

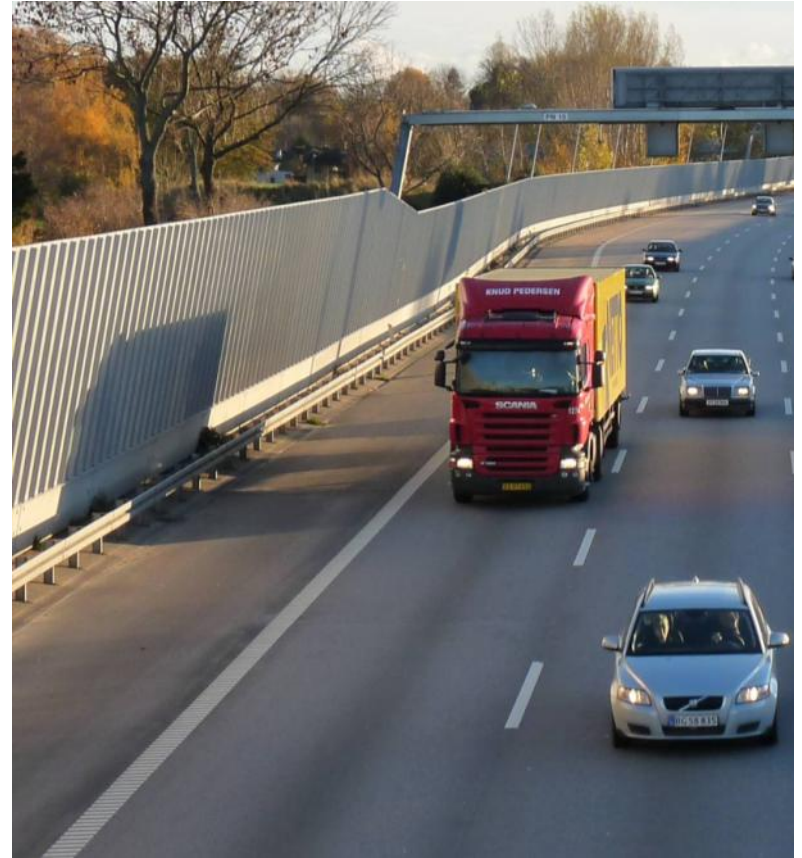
# **PRACTICAL USE OF NOISE REDUCING PAVEMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING RESEARCH THE DANISH EXPERIENCE**

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# ROAD NOISE PROBLEM IN EUROPE IS HUGE

## Case Denmark:

- 30 % of households exposed to over 58 dB ( $L_{den}$ ) Environmental Protection Agency guideline
- Urban problem
- Effects:
  - Annoys people => Real estate prices
  - Impacts sleep => Health
  - Society economy
- Large focus on noise annoyance in the population
- Often main issue in public hearing on new road and infrastructure projects



# THE COST OF THE NOISE PROBLEM

Noise reduces house prices:

- 1.2 % per dB urban roads      => less tax
- 1.6 % per dB highways

Increased risk of cardio-vascular diseases:

- Annually 800-2200 at hospital
- Annually 200-500 early deaths in Denmark due to noise
  
- Socio-economic costs of noise 0.8–1.2 billion € pr. year annually in Denmark (house and health)
  
- Small country 5 mill. inhabitants

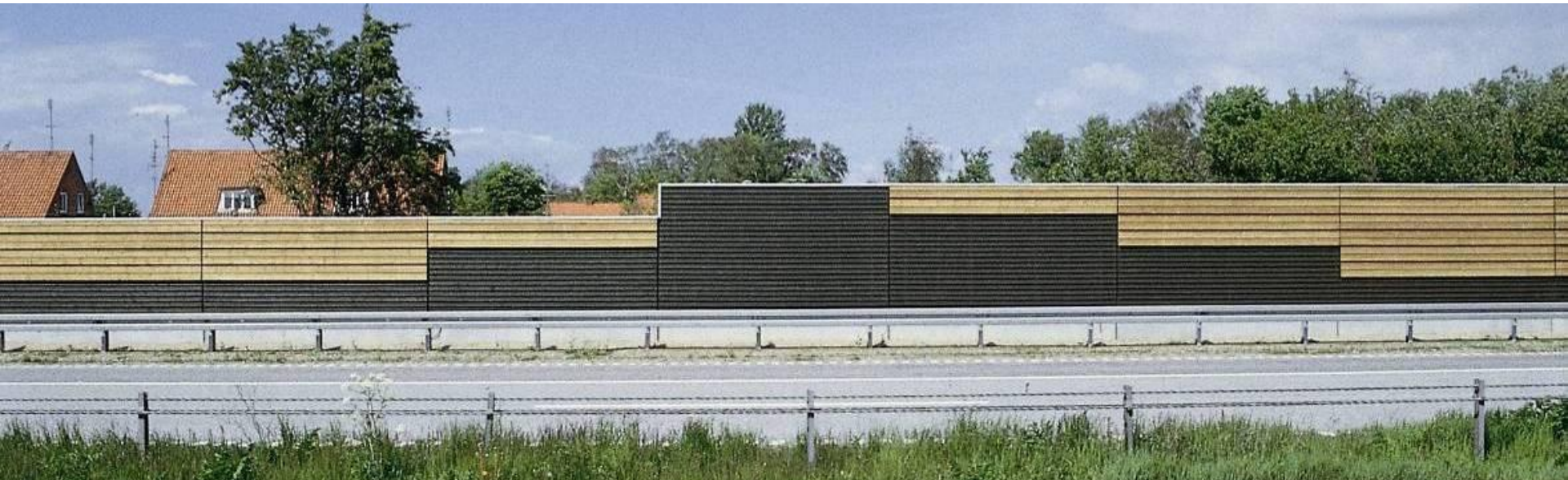


# THE BIGGEST PROBLEM

## EXISTING ROADS AND DWELLINGS

Danish Road Directorate policy for noise management –  
2009 Objectives:

- As many dwellings as possible below 58 dB ( $L_{den}$ )
- To reduce the noise on as many dwellings as possible
- Ensure the best cost effectiveness in noise abatement
- Research in cost effective solutions



# THE STATE ROAD NOISE ACTION PLAN

## State road EU noise mapping

L <sub>den</sub>	< 58 dB	58-63 dB	63-68 dB	> 68 dB	Total
Number dwellings		77.000	31.000	11.000	119.000

Goal to reduce the noise annoyance for as many dwellings as possible along the highway sections with the highest noise levels:

- New highways < 58 dB
- Noise barriers
- Noise reducing windows
- 55 mill. € over last 6 years
- Noise reducing pavements when pavements are renewed over 58 dB



# APPLICATION OF NOISE REDUCING PAVEMENTS

- Pavement renewal on highways
- Noise reducing pavements are used:
  - Highways near residential areas noise over 58 dB
  - Highways near recreational urban areas over 58 dB
- The same for construction of new highways
- Research on integration of noise in Pavement Management Systems



# SRS SYSTEM FOR TENDERING NOISE REDUCING PAVEMENTS



Noise labeling of pavements by CPX trailer noise measurements

Noise class	Description	Noise reduction in dB
SRS standard	Good noise reduction	$4.0 < x < 7.0$
SRS special	Very good noise reduction	$x > 7.0$

Reference Nordic noise prediction method NORD2000



## NCC Roads A/S - Asfaltprodukter

### SMA 6P tyndlagsskærvemastiks

#### Produktbeskrivelse:

SMA 6P er en tyndlagsbelægning af skærvemastiks-typen med en hvis støjreducerende effekt. SMA 6P fremstilles ved tilsætning af en

## Gode resultater med SRS - støjreducerende asfalt

AB 6å Stålfalt B (50 km/t) A (80 km/t)

AB 6å Stålfalt med polymérmodificeret bitumen er Munck Asfalts flagskib inden for støjreducerende asfalt. Selv i små lagtykkelser opnås en helt ekstraordinær støjreduktion.

SMA 6 plus 8/11 B (50 km/t) B (80 km/t)

SMA 6 plus 8/11 er et godt eksempel på en all-round belægning, som kan anvendes på mange steder. SMA 6 plus 8/11 har en mere åben struktur end almindelig SMA.

## ARKIL A/S

- **Støjreducerende SRS-belægninger**, som via en veldesignet fordeling af hulrum i asfalten reducerer støjen fra bildæk. SRS-belægning leveres i støjklasse A, B og C.

- **Landbrugsasfalt**, udviklet i henhold til landbrugets egne krav, er meget tæt og

resistent og dermed velegnet til udlægning på eksempelvis arealopbevaringsveje, syvte ("Udbuds- og Anlægsforskrifter for Varmblandet Asfalt, Almindelig Arbejdsbeskrivelser (AAB)").

PANKAS AB SRS

PANgrip SRS

PANKAS SMA SRS

$\Sigma > 25$  SRS-products on market

er producerer og sælger vi en række af egne specialprodukter, fx. farvede belægninger og støjdæmpende belægninger.

#### Asfaltslidlag

- Asfaltbeton og Pulverasfalt
- Skærvemastik
- Tyndlagsbelægning
- Støjreducerende asfalt

#### Asfalt binde- og bærelag

Lemminkäinen A/S - N

Colas Danmark A/S · Fal

Støjreducerende slidlag				
Støjred. slidlag, Skanska Asfalt specialbelægning	SkantOP XL	SkantOP LN	SkandRAIN LN	SkandGRIP LN
	SkantOP XL Silence	SkantOP LN 6+	SkandRAIN 8 SkandRAIN 1	SkandGRIP LN 6

# COPENHAGEN MUNICIPALITY POLICY

- Pavement renewal process
- Roads with more than 2000 vehicles/day



- Noise reducing pavements are used
- Tendered with the SRS system



# Components of noise

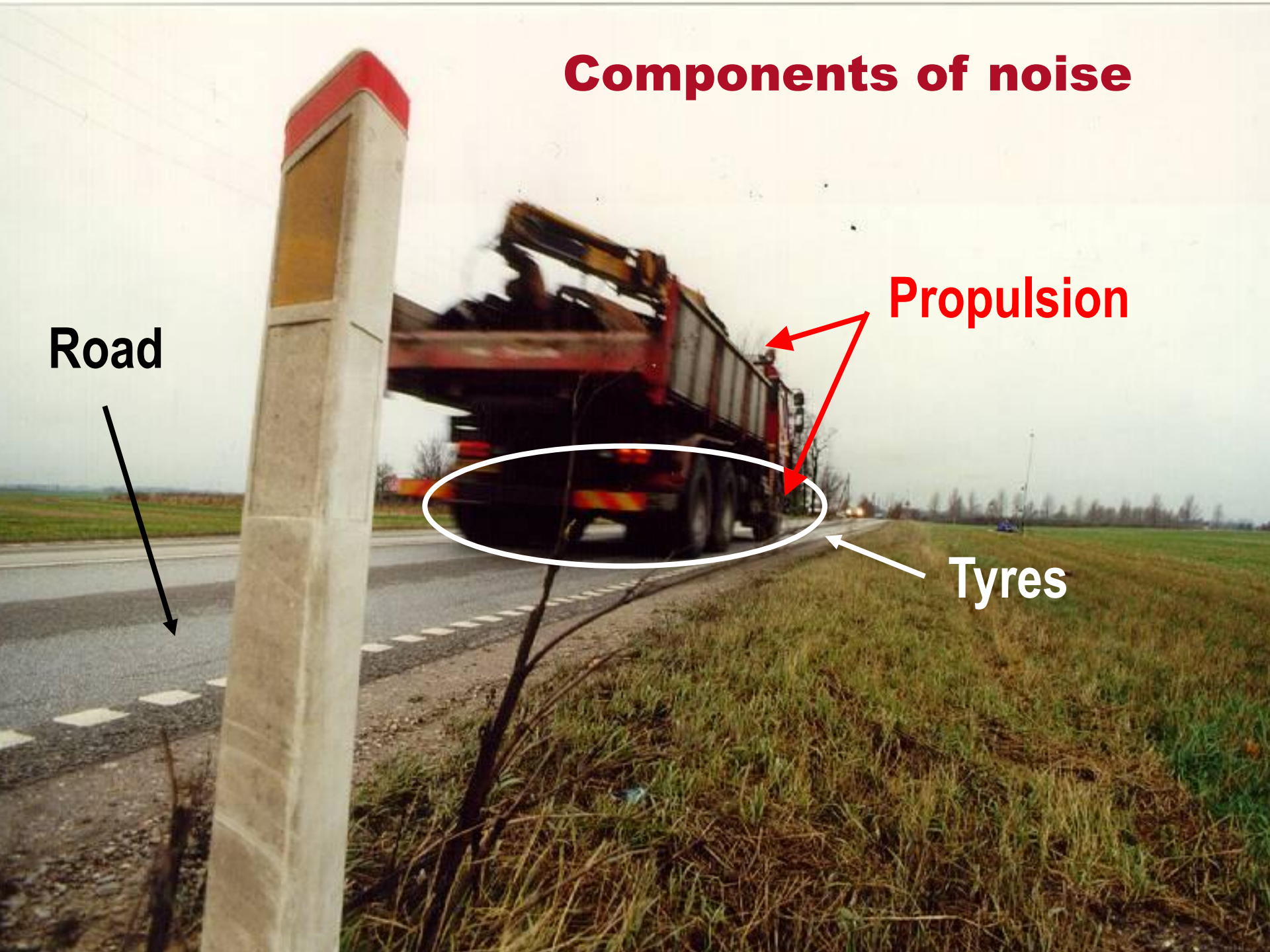
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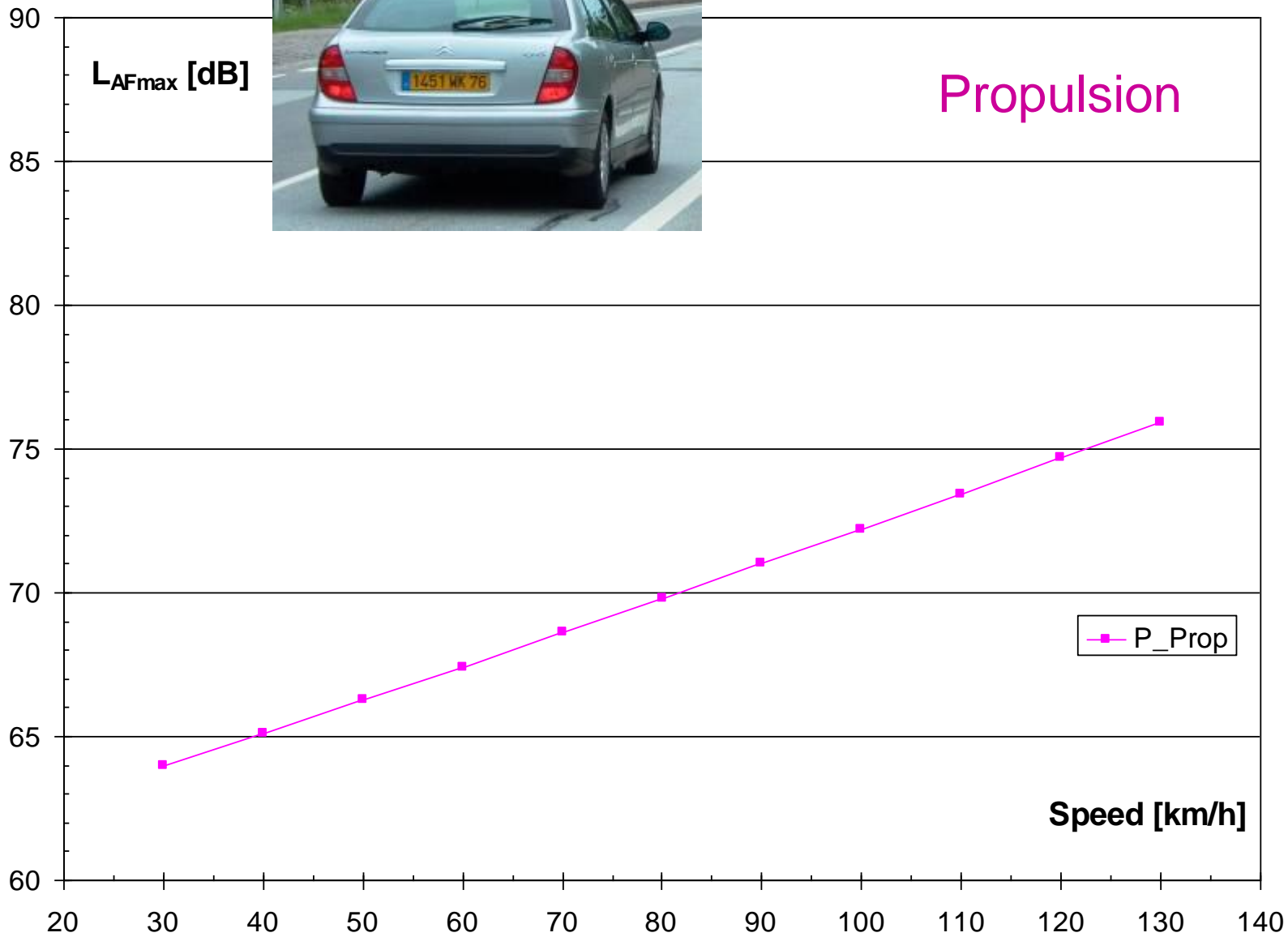


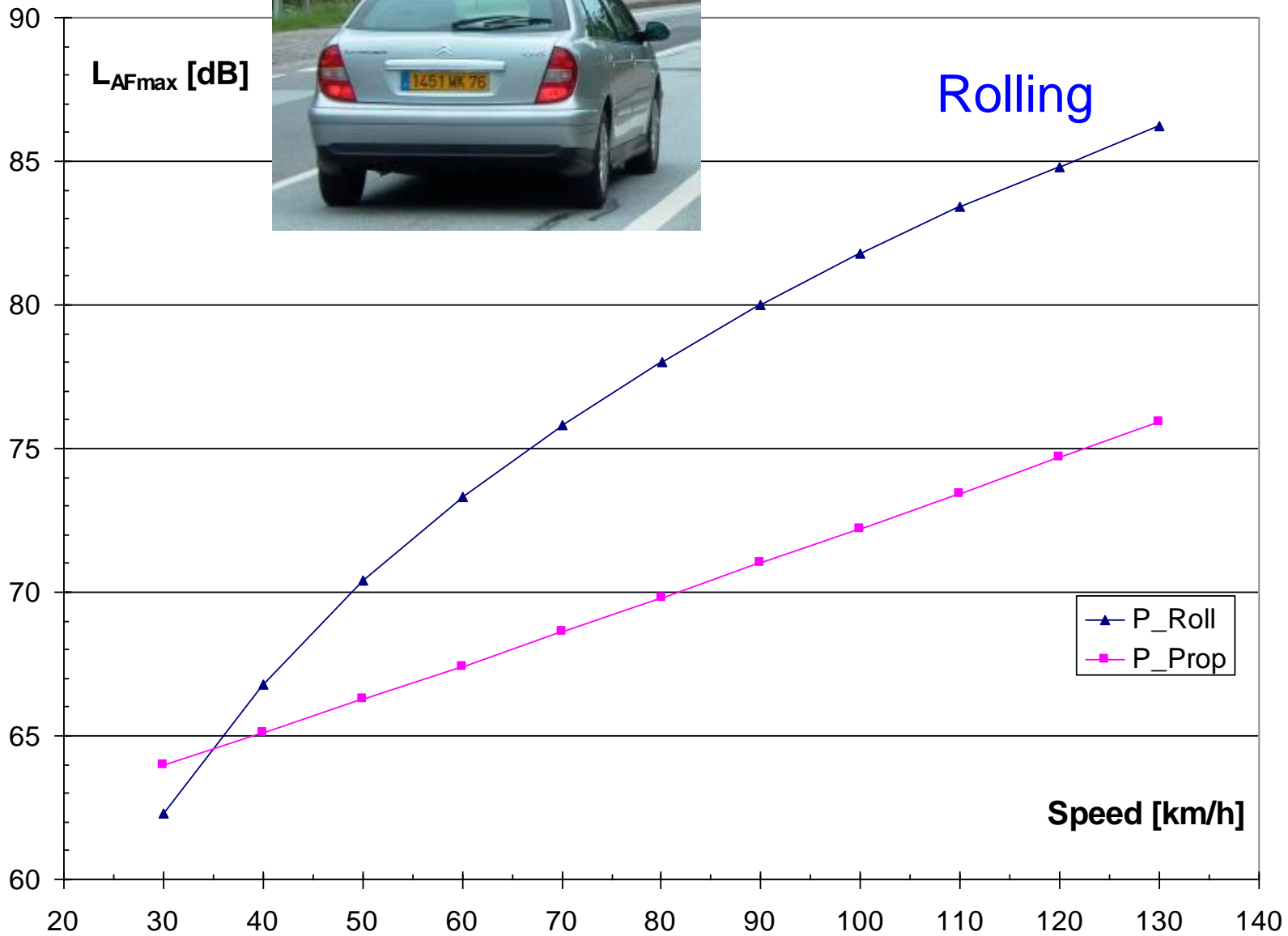
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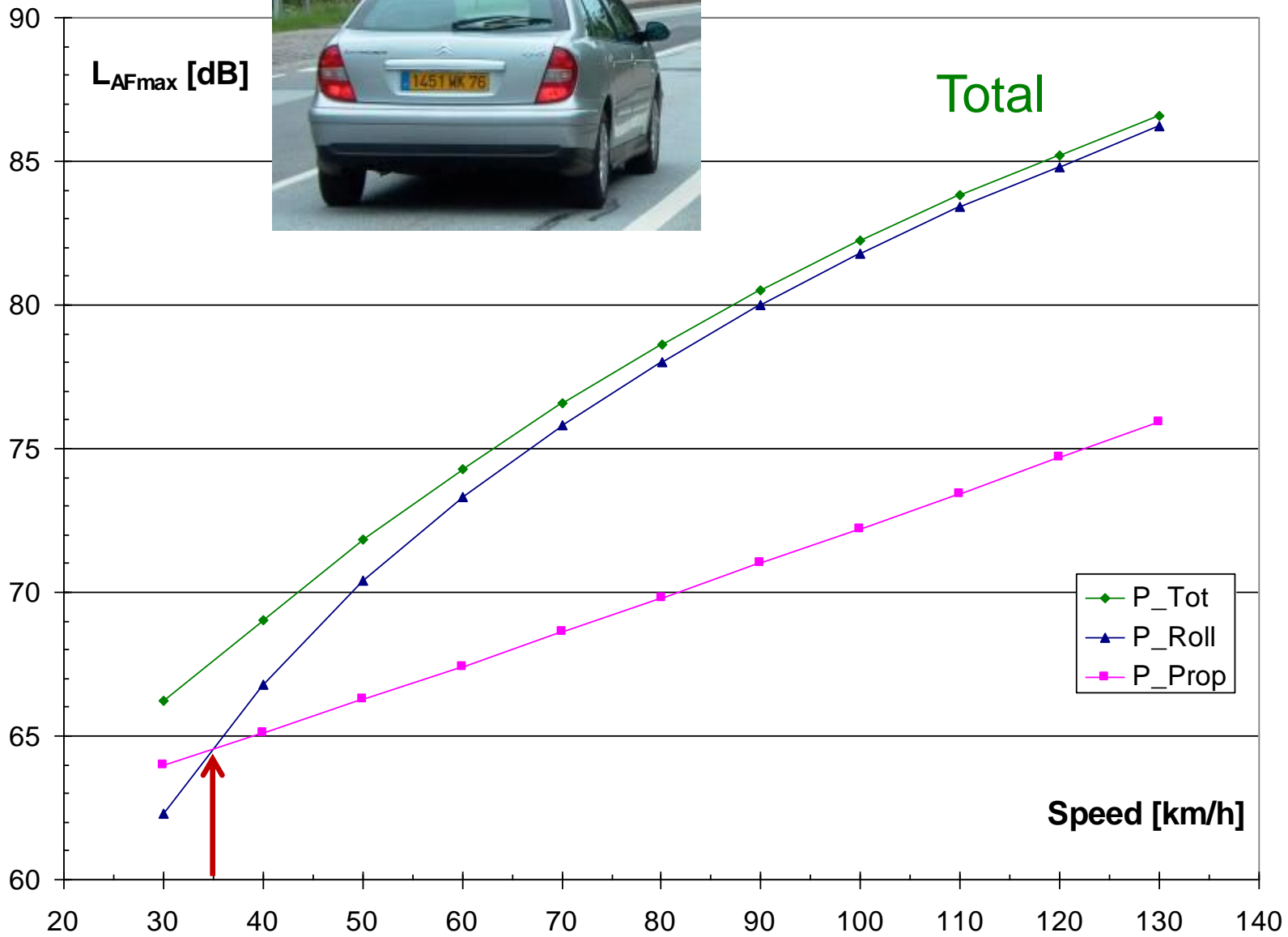


Tyres



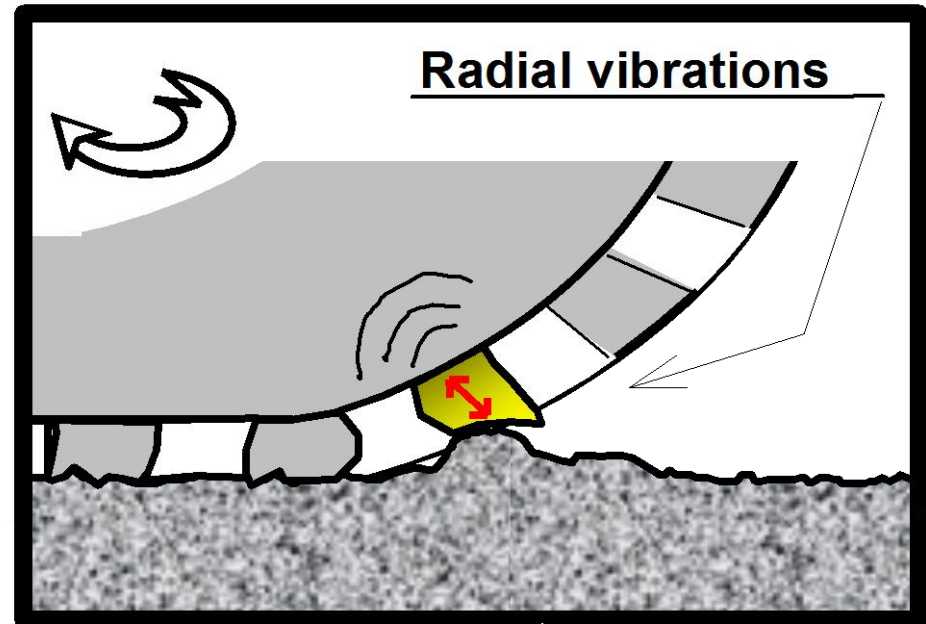






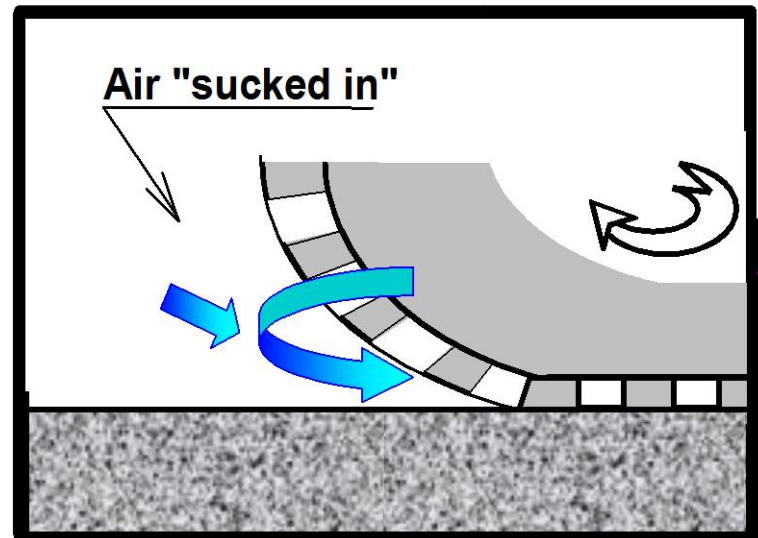
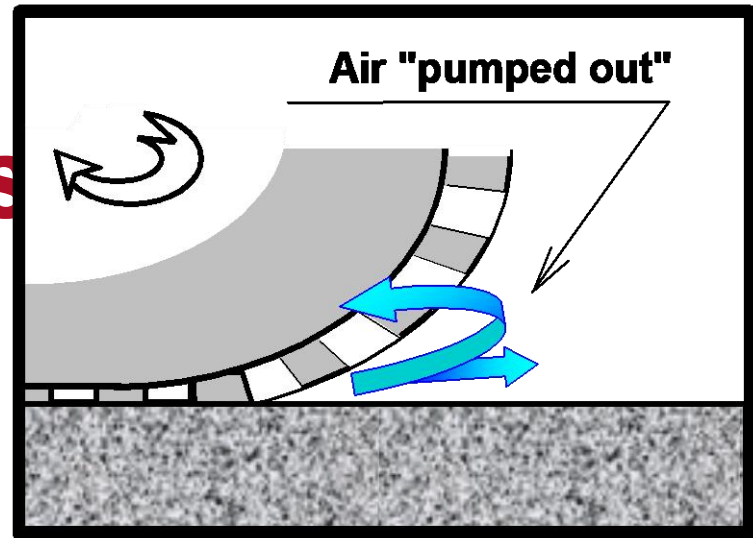
# VIBRATION GENERATED NOISE

- The texture of the surface makes tyre vibrate
- Low frequency under 1500 Hz



# AIR PUMPING NOISE

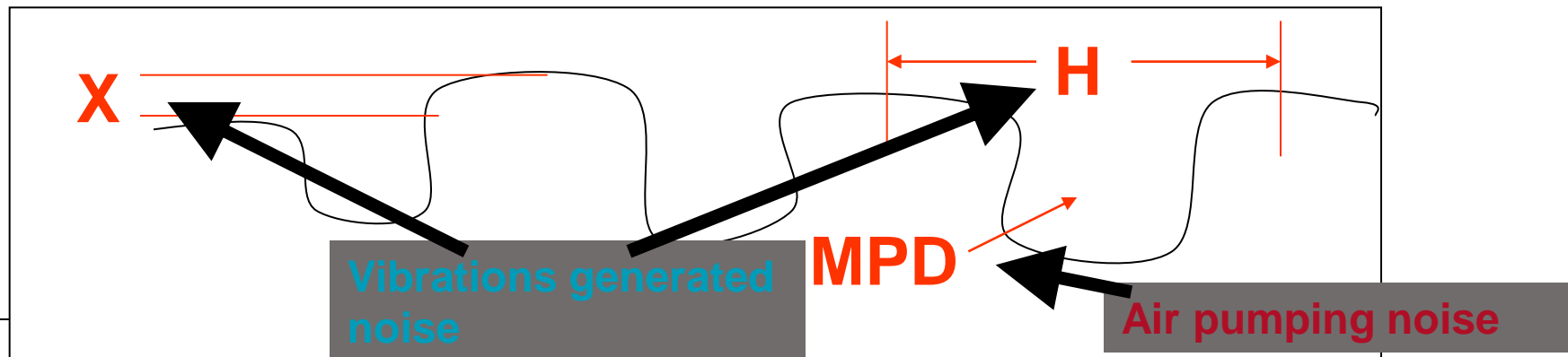
- Air is pressed out and in between the rubber blocks of the tyre
- High frequency over 1000 Hz





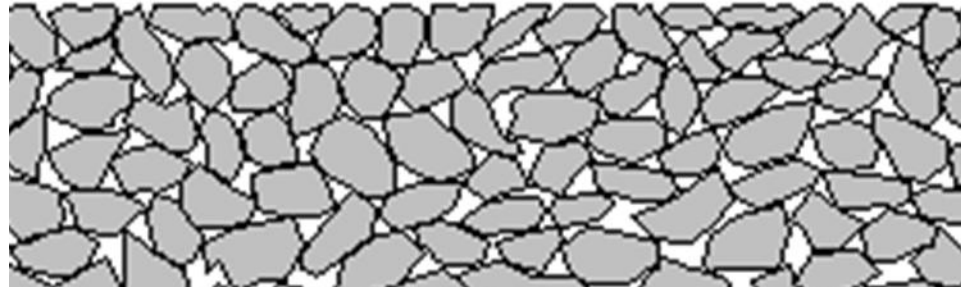
# OPTIMISATION OF NOISE REDUCTION:

- The highest points of the surface same height. Reduce X
- Cubic aggregate and good compaction
- Distance between high points short. Reduce H
- Small aggregate size
- Holes in the surface as big as possible. Increase MPD  
Large built in air void



# POROUS ASPHALT

- One layer

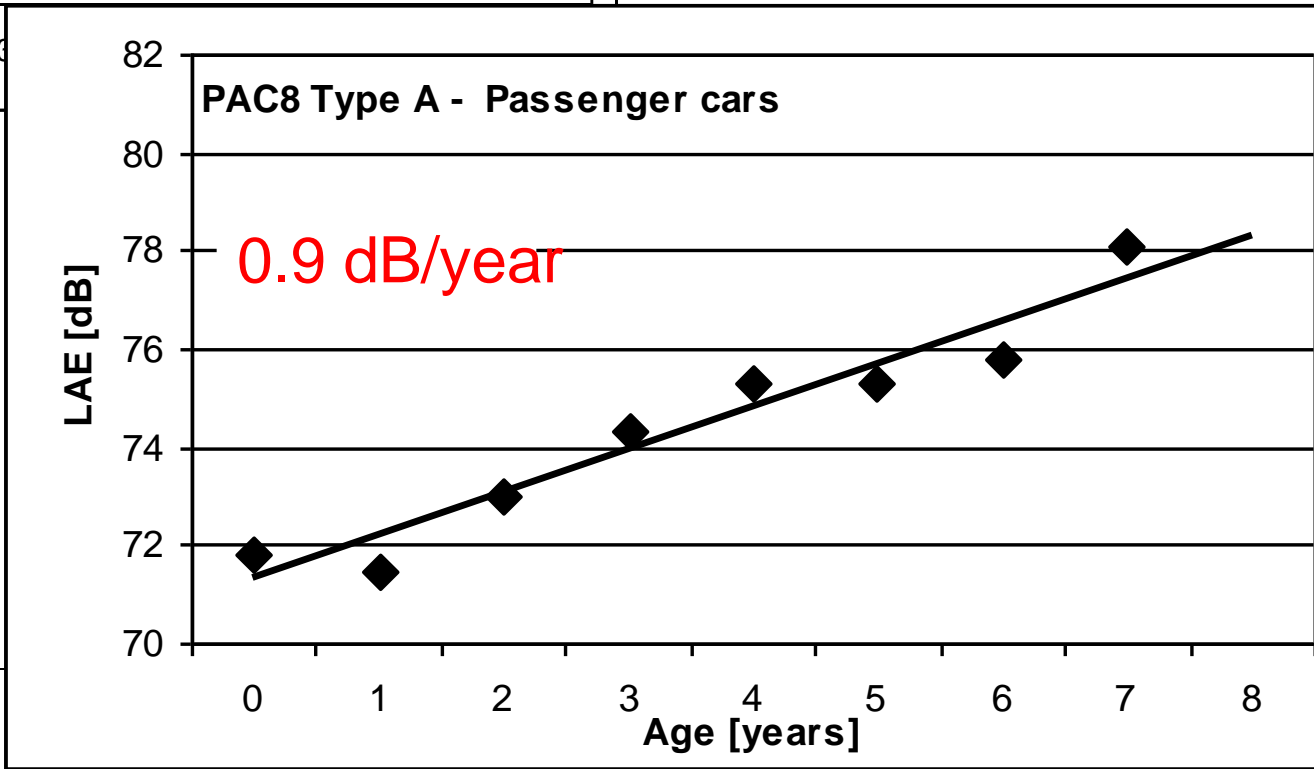
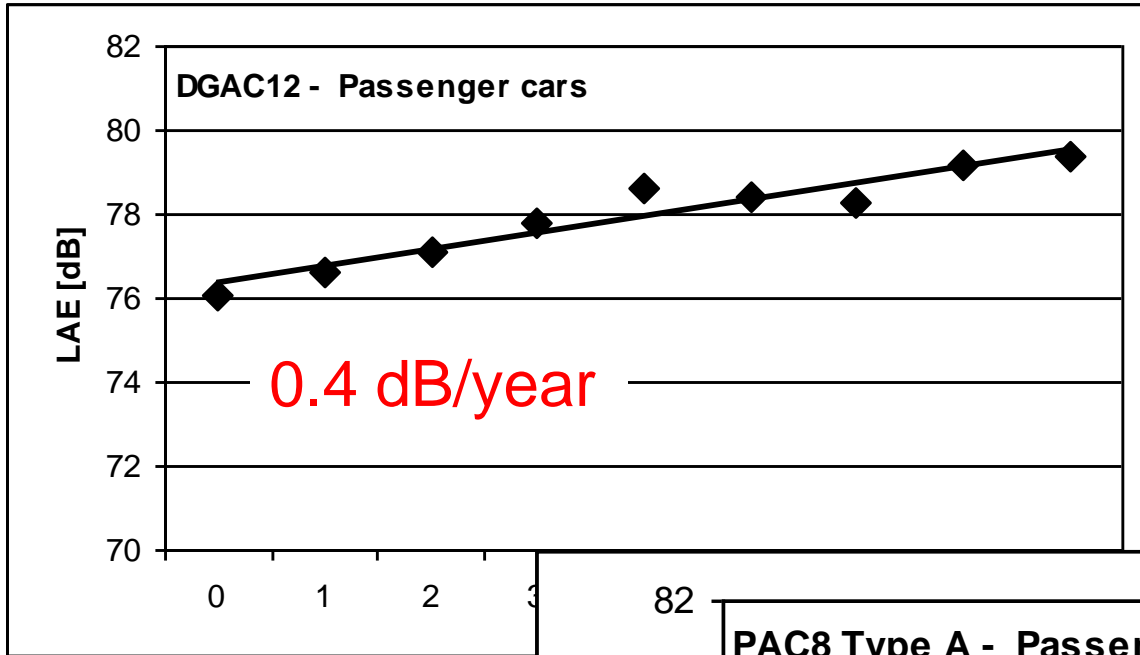


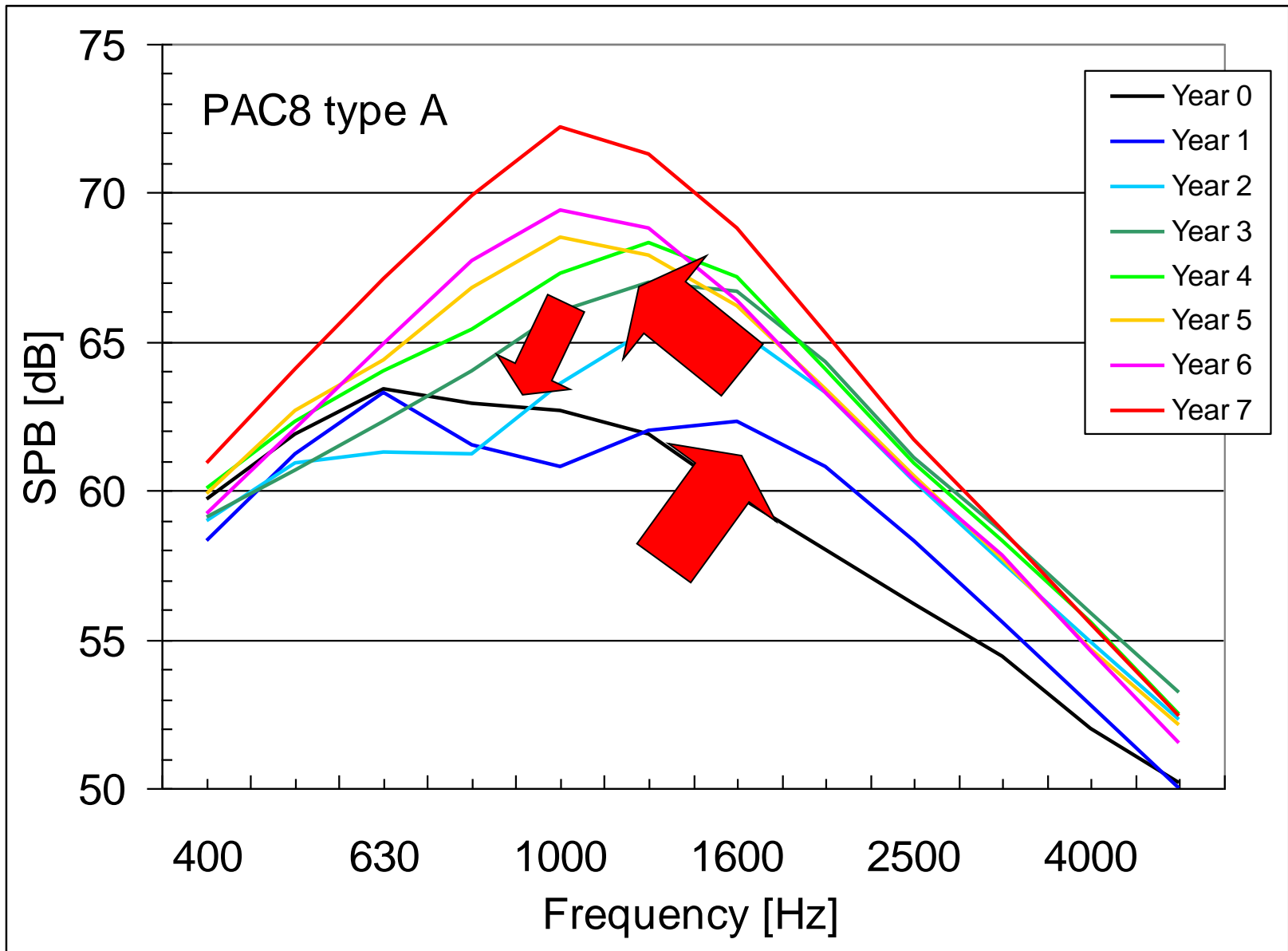
# EXPERIMENT WITH SINGLE LAYER POROUS ASPHALT

Pavement	Aggregate size	Air void
PAC8 type A	8 mm	18-22 %
PAC8 type B	8 mm	> 22 %
PAC12	12 mm	> 22 %
OGAC12	12 mm	6 %
DGAC12	12 mm	3 %



# POROUS ASPHALT





# RESULT POROUS ASPHALT AVERAGE NOISE REDUCTION

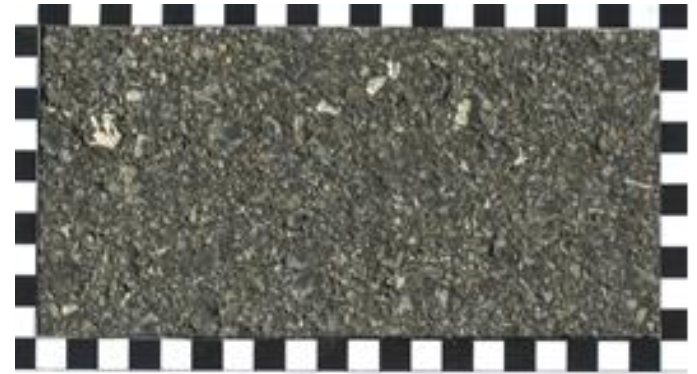
<b>Asphalt Pavement</b>	<b>Passenger Cars</b>
Open Graded	- 1.7 dB
Porous 8 - A	3.3 dB
Porous 8 - B	3.3 dB
Porous 12	1.2 dB

# NOISE REDUCING THIN LAYERS - SRS

- Open surface
- Not porous
- Small aggregate size



Thin layer - SRS



Dense reference

# FIRST DANISH TEST OF NOISE REDUCING SRS PAVEMENTS ON HIGHWAY

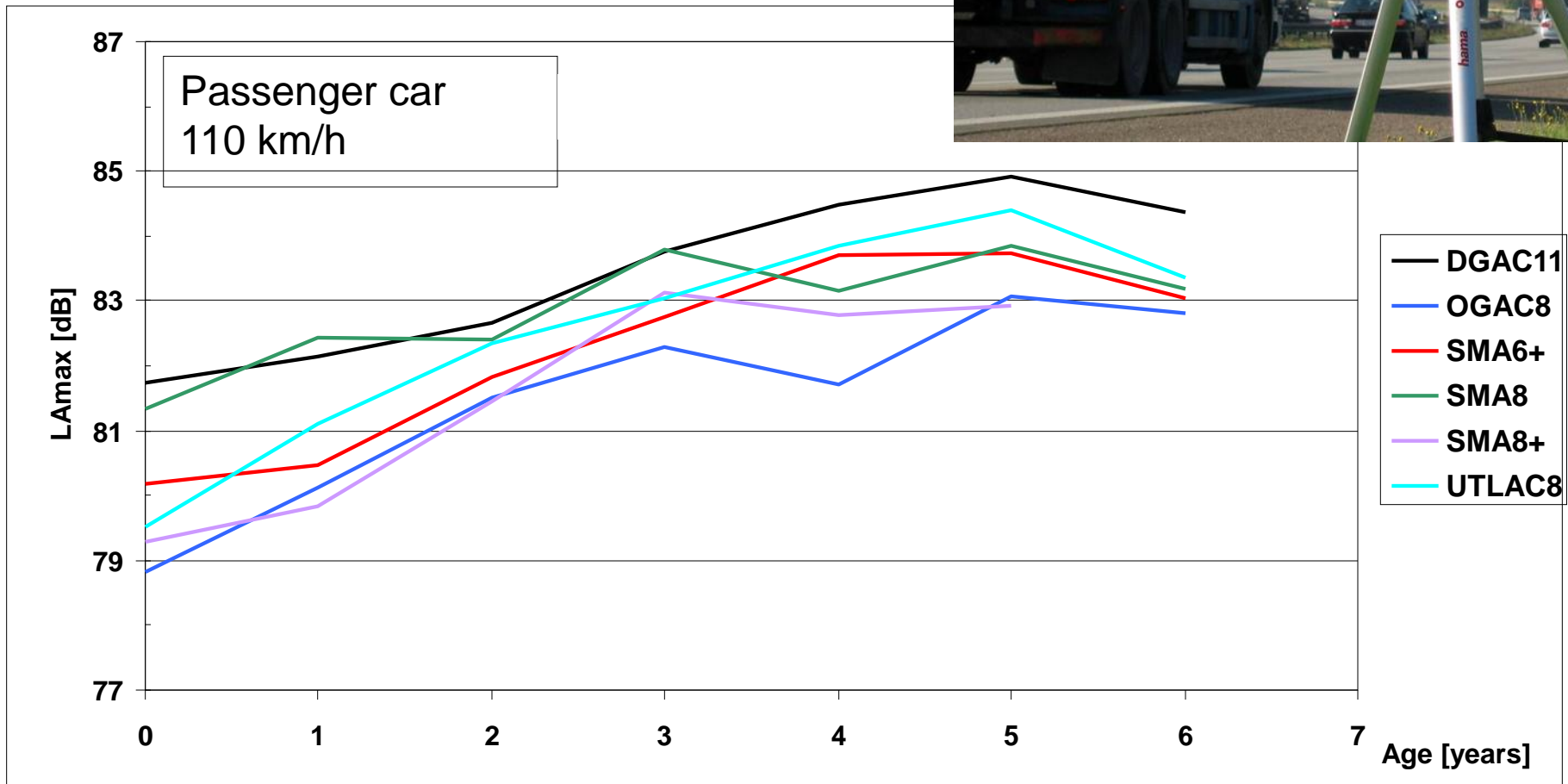
Pavement	Aggregate size	Air void
SMA8	8 mm	12.4 %
OGAC8	8 mm	15.3%
UTLAC8	8 mm	14 %
SMA6+	6+8 mm	3 %
SMA8+	6+11	5.7 %
DGAC11	11 mm	2.8 %



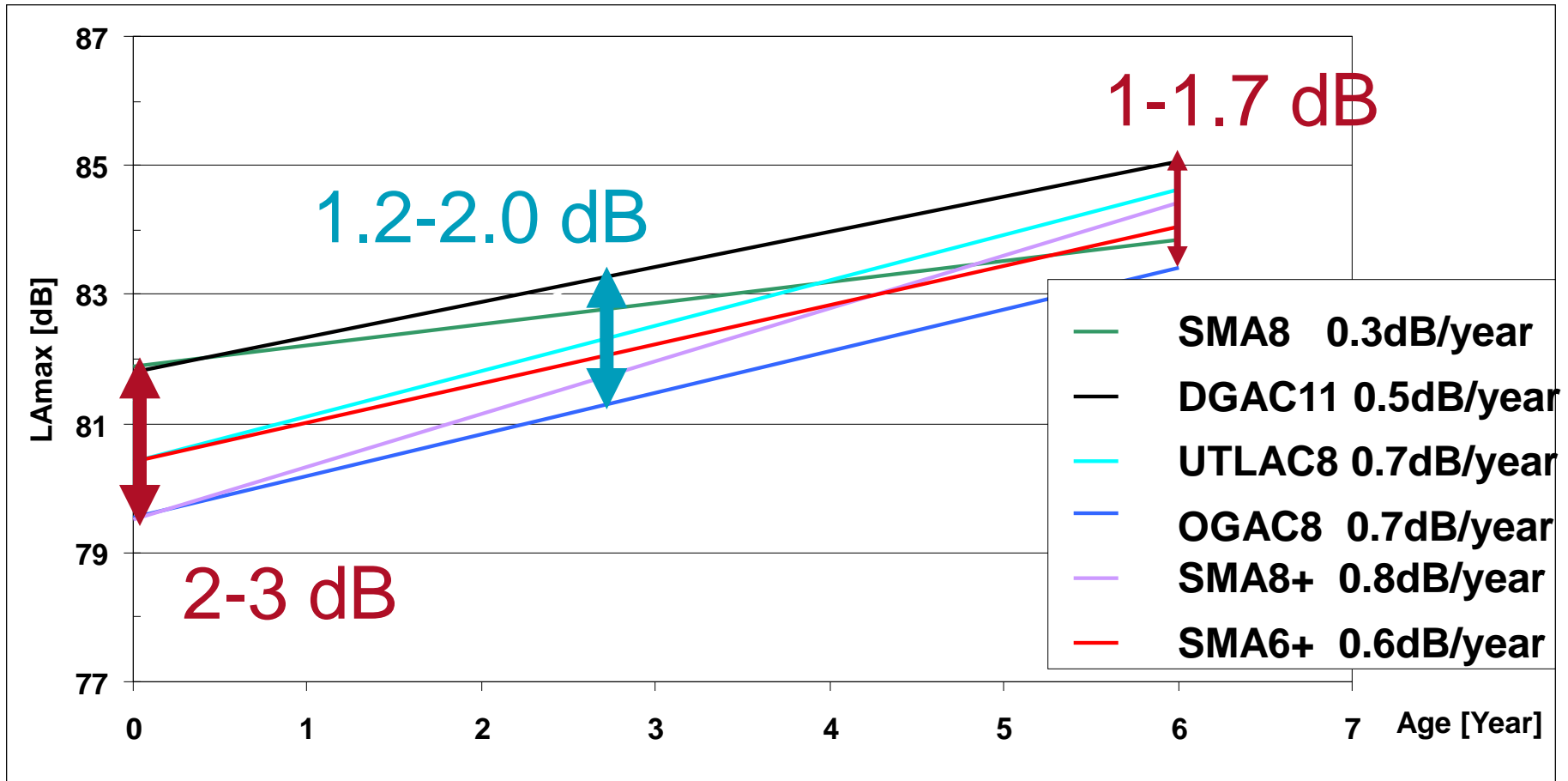


# PASSENGER CARS

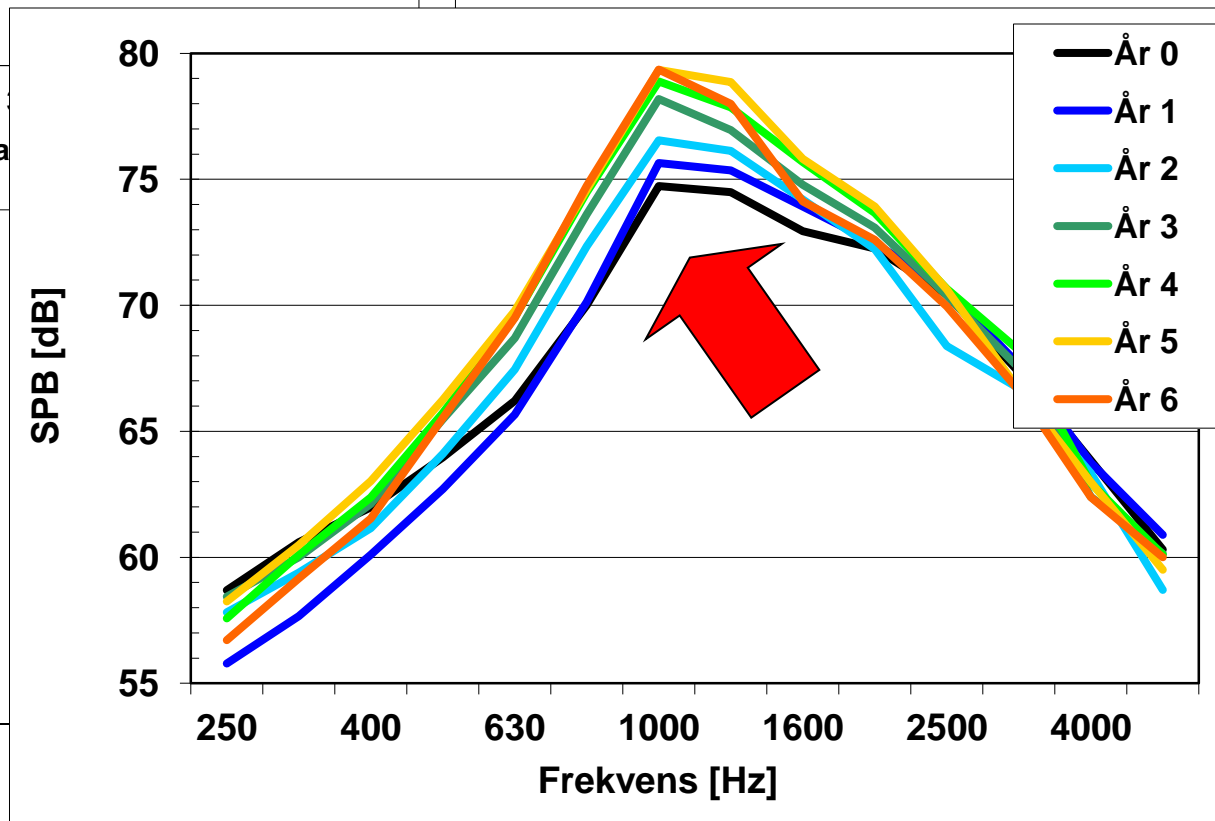
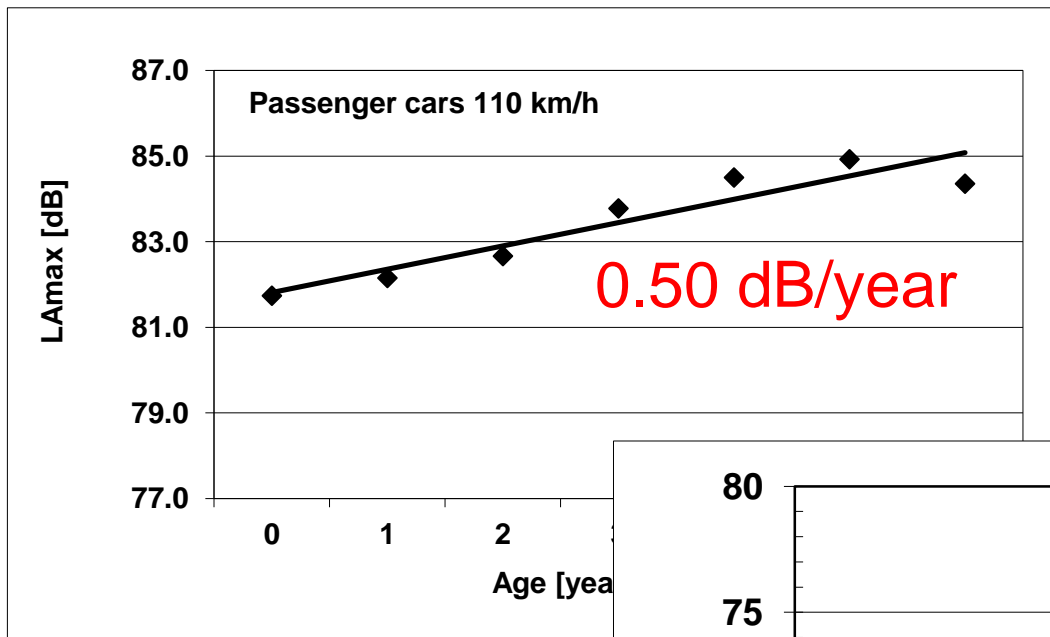
## M10 110 KM/H



# LINEAR REGRESSION



# DENSE GRADED ASPHALT CONCRETE





# AVERAGE NOISE REDUCTION FIRST GENERATION SRS

Pave- ment	Passenger car	Heavy multi axle
	Average noise reduction [dB]	
OGAC8	2.0	2.7
SMA6+	1.2	0.4
SMA8	0.6	1.0
SMA8+	1.7	1.0
UTLAC8	0.9	1.6

# CONCLUSION

- Politics for noise reducing pavements in place and active
- Noise reducing pavements are now used on state roads and in municipalities
- Because:
  - There is a need for "low cost" noise reduction
  - Noise reducing pavement solutions are on the market ready for use
  - Road engineers and politicians know the concept
  - The SRS system facilitates noise as a functional request in tendering process
- Cheap solution to be implemented in noise action plans
- Research ongoing for improvements



# **POROELASTIC PAVEMENT FULL SCALE TEST SECTION**



**Constructed in Denmark August 27<sup>th</sup> 2013**