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# Applied Acoustics and Additive Manufacturing

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# Our research - Applied Acoustics

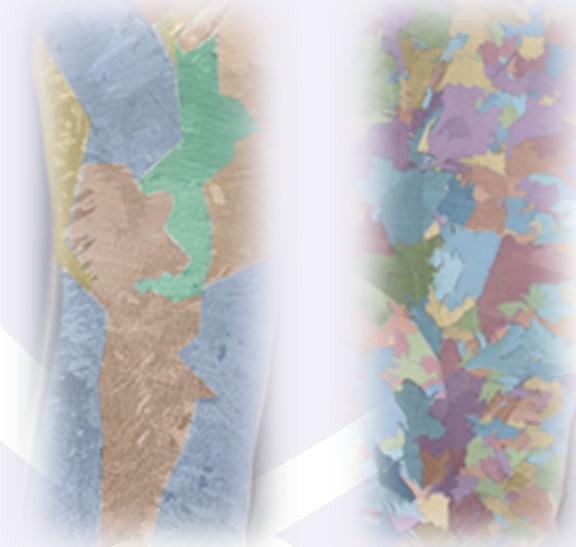
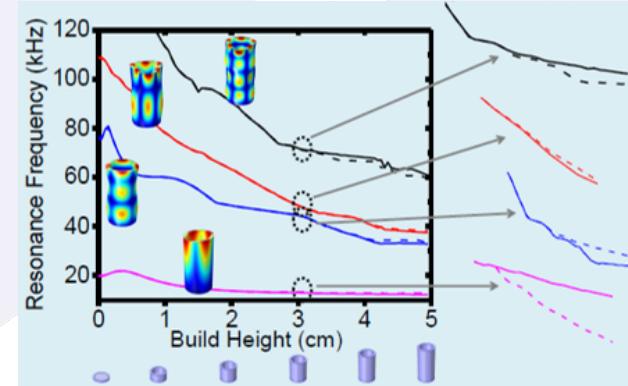
## Building and Sustaining Capabilities

Development of instrumentation, methods and sensors with a focus on difficult and challenging conditions (high pressure, high temperature, corrosive media, radiation, etc.)

**Sensing**



**Manipulation with sound**

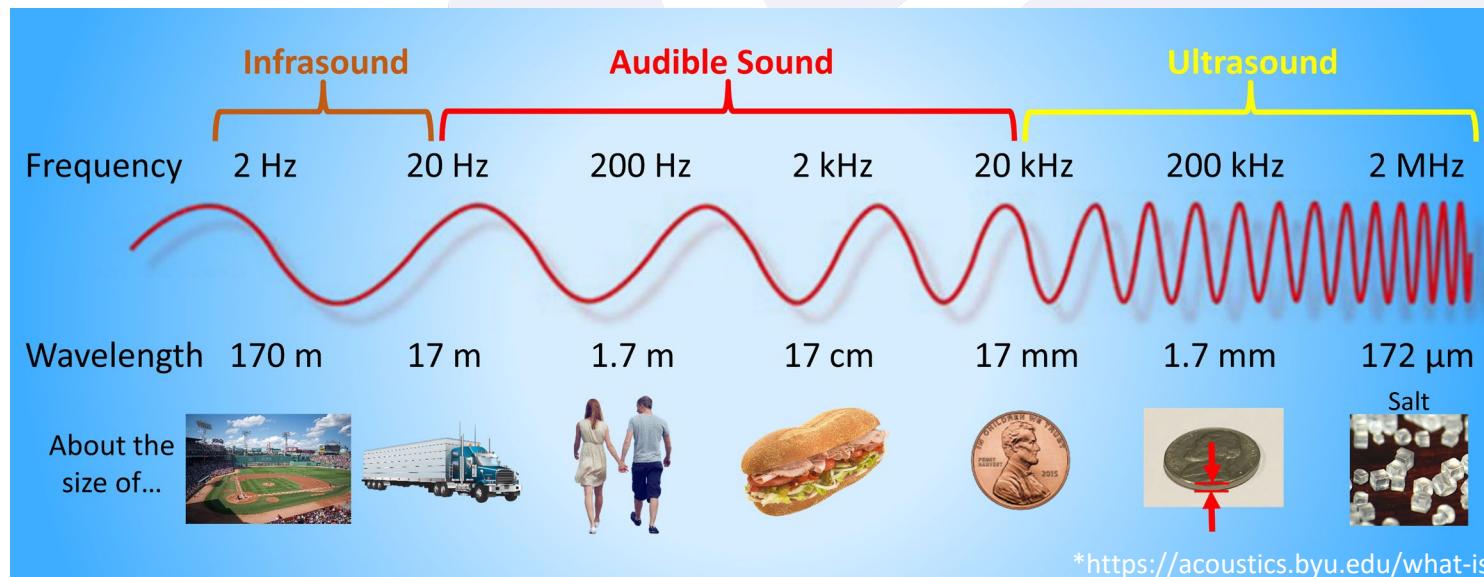


# Acoustics



Acoustics = the branch of physics concerned with the properties of sound (Wikipedia)

Acoustics = the science that deals with the production, control, transmission, reception, and effects of sound (Merriam-Webster)



# Acoustics

**Audio range:**

**20 Hz – 20 kHz**

Musical notes:  
e.g. guitar

Note	E	A	D	G	B	E
Frequency (Hz)	82	110	147	196	247	330

Voice - speech: 85 - 155 Hz (male) 165 - 255 Hz (female) 250 - 300 Hz (child)

Piano: 27 Hz – 4.2 KHz

Voice – singers: 65 Hz (deep bass voice)

1.3 kHz (soprano)

\* female high-pitched scream: 3 kHz

Whistling: 2-4 kHz

A good sound system: 35 Hz – 22 kHz

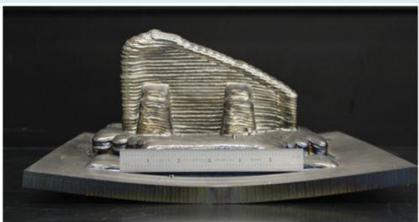
**My hearing range:** **30 Hz – 15 kHz**



# In situ Ultrasonic Monitoring of Additively Manufactured Structures

## Background

- Stresses can arise during the AM build process
  - Large and fast ( $10^3$ - $10^6$  K/s) local thermal cycling
  - Can lead to deformation of part after release from build plate



Additive Manufacturing magazine



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- Residual stresses can lead to early and/or catastrophic part failure
- Defects (voids, microcracks, inhomogeneities) can also arise as a result of the build process
- Need techniques for monitoring for stresses and defects, in situ, during the build process, to enable adjustment or termination of build

## Why Ultrasonics?

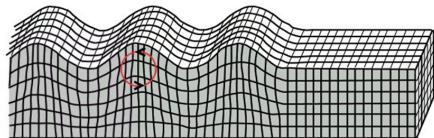
- Inherently non-destructive
- Can be performed non-invasively and even non-contact
- High temperature capabilities ( $>1000$  °C)
- Ultrasonics probe the material properties that are most affected by defects and stresses
  - Mass density
  - Elastic moduli
  - Elastic nonlinearity
- Many complementary techniques can be performed with similar equipment & materials
  - Bulk acoustic waves – traveling and standing (bulk properties)
  - Surface acoustic waves (surface stresses and defects)
  - Nonlinearity studies (presence of defects)
  - Can probe the bulk of metals and other optically opaque materials



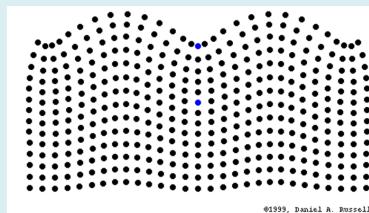
# In situ Ultrasonic Monitoring of Additively Manufactured Structures

## Rayleigh Waves

- Rayleigh waves (surface acoustic waves or SAWs) propagate on the surface of a structure
- Most of their energy is confined to within a few wavelengths of the surface (material deformation shown below)
  - Provides extreme sensitivity to surface defects or residual stress on surface



Rayleigh wave propagating left to right



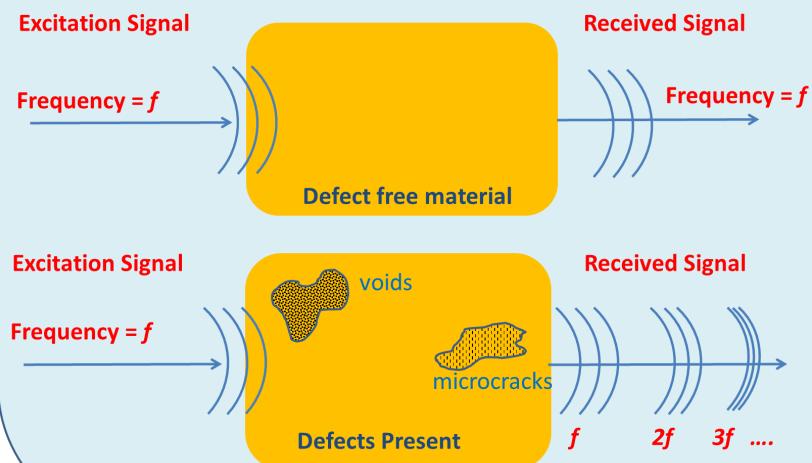
Local material deformation of a Rayleigh wave

$$c = \lambda f \quad (\text{speed is constant})$$

- By varying frequency, can change the depth probed below the surface

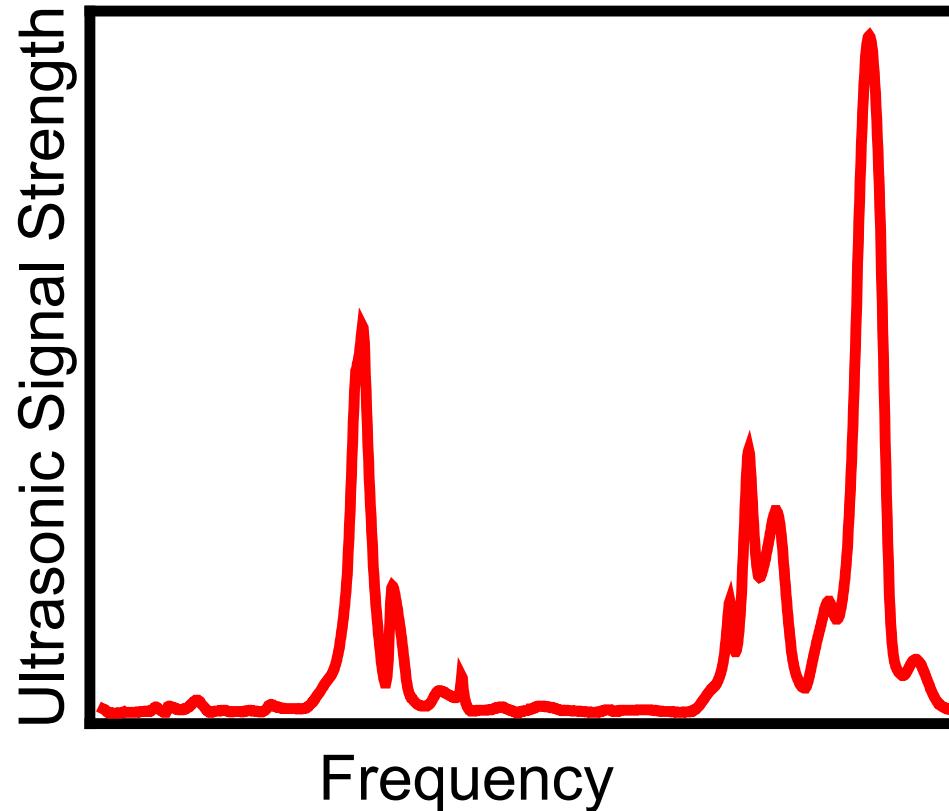
## Ultrasonic Nonlinearity

- Defects produce nonlinear acoustic signals
  - (microcracks, voids, inhomogeneities)
  - Higher harmonic ( $2*f$ ,  $3*f$ , etc) generation
- Strength of the harmonic signals (degree of nonlinearity) provides a way to quantify presence of defects



# In situ Ultrasonic Monitoring of Additively Manufactured Structures

## Structural Resonance Evolution During Build



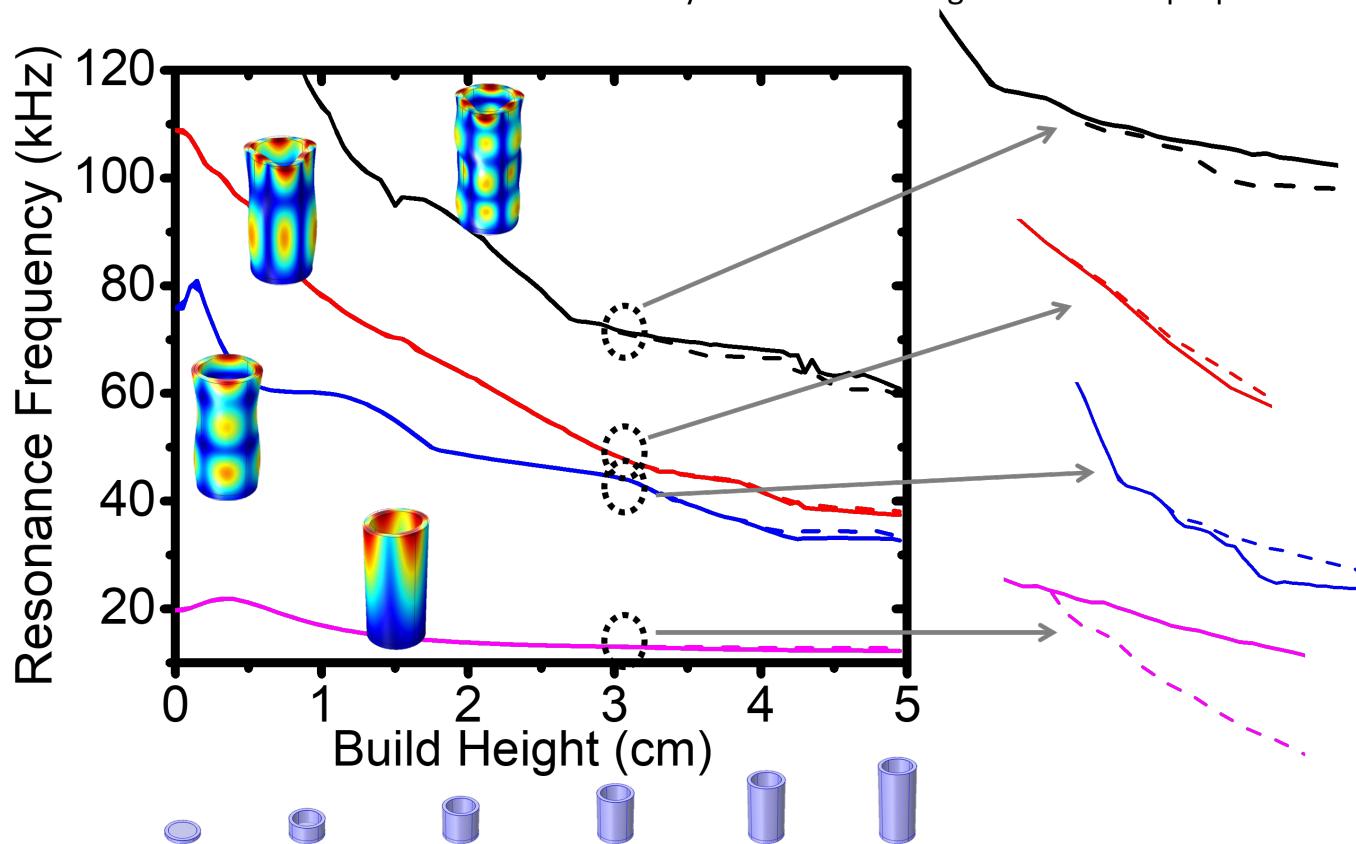
- Every solid object has a unique resonance spectrum
- Resonance peaks correspond to different structural vibration modes
- Can observe how individual resonance modes change frequency over the build process
  - Deviation from expected behavior indicates stress, defects, or damage



# In situ Ultrasonic Monitoring of Additively Manufactured Structures

## Finite Element Modeling

- Tracked individual resonance peaks throughout the build process
  - Build is of a 5 cm tall stainless steel hollow cylinder with an endcap
- At 3 cm, artificially changed elastic modulus of material (mimics residual stress)
- Observed resonance frequency shift from that of a “good” part (constant elastic modulus)
- Different resonance modes have different sensitivity to different changes in material properties



(dashed lines show how resonances change when elastic modulus changes @ 3cm)

**Can detect changes of <1% in elastic modulus**

# Resonant Ultrasound Spectroscopy on Steel cubes

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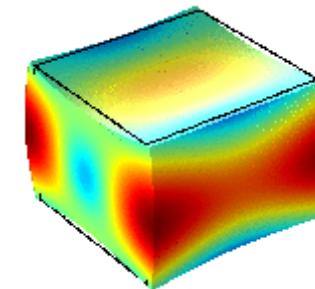
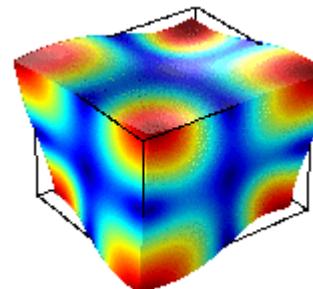
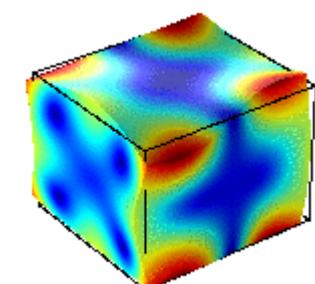
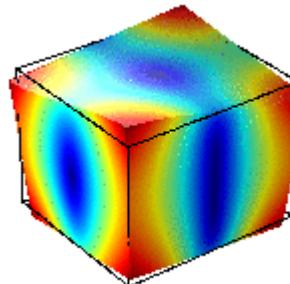
## Steel cube

free moduli are  $c_{11}$ ,  $c_{44}$

$\rho = 7.071 \text{ gm/cc}$

Bulk Modulus= 1.3719

$c_{11}$	$c_{33}$	$c_{12}$	$c_{44}$	$c_{66}$
2.29123	2.29123	0.91226	0.68948	0.68948
$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$		
2.53600	2.54000	2.54100		



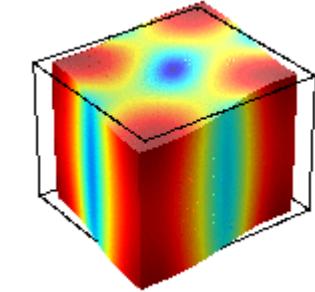
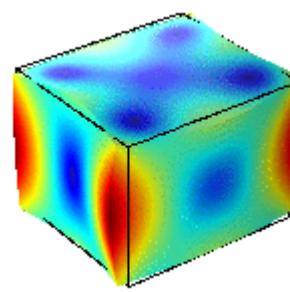
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## Steel Cube As Printed

$\rho = 7.901 \text{ gm/cc}$

Bulk Modulus= 1.4411

$c_{11}$	$c_{33}$	$c_{12}$	$c_{44}$	$c_{66}$
2.78076	1.82324	1.21269	0.66531	0.78404
$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$		
2.54402	2.65699	2.50477		

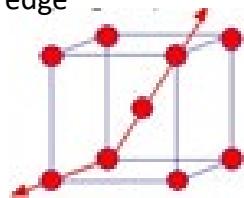


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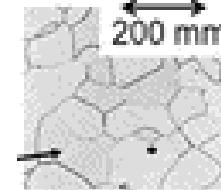
# In-Situ Ultrasound Grain Refinement in Electron Beam Additive Manufacturing

*Advanced Manufacturing Development - Exploring Electron Beam Additive Manufacturing (EBAM) of metal parts with improved mechanical properties.*

Monocrystal (BCC Fe)  
 $E_{edge} = 125 \text{ GPa}$



Polycrystal (Fe)  
 $E = 210 \text{ GPa}$



Grain refinement in EBAM process –  
improved mechanical properties



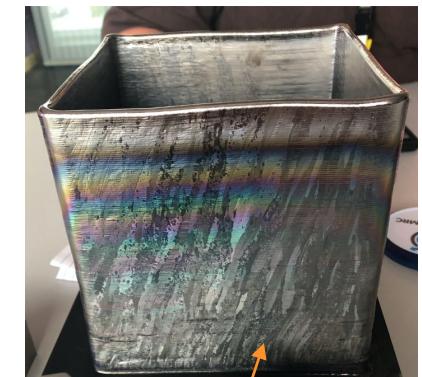
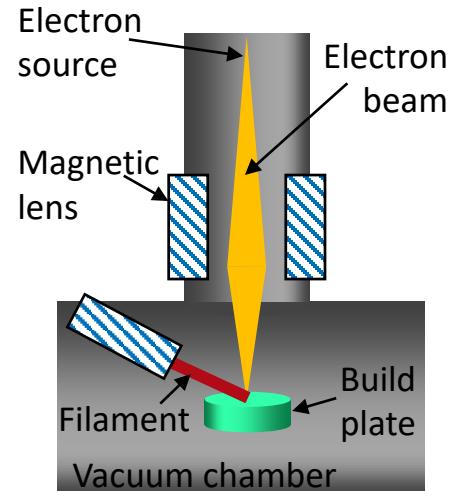
# In situ Ultrasonic Grain Refinement

## The Problem

### Advanced Manufacturing Development

~ Additive Manufacturing of complex shapes with improved mechanical properties ~

- ▶ **Electron Beam Additive Manufacturing (EBAM)**
  - ▶ Enables 3D printing metal, large, complex geometries
  - ▶ High deposition rate → fast, cost-effective
  - ▶ Drawback: large grains negatively impact material properties and introduce residual stress
- ▶ **Ultrasound grain refinement**
  - ▶ Demonstrated in welding processes
  - ▶ Not in AM



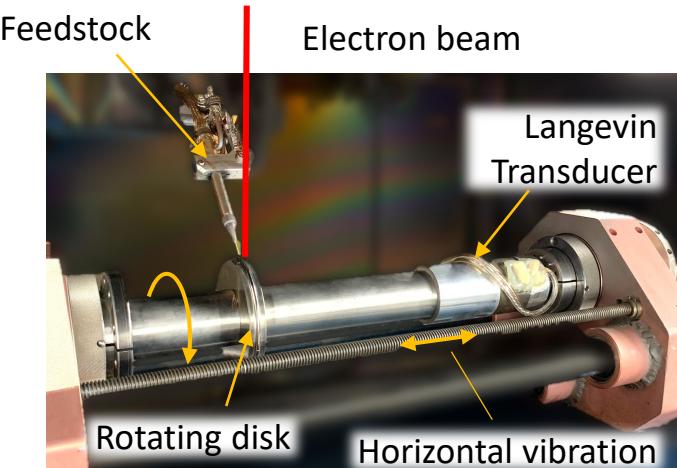
Large grains through part height



# In situ Ultrasonic Grain Refinement

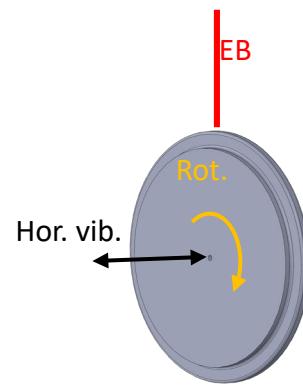
## The Approach

Integrate targeted Ultrasound excitation with metal 3D printing in vacuum (EBAM)

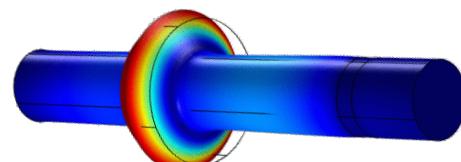


### Phase 1: Ti-64

Structure: disk

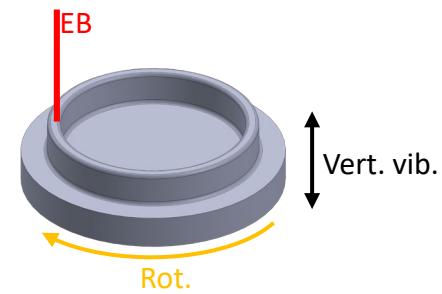


Vibrations: horizontal

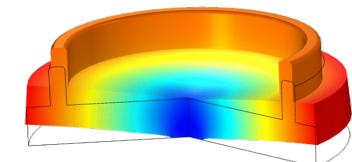


### Phase 2: Pure Ti

Structure: cylinder



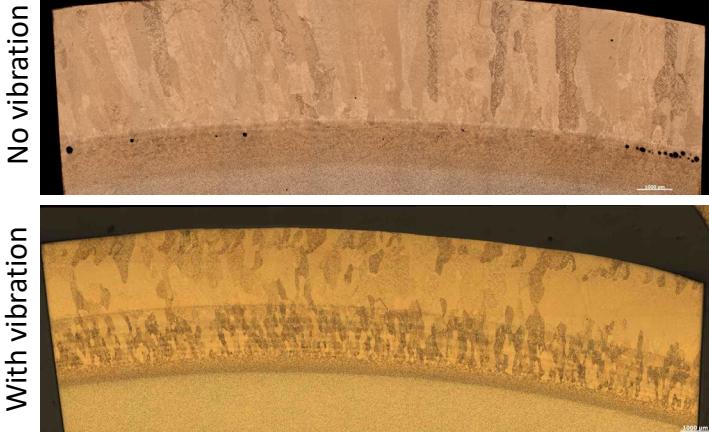
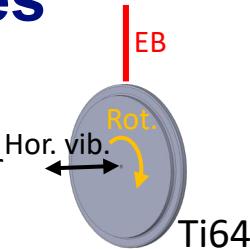
Vibrations: vertical



# In situ Ultrasonic Grain Refinement

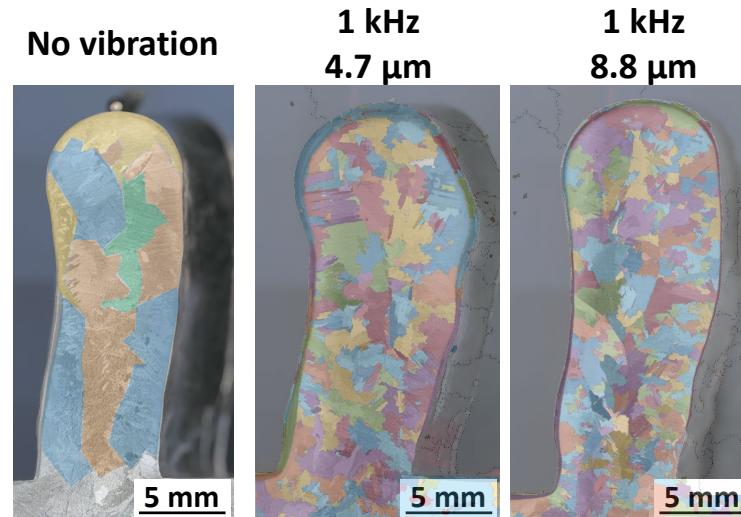
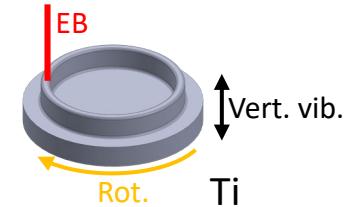
## The Successes

**Phase I:** Build disk radially, demonstrate grain reduction for single frequency and amplitude



- Smaller grains
- Void reduction

**Phase II:** Build cylinder, evaluate vibration parameters



- Best grain enhancement near  $f = 1$  kHz
- Increasing amplitudes lead to further grain refinement

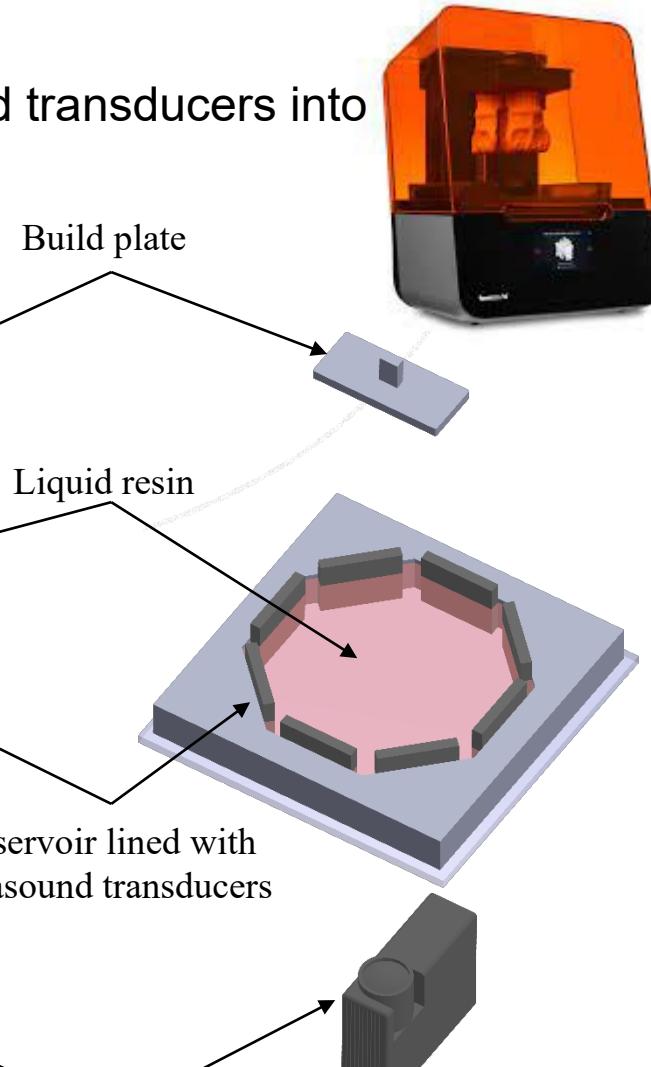
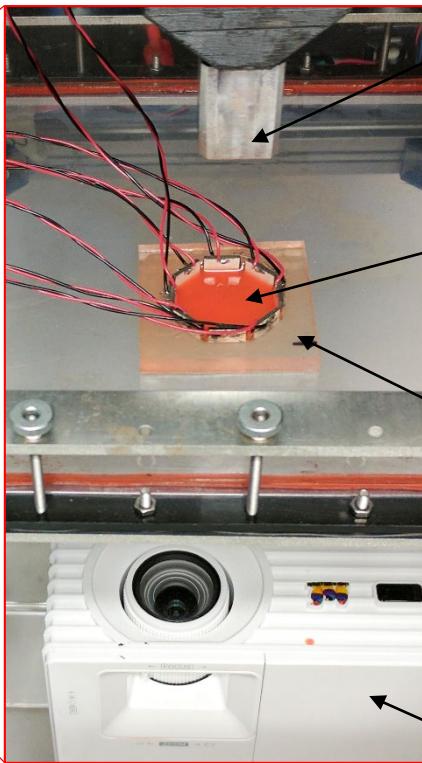
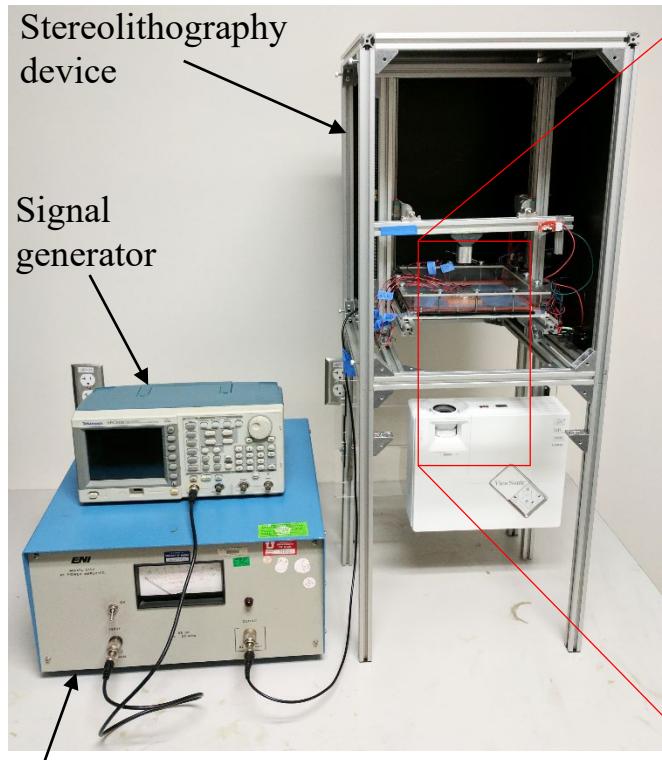
**New capability:**

***in-situ* grain refinement in Additive Manufacturing of metals**



# Ultrasound DSA with SLA: Manufacturing apparatus

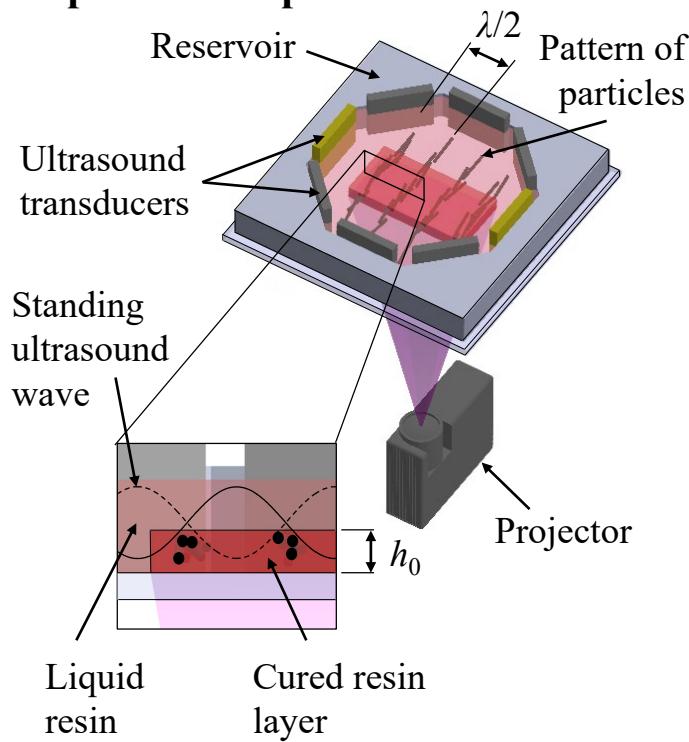
- Integrate ultrasound DSA reservoir lined with ultrasound transducers into existing SLA device (mUVe 1.1 DLP)



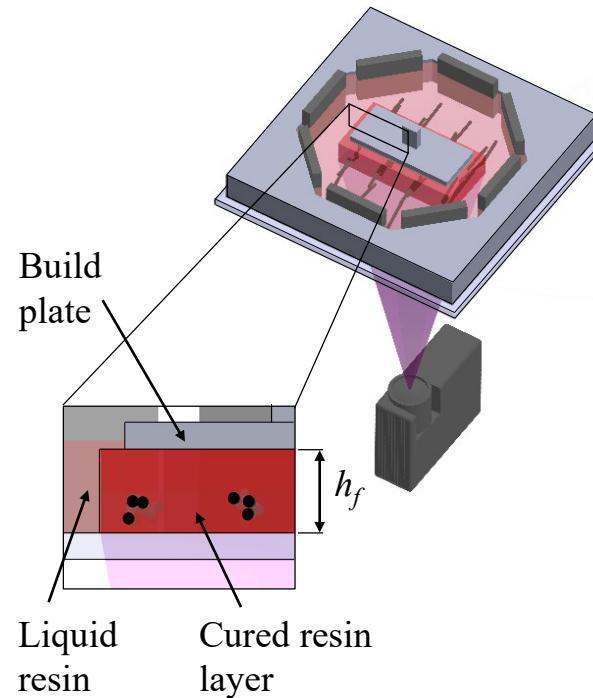
# Ultrasound DSA with SLA: Manufacturing process

- 3D print engineered materials containing user-specified patterns of particles via three step process

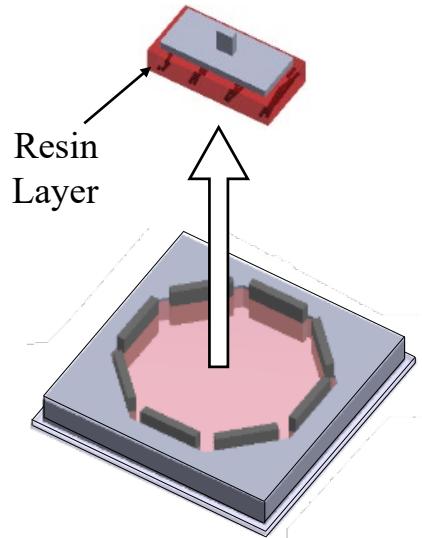
## Step 1: Organize and fixate pattern of particles in place



## Step 2: Adhere cured resin layer to a build plate

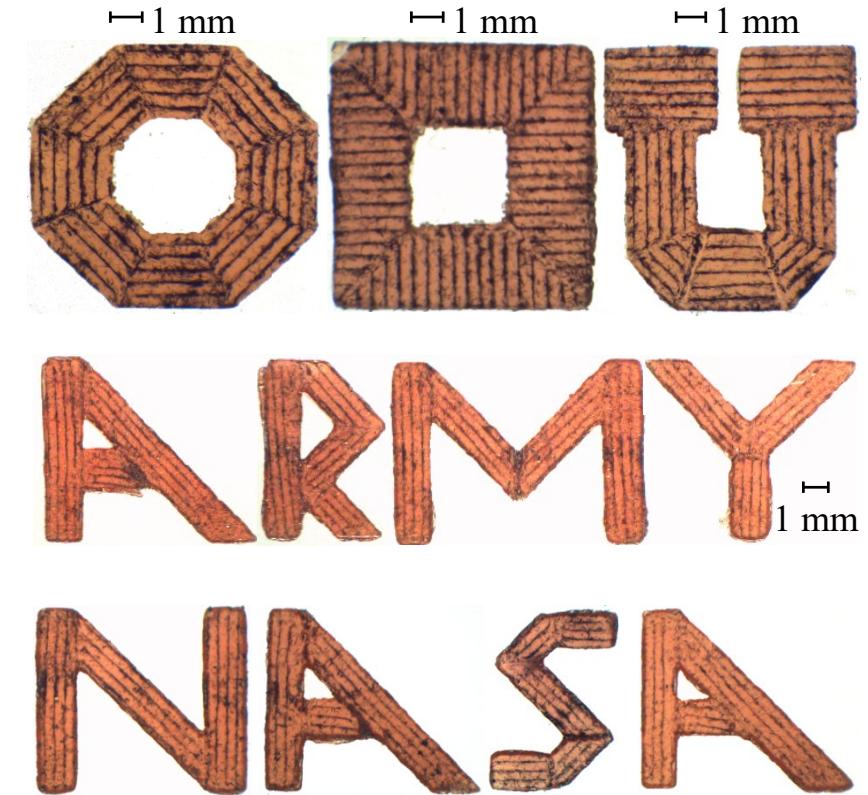
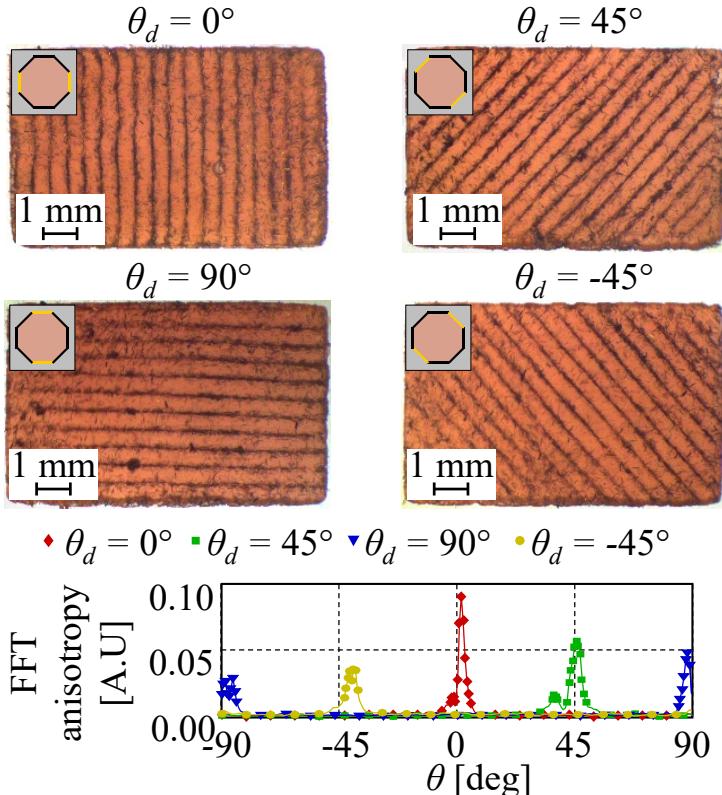


## Step 3: Lift build plate and resin layer from reservoir



# Ultrasound DSA with SLA: Single-layer materials

- Single-layer material specimens containing patterns of nickel-coated carbon fibers



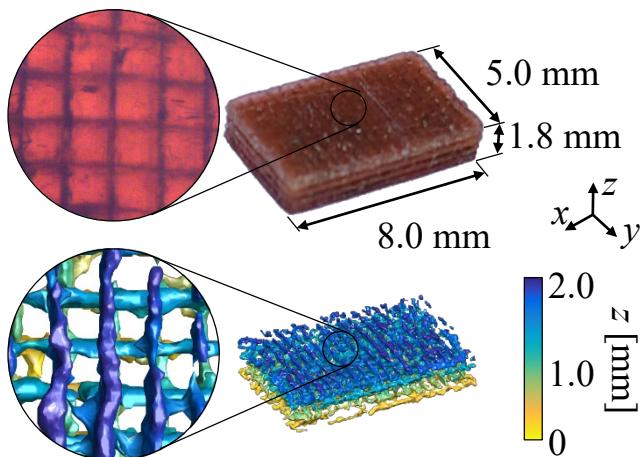
- Ultrasound DSA/SLA manufacturing process enables organizing user-specified patterns of particles over macroscale areas



# Ultrasound DSA with SLA: Multi-layer materials

- Multi-layer material specimens containing Bouligand microstructure of nickel-coated carbon fibers

**90° increments**

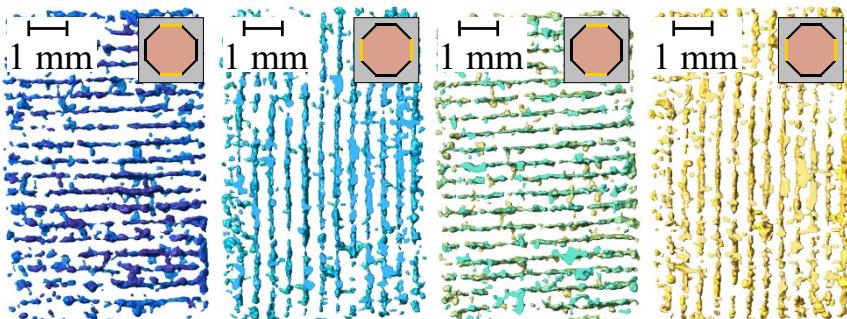


Layer 1:  
 $\theta_d = 0^\circ$

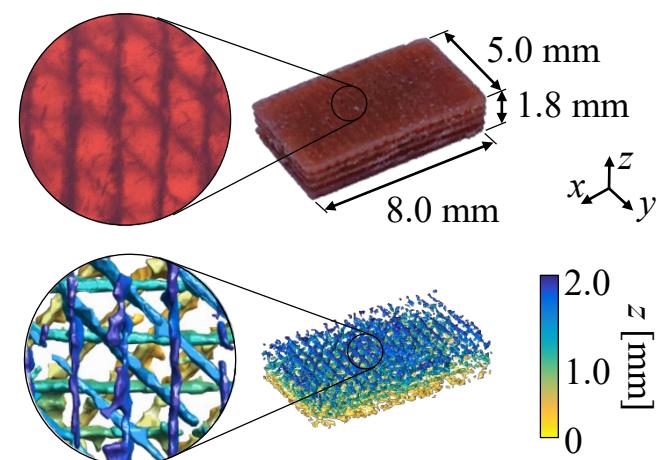
Layer 2:  
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Layer 3:  
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Layer 4:  
 $\theta_d = 90^\circ$



**45° increments**

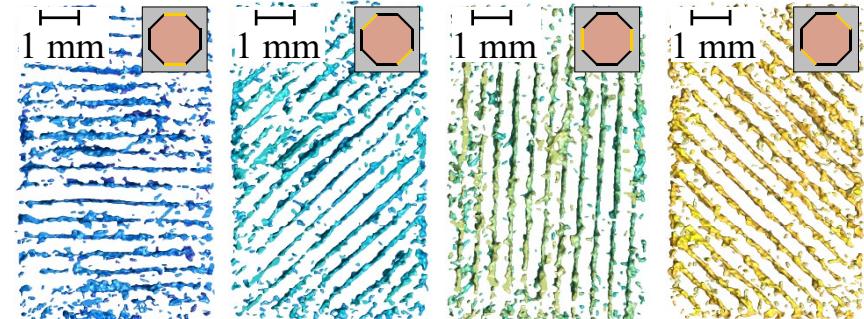


Layer 1:  
 $\theta_d = 0^\circ$

Layer 2:  
 $\theta_d = 45^\circ$

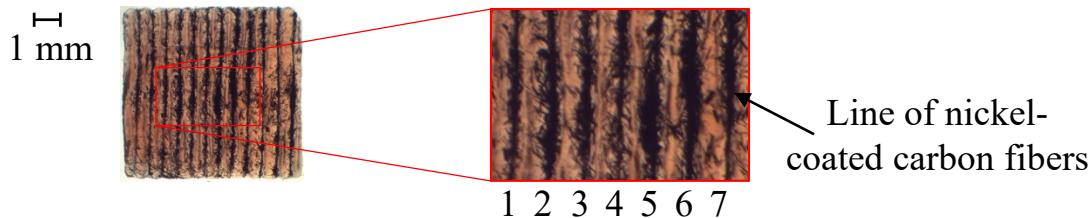
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 $\theta_d = 90^\circ$

Layer 4:  
 $\theta_d = -45^\circ$

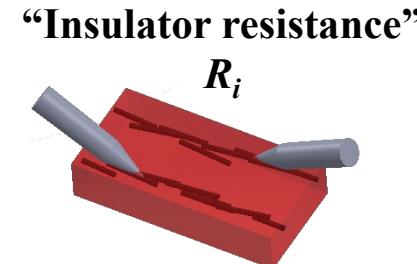
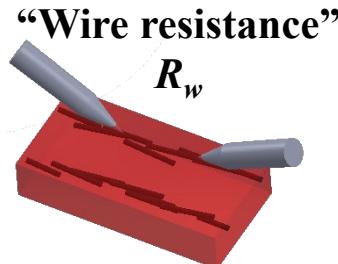
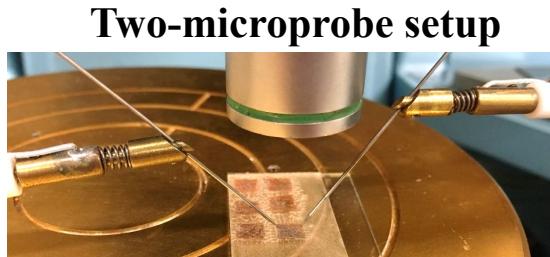


# Ultrasound DSA with SLA: Functional materials

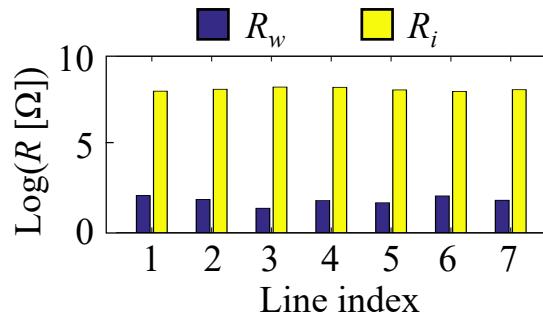
- Fabricate material specimen containing a pattern of electrically conductive lines of nickel-coated carbon fibers



- Measure electrical resistance



- Results



	Mean	Std. deviation
$R_w$	59.7 Ω	14.5 Ω
$R_i$	112.7 MΩ	23.2 MΩ

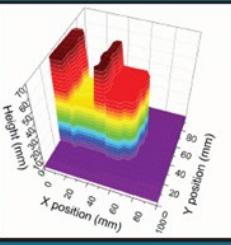


# Thank you

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## ACCObeam: Acoustic Collimated Beam

Precise, inexpensive monitoring of fractured rock, concrete, and metal



Cristian Pantea, Dipen Sinha, and Vamshi Chillara

- Collimated, powerful beam enhances image resolution
- Low-frequency beam for deep penetration
- Inexpensive and simple to produce
- Applications range from wellbore safety to biomedical imaging

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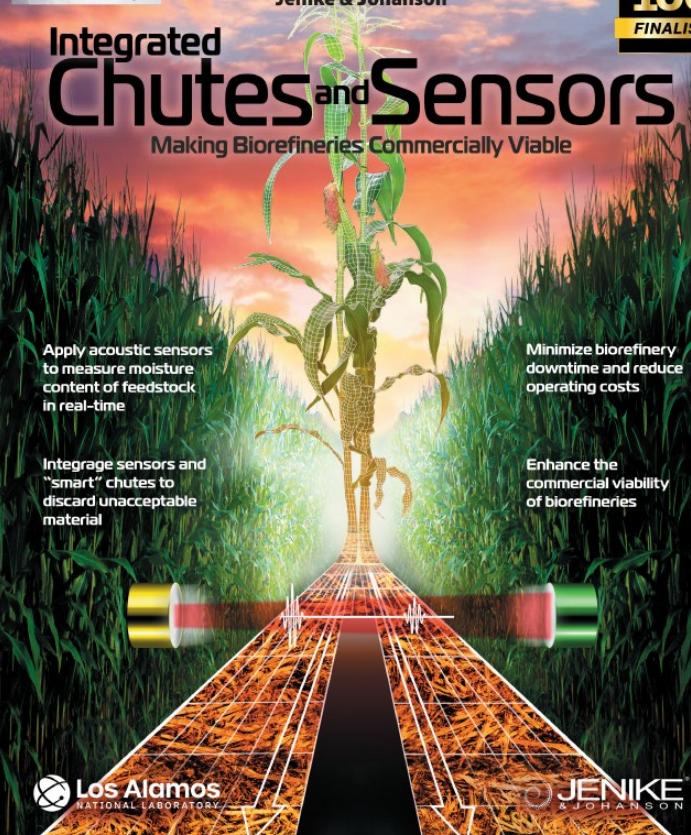


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## Integrated Chutes and Sensors

Making Biorefineries Commercially Viable



- Apply acoustic sensors to measure moisture content of feedstock in real-time
- Integrate sensors and "smart" chutes to discard unacceptable material
- Minimize biorefinery downtime and reduce operating costs
- Enhance the commercial viability of biorefineries

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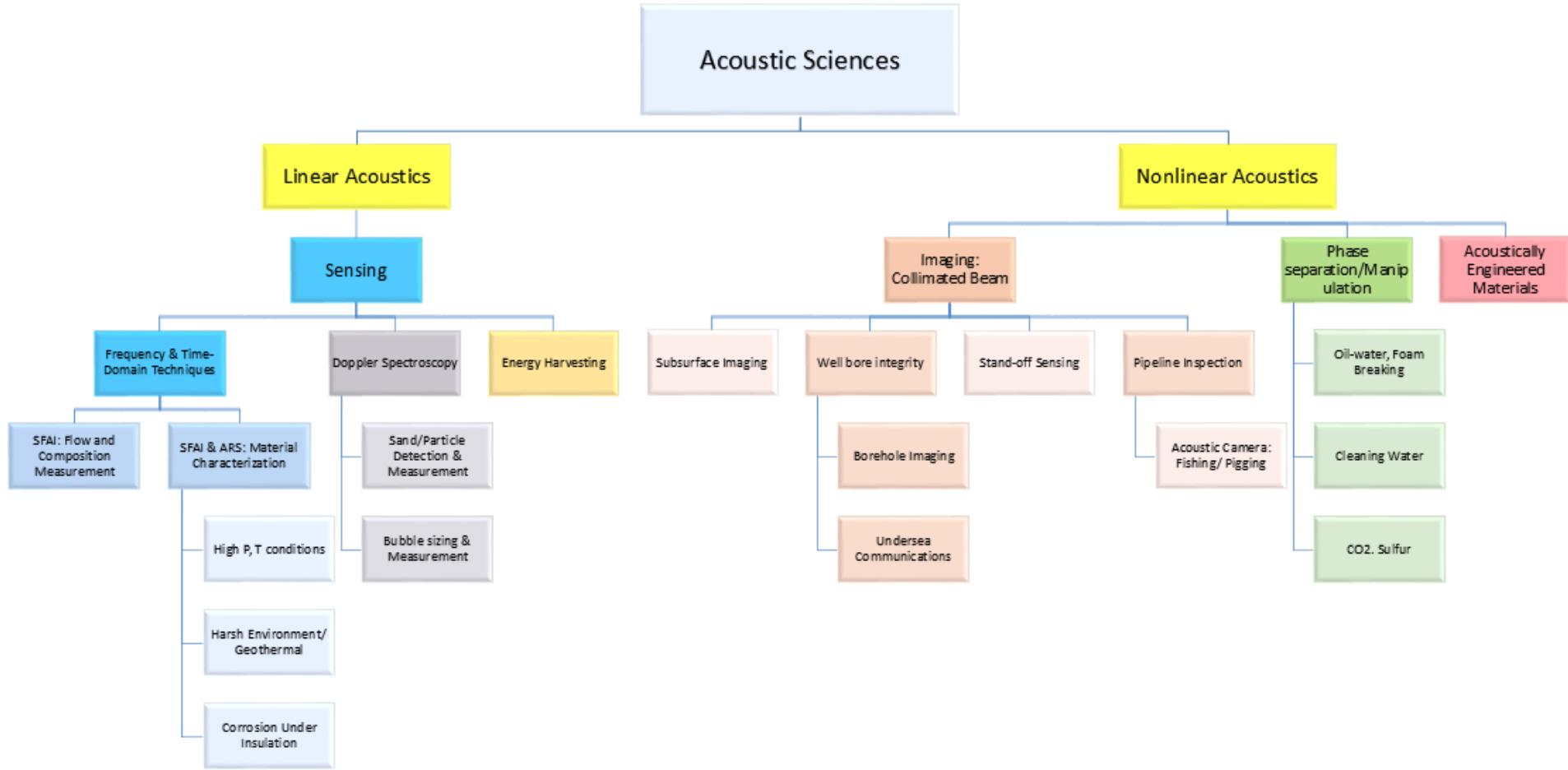


# Background slides



# Applied Acoustics Lab

## Capabilities



# Standing Waves and Resonances

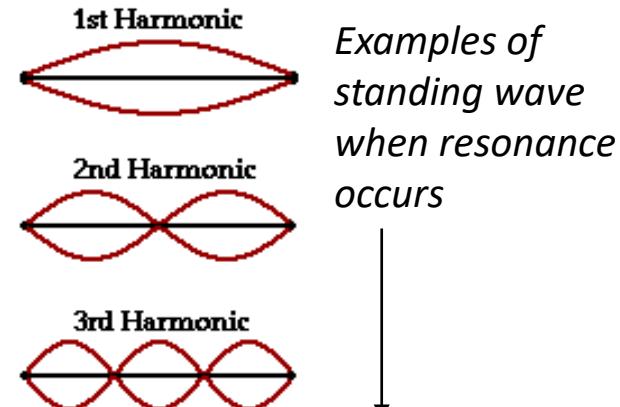
## in a Fluid medium inside a cavity:

Resonance occurs when:

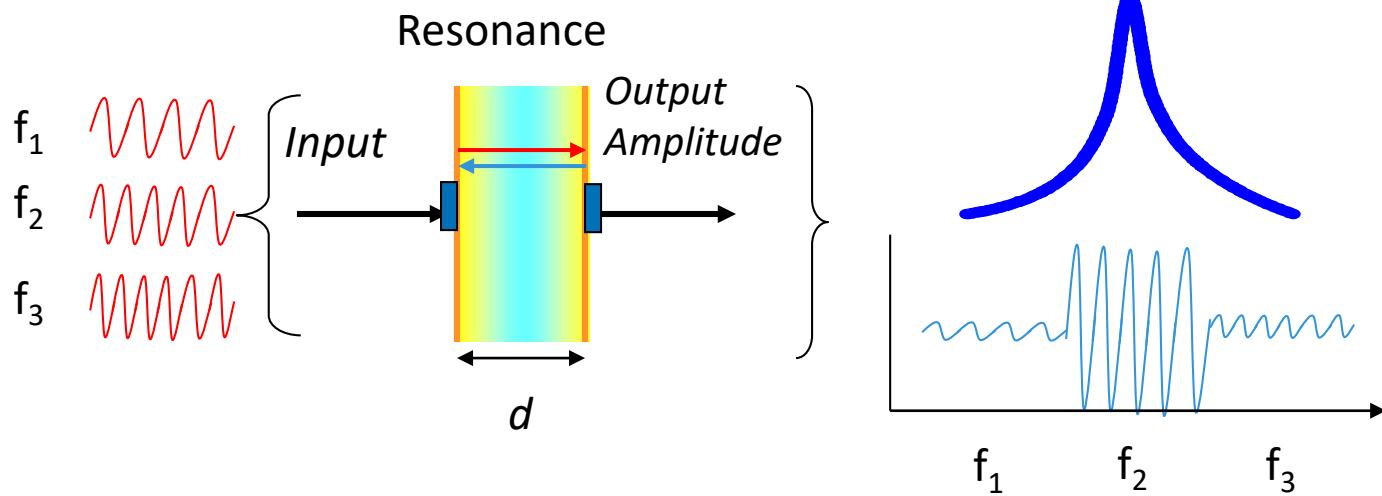
$$d = n \cdot (\lambda/2)$$

$$n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

$\lambda$  = wavelength



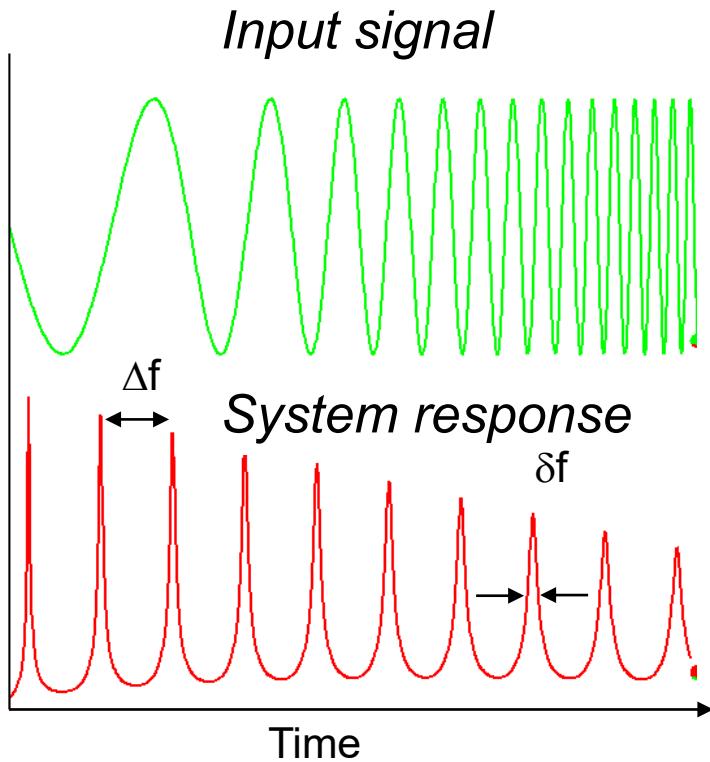
Examples of standing wave when resonance occurs



Resonance occurs when the **forward** sound wave and the **reflected** wave meet exactly in phase and **interfere**



# How can fluid properties be determined using swept frequency and acoustic interferences?



$$\text{Sound speed} = 2d\Delta f$$
$$\text{Sound absorption} \propto \delta f$$

$\Delta f$  = frequency spacing  
 $\delta f$  = peak width

*There can be hundreds of such resonance peaks in a typical spectrum*

**Swept Frequency Acoustic Interferometry (SFAI)**

## Physical Parameters That Can Be Determined Using SFAI:

- Sound speed

$$\sqrt{\text{Bulk Modulus}/\text{Density}}$$

- Sound attenuation

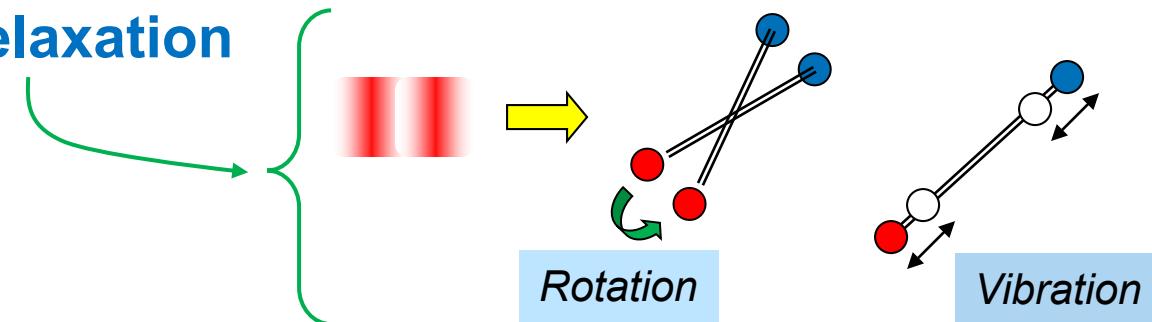
Viscous drag, thermal effects, scattering

- Molecular Relaxation

- Density

- Viscosity

- Acoustic Nonlinearity



Sound speed varies with pressure in liquids and solids.

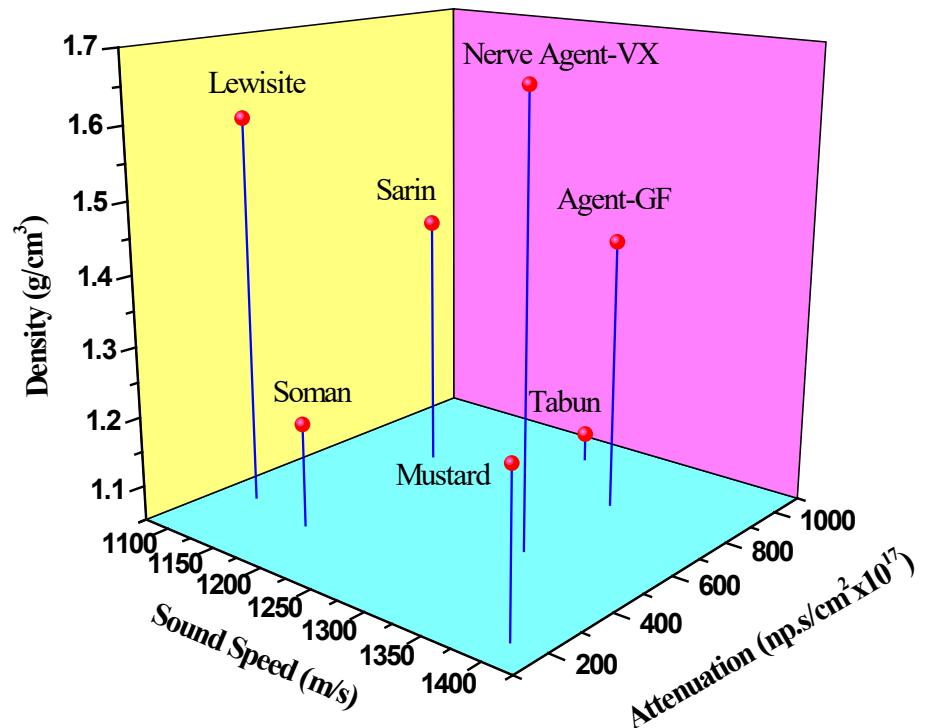
*Liquids, gases, mixtures, emulsions, suspension, etc.*



# Noninvasive Identification of CW Agents



## SFAI Measurements of CW Agent Physical Properties

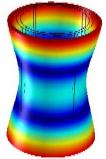


# Elastic properties determination

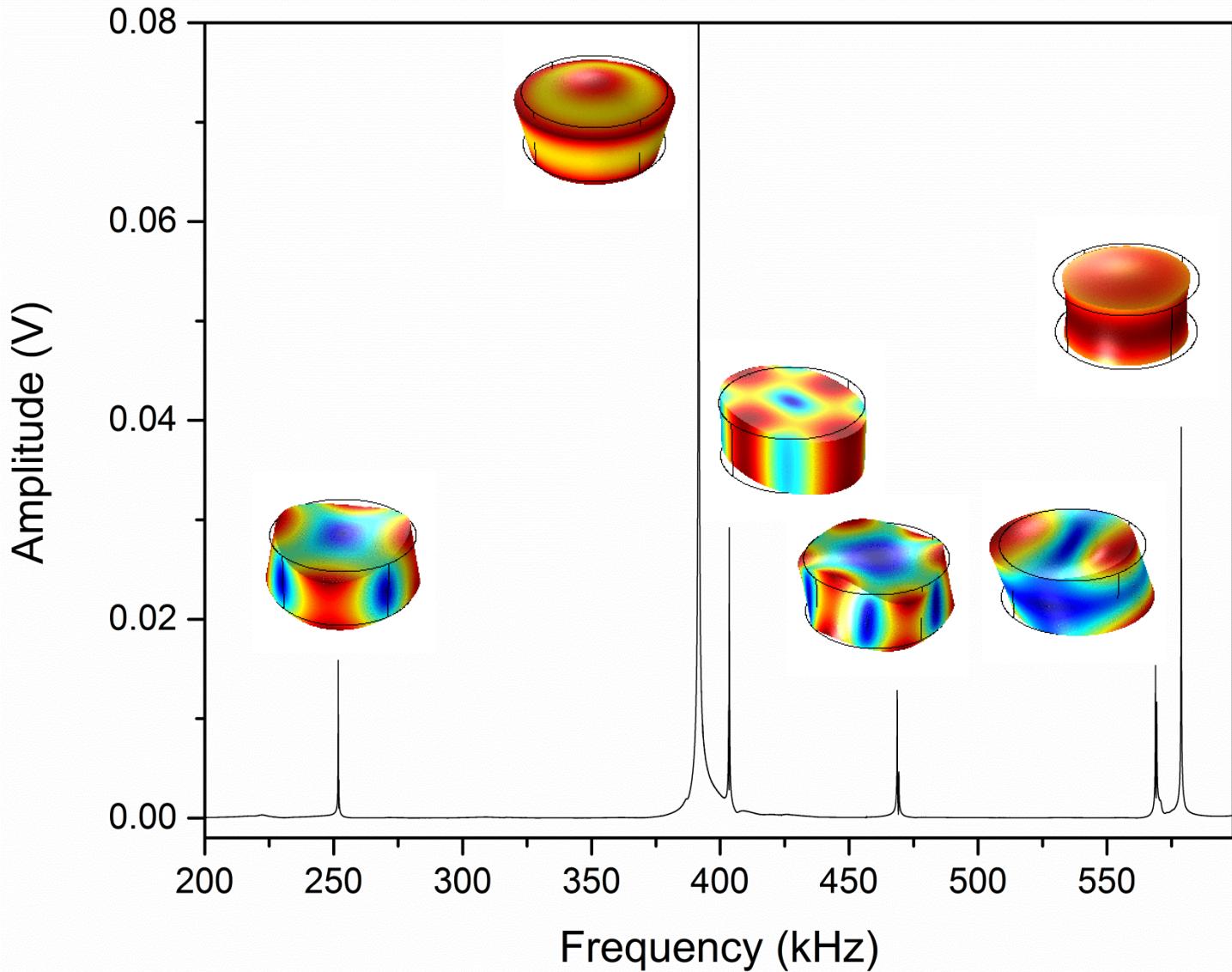
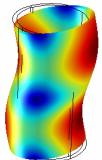
Observe mechanical resonances of objects to determine  
physical properties of fluids and elastic properties of materials

*Fluid inside pipe*

Eigenfrequency=32267 Hz, Surface: Displacement, RMS (mm)

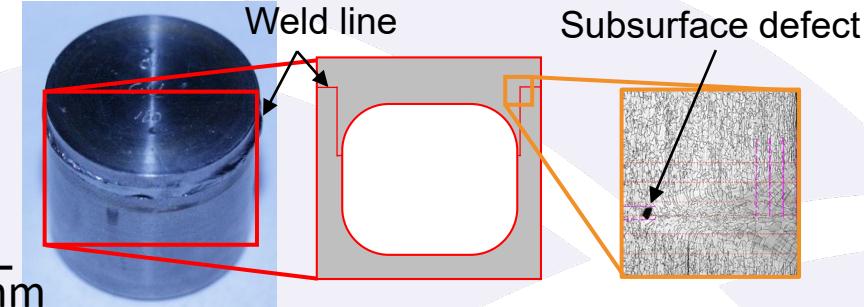


Eigenfrequency=20283 Hz, Surface: Displacement, RMS (mm)

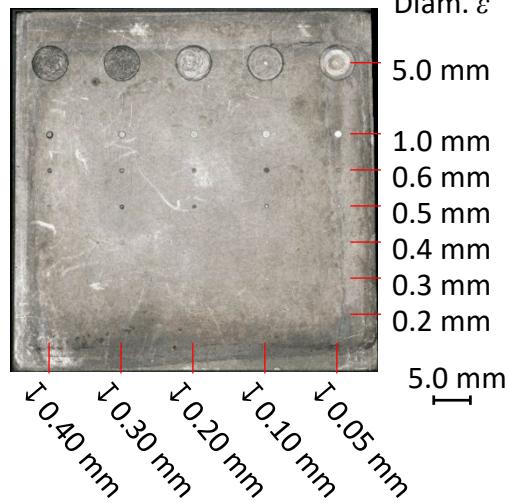


# Acoustic weld defect detection

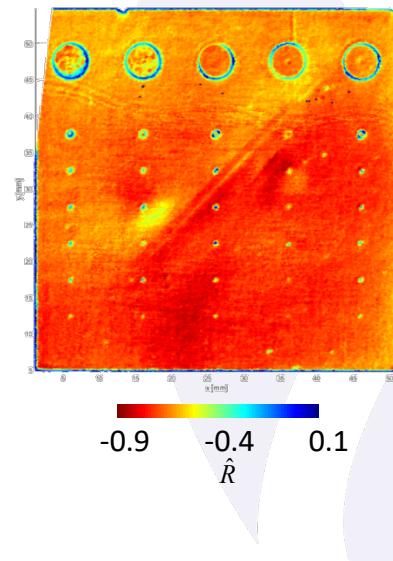
- Weld detection in dense materials (Ta) challenging for radiography
- Solution: scanning acoustic microscopy



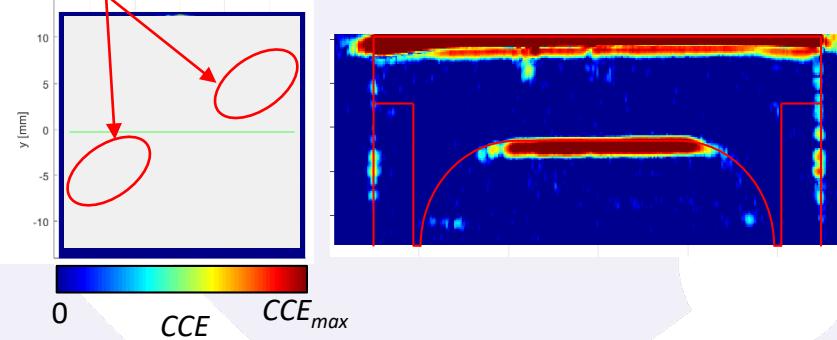
Optical microscopy of Ta plate



Acoustic microscopy of Ta plate

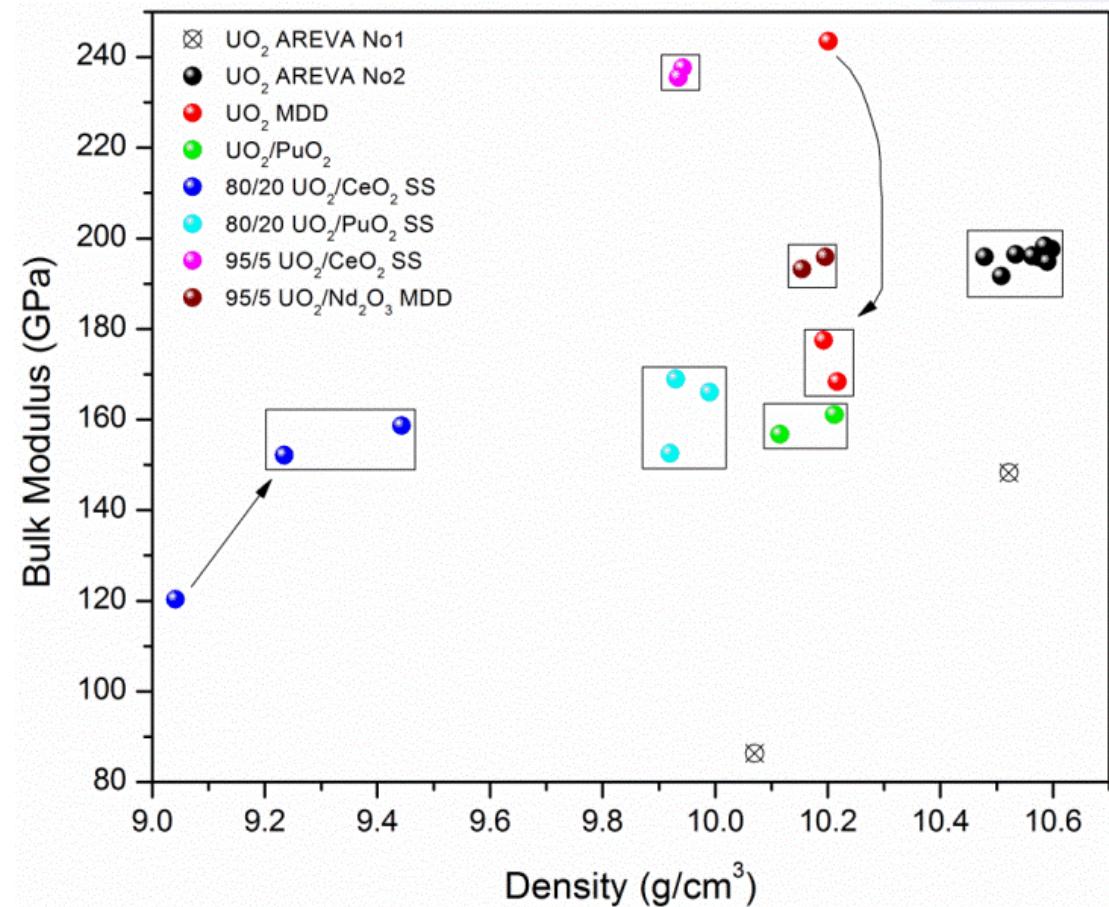


Inclusions intentionally introduced 180° apart



# Nuclear materials identification

- RUS - a nondestructive, very difficult to spoof, well-tested measurement method.



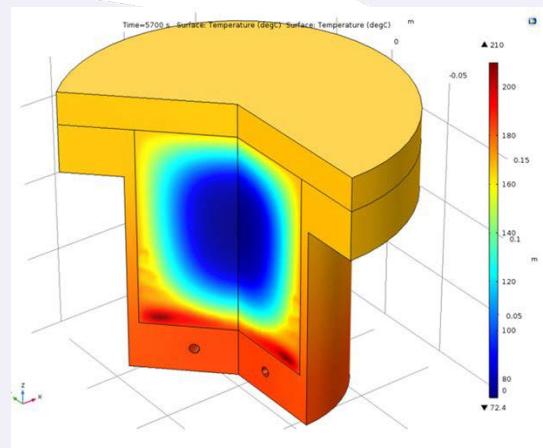
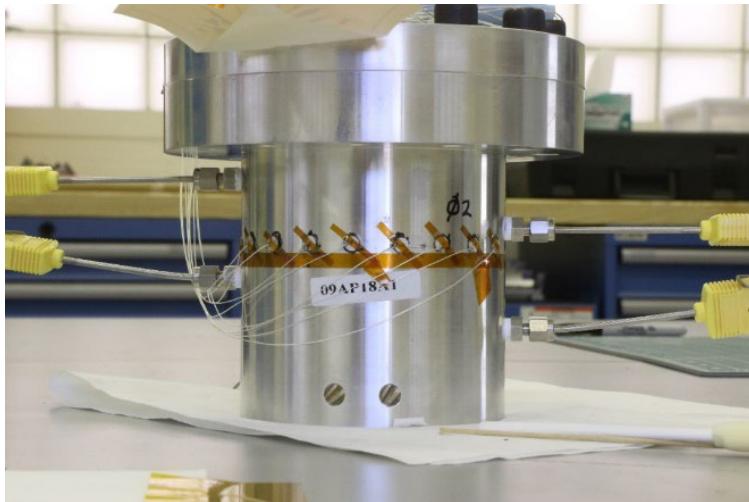
Good correlation between the elastic moduli and density for samples of different compositions/origins.

Able to identify nuclear material **composition**, **fabrication method** and **source** by measuring its **RUS** properties.

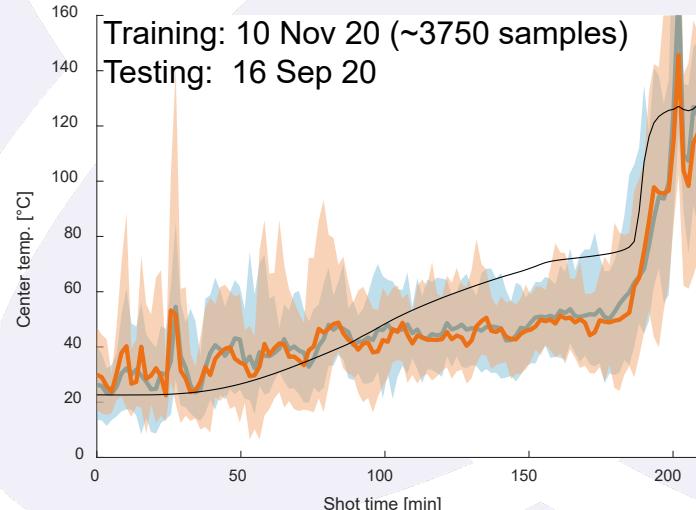
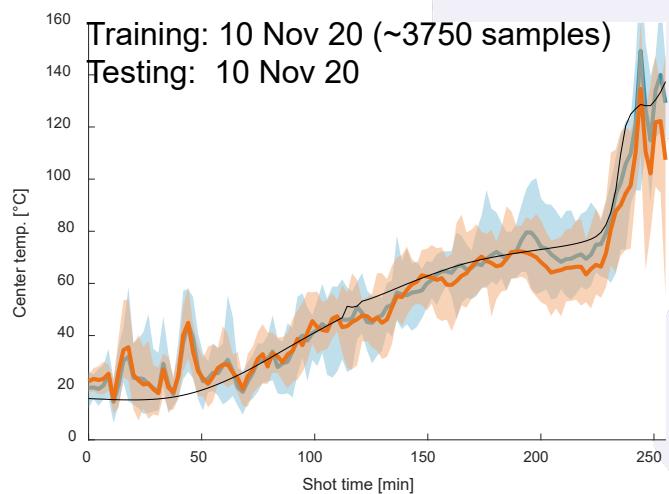


# 3DHEAT (3 dimensional high explosive acoustic temperature)

## Acoustics diagnosis of thermal damage in Pentolite



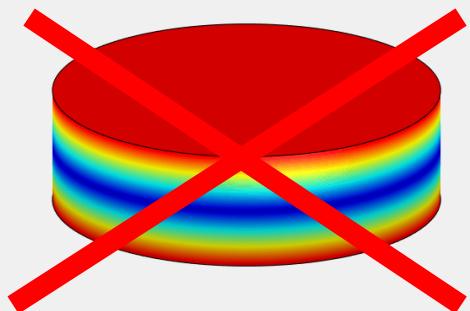
## Machine learning, CNN (convolutional neural network)



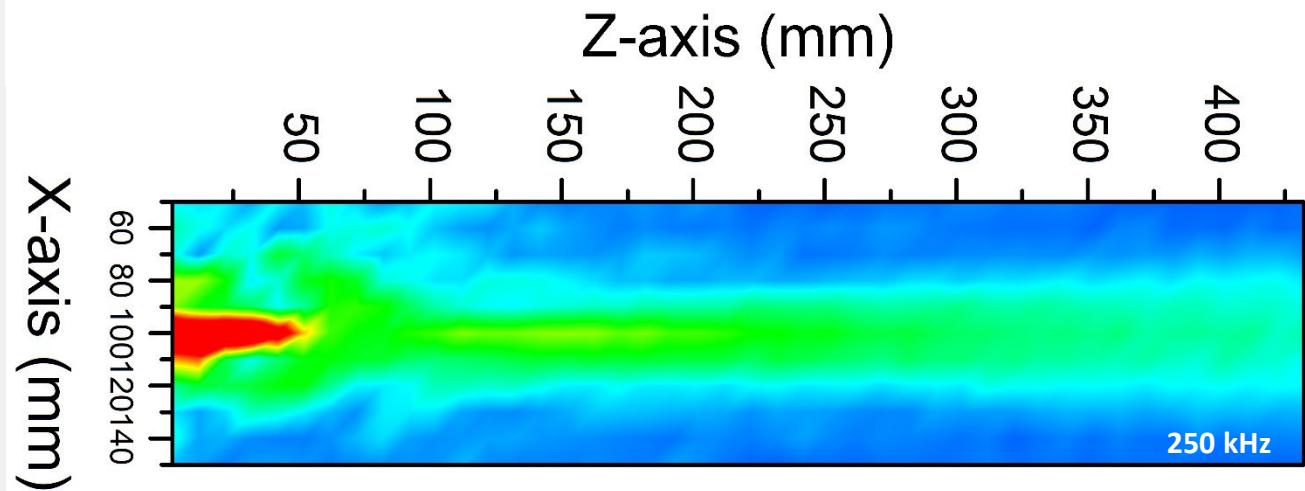
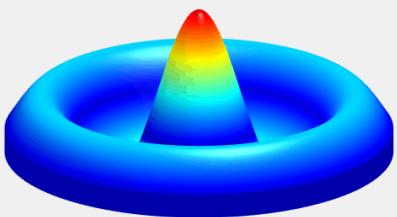
# Low-Frequency Collimated Beam

- Bessel-like Acoustic Source (ACCObeam)

Fundamental mode

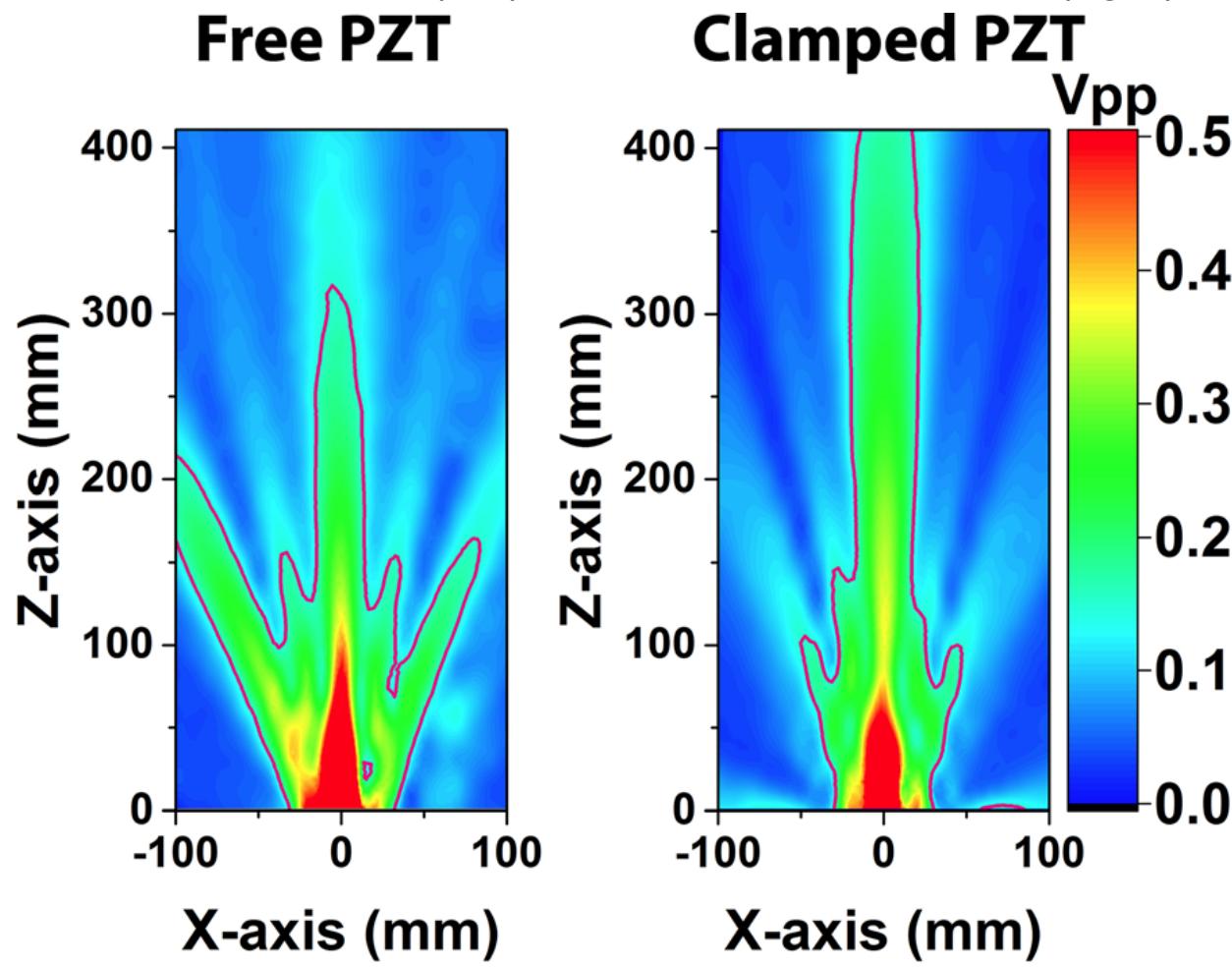


Radial mode



# ACCObeam - Radial Modes Clamping

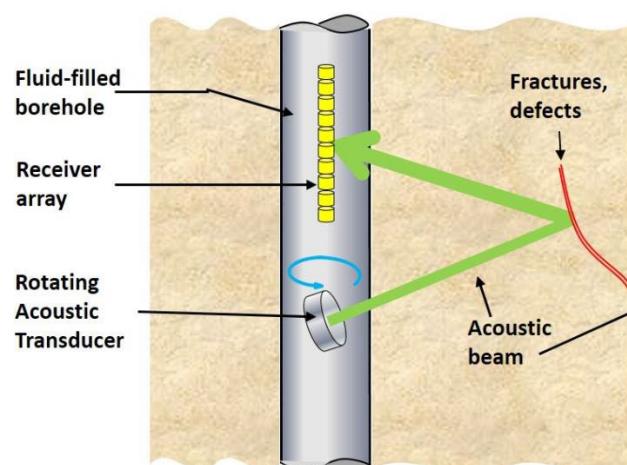
Beam profile in water for the 3<sup>rd</sup> radial mode RM-3;  
free transducer (left) and clamped transducer (right)



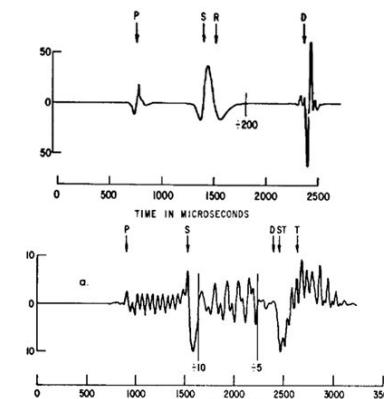
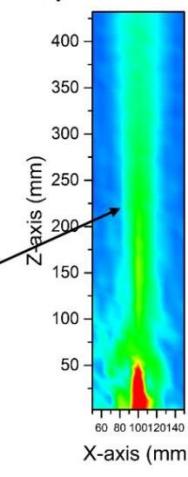
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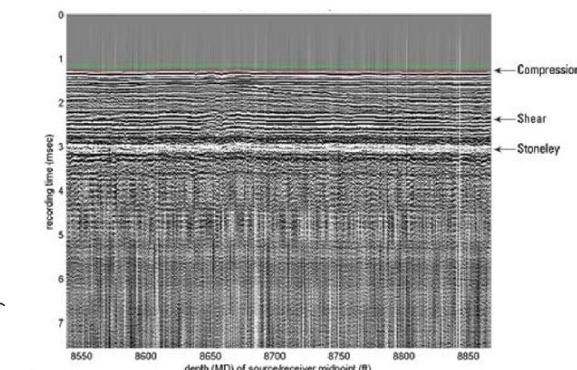
## Schematic representation of the 3D imaging system:



*Low frequency  
Collimated beam  
(10-250 kHz)*



P – compressional wave  
S – shear wave  
ST – Stoneley wave

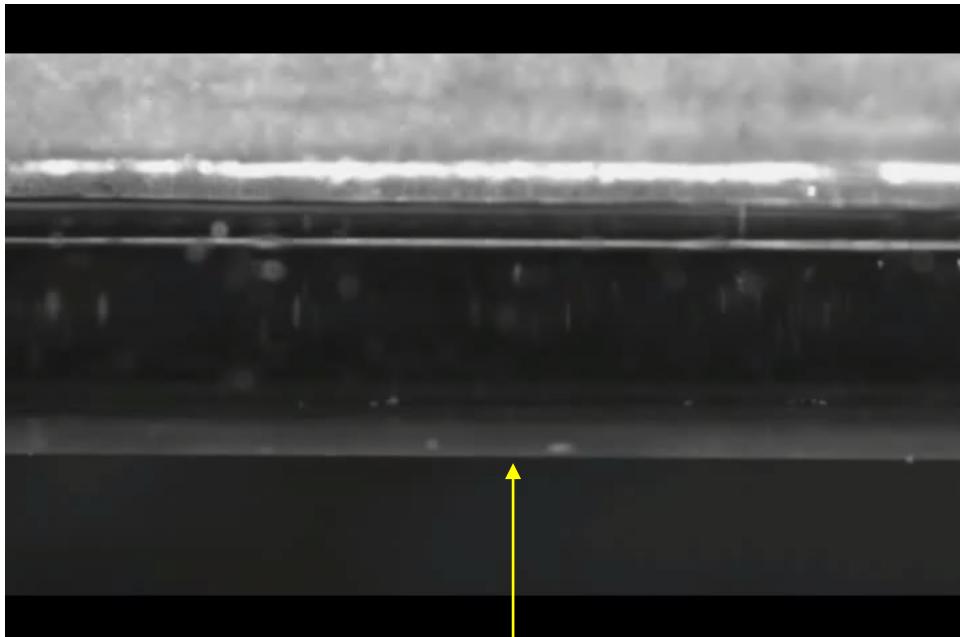


R – pseudo-Rayleigh waves  
D – direct wave through fluid  
T – tube wave



# Concentration of Particles in a Tube

Sound field is turned **ON** and **OFF**.  
Piezoelectric Transducer @ 1.5 MHz

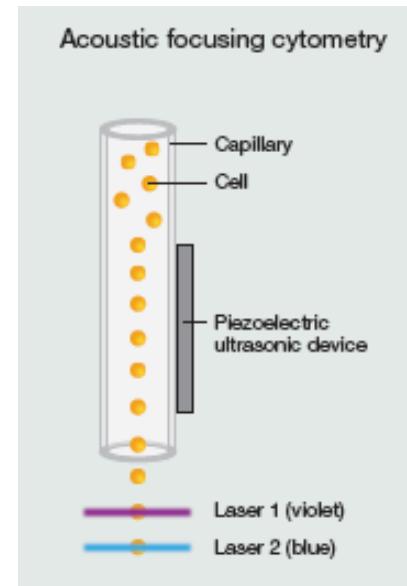


600  $\mu\text{m}$  capillary, Flow  $\sim 200 \mu\text{L}/\text{min}$   
20  $\mu\text{m}$  polystyrene beads

Real Time Video

Biological cell analysis

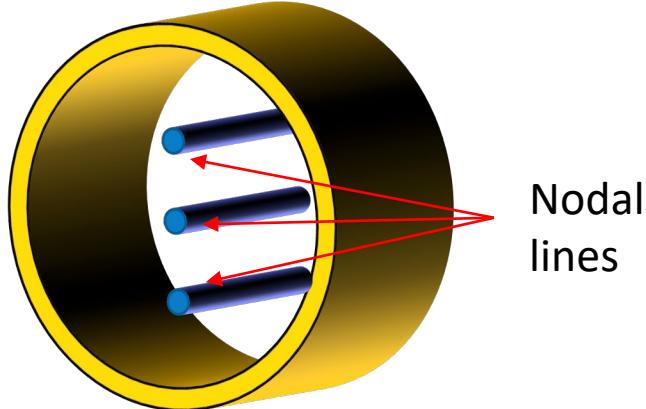
Acoustic Flow Cytometer



Thermo Fisher Scientific

# Acoustic Separation of Humidified Air

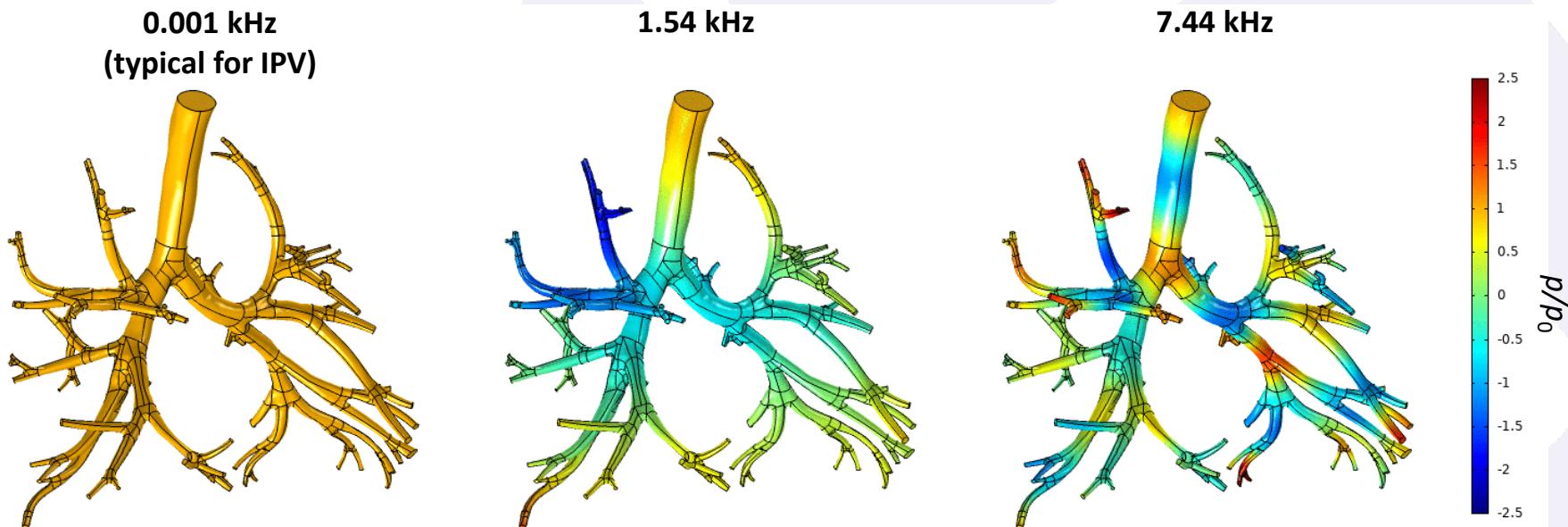
## Acoustic Aerosol Concentration & Separation



The video (real-time) shows the separation of mist from humidified air and concentrating the mist acoustically inside a hollow cylinder using sound. Once the mist is concentrated, it can be taken out of the system. Various types of implementation are possible and this is simply a proof-of-concept to show what is possible with sound.

# IPV – targeted excitation of lungs

- Intrapulmonary percussive ventilation (IPV): Applies periodic bursts of air/aerosolized medication down the trachea to improve air absorption and mucus clearance
- Currently, no good understanding of optimal parameters (frequency)
- We simulate how frequency affects sound penetration in lung bronchi

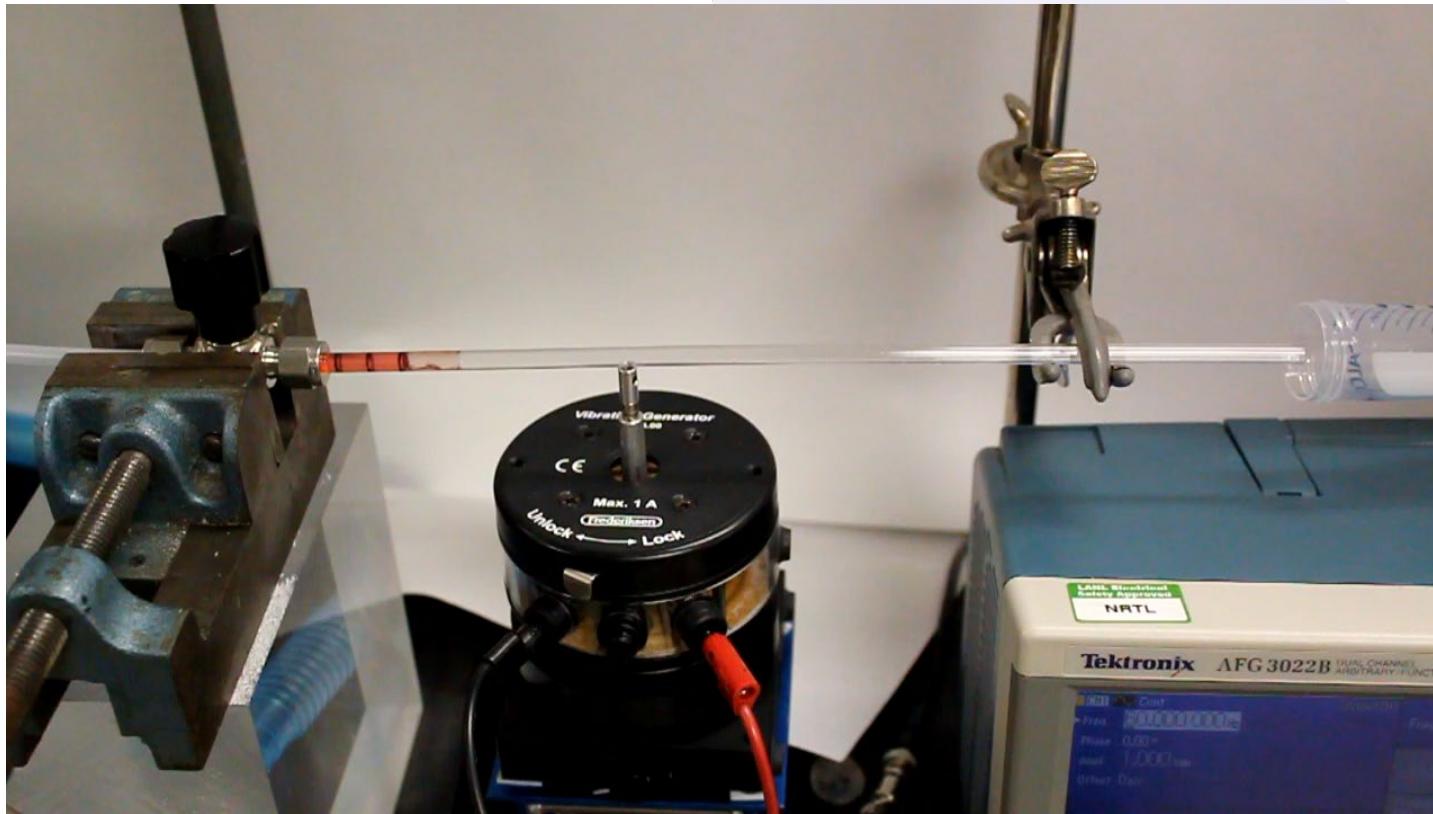


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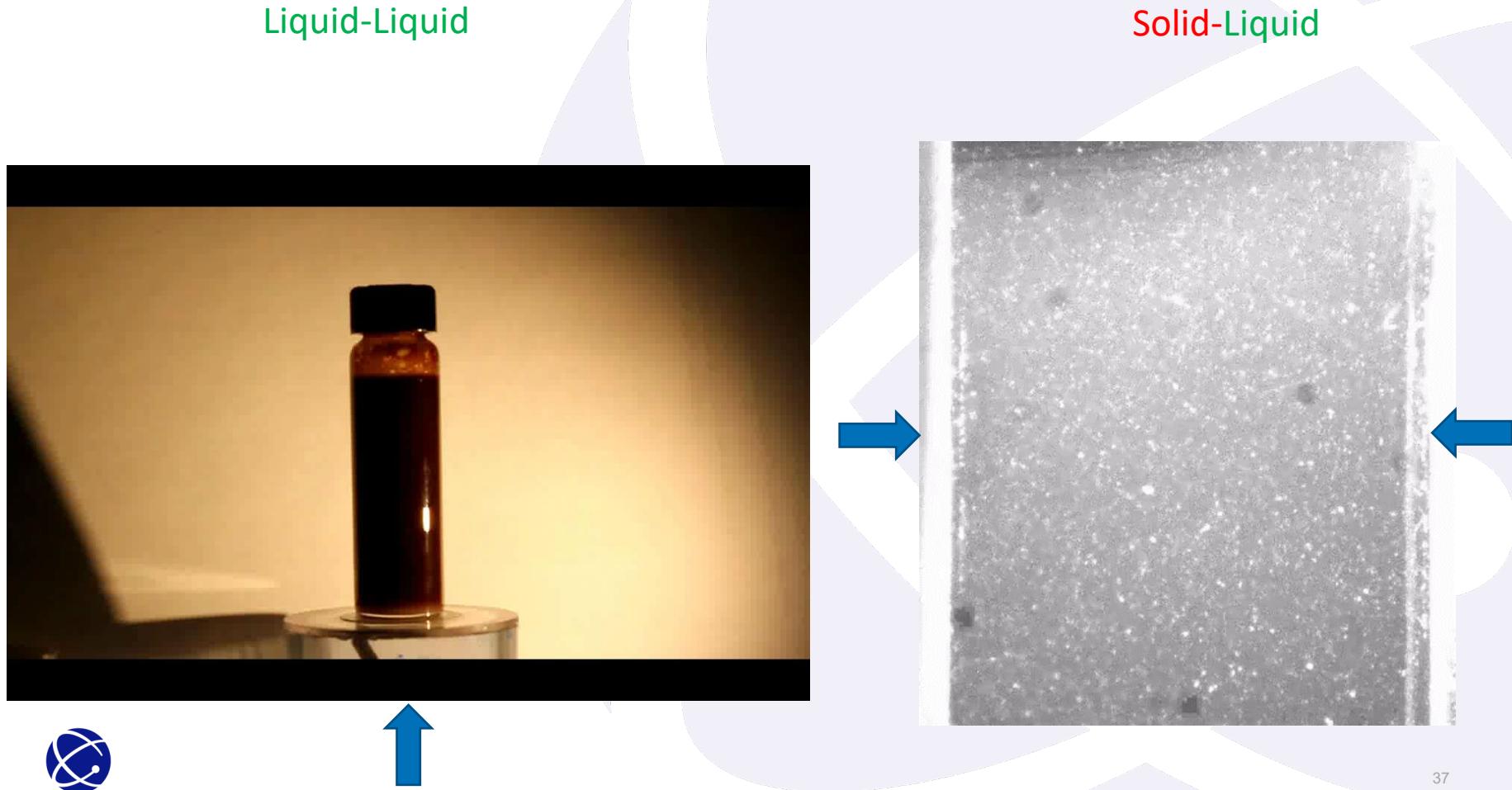
# IPV – targeted excitation of lungs

- Proof-of-principle: use vibrations to improve mucus clearance from a channel



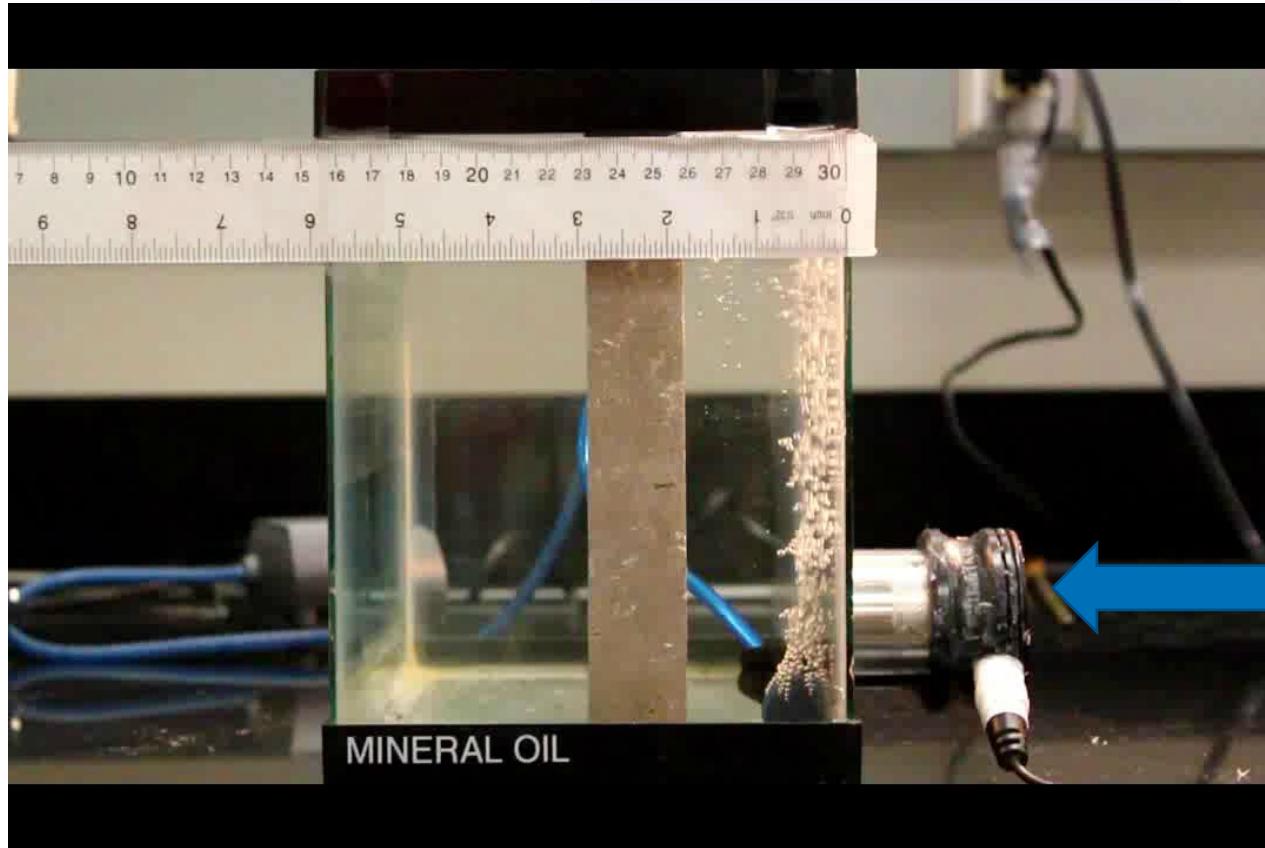
# Acoustic Separation

Non-invasive mechanical separation of any two-phase system (e.g., liquid-liquid, liquid-solid, gas-liquid, etc.,) using sound



# Acoustic manipulation

Manipulation of gas bubbles, liquid droplets, and solid particles with sound



# Underwater manipulation with sound



# Acoustic Metamaterials

## Acoustic Radiation Force Based Fabrication Technique

