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Dear Editor of MSSP,

I am submitting a manuscript for consideration of publication in Mechanical Systems and Signal Processing. The manuscript is entitled “**Random vibro-acoustic control of internal noise through optimized Tuned Mass Dampers**”.

It has not been published elsewhere and that it has not been submitted simultaneously for publication elsewhere.

The work deals with the passive control of interior sound pressure induced by randomly vibrating structure coupled to an enclosure filled with air. The control in the low frequency range is achieved using a Tuned Mass Damper (TMD) device. In order to guarantee an optimal performance of the TMD device, a stochastic acoustic optimization strategy is proposed. The effectiveness of the proposed strategy is investigated and compared with others from the open literature.

The capability of the proposed optimization strategy to deal with multimodal control of interior sound has also been addressed. To this end, multiple TMDs have been used. The optimal TMD parameters have been obtained using a multi-objective optimization approach and the results that have been gathered show significant attenuations in all target resonant modes.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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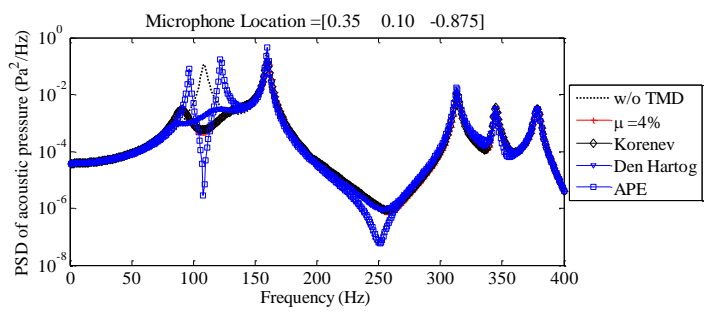
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	Comments	Responses
1	<p>a) <u>It is not clear to the reviewer why a stochastic analysis is used</u>; the force is limited to a point load is I guess the same conclusions of the study may have been obtained using a deterministic force. Isn't it? If not <u>please explain</u>.</p> <p>b) It would have been more illuminating if a distributed random force such as a Rain on the roof, a Diffuse acoustic field or a Turbulent boundary layer was used. <u>Please comment</u>.</p>	<p>a) Generally speaking, when dealing with non deterministic vibrating systems, a non deterministic (stochastic, for instance) analysis should be made to evaluate some quantities of interest. In Ref [42], chapter 10, the authors wrote “<i>Real engineering systems include some levels of uncertainty that cannot be captured by the available deterministic analysis methods</i>” .</p> <p>In our case, the excitation is stochastic (non deterministic excitation), therefore the system responses will be characterised in statistical way, the root mean square response, for instance.</p> <p>Besides, the proposed optimization strategy (based on a stochastic analysis) has been compared to other optimization strategies based on deterministic analysis (Den Hartog, APE) and the results were different.</p> <p>b) In the presented work, the focus has basically been on the ability of the TMD devices to efficiently control the coupled modes that are either dominated by structure mode or by cavity mode.</p> <p>Since the present manuscript is relatively huge, it can be extended to</p>

	deal with other excitation types in a future work.
<p>I understand the argument of the authors that a control at a single location in the cavity is used to mimic a driver's ear in an automobile... However, the studied problem is far from the one of an automobile (different excitations, geometry, damping: absorbing materials are usually used and must be accounted for even if the firewall is the targeted panel...). I suggest that the authors at least monitor global indicators such as the space averaged quadratic velocity (plate) and pressure (cavity). Even for the automobile problem, not sure the pressure field is controlled, say at the passenger's ear! An alternative will be to show an example wherein the control targets two or more locations in the cavity.</p>	<p>Thank you for your careful work. The proposed optimization strategy is appropriate when dealing with the sound control at a particular location inside an enclosure. The proposed optimization strategy can be categorized in the first group of optimization approaches as it has been defined in Refs [50, 51, 54]. Indeed, the first one being the sound pressure level at one or more specified points basically utilized for closed domains. The second group, utilized in open domains, considers the emitted sound power as objective function. The third group considers the transmission loss while the fourth one considers all the other objective functions.</p> <p>Optimizing the TMD parameters using an objective function based on space averaged quadratic velocity (plate) and pressure (cavity) or on the PSD averaged (over multiple points) yields to different results. Indeed, because of the large variability of the PSD responses at different locations (please see Figures R1-R3 below), the results of the optimization will not guarantee optimal control at the desired location inside the enclosure.</p> <p>Nevertheless, numerical investigations have been made and good performance of the TMD devices have been observed at locations other than the one that has been used for the optimization. Figures R1-R3 below show the PSD responses obtained at different locations inside the cavity and when the TMD is optimized at microphone location [0.35, 0.10, -0.875]. Although the results in Figs. R2-R3 don't correspond to optimal performance, one can see that the TMD device performs well at locations [0.25, 0.15, -0.15] and [0.1, 0.25, -0.25] in spite of the fact that the TMD has been optimized at location [0.35, 0.10, -0.875].</p>  <p>Figure R1: PSD response at Microphone location [0.35 0.10 -0.875]; the TMD is optimized at microphone location [0.35 0.10 -0.875]</p>

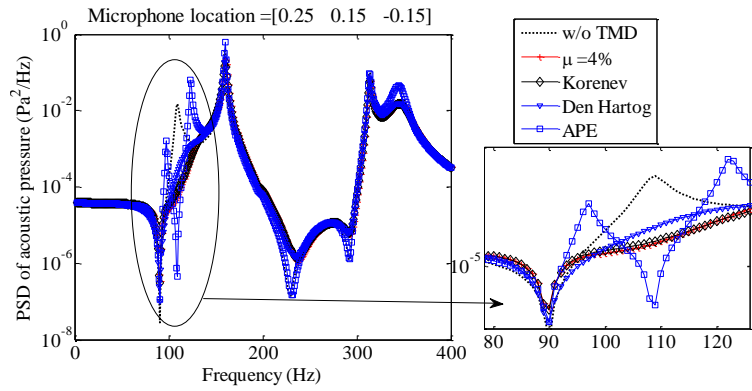


Figure R2: PSD response at Microphone location [0.25 0.15 -0.15]; the TMD is optimized at microphone location [0.35 0.10 -0.875]

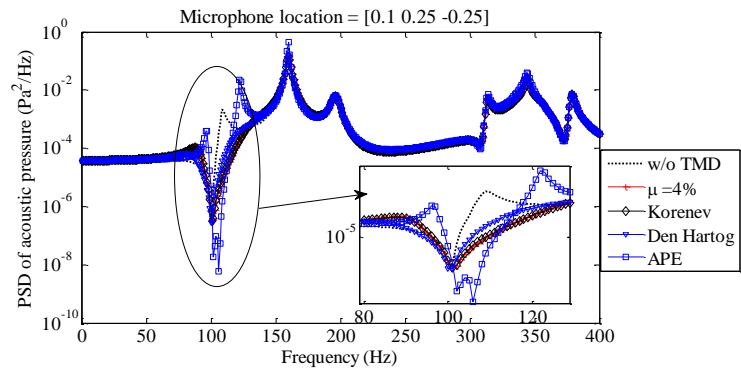


Figure R3: PSD response at Microphone location [0.1 0.25 -0.25]; the TMD is optimized at microphone location [0.35 0.10 -0.875]

Figures R4-R6 show the PSD responses obtained at different locations inside the cavity when the five TMDs are optimized at microphone location [0.35, 0.10, -0.875]. The Optimal solution S26 is considered.

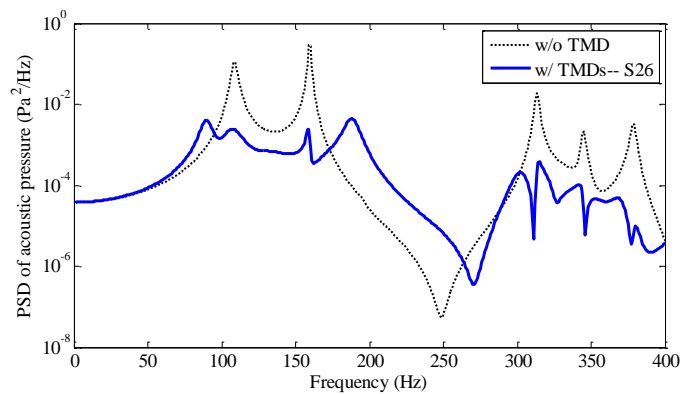


Figure R4: PSD response at Microphone location [0.35 0.10 -0.875]; the five TMDs are optimized at microphone location [0.35 0.10 -0.875]

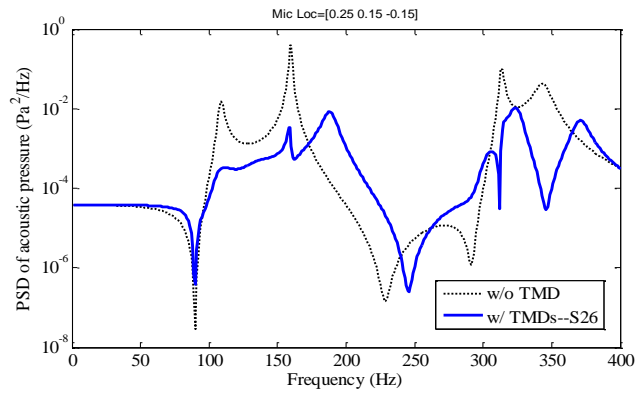


Figure R5: PSD response at Microphone location **[0.25, 0.15, -0.15]**; the five TMDs are optimized at microphone location **[0.35 0.10 -0.875]**

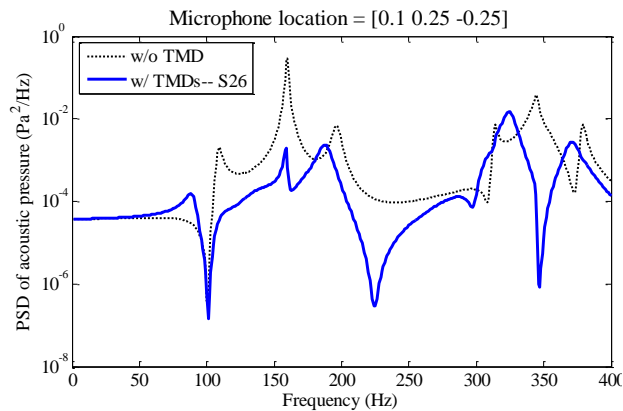


Figure R6: PSD response at Microphone location **[0.1, 0.25, -0.25]**; the five TMDs are optimized at microphone location **[0.35 0.10 -0.875]**

The obtained results show that the five TMDs **perform well** at location **[0.25, 0.15, -0.15]** **but does not** at location **[0.1, 0.25, -0.25]**, especially in the vicinity of the frequency 312 Hz.

To improve the performance of the TMDs at location **[0.1, 0.25, -0.25]**, an optimization, at this location, should be performed.

The discussions made above (performance at different locations) were not included in the manuscript to avoid the cumbersome (the manuscript is already relatively huge!).

Once again, thank you very much for your comment and suggestion.

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- a) **Why use an absolute value in the definition of indicator G_1 ?** It is difficult to assess gain or loss: **its sign is thus important.** By the way **this indicator is not used in the discussion. Idem for indicator G_2 .**
- b) **I would have defined it**

- a) Yes you have completely reason, thank you for your valuable advice. The indicator G_1 is **modified in the revised** version (please, see on page 16). In addition, the indices are explicitly used in the discussion (please, see on pages: 19, 20, 23, 24, 29, and 32).
- b) Yes, it's possible to define the indicator G_1 in a way that values closer to 100% indicate high performance. In this case G_1 can be written as follows:

<p>the other way around to make sure values closer to 100% indicate high performance.</p> <p>c) And for both narrowband and broadband control, <u>I would have frequency band averaged these indicators</u> (over the frequency band of interest) to show the global performance which is more representative. <u>Please comment?</u></p>	$G_1 = \frac{PSD(\varpi_i) - \max_{\omega} (PSD(\omega)_{\text{with TMD}})}{PSD(\varpi_i)} \times 100; \text{ when}$ $\max_{\omega} (PSD(\omega)_{\text{with TMD}}) \rightarrow 0, G_1 \rightarrow 100\% .$ <p>Nevertheless, such performance index will be less visible on figures (Fig.4, Fig.5, ...) where it's likely more suitable to represent the gain/loss in terms of magnitudes expressed in dB (as it's shown in these figures).</p> <p>c) The aim of the sub-section 4.3 is to analyze (by means of the indices G_1 and G_2) the performance of the TMD device if one of the two strategies (narrowband & broadband controls) is used. The outcome of the analysis is to decide which of the two strategies is more suitable to control a given resonant coupled mode. For example, it has been found that a broadband control is more suitable to use when a well separated coupled mode, dominated by plate mode, is to be controlled.</p> <p>Consequently we think that it's not judicious to consider a frequency band averaged because the designer has to make a particular choice (narrowband or broadband control). The evaluation of the global performance of the TMD device is made using the index G_2.</p>
<p>I agree with the majority of the conclusions and physical interpretations of the results. <u>I suggest however that an example be presented wherein the TMD are undamped</u> (which corresponds to the classical use and application)</p>	<p>Thank you for your advice. An example has been added in the revised version. <u>Please, see on page 18 (sub-section 4.3.1) and on page 22 (sub-section 4.3.2).</u></p> <p>The example (added in the revised version), shows the optimization results corresponding to the target frequency $\varpi_1 = 108.59 \text{ Hz}$, when an <u>undamped TMD is optimized</u>; these results have been compared with those obtained in our work (damped TMD). The results show that, for both cases (undamped and damped), the optimal frequencies and locations corresponding to $\Delta f = 2\text{Hz}$ are roughly the same which is predictable since an optimized damped TMD with $\xi_T^* = 0.01\%$ is, in practical front, an undamped TMD.</p> <p>In Table R1 (below), are also shown the optimization results for broadband control ($\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$) when both cases (undamped and damped TMD) are considered. Unlike the narrowband control ($\Delta f = 2\text{Hz}$), the optimal frequencies are significantly different leading to different performances as shown in Figure R7. Indeed, we can see in Figure R7 that the performances of the undamped and damped TMD are roughly the same when a narrowband control is performed ($\Delta f = 2\text{Hz}$) whereas they are</p>

completely different when $\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$. As we can see, the best performance is achieved when the TMD is damped and a broadband control ($\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$) is performed.

	ξ_T^* (%)	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)
Damped (2Hz)	0.01	110.897	0.240	0.150
Undamped(2Hz)	-----	111.001	0.242	0.149
Damped (40Hz)	13.45	110.919	0.253	0.151
Undamped(40Hz)	-----	119.449	0.259	0.151

Table R1: Optimization results, $\mu=2\%$, $\omega_1 = 108.59\text{ Hz}$

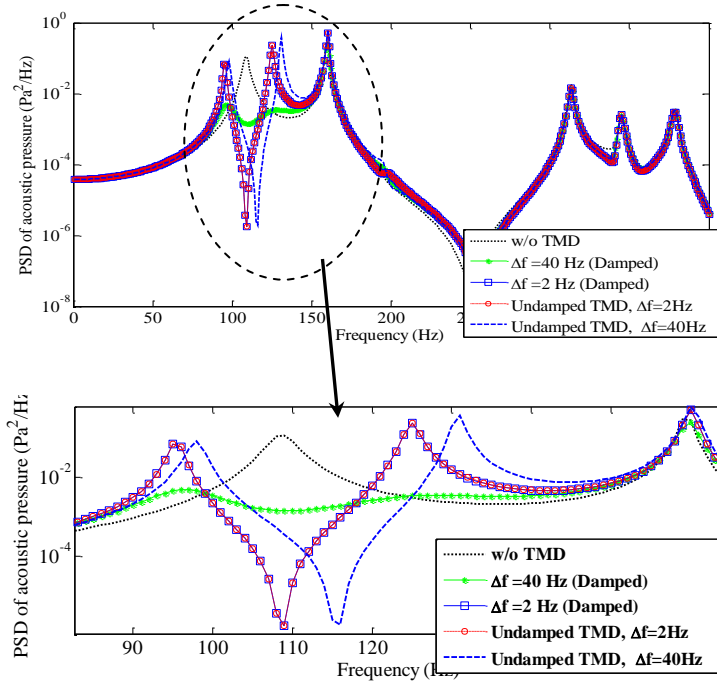


Figure R7: PSD responses (optimized undamped TMD); $\mu=2\%$, $\omega_1 = 108.59\text{ Hz}$

Table R2 shows **a second example** (has not been included in the revised version) of optimization results for the target frequency $\omega_2 = 159.52\text{ Hz}$ (frequency corresponding to a mode dominated by a cavity mode). The comparison of the optimal frequencies and locations corresponding to the optimized undamped and damped TMD, shows that they are roughly the same for $\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$ and that they are not for $\Delta f = 2\text{Hz}$.

	ξ_T^* (%)	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)
Damped (2Hz)	0.693	155.554	0.192	0.147
Undamped(2Hz)	-----	166.105	0,235	0,150
Damped (40Hz)	0.010	184.877	0.275	0.156
Undamped(40Hz)	-----	185.072	0.275	0.155

Table R2: Optimization results, $\mu=2\%$, $\omega_2 = 159.52\text{ Hz}$

The performances of the optimized TMD (undamped and damped) are also shown in Figure R8. The inspection of Figure R8 shows that the PSDs responses are roughly the same when $\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$ and that they are, as expected, different when $\Delta f = 2\text{Hz}$.

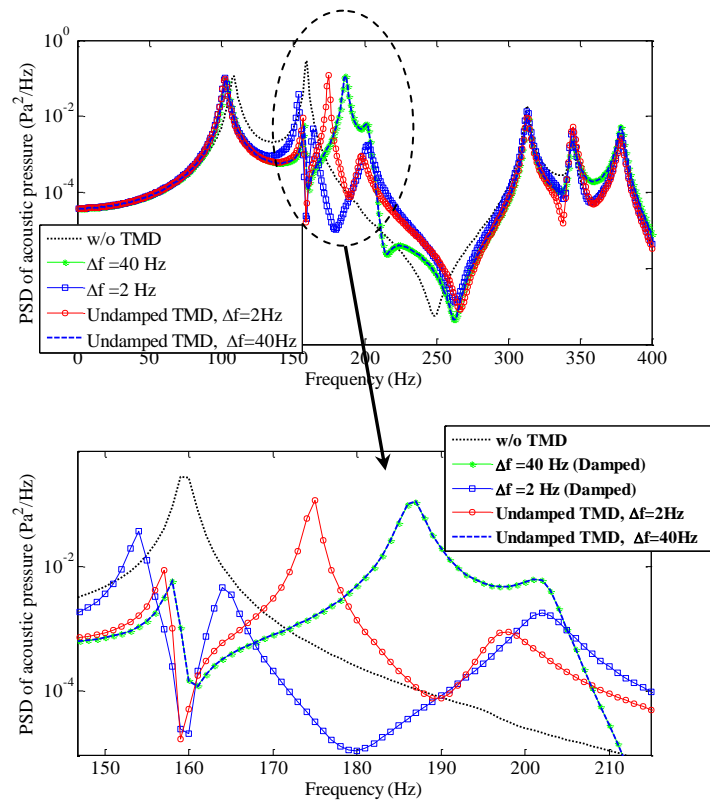


Figure R8: PSD responses (optimized undamped TMD); $\mu=2\%$, $\varpi_2 = 159.52\text{ Hz}$

From these examples, one can conclude that the performances of an optimized undamped TMD are similar to those obtained using a **damped TMD** for which the **damping ratio is very small**.

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Finally, on the practical front, one issue with using TMD is the added mass (and thus number and location of TMD for distributed excitations for instance) and robustness of the system. These are the same issues faced when using "metamaterials" based on use of resonant systems (mass-springs) added to a panel for vibration and radiation control. **Any comments ?**

Yes you have reason, thank you for your valuable comment. Indeed, the use of TMD devices (or metamaterials based one resonant systems) to control vibrations and/or acoustic radiations belongs to the category of passive control techniques. The use of such devices is sometimes limited by technological constraints such as the low amount of space available (for the mount) or the induced structural modifications that could violate weight limitations; such modifications are required for the added masses and/or for the mount of these devices.

Although the TMD devices present such weight and robustness limitations, their use remains particularly interesting for several advantages. Indeed, compared to other control techniques such as active techniques, the TMD are low cost, easy to design and reliable

		devices.
Other minor comments		
1	Add a quick justification of the selected optimisation algorithm (NSGA-II).	Thank for your valuable advice. A justification is added. Please, see on pages: 13, 27, 30 and 34.
2	Any reasons for the selected excitation and receiver locations ?	The locations of the excitation and the receiver are completely arbitrary. Numerical investigations have shown similar results when different locations have been considered. Thank for your valuable comment.
3	Explain how the frequencies of the coupled modes are obtained	The frequencies of the coupled modes are obtained by means of modal analysis. The coupled mass and stiffness matrices M and K, respectively, are firstly built after truncation $N_s=21$ and $N_a=102$. To obtain the matrices M and K, we can use Eq. (14) and remove the terms (rows and columns) corresponding to the TMDs devices. Then the eigenfrequencies are obtained using the eigen values solver of Mtlab.
4	What is the effect of any of the TMD on the frequencies of the coupled modes .	Thank for your valuable comment. In the present work, the TMD devices specifically deal with the coupled modes rather than dealing with structural (plate) modes as it's usually done in the literature. Consequently, the obtained results (reduction in PSDs responses) are the effects of the TMDs on the coupled modes.
5	Explain why the constant pressure mode of the cavity lowers rather than increases the first mode of the panel .	Thank for your valuable work. The constant pressure mode of the cavity increases the first mode of the panel only if the system is modeled in terms of just one uncoupled fluid mode (the first cavity mode) and one uncoupled structural mode (the first plate mode). In this situation, and as explained by Fahy and Gardonio (please see in Ref [32], p.422-424), the first mode of the panel increases. In our case, the two first modes (of plate and cavity) are also coupled to the other modes via the matrix C_{nm} and the coupling effects have lowered the first mode of the panel.

Additional comments from the authors:

A complete revision of the manuscript has been done in an attempt to clarify some statements and improve the original manuscript. The authors are grateful to the Editor in Chief and Reviewers for their valuable comments and interest in improving their

manuscript, and hope that the revisions will satisfy the requirements to ensure the publication of their paper in “MSSP journal”.

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Random vibro-acoustic control of internal noise through optimized Tuned Mass Dampers

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Abstract

The present work deals with the passive control of interior sound pressure induced by randomly vibrating structure coupled to an enclosure filled with air. The control in the low frequency range is achieved using a Tuned Mass Damper (TMD) device. In order to guarantee an optimal performance of the TMD device, a stochastic acoustic optimization strategy is proposed. In the later, the objective function is the root mean square acoustic pressure measured at a given location inside the cavity. Assuming linear behavior of the vibro-acoustic system, the modal interaction approach is used and the objective function is evaluated by means of spectral analysis. The effectiveness of the proposed strategy is investigated and compared with others from the open literature.

The capability of the proposed optimization strategy to deal with multimodal control of interior sound has also been addressed. To this end, multiple TMDs have been used. The optimal TMD parameters have been obtained using a multi-objective optimization approach and the results that have been gathered show significant attenuations in all target resonant modes.

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1. Introduction

Nowadays, industrial structures have become increasingly complex and their design is subject to an important number of requirements and constraints in view of improving their performance. In this context, the control of the interior sound has been considered by several research works and as a matter of fact, several techniques have been presented in the recent years. In the automotive sector [1], the comfort of the passengers is of the utmost importance and efforts have been made to reduce the interior noise induced by several sources like the engine and the tyres, among others. In the aerospace sector [2-7], C. Howard [2] reported that the excessive interior sound in the payload bays of launch vehicles causes 60% of the first day satellite failure; consequently an interior sound control of such a structure is of vital interest to minimize the failure probability.

1.1 Overview of the existing techniques for internal noise control

Depending on the specificities of the studied structures, the interior sound control can be achieved by different kinds of strategies [5, 7-11]: the active structural acoustic control (ASAC), the active noise control (ANC) and the passive control. Unlike the ASAC and the ANC methods, where additional sources of energy are required to achieve the sound control, the passive control techniques don't involve any external source of energy [12] and they only consist in the use of buffers, absorbers, dampers, tuned vibration absorbers (TVA) [8, 13], and so on. For instance, the TVAs are very simple devices, composed by mass, damper and spring, that have been widely used in the field of structural vibration attenuations [14, 15]. Depending on the application, the TVAs can be used in two ways, resulting in different optimal criteria and design requirements [13, 16]: (1) they can be tuned to suppress the vibration at a specific troublesome excitation frequency and in this case the TVA referred to as a tuned vibration neutralizer (TVN); (2), they can be tuned to dampen the modal contribution from a specific troublesome natural frequency of the controlled vibrating structure, and in this case the TVA referred to as a TMD.

For an optimal performance of the TVN, its natural frequency should be tuned to the excitation frequency and its damping should be as low as possible [17]. The optimal performance of the TMD device is reached when an appropriate optimization is performed allowing obtaining an optimal natural frequency, slightly lower than that of a targeted mode of the vibrating structure, and an optimal damping ratio [17].

The TMDs are particularly useful when the excitation has a broad frequency spectrum and they are used to dampen a particular resonance peak of the frequency response function relating the structural response to the excitation [16]. The potential of the TMD devices, in structural vibration mitigation, are recognized and well established since the pioneer work of Den Hartog [18]. Since a few years, the performance of the TMD devices, in sound control, has been investigated [19] and satisfactory results have been established particularly for the thin-walled enclosure cavity systems [2, 20-23].

Although the capability of the TMD device has been shown, in the interior sound control, the use of such device is very often associated with the use of a Helmholtz resonator [4, 20, 24-26], which constitutes the acoustic equivalent TMD device. Indeed, when dealing with flexible vibrating structures weakly coupled to an enclosure cavity, the obtained resonant coupled modes are either controlled (or dominated) by structure modes or by cavity modes [27, 28]. When the acoustic coupled resonant modes are controlled by the structure, TMDs attached to the flexible structure are tuned to these modes. On the contrary, if the

acoustic resonant modes are controlled by the cavity, Helmholtz resonators, placed into the cavity, are used to achieve the interior sound control. Recently, authors in Ref. [2] used a single device constituted by a combination of the two devices (called a passive vibro-acoustic device); the combined devices are installed on the walls of the fairing of the payload bay of a space launch vehicle and the reduction of the internal sound is achieved.

Eventhough the TMD devices present suitable solutions to structural vibration reductions, their uses in a context of interior sound control remains relatively weak due to the engineers' perception that such devices could be used only for structural vibration mitigations. Indeed, Wright and Kidner in [8] wrote : *“Surprisingly few installations of vibration absorbers for interior noise control have been realized, and we believe this is due to the pervasive belief in industry that vibration absorbers can only be applied to control resonant, not forced behavior in a structure”*.

The review of the literature shows that the *“pervasive belief in industry”*, as has been reported in Ref. [8], is actually not very surprising because of the lack of specific design criteria dedicated to the TMD's parameters optimization in a context of interior sound control. In this framework, one of the contributions of this paper is to propose a specific optimization criterion dealing with the TMDs parameters optimization in a context of interior sound control.

1.2 Optimization strategies of the TMD parameters for internal sound attenuation

Since the work of Den Hartog [18], the TMD has mainly been used for the passive control of structural vibrations. The performance of these devices deeply depends on their parameters that should be carefully assigned by performing judicious optimizations. Depending on the nature of the external excitation and the structural response parameters [29-31], several optimization strategies can be found in the literature, and one can distinguish the strategies that are deterministic (where the excitation is deterministic) and those that are stochastic (i.e. random external excitation).

A classical tuning of TMD parameters is the one proposed by Den Hartog [18] and is obtained by performing deterministic optimization strategy. The optimal TMD parameters proposed by Den Hartog are the natural frequency ω_T^* and the damping ratio ξ_T^* defined by $\omega_T^* = \varpi / (1 + \mu_{eff})$ and $\xi_T^* = \sqrt{3\mu_{eff} / 8(1 + \mu_{eff})}$; where ϖ is the targeted frequency and μ_{eff} is the effective mass ratio as defined by Warburton in [29, 30].

Unlike Den Hartog, who considered harmonic excitation, Warburton [29, 30] considered random excitation applied to a vibrating structure and deduced the optimal TMD parameters given by $\omega_T^* = \varpi \times \sqrt{1 + \mu_{eff} / 2} / (1 + \mu_{eff})$ and $\xi_T^* = \sqrt{\mu_{eff}(1 + 3\mu_{eff} / 4) / 4(1 + \mu_{eff})(1 + \mu_{eff} / 2)}$. Similarly to Warburton, Korenev and Reznikov [4, 6, 32] have considered a vibrating structure submitted to a wide band random excitation and developed an easy-to-use formula providing the optimal TMD parameters given as $\omega_T^* = \varpi$ and $\xi_T^* = \sqrt{\mu_{eff}(1 + 0.75 \times \mu_{eff}) / 4(1 + \mu_{eff})^3}$.

Although the aforementioned optimal tuning parameters are suitable in structural vibration mitigations, their use in a context of interior sound control [4] could be inappropriate. Indeed, when dealing with interior sound control, the fluid-structure coupling effects should be taken into account. Besides, such

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4 optimal TMD parameters, based on structural responses, are basically valid for the mitigation of the
5 resonant coupled modes that are controlled by the vibrating structure; the use of a TMD device with
6 resonant modes that are controlled by the cavity may not be possible because it's possible that there is no
7 corresponding structural resonant mode.
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10 In contrast with the aforementioned optimization strategies, where only structural responses have been
11 considered to deduce optimal TMD parameters, Fuller et al. [5] and Howard et al. [20] used cost functions
12 related to the interior Acoustic Potential Energy (APE) to deduce optimal TMD parameters. Eventhough
13 the APE based strategies used in [2, 5, 20] constitute acoustic criteria based optimizations, they can be
14 categorized as deterministic optimization strategies since they consider a harmonic loading applied to the
15 vibro-acoustic system; consequently, such criteria could be inappropriate when dealing with random
16 mechanical loading applied to a vibro-acoustic system.
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19 20 1.3 Main contributions and organization of the present work 21

22 In the work presented here, a flexible thin structure weakly coupled to an enclosure cavity is considered
23 and the interior sound pressure is controlled, in the low frequency range, using TMDs. The considered
24 flexible structure is submitted to stochastic mechanical excitation and a stochastic acoustic optimization
25 criterion is proposed to obtain the optimal parameters of the TMDs devices.
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28 In the proposed optimization strategy, the objective function is the root mean square acoustic pressure at a
29 given location inside the cavity. The evaluation of the objective function is performed using spectral
30 analysis by assuming linear behavior of the vibro-acoustic system; thus the modal interaction approach
31 [33] can be used and the optimization is carried out.
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34 The effectiveness of the proposed strategy is demonstrated when dealing with the control of single
35 coupled modes by performing single-objective optimizations. The obtained results show that a TMD
36 device, alone, can always be used to control both kinds of coupled modes (i.e. those that are controlled by
37 the structure and those controlled by the cavity); thus there is no need to use a Helmholtz resonator as it's
38 usually proposed in the literature. Besides, comparisons with other optimization strategies have been
39 carried out and the superiority of the proposed strategy is highlighted.
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43 To show the capability of the proposed optimization strategy to deal with multimodal control of interior
44 sound, multiple TMDs devices have been used to control the interior sound pressure. Rather than
45 performing single-objective optimization, the optimal TMDs parameters are obtained using a multi-
46 objective optimization [31, 34-40] and the obtained results show significant attenuations of the interior
47 sound pressure in the vicinity of the targeted coupled modes.
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50 The present paper is organized as follows: in section 2, the governing equations describing the dynamic of
51 the vibro-acoustic system are presented. In section 3, the proposed stochastic acoustic optimization
52 strategy is formulated. In section 4, a numerical example is analyzed and the performance of the proposed
53 strategy is investigated. Eventually, some relevant conclusions are drawn in section 5.
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2. Governing equations

Consider the acoustic-structural system shown in Fig. 1. In this system, a simply supported plate is coupled to a cavity filled with air (light fluid). The acoustic cavity has five rigid walls and the flexible plate is submitted to a point force F_z modelled as a stationary zero mean Gaussian white noise. In order to control the interior noise in the low frequencies range, multiple TMD's devices are attached to the vibrating plate (Fig. 1). The force location is defined by coordinates $\mathbf{r}_F = (x_F, y_F)^T$ whereas the TMDs locations are defined by $\mathbf{r}_{c_j} = (x_{c_j}, y_{c_j})^T$, $j = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$, the superscript in $(*)^T$ denotes the transpose, and N is the total number of TMDs. Besides, the mass of a TMD is m_{T_j} , its damping coefficient is c_{T_j} and its stiffness is k_{T_j} . The cavity has dimensions l_x , l_y and l_z , whereas the plate has dimensions l_x and l_y as shown in Fig. 1.

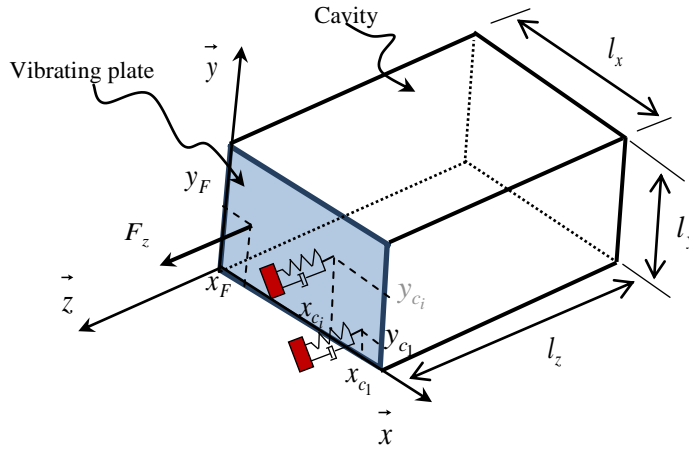


Fig. 1: Plate-cavity system with the attached multi-TMDs devices

Assuming linear behavior of the entire system, the modal coupling approach can be used. In the following sub-sections, the governing equation of the plate-cavity sub-system is first derived and then the effects of the TMDs devices are incorporated.

2.1 Plate-cavity modal coupling

The governing equations describing the dynamic of the plate-cavity system have been established in several references in the literature and readers are referred to Ref. [33, 41], for further details. Let $\phi_m(\mathbf{r}_s)$ be the *in-vacuo* m^{th} mode shape of the plate, calculated at vector location \mathbf{r}_s , and denote ω_m its corresponding natural frequency. The plate displacement (deflection) at a given time t can be written in terms of a summation over the *in-vacuo* normal modes as follows:

$$w(\mathbf{r}_s, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{N_s} w_m(t) \phi_m(\mathbf{r}_s), \quad (1)$$

where N_s is the number of elastic modes considered in the analysis, and $w_m(t)$ is the modal participation factor of the m^{th} mode shape of the plate.

For the simply supported plate considered in the present work, the natural frequencies can be obtained as follows [42]:

$$\omega_m(m_1, m_2) = \sqrt{Eh^3/12(1-\nu^2)h\rho_s} \times \left(\left[\frac{m_1\pi}{l_x} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{m_2\pi}{l_y} \right]^2 \right), \quad (2)$$

where m_1 and m_2 are the modal indices along the axes x and y ; E , ρ_s , ν and h are the Young's modulus of the plate, the plate material mass density, the Poisson's ratio and the plate thickness, respectively.

The mode shapes of the plate calculated at vector location $\mathbf{r}_s = (x, y)^T$ can be expressed as follows [14, 41, 42]:

$$\phi_{(m_1, m_2)}(x, y) = \sin\left(\frac{m_1\pi}{l_x} x\right) \times \sin\left(\frac{m_2\pi}{l_y} y\right). \quad (3)$$

Similarly to the plate, at a certain vector location $\mathbf{r}_a = (x, y, z)^T$, the acoustic pressure $p(\mathbf{r}_a, t)$ inside the cavity can be expressed in terms of a summation of its modal participation factors $p_n(t)$ multiplied by the n^{th} acoustic modes (with rigid boundaries) $\psi_n(\mathbf{r}_a)$, corresponding to its natural frequency ω_n . Hence,

$$p(\mathbf{r}_a, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_a} p_n(t) \psi_n(\mathbf{r}_a), \quad (4)$$

where N_a is number of acoustic modes considered in the analysis. The natural frequencies of the rectangular cavity, with rigid-walls boundaries, is calculated as follows:

$$\omega_n(n_1, n_2, n_3) = \pi c_0 \times \sqrt{(n_1/l_x)^2 + (n_2/l_y)^2 + (n_3/l_z)^2} \quad (5)$$

where n_1 , n_2 and n_3 are the modal indices along the axes x , y and z ; c_0 is the speed of sound in air.

The acoustic mode shape functions are given by:

$$\Psi_{(n_1, n_2, n_3)}(x, y, 0) = \cos(n_1 \pi x / l_x) \times \cos(n_2 \pi x / l_y) \times \cos(n_3 \pi x / l_z). \quad (6)$$

Assuming proportional damping; for a given mode m , the equation of motion of the plate coupled with the enclosure cavity can be written in modal coordinates as follows [33, 41, 43]:

$$\ddot{w}_m + 2\xi_m \omega_m \dot{w}_m + \omega_m^2 w_m = \frac{S}{\Lambda_m} \sum_{n=1}^{N_a} p_n C_{nm} + F_m / \Lambda_m, \quad (7)$$

where ξ_m is the damping ratio of the m^{th} plate mode, S is the coupling surface, $S = l_x \times l_y$, Λ_m is the modal mass of the plate, F_m is the modal force applied to the structure for the m^{th} mode shape and C_{nm} is the dimensionless coefficient describing the coupling between the m^{th} plate mode and n^{th} cavity mode. For a simply supported plate, the modal mass is given by $\Lambda_m = \rho_s h l_x l_y / 4$ [41] whereas the modal force is $F_m = F_z \phi_m(x_F, y_F)$, F_z is the magnitude of the force applied at (x_F, y_F) , as shown in Fig. 1.

The coupling coefficient C_{nm} for the simply supported plate is given by [41]:

$$C_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \times \left(\frac{m_1 \times ((-1)^{n_1+m_1} - 1)}{n_1^2 - m_1^2} \right) \times \left(\frac{m_2 \times ((-1)^{n_2+m_2} - 1)}{n_2^2 - m_2^2} \right), \quad (8)$$

In the absence of modal acoustic source excitation and assuming proportional damping [27, 44] in the air cavity, the modal response $p_n(\omega)$, obeys to the following coupled equation:

$$\ddot{p}_n + 2\xi_n \omega_n \dot{p}_n + \omega_n^2 p_n = - \left(\frac{\rho_0 c_0^2 S}{\Lambda_n} \right) \sum_{m=1}^{N_s} \ddot{w}_m C_{nm}, \quad (9)$$

where ξ_n is the damping ratio of the n^{th} cavity mode, ρ_0 is the density of air, and the modal volume Λ_n is expressed as follows [41]:

$$\Lambda_n = V \times \varepsilon_{n_1} \varepsilon_{n_2} \varepsilon_{n_3}, \quad (10)$$

where $V = l_x \times l_y \times l_z$ and $\varepsilon_n = 1$ if $n = 0$, and $\varepsilon_n = 1/2$ if $n > 0$.

2.2 Multiple TMDs-plate-cavity coupling

When a TMD is attached to the flexible plate at location (x_{c_j}, y_{c_j}) , $j = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$, the equation of motion of the attached mass in physical coordinate is given by [45]:

$$m_{T_j} \ddot{z}_{T_j} + c_{T_j} (\dot{z}_{T_j} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{c_j} \dot{\mathbf{w}}) + k_{T_j} (z_{T_j} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{c_j} \mathbf{w}) = 0, \quad (11)$$

where z_{T_j} , \dot{z}_{T_j} and \ddot{z}_{T_j} are the displacement, the velocity and the acceleration of the attached mass of a TMD, respectively; \mathbf{w} and $\dot{\mathbf{w}}$ are the $(Ns \times 1)$ vectors of the modal participation factor and their time derivative, respectively; $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{c_j}$ is the $(1 \times Ns)$ vector of the plate mode shapes calculated at a TMD location (x_{c_j}, y_{c_j}) .

The reaction force of a TMD device applied to the plate is $f_{TMD,j} = c_{T_j} (\dot{z}_{T_j} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{c_j} \dot{\mathbf{w}}) + k_{T_j} (z_{T_j} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{c_j} \mathbf{w})$ which can be expressed in modal coordinates as follows:

$$F_{TMD,j} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{c_j}^T f_{TMD,j} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{c_j}^T [c_{T_j} (\dot{z}_{T_j} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{c_j} \dot{\mathbf{w}}) + k_{T_j} (z_{T_j} - \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{c_j} \mathbf{w})] \quad (12)$$

The total reaction forces of the multiple TMD's devices, applied to the plate, can be expressed in modal coordinates and in matrix form as follows:

$$F_{TMD} = \sum_{j=1}^N \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{c_j}^T f_{TMD,j} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_c^T [\mathbf{C}_T (\dot{\mathbf{z}}_T - \boldsymbol{\Phi}_c \dot{\mathbf{w}}) + \mathbf{K}_T (\mathbf{z}_T - \boldsymbol{\Phi}_c \mathbf{w})], \quad (13)$$

$$\text{where } \boldsymbol{\Phi}_c^T = [\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{c_1}^T \dots \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{c_N}^T], \mathbf{C}_T = \begin{bmatrix} c_{T_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & c_{T_N} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{K}_T = \begin{bmatrix} k_{T_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & k_{T_N} \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{z}_T = (z_{T_1} \dots z_{T_N})^T.$$

Rearranging Eqs. (7) and (9) in matrix form and letting $\mathbf{q} = (\mathbf{w}^T, \mathbf{p}^T, \mathbf{z}_T)^T$ be the vector of modal coordinates, where \mathbf{p} is the $(Na \times 1)$ vector of the acoustic modal participation factor. The insertion of the expression of the modal force F_{TMD} into Eq. (7), yields the coupled equation of the TMD-plate-cavity system that can be expressed as follows [14, 20]:

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{D}\dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{q} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}^T F_z, \quad (14)$$

where $\dot{\mathbf{q}}$ and $\ddot{\mathbf{q}}$ are the time derivatives of \mathbf{q} ; $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = (\boldsymbol{\varphi}_F \quad \boldsymbol{\psi}_0 \quad \mathbf{0})$, $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_F$ is the $(1 \times Ns)$ vector of the plate mode shapes computed at force location (x_F, y_F) and $\boldsymbol{\psi}_0$ is a $(1 \times Na)$ vector of zeros;

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_m & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{S}\mathbf{C}_{nm} & \frac{1}{\rho_0 c_0^2} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_n & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{m}_T \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_m = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \\ & \Lambda_m & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \\ & \Lambda_n & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{m}_T = \begin{bmatrix} m_{T_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & m_{T_N} \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D}_m + \Phi_c^T \mathbf{C}_T \Phi_c & \mathbf{0} & -\Phi_c^T \mathbf{C}_T \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D}_n & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{C}_T \Phi_c & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C}_T \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{D}_m = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \\ & 2\xi_m \omega_m \Lambda_m & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{D}_n = \frac{1}{\rho_0 c_0^2} \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \\ & 2\xi_n \omega_n \Lambda_n & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_m + \Phi_c^T \mathbf{K}_T \Phi_c & -\mathbf{S} \mathbf{C}_{nm}^T & -\Phi_c^T \mathbf{K}_T \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{K}_n & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{K}_T \Phi_c & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{K}_T \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{K}_m = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \\ & \omega_m^2 \Lambda_m & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{K}_n = \frac{1}{\rho_0 c_0^2} \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \\ & \omega_n^2 \Lambda_n & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix},$$

and \mathbf{C}_{nm} is the coupling matrix containing the coupling elements C_{nm} .

2.3 Spectral analysis

When dealing with stochastic loading applied to a vibro-acoustic system, the random analysis theory can be used [46], where it's usual to characterize the responses by means of the power spectral density (PSD) functions [47] and/or by means of the covariance responses. In the present work, it's assumed that the multiple TMDs-plate-cavity system behaves linearly and the plate is excited by stationary zero mean Gaussian white noise. Consequently, the acoustic pressure response, in a given location \mathbf{r}_a inside the cavity, is also a zero mean Gaussian process that can be characterized by its PSD and/or its root mean square value.

Let $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}(\omega)$, $\tilde{\mathbf{w}}(\omega)$, $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\omega)$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_T(\omega)$ be the finite Fourier transform of \mathbf{q} , \mathbf{w} , \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{z}_T , respectively. Similarly to Eqs.(1) and (4), the Fournier transform of $w(\mathbf{r}_s, t)$ and $p(\mathbf{r}_a, t)$ can be expanded in terms of $\tilde{\mathbf{w}}(\omega)$, $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\omega)$ and written in vector form as follows:

$$\tilde{w}(\mathbf{r}_s, \omega) = \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{r}_s) \tilde{\mathbf{w}}(\omega) \text{ and } \tilde{p}(\mathbf{r}_a, \omega) = \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_a) \tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\omega), \quad (15)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_a)$ is the $(1 \times Na)$ vector of the acoustic mode shape calculated at location \mathbf{r}_a . Besides, let \tilde{F}_z be the Fourier transform of the excitation force F_z . The application of the Fourier transform for both sides of Eq. (14) yields the following expression:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{q}} = \left(-\omega^2 \mathbf{M} + j\omega \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{K} \right)^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^T \tilde{F}_z, \quad (16)$$

and the modal acoustic pressure $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\omega)$ is deduced as follows:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\omega) = \mathbf{Y} \boldsymbol{\Phi}^T \tilde{F}_z, \quad (17)$$

where \mathbf{Y} is the $Na \times (Ns + Na + N)$ sub-matrix extracted from the matrix $\left(-\omega^2 \mathbf{M} + j\omega \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{K} \right)^{-1}$ by taking the Na rows corresponding to the modal acoustic pressure $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\omega)$.

Using Eq. (17), the PSD matrix [7, 48] of the modal acoustic pressure $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\omega)$ can be obtained as follows:

$$S_{\tilde{p}\tilde{p}}(\omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E\{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\omega)\tilde{\mathbf{p}}^*(\omega)\} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E\{\mathbf{Y}\Phi^T \tilde{F}_z \tilde{F}_z^* \Phi \mathbf{Y}^*\} = \mathbf{Y}\Phi^T S_{FF} \Phi \mathbf{Y}^*, \quad (18)$$

where (*) denotes the complex conjugate, $E\{\cdot\}$ is the expectation operator and $S_{FF} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E\{\tilde{F}_z \tilde{F}_z^*\}$ is the constant PSD of the Gaussian white noise excitation applied to the plate.

By making use of the expressions in Eqs. (15), (17) and (18), the PSD $S_{\tilde{p}\tilde{p}}(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \omega)$ of the acoustic pressure, at a given location \mathbf{r}_a inside the cavity and for a force location \mathbf{r}_F , is given by:

$$S_{\tilde{p}\tilde{p}}(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \omega) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2T} E\{\tilde{p}(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \omega)\tilde{p}^*(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \omega)\} = \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_a) \mathbf{Y}(\omega) \Phi^T(\mathbf{r}_F) S_{FF} \Phi(\mathbf{r}_F) \mathbf{Y}^*(\omega) \boldsymbol{\psi}^T(\mathbf{r}_a). \quad (19)$$

Denote $H(\omega, \mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F) = \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_a) \mathbf{Y}(\omega) \Phi^T(\mathbf{r}_F)$, the PSD of the acoustic pressure is finally given as:

$$S_{\tilde{p}\tilde{p}}(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \omega) = |H(\omega, \mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F)|^2 S_{FF}. \quad (20)$$

It should be noted that the scalar quantity $H(\omega, \mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F) = \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_a) \mathbf{Y}(\omega) \Phi^T(\mathbf{r}_F)$ represents the acoustic pressure Frequency Response Function (FRF) measured at location \mathbf{r}_a for a given excitation applied to the plate at location \mathbf{r}_F . The expression obtained in Eq. (20) is the classical relationship between the input-output PSDs (S_{FF} and $S_{\tilde{p}\tilde{p}}(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \omega)$) in the random analysis theory [46]. Similarly to the pressure FRF, the plate displacement FRF at force location can be obtained from $H_d(\omega, \mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F) = \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{r}_a) \hat{\mathbf{Y}}(\omega) \Phi^T(\mathbf{r}_F)$, where $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}(\omega)$ is the $N_s \times (N_s + N_a + N)$ sub-matrix extracted from the matrix $(-\omega^2 \mathbf{M} + j\omega \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{K})^{-1}$ by taking the N_s rows corresponding to the modal participation factors $\tilde{\mathbf{w}}(\omega)$.

Based on the expression of the PSD $S_{\tilde{p}\tilde{p}}(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \omega)$, one can also compute the root mean square acoustic pressure (RMSAP) $\sigma_p(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F)$ at a given location \mathbf{r}_a , which can be expressed as follows [49, 50]:

$$\sigma_p(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F) = \sqrt{\int_{\omega^l}^{\omega^u} S_{\tilde{p}\tilde{p}}(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \omega) d\omega}, \quad (21)$$

where ω^l and ω^u are the lower and upper bounds of a certain bandwidth of interest $\Delta f = [\omega^l, \omega^u]$ centered at a given frequency ϖ .

3. The proposed optimization strategies

Generally speaking, different approaches can be used to formulate an objective function in a structural-acoustic optimization for passive noise control. These approaches can be categorized into four groups [51, 52], the first one being the sound pressure level at one or more specified points basically utilized for closed domains [52-55]. The second group, utilized in open domains, considers the emitted sound power as objective function. The third group considers the transmission loss while the fourth one considers all the other objective functions.

As mentioned previously, under external random mechanical loading, the acoustic pressure inside the cavity, shown in Fig. 1, can be characterized by its PSD measured at a given location \mathbf{r}_a . In the low frequency range, the presence of resonant modes can be observed by the presence of PSD response peaks in the very close vicinity of the natural frequencies of the coupled vibro-acoustic system.

In Fig. 2 a schematic representation of an acoustic PSD response and two peaks, corresponding to two resonant frequencies (ϖ_1 and ϖ_2), are depicted. In order to mitigate these resonant responses, multiple TMDs (in this case two TMDs) can be used. The basic idea is to use one TMD device for each one of the resonant modes and the TMDs parameters will be carefully chosen based on a stochastic acoustic optimization strategy.

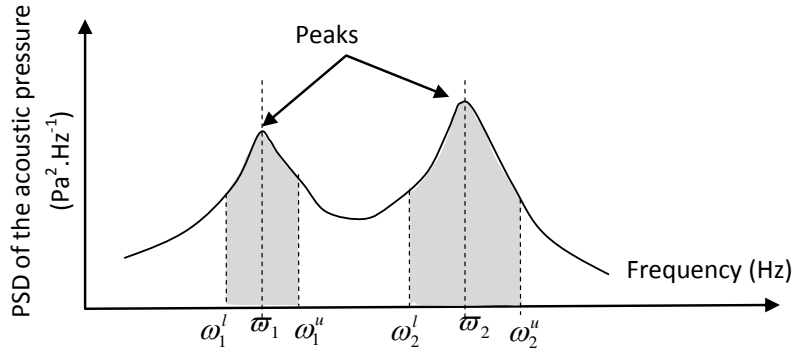


Fig. 2 : schematic representation of two objective functions (i.e. the square roots of the shaded surfaces)

In the present work, the proposed stochastic acoustic optimization strategy attempts to minimize the RMSAP evaluated, in the vicinity of a target frequency (i.e. ϖ_1 or ϖ_2), using Eq.(21). Since the objective function is related to a particular microphone location \mathbf{r}_a , the proposed optimization strategy belongs to the first group of optimization approaches, as described in Refs. [51, 52]. Such optimization strategy can be used to control the sound pressure at the position of the ear of a vehicle passenger/ driver [53, 55], for instance.

Obviously, when dealing with multiple resonant peaks the use of multiple TMDs involves simultaneous minimization of the RMSAP evaluated in the vicinity of the targeted frequencies and in this case a multi-objective optimization [34, 38, 39, 56] should be carried out. Figure 2 shows two schematic objective functions (the shaded area centered at the targeted frequencies) corresponding to resonant peaks.

Generally, there are three parameters by which a TMD device can be characterized [8]. The first parameter is the mass ratio $\mu_j = m_{T_j} / m_{\text{plate}}$ which is the ratio between its mass and the mass of the plate ($m_{\text{plate}} = S \times h \times \rho_s$), the others are its natural frequency $\omega_{T_j} = \sqrt{k_{T_j} / m_{T_j}}$ and its damping ratio $\xi_{T_j} = c_{T_j} / 2m_{T_j}\omega_{T_j}$. Besides, since the performance of the TMD device strongly depends on its location \mathbf{r}_{c_j} at the vibrating plate [57], the TMD location will also be optimized.

In the work conducted here, two optimization problems will be considered: the first one is the single-objective problem where only one resonant peak is controlled using one TMD; and the second is the multi-objective problem involving multiple TMDs devices allowing a multimodal control of interior sound.

3.1 The single-objective optimization strategy

For the single-objective optimization, one TMD device is used to control a given resonant peak. For this problem the mass ratio will be taken constant (commonly assigned as 1 to 5%) and the optimization problem is formulated as follows:

$$\text{Find } \mathbf{d} = (\omega_T, \xi_T, \mathbf{r}_c)^T \text{ to minimize } \sigma_p(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \mathbf{d}) = \sqrt{\int_{\omega^l}^{\omega^u} S_{\tilde{p}\tilde{p}}(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \mathbf{d}, \omega) d\omega} \quad (22)$$

Obviously, when a TMD is targeted to a particular resonant frequency, the optimal natural frequency of the TMD will be bounded in the vicinity of the frequency of interest and then the optimization problem will be constrained in frequencies. In addition, the design parameter \mathbf{r}_c is bounded by physical limitations (plate dimensions) therefore the above optimization problem will also be constrained in TMD locations.

For the optimization problem defined in Eq. (22), it's also clear that the bandwidth parameter $\Delta f = [\omega^l, \omega^u]$ defined in Eq. (21) plays an important role in the evaluation of the objective function. Depending on this bandwidth parameter, to be considered in the optimization loop, two kinds of control will be defined: (1) the first one is the narrowband control and, (2) the second one is the broadband control. A narrowband control is performed when the bandwidth parameter Δf is small whereas when it's large, the control is considered to be broadband.

The proposed optimization problem can be categorized as a stochastic vibro-acoustic optimization problem, since the objective functions involve covariance term related to the acoustic pressure inside the cavity.

3.2 The multi-objective optimization strategy

Unlike the single-objective optimization case, the proposed optimization strategy for the multi-objective optimization strategy consists in finding the optimal design vector $\mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, \dots, \mathbf{d}_N)^T$, where $\mathbf{d}_j = (\omega_{T_j}, \xi_{T_j}, \mu_j, \mathbf{r}_{c_j})^T$, $j = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$, which minimizes a vector of objective functions

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4 $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \mathbf{d}) = (\sigma_{p1}, \sigma_{p2}, \dots, \sigma_{pN})^T$ composed by the RMSAP $\sigma_{pi}(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \mathbf{d}_i)$ evaluated using Eq. (21).
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6 Each one of the considered objective functions will be separately evaluated in the vicinity of the targeted
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10 optimization problem, since the objective functions involve covariance terms related to the acoustic
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14 minimize $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_p(\mathbf{r}_a, \mathbf{r}_F, \mathbf{d}) = (\sigma_{p1}, \sigma_{p2}, \dots, \sigma_{pN})^T$
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17 subject to $\sum_{i=1}^N \mu_i \leq \mu_{adm}$ (23)
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20 where μ_{adm} is a given mass ratio defined in a pre-design phase. Similarly to the single-objective case, the
21 above optimization problem will also be constrained in TMD locations (\mathbf{r}_{c_j}) and in frequencies ranges,
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25 Rather than obtaining a single optimal solution (i.e. for the single-objective optimization problem), a set of
26 optimal solutions, called Pareto optimal solutions [34-36], is obtained in the case of a multi-objective
27 optimization problem. Several methods can be found in the literature to solve such a problem [38] and in
28 the work presented here, a controlled elitist Genetic Algorithm (GA), which is a variant of the Non-
29 dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm II (NSGA-II) [37, 39, 56], has been used. The algorithm is already
30 implemented in Matlab and it has the advantage to favor individuals that can help increase the diversity of
31 the population even if they have a lower fitness value. It should be noted that it's important to maintain the
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37 The Pareto optimal solutions obtained using the controlled elitist GA constitutes a trade-off between the
38 objective functions. In addition, it's well known that the determination of a particular solution among the
39 set of solutions is a difficult task, especially when dealing with a great number of objective functions
40 (more than three dimensions). Several techniques can be found in the literature [34, 36, 58-60] to help the
41 decision-maker, and among them one can find the Self-Organizing Maps (SOM) introduced by Kohonen
42 [61, 62]. The SOM is an unsupervised neural network algorithm providing clusters based on similarities
43 between the optimal solutions; these clusters are represented in two-dimensional maps allowing easier
44 visualization of the Pareto data. The reader is referred to [61, 62] for further details about the SOM
45 algorithm and its applications. In the work conducted here, the SOM toolbox available in Ref. [63] has
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51 4. Numerical example

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54 The aim of this section is to investigate the efficiency of the proposed optimization strategy in the sound
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56 investigations are firstly performed when a single-objective optimization, involving the use of one TMD,
57 is considered to separately control the resonant coupled modes; and secondly a multimodal sound control,
58 involving multiples TMDs and multi-objective optimization, is also carried out.
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The evaluations of the objective functions depend on the bandwidth parameter Δf defined in Eq. (21). Thus, one of the aims of the investigations, related to the single-objective optimization, is to determine what kind of control should be used. In other words, what values of Δf should be assigned in order to effectively attenuate the resonant modes. If the obtained Δf is large, the control is broadband, otherwise, it is narrowband. The obtained values of Δf , yielding good performance in the single-objective optimization, will then be used for the multimodal sound control using multiple TMDs.

The considered vibro-acoustic system is that shown in Fig. 1 and the parameter values are taken equal to those presented by Howard and Cazzolato in Ref. [41]; the dimensions and the properties of the studied system are given in Table 1. In addition, it's assumed that the observation location of the acoustic pressure (i.e. microphone location) in the cavity is located at the coordinates $\mathbf{r}_a = (0.35, 0.1, -0.875)^T$.

For the introduced proportional damping in both plate and cavity, the damping ratio for a mode i is set to $\xi_i = \alpha/2\omega_i + \beta\omega_i/2$ [27], where α and β are two coefficients to be calculated by imposing a targeted value ξ_0 for the two frequencies bounds of the range of interest. For the plate, the targeted damping ratio is set to $\xi_0^{\text{plate}} = 2\%$ whereas it's set to $\xi_0^{\text{cavity}} = 0.5\%$ for the cavity. The PSD of the point force applied to the plate is set to $S_{FF} = 0.1 \text{ N}^2 \times \text{Hz}^{-1}$.

Parameter	Value
l_x (m)	0.5 m
l_y (m)	0.3 m
l_z (m)	1.1 m
h (m)	0.003 m
E (Pa)	70×10^9 Pa
ρ_s (unit)	2700 kg.m^{-3}
ν	0.3
ρ_0 (unit)	1.21 kg.m^{-3}
c_0 (unit)	344 m.s^{-1}

Table 1: Numerical values of the parameters of the vibro-acoustic system

Since the control of the acoustic pressure will be performed in the low frequency range, the frequency interval of interest is set to 0-400 Hz. Therefore only the coupled frequencies bellow 400 Hz have been considered in the analysis. The numerical investigations have shown that $Ns = 21$ and $Na = 102$ allow obtaining accurate results when evaluating the objective functions (i.e. the root mean square pressure).

4.1 Modal analysis of the uncontrolled plate-cavity system

Before performing control of sound inside the rectangular cavity, it's important to analyze the plate-cavity system without the TMD devices. The analysis allows the determination of the resonant modes on which the TMDs will be tuned, on the one hand, and the determination of the modes involved in the coupling, for both plate and cavity, on the other.

Table 2 shows the natural frequencies of the *in-vacuo* plate and those of the rigid-walled cavity, compared with those of the coupled system. As described by Fahy and Gardonio in Ref. [27], we can see that the coupled frequencies are sometimes controlled (or dominated) by the plate modes and sometimes by the cavity modes. By taking into account the numerical values obtained for the coupling matrix \mathbf{C}_{nm} [64], one can also obtain the involved modes (i.e. *in-vacuo* and rigid-walled) for the coupled modes as shown in the last column of Table 2.

The FRF for the forcing location $\mathbf{r}_f = (0.05, 0.05)^T$ are plotted in Fig. 3. In Fig. 3 (a) the acoustic pressure FRF is presented and Fig. 3 (b) shows the displacement FRF of the plate, at the forcing location. In Fig. 3, the resonant coupled modes with their corresponding modes involved in the coupling are also indicated. The results show that only five resonant modes, corresponding to the five peaks in Fig. 3 (a), have to be considered for the acoustic pressure control using TMDs, since the other modes don't induce resonant peaks in the sound pressure at the observed location inside the cavity.

Besides, as mentioned previously, one can distinguish between two kinds of resonant modes. The first kind corresponds to the modes controlled by the plate and those controlled by the cavity. The modes controlled by the plate are $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz and $\varpi_4 = 343.8$ Hz. The other modes, controlled by the cavity, are $\varpi_2 = 159.52$ Hz, $\varpi_3 = 313.20$ Hz and $\varpi_5 = 378.61$ Hz.

<i>In-vacuo</i> plate		Rigid-walled cavity		Coupled plate-cavity		
Modes	Frequencies (Hz)	Modes	Frequencies (Hz)	Frequencies (Hz)	Mode controlled by	Modes involved
		(0,0,0)	0	0		
(1,1)	110.43			108,59	plate	(1,1)-(0,0,0)
		(0,0,1)	156.36	159,52	cavity	(1,1)-(0,0,1)
(2,1)	198.12			196,52	plate	(2,1)-(1,0,0)
		(0,0,2)	312.72	313,20	cavity	(3,1)-(0,0,2)
(3,1)	344.27			343,80	plate	(3,1)-(0,0,2)
		(1,0,0)	344.00	344,45	cavity	(2,1)-(1,0,0)
(1,2)	354.01			352,35	plate	(1,2)-(0,1,0)
		(1,0,1)	377.86	378,61	cavity	(2,1)-(1,0,1)

Table 2: Natural modes and frequencies of the uncoupled and coupled plate-cavity system

4.2 TMD performance comparisons with other optimization strategies

For the coupled modes controlled by the plate, the performance of the TMD device, when it's tuned using the proposed strategy, will be compared with its performance if it were tuned using other strategies used in the literature. In the present work, three optimization strategies will be considered: the first two strategies are those proposed by Korenev and Reznikov [4, 6], and by Den Hartog [18]; the third strategy is based on the time average APE [2, 4, 5, 65]. It should be noted that the first two strategies involve structural vibrations optimization criteria (stochastic and deterministic optimizations, respectively), whereas the last one constitutes an acoustic criterion. For the coupled resonant modes controlled by cavity modes, the performance of the proposed strategy will be compared only with the strategy based on the APE, since no resonant structural frequency can be associated to these coupled modes (i.e. controlled by cavity modes).

Let ω be a given frequency, the time average APE can be expressed as follows [2, 4, 5]

$$E_p(\omega) = \frac{1}{4\rho_0 c_0^2} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}^*(\omega) \Lambda_n \tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\omega). \text{ Consequently the optimization problem, involving an acoustic criterion,}$$

consists in finding $\mathbf{d} = (\omega_T, \xi_T, \mathbf{r}_c)^T$ minimizing $E_p(\mathbf{r}_F, \mathbf{d}, \varpi) = \frac{1}{4\rho_0 c_0^2} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}^*(\mathbf{r}_F, \mathbf{d}, \varpi) \Lambda_n \tilde{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{r}_F, \mathbf{d}, \varpi)$. It should

be noted that the acoustic cost function, involving the APE, is used when a harmonic analysis (deterministic analysis) is conducted; therefore the optimization problem is considered as a deterministic one.

In addition, in order to evaluate the performance of the TMD device, when it's tuned using the proposed strategy, the PSDs responses of the acoustic pressure will be presented for each one of the targeted frequencies. For these PSDs responses, it has been assumed that the vibro-acoustic system has been submitted to band limited white noise covering the frequency range [0-400] Hz. The choice of the PSDs representations instead of the FRFs representations [66] or the APE representation is justified by the fact that the objective function is explicitly related to the acoustic PSD therefore the interpretations of the obtained results will be easier.

The performance of the TMD device is evaluated using two indices:

(1) the first index quantifies the TMD performance in the close vicinity of the target frequency ϖ_i ,

$$i = \{1, 2, \dots, 5\} \text{ and it is expressed as follows: } G_1(\text{dB}) = 20 \log_{10} \left(\frac{PSD(\varpi_i)}{\max_{\omega} (PSD(\omega)_{\text{with TMD}})} \right);$$

where $PSD(\varpi_i)$ is the value of the PSD response at the target frequency ϖ_i (peak of the PSD response without TMD) and $\max_{\omega} PSD(\omega)_{\text{with TMD}}$ is the maximum value of the PSD response (with TMD) measured in the close vicinity of the target frequency ϖ_i . The higher the value of the G_1 index is, the better the performance of the TMD is.

(2) the second quantifies the global performance of the TMD over the frequency range of interest and it is given as: $G_2(\%) = 100 \times (\sigma_{TMD} - \sigma_0) / \sigma_0$, where σ_{TMD} is the RMSAP of the controlled vibro-acoustic system (equipped by TMD), evaluated over the frequency range [0-400] Hz; σ_0 is the RMSAP of the uncontrolled vibro-acoustic system, evaluated over the frequency range [0-400] Hz. The lower the value of the G_2 index is, the better the global performance of the TMD device is. It should be noted that for $\mathbf{r}_F = (0.05, 0.05)^T$ and $\mathbf{r}_a = (0.35, 0.1, -0.875)^T$, $\sigma_0 = 1.36$ Pa.

When comparing the performance of the proposed optimization strategy with the aforementioned strategies, three criteria are considered:

- The attenuation in the close vicinity of the target frequency should be important;
- When using the TMD device, two new peaks appear in the close vicinity of the target frequency; the magnitudes of these peaks should be as low as possible;
- The increases on the PSD responses, on the off-target frequencies, should be as low as possible.

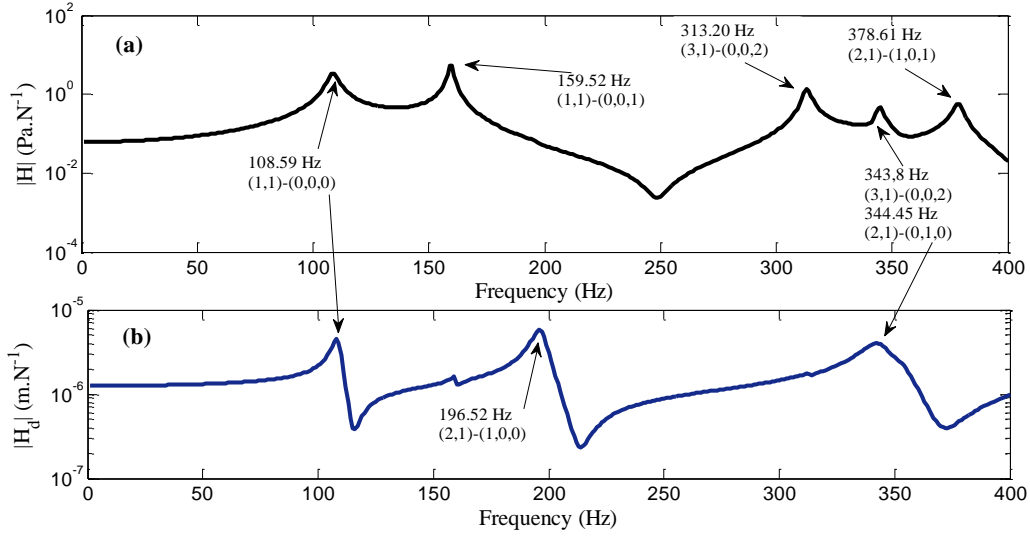


Fig. 3: FRF for the force location (0.05m, 0.05m); (a) Pressure response, microphone location (0.35 m, 0.10m, -0.875m); (b) displacement response at force location

4.3 The single-objective optimization case

In the following sub-section, resonant coupled modes are separately controlled using one TMD and thus a single-objective optimization has to be performed. The optimizations have been carried out using the sequential quadratic programming [5] routine available with Matlab, and considering multiple starting points.

4.3.1 Control of the modes dominated by plate modes

Tables 3 and 4 present the optimal TMD parameters when the target frequencies ϖ_1 and ϖ_4 are separately controlled, respectively. These tables are obtained for different bandwidth parameter $\Delta f = \Delta\omega/2\pi$ and for different mass ratios. The optimal TMD parameters are also compared with those obtained using the tuning proposed by Korenev and Reznikov, Den Hartog and that based on the APE. It should be noted that for the Korenev's and Den Hartog's tuning, the TMD locations are taken equal to those obtained for $\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$, since both tuning cannot provide optimal placements of the TMD device.

The forcing location on the plate is arbitrarily chosen as $\mathbf{r}_F = (0.05, 0.05)^T$.

The comparison of the optimal damping ratios presented in Table 4 with those presented in Table 3 shows that for the target frequency ϖ_1 the TMD acts as a reactive device (**undamped TMD**) [45] when a narrowband control is implemented, whereas it acts as a dissipative one when the target frequency ϖ_4 is controlled. In contrast, when a broadband control is performed, the TMD acts as a dissipative device for both controlled frequencies.

To show the fact that the TMD acts as an undamped device (reactive device) if ϖ_1 is targeted, and when a narrowband control is performed ($\Delta f = 2\text{Hz}$), the damping ratio ξ_T of the TMD is set to 0% and an optimization is performed. The obtained results (for $\mu = 2\%$) showed that the optimal undamped TMD parameters are $f_T^* = 111.001\text{Hz}$ and $(x_c^*, y_c^*) = (0.242, 0.149)$; as we can see, these results are very close to those obtained in Table 3 (when $\mu = 2\%$ and $\Delta f = 2\text{Hz}$). In addition, looking at Fig. 4, one can see that the PSDs responses corresponding to narrowband control, for both cases (damped and undamped TMD), are roughly the same whereas they are completely different when a broadband control ($\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$) is performed. It should be noted that similar results have been obtained for different values of the mass ratio μ .

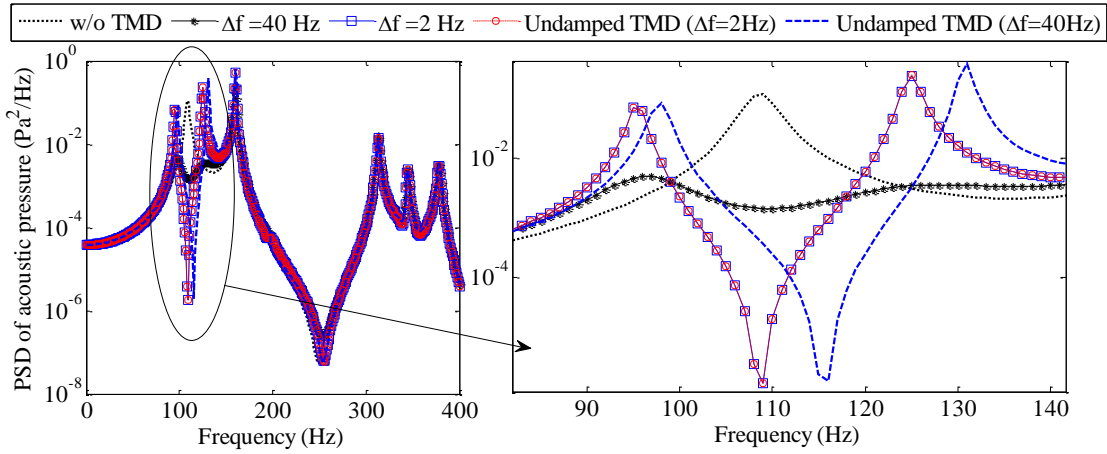


Fig. 4 PSD responses of acoustic pressure for the damped and undamped TMD, $\mu=2\%$, $\varpi_1 = 108.59\text{ Hz}$

Looking at the G_2 index values presented in Table 3, one can see that when a broadband control is performed ($\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$), the TMD device performs well overall the frequency range $[0-400]\text{ Hz}$; this observation holds as the mass ratio increases. When a narrowband control is performed ($\Delta f = 2\text{ Hz}$, for instance), positive values of the G_2 index are obtained which means undesirable global performance of the TMD. The comparison of the global performance of the TMD, optimized using a broadband control, with the others, shows that it is similar to those obtained using the Korenev's and the Den Hartog's tuning. The APE strategy yields the worst global performance.

$\mu(\%)$	$\Delta f(\text{Hz})$	TMD optimal parameters				$\sigma_p^*(\text{Pa})$	$G_2(\%)$
		$\xi_T^*(\%)$	$f_T^*(\text{Hz})$	$x_c^*(\text{m})$	$y_c^*(\text{m})$		
2	2	0.01	110.897	0.240	0.150	0.0027	15.8
	10	0.03	111.106	0.244	0.150	0.0320	15.6
	20	1.16	110.694	0.244	0.150	0.1231	4.0
	40	13.45	110.919	0.253	0.151	0.3284	-19.2
	Korenev	12.97	110.425	***	***	***	-18.6
	Den Hartog	16.66	102.248	***	***	***	-21.5
	APE	0.96	108.529	0.232	0.108	***	4.4
3	2	0.01	111.739	0.235	0.149	0.0018	21.6
	10	0.01	112.238	0.241	0.149	0.0209	23.9

	20	0.37	112.107	0.241	0.150	0.0715	31.3
	40	14.96	110.612	0.252	0.151	0.2729	-22.8
	Korenev	15.25	110.425	***	***	***	-23.0
	Den Hartog	20.04	98.595	***	***	***	-25.1
	APE	0.09	114.294	0.234	0.110	***	-0.9
4	2	0.01	112.405	0.229	0.149	0.0014	26.7
	10	0.01	113.273	0.238	0.149	0.0155	16.8
	20	0.17	113.304	0.238	0.149	0.0505	26.3
	40	15.06	110.168	0.248	0.150	0.2301	-25.5
	Korenev	16.94	110.425	***	***	***	-27.8
	Den Hartog	22.74	95.197	***	***	***	-28.3
	APE	0.45	108.554	0.146	0.160	***	-15.8

Table 3: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz

Unlike the target frequency $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz, which is well separated from the other resonant frequencies, one can see that the target frequency $\varpi_4 = 344.45$ Hz is close to neighboring resonance frequencies [45, 67] therefore more than one mode will be excited by the applied primary force at the target frequency ϖ_4 . This fact strongly affects the optimal frequencies of the TMD, given in Table 4, which are strongly varying when the bandwidth parameter Δf is varying.

The comparison of the obtained results with the other optimization strategies (Korenev, Den Hartog and APE) for different bandwidth shows that the Den Hartog's optimal damping is always the highest, whereas its corresponding optimal frequency is always the smallest, except for ϖ_4 when $\mu = 3$ and 4%. Besides, it is observed that the optimal tuning proposed by Korenev and Reznikov is the closest to the optimal tuning proposed in the present work, especially for the optimal frequencies. This remark holds for both targeted frequencies. The optimal TMD locations x_c^* and y_c^* are also given in Tables 3 and 4. The observation of Table 3 shows that optimal tuning is obtained when the TMD is placed roughly in the center of the plate which corresponds to the anti-node point of the plate mode (1,1); this result is predictable because the coupled mode is strongly dominated by the plate mode. In addition, the slight alteration, from exactly the position $x=0.25$ and $y=0.15$, of the obtained optimal locations is due to the coupling effects with the cavity mode (0,0,0) inducing distortion in the plate mode [27].

$\mu(\%)$	$\Delta f(\text{Hz})$	TMD optimal parameters				$\sigma_p^*(\text{Pa})$	$G_2(\%)$
		$\xi_T^*(\%)$	$f_T^*(\text{Hz})$	$x_{TMD}^*(\text{m})$	$y_{TMD}^*(\text{m})$		
2	2	2.234	337.493	0.031	0.097	4.66×10^{-05}	4.1
	10	2.053	338.687	0.047	0.067	1.04×10^{-03}	9.9
	20	1.984	340.100	0.051	0.061	4.13×10^{-03}	10.9
	40	3.588	334.259	0.055	0.064	2.29×10^{-02}	5.2
	Korenev	7.646	344.266	***	***	***	6.7
	Den Hartog	9.509	335.966	***	***	***	4.7
	APE	3.9861	331.598	0.049	0.079	***	47.4
3	2	2.930	333.262	0.035	0.088	4.46×10^{-05}	4.7
	10	3.617	331.804	0.041	0.079	1.12×10^{-03}	6.2
	20	1.923	340.319	0.051	0.057	2.94×10^{-03}	6.7
	40	3.316	335.858	0.053	0.061	1.71×10^{-02}	5.8

	Korenev	8.202	344.266	***	***	***	6.8
	Den Hartog	10.224	334.669	***	***	***	5.8
	APE	4.5208	329.270	0.048	0.075	***	17.7
4	2	2,878	337.802	0.023	0.107	5.42×10^{-05}	6.3
	10	2,113	337.686	0.048	0.060	5.97×10^{-04}	6.5
	20	1,829	340.713	0.051	0.055	2.31×10^{-03}	6.6
	40	3,017	337.149	0.053	0.058	1.38×10^{-02}	7.0
	Korenev	9,199	344.266	***	***	***	7.6
	Den Hartog	11,523	332.078	***	***	***	7.2
	APE	0.120	342.984	0.049	0.053	***	8.6

Table 4: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_4 = 344.45$ Hz

For the frequency ϖ_4 , the optimal TMD locations given in Table 4 are close to the primary force location, especially for broadband control, and they are relatively far away when a narrowband control is performed.

The comparison of the PSD responses shown in Fig. 5 and 6 shows that a broadband control, for both targeted frequencies, yields more suitable and satisfactory performances of the TMD device. Indeed, for the target frequency ϖ_1 a reduction of $G_1=27.34$ dB is achieved for a broadband control and $G_1=47.51$ dB when broadband control is applied to the target frequency ϖ_4 . The appearance of new undesirable peaks shown in Fig. 5, when a narrowband control is implemented, implies that such a control is not suitable and one had to use a broadband control (i.e. $\Delta f = 40$ Hz) to effectively attenuate the resonant mode corresponding to the frequency ϖ_1 .

In addition, although the reduction in the PSD responses for the target frequency ϖ_4 is more significant when a narrowband control is performed, the performance of the TMD in the vicinity of the off-target frequencies is less suitable. Therefore a broadband control is more appropriate.

The results of the global performance index G_2 stated in Table 4 show that the RMSAP has increased when the TMD is used; these results are predictable considering the PSD responses in Fig. 6 where undesirable increases of the PSD responses are observed in the vicinity of the off-target frequencies. The obtained results hold for all optimization strategies; also here the APE strategy yields the worst performance. The Korenev's and Den Hartog's tuning provide global performance similar to that of the proposed strategy.

In Fig. 7 and 8, the performance of the TMD device when it's tuned using the proposed strategy is compared, with its performance if it is tuned using the tuning proposed by Korenev and Reznikov, Den Hartog and the APE strategy; for these last strategies the mass ratio is set to $\mu = 4\%$. The bandwidth parameter is set to $\Delta f = 40$ Hz and three values of the mass ratio are considered.

The results show that the best performance is achieved for the largest mass ratio ($\mu = 4\%$), for which the Korenev's tuning is the closest to the proposed tuning, especially for the well separated target natural frequency ϖ_1 .

For the target frequency ϖ_1 (Fig. 7), a reduction of $G_1=30.96$ dB in the PSD response can be achieved when the proposed strategy is applied, whereas two undesirable peaks have shown up (in the vicinity of the target frequency) when the APE strategy is used.

Besides, although the APE strategy yields good performance (for the target frequency ϖ_4) with a reduction of $G_1=99.70$ dB in the very close vicinity of the targeted frequency, the appearance of a new peak in the vicinity of the off-target frequency 312 Hz, diminishes the global performance of the APE strategy. Using the proposed optimization strategy a reduction of $G_1=56.1$ dB can be achieved (as shown in Fig. 8) and no significant effects have been observed on the off-target frequencies.

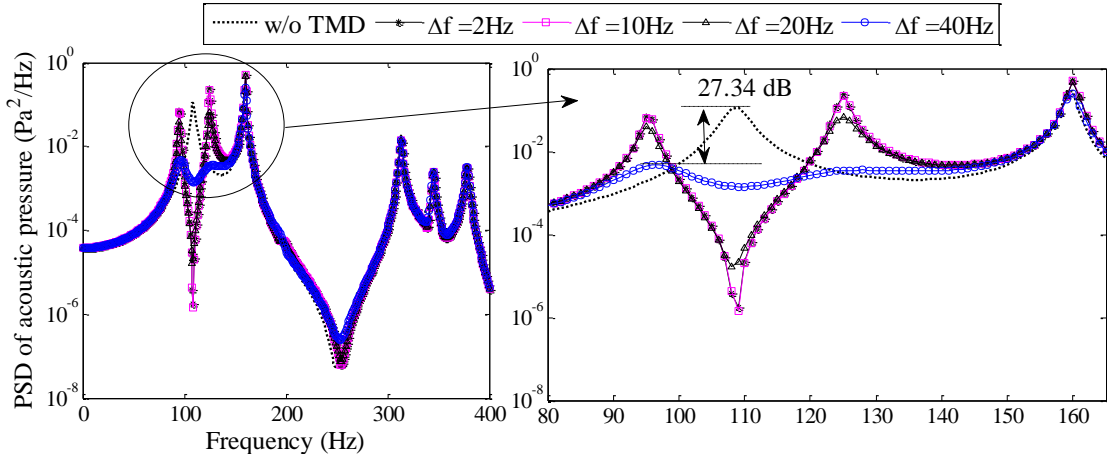


Fig. 5: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for narrowband and broadband control, $\mu=2\%$, $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz

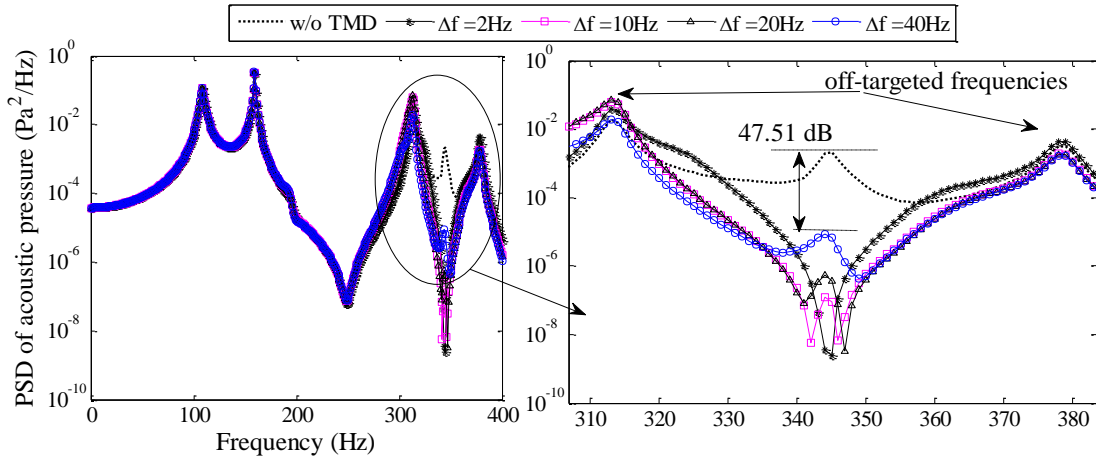


Fig. 6: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for narrowband and broadband control, $\mu=2\%$, $\varpi_4 = 343.8$ Hz

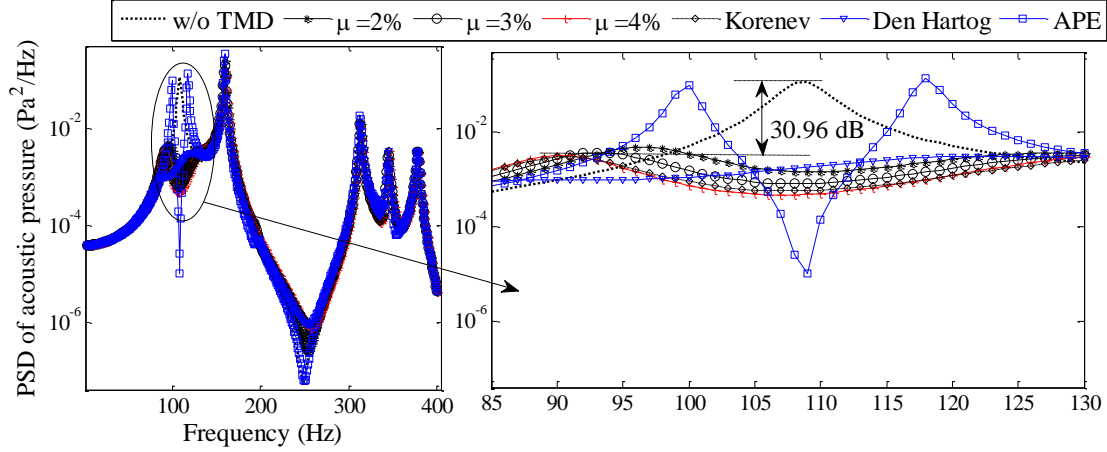


Fig. 7: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for a broadband control ($\Delta f=40\text{Hz}$) and different mass ratios, $\varpi_1 = 108.59 \text{ Hz}$

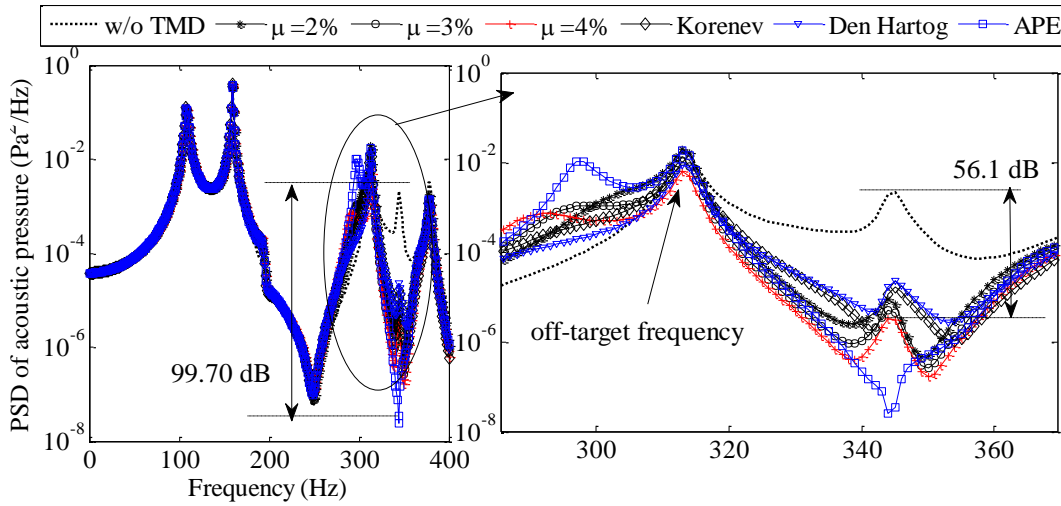


Fig. 8: PSD responses for a broadband control ($\Delta f=40\text{Hz}$) and different mass ratios, $\varpi_4 = 343.8 \text{ Hz}$

4.3.2 Control of the modes dominated by cavity modes

Tables 5-7 give the optimal TMD parameters when the modes corresponding to the frequencies ϖ_2 , ϖ_3 and ϖ_5 are controlled. These results are obtained for different values of the bandwidth parameter and for different values of the mass ratio. The obtained results are also compared with those established when the strategy based on APE is applied. The examination of the obtained optimal damping ratios (presented in Tables 5-7) shows that the TMD acts as a reactive device for both kinds of control (narrowband and broadband). Indeed, one can see that the optimal damping ratios are very small (less than 3%) and for some values of Δf , they are equal to 0.01% which means that the device acts as an undamped TMD. This result is coherent with other results found in the literature [3] where the greatest acoustic pressure reduction occurs when the TMD device acts as a highly reactive device and the effect of the dissipation process [45] is reduced to zero. For these coupled modes dominated by cavity modes, the TMD device acts like as a neutralizer [13, 16].

$\mu(\%)$	$\Delta f(\text{Hz})$	TMD optimal parameters				$\sigma_p^* \times 10^{-4} (\text{Pa})$	$G_2(\%)$
		$\xi_T^*(\%)$	$f_T^*(\text{Hz})$	$x_{TMD}^*(\text{m})$	$y_{TMD}^*(\text{m})$		
2	2	0.693	155.554	0.192	0.147	77.094	-33.8
	10	0.676	153.279	0.141	0.132	725.867	-21.5
	20	0.010	175.472	0.261	0.156	1249.856	-8.3
	40	0.010	184.877	0.275	0.156	2103.574	-19.7
	APE	0.6708	155.794	0.176	0.172	***	-8.6
3	2	1.043	152.277	0.184	0.146	38.186	-38.0
	10	1.026	150.374	0.151	0.136	365.339	-30.1
	20	0.010	175.424	0.247	0.157	883.536	-26.4
	40	0.010	183.097	0.256	0.157	1408.895	-19.7
	APE	0.519	163.519	0.222	0.157	***	-21.9
4	2	1.341	149.323	0.180	0.145	19.371	-41.1
	10	1.355	147.578	0.158	0.139	189.293	-36.5
	20	1.185	146.967	0.146	0.132	503.278	-32.0
	40	0.010	178.974	0.243	0.158	1028.770	-39.9
	APE	3.324	166.133	0.217	0.182	***	-25.4

Table 5: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_2 = 159.52$ Hz

The optimal TMD locations given in Tables 5 (control of the target frequency ϖ_2) show that they are roughly in the vicinity of the anti-node of the plate mode (1,1). The fact that the TMD locations are not exactly at the anti-node (for narrowband control) is due to the coupling effects with the cavity mode (0,0,1) and with the plate mode (2,1) which has an anti-node at coordinate (0.125, 0.15). The effect of the coupling with the plate mode (2,1) is gradually increasing as the mass ratio μ increases. Indeed, the TMD location is moving towards the anti-node of the mode (2,1). For the broadband control, one can see that the TMD locations are around the anti-node of the plate mode (1,1).

The optimal TMD locations, when the frequency ϖ_3 is controlled, are given in Table 6 where it has been observed that for narrowband and broadband control, the optimal locations were in the vicinity of the anti-node point of the plate mode (3,1).

$\mu(\%)$	$\Delta f(\text{Hz})$	TMD optimal parameters				$\sigma_p^* \times 10^{-4} (\text{Pa})$	$G_2(\%)$
		$\xi_T^*(\%)$	$f_T^*(\text{Hz})$	$x_{TMD}^*(\text{m})$	$y_{TMD}^*(\text{m})$		
2	2	0.022	321.830	0.417	0.173	0.789	28.3
	10	0.090	320.331	0.426	0.168	21.580	8.1
	20	0.186	318.665	0.431	0.162	74.52473	8.2
	40	0.366	307.183	0.066	0.093	254.940	8.9
	APE	0.159	309.059	0.046	0.081	***	0.3
3	2	0.010	325.745	0.446	0.163	1.215	9.6
	10	0.010	325.621	0.446	0.164	19.427	8.8
	20	0.010	325.750	0.445	0.166	65.375	7.9
	40	0.464	305.144	0.062	0.093	165.545	14.1
	APE	0.194	307.598	0.043	0.082	***	5.6
4	2	0.010	328.523	0.456	0.158	1.382	9.5
	10	0.010	328.386	0.456	0.159	19.187	8.6
	20	0.010	328.903	0.454	0.163	63.263	7.7
	40	0.551	302.808	0.059	0.092	125.255	19.2

APE	0.065	313.775	0.060	0.051	***	5.0
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Table 6: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_3 = 313.20$ Hz

The optimal TMD locations corresponding to the control of the frequency ϖ_5 are also presented in Table 7. The results show that they are in the vicinity of the forcing location and they are relatively far away when a broadband control is performed.

$\mu(\%)$	$\Delta f(\text{Hz})$	TMD optimal parameters				$\sigma_p^* \times 10^{-4} (\text{Pa})$	$G_2(\%)$
		$\xi_T^*(\%)$	$f_T^*(\text{Hz})$	$x_{TMD}^*(\text{m})$	$y_{TMD}^*(\text{m})$		
2	2	2.163	365.795	0.064	0.071	0.242	2.8
	10	2.173	366.019	0.067	0.067	7.077	14.6
	20	2.122	378.299	0.048	0.104	27.392	25.1
	40	1.915	366.677	0.062	0.070	63.377	27.5
	APE	0.854	371.300	0.080	0.046	***	2.7
3	2	2.143	363.097	0.057	0.071	0.187	20.7
	10	2.310	374.864	0.092	0.035	12.680	13.9
	20	2.128	377.796	0.041	0.104	24.377	17.5
	40	1.744	416.471	0.040	0.134	63.690	15.3
	APE	2.624	360.625	0.060	0.072	***	13.9
4	2	2.216	366.139	0.070	0.049	1.122	22.2
	10	2.177	363.564	0.064	0.056	5.292	13.9
	20	2.134	362.738	0.061	0.060	14.528	19.8
	40	1.923	363.275	0.057	0.064	42.348	12.1
	APE	0.990	381.270	0.028	0.111	***	15.1

Table 7: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_5 = 378.61$ Hz

The results of the G_2 index stated in Table 5 show that good global performance of the TMD device is achieved when a narrowband control is performed ($\Delta f = 2$ Hz). Indeed, for $\mu = 4\%$, the obtained reduction in the RMSAP is $G_2 = -41.1\%$ while it is -25.4% when the APE strategy is applied.

In Tables 6 and 7 the obtained values of the G_2 index are also shown for different bandwidth and for different mass ratio. The results show that the best global performances of the TMD are achieved when the APE strategy is applied.

The pressure PSD responses of the vibro-acoustic system, for different bandwidth parameters, are shown in Fig. 9-11. The inspection of the obtained curves shows that when the frequencies ϖ_2 and ϖ_5 are controlled, satisfactory performance can be achieved when a narrowband control ($\Delta f = 2\text{Hz}$) is performed for which reductions of $G_1 = 17.64$ dB and 172.91 dB are achieved, respectively. In contrast, when the frequency ϖ_3 is controlled, a broadband control ($\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$) performs well and a reduction of $G_1 = 58.41$ dB is obtained; for the narrowband control, undesirable effects occur in the vicinity of the off-target frequencies (as shown in Fig. 10) and an increase of 23.86 dB ($G_1 = -23.86$ dB) has been recorded in the peak's magnitude of the off-target frequency 344.45 Hz. These magnitude increases in the vicinity of the off-target frequencies are the main cause of the high values of the G_2 index stated in Table 6.

Besides, although a significant reduction of $G_1=33.82$ dB is obtained when a broadband control is performed ($\Delta f = 40\text{Hz}$) for the target frequency ϖ_2 , the appearance of a high magnitude peak in the vicinity of the frequency 185Hz, is an undesirable result. The appearance of a new peak with relatively high magnitude can be explained by the very small optimal damping ratio stated in Table 5.

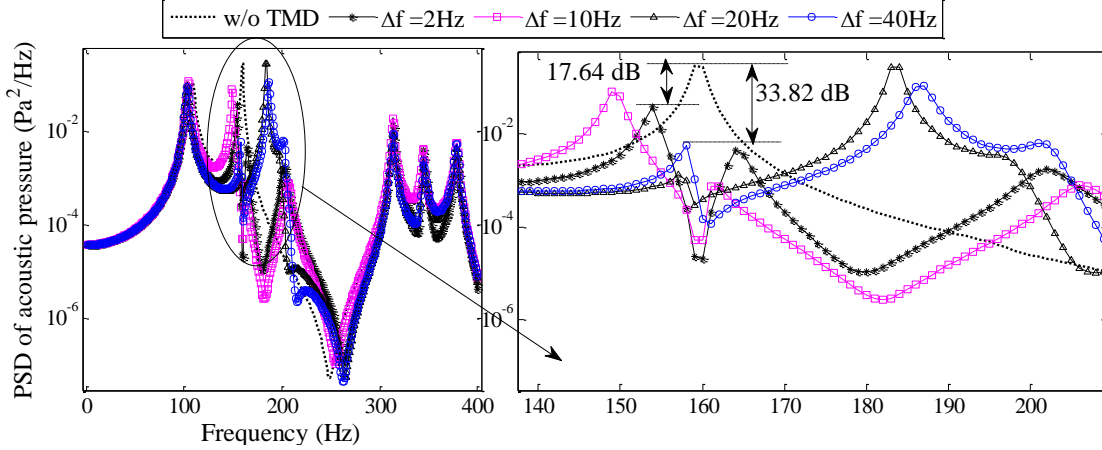


Fig. 9: PSD of acoustic pressure for narrowband and broadband control, $\mu=2\%$, $\varpi_2 = 159.52$ Hz

The comparison of the performance of the proposed strategy with that based on APE ($\mu = 4\%$) is shown in Fig. 12- 14, considering different values of the mass ratio. The results show that in the close vicinity of the target frequencies, the proposed strategy performs better than that based on APE. For instance, Fig. 12 shows that a reduction of $G_1=31.61$ dB, in the pressure PSD, can be achieved with the proposed optimization strategy when the mass ratio is set to $\mu = 4\%$, whereas only 16.36 dB are achieved when the strategy based on APE is applied. Nevertheless, Looking at the effects on the off-target frequencies when ϖ_3 and ϖ_5 are controlled, the tuning based on APE strategy yields better global performance. These undesirable effects on the off-target frequencies are the main cause of the obtained values of the G_2 index (stated in Tables 6 and 7) where the better global performance of the TMD is achieved when the APE strategy is applied.

Even though the APE strategy yields good performance (compared to the one proposed) above the target frequencies corresponding to some modes dominated by cavity mode (Fig. 12 and 13), the proposed optimization strategy, using a suitable bandwidth Δf , remains superior to the APE strategy. Indeed, considering the criteria established in sub-section 4.2, we can see that significant attenuations along with relatively low magnitudes of the new peaks (in the PSD responses) can be obtained in the close vicinity of the target frequencies. The undesirable effects on the off-target frequencies (for example, in the vicinity of the frequency 380 Hz, in Fig. 13) observed when the proposed strategy is applied are, in our opinion, acceptable.

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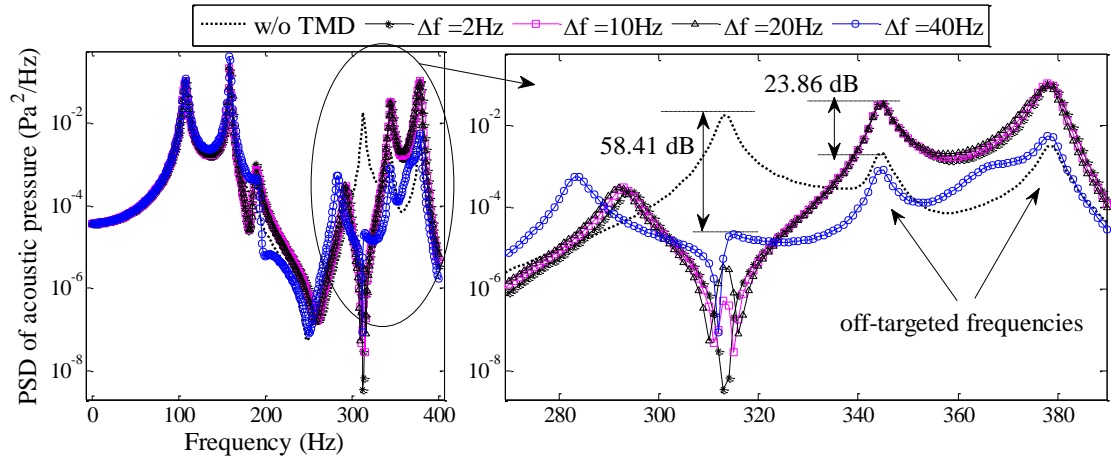


Fig. 10: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for different bandwidth parameter Δf , $\mu=2\%$, $\omega_3 = 313.20$ Hz

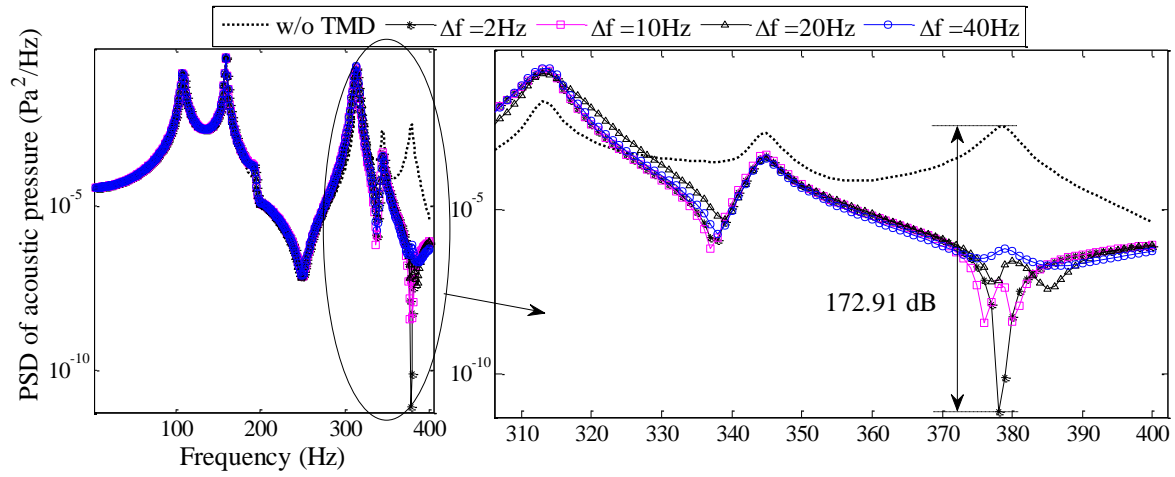


Fig. 11: PSD of acoustic responses for different values Δf , $\mu=2\%$, $\omega_5 = 378.61$ Hz

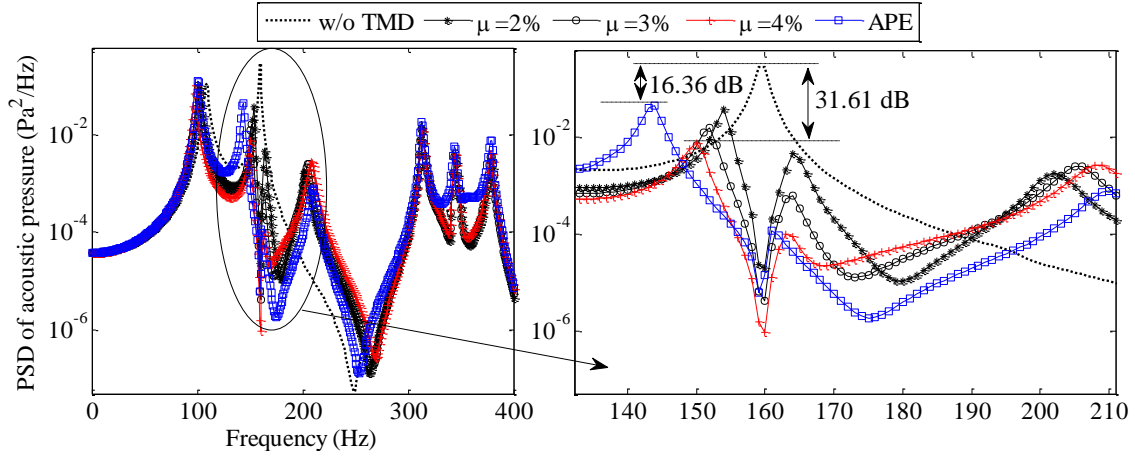


Fig. 12: PSD responses of the acoustic pressure for different mass ratio; $\Delta f=2\text{Hz}$; $\omega_2 = 159.52 \text{ Hz}$

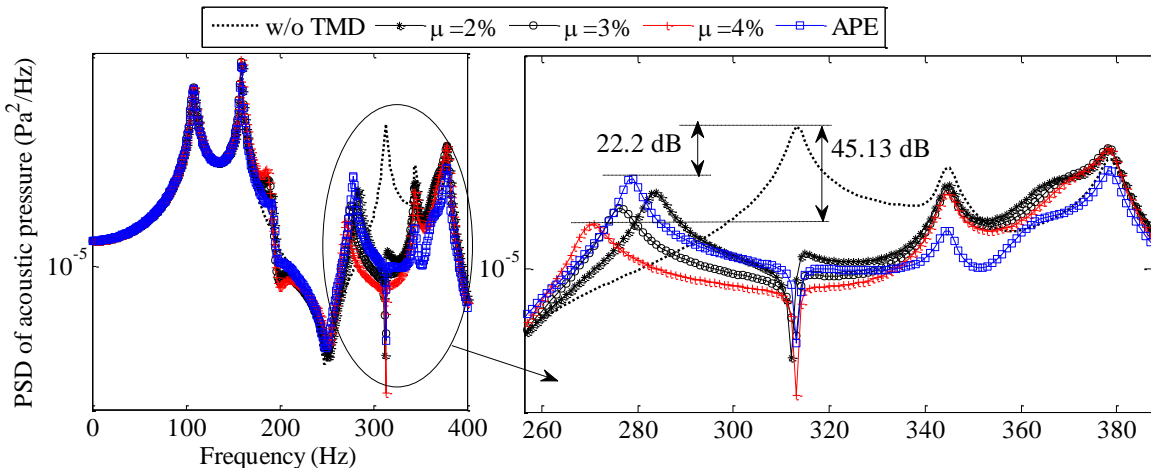


Fig. 13: PSD of acoustic responses for different mass ratio μ , $\Delta f=40\text{Hz}$; $\omega_3 = 313.20 \text{ Hz}$

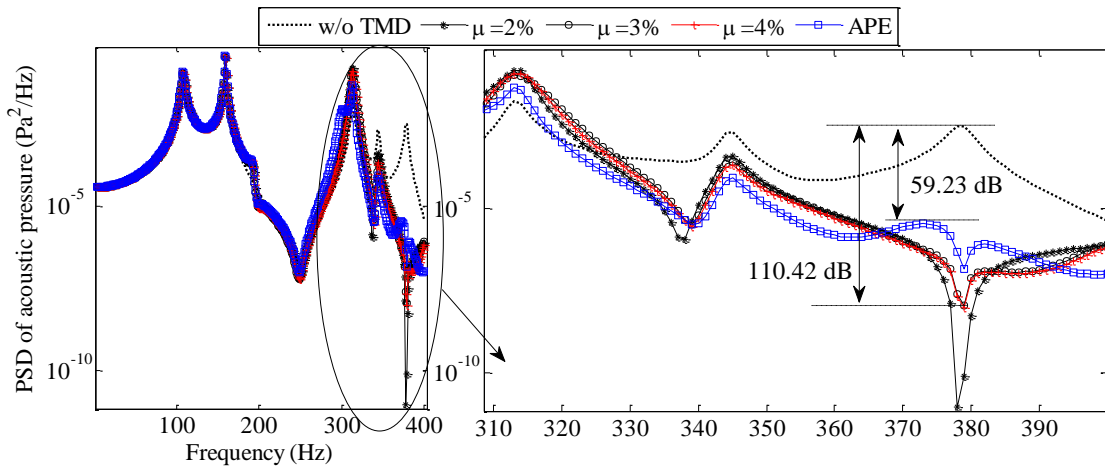


Fig. 14: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for narrowband control ($\Delta f=2\text{Hz}$) for different values of the mass ratio;
 $\omega_5 = 378.61 \text{ Hz}$

4.4 The Multi-objective optimizations case, a multimodal control

The aim of the following sub-section is to demonstrate the capability of the proposed optimization strategy to address multimodal control of interior sound using multiple TMDs. The force and microphone locations are maintained at $\mathbf{r}_F = (0.05, 0.05)^T$ and $\mathbf{r}_a = (0.35, 0.1, -0.875)^T$, respectively.

4.4.1 Control of two coupled resonant modes

To illustrate the ability of the proposed optimization strategy to deal with multimodal control, the first two resonant modes at $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz and $\varpi_2 = 159.52$ Hz are chosen to be controlled using two TMDs. Therefore, ten parameters need to be optimized (i.e. five parameters for each of the TMD devices). The first resonant mode is controlled by a plate mode, consequently, taking into account the results obtained in the previous section, a broadband control should be used ($\Delta f = 40$ Hz) for the evaluation of the first objective function. In addition, a narrowband control corresponding to $\Delta f = 2$ Hz is used to evaluate the objective function related to the second resonant mode, controlled by the cavity.

The TMD parameters optimization has been performed using the **controlled elitist GA** implemented in Matlab and the initial population size is taken equal to 400. The other algorithm parameters are taken as those set by default in Matlab.

Fig. 15 shows the Pareto front, composed by 140 solutions, obtained after 1000 generations. In order to help the decision-making, the SOM are presented in Fig. 16 where the optimized TMD parameters and both objective functions have been used for the training of the SOM. The results in Fig. 15 show the conflicting aspect of the obtained optimal solutions, where for very small values of the objective function one (mode $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz), the objective function two has high values and vice versa. In addition, one can see that the obtained solutions are evenly distributed except for the region where the objective function one has values between roughly 0.2 and 0.24, and the region near to 0.17 where a slight gap can be observed.

The observations made in Fig. 15 can also be seen in Fig. 16 (a) depicting the Unified distance matrix, (U-matrix) [60, 61] where the gaps are represented by red hexagonal lattices.

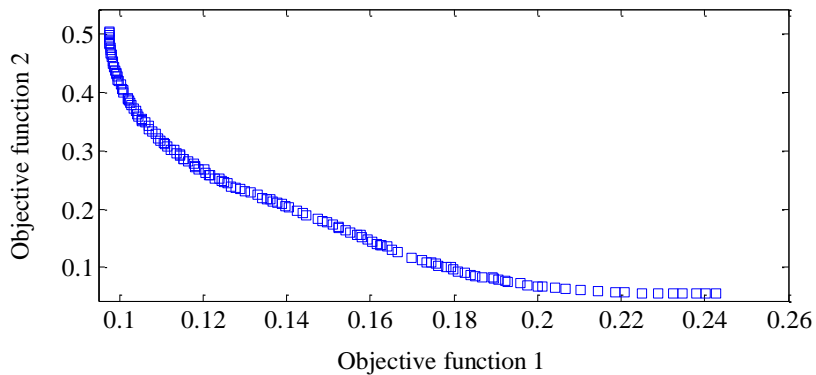


Fig. 15: Pareto front (two objective functions)

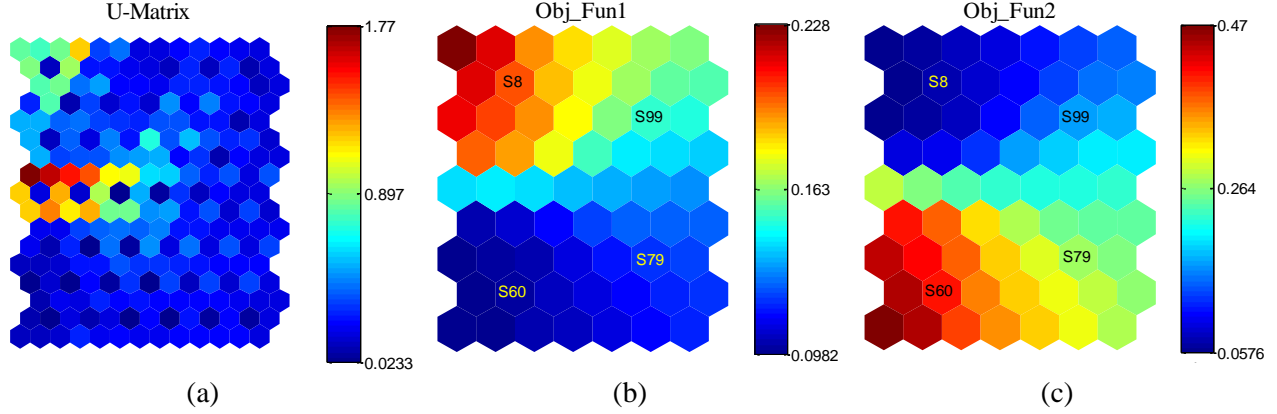


Fig. 16: SOM; (a) U-matrix map, (b) Objective function one component map; (c) Objective function two component map

The conflicting aspect of the obtained optimal solutions is also highlighted in Fig. 16 (b) and (c). Indeed, one can see that for small values of the objective function one (lower left corner in Fig. 16 (b)), the values of the objective function two are, on the contrary, at their highest values (lower left corner in Fig. 16 (c)). Also, the examination of Fig. 16 (b) and (c) demonstrate that one can define four clusters of optimal solutions represented by the four solutions S8, S60, S79 and S99. The optimal TMD parameters corresponding to these solutions are stated in Table 8.

The results given in Table 8 demonstrate that the optimal mass ratios of the second TMD (TMD 2) are always greater than those of the first TMD, for all the four solutions. Besides, one can also see that the optimal natural frequencies of the first TMD is roughly constant for all four solutions, whereas they are different for the second TMD. The values of the G_2 index stated in Table 8 are obtained when both TMD devices are mounted at the plate. The values of the global performance index G_2 show that the best performance is obtained when the solution S8 is used.

When a designer has to make a particular choice of TMD parameters, he has to make it among the solutions belonging to one of these clusters and in order to help the decision-making, the performances of the selected set of solutions (S8, S60, S79 and S99) are investigated using the PSD responses plotted in Fig. 17.

TMDs	Optimal solution	TMDs optimal parameters					σ_{pi}^* (Pa)	G_2 (%)
		ξ_T^* (%)	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)	μ_T^* (%)		
TMD 1	S8	8.451	99.279	0.185	0.140	3.038	0.201	-62.7
	S60	6.505	99.483	0.209	0.147	3.184	0.100	0.9
	S79	7.257	99.417	0.202	0.146	3.092	0.112	-26.4
	S99	8.333	99.370	0.193	0.142	3.061	0.152	-50.2
TMD 2	S8	2.065	142.276	0.175	0.138	3.991	0.067	
	S60	3.785	130.691	0.257	0.152	3.834	0.413	
	S79	4.024	130.778	0.229	0.151	3.937	0.302	
	S99	4.221	138.563	0.208	0.146	3.963	0.169	

Table 8: Optimal parameters of the two TMDs for different optimal solutions

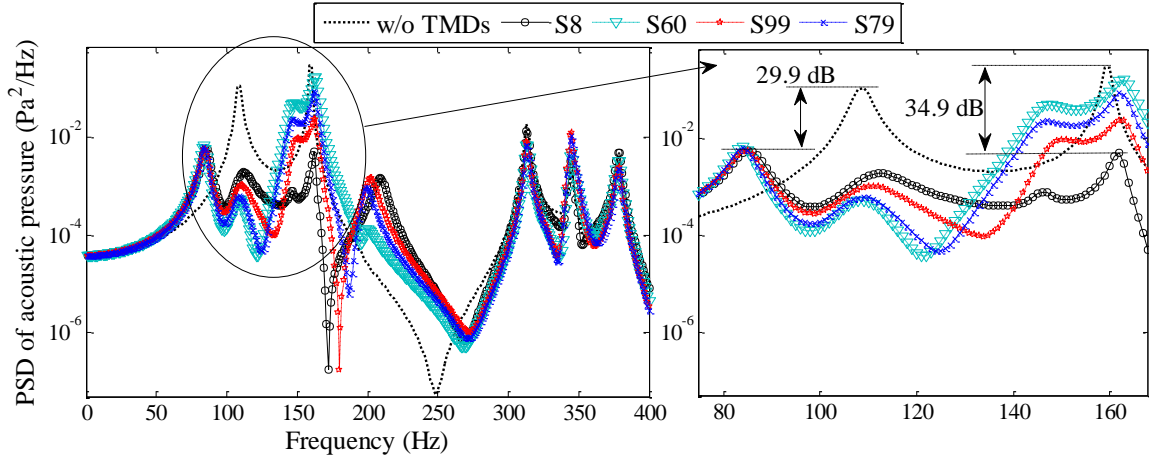


Fig. 17: PSD responses of the four selected optimal solutions (sound control using two TMDs)

The results in Fig. 17 show that the “best” performance is obtained for the solutions belonging to the first cluster containing the representative solution S8. This result is coherent with the obtained G_2 index corresponding to the solution S8 for which a reduction of 62.7% ($G_1=-62.7\%$) is achieved.

Besides, one can see (in Fig. 17) that a reduction of $G_1=29.9$ dB is achieved for the first mode and $G_1=34.9$ dB for the second mode; for the off-target modes, no significant changes of the PSD responses are observed, except in the vicinity of the frequency of 200 Hz where a new peak appears due to the coupling effect between the TMDs and the plate-cavity mode corresponding to 196.52 Hz.

The obtained result, for the “best” solution, is relatively unexpected since generally speaking one had to make a certain compromise and select a solution among the clusters represented by solutions S79 or S99 and not a solution belonging to a cluster where a given objective function is very high and the other is too low.

This result can be explained looking at the component maps of the optimized damping ratios shown in Fig. 18. Indeed, the results in Fig. 18 (b) show that small values of the damping ratio of the second TMD, tuned to the second resonant mode, occur only at the higher left corner of the map corresponding to the cluster containing the optimal solution S8.

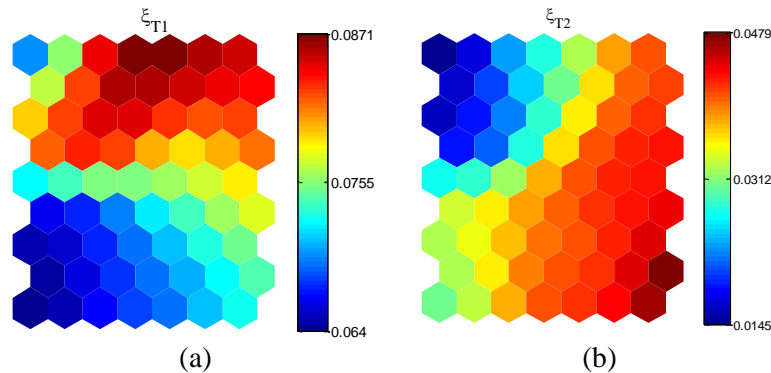


Fig. 18: Component maps of the optimized damping ratios (a) first TMD tuned to the first mode, (b) second TMD tuned to the second mode

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4 Considering previous conclusions about the single-objective optimization carried out on resonant modes
5 controlled by the cavity, the obtained result is thus well justified because the best performance of a TMD
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8 **4.4.2 Control of the five coupled resonant modes**

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11 In the frequency range of interest, [0-400] Hz, five resonant modes have been observed therefore five
12 TMDs should be used to control the sound field in the cavity. The number of objective functions is five
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14 it's clear that the optimization problem, dealing with the control of five modes, is more complicated than
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24 To overcome this problem, a hybrid approach [39, 68-70] combining the **controlled elitist GA** with
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27 the obtained results have been satisfactory.
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30 For the evaluations of the five objective functions, the bandwidth parameters are chosen based on the
31 previous conclusions from the single-objective optimizations problems. For the modes controlled by the
32 plate (i.e. $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz and $\varpi_4 = 343.8$ Hz) the bandwidth is taken $\Delta f = 40$ Hz. For the other modes
33 controlled by the cavity, the bandwidth is taken $\Delta f = 2$ Hz except for the mode corresponding to
34 $\varpi_3 = 313.20$ Hz for which numerical investigations have shown that a bandwidth $\Delta f = 10$ Hz, instead of
35 $\Delta f = 40$ Hz, allows obtaining satisfactory results. The initial population size has been set to 800 and the
36 other algorithm's parameters are taken as those set by default in Matlab. After 150 generations, with
37 387244 function evaluations, the solver has converged to 38 optimal solutions.
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43 optimized objective functions are used in the training of the SOM and then projected onto the two-
44 dimensional maps depicted in Fig. 19. The U-matrix in Fig. 19 reveals that the obtained solutions are not
45 evenly distributed and it seems that the Pareto front presents several gaps. Indeed one can observe the
46 presence of two clusters of data (indicated by two red circles in the U-matrix) surrounded by green and red
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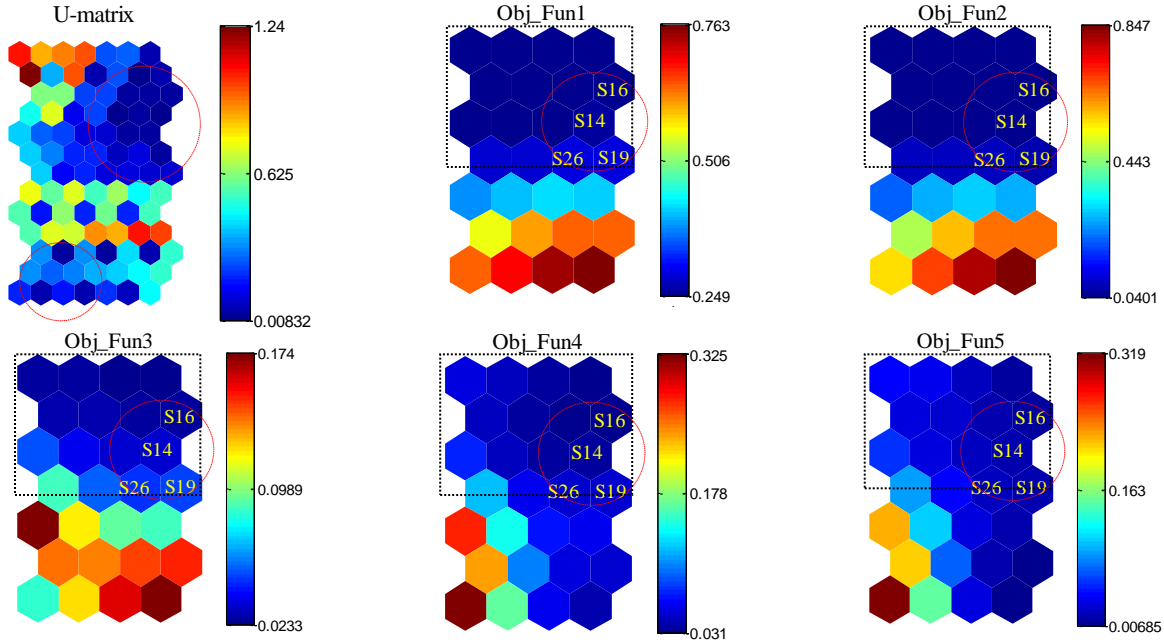


Fig. 19: SOM: the U-matrix and the five objective functions

Fig. 19 also presents the maps of the five objective functions; here too, the conflicting aspect is less highlighted for the same reason related to the diversity of the obtained solutions. Indeed, one can observe a main cluster (indicated by dashed black rectangles in the figure) presenting simultaneously low values of the five objective functions. Consequently, the decision-maker has to choose one solution belonging to this cluster.

Table 9 presents the TMD optimal parameters for the five TMDs and for the four solutions S26, S19, S16 and S14, marked in Fig. 19 by red circles. The results in Table 9 show that for the first TMD (TMD 1), the optimal parameters of the four solutions are very close whereas for the other TMDs, the optimal parameters present relatively large fluctuations, especially in the optimized damping ratios of TMD 2 and TMD 3 which are both dedicated to control two modes that are controlled by the cavity. The same observation can be made for the fourth TMD, dedicated to control the fourth mode corresponding to $\varpi_4 = 344.45\text{Hz}$, where it is acting as dissipative device (relatively high value of the damping ratio) for the solution S26, whereas it behaves as a reactive device for the other solutions (very low values of the damping ratios).

The PSD responses of the plate-cavity system equipped by the five TMDs tuned using the obtained optimal solutions S26, S19, S16 and S14 are shown in Fig. 20. The analysis of the obtained PSD responses in Fig. 20 yields that they are roughly the same for the two well separated target frequencies ϖ_1 and ϖ_2 . This observation doesn't hold for the closely spaced targeted frequencies (i.e. $\varpi_3, \varpi_4, \varpi_5$) where significant fluctuations can be observed.

This result can be explained by the fact that for closely spaced targeted frequencies, the coupling effects between the TMDs devices and the vibro-acoustic system is more significant therefore involving important variability of the PSD responses.

TMDs	Optimal solution	TMDs optimal parameters					σ_{pi}^* (Pa)	G_2 (%)
		ξ_T^* (%)	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)	μ_T^* (%)		
TMD 1 (ϖ_1)	S26	8.829	98.250	0.205	0.151	1.346	0.264	-67.0
	S19	8.360	98.217	0.203	0.147	1.363	0.268	-65.5
	S16	9.008	98.260	0.204	0.147	1.699	0.247	-65.6
	S14	8.708	98.322	0.206	0.146	1.730	0.239	-63.2
TMD 2 (ϖ_2)	S26	11.638	128.512	0.195	0.152	1.328	0.056	
	S19	5.320	128.580	0.195	0.151	0.918	0.061	
	S16	4.184	128.508	0.209	0.151	0.649	0.040	
	S14	5.456	128.391	0.208	0.150	0.851	0.039	
TMD 3 (ϖ_3)	S26	22.032	282.972	0.318	0.134	2.925	0.043	
	S19	34.786	282.951	0.020	0.025	0.100	0.039	
	S16	0.026	282.947	0.270	0.160	0.502	0.026	
	S14	0.001	282.926	0.322	0.107	1.518	0.032	
TMD 4 (ϖ_4)	S26	2.280	311.472	0.386	0.115	0.454	0.046	
	S19	0.010	311.401	0.301	0.119	4.000	0.015	
	S16	0.010	311.418	0.310	0.118	3.790	0.027	
	S14	0.010	311.337	0.300	0.123	2.595	0.030	
TMD 5 (ϖ_5)	S26	0.559	342.640	0.057	0.090	0.877	0.004	
	S19	2.535	342.754	0.066	0.117	0.549	0.039	
	S16	2.804	342.610	0.075	0.111	0.289	0.007	
	S14	5.633	343.263	0.080	0.112	0.236	0.011	

Table 9: Optimal parameters of the five TMDs for different optimal solutions

Looking at the values of the G_2 index in Table 9, the optimal solution S26 will be, in our opinion, “the best one” for which significant reductions of the PSD response have been recorded for all target frequencies. Indeed, for the first targeted mode, a reduction of $G_1=29.12$ dB is reached, whereas it has been 38.95 dB, 33.62 dB, 26.47 dB and 36.14 dB, respectively, for the other targeted frequencies as shown in Fig. 20. All these values of the PSD responses attenuation prove the capability of the proposed optimization strategy to handle multimodal control of interior sound under stochastic loading.

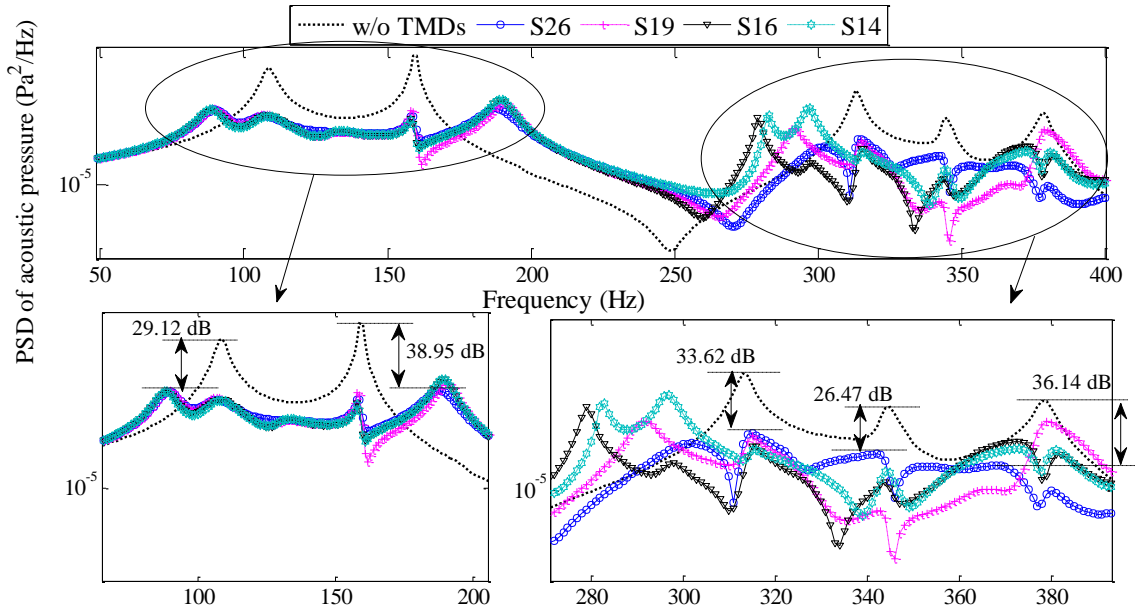


Fig. 20: PSD responses for four optimal solutions (sound control using five TMDs)

5. Conclusions

In the work presented, a vibro-acoustic control of random interior sound pressure inside a cavity is proposed. The control of the interior sound pressure has been performed using TMD devices attached to a flexible plate driven by a primary point force with Gaussian white noise characteristics. The plate is attached to a rectangular rigid-walled cavity.

In order to derive the optimal TMD parameters, a strategy based on an acoustic criterion is suggested. The strategy is to reduce the root mean square acoustic pressure in a given location inside the cavity. By making use of a numerical example, the efficiency of the proposed strategy has been investigated and comparisons with other optimization strategies, involving structural and acoustic criteria, have been discussed.

The obtained results show that for the target modes that are dominated by plate's modes, a broadband control can achieve good performance and significant reduction in the PSD responses can be reached when a relatively high mass ratio is used for the TMDs. When a narrowband control is performed, the obtained results show that for well separated target frequencies, undesirable resonant peaks appear and the global performance of the TMD device is limited. On the contrary, when the target frequency is closely spaced to its neighboring resonant frequencies, the appearance of the new resonant peaks is less significant because of the coupling that occurs between the TMD device and the neighboring frequencies. Indeed, for closely spaced natural frequencies, not only the target frequency is affected by the TMD device, but also its neighbors.

For the coupled modes that are controlled by cavity modes, the numerical investigations have shown that a narrowband control can achieve good performance especially for well separated targeted frequencies. For the target frequencies that are closely spaced, a narrowband control can generate undesirable effects on the

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9 neighboring), the optimal damping ratios obtained for both modes that are either controlled by the plate or
10 by the cavity, have been relatively small. This result, particularly observed for narrowband control, is in
11 fact coherent with the results obtained in the literature where the TMD device should act as a highly
12 reactive device instead of dissipative device in order to guarantee a maximum sound reduction.
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16 obtained results show its effectiveness and its superiority, for both kinds of coupled modes (i.e. that are
17 dominated by the plate and that are dominated by the cavity). Although the APE strategy shows good
18 performance on the off-target frequencies (for some target frequencies dominated by cavity modes), the
19 obtained results show that it is not suitable concurrently for both kinds of resonant modes, especially in
20 the close vicinity of the target frequencies.
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24 In order to prove the capability of the proposed optimization strategy to deal with multimodal control of
25 interior sound, two TMDs devices have been used to control two resonant coupled modes. The
26 optimization of the TMDs parameters has been performed using a controlled elitist GA and, unlike the
27 single-objective optimization problem where a single optimal solution is obtained, a set of optimal
28 solutions is obtained in a Pareto front. To help the designer in the decision-making, the SOM have been
29 used to visualize the obtained solutions that have been clustered into four clusters allowing easier choice
30 of an acceptable optimal solution. The numerical investigations have shown that an acceptable optimal
31 solution allowed obtaining significant attenuations in PSD responses.
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35 Unlike the case of control of two resonant modes where the controlled elitist GA has been used, the
36 extension of the internal sound control to five resonant modes has required a hybridization method
37 involving the controlled elitist GA along with the goal attainment optimization method. The hybridization
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43 acceptable solutions. The numerical investigations have shown that good control attenuations of the
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Parameter	Value
l_x (m)	0.5 m
l_y (m)	0.3 m
l_z (m)	1.1 m
h (m)	0.003 m
E (Pa)	70×10^9 Pa
ρ_s (unit)	2700 kg.m^{-3}
ν	0.3
ρ_0 (unit)	1.21 kg.m^{-3}
c_0 (unit)	344 m.s^{-1}

Table 1: Numerical values of the parameters of the vibro-acoustic system

<i>In-vacuo</i> plate		Rigid-walled cavity		Coupled plate-cavity		
Modes	Frequencies (Hz)	Modes	Frequencies (Hz)	Frequencies (Hz)	Mode controlled by	Modes involved
		(0,0,0)	0	0		
(1,1)	110.43			108,59	plate	(1,1)-(0,0,0)
		(0,0,1)	156.36	159,52	cavity	(1,1)-(0,0,1)
(2,1)	198.12			196,52	plate	(2,1)-(1,0,0)
		(0,0,2)	312.72	313,20	cavity	(3,1)-(0,0,2)
(3,1)	344.27			343,80	plate	(3,1)-(0,0,2)
		(1,0,0)	344.00	344,45	cavity	(2,1)-(1,0,0)
(1,2)	354.01			352,35	plate	(1,2)-(0,1,0)
		(1,0,1)	377.86	378,61	cavity	(2,1)-(1,0,1)

Table 2: Natural modes and frequencies of the uncoupled and coupled plate-cavity system

$\mu(\%)$	$\Delta f(\text{Hz})$	TMD optimal parameters				$\sigma_p^*(\text{Pa})$	$G_2(\%)$
		$\xi_T^*(\%)$	$f_T^*(\text{Hz})$	$x_c^*(\text{m})$	$y_c^*(\text{m})$		
2	2	0.01	110.897	0.240	0.150	0.0027	15.8
	10	0.03	111.106	0.244	0.150	0.0320	15.6
	20	1.16	110.694	0.244	0.150	0.1231	4.0
	40	13.45	110.919	0.253	0.151	0.3284	-19.2
	Korenev	12.97	110.425	***	***	***	-18.6
	Den Hartog	16.66	102.248	***	***	***	-21.5
	APE	0.96	108.529	0.232	0.108	***	4.4
3	2	0.01	111.739	0.235	0.149	0.0018	21.6
	10	0.01	112.238	0.241	0.149	0.0209	23.9
	20	0.37	112.107	0.241	0.150	0.0715	31.3
	40	14.96	110.612	0.252	0.151	0.2729	-22.8
	Korenev	15.25	110.425	***	***	***	-23.0
	Den Hartog	20.04	98.595	***	***	***	-25.1
	APE	0.09	114.294	0.234	0.110	***	-0.9
4	2	0.01	112.405	0.229	0.149	0.0014	26.7
	10	0.01	113.273	0.238	0.149	0.0155	16.8
	20	0.17	113.304	0.238	0.149	0.0505	26.3
	40	15.06	110.168	0.248	0.150	0.2301	-25.5
	Korenev	16.94	110.425	***	***	***	-27.8
	Den Hartog	22.74	95.197	***	***	***	-28.3
	APE	0.45	108.554	0.146	0.160	***	-15.8

Table 3: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz

$\mu(\%)$	Δf (Hz)	TMD optimal parameters				σ_p^* (Pa)	$G_2(\%)$
		ξ_T^* (%)	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)		
2	2	2.234	337.493	0.031	0.097	4.66×10^{-05}	4.1
	10	2.053	338.687	0.047	0.067	1.04×10^{-03}	9.9
	20	1.984	340.100	0.051	0.061	4.13×10^{-03}	10.9
	40	3.588	334.259	0.055	0.064	2.29×10^{-02}	5.2
	Korenev	7.646	344.266	***	***	***	6.7
	Den Hartog	9.509	335.966	***	***	***	4.7
	APE	3.9861	331.598	0.049	0.079	***	47.4
3	2	2.930	333.262	0.035	0.088	4.46×10^{-05}	4.7
	10	3.617	331.804	0.041	0.079	1.12×10^{-03}	6.2
	20	1.923	340.319	0.051	0.057	2.94×10^{-03}	6.7
	40	3.316	335.858	0.053	0.061	1.71×10^{-02}	5.8
	Korenev	8.202	344.266	***	***	***	6.8
	Den Hartog	10.224	334.669	***	***	***	5.8
	APE	4.5208	329.270	0.048	0.075	***	17.7
4	2	2,878	337.802	0.023	0.107	5.42×10^{-05}	6.3
	10	2,113	337.686	0.048	0.060	5.97×10^{-04}	6.5
	20	1,829	340.713	0.051	0.055	2.31×10^{-03}	6.6
	40	3,017	337.149	0.053	0.058	1.38×10^{-02}	7.0
	Korenev	9,199	344.266	***	***	***	7.6
	Den Hartog	11,523	332.078	***	***	***	7.2
	APE	0.120	342.984	0.049	0.053	***	8.6

Table 4: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_4 = 344.45$ Hz

$\mu(\%)$	Δf (Hz)	TMD optimal parameters				$\sigma_p^* \times 10^{-4}$ (Pa)	$G_2(\%)$
		ξ_T^* (%)	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)		
2	2	0.693	155.554	0.192	0.147	77.094	-33.8
	10	0.676	153.279	0.141	0.132	725.867	-21.5
	20	0.010	175.472	0.261	0.156	1249.856	-8.3
	40	0.010	184.877	0.275	0.156	2103.574	-19.7
	APE	0.6708	155.794	0.176	0.172	***	-8.6
3	2	1.043	152.277	0.184	0.146	38.186	-38.0
	10	1.026	150.374	0.151	0.136	365.339	-30.1
	20	0.010	175.424	0.247	0.157	883.536	-26.4
	40	0.010	183.097	0.256	0.157	1408.895	-19.7
	APE	0.519	163.519	0.222	0.157	***	-21.9
4	2	1.341	149.323	0.180	0.145	19.371	-41.1
	10	1.355	147.578	0.158	0.139	189.293	-36.5
	20	1.185	146.967	0.146	0.132	503.278	-32.0
	40	0.010	178.974	0.243	0.158	1028.770	-39.9
	APE	3.324	166.133	0.217	0.182	***	-25.4

Table 5: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_2 = 159.52$ Hz

$\mu(\%)$	Δf (Hz)	TMD optimal parameters				$\sigma_p^* \times 10^{-4}$ (Pa)	$G_2(\%)$
		ξ_T^* (%)	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)		
2	2	0.022	321.830	0.417	0.173	0.789	28.3
	10	0.090	320.331	0.426	0.168	21.580	8.1
	20	0.186	318.665	0.431	0.162	74.52473	8.2
	40	0.366	307.183	0.066	0.093	254.940	8.9
	APE	0.159	309.059	0.046	0.081	***	0.3
3	2	0.010	325.745	0.446	0.163	1.215	9.6
	10	0.010	325.621	0.446	0.164	19.427	8.8
	20	0.010	325.750	0.445	0.166	65.375	7.9
	40	0.464	305.144	0.062	0.093	165.545	14.1
	APE	0.194	307.598	0.043	0.082	***	5.6
4	2	0.010	328.523	0.456	0.158	1.382	9.5
	10	0.010	328.386	0.456	0.159	19.187	8.6
	20	0.010	328.903	0.454	0.163	63.263	7.7
	40	0.551	302.808	0.059	0.092	125.255	19.2
	APE	0.065	313.775	0.060	0.051	***	5.0

Table 6: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_3 = 313.20$ Hz

$\mu(\%)$	Δf (Hz)	TMD optimal parameters				$\sigma_p^* \times 10^{-4}$ (Pa)	$G_2(\%)$
		$\xi_T^*(\%)$	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)		
2	2	2.163	365.795	0.064	0.071	0.242	2.8
	10	2.173	366.019	0.067	0.067	7.077	14.6
	20	2.122	378.299	0.048	0.104	27.392	25.1
	40	1.915	366.677	0.062	0.070	63.377	27.5
	APE	0.854	371.300	0.080	0.046	***	2.7
3	2	2.143	363.097	0.057	0.071	0.187	20.7
	10	2.310	374.864	0.092	0.035	12.680	13.9
	20	2.128	377.796	0.041	0.104	24.377	17.5
	40	1.744	416.471	0.040	0.134	63.690	15.3
	APE	2.624	360.625	0.060	0.072	***	13.9
4	2	2.216	366.139	0.070	0.049	1.122	22.2
	10	2.177	363.564	0.064	0.056	5.292	13.9
	20	2.134	362.738	0.061	0.060	14.528	19.8
	40	1.923	363.275	0.057	0.064	42.348	12.1
	APE	0.990	381.270	0.028	0.111	***	15.1

Table 7: Optimal TMD parameters for different mass ratio and with different bandwidth control, $\varpi_5 = 378.61$ Hz

TMDs	Optimal solution	TMDs optimal parameters					σ_{pi}^* (Pa)	G_2 (%)
		ξ_T^* (%)	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)	μ_T^* (%)		
TMD 1	S8	8.451	99.279	0.185	0.140	3.038	0.201	-62.7
	S60	6.505	99.483	0.209	0.147	3.184	0.100	0.9
	S79	7.257	99.417	0.202	0.146	3.092	0.112	-26.4
	S99	8.333	99.370	0.193	0.142	3.061	0.152	-50.2
TMD 2	S8	2.065	142.276	0.175	0.138	3.991	0.067	
	S60	3.785	130.691	0.257	0.152	3.834	0.413	
	S79	4.024	130.778	0.229	0.151	3.937	0.302	
	S99	4.221	138.563	0.208	0.146	3.963	0.169	

Table 8: Optimal parameters of the two TMDs for different optimal solutions

TMDs	Optimal solution	TMDs optimal parameters					σ_{pi}^* (Pa)	G_2 (%)
		ξ_T^* (%)	f_T^* (Hz)	x_{TMD}^* (m)	y_{TMD}^* (m)	μ_T^* (%)		
TMD 1 (ϖ_1)	S26	8.829	98.250	0.205	0.151	1.346	0.264	-67.0
	S19	8.360	98.217	0.203	0.147	1.363	0.268	-65.5
	S16	9.008	98.260	0.204	0.147	1.699	0.247	-65.6
	S14	8.708	98.322	0.206	0.146	1.730	0.239	-63.2
TMD 2 (ϖ_2)	S26	11.638	128.512	0.195	0.152	1.328	0.056	
	S19	5.320	128.580	0.195	0.151	0.918	0.061	
	S16	4.184	128.508	0.209	0.151	0.649	0.040	
	S14	5.456	128.391	0.208	0.150	0.851	0.039	
TMD 3 (ϖ_3)	S26	22.032	282.972	0.318	0.134	2.925	0.043	
	S19	34.786	282.951	0.020	0.025	0.100	0.039	
	S16	0.026	282.947	0.270	0.160	0.502	0.026	
	S14	0.001	282.926	0.322	0.107	1.518	0.032	
TMD 4 (ϖ_4)	S26	2.280	311.472	0.386	0.115	0.454	0.046	
	S19	0.010	311.401	0.301	0.119	4.000	0.015	
	S16	0.010	311.418	0.310	0.118	3.790	0.027	
	S14	0.010	311.337	0.300	0.123	2.595	0.030	
TMD 5 (ϖ_5)	S26	0.559	342.640	0.057	0.090	0.877	0.004	
	S19	2.535	342.754	0.066	0.117	0.549	0.039	
	S16	2.804	342.610	0.075	0.111	0.289	0.007	
	S14	5.633	343.263	0.080	0.112	0.236	0.011	

Table 9: Optimal parameters of the five TMDs for different optimal solutions

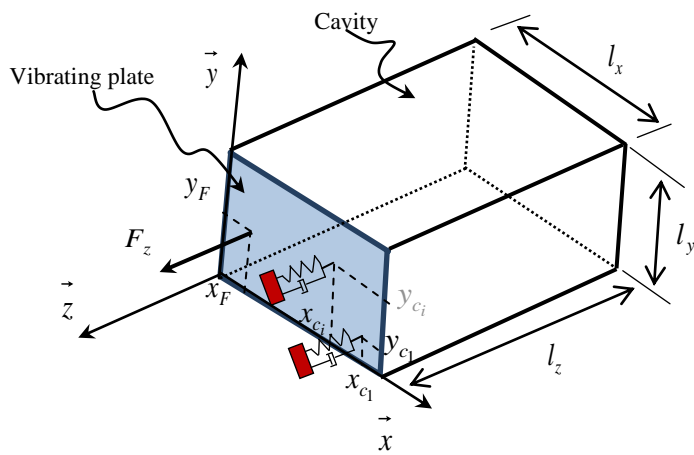


Fig. 1: Plate-cavity system with the attached multi-TMDs devices

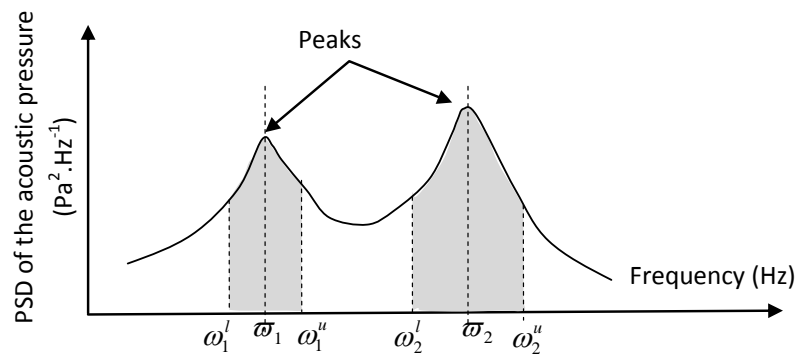


Fig. 2 : schematic representation of two objective functions (i.e. the square roots of the shaded surfaces)

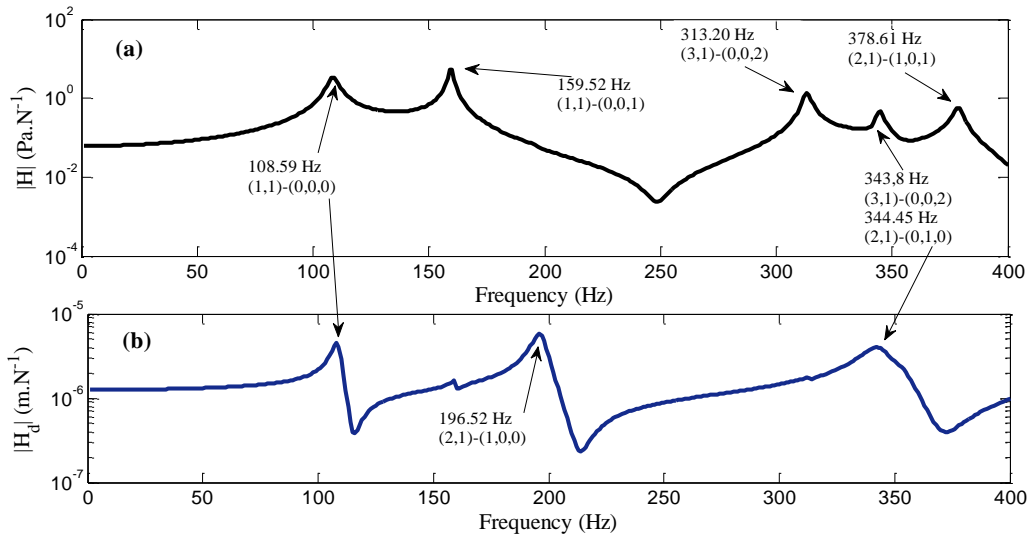


Fig. 3: FRF for the force location (0.05m, 0.05m); (a) Pressure response, microphone location (0.35 m, 0.10m, - 0.875m); (b) displacement response at force location

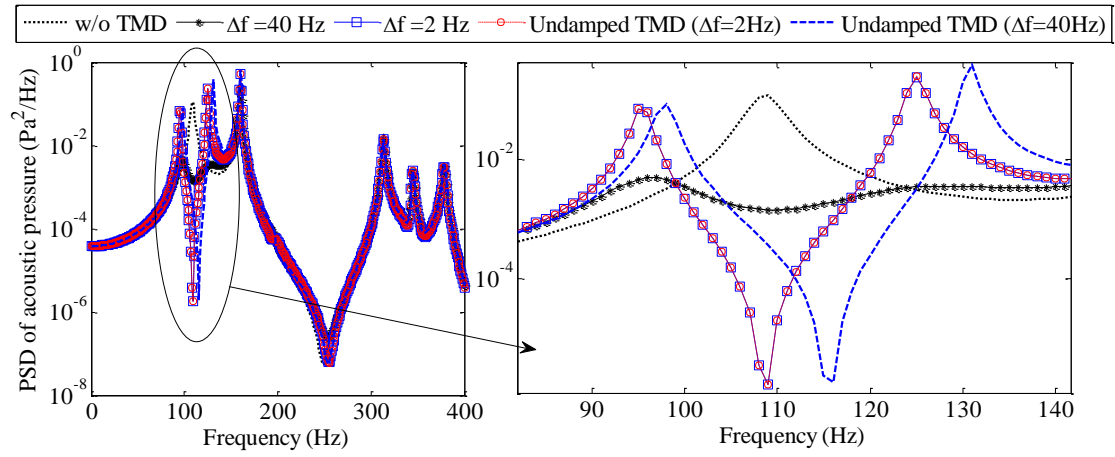


Fig. 4 PSD responses of acoustic pressure for the damped and undamped TMD, $\mu=2\%$, $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz

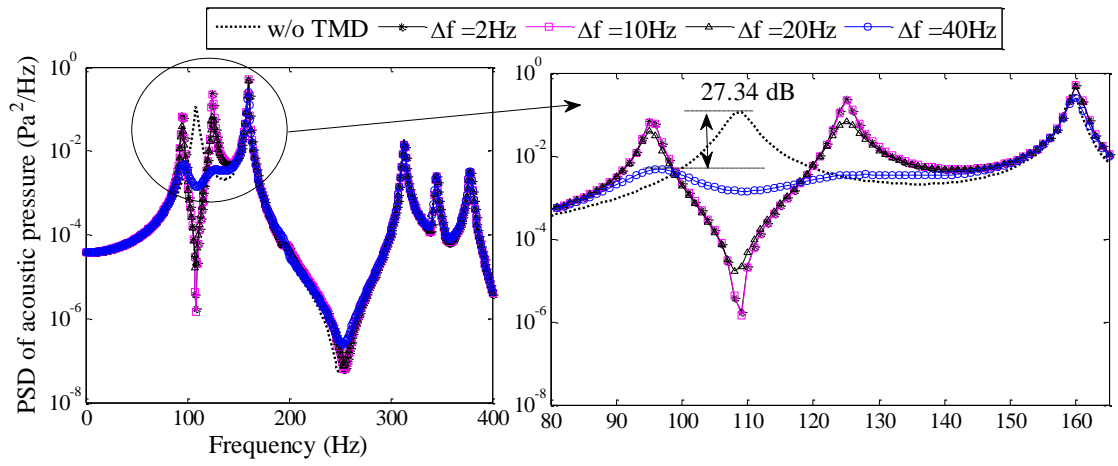


Fig. 5: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for narrowband and broadband control, $\mu=2\%$, $\varpi_1 = 108.59$ Hz

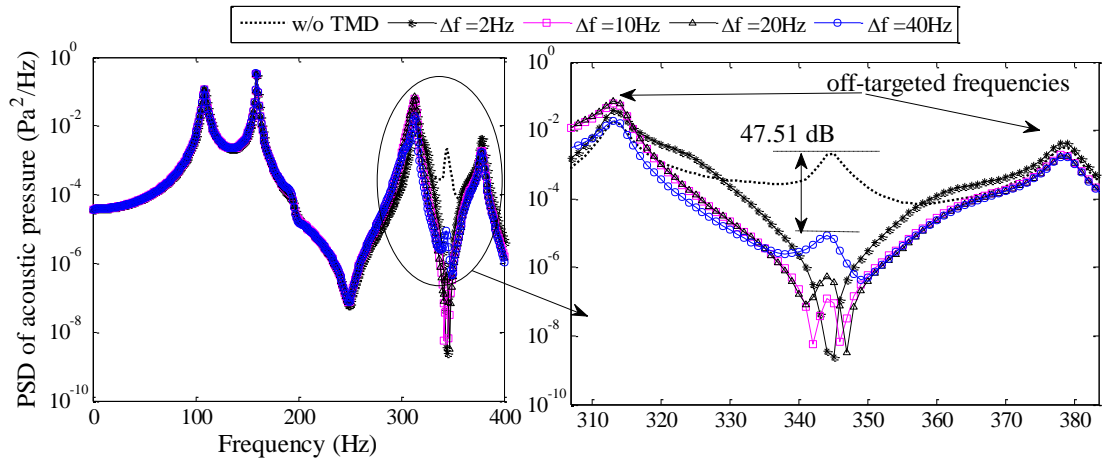


Fig. 6: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for narrowband and broadband control, $\mu=2\%$, $\varpi_4 = 343.8$ Hz

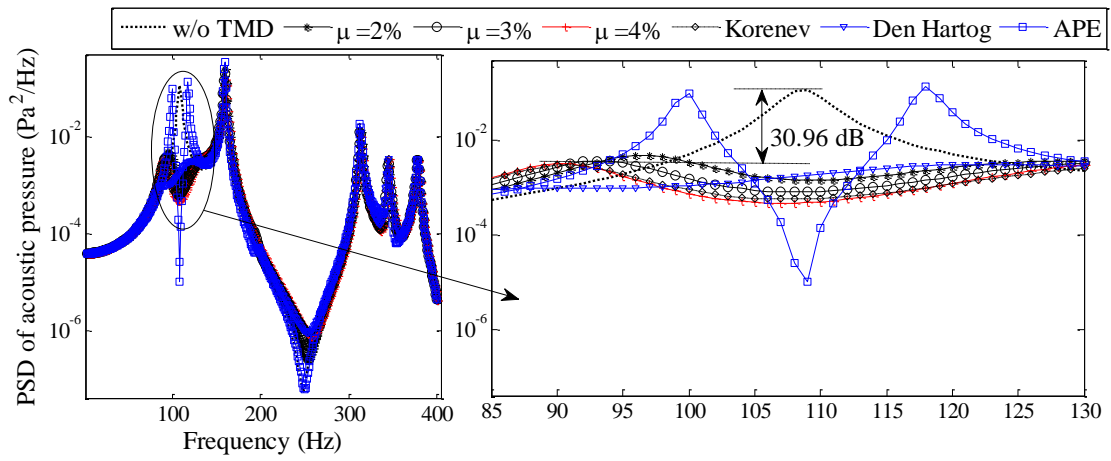


Fig. 7: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for a broadband control ($\Delta f=40\text{Hz}$) and different mass ratios, $\omega_1 = 108.59\text{ Hz}$

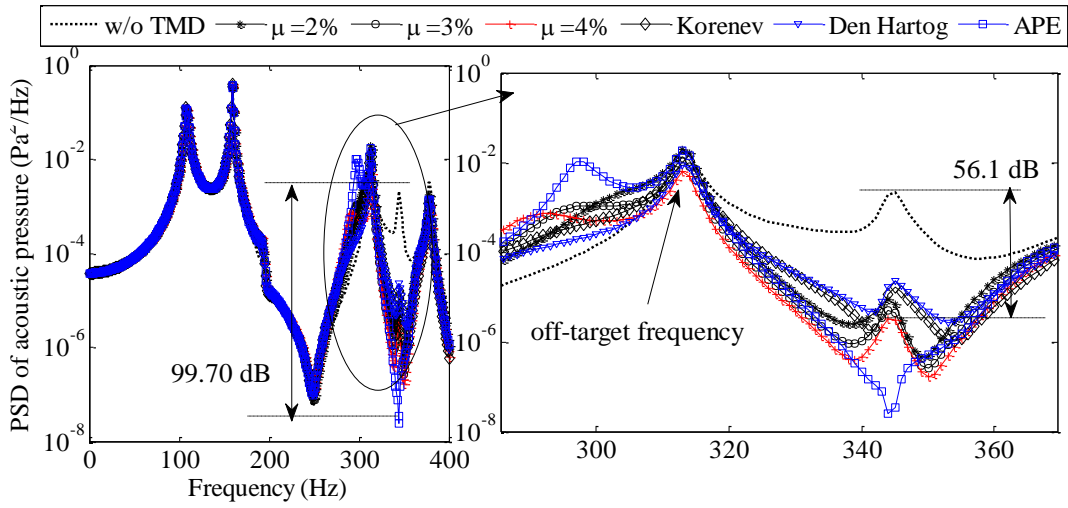


Fig. 8: PSD responses for a broadband control ($\Delta f=40\text{Hz}$) and different mass ratios; $\varpi_4 = 343.8 \text{ Hz}$

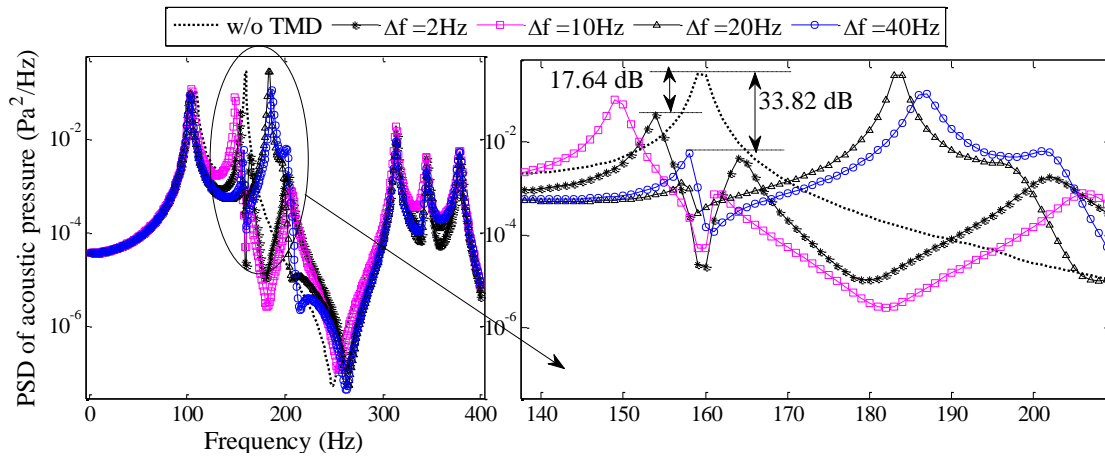


Fig. 9: PSD of acoustic pressure for narrowband and broadband control, $\mu=2\%$, $\omega_2 = 159.52$ Hz

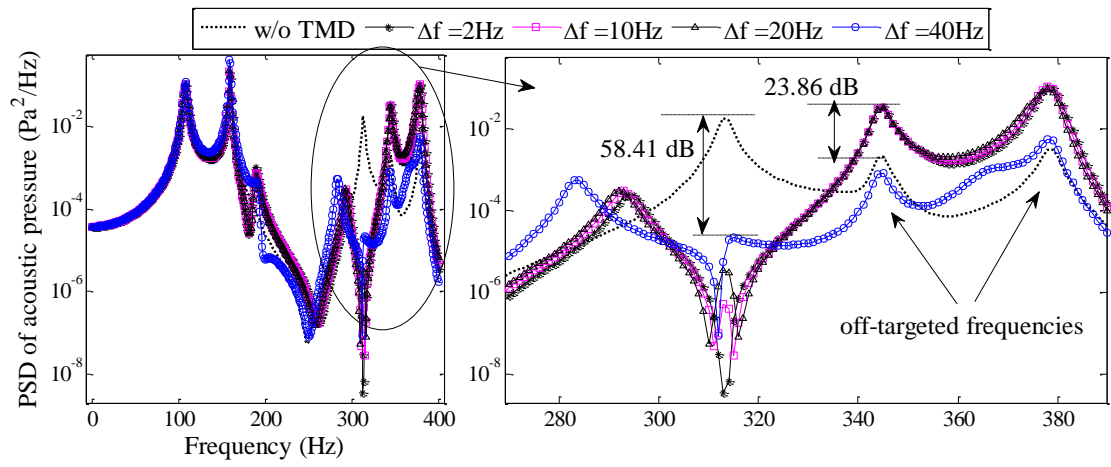


Fig. 10: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for different bandwidth parameter Δf , $\mu=2\%$, $\varpi_3 = 313.20$ Hz

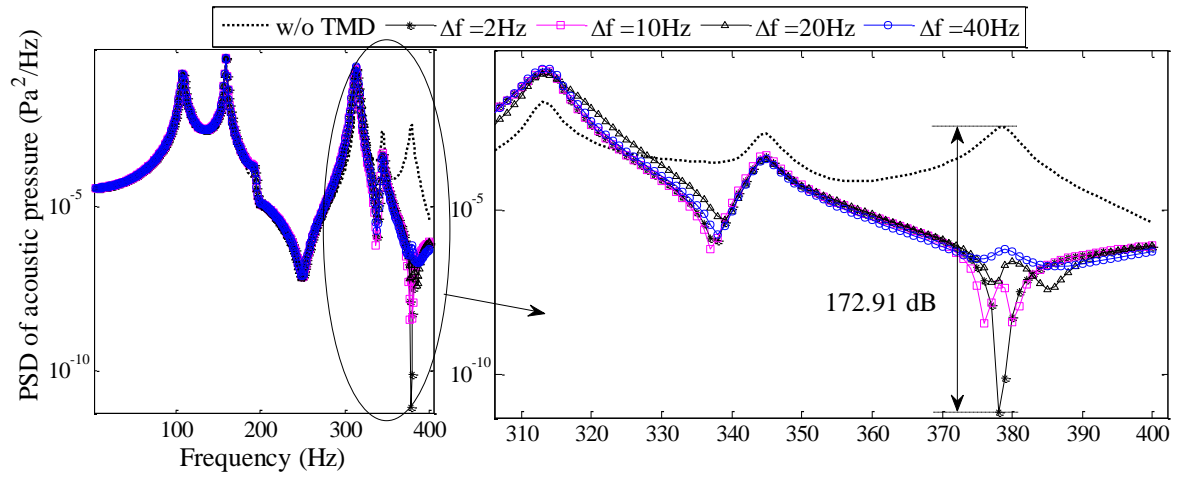


Fig. 11: PSD of acoustic responses for different values Δf , $\mu=2\%$, $\omega_5 = 378.61$ Hz

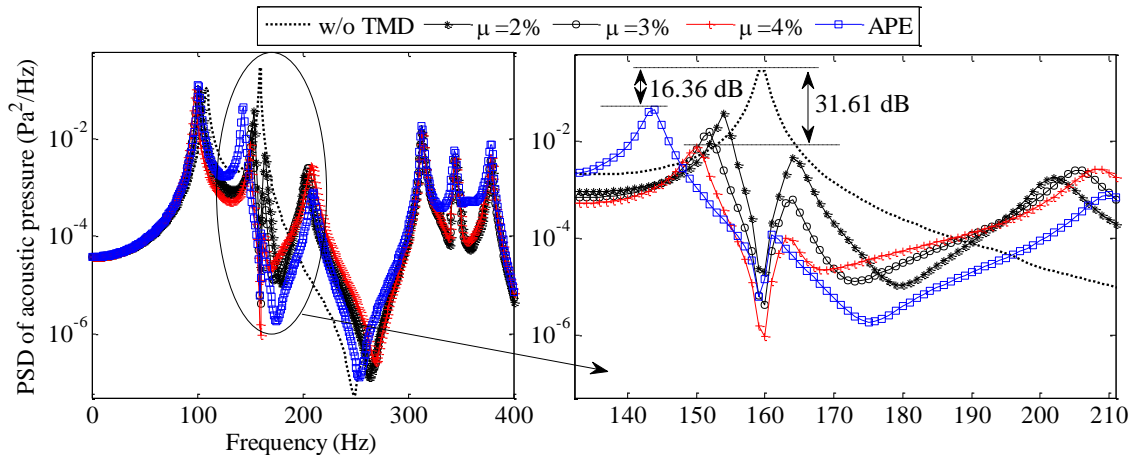


Fig. 12: PSD responses of the acoustic pressure for different mass ratio; $\Delta f=2\text{Hz}$; $\omega_2 = 159.52 \text{ Hz}$

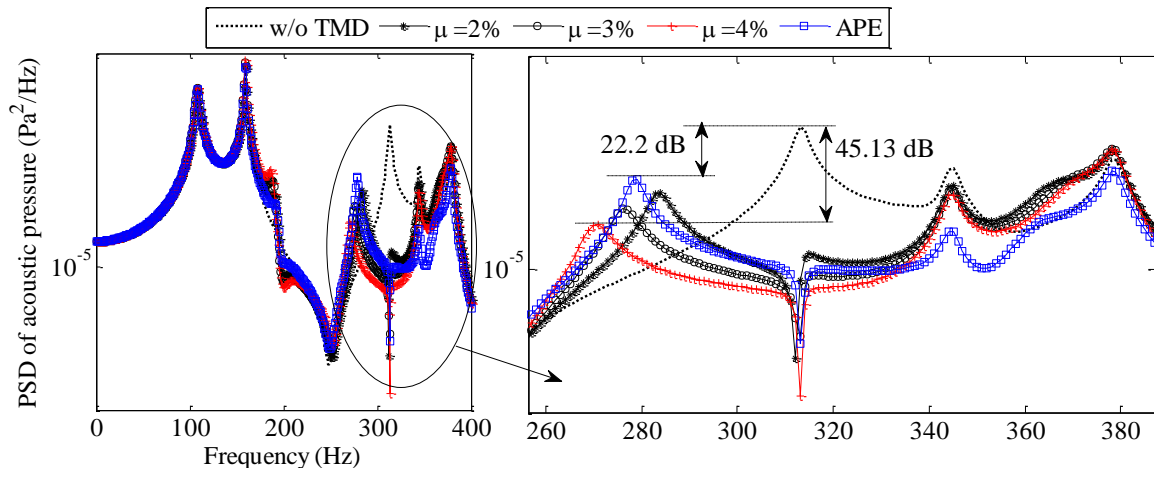


Fig. 13: PSD of acoustic responses for different mass ratio μ , $\Delta f=40\text{Hz}$; $\omega_3 = 313.20\text{ Hz}$

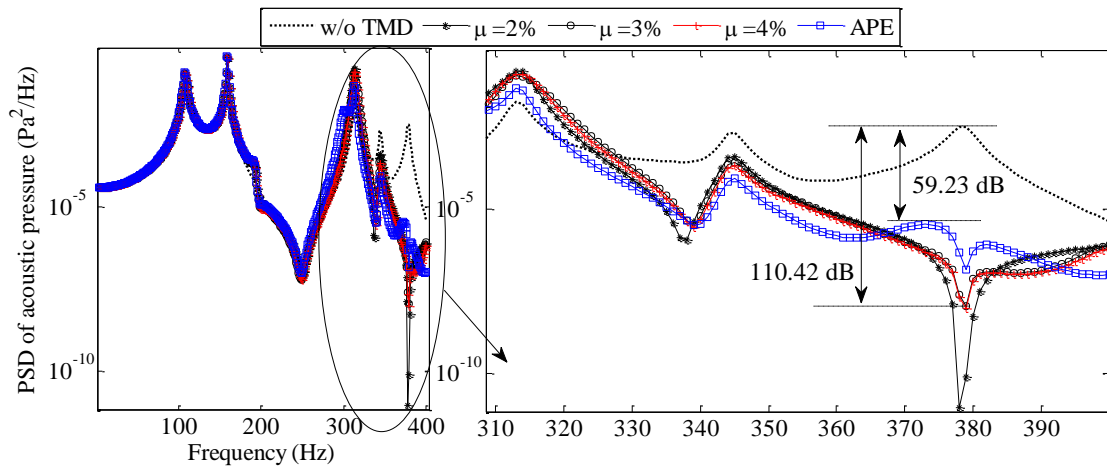


Fig. 14: PSD responses of acoustic pressure for narrowband control ($\Delta f=2\text{Hz}$) for different values of the mass ratio;
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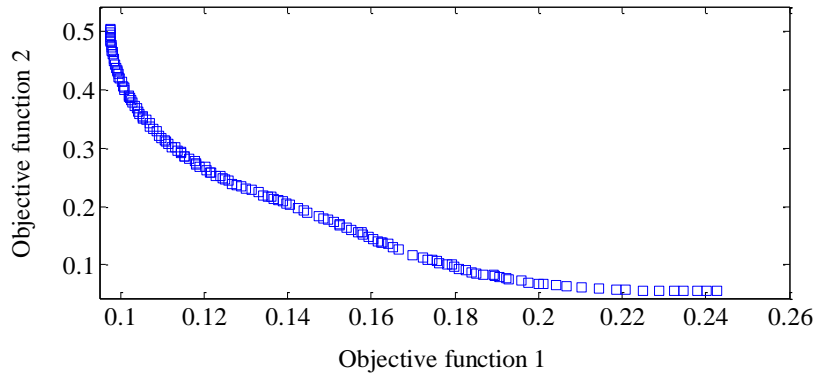


Fig. 15: Pareto front (two objective functions)

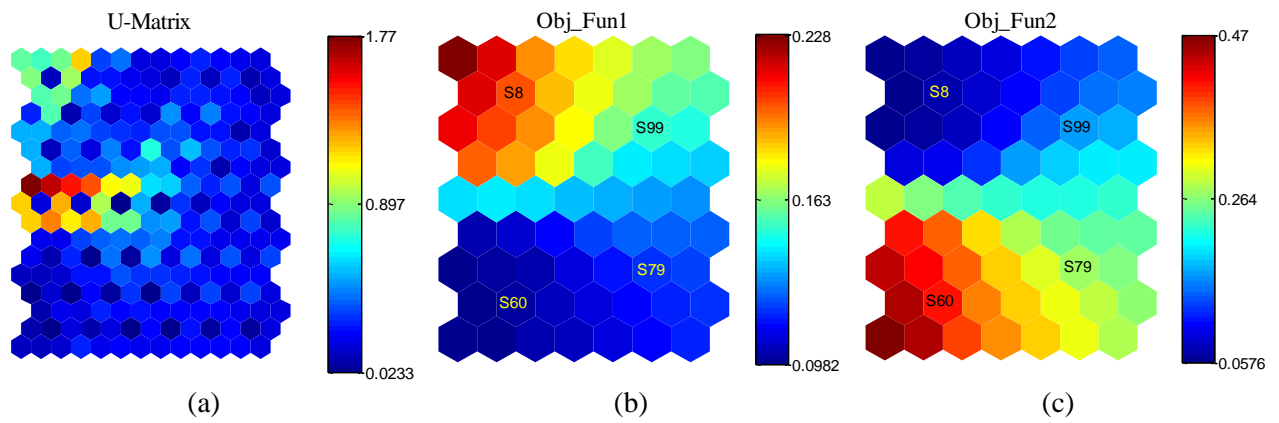


Fig. 16: SOM; (a) U-matrix map, (b) Objective function one component map; (c) Objective function two component map

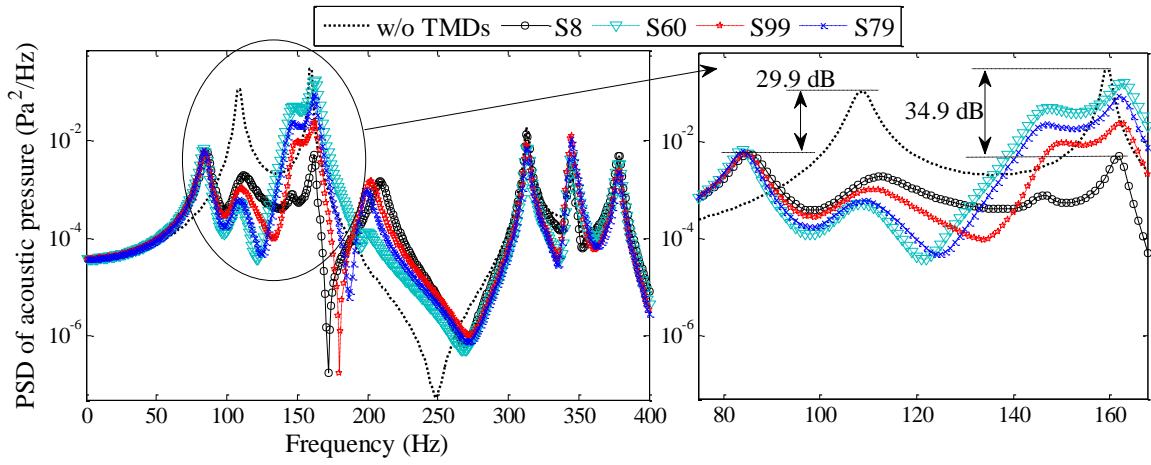


Fig. 17: PSD responses of the four selected optimal solutions (sound control using two TMDs)

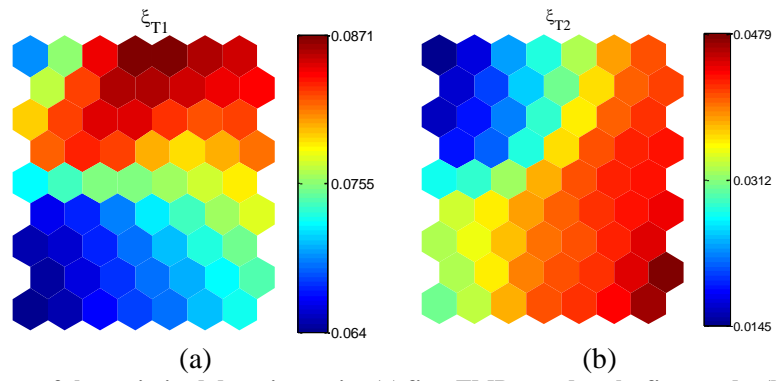


Fig. 18: Component maps of the optimized damping ratios (a) first TMD tuned to the first mode, (b) second TMD tuned to the second mode

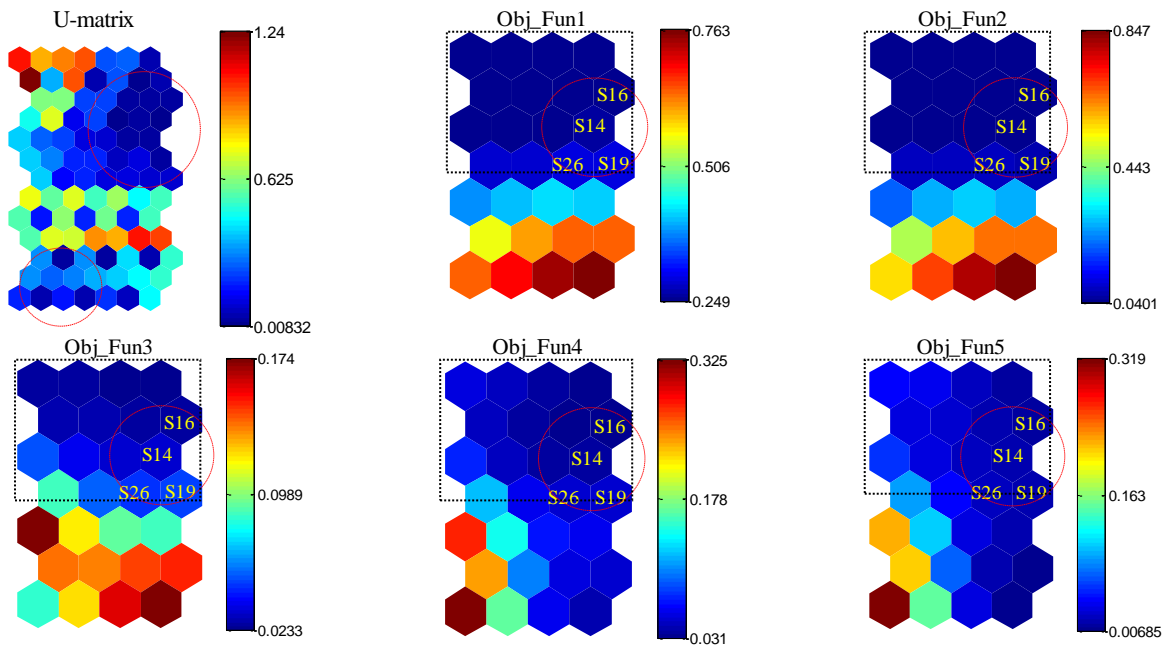


Fig. 19: SOM: the U-matrix and the five objective functions

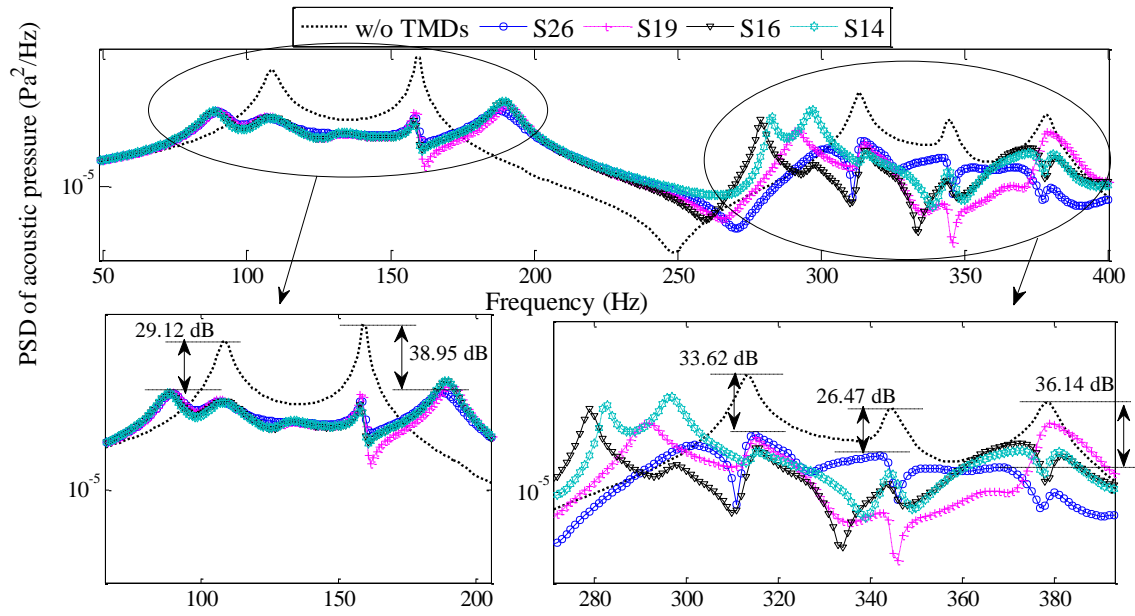


Fig. 20: PSD responses for four optimal solutions (sound control using five TMDs)

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