

Quiet machine design: Motivation, classical methods, and novel approaches



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Outline

- Introduction of the research group SzM
- Examples for successful noise reduction measures
- (Potential) reasons why companies contact us for support
- Classical methods for noise control engineering
- Novel approaches for noise control engineering

Introduction of the research group SzM

- research group “System Reliability and Machine Acoustics SzM”, TU Darmstadt, Germany
- activities started in the 1960s (Prof. H.W. Müller)
- technical acoustics with focus on gearboxes, axial piston pumps, motors, ball bearings → term “machine acoustics” was coined
- in the 1970s: “fundamental equation of machine acoustics”
- soon: “System Reliability, Adaptive Systems, and Machine Acoustics SAM” (Prof. Tobias Melz)
- special/new topics: structural intensity, inequidistant gearings, scaling laws using sensitivity analyses, psychoacoustic aspects, electret and piezoelectret energy harvesters, active systems, ...
- student education (classes), research projects, and industry contract research and services

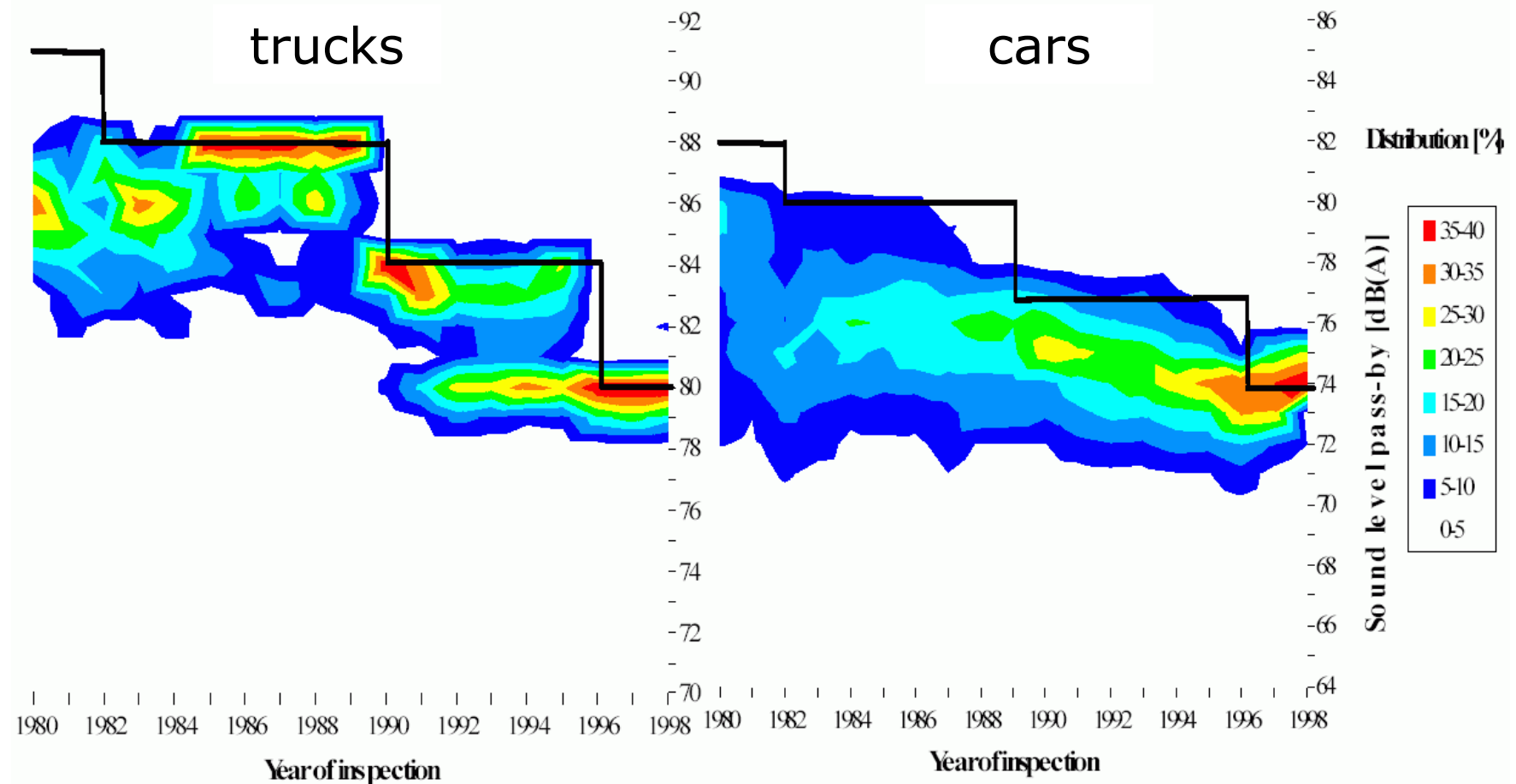
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Examples for successful noise reduction measures



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Traffic noise: legal noise limits and reality



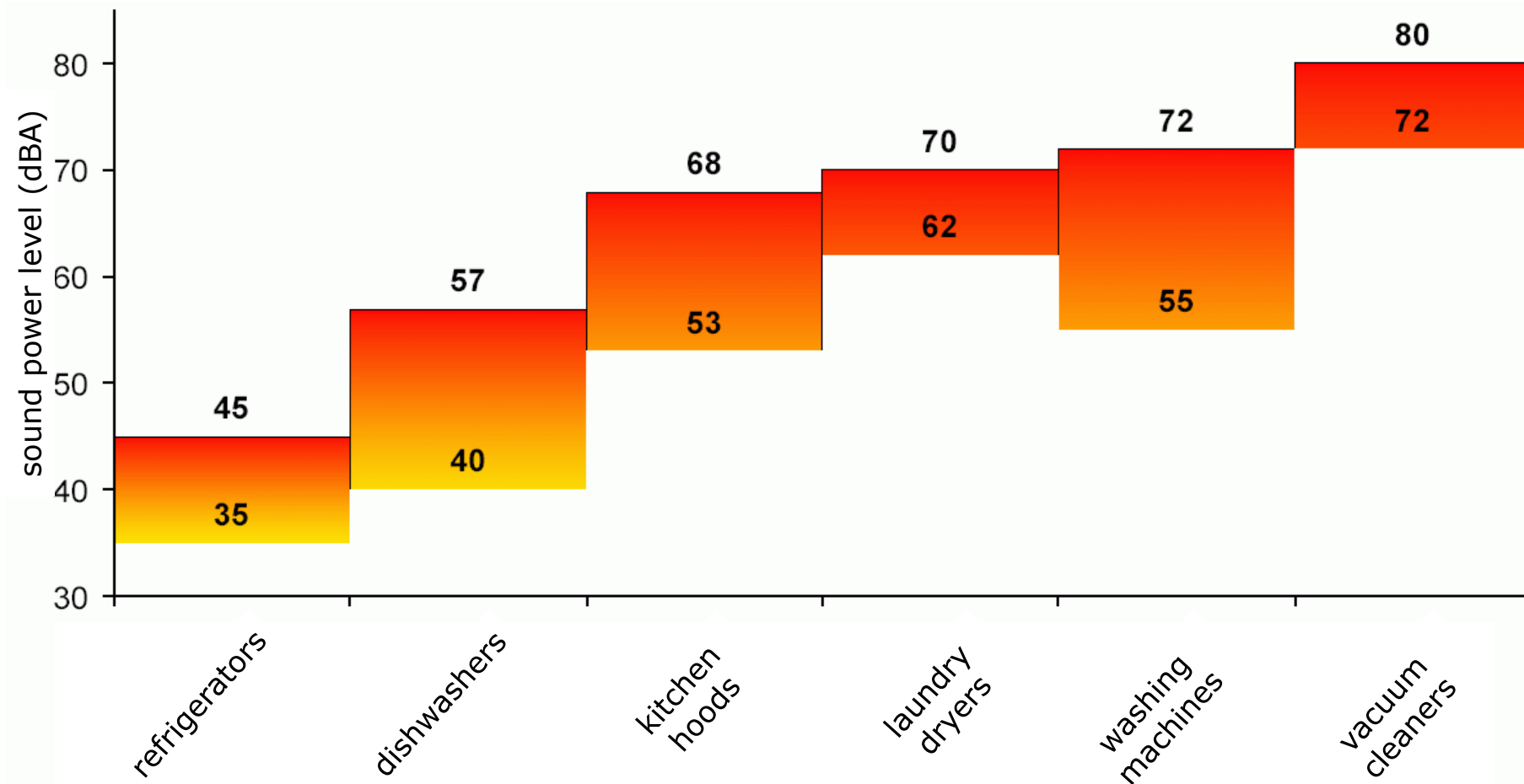
source: Müller-BBM, Statusseminar „Leiser Verkehr“, 2003

Examples for successful noise reduction measures



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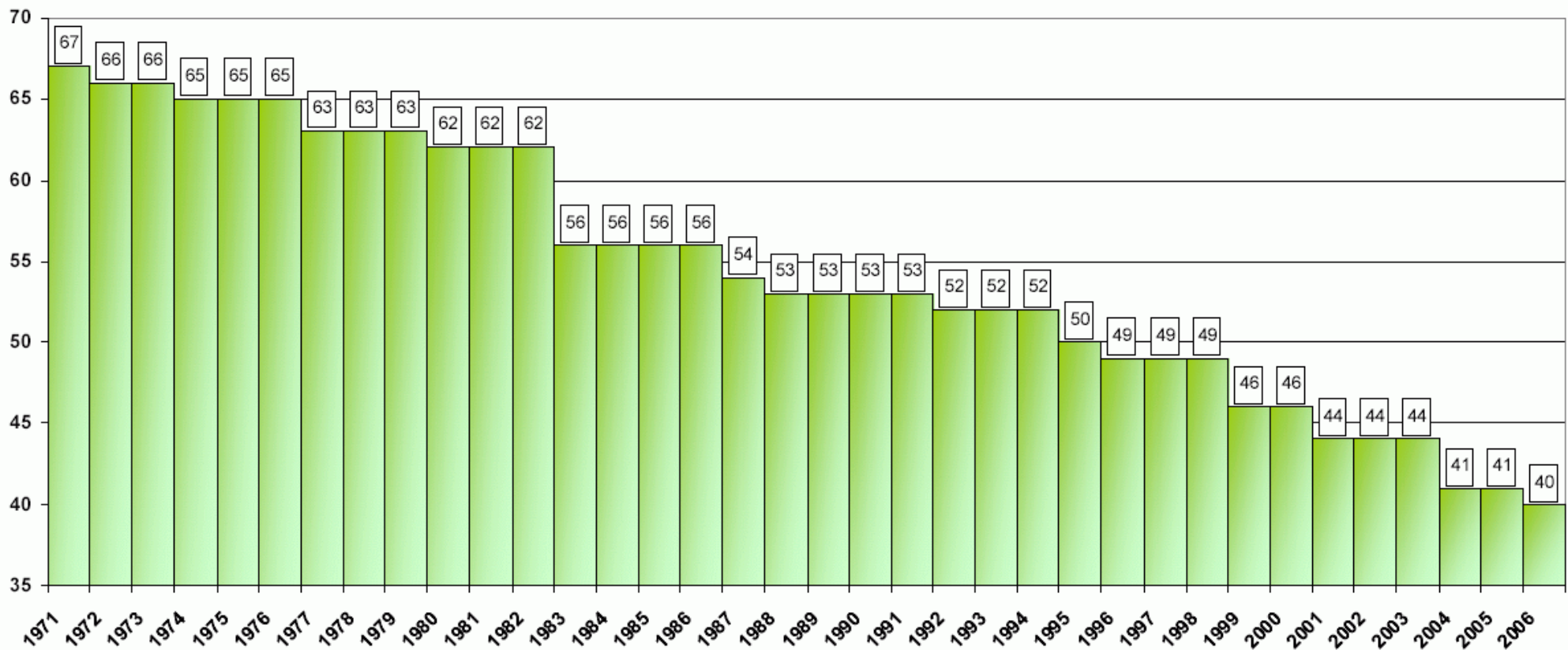
Sound power levels of various household appliances



source: BSH, OTTI-Seminar „Entwicklung geräuscharmer Geräte“, 2007

Examples for successful noise reduction measures

Temporal development of the noise emission of dishwashers



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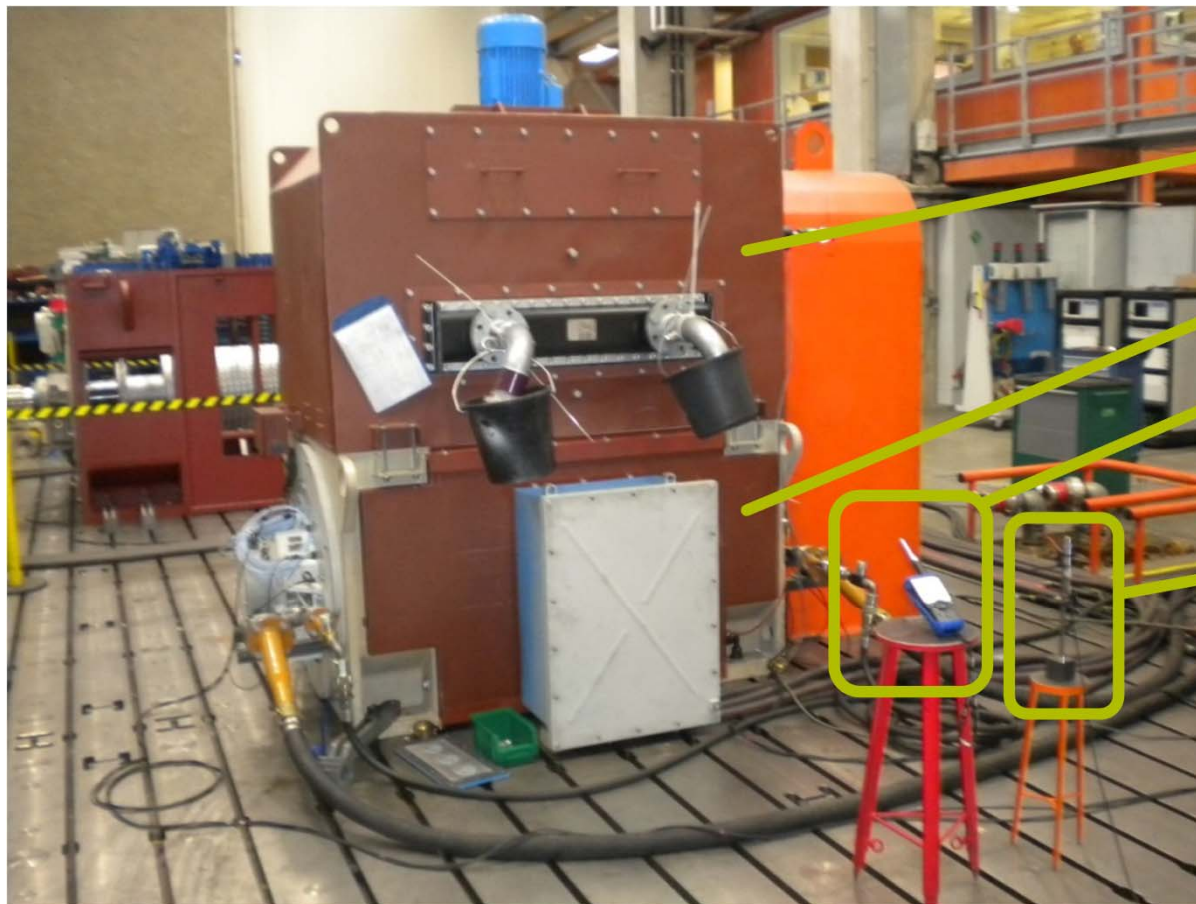
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Project example for scenario 1.1



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Large asynchronous machine with cooler
(airborne and structure-borne sound measurements)



cooler

asynchronous machine

sound analyzer

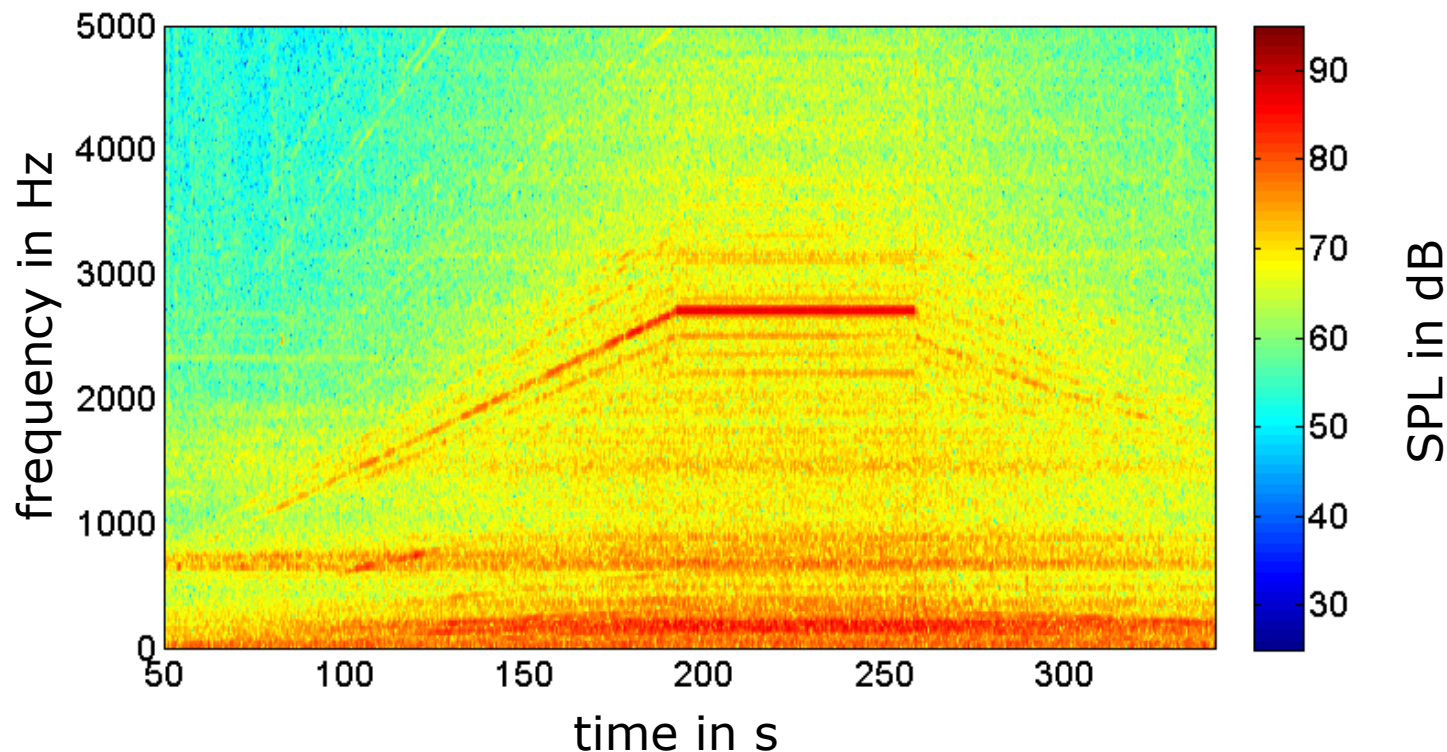
microphone

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Large asynchronous machine with cooler
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SPL close to certain openings: up to 120 dB!
reason: excitation of the 6th mode shape of the stator

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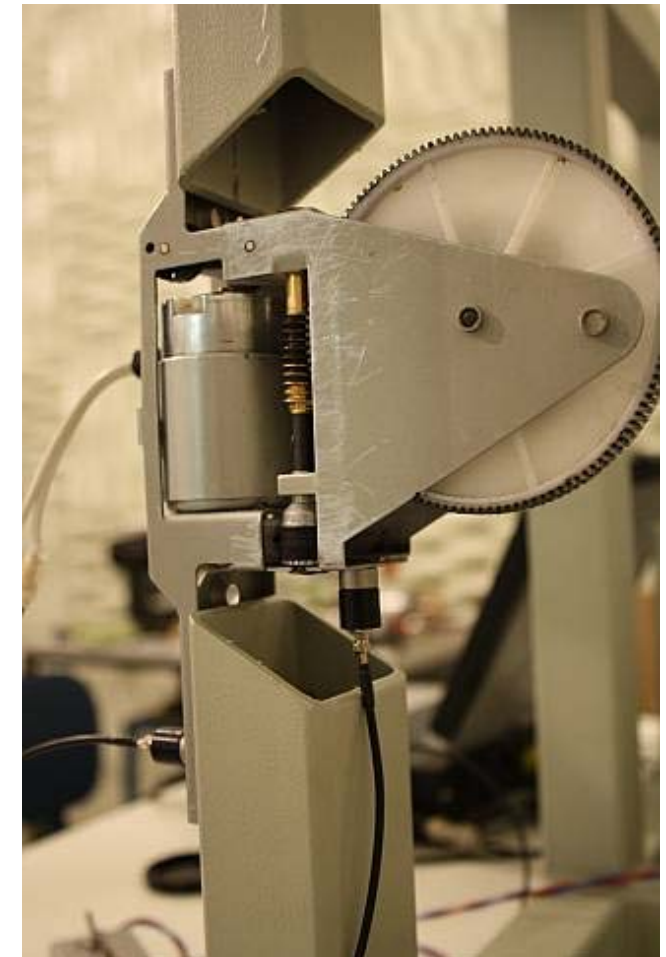
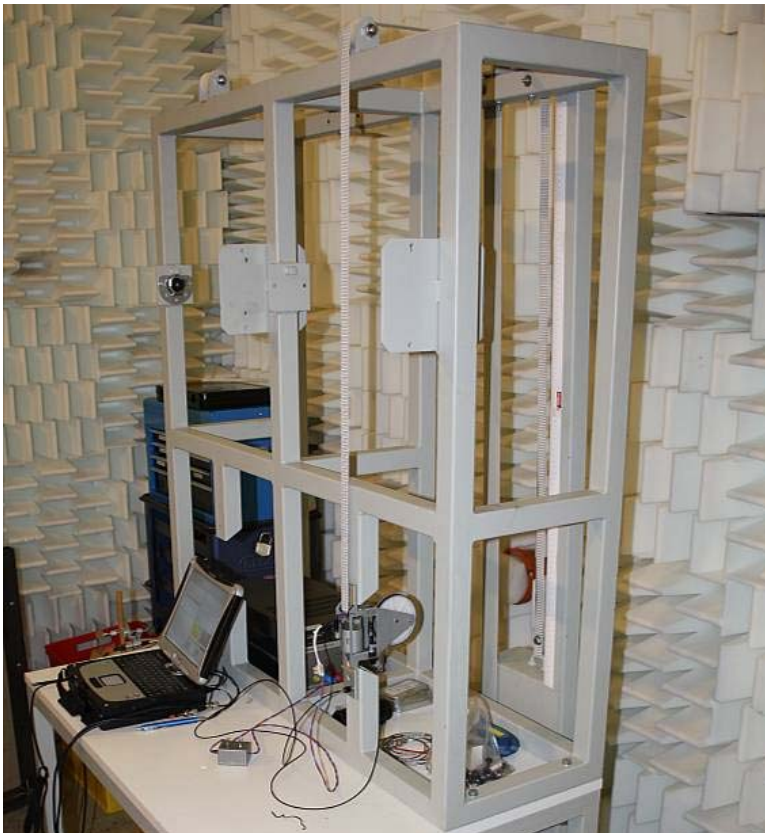
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Project example for scenario 1.2



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Acoustic analysis of a rolling shutter motor

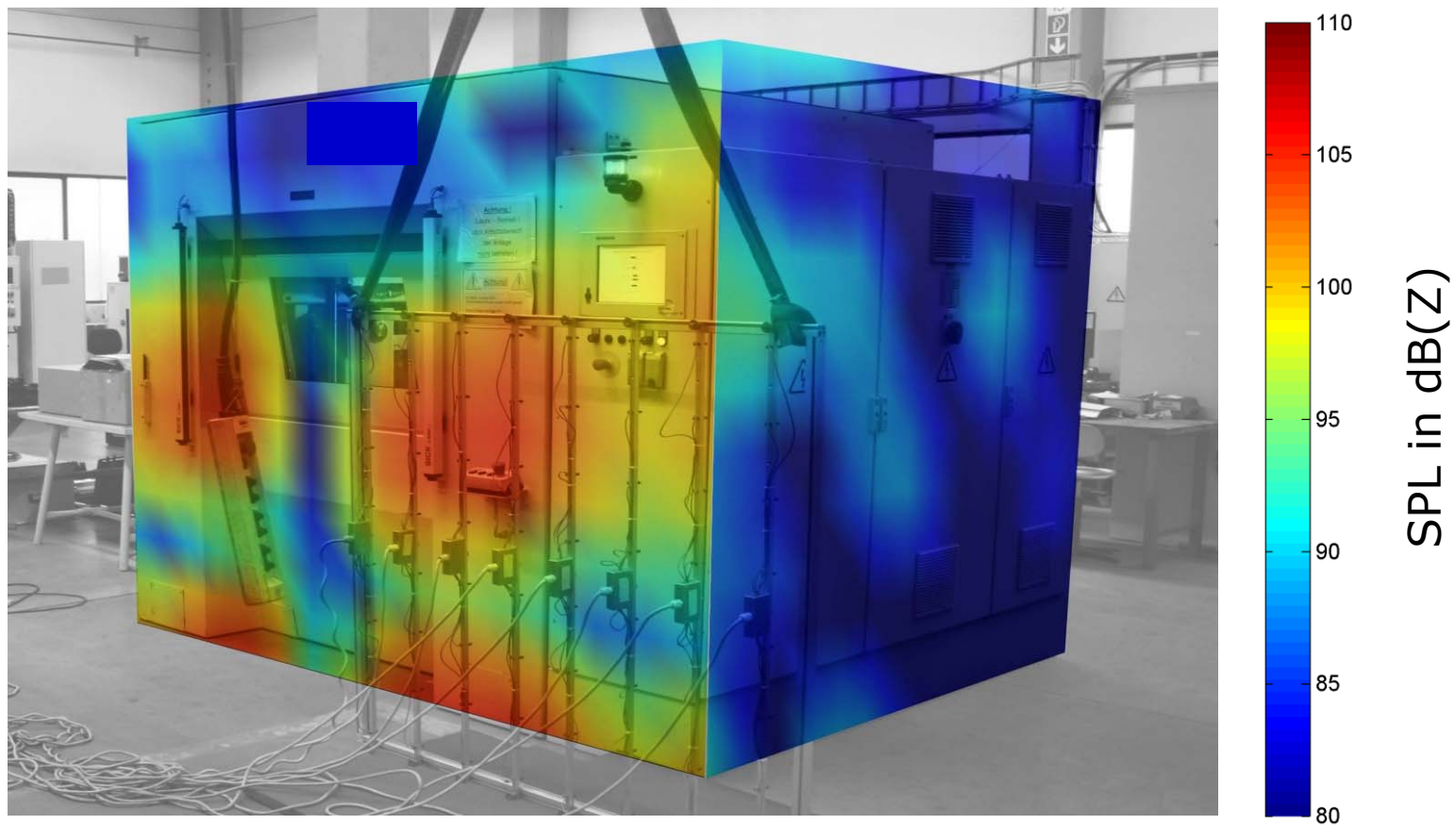


Project example for scenario 1.2



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SPL distribution around a vibration welding machine (≈ 240 Hz)



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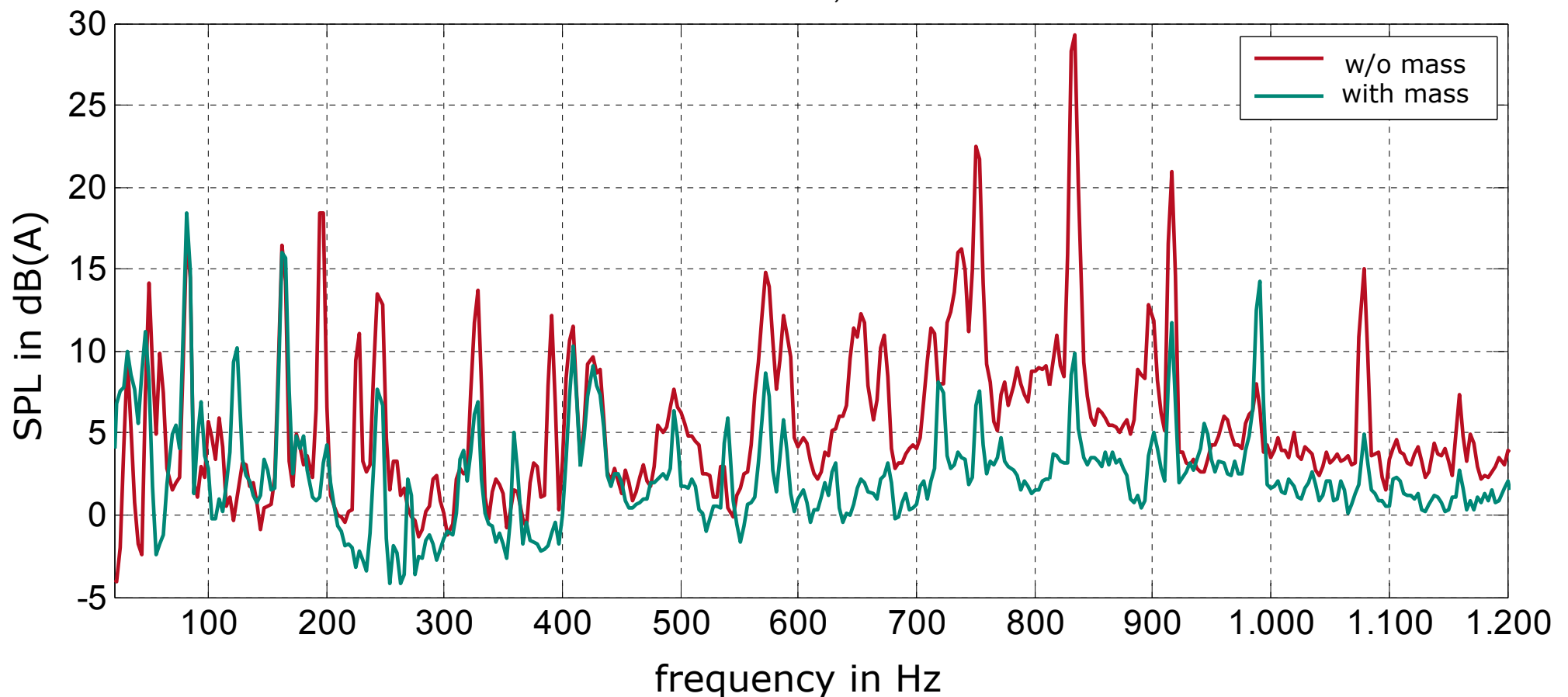
Project example for scenario 1.3

Acoustic analysis and improvement of a wellness couch for spas



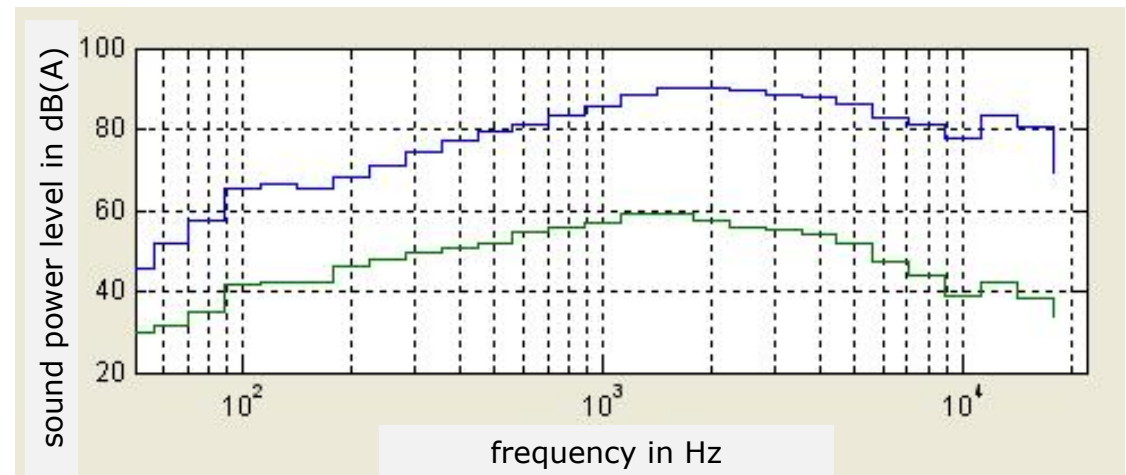
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Project example for scenario 1.3

Sound transmission measurements for aircraft parts
(sandwich panels used for the floor)



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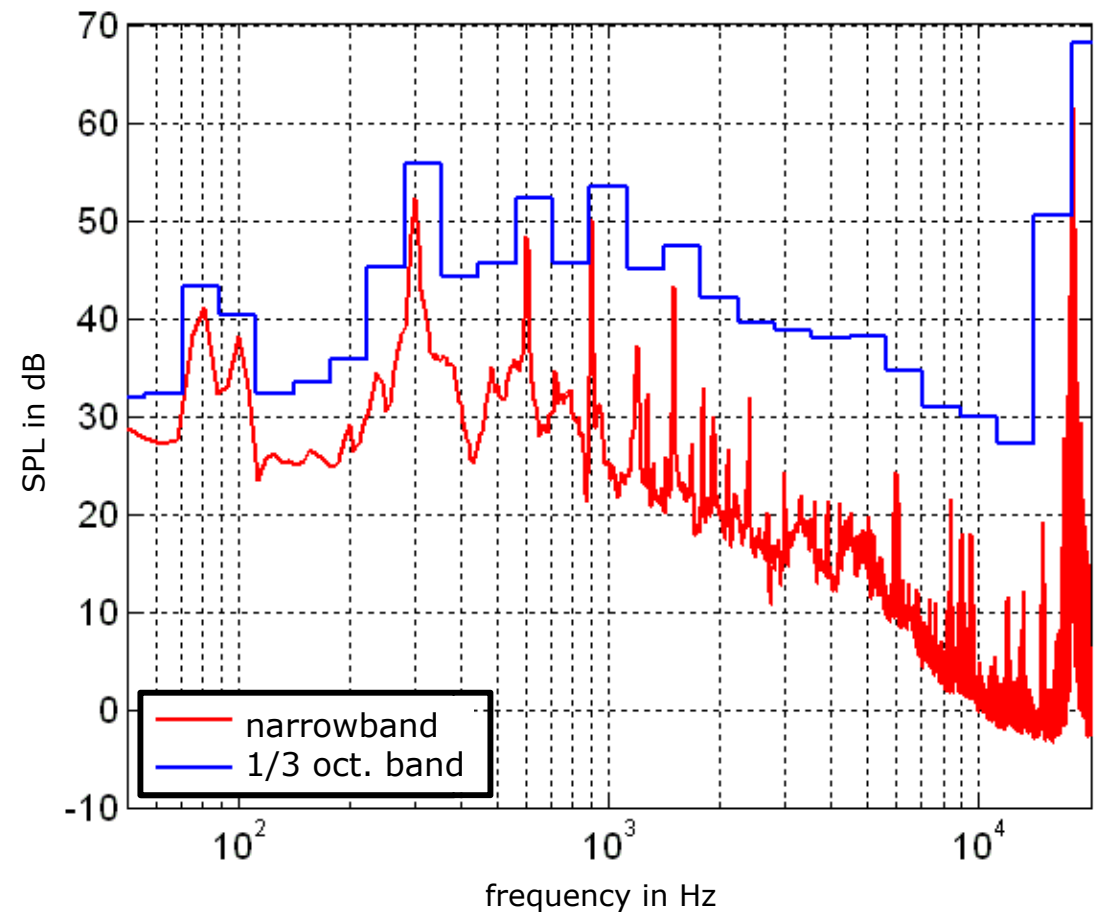
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Project example for scenario 1.4

Acoustic analysis of photovoltaic inverters



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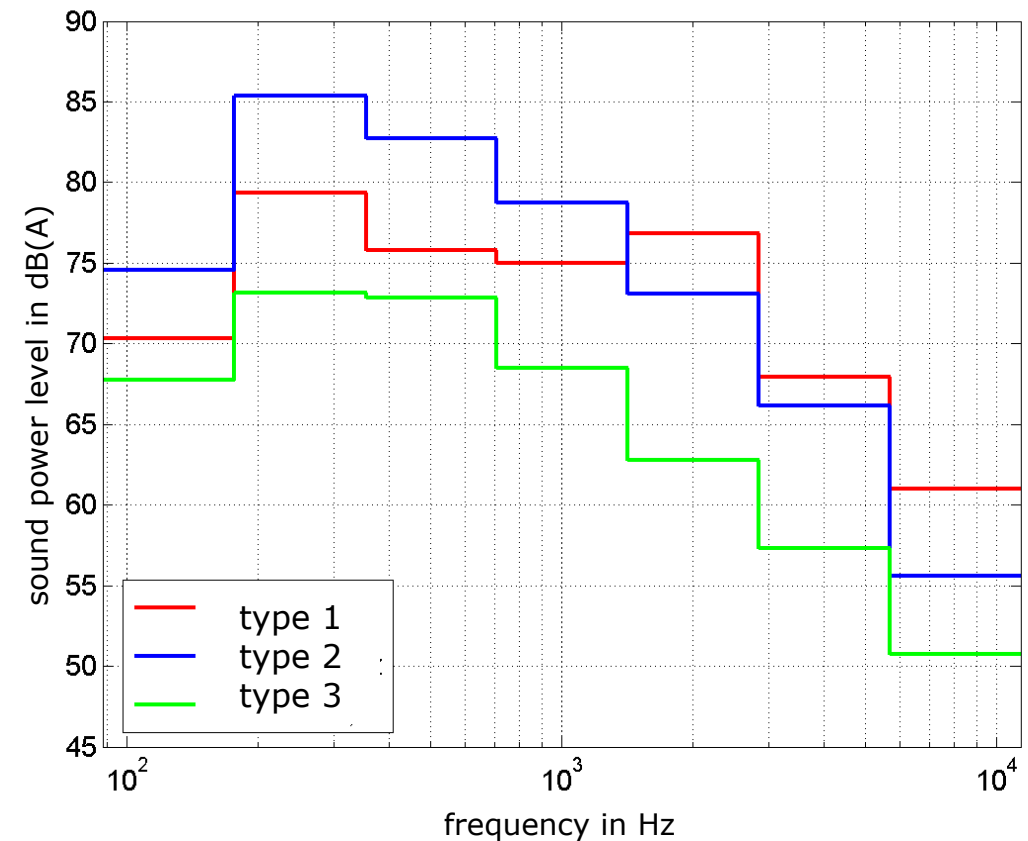
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- 1.5 noise limits were stipulated but company does not have a clue about acoustics → consulting

Project example for scenario 1.5

Sound power measurements of several prototypes of a grinding machine for dental laboratories



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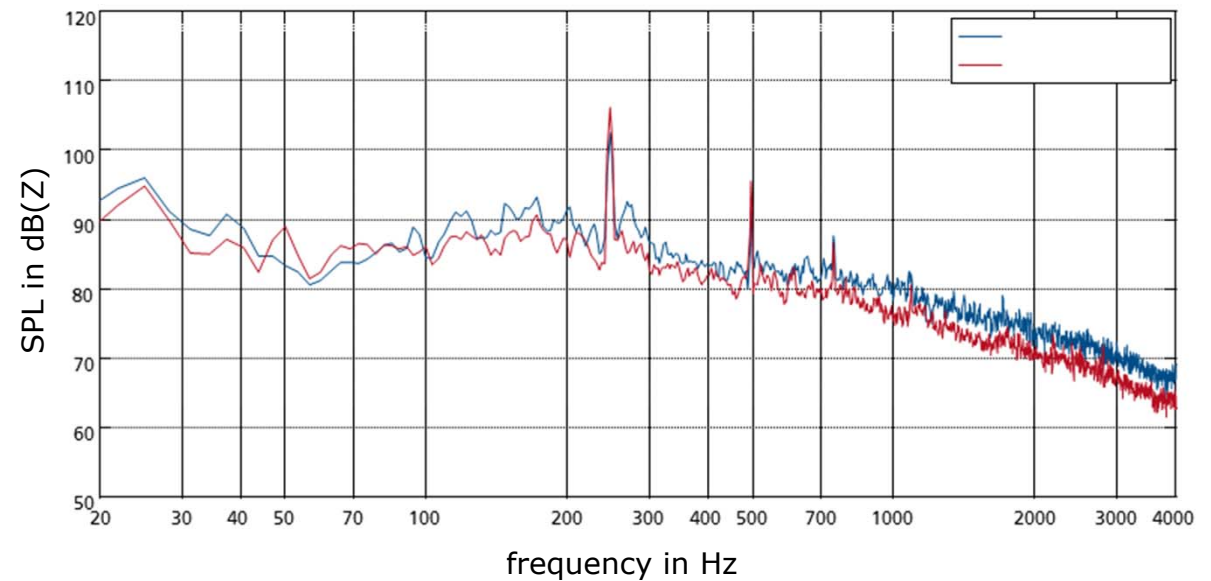
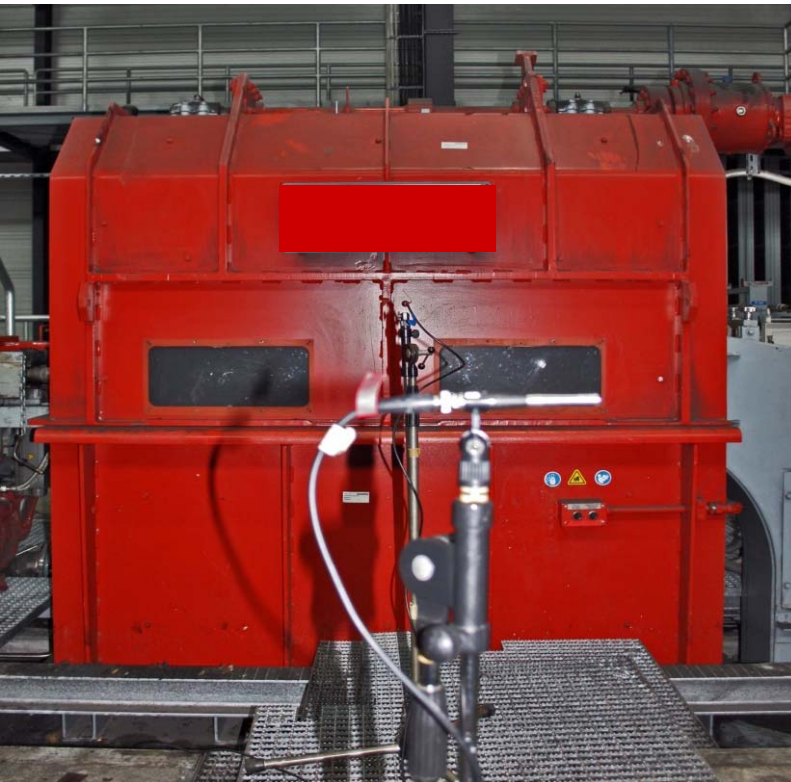
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Scenario 2: health and productivity of employees

2.1 company does not want to improve its products, but its own production facilities because noise limits are exceeded

Project example for scenario 2.1

Several high-speed metal shredders in a steel plant



overall SPL: 114,2 dB(Z)!!

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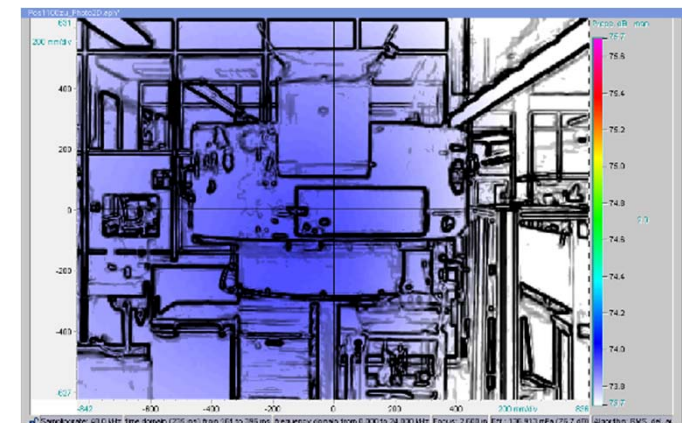
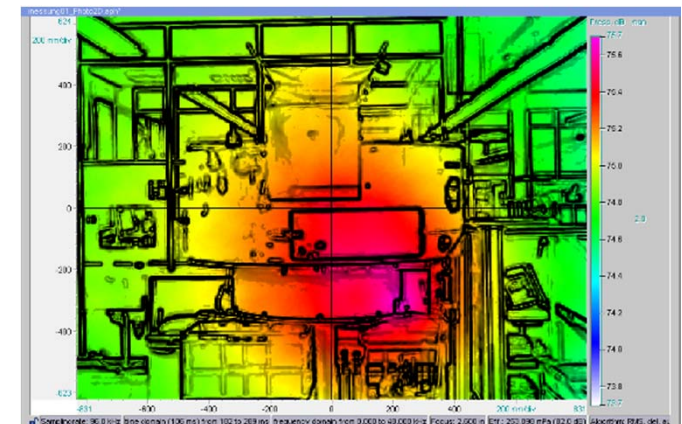
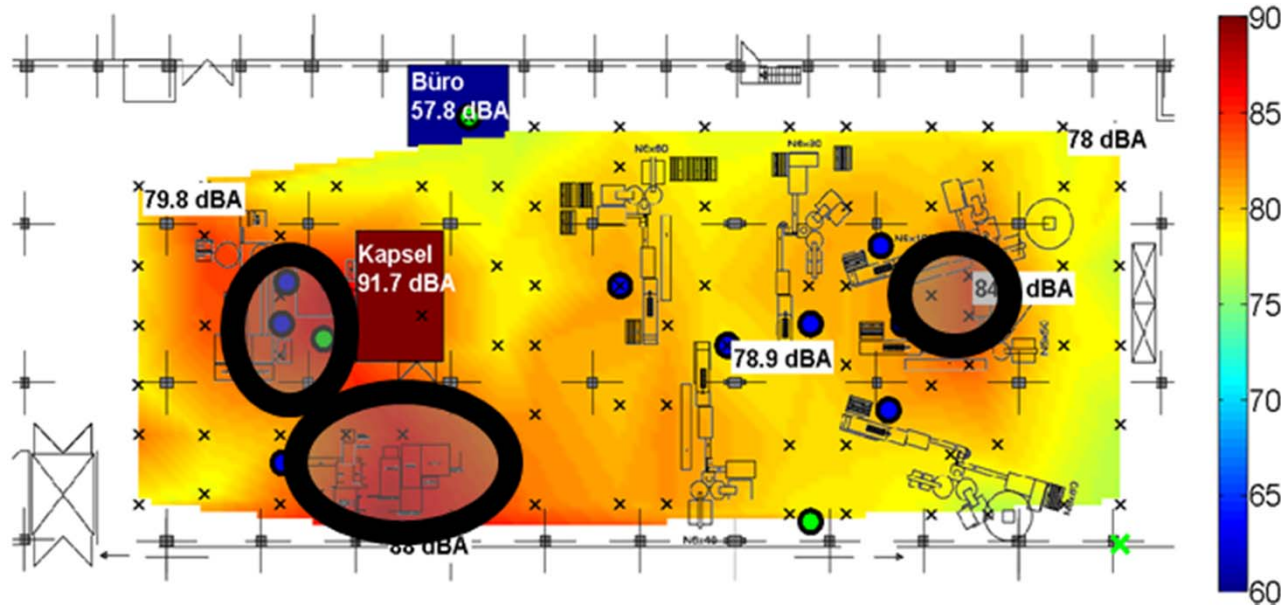
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Project example for scenario 2.2

Noise maps and noise reduction at a production plant for plastic screw anchors



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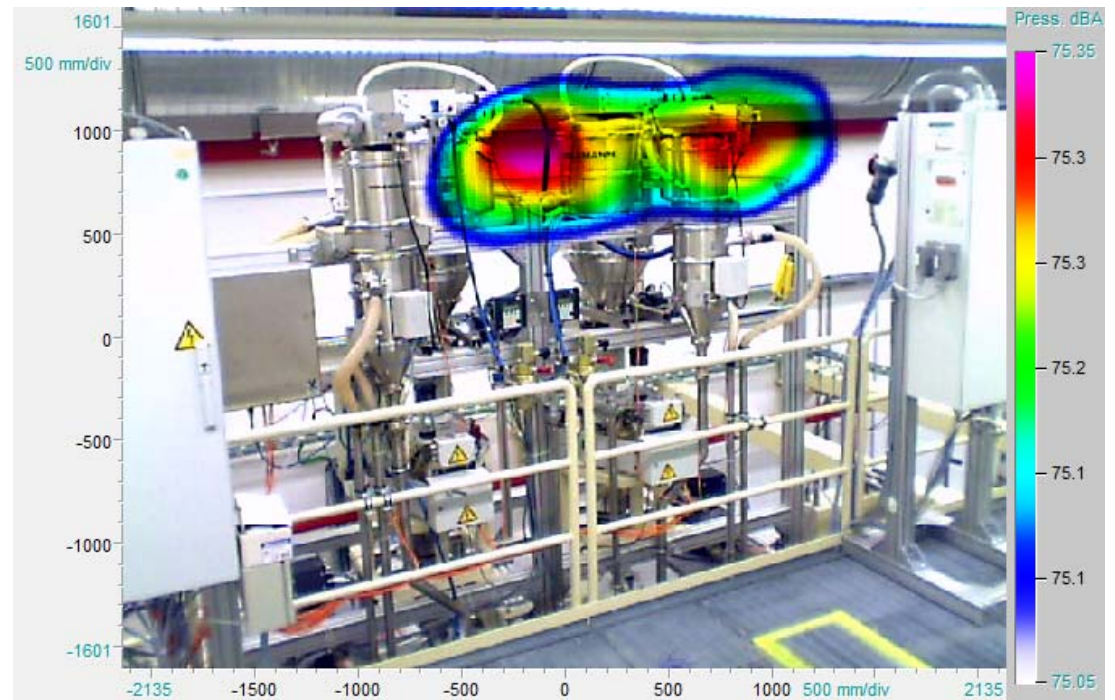
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Project example for scenario 2.3

Acoustic analysis of a prototyping machine for diaper production



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- 2.4 company does not know if noise limits are exceeded in its production facilities or not and commissions us to find out

Project example for scenario 2.4

Sound measurements in a production plant for electrical parts



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Scenario 3: (possible, potential, ...) problems in the future

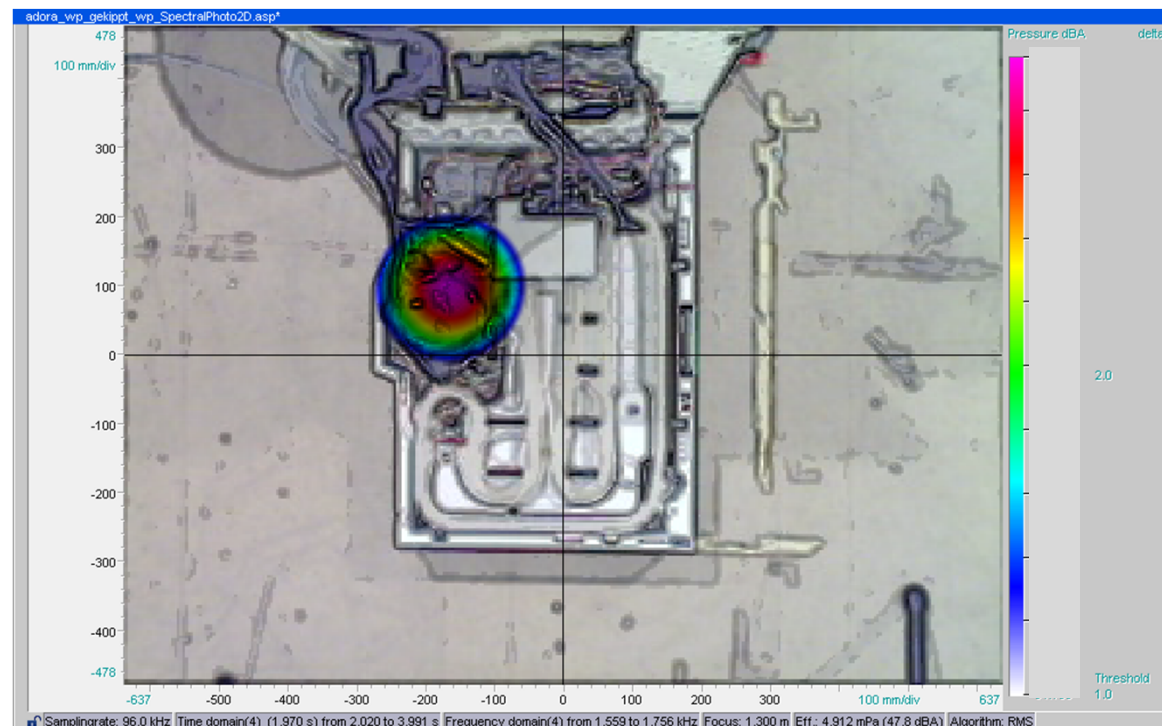
3.1 products are advanced already – but others are catching up and are threatening this competitive edge

Project example for scenario 3.1



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Acoustic analysis of a novel approach for a dishwasher



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Scenario 3: (possible, potential, ...) problems in the future

- 3.1 products are advanced already – but others are catching up and are threatening this competitive edge
- 3.2 products are advanced already – and company wants preventively to keep or even further improve that status

Project example for scenario 3.2



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Modal analysis of the rear axle of a sporty car



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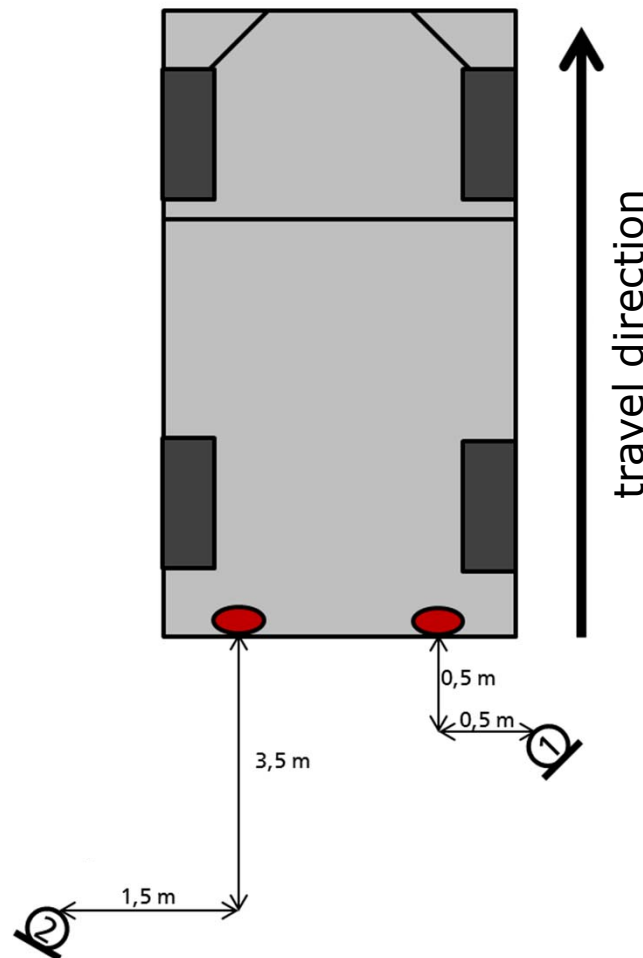
- 3.1 products are advanced already – but others are catching up and are threatening this competitive edge
- 3.2 products are advanced already – and company wants preventively to keep or even further improve that status
- 3.3 products are advanced already – but company aims at becoming the market leader

Project example for scenario 3.3



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Acoustic analysis of the exhaust noise of a sporty car



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Classical methods for noise control engineering



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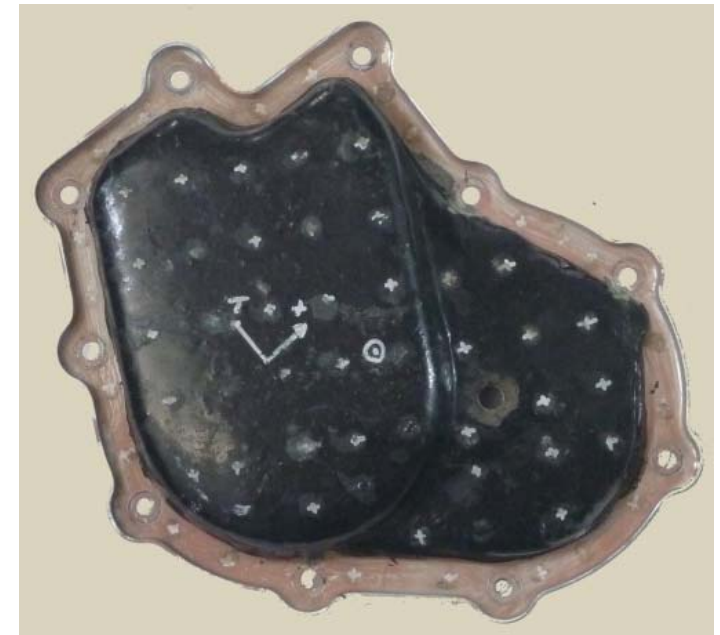
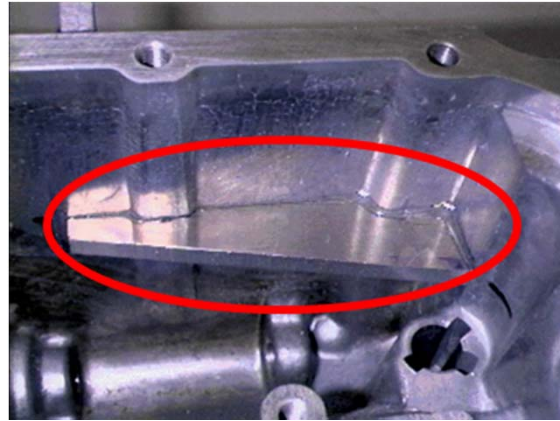
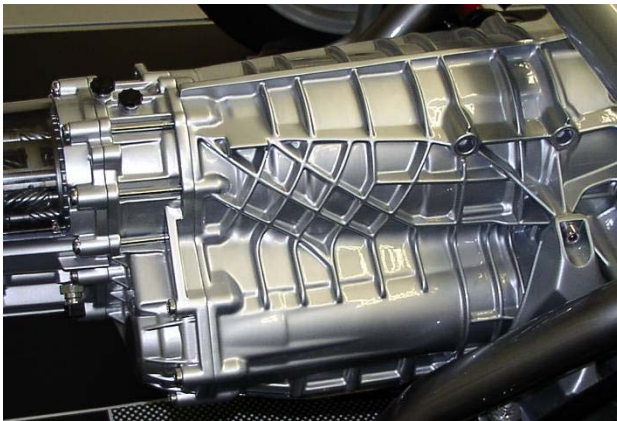
often based on the “fundamental equation of machine acoustics”:

$$P(f) = \overline{\tilde{v}^2}(f) \cdot S \cdot \sigma(f) \cdot Z'_{\text{medium}}$$

$$P(f) = \tilde{F}^2(f) \cdot \frac{T_v^2(f)}{Z_E^2(f)} \cdot S \cdot \sigma(f) \cdot Z'_{\text{medium}}$$

Classical methods for noise control engineering

e.g., applying stiffening ribs or damping material, increasing the input impedance by applying a lumped mass at the excitation point, changing the radiation efficiency, or detuning the structure



Classical methods for noise control engineering



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also: mufflers, encapsulations, vibration absorbers, etc.



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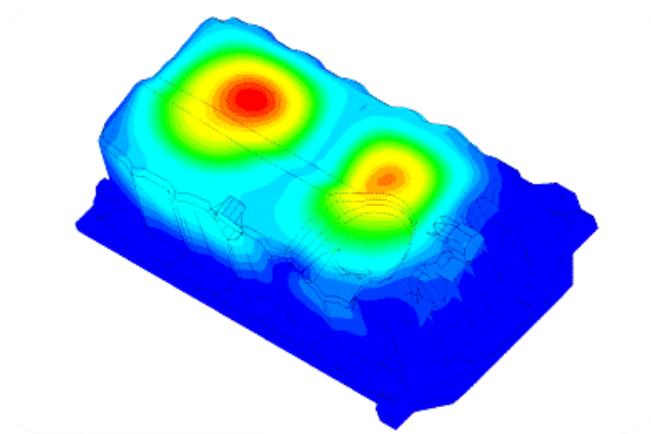
Novel approaches for noise control engineering

Structural intensity (STI):

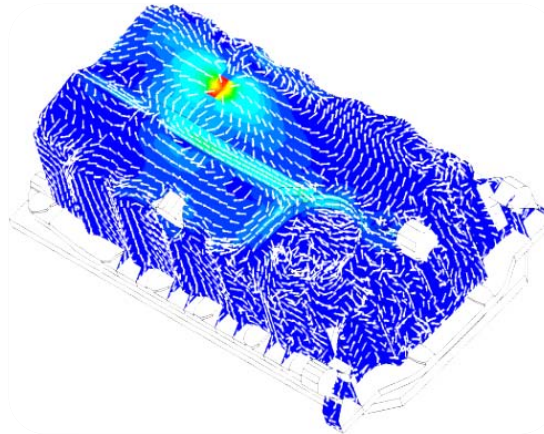
- describes the paths and magnitude of the vibratory energy flux within a vibrating structure (similar to the airborne sound intensity)
- analysis tool and for potential manipulation/optimization
- theory published in the 1970s and 1980s, but “real life” applications just start to emerge
- obtained from numerical simulations and (to a lesser extent) from measurements

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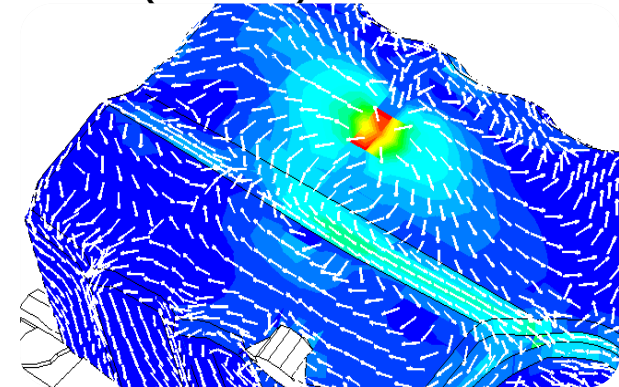
surface velocity



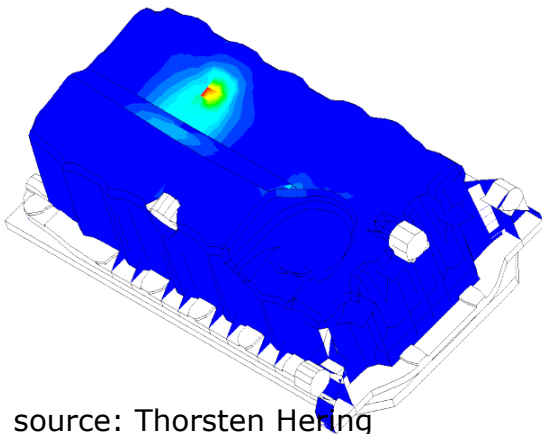
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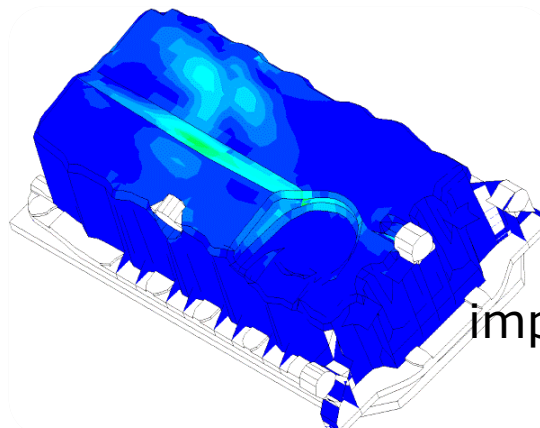
STI (detail)



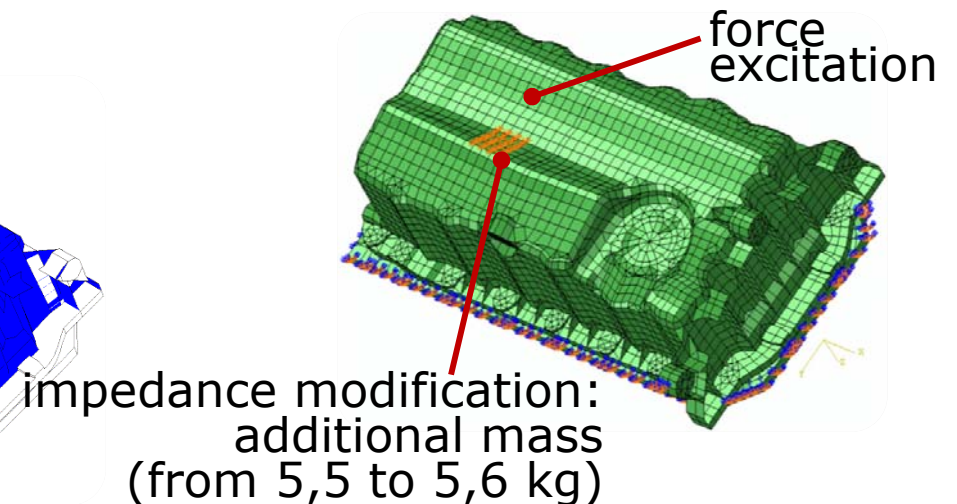
STI, out-of-plane



STI, in-plane



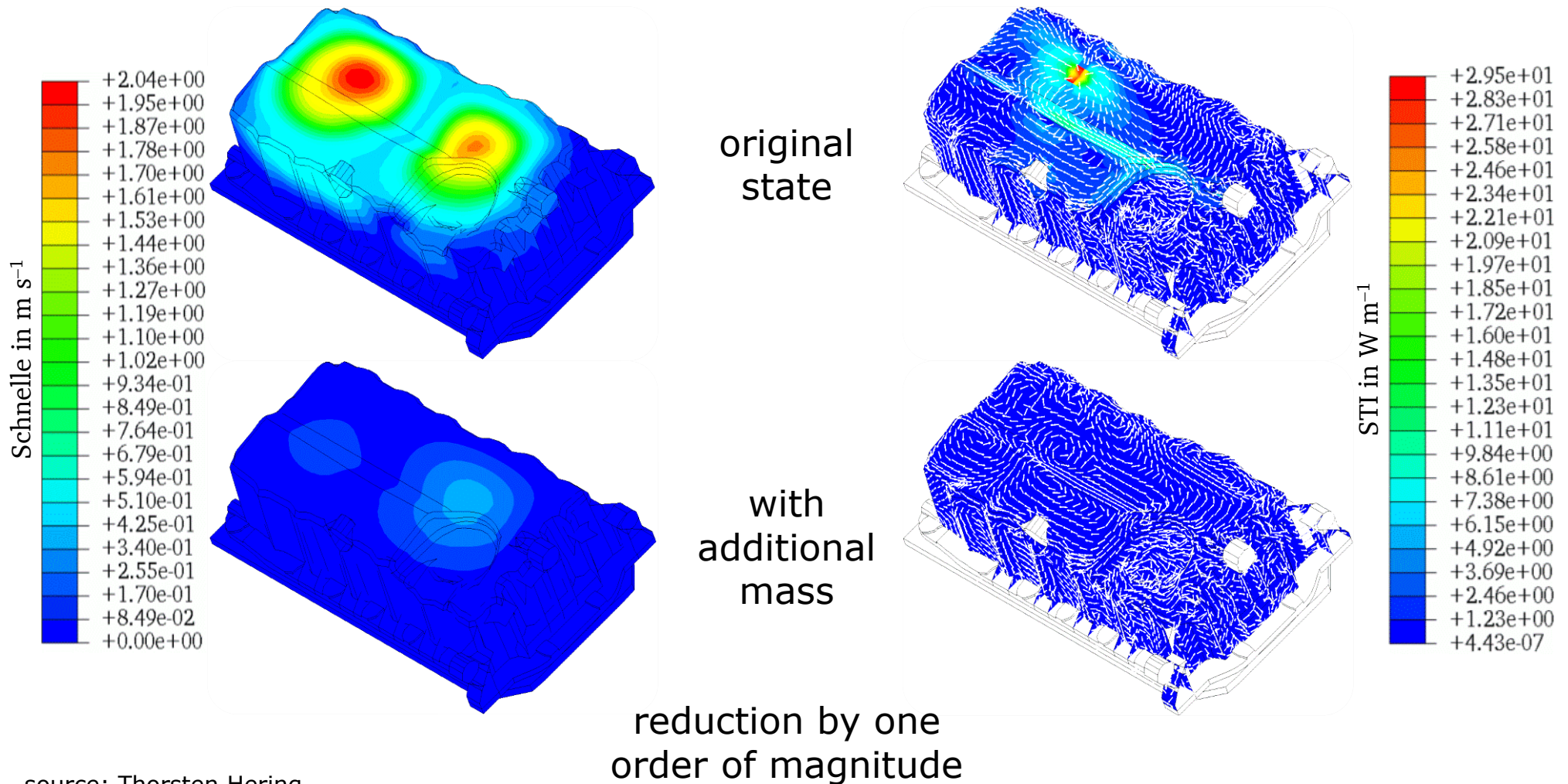
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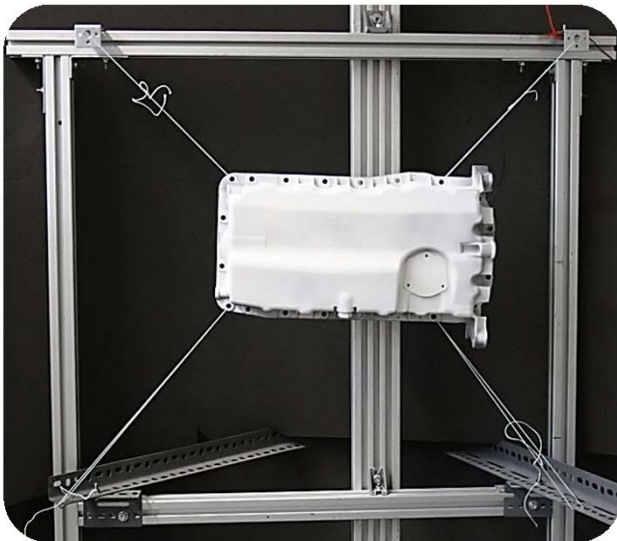
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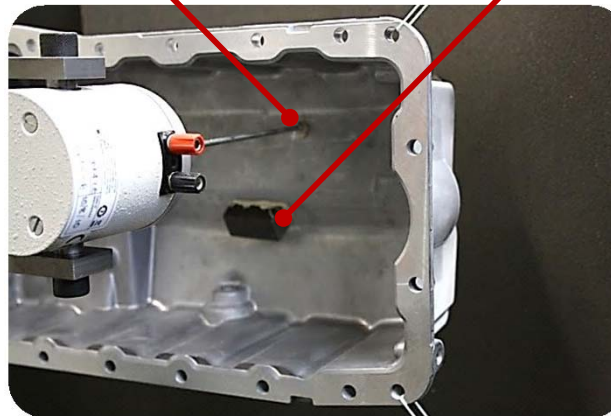
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test rig

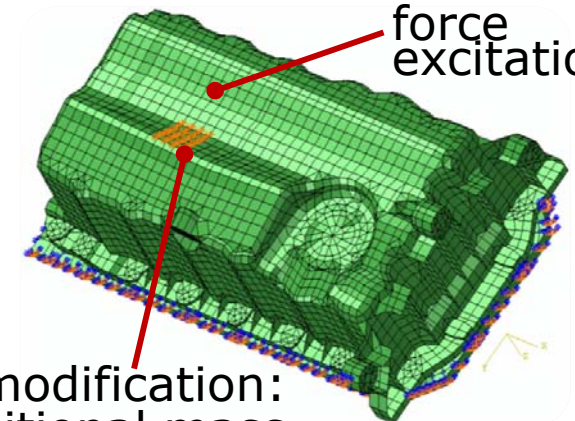


force
excitation

additional
mass



force
excitation



impedance modification:
additional mass
(from 5,5 to 5,6 kg)

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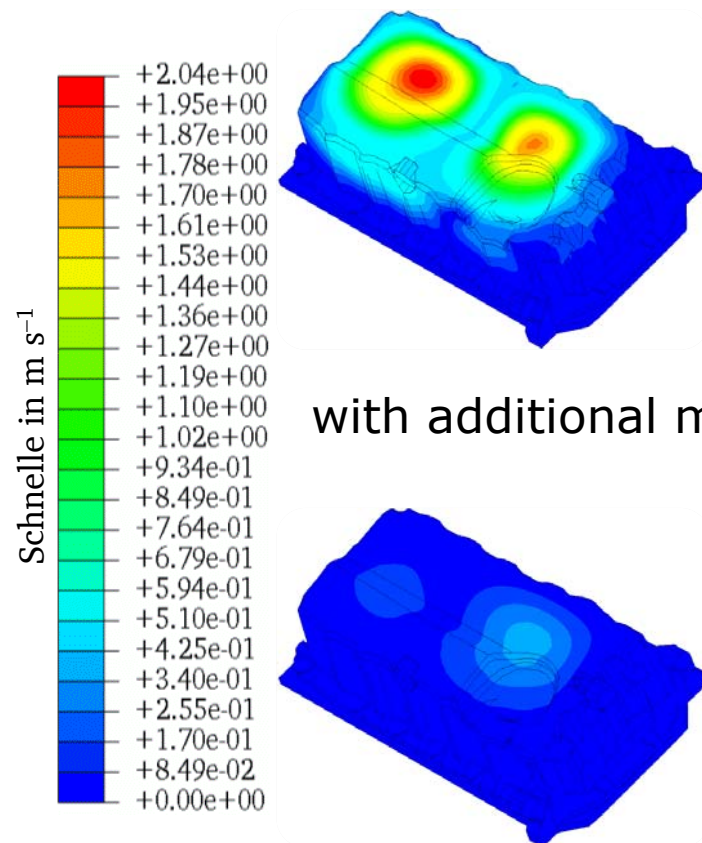
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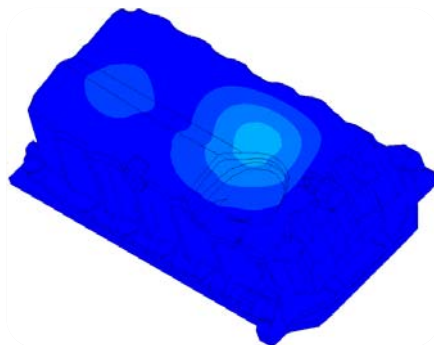
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numerical simulation

original state:



with additional mass:

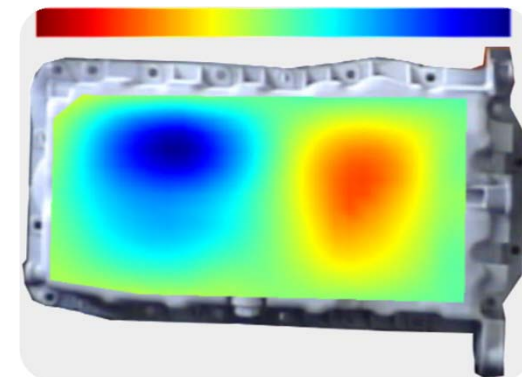


reduction
by one order
of magnitude

experimental simulation

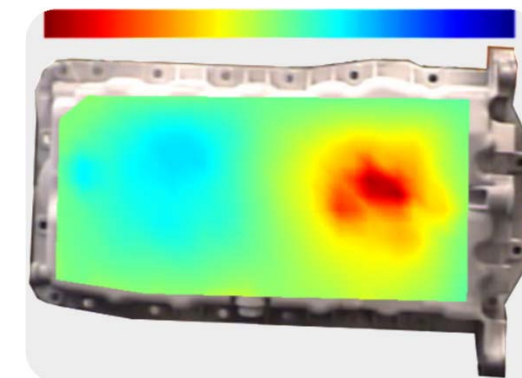
original state:

-7 velocity mm s^{-1} +7



with additional mass:

-0,25 velocity mm s^{-1} +0,25



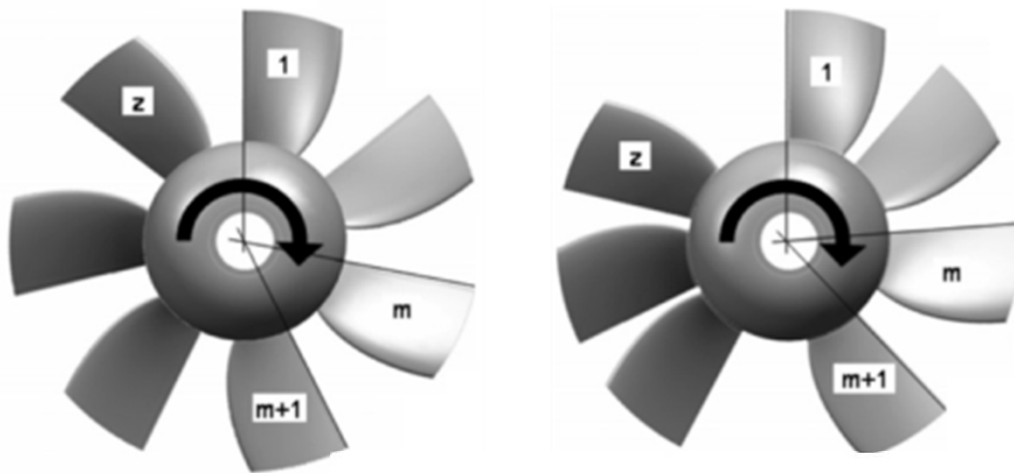
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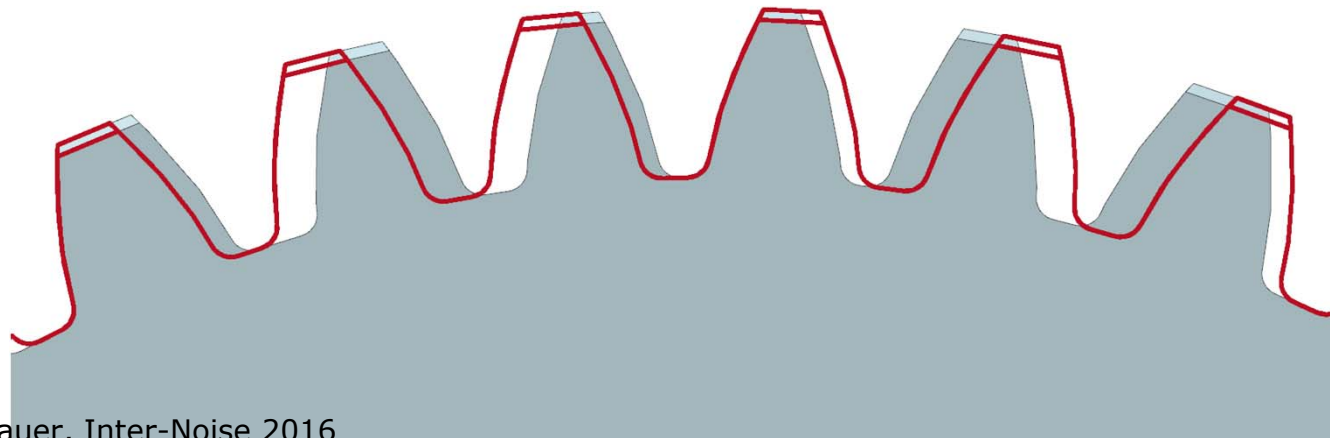


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Inequidistant gearings



- reduction of tonal noise
- broadband noise character
- less annoying



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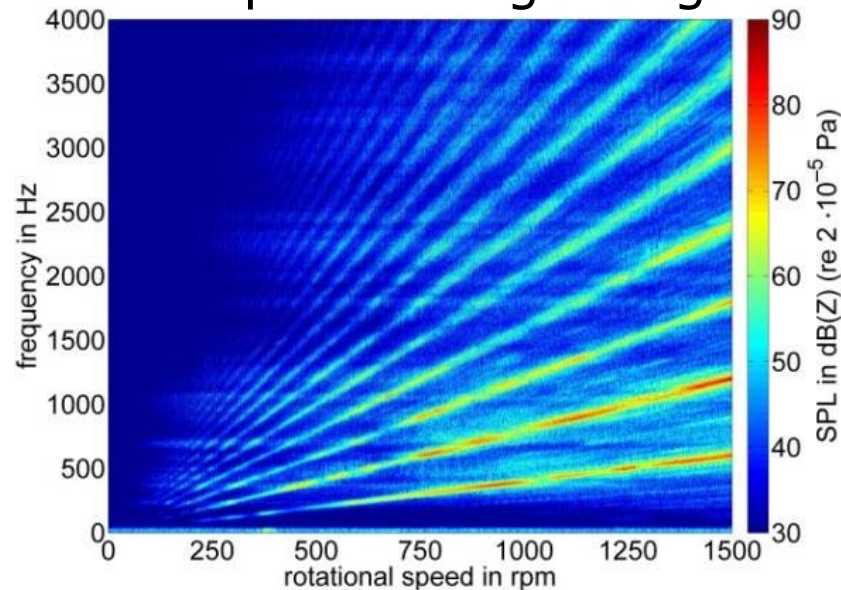
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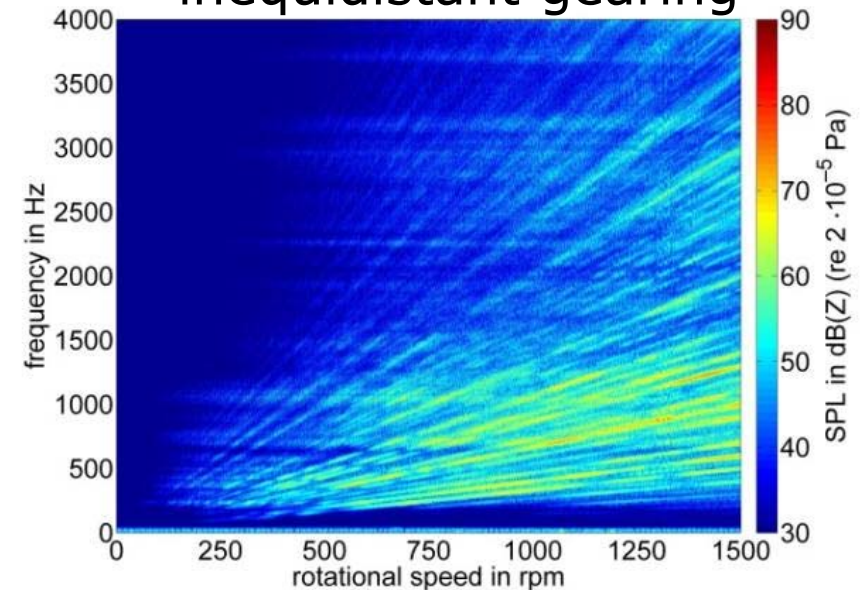
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equidistant gearing



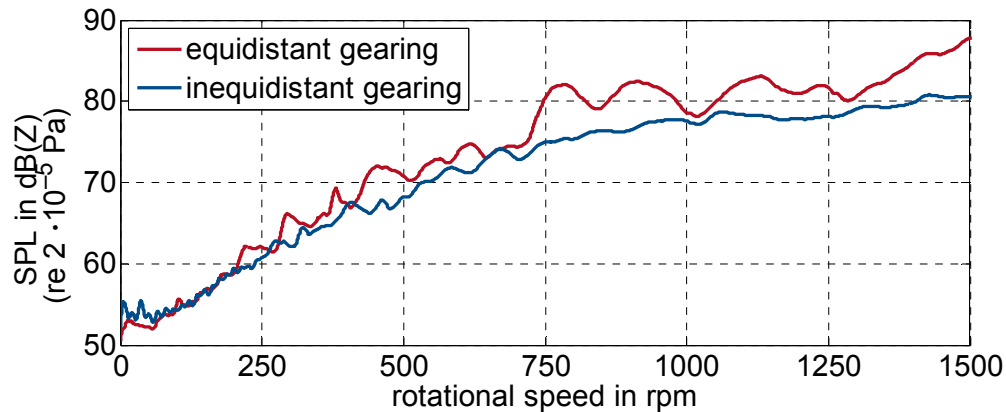
inequidistant gearing



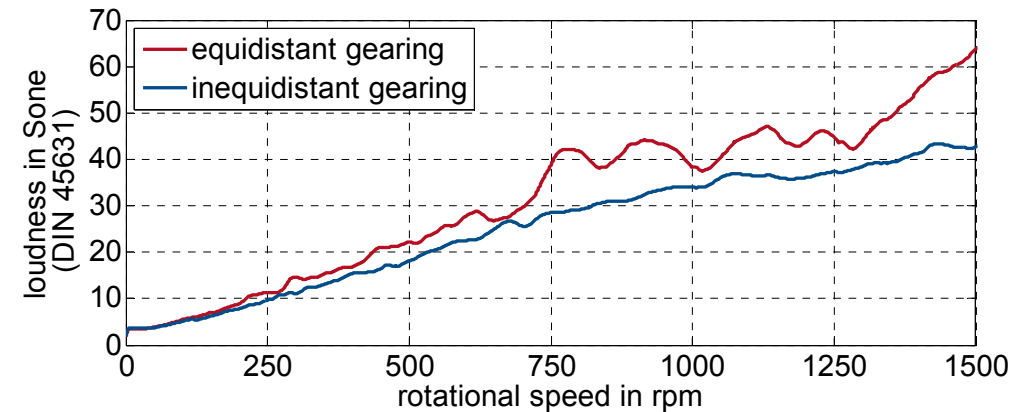
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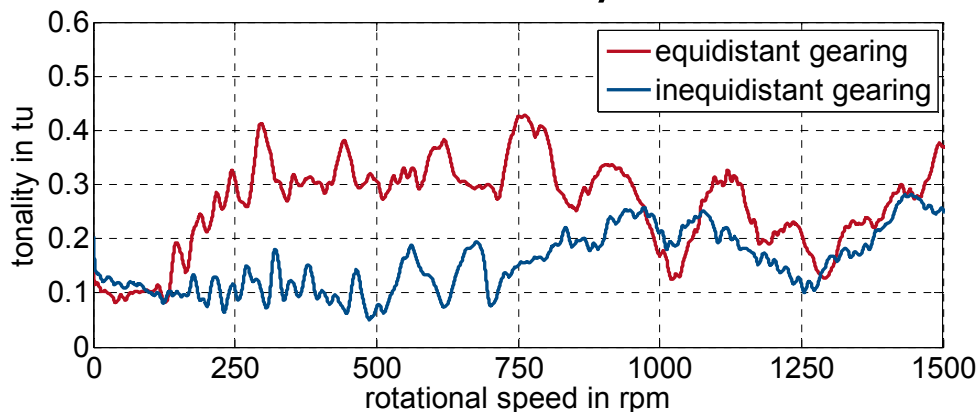
total sound pressure level



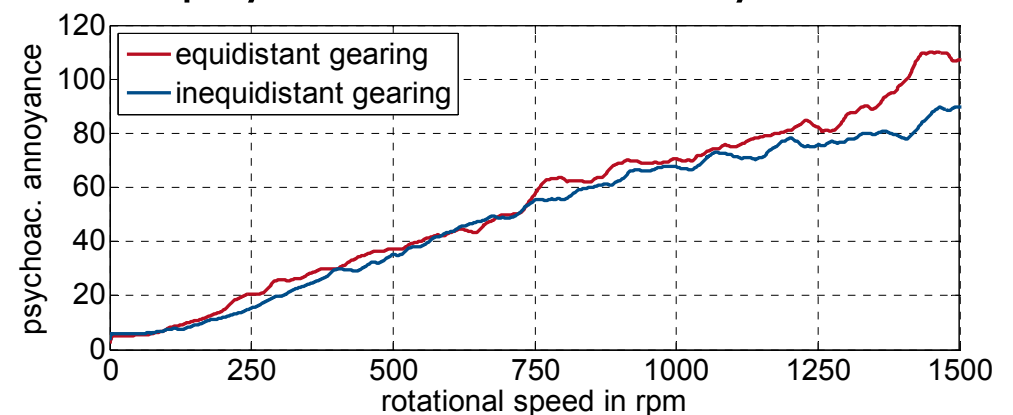
psychoacoustic loudness



tonality



psychoacoustic annoyance



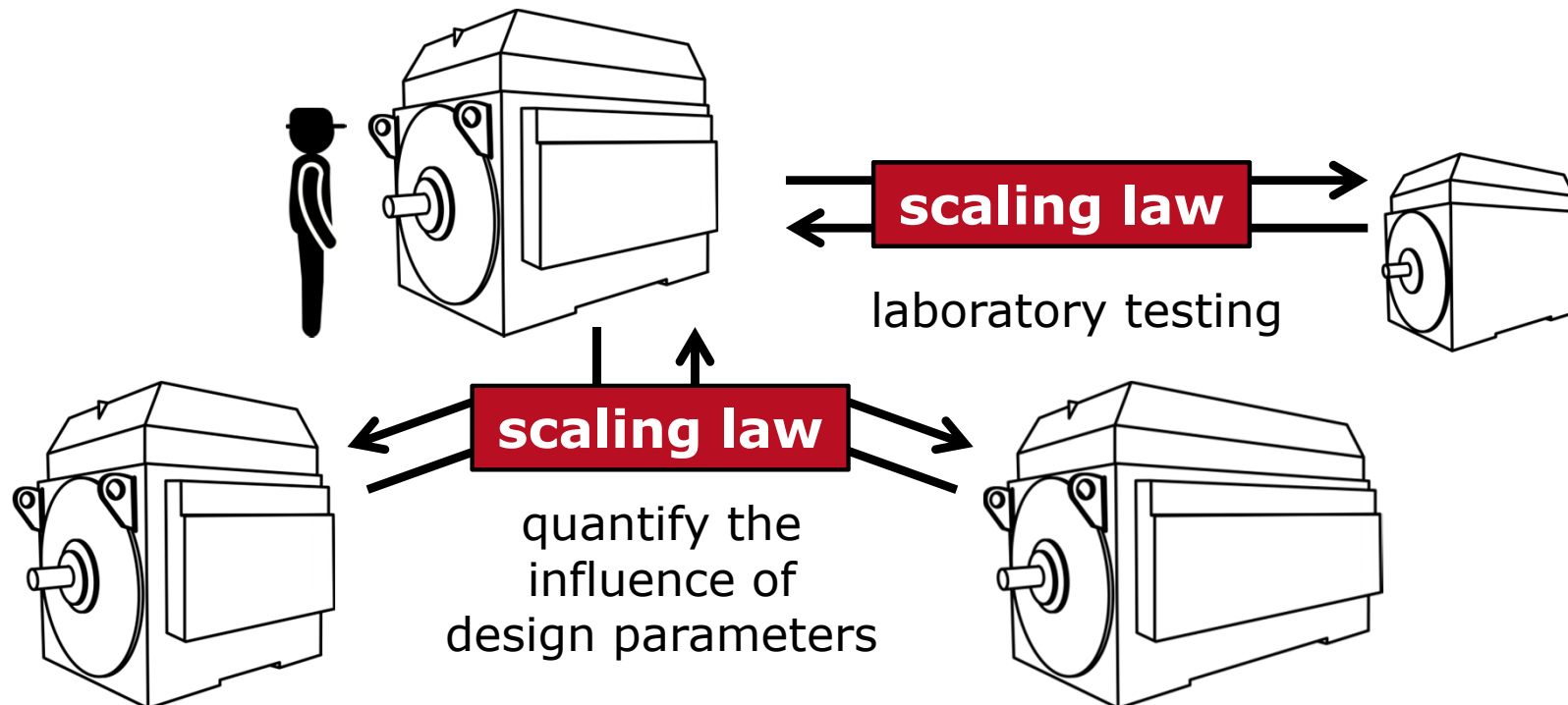
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Scaling laws using sensitivity analyses

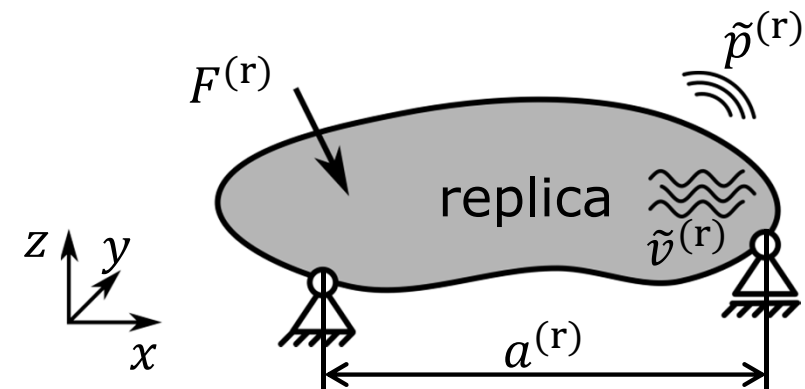
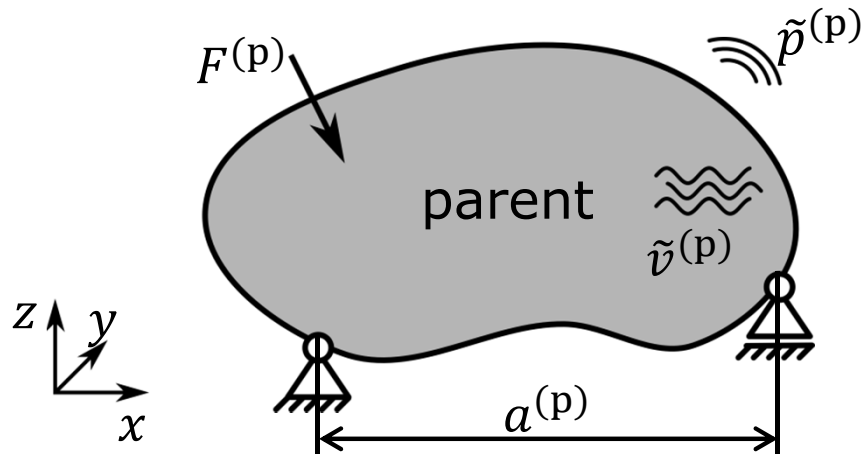


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design parameters $X_j^{(p)}$

- $F^{(p)}, a^{(p)}, \text{etc.}$

vibroacoustic responses $Y^{(p)}$

- $\tilde{v}^{(p)}, \tilde{p}^{(p)}, \text{etc.}$

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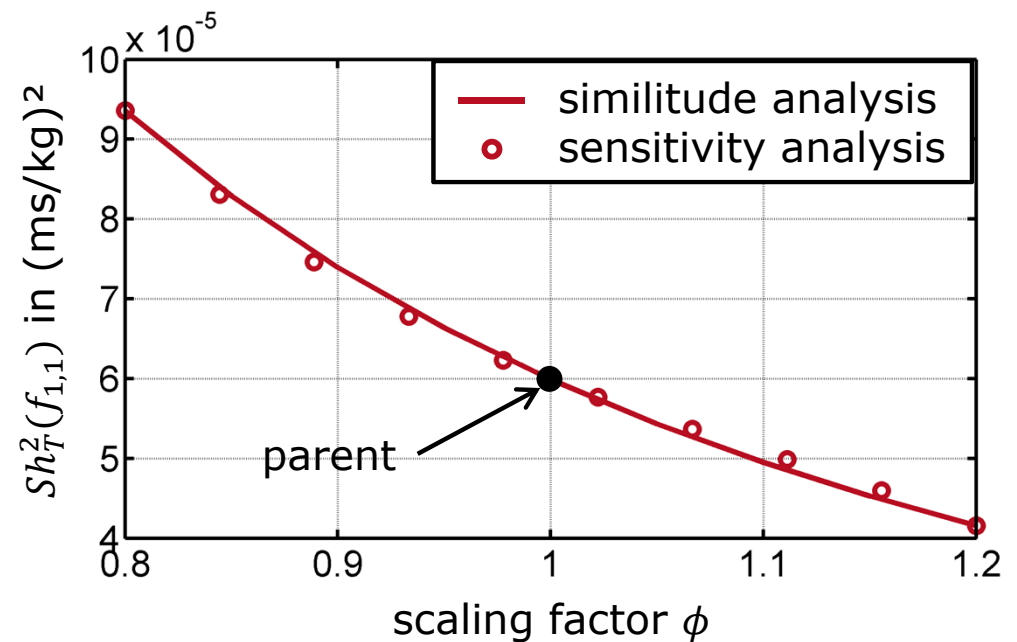
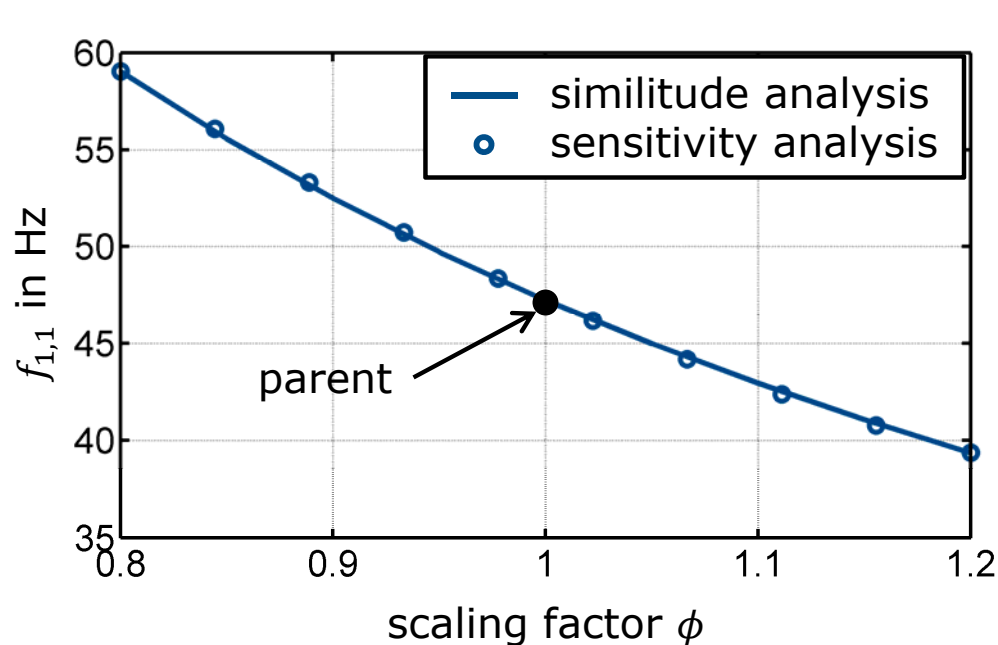
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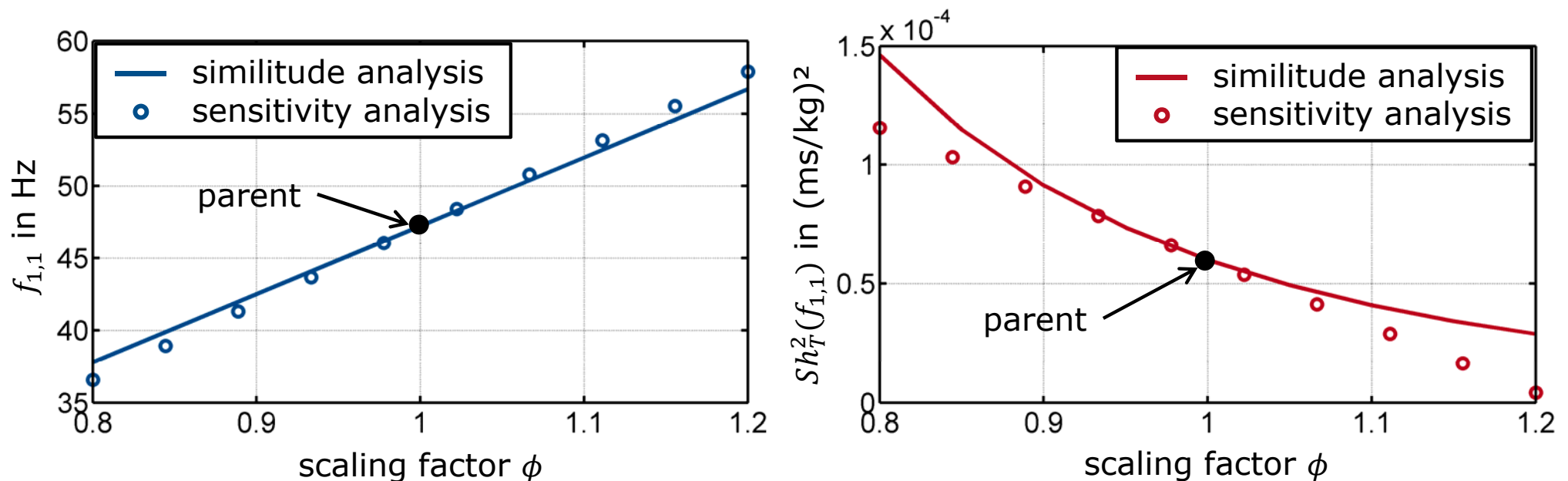
case: $\phi_l = \phi_h = \phi$, results for the fundamental frequency



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case: $\phi_l = 1$, $\phi_h = 0.8 \dots 1.2$, results for the fundamental frequency



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