

SmartAnswer - Investigation of turbulence-surface interaction noise mechanisms and their reduction using porous materials

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Smart Mitigation of flow-induced Acoustic Radiation and Transmission for reduced Aircraft, surface transport, Workplaces and wind energy noise



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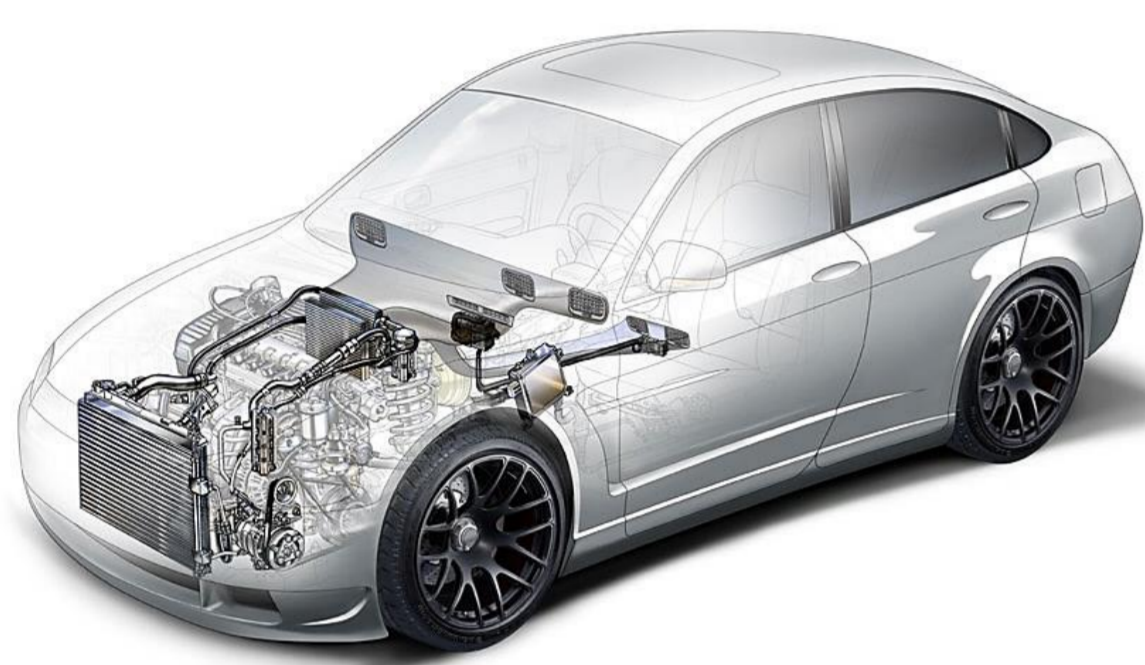
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Motivation

Turbulence-interaction noise contributes to the broadband noise radiated by fans, turbomachines and high-lift devices.



HVAC systems for automotive



Aeronautical propulsion systems

In many instances the turbulent field is inherent to **installation elements** and cannot be directly controlled.

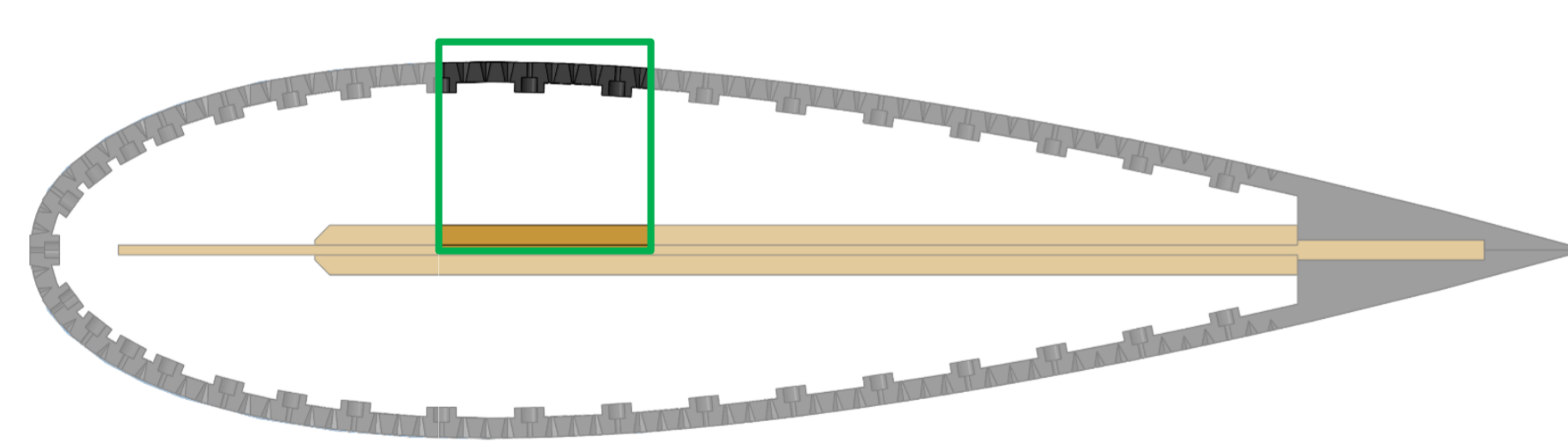
Acting on the airfoil to make it less sensitive to turbulence in terms of acoustic response is a promising strategy.

Main objectives

- To improve the understanding of the turbulence behavior in the interaction with the airfoil
- To evaluate the effectiveness of **porous materials** as turbulence-interaction noise mitigation technique

Design of the porous airfoil

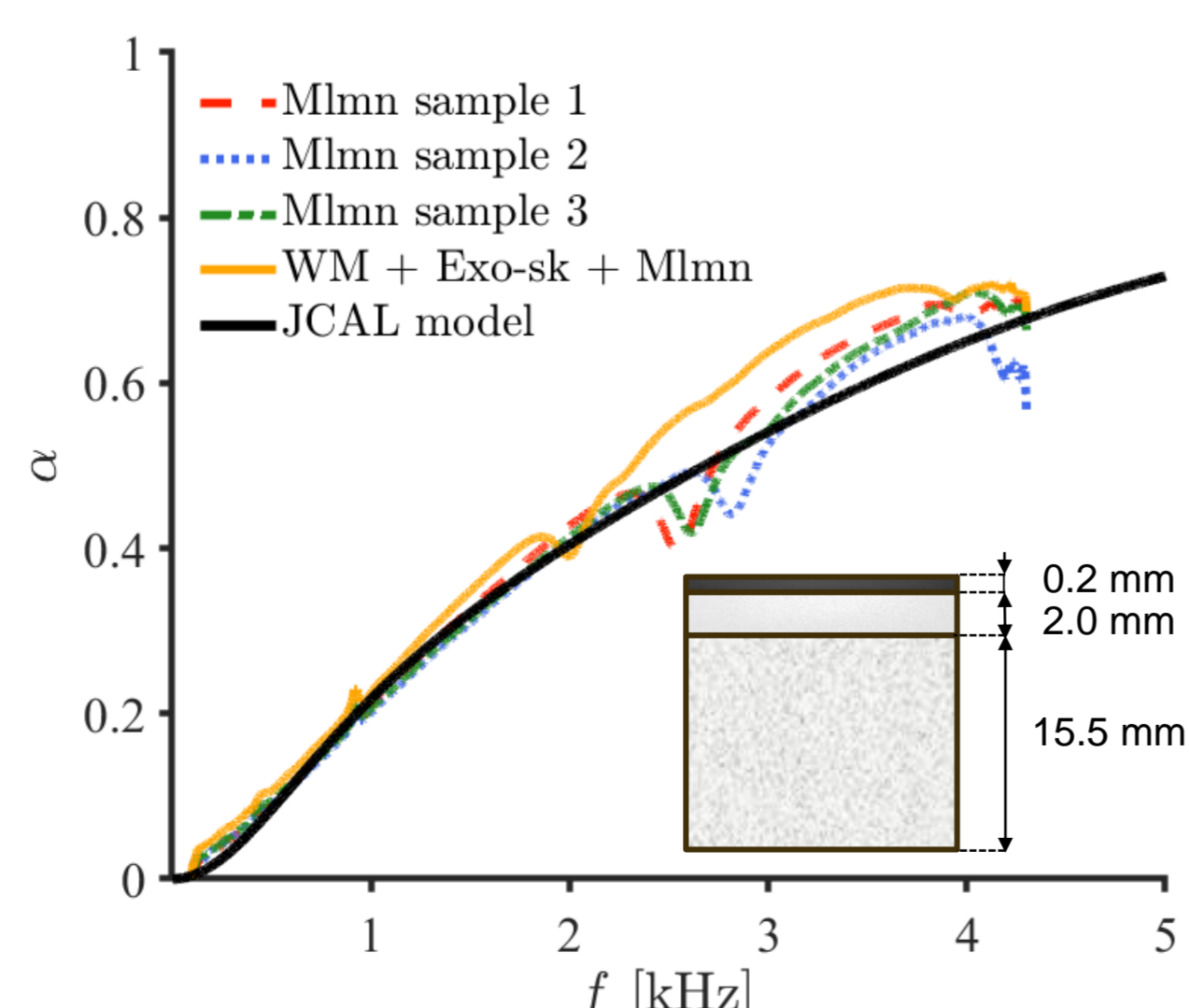
A **solid** and a **porous** airfoil are manufactured at VKI and tested in a **rod-airfoil configuration** [1].



Design and composition of the VKI porous NACA-0024 profile



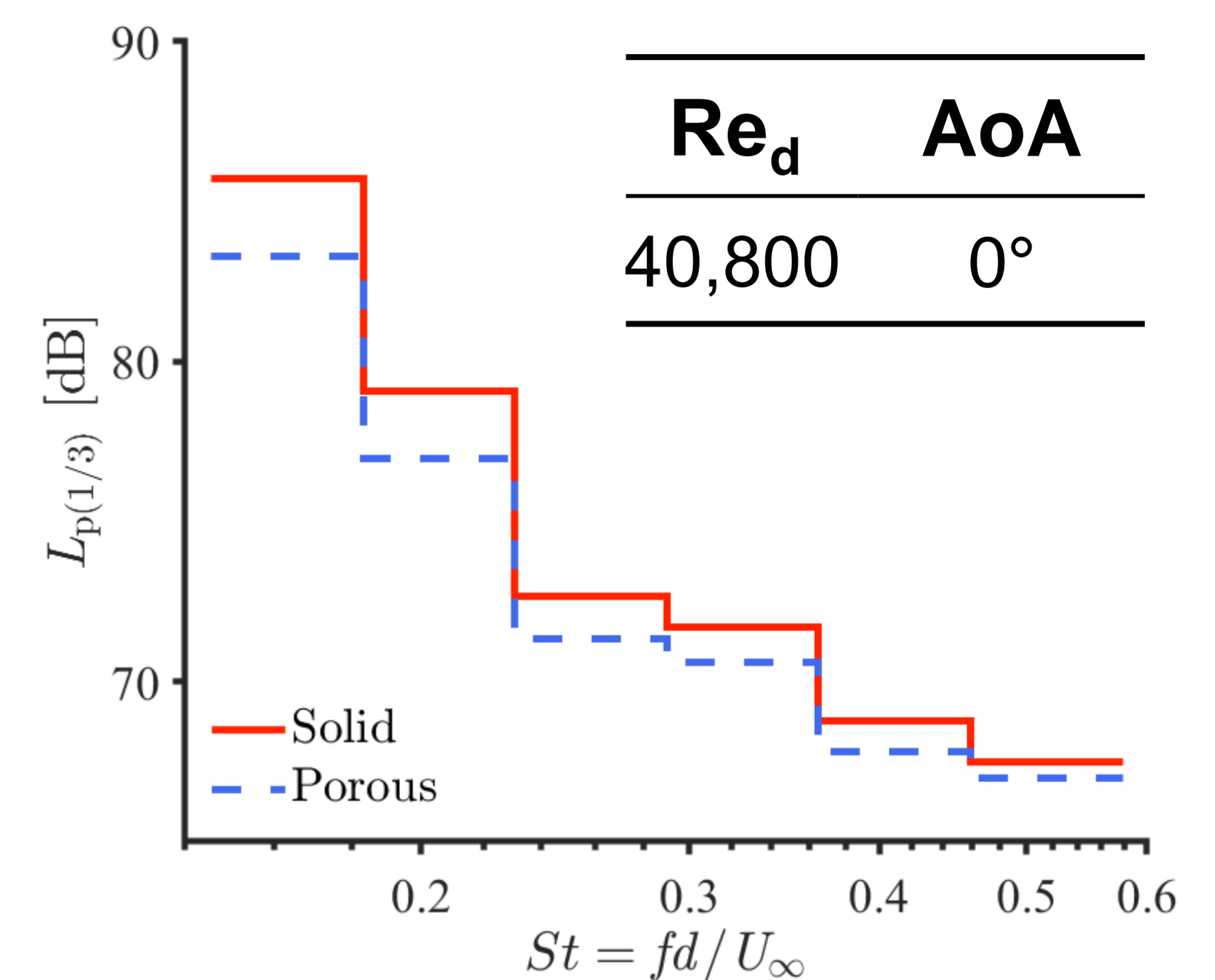
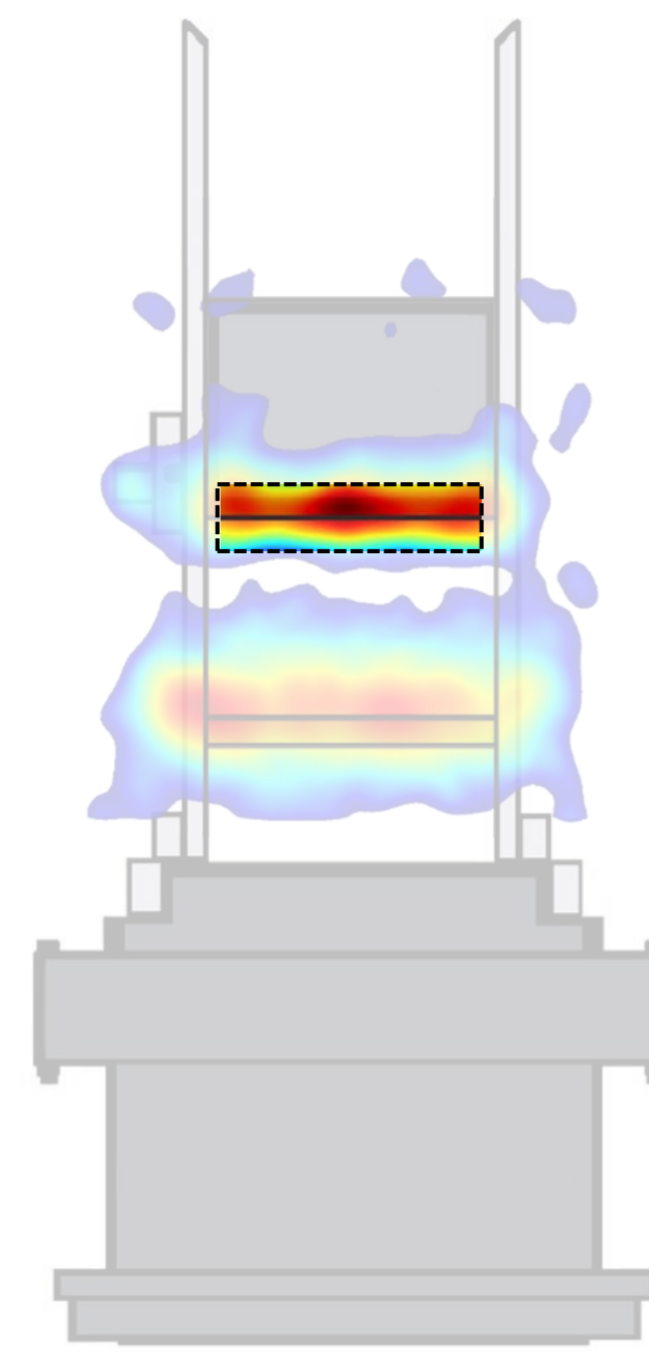
The melamine foam is characterized to analyze the **parameters** and the **sound absorbing behavior** of the porous medium [2].



Absorption coefficient for different samples of melamine foam studied with the impedance tube and compared with JCAL model

Far-field acoustic measurements

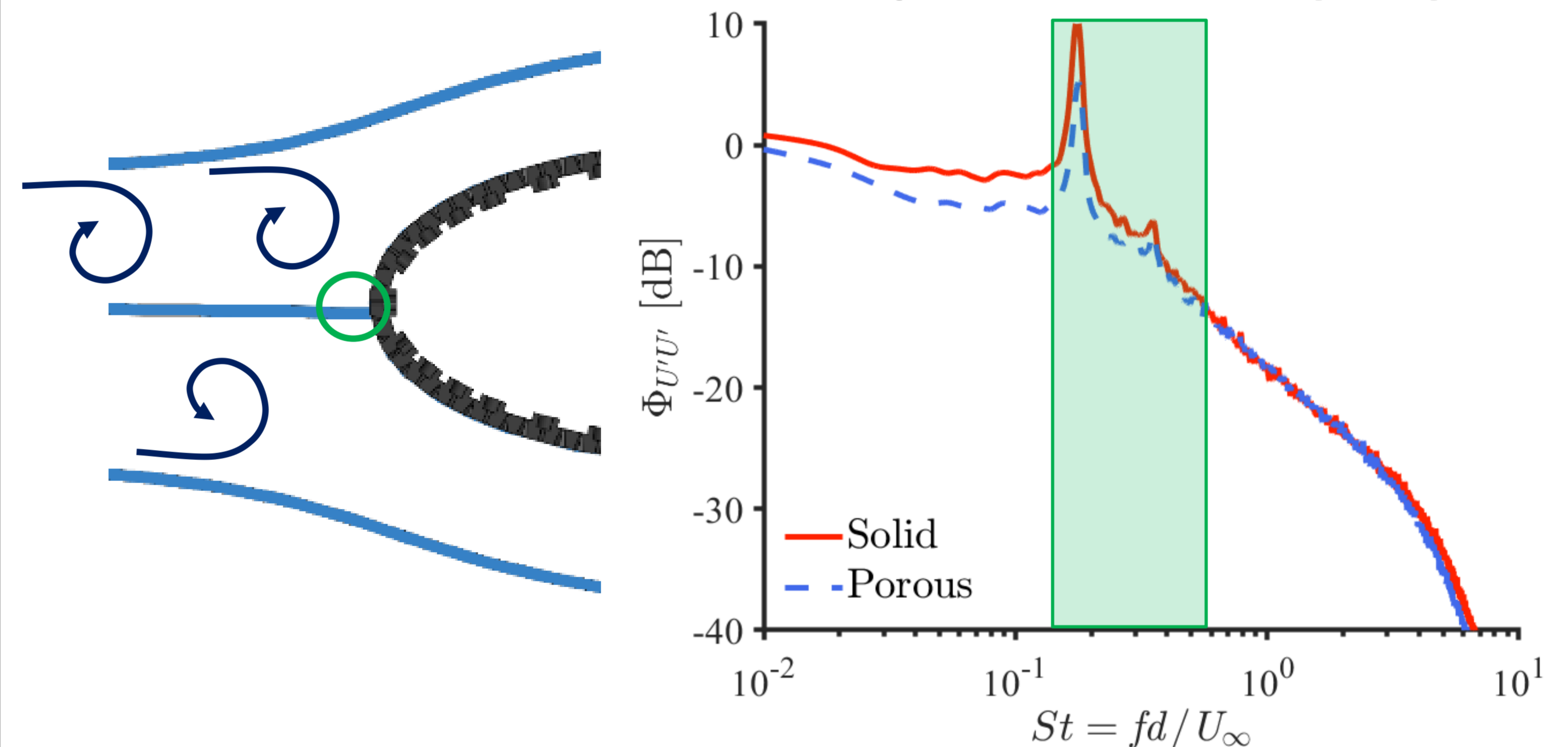
GIBF [3] is used to evaluate the far-field **noise reduction** due to the **porous treatment** of the airfoil.



GIBF integrated one-third octave band spectra for solid and porous airfoil

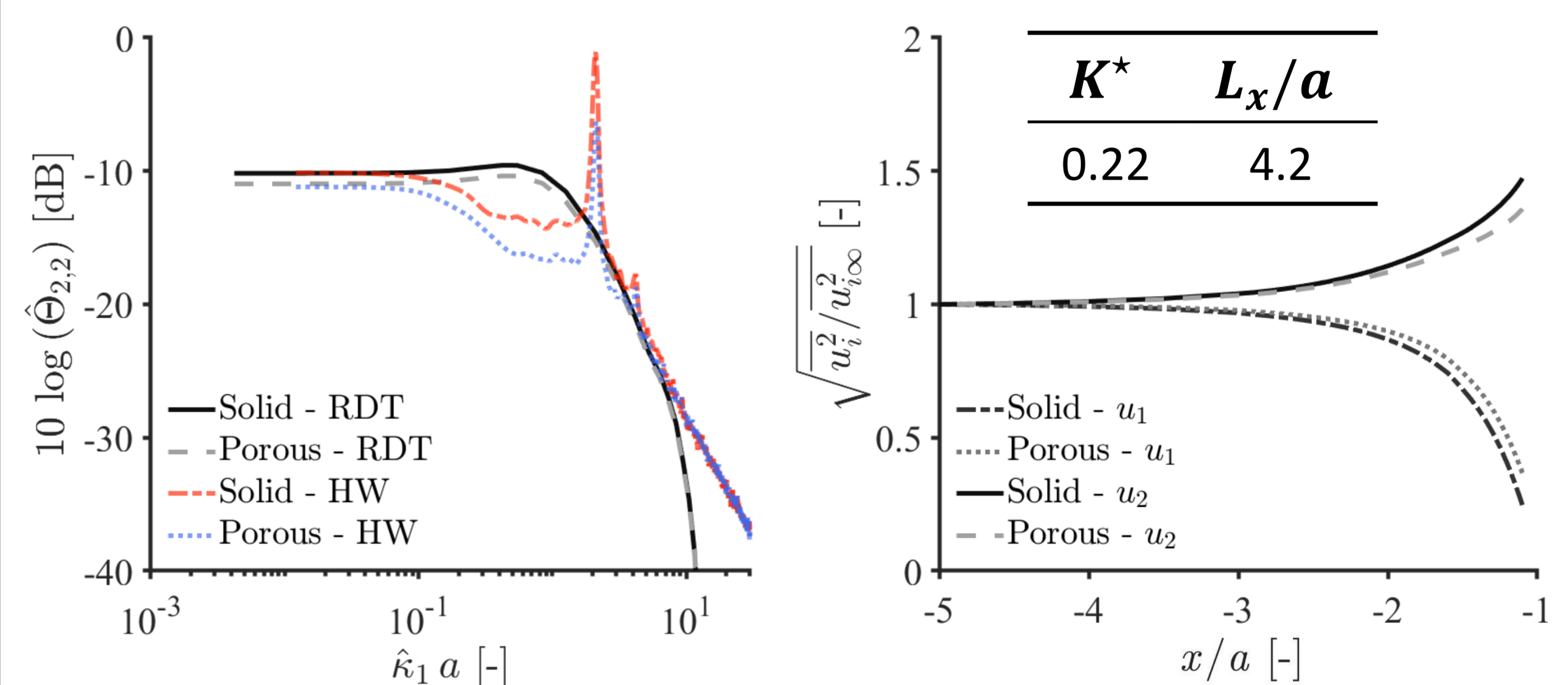
Turbulence distortion investigation

Hot-wire measurements are performed to characterize the **distortion of turbulence** interacting with the **leading edge**.



Spectra of the incident turbulent velocity for solid and porous airfoil near the leading edge, with the green area denoting the St-range of the acoustic spectra

An analytical **model** based on the **RDT** [4] is developed to predict the turbulence-distortion **attenuation** by porosity.



Comparison between the spectra of the upwash turbulent velocity for solid and porous airfoil computed by the RDT and measured by the hot-wire (on the left) and normalized variances along the stagnation streamline (on the right)

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