



# Vibro-acoustic modeling, analysis and optimization using COMSOL Multiphysics

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# Contents

- **Building**-Development of noise mitigation window
- **Research**-Acoustic metamaterial
- **Material**-Porous absorbing material

## Interests & capabilities

Vibro-acoustic modeling; Noise and vibration control; Architectural acoustics; Aerospace and automotive engineering; Active noise control; Acoustic metamaterial

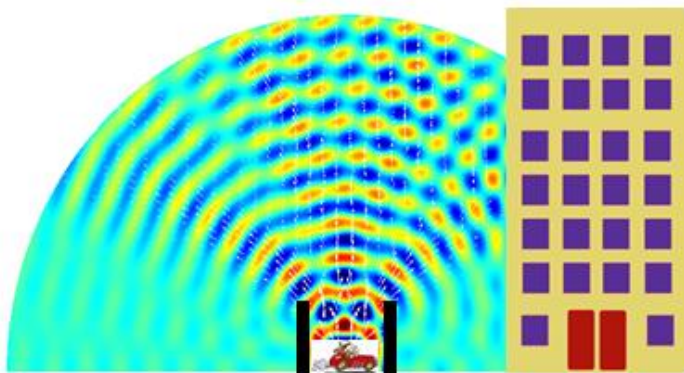
# Ventilation window



Heavy traffic generates roadway noise



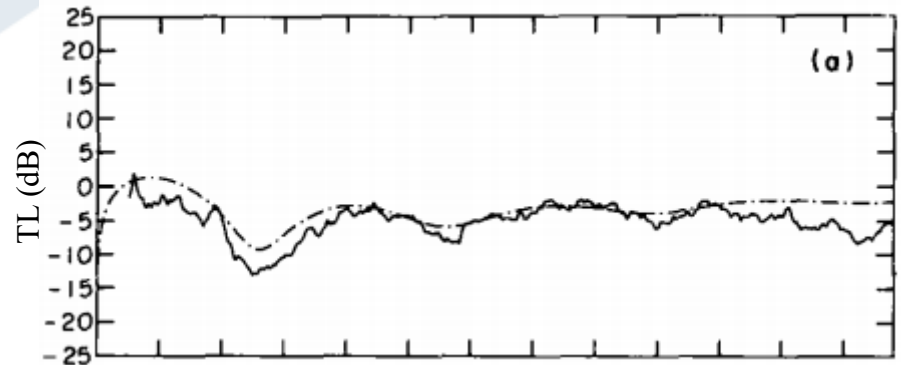
Train passes through residential area



Sound barrier simulation



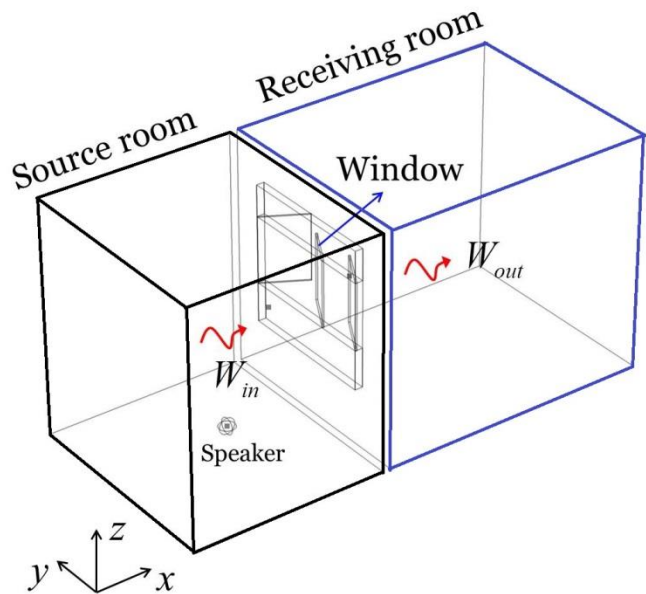
HDB window



Frequency (Hz)

Sound transmission loss  
of small aperture  
Oldham, JSV, 1993

# Sound Reduction Index

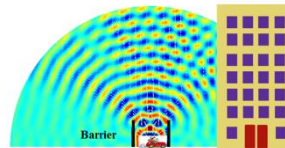


Testing facility at HDB

Sound reduction index (SRI)

$$R = 10 \times \log_{10}(W_{in}/W_{out})$$

Measuring window sound insulation  
ISO-10140



Outdoor noise level



Window SRI



Room correction

Why SRI is important?

Indoor noise level

$$L_{in} = L_{out} - SRI + Cr$$

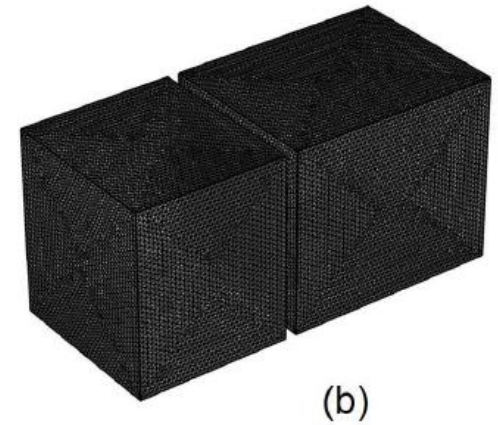
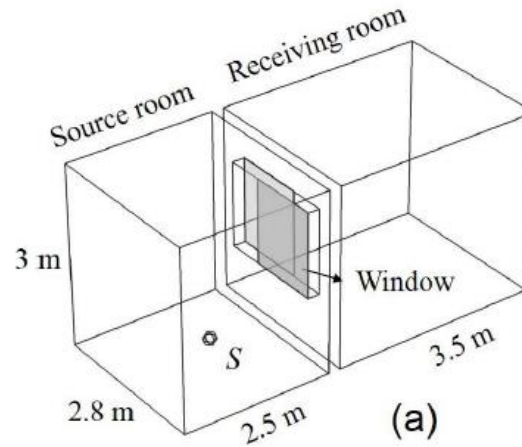
# Sound Reduction Index

Predicting SRI using FEM:

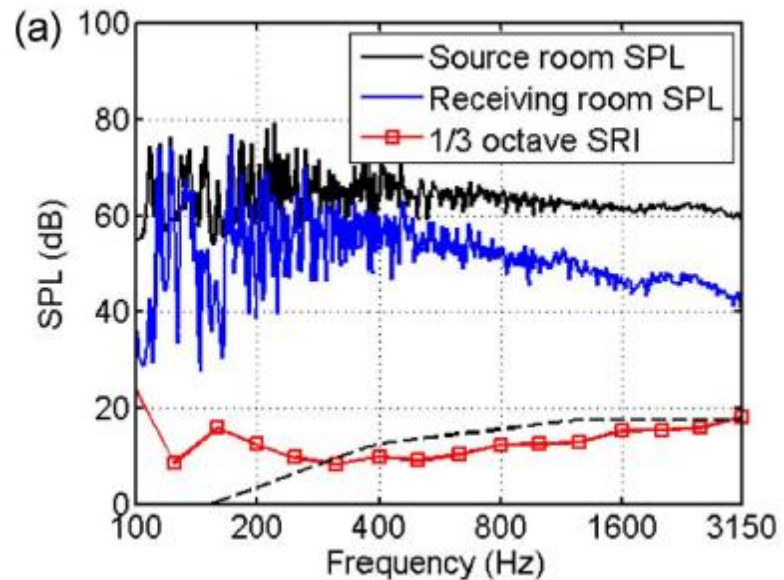
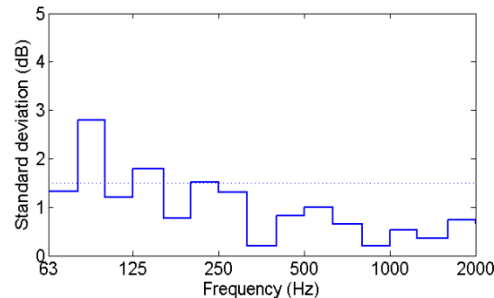
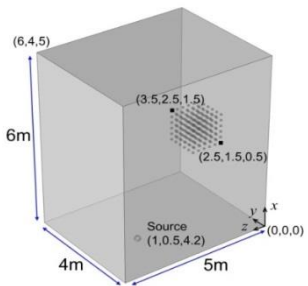
$$\text{SRI} = 10 \log_{10}(W_S / W_R) = L_S^W - L_R^W$$

Sound power of a diffuse room:

$$L_S^W(f_c) = 10 \log \left[ \frac{A}{2\rho_0 c_0} \left( \frac{\sum 10^{L_s/10}}{N_s} \right) \right]$$

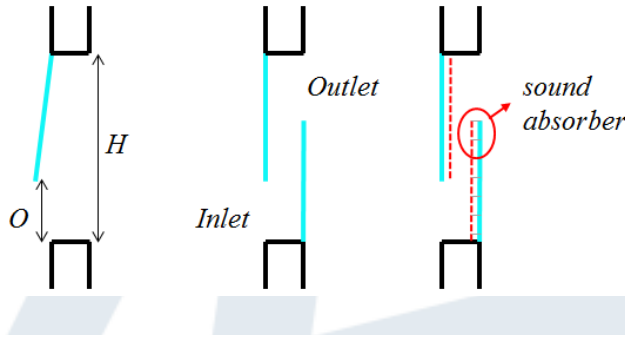


Reverberation in source room

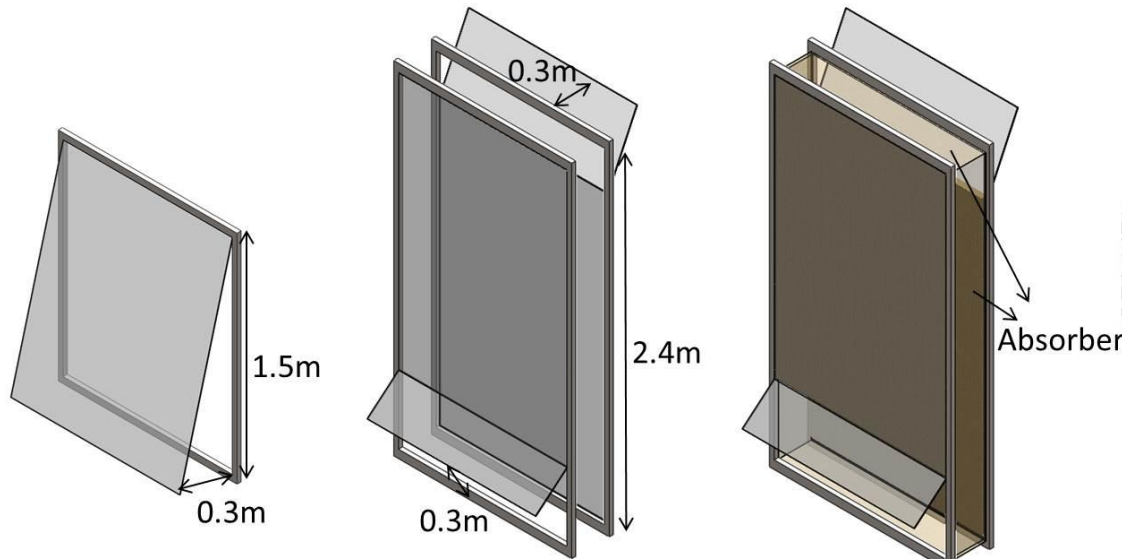


# Prediction vs. Experiment

Typical window configurations



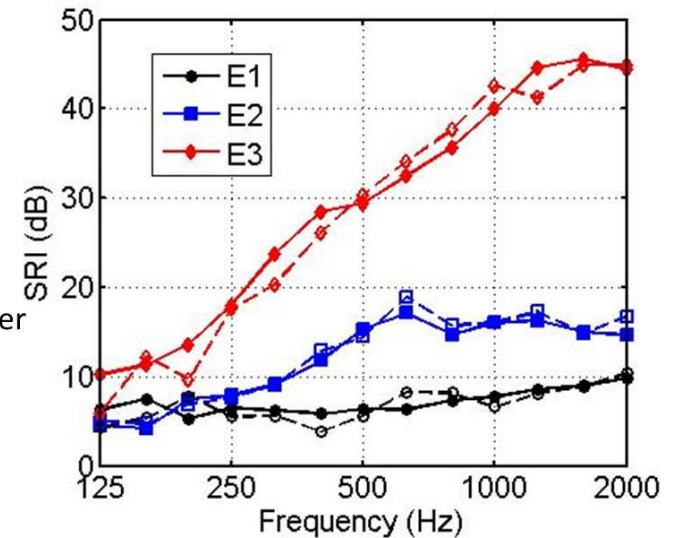
Experimental data from Delta acoustics, Denmark



E1: Standard top-hung

E2: Open double glazing

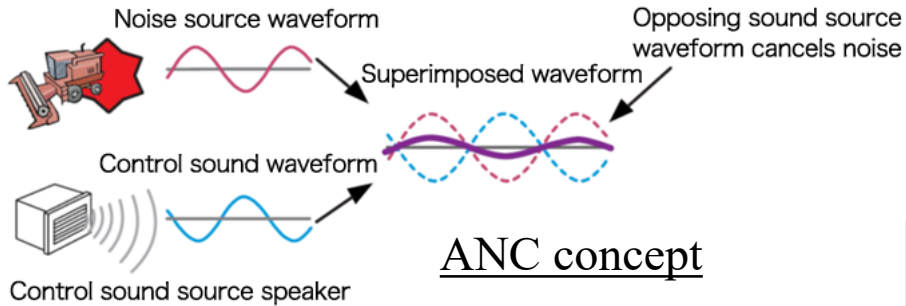
E3: window with absorber



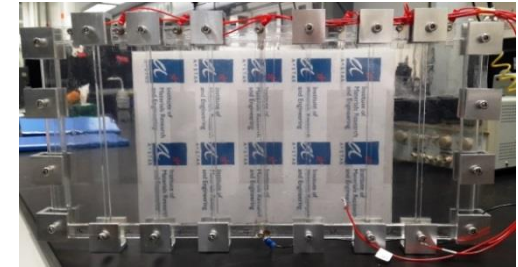
Solid: experiment dashed: prediction

Predicted SRI shows good agreement with full-scale experimental results

# Active Noise Cancellation



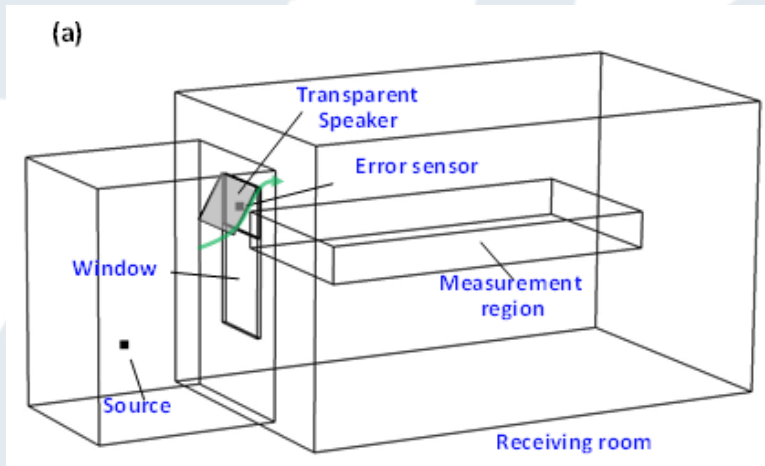
Vs.



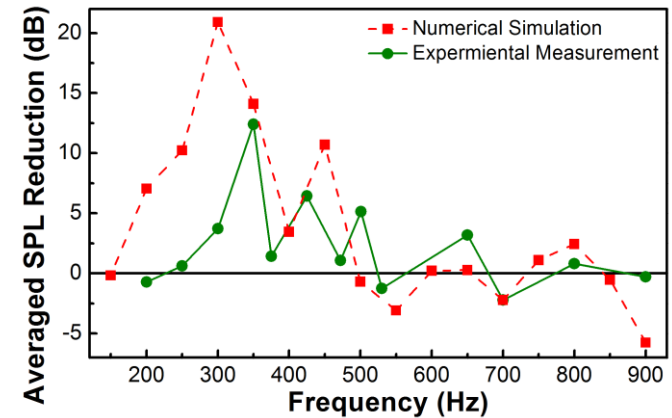
Traditional loudspeaker

Transparent speaker

## ANC configuration



## Simulation and experiment results

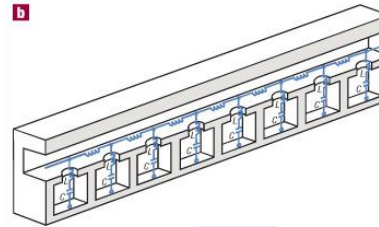


P1: Primary; P2: Secondary  
ANC Target: P2 cancels P1

$$q' = -q(P_1 / P_2)$$

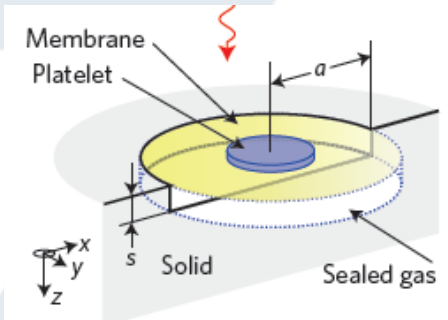
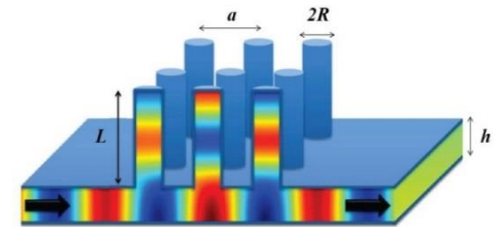
# Acoustic metamaterial

- Artificial structure
- Acoustic stop-band
- Negative effective parameters
- Sub-wavelength property
- Tunable performance...

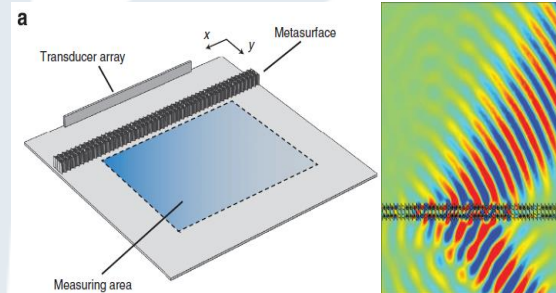


Fang, Nature materials **5**, 2006  
Periodic Helmholtz resonators

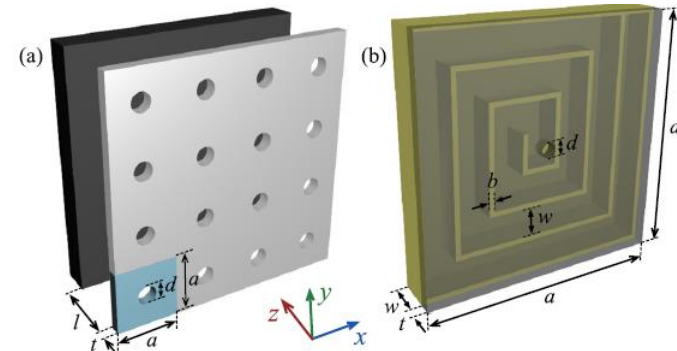
Physical Review B **85**, 2012  
3D periodic resonators



Sheng et al.  
Decorated membrane resonator  
Both reflection & absorption



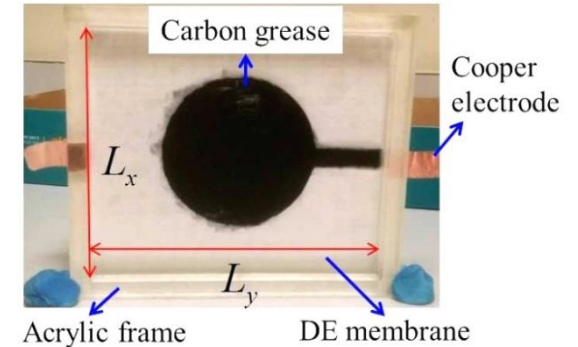
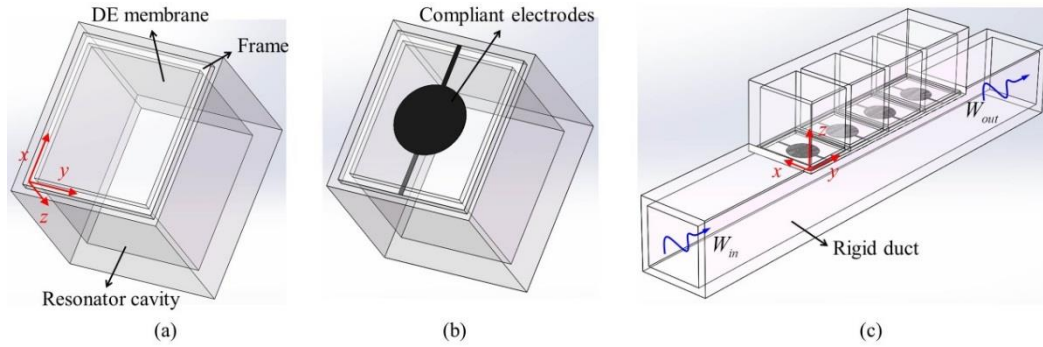
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Wave modulation



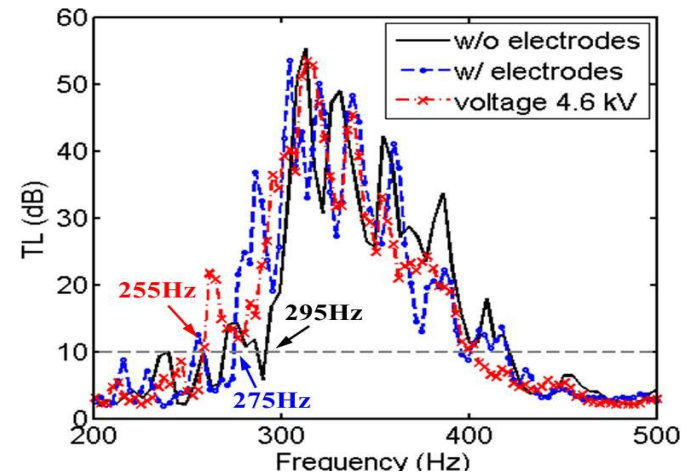
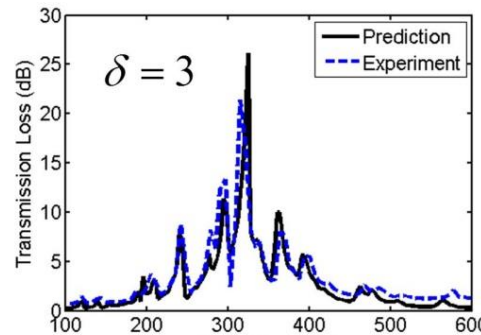
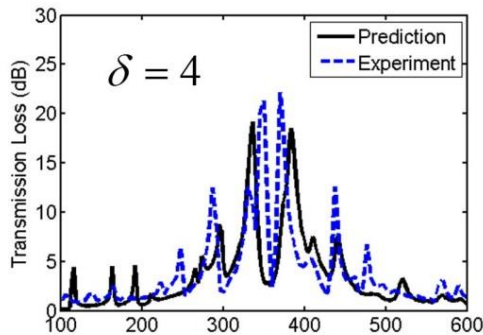
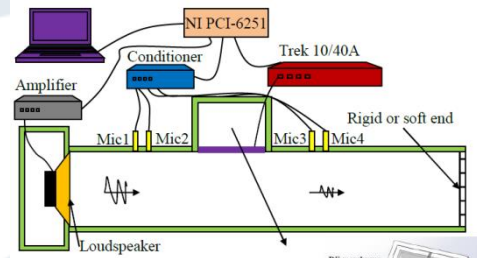
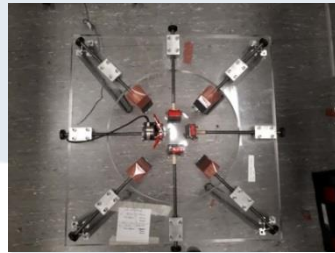
Li and Assouar, APL 2016  
Low-frequency absorption



# Membrane-type acoustic metamaterial



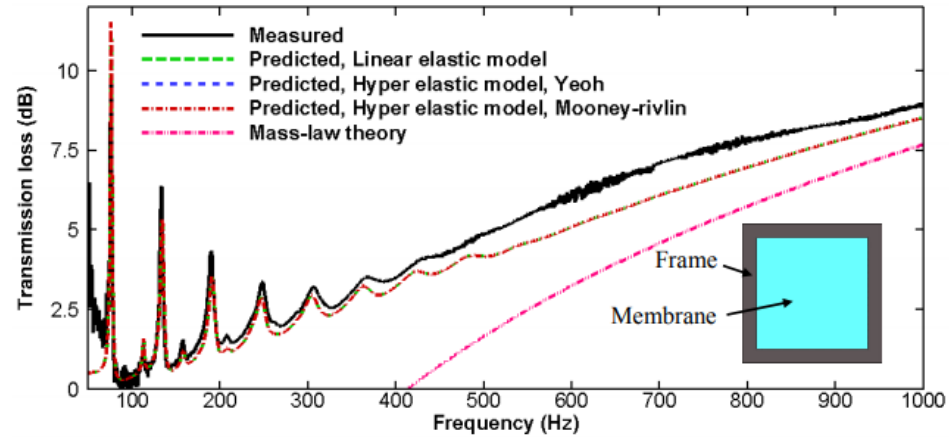
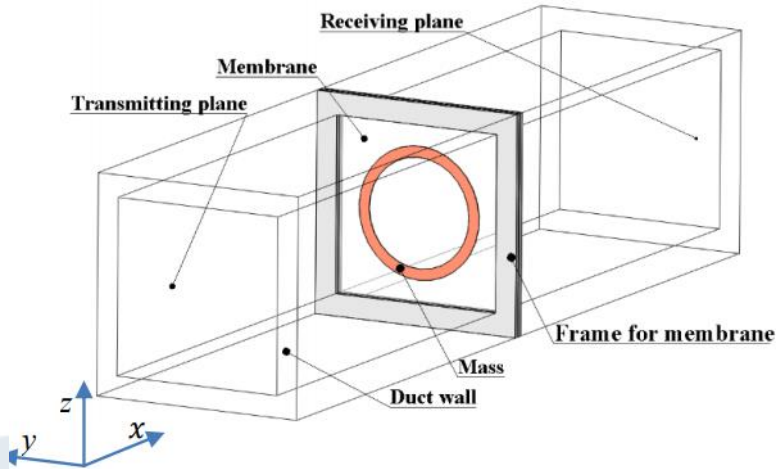
## Tunable resonator with dielectric elastomer



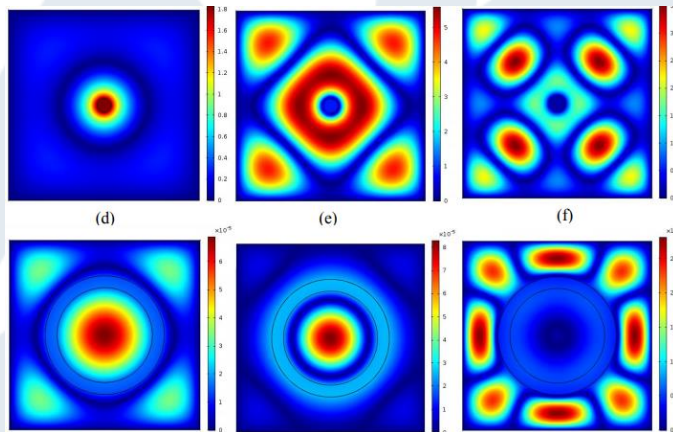
Frequency shift with voltage

Validation with different membrane pre-stretch ratio

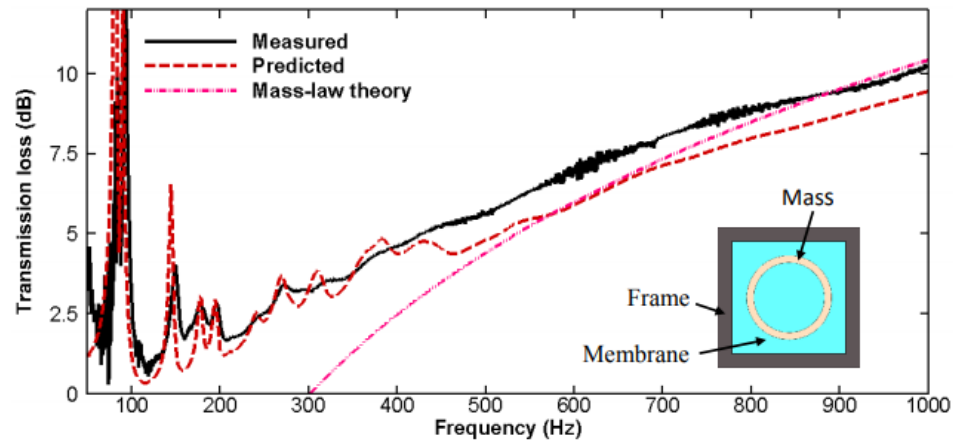
# Membrane-type acoustic metamaterial



## Membrane with distributed mass

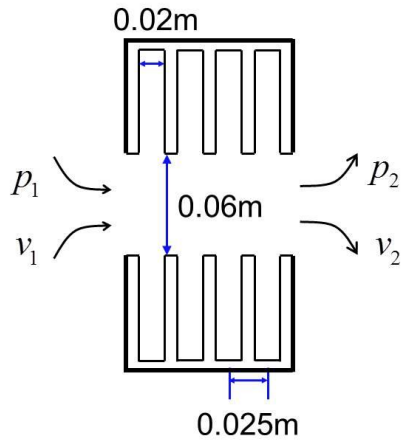


## Mechanism study-vibration mode

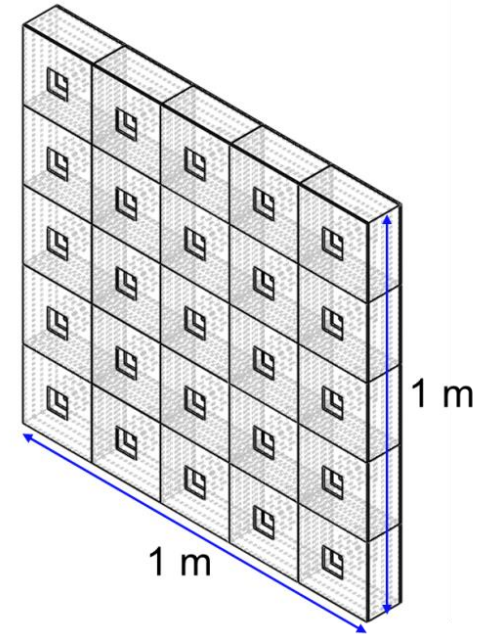


## Comsol simulation vs. experiment

# Acoustic metasurface

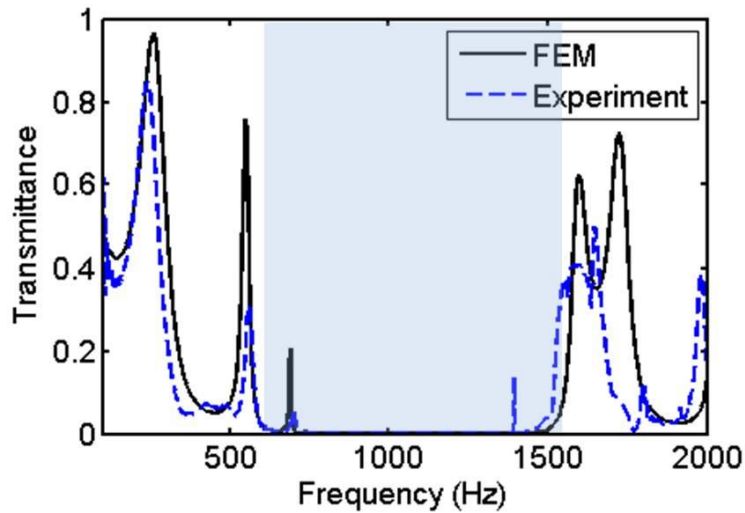


Fabricated sample

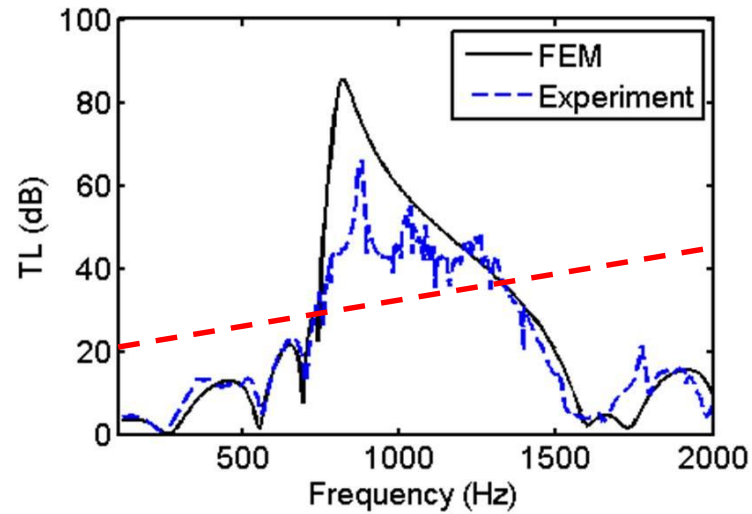


Metasurface for sound insulation

Periodic waveguide



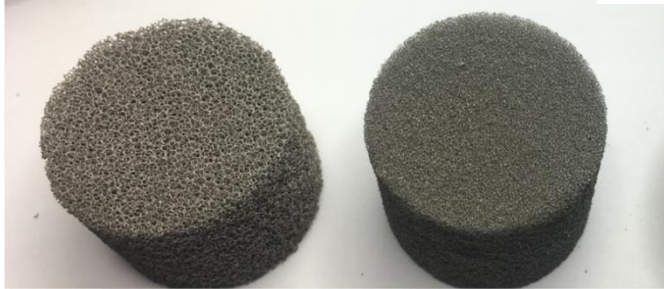
Transmittance



Transmission Loss (dB)

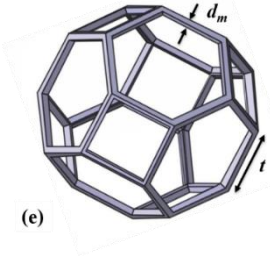
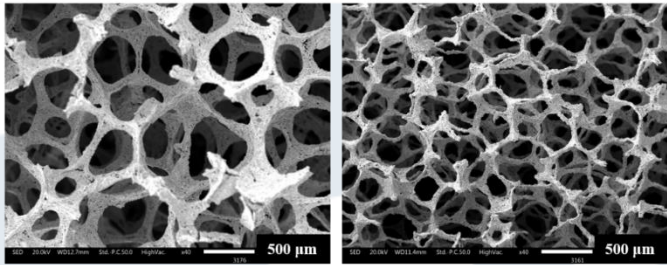
# Metallic foam

tetrakaidecahedron pore



IN625 Foam A

IN625 Foam B



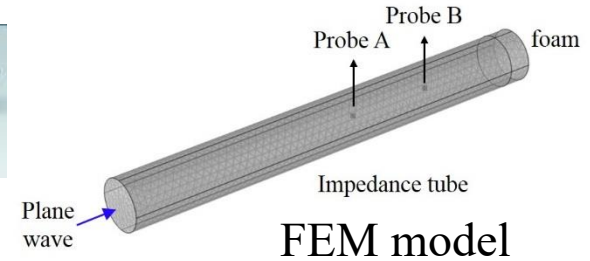
Impedance calculation

$$\tilde{\rho}(f) = \rho_0 \left[ 1 + 0.0571 \left( \frac{\rho_0 f}{\sigma} \right)^{-0.754} - j 0.087 \left( \frac{\rho_0 f}{\sigma} \right)^{-0.732} \right]$$

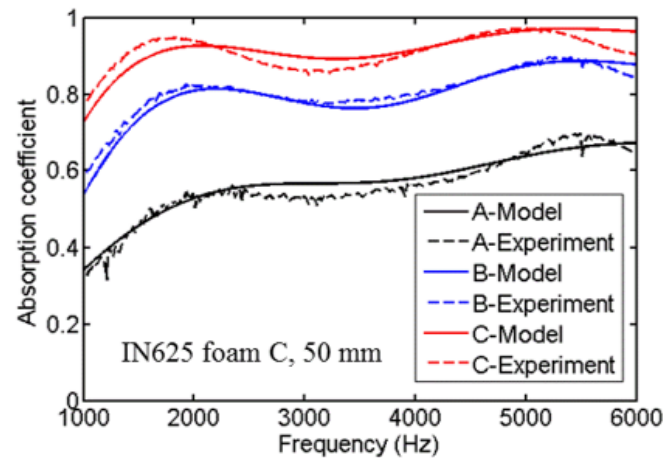
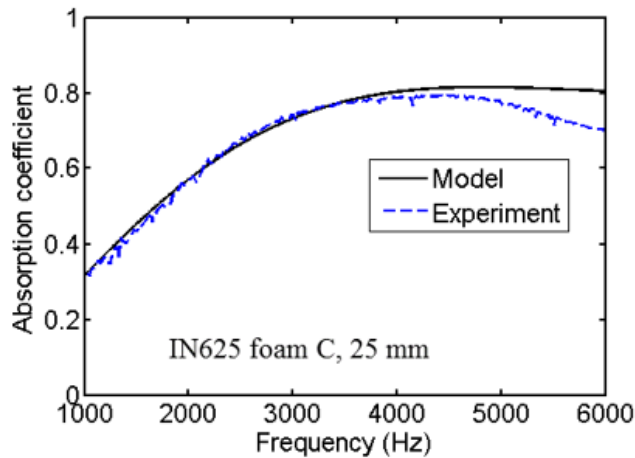
$$\tilde{c}(f) = c_0 \left[ 1 + 0.0978 \left( \frac{\rho_0 f}{\sigma} \right)^{-0.700} - j 0.189 \left( \frac{\rho_0 f}{\sigma} \right)^{-0.595} \right]^{-1}$$



Impedance tube



## IN625 Open-cell foam



# Conclusions

- Comsol Multiphysics is a useful FEM tool to conduct vibroacoustic research.
- Knowledge and experience is important to build correct models.
- The Optimization Module and Application Builder can be integrated to serve a wide range of industrial projects.

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