

Waves and Music

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Waves properties and music: A wave is a disturbance that keeps moving up and down, or left and right in a systematic way just like when we drop a stone in water. We use Python programming to study wave properties like wavelength (λ), frequency (ν), amplitude (A), velocity (V) and attenuation factor (f) and check how these wave properties control musical sounds on a flute or a piano. **Changing A**

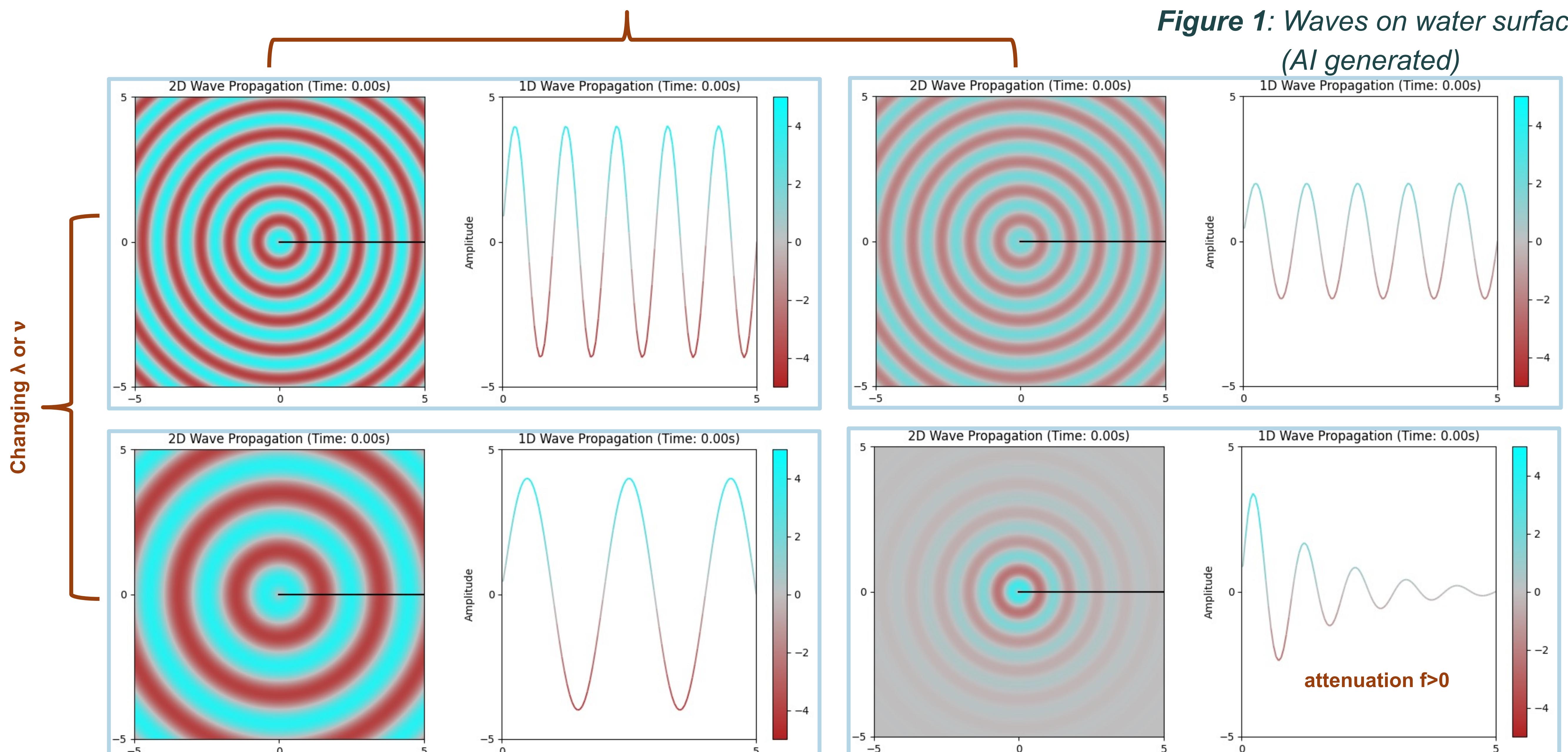


Figure 2: Changing wave properties – λ/ν , A , and f while keeping V fixed.

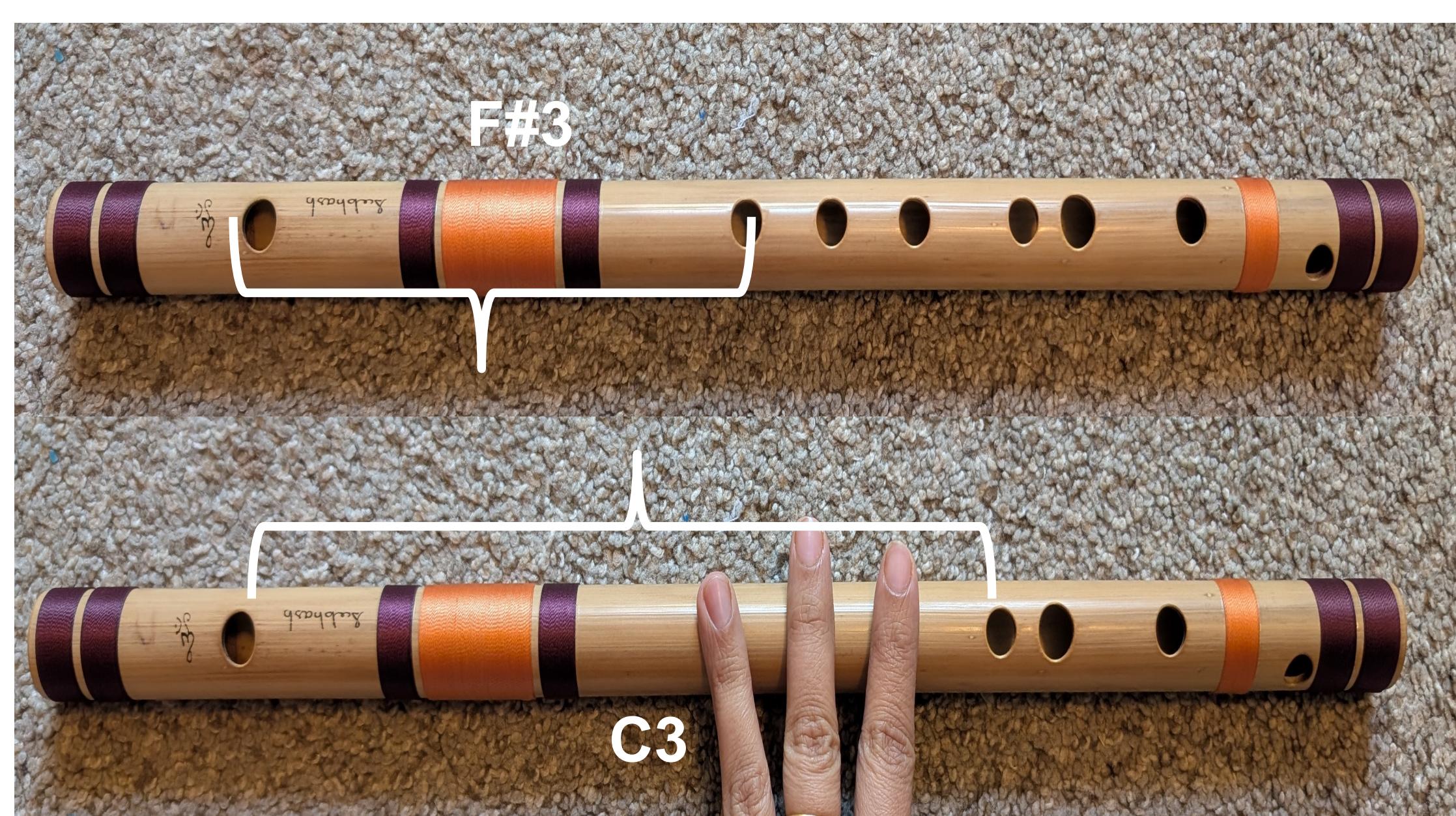


Figure 3: Wave property λ decreases and ν increases as we move from the note C3 to a higher note F#3 on a flute/piano. A controls volume, V doesn't change for sound in air, f is higher for piano than harmonium.

Methods: We used Python libraries and Google Gemini AI to create functions to plot waves and play Indian Carnatic music songs based on musical notes.

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def create2D1DWaves( wavePropertiesAsParameters )
...
return
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```
def playMusicFromNotes( musicalNotesAsParameters )
...
return
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Scientific Method: (order not strictly followed)

Question? Wave properties and musical sounds

Experiment and Data Collection? Modeling with python

Hypothesis? Changing wave properties (λ , ν , f and A) change musical sounds

Testing? Flute, piano, python

Conclusion? ν/λ change musical notes, A changes volume, f is higher for piano and lower for harmonium.

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