

# Wave speed measurements in non-ideal compressible flows

Using the Flexible Asymmetric Shock Tube (FAST)

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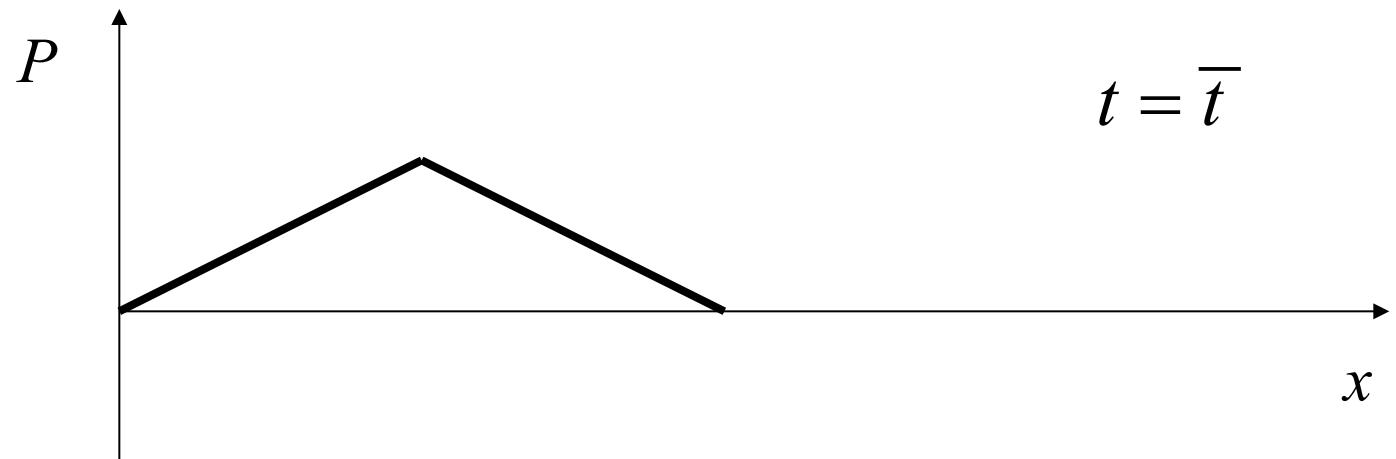
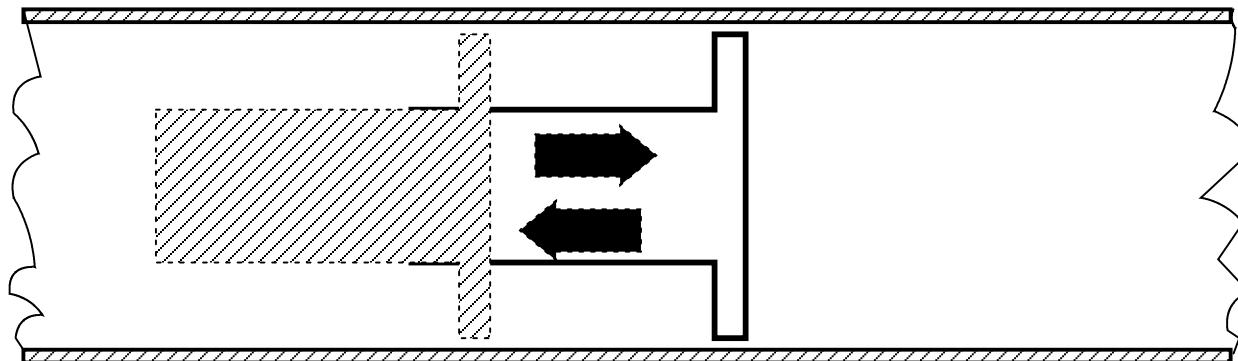
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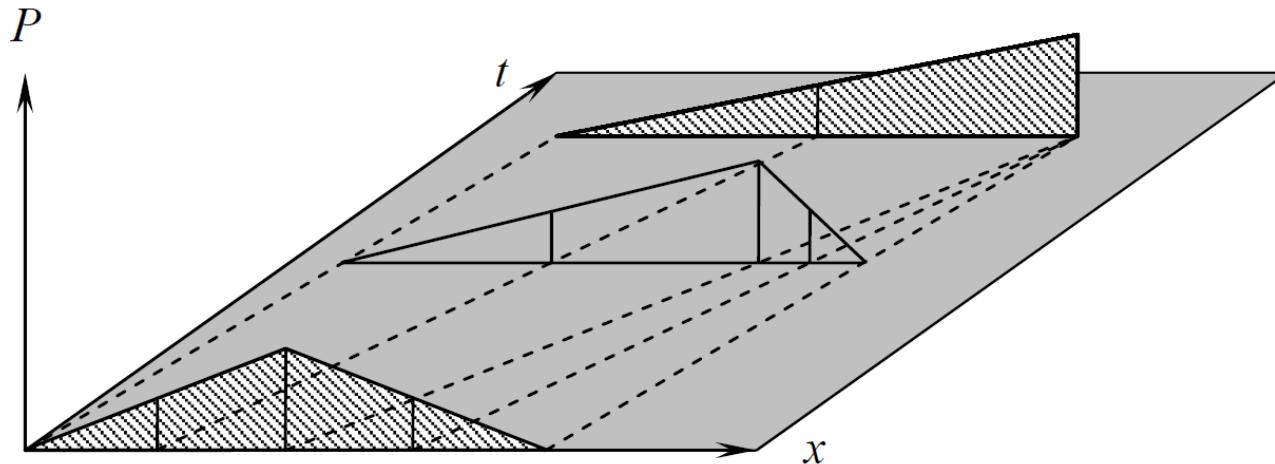
# Outline

- Non-ideal compressible fluid dynamics (NICFD)
- Flexible Asymmetric Shock Tube (FAST) setup
- N<sub>2</sub> measurements
- D6 siloxane measurements
- Conclusions & Future Work

# Example: propagation of a weak pressure wave (piston)



# Shock formation and the role of $\Gamma$



wave propagation speed:  $w = u + c$

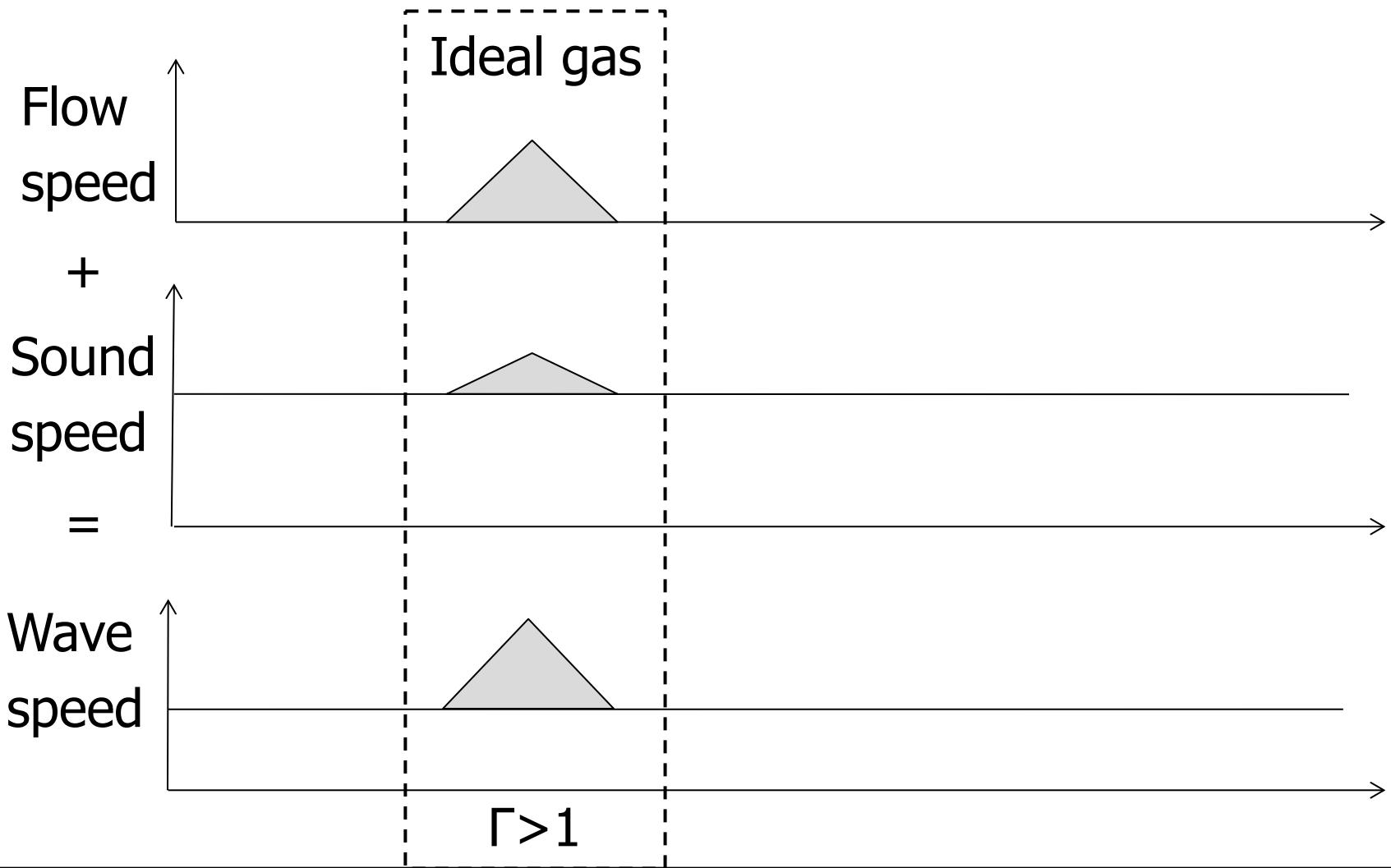
sound speed:  $c^2 \equiv -\nu^2 \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial \nu} \right)_s$

$dw = \left[ \frac{\nu}{c} - \frac{\nu^2}{c^2} \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \nu} \right)_s \right] dP$

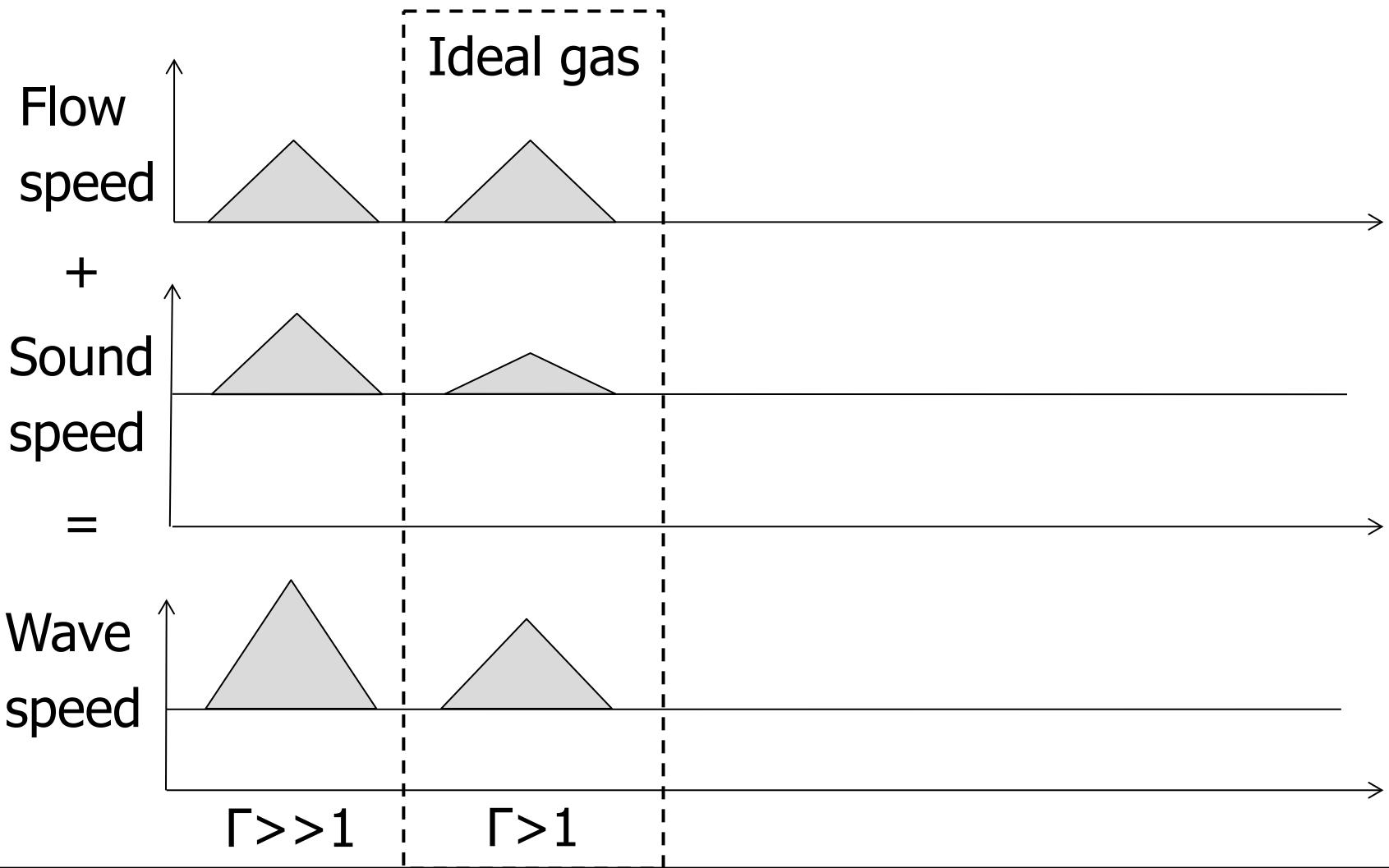
Fndmtl. derivative:  $\Gamma \equiv 1 - \frac{\nu}{c} \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial \nu} \right)_s$

$$\Rightarrow dw = \frac{\nu}{c} \Gamma dP$$

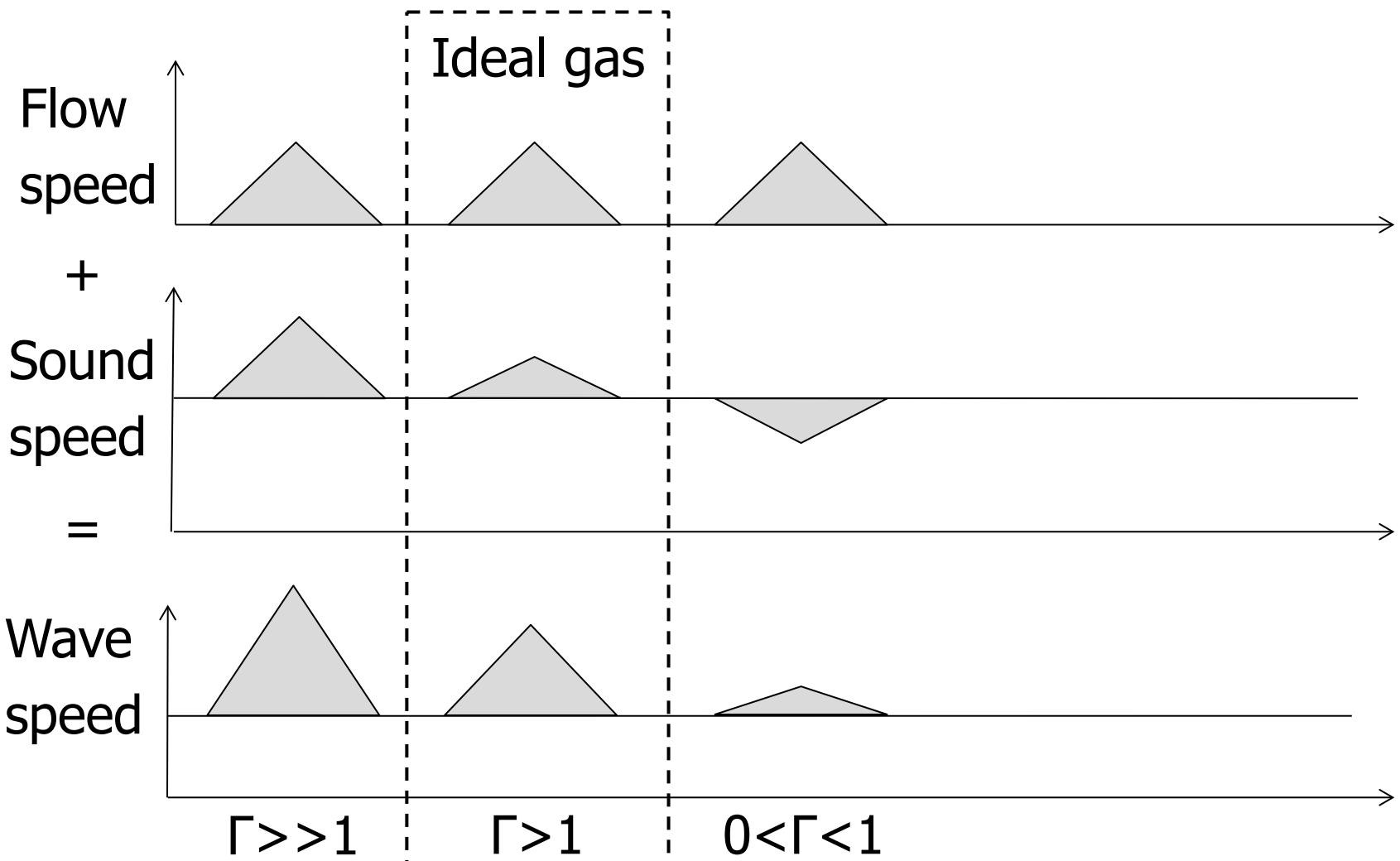
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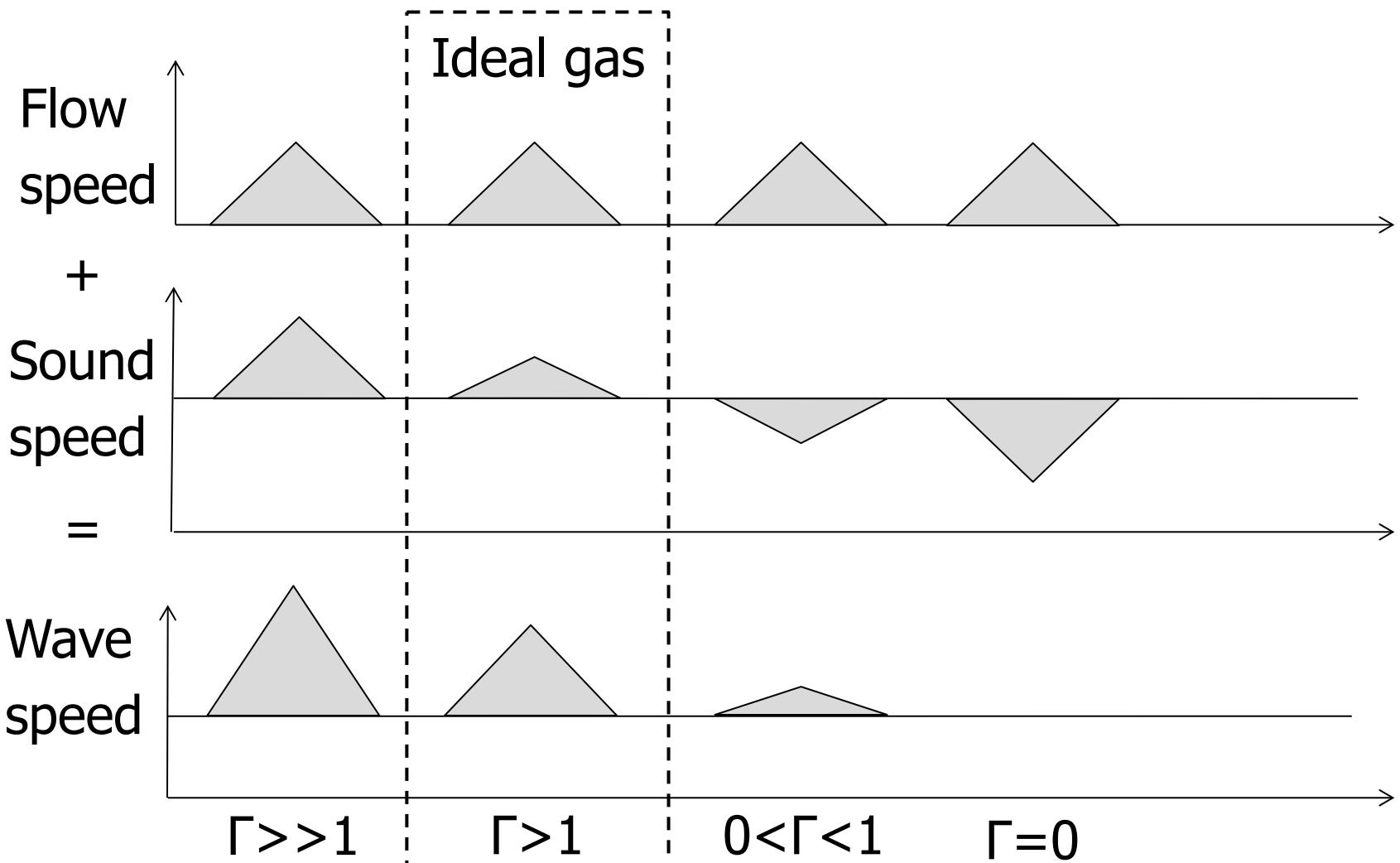
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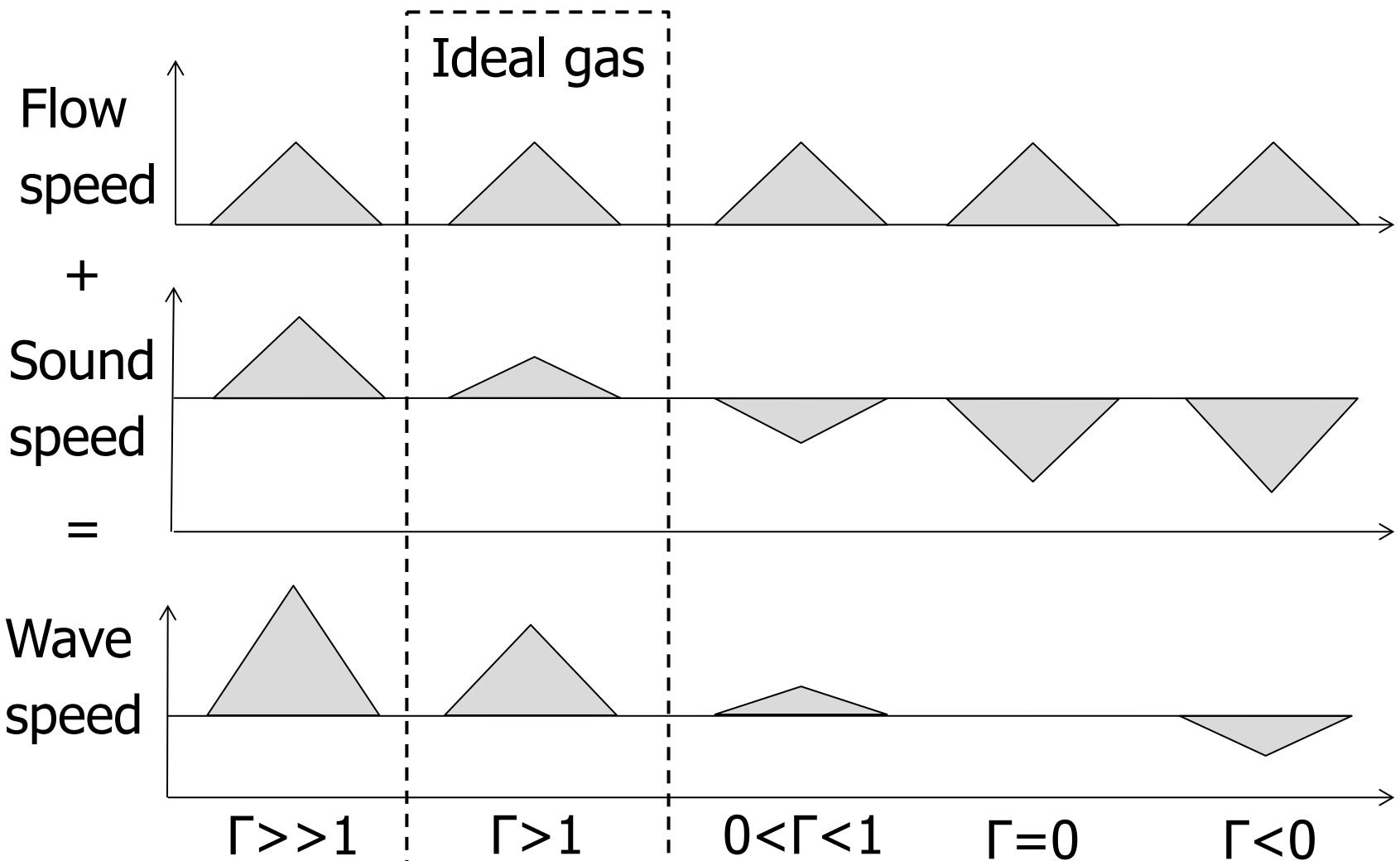
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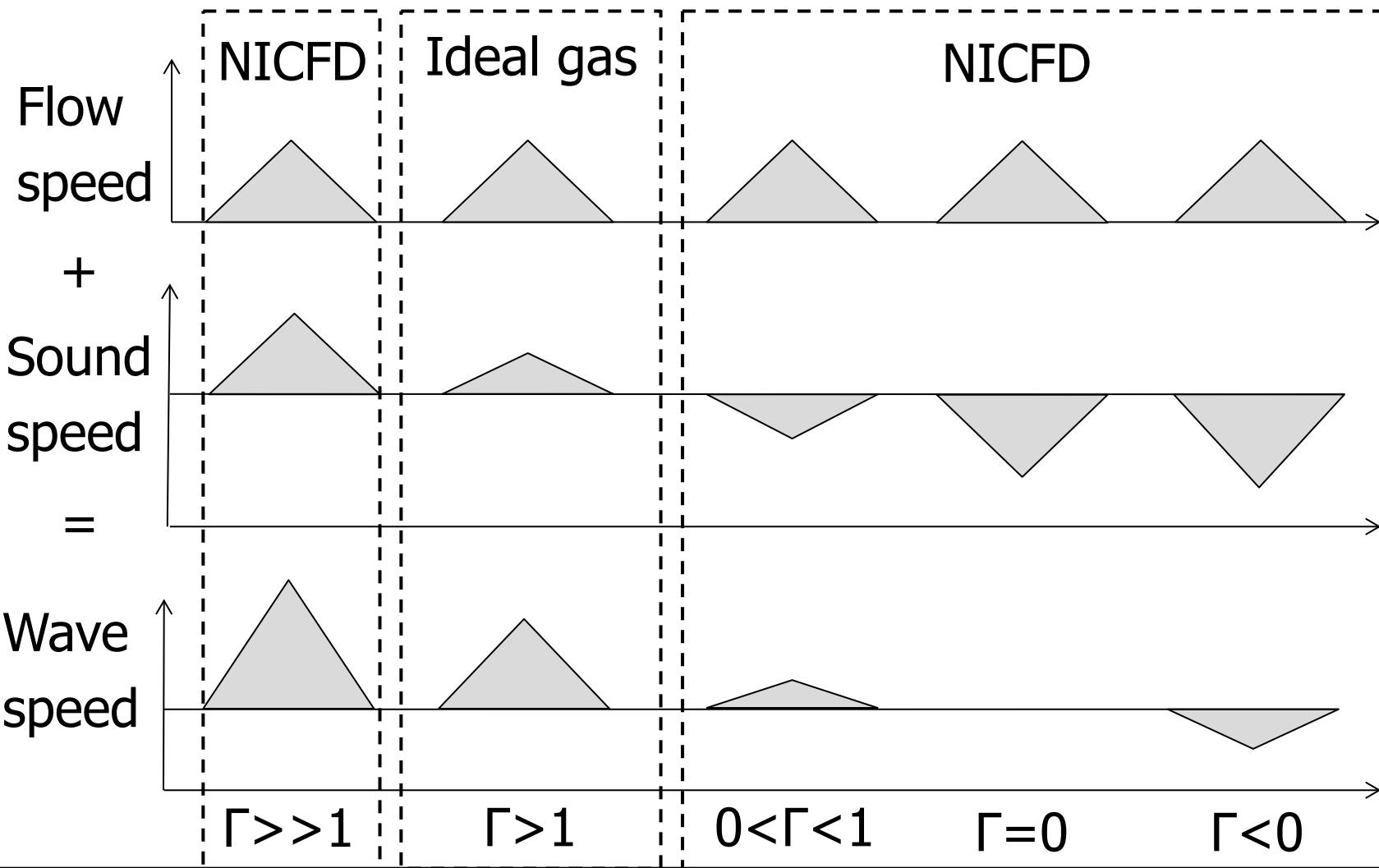
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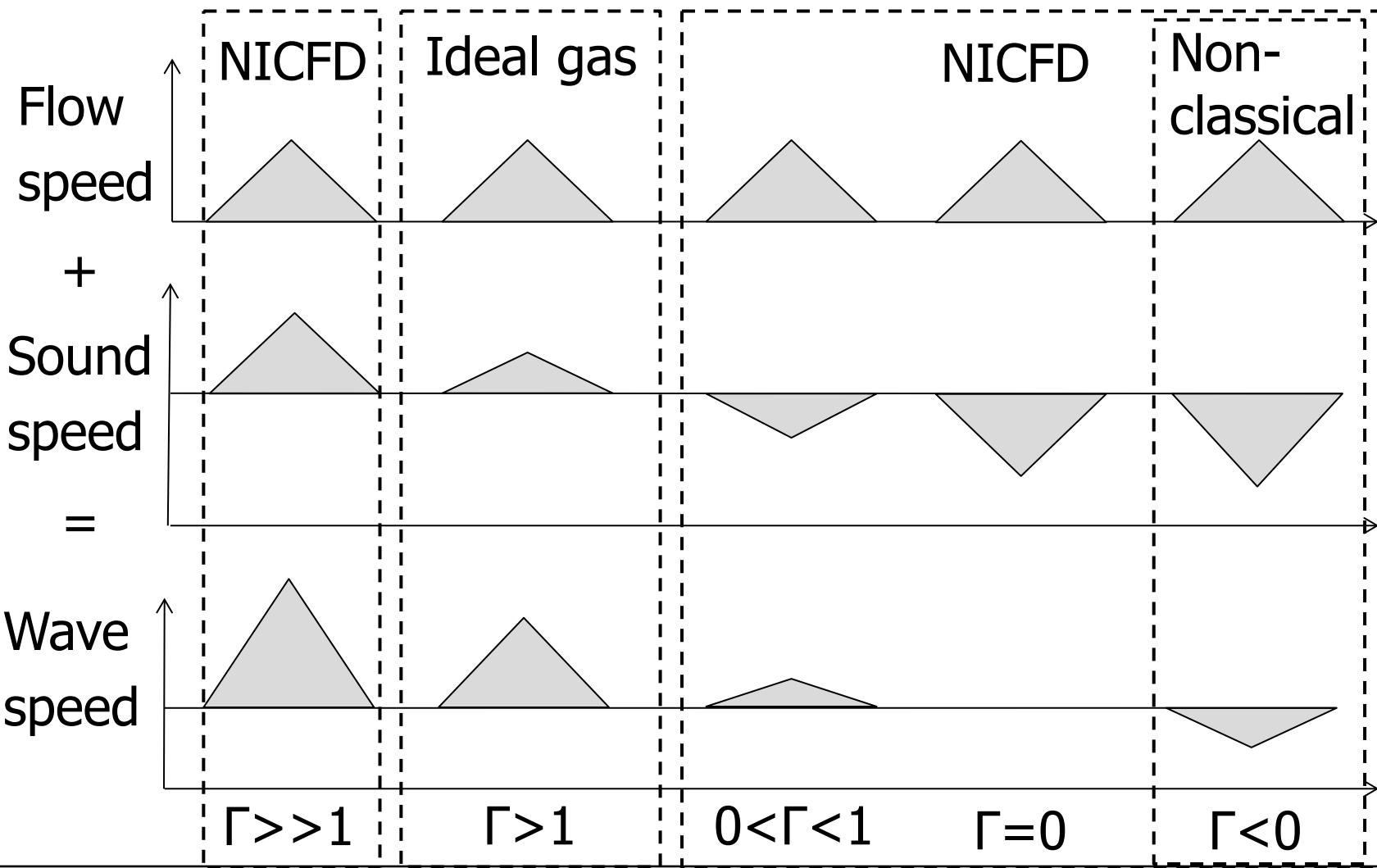
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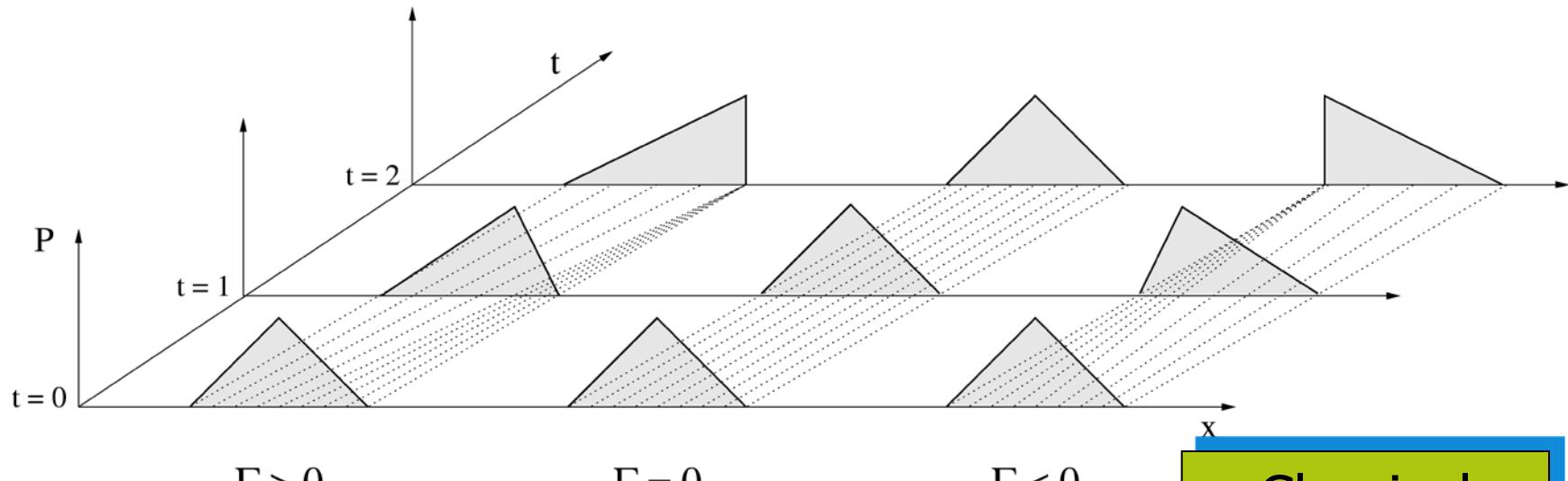
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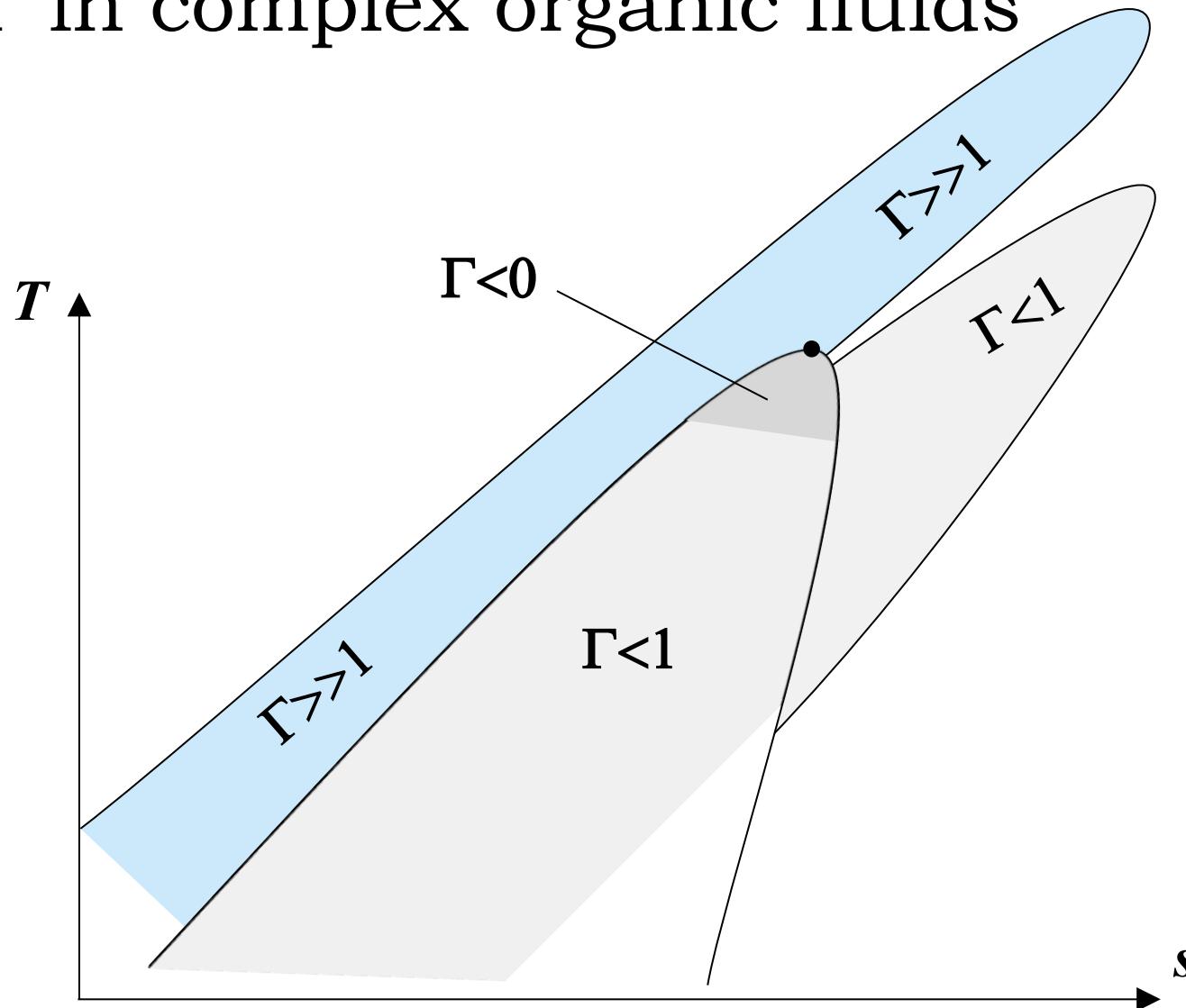


# $\Gamma$ and shockwaves

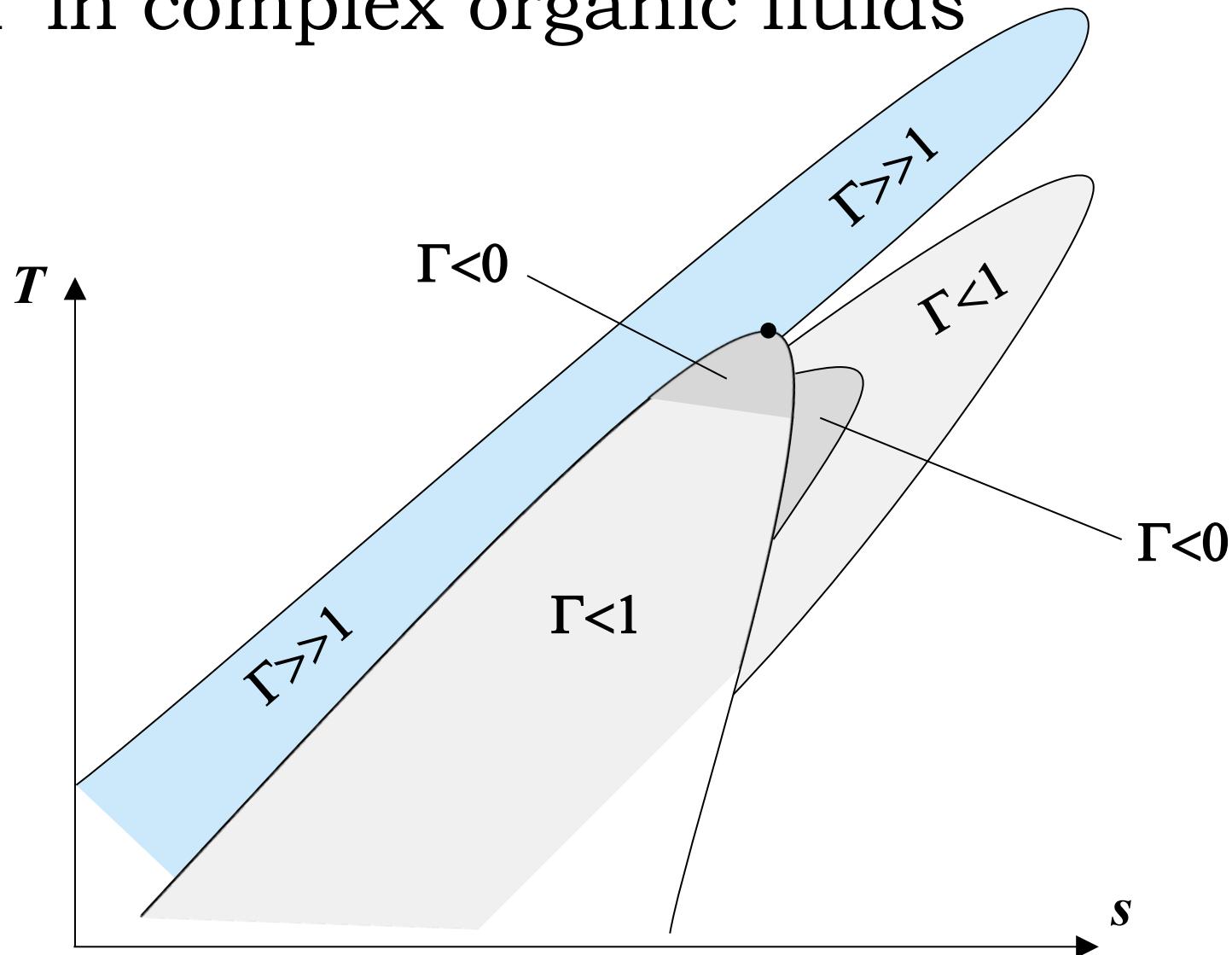


Classical		
$\Gamma > 0$	$dP > 0 \Rightarrow dw > 0$ $dP < 0 \Rightarrow dw < 0$	Compression shock Rarefaction (isentropic) fan
$\Gamma = 0$	$\forall dP \Rightarrow dw = 0$	Stationary wave profile
Non classical		
$\Gamma < 0$	$dP > 0 \Rightarrow dw < 0$ $dP < 0 \Rightarrow dw > 0$	Compression (isentropic) fan Rarefaction shock

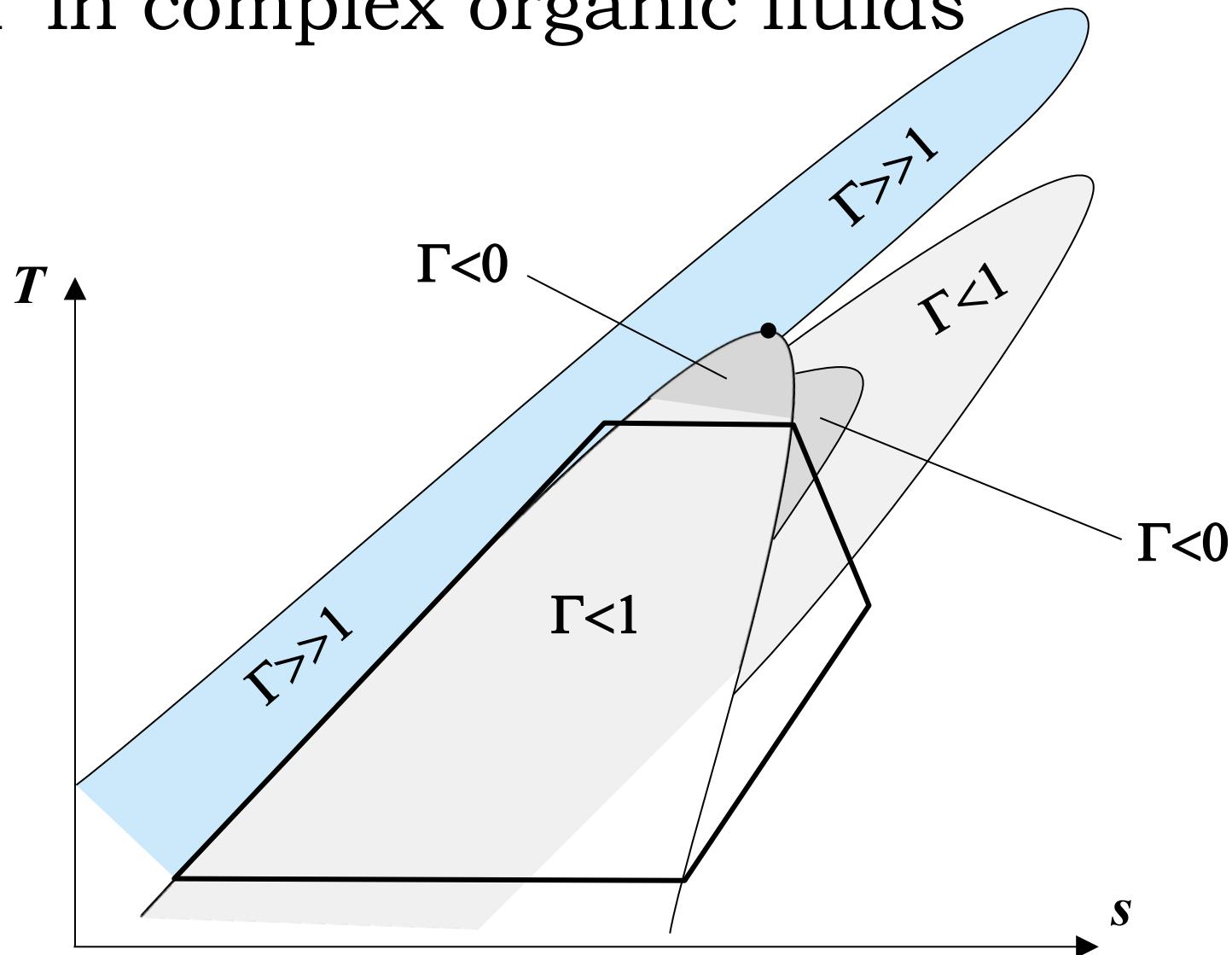
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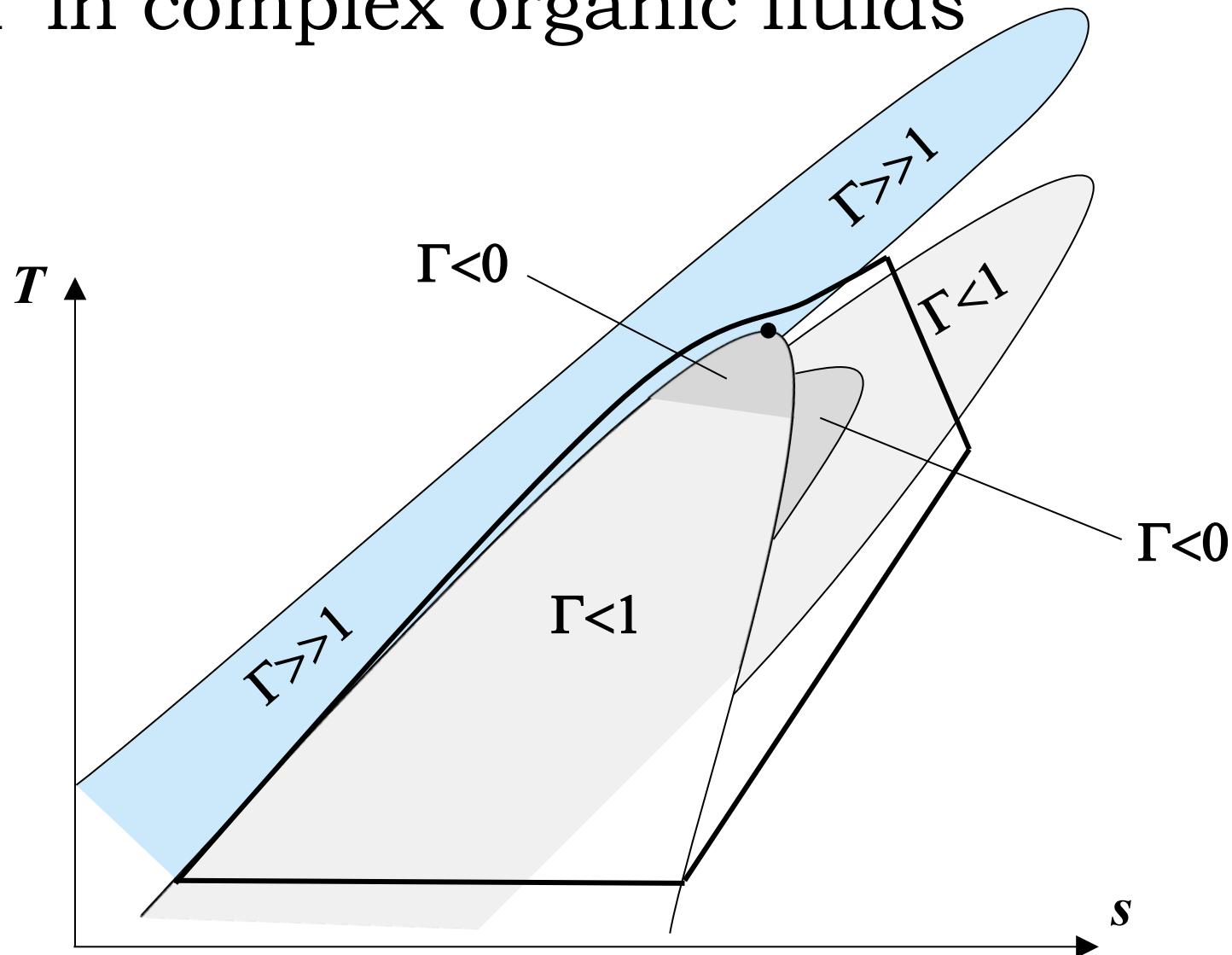
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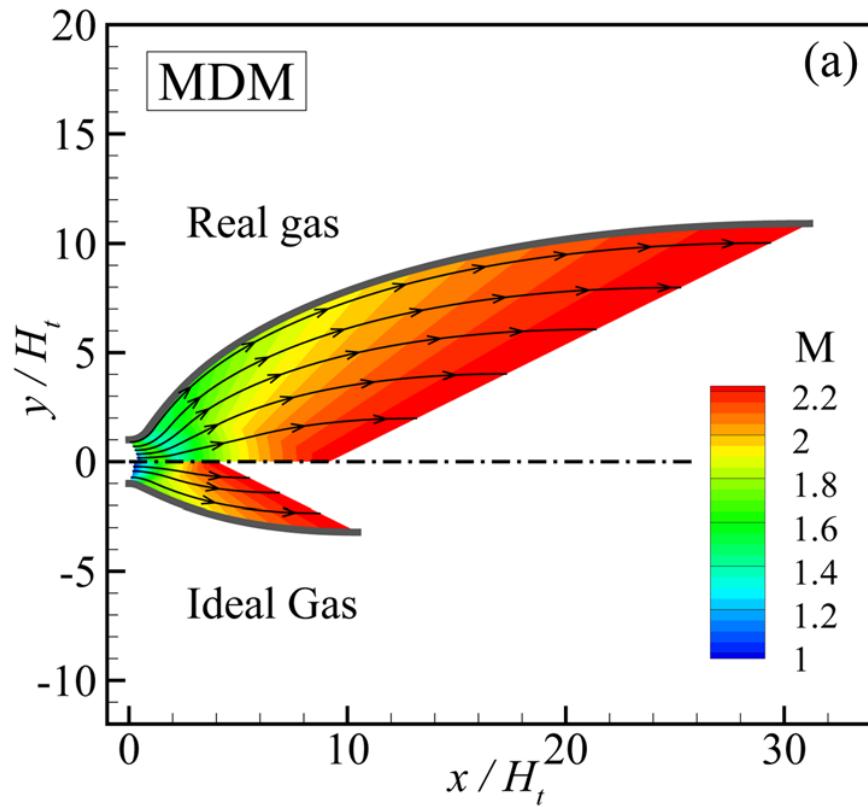
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# ORC windtunnel nozzle design

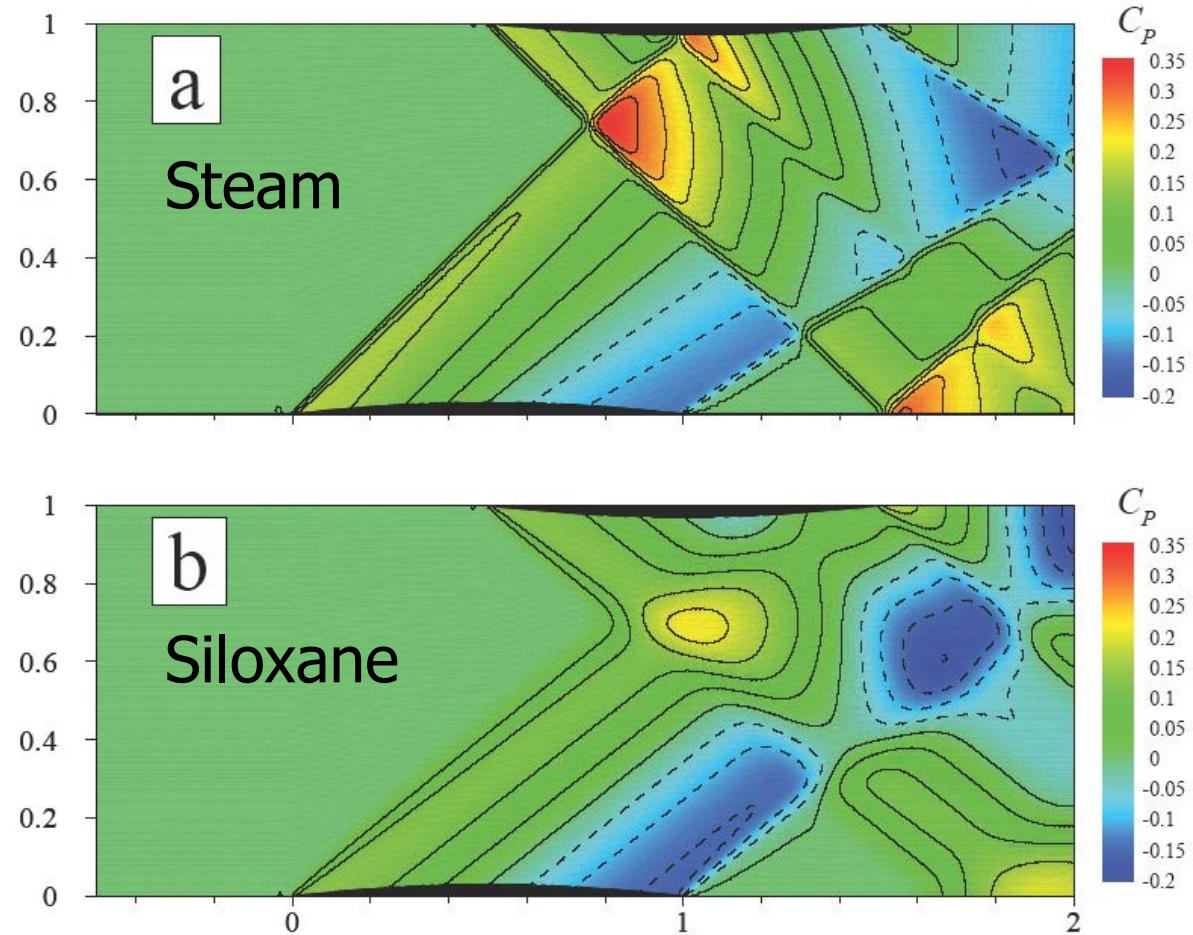


A. Guardone, A. Spinelli, V. Dossena,  
"Influence of Molecular Complexity on  
Nozzle Design for an Organic Vapor Wind  
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# Non classical effect in a “simplified” turbine cascade

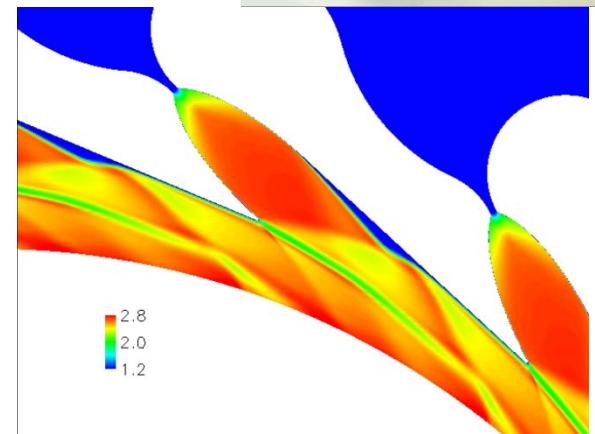
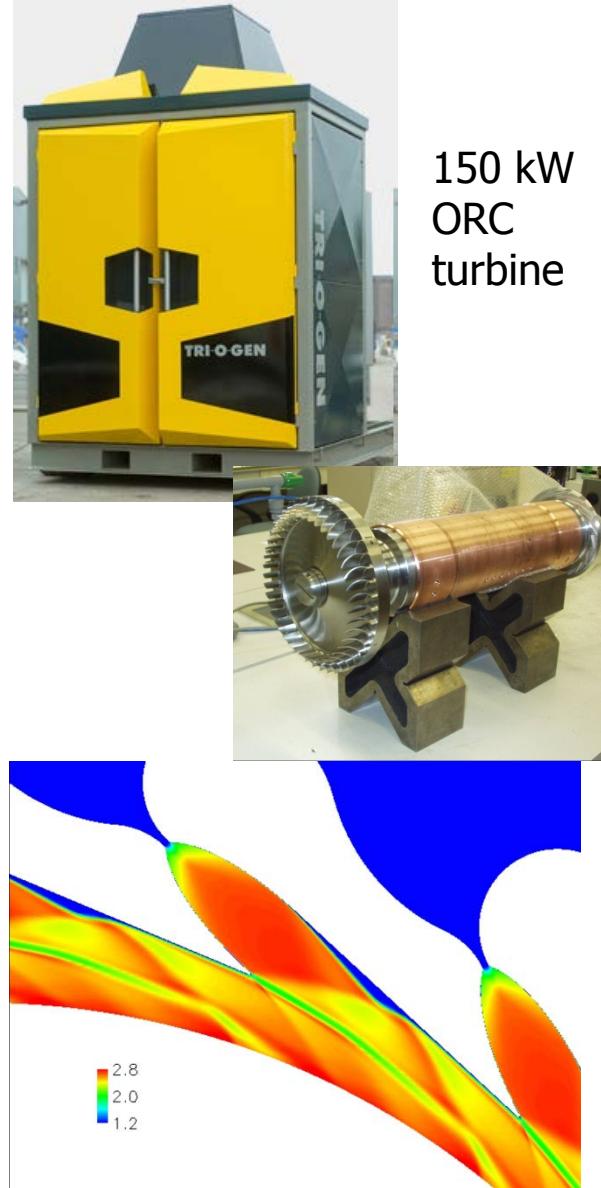
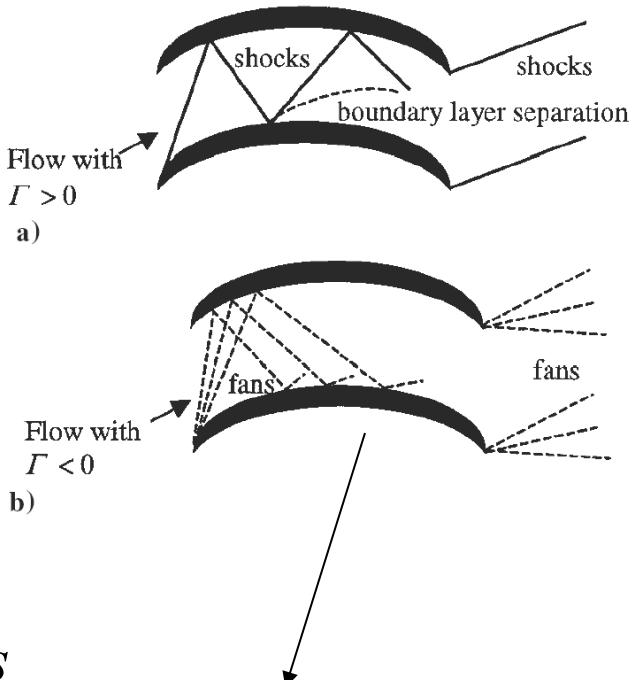
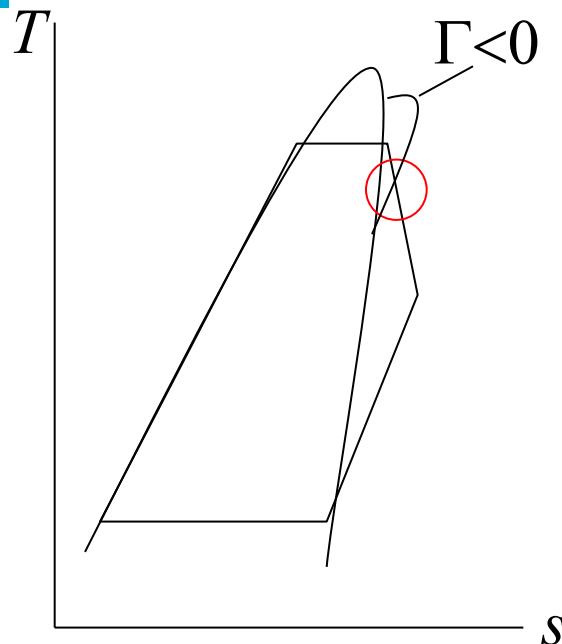
Inflow:

- $M = 1.6$
- Same reduced tmd state



P. Colonna and S. Rebay, "Numerical simulation of dense gas flows on unstructured grids with an implicit high resolution upwind Euler solver," Int. J. Numer. Meth. Fl., vol. 46, no. 7, pp. 735-765, 2004.

# Shock-free ORC turbine: Compression fan!



B. P. Brown and B. M. Argrow, "Application of Bethe-Zel'dovic-Thompson fluids in Organic Rankine Cycle Engines," J. Propul. Power., vol. 16, pp. 1118-1123, November-December 2000.

# Experiments in NICFD

- Borisov (1983)
- Argrow (2000)
- TU Delft (2014-2015)
- Milano (2014-2015)

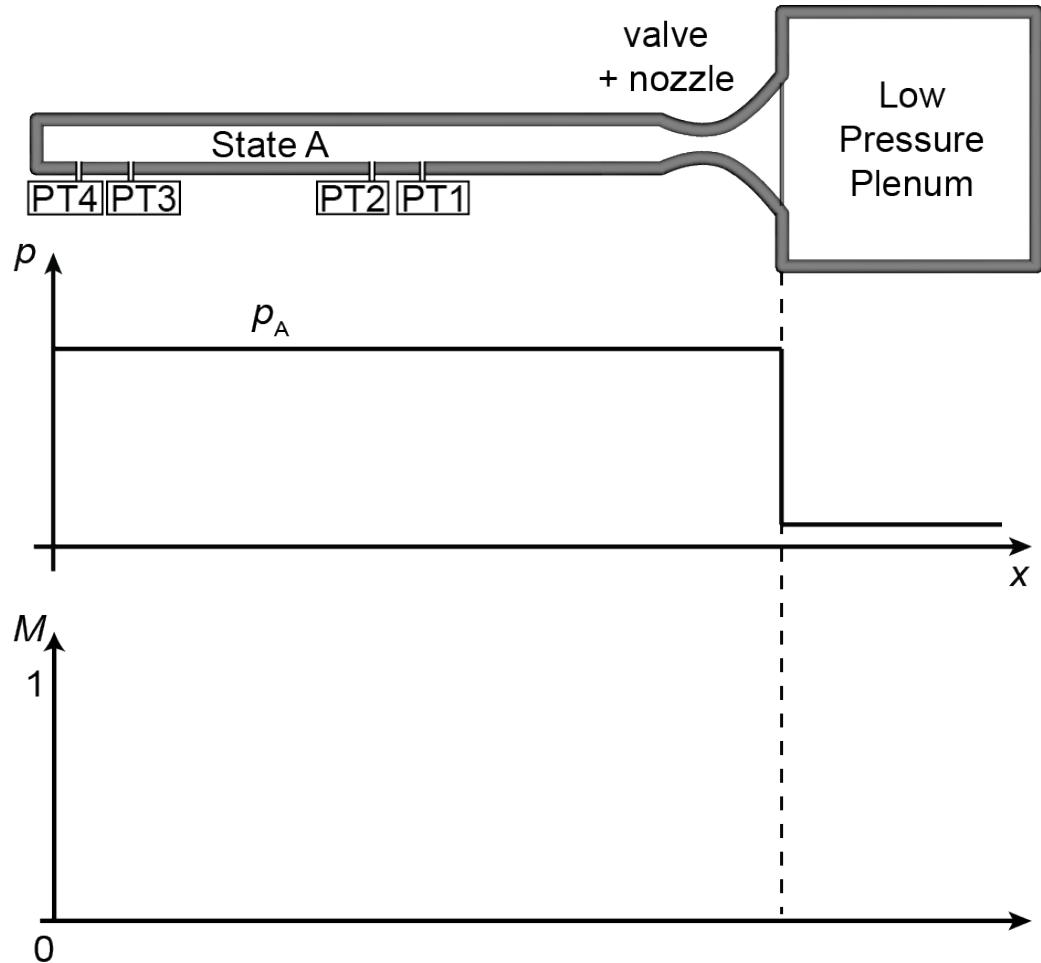
Milano: Trova

Delft: Flexible Asymmetric Shock Tube (FAST)



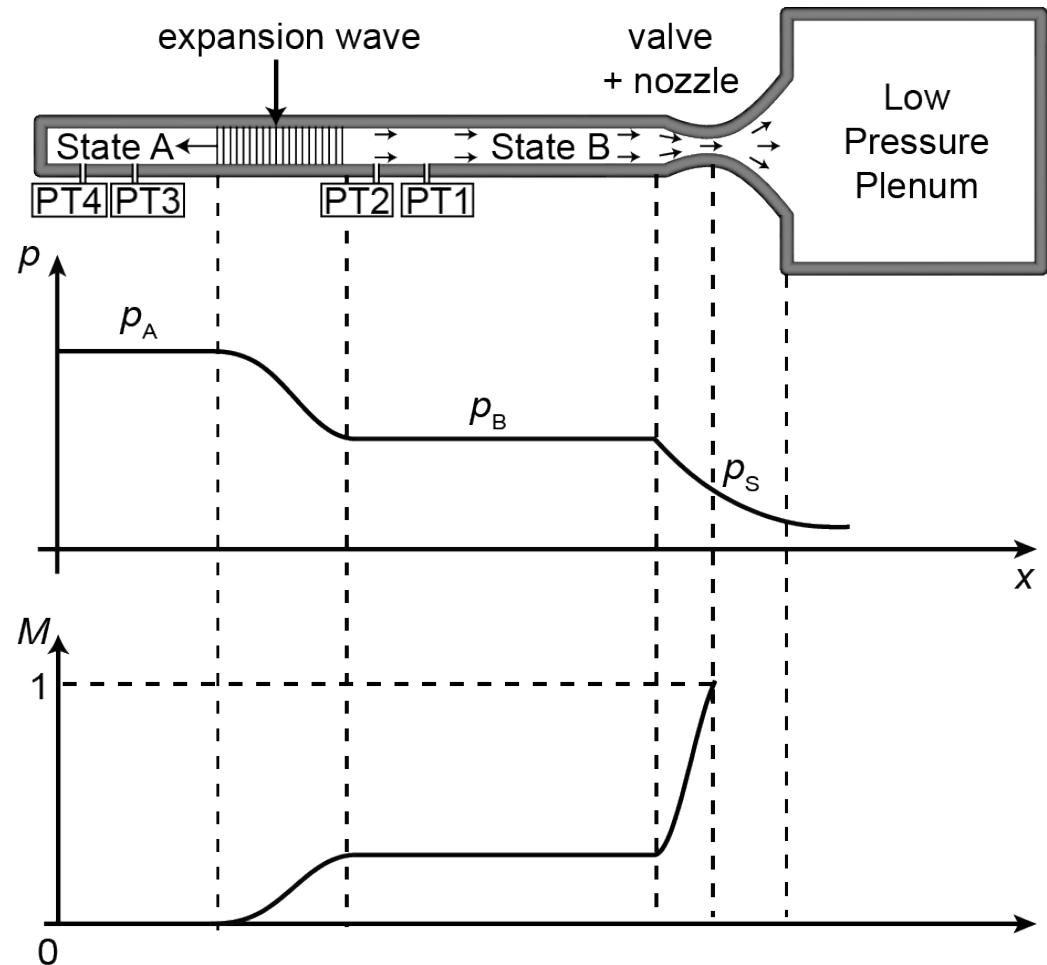
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- speed-of-flight measurement of wave
- D6 Siloxane as working fluid

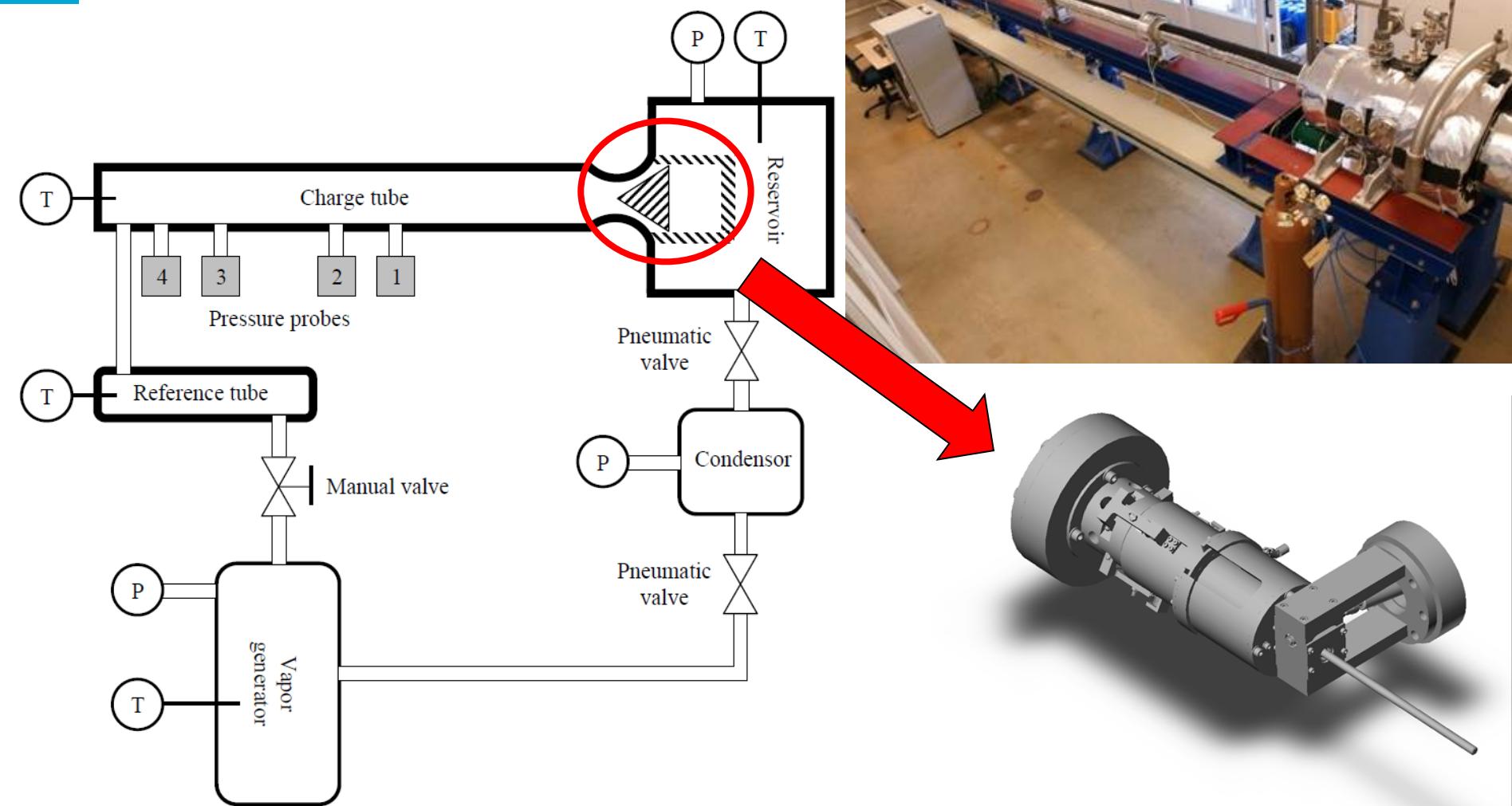


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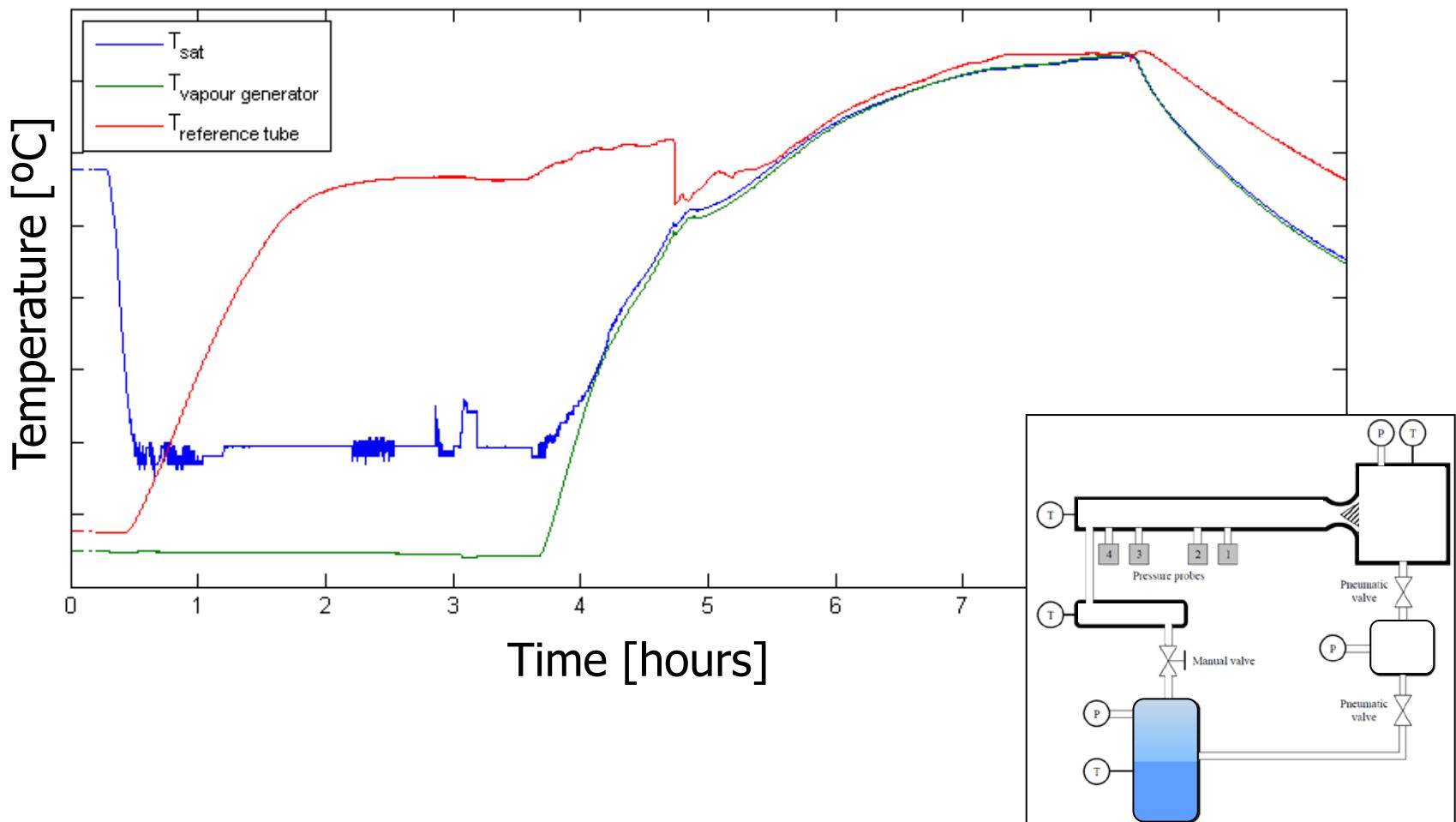
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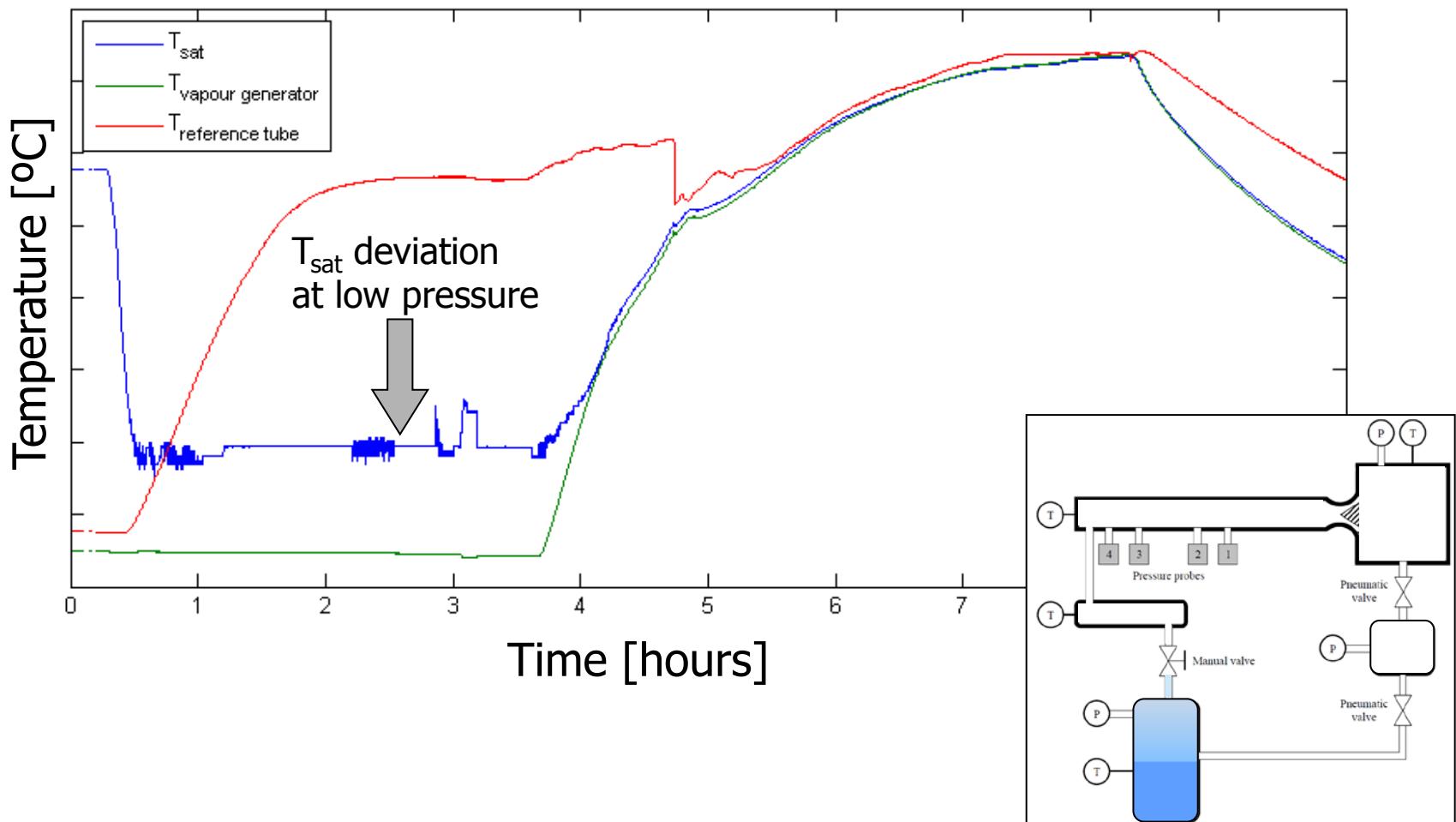
# The FAST: realization



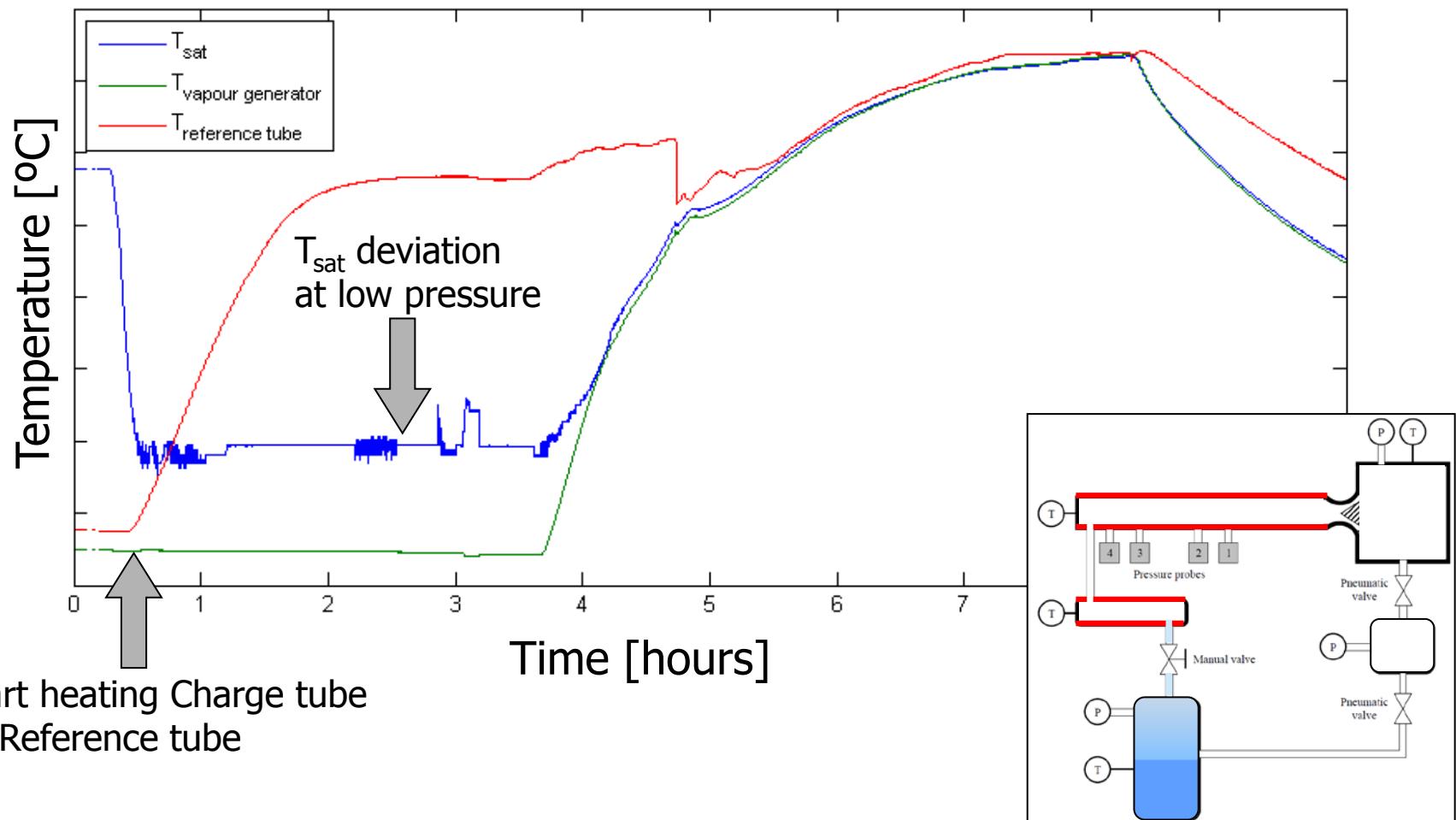
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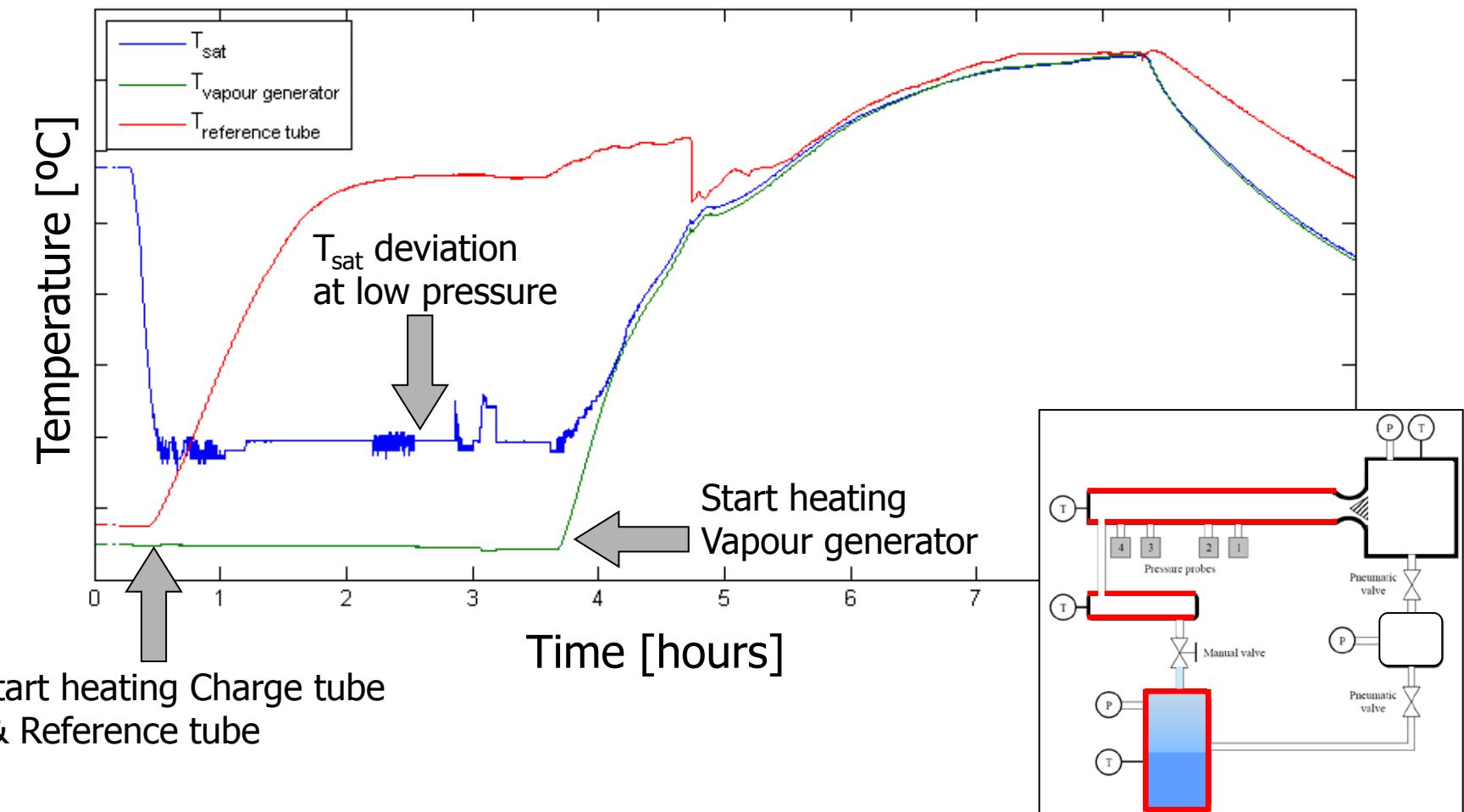
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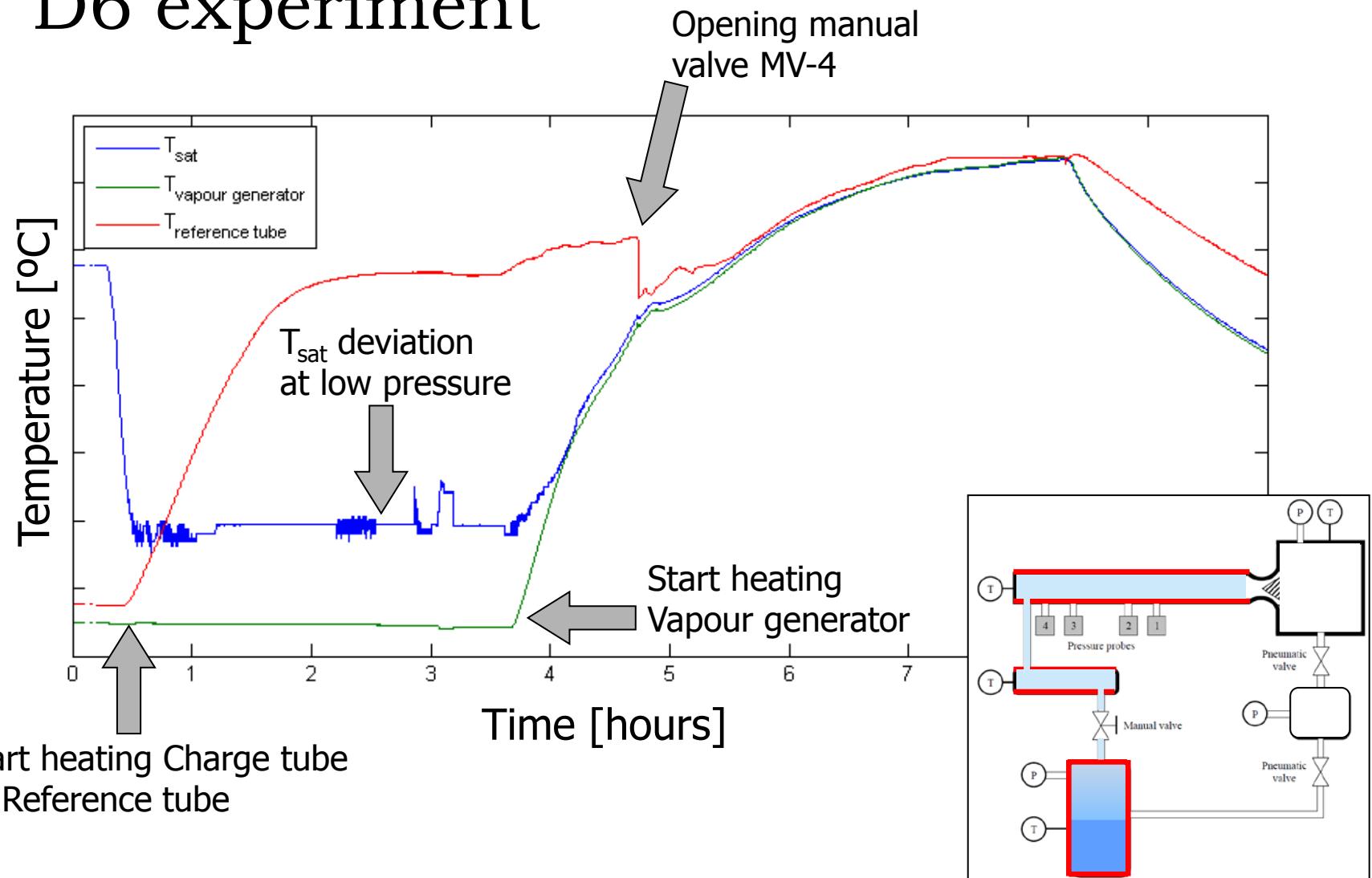
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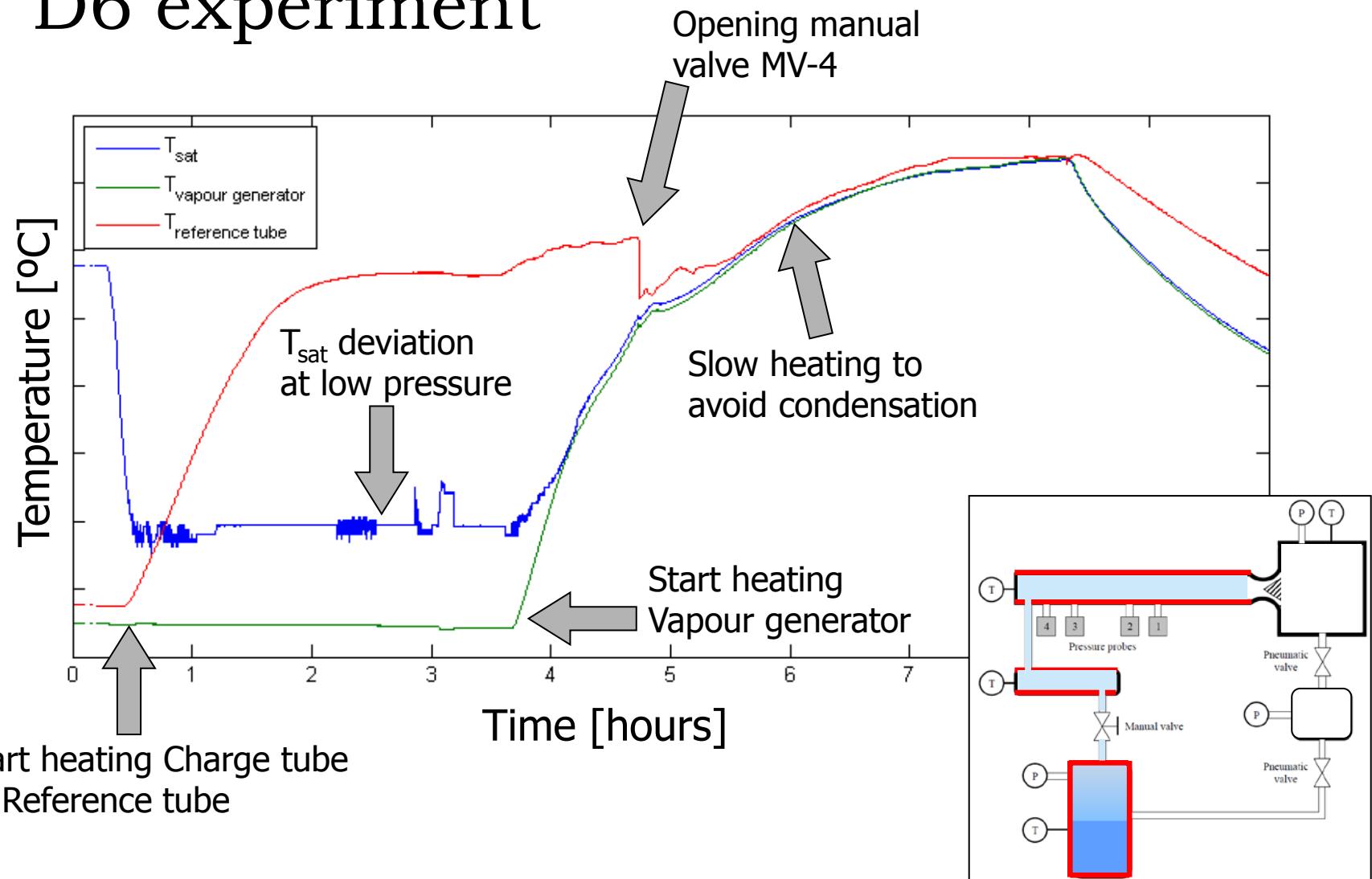
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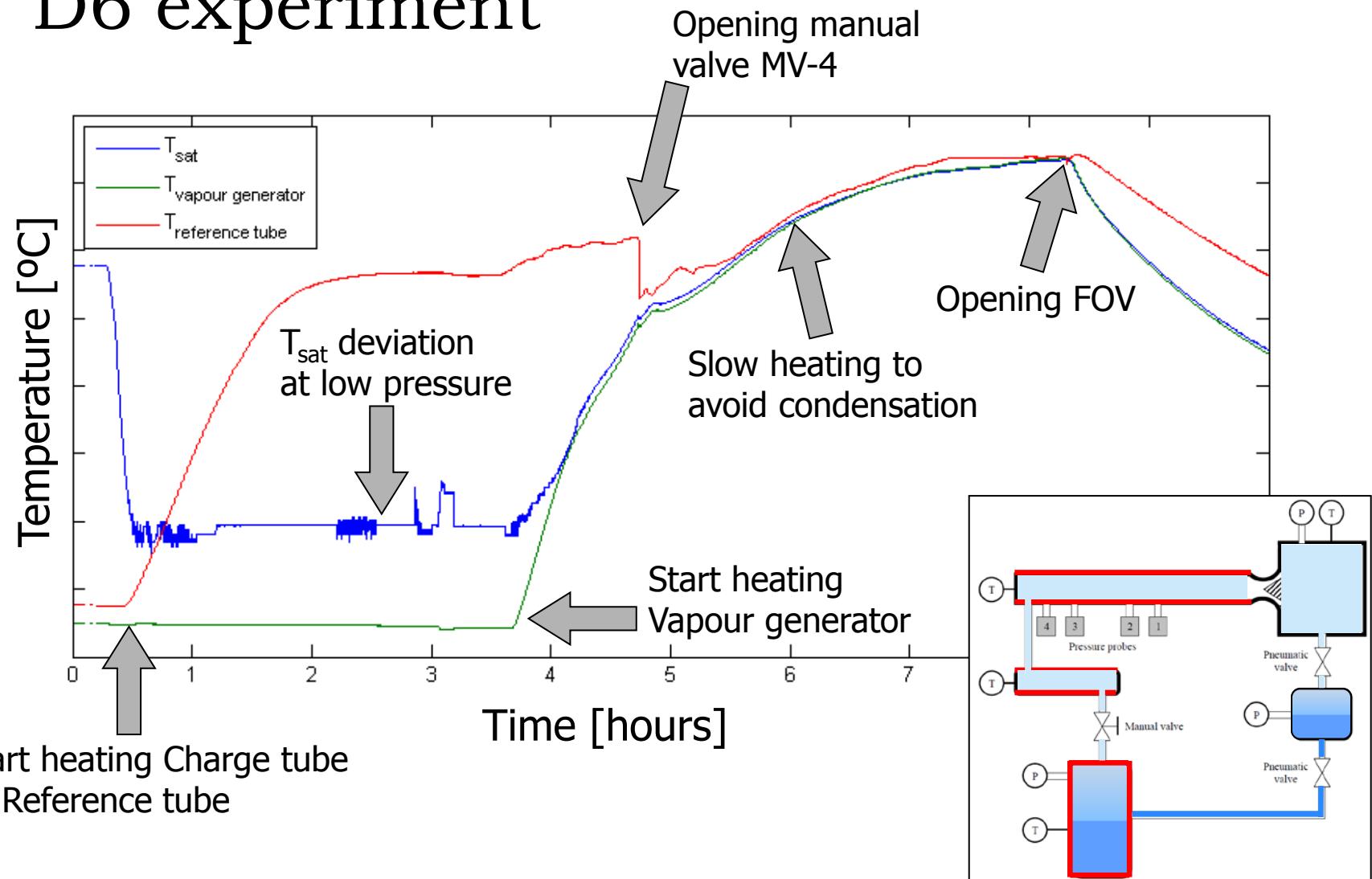
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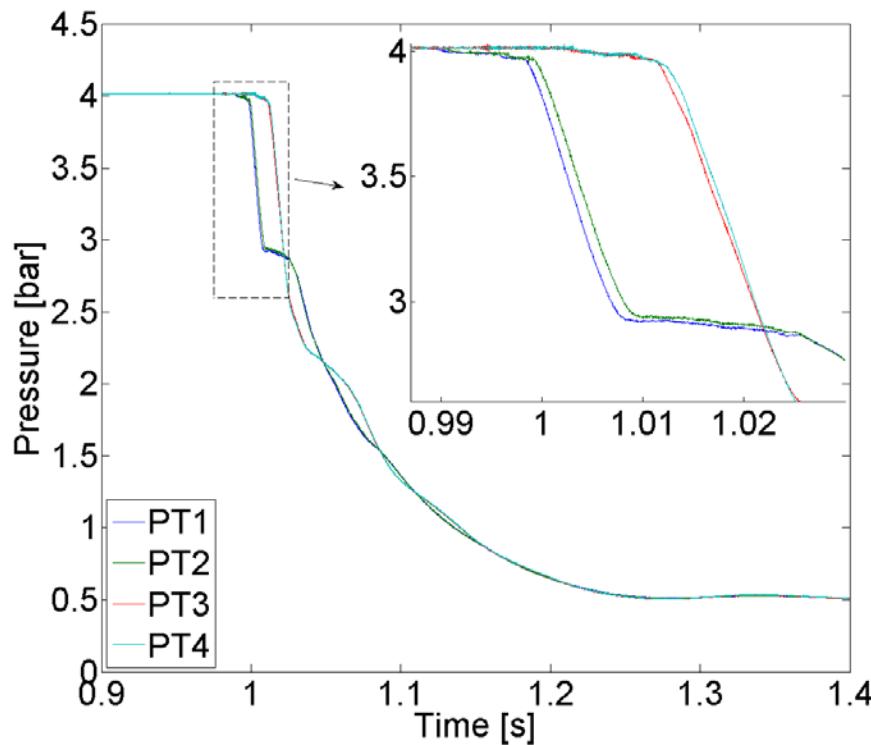


# Nitrogen experiment

Pressure	4.01 bar
Temperature	25.8 °C
$\Gamma$	1.2

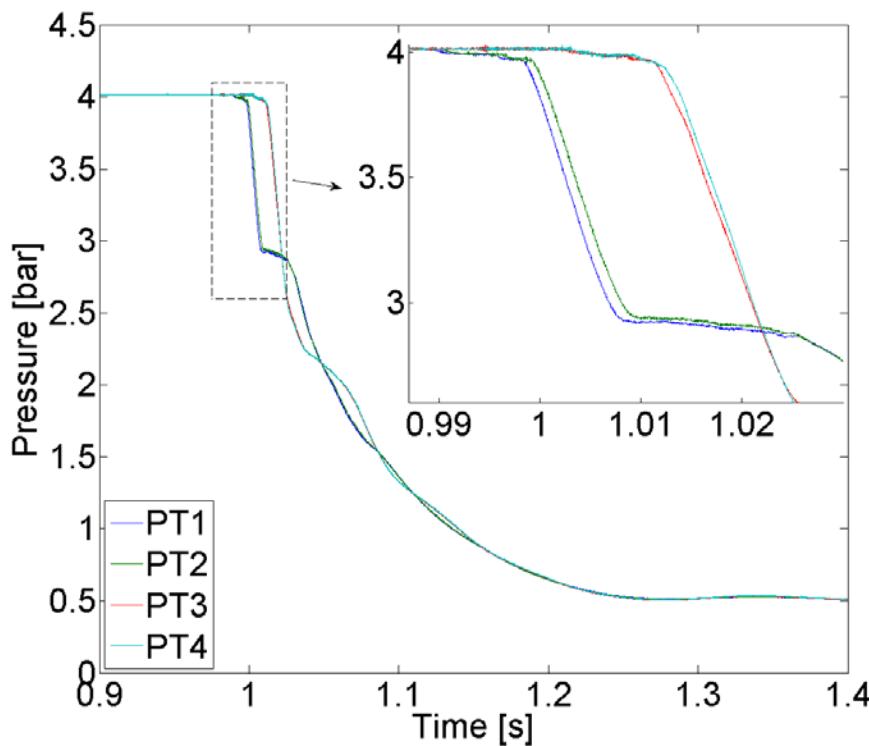
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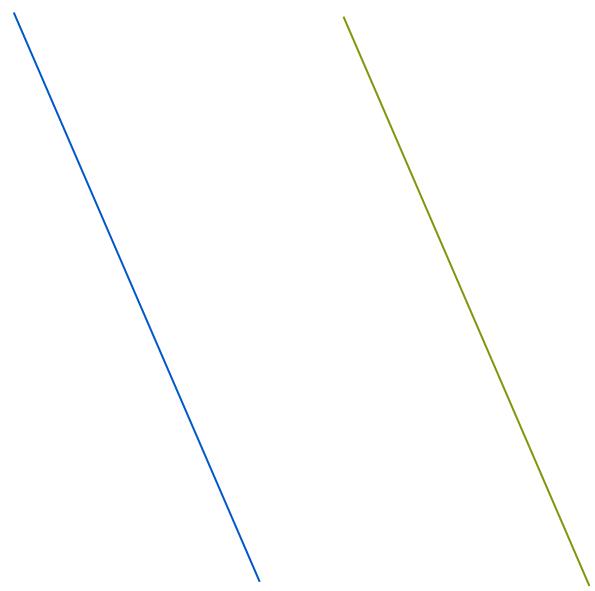


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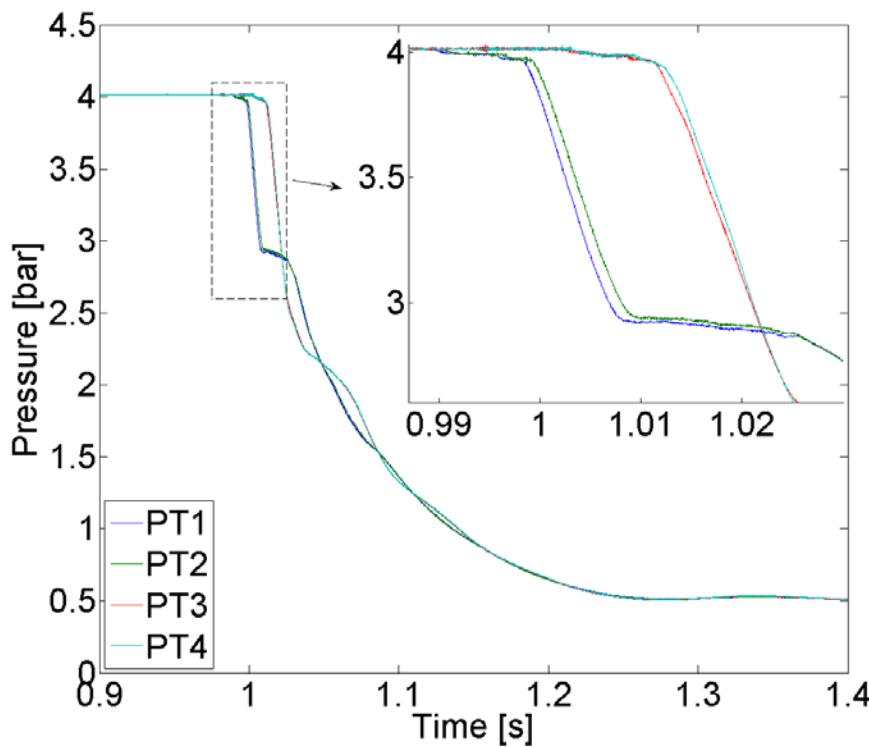
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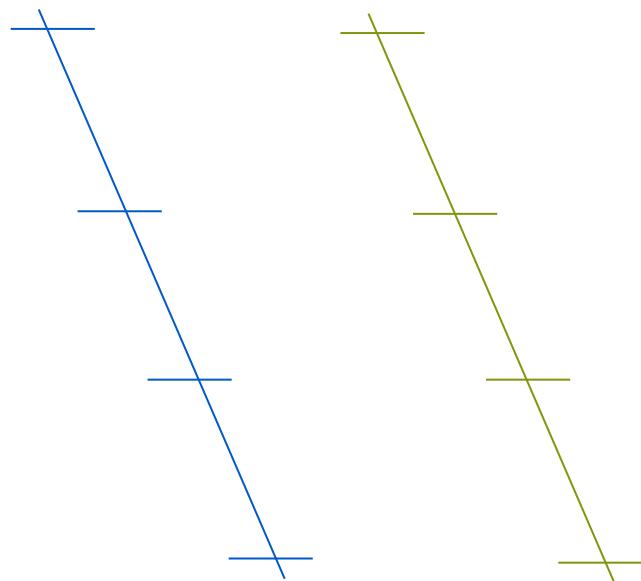


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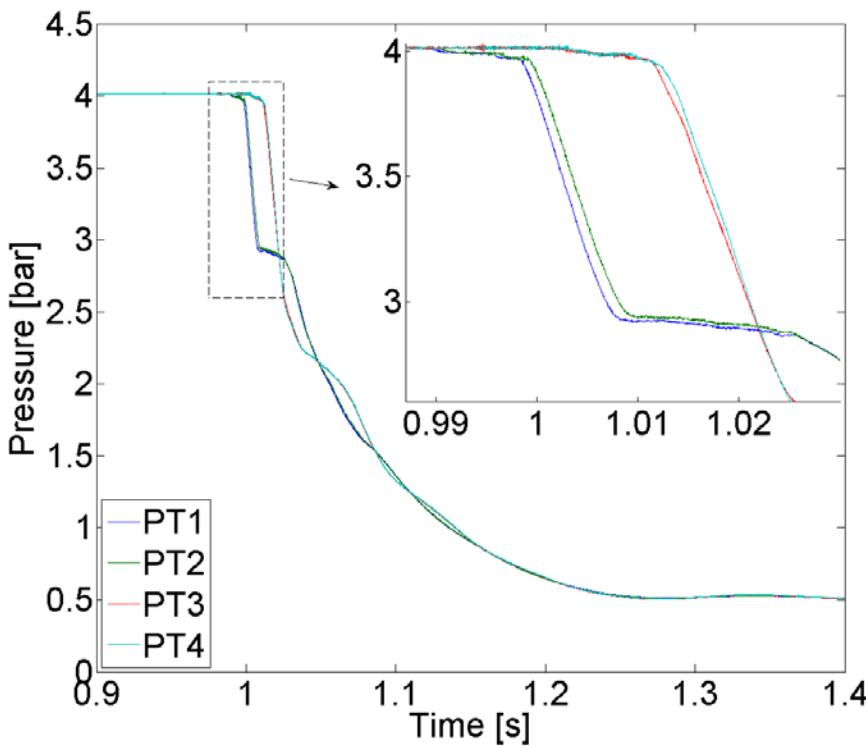
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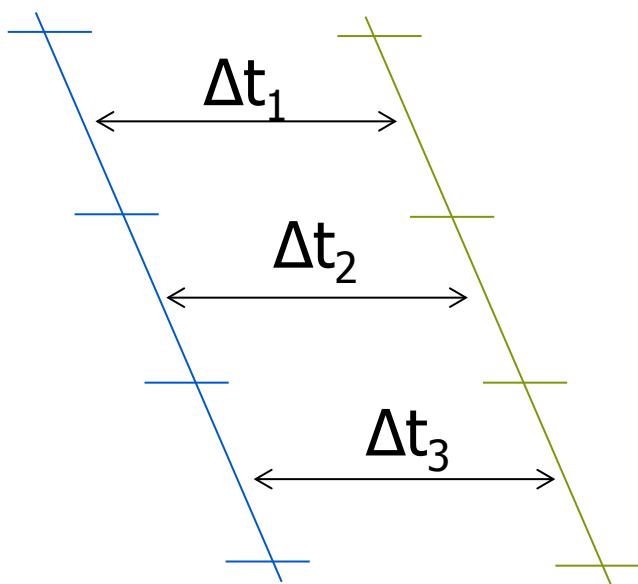
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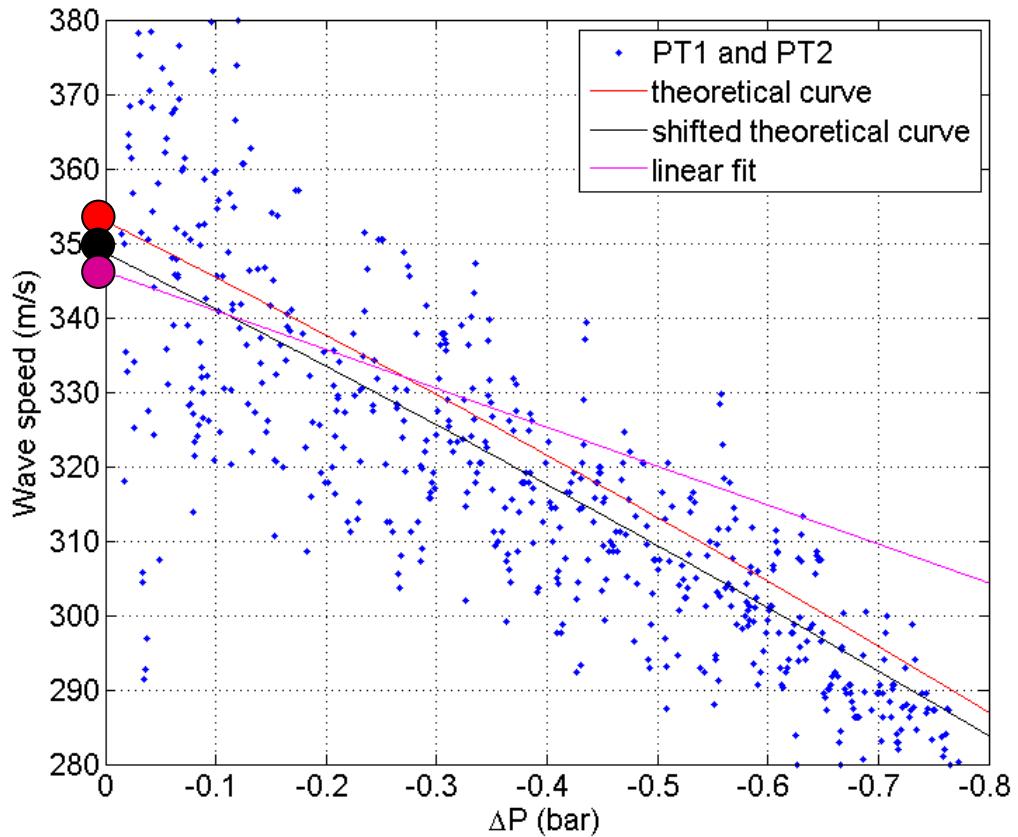
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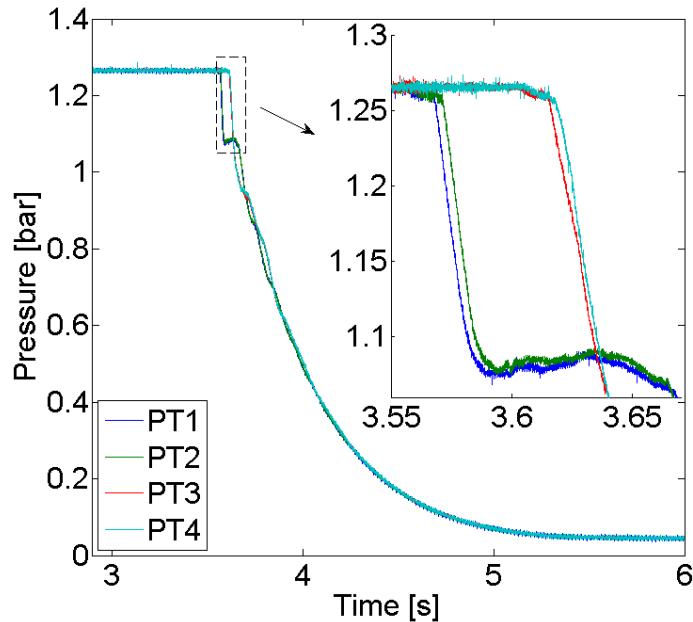
Speed of sound	
Theory	350 m/s
Shifted curve	349 m/s
Linear fit	346 m/s



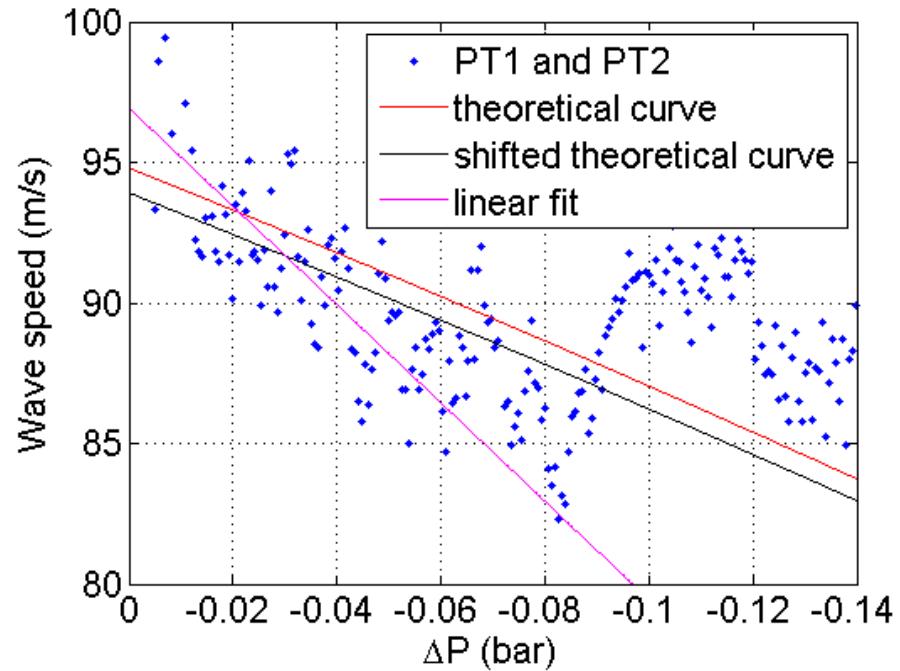
Average accuracy  
5% wave speed  
1-2% speed of sound

# D6 siloxane experiment

Pressure	1.27 bar
Temperature	298 °C
$\Gamma$	0.91



8% wave speed  
1.6% speed of sound



Speed of sound	
Theory	94.8 m/s
Shifted curve	93.9 m/s
Linear fit	96.9 m/s

# Conclusions & Future work

- Non-Ideal Compressible Fluid Dynamics
- FAST Ludwieg tube commissioned
- Pressure and Temperature regulated independently
- Measurements of Wave propagation speed
  - 5% - 8% accuracy
- Method to determine speed of sound
  - 1% - 2% accuracy
- Next: Measurements at lower  $\Gamma$

# Thank you for your attention!

## Questions?



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