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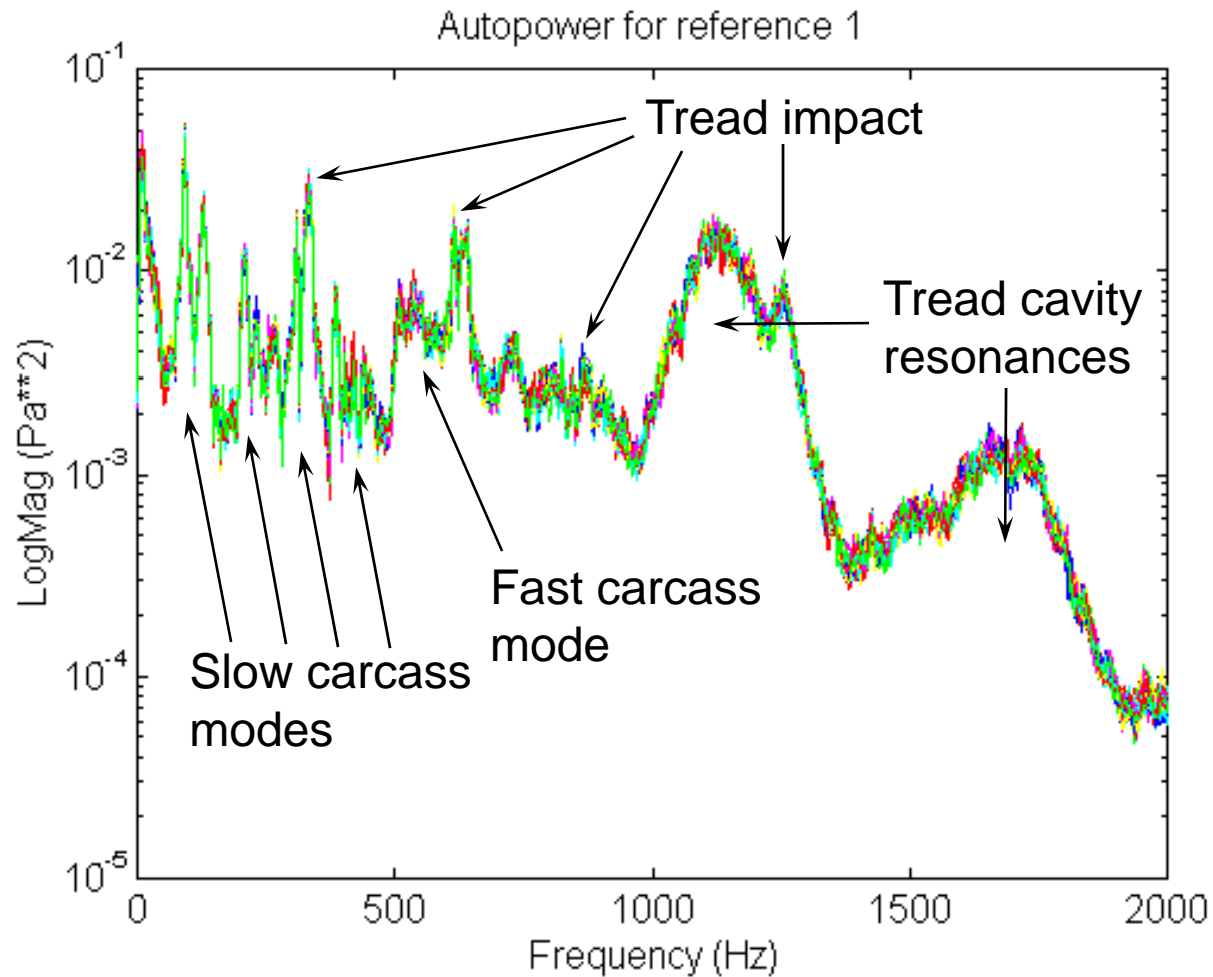
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# TIRE NOISE SOURCE MECHANISMS



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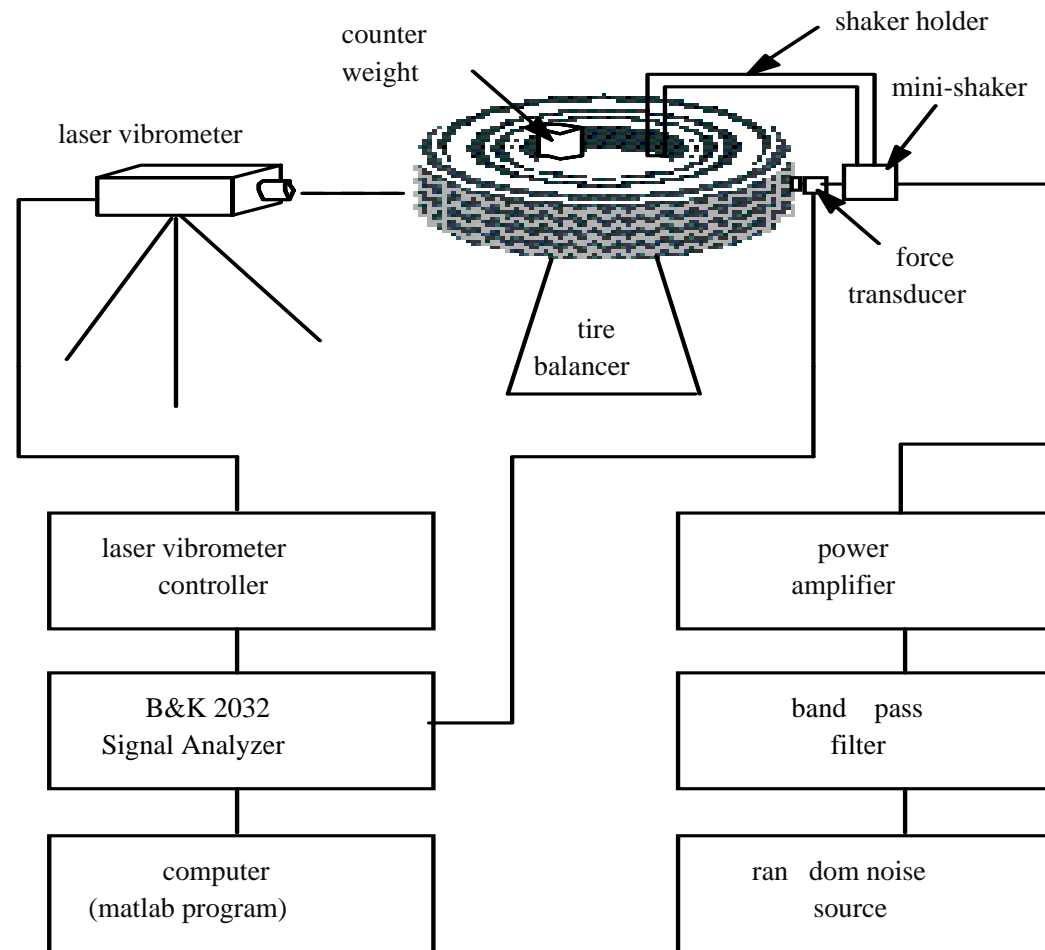
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# OBJECTIVE

- Experimental measurement of wave propagation in tires
- Characterize tire vibration as wave process
- Identification of origin of structure-borne road noise



# EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

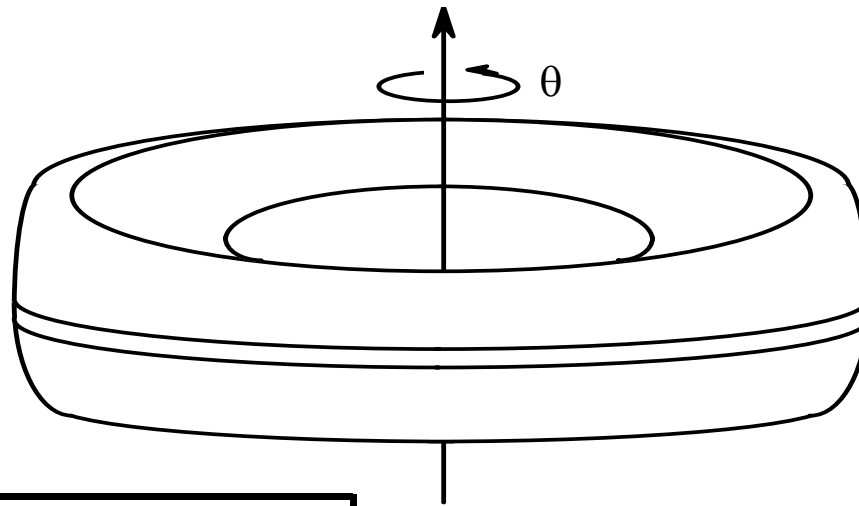


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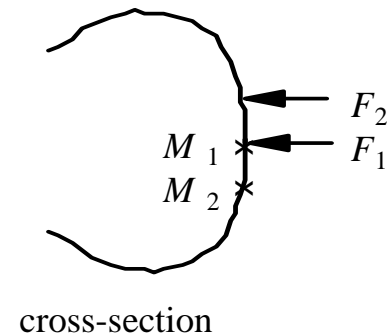


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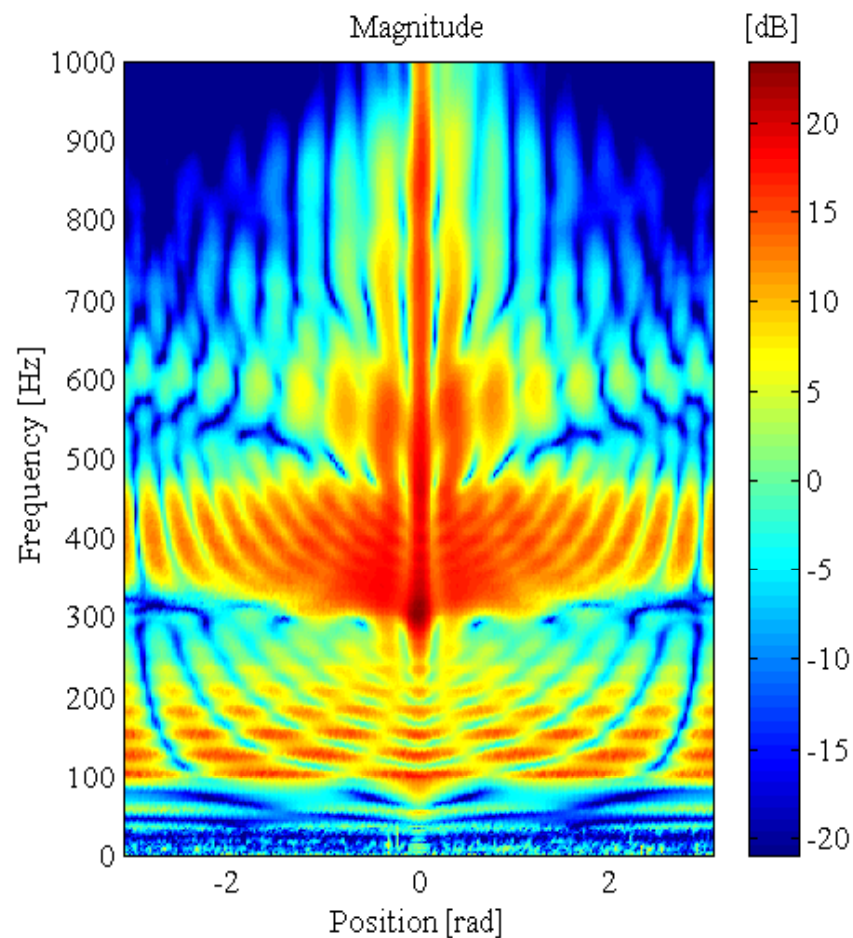
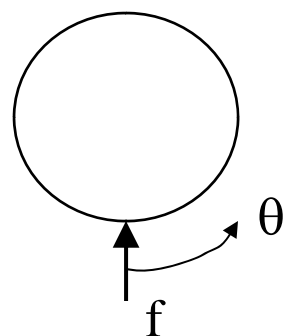
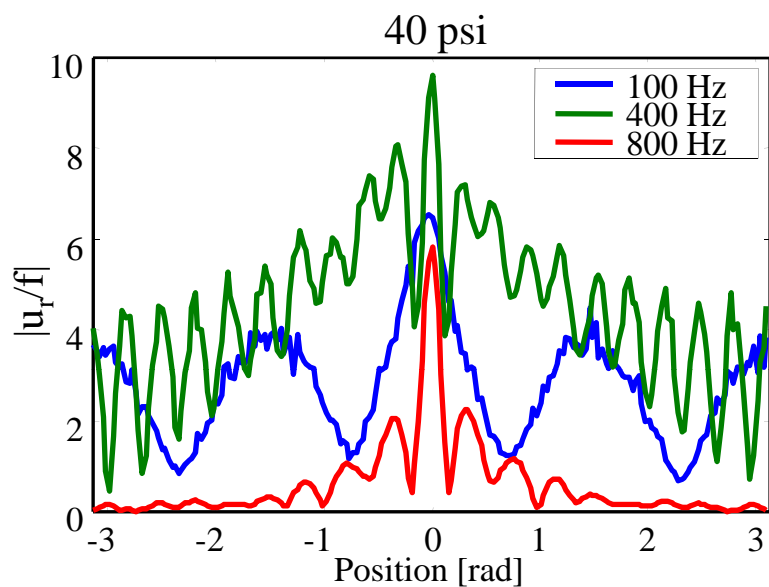
# TIRE GEOMETRY



Firestone P215/70R 14 M+S  
Inflation: 20 psi and 40 psi  
Internal Gas: Air  
                  CO<sub>2</sub>  
                  He



# RADIAL TREADBAND VELOCITY

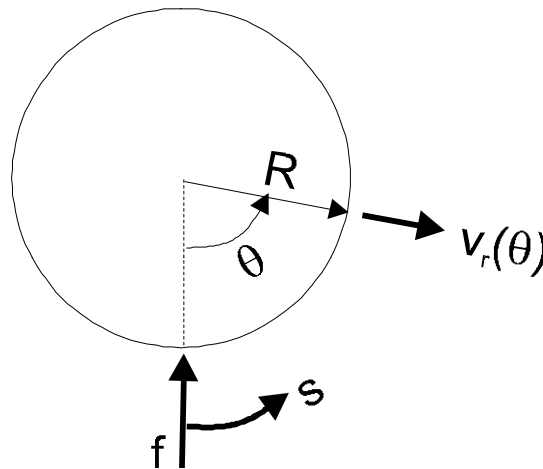


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# CIRCUMFERENTIAL WAVE NUMBER DECOMPOSITION



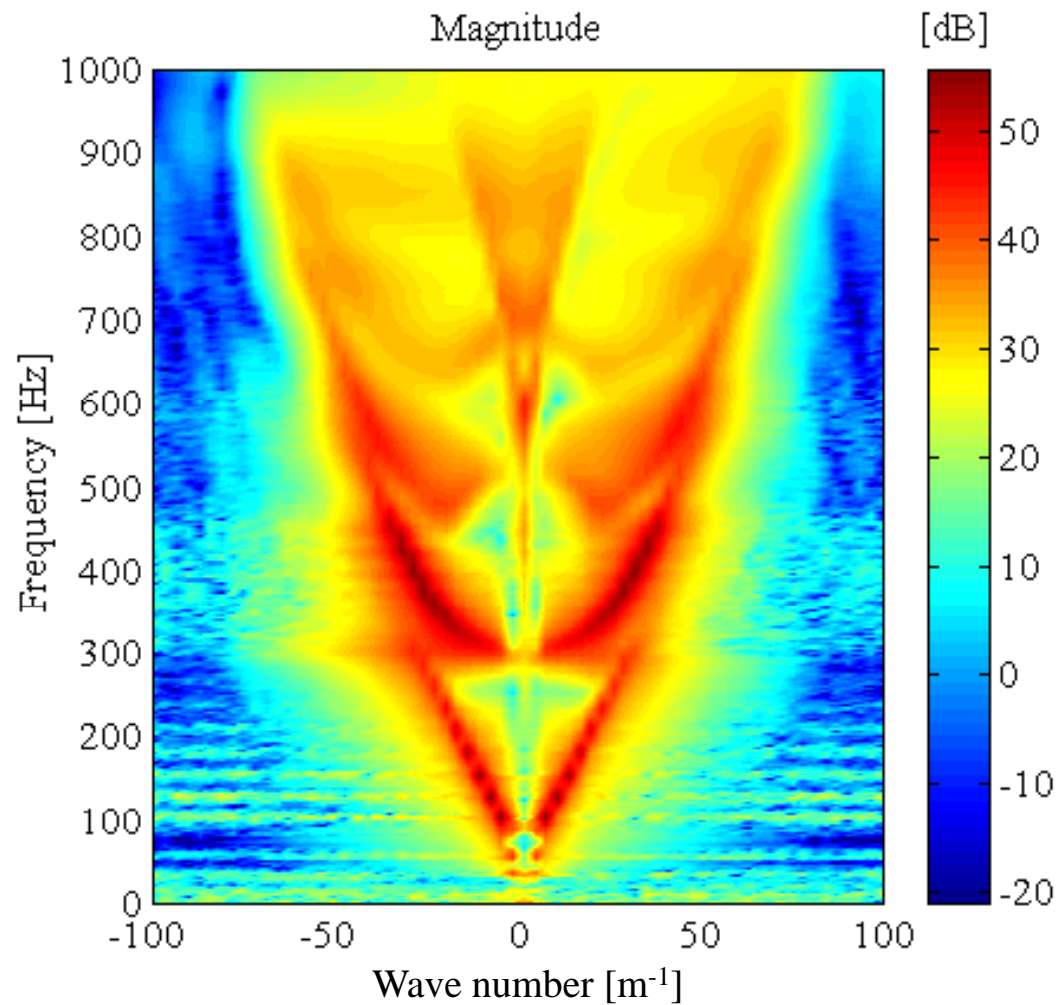
- At each frequency, represent radial velocity as

$$v_r(\theta) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n e^{-in\theta} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n e^{-ik_{\theta n} s} \quad \text{where} \quad k_{\theta n} = \frac{2n}{R}$$

- Each component,  $a_n e^{-ik_{\theta n} s}$  represents a circumferentially propagating disturbance



# WAVE NUMBER SPECTRUM



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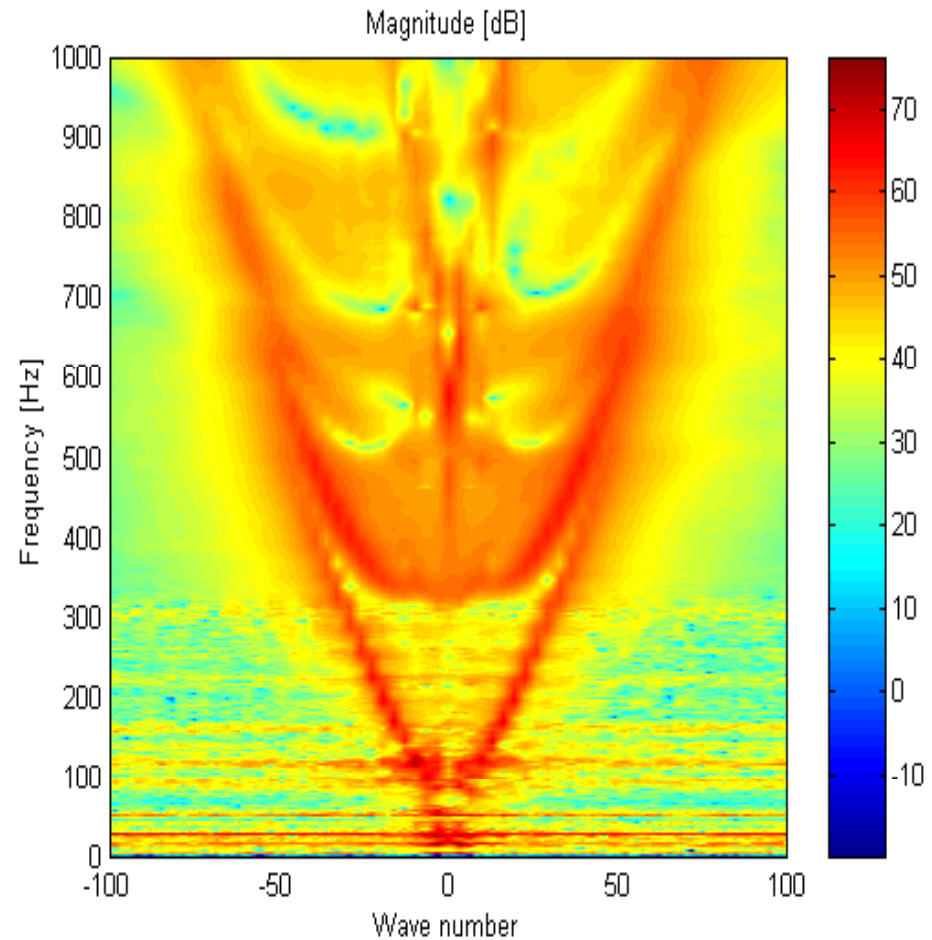


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# RESULT FOR SLICK TIRE

Tire size: 205/70R14

Inflation pressure: 30 psi

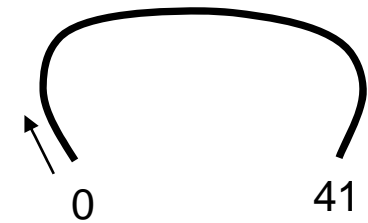
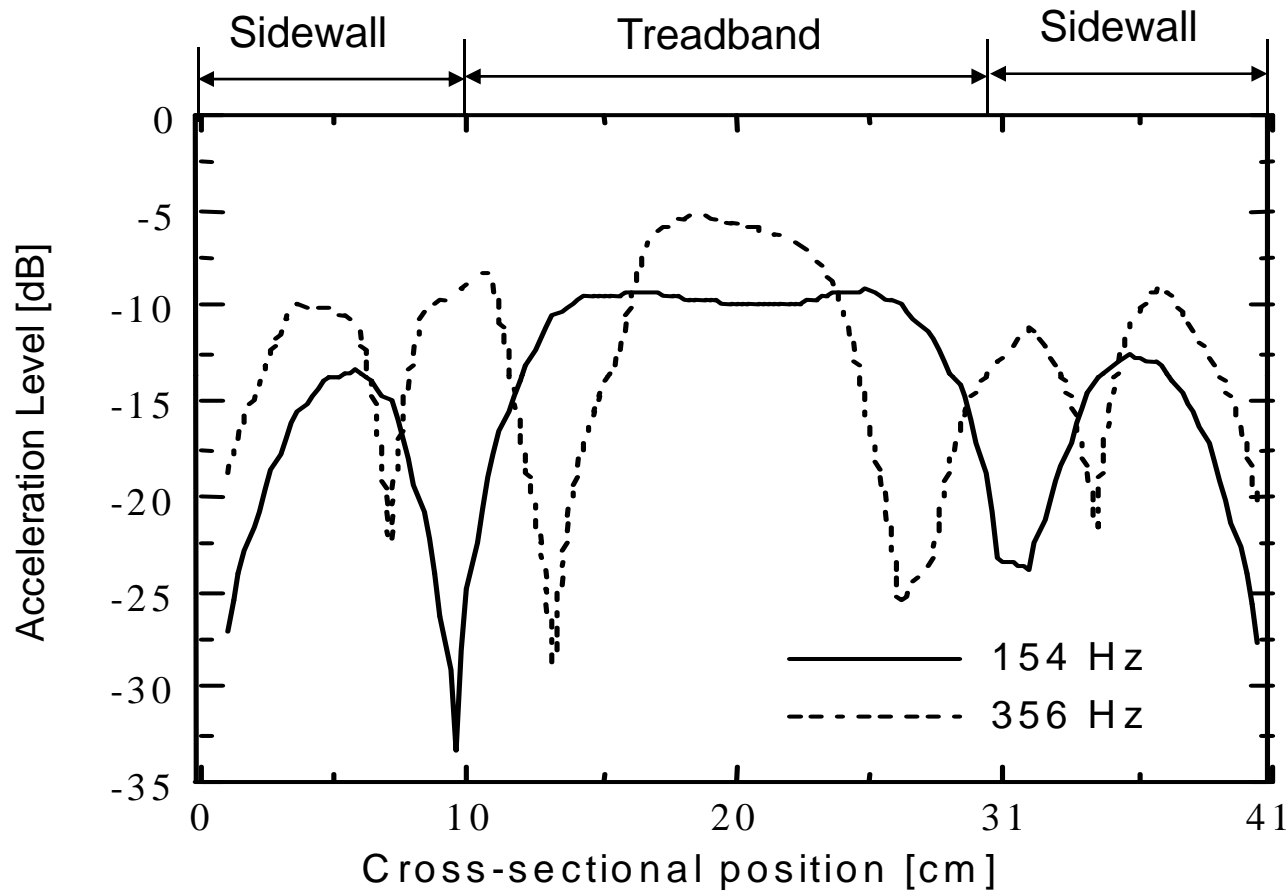


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# RADIAL ACCELERATION LEVEL



154 Hz:  $m=3$

356 Hz:  $m=5$

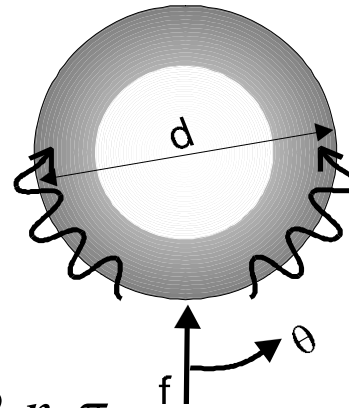
40 psi inflation pressure

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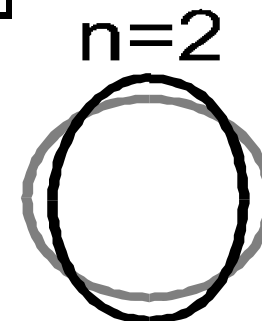
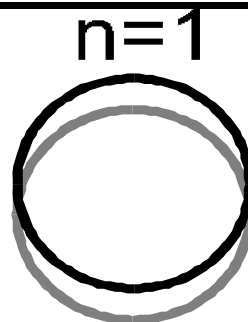
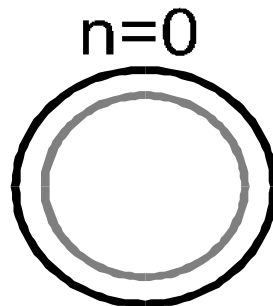
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# CREATION OF CIRCUMFERENTIAL MODES



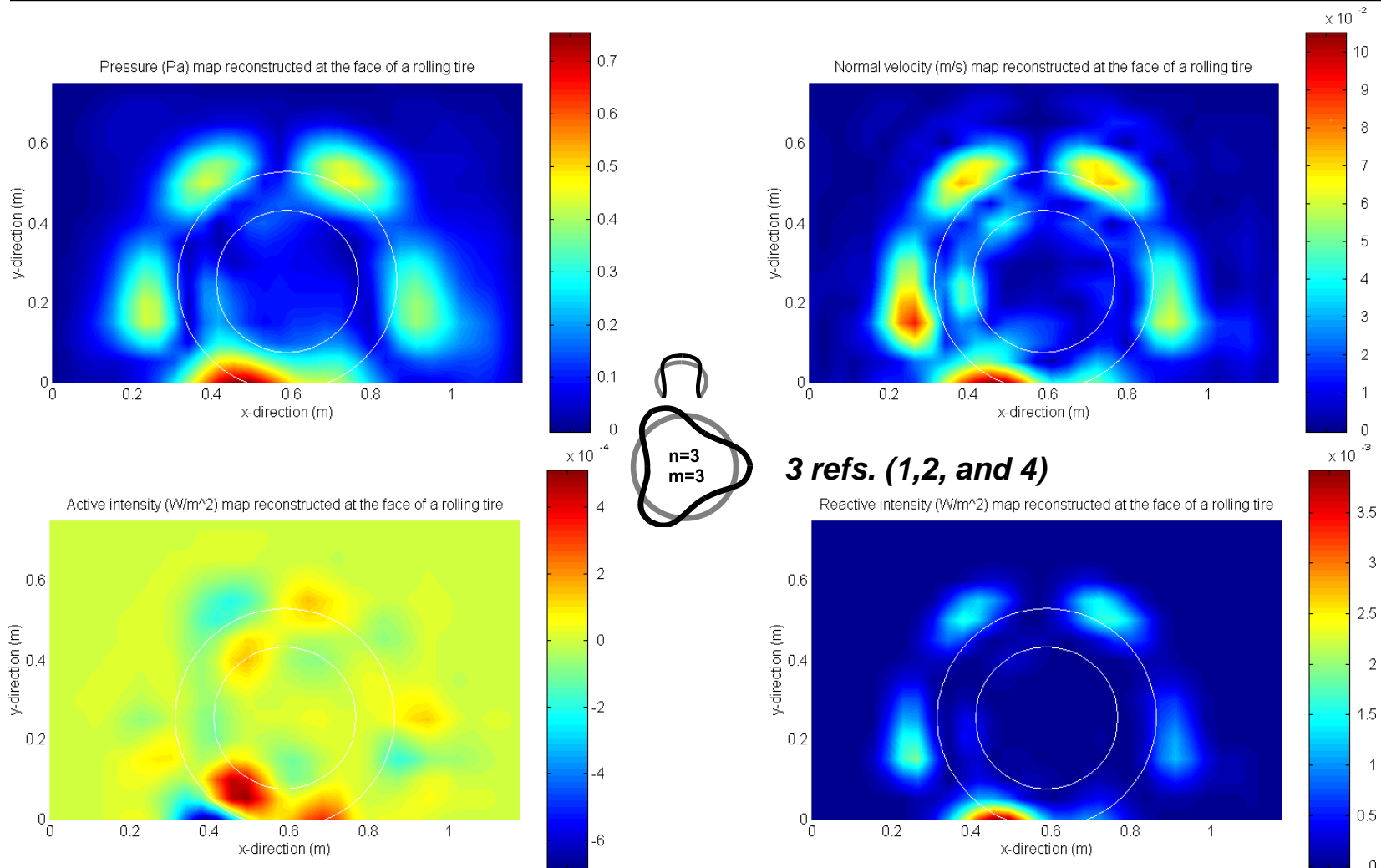
When  $k_{\theta} \pi d = 2 n \pi$  (i.e.,  $k_{\theta} = \frac{2 n}{d}$ )  
Propagating waves interfere to create standing waves

Circumferential modes



etc.

# SLOW CARCASS MODE (128 Hz)

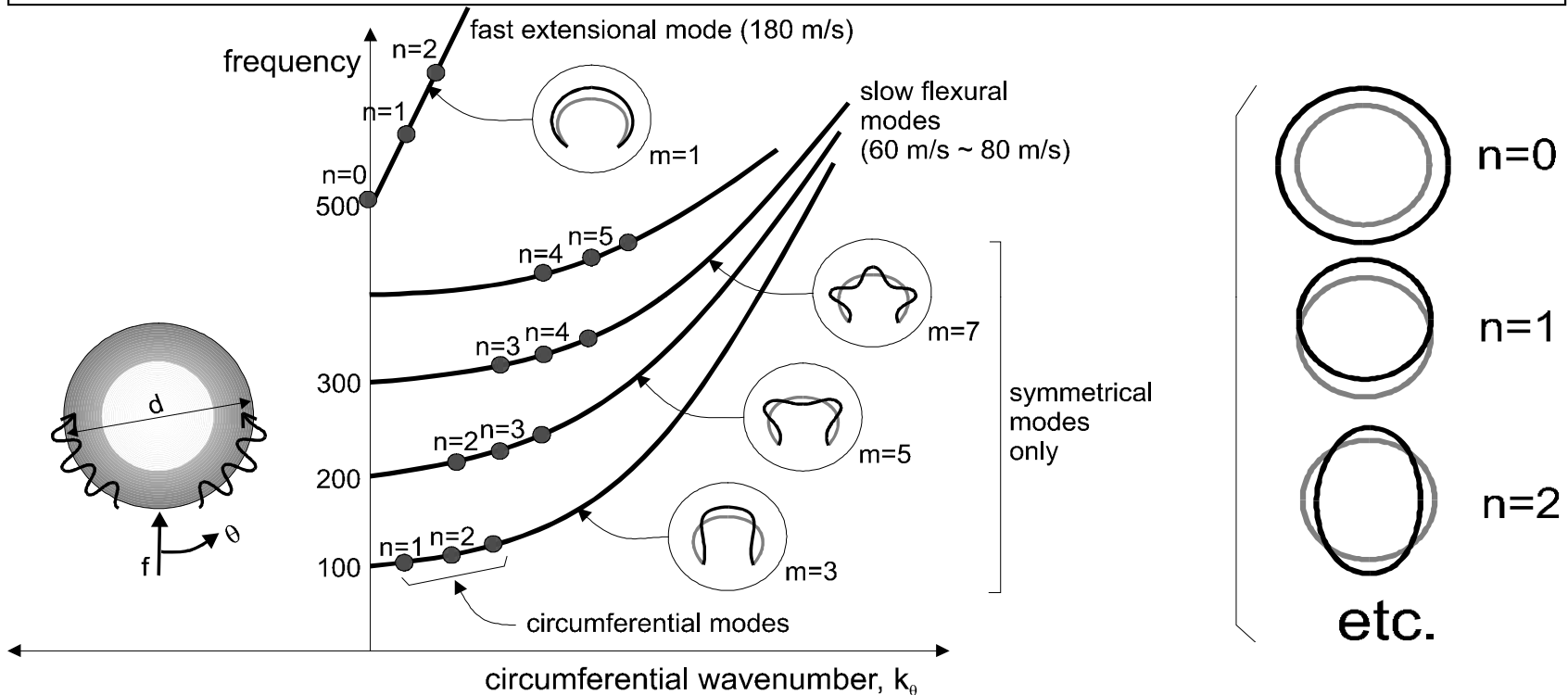


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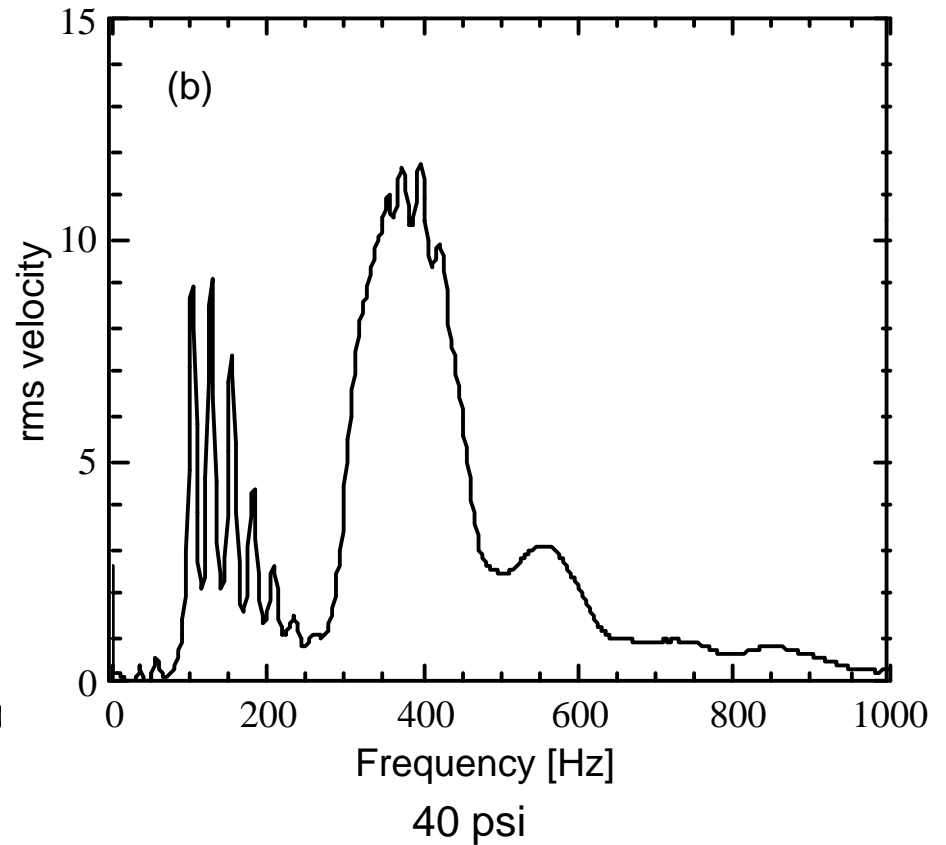
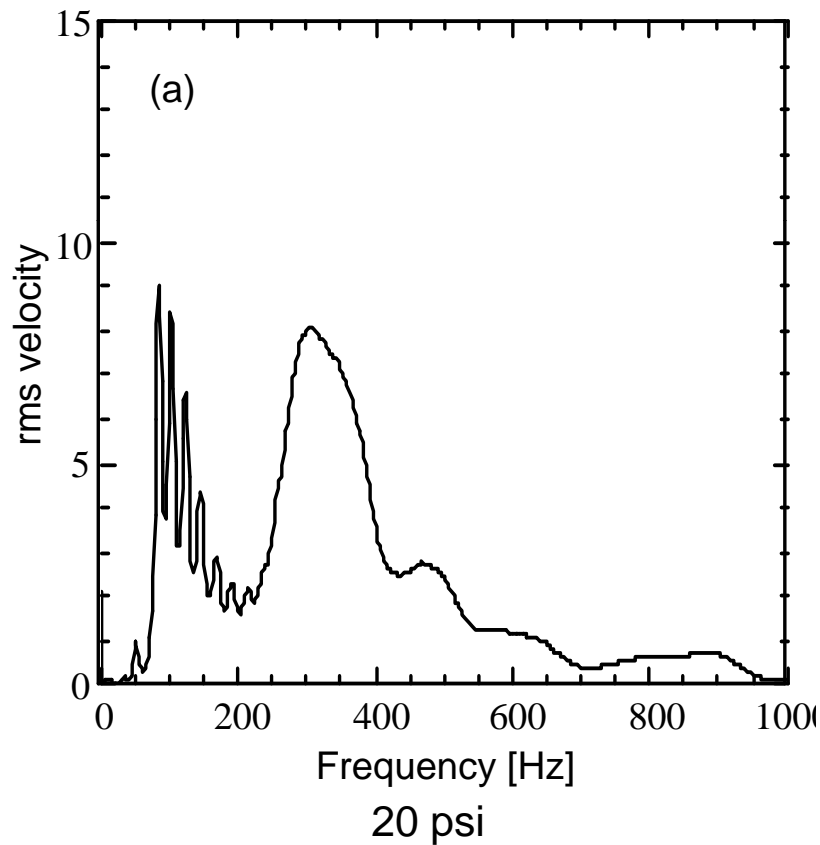
# TIRE CARCASS DISPERSION CHARACTERISTICS - Static



- Tire carcass vibration is composed of superposition of “waveguide modes”
- Circumferential modes occur when  $k_\theta \pi d = 2n\pi$

# RMS NORMALIZED RADIAL VELOCITY

Circumferentially Averaged



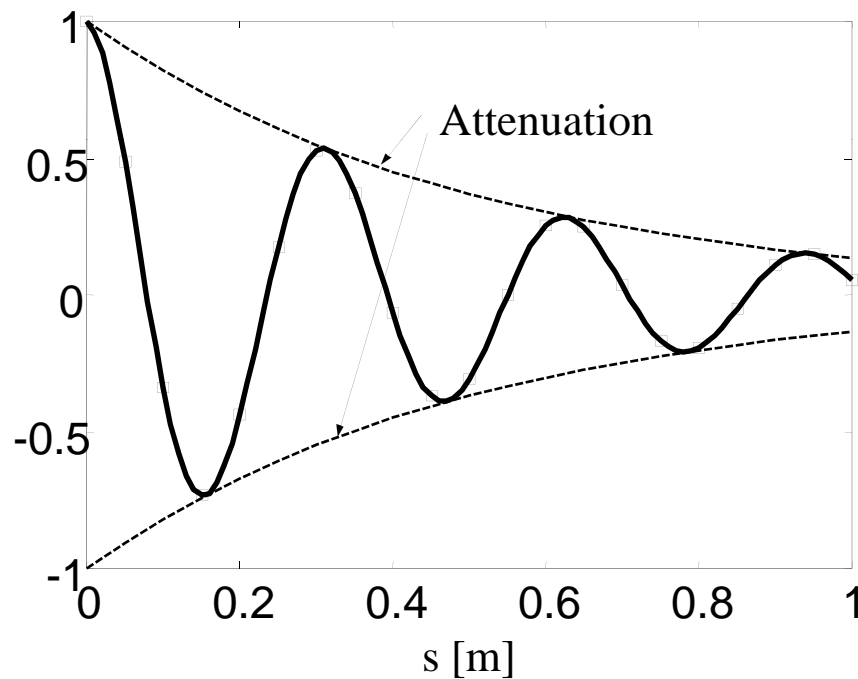
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# PROPAGATING WAVE REPRESENTATION

$$u_r = \sum_{m=1}^N A_m \Psi_m(s_c, \omega) \exp(\pm i k_{\theta m} s)$$



- $k_{\theta m}$  is complex

$$k_{\theta m} = \beta - i\alpha$$

- Phase speed

$$c_p = \omega/\beta$$

- Group speed

$$c_g = d\omega/d\beta$$

- Attenuation per wavelength

$$\alpha\lambda = 2\pi\alpha/\beta$$



# PRONY METHOD

- To fit measured data using a finite exponential series

$$u_r(n\Delta s) = \sum_{m=1}^M a_m \exp(-ik_{\theta m} n\Delta s)$$

where,

$u_r(n\Delta s)$  : the measured data at  $s = n\Delta s$

$M$  : model order

$k_{\theta m}$  :  $m$ th mode's complex wave number

$a_m$  :  $m$ th mode's complex amplitude

- Iterative Prony method (definition of error norm)

$$e_n = u_r(n\Delta s) - \sum_{m=1}^M a_m \exp(-ik_{\theta m} n\Delta s)$$

$$E(a_m, k_{\theta m}) = \sum_{n=1}^N e_n^* e_n$$

# PRONY ALGORITHM

Determine **the system model order** ( $M$ ) based on singular value decomposition of spatial data.

Obtain parameter starting values using **the conventional Prony method**. The model order ( $m$ ) must be much larger than  $M$ .

$m=m-1$

Select  $m$  exponential terms based on the error norm and apply **the iterative Prony method**.

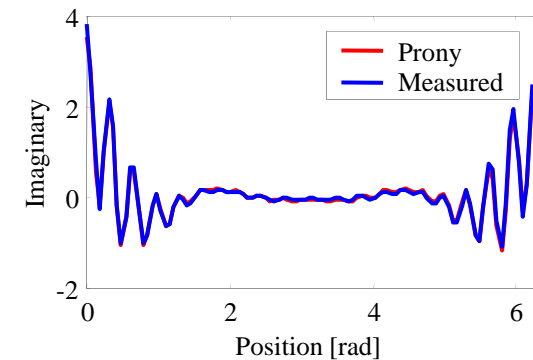
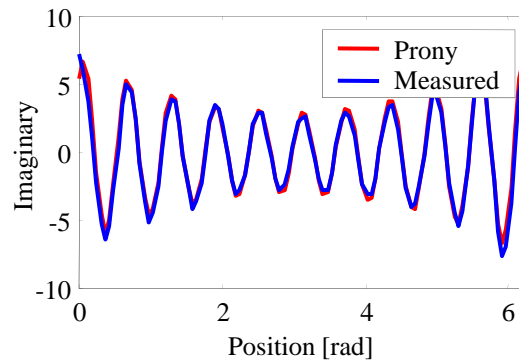
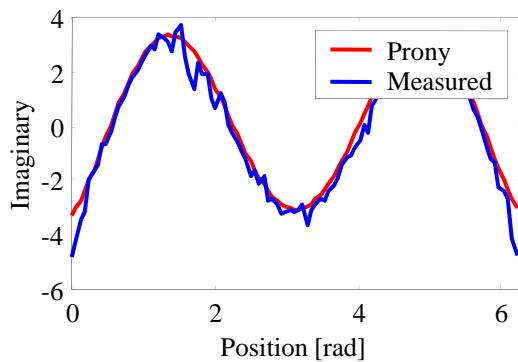
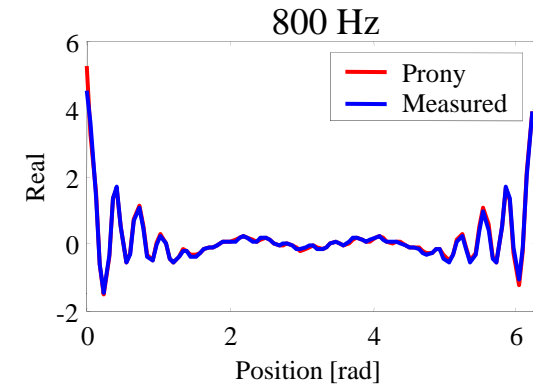
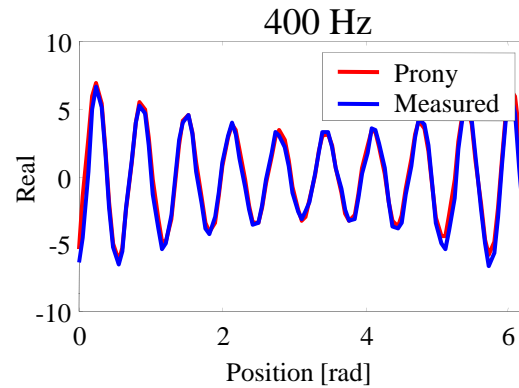
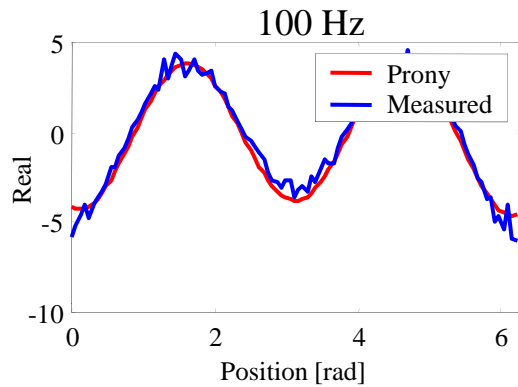
Is the  $m$  equal to  $M$ ?

NO

YES

END

# PRONY SERIES IDENTIFICATION

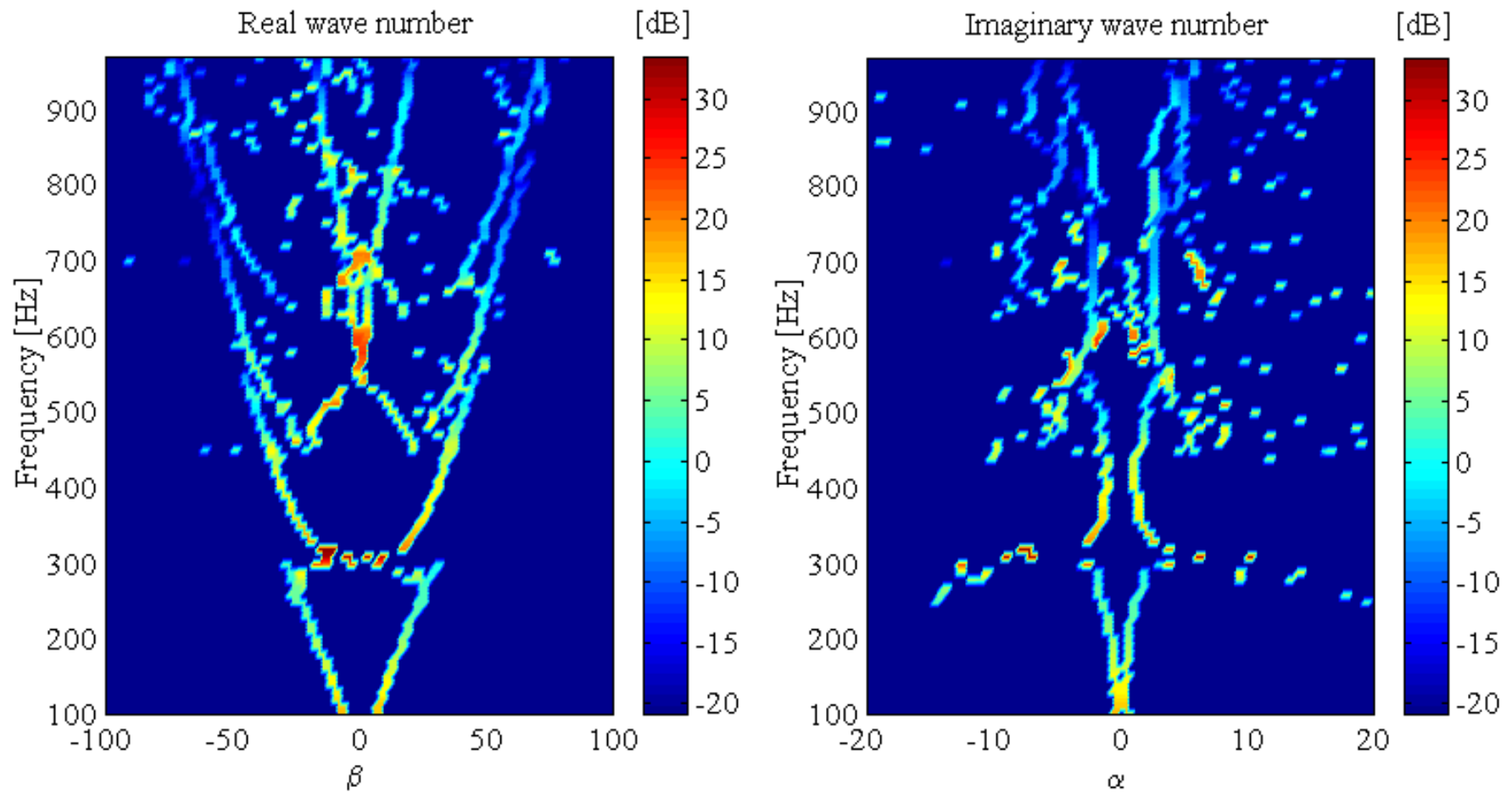


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# COMPLEX DISPERSION RELATIONS

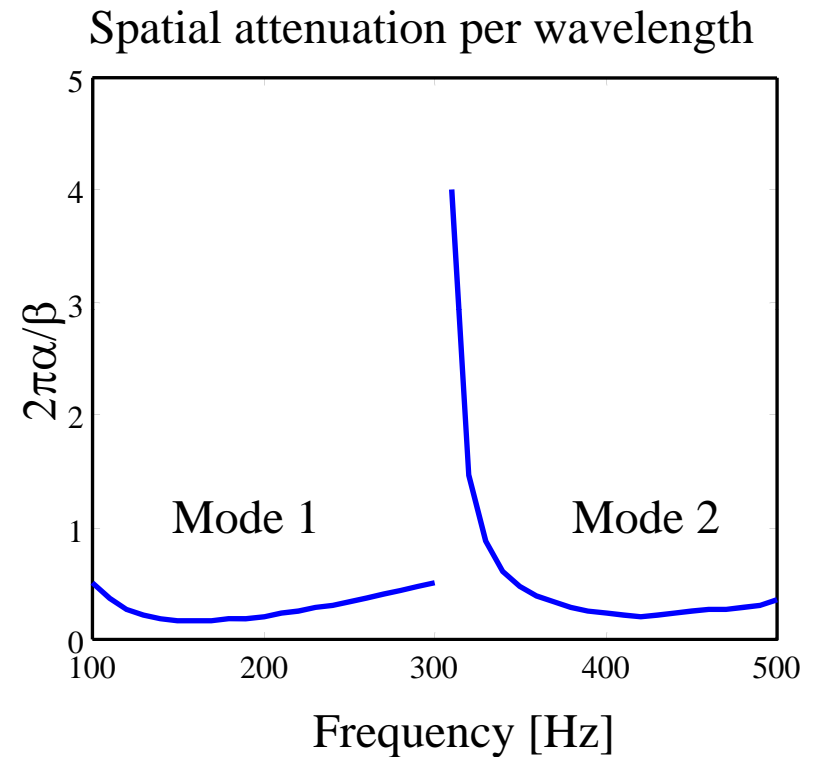
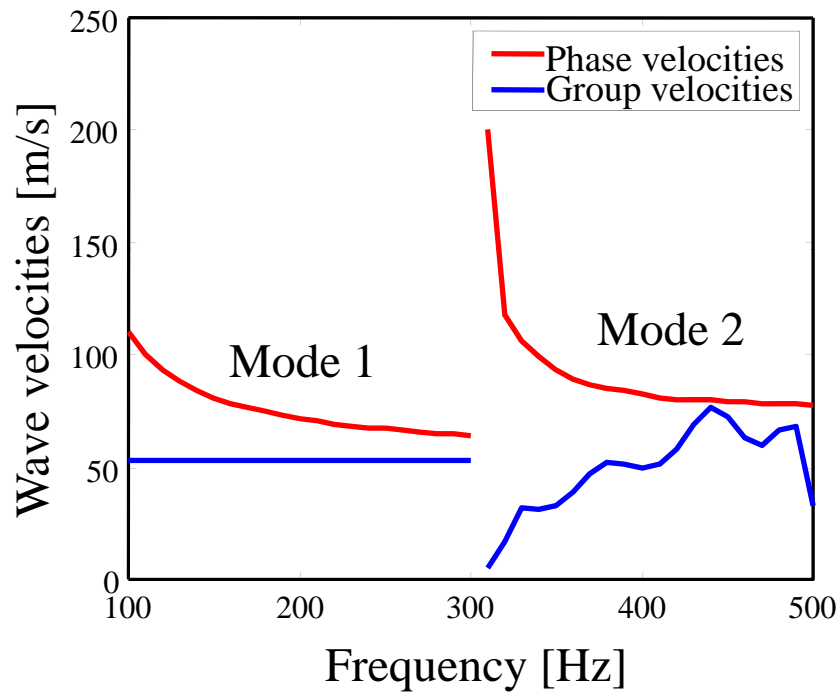


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# WAVE VELOCITIES AND ATTENUATIONS



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# CONCLUSIONS

- Vibrational response of passenger car tire controlled by six propagating waves below 1000 Hz.
- Circumferential modes occur at 700 Hz and below.
- Maximum of two waves contribute strongly at any single frequency
- Each propagational mode associated with particular cross-sectional mode shape.
- Overall vibration of tire peaks near cut on of each wave type.
- Structure-borne interior noise possibly controlled by  $n=1$  modes which deliver net force to hub.



# CONCLUSIONS

- Radial velocity of tire carcass can be conveniently expressed as

$$u_r = \sum_{m=1}^N A_m \Psi_m(s_c, \omega) e^{\pm ik \theta_m s}$$

- Simpler to express tire vibration in terms of propagating wave type than in conventional modal form.
- Convenient as input to boundary element prediction of sound radiation.
- Propagation characteristics of modes can be identified using spatial Prony series.

