



PROBLEM 9: BOTTLE TONE

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THE PROBLEM

Bottle tone

Take an **empty bottle** and blow air across its mouth to produce **a sound**. Now fill the bottle with some **water** and study how the **sound changes**.

DEMONSTRATION

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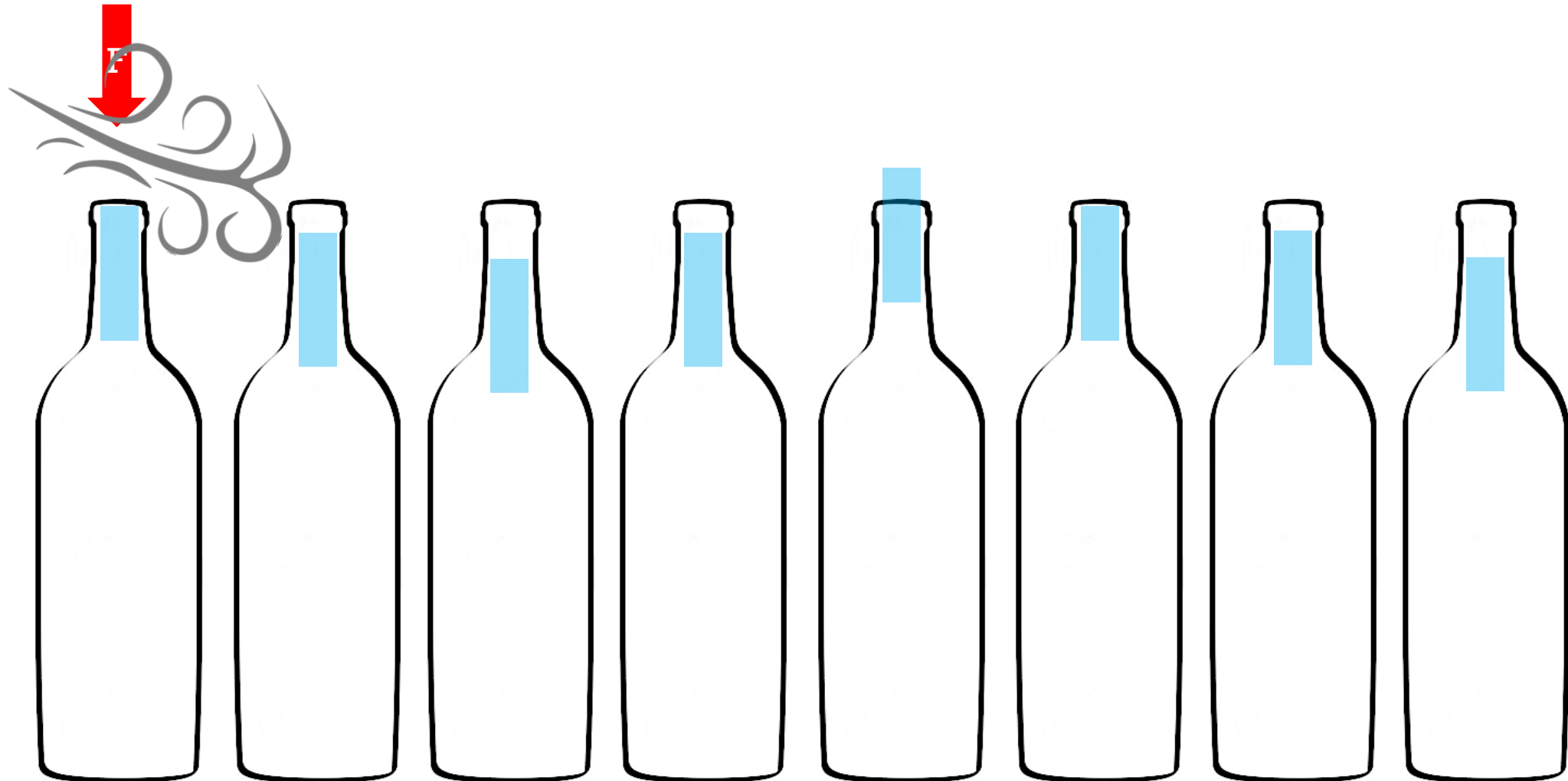
~~$f = \frac{v}{4L} \longrightarrow f = 504\text{Hz}$~~

Actual frequency = 236Hz

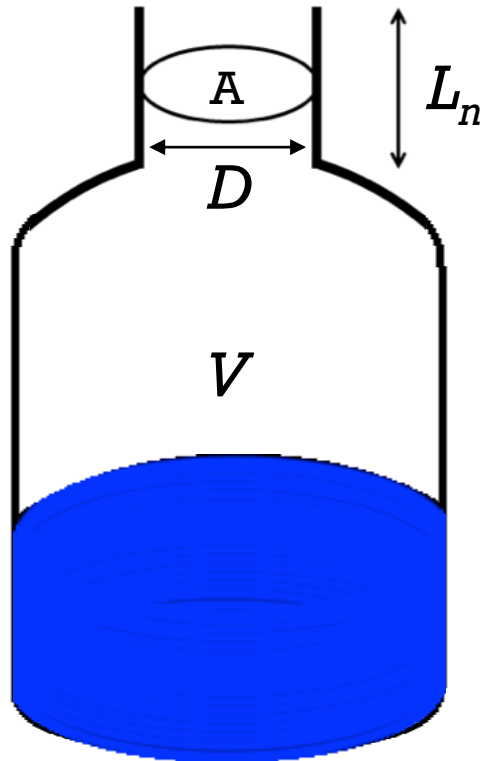
16.5 cm



THEORY: HOW THE SOUND IS CREATED



THEORY: HELMHOLTZ RESONANCE



$$f = \frac{v}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{A}{V \cdot L_{eq}}} \quad L_{eq} = L_n + 0.3D$$

Sound parameters

f : frequency of the resonance [Hz]

v : propagation speed of sound [m/s]

Bottle parameters

L_{eq} : equivalent length of neck [m]

L_n : length of neck [m]

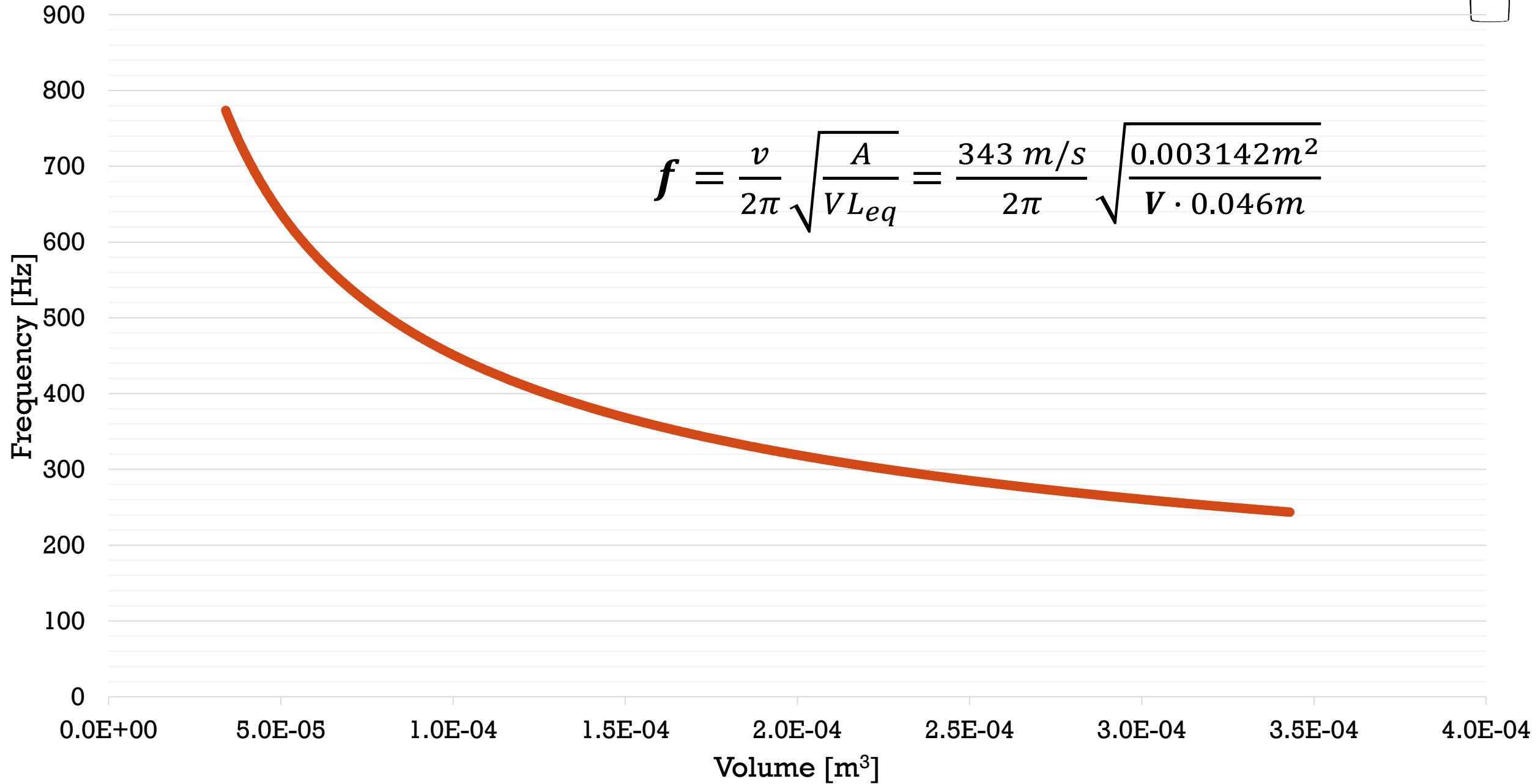
D : diameter of neck [m]

A : cross-sectional area of neck [m²]

V : static volume of cavity [m³]

Theory suggests: frequency and volume vary inversely

Model of Frequency



EXPERIMENTS



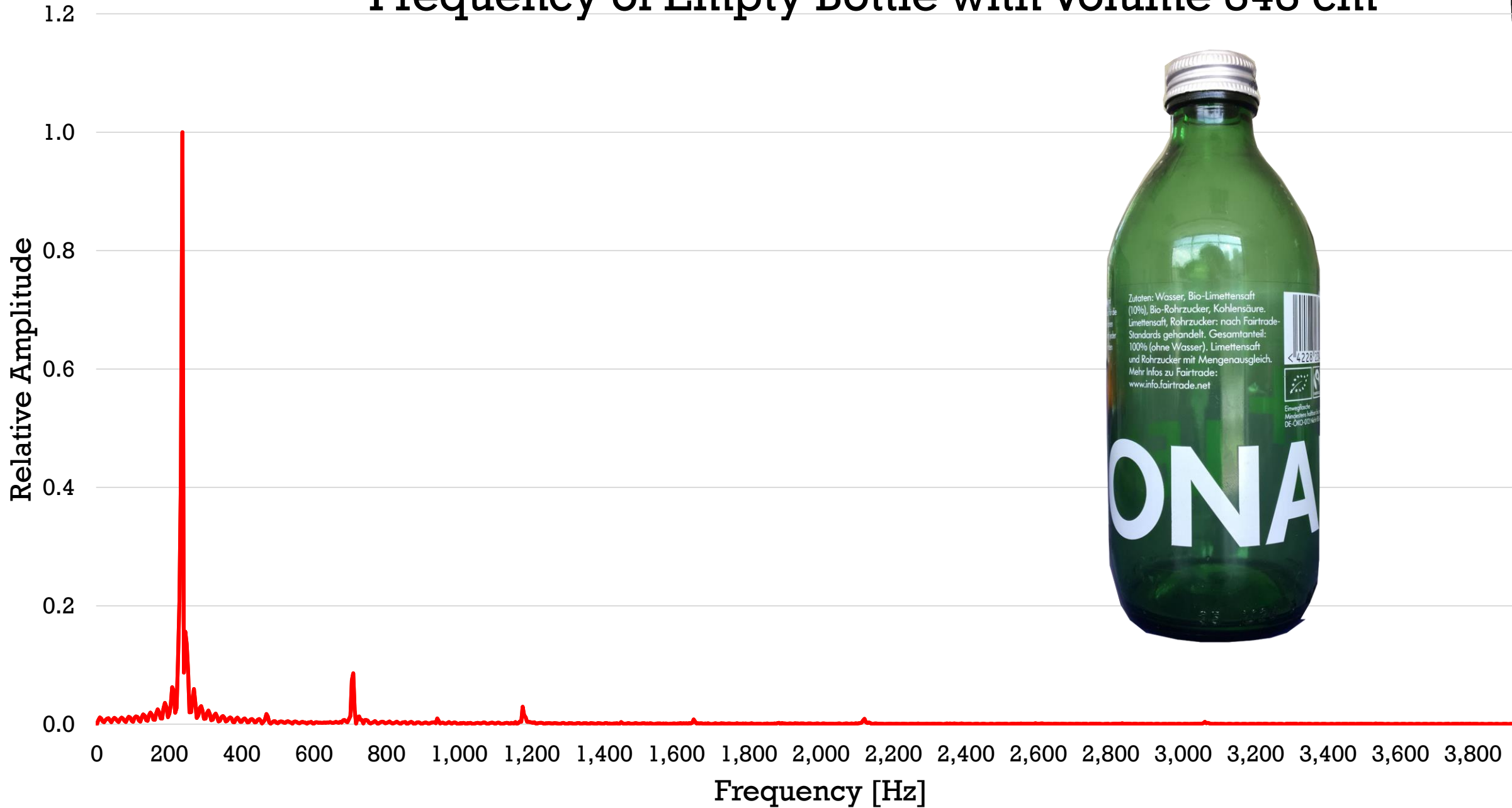


Set up
Glass bottles
Scale
Plastic bottle
Measuring cup

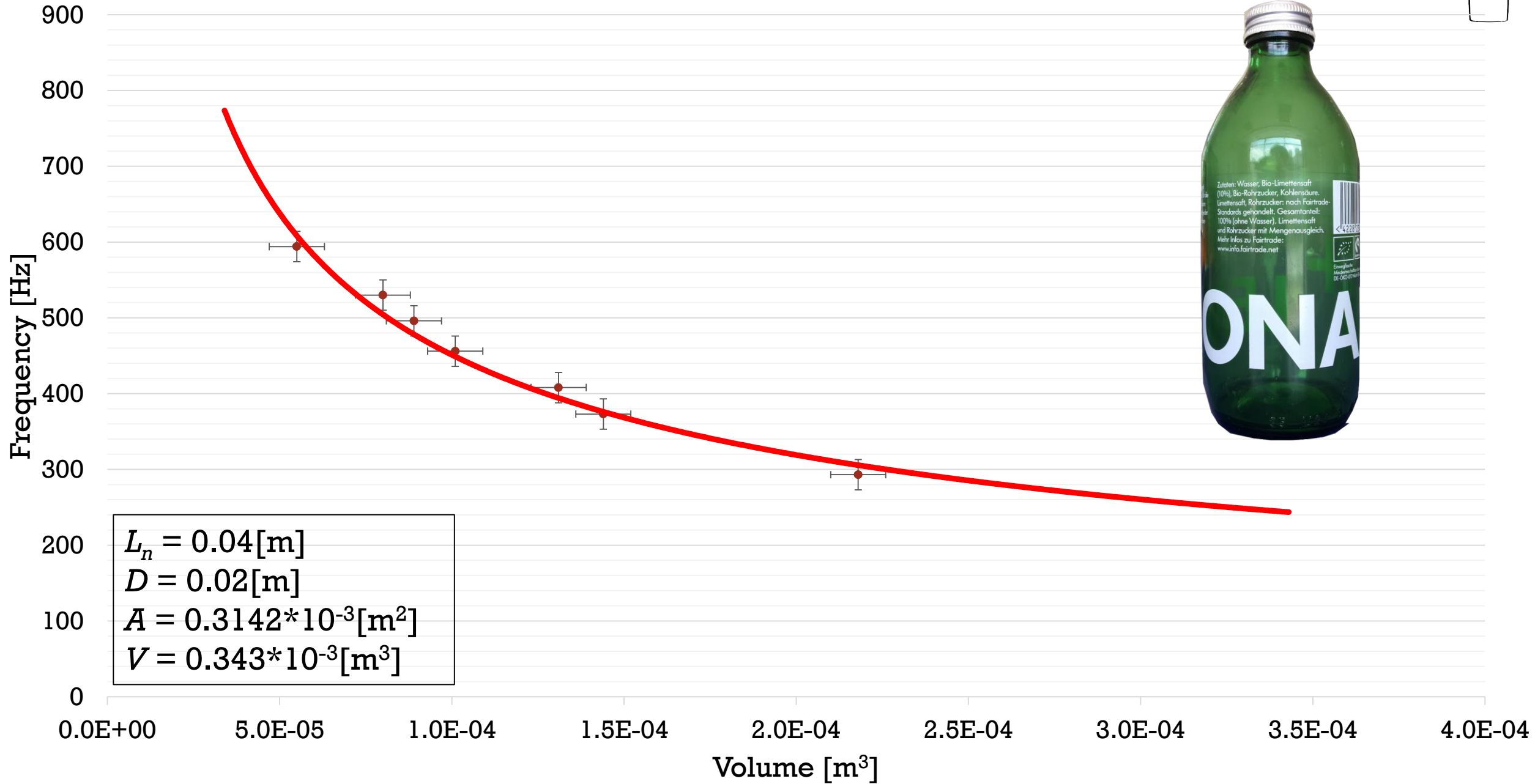
THE BOTTLES



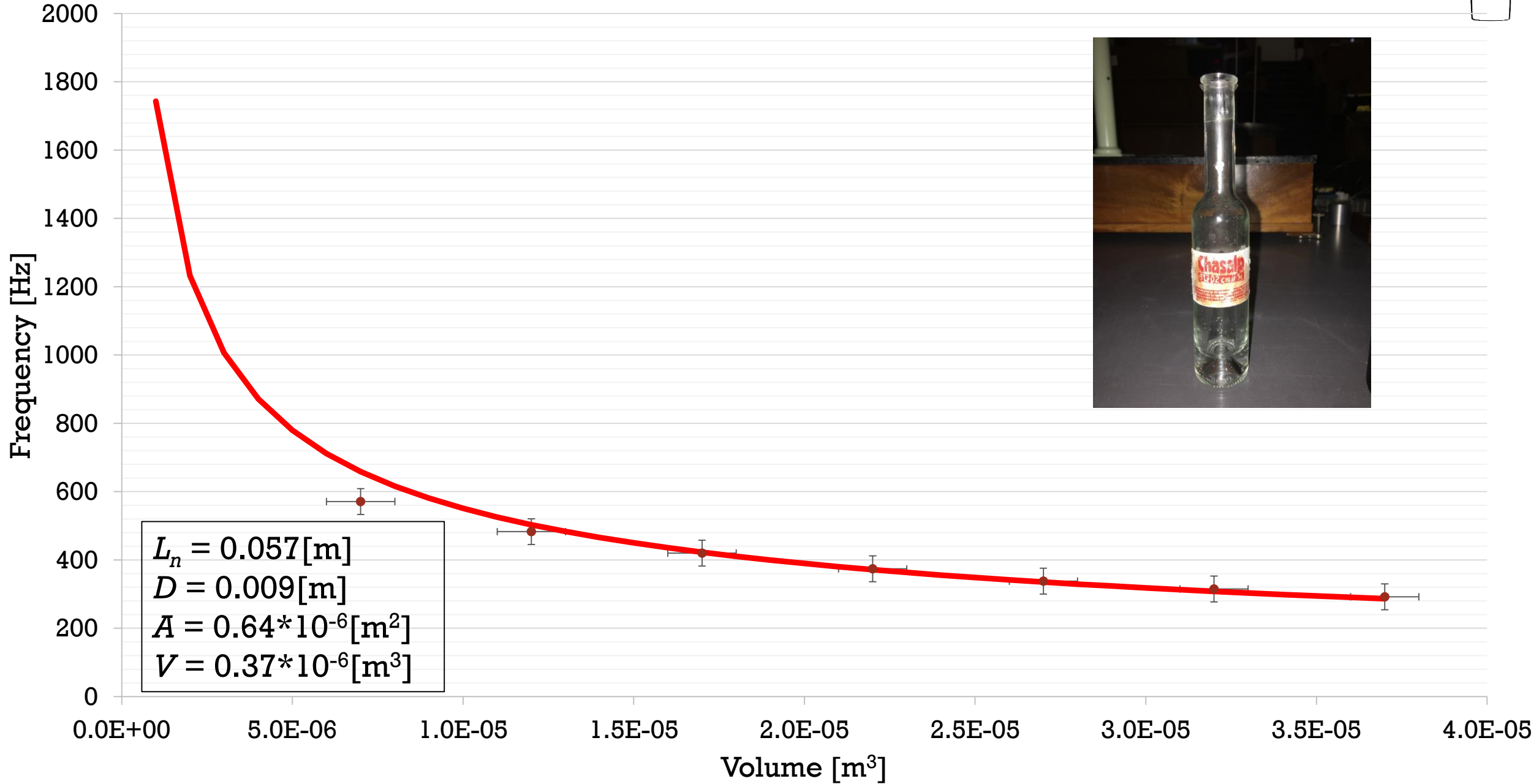
Frequency of Empty Bottle with Volume 343 cm³



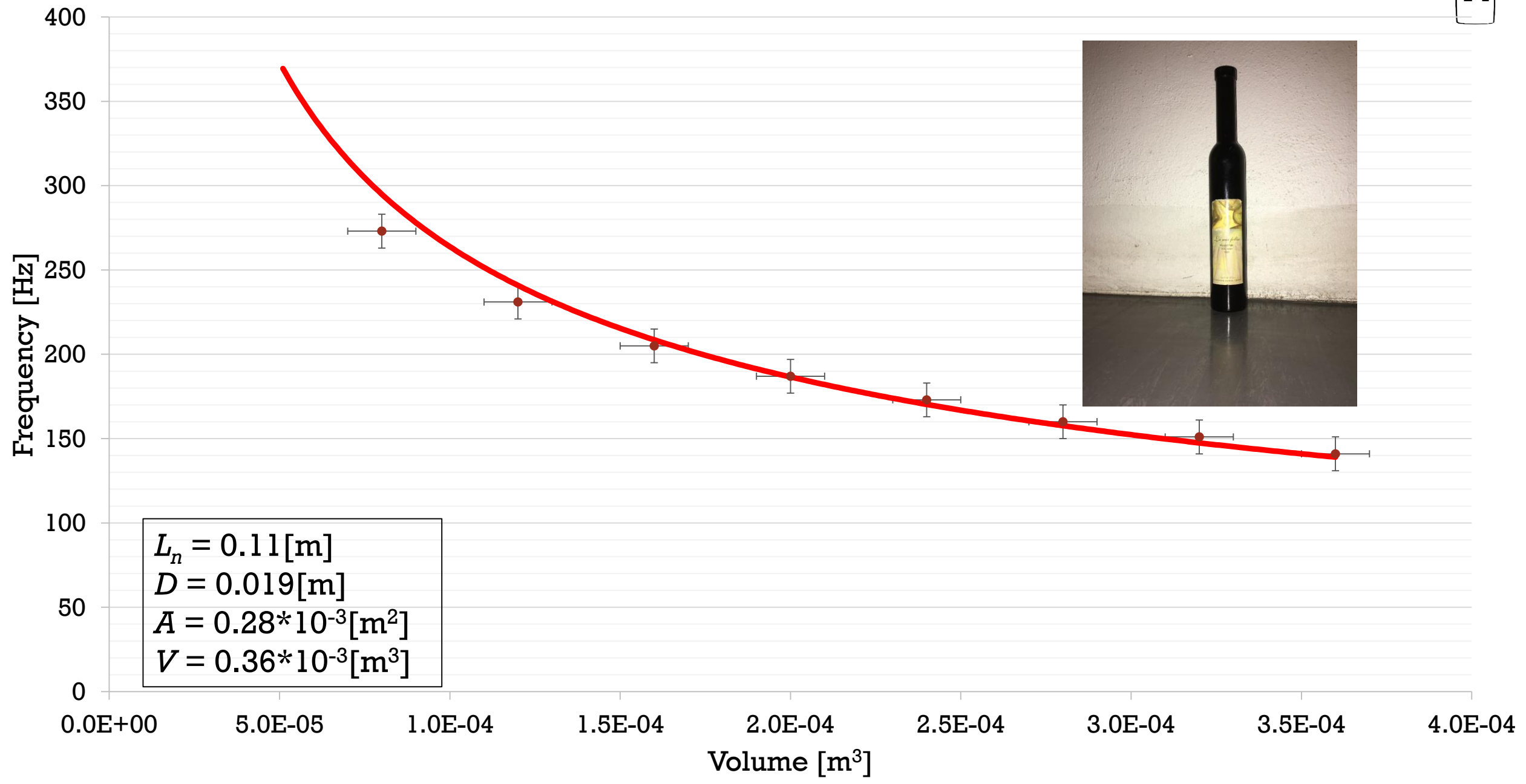
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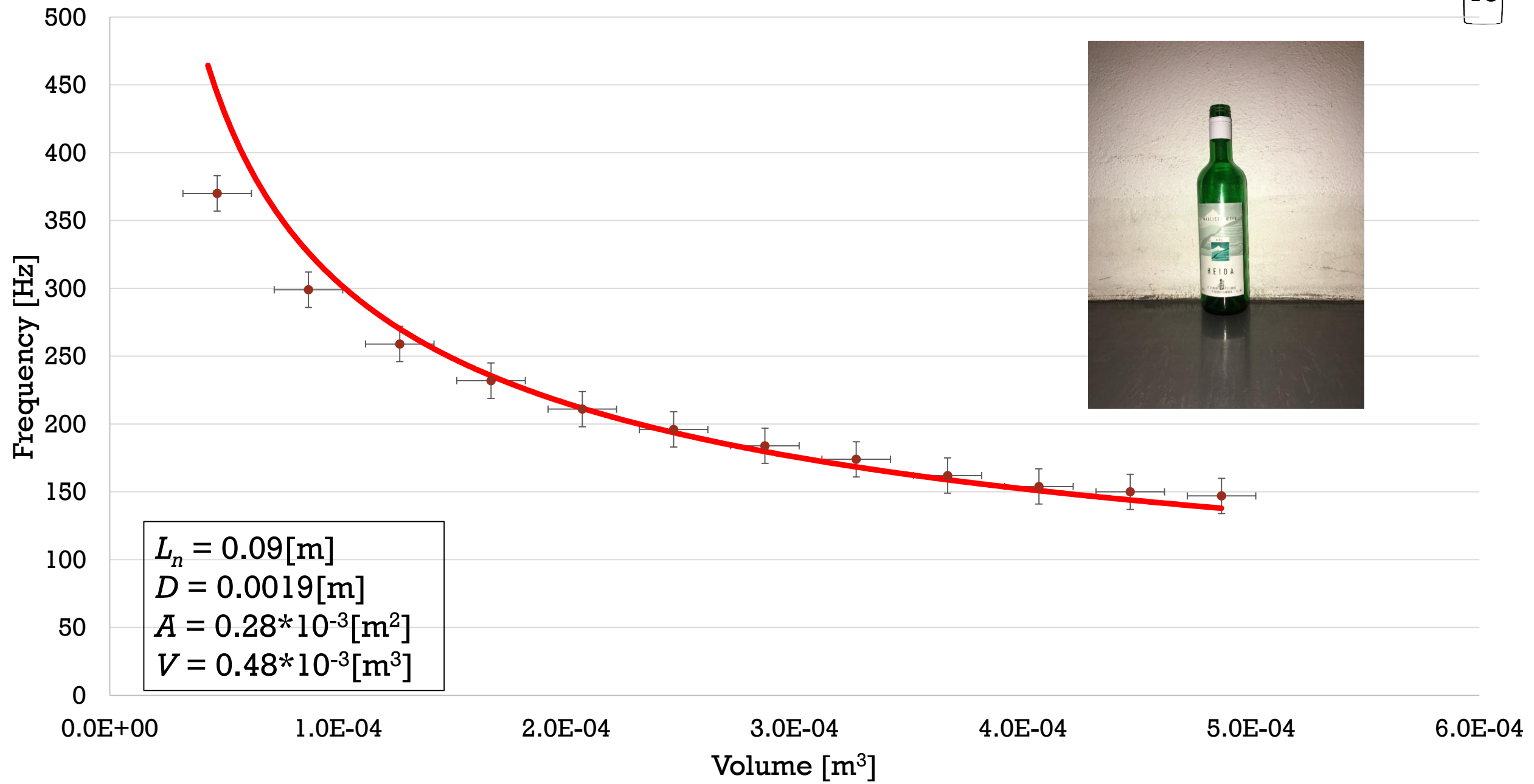
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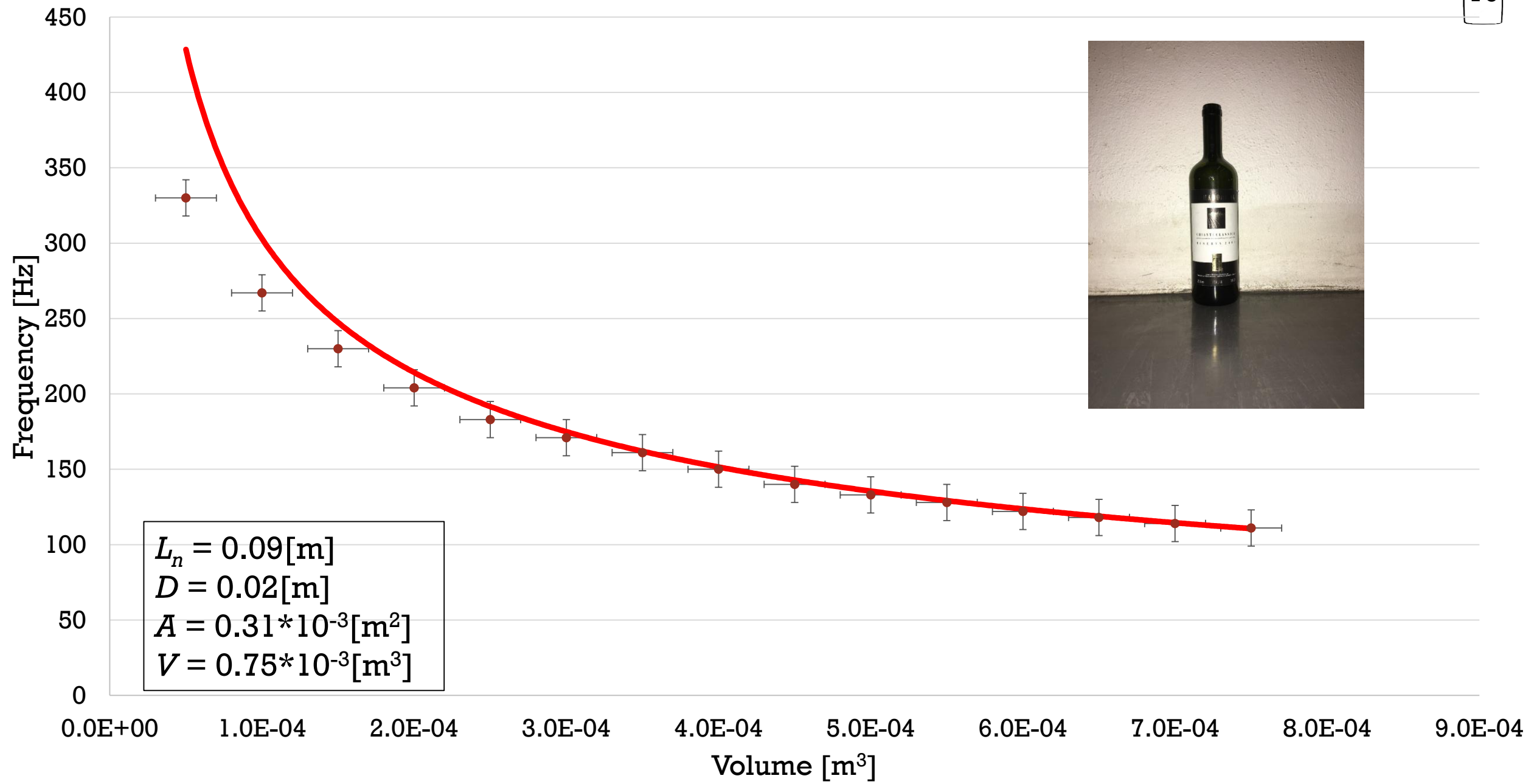
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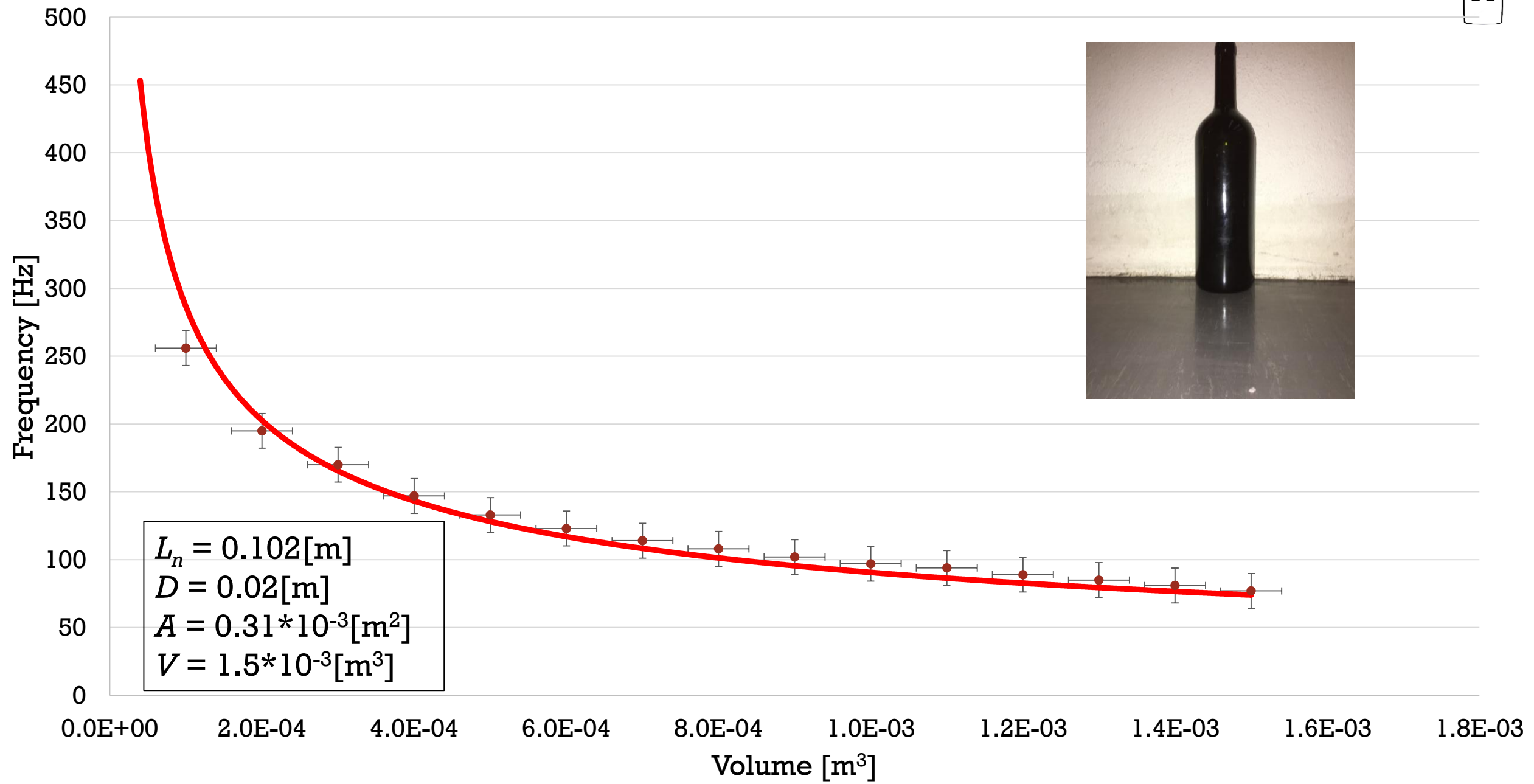
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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Helmholtz resonance is valid

Volume comparable neck volume \longrightarrow Edge case (assumptions break down)



EXPERIMENT WITH "MY HEART WILL GO ON"



low D

F#

G

A



B

C

high D

$$f \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}} \Rightarrow V \sim \frac{1}{f^2}$$



TILT OF THE BOTTLE



CONCLUSION

Notes with bottles and water:

$$f(V) = \frac{\text{contant}}{\sqrt{V}}$$

Same bottle:

- the shape of cavity does not influence the frequency



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

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EXPERIMENT WITH SPECIFIC NOTES

$$V = \frac{S \cdot v^2}{4\pi^2 \cdot L_{eq} \cdot f^2}$$



| Musical note | low D | F# | G | A | B | C | high D |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Frequency in Hz (theory) | 293.66 | 369.99 | 392.00 | 440.00 | 493.88 | 523.25 | 587.33 |
| Volume in cm ³ (model) | 236 | 148 | 132 | 105 | 83 | 74 | 59 |
| Frequency in Hz (experiment) | 293 | 373 | 408 | 456 | 496 | 530 | 594 |
| Frequency error | 0.2% | 0.8% | 4.1% | 3.6% | 0.4% | 1.3% | 1.1% |

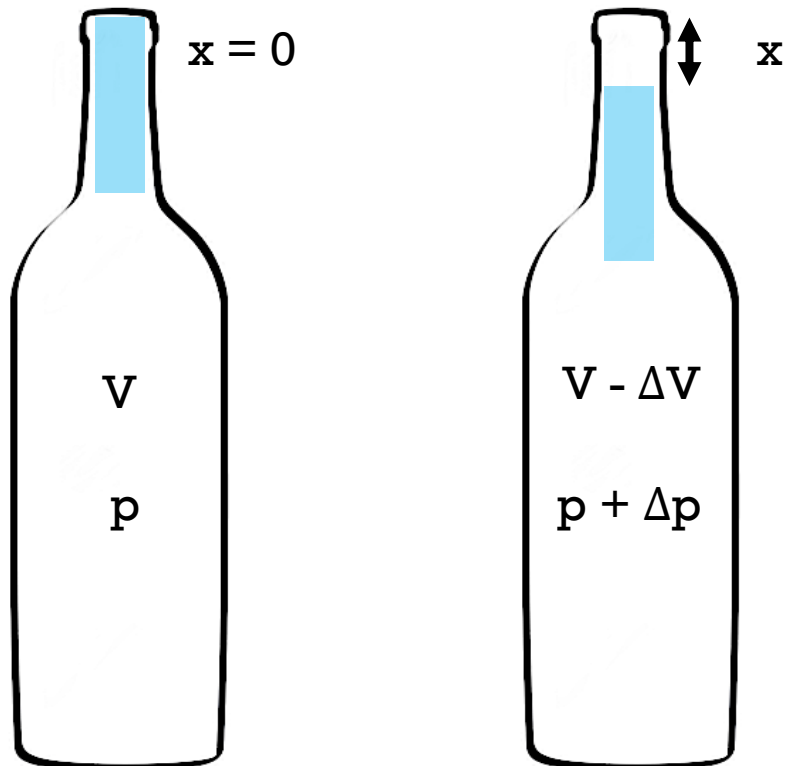
SPEED OF SOUND IN FLUIDS

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma RT}{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p}{\rho}}$$

γ : Adiabatic index
R : Universal gas constant
T : Temperature
M: Molecular mass

v : Propagation speed of sound
p : Pressure
 ρ : Density

HELMHOLTZ DERIVATION



$$a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{\Delta p A}{\rho A L_{eq}}$$

$$= -\frac{\gamma p A x}{\rho V L_{eq}} = -\frac{v^2 A}{V L_{eq}} x$$

$$x(t) = B \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f = v \sqrt{\frac{A}{V L_{eq}}}$$

DIMENSIONS OF THE BOTTLE

$$L_n = 0.04[m]$$

$$D = 0.02[m]$$

$$A = 0.3142 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^2]$$

$$V = 0.343 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^3]$$



$$L_n = 0.11[m]$$

$$D = 0.019[m]$$

$$A = 0.28 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^2]$$

$$V = 0.36 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^3]$$



$$L_n = 0.09[m]$$

$$D = 0.02[m]$$

$$A = 0.31 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^2]$$

$$V = 0.75 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^3]$$



$$L_n = 0.057[m]$$

$$D = 0.009[m]$$

$$A = 0.64 \cdot 10^{-6}[m^2]$$

$$V = 0.37 \cdot 10^{-6}[m^3]$$



$$L_n = 0.09[m]$$

$$D = 0.0019[m]$$

$$A = 0.28 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^2]$$

$$V = 0.48 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^3]$$



$$L_n = 0.102[m]$$

$$D = 0.02[m]$$

$$A = 0.31 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^2]$$

$$V = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}[m^3]$$

