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# **Are New Supersonic-Transport Configurations Insuring Engine Noise Reduction ?**

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# SUMMARY

- **Takeoff silencing requires new configurations**
  - **A fraction of the propulsion means could be retractable large-bypass-ratio engines similar to those used in subsonic aircraft**
  - **Is the sideline noise of those same engines used in new supersonic configurations not greater than in usual subsonic aircraft ?**
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- **Introduction**
  - **New shape requirements resulting from noise regulations**
  - **Diffraction of engine noise by fuselage under wings**
  - **Results**
  - **Conclusions and recommendations**

# INTRODUCTION

Many current projects of supersonic business jets have similar characteristics :

- ▶ A moderate cruise Mach number (1.3 – 1.6)
- ▶ A limited weight (~ 30 tons)

Those modest numbers are expected to result in 2 main chances for success :

- ▶ They could be certified for flying supersonically over land since their sonic boom (moderate, according to low Mach and low weight) COULD be accepted.
- ▶ Engines with a relatively high bypass ratio (3 – 4) could comply with future noise regulations.

# INTRODUCTION

**Context entirely different for big transport aircraft ( $\geq 300$  tons) at high Mach number ( $\geq 2$ ) :**

- ▶ A single type of engine cannot insure silent takeoff and economic cruise**
- ▶ Cruise over land will have to be subsonic and that fraction of flight must be economic**

# **SUMMARY OF TAKEOFF NOISE REQUIREMENTS**

## **1 - Jet Velocity**

**ICAO Stage 3 noise regulation for 320 t (subsonic) aircraft is 102 EPN dB (sideline)**

**Aim at 6 dB less for future regulation**

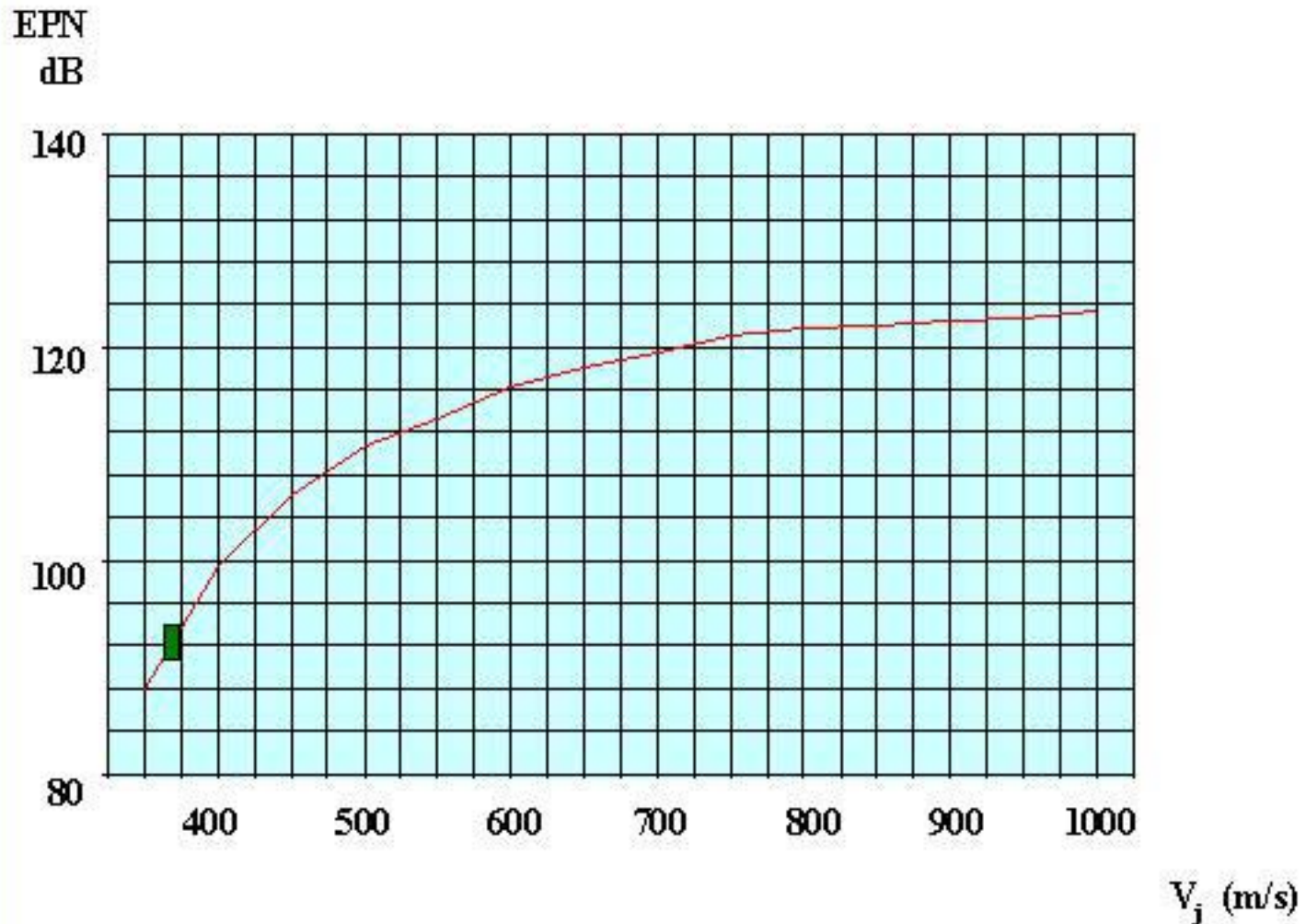
**Provide a margin of another 3 dB for fan and airframe noise**

**Thus have a jet sideline noise less than 93 EPN dB which results in a jet velocity limit**

$$V_j \leq 370 \text{ m/s}$$

# Effect of jet velocity on sideline noise of 320 t. aircraft

$F = 942 \text{ KN}$ ;  $V_0 = 100 \text{ m/s}$



# SUMMARY OF TAKEOFF NOISE REQUIREMENTS

## 2 - Air Intake Cross Section

A 942 KN takeoff thrust at 370 m/s jet velocity and 100 m/s aircraft speed needs a 3 489 Kg/s mass flow rate corresponding to 18.4 m<sup>2</sup>

At end of supersonic climb, a 320 KN thrust at a 320 m/s specific thrust needs a 1 000 Kg/s mass flow rate, that is 1510 Kg/s at ground conditions corresponding to 8 m<sup>2</sup>

Such a difference in required cross sections cannot be obtained with a single type of engine (neither ejector nor mid tandem fan)

# SUMMARY OF TAKEOFF NOISE REQUIREMENTS

## 3 - Propulsion Means (Minimum weight)

- ▶ **2 Fixed turbofans : Optimal design for end of climb and supersonic cruise . Bypass ratio ~ 1.25 (no ejectors)**  
Used at a lower power setting (370 m/s jet velocity) for takeoff  
~ **2.4 m** in diameter
- ▶ **2 Retractable turbofans : Boost thrust at takeoff (534 KN)**  
Similar to subsonic aircraft engines  
~ **2.8 m** in diameter



# **FUEL CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS**

**Fortunately, the choice of propulsion means resulting from the noise requirements provides the aircraft with an economic solution for subsonic cruise as required**

# **WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS**

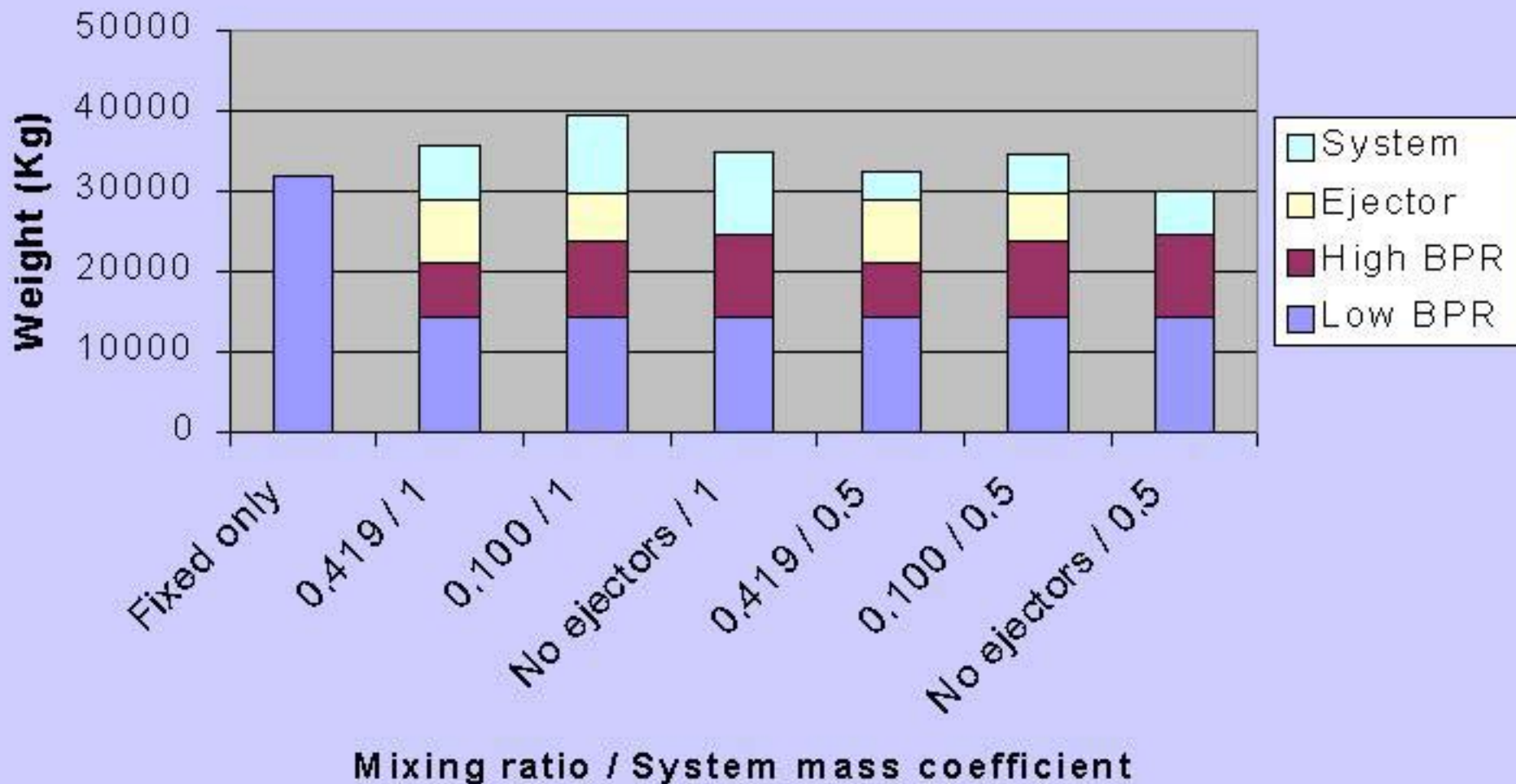
**According to previous investigations, the system insuring motion and storage of the retractable engines must have a weight lower than ½ of that of those engines**

**Rails for engine motion (short horizontal translation) must be existing wing beams**

**Engine storage volume must not increase structure weight**

# PROPULSION SYSTEM WEIGHT ( $\sigma = 3.5$ s)

BPR = 1.25



# **CONSEQUENCES OF ALL PREVIOUS REQUIREMENTS**

**A unique solution for aircraft configuration :**

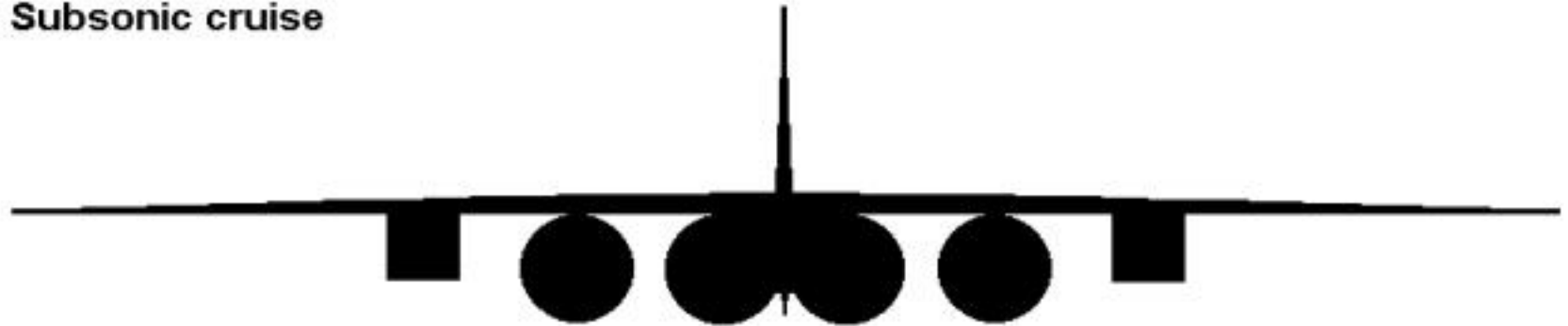
**▶ Retractable engines AND fuselage under wings**

**▶ Double cylinder fuselage**

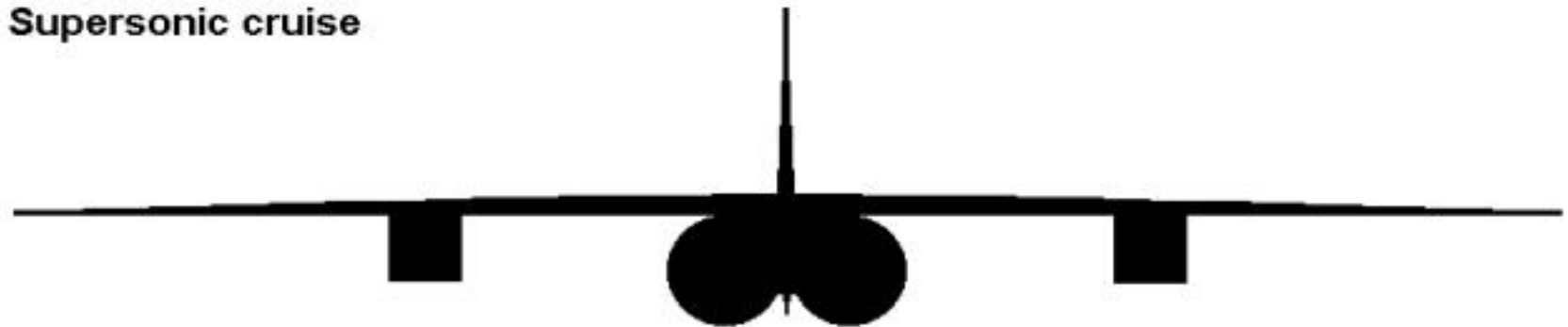
# 320 METRIC TONS SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT

## Front view

Subsonic cruise



Supersonic cruise

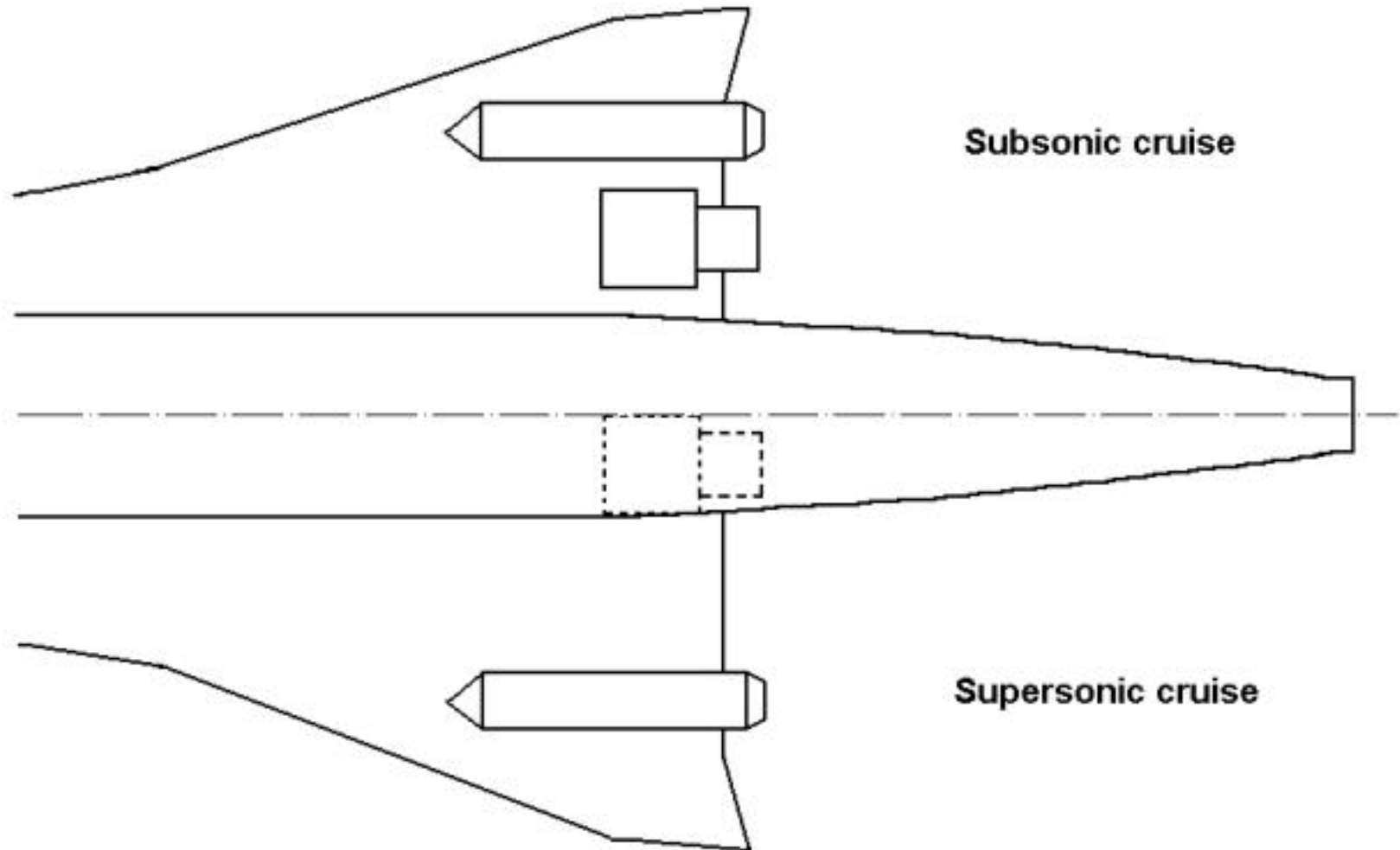


Same cross section  
for a unique cylinder



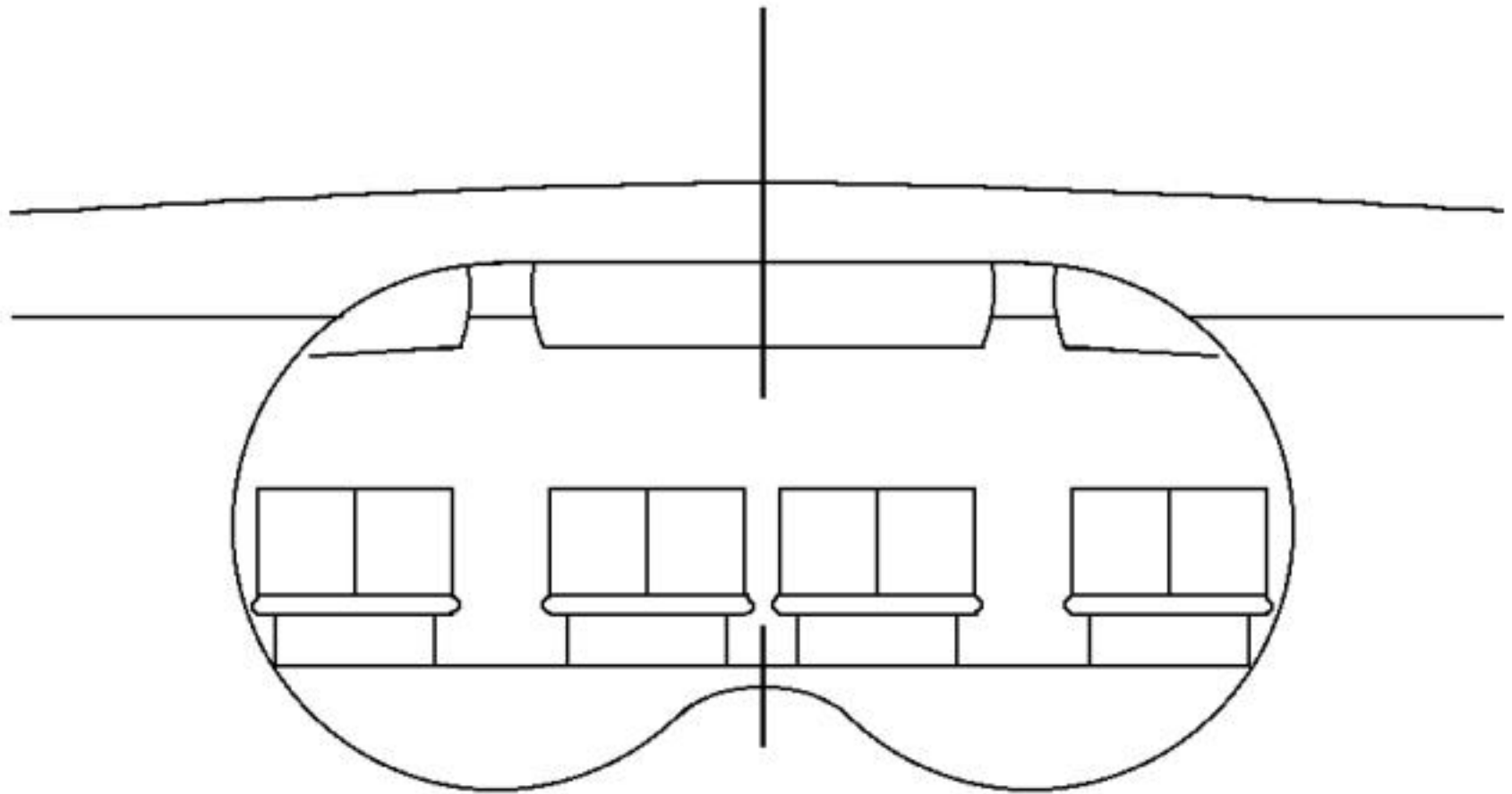
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## Underside view



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## Cabin section



# **320 METRIC TONS SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT**

## **Advantages of a flattened fuselage**

**Approximative cabin length for 250 passengers with 1.5 m rows:**

- **rows of 6 (circular fuselage) 62 m**
- **rows of 8 (flattened fuselage with same cross-section) 47 m**

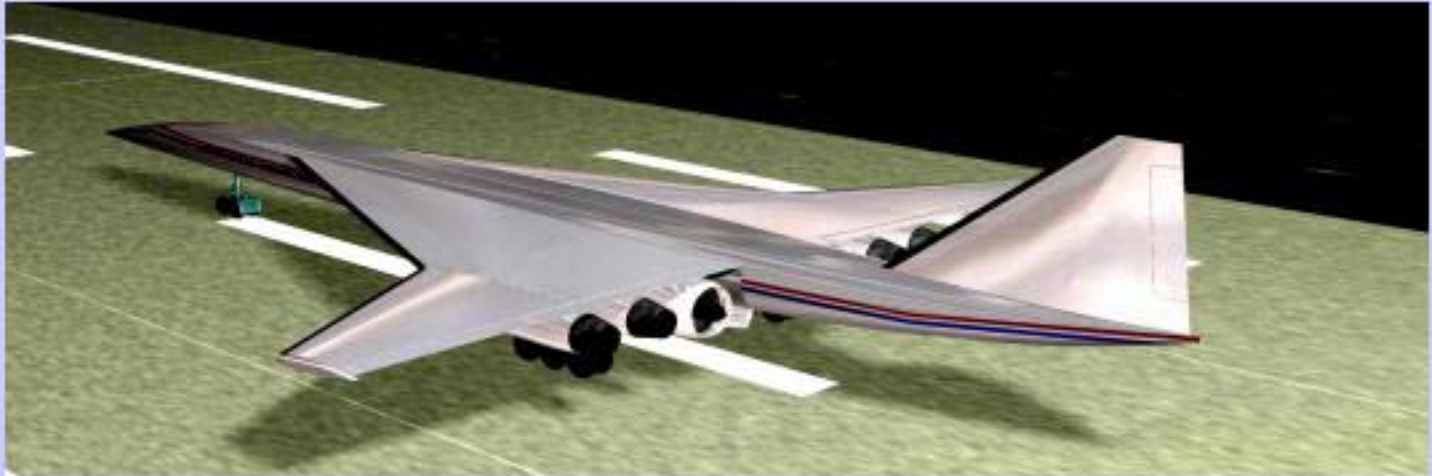
**With the same aircraft length, 15 m are thus available for :**

- **Engine hold 6 m**
- **Baggage hold 9 m**

**A flattened fuselage provides :**

- **Much better fittings possibilities**
- **Twin aisle comfort**
- **Large volumes for hand baggages**
- **An augmented stiffness in horizontal plan**



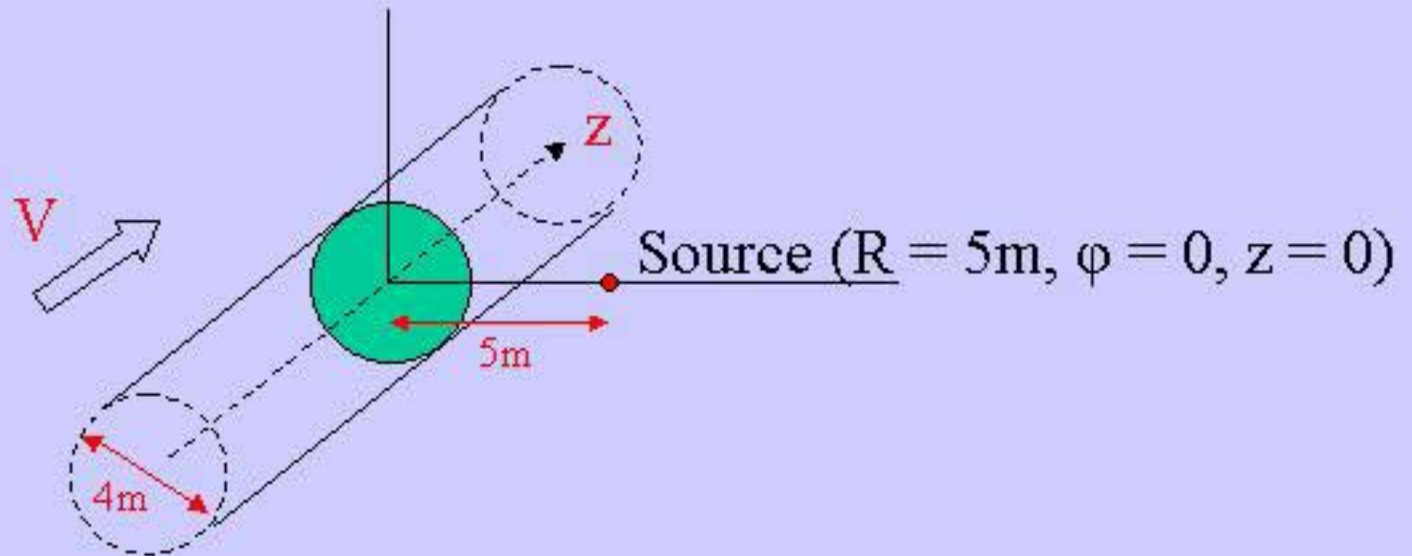




# QUESTION

- **The beauty of the retractable engines is that they are available from the shelf of commercial subsonic aircraft and should insure an identical noise level for supersonic and subsonic aircraft**
- **But does the fuselage under the wings (instead of above) change the sideline noise level ?**

# MODEL



Fuselage (  $-\infty < z < \infty$  ,  $a = 2\text{ m}$ , hard )

**Neither ground nor wings effect taken into account**

# APPROACH

Wave Equation: point source localized near the cylinder (D=4m, R=5m)

$$\nabla^2 P - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + V_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^2 P = \frac{1}{R} \delta(\rho - R) \delta(\varphi) \delta(z) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$P(r, \varphi, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{im\varphi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_m(\alpha, r) e^{i\alpha z} d\alpha + G$$

$$P_m(\alpha, r) = \frac{i\pi}{2} \frac{J_m'(i\beta r_0) H_m(i\beta R)}{H_m^{(1)'}(i\beta r_0)} H_m^{(1)}(i\beta r)$$

$$G = \frac{e^{ik \left[ \frac{M}{1-M^2} (z'-z) - \frac{R'}{1-M^2} \right]}}{4\pi R'}$$

$$R' = \sqrt{(z'-z)^2 + (1-M^2)(y'-y)^2 + (1-M^2)(x'-x)^2}$$

# METHODS

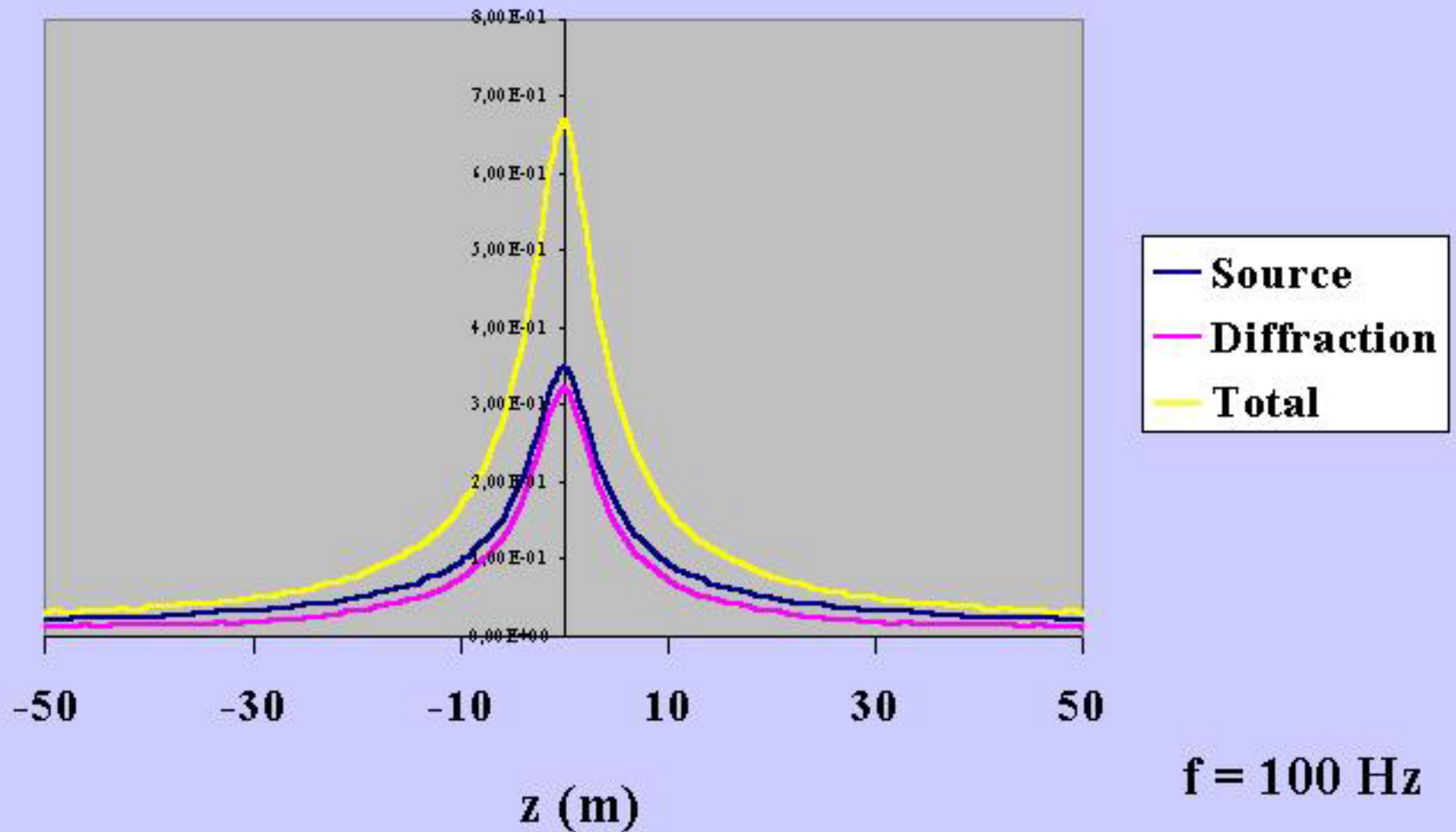
- **Exact solution (Bessel function series)**
- **Boundary Element Method**

**V.F. Kopiev, A.A. Maslov and S.A. Chernyshev, “Prop-fan sound field shielding by the fuselage boundary layer”, DGLR/AIAA Paper N° 92-02-068, 1992**

**P. Malbequi, S.M. Candel and E. Rignot, ” Boundary integral calculations of scattered fields : Application to a spacecraft launcher”, J. Acoust. Soc. Am. 82 (5), p. 1771 – 1781, November 1987**

# RESULTS

Acoustic loading on the surface,  $\varphi = 0$

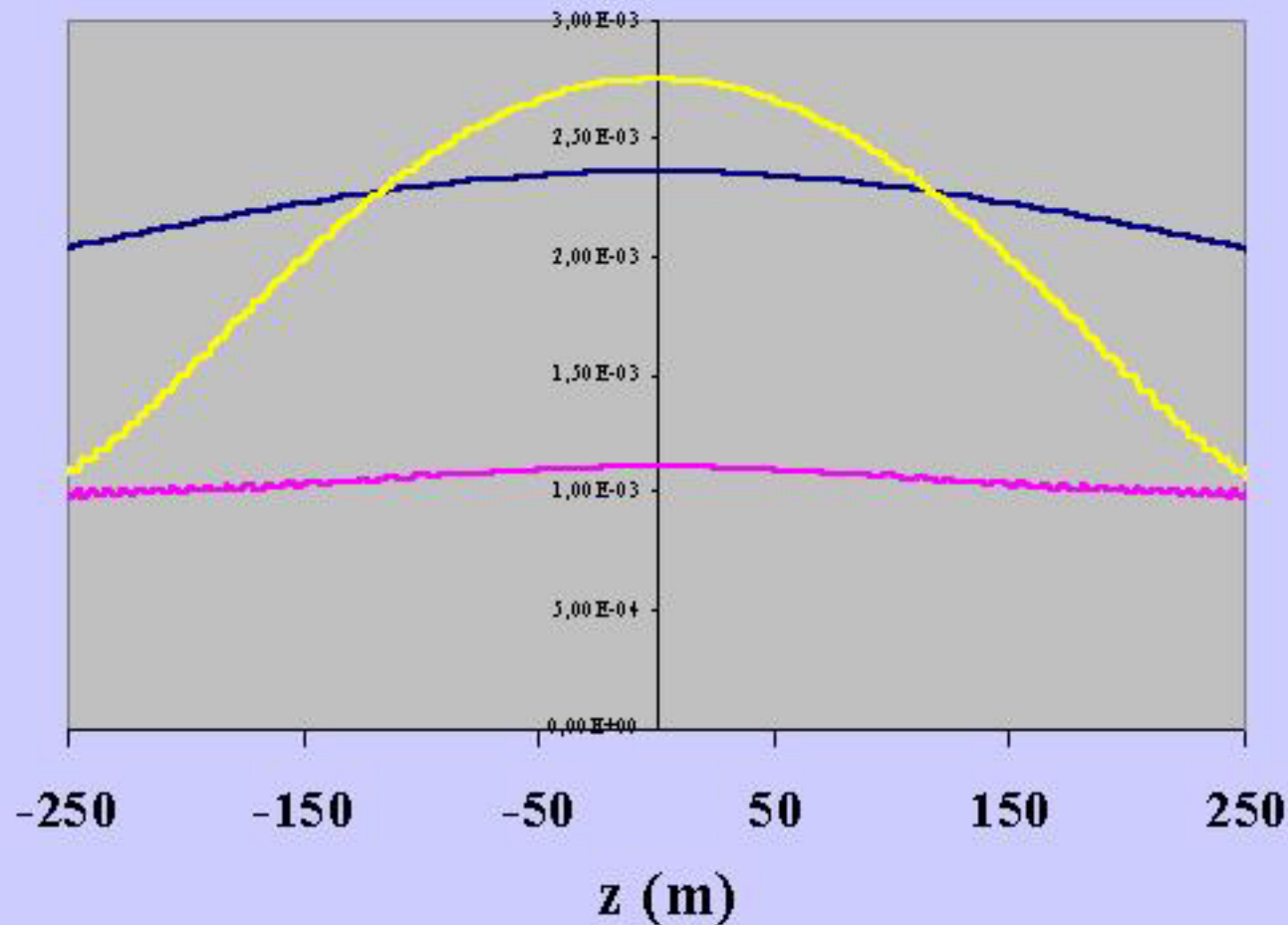


$f = 100$  Hz

# RESULTS

Pressure amplitude at  $r = 450$  m,  $\varphi = 0$

Amplitude is symmetrical at  $z=0$



$f = 100$  Hz

— Source  
— Diffraction  
— Total

$ka = 3.81$

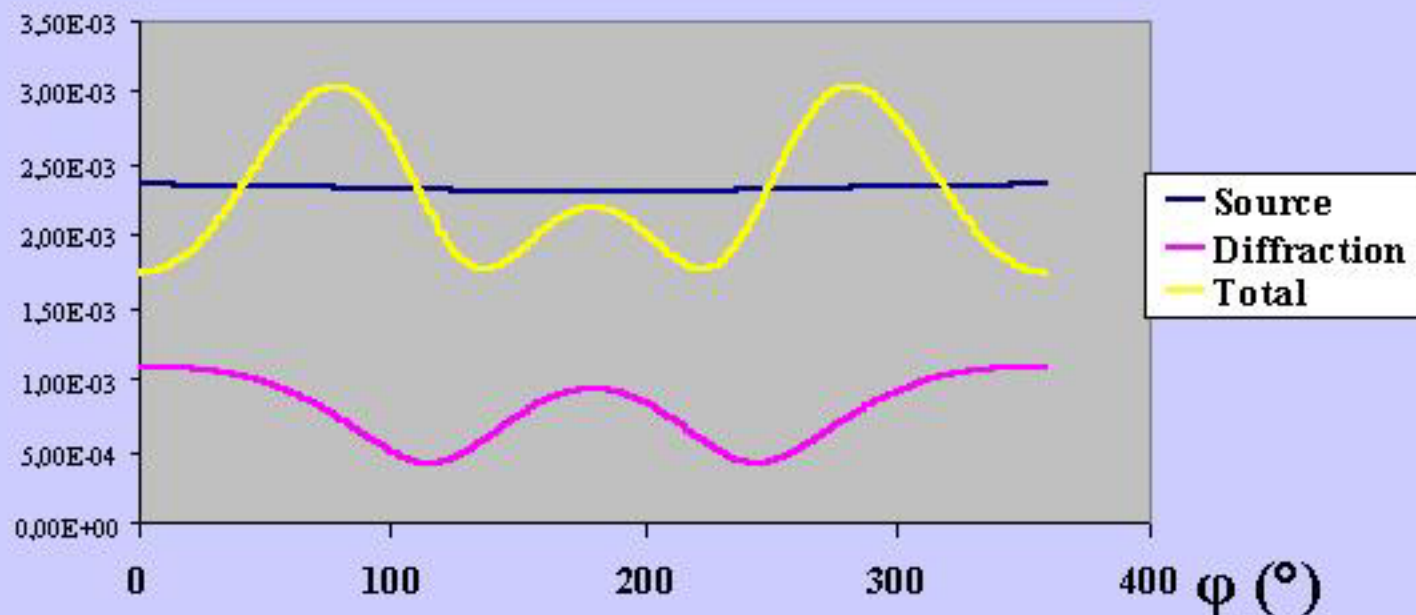


# RESULTS

-At lower frequencies :

- Practically there is never ( $ka \ll 1$ )
- The fuselage is never "transparent"
- There is always some reflection or masking effect

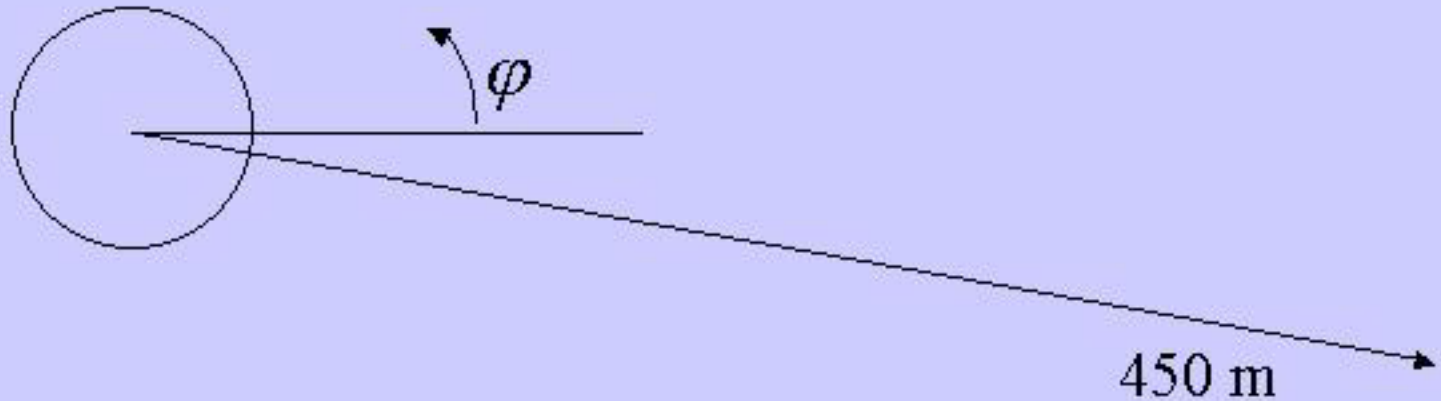
$p(\varphi)$ ,  $z = 0$  m,  $f = 25$  Hz



$ka = 0.95$

# RESULTS

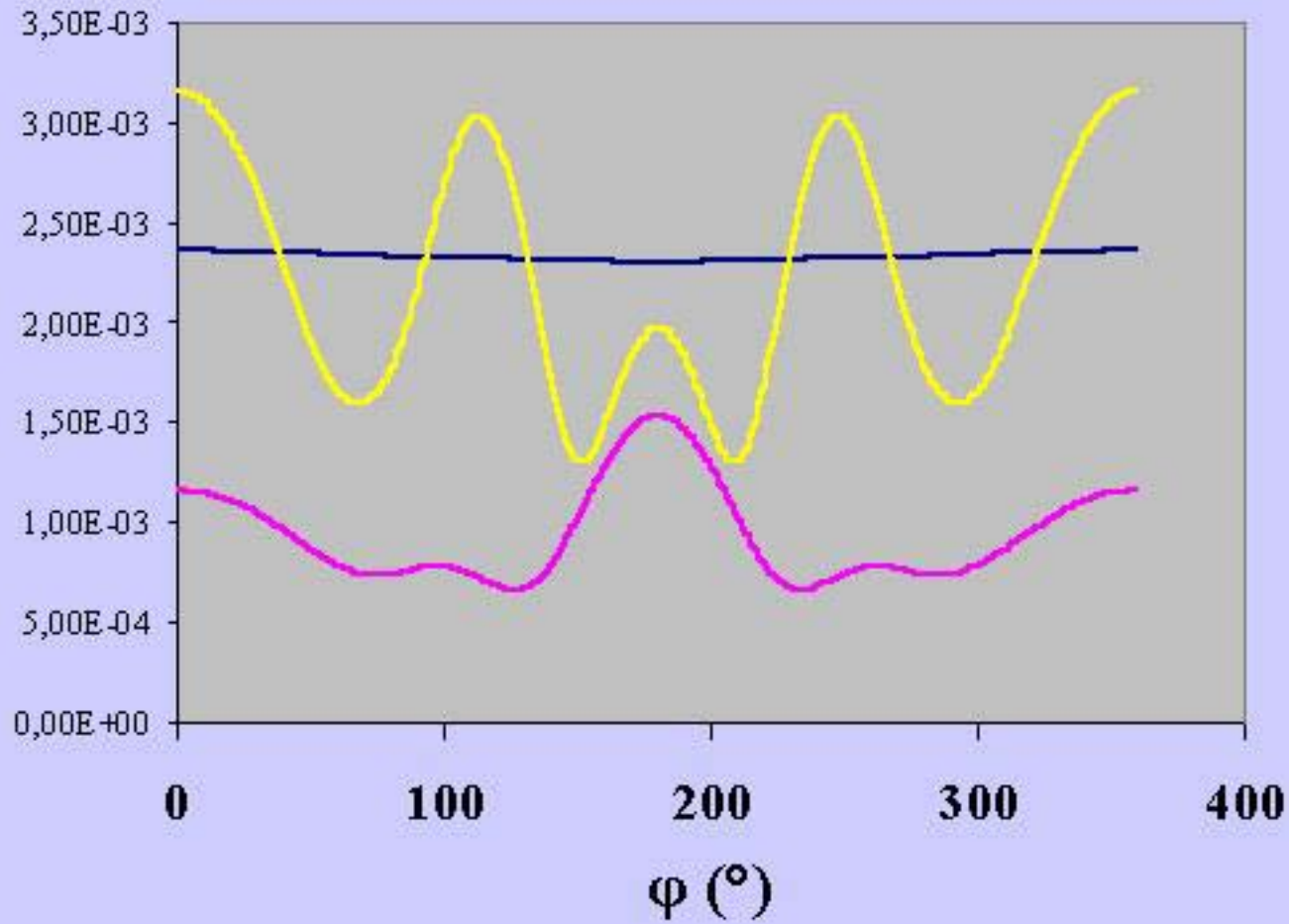
- At moderate frequencies ( $ka = 1 - 10$ ):



Cross-section  $z = 0$ , characterized by a maximum of  $p(z)$  at  $\varphi = 0$

**The source function is a  $\delta$**

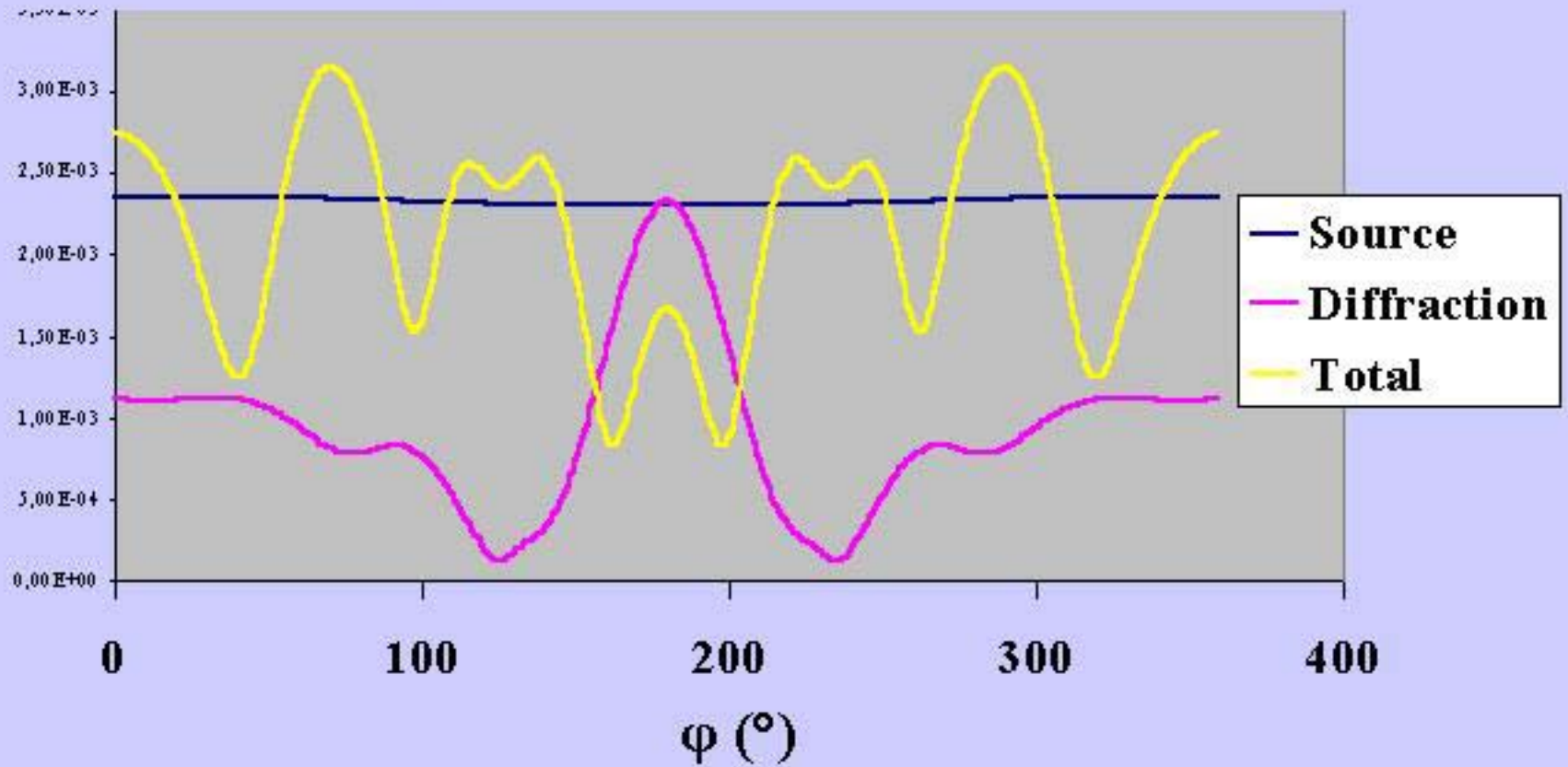
$p(\varphi)$ ,  $f = 50$  Hz,  $M = 0.3$



$V = 100$  m/s

$ka = 1.90$

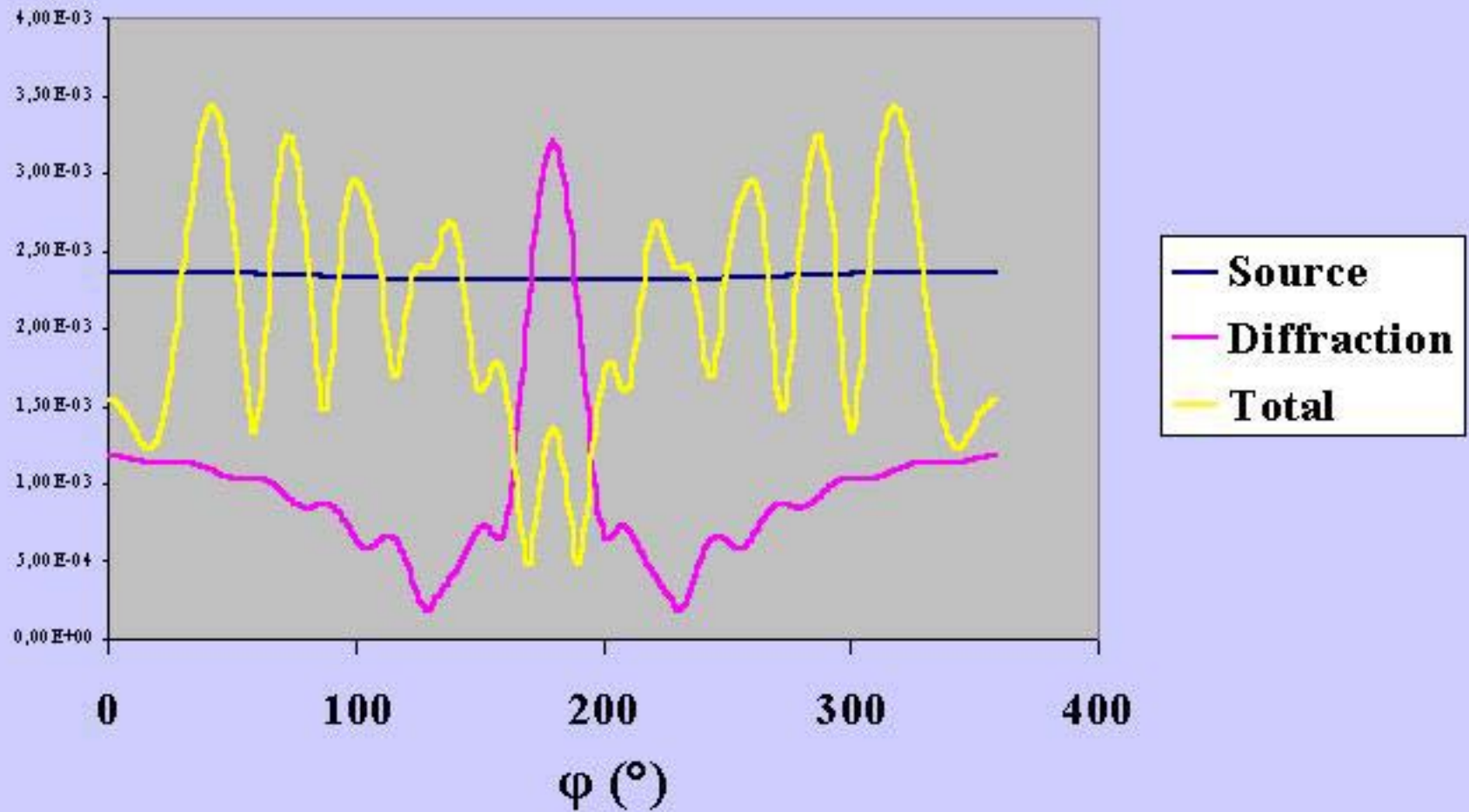
$p(\varphi)$ ,  $f = 100$  Hz,  $M = 0.3$



$V = 100$  m/s

$ka = 3.81$

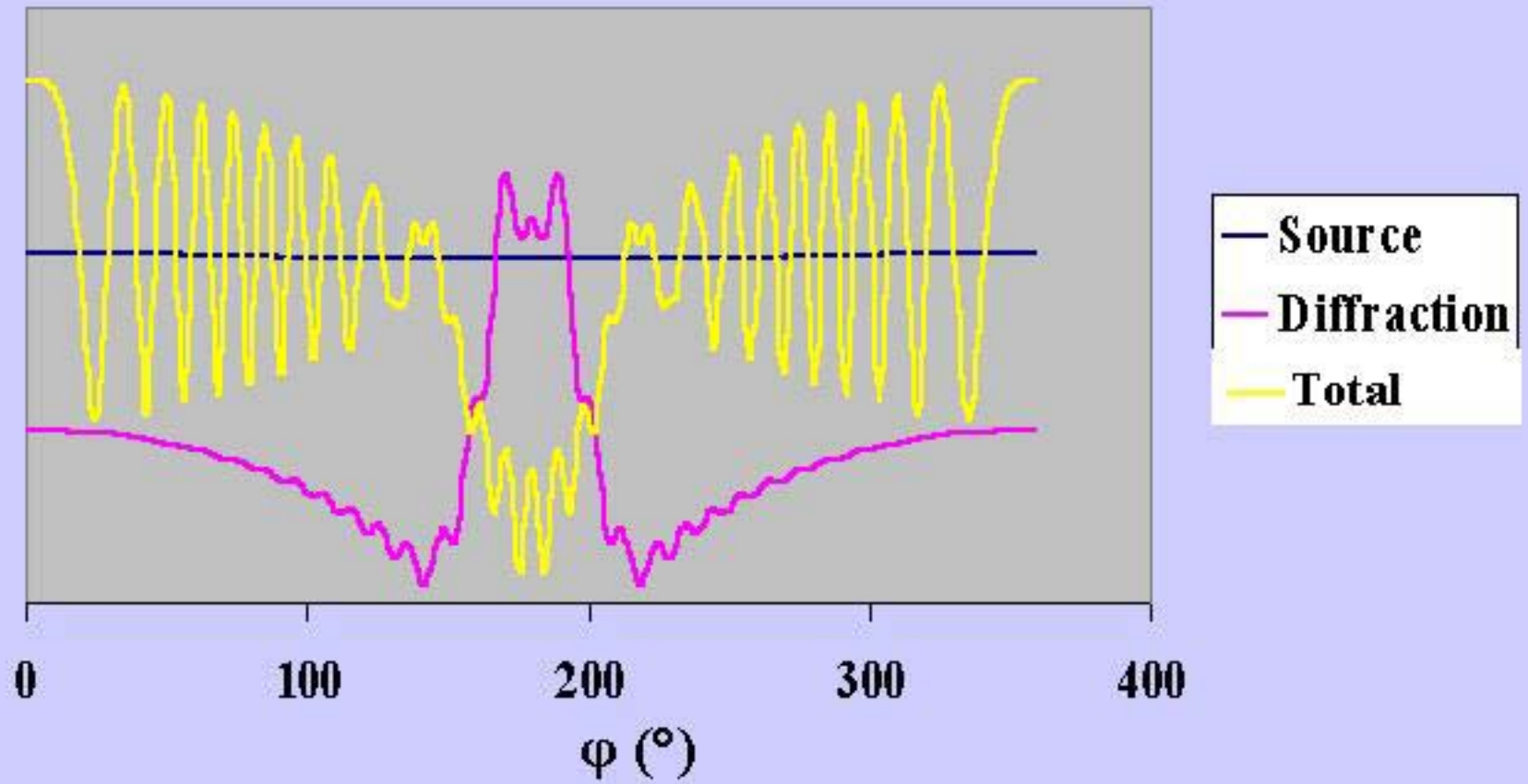
$p(\varphi)$ ,  $f = 200$  Hz,  $M = 0.3$



$V = 100$  m/s

$ka = 7.62$

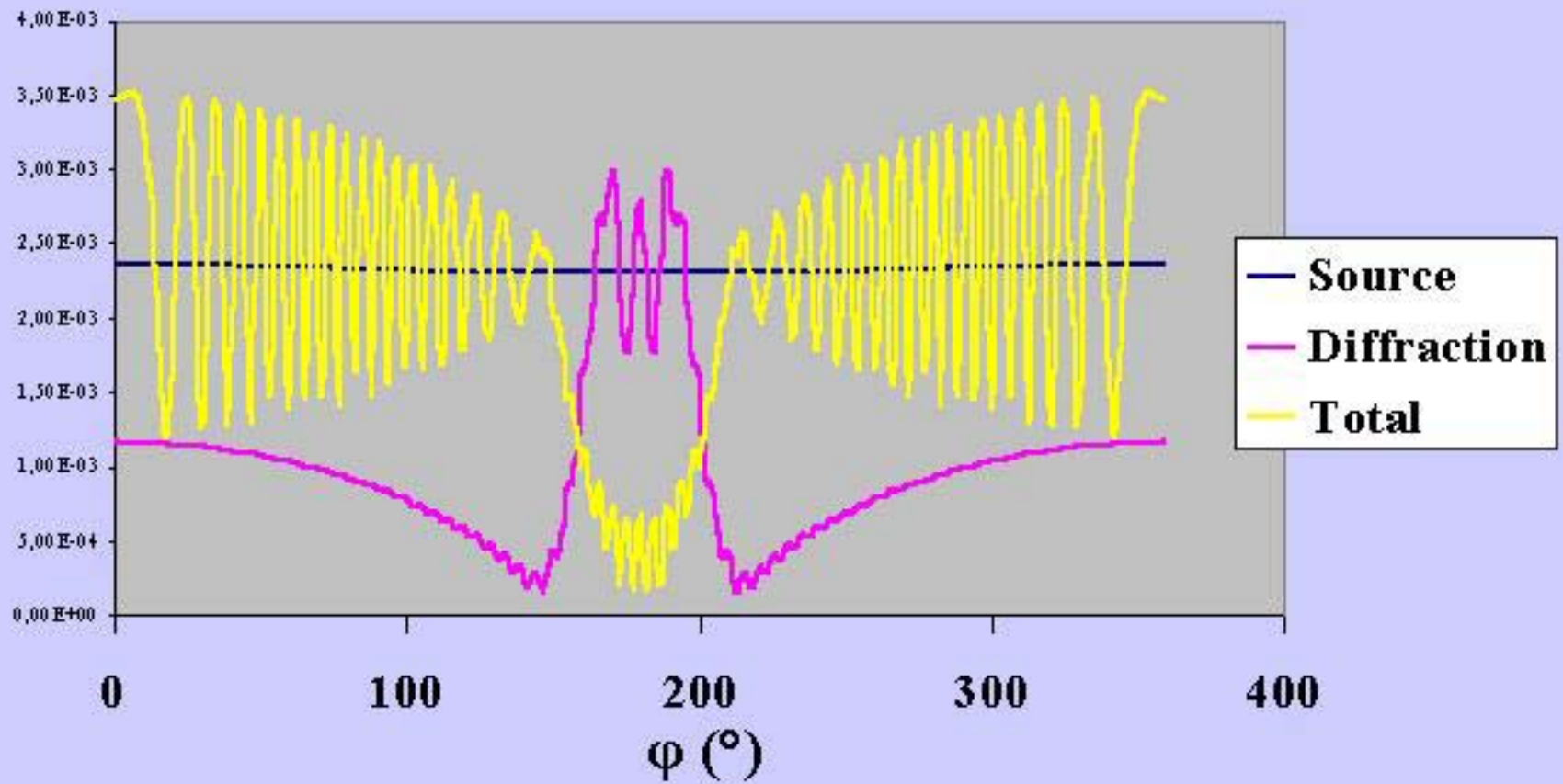
$p(\varphi)$ ,  $f = 500$  Hz,  $M = 0.3$



$V = 100$  m/s

$ka = 19$

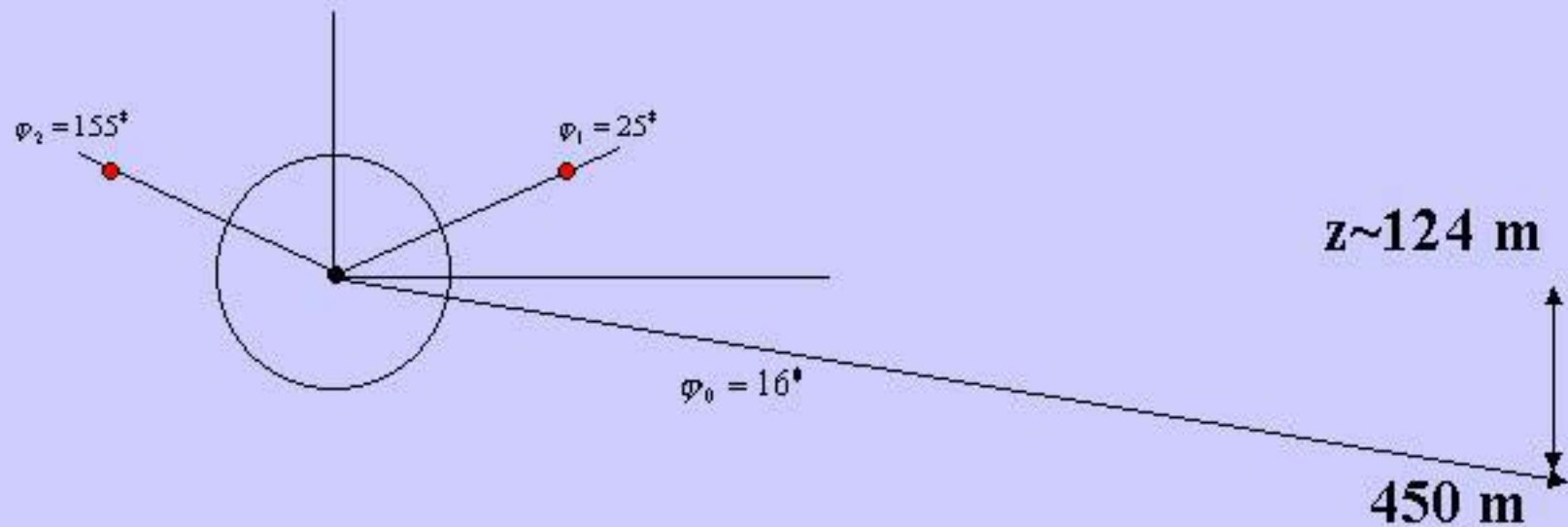
$p(\varphi)$ ,  $f = 1\ 000\ \text{Hz}$ ,  $M = 0.3$



$V = 100\ \text{m/s}$

$ka = 38$

Positions of “engines” when side point is located in diffraction minimum for both,  $f=100\text{Hz}$



First minimum  $41^\circ$



Third minimum  $156-170^\circ$

$$ka = 3.81$$



# CONCLUSIONS

- Diffraction effects are important at any frequency of interest
- Moderate variations of  $p$ , changing with  $f$  drastically
- But those sharp variations are smoothed for narrow- or broad-band noise instead of tones and the process of calculating the sideline EPN level should erase any peak in the results
- The (averaged) reflection effects are weak whereas the masking effects are significant or strong

**Thus the presence of the fuselage under the wings is rather beneficial**

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- The effects of  $V$  need to be more investigated
- The effects of cylinder truncation need to be more investigated
- The diffraction effects will have to be looked at for the final design
- All details will have to be taken into account for evaluating the sideline noise EPN level
- Acoustic liners on some fractions of the fuselage (and wings) could be proposed