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## Our Speaker

### Petrie Yam of ONDA Corporation



- Vice President of Sales and Marketing at ONDA Corporation - an ultrasound measurement instrument company.
- MBA with marketing experience
- BSc in Materials Science Engineering
- Operations Manager focused on making a positive impact with customers
- Method development to characterize novel ultrasonic devices
- 6 years experience in product management
- 10 years experience in high-tech product development and marketing
- 20 years experience in metrology and inspection in high-tech industries with various leadership roles

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# Don't be Foiled!

## Monitor Your Ultrasonic Cleaning Process

Petrie Yam

Aluminum

Hydrophone

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## How does ultrasonic cleaning work?

**Mechanical Agitation**

**Detachment from Boundary Layer**

**Lift to Bulk Fluid  
Remove by Rinse**

*Wet clean processes are complex, but it boils down to the following mechanisms*

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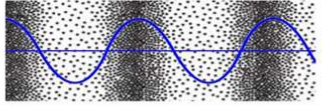
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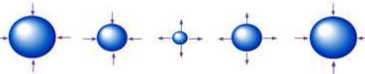
## “Mechanical Agitation” from Ultrasound:

1. Sound wave
2. Cavity oscillation
3. Cavity implosions


**Direct Field**



**Stable Cavitation**



**Transient Cavitation**



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## Connecting Ultrasound with Cleaning

<u>Process Variables</u>	<u>Metrology Requirements</u>	<u>Yield Impact</u>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 10px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; color: #0070c0;"><i>Ultrasound</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generator Power</li> <li>Gas concentration</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Mechanical</li> <li>Temperature</li> <li>Process Time</li> <li>Flow rate</li> <li>Parts Location</li> </ul> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 10px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct Field Pressure</li> <li>Stable Cavitation Pressure</li> <li>Transient Cavitation Pressure</li> <li>Frequency</li> </ul> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaning Efficiency</li> <li>Damage</li> </ul> </div>

*Which process parameters connect to yield improvements?*

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## Control Your Process Window

**Holy Grail ... Determine  $Y = F(X)$   
i.e., how ultrasound relates with cleaning**

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## What is the ideal yardstick?

	Optical Defect Inspection	Aluminum Foil / Ceramic Ring	Sonoluminescence	Hydrophone	Hydrophone + Scanner
Correlation to Cleaning	✓	-	-	✓	✓
Sensitive	✓	-	-	✓	✓
Repeatable	✓	-	✓	✓	✓

**IEC 60886: Investigations on test procedures for ultrasonic cleaners.** **NPL**  
National Physical Laboratory

Technique	Implementation	Findings
Quantitative removal of a standard soil	Rings with standard soil, weighed.	Reproducibility poor, even within the same laboratory. Inconsistent soil properties.

Amount of erosion not always linked to cleaning effect. With temperature increase, cleaning increases, decreases in erosion observed.

Intra-lab – repeatable, but not inter-lab. Highly nonlinear. Cleaning increases with acoustic power not mirrored by probe output.

Qualitative nature; arbitrary scale of 0 to 12, not considered suitable as the basis of an IEC standard.

Cavitation Evaluation Techniques						
Test	Ease of Application	Equipment Required	Cost of Material	Repeatability	Relationship to Cleaning	Provides Diagnostic Information
Standard Soil	Difficult and Time Consuming	Laboratory, analytical balance, other equipment	Yes – Weight Loss	Good using standardized technique	Relates well to other cleaning tests	Yes
Chlorine Release	Difficult and Time Consuming	Laboratory, special equipment	Yes – Chlorine Release	Good using standardized technique	Relates well to other cleaning tests	No
Aluminum Foil Test	Very Easy	Aluminum foil, holding frame	No – Subjective Comparison	Varies depending on conditions and interpretation	Relates well to other cleaning tests	Yes
Control Ring Test	Easy	Ring, pencil, comparison chart	No – Subjective Comparison	Varies depending on conditions and interpretation	Relates well to other cleaning tests	Yes
Hydrophone	Medium to easy to do in lab	Hydrophone and analysis device, Preamplifier, appropriate data acquisition	Yes – Weight Loss per unit of Time	Varies depending on conditions and procedure	Quantitative	No
Lead Erosion	Easy	Lead erodes, analytical balance	Yes – Weight Loss per unit of Time	Medium to good depending on conditions and procedure	Relates well to other cleaning tests	Yes
Coliforms	Varies	Temperature measuring device	Yes – Temperature Increase per Unit of Time	Good using standardized technique	None	No

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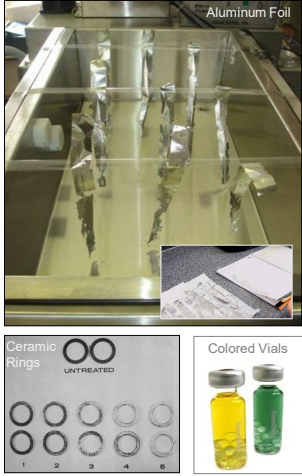
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### Qualitative

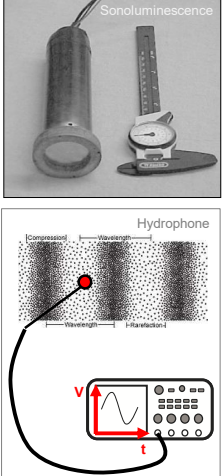


Aluminum Foil

Ceramic Rings  
UNTREATED

Colored Vials

### Quantitative




Sonoluminescence

Hydrophone

Compressed  
Wavefront  
Rarefied  
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## Commercial Hydrophones

- Over 40 commercial "probes" available
- More than half offered by tank manufacturers
- Only 2 follow a standard method (IEC 63001)



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## Cleanliness Standards

- **HTM 2030** Operations management guidance of washers-disinfectors for processing medical devices.
- **EN ISO 15883** Washer-disinfectors – Part 1
- **ASTM F2459** Standard Test Method for Surface Analysis of Metallic Medical Components
- **ASTM F2847** Standard Test Method for Residues on Single-Use Medical Devices
- **ASTM E2314** Standard Test Method for Effectiveness of Cleaning of Medical Instruments Using a Microbiologic Method (Simulated Use Test)
- **ASTM D7225** Standard Guide for Blood Cleaning Efficiency of Detergents and Washer-Disinfectors
- ...

**Many standards exist describing how to clean for specific applications**

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## Cavitation Measurement Standards

**IEC 60886: 1987** *Investigations on test procedures for ultrasonic cleaners*

- International Electrotechnical Commission
- Several methods described but poor reproducibility; only Al foil was practical

**DIN spec 40170: 2013** *Measurement of Cavitation in Ultrasonic Cleaners*

- Deutsches Institut für Normung
- Driven by Bandelin & Eicher
- Described method to quantify cavitation

**Limited # of standards describing method to test ultrasonics**

**IEC/TS 63001: 2019** *Measurement of Cavitation in Ultrasonic Reactors*

- WG3 in TC87: High Power Transducers; other WG's mostly medical ultrasound devices.
- Captures method from DIN but addressed several objections; a second approach was added based on broadband spectral analysis up to 5 MHz

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# IEC 63001: 2019

## MEASUREMENT OF CAVITATION NOISE IN ULTRASONIC BATHS AND ULTRASONIC REACTORS

**1 Scope**

This document, which is a Technical Specification, provides a technique of measurement and evaluation of ultrasound in liquids for use in cleaning devices and equipment. It specifies

- the cavitation measurement at  $2,25f_0$  in the frequency range 20 kHz to 150 kHz, and
- the cavitation measurement by extraction of broadband spectral components in the frequency range 10 kHz to 5 MHz.


This document covers the measurement and evaluation of the cavitation, but not its secondary effects (cleaning results, sonochemical effects, etc.).

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## Anatomy of Acoustic Spectrum

The graph plots Acoustic Pressure [kPa] on the y-axis (0 to 80) against Frequency [MHz] on the x-axis (0 to 2). Key components are labeled: Fundamental  $f = 970$  kHz (a sharp peak at 1.0 MHz), Harmonic  $f = 1.940$  MHz (a smaller peak at 1.94 MHz), Sub-Harmonic  $f = 485$  kHz (a small peak at 0.485 MHz), and Ultra-Harmonic  $f = 1.455$  MHz (a small peak at 1.455 MHz). A legend on the right identifies three regions: Direct Field (blue vertical lines), Stable Cavitation (yellow diagonal lines), and Transient Cavitation (red diagonal lines).

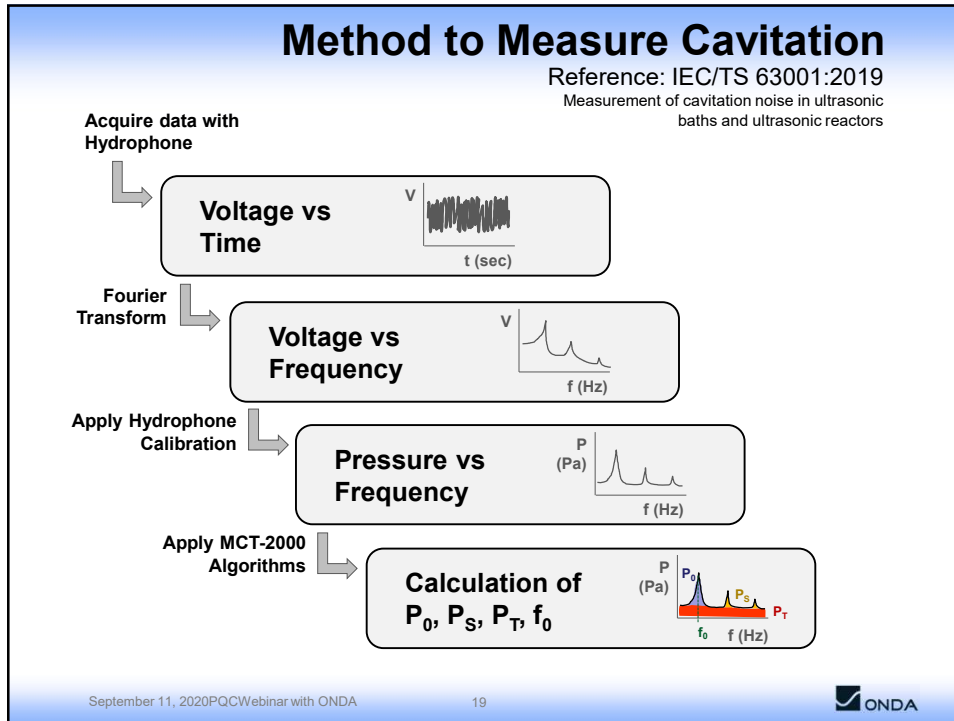


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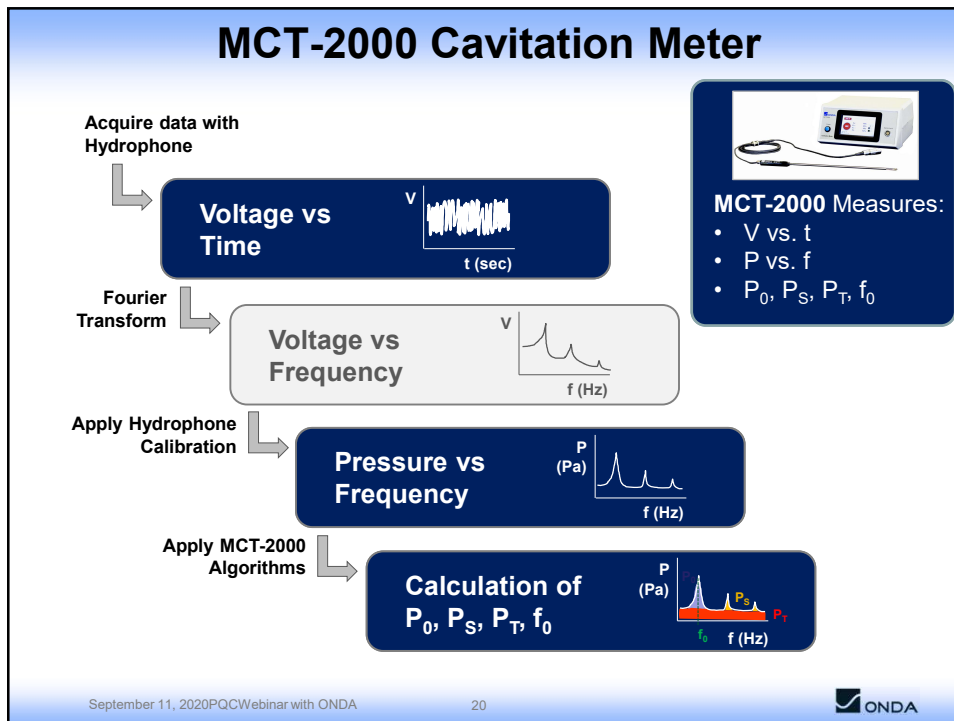
*Different pressure components contribute to cleaning and damage*

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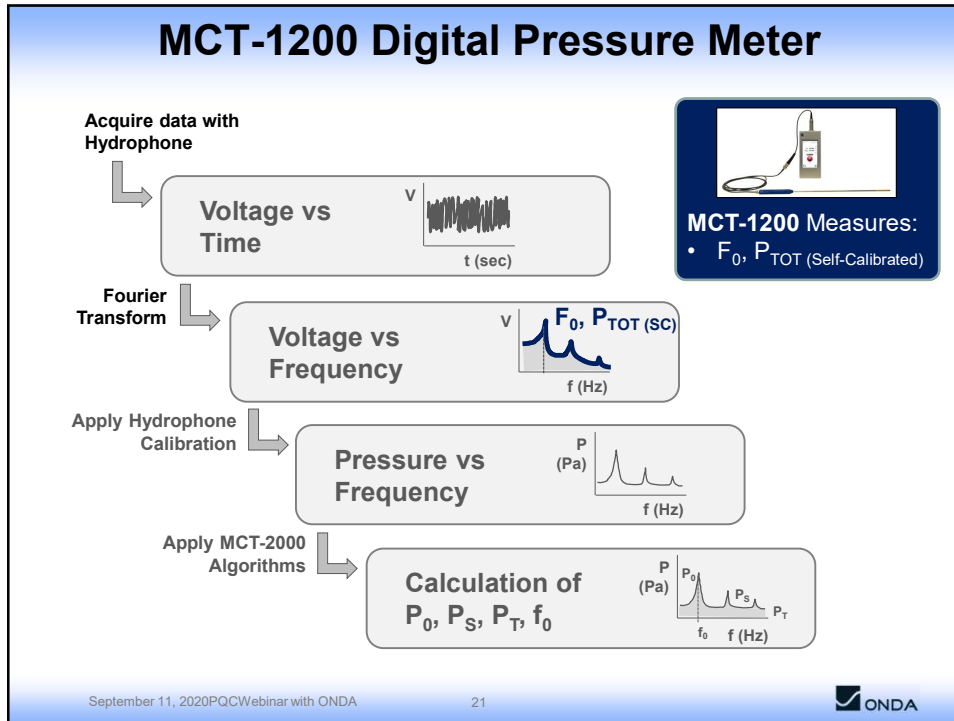
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### Control Your Process with a Combined Solution

**MCT-2000**

**MCT-1200**

R&D, Absolute Reference	<b>APPLICATION</b>	Process Monitoring
Cavitation Pressure & Frequency ( $P_0, P_s, P_t, F_0$ )	<b>PARAMETERS</b>	Total Pressure & Frequency ( $P_{tot}, F_0$ )
Conforms with IEC/TS 63001:2019	<b>METHOD</b>	--
External-calibration to achieve traceability and matching	<b>CALIBRATION</b>	Self-calibration to achieve matching
Data saved to local memory	<b>AUTOMATION</b>	Real-time data transfer for continuous monitoring
Higher Performance	<b>VALUE</b>	Lower Cost

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# All Great but... Why Test

## Qualify Equipment

- Manufacturers' Validation
- Installation & Commissioning
- Daily/Weekly Routine Checks
- Quarterly/Annual Preventive Maintenance

## Monitor Cleaning

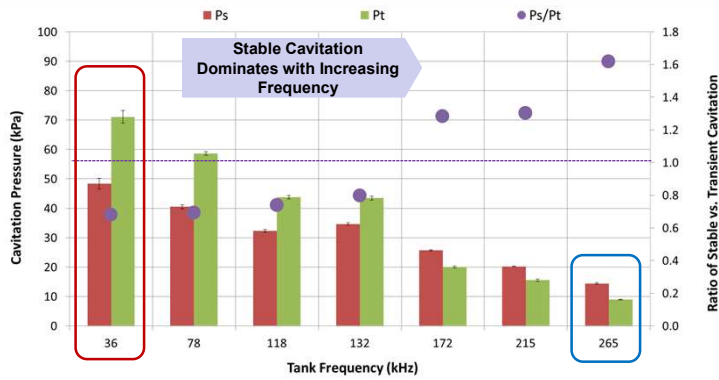
- Verify particles are removed
- Verify damage is minimal
- Optimize cleaning cycle time/cost
- Control / improve yield

... and How

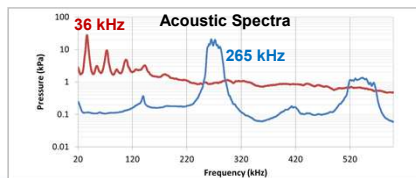


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# Cavitation vs. Frequency



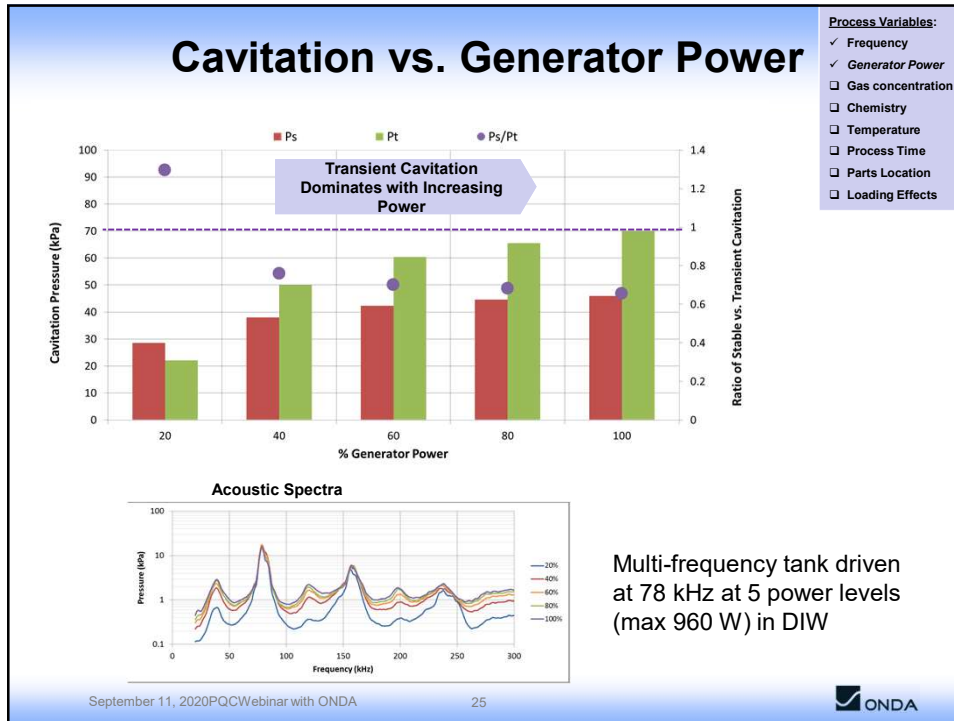
- Process Variables:
- Frequency
  - Generator Power
  - Gas concentration
  - Chemistry
  - Temperature
  - Process Time
  - Parts Location
  - Loading Effects



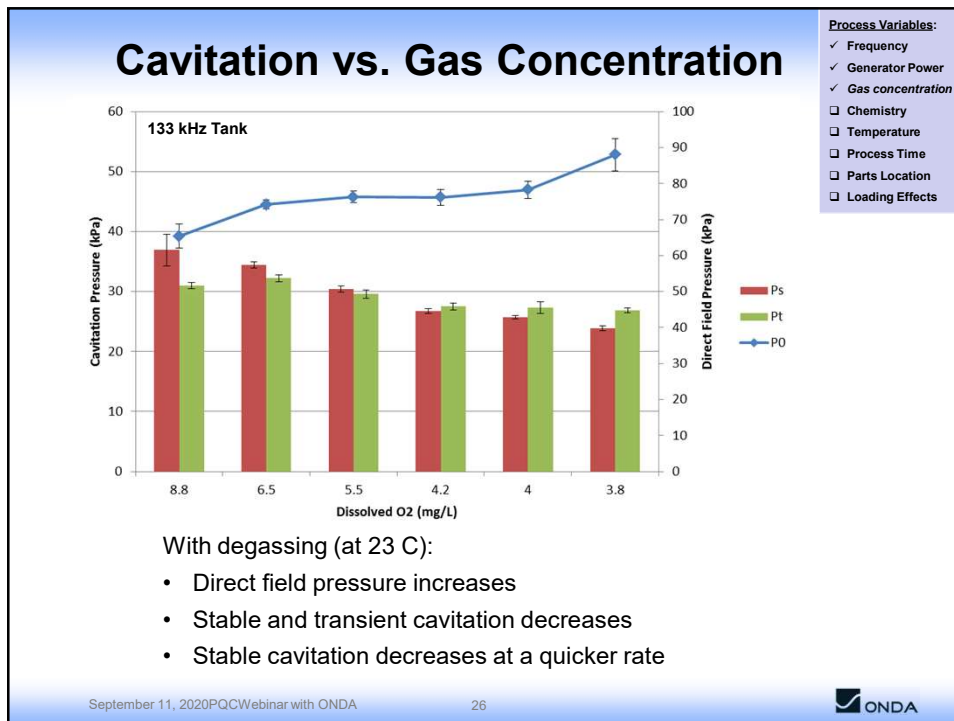
Multi-frequency tank driven at 960 W in DIW



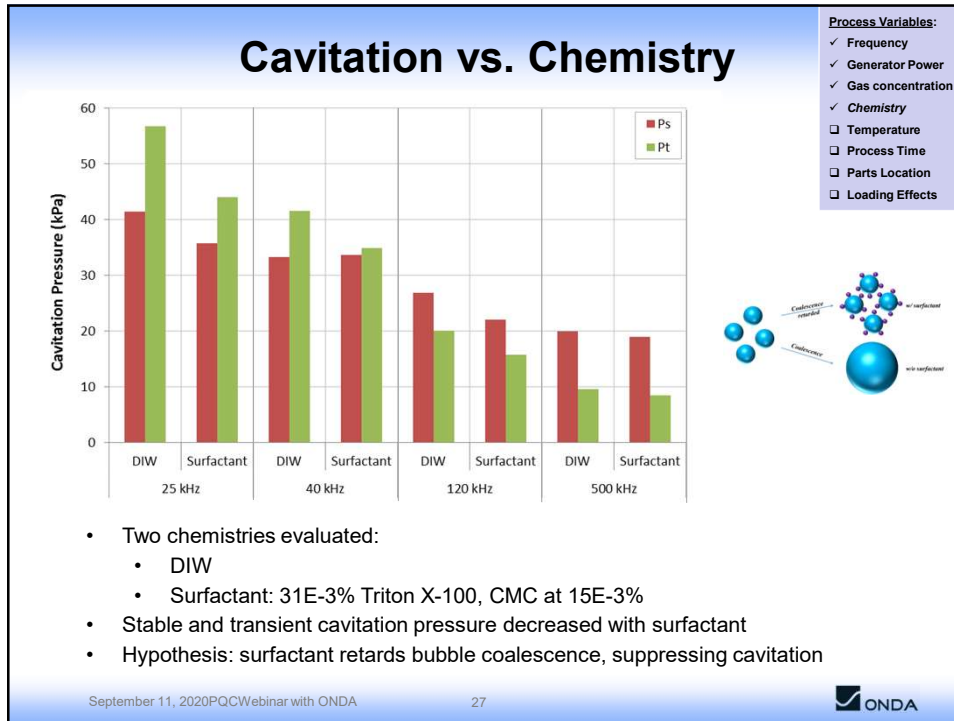
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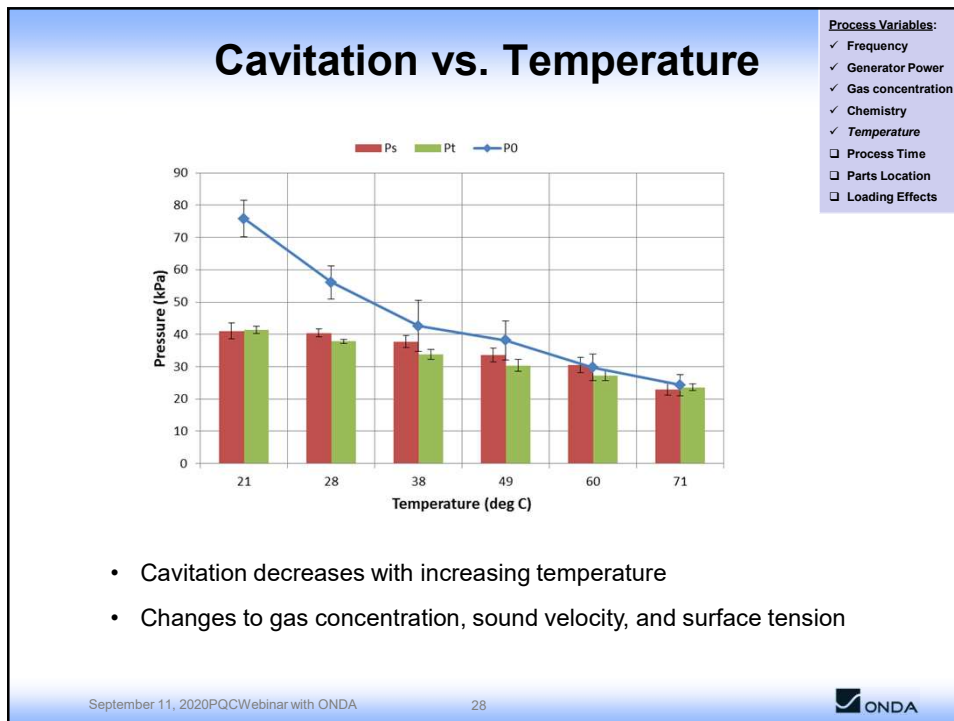
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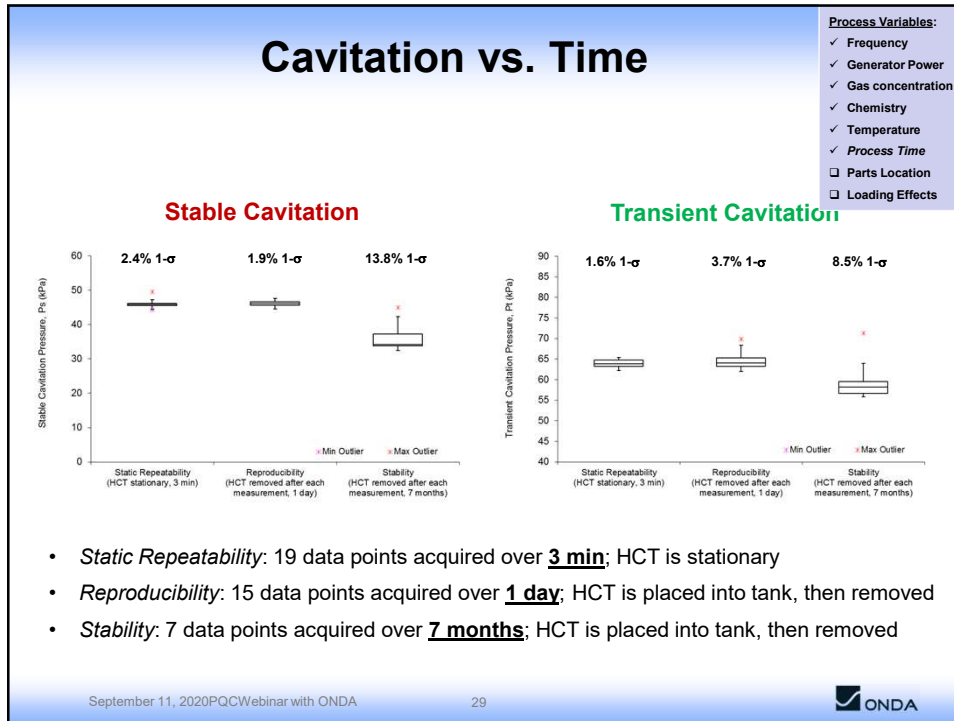
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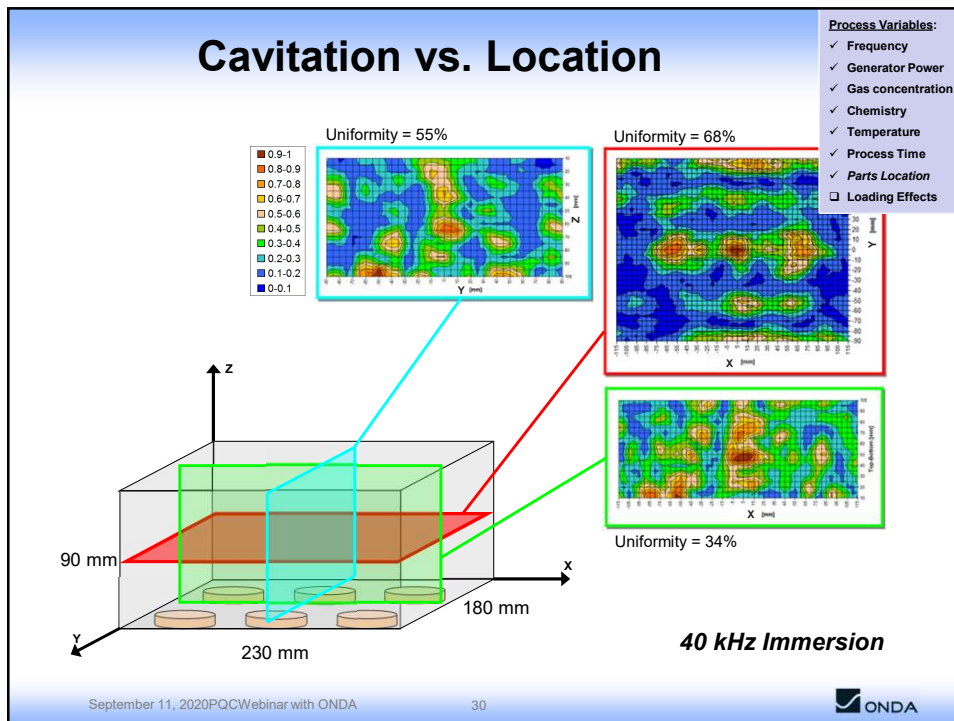
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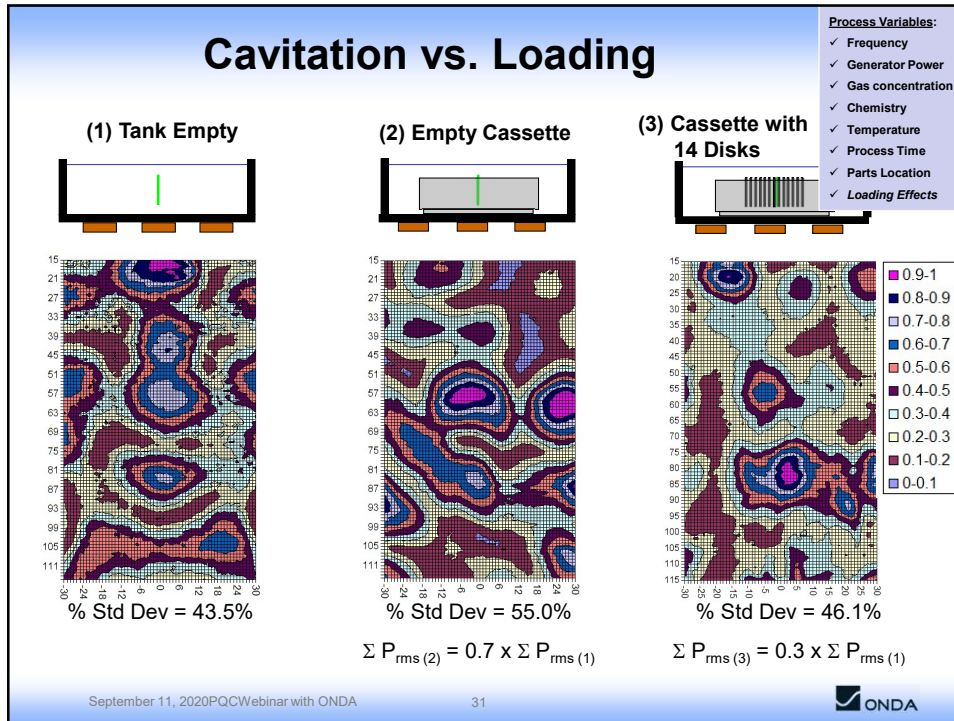
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## Summary

- Ultrasonic cleaning systems perceived by many as a “black box” since it is such a dynamic process with many process variables.
- Of all the parameters (e.g., gas concentration, pH level, temperature, flow rate), the characterization of the ultrasound field remains most elusive
- Onda has developed innovative measurement technology to quantify the acoustic cavitation performance inside the tank in physical SI units.
- Acoustic cavitation pressure vary as a function of frequency, power, gas, temperature, position, loading configuration, and other variables.
- Establishing a routine and continuous monitoring strategy is needed to control your cleaning process

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