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# Dependence of Sound Speed and Density on Particle Size in Diamond Powder

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# Introduction

- Upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Undergraduate Student attending UC Davis
- Career goal of becoming a vet or pursuing a PhD and conduct biological research
- Major: (B.S.) Biological Sciences





## Objective

- Understand dependence of acoustic properties of suspensions on particle size or concentration
- Create a calibration curve with density and sound speed for different diamond particle sizes



# Applications of Diamond Powder

- Commonly, utilized as a polisher for metal surfaces
- However, can be applied in...
  - Acoustics
  - Material Science



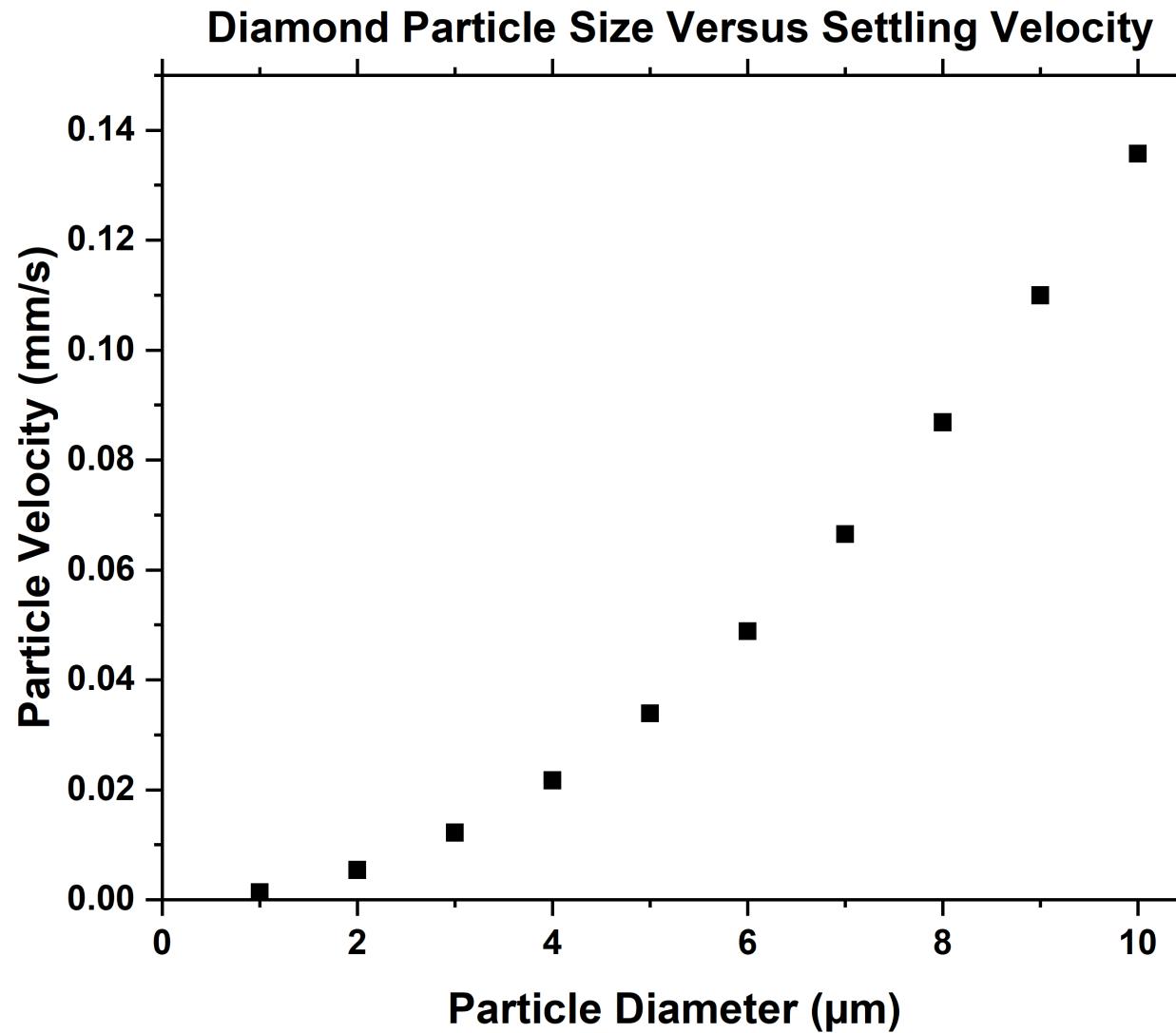


## The Challenge

- The diamond powder needs to be well-mixed
- Diamonds typically need a surfactant to stay suspended in a liquid medium
- The higher the particle size, the faster they drop out of suspension

## Suspension of Diamond Powder

- Diamond powder, even in the microns, settles in HPLC water
- Higher particle size made it difficult to experiment with



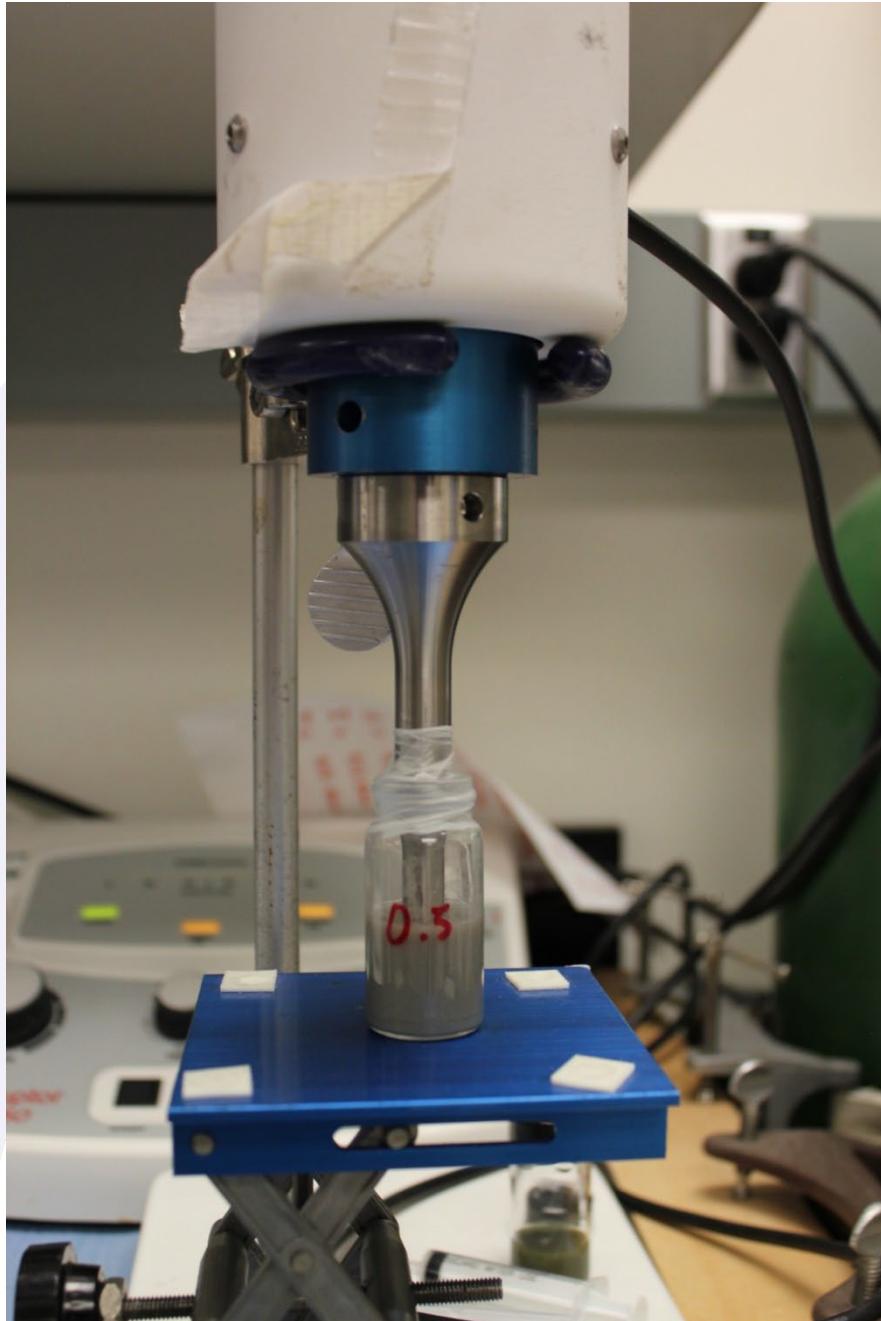
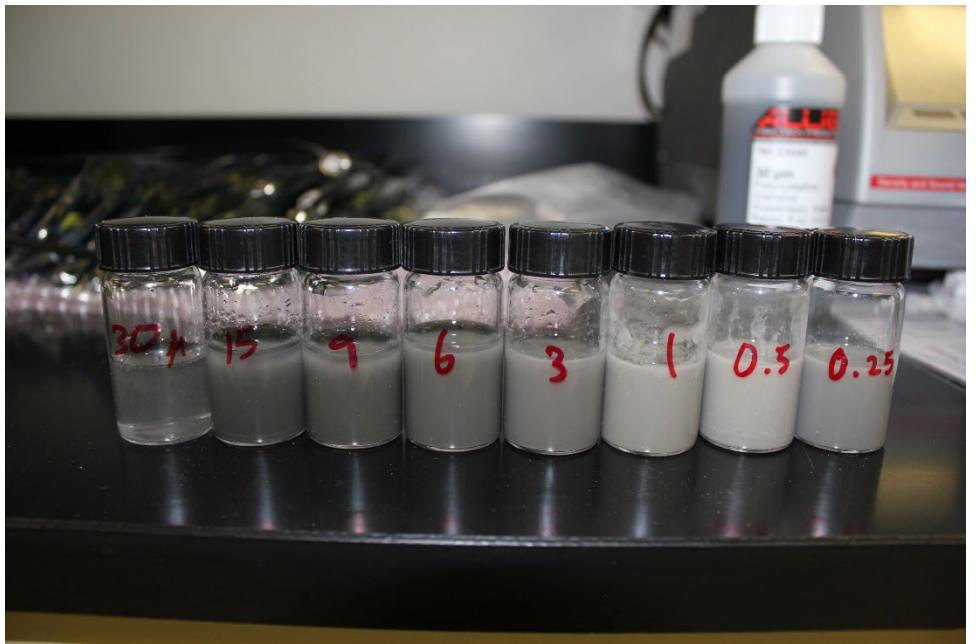
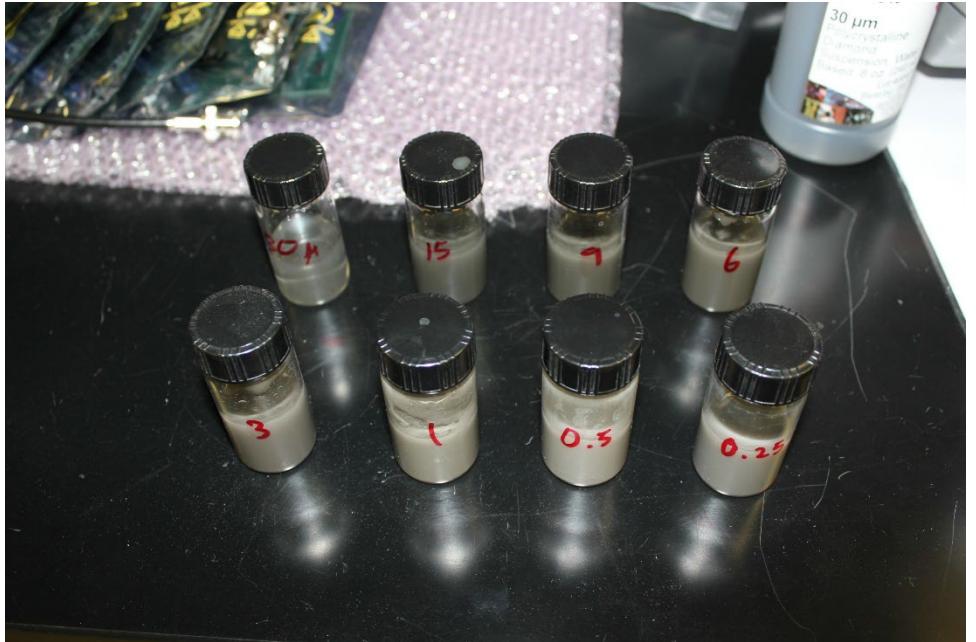
## Experimental Predictions

- Prediction: Density will decrease with increasing temperature while sound speed will increase with increasing temperature
- Mixture is mostly water by volume/mass
- Under uniform conditions, we will see a pattern between particle size with sound speed and density



## Creating Samples

- 8 different sample containers with different size diamond particles
  - Ranged from 30 microns to 0.25 microns
  - Sourced from Allied High Tech Products, Inc.
- Utilize ultrasonic homogenizer to degas and mix the samples
  - Ensures accurate measurements
  - Density/Sound Speed instrument measurement principle assumes no gas





## Taking Measurements

- Add suspensions via disposable syringe into Anton Paar
- Optimal settings for Anton Paar
  - Temp. scan (20 C – 60 C)
- Anton Paar will provide precise and accurate density and sound speed data

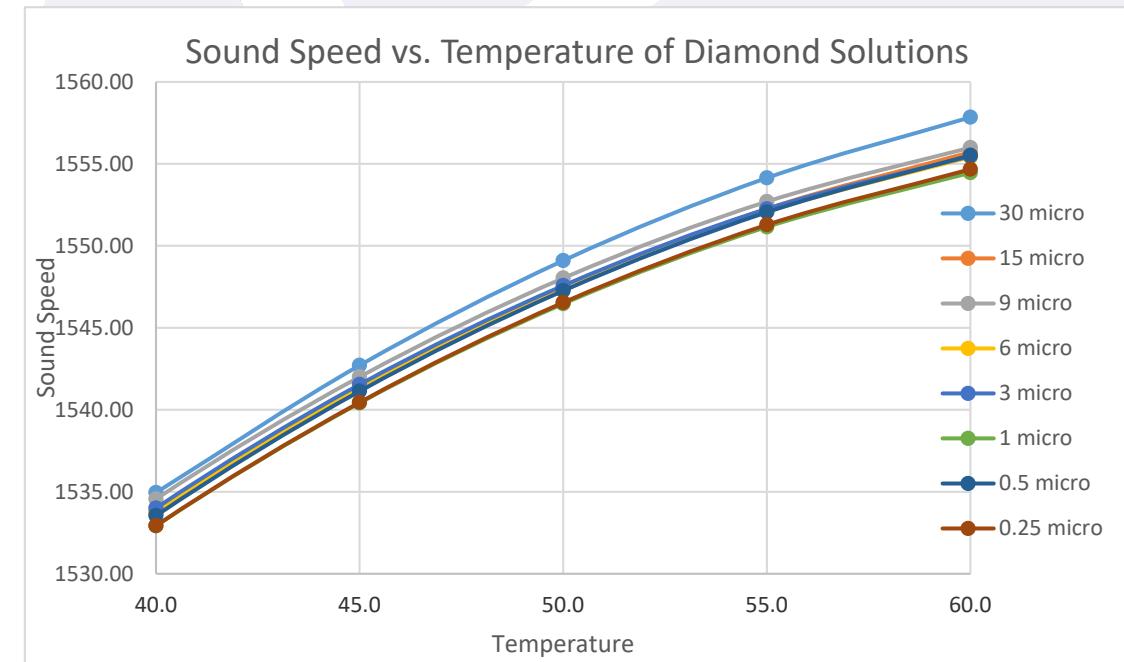
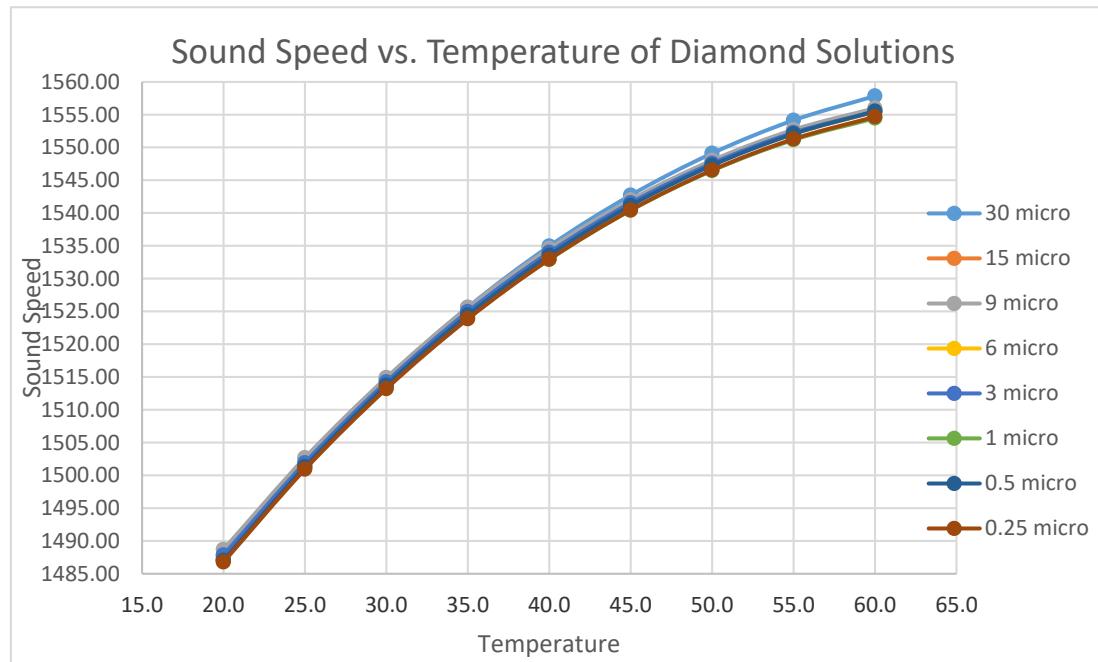
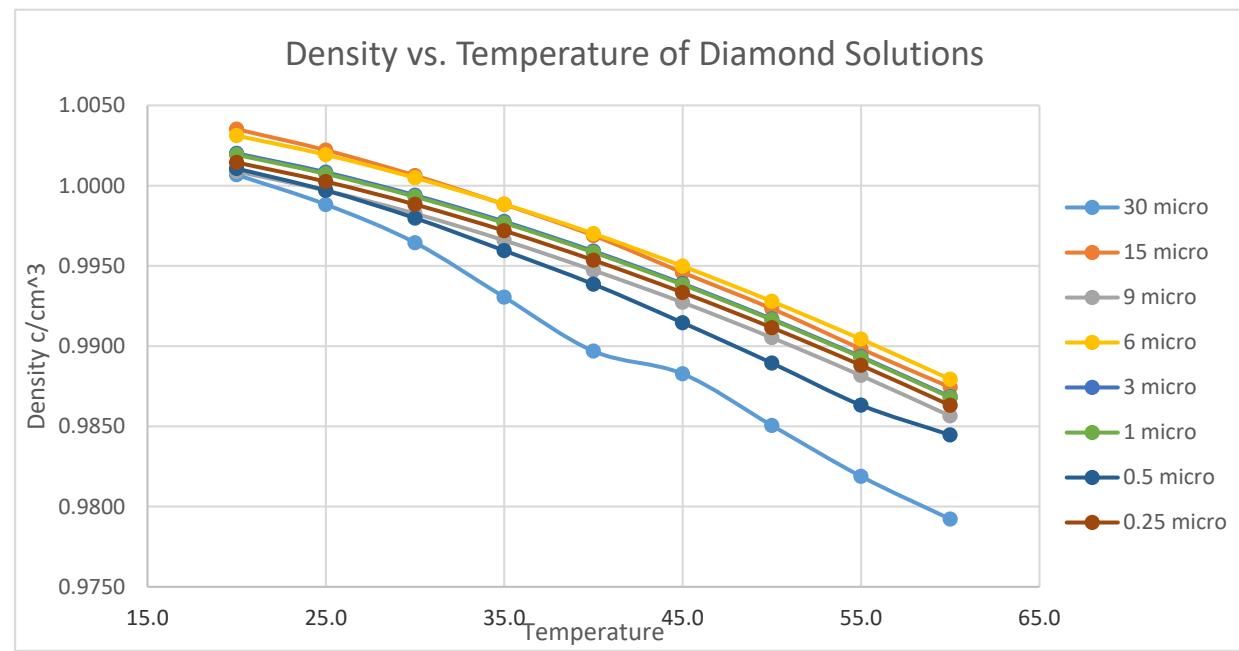


# How the Anton-Paar Works

- Model: DSA 5000M
- U-tube with exact volume filled with liquid to be studied
- Uses vibrating U-tube method for density and through-transmission method for sound speed

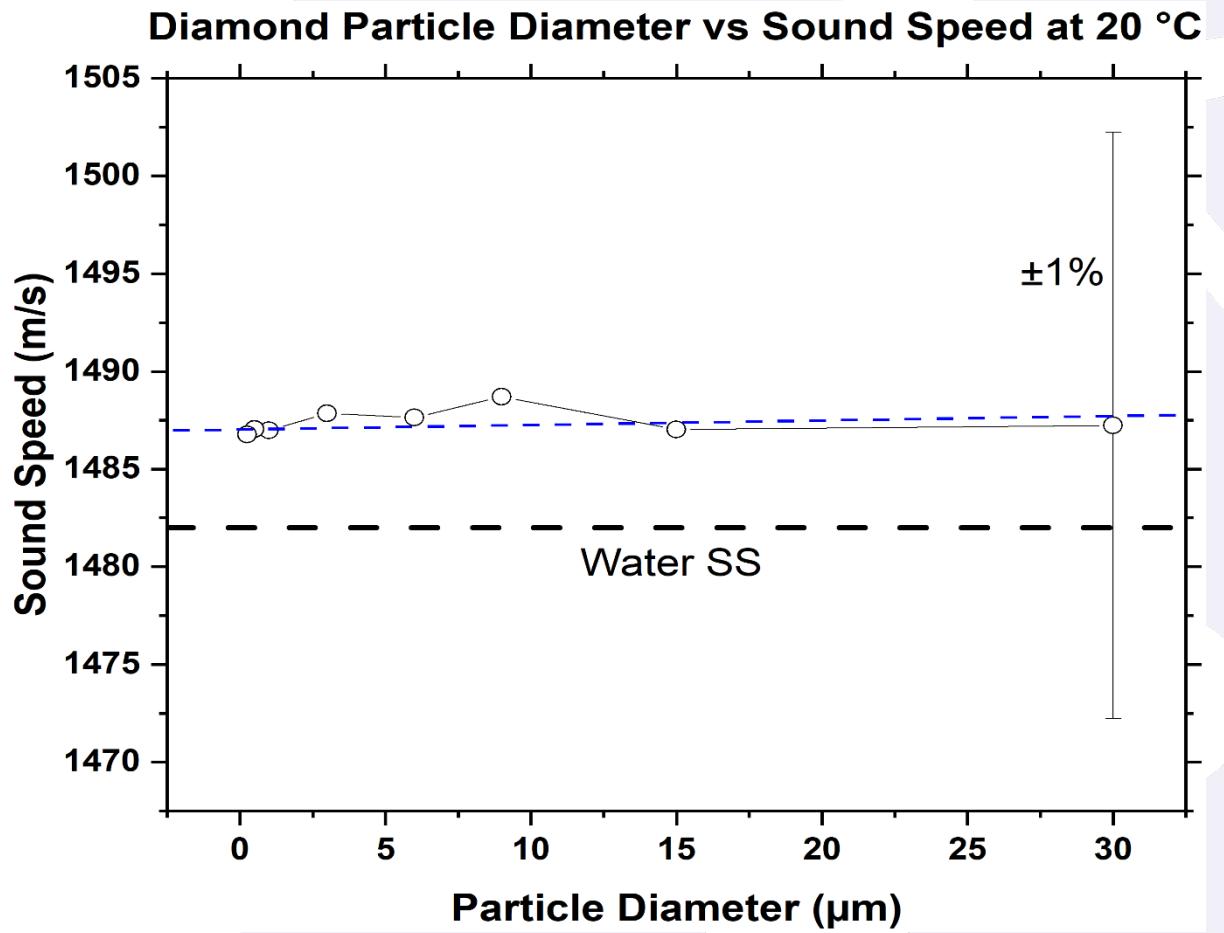


# Results



# Dependency of Particle Size on Sound Speed

- Faster than HPLC water sound speed
- Should see a relationship IF there is a correlation between particle size and sound speed
  - Suggests alternative or no factors
    - Concentration





## If...Then...

- Uniform conditions
- Controlled environment
- Known concentration





## Next Steps

- Experiments
  - Obtain raw diamond powders and mix exact concentrations in HPLC water
  - Much higher concentrations (>10x)
  - Repeat experiments for particle size versus density and sound speed



# Thank You