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Recherches sur le bruit des éoliennes à l'IMSIA

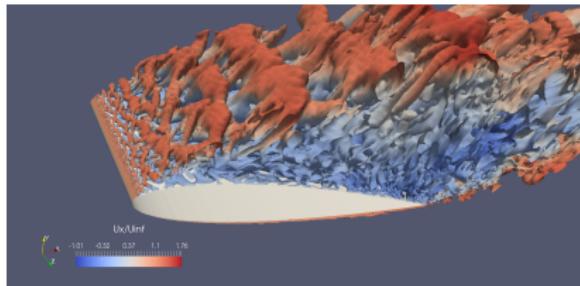
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Institut des Sciences de la Mécanique et Applications Industrielles (IMSIA)

- UMR CNRS - ENSTA Paris - EDF - CEA (directeur : H. Maitournam)
- 42 chercheurs, \approx 50 doctorants/postdocs
- Spécificités :
 - laboratoire de mécanique des fluides et des solides, qui va de la recherche fondamentale aux applications industrielles
 - moyens expérimentaux à l'échelle du laboratoire et à l'échelle industrielle
 - codes industrielles : Code_Saturne, Code_Aster, CAST3M, Europlexus...



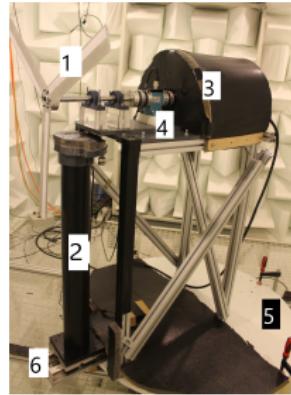
Isocontours du critère Q pour un NACA 0012 à un angle d'attaque de 20° et Reynolds 2×10^5
(LES Code_Saturne)

IMSIA : moyens expérimentaux en mécanique des fluides et acoustique

- 4 souffleries et 1 tunnel de cavitation



- 1 chambre anéchoïque



IMSIA : impact du déferlement des vagues sur les structures offshore

Projets de Luc Pastur en collaboration avec le LHSV, le CEREMA et EDF R&D autour des points suivants :

- ➊ propagation des vagues irrégulières
- ➋ caractérisation et statistiques de déferlement de vagues
- ➌ efforts sur la structure (mono-pile).

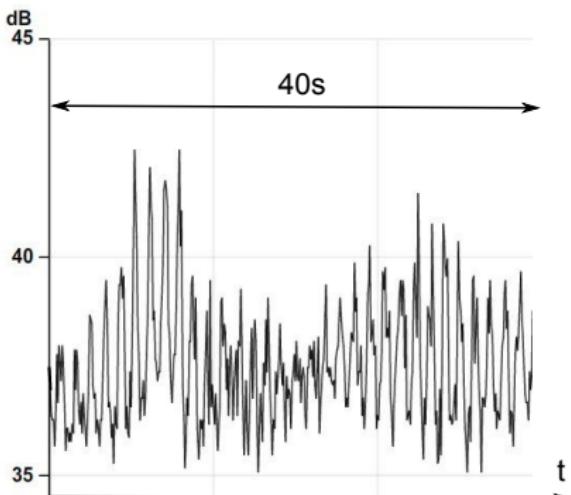


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wind turbine measurement in Wadlow (UK) by MAS environmental (www.masenv.co.uk)

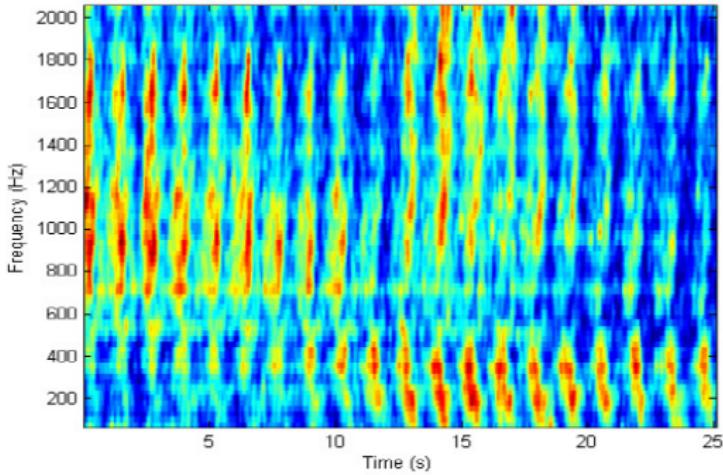
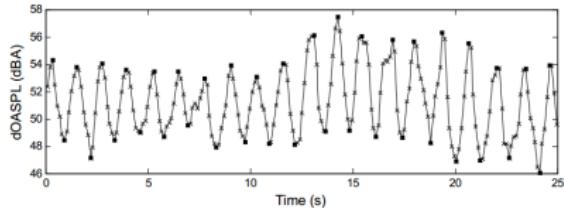
Amplitude modulation of wind turbine noise

Example of amplitude modulation
measured by Dick Bowdler
(www.dickbowdler.co.uk) 50 m
upwind of a 93 m diameter WT

Swish to Thump

Spectrogram of this
measurement
(Smith *et al.* [2012])

Transition from “normal swish”
to “thump”



① Wind turbine noise sources

- modeling of broadband aerodynamic noise using Amiet's theory
- application to a three-bladed wind turbine and auralization
- experimental characterization of dynamic stall noise on a pitching airfoil

② Modeling of wind turbine noise propagation effects

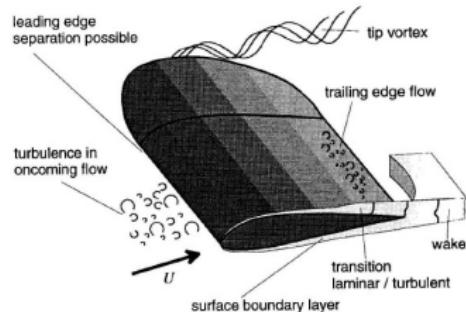
- point source approximation and extended source models
- predictions of overall sound pressure level and amplitude modulation in a neutral atmosphere

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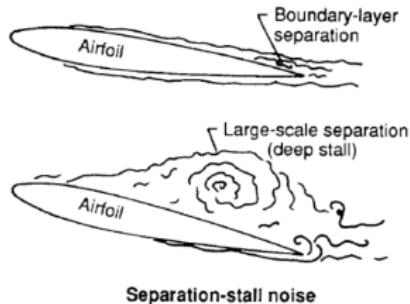
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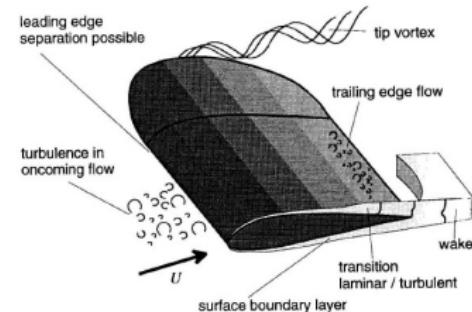
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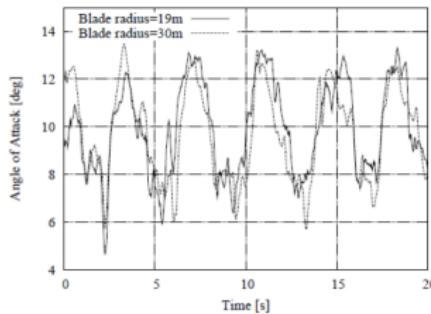
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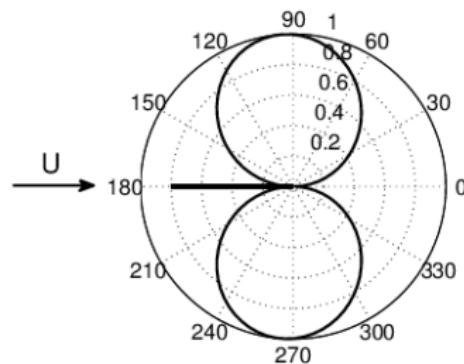
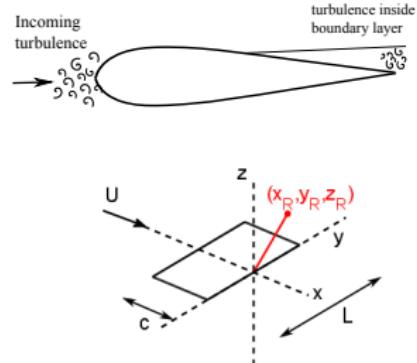
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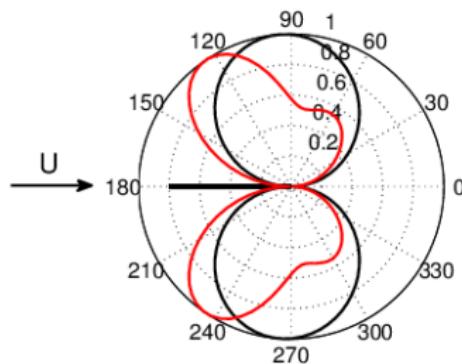
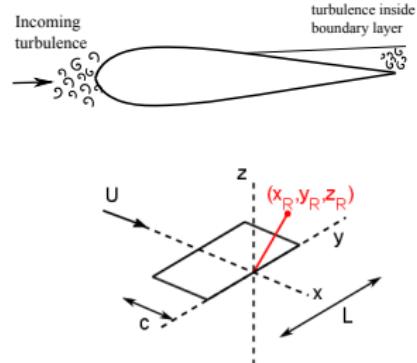
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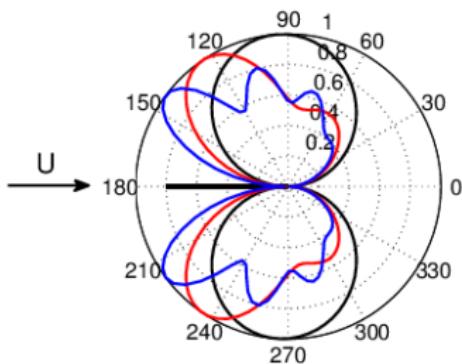
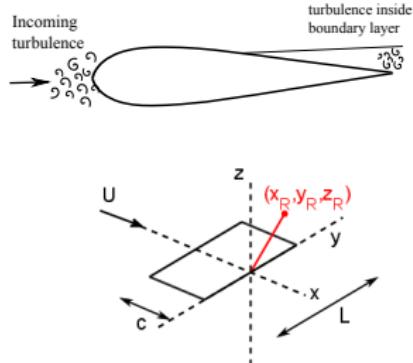
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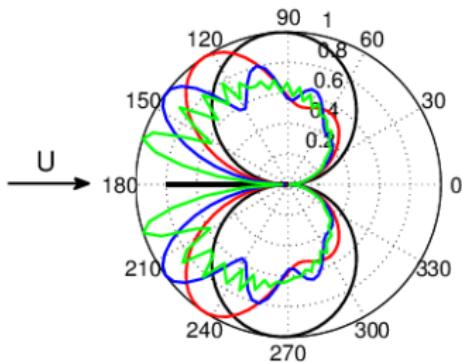
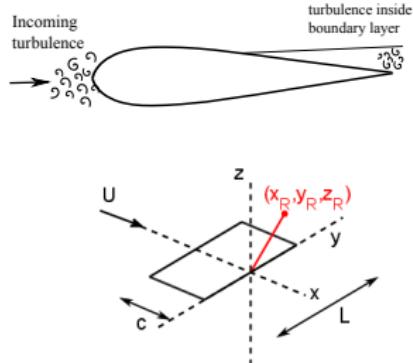
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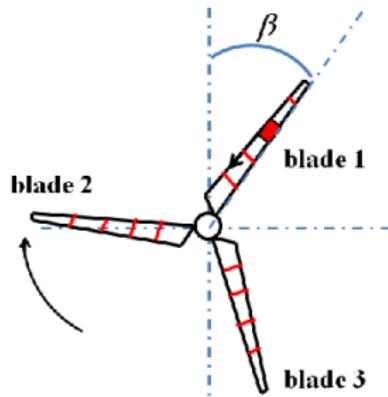
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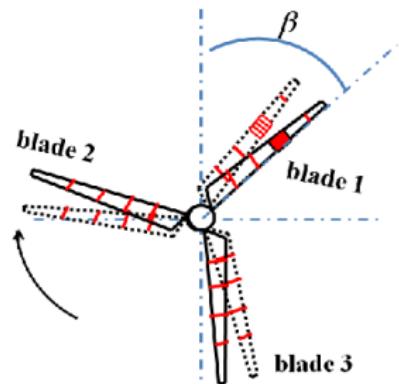
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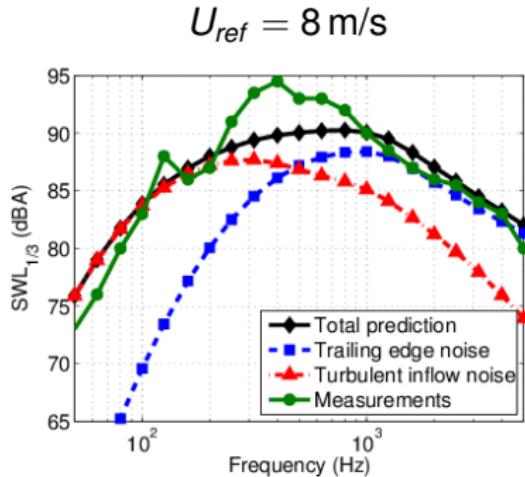
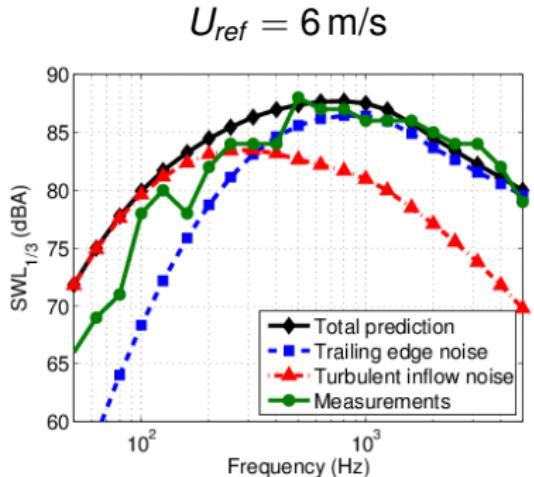
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Comparison with 2.3 MW wind turbine measurements

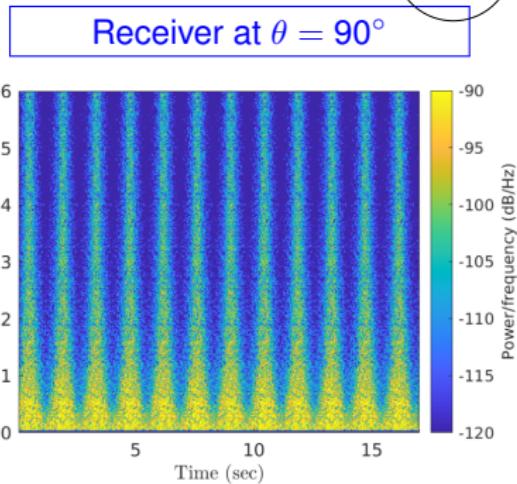
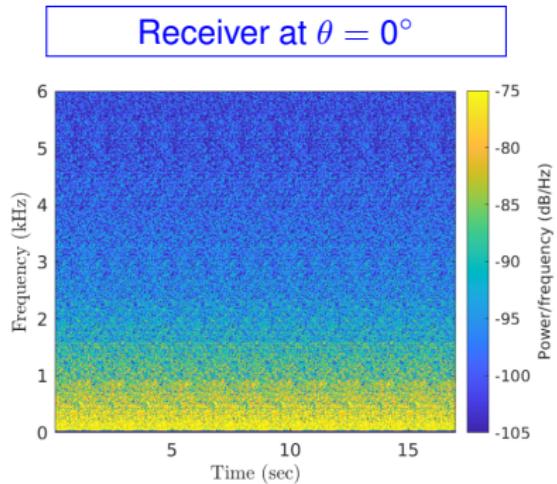
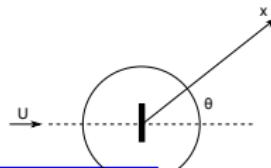
Results of [Tian and Cotté \[2016\]](#)

- hub height of 80 m, rotor diameter of 93 m
- blade length 45 m, cut into 8 segments ($L/c > 3$)
- measurements performed at DTU ([Leloudas \[2006\]](#))



Physics-based sound synthesis

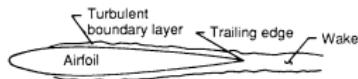
- Auralization tool built by David Mascarenhas (ITN VRACE)
- Synthesis of short grains with cross-fading to avoid clicks



More details in WTNC conference paper by Mascarenhas, Cotté and Doaré
“Physics-based auralization of wind turbine noise”

Noise emitted by an airfoil undergoing static or dynamic stall

- At stall, the noise emitted by a **static airfoil** increases significantly compared to an attached boundary layer noise ([Brooks et al. \[1989\]](#))

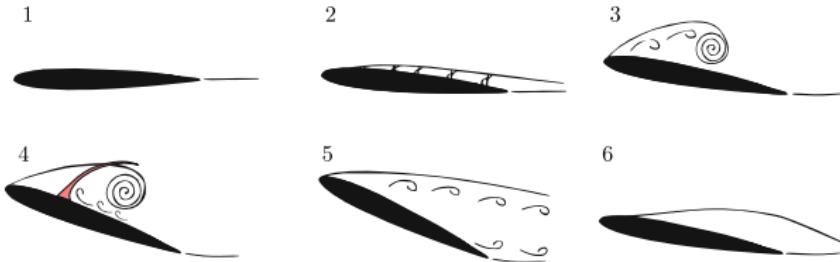


Turbulent boundary layer - trailing edge noise



Stall noise

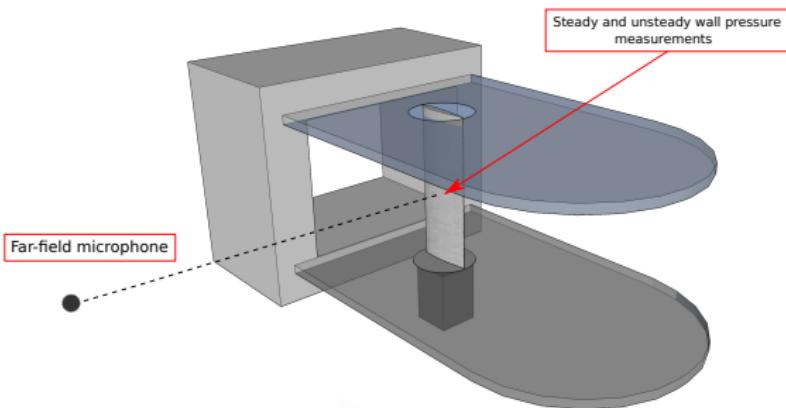
- The aerodynamics of **dynamic stall** is quite well known ([Mulleners and Raffel \[2013\]](#)) but not the associated acoustics



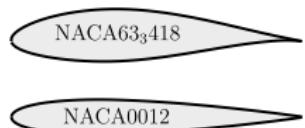
- One of the objective of the ANR project PIBE (*Prédire l'Impact du Bruit des Éoliennes*) is to characterize experimentally dynamic stall noise

Experimental setup : ECL anechoic wind-tunnel

Collaboration with Michel Roger, Emmanuel Jondeau and Pascal Souchotte from LMFA



- $U = 50 \text{ m/s}$:
 - $Re_c = Uc/\nu = 4 \cdot 10^5$
 - $Ma = U/c_0 = 0.15$
- Airfoils :

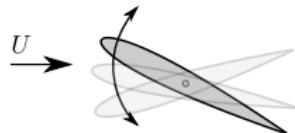


Static airfoil :

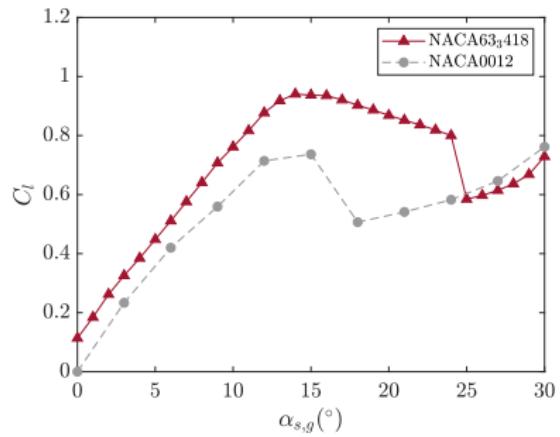
- $\alpha_{s,g} = [0^\circ, \dots, 30^\circ]$

Oscillating airfoil :

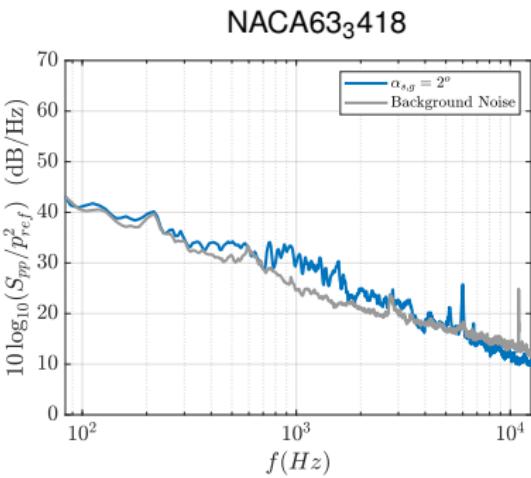
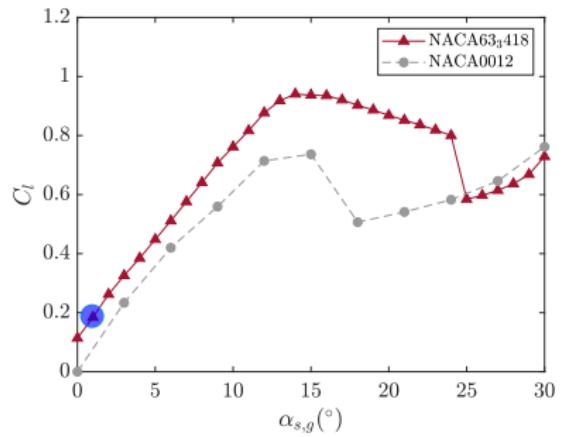
- $\alpha_{d,g} = 15^\circ + 15^\circ \sin(2\pi f t)$
- Reduced frequency : $k = \frac{\pi f c}{U} = [0.005 - 0.025]$



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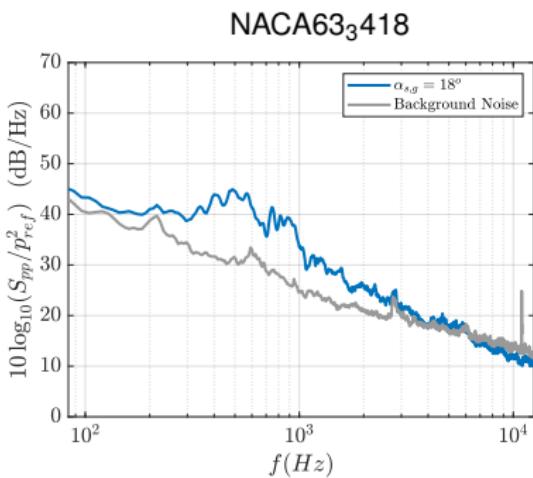
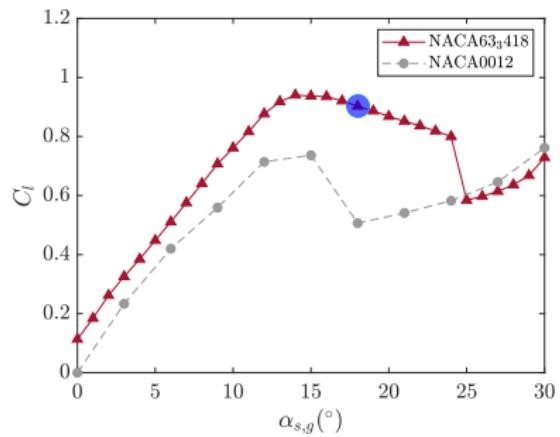


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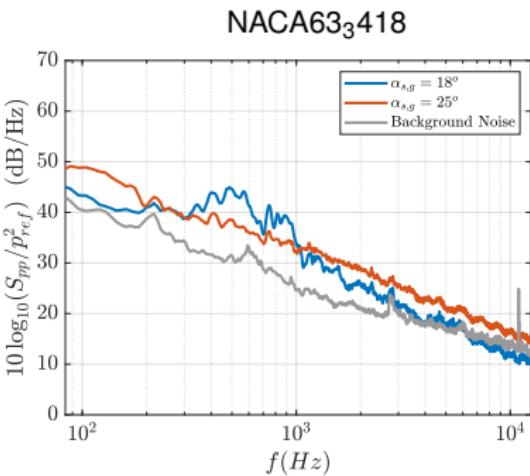
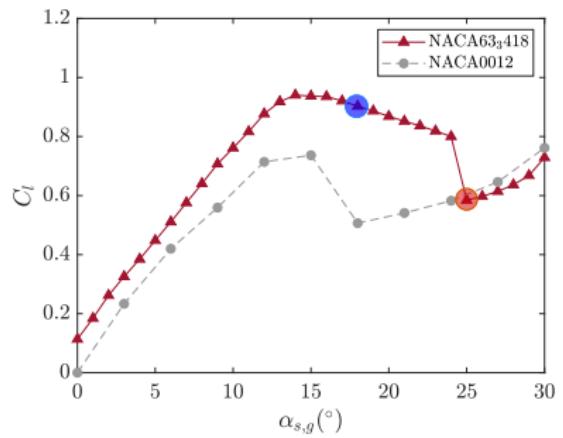
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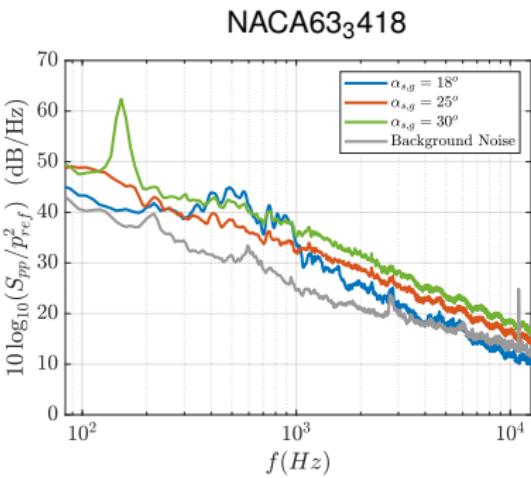
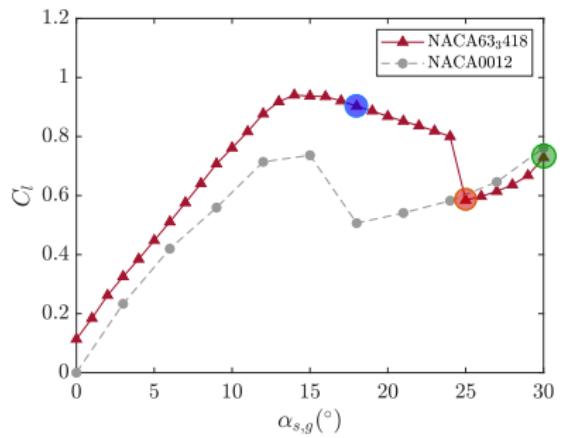
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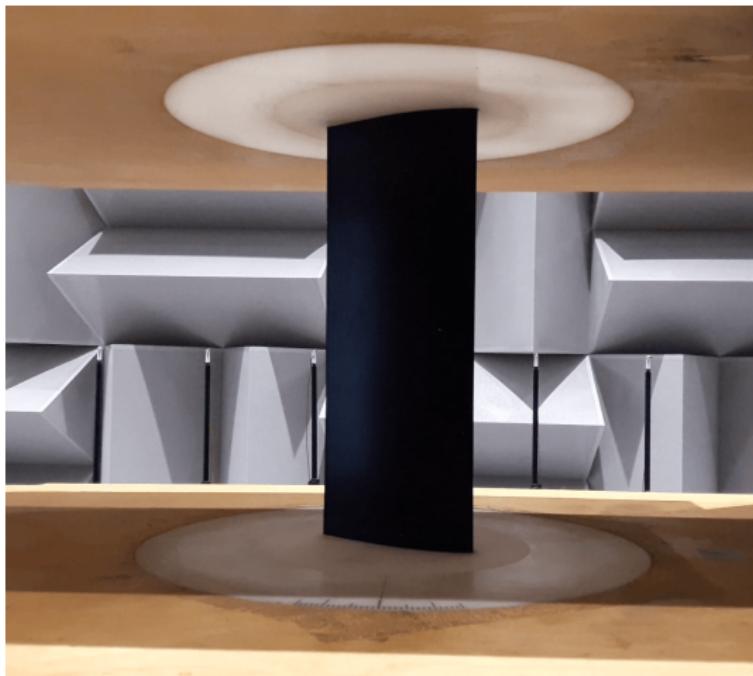
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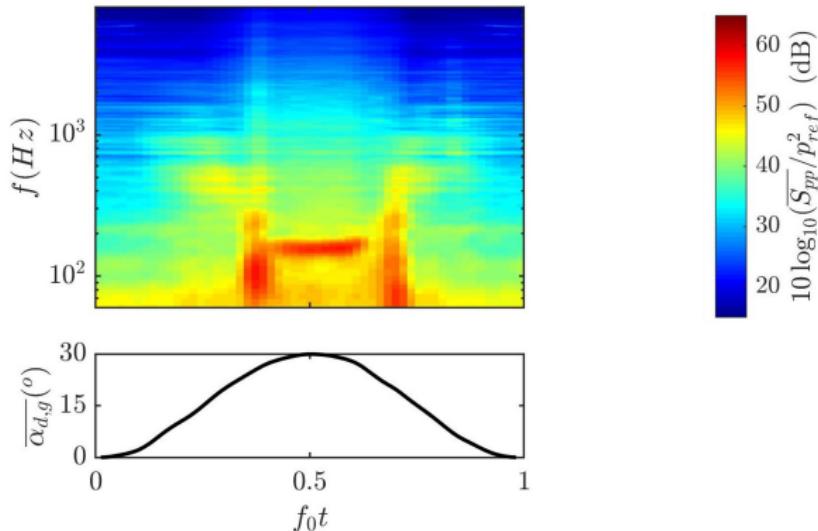
Oscillating airfoil : example

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NACA633418} \\ \alpha_{d,g} = 15^\circ + 15^\circ \sin(2\pi f t) \\ U = 50 \text{ m/s} \\ f = 1.3 \text{ Hz} - k = 0.01 \end{array} \right.$$



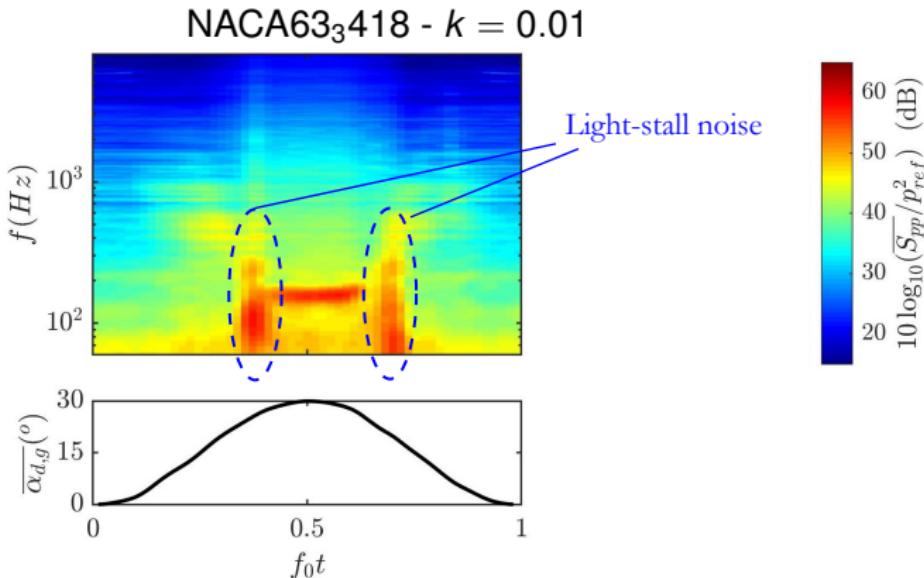
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NACA63₃418 - $k = 0.01$



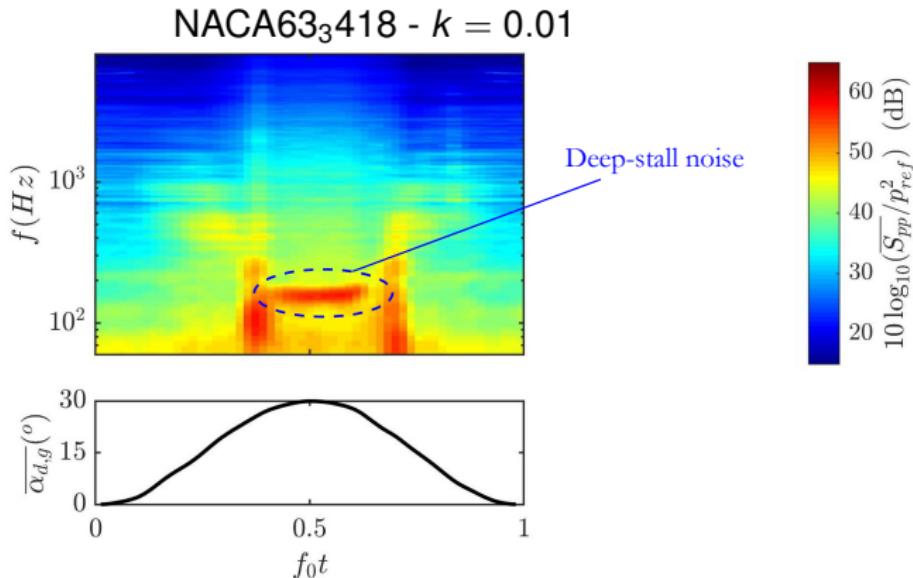
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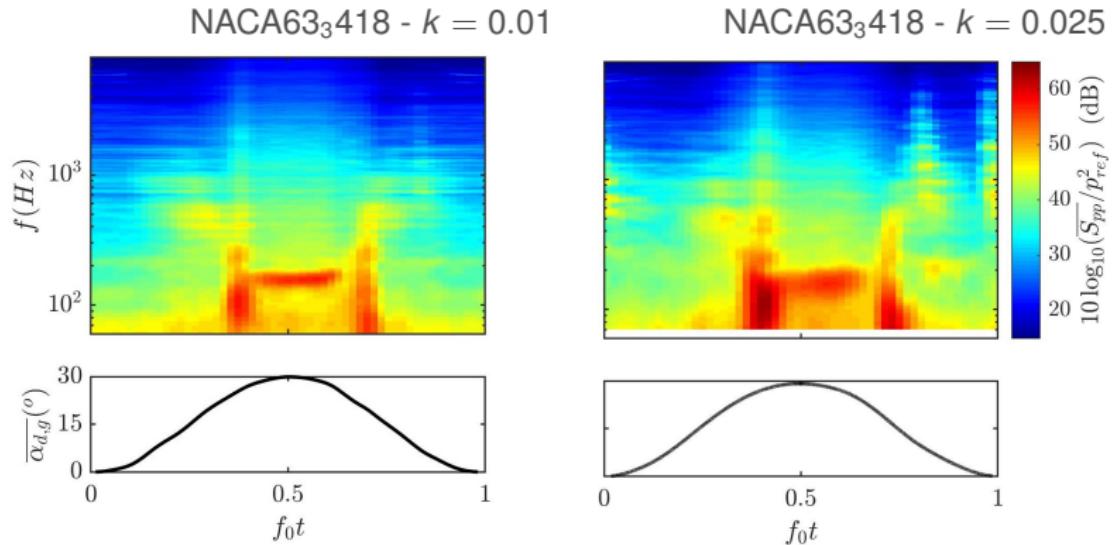
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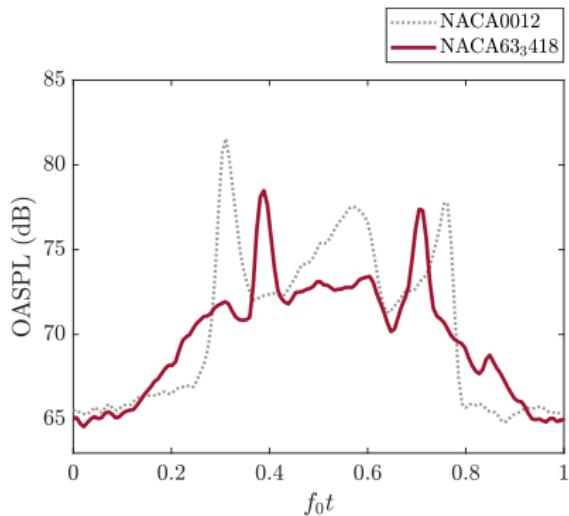
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Oscillating airfoil : effect of the reduced frequency



- Increase of the amplitude of the stall onset broadband noise

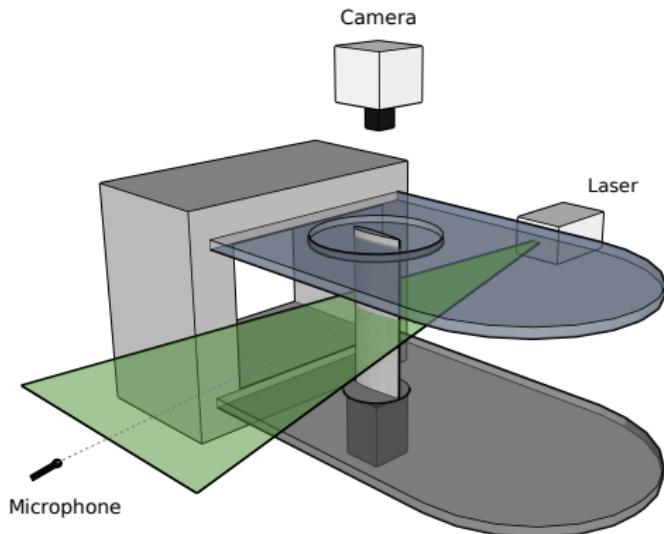
Oscillating airfoil : effect of the airfoil shape



$$\text{OASPL} = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{p_{ref}^2} \int_{70 \text{ Hz}}^{1000 \text{ Hz}} S_{pp}(f) df \right)$$

- Maxima of noise at **stall onset** and at **flow reattachment**.

Perspectives (PhD Lisa Sicard)



Synchronized acoustic/PIV measurements :
Sampling frequencies :

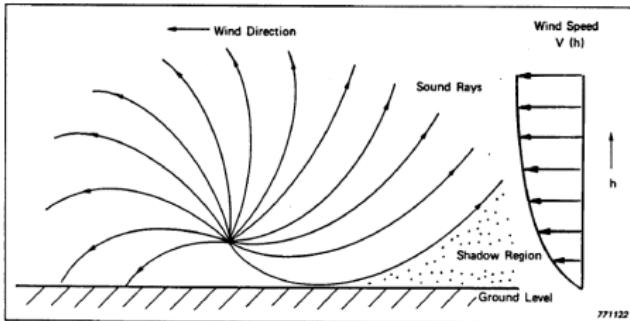
- PIV : $f_{\text{PIV}} = 3 \text{ kHz}$
- Microphones : $f_s = 51.2 \text{ kHz}$

Objectives :

- Identify the flow structures responsible for the noise radiation
- Propose a model of dynamic stall noise

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- Refraction due to wind speed and temperature gradients
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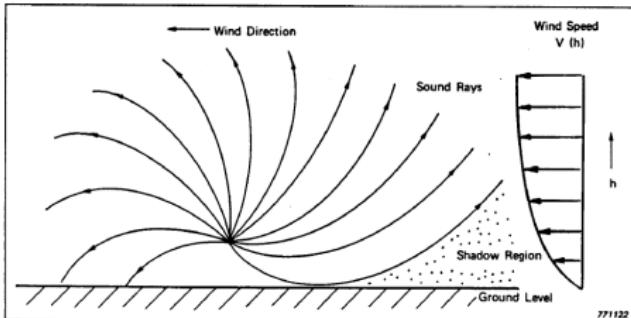
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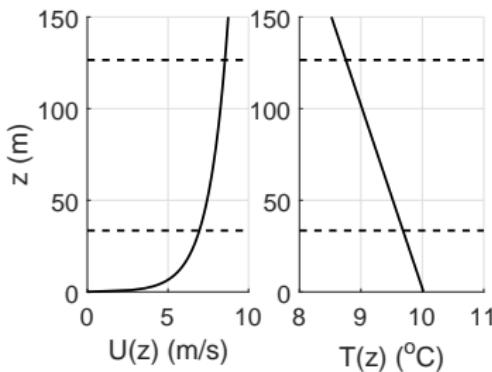


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Point source approximation

Wind turbine represented as a monopole located at hub height

Ray-tracing example by
Prospathopoulos and Voutsinas
[2005]

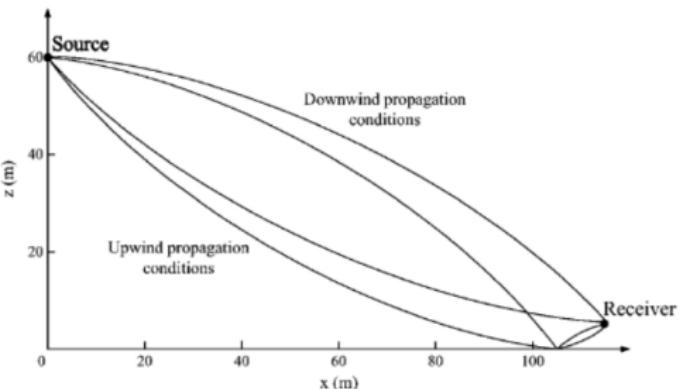


Fig. 13 Downward and upward refraction of eigenrays for downwind and upwind propagation conditions, respectively.

Link between sound power level $L_W(f)$ and sound pressure level $L_p(f)$

$$L_p(f) = L_W(f) - \underbrace{10 \log_{10}(4\pi R_1^2)}_{\text{geometrical spreading}} - \underbrace{\alpha(f)R_1}_{\text{atmospheric absorption}} + \underbrace{\Delta L}_{\text{propagation effects}}$$

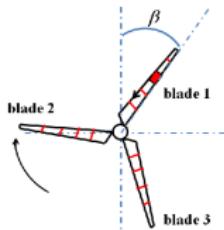
ΔL can be calculated with any propagation model

Extended source model using moving monopoles

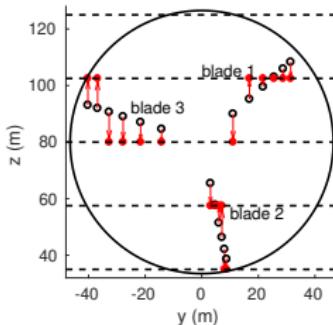
Point source approximation

For each segment and each angular position :

$$L_p(f, \beta) = L_w(f, \beta) - 10 \log_{10}(4\pi R_1^2) + \Delta L(f) - \alpha(f)R_1$$



- angle-dependent sound power level $L_w(f, \beta)$ obtained from Amiet model
- $\Delta L(f)$ obtained from a set of parabolic equation (PE) calculations at N_h different heights
 - ⇒ closest point interpolation based on the segment height at angle β
- N_h PE calculations per frequency and per propagation direction



More details in Cotté, "Extended source models for wind turbine noise propagation", *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* 2019.

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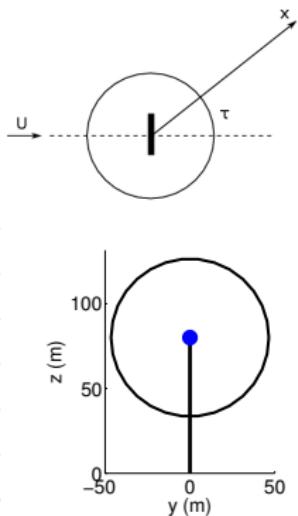
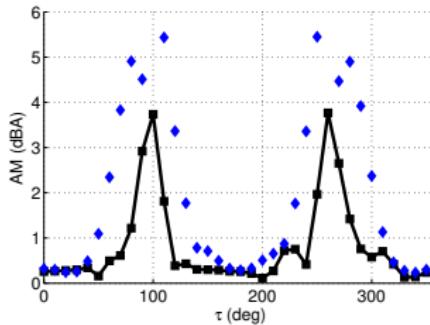
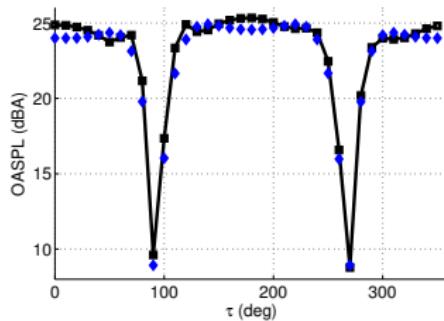


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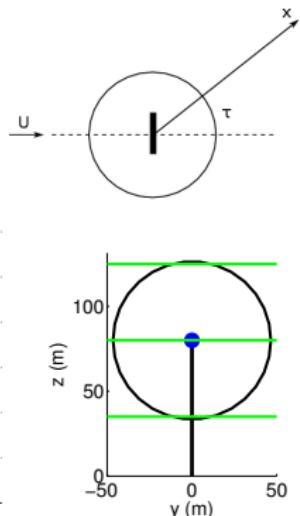
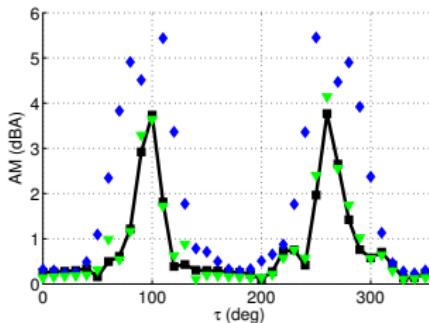
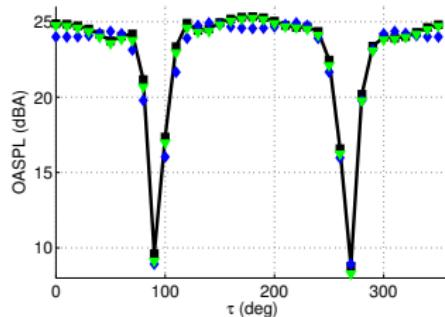
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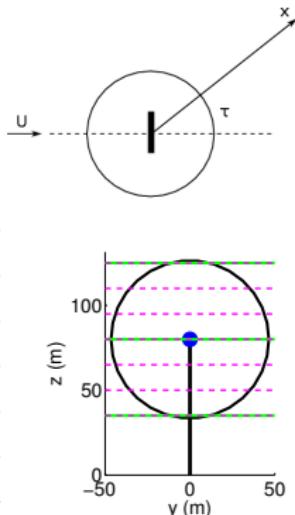
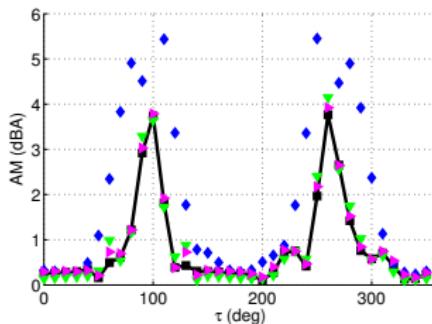
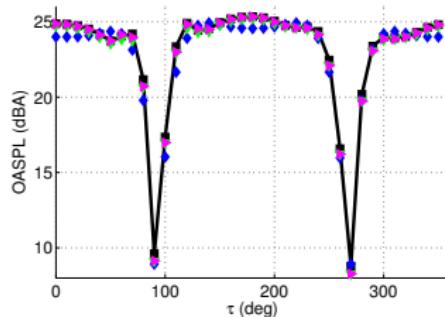
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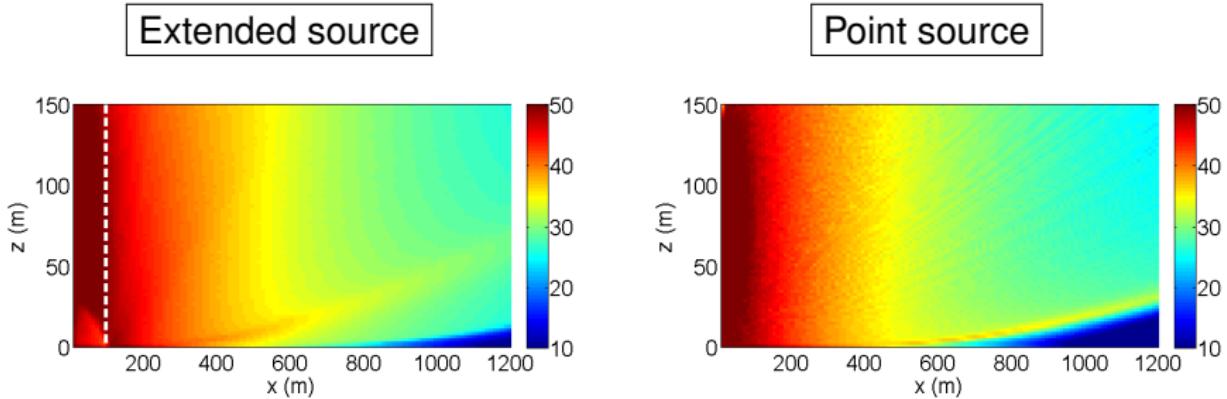
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Pressure maps in a neutral atmosphere

Difference between extended source model and point source approximation for $\tau = 180^\circ$

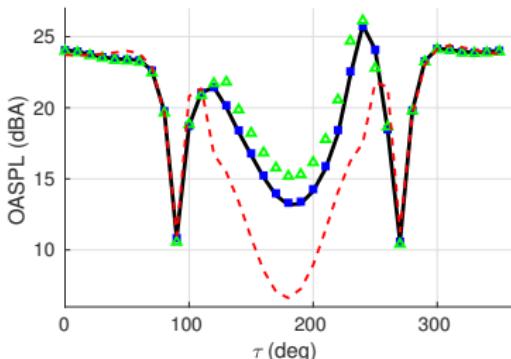
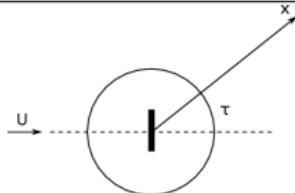


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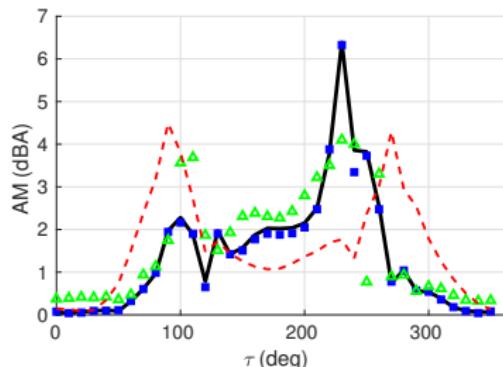
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- $N_h = 10$ heights (■)
- $N_h = 3$ heights (△)
- point source approximation (---)



Some perspectives

- Compare model predictions with *in situ* measurements from the ANR PIBE project
 - ⇒ collaboration with David Ecotière and Benoit Gauvreau from UMRAE
- Account for propagation effects in the VRACE auralization tool (PhD David Mascarenhas)
 - ⇒ how to account for the phase and amplitude modulation associated with atmospheric turbulence ?



experimental campaign of ANR PIBE project with UMRAE