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LOW FREQUENCY ACOUSTIC PERFORMANCE

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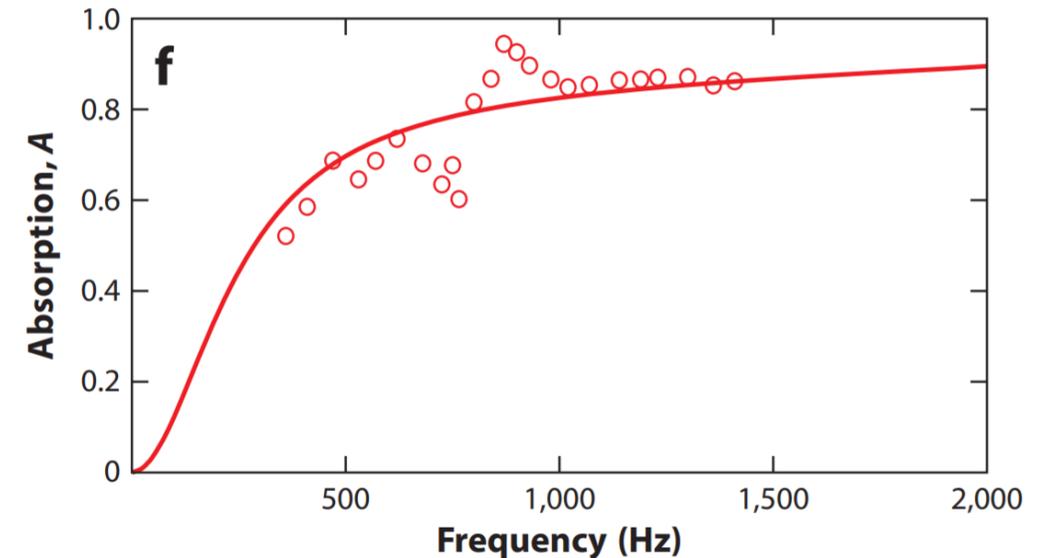
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Dark acoustic metamaterials as super absorbers for low-frequency sound

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The attenuation of low-frequency sound has been a challenging task because the intrinsic dissipation of materials is inherently weak in this regime. Here we present a thin-film acoustic metamaterial, comprising an elastic membrane decorated with asymmetric rigid platelets that aims to totally absorb low-frequency airborne sound at selective resonance frequencies ranging from 100-1,000 Hz. Our samples can reach almost unity absorption at frequencies where the relevant sound wavelength in air is three orders of magnitude larger than the membrane thickness. At resonances, the flapping motion of the rigid platelets leads naturally to large elastic curvature energy density at their perimeter regions. As the flapping motions couple only minimally to the radiation modes, the overall energy density in the membrane can be two-to-three orders of magnitude larger than the incident wave energy density at low frequencies, forming in essence an open cavity.



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INTRODUCTION

- Effect of front and rear surface boundary conditions on foam sound absorption
- Influence of edge constraints on transmission loss of poroelastic materials including effect of finite mass supports
- “Metamaterial” barrier

CEPSTRAL TECHNIQUES IN THE MEASUREMENT OF ACOUSTIC REFLECTION
COEFFICIENTS, WITH APPLICATIONS TO THE DETERMINATION OF
ACOUSTIC PROPERTIES OF ELASTIC POROUS MATERIALS



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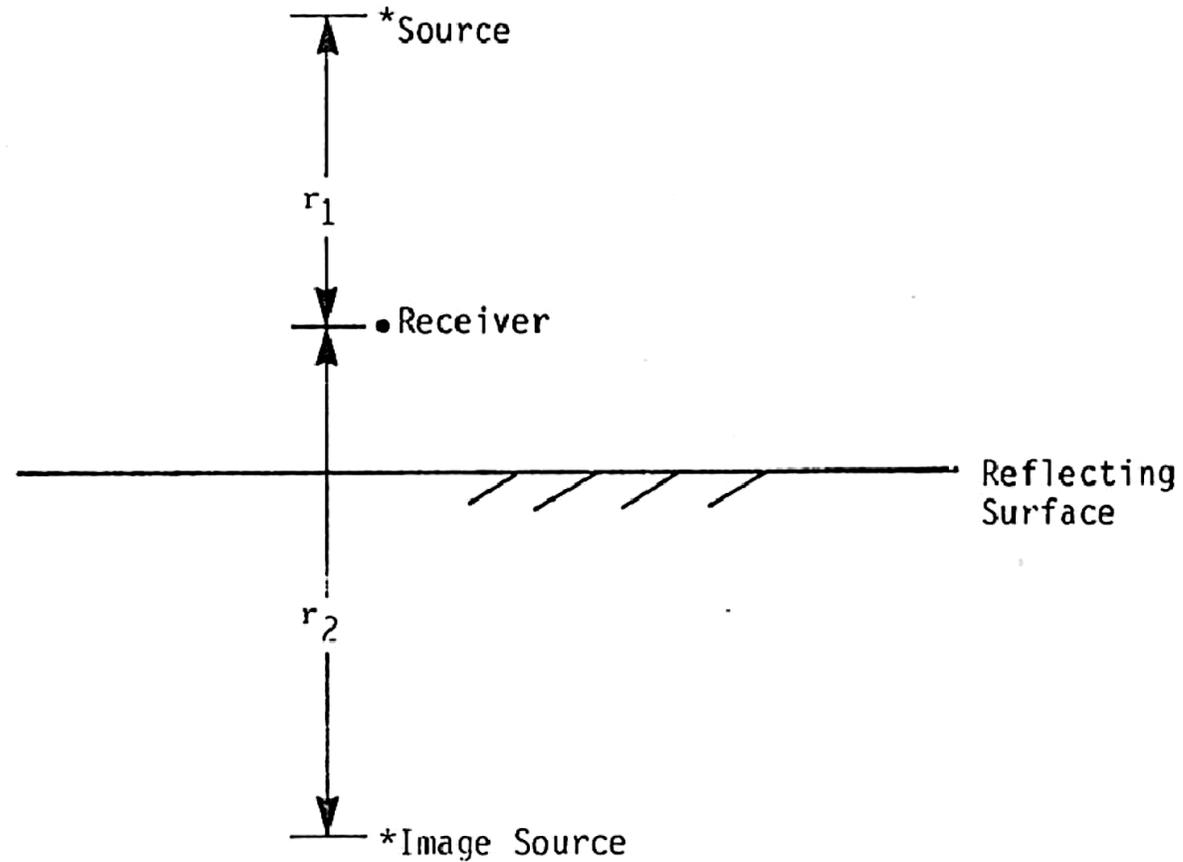
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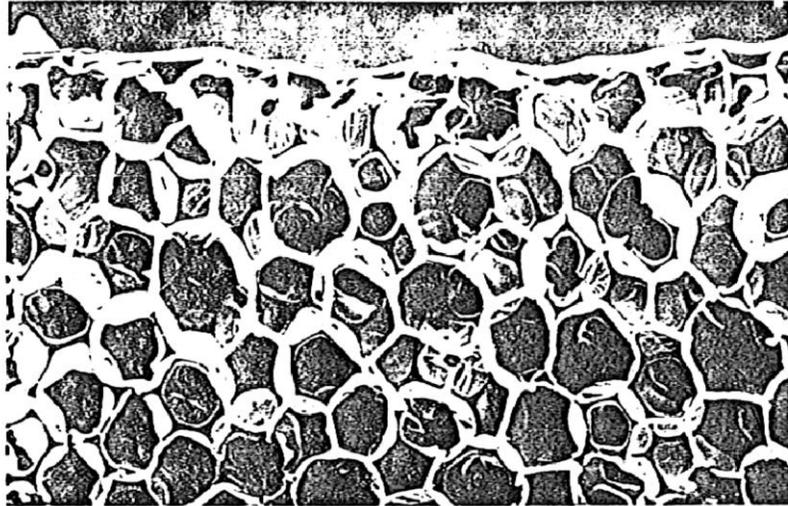
Doctor of Philosophy

Normal Incidence Measurement of Reflection



Experimental geometry.

Film-faced Polyurethane Foam



Side view of Film surface. Note: $40\mu\text{m}$ thick polyurethane film and the fact that most cells are partially closed by thin membranes.

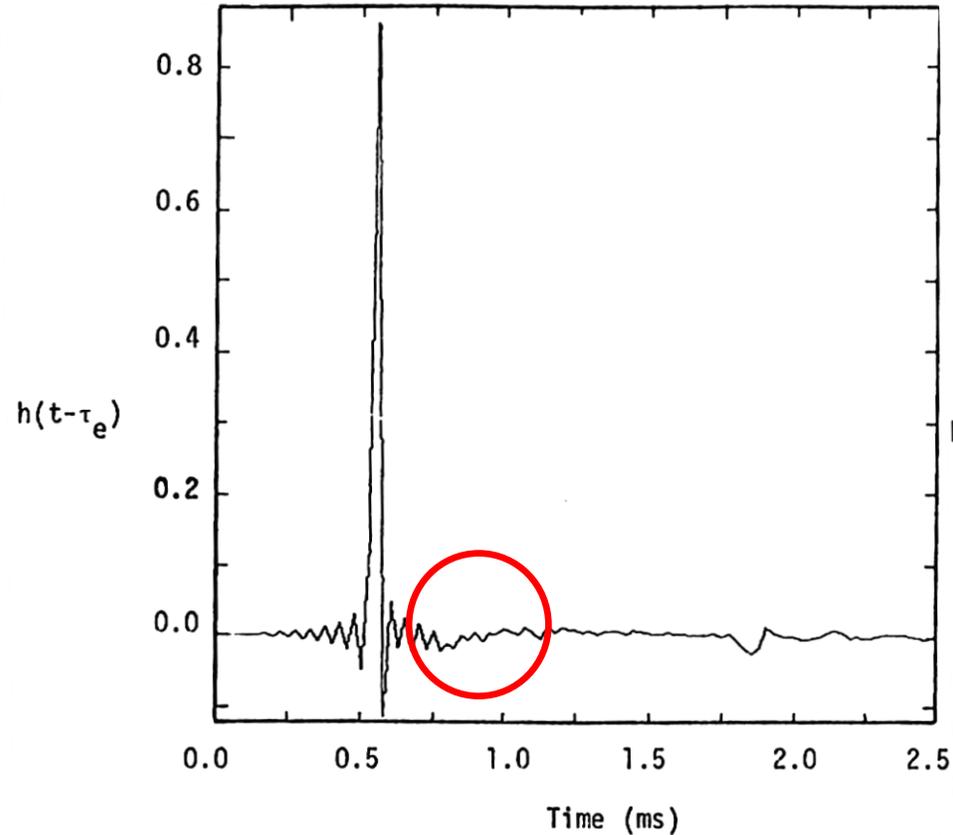


Detail of foam interior. Note: angular fibre shape and that the membranes do not appear to be under tension.

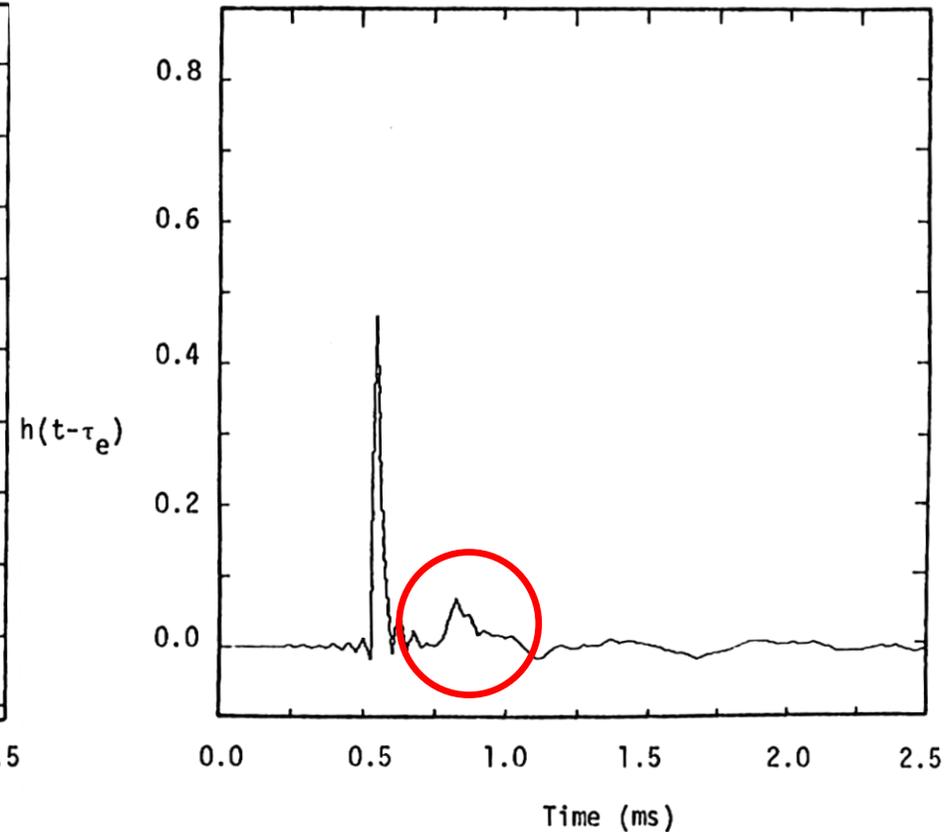
Scanning electron micrographs of the foam sample

- 25 mm layer of foam – one side covered with flame-bonded film, the other open.
- Many intact membranes

Reflection Impulse Response

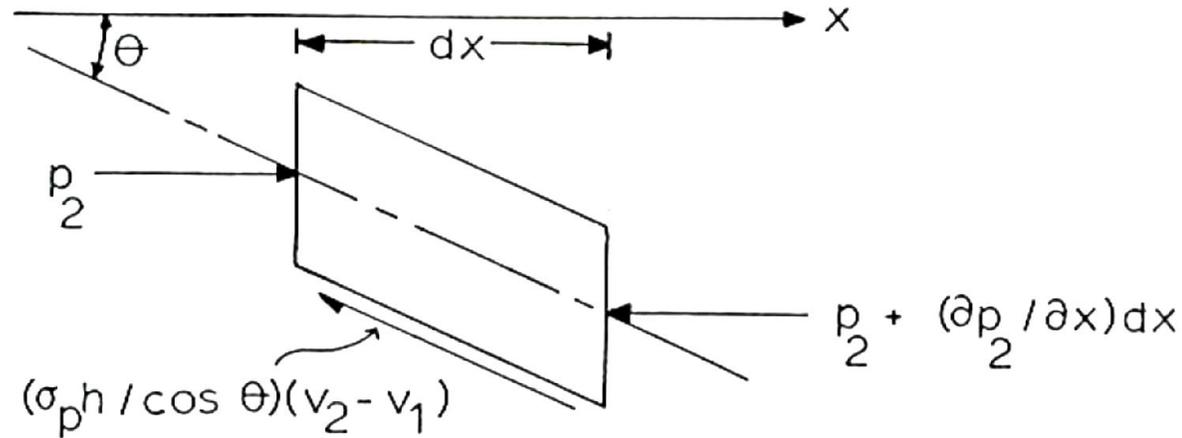


(Film-faced surface up)



(Foam-open surface up)

One-Dimensional Poroelastic Material Theory



External forces acting on the fluid component.

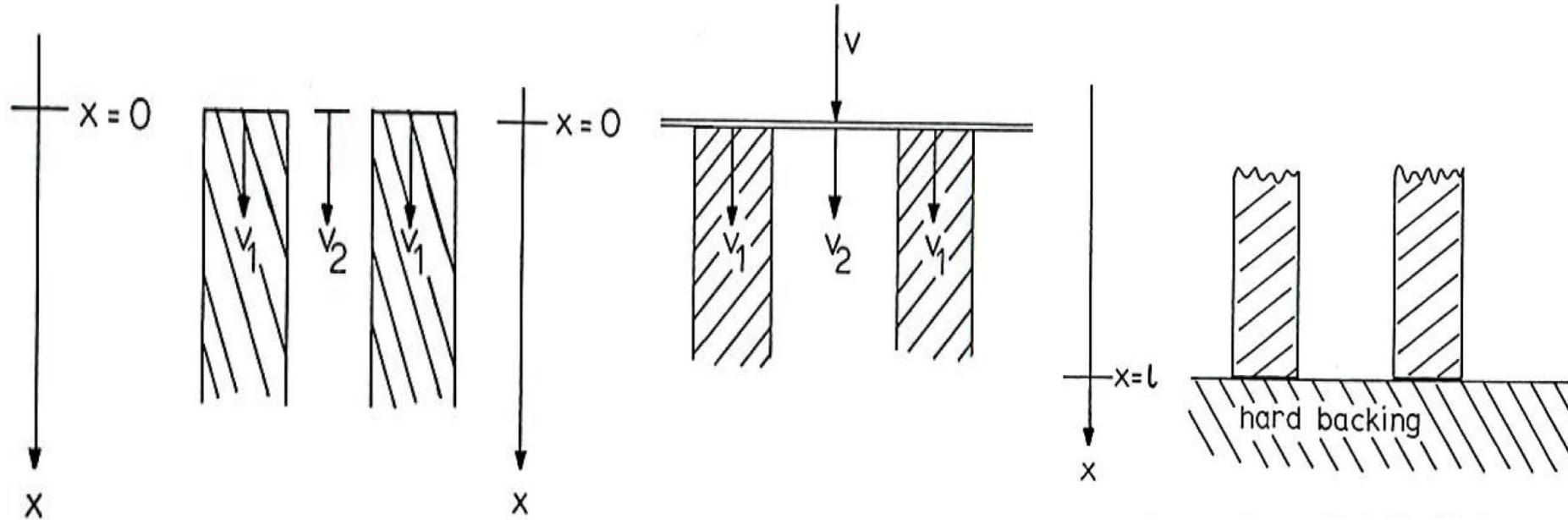
Equations of motion:

$$\text{Fluid: } -\frac{\partial p_2}{\partial x} = \rho_2 \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial t} + \rho_2 (\epsilon - 1) \frac{\partial (v_2 - v_1)}{\partial t} + \sigma h^2 (v_2 - v_1).$$

$$\text{Solid: } -\frac{\partial p_1}{\partial x} = \rho_1 \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial t} + \rho_2 (\epsilon - 1) \frac{\partial (v_1 - v_2)}{\partial t} + \sigma h^2 (v_1 - v_2).$$

- Based on Zwicker and Kosten, plus Rosin with complex density and air stiffness taken from Attenborough.

Boundary Conditions



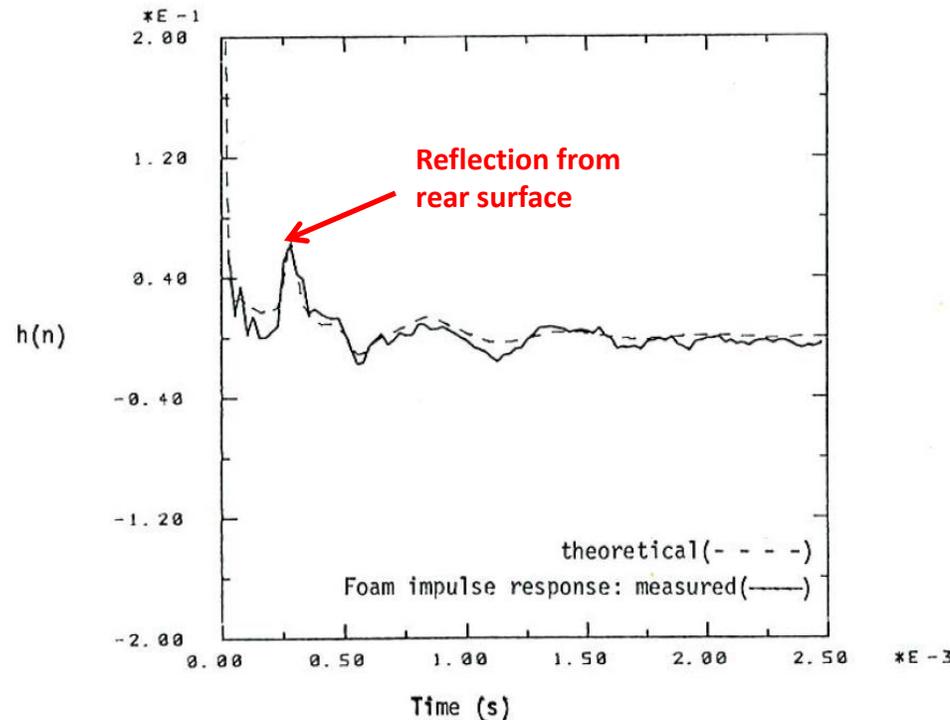
Open foam surface

Foam surface sealed with an impervious membrane

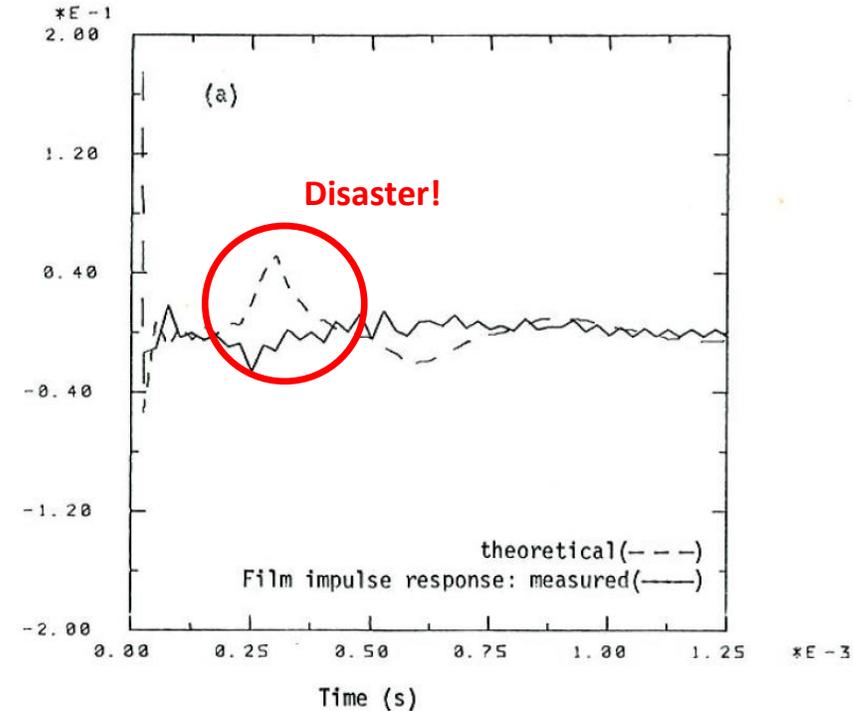
Foam fixed to a hard backing

Reflection Impulse Response - Predicted

Open Surface Foam



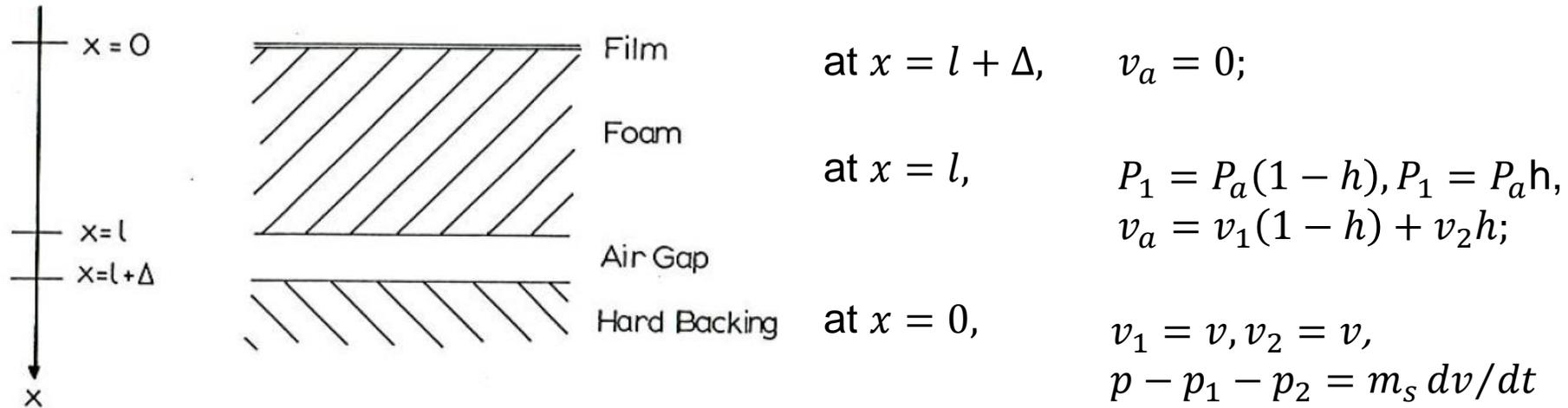
Film-faced Foam



$$\rho_1 = 30 \text{ kg/m}^3, l = 25 \text{ mm}, \varphi = 0.9, E_0 = 4 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}, \eta = 0.265,$$

$$\varepsilon = 6.025, \sigma = 130 \times 10^3 \text{ nks Rays/m}, \nu = 0.39, m_s = 0.045 \text{ kg/m}^2$$

Film-forced Foam / Thin Air Gap



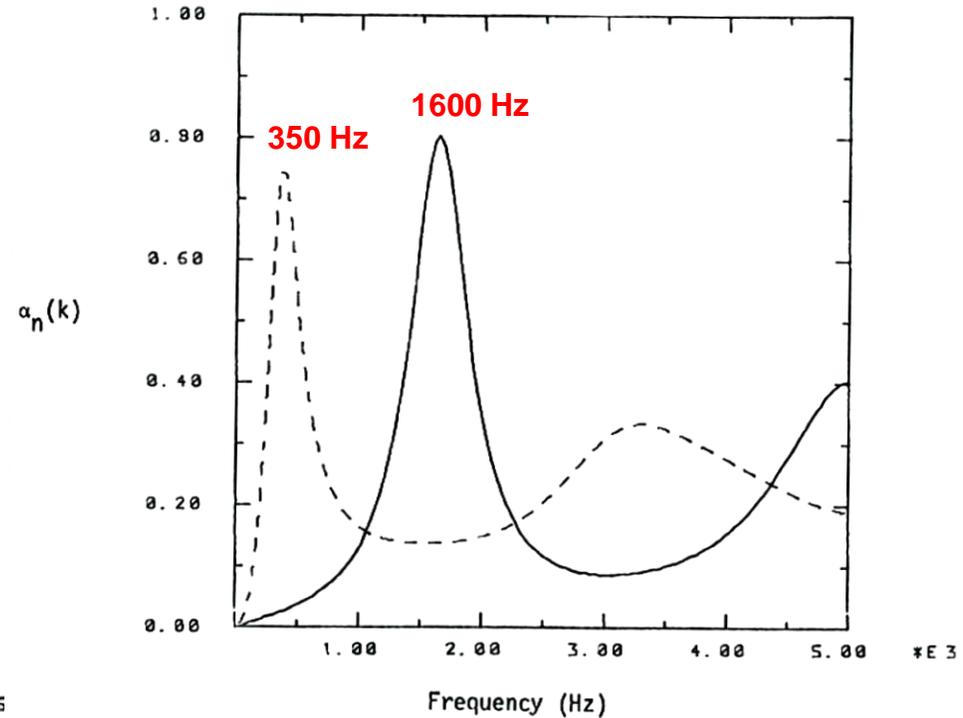
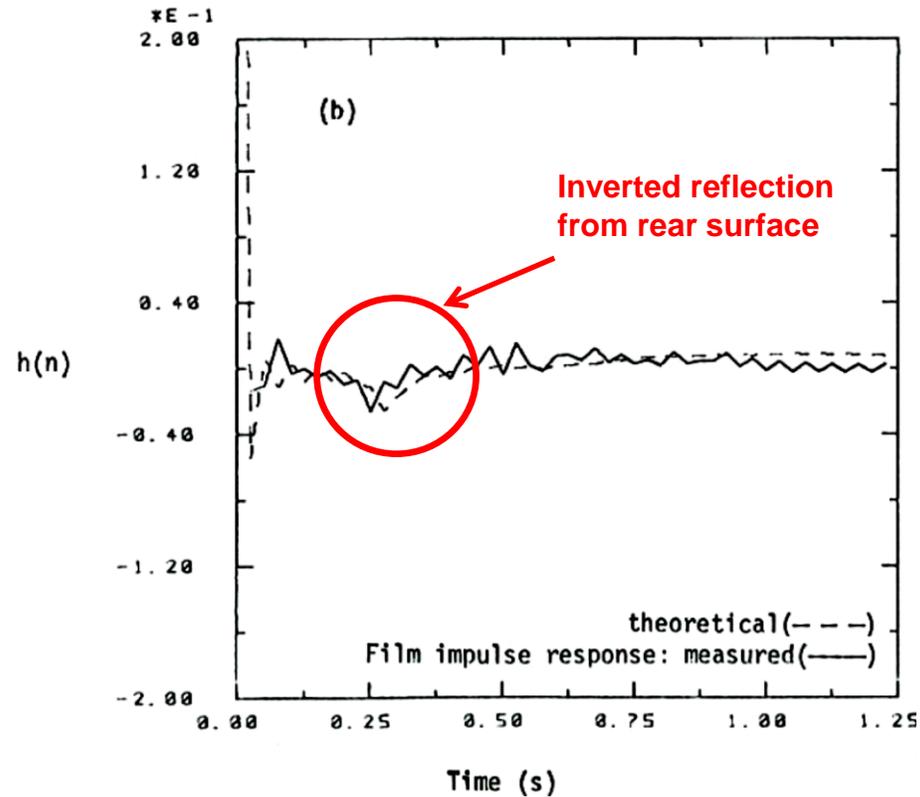
A finite depth layer of film-faced foam separated from a hard backing surface by an air layer of depth Δ .

Impedance: $j\omega Z = -\omega^2 m_s - N'/D'$

The solution of this set of seven equations presents no difficulties in principle, but is algebraically tedious. The complete solution is outlined in Appendix 6.2; only the result is given here. The impedance takes the form

$$j\omega Z = -\omega^2 m_s - N'/D'$$

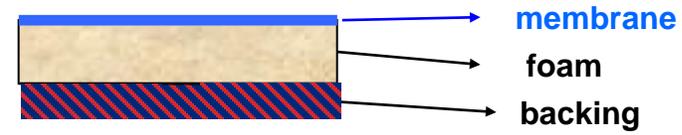
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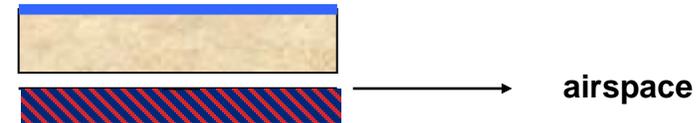
Effect of rear surface boundary condition on Film normal incidence absorption coefficient: model of section 6.4.3.2(—); model of section 6.4.3.3, air layer depth 0.001m(---).

Absorption treatments

- Bonded/Bonded



- Bonded/Unbonded



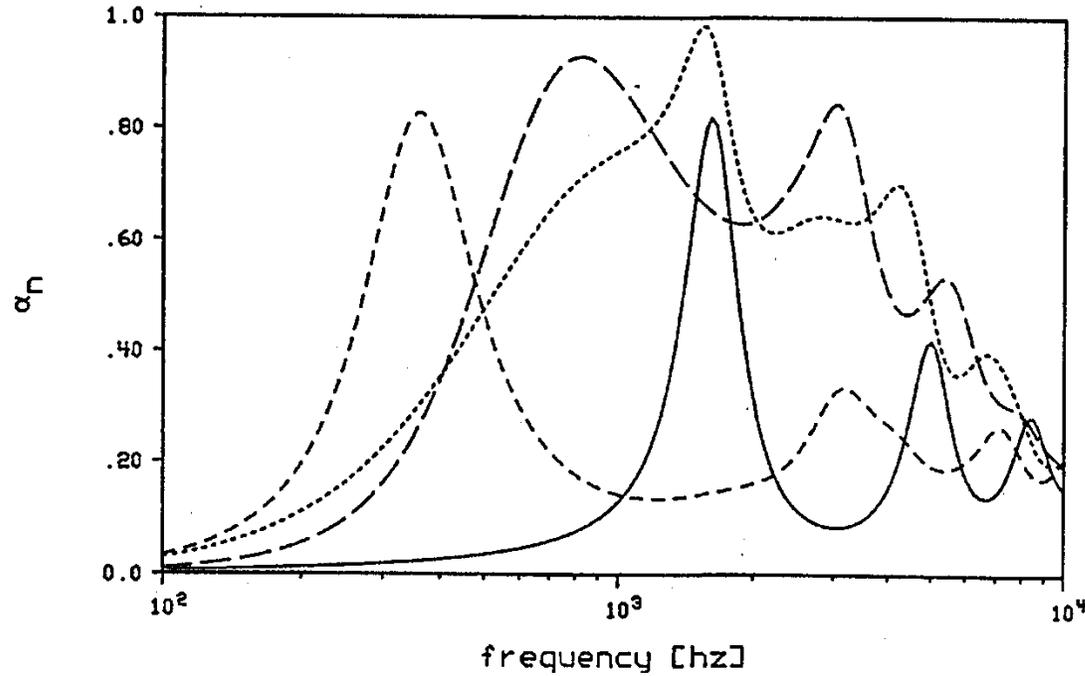
- Unbonded/Bonded



- Unbonded/Unbonded



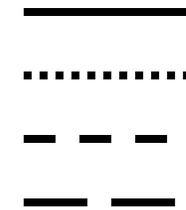
Normal Incidence Absorption



- **Foam** – 25 mm, 30kg/m³
- **Membrane** – 0.045 kg/m²
- **Airspaces** – 1 mm

Effects of Airspace at front and rear

1. Film/Foam/Backing
2. Film/Space/Foam/Backing
3. Film/Foam/Space/Backing
4. Film/Space/Foam/Space/Backing



Sound absorption of elastic framed porous materials in combination with impervious films: effect of bonding

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Abstract

The absorption characteristics of elastic framed absorbers in combination with impervious films has been investigated. The effect of bonding the film to the absorber and the absorbers to their rear surface was examined. The results have been modelled using established methods for predicting the absorption of elastic framed porous materials. The absorption of a foam with a film bonded to its top surface was most sensitive to the rear surface bonding condition. Plain foams and foams with loose-laid surface films were less sensitive to the rear surface bonding condition. The results demonstrate that test data used to predict absorption performance need to reflect the absorber mounting conditions. © 2002 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

Table 1
Parameters used for the modelled results in Fig. 1

Thickness	Tortuosity	Bulk density	Flow resistivity	Porosity	Complex shear modulus	Poisson's ratio	Form factor
t (mm)	k_s	ρ_1 (kg/m ³)	r (mks rayls/m, or Ns/m ⁴)	h	N (N/cm ²)	ν	c
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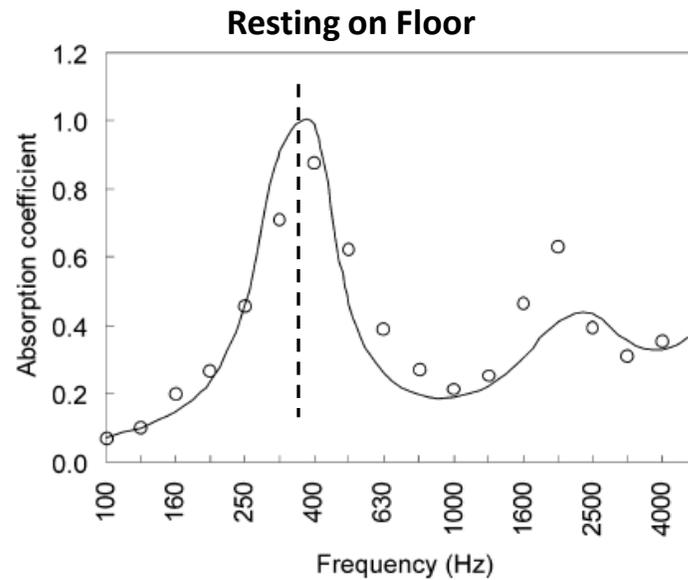


Fig. 1. Measured (○) and modelled (—) absorption of film faced foam at 24 mm thickness; foam was placed on rear surface (floor of reverberation room).

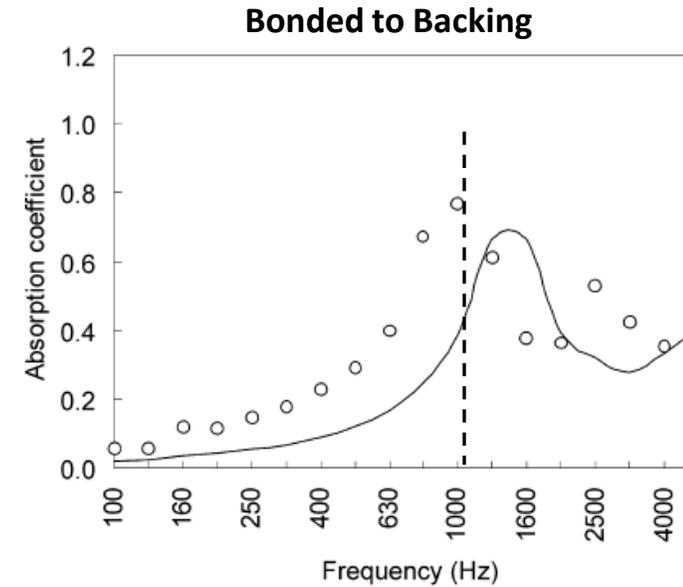


Fig. 2. Measured (○) and modelled (—) absorption of film faced foam at 24 mm thickness; foam was bonded to rear surface (gypsum board).

Normal Incidence Absorption

○ Bonded/Unbonded

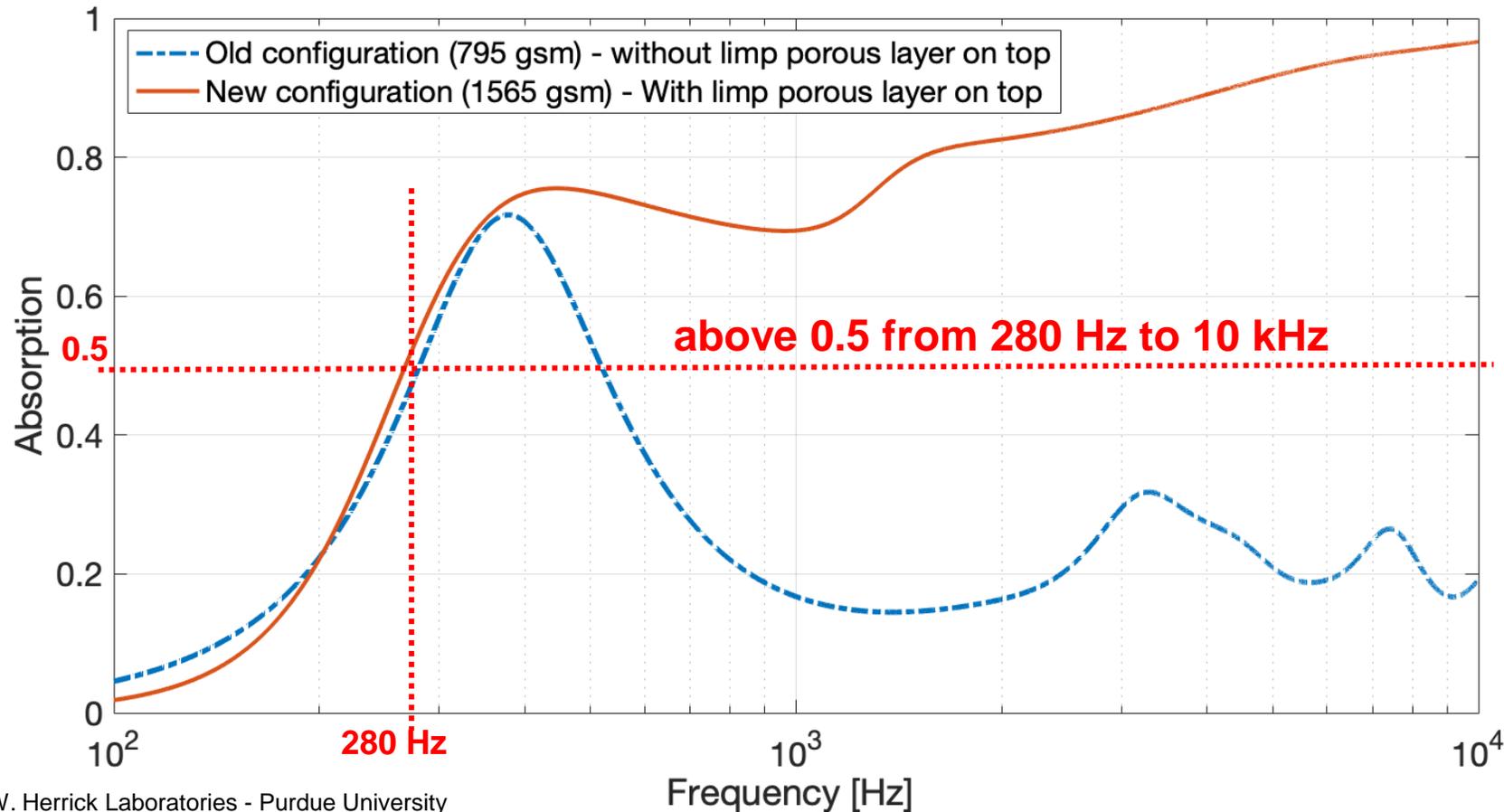


Adding a limp porous layer (3.2cm, 40kg/m³, 80000Rayls/m) on top to improve high frequency absorption

Limp membrane (45gsm)

Poro-elastic layer membrane (8mm, 30kg/m³, 130000Rayls/m)

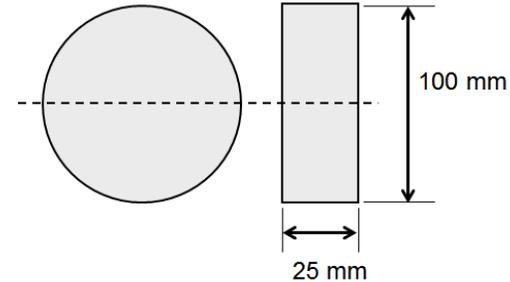
Airspace (1mm)



Impedance Tube Testing

☐ Melamine Foam (8.6 kg/m³)

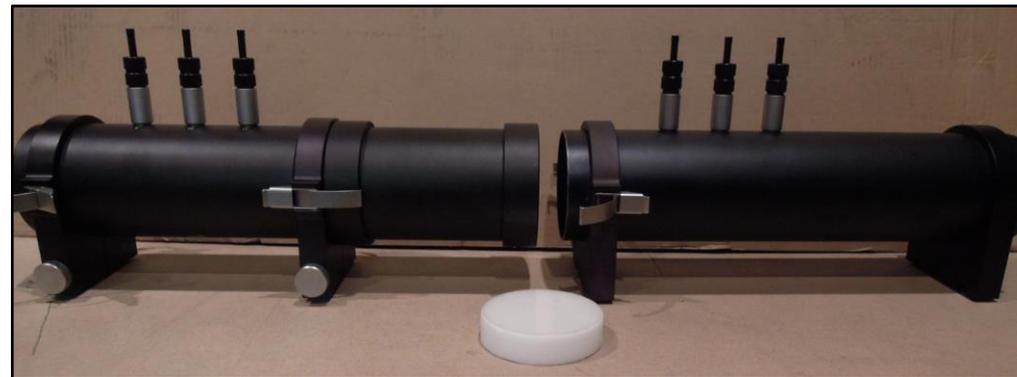
- 100 mm diameter
- 25 mm thick



☐ Each sample fit exactly by trimming the diameter & checking the fit with a TL measurement

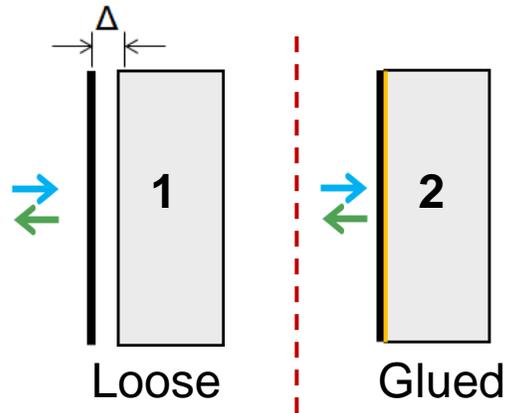
☐ Two Facing & Two Rear Surface Boundary Conditions

- Multiple trials
- Multiple samples



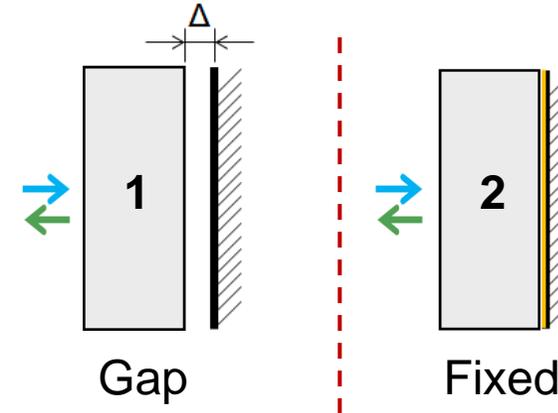
Surface Configurations

Front Surface:



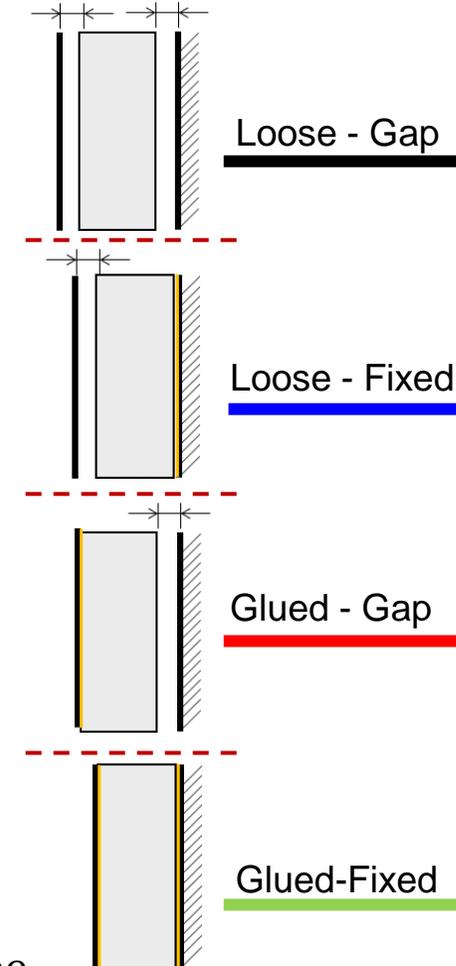
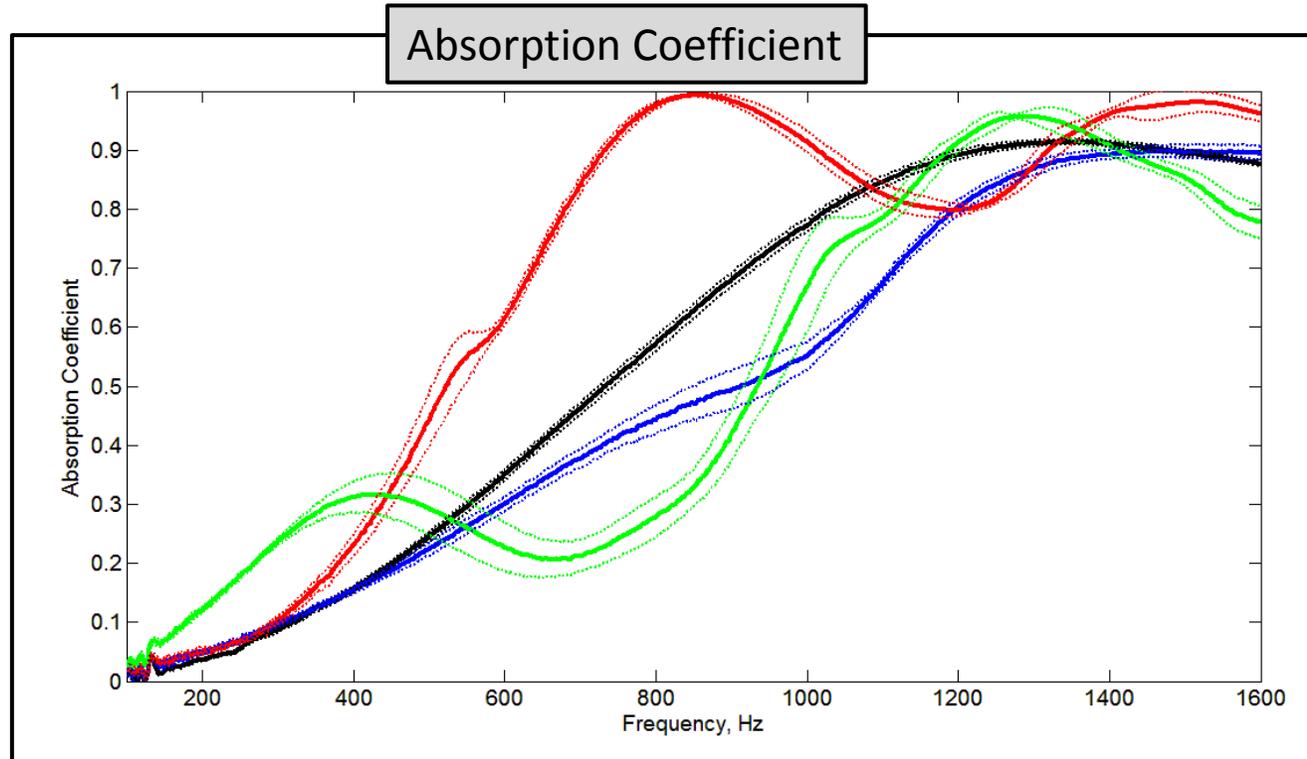
- 1) Plastic film near, but not adhered to foam
- 2) Plastic film glued to foam

Rear Surface:



- 1) Small gap between foam & rigid wall
- 2) Foam adhered to rigid wall

Absorption vs. Configuration - Test

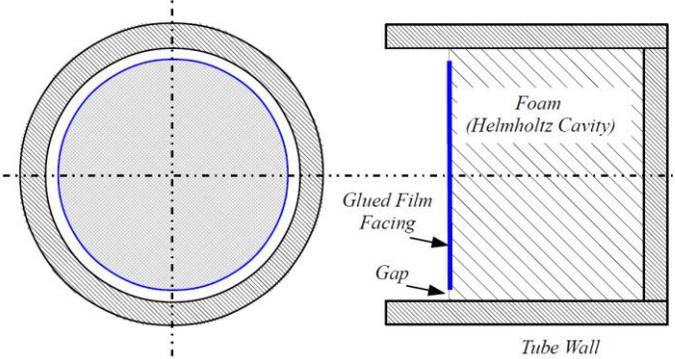
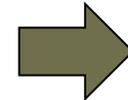
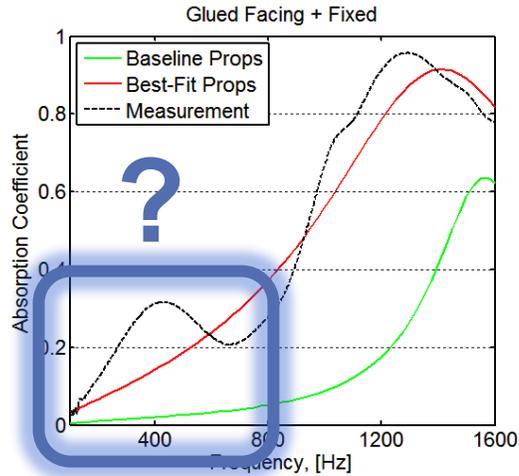


$$l = 25\text{mm}, \Delta_1 = 4.5\text{mm}, \Delta_2 = 1\text{mm}, m_s = 50\text{g/m}^2, h = 0.99,$$

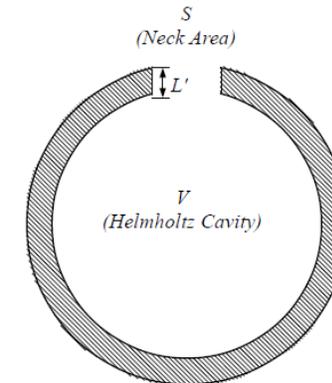
$$\sigma = 9.5 \times 10^3\text{mks Rayls/m}, \quad \varepsilon = 1.4,$$

$$P - \text{wave modulus} = 6.5 \times 10^5\text{Pa}, \eta = 0.2$$

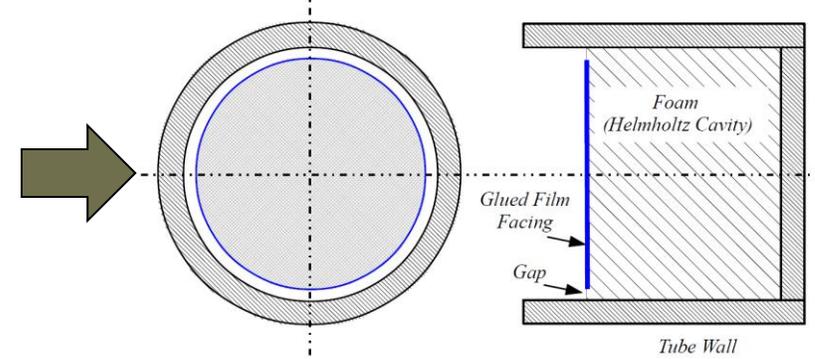
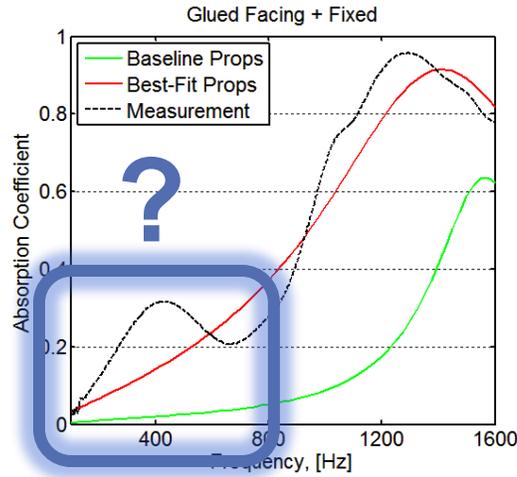
Helmholtz Resonator Effect



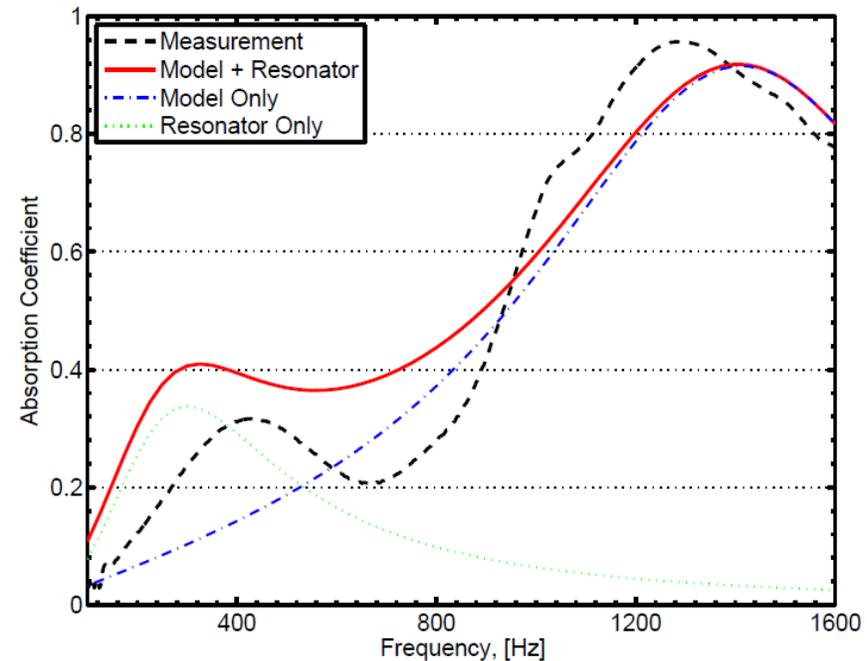
Mechanical Impedance	$z_m = R_r + j(\omega m - s/\omega)$
Mass	$m = \rho_0 S L'$
Stiffness	$s = \rho_0 c_0^2 S^2 / V$
Total Acoustic Impedance	$z = 1 / (1/z_H + 1/z_f)$



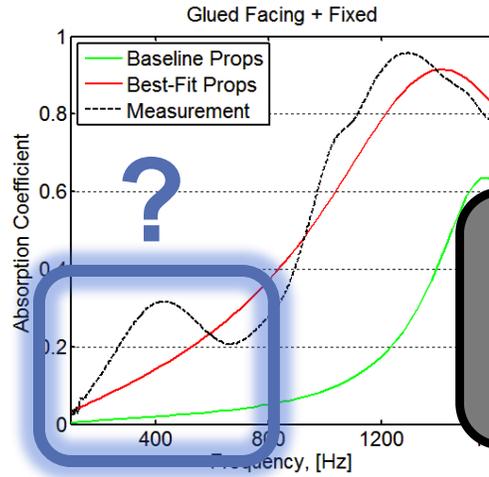
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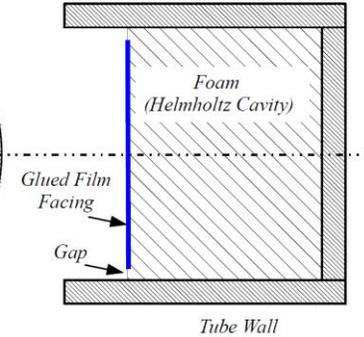
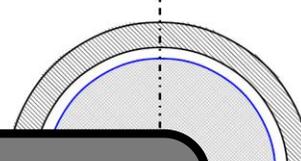
Combined Foam + Helmholtz Resonator System is Similar to Measured System



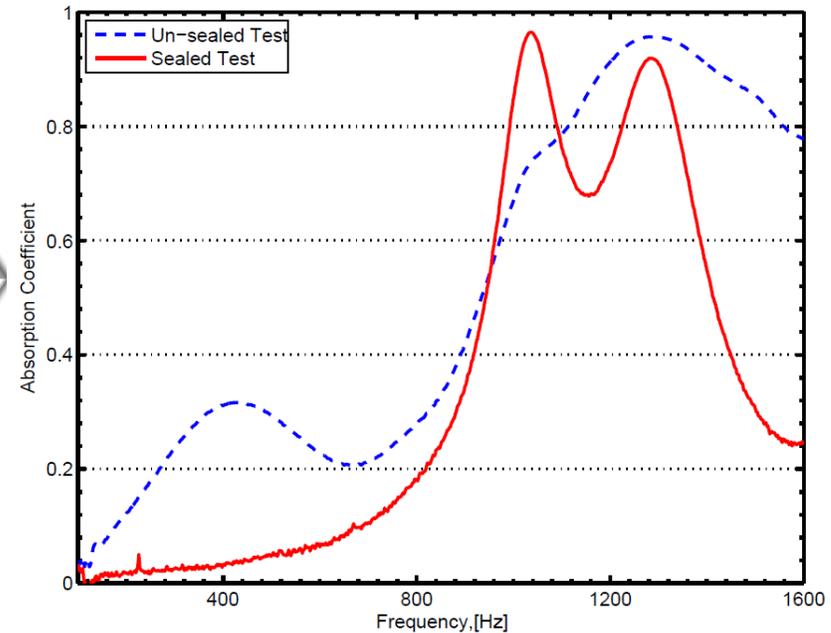
Helmholtz Resonator Effect



But is it really due to edge gaps?



Measured Glued Facing + Fixed with Edge Sealed





Enhancement of the low frequency performance of thin, film-faced layers of foam by surface segmentation

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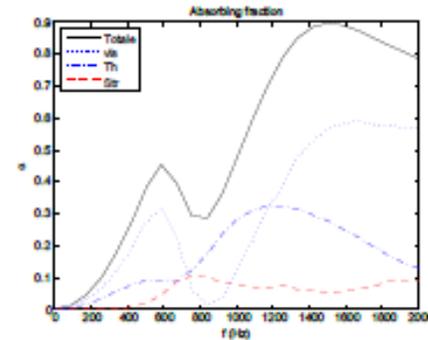
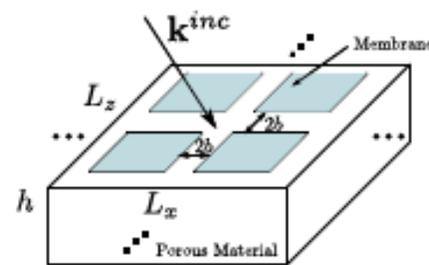
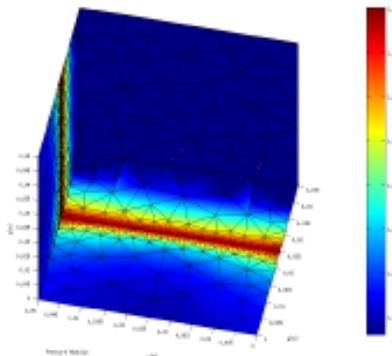
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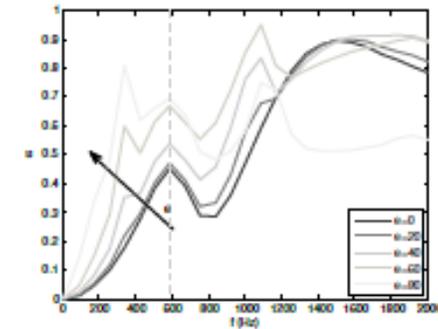
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Periodic patch and oblique incidence effect : $L_x = 50$ mm, $L_z = 50$ mm, $b = 1$ mm, $h = 25$ mm



Normal incidence



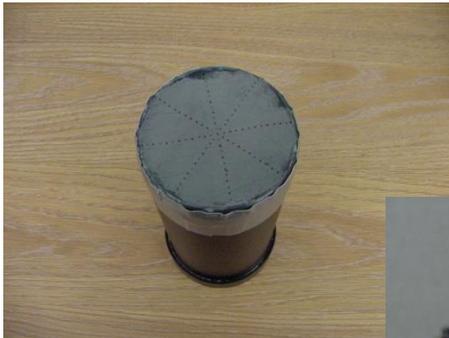
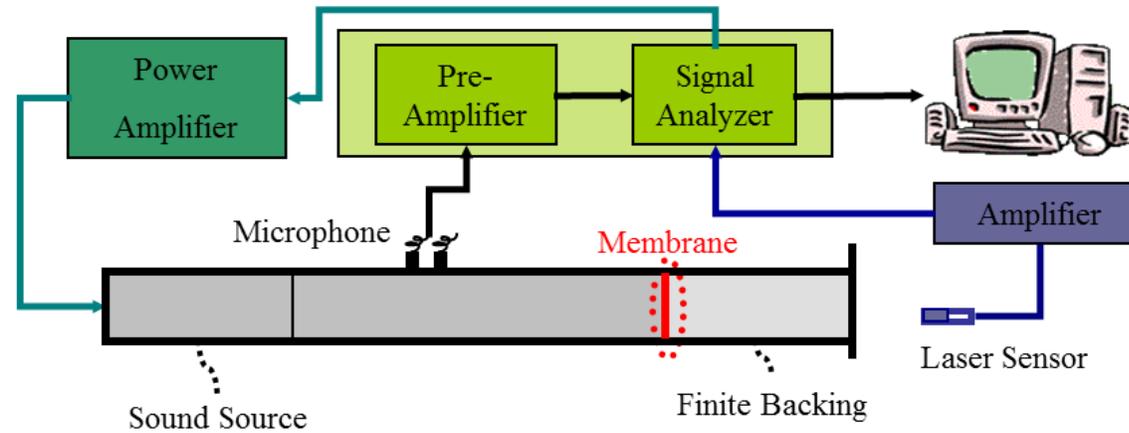
Other incidences

Prospects :

- Combination with double porosity material [5]
- Combination with Cuboid [6]



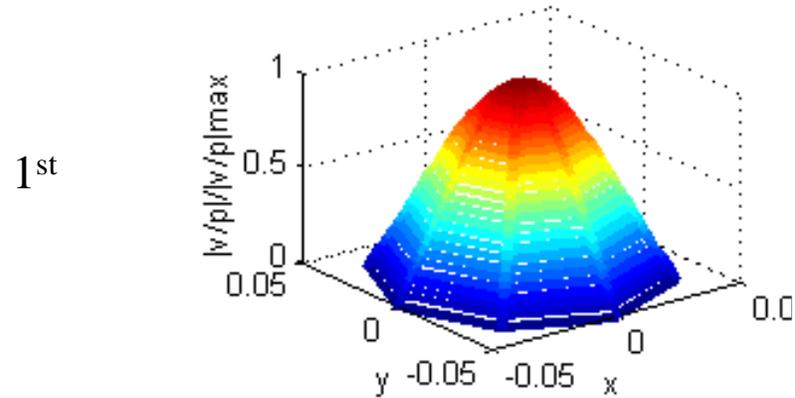
Tensioned Membranes Model Verification – Velocity Measurement



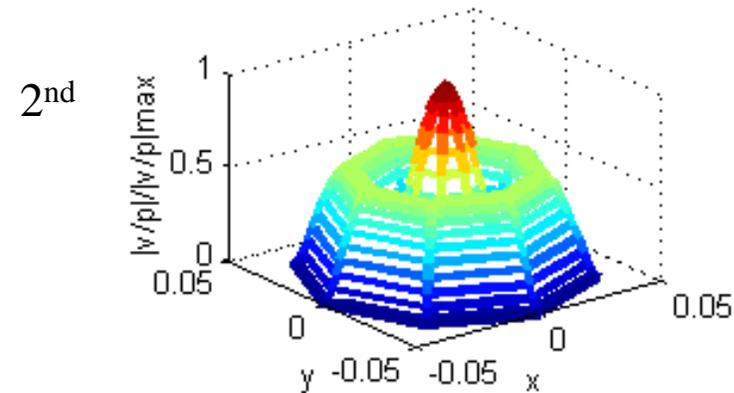
Model Verification – Vibrational Modes

Theory

Absolute velocity of membrane - Theory

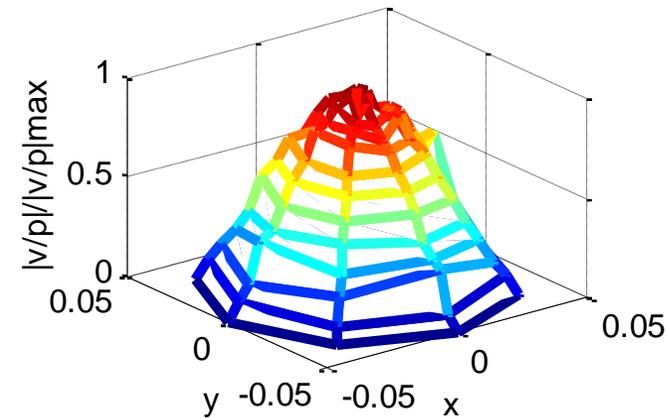


Absolute velocity of membrane - Theory

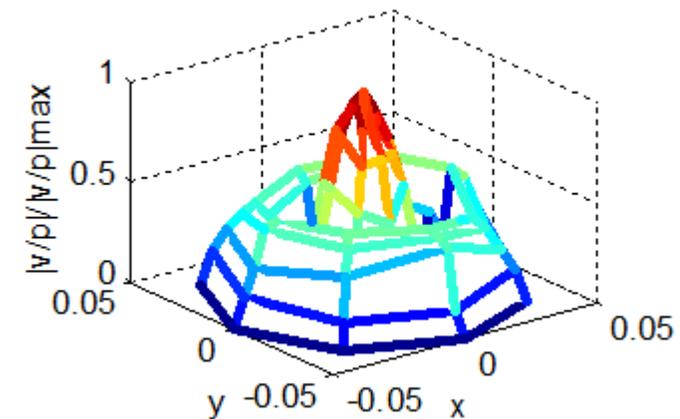


Experiment

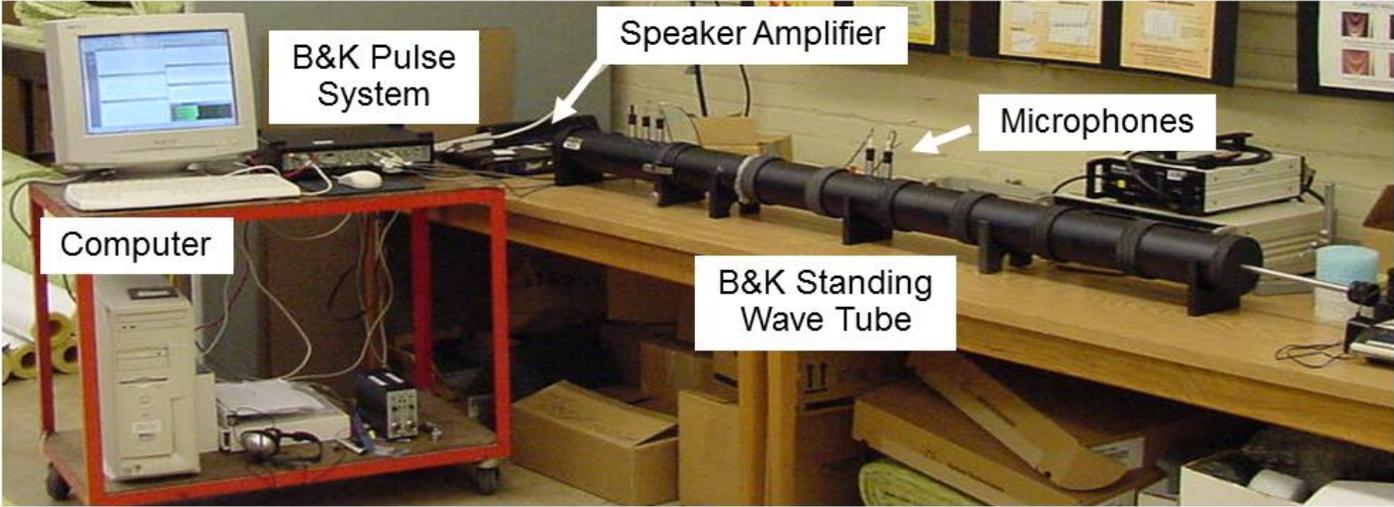
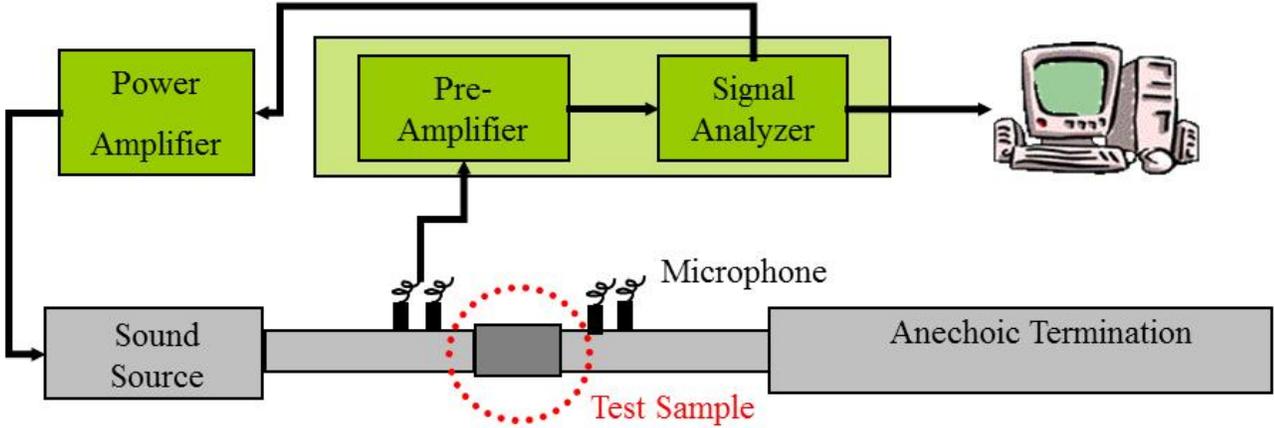
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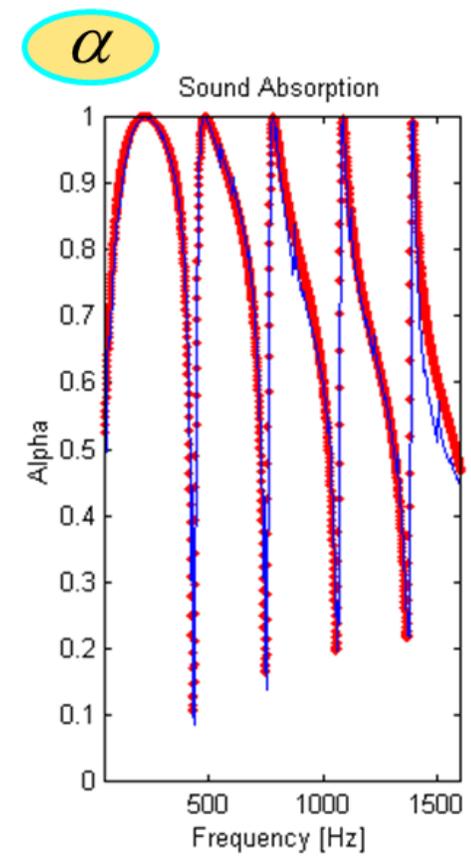
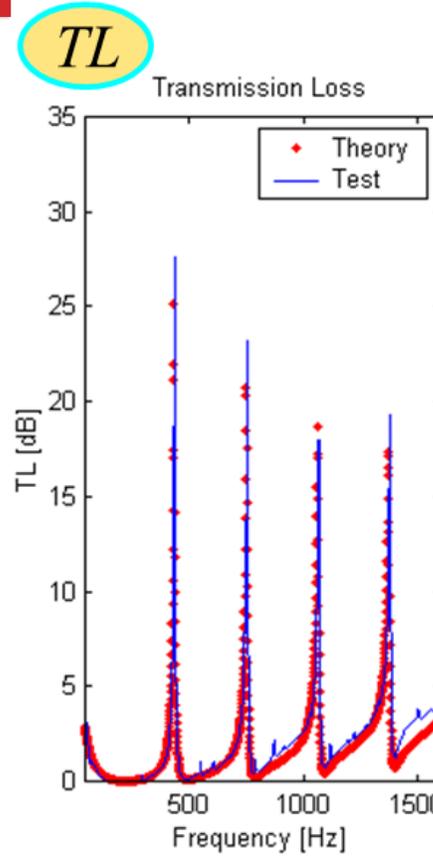
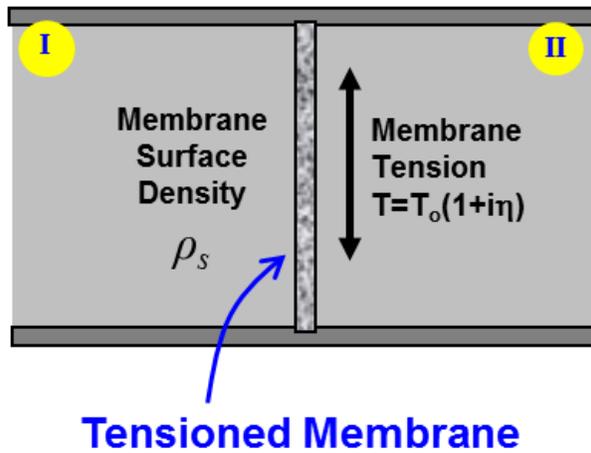


Model Verification – Experiment Set-up



Model Verification – Model Optimization

- Given experimental results as input, Find appropriate material properties (T_o , ρ_s , η)



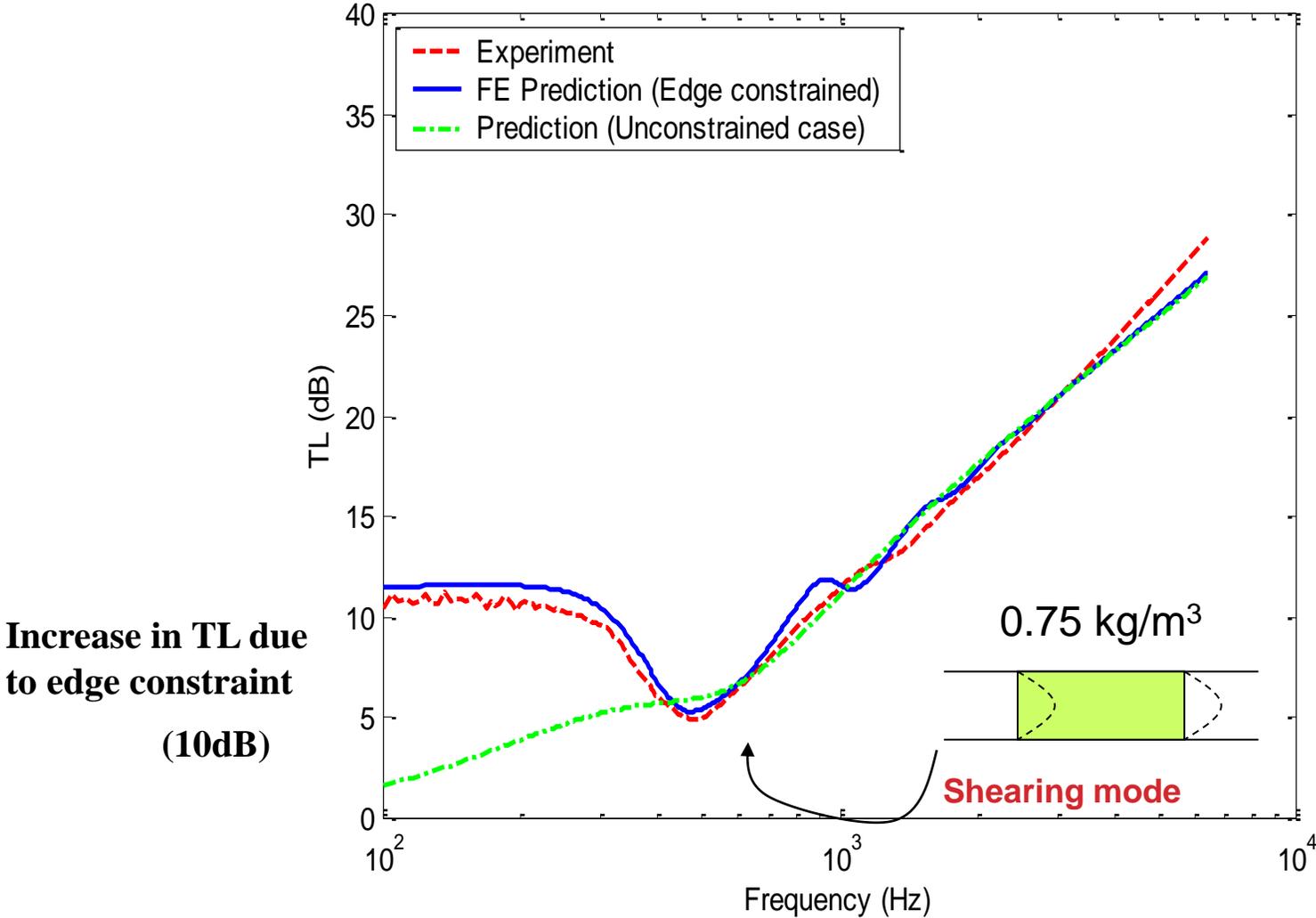
$T = 82 Pa$ $\eta = 0.0040$ $\rho_s = 0.0870 \text{ kg/m}^2$

- Why this behavior? – Finite size, held at edge, finite stiffness.
- Volume velocity cancellation produced TL peaks

Glass Fiber Material Inside of Sample Holder



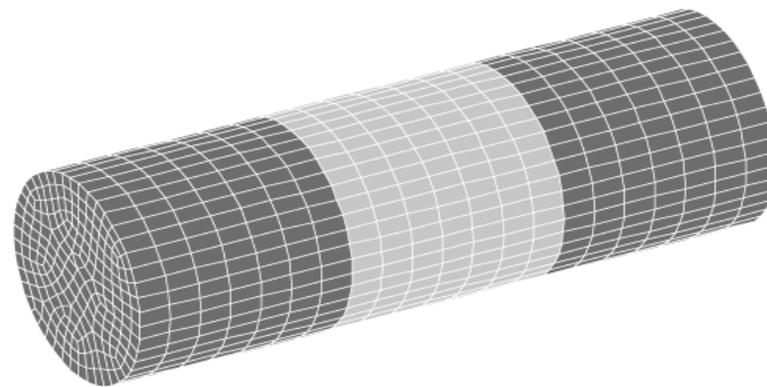
Anechoic Transmission Loss (Green)



- Low frequency limit controlled by flow resistance

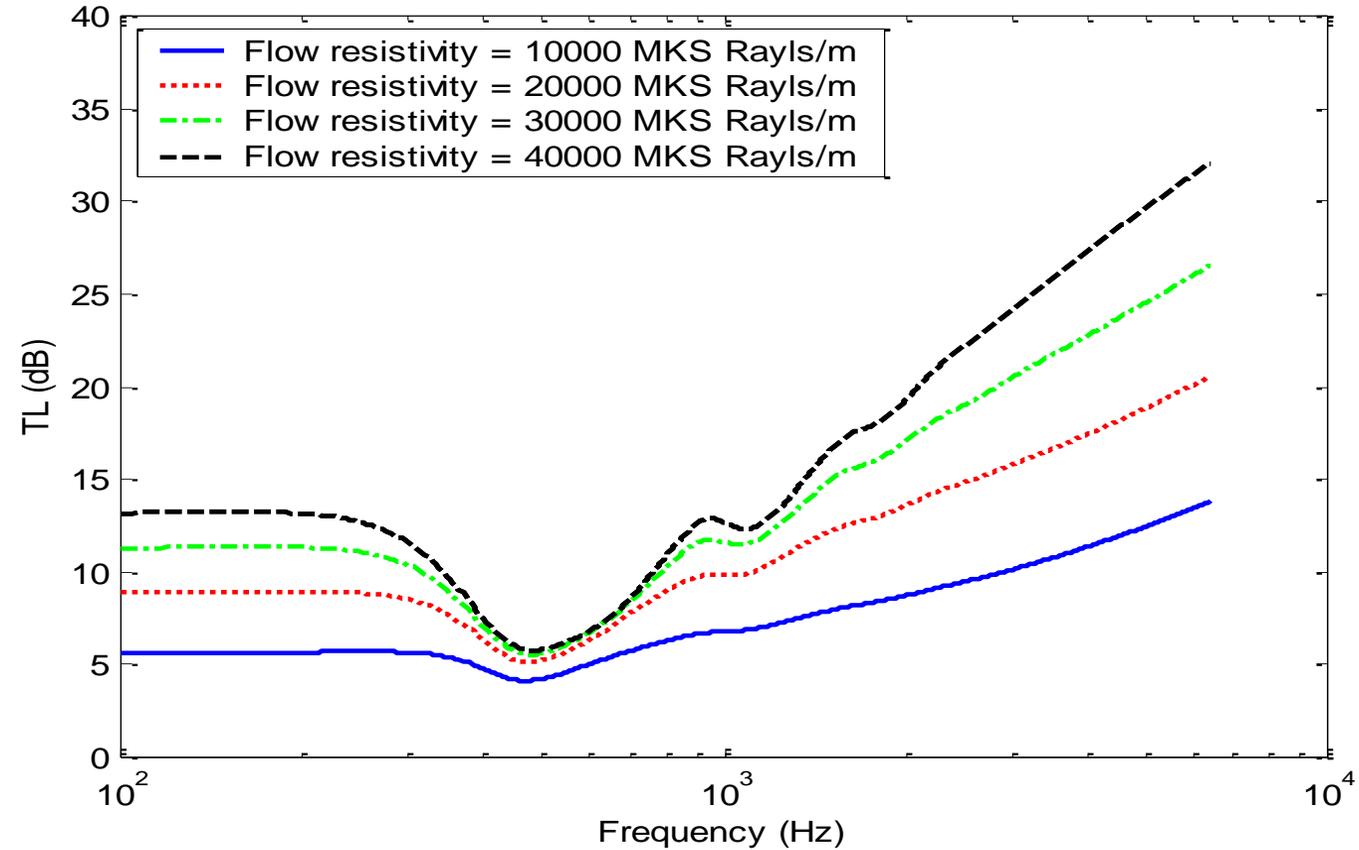
Poroelastic Material Properties Used in Calculations

Material	Bulk density (Kg/m ³)	Porosity	Tortuosity	Estimated flow resistivity (MKS Rayls/m)	Shear modulus (Pa)	Loss factor
Yellow	6.7	0.99	1.1	21000	1200	0.350
Green	9.6	0.99	1.1	31000	2800	0.275

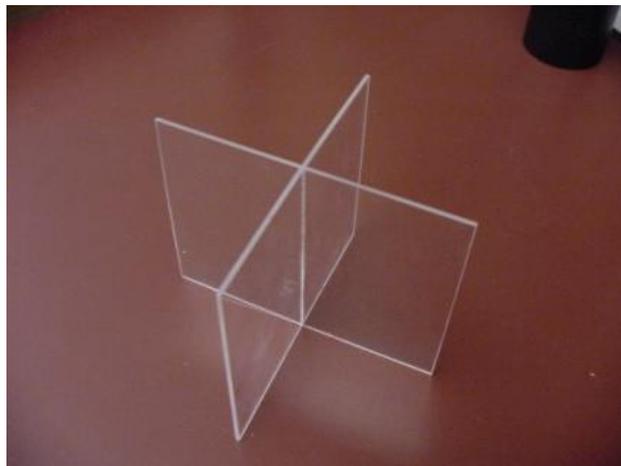


Variation of Flow Resistivity

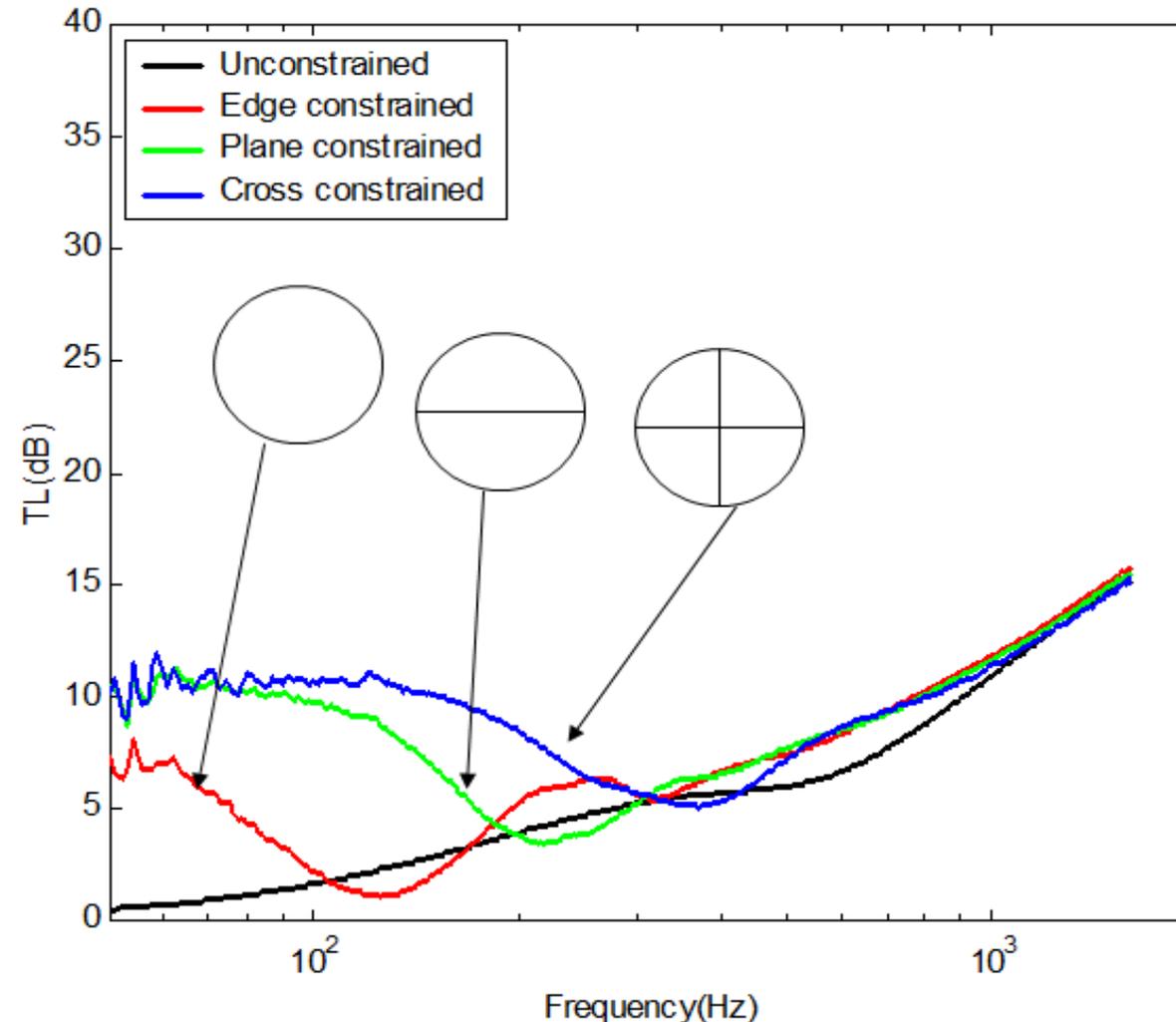
- Flow resistivity controls TL at low and high frequency limit



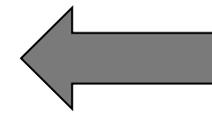
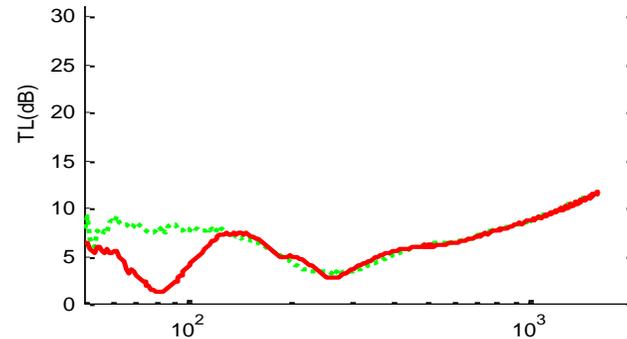
Internal Constraint to Enhance the Sound Transmission Loss



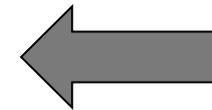
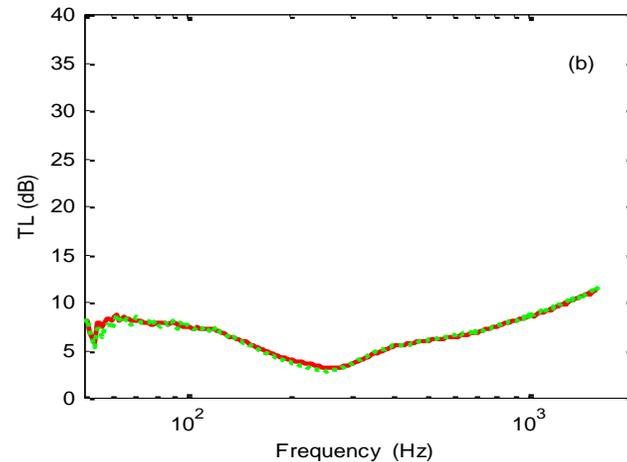
Sound Transmission Loss (Experiment, Green) [Density of Plexiglass: 1717 Kg/m³]



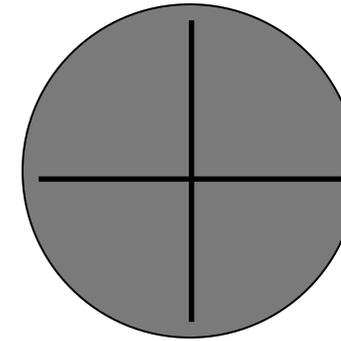
Effect of Releasing the Internal Cross-Constraint (Measurement)



Cardboard
Constraint



Plexiglass
Constraint



- Relatively heavy constraint required to realize low frequency benefit.

Metamaterials

- **Metamaterials** are artificial materials engineered to have properties that may not be found in nature. Metamaterials usually gain their properties from structure rather than composition, using small inhomogeneities to create effective macroscopic behavior.

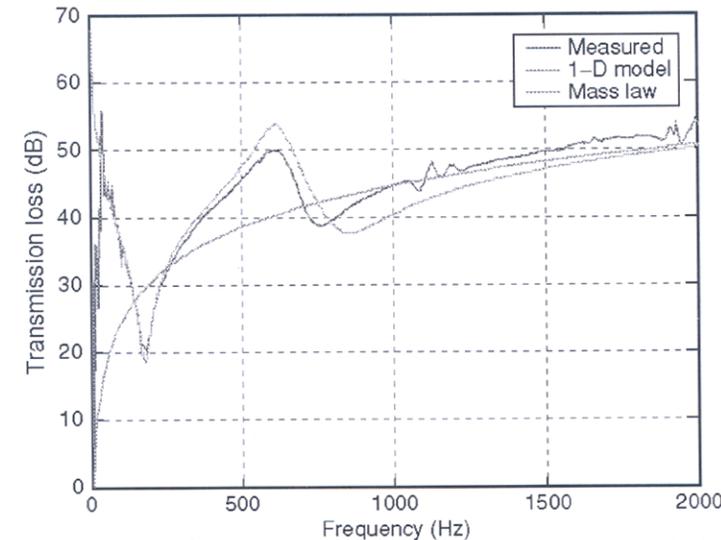
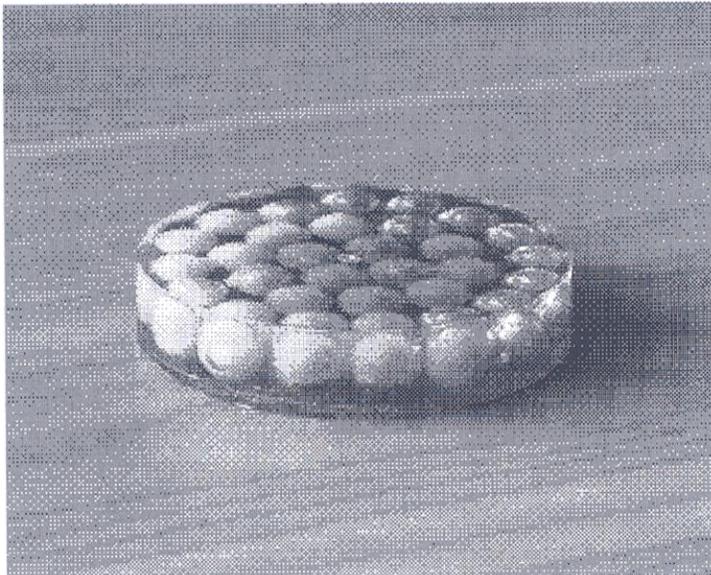


Figure 7. Measured and predicted normal incidence transmission loss for sample with 30 balls.

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Membrane-type metamaterials: Transmission loss of multi-celled arrays

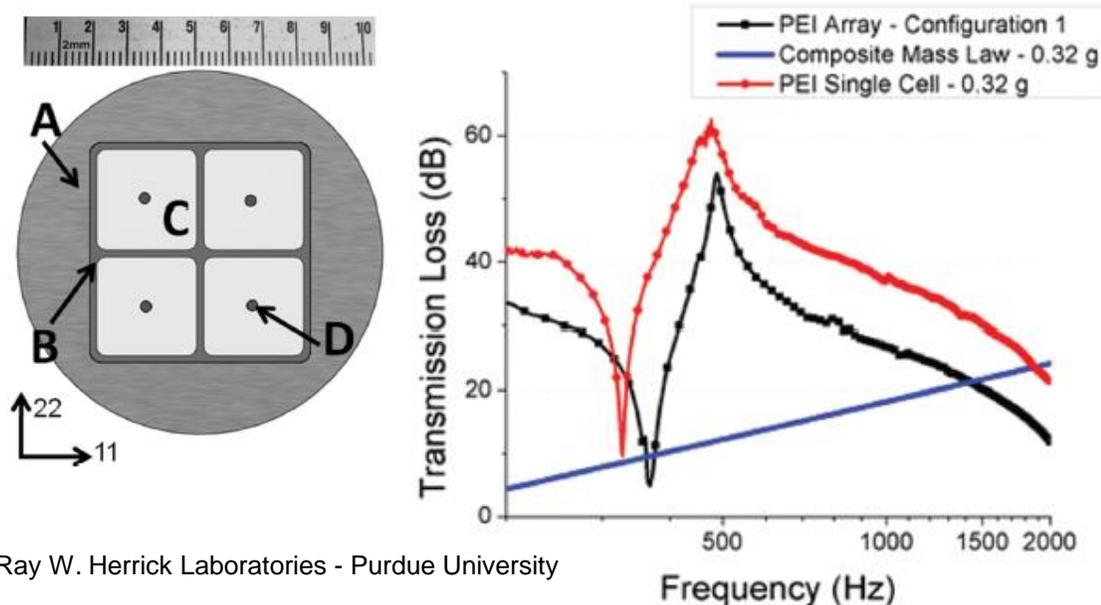
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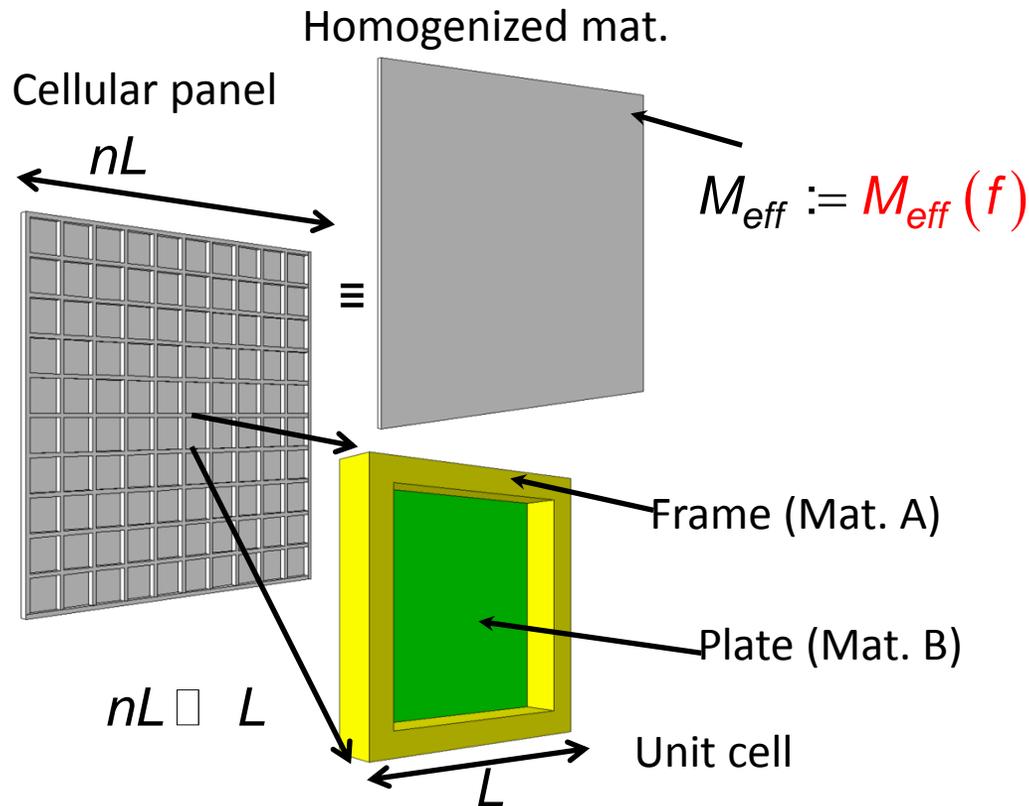
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Acoustic metamaterials with negative dynamic mass density have been shown to demonstrate a five-fold increase in transmission loss (TL) over mass law predictions for a narrowband (100 Hz) at low frequencies (100–1000 Hz). The present work focuses on the scale-up of this effect by examining the behavior of multiple elements arranged in arrays. Single membranes were stretched over rigid frame supports and masses were attached to the center of each divided cell. The TL behavior was measured for multiple configurations with different magnitudes of mass distributed across each of the cell membranes in the array resulting in a multipeak TL profile. To better understand scale-up issues, the effect of the frame structure compliance was evaluated, and more compliant frames resulted in a reduction in the TL peak frequency bandwidth. In addition, displacement measurements of frames and membranes were performed using a laser vibrometer. Finally, the measured TL of the multi-celled structure was compared with the TL behavior predicted by finite element analysis to understand the role of nonuniform mass distribution and frame compliance. © 2011 American Institute of Physics. [doi:10.1063/1.3583656]



Proposed Mass-Neutral Material



$$T = \frac{2\rho_0 c}{2\rho_0 c + j2\pi f M_{eff}(f)}$$

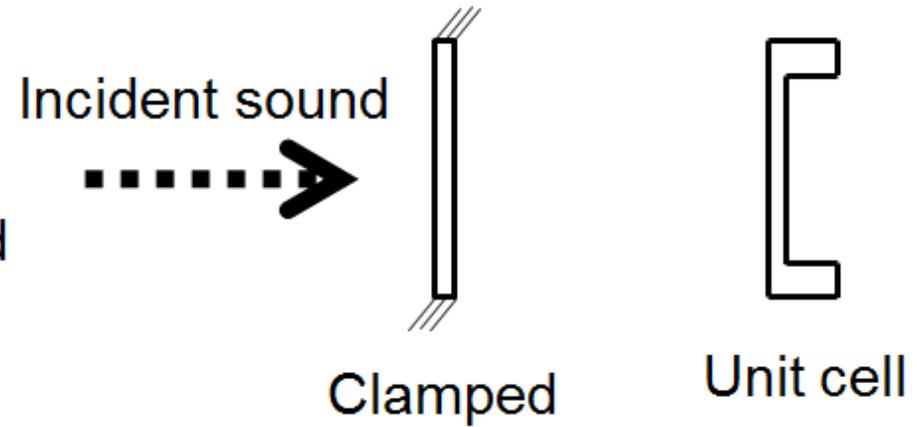
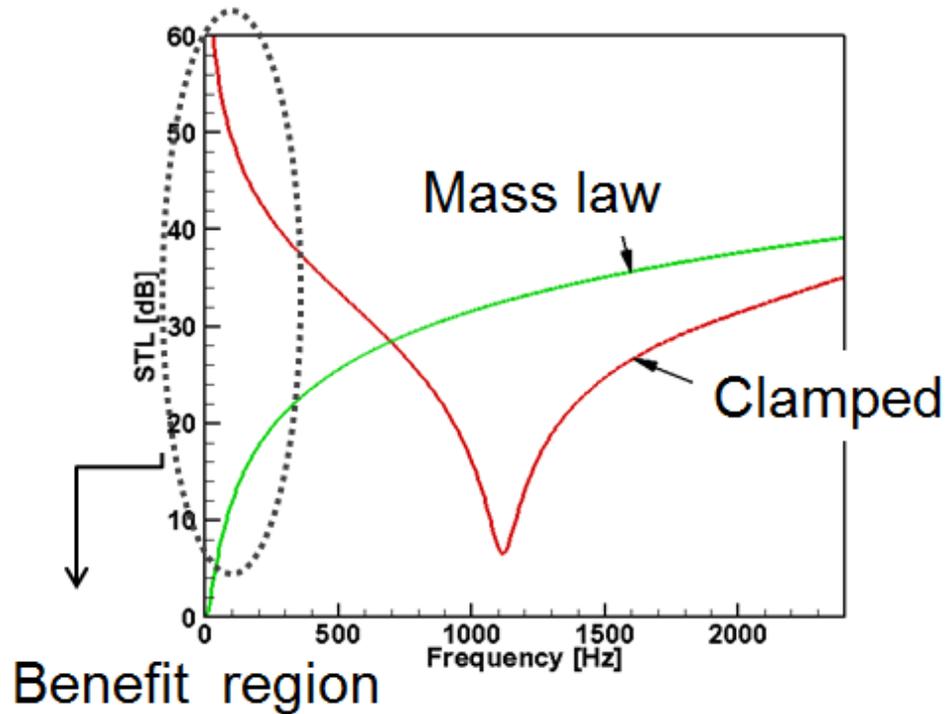
$$STL = -20 \log |T|$$

M_{eff} : Mass per unit area

STL : Sound Transmission Loss

- Cellular material with a periodic array of unit cells
- Unit cell has components with contrasting mass and moduli
- Characteristics of infinite, periodic panel are same as that of a unit cell for normally incident sound

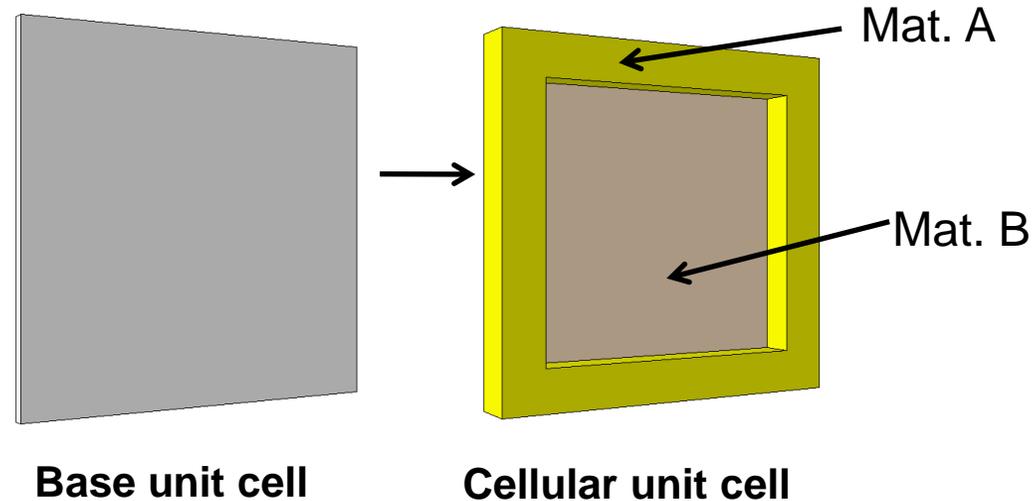
Low Frequency Enhancement



- ❑ A clamped plate has high STL at very low frequencies due to the effect of boundary conditions and finite size and stiffness.

Material-Based Mass Apportioning

- ❑ Each unit cell
 - Overall mass constant
 - Different materials for frame and plate
- ❑ A series of cases for μ between 0.1 and 10000
 - ρ_p and ρ_f varied
 - E_f varied keeping E_p constant so that $E_f/E_p = \rho_f/\rho_p$



Material-Based Mass Apportioning

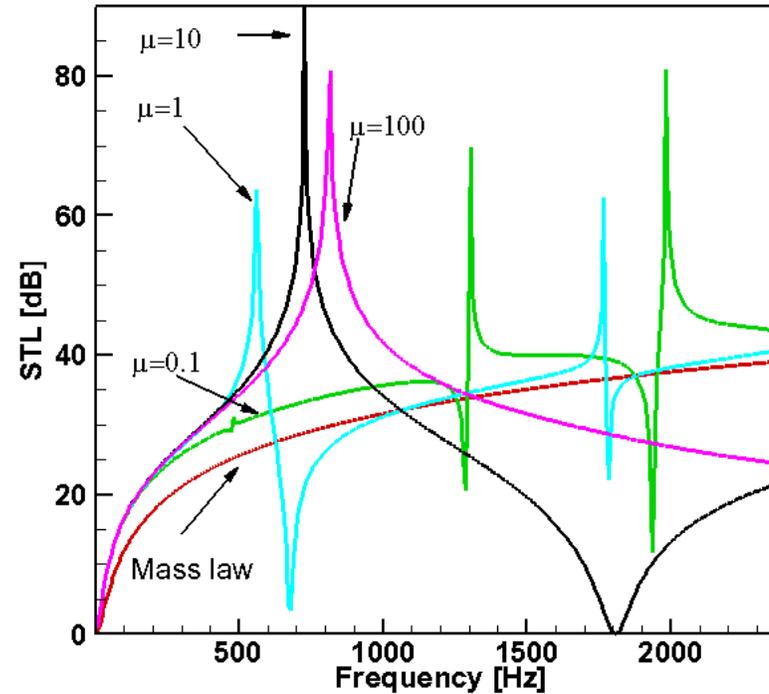
□ As $\mu \uparrow$

- High STL region broadens in the low frequency regime
- Region between the first peak and dip is widening
- The dip – being shifted to the right – desirable

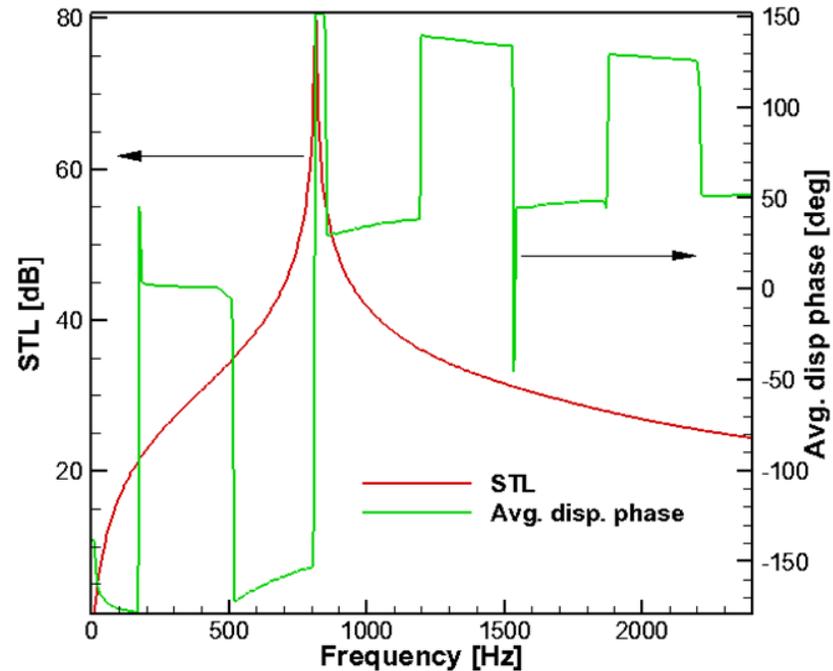
□ $\mu \rightarrow 0(100) \rightarrow \text{saturates}$

μ	ρ [kg/m ³] Plate	Fr.	E_{fr} (GPa)
0.1	3910	107	0.055
0.5	2868	393	0.274
1	2151	590	0.549
10	391	1073	5.490
100	43	1168	54.900

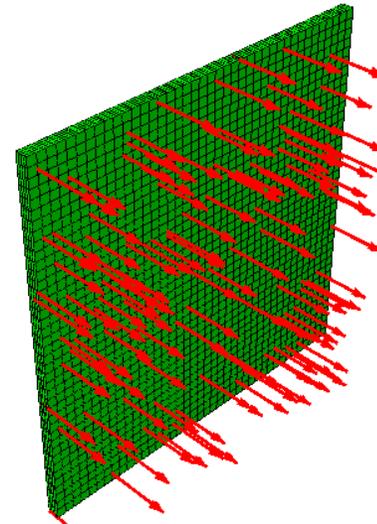
$E_p = 2 \text{ GPa}$



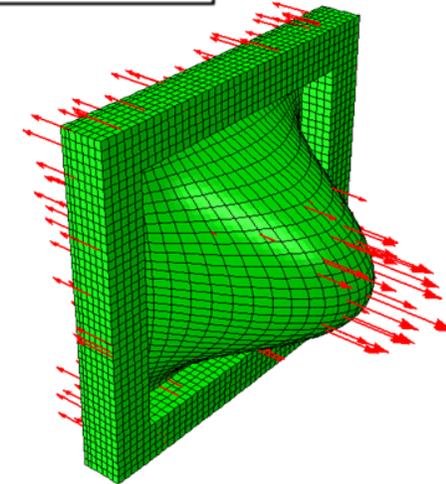
Mechanism Behind High STL



Displacement



Mass law panel



Cellular unit cell

- Averaged displacement phase switches from negative to positive value at the STL peak
- Parts of the structure move in opposite directions—similar to observations in LRSMs—resulting in zero averaged displacement
- “Negative mass” observed without locally resonant elements

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS



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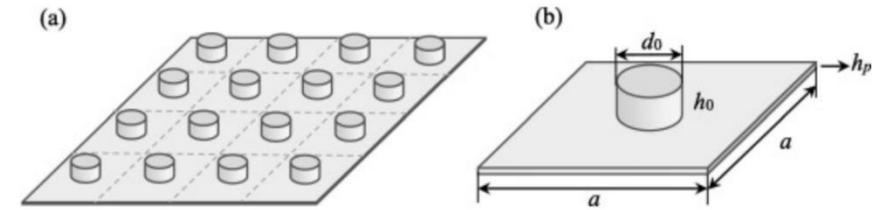
Sound transmission loss of plate-type metastructures: Semi-analytical modeling, elaborate analysis, and experimental validation

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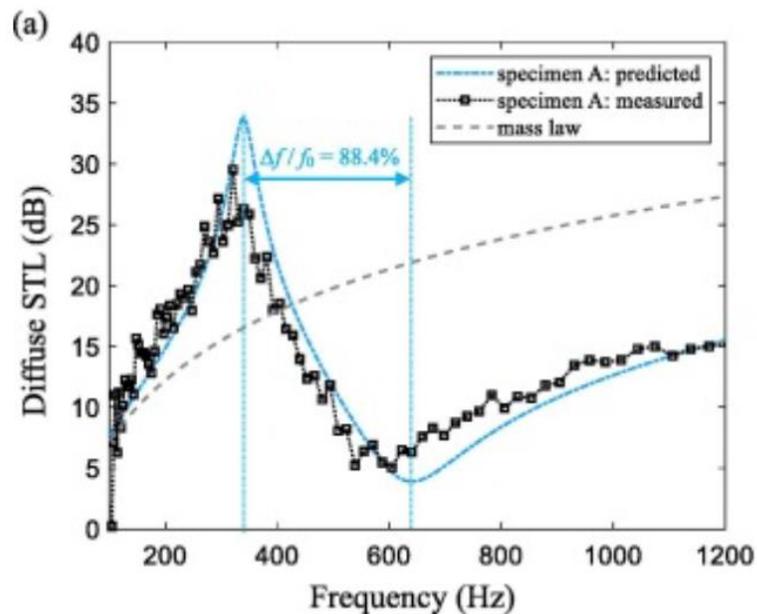
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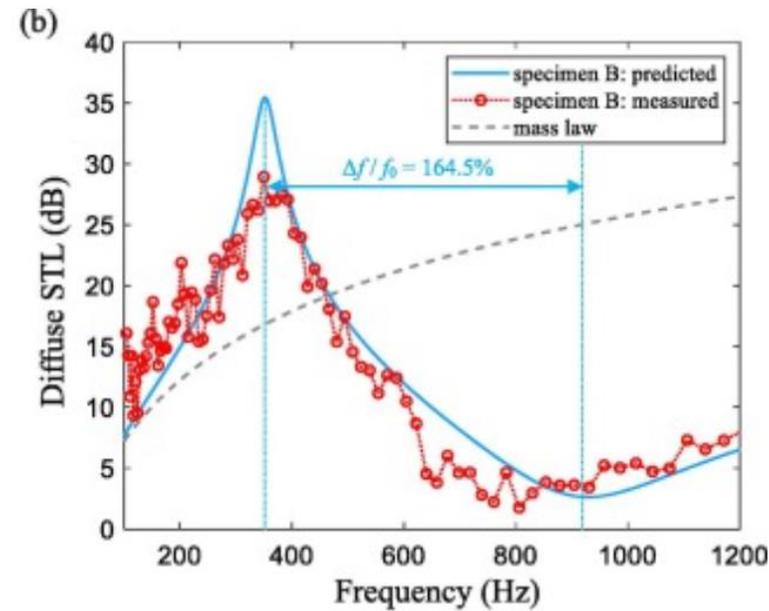
Fig. 1. (a) Schematic of the considered plate-like metastructure. (b) Single-unit cell of the metastructure.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

	a (mm)	h_p (mm)	d_0 (mm)	h_0 (mm)	m_{st} (kg/m ²)
Specimen A	35	0.12	10	7.2	4.4
Specimen B	20	0.06	5.6	8.4	4.4



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Fig. 18. Comparison of predicted and measured diffuse STL of the two specimens designed

SEGMENTED PLATES



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Acoustical characteristics of segmented plates with contact interfaces

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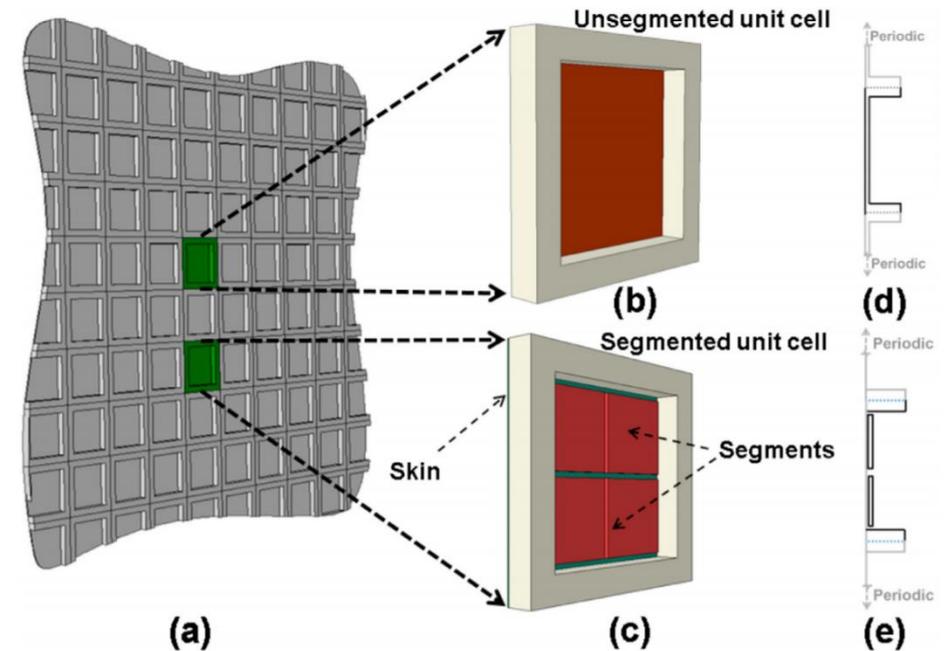


Fig. 1. (a) A planar cellular panel, (b) a unit cell with a monolithic plate filling the cell, (c) a unit cell with a segmented plate filling the cell, (d) and (e) side views of the unsegmented and segmented unit cells illustrating their periodicity.

TL “MEASUREMENT”

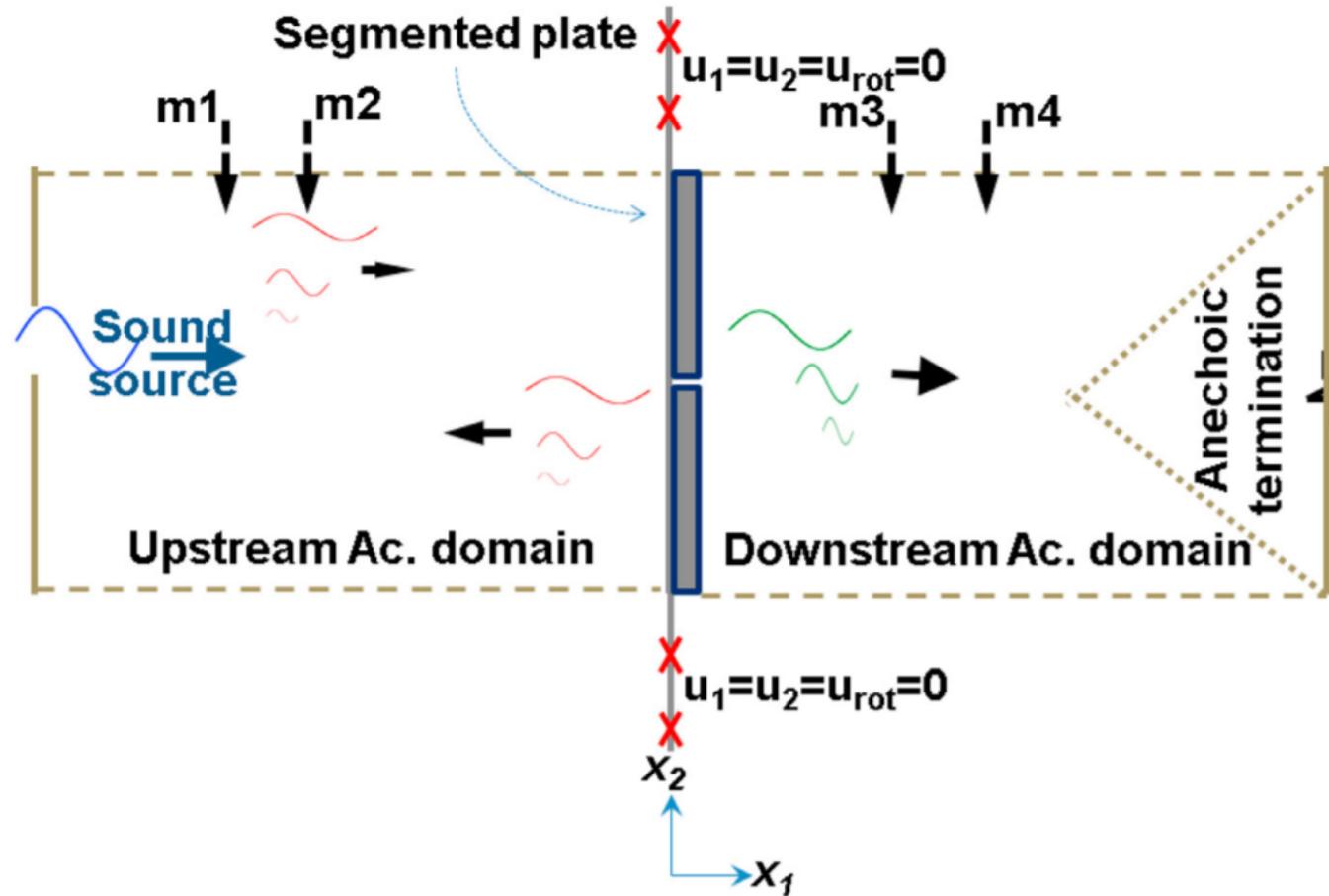
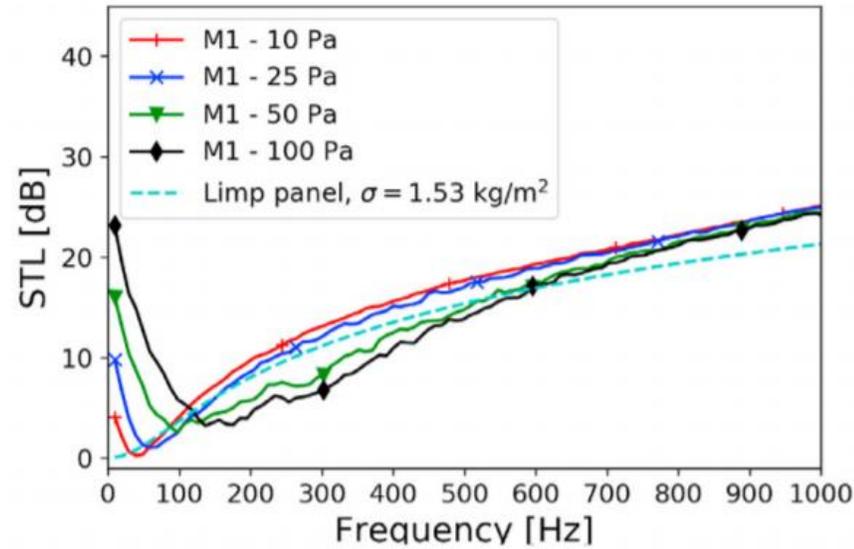
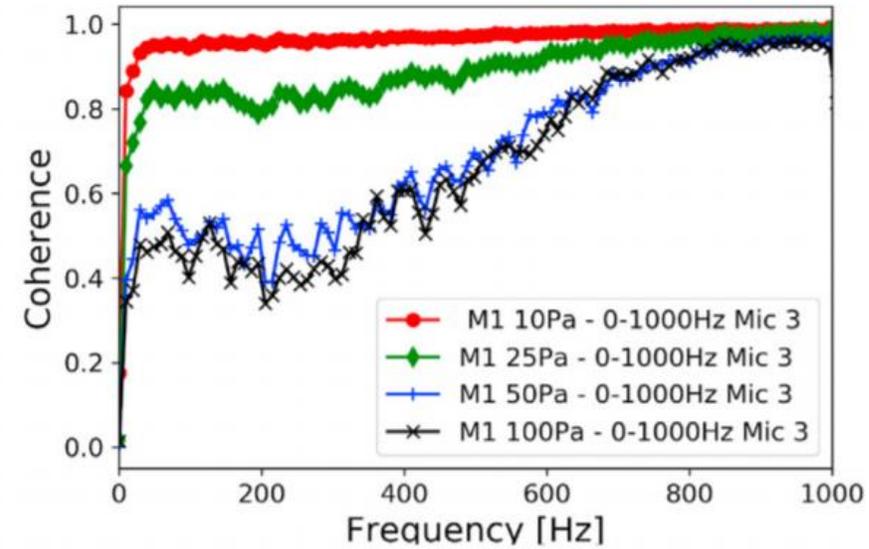


Fig. 5. A schematic of the two-dimensional FE model used for acoustical characterization of the segmented plates models and the unsegmented plate model.

LEVEL-DEPENDENT TL



(a)



(b)

Fig. 19. (a) Comparison of STL for M1 for a lowpass (0 – 1000 Hz) Gaussian white noise excitation with zero mean and standard deviations of 10, 25, 50 and 100 Pa, respectively, and (b) the corresponding coherence plots of downstream microphone m3 with respect to the input sound source signal.

Table 1

Clearance and skin thickness of the unsegmented model (M0) and the segmented models M1, M2 and M3.

Model	Clearance - d_{cl} [μm]	Skin thickness - t_s [μm]	Characteristics
M0	NA	50	Unsegmented
M1	10	50	Segmented
M2	100	50	Segmented
M3	0	500	Segmented

■ Hybrid Metamaterial



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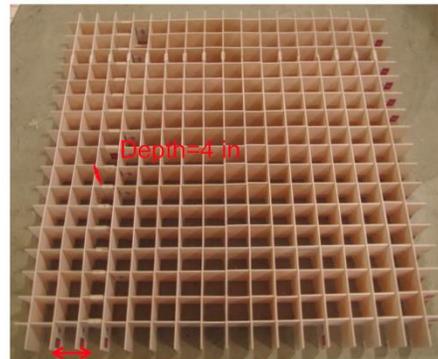
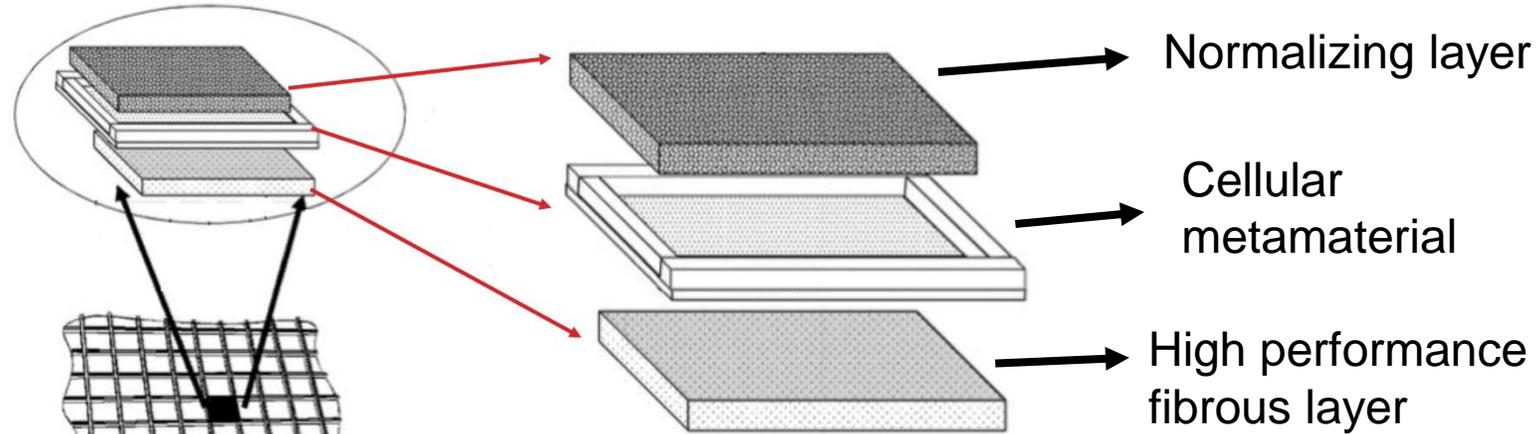
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Hybrid Metamaterial



2.5 inches



CONCLUSIONS

- **Poro-elastic materials can give excellent low frequency performance when designed properly**
- **Front and rear boundary conditions have a profound effect on the sound absorption offered by poroelastic materials**
- **Those effects are predictable and measurable**
- **Internal constraint of poroelastic materials can increase their transmission loss, but finite weight of required supports should be accounted for**
- **Metamaterials for transmission loss typically depend on the presence of constraints, geometry and flexural stiffness for their performance**
- **A proposed mass-neutral “metamaterial” barrier featuring spatially-periodic internal constraints gives low frequency advantage with respect to the mass law, but would require supplementary material to mitigate performance loss at high frequencies**



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2aNS1: FUTURE TRENDS IN NOISE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

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FUTURE TRENDS

- **Noise Control \neq Acoustics**
- **Noise Control = “Constrained” Acoustics**
- **Constraints:**
 - Safety
 - Cost
 - Weight
 - Volume
 - Robustness
 - Manufacturability
 - Recyclability

4. Noise Control Methods

▪ Advanced Noise Control Materials

- MPP's – very attractive functional attributes – multilayer barriers & absorbers
- Carbon fiber composites
- Very thin absorbents (internal degrees of freedom)
- Multi-scale materials
- **Hybrid metamaterials** →
- 3D printing of acoustical materials
- Multi-functional acoustic materials
 - damping plus absorption
 - absorption plus barrier
- Custom manufacturing of noise control materials

4. Noise Control Methods

■ Advanced Noise Control Materials

➤ What's important about a noise control material?

➤ **Cost**

➤ **Safety**

➤ **Weight**

➤ **Volume**

➤ **Recyclability**

➤ ...

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➤ **Acoustical Performance**

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