

# Multi-mode measurements in flow ducts and applications

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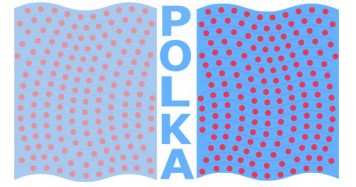
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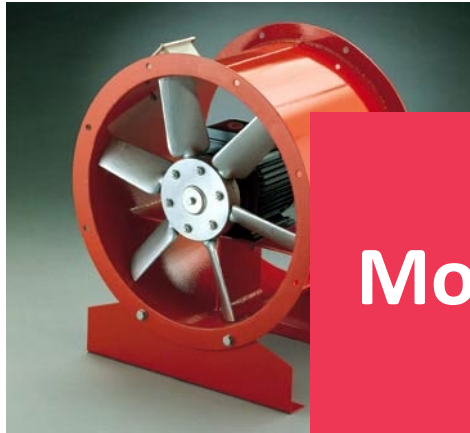
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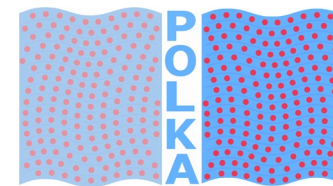


# BACKGROUND



**No free-field!  
Most fluid- or turbomachinery  
problems correspond to  
confined flows in pipe or duct  
systems...**





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



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

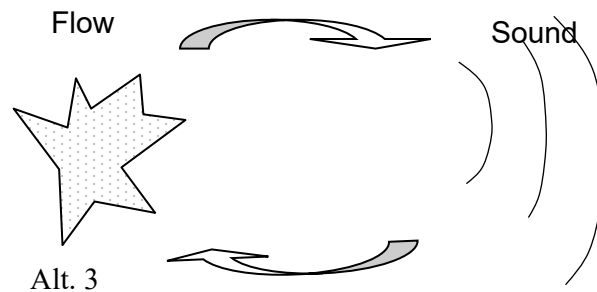
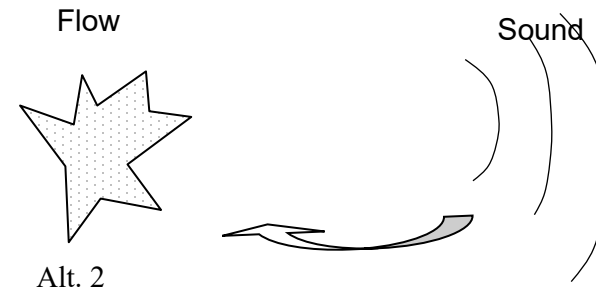
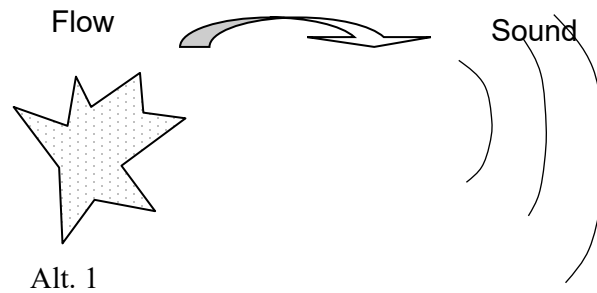
Lighthills acoustic analogy



**Sir Michael JAMES Lighthill FRS**

(1924-1998)

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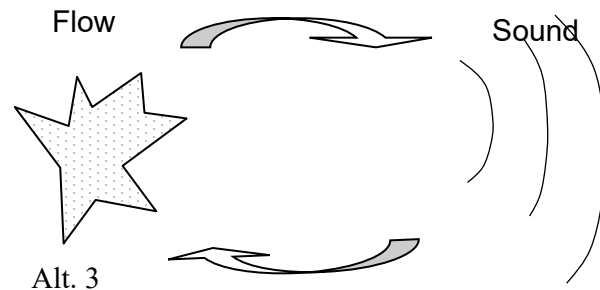
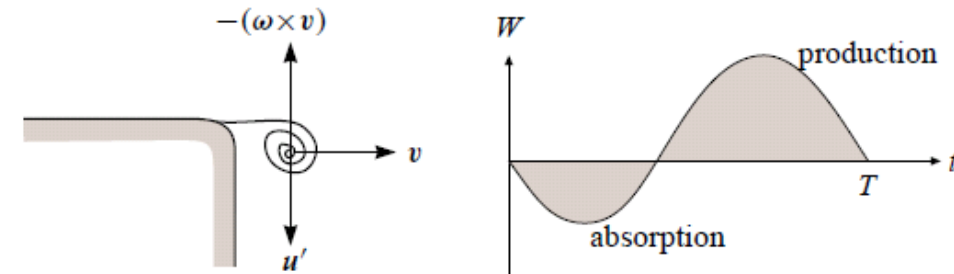
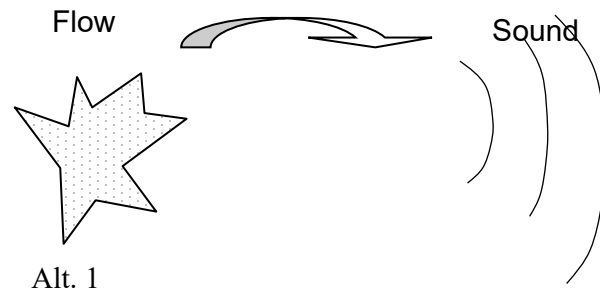


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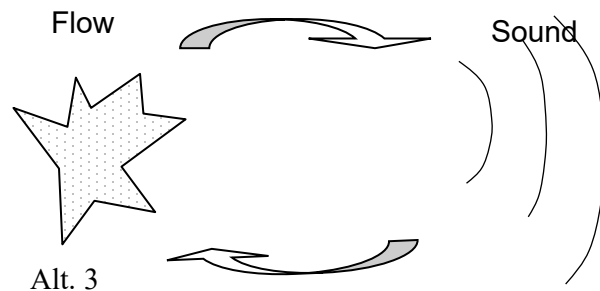
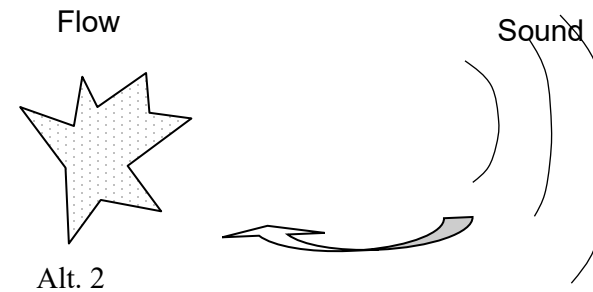
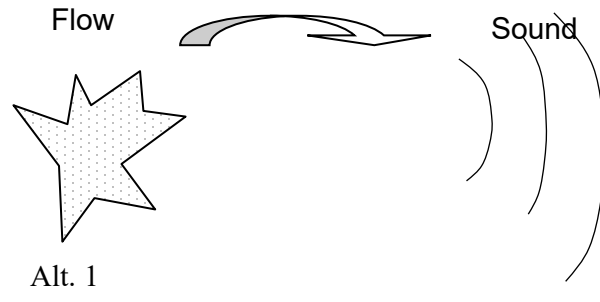


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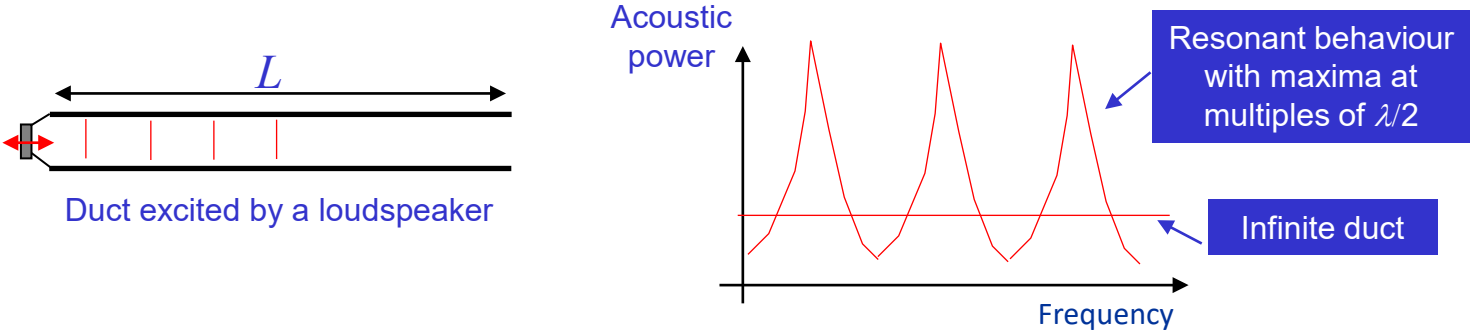
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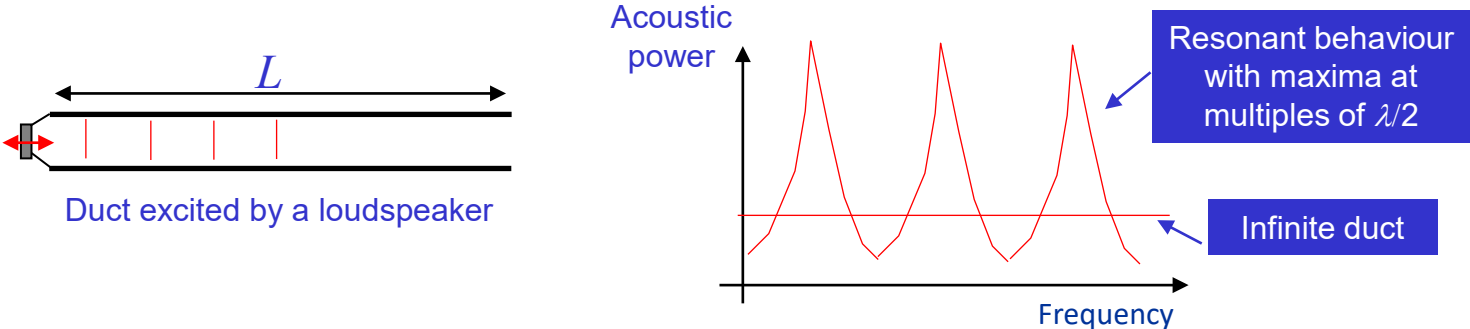


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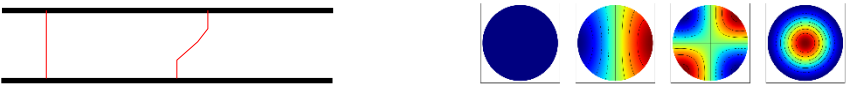
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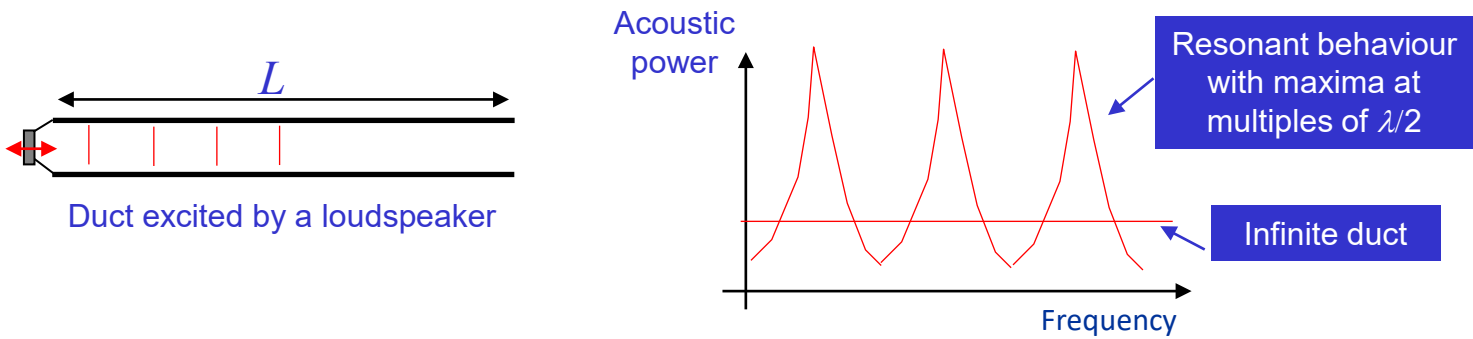
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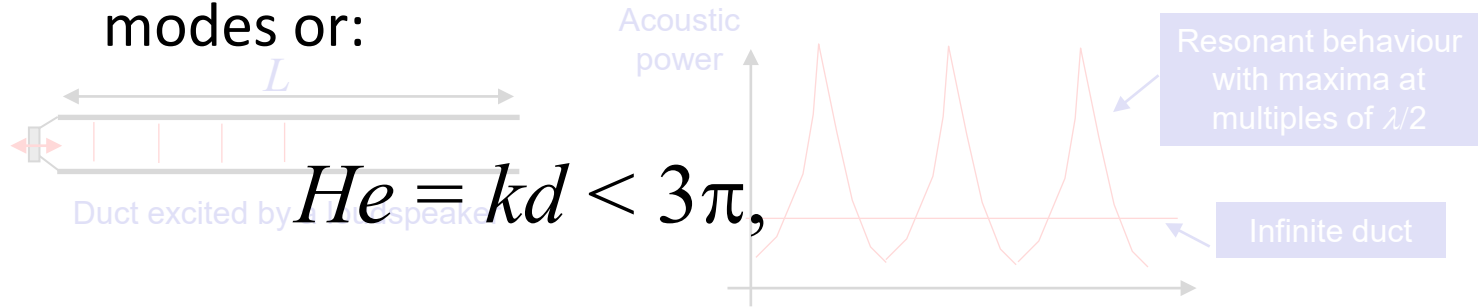
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where  $k$  is the wave-number and  $d$  the duct diameter.

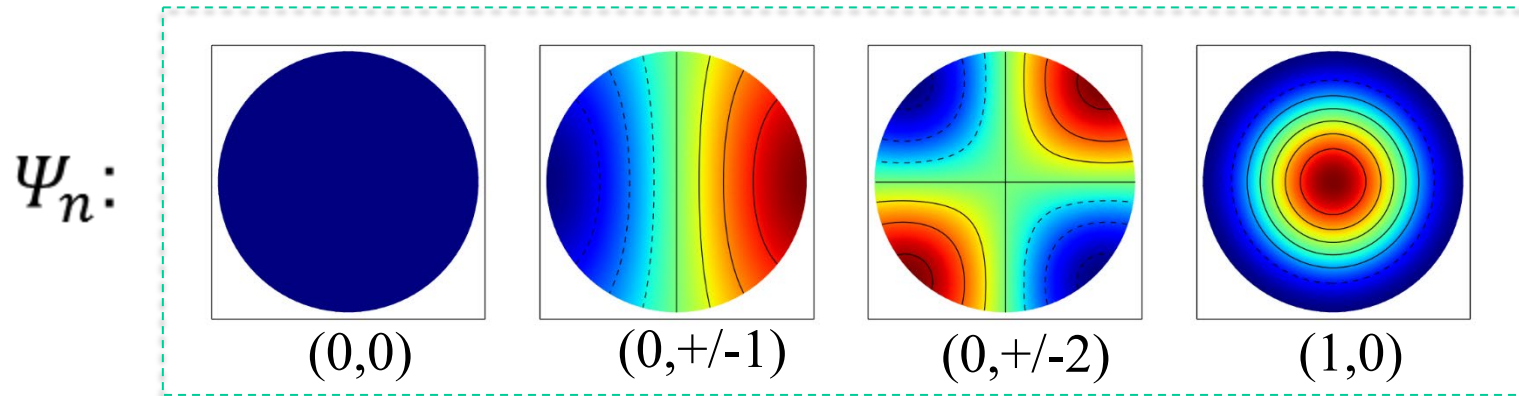
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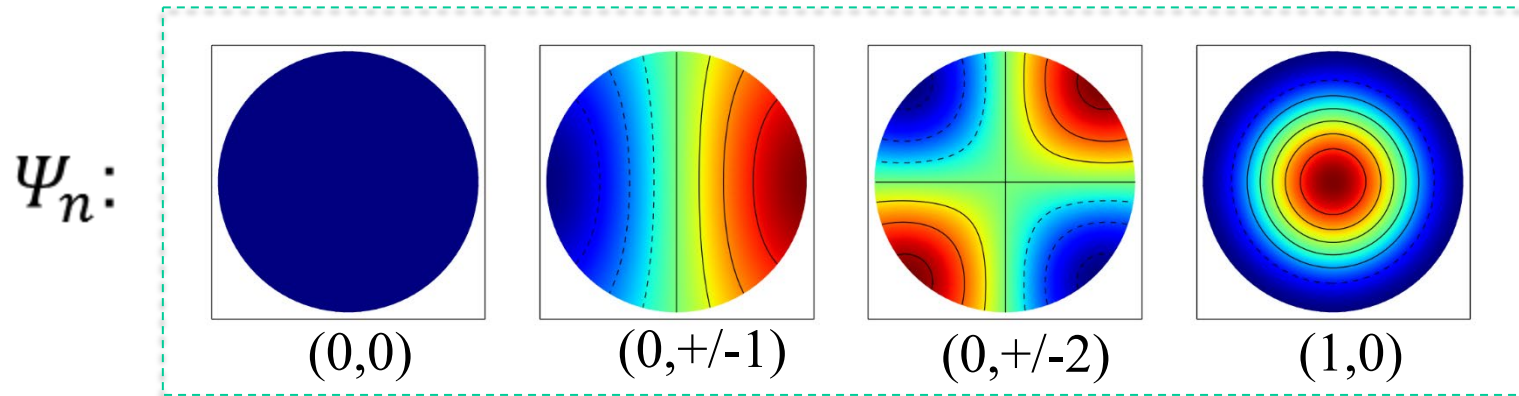


$$\hat{p}(x, y, z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left( \hat{p}_{+n} \Psi_n(x, y) \exp(-ik_{+z,n}z) + \hat{p}_{-n} \Psi_n(x, y) \exp(ik_{-z,n}z) \right)$$

where  $N$  is at least the number of cut-on modes and  $z$  the duct axis.

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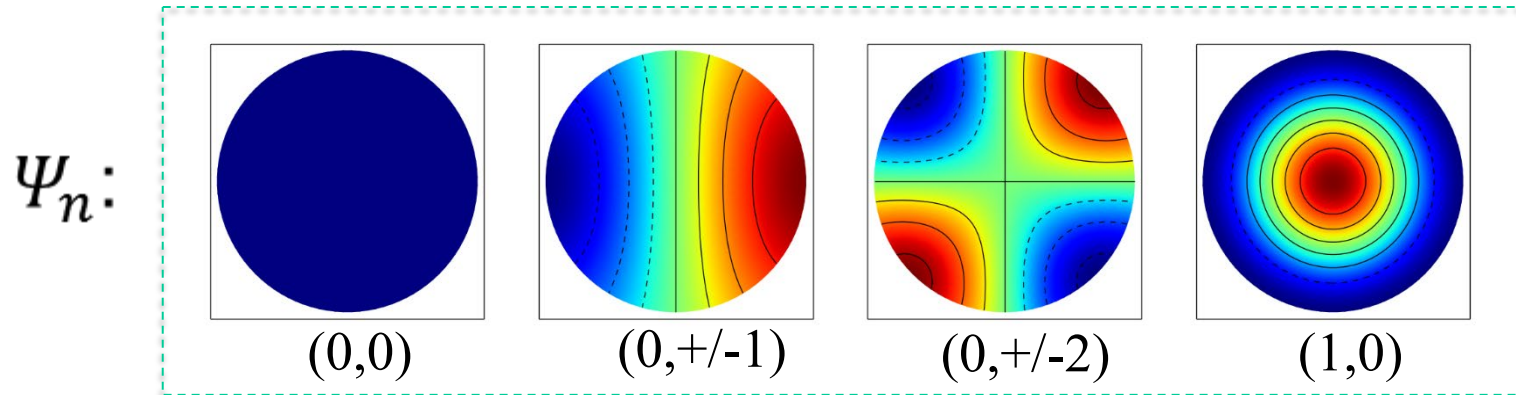
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$\hat{p}$  )  
The eigenmodes can be based on a rigid walled duct and a plug flow forming a complete functional basis. The axial wave-number should include visco-thermal losses as described e.g. by: C Weng, F Bake (2016), Acta Acustica united Acustica 102(6), 1138-1141.

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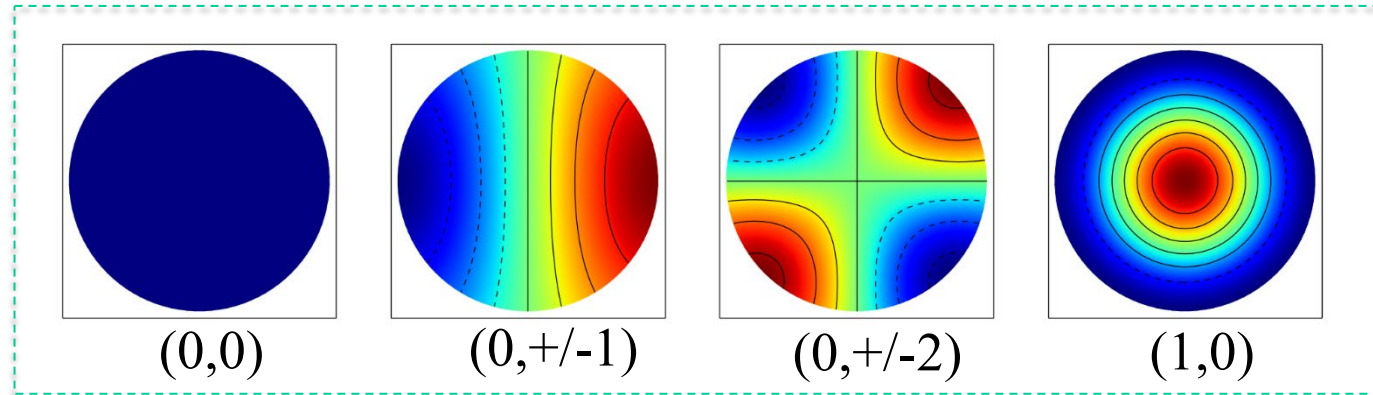
Assuming we sample the field at  $M \geq 2N$  points in space we can write:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{p}_m \end{pmatrix} = [M_{mn}] \begin{pmatrix} \hat{p}_{+n} \\ \hat{p}_{-n} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_{mn} = \Psi_n(x_m, y_m) \exp(\mp i k_{\pm z, n} z_m)$$

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This is the basis for so called **wave decomposition methods**:

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_+ \\ \mathbf{p}_- \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_+ \\ \mathbf{p}_- \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p}$$

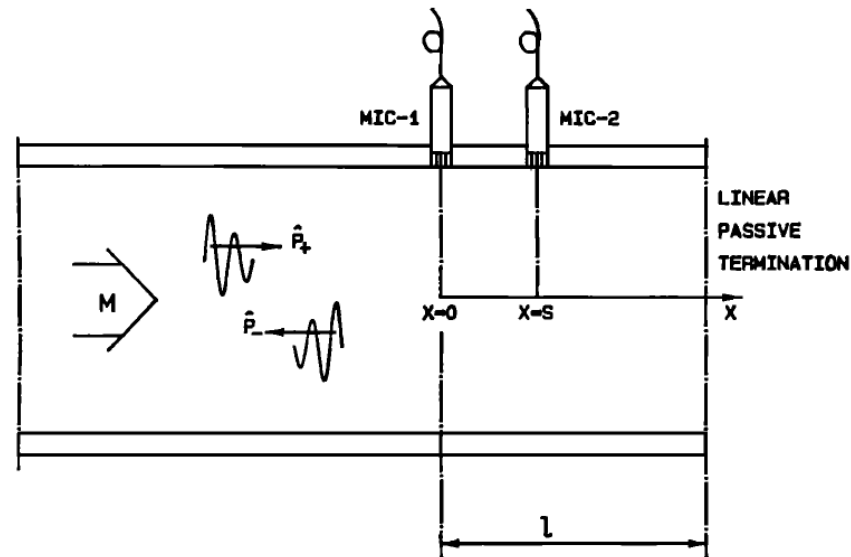
The accuracy will depend on the condition number of  $\mathbf{M}$ , i.e., the sampling positions.



## Example: The two-microphone technique

- If only plane waves are propagating then  $N=1$  and we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_1(\omega) \\ p_2(\omega) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \exp(-jk_+s) & \exp(jk_-s) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_+(\omega) \\ p_-(\omega) \end{pmatrix}$$

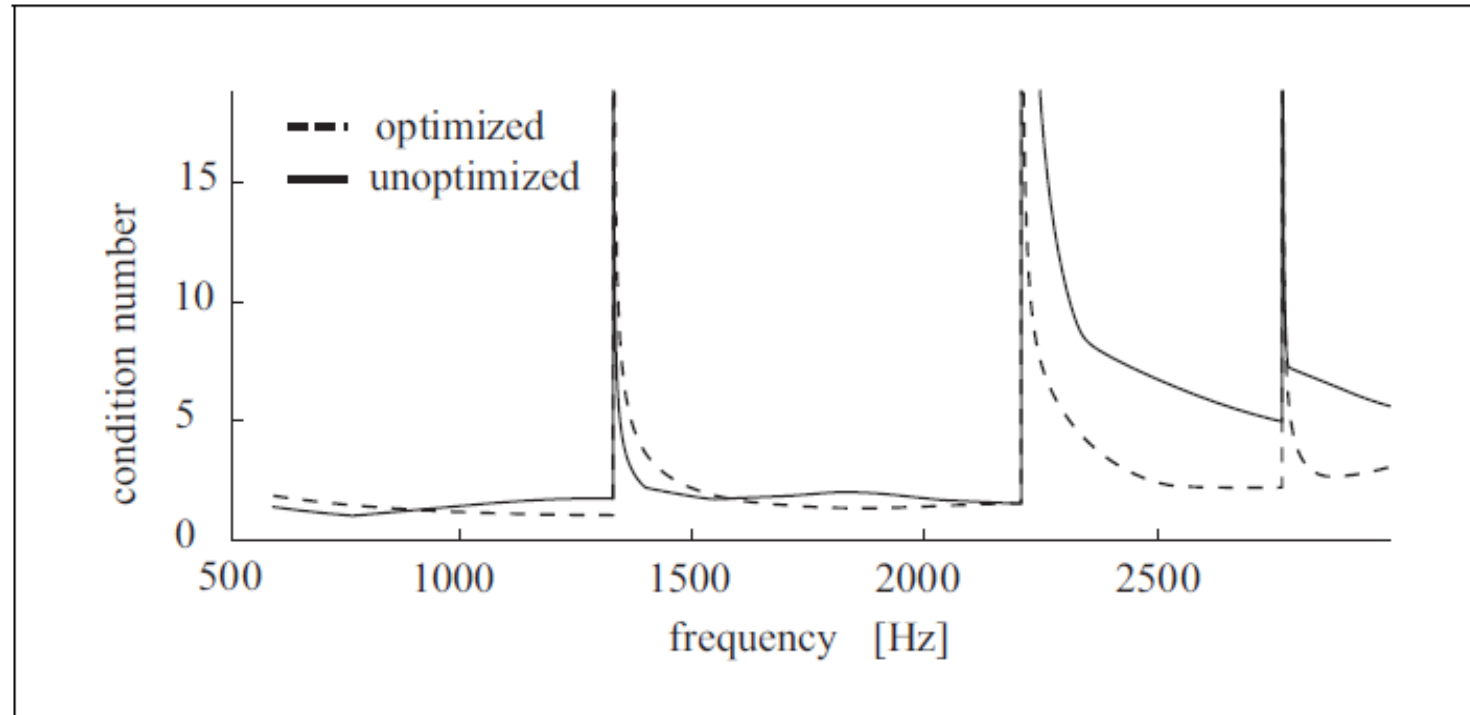
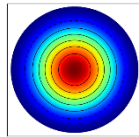
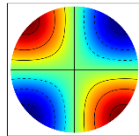
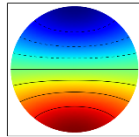


J. Y. Chung and D. A. Blaser, "Transfer function method of measuring in-duct acoustic properties. I. Theory," *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.* **68**, 907-913

## Example: Circular duct 6 modes

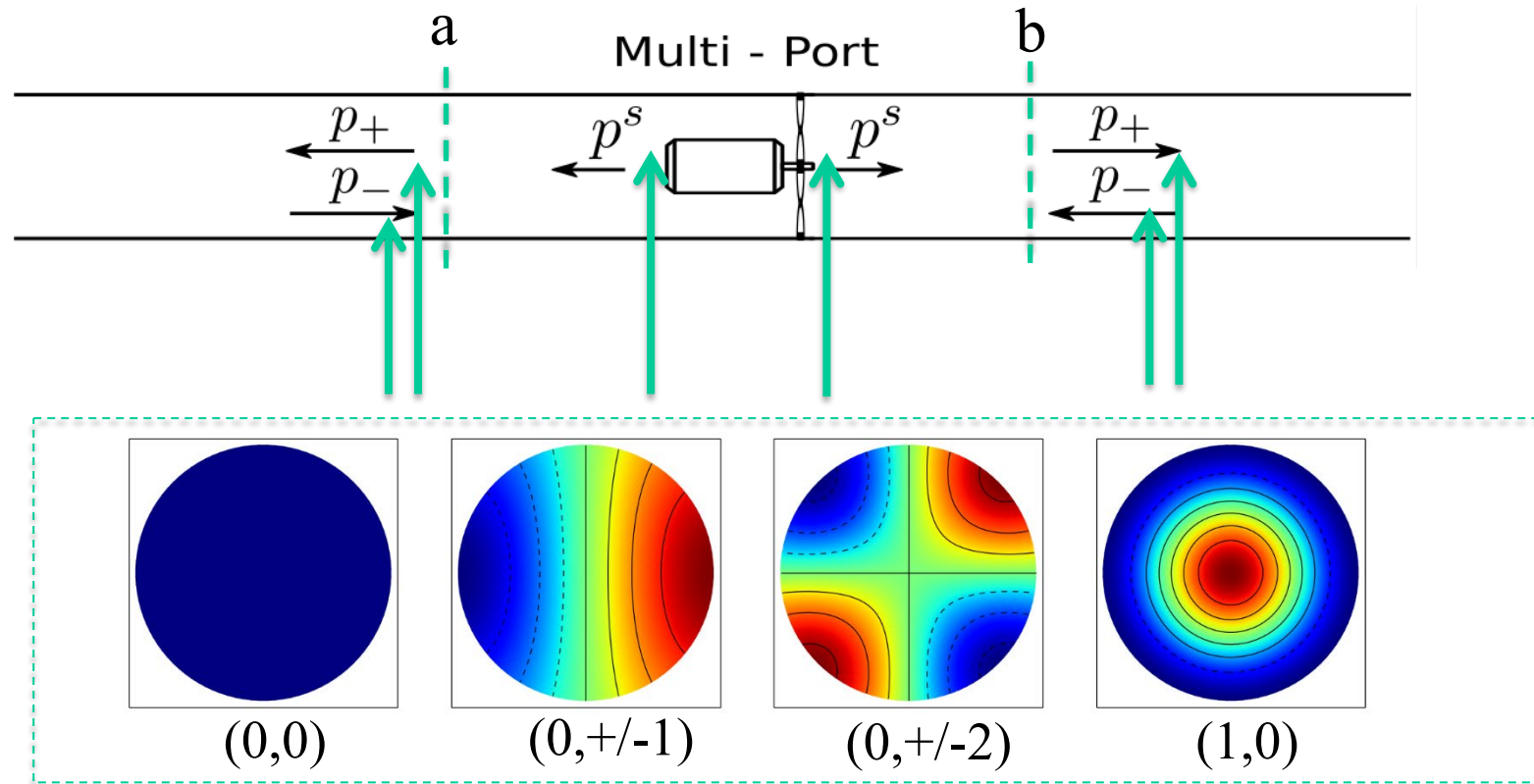
Condition number:  $\text{cond}(\mathbf{M}) = \|\mathbf{M}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{M}^{-1}\|$

Weak singularities:  $|z_2 - z_1| = l \frac{\lambda_n}{2} \quad \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_1} = \frac{\pi}{m} l \quad l = 1, 2, 3, \dots$



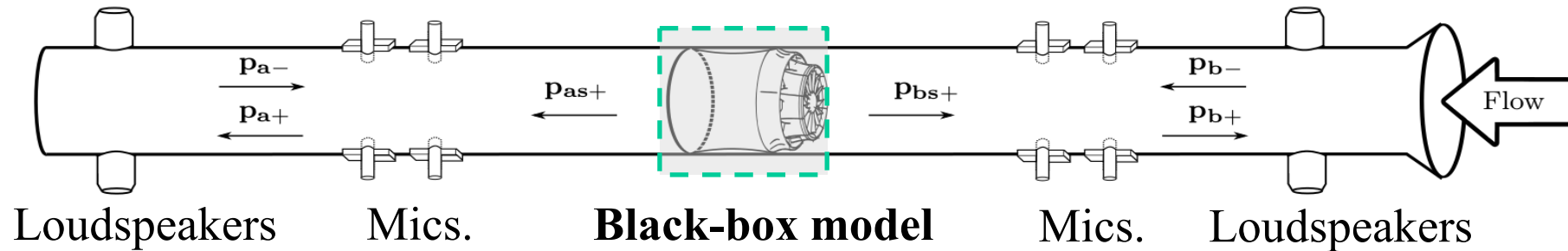
From Ref. [12] showing the effect of optimization on a configuration of 12 flush mounted microphones.

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The Multi-port relates the amplitudes for modes at two (or several) **Reference cross-sections** (a&b).

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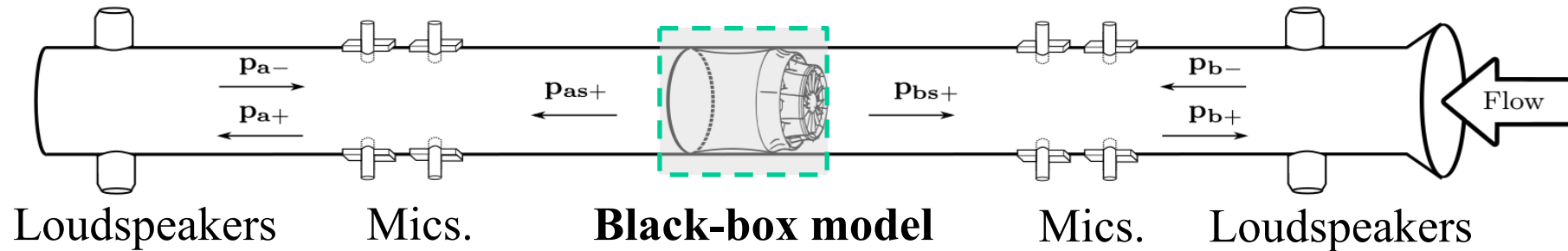
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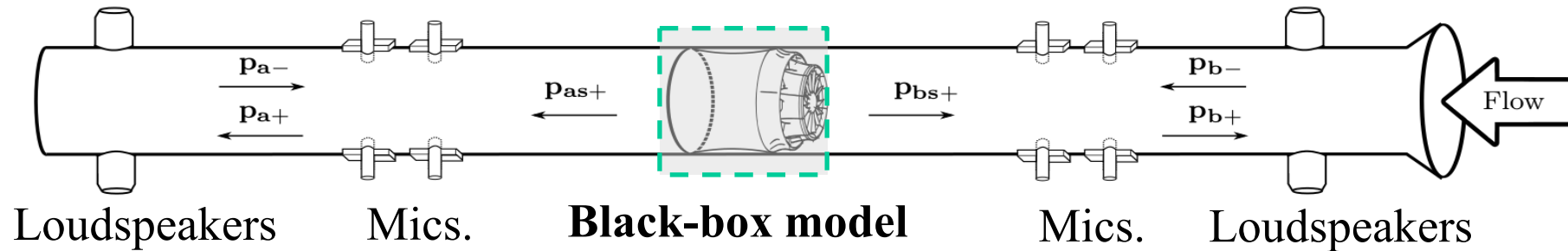
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The classical ("first") paper suggesting this:

**CREMER L. (1971) "The second annual Fairey lecture: The treatment of fans as black boxes", J. Sound Vib., 16, 1-15.**

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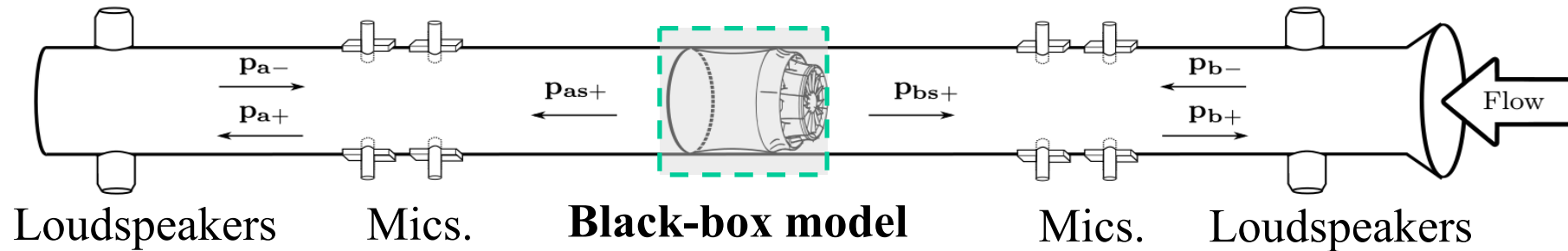
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Linear Aeroacoustic model

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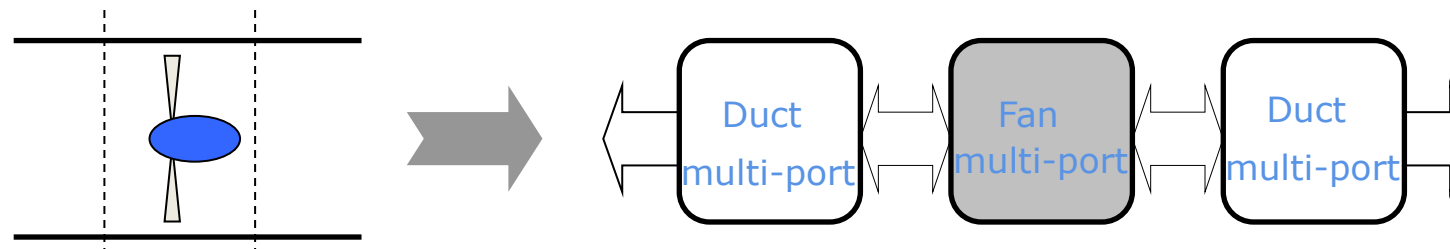
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N.B. The Scattering matrix contains vortex-sound effects
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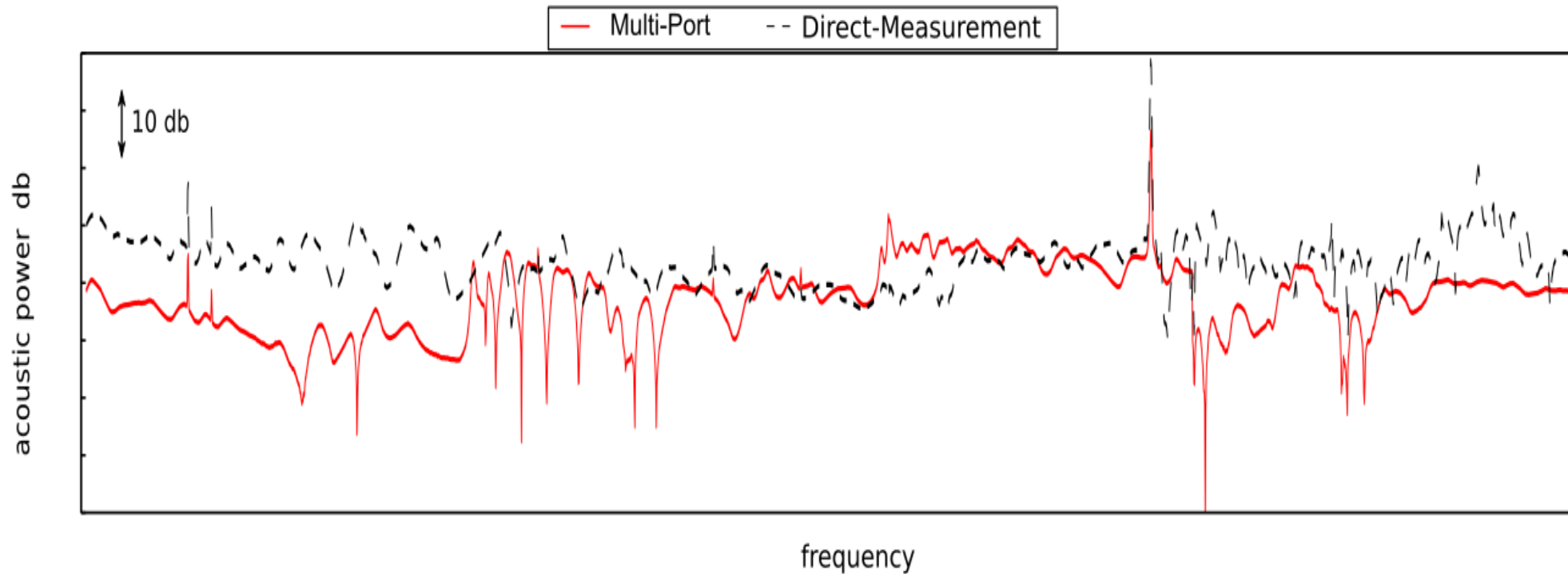
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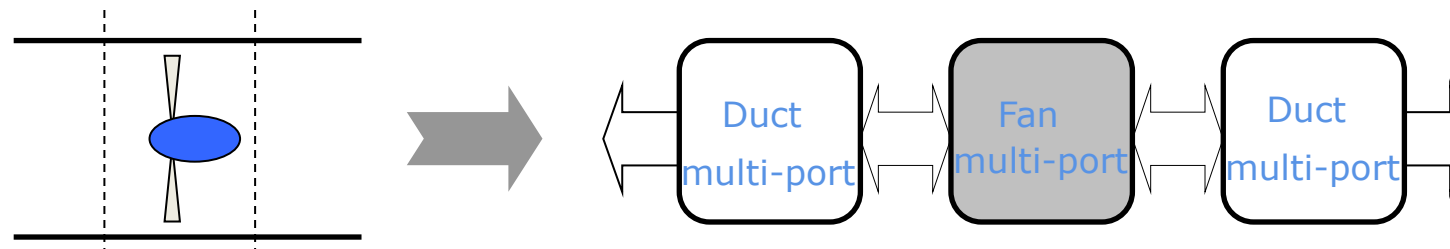
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*Fan measurements as part of the IdealVent project*

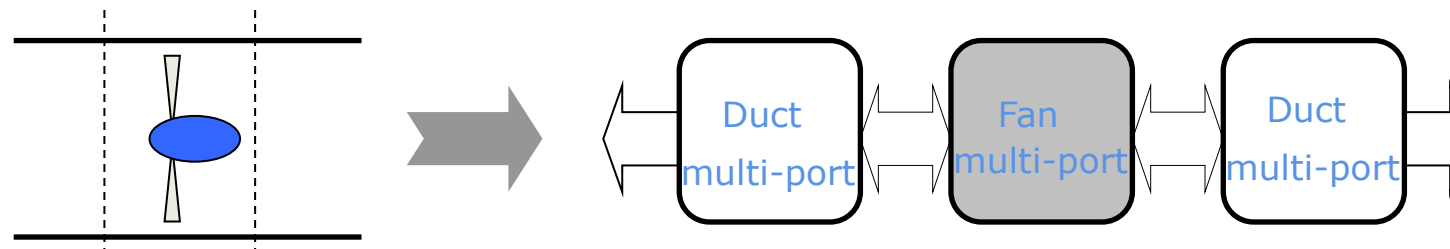
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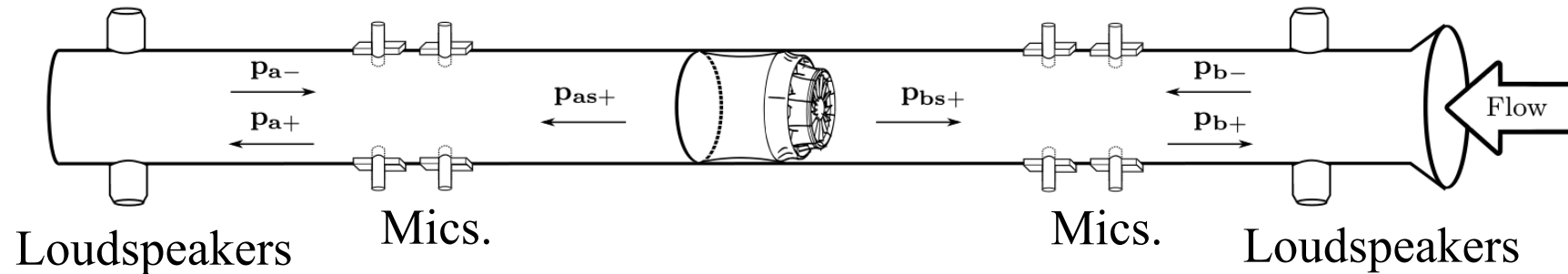
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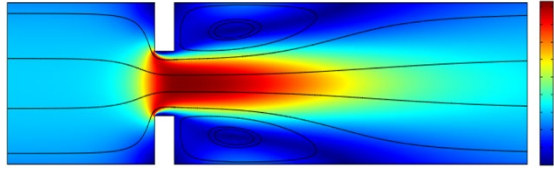
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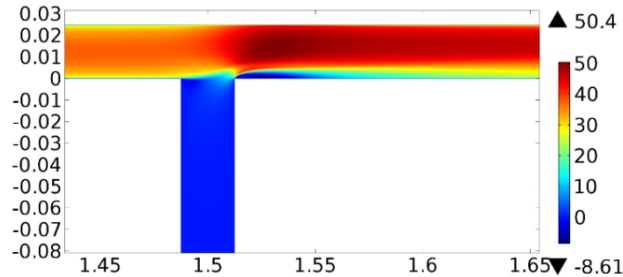
# COMPARISON EXPERIMENTAL versus NUMERICAL CHARACTERIZATION

1. In **experiments** only **pressure data at the walls** are normally possible to measure.
2. In **simulations all points** can be used AND also **all fields** are known. This means wave decomposition can be based on pressure and e.g. axial velocity.
3. In **experiments** only **wall mounted sources** are normally used to determine the scattering, which makes excitation of single modes difficult. In **simulations** excitation of **single incident modes** is no problem.
4. In experiments a **low S/N** in source strength data can be handled by using a **long measurement time**. For **simulations** normally only a **short time record** is possible ( $\sim 1$  s). **BUT a very large number of sampling points are available.**

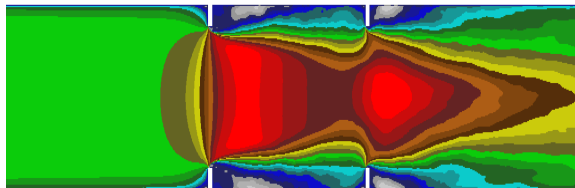
# Examples of numerical MULTI-PORT WORKS at KTH



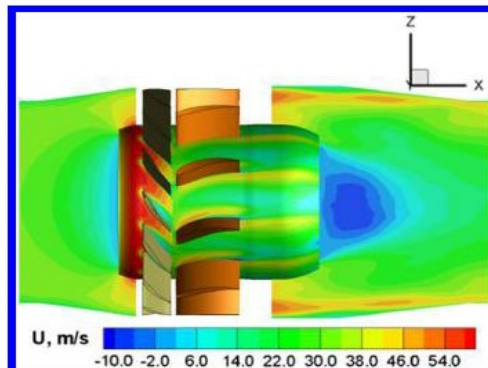
**Single Orifice** – i) Linearized Navier Stokes Equations (LNSE) – 2-port Scattering matrix & Whistling analysis;  
ii) LES – Complete 2-port. [8-10]



**T-junction** – LNSE model 3-port Scattering matrix-  
Sound amplification. [11]



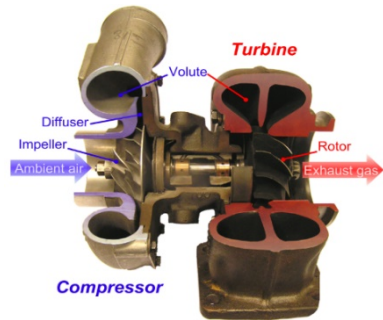
**Tandem orifice configuration** – Complete multi-port up to the radial mode (=6 modes); *Hybrid model* – Scattering using LNSE, Sound generation using hybrid RANS&LES (IDDES). [14,15]



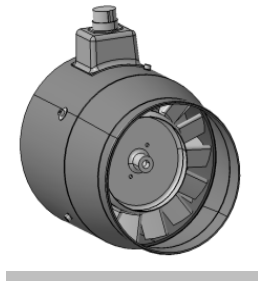
**Axial compressor** – Modal Source spectra using IDDES. [13]

# APPLICATION EXAMPLES-Experiments

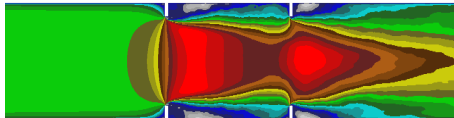
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- Automotive turbo-charger [6,7]



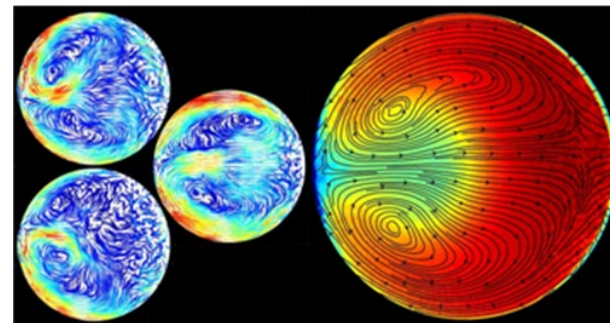
- Axial fan (IDEALVENT) [13]



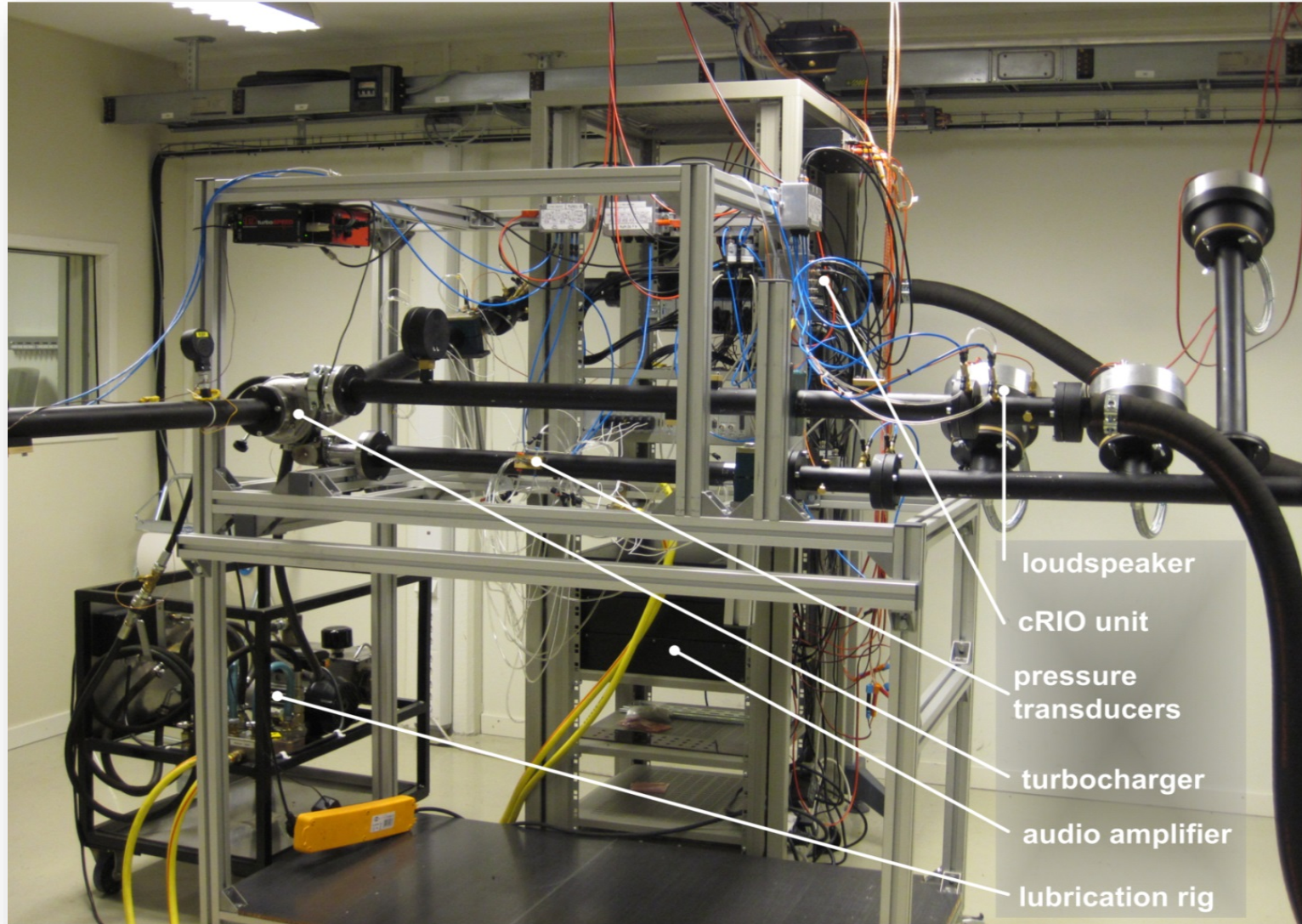
- Tandem orifice (IDEALVENT) [14,15]

# Competence Center for Gas Exchange (CCGEx) [www.ccgex.kth.se](http://www.ccgex.kth.se)

- Research focus on the gas management of IC engines.
- Combined effort between KTH, the Swedish Energy Agency and some leading OEMs.
- Main research fields are fluid mechanics and acoustics.

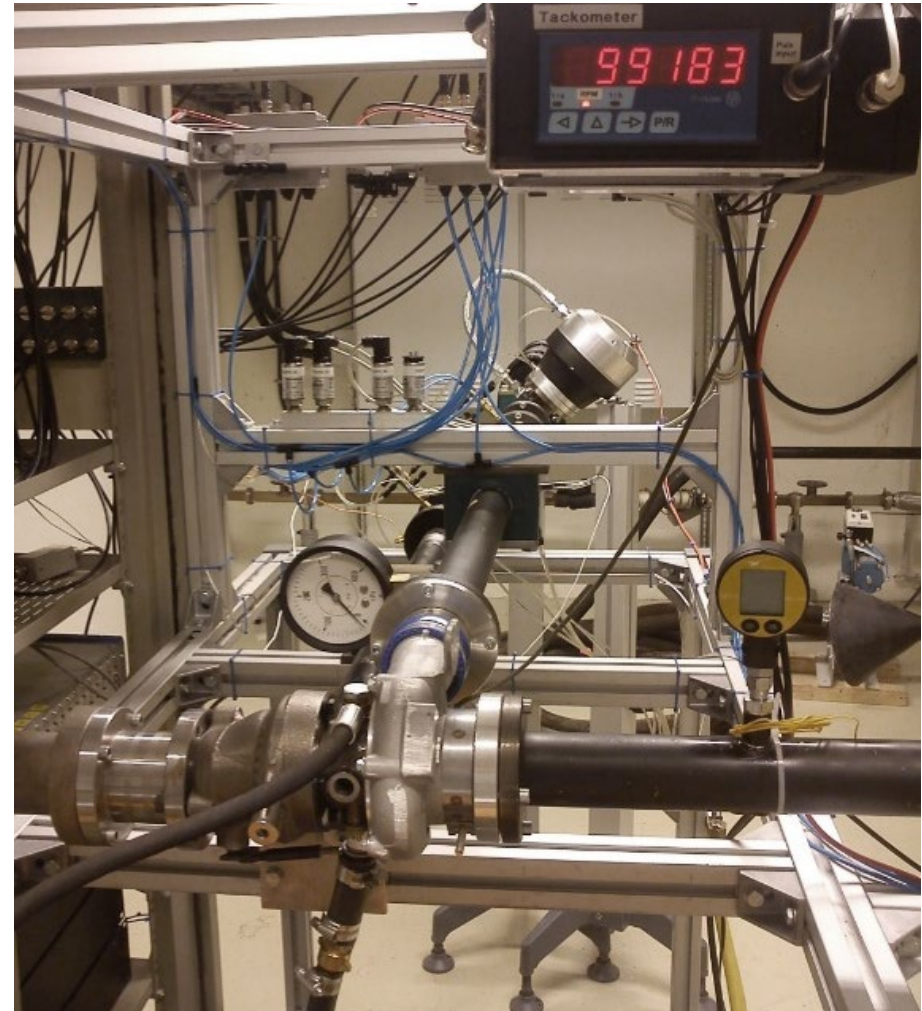


# KTH-CCGEx Acoustic Testrig [6,7]



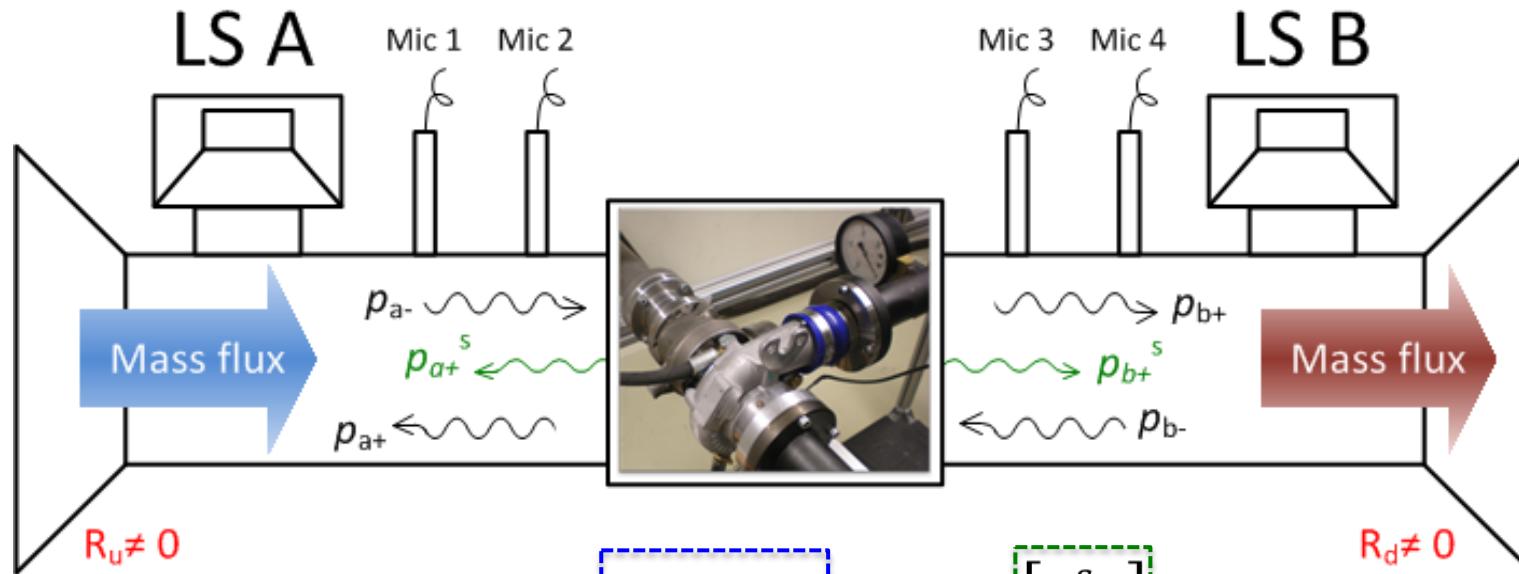
## Compressor used in experiments

- 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  $8 \dots 18 \text{ kHz}$ .



# Acoustic 2-port formulation

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

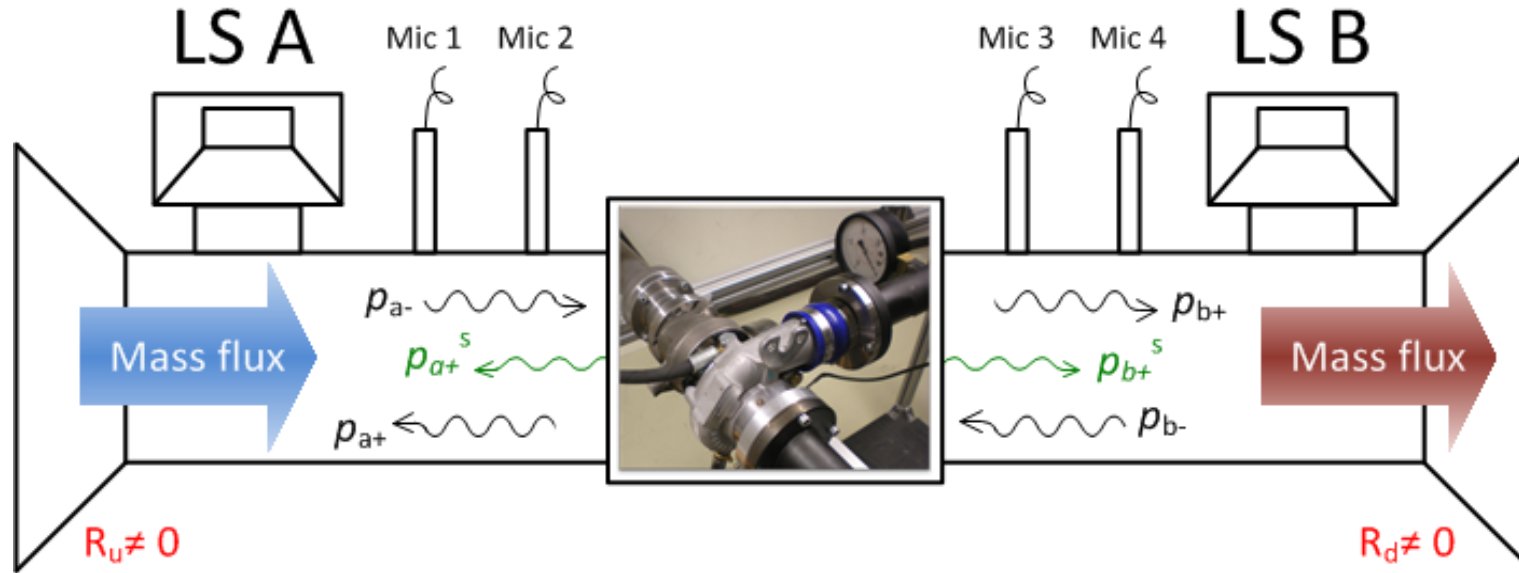


$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{a+} \\ p_{b+} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R_a & T_b \\ T_a & R_b \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{S-matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} p_{a-} \\ p_{b-} \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} p_{a+}^s \\ p_{b+}^s \end{bmatrix}}$$

- 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

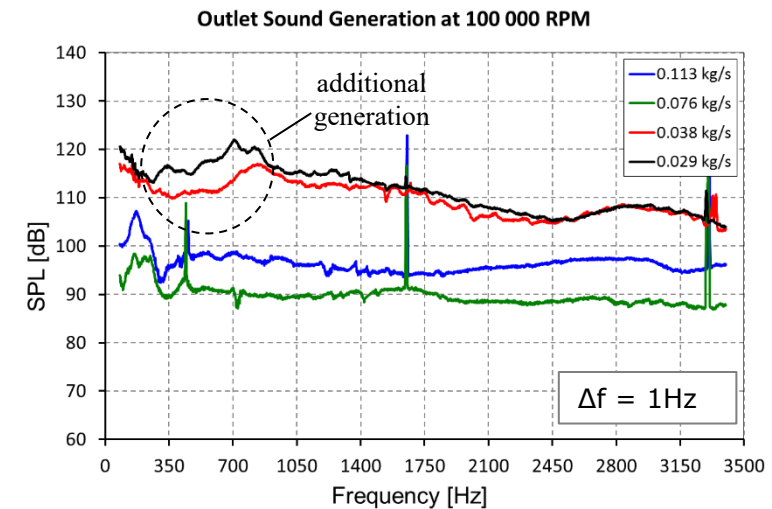
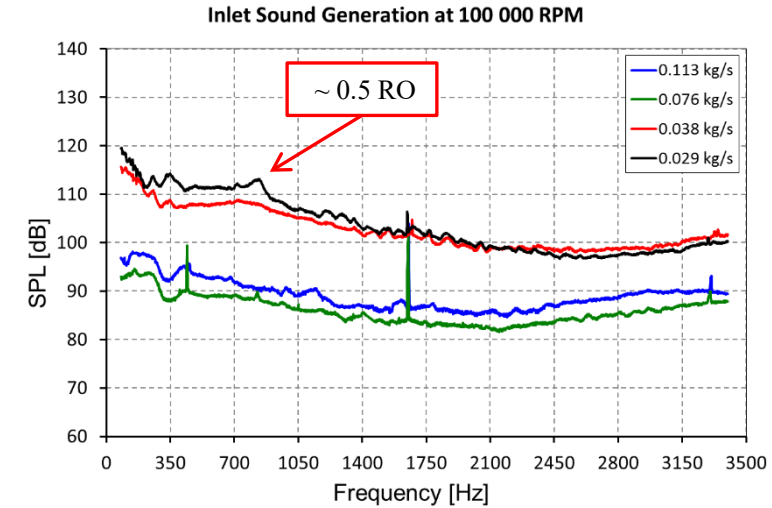
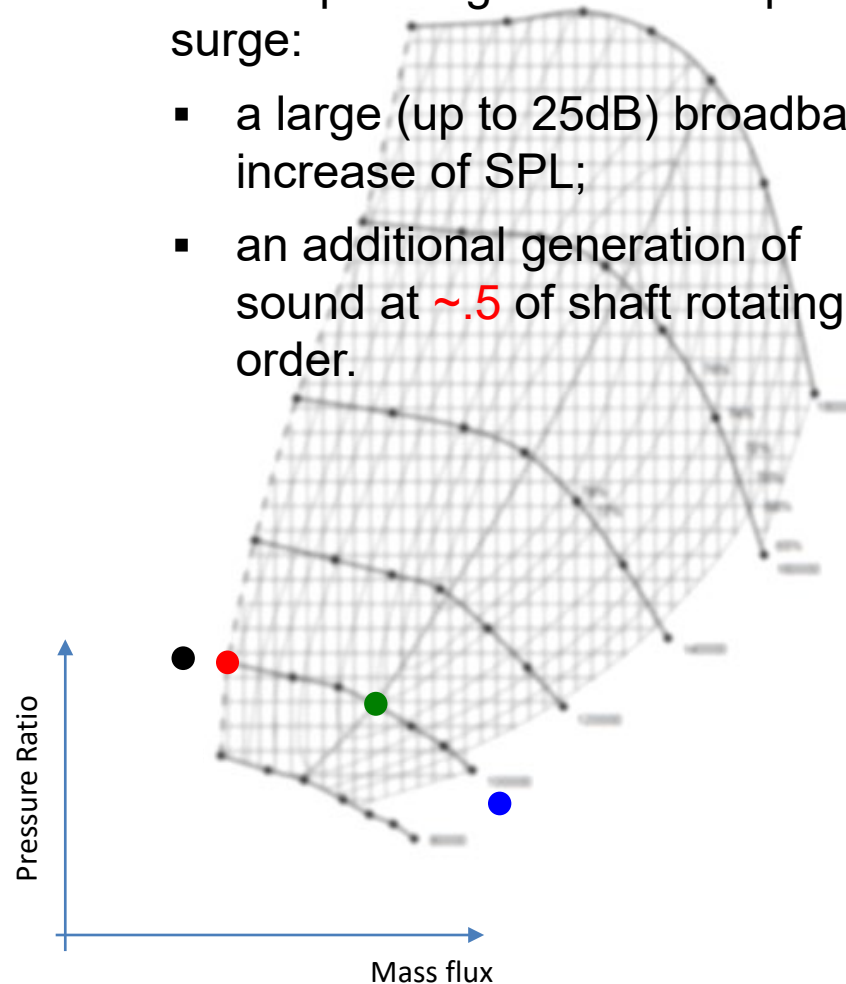


$$\mathbf{p}_+^s = (\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{SR})(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{R})^{-1} \mathbf{p}$$

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

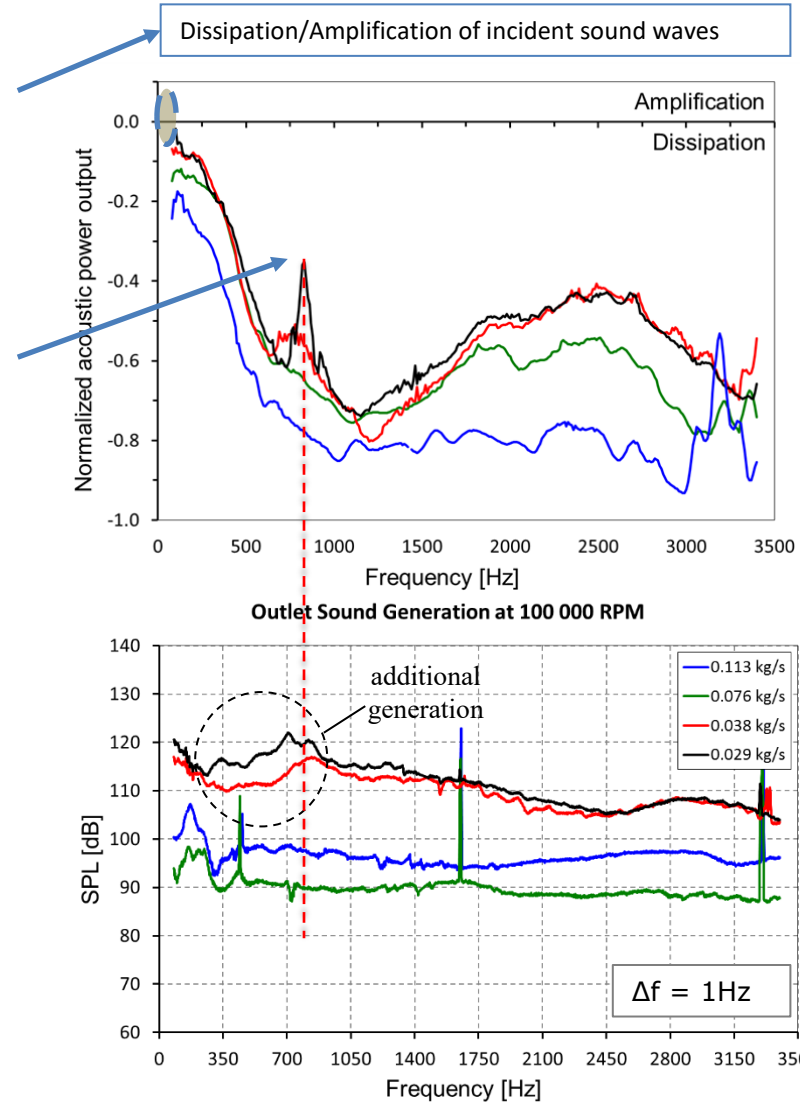
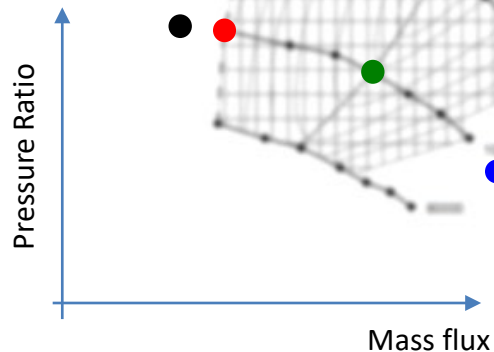
# Sound generation of the compressor [7]

- 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  $\sim .5$  of shaft rotating order.

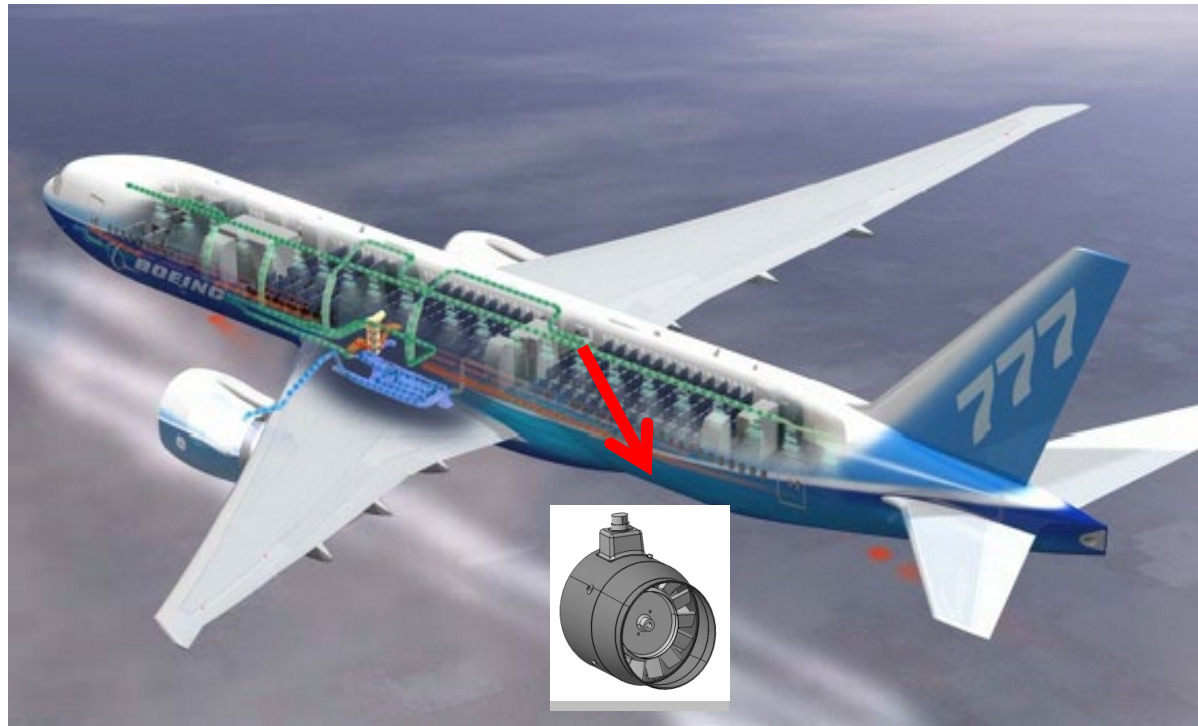


# Aero-acoustic coupling [7]

- 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.

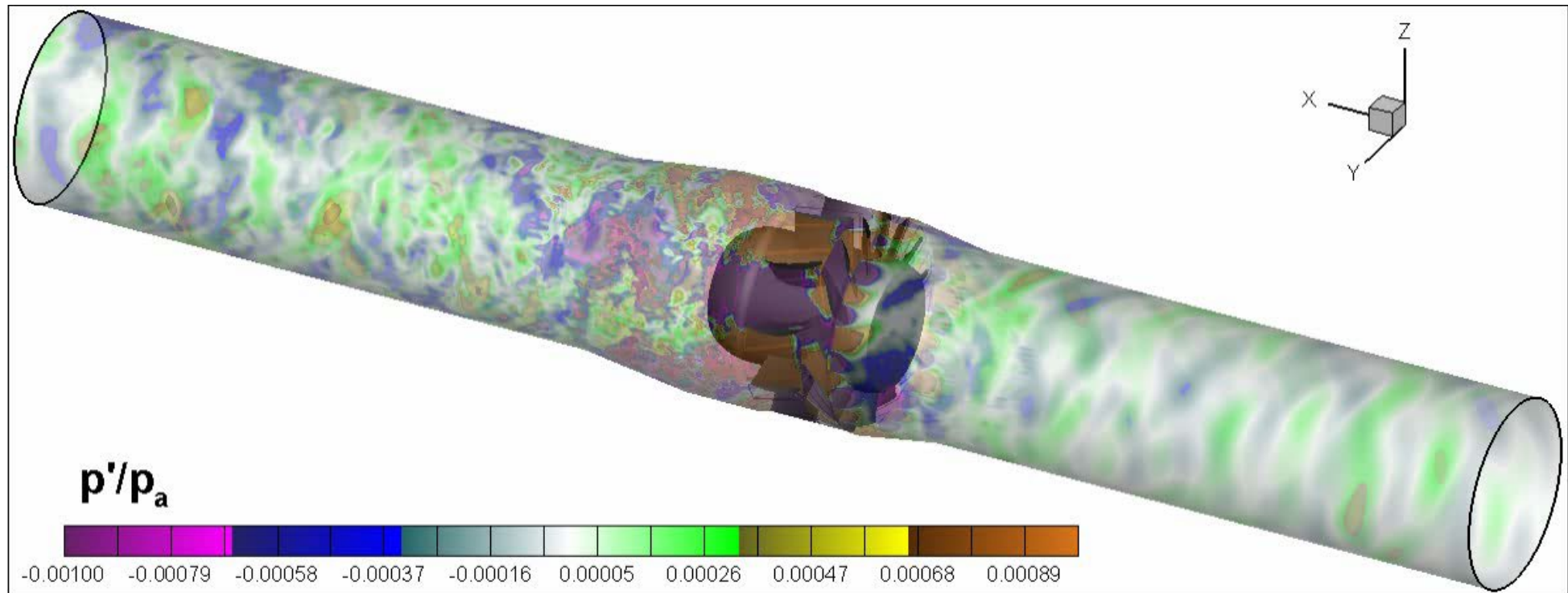


# AIRCRAFT CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEMS



# Overview of results (exp&num) in the project involving KTH

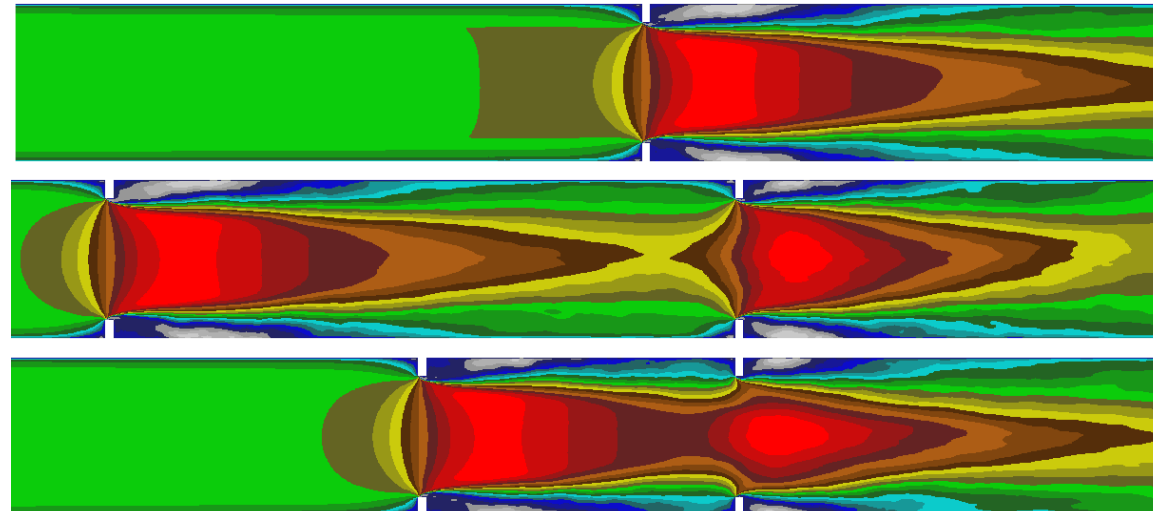
- Analysis (IDDES=RANS+LES) of an axial Liebherr fan unit for aircraft climate systems [13]
- Analysis of single and double diaphragms (orifices) [14,15]
- Novel noise control concepts involving Micro-Perforated-Plates (MPP:s)



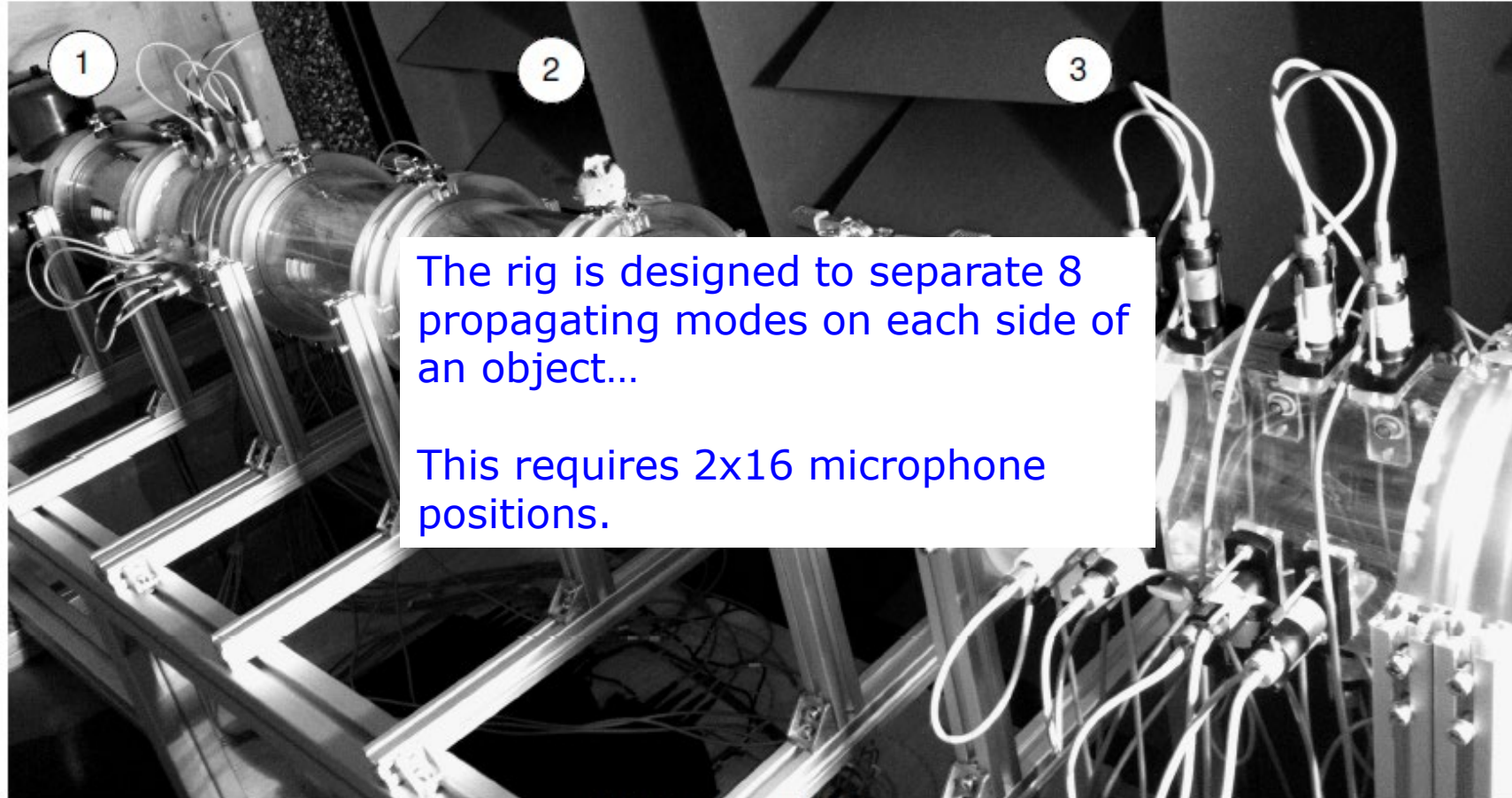
# Installation effects are an important aspect of the project

Note there are two types: **Acoustic** and **Aerodynamic**.

- The Acoustic means the the acoustic nearfields (= non-cut on modes) must have decayed at the next element.
- The Aerodynamic means that the inflow to the next element should be back to a “normal” straight pipe condition, i.e., the flow near-fields should have decayed.

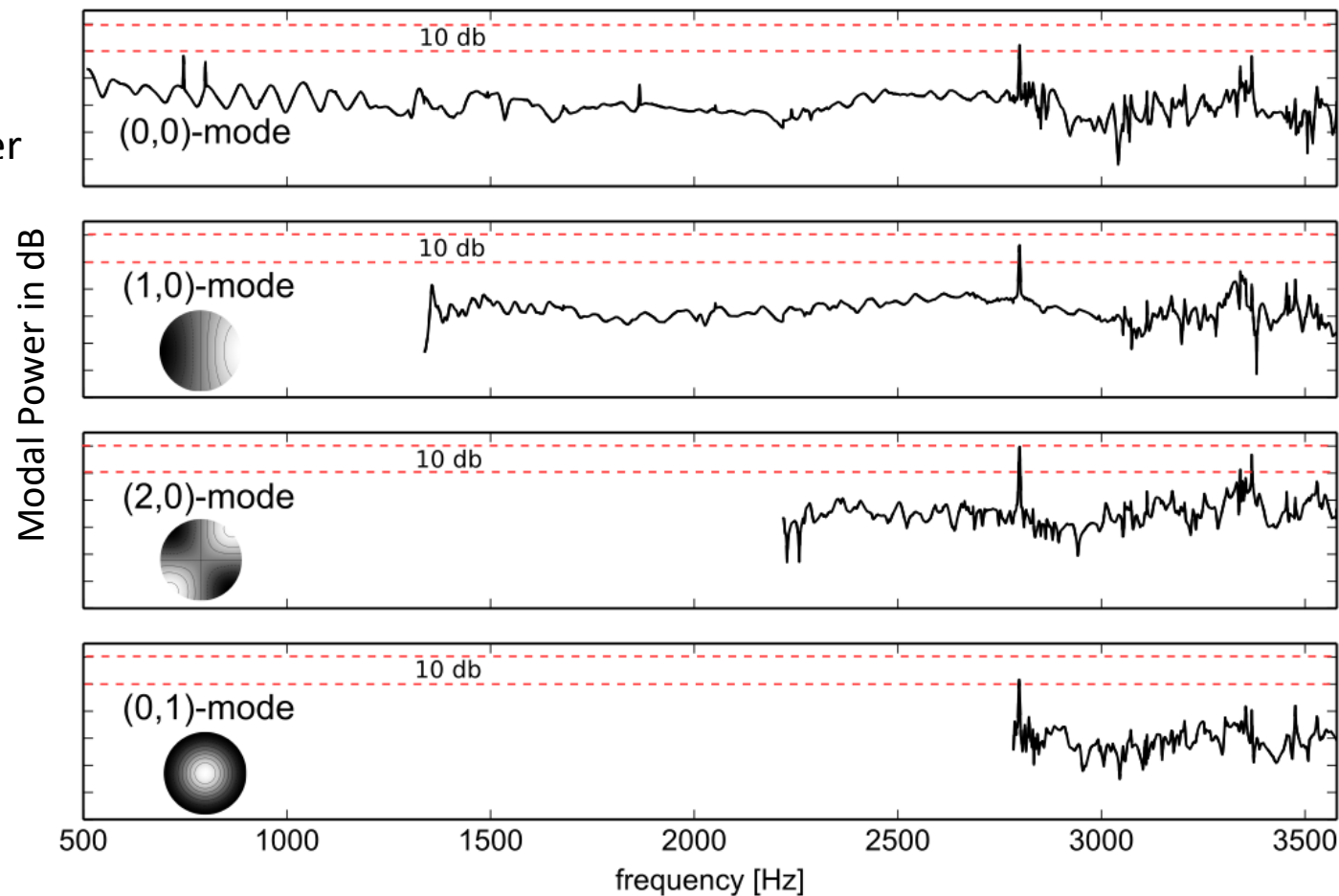
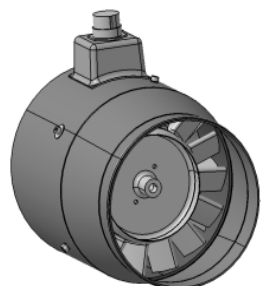


# Test rig built by VKI & KTH



# Axial compressor spectrum [13]

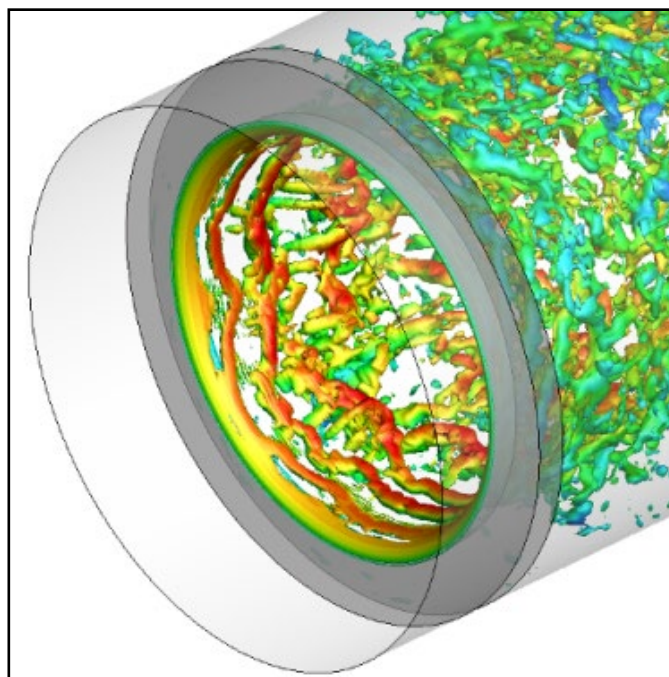
- Axial compressor with strong BPF (2700 Hz) and higher order mode content
- The (0,0) & (2,0) modes are particularly strong





# Installation effects – Single&Tandem Orifices [14,15]

Orifice-plate in a circular duct



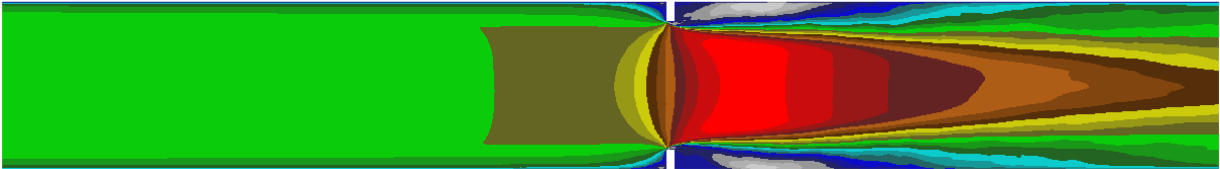
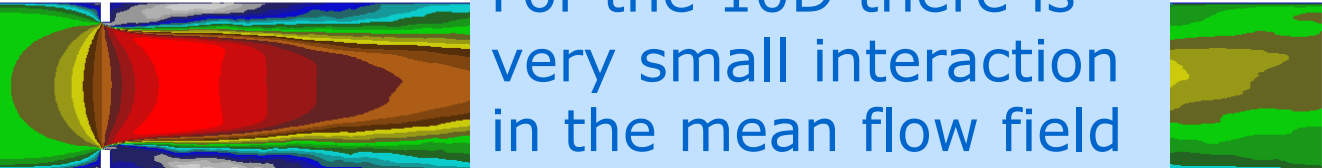
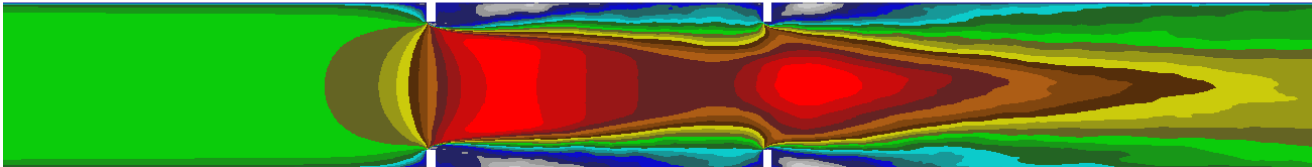
**Active part** computed by IDDES  
and **the passive** by Linearized  
Navier Stokes Eqs. (LNSE).

**BUT** here we will only present the  
experimental part.

# Objectives

Investigating the effect of installation (acoustic & aerodynamic) on the acoustic properties of induct orifice plates (separation 2D, 4D and 10D)

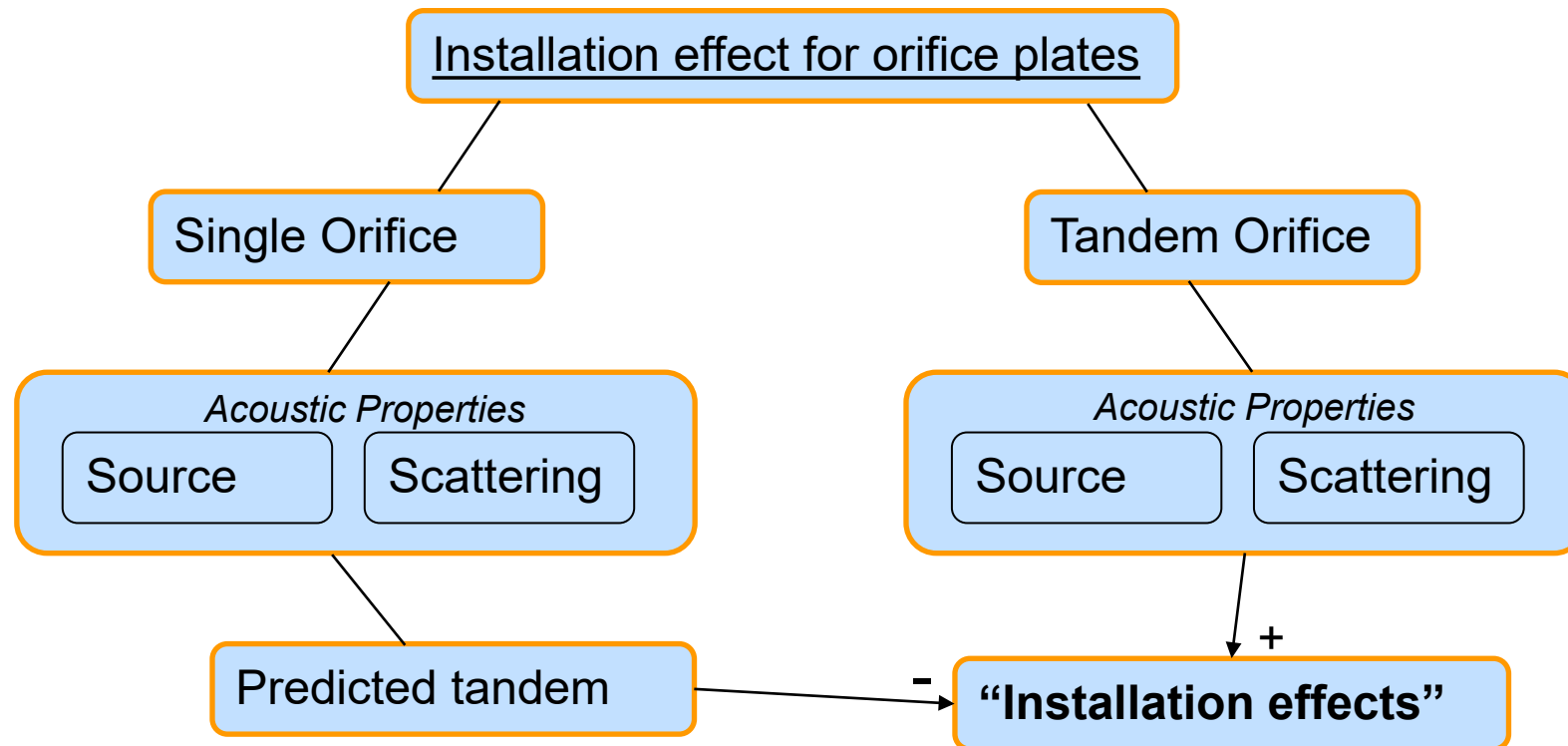
The problem is simplified to a **single (clean) orifice** and a **tandem – orifice** configuration

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<p style="text-align: center;">Orifice      Orifice</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">u-velocity, m/s</p>	<p><b>Tandem sep. 2D</b></p>

For the 10D there is very small interaction in the mean flow field

# Objectives

The problem is split into sub problems

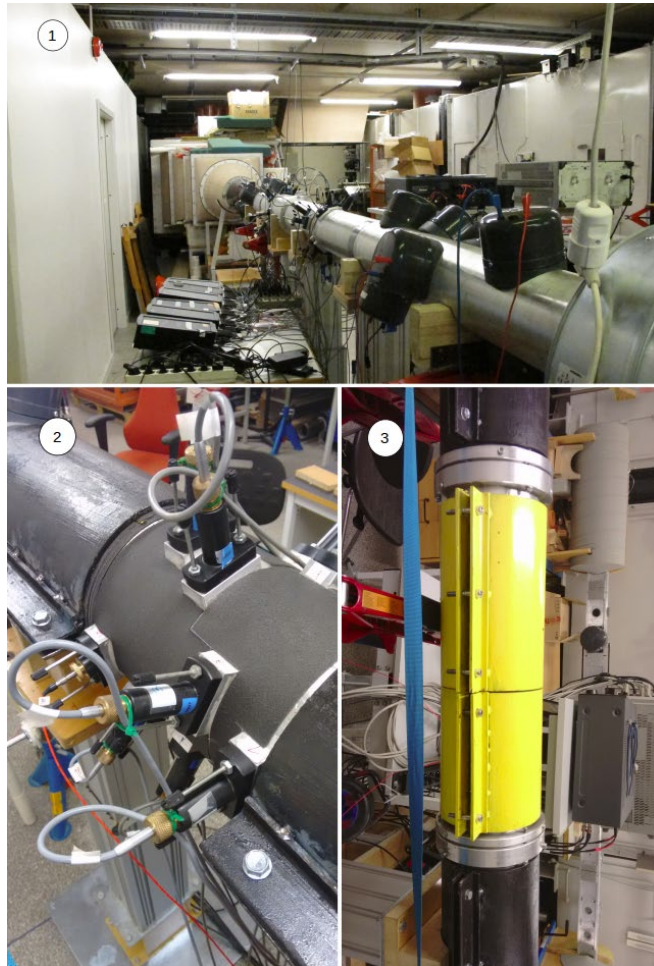


The **installation effects** will simply be **the difference** between ‘predicted’ and ‘real’.

The **Scattering Matrices** will “handle” the acoustic installation effects **BUT** the multi-port **Source strength** assumes an undisturbed inflow....

# Orifice Measurements

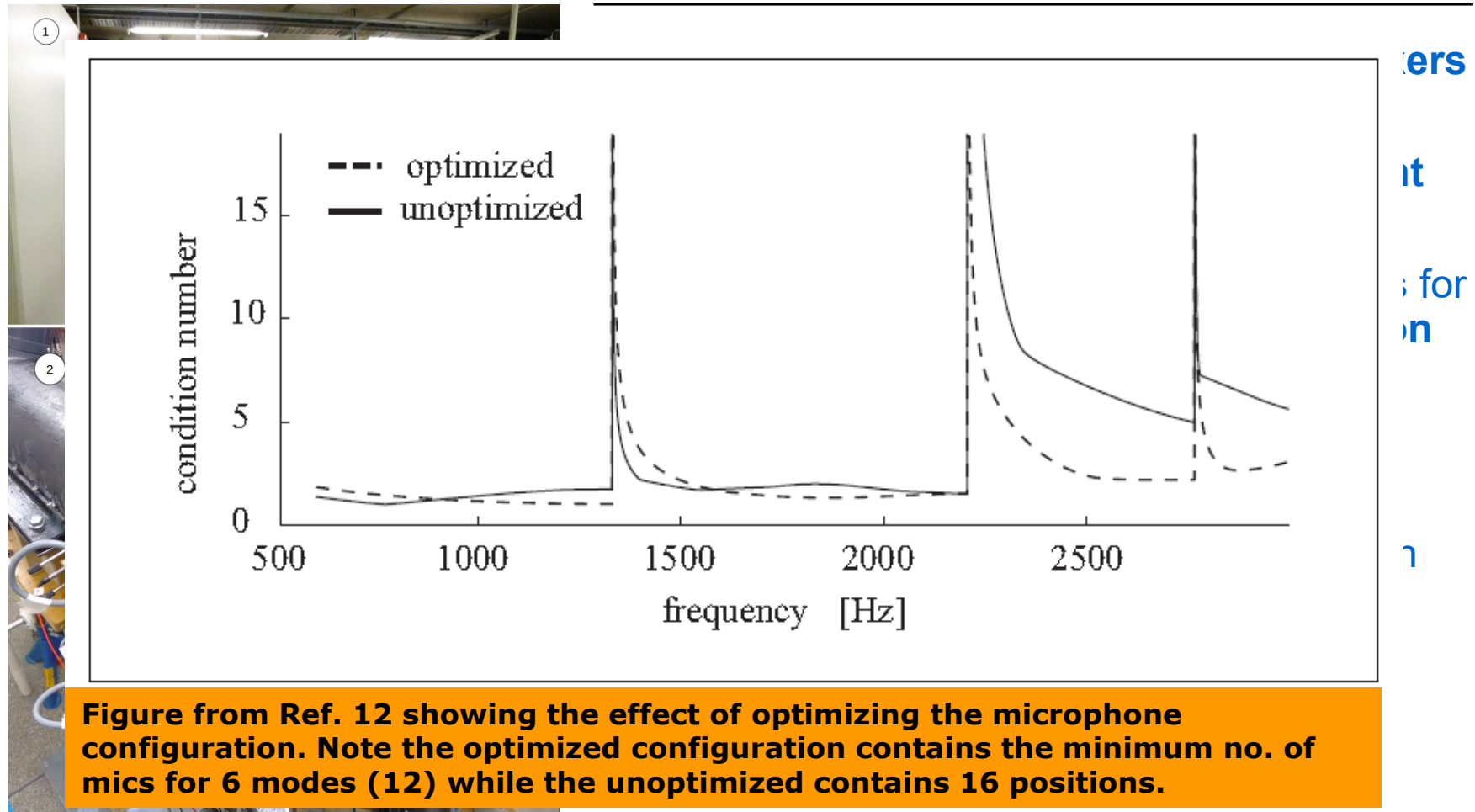
Measurements for model-validation at the *Marcus Wallenberg Laboratory for Sound and Vibration Research at KTH*



- **2x12 microphones** and **16 loudspeakers** in an optimised setup (max 6 modes)
- Aluminum pipe-sections with **constraint layer damping**
- Multi-channel excitation with algorithms for **simultaneous, uncorrelated excitation**
- **Modal decomposition** with advanced wave-numbers to account for damping
- Two stage measurements for **accurate scattering** and **source** characterisation

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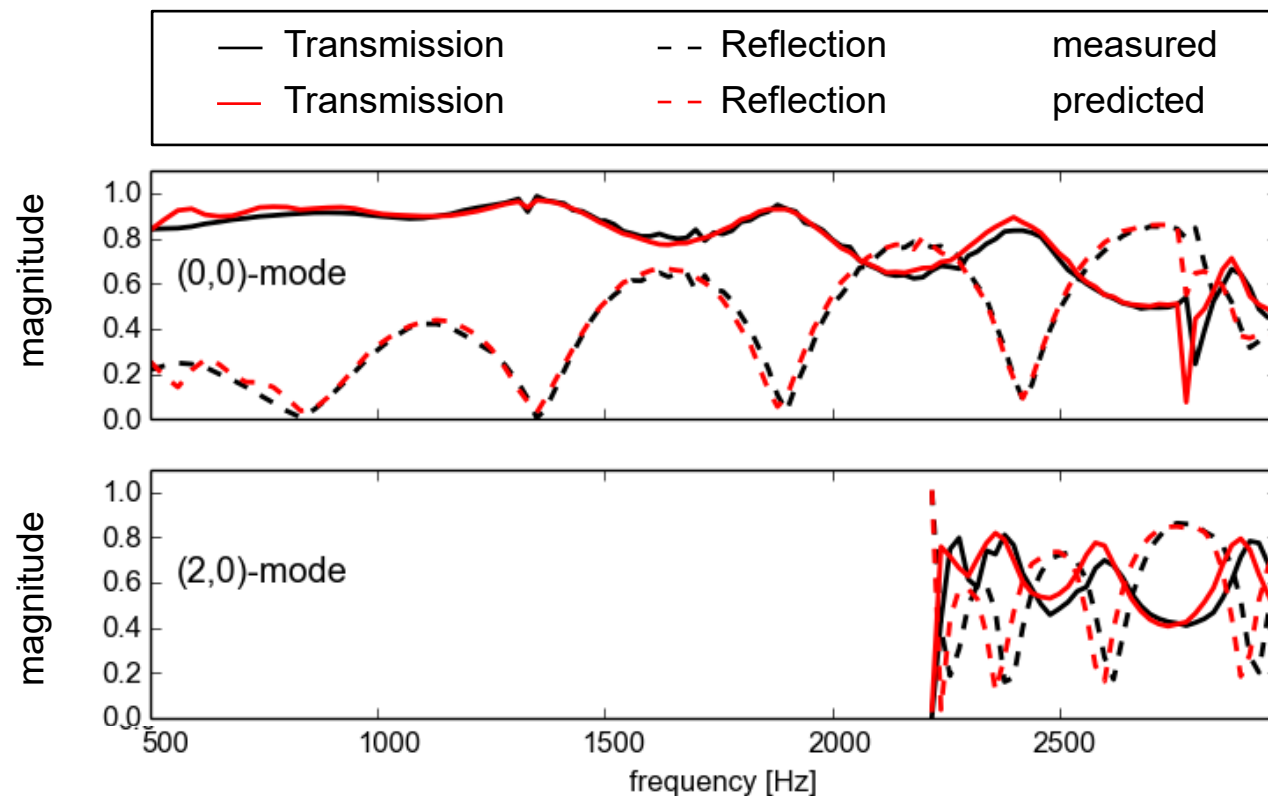


# Tandem Orifice - Scattering

Combining two multi-ports is a **multiplication** of their **transfer matrices**  
 Computing the **transfer matrix** is a **linear operation** on the scattering matrix

→ computational inexpensive

2D distance

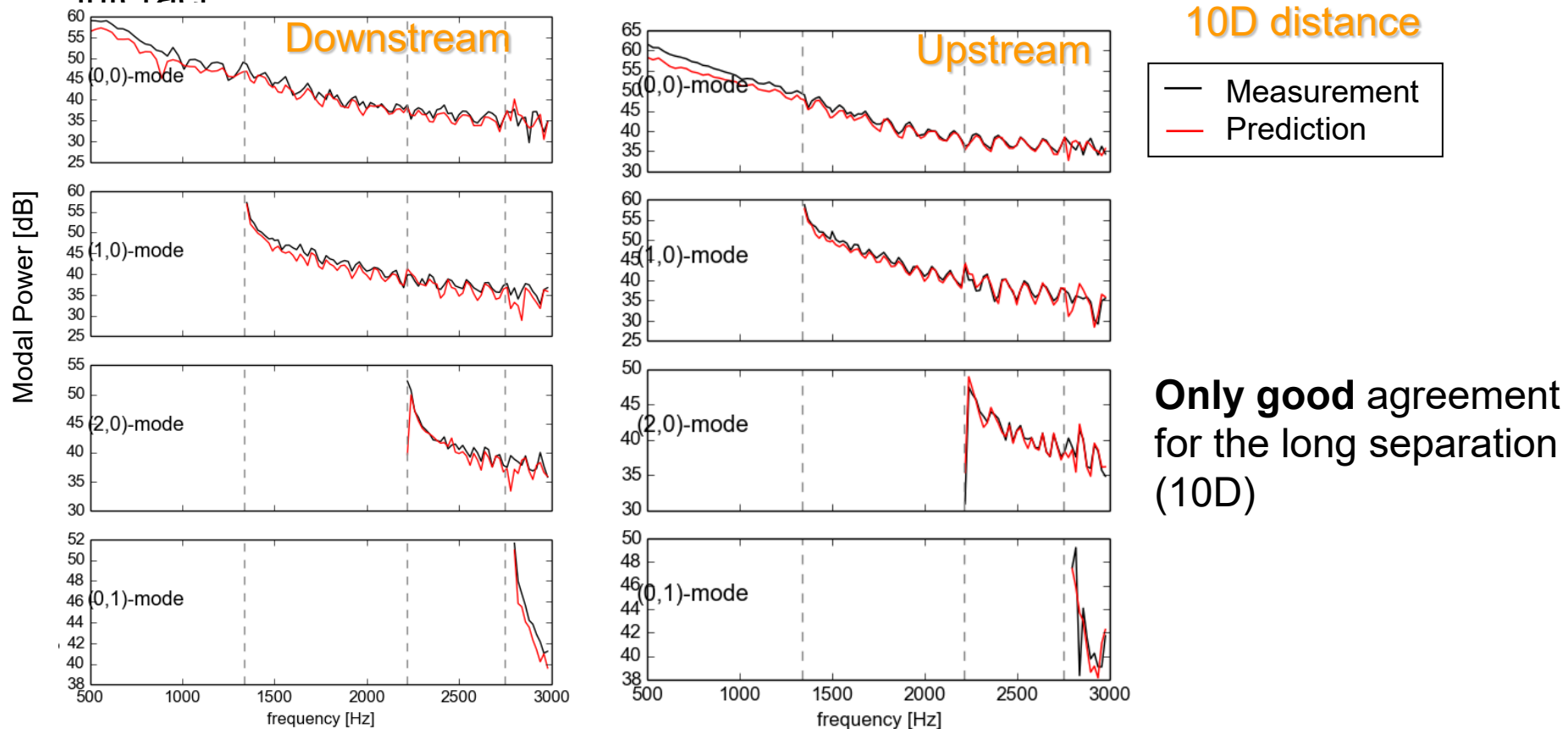


The scattering of an orifice plate is very little affected by disturbed inflow. Even for the shortest separation the Tandem case can be predicted using the Single orifice data.

# Tandem Orifice - Source strength

For the source, the power **cross spectrum is computed, neglecting correlated sound sources** between the two multi-ports

→ This will cause aerodynamic installation effects when the flow fields interact



# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

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- The full multi-port approach gives a complete characterization of a duct element (scattering + sound generation)
- Applying the multi-port procedure to experimental or numerical data will eliminate the effect of boundaries i.e. represent the system under reflection free conditions
- The projection of pressure data on acoustic modes i.e. the basis of the modal decomposition used in the process will reduce the influence of hydro-dynamic disturbances (“turbulence”)
- Multi-port models have traditionally been applied to fluid machines, e.g., IC-engines and fans and the data (passive/active) determined experimentally



# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

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- The low frequency plane wave or 2-port case is today established in particular for the passive part
- In the IDEALVENT project the experimental procedures to determine multi-port data have been further developed
- In addition the usefulness of applying the same procedures on numerical data have been demonstrated for a number of cases

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