



Disney's A Wrinkle In Time + Fatherly present

The Dancing Oobleck

Our Universe is built of frequencies, forces, and energy that is all invisible to us - until we learn how to look. This is the beauty of physics and the idea that drives Disney's A Wrinkle in Time, the film that follows a fiercely curious girl as she seeks out her missing father, revealing the secrets of the Universe in the process. Inspired by the film, Fatherly + A Wrinkle in Time offer up a wild experiment you can do at home — to learn about frequency, non-Newtonian liquids, and how much fun physics can be.

What You Need

- Corn starch
- A mixing bowl
- Water
- Food dye
- A cookie sheet or plastic wrap
- A connected subwoofer





Science Lessons



Vibrations and Sound

The patterns in this experiment come from the waves. All sounds contain invisible shapes, or wavelengths, and when these bump into each other, wild patterns emerge.

Mind-Blowing Challenge: What else in our world is invisible that we use something else to make visible?

Non-Newtonian Liquids

When you add corn starch to water, it creates a substance that is not quite a solid and not quite a liquid. Scientists call this in between state "non-Newtonian."

Mind-Blowing Challenge: Name three other objects that aren't only liquid, only solid, or only gas.





- 1. Lay your subwoofer flat on the ground.
- 2. Place a cookie sheet or plastic wrap over it.
- 3. In a mixing bowl, mix one part water to ~2 parts corn starch (until it both jiggles and runs).

4. Pour enough to fill the cookie sheet or plastic wrap-protected speaker.

5. Search YouTube for "40 Hz Frequency bass test", play the sound, and watch the puddle dance. Now try another frequency (we have found 40- to 60-Hz works best).

6. Add drops of food dye to create swirling patterns.

7. Experiment with more water or more corn starch to change the viscosity of the liquid; play with the frequency; or add different dyes to make swirls and patterns.