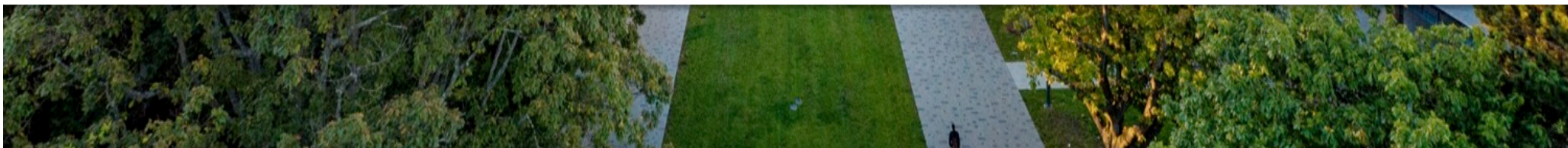


# AN INNOVATIVE PHYSICS- BASED MACHINE LEARNING FRAMEWORK FOR NEAR-FIELD NOISE FROM HULL AND PROPELLER (HARP)

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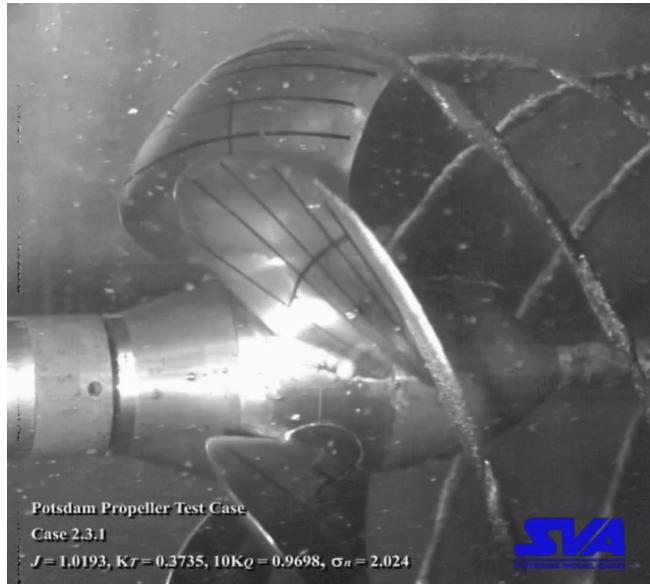
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Far-field noise and AI/ML  
(MELO Project)

Near-field propeller and vessel noise  
(HARP Project)



## SHIP NOISE AND KILLER WHALE

# Ship Noise Problem

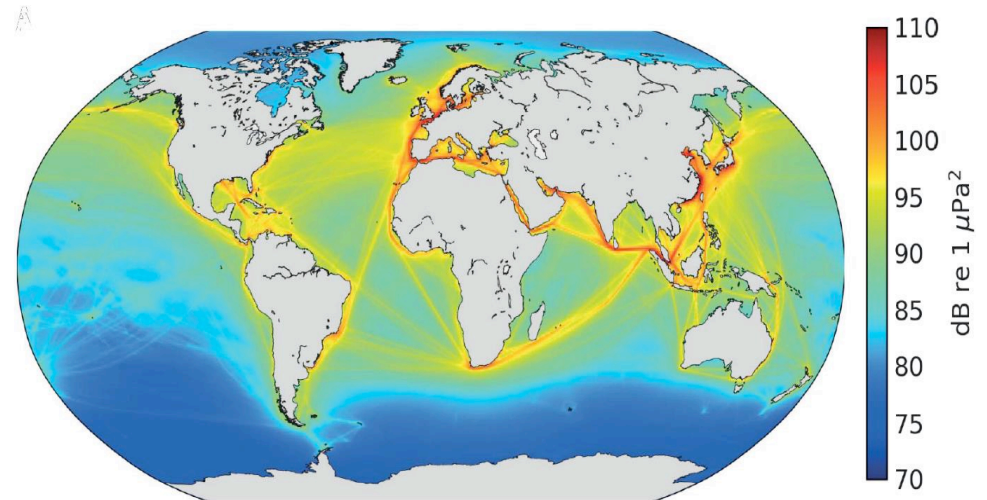
- ❑ Marine vessels generate noise at frequencies which overlap with those used by marine mammals

- ▶ Impact on finding prey, social interactions, navigation, and other activities

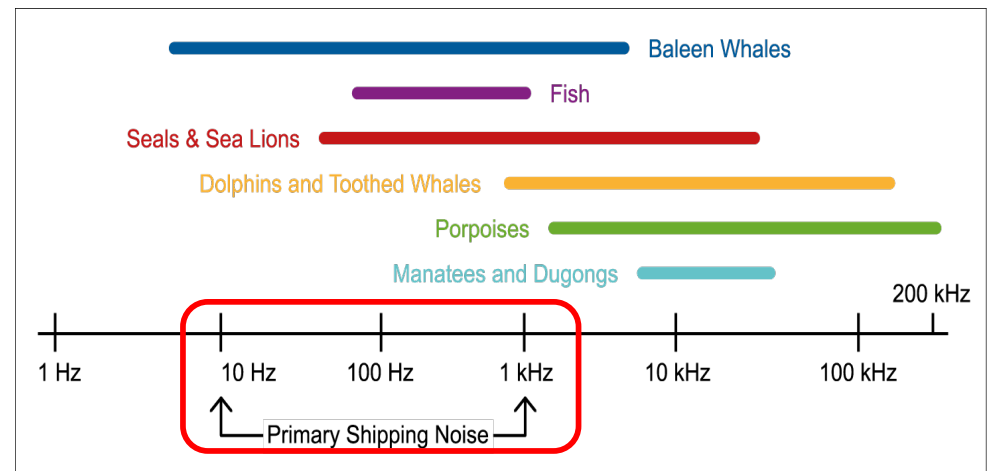
- ❑ Propeller, hull vibration and ship machinery are main sources

- ▶ Large vessels produce noise up to 180-195 dB with maximum level about 200 Hz

- ▶ Cavitation produces highest level of underwater radiated noise



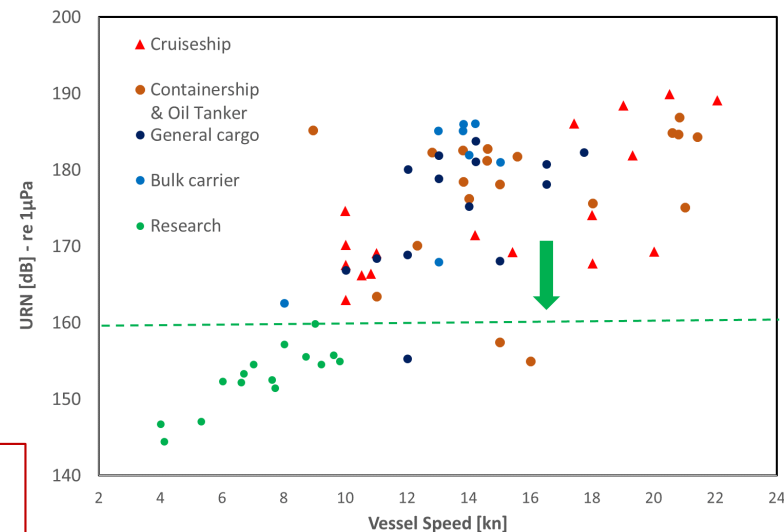
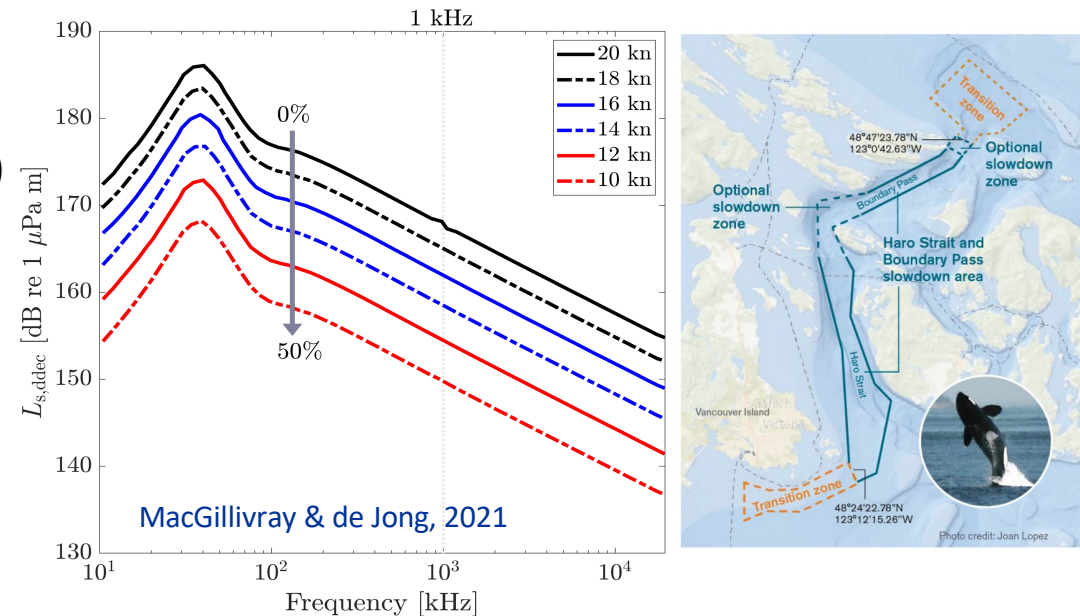
Sound level estimates from marine traffic  
(Duarte et al, 2021)



B. Southall, NOAA

# Current Status of Ship Noise Problem

- ❑ There is a trade-off between noise reduction and operational efficiency (i.e. fuel consumption)
- ❑ There are currently no regulations, only voluntary guidelines (unlike IMO's onboard/airborne ship noise)
- ❑ Noise adversely affects marine life, but severity and its impact on population not understood
- ❑ Vessel noise limit and measurement procedure have not been established for URN

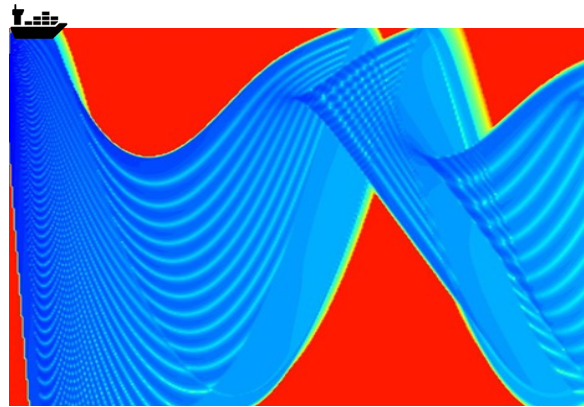


Need intelligent ship design and operation for reducing noise impacts over ecologically-relevant scales

# Can we build AI-based design and multiphysics solution to mitigate the impact of ship noise on killer whales?



Near-field noise



Far-field propagation



Mammal location and acoustics

# Objectives of HARP Project

- ❑ The project will develop **new tools** to help vessel designers predict the underwater vessel noise performance during the design stage
- ❑ Identify the **potential sources of vessel noise**, including on-board machinery and propeller noise
- ❑ Better design models are expected to help industry ensure that the next generation of ships embrace **quiet technologies**, while maintaining safety, productivity and environmental performance



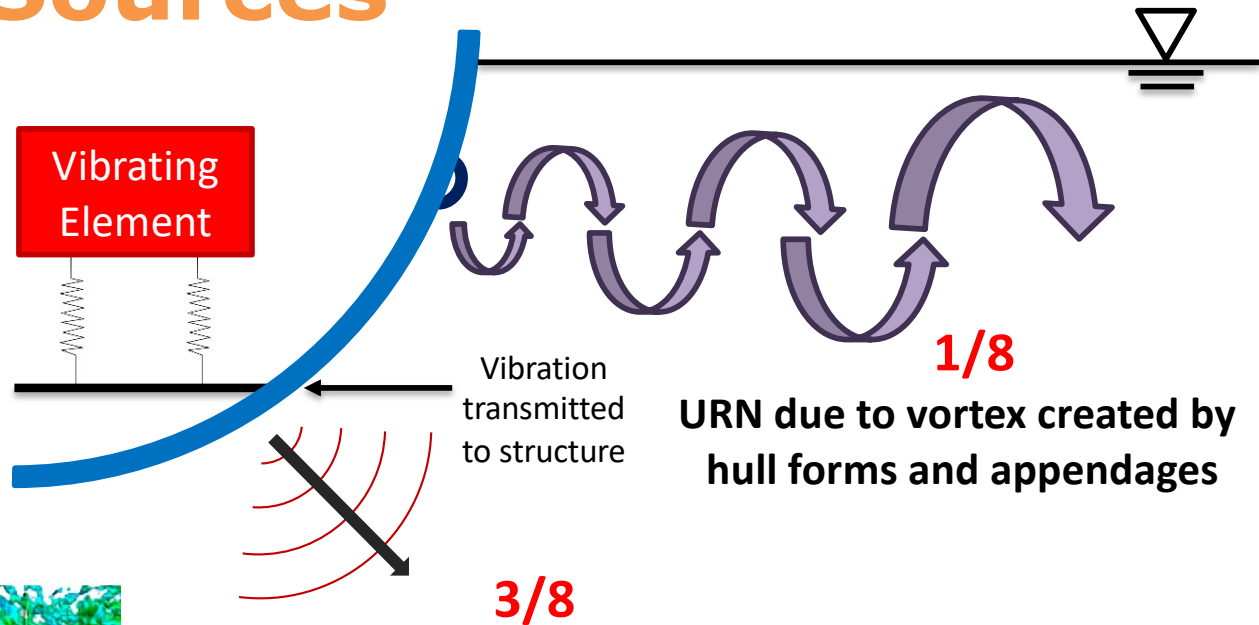
# Major Activities of the Project

- ❑ WP1: New high-fidelity mathematical model to analyze vibration of **hull panels and propeller** blades coupled with moving fluid
  - ▶ Coupled CFD/FEA analysis
  
- ❑ WP2: Broadband vibro-acoustic analysis of URN on the full frequency range and development of **physics-based machine learning (PBML)** framework
  - ▶ Data-driven acoustic analysis
  
- ❑ WP3: Development of advanced solutions and **optimization/control** techniques for minimization of URN
  - ▶ Data-driven vibration analysis and control

# Underwater Radiated Noise (URN) Sources

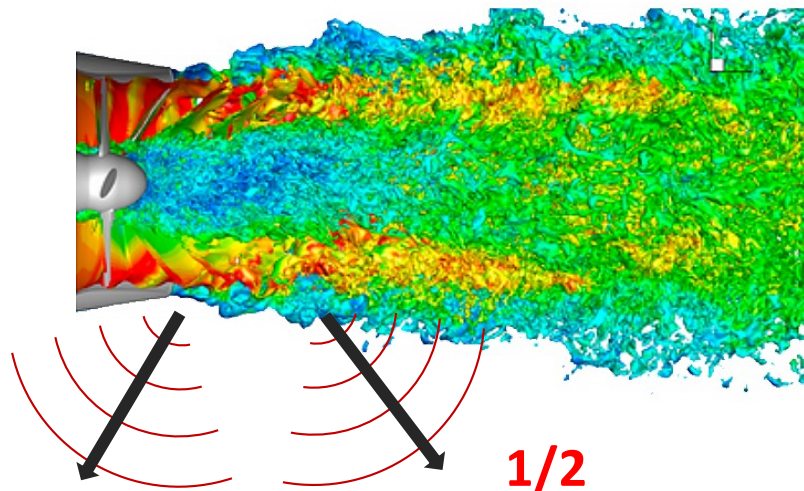


CCGS Sir John Franklin



**URN due to vortex created by hull forms and appendages**

**URN due to structure vibration creating pressure waves**



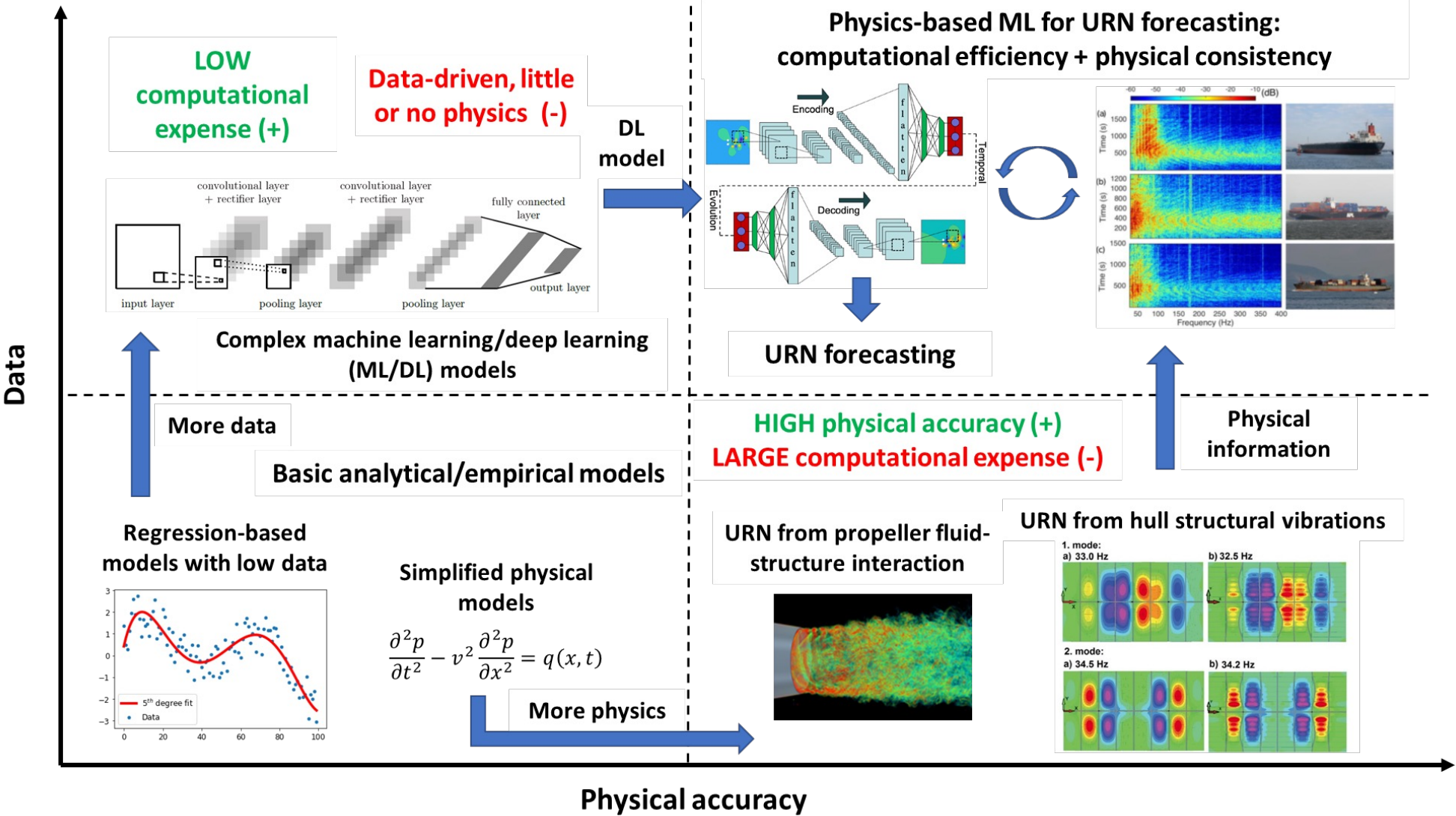
**URN peaks due to gear mesh**

**URN due to propeller crating pressure waves**

## HARP research:

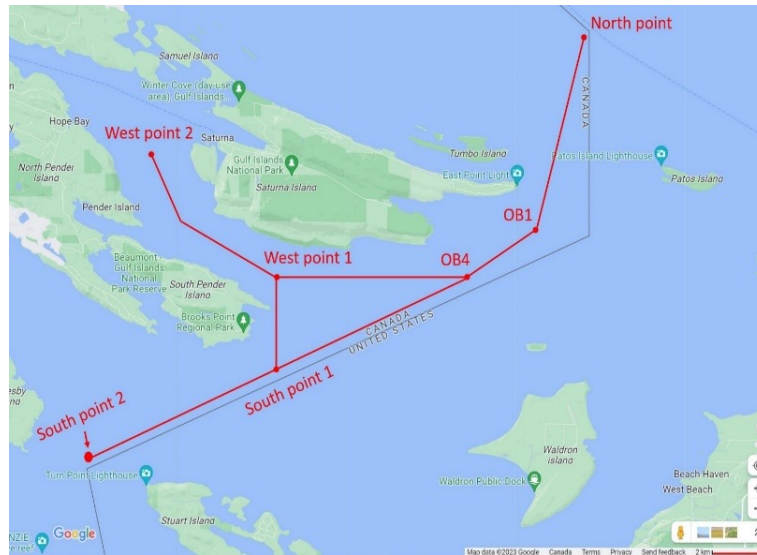
- ✓ Examine cavitation and hydro-structure interactions with unique hull and propeller/rudder design
- ✓ Efficient predictive tools for tonal and broadband noise generation and propagation analysis

# HARP Framework: Physics + AI Integration



# CCG Franklin Noise Measurements

- ❑ Transport Canada Quiet Vessel Initiative
  - ▶ MELO: Clear Seas and UBC Marine Biology



CDT Measurement



# Cavitation Noise Generation: Field Data



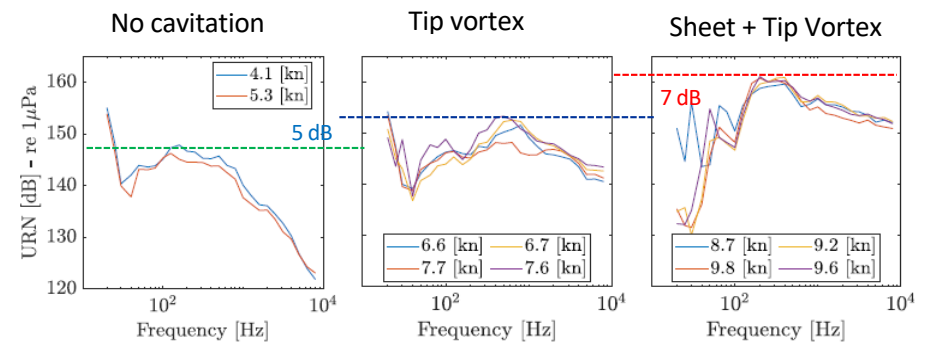
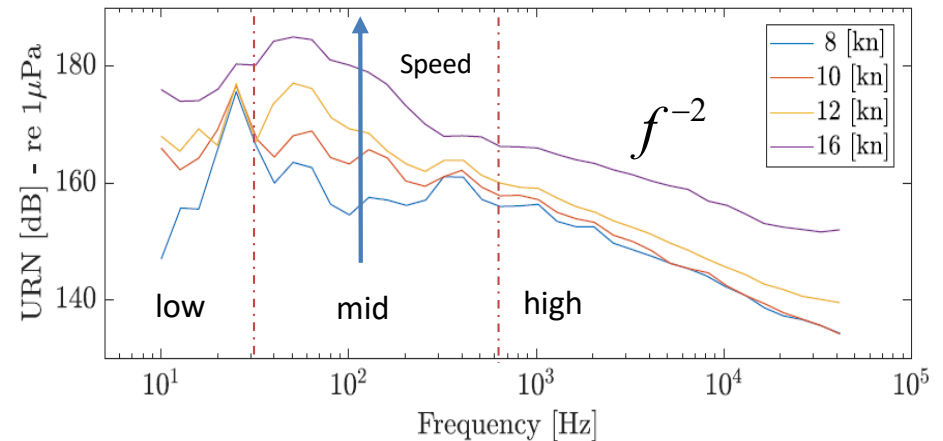
RV Princess Royal, Newcastle

□ Three frequency regimes:

- ▶ Low-frequency
- ▶ Mid-frequency
- ▶ High-frequency

□ Vessel speed increases noise level

□ Tip vortex and sheet cavitation dominate noise generation



Kalikatzarakis et al, 2023

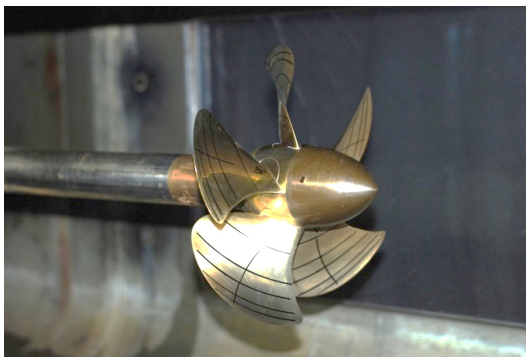
# Marine Propeller Analysis and Best CFD Practices

## □ CFD-based tools

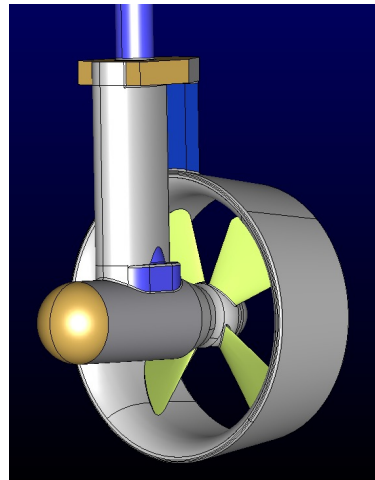
- ▶ RANS and Hybrid LES turbulence models
- ▶ Cavitation modeling (mixture theory)
- ▶ Acoustic analysis (FWH and Acoustic Perturbation)

HARP  
Approach

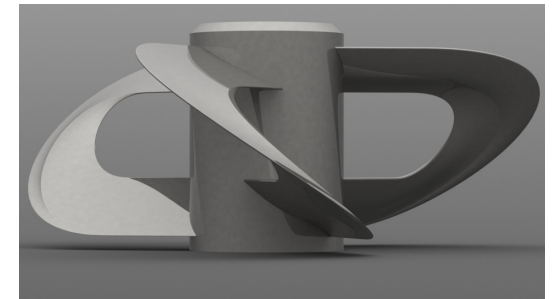
## □ Propeller Validation Cases



PPTC open propeller



MARIN TRUST JIP  
Single Ducted Propeller

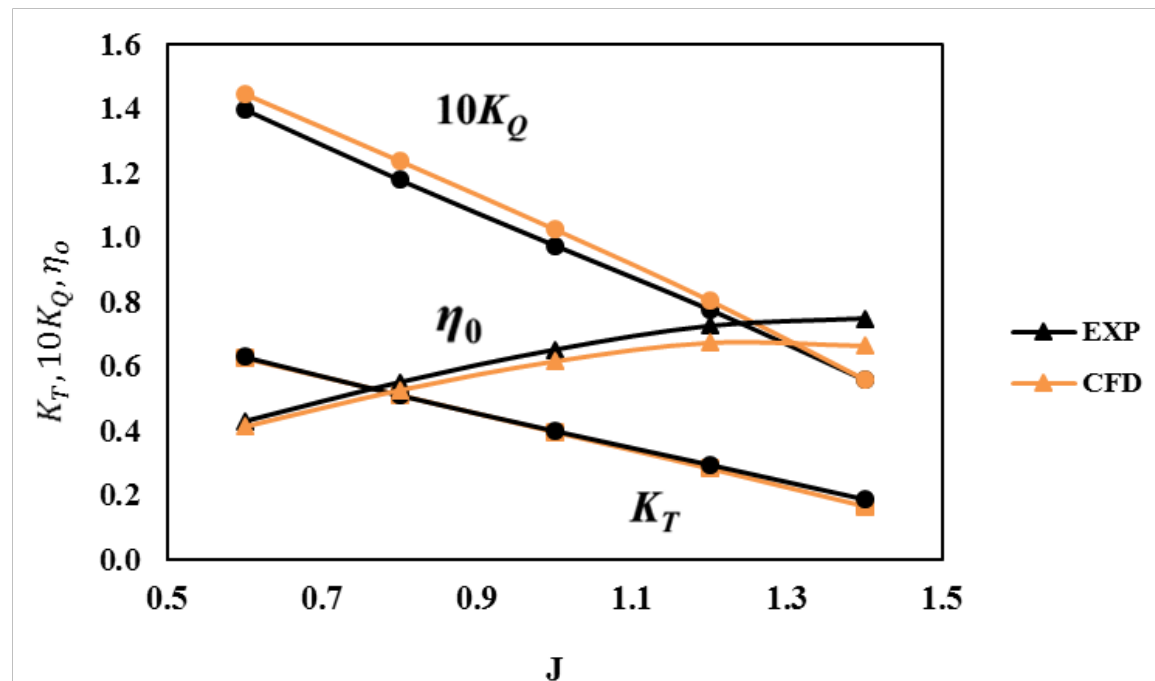
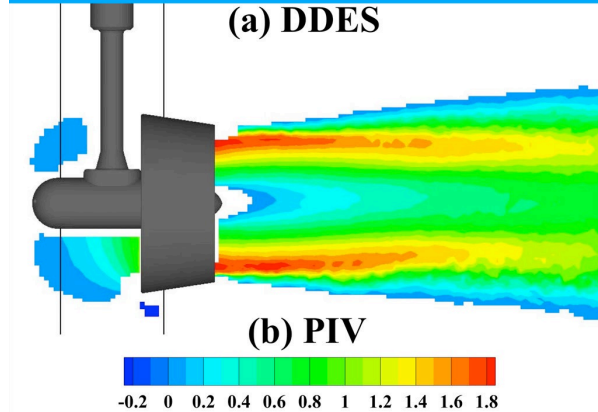
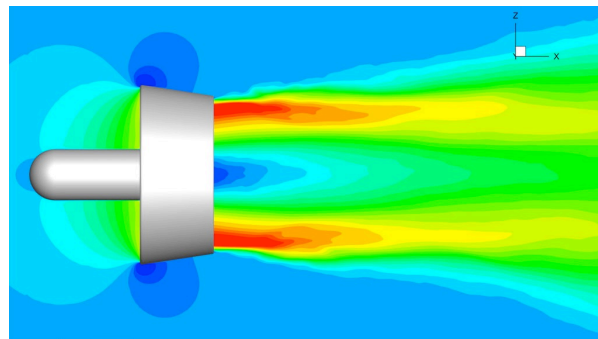
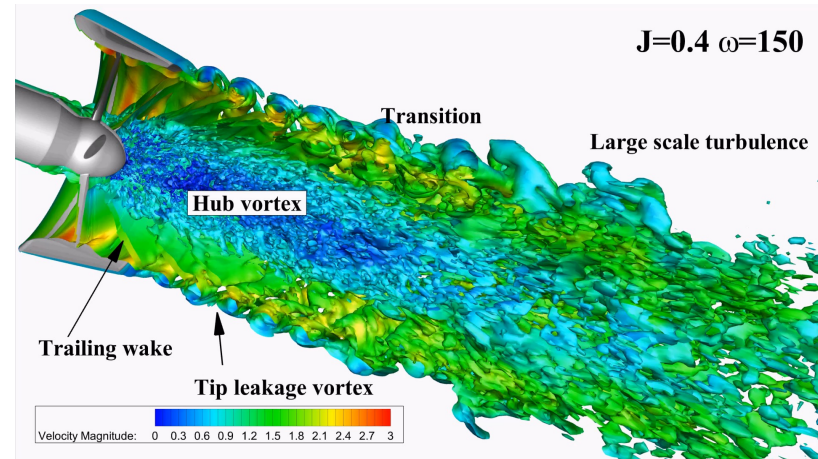


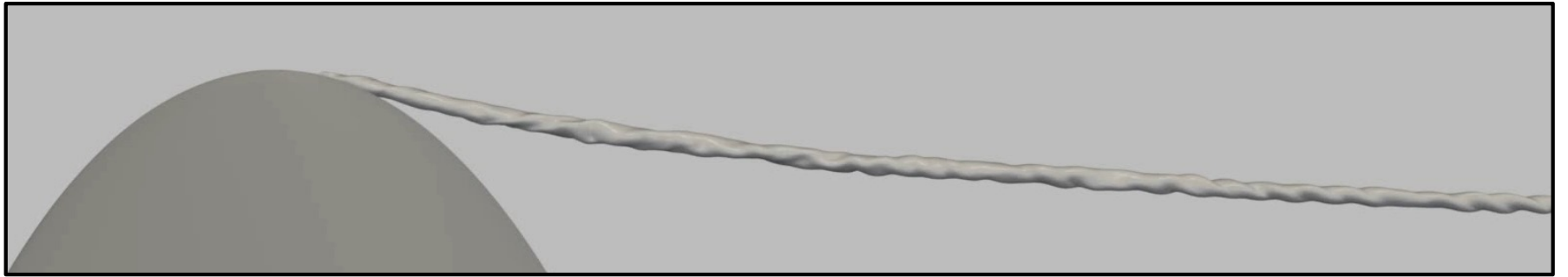
Toroidal Propellers

# Validation and Physics of Ducted Propeller

□ Non-cavitating propeller dynamics

- ▶ Complex turbulent wake
- ▶ Vortex-blade interactions

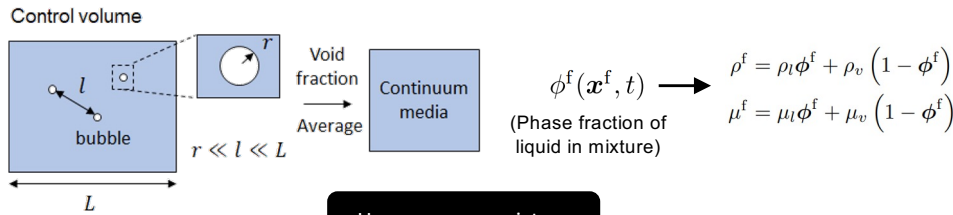




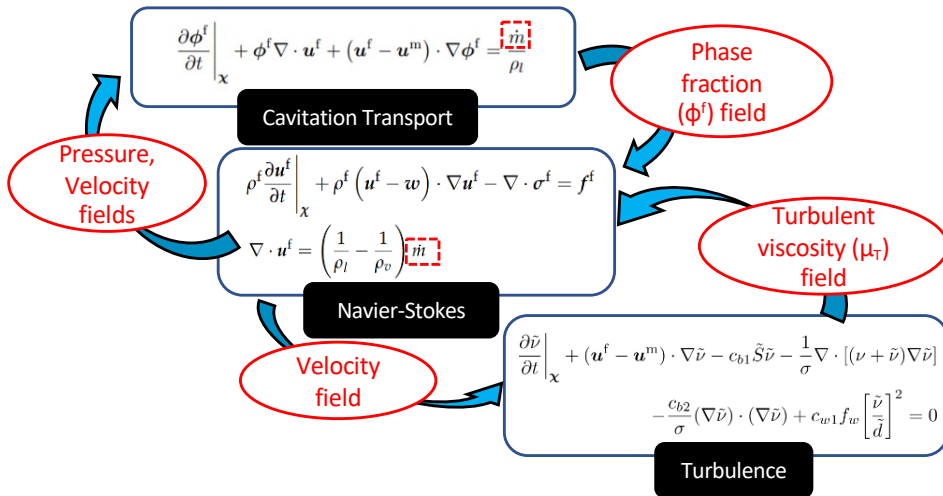
## FUNDAMENTAL STUDIES ON PHYSICAL MECHANISMS



# In-House Cavitation Solver with Flexible Boundaries



Homogeneous mixture



Governing equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{\Omega^f} & \mathbf{G}_{\Omega^f} \\ -\mathbf{G}_{\Omega^f}^T & \mathbf{C}_{\Omega^f} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{u}^f \\ \Delta p \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_m \\ \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_c \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{\phi} \{\Delta \phi\} = \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{\phi}$$

Momentum and mass conservation

Cavitation equation

	$\frac{\partial \dot{m}^{f,n+\alpha}}{\partial p^{f,n+1}}$	$\frac{\partial (s\phi^{f,n+\alpha})}{\partial \phi^{f,n+\alpha}}$
$p_h^{n+1} > p_v$	$C_c \phi_h^{f,n+\alpha} (1 - \phi_h^{f,n+\alpha}) \frac{\rho_l \rho_v}{\rho^f R_B} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\rho_l (p_h^{n+1} - p_v)}}$	$-C_c (1 - 2\phi_h^{f,n+\alpha}) \frac{3}{R_B} \sqrt{\frac{2(p_h^{n+1} - p_v)}{3\rho_l}}$
$p_h^{n+1} < p_v$	$C_v \phi_h^{f,n+\alpha} (1 + \phi_{nuc} - \phi_h^{f,n+\alpha}) \frac{\rho_l \rho_v}{\rho^f R_B} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\rho_l (p_v - p_h^{n+1})}}$	$C_v (1 + \phi_{nuc} - 2\phi_h^{f,n+\alpha}) \frac{3}{R_B} \sqrt{\frac{2(p_v - p_h^{n+1})}{3\rho_l}}$
$p_h^{n+1} = p_v$	0, using $\lim_{p_h^{n+1} \rightarrow p_v} \frac{p_h^{n+1} - p_v}{\sqrt{ p_h^{n+1} - p_v }} = 0$	0, using $\lim_{p_h^{n+1} \rightarrow p_v} \frac{p_h^{n+1} - p_v}{\sqrt{ p_h^{n+1} - p_v }} = 0$

Novel stable linearizations

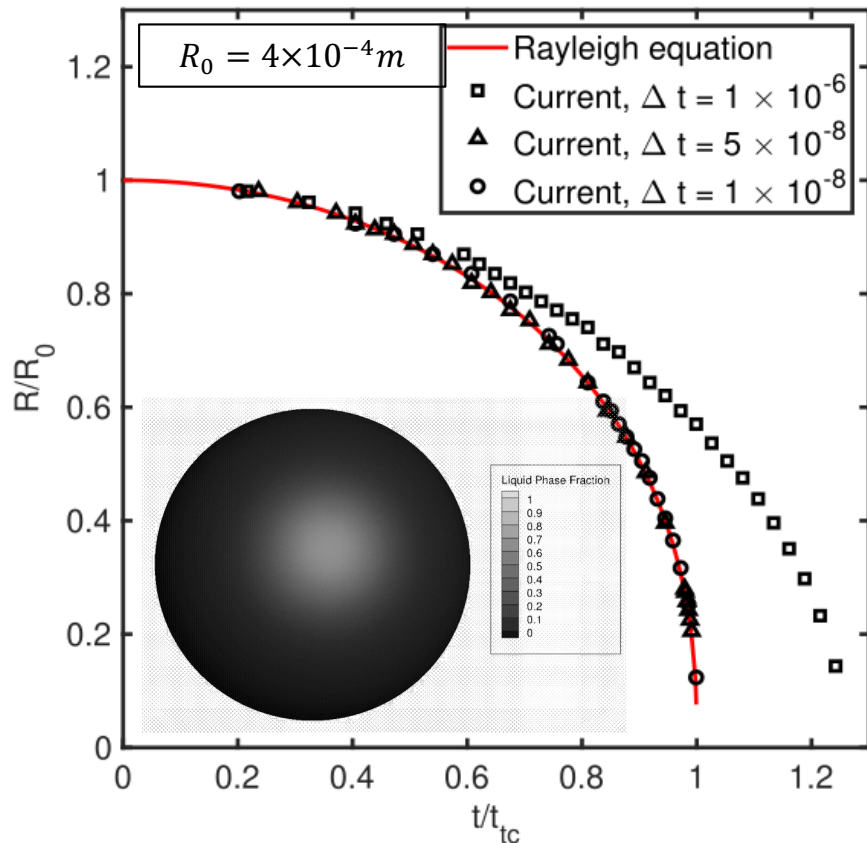
Robustness criteria for numerical study

- Accurate prediction of pressure field
- Handling large density ratios ( $\rho_l/\rho_v$ )  $O(10^2 - 10^3)$
- Absence of numerical pressure spikes across cavity interface

Kashyap and Jaiman, 2021 (CAMWA) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.camwa.2021.10.024>

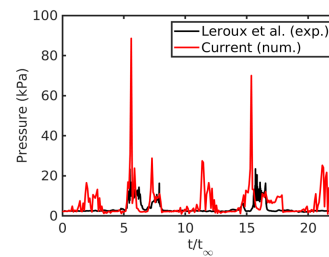
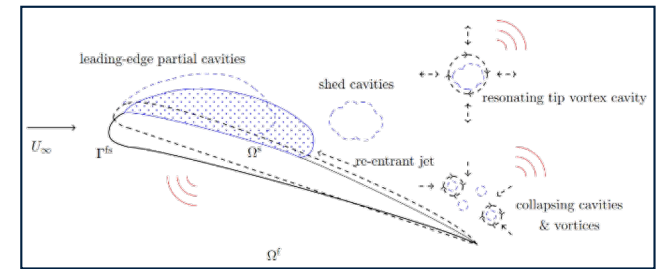
Nihar & Jaiman, 2024 (CAF)

# Bubble and Sheet Cavitation

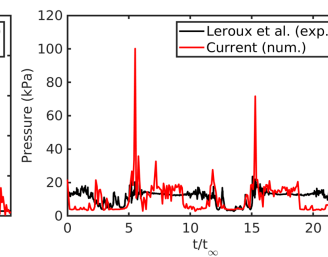


Micro-scale collapse of a spherical vaporous bubble

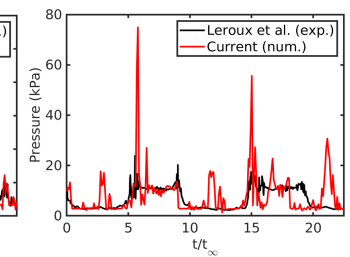
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$x/C = 0.25$

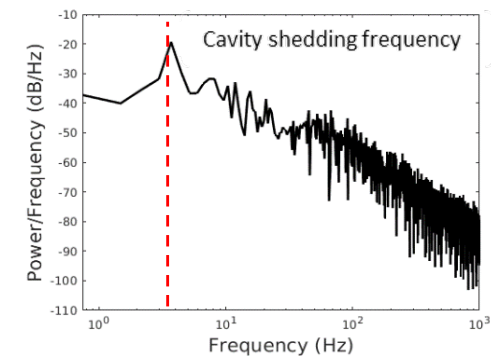
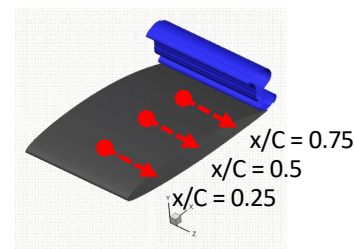


$x/C = 0.5$



$x/C = 0.75$

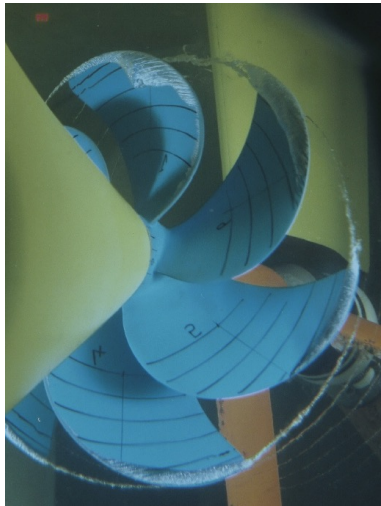
Pressure probe data



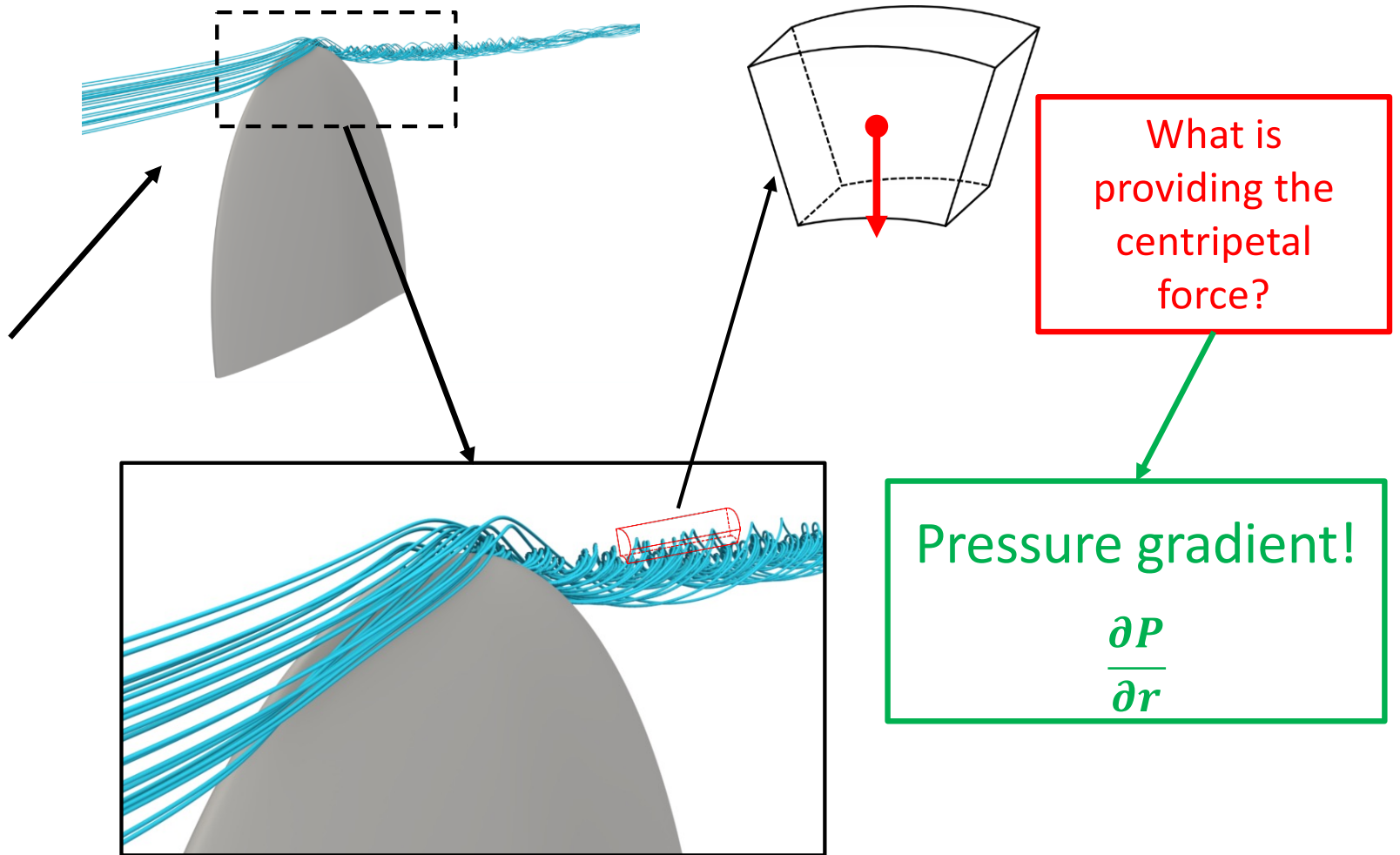
PSD of pressure coefficient  $x/C = 0.75$

Macro-scale turbulent cavitating flow  
Cavitation Number ( $\sigma$ ) = 1.25; angle of attack =  $6^\circ$

# Review: Tip Vortex Cavitation



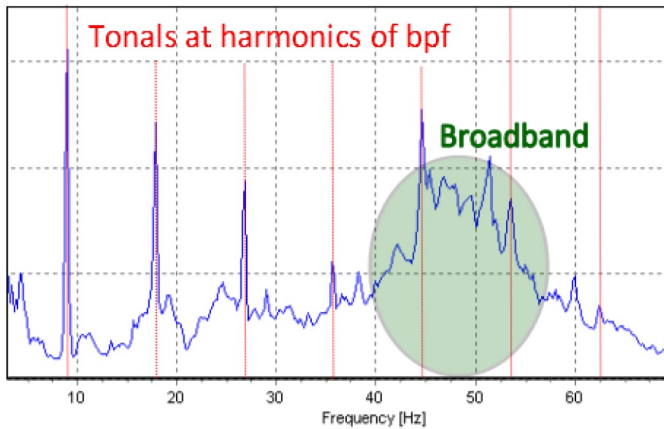
Sheet and tip vortex cavitation on a propeller in MARIN's cavitation tunnel



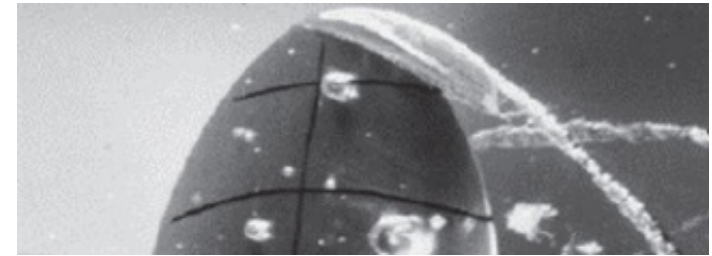
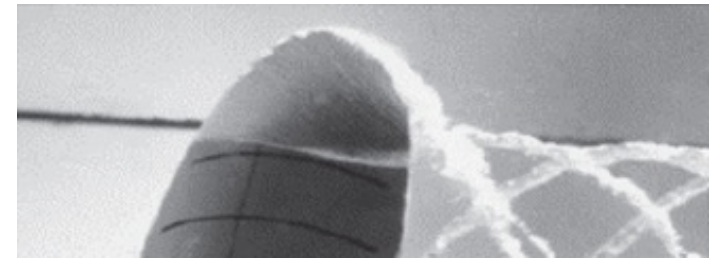
What is providing the centripetal force?

Pressure gradient!  
 $\frac{\partial P}{\partial r}$

# Tip Vortex Cavitation Noise



Hull pressure fluctuations spectrum  
(Source: van Wijngaarden et al. (2005). Aspects of the cavitating propeller tip vortex as a source of inboard noise and vibration.)



Broadband "hump" in HPF

Need for TVC mitigation strategies

First step: Understanding the phenomenon

Challenging to simulate!

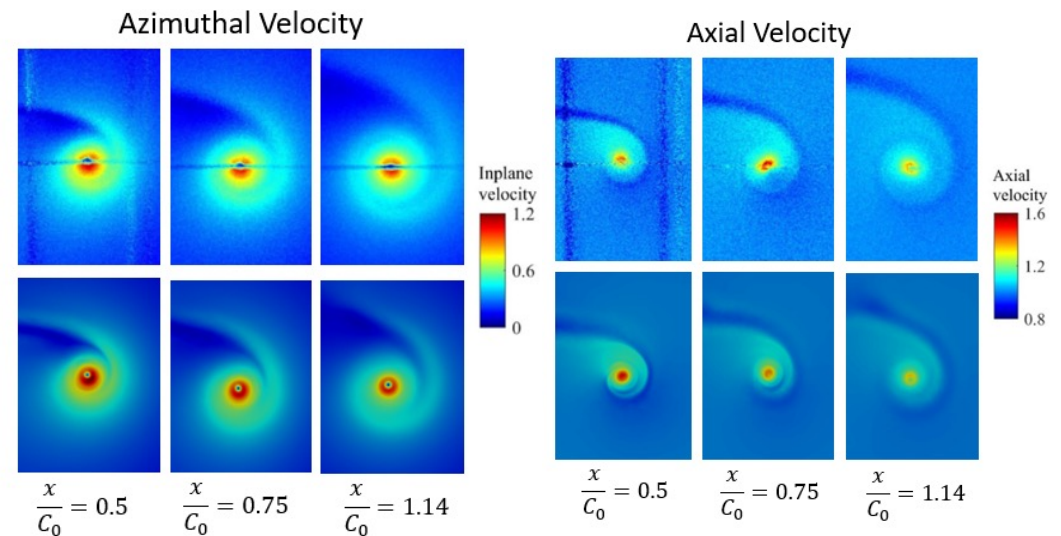
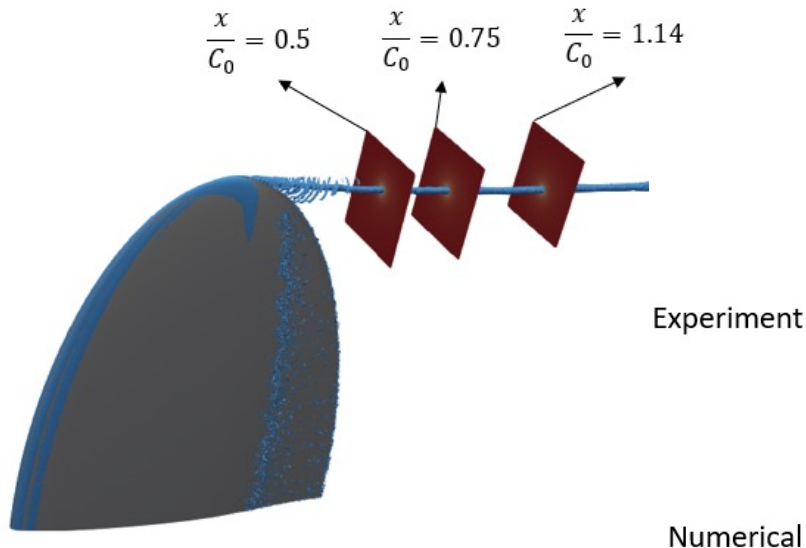
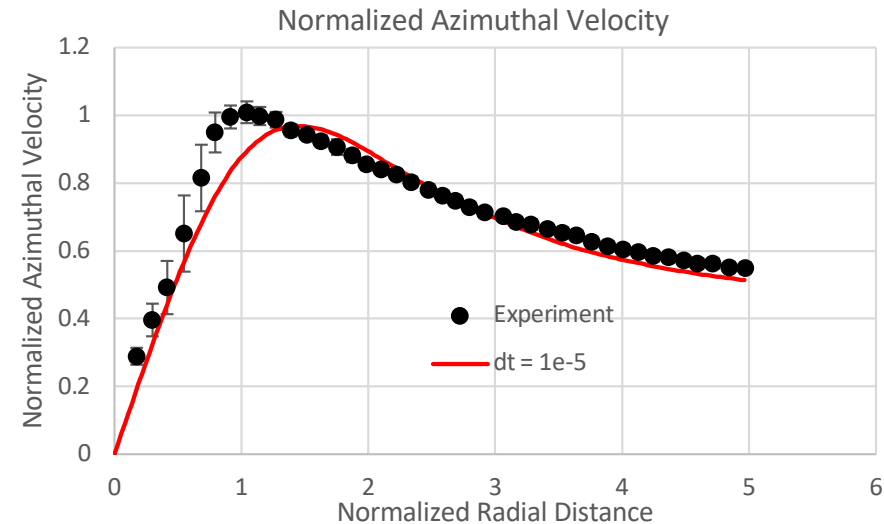
- High gradients
- Highly anisotropic
- Tip vortex-boundary layer interactions
- Tip vortex wandering

Problem-specific meshing strategy is required

RANS cannot be used → LES

# Tip Vortex Cavitation: Validation

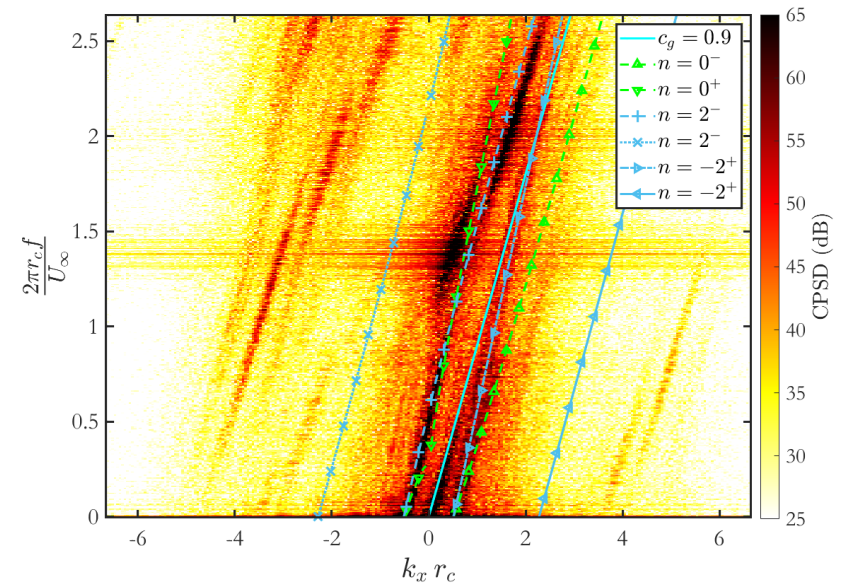
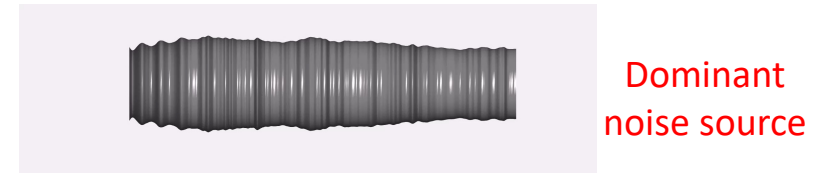
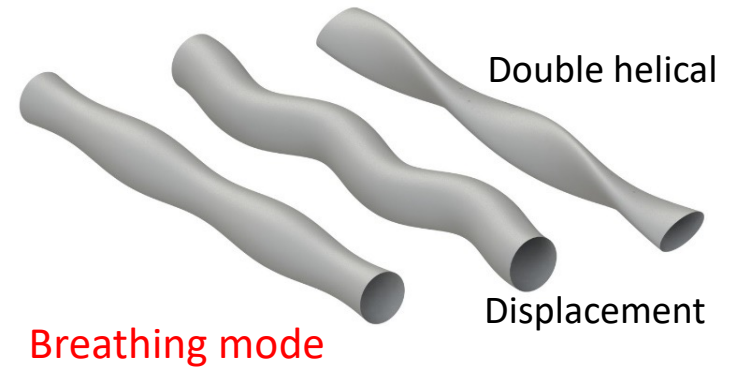
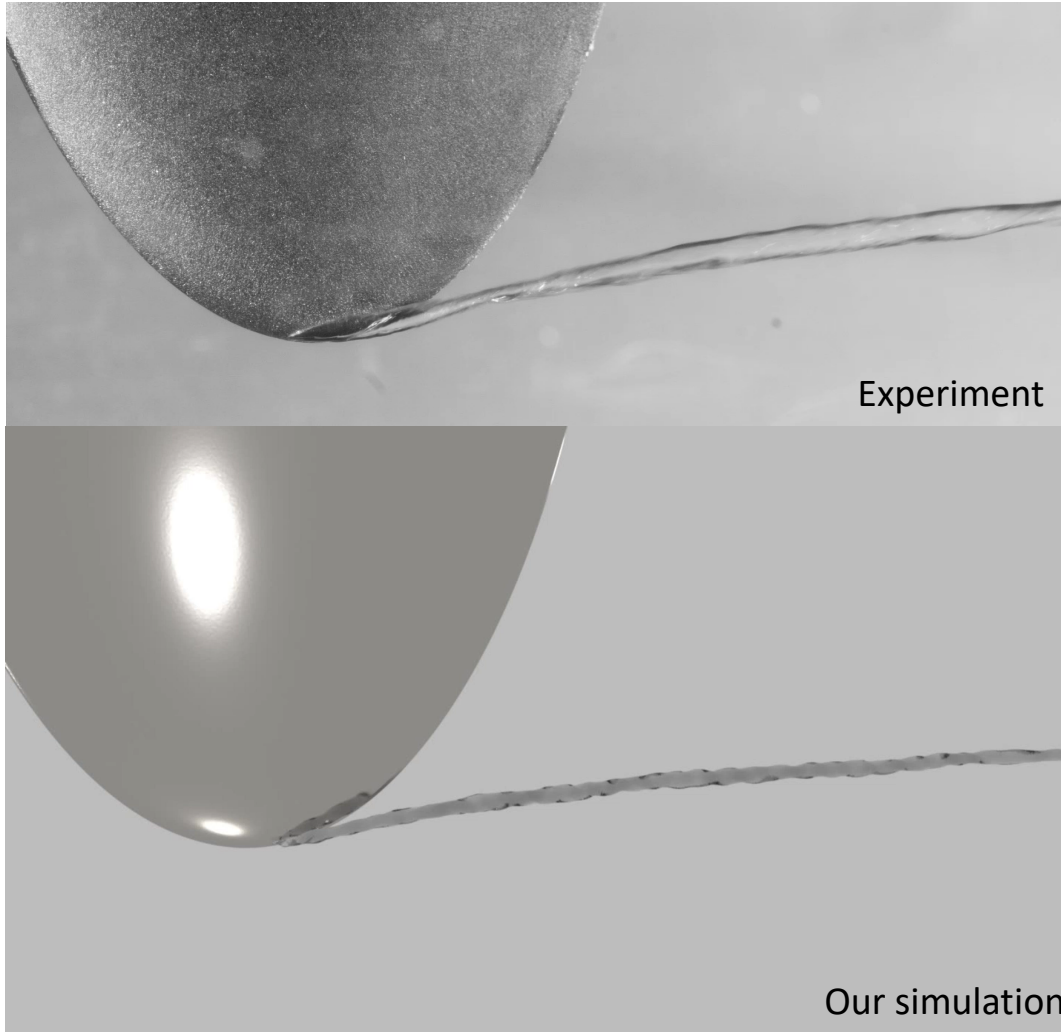
- ❑ Low pressure region within the tip vortex core leads to cavitation
  - ▶ Highly 3D anisotropic turbulent flow
  - ▶ Non-spherical behavior of bubbles
- ❑ Asymmetric blade (NACA 66(2)-415)



$$\text{New scale } \Delta r^* = \frac{\Delta r}{\mathcal{L}_\tau} = \frac{\Delta r}{\left(\frac{16\pi^2}{C_L^2 Re^{2.6}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} c_0}$$

$\mathcal{L}_\tau$ : Pressure-gradient-based length scale  
 $\Delta r$ : Mesh resolution in tip vortex flow region  
 $c_0$ : Root chord length

# Breathing Mode Oscillation

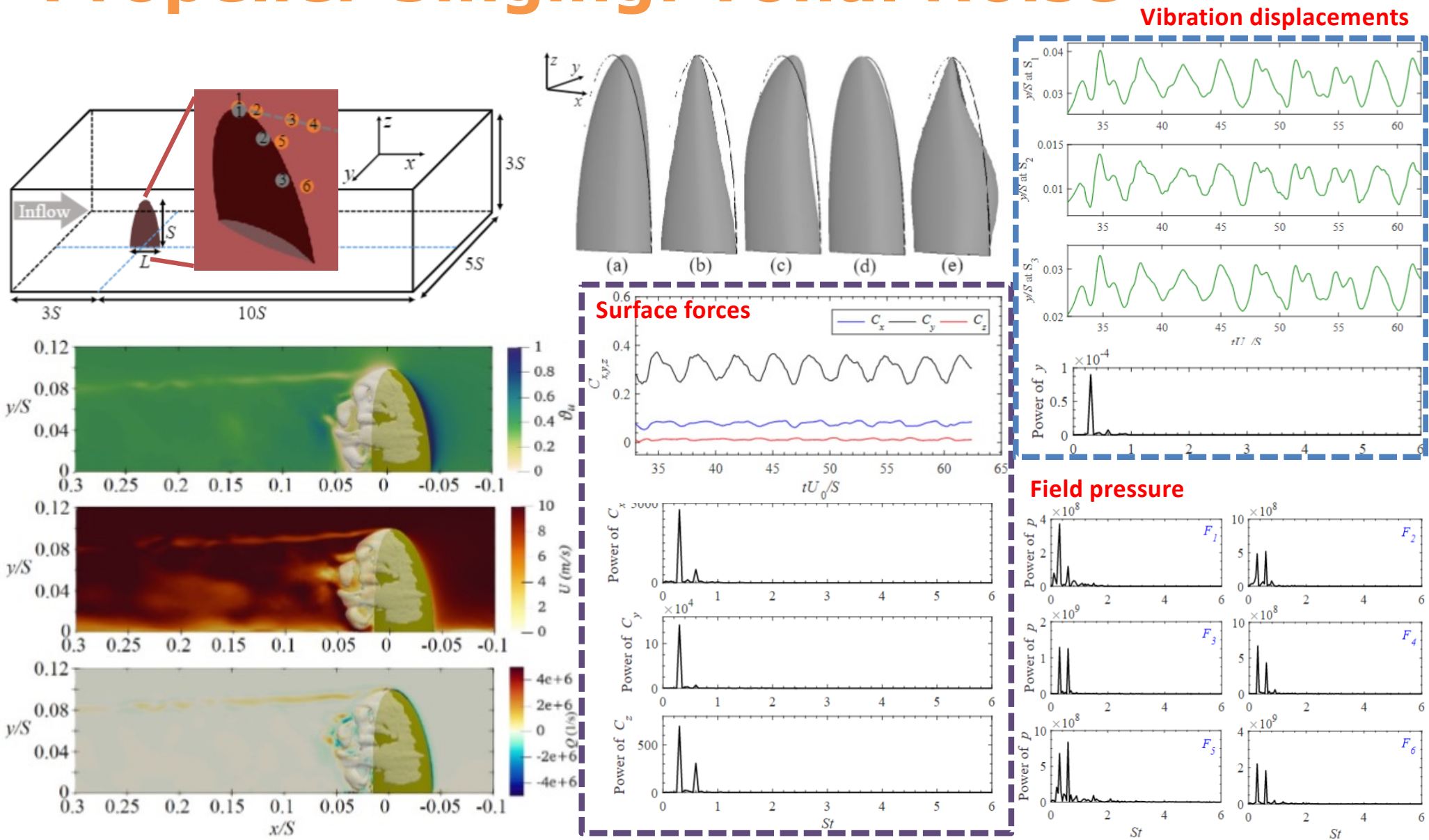


- $n$ : Azimuthal wavenumber (oscillation mode)
- $r_c$ : Cavity radius
- $\tilde{U}_x$ : Non-dimensional axial velocity on cavity interface
- $\tilde{U}_\theta$ : Non-dimensional azimuthal velocity on cavity interface
- $K_\sigma$ : Non-dimensional stiffness coefficient
- $k_x$ : Streamwise wavenumber
- $K_n$ : Modified Bessel function of second kind

Semi-analytical dispersion relation

$$\frac{2\pi r_c f^\pm}{U_\infty} = \tilde{U}_x k_x r_c + \tilde{U}_\theta n \pm \sqrt{K_\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{-|k_x r_c| K'_n(|k_x r_c|)}{K_n(|k_x r_c|)}} T_\omega$$

# Propeller Singing: Tonal Noise

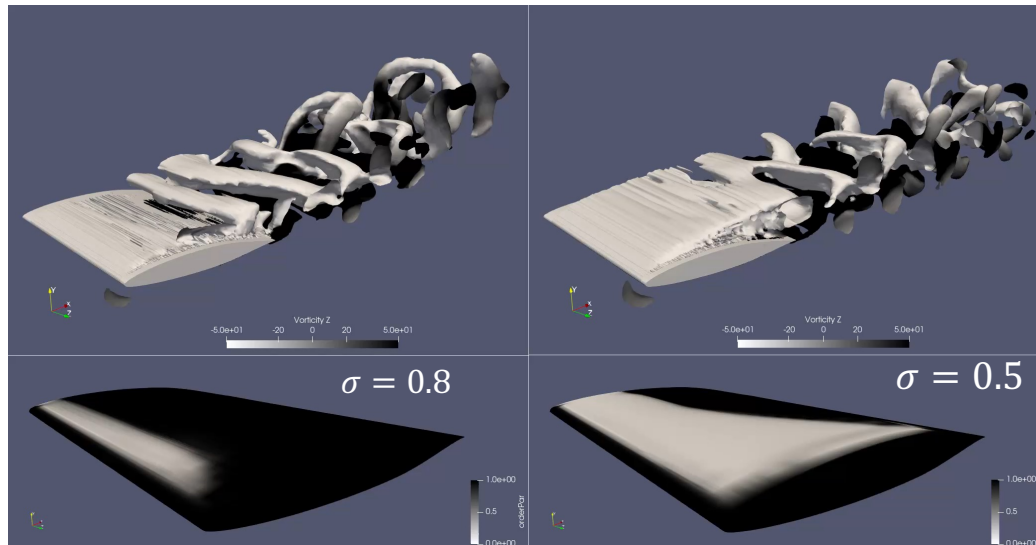
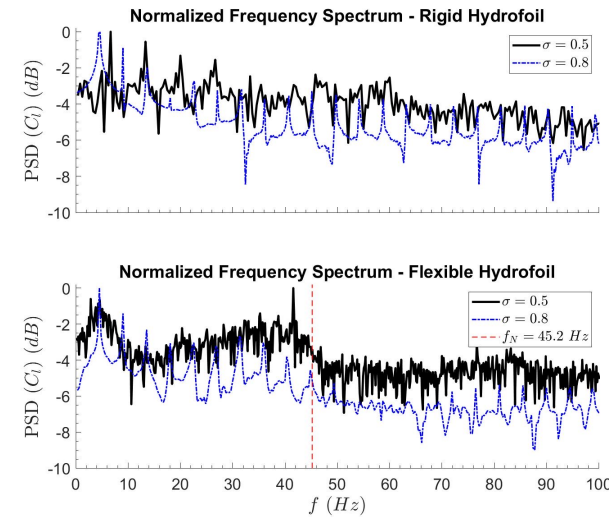


Discovered novel mechanism of synchronized hydroelastic lock-in of cavitating propeller with structural natural frequencies

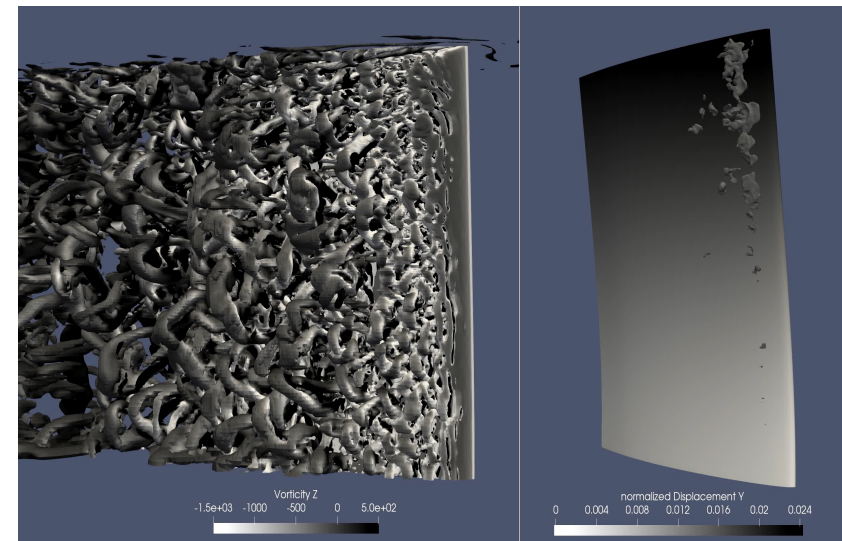
# Flexibility Effect on Sheet Cavitation

- ❑ Sheet cavitation on suction side of blades/rudder
  - ▶ Occurs at off-design angle of incidence
  - ▶ Results in large suction pressure at leading edge
- ❑ Flexibility adjusts pressure fluctuations
  - ▶ Cavitation cycle adopts subharmonic frequencies of propeller blade
  - ▶ Proper adjustment of flexibility and trailing edge can reduce cavitation and noise

Propeller/rudder system  
(Seaspan Corporation)



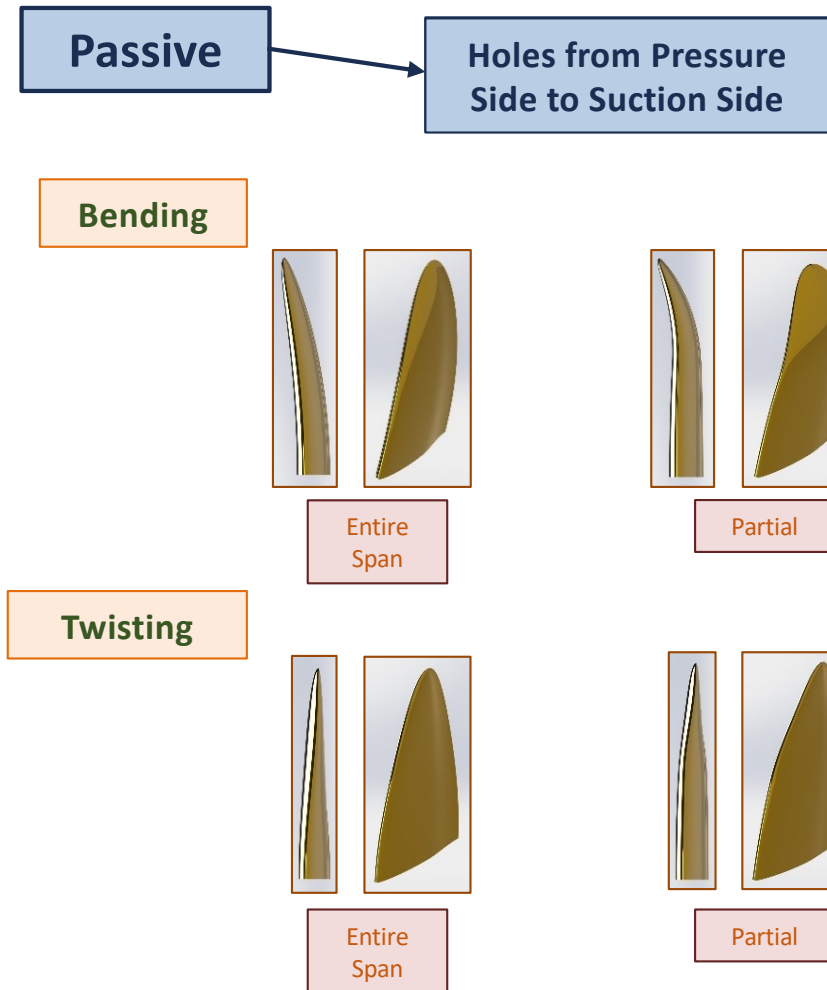
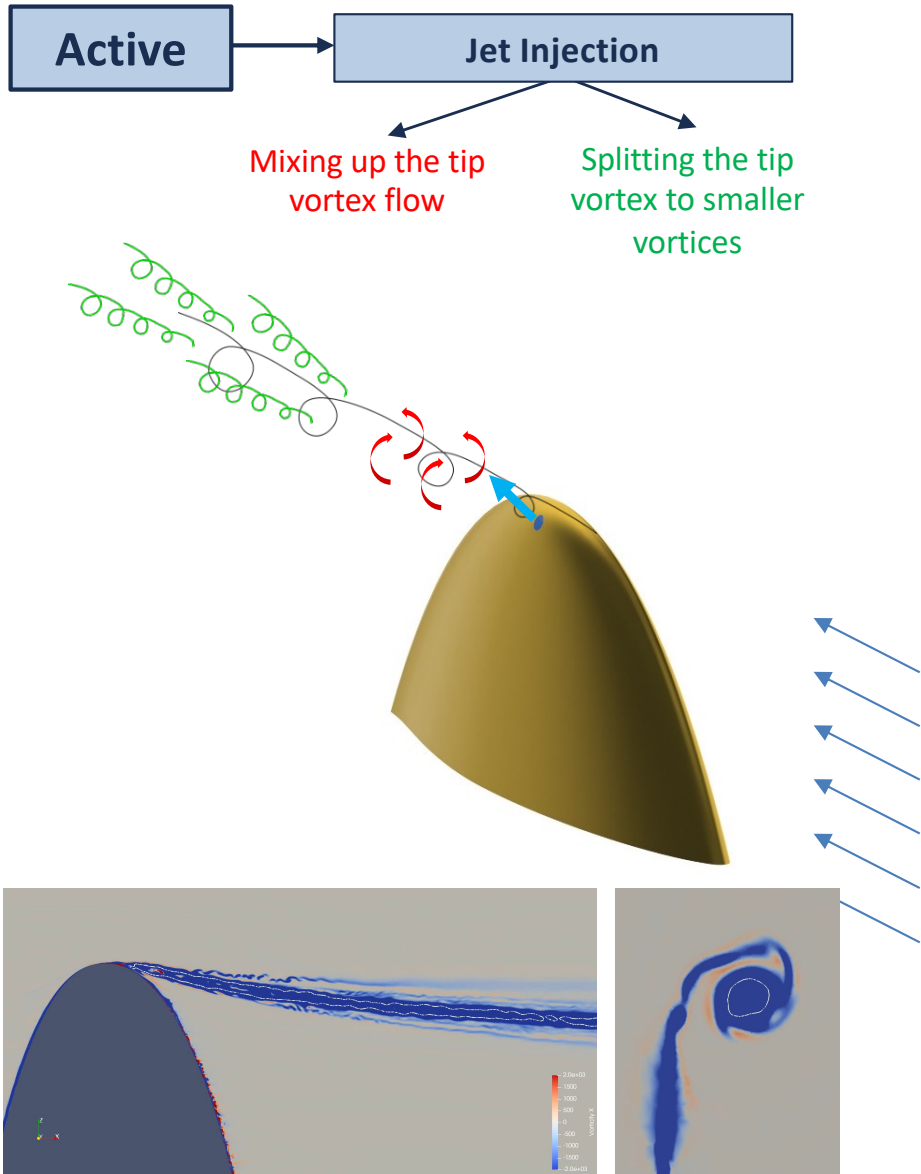
Vortex dynamics and cloud cavitation



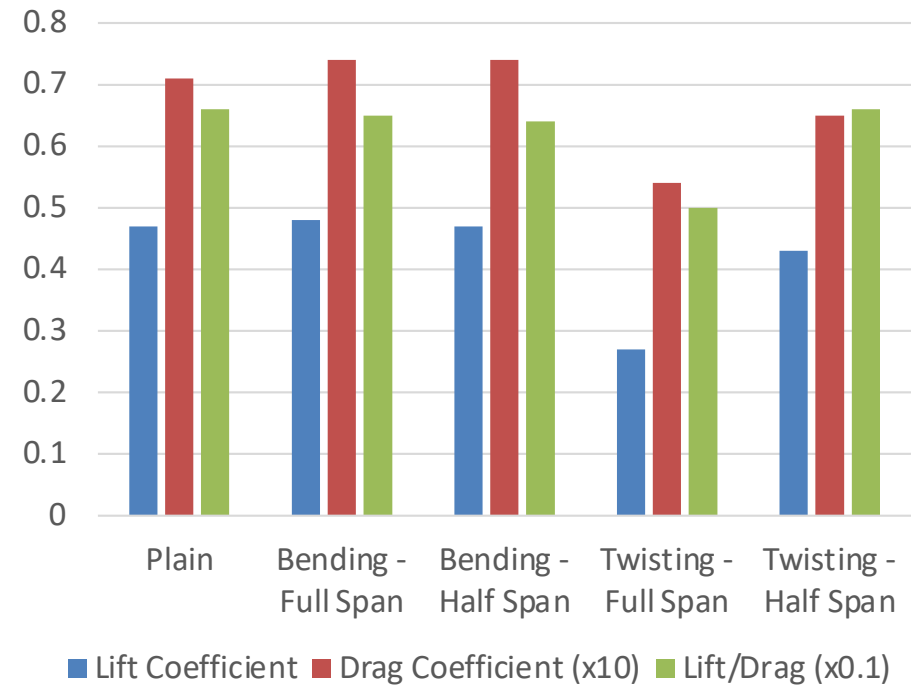
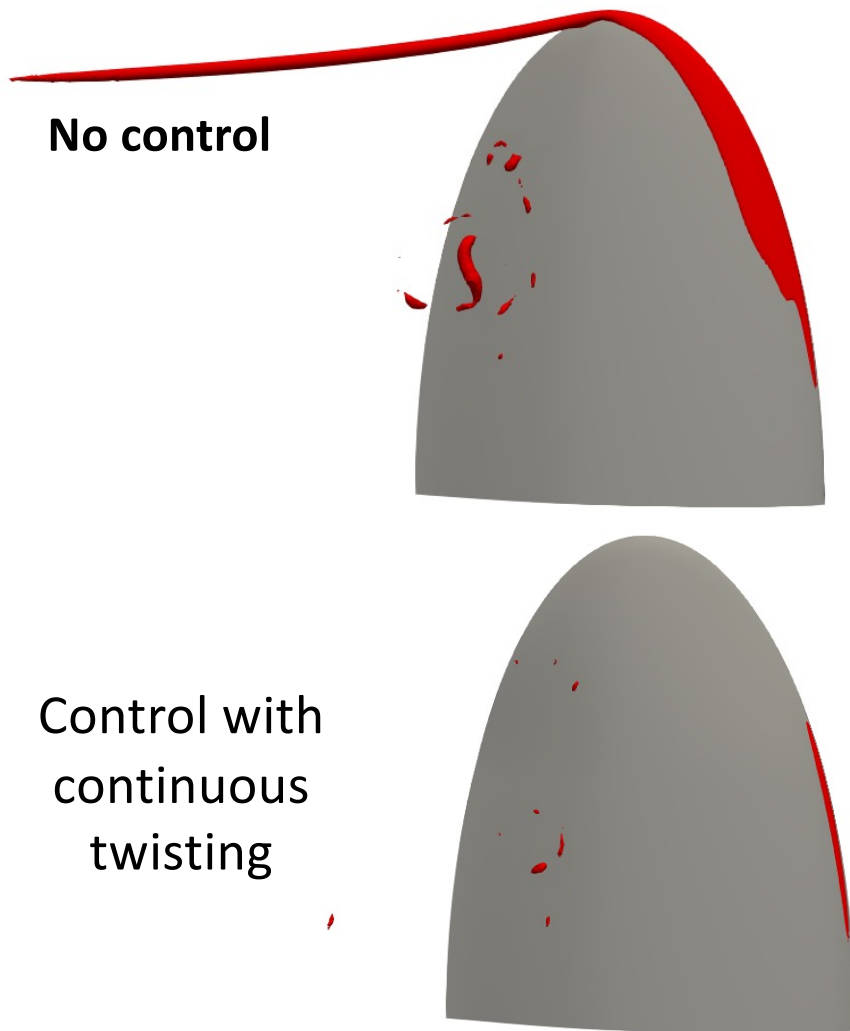
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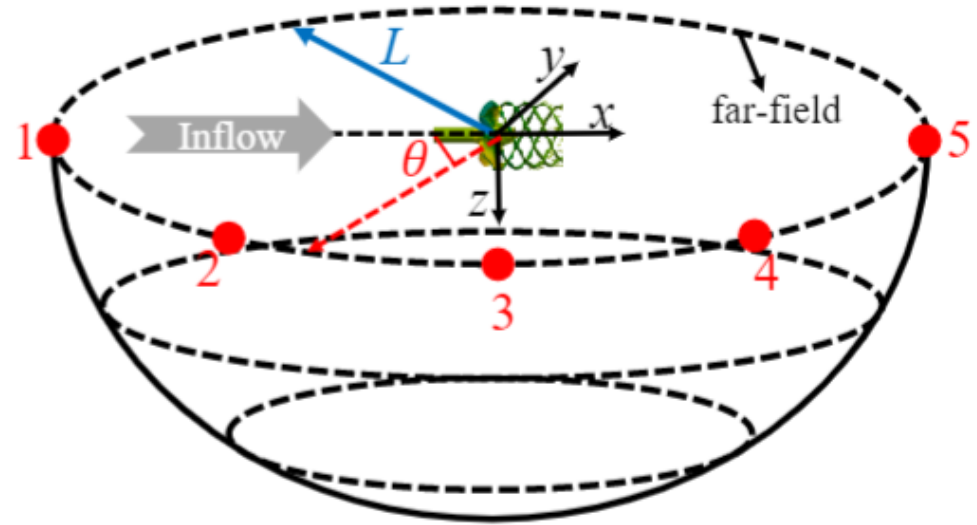


# Active Jet and Passive Morphing Techniques



# Effect of Twisting on Tip Vortex Cavitation: Preliminary Results

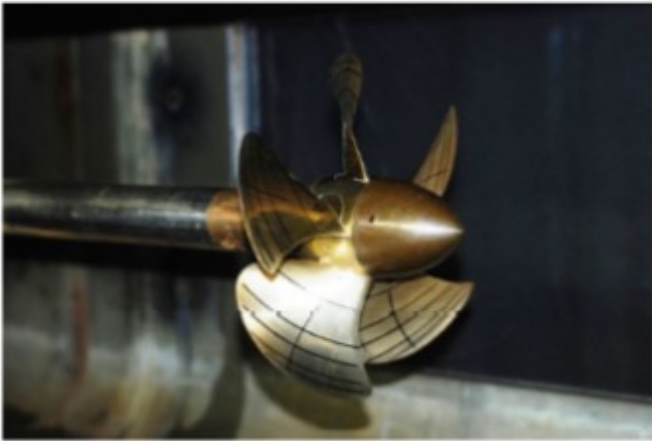




## FULL SCALE PROPELLER VALIDATION AND URN PREDICTIONS

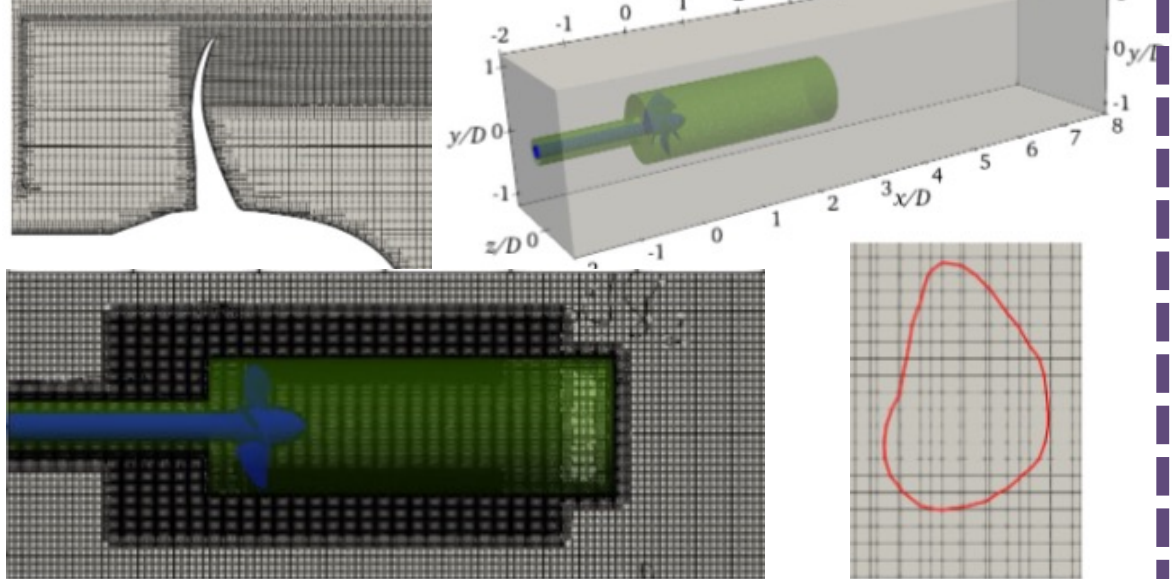
## ➤ Near-field wake dynamics of full propeller

### Potsdam Propeller Test Case (VP1304)



J	$\sigma_n$	n	D	Hub ratio
1.019	2.024	25 rps	0.25 m	0.3

### Computational and Mesh Domain in OpenFOAM

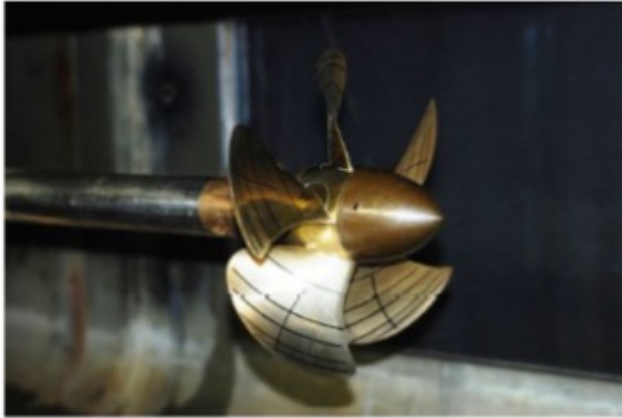


### Mesh Dependency and Model Validation

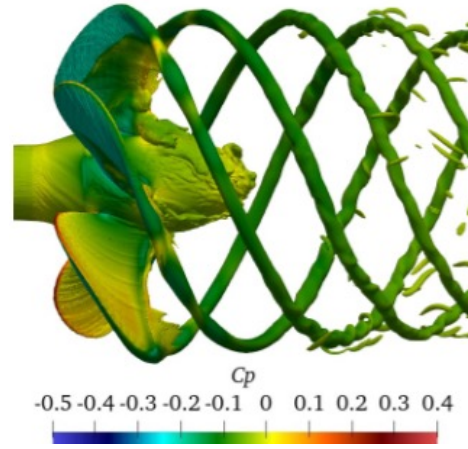
	Total cells number (millions)	Rotor region (millions)	Stator region (millions)	$K_{T,rms}$	$10K_{Q,rms}$	$y^+$	$\hat{x}_{tv}$
Experiments [18]				0.374	0.9698		
Other simulation [37]				0.380	0.9680		
Mesh 1	18.0	15.0	3.0	0.361	1.0398	92	0.004
Mesh 2	26.9	22.5	4.5	0.375	0.9710	40	0.006
Mesh 3	40.4	33.7	6.7	0.378	0.9648	19	0.009

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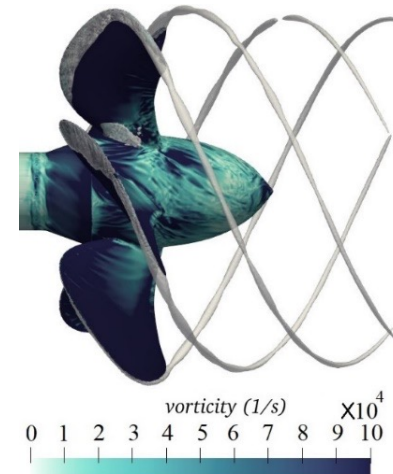
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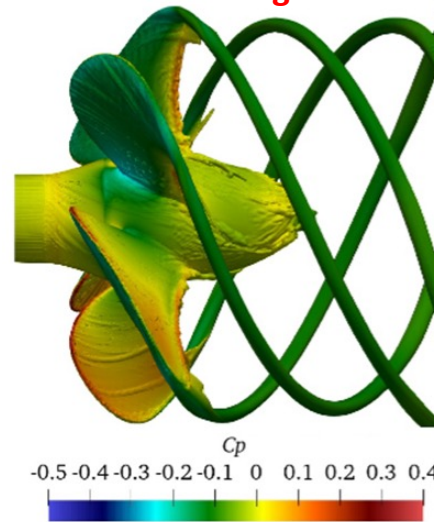
### ✓ Cavitating



### Simulation Results



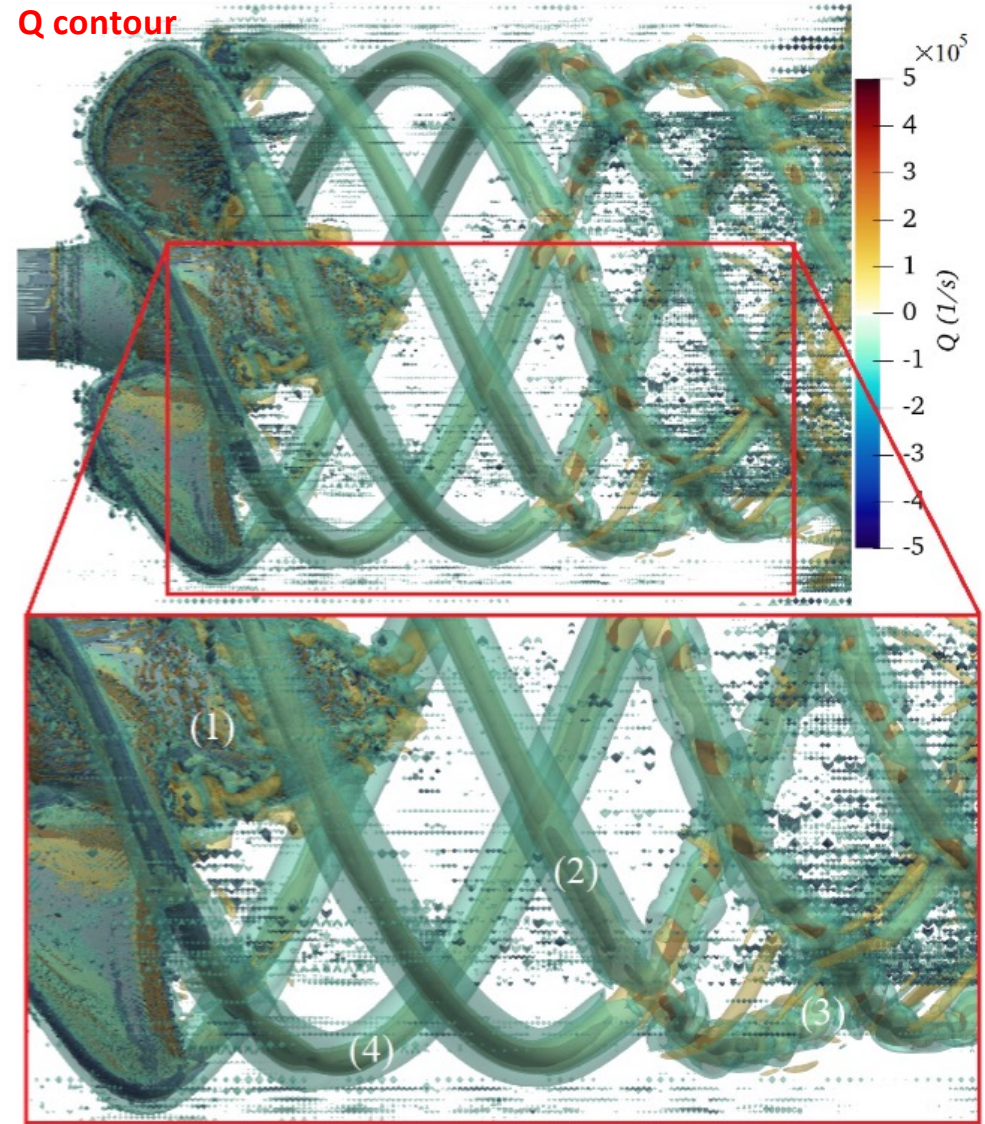
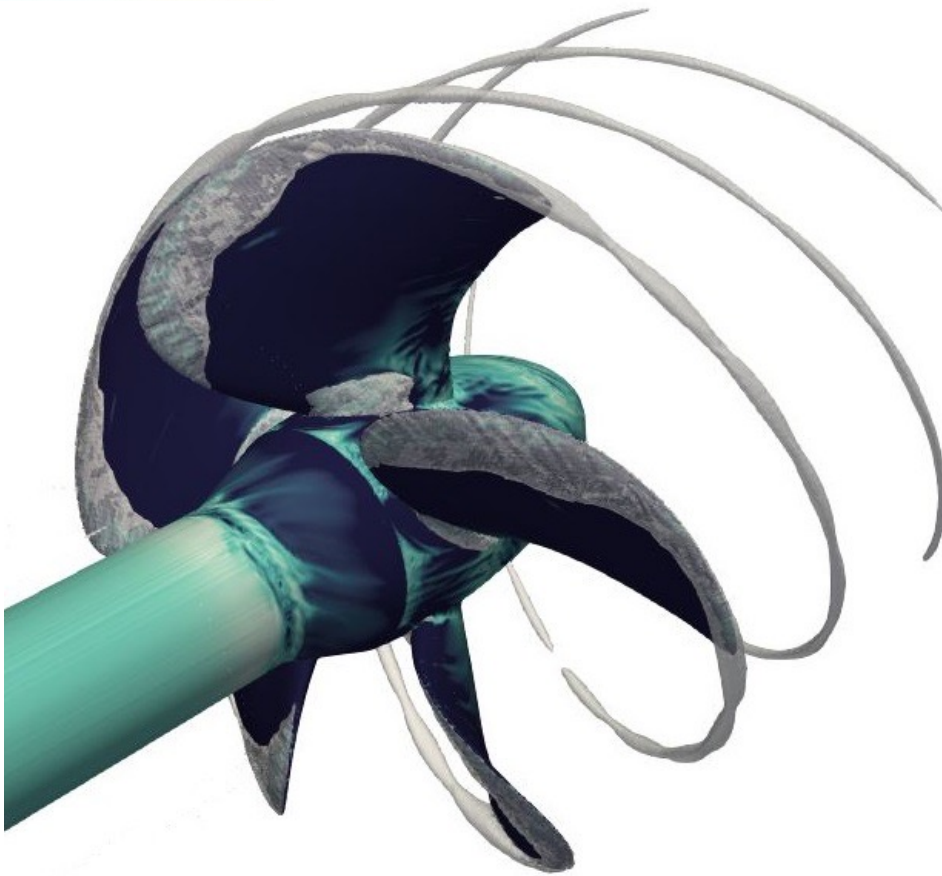
### ✓ Non-Cavitating



## ➤ Near-field wake dynamics of full propeller

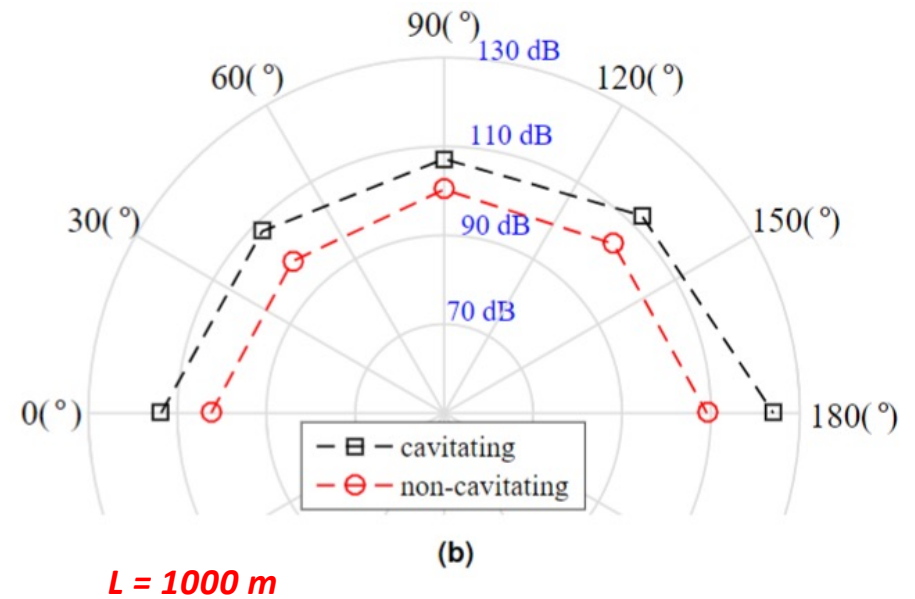
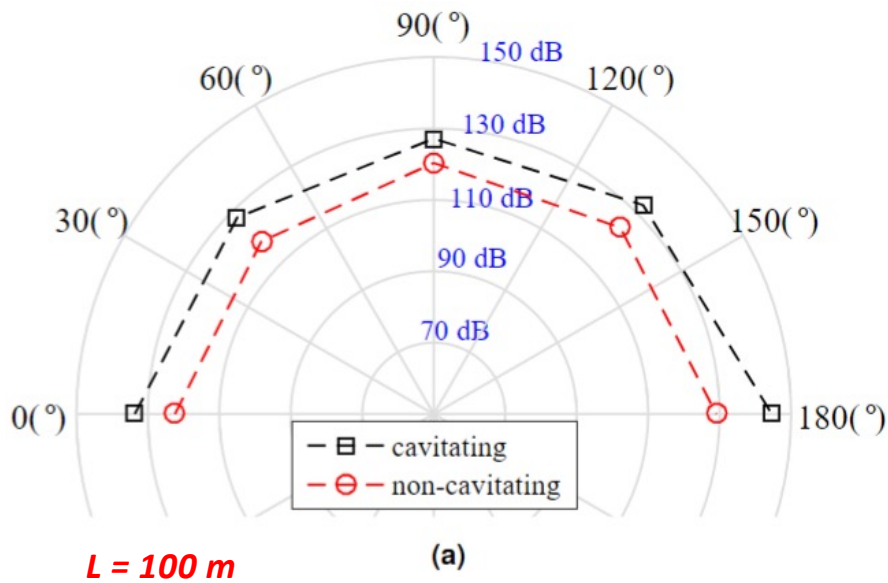
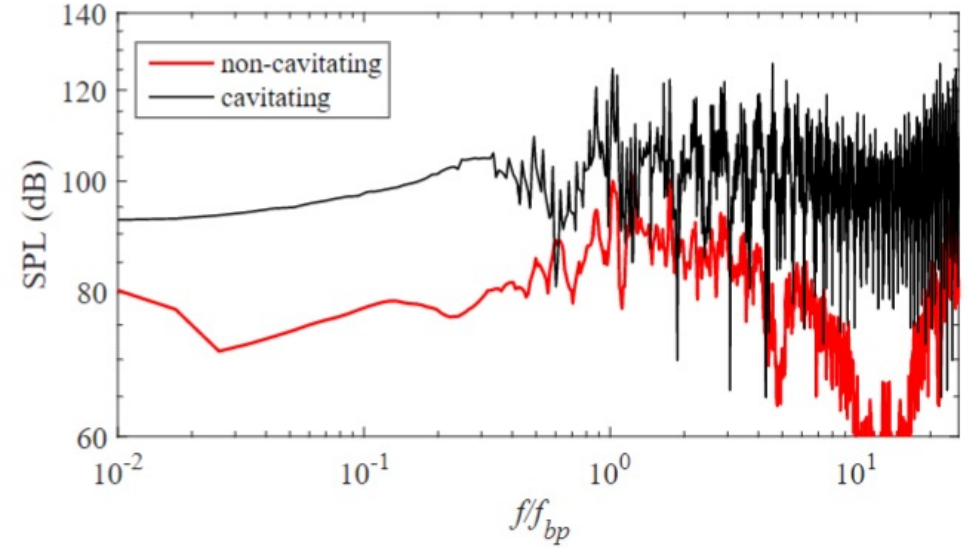
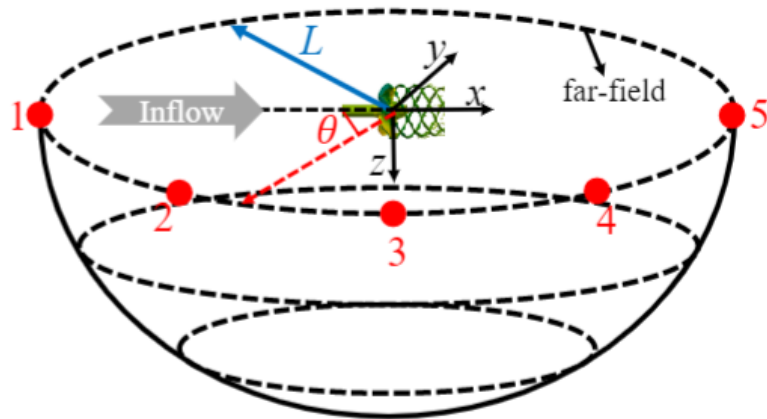


Cavitation contour

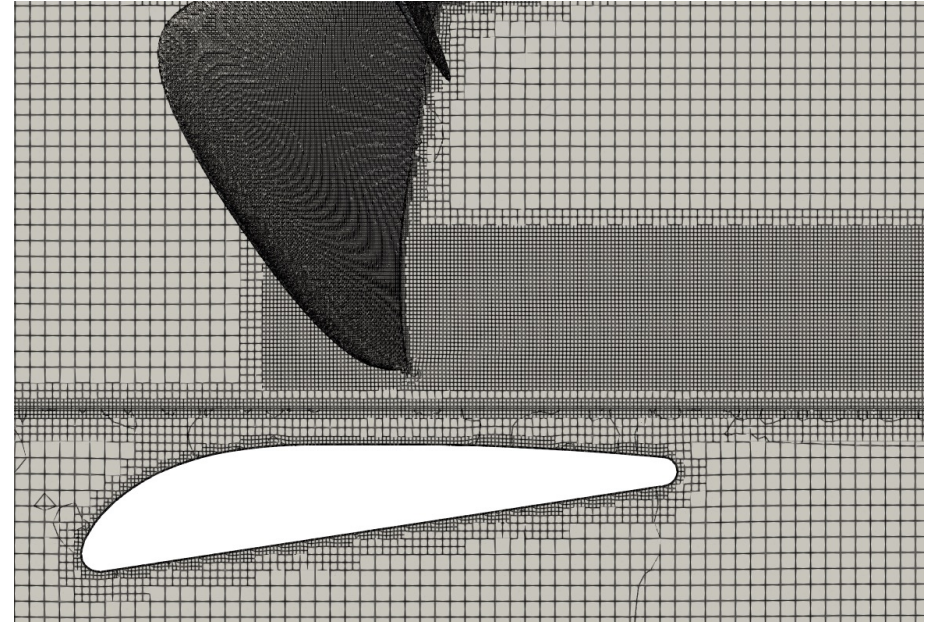
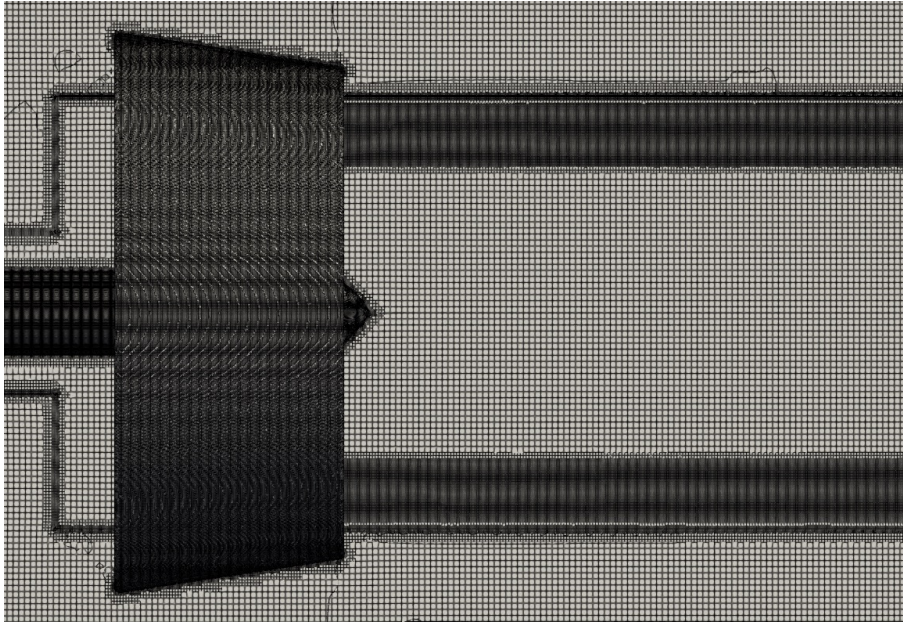


## ➤ Near-field noise prediction of full propeller

✓ SPL directivity



# Ducted Propeller: Effect of Nozzle



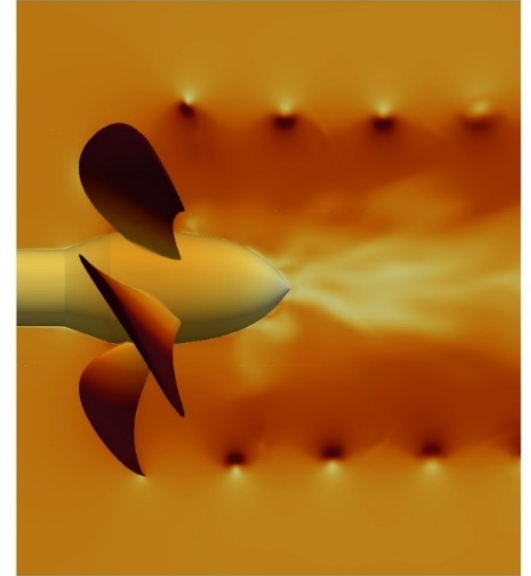
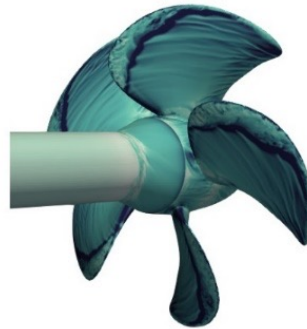
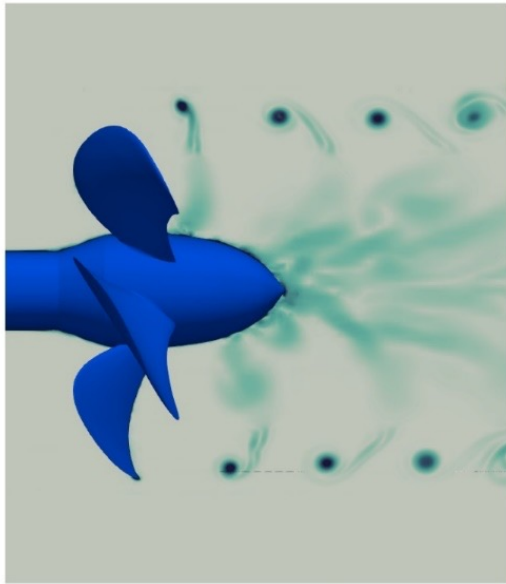
## Mesh Dependency and Model Validation

	Total cells number (millions)	Rotor region (millions)	Stator region (millions)	$K_{T,rms}$	$10K_{Q,rms}$	$y^+$	$\hat{x}_{tv}$
Experiments [18]				0.374	0.9698		
Other simulation [37]				0.380	0.9680		
Mesh 1	18.0	15.0	3.0	0.361	1.0398	92	0.004
Mesh 2	26.9	22.5	4.5	0.375	0.9710	40	0.006
Mesh 3	40.4	33.7	6.7	0.378	0.9648	19	0.009

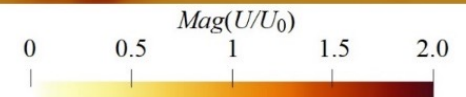
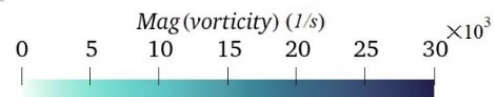
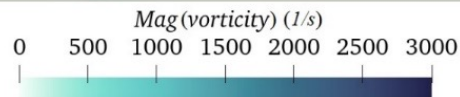
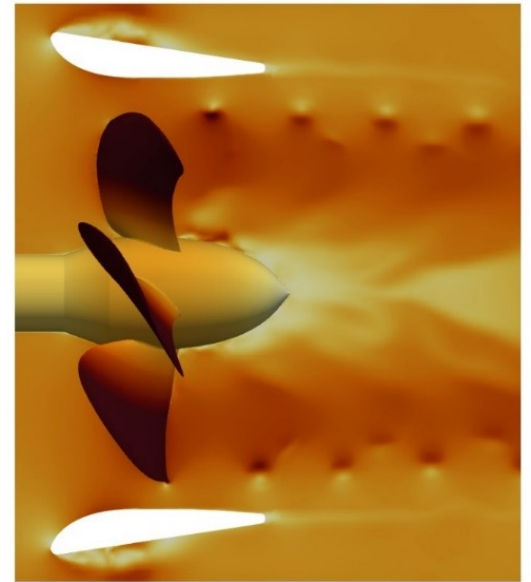
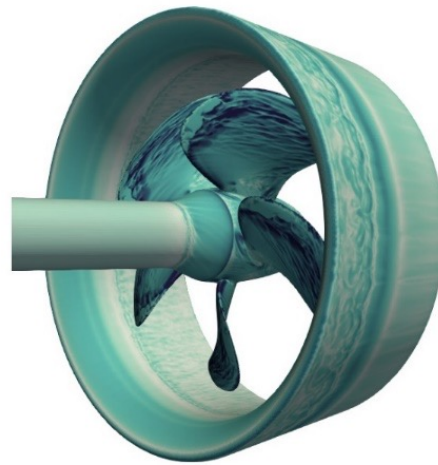
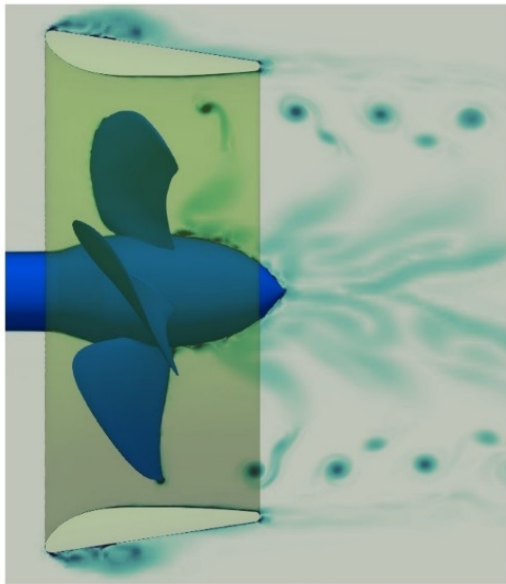


# Comparison of Flow Fields (1)

✓ Non-ducted



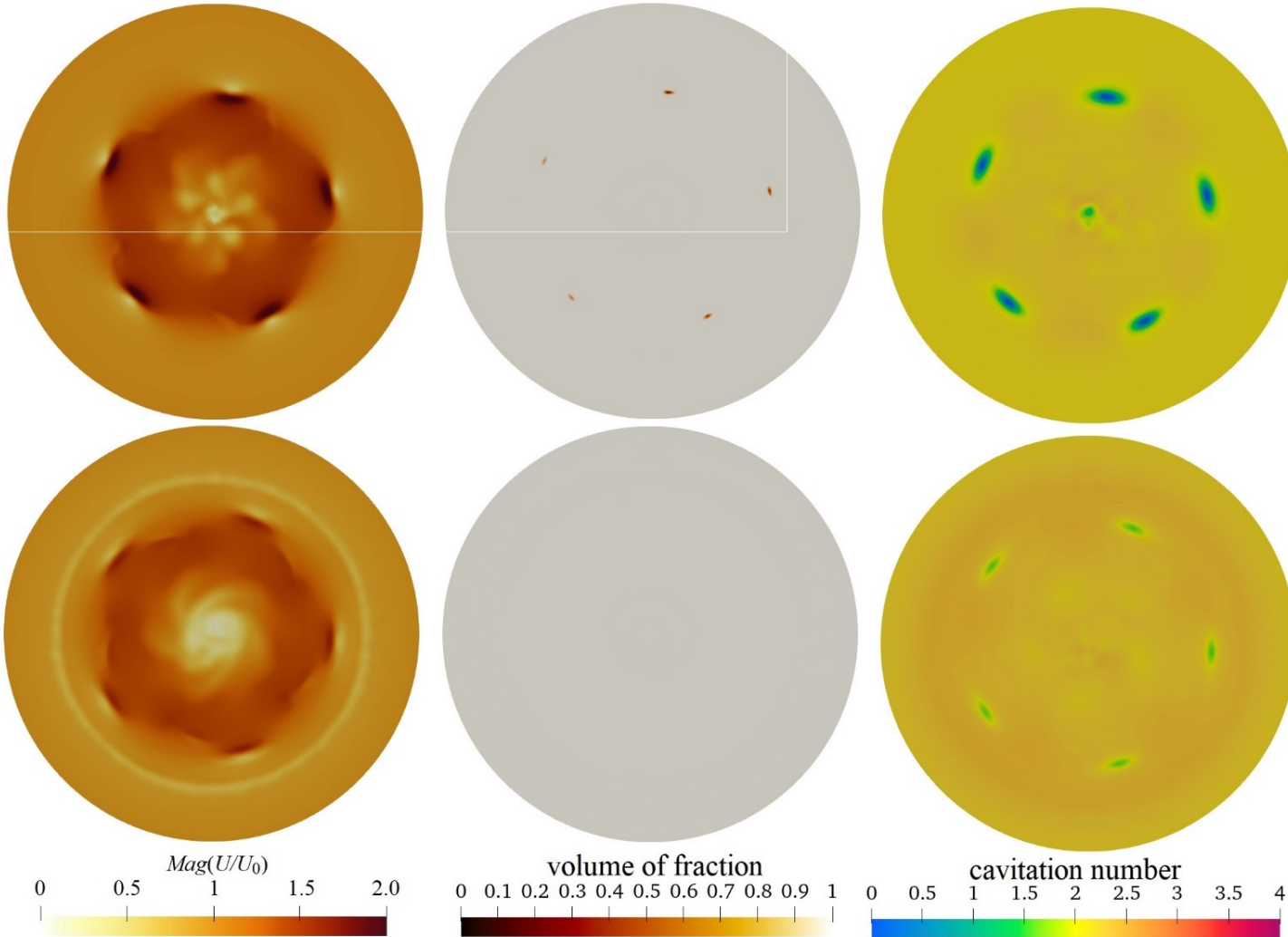
✓ Ducted



# Comparison of Flow Fields (2)

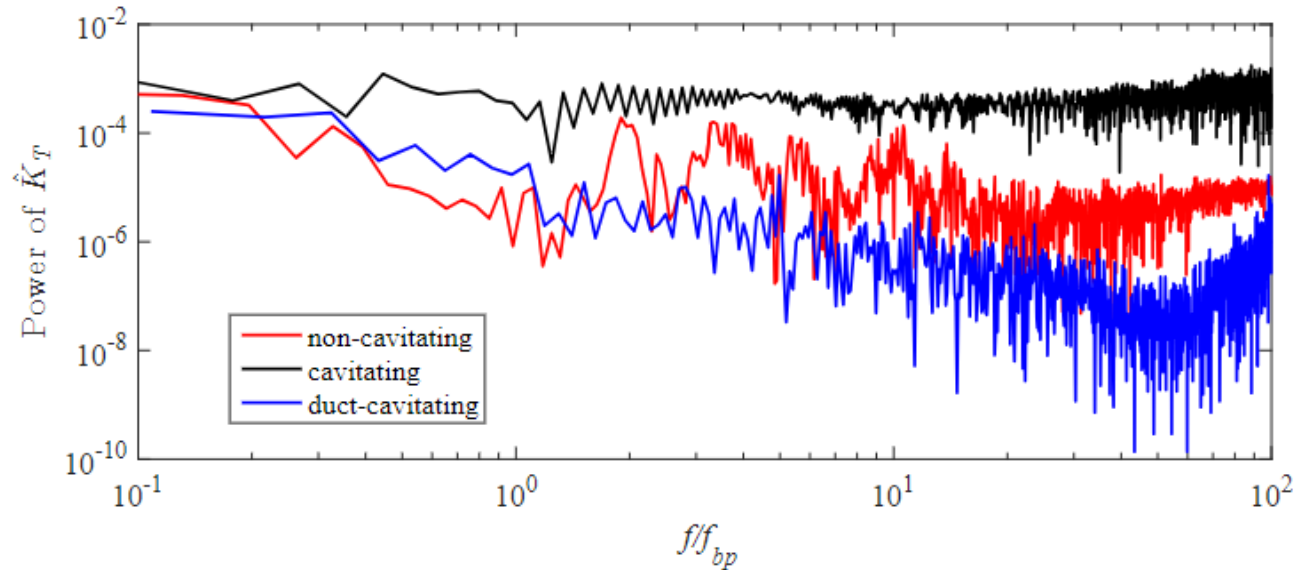
✓  $y$ - $z$  planes at  $x/D = 0.4$

✓ Non-ducted

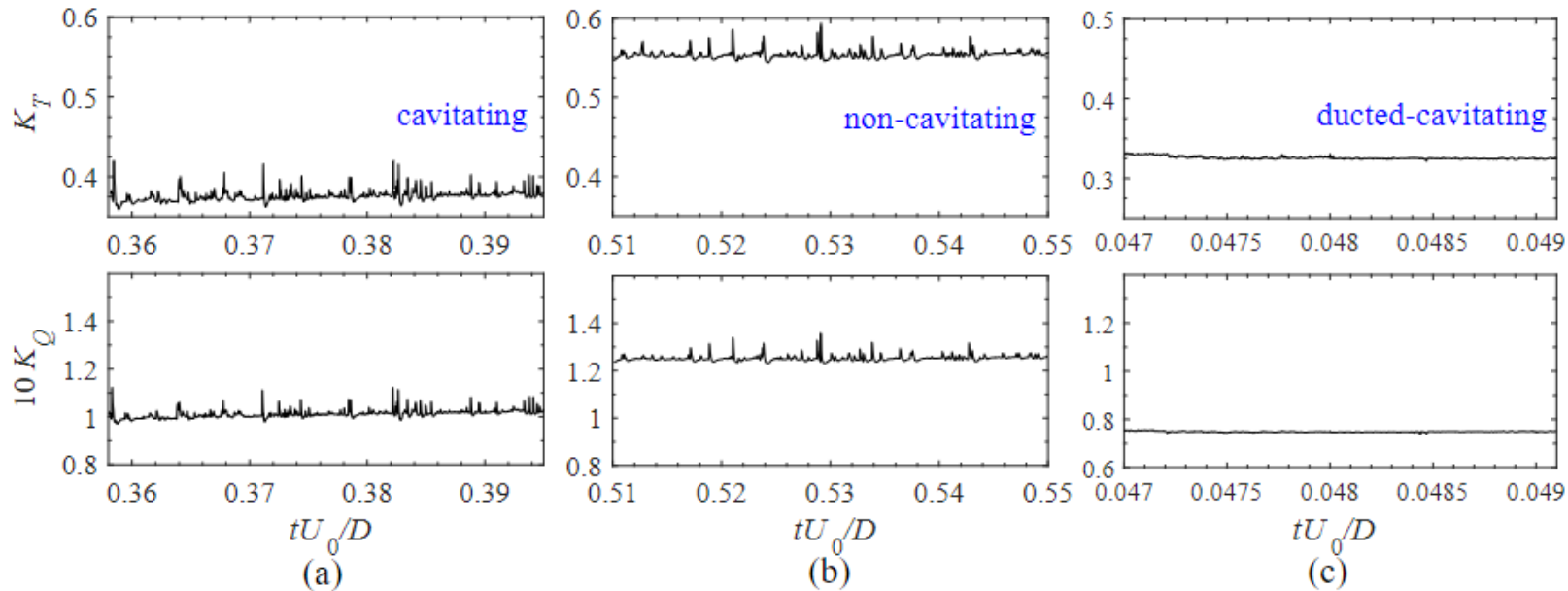


✓ Ducted

# Effect of Nozzle on Noise Spectra

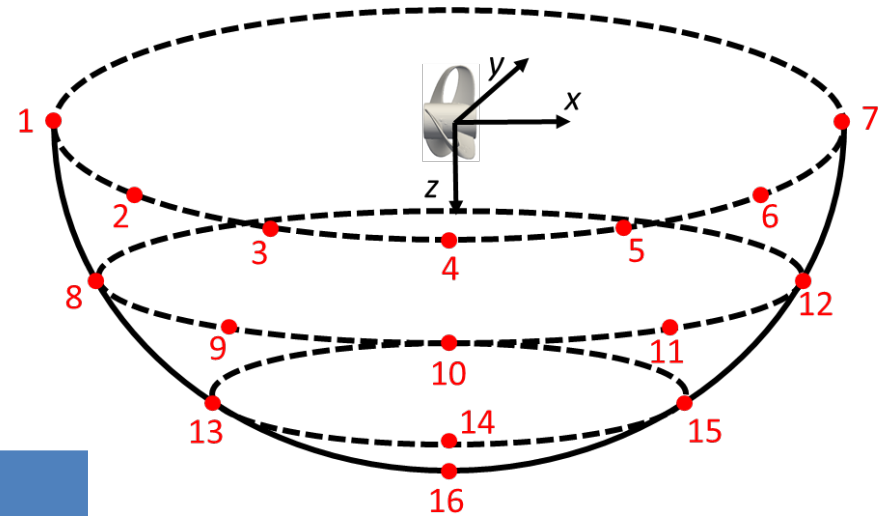


	$K_{T,rms}$	$10K_{Q,rms}$
Non-cavitating	0.542	1.2421
Cavitating	0.378	0.9648
Ducted-Cavitating	0.326	0.7488



# Toroidal Propeller

- Turbulence model:  
 $k$ - $\omega$  SST DES
- Hydroacoustics:  
FW-H

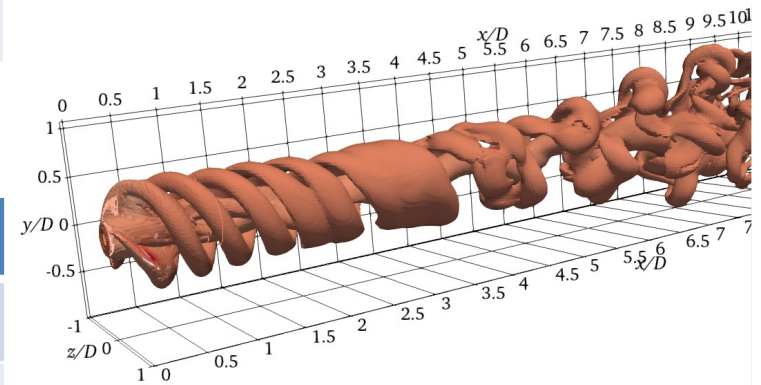


SPL (dB) at the monitor location-Traditional propeller

L: 100 m	1: 165.0	4: 166.3	7: 165.4	16: 166.4
L: 1000 m	1: 145.0	4: 146.4	7: 145.4	16: 146.4

SPL (dB) at the monitor location-Toroidal propeller

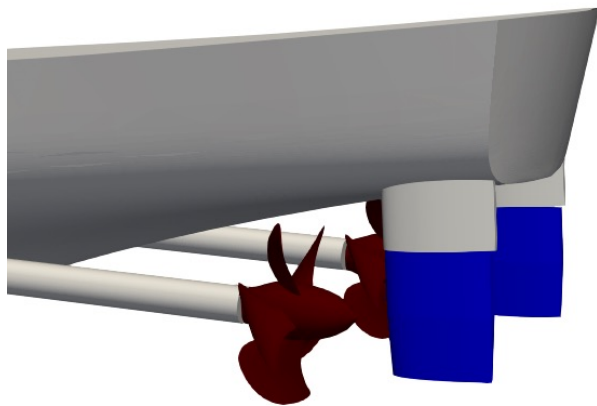
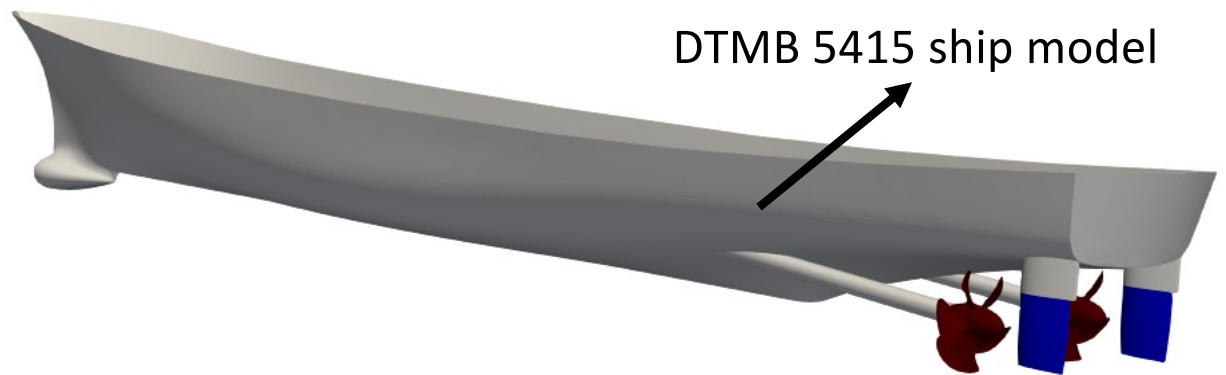
L: 100 m	1: 166.5	4: 167.3	7: 167.0	16: 167.3
L: 1000 m	1: 146.6	4: 147.3	7: 147.0	16: 147.3



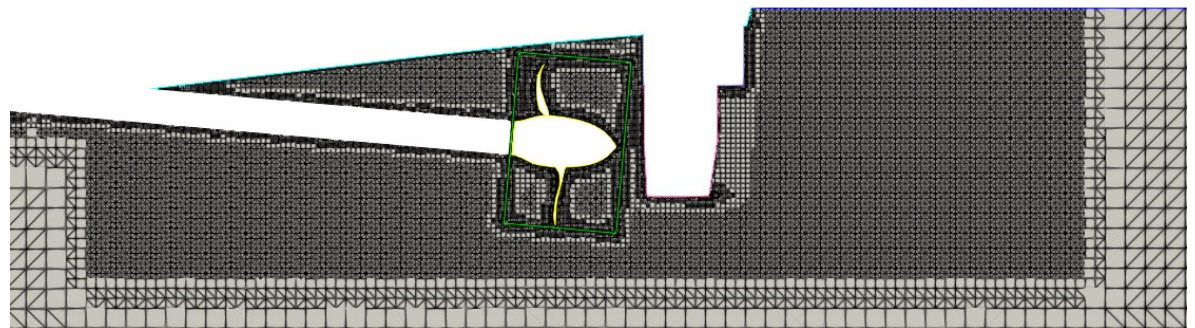
Vorticity distribution

# Propeller Wake Interaction with Hull and Rudder

- ❑ Breaking of vortex and cavitation structures (colliding with hull and rudder)
- ❑ Wake-induced vibration of rudder
- ❑ Accompanied generation of noise sources

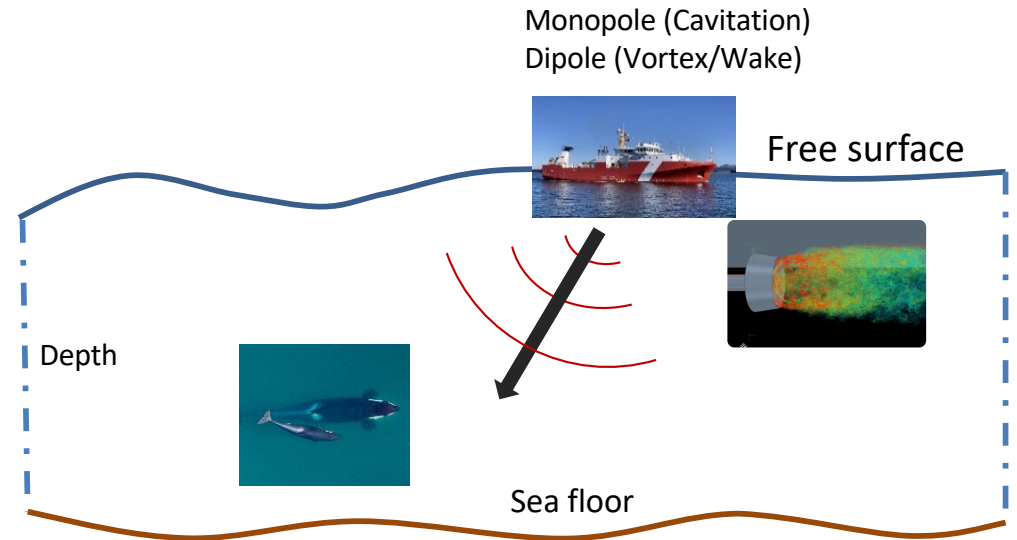


VP 1304 propeller model

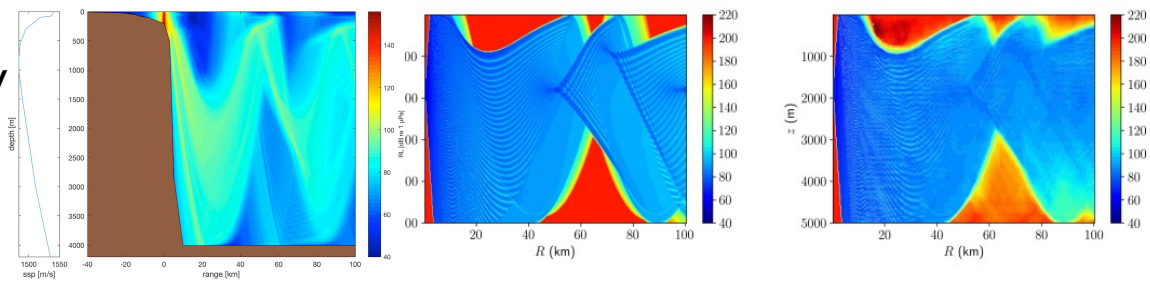


# MELO: An Adaptive Physics-Based Machine Learning Framework for Anthropogenic Noise and Ocean Soundscape

- ❑ Develop a new AI-based toolbox to reduce ship noise impact on marine mammals
- ❑ Can we predict the evolution of acoustics in ocean environment over long horizons
  - ▶ Physics-based machine learning (PBML) algorithms using simulation and measurement datasets
- ❑ Demonstrate the applicability of adaptive operational strategy using PBML toolkit
  - ▶ Realistic ocean bathymetry
  - ▶ Ship voyage parameters



Transmission loss  $\left(-20 \log \frac{p}{p_0}\right)$  of acoustic wavefront



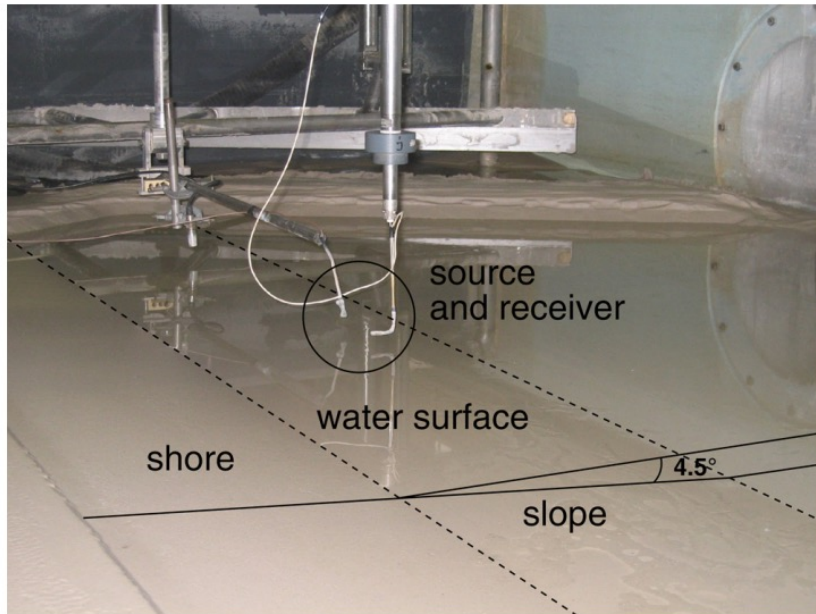
Field measurement

(a) Truth

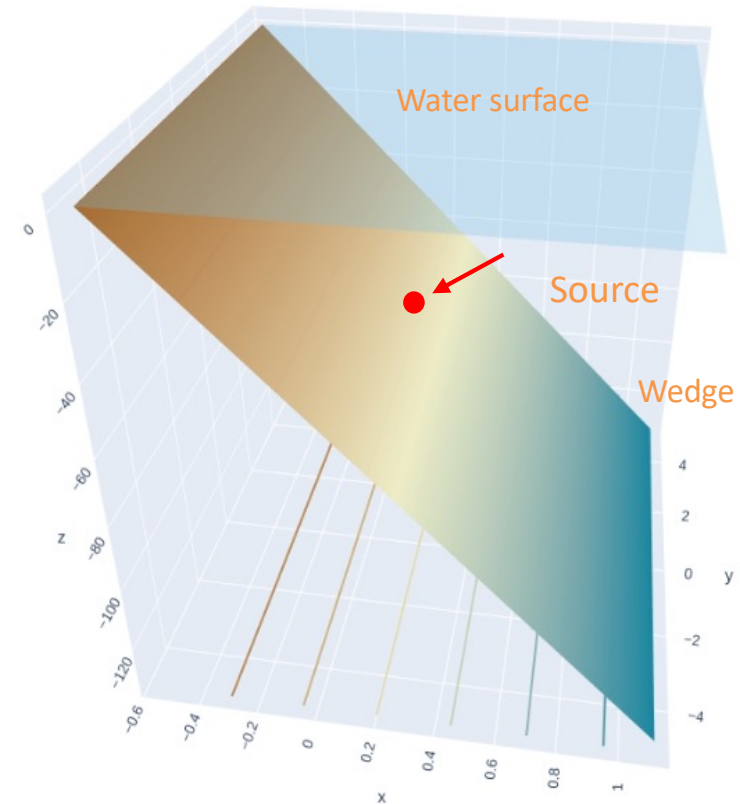
(b) CRAN prediction

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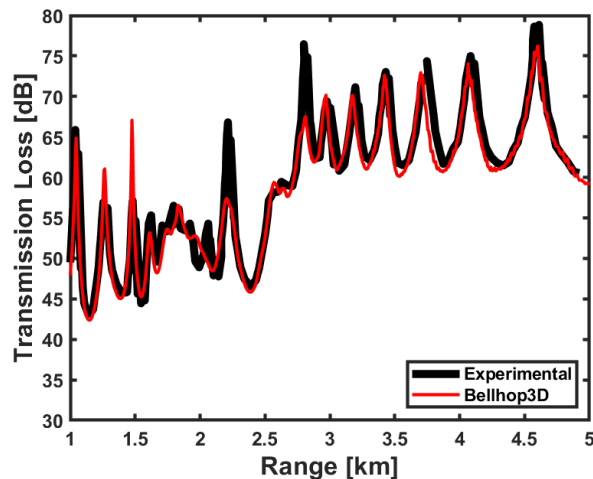
# Far-Field Noise Validation



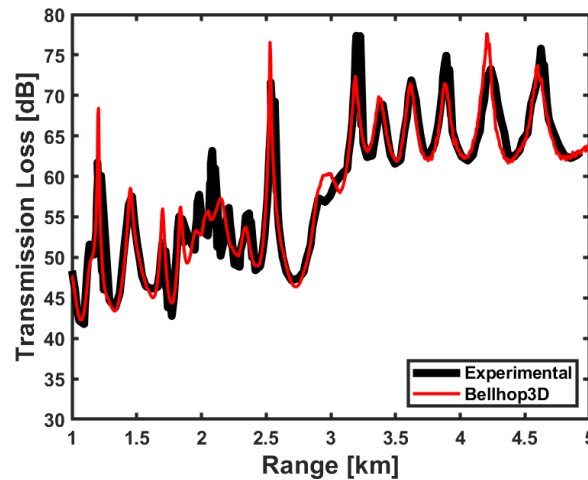
Experimental setup (CNRS France)



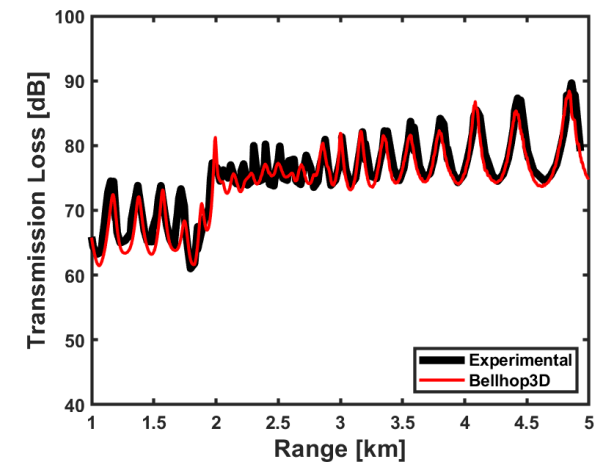
Computational acoustics modeling  
(ray-tracing)



H1, 122 Hz



H1, 141.6 Hz

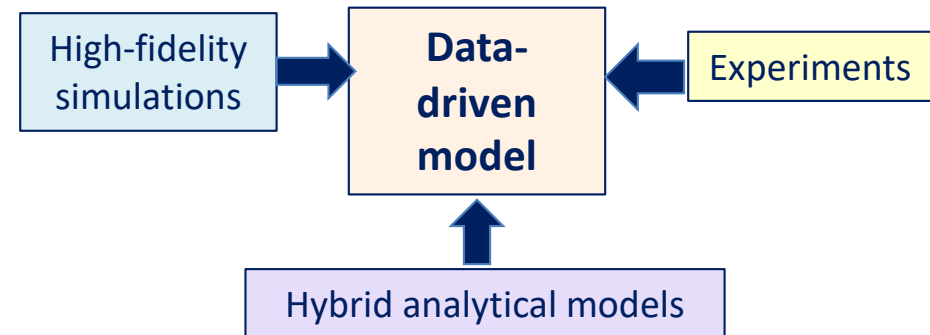


H3 = 25.4mm, 150 Hz<sup>39</sup>

# Data-Driven Learning of Underwater Radiated Noise

## □ Learning from data

- ▶ Agnostic to how data is obtained
- ▶ Data usually abundantly available

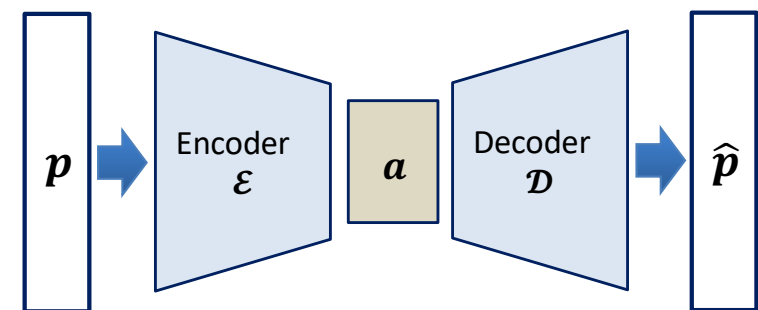


## □ Challenges

- ▶ Accuracy: generalized prediction
- ▶ Scalability: dimensionality reduction
- ▶ Interpretability

## □ Proposed solution: Convolutional Recurrent Autoencoder Network (CRAN)

- ▶ Convolutional autoencoders + recurrent neural network
- ▶ Sequence-to-sequence prediction

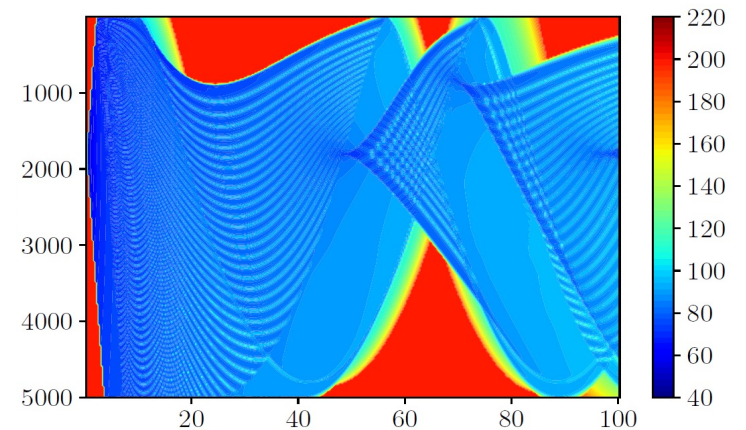
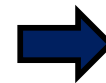
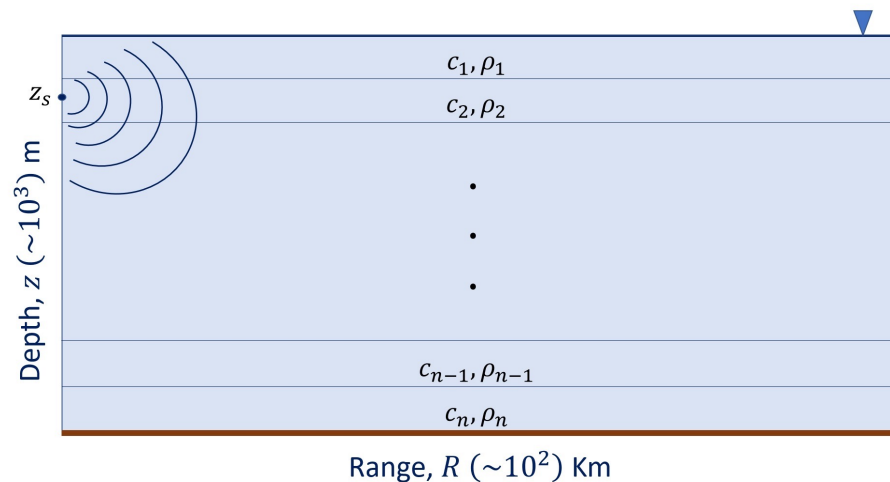


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# Data-Driven Learning of Ocean Acoustics

- Depth-dependent ocean environment
  - ▶ Losses due to geometric spreading, reflection from bottom and top
  - ▶ Complex wave interference
  - ▶ Several parameters: ocean bed, source depth, water temperature and salinity

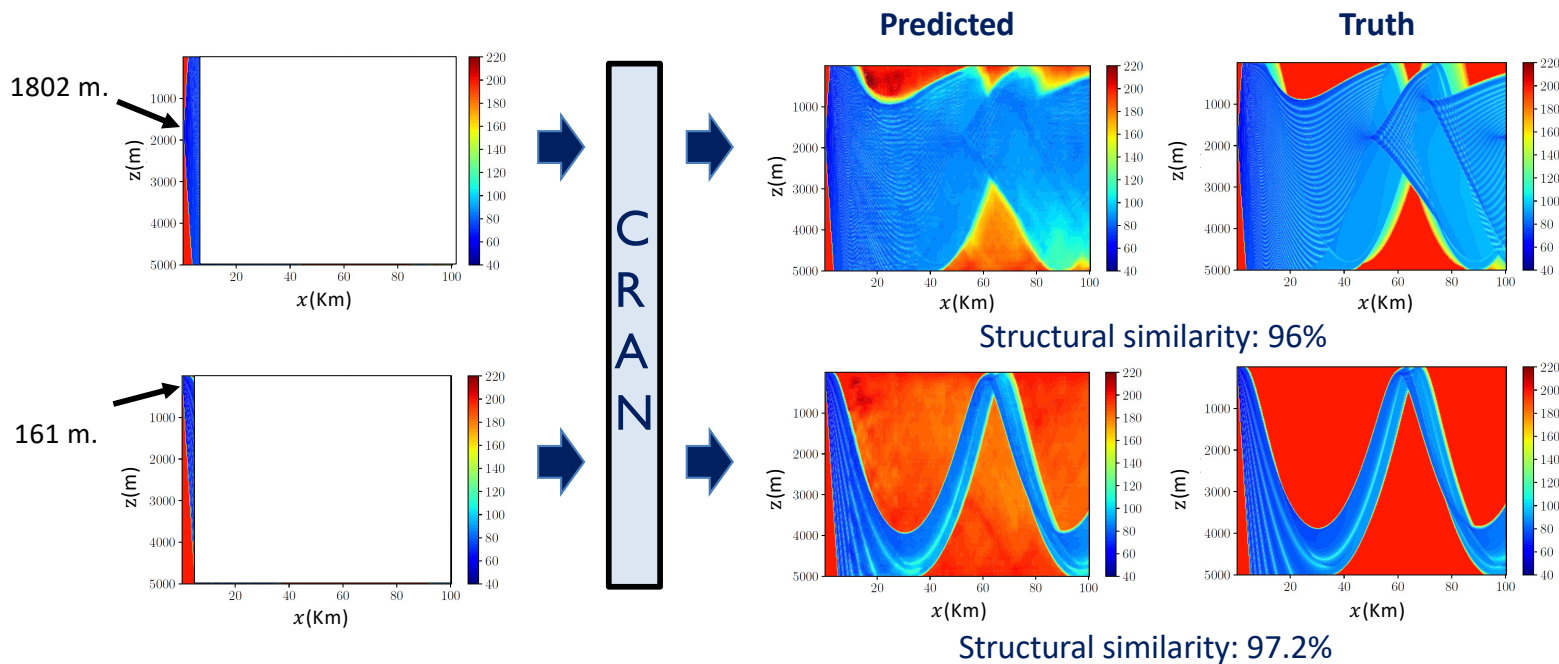


Transmission loss  $\left(-20 \log \frac{p}{p_0}\right)$  of acoustic wavefront

- Training data
  - ▶ Transmission loss for randomly sampled source depths
- CRAN prediction of far-field TL
  - ▶ Source depths outside training range

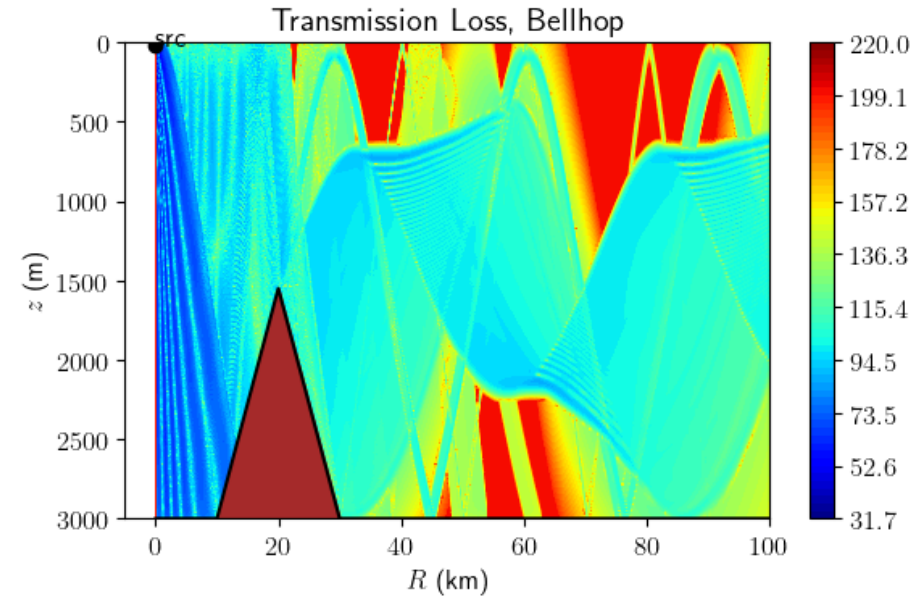
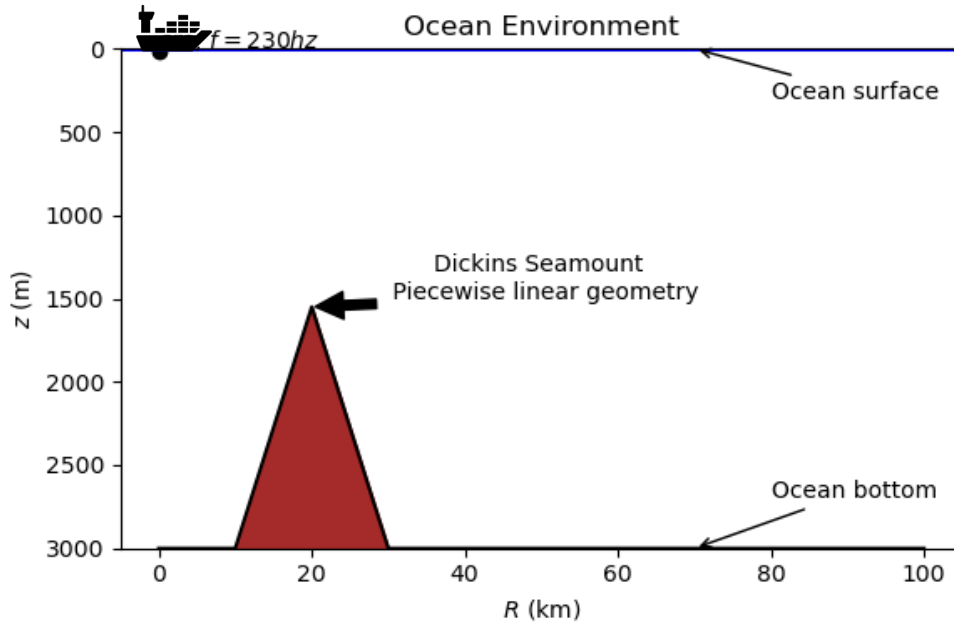
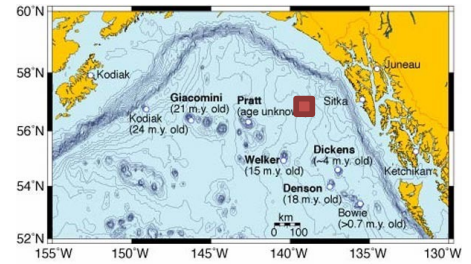
# CRAN Generalization Capability

- ❑ Far-field sound propagation: depth-dependent sources



- ❑ Acoustic wavefront patterns predicted accurately

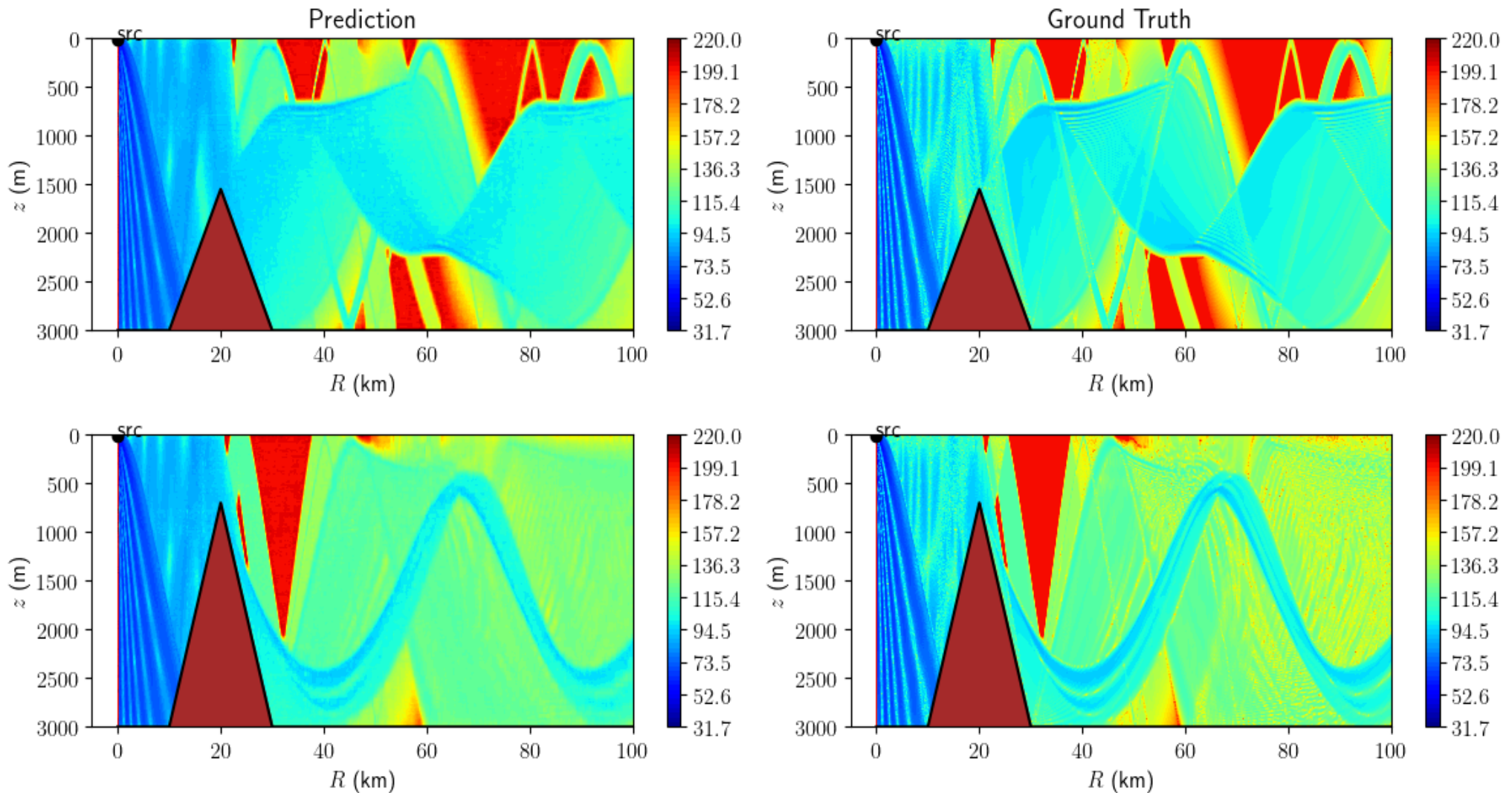
# CRAN for Varying Bathymetry



## ❑ Complex wave interference patterns

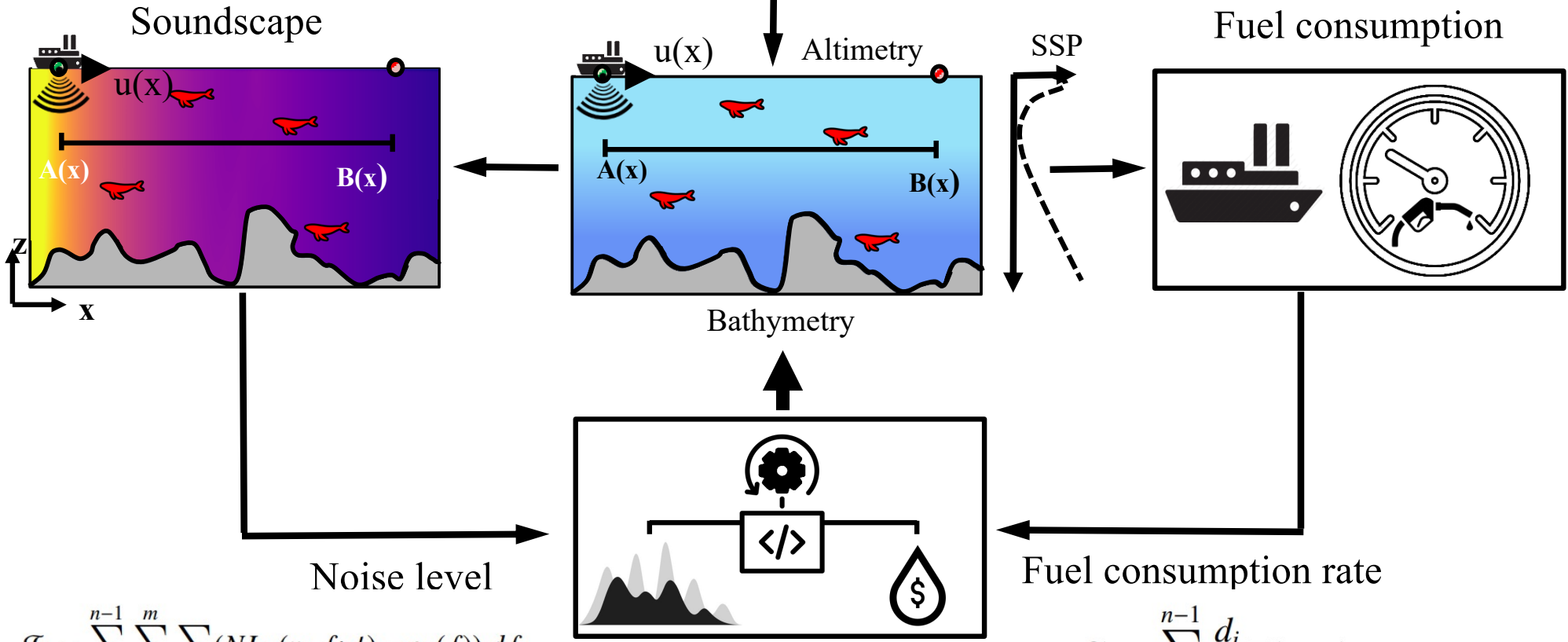
- ▶ Large spatial dimensions
- ▶ Computationally expensive

# CRAN Prediction for Varying Bathymetry



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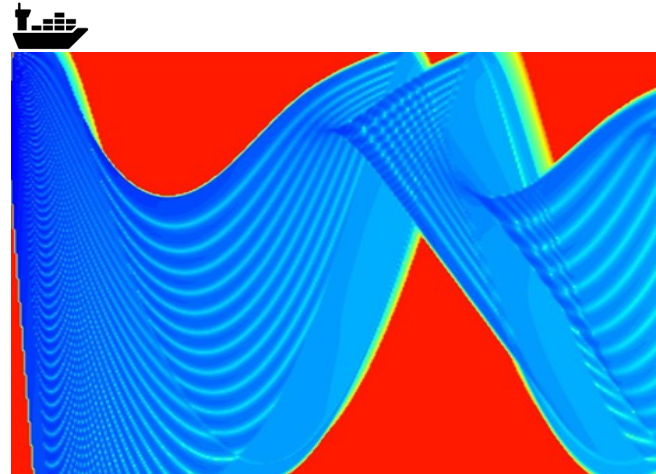
# Case Study: Adaptive URN Management



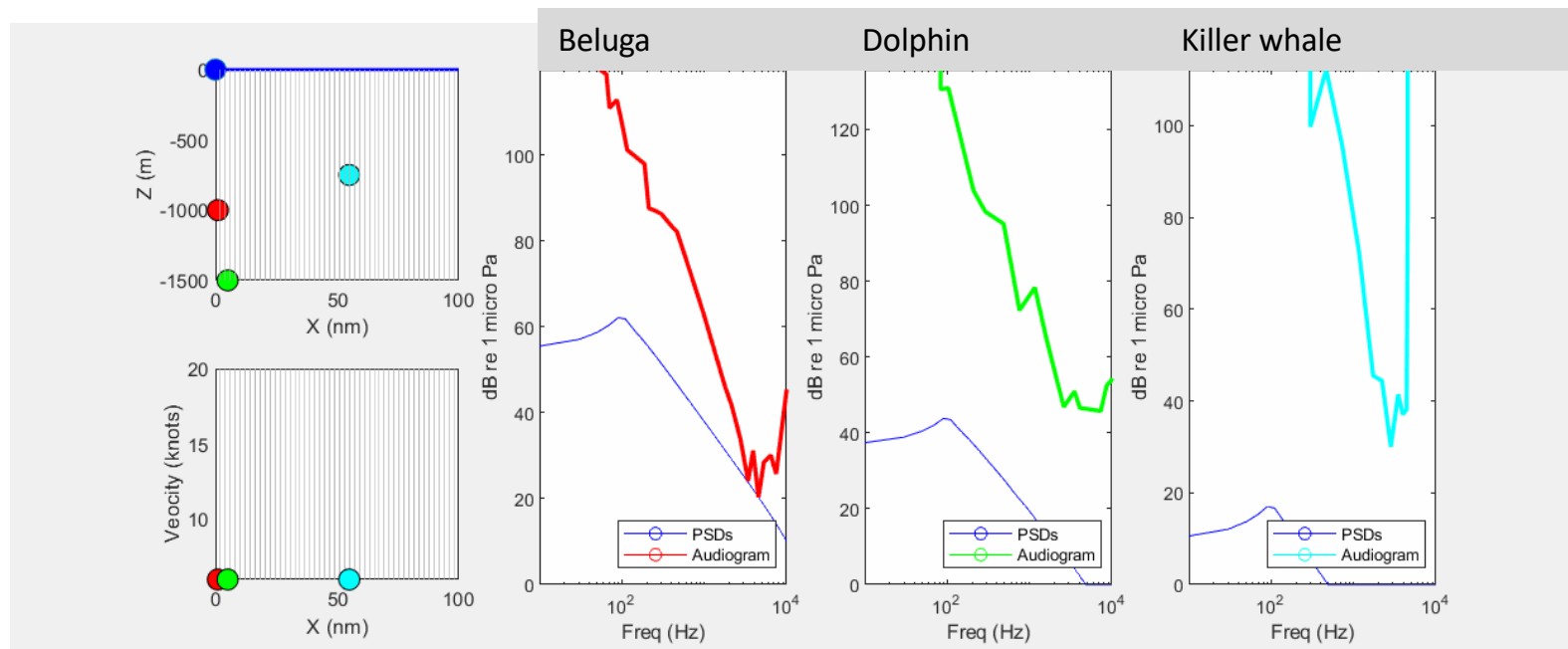
$$\mathcal{J}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_f (NL_{ij}(v_i, f; \phi) - \alpha_j(f)) df$$

$$\mathcal{J}_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{d_i}{v_i} F(v_i; \phi)$$

# Intelligent ship operation



- Physics-based machine learning for underwater radiated noise
- Multi-objective optimization of ship noise and fuel consumption



# Summary

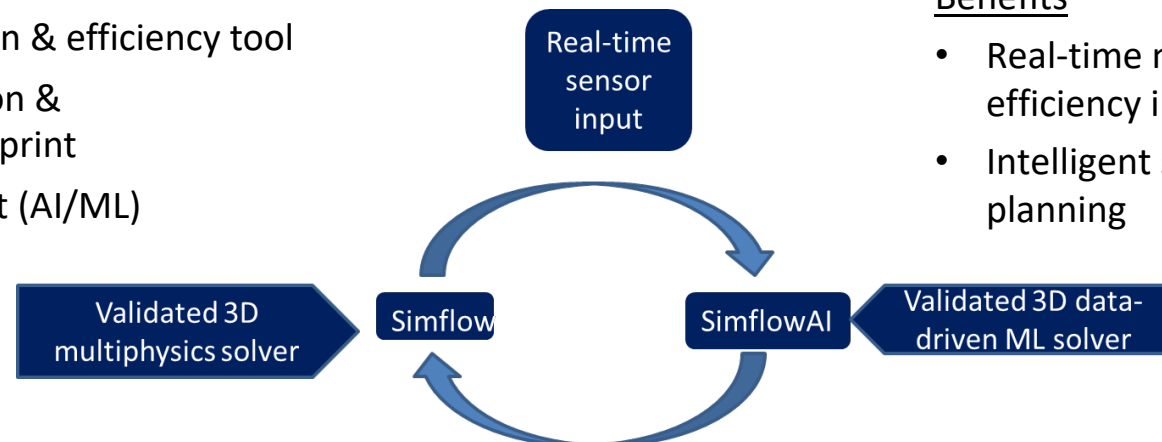
- ❑ Propeller modeling with cavitation and hydro-acoustics
  - ▶ Established validation and best practices for in-house CFD modeling
  - ▶ Explored physical mechanisms and mitigation technologies for near-field noise suppression
- ❑ Demonstrated physics-based machine learning toolkit with adaptive speed optimization
  - ▶ AI-driven slowdown and distancing measures can be more effective
  - ▶ Optimal combination of technological measures with URN management
- ❑ Ongoing development:

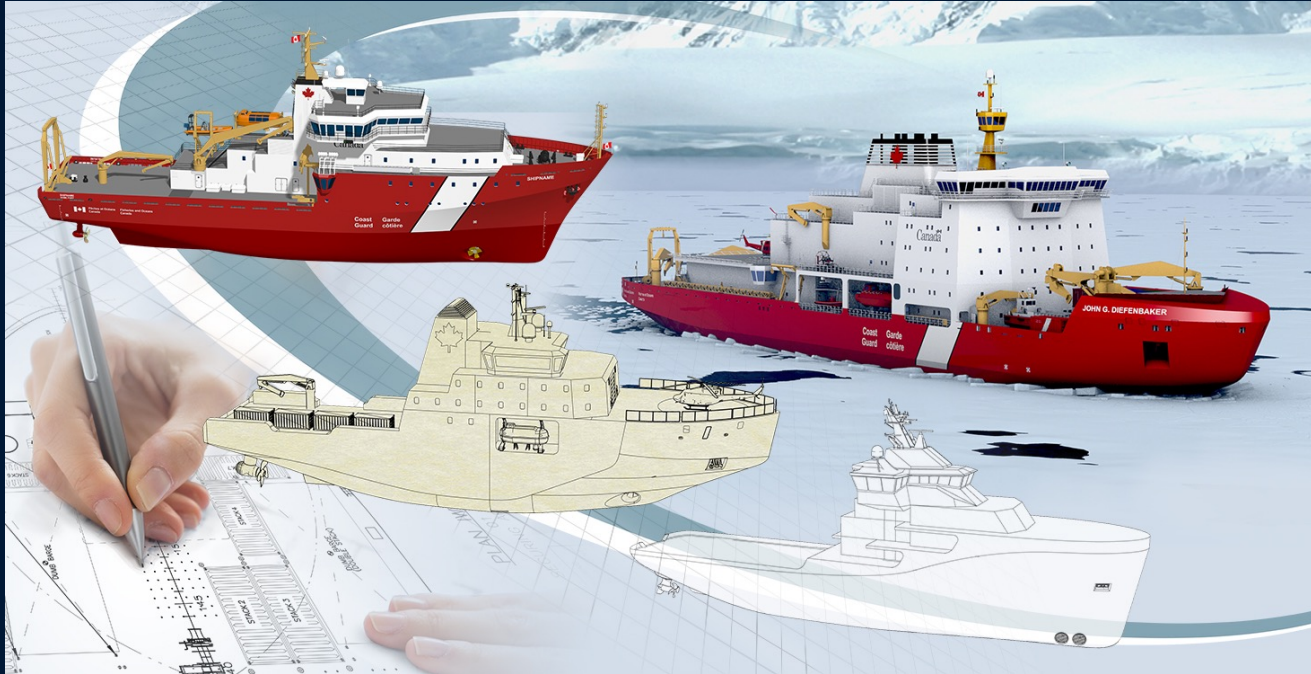
## Features

- Operational decision & efficiency tool
- Ship noise mitigation & environmental footprint
- Smart ship assistant (AI/ML)

## Benefits

- Real-time noise reduction, efficiency improvement
- Intelligent ship path planning





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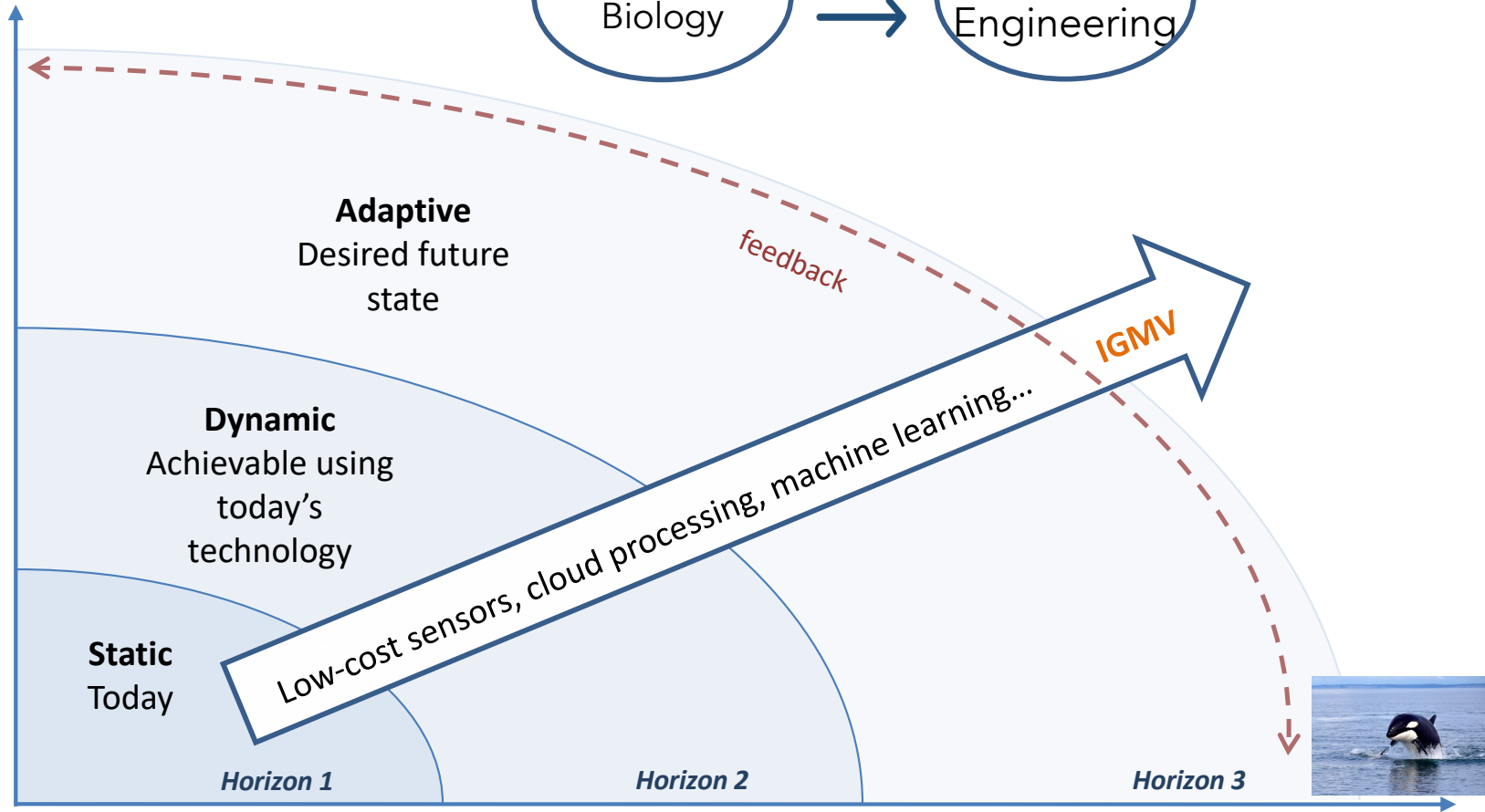
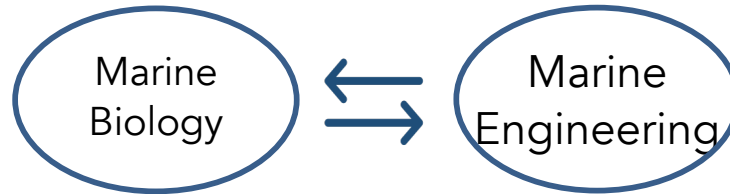


# “IGMVs as a Symphony to Marine Mammals”



Improved Vessel Mitigation

- Smart system controls
- Tunable materials
- Route planning
- Cavitation detection
- Antifouling measures
- Prop pitch/RPM/speed adjustment
- Report sightings
- Vessel slow downs
- Keep out zones



Migration patterns

Real-time detection and identification

Behaviour Interpretation

Improved Animal Understanding

Seabed hydrophones

Ship-based sensors and UAVs