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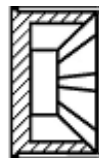
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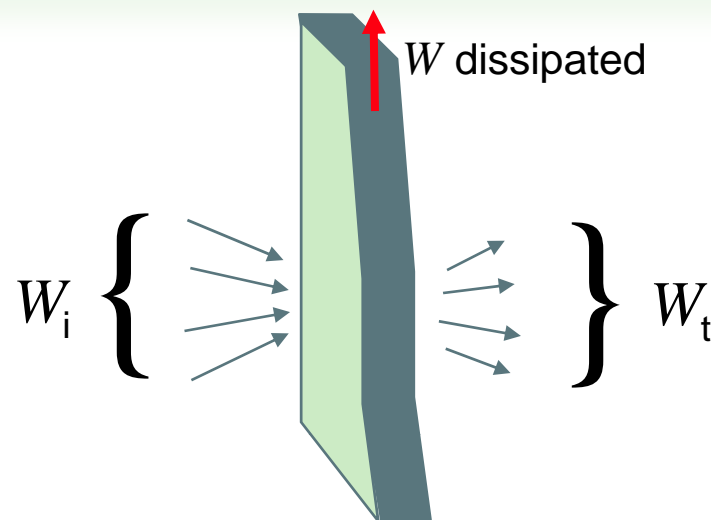
# Program

- Definitions of Transmission Loss
- Plane wave model for tube measurements
- Scattering Matrix model of sample
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  - One-load method
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# Transmission Loss

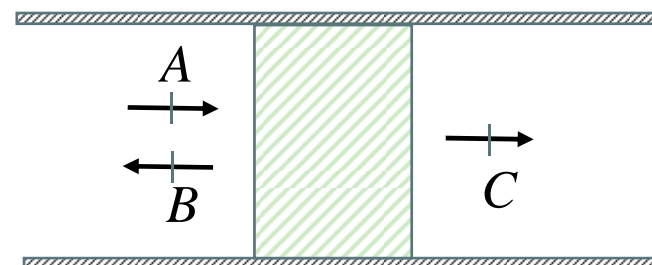
- In the case of a partition between two rooms

$$TL(\omega) \equiv 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{W_i}{W_t} \right)$$



- In the case of a plane-wave tube with a perfectly anechoic termination:

$$TL_n(\omega) = 10 \log_{10} \left( \left| \frac{A^{(anechoic)}}{C^{(anechoic)}} \right|^2 \right)$$



# Plane wave model – Determination of coeff. $A$ , $B$ , $C$ and $D$

$$P = (Ae^{-jkx} + Be^{jkx}) \quad P = (Ce^{-jkx} + De^{jkx})$$

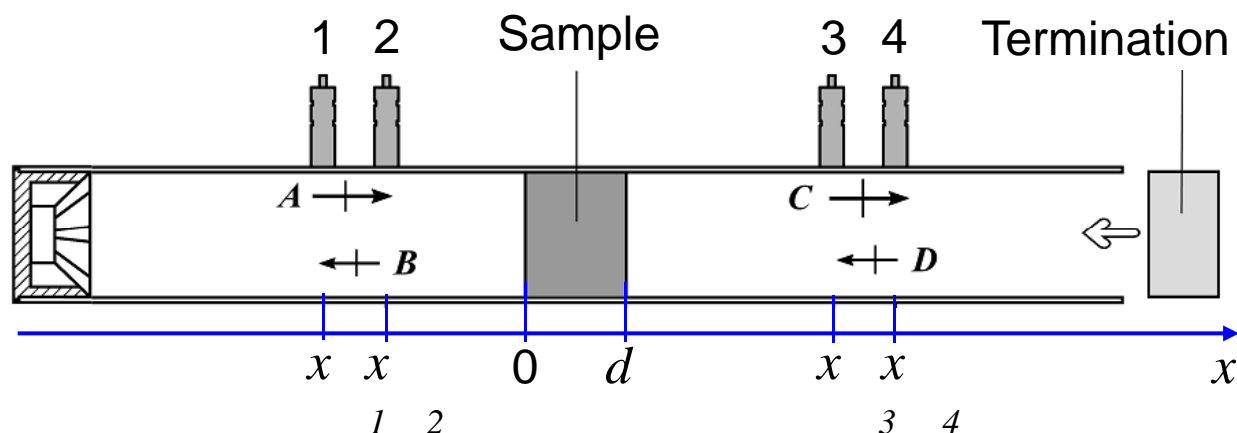
Microphone pressures:

$$P_1 = (Ae^{-jkx_1} + Be^{jkx_1})$$

$$P_2 = (Ae^{-jkx_2} + Be^{jkx_2})$$

$$P_3 = (Ce^{-jkx_3} + De^{jkx_3})$$

$$P_4 = (Ce^{-jkx_4} + De^{jkx_4})$$

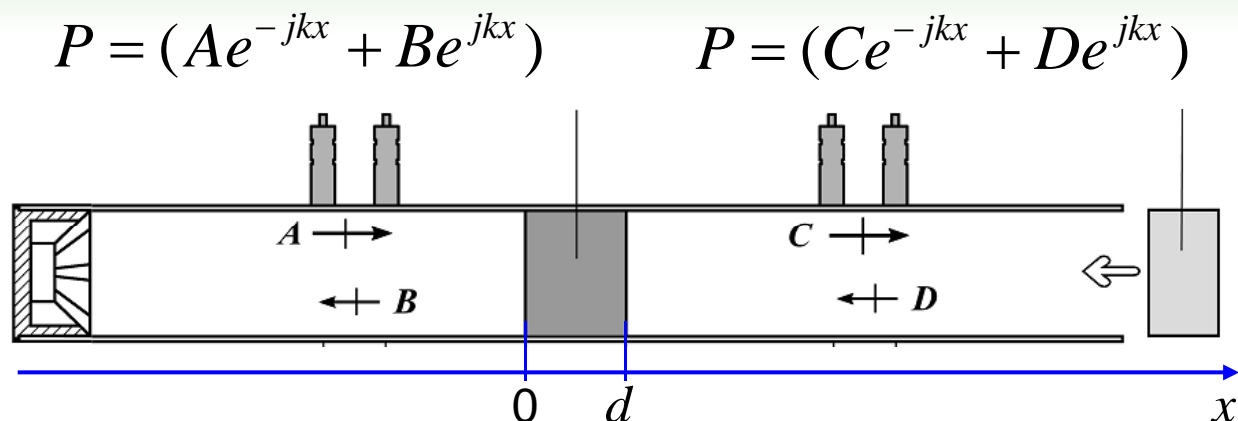


Plane wave amplitudes in terms of microphone pressures

$$A = \frac{j(P_1 e^{jkx_2} - P_2 e^{jkx_1})}{2 \sin k(x_1 - x_2)}, \quad C = \frac{j(P_3 e^{jkx_4} - P_4 e^{jkx_3})}{2 \sin k(x_3 - x_4)},$$

$$B = \frac{j(P_2 e^{-jkx_1} - P_1 e^{-jkx_2})}{2 \sin k(x_1 - x_2)}, \quad D = \frac{j(P_4 e^{-jkx_3} - P_3 e^{-jkx_4})}{2 \sin k(x_3 - x_4)}$$

# Plane wave model – Scattering Matrices



Seen from sample:

A and D incident

B and C outgoing

$$B = r_1 A + t_{21} D$$

$$C = t_{12} A + r_2 D$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} B \\ C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 & t_{21} \\ t_{12} & r_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ D \end{bmatrix}$$

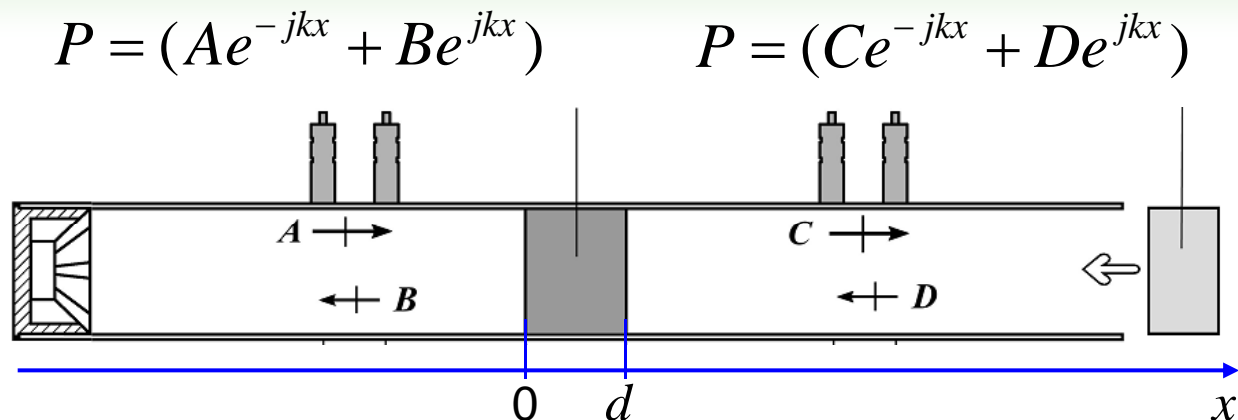
Rewrite to left/right:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/t_{12} & -r_2/t_{12} \\ r_1/t_{12} & t_{21} - r_1 r_2 / t_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix}$$

No sample:

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1 & t_{21} \\ t_{12} & r_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Transmission Loss:

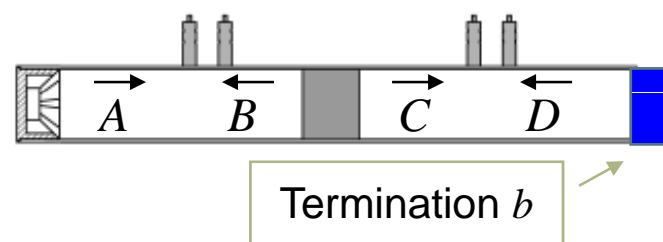
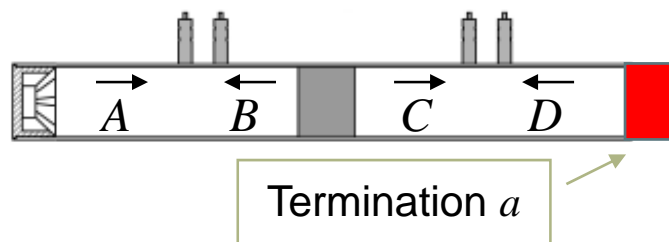
$$TL_n \equiv 10 \log \left( \left| \frac{A}{C} \right|_{D=0}^2 \right) = 10 \log \left( |a_{11}|^2 \right) = 10 \log \left( \left| \frac{1}{t_{12}} \right|^2 \right)$$

# Two-load method – Based on Scattering Matrix

- One measurement: 2 equations, 4 unknowns:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix}$$

- Two independent measurements:



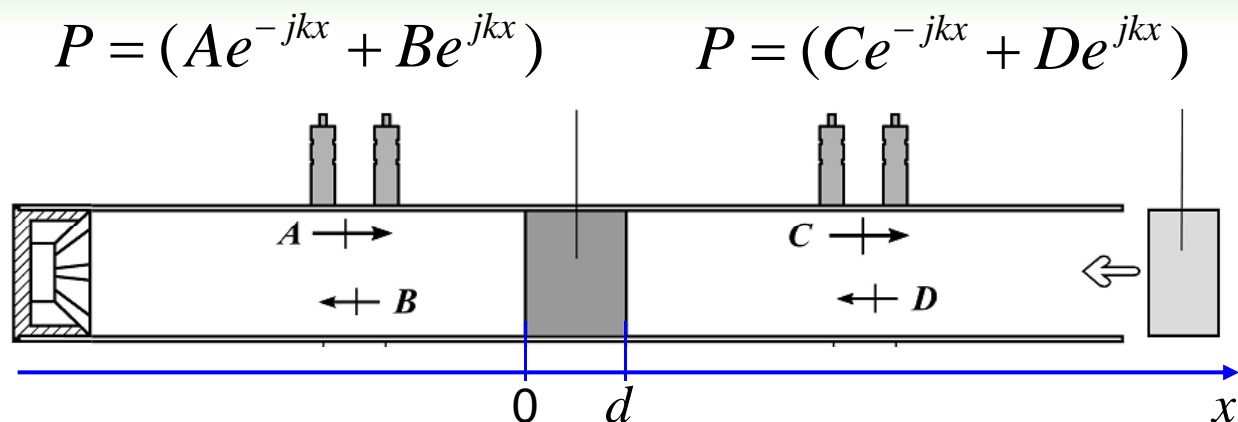
$$\begin{bmatrix} A^{(a)} & A^{(b)} \\ B^{(a)} & B^{(b)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^{(a)} & C^{(b)} \\ D^{(a)} & D^{(b)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Transmission Loss:  $TL_n = 10 \log \left( |a_{11}|^2 \right)$

$$a_{11} = \frac{A^{(a)} D^{(b)} - A^{(b)} D^{(a)}}{C^{(a)} D^{(b)} - C^{(b)} D^{(a)}} = \frac{R^{(b)} \cdot A^{(a)} / C^{(a)} - R^{(a)} \cdot A^{(b)} / C^{(b)}}{R^{(b)} - R^{(a)}}, \quad R^{(s)} \equiv \frac{D^{(s)}}{C^{(s)}}$$



# One-load method – Based on Scattering Matrix



Symmetric reflection and transmission:

$$t_{21} = t_{12}$$

$$r_2 = r_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/t_{12} & -r_2/t_{12} \\ r_1/t_{12} & t_{21} - r_1 r_2/t_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

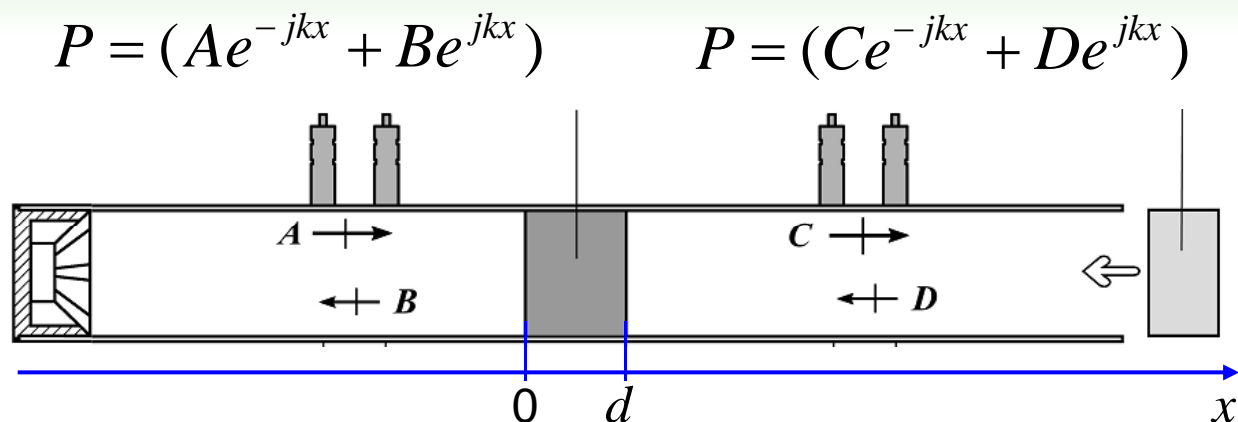
Therefore:

$$a_{21} = -a_{12} \quad a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12} = t_{21}/t_{12} = 1$$

One termination condition sufficient:

$$TL_n = 10 \log \left( |a_{11}|^2 \right) = 10 \log \left( \left| \frac{A^2 - D^2}{AC - BD} \right|^2 \right)$$

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Anechoic reflection coefficient:

$$R_a = r_1 = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{AB - CD}{A^2 - D^2}$$

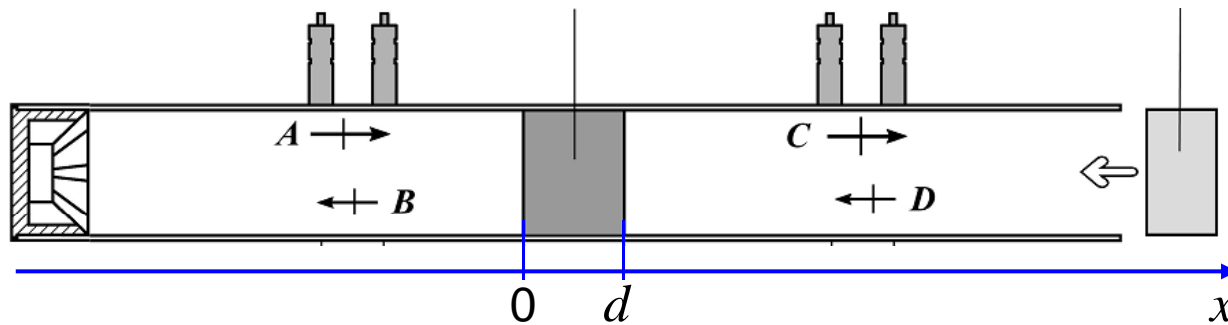
# Transfer Matrix – Boundary values on sample

$$P = (Ae^{-jkx} + Be^{jkx})$$

$$V = (Ae^{-jkx} - Be^{jkx})/\rho_0c$$

$$P = (Ce^{-jkx} + De^{jkx})$$

$$V = (Ce^{-jkx} - De^{jkx})/\rho_0c$$



$$P|_{x=0} = (A + B)$$

$$V|_{x=0} = (A - B)/\rho_0c$$

$$P|_{x=d} = (Ce^{-jkd} + De^{jkd})$$

$$V|_{x=d} = (Ce^{-jkd} - De^{jkd})/\rho_0c$$

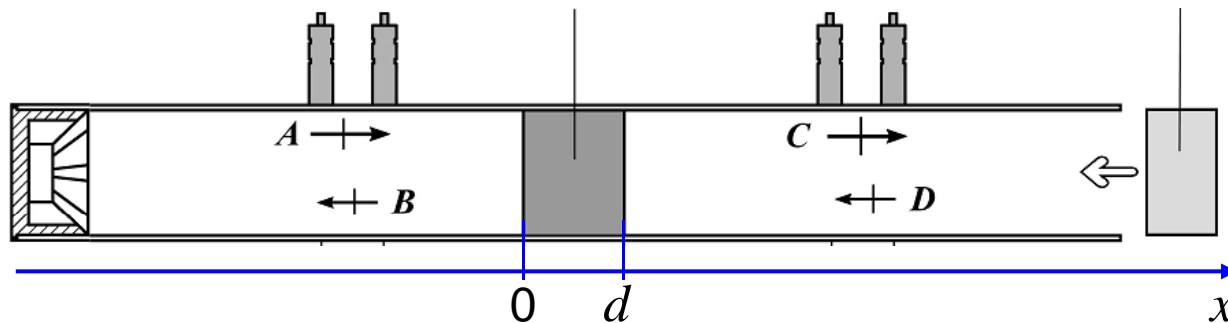
# Transfer Matrix

$$P = (Ae^{-jkx} + Be^{jkx})$$

$$V = (Ae^{-jkx} - Be^{jkx}) / \rho_0 c$$

$$P = (Ce^{-jkx} + De^{jkx})$$

$$V = (Ce^{-jkx} - De^{jkx}) / \rho_0 c$$



**Transfer Matrix:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} P \\ V \end{bmatrix}_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P \\ V \end{bmatrix}_{x=d}$$

- Elements characterize only sample (independent of excitation and termination)
- Provides complete two-port model of sample – allows  $TL_n$  to be obtained
- One measurement provides two equations for determination of four matrix elements

# Two-load method – Determination of Transfer Matrix

- Two additional, independent equations can be generated by measuring a second termination condition



Termination *a*



Termination *b*

$$\begin{bmatrix} P^{(a)} & P^{(b)} \\ V^{(a)} & V^{(b)} \end{bmatrix}_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P^{(a)} & P^{(b)} \\ V^{(a)} & V^{(b)} \end{bmatrix}_{x=d}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{P^{(a)}|_{x=d} V^{(b)}|_{x=d} - P^{(b)}|_{x=d} V^{(a)}|_{x=d}} \begin{bmatrix} P^{(a)}|_{x=0} V^{(b)}|_{x=d} - P^{(b)}|_{x=0} V^{(a)}|_{x=d} & -P^{(a)}|_{x=0} P^{(b)}|_{x=d} + P^{(b)}|_{x=0} P^{(a)}|_{x=d} \\ V^{(a)}|_{x=0} V^{(b)}|_{x=d} - V^{(b)}|_{x=0} V^{(a)}|_{x=d} & -P^{(b)}|_{x=d} V^{(a)}|_{x=0} + P^{(a)}|_{x=d} V^{(b)}|_{x=0} \end{bmatrix}$$

# One-load method – Determination of Transfer Matrix

- Symmetric reflection and transmission provides two equations:

$$T_{11} = T_{22}$$
$$T_{11}T_{22} - T_{12}T_{21} = 1$$

- One termination condition is then sufficient

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{P|_{x=0} V|_{x=d} + P|_{x=d} V|_{x=0}} \begin{bmatrix} P|_{x=d} V|_{x=d} + P|_{x=0} V|_{x=0} & P|_{x=0}^2 - P|_{x=d}^2 \\ V|_{x=0}^2 - V|_{x=d}^2 & P|_{x=d} V|_{x=d} + P|_{x=0} V|_{x=0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Transmission Loss based on Transfer Matrix

- Relation between Transfer Matrix and Plane Wave Scattering Matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^{(s)} \\ B^{(s)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C^{(s)} \\ D^{(s)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \left( T_{11} + \frac{T_{12}}{\rho_0 c} + \rho_0 c T_{21} + T_{22} \right) e^{-jkd} & \frac{1}{2} \left( T_{11} - \frac{T_{12}}{\rho_0 c} + \rho_0 c T_{21} - T_{22} \right) e^{+jkd} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( T_{11} + \frac{T_{12}}{\rho_0 c} - \rho_0 c T_{21} - T_{22} \right) e^{-jkd} & \frac{1}{2} \left( T_{11} - \frac{T_{12}}{\rho_0 c} - \rho_0 c T_{21} + T_{22} \right) e^{+jkd} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Transmission Loss:

$$TL_n = 10 \log_{10} \left( |a_{11}|^2 \right) = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{1}{4} \left| T_{11} + \frac{T_{12}}{\rho_0 c} + \rho_0 c T_{21} + T_{22} \right|^2 \right)$$

# Characteristic impedance and wave number

- A homogeneous, isotropic porous material that is (approximately) limp or rigid can be modeled as an equivalent fluid. The complex wave number  $k_p$  and the complex characteristic impedance  $\rho_p c_p$  can be calculated from:

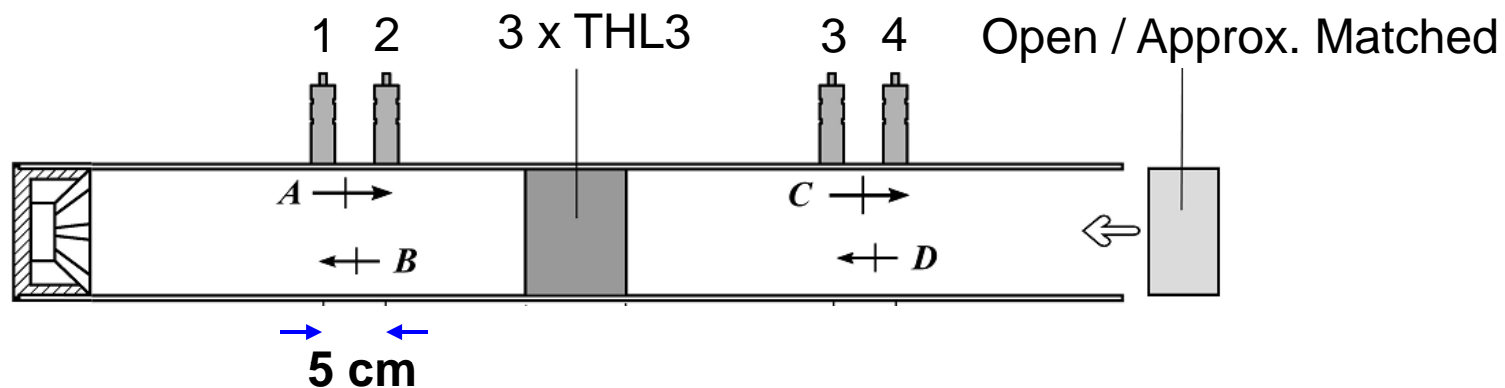
$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos k_p d & j\rho_p c_p \sin k_p d \\ j \sin k_p d / \rho_p c_p & \cos k_p d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$k_p = \frac{1}{d} \cos^{-1} T_{11}$$

$$\rho_p c_p = \sqrt{\frac{T_{12}}{T_{21}}}$$



# Experiments



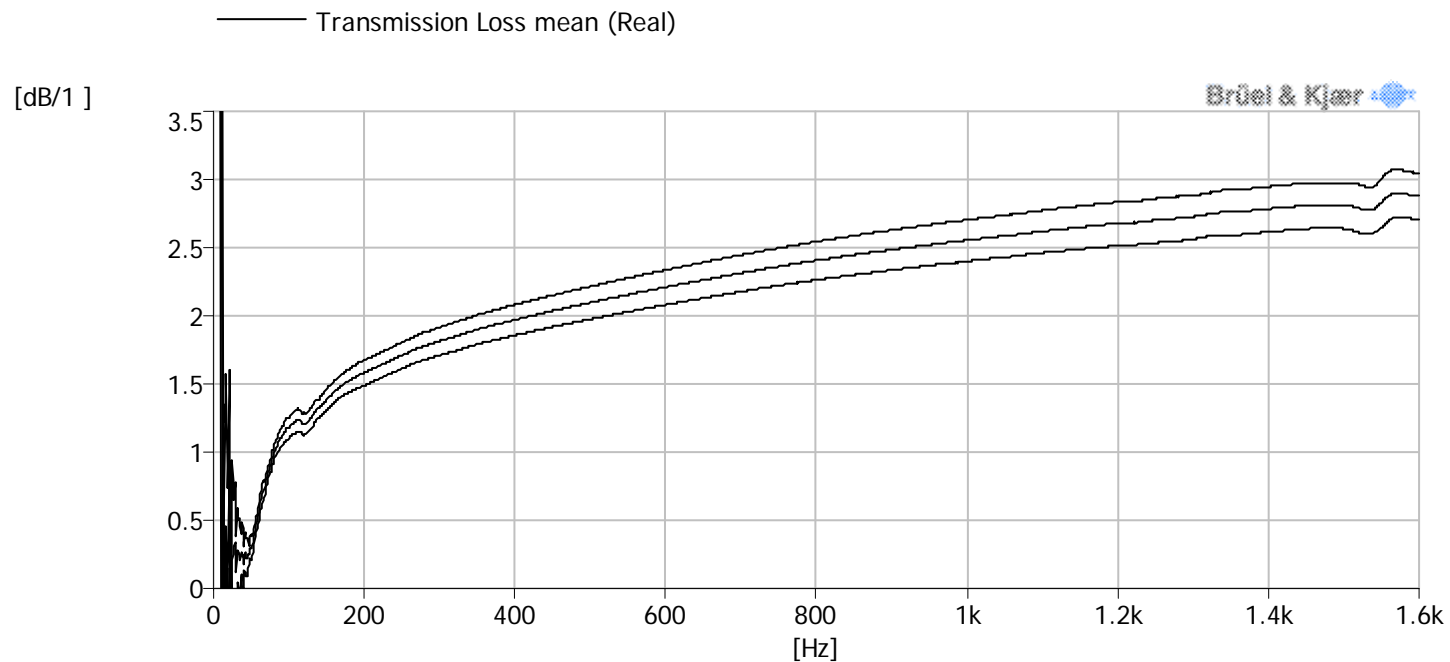
- 10 cm inner tube diameter
- 50 Hz to 1600 Hz



# Transmission Loss: Two-load method

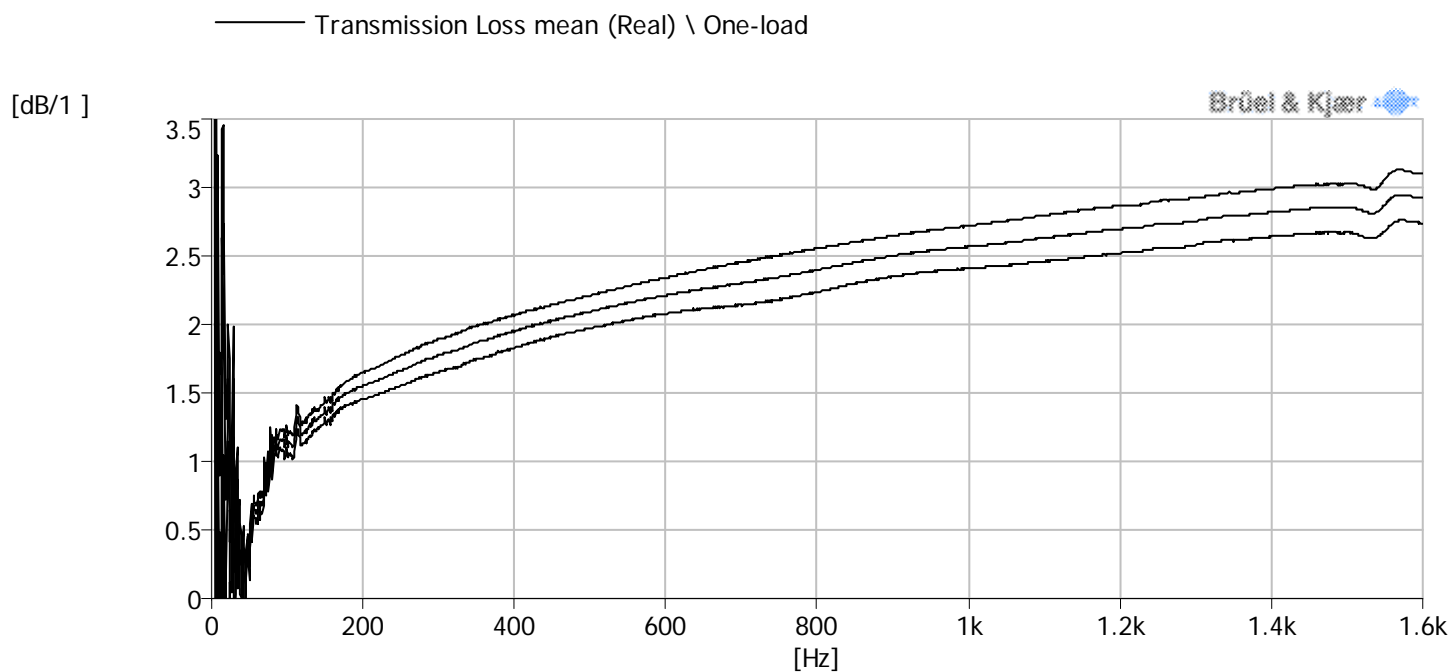
## Load conditions measured:

1. Open termination
2. Approximate matched termination



# Transmission Loss: One-load method

Load condition measured:  
Approximate matched termination



# Summary

- The Scattering Matrix formulation for measurement of the normal incidence transmission loss in a plane wave tube has been presented. Neither the two-load nor the one-load implementations require knowledge of the properties of the termination.
- The Scattering Matrix formulation is very intuitive and simple for description of transmission and reflection.
- The Transfer Matrix formulation for measurement of the same quantity has been presented, including the two-load and one-load cases.
- The Transfer Matrix formulation has been implemented, because it is better suited for extraction of material properties, such as complex wave number and complex characteristic impedance for limp or rigid materials.
- Measurement results have been presented.