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NVH analysis of a 3 phase 12/8 SR motor drive for HEV applications

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- **Introduction**
- **Experimental setup**
- **Vibro-acoustic study** based on experimental data
 - **Signature** time and frequency **analysis**
 - **Deflection shapes** and time domain animation
 - **Sound quality evaluation**
- **Conclusion**

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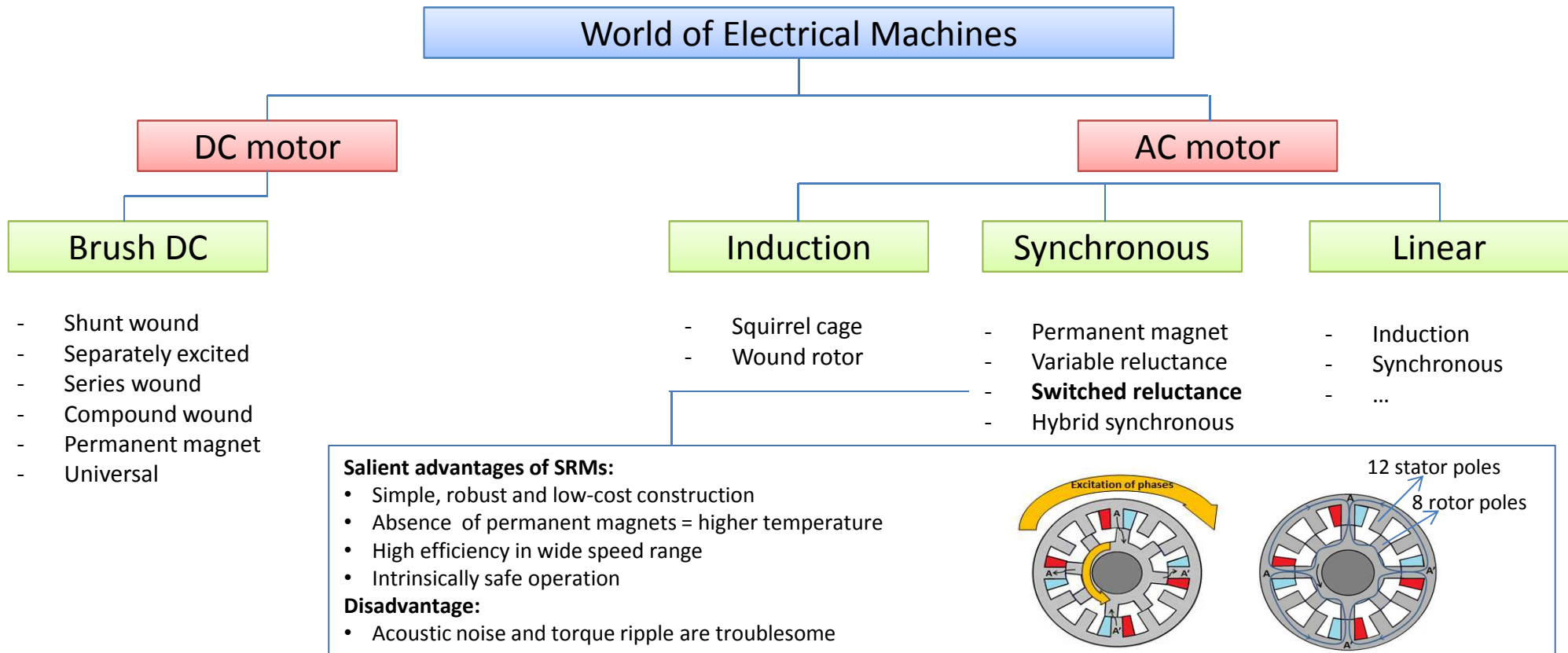


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Electric motor overview:



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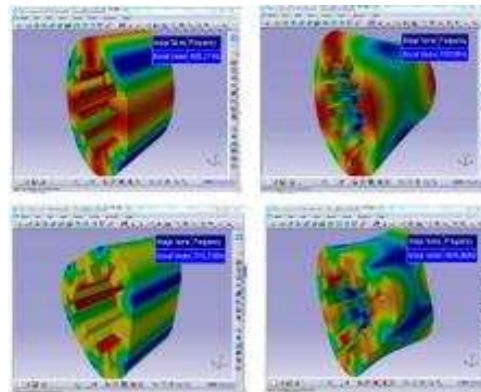
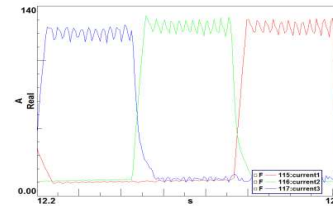
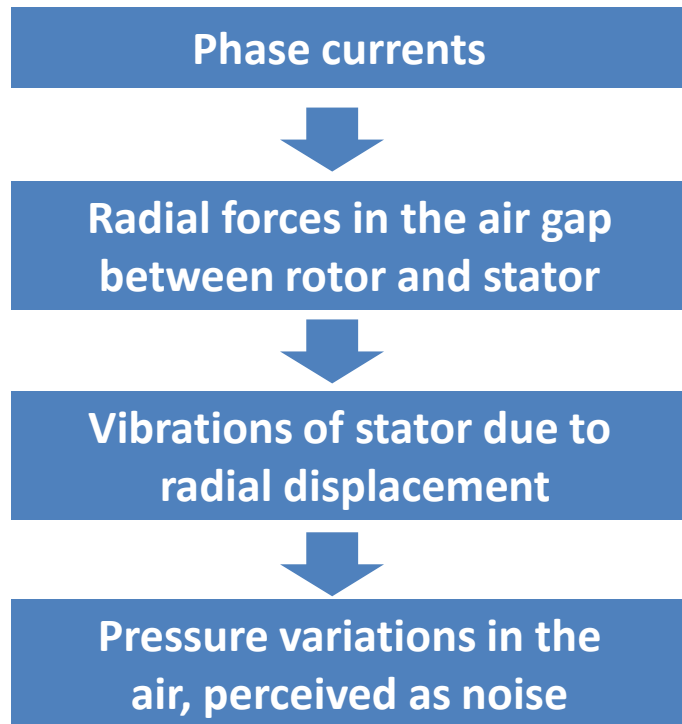
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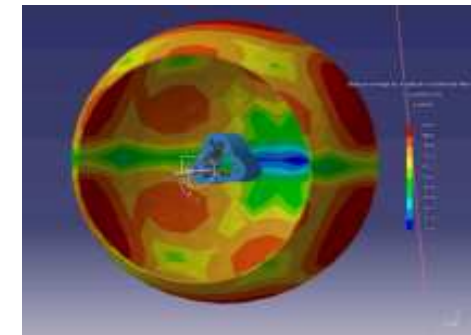
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Noise generation process of a SR-motor:



$$F_r(\theta, l_g, i) = -\frac{1}{2} i^2 \frac{L(\theta, i)}{l_g}$$



The radial attractive force between stator and rotor is the dominant NVH source!

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Objectives of this research work “Characterization of 3 phase 12/8 SRM”:

- **To verify the theory that the square mode is the first excited mode in practice**
→ Modal analysis & operational deflection shapes
- **To identify the dominant features in different operational conditions**
→ Frequency spectrum/ order sections of current, noise and vibrations signals
- **To assess the tonality, loudness and sharpness of this specific 12/8 SRM**
→ Sound metrics

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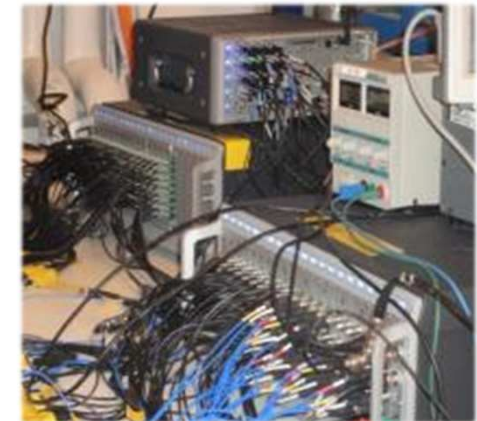
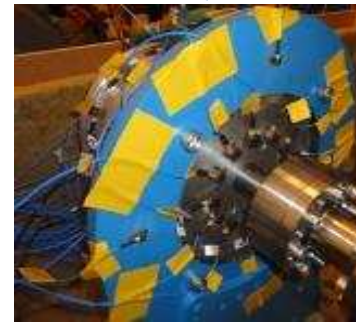
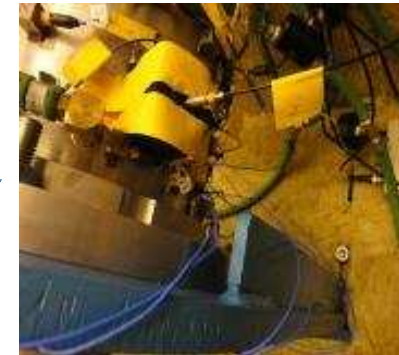


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Practical overview:



12/8 SRM under test conditions



Total measured channels: **219**

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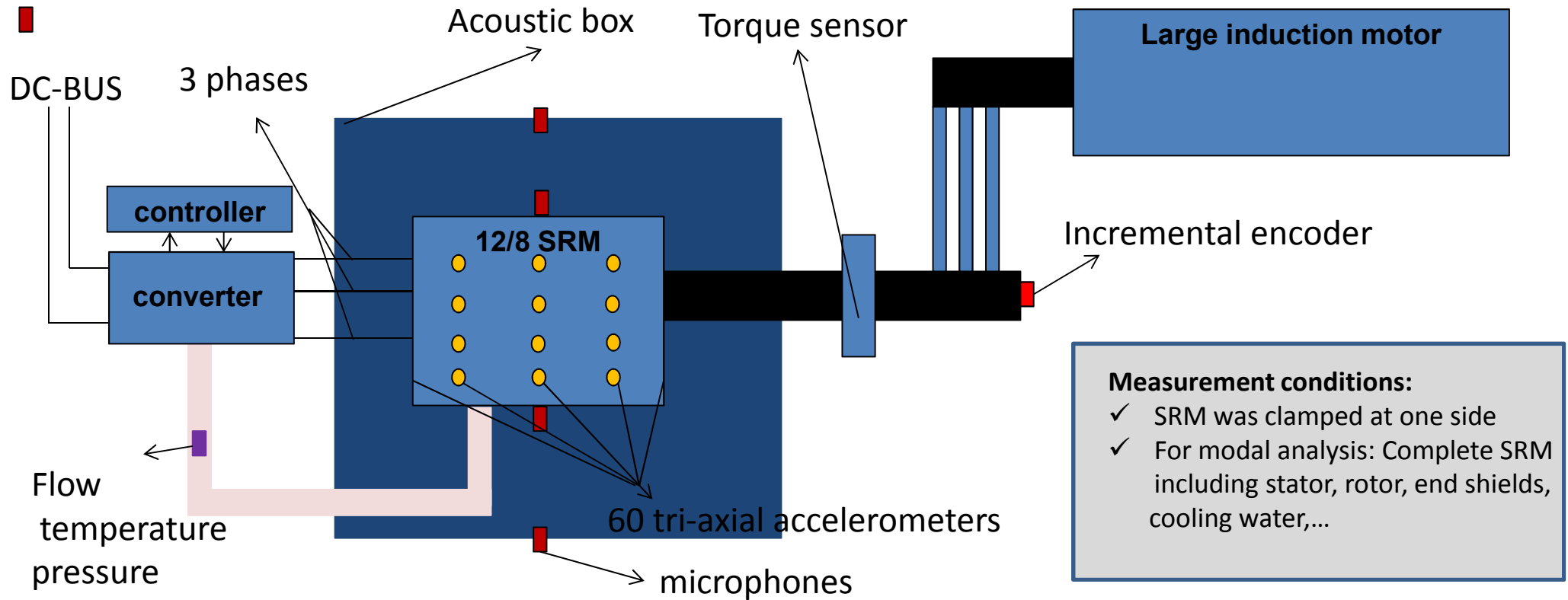


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Schematic overview:



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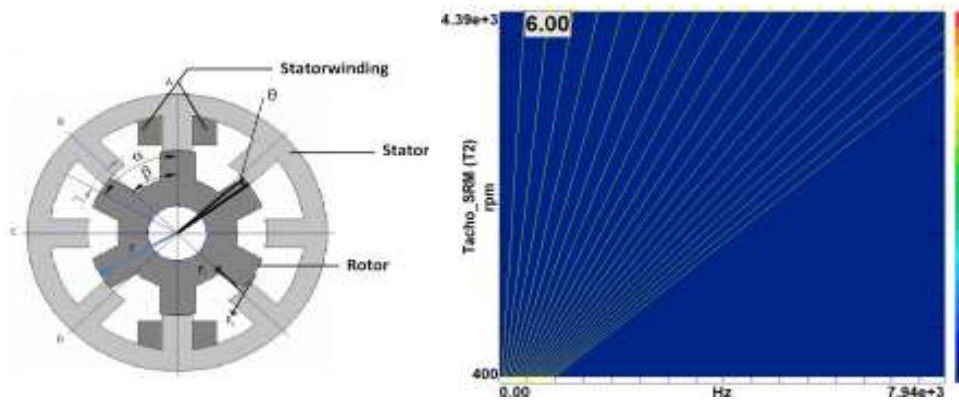
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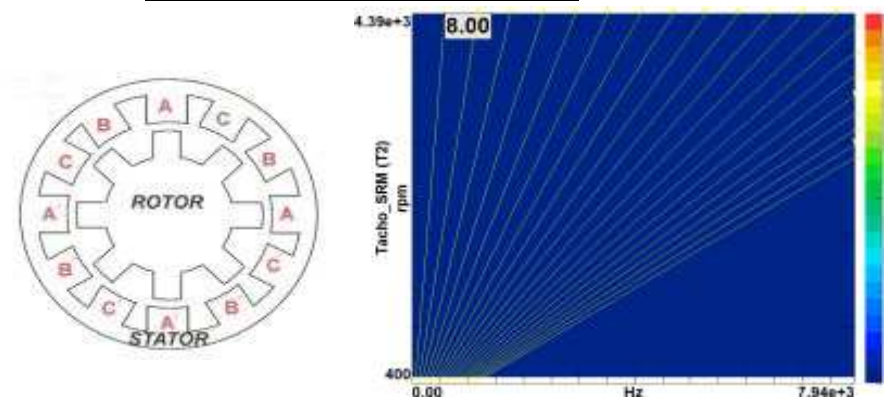
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Theoretical background signature analysis SRM 8/6 versus 12/8:

8/6 SR-motor



12/8 SR-motor



	8/6	12/8
Number of poles excited at the same time	2	4
Number of electric phases	4	3
Total number of phase excitations per revolution	24	24
Fundamental order (= number of times that a phase is excited per revolution)	6	8

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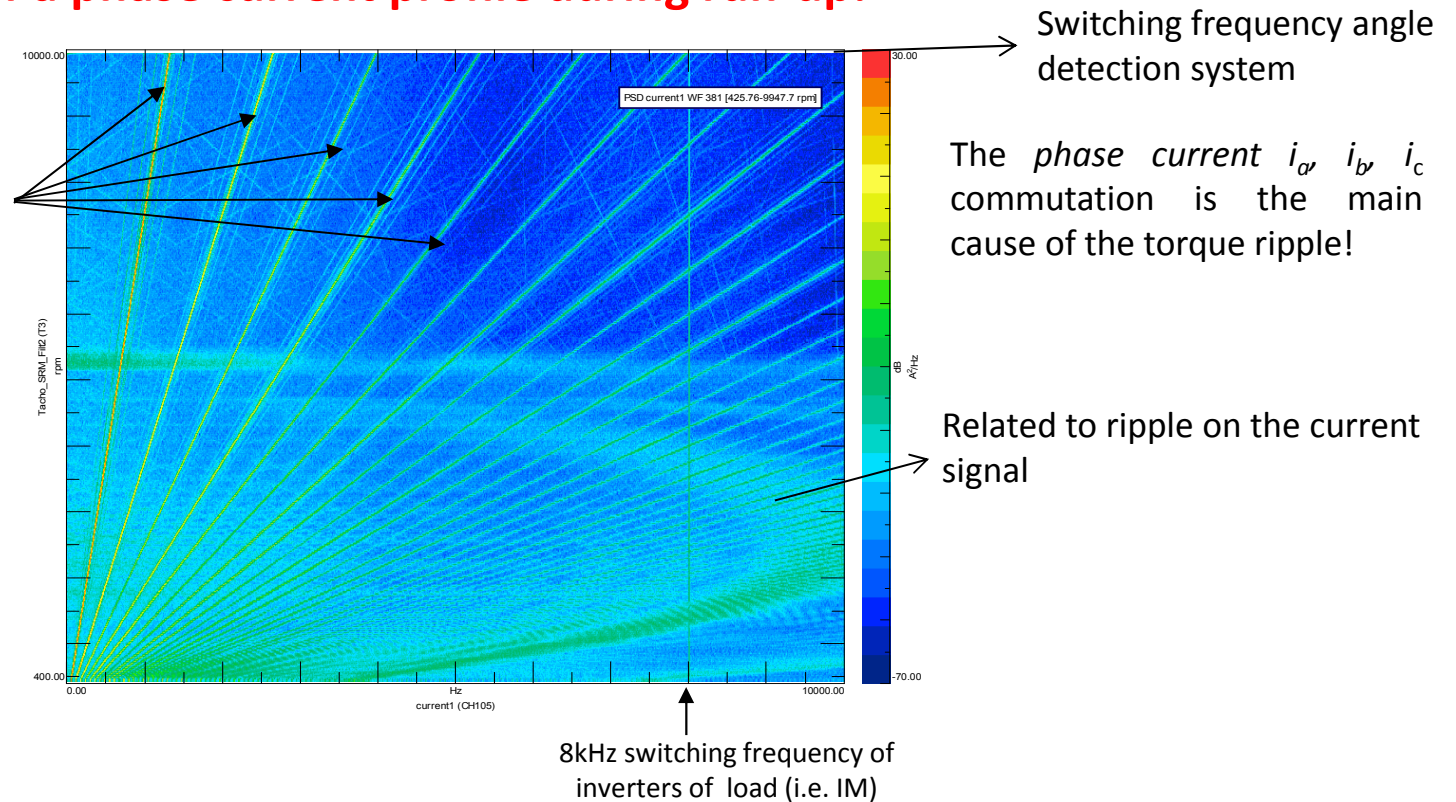
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Frequency spectrum of a phase current profile during run-up:

Dominant orders due to radial force excitation:



In a 12/8 SRM, each of the 3 phases is excited 8 times per revolution → 8th order harmonics

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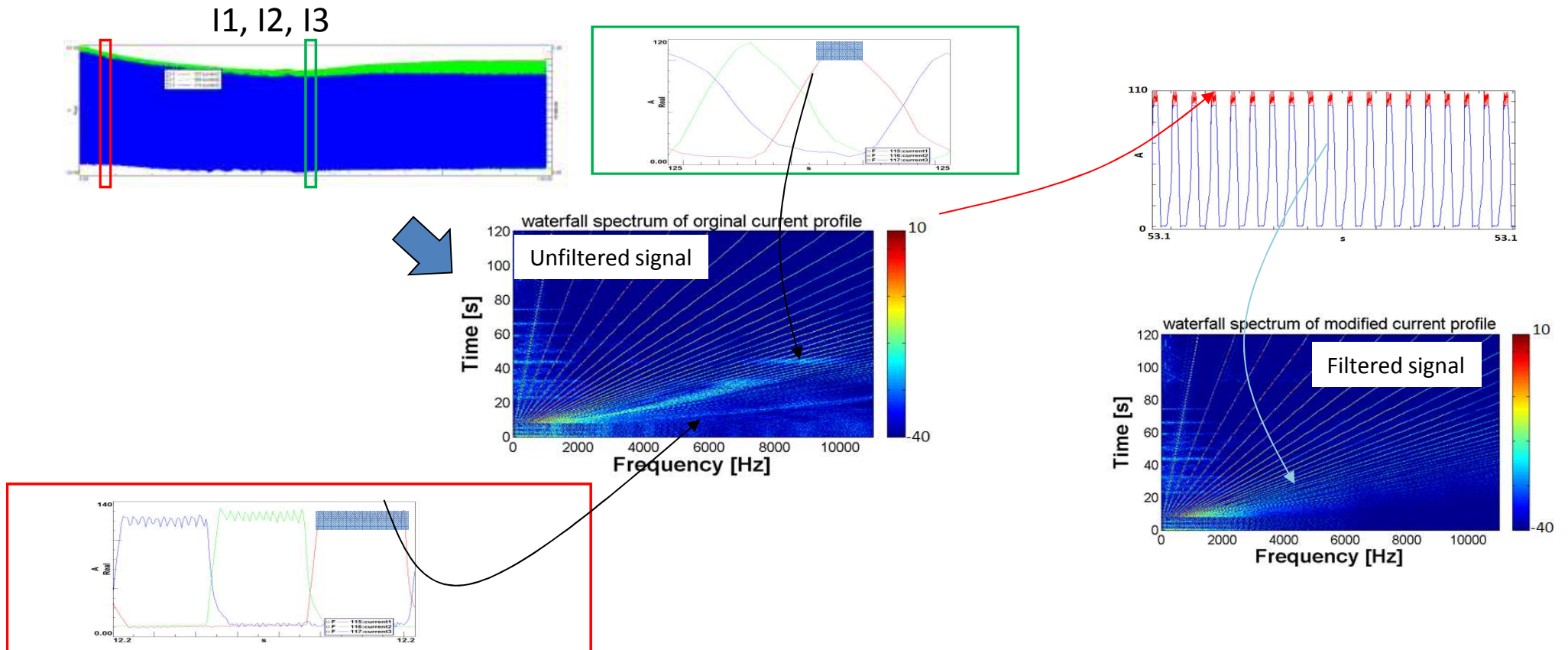


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Frequency spectrum of a phase current profile during run-up:



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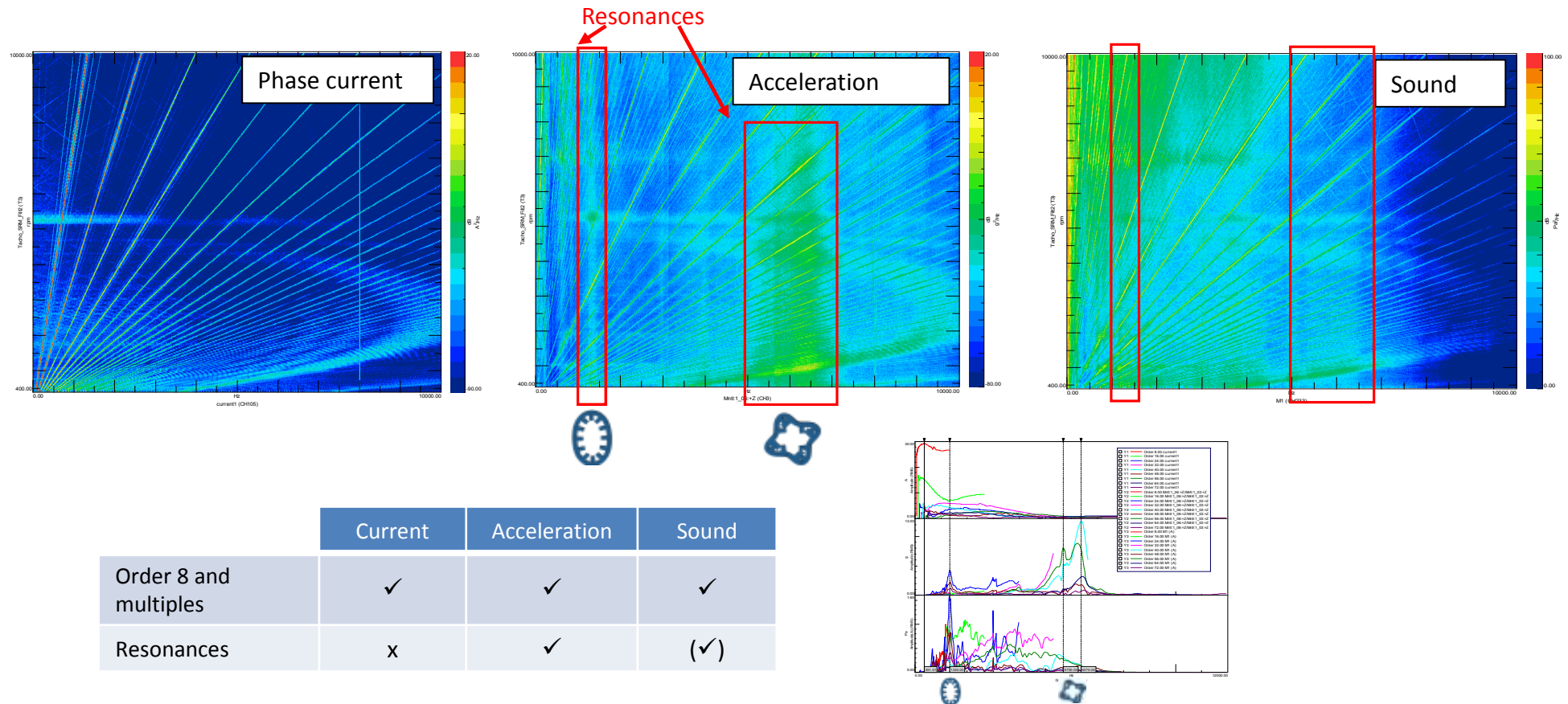


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Frequency spectrum current versus noise and vibrations signal:



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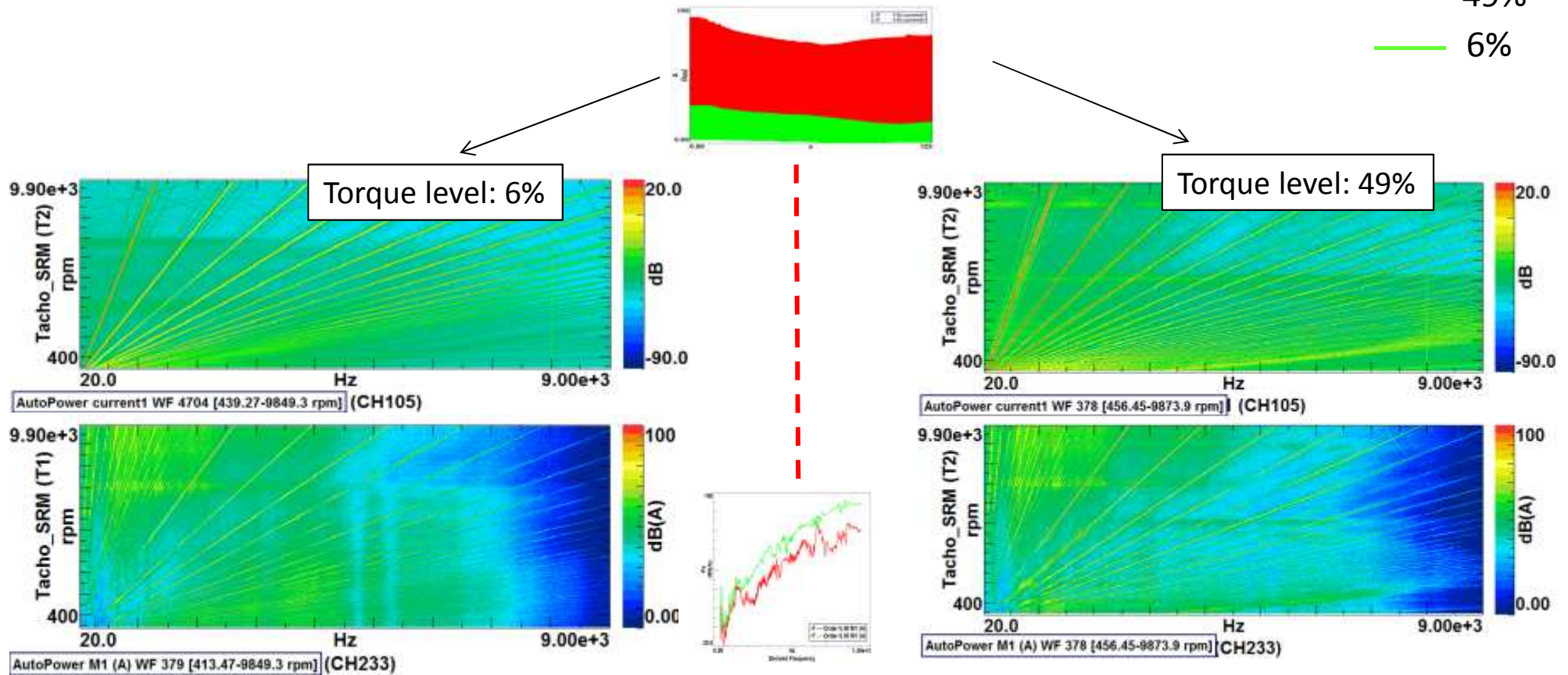


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Frequency spectrum current signal versus noise and vibrations:

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— 6%



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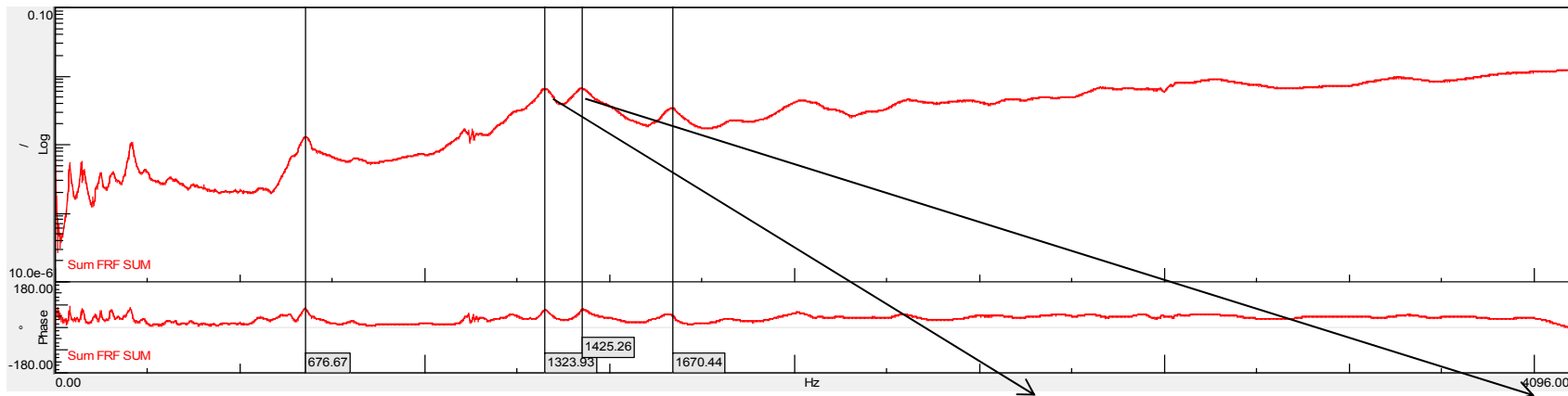
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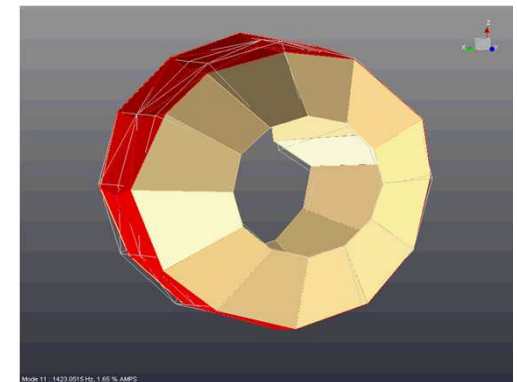
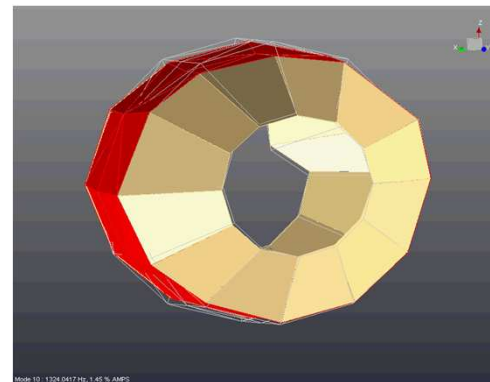


Ovalization mode of the mounted 12/8 SRM:



1324 Hz

1425 Hz



Modal analysis = makes it possible to study the dynamic properties of the structure under excitation (hammer, shaker,...)

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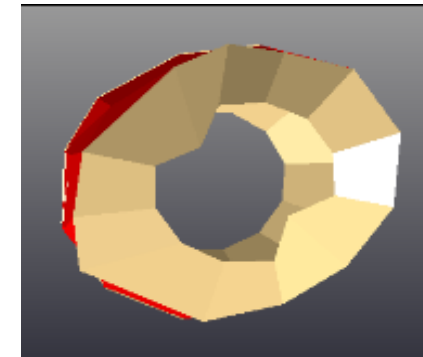
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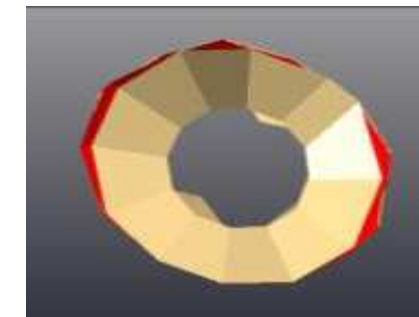
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Ovalization mode of the mounted 12/8 SRM:

- **Theoretically**, when a phase is excited, 4 stator poles are loaded at the same time => ovalization mode shouldn't be excited during run-up measurement
- **In practice**, it turns out that the ovalization mode is excited
 - Visible in all orders, but best in order 24
 - Ovalization happens at both flanges. Both flanges move in phase with each other.

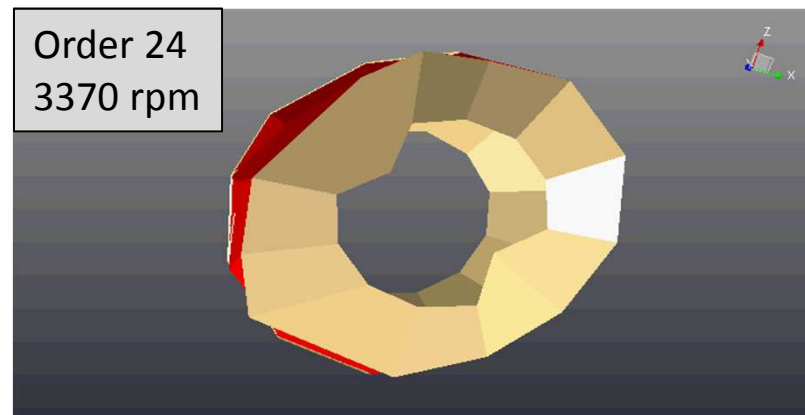


Ovalization of free end shield



Ovalization of clamped end shield

Operating Deflection Shape (ODS) analysis = a useful tool to analyze vibration characteristics of a machine during a run-up.



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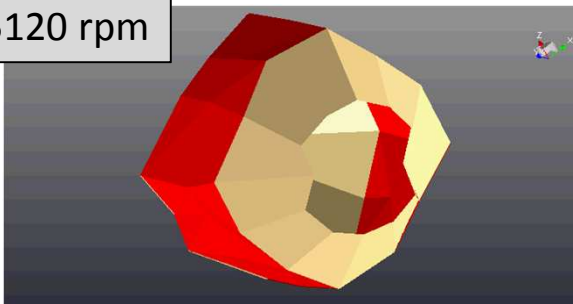


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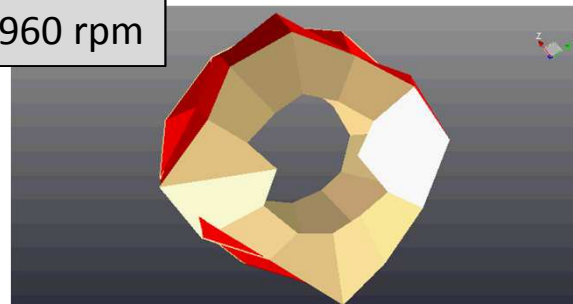
Square mode of the mounted 12/8 SRM:

- **Theoretically**, when a phase is excited, 4 stator poles are loaded at the same time=>square mode should be excited
- **In practice**, visible in all orders but best in order 56

Order 56
5120 rpm



Order 56
5960 rpm

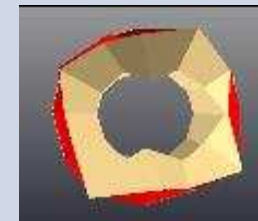


Screenshots

Order 56
5120 rpm



Order 56
5960 rpm



Square deflection of free end shield



Clamped end shield:
Square deflection



Clamped end shield:
deflection less pronounced

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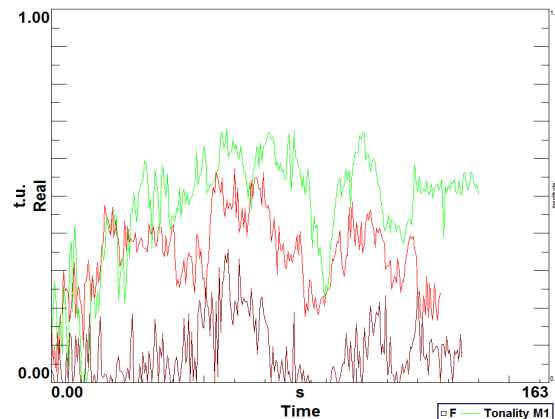


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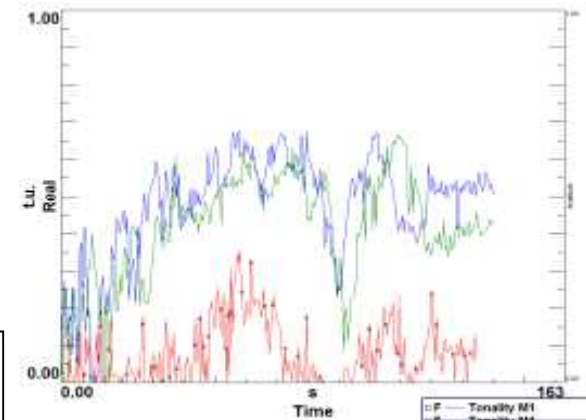
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Tonality/sharpness/Loudness:

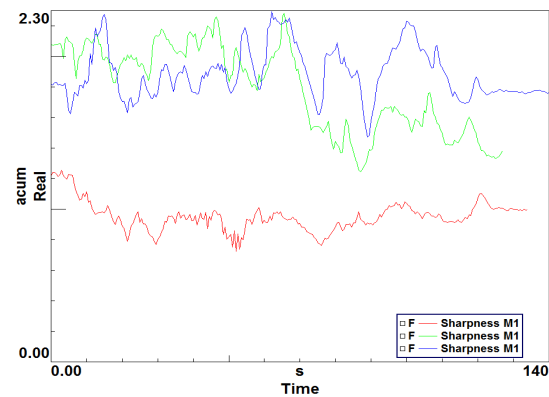


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Tonality

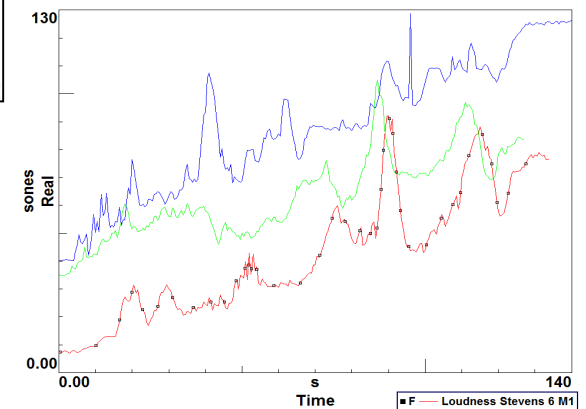
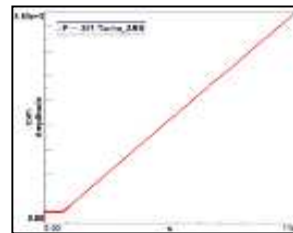


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Sharpness



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Loudness

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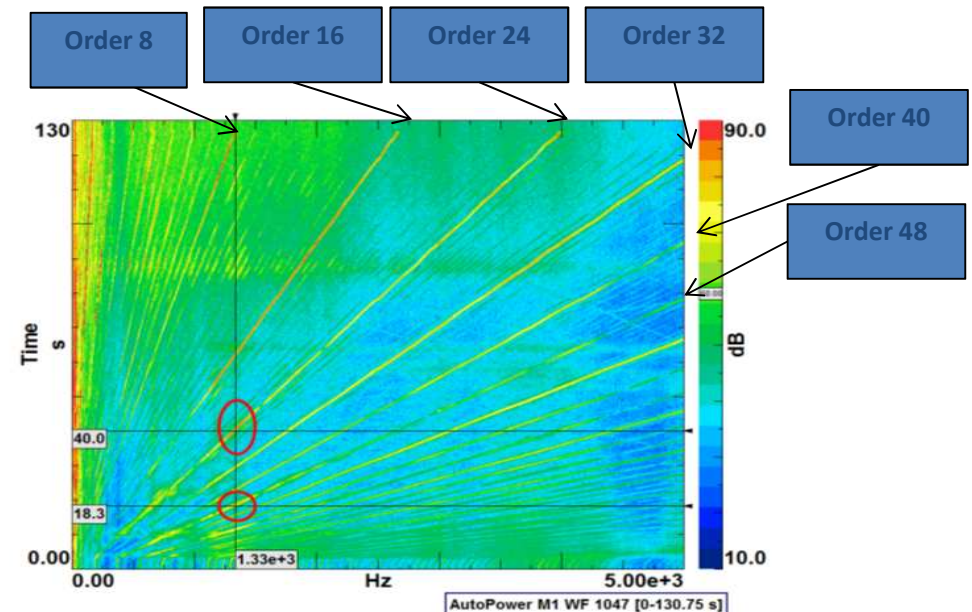
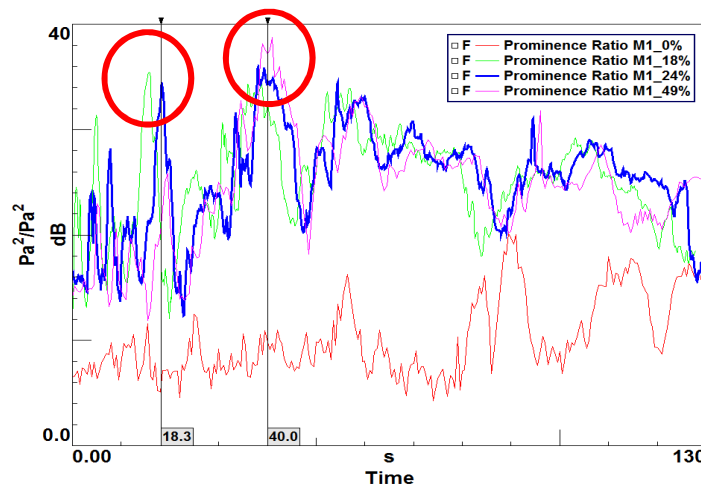
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Prominence ratio:



Prominence ratio is a metric related to the detection and evaluation of prominent discrete tones in noises emissions. In the Prominence ratio method, a discrete tone candidate is said prominent if the average SPL of the "critical band" centered on the tone is at least 9dB higher than the average SPL of the adjacent critical bands.

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- The **theoretical assumption** that the ovalization mode is **not** excited in 12/8 configuration could **not** be confirmed with measurements. **Not only the square mode, but also the ovalization mode is excited during run-ups:**
 - Square mode dominates in acceleration signals
 - Ovalization mode dominates in microphone signals !
- Subjective sound evaluation metrics confirm the high **tonality** of the SRM
- **Order 8 with his harmonics** are excited in 12/8 SRM configuration due to the geometry of the rotor and phase excitation principle
 - Order 24 is dominant in the sound (ovalization mode)
 - Order 40 and 56 in the accelerations (square-mode)

Finally, all these NVH tools can help automotive engineers to obtain insight in the vibro-acoustic behavior of electric machines to optimize significant NVH motor characteristics

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