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# HOLOGRAPHIC VISUALIZATION OF SOUND RADIATION FROM COMPUTER HARD DRIVES

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# INTRODUCTION

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- Sound radiation from computer hard drives
    - Computer hard drives are relatively compact in size.
    - Source of hard drives are closely spaced.  
e.g., disc, disc bearing, head mechanism, surface vibration
    - Span wide frequency range  
e.g., 120 Hz ~ 10 kHz.
    - Coherent or incoherent
    - Limited position for reference measurement
  - Statistically Optimized Nearfield Acoustical Holography
    - High resolution
    - Multi-reference acoustical holographic procedure
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# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

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## - SONAH formulation (1)

- The sound pressure,  $p(\mathbf{r})$ , can be expressed as linear combination of the measured sound pressure  $p(\mathbf{r}_n)$ ,

$$p(\mathbf{r}) \approx \sum_{n=1}^N c_n(\mathbf{r}) p(\mathbf{r}_n)$$

- If a good representation of the sound field can be obtained by using a finite subset of wave functions, the coefficients  $c_n$  can be determined.

$$\Phi_{k_m}(\mathbf{r}) \approx \sum_{n=1}^N c_n(\mathbf{r}) \Phi_{k_m}(\mathbf{r}_n), \quad m = 1 \dots M$$

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## - SONAH formulation (2)

$$p(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\mathbf{K}) \Phi_{\mathbf{K}}(x, y, z) d\mathbf{K}$$

- Defining wave function,

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{K}}(x, y, z) \equiv e^{i(k_x x + k_y y + k_z(z+d))}, \quad z \geq z_s = -d$$

where,

$$k_z = \begin{cases} \sqrt{k^2 - |\mathbf{K}|^2} & \text{for } k \geq |\mathbf{K}| \\ -i\sqrt{|\mathbf{K}|^2 - k^2} & \text{for } k < |\mathbf{K}| \end{cases}$$

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## - SONAH formulation (3)

$$\mathbf{A} \equiv \left[ \Phi_{Kq,m}(\mathbf{r}_{h,j}) \right] , \quad \boldsymbol{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \left[ \Phi_{Kq,m}(\mathbf{r}) \right] , \quad \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \left[ c_j(\mathbf{r}) \right].$$

- Estimated pressure  $p(\mathbf{r})$  is,

$$p(\mathbf{r}) \approx \sum_{n=1}^N c_n(\mathbf{r}) p(\mathbf{r}_n) = \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{p}^T (\mathbf{A}^+ \mathbf{A} + \theta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^+ \boldsymbol{\alpha}(\mathbf{r})$$

where,  $\mathbf{p}^T$  is measured pressure vector at  $\mathbf{r}_n$

- Estimated normal particle velocity  $u_z(\mathbf{r})$  is,

$$u_z(\mathbf{r}) \approx \mathbf{p}^T (\mathbf{A}^+ \mathbf{A} + \theta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^+ \boldsymbol{\beta}(\mathbf{r})$$

where,  $\mathbf{A}^+ \boldsymbol{\beta}(\mathbf{r})$  is a correlation vector that relates measured pressure and particle velocity.

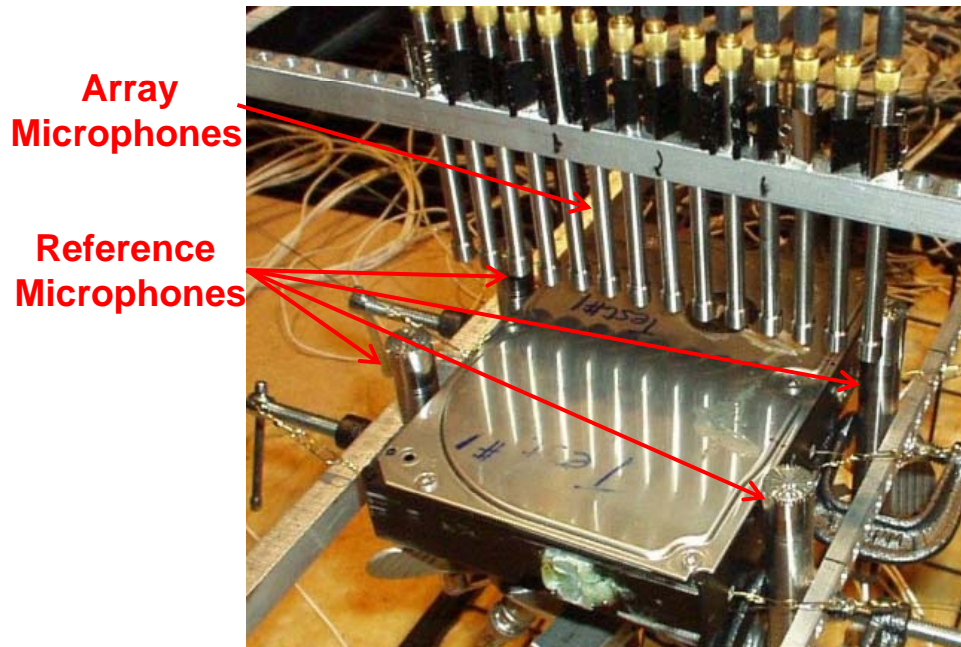
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# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

## - Hard drive measurement

Top surface

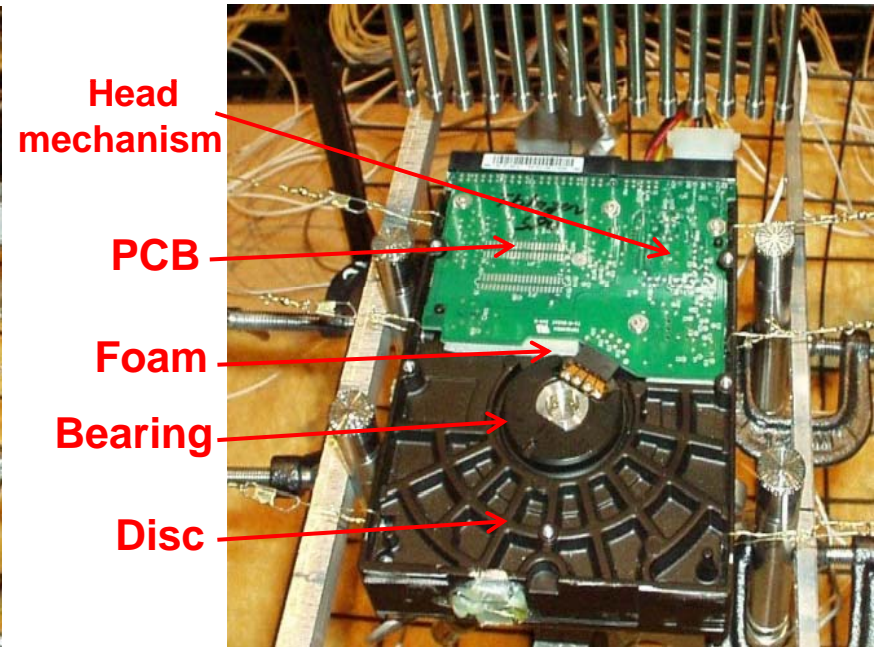
( $z_0=1$  cm,  $N_x=14$ ,  $N_y=17$ )



$x_{inc} = 1$  cm,  $y_{inc} = 1$  cm

Bottom surface

( $z_0=1$  cm,  $N_x=14$ ,  $N_y=17$ )



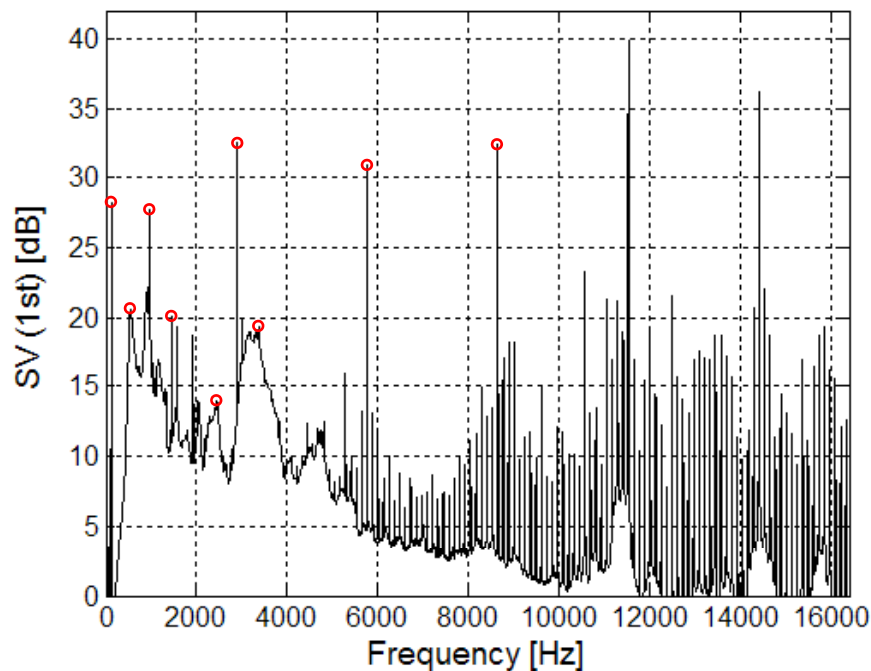
$x_{inc} = 1$  cm,  $y_{inc} = 1$  cm

# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

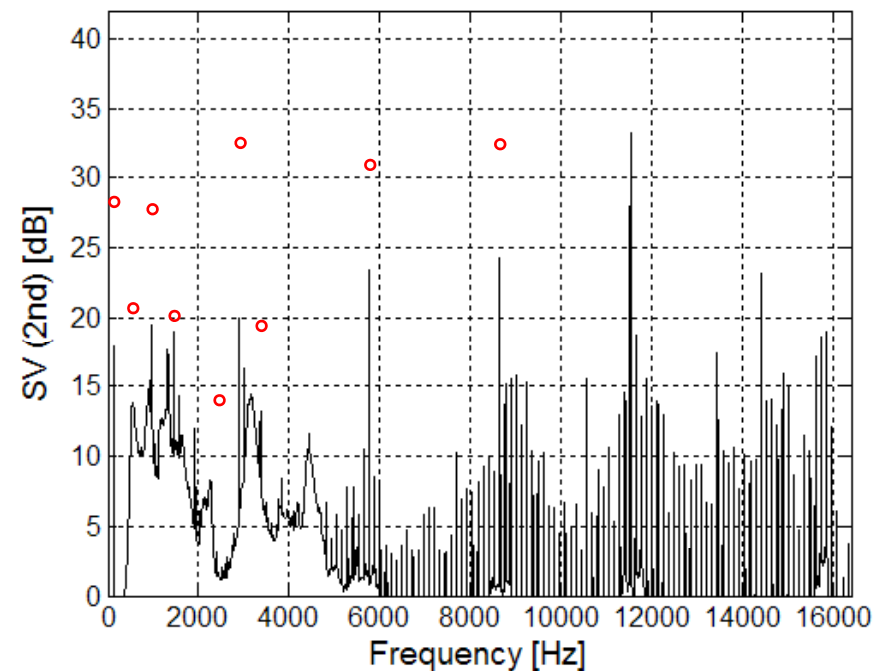
## - Hard drive measurement result

Singular values of reference measurement

First Singular Values



Second Singular Values



Difference between first and second singular values  $> 7$  dB

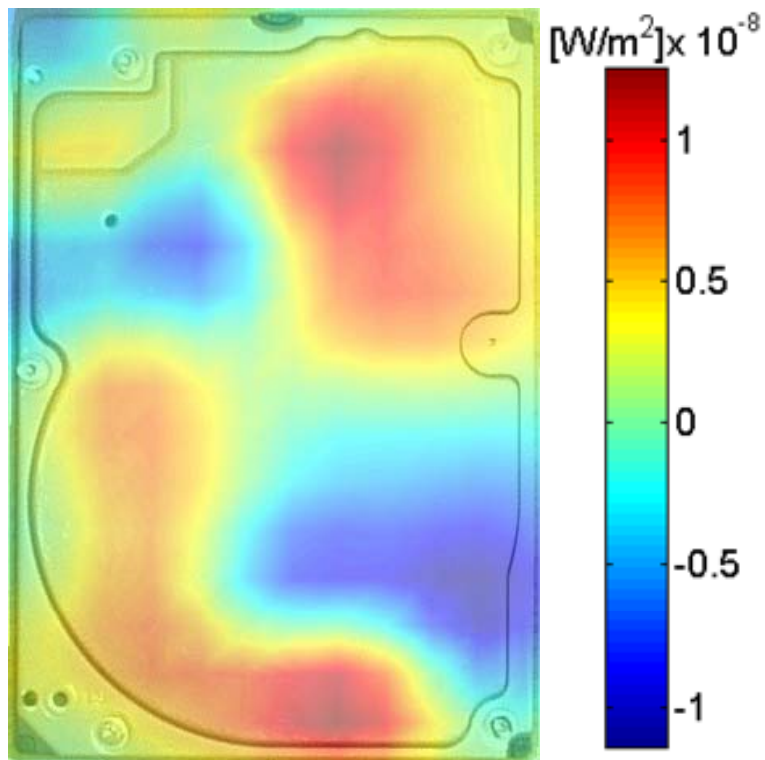
However, six singular values with regularization are used for reconstruction



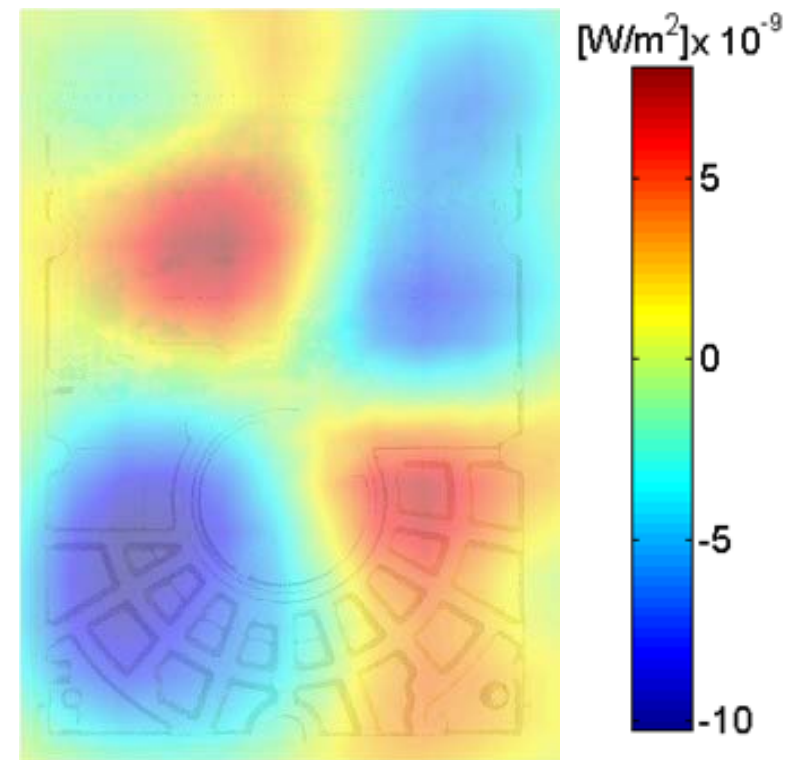
# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

- Sound intensity estimate, 120 Hz

Top surface\*



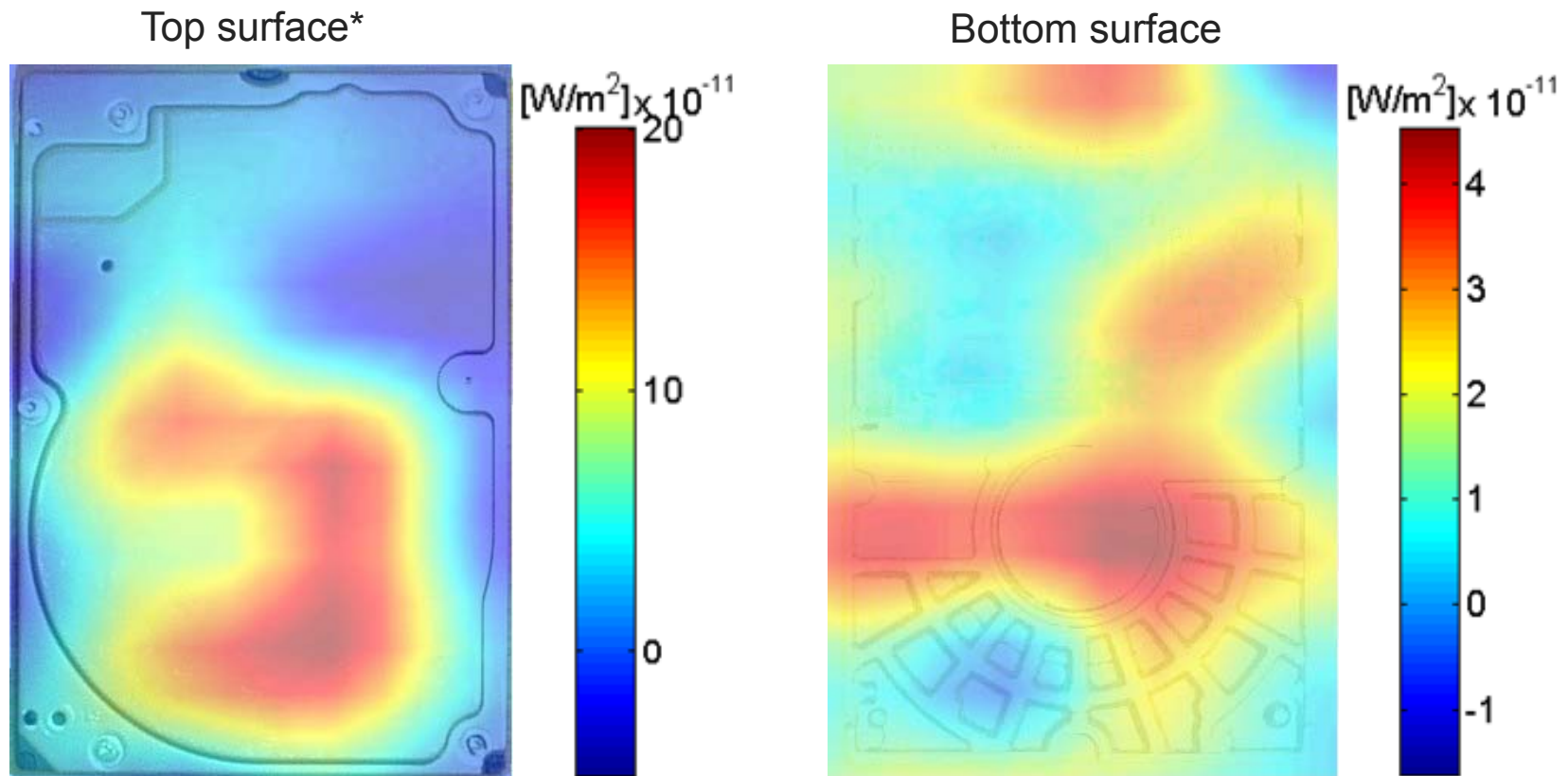
Bottom surface



Rocking motion of hard drive

# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

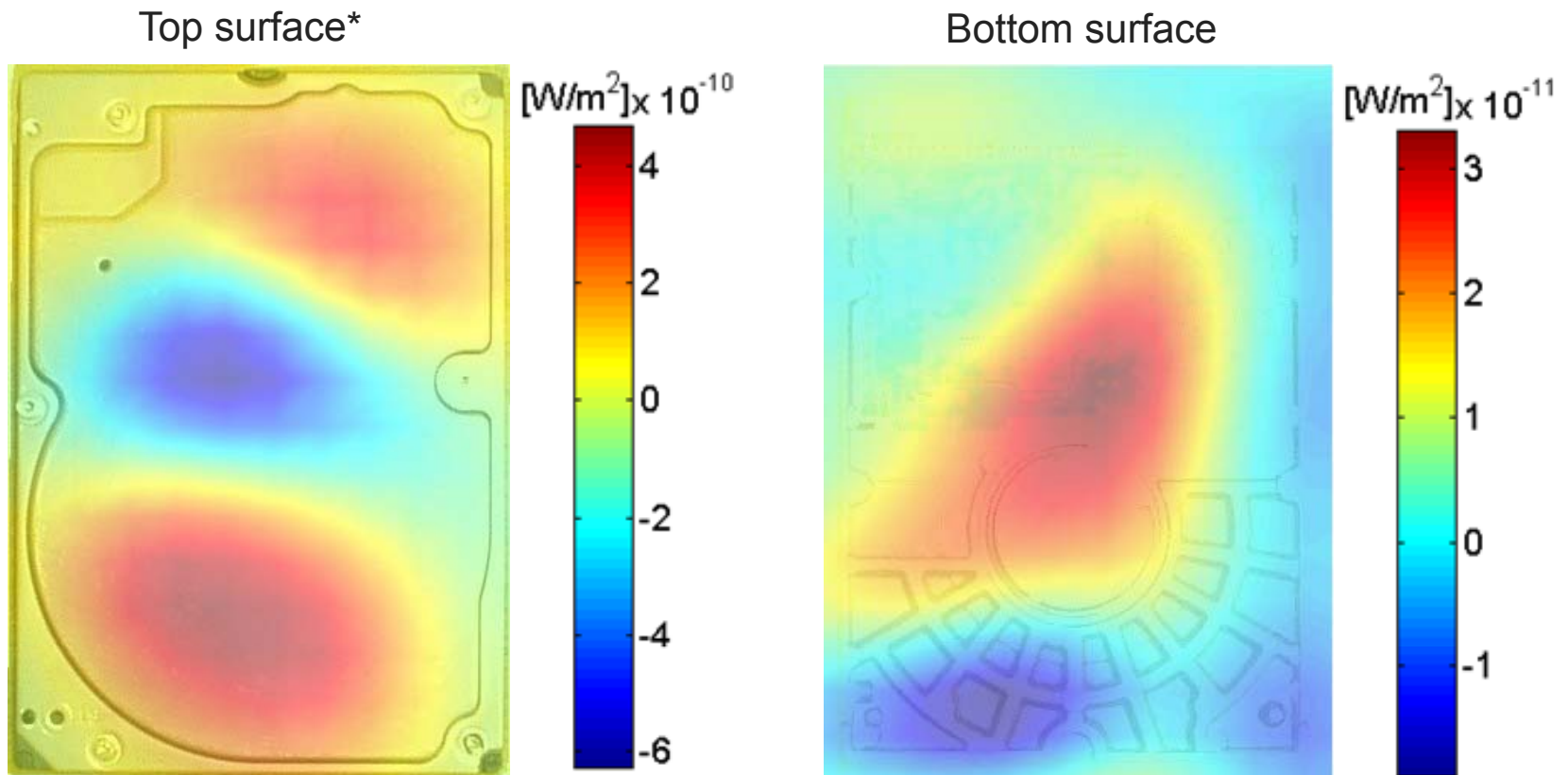
- Sound intensity estimate, 600 Hz



Radiation due to vibration of hard drive

# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

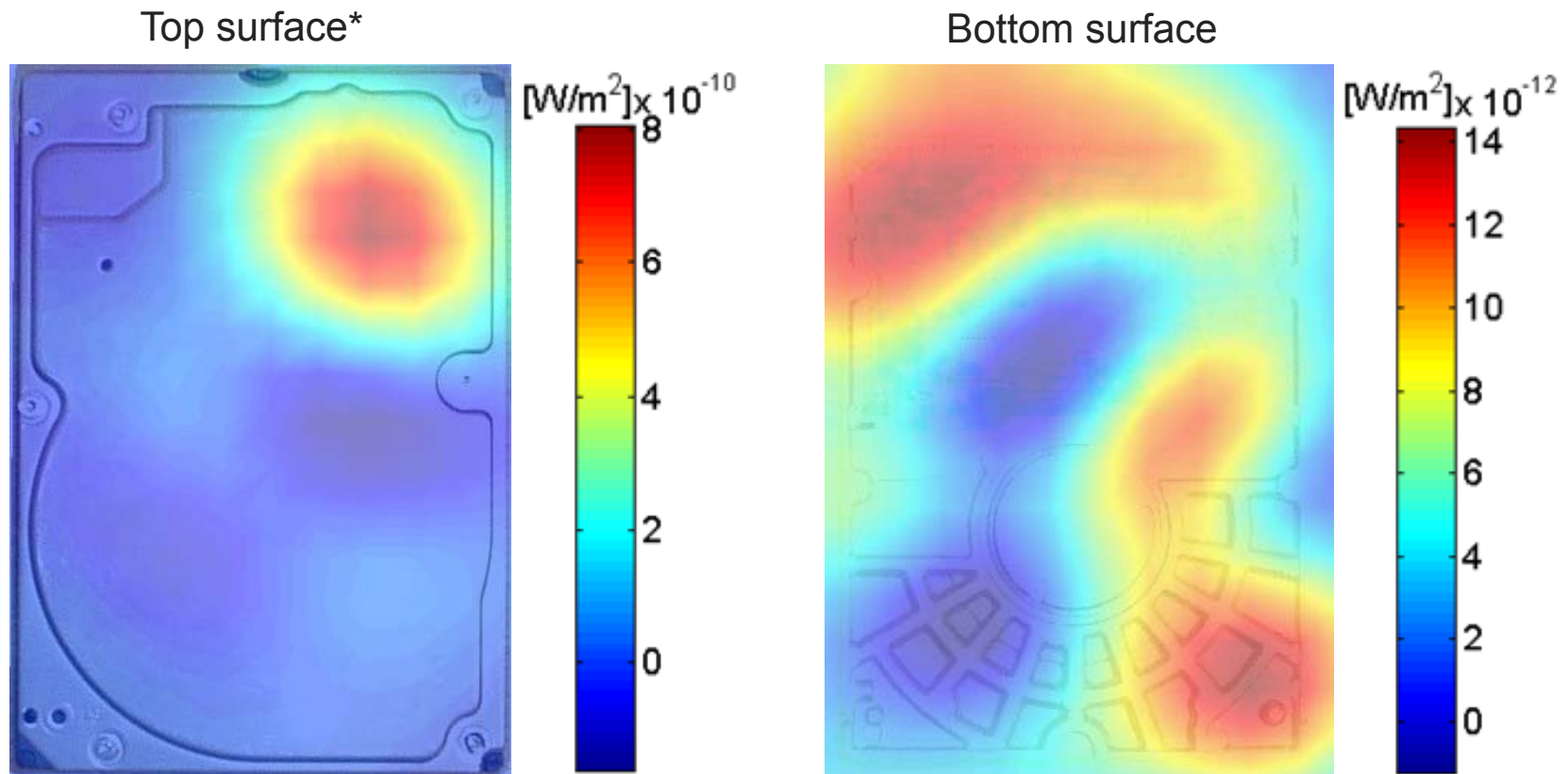
- Sound intensity estimate, 1172 Hz



Radiation due to vibration of hard drive

# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

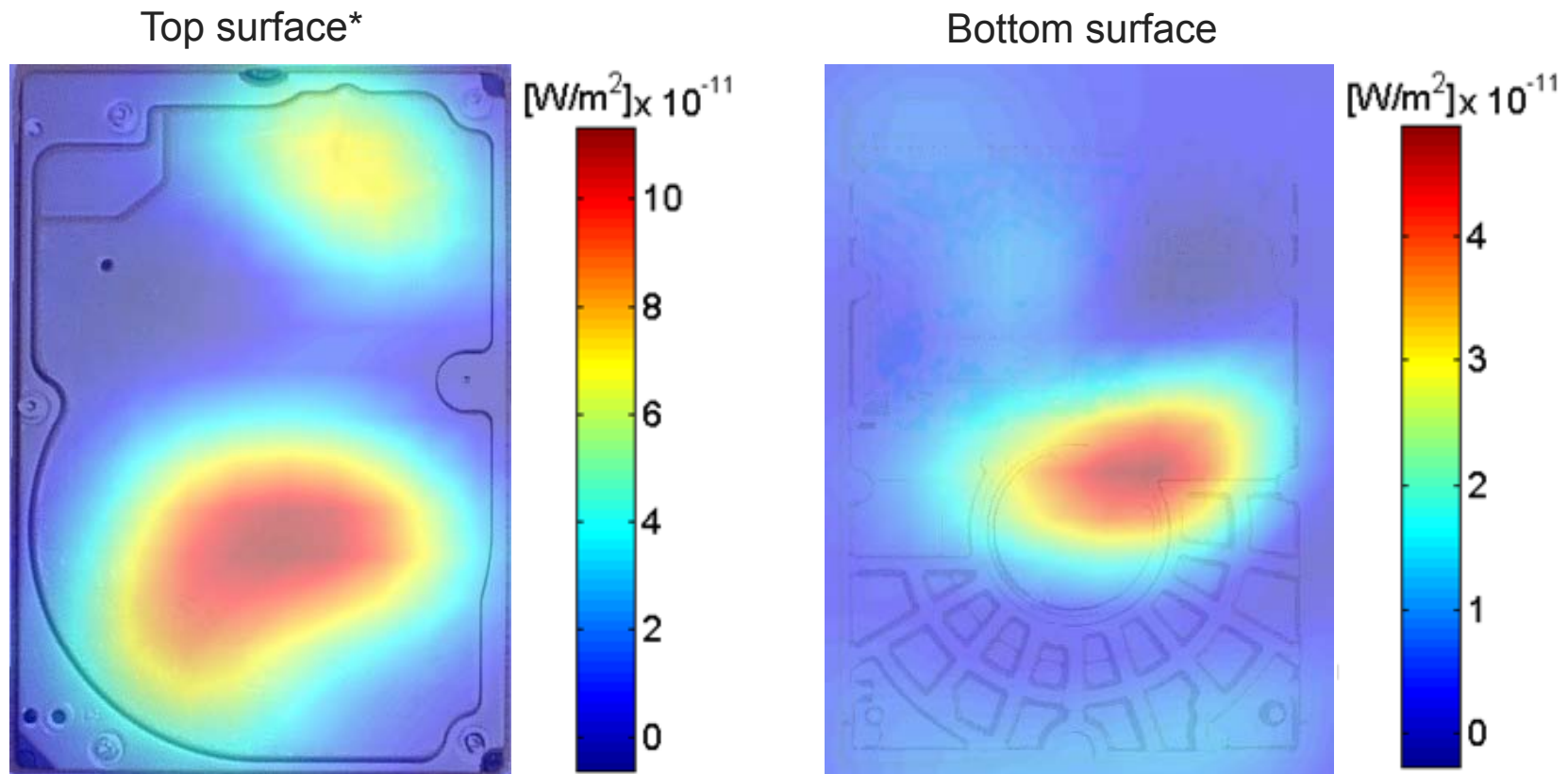
- Sound intensity estimate, 1672 Hz



Radiation due to vibration of hard drive

# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

- Sound intensity estimate, 2332 Hz



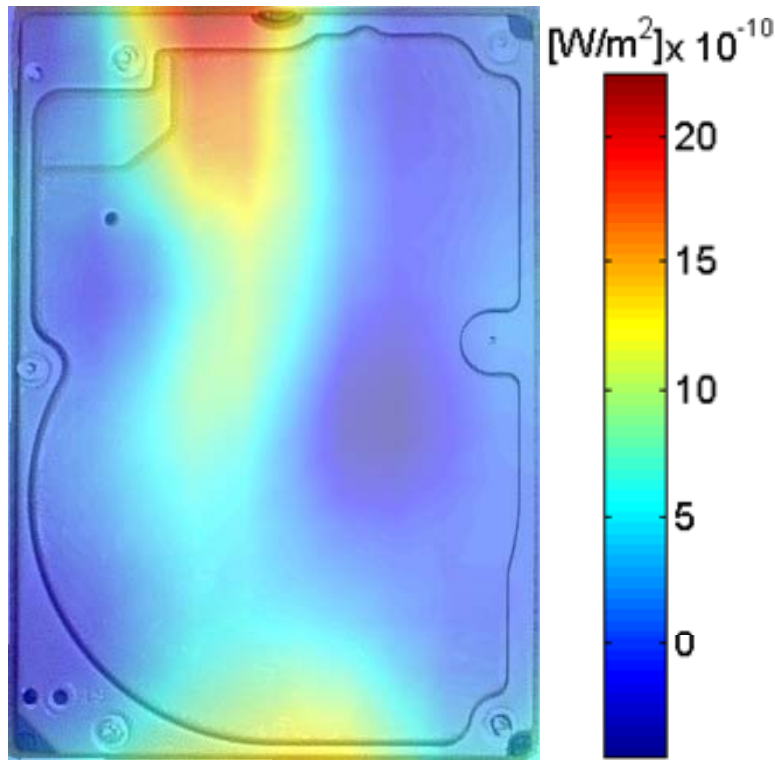
Radiation by disc from the top surface



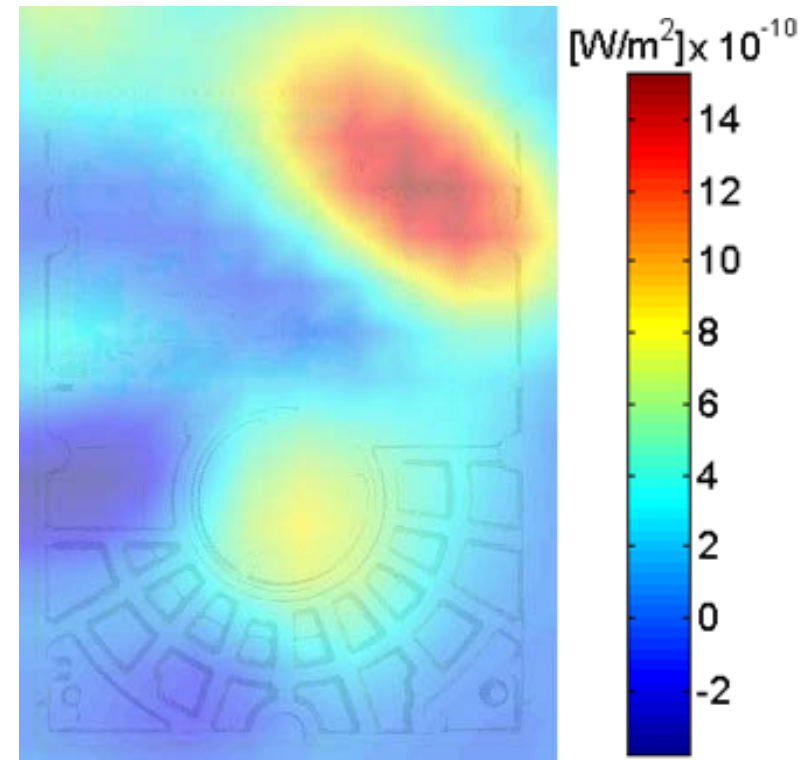
# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

- Sound intensity estimate, 2884 Hz

Top surface



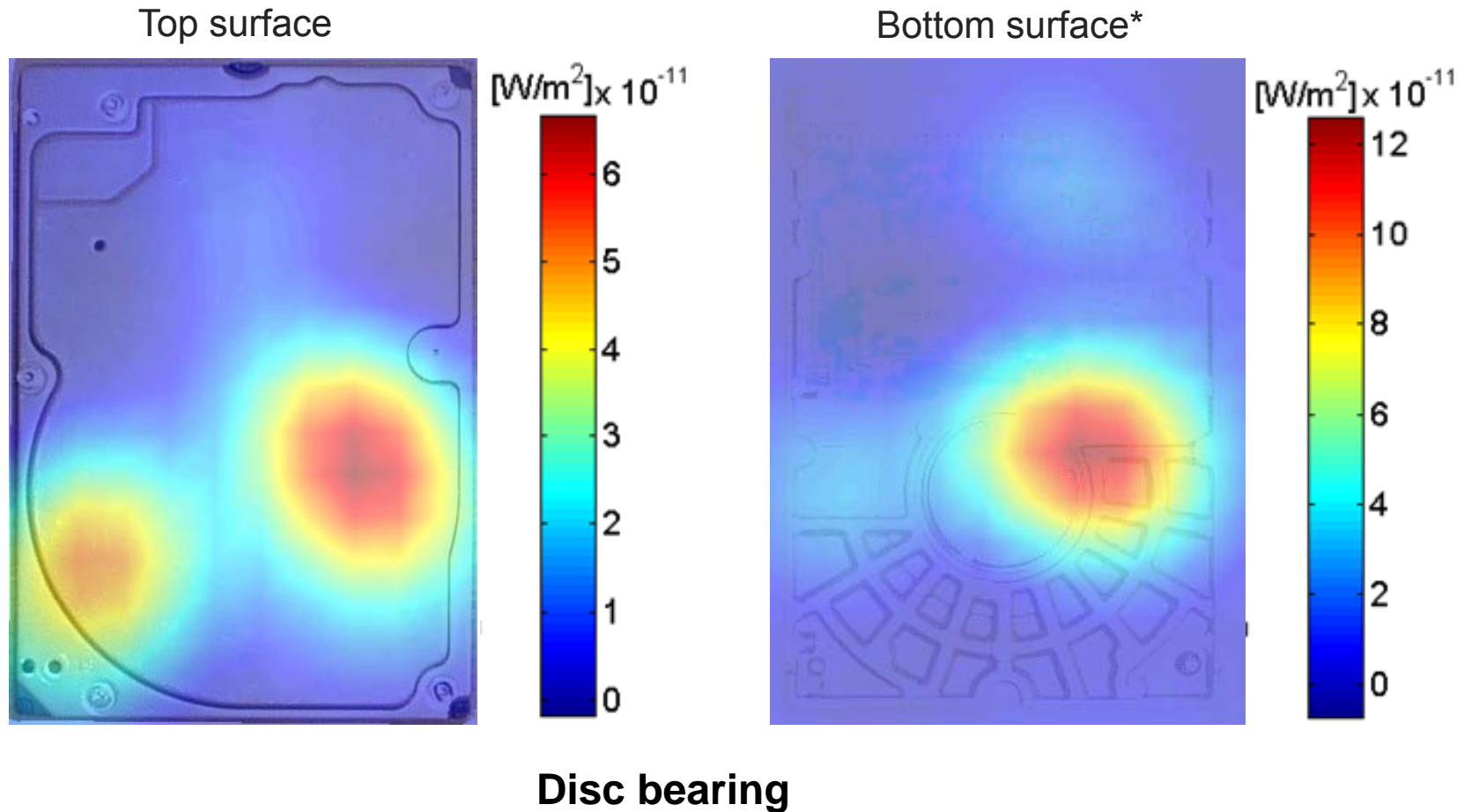
Bottom surface\*



**Power connector and head mechanism**

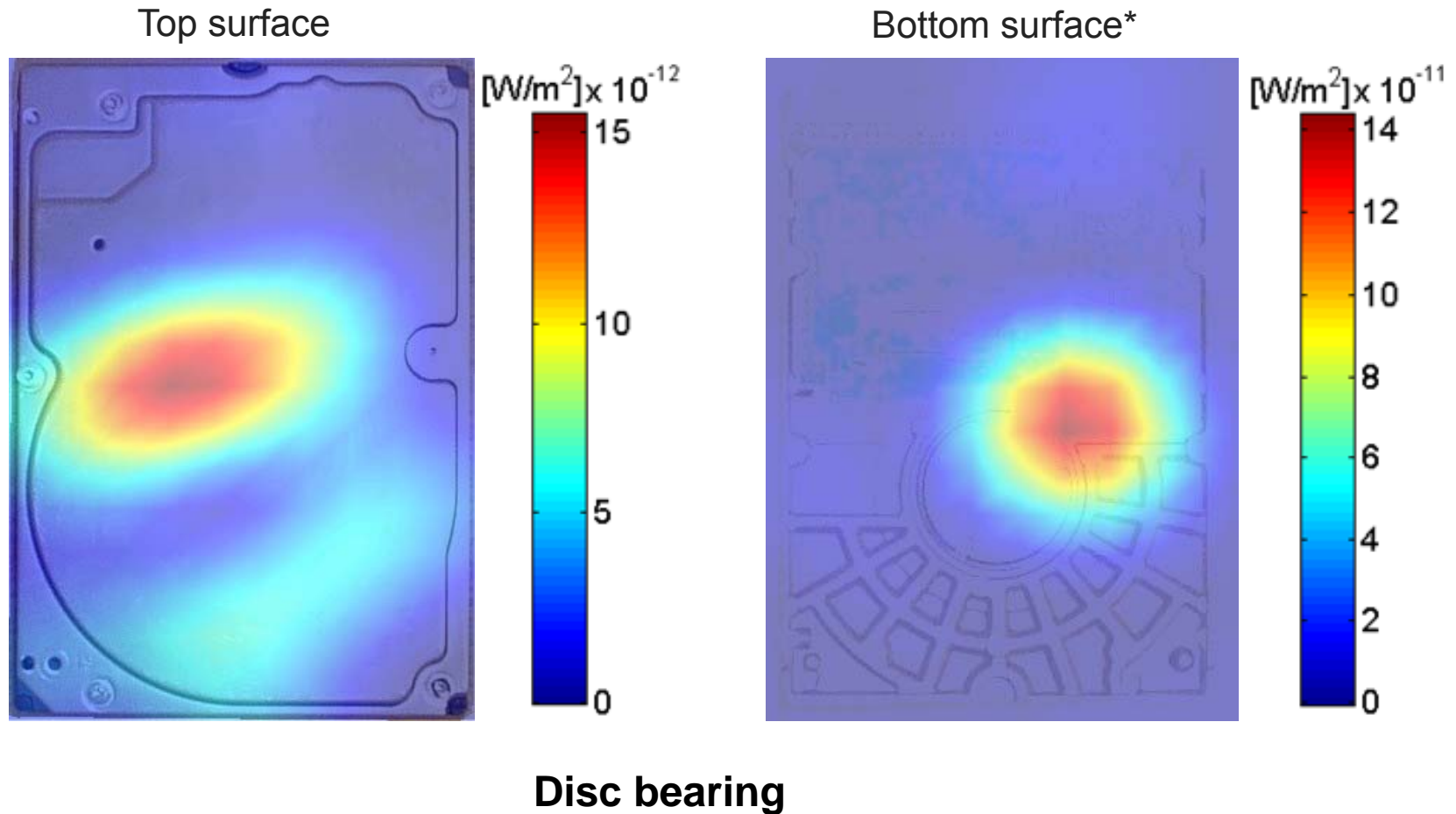
# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

- Sound intensity estimate, 3068 Hz



# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

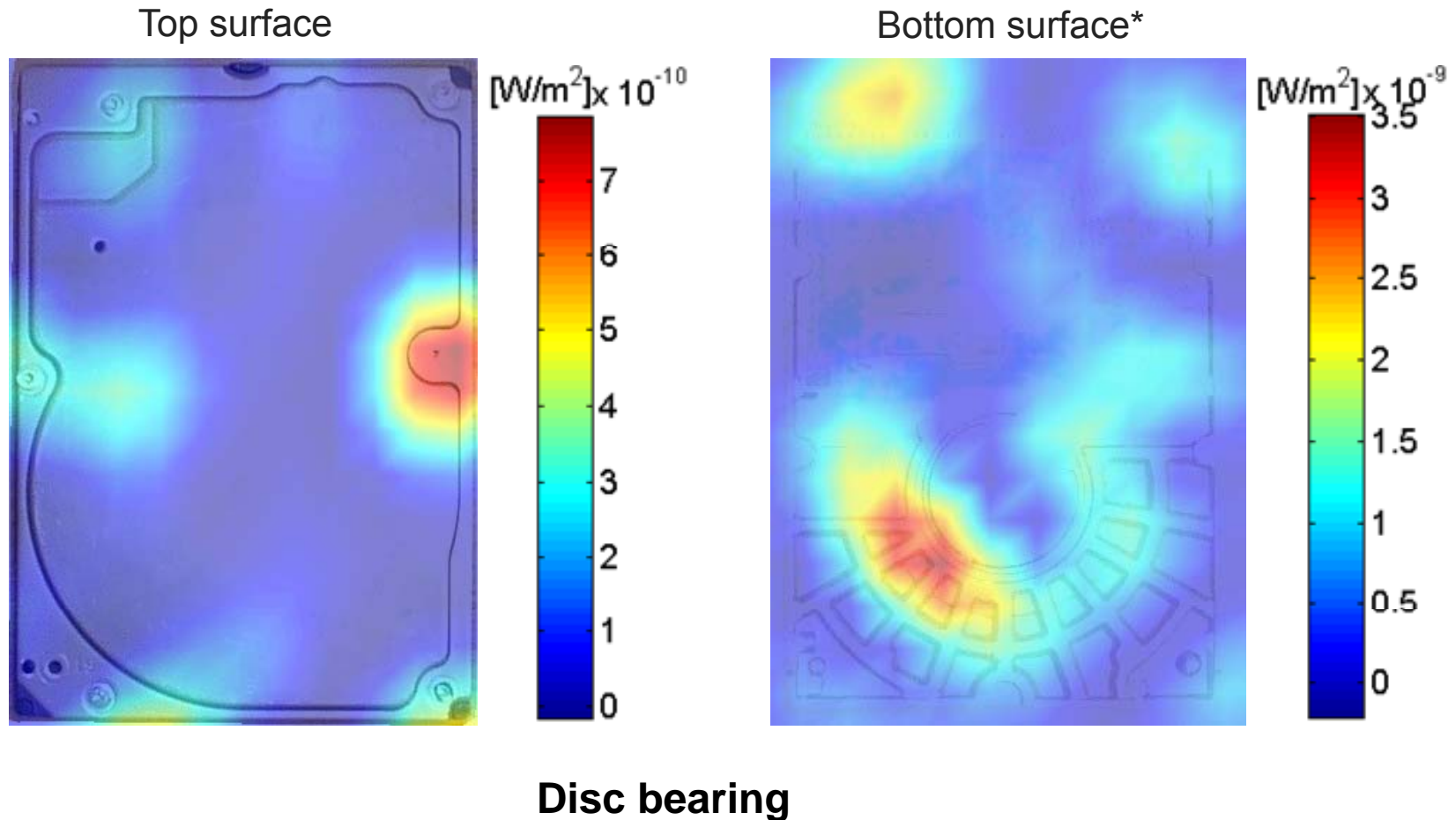
- Sound intensity estimate, 3592 Hz





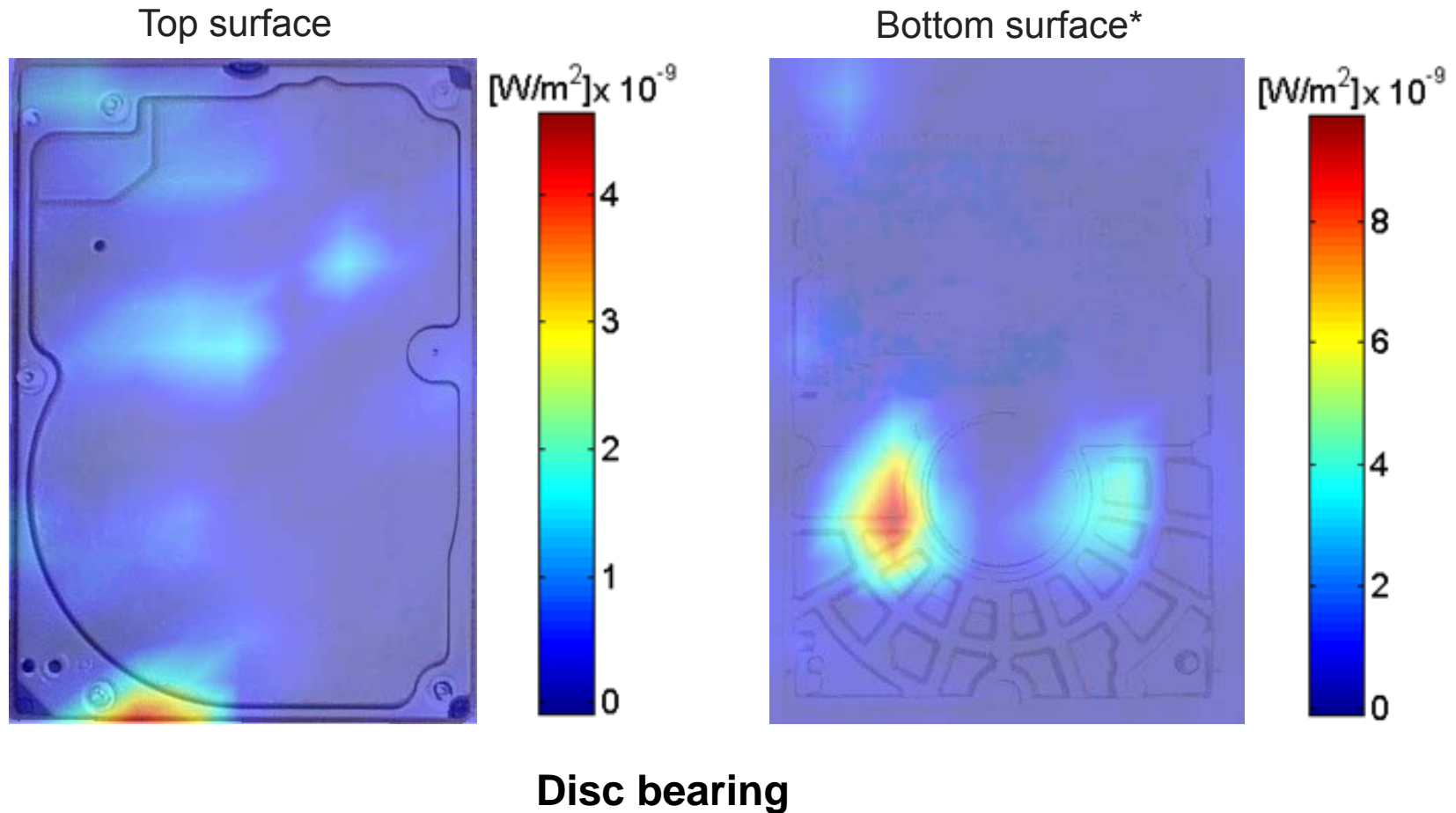
# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

- Sound intensity estimate, 5764 Hz



# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

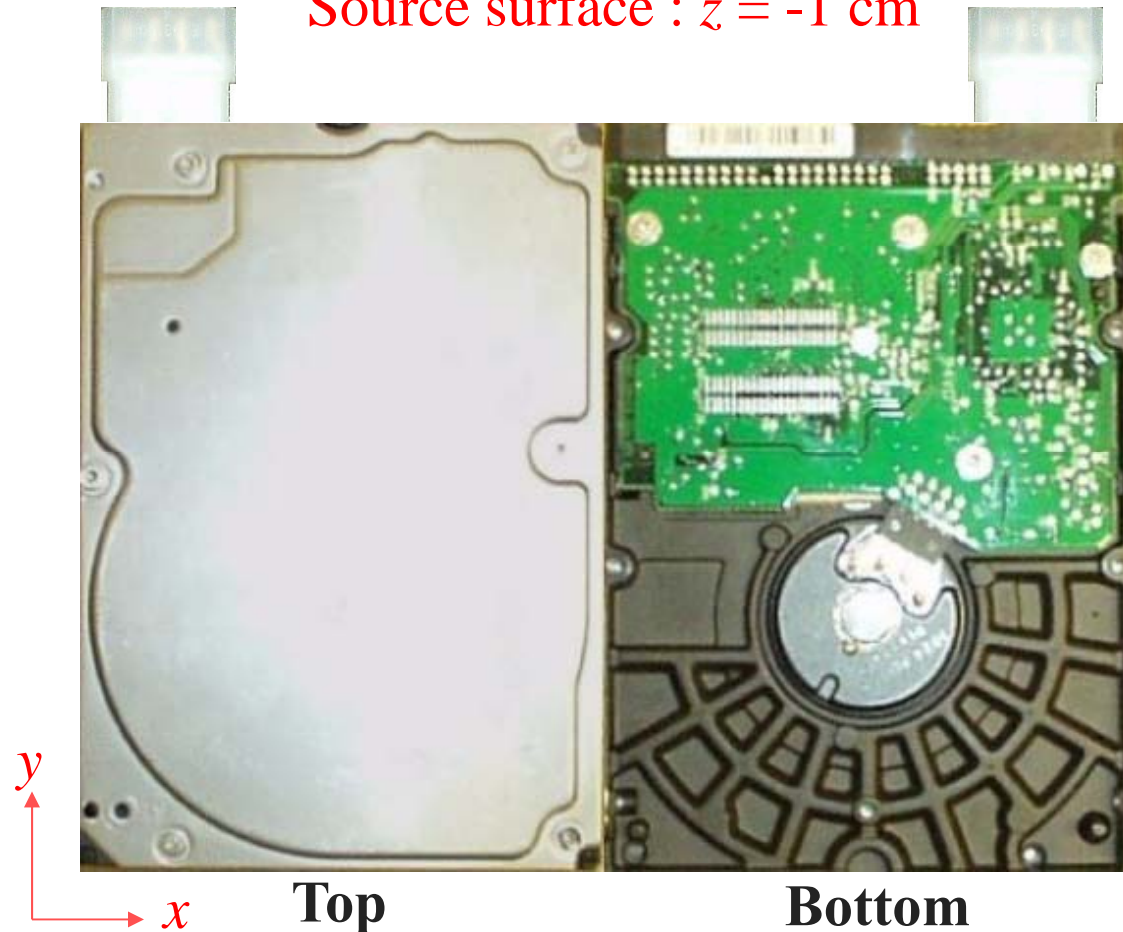
- Sound intensity estimate, 8648 Hz



# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

## Animation coordinate

Source surface :  $z = -1$  cm

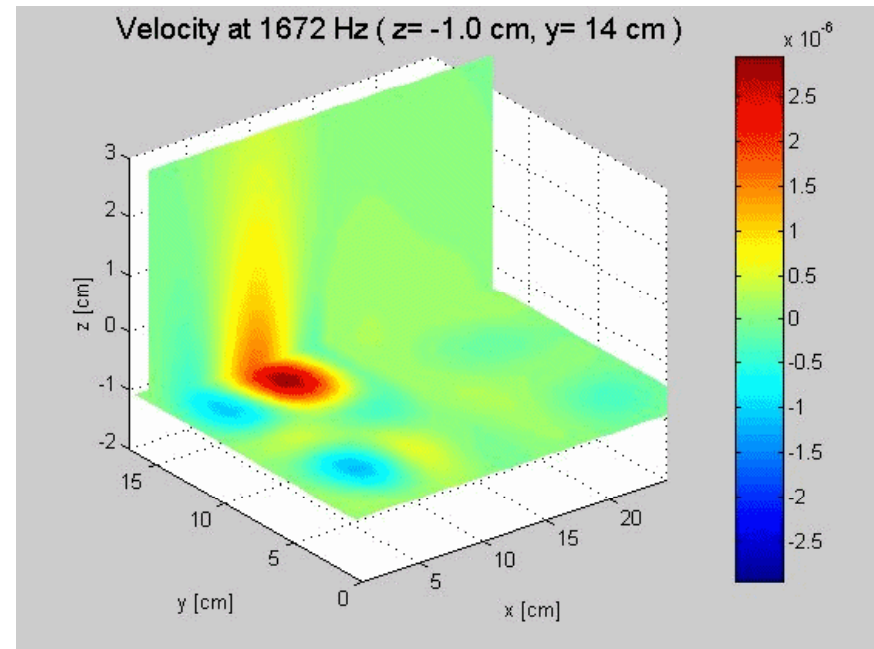
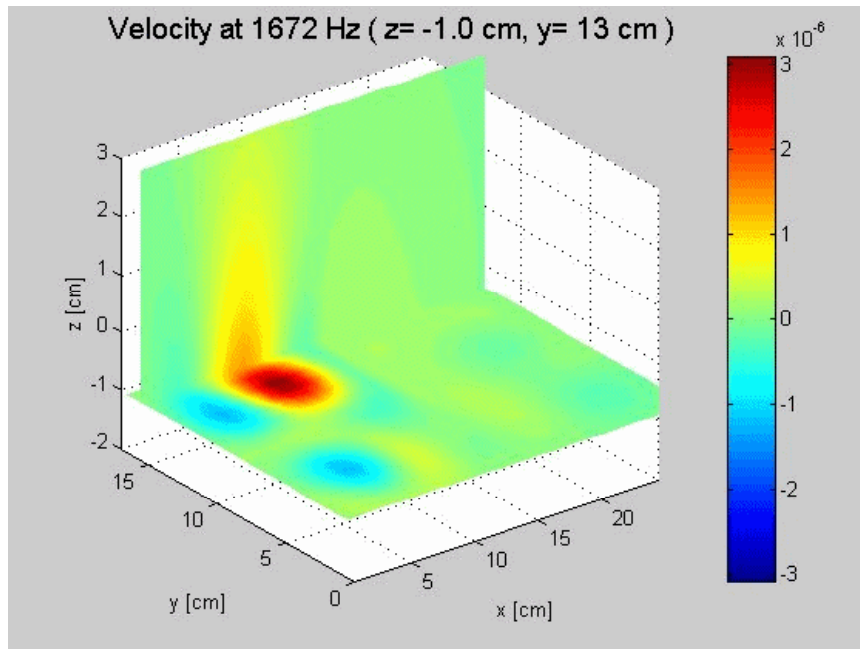


# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

## Velocity, 1672 Hz

Base model: Top and Bottom

W/o Foam: Top and Bottom



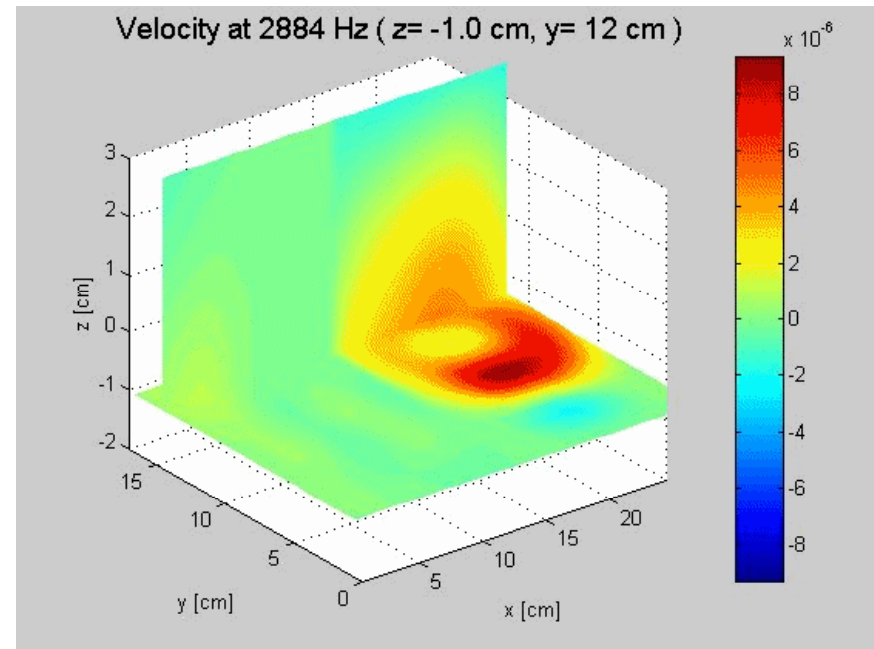
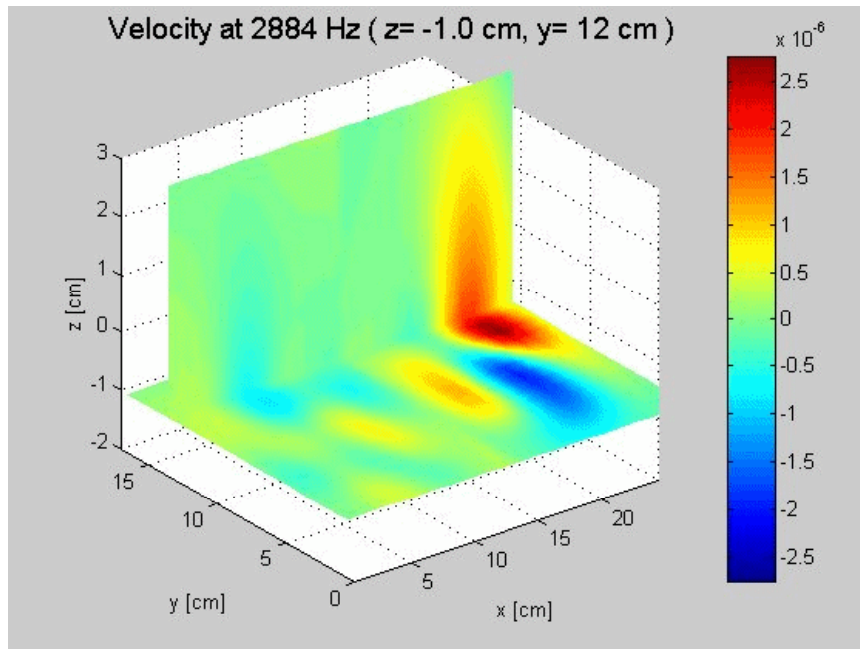
**Radiation due to vibration of hard drive**

# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

## Velocity, 2884 Hz

Base model: Top and Bottom

W/o Foam: Top and Bottom



Power connector and head mechanism

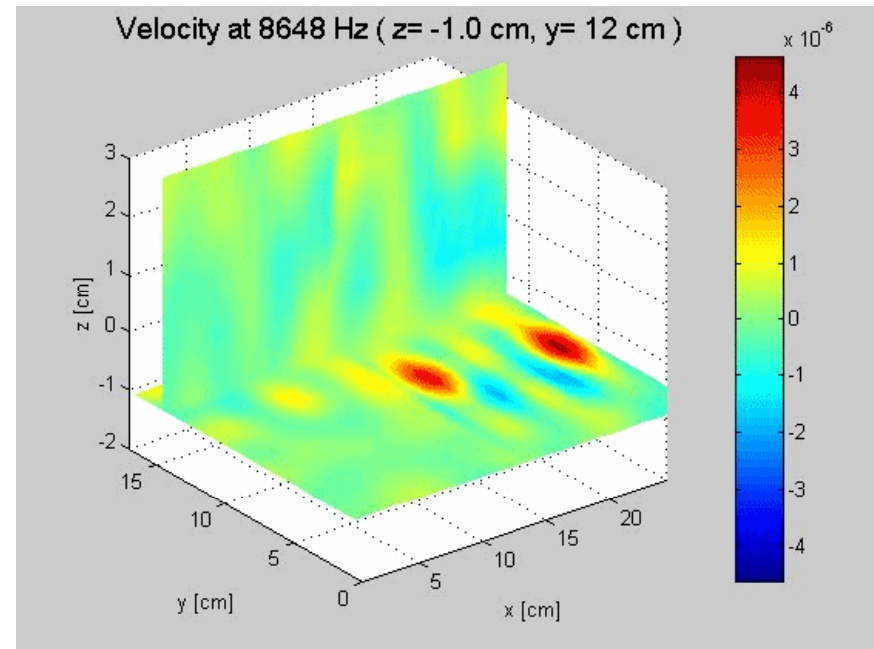
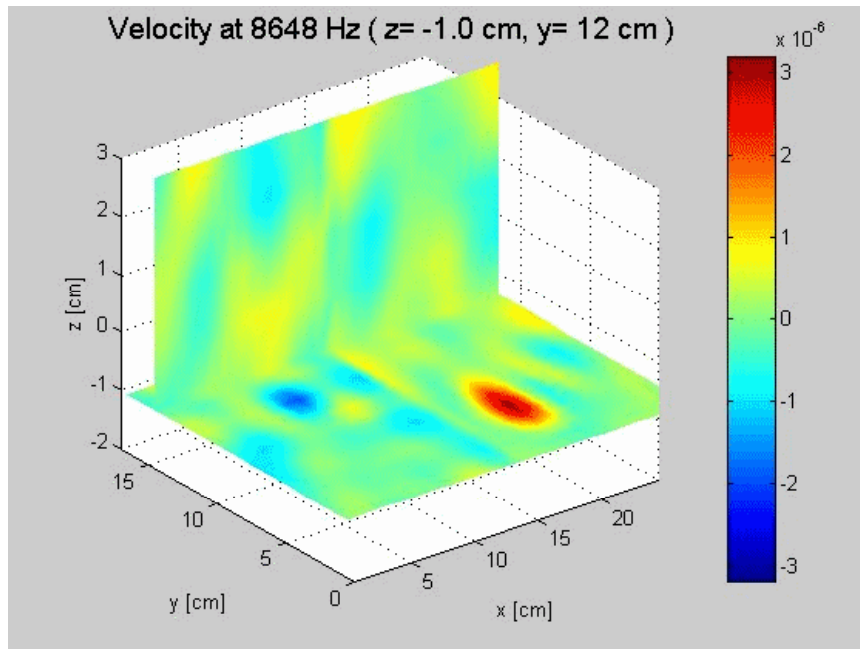


# Sound Radiation from Hard Drives

## Velocity, 8648 Hz

Base model: Top and Bottom

W/o Foam: Top and Bottom



Disc bearing

## - Conclusions

- **Possible to visualize closely located sources on compact machine accurately by using high resolution, multi-reference acoustical holographic procedure over a wide range of frequencies**
- **Sound radiation from disc bearing, disc, head mechanism, and hard drive shell were clearly visualized over wide range of frequencies**
- **Clearly shown that sound radiation above 3 kHz is primarily from disc bearing**
- **Sound absorption by using relatively thin sound absorption material placed beneath the PCB was clearly visualized**