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Ball Sound

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Task

When two hard steel balls, or similar, are brought gently into contact with each other, an unusual **'chirping' sound** may be produced.

Investigate and explain the nature of the sound.

Different Balls



Chosen for the longest duration and the lowest prevalent frequency collisions between different balls and one large steel ball



In our presentation

*Nature of
the sound*

*Examine the
sound*

*Recreate the
sound*

Possible sources

Vibration of the balls



Impulsive translational
acceleration





Vibrations for steel balls of 5cm diam.

Mode number	Natural frequency (kHz)
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Lowest frequency
is 51,8 kHz

*Vibrations of the balls certainly
do not contribute to audible sound!*

Limit of human ear
is 18-20 kHz

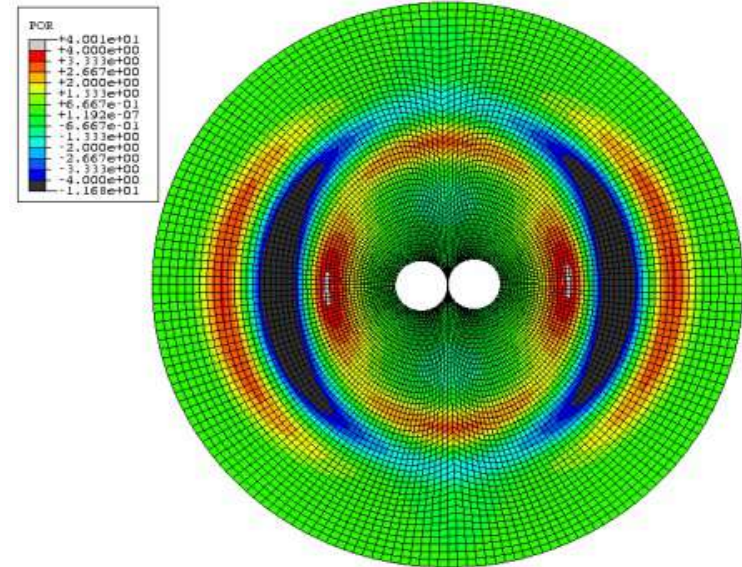
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Impulsive translational acceleration

One oscillating sphere



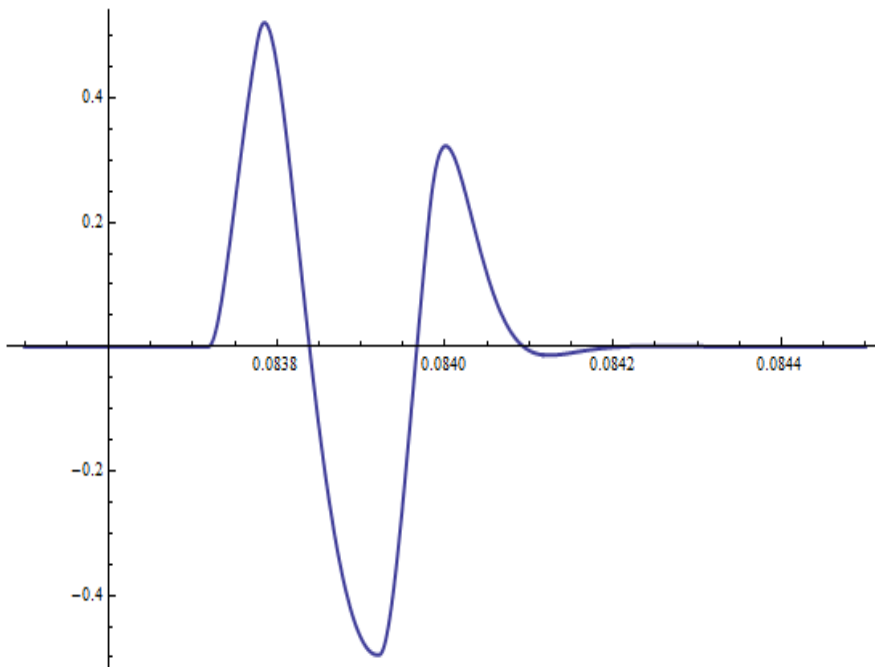
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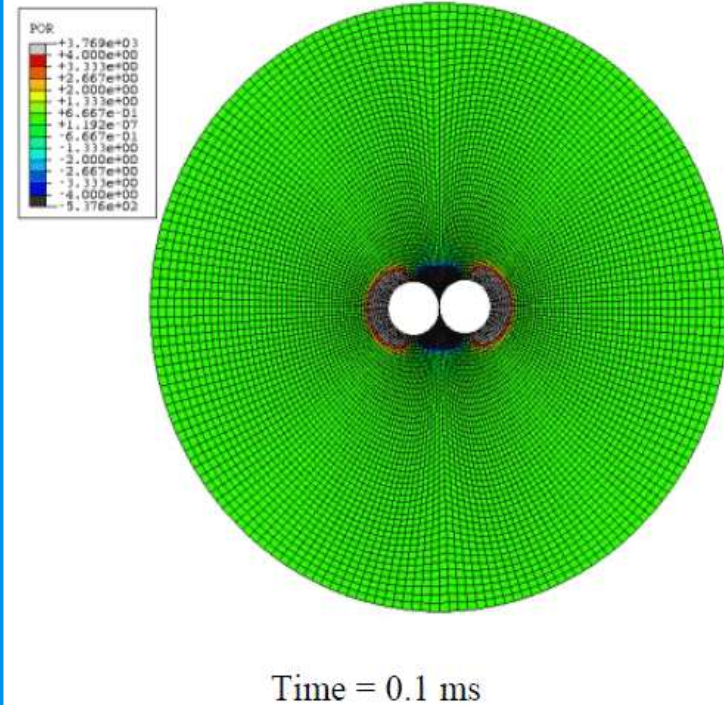
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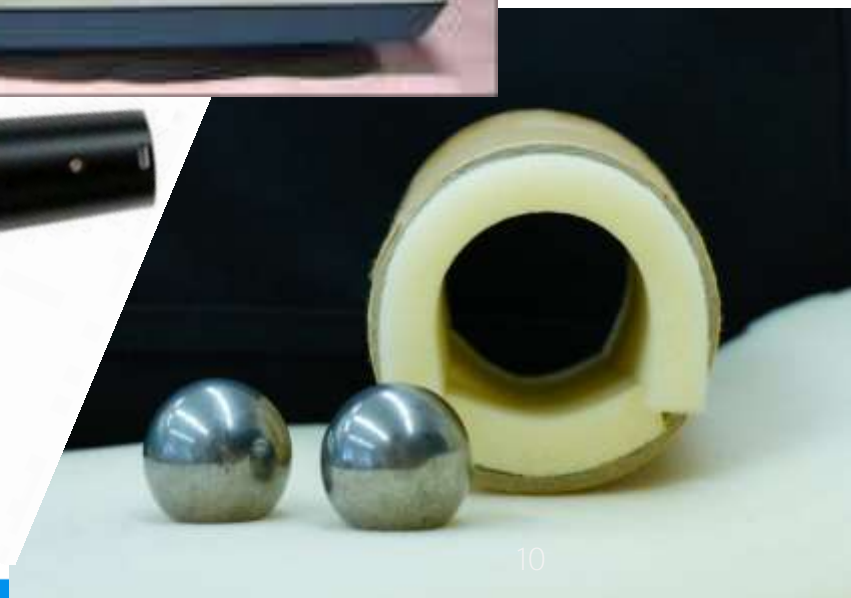
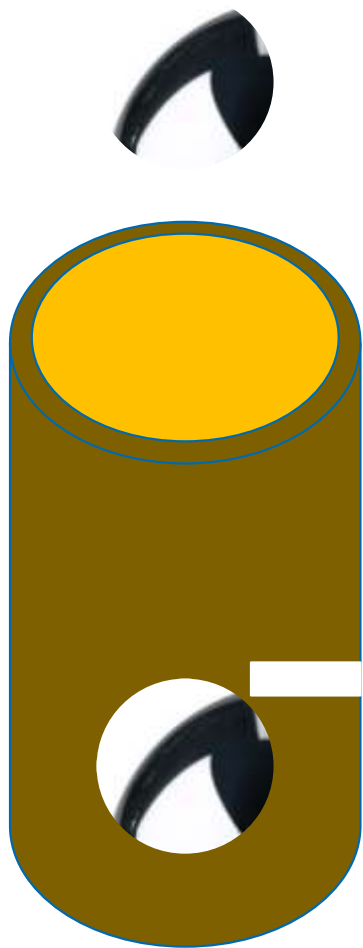
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*Examine the
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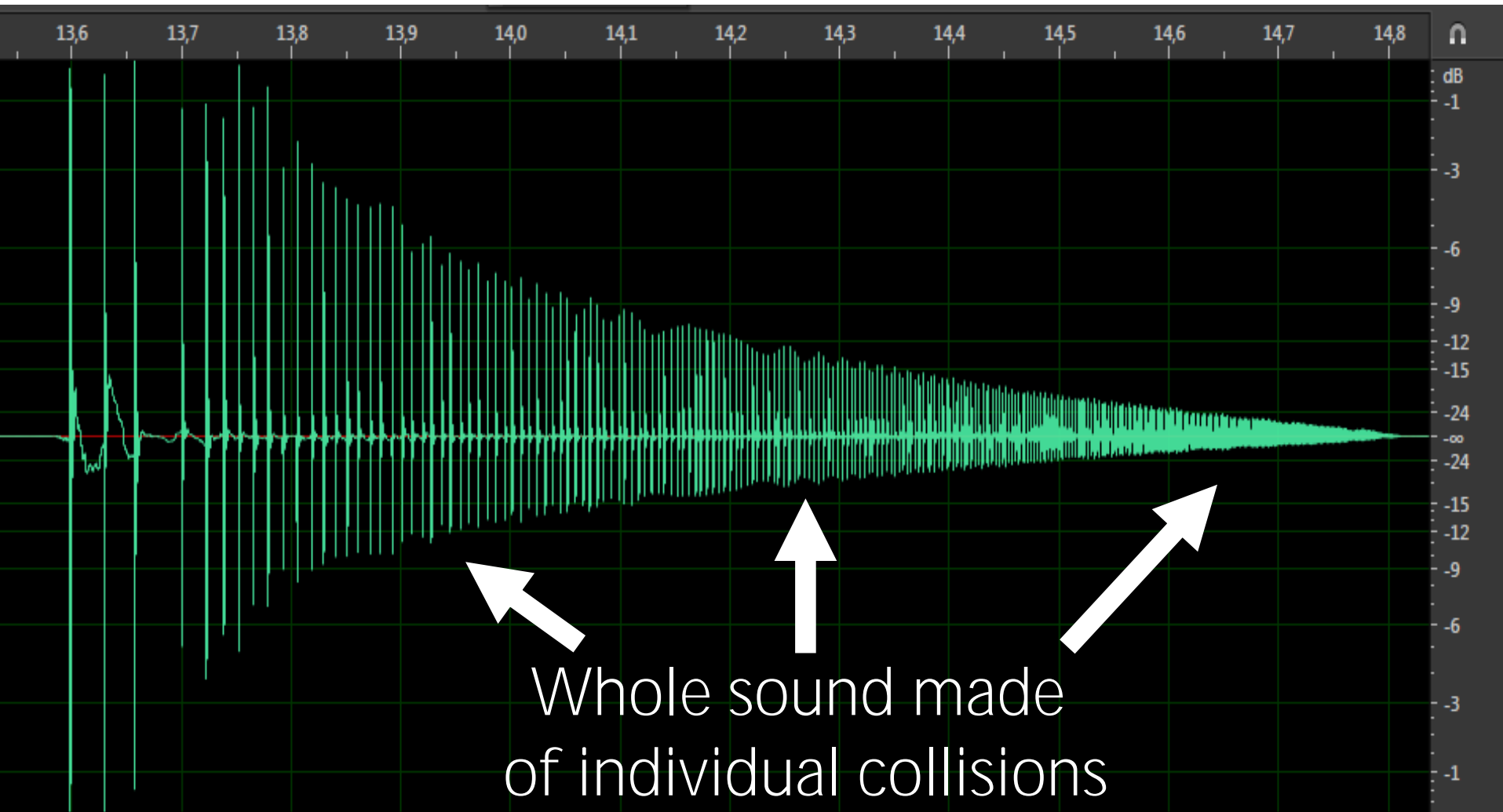
*Recreate the
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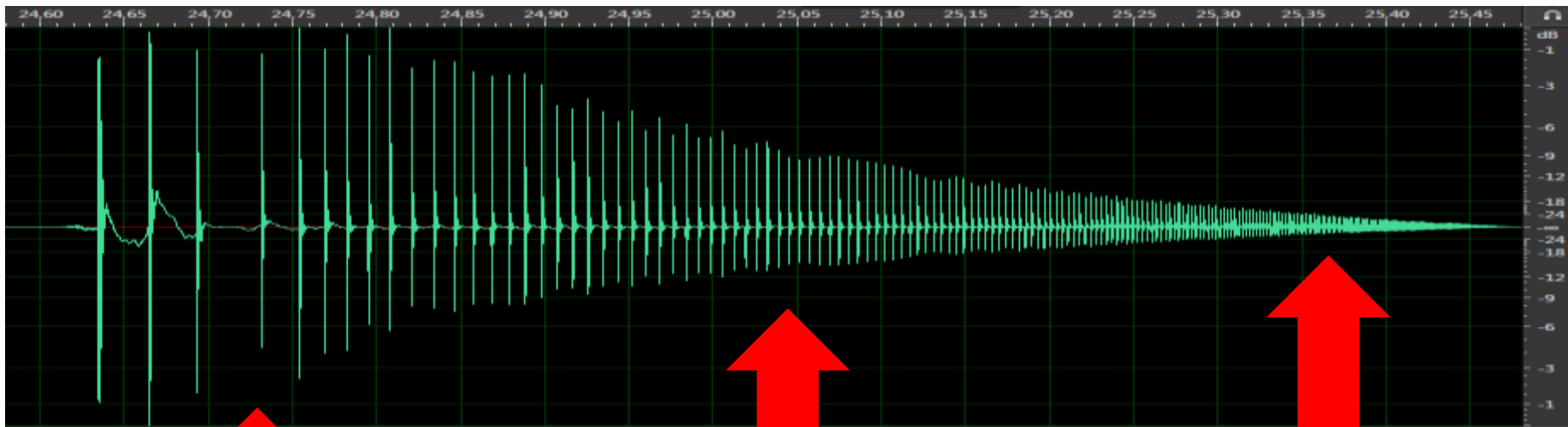
Our apparatus



Sound analysis



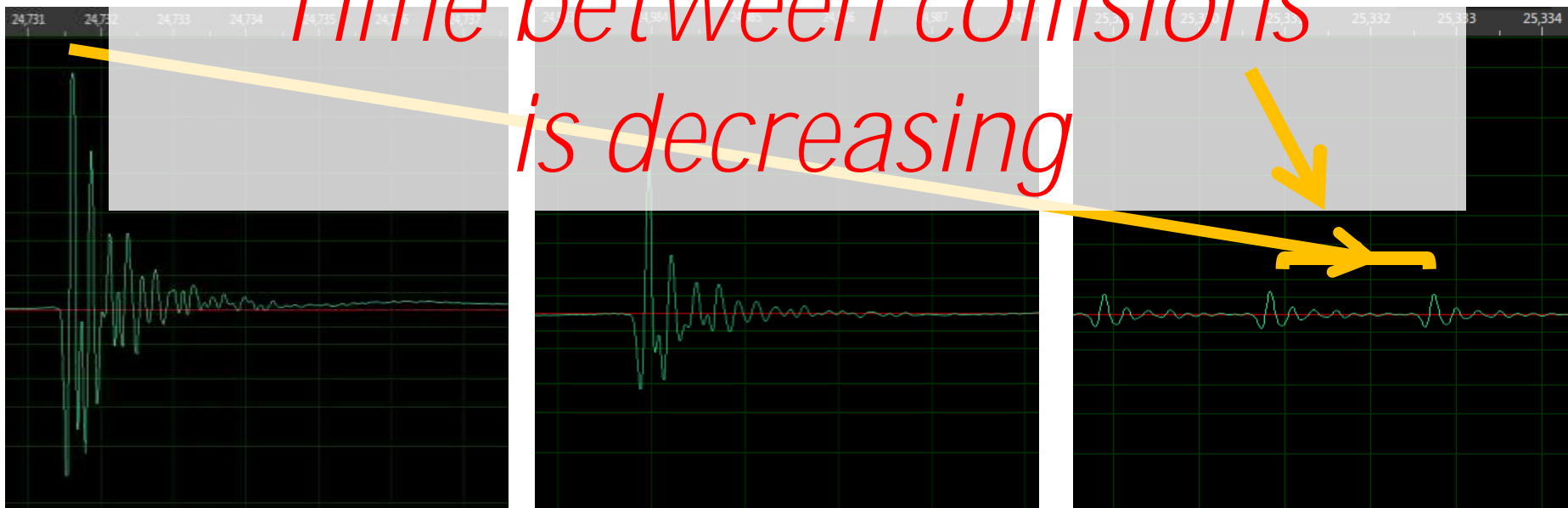
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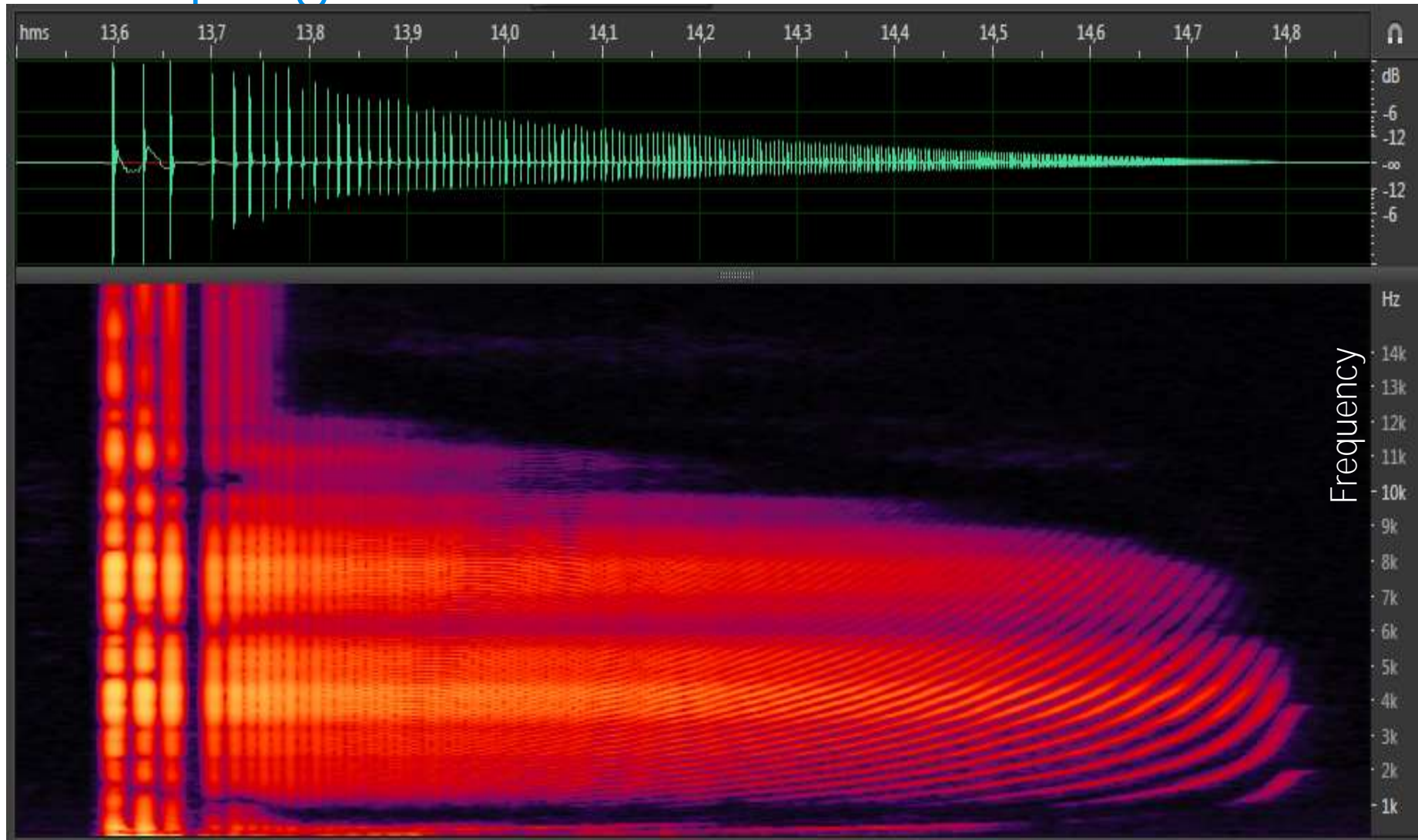
- Decreasing amplitude
- Individual collisions are similar
- But the chirping has a rising tone

*Time between collisions
is decreasing*

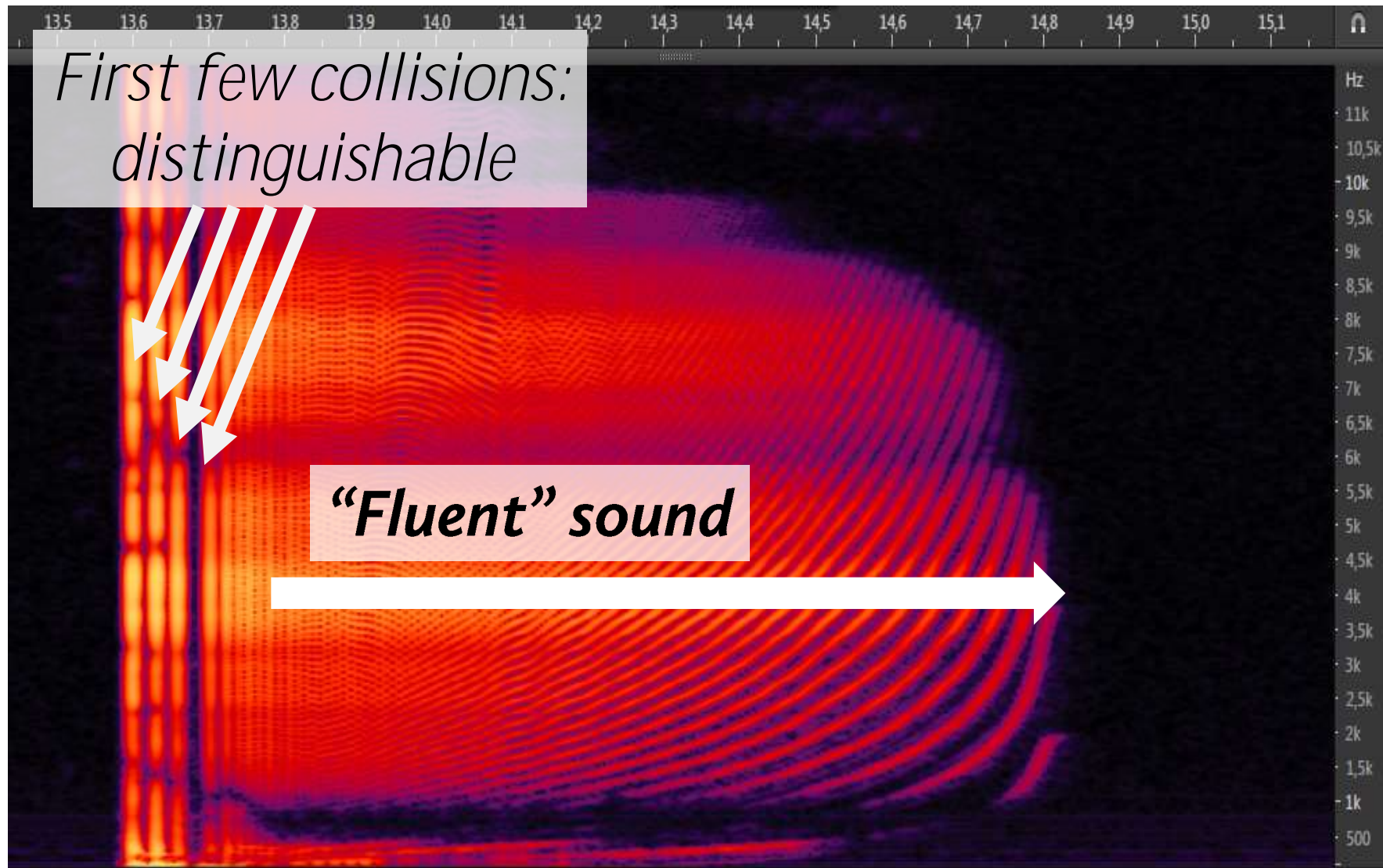


Spectral analysis of our measured chirping

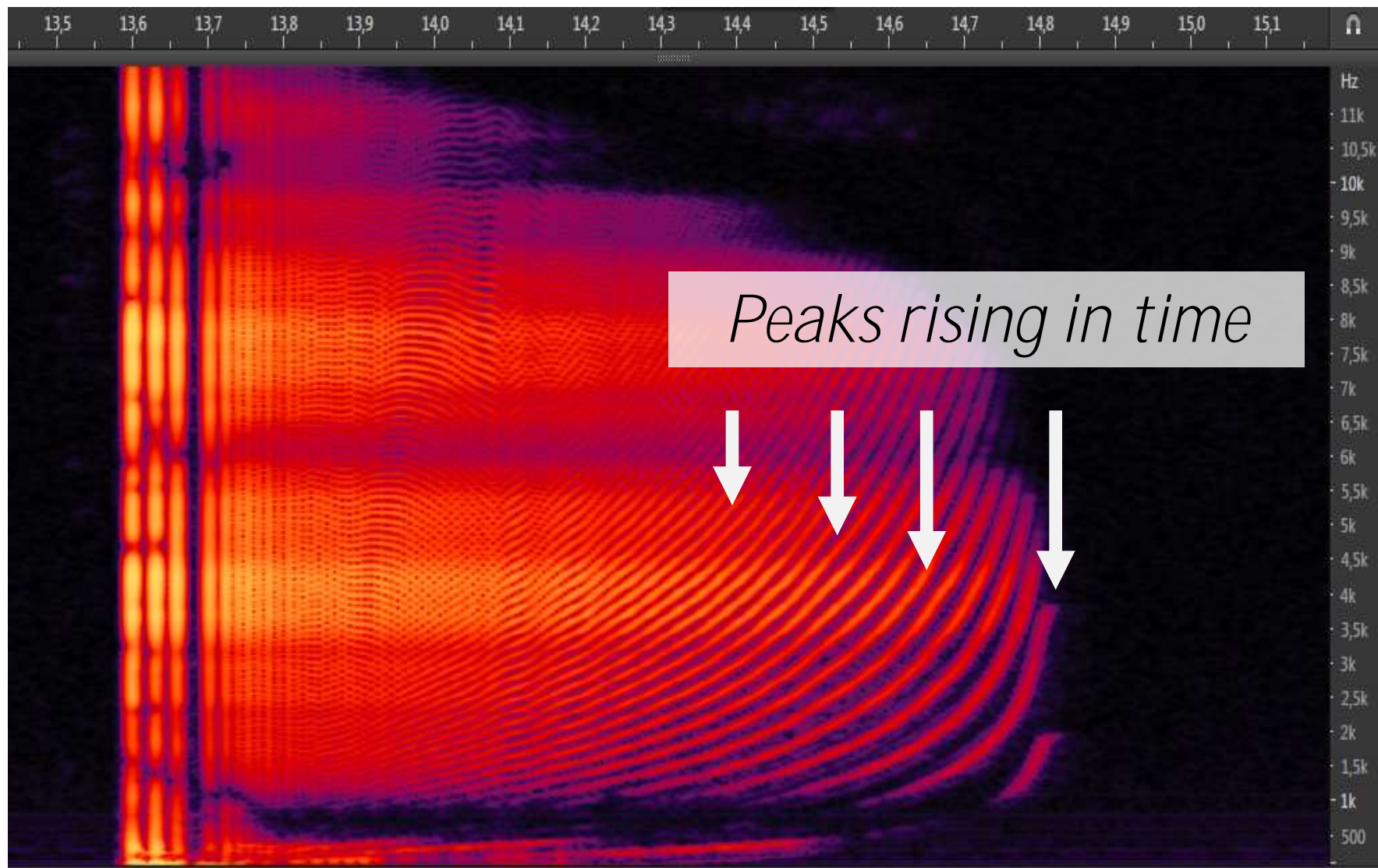
Time



Spectrum of chirping sound (FFT)

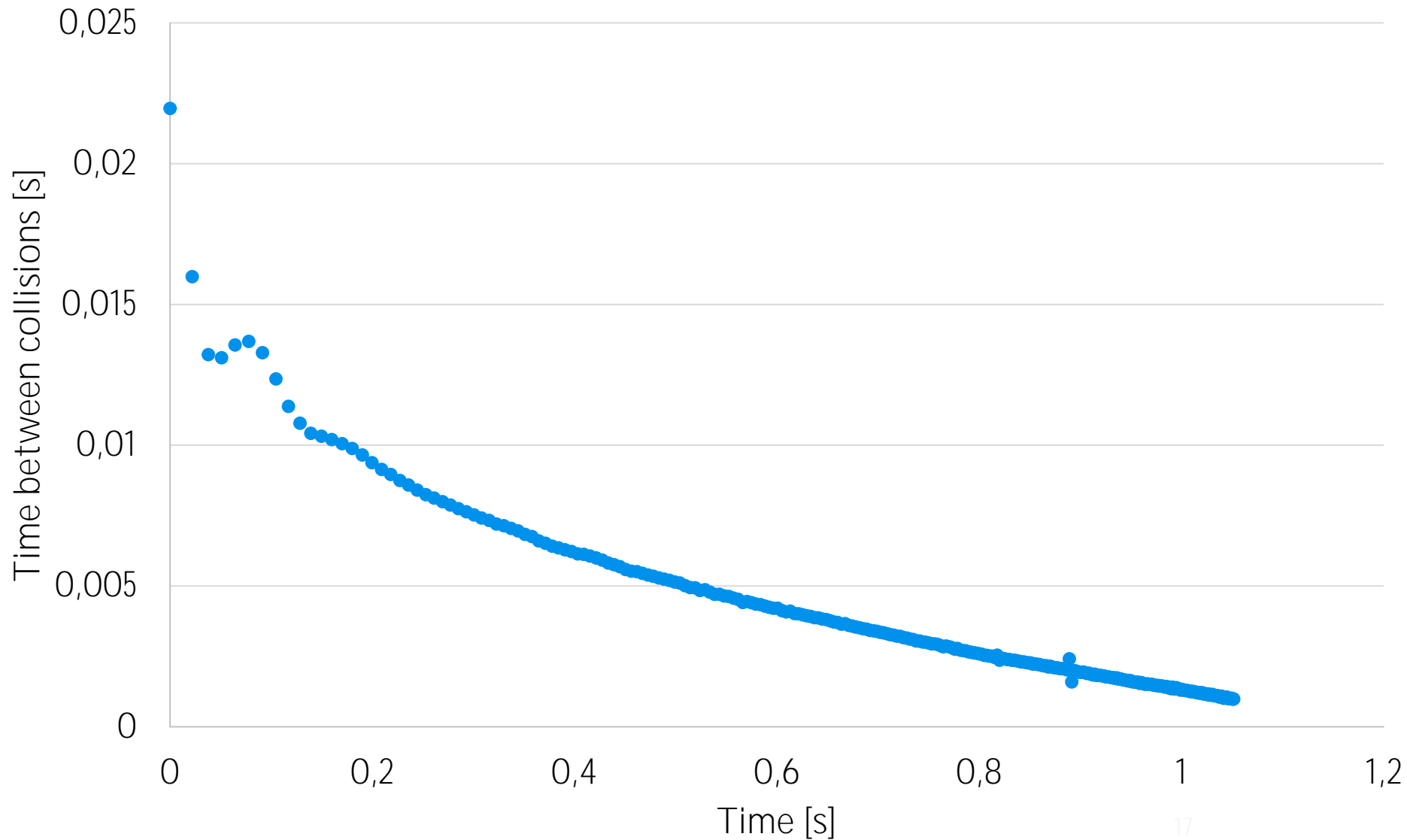


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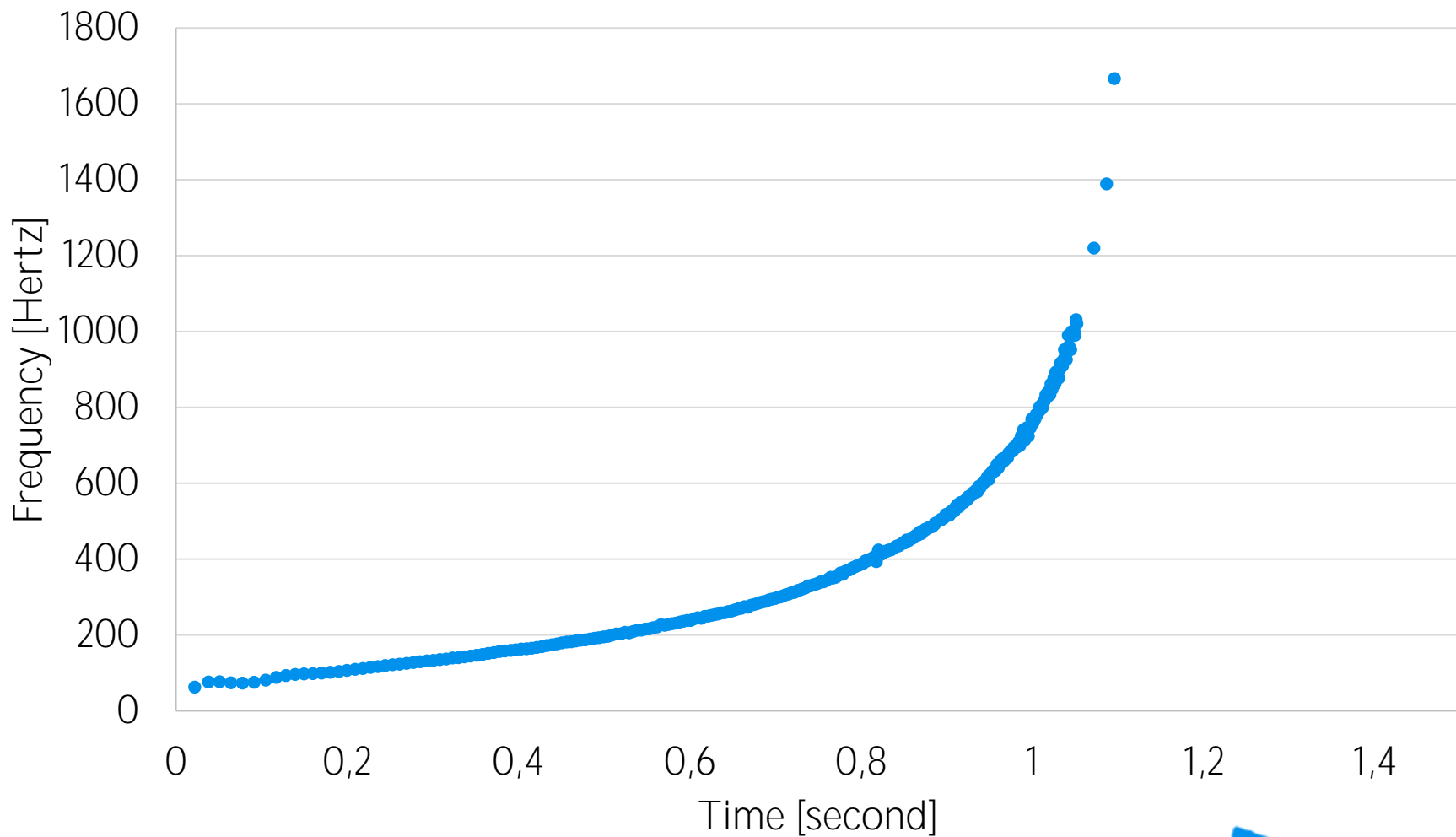


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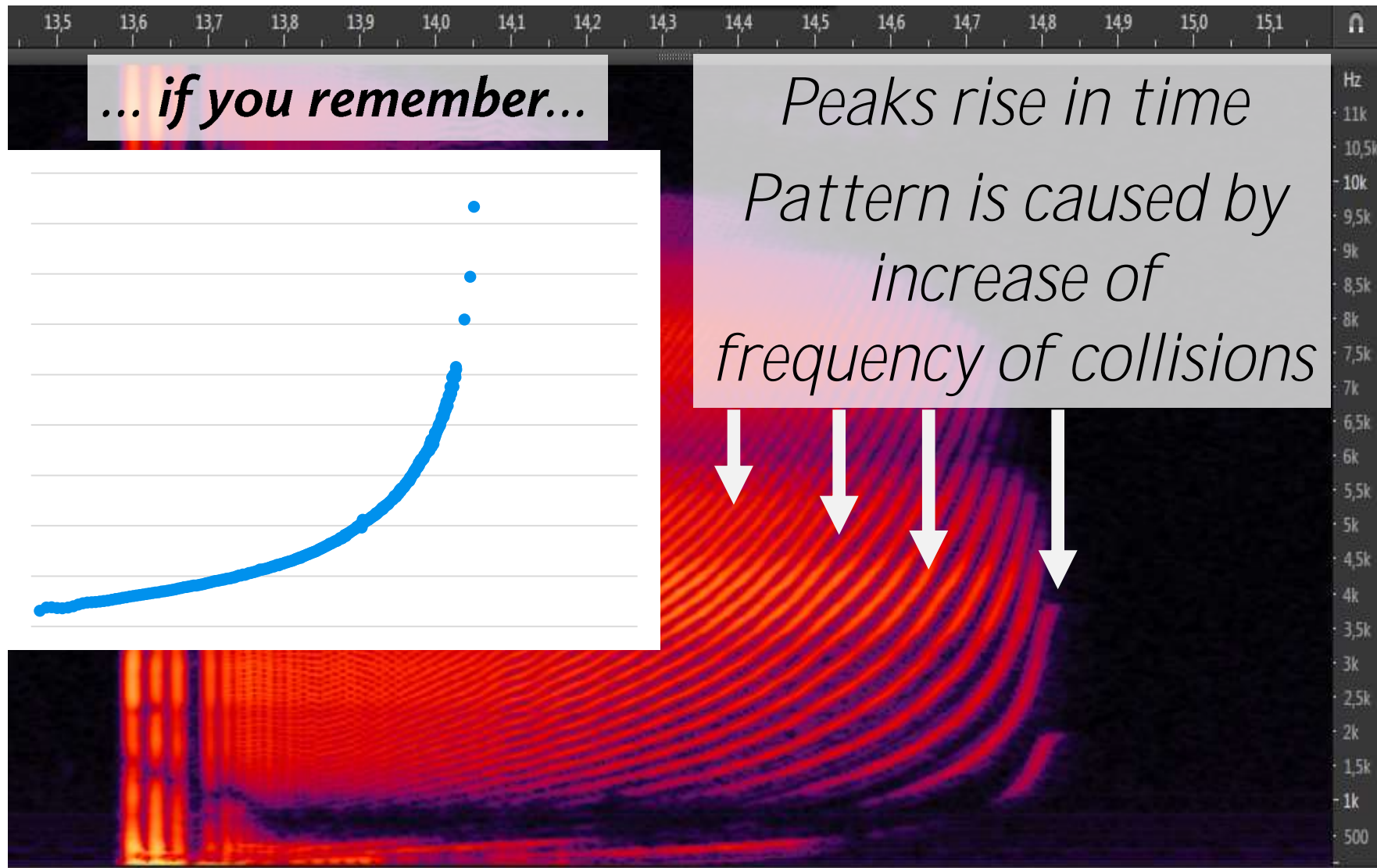


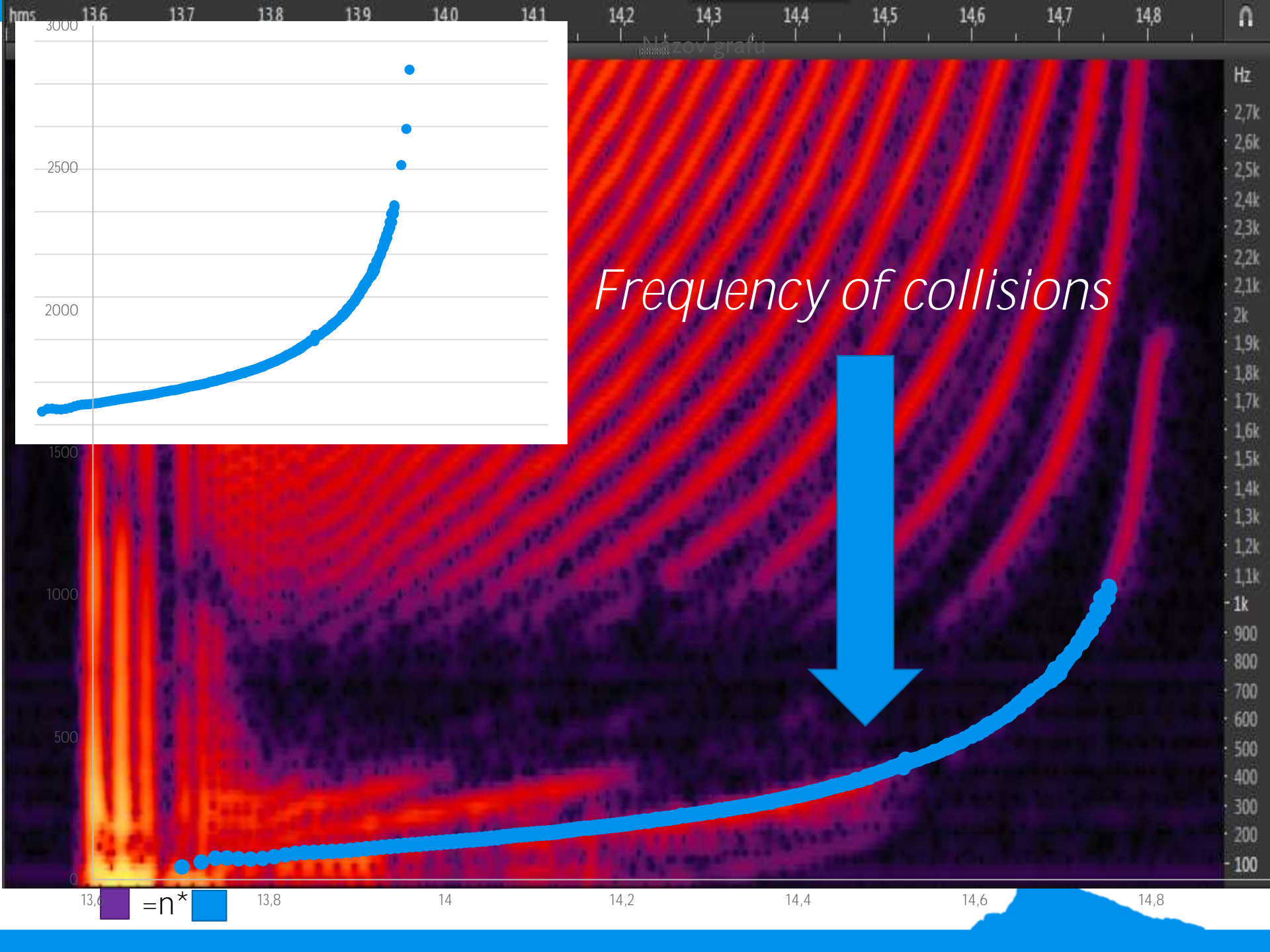


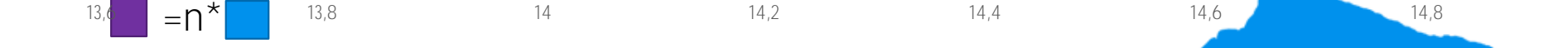
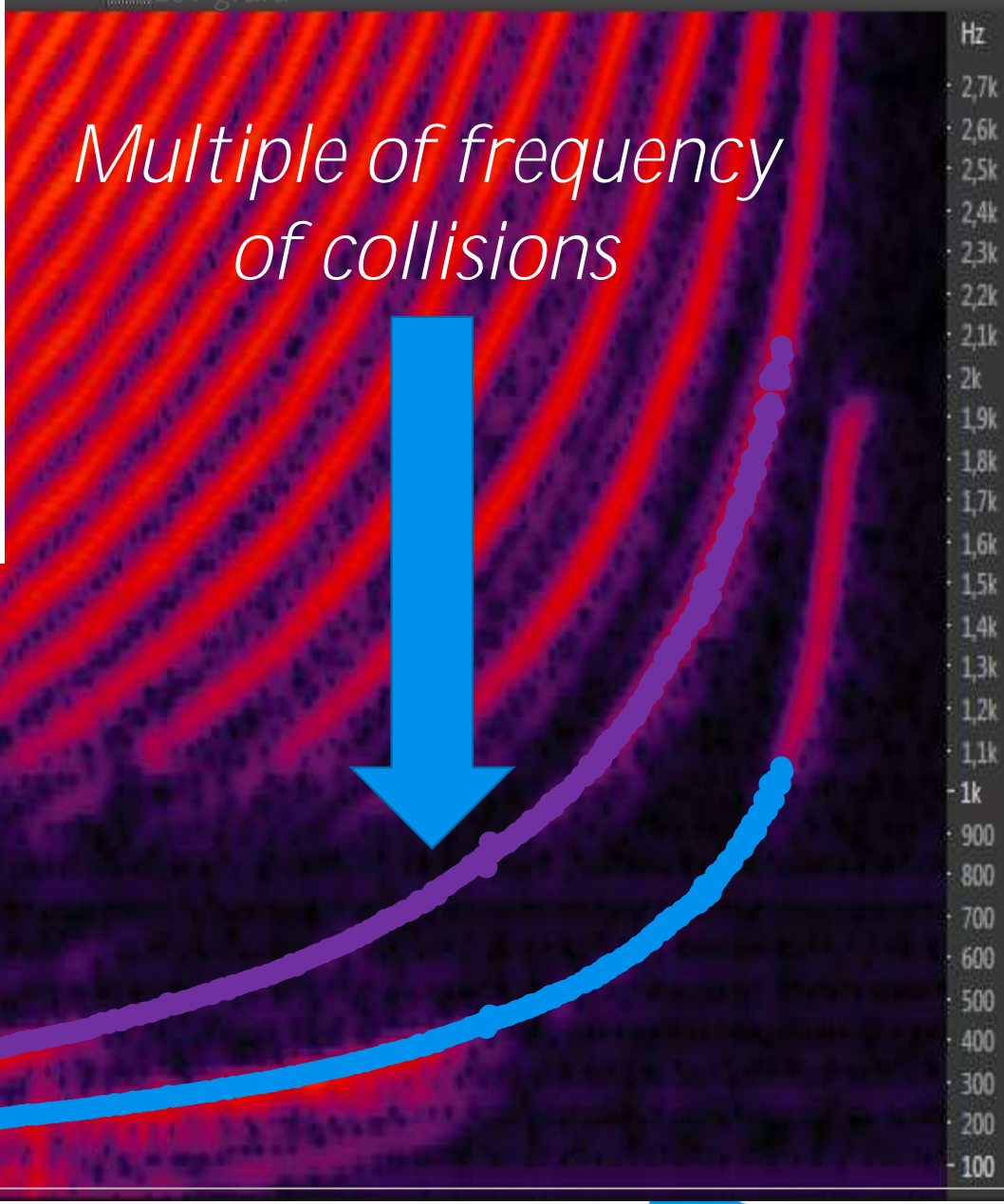
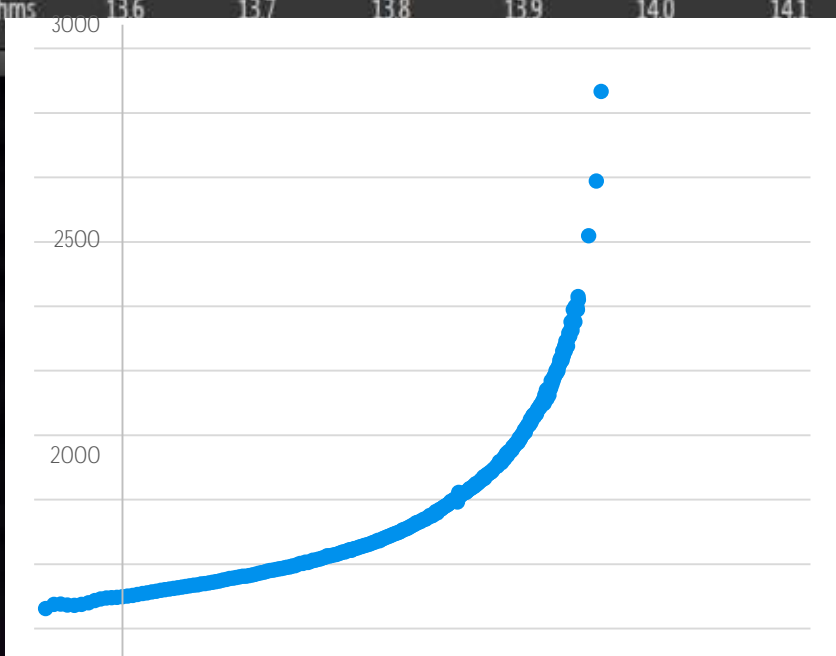
Frequency of collisions in time

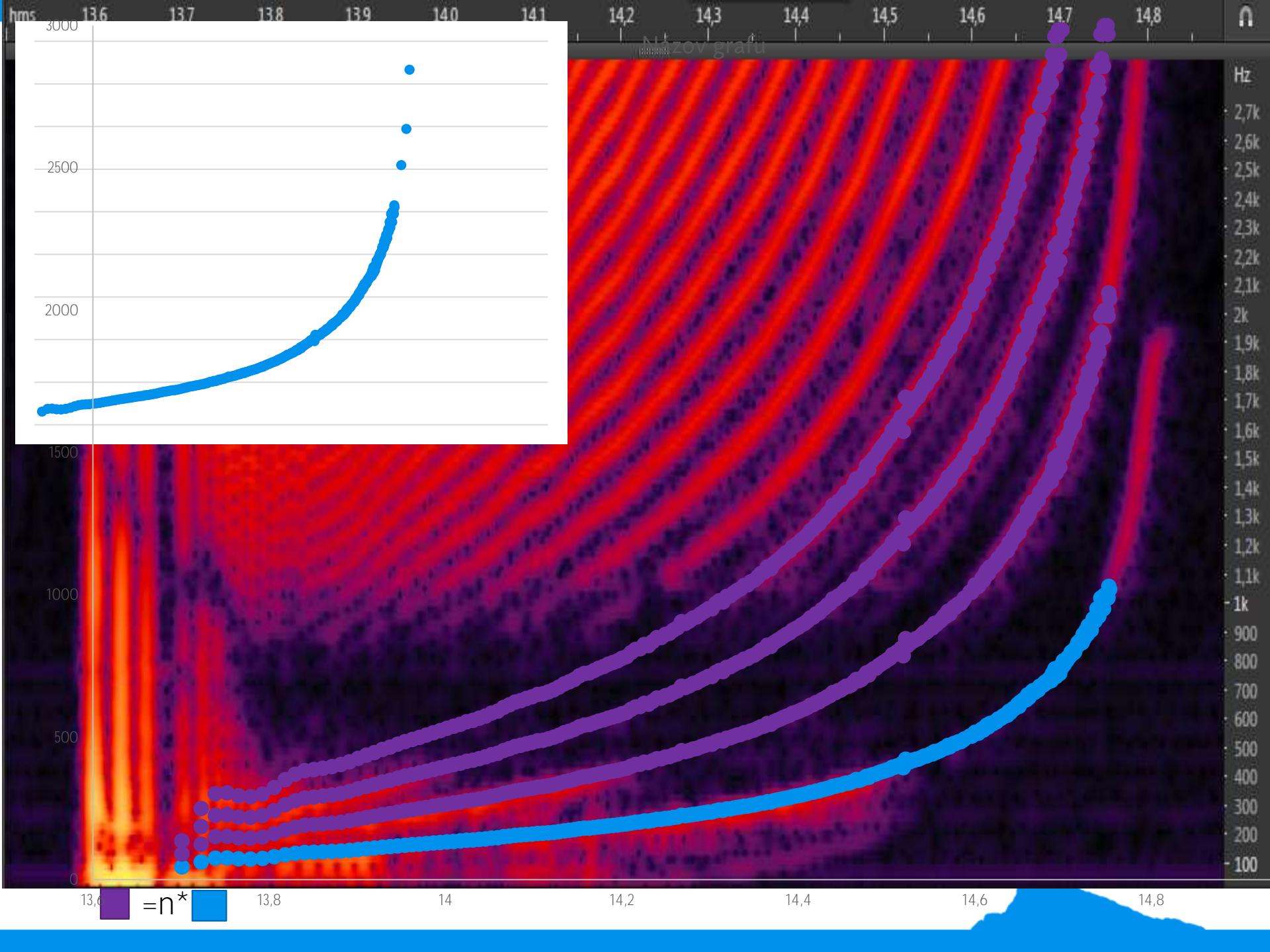


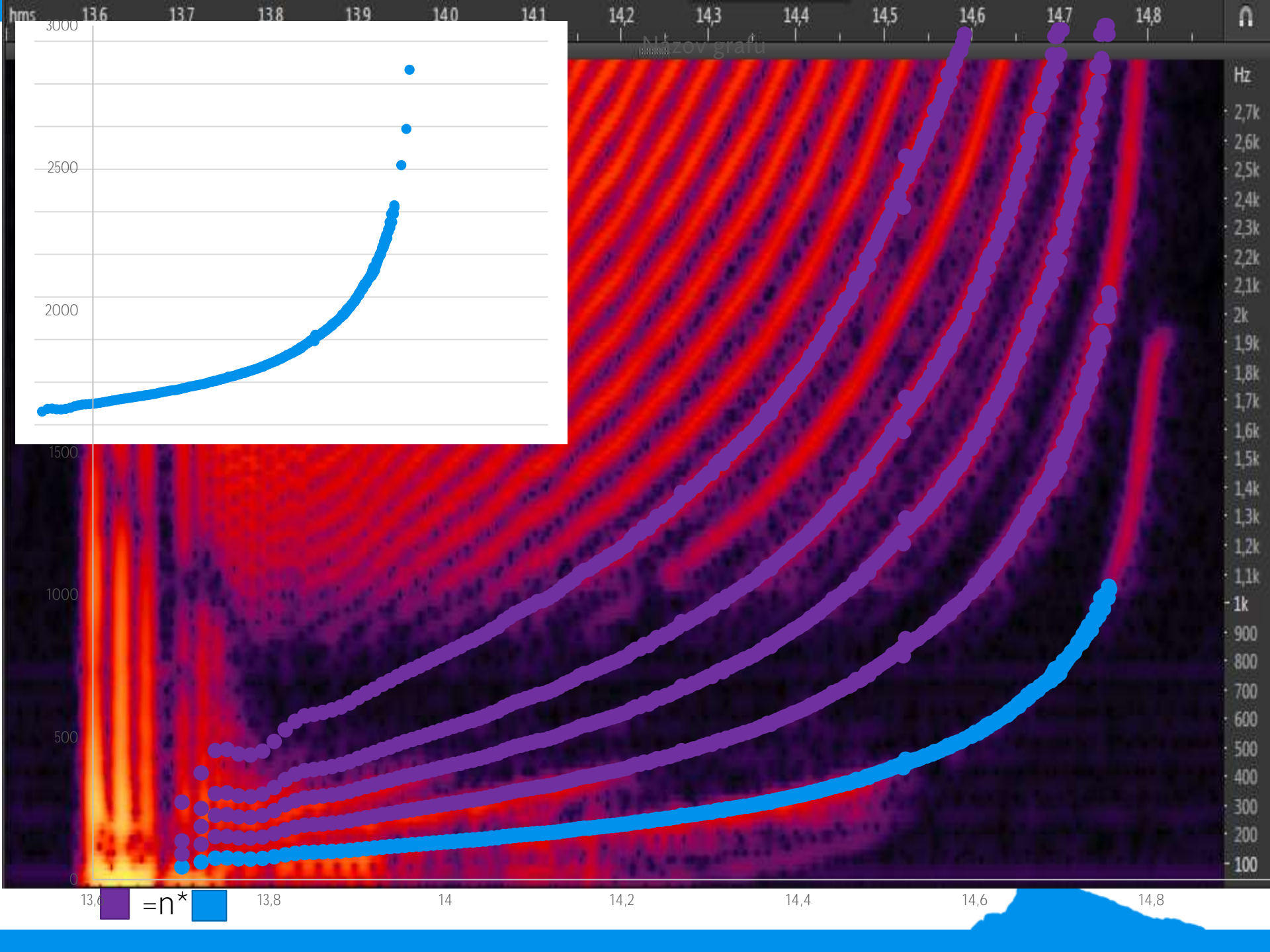
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*Nature of
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*Examine the
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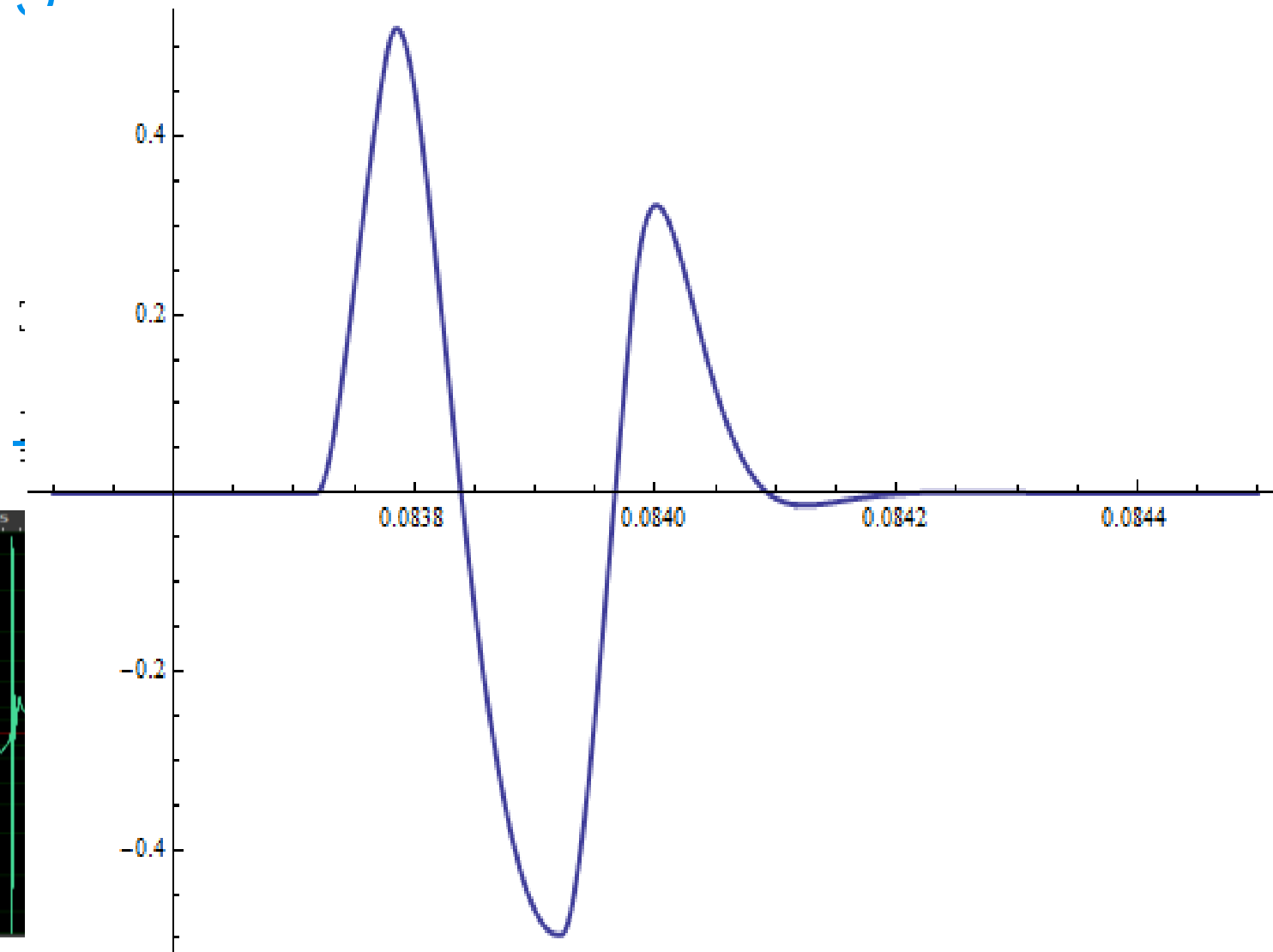


*Recreate the
sound*

Ingredients for an artificial sound

1.

2.





Simplified model of collisions

- Constant attractive force

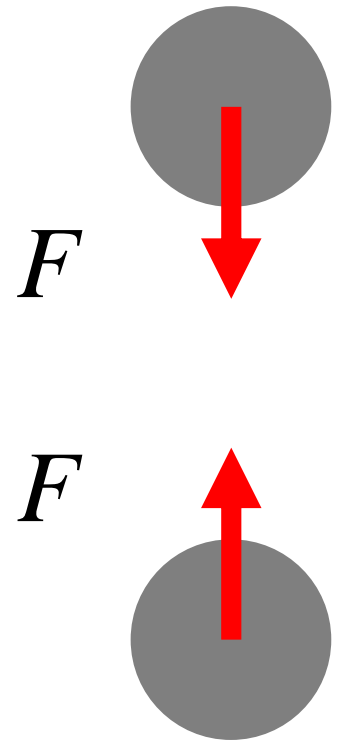
Time between 2 collisions: $\Delta t = \frac{2mv}{F}$

m mass

v speed after the last collision

- Coefficient of restitution:

Impact speed change: $\Delta v = kv - v$





Simplified model of collisions

- Impact speed decrease in time:

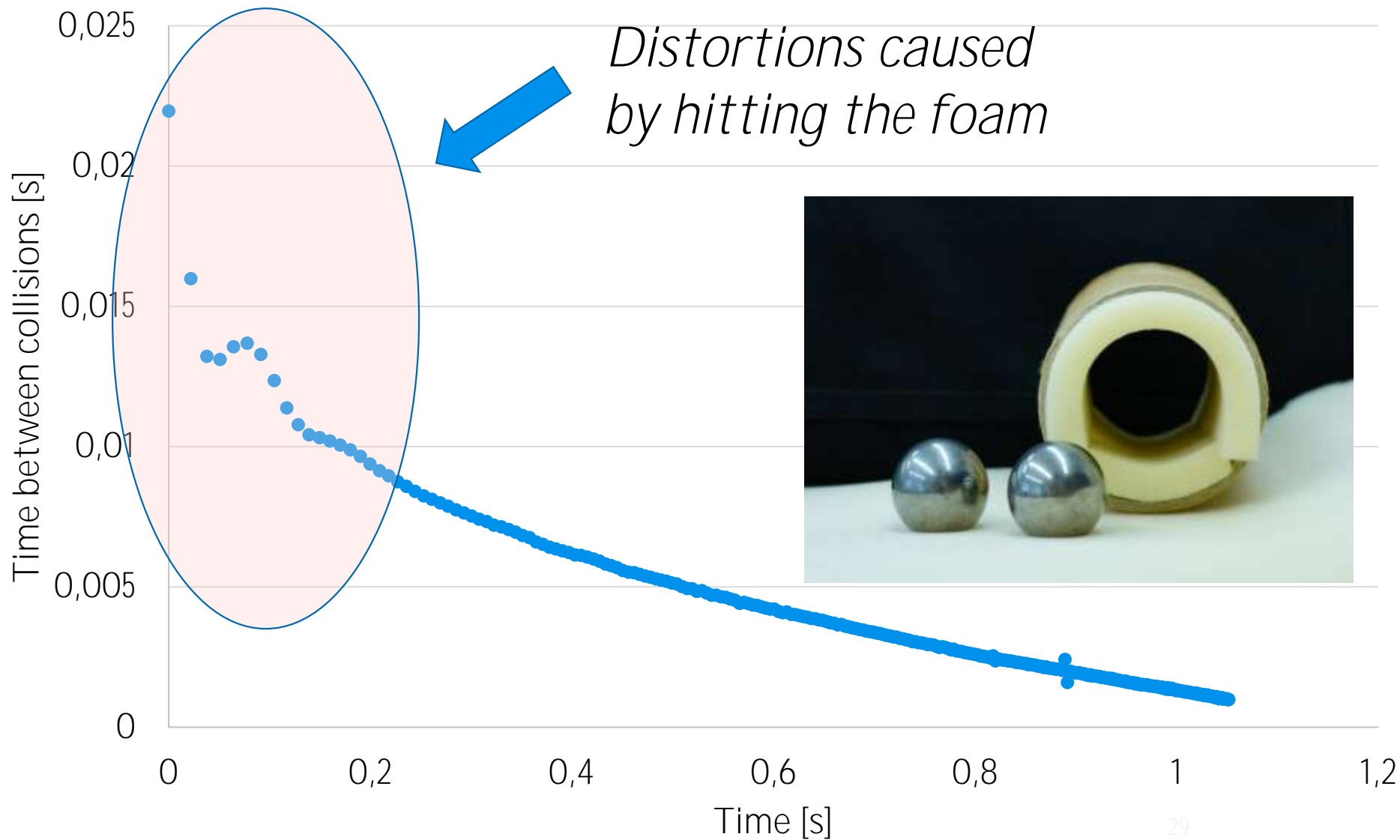
$$\frac{dv}{dt} \approx \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{k-1}{2m} F = \text{const}$$

- Suitable for fast chirping

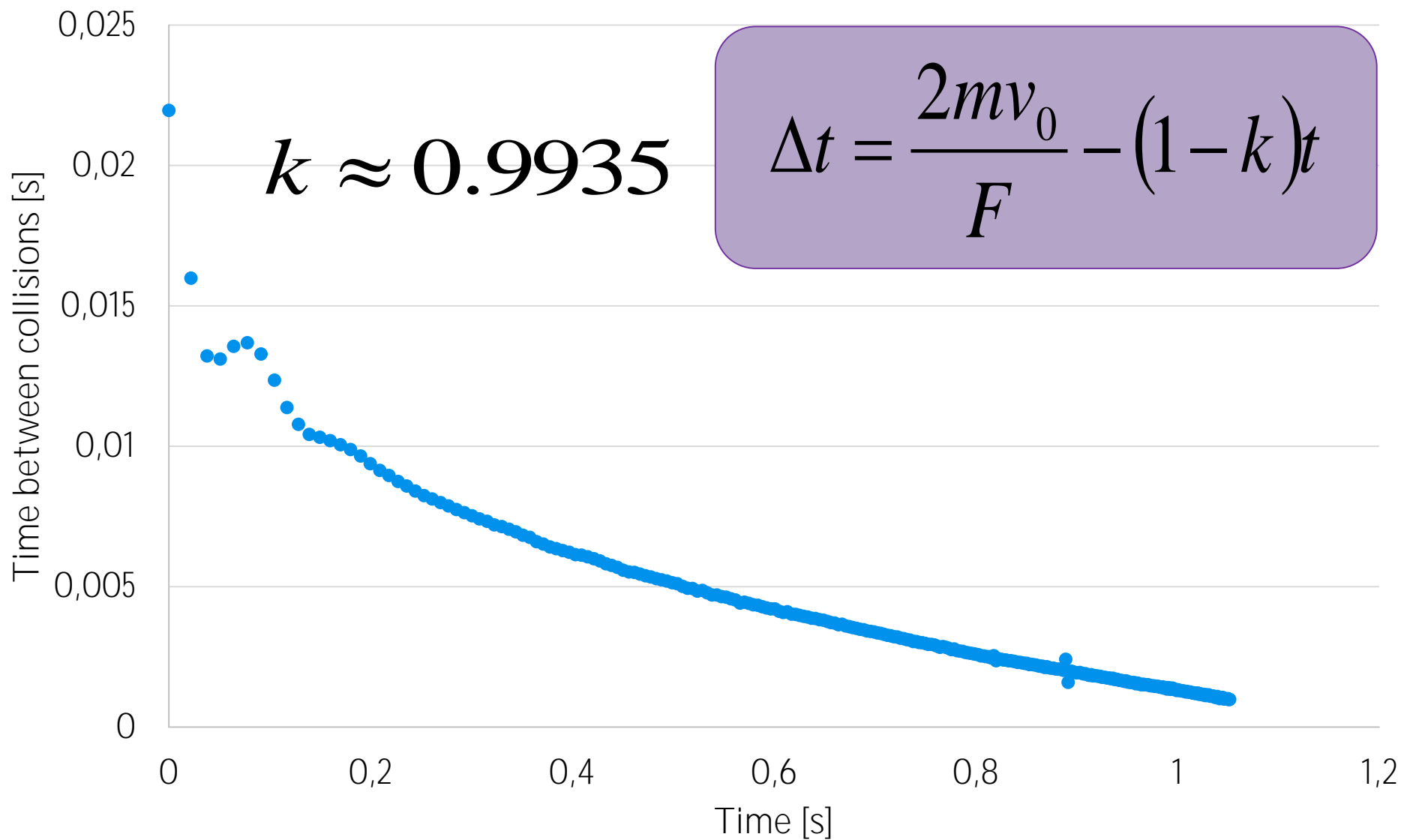
- Speed before collisions: $v = v_0 - \frac{(1-k)F}{2m} t$

- Time between collisions: $\Delta t = \frac{2mv_0}{F} - (1-k)t$

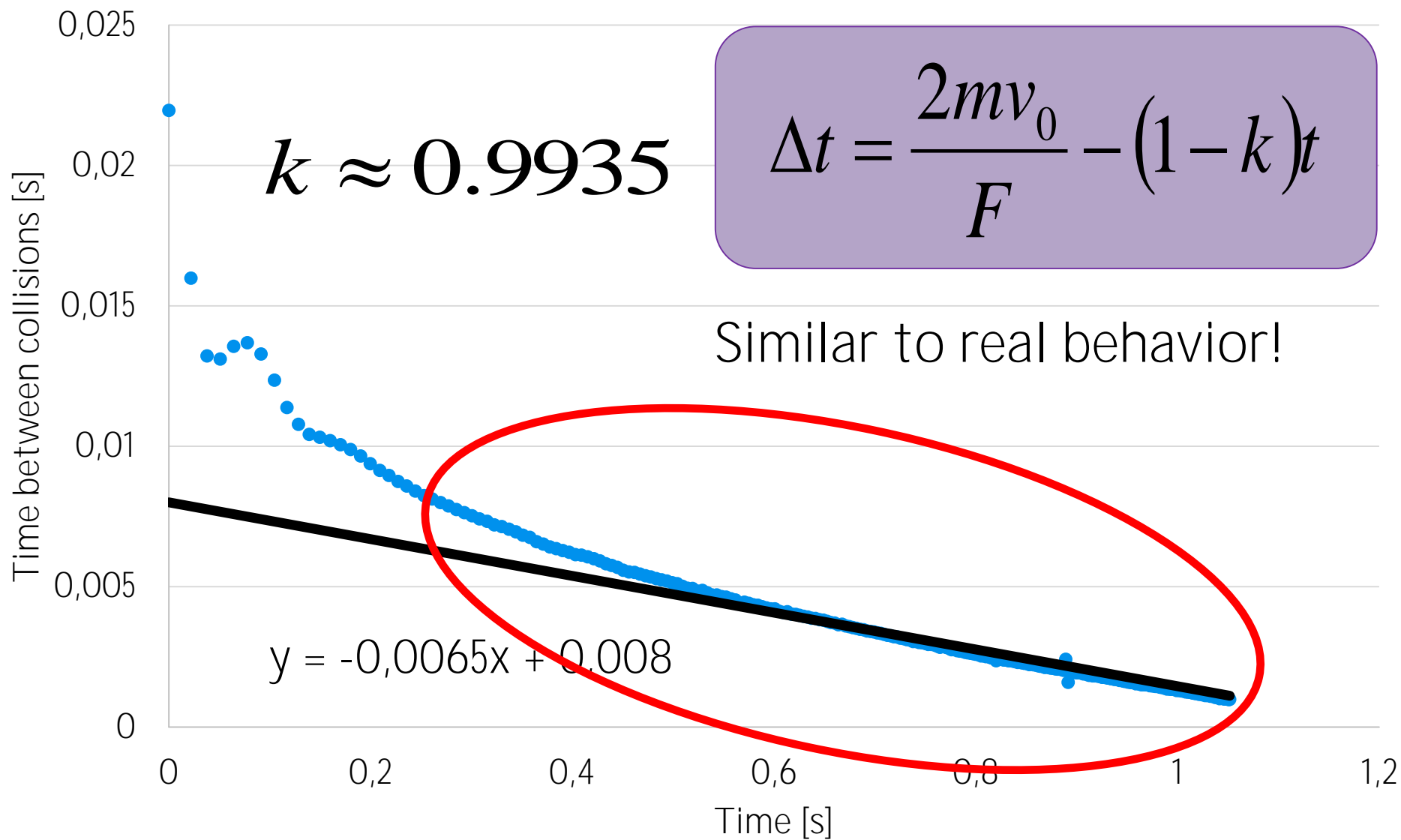
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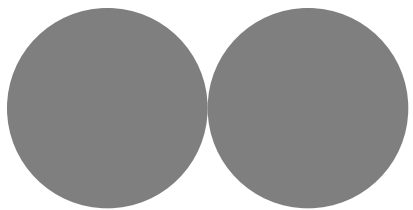
Notable conclusions

For $0 < r' < d$ the acoustic pressure is

- Loudness of the sound

quiet *But not negligible*

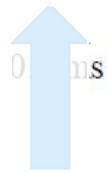
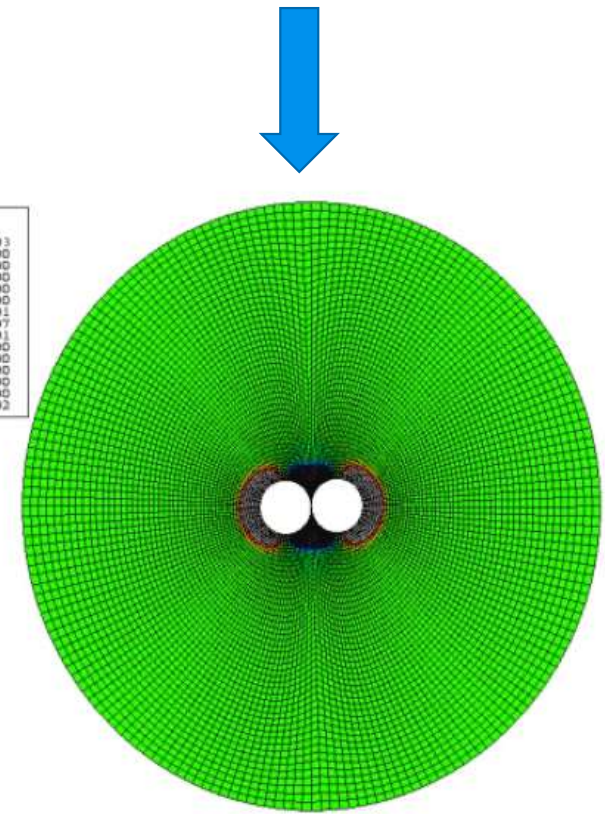
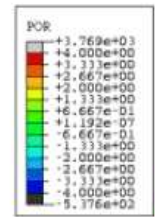
LOUD



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$$p \propto a_m \cos\theta \propto v^{1.2} \cos\theta \propto (v_0 - kt)^{1.2}$$





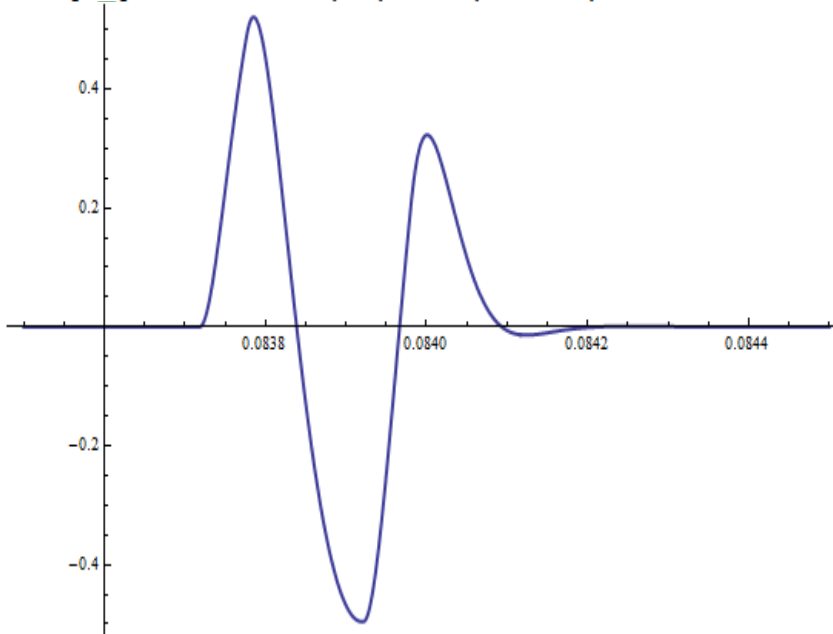
Sound creation in Mathematica

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v[T_] = v0 - (1 - k) * F / 2 / m * T;
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z[T_] = 2 * m * v0 / F - (1 - k) * T;
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h[v_, r_, cth_] = 1.2 * a^3 * cth / 2 / r^2 * (k2 * (5 * v^2 / 4 / k2 / k1)^0.6) / m;
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d[v_] = 1.13 * 10^(-4) * v^(-0.200);
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* Cos[b[v] * t] + 8 * b[v]^2 * l^2 * Sin[b[v] * t]) -
* l * b[v]^3 * Cos[b[v] * t] +
) * Cos[l * t] - (8 * b[v] * l^3 + 4 * b[v]^3 * l) Sin[l * t]) *
Pi / 2 / l]) -
- Pi / 2 / l]) * Exp[-l * t]) + h[v, r, cth] * Sin[b[v] * t];
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- d[v]]) - (8 * b[v] * l^3 + 4 * b[v]^3 * l) * Sin[l * (t - d[v])]) *
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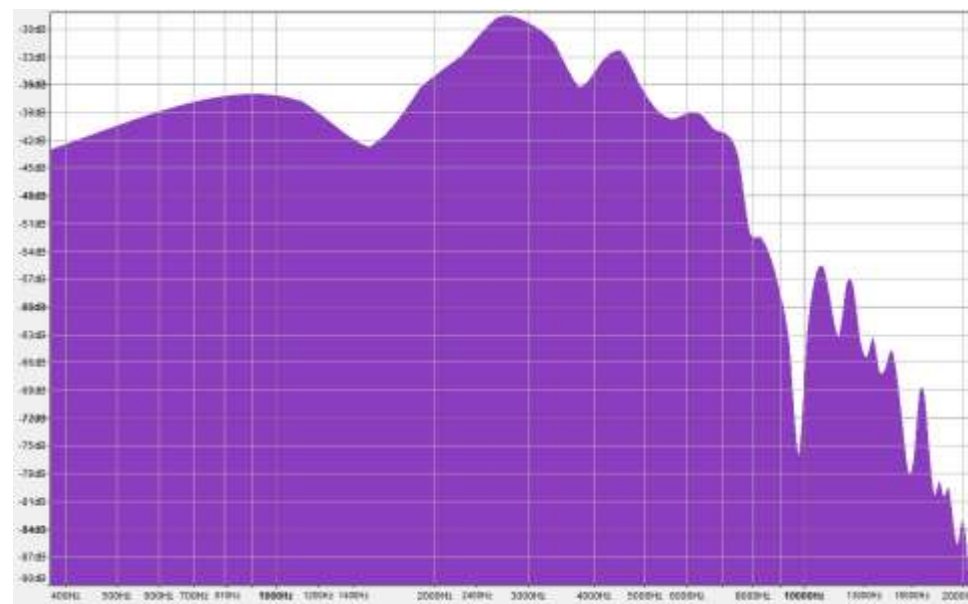
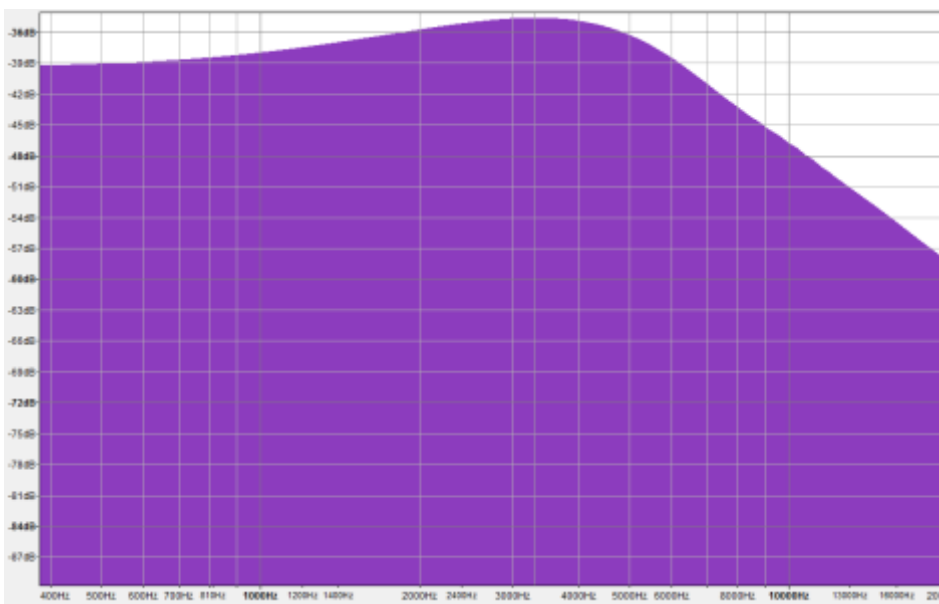
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t[T_] = T - Floor[T, z[T]];
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p[T_] = s[t[T - dT], v[T - dT], r1, cth1] + s[t[T], v[T], r2, cth2];
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chirping = Play[p[T], {T, 0, 1.17}, SampleRate → 196 000, PlayRange → {-2, 2}]
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Artificial vs. Real



Conclusion – Nature of sound

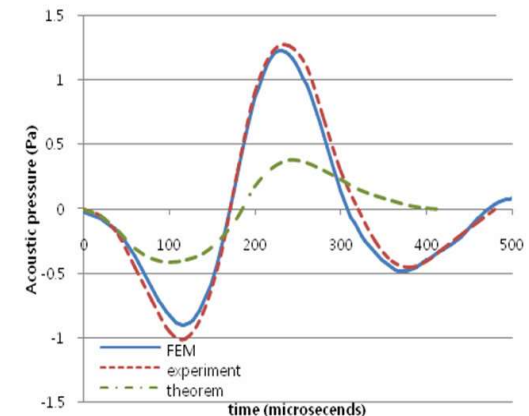
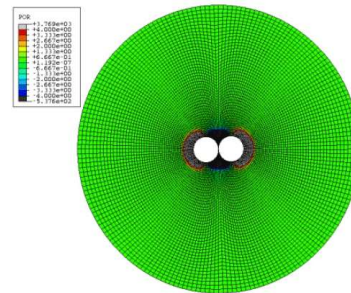
- Two options
 - Vibration of balls



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Lowest frequency
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113,5 kHz

- Impulsive translational acceleration

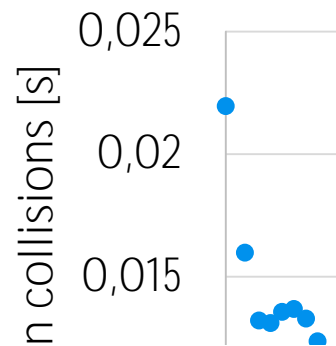




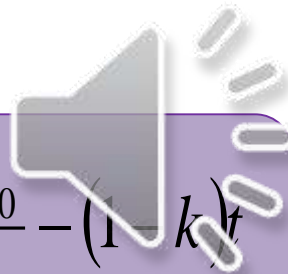
Conclusion – Analysis and Recreation

- Simplified model of collision

- Ad
- Ge



$$\Delta t = \frac{2mv_0}{F} - (1-k)t$$



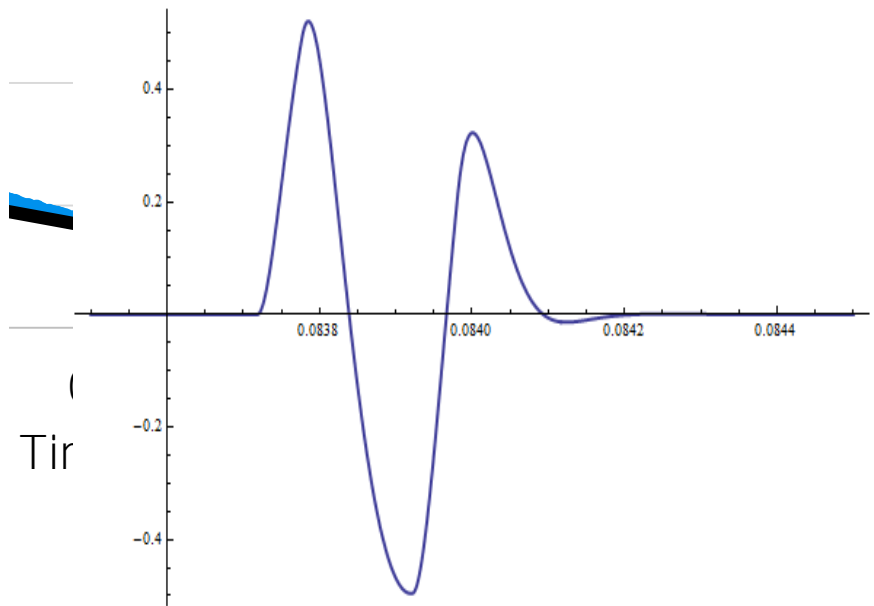
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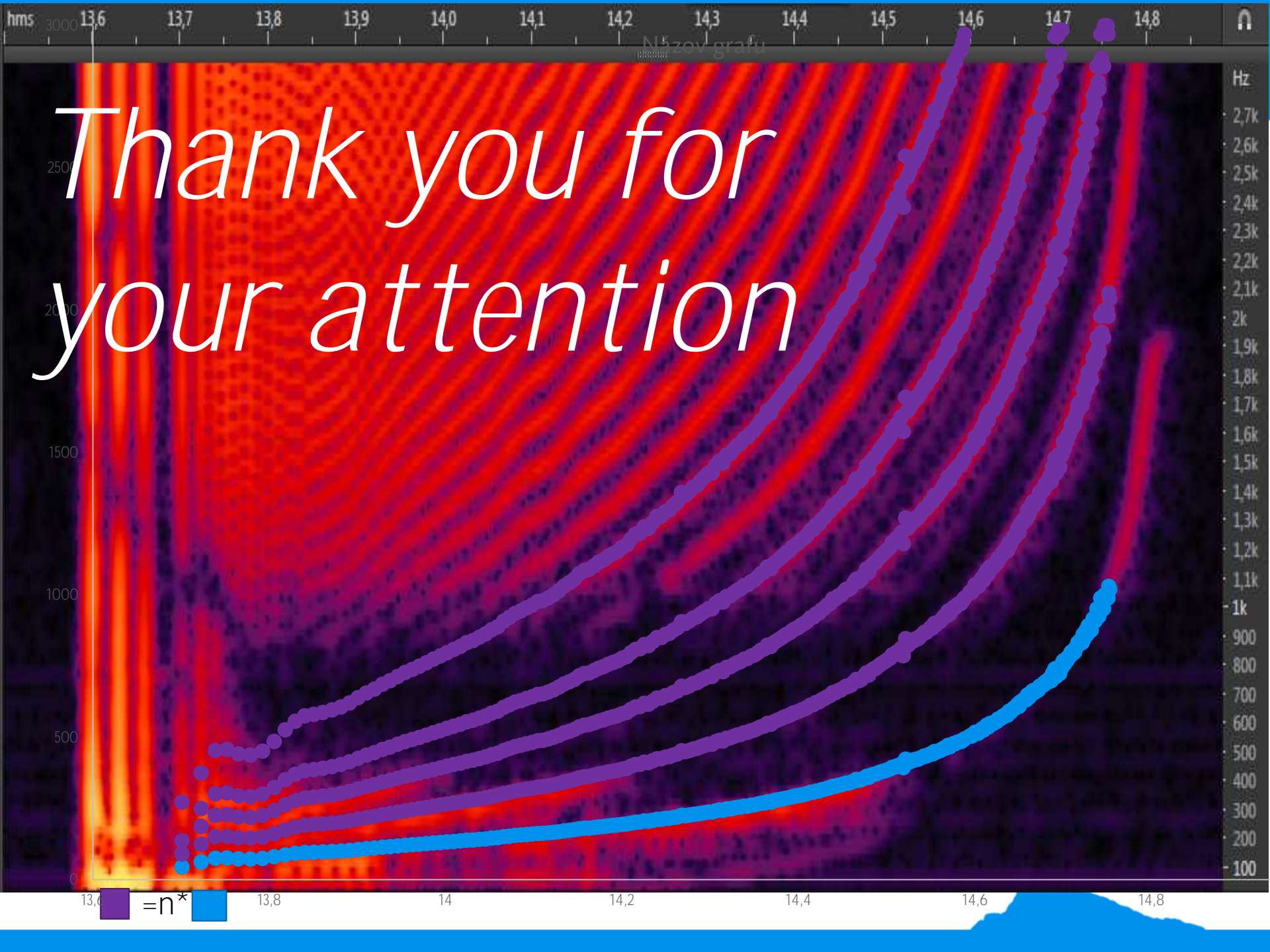
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b[v_] = Pi / d[v];
x[t_, v_, r_, ctheta_] =
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  ((2 * r / a - 1) * ((8 * 1^3 * b[v] - 4 * 1 * b[v]^3) * Cos[b[v] * t] + 8 * b[v]^2 * 1^2 * Sin[b[v] * t]) -
  4 * b[v]^4 * Sin[b[v] * t] - (8 * 1^3 * b[v] + 4 * 1 * b[v]^3) * Cos[b[v] * t] +
  (2 * r / a - 1) * ((4 * b[v]^3 * 1 - 8 * b[v] * 1^3) * Cos[1 * t] - (8 * b[v] * 1^3 + 4 * b[v]^3 * 1) * Sin[1 * t]) *
  Exp[-1 * t]) +
  ((4 * b[v]^3 * 1 - 8 * b[v] * 1^3) * Cos[1 * (t - Pi / 2 / 1)] -
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  ((4 * b[v]^3 * 1 - 8 * b[v] * 1^3) * Cos[1 * (t - d[v])] - (8 * b[v] * 1^3 + 4 * b[v]^3 * 1) * Sin[1 * (t - d[v])]) *
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Sound of single collision

K. Mehraby et al:

“Impact noise radiated by collision of two spheres”

Journal of Mechanical Science and Technology, 2011

- Finite elements method simulation
- **“Perfect”** agreement with experiment

L. L. Koss, R. J. Alfredson:

*“Transient sound radiated by spheres undergoing an elastic **collision**”*

Journal of Sound and Vibration, 1972

- Fully theoretical & analytical solution
- Underestimates the loudness for $\theta=90^\circ$
- Otherwise good correlation

Koss & Alfredson: Theory basis

- Interaction of balls:

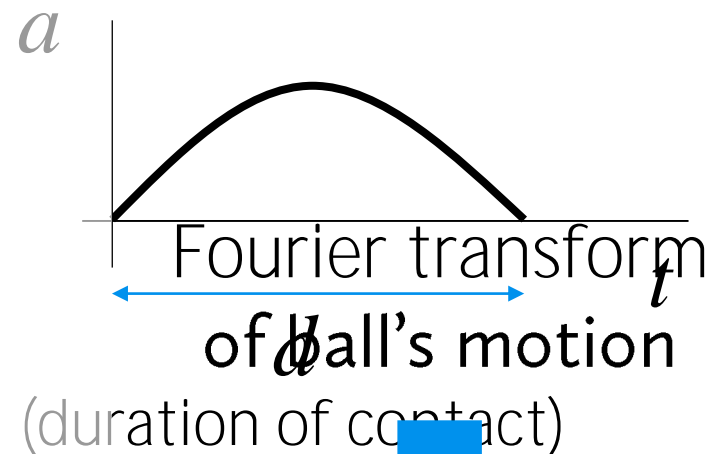
$$F = -kx^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

- Acceleration approximation:

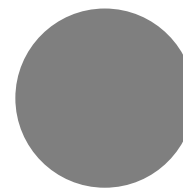
$$a \approx a_m \sin \frac{\pi}{d} t$$

- Velocity potential for an oscillating sphere*:

$$\Phi(r, \theta, t) = \frac{a^3 v_1}{r^2} -$$



Velocity potential for colliding balls



Koss & Alfredson: results

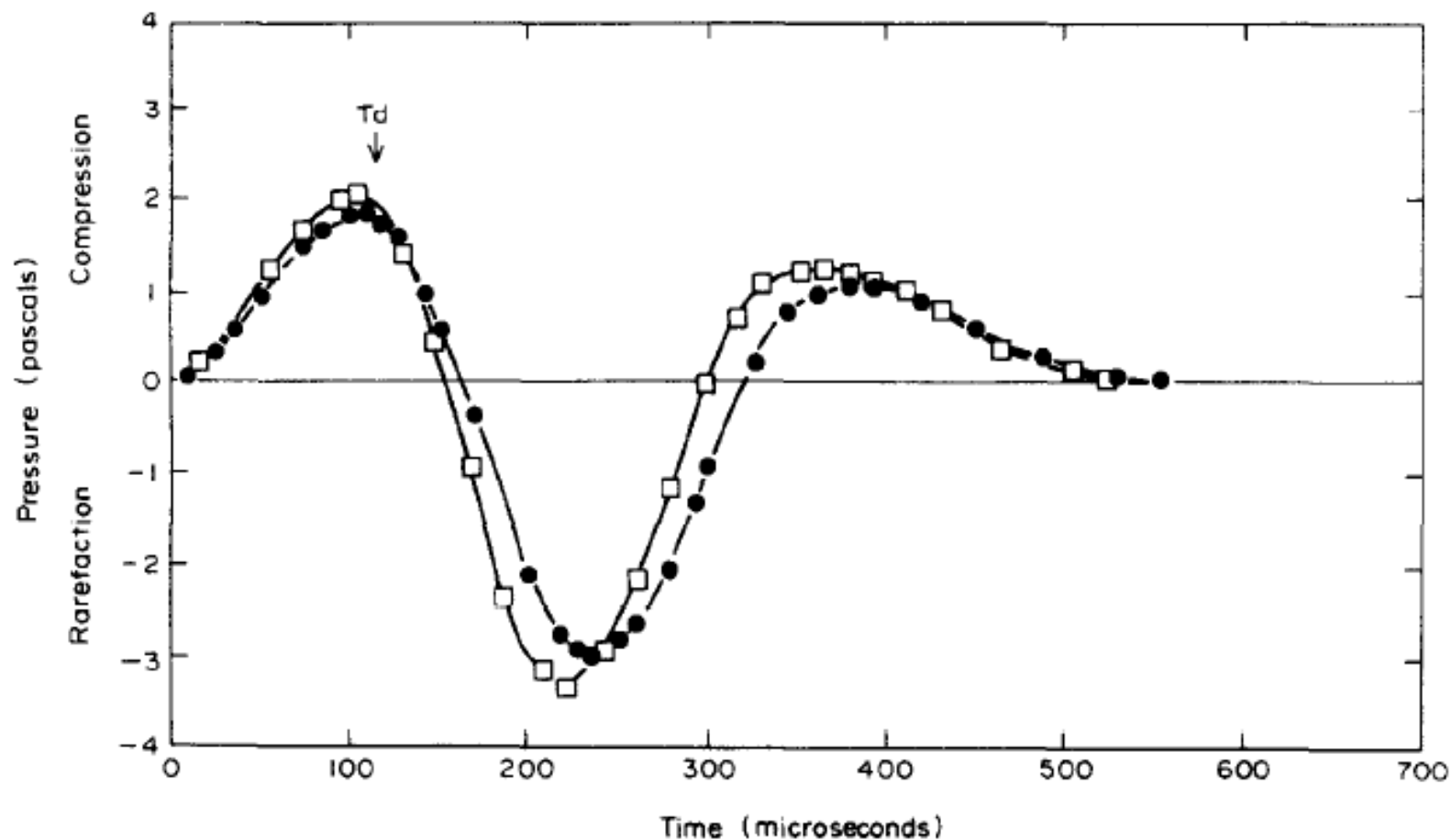
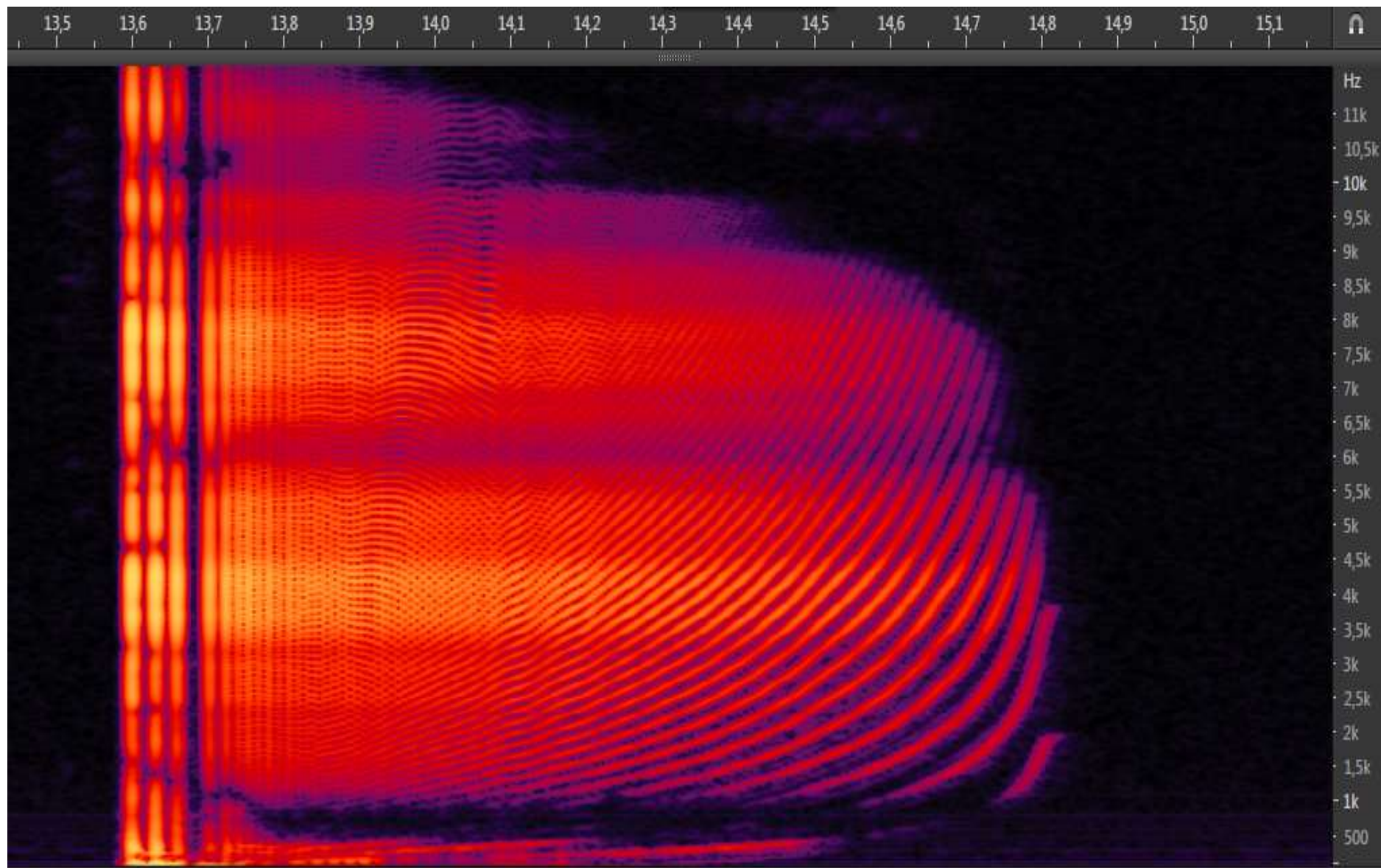
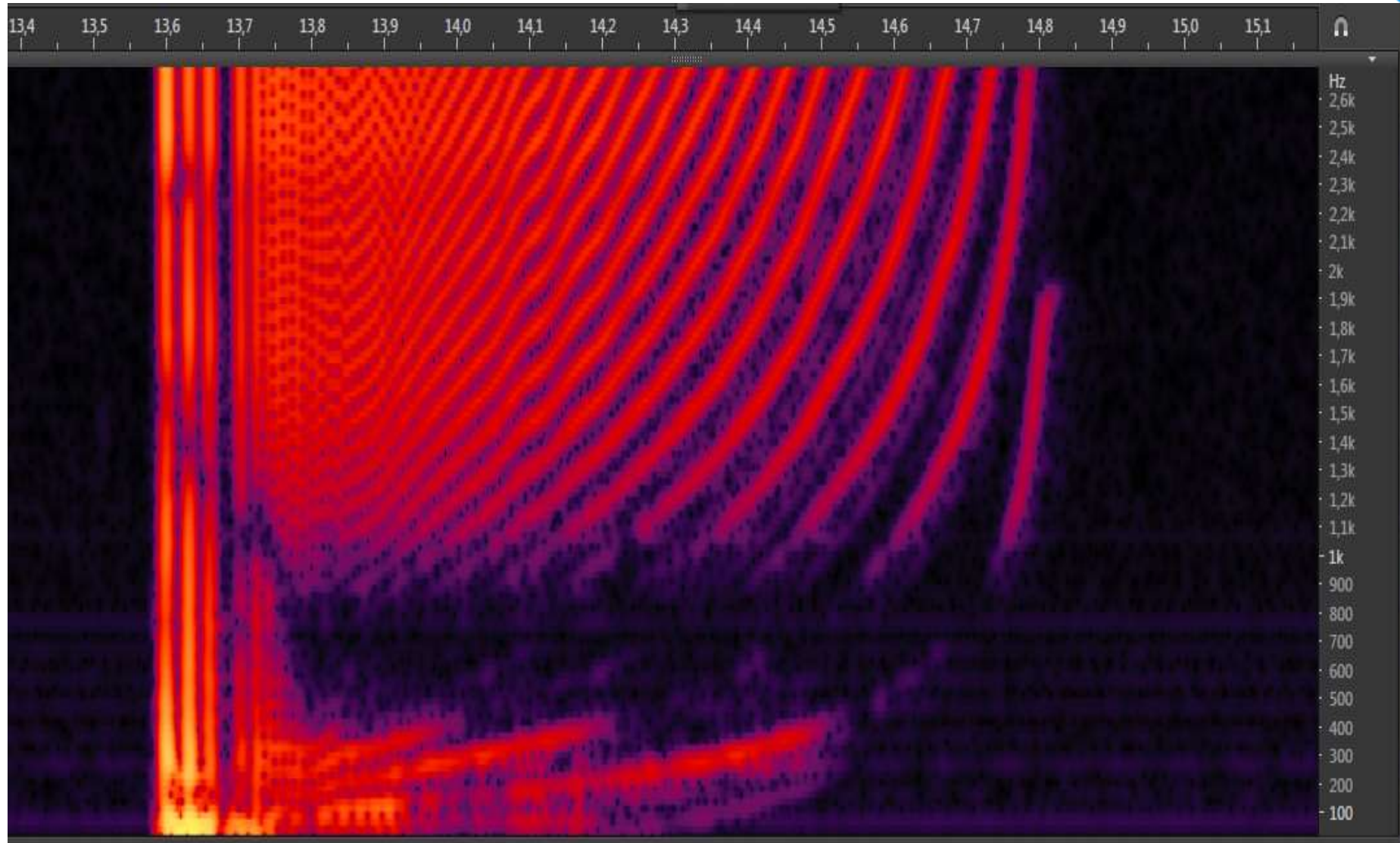
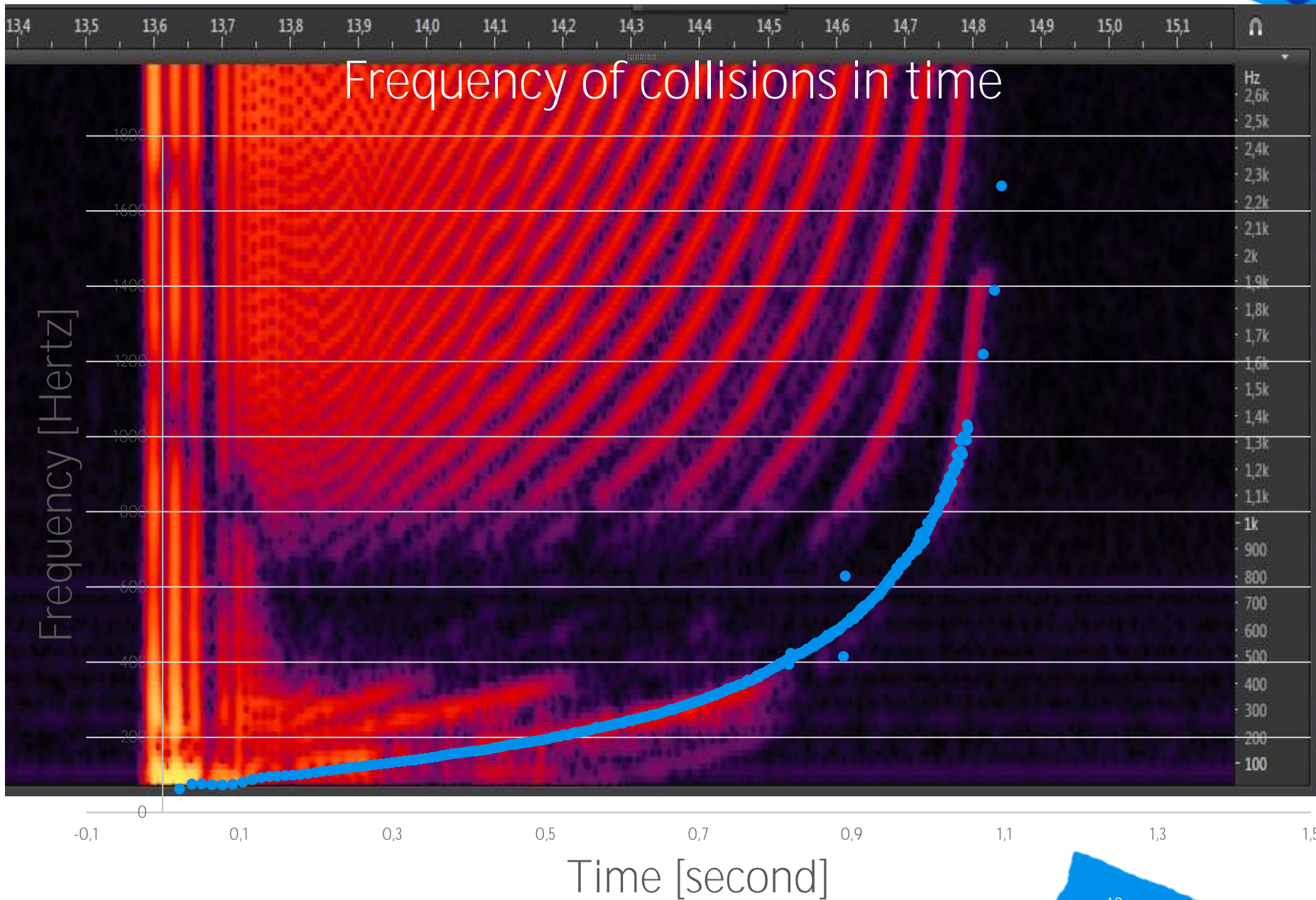


Figure 10. Pressure-time trace comparison for 2-inch spheres; $V_0 = 0.3$ m/s, $r = 0.285$ m, $\theta = 40^\circ$. ●, Equation (22); □, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch microphone grazing orientation.

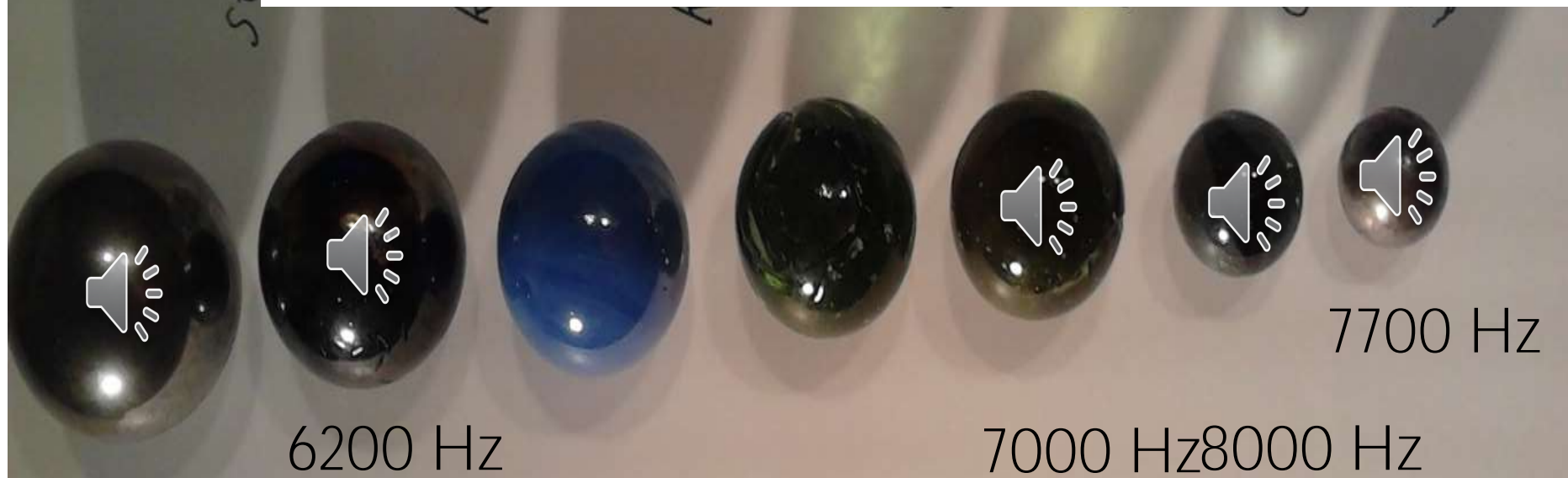






Different Balls

No principial difference in sound



5000 Hz

6200 Hz

7000 Hz 7700 Hz 8000 Hz

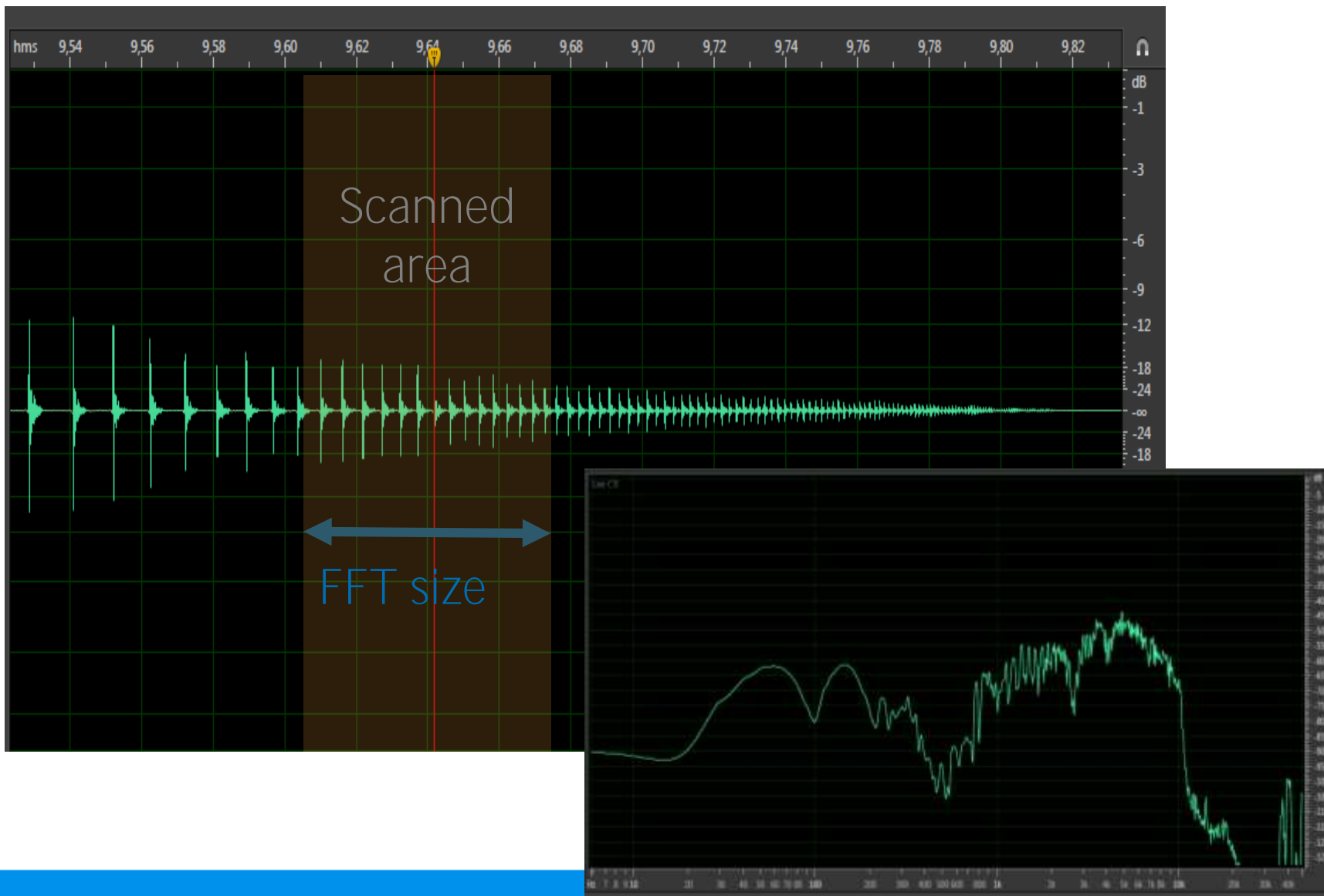
Sound differs in frequency and duration



Sound analysis

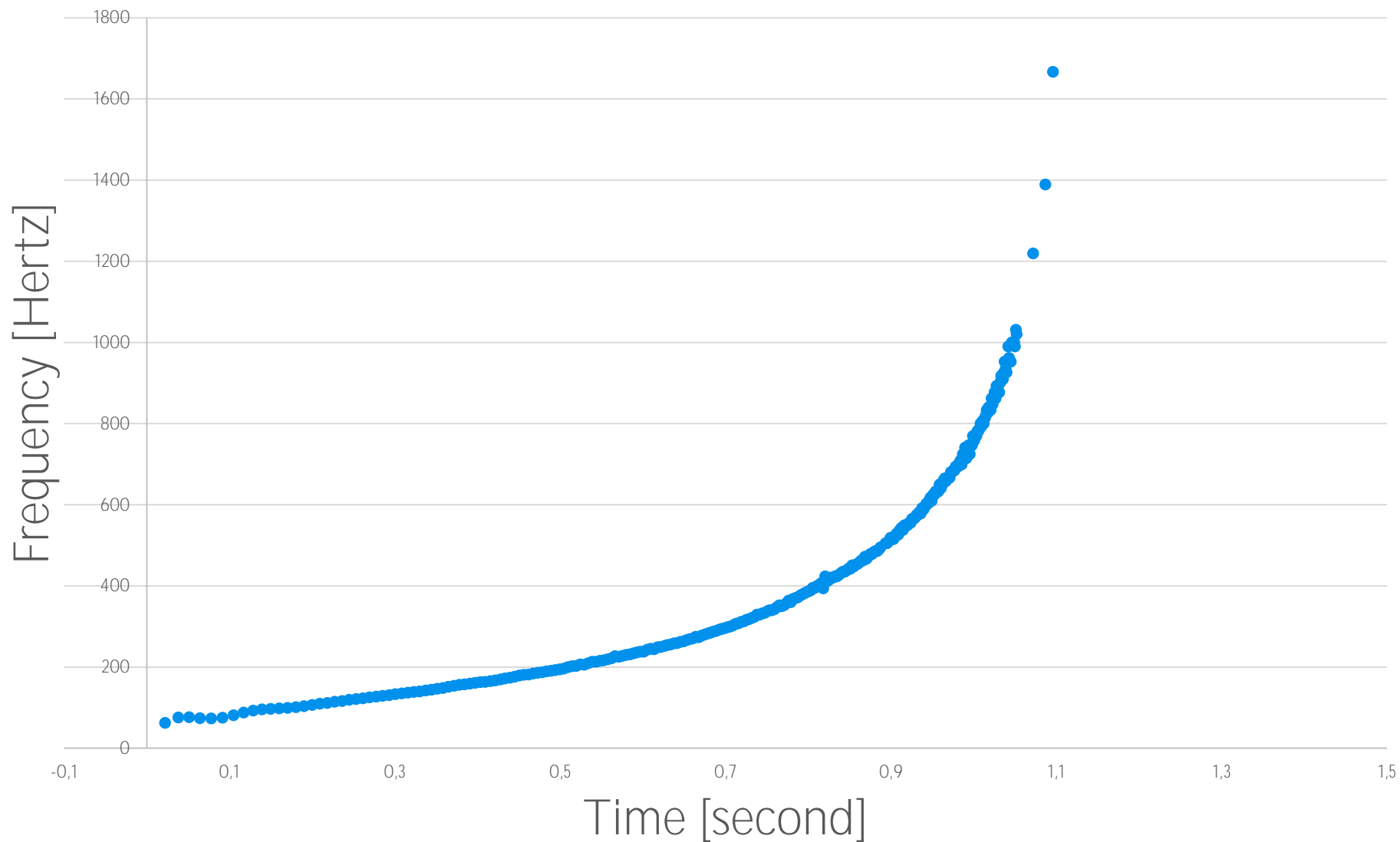


Procedure of Fourier transform



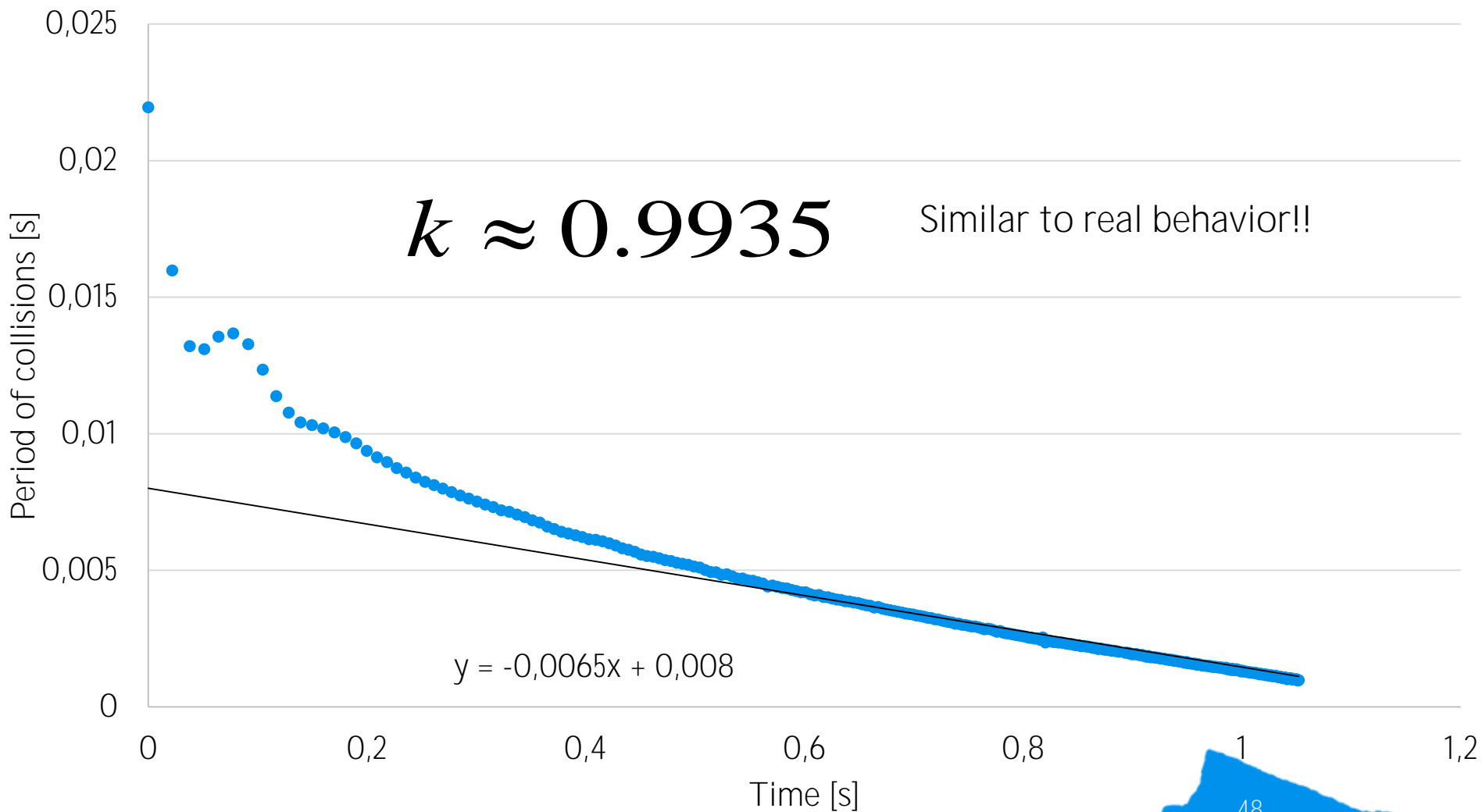


Frequency of collisions in time





Period of collisions

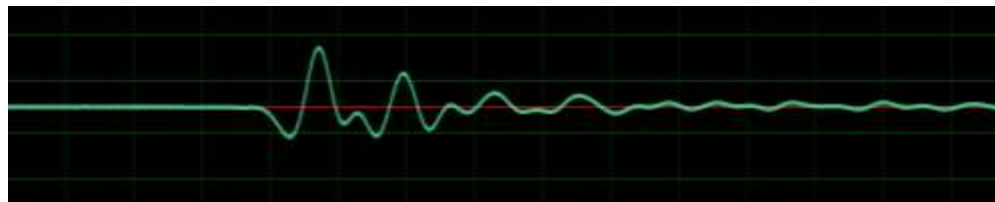




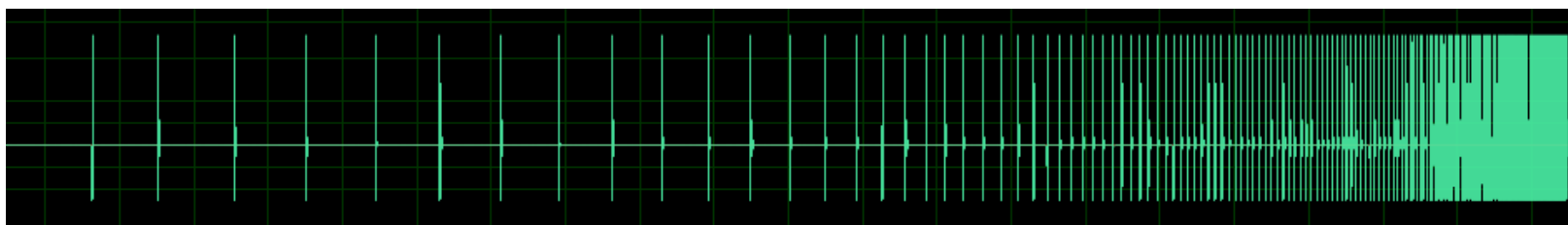
**If all collisions are the same
only frequency of the
collisions increases
we can generate sound**

Generating fake chirping sound

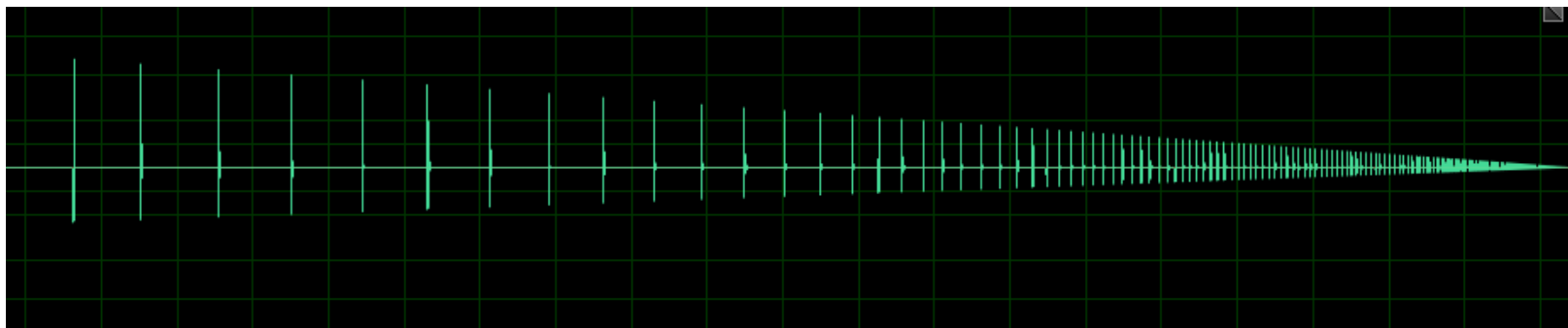
Take 1 collision



Paste 185 times with increasing frequency

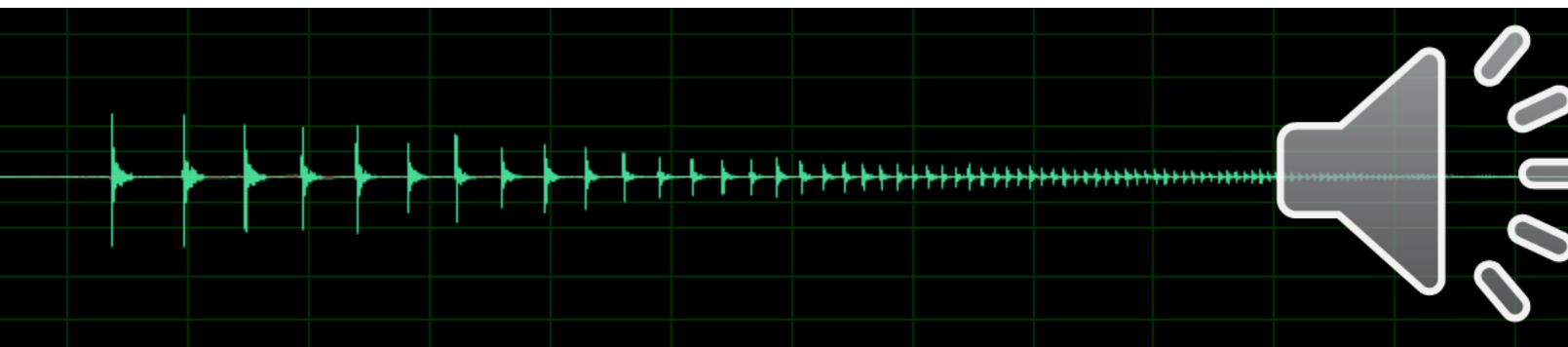


And decreasing amplitude

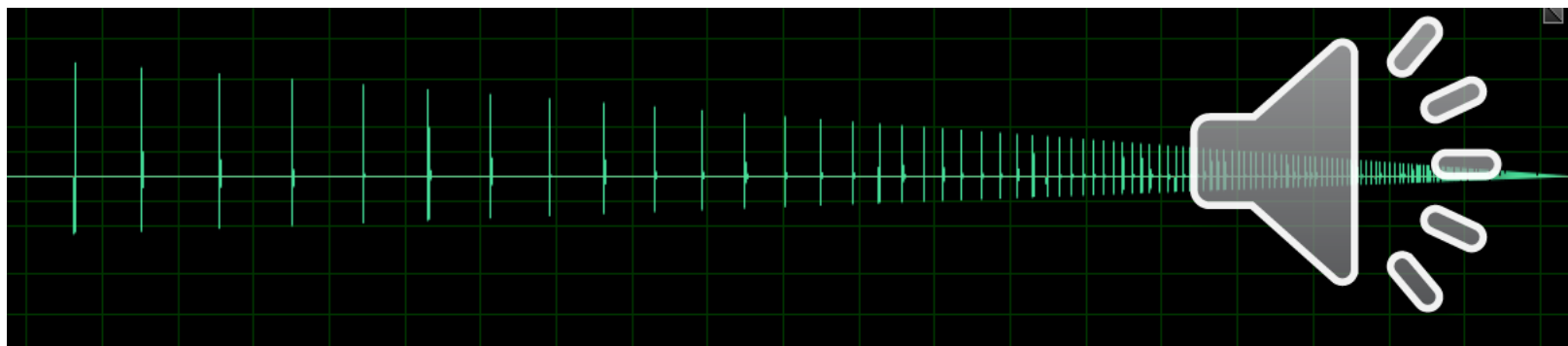


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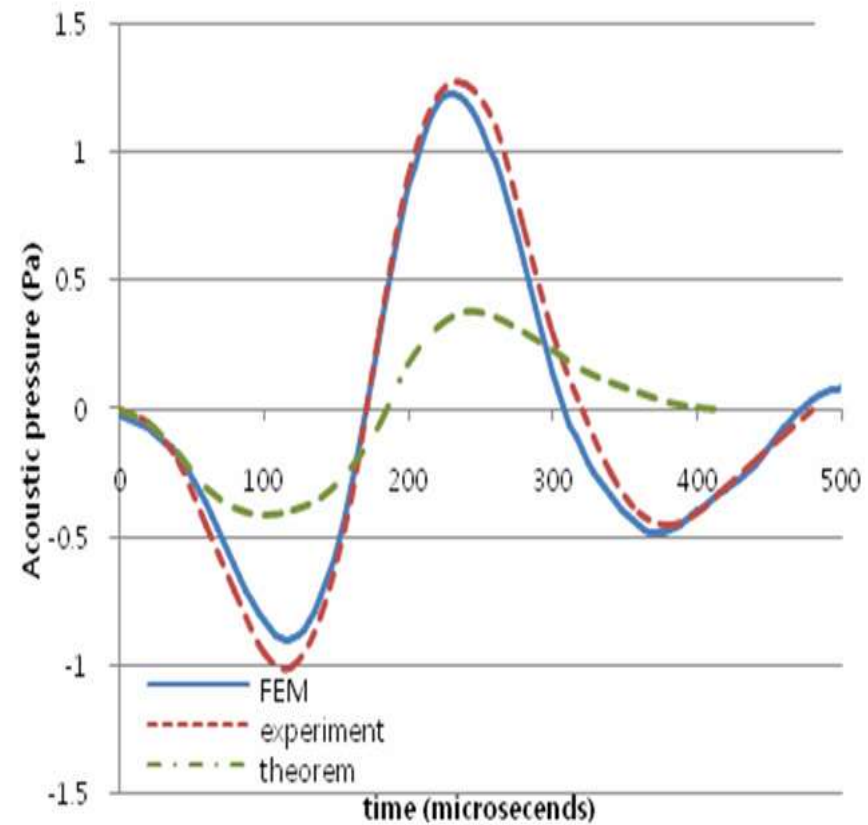
Measured



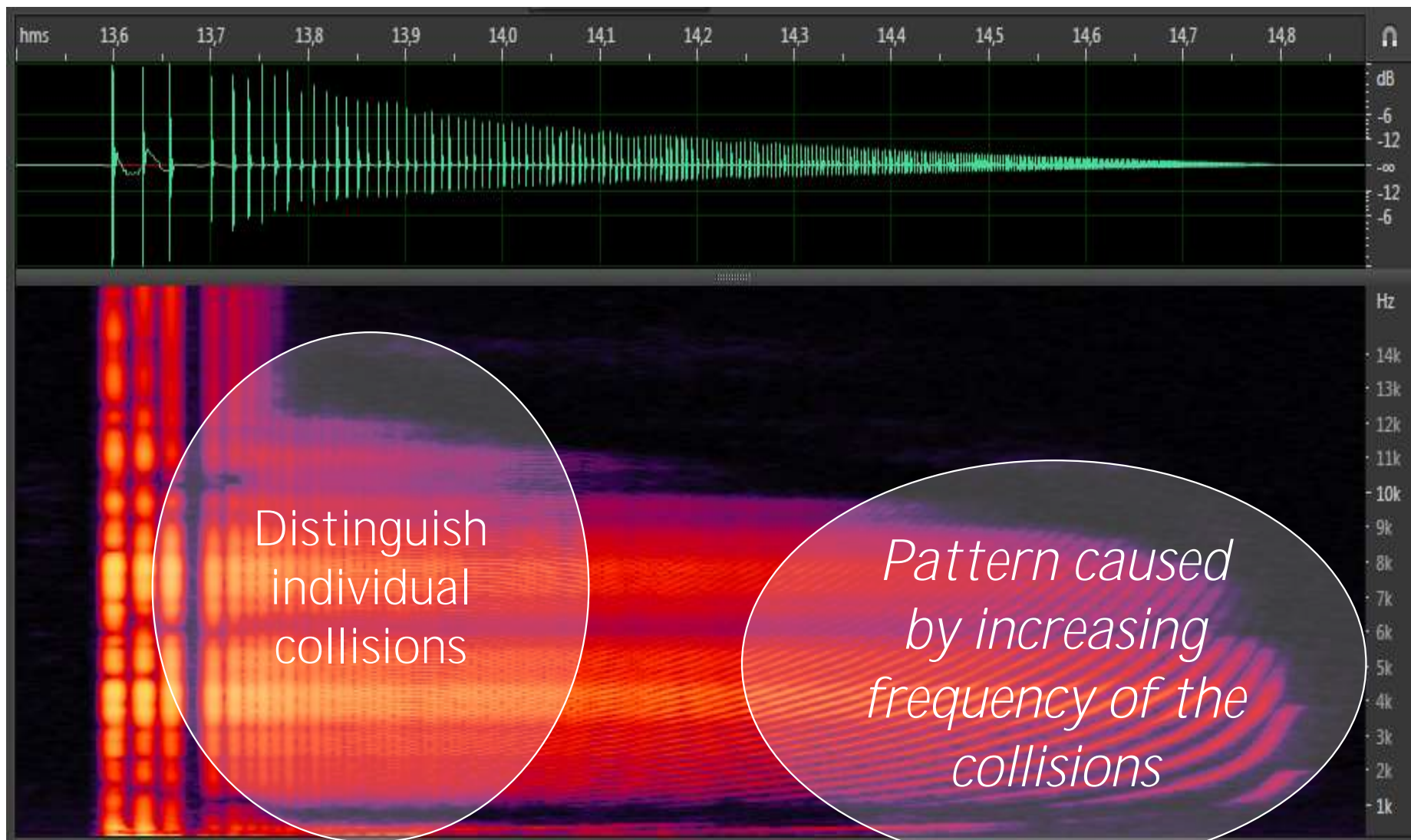
Generated



Single collision – our measurement vs theory



Spectral analysis



Our apparatus

Steel Balls:

Radius: 1.43 cm

Mass: 0.095 kg



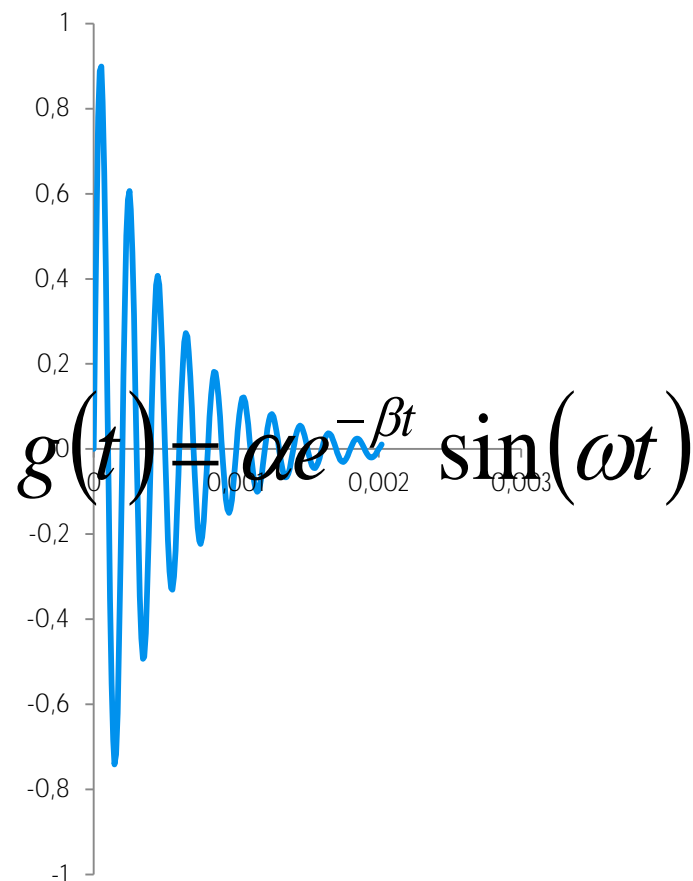
Colliding on soft foam

- Little energy losses due to damping

Single collision noise approximation



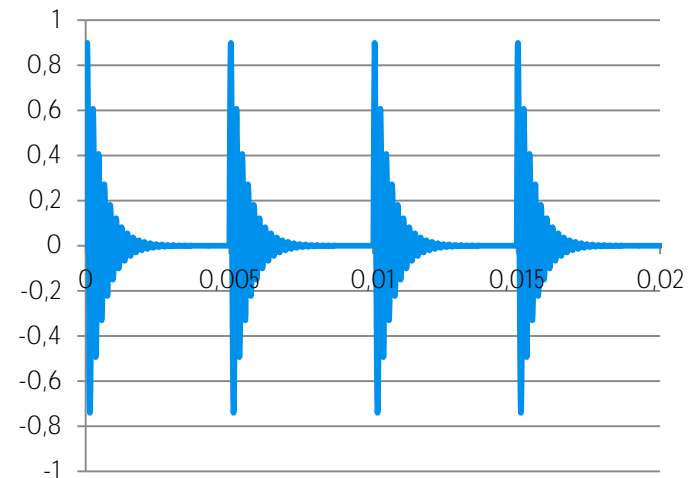
Real waveform



Chirping sound



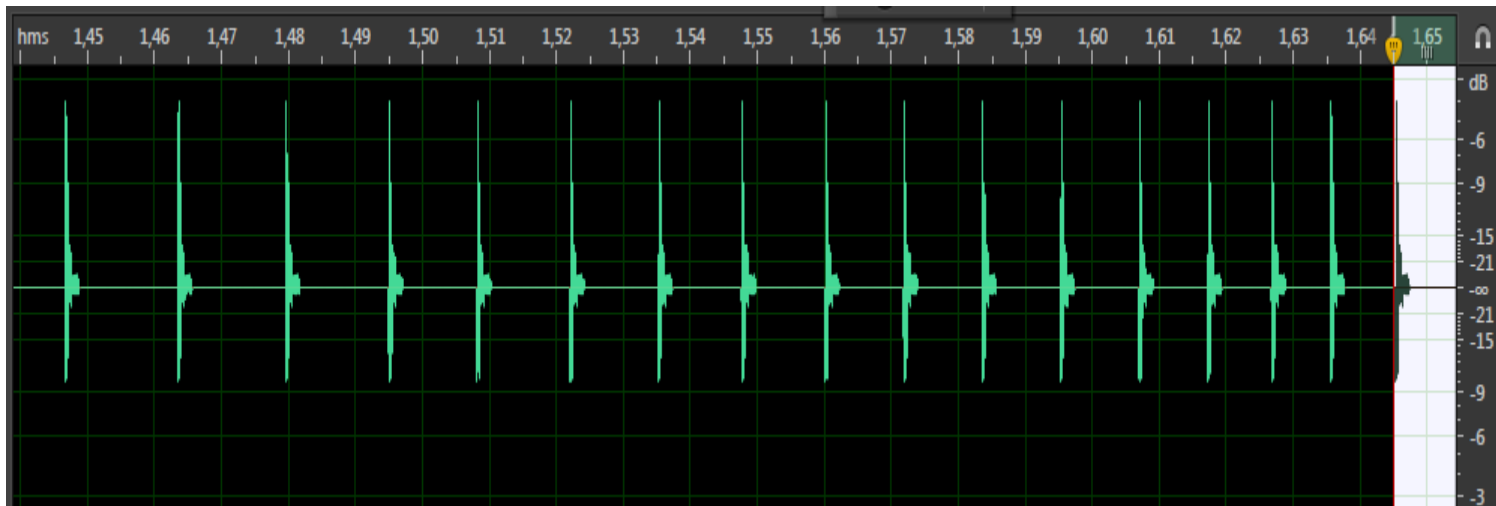
- REAL chirping sound

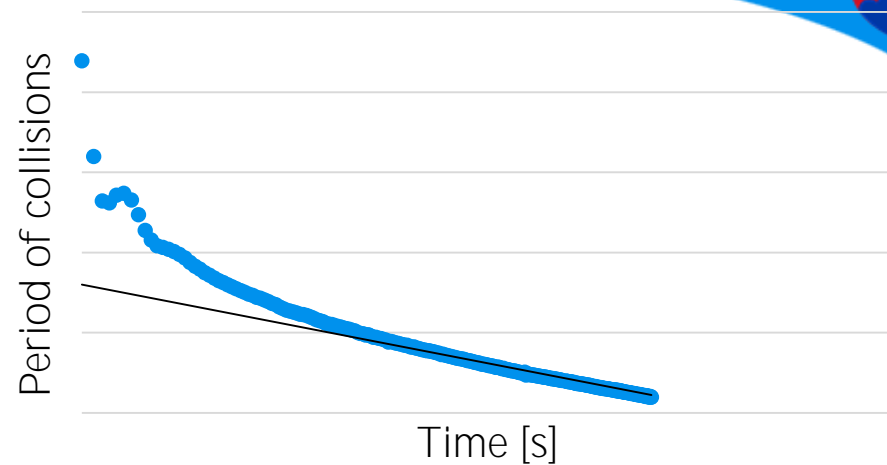
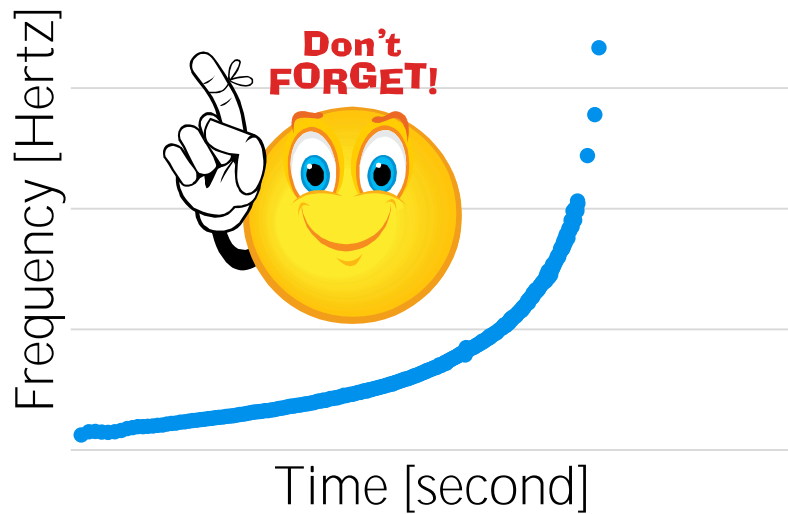


- Subsequent
Identical sounds

Second verification method

- We can generate chirping sound by pasting the same single-collision-waveform one after another

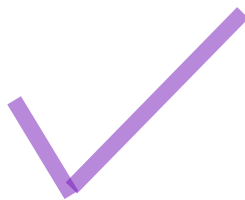




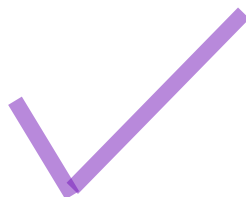
Now we know the motion of the balls



Motion



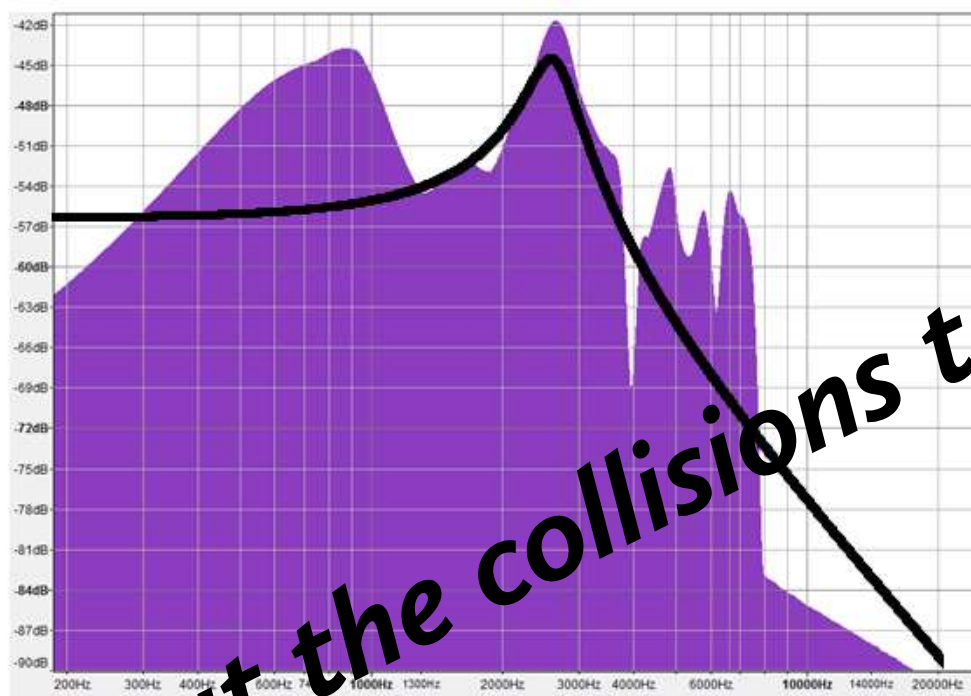
Origin



Why do we hear the chirping?



Spectrum of one collision



Let's put the collisions together!

Our model

Fourier transform

$$\mathcal{F}(g(t)) = G(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) e^{i2\pi ft} dt \quad A(f) = |G(f)|$$



Spectrum of one moment of chirping

