



# Porous materials: from acoustic absorption to strut elasticity

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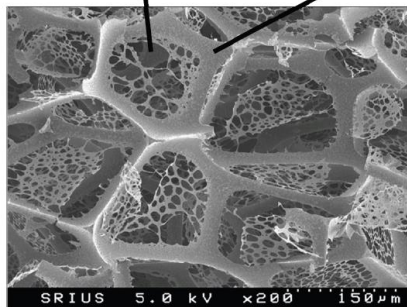
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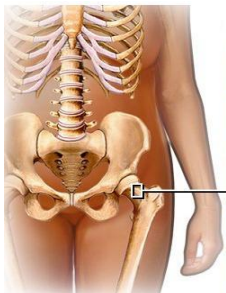
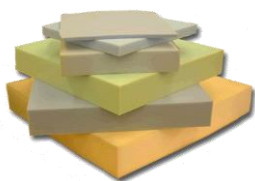
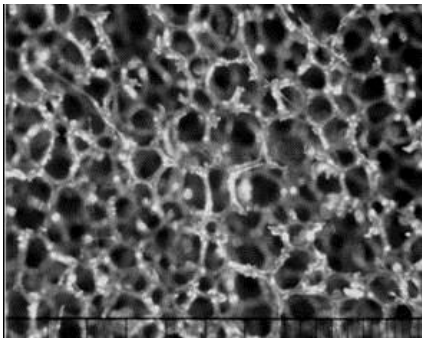
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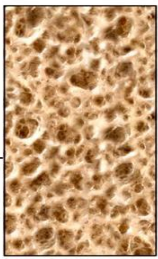


**Applications of porous materials  
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their importance  
for  
room and building acoustic quality**

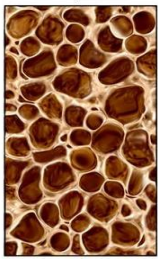
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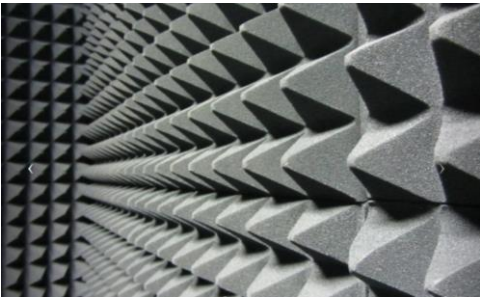
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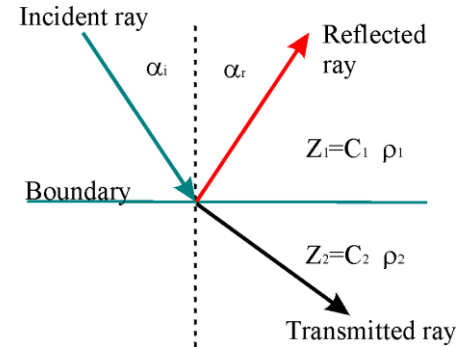
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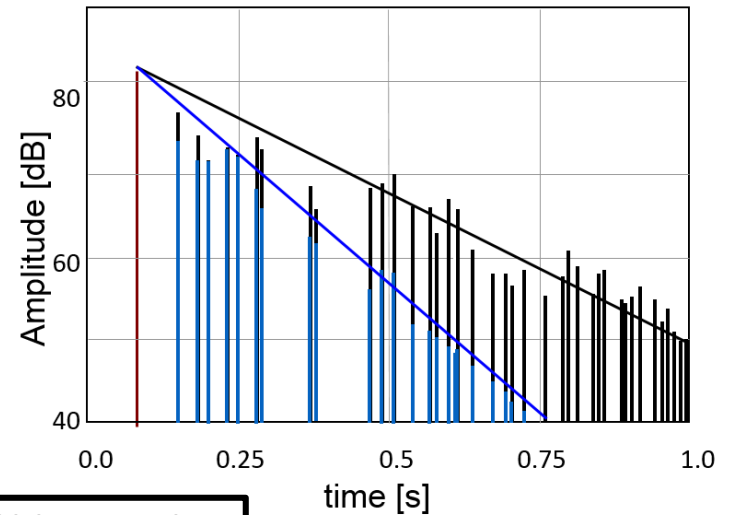
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## Reflection/transmission model



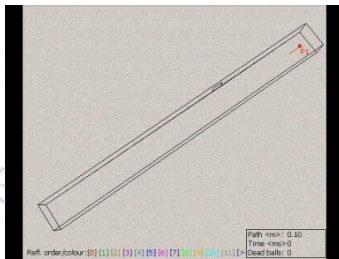
$$T_{60} = \frac{0.16V}{\bar{\alpha}S_{tot}}$$



higher acoustic absorption  
 ↓  
 shorter reverberation time  
 ↓  
 better speech intelligibility

- Acoustic parameters
- impedance  $Z \sim \rho c$
  - reflection  $R_1 \sim \Delta Z$
  - absorption  $\alpha = 1 - R_1$
  - scattering  $s$

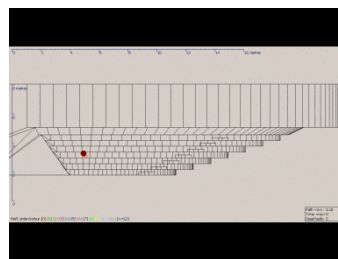
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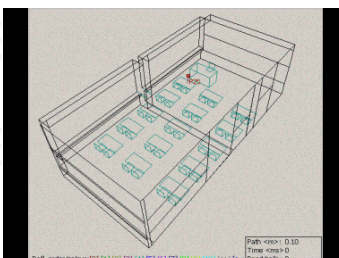
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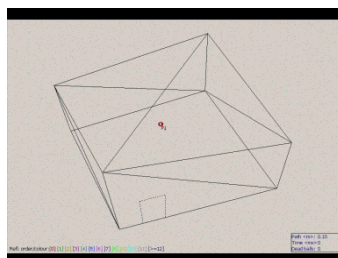
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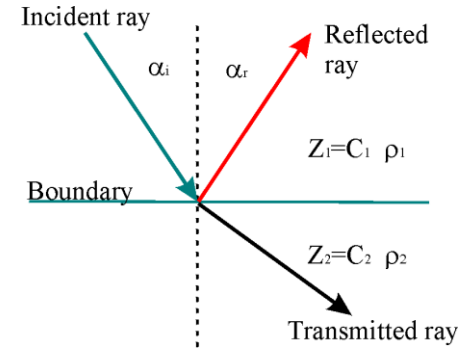
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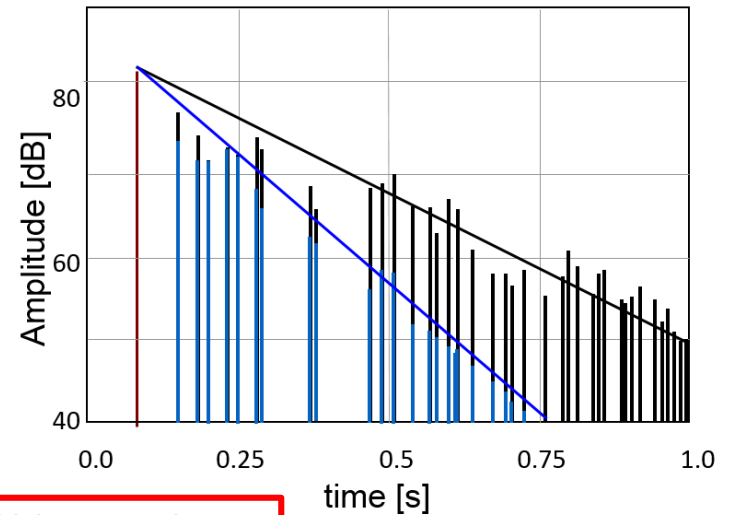
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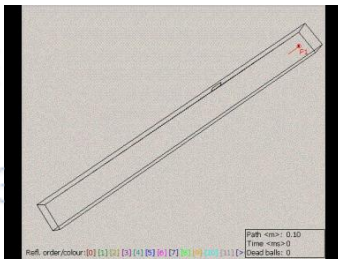
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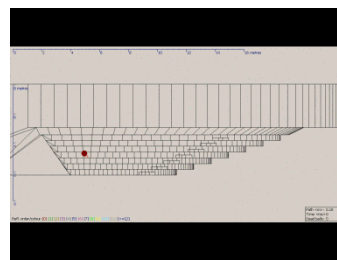
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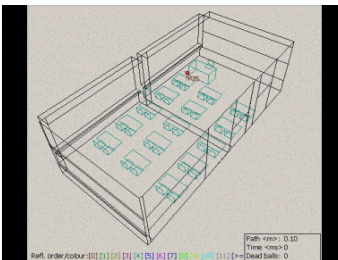
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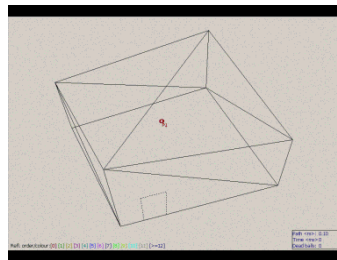


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higher acoustic scattering

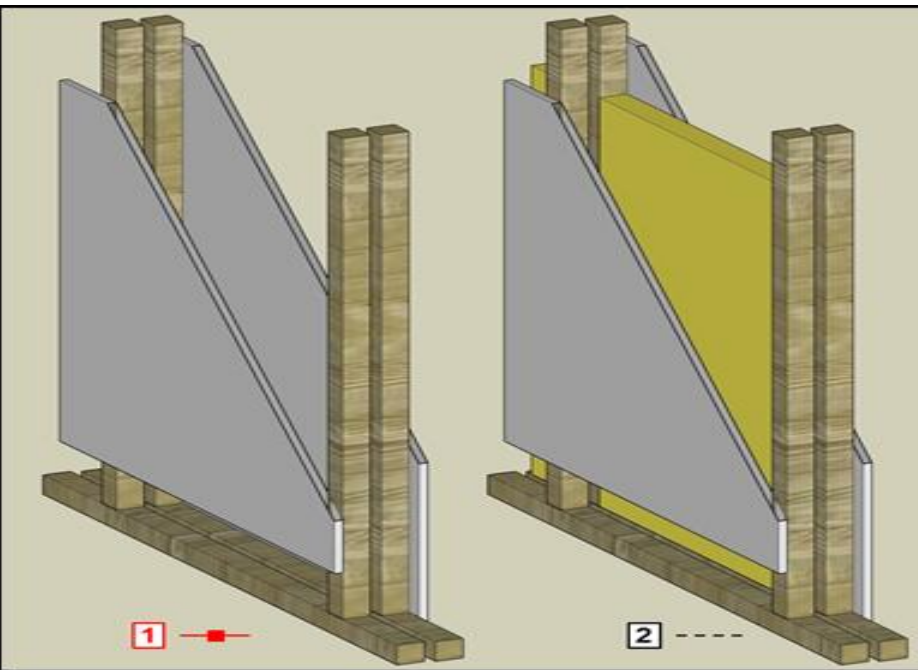
more uniform distribution of sound energy

better acoustic performance

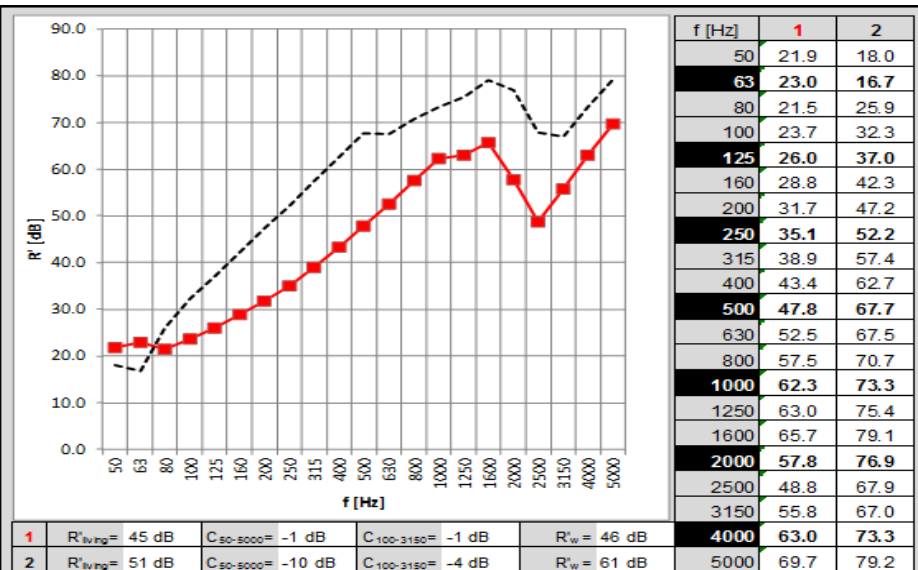
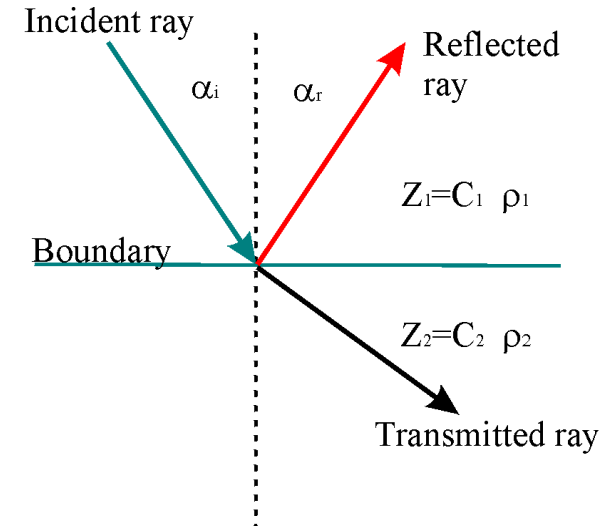
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# Porous materials : applications and effects in building acoustics



## Reflection/transmission model



Acoustic parameter  
 ○ absorption  $\alpha$

# Porous materials : applications and effects in vibration damping

## VISCOELASTIC POLYURETHANE FOAM



Slow recovery after compression

- mattresses
- pillows,
- wheel chair pads
- furniture

## HIGH RESILIENCE POLYURETHANE FOAM



Non-uniform and open cell structure

- high resilience foam
- bedding
- furniture
- footwear

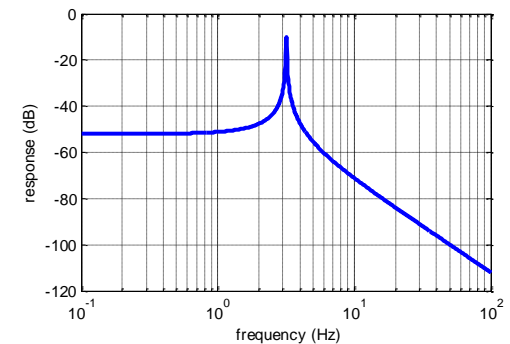
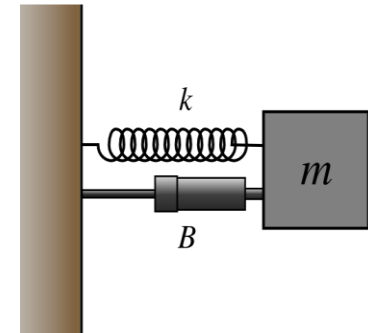
## MICROCELLULAR POLYURETHANE FOAM



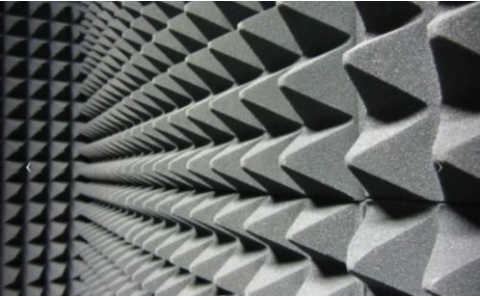
Very fine cells: light but strong

- Furniture arm rests
- Wheel chair wheels
- Replacement of plastic

## Mass-spring model



- Viscoelastic parameters:
- spring constant
  - real and imaginary part of
    - longitudinal modulus
    - shear modulus



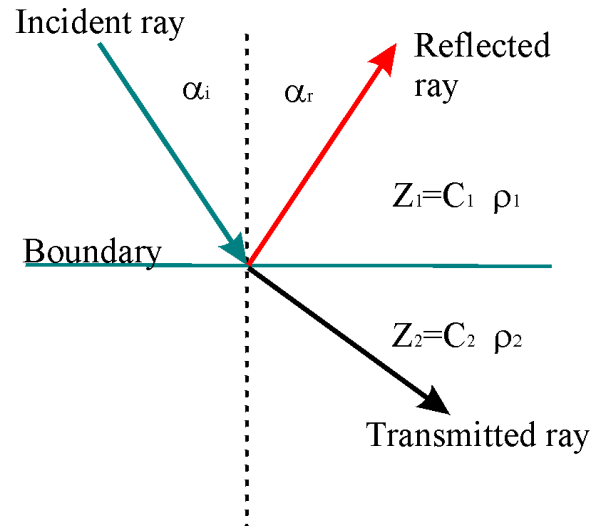
**Measurement of  
the acoustic performance  
of  
macroscopic porous surfaces**



# Porous materials for room acoustics : characterization methods

## Determination of acoustic absorption

Geometry	Method
1. Random incidence	Reverberation
2. Perpendicular incidence	Kundt tube
3. Incidence under particular angle	a. Spark method
	b. Acoustic holography



$$I_{reflected}(f) = R_I(f) I_{incident}(f) = (1 - \alpha(f)) I_{incident}(f)$$

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1. Random incidence	ISO-354	Reverberation

Measurement of the reverberation time

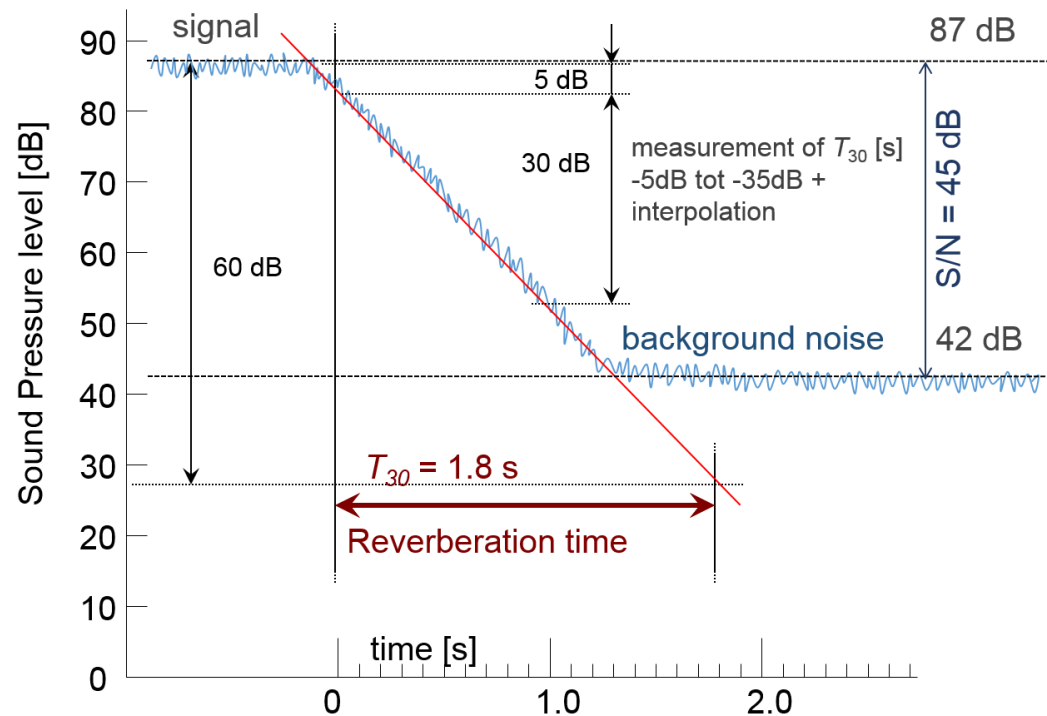


$$\text{Without sample: } T_{60, \text{without}} = \frac{0.16V}{\alpha_{\text{walls}} S_{\text{walls}} + \alpha_{\text{floor}} S_{\text{floor}}}$$

$$\text{With sample: } T_{60, \text{with}} = \frac{0.16V}{\alpha_{\text{walls}} S_{\text{walls}} + \alpha_{\text{sample}} S_{\text{floor}}}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{sample}} = \frac{1}{S_{\text{floor}}} \left( \frac{0.16V}{T_{60, \text{with}}} - \alpha_{\text{walls}} S_{\text{walls}} \right) = \frac{1}{S_{\text{floor}}} \left( \frac{0.16V}{T_{60, \text{with}}} - \frac{0.16V}{T_{60, \text{without}}} + \alpha_{\text{floor}} S_{\text{floor}} \right)$$

with sample

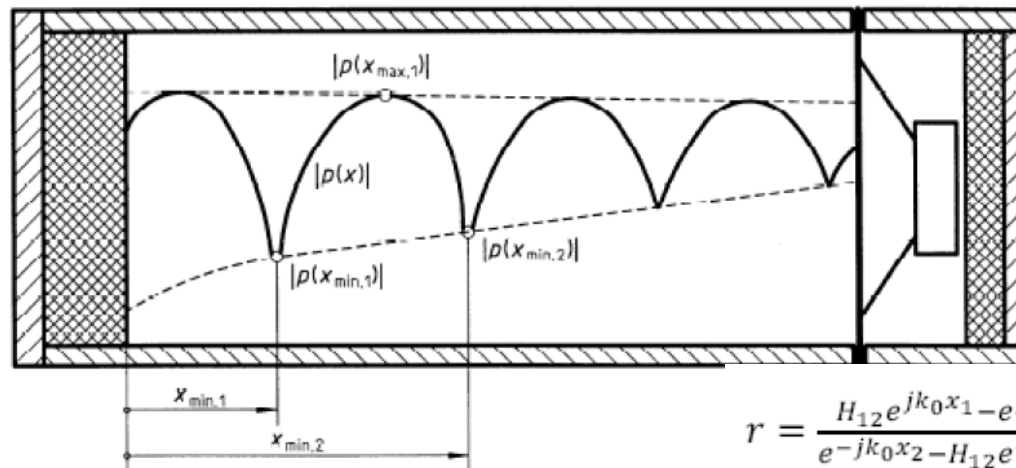


without sample

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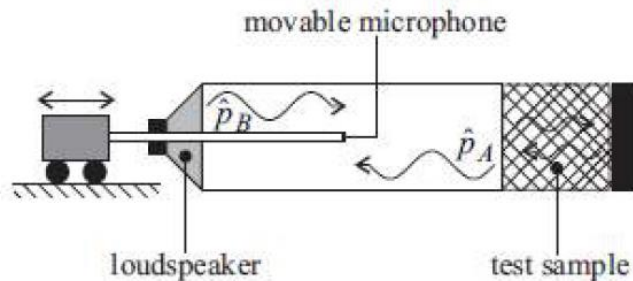


$$R_I = \frac{\frac{Z}{Z_0} - 1}{\frac{Z}{Z_0} + 1}$$

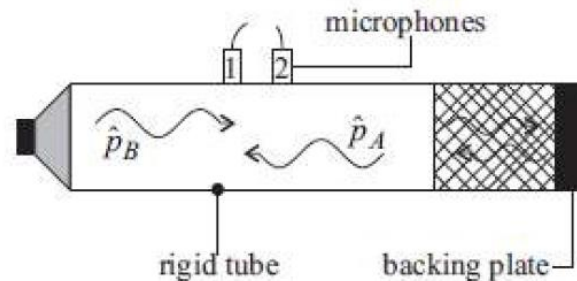
$$r = \frac{H_{12}e^{jk_0x_1} - e^{jk_0x_2}}{e^{-jk_0x_2} - H_{12}e^{-jk_0x_1}} = \frac{H_{12} - H_I}{H_R - H_{12}} e^{2jk_0x_1}$$

Measurement of the reflection coefficient

Standing wave ratio technique



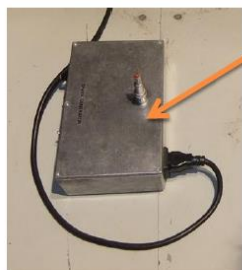
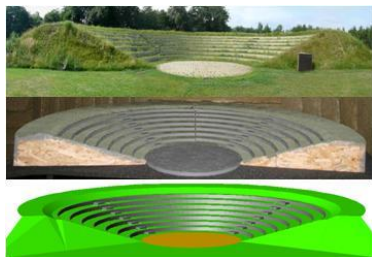
Two-microphone technique



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3. Incidence under particular angle	a. Spark method

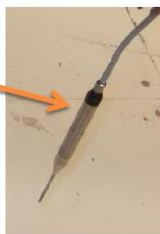


### Spark source

The spark source provides an electrical pulse and produces electromagnetic waves.

### Microphone

The microphone receives the acoustic signal and converts it into an electrical signal.



### Pre-amplifier

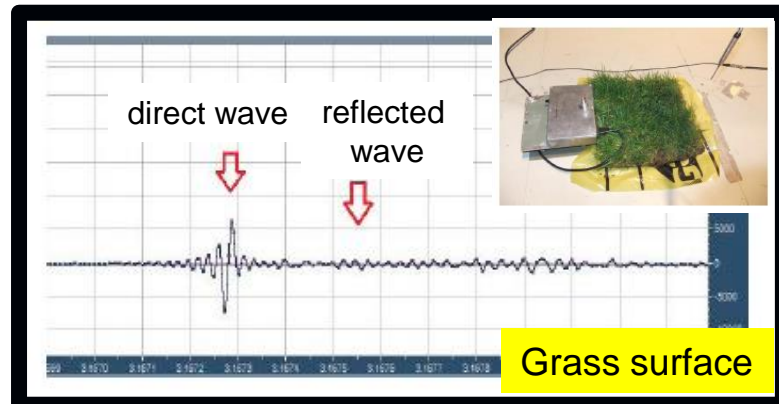
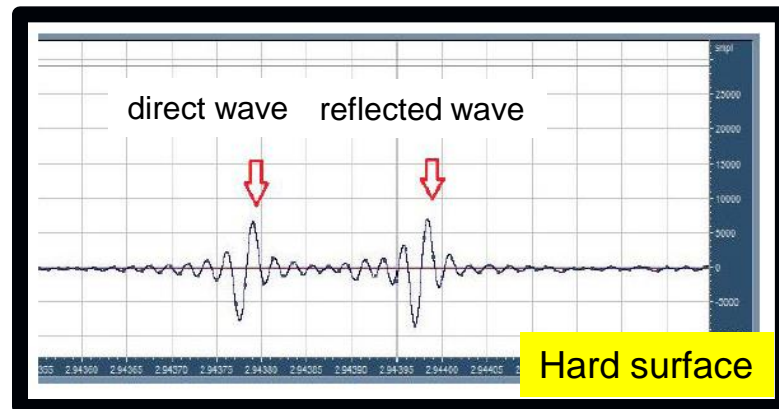
The pre-amplifier limits signal degradation caused by noise interference.



### Sound Card

The sound card can manage all sounds received and send them to a computer.

### Measurement of the reflection coefficient

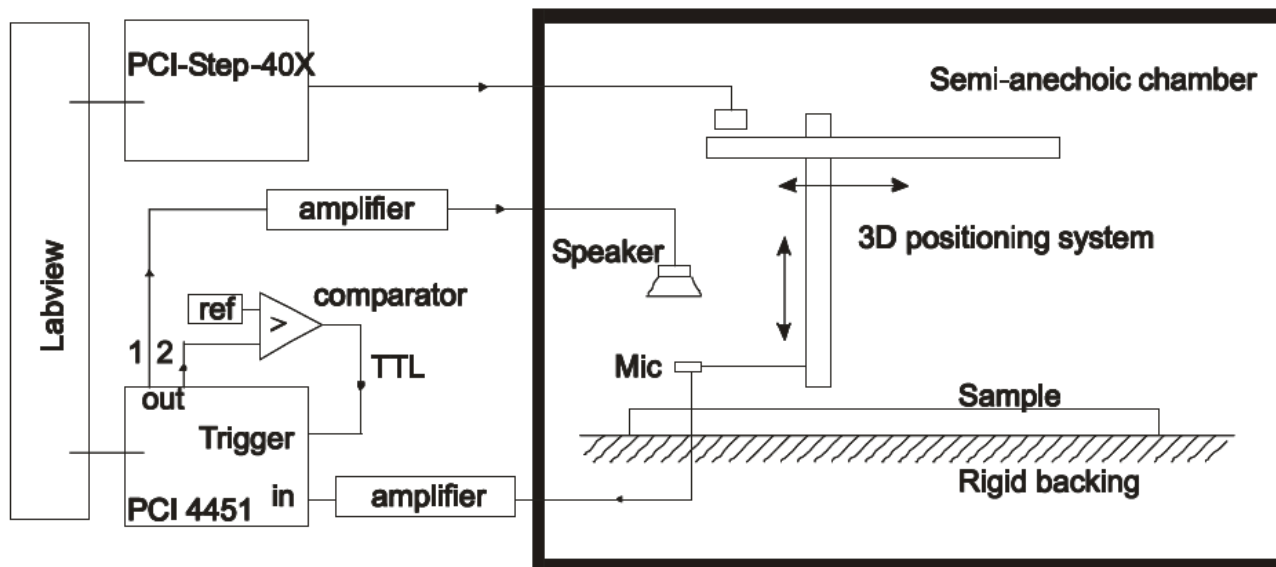


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## Determination of effective porous material parameters

Geometry	Method
3. Incidence under particular angle	b. Acoustic holography

### Measurement of the reflection coefficient: Tamura method



$$R(k_x, k_y, k_z) = \frac{e^{-jk_z z_1} - e^{-jk_z z_2} \frac{P(k_x, k_y, z_1)}{P(k_x, k_y, z_2)}}{e^{jk_z z_2} \frac{P(k_x, k_y, z_1)}{P(k_x, k_y, z_2)} - e^{jk_z z_1}}$$

**Measurement of  
the bulk properties  
of  
porous  
materials**



# Porous materials : characterization methods

## Determination of structural parameters underlying the acoustic absorption

Geometry	Method
1. Compressive modulus of the frame	mass-spring/DMA
2. Shear modulus of the frame	mass-spring
3. Porosity	ultrasound reflection
4. Tortuosity	speed of sound
5. Thermal and viscous characteristic lengths	speed of sound
6. Flow resistivity	pressure-flow

## Biot – Johnson – Allard - model

J. F. Allard and N. Atalla, *Propagation of Sound in Porous Media : Modelling Sound Absorbing Materials*, Elsevier (first edition 1993): Wiley and Sons. Ltd., New York, (second edition 2009)

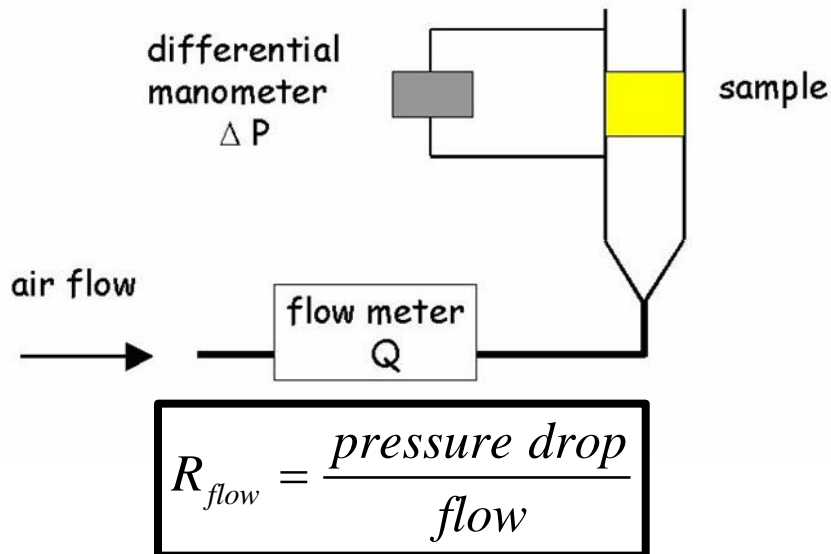
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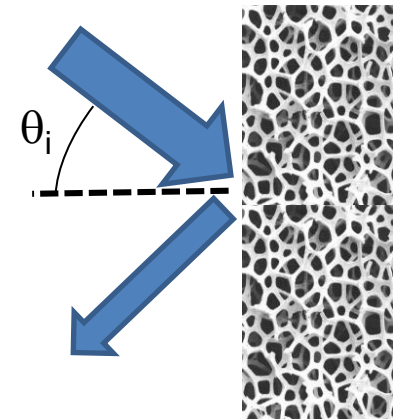
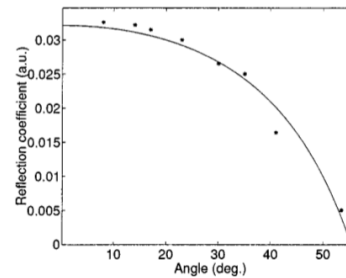
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### Flow resistivity $R_{flow}$



### Porosity $\Phi$

reflection coefficient  $r_i(\theta, f)$



$$\phi = \frac{\alpha_{\infty}(1 - r_i)\cos \theta_i}{(1 + r_i)\sqrt{\alpha_{\infty} - \sin^2 \theta_i}}$$

$\alpha_{\infty}$ : tortuosity

Measuring the porosity and the tortuosity of porous materials via reflected waves at oblique incidence



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**Tortuosity  $\alpha_\infty$ ,  
viscous ( $\Lambda$ ) and thermal ( $\Lambda'$ )  
characteristic length**

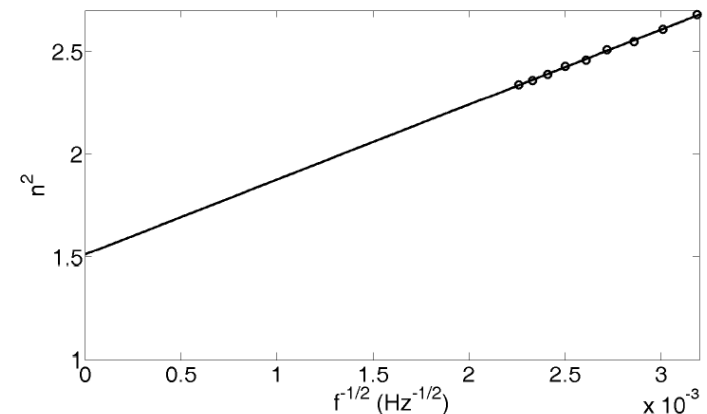
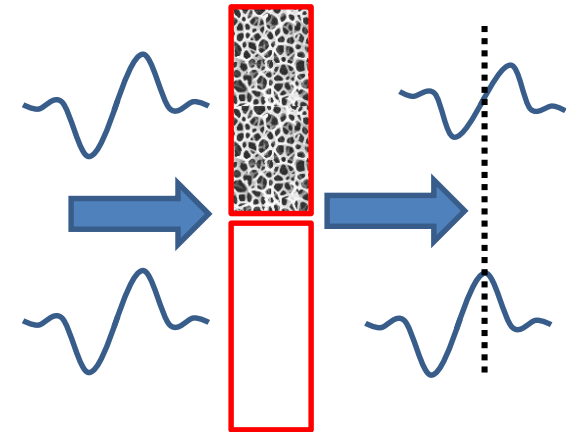
$$\alpha_\infty = \frac{1/V \int_V v^2 dV}{(1/V \int_V \vec{v} dV)^2}$$

$$n^2 = \alpha_\infty \left[ 1 + \delta \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda} + \frac{\gamma - 1}{\Lambda' B} \right) \right]$$

$$n = \frac{c_{air}}{c_{sample}} \quad \text{refractive index}$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2\eta}{\rho_f \omega}} \quad \text{viscous skin depth}$$

$$B^2 \quad \text{Prandtl nr}$$

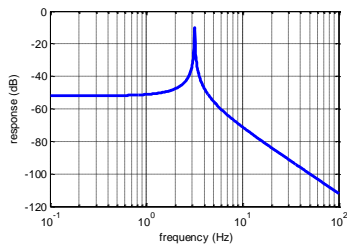
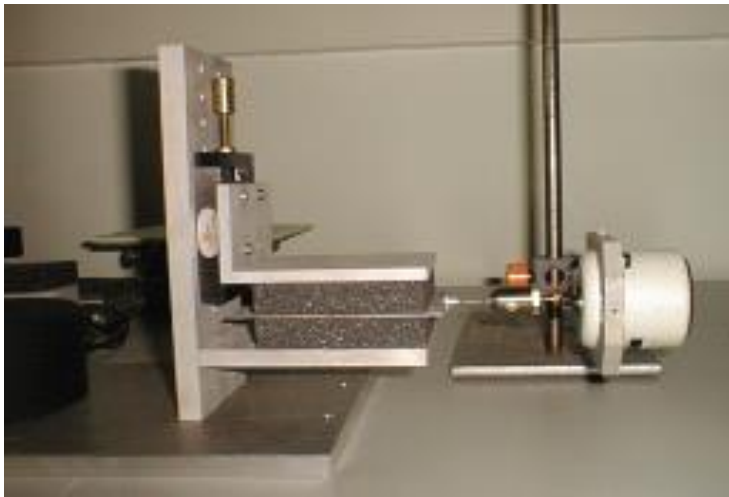


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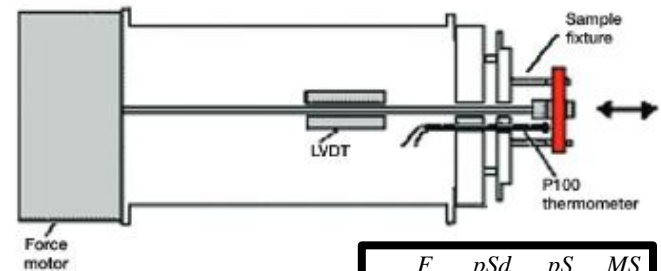
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### Mass-spring resonance experiment

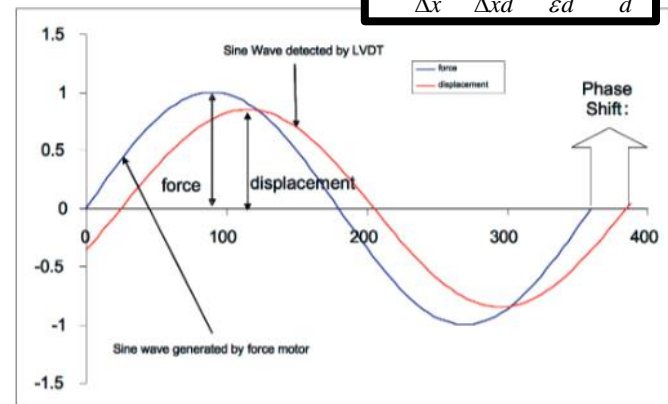


$$k = \omega_0^2 m = \frac{MS}{d}$$

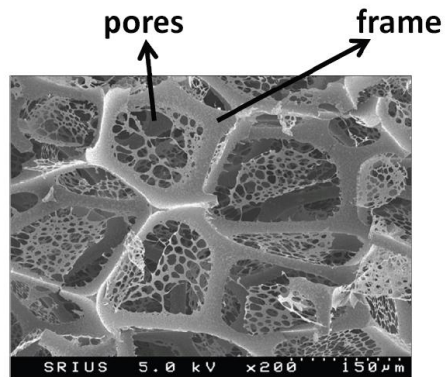
### Dynamic mechanical analysis



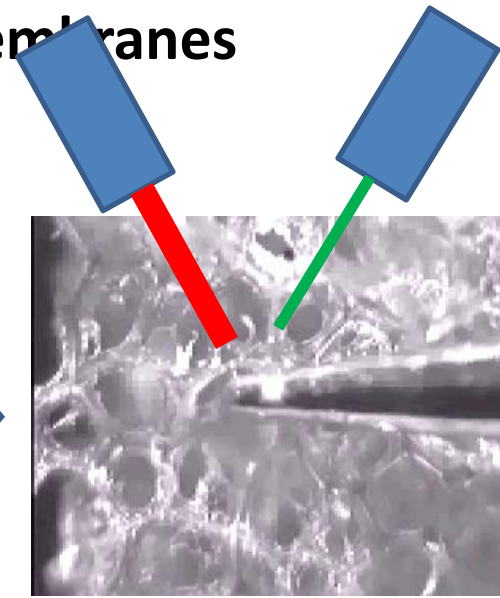
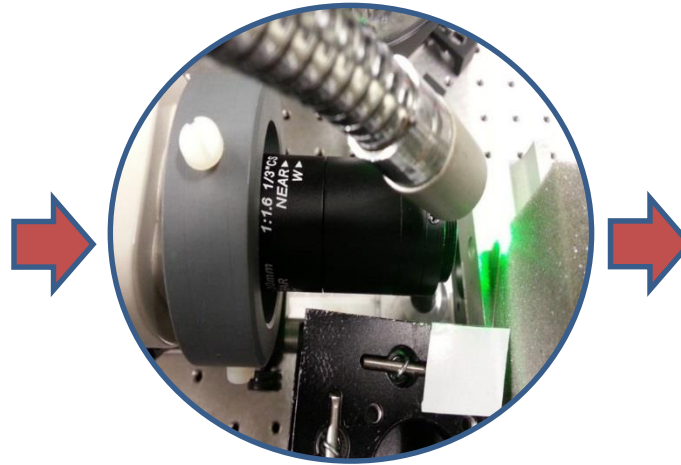
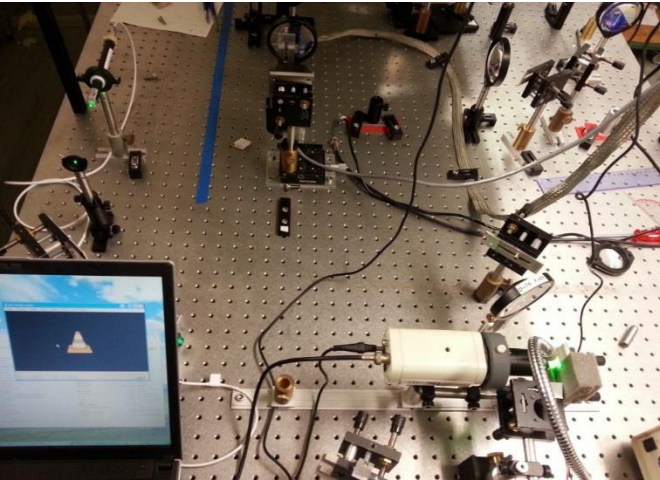
$$k = \frac{F}{\Delta x} = \frac{pSd}{\Delta xd} = \frac{pS}{\epsilon d} = \frac{MS}{d}$$



# Measurement of the microscopic properties of porous struts and membranes

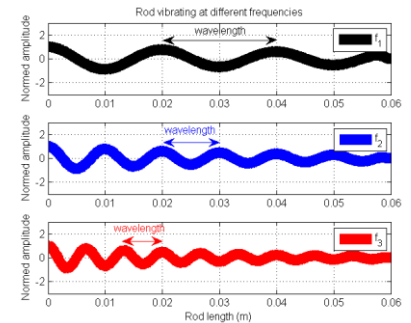


# Characterization of porous struts and membranes



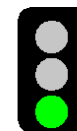
## Approach:

- Local excitation: small source, short wavelength  $\lambda$ , high frequency  $f_{exc}$
- Local detection:
  - CCD pixel size  $\ll \lambda$ , stroboscopic illumination frequency  $\sim f_{exc}$
  - vibrometer probe spot size  $\ll \lambda$
- Local guided wave velocity and damping  $\rightarrow$  local real and imaginary part of elastic modulus



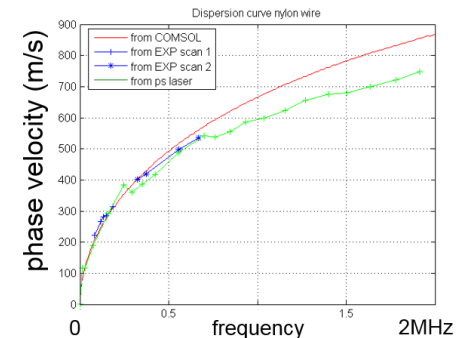
## Challenge:

- Compromise between
  - Small wavelength  $\lambda$ : < microscopic entity of interest
  - Long wavelength  $\lambda$ : frequency  $f=c/\lambda$  in the audio range



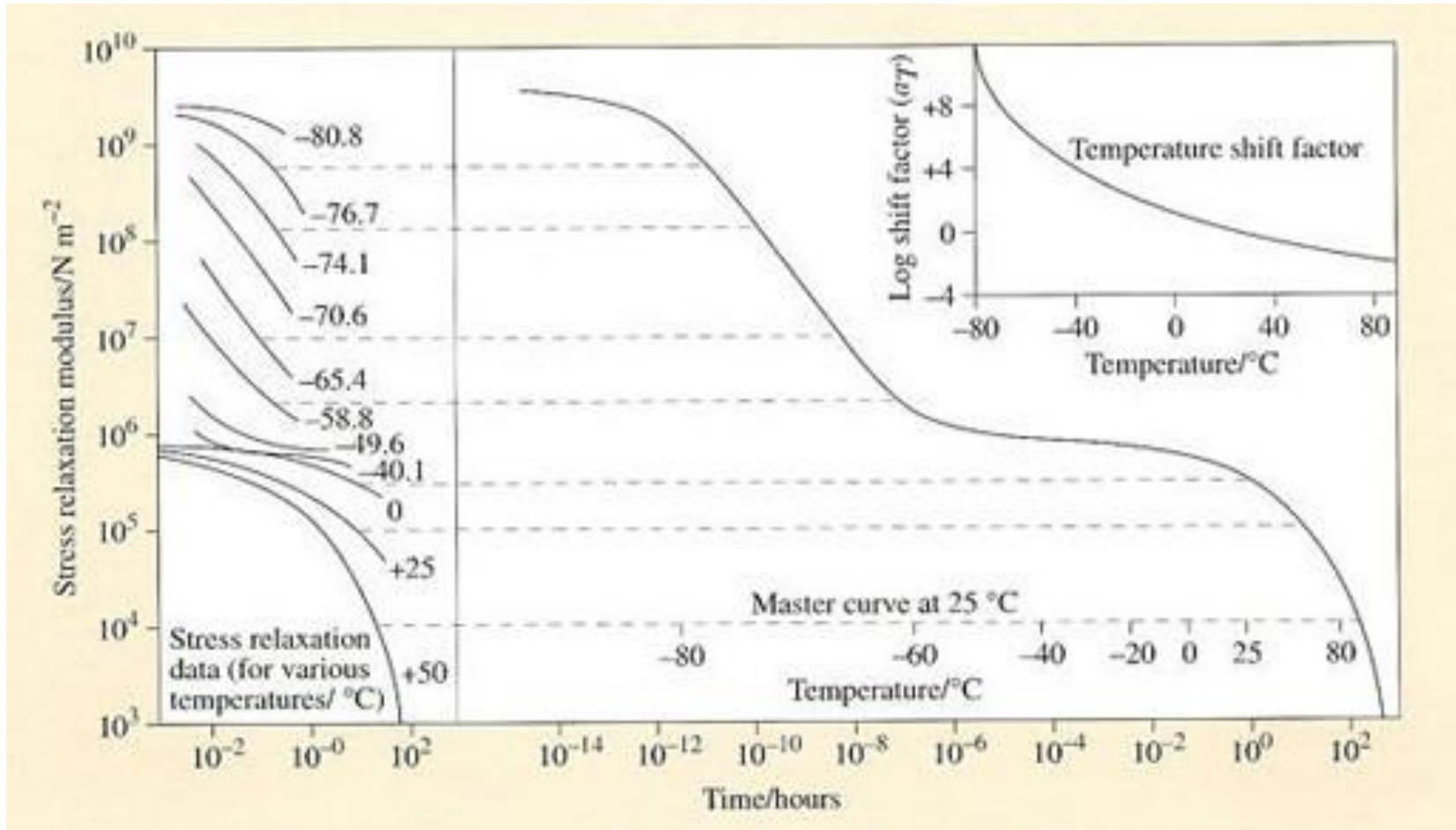
## Strategy:

- Exploit time-temperature superposition principle



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## Time-temperature superposition principle



modulus  $M(t, T_1)$

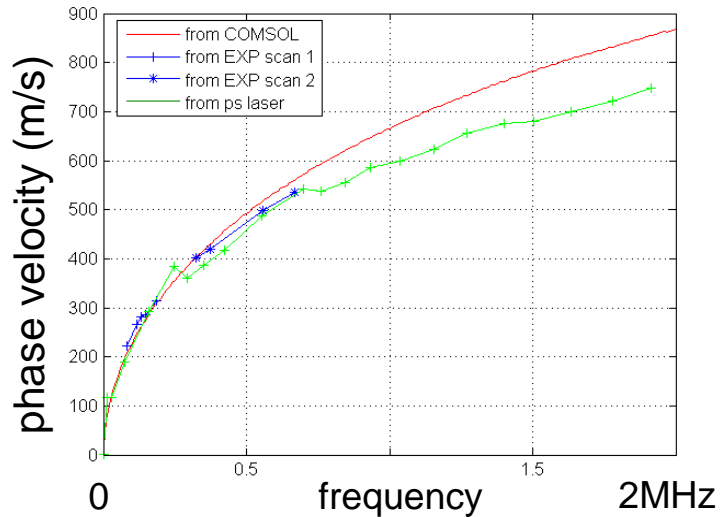
shift factor  $\alpha_t(T_2/T_1)$

(e.g. Williams-Landel-Ferry (WLF) relation)

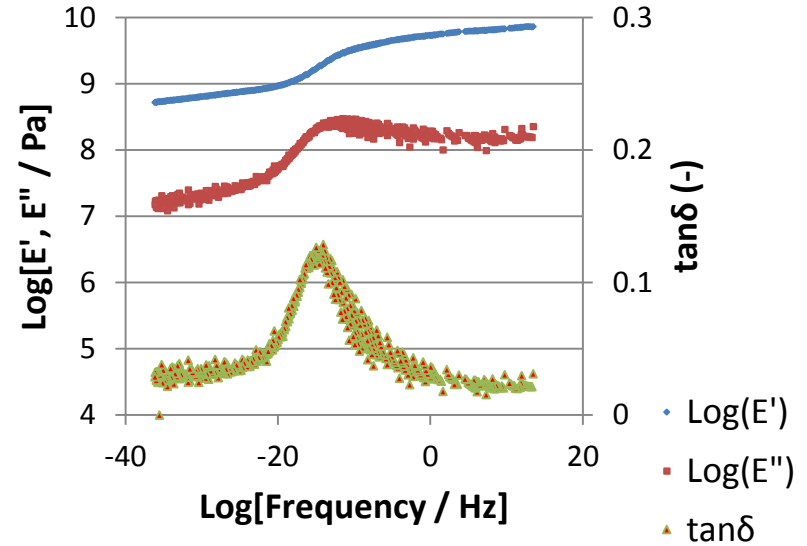
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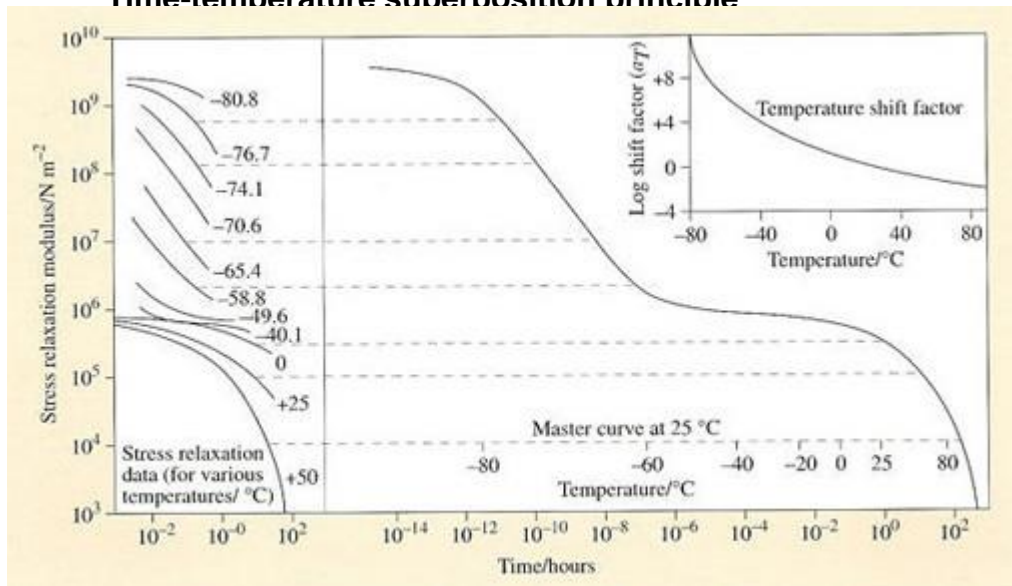
Vibrometry measurement on a nylon fiber



DMA measurement on a nylon fiber



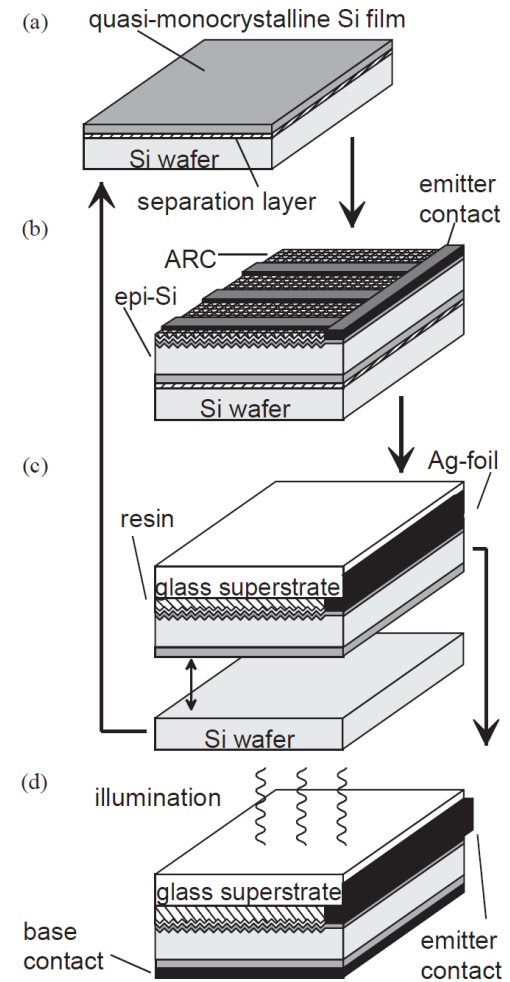
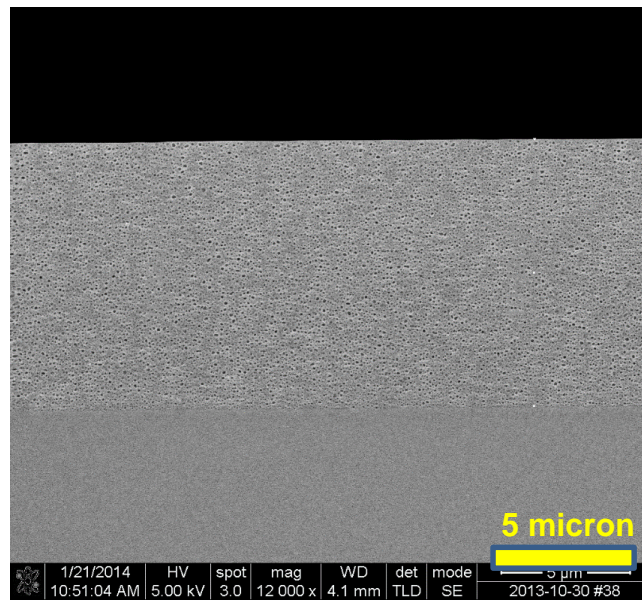
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# **Porous silicon**



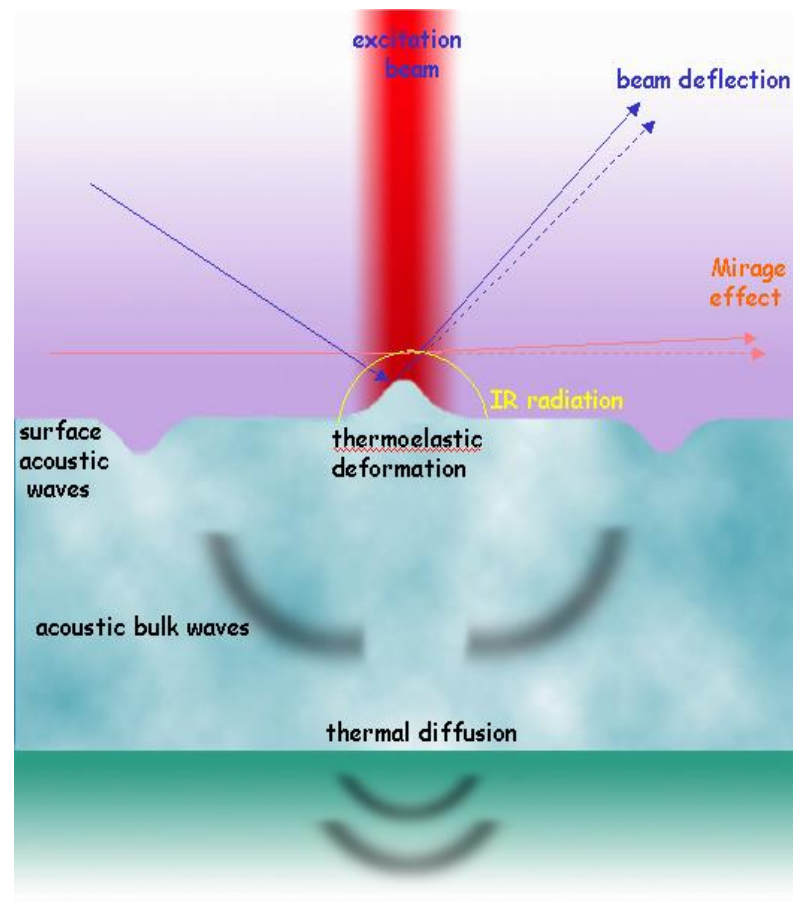
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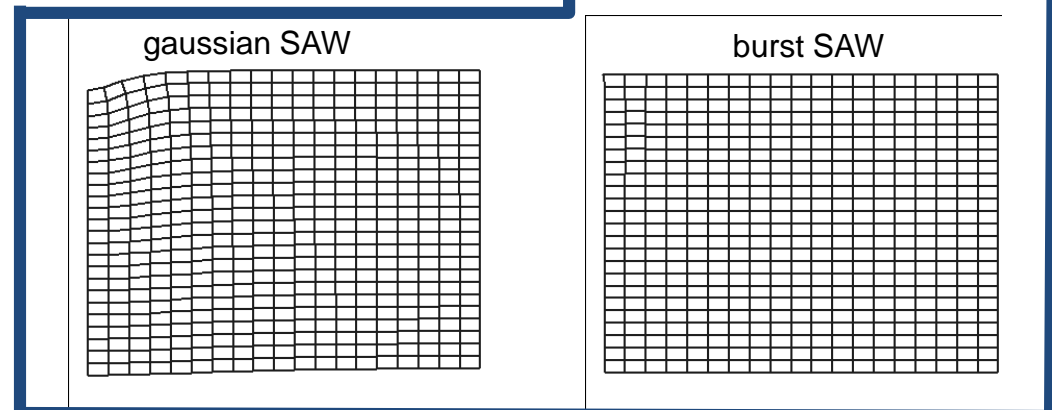
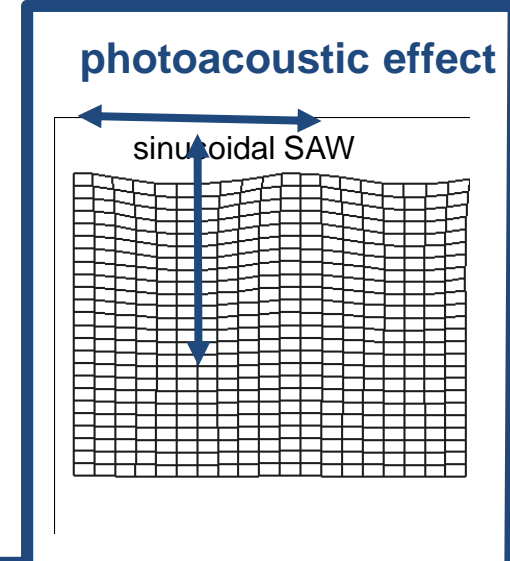
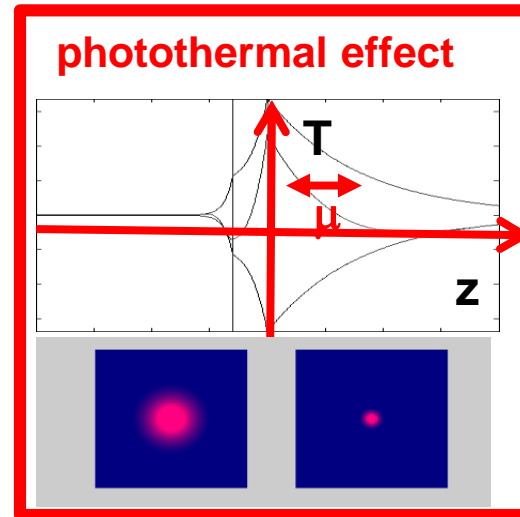
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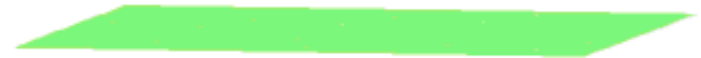
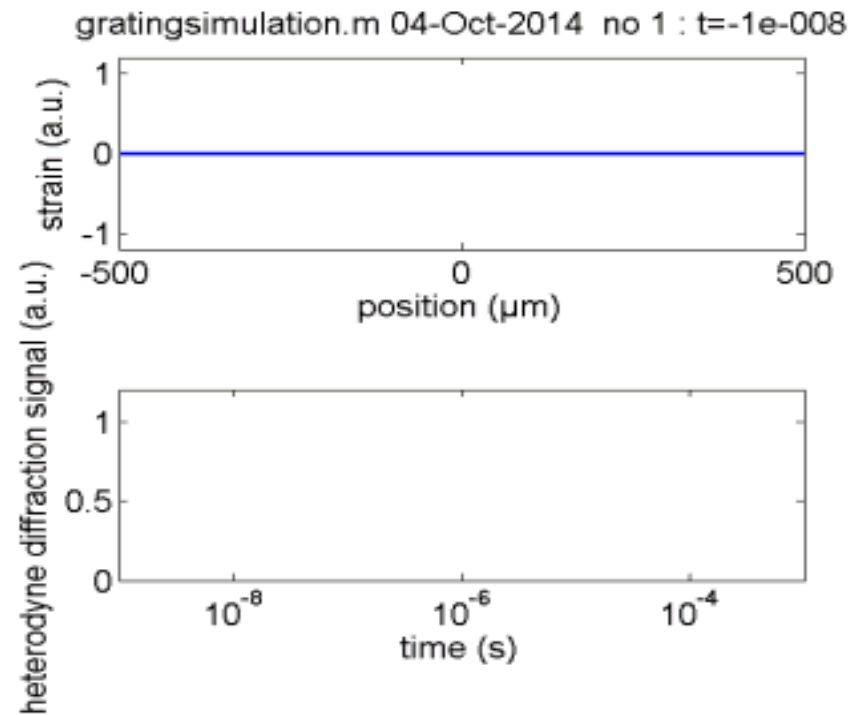
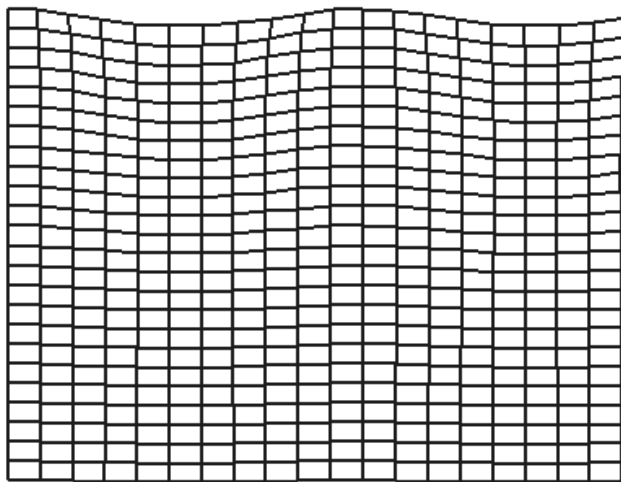
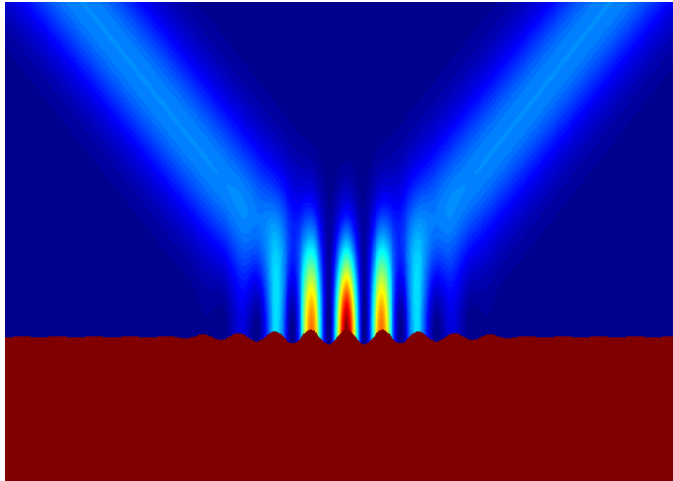
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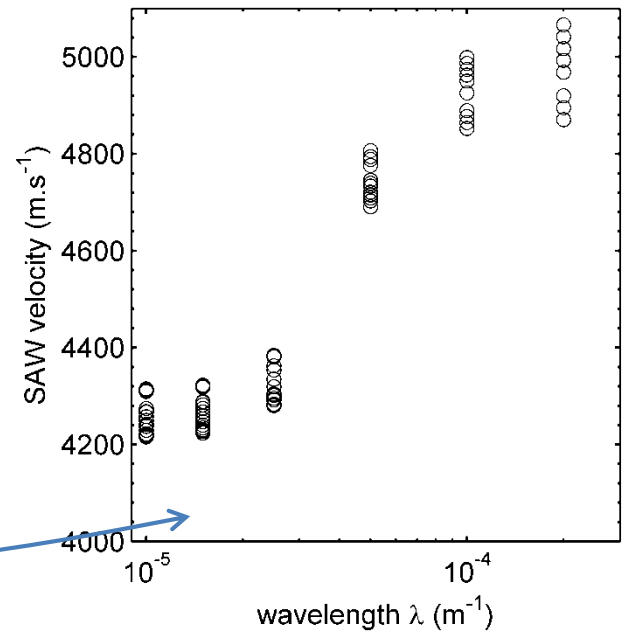
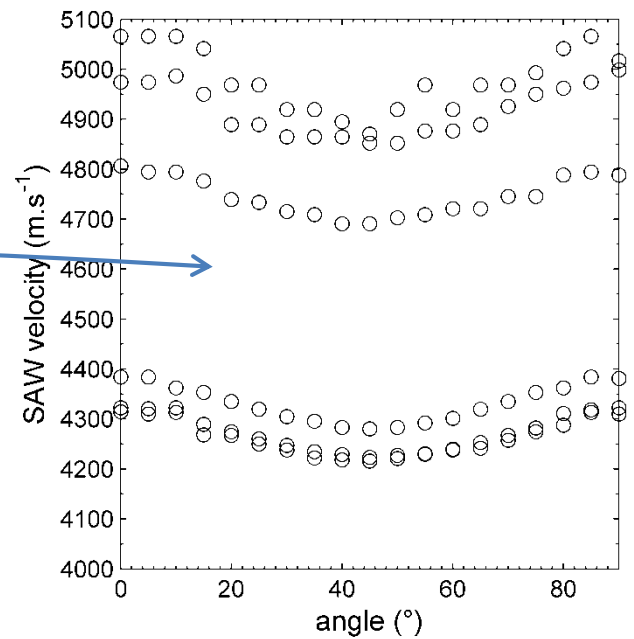
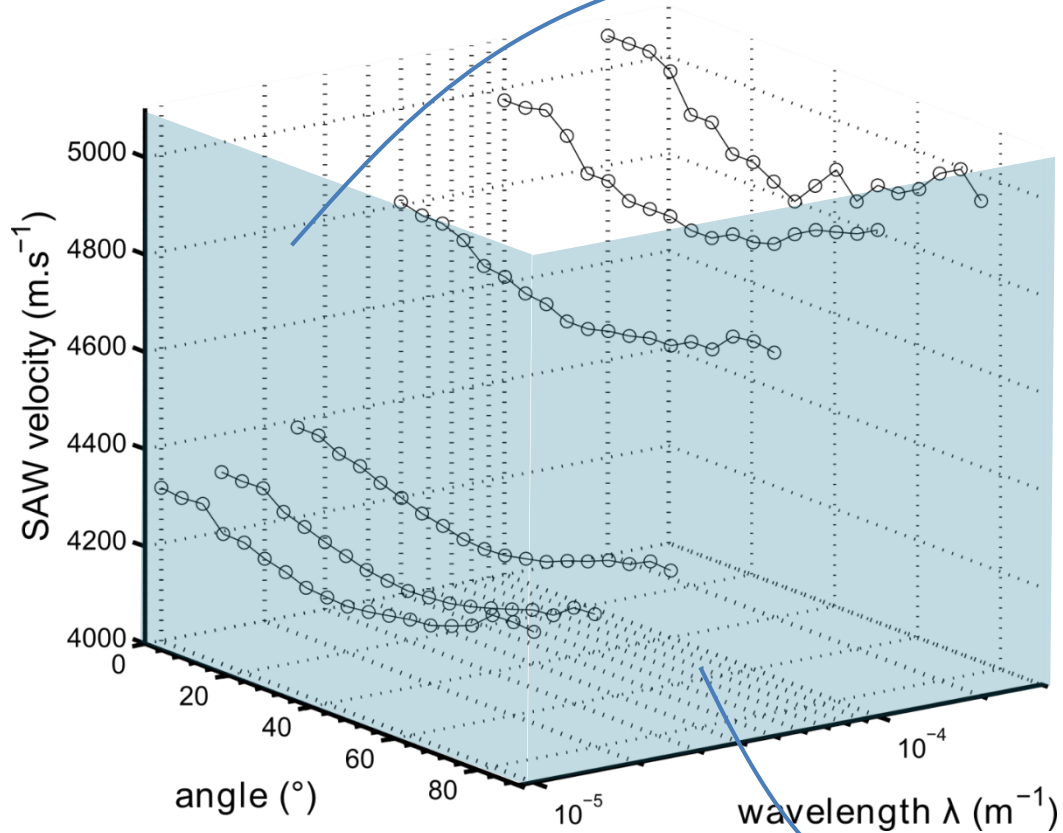
- ⇒ information on **transport properties**:
- ⇒ **thermal** diffusivity/diffusion length
- & **acoustic** velocity and damping/wavelength

# Fast and sensitive displacement detection

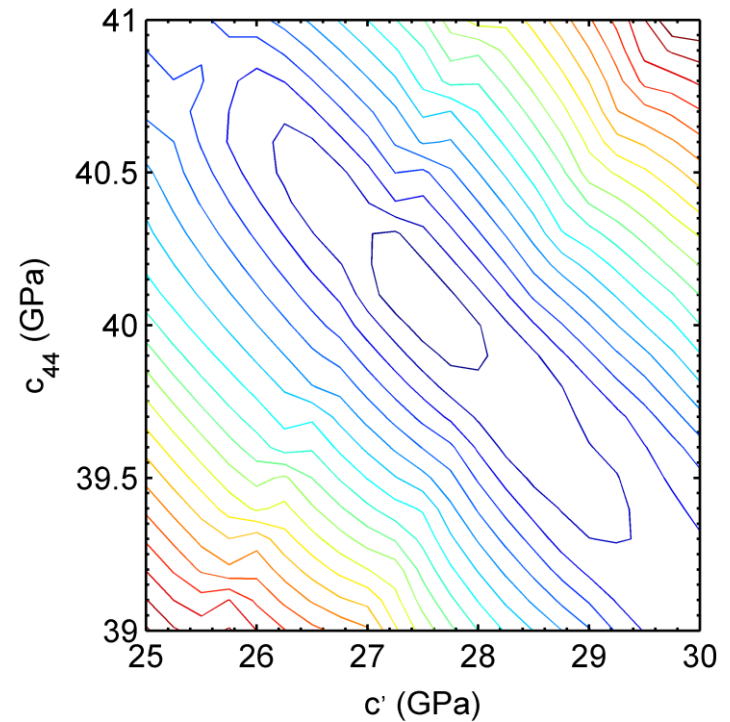
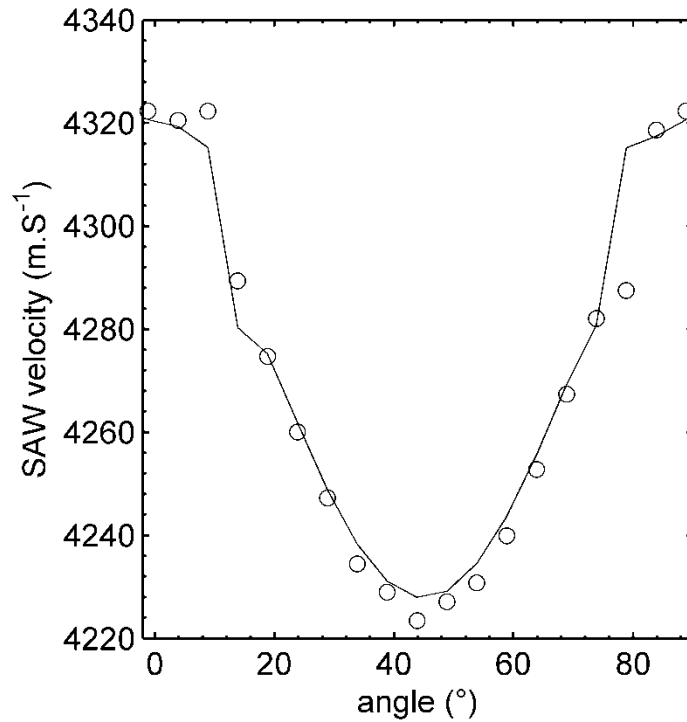
## Heterodyne diffraction method



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$$c' = (c_{11} - c_{12})/2 = 27.5 \pm 0.25 \text{ GPa}$$
$$c_{44} = 40.1 \pm 0.1 \text{ GPa}$$

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