

# Urban Physics

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# Urban Acoustics

Week 3

Sources of sound

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# Sources of sound in the urban environment

- Transportation sources
  - Road traffic
  - Railway traffic
  - Aircraft
- Industrial and construction type of sources
  - Wind turbines
  - Industrial activity
  - Shipping ports
  - Construction sites



# Sources of sound in the urban environment

TABLE 6.1 Estimated Percentage of Highly Annoyed for Different Noise Sources

$L_{den}$ [dB(A)]	Percentage of Highly Annoyed				
	Road (%)	Rail (%)	Aircraft (%)	Industry (%)	Wind turbine (%)
55	6	4	27	5	26
50	4	2	18	3	13
45	1	0	12	1	6

Murphy, E., & King, E. (2014). *Environmental noise pollution: Noise mapping, public health, and policy*. Newnes.

# Basic noise prediction equation

$$L_p = E - A_{tot} + C$$

$L_p$  Sound pressure level at a receiver point

$E$  Source power term ( $= L_w$  in week 1)

$A_{tot}$  Attenuation term (total amount of sound attenuation occurring between source and receiver: includes ground attenuation, atmospheric attenuation, attenuation through geometric divergence and attenuation by diffraction around noise barriers)

$C$  Correction term: e.g. reflections from a facade, different road surfaces or train track types

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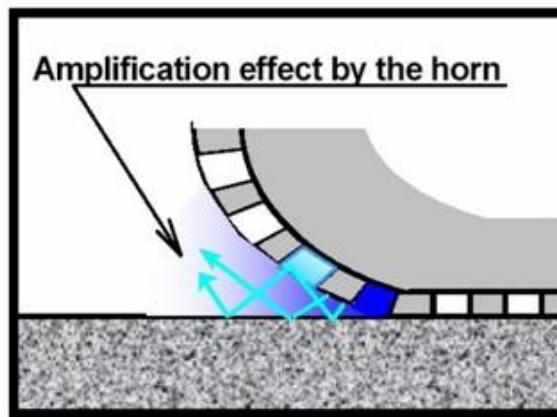
- $E$       Source power term ( $= L_w$  in week 1) dependent on:
- Source type
  - Frequency
  - Angle to source (directivity)
  - Height of source above ground

# Road traffic: source mechanisms

- Most dominant source of environmental noise
- Rolling noise. Influencing aspects
  - Impact from tyre to road
  - Aerodynamic noise
  - Vibrations of the tyre tread
  - 'stick-slip' friction between the tyre and the road



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Horn effect



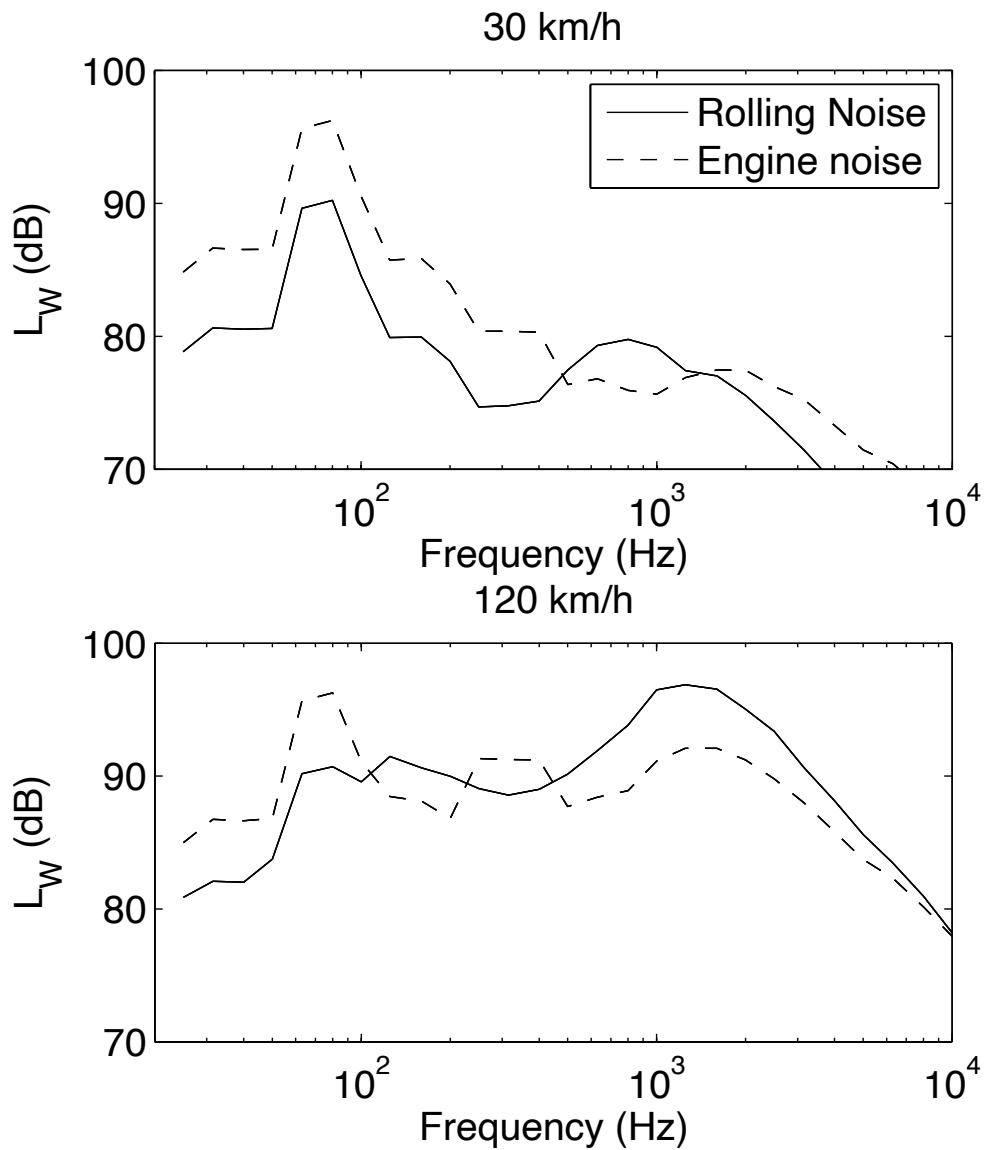
<https://www.tut.fi>

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- Engine noise. Subsources
  - Combustion engine
  - Aerodynamic noise (in pipe system)

# Road traffic: source mechanisms

- Spectra for lightweight vehicles
- Low frequency noise: engine
- High frequency noise: tyre-road noise



Calculation according to HARMONOISE source model

# Rail traffic noise: source mechanisms

Second Most dominant source of environmental noise

- Rolling noise

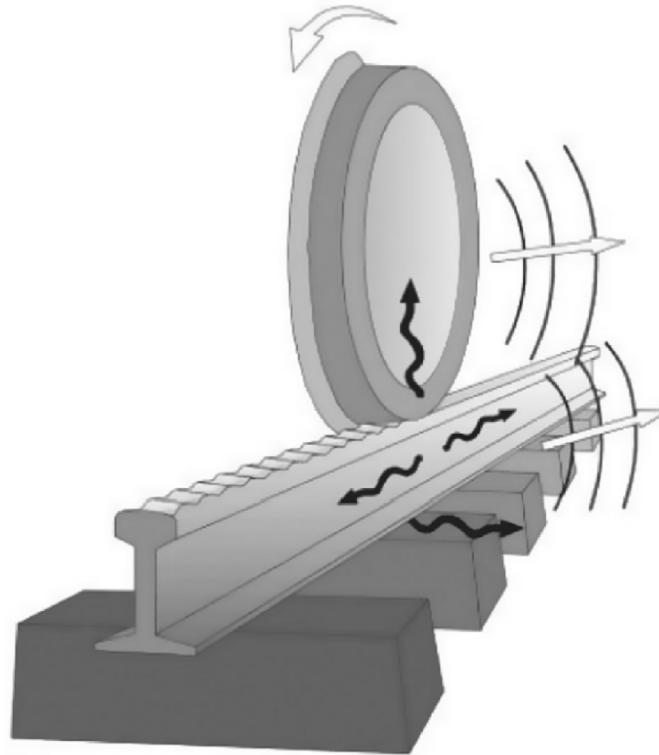
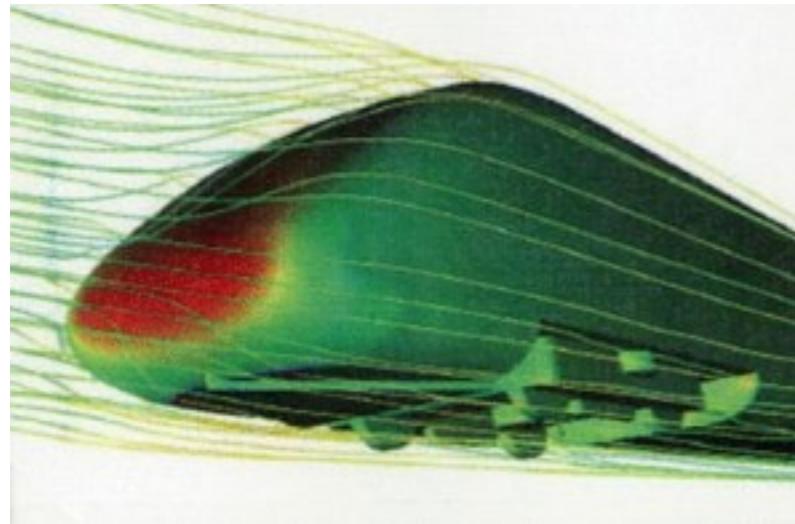


FIGURE 5.7 The mechanisms behind the generation of rolling noise.

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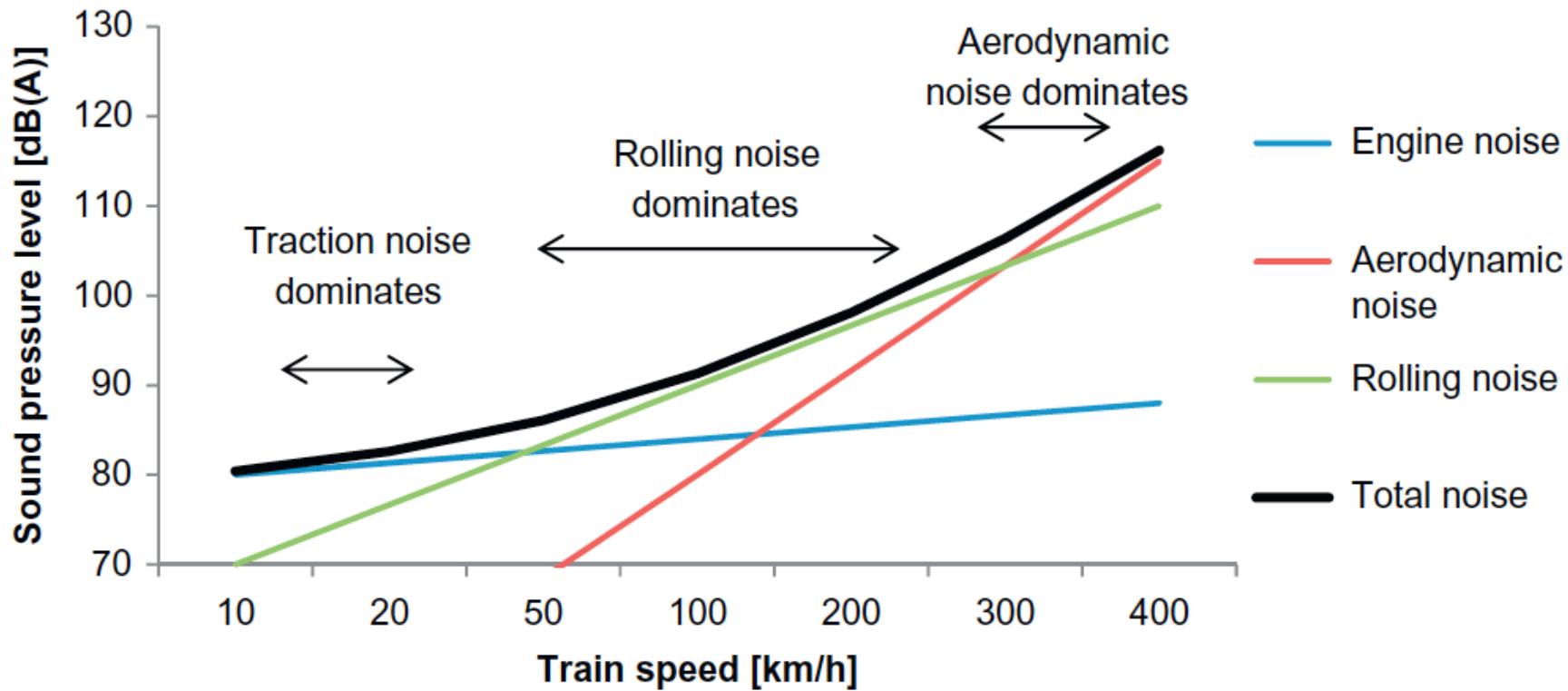
# Rail traffic noise: source mechanisms

- Engine noise
  - Exhaust noise
  - Noise from fans and cooling system
  - Engine and transmission vibrations
- Aerodynamic noise
  - Flow induced noise



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# Rail traffic noise



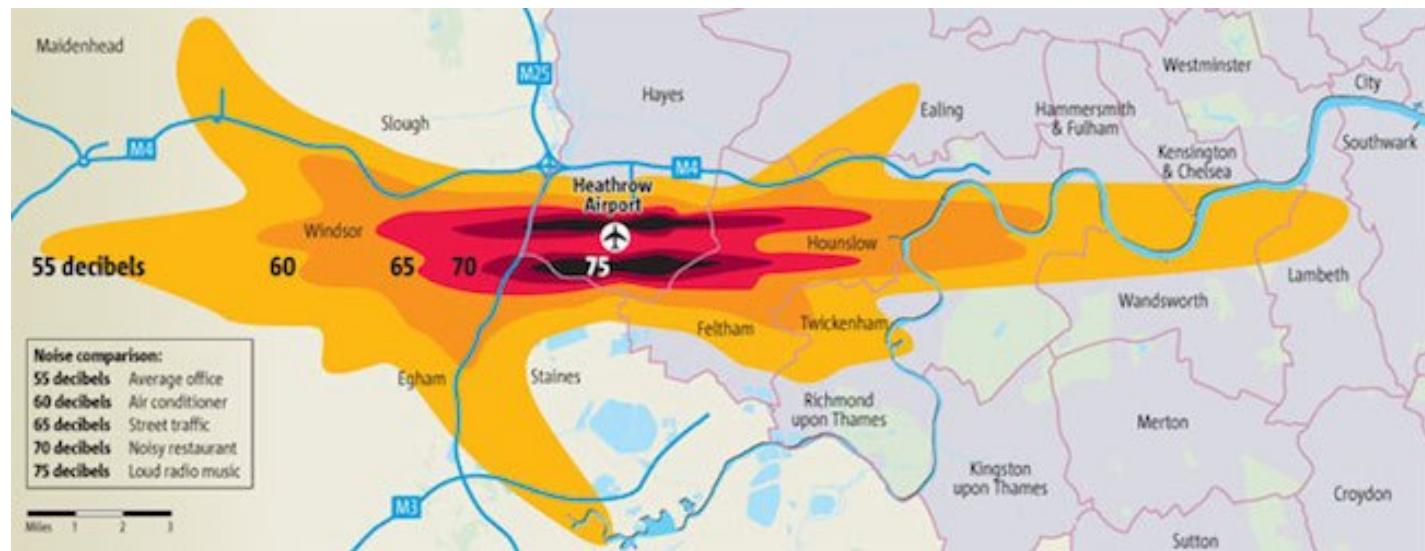
**FIGURE 5.6** Approximate Relationship of different railway noise source mechanisms with speed. *Adapted from de Vos (2012).*

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# Aircraft noise

- Aircraft noise affects a much smaller proportion of the population compared to road and traffic noise
- However, aircraft noise has probably received greater attention in the media and among the general public compared to other noise sources. This is most likely because aircraft noise is regarded as the most annoying source of transportation noise.
- Included in END noise maps

<http://webtrak5.bksv.com/lhr4>



# Aircraft noise



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## LELYSTAD AIRPORT OPENING DELAY A BLOW TO SCHIPHOL, BUDGET AIRLINES

By Janene Pieters on February 21, 2018 - 12:00



<https://nltimes.nl/2018/02/21/lelystad-airport-opening-delay-blow-schiphol-budget-airlines>

# Aircraft noise

- Jet engine noise: interaction of the high-velocity exhaust gasses with the relatively still atmosphere through which the aircraft passes; as the gasses mix, the resulting turbulence creates large pressure fluctuations
- Aerodynamic noise sources. Flow induced noise influenced by
  - Nacelles (the cover in which the engine is housed)
  - Wings
  - Landing gear
- Different characteristics for different flight stages



# Wind turbine noise

- Noise maps have not been developed for wind farms in the context of the END
- Noise is often reported as the most annoying aspect of wind farm developments

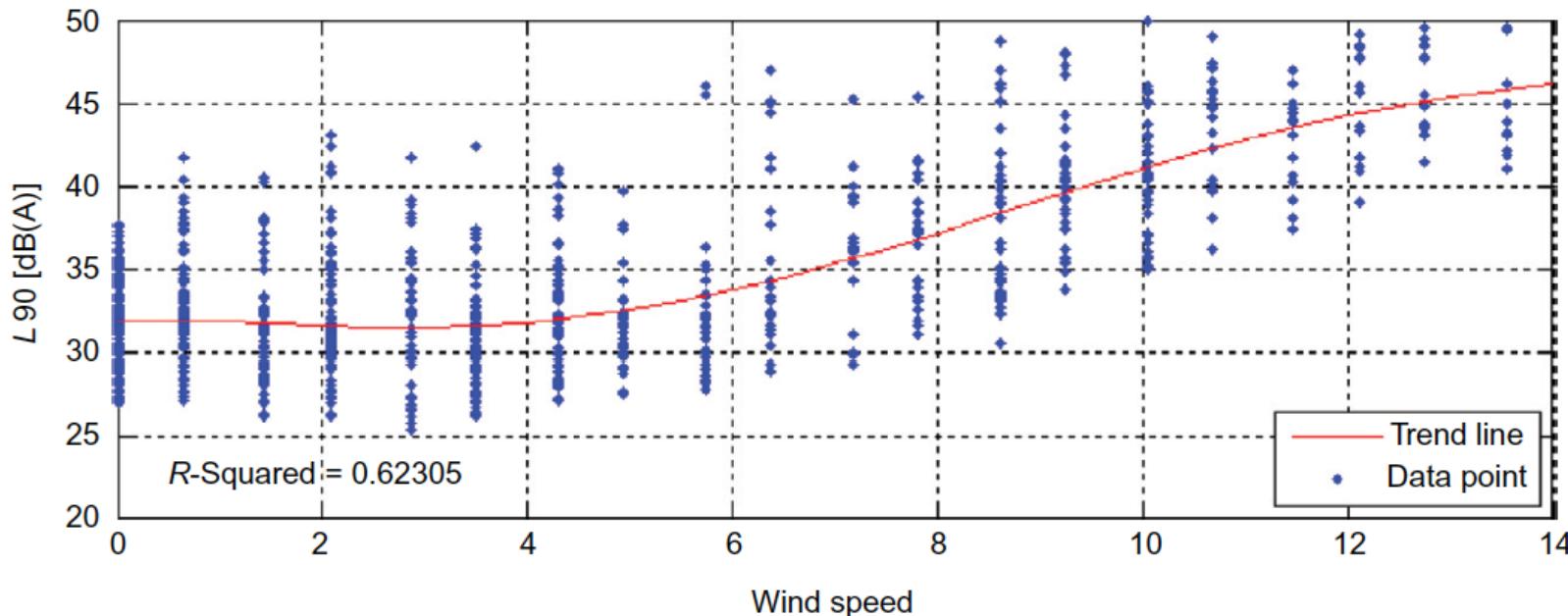


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# Wind turbine noise

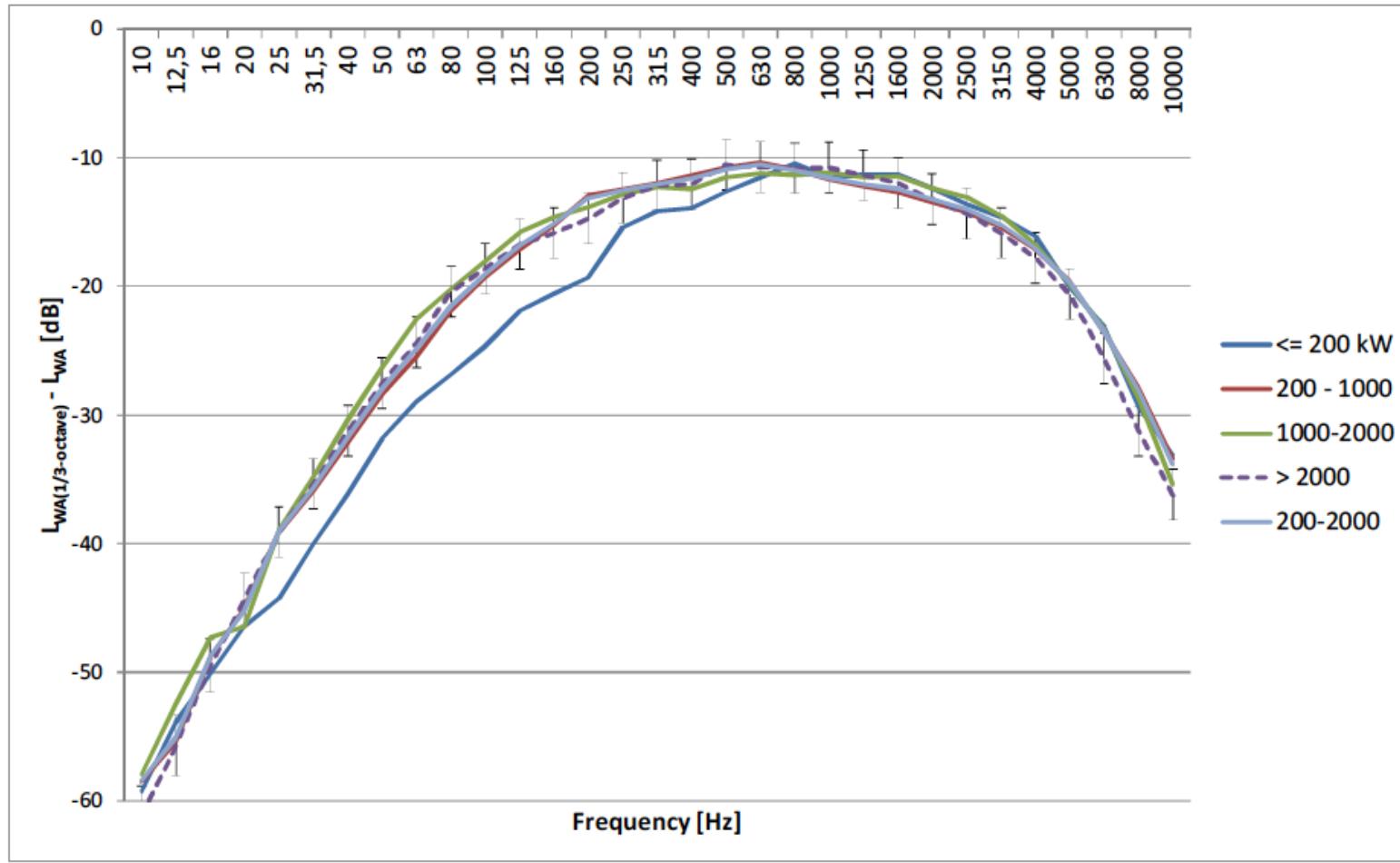
- Sources:
  - Mechanical
  - Aerodynamical

Increase of source power with wind speed



**FIGURE 6.4** Example result from a background noise survey relating the background noise level with wind speed.

# Wind turbine noise



Søndergaard, B. Noise and Low frequency noise from Wind Turbines, InterNoise 2014, Melbourne Australia

# Representing noise sources

Point Source

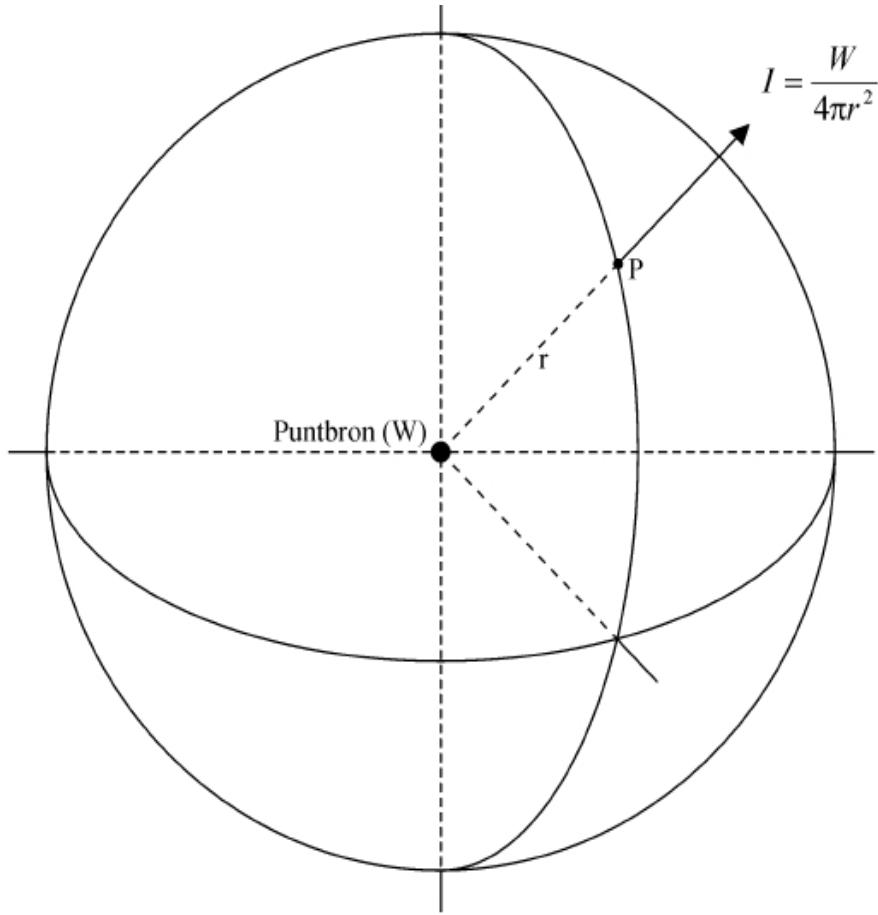


Line Source



Plane Source

# Point source



At distance  $r$  from point source:

Sound pressure  $p$  is constant

Sound intensity  $I$  perpendicular to wave front is constant

Sound power  $P$  is constant for all distances  $r$  from the point source.

# Point source

$$L_p = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{T_{\text{int}}} \int_0^{T_{\text{int}}} p^2(t) dt}{p_{\text{ref}}^2} \right) = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{p_{\text{eff}}^2}{p_{\text{ref}}^2} \right) [\text{dB}]$$

In free field

$$L_p = E - A_{\text{tot}}$$

What is  $A_{\text{tot}}$  for a point source?

-> We should relate  $L_p$  to  $E$ , or the sound pressure  $p$  to the sound power  $P$

# Point source

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Power of source  $P$  [W] can be computed by integrating the acoustic intensity  $I$  [ $\text{W/m}^2$ ] over a sphere

$$P_{\text{eff}} = \int_S (\mathbf{I}_{\text{eff}} \cdot \vec{n}) dS$$

For a point source, this equals to

$$P_{\text{eff}} = I_{\text{eff}} 4\pi r^2$$

Further, we know, at large distance from the source

$$I_{\text{eff}} = \frac{p_{\text{eff}}^2}{\rho c}$$

# Point source

Thus

$$P_{eff} = \frac{p_{eff}^2}{\rho c} 4\pi r^2$$

And the sound pressure level

$$10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{p_{eff}^2}{p_{ref}^2} \right) = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\rho c}{4\pi r^2} \frac{P_{eff}}{p_{ref}^2} \right)$$

$$10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{p_{eff}^2}{p_{ref}^2} \right) = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\rho c P_{eff}}{p_{ref}^2} \right) - 10 \log_{10} (4\pi r^2)$$

$$L_p = E - 10 \log_{10} (4\pi r^2)$$

-> 6 dB per distance doubling  
(since surface of sphere increases quadratically with distance r)

# Line source



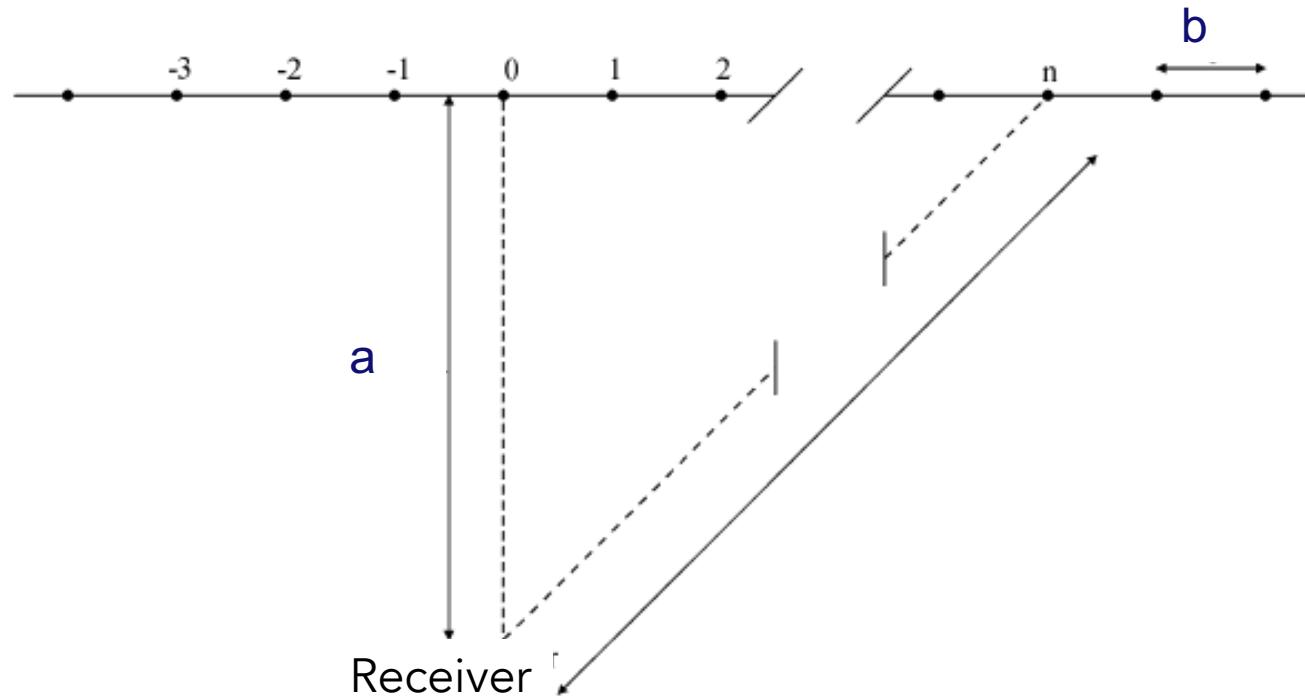
$$P_{eff} = I_{eff} 2\pi r$$

$$L_p = E - 10 \log_{10} (2\pi r)$$

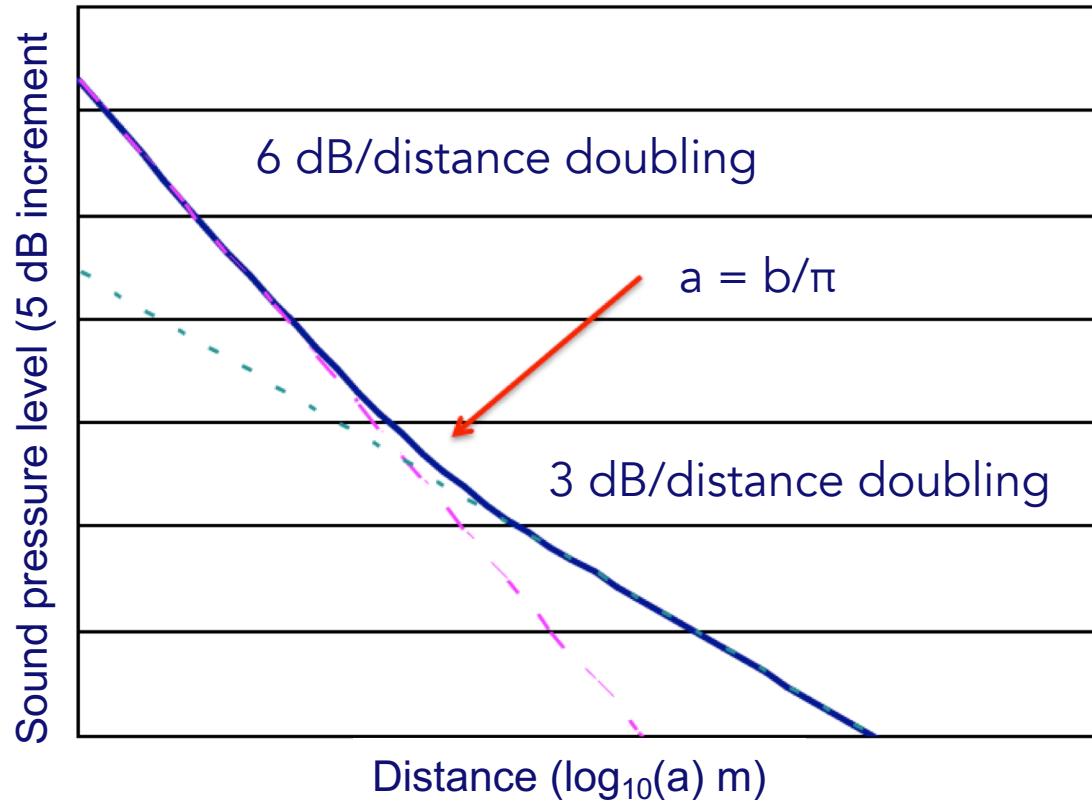
-> 3 dB per distance doubling

# Line source

Row of point sources



# Line source



# Plane source

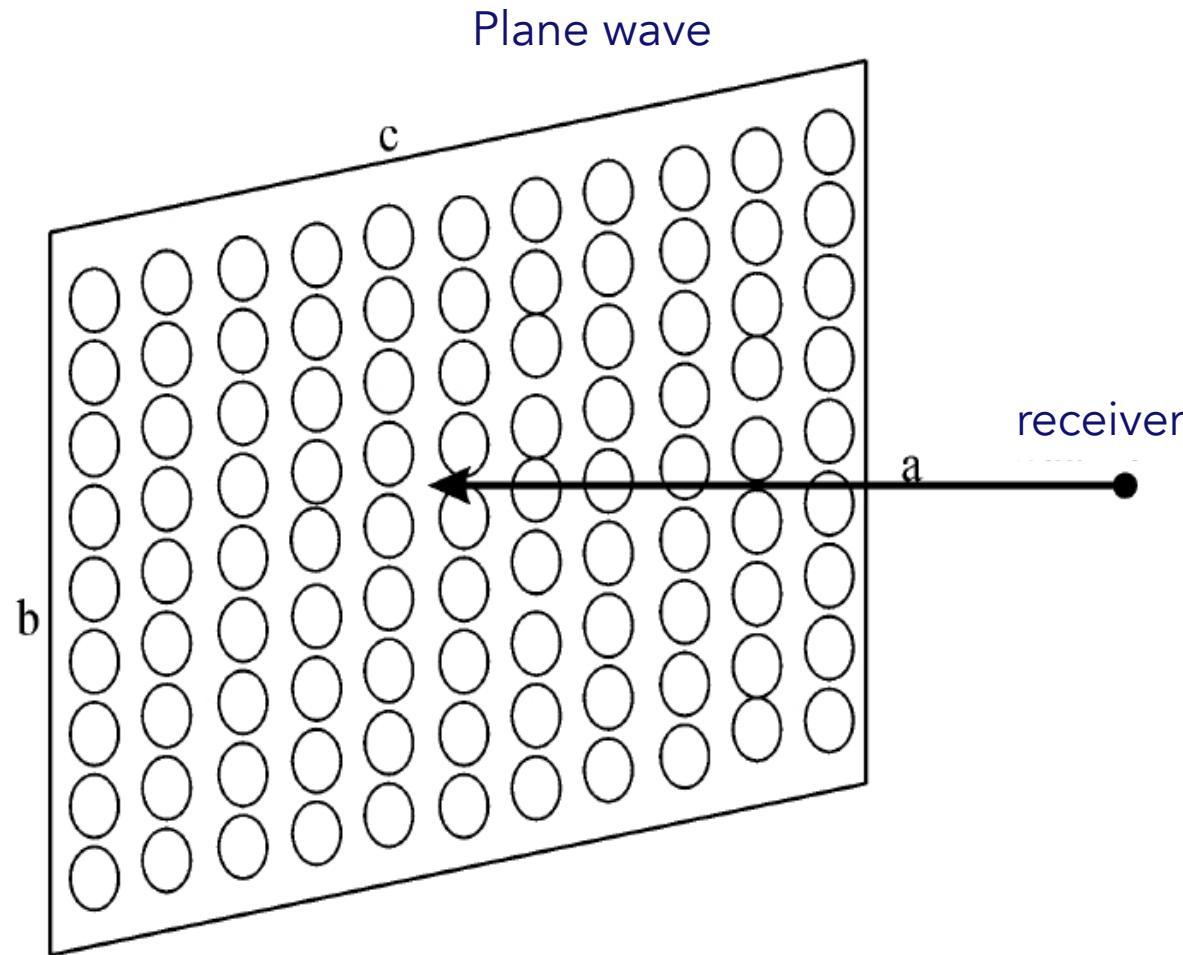


$$P_{eff} = I_{eff} S_{plane}$$

-> 0 dB per distance doubling

$$L_p = E - 10 \log_{10} (S_{plane})$$

# Finite sized – plane source



# Finite sized – plane source

