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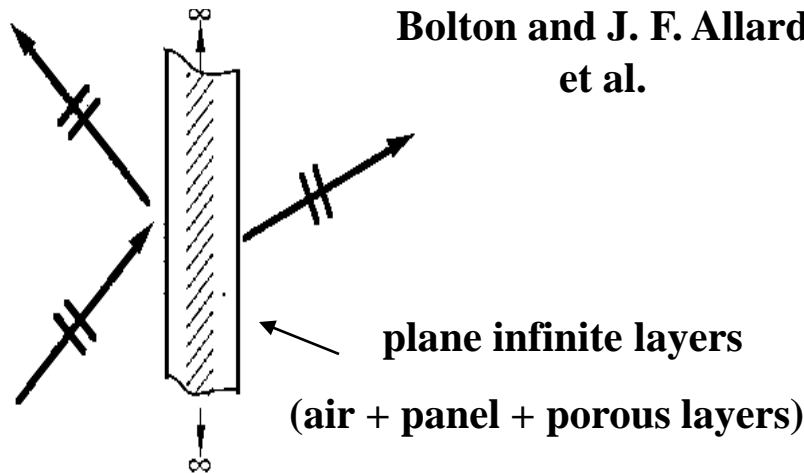
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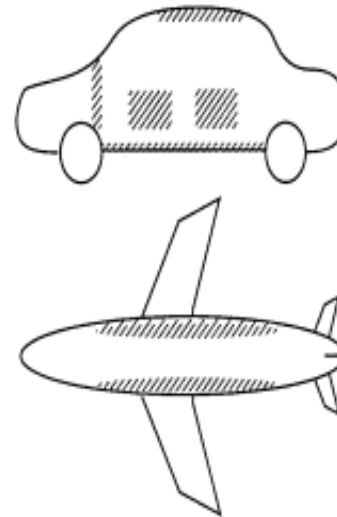
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# Motivation

- Analytical capabilities - available by J. S. Bolton and J. F. Allard et al.



- Practical treatments



- FEM Predictions require complex density and sound speed



# Objective

Develop procedure for measuring fundamental acoustical properties of limp or rigid porous materials quickly and easily

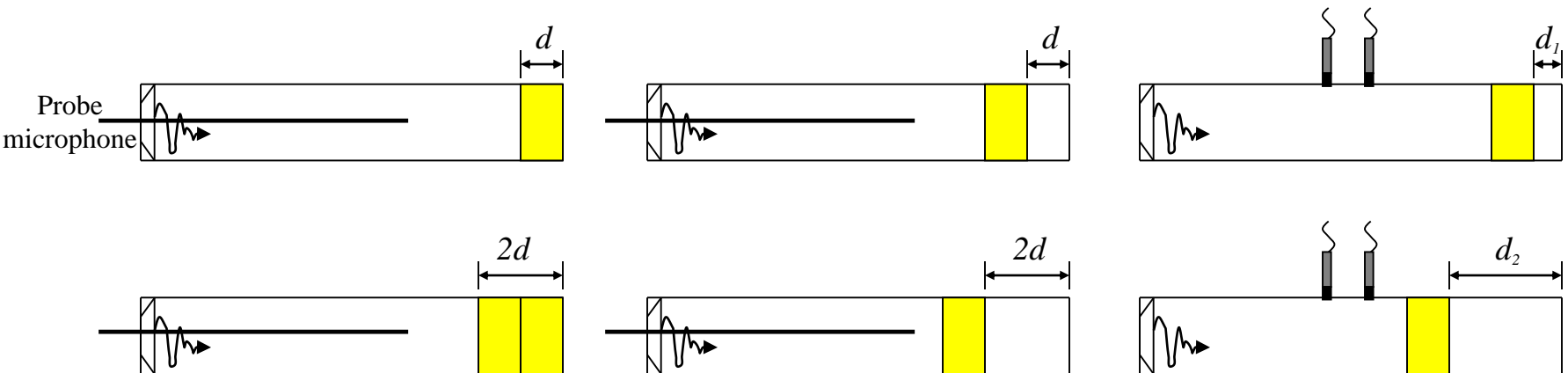
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# Background I

- Two thickness method (Ferrero and Sacerdote, 1951).
- Two cavity method (Yaniv, 1973).
- Arbitrary cavity, two microphone method (Utsuno et al., 1989).



**General problem : inaccurate for highly dissipative materials.**

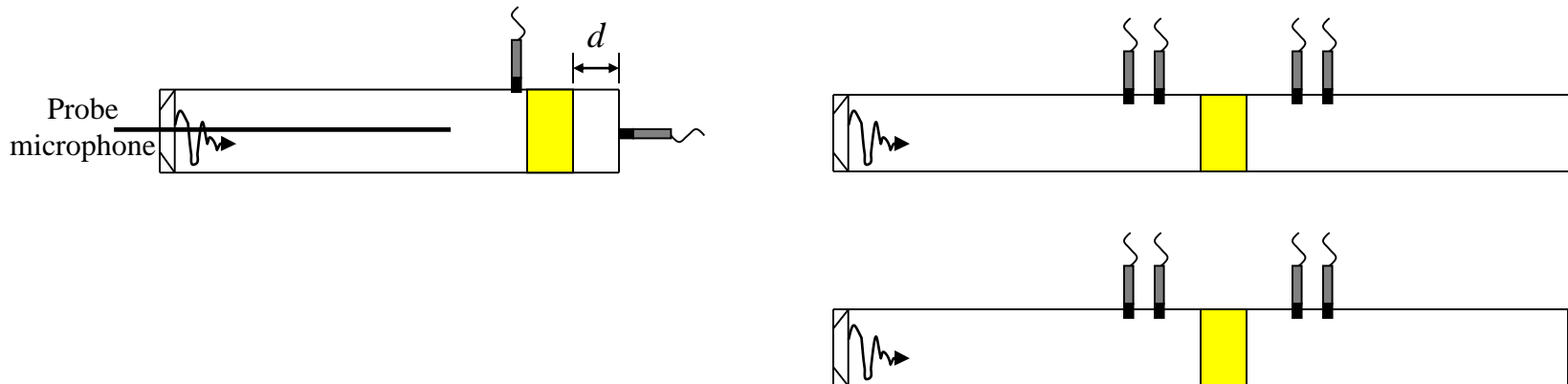
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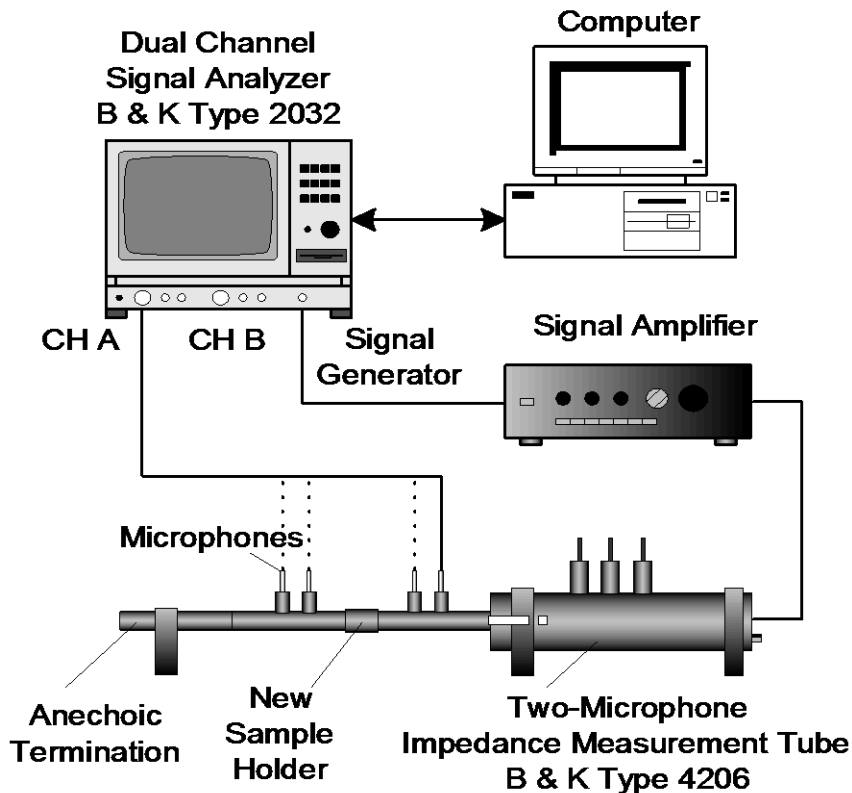
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# Background II

- **Transfer function method (Champoux and Stinson, 1991)**
  - Champoux and Stinson: pure tone only (time consuming)
- **Two load method (Munjal and Doige, 1990) can be used for highly dissipative materials**
  - Munjal (two separate measurements)

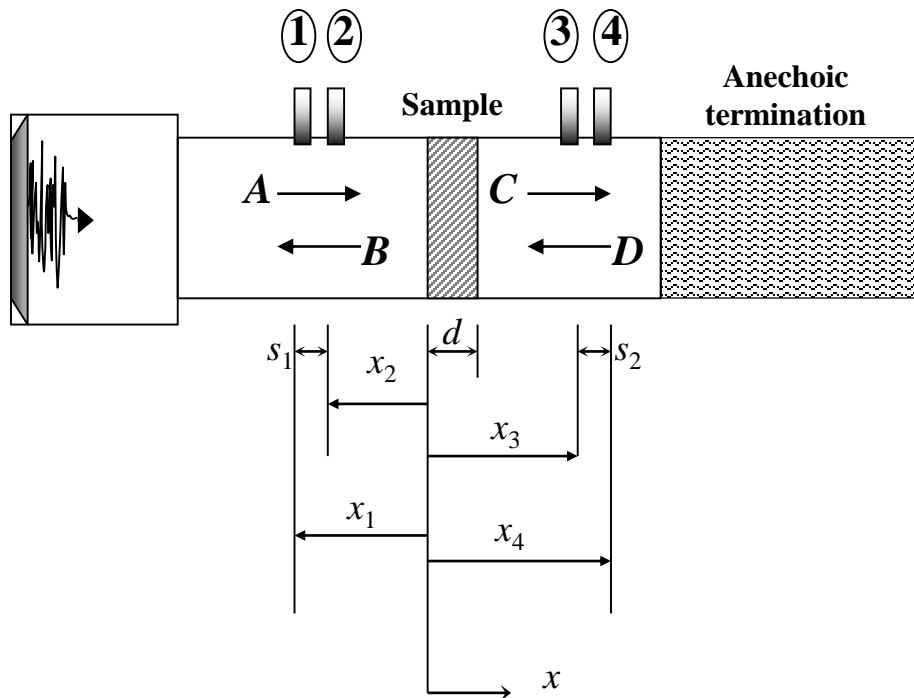


# Transfer Matrix Method



- **Four microphone method based on modified E 1050 standing wave tube.**
- **Sound transmission through homogeneous porous materials is symmetric and reciprocal: number of measurements is reduced compared to two-load method.**
- **Knowledge of tube termination impedance is not required.**

# Experimental procedure



1. Measure complex pressures:

$$P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4.$$

2. Perform plane wave decomposition to obtain:  $A, B, C, D$ .

3. Use  $A, B, C, D$  to determine

$$\begin{bmatrix} P \\ V \end{bmatrix}_{x=0} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} P \\ V \end{bmatrix}_{x=d}.$$

4. Solve for transfer matrix elements and other desired quantities.

# Sound field representation using wave decomposition

$$A = \frac{j(P_1 e^{jkx_2} - P_2 e^{jkx_1})}{2 \sin k(x_1 - x_2)}$$

$$B = \frac{j(P_2 e^{-jkx_1} - P_1 e^{-jkx_2})}{2 \sin k(x_1 - x_2)}$$

$$C = \frac{j(P_3 e^{jkx_4} - P_4 e^{jkx_3})}{2 \sin k(x_3 - x_4)}$$

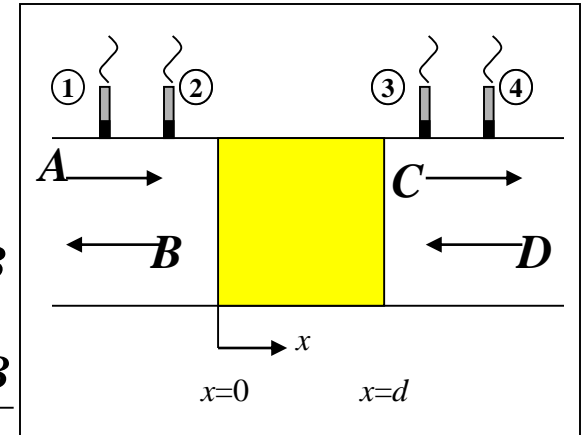
$$D = \frac{j(P_4 e^{-jkx_3} - P_3 e^{-jkx_4})}{2 \sin k(x_3 - x_4)}$$

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

$$V|_{x=0} = \frac{A - B}{\rho_0 c}$$

$$P|_{x=d} = C e^{-jkd} + D e^{+jkd}$$

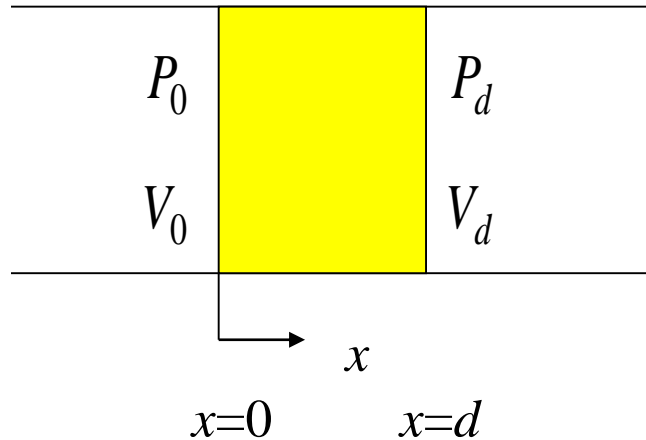
$$V|_{x=d} = \frac{C e^{-jkd} - D e^{+jkd}}{\rho_0 c}$$





# Porous layer transfer matrix I

- In plane wave case for limp or rigid materials



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

subject to constraints:

$$T_{11} = T_{22} \quad (\text{symmetry})$$

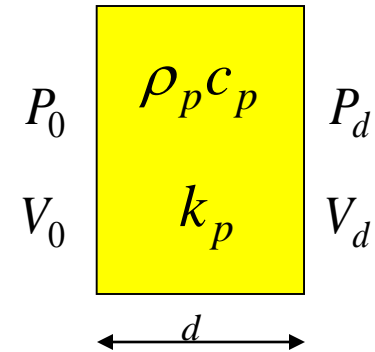
$$T_{11}T_{22} - T_{12}T_{21} = 1 \quad (\text{reciprocity})$$

$\therefore$  When  $P$  and  $V$  known on both sides sample, two equations in two unknowns and all transfer matrix elements can be determined.

# Porous layer transfer matrix II

- From porous material theory

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



∴ when matrix elements known

- Complex wave number:

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

- Complex characteristic impedance:

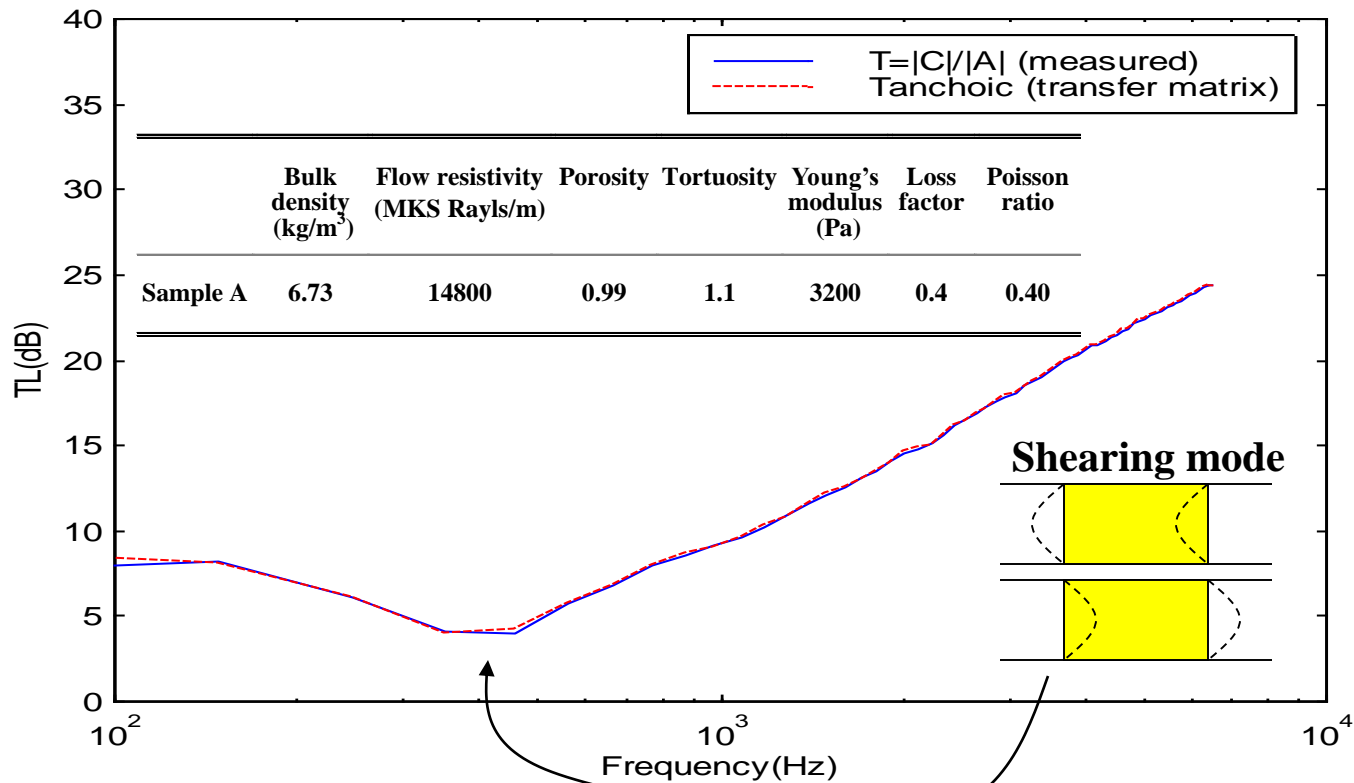
$$\rho_p c_p = \sqrt{\frac{T_{12}}{T_{21}}}$$

# Porous material properties

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- **Complex sound speed:**  $c_p = \frac{\omega}{k_p}$
- **Complex density:**  $\rho_p = \frac{(\rho_p c_p)}{c_p}$
- **Phase speed:**  $c_{ph} = \frac{\omega}{\beta_p} \quad (\beta_p = \text{Re}\{k_p\})$
- **Dissipation per wavelength:**  $\alpha_p \lambda_p = 2\pi \alpha_p / \beta_p \quad (\alpha_p = \text{Im}\{k_p\})$

# Transmission loss through acoustical materials



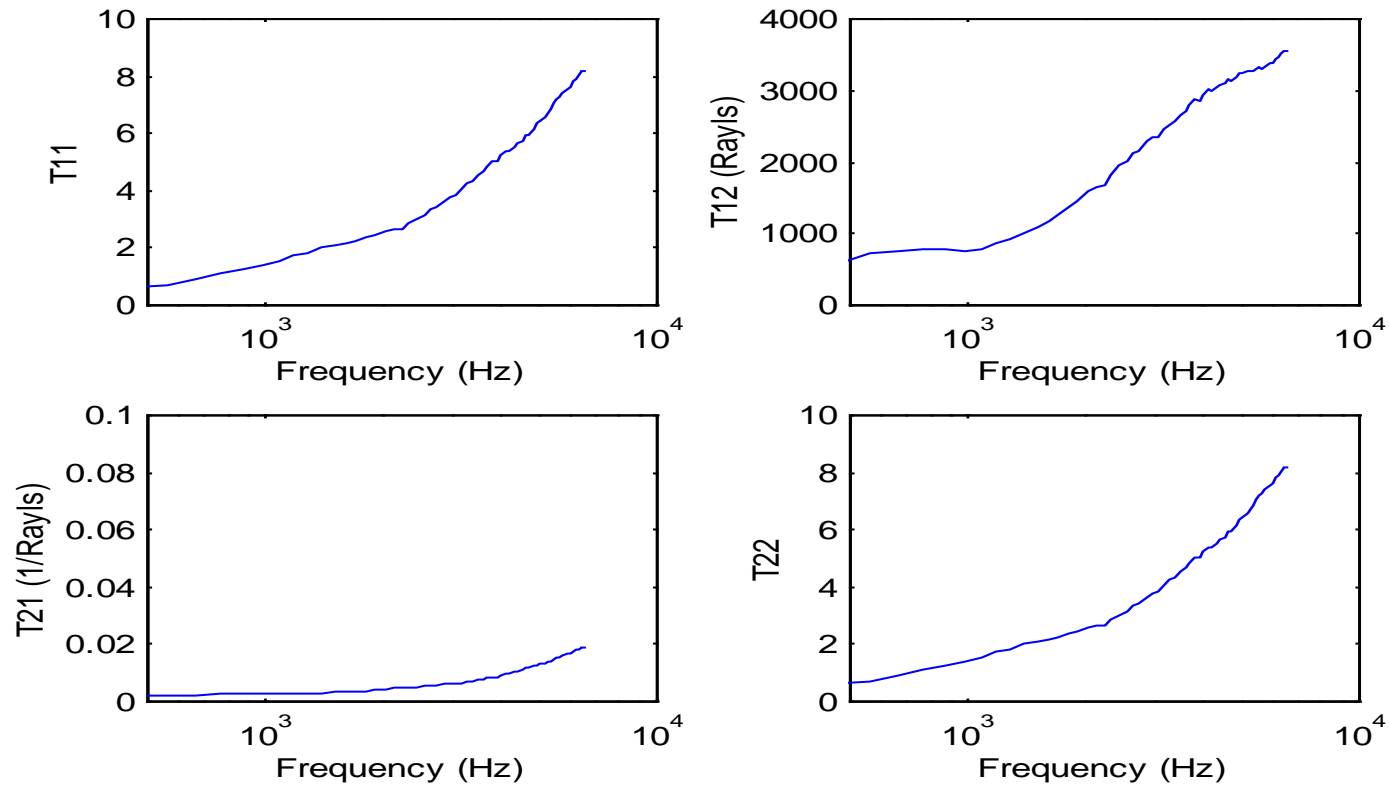
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# Magnitudes of transfer matrix elements

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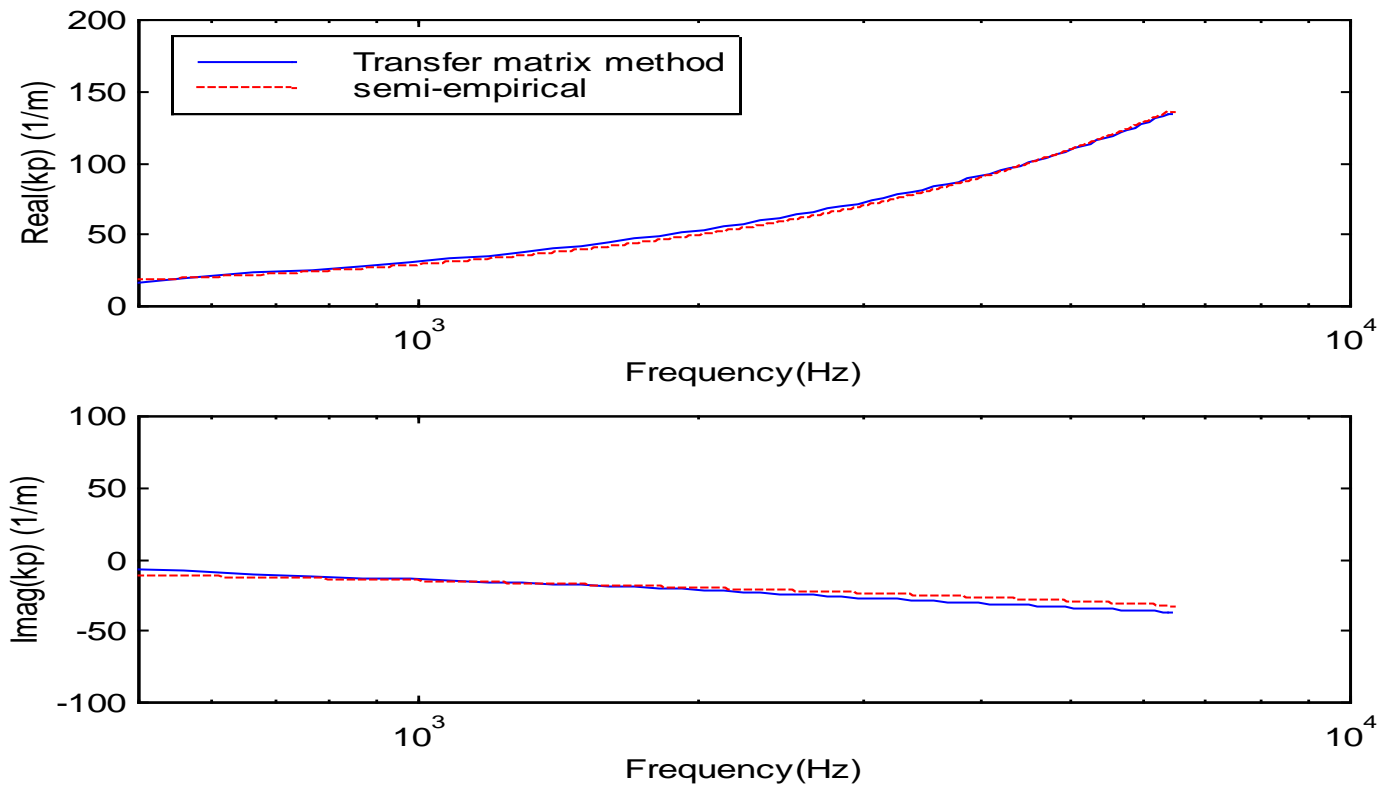


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# Propagation constant of lining material

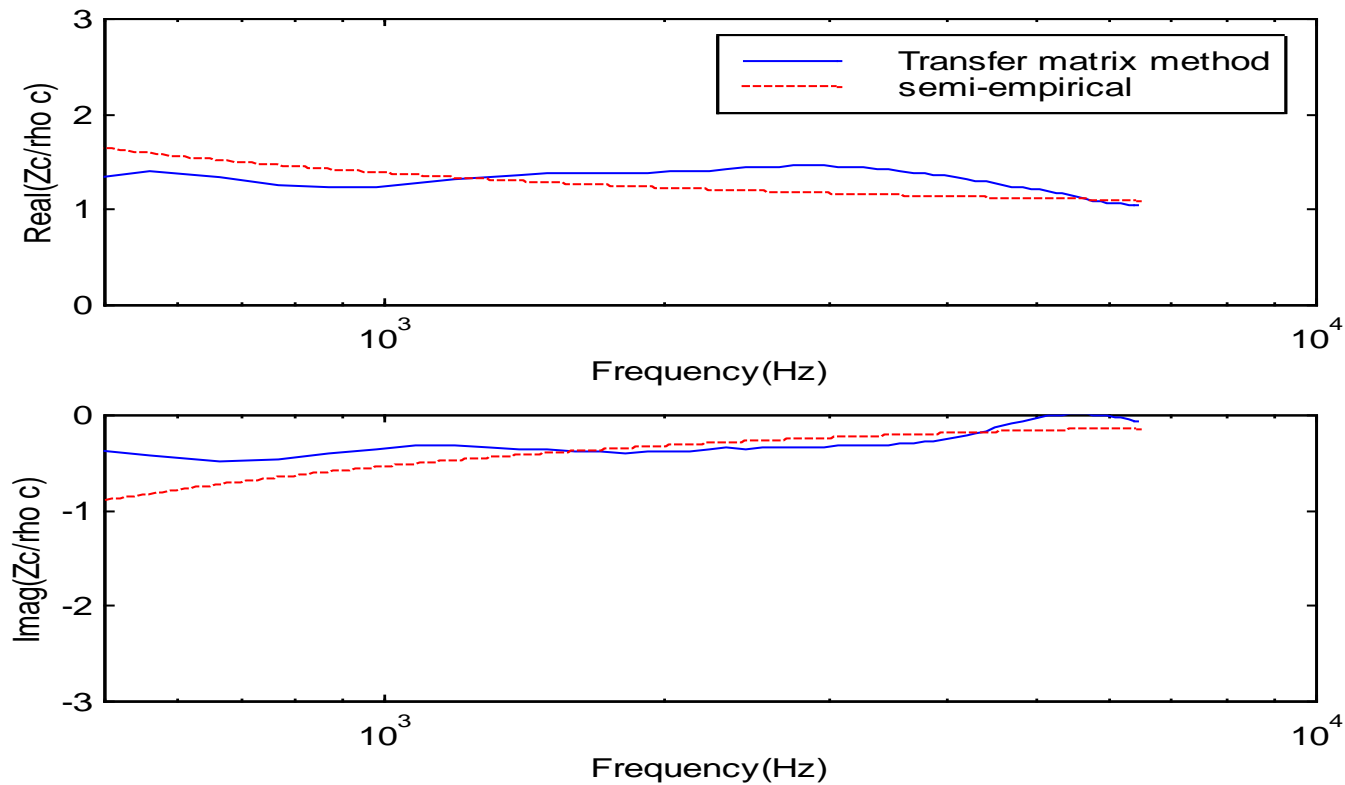


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# Normalized characteristic impedance of lining material

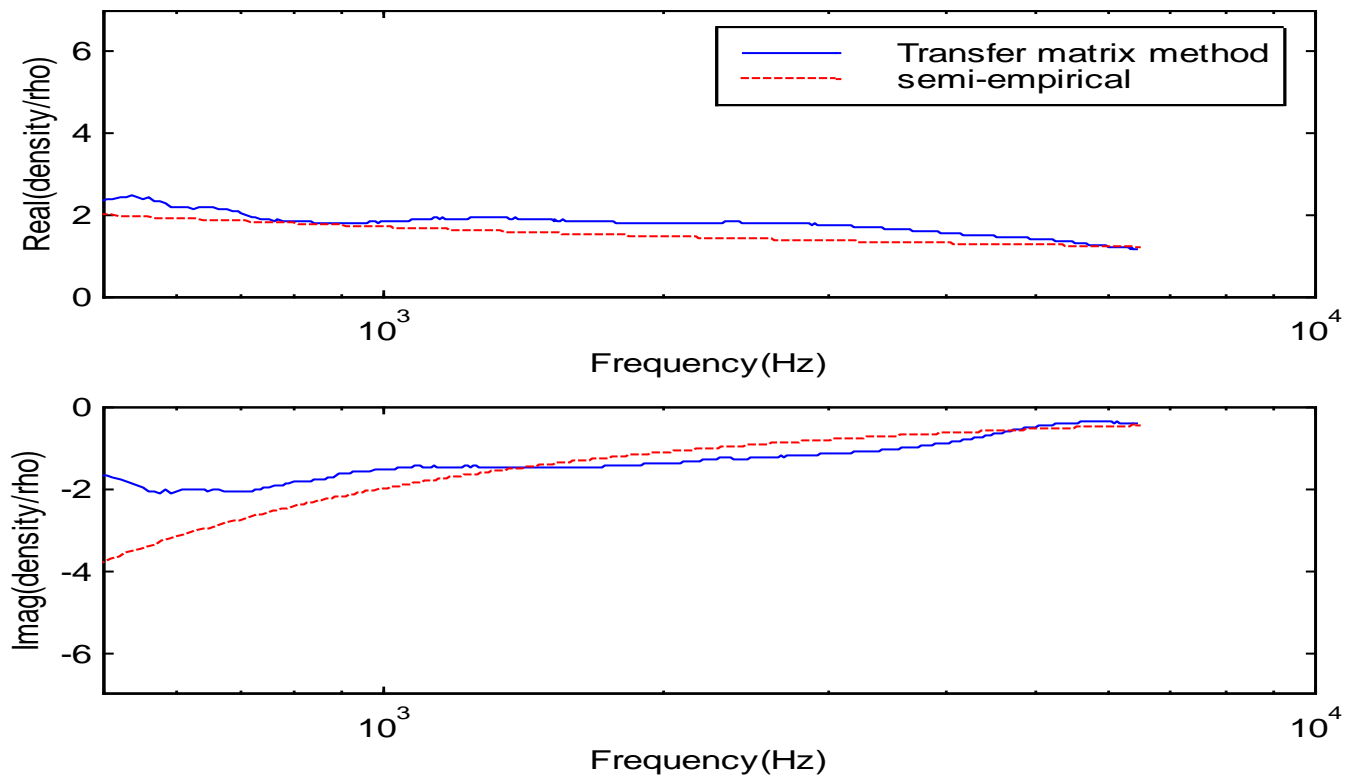


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# Normalized complex density in porous material



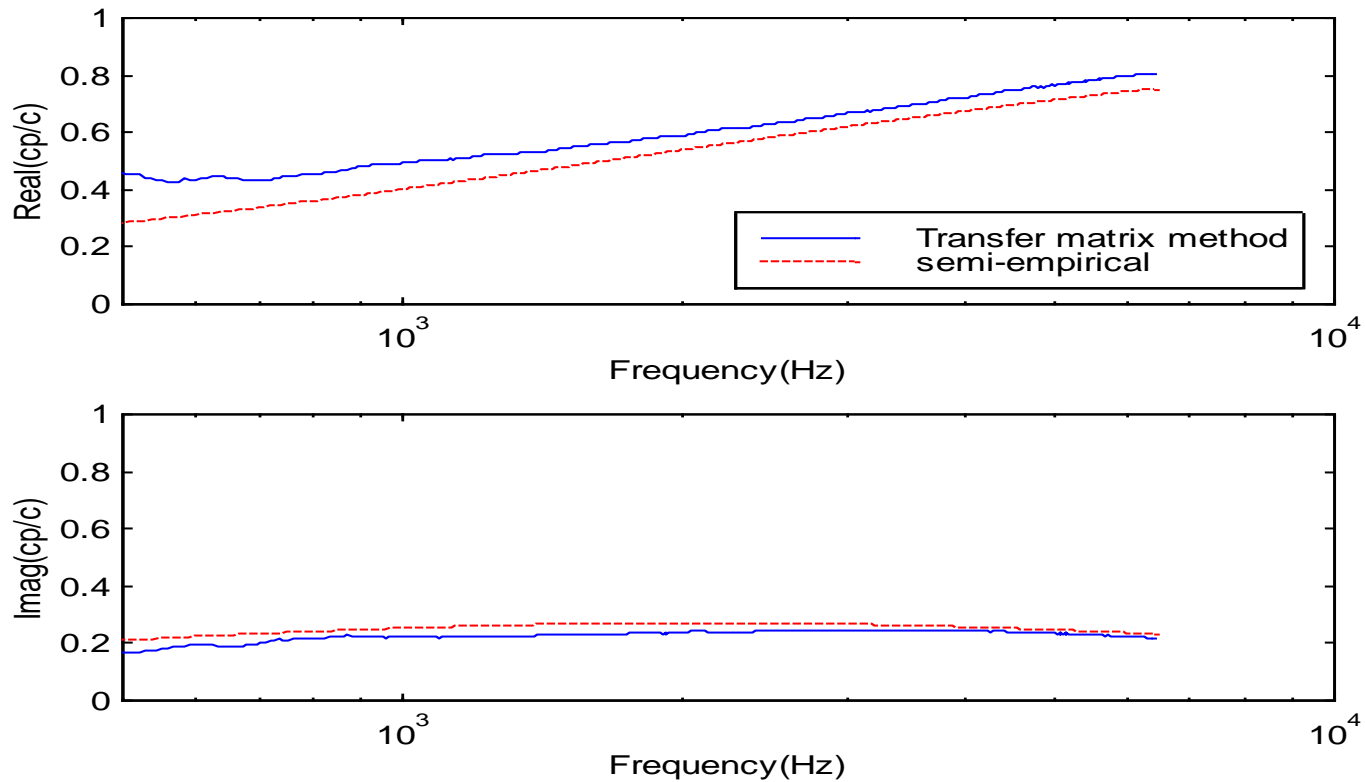
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# Normalized complex sound speed



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# Conclusions

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- **Quick and convenient method for determining the fundamental acoustical properties (i.e., the wave number and characteristic impedance) as well as acoustical performances (i.e., the absorption coefficients and transmission loss).**
- **Transfer matrix method improved by using symmetry conditions (reduces number of measurements required).**
- **By using this method, complex density and complex sound speed can be determined (required by FEM and BEM model).**