

The electromagnetic reverberation chamber: a tool with multiple facets and applications

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Introduction to RC

Antenna efficiency and antenna patterns in RC

Average absorbing cross-section

Dosimetry

Backscattering measurements

Focalization

Conclusion

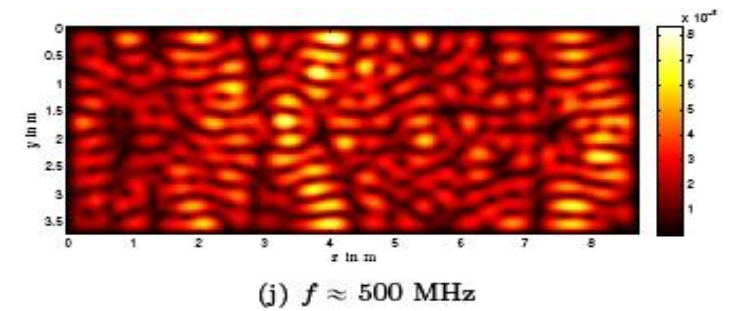
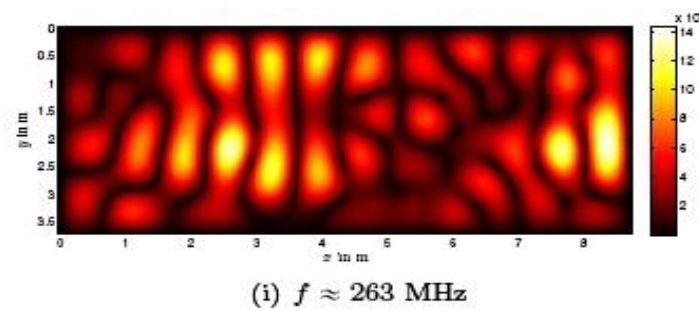
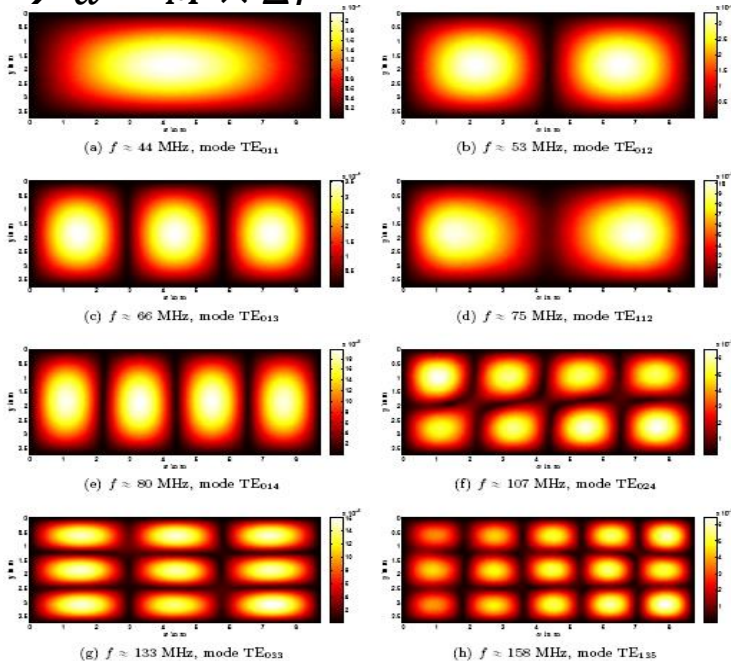
3-D overmoded cavities

- Multiple modes with significant excitation over a number of states

→ Mode density (M) $\approx 8\pi V \frac{f^2}{c}$

→ Composite Q-factor (Q) $= \frac{f}{\Delta f}$

→ $d = M \times \Delta f \ll 1$



Well overmoded / stirred cavity:

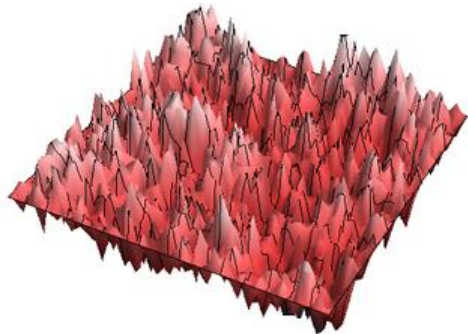
- Plane wave spectrum
- Hill's (asymptotical) model

$$e_{x,y,z}(t) = E_{x,y,z} e^{j\omega t}$$

$$E_{x,y,z} = E_{x,y,z}^r + jE_{x,y,z}^i$$

$$E_x^r, E_y^r, E_z^r, E_x^i, E_y^i, E_z^i \equiv \nu$$

$$\text{Var}(\nu) = \sigma_\nu^2$$



Gaussian « random » field

$$p_n(\nu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_\nu} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\nu^2}{\sigma_\nu^2}}$$

Antenna effective area $P_{rec} = A_{eff} \times P_{den}$

$$A_{eff} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} \eta m [D_{\theta}(\theta, \phi) \vec{\theta} + D_{\phi}(\theta, \phi) \vec{\phi}] \quad (23)$$

The same antenna is now under a **plane wave spectrum illumination**. Its effective area writes :

$$A_{eff} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} \eta m \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} [D_{\theta}(\theta, \phi) p_{\theta}(\theta, \phi) \vec{\theta} + D_{\phi}(\theta, \phi) p_{\phi}(\theta, \phi) \vec{\phi}] \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \quad (24)$$

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$$\frac{\lambda^2}{8\pi} \eta m$$

(ensemble average)

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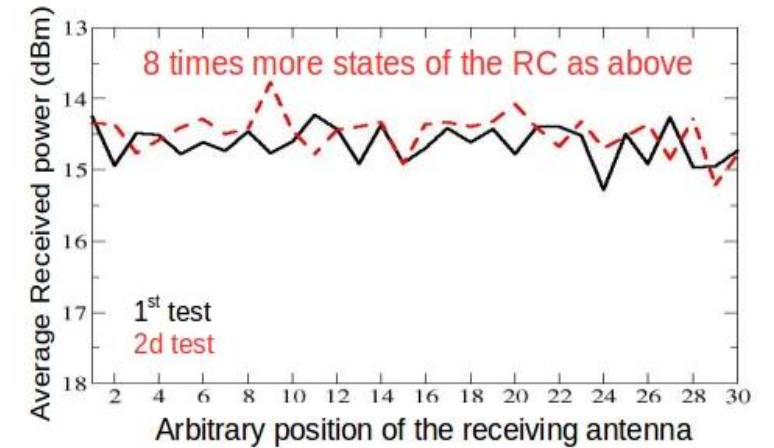
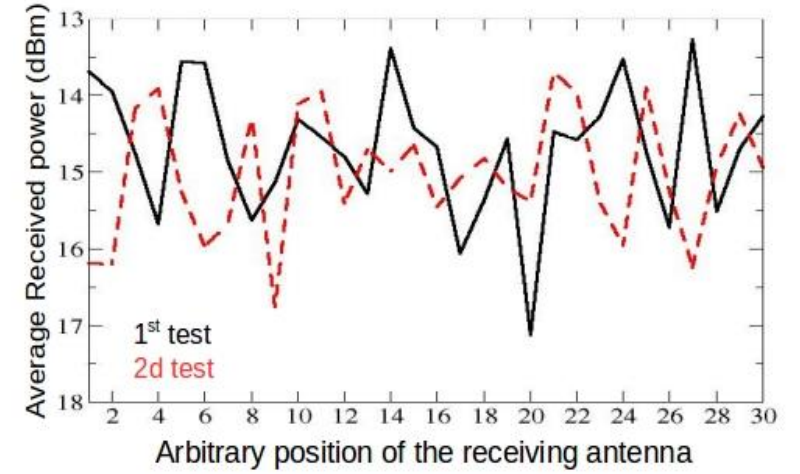
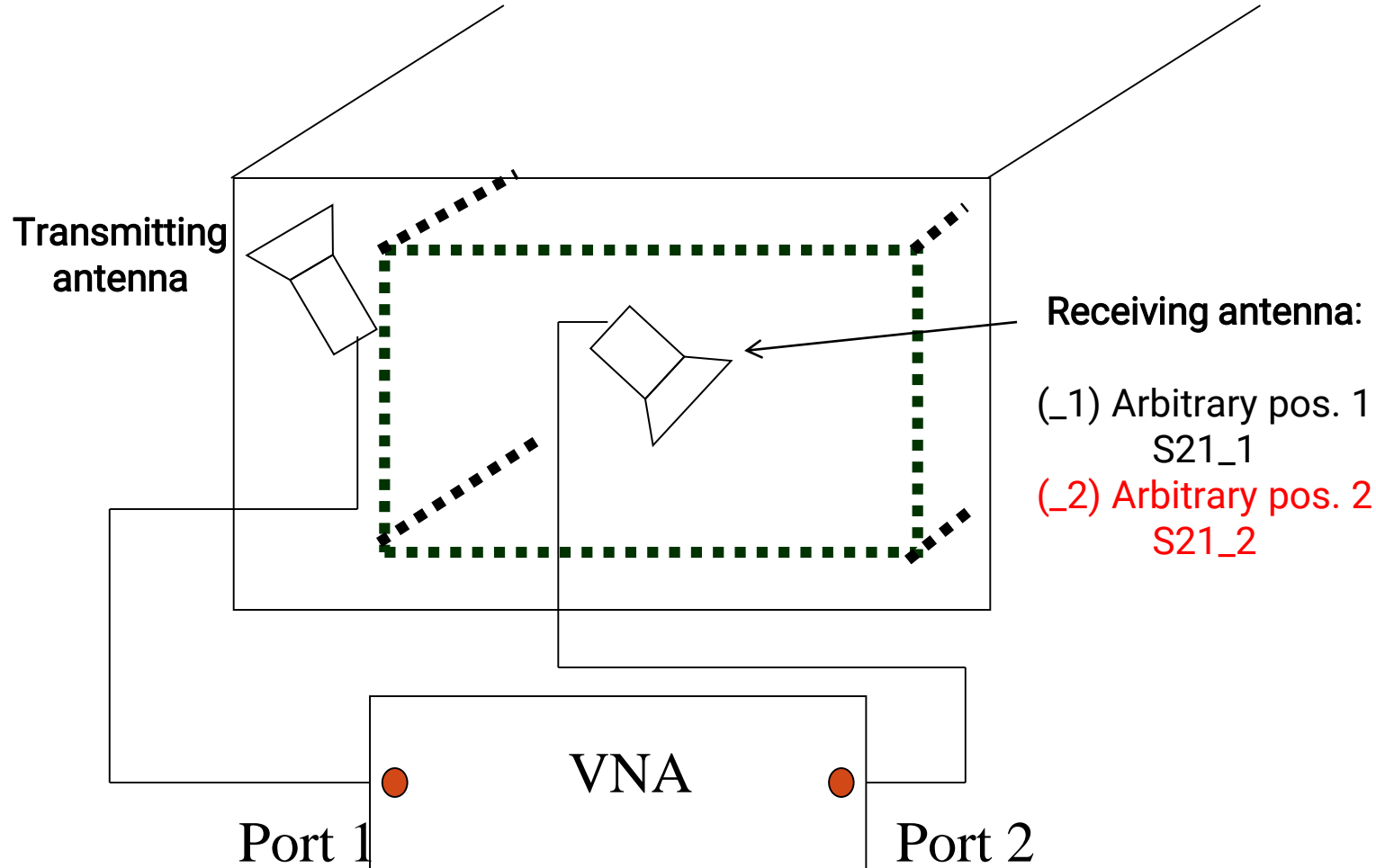
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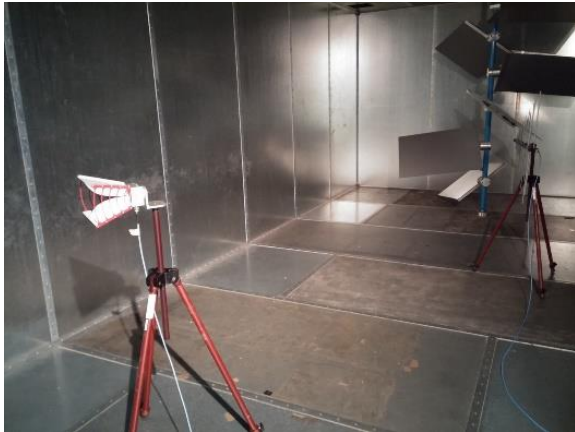
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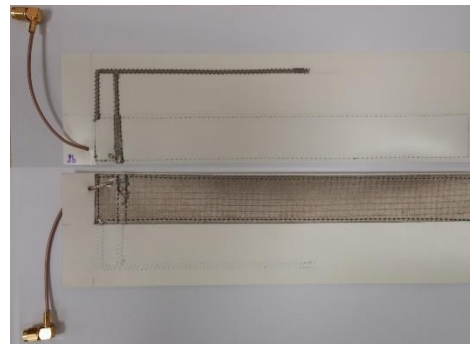
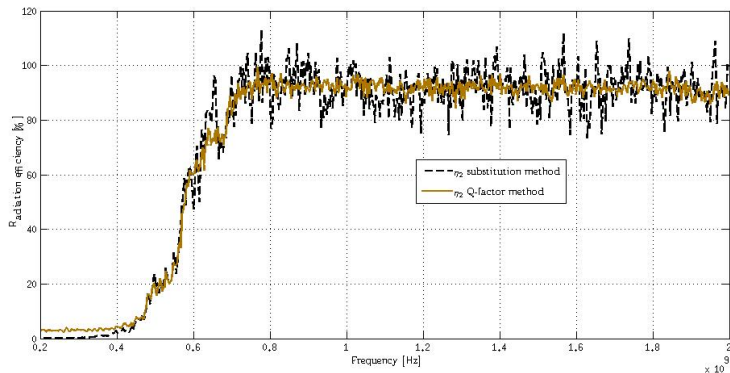
Antenna efficiency from Q

$$Q_{1ant} = \left\langle |S_{xx} - \langle S_{xx} \rangle|^2 \right\rangle \frac{Z_0 \omega \epsilon V}{(\lambda^2 / 4\pi)(1 - |\langle S_{xx} \rangle|^2)^2 \eta_x^2}$$

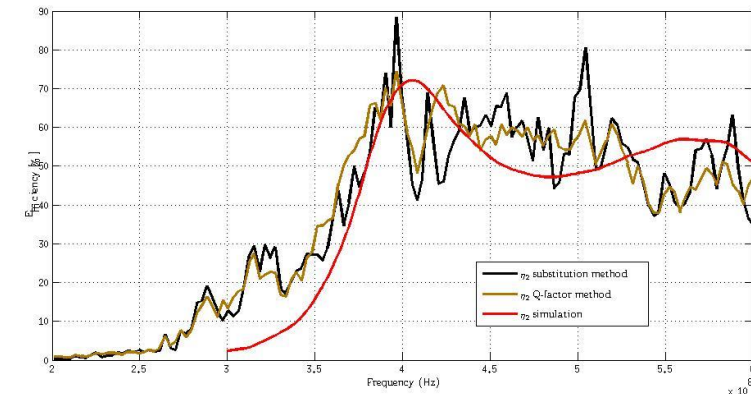
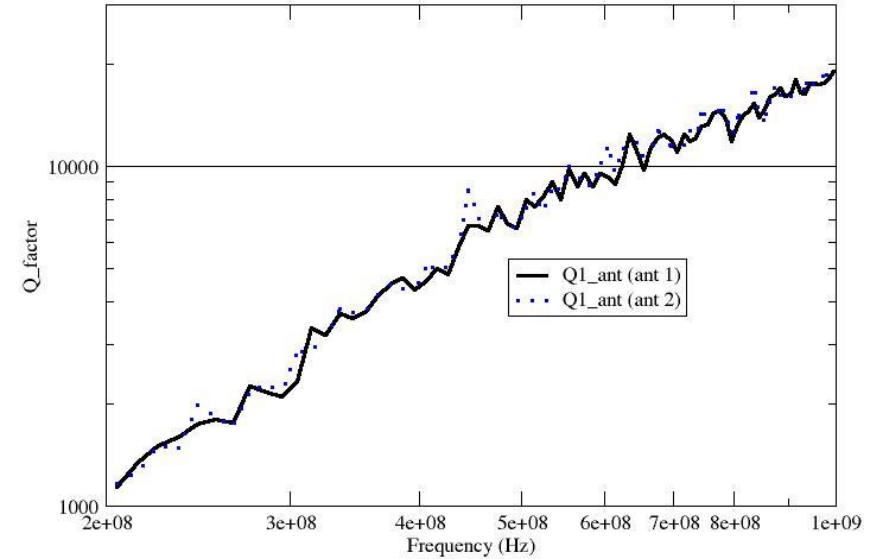


$$Q_x = \frac{Q_x^\#}{\eta_x^2}$$

$$\eta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{Q_2^\#}{Q_1^\#}} \eta_1 = \sqrt{\frac{Q_2^\#}{Q_1}}$$



Q estimation at two identical antennas



Antenna efficiency: Without reference antenna

- Based on the difference between time domain and frequency domain estimation of Q
- The decay constant τ of the RC ($Q_{TD} = 2\pi f \tau$) is not dependent on η at high enough frequencies
- Can be applied for estimating efficiency for 2 or 3 antennas at a time

Ref: C. L. Holloway, H. A. Shah, R. J. Pirkl, W. F. Young, D. A. Hill and J. Ladbury, "Reverberation Chamber Techniques for Determining the Radiation and Total Efficiency of Antennas," in IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation, vol. 60, no. 4, pp. 1758-1770, April 2012

- Key role of (all) antenna stirring to reduce the bias estimation of reflection coefficients due to residual unstirred paths

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Antenna efficiency: From backscattering measurements (i.e. without contact using 2 loading conditions)

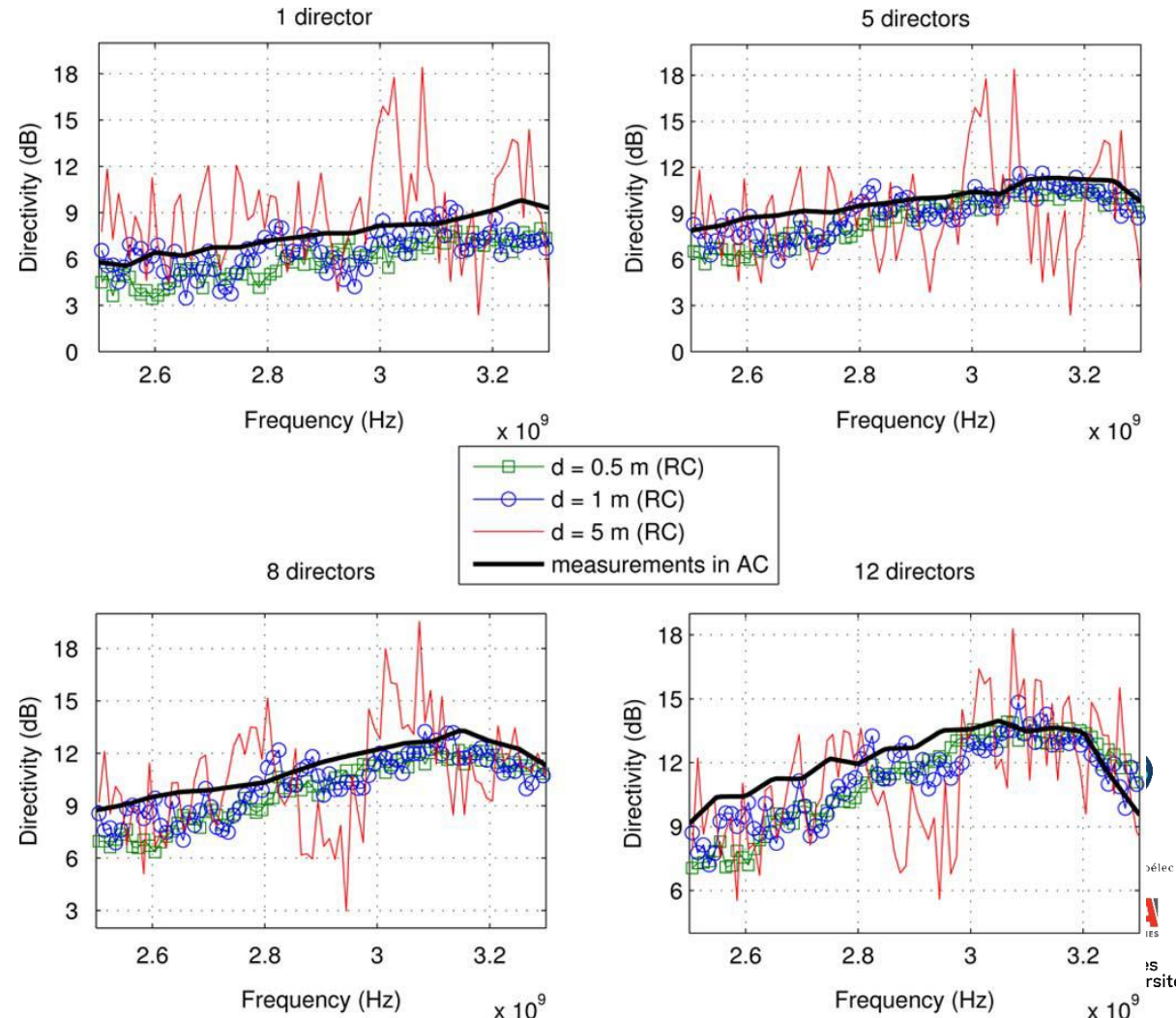
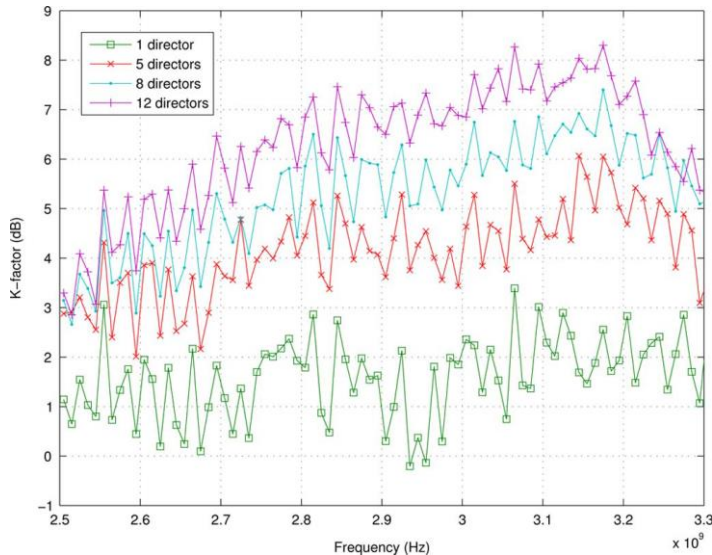
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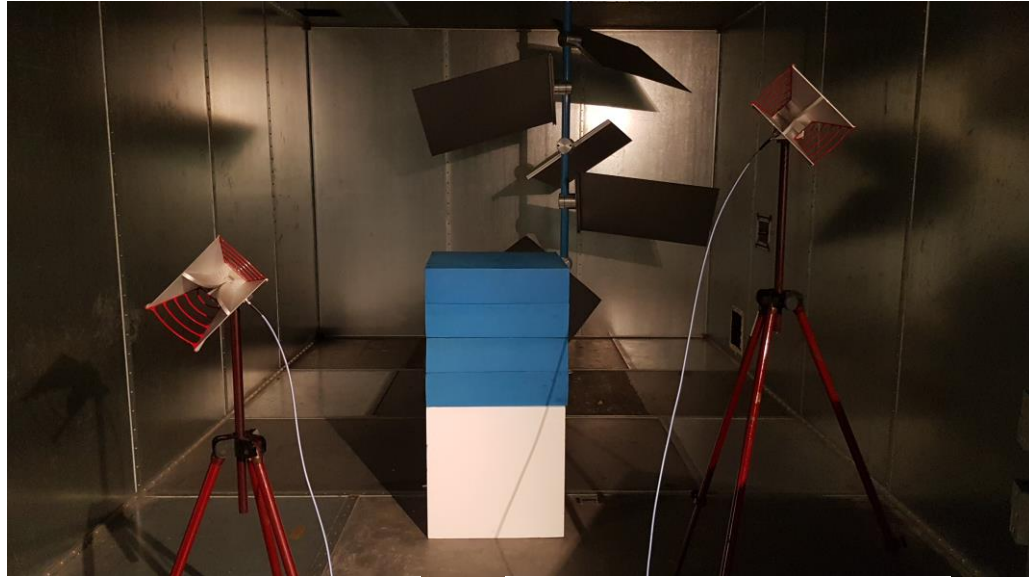
Antenna pattern



K factor
(Rician channel)

$$K = \frac{v^2}{2\sigma^2}$$





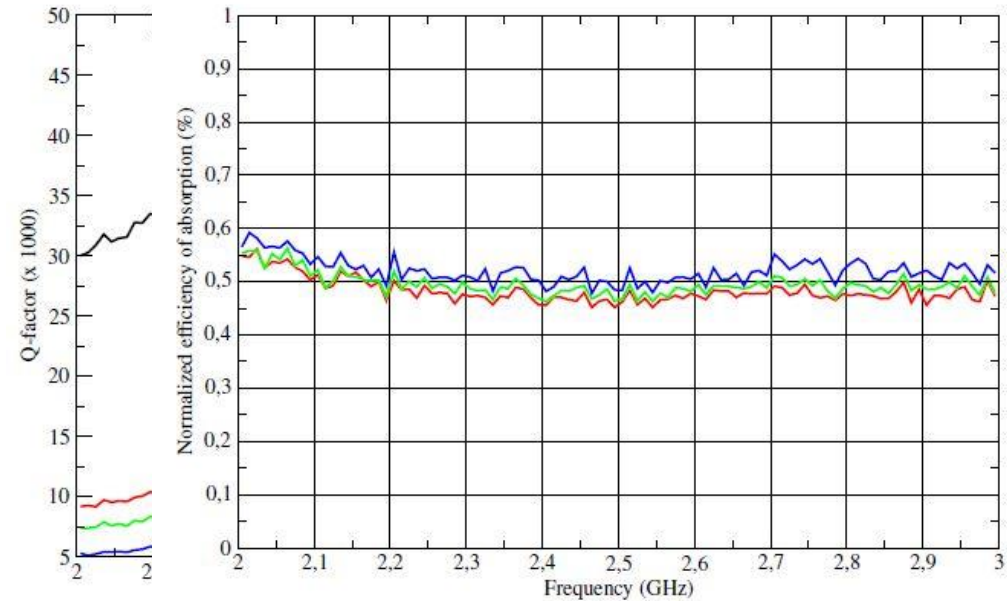
$$P_{d-obj} = \sigma_{abs} \frac{E^2}{Z_0}$$

$$Q_{obj} = \frac{2\pi V}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\sigma_{abs}}$$

$$\sigma_{abs} = \frac{2\pi V}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{Q_g^L} - \frac{1}{Q_g^0} \right)$$

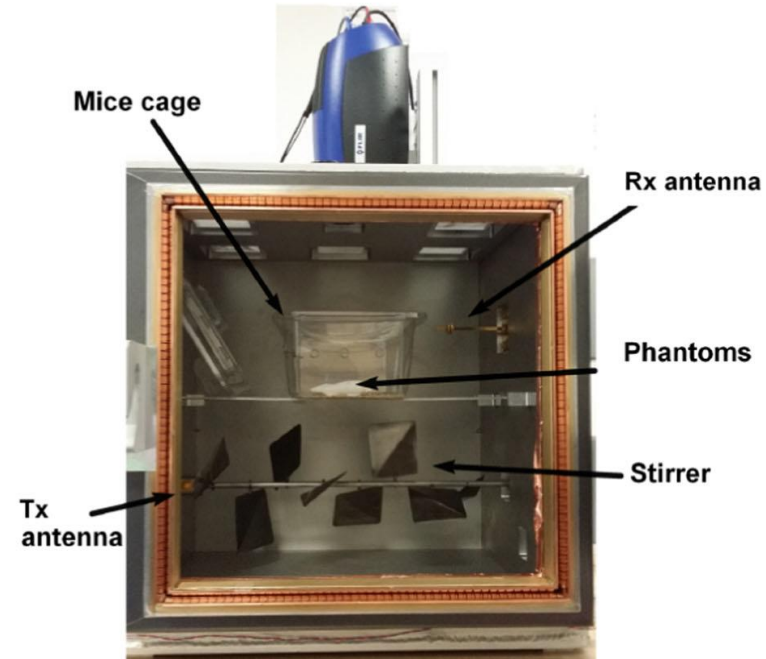
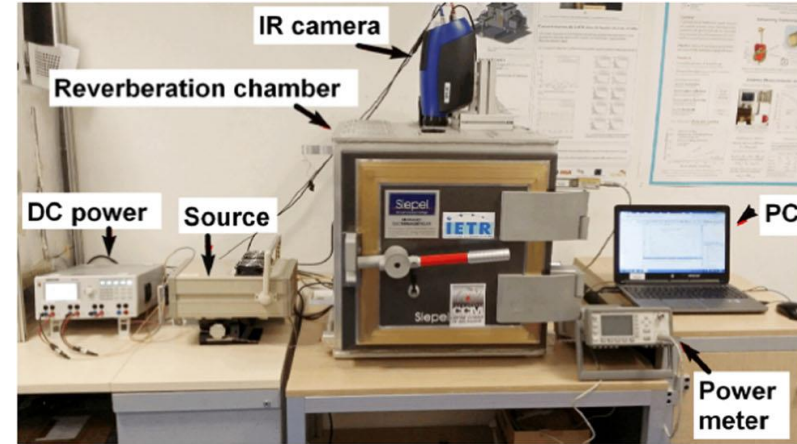
$$\sigma_{abs} = \langle T \rangle \frac{A_{tot}}{2}$$

$$\langle T \rangle = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[1 - \frac{|\Gamma_{TM}(\theta)|^2 + |\Gamma_{TE}(\theta)|^2}{2} \right] \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) d\theta$$

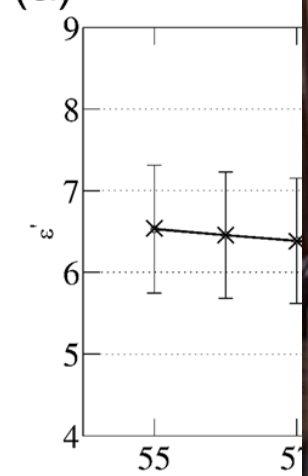


$$\frac{\rho C}{k_t} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} - \frac{V_s}{k_t} (T - T_b) + \frac{q(x, y, z, t)}{k_t},$$

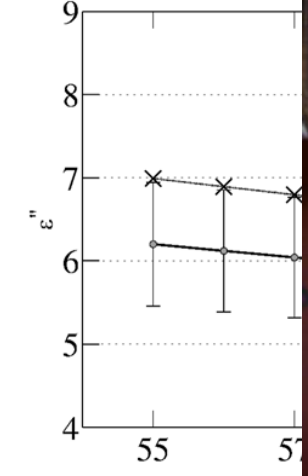
$$q(z) \simeq \frac{\langle S_0 \rangle \bar{T}_p}{\delta} [\exp(-2z/\delta) + \exp(-2(L_z - z)/\delta)]. \quad (1D)$$



(a) Comple



(b)



(a)



(c)



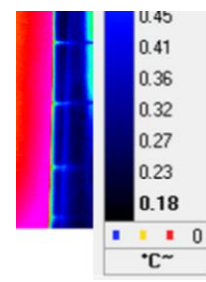
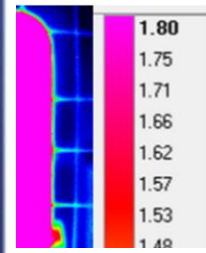
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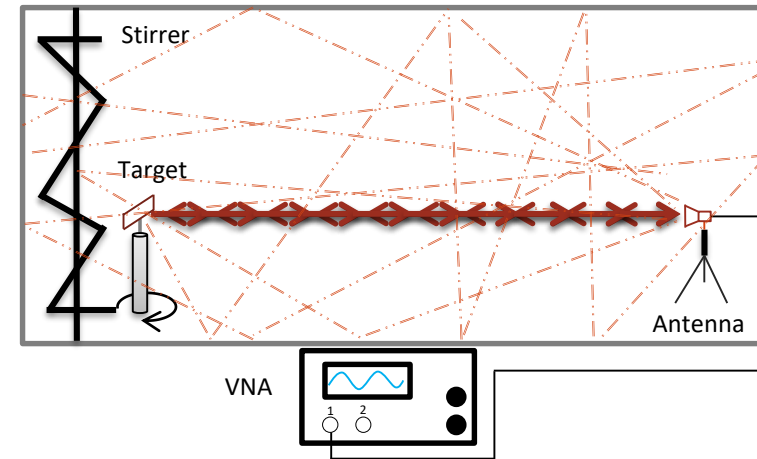
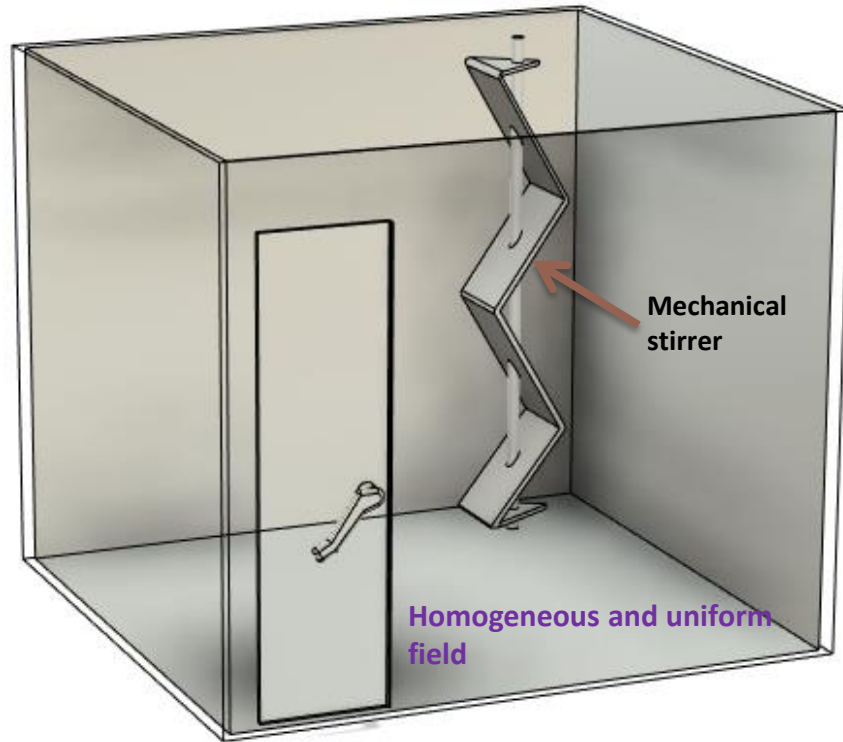


(b)



(d)



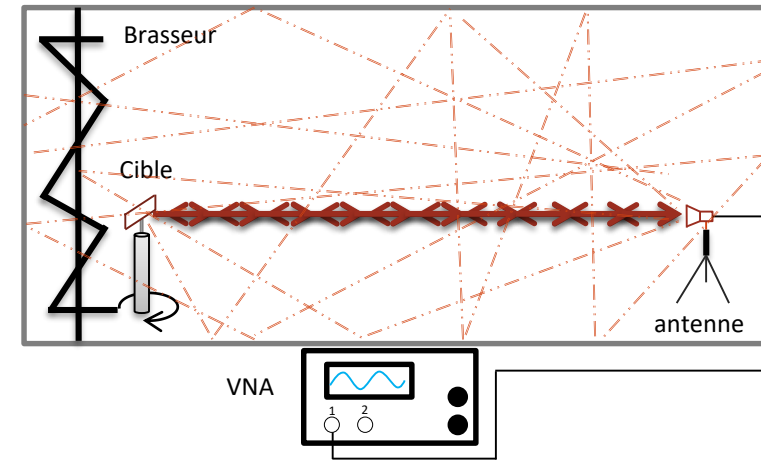


Multiple paths

LOS path extraction ?

LOS path extraction ?

- K-factor estimation of Rice distribution [1], [2(for RCS)]
- Doppler effect (linear movement of the target [3])
- Time gating [4(for RCS)]



Another approach based on RC properties (IETR / ESYCOM collaboration)

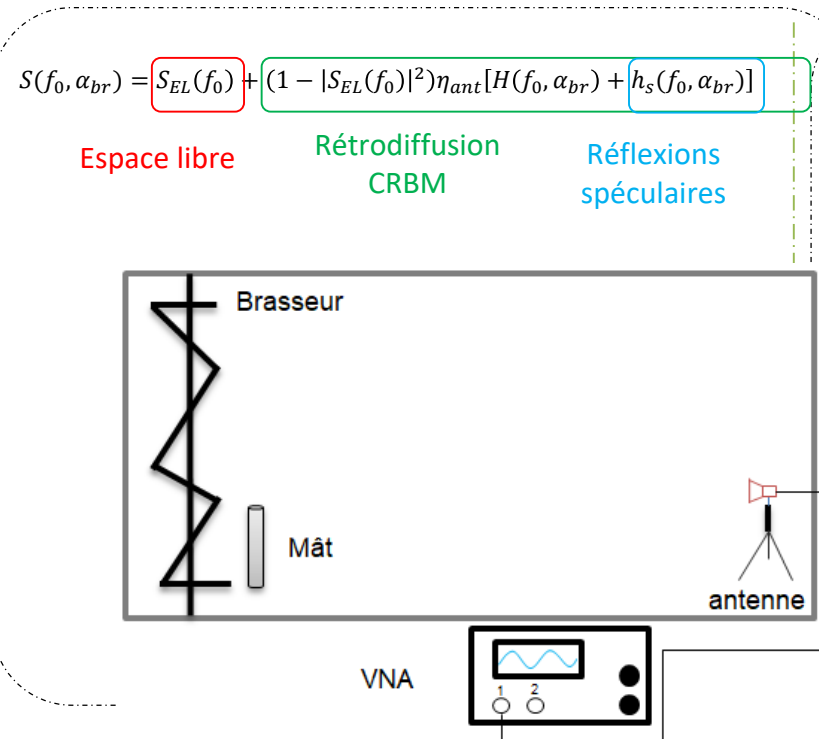
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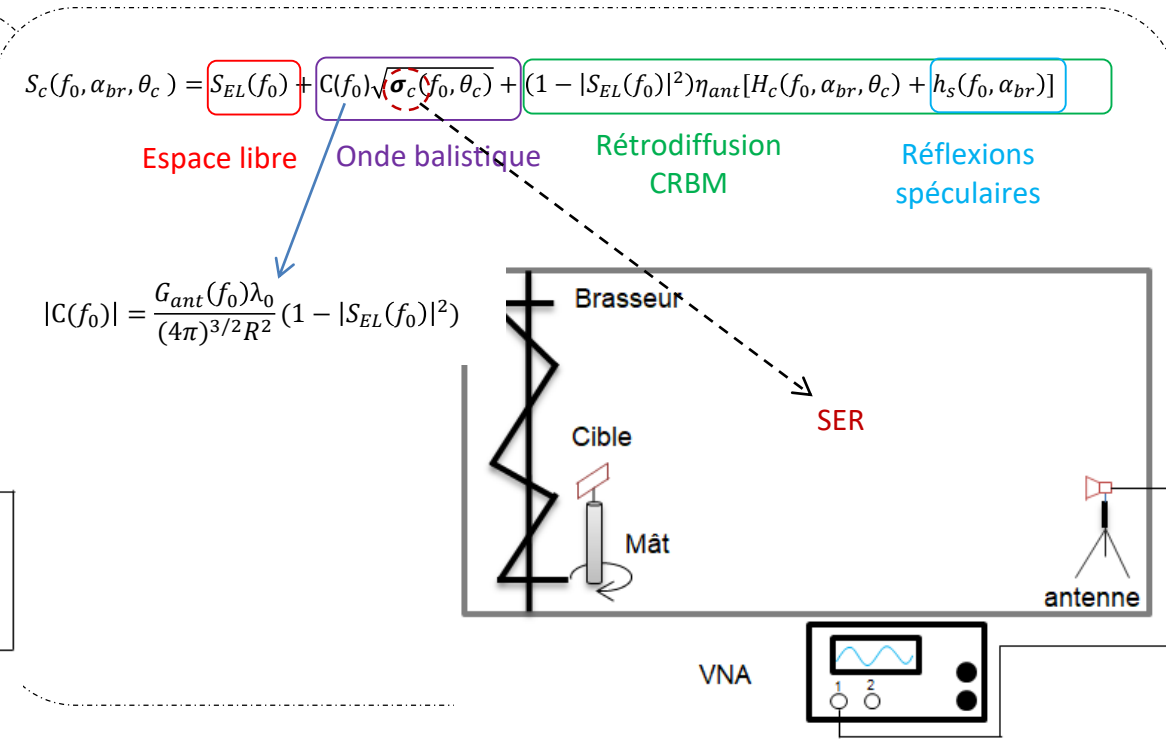
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Mesure dans la chambre à vide (sans la cible):

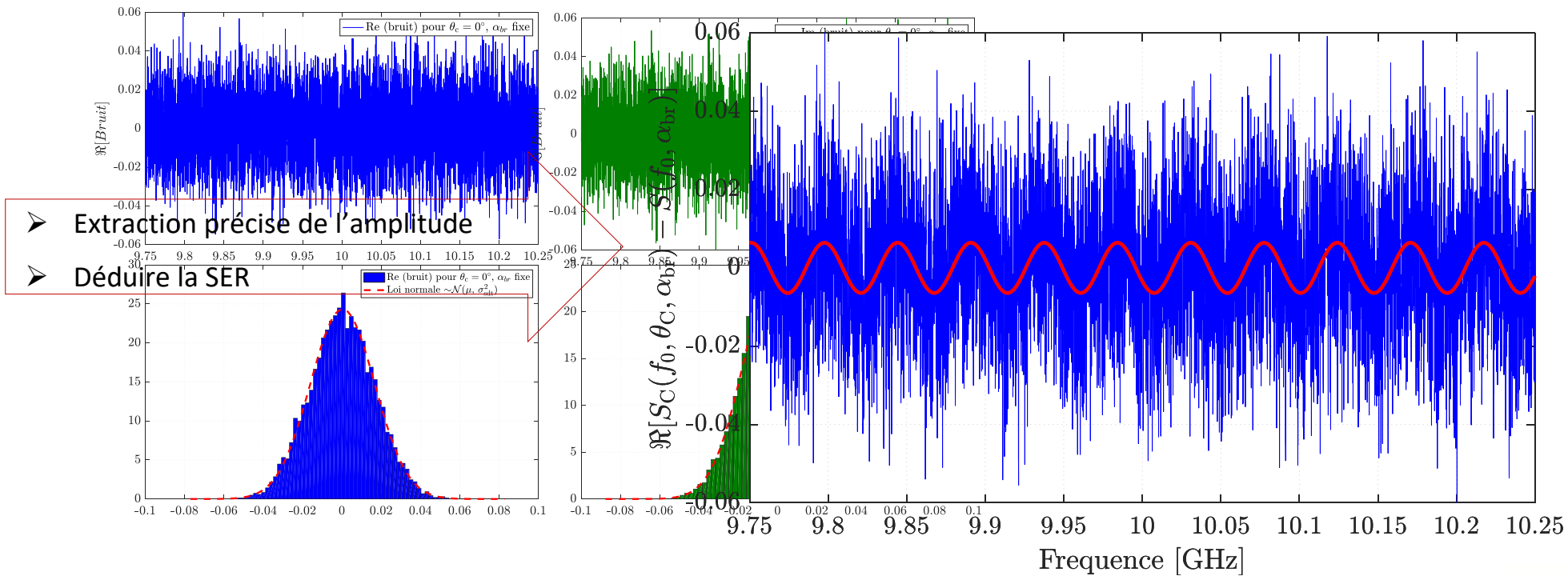


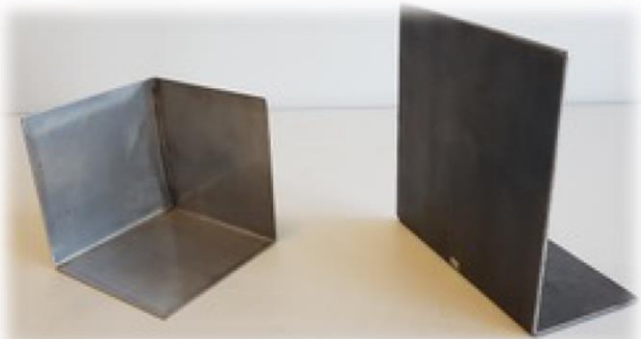
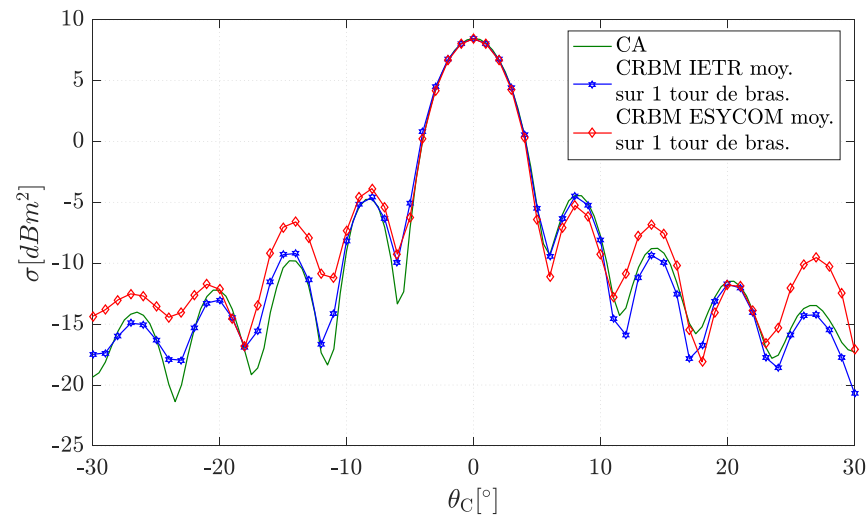
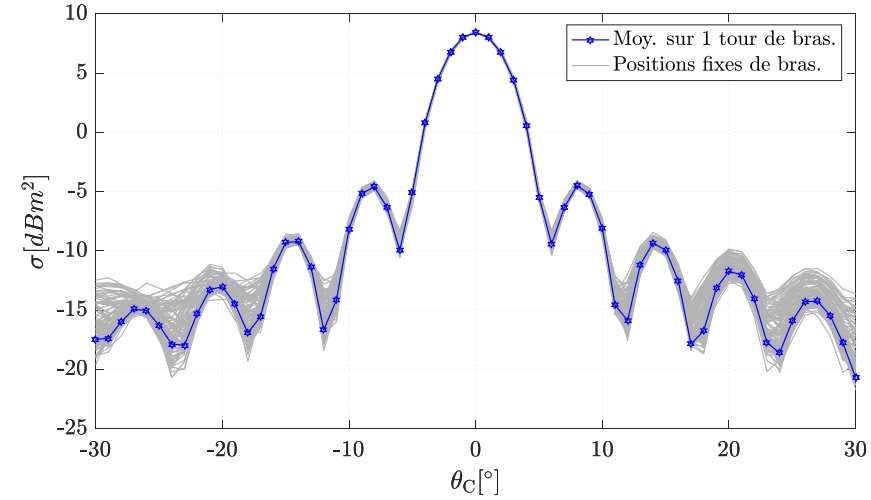
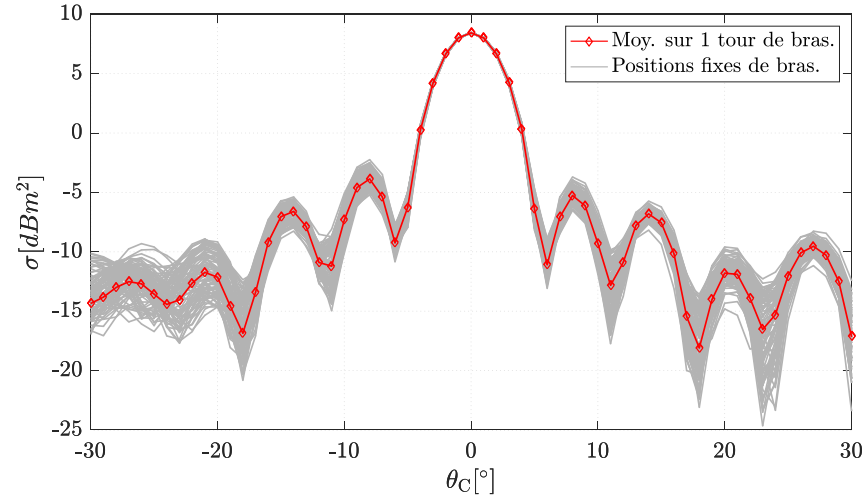
Mesure dans la chambre chargée (avec la cible):



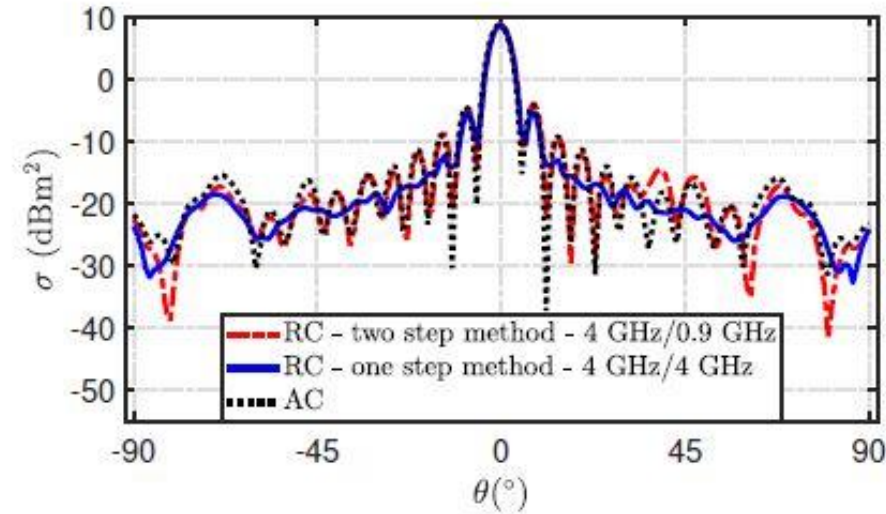
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$$S_c(f_0, \alpha_{br}, \theta_c) - S(f_0, \alpha_{br}) = \underbrace{(1 - |S_{EL}(f_0)|^2) \eta_{ant} [H_c(f_0, \alpha_{br}, \theta_c) - H(f_0, \alpha_{br})]}_{\text{Rétrodiffusion CRBM}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{\sigma_c(f_0, \theta_c)}}_{\text{SER}} \times \underbrace{|C(f_0)| \times \exp \left[-j \left(2\pi f_0 \frac{2R}{c} - \phi_0 \right) \right]}_{\text{Amplitude onde balistique}}$$





Recent improvements



Quasi-monostatic configuration (no stirring)

Distance
+
Amplitude

Antenna radar cross-section \rightarrow Antenna pattern ?

$$\sqrt{\sigma_{\text{ant}}} = \sqrt{\sigma_s} + \sqrt{\sigma_r}$$

Radiating mode

$$\sqrt{\sigma_r} = \sqrt{\sigma_r^{\text{max}}} \cdot |\Gamma_L|$$



Measurements with two loads L1 and L2:

$$S_{L1} = S_{FS} + (1 - |S_{FS}|^2)\eta_a H_{L1} + C \left(\sqrt{\sigma_s} + \sqrt{\sigma_r^{\text{max}}} \cdot |\Gamma_{L1}| \right)$$

$$S_{L2} = S_{FS} + (1 - |S_{FS}|^2)\eta_a H_{L2} + C \left(\sqrt{\sigma_s} + \sqrt{\sigma_r^{\text{max}}} \cdot |\Gamma_{L2}| \right)$$

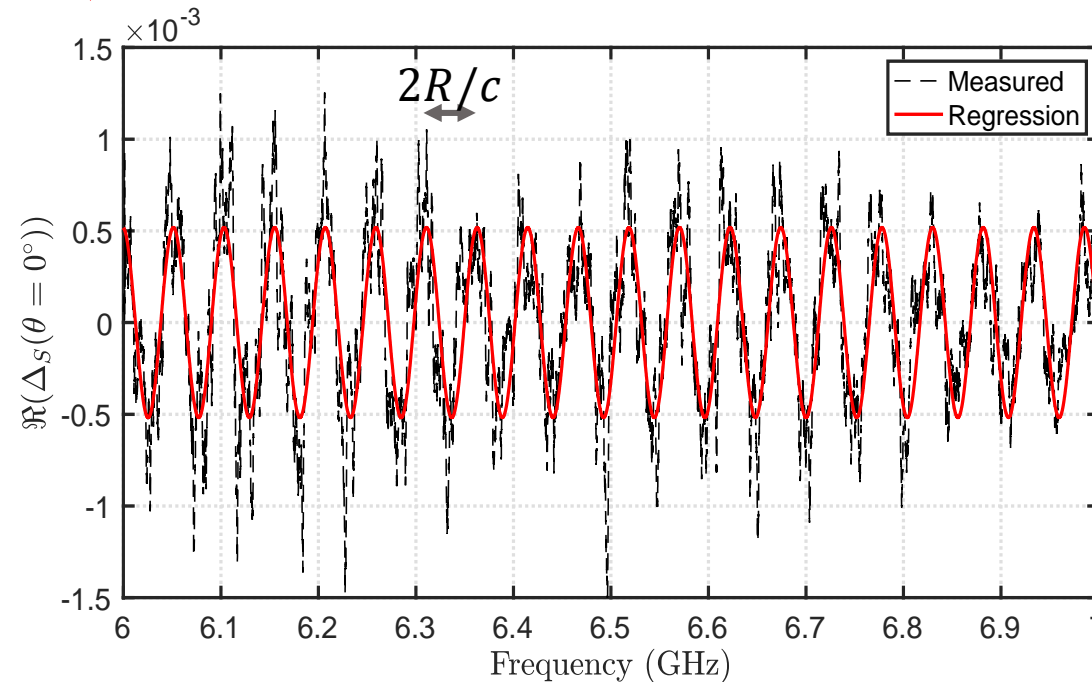
$$S_{L1} - S_{L2} = (1 - |S_{FS}|^2)\eta_a (H_{L1} - H_{L2}) + C \sqrt{\sigma_r^{\text{max}}} \cdot (|\Gamma_{L1}| - |\Gamma_{L2}|)$$

$$S_{L1} - S_{L2} = (1 - |S_{FS}|^2)\eta_a(H_{L1} - H_{L2}) + |C|\sqrt{\sigma_r^{max}}(|\Gamma_{L1}| - |\Gamma_{L2}|) \exp\frac{-j2\pi f2R}{c}$$

$$\Delta_S = \sqrt{\sigma_r^{max}} \exp\left(-j2\pi f \frac{2R}{c}\right) + noise$$

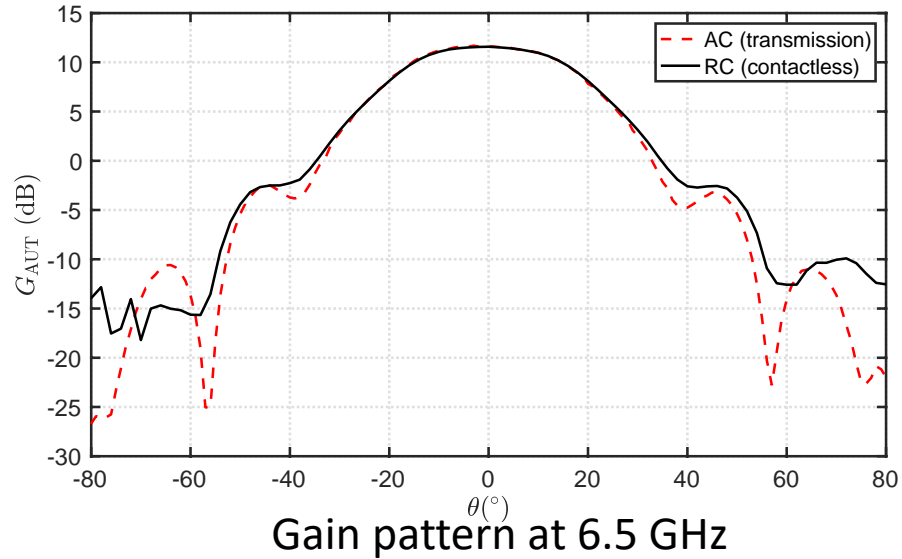


72 stirring positions
+
sinusoidal regression

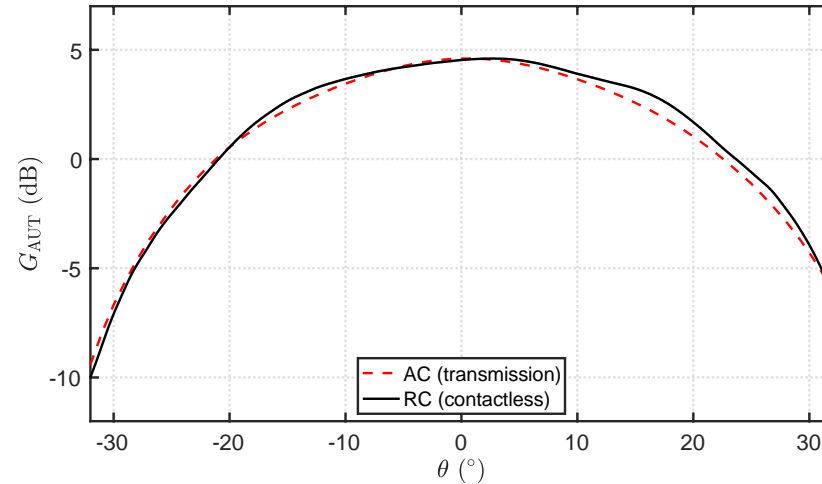


Validation ESYCOM RC 19 m³

Fréquency: [6-7] GHz

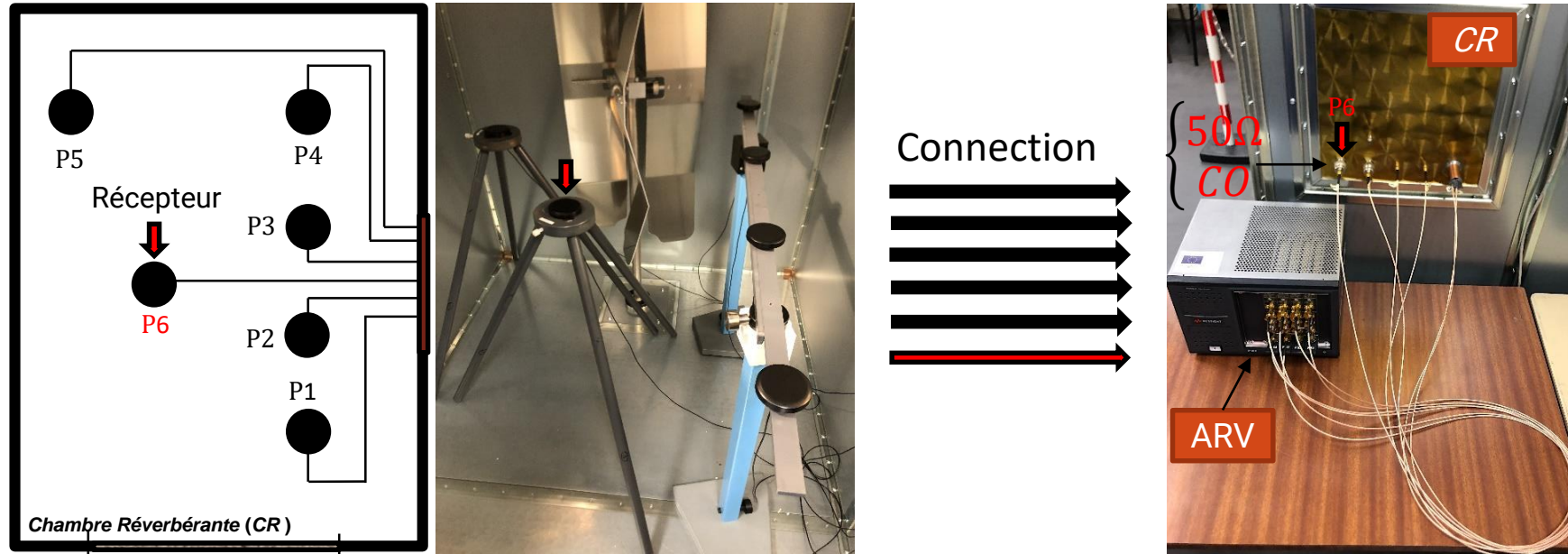


Fréquency: [3-4] GHz

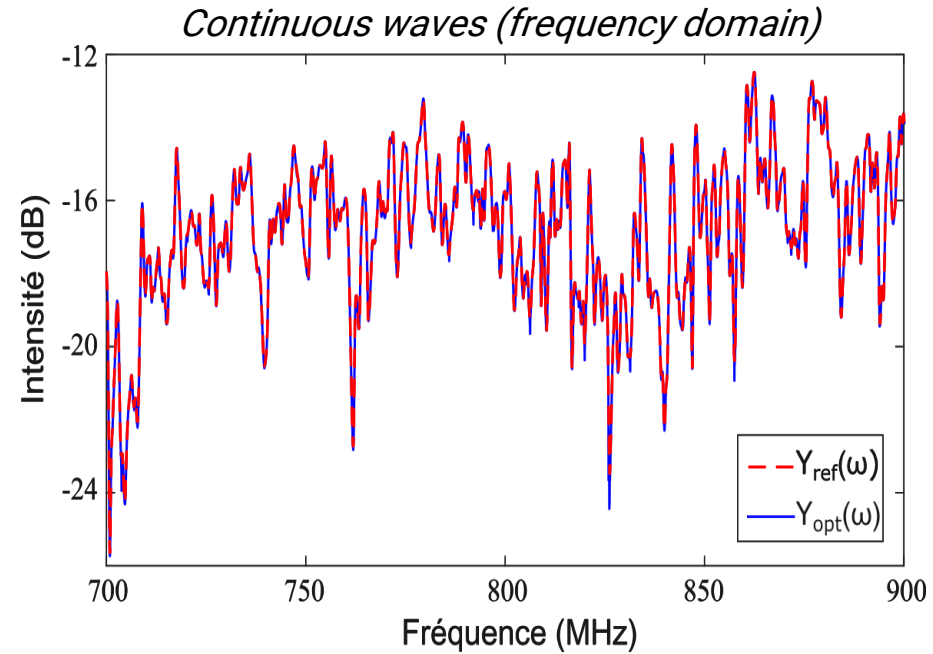


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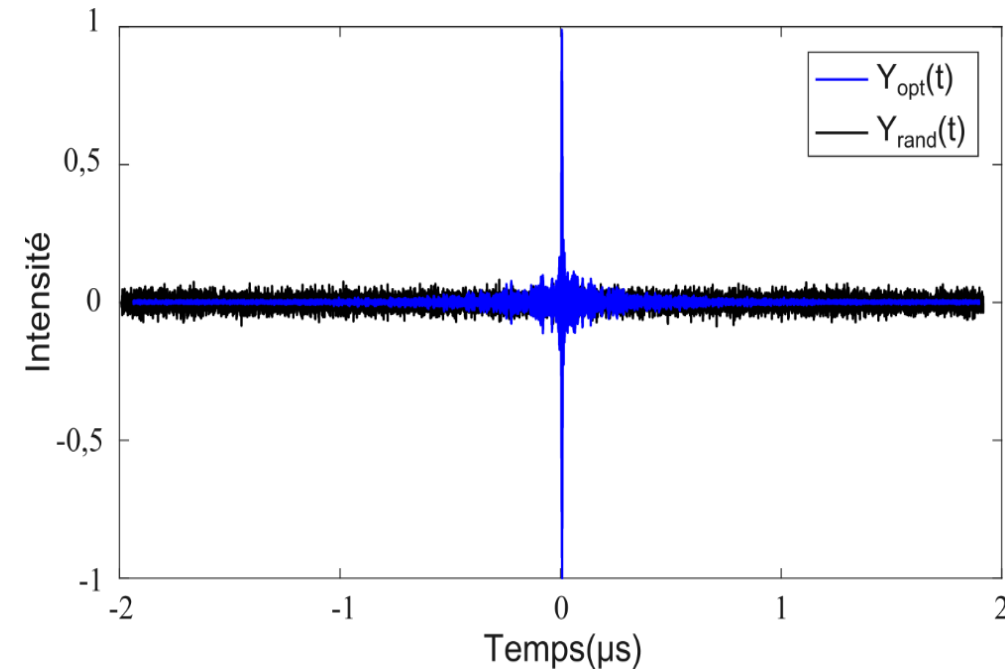
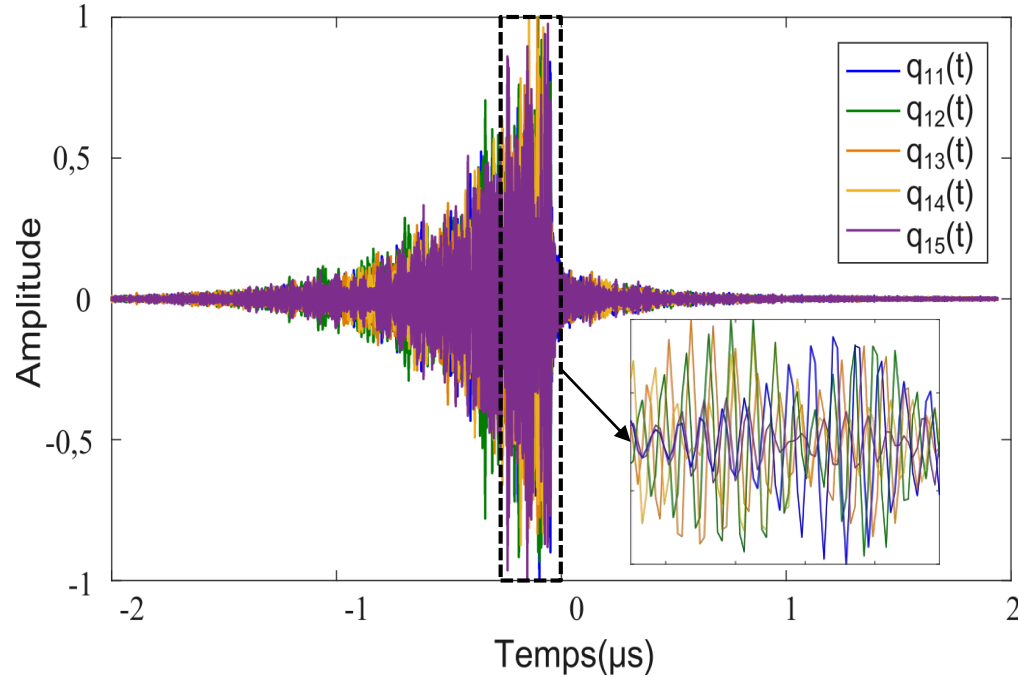
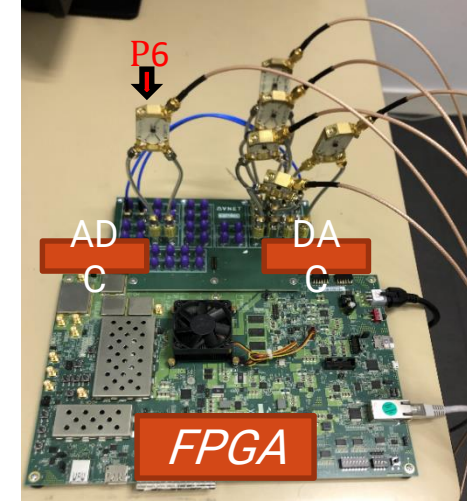
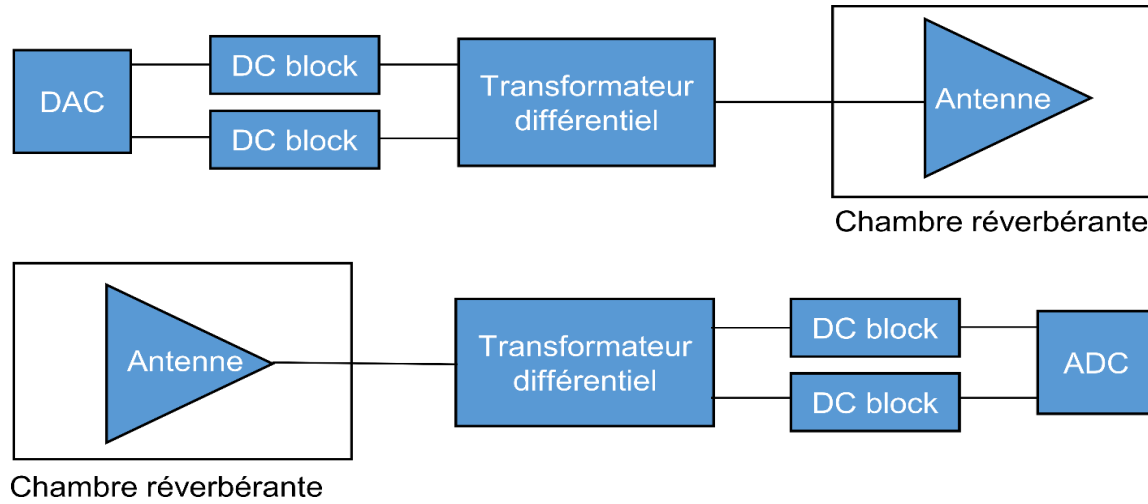
Focalization upon detection of the modification of the backscattered field (opérateur de Wigner-Smith généralisé)



- Impedance modification: 50Ω (S_1) and CO (S_2) $\rightarrow Q_\alpha = -iS_1^{-1}(S_1 - S_2)$
- Diagonalization of $Q_\alpha \rightarrow q_i$ with the highest $|\lambda_i| \rightarrow$ Most sensitive to the change
- Injection de q_i à l'émission \rightarrow focalisation



- $Y_{ref}(\omega) = |\psi_{ref}(\omega)t(\omega)|^2 = \|T\|^2$, PHASE CONJUGATION
- $Y_{opt}(\omega) = |\psi_{opt}(\omega)T(\omega)|^2$, avec $\psi_{opt} = q_1^T$; WSG FOCALIZATION



How to conclude this ?

- Impossible !
- Research within the scope of RCs or diffuse (chaotic) field environments are still extended
- This presentation is only a sample
- Many more stimulating research areas involving
 - Wavefront shaping / RIS
 - Noise correlation
 - ... / ...

