

# Experimental study of granular activated carbon stacks' level- and time-dependent behavior





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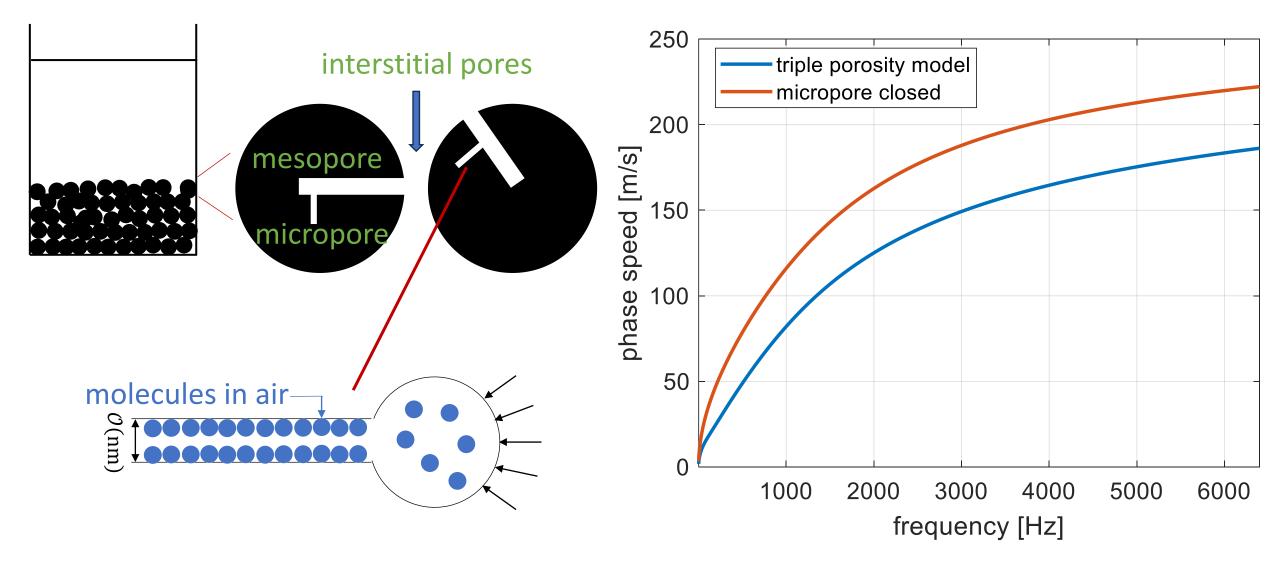
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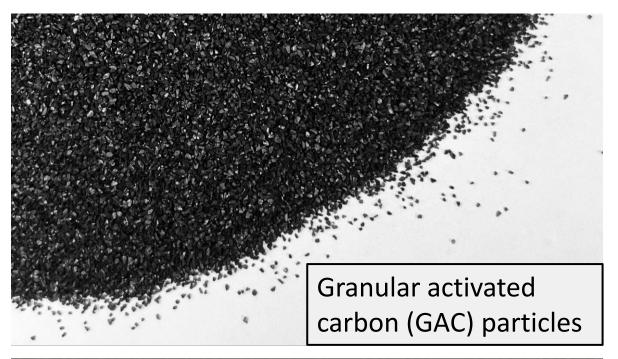
## Agenda

- Motivation & test setup
- Circumferential edge-constraint effect
- Level-dependent behavior
- Time-dependent behavior
- Conclusions

## Motivation (1/3): hierarchical porosity of the activated carbon particles



## Motivation (2/3): particle stacks' benefits & applications





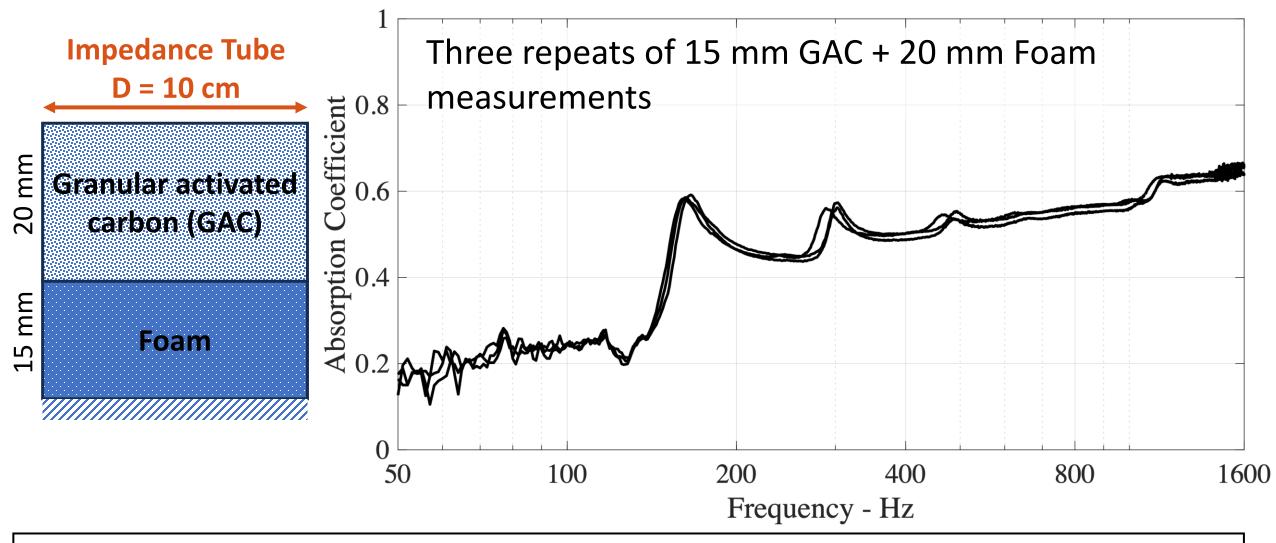
### **Benefits of high surface area particles:**

- 1. Remarkable sorption characteristics
- 2. Better low frequency sound absorption

## **Applications:**

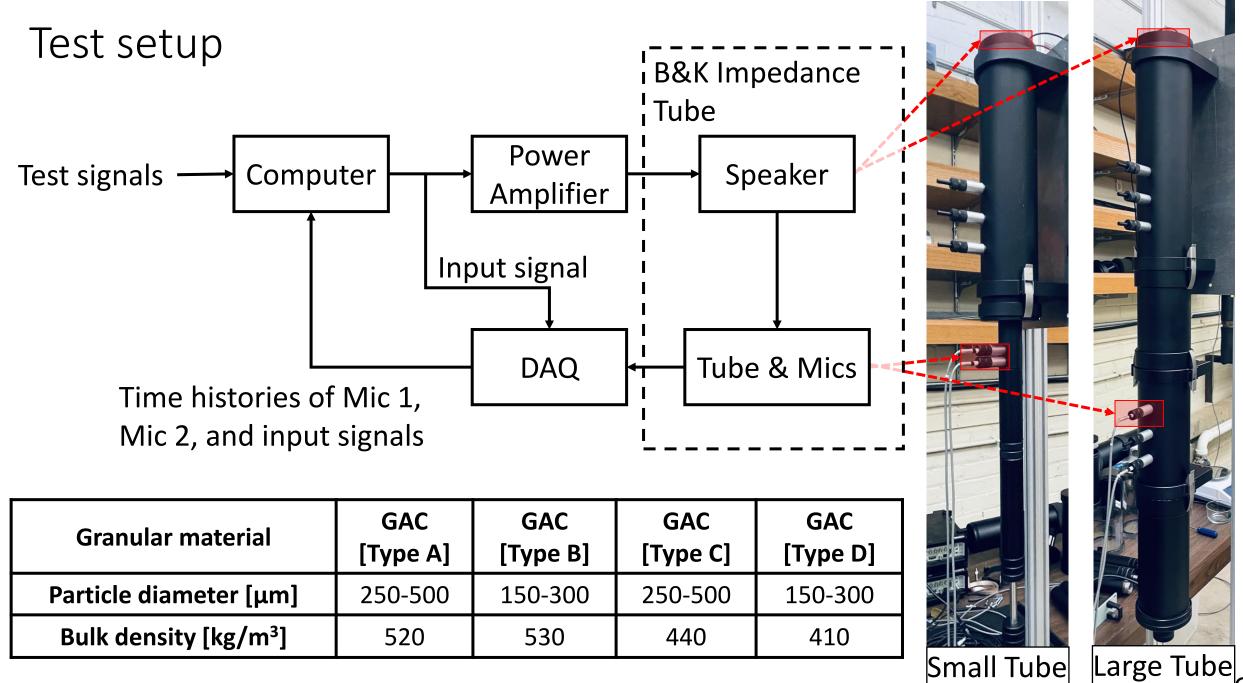
- 1. when the space to apply the acoustical treatment is limited (e.g., micro-speakers)
- when one wants to enhance the lowfrequency performance of the acoustical treatment (embed particles within the matrix)
- 3. when the granular particle has already been adopted in various fields, e.g., for thermal insulation (extend it also as an acoustic treatment)

Motivation (3/3): one more thing...



- Need to develop accurate models to allow treatment optimization.
- Must allow for unique behavior of particle stacks: edge effect, level- and time-dependence

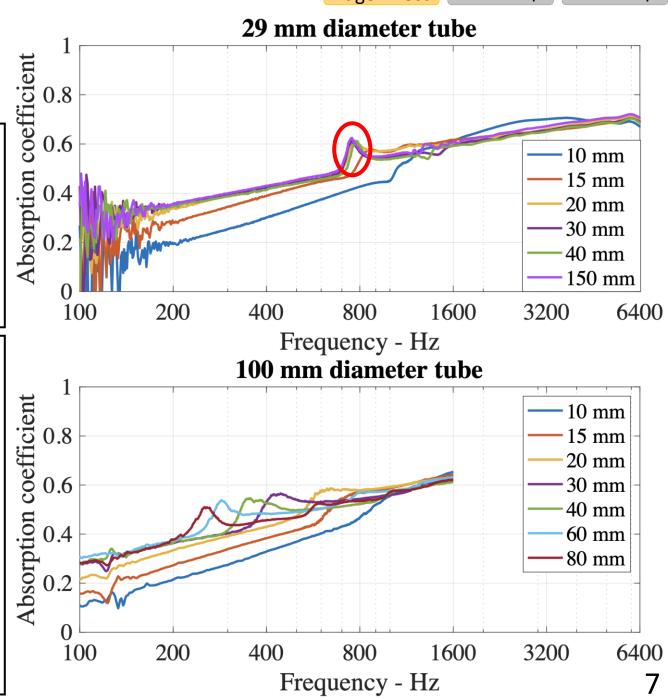
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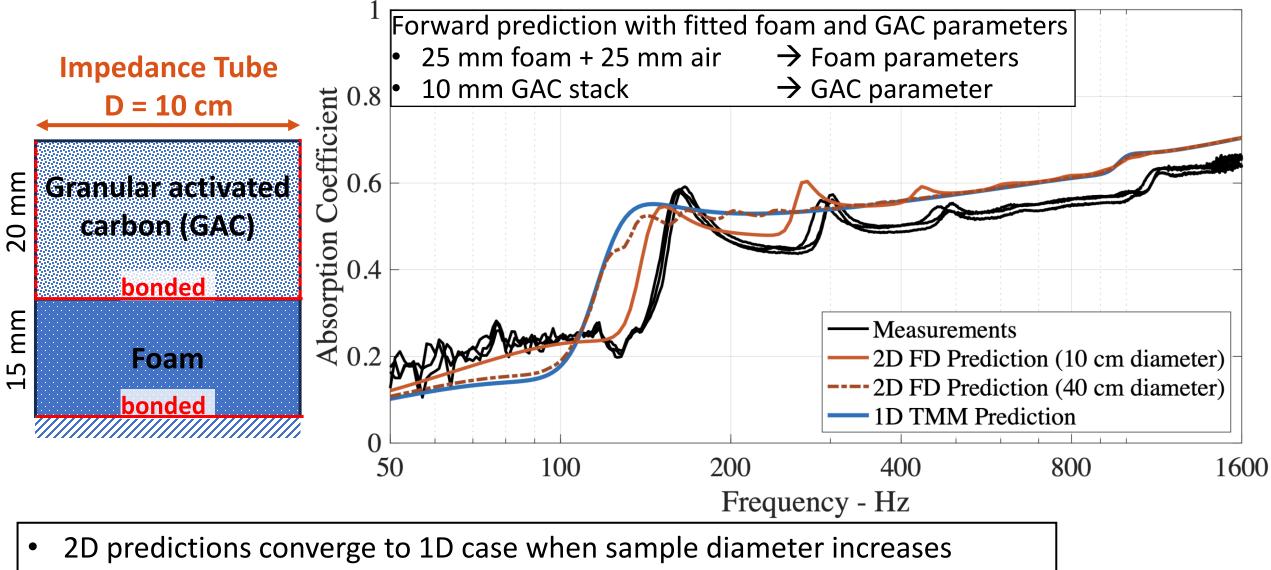
## Edge-Constraint Effect Type A GAC particle stack

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- Particle stacks tend to <u>stick</u> <u>to the wall</u>.
- This edge constraint effect can affect the absorption spectrum.
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  - Conventional <u>1-D models</u> only work when <u>stack depth</u> <u>smaller than the tube</u> diameter



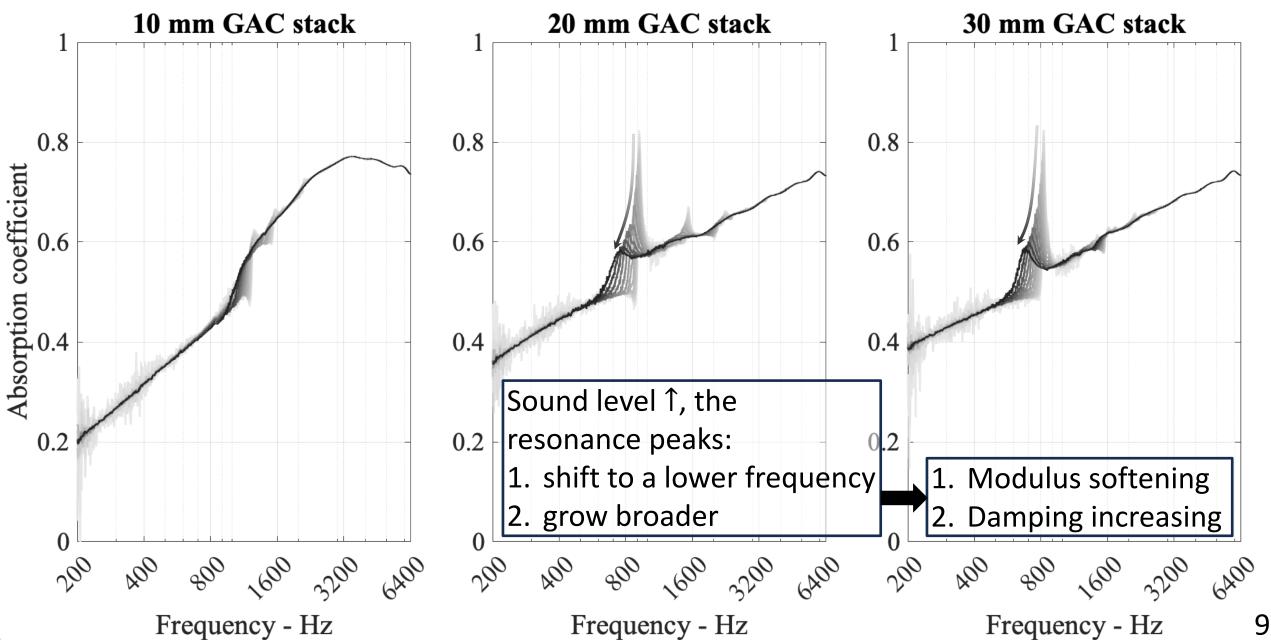
## Recap on motivations



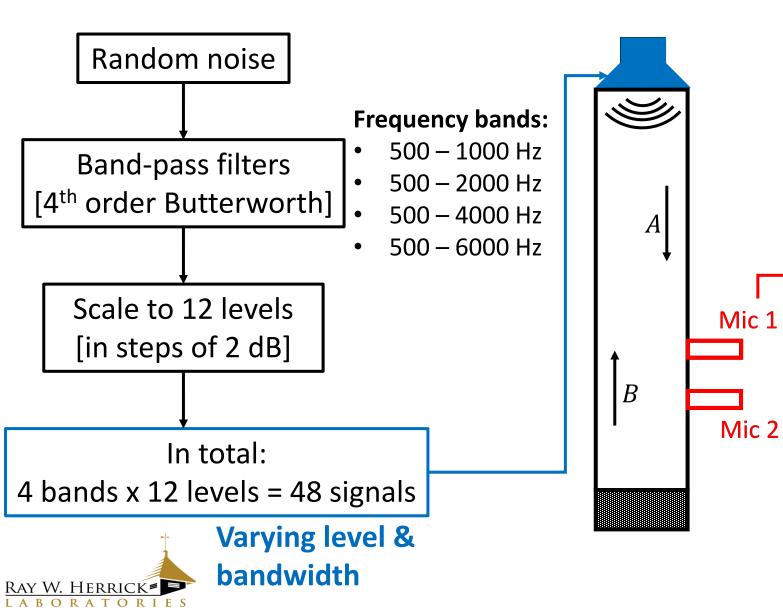
• Therefore, can use 1D theory to predict and optimize large area treatments

Edge Effect Level-dep Time-dep

### Level-dependent absorption spectral – Type A GAC stacks



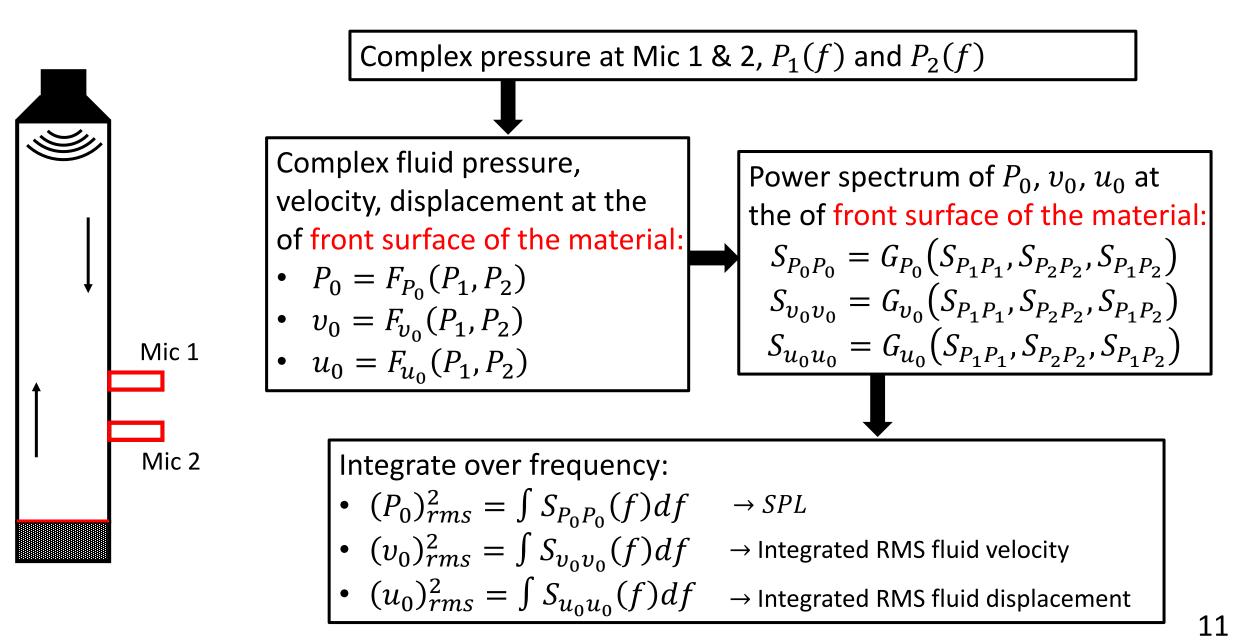
## Level-dependent test setup



#### For each signal:

- Measure material acoustical properties following the ASTM E1050 standard
- Calculate three metrics related to the acoustic field at the surface of the particle stack
- Investigate the particle stack's change of acoustic properties when exposed to different signals

Level metrics – Integrated RMS fluid pressure, velocity, displacement

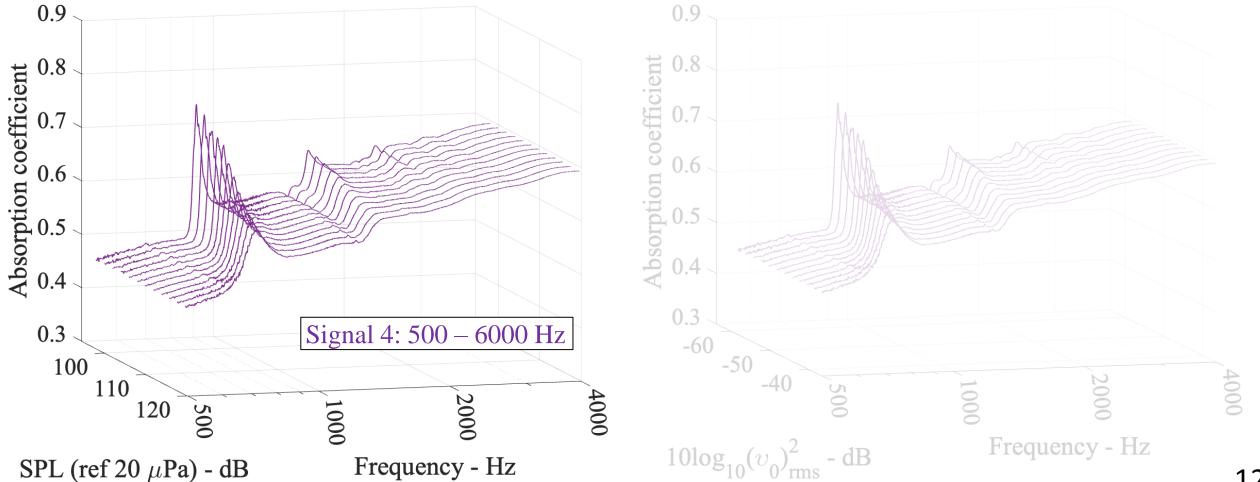


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## Test results: 40 mm Type A GAC stack

#### Sound pressure level

#### Integrated fluid RMS velocity



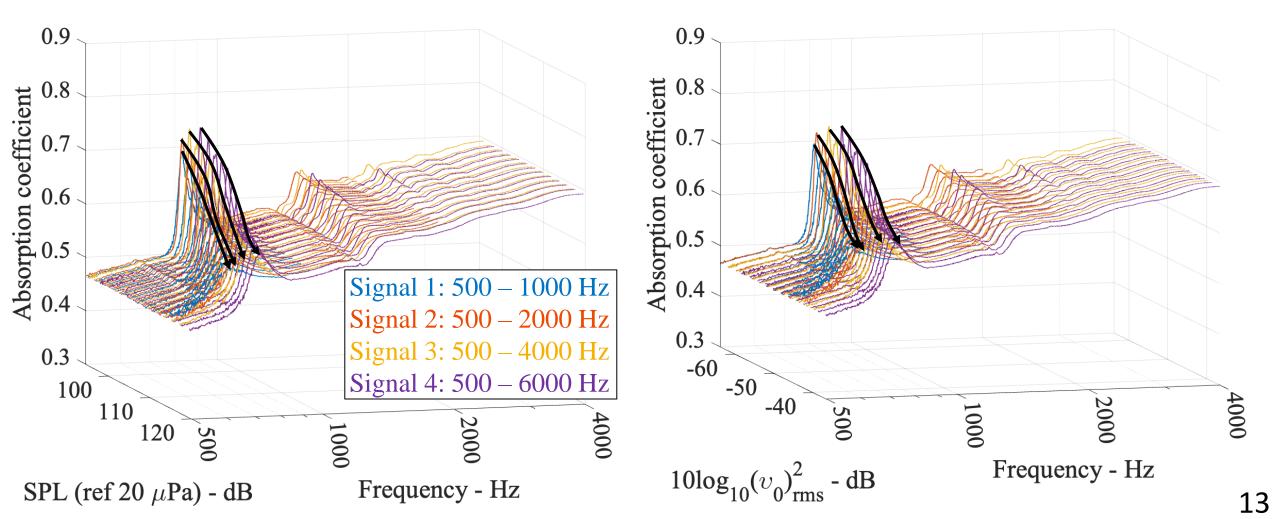
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- Peak behavior does not scale with sound pressure level or integrated RMS velocity

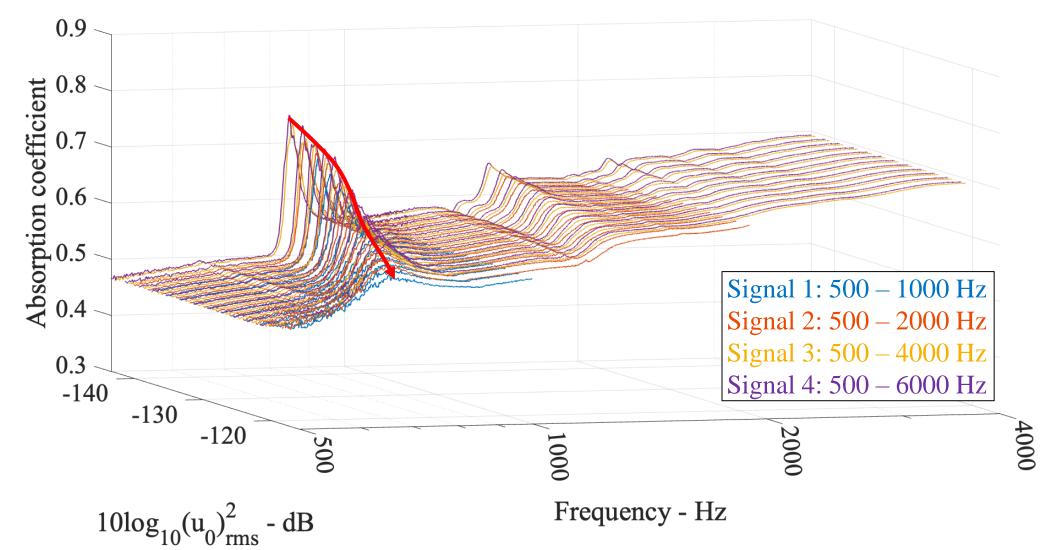
Sound pressure level

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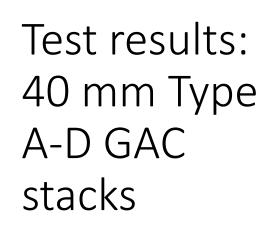


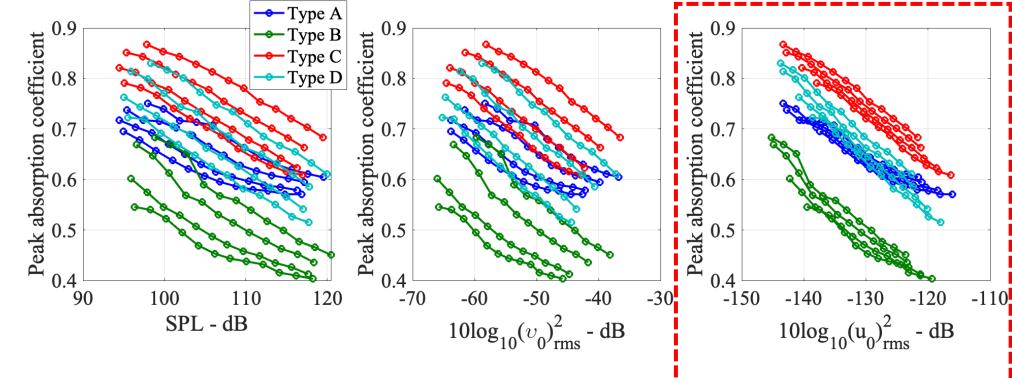
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- All the peaks collapse to one single line when plotting against integrated RMS fluid displacement at surface of particle stack, independent of signal bandwidth



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 <u>Level-dependent behavior</u>, including stiffness decrease and damping increase as level increases, is accurately characterized by <u>RMS fluid displacement</u> at surface of sample.

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 Effect begins to <u>occur</u> when <u>displacement is a small fraction of</u> <u>particle size</u>.

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SPL - dB

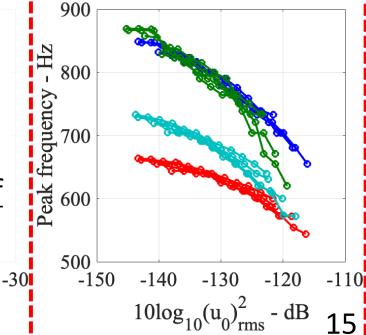
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dB

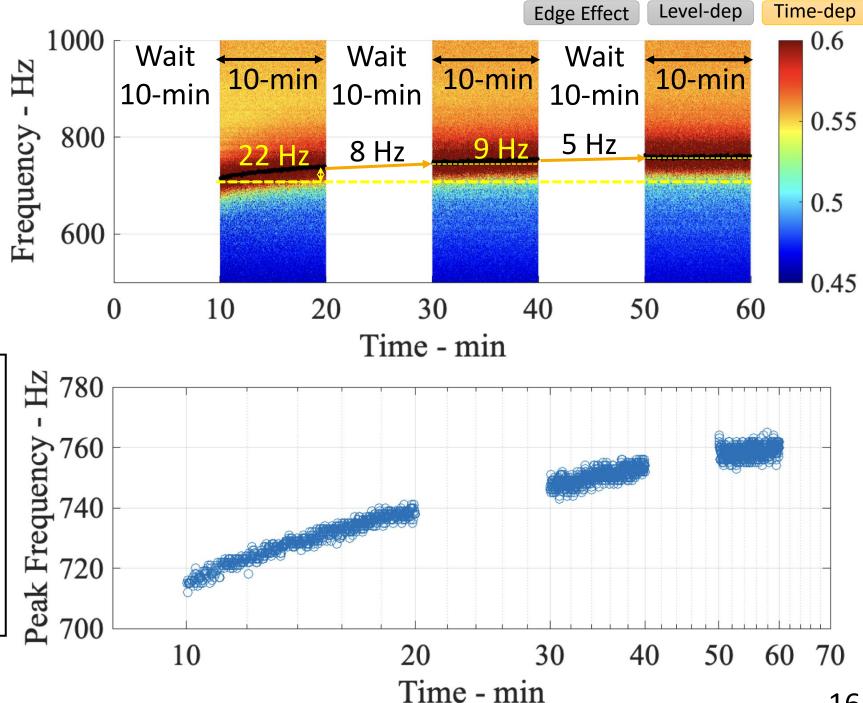


## Time-dependent: 40 mm Type A GAC

#### **Procedure:**

Load the sample 1. Wait 10-min  $\rightarrow$  10-min noise 2. Wait 10-min  $\rightarrow$  10-min noise 3. Wait 10-min  $\rightarrow$  10-min noise

- Particle stack gradually <u>consolidates</u> over minutes and hours <u>whether or not</u> <u>exposed to sound field.</u>
- Increase in peak frequency indicates <u>stiffening of</u> <u>material</u>.



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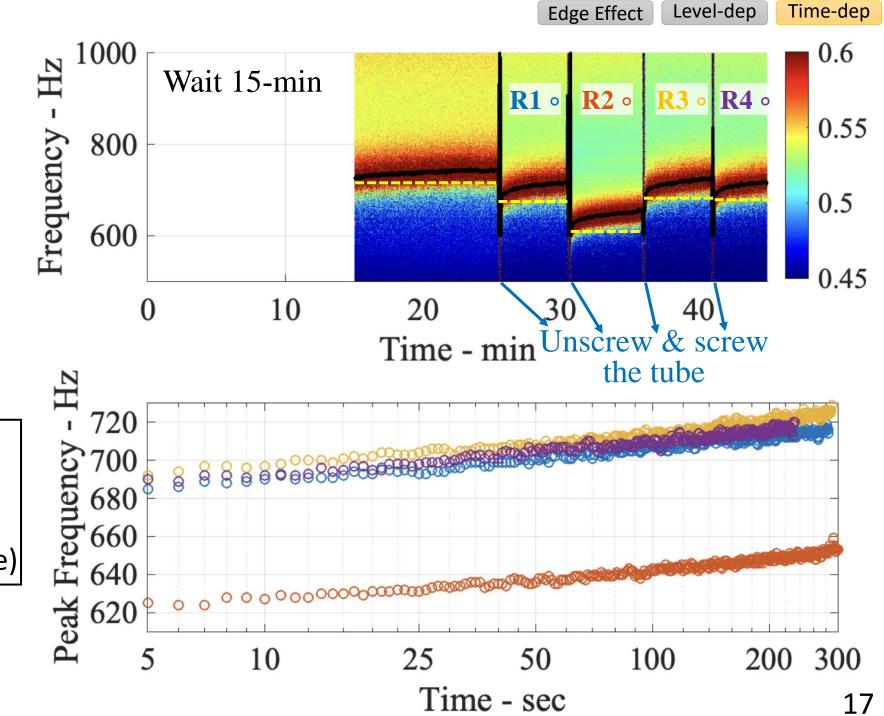
Load the sample

1. Wait 15-min

2. 30-min white noise Vibrate sample 4 times

 This is an example of "slow dynamics"

 Properties changes as a linear function of log(Time)



## Conclusions

- The <u>circumferential edge-constraint</u> has shown a significant impact on the acoustical behavior of granular particle stacks when the <u>stack depth is comparable to or larger than</u> <u>the sample holder size</u>.
- For granular particle stacks: as the input sound <u>level goes up</u>, the resonance peaks: 1. shift to a lower frequency (i.e., <u>modulus softening</u>); 2. grow broader (i.e., <u>increasing damping</u>) The level-dependent modulus and damping of granular material can be characterized with <u>a strain-related metric</u>: i.e., the <u>total RMS fluid displacement</u> at the stack surface.
- It has been found that some granular materials will consolidate over time, resulting in an increase in modulus, and the change of properties is <u>linearly related with the logarithm of time</u>. Such time-varying properties can be "initialized" by vibrating or disturbing the particle stack. This is an example of "slow dynamics".



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