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Introduction

- Upcoming 3rd 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



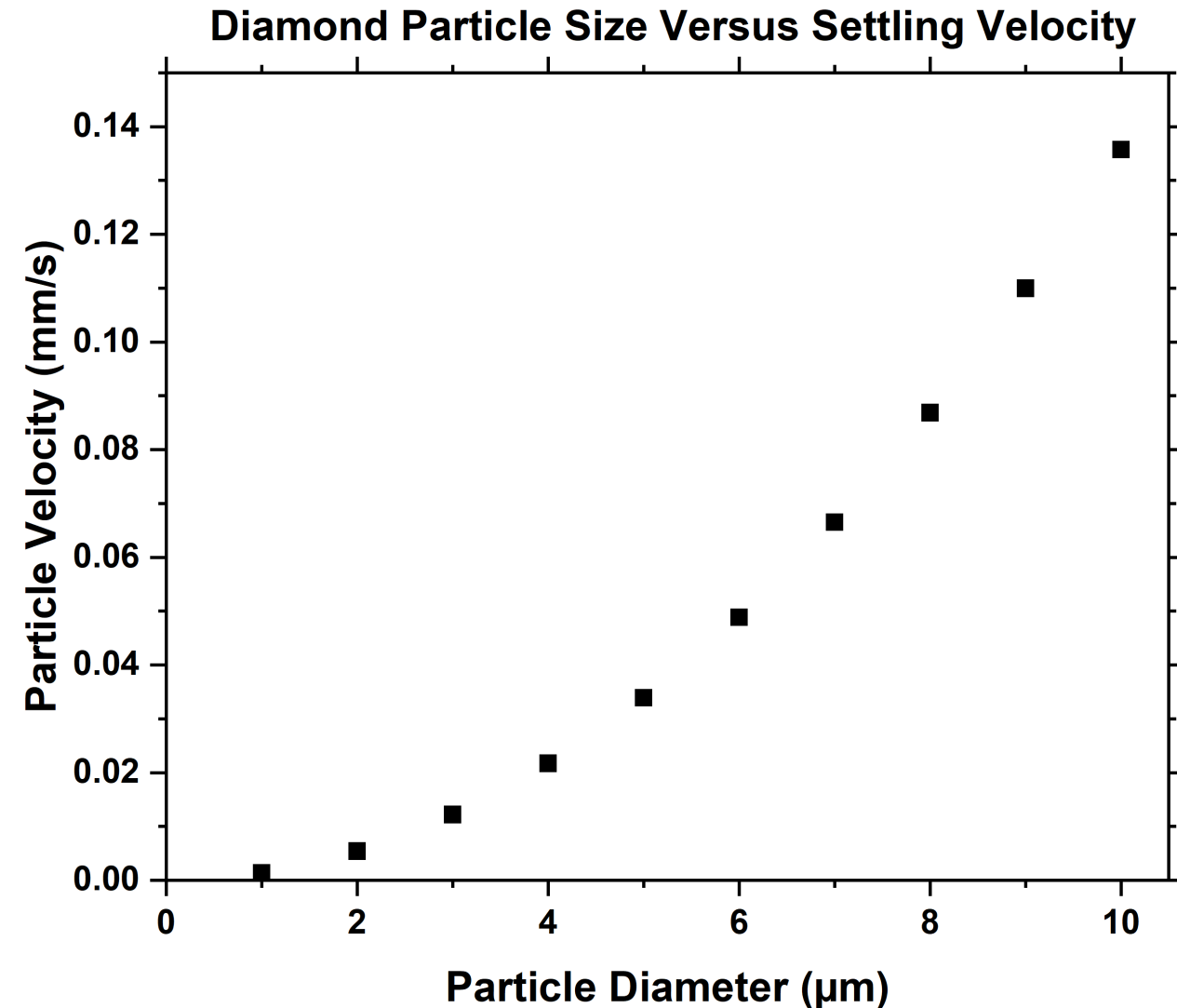


The Challenge

- 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



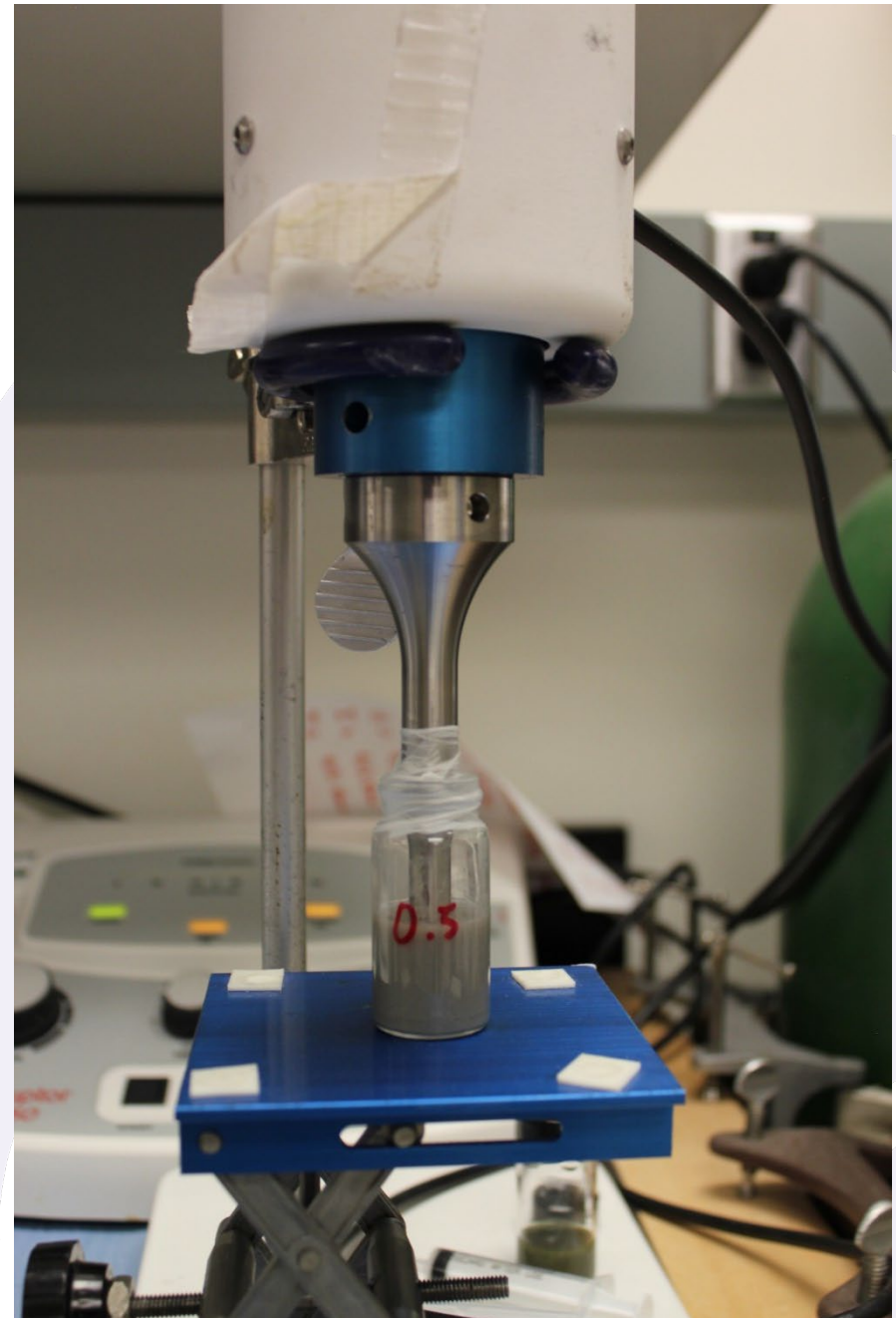
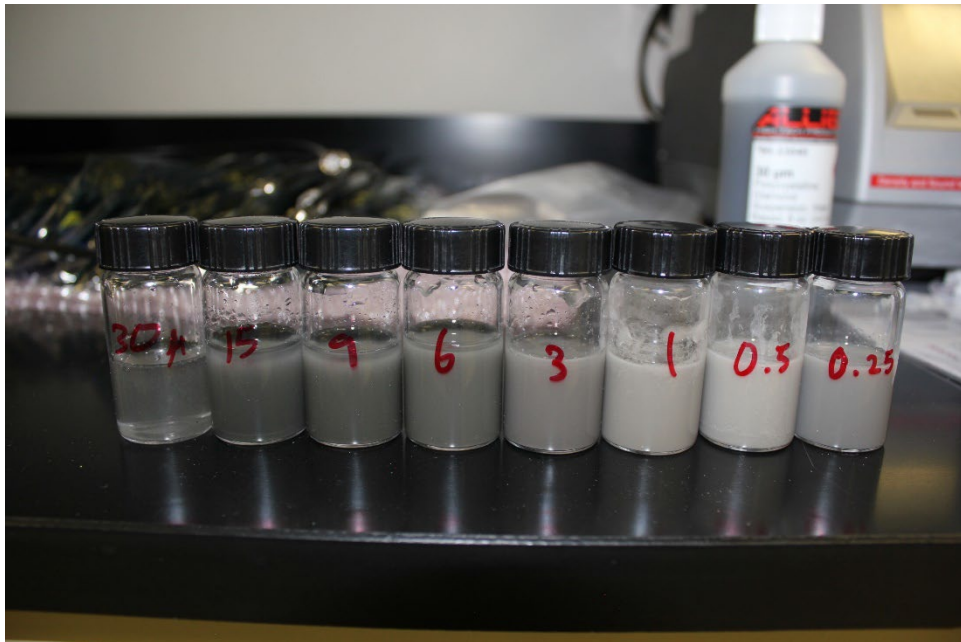
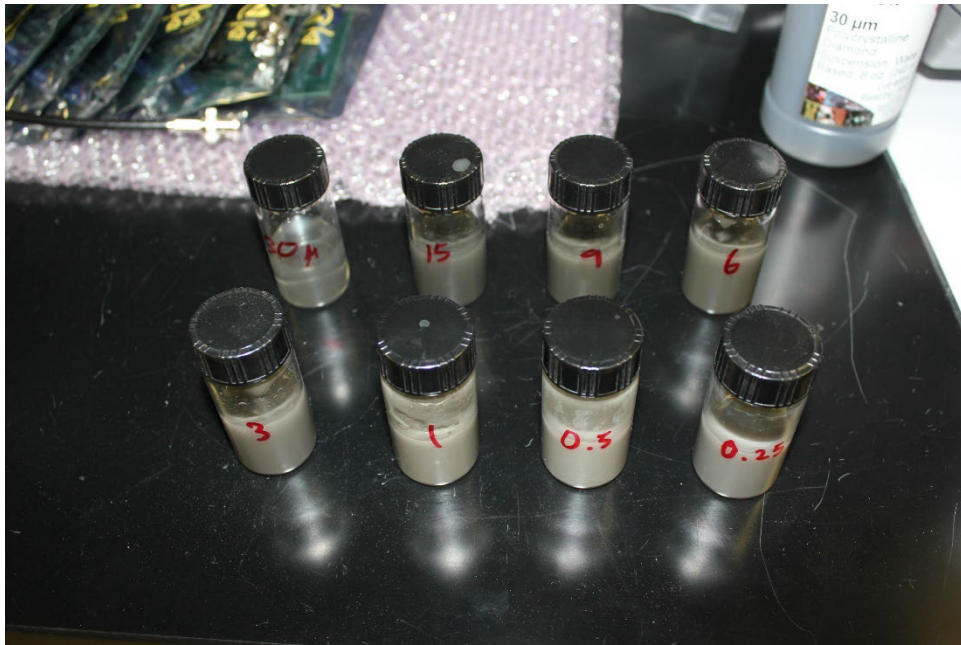
Experimental Predictions

- 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

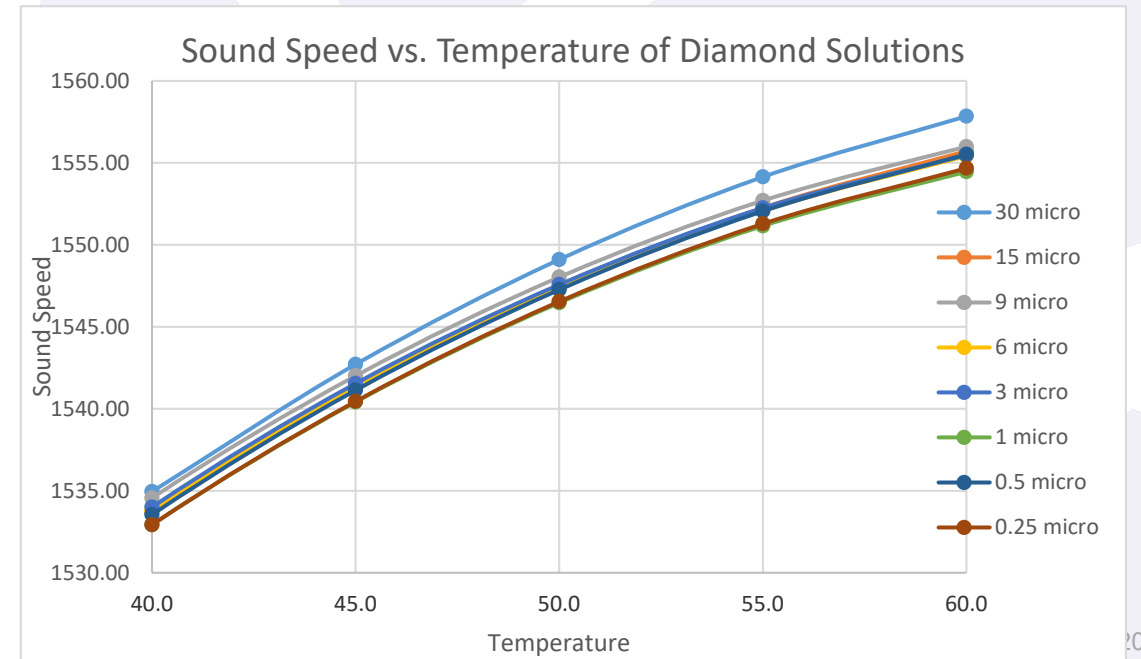
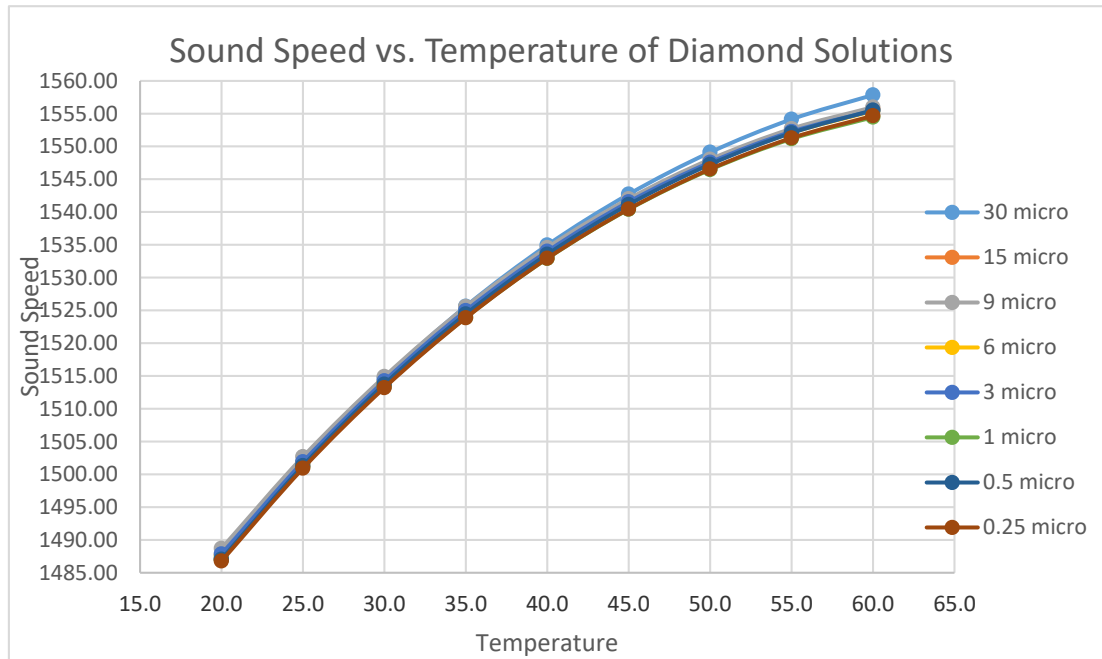
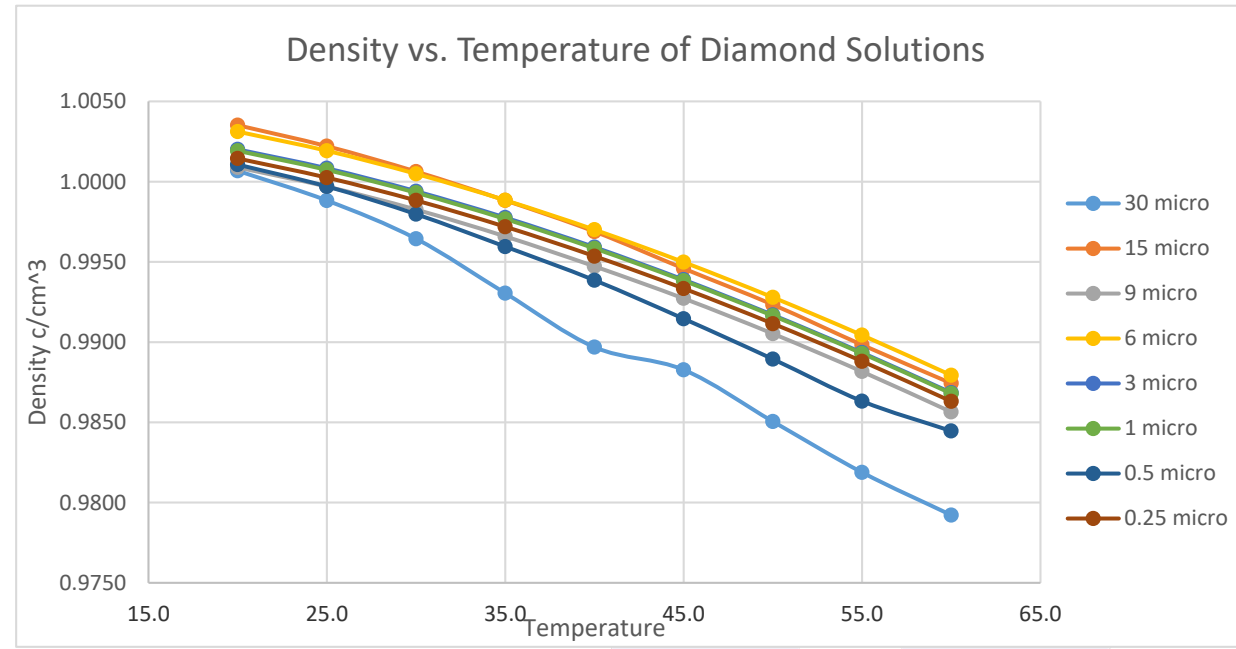


How the Anton-Paar Works

- 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

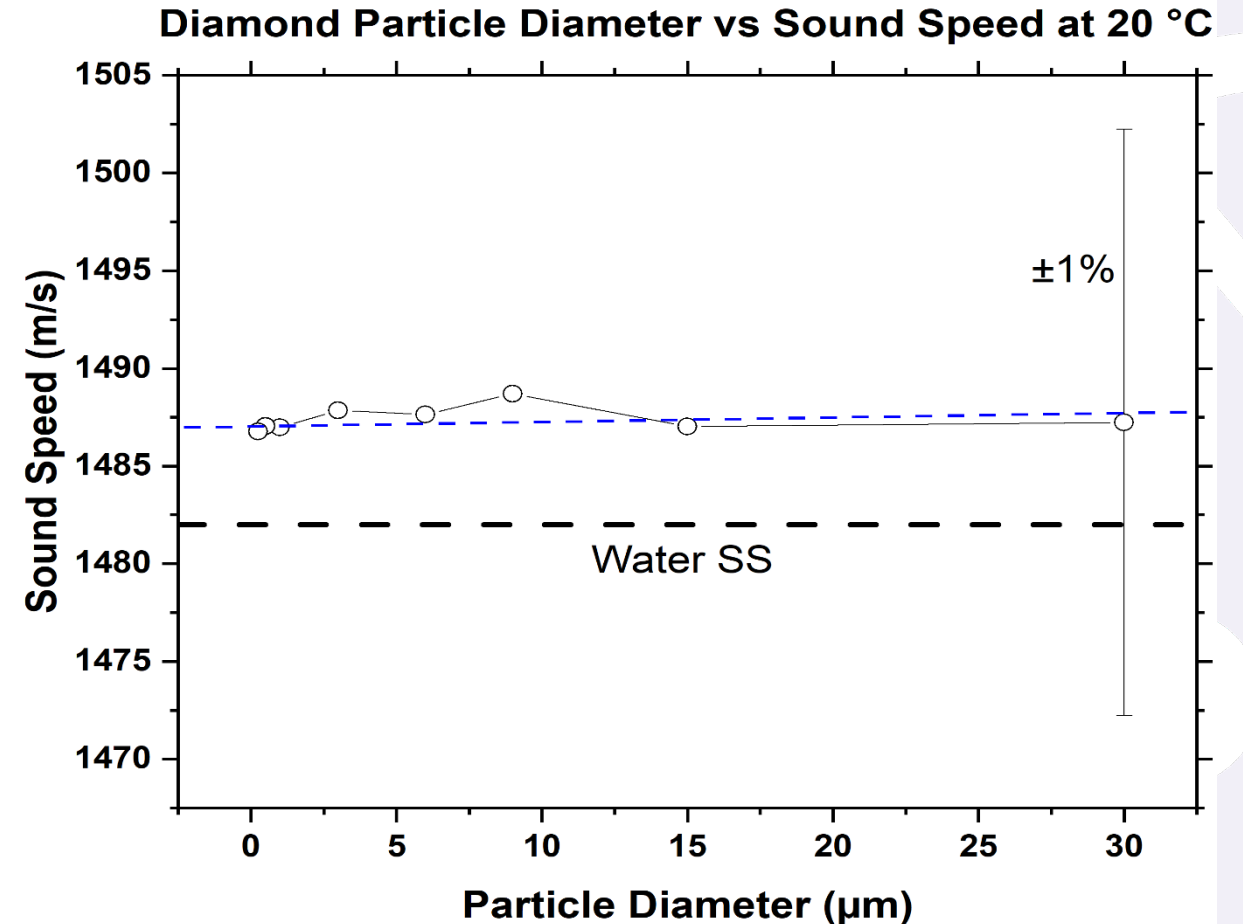


Results



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 ($>10\times$)
 - Repeat experiments for particle size versus density and sound speed

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