



A Characterization and Prediction of Acoustical Properties in Sound Package Materials



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Outline



Conclusions

Introduction to Porous Materials

- Poroelastic Materials
 - e.g. Melamine, Polyurethane
- Fibrous Materials
 - e.g. Glass Wool, Fiberform
- Felts (Recycled Materials)- e.g. Nonwovens, PET Felts
- Resistive Films/ Scrims
- Aluminium, Polythelyne films
- Micro-perforate Materials





Sound Package Materials-Automotive Applications



Sound Absorbing Porous Materials - Classification

Sound Absorbing Porous materials are classified in three categories

Elastic Frame

- > Full coupling between the fluid and structural phases of the material
- Motion of both fluid and frame
- Frame bulk modulus of same order as fluid (approx. 100000 Pa for air)
- Dilatational fluid and frame wave propagation, as well as frame shear wave propagation (3 wave types)

Rigid Frame

- Solid phase does not move
- > Frame bulk modulus is significantly greater than that of the fluid
- > Airborne wave only, i.e. situations where the frame is not excited directly
- > Boundary conditions are important

Limp Frame

- > Solid phase has essentially no stiffness, moves in phase with the acoustic wave
- > Frame bulk modulus significantly less than that of air
- Airborne wave propagation only
- Boundary conditions less important

Poroelastic Model-Elastic Frame (Biot Model)

Biot's theory describes the interactions between the 2 phases : Solid phase = elastic skeleton or frame Fluid phase = air (or other fluid) in the pores

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\mu} u_{i,jj} + \left(\tilde{\lambda} + \tilde{\mu}\right) u_{i,jj} + \omega^2 \tilde{\rho}_s u_i &= -\tilde{\gamma} p_i \\ \frac{1}{\omega^2 \tilde{\rho}_f} p_{ii} + \frac{1}{\tilde{K}_f} p &= -\tilde{\gamma} u_{i,i} \quad \text{Helmholtz Equation} \end{split}$$

Elastodynamic Equation



- U Solid phase macroscopic displacement vectors p
 - Fluid phase macroscopic pressure
- λ, μ Effective solid phase Lame' Cofficients
 - Effective fluid phase bulk modulus
- ρ_{s} Effective solid phase density
- ρ_{f} Effective fluid phase density

 K_{f}

γ Effective fluid-solid coupling coefficient



Poroelastic Model-Rigid Frame

$$\rho_{c} = \frac{\alpha_{\infty}\rho_{0}}{\phi} + \frac{\sigma}{i\omega}\sqrt{1 + \frac{4i\alpha_{\infty}^{2}\eta\rho_{0}\omega}{\sigma^{2}\Lambda^{2}\phi^{2}}} \quad \forall iscous \ Effects$$

$$K_{c} = \frac{\kappa \cdot P_{0}/\phi}{\kappa - (\kappa - 1) \left[1 + \frac{8\eta}{i\rho_{0}\omega N_{p}\Lambda^{\prime^{2}}}\sqrt{1 + \frac{i\rho_{0}\omega N_{p}\Lambda^{\prime^{2}}}{16\eta}}\right]^{-1}} \quad \text{Thermal Effects}$$

Poroelastic Model- Limp Frame

- Helmholtz Equation with effective density and bulk modulus
- Added Inertia for solid phase

$$\rho_{c}' = \frac{\rho_{c}M - \rho_{0}^{2}}{M + \rho_{c} - 2\rho_{0}}$$

Viscous Effects

with
$$M = \rho_1 + \phi \rho_0$$



Transfer Matrix Approach



$$RSTL = 10 \log \left(\frac{1}{\tau(\theta)}\right) \quad [dB]$$

Poroelastic Materials-Characterization

Biot's Parameters for Porous Materials

φ Porosity Air-flow resistivity σ α Tortuosity $\Lambda \& \Lambda'$ Characteristic Lengths ρ Density of Fibers/Material E Young modulus Poisson Ratio V Loss factor η



Polyurethane foam



Melamine foam

Porosity

□ It is the ratio of the volume of air voids to total volume of material





Range $0 \le \phi \le 1$

Measurement Principle

It is based on Isothermal Expansion of ideal gas (Boyle's law)





Results for some porous materials

Melamine Foam	0.99
Cellular Rubber	0.84
Coustone	0.46



Effect of Porosity on Sound Absorption and Transmission Loss



Porosity Variation- 0.5 to 1, Flow Resistivity 10872, tortuosity 1, VCL 99 and TCL 142

Flow Resistivity

It is the ratio of Air pressure difference to steady state velocity





Results for some Typical Materials

Melamine Foam	10872
Cellular Rubber	150388
Coustone	34056

Effect of Flow Resistivity on Sound Absorption and Transmission Loss



Flow Resistivity Variation- 1000-100000 Porosity 0.99, tortuosity 1, VCL 99 and TCL 142

Tortuosity (Structure Factor)

- Tortuosity parameter describes the degree of irregularity of the porous "flow channels"
- Dimensionless Parameter
- Tortuosity range for Porous materials 1 < α_{∞} < 10



- Methods
 - Conductivity Method [Brown et. al]
 - Oblique incidence [Fellah et. al]



Measurement Principle

High frequency limit of the complex phase velocity

$$c = \frac{c_0}{\sqrt{\alpha_{\infty}}} (1 - \varphi) \quad \alpha_{\infty} \Big|_{\omega} = \left(\frac{c_0}{c}\right)^2 (1 - \varphi)^2$$

$$\lim_{\omega \to \infty} \varphi = 0$$

$$\alpha_{\infty} = \left\{ \lim_{\omega^{-1/2} \to 0} \left(\frac{c_0}{c} \right) \right\}^2 \ge 1$$

Results for some Typical Materials

Melamine Foam	1.002
Cellular Rubber	2.97
Coustone	1.96









Effect of Tortuosity on Sound Absorption and Transmission Loss



Tortuosity Variation- 1-10 Porosity 0.99, FR 10872, VCL 99 and TCL 142

Chracteristics Lengths (VCL& TCL)

Viscous Characteristic Length

It is related to the size of the inter-connection between two pores in the porous material

$$\frac{2}{\Lambda} = \frac{\int_{A} v^{2}(r_{w}) dA}{\int_{V} v^{2}(r) dV}$$



Thermal Characteristic Length

It is related to the diameter of the pore connecting chanels

$$\frac{2}{\Lambda'} = \frac{\int_{A} dA}{\int_{V} dV}$$

Effect of VCL & TCL on Sound Absorption and Transmission Loss



Porosity 0.99, FR 10872, Tortuosity 1.001

Mechanical Parameters-Young's Modulus, Poisson Ratio & Loss Factor





$$T = \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{D_1}{D_2}\right\}$$
$$= \operatorname{Re}\left\{Z\right\} = \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{F}{D_2}\right\}$$
$$\operatorname{Im}\left\{Z\right\} = \operatorname{Im}\left\{\frac{F}{D_2}\right\}$$
$$\eta$$

3 2 40

Quasi-static Mechanical Analyzer



Results-Melamine Foam

Young's Modulus	80000
Poisson Ratio	0.28
Loss Factor	0.07

Effect of Young's Modulus and Poisson Ratio on Sound Absorption and Transmission loss



Porosity 0.99, FR 10872, Tortuosity 1.001, VCL 99 and TCL 142

Sound Absorption



- It is defined as the ratio of the sound energy reflected by a surface to the sound energy incident upon that surface.
- The sound absorption coefficient ranges from 0 to 1 and varies with frequency.

$$\alpha = \frac{Sound \, energy \, reflected}{Sound \, energy incident} \qquad [-$$





Random Incidence Sound Absorption in a Reverberation Room

Sound Transmission Loss



It is defined as the ratio of sound power incident on a partition to the sound power transmitted through the partition.

 $\tau = \frac{Sound \ Power \ Transmitted}{Sound \ Power \ Incident}$

$$STL = 10 \log\left(\frac{1}{\tau}\right) \quad [dB]$$



Measurement of Normal Incidence Sound Absorption and Transmission Loss-Three Microphone Impedance Tube

$$P\Big|_{x=o} = \frac{H_{21}\sin kx_1 - \sin kx_2}{\sin k(x_1 - x_2)}$$
$$V\Big|_{x=o} = \frac{jk}{\omega\rho_0} \frac{\cos kx_2 - H_{21}\cos kx_1}{\sin k(x_1 - x_2)}$$
$$P\Big|_{x=d} = H_{31} \qquad V\Big|_{x=d} = 0$$

 $P|_{x=o}$, $V|_{x=o}$ are the pressure and velocity at x = 0 $P|_{x=d}$, $V|_{x=d}$ are the pressure and velocity at x = d H_{ij} is the transfer function between the *i*th and jth microphones x: is the position of the microphones

 \mathcal{P}_0 : is the ambient density of the air, k : wave number

From reciprocity condition and symmetry condition

$$T_{11} = \frac{P\Big|_{x=d} V\Big|_{x=d} + P\Big|_{x=0} V\Big|_{x=0}}{P\Big|_{x=d} V\Big|_{x=d} + P\Big|_{x=0} V\Big|_{x=d}}$$

$$T_{12} = \frac{P\Big|_{x=0}^{2} - P\Big|_{x=d}^{2}}{P\Big|_{x=d} V\Big|_{x=d} + P\Big|_{x=0} V\Big|_{x=d}}$$

$$T_{21} = \frac{V\Big|_{x=d}^{2} - V\Big|_{x=d}^{2}}{P\Big|_{x=d} V\Big|_{x=d} + P\Big|_{x=0} V\Big|_{x=d}}$$

$$Z_{c} = \sqrt{\frac{T_{12}}{T_{21}}}$$

$$k_{c} = \frac{1}{d}\cos(T_{11})$$

$$Z_{s} = Z_{c} \cos(k_{c} d) \quad [Ns/m^{3}]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{4 \cdot \operatorname{Re}(Z_{s}) \cdot \rho_{0}c_{0}}{|Z_{s}|^{2} + 2\rho_{0}c_{0} \cdot \operatorname{Re}(Z_{s}) + (\rho_{0}c_{0})^{2}}$$

$$\tau = \frac{2}{\sin kd\left(2 \coth(kd) + \frac{Z_{c}}{\phi Z_{0}} + \frac{\phi Z_{0}}{\phi Z_{c}}\right)}$$

Inverse Chracterization Techniques



Inverse Techniques

Parameters to be determined

The physical parameters of poroelastic materials determined are ϕ , σ , α_{∞} , Λ and Λ .

Principle of Measurement

Inverse characterization from the low frequency measurement of the surface impedance and complex acoustical properties inside the impedance tube.

Precision

Errors are generally below 5% for all physical parameters.

Methods

Analytical Inverse

Optimization Method

Analytical Inverse: Tortuosity, VCL & TCL

Tortuosity from real part of bulk density

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\infty} = \frac{\varphi}{\rho_0} \left(\operatorname{Re}(\rho(\omega)) - \sqrt{\operatorname{Im}(\rho(\omega))^2 - \frac{\sigma^2}{\omega^2}} \right)$$

Viscous Chracteristic Length from imagenary part of bulk density

$$\Lambda = \frac{\alpha_{\infty}}{\varphi} \left(\frac{2\eta \rho_0}{\omega \operatorname{Im}(\rho(\omega))(\alpha_{\infty}\rho_0/\varphi - \operatorname{Re}(\rho(\omega)))} \right)$$

 Thermal Chracteristic Length from imagenary part of bulk modulus (Lafarge's Model)

$$\Lambda' = 2\sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\rho_0 C_p \omega}} \left(-\operatorname{Im}\left(\left(\frac{\gamma P_0 - \varphi K(\omega)}{\gamma P_0 - \gamma \varphi K(\omega)} \right)^2 \right) \right)^{-1} \right)$$

Characteristics Lengths-Computed

VCL and TCL are computed at mid frequency range 1100-1800 Hz



Computed VCL

Computed TCL

Analytical Inverse-Results

Melamine Foam 20 mm





	Exp.	Inverse
σ	10518	10634
φ	0.99	0.98
$lpha_{\infty}$	1.01	1
Λ	107	99
Λ'	137	180

Comparison of experimental and simulated SAC using inverted Parameters Comparison of experimental and inverted Parameters

Analytical Inverse-Results

Polyurethane Foam 25 mm



Comparison of experimental and simulated SAC using inverted Parameters



	Exp.	Inverse
σ	5359	6036
φ	0.98	0.98
$lpha_{\infty}$	1.1	1.11
Λ	48	125
Λ'	240	295

Comparison of experimental and inverted Parameters

Analytical Inverse-Results



Comparison of measured and predicted dynamic density of for PU-foam



Comparison of measured and predicted bulk modulus of for PU-foam

Optimization Inverse Method-Genetic Algorithm

Natural Selection

Genetic Code

Charact. A

Charact. B

(DNA):



- The genetic algorithm is a method for solving both constrained and unconstrained optimization problems that is based on "natural" selection. Over successive generations, creating "children" from the best "parents", the population "evolves" toward an optimal solution.
- In this analysis the surface impedance of the material put on a rigid wall has been used as cost function:

$$CF\{|Zs|\} = \sum |Z_S^{\text{meas}} - Z_S^{\text{model}}|$$





Predicted Surface Impedance-Allard Model

Polyurethane Foam



Comparison of surface Impedance Measured and Simulated-Genetic Algorithm

1.0 0.8 -0.6 _____ ອ**___0.4** -0.2 -Experimental \Diamond Simulated 0.0 -1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 0 Frequency [Hz]

Polyurethane Foam-25 mm

Comparison of Sound absorption coefficient Measured and Simulated



	Exp.	Inverse
σ	24119	23327
φ	0.98	0.98
$lpha_{\infty}$	1.76	1.72
Λ	48	43
Λ'	240	258

Melamine Foam-29 mm



Comparison of Sound absorption coefficient Measured and Simulated



	Exp.	Inverse
σ	10518	10872
ф	0.99	0.99
$lpha_{\infty}$	1.01	1
Λ	107	99
Λ'	137	142

Comparison of experimental and inverted Parameters

PET Felt 25mm



Comparison of Sound absorption coefficient Measured and Simulated



	Exp.	Inverse
σ	6114	5931
φ	0.99	0.99
$lpha_{\infty}$	1.03	1.02
Λ	140	165
Λ'	230	294

Comparison of experimental and inverted Parameters



Simulation and Validation-Sound Absorption



PET Felt – 25 mm-24 Kg/m³



Comparison of Sound absorption coefficient Measured and Simulated

Simulation and Validation-Sound Absorption

Symbol	Value
φ	0.98
σ	5359
$lpha^\infty$	1.08
Λ	119
Λ'	235
E	119930
ν	0.33
η	0.09

Polyurethane Foam-40mm-40Kg/m³



Comparison of Sound absorption coefficient Measured and Simulated

Simulation and Validation–Sound Transmission



Random Incidence Sound Absorption Measurement

Reverberation Room- [ISO 354/ ASTM 423]

Sound absorption is measured using Sabine's Formula

$$A_1 = \frac{55.3V}{cT_1} - 4Vm_1$$

Without Material

With Material

 $A_2 = \frac{55.3V}{cT_2} - 4Vm_2$









PET Felt-25mm-24Kg/m³

Symbol	Value
φ	0.99
σ	6114
$lpha_\infty$	1.03
Λ	140
Λ'	230
E	8000
ν	0.02
η	0.017



Comparison of Random Sound absorption coefficient Measurement and Simulation

Random Incidence Sound Transmission Loss - Reverberation Suite

- Two adjacent reverberation rooms are arranged with an opening between them in which the test partition is installed as per ASTM E90.
- Sound Transmission loss is related to Noise reduction as

$$TL = NR + 10\log_{10}\left(\frac{S}{A}\right)$$

S-Area of the sample A- Room constant of the receiving room

 Noise Reduction is simply the difference between sound pressure levels on opposite sides of a wall

> SPL_1 – Sound Pressure Level in the Room 1 SPL_2 – Sound Pressure Level in the Room 2

$$NR = SPL_1 - SPL_2$$

Random Sound Transmission Loss of Steel Plate



Random Sound Transmission Loss of Steel Plate (0.8mm measured with Two chamber Method)

Steel Plate 0.8 mm + Foam 20 mm- Simulation

Test was carried out in a Reverberation room with Anechoic chamber as a receiver room

Symbol	Value
φ	0.99
σ	10518
$lpha_{\infty}$	1.01
Λ	107
Λ'	137
Е	80000
ν	0.28
η	0.07



Vehicle Dash Insulator

- It seperates Engine compartment from Passenger cabin
- A typical dash insultor consists of Steel plate + Porous
 Decoupler + Heavy Layer
- Resonating Frequency Range in between 100 Hz to 500
 Hz which is similar to Engine firing frequency.









Vehicle Dash -Simulation and Validation

	Thickness	Density	ф	σ	$lpha_{\infty}$	Λ	Λ'
	[mm]	[Kg/m ³]	[-]	[Ns/m ⁴]	[-]	[µm]	[µm]
Hard Felt	4 mm	250	0.91	150000	2.01	4.2	150
Soft Felt	15 mm	48	0.97	15500	1.5	140	150



Comparison of Experimental Sound Absorption with Simulation for Dash 2



Comparison of Experimental Sound Transmission Loss with Simulation for Dash 2

Vehicle Floor Carpet

- It is the second larget part covering maximum area (11%) after headliners (21%)
- This is used to reduce Road as well as Engine noise inside cabin
- It consists of multiple layers of sound packages like foams, fibers, felts, EVA etc.





Physical Parameters

Sr. No.	Layers	Thickness	Density	Flow Resistivity	Porosity
		[mm]	$[Kg/m^3]$	$[Ns/m^4]$	[-]
1	PET with PVC	2mm	600	-	-
2	Soft Felt	15 mm	64	30000	0.90

Intrinsic Parameters

	σ	φ	$lpha_{\infty}$	Λ	Λ΄
Soft Felt	30000	0.90	1.2	215	215





Vehicle Floor Carpet is tested inside an Impedance Tube

Vehicle Floor Carpet is tested with Steel Plate of 0.8 mm Thickness

Effect of Apertures & Leakages

- Leaks are crucial role in transmission path at mid/high frequencies
- Leaks are due to passthroughs, Boot liners, etc.





Frequency [Hz]

Effect of Thickness-Sound Absorption-Flow Resistivity 10 KN.S/m⁴



Effect of Air Gap-Sound Absorption- Thickness-10 mm



Effect of Mass-Sound Transmission Loss-Thickness-20 mm



Effect of Thickness-Sound Transmission Loss-Flow Resistivity-25 KN.s/m⁴



Analytical Inverse Characterization-GUI



Optimization Inverse Method-Genetic Algorithm- GUI





Acoustic Material Database



Acoustic Material Modelling



Sound Package Simulator





Optimization of Sound Package-Multilayers

 Optimization Tool for optimizing thickness constraints on Materials for Higher Sound Absorption



Oberst Bar setup for Damping



GUI for Oberst Bar Method



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