SOUND TRANSMISSION LOSS OF LATTICE SANDWICH PLATE WITH PYRAMIDAL TRUSS CORES

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ABSTRACT

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1 INTRODUCTION

Sandwich structure commonly consisting of two thin but stiff face sheets separated by the lightweight core material has broad application prospects [1-2]. It has superior properties of low density, high strength, high modulus and potential application in heat transfer, impact resistance, energy absorbing, etc. Lattice sandwich structure as a kind of potential sandwich structure has attracted more attentions about stastic [3] and vibration properties [4] for its periodicity, multifunction and designability. It possesses superior mechanical characteristics and potential of multi-functional applications. Our aiming is to gain a multi-functional structure combining with load capacity and sound insulation.

To reach that purpose, we established the model and investigated the acoustic performance of the lattice sandwich structure.

2 Model

The infinite two-dimensional sandwich structure with pyramidal truss cores is investigated, as shown in Figure 1. x- and y-directions are alone the panel and z-direction is perpendicular to it. The structure is surrounded by acoustic fluid.

![Figure 1: Lattice structure with pyramidal truss cores.](image)

The displacements w(x,y) of the face panel at corresponding points in different periodic elements should have the relationship of transfer constant e^{i\mu}. The wavenumber and length of cell L should satisfy kL = \mu. The motion of panel is expressed as [5] :

\begin{align}
W_1 &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} W_{1,n,m} e^{-j[(\mu,_{x}+2n\pi/L)x+(\mu,_{y}+2m\pi/L)y-w]}, \\
W_2 &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} W_{2,n,m} e^{-j[(\mu,_{x}+2n\pi/L)(x-L/2)+(\mu,_{y}+2m\pi/L)\text{y}-(L/2)-w]}.
\end{align}
The truss is regarded as Euler-Bernoulli beam and the stiffness of force \( K_z \) and moments \( K_{rx}, K_{ry} \) caused by compression and bend are obtained easily. The governing equations of two face sheet are represented as follows:

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\begin{align*}
D\nabla^4 w_1 + \left( m + \frac{4M}{L^2} \right) \frac{\partial^2 w_1}{\partial t^2} - j\omega p (\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) &= -2 \left( K_z + K_{rx} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} + K_{ry} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial y^3} \right) w_1, \\
\times (w_1 - w_2) &+ \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \delta(2x + nL)\delta(y + mL) + \delta(2x - nL)\delta(y - mL) \right] \left( K_z + K_{rx} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} + K_{ry} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial y^3} \right) (w_1 - w_2), \\
D\nabla^4 w_2 + \left( m + \frac{4M}{L^2} \right) \frac{\partial^2 w_2}{\partial t^2} + 4 \left( K_z + K_{rx} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^3} + K_{ry} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial y^3} \right) (w_2 - w_1), \\
\times \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \delta(2x + nL - L)\delta(y + mL - L) - j\omega p (\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) \right] = 0.
\end{align*}
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The acoustic properties of structure could be calculated once the sheet displacements \( w_i \) obtained.

### 3 CONCLUSIONS

The convergence was checked out and the result was truncated in limited terms. The STL curves show the trend, properties of sound insulation and different kinds of resonance. The incident wave and the effects of parameters are discussed for thorough understanding and system design, such as the material, size and layout. Some of results are shown below.

![Figure 2](image-url)  
**Figure 2:** STL curves with respect to varies elevation angle \( \theta \) of incident wave.

![Figure 3](image-url)  
**Figure 3:** Comparison of structure with pyramidal truss cores and double-leaf partition wall.

Vertical incident meets the best sound isolation in brief. While the azimuth angle \( \varphi \) exerts little influence on the result. Curves coincide in the front half and seem like small oblique translation in some degree in latter half. On the other hand, the increase of modulus of elasticity of truss causes the promotion of the previous resonance frequencies but less effect in high frequency range. But enhancing modulus of elasticity of panel could increase the transmission loss as a whole. The area and shape of cross-section of truss have little impact overall and altering the support angle influences the result which has the similar trend in affecting equivalent density.
Besides, the theoretical results were compared with those of another lightweight structure, the periodic double-leaf partition wall as Fig.3. The comparison shows the advantage of the lattice structure, especially in high frequency range.

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