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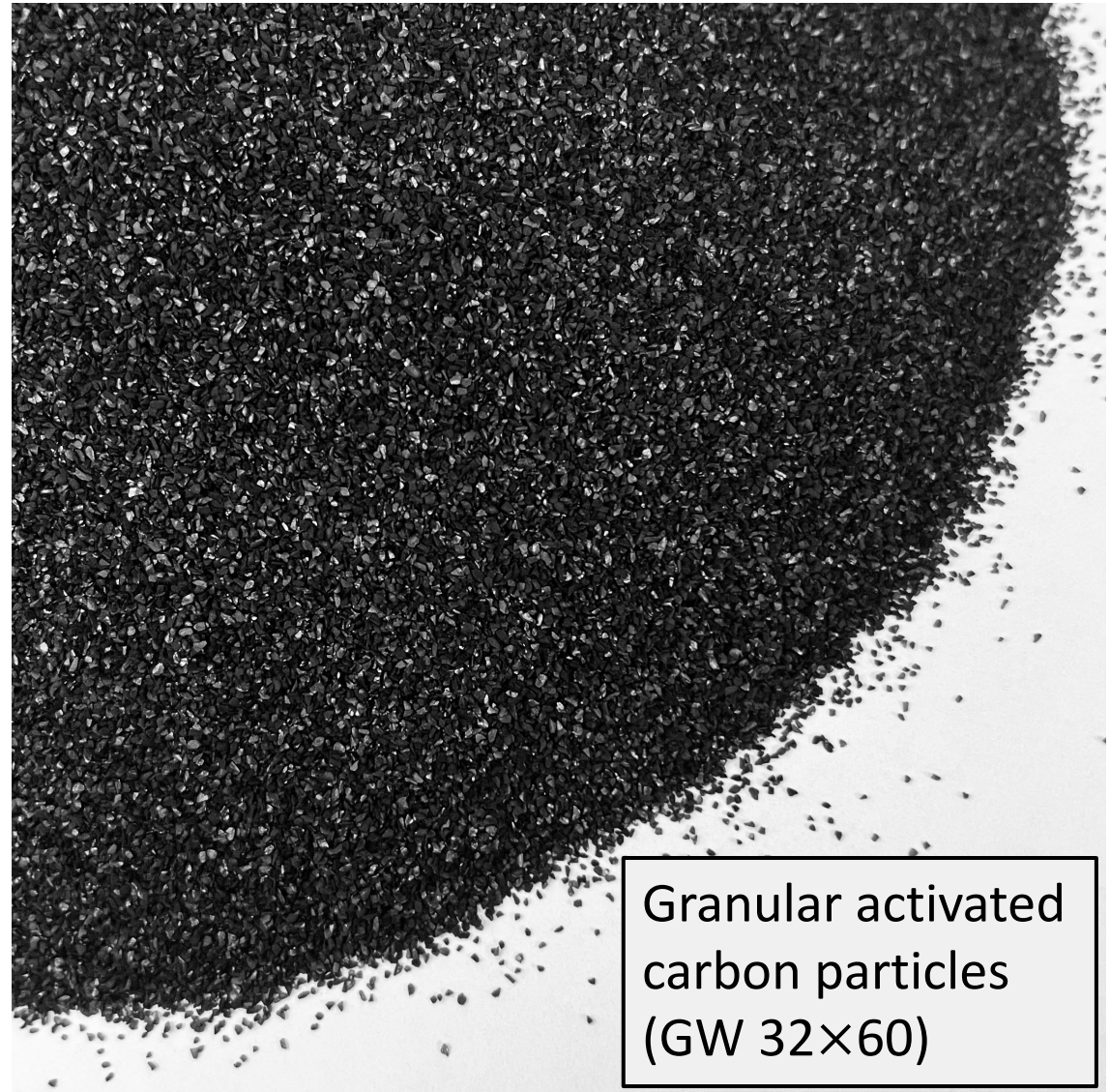
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# Agenda

- Motivation
- Test setup
- Experimental results
- Conclusions



Particle diameter: 250 – 500  $\mu\text{m}$  9  
Bulk density: 520  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$

# Motivation

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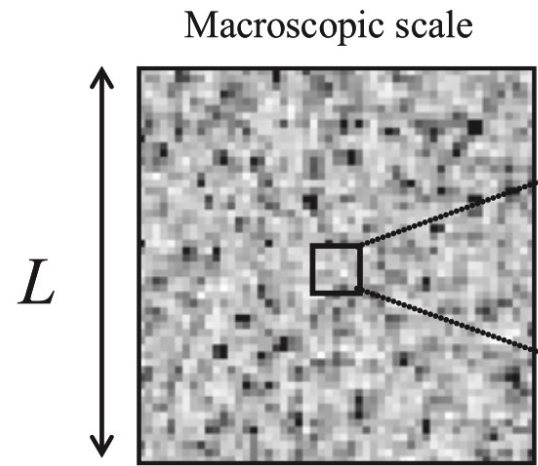


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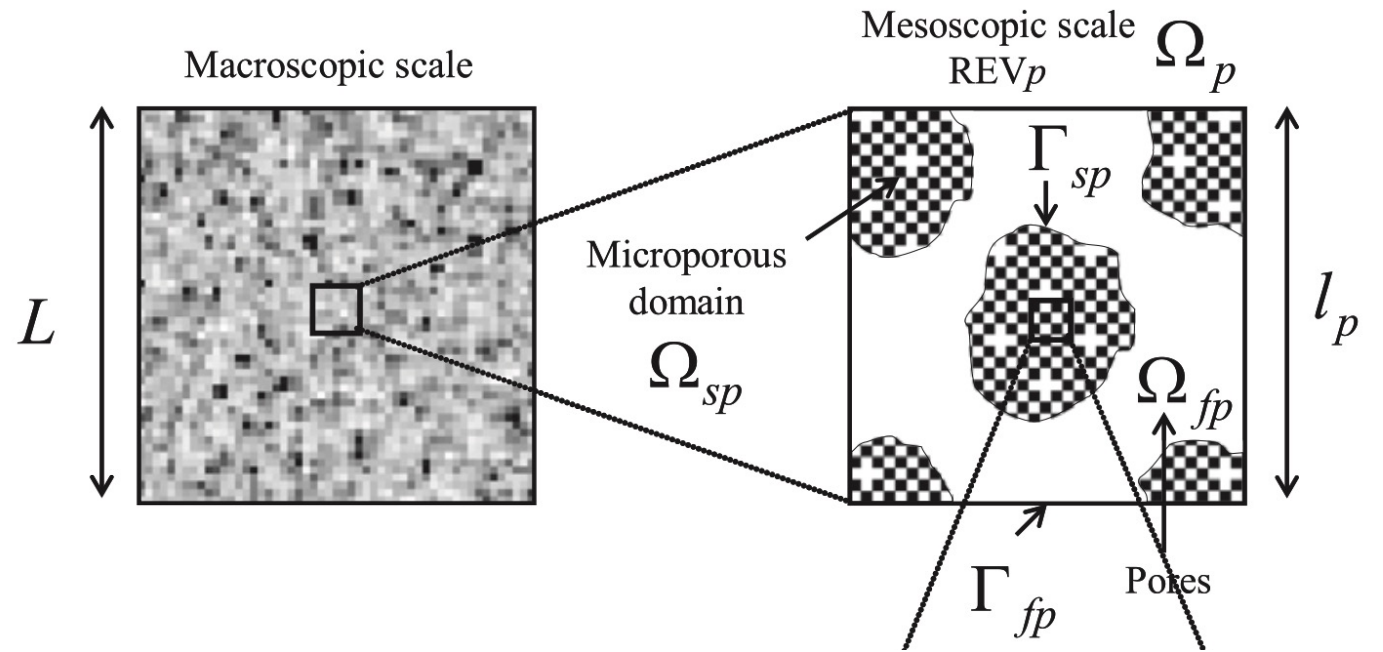


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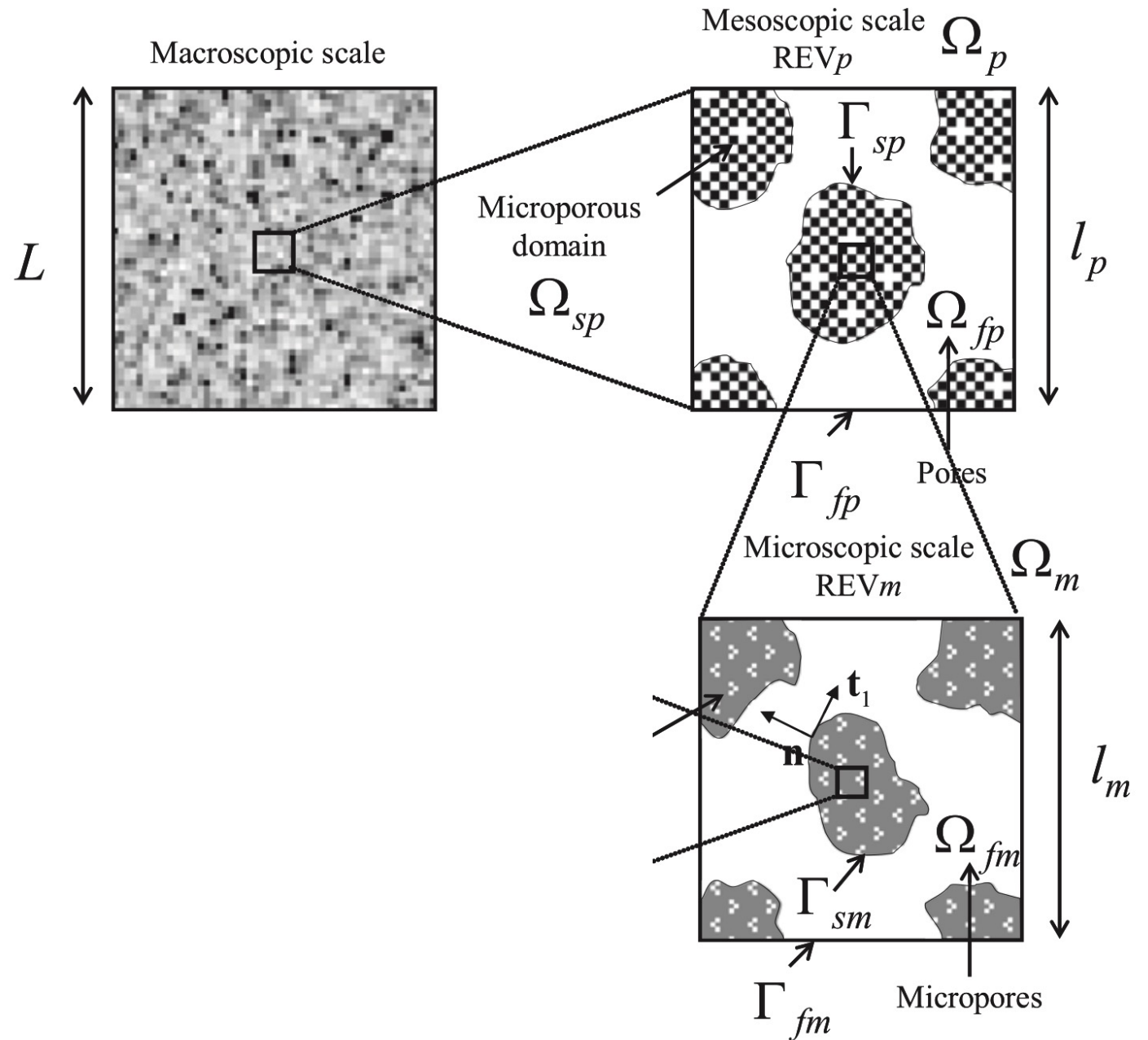


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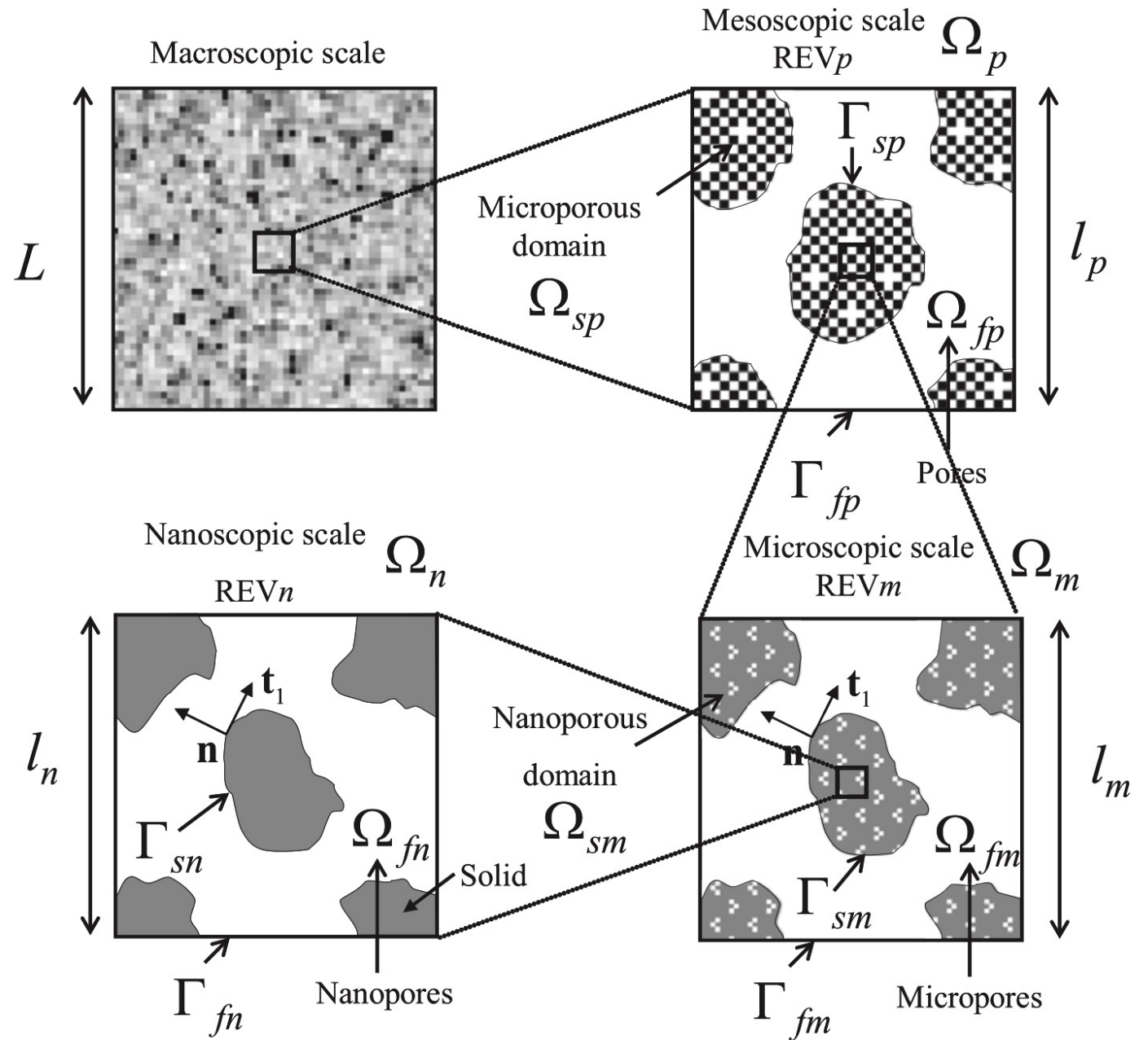


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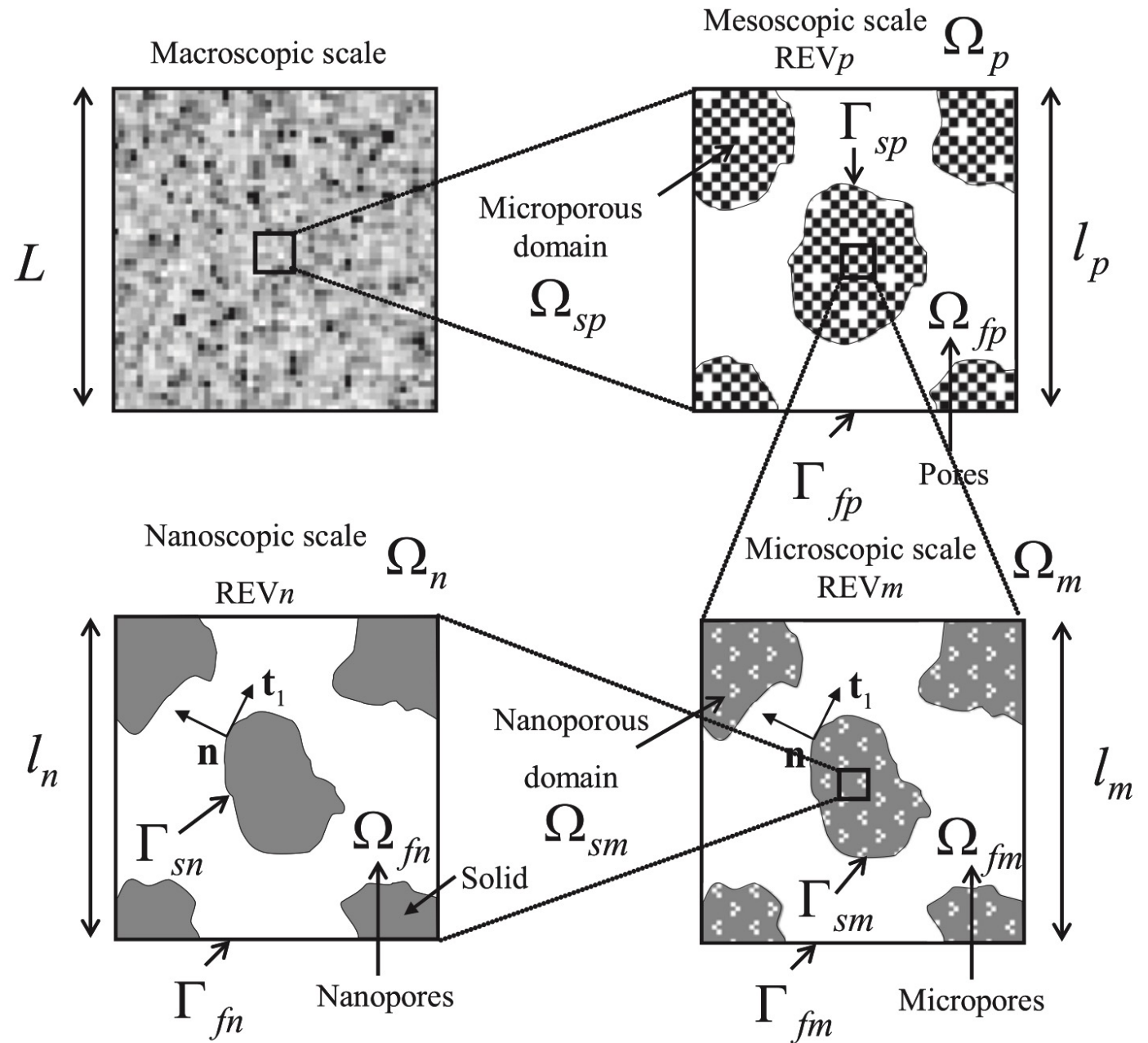
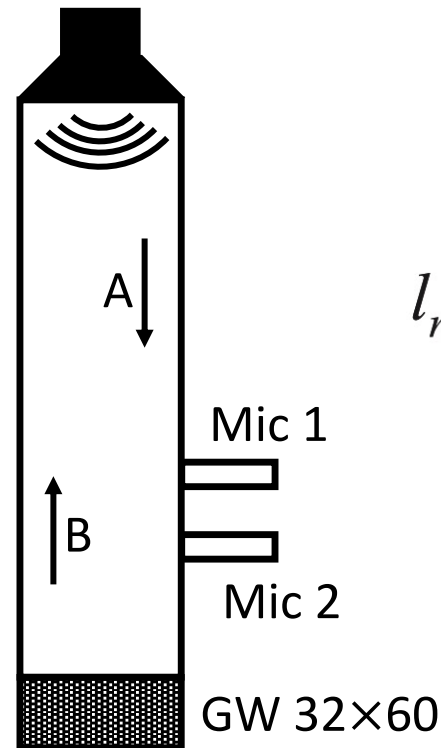
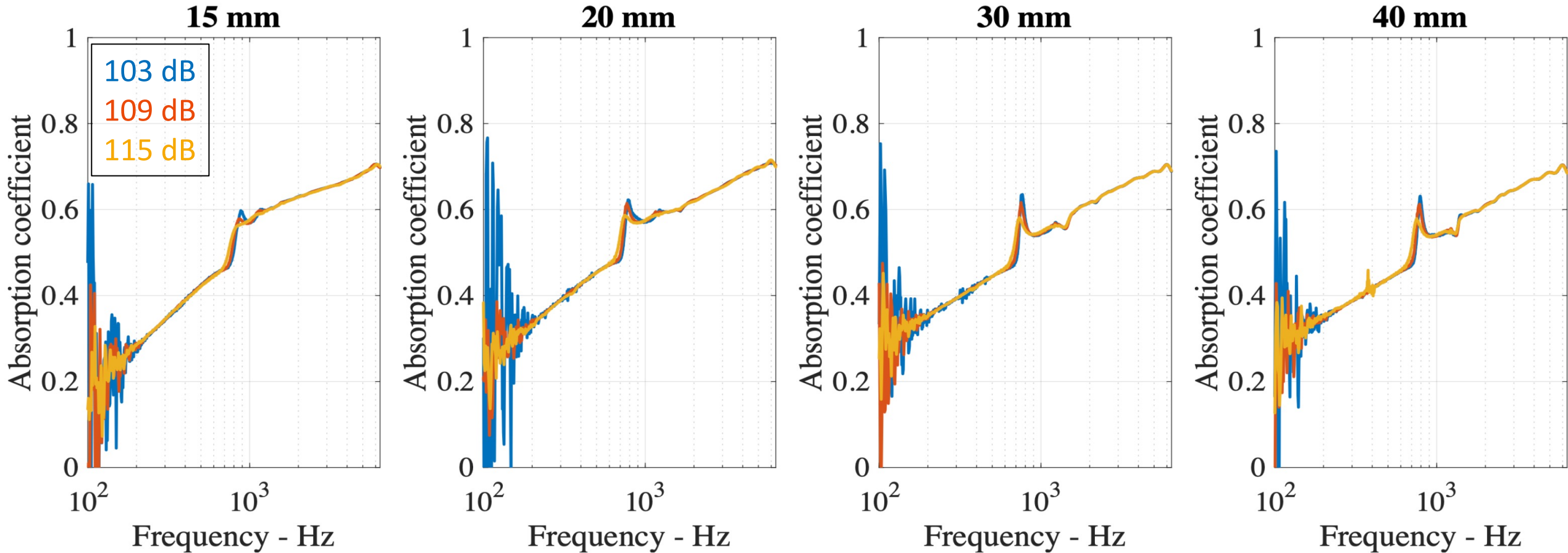


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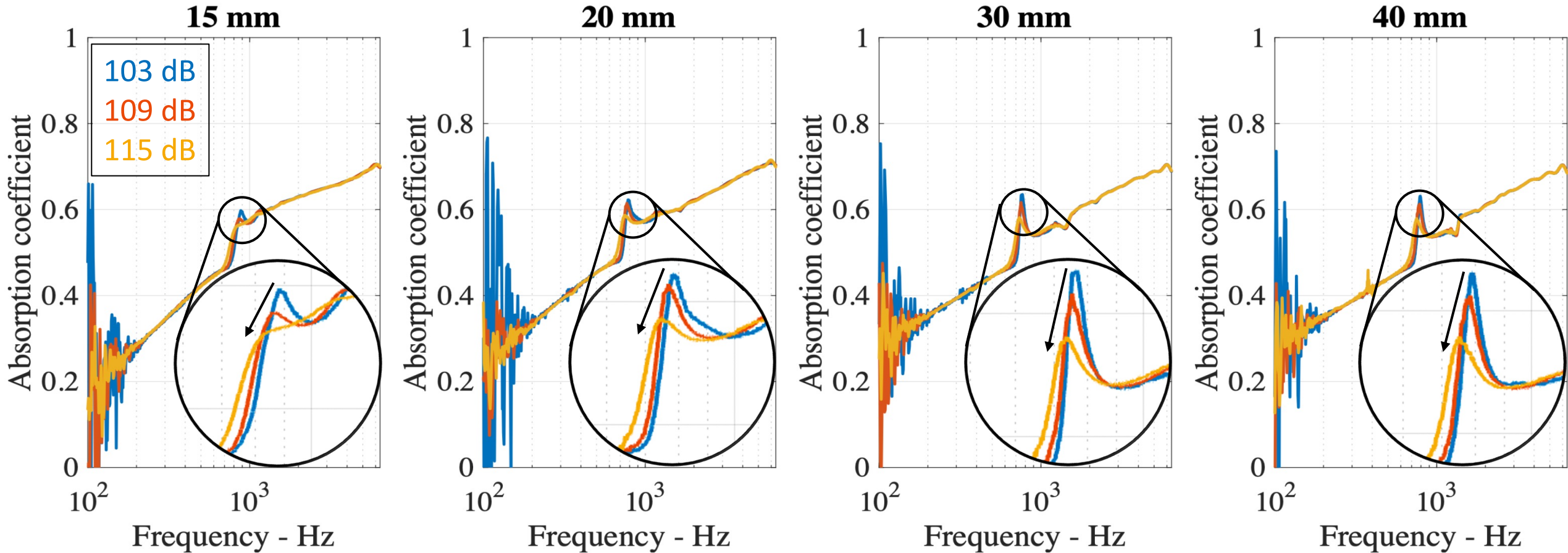


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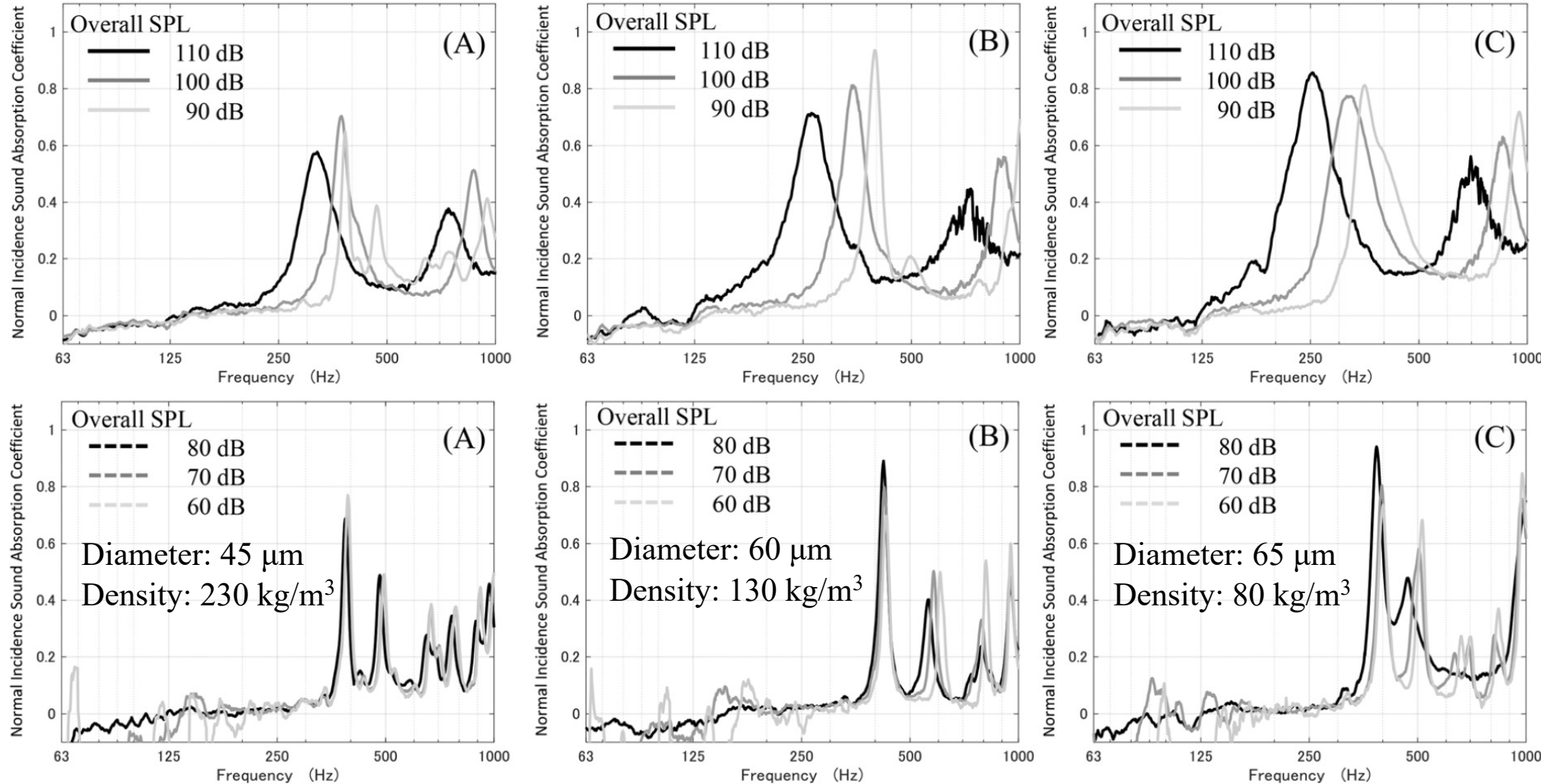


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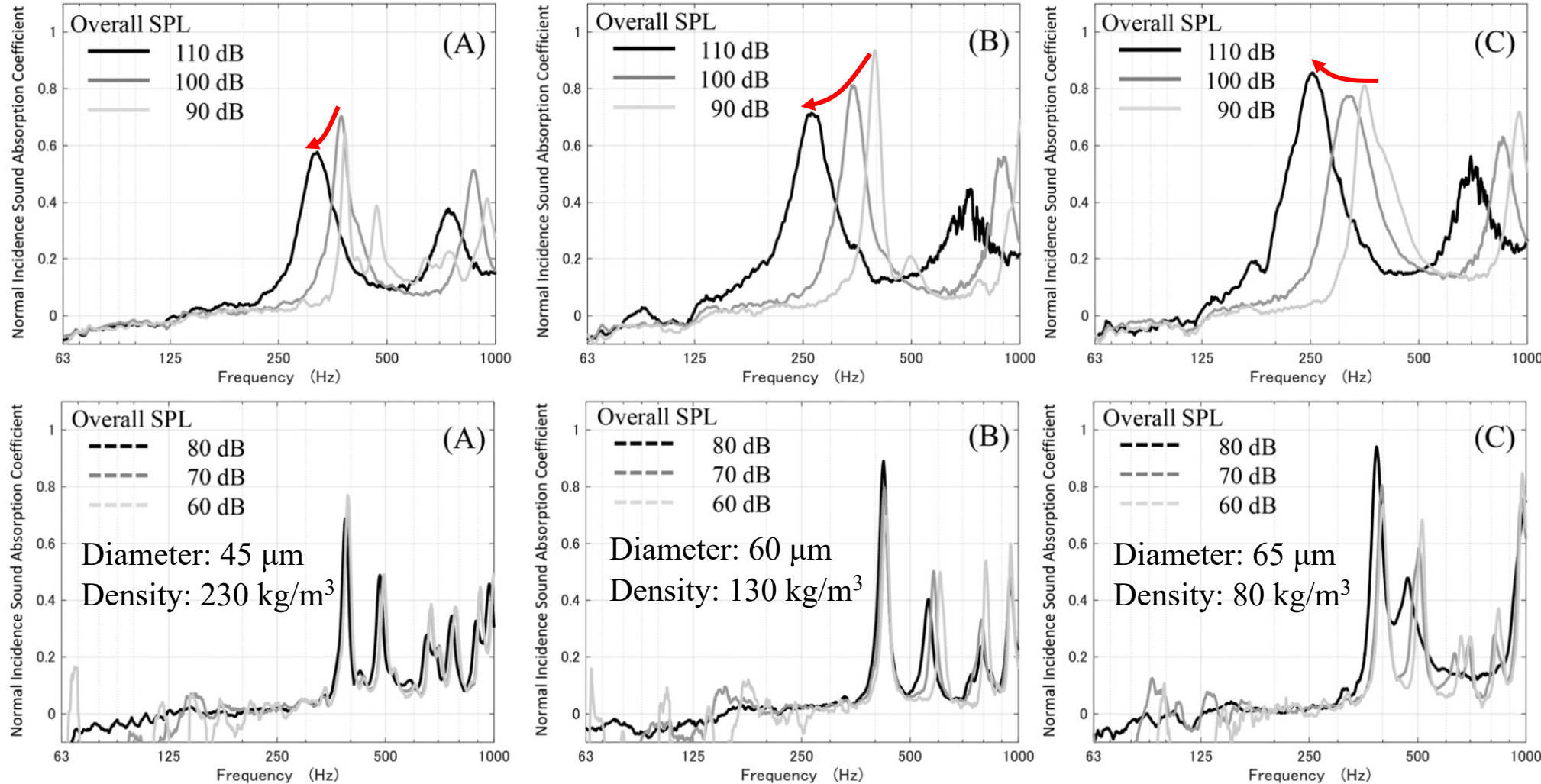


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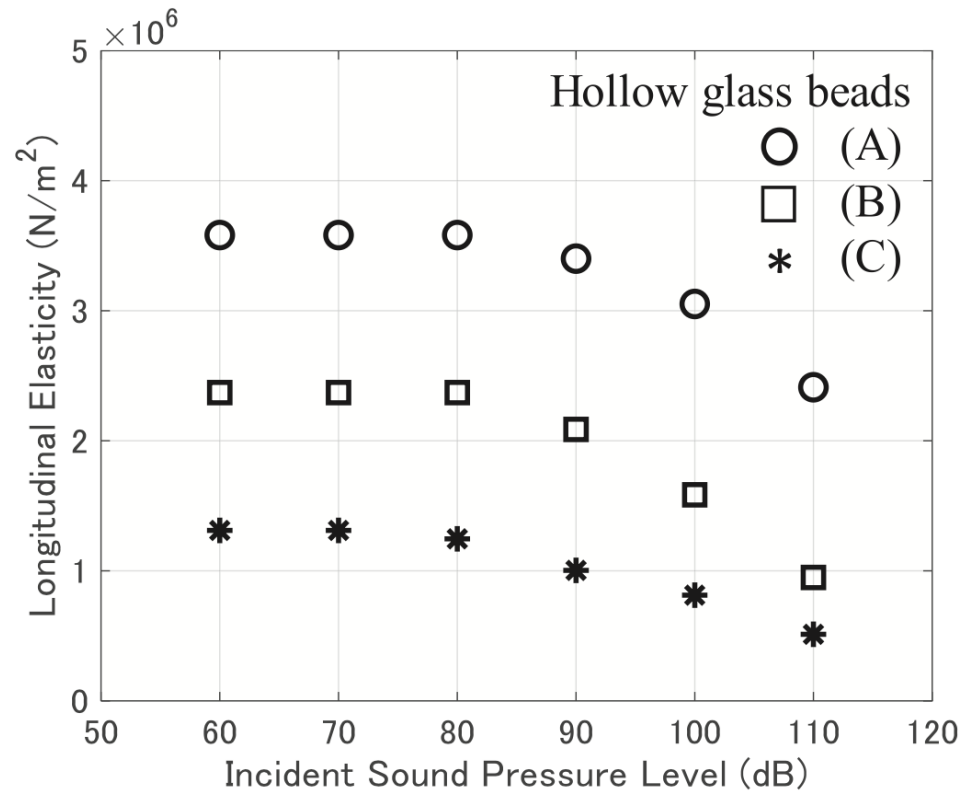


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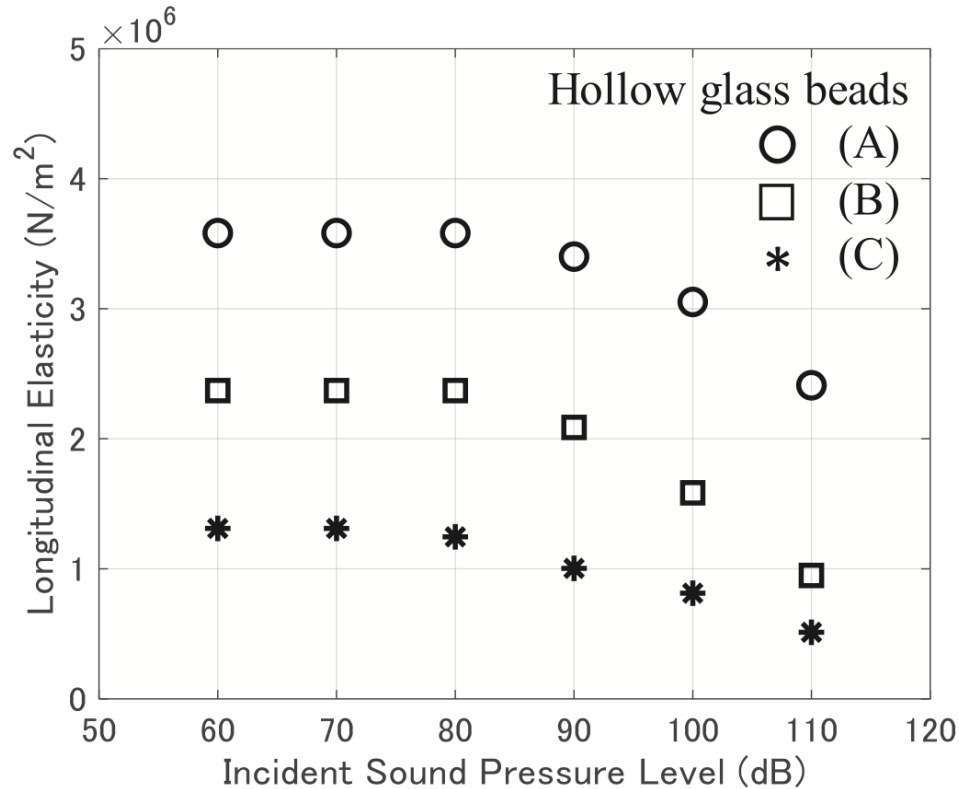


Fig. 6 in Tsuruha *et al.* (2021) 6

Strain-dependent modulus & damping  
[Clayey sand]

$$G/G_0^g = \frac{1}{1 + b \gamma}$$

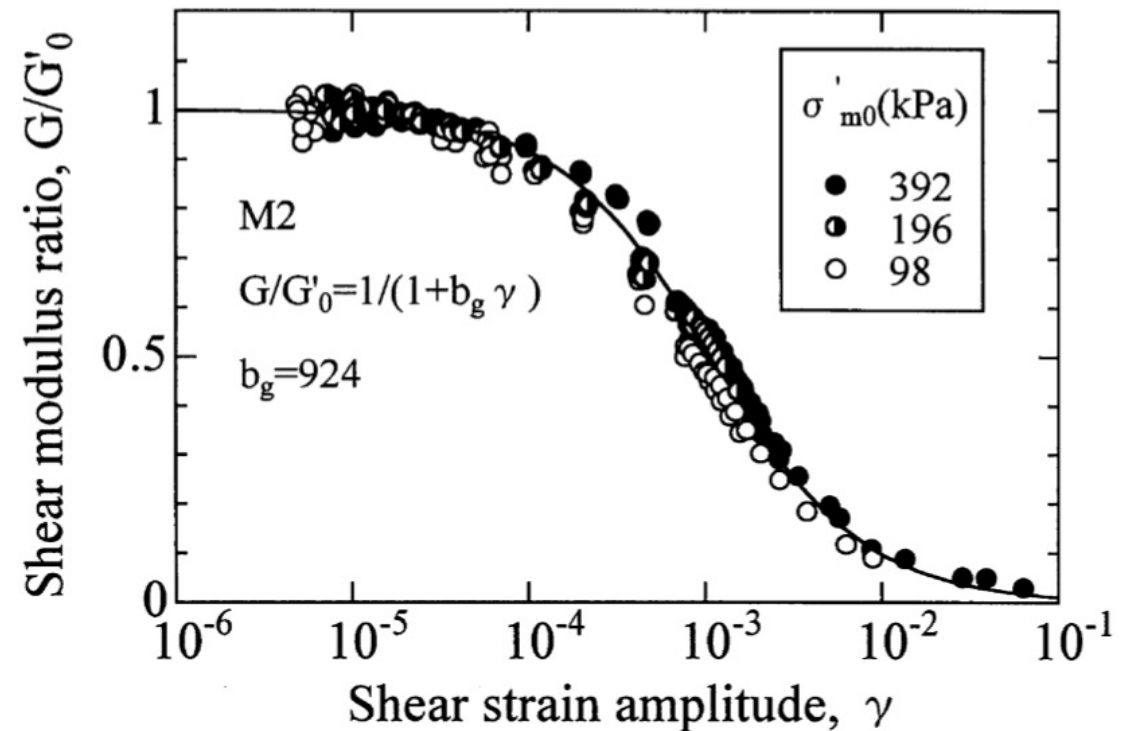


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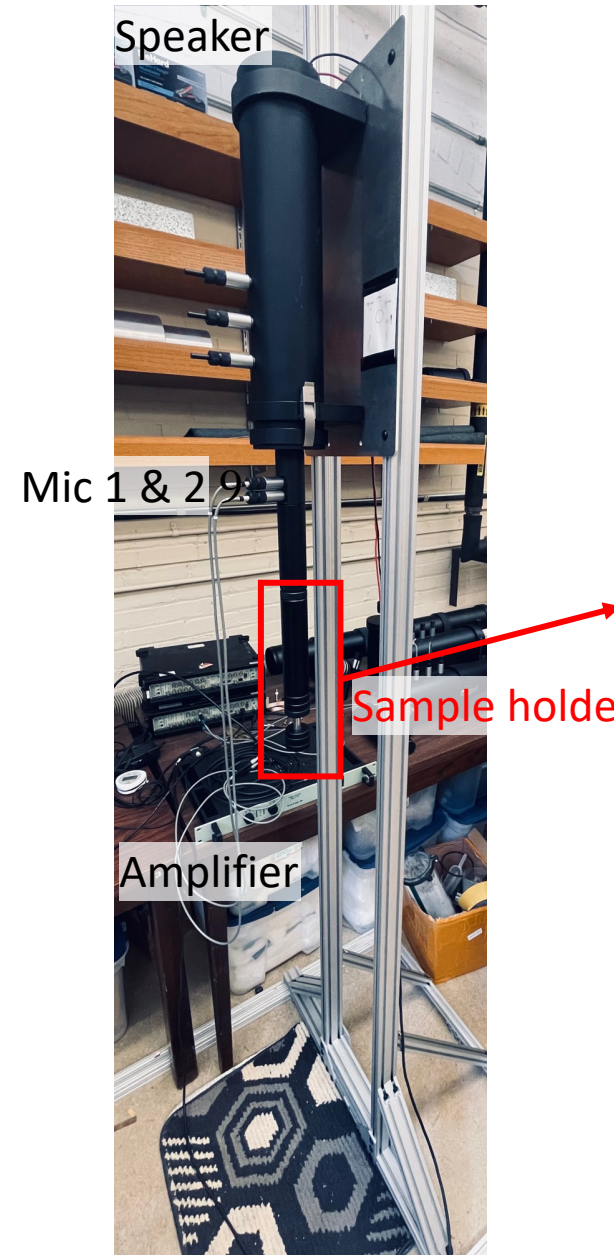


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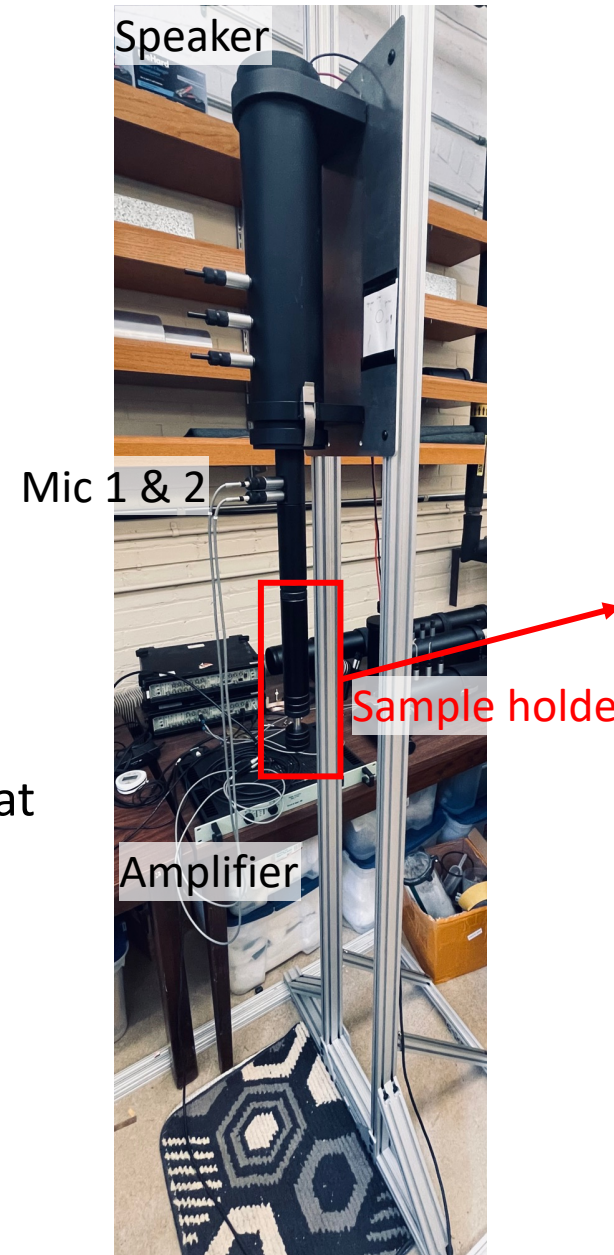
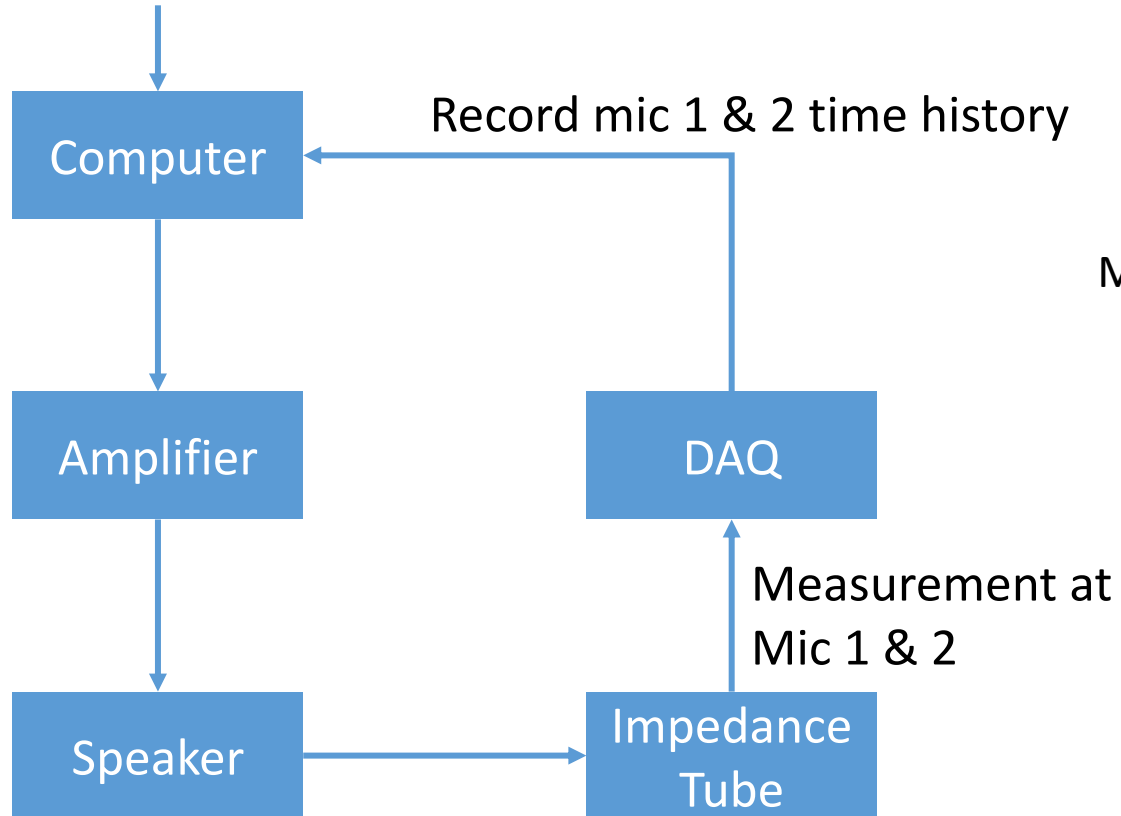
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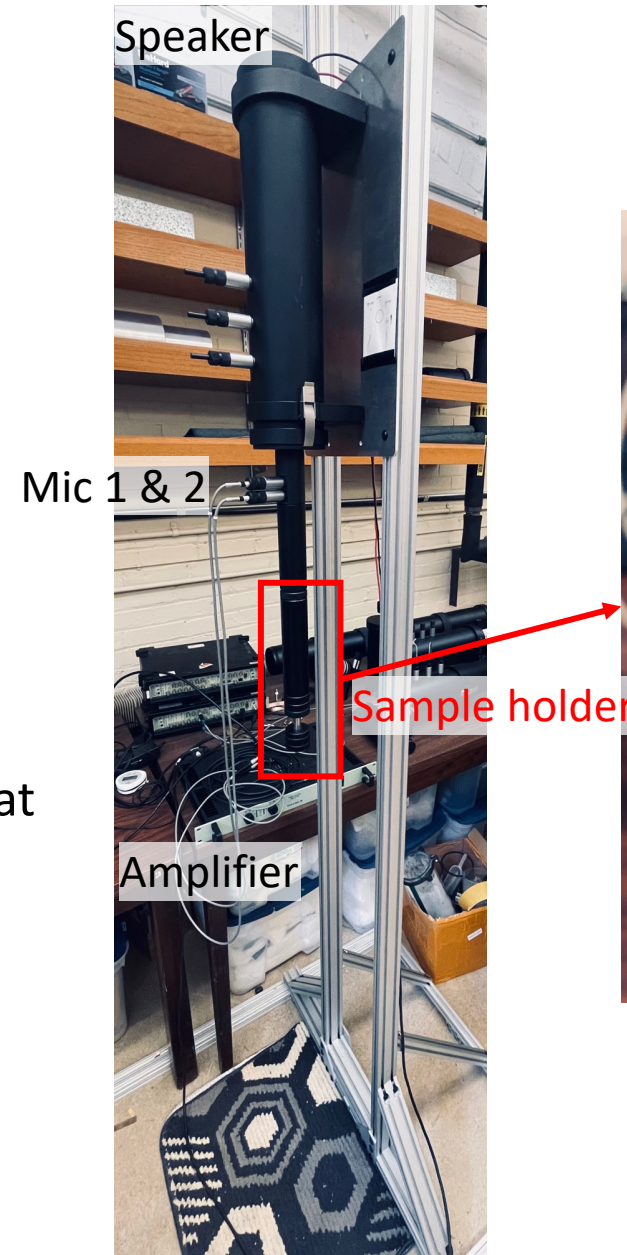
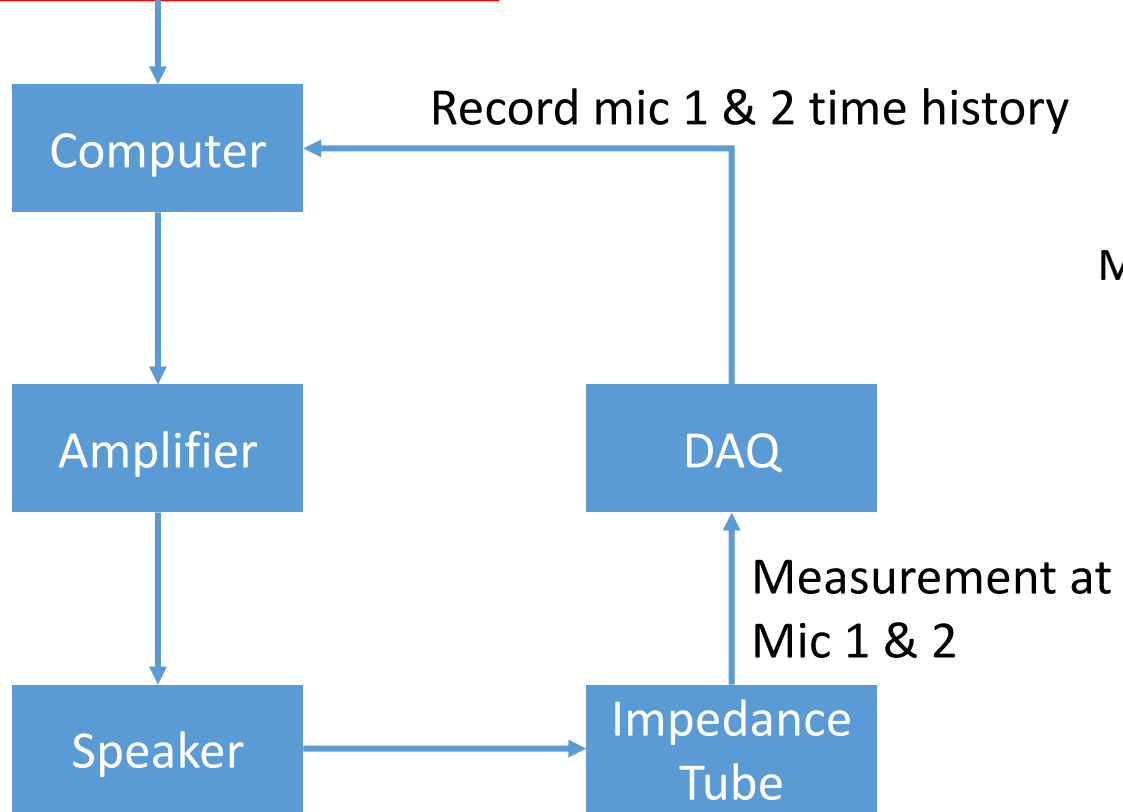


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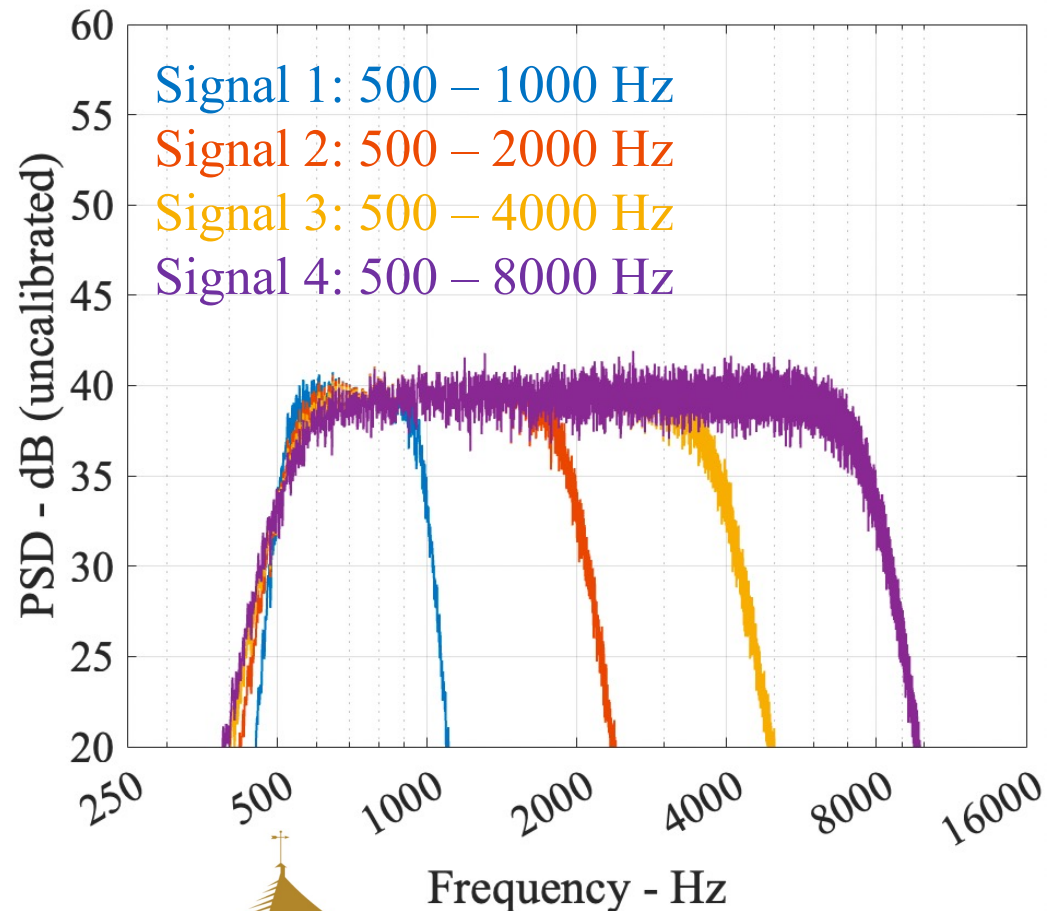
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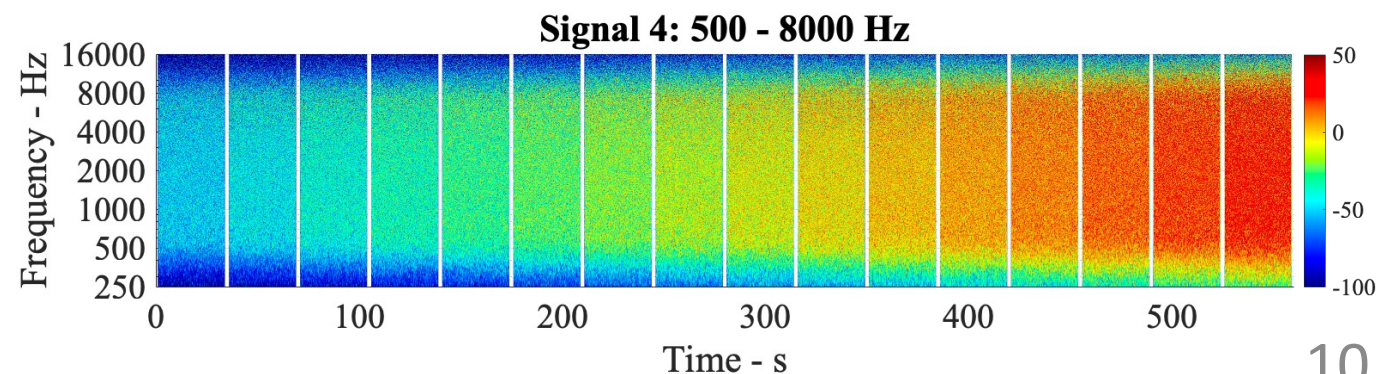
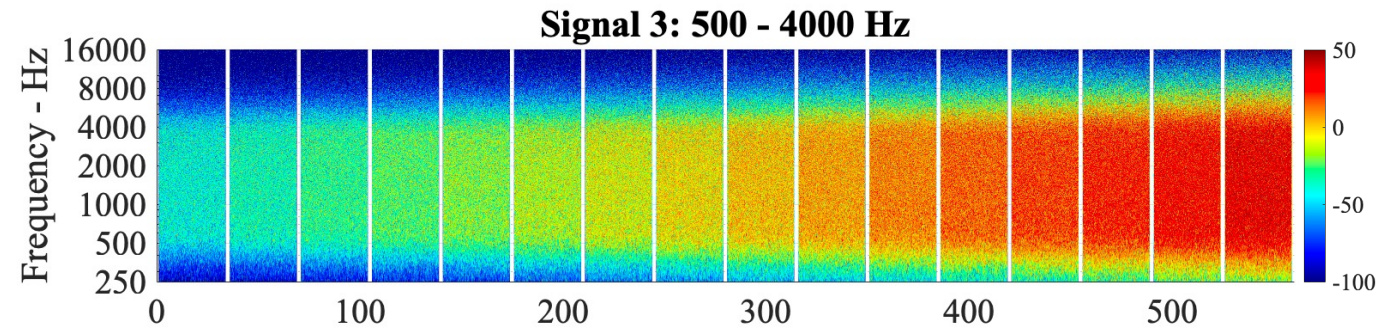
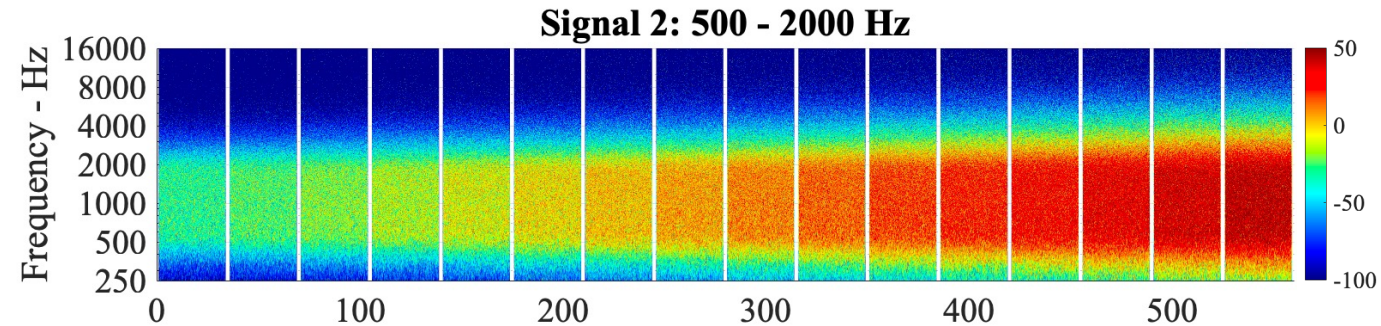
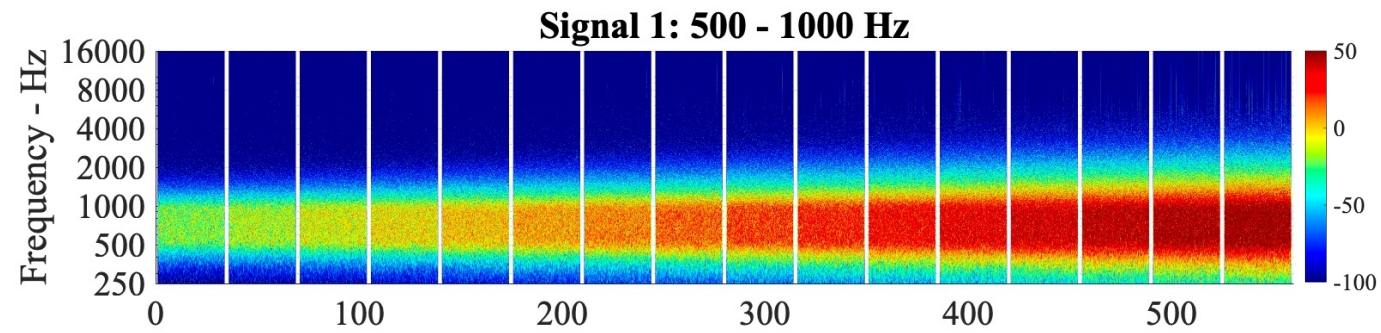
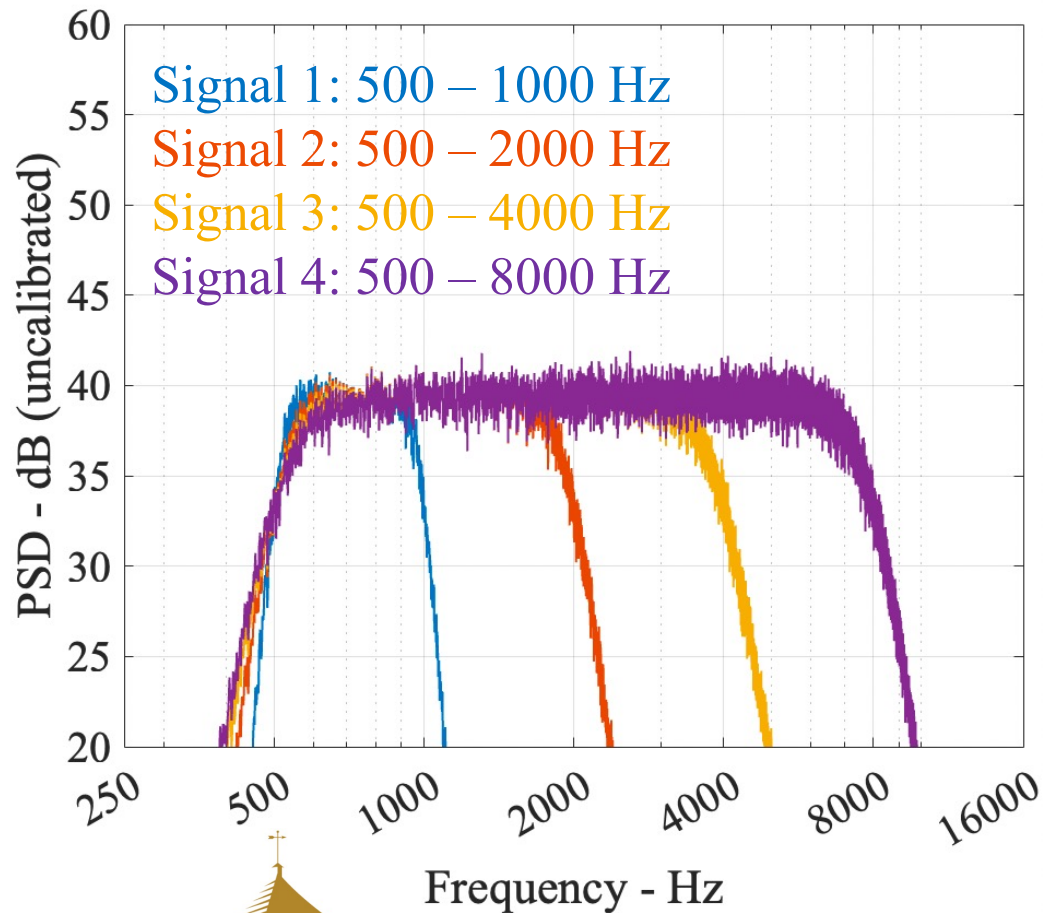
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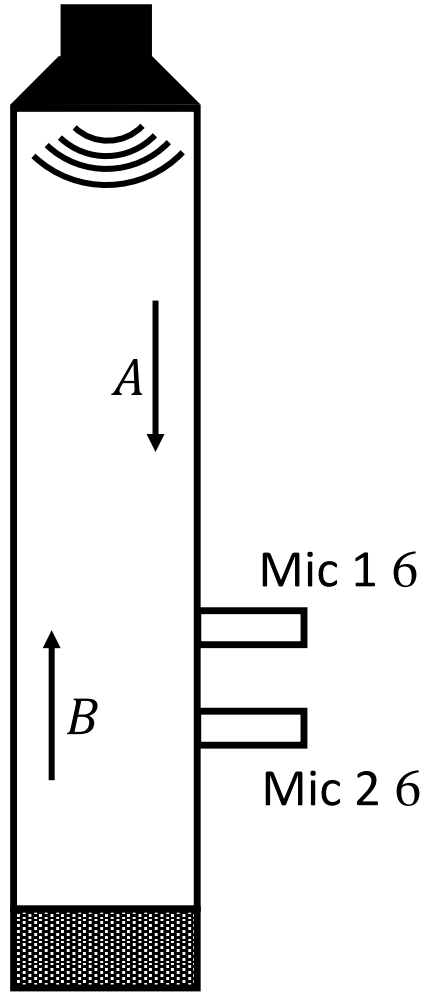
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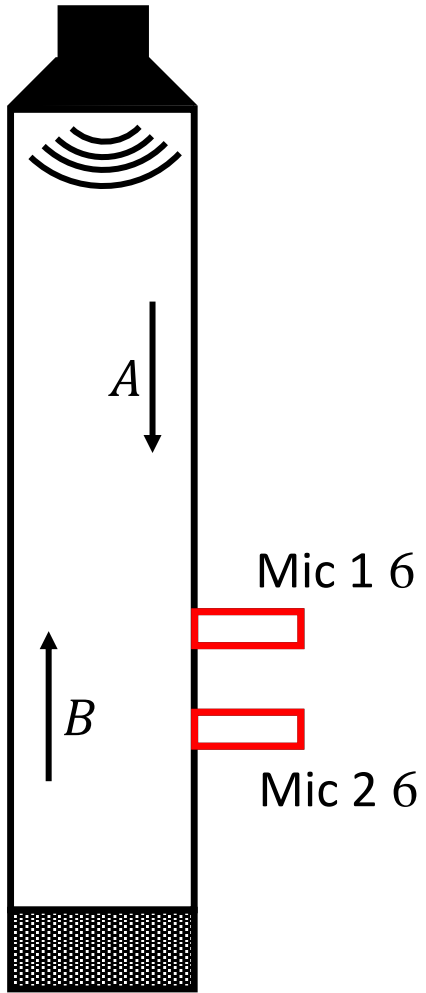
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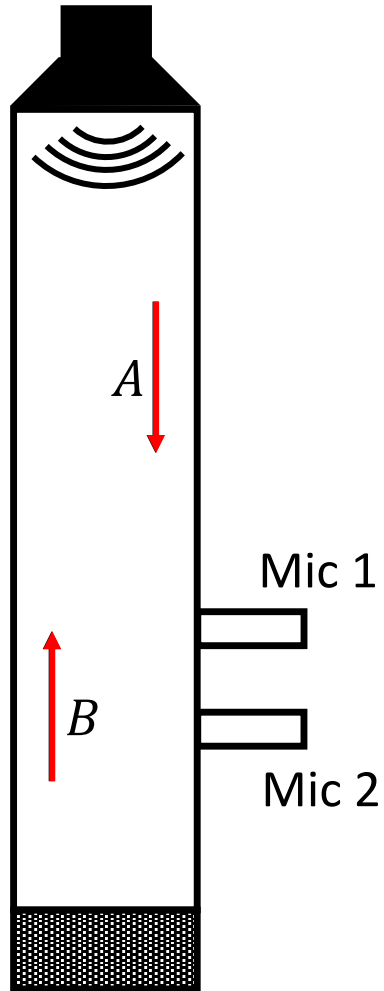
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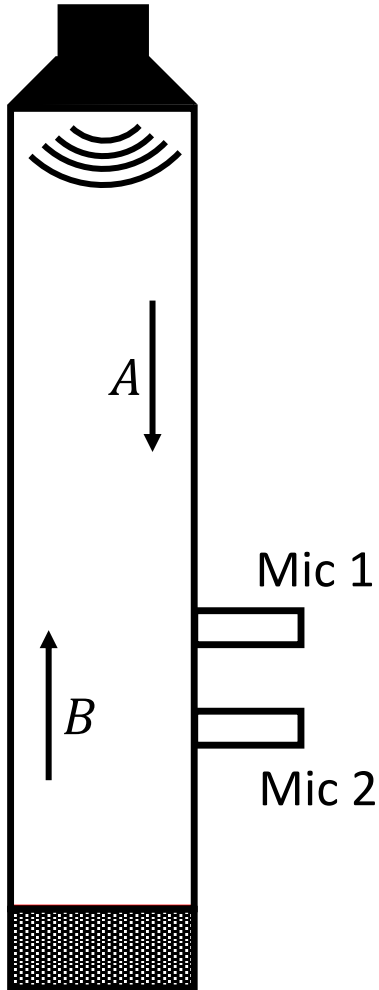


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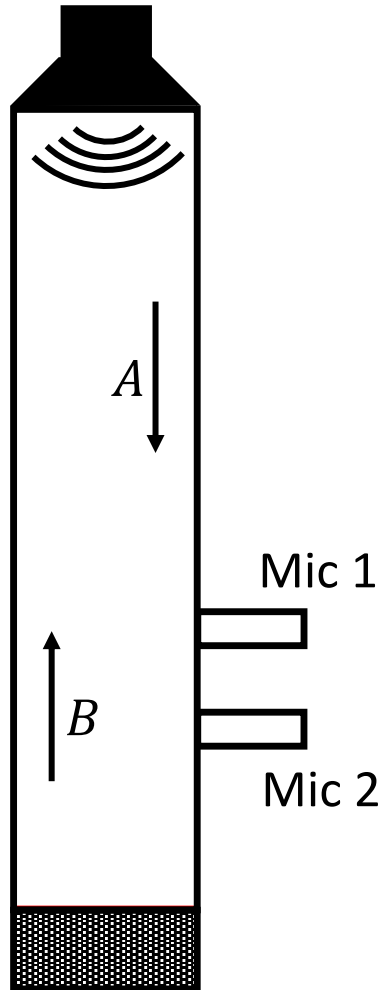


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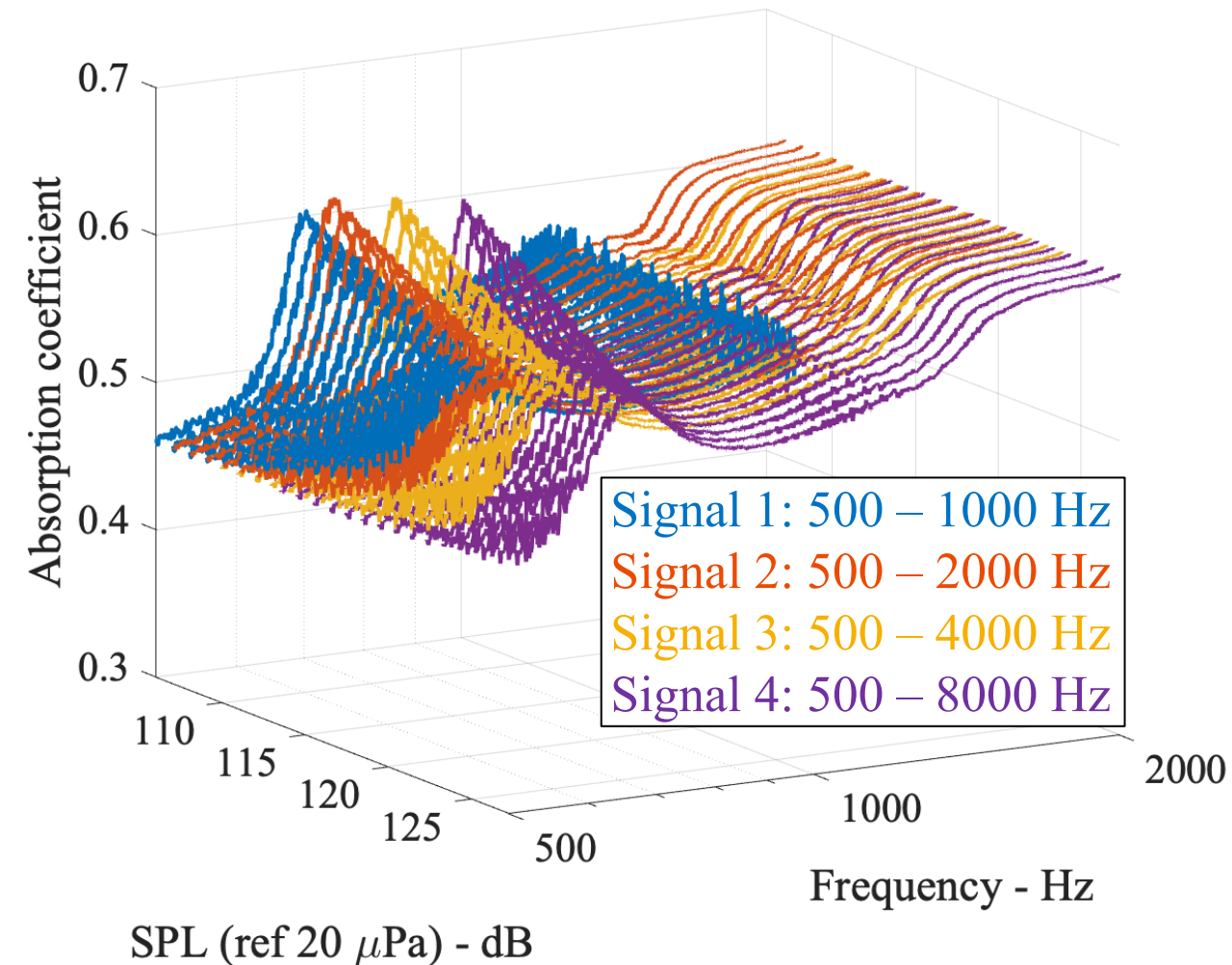
Integrate over frequency:

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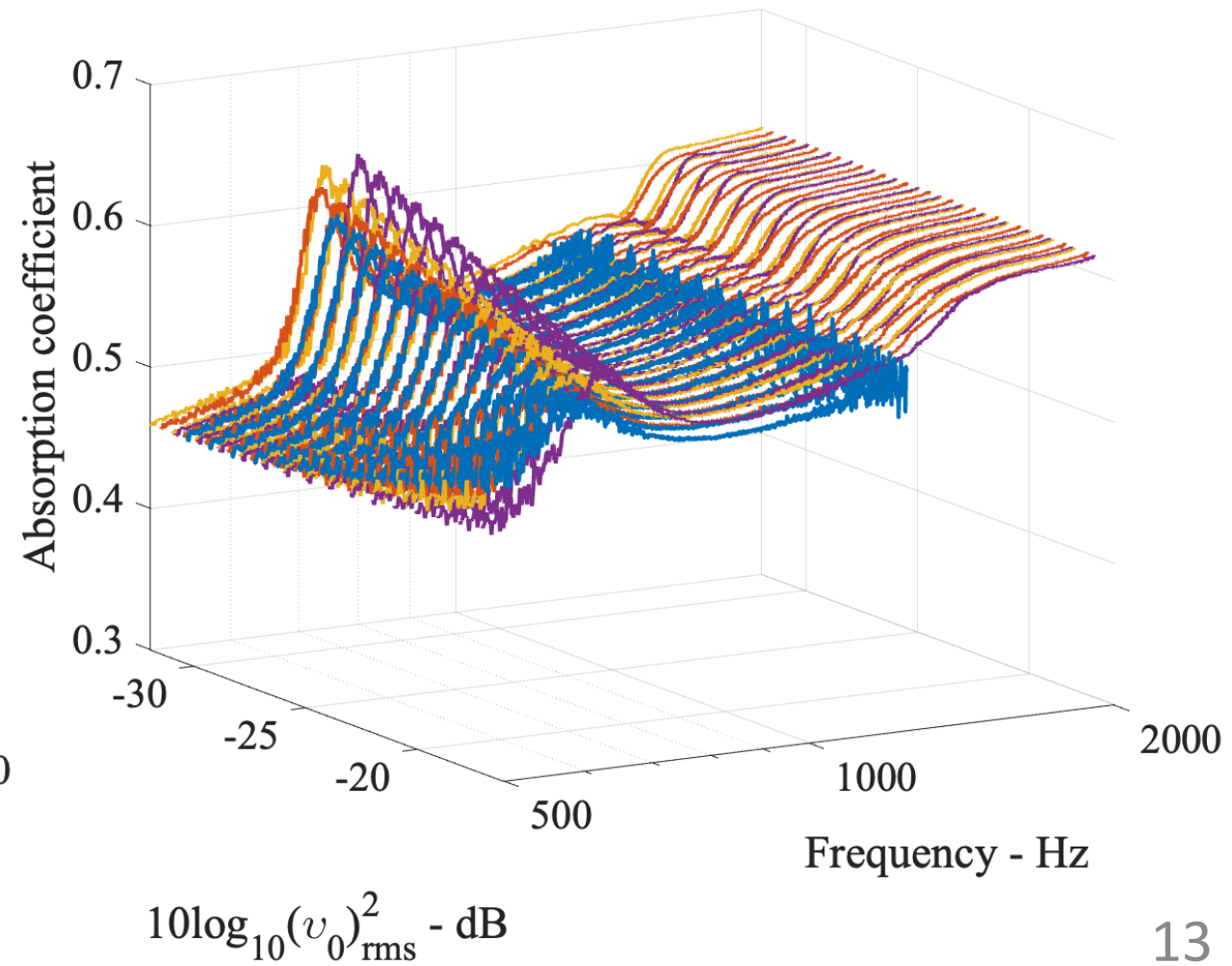
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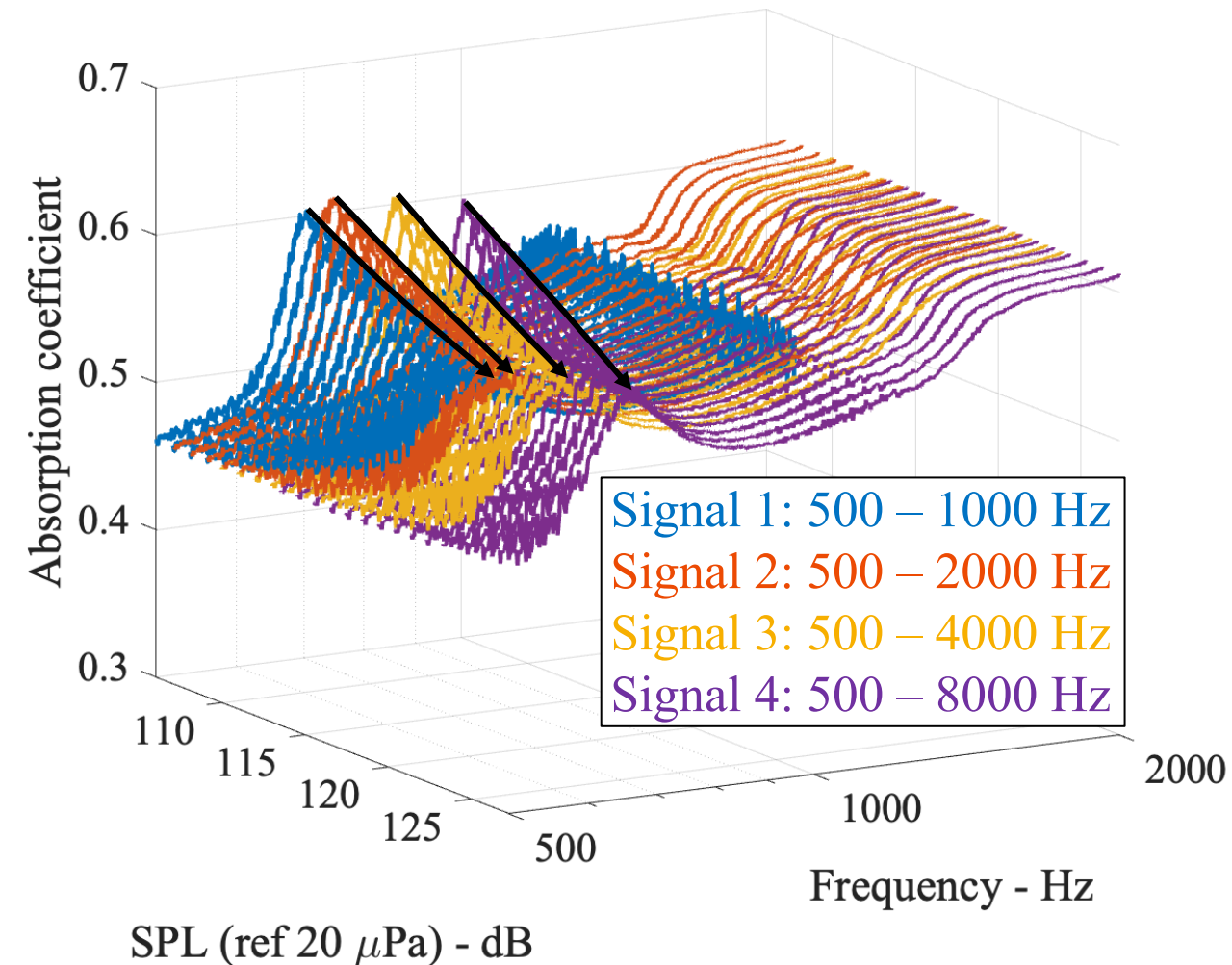
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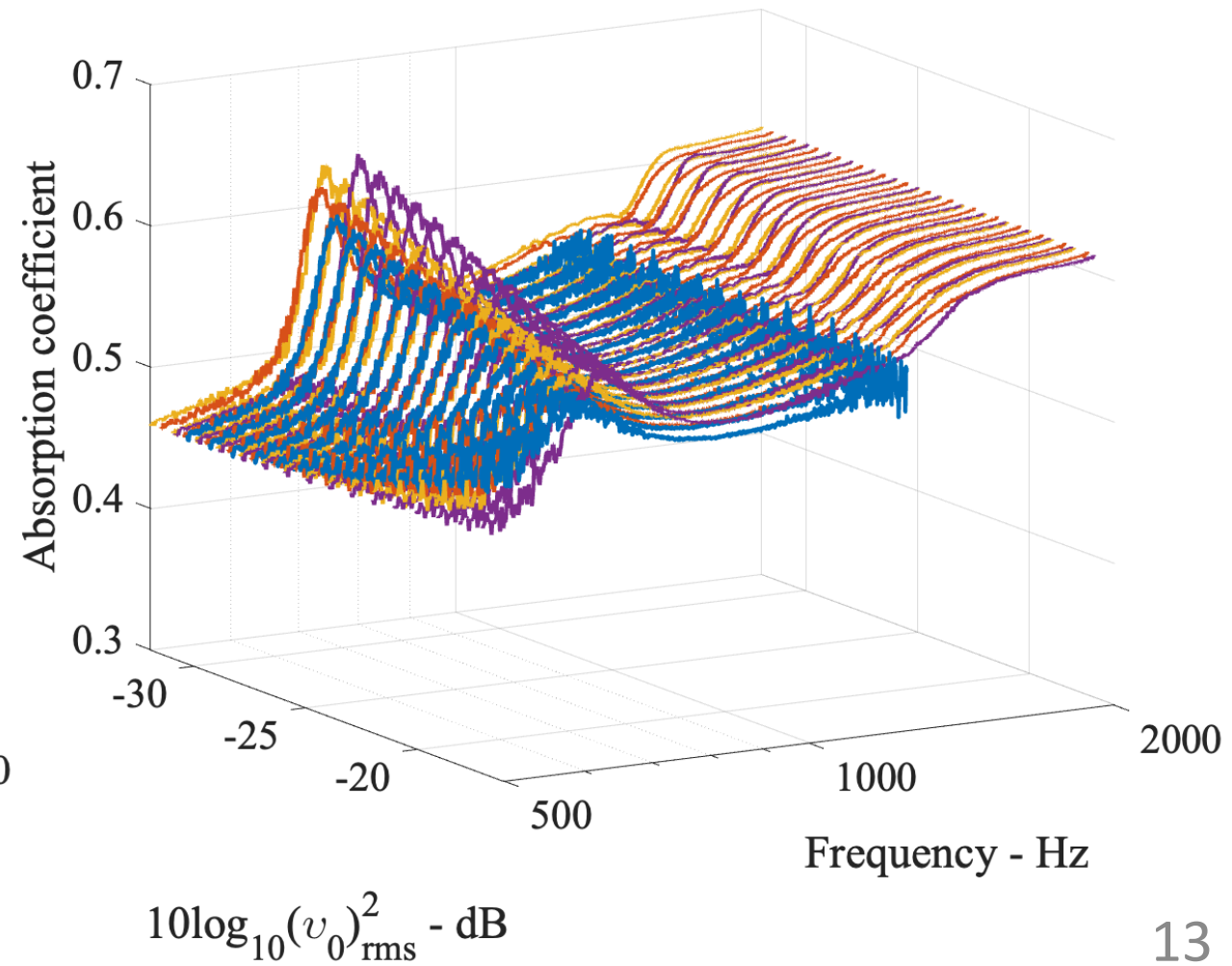
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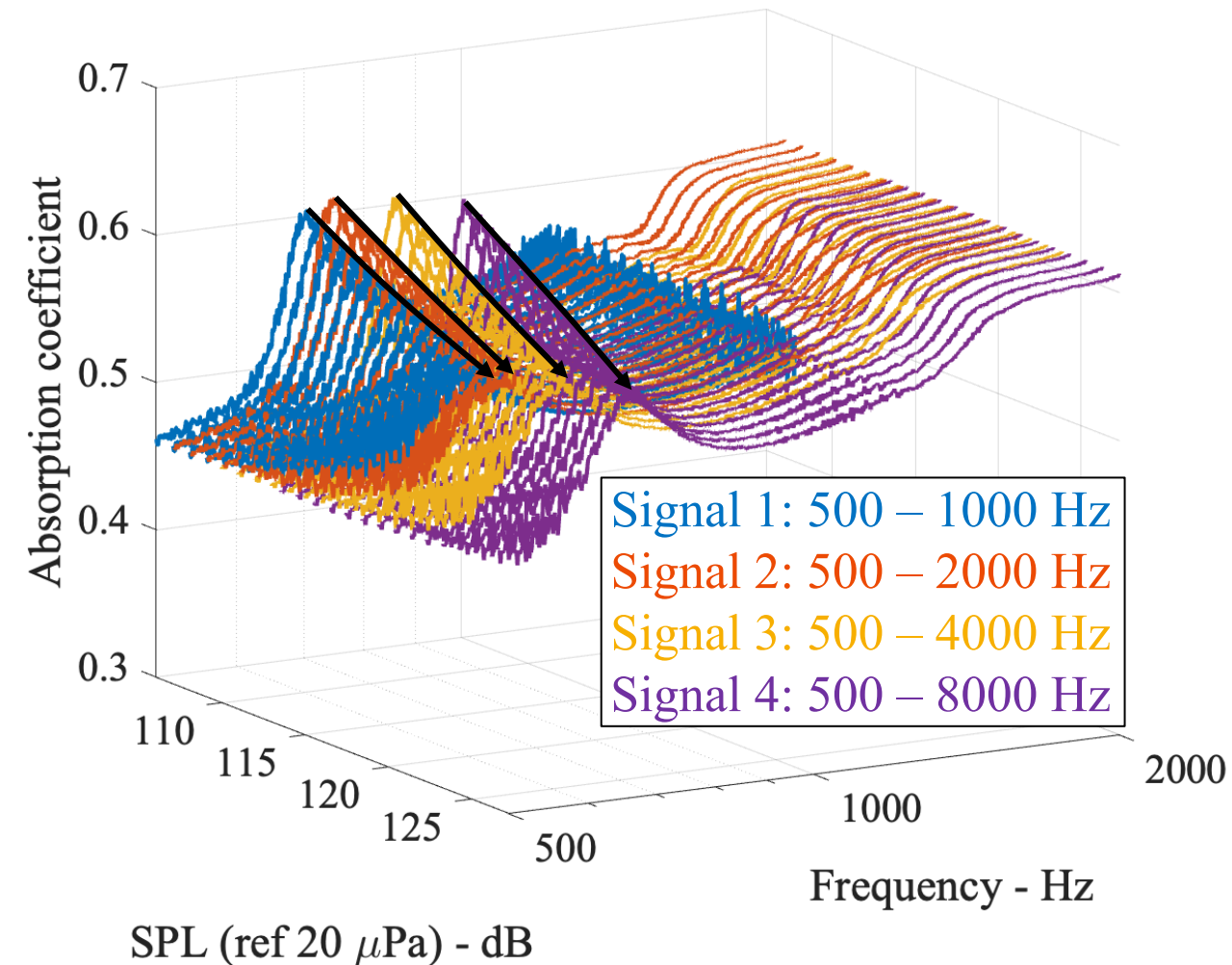
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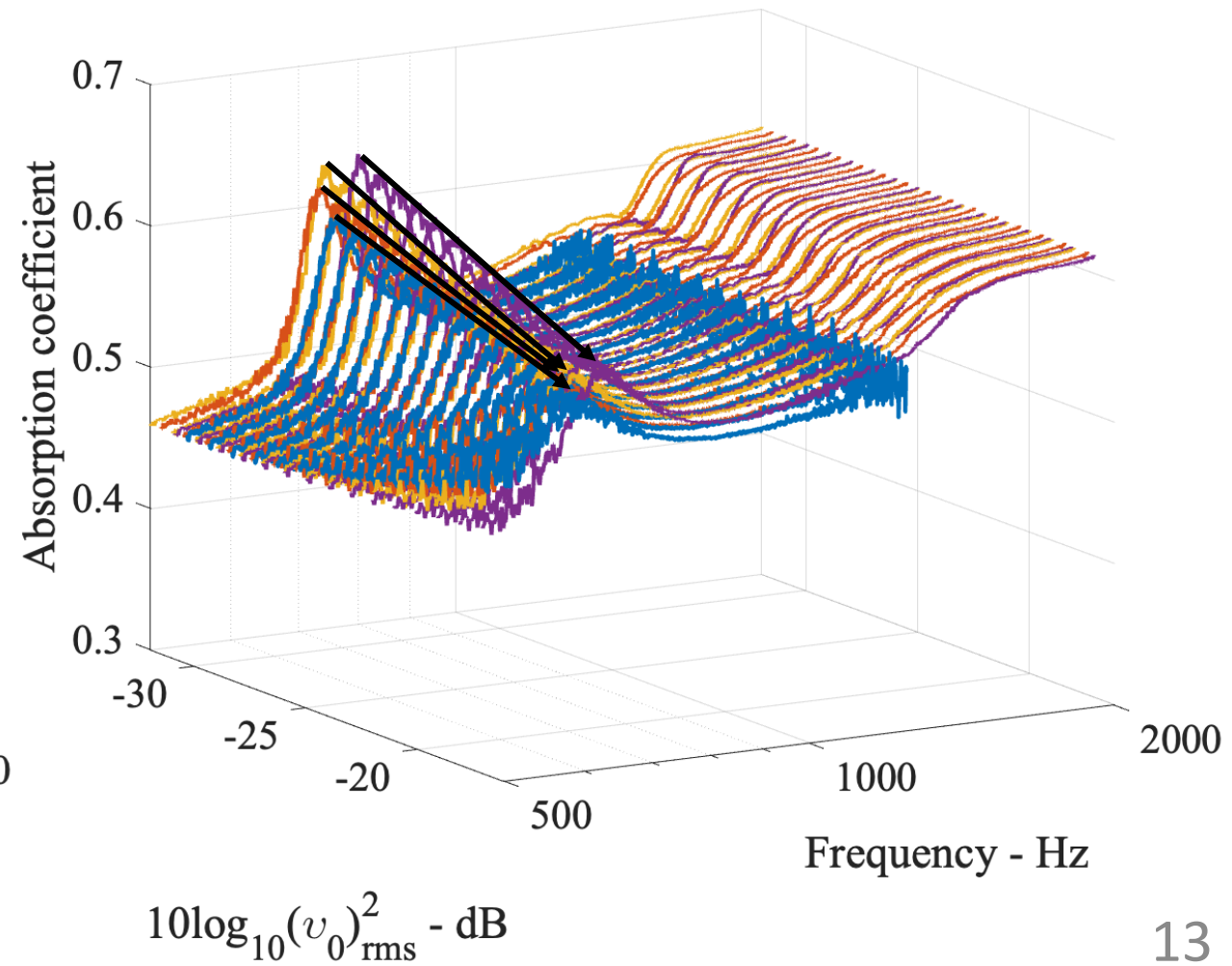
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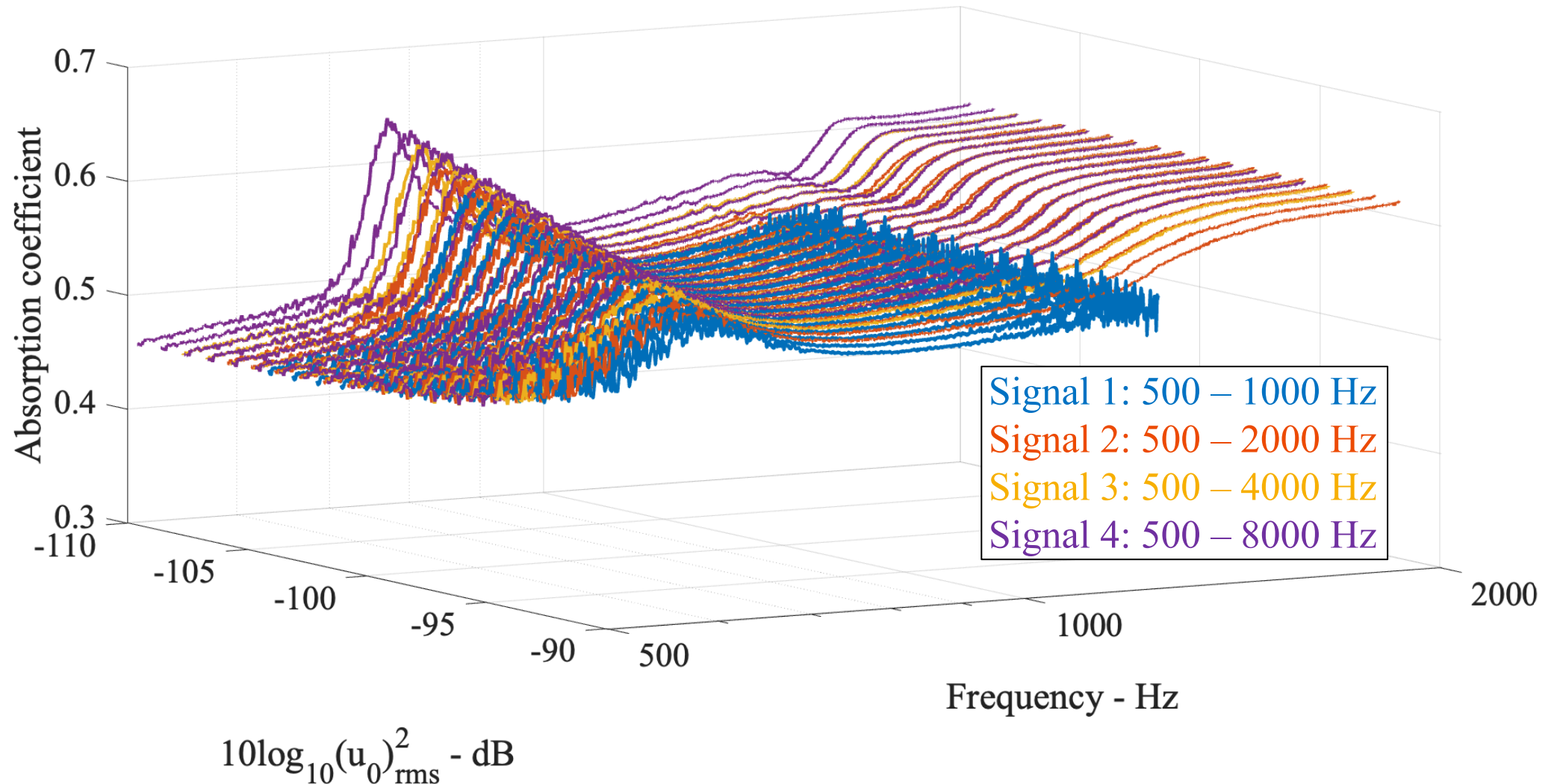
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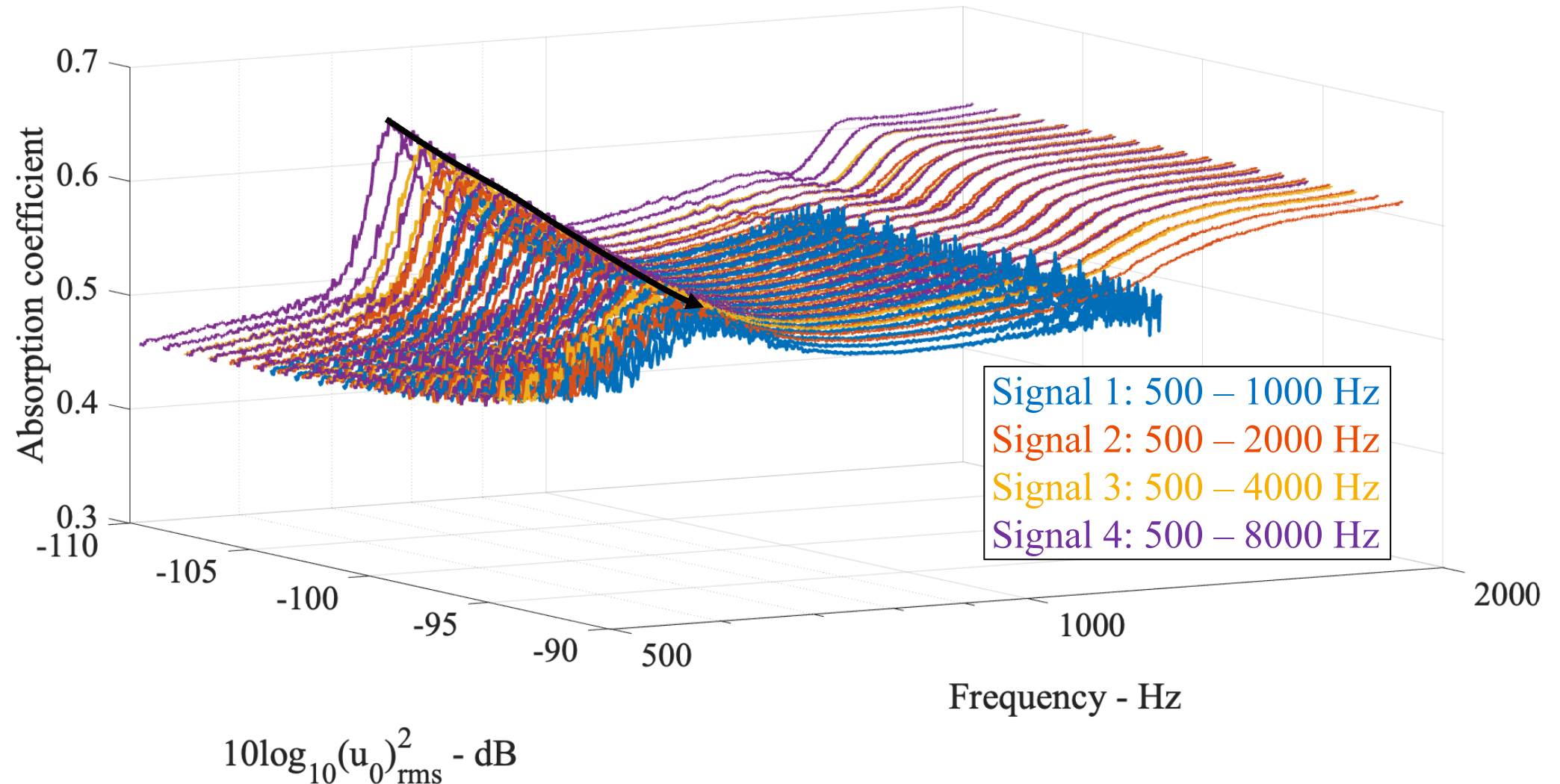
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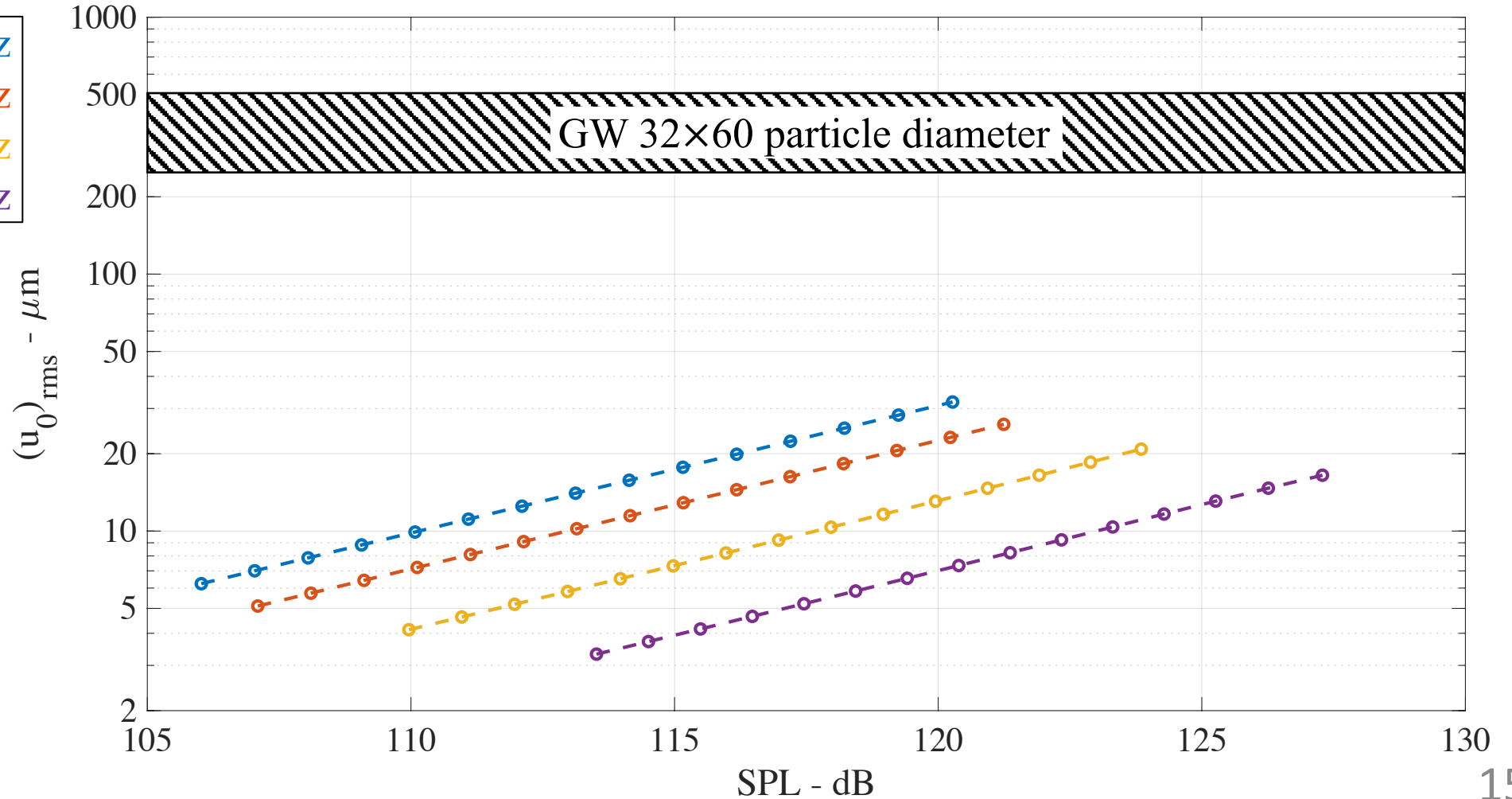
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# RMS displacement

- The effect becomes significant when RMS displacement at the surface of the stack is a small fraction of the particle diameter.

Signal 1: 500 – 1000 Hz  
Signal 2: 500 – 2000 Hz  
Signal 3: 500 – 4000 Hz  
Signal 4: 500 – 8000 Hz



# Conclusions

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- For relatively low-density particle stacks: as the input sound level goes up, the resonance peaks : 1. shift to a lower frequency (i.e., modulus softening); 2. grow broader (i.e., increasing damping)
- The effect becomes significant when the RMS displacement at the surface of the stack is a small fraction of the particle diameter
- The modulus softening and the increasing damping can be characterized by the integrated RMS displacement (which can be related to strain) at the carbon particle stack surface



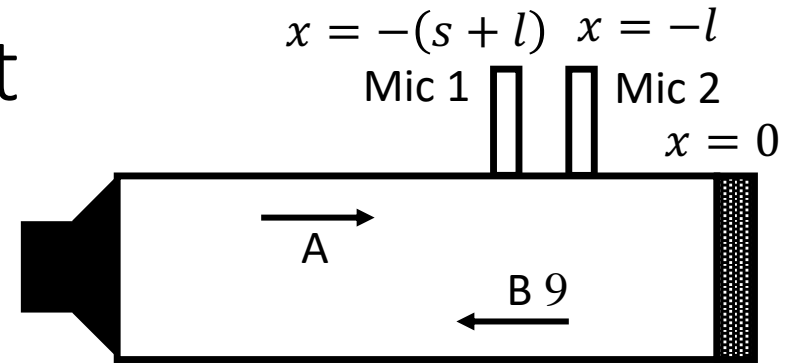
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# Thanks

# Appendix

# RMS pressure, velocity, and displacement



Sound pressure at sample surface, mic 1 and mic 2:

@  $x = 0$  [Sample surface]

$$P_{02} = A + B$$

@  $x = -(s+l)$  [Mic 1]

$$P_1 = Ae^{jk(s+l)} + Be^{-jk(s+l)}$$

@  $x = -l$  [Mic 2]

$$P = Ae^{jkl} + Be^{-jkl}$$

Solve for  $A(f), B(f)$

$$A = j \frac{P_1 e^{-jkl} - P_2 e^{-jk(l+s)}}{\sin(ks)} = j \frac{e^{-jkl} H_2^{c1} e^{-jk(l+s)} - P_{12}}{\sin(ks)}$$

$$B = j \frac{P_2 e^{+jk(l+s)} - P_1 e^{+jkl}}{\sin(ks)} = j \frac{H_2^{c1} e^{+jk(l+s)} - e^{+jkl} P_{12}}{\sin(ks)}$$

$$P_{02} = A + B$$

$$= \left[ j \frac{e^{-jkl} H_2^{c1} e^{-jk(l+s)}}{2 \sin(ks)} + j \frac{H_2^{c1} e^{+jk(l+s)} - e^{+jkl}}{2 \sin(ks)} \right] P$$

$$v_{02} = \frac{A}{\rho_0 c} - \frac{B}{\rho_0 c}$$

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$$u_{02} = \frac{v_{02}}{j\omega}$$

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Therefore,

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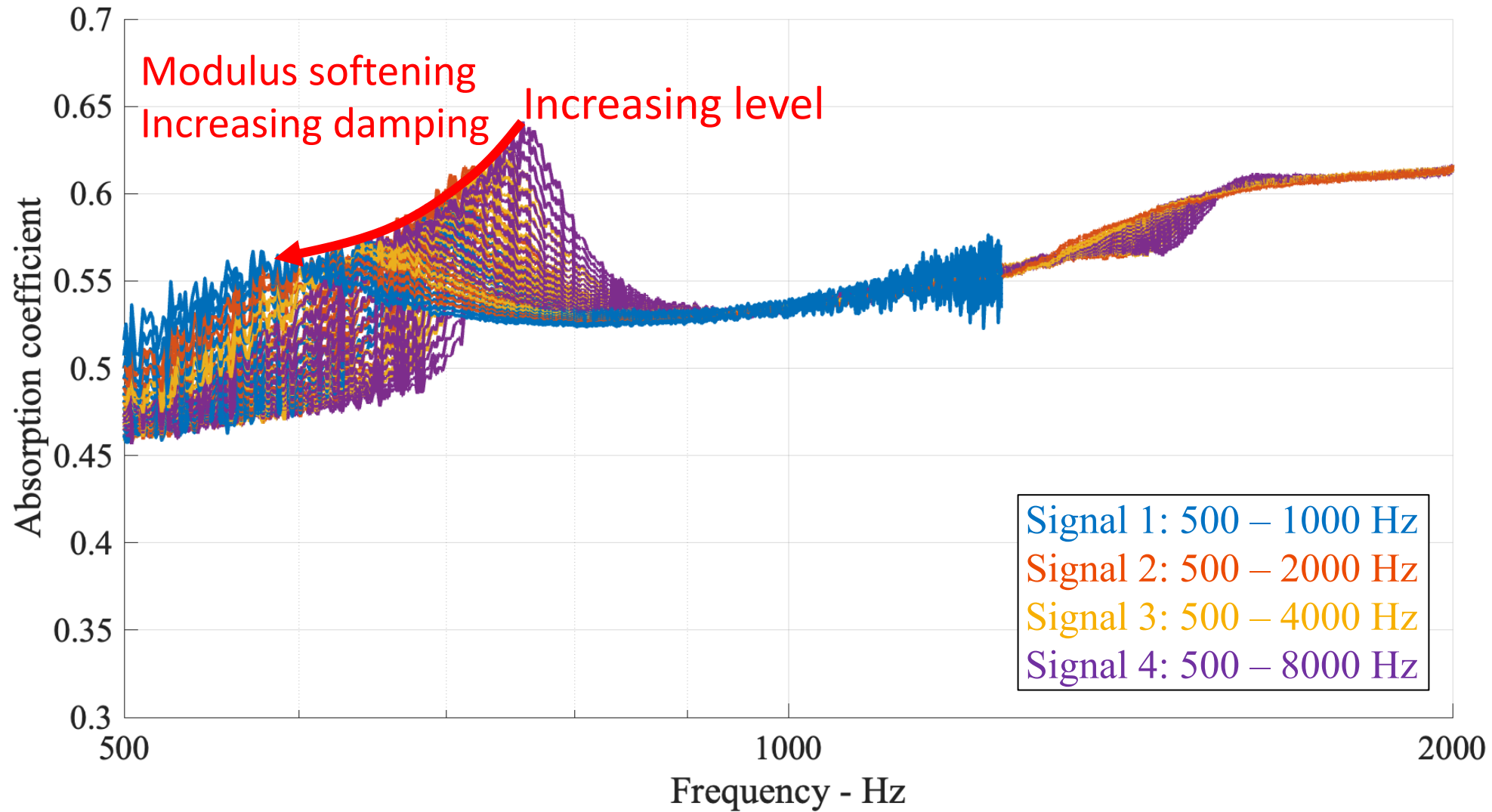
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# PSD of the pressure at the front surface of the material (calculated based on the highest-level segment in each signal)

