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# Comparison of various models for piezoelectric receivers in wireless acoustic power transfer

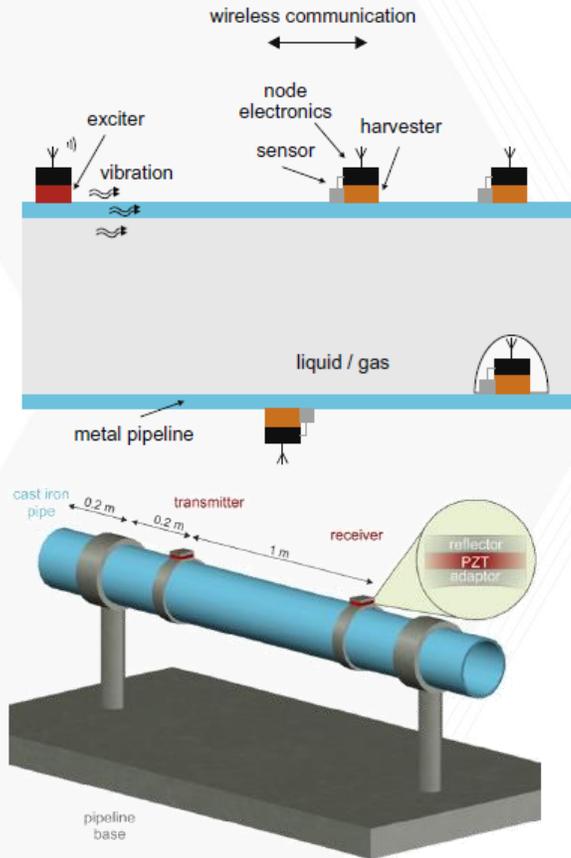
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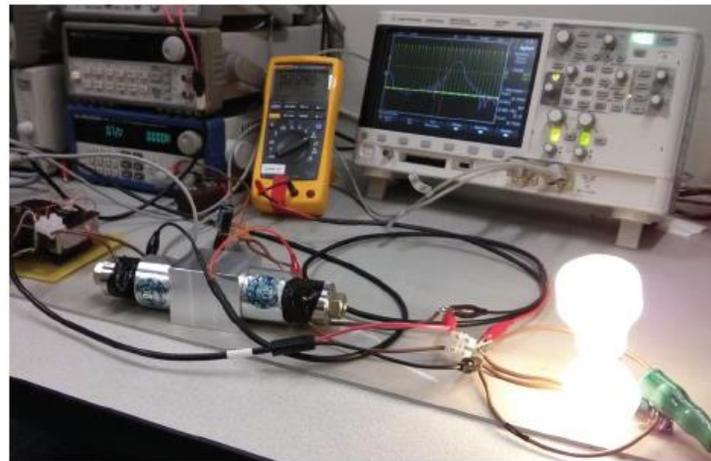
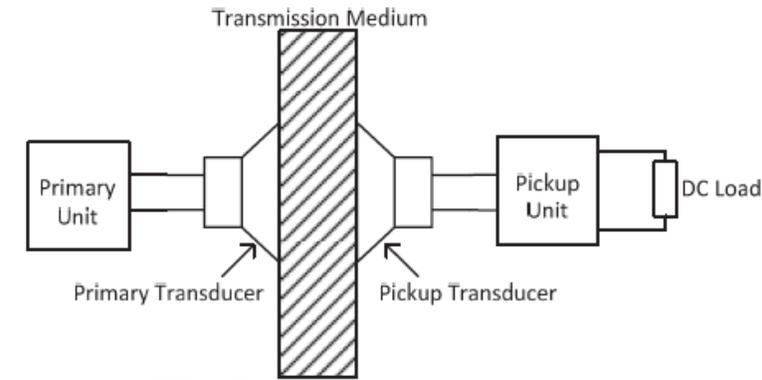
# Acoustic power transfer: Example applications

## Power transmission to pipeline monitoring sensors



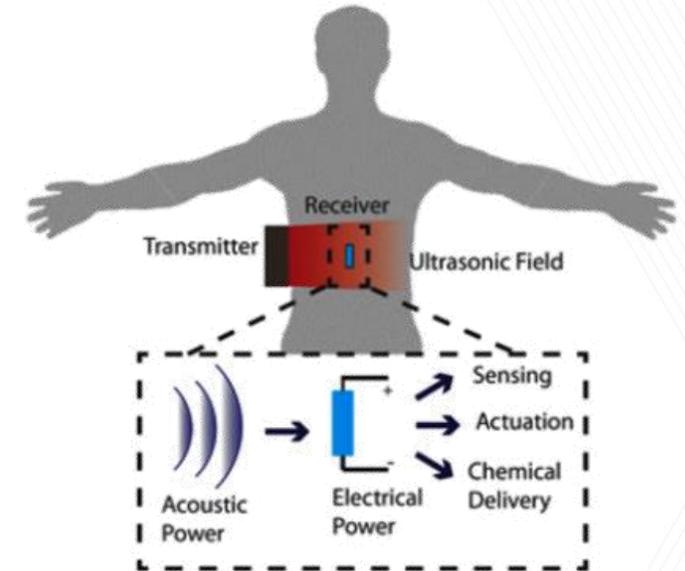
Kiziroglou et al. (2017)

## Power transmission through metallic walls

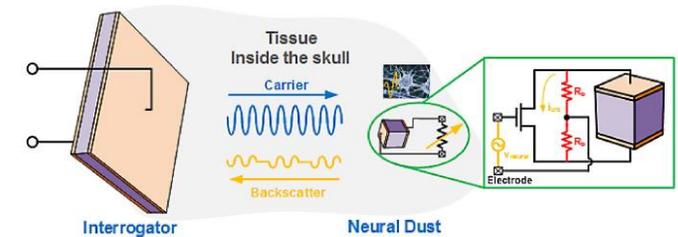


Leung et al. (2014)

## Biomedical implants

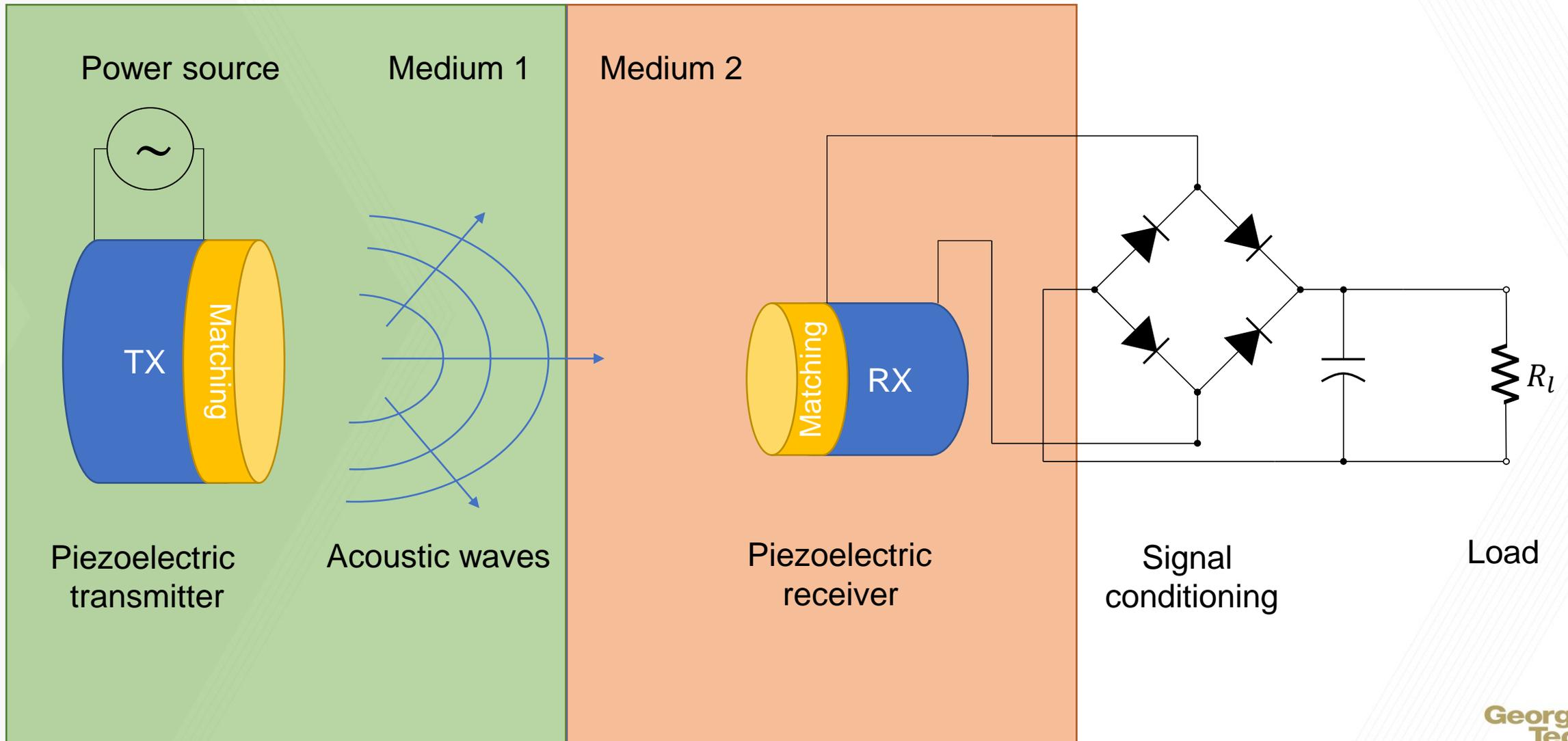


Song et al. (2015)



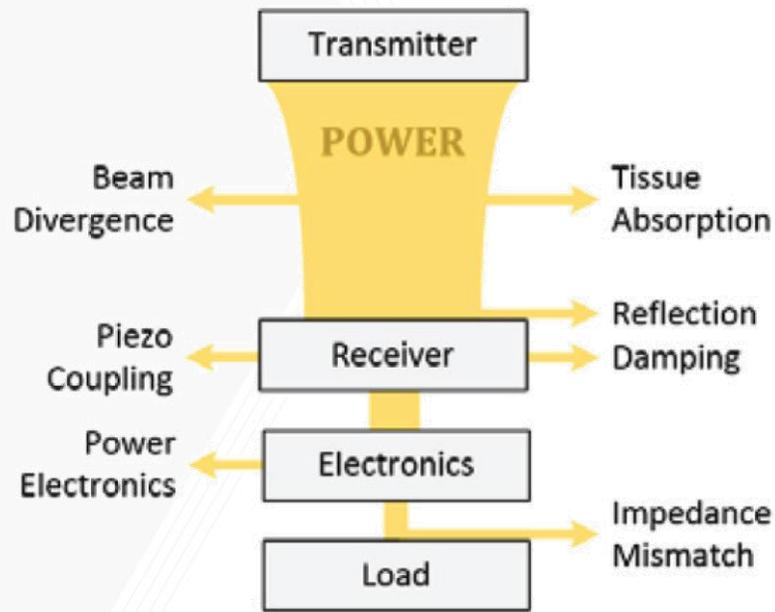
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# Acoustic power transfer: Basic system components

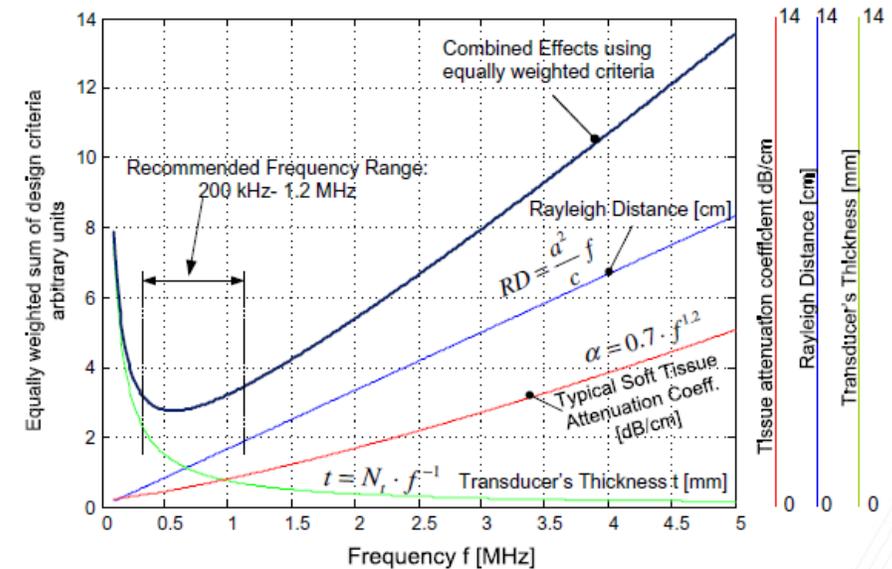


# Research challenges

- Power losses due to:
  - Reflections (electrical and acoustic impedance mismatch)
  - Beam divergence, diffraction, etc.
  - Medium absorption
- Strong multi-physics coupling (modeling challenges)



Christnen and Roundy (2015)



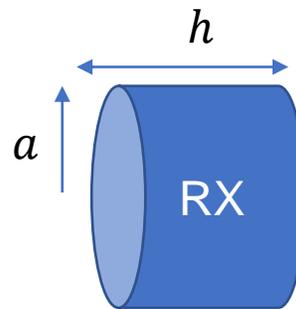
Ozeri and Shmilovitz (2010)

# Work Objective

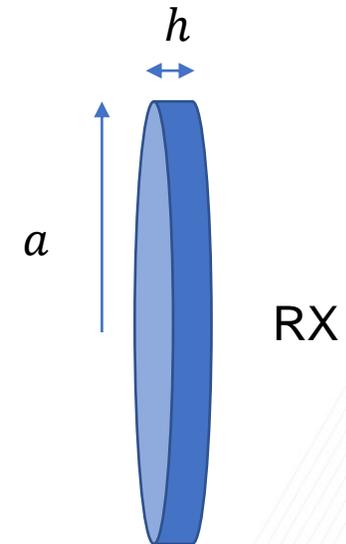
- Investigate the analytical models for modeling fluid loaded 33-mode bulk piezoelectric transducers.
- Determine the effect of changing the height-to-radius (aspect ratio  $\beta = h/a$ ) on the performance of PZT receivers.



$$\beta \gg 1$$



$$\beta \sim 1$$



$$\beta \ll 1$$

# Constitutive equations for a 33-mode transducer

- Piezoelectric equations:

$$\sigma = \mathbf{C}^E \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{e} \mathbf{S} + \epsilon^S \mathbf{E}$$

- For a thickness-poled cylinder:

$$\sigma_r = C_{11}s_r + C_{12}s_\theta + C_{13}s_z - e_{31}E_z$$

$$\sigma_\theta = C_{12}s_r + C_{22}s_\theta + C_{13}s_z - e_{31}E_z$$

$$\sigma_z = C_{13}s_r + C_{13}s_\theta + C_{33}s_z - e_{33}E_z$$

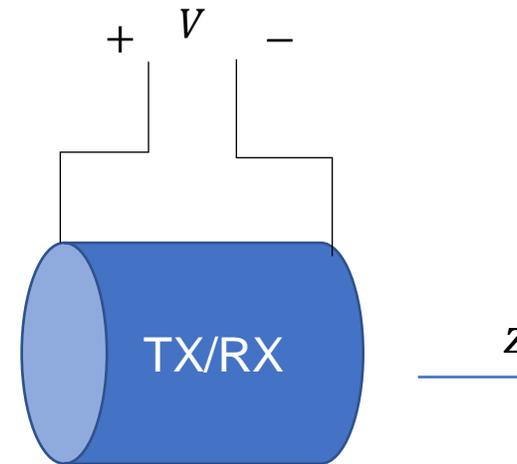
$$\sigma_{rz} = C_{44}s_{rz}$$

$$\sigma_{\theta z} = C_{44}s_{\theta z}$$

$$\sigma_{r\theta} = ((C_{11} - C_{12})/2) s_{r\theta}$$

$$D_r = D_\theta = 0$$

$$D_z = e_{31}s_r + e_{31}s_\theta + e_{33}s_z + \epsilon_{33}E_z$$



# Various theories for analytic modeling

## Thin rod (classical)

Basis for equivalent electrical circuits (Mason, KLM, .....,etc)

### Assumptions:

All lateral stresses and shear **stresses** negligible

$$\sigma_r = \sigma_\theta = \sigma_{rz} = \sigma_{\theta z} = \sigma_{r\theta} = 0$$

$$u_z = u(z, t)$$



## Rayleigh

All shear **stresses** negligible:

$$\sigma_{rz} = \sigma_{\theta z} = \sigma_{r\theta} = 0$$

Include the effects of lateral inertia:

$$u_z = u(z, t)$$

$$u_r = -\nu r \frac{du_z}{dz}$$



## Bishop

Add shear stresses to Rayleigh

## Thin plate

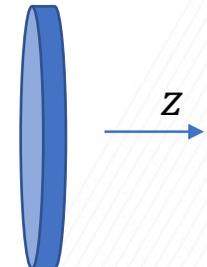
Basis for equivalent electrical circuits (Mason, KLM, .....,etc)

### Assumptions:

All lateral and shear **strains** are negligible:

$$s_r = s_\theta = s_{rz} = s_{\theta z} = s_{r\theta} = 0$$

$$u_z = u(z, t)$$



# Solution approach

Piezoelectric equations  
+  
Simplifying assumptions

Hamilton's  
principle

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \delta (T - U + W_e + W_{nc}) dt = 0$$
$$W_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_V E_3 D_3 dV$$
$$W_{nc} = \int_S (\bar{t}_r u_r + \bar{t}_\theta u_\theta + \bar{t}_z u_z - \bar{q} \phi) dS$$

- Electromechanical EOMs
- Mechanical BCs (continuity equations)
- Electric BCs

**For a thin rod:**

Electromechanical EOMs:

$$\rho u^{(0,2)}(z, t) - \bar{C} u^{(2,0)}(z, t) + \bar{e} \phi^{(2,0)}(z, t) = 0$$
$$\bar{e} u^{(2,0)}(z, t) - \bar{\epsilon} \phi^{(2,0)}(z, t) = 0$$

Mechanical BCs:

$$-A_p \left( \bar{C} u^{(1,0)}(0, t) + \bar{e} \phi^{(1,0)}(0, t) \right) + P = 0$$

Electric BCs:

$$A_p \left( \bar{e} u^{(1,0)}(0, t) - \bar{\epsilon} \phi^{(1,0)}(0, t) \right) - Q = 0$$

# Coupling fluid acoustics with transducer dynamics

- Assume wave solution:

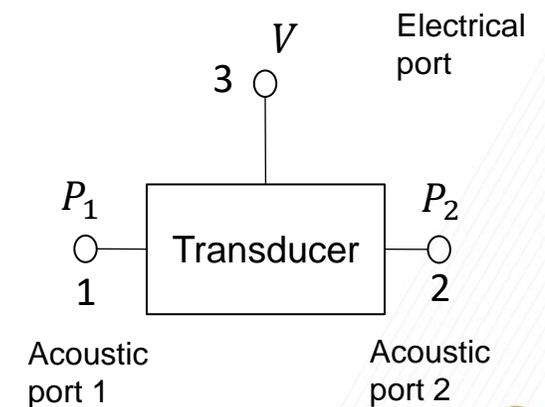
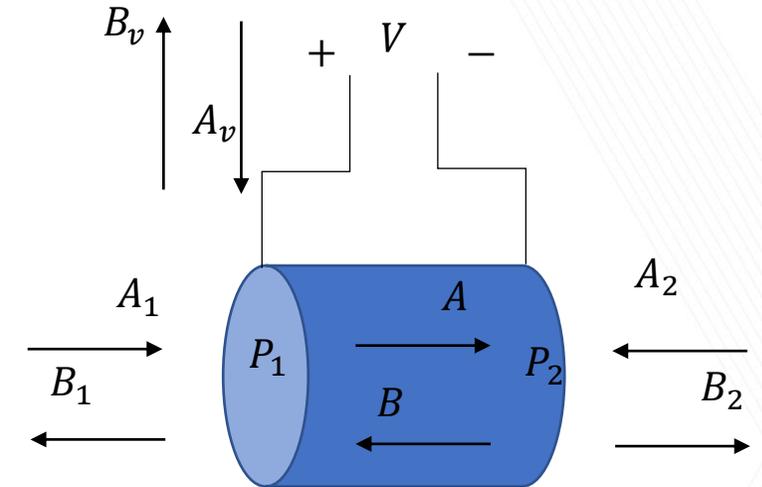
$$P_1(t) = A_1 e^{j(\omega t - kz_1)} + B_1 e^{j(\omega t + kz_1)}$$

$$P_2(t) = A_2 e^{j(\omega t - kz_2)} + B_2 e^{j(\omega t + kz_2)}$$

$$V(t) = (A_v + B_v) e^{j\omega t}$$

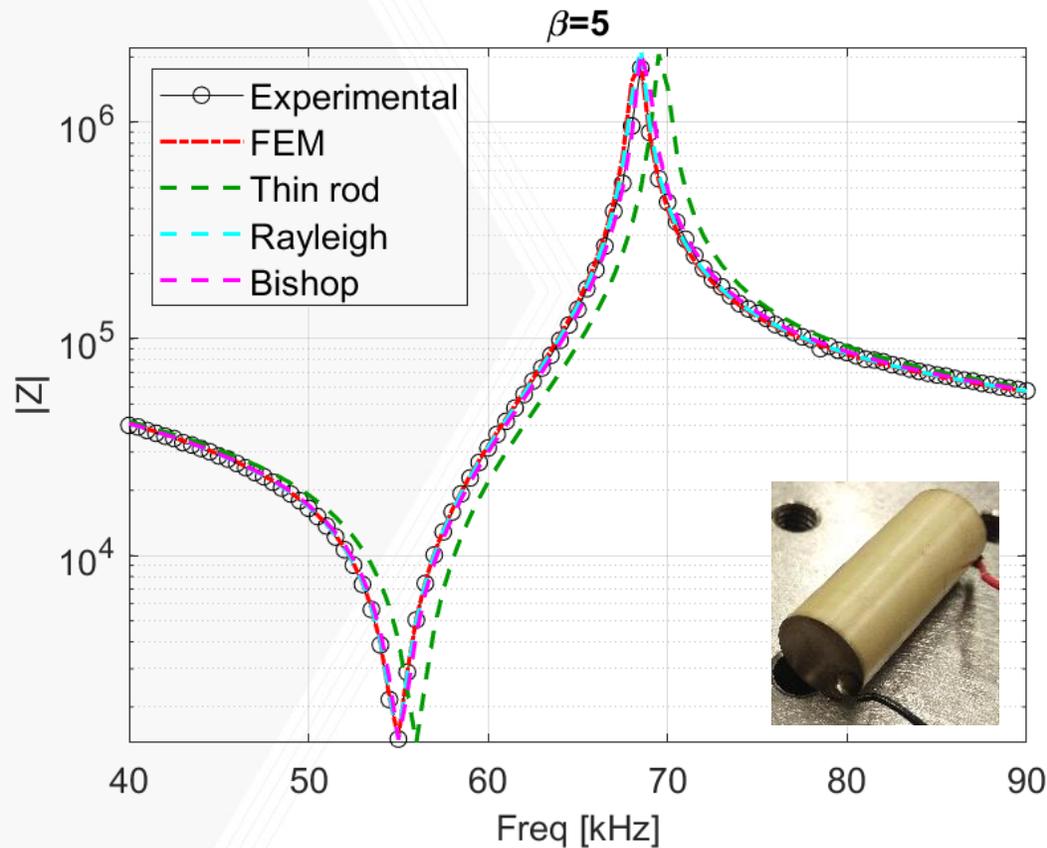
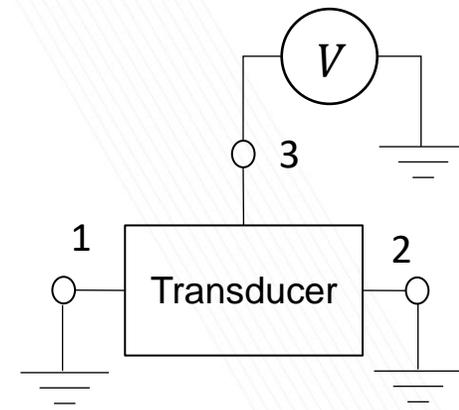
- Substitute in boundary conditions and rearrange in **scattering matrix** form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ B_v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_v \end{bmatrix}$$

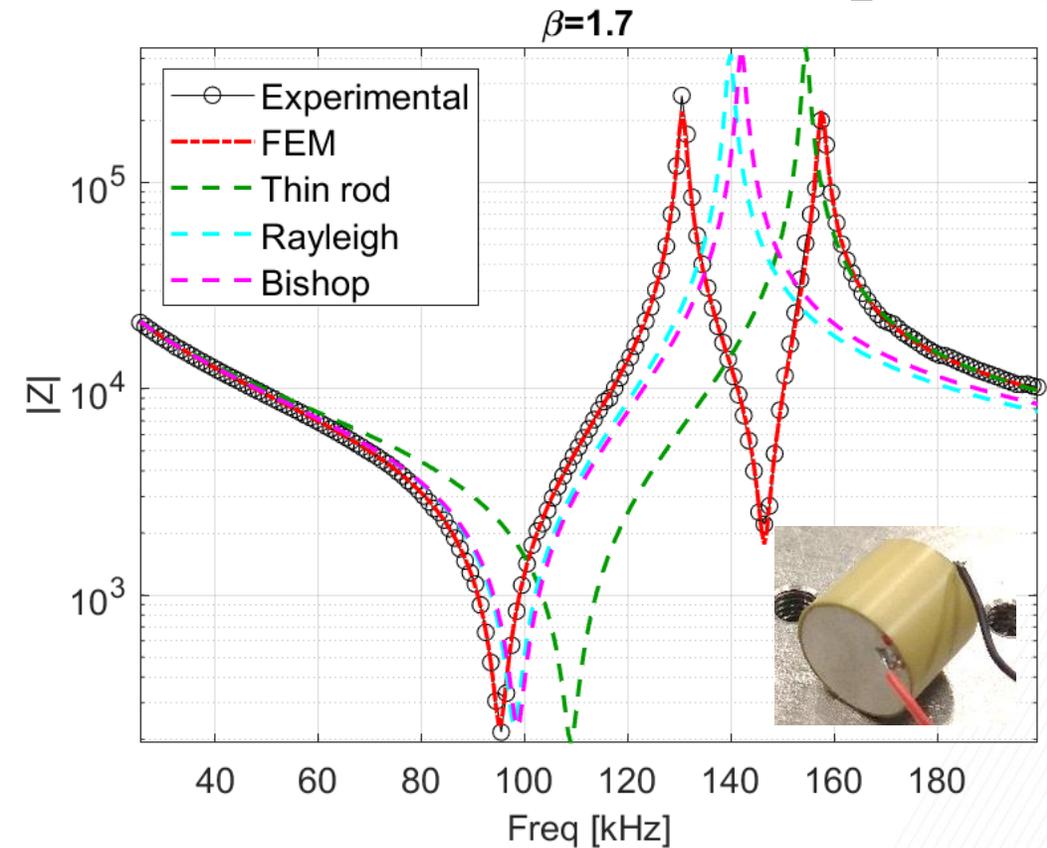


# Case studies & comparison to experiments

## Electromechanical impedance (in air)



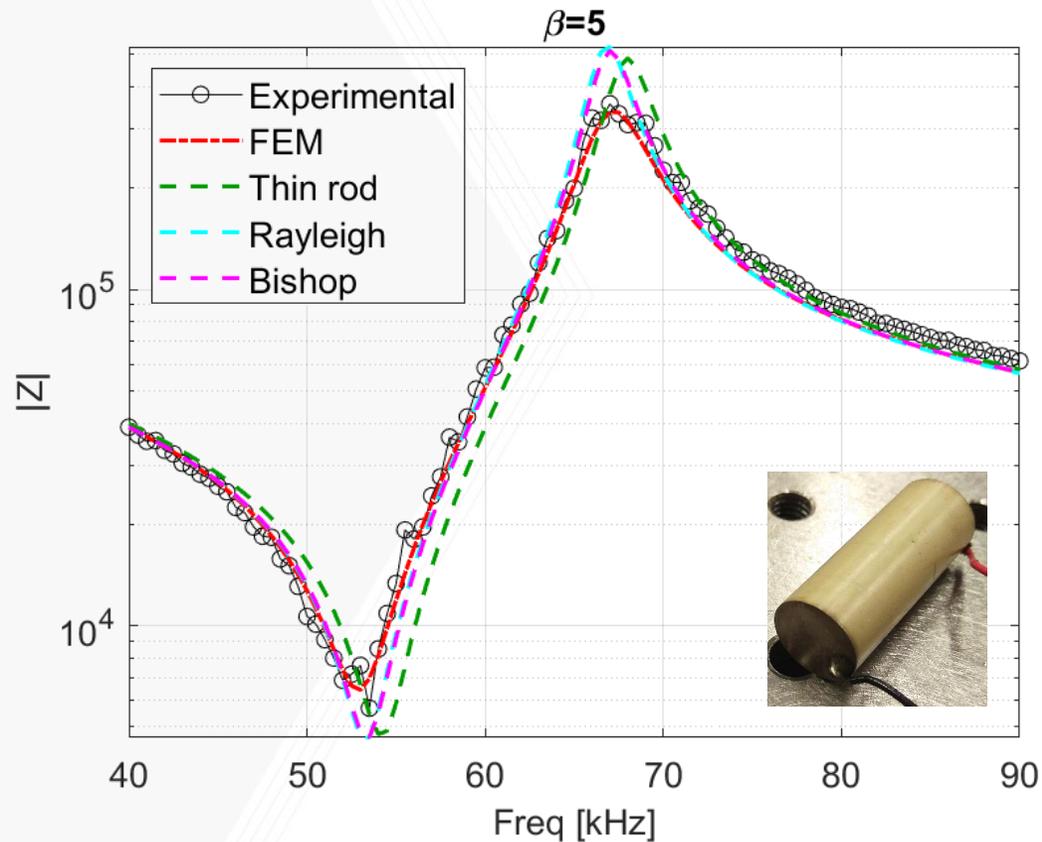
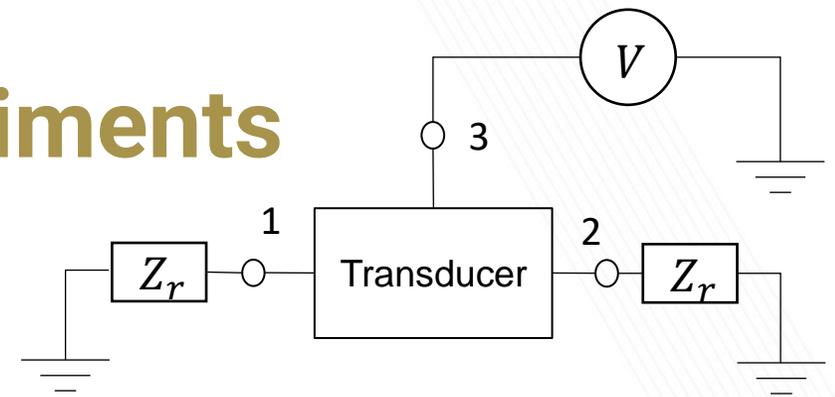
$h = 25\text{mm}, a = 5\text{mm}$



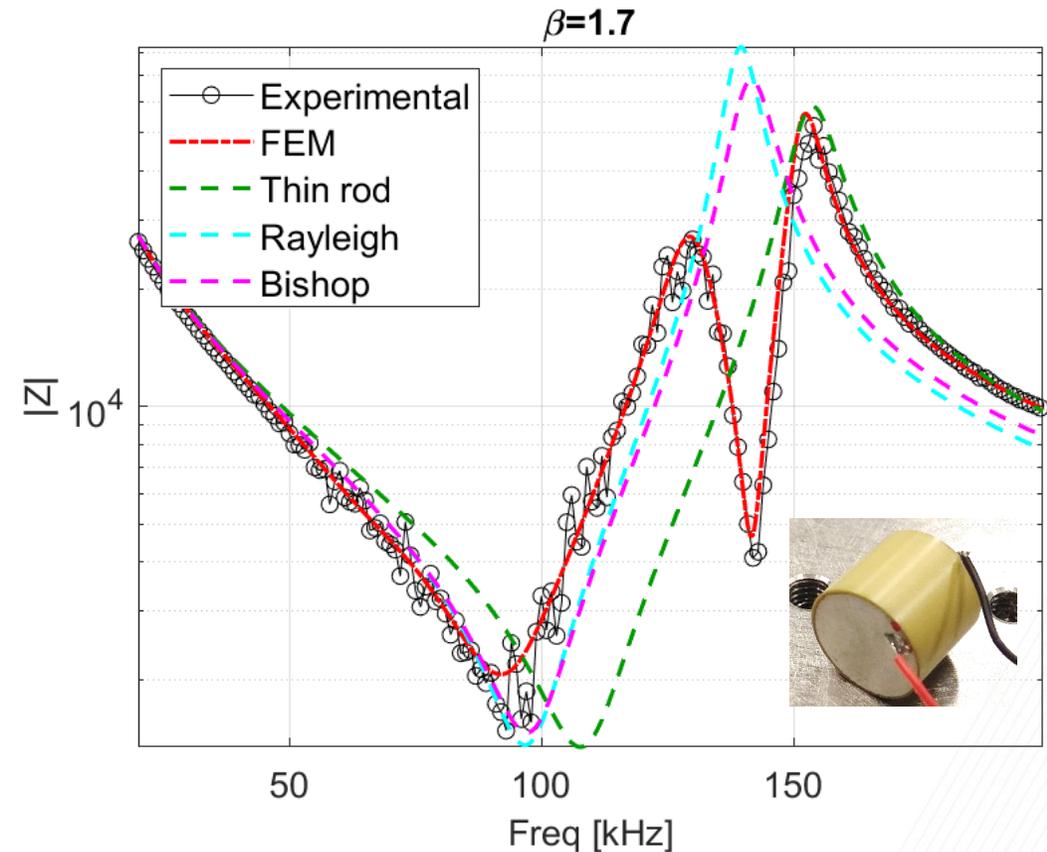
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# Case studies & comparison to experiments

## Electromechanical impedance (in fluid)

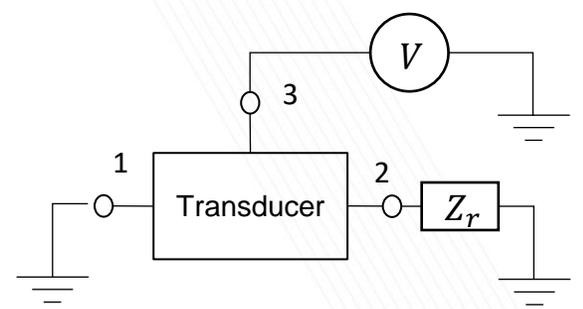


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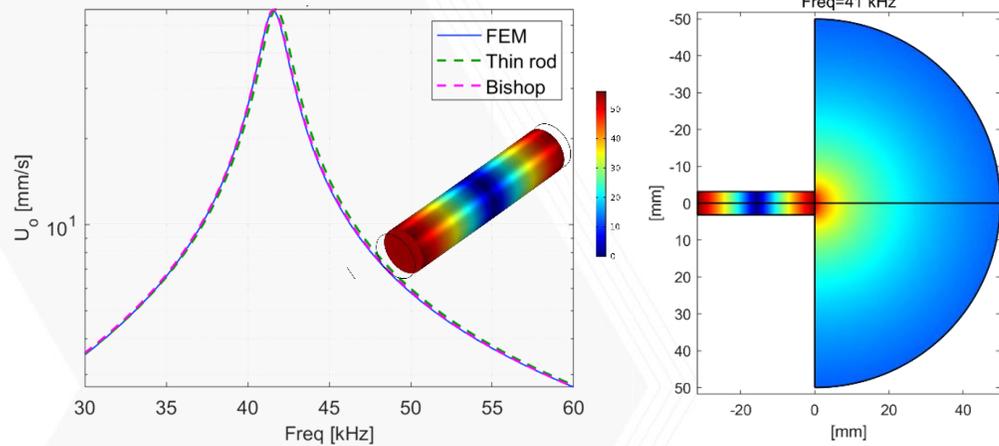


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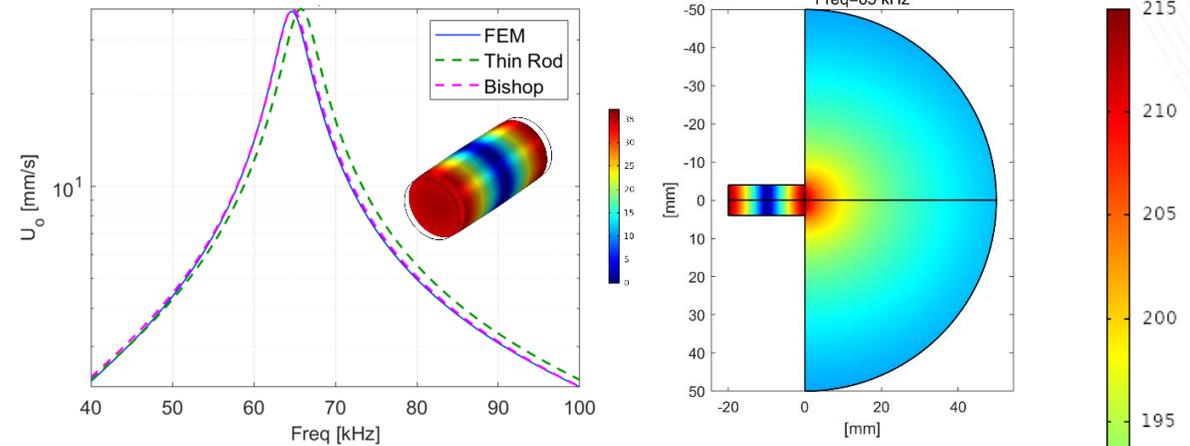
# Acoustic wave field (baffled transmitter)



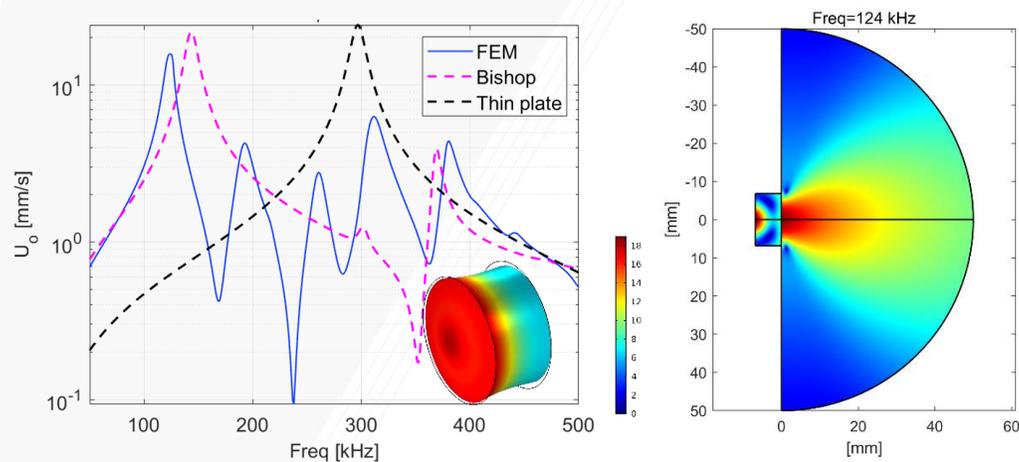
$\beta = 10$  ( $a \cong 3\text{mm}$ )



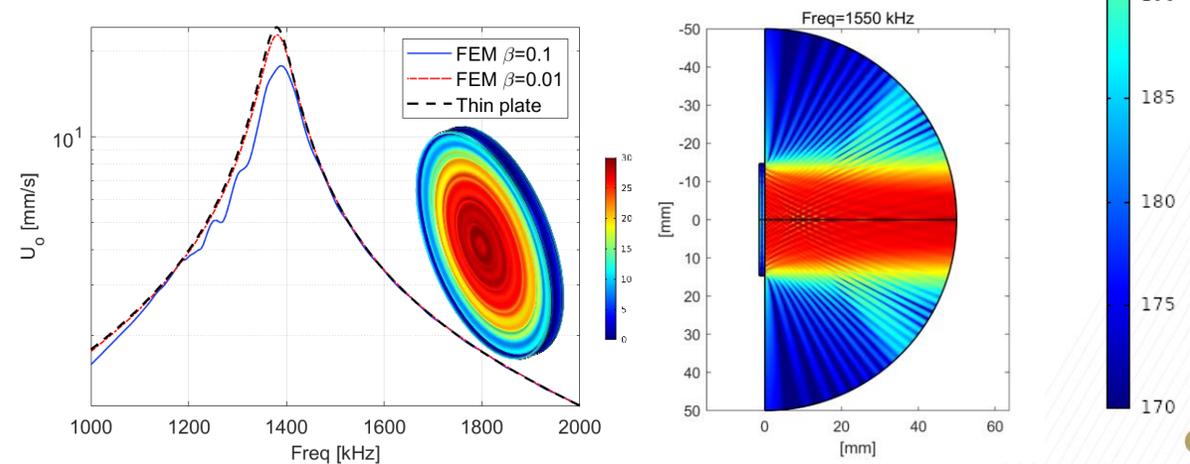
$\beta = 5$  ( $a \cong 4\text{mm}$ )



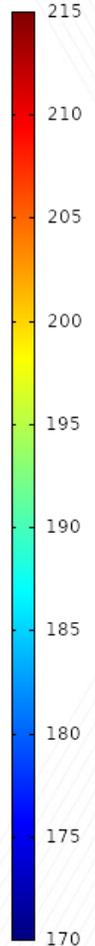
$\beta = 1$  ( $a \cong 7\text{mm}$ )



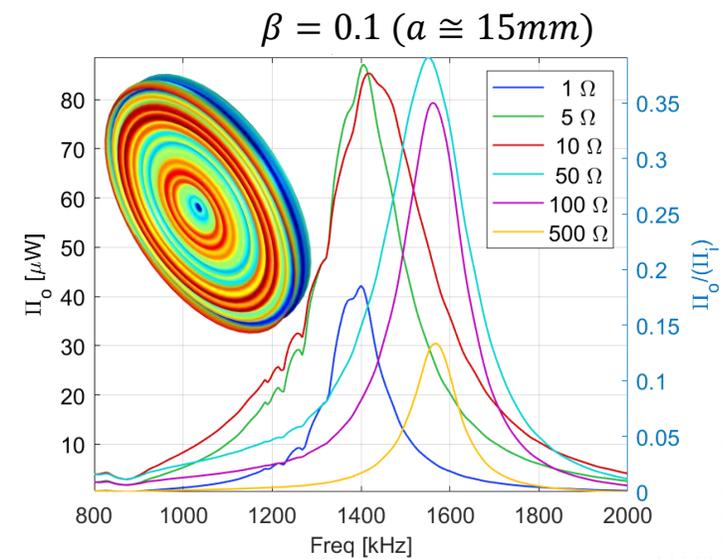
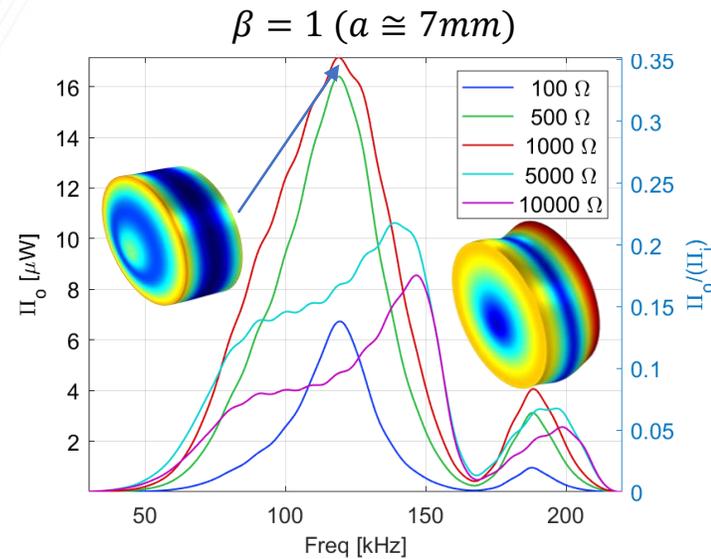
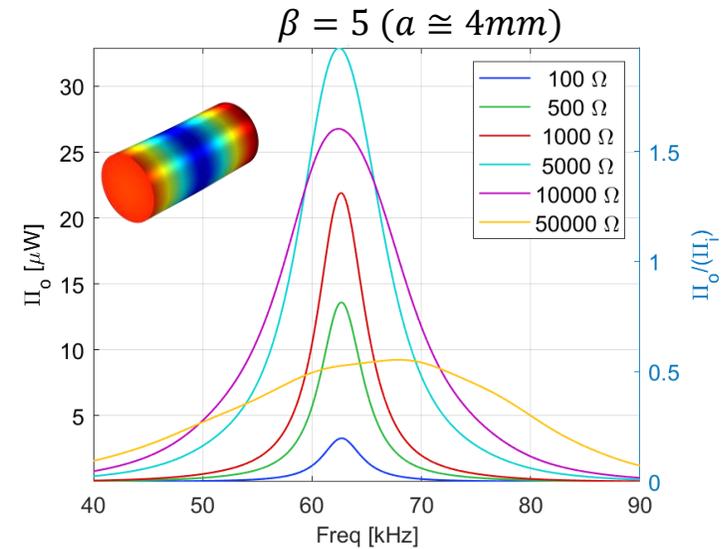
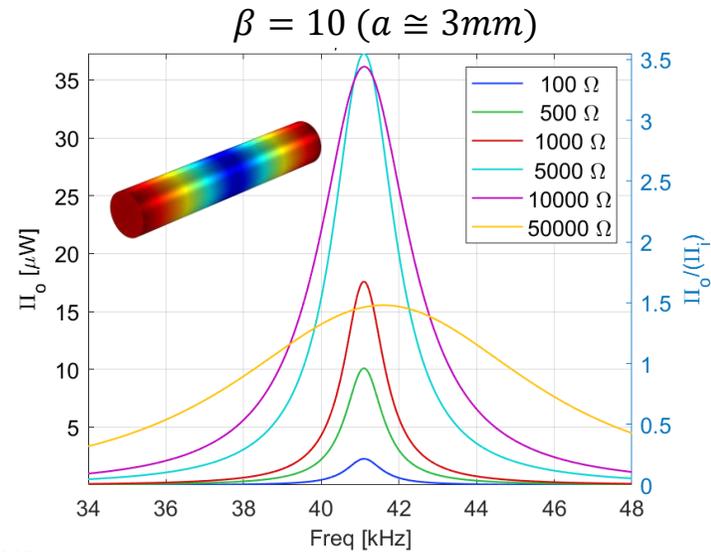
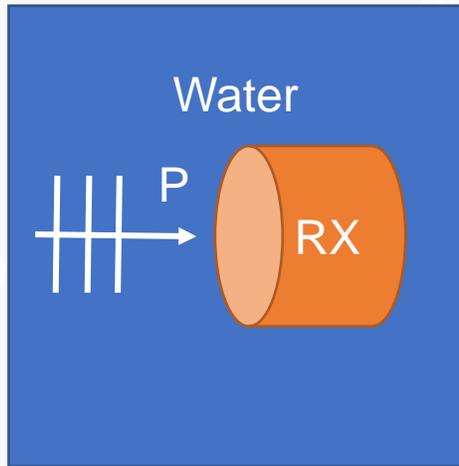
$\beta = 0.1$  ( $a \cong 15\text{mm}$ )



SPL [dB]

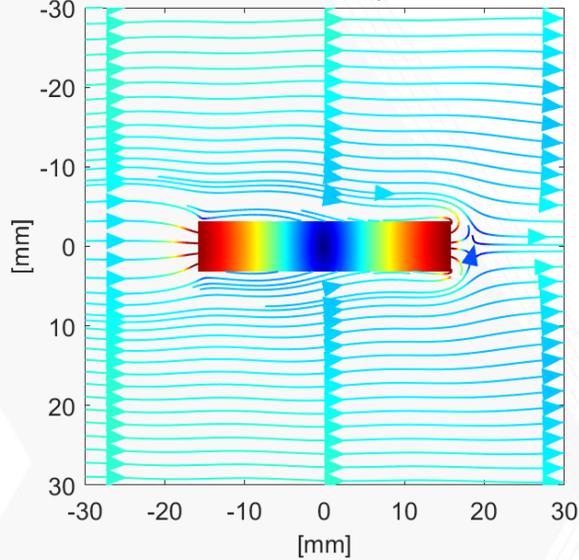


# Electrical power frequency response (for RX)

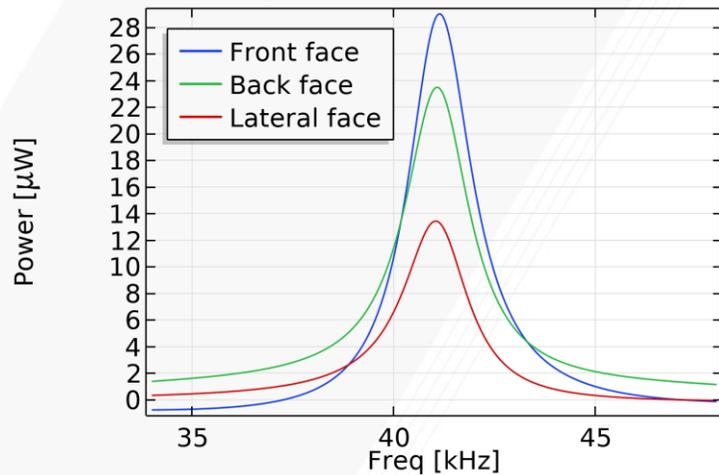


# Further investigation of acoustic power flow

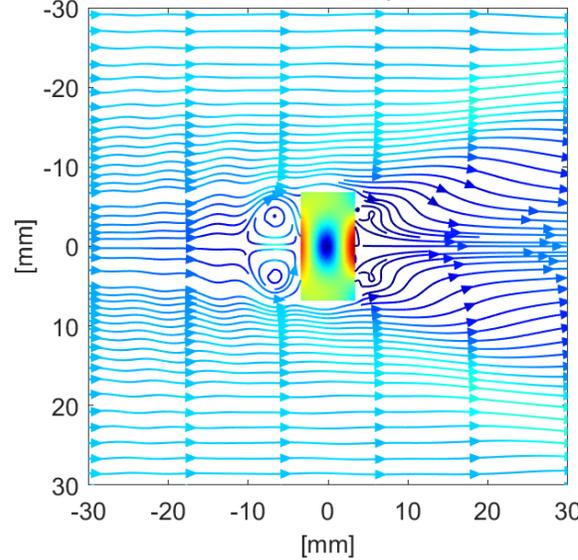
Freq=41 kHz,  $R_f=5\text{ k}\Omega$



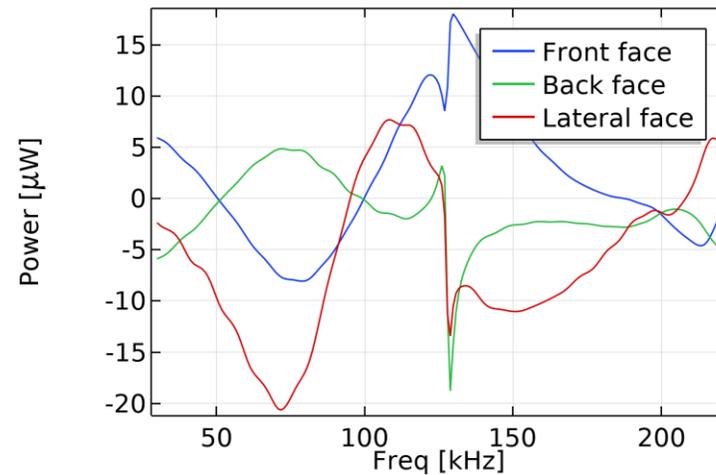
$\beta=10$  (thin rod)



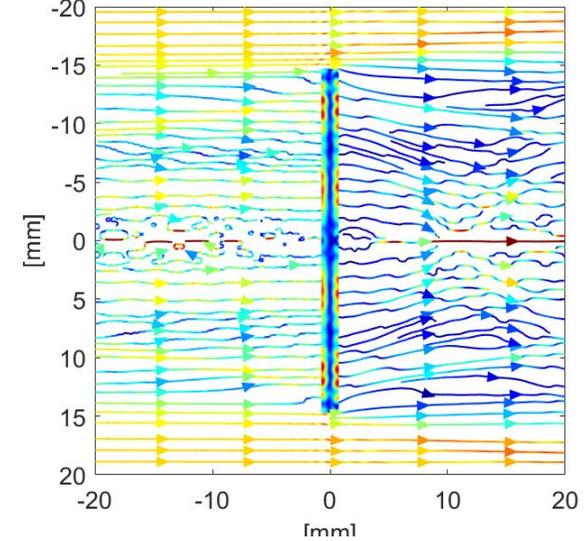
Freq=120 kHz,  $R_f=1\text{ k}\Omega$



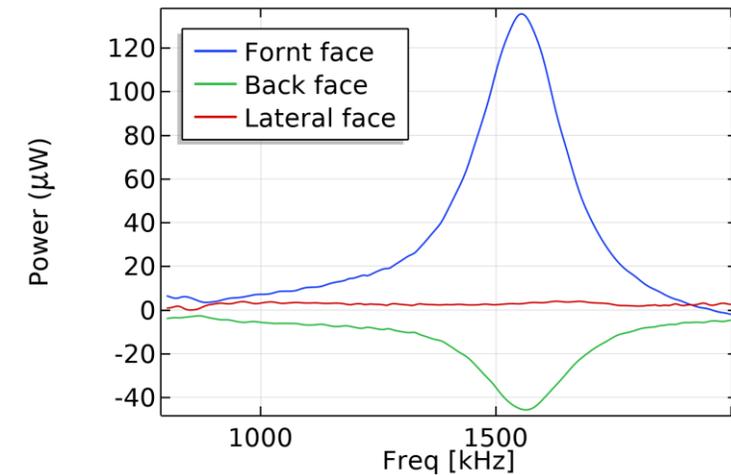
$\beta=1$



Freq=1550 kHz,  $R_f=50\text{ }\Omega$



$\beta=0.1$  (Plate)



# Summary and conclusion

- Various theories for analytical modeling of thickness vibration are examined and compared to predict the frequency response.
- Enhanced models (e.g. Rayleigh, Bishop) can be used to correct for baffled transmitters response with aspect ratio  $\beta > 3$ .
- Analytical models analyzed cannot be used for high accuracy to predict the power output from a moderate aspect ratio transducer (finite-element analysis may become necessary).
- Power output analysis is also conducted along with an account of directivity and power flow.

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Questions?**