

LattSAC: a software for the acoustic modelling of lattice sound absorbers

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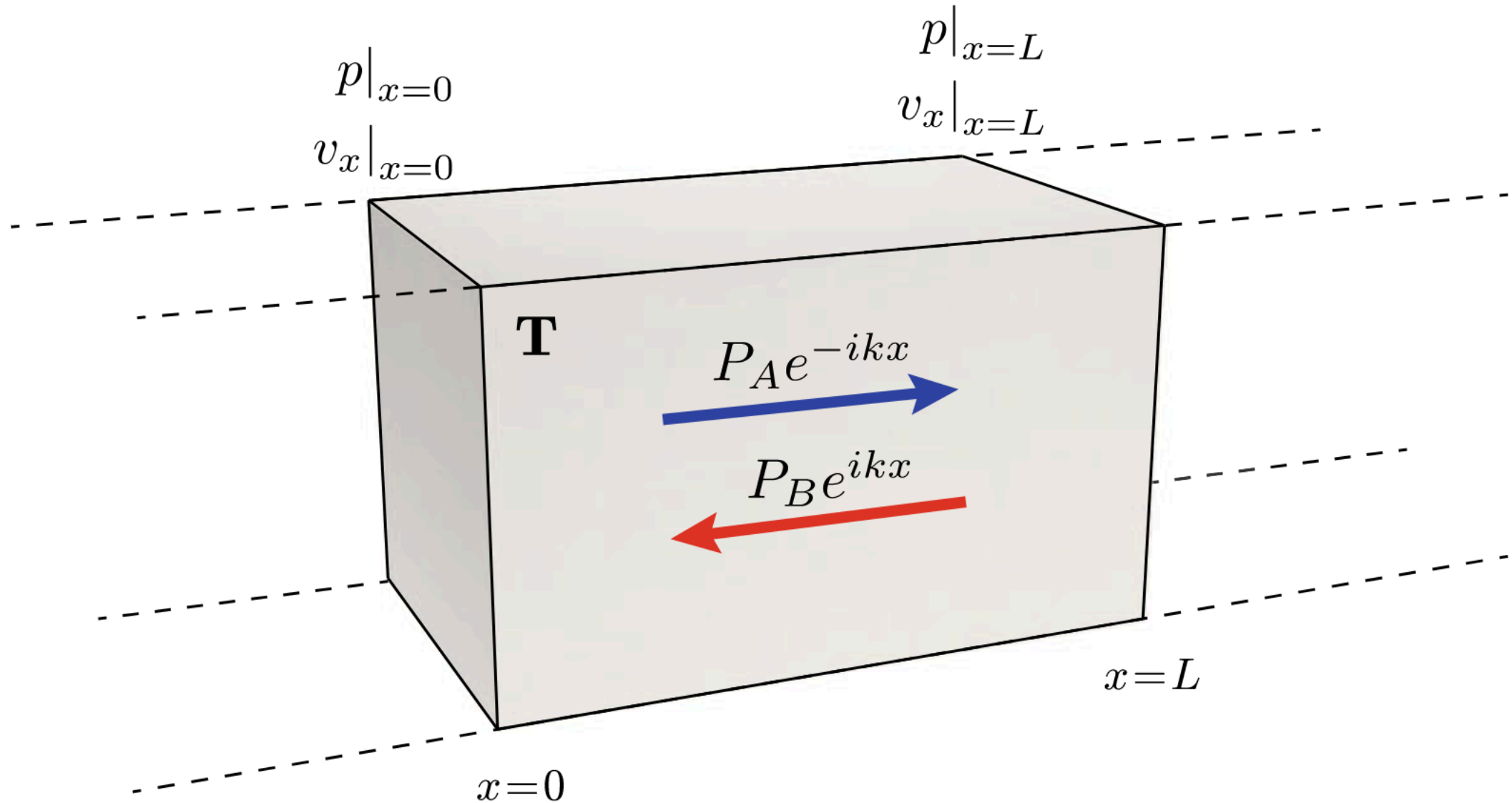
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discrete layers of acoustic material^[12,27]. The general expression of the TMM for n heterogeneous layers in series is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{Bmatrix} p \\ v_y \end{Bmatrix}_{x=0} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_{layer1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_{layer2} \end{bmatrix} \cdots \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_{layern} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} p \\ v_y \end{Bmatrix}_{x=L}, \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_{total} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} p \\ v_y \end{Bmatrix}_{x=t} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} p \\ v_y \end{Bmatrix}_{x=L}, \end{aligned} \quad (V)$$

Deriving the basic relations between the acoustic magnitudes evaluated at the boundaries of a layer of homogeneous acoustic material



Assuming that only longitudinal plane waves propagate in the layer and a temporal harmonic dependence of the type $e^{i\omega t}$, the total field inside the material is written as the superposition of two waves propagating in opposite directions as

$$p(x) = P_A e^{-ikx} + P_B e^{ikx}$$
$$v_x(x) = \frac{P_A}{Z} e^{-ikx} - \frac{P_B}{Z} e^{ikx}$$

where $Z = \rho c$ is the characteristic acoustic impedance, $k = \omega/c$ is the wavenumber at the angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi f$, with ρ the density and c the sound speed of the material, and the amplitudes of the two waves are given by P_A and P_B .

To evaluate these amplitudes we define the pressure and velocity at both sides of the slab. First, at $x = 0$ we obtain

$$p(x)\big|_{x=0} = P_A + P_B, \quad (4.3)$$

$$Zv_x(x)\big|_{x=0} = P_A - P_B, \quad (4.4)$$

while at $x = L$ we get

$$p(x)\big|_{x=L} = (P_A + P_B) \cos(kL) - i(P_A - P_B) \sin(kL), \quad (4.5)$$

$$v_x(x)\big|_{x=L} = \frac{P_A - P_B}{Z} \cos(kL) - i \frac{P_A + P_B}{Z} \sin(kL). \quad (4.6)$$

Then, we can relate the acoustic magnitudes at both boundaries by combining (4.3)–(4.4) with (4.5)–(4.6) via

$$p(x)\big|_{x=L} = \cos(kL)p(x)\big|_{x=0} - iZ \sin(kL)v_x(x)\big|_{x=0}, \quad (4.7)$$

$$v_x(x)\big|_{x=L} = \cos(kL)v_x(x)\big|_{x=0} - i\frac{1}{Z} \sin(kL)p(x)\big|_{x=0}. \quad (4.8)$$

Equations (4.7)–(4.8) can be expressed in a matrix form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \\ v_x \end{bmatrix}_{x=L} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(kL) & -iZ \sin(kL) \\ \cos(kL) & -i\frac{1}{Z} \sin(kL) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ v_x \end{bmatrix}_{x=0}. \quad (4.9)$$

After inversion, we retrieve the basic transfer matrix formulation of a layer of acoustic material, given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \\ v_x \end{bmatrix}_{x=0} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(kL) & iZ \sin(kL) \\ i\frac{1}{Z} \sin(kL) & \cos(kL) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ v_x \end{bmatrix}_{x=L}. \quad (4.10)$$

In this way, the acoustic magnitudes at both sides of the 1D fluid layer are related by a 2×2 matrix which only depends on the impedance and wavenumber in the material. It is interesting to note that additional elements can be introduced into the system in a simple and modular way. This allows to model complex materials and structures using a simple theoretical framework, as we will see below.

Multi-layered micropore-cavity (MMC) model

View the lattices as multiple layers of micropores with air cavities in between.

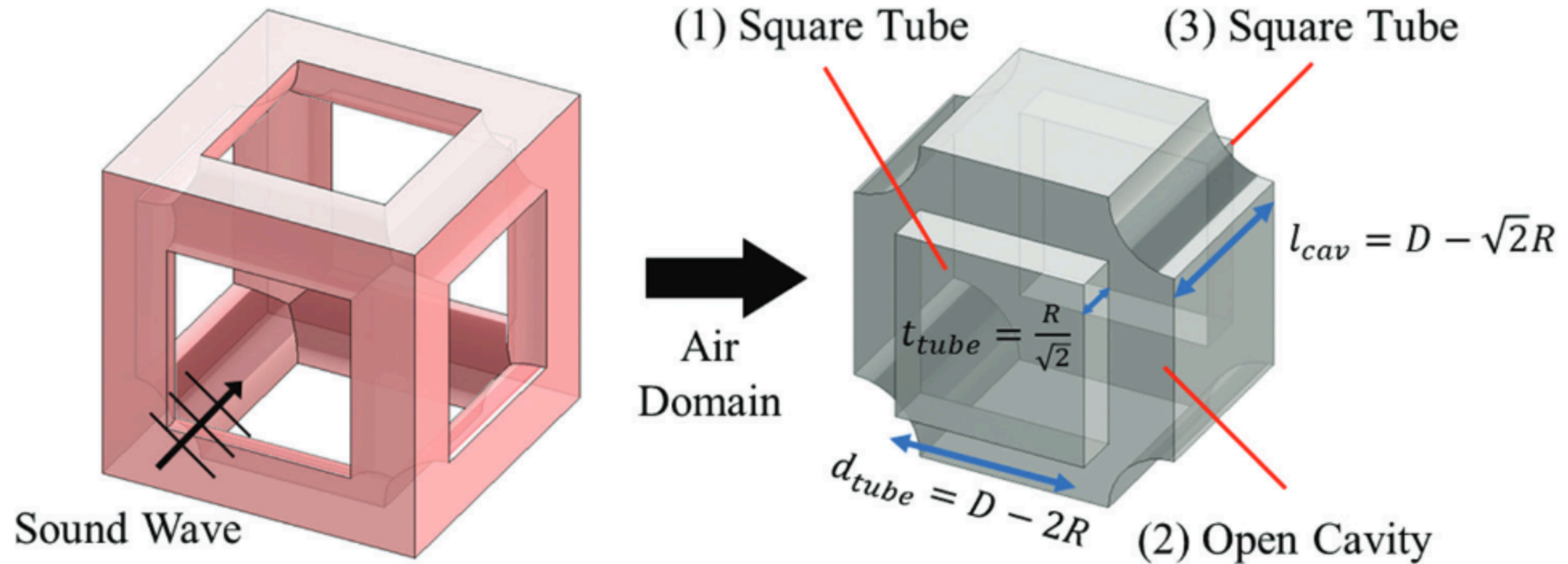


Figure 3. Discretization of the air domain of the SC-Truss unit cell for the acoustic modeling using the MMC model.

By assuming the closed tubes of square cross-section as a set of resonant materials, the transfer matrix is given by^[25]

$$\mathbf{T}_r = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & Z_r \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{VI})$$

Where Z_r is the characteristic impedance of the closed tube. Based on the works by Maa, Morse and Ingard^[21,22]

tube. Based on the works by Maa, Morse and Ingard^[21,22] on microperforated panel absorbers, Z_r can be expressed as follows:

$$Z_r = \frac{32\eta t_{tube}}{\varepsilon d_{tube}^2} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{k^2}{32}} + 2\delta_1 R_s \right) + j \frac{\omega \rho_0 t_{tube}}{\varepsilon} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{9 + \frac{k^2}{2}}} + \delta_2 \frac{d_{tube}}{t_{tube}} \right), \quad (VII)$$

respectively. Thereafter, the transfer matrix of one layer of SC-Truss unit cells is given by,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_{layer\ x} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T}_r \mathbf{T}_c \mathbf{T}_r = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & Z_r \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(k_0 l_{cav}) & jZ_0 \sin(k_0 l_{cav}) \\ j\frac{1}{Z_0} \sin(k_0 l_{cav}) & \cos(k_0 l_{cav}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & Z_r \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (IX)$$

