

Measurement and analysis of shielding materials



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Damping of resonances in screened rooms



It all started with trying to model ferrite tiles in a screened room... To do this we invented a new way of modelling thin layers in the TLM method.

Damping of resonances in screened rooms



Dawson, L.; Dawson, J.; Marvin, A. & Welsh, D., "Damping resonances within a screened enclosure", *IEEE Transactions on Electromagnetic Compatibility*, vol. 43, no. 1, 45-55, Feb., 2001, DOI: 10.1109/15.917935

Eurofighter (Typhoon)

Meanwhile BAE Systems were trying to model the new Carbon fibre Eurofighter and asked us to look at efficient TLM models for Carbon fibre



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:RAF_Eurofighter_Typhoon.jpg

Shielding of planar sheets



The plane-wave shielding of an infinite sheet depends mostly on the reflection coefficient ρ The absorption loss through the material dominates at high frequencies $e^{-\gamma d_2}$ ⁵

Sample in wall between two chambers



Cole, J., "Electromagnetic modelling of composites", PhD Thesis, Department of Electronics, University of York, Department of Electronics, University of York, -, 1998

Transmission (SR) though 5mm 30kS/m sheet



S21 magnitude, dB

TLM models – Spherical enclosure SE



The Coaxial test-jig



Cole, J., "Electromagnetic modelling of composites", PhD Thesis, *Department of Electronics, University of York*, 1998 Fig 4.3

In order to measure the transmission (SR) and hence SE of a planar sample we may

Put it in a waveguide (as above)

put it a gap between two screened enclosures

Try to measure in free space

The ASTM Coaxial test-jig



"ASTM Standard D4935-10 Test Method for Measuring the Electromagnetic Shielding Effectiveness of Planar Materials", *ASTM International*, *ASTM International*, September 2010., DOI: 10.1520/D4935-10



Coaxial test samples





Knitted Sample

CFC Samples

Perforated Brass Samples



Knitted Pre-preg with PVD metalisation



Going up in frequency: the reverb chamber



Going up in frequency: the reverb chamber











Anisotropy





Comparison of methods

5/1.5mm Perforated Sheet



The problem of surface preparation

- Sample and surface preparation is a difficult and time consuming process
- Samples with nonconducting surfaces
 present particular
 problems



The Absorber box method for SE measurement



Marvin, A. C.; Dawson, L.; Flintoft, I. D. & Dawson, J. F., "A Method for the Measurement of Shielding Effectiveness of Planar Samples Requiring No Sample Edge Preparation or Contact", *IEEE Transactions on Electromagnetic Compatibility*, vol. 51, no. 2, 255-262, May, 2009, DOI: 10.1109/TEMC.2009.2015147

The Absorber box



The Absorber box with 3D scanner



Scanning fields penetrating the slot panel

Non-woven materials

Nonwoven carbon fibre sheet



http://www.tfpglobal.com/products/optiveil/optiveil-for-emi-shielding/

Nonwoven carbon fibre sheet (SEM)



Courtesy of technical fibre products

12 mm long carbon fibres 7 um in diameter σ = 72 kS/m Areal densities 4-75 gm⁻²

Shielding Effectiveness of CF Nonwoven



Finding the fibre angle distribution



Optical microscope image

Inverted image with detected lines 04



Line detection using Hough transform

50 images were analysed each for 4gm⁻² and 10gm⁻² materials Heavier materials were too opaque Lines detecting using Hough transform

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Fibre angle PDF is simply related to anisotropy

Line angles weighted by line length 4gsm 10gsm 0.02 Anisotropy factor: $\frac{\pi}{2}$ 0.015 $p(\phi)\cos^2\phi d\phi$ Φ_{χ} p(\$) (/deg) $\frac{-\pi}{2}$ 0.01 0.005 _____0∟____ -50 0 50 100 (deg)

Computer Generated Model



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Real Material v MC Model and UoY theory



FDTD Model of Non-woven





CAD model

FDTD Mesh



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FDTD Model of Non-woven



CAD model

FDTD Mesh

FDTD Model of Non-woven - transmission

S-Parameter [Magnitude in dB]



Coax jig - graphene/carbon nanotube samples

https://pure.york.ac.uk/portal/en/projects/rpf-1314-electromagnetic-properties-ofnanostructured-materials(6e91b761-e036-4532-af02-f6af08ba3682).html

> New jig under test for small samples up to 20GHz





Copper coated kapton test sample

Questions?

- Shielding enclosure measurements
- Shielding enclosure standards
- Analysis of shielding
- Simple models for designers
- Shielding Materials measurement
- Macro models for TLM and FDTD
- Analysis of material structure
- Effects of slots and joints
- Effect of contents

