D = \pm \frac{v_i}{c} f$$

rearranging equation (d)
**moving reflecting object
 or surface:**

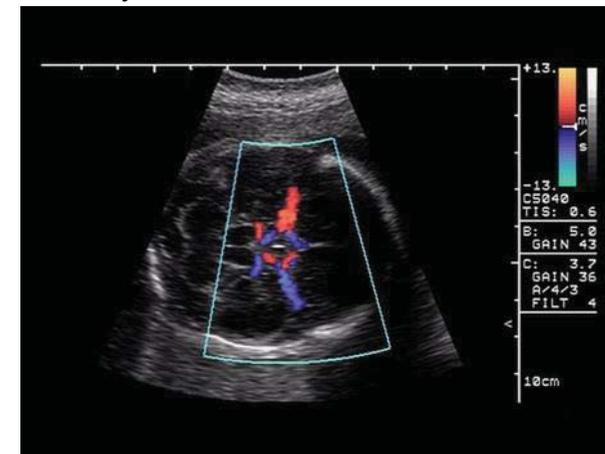
$$\Delta f = f_D = \pm 2 \frac{v_R}{c} f$$

if v and c are not parallel, then $v \cos \theta$ should be used instead of v (remark: if $\theta = 90^\circ$, $f_D = 0$)

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Colour coding

towards the transducer: warm colours
 away from the transducer: cold colours



BART: Blue Away Red Towards

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Safety

in the diagnostics:

$$10 \text{ mW/cm}^2 = 100 \text{ W/m}^2$$

cf. pain threshold: 10 W/m^2

in the therapy: 1 W/cm^2

