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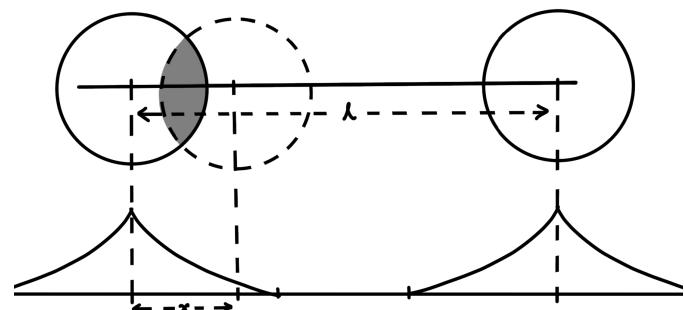
Problem Statement

*"If you direct an **air flow** onto a **rotating disk** with holes, a **sound** may be heard.*

Explain this phenomenon and investigate how the sound characteristics depend on the relevant parameters."

Parameters:

1. *Flowrate of the air flow*
2. *Rotational speed of disk*
3. *Overlapping area between airflow and holes*
4. *Number of holes*



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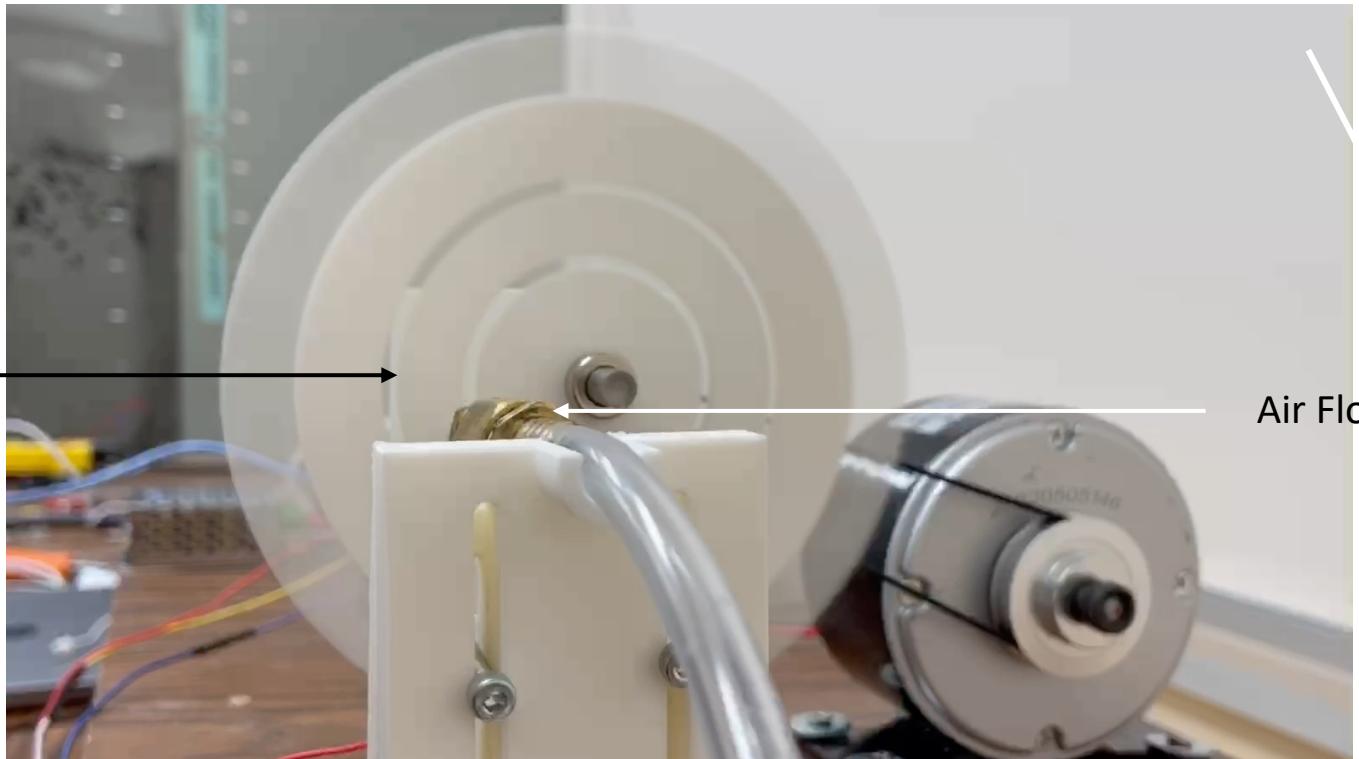
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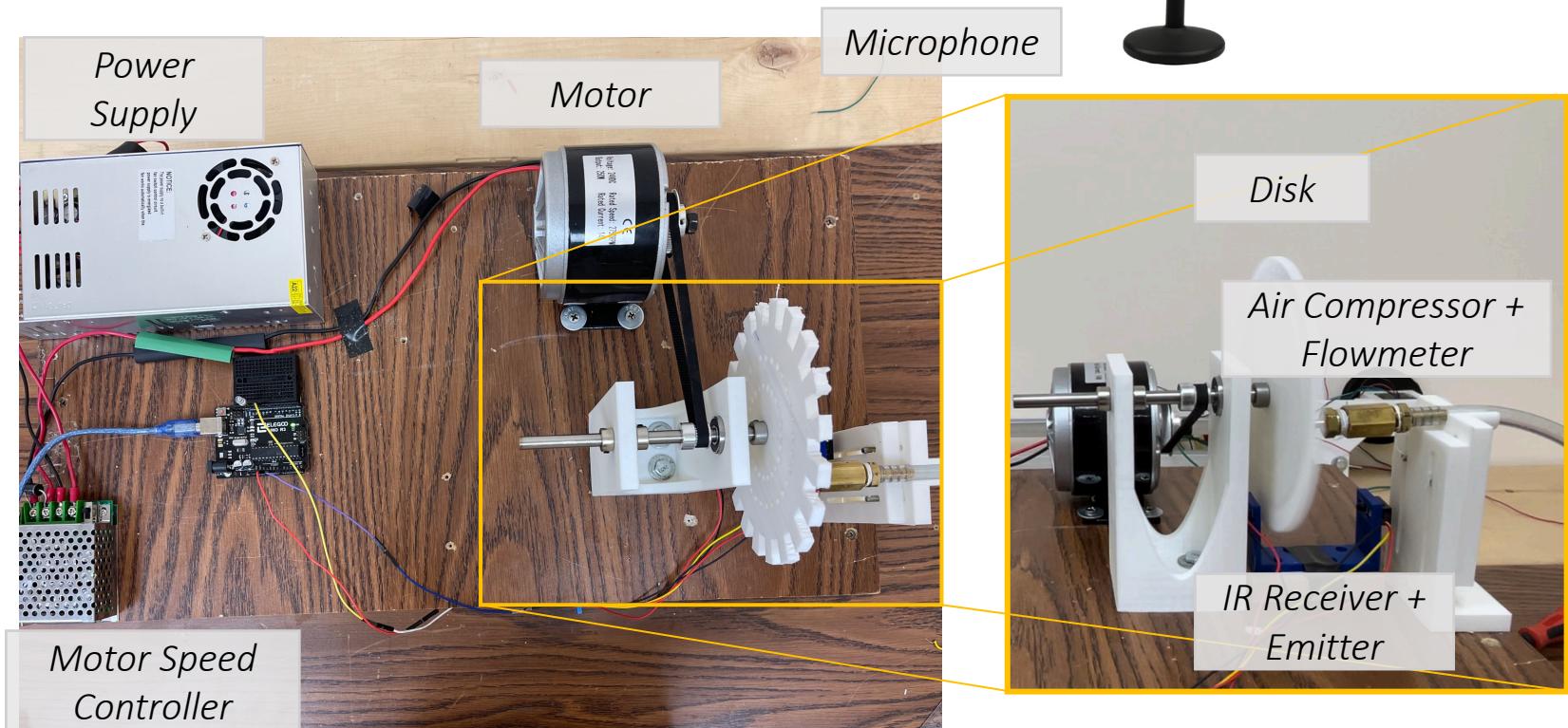
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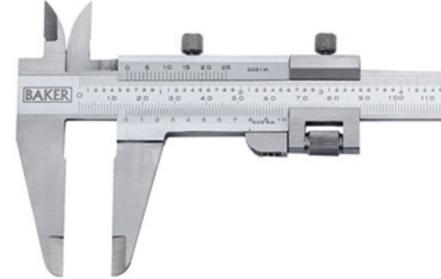
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Experimental Measurement



Flowmeter
 $(\pm 0.5 \text{ L/min})$



Caliper
 $(\pm 0.05 \text{ mm})$



Microphone

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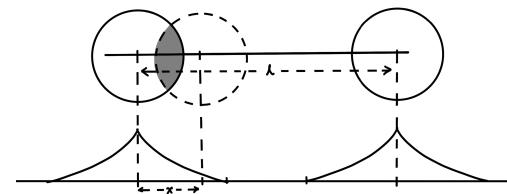
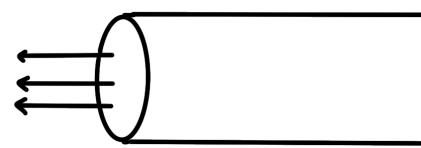
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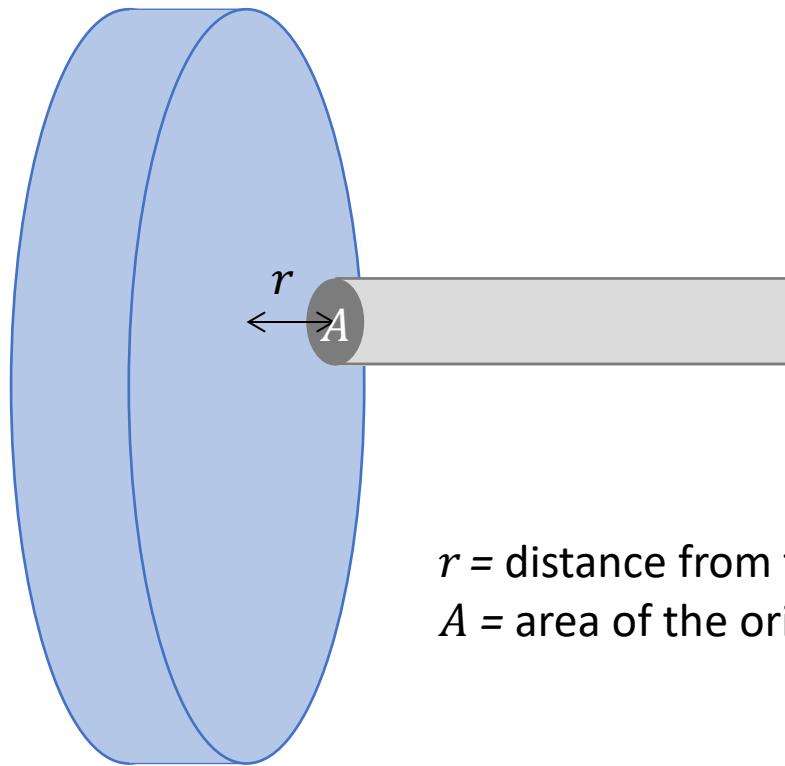
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Geometry



r = distance from the orifice of pipe to the disk
 A = area of the orifice exposed

Assumptions

- *The air flow is a steady stream with super imposed oscillations*
- *The actual flux of air at any moment is proportional to the area of the orifice exposed*
- *Supply of air is at constant pressure*

Flux

The velocity potential of air flow, ϕ , can be expressed as

$$\phi = \frac{f(t - \frac{r}{c})}{4\pi r} \quad [1] \quad \text{where } t \text{ is time and } c \text{ is speed of sound}$$

Omitting the density factor, the actual flux at the orifice is

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left(-4\pi r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) = f(t) \quad [2]$$

*Must be proportional to the area
of orifice exposed at time t*

$f(t)$ can be rewritten in

$$f(t) = A_0 + A_1 \cos 2\pi p t + \cdots + A_n \cos 2\pi p n t + \cdots \quad [3]$$

where p is the fundamental frequency obtained

Flux

The radial velocity of the air with respect to time is

$$-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{f\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)}{4\pi r^2} + \frac{f'\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right)}{4\pi r c} \quad [4]$$

Recall equation [3], if r is much greater than the fundamental frequency, the first term may be neglected, which can be rewritten as

$$-\frac{p}{2} \sum n A_n \sin 2\pi n(t - \frac{r}{c}) \quad [5]$$

The intensity of n th harmonic is proportional to $n^2 A_n^2$

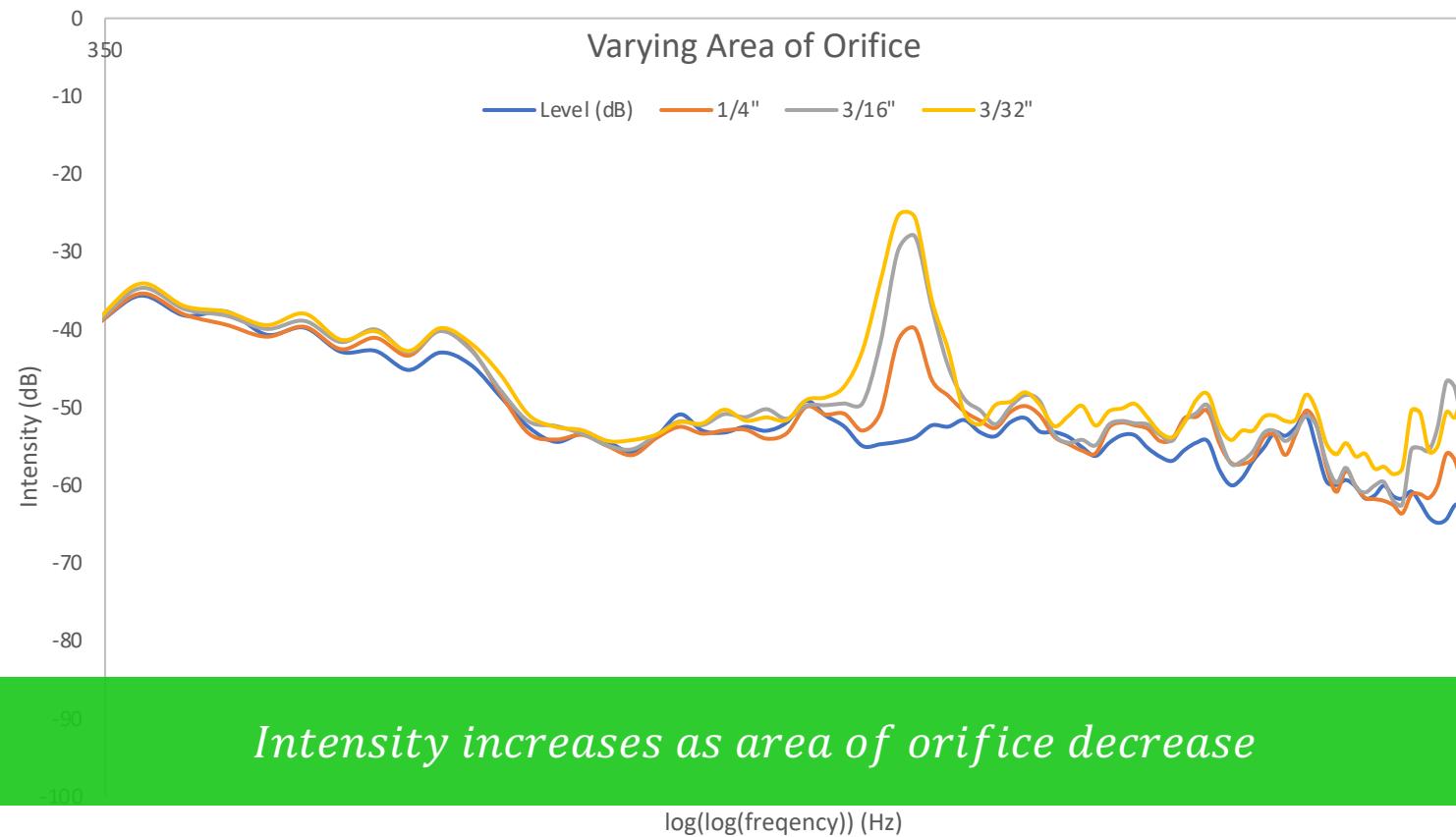
Vary Area of Orifice



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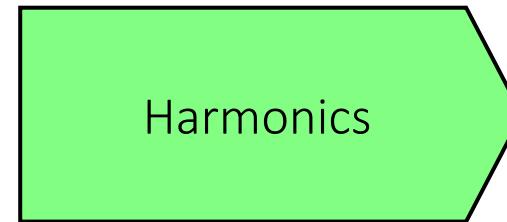
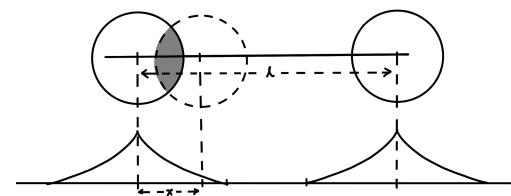
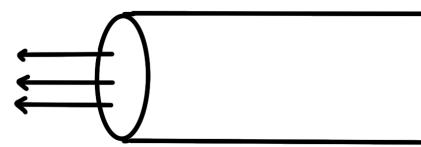
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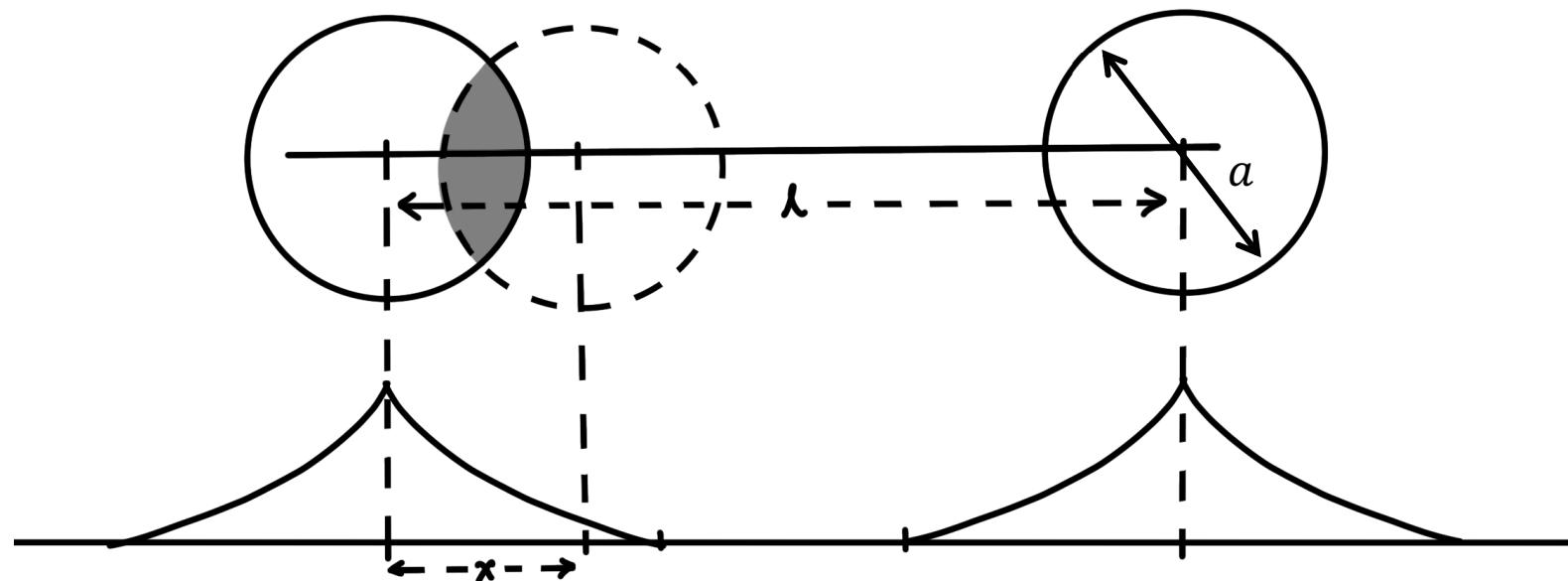


Geometry

l = distance between the center of the adjacent disk holes

x = distance between the center of the pipe and the disk hole

a = diameter of the disk hole



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Frequency

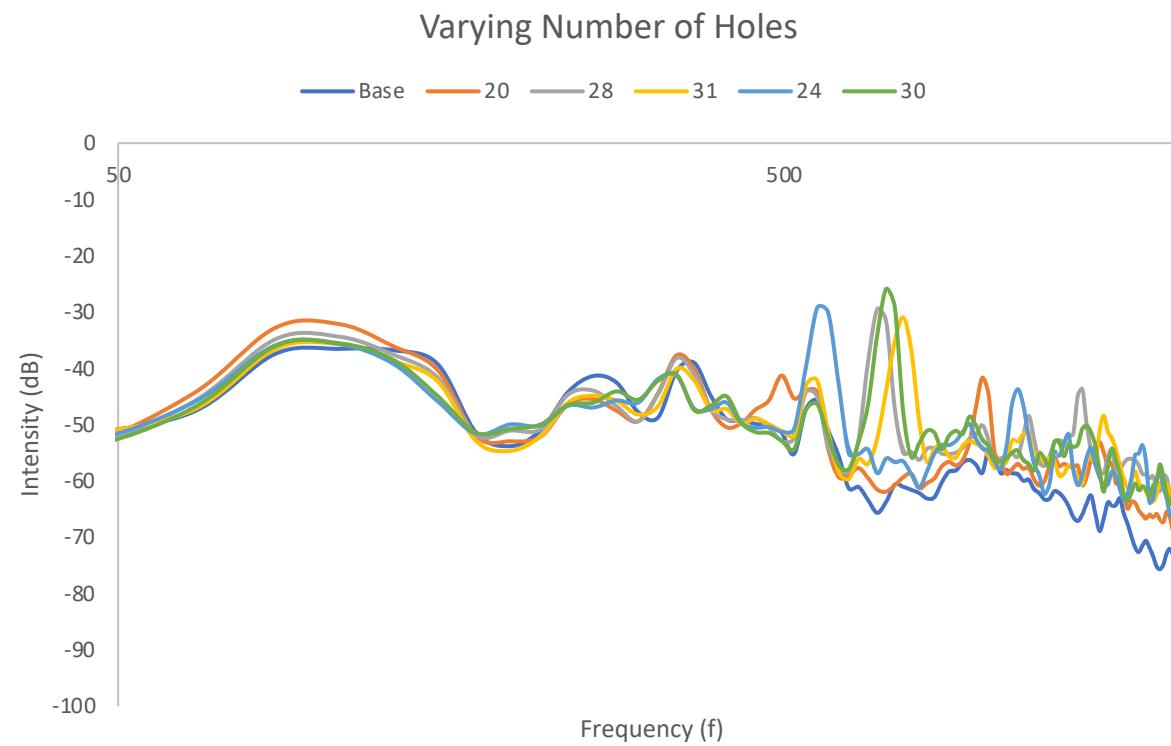
Qualitatively, the rotating disk continuously chops off the steady air flow from the pipe, resulting in the sound of a particular frequency.

The frequency can be calculated as

$$f = \nu \cdot N$$

where ν is the rotational speed of disk

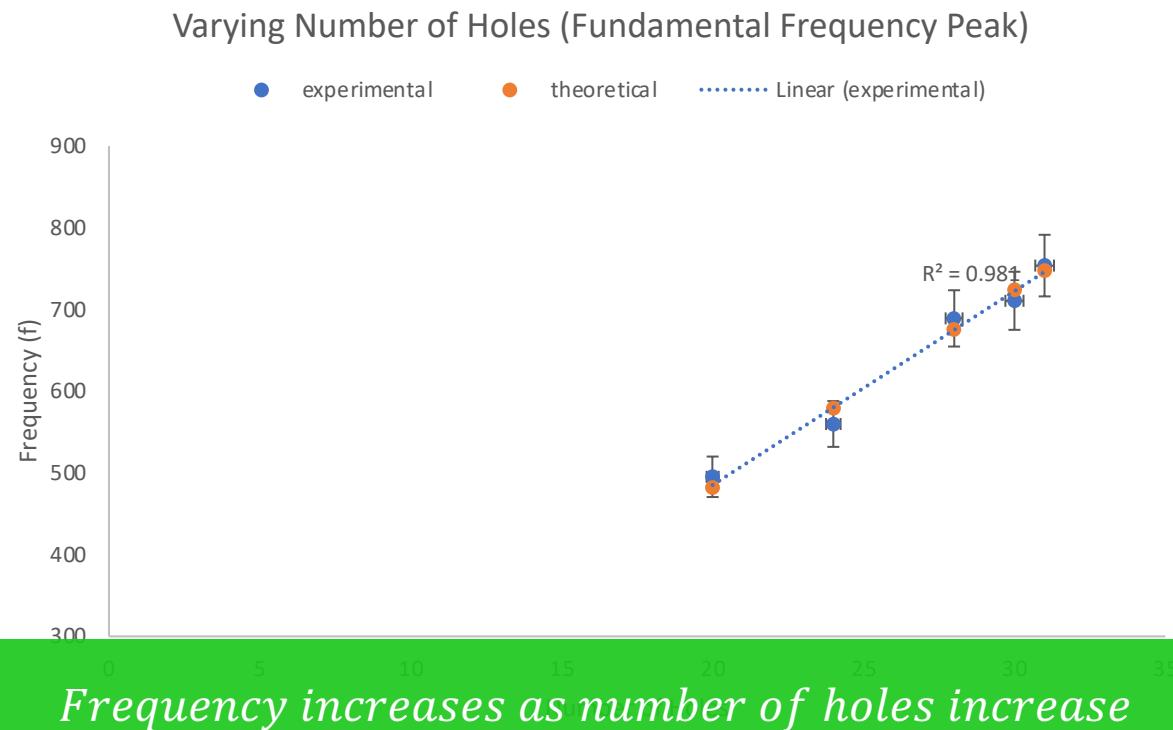
Vary Number of Holes



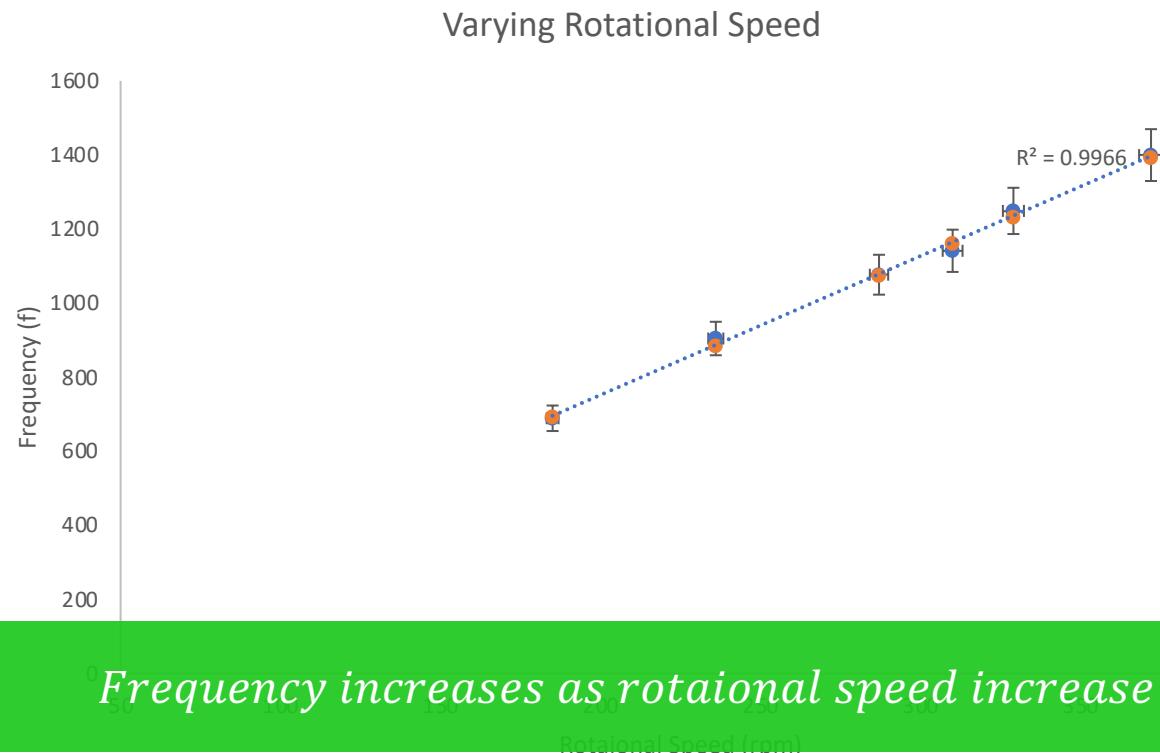
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Vary Number of Holes



Vary Rotational Speed



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Area Overlap ($l \geq 2a$)

Suppose the orifice never covers two holes at the same time,

$$A(x) = A(-x) = A(l - x) \quad [5]$$

$$A(x) = 0, \quad (a \leq x \leq l - a) \quad \text{Suppose } l \geq 2a \quad [5']$$

By expanding equation [5] into a Fourier's cosine series

$$A(x) = \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{2\pi nx}{l} \quad [6]$$

Area Overlap ($l \geq 2a$)

Where coefficients a_n is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l A(x) \cos \frac{2\pi nx}{l} dx \\ &= \frac{4}{l} \int_0^a A(x) \cos \frac{2\pi nx}{l} dx \end{aligned} \quad [7]$$



$$a_n = -\frac{2}{\pi n} \int_0^a \sin \frac{2\pi nx}{l} \frac{dA(x)}{dx} dx \quad \text{for } n \geq 1 \quad [8]$$

Area Overlap ($l \geq 2a$)

$$dA(x) = -2 \left(\frac{1}{4}a^2 - \frac{1}{4}x^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

[9]

Overlapping area between
the orifice and the disk holes

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\pi n} \int_0^a \sin \frac{2\pi nx}{l} (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$= \frac{4a^3}{l} \frac{1}{z} \int_0^1 \sin zt (1 - t^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt \quad [10]$$

where $z = \frac{2\pi na}{l}$ [11]

Area Overlap ($l \geq 2a$)

To resolve for all converging values, z , using Lommel's function

$$S(z) = \frac{1}{z} \int_0^1 \sin zt (1 - t^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt \quad [12]$$

$$S(z) = \frac{\pi}{8} \sum_0^{\infty} \frac{(-)^n \left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)^{2n}}{\Gamma\left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(n + \frac{5}{2}\right)}; \quad [13]$$

$$S(z) = \frac{1}{1^2 \cdot 3} - \frac{z^2}{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5} + \frac{z^4}{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7} \quad [14]$$

Area Overlap ($\frac{1}{2}l \leq a \leq l$)

Suppose the orifice sometimes covers two holes at the same time,

$$A(x), \quad (0 \leq x \leq l - a)$$

$$A(x) + A(l - x), \quad \left(l - a \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}l \right);$$

Coefficients a_n now defines as

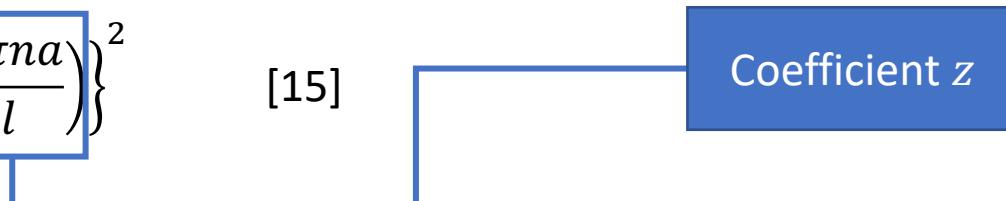
$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{4}{l} \left(\int_0^{l-a} A(x) + \int_{l-a}^{\frac{1}{2}l} \{A(x) + A(l-x)\} \cos \frac{2\pi nx}{l} dx \right) \\ &= \frac{4}{l} \int_0^a A(x) \cos \frac{2\pi nx}{l} dx \end{aligned} \quad [13]$$

Intensity of Harmonics

Since equation [7] and equation [13] are the same,

$$\frac{4a^3}{l} \left[\frac{1}{6} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S \left(\frac{2\pi n a}{l} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi n x}{l} \right], \quad [14]$$

The intensities of harmonics is

$$I_n \propto \left\{ n S \left(\frac{2\pi n a}{l} \right) \right\}^2 \quad [15]$$


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Intensity of Fundamental

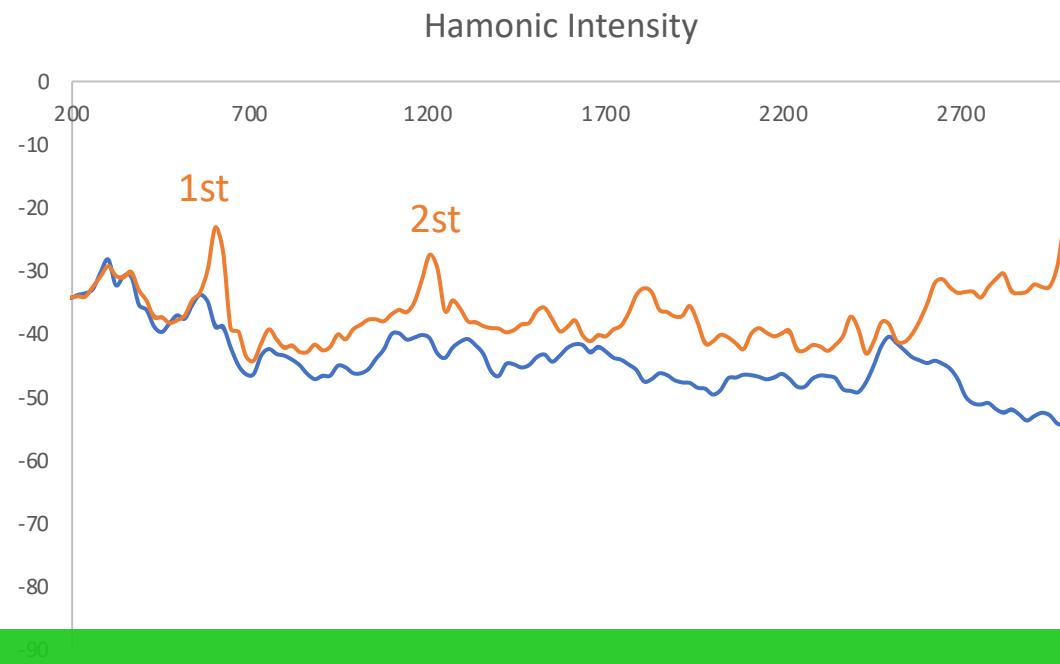
Based on equation [15],

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{l}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{8\pi a^3}{L^2} \right)^2 \sum_1^{\infty} n^2 \left[S \left(\frac{2\pi n a}{l} \right) \right]^2 &= \int_0^l \left(\frac{dA(x)}{dx} \right)^2 dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^a (a^2 - x^2) dx = 4a^3/3 \end{aligned} \quad [16]$$

Thus the intensity in the fundamental can be expressed as

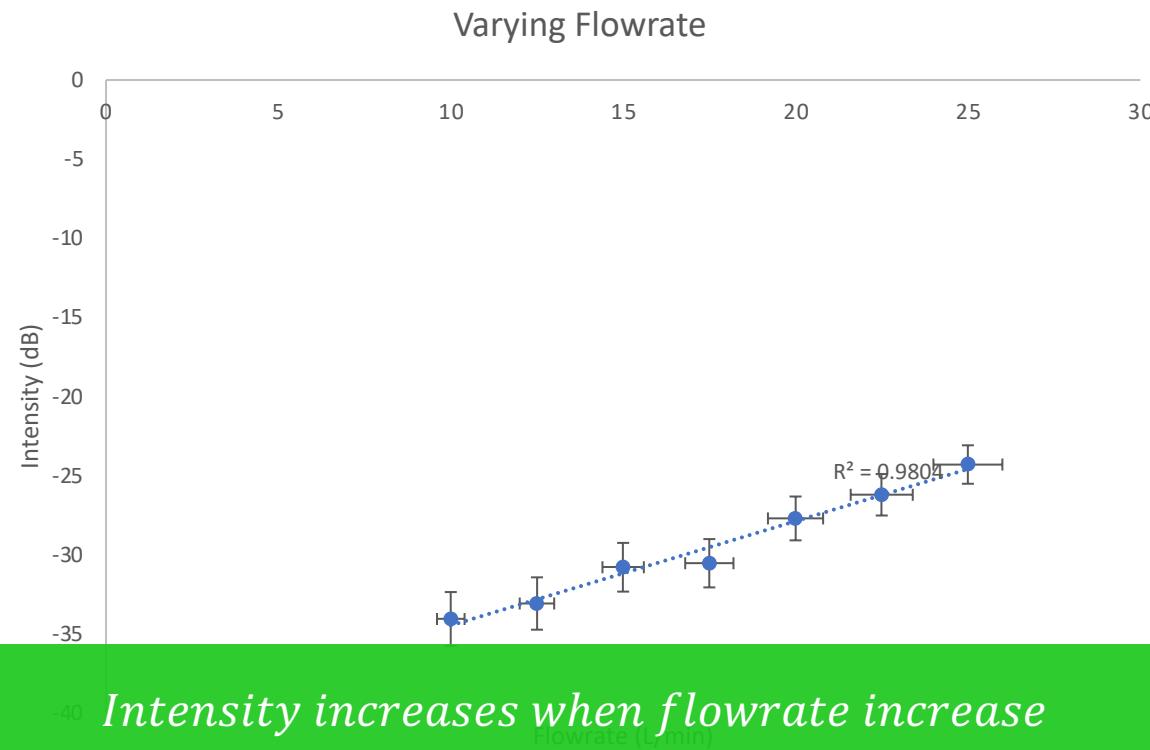
$$\frac{[S(y)]^2}{\sum_1^{\infty} [nS(ny)]^2} = \frac{3y^3}{\pi} [S(y)]^2 \quad \text{where } y = \frac{2\pi a}{l} \quad [17]$$

Harmonic Intensity



Concentrated energy decreases for each harmonics

Varying Flowrate



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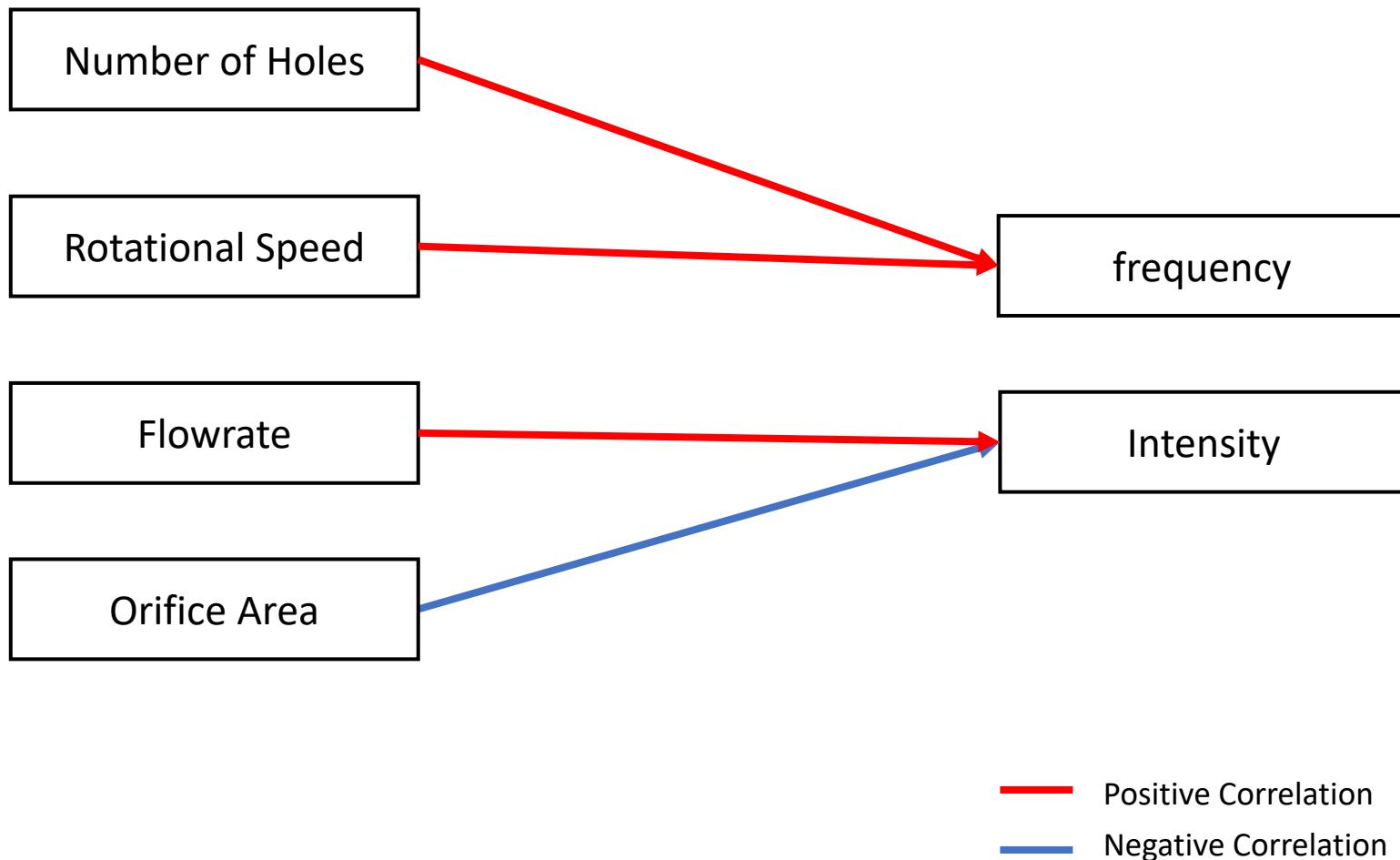
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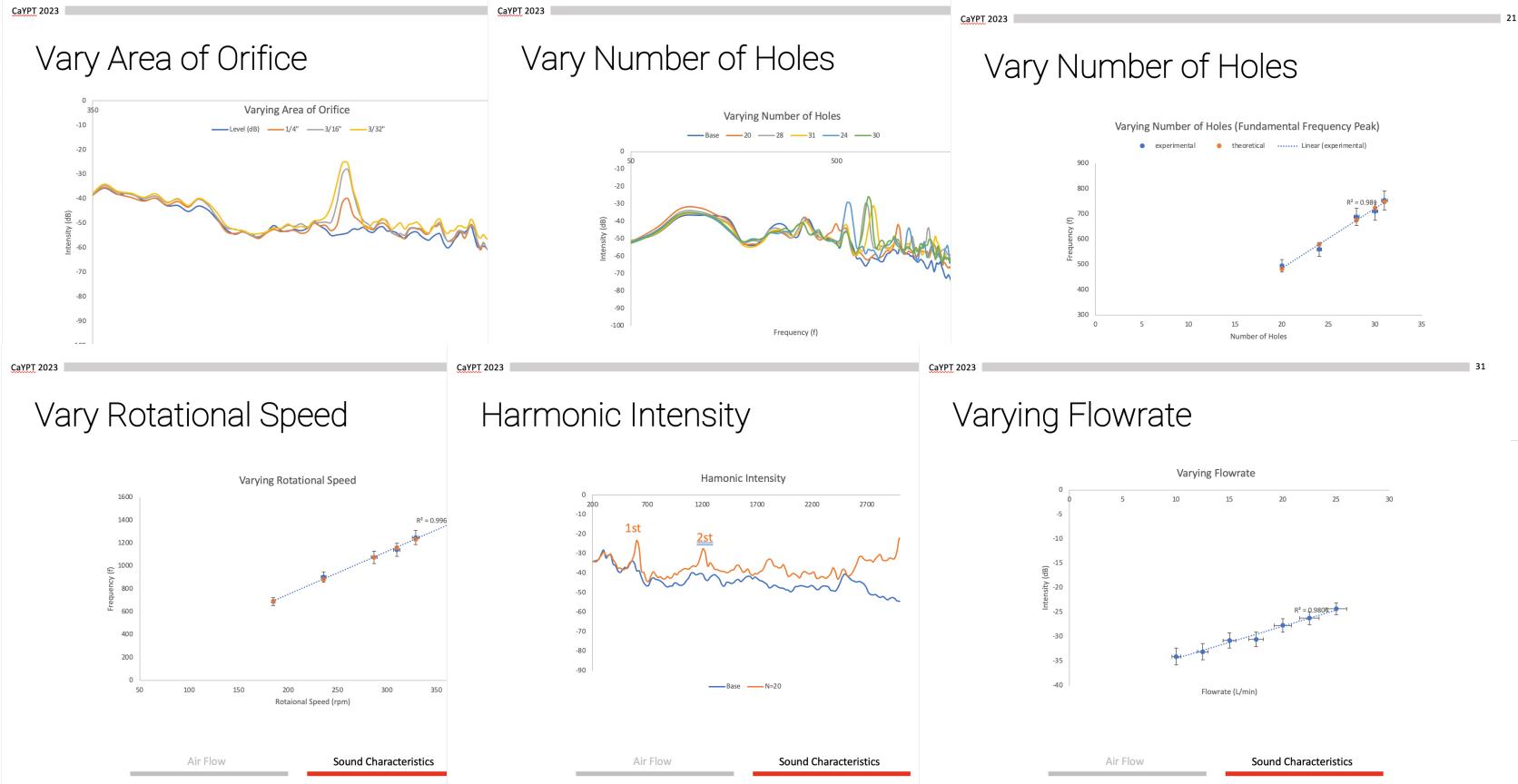


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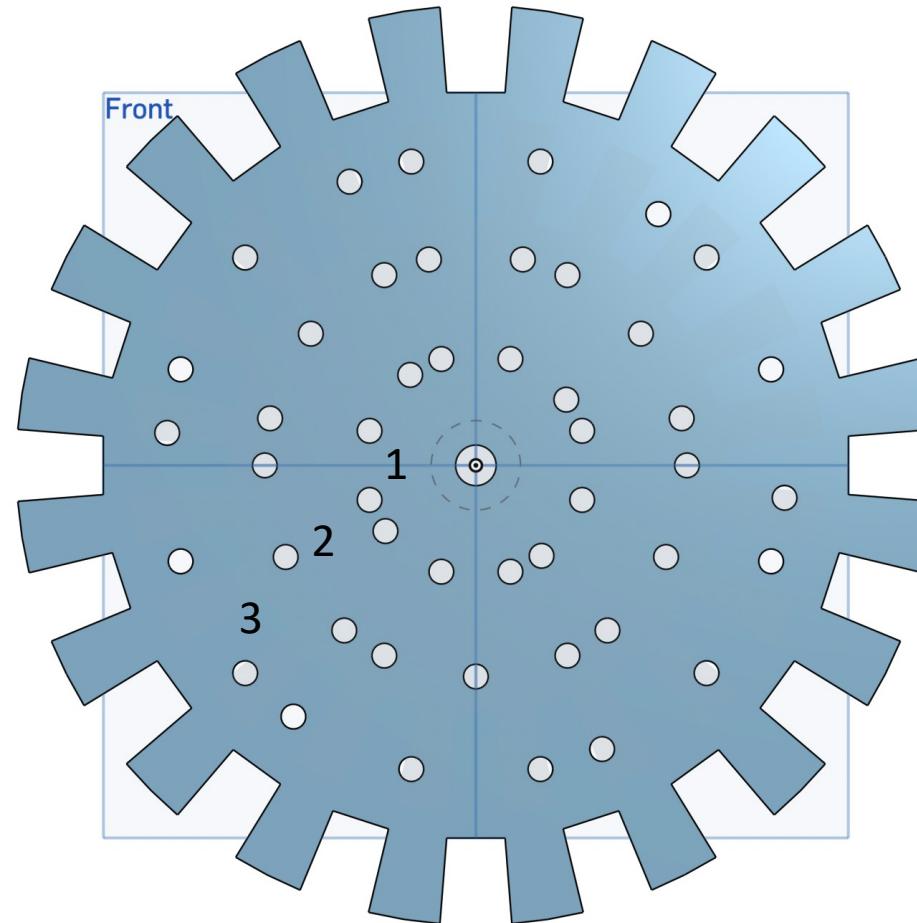
"When a drop of a water mixture (e.g. water-alcohol) is deposited on the surface of a hydrophobic liquid (e.g. vegetable oil), the resulting drop may sometimes fragment into smaller droplets. Investigate the parameters that affect the fragmentation and the size of the final droplets."

Number of Holes and **Rotational Speed** are the **most relevant** parameters to the intensity of the produced sound, while other parameters like **Flowrate** and **Orifice Area** have an impact as well. **Sound** occurs through the **chop** of air flow through the **rotating holes**, and a decrease in **intensity** is resulted from **loss of concentrated energy** for harmonics.

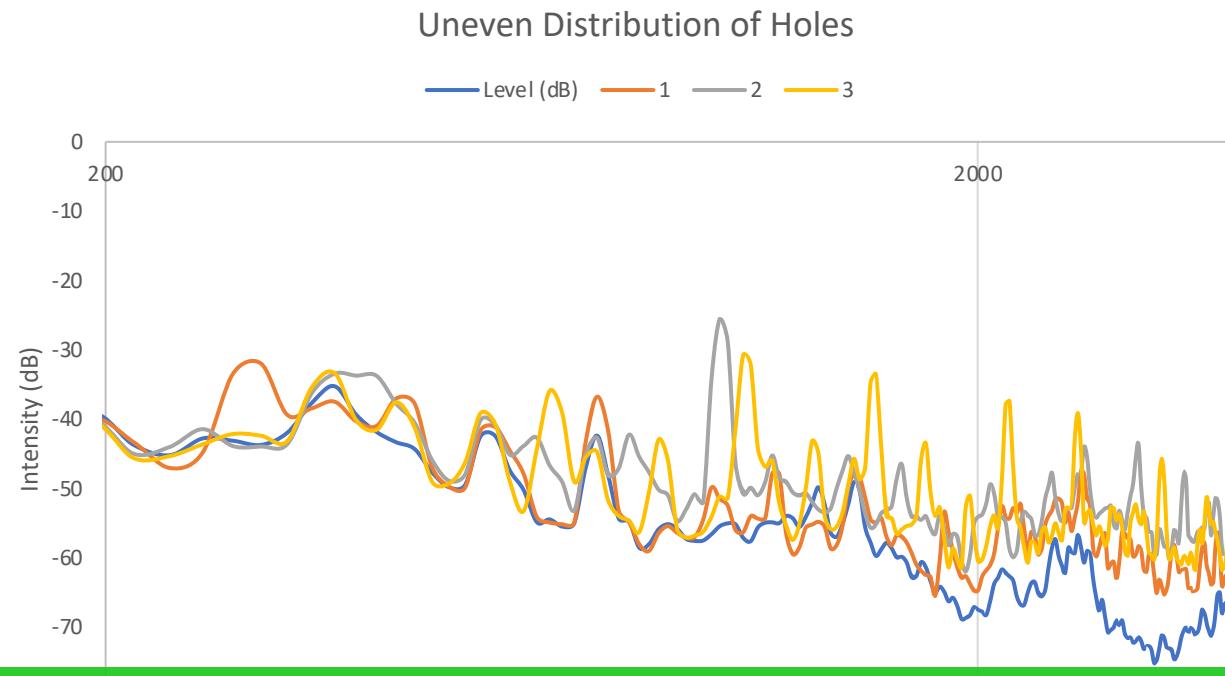
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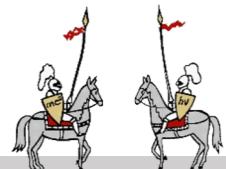
Multiple frequency (fundamental + harmonic) observed

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