

Closed-Loop Jet Control for Aeronautical Applications

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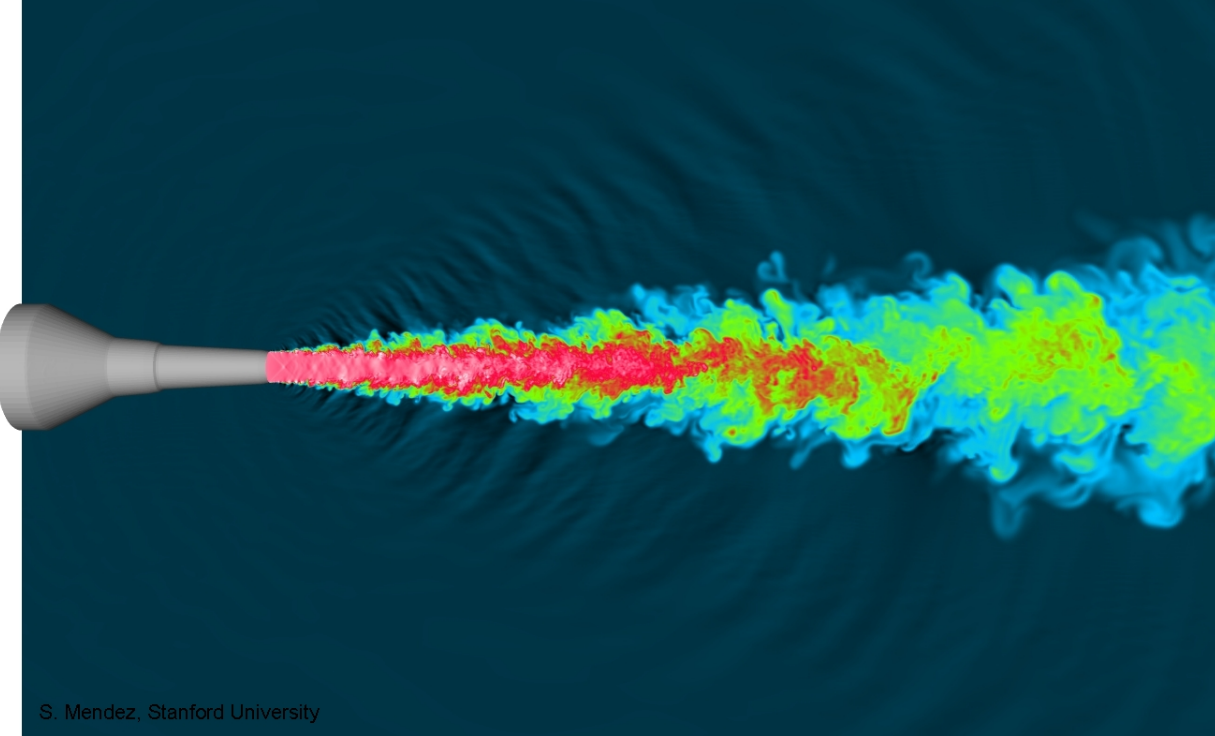
Motivation

Turbulent jets are dominated by advective flow structures which affect noise and heat transfer.

Active control can reduce acoustic emissions and optimize heat transfer in aeronautical and industrial applications.

Applications

- **Reduce noise pollution** around airports
- Turbine blade **cooling in Jet Engines**
- **Enhance performance** of industrial jet systems



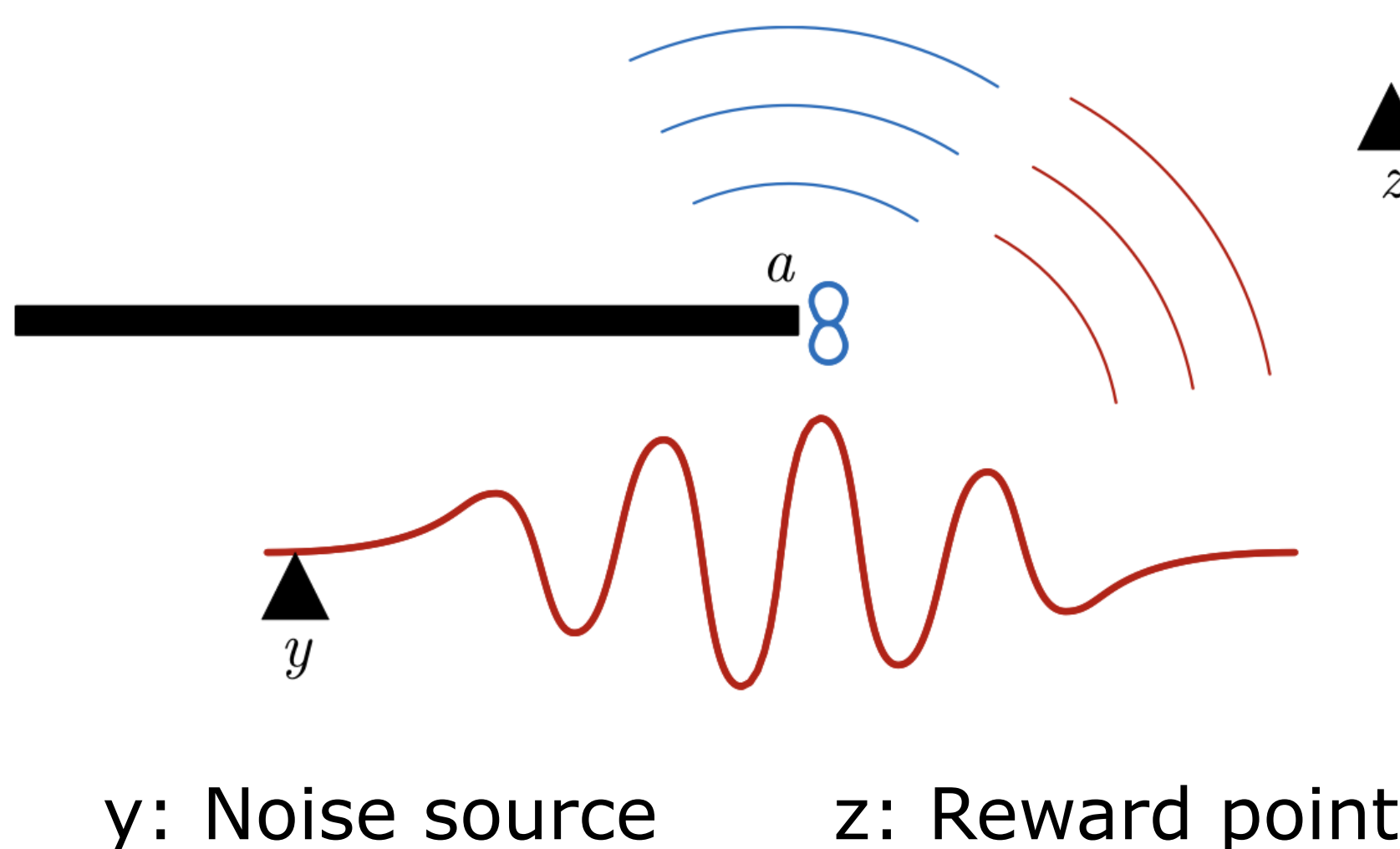
Hypothesis

It is possible to develop robust closed-loop control strategies for turbulent jets, both free and impinging, using reduced-order models and machine learning, despite the inherent nonlinearity, noise, and high dimensionality of turbulent flows.

Tools and Objectives

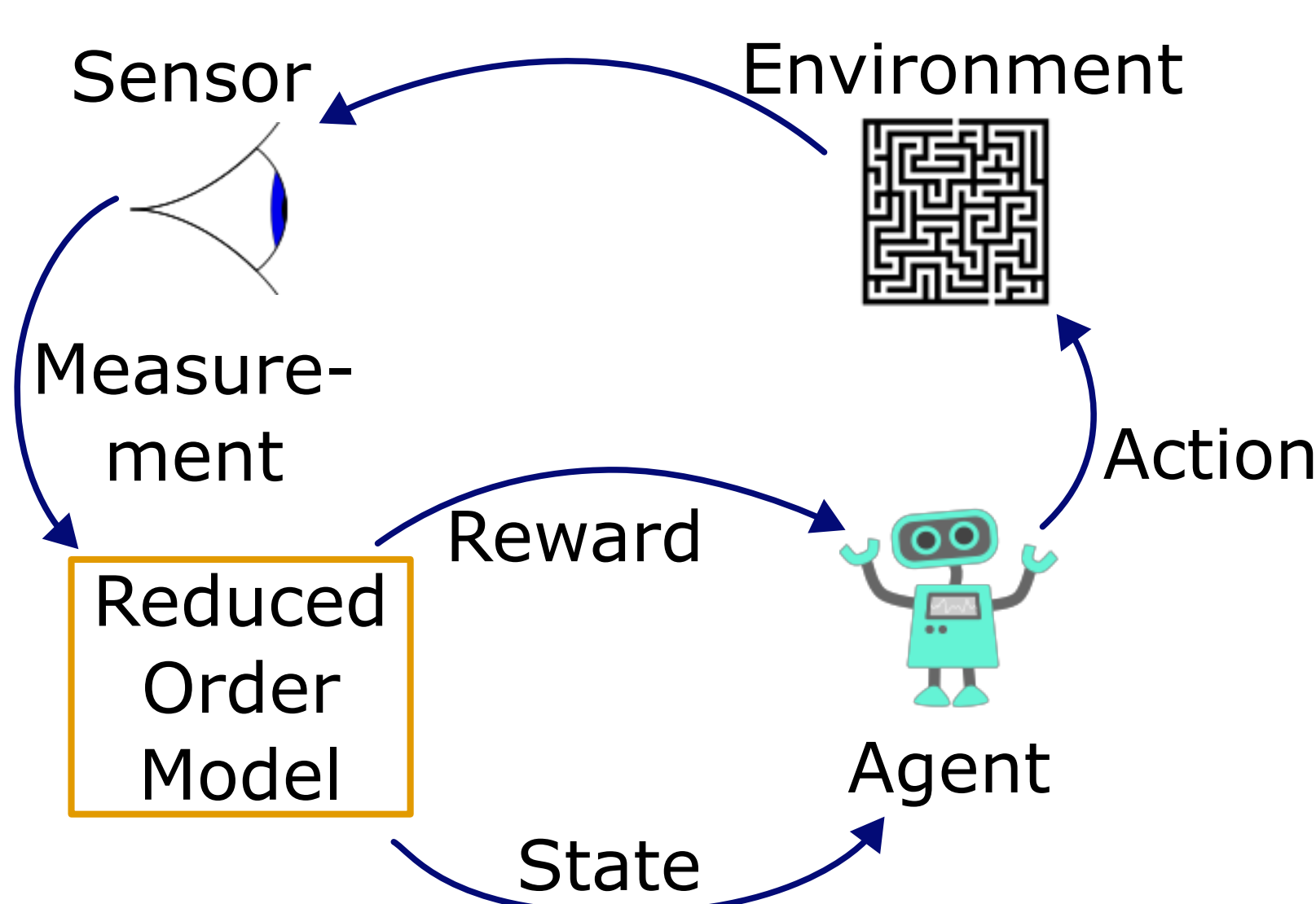
Convectively Unstable System Control^[6]

Modelled through Ginzburg-Landau equation



Data-augmented Reinforcement Learning Agent

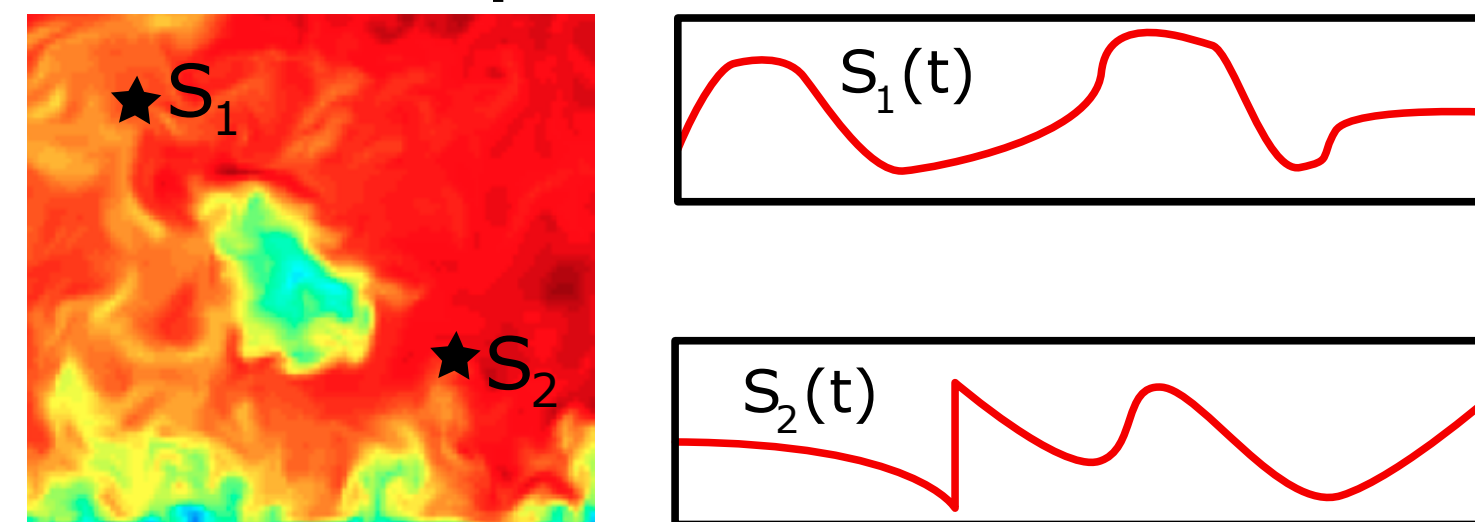
Uses data-driven models to **enhance the data provided by the sensors**



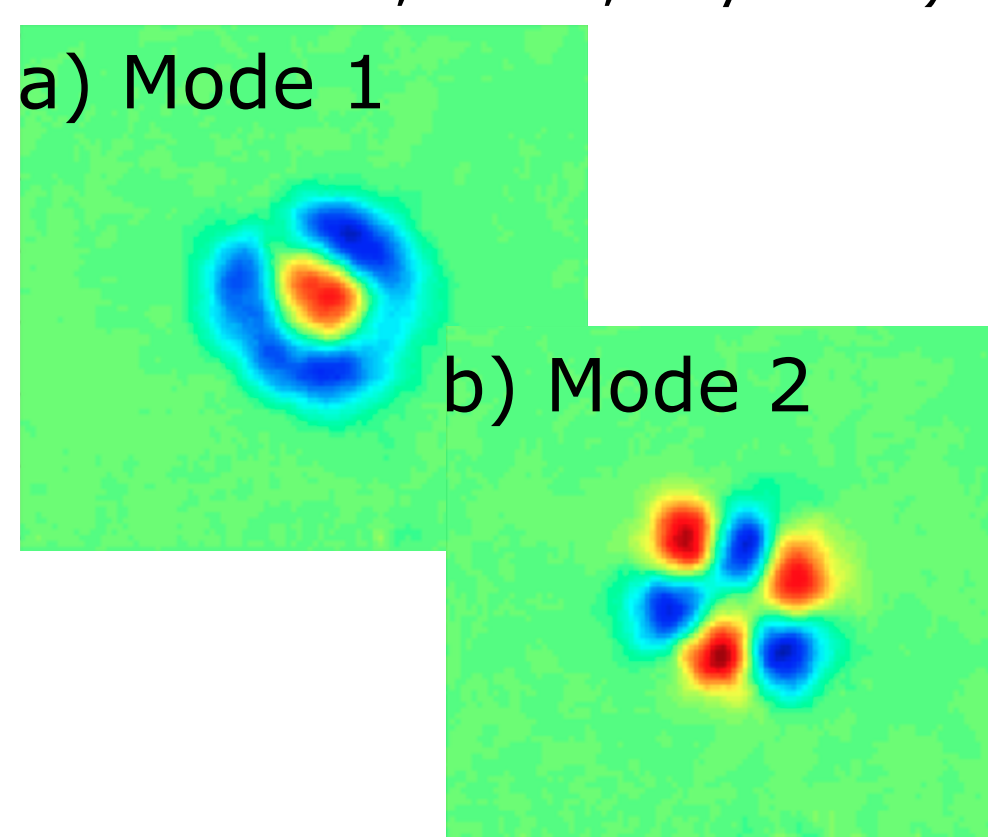
Reduced Order Modelling

Enhance sensor data from patterns

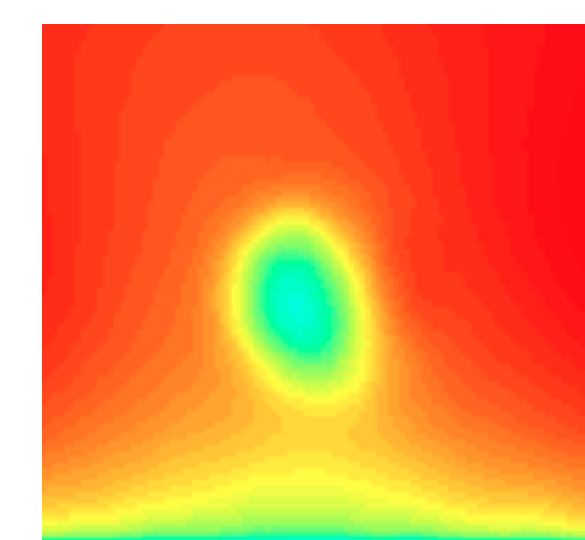
1. Incomplete domain observations



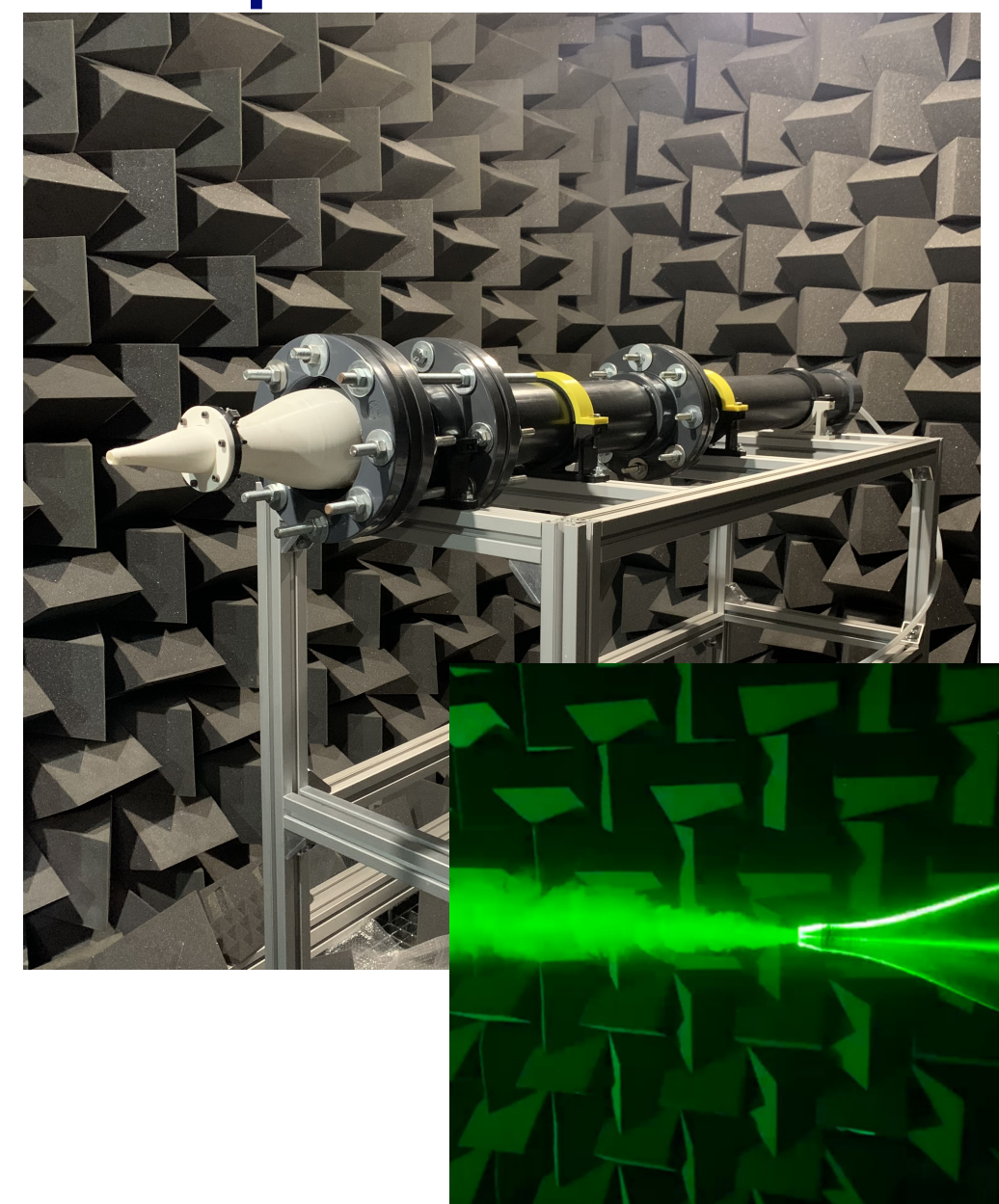
2. Identify relevant flow features (Autoencoders, SPOD, Physics...)



3. Combine data and patterns to infer the complete state



Experimental Control



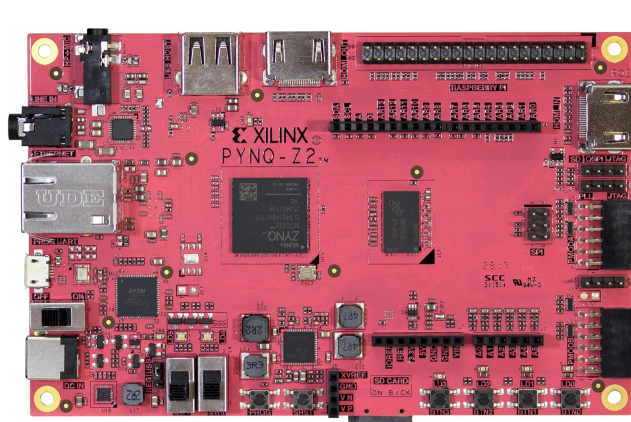
Jet Testing Facility

Anechoic chamber to isolate jet noise effects

Equipped for PIV to enable correlated flow-acoustic diagnosis

FPGA

Control "brain"
Fast I/O management



Work In Progress

Develop effective sensing and acting devices

High frequency sensing for flow diagnosis:

- MEMS microphones
- Pressure gauges

Actuation with high control authority

- Synthetic jets
- Microblowers

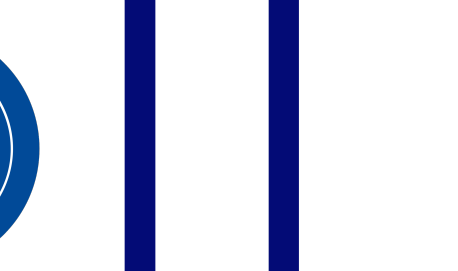


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Context

Development of jet noise theory and observations^[1]

1950s

Late 1990s

Early 2000s

Early active flow control in simulations and experiments^[2]

Popularization of reduced order models. Applied for jet noise and fluid structure identification^[3]

Mid-Late 2000s

2010s

Use of reduced order models for feedback control in simulations^[4]

Real-time feedback using Data-Driven approaches and Machine Learning tools in simplified problems^[5]

Late 2010s - Early 2020s

Thesis Plan

1st year
2025

Control simulated environment.

Simplified case
Test theoretical behaviour

2nd year
2026

Construction of experimental setup.

Test real controller and acquisition system

3rd year
2027

Training and validation of the controller.

Research stay
Thesis writing