

Chapter 10 – Sound in Ducts

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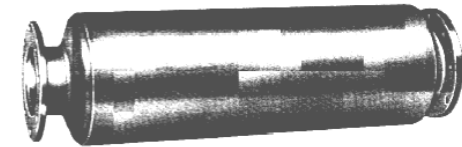
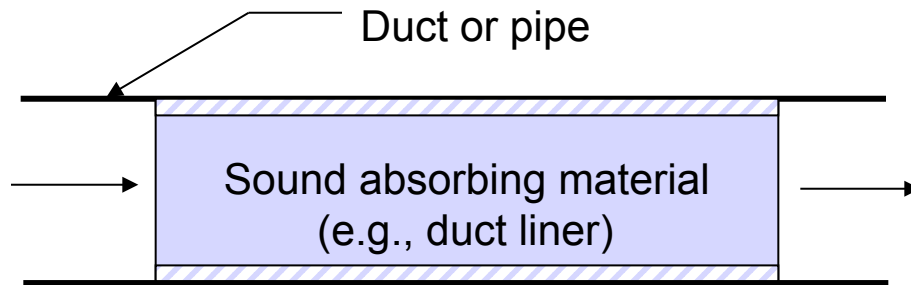
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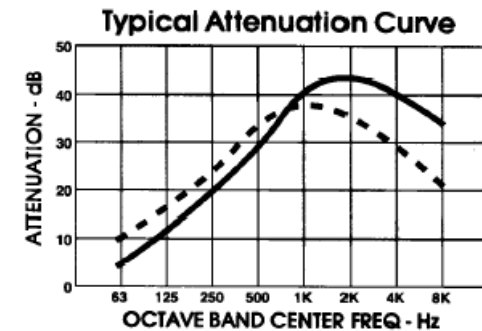
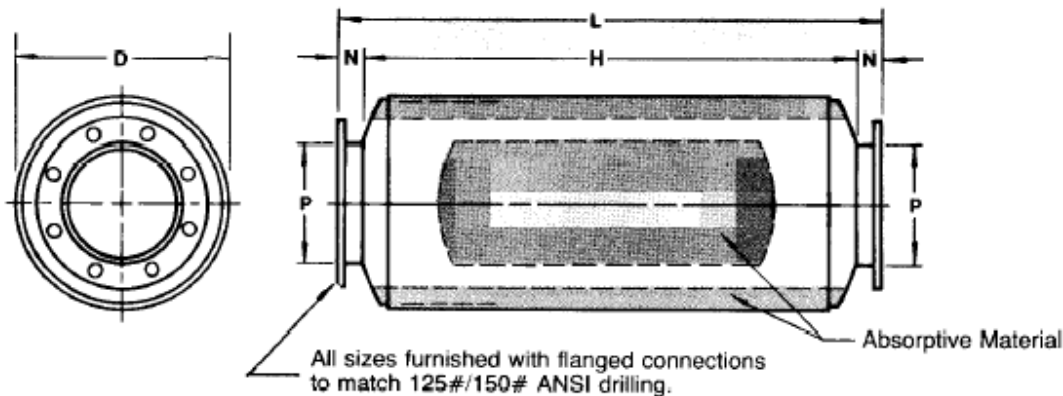
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Types of Mufflers

1. Dissipative (absorptive) silencer:

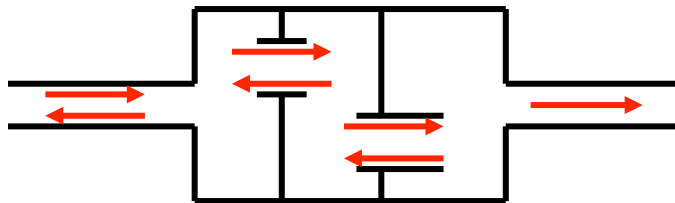


Sound is attenuated due to absorption (conversion to heat)



Types of Mufflers

2. Reactive muffler:



Sound is attenuated by reflection and “cancellation” of sound waves



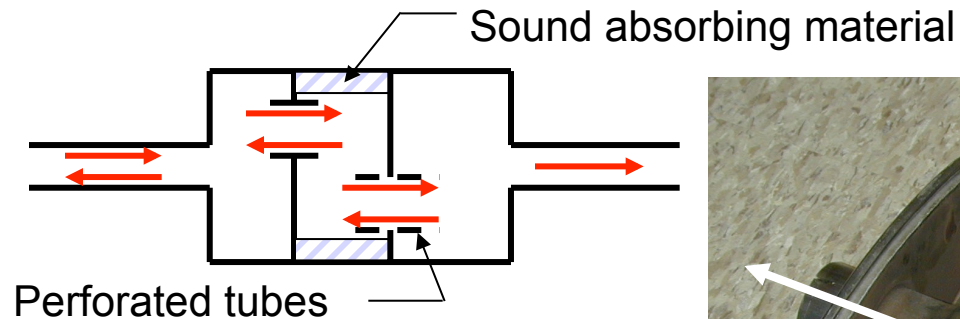
Compressor discharge details

40 mm

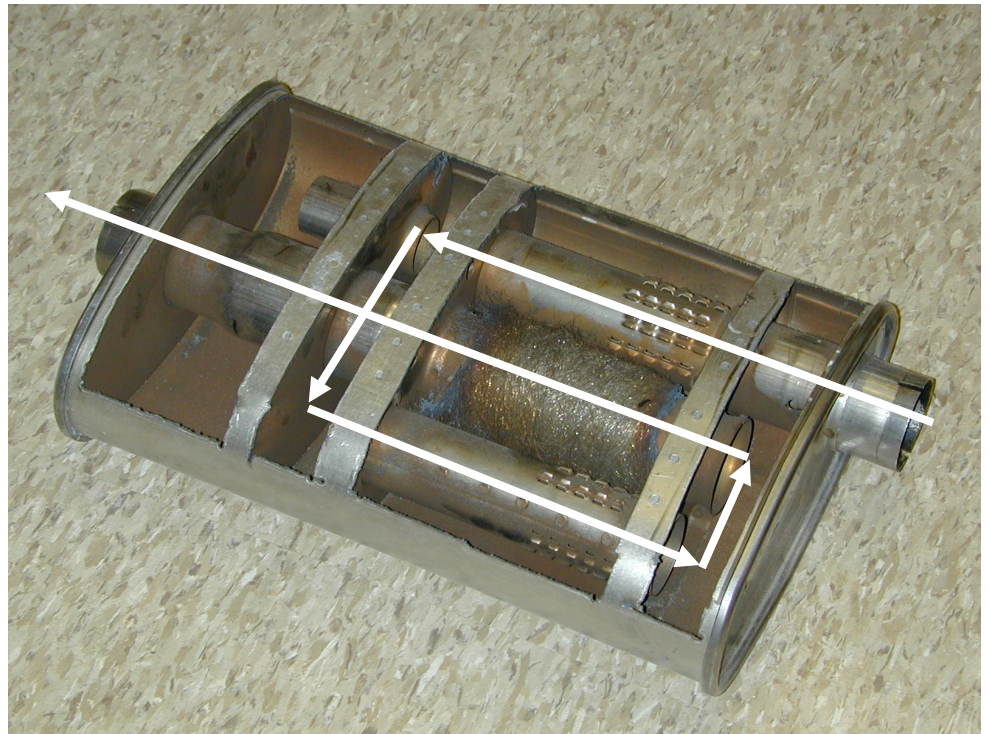


Types of Mufflers

3. Combination reactive and dissipative muffler:



Sound is attenuated by reflection and “cancellation” of sound waves + absorption of sound



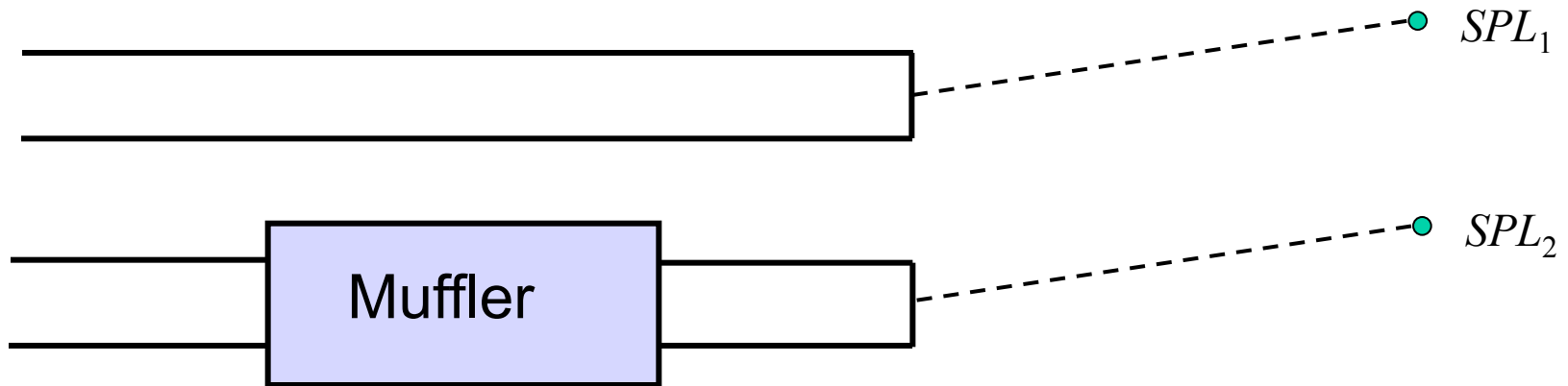
Performance Measures **Transmission Loss**



Transmission loss (TL) of the muffler:

$$TL(\text{dB}) = 10 \log_{10} \frac{W_i}{W_t}$$

Performance Measures Insertion Loss



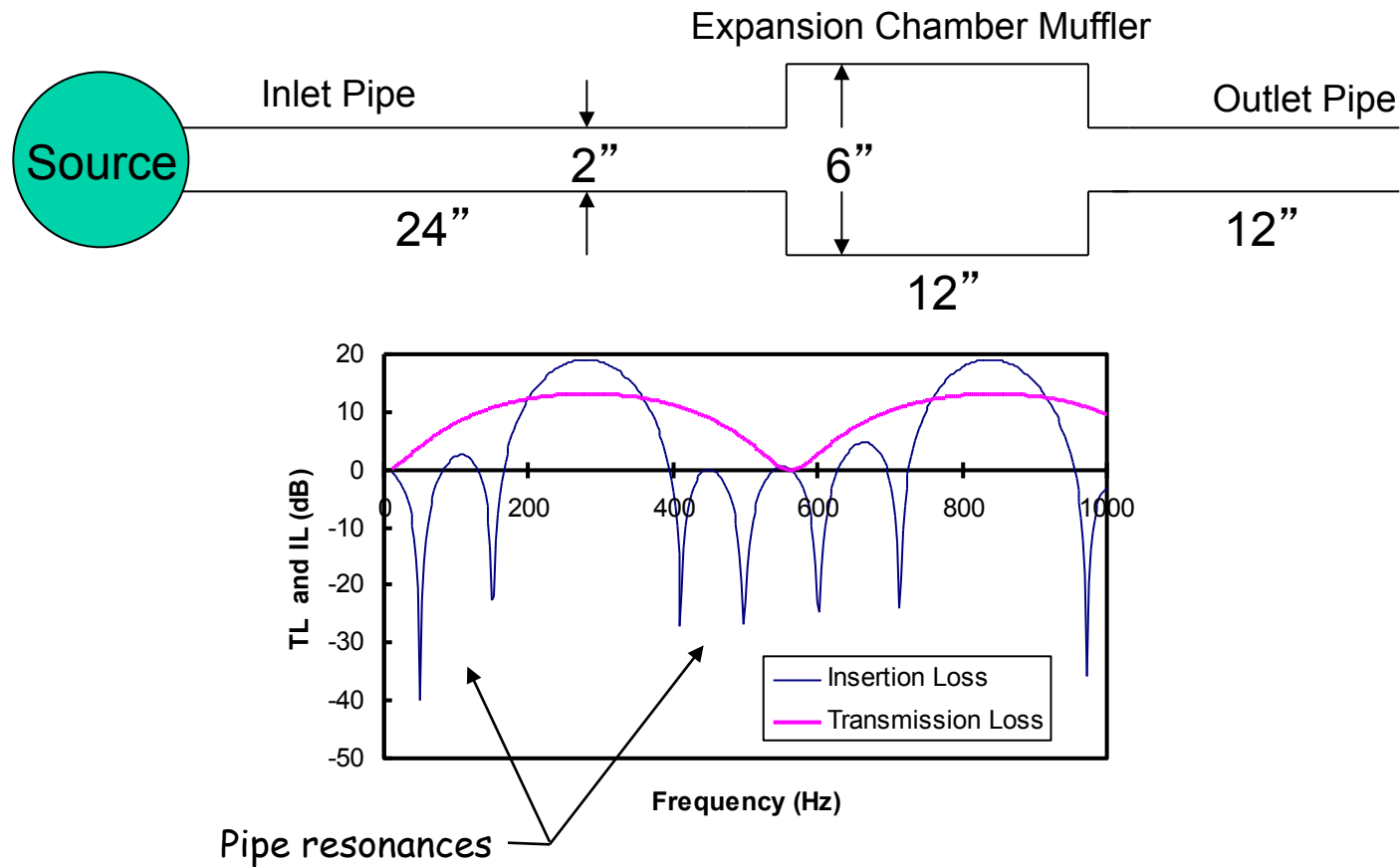
$$IL \text{ (dB)} = SPL_1 - SPL_2$$

Insertion loss depends on :

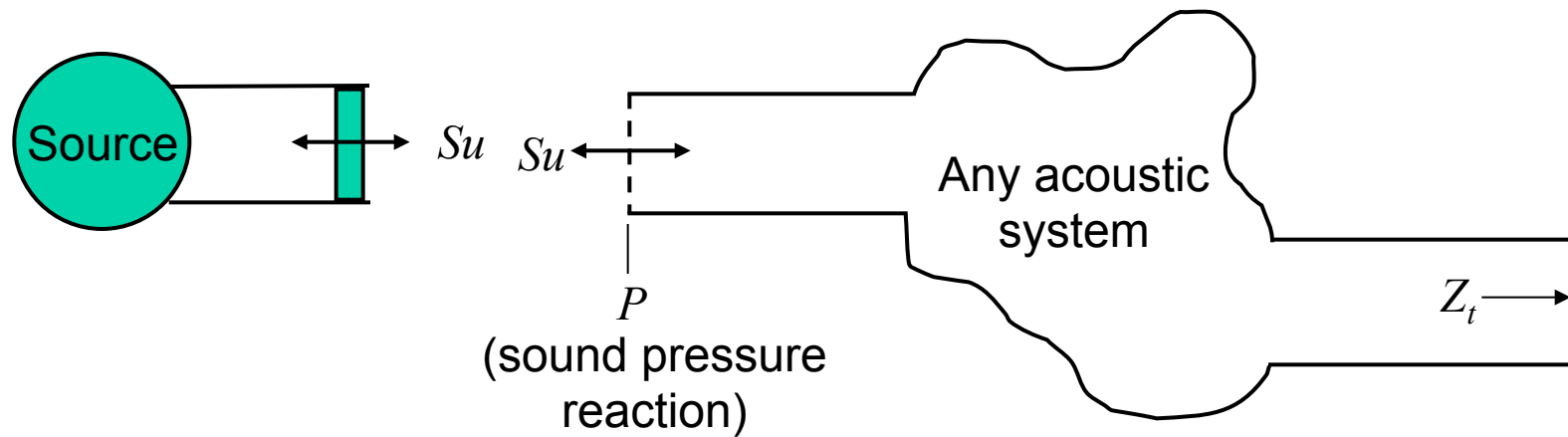
- TL of muffler
- Lengths of pipes
- Termination (baffled vs. unbaffled)
- Source impedance

Note: TL is a property of the muffler; IL is a “system” performance measure.

Example TL and IL



Acoustic System Components



Input or load
impedance

$$z = \frac{P}{Su} = r + jx$$

Termination
impedance $z_t = \frac{P_t}{Su_t} = r_t + jx_t$

Summary 1

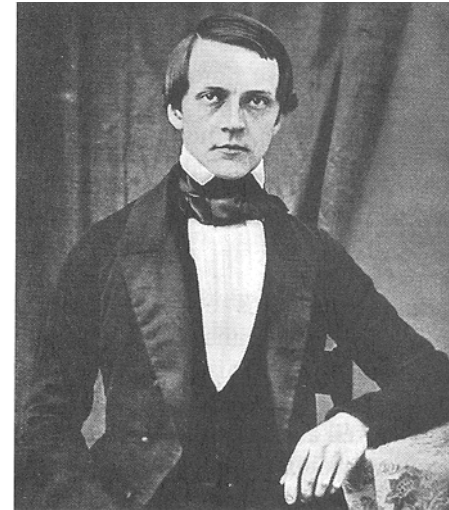
- Dissipative mufflers attenuate sound by converting sound energy to heat via viscosity and flow resistance – this process is called sound absorption.
- Common sound absorbing mechanisms used in dissipative mufflers are porous or fibrous materials or perforated tubes.
- Reactive mufflers attenuate sound by reflecting a portion of the incident sound waves back toward the source. This process is frequency selective and may result in unwanted resonances.
- Impedance concepts may be used to interpret reactive muffler behavior.

The Helmholtz Resonator

Named for:

Hermann von Helmholtz, 1821-1894, German physicist, physician, anatomist, and physiologist.

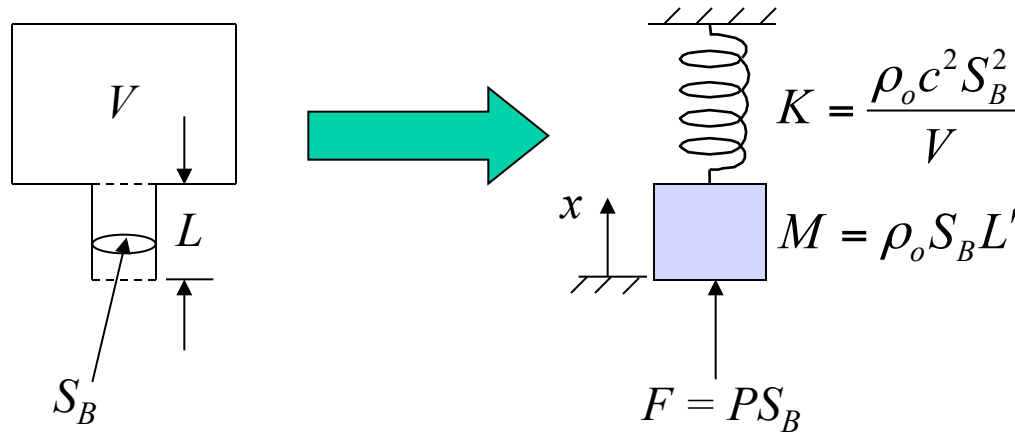
Major work: Book, *On the Sensations of Tone as a Physiological Basis for the Theory of Music*, 1862.



von Helmholtz, 1848



Helmholtz Resonator Model



L' is the equivalent length of the neck (some air on either end also moves).

$$M\ddot{x} + Kx = PS_B \quad \ddot{x} = j\omega u_B \quad x = \frac{u_B}{j\omega}$$

Damping due to viscosity in the neck are neglected

$$j\left(\omega M - \frac{K}{\omega}\right)u_B = PS_B$$

$$z_B = \frac{P}{S_B u_B} = j\left(\frac{1}{S_B^2}\right)\left(\omega M - \frac{K}{\omega}\right)$$

$$z_B \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}} = c\sqrt{\frac{S_B}{L'V}}$$

(resonance frequency of the Helmholtz resonator)

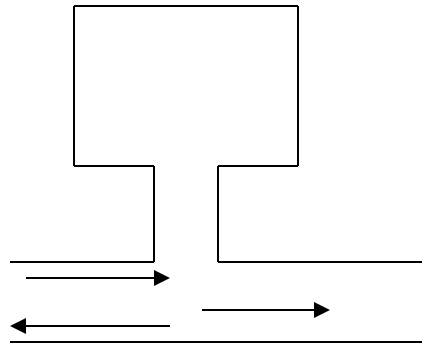
Helmholtz Resonator Example

A 12-oz (355 ml) bottle has a 2 cm diameter neck that is 8 cm long. What is the resonance frequency?

$$f_n = \frac{c}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{S_B}{L'V}} = \frac{343}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\pi(0.02)^2/4}{(0.08)(355 \times 10^{-6})}}$$
$$f_n = 182 \text{ Hz}$$



Helmholtz Resonator as a Side Branch



Anechoic termination

$$TL(\text{dB}) = 10 \log_{10} \left[1 + \left(\frac{c/2S}{\omega L'/S_B - c^2/\omega V} \right)^2 \right]$$

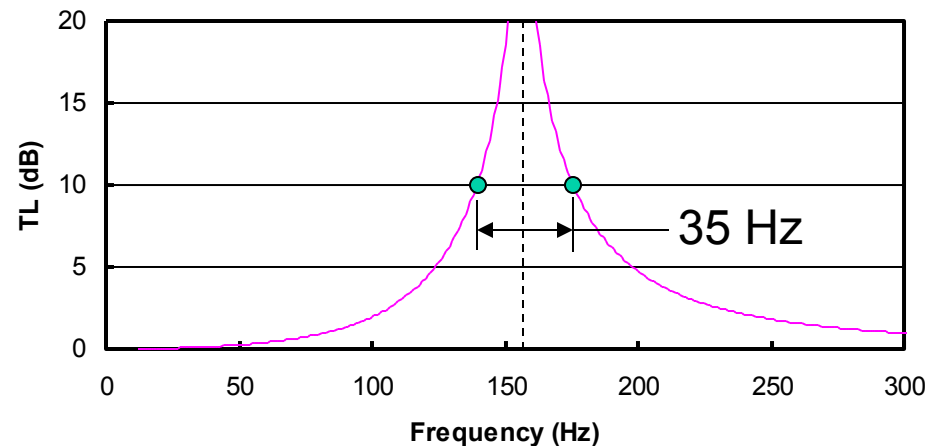
$$V = 0.001 \text{ m}^3$$

$$L = 25 \text{ mm}$$

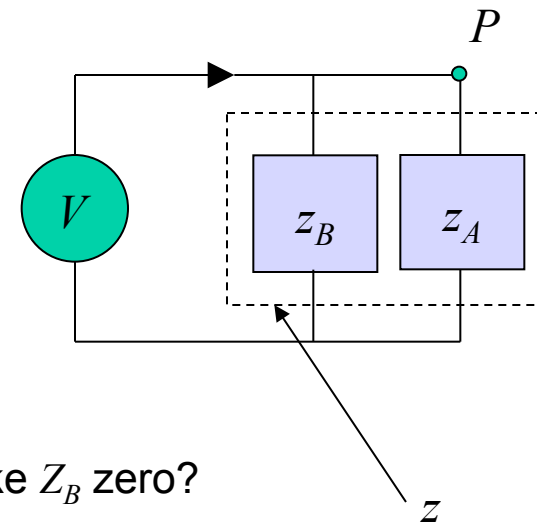
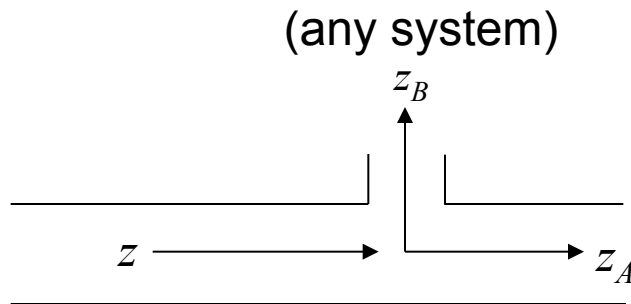
$$S_B = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

$$S = 8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$

$$f_n = 154 \text{ Hz}$$



Network Interpretation



$$Z = \frac{z_B z_A}{z_B + z_A}$$

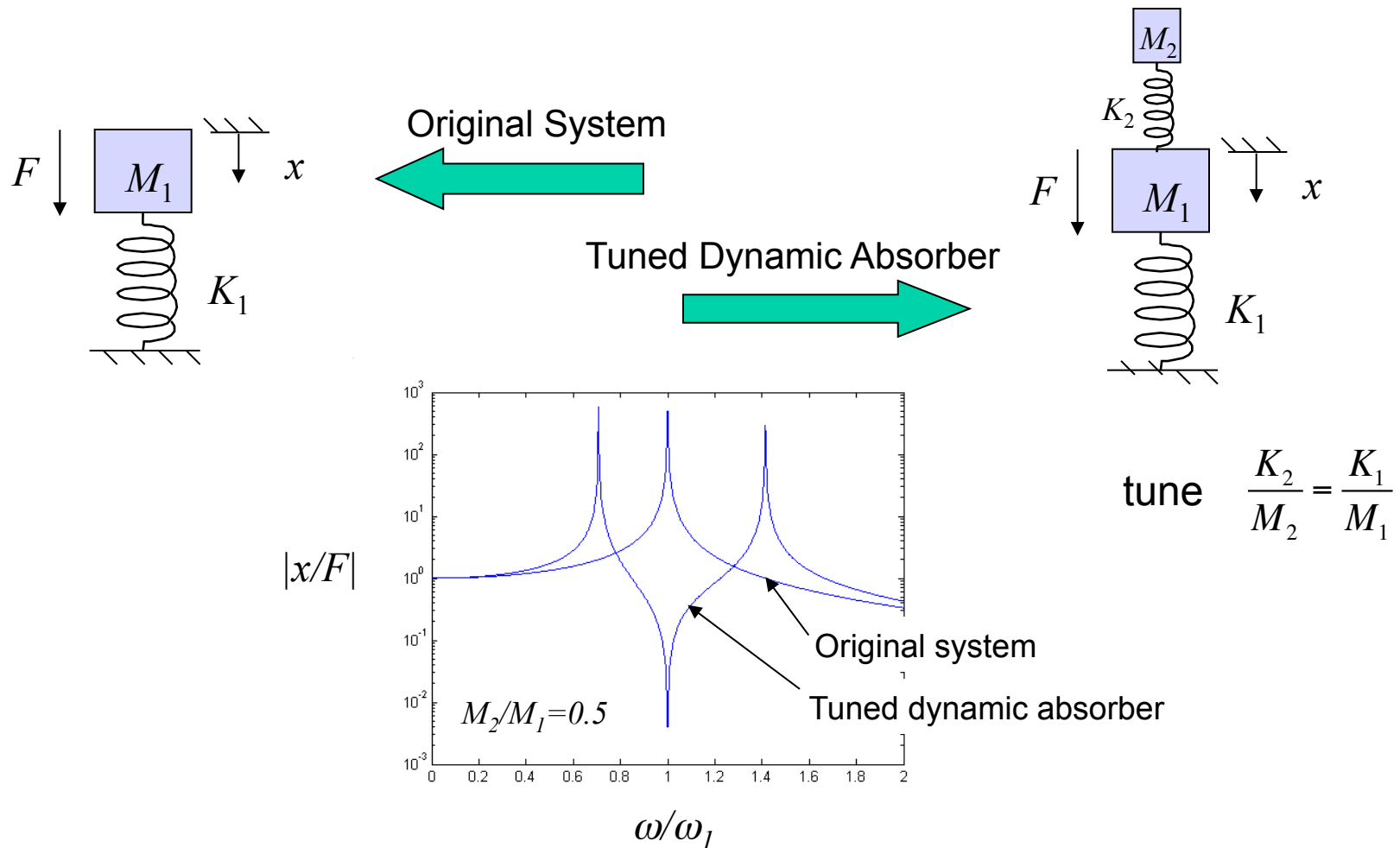
Can we make z_B zero?

$$z_B = \frac{P}{S_B u_B} = j \left(\frac{1}{S_B^2} \right) \left(\omega M - \frac{K}{\omega} \right)$$

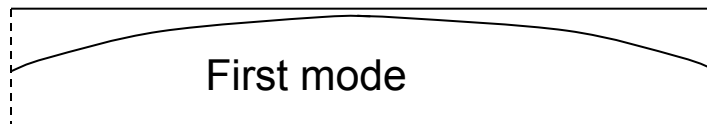
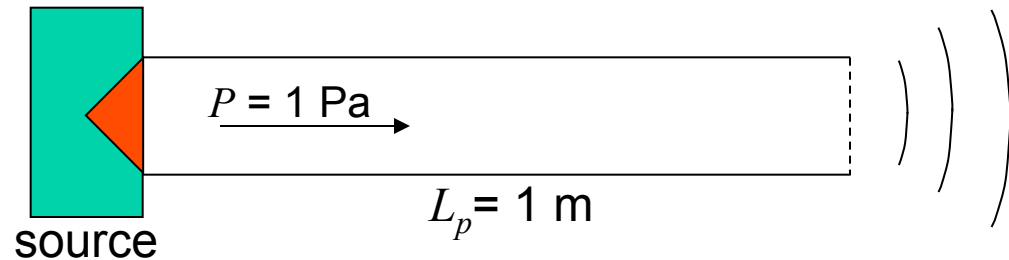
$$z_B \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}} = c \sqrt{\frac{S_B}{L'V}}$$

(Produces a short circuit and P is theoretically zero.)

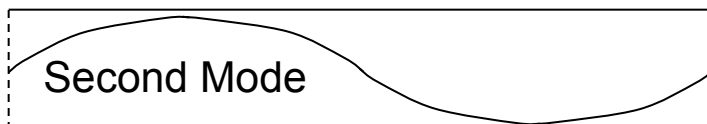
A Tuned Dynamic Absorber



Resonances in an Open Pipe



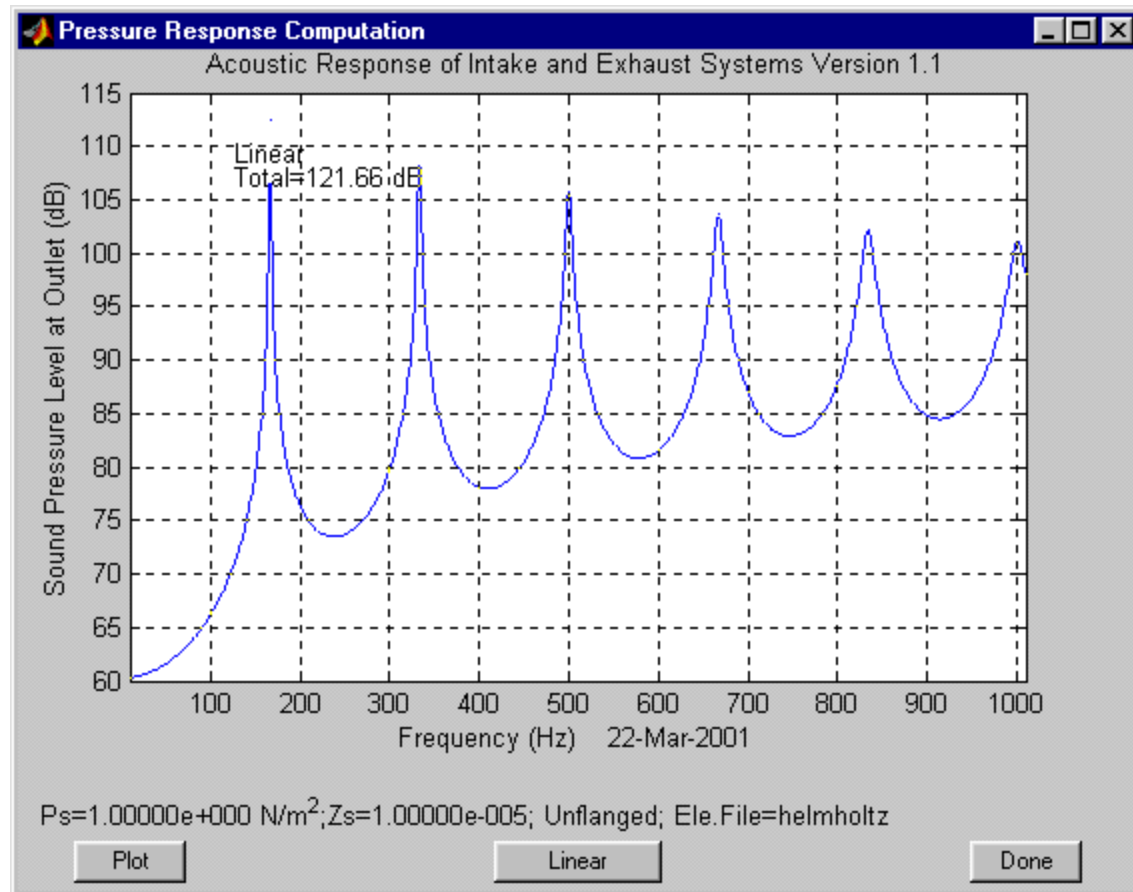
$$\lambda_1 = 2L_p = \frac{c}{f_1} \rightarrow f_1 = \frac{343}{2(1)} = 171.5 \text{ Hz}$$



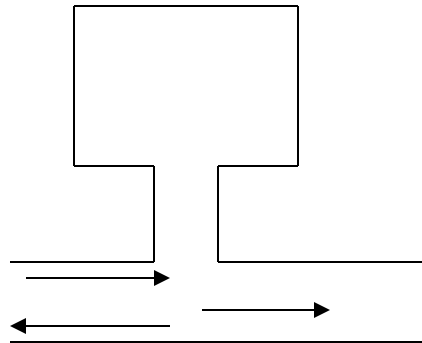
$$\lambda_2 = L_p = \frac{c}{f_2} \rightarrow f_2 = \frac{343}{1(1)} = 343 \text{ Hz}$$

etc.

SPL at Pipe Opening – No Resonator



Example – HR Used as a Side Branch*



$$TL(\text{dB}) = 10 \log_{10} \left[1 + \left(\frac{c/2S}{\omega L'/S_B - c^2/\omega V} \right)^2 \right]$$

Anechoic termination

$$V = 750 \text{ cm}^3$$

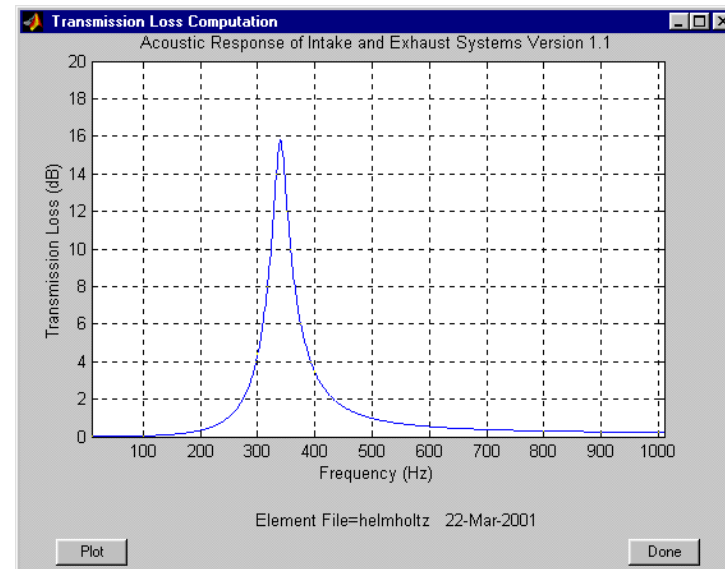
$$L = 2.5 \text{ cm } (L' = 6.75 \text{ cm})$$

$$D_B = 5 \text{ cm } (S_B = 19.6 \text{ cm}^2)$$

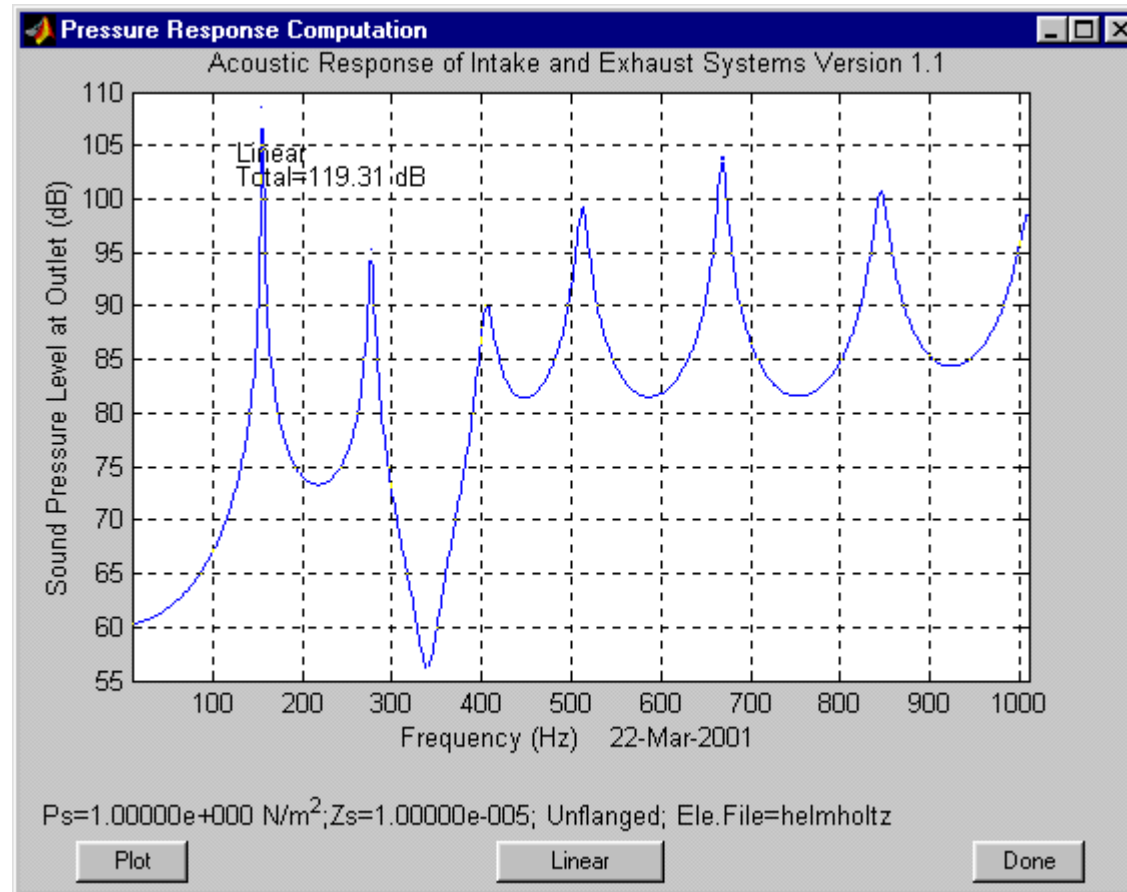
$$D = 10 \text{ cm } (S = 78.5 \text{ cm}^2)$$

$$f_n = 340 \text{ Hz}$$

* e.g., engine intake systems

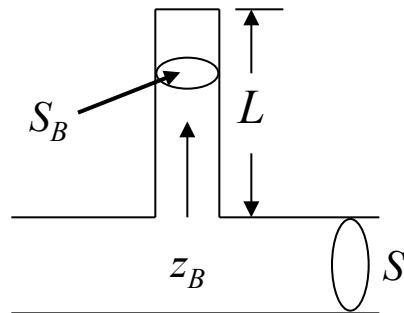


SPL at Pipe Opening – with Resonator



The Quarter Wave Resonator

The Quarter-Wave Resonator has an effect similar to the Helmholtz Resonator:



$$TL = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\tan^2(kl) + 4(S/S_B)^2}{4(S/S_B)^2} \right)$$

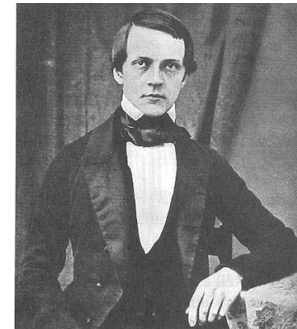
$$z_B = -\frac{j\rho_o c}{S_B} \cot(\omega L/c) = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \omega L/c = n\pi/2 \quad n = 1, 3, 5 \dots$$

$$\omega_n = \frac{n\pi c}{2L}$$

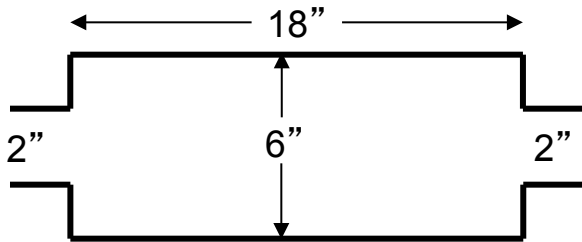
$$f_n = \frac{nc}{4L} \quad \text{or} \quad L = \frac{nc}{4f} = n \left(\frac{\lambda}{4} \right)$$

Summary 2

- The side-branch resonator is analogous to the tuned dynamic absorber.
- Resonators used as side branches attenuate sound in the main duct or pipe.
- The transmission loss is confined over a relatively narrow band of frequencies centered at the natural frequency of the resonator.

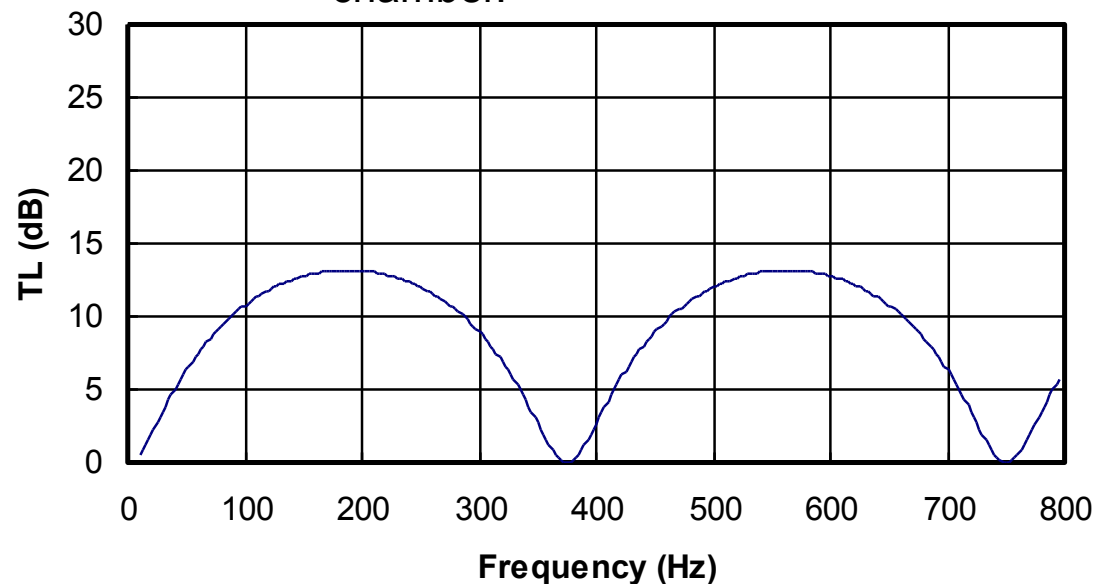


The Simple Expansion Chamber

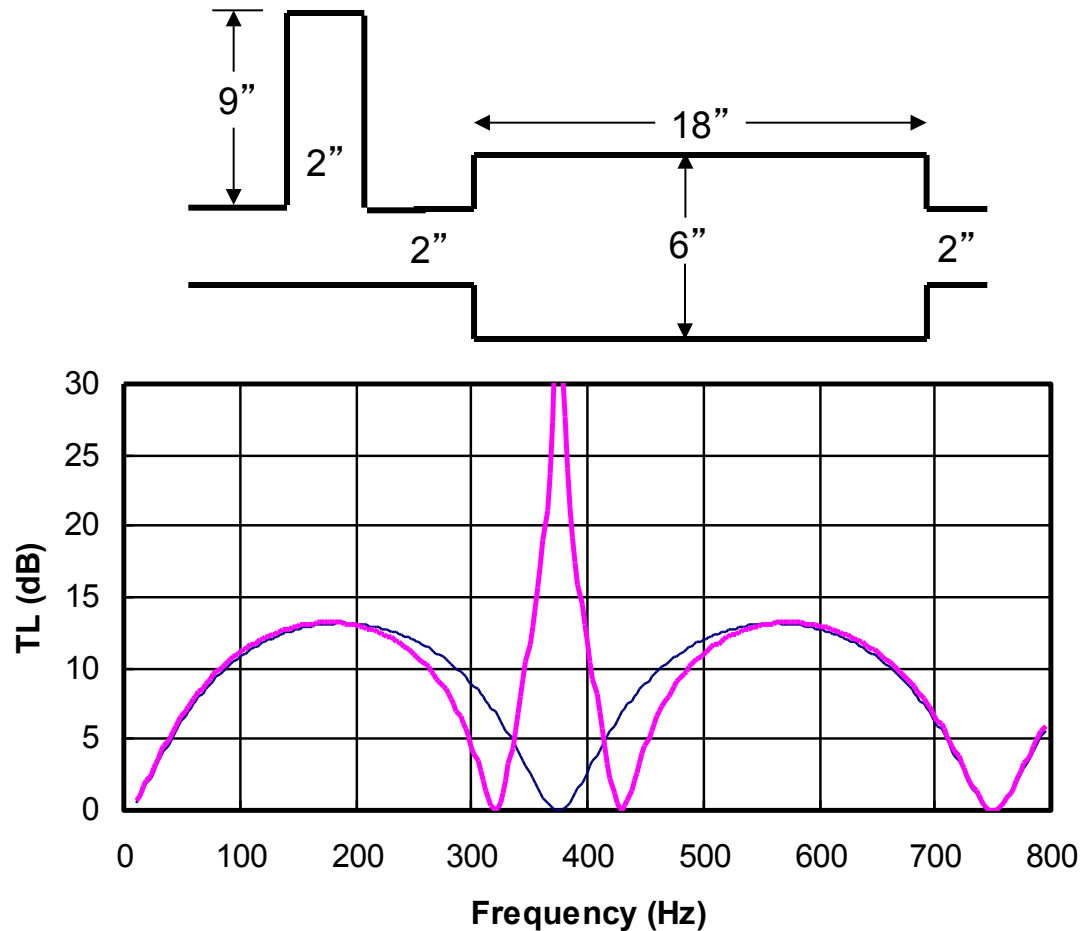


$$TL = 10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{1}{4} \left(4 \cos^2(kl) + \left(m + \frac{1}{m} \right)^2 \sin^2(kl) \right) \right]$$

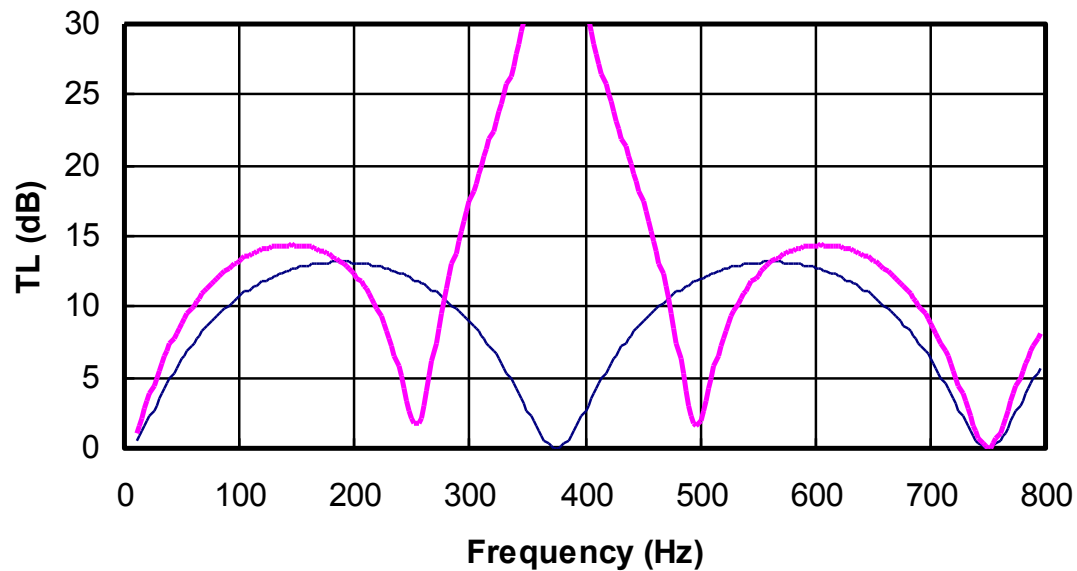
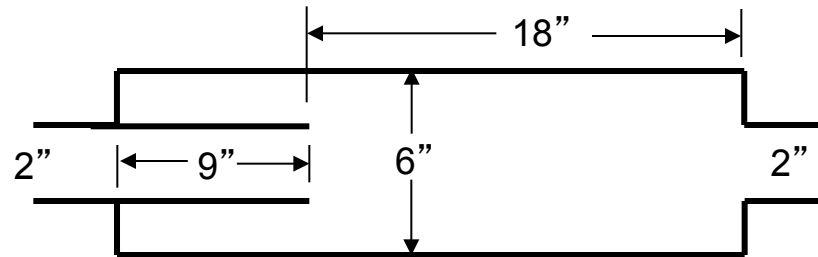
where m is the expansion ratio (chamber area/pipe area) = 9 in this example and L is the length of the chamber.



Quarter Wave Tube + Helmholtz Resonator

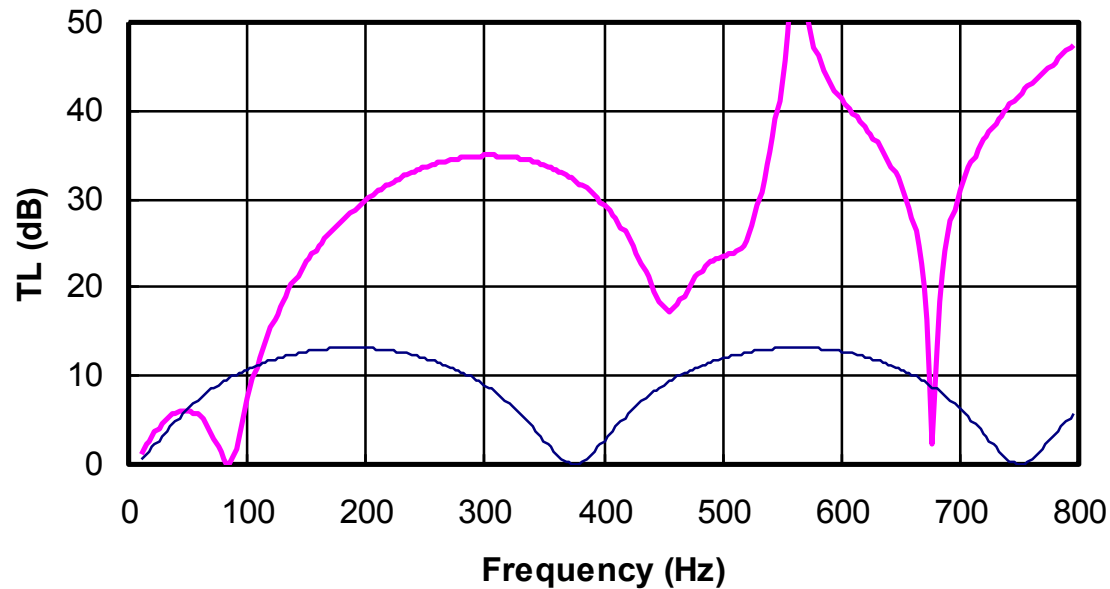
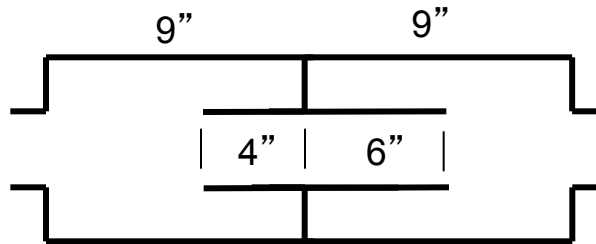


Extended Inlet Muffler



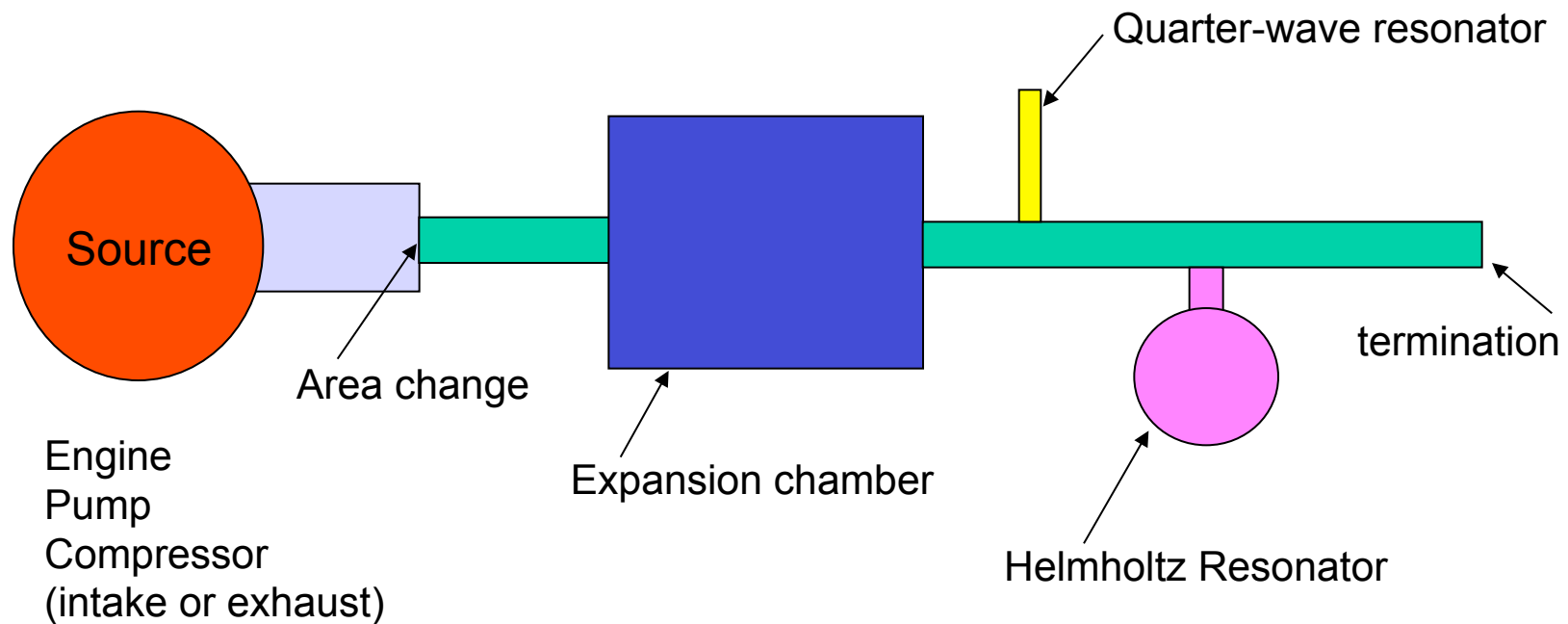
(same for extended outlet)

Two-Chamber Muffler



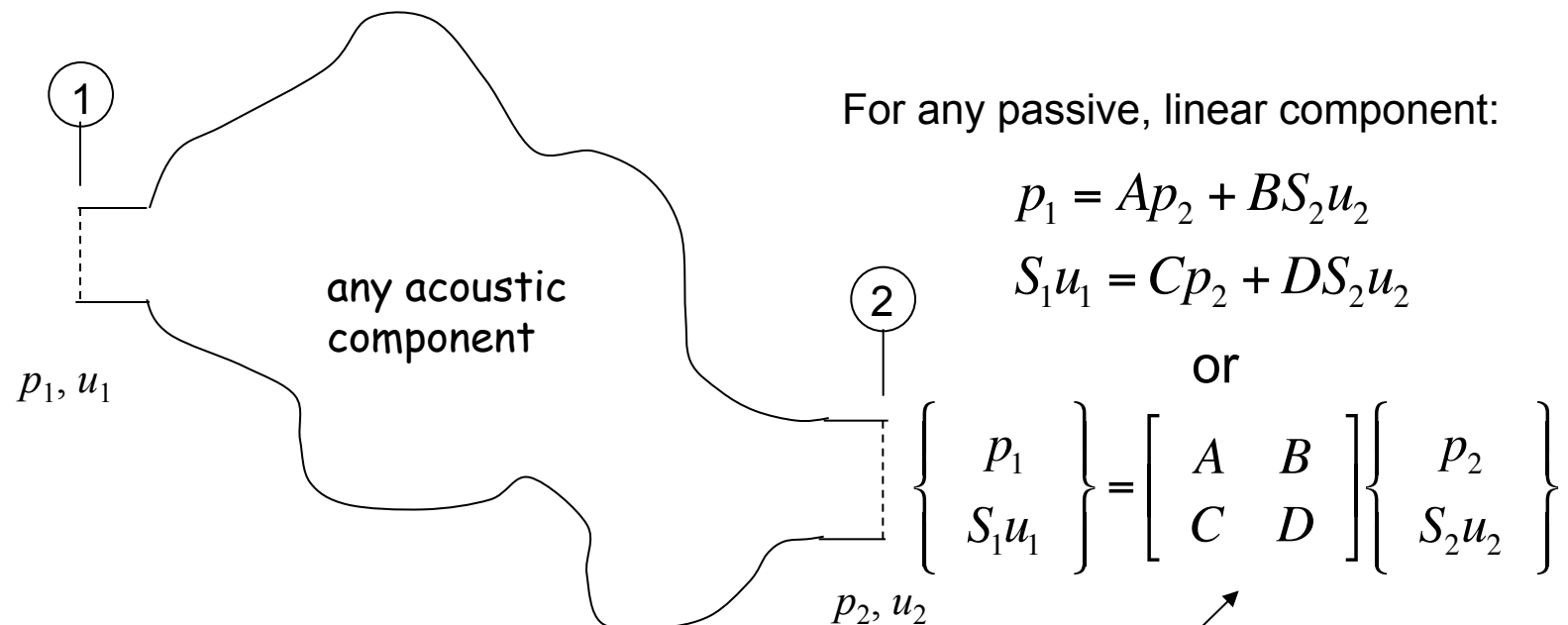
Complex System Modeling

We would like to predict the sound pressure level at the termination.



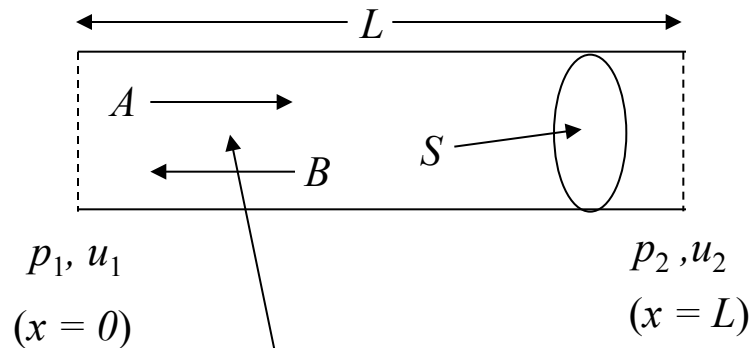
The Basic Idea

The sound pressure p and the particle velocity v are the acoustic state variables



Transfer, transmission, or four-pole matrix
(A , B , C , and D depend on the component)

The Straight Tube



must have plane waves

Solve for A, B
in terms of p_1, u_1
then put into
equations for p_2, u_2 .

$$p(x) = Ae^{-jkx} + Be^{+jkx} \quad u(x) = \frac{-1}{jk\rho_o c} \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$p(0) = p_1 = A + B$$

$$u(0) = u_1 = \frac{A - B}{\rho_o c}$$

$$p(L) = p_2 = Ae^{-jkL} + Be^{+jkL}$$

$$u(L) = u_2 = \frac{Ae^{-jkL} - Be^{+jkL}}{\rho_o c}$$

$$p_1 = p_2 \cos(kL) + u_2 (j\rho_o c) \sin(kL)$$

$$u_1 = p_2 (j/\rho_o c) \sin(kL) + u_2 \cos(kL)$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} p_1 \\ S_1 u_1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(kL) & \frac{j\rho_o c}{S_2} \sin(kL) \\ \frac{jS_1}{\rho_o c} \sin(kL) & \frac{S_1}{S_2} \cos(kL) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} p_2 \\ S_2 u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

(note that the determinant $A_1 D_1 - B_1 C_1 = 1$)

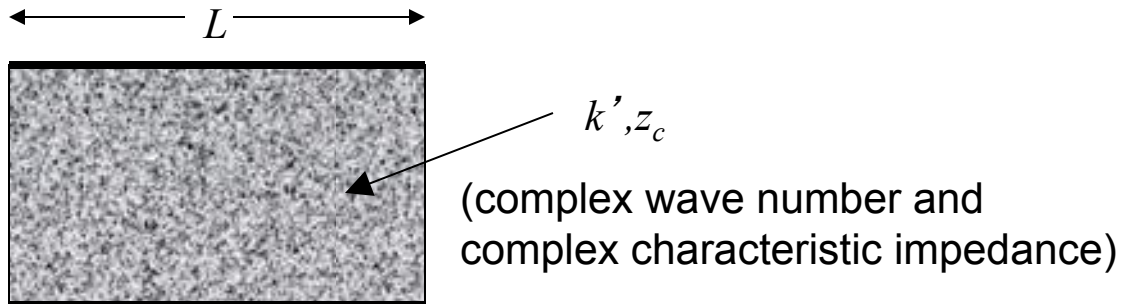
Combining Component Transfer Matrices

$$[T_i] = \begin{bmatrix} A_i & B_i \\ C_i & D_i \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2} \quad \text{Transfer matrix of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ component}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} p_n \\ v_n \end{Bmatrix} = [T_n] \cdots [T_i] \cdots [T_3] [T_2] [T_1] \begin{Bmatrix} p_1 \\ v_1 \end{Bmatrix} = [T_{\text{system}}] \begin{Bmatrix} p_1 \\ v_1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

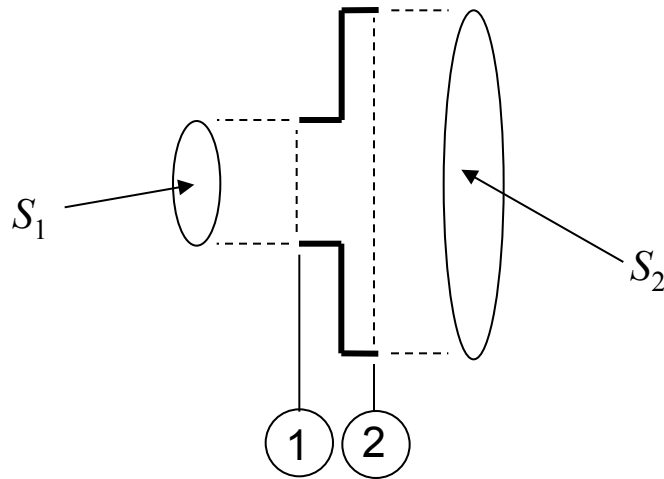
$$[T_{\text{system}}] = \begin{bmatrix} A_{\text{system}} & B_{\text{system}} \\ C_{\text{system}} & D_{\text{system}} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 2}$$

Straight Tube with Absorptive Material



$$\begin{Bmatrix} p_1 \\ S_1 u_1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(k' L) & \frac{jz_c}{S_2} \sin(k' L) \\ \frac{jS_1}{z_c} \sin(k' L) & \frac{S_1}{S_2} \cos(k' L) \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} p_2 \\ S_2 u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Area Change

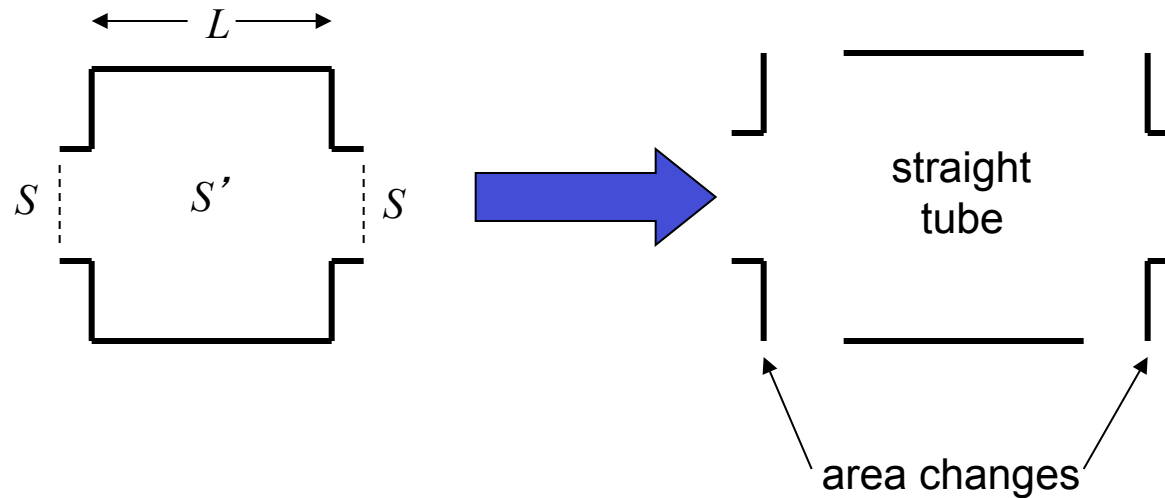


$$p_1 = p_2$$

$$S_1 u_1 = S_2 u_2$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} p_1 \\ S_1 u_1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} p_2 \\ S_2 u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

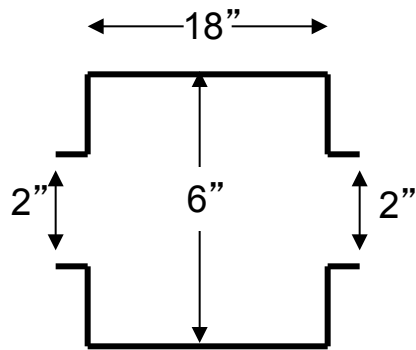
Expansion Chamber Muffler



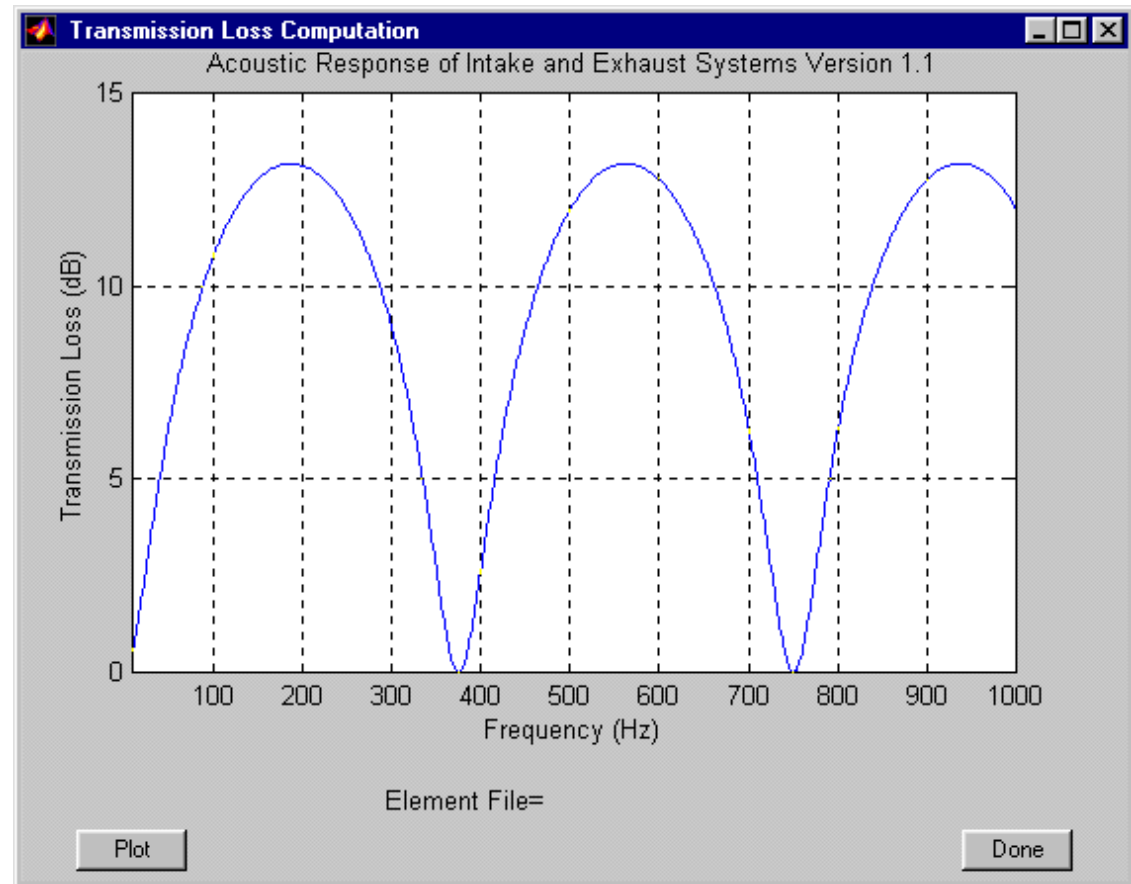
$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(kL) & \frac{j\rho_o c}{S'} \sin(kL) \\ \frac{jS'}{\rho_o c} \sin(kL) & \cos(kL) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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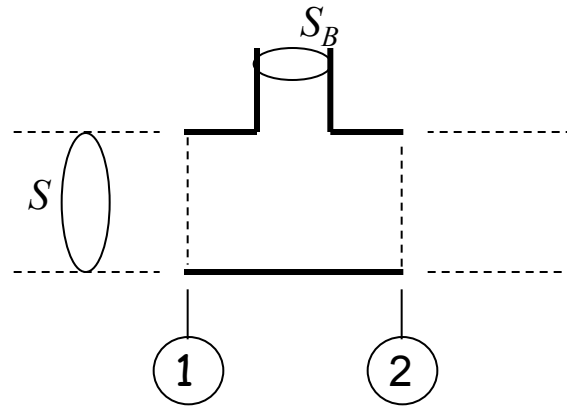
Expansion Chamber Muffler



$$\frac{S'}{S} = 9$$



Transfer Matrix of a Side Branch



$$p_1 = p_2 = p_B$$

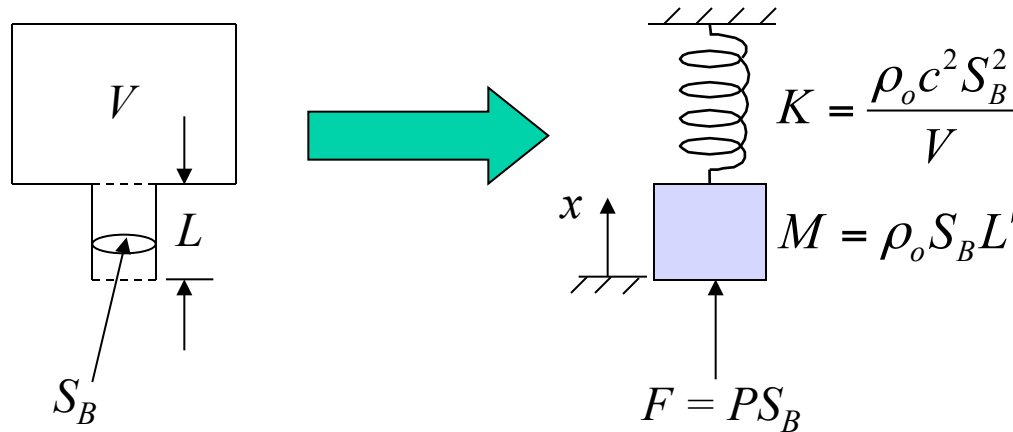
$$Su_1 = S_B u_B + Su_2$$

$$z_B = p_B / S_B u_B = p_2 / S_B u_B$$

$$Su_1 = (p_2 / z_B) + Su_2$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} p_1 \\ Su_1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/z_B & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} p_2 \\ Su_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Helmholtz Resonator Model



L' is the equivalent length of the neck (some air on either end also moves).

$$M\ddot{x} + Kx = PS_B \quad \ddot{x} = j\omega u_B \quad x = \frac{u_B}{j\omega}$$

$$j\left(\omega M - \frac{K}{\omega}\right)u_B = PS_B$$

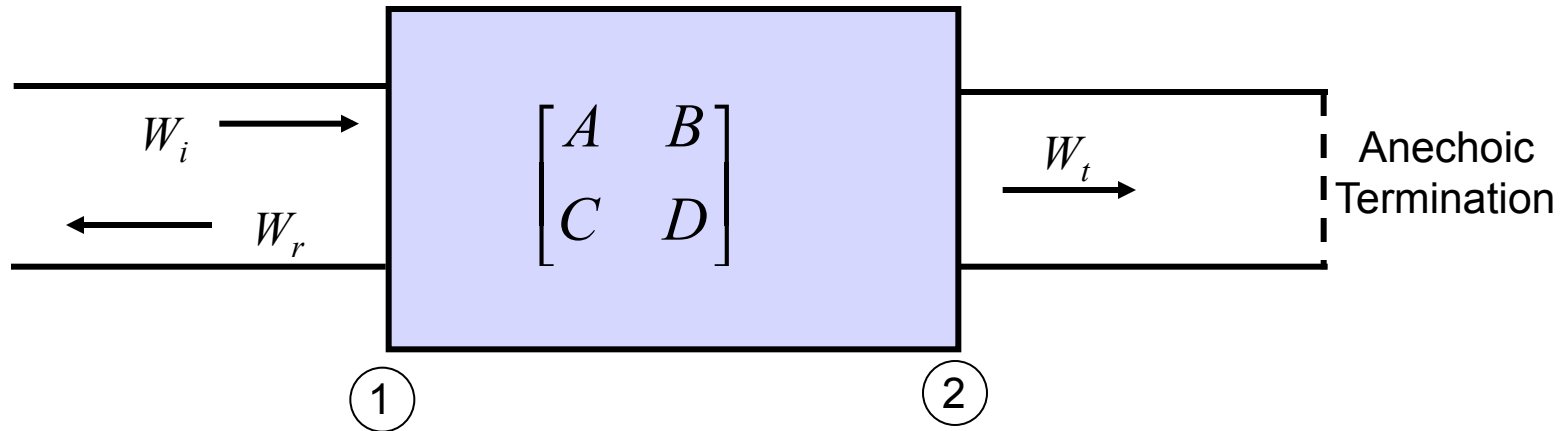
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Damping due to viscosity in the neck are neglected

$$z_B \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}} = c\sqrt{\frac{S_B}{L'V}}$$

(resonance frequency of the Helmholtz resonator)

Performance Measures **Transmission Loss**

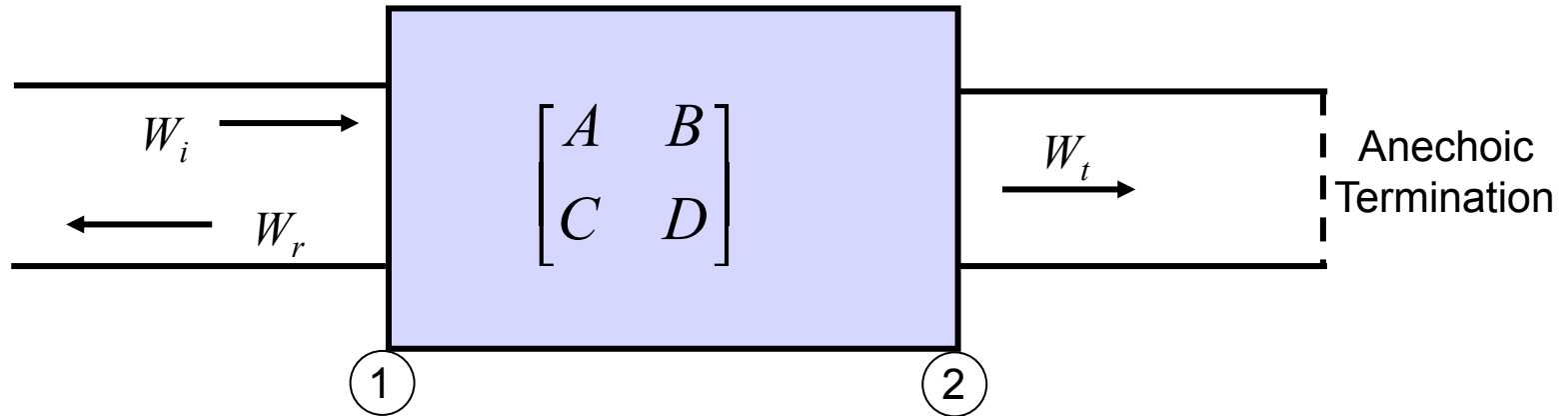


Transmission loss (TL) of the muffler:

$$TL(\text{dB}) = 10 \log_{10} \frac{W_i}{W_t}$$

$$TL = 10 \log_{10} \left\{ \frac{S_{in}}{4S_{out}} \left| A + \frac{S_{out}B}{\rho c} + \frac{\rho c C}{S_{in}} + \frac{S_{out}}{S_{in}} D \right|^2 \right\}$$

Derivation Transmission Loss



Express p_1 , p_2 , u_1 and u_2 in terms of incident reflected waves

$$\begin{Bmatrix} p_1 \\ S_1 u_1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} p_2 \\ S_2 u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$p_1 = p_{+a} + p_{-a}$$

$$u_1 = \frac{p_{+a} - p_{-a}}{\rho c}$$

$$p_2 = p_{+b}$$

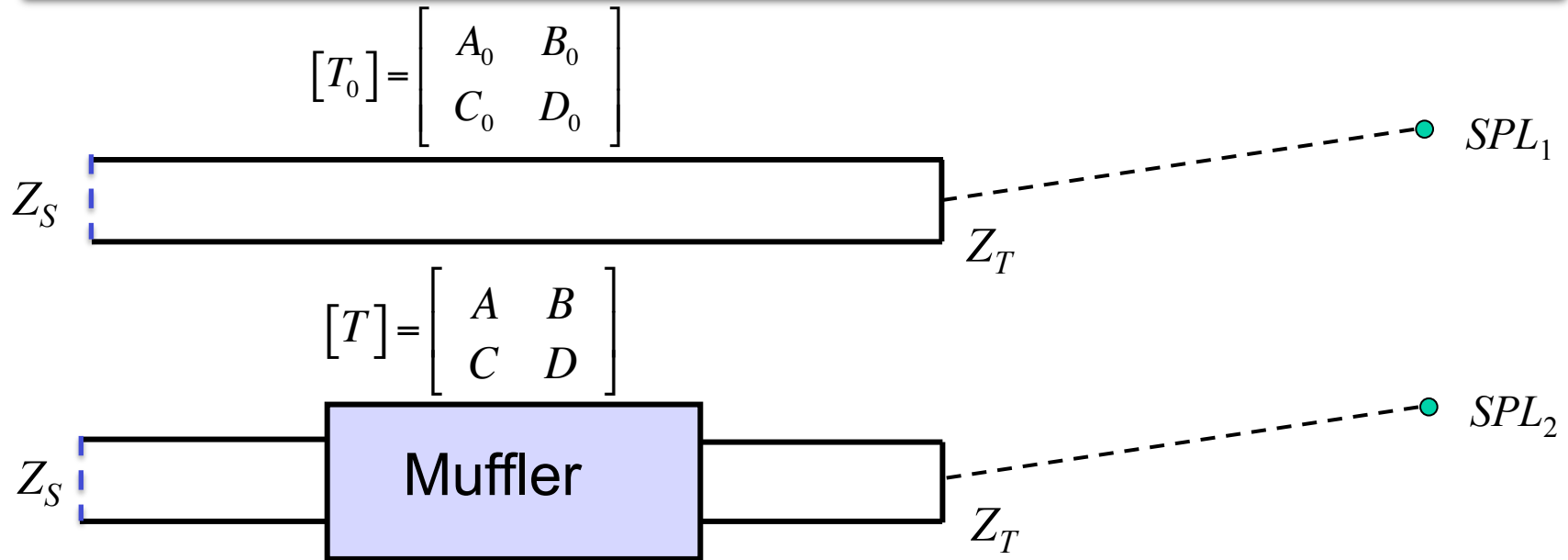
$$u_2 = \frac{p_{+b}}{\rho c}$$

$$W_i = \frac{p_{+a}^2}{\rho c} S_1$$

$$W_t = \frac{p_{+b}^2}{\rho c} S_2$$

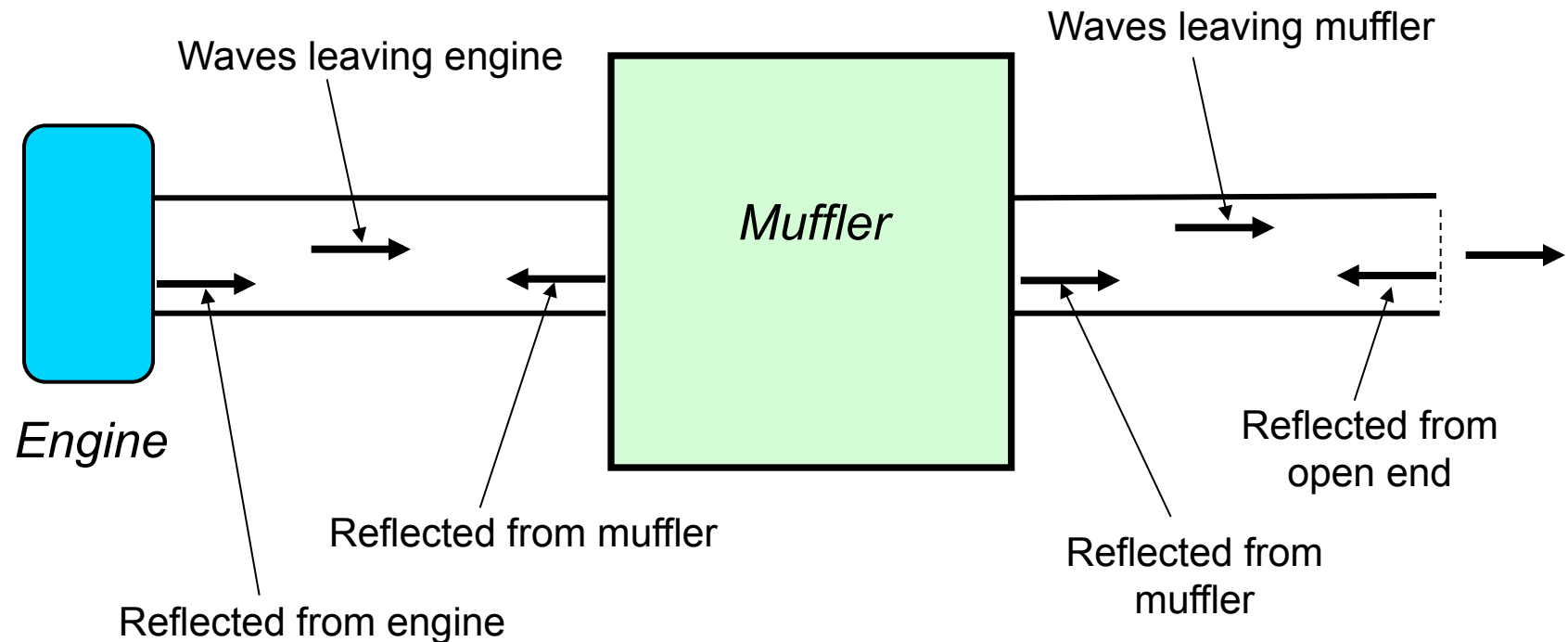
$$TL = 10 \log \frac{W_i}{W_t}$$

Performance Measures **Insertion Loss**



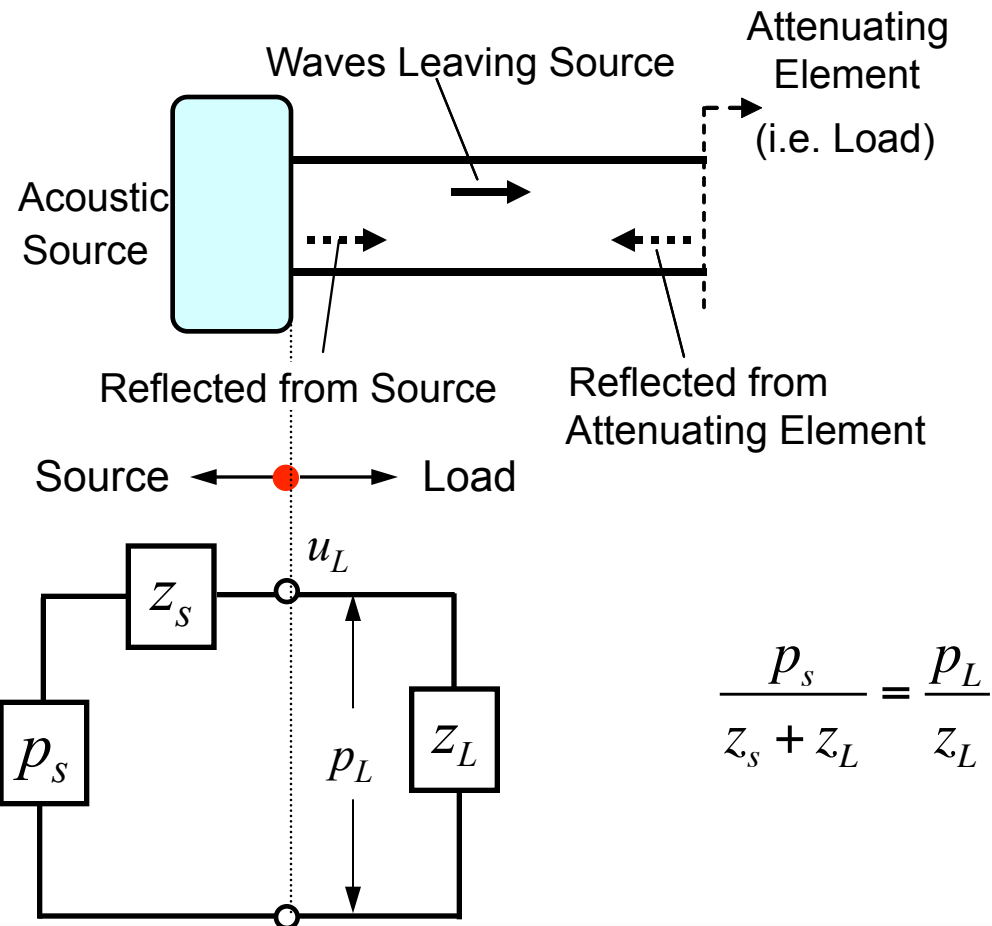
$$IL = 20 \log_{10} \left\{ \left| \frac{A/Z_S + B/Z_T Z_S + C + D/Z_T}{A_0/Z_S + B_0/Z_T Z_S + C_0 + D_0/Z_T} \right| \right\}$$

Sound Wave Reflections in Engines

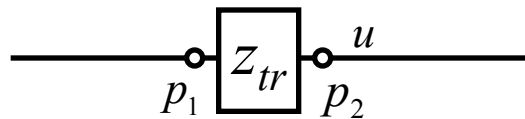
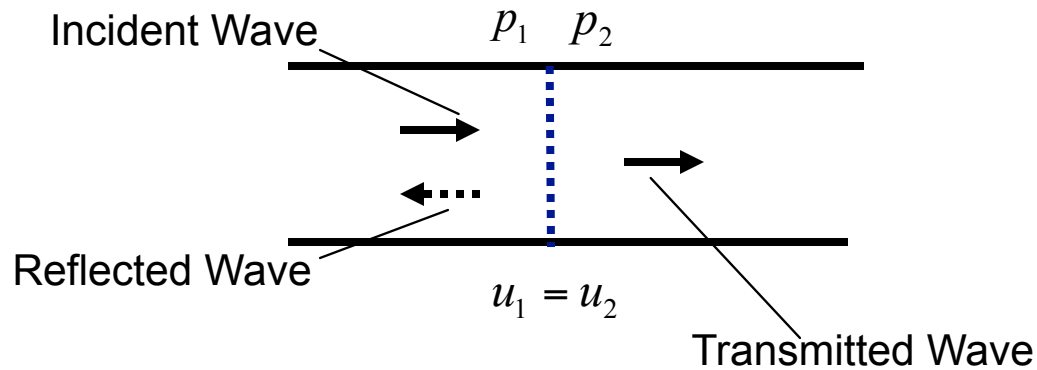


Resonances can form in the exhaust and tail pipes as well as within the muffler.

Source Impedance

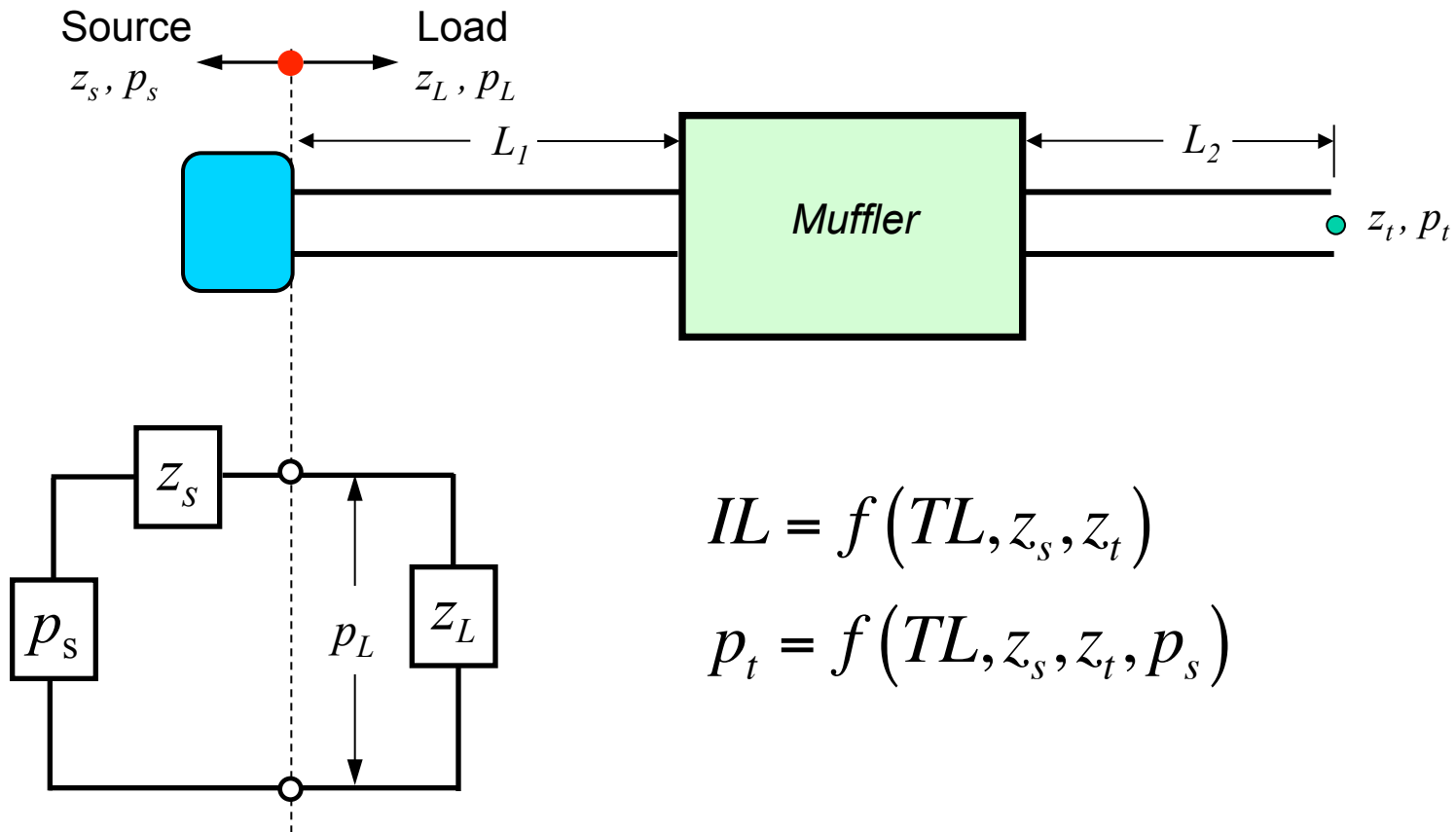


Transfer Impedance

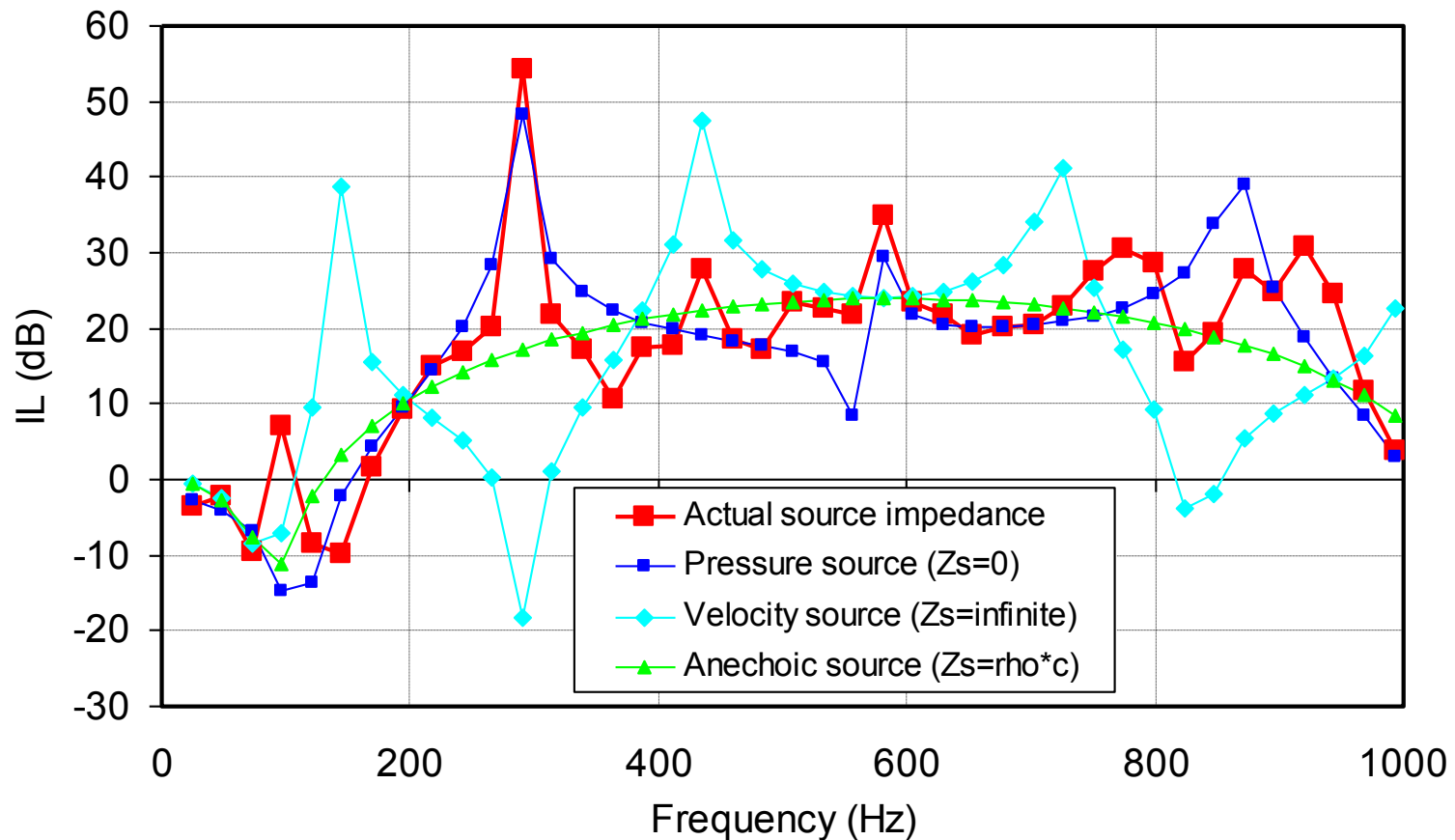


$$Z_{tr} = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{Su}$$

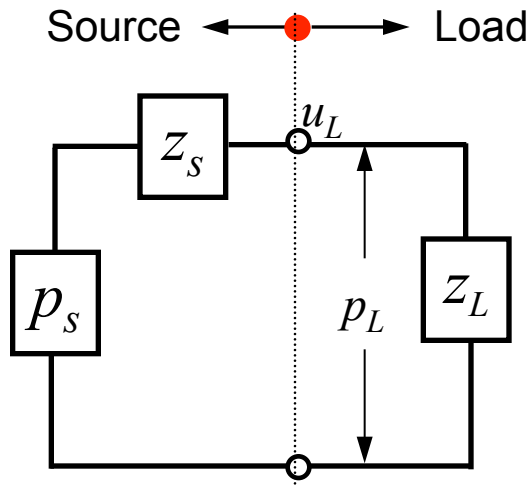
Source/Load Concept



Insertion Loss Prediction



Source Impedance Series Impedance



$$\frac{p_s}{z_s + z_L} = \frac{p_L}{z_L} = Su_L$$

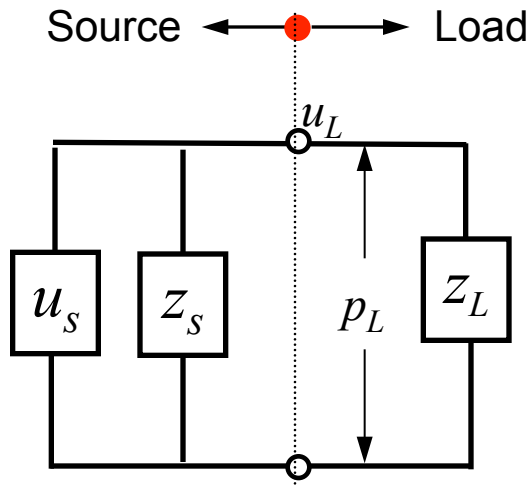


$$p_s = Su_L z_s + p_L$$



$$z_s = \frac{p_s - p_L}{Su_L}$$

Source Impedance Parallel Impedance

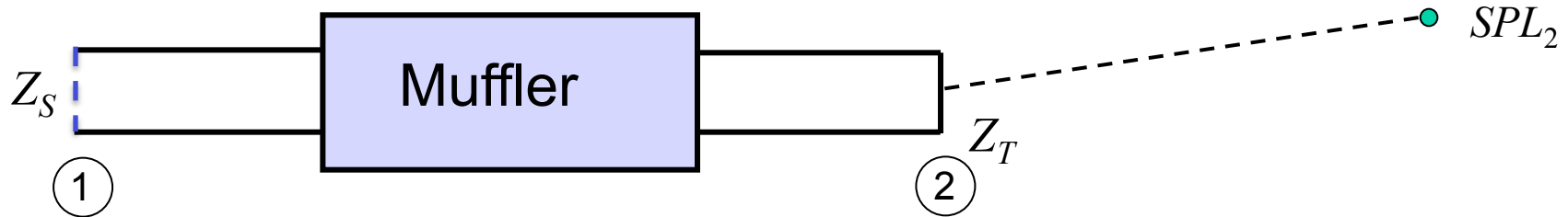


$$Su_L z_L = Su_s \frac{z_s z_L}{z_s + z_L} = p_L$$



$$z_s = \frac{p_L}{S(u_s - u_L)}$$

Derivation Insertion Loss



$$\begin{Bmatrix} p_1 \\ S_1 u_1 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} p_2 \\ S_2 u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$z_s = \frac{p_s - p_1}{S_1 u_1} \Rightarrow p_1 = p_s - S_1 u_1 z_s$$

$$z_T = \frac{p_2}{S_2 u_2} \Rightarrow S_2 u_2 = \frac{p_2}{z_T}$$

$$p_1 = A p_2 + \frac{B}{z_T} p_2$$

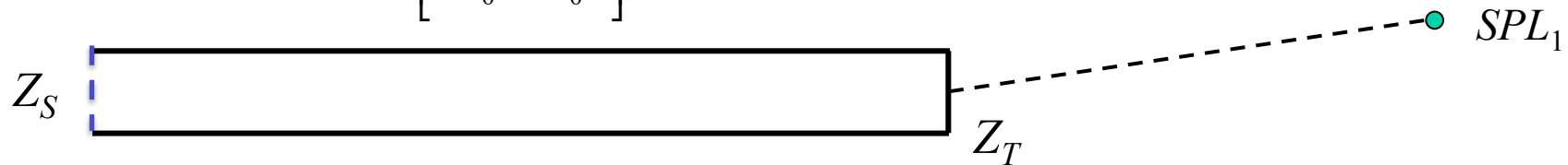
$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= p_s - S_1 u_1 z_s \\ &= p_s - z_s \left(C p_2 + D \frac{p_2}{z_T} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$A p_2 + \frac{B}{z_T} p_2 = p_s - z_s \left(C p_2 + D \frac{p_2}{z_T} \right)$$

$$\frac{p_2}{p_s} = \frac{1}{A + \frac{1}{z_T} B + z_s C + \frac{z_s}{z_T} D}$$

Derivation Insertion Loss

$$[T_0] = \begin{bmatrix} A_0 & B_0 \\ C_0 & D_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Determined in same manner as prior slide

$$\frac{p_2}{p_s} = \frac{1}{A_0 + \frac{1}{z_T} B_0 + z_S C_0 + \frac{z_S}{z_T} D_0}$$

Derivation Insertion Loss

$$IL = 20 \log \left| \frac{p_{2,\text{no muffler}}}{p_{2,\text{muffler}}} \right|$$

$$\frac{p_{2,\text{no muffler}}}{p_s} = \frac{1}{A_0 + \frac{1}{z_T} B_0 + z_S C_0 + \frac{z_S}{z_T} D_0}$$

$$\frac{p_{2,\text{muffler}}}{p_s} = \frac{1}{A + \frac{1}{z_T} B + z_S C + \frac{z_S}{z_T} D}$$

$$IL = 20 \log_{10} \left\{ \left| \frac{A/Z_S + B/Z_T Z_S + C + D/Z_T}{A_0/Z_S + B_0/Z_T Z_S + C_0 + D_0/Z_T} \right| \right\}$$

Summary 3

- The transfer matrix method is based on plane wave (1-D) acoustic behavior (at component junctions).
- The transfer matrix method can be used to determine the system behavior from component “transfer matrices.”
- Applicability is limited to cascaded (series) components and simple branch components (not applicable to successive branching and parallel systems).