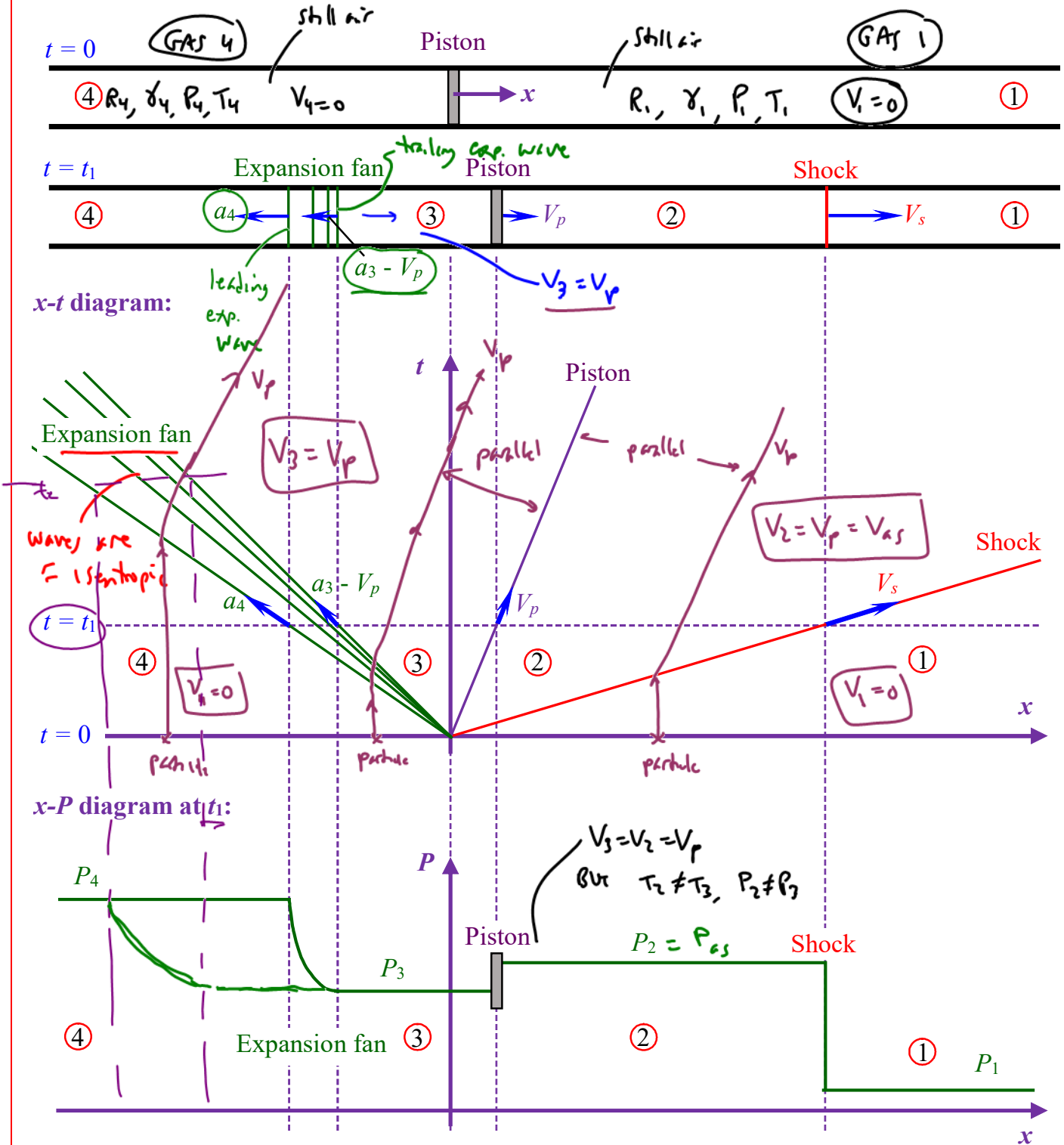


Today, we will:

- Finish discussing piston-driven expansion fans in long tubes;  $x-t$  and  $x-P$  diagrams
- Discuss shock tubes – qualitatively first, then quantitatively

Review: Carefully sketched  $x-t$  and  $x-P$  diagrams for piston-driven flow in long tubes



Comment: expansion waves move @ local speed of sound relative to the moving gas

•  $T_4 > T_3$  —  $a_4 > a_3$       $a_4 = \sqrt{\gamma R_4 T_4}$

Leading (front) wave is fastest  
Trailing (back) wave is slowest } ∴ exp. fan (spreads) out & expands with time

• Expansion fan is isentropic (sound waves)  
NO DISCONTINUITIES  
NO IRREVERSIBILITIES

•  $V_2 \text{ must} = V_3 \text{ must} = V_p$

• BUT  $P_2$  not necessarily =  $P_3$

CAN HAVE :

$P_2 < P_3$

$P_2 = P_3$

$P_2 > P_3$

• How TO CALC.  $P_3$ ? (across exp. fan)

Let  $c = \text{wave speed} = a$  — local speed of the gas

Here,

$$c_4 = a_4 \quad \text{since } V_4 = 0$$

$$c_3 = a_3 - V_3 = \underline{\underline{a_3 - V_p}}$$

$V_p$  can be subsonic or supersonic

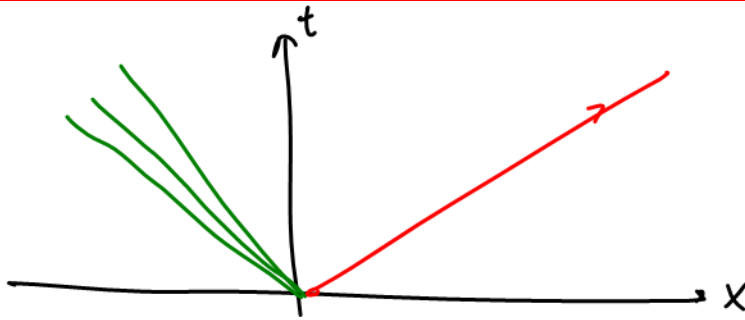
On  $x-t$  diagrams

@ same  $t = t_1$ ,

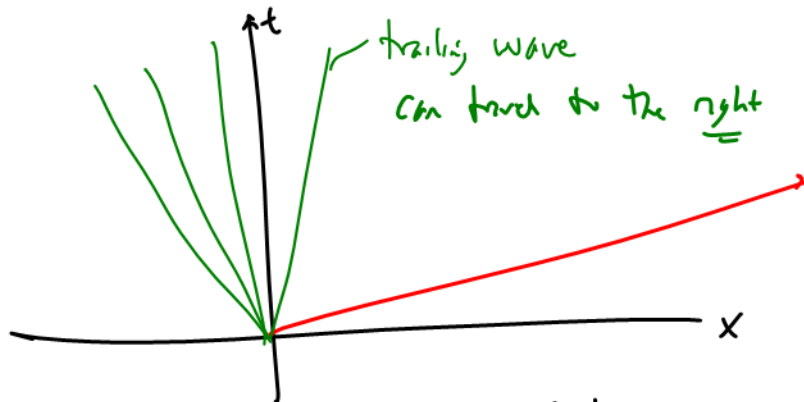
$$x_4 = -c_4 t$$

$$x_3 = -c_3 t$$

SUBSONIC PISTON



SUPERSONIC PISTON



\* ISENTROPIC WAVE THEORY →  $C = a_{ref} \pm \frac{\gamma+1}{2} V$  (ideal gas)

For exp. fin, wave moves to left (leading wave)

$C_4 = a_4 \pm \frac{\gamma+1}{2} V_4$  →  $C_4 = a_4$  to left

$C_3 = a_4 - \frac{\gamma+1}{2} V_3$

$C_3 = a_3 - V_3$

It turns out

$\frac{a_3}{a_4} = 1 - \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \frac{V_3}{a_4}$  \*

Then — use isentropic relations

$\frac{P}{P_0} = \left(\frac{T}{T_0}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}} = \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$

At (4)  $V_4=0 \rightarrow \underline{a_4=a_0} \quad \therefore \underline{P_4=P_0}$  @ region (4)

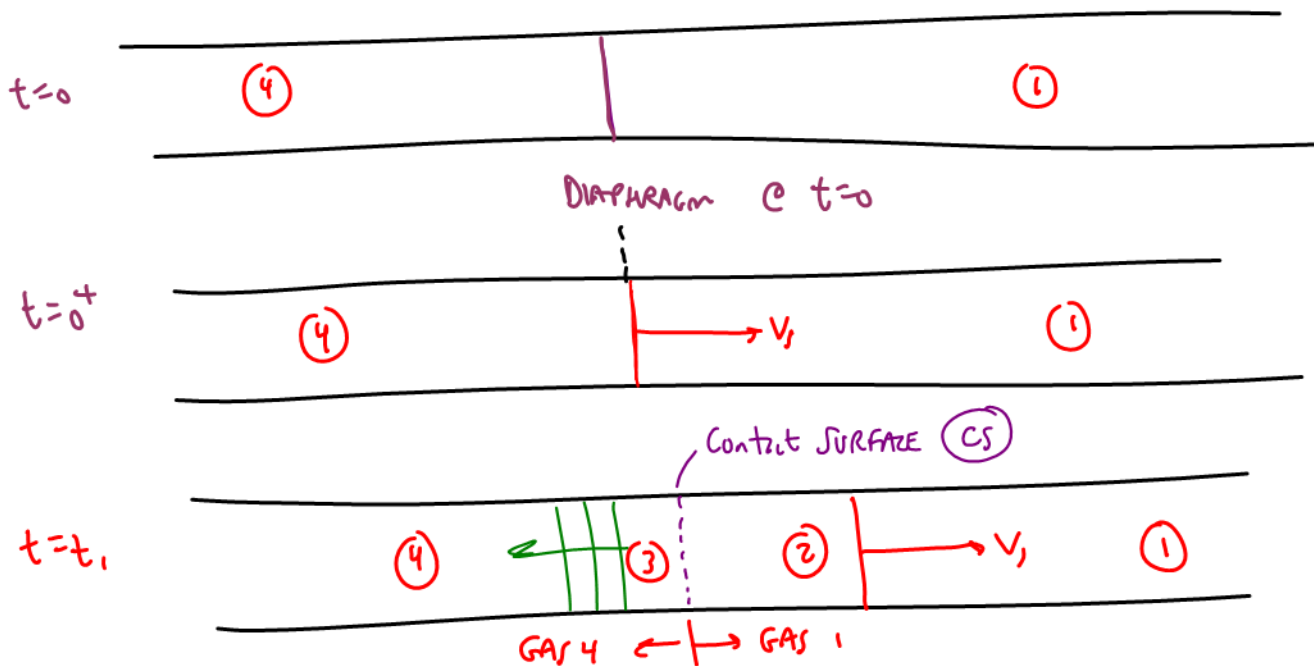
$$\frac{P_3}{P_4} = \left( \frac{a_3}{a_4} \right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

$\gamma = \gamma_4$  here

$$\frac{P_3}{P_4} = \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma-1}{2} \frac{V_3}{a_4} \right)^{\frac{2\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$$

Pressure ratio  
across an expansion fan

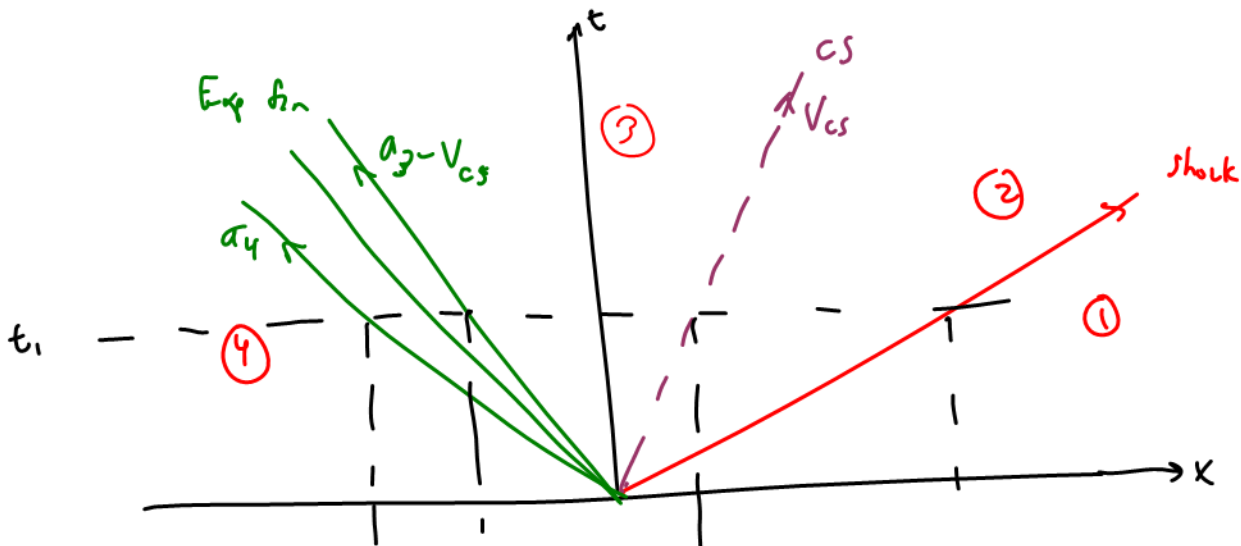
SHOCK TUBES → REPLACE PISTON BY A DIAPHRAGM THAT INSTANTANEOUSLY BURSTS (DISAPPEARS) AT  $t=0^+$



CONTACT SURFACE IS LIKE OUR PISTON → SEPARATES GAS (1) FROM GAS (4)

OUR ANALYSIS IS IDENTICAL TO THE PISTON CASE

$V_{CS}$  replaces  $V_p$



KEY DIFFERENCE HERE:

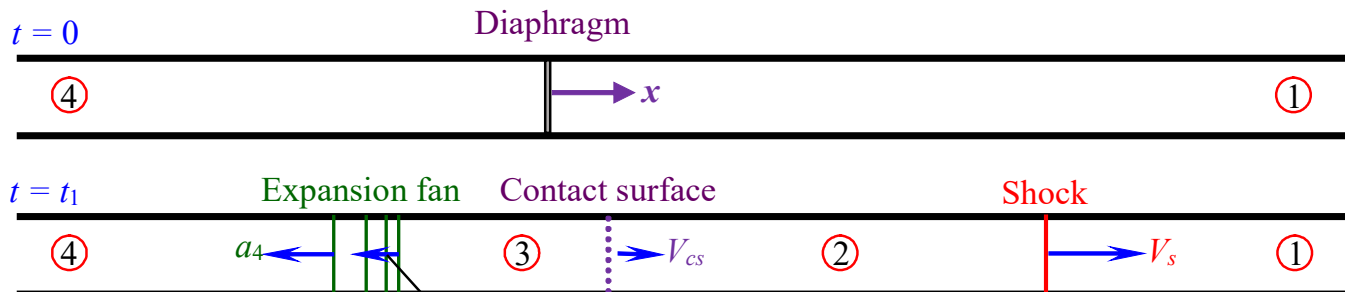


For piston case,  $P_2$  not necessarily =  $P_3$   
 For shock tube,  $P_2$  must =  $P_3$

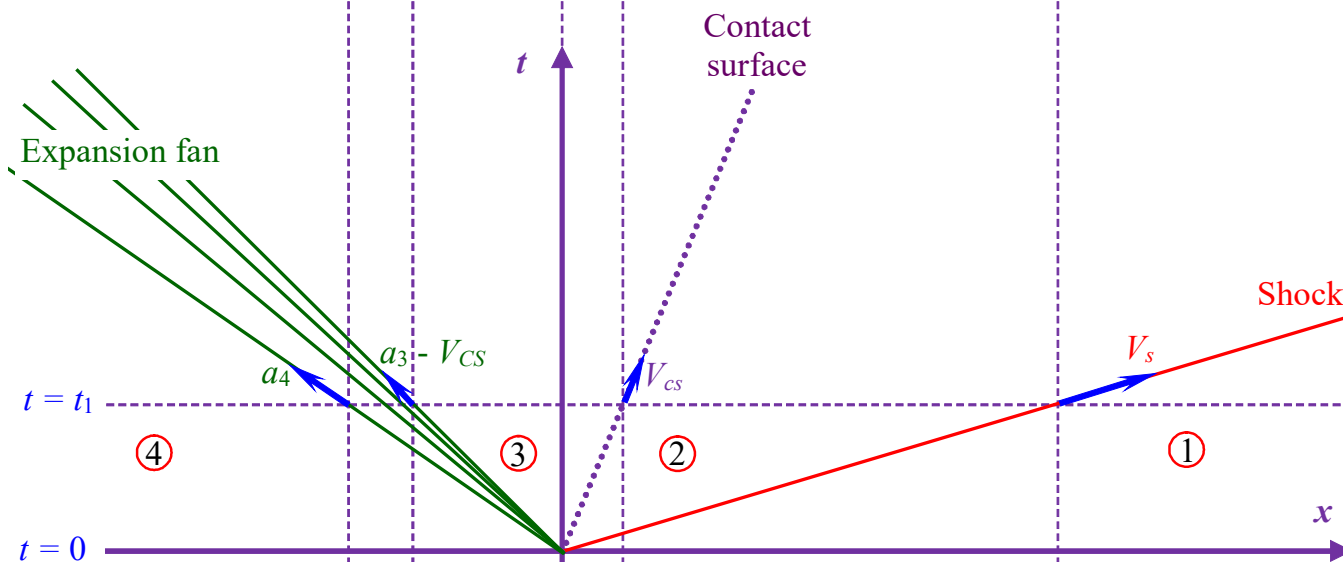
ON NEXT PAGE IS A COMPUTER-DRAWN PLOT OF THE ABOVE



# Shock tube $x-t$ and $x-P$ diagrams:



$x-t$  diagram:



$x-P$  diagram at  $t_1$ :

