



Characterization of building materials in the THz range

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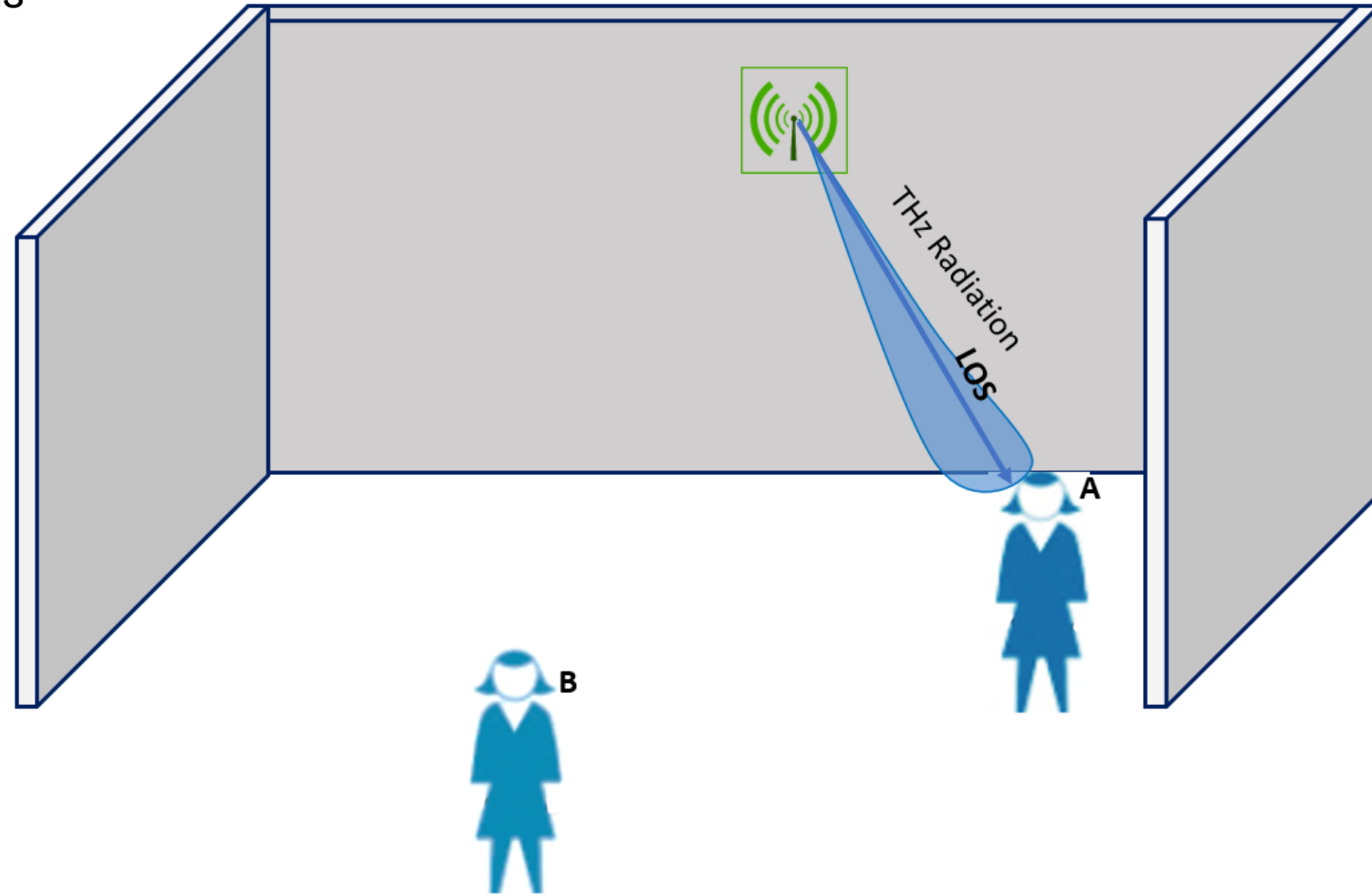
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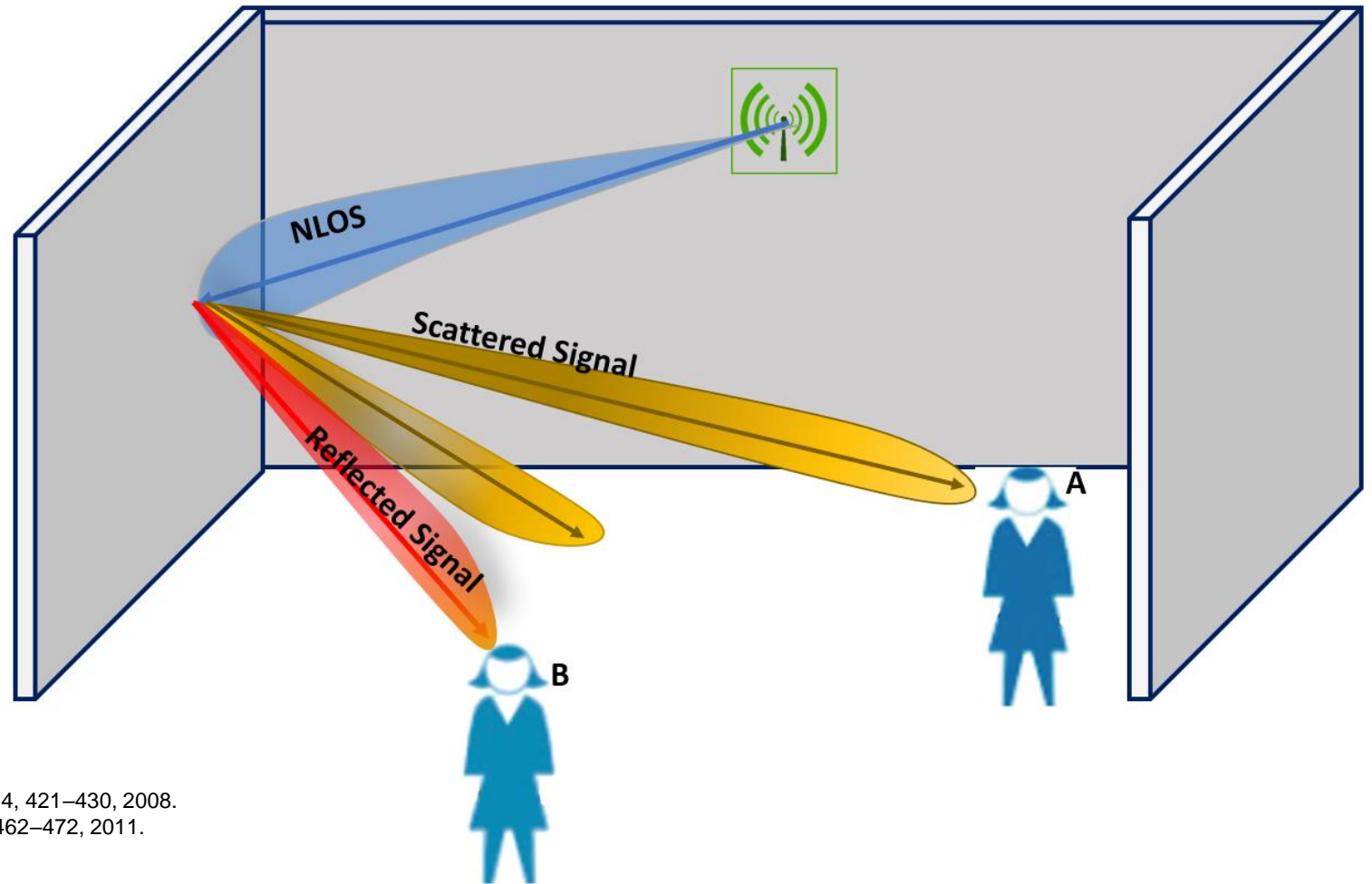
Motivation

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Building Materials (50 samples)

Plastic

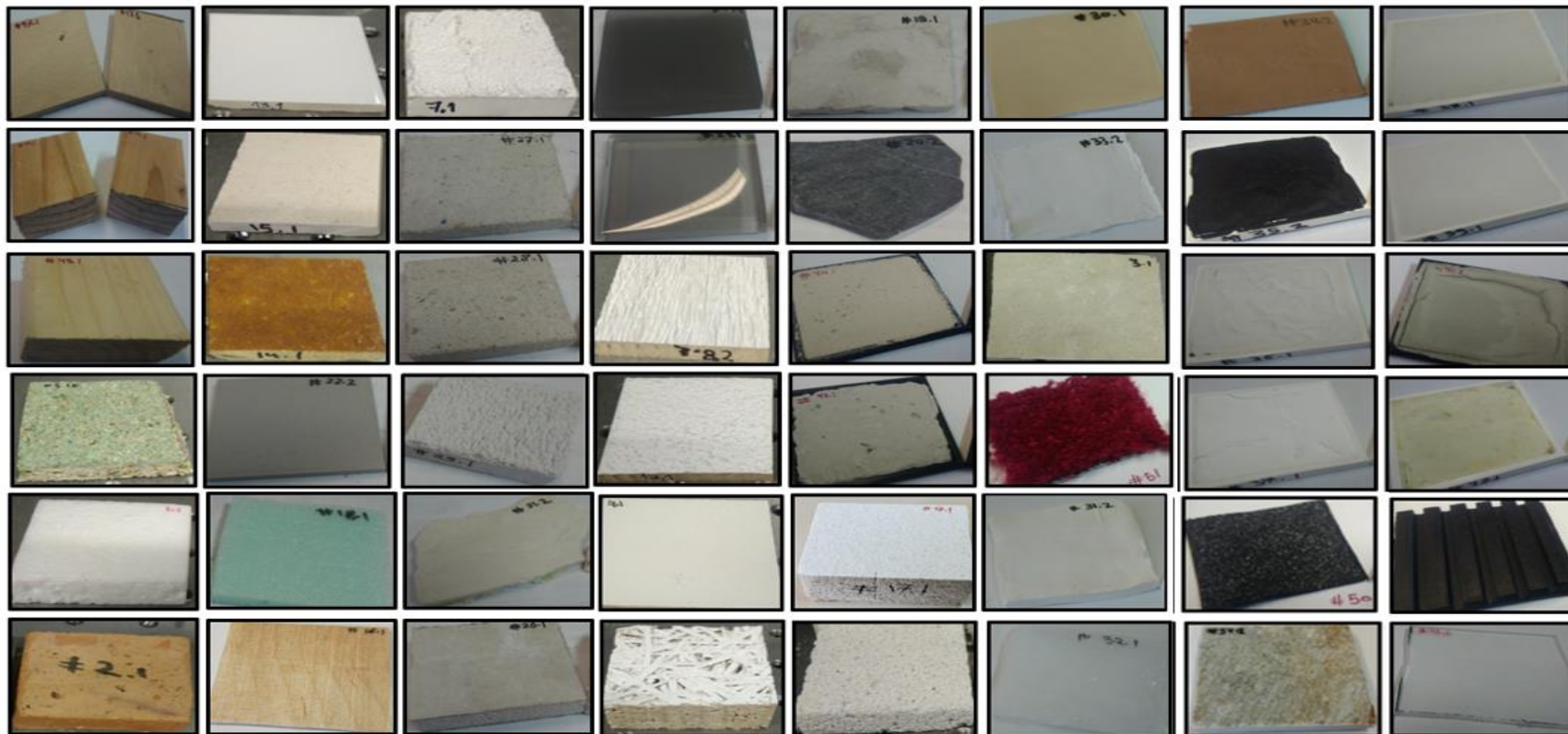
Wood

Glass

Ceramic

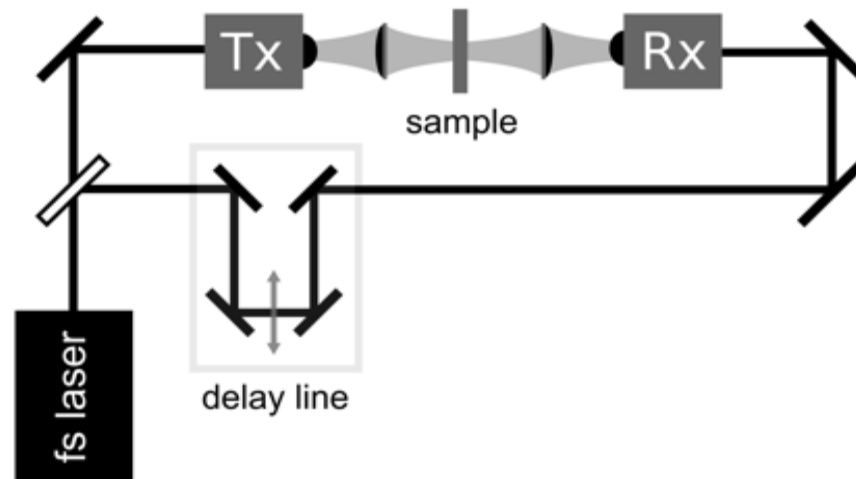
Cement

Brick



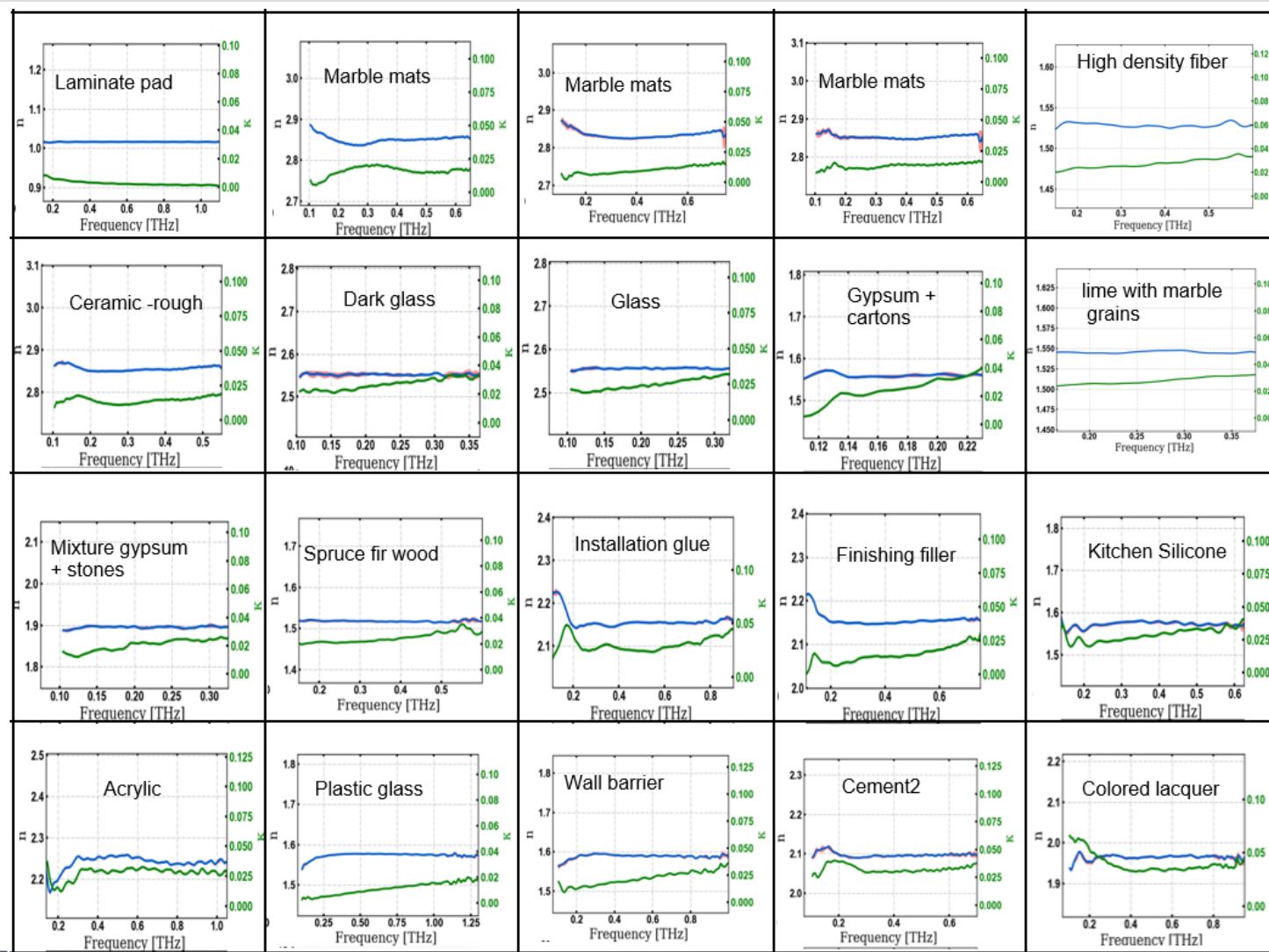
Material Characterization

Calculate the optical parameters (refractive index & absorption) in Transmission setup



THz time-domain spectroscopy (THz-TDS) technique

Refractive Index

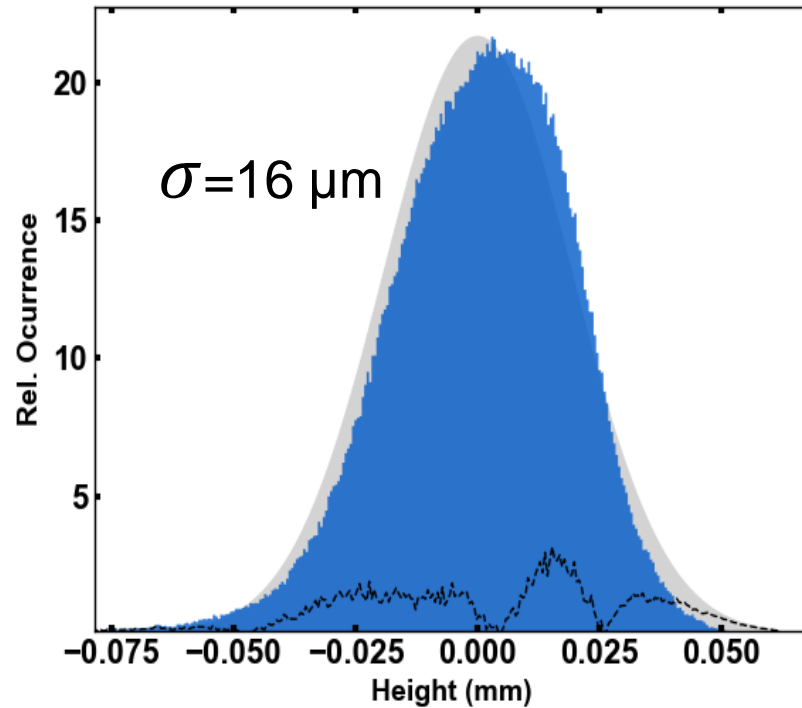


Surface roughness characterisation

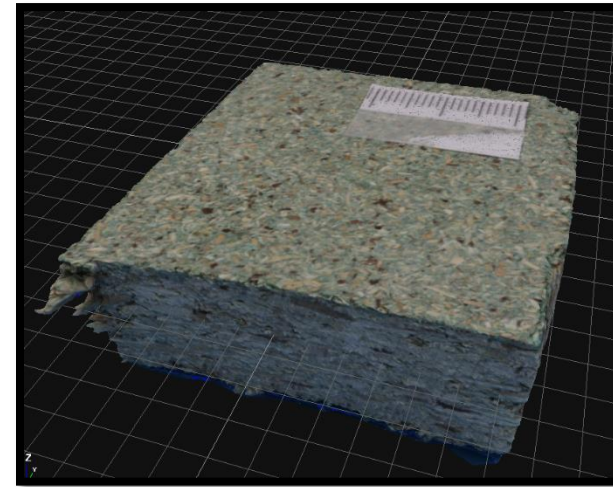
Photogrammetry



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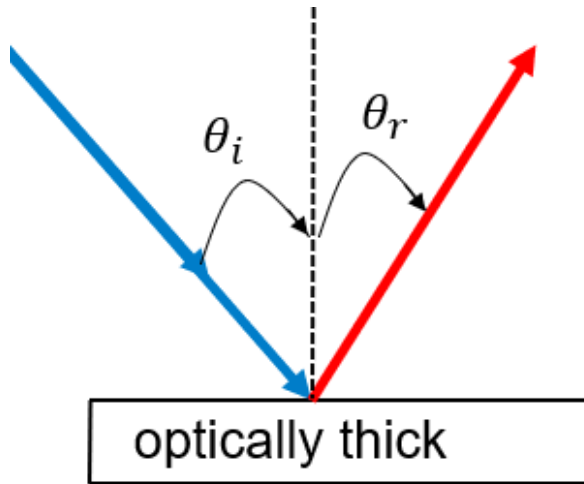
surface height distribution of the sample



Reconstructed Sample

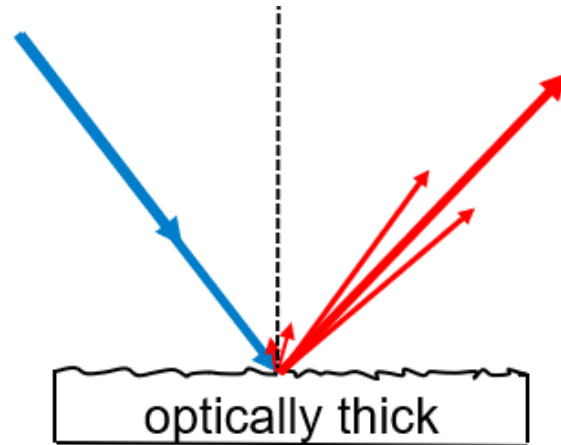
Surface Scattering Models

Smooth surface



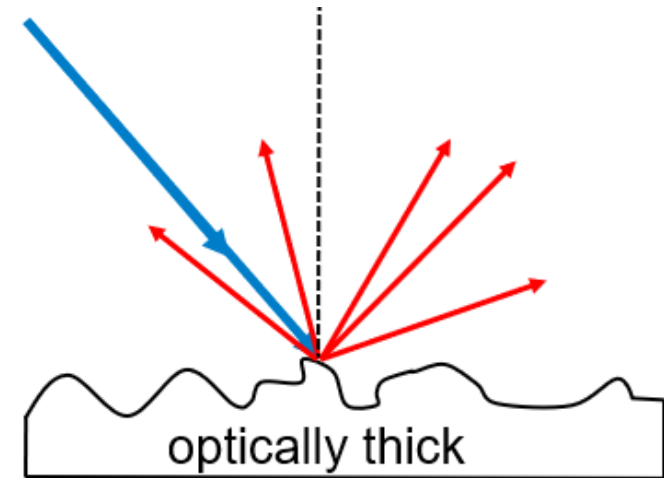
Classical Fresnel equations

Slightly rough surface



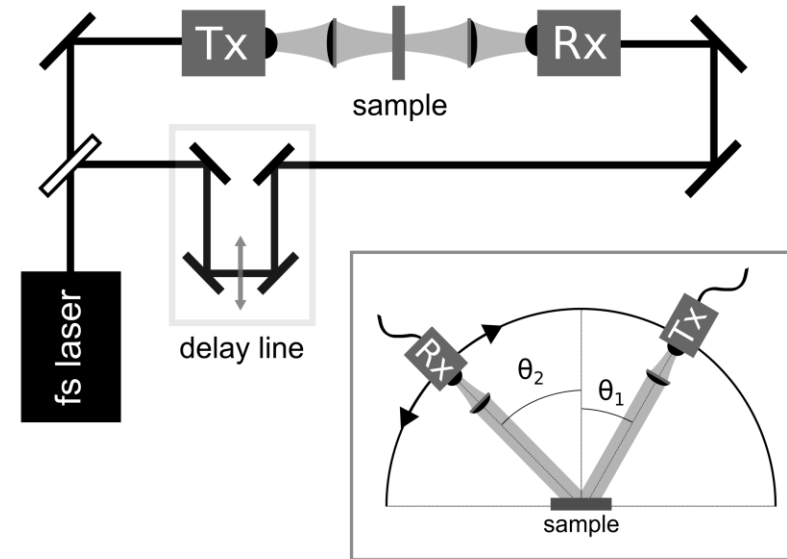
Modified Fresnel equations
Rayleigh roughness factor

Rough surface



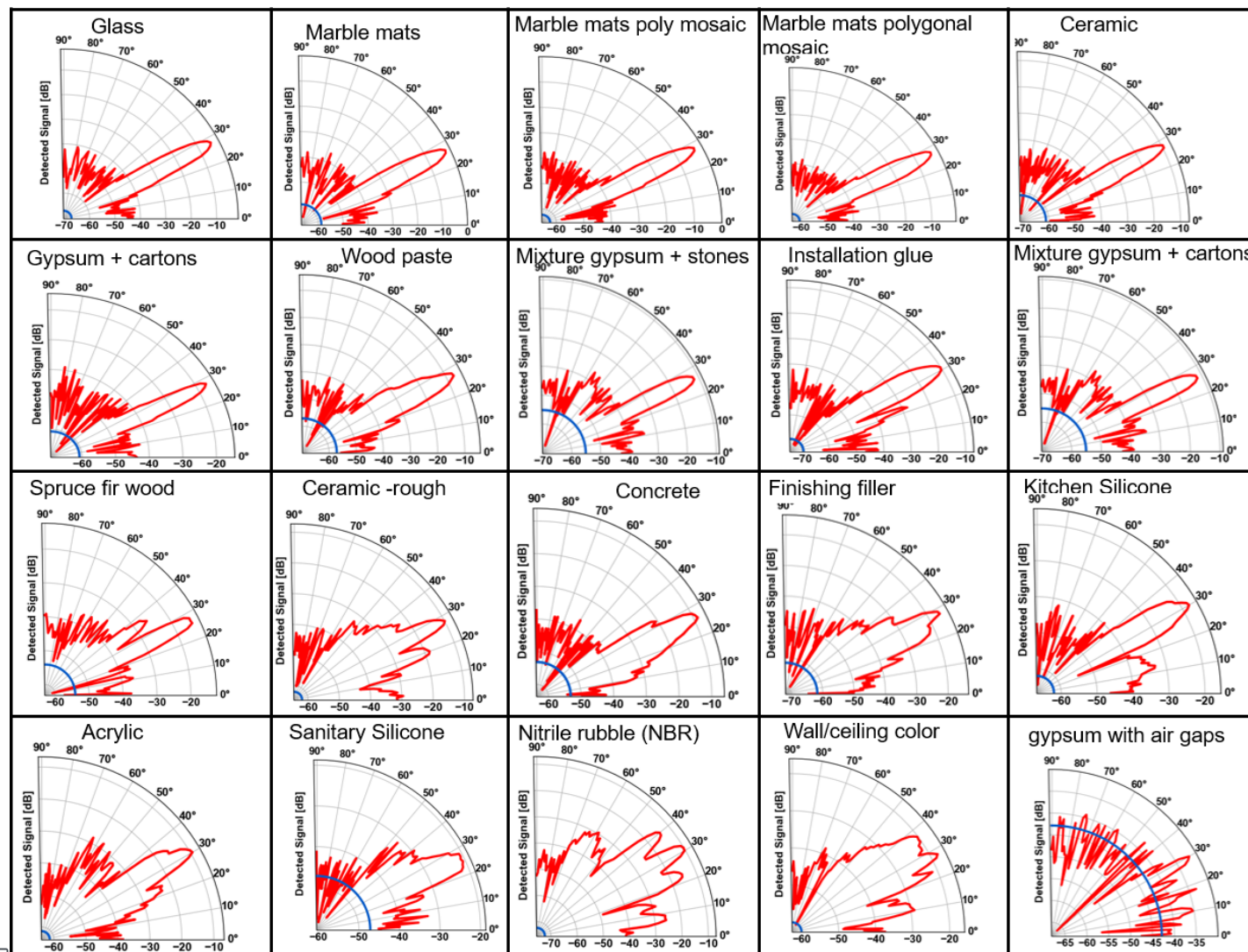
- Kirchhoff approximation
- Small perturbation method
- Radar cross-section
- Integral equation model

Reflection / Scattering Measurements



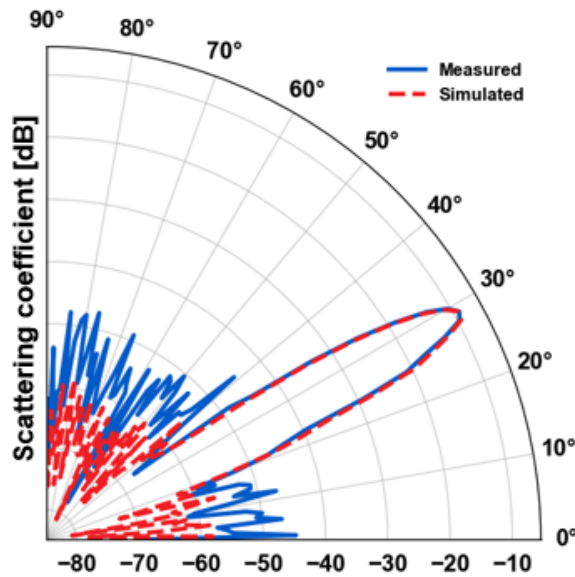
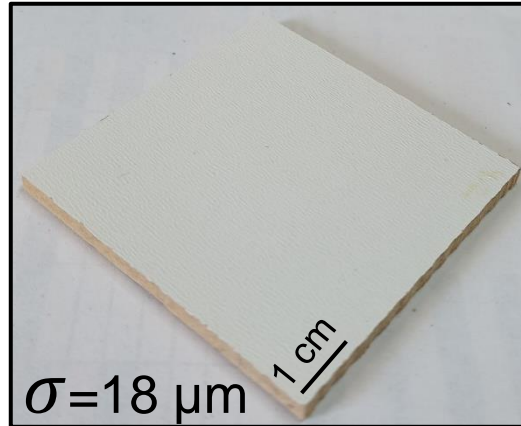
THz time-domain spectroscopy (THz-TDS) + Goniometer setup

Measured Scattering Power at 300 GHz



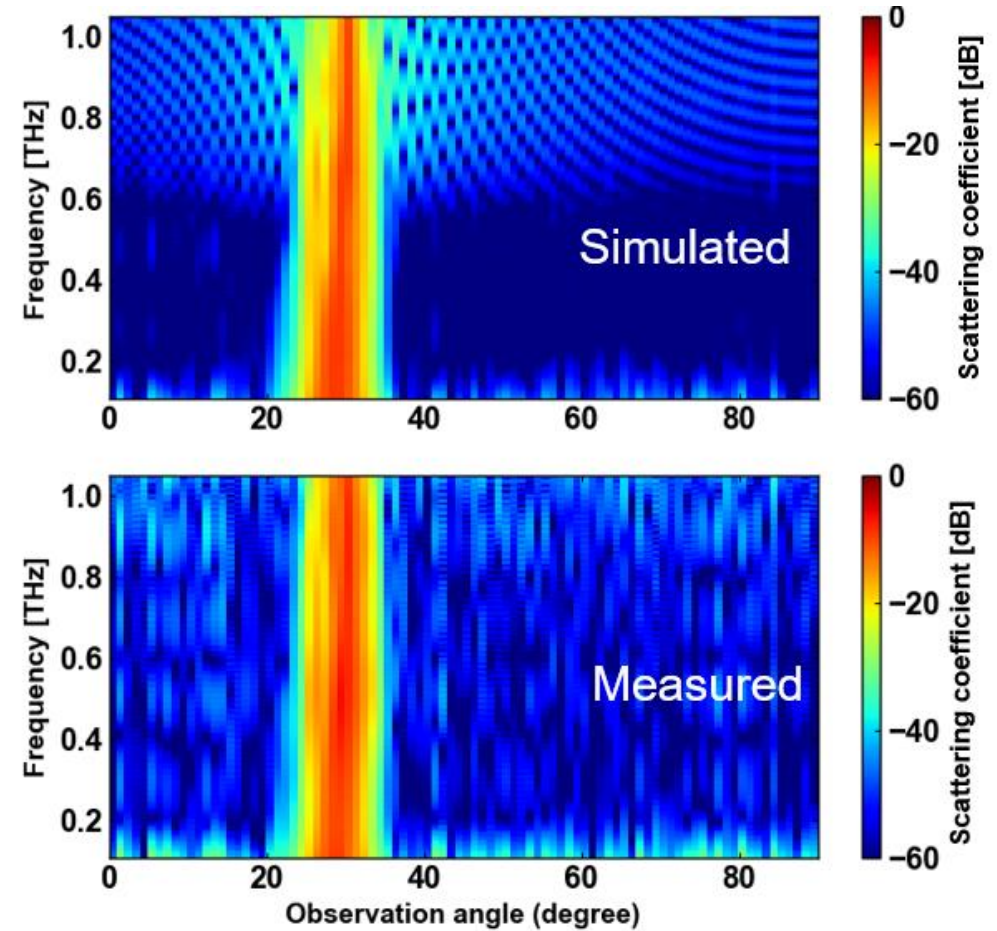
Results

High density fiber board



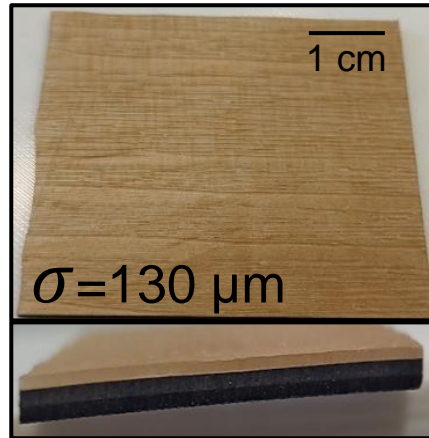
Simulated and measured scattering coefficient at 300 GHz.

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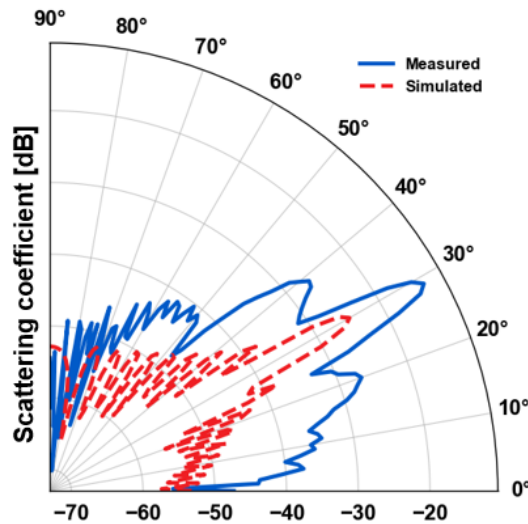


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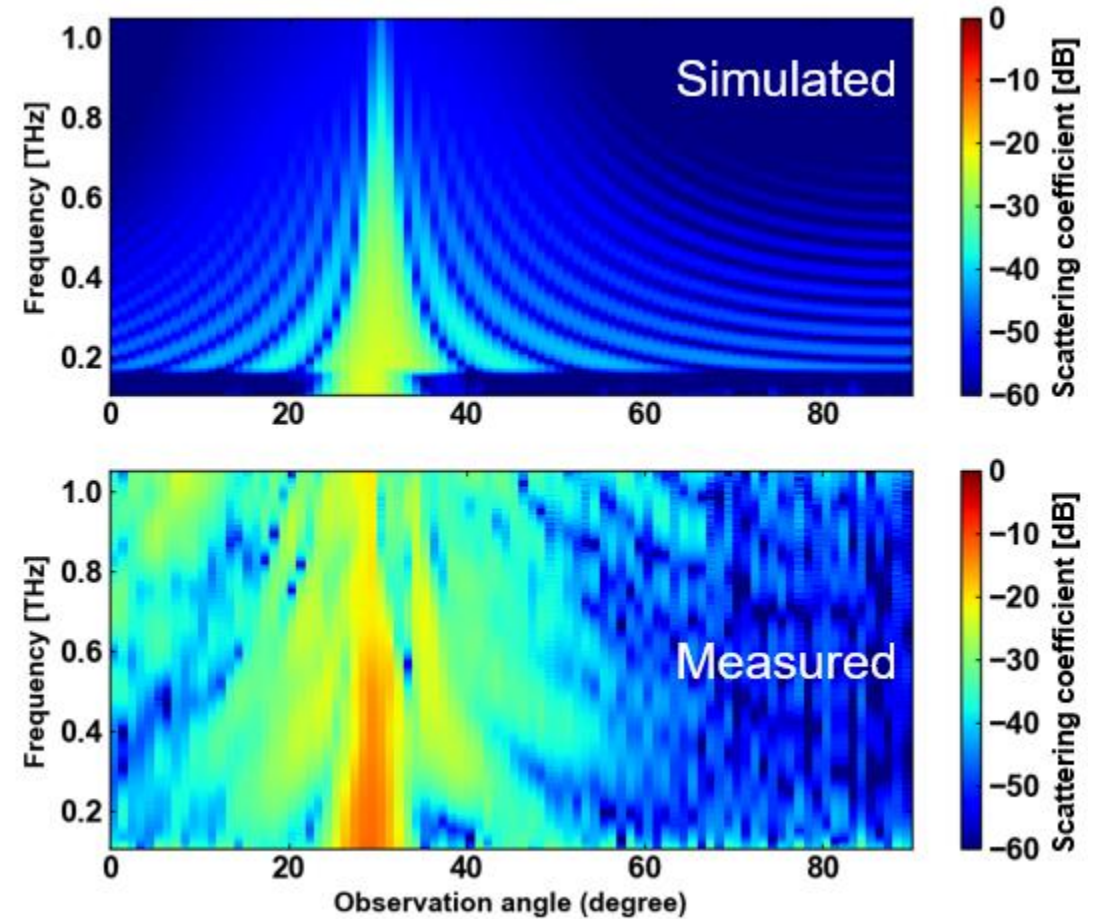
polyurethane (PU) coating



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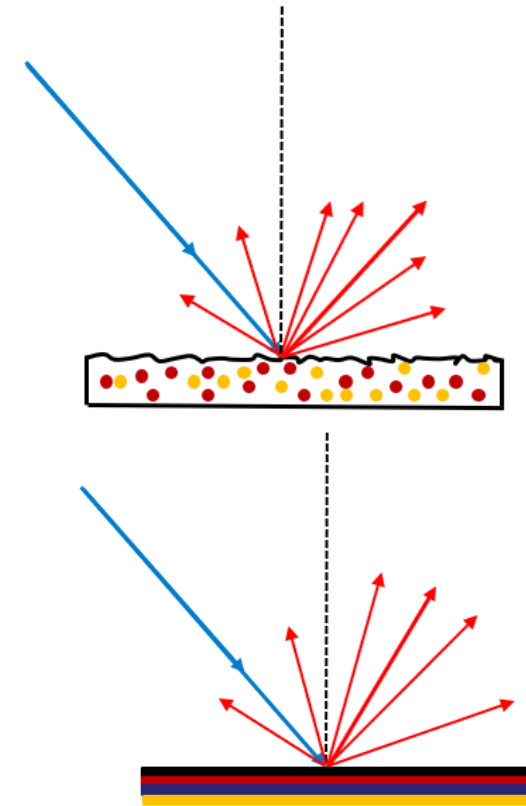


Simulated and measured scattering coefficient



CONCLUSION

- We characterize 50 samples building materials. These models are for required for a reliable channel simulation
- The angle-dependent scattering patterns of building materials with smooth or rough surfaces can easily be determined by Fresnel, Rayleigh or Kirchhoff models.
- More complex geometries, for example, a multilayered composition and/or a microscopic anisotropic structure can lead to a strong multiple reflection behavior.
- For these complex samples, the "traditional" scattering theories are not enough to describe the reflection properties and, further refinement of the models is required.



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