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8 **Abstract**

9 Passive acoustic liners, used in aeronautic engine nacelles to reduce radiated fan  
10 noise, have a quarter-wavelength behavior, because of perforated sheets backed  
11 by honeycombs (with one or two degrees of freedom). However, their acoustic  
12 absorption ability is naturally limited to medium and high frequencies because  
13 of constraints in thickness. The low ratio “plate thickness/hole diameter”  
14 generates impedance levels dependent on the incident sound pressure level and  
15 the grazing mean flow (by a mechanism of nonlinear dissipation through vortex  
16 shedding), which penalises the optimal design of liners. The aim of this paper is  
17 to overcome this problem by a concept called LEONAR (“Long Elastic Open  
18 Neck Acoustic Resonator”), in which a perforated plate is coupled with tubes of  
19 variable lengths inserted in a limited volume of a back cavity. To do this,  
20 experimental and theoretical studies, using different types of liners (material  
21 nature, hole diameter, tube length, cavity thickness) are described in this paper.  
22 It is shown that the impedance can be precisely determined with an analytical  
23 approach based on parallel transfer matrices of tubes coupled to the cavity.  
24 Moreover, the introduction of tubes in a cavity of a conventional resonator  
25 generates a significant shift in the frequency range of absorption towards lower  
26 frequencies or allows a reduction of cavity thickness. The impedance is  
27 practically independent of sound pressure level because of a high ratio “tube  
28 length/tube hole diameter”. Finally, a test led in an aeroacoustic bench suggests  
29 that a grazing flow at a bulk Mach number of 0.3 has little impact on the  
30 impedance value. These first results allow considering these resonators with  
31 linear behavior as an alternative to classical resonators, in particular, as needed  
32 for future Ultra High Bypass Ratio engines with shorter and thinner nacelles.

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34 **Keywords:**

35 Sound insulation, Transmission resonator, Acoustic impedance, Local reaction,  
36 Absorbing material

## 1 **1 Introduction**

2 Locally reacting liners, as those used in aeronautical engine nacelles, are  
3 generally “sandwich” resonators with a perforated plate linked to an honeycomb  
4 material above a rigid plate. Their absorption behavior can be described  
5 approximately with the principle of a Helmholtz resonator. The frequency range  
6 of absorption is thus essentially controlled by the thickness of the honeycomb  
7 cavity (“quarter-wavelength” behavior). Honeycomb cells are necessary to force  
8 wave direction perpendicularly to the perforated plate. It is classical to verify  
9 that the cell diameter  $d$  is lower than the minimal half wavelength. Moreover, the  
10 cell layers are supposed to be rigid (no vibration or damping). The small size of  
11 the holes (mostly from 0.4 to 2 mm according to industrial needs), absorbs the  
12 energy (through the acoustic boundary layer applied at the internal walls) when a  
13 wave is propagated through the resonant cavity [1,2]. The impedance can  
14 depend non-linearly on the incident particle velocity level (or sound pressure  
15 level) [1] and on the grazing flow. Acoustic “vortices” of particle velocity can  
16 therein occur at the resonator surface, thus modifying impedance. Many studies,  
17 since Ingard in the 1950s [3], have tried to determine the influence of various  
18 parameters on the impedance and the absorption of holes. Gaeta and Ahuja [4]  
19 show in particular that to increase the perimeter of the hole with the same surface  
20 allows an increase of the absorption at low magnitudes of particle velocity ( $<1$   
21  $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ) but has no significant effect for higher velocities. Above a threshold value  
22 of the ratio “ $v_0/v^*$ ” (acoustic or particle velocity/friction velocity of the acoustic  
23 boundary layer) the hole behavior becomes non-linear [5]. It appears that the  
24 nonlinear dissipation mechanism of vortex shedding is crucial for noise levels  
25 greater than 120 dB [6], values unfortunately much lower than in an aircraft  
26 engine. Chandrasekharan et al. [7] led impedance measurements in a tube and  
27 compared results with classical laws of Hersh, Kraft and Candrall & Melling. It  
28 is shown that an increase of ratio “ $l_p / r$ ” (plate thickness/hole radius) increases  
29 the frequency band over which there is linear behavior of the plate with the  
30 sound level (between 100 and 150 dB until 6,4 kHz). Boden et al. [8] show that,  
31 for a high pressure level noise at different tones, to modify the sound pressure  
32 level at one particular frequency can generate a non-linear variation of  
33 impedance at other frequencies. Indeed, if the acoustic excitation is periodic  
34 with multiple harmonics, the impedance at a given frequency may depend on the  
35 particle velocity at other frequencies. It is proven that a simply linear model of  
36 the impedance cannot be enough to accurately characterize a material. That is  
37 the reason why it can be interesting to determine an impedance model taking into  
38 account the non-linearity and to then separate linear and non-linear parts [9]. In  
39 [10] the ratio “ $v_0/v^*$ ” is also introduced as a parameter (similar to [5] for a single  
40 resonator) to determine a limit of linearity that depends on the Mach Number: 1  
41 for Mach 0.15, 0.3 for Mach 0.3 and 0.1 for Mach 0.51. The grazing flow  
42 produces non-linearity phenomena for lower acoustic velocities. In [11], it is

1 specified that the resistance of several samples (liner diameter 140 mm, liner  
2 thickness 1 mm, hole diameter 1.25 mm, porosity 0.42 and 6.79 %) increases  
3 with the Mach Number (Mach 0 – 0.1 at 1,400 Hz). Jones et al. [12] have tried to  
4 identify the influence of hole diameter with a grazing flow ( $0 \leq M \leq 0.5$ ), and  
5 with a variation of porosity ( $6.4\% \leq \sigma \leq 13.2\%$ ), plate thickness  
6 ( $0.51 \text{ mm} \leq l_p \leq 1.02 \text{ mm}$ ),  $l_p/d$  ( $0.34 \leq l_p/d \leq 0.80$ ) and cavity length  $h$   
7 ( $38.1 \text{ mm} \leq h \leq 76.2 \text{ mm}$ ). It appears that  $l_p/d$  has no influence on the  
8 impedance up to Mach 0.3. Beyond this Mach number, the resistance tends to  
9 increase slightly, especially for low values of  $l_p/d$ . The resonance frequency  
10 decreases obviously as  $h$  increases. In [13, 14], in order to reduce the frequency  
11 band of the absorption, the concept of a material with straight main pores  
12 bearing lateral cavities (dead-ends) is studied. The presence of dead-ends  
13 significantly alters the acoustical properties of the material and can significantly  
14 increase the absorption at low frequencies, because of a low sound speed in the  
15 main pores and thermal losses in the dead-end pores.

16 Finally, in order to enlarge the frequency range of absorption, different types  
17 of one degree of freedom liners can be stacked to constitute two or three degrees  
18 of freedom liners. In such cases, the increase of sound pressure level increases  
19 their resistance and decreases their reactance [15]. The presence of grazing flow  
20 even seems to increase the resistance and to have no influence on the reactance.  
21 Furthermore, it would generate strong sound levels for Strouhal Number  
22 (defined with regard to the grazing flow) from 0.1 to 0.4. The authors develop a  
23 non-linear model of impedance based on Helmholtz formulations, in uniform  
24 grazing flow: the non linear terms are only relative to the first cavity.  
25 Nevertheless, the physical law of two or three degrees of freedom liners is not  
26 suited to an absorption at the lowest frequencies, as needed for future Ultra High  
27 Bypass Ratio (UHBR) engines with shorter and thinner nacelles (frequencies  
28 around 500 Hz).

29 A possible approach could be to include, in a Helmholtz resonator, a winding  
30 neck extension built at the upper surface for tuning at a low frequency [16], or to  
31 link an upper perforated panel with flexible tubes introduced in the cavity, as  
32 proposed by Lu et al. [17].

33 In these configurations, incident acoustic waves are damped in a long  
34 resistive and reactive medium (winding neck extension [16] or flexible tubes  
35 [17]) before being transmitted in the cavity. The interface with the cavity  
36 generates a low resonance frequency by a prolongation of the air column length  
37 (end correction of the hole neck). Indeed, the analogy with Helmholtz resonator  
38 shows that, in the case of long tubes, the resonance frequency can be governed  
39 by the tube length  $l_{\text{tube}}$  with an effect comparable to cavity thickness  $h$

1 (frequency dependence in  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{(l_{\text{neck}} + l_{\text{tube}})h}} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{l_{\text{tube}}h}}$ , the perforated plate  
 2 thickness being negligible compared to the tube length).

3 The interest of this concept has been proven experimentally by these last  
 4 authors but without any mathematical model to allow for determination of the  
 5 absorption frequency range according to dimensional parameters.

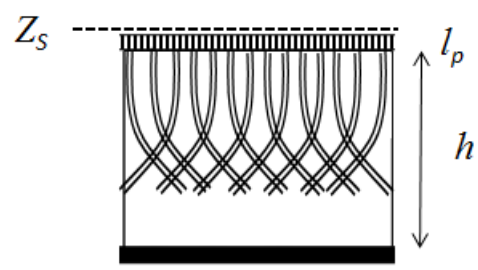
6 The aim of this paper is therefore, firstly, to implement a mathematical  
 7 model without the hypothesis of a short tube, in order to describe a concept of a  
 8 perforated plate coupled with tubes of variable lengths that fill a limited volume  
 9 of a cavity (LEONAR for “Long Elastic Open Neck Acoustic Resonator”), then  
 10 to validate this concept with materials having one or several lengths of flexible  
 11 tubes within different cavities. The potentialities of additive manufacturing, as  
 12 shown for example by Setaki et al. for combination of multiple resonators [18],  
 13 can also be used in order to manufacture plates with tubes and cavity cells in the  
 14 same process without classical problems of gluing. Indeed, the liner  
 15 manufacturing is generally carried out in two stages: the process begins firstly  
 16 by laser drilling of an upper thin plate to generate the desired porosity, and  
 17 continues secondly by the bonding of this plate on the honeycomb. With this  
 18 fabrication method, the glue can fill holes that are too close to the honeycomb  
 19 cells, a problem avoided by 3D printing by additive manufacturing with  
 20 Selective Laser Sintering or Stereolithography for polymers and Selective laser  
 21 Melting for metal.

22 Some configurations are thus simulated and tested to evaluate the relevance  
 23 of theoretical approach and the linearity of behavior vs. incident Sound Pressure  
 24 Level. The impedance of such a material is also determined in a duct with a high  
 25 grazing flow (Mach number 0.3) for comparison with its impedance without  
 26 flow.

27 This paper completes previous author’s communications [19,20].

28 **2 Description of LEONAR**

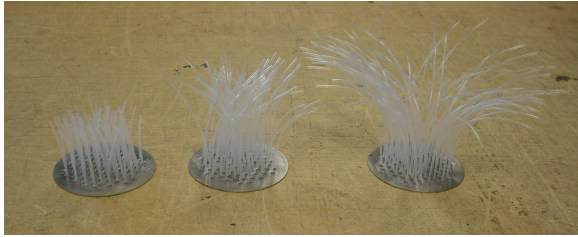
29 The resonator is composed of a perforated plate whose holes are connected to  
 30 hollow flexible or rigid tubes, inserted in a cavity ended by a rigid wall (Fig. 1).



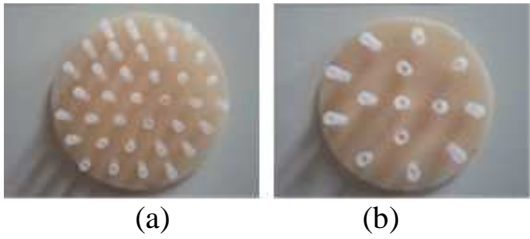
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 32 **Fig. 1.** Illustration of resonator with an upper perforated plate (thickness  $l_p$ ) connected  
 33 to hollow flexible tubes inserted in a cavity (thickness  $h$ ).

1 The parameters describing the resonator are, respectively: thickness  $l_p$  and  
2 porosity  $\sigma_p$  of plate, inner radius  $r_i$  and outer radius  $r_o$  of the tubes, tube length  $l_t$   
3 and cavity thickness  $h$ .  $\sigma_p$  is defined as the ratio of the area of holes to the total  
4 area of plate.

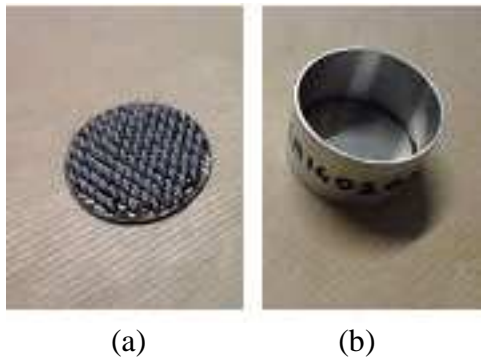
5 Examples of resonators (with tubes in Teflon or in PMMA for PolyMethyl  
6 MethAcrylate, also known as Acrylic) are shown below (Fig. 2 to 5).  
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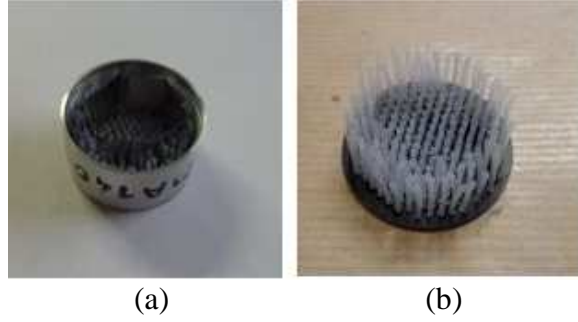
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9 **Fig. 2.** Type 1 samples with a perforated plate connected to Teflon tubes of variable  
10 lengths, to be placed above a cavity.  
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14 **Fig. 3.** Type 2 samples with a perforated plate connected to PMMA tubes of variable  
15 radius (a) and (b), to be placed above a cavity.  
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19 **Fig. 4.** Type 3 samples with a perforated plate connected to tubes (a) to be placed above  
20 a cavity ended by a rigid wall (b).  
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**Fig. 5.** Type 3 samples with a perforated plate connected to tubes of 2 variable lengths, partitioned (a) or not (b), to place above a cavity.

The propagation of waves along hollow tubes can be shown as a linear combination of propagational, thermal and viscous modes [21]. The pressure in the propagational mode satisfies an ordinary wave equation, while the temperature and velocity in the other modes satisfy diffusion equations.

To simplify the mathematical description, sound propagation is considered in narrow channels between plane parallel plates separated by a distance  $(2r_i)$ .

The pressure field  $p$  is mainly due to the propagational mode, for harmonic time dependence (expressed by  $\omega$ ), satisfies the classical equation:

$$\nabla^2 p + \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 p = 0 \quad (1)$$

which has solutions in the form

$$p(x, r) = A \cos(q_r r) (e^{jqx} + e^{-jqx}) \quad (2)$$

with  $r=0$  at the center,  $r = \pm r_i$  at the boundaries,  $q_r$  and  $q$  being, respectively the complex transverse and axial wavenumbers, related by:

$$q^2 = \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 - q_r^2 \quad (3)$$

We assume that the wavelength of waves  $\lambda$  is much larger than  $2r_i$  (i.e.  $\lambda > 137$  mm up to 2500 Hz (at ambient air conditions), compared to 1 mm for typical liner hole diameter) and therefore without visco-thermal effects,  $q_r = 0$ . On the other hand, to account for these effects consists in determining  $q_r \neq 0$  from the wall boundary conditions of zero total tangential velocity and zero temperature fluctuation.

Thus,  $q_r$ , parameter common to all modes, can be inferred from the mathematical expression of transverse velocities due to propagational, thermal

1 and viscous modes. Indeed, as the sum of transverse velocities must vanish at the  
 2 inner boundaries, the transverse propagation constant (with the assumption of  
 3 narrow channels:  $q_r r_i \ll 1$  or  $\cos(q_r r_i) \approx 1$ ) is given by [21]:

$$4 \quad q_r^2 = -\left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right)^2 \frac{(\gamma-1)F(k_h r_i) + F(k_v r_i)}{1 - F(k_v r_i)} \quad \text{where } F(X) = \frac{\tan(X)}{X} \quad (4)$$

5 with

$$6 \quad \bullet \quad k_h = \frac{1+j}{\delta_h} \quad \text{where } \delta_h = \sqrt{\frac{2K}{\rho C_p \omega}} \quad (\text{thermal boundary layer thickness}) \quad (5)$$

$$7 \quad \bullet \quad k_v = \frac{1+j}{\delta_v} \quad \text{where } \delta_v = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{\rho\omega}} \quad (\text{viscous boundary layer thickness}) \quad (6)$$

8

9  $c$ ,  $K$ ,  $C_p$ ,  $\rho$  and  $\mu$ , are respectively sound speed, heat conduction coefficient,  
 10 specific heat at constant pressure, density and dynamic viscosity.

11

12 In narrow channels, the average axial velocity has the following form:

13

$$14 \quad u_x = \frac{Aq}{\omega\rho} (1 - F(k_v r_i)) (e^{jqx} - e^{-jqx}) \quad (7)$$

15 Finally, the complex propagation constant in the axial direction of the  
 16 channel  $q$  is determined simply by [21] :

17

$$18 \quad q = \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \sqrt{\frac{1 + (\gamma-1)F(k_h r_i)}{1 - F(k_v r_i)}} \quad (8)$$

19 For circular tubes, the function  $F(X) = \frac{\tan(X)}{X}$ , introduced in Eqs. (4), (7) and

20

(8) to determine the transverse and axial propagation constants, are generally  
 21 replaced by Bessel functions [26]. In low frequency, one can nevertheless keep  
 22 this function and replace  $r_i$  by  $r_i/2$  in these equations, without significant  
 23 differences in the configurations of resonators.

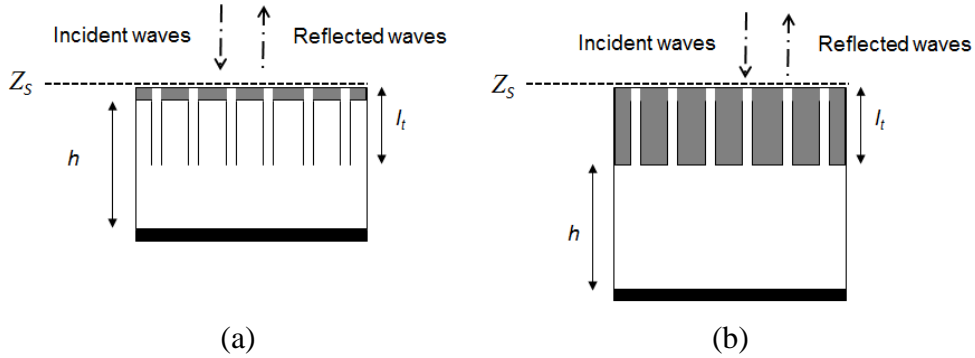
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25 Subsequently, we assume that (Fig. 6):

- 26 • continuity of pressure and mass flow between the tubes and surrounding  
 27 cavity is verified at the end of tubes,
- 28 • transmitted waves propagate in rigid cavity, without any loss, mainly in the  
 29 direction of the thickness, as for a classical resonator.

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**Fig. 6.** Physical configuration (a) with an upper perforated plate connected to hollow tubes (length  $l_t$ ) inserted in a cavity (thickness  $h$ ) – Simulated configuration (b) with an equivalent thick perforated plate (thickness  $l_t$ ) inserted in a cavity (thickness  $h$ ).

One can easily define the different transfer matrices related to elementary components (Fig. 6 (b)), as follows:

$$\mathbf{T}_{\text{cavity}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(kh) & j\rho c \sin(kh) \\ j\sin(kh)/\rho c & \cos(kh) \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{\text{tube}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(ql_t) & j\frac{\rho\omega}{q(1-f_v)}\sin(ql_t) \\ j\frac{q(1-f_v)}{\rho\omega}\sin(ql_t) & \cos(ql_t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{\text{tubes/cavity}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\sigma_p \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\text{So, } \mathbf{T}_{\text{total}} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T}_{\text{tube}} \mathbf{T}_{\text{tubes/cavity}} \mathbf{T}_{\text{cavity}} \quad (12)$$

The specific impedance at the structure surface (Fig. 6) is given by the plate porosity  $\sigma_p$  and normalized by the fluid impedance  $\rho c$ :

$$\frac{Z_s}{\rho c} = -\left(\frac{T_{11}}{T_{21}}\right)^* \frac{1}{\rho c \sigma_p} \quad (13)$$

Classical inductive and resistive end corrections can also be added for a specific impedance, i.e., [22], but the effects are relatively negligible for long tubes and low frequencies.

One can also extend the concept with configurations comprising simultaneously comprised of several tube lengths in different cavities (with a

1 partition) or in the same cavity (without partition) (Fig. 7). One considers, as an  
 2 example, 2 tube lengths (tubes “1” and “2”) with the same hole distribution (i.e.  
 3 a porosity  $\sigma_p$ ):

- 4
- 5 • with partition (Fig. 7 (a)), for which tubes “1” and “2” are in different  
 6 cavities:

7  
 8 The global specific impedance is then derived from the individual specific  
 9 impedance Eq. (13) of each tube group (cells with tubes “1” or “2”), by an  
 10 admittance average:

$$11 \quad \frac{Z_{s \text{ partition}}}{\rho c} = \frac{2}{\rho c \left( \frac{1}{Z_{s1}} + \frac{1}{Z_{s2}} \right)} \quad (14)$$

- 13
- 14 • without a partition (Fig. 7 (b)), for which tubes “1” and “2” are in the same  
 15 cavity:

16  
 17 It consists of determining the global tube admittance matrix  $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{tube}}$  from  
 18 individual tube transfer matrices  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{tube } m}$  (Eq. (10)), as follows:

$$19 \quad \mathbf{Y}_{\text{tube}} = \mathbf{Y}_{\text{tube } 1} + \mathbf{Y}_{\text{tube } 2} \quad (15)$$

$$20 \quad \text{with } \mathbf{Y}_{\text{tube } m} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{T_{\text{tube } 22}}{T_{\text{tube } 12}} & \frac{T_{\text{tube } 12} \cdot T_{\text{tube } 21} - T_{\text{tube } 11} \cdot T_{\text{tube } 22}}{T_{\text{tube } 12}} \\ 1 & -\frac{T_{\text{tube } 11}}{T_{\text{tube } 12}} \end{bmatrix}_i \quad \text{for } m \in \{1, 2\}, \quad (16)$$

21  
 22  
 23 then to compute  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{tubes/cavity}}$ , the global transfer matrix  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{tube}}$  from Eq. (15) and  
 24  $\mathbf{T}_{\text{total}}$  from Eq. (12):

$$25 \quad \mathbf{T}_{\text{tubes/cavity}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2/\sigma_p \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

$$26 \quad \mathbf{T}_{\text{tube}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{Y_{\text{tube } 22}}{Y_{\text{tube } 12}} & \frac{1}{Y_{\text{tube } 12}} \\ \frac{Y_{\text{tube } 12} \cdot Y_{\text{tube } 21} - Y_{\text{tube } 11} \cdot Y_{\text{tube } 22}}{Y_{\text{tube } 12}} & \frac{Y_{\text{tube } 11}}{Y_{\text{tube } 12}} \end{bmatrix}_i \quad (18)$$

1 The impedance normalized to  $\rho c$  is expressed by:

2

$$3 \quad \frac{Z_{s \text{ no partition}}}{\rho c} = - \left( \frac{T_{11}}{T_{21}} \right)^* \frac{2}{\rho c \sigma_p} \quad (19)$$

4

5 Finally, the reflection and absorption coefficients, respectively  $R$  and  $\alpha$ ,  
6 relative to a normal incident excitation are expressed by:

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$$8 \quad R = \frac{Z_s - \rho c}{Z_s + \rho c} \quad (20)$$

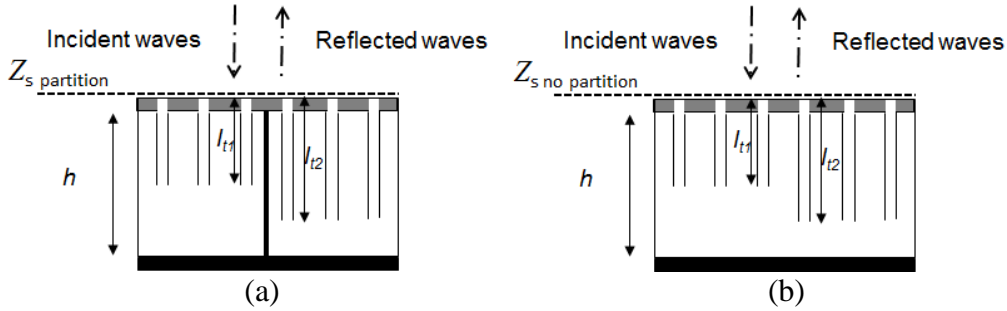
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$$10 \quad \alpha = 1 - |R|^2 \quad (21)$$

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12 from specific impedances (Eqs. (13), (14) and (19)).

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16 **Fig. 7.** Physical configurations with an upper perforated plate connected to two types of  
17 hollow tubes (lengths  $l_{t1}$  and  $l_{t2}$ ) inserted in two cavities (a) or in the same cavity (b).  
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### 19 3 Validation

20 The validation is led in an impedance tube on 3 types of resonator for which  
21 the tubes are flexible or rigid, with variable tube radii and lengths and with or  
22 without rear partition.

23 A test is also conducted in presence of a high grazing flow for comparison.

24 The characteristics are specified below for types 1 and 2. However for  
25 confidentiality, absolute values cannot be given for type 3 and only relative  
26 values are indicated.

#### 27 3.1 Type 1 and 2 Resonator

28 The impedance is obtained in an impedance tube instrumented with 3  
29 microphones for pressure measurements. On the opposite side of the tube, the  
30 loudspeaker generates a broadband random noise propagated in plane waves

1 from 100 to 2,500 Hz and from 100 to 145 dB. The standard measurement  
 2 method for two microphones is used in accordance with references [23-25]. The  
 3 three microphones taken by pair allow satisfying the total frequency range.

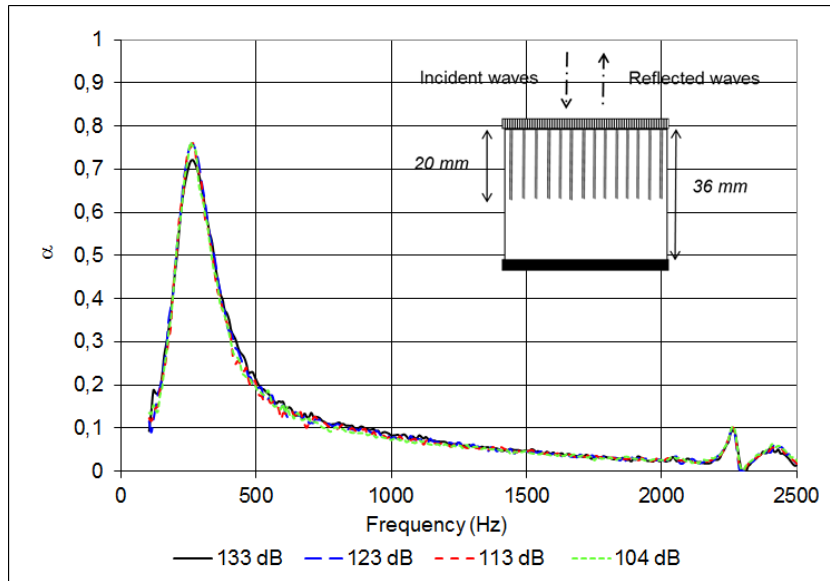
4 First tests have been conducted for type 1 samples whose characteristics are  
 5 specified in Table 1.

6  
 7 **Table 1**  
 8 Characteristics of type 1 samples.

$l_p$ (mm)	$\sigma_p$ (%)	$r_i$ (mm)	$r_o$ (mm)	$l_t$ (mm)	$h$ (mm)	$l_t / r_i$
1	1.92	0.35	0.55	10	35.9	28
				20		57
				30		86
				60		171
				90		257

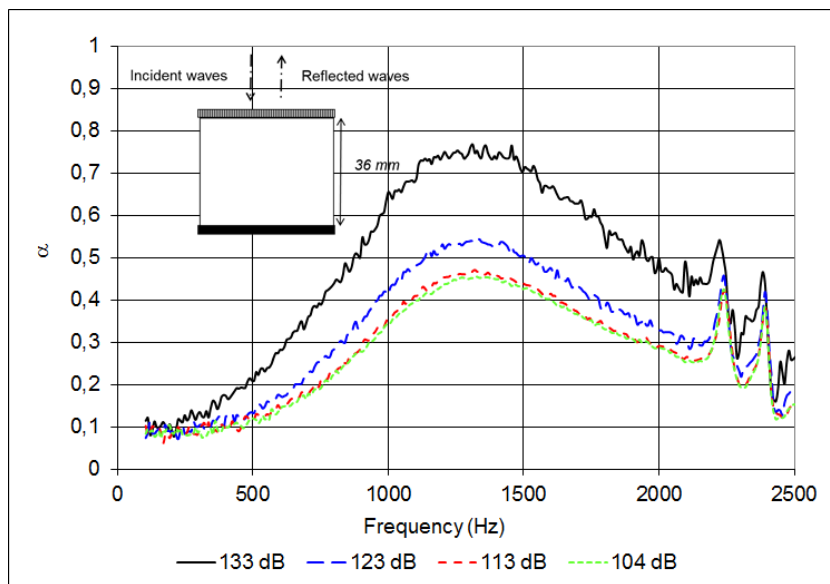
15 It appears that these materials have a linear behavior independent of the  
 16 incident acoustic pressure level, which is representative of a constant impedance  
 17 and absorption coefficient (ex. for sample with  $l_t=20$  mm in Fig. 8), while a  
 18 sample with only the perforated plate (without tubes) generates a large variation  
 19 of absorption (Fig. 9). Non-linearity is due to acoustic vortices around the holes  
 20 for a low ratio of “  $l_p / r_i$  ” [6,7]. Therefore, artificially increasing the plate  
 21 thickness, by extending the tubes, prevents the presence of vortices. In the  
 22 present case, the ratio is between 28 to 257 for type 1 samples, compared with  
 23 1.8 for the perforated plate, which guarantees the linear behavior regardless the  
 24 excitation configuration.

25 One can notice, also, that the frequency range of absorption is very different:  
 26 around 260 Hz, for the resonator with tubes, vs. 1,300 Hz for the classical  
 27 resonator. On the other hand, the rises in medium frequency range are not  
 28 controlled. The comparison of absorption coefficient for all samples (Fig. 10)  
 29 confirms that the length of the tube allows shifting the frequency range of  
 30 absorption (resonator thickness lower than  $\lambda/30$ ). Nevertheless, an increase in  
 31 length can be associated with a reduction of absorption coefficient, i.e. if  $l_t > h$ ,  
 32 essentially because of a significant reduction of cavity volume.



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2 **Fig. 8.** Effect of Soud Pressure Level (dB) on absorption coefficient for a type 1 sample  
 3 with  $l_t = 20$  mm and  $h = 35.9$  mm.

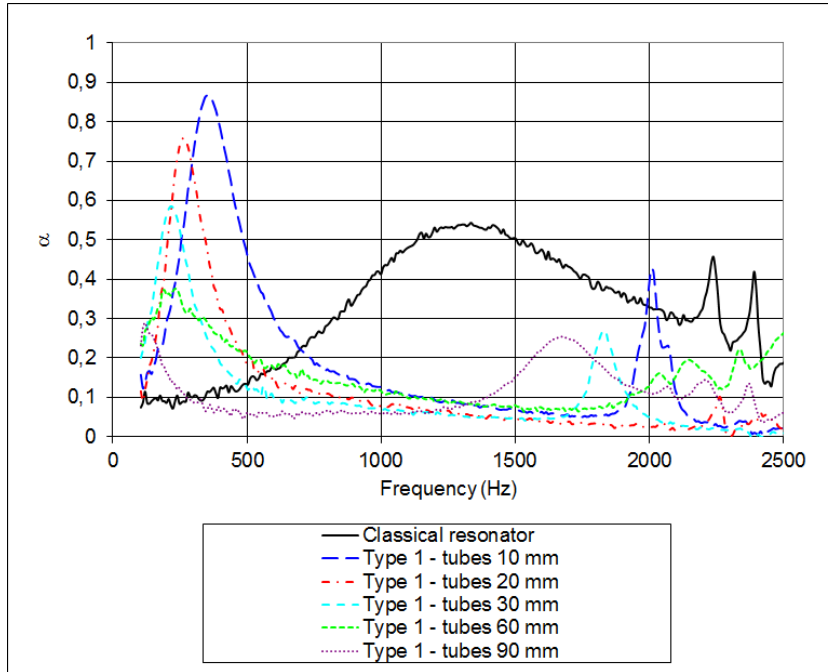


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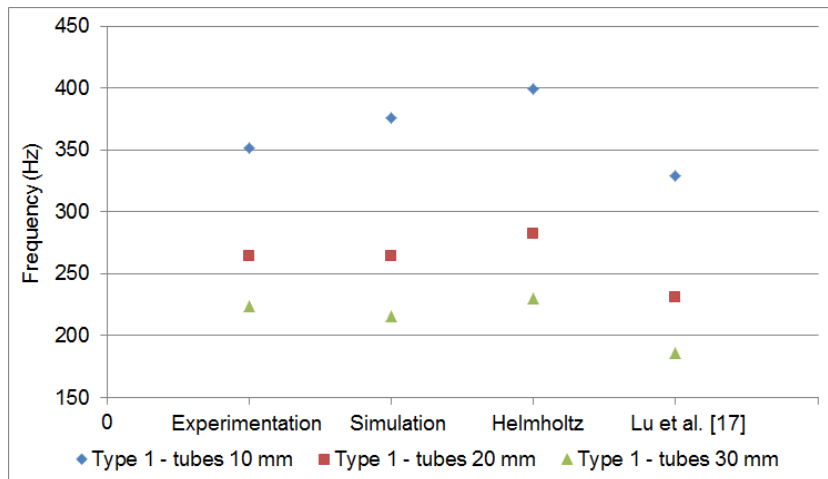
5 **Fig. 9.** Effect of Soud Pressure Level (dB) on absorption coefficient for a classical  
 6 resonator with a thin perforated plate ( $\sigma_p = 4.7\%$ ,  $r_o = 0.55$  mm,  $l_p = 1$  mm) above a cavity  
 7 of 35.9 mm thickness.

8 Simulations of reactance are led using Eq. (13) for several samples. The  
 9 satisfying comparison with experimental results gives more confidence in  
 10 determining the frequency range of absorption, relative to "0" reactance (Fig.

1 11), compared to the classical Helmholtz formulation or Lu et al. [17] approach  
 2 applied to long tubes.

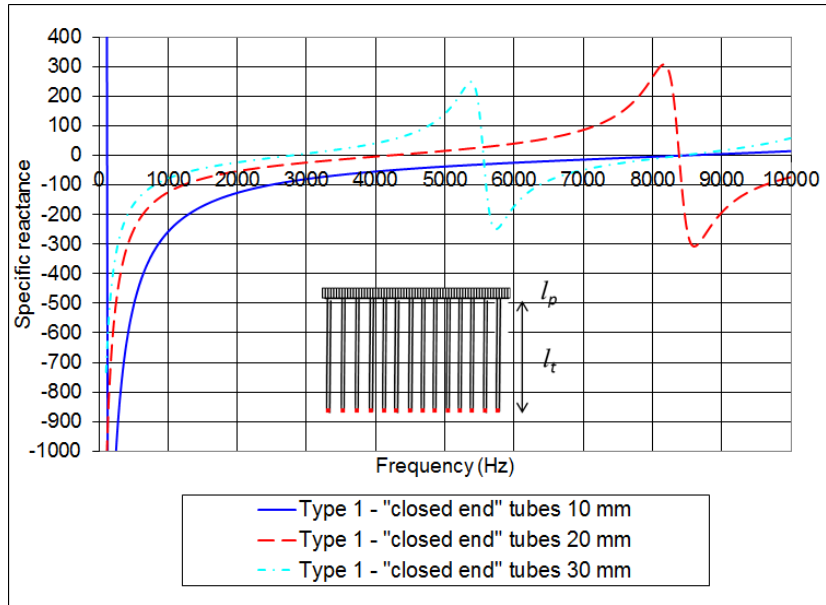


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 4 **Fig. 10.** Effect of tube length (between 10 to 90 mm) on absorption coefficient for type  
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 8 Type 1 samples with variable tube lengths (10, 20 and 30 mm) – comparison with  
 9 Helmholtz and Lu et al. [17] formulations.

1 The simulation of reactance from Eq. (13) for tubes satisfying the  
 2 characteristics of Table 1 but placed in front of a rigid background (Fig. 12), i.e.  
 3 without a cavity (“closed end” tubes), shows that the maximum absorption is  
 4 obtained at high frequencies (from 2,760 Hz). It thus appears that the coupling  
 5 with the surrounding cavity is predominant to generate an absorption in the low  
 6 frequency range.



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 8 **Fig. 12.** Simulated reactance normalized to  $\rho c$  for type 1 samples with variable  
 9 “closed end” tube lengths (10, 20 and 30 mm).

10 The damping relative to propagation along the tubes is also well estimated as  
 11 shown on the simulated absorption coefficient values from Eq. (21) (Fig. 13).  
 12 Furthermore, results would be similar to the Stinson and Champoux [26]  
 13 formulation applied to long circular tubes.

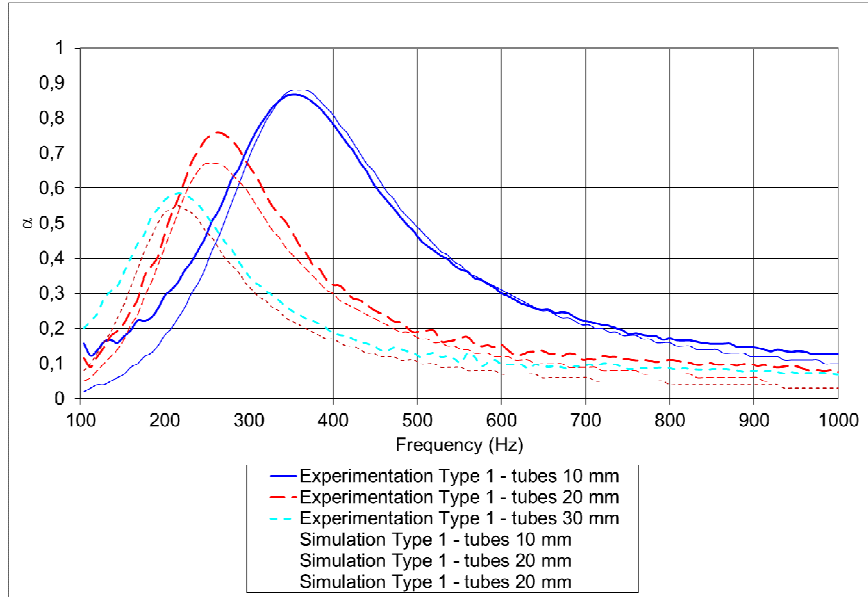
14 Secondly, samples with variable tube radii, as specified in Table 2, are tested  
 15 for two cavity thicknesses. Once again, the ratio  $l_t / r_i$  is much higher than for a  
 16 classical resonator.

17 **Table 2**  
 18 Characteristics of type 2 samples.

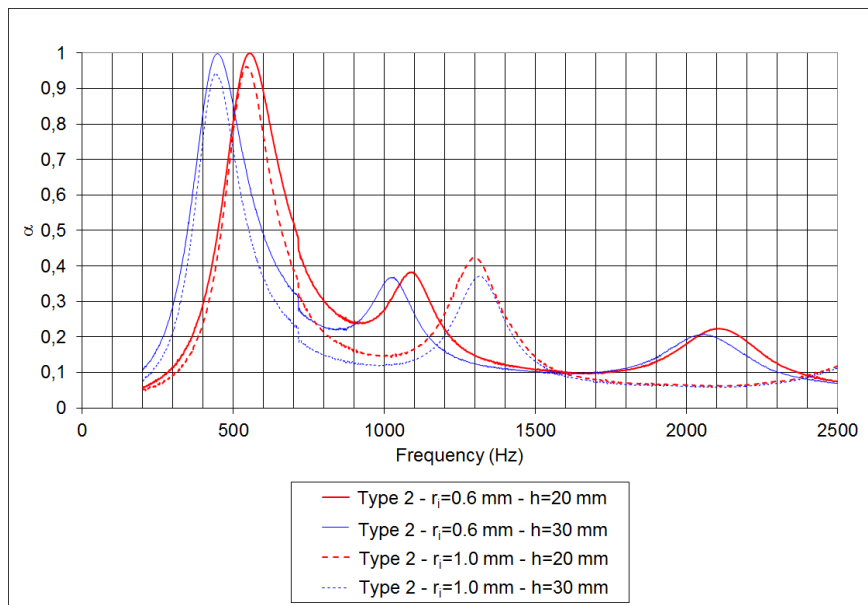
$l_p$ (mm)	$\sigma_p$ (%)	$r_i$ (mm)	$r_o$ (mm)	$l_t$ (mm)	$h$ (mm)	$l_t / r_i$
1	3.7	0.6	0.8	15	20	25
	3.9	1.0	1.2		30	15

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1 One can note, in Fig. 14, that to reduce the radius increases the absorption in  
 2 the main frequency range (440 and 560 Hz). Moreover, as in Fig. 10, several  
 3 peaks appears in medium frequency range.



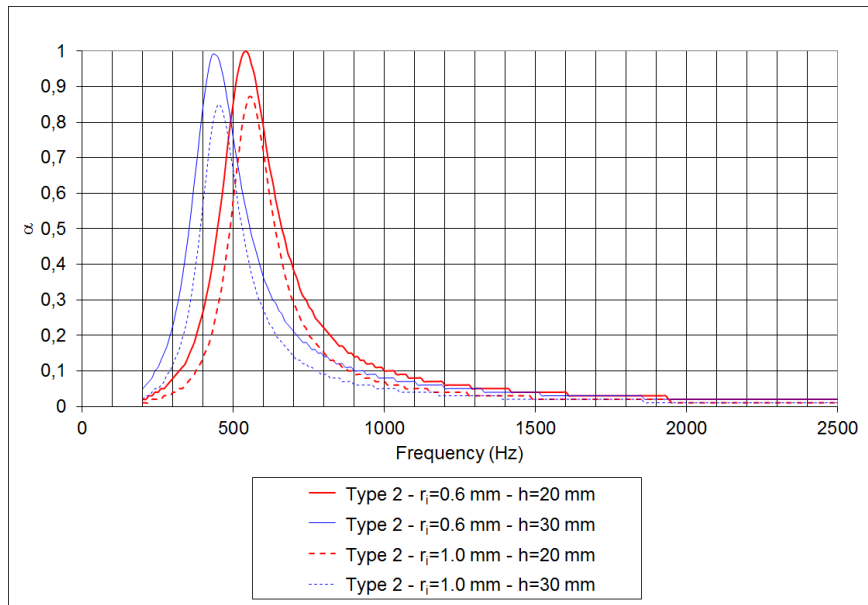
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 5 **Fig. 13.** Comparison of simulated and experimental absorption coefficients for type 1  
 6 samples with variable tube lengths (10, 20 and 30 mm).  
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 9 **Fig. 14.** Effect of tubes of variable internal radius (0.6 and 1 mm) and cavity thickness  
 10 (20 and 30 mm) on absorption coefficient for type 2 samples (experimentation).



1 The radius effect is confirmed by following simulations of the absorption  
 2 coefficient (Fig. 15) even if differences appear higher. On the other hand, other  
 3 regions of absorption are not predicted. One might suspect the influence of a  
 4 residual vibration applied to tubes but preliminary FEM simulations of structural  
 5 resonance with tube elasticity have not been conclusive.  
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9 **Fig. 15.** Effect of tubes of variable internal radius (0.6 and 1 mm) and cavity thickness  
 10 (20 and 30 mm) on absorption coefficients for type 2 samples (simulation).

11 **3.2 Type 3 Resonators**

12 **3.2.1 Tests in impedance tube**

13 Fig. 16 and 17 show a comparison of simulated and measured absorption  
 14 coefficients in an impedance tube for 2 configurations of a resonator defined by  
 15 the following characteristics:

- 16 • “Mono tubes” configuration : (so-called) long tubes (tube “1”) or (so-called)  
 17 short tubes (tube “2” cf. Fig. 4) with a length ratio of 3.  
 18 Other characteristics are identical for these 2 resonators, i.e. the plate  
 19 porosity  $\sigma_p$ , the inner and outer tube radius, respectively  $r_i$  and  $r_e$ , and the  
 20 cavity thickness  $h$ . The (so-called) long tubes have a length lower than the  
 21 thickness of cavity in order to use fully the effect of cavity volume.
- 22 • “Double tubes” configuration: (so-called) long and short tubes introduced  
 23 simultaneously (Fig. 5). In this case, the total porosity is doubled.

1 Two samples are tested:

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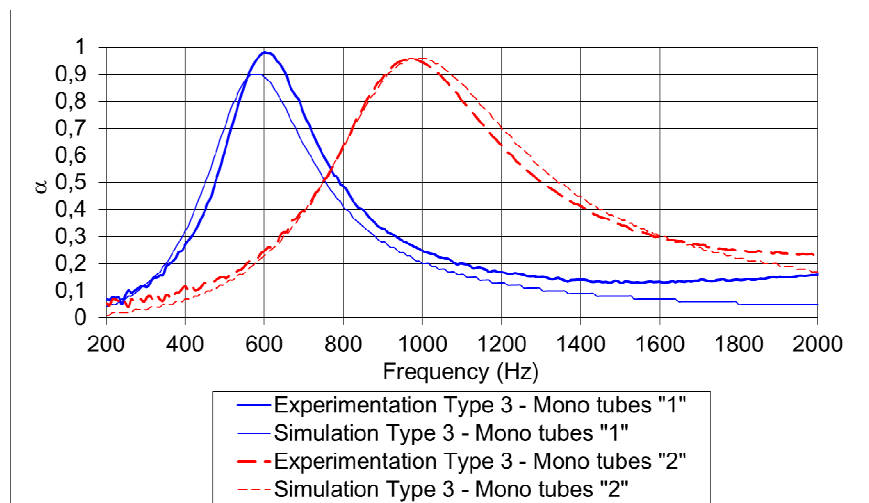
- 3 • with a partition, for which tubes “1” and “2” are in different cavities,
- 4 • without a partition, for which tubes “1” and “2” are in the same cavity.

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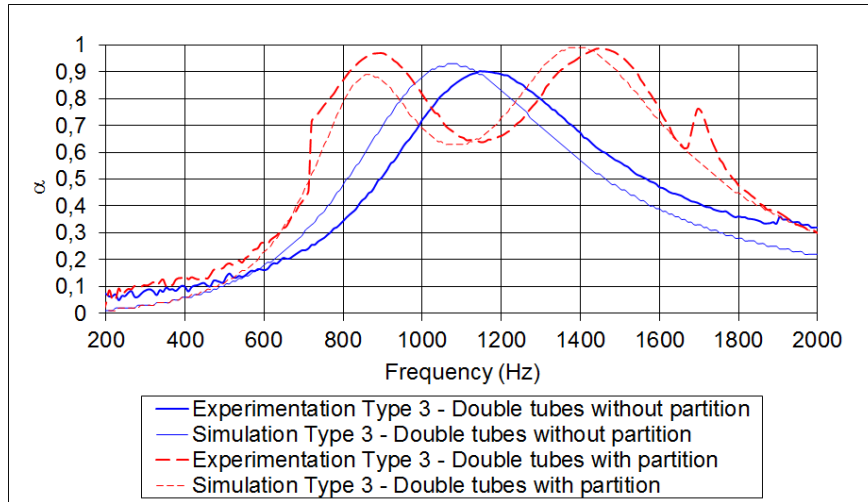
6 One can notice, for “mono tubes” (Fig. 16), an high absorption with an  
7 equivalent level regardless the frequency of interest and a coherence between  
8 experiments and simulations (from Eq. (13)). On the other hand, the frequency  
9 range can shift significantly.

10 The simultaneous use of two tube lengths (“double tubes” configuration) in a  
11 same cavity increases the medium frequency of absorption (Fig. 17), without  
12 extending the frequency range, which is not interesting for target applications.  
13 However if the two lengths of tube are located in two different cells, there are  
14 two frequency area of high absorption around the frequency range without  
15 partition. Thus, a distribution with several lengths of tube in independent cells  
16 can allow for an extension of the frequency range, as with two or three degrees  
17 of freedom liners, but with a low cavity thickness. Moreover, it can be observed  
18 that simulations (with Eq. (14) or Eq. (19)) are representative of physical  
19 phenomena, regardless the tested configurations.

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21 **Fig. 16.** Comparison of simulated and experimental absorption coefficients for type 3  
22 samples - “mono tubes” configuration.



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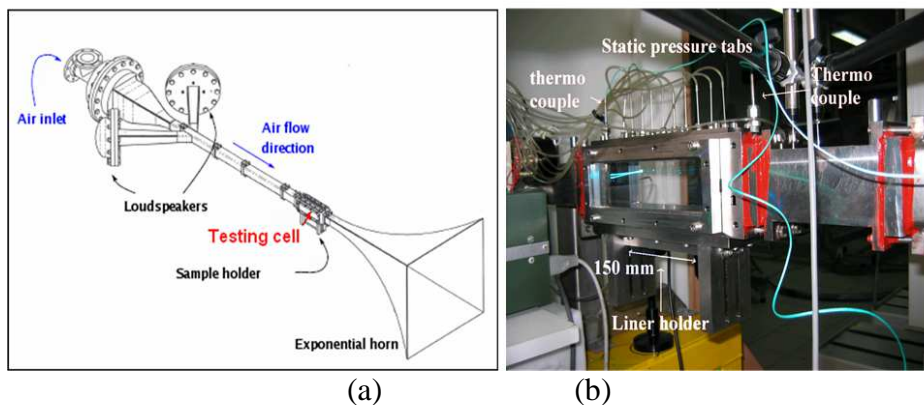
2 **Fig. 17.** Comparison of simulated and experimental absorption coefficients for type 3  
 3 samples - “double tubes” configurations without and with a partition (cf. Fig. 7).

4 **3.2.2 Tests in an aeroacoustic bench**

5 Finally, a sample of “mono tubes” with (so-called) short tubes has been  
 6 manufactured to be tested with grazing flow in the aeroacoustic test bench B2A  
 7 (Fig. 18).

8 The Aero-Thermo-Acoustic test bench is specifically used to perform in-duct  
 9 flow Laser Doppler Velocimetry (LDV) or pressure measurements along an  
 10 acoustic liner in presence of a grazing flow [27]. Two loudspeakers can generate  
 11 plane waves, up to 3,000 Hz, in the wind tunnel (cross-section of 50×50 mm<sup>2</sup> )  
 12 with a turbulent flow (maximum bulk Mach number = 0.5). The testing cell can  
 13 contain, in its lower part, a sample of material to be studied (30 x 150 mm<sup>2</sup> or 50  
 14 x 150 mm<sup>2</sup>). In the present case, the acoustic pressure field is acquired upstream,  
 15 in front of and downstream of the sample, on the opposite wall (Fig. 19).

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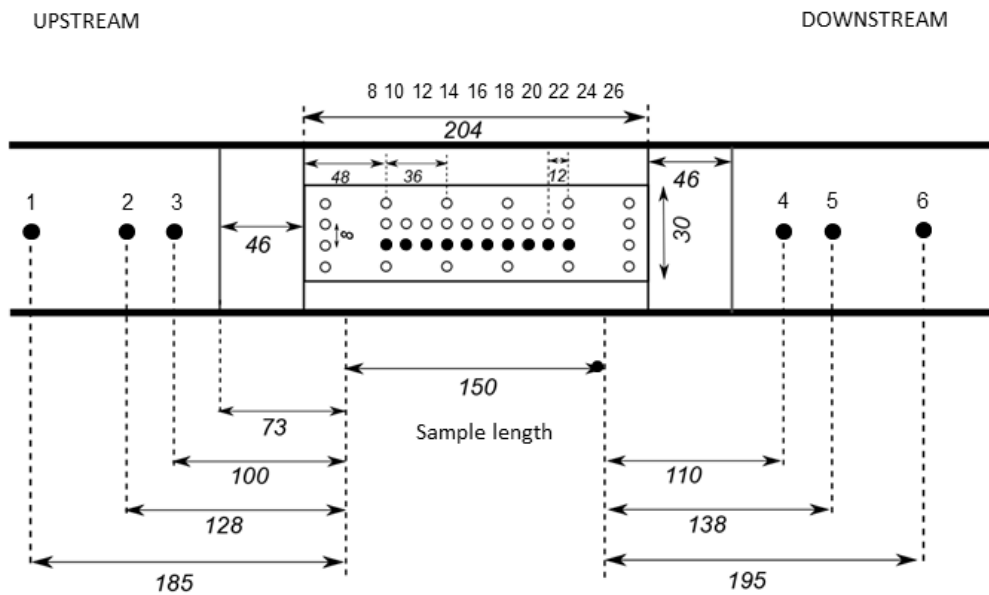


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**Fig. 18.** Aero-acoustic bench B2A (a) with testing cell (b).



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**Fig. 19.** Location of microphones on the upper wall of testing cell (filled circles).

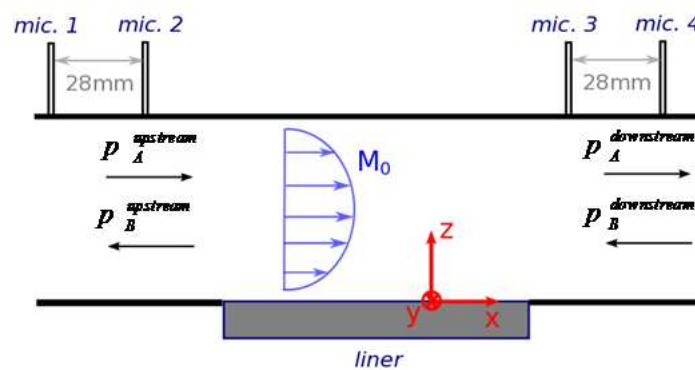
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Computations rely on the resolution of the 2D linearized Euler equations in the harmonic domain, spatially discretized by a discontinuous Galerkin scheme [28], which presents advantageous properties. First, it is weakly dispersive and dissipative. Additionally, boundary conditions are imposed through fluxes, which is particularly robust and straightforward.

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A measurement of the acoustic transmission loss is first led without grazing flow, by separation of upstream and downstream waves with two pairs of microphones located on both sides of the test cell (Fig. 20).

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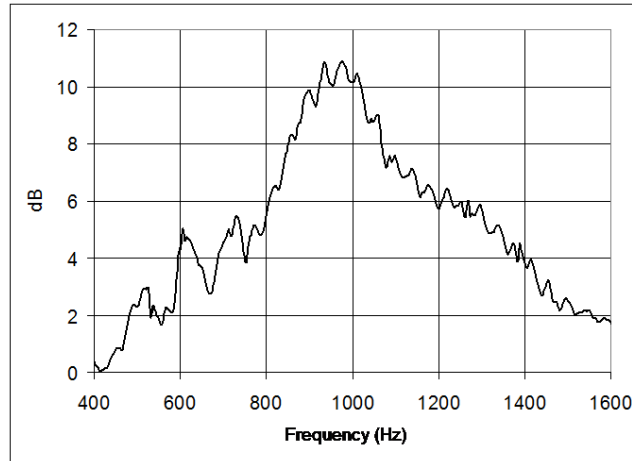
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**Fig. 20.** Location of upstream and downstream microphones for separation of upstream and downstream waves, on either side of the liner.

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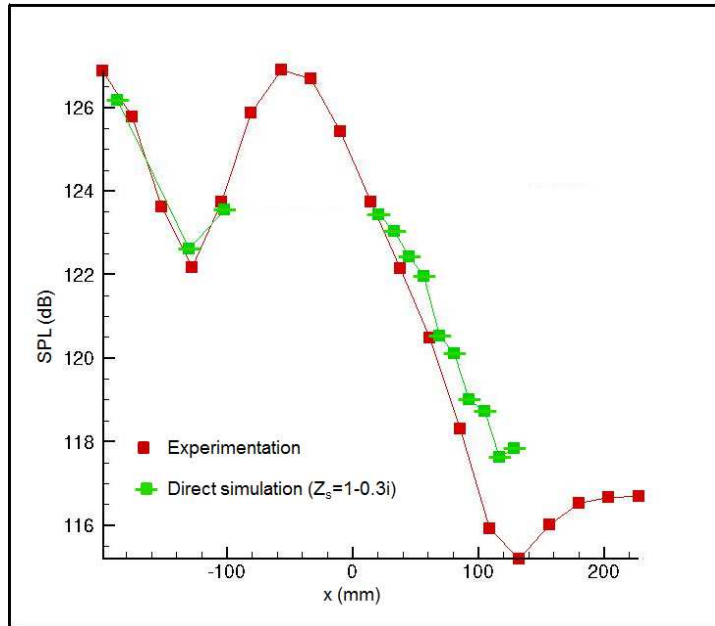
1 It appears on Fig. 21 that the maximum of Transmission Loss is reached  
2 around 1,000 Hz, the frequency of maximum absorption observed in the  
3 impedance tube (cf. Fig. 15).



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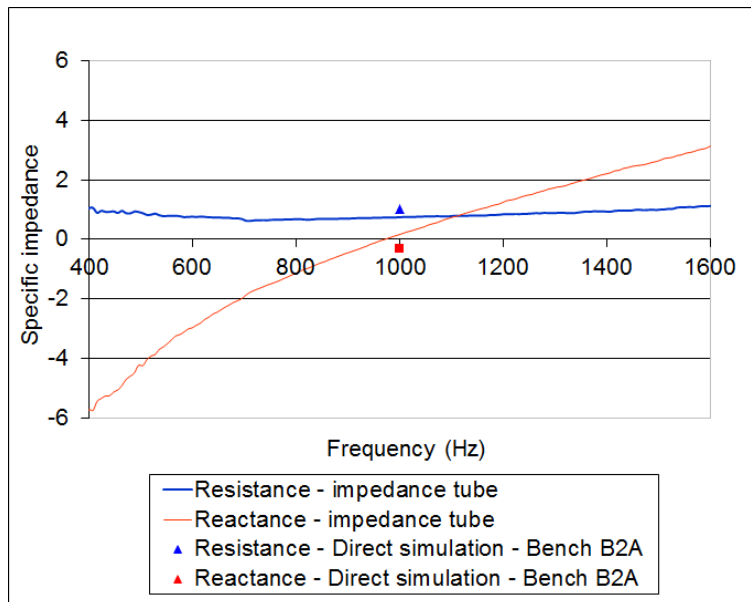
5 **Fig. 21.** Transmission Loss (dB) for a type 3 sample - “mono tubes” configuration -  
6 (so-called) short tubes (tube “2”), without grazing flow.

7 The Fig. 22 then shows simulated and measured pressure fields at 1,000 Hz,  
8 with a grazing flow at bulk Mach number 0.3. The impedance deduced by direct  
9 simulation and comparison with measured data in B2A is close to values  
10 measured in the impedance tube (so without flow) (Fig. 23).



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**Fig. 22.** Comparison of simulated and experimental pressure fields (dB) along the testing cell for a type 3 sample - “mono tubes” configuration – (so-called) short tubes (tube “2”), at 1,000 Hz and bulk Mach number 0.3.



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**Fig. 23.** Impedance normalized to  $\rho c$  deduced from tests in B2A at bulk Mach number 0.3 and in impedance tube, for a type 3 sample - “mono tubes” configuration - so-called short tubes (tube “2”).

1        These results confirm the linear behavior of LEONAR resonator vs. grazing  
2 flow, contrary to a classical resonator with the same porosity. Nevertheless,  
3 complementary tests must be conducted (by impedance reduction [28] or by  
4 micro-LDV field [29]), in particular with grazing flow for other ratios  $l_t/r_i$ , to  
5 confirm the absence of acoustic vortices.

### 6    **3 Conclusions**

7        Experimental and theoretical studies have shown that the introduction of  
8 tubes in a cavity of a conventional resonator generates a significant shift in the  
9 frequency range of absorption towards lower frequencies, due to a prolongation  
10 of the air column length provided by the presence of tubes. In this case, the  
11 thickness can reach a value lower than  $\lambda/30$ .

12        Despite the simplicity of the theoretical approach, the impedance can be  
13 precisely determined with parallel transfer matrices of tubes coupled to the  
14 cavity. Nevertheless, the formulation must take into account the specificity of  
15 long tubes (the “thin” plate assumption is not valid anymore).

16        It appears, through tests in an impedance tube, that the impedance is  
17 practically independent of sound pressure level if  $l_t/r_i \geq 15$ . Moreover, a test  
18 led for one type of resonator in an aeroacoustic bench has shown that a grazing  
19 flow at a bulk Mach number of 0.3 has little impact on the impedance value,  
20 which is an advantage for an aeronautic application. These first results allow  
21 considering these resonators with linear behavior as an alternative to classical  
22 resonators.

23        Finally, industrial requirements of robustness and cleaning for aeronautical  
24 liners must be satisfied similar to these of classical resonators.

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