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Propeller Borne Noise

Aalto lecture

Introduction

Topics

- ABB & Hydrodynamics
- Acoustic Noise phenomena
 - Basics
 - Standards
- Propeller noise
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 - Blade passage pressure
 - Cavitation
 - Singing
- Propeller design
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 - Design to avoid singing
 - Effect of ship hull

ABB & Hydrodynamics

Contents

- ABB - Electrification and automation.
Marine and ports - Electrical propulsion and integrated solutions for ship and shore
- Azipod™

Various vessels

Hydro team

- 3 Hydrodynamists
- 2 dedicated CFD analysts
- 1 Noise specialist



Acoustic noise phenomena

Physics

In physics, sound is a vibration that propagates as an acoustic wave, through a transmission medium such as a gas, liquid or solid. -Wikipedia

Vibration

- Pressure change

Wave:

- Amplitude
- Frequency

Transmission medium

- Sea, air
- Ship hull

Acoustic noise phenomena

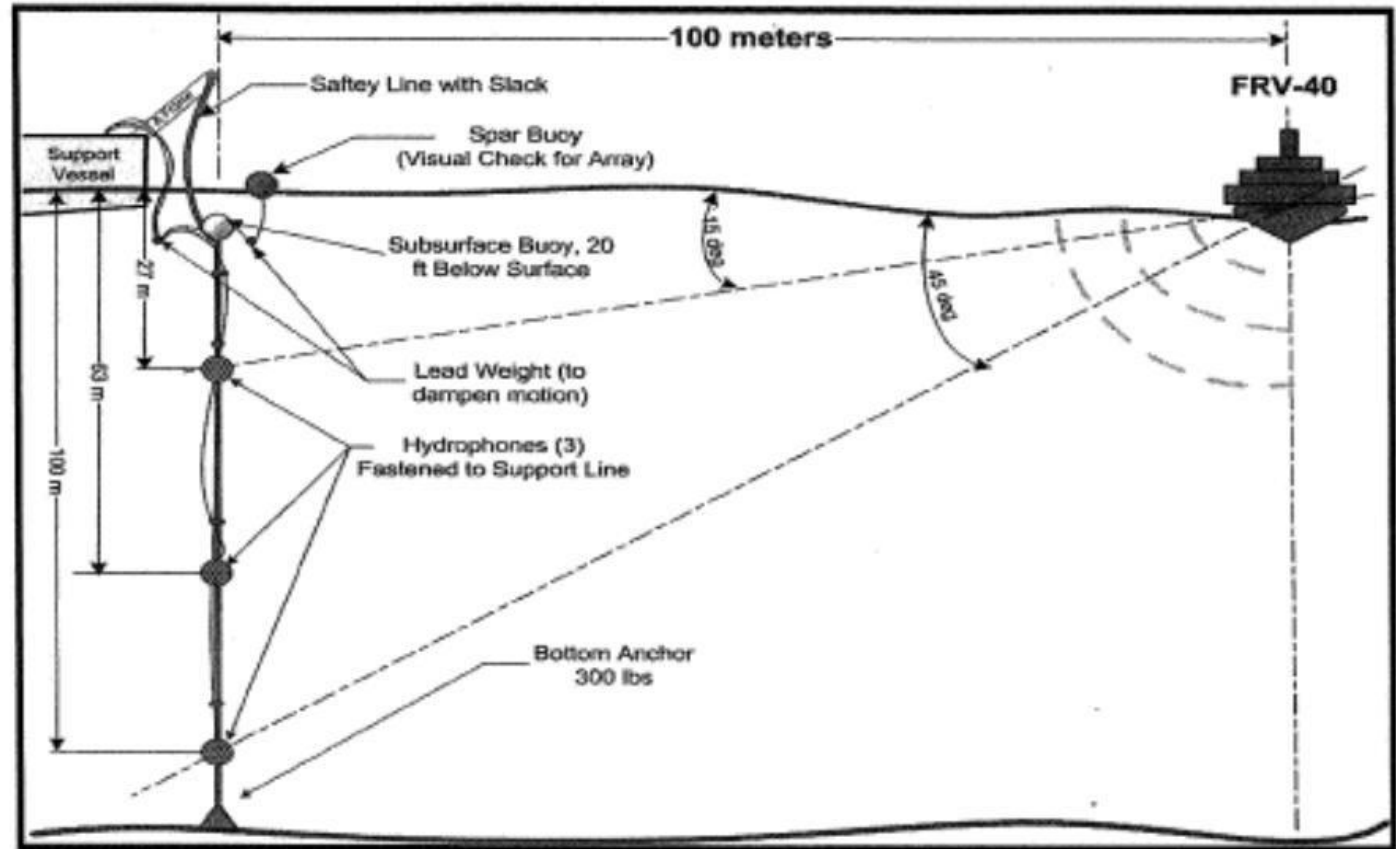
How to obtain

Empirical methods

Simulation based methods

Measurements

- Model scale
- Far field vs nearfield



Acoustic noise phenomena

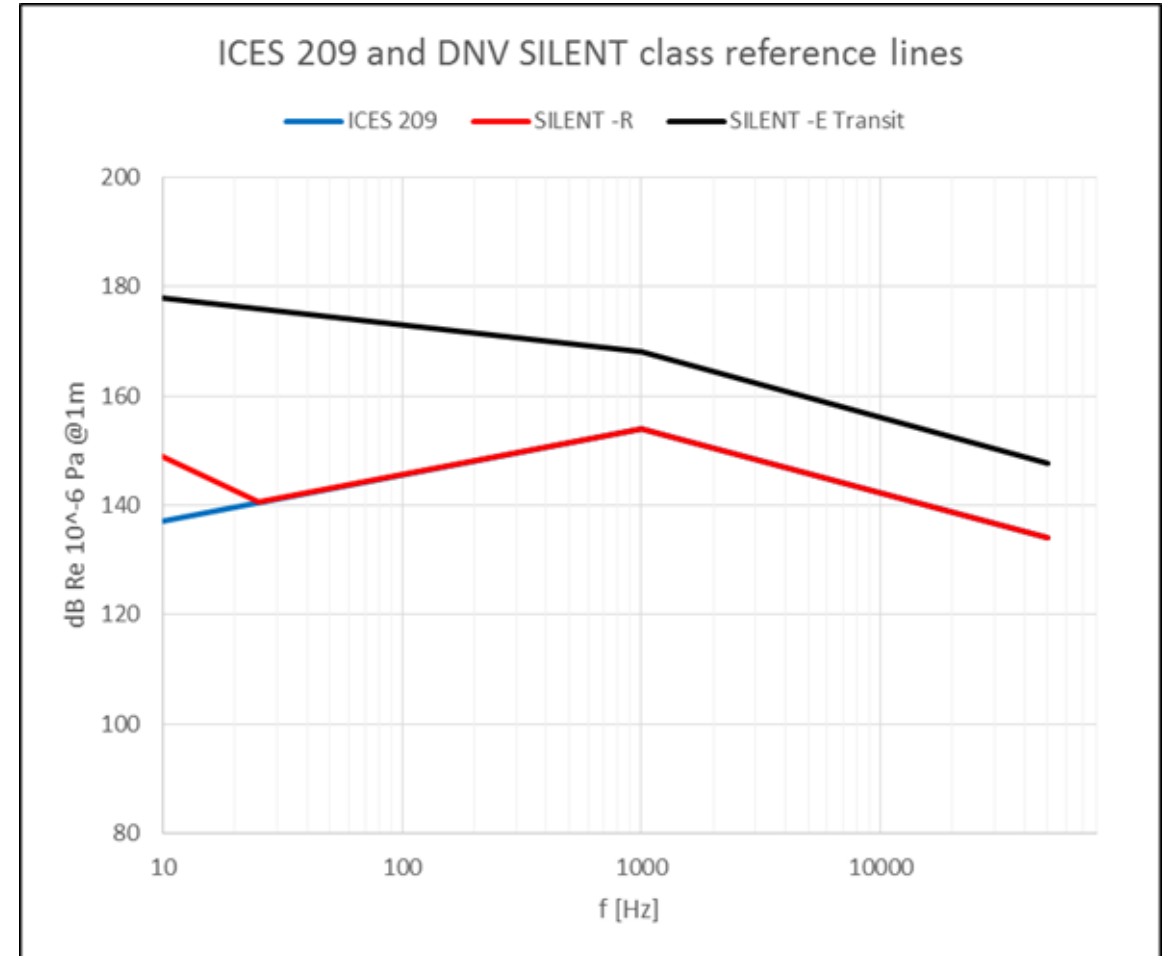
Standards

Noise in oceans is increasing – legislature – standards for shipping

Onboard and Underwater Radiated Noise

Standards based on operation type:

- Research vessel vs cargo vessel



Propeller noise

Blade passage pressure

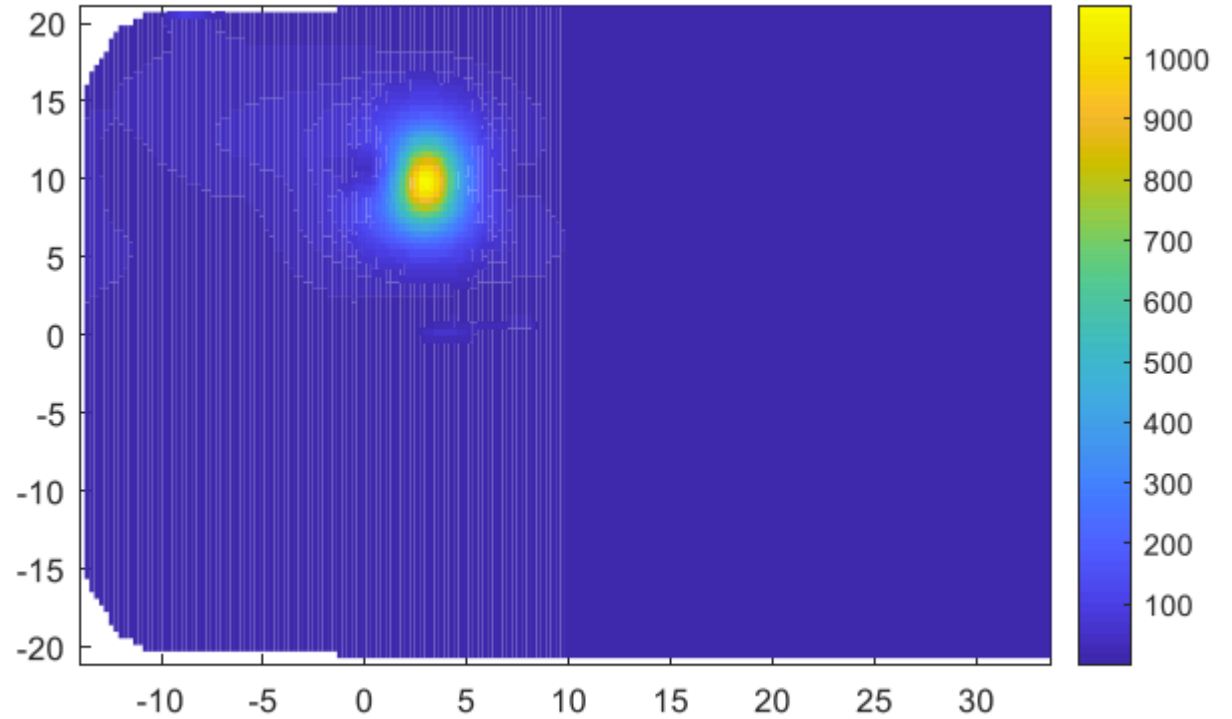
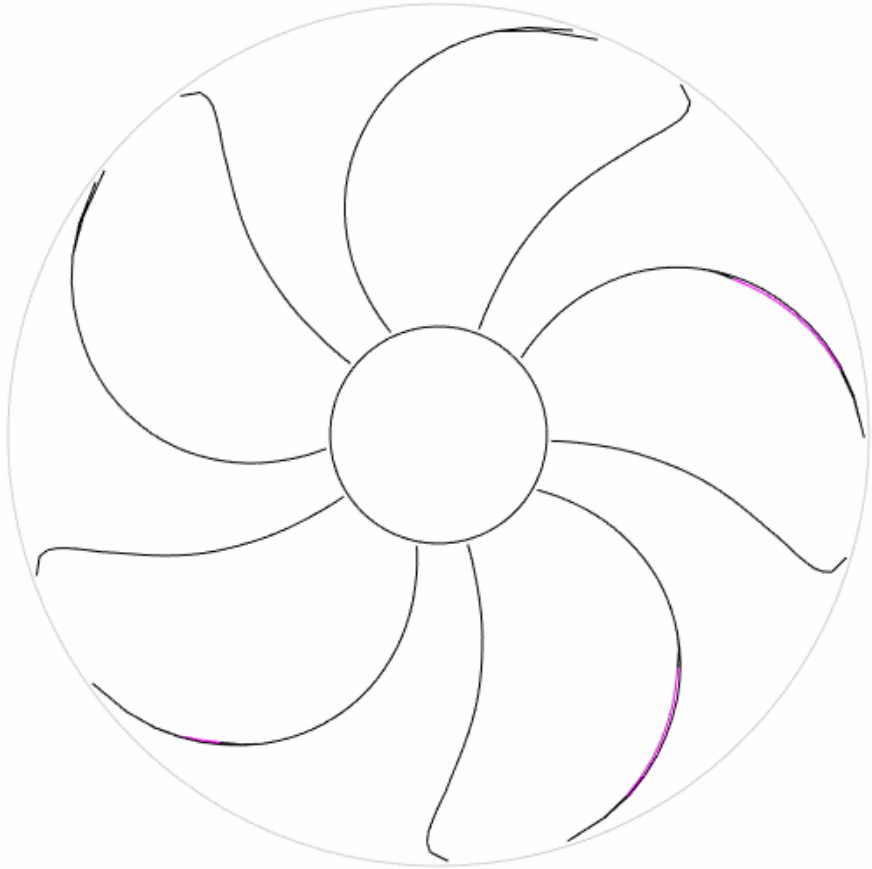


Figure 4-6: Amplitude of the pressure field at first harmonic, 83% MCR

Propeller noise

Cavitation

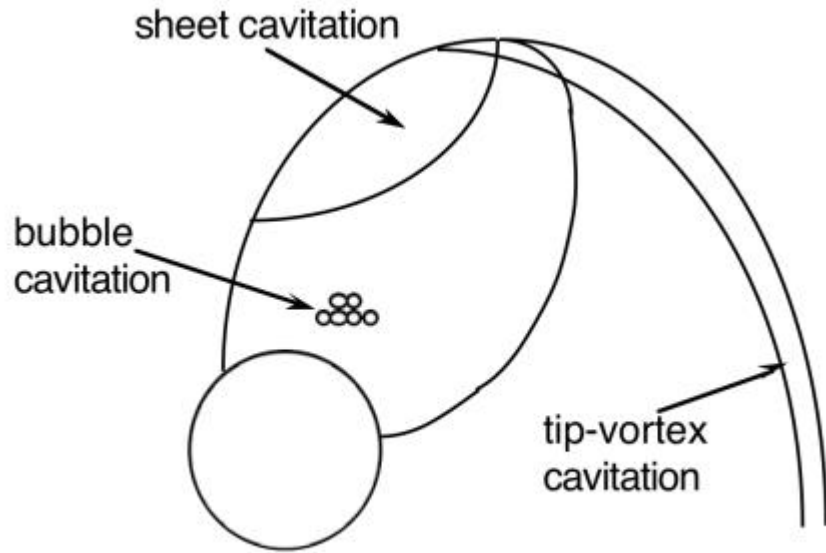
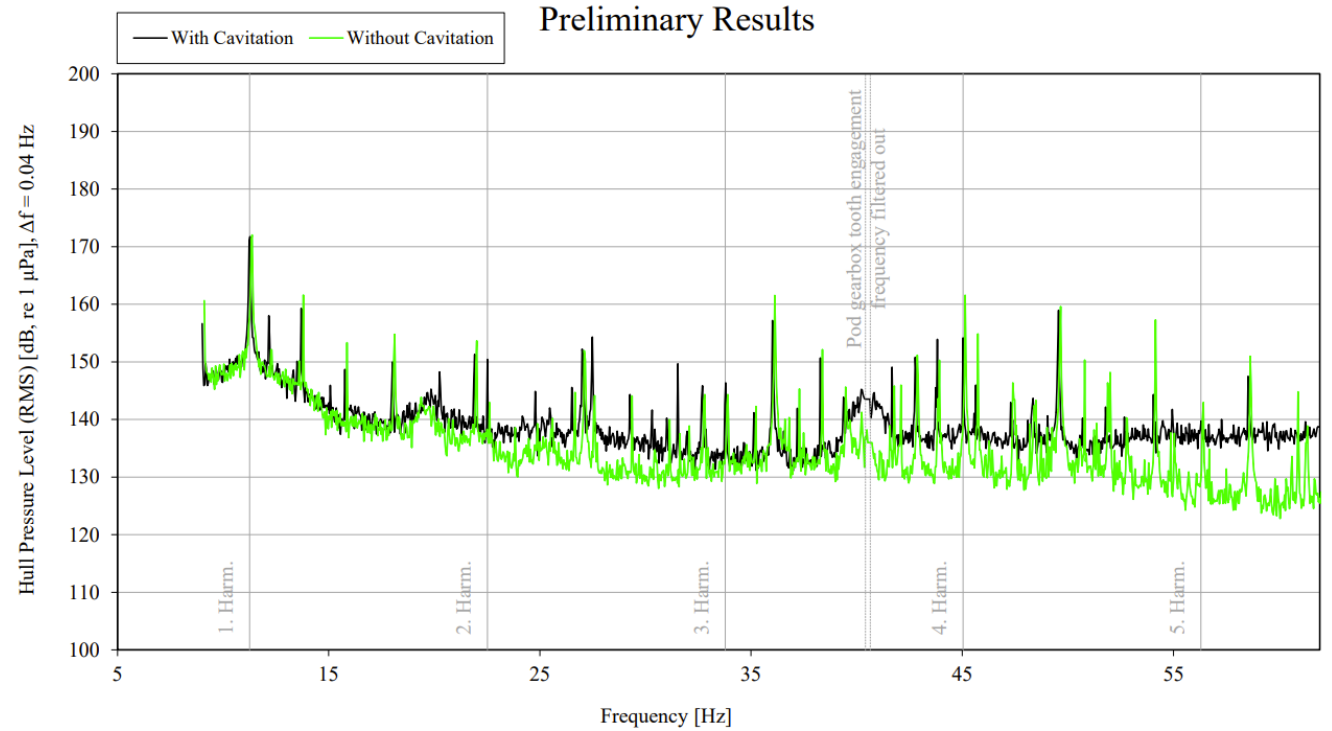
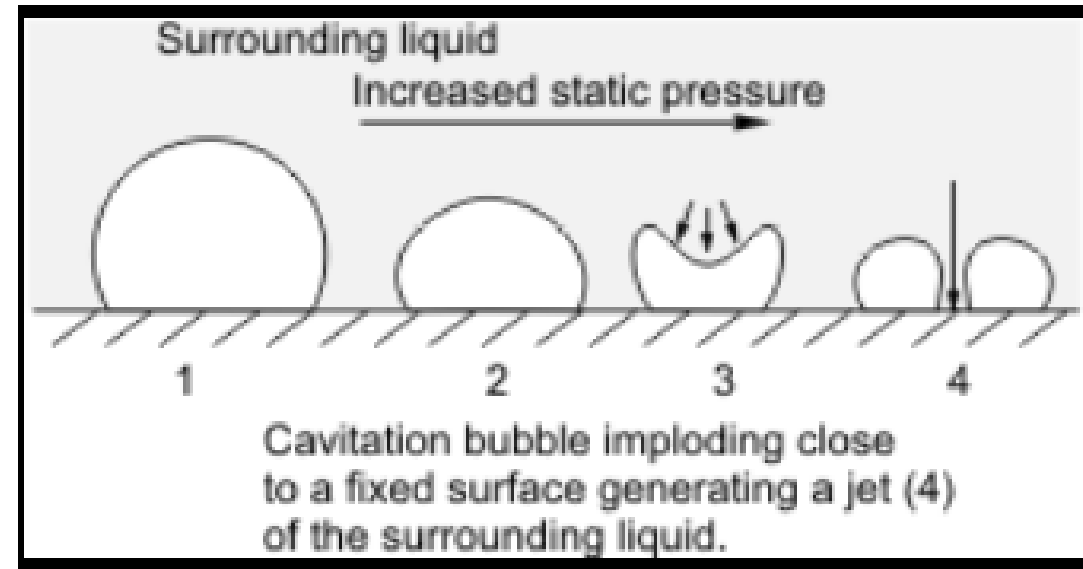
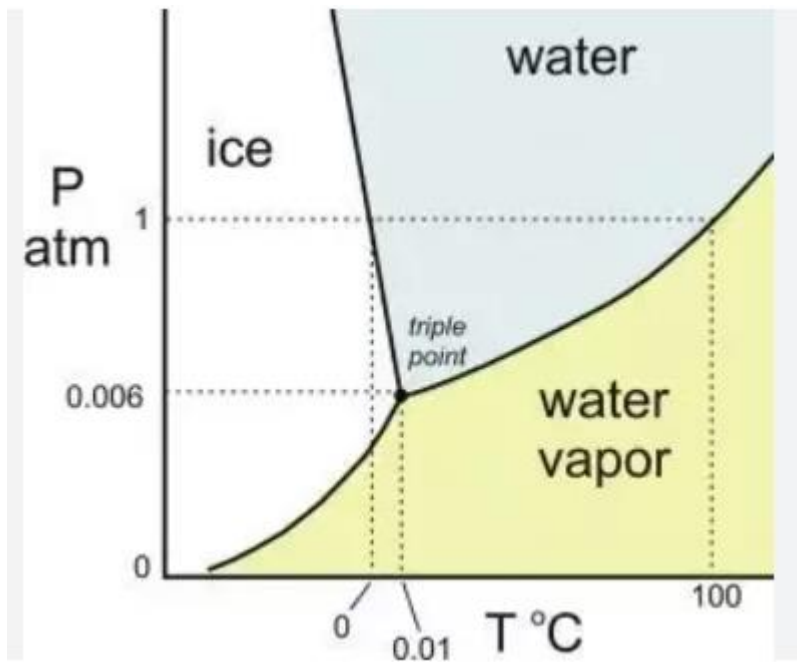


Figure 5.27. Propeller cavitation types.



Propeller noise

Cavitation



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Cavitation

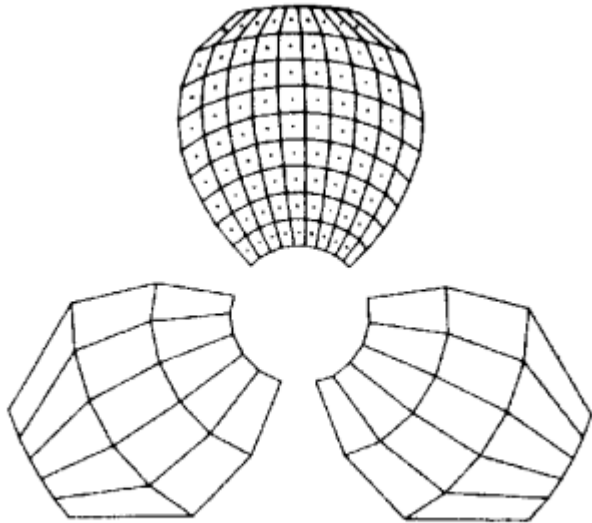


Fig. 7 Illustration of discrete singularity elements on key blade and other blades

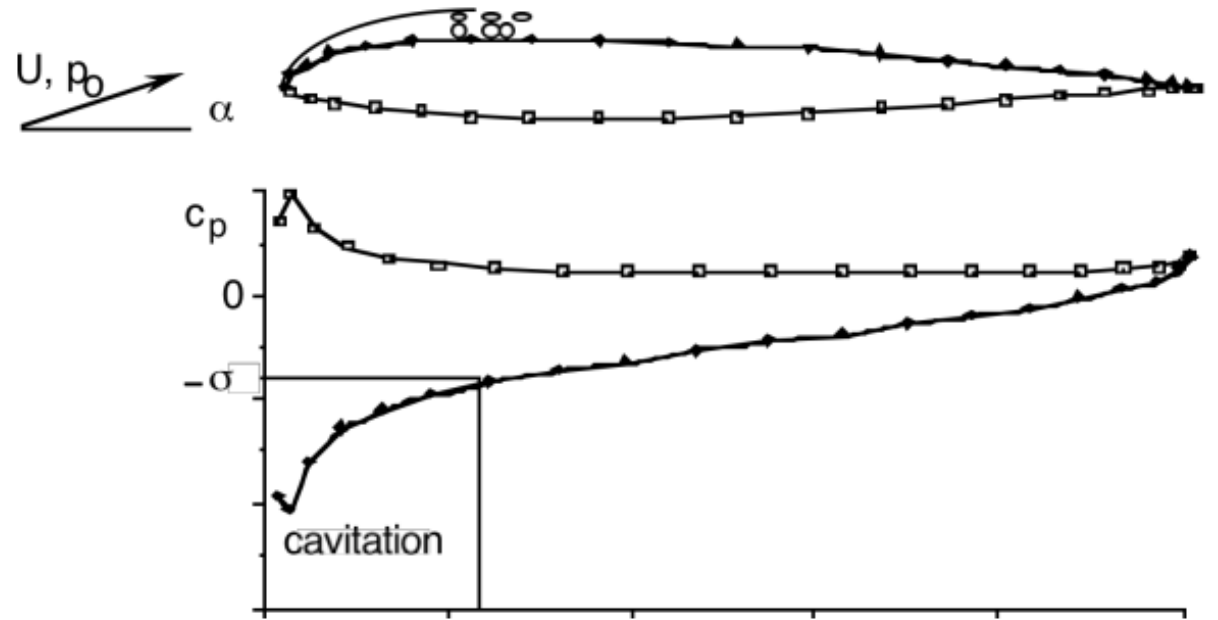


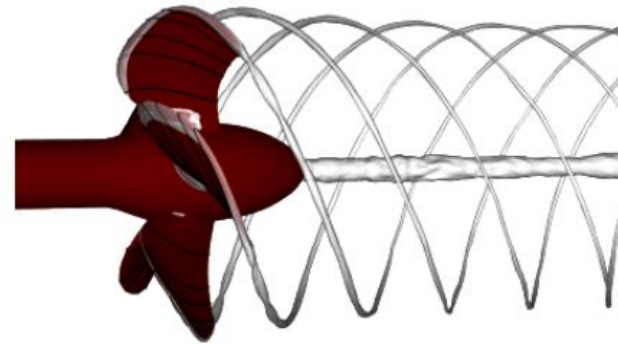
Figure 5.28. Illustration of a cavitating hydrofoil.

Propeller noise

Cavitation



(a) EFD.

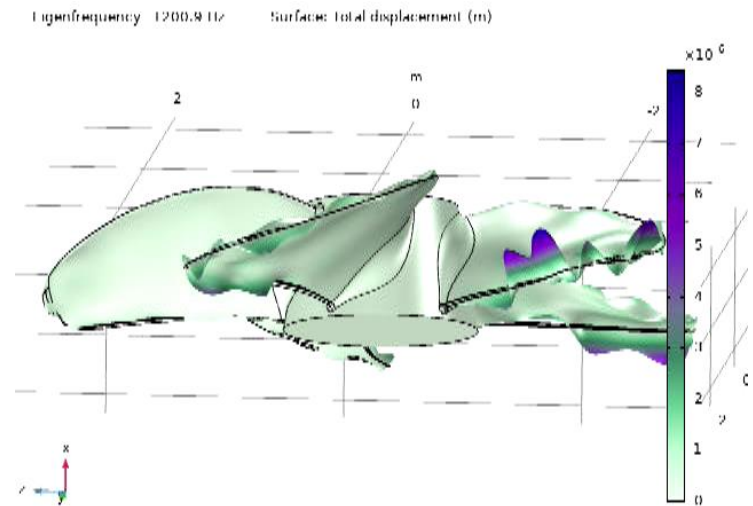
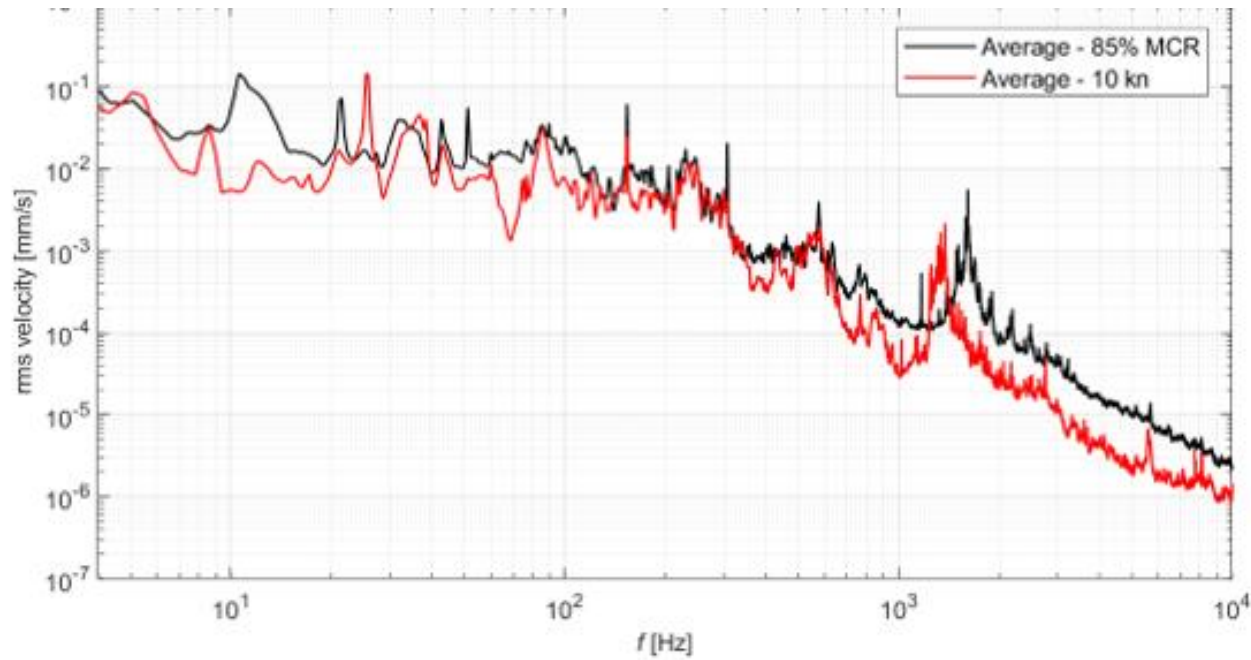
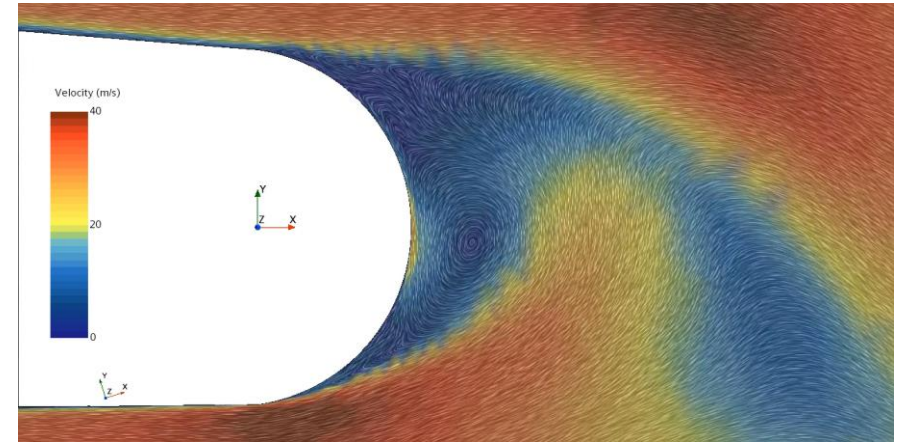


(b) CFD.

Figure 13. Comparison of the tip and hub vortex cavitation extents behind the propeller.

Propeller noise

Singing



Propeller design

Methods

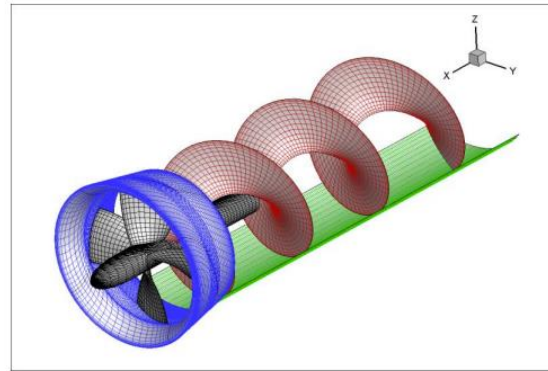
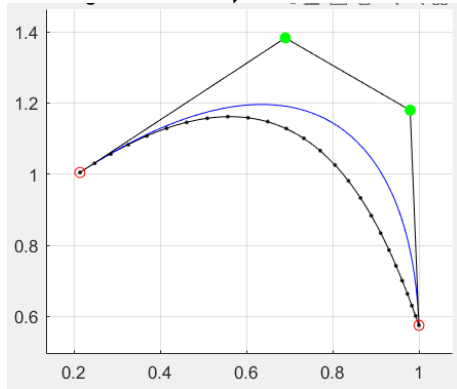
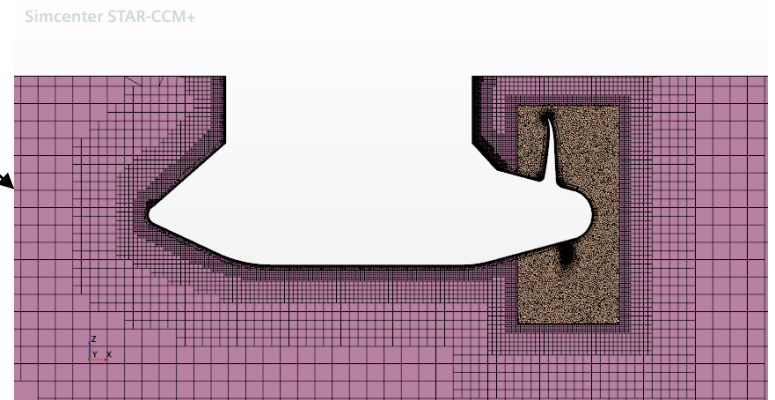
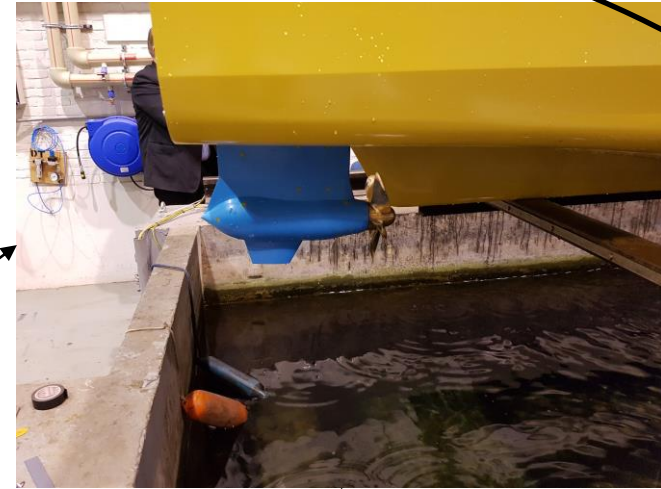
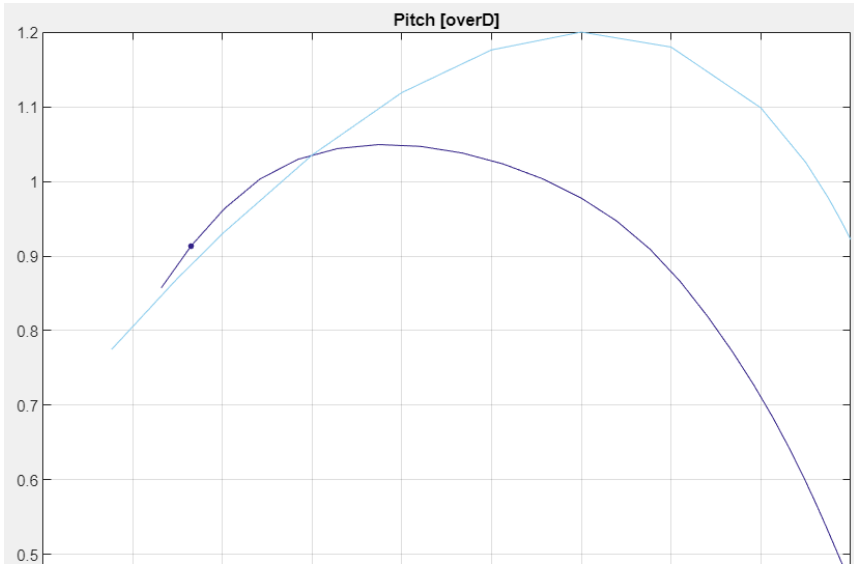


Figure 2.1: Surfaces Used in Ducted Computation



Propeller design

Design to avoid noisy cavitation



High efficiency propeller

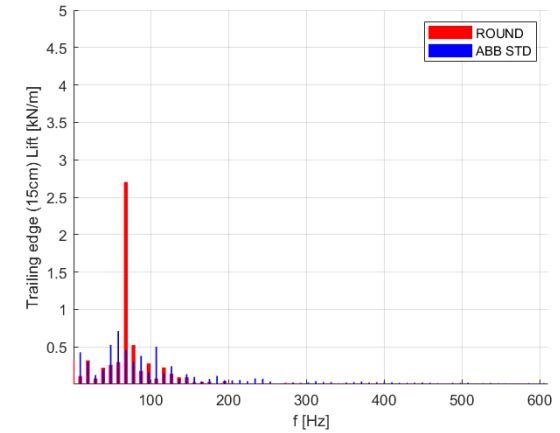
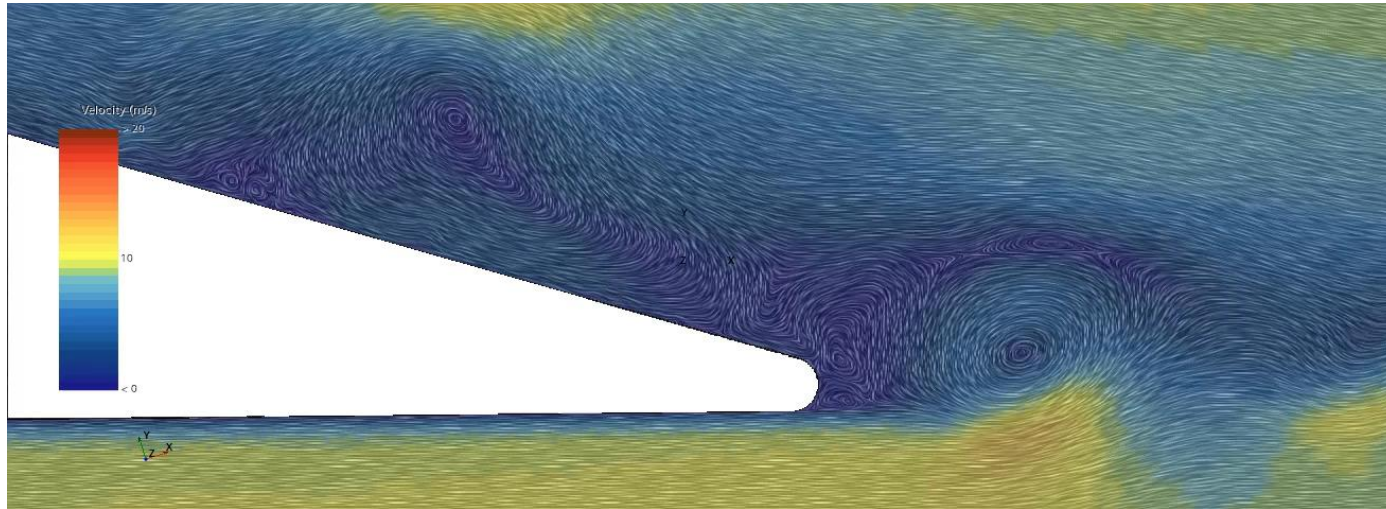


Research propeller



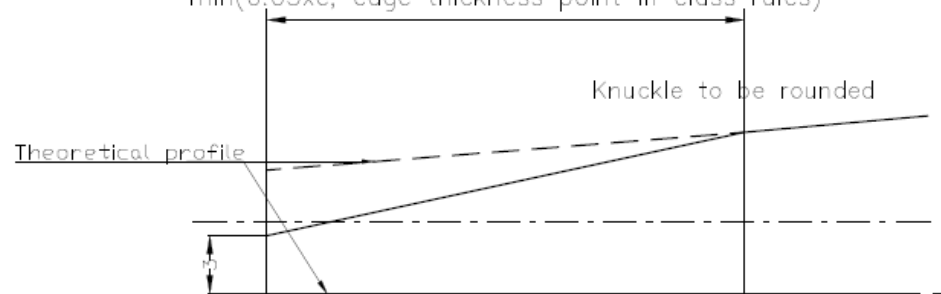
Propeller design

Design to avoid singing

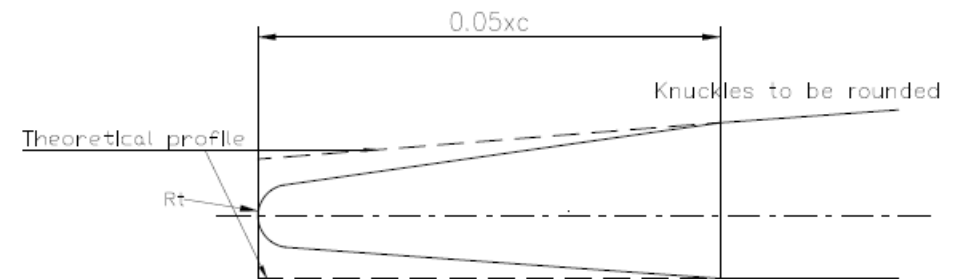


Trailing edge details – open water propeller

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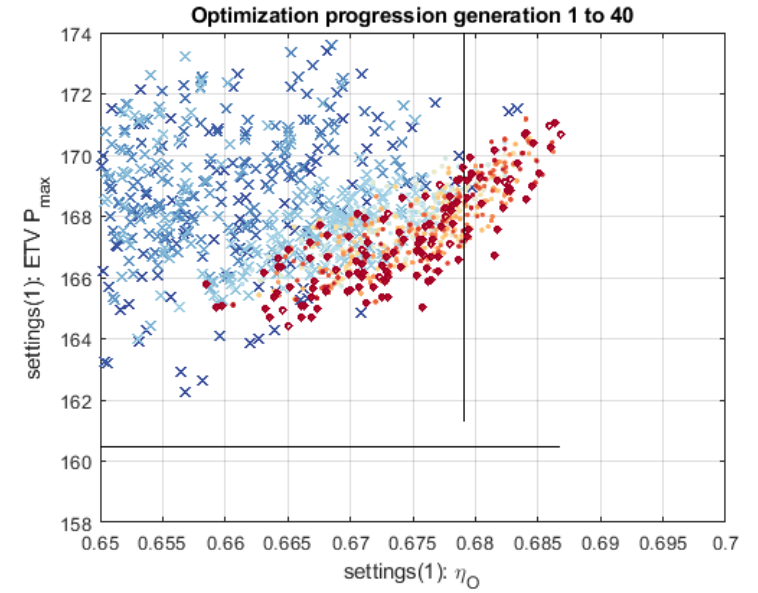
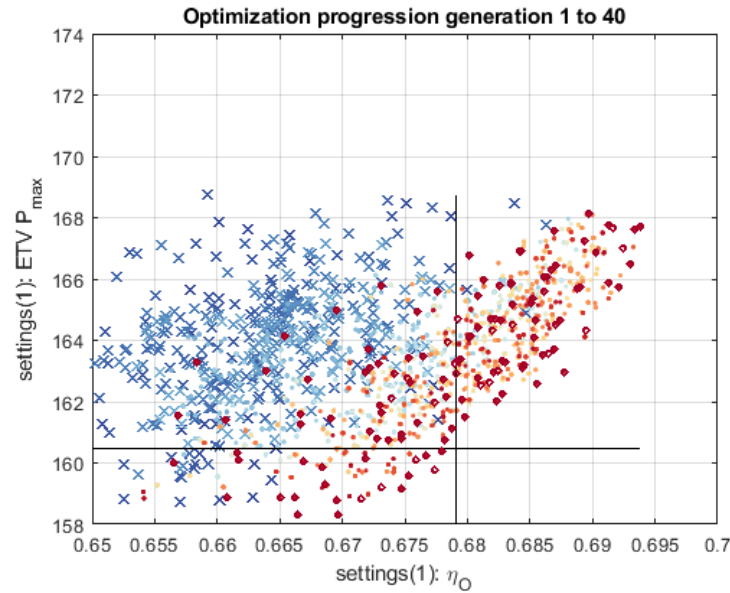
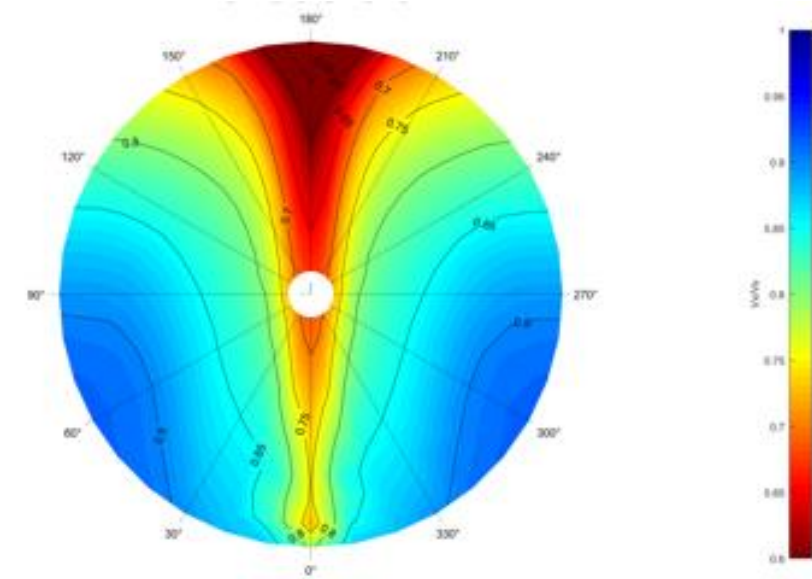
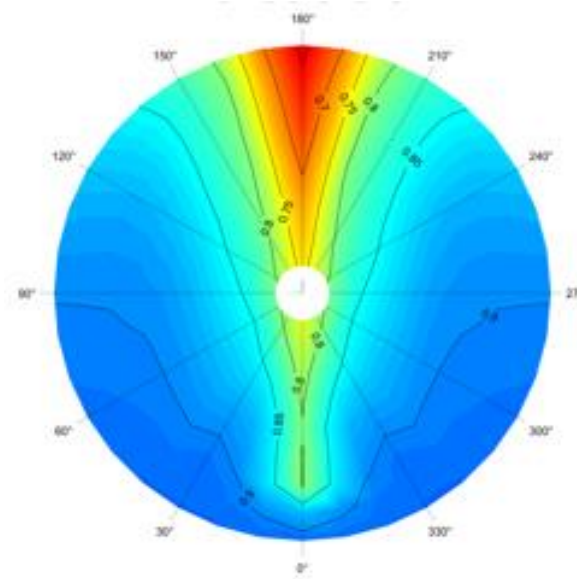


Trailing edge details – ice class propeller



Propeller design

Effect from ship hull



Any questions?

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