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We consider the propagation of waves in media with attenuation. Attenuation is a frequency-dependent phenomenon and several constitutive laws exist to consider it, each leading to different models of wave equations. In the inverse problem for the reconstruction of the physical properties from the measurements of waves, considering a medium with attenuation leads to additional unknown coefficients to recover (those that represent the attenuation), while the precise attenuation law characterizing the medium is also unknown a priori. In this work, we consider the inverse wave problem for visco-acoustic and visco-elastic media. We use time-harmonic formulations which allow us to unify the models of attenuation using complex-valued parameters and illustrate the wave propagation depending on the attenuation model. We carry out quantitative reconstruction with attenuation model uncertainty using an iterative minimization procedure. Furthermore, we also consider the case of reflecting boundaries surrounding the sample, which lead to multiple reflections within the domain and complicate the reconstruction.

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