

***The essence of NDT:
the intelligent use of physical phenomena to save lives***

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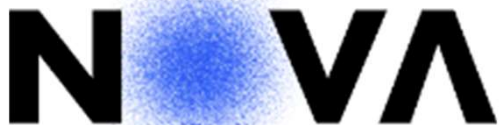
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Main NDT methods:

- Visual Inspection (endoscopy, digital microscopy);
- Dye penetrant / Magnetic particles
- Thermography
- **Electromagnetic Methods (Eddy currents, others)**
- Ultrasound (Conventional and Air-coupled)
- Low intensity digital X-ray
- Terahertz
- Other customized NDT techniques
- NDT innovations based on bacterial cells
- Homemade equipment & Other commercial equipment...

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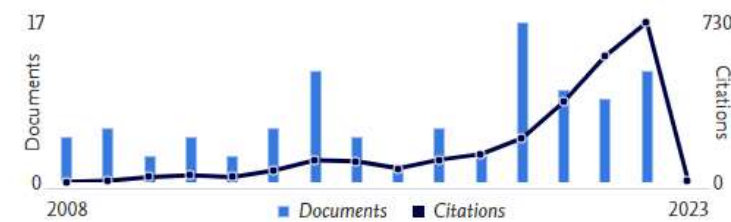
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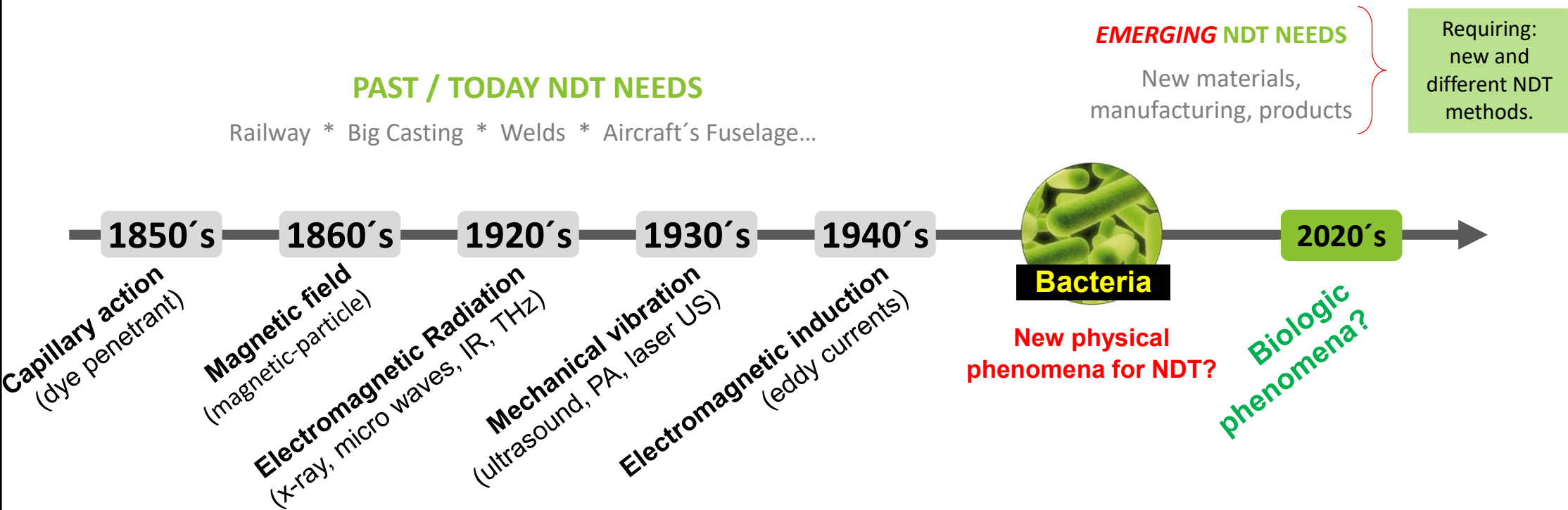
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Looking at the history of NDT...

Since 1940's: No new NDT methods, from the *physical phenomena* point of view...



Hypothesis: Can we use non pathogenic bacteria as a defect detector?

Note 1: The dates presented refer to the industrial implementation of the NDT and not to the discovery of the physical phenomena.

Note 2: Physical phenomena are the target, but not NDT techniques (eg. microwave and thermography NDT are considered in Electromagnetic Radiation phenomena).

Bacterial cells preferentially adhere to surface irregularities, such as: roughness, cracks and voids.

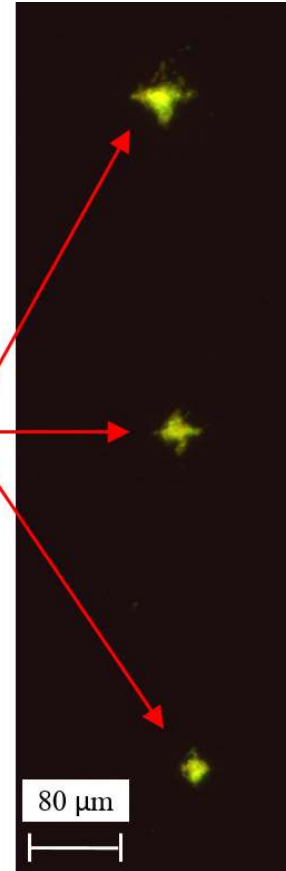
Can it allowing the identification of these defects?

The main Idea is to explore the:

- *Live* attributes;
- *Natural intentionality*

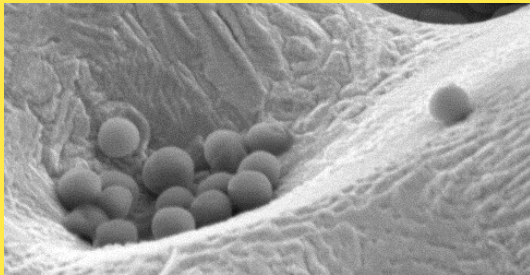
- i) small dimension ($< 1 \mu\text{m}$)
- ii) high penetration capacity (due biosurfactants)
- iii) motility (flagella, gliding...)
- iv) adherence
- v) reproducibility and death
- vi) fluorescence
- vii) endothermic /exothermic
- viii) susceptibility to electric and magnetic fields.

**Bacteria
inside
defects**



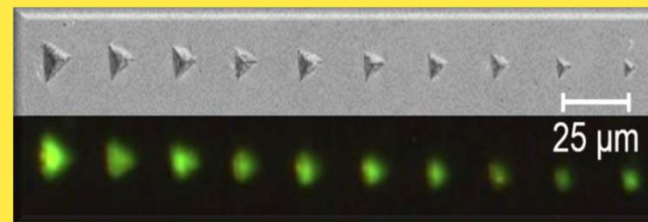
PROOF OF CONCEPT

1. DEFECT AFFINITY



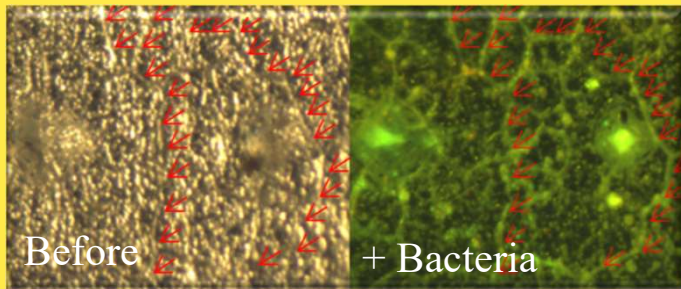
2. DEFECT DETECTION

Artificial



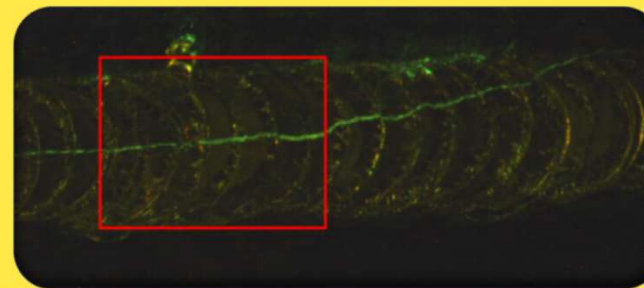
Bacteria in nano indentations

3. REVEALING SURFACE MORPHOLOGY



Anodized pattern in aluminium

Real



laser weld in NiTi



Main Idea: link *live* and *inert material* in NDT

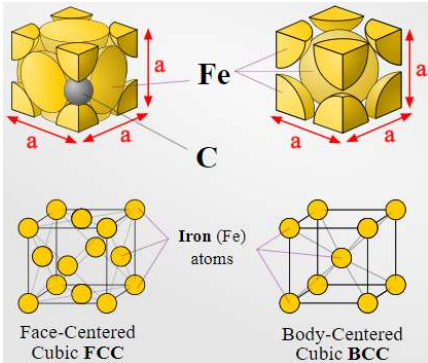
4 main factors governing the technique

The compatibility, the interaction and the adhesion mechanisms between materials and bacteria are interesting, complex and interdependent of multi factors:

Chemical composition of the surfaces

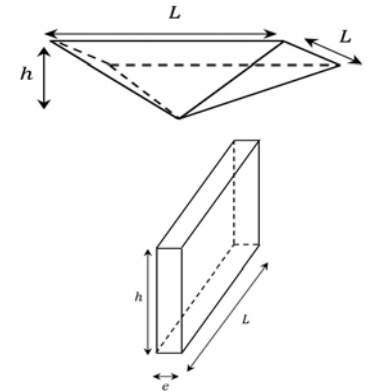
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6	55 Cs	56 Ba*	71 Lu	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb
7	87 Fr	88 Ra*	103 Lr	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl

Crystalline structures of existing phases

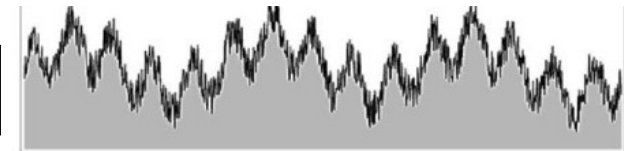


Interaction mechanisms between bacteria and materials

Defects geometry



Surface Topography



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A new NDT technique based on bacterial cells to detect micro surface defects

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Nova Técnica de END Baseada em Células Bacterianas para Detecção de Micro e Nano Defeitos Superficiais

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Resumo: Trabalhos recentes têm demonstrado que filmes com células bacterianas (CB) podem ser usados como uma nova técnica de Ensaios Não Destrutivos (END) fiável para a deteção e caracterização de micro e nano defeitos superficiais. As CB podem ser usadas também numa perspetiva de caracterização da textura e topografia de superfícies. Esta nova técnica de END pretende explorar a intencionalidade e os atributos de vida das CB, nomeadamente: a sua reduzida dimensão, elevada capacidade de penetração, mobilidade, aderência, fluorescência.

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RESEARCH PAPER

Surface discontinuity detection using bacterial suspensions

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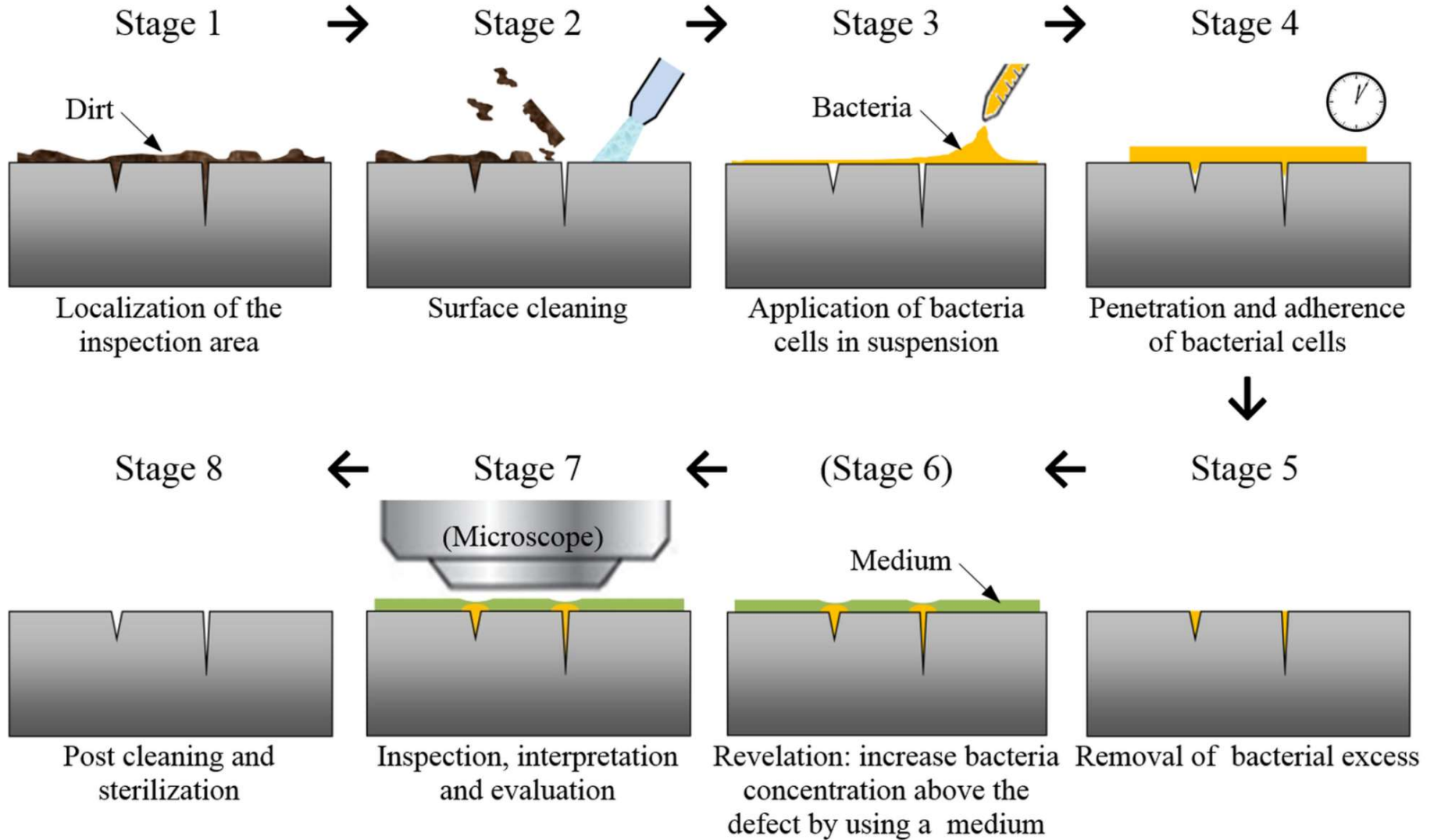
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Abstract The main problem when detecting microsurface discontinuities in the microfabrication scale is the poor sensitivity of existing nondestructive testing (NDT). Although advanced techniques to detect microdiscontinuities based on ultrasonic testing (UT) or eddy current testing (ET) methods exist, these are not suitable for microcomponents, since the

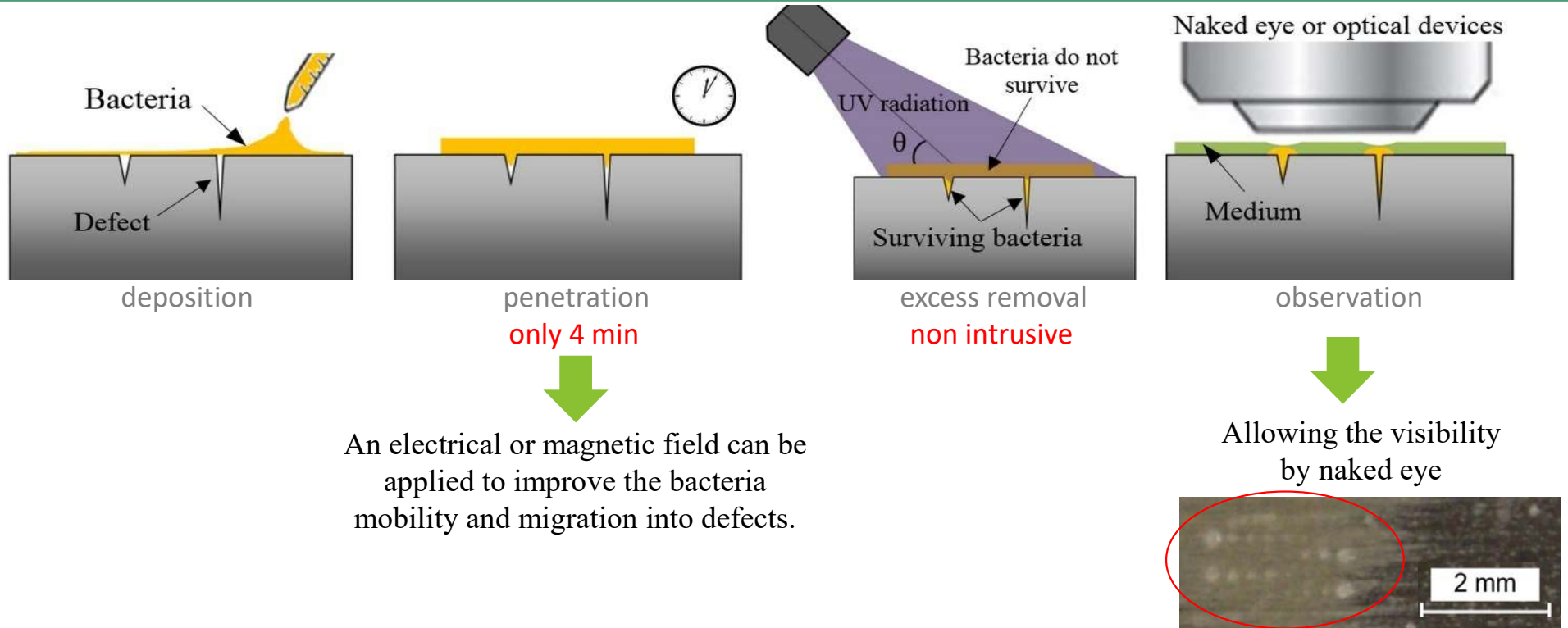
the technique and its application to the detection of discontinuities to different materials.

Keywords (IHW Thesaurus) Surface conditions · Defects · Size · Other NDT methods · Nondestructive testing

Stages: analogy with Dye Penetrant



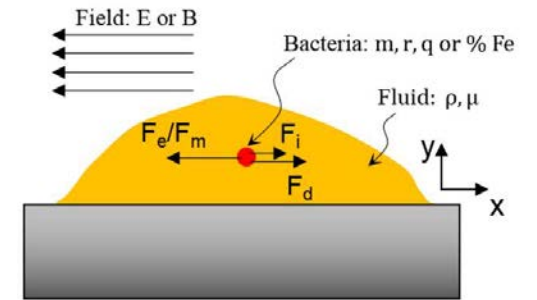
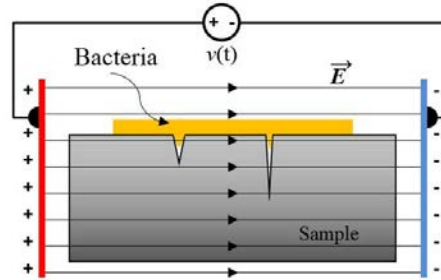
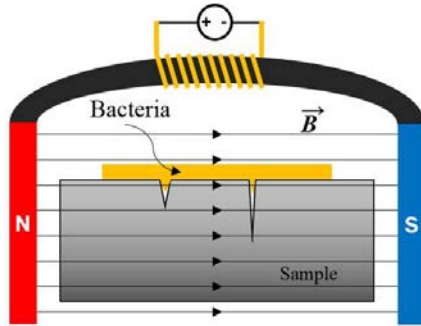
Set-Up inspection process



An electrical or magnetic field can be applied to improve the bacteria mobility and migration into defects.

- The technique is totally innocuous;
- No biological risks to the operator;
- Only non-pathogenic bacterial are used (Biosafety Level 1);

Susceptibility to electric and magnetic fields



Forces:

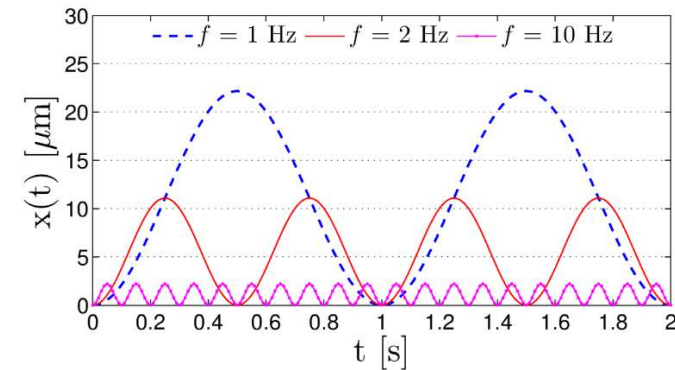
Electric $\vec{F}_e = \vec{E} \cdot q$

Magnetic $\vec{F}_m = \frac{\mu_r V}{\mu_0} \cdot B \cdot \frac{dB}{dx}$

Drag $\vec{F}_d = 6 \cdot \pi \cdot r \cdot \mu \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}$

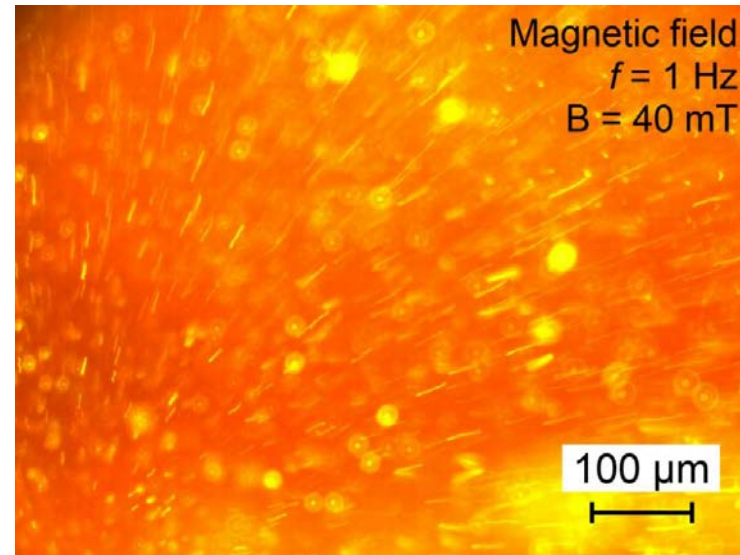
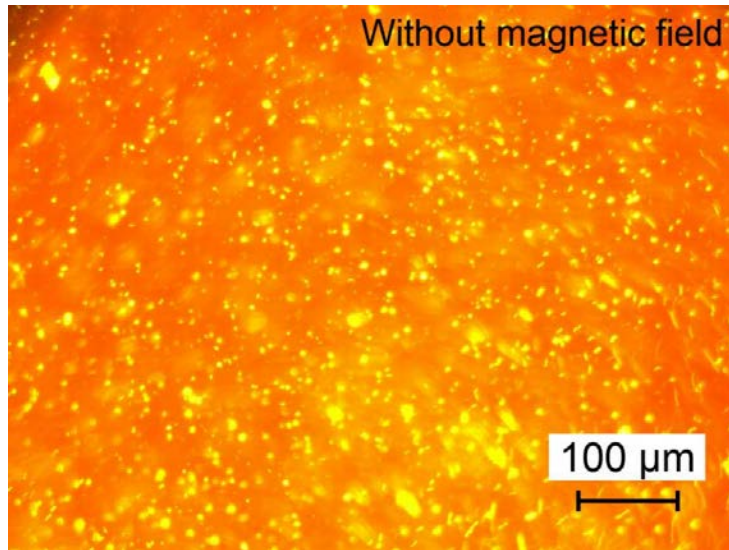
Inertial $\vec{F}_i = m \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial t^2}$

$$m \cdot \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial t^2} + c \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = F \cdot \sin(\omega t)$$



$$x(t) \approx \frac{F \cdot (1 - \cos(\omega t))}{c \cdot \omega}$$

Susceptibility to electric and magnetic fields



Effect of a magnetic field on *S. aureus* cells movement.

The cells were observed during an exposure time of 10 s at a magnification of 150x, in the absence (a) and in the presence (b) of a alternating magnetic flux density with a frequency of 1 Hz and an amplitude $B = 40 \text{ mT}$.

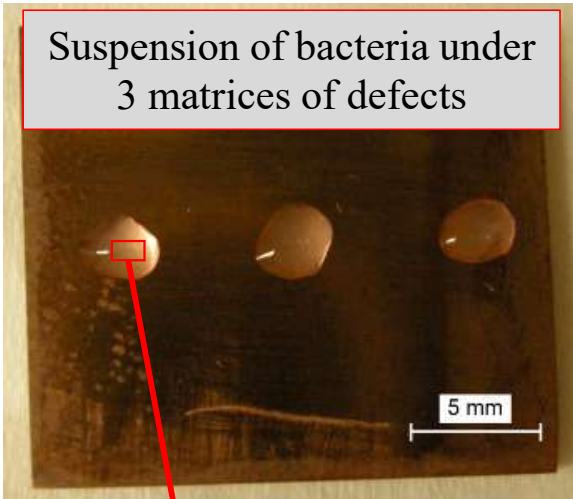
Experimental Results

Micro surface defects were produced using a micro hardness indenter with a Vickers pyramid.

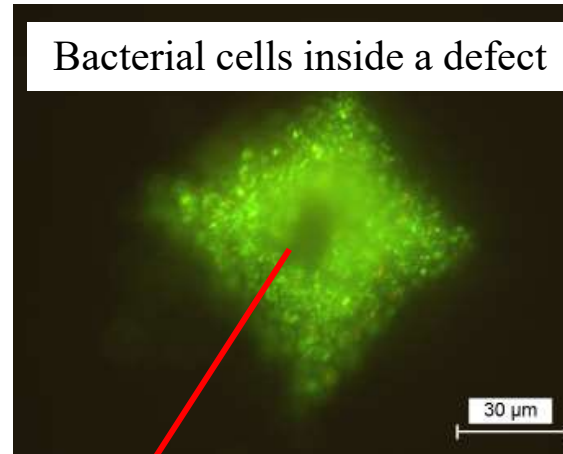
Bacterial cells used:

- *Rhodococcus erythropolis* (0.92 μm long)
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Staphylococcus hominis*

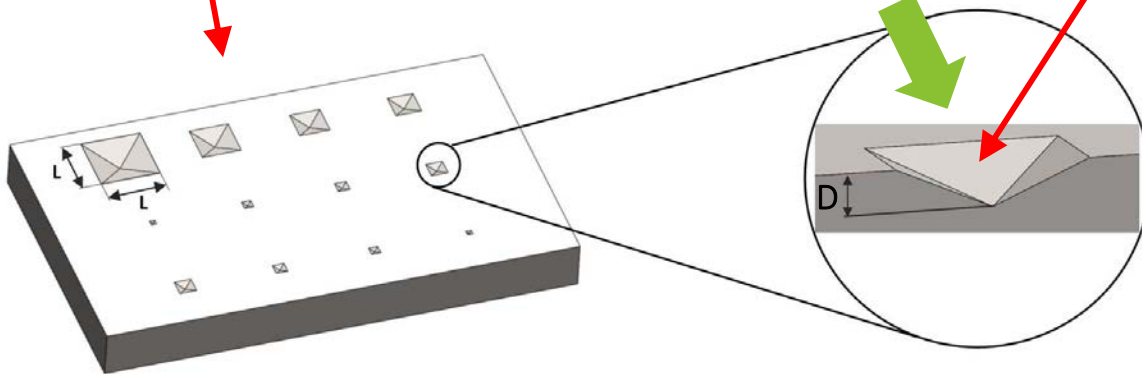
Suspension of bacteria under 3 matrices of defects



Bacterial cells inside a defect



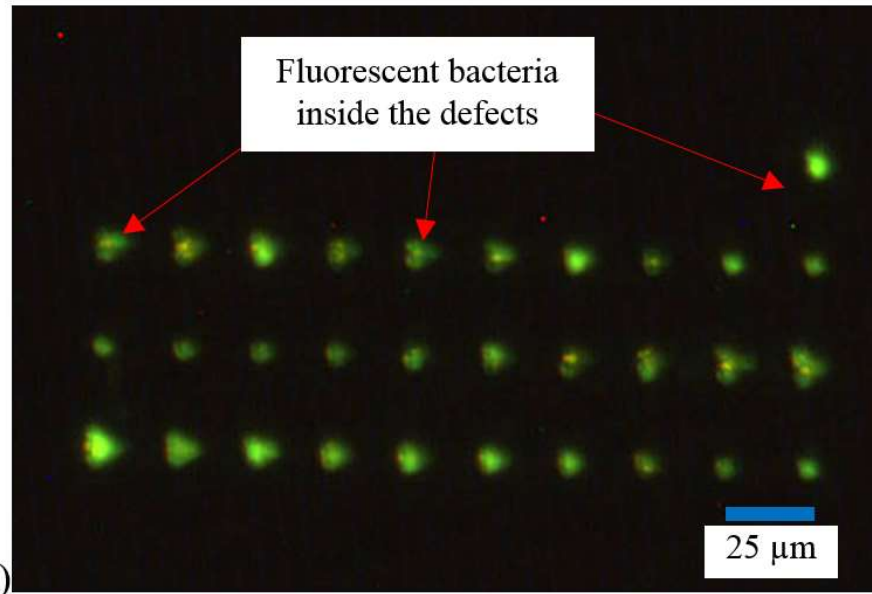
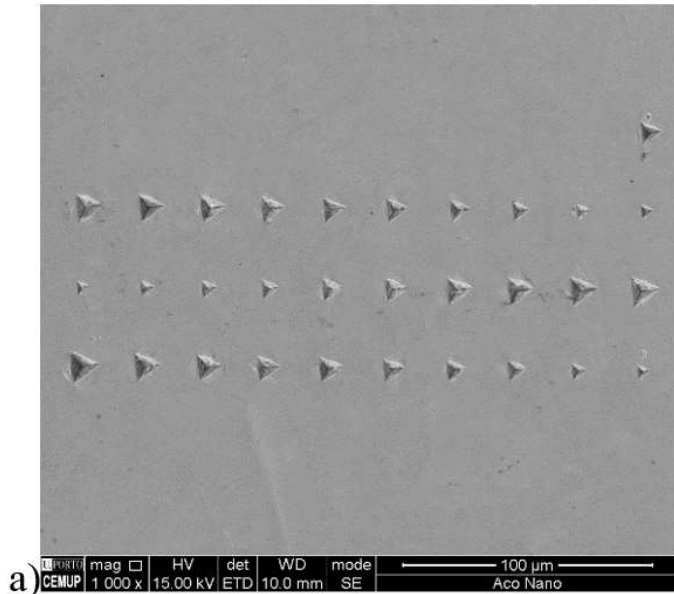
Morphology of the artificial defects



Depth of defects produced with different loads in the materials under test.

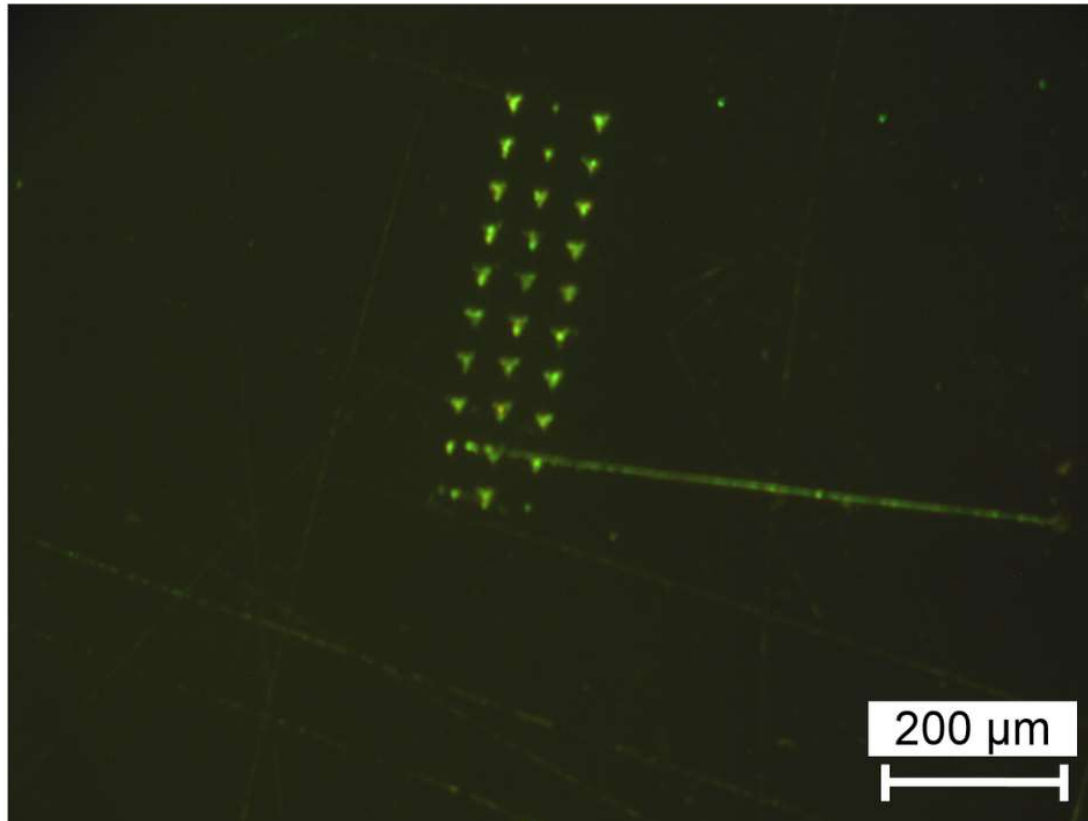
Defect reference	Load (N)	Defect depth (<i>d</i>) and side length (<i>L</i>): [<i>d/L</i>] (μm)		
		Aluminium	Steel	Copper
A	100	25.5/126.0	19.5/96.5	21.0/103.9
B	50	18.7/92.5	13.9/68.9	15.0/74.0
C	30	14.4/71.1	10.5/52.0	11.6/57.3
D	20	11.5/56.9	8.5/41.9	9.5/47.1
E	10	7.9/39.1	5.9/29.3	6.8/33.4
F	5	5.7/28.2	4.1/20.1	5.0/24.6
G	2.5	4.3/21.3	2.9/14.4	3.5/17.3
H	1.0	2.6/12.7	1.8/8.7	2.0/9.7

Nano Indentations



The side length range was 12–5.3 μm and the depth was 1.4–0.6 μm.

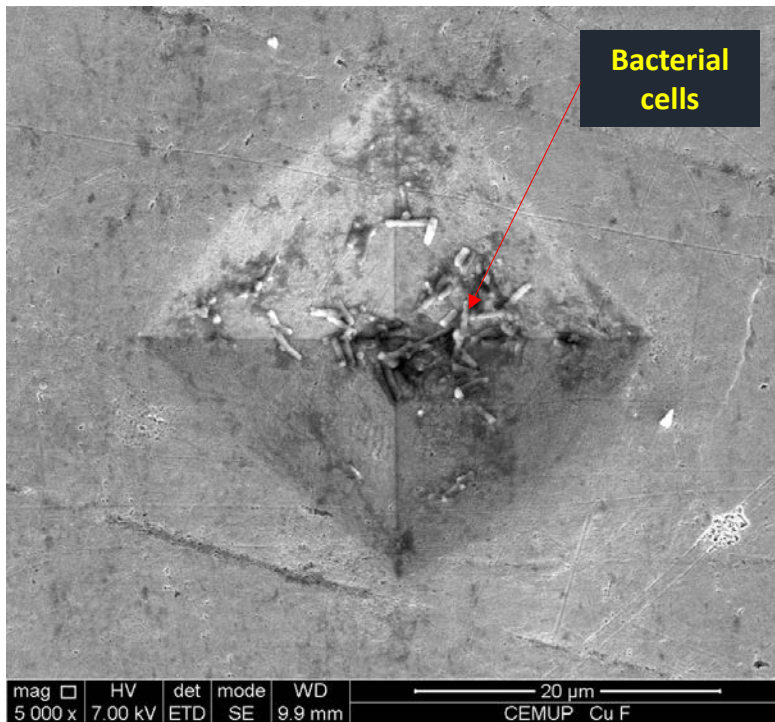
Matrix of nano indentations produced in AISI 316L observed under SEM (a) and optical microscopy after testing with *R. erythropolis* without magnetic fields (b).



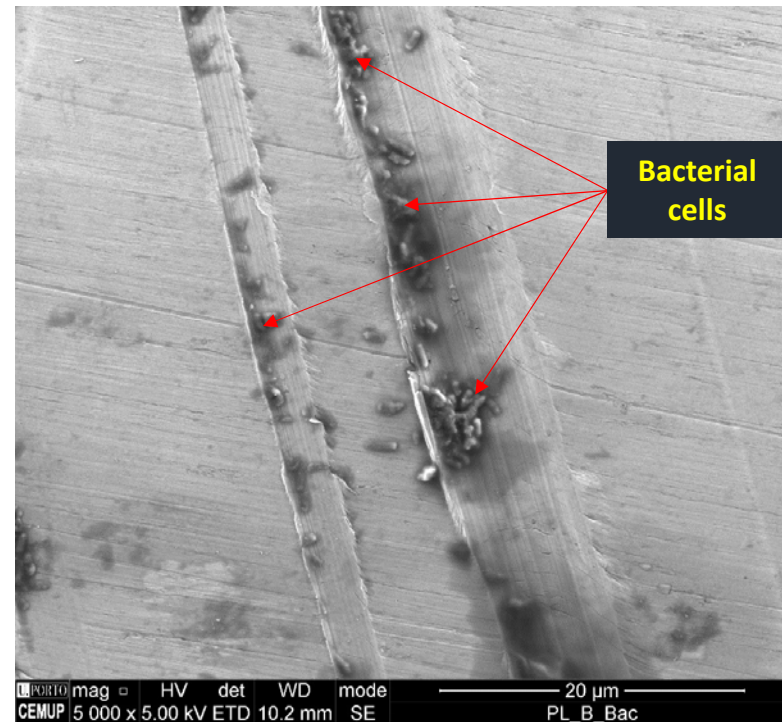
Berkovich nano indentations in 24 kt Gold inspected with *Rhodococcus erythropolis*.

Experimental Results

Scanning electron microscope (SEM) images of the bacteria inside a defect.



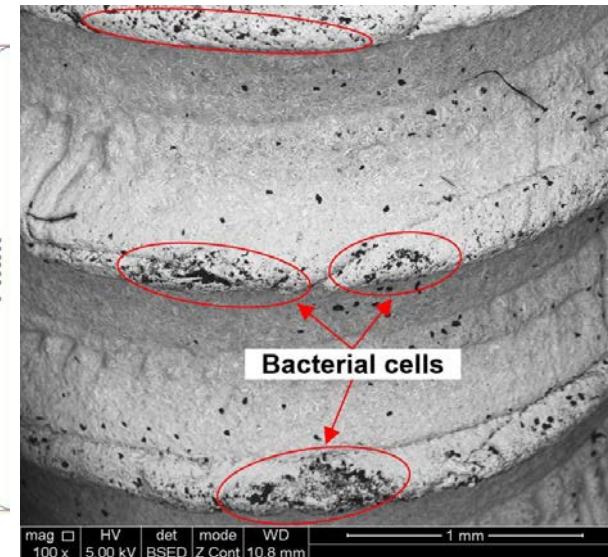
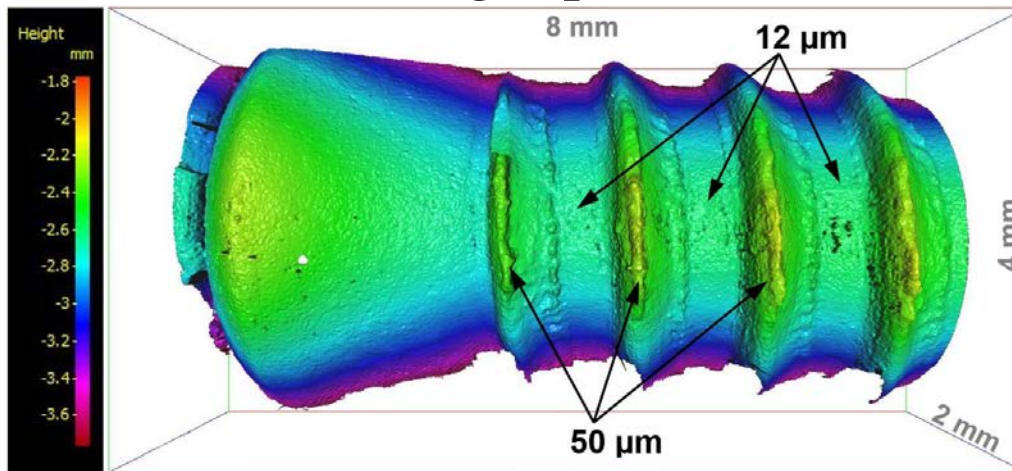
Defect: Vickers pyramidal indentation



Defect: Groove

Micro manufactured components (Metallic screw obtained by μ PIM)

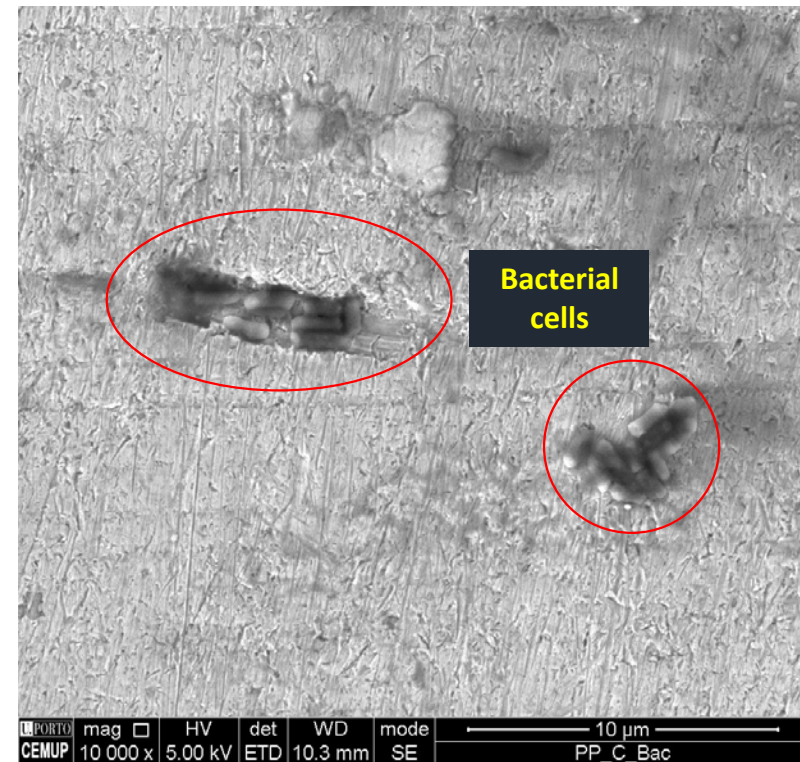
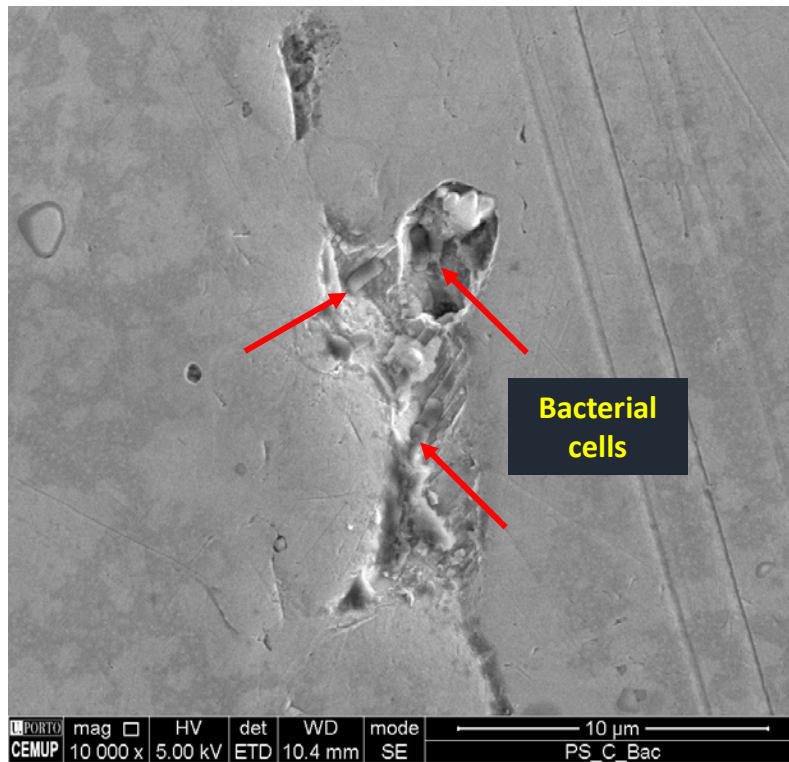
Height profile



**SEM micrograph
highlighting bacteria on
the external thread crest.**

Experimental Results

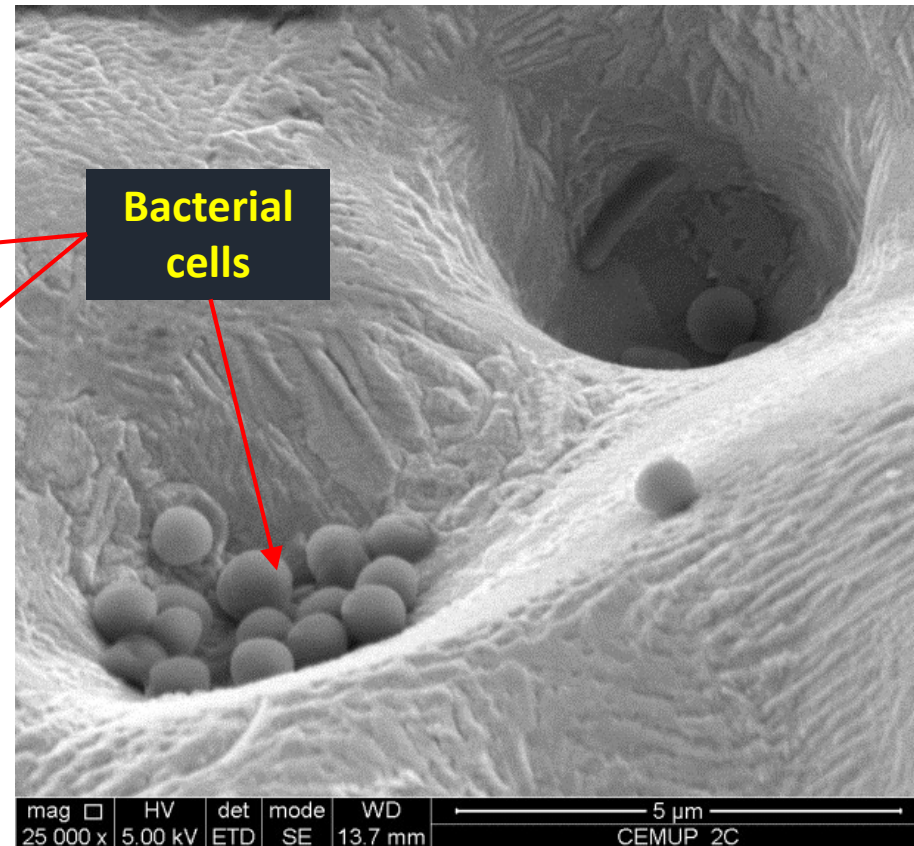
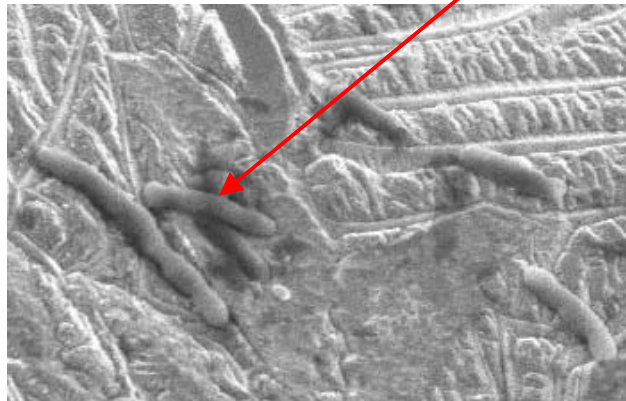
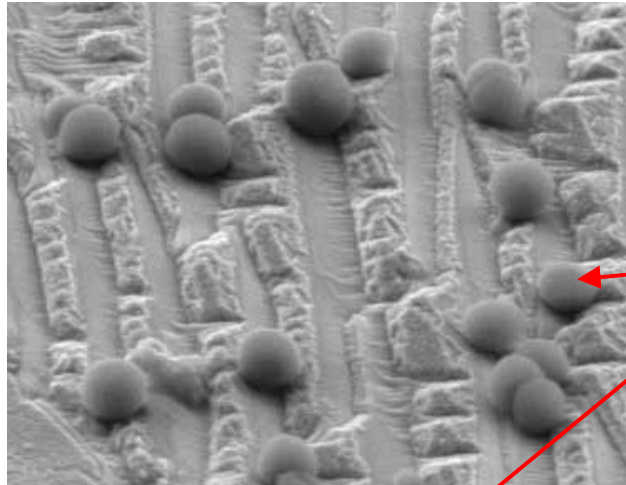
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Real defect: Micro manufactured components

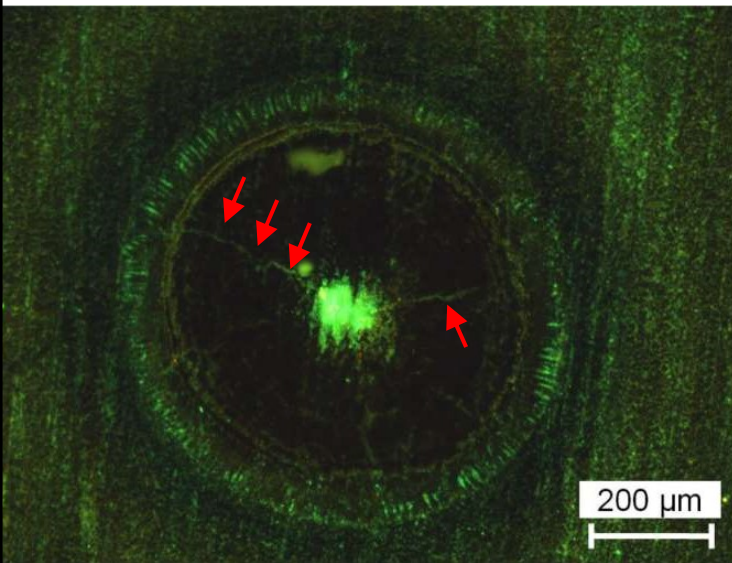
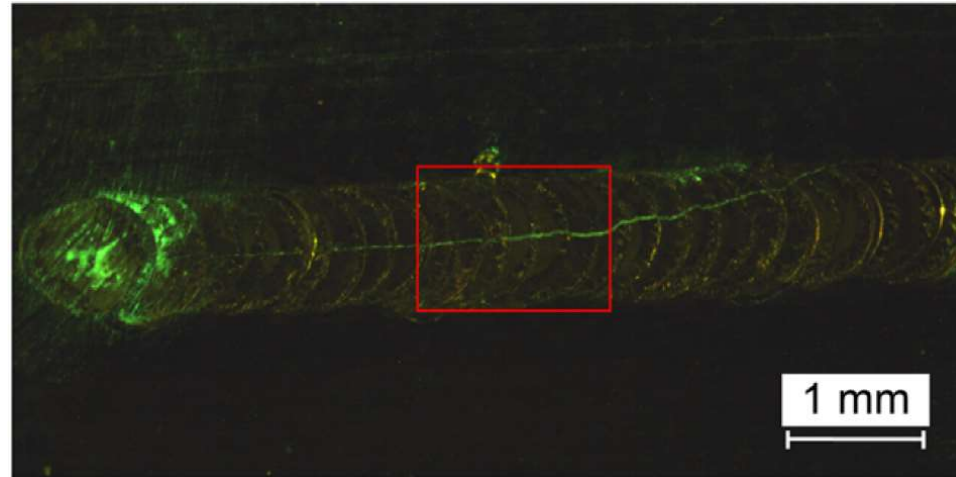
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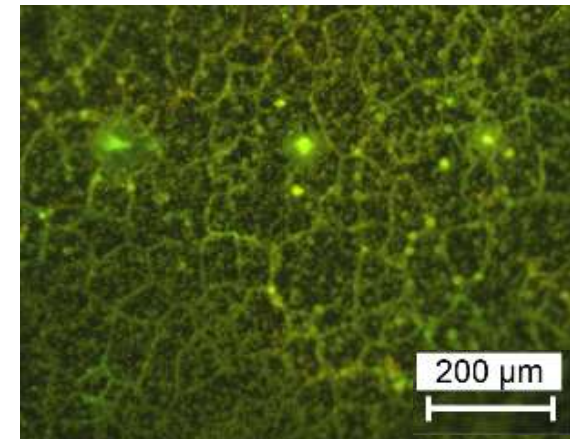
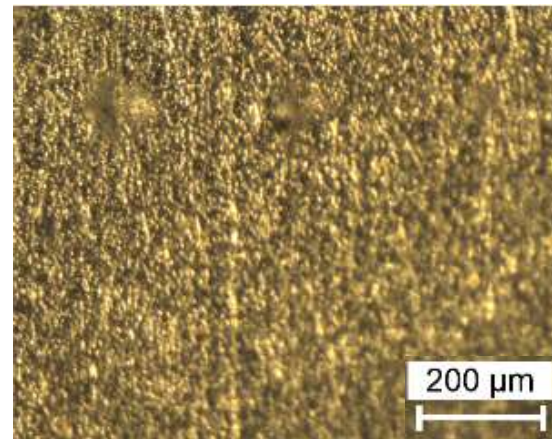
Experimental Results

Micro-laser weld of NiTi



Laser spot welding in Ti
Bacteria reveals the radial cracks

Bacterial cells can reveal some topographic surface attributes not visible by optic microscopy



Anodized AA2xxx with micro indentations

Wishes for the future of END?

- 1) Lower the detectability threshold (Smaller defects)
- 2) Increase reliability (PoD and ROC)
- 3) Reduce inspection time and cost

What else is needed in 22' of Sec. 21?

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Automatable
Contactless

IAC-NDT

Non contact
(Less Intrusive)

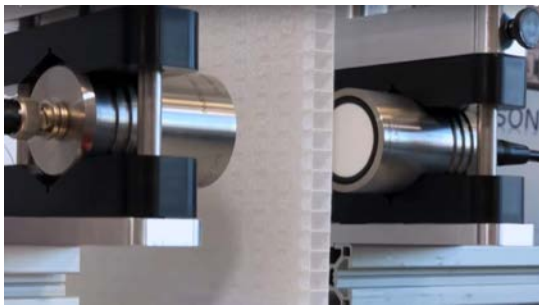
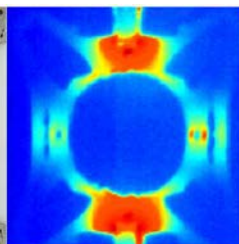


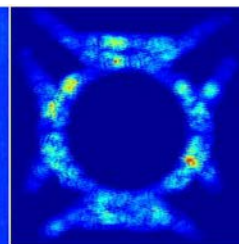
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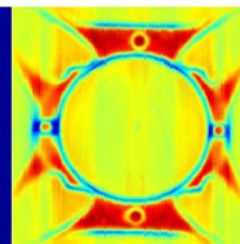
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Termografia



Ultrassons



Correntes Induzidas

Automatable
(Reduce operator intervention)



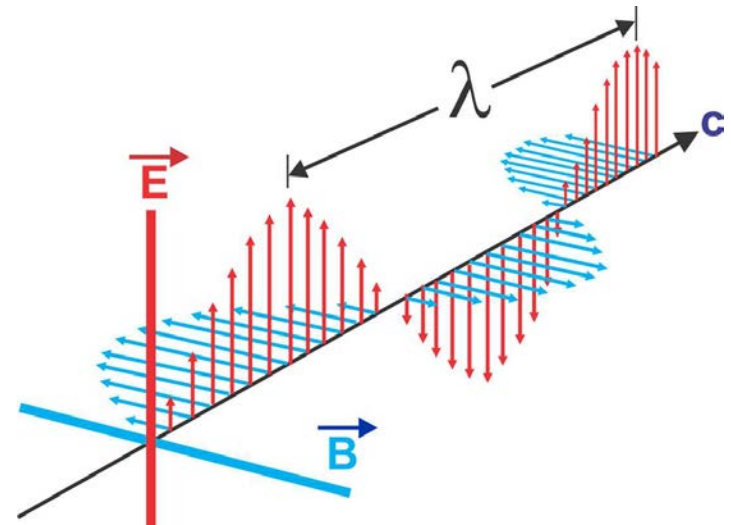
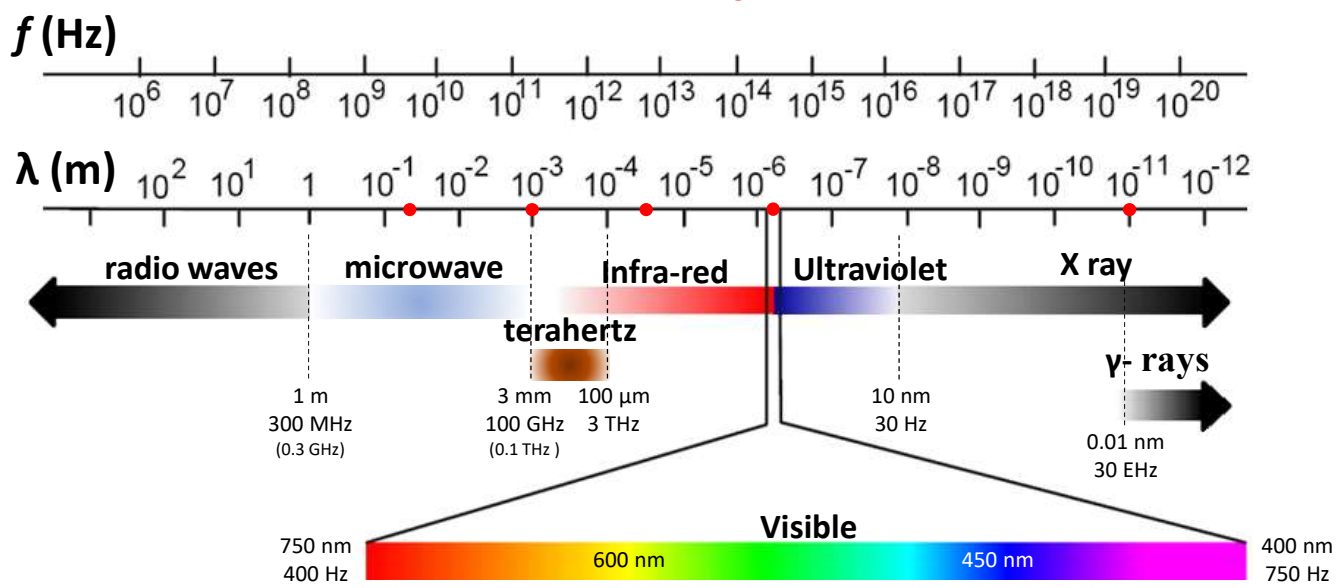
Eligible methods for IAC -NDT?

Criteria		Visual inspection	Dye Penetrants	Magnetic particles	Radiology EM Radiation	Ultrasound	Eddy Currents
Defects	Surface	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Sub-surface	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Volume	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Material	$\sigma \approx 0$	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	$\mu \approx 1$	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Access to 1 surface only		✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
No contact		✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Automatable		✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Produces image		✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓

$$3 \text{ THz} \leq f \leq 0.1 \text{ THz}$$

$$100 \mu\text{m} \leq \lambda \leq 3 \text{ mm}$$

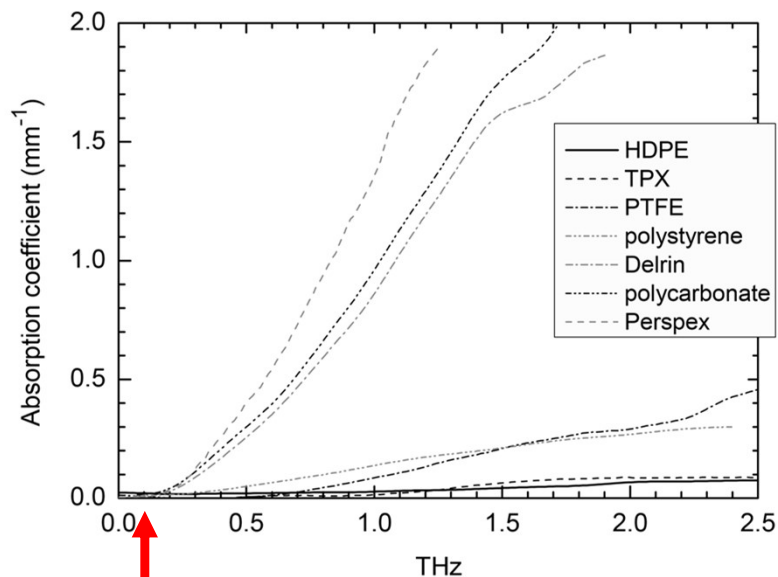
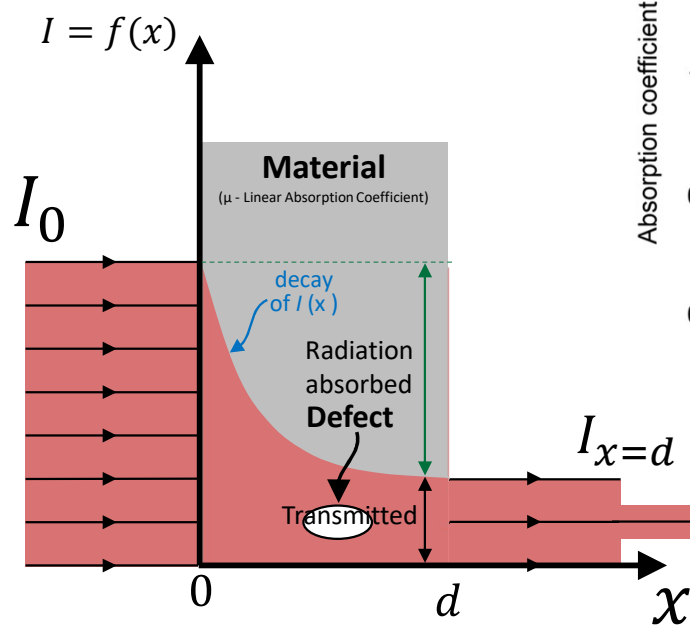
$$1 \text{ THz} = 1 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}$$



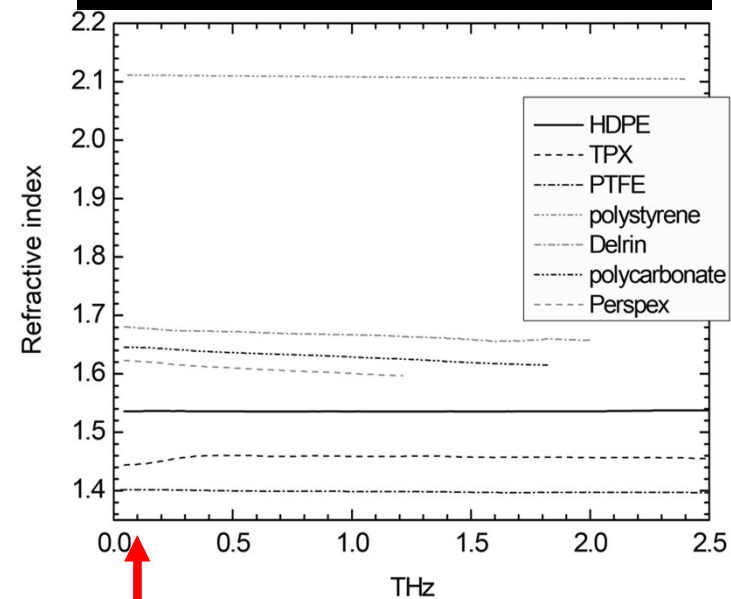
How do THz interact with materials?

Attenuation

$$I_x = I_0 \cdot e^{-\mu \cdot x}$$



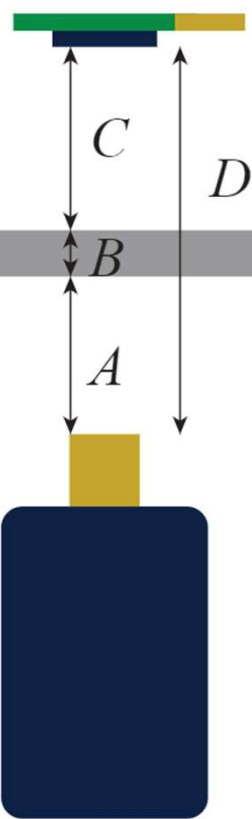
Refractive index ($n = c/v$)



**Reflect on the conductors!
It is absorbed by water!**

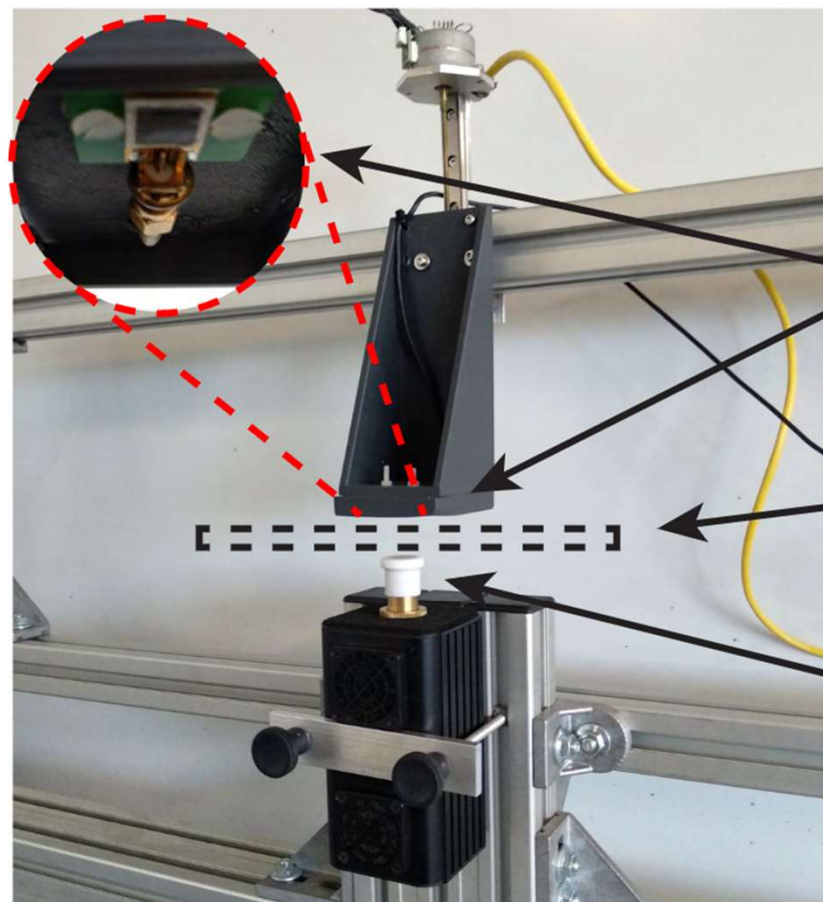
Setup: Source, Sensor and Setup

Detector



Sample

Source

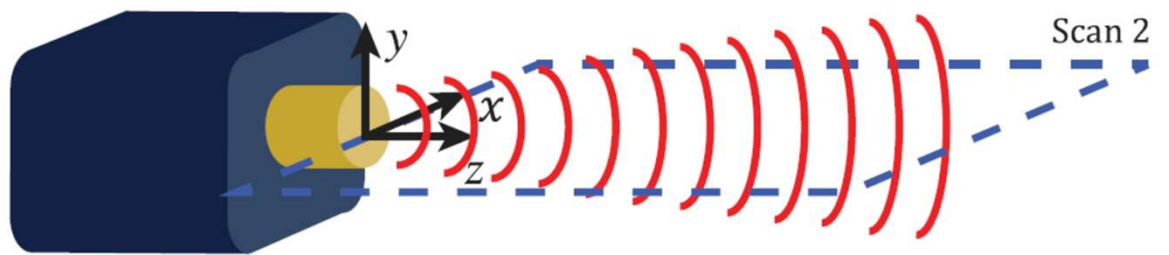
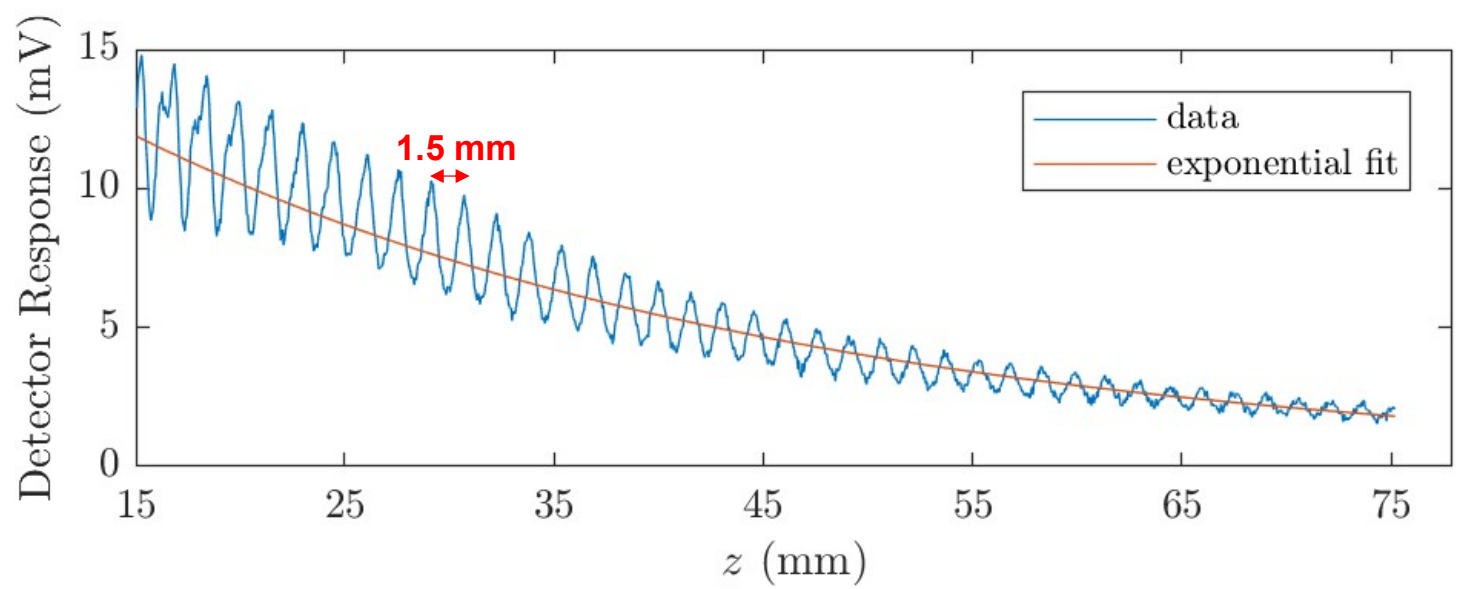
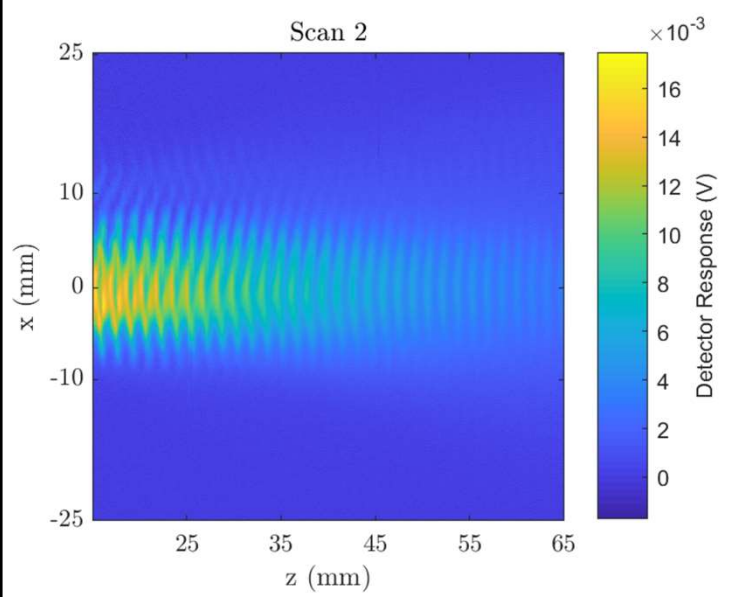


Single-Pixel
Detector

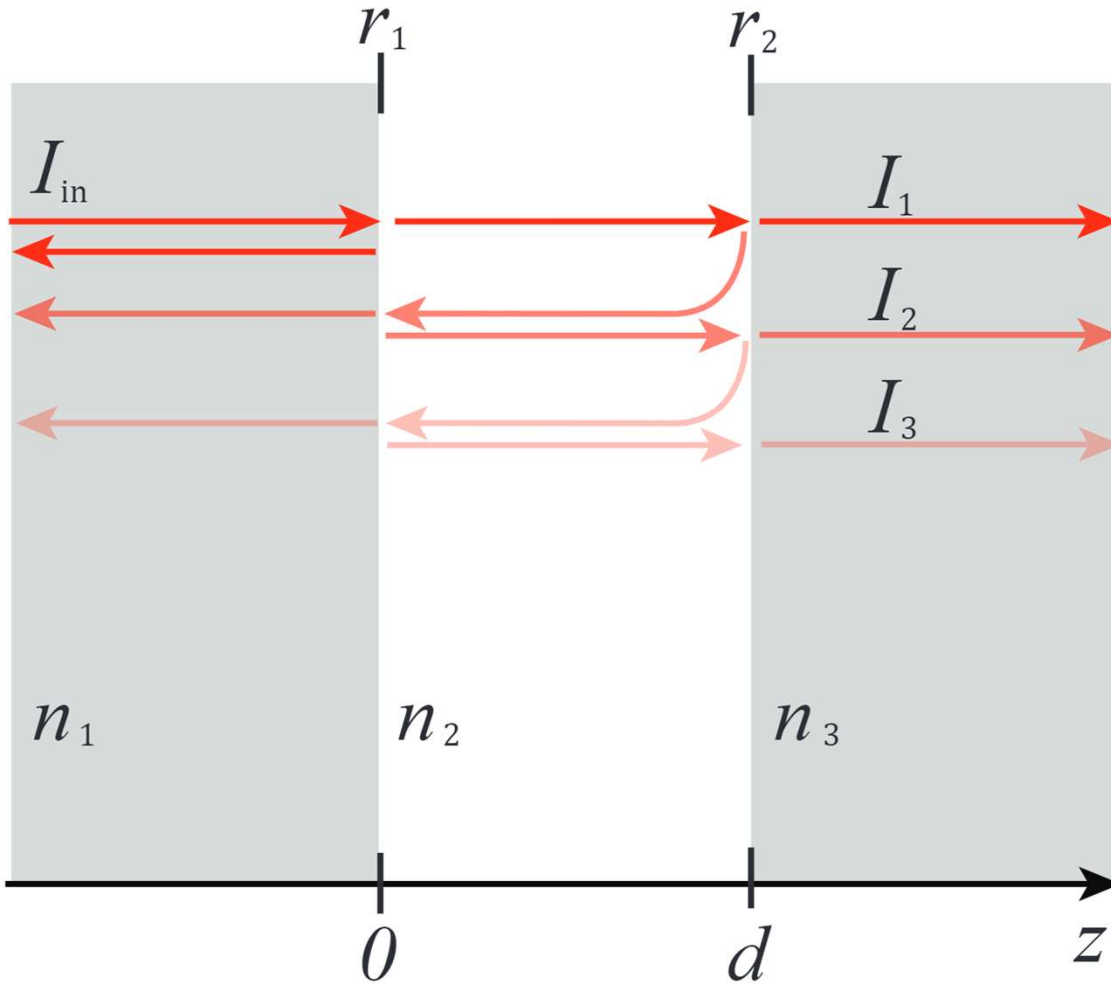
Moving Sample

Source's Antenna

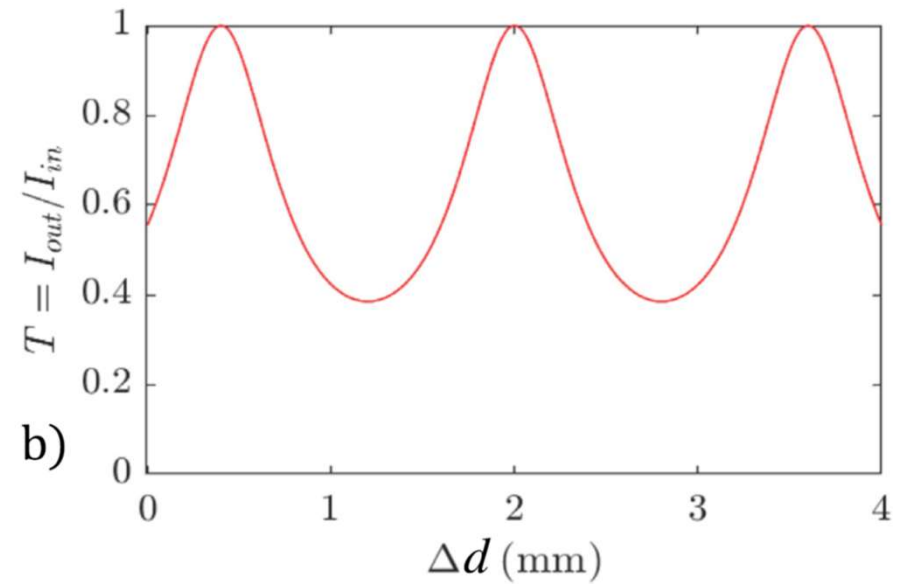
Source Characterization + Sensor



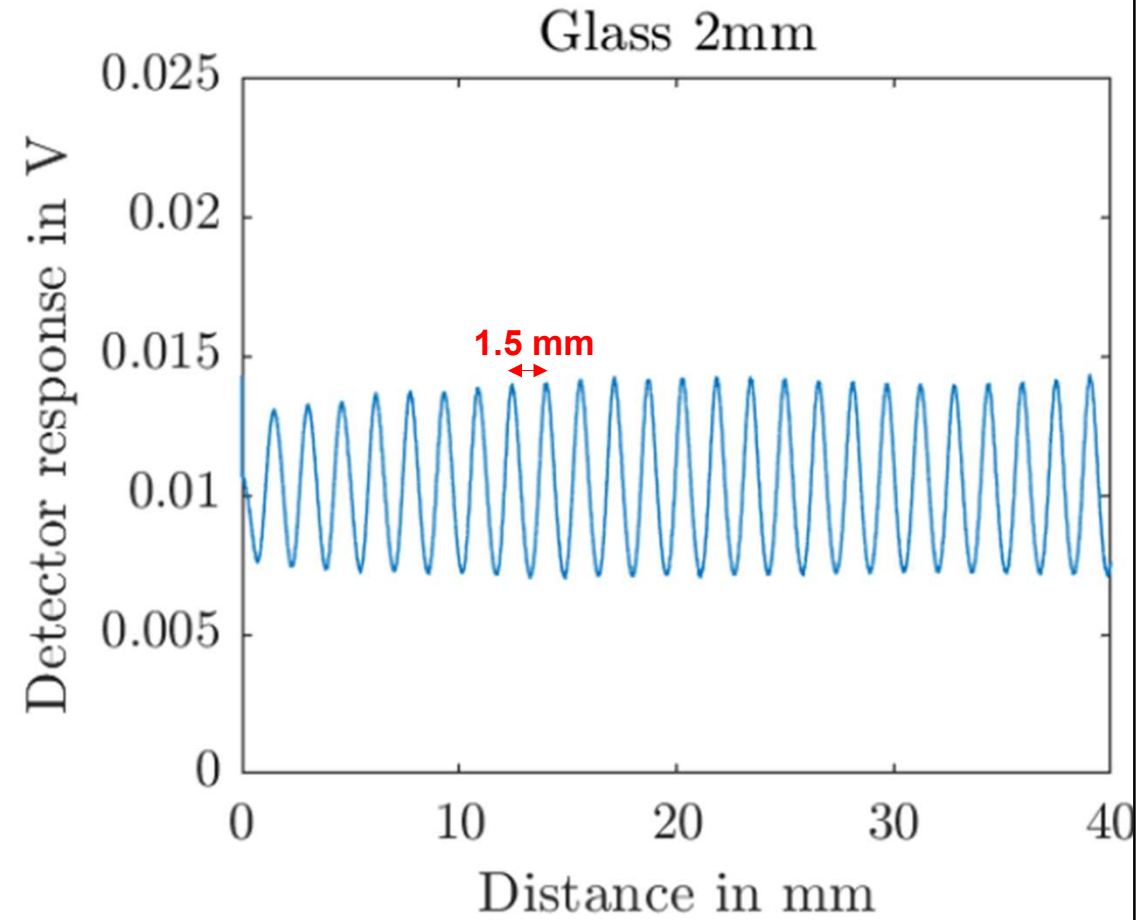
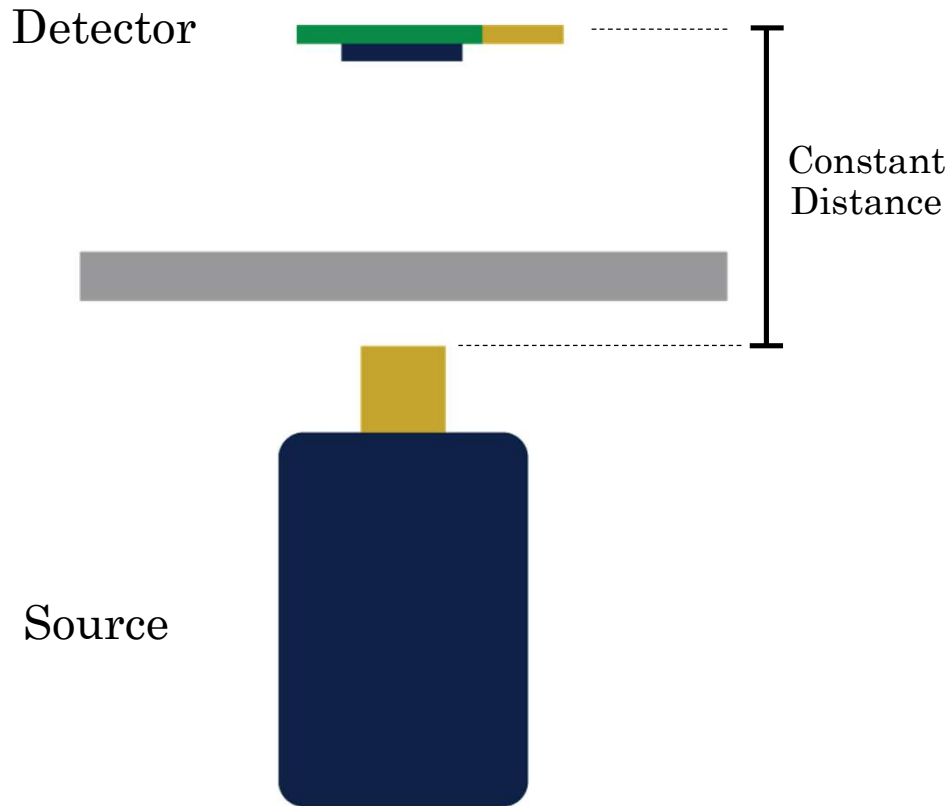
Fabry-Perot Effect



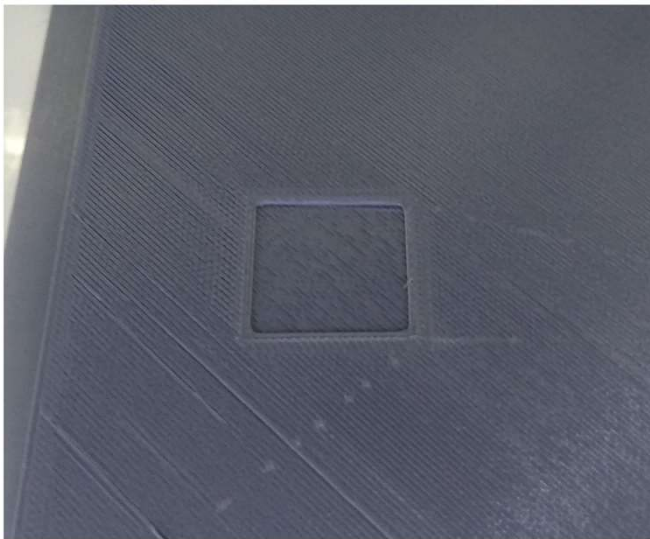
$$T = \frac{I_{out}}{I_{in}} = \frac{(1 - r_1 r_2)^2}{(1 - r_1 r_2)^2 + 4r_1 r_2 \sin^2\left(\frac{2\pi d}{\lambda}\right)}$$



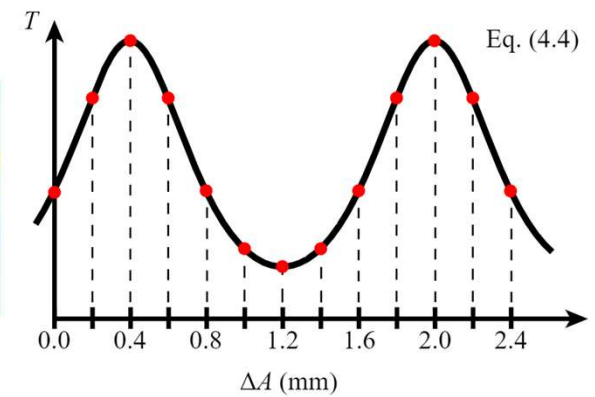
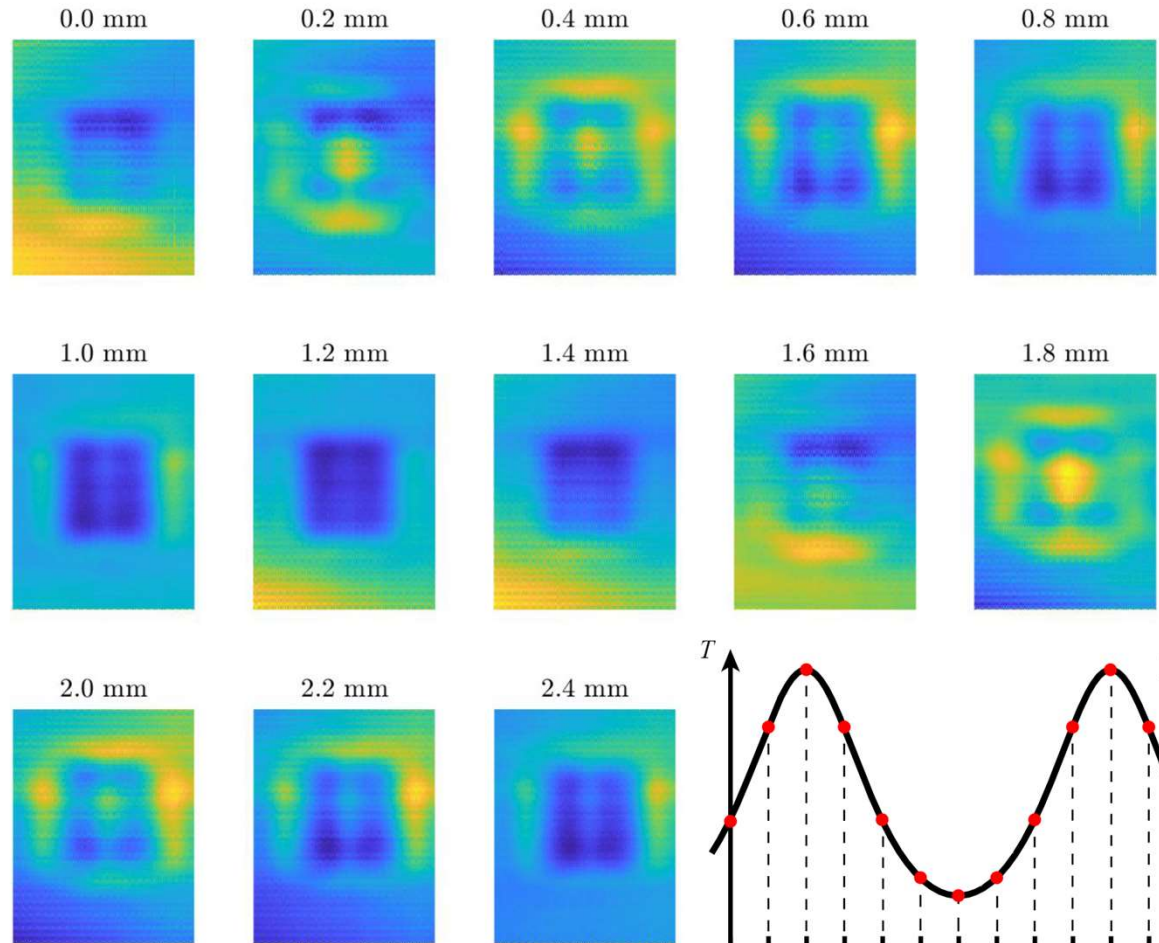
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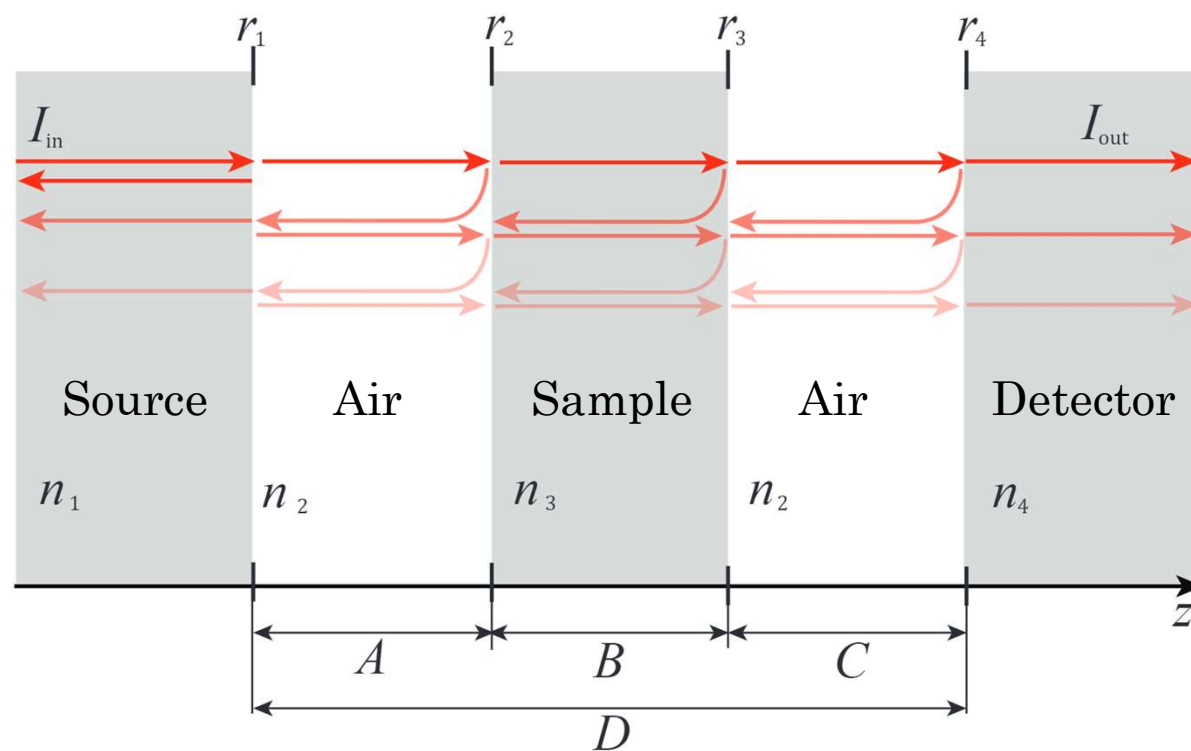
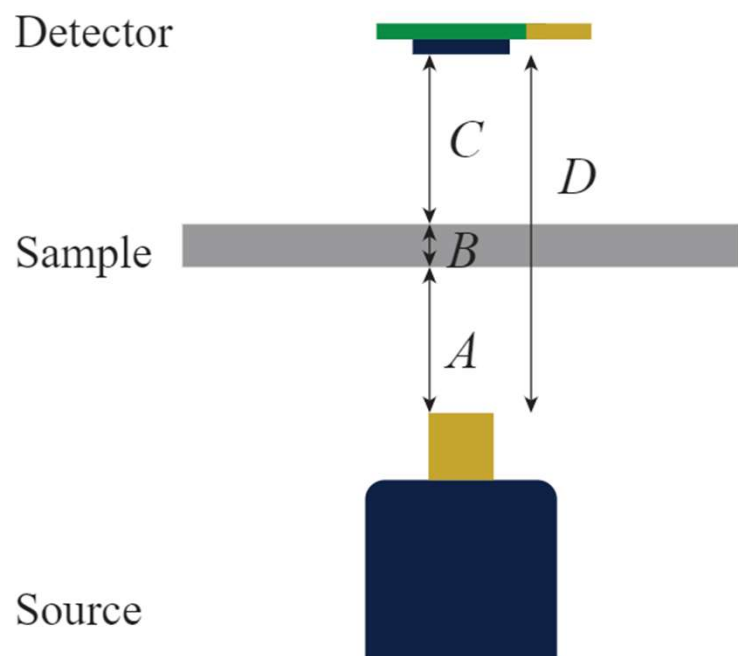
C-Scan on 3D Printing PLA with a defect



**20x20x0.5 mm defect on a
4 mm thick PLA sample.**



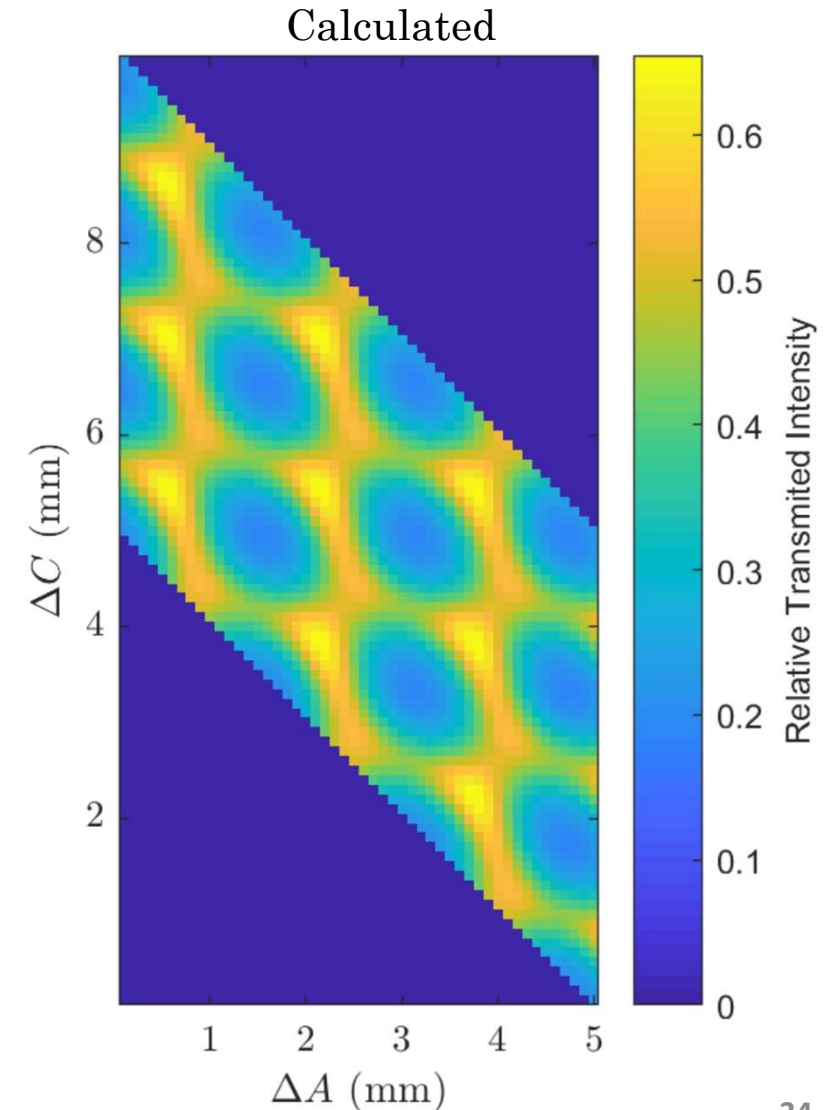
Fabry-Perot Effect



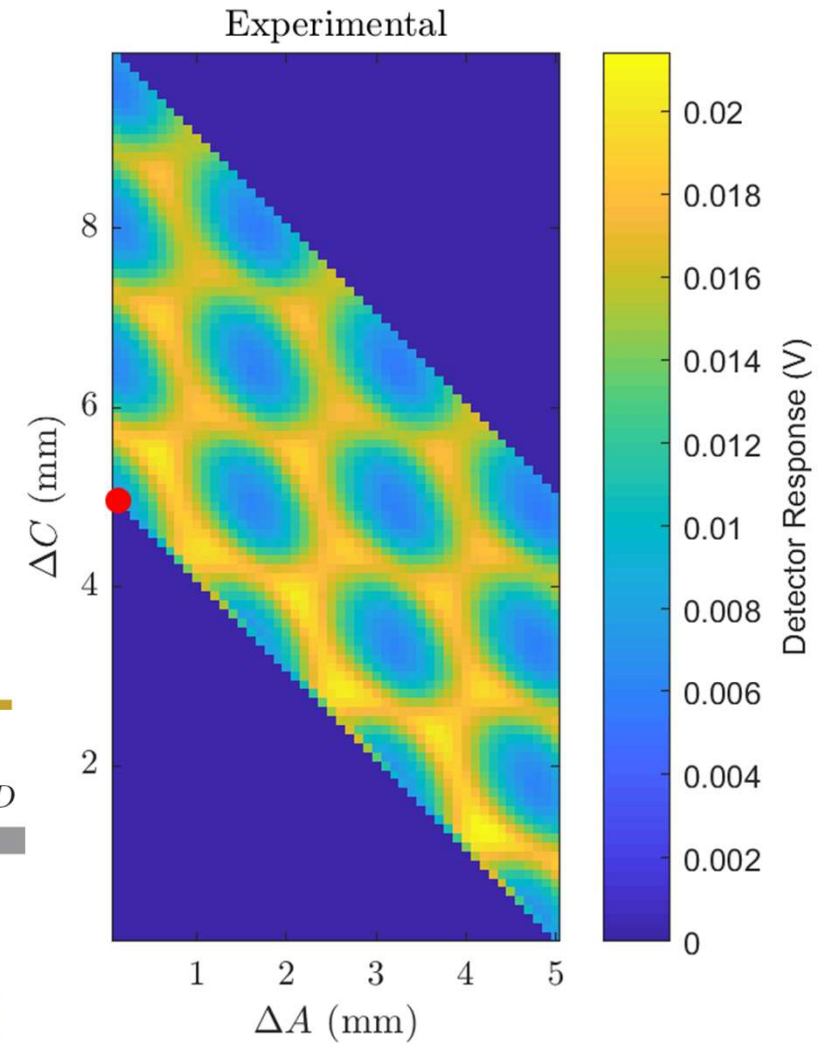
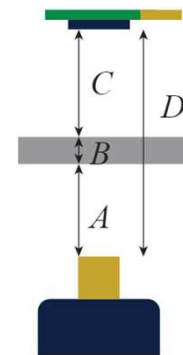
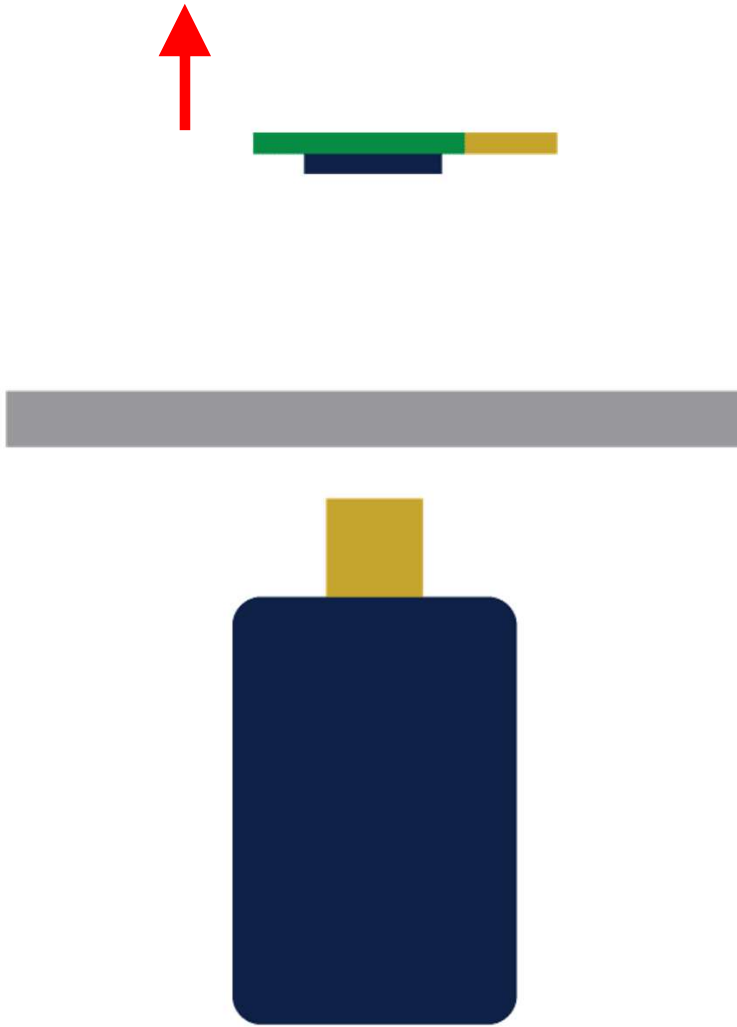
Fabry-Perot Effect

$$T = \tau\tau^* \quad \phi_i = \frac{2\pi L_i n_i}{\lambda} \quad r = \frac{|n_1 - n_2|}{n_1 + n_2}$$

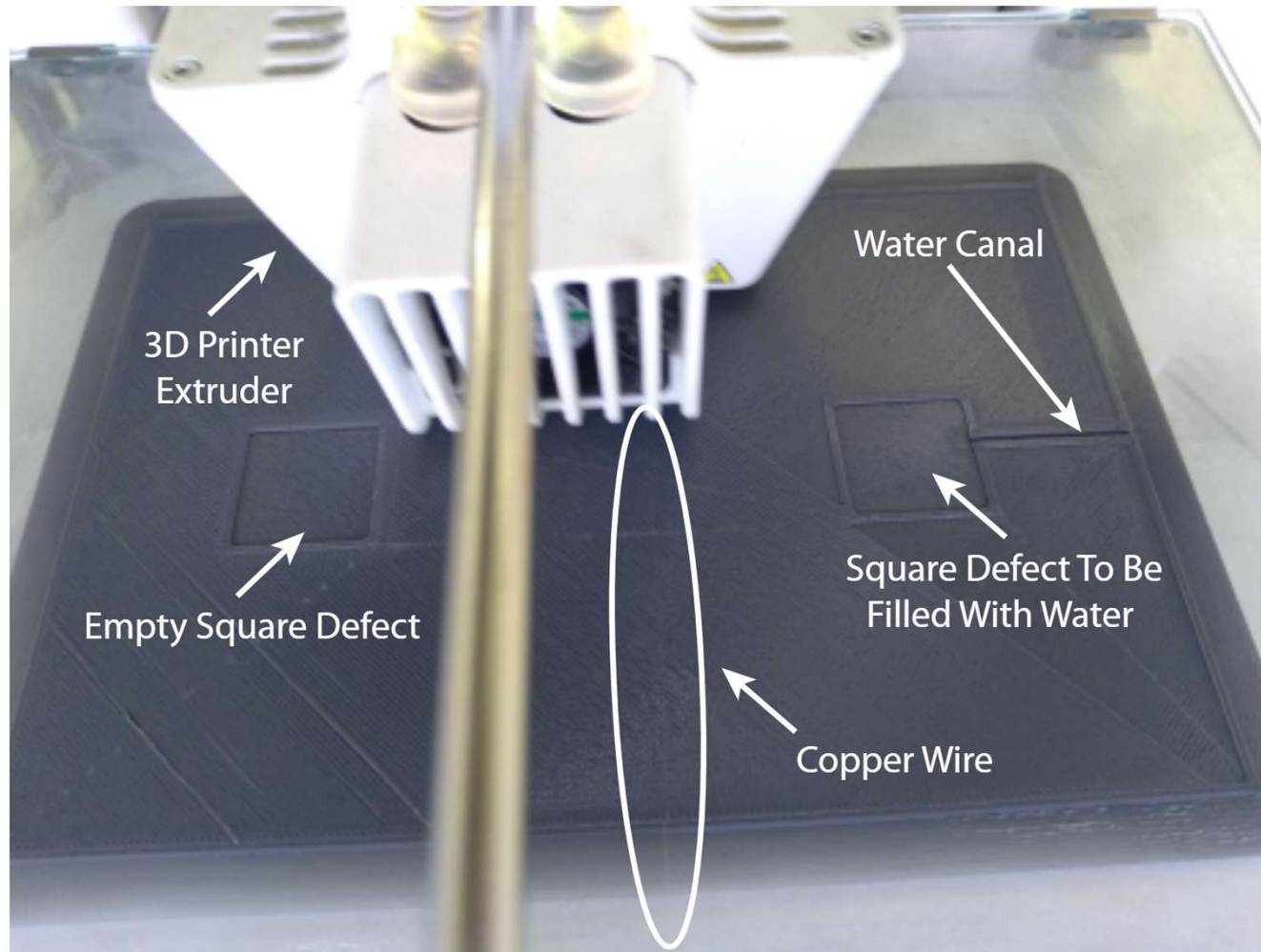
$$\begin{aligned} \tau = & \tau_1 \tau_2 \tau_3 \tau_4 / \{ \exp[j(-\phi_1 - \phi_2 - \phi_3)] \\ & + (at_1)^2 r_1 r_2 \exp[j(+\phi_1 - \phi_2 - \phi_3)] \\ & + (at_2)^2 r_2 r_3 \exp[j(-\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3)] \\ & + (at_1)^2 (at_2)^2 r_1 r_3 \exp[j(+\phi_1 + \phi_2 - \phi_3)] \\ & + (at_3)^2 r_3 r_4 \exp[j(-\phi_1 - \phi_2 + \phi_3)] \\ & + (at_1)^2 (at_2)^4 (at_3)^2 r_1 r_2 r_3 r_4 \exp[j(+\phi_1 - \phi_2 + \phi_3)] \\ & + (at_2)^2 (at_3)^2 r_2 r_4 \exp[j(-\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3)] \\ & + (at_1)^2 (at_2)^2 (at_3)^2 r_1 r_4 \exp[j(+\phi_1 + \phi_2 + \phi_3)] \}. \end{aligned}$$



Fabry-Perot Effect

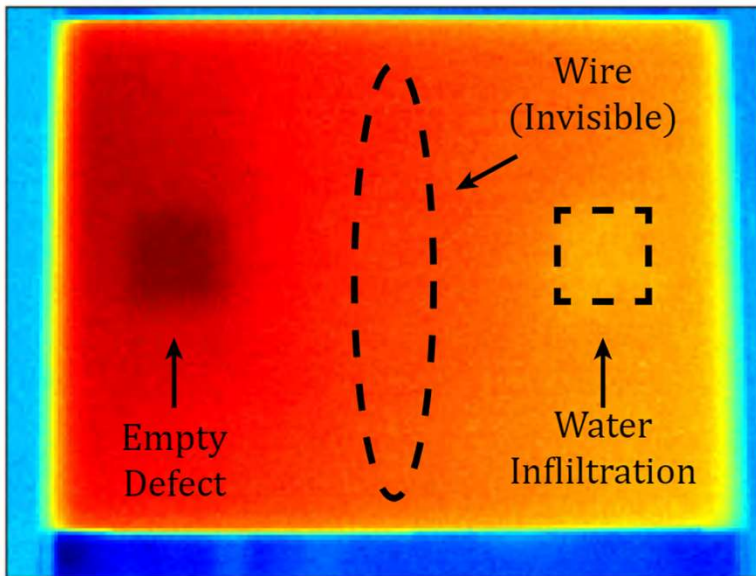


Benchmarking: THz vs US, IV, Rx

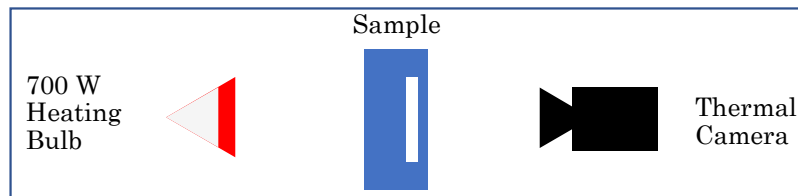
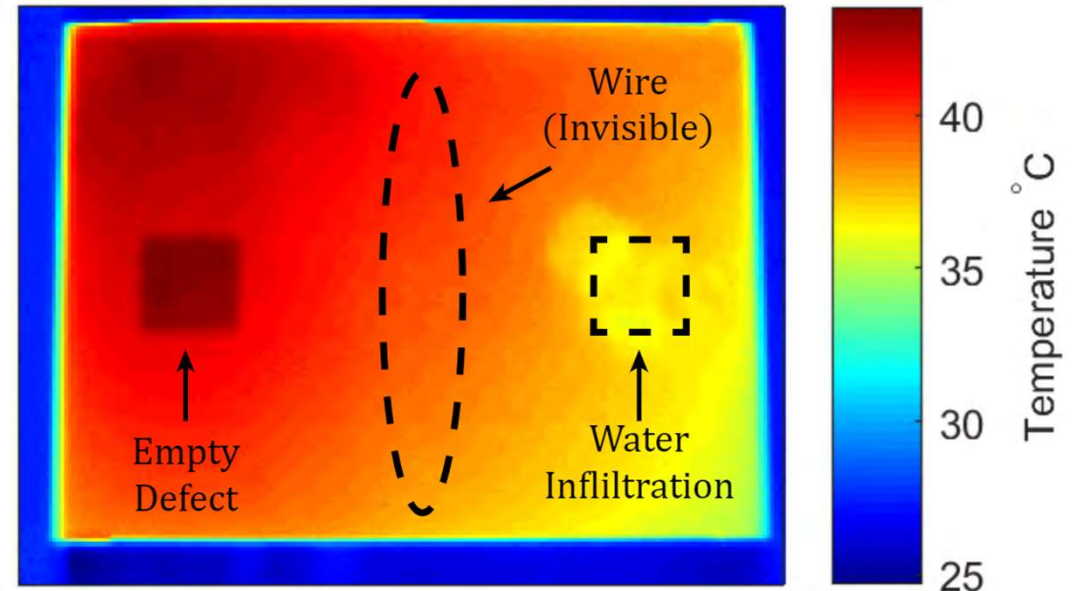


Active Transient Thermography

Defect farthest from the surface

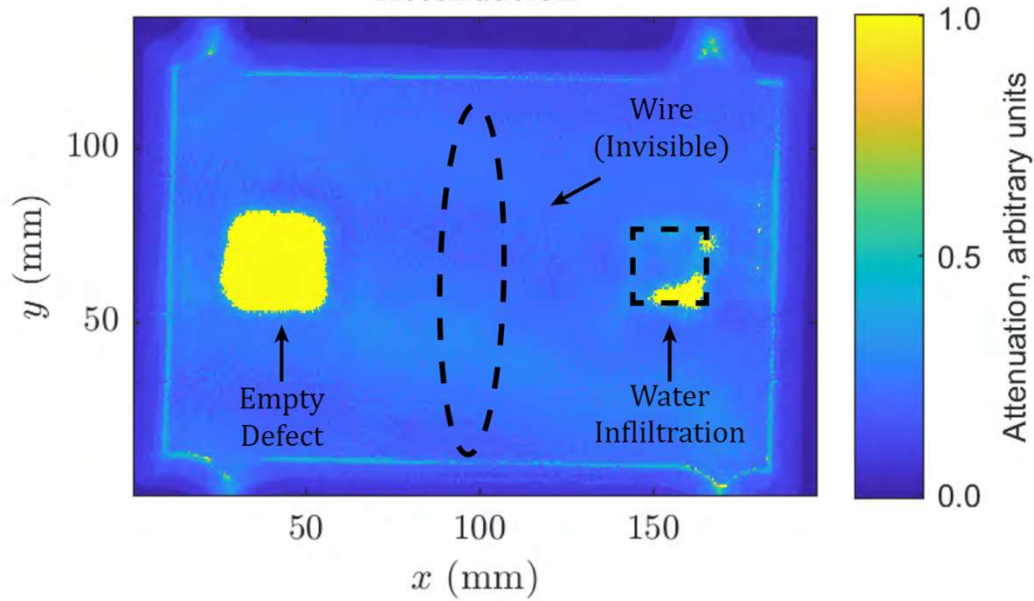


Defect closest to the surface

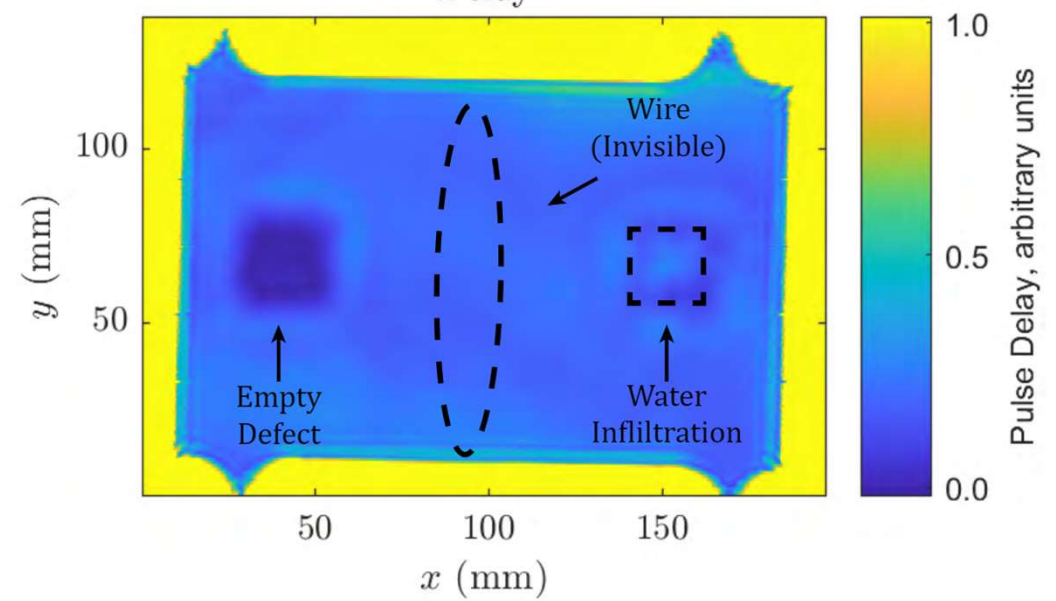


Ultra-Sound Air-Coupled (200 kHz)

Attenuation



Delay



Empty Defect



RVG 4:100

Copper Wire



RVG 5:100

Defect Contour



Water



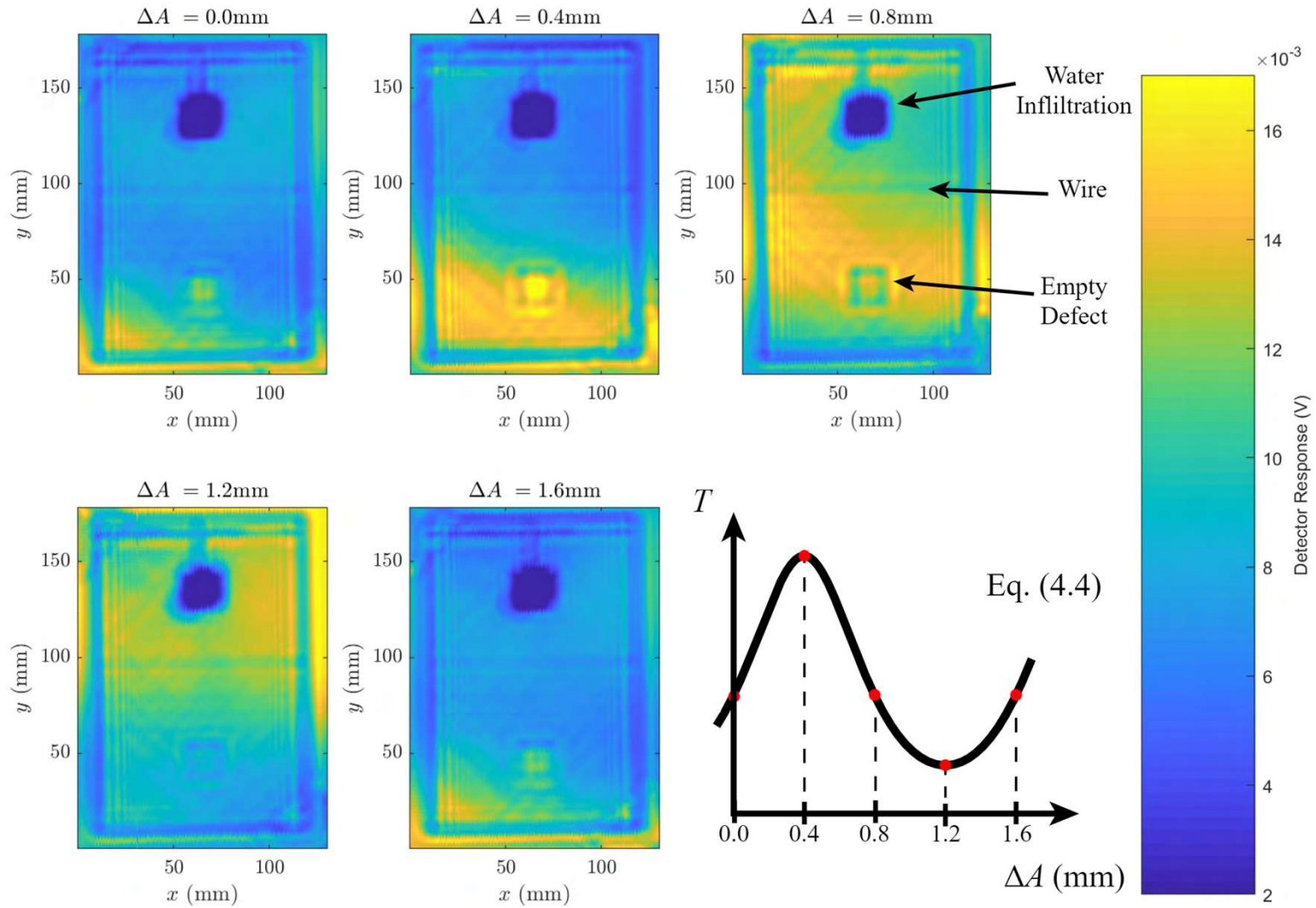
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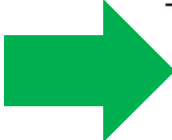


Water Canal

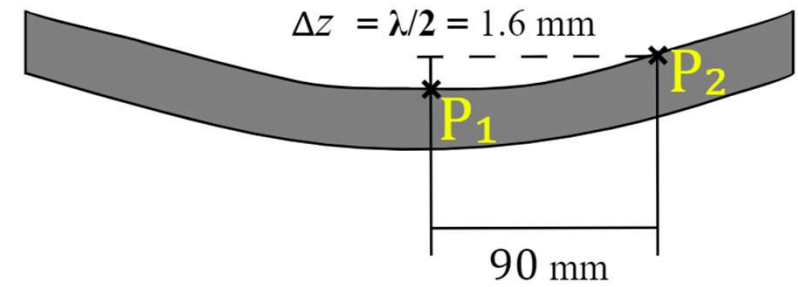
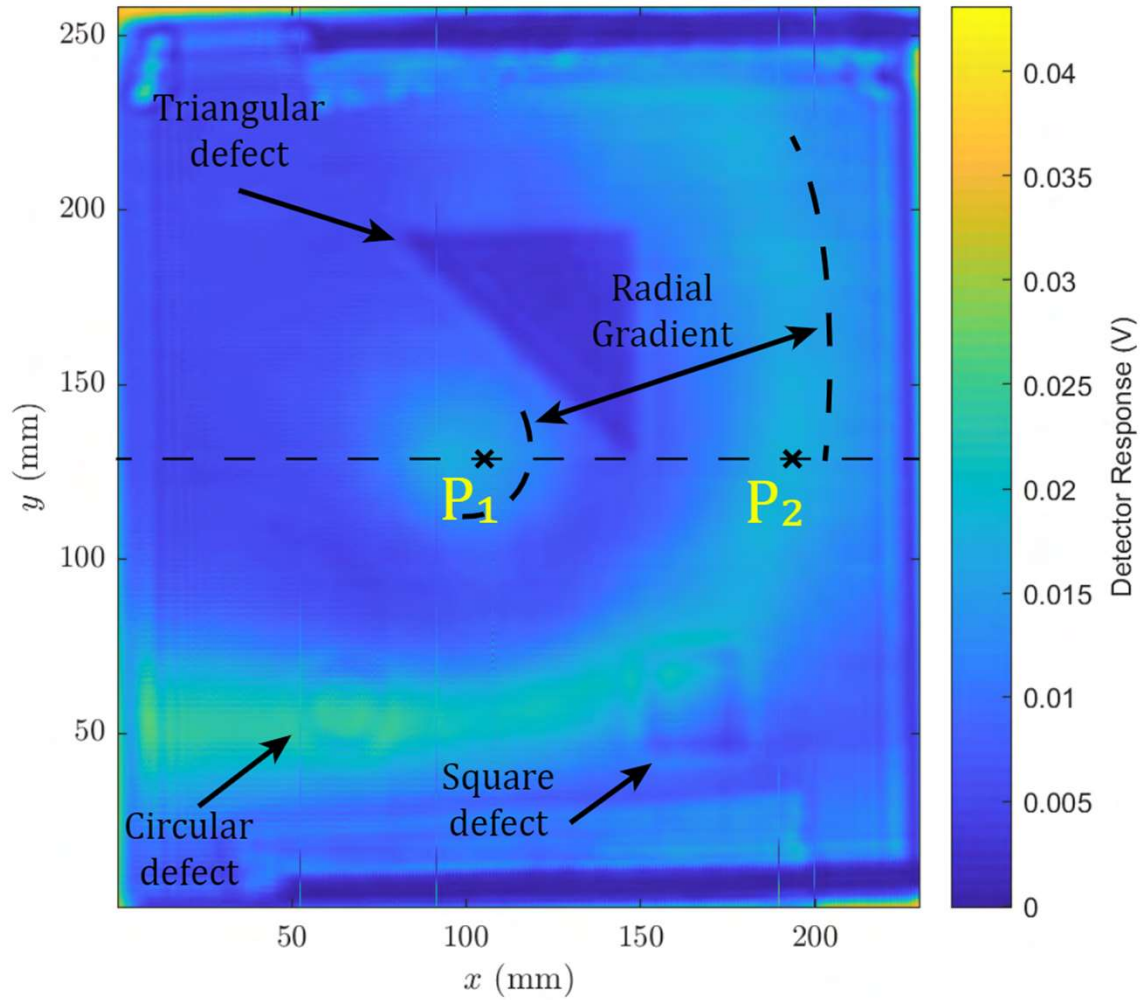


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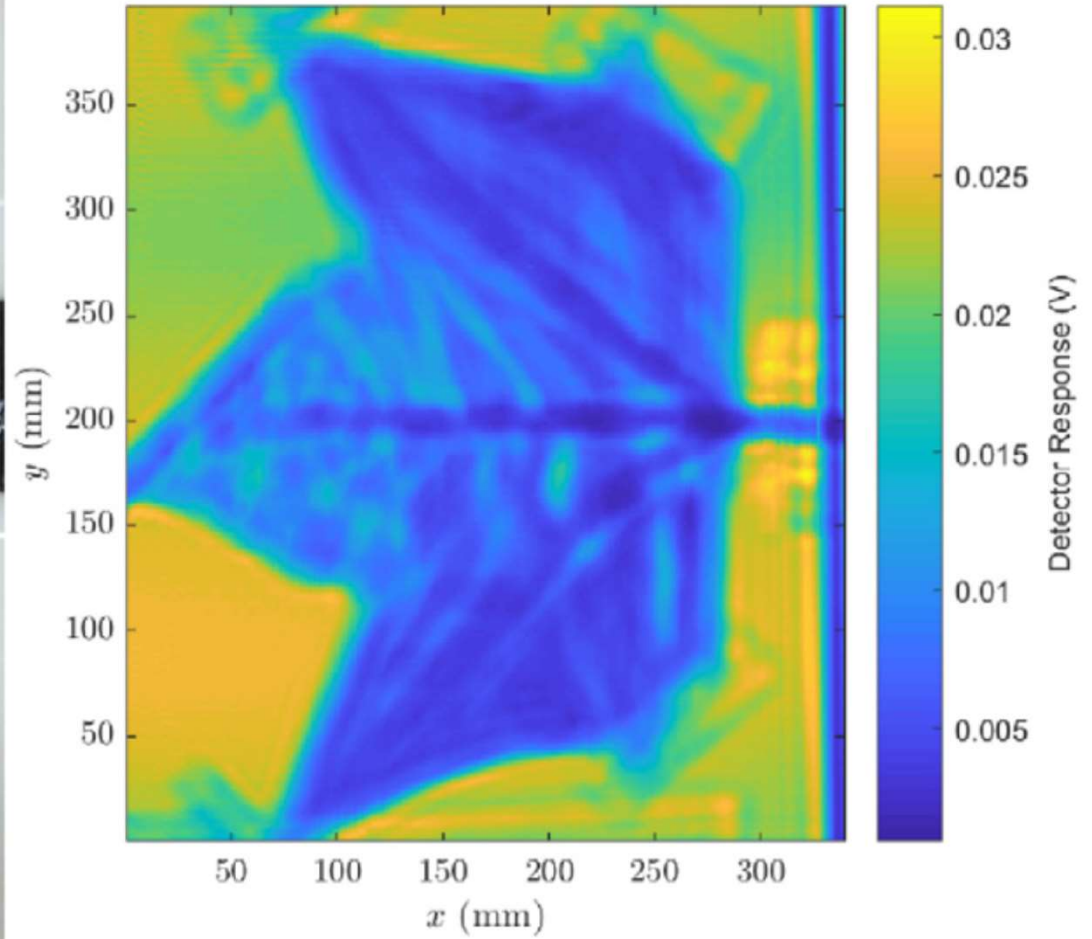


	Empty Defect	Water Infiltration	Metallic Wire	Health Safety
 CW Terahertz Imaging	✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓	✓
Air-Coupled Transmission US	✓	✓	✗	✓
Active Transient Thermography	✓	✓ *	✗	✓
Digital X-Ray Imaging	✓ ✓ ✓	✗	✓ ✓ ✓	✗

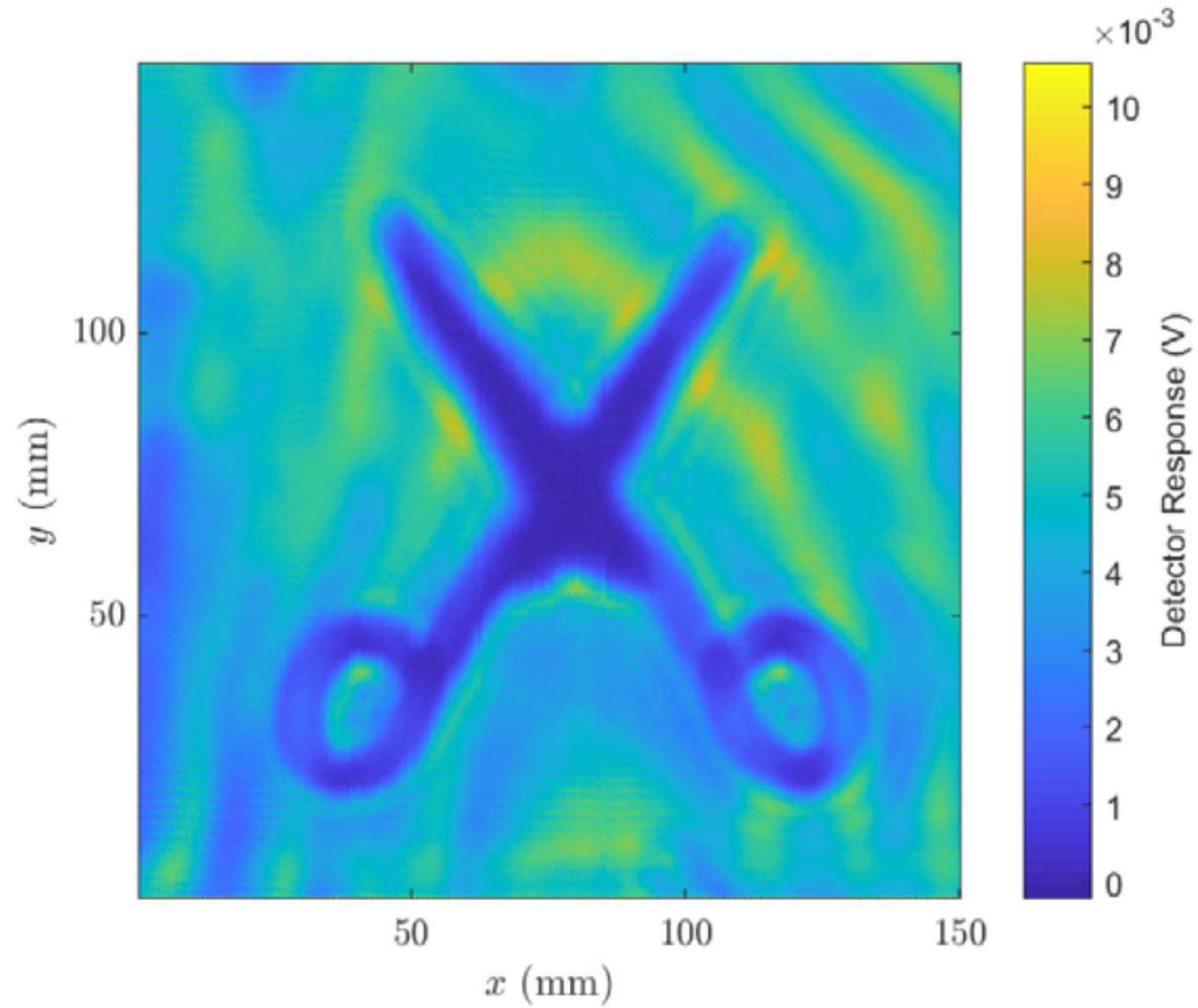
Thin metallic wires



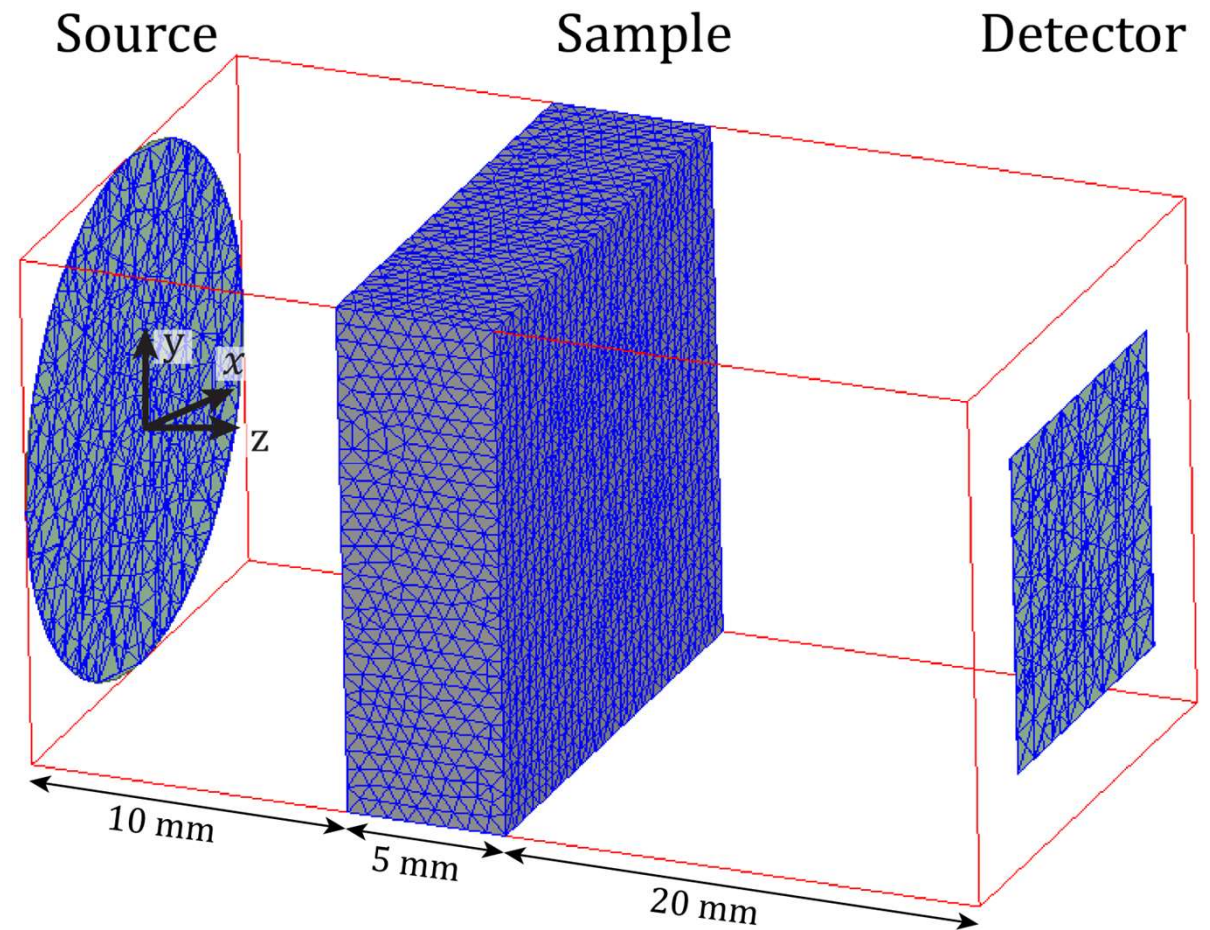
Other THz applications

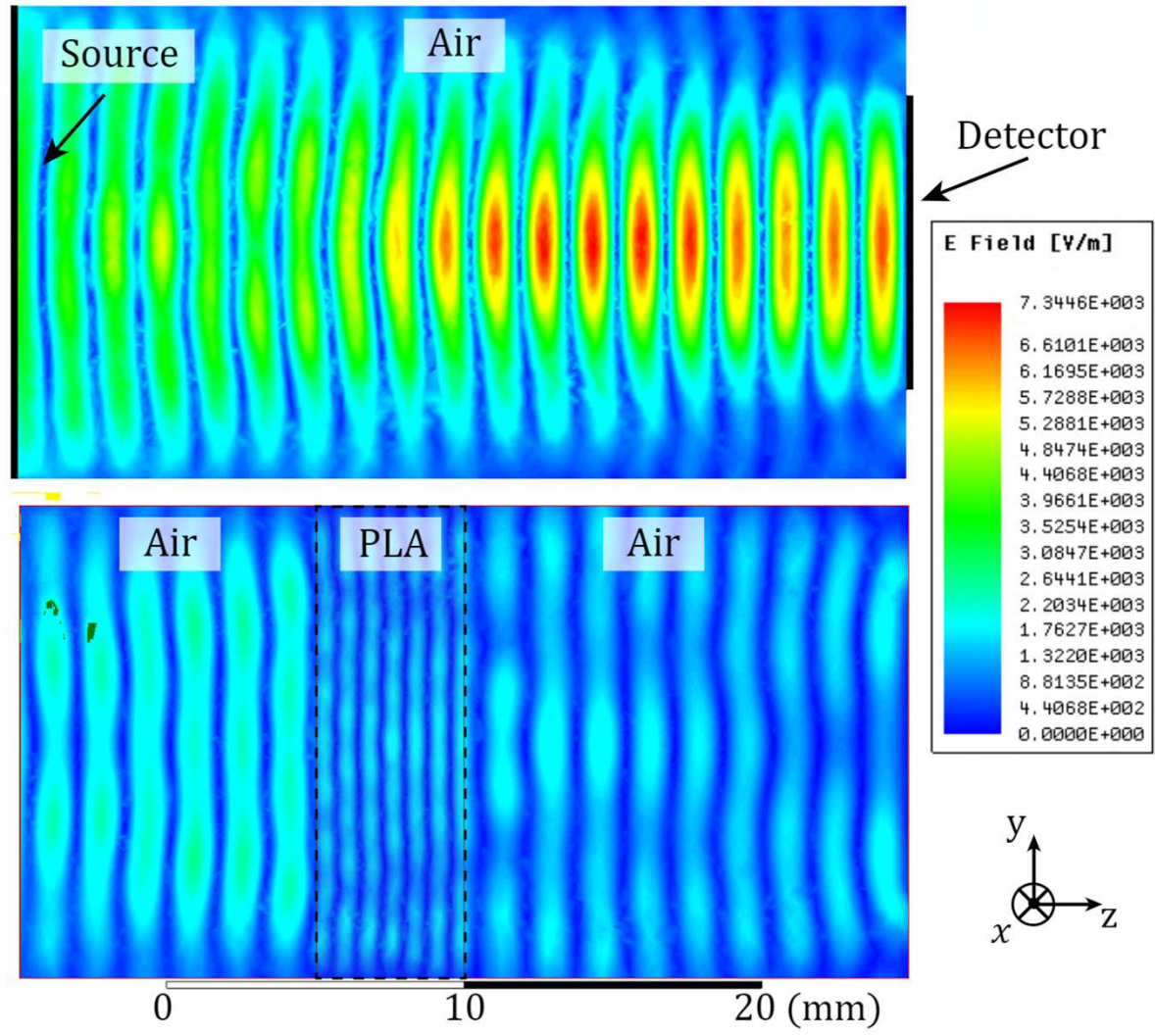


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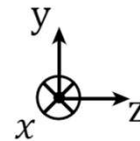
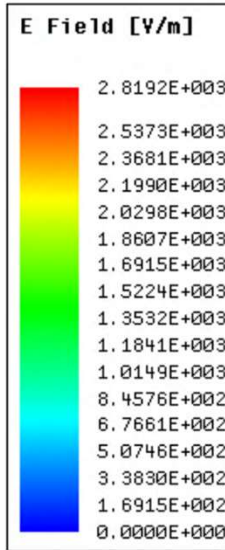
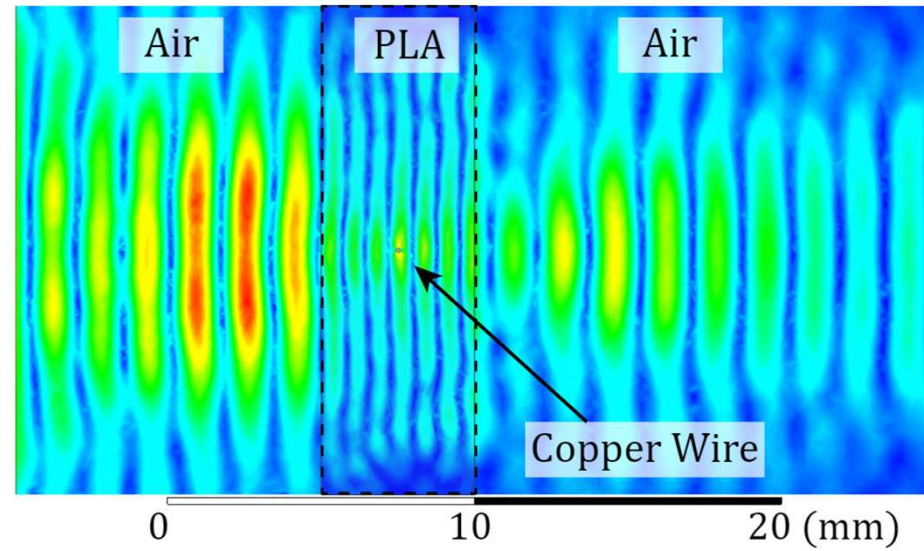
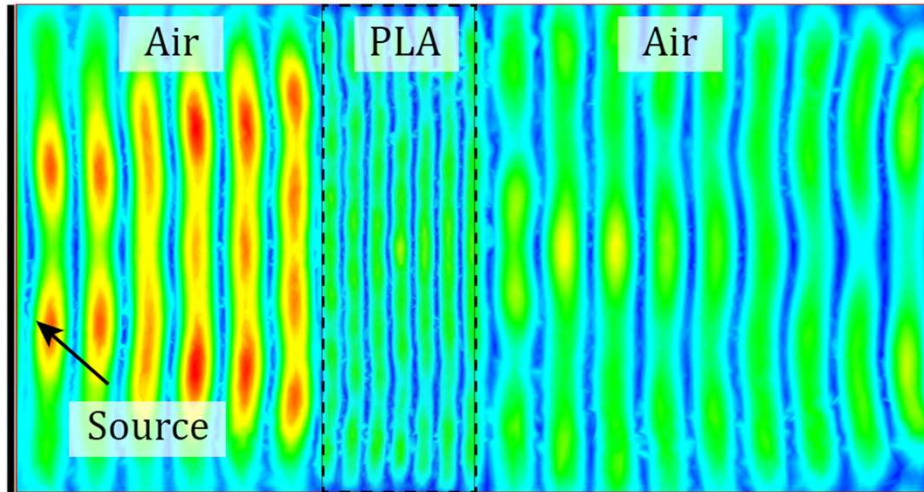


- Finite Element Method.
- Ansys HFSS.
- Mesh with 500 000 tetragonal elements.

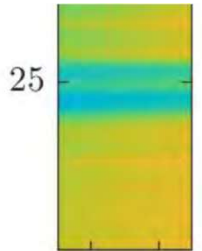




Numerical Simulations

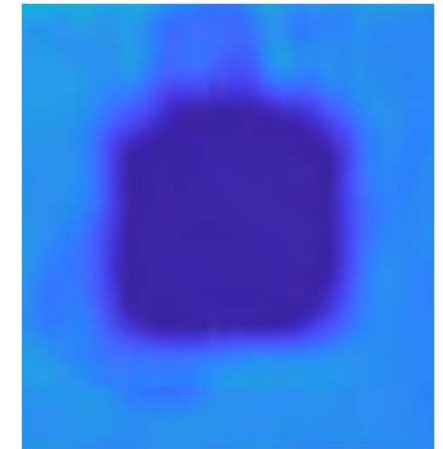
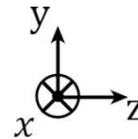
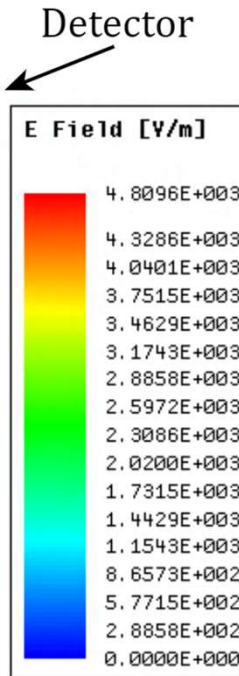
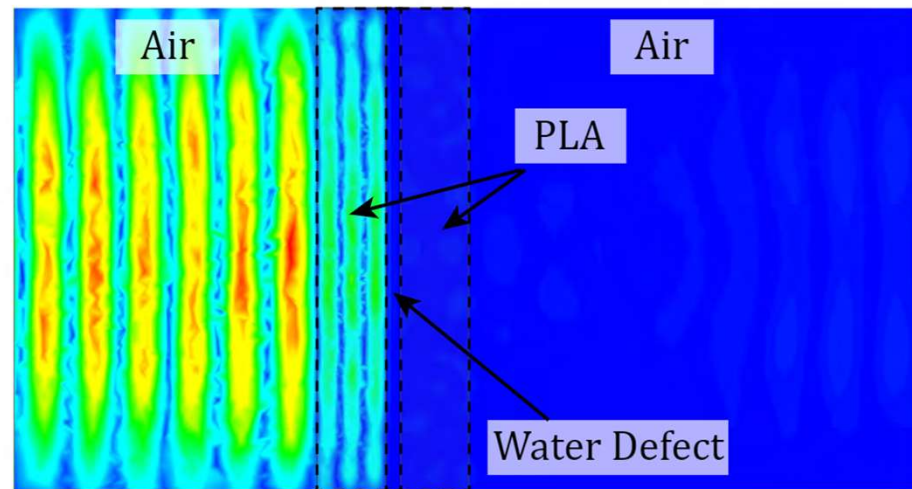
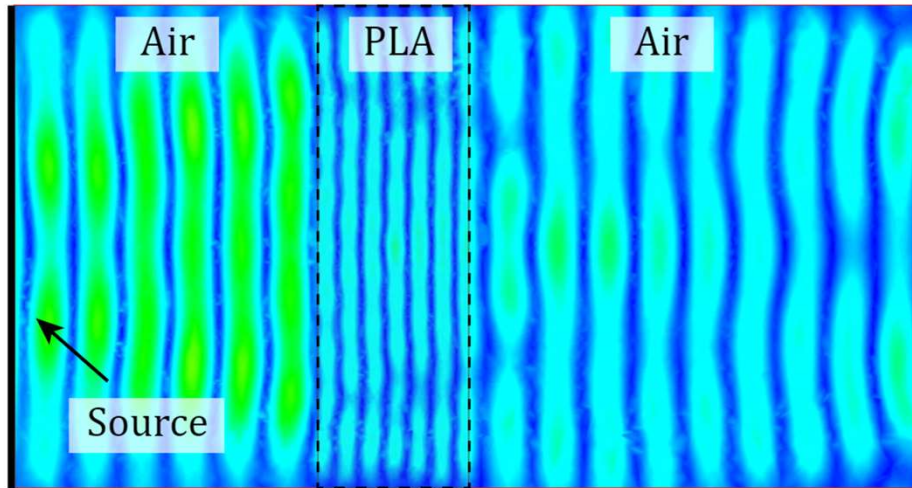


35 μm



Copper Wire Image

Numerical Simulations



Water Infiltration
THz Image

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Continuous wave terahertz imaging for NDT: Fundamentals and experimental validation

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ABSTRACT

Continuous wave terahertz (CW THz) imaging, is a variant of terahertz imaging that has been gaining scientific and technological relevance in multiple areas. In this paper the fundamental phenomena of CW THz were studied and a mathematical model was developed that successfully describes the Fabry–Perot interference for such a system, opening the possibility for measurement of thicknesses and surface curvatures. The capabilities of the system were tested using different types of defects, such as voids, water infiltrations and thin metallic wires. The interactions between different materials, features and the radiation beam were numerically studied using finite element method and the results agreed with the experiments. By comparing the results with other Non-Destructive Testing methods, it was found that CW THz imaging is particularly interesting to image water infiltrations and composite materials that incorporate conductive wires.

**FINAL ABSTRACT
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