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# **Turbomachinery Aeroacoustics**

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# AEROACOUSTICS ?



Cooling fans and turbo-chargers on cars and trucks



Gasturbines for aircrafts and powerplants



Ventilation fans for vehicles and buildings



Wind instruments – flutes, organs, ...

Started around 1950's related to noise issues with the then new jet powered civil aircrafts...



$$\frac{1}{c_0^2} \frac{\partial^2 p'}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 p' = s$$

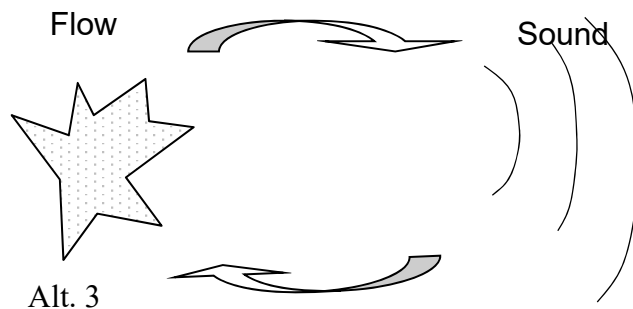
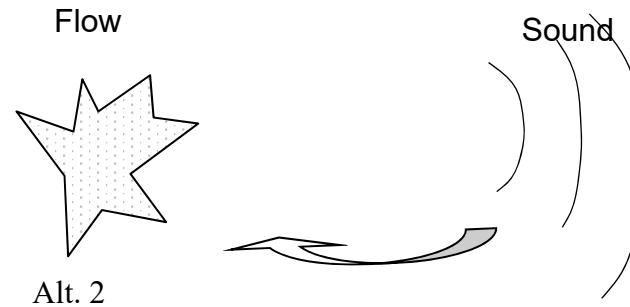
Lighthills acoustic analogy



**Sir Michael JAMES Lighthill FRS**

(1924-1998)

# Limitations in Lighthill's theory



## Lighthill or linear Aero-Acoustics is OK

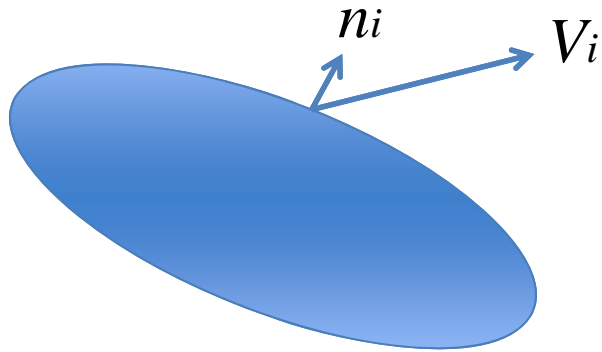
**Alt. 1:** Sound production by a flow.

**Alt. 2:** Sound-vortex interaction  
(dissipation/ amplification).

**Alt. 3:** Whistling (Non-linear Aero-Acoustics)

# SOUND FROM MOVING SOURCES – FWH Equation

Ffowcs-Williams Hawkins equation is a reformulation of Lighthills acoustic analogy for moving bodies..



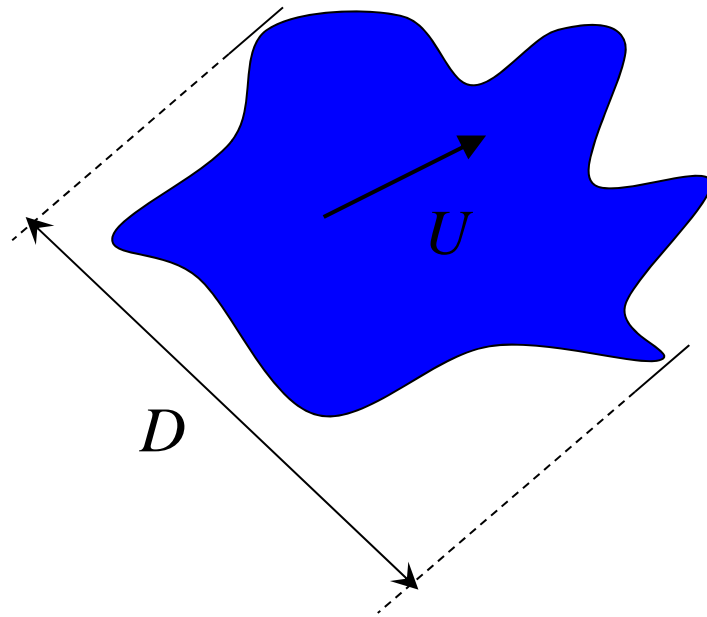
The motion (body surface) is described by a function  $f(\mathbf{x},t)=0$  and it is further assumed that  $f < 0$  inside the body and  $f > 0$  outside.

	Volume displacement ~ <b>Monopoles</b>	Fluctuating pressures ~ <b>Dipoles</b>	Unsteady Reynolds stresses or transport of momentum ~ <b>Quadrupoles</b>
$\left(\frac{1}{c_0^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2\right) (p'H)$	$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho_0 V_i n_i  \nabla f  \delta(f))$	$- \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (p' n_i  \nabla f  \delta(f))$	$+ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} (\rho u_i u_j H(f))$

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# AERODYNAMIC SOURCE STRENGTH – SCALING LAWS

For aerodynamically generated sound the time averaged sound power  $\bar{W}$  will scale as:



$$\bar{W} \sim \rho U^3 D^2 M^{\alpha+n},$$

where  $M$  is Mach-number,  $n$  the space dimension (1,2,3) and:

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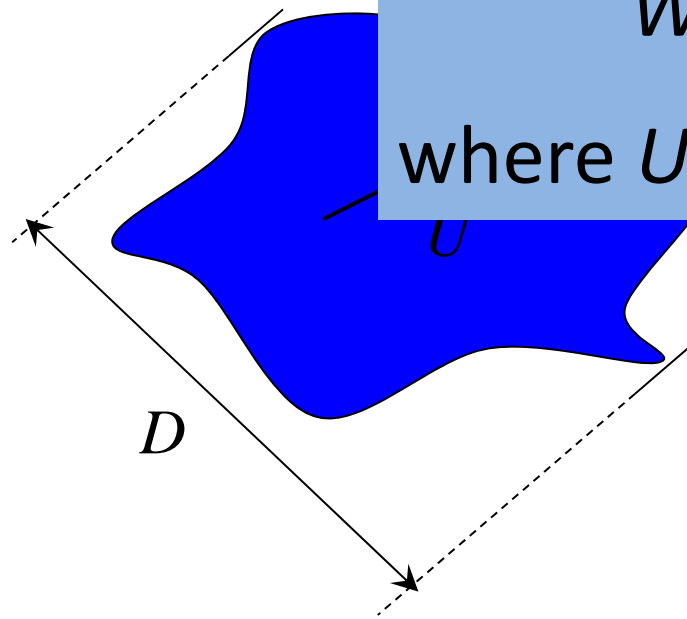
averaged

$$W \sim U^{4-6},$$

where  $U$  is the flow speed

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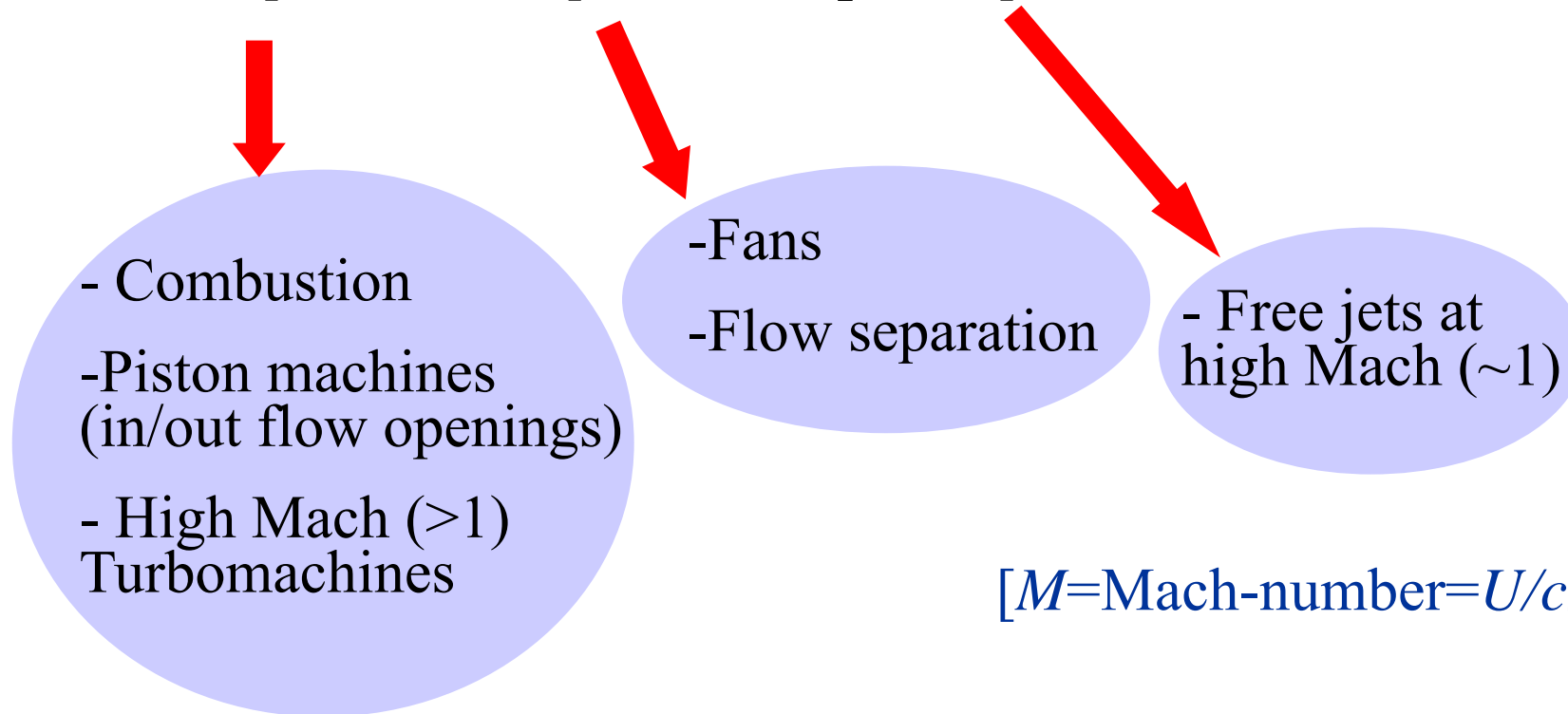
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## Relative sound power $\overline{W}$ from aeroacoustic sources

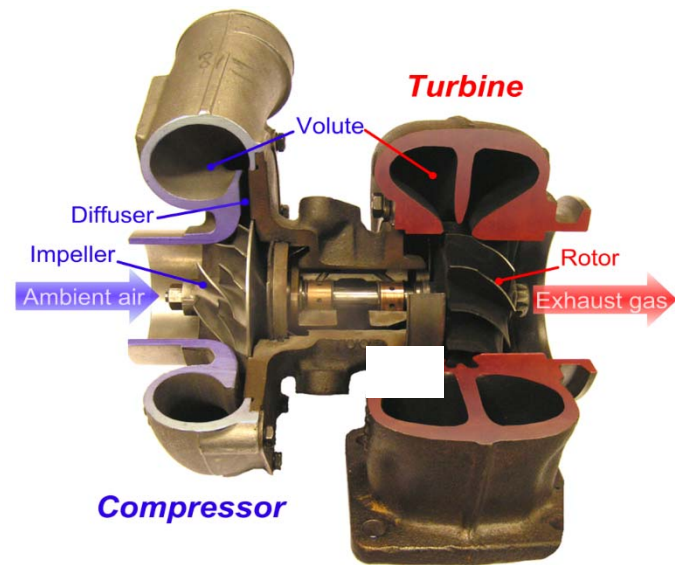
$$\overline{W}_{monopole} : \overline{W}_{dipole} : \overline{W}_{quadrupole} \propto 1 : M^2 : M^4$$



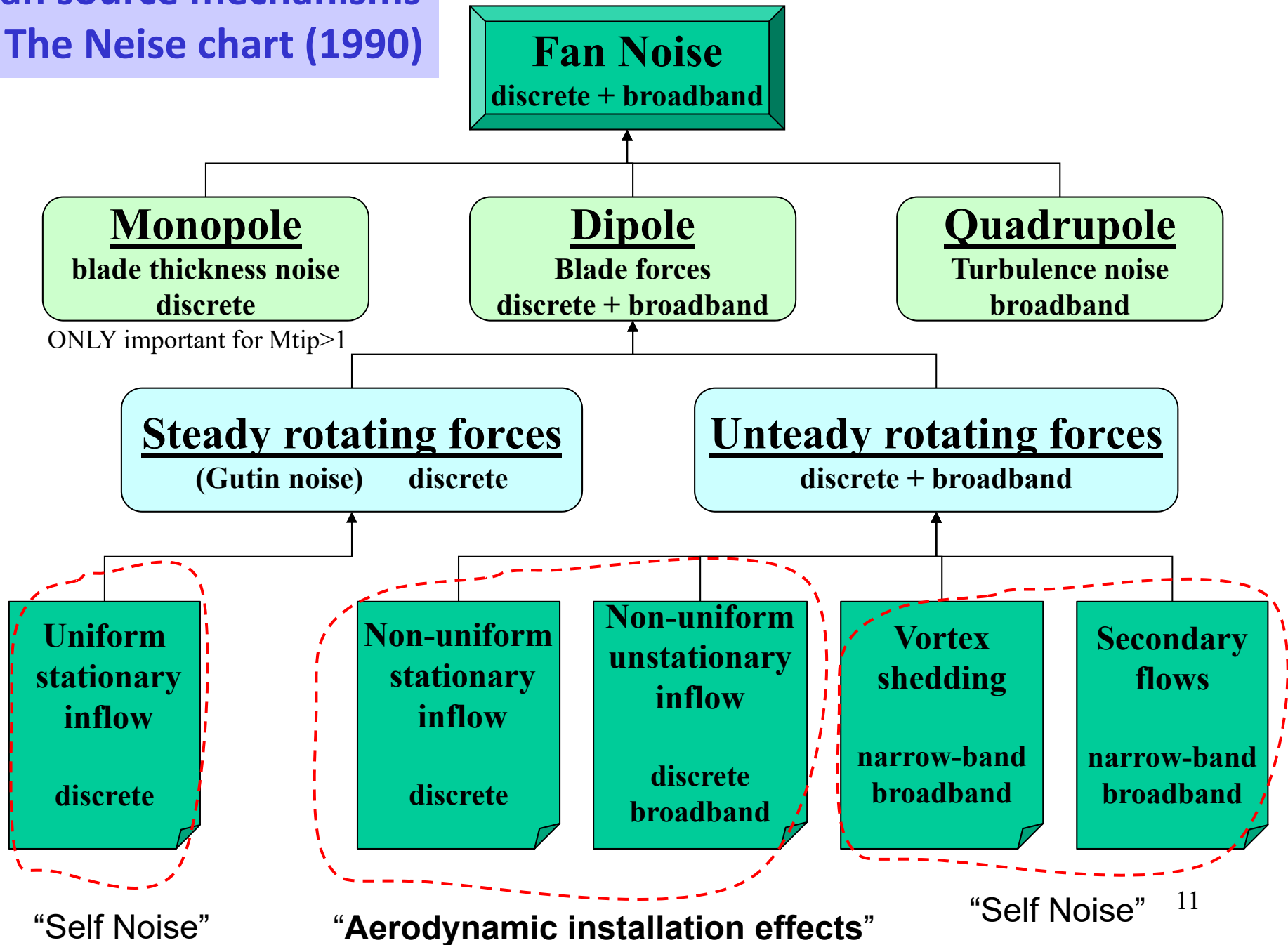
$$[M = \text{Mach-number} = U/c_0]$$

# SOUND FROM TURBOMACHINES [2-5,13]

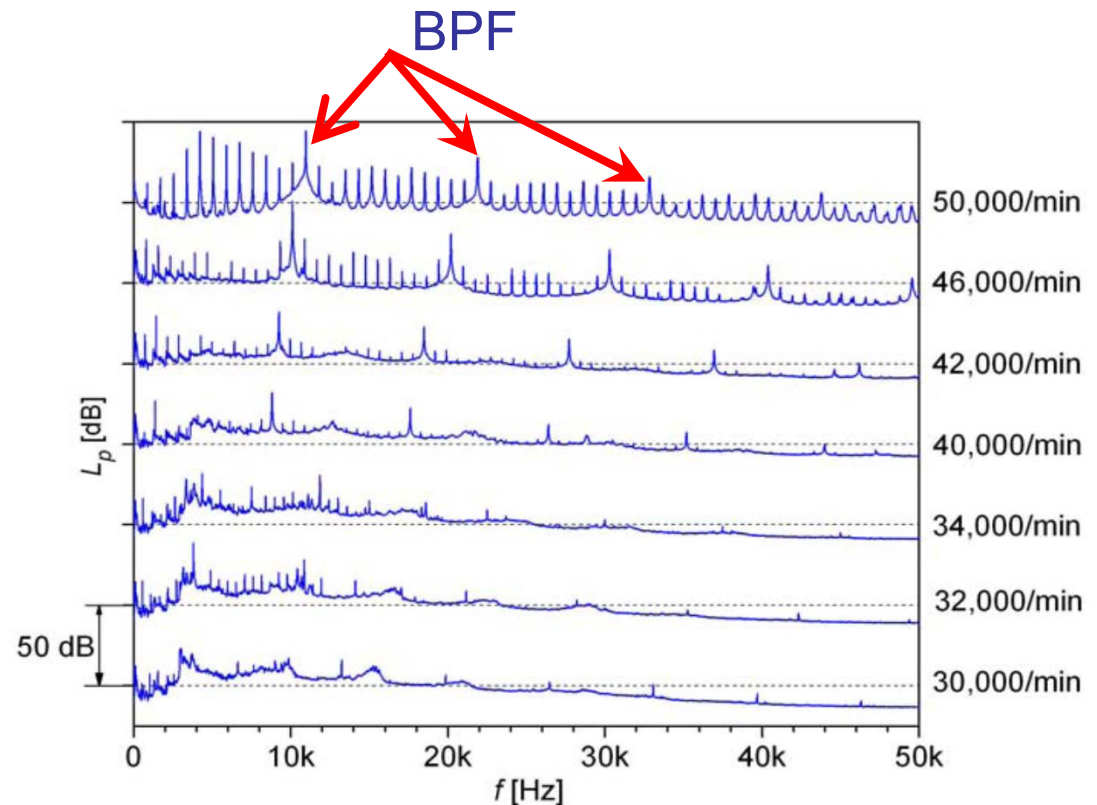
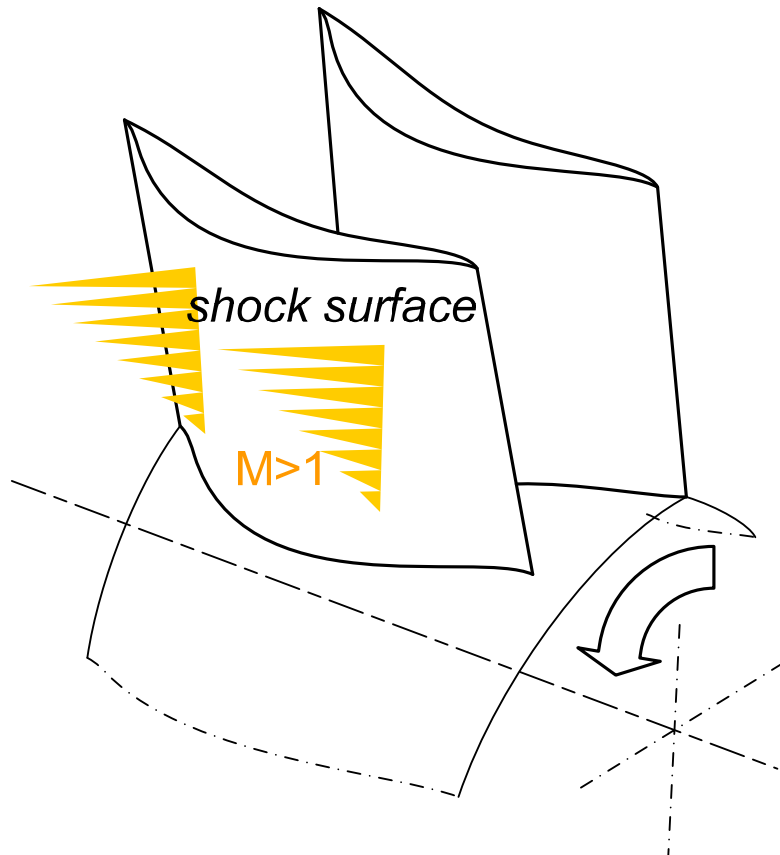
There are two basic types axial and radial. For both types the sound generation can be classified using Lighthills analogy....



Fan source mechanisms  
- The Neise chart (1990)



# Example - sound pressure compressor inlet

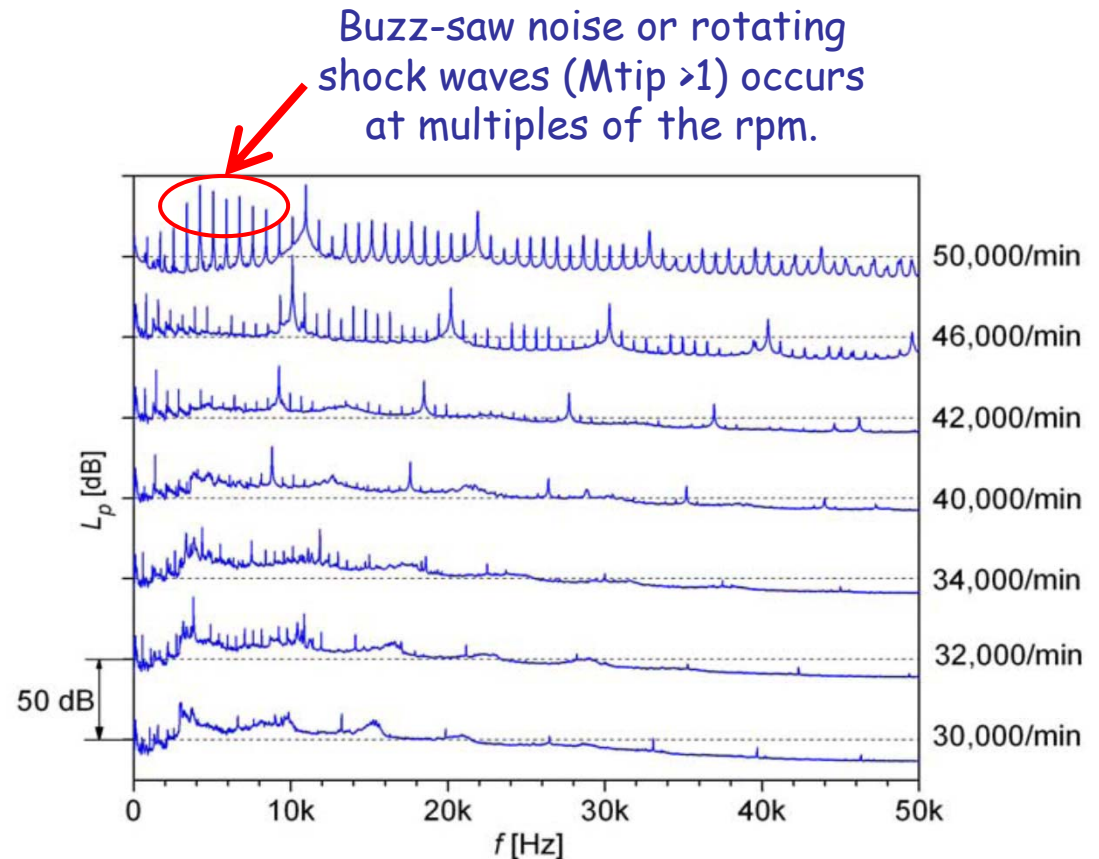
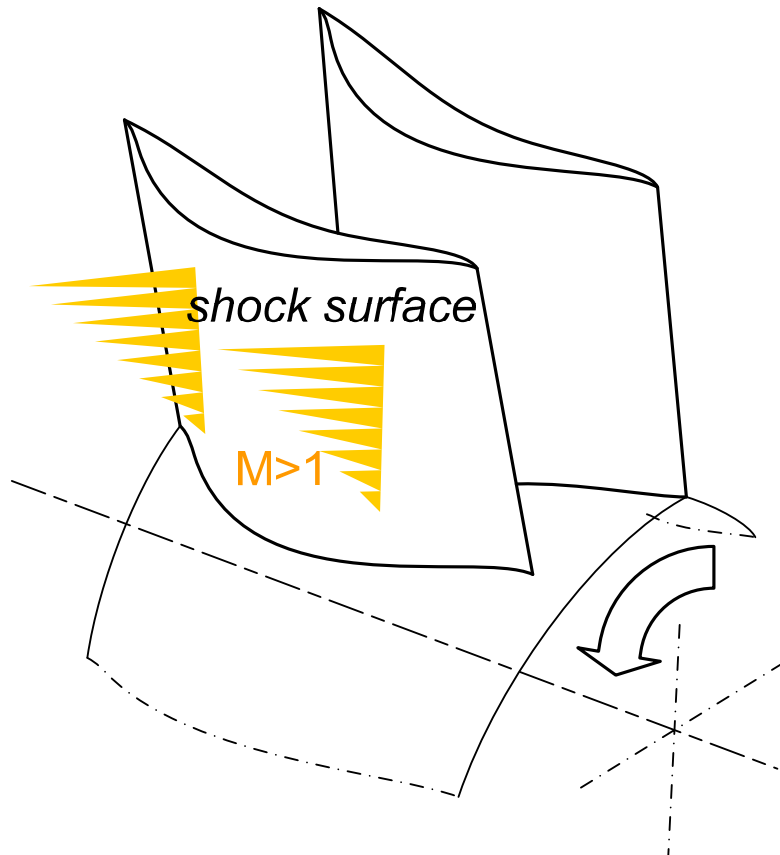


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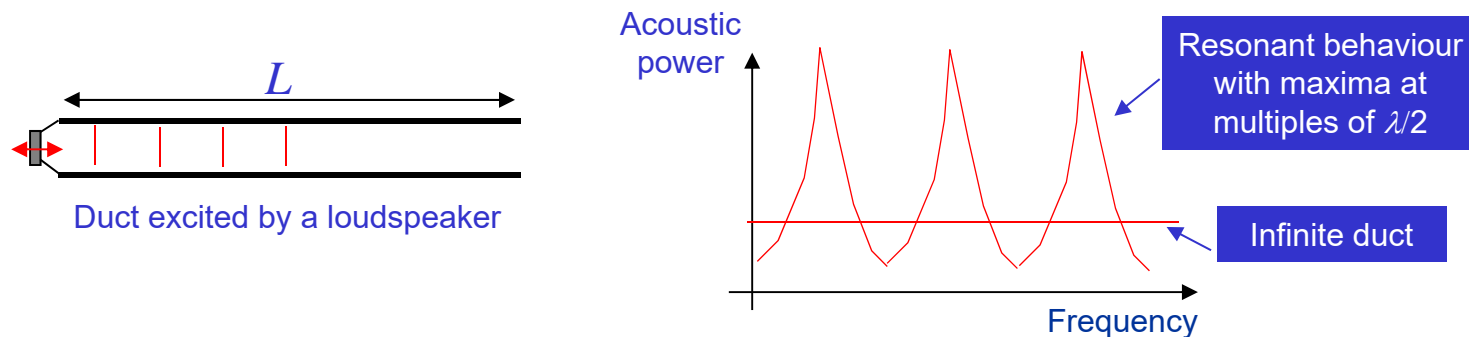
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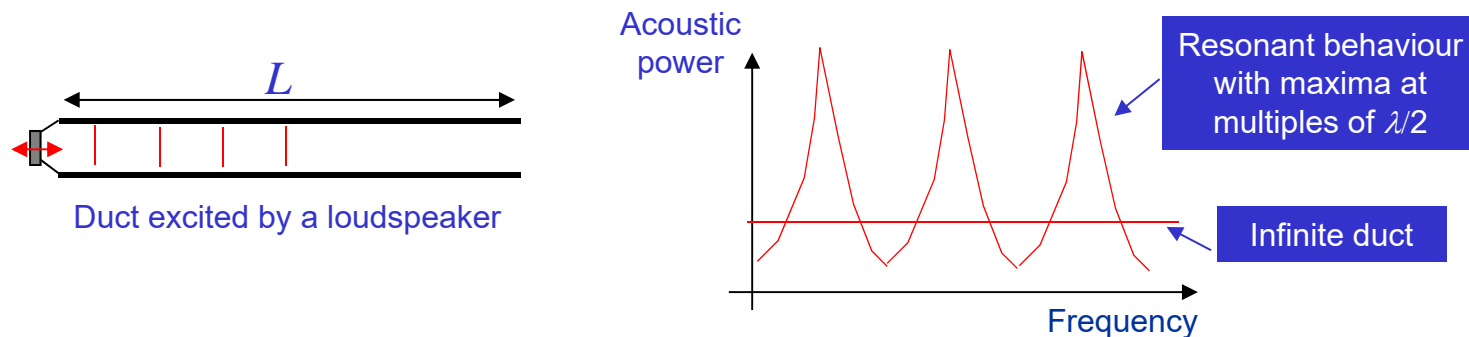


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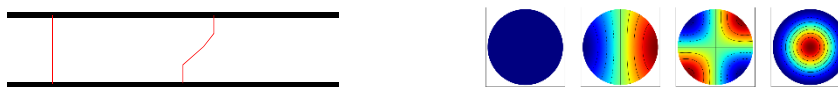
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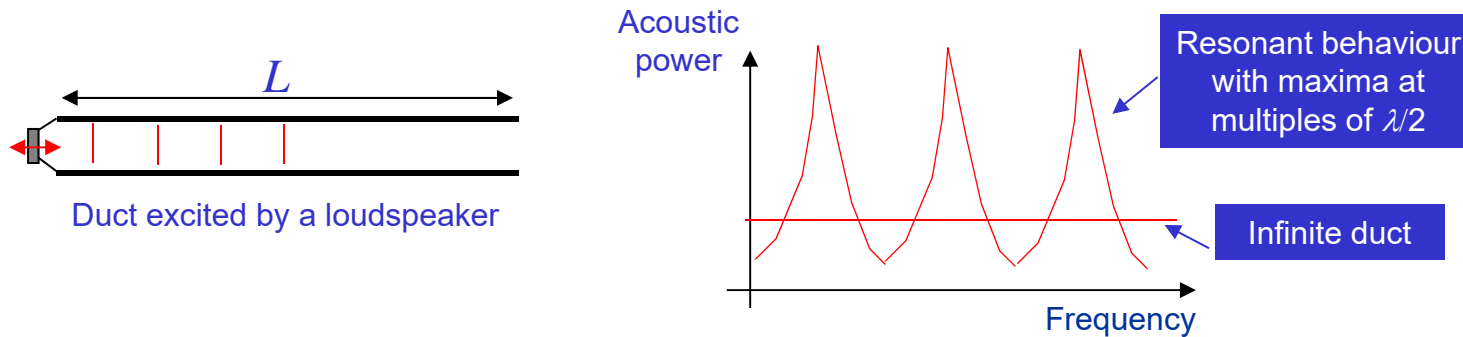
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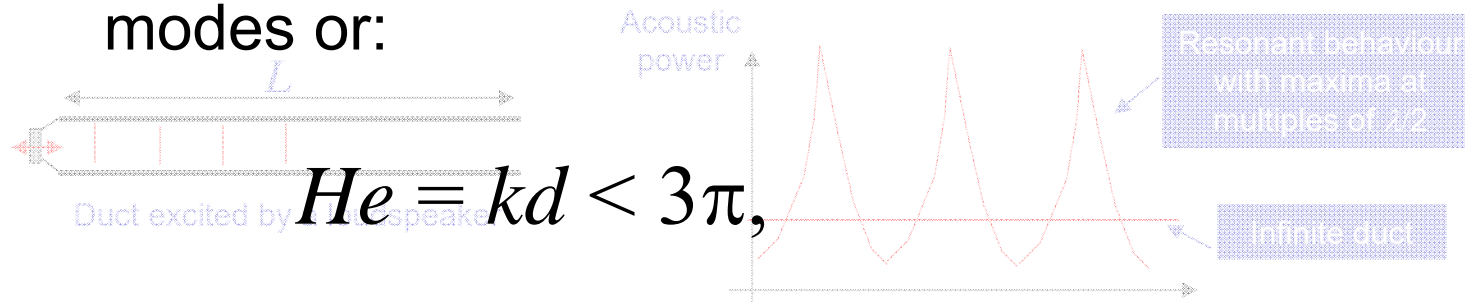
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modes or:



where  $k$  is the wave-number and  $d$  the duct diameter.

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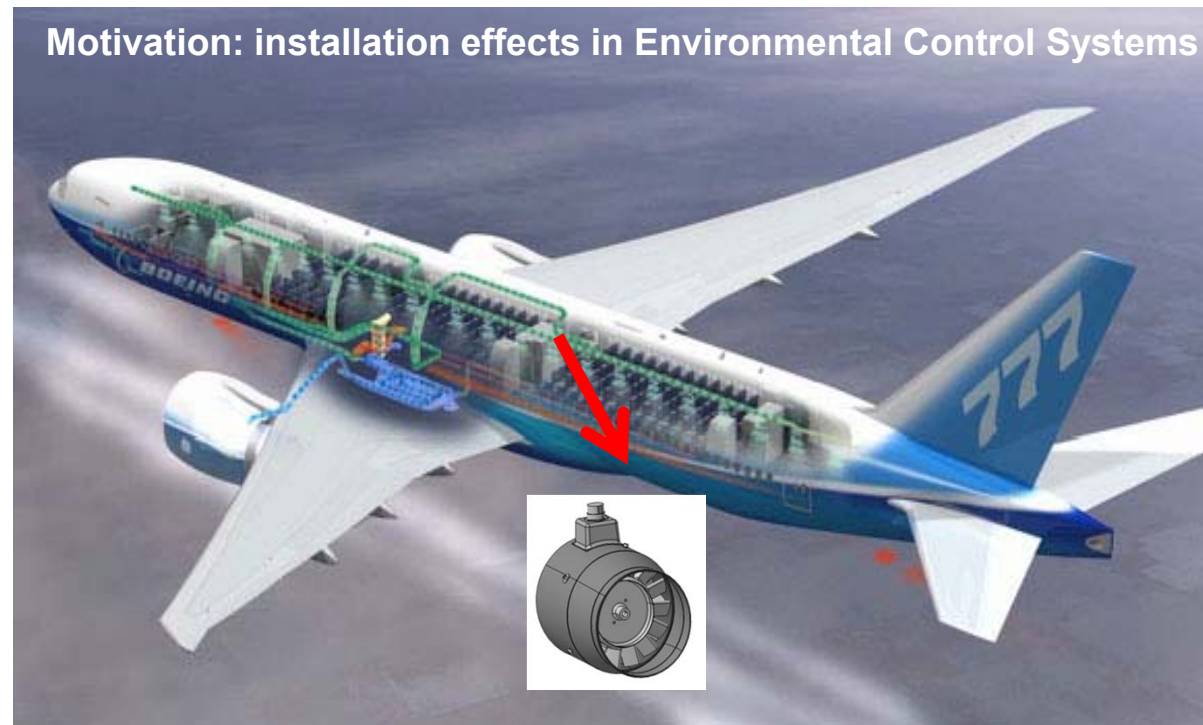
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# MULTIPOINT CHARACTERIZATION OF TURBOMACHINES [1,12-13]

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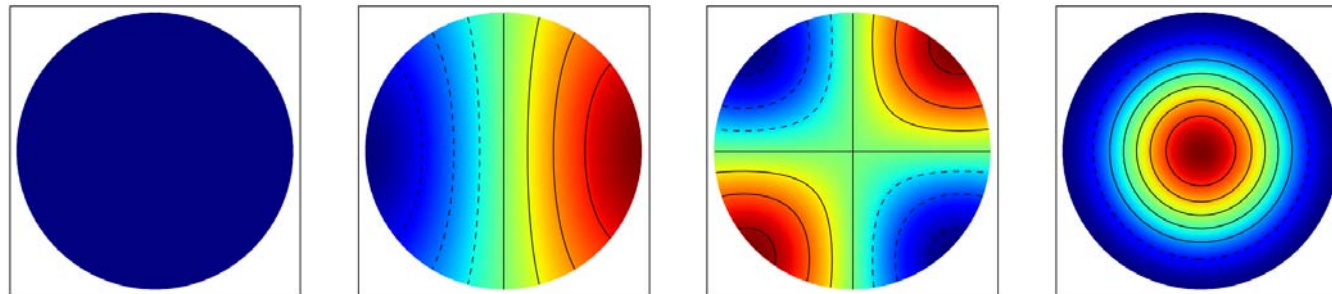


# Multi-Port approach

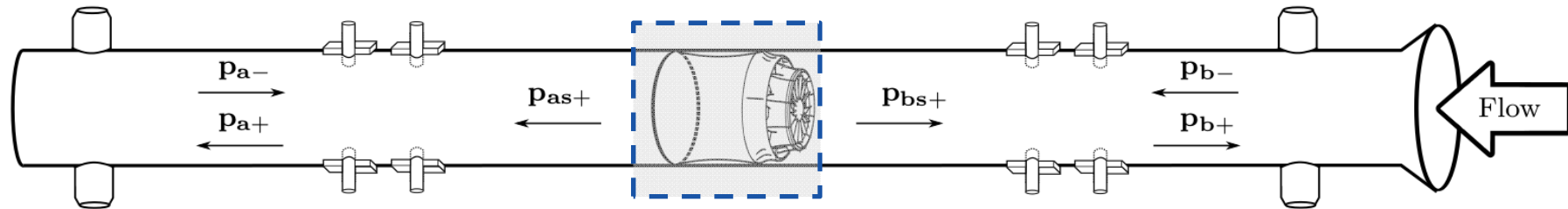
The sound field pressure ( $p$ ) inside the duct is a **superposition** of acoustic **eigen-modes**

$$p(x, y, z) = \sum_n \left( \hat{p}_{+n} \Psi_n(x, y) \exp(-ik_{+z,n}z) + \hat{p}_{-n} \Psi_n(x, y) \exp(ik_{-z,n}z) \right)$$

$\Psi_n$ :



# Multi-Port approach (Frequency domain)



We define a network (“black box”) model assuming a linear and time-invariant system relating the mode amplitudes in +/- direction

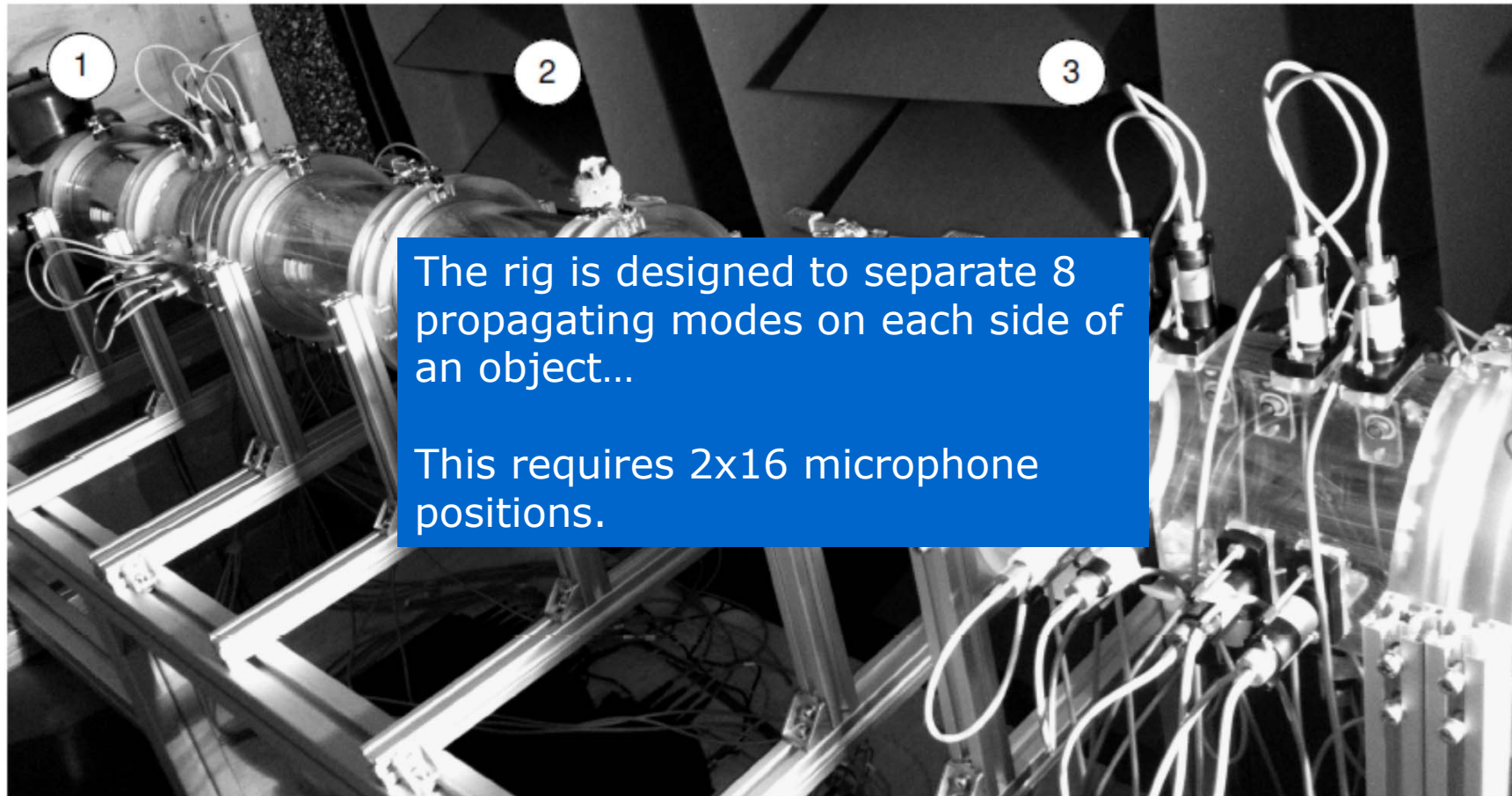
$$\mathbf{p}_+(f) = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{p}_-(f) + \mathbf{p}_+^s(f)$$

**S** Scattering Matrix (“passive part”)

**$\mathbf{p}_+^s$**  Source vector (“active part”)

**See: S. Sack, M. Abom and G. Efralmsson (2016). On Acoustic Multi-Port Characterisation Including Higher Order Modes. Acta Acustica united with Acustica vol. 102, 834-860.**

# Test rig built by VKI & KTH

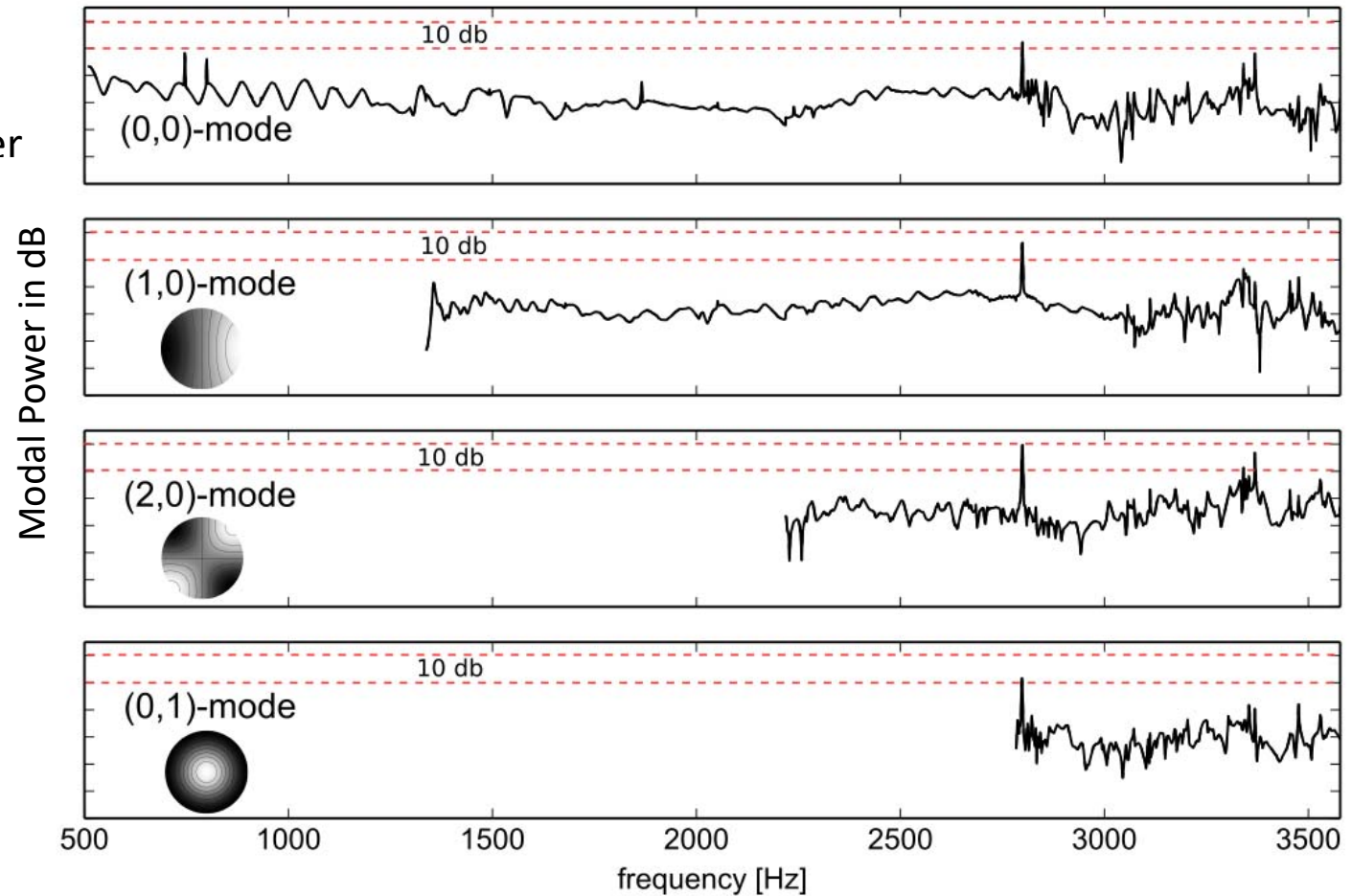
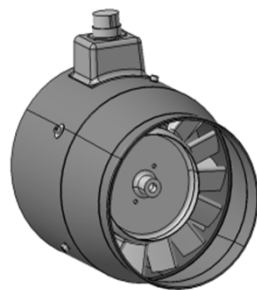




# Axial compressor spectrum



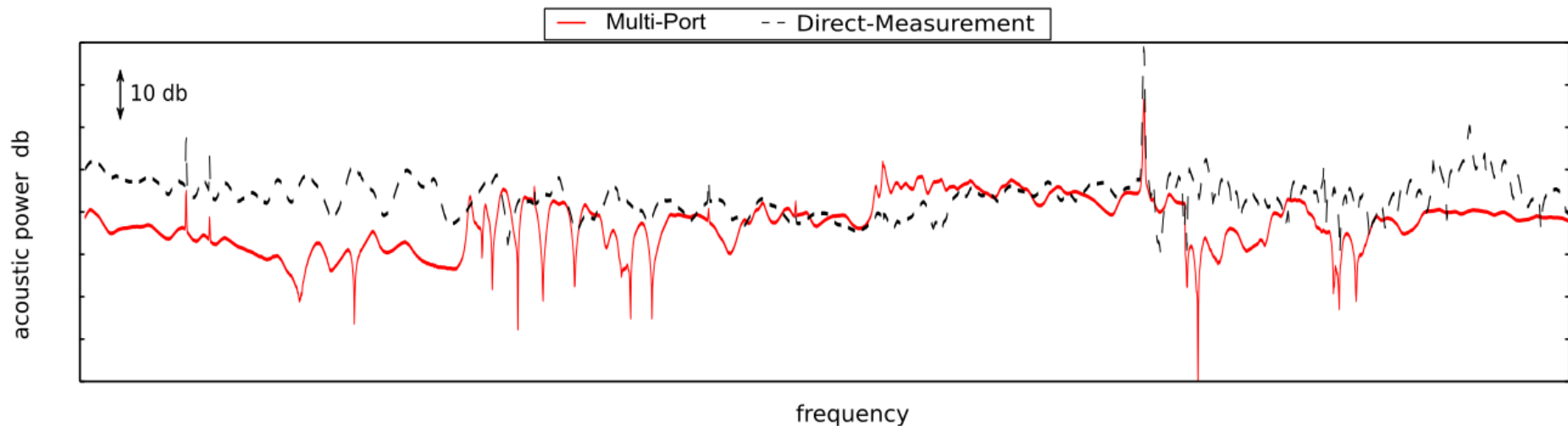
- Axial compressor with strong BPF (2700 Hz) and higher order mode content
- The (0,0) & (2,0) modes are
- particularly strong



# Advantages (Experimental/Numerical) of the Multi-Port Method



- **The effects of boundary conditions are eliminated** i.e. reflection free source data can be determined
- Projecting the pressure field on the acoustic modes will also **suppress Hydrodynamic pressure fluctuations**



*Fan measurements as part of the IdealVent project*



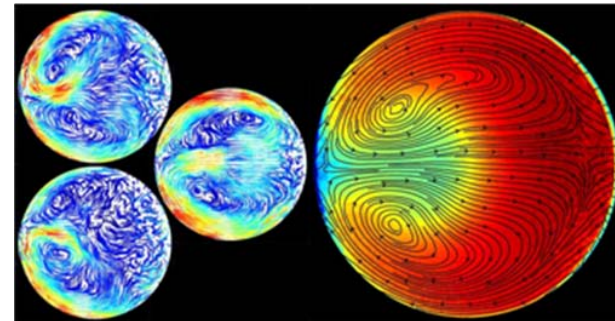




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- Combined effort between KTH, the Swedish Energy Agency and some leading OEMs.
- Main research fields are fluid mechanics and acoustics.



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# EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF SURGE [9]

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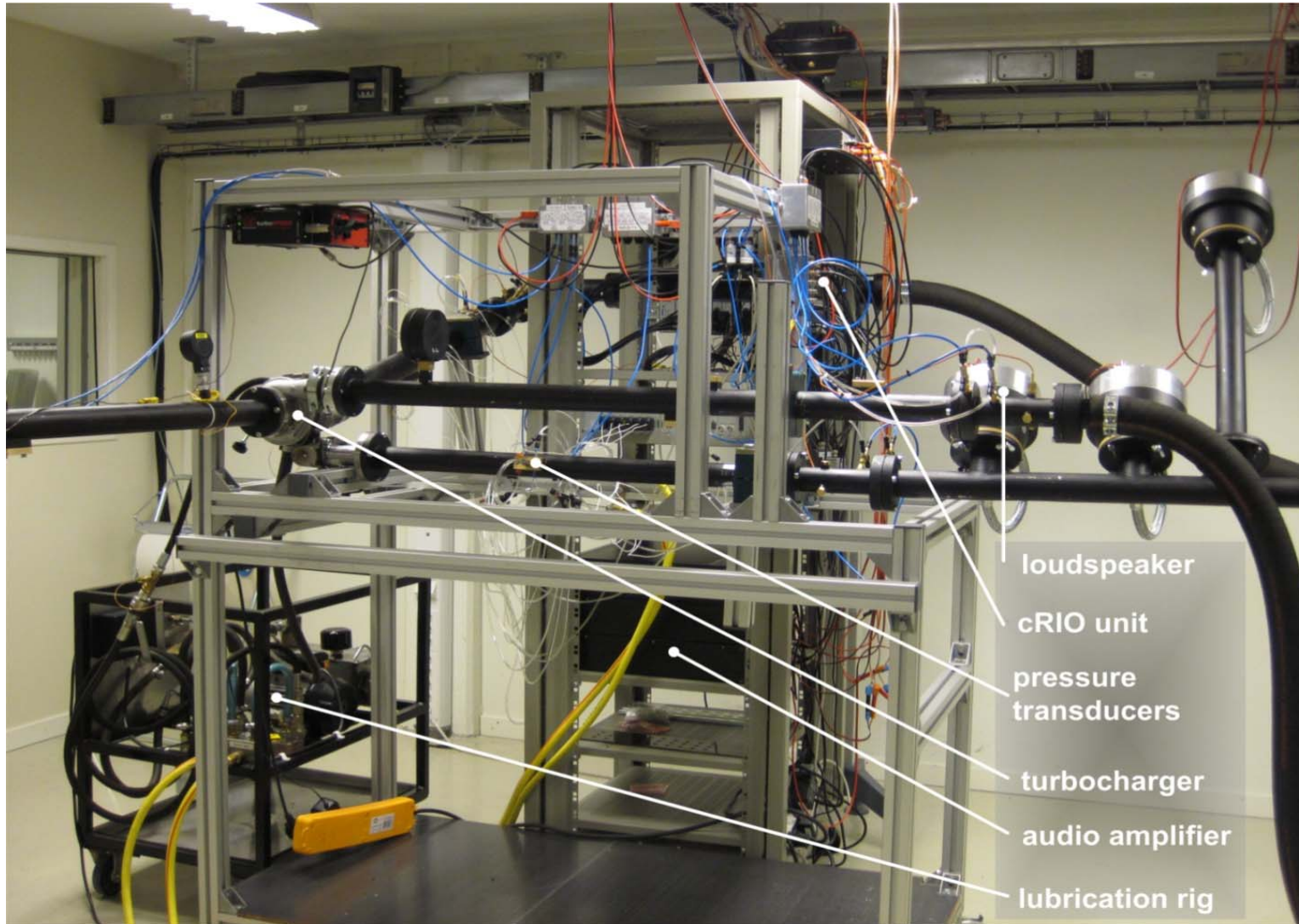
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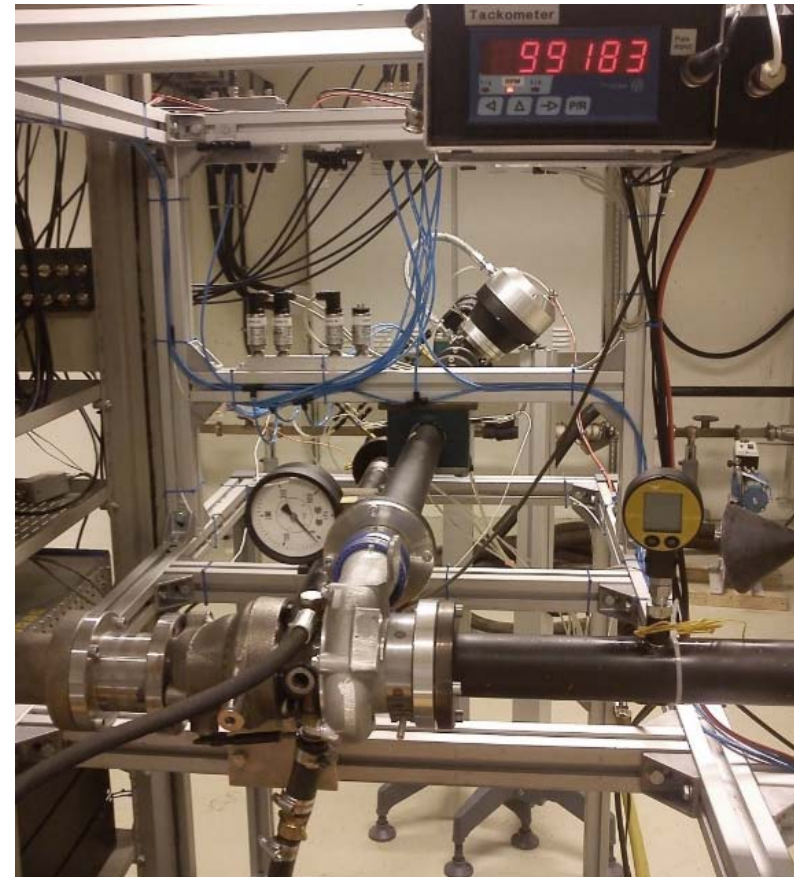
# KTH-CCGEx Acoustic Testrig [6]





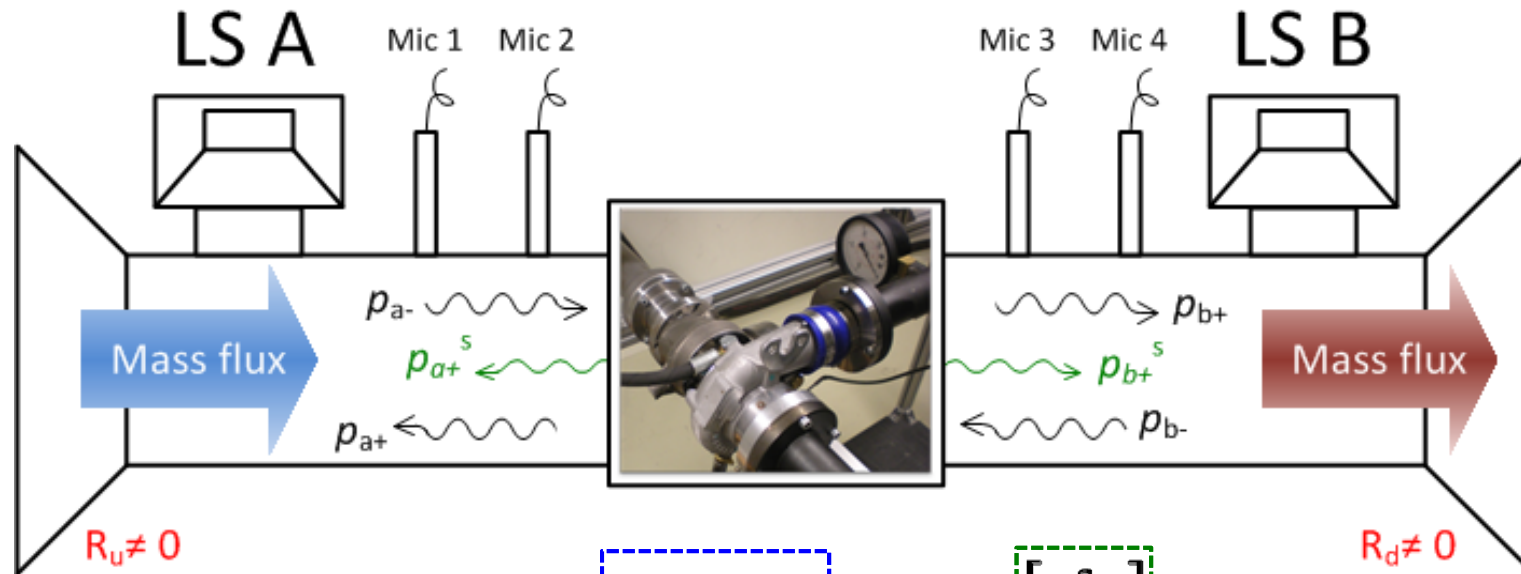
## Compressor used in experiments

- Passenger car turbo-charger Garrett GT1752 driven by the compressed air feed to the turbine.
- Inlet diam. is 44mm.
- Outlet diam. is 42mm.
- The rotor has 6 (+6 splitter) blades.
- Shaft frequency  $\sim 80 \dots 180 \text{ kRPM}$  – blade pass frequency  $8 \dots 18 \text{ kHz}$ .



$$f_c = \frac{1.814 \cdot c}{\pi d}$$

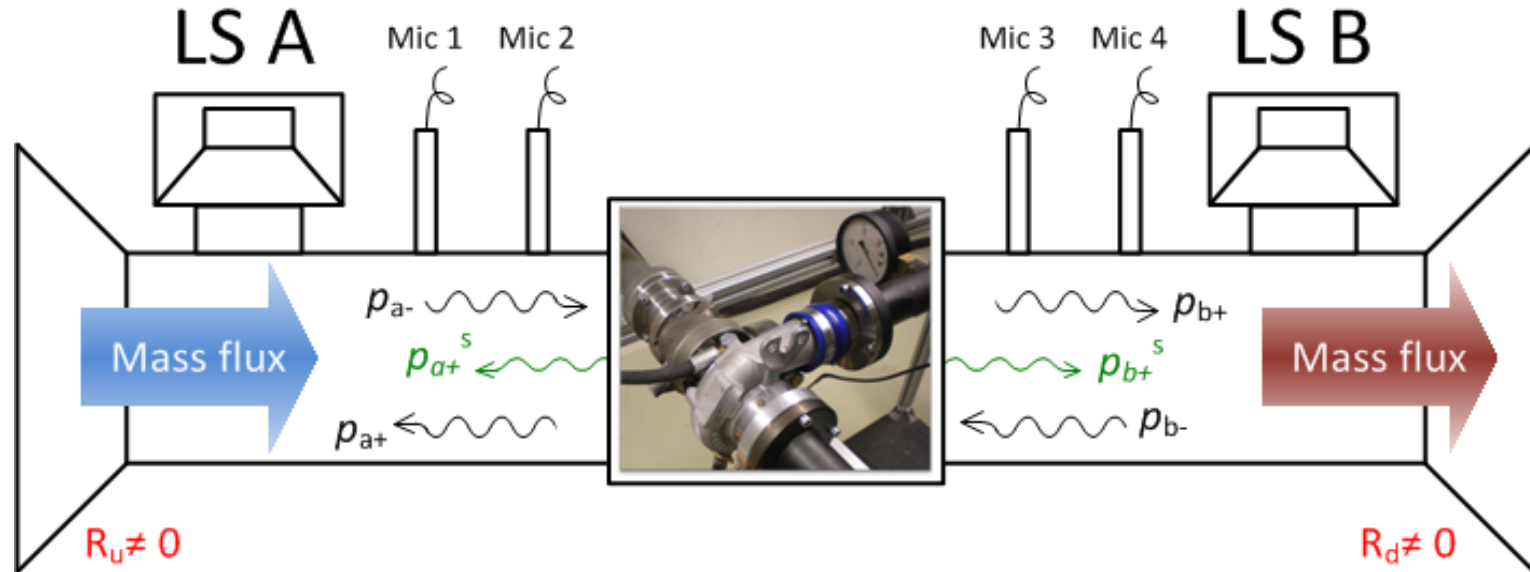
# Acoustic 2-port formulation



$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{a+} \\ p_{b+} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R_a & T_b \\ T_a & R_b \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{S-matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} p_{a-} \\ p_{b-} \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} p_{a+}^s \\ p_{b+}^s \end{bmatrix}}$$

- The acoustical performance of a flow duct element is determined by the full 2-port model which consists both the **passive** and the **active** parts.

# Reflection-free sound generation

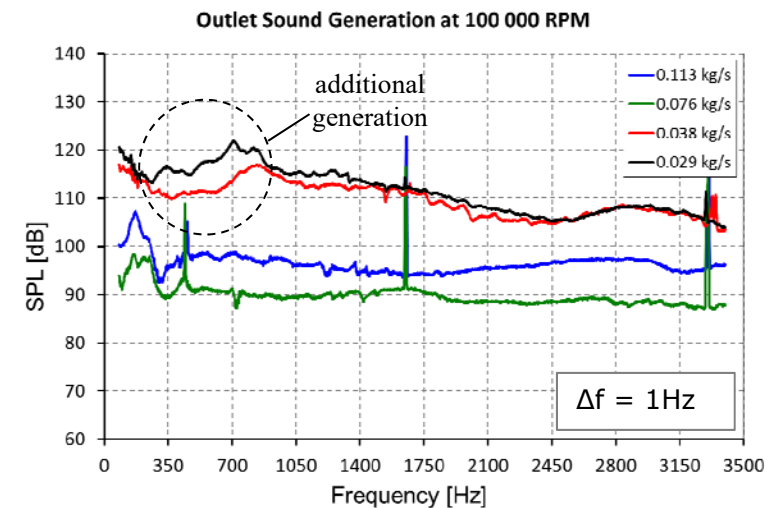
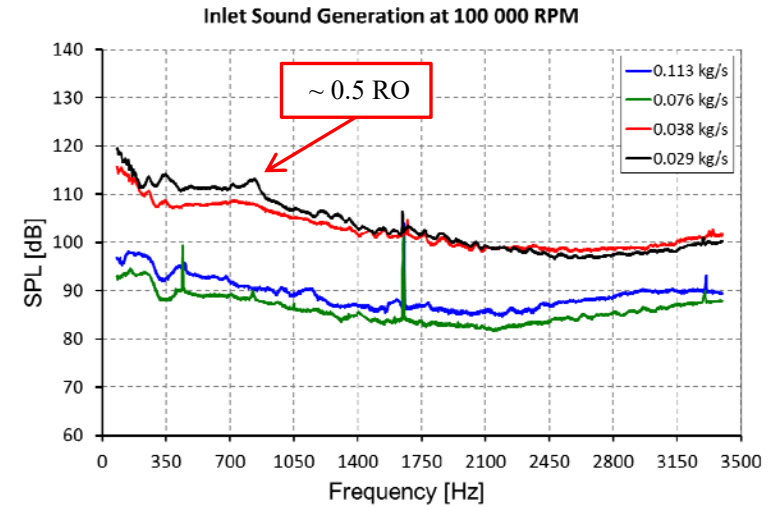
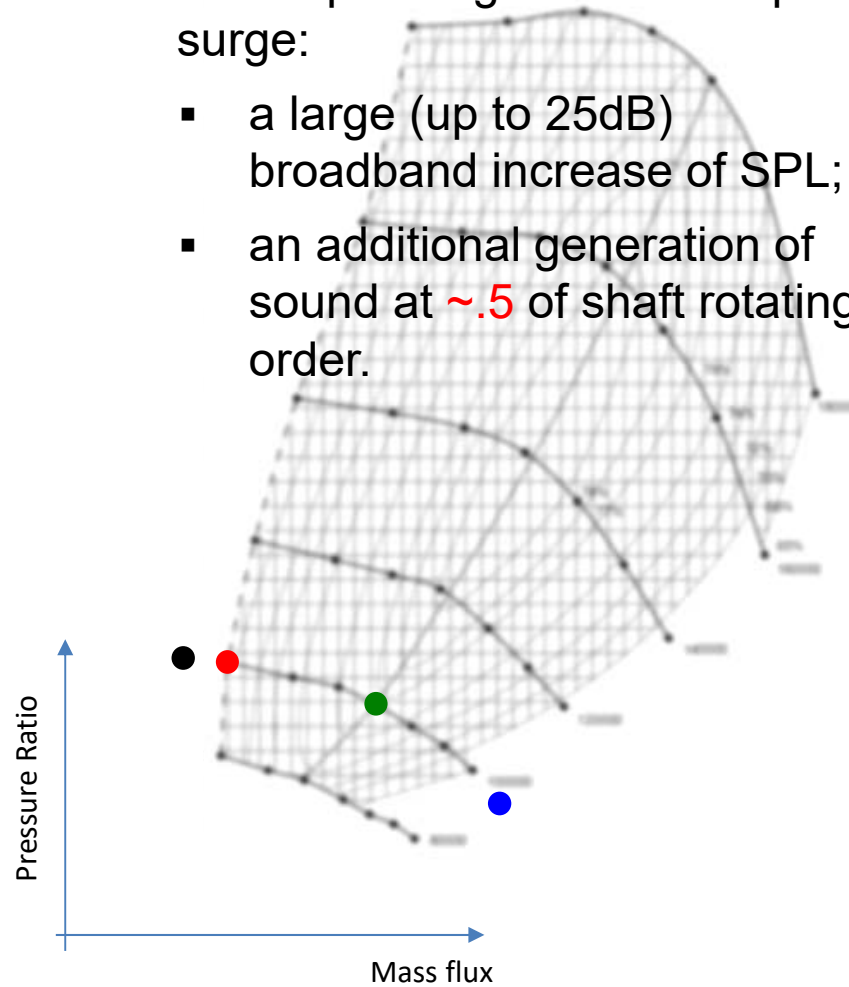


$$\mathbf{p}_+^s = (\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{SR})(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{R})^{-1}\mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{G}^s = \mathbf{p}_s(\mathbf{p}'_s)^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} G_{p_a^s p_a^s} & G_{p_b^s p_a^s} \\ G_{p_a^s p_b^s} & G_{p_b^s p_b^s} \end{bmatrix}$$

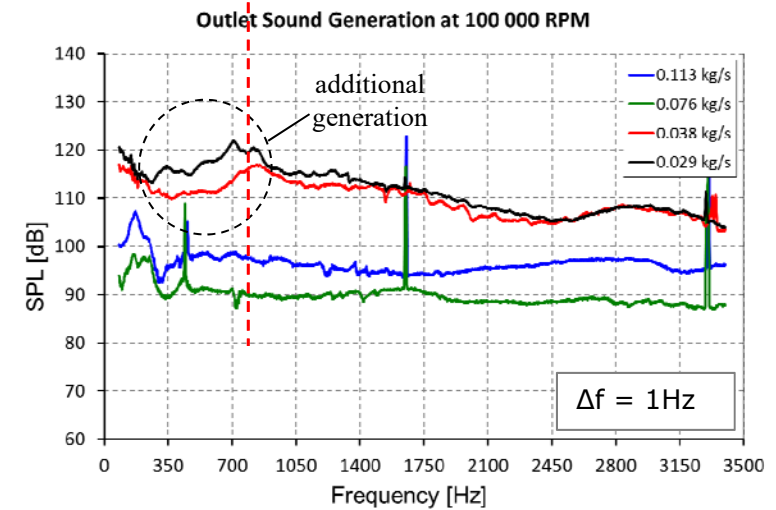
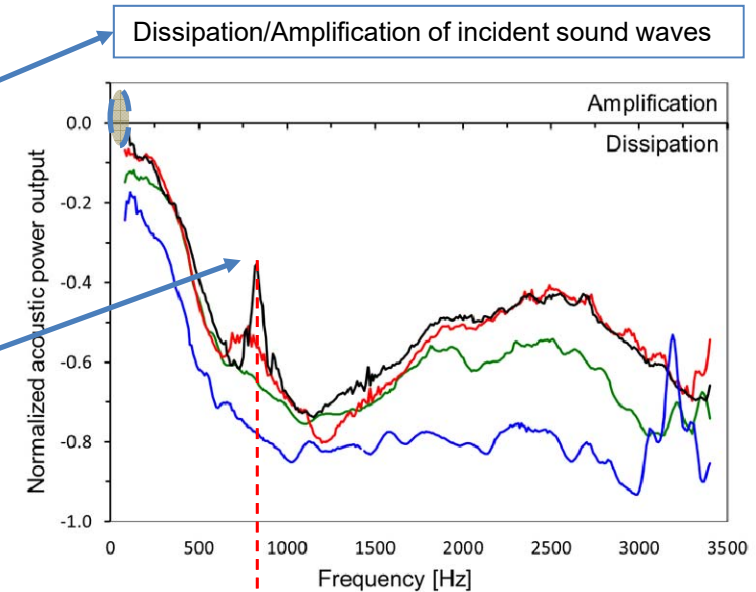
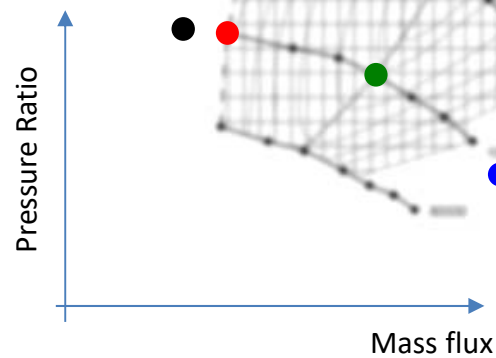
# Sound generation of the compressor

- The following can be observed while operating close to deep surge:
  - a large (up to 25dB) broadband increase of SPL;
  - an additional generation of sound at  $\sim 0.5$  of shaft rotating order.



# Aero-acoustic coupling

- From the S-matrix **dissipation (-)** or **amplification (+)** of the compressor can be computed.
- The data shows that approaching surge amplifying flow instabilities, e.g., at  $\sim 0.5$  RO occur. But the overall losses still dominate.
- The only possibility for a self sustained oscillation (“strong surge”) is below 100 Hz.





# NUMERICAL (“LES”) INVESTIGATION OF SURGE [10]



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# Investigated Compressor: GT40 Turbo

- ❑ Problem: Instabilities at low mass flow rates which limit the compressor range of operation
- ❑ Ported Shroud solution used to extend this range

Turbo compatibility	Heavy truck engine
Power range	400 to 850 kW
Number of blades	10 full blades
Exducer diameter	88 mm
TRIM	56
Diffuser area ratio	0.57



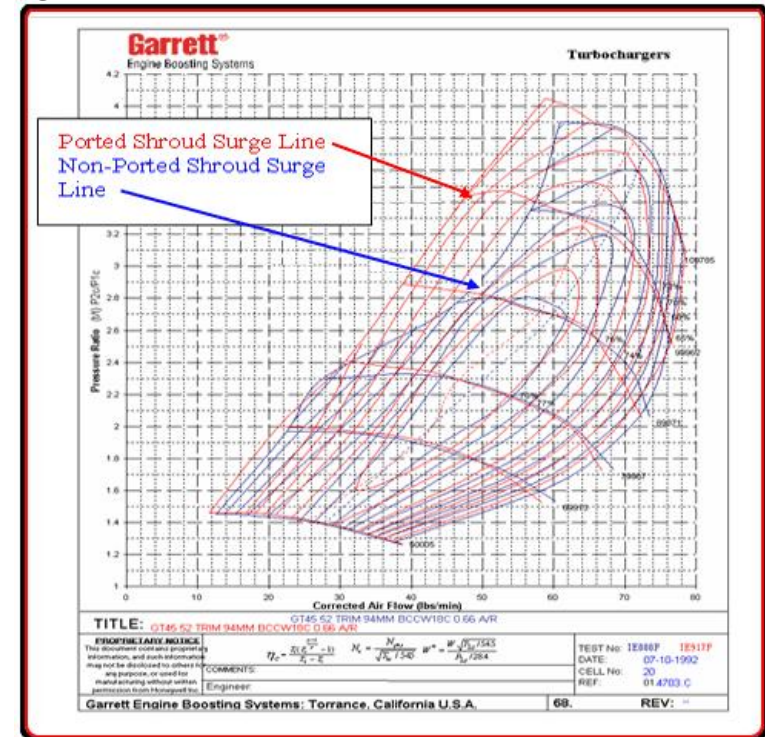
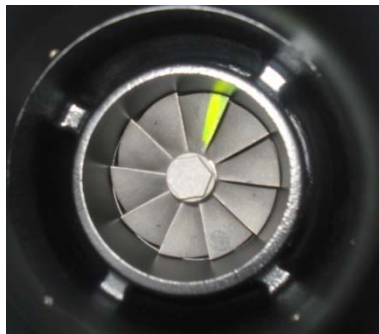
Normal Air Flow

Recirculated Air Flow for Surge Control



impeller

Ported shroud compressor supported by four unequally spaced ribs

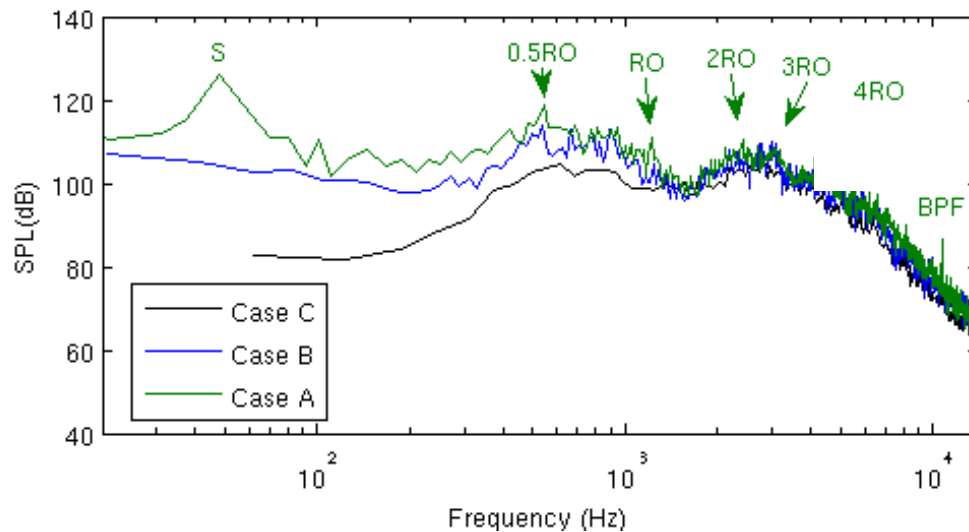




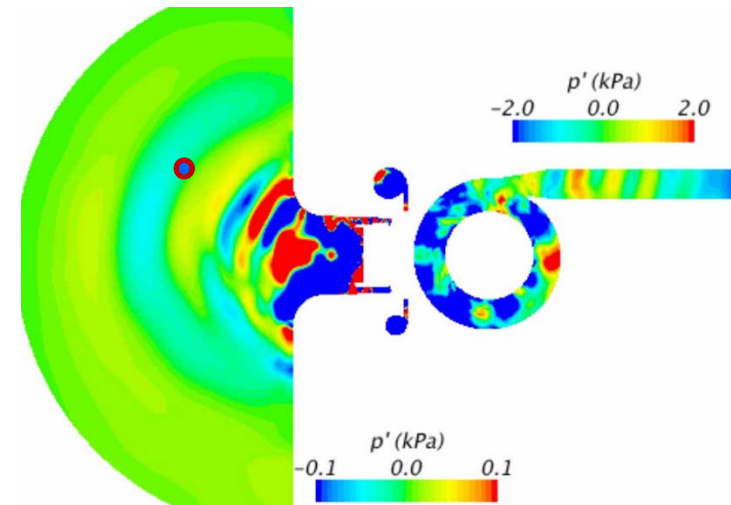
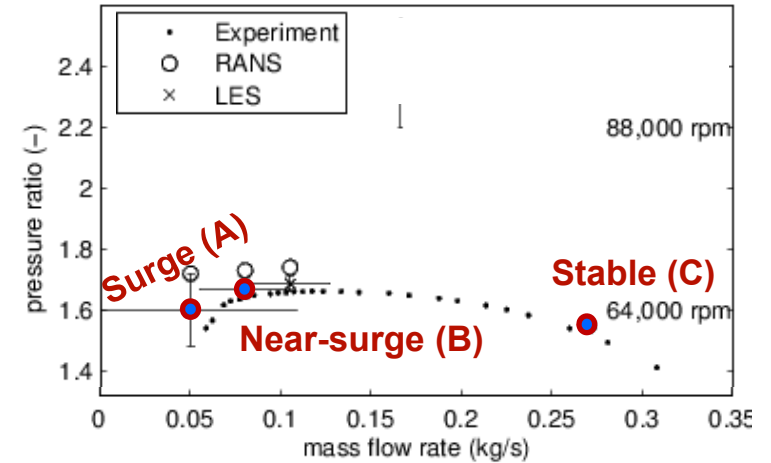
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# Acoustic pressure spectra

- SPL amplitude amplifies towards surge
- Broadbanded features around 0.5RO and 3RO, in agreement with other observations, e.g. Evans D. and Ward A., SAE2005-01-2485; Teng C. and Homco S., SAE2009-01-2053



Sundström, Semlitsch & Mihaescu, AIAA Paper, AIAA 2015-2674, 2015.

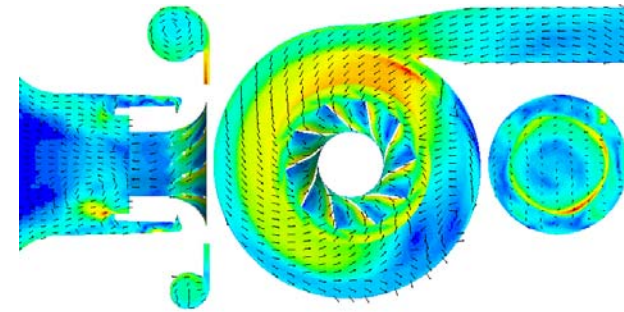
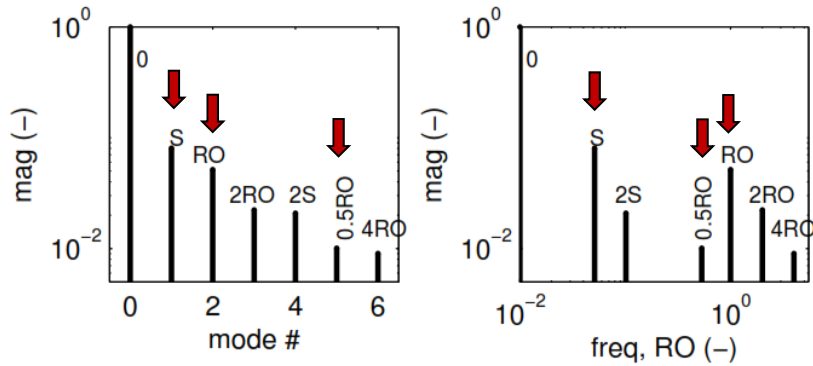


Near-surge (B): 0.070kg/s

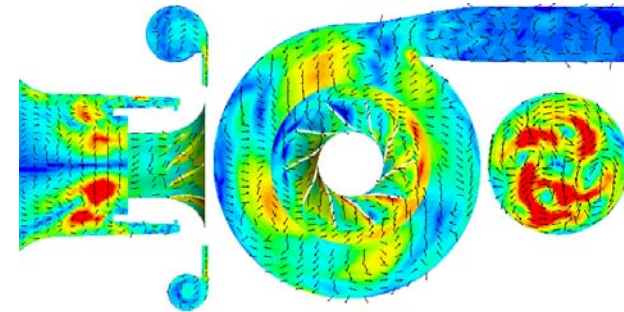
# DMD / surge (case A) - Velocity

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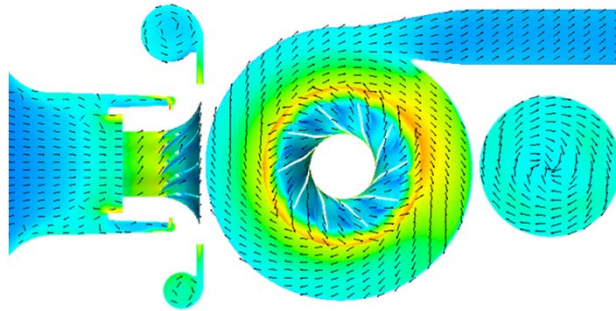
- Quantification of flow instabilities observed
- Dynamic Mode Decomposition at surge (case A)



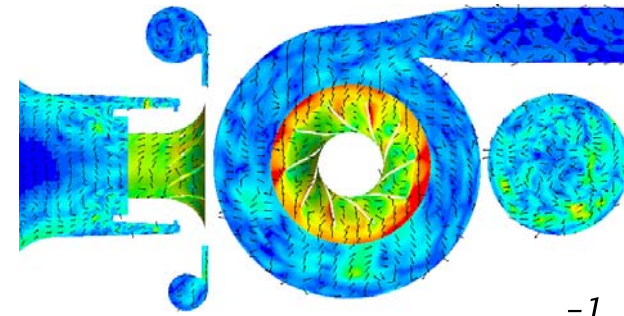
Surge (43 Hz, pulsating)



0.5RO (rotating stall in the diffuser)



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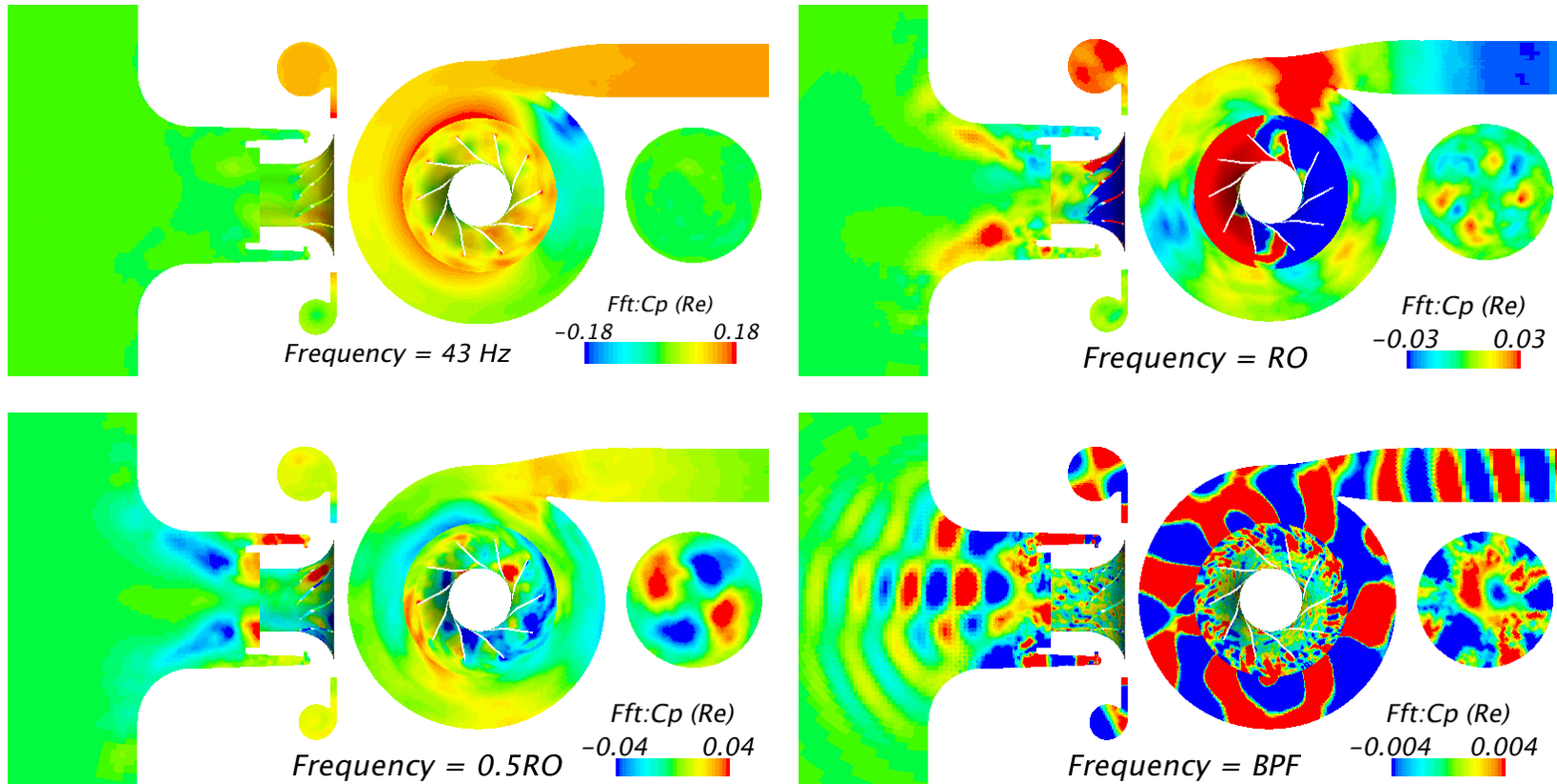


RO (spinning mode)





# Frequency Surface Pressure Spectra / surge (case A)

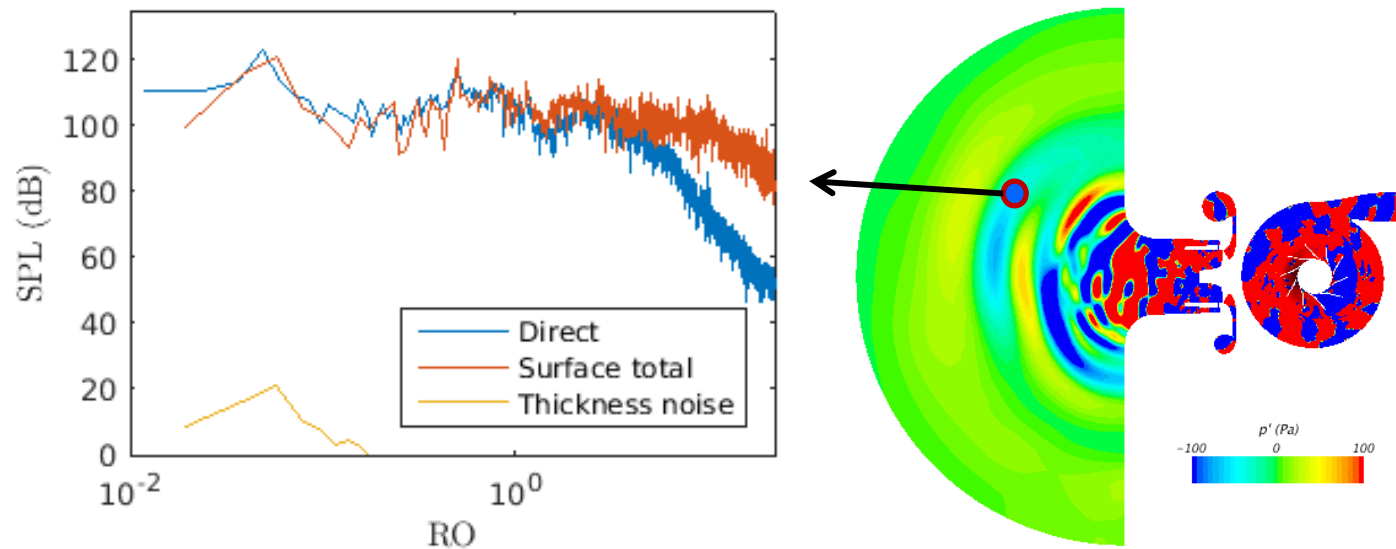




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# Connection between flow and acoustics (case A)

- FWH integrated assuming free space flow between source and receiver
- Surface integrals Thickness (monopole) and Loading noise (dipole)



# SUMMARY

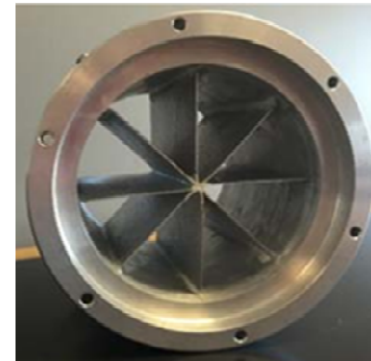
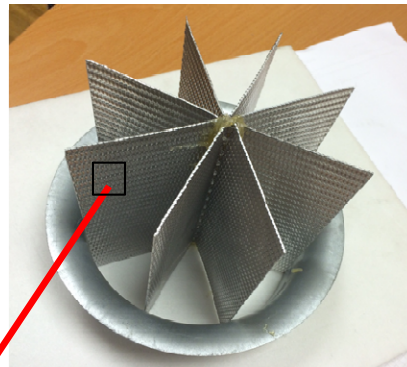
- The dominating aeroacoustic source from turbomachines is fluctuating forces (-dipoles) **ONLY** for supersonic tip speeds will volume flow sources (-monopoles) become important.
- The dipole source strength is strongly dependent of inflow disturbances ("**Aerodynamic installation effects**").
- The sound power at low to intermediate frequencies depends also on **Acoustic installation effects** ("Modal/Resonant response").

# Summary-Work at KTH

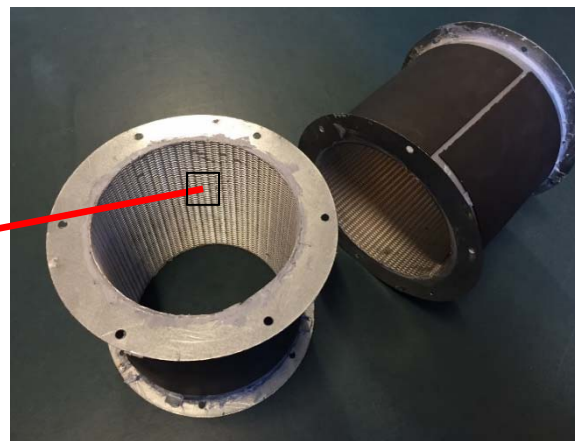
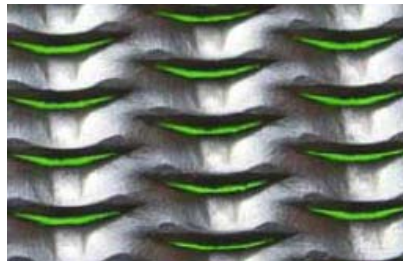
- Recent work on **multi-port methods** have demonstrated their potential (exp/num) to deliver "**refection-free**" turbo-machinery **source data**.
- **A unique acoustic turbo testrig** for measuring complete 2-port data has been developed.
- **High fidelity CFD ("compressible LES")** is applied in particular towards quantification of **acoustic noise sources at off-design** operating conditions
- Both the experimental and numerical work have created interesting **new insights to surge inception**.



# New efficient type of Micro-Perforated Plate (MPP) Silencers for Turbomachines [8,11]



Modal-  
Filter



Cremer  
silencer

Micro-perforated plate (MPP)  
with sub-millimeter slits

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