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# The acoustic calibration service in transportation at NIM

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2. Calibration service at NIM

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## 2. Calibration service at NIM

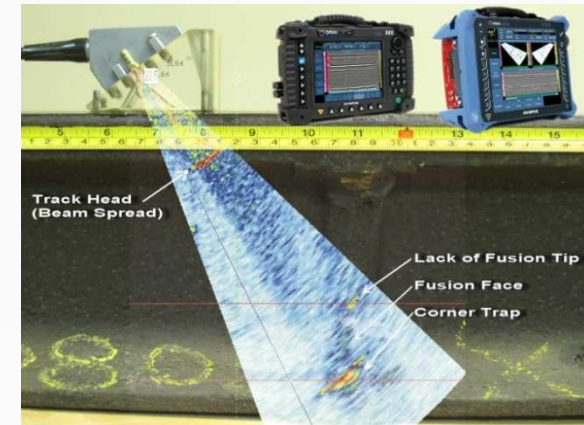
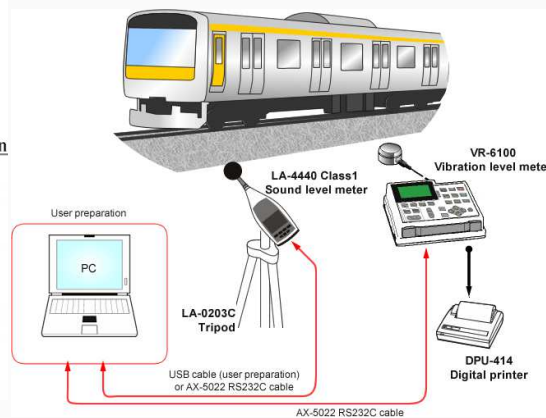
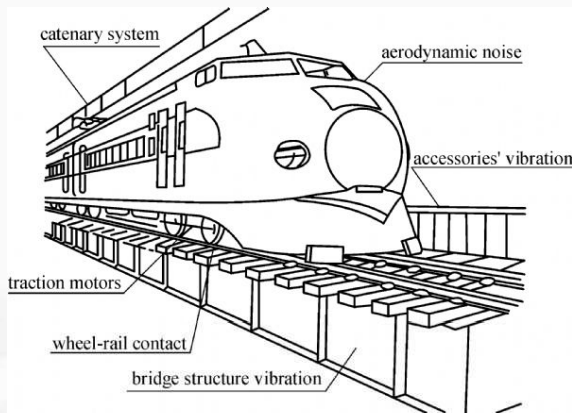
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# 1. Calibration requirements

Transportation: Railway, Highway, Air transport ...  
Acoustic measurements applied in:



□ Noise assessment

□ Safety monitoring

# 1. Calibration requirements

## Noise measurements

- Inside carriage
- On platform
- Along the railway line

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

ISO 3095

Third edition  
2013-08-01

Acoustics — Railway applications — Measurement of noise emitted by railbound vehicles

*Acoustique — Applications ferroviaires — Mesurage du bruit émis par les véhicules circulant sur rails*

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

ISO 3381

Second edition  
2005-08-15

Railway applications — Acoustics — Measurement of noise inside railbound vehicles

*Applications ferroviaires — Acoustique — Mesurage du bruit à l'intérieur des véhicules circulant sur rails*

### EFFECTS OF NOISE ON HEARING

#### Tinnitus



Tinnitus is a condition wherein the hair cells in the inner ear are severely damaged by noise.

#### Acoustic Trauma



Acoustic trauma is caused by short blasts of loud noise and may lead to short-term hearing loss or ringing in the ears.

#### Temporary Threshold Shift



Also known as TTS, this condition leads to temporary hearing loss often caused by exposure to loud sounds.

#### Permanent Threshold Shift



This condition often leads to irreversible hearing loss and develops after too much exposure to loud noise.

### EFFECTS OF NOISE ON HEALTH

#### Stress and Tension



May lead to heart diseases, dilation of pupils, constriction of blood vessels and others.

#### Kidney and Heart Failure



Noise can trigger a variety of heart and kidney ailments.

#### Damages to Mental Health



Noise can lead to anger, anxiety, and exhaustion.

#### Chronic Fatigue



Noise can disturb good sleep and may also indirectly lead to sleep loss.



Noise measuring device

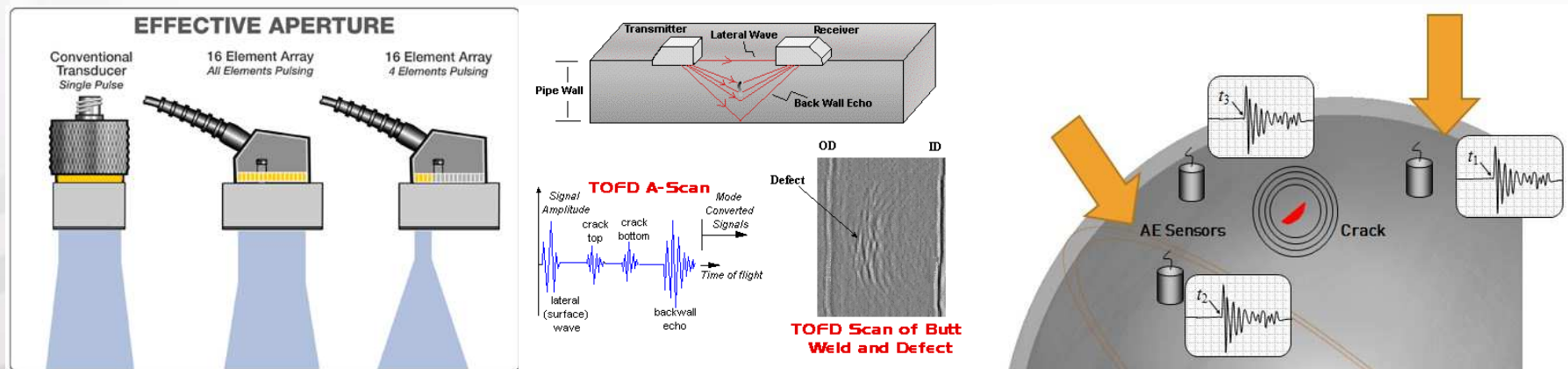
# 1. Calibration requirements

## Safety monitoring

- Detecting flaws in rail and train wheel
- Ensuring the safety of railway traffic

## Technique:

- Active detection: ultrasonic flaw detector
- Passive detection: acoustic emission



# 1. Calibration requirements

## Calibration service about acoustic transducer

### Microphone:

- WS condenser
- High sound pressure
- Infrasonic

### Ultrasonic transducer:

- Active detection
- Passive detection



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## 2. Calibration service in NIM

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### WS microphone:

Model: B&K 4189, G.R.A.S. 46AE, BASW MPA201 ...

Frequency: 20 Hz~20 kHz

Sound pressure level: <150 dB

### Calibration method:

- Electrostatic actuator method
- Coupler comparison method

### Calibration Parameter:

- Sensitivity and its frequency response

# 2. Calibration service in NIM

## WS microphone:

Calibration setup: B&K 9721



Microphone Calibration System Type 9721 with its PULSE Analyser, its Sensitivity Calibration Coupler Stand (left) and its Electrostatic Actuator Setup (right)

- Comparison method
- Standard
- WS microphone
- Coupler
- Electrostatic actuator
- Pulse analyzer and software

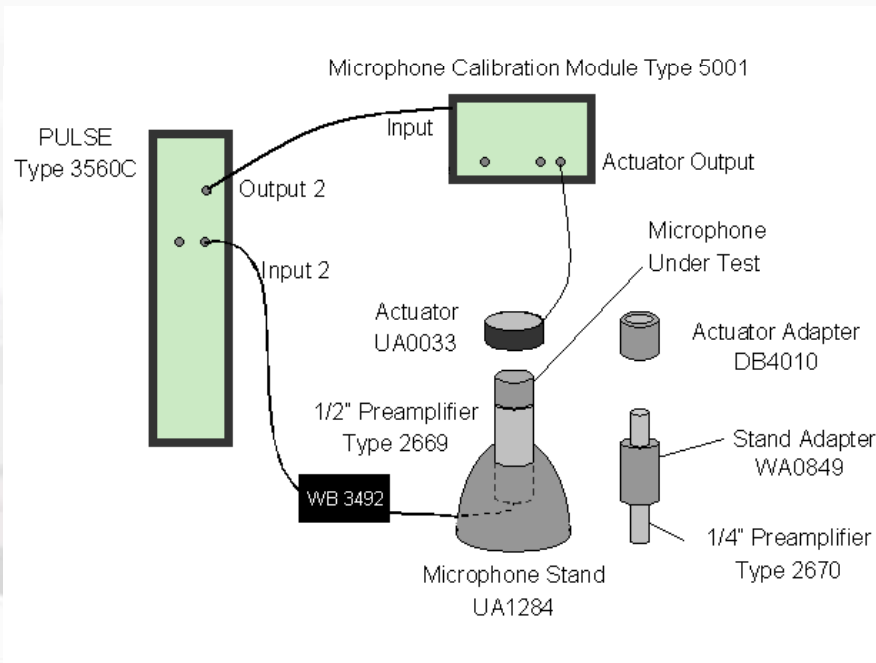
Uncertainty: 20 Hz ~ 20 kHz 0.24 dB (  $k=2$  )

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## WS microphone:

Electrostatic actuator method: Standard IEC61094-6

- Reference sensitivity at 250 Hz with SPL 124 dB
- Measured by B&K pistonphone type 4228

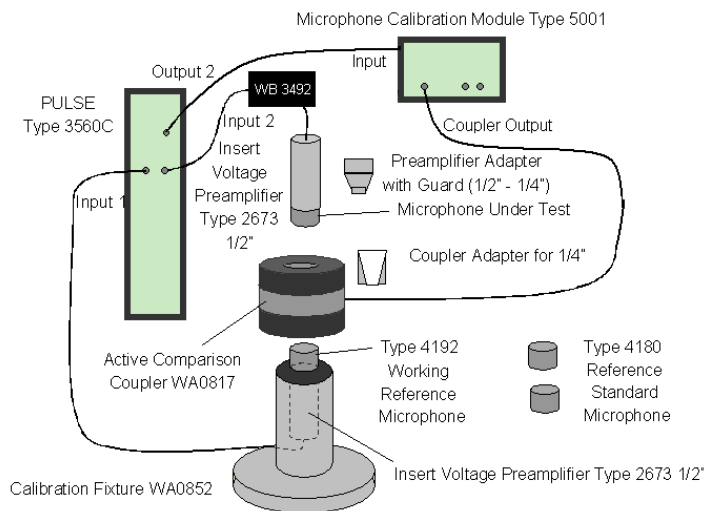


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## WS microphone:

Coupler comparison method: Standard IEC61094-5

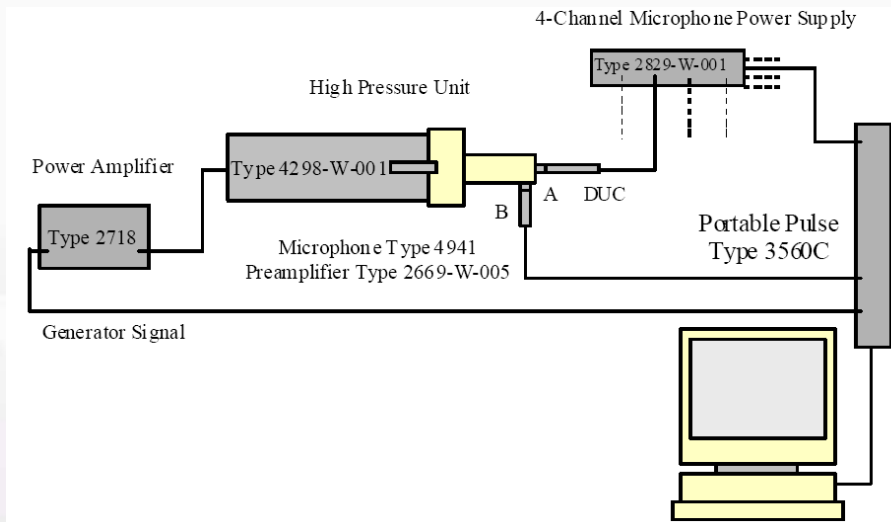
- Calibrate phase response with coupler WA-1544 or WA-1545 and Software WT-9651
- Calibrate non-standard dimensions with additional mechanical accessories, such as surface microphone (BK 4948)



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## Microphone: high sound pressure

### Calibration setup:

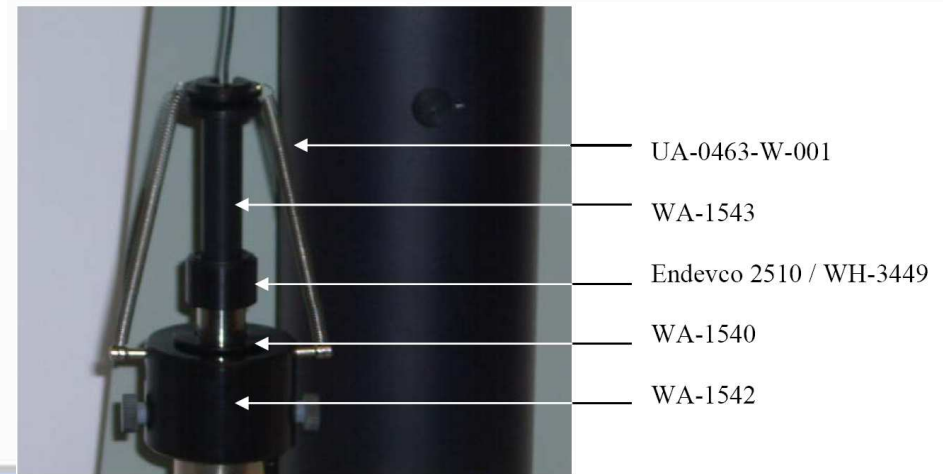


### Sound source:

- Electro-dynamic loudspeaker
- Pure tone at 500 Hz
- SPL max: 174 dB
- Distortion: <0.5%

### B&K 9719 system:

- Sine wave excitation
- Reference B&K 4941



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### Microphone: high sound pressure

Calibration setup: B&K 9719



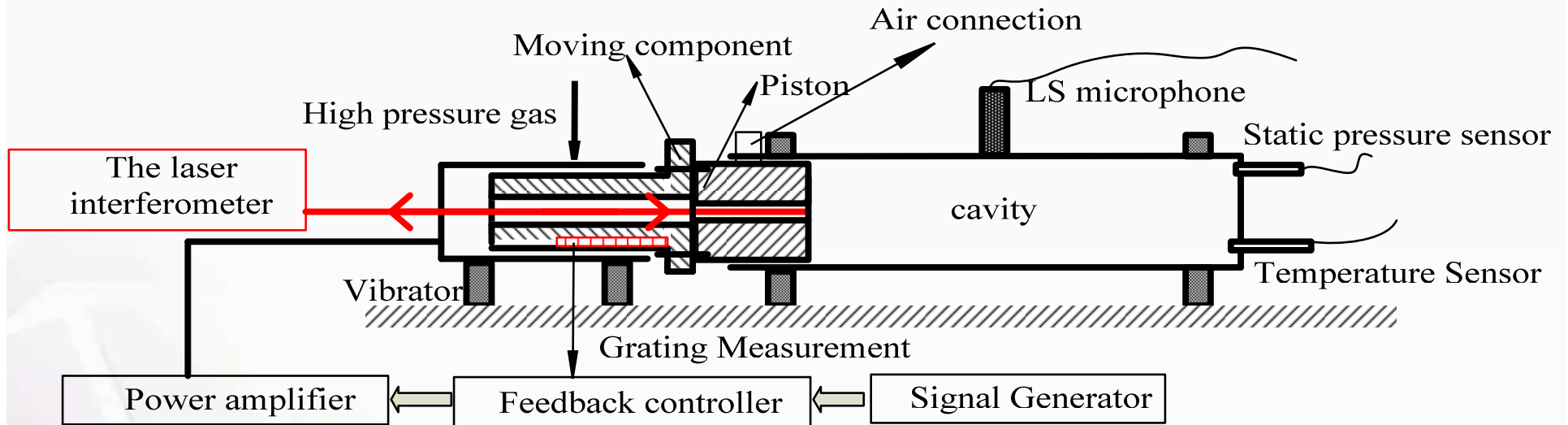
Calibration parameter:

- dynamic linearity  
normalized at 124 dB
- harmonic distortion
  
- Frequency: 500 Hz
- SPL: 94~171 dB
- SPL max: 174 dB
- Uncertainty: 0.24 dB ( $k=2$ )

# 2. Calibration service in NIM

## Microphone: infrasonic

### Calibration setup: laser pistonphone



Principle: Gas-cavity dynamic pressure method (E. C. Wentz)

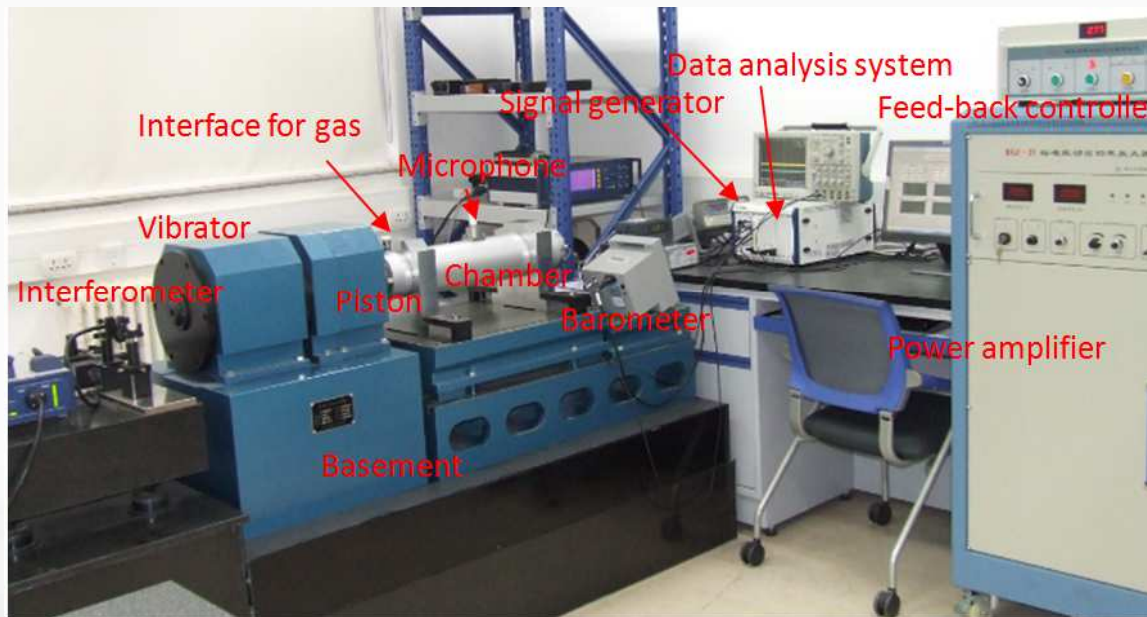
Improved:

- With piston displacement feedback to reduce distortion
- Optimize gas-cavity to increase leakage time

## 2. Calibration service in NIM

### Microphone: infrasonic

### Calibration setup: laser pistonphone



- Frequency: 0.1 Hz~20 Hz
- SPL: 114 dB~124 dB
- Distortion: <0.8%
- leakage time constant : >50s
- Uncertainty: 0.58dB to 0.04 dB ( $k=2$ )

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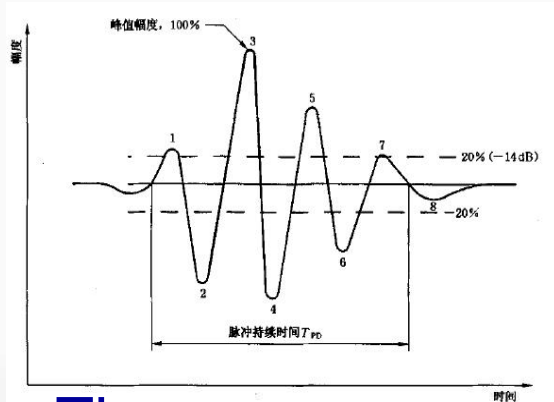
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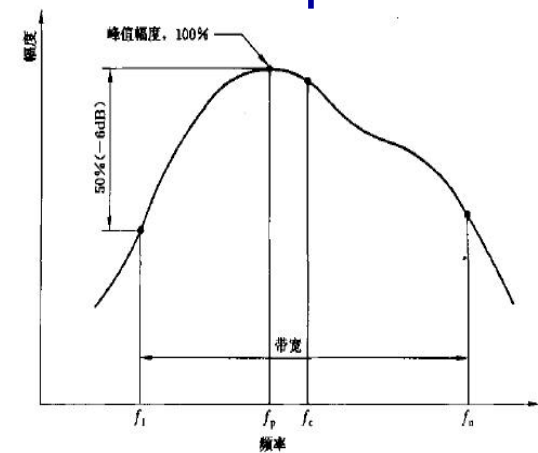
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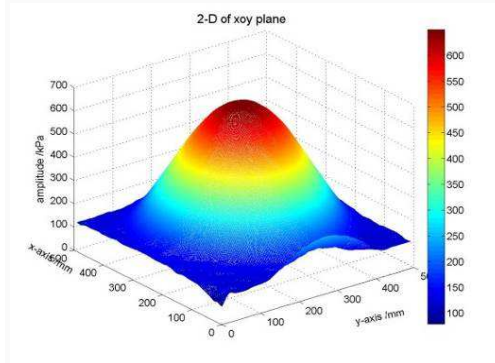
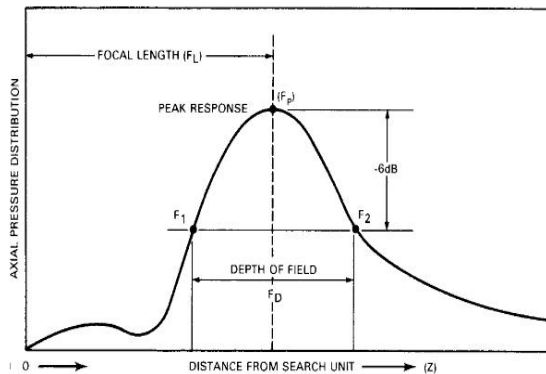
## Ultrasonic flaw detection: transducer



Time response



Frequency response



### Calibration parameter:

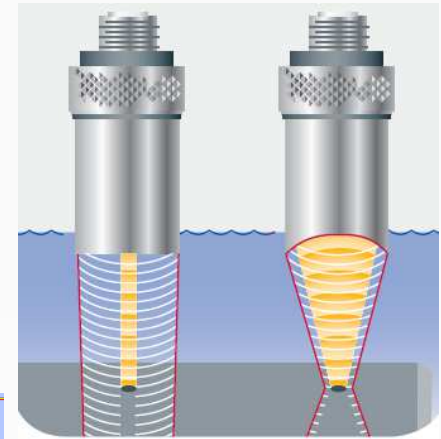
- Time domain: pulse duration
- Frequency domain: relative BW, peak and center frequency
- Sound field radiation pattern: focus length, depth of field, peak response, beam width etc.

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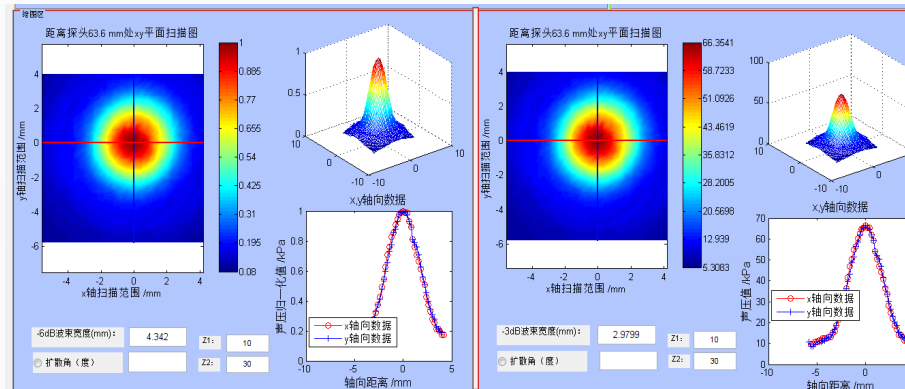
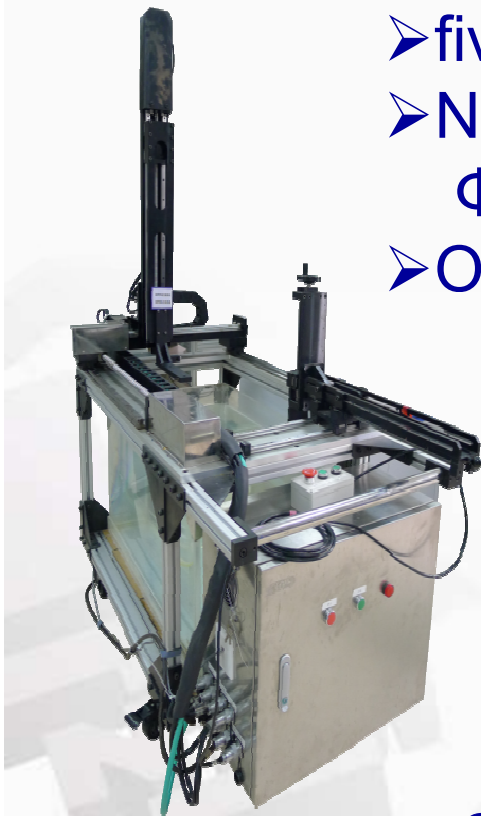
## Ultrasonic flaw detection: transducer

### Calibration setup:

- five degree-of-freedom scanning
- Needle hydrophone  
     $\Phi 1$  mm, bandwidth > 30 MHz;
- Oscilloscope and signal generator



Customized software

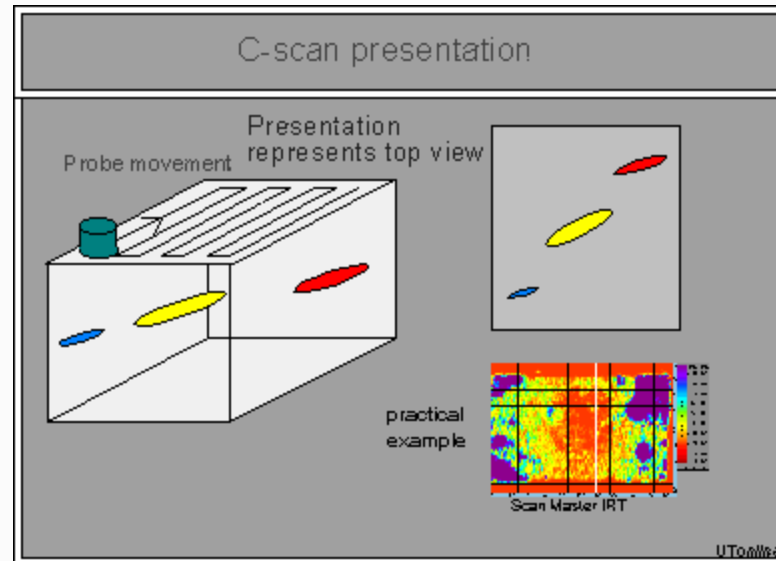
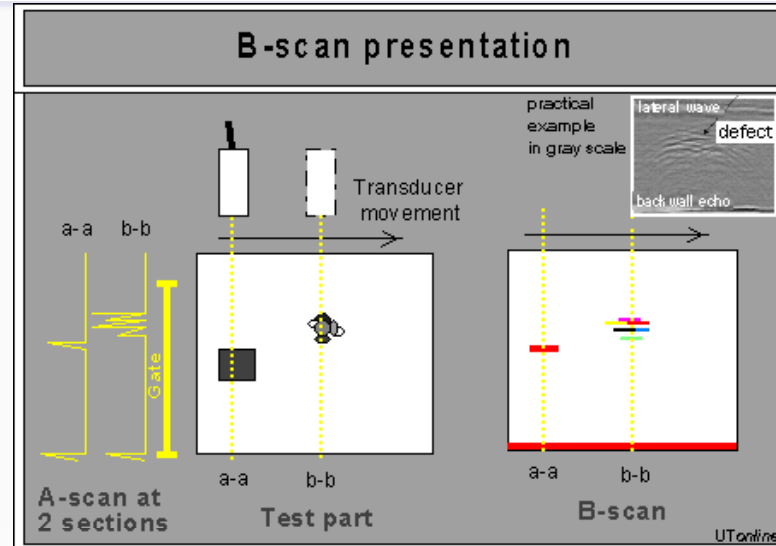
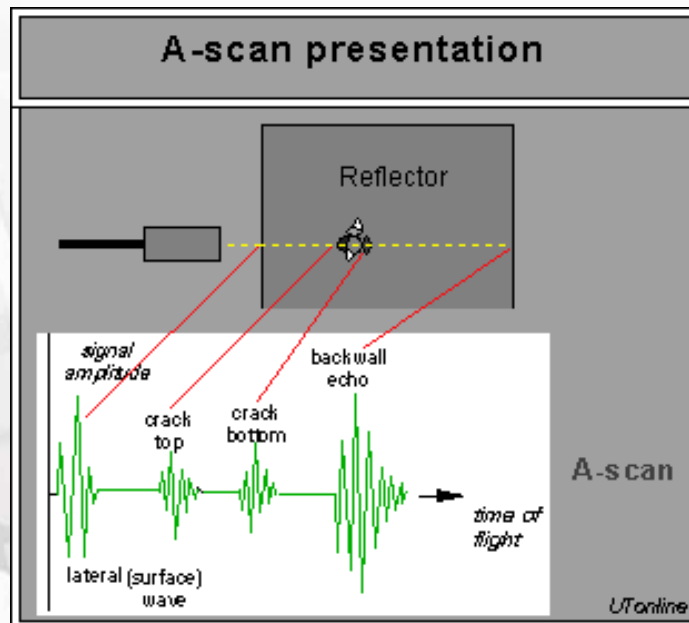


Standards: ASTM E 1065-08, GB/T 18694-2002

# 2. Calibration service in NIM

## Ultrasonic flaw detection :device

### Scanning and display mode



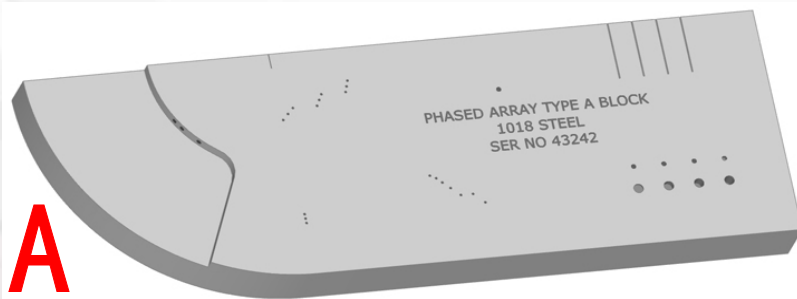
## 2. Calibration service in NIM

### Ultrasonic flaw detection: device

- Ultrasonic phased array flaw detector: B mode display

Calibration setup: Standard Blocks

- Simulate flaws
- Regular through and blind holes
- Distributed with different position, angle and dimension



- Material: 45# steel
- Surface roughness:  $<1.6 \mu\text{m}$
- Sound velocity: 5920 m/s

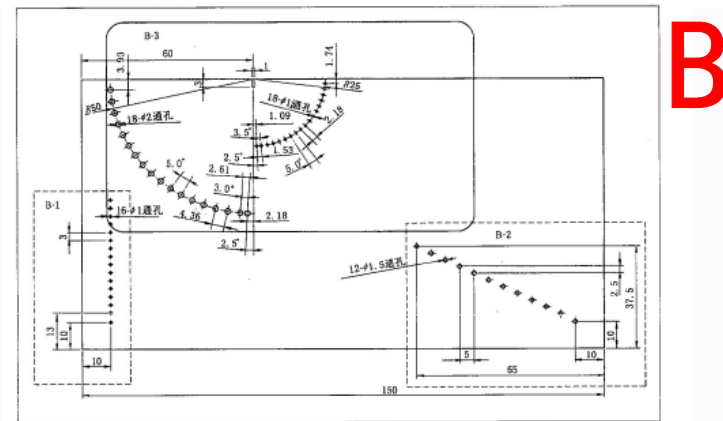
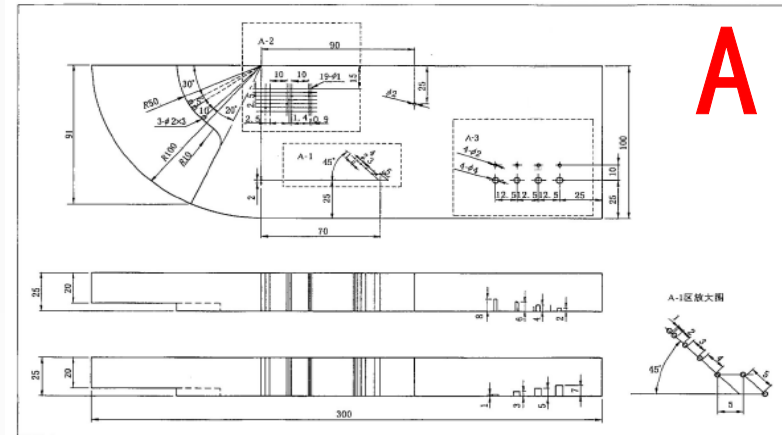
Standards: ASTM E 2491-06, JJF 1338-2012

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## Ultrasonic flaw detection: device

### ● Ultrasonic phased array flow detector: B mode display

- A-1: lateral imaging resolution
- A-2: axial imaging resolution
- A-3: short depth resolution
- Relative uncertainty: 2% ( $k=2$ )
  
- B-1/2: measured dimension error between two lateral holes
- B-2: measured dimension error between two axial holes
- B-3: scanning angle error and resolution



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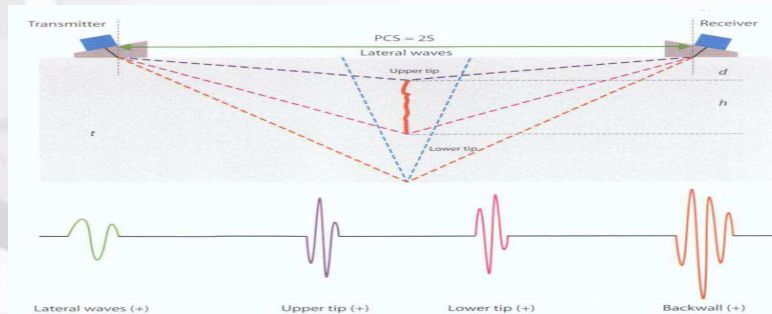
## Ultrasonic flaw detection: device

- Ultrasonic flaw detector by time-of-flight diffraction

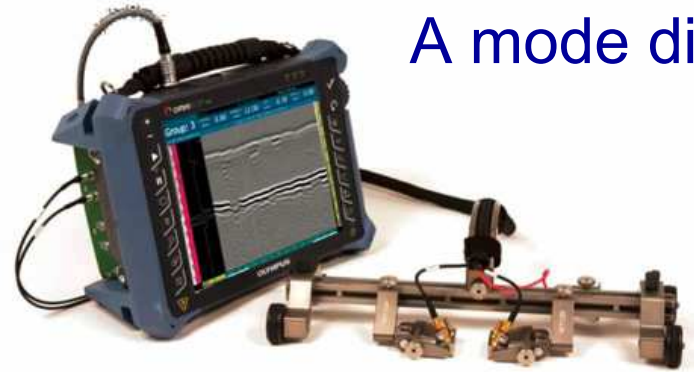
Standards: ISO 10863, JJF 1447-2014

Calculation setup:

- Signal generator
- Standard attenuator
- Oscilloscope
- Motion stage
- Reference block



A mode display



Calculation parameter:

- Receiver bandwidth
- Rise time of transmission pulse
- Flaw depth, height and length

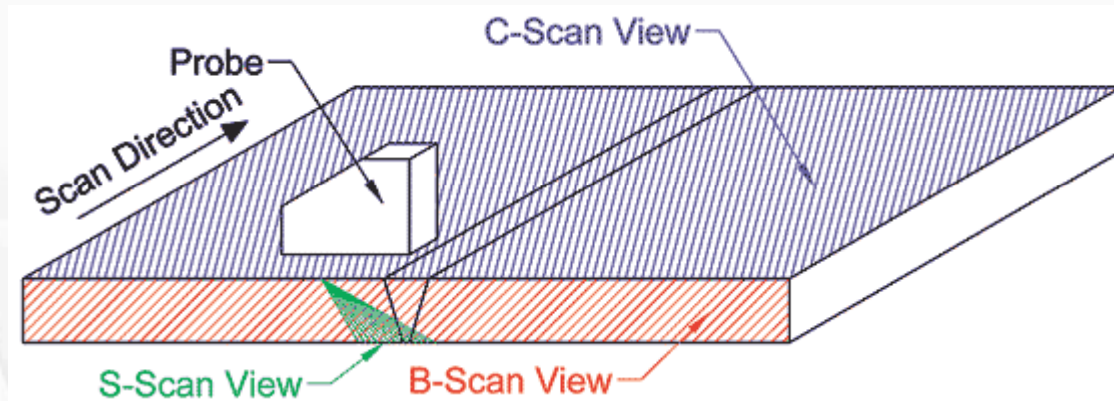
Uncertainty: 5.6 mm ( $k=2$ )

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### Ultrasonic flaw detection: device

- Ultrasonic flaw detector: C mode display

Established C scan system to study its calibration method



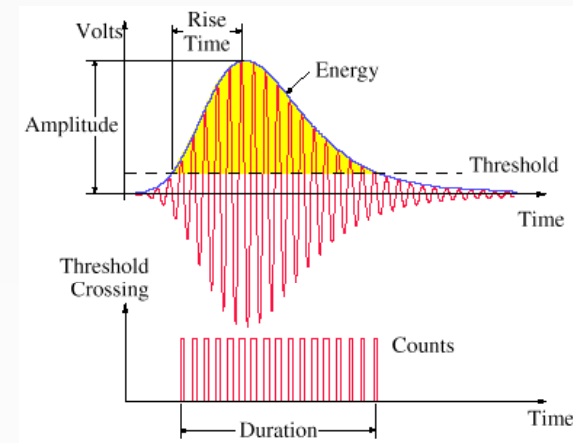
### *Under study:*

- Designing standard blocks
- Calibration regulations have been approved in China, expected to complete by the end of 2017.

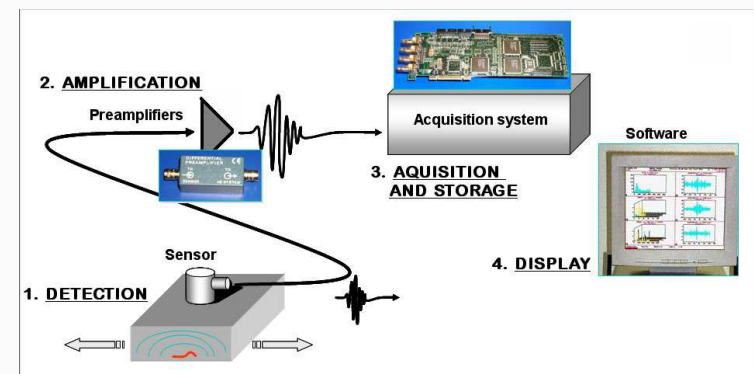
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## Passive detection: Acoustic emission

Calibration setup: ISO 12714-1999, JJF 1337-2012



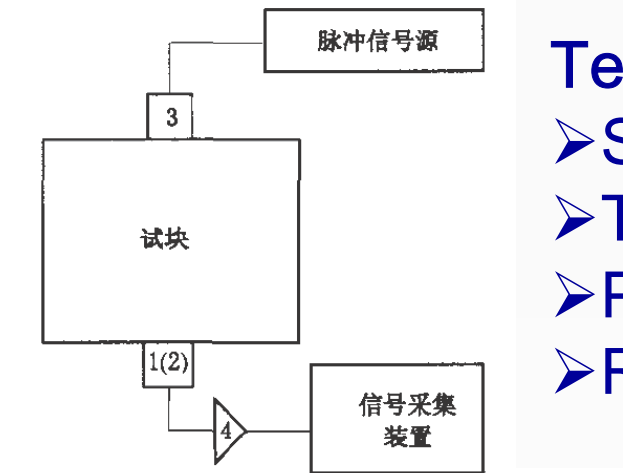
- Comparison method
- Frequency: 100 kHz ~ 1 MHz
- Surface and longitudinal wave



# 2. Calibration service in NIM

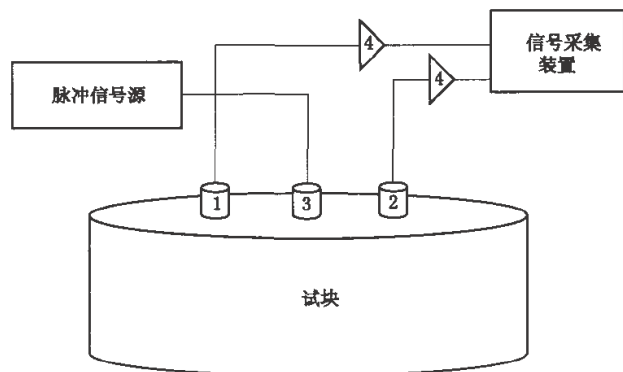
## Passive detection: Acoustic emission

longitudinal wave



Test block : steel

- Size:  $> \Phi 400 * 180$  mm for surface wave
- Thickness:  $> 250$  mm for longitudinal wave
- Parallel degree:  $< 0.12$  mm
- Roughness:  $< 1 \mu\text{m}$  (up)  $< 3 \mu\text{m}$  (down)



Surface wave

Calibration parameter :

- Frequency response of Sensitivity
- Peak sensitivity and its frequency
- Uncertainty: 3.1 dB ( $k=2$ )

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- Acoustic measurements have been widely used for noise measurement and safety evaluation in transportation;
- Microphone and ultrasonic transducer are basic sensor;
- Introduce acoustic calibration service at NIM about kinds of microphone, ultrasonic transducer and ultrasonic flaw detector applied in transportation;
- Following the development of transportation such as highway railway, acoustic measurement and calibration service have light potential.

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# Thank you for your attention