

Difference between Q_{Kappa} and Q_p :

Dahlen and Tromp 1998, page 350

$$Q_p = \sqrt{\frac{K + \frac{4}{3}\mu}{\rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{d + 2\mu}{\rho}}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = d + 2\mu - \frac{4}{3}\mu = d + \frac{2}{3}\mu \quad \text{in 3D}$$

Carcione 1993 generalizes this to 2D and 3D by writing: (see also Carcione et al 1988 equation (A9))
$$K = d + \frac{2}{n}\mu \quad \text{with } n \text{ the spatial dimension (} n=2 \text{ or } n=3 \text{)}$$

Q_μ is always equal to Q_s , but

Q_{Kappa} is not equal to Q_p in general.

The formula to convert one to the other is given in Dahlen and Tromp (1998) eq (9.59):

$$Q_p = \frac{1}{\frac{1 - \frac{4}{3}\left(\frac{c_s}{c_p}\right)^2}{Q_{\text{Kappa}}} + \frac{\frac{4}{3}\left(\frac{c_s}{c_p}\right)^2}{Q_{\mu\mu}}}$$

where $c_s = c_s(f)$ and $c_p = c_p(f)$ are given at the frequency at which one wants to perform this conversion (for a ^{really} constant Q , that frequency does not matter); however for a Zener representation of a constant Q it does vary a little bit, because $\frac{c_s}{c_p}$ will slightly vary with f because they scale as $\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum \frac{\tau_{E1}}{c_{E1}}}$ and $\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum \frac{\tau_{E2}}{c_{E2}}}$.