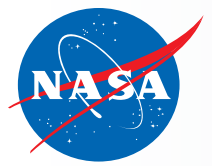


Current and Planned Updates to Liner Technology Facility Rigs and Data Analysis Techniques

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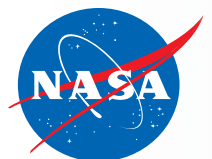
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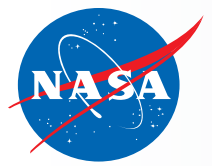
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Overview

Facility and Data Analysis Upgrades to Support New Testing Capability

- Review of Pridmore-Brown modal analysis in Curved Duct Test Rig (CDTR)
- Preview of upcoming High Intensity Modal Impedance Tube (HIMIT) testing

Updates from Liner Physics Team

- Experiment
- Modeling
- Analysis

Pridmore-Brown Modal Analysis

Objectives

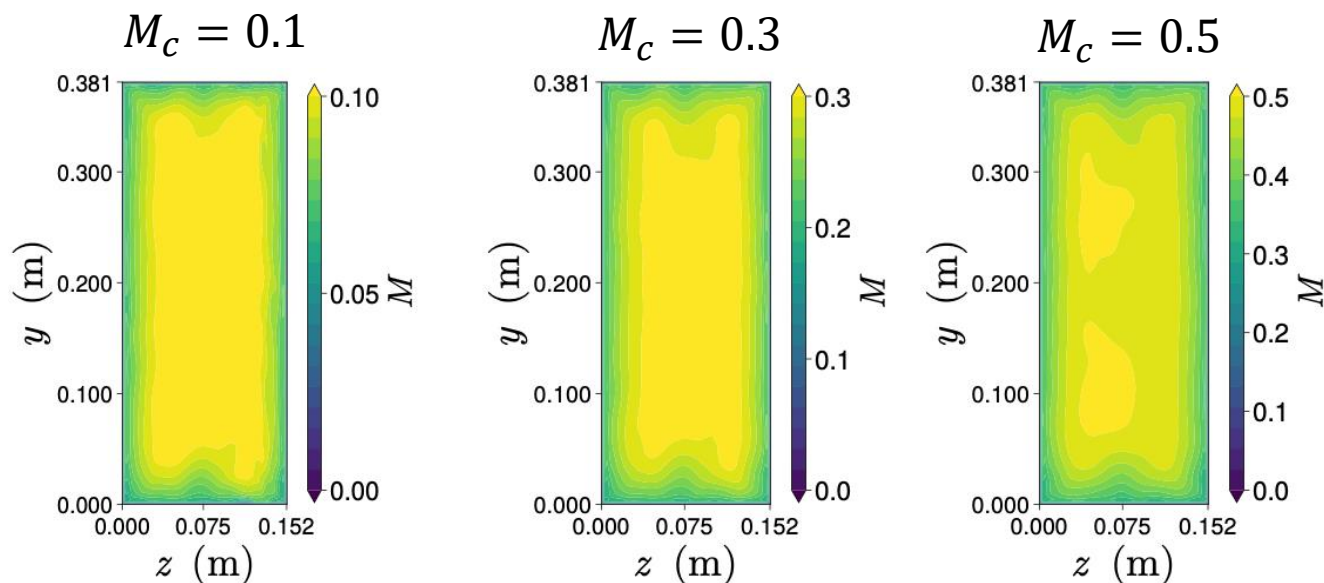
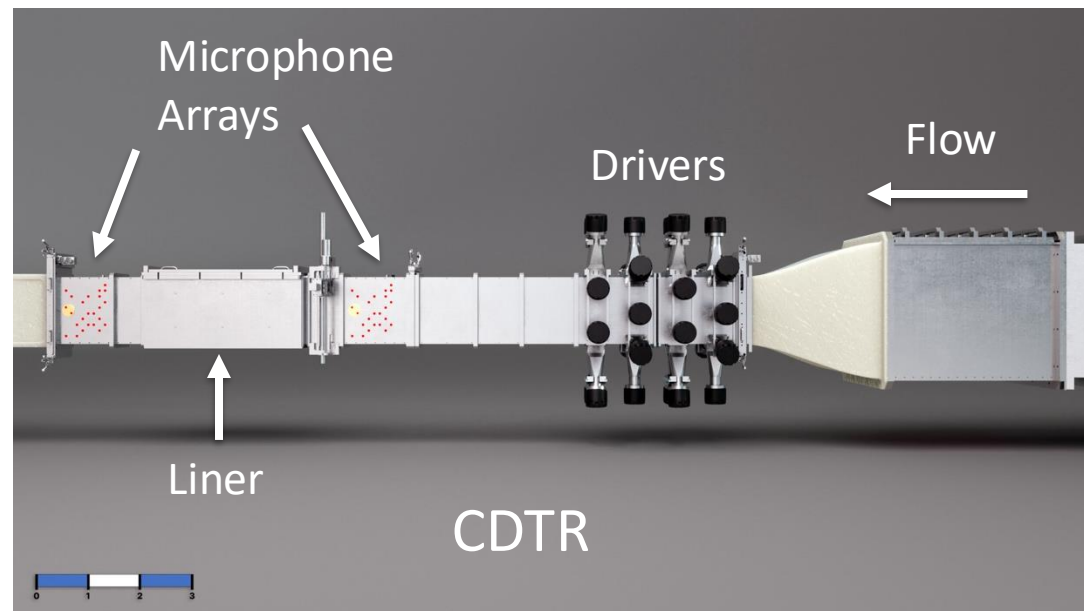
- Understand effect of shear flow on acoustic modes
- Improve accuracy of analysis at higher frequencies

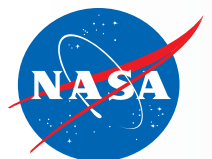
Process

- Test in Curved Duct Test Rig (CDTR)
- $400 \leq f \leq 3000$ Hz
- Centerline Mach numbers: 0.1, 0.3, and 0.5
- Convective Helmholtz Eqn. (CHE) modal analysis
- Pridmore-Brown Eqn. [ref. 1] (PBE) modal analysis

Results Presented in Following Slides

- Assessment of accuracy – comparison between CHE and PBE
- Examination of wavenumbers and mode structure





Pridmore-Brown Modal Analysis

PBE Analysis

- Differs from CHE mode decomposition in several ways [refs. 2,3]
 - Perform Galerkin projection with Chebyshev basis
 - Solve nonlinear eigenvalue problem for wavenumbers, κ
 - Becomes computationally expensive as # of basis functions ($\tilde{M} \times \tilde{N}$) is increased
- $\tilde{M} = 14$ and $\tilde{N} = 10$ found to be sufficient

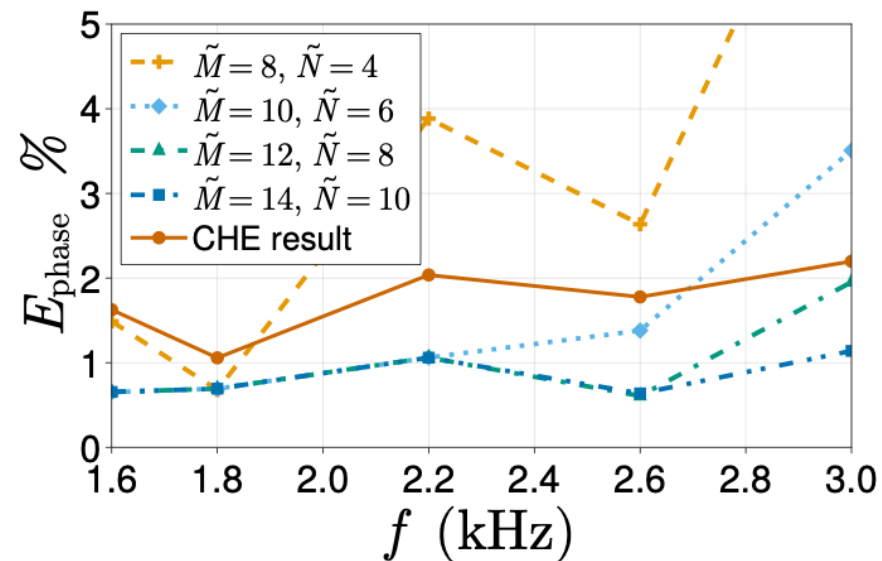
Microphone Reconstruction Error

- Quantifies ability of computed modes to reconstruct measurements made at microphones
- Phase (and SPL) at mics show slightly improved agreement

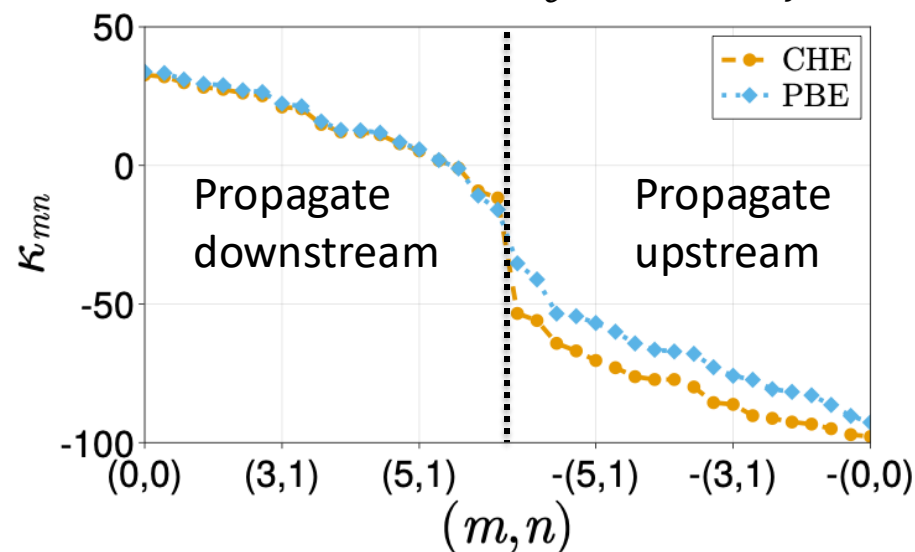
Wavenumbers

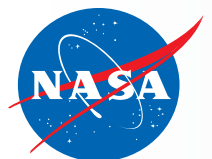
- CHE and PBE wavenumbers similar for modes propagating in same direction as flow
- Noticeable difference between CHE and PBE for negative modes
- As M_c and f increase, so does deviation between CHE and PBE

Phase Reconstruction Error, $M_c = 0.5$ and (0,1) mode



CHE and PBE wavenumbers, $M_c = 0.5$ and $f = 2600$ Hz





Pridmore-Brown Modal Analysis

Mode Structure

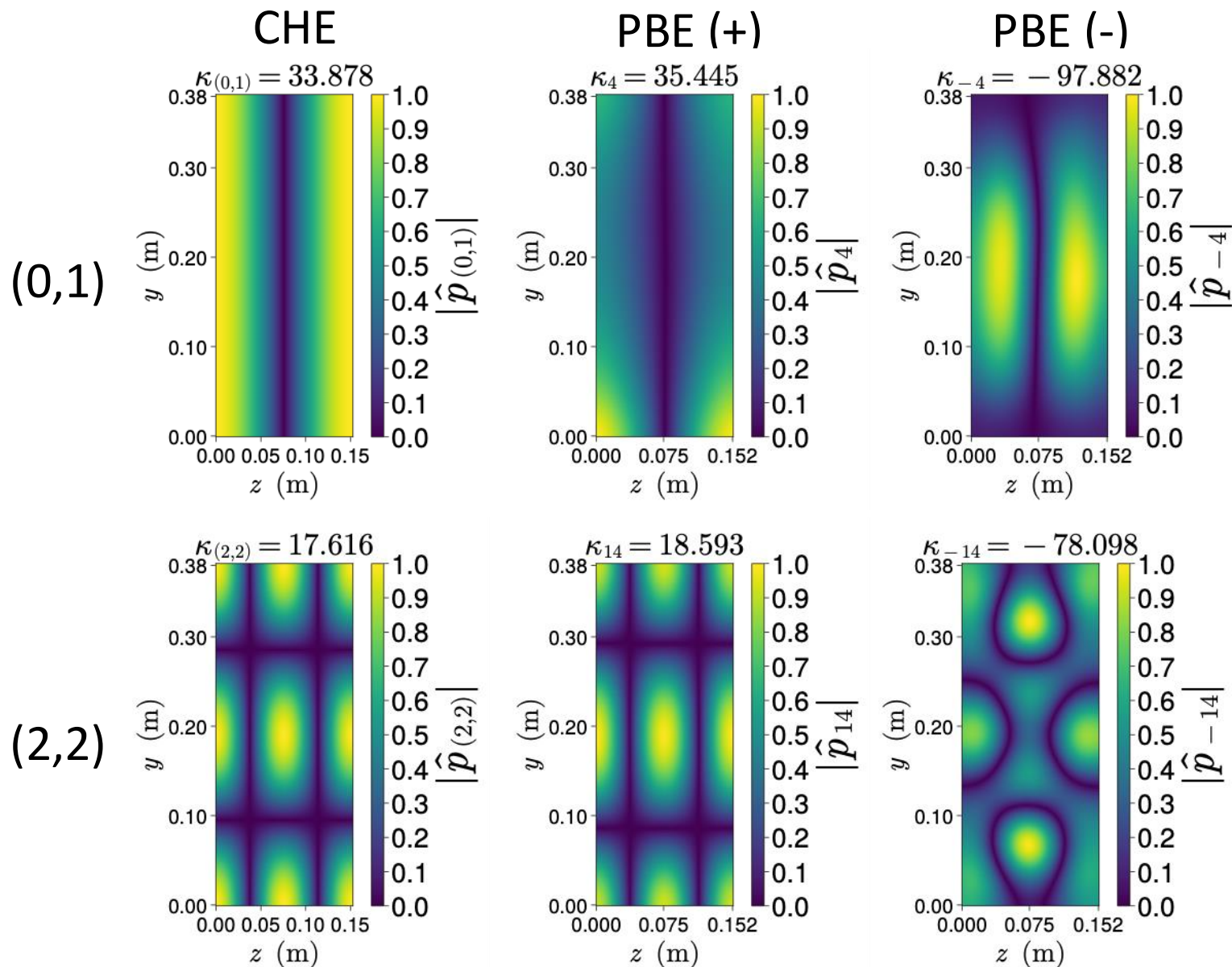
- Mode structure, $|\hat{p}_j|$, deviates more significantly from CHE as M_c and f increase
- $f = 3000$ Hz and $M_c = 0.5$ results shown

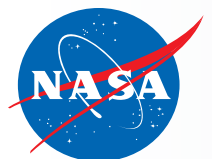
CHE mode structure

- Symmetry between positive and negative modes
- Structure formed from cosine basis

PBE mode structure

- Asymmetry between positive and negative modes
- Positive mode structure is more consistent with CHE modes (in general)
- Possible “mode switching?” (next slide)





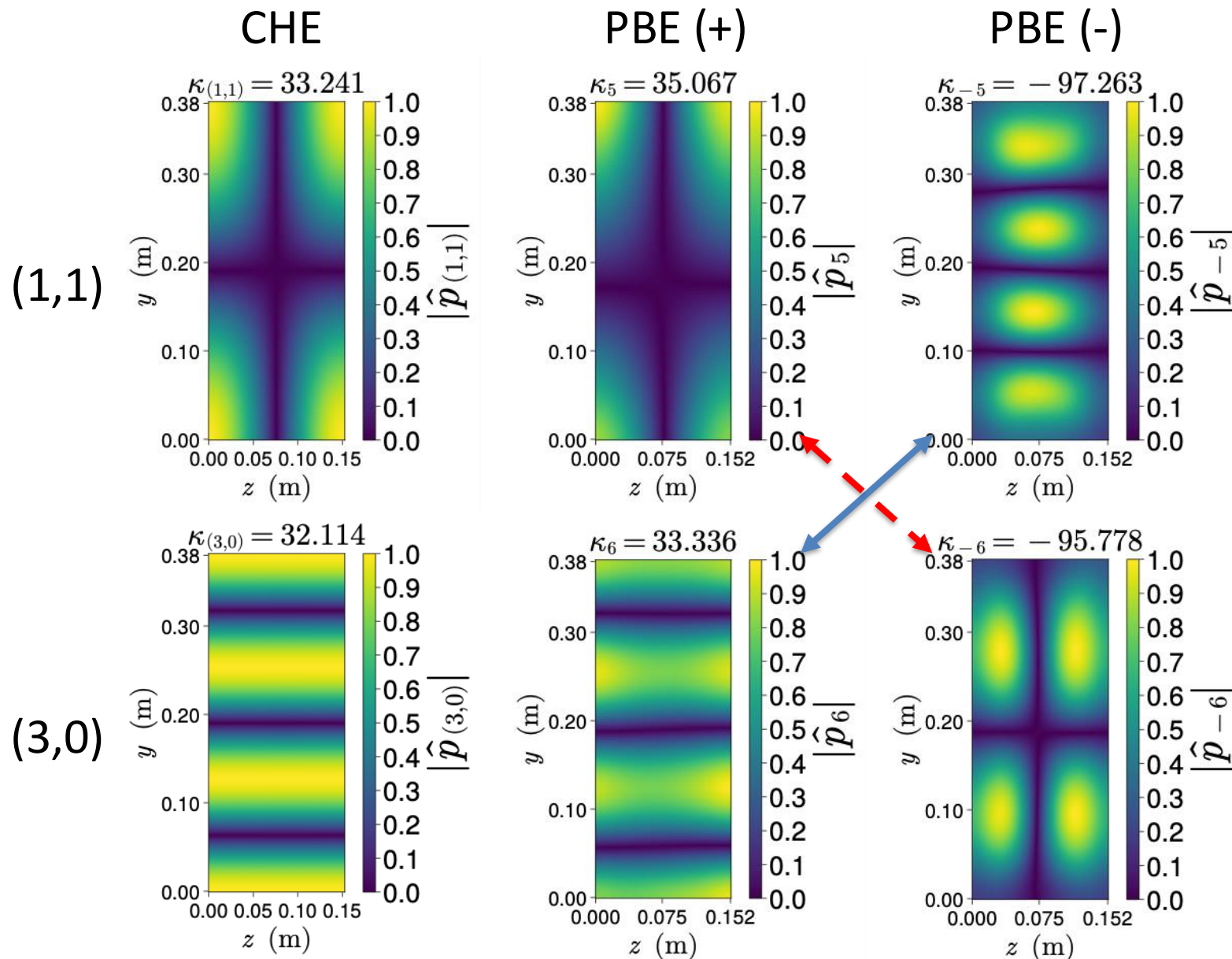
Pridmore-Brown Modal Analysis

“Mode Switching”

- PBE negative mode structure sometimes corresponds to different positive mode order
- How should PBE mode be defined? Its structure or wavenumber?

Future Work

- Support future investigations of flow direction effects on impedance reduction



HIMIT Upgrades and Analysis

High Intensity Modal Impedance Tube (HIMIT) Objective

- Developed to increase impedance tube testing range to 6 kHz
- Higher-order modes present above ~ 3.4 kHz
 - Modal analysis requires single dominant mode for best accuracy (mode control)
 - Unclear how to set consistent level across different modes for nonlinear liner samples
 - Mode scattering may complicate impedance reduction

Approach

- Modify existing mode control algorithm to ignore uncontrollable reflected modes
- Test methods to set level
 - Mode SPL or power level
 - Average SPL at liner surface
- Assess different methods for reducing impedance



HIMIT Upgrades and Analysis

Control Algorithm (In Development)

- Original CDTR mode control assumes anechoic termination and optimizes microphone response [refs. 4,5]
- Instead use leaky LMS algorithm to optimize incident mode response ($a_m^{(-)}$, where $m = 1, \dots, nmodes$)
- H_{mn}^* is transfer function between driver signal and mode coefficient

Mode Plates

- Mode plates are an alternative form of mode control for higher-order modes [ref. 6]
- Plane wave mode cannot be controlled, but is usually the preferred mode without control

$$x_n(k+1) = (1 - \alpha\beta) \underbrace{x_n(k)}_{\text{Driver signal}} - \alpha H_{mn}^* \underbrace{(d_m(k) - a_m(k))}_{\substack{\text{Desired mode} \\ \text{response} \\ \text{Actual mode} \\ \text{response}}}$$



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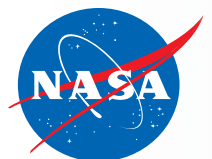
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HIMIT Upgrades and Analysis

Methods to Set Source Level

- Incident vs. total
- Mode SPL (same as NIT at plane wave frequencies)
- Mode power level
- Average SPL across sample face

$$\zeta_{mn,mn} = \left(\frac{k}{\kappa_{mn}} \right) \frac{1 + R_{mn,mn}}{1 - R_{mn,mn}}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{\rho c} \frac{P}{U_1}$$

$$\zeta_{qr} = \left(\frac{k}{\kappa_{qr}} \right) \frac{1 + \sum_n^\infty \sum_m^\infty R_{mn,qr}(\psi_{mn}/\psi_{qr})}{1 - \sum_n^\infty \sum_m^\infty (\kappa_{mn}/\kappa_{qr}) R_{mn,qr}(\psi_{mn}/\psi_{qr})}$$

Methods to Educe Impedance

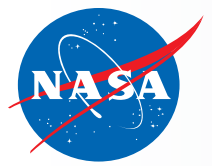
- Same-mode impedance
- Modal impedance (include all modes in reflected field)
- Total impedance (all cut-on modes contribute, sensitive to mode decomposition uncertainty?)

Future Work

- Testing will assess ability of HIMIT to effectively
 - Set a consistent source level across different sample types
 - Educe impedance and/or interpret results with mode scattering
 - Characterize liner samples up to 6 kHz

Samples for upcoming test

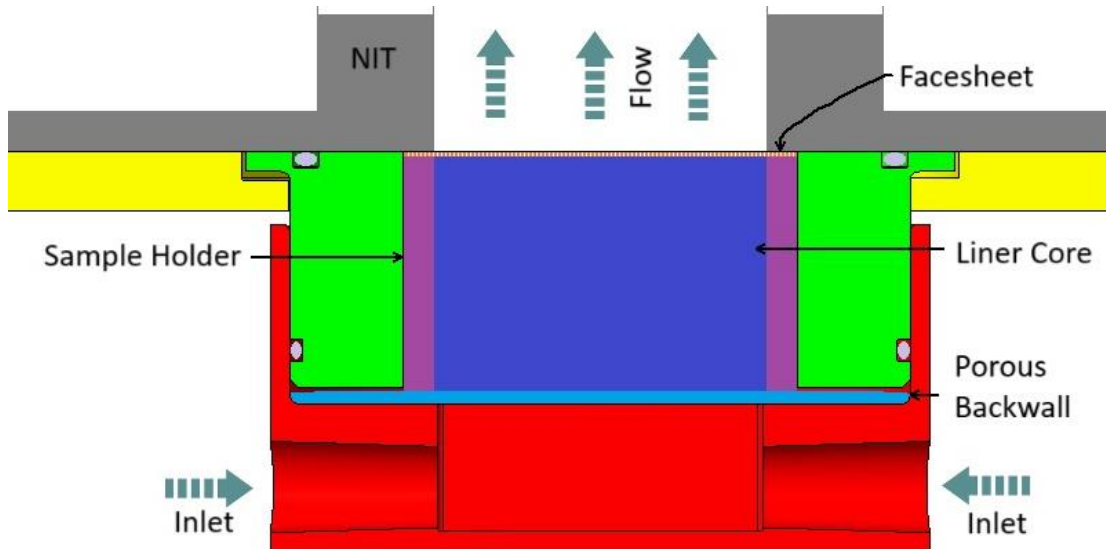
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Linear ↕ Nonlinear	CSQ30S1	N.A.
	SDOFPS1	21.9
	SDOFPS2	23.9
	SDOFPS3	5.4
	SDOFPS4	3.1



Updates from Liner Physics Team

Normal Incidence Tube (NIT)

- Implementing bias flow testing capability
- Feed shop air through a plenum and porous backwall to sample
- Examine effects of bias flow on
 - Broadening frequency range of attenuation of liners
 - In-situ impedance control

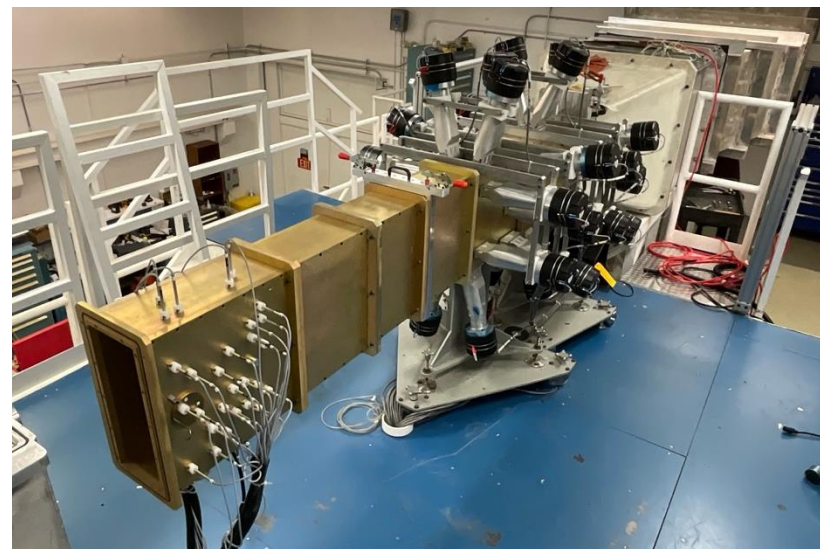


Flow capability: 100 to 750 SLM

POC: Scott Haigler

CDTR Chromate Conversion Coating

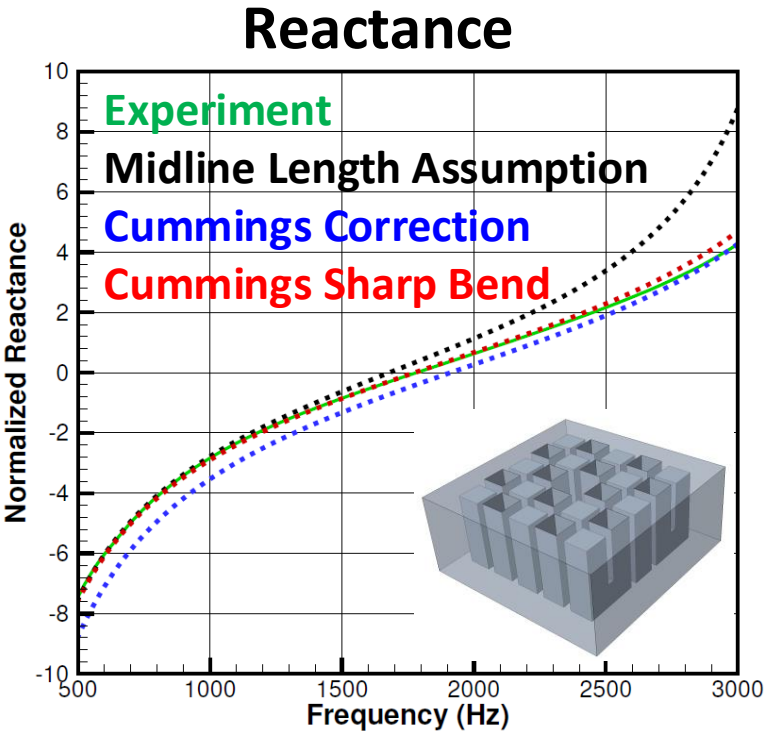
- Oxidation of aluminum due to humidity exposure
- Aluminum flaking at high Mach numbers
 - Buildup in grid caps of mics
 - Hot-wire breakage
- Chromate conversion coating applied to prevent further oxidation



POCs: Alex Carr, Martha Brown, Max Reid

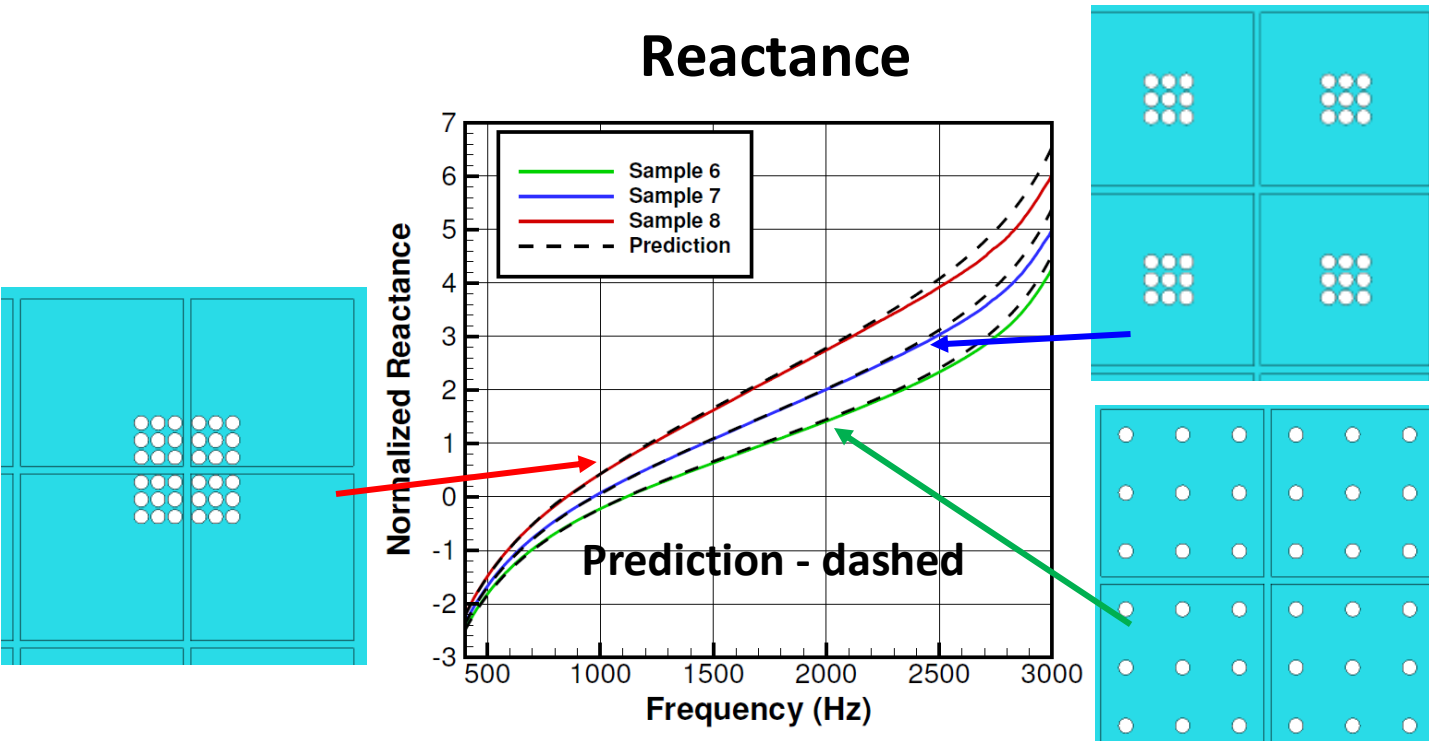
Bent Chambers

Effort to model effect of bent chambers on reactance [7]



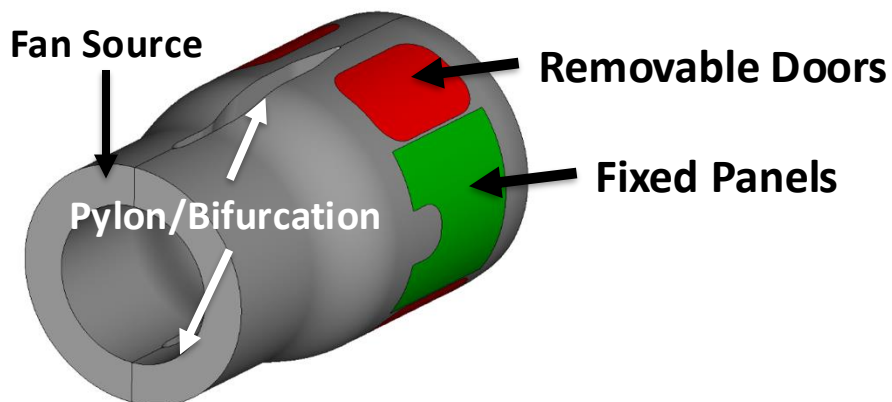
Hole Clustering

Perforate model developed to capture influence of hole position. Accuracy for both constant- and variable-depth liners

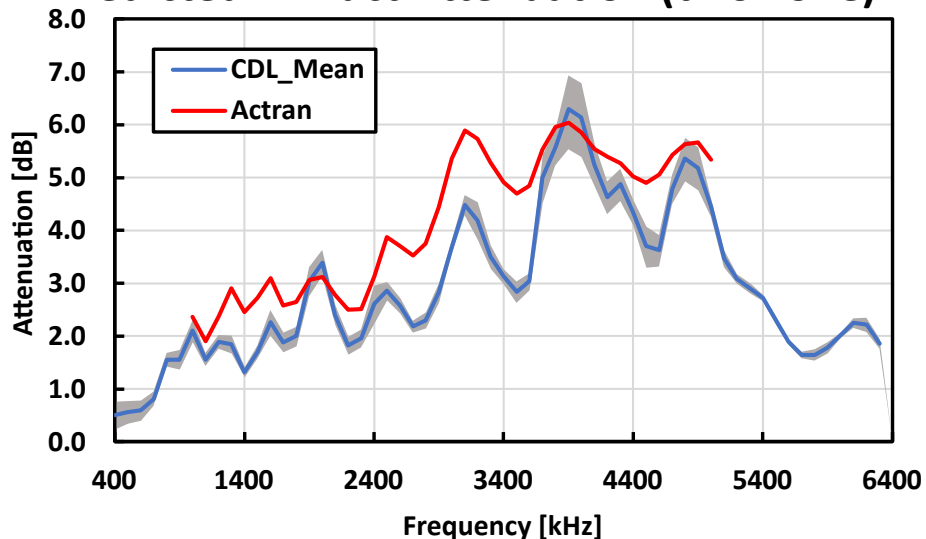


Analysis

Honeywell Static Engine Test

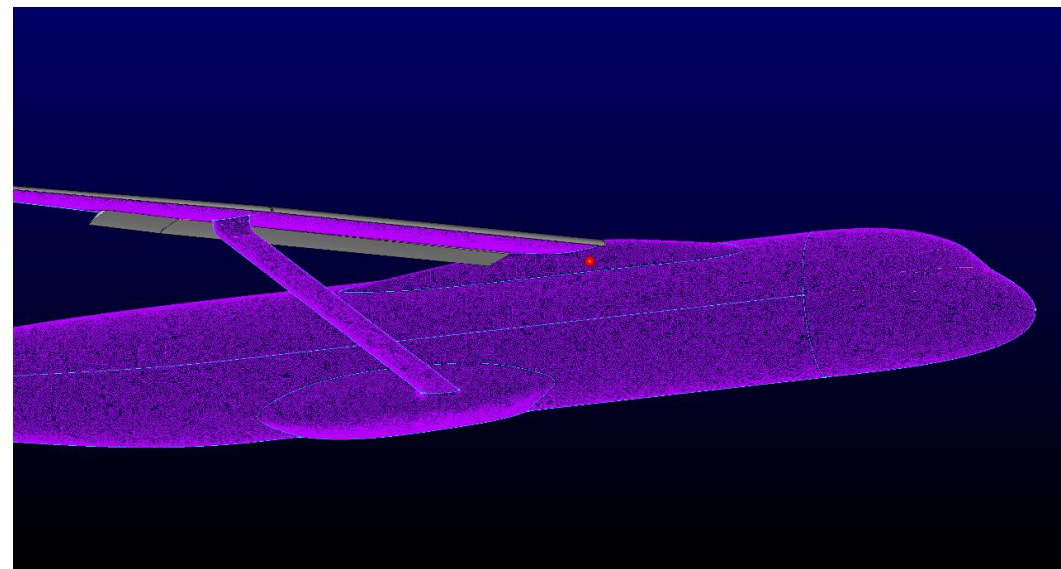


Predicted In-Duct Attenuation (two-zone)



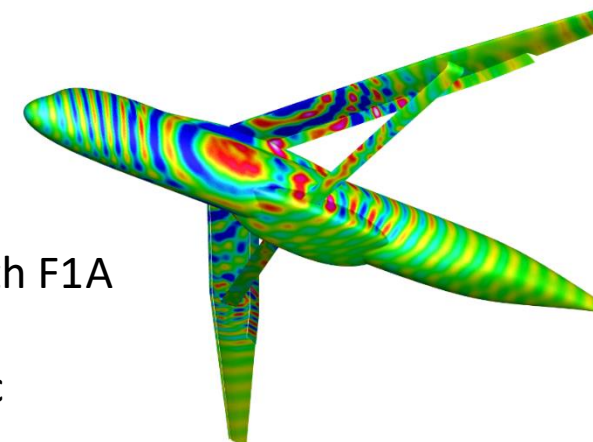
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Time Domain Acoustic Scattering (TDFAST)

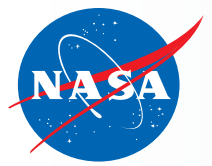


TTBW (Open configuration)

- Approach and takeoff configurations
- Enhanced incident source specification, coupling with F1A (ANOPP2)
- Explore effects of acoustic treatment on fuselage



POCs: Doug Nark, Fang Hu (ODU)



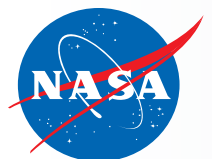
External Collaborations

Space Act Agreements (SAA)

- Hexcel: Exploration of novel liner core designs
- Honeywell: Static engine test data analysis and bifurcation liner design/testing
- MRAS: Exploration of novel liner facesheet designs
- MTU: Poroelastic liner research
- Sierra Space: Liner Design for LIFE Habitat Fan Noise Reduction

Other collaborations

- IFAR (International agreement) – Evaluate effects of flow direction or multitone source on impedance
- ODU (NIA) – Time-domain method to study acoustic scattering with liners
- AARC – Comparison of predicted (Avallone) and measured (NASA LaRC and UFSC) impedances
- Regular interactions with NASA GRC acoustics branch



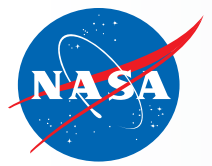
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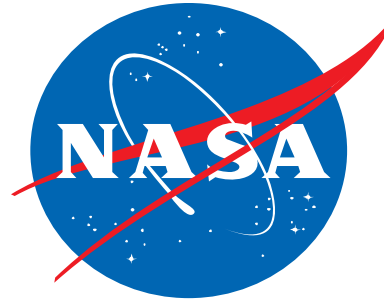
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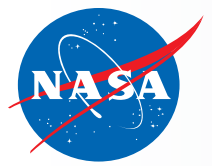
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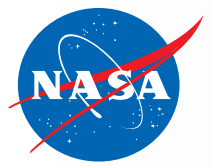
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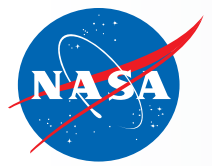


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Backup Slides



Modal Analysis

- Acoustic pressure field may be expressed as

$$P(x, y, z; \omega) = \sum_{j=1}^J \chi_j \overbrace{\sum_{n=0}^{\tilde{N}} \sum_{m=0}^{\tilde{M}} a_{mn}^{(j)} \psi_{mn}(y, z) e^{i\kappa^{(j)}x}}^{\hat{p}_j}$$

- χ_j are the complex mode coefficients
- Microphone measurements provide $P(x, y, z; \omega)$ at specific in-duct locations
- Then, linear least-squares regression may be used to determine χ_j
- Once χ_j are determined, the following quantities are of interest

- Mode SPL, $\text{SPL}_{\text{mode},j} = 10 \log \left(\frac{\chi_j \chi_j^*}{2p_{\text{ref}}^2} \right)$
- Reconstruction error in SPL and phase

$$E_{\text{SPL,PBE}} = \frac{\|\text{SPL}_{\text{PBE}} - \text{SPL}_{\text{measured}}\|_2}{\|\text{SPL}_{\text{measured}}\|_2}$$

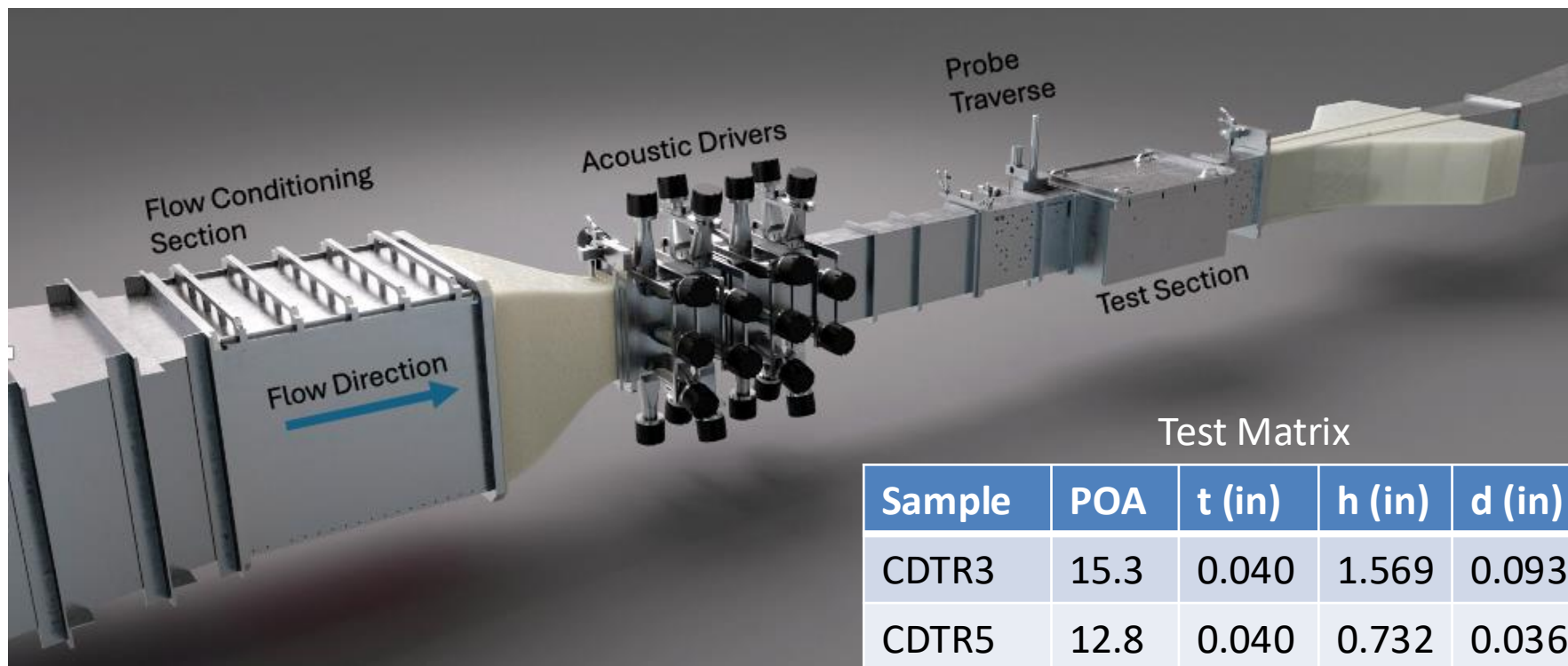
$$E_{\text{phase,PBE}} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{mics}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{mics}}} \frac{\min(s, s^c)}{\pi}$$

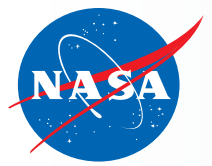
$$s = |\theta_{\text{measured}} - \theta_{\text{PBE}}|$$

$$s^c = |2\pi - s|$$

Experimental Setup

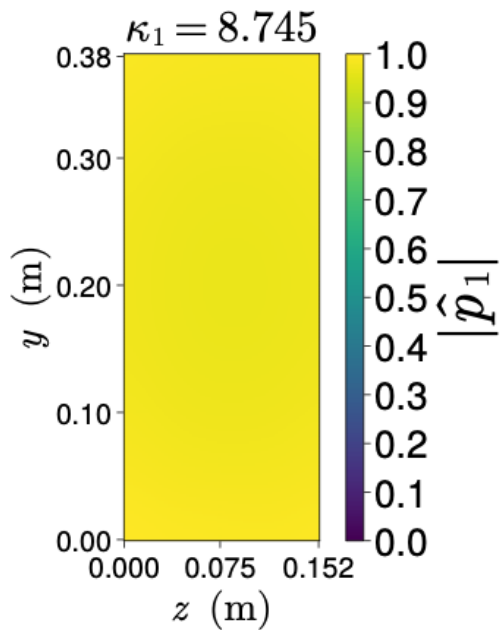
- Curved Duct Test Rig (CDTR) – open-loop wind tunnel capable of $M_c = 0.5$ in test section
- 15 x 6 in test section
- 32 acoustic drivers – mode control
- Probe traverse for flow measurements along cross-section before and after test section
- Test matrix: CDTR3 and CDTR5 liner samples at $M_c = 0.1, 0.3$, and 0.5



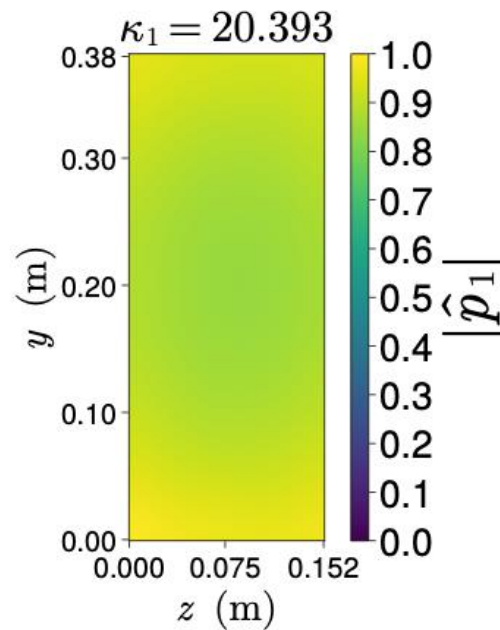


Modal Structure

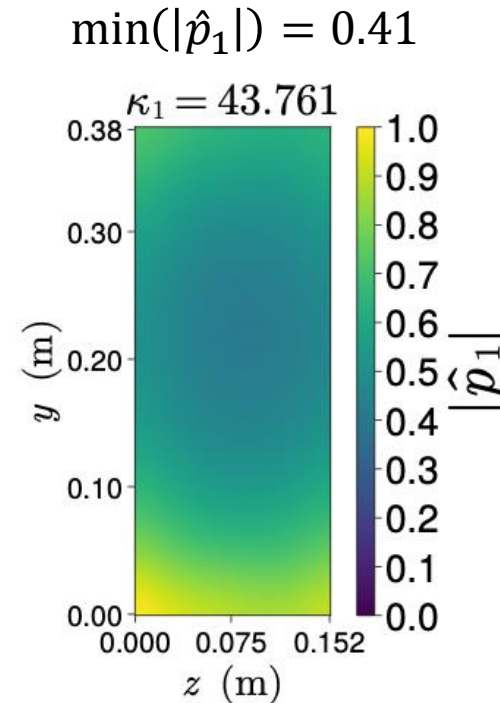
- As frequency and Mach number increase, modal structure becomes more “distorted” relative to traditional CHE mode structure
- Lowest-order mode becomes increasingly non-planar as flow speed and frequency increase (shown below)
- Asymmetry between positive and negative mode structures also present (shown on next slide)
- Lowest-order mode is first mode to exhibit this asymmetry (ref. 3)



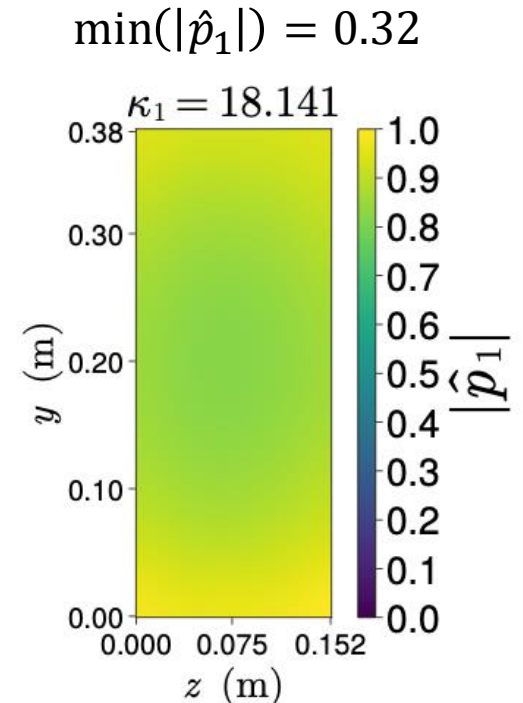
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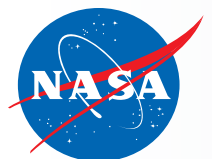
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$f = 3000$ Hz and $M_c = 0.3$



$f = 3000$ Hz and $M_c = 0.5$

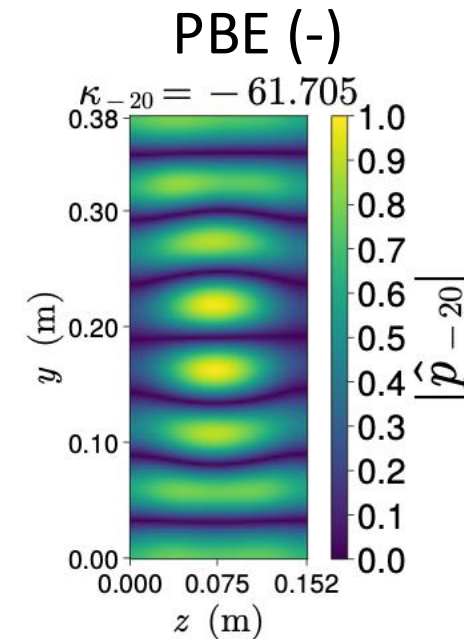
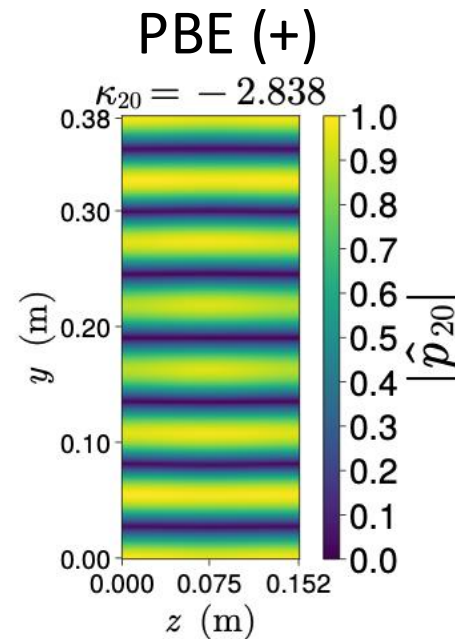
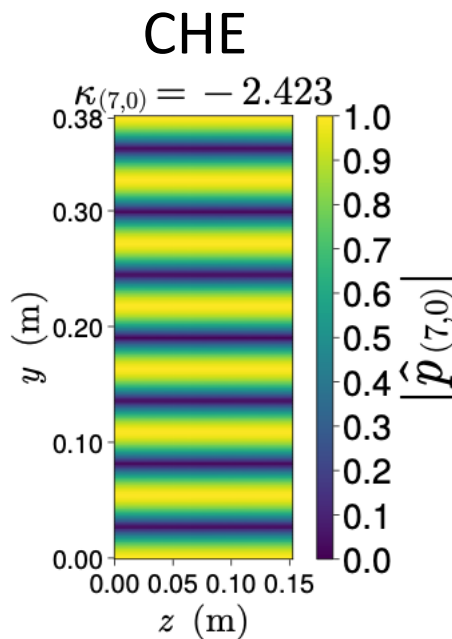


Modal Structure (Flow Direction Effects)

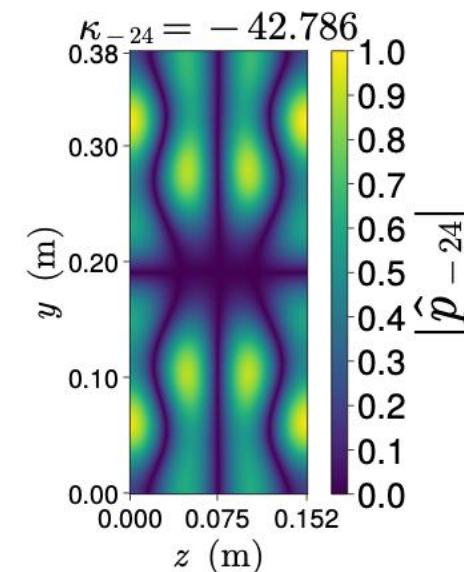
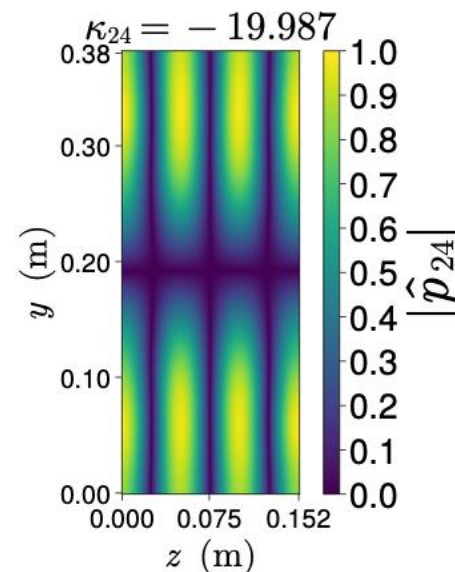
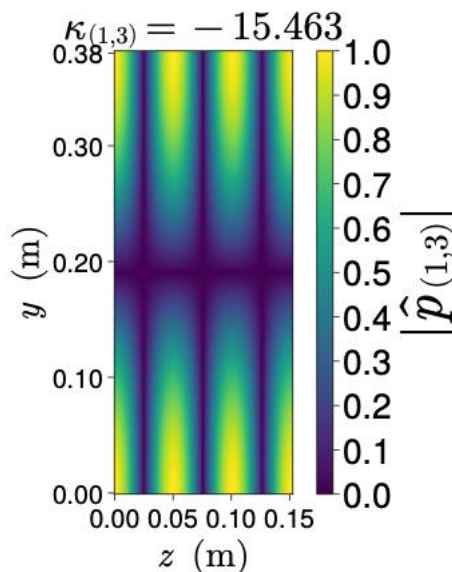
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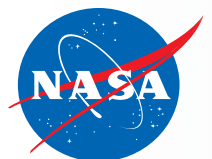
- $f = 3000$ Hz and $M_c = 0.5$
- PBE modes
- Positive modes top row, negative modes bottom row
- Positive modes exhibit structure closer to CHE modes
- Negative mode structure is vastly different

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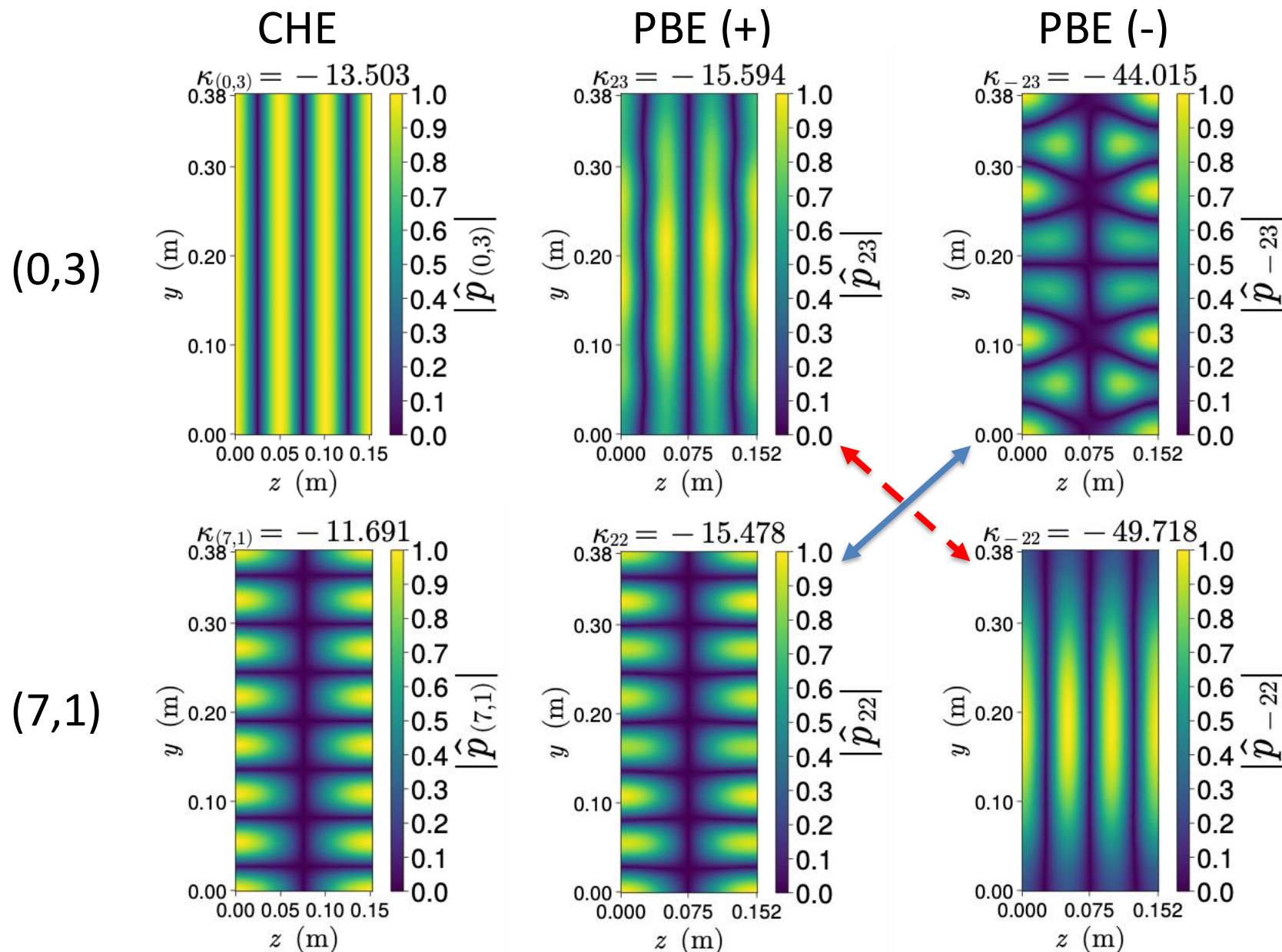




Modal Structure (“Mode Switching”)

Additional Mode Structure Plots

- $f = 3000$ Hz and $M_c = 0.5$
- Another case of mode switching presented here



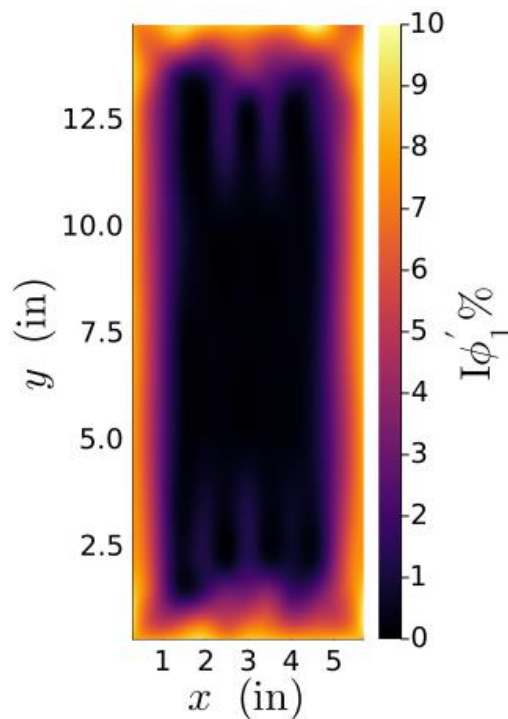
Hot-Wire Measurements in CDTR

Objectives

- Support treated-airfoil testing and boundary layer turbulence measurements
- Assess flow quality and identify sources of coherent background noise

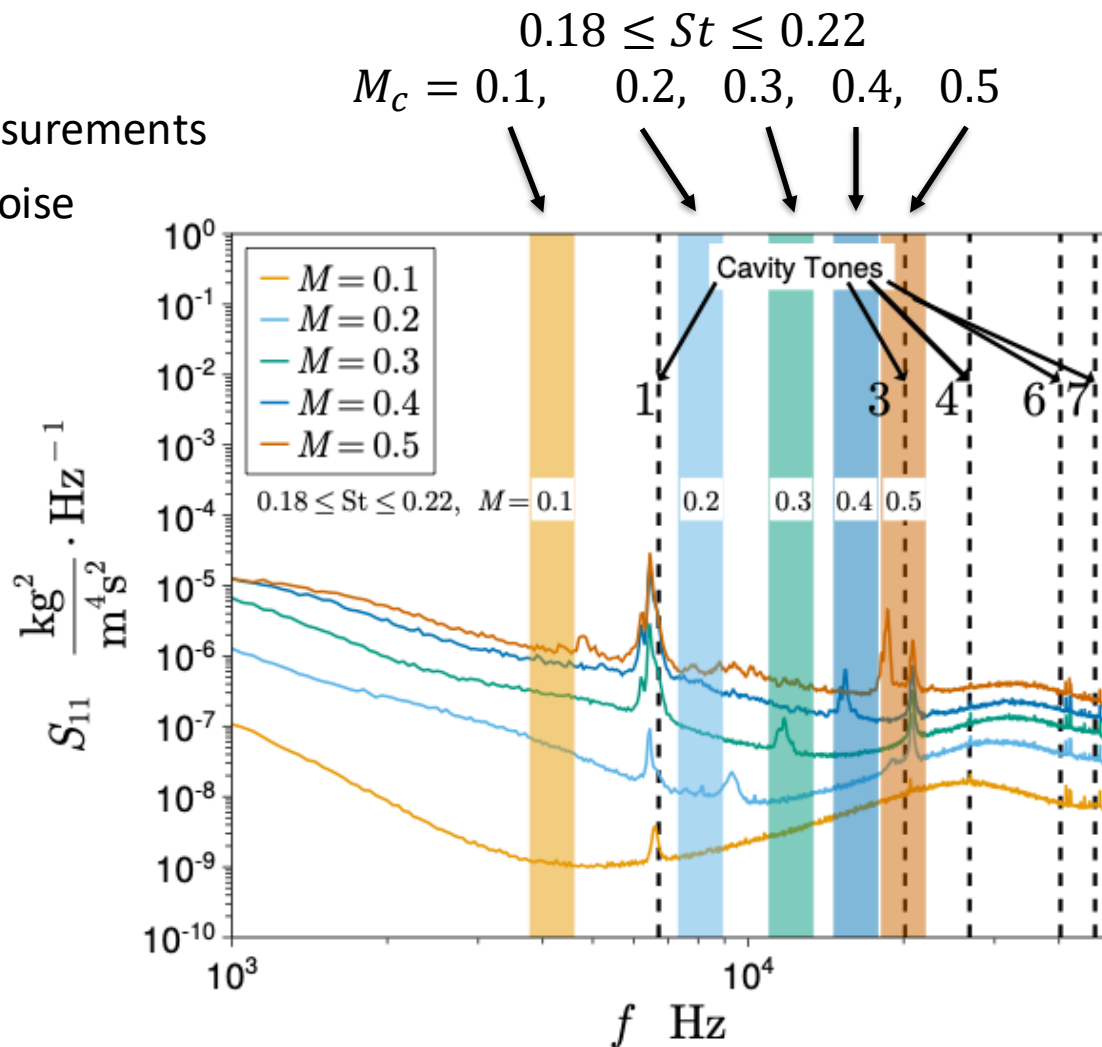
Background Turbulence Assessment

- Less than 1% turbulence intensity in core region
- Cavity tones appeared in core region turbulence spectra
 - Due to porous liner inserts separating acoustic drivers from flow – act as resonators
- Vortex shedding from upstream total pressure probe



Solutions

- Remove upstream probe, use static pressure differential for flow speed measurement
- Porous inserts can be replaced with hardwall inserts if needed



Hot-Wire Measurements in CDTR

CDTR Chromate Conversion Coating

- Frequent hot-wire breakage during testing
- Determined cause – particulate impact
 - Aluminum pitting in duct from humidity exposure
 - Ingesting unfiltered air from outside
- Solutions
 - Chromate conversion coating of duct to prevent further pitting
 - Exploring filter options for inlet ($10\mu m$ filter)

