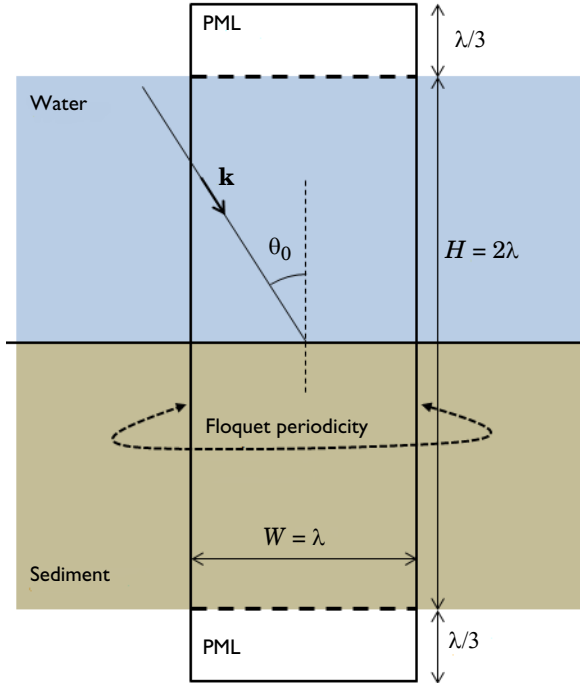




# Acoustic Reflections off a Water-Sediment Interface

## Introduction

This validation model computes the reflection coefficient of acoustic waves off a water-sediment interface. Homogeneous waves are incident from a fluid (water) domain and are reflected and transmitted at a water-sediment interface. The sediment domain is modeled using Biot's theory with the use of the Poroelastic Waves interface. It includes the detailed interaction between the pressure waves in the saturating fluid and the elastic waves in the porous matrix (the sediment). The model results are compared with those obtained by Stoll and Kan (Ref. 1). A visual comparison of the results with those presented in Ref. 1 shows good agreement.



*Figure 1: Sketch of the water-sediment system. The computational unit cell has the width  $W$  and the height  $H$  with perfectly matched layers at the top and bottom.  $\lambda$  is the acoustic wavelength in water. An acoustic wave with wave vector  $\mathbf{k}$  is incident at an angle  $\theta_0$  on the water-sediment interface.*

Knowledge about the plane wave reflection and refraction coefficients are important when interpreting acoustic data taken from marine seismology. The kind of model studied here can provide insight into the different phenomena at play. The sediment is modeled using Biot's theory with the addition of the porous matrix skeleton having viscoelastic properties. This is achieved by simply allowing the bulk modulus and the shear modulus

to have a small imaginary component (a constant attenuation factor). Inside the porous material, three types of waves can propagate: a fast and a slow pressure wave, and a shear wave. The interplay between these waves and the incoming homogeneous pressure wave in the fluid results in nontrivial behavior of the reflection coefficient. See [Ref. 1](#) for further discussion.

### *Model Definition*

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A sketch of the modeled system is shown in [Figure 1](#). An acoustic wave is incident on the water-sediment interface at an angle  $\theta_0$ , defining the wave vector

$$\mathbf{k} = k_0(\sin(\theta_0), -\cos(\theta_0)) \quad k_0 = \frac{\omega}{c}$$

where  $\omega$  is the angular frequency  $2\pi f$ . The wave vector is used to define an incident plane wave of the form

$$P_{\text{in}}(\mathbf{x}) = 1 \text{ Pa} \cdot \exp(-i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}))$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = (x, y)$ . The incident wave and wave vector are defined as variables in the model.

The fluid domain is modeled by classical pressure acoustics (lossless) solving the Helmholtz equation. The sediment domain is modeled by Biot's theory solving for both the pressure and the displacement field of the porous matrix. The coupled multiphysics problem is set up using the Acoustic-Poroelastic Waves Interaction multiphysics interface.

The problem is 2D and is modeled as a periodic structure using Floquet periodic conditions on both the acoustic and the porous domains. To ensure that the problem is well defined numerically, the domain size is set to depend on the wavelength in water (thus the frequency). The width of the computational unit cell  $W$  is equal to the wavelength and the height  $H$  is equal to two times the wavelength. The computational domain is truncated, in both the fluid and in the porous domain, using perfectly matched layers (PMLs). The thickness is set equal to one third of the wavelength.

The material parameters necessary for defining the properties of the porous domain are taken from [Ref. 1](#) and some are calculated using these values. The porous material is here

assumed to be sand. The most important parameters and their definitions are given in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1: POROUS MATERIAL PARAMETERS FOR SAND.

SYMBOL	VALUE	DESCRIPTION
$\mu_F$	$1 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ Pa}\cdot\text{s}$	Fluid viscosity (water)
$\rho_F$	$1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$	Fluid density (water)
$\varepsilon_P$	0.47	Porosity
$\kappa_P$	$1 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2$	Permeability
$K_b$	$4.36 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Pa}$	Bulk modulus of frame (drained porous matrix)
$K_s$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ Pa}$	Bulk modulus of solid grains (constituting the frame)
$\alpha_B$	$1 - K_b/K_s = 0.999$	Biot-Willis coefficient: Because it is very close to 1 the frame is said to be limp.
$\log_{\text{dec}}$	0.15	Logarithmic decrement factor
$K_{bc}$	$(1 + i \cdot \log_{\text{dec}}/\pi) \cdot K_b$	Complex bulk modulus of frame
$G$	$2.61 \cdot 10^7 \text{ Pa}$	Shear modulus of frame (drained porous matrix)
$G_c$	$(1 + i \cdot \log_{\text{dec}}/\pi) \cdot G$	Complex shear modulus of frame
$\rho_s$	$2650 \text{ kg/m}^3$	Solid density (of material constituting the frame)
$\rho_d$	$(1 - \varepsilon_P) \cdot \rho_s$ $= 1404.5 \text{ kg/m}^3$	Drained density (of the porous matrix)
$\tau$	1.25	Tortuosity (chosen, not specified in Ref. 1)
$a$	$4 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$	Pore size parameter (chosen to have $f_c = 100 \text{ Hz}$ )
$f_r$	$\mu_F / (2\pi \cdot \rho_F \cdot a^2)$ $= 99.5 \text{ Hz}$	Reference frequency: frequency at which the viscous boundary layer thickness (viscous penetration depth) is equal to the pore size parameter $a$ . This value is automatically calculated by COMSOL

**Note:** Further information about the physics solved by the Poroelastic Waves interface, about Biot's theory, and about the meaning of the material parameters is given in the documentation. Press Ctrl+F1 and browse to the *Acoustics Module* and the *User's Guide*. Theory is found in *Elastic Waves Interfaces > Theory for the Poroelastic Waves Interfaces*.

## *Results and Discussion*

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The reflection coefficient  $R$  and the absorption coefficient  $\alpha$  are plotted for different combinations of the angle of incidence and the frequency (the model parameters). The reflection coefficient is the complex ratio of the reflected to the incident waves (at the interface) and is given by

$$R = \frac{P_{sc}}{P_{in}} = \frac{P_{tot} - P_{in}}{P_{in}}$$

where the subscript *sc* stands for scattered and *tot* for total. The absorption coefficient gives a measure of the relative absorbed energy and is given by

$$\alpha = 1 - |R|^2$$

The absolute value of the reflection coefficient  $R$  is shown in [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#). Note that average of the reflection coefficient across the interface is used. This is because the model extracts the effective homogenized properties of the water-sediment interface. In the first figure,  $R$  is depicted as function of the angle of incidence  $\theta_0$  and in the second figure as function of the frequency  $f$ . The absorption coefficient  $\alpha$ , corresponding to the reflection coefficient in [Figure 2](#), is shown in [Figure 4](#). An interesting feature that can be deduced from [Figure 3](#) is that the reflection at the interface acts as a filter with respect to a broadband signal; this is especially true at high angles of incidence.

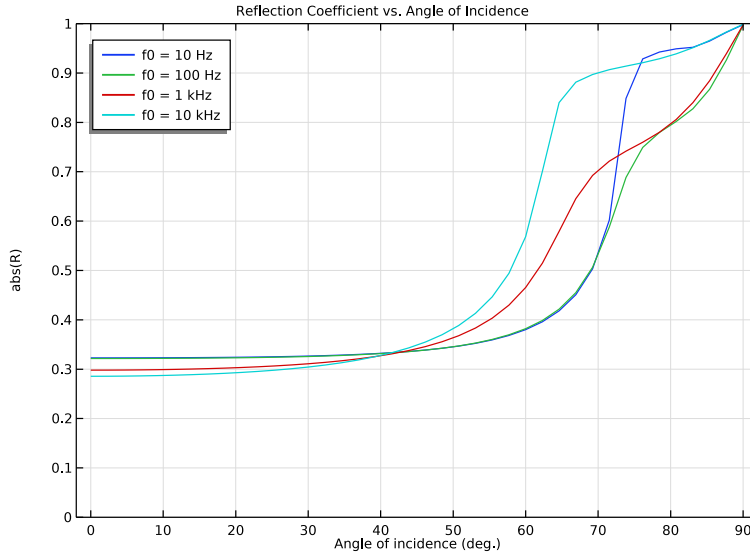


Figure 2: Absolute value of the reflection coefficient  $R$  as function of the angle of incidence for the driving frequencies 10 Hz, 100 Hz, 1 kHz, and 10 kHz.

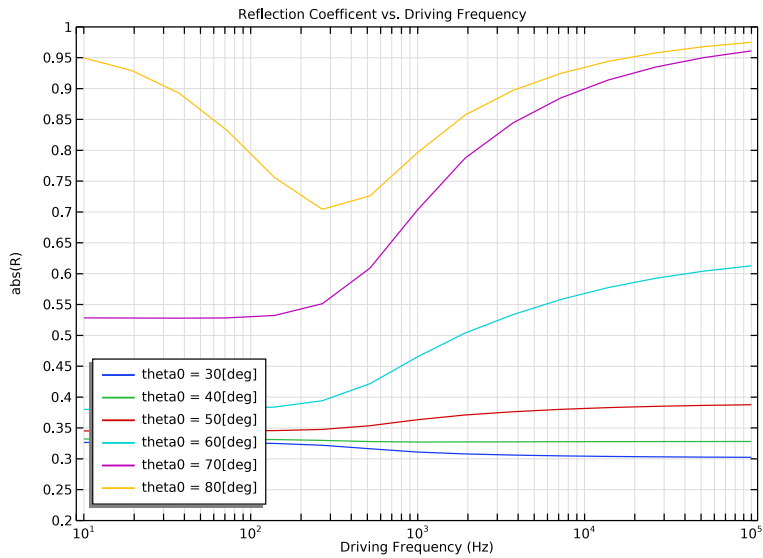


Figure 3: Absolute value of the reflection coefficient  $R$  as function of frequency for the angles of incidence  $30^\circ$ ,  $40^\circ$ ,  $50^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ ,  $70^\circ$ , and  $80^\circ$ .

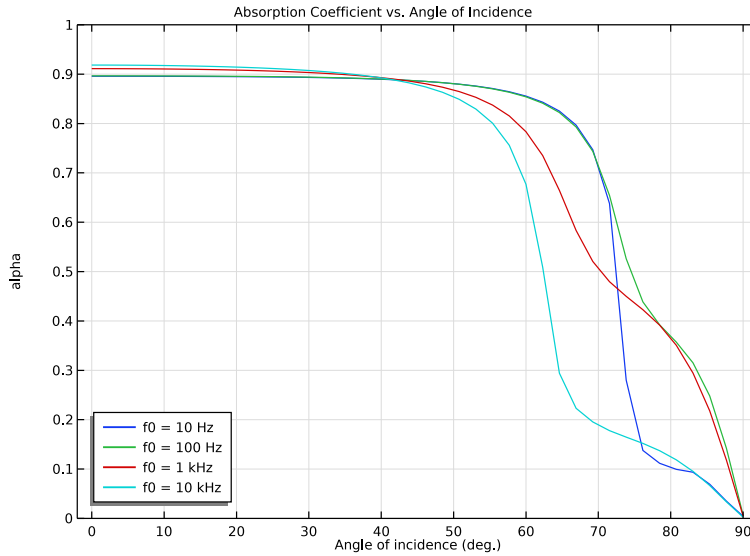
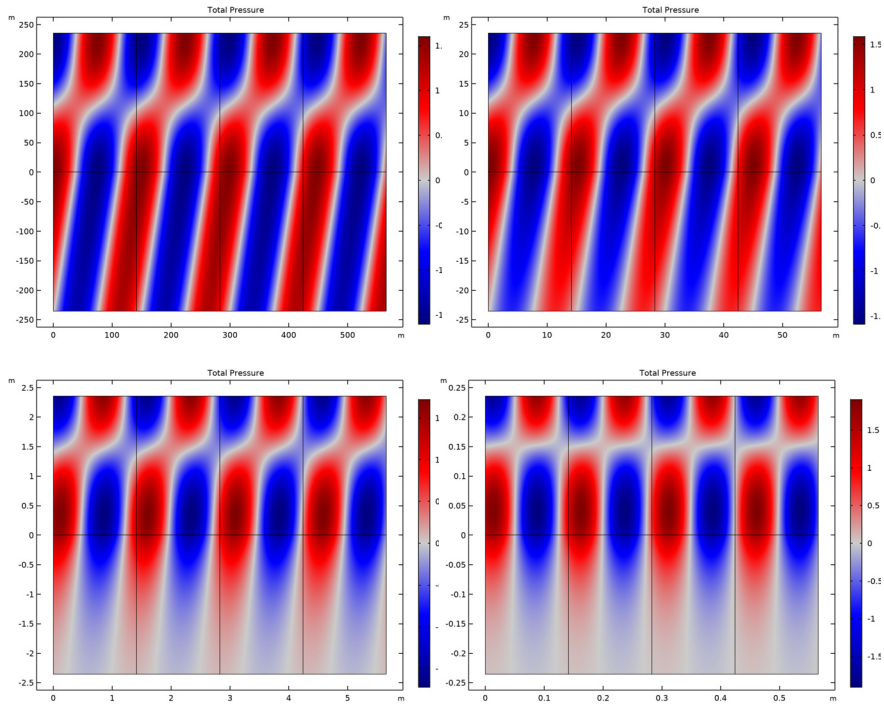


Figure 4: Absorption coefficient  $\alpha$  as function of the angle of incidence for the driving frequencies 10 Hz, 100 Hz, 1 kHz, and 10 kHz.

As can be seen from Figure 2, the reflection coefficient has significantly different behavior for 3 of the driving frequencies at an incidence angle of, for example,  $72^\circ$ . The total pressure is shown in Figure 5 and the displacement field is shown in Figure 6. Note the different length scales as the computational domain (geometry) scales with the wavelength.

From the graphs in [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 4](#), it is evident that the behavior shifts for the different frequencies for increasing angles of incidence. At  $90^\circ$ , the reflection coefficient is of course 1 and the absorption 0.



*Figure 5: Total pressure distribution for an incidence angle of  $72^\circ$  for 10 Hz (top left), 100 Hz (top right), 1 kHz (bottom left), and 10 kHz (bottom right). Note that the computational domain size (geometry) scales with the wavelength.*



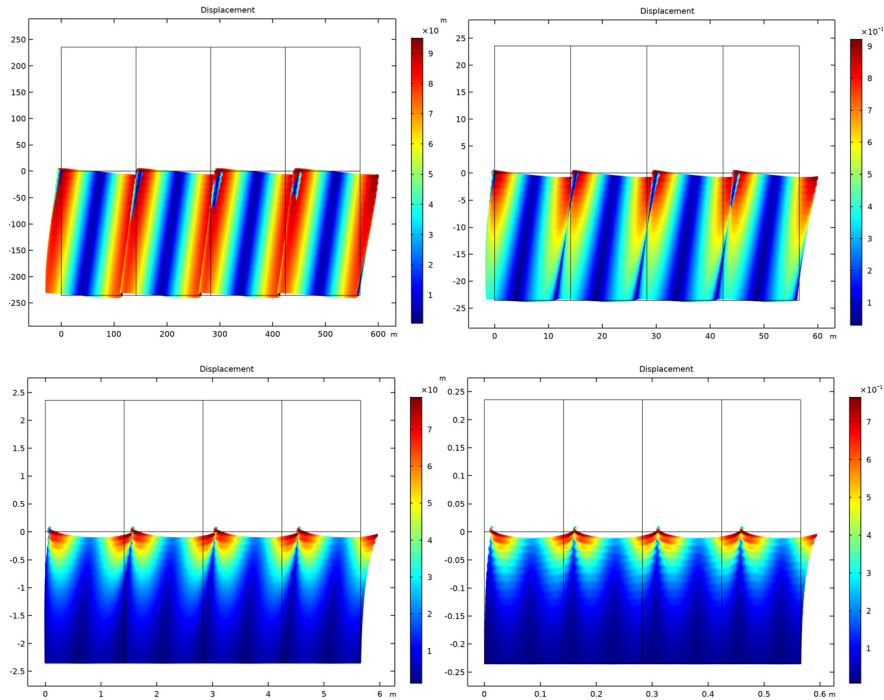


Figure 6: Displacement amplitude with deformation of the porous matrix for an incidence angle of  $72^\circ$  for 10 Hz (top left), 100 Hz (top right), 1 kHz (bottom left), and 10 kHz (bottom right). Note that the computational domain size (geometry) scales with the wavelength.

### Notes About the COMSOL Implementation

- In order for the model to be numerically well behaved for all frequencies studied, the geometry of the periodic unit cell is set to depend on the wavelength  $\lambda_0$ . This means that the geometry depends on the frequency. In COMSOL Multiphysics, it is not permitted to have a frequency-dependent geometry in the Frequency Domain solver. To circumvent this problem, a parametric sweep is added. The sweep parameter is the frequency  $f_0$ , which is then entered as the study frequency in the Frequency Domain study step.
- The periodic plots shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6 are set up using a Periodic 2D data set. Using the **Floquet-Bloch periodicity** option and entering the wave vector components  $k_0x$  and  $k_0y$  with this option, the correct phase is automatically added to the underlying solution variables.

- From the material parameters in [Table 1](#), it is seen that the Biot-Willis coefficient  $\alpha_B$  is close to 1. This means that the porous matrix is in a so-called limp configuration. At the other extreme, when  $\alpha_B$  is close to the value of porosity  $\varepsilon_P$ , the configuration is named rigid (the skeleton is not moving). When a porous material is in one of these states it is possible to use an equivalent fluid model from the Poroacoustics domain feature (found in the Pressure Acoustics, Frequency Domain interface) to model the porous material. Use, for example, the Johnson-Champoux-Allard (limp frame option) for the case studied here. The advantage of using this model is that it is much less computationally expensive than the full Biot model. An equivalent fluid model generates or mimics the losses in the porous domain and therefore predicts the reflection and absorption coefficient. However, it does not account for the details of the movement of the skeleton and the propagation of the three different types of waves. Moreover, as soon as a porous material is neither limp nor rigid, the full Biot model of the Poroelastic Waves interface is necessary.

### *Reference*

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I. R.D. Stoll and T.-K. Kan, “Reflections of Acoustic Waves at a Water-Sediment Interface”, *J. Acoust. Soc. Am.*, vol. 70, no. 1, pp. 149–156, 1981.

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**Application Library path:** Acoustics\_Module/Underwater\_Acoustics/reflections\_water\_sediment

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### *Modeling Instructions*

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Start by adding the **Acoustic-Poroelastic Waves Interaction** multiphysics interface. The interface consists of the **Pressure Acoustics, Frequency Domain** interface, the **Poroelastic Waves** interface, and the necessary **Multiphysics** coupling.

From the **File** menu, choose **New**.

#### **NEW**

In the **New** window, click **Model Wizard**.

#### **MODEL WIZARD**

**1** In the **Model Wizard** window, click **2D**.

- 2 In the **Select Physics** tree, select **Acoustics>Acoustic-Structure Interaction>Acoustic-Poroelastic Waves Interaction**.
- 3 Click **Add**.
- 4 Click **Study**.
- 5 In the **Select Study** tree, select **General Studies>Frequency Domain**.
- 6 Click **Done**.

## GEOMETRY I

First, load the model parameters from a file. The list contains definitions of material parameters (see [Table 1](#)), geometry lengths, and the two model parameters (frequency  $f_0$  and angle of incidence  $\theta_0$ ).

## GLOBAL DEFINITIONS

### *Parameters 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Global Definitions** click **Parameters 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Parameters**, locate the **Parameters** section.
- 3 Click **Load from File**.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file `reflections_water_sediment_parameters.txt`.

Build the geometry, a sketch is given in [Figure 1](#).

## GEOMETRY I

### *Rectangle 1 (r1)*

- 1 In the **Geometry** toolbar, click **Rectangle**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Rectangle**, locate the **Size and Shape** section.
- 3 In the **Width** text field, type W.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type H.
- 5 Click to expand the **Layers** section. Clear the **Layers on bottom** check box.
- 6 Select the **Layers on top** check box.
- 7 In the table, enter the following settings:

Layer name	Thickness (m)
Layer 1	Hpm1

- 8 Click **Build Selected**.

### *Rectangle 2 (r2)*

- 1 In the **Geometry** toolbar, click **Rectangle**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Rectangle**, locate the **Size and Shape** section.
- 3 In the **Width** text field, type W.
- 4 In the **Height** text field, type H.
- 5 Locate the **Position** section. In the **y** text field, type -H.
- 6 Locate the **Layers** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

<b>Layer name</b>	<b>Thickness (m)</b>
Layer 1	Hpm1

- 7 Click **Build All Objects**.
- 8 Click the **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

Under the **Definitions** node add variables as well as two coupling operators. The two operators act as probes picking up variable values. One samples a point in the water domain and the other evaluates the average over the water-sediment interface.

## **DEFINITIONS**

### *Variables 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)** right-click **Definitions** and choose **Variables**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Variables**, locate the **Variables** section.
- 3 Click **Load from File**.
- 4 Browse to the model's Application Libraries folder and double-click the file `reflections_water_sediment_variables.txt`.

### *Integration 1 (intop1)*

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Nonlocal Couplings** and choose **Integration**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Integration**, locate the **Source Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Point**.
- 4 Select Point 4 only.

### *Average 1 (aveop1)*

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Nonlocal Couplings** and choose **Average**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Average**, locate the **Source Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Boundary**.

4 Select Boundary 6 only.

Now, create selections to be used when setting up the physics.

*Explicit 1*

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Explicit**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Explicit**, type Porous Domain in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Select Domains 1 and 2 only.

*Explicit 2*

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Explicit**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Explicit**, type Water Domain in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Select Domains 3 and 4 only.

Proceed to set up the physics and boundary conditions of the problem. The condition at the water-sediment interface is defined under the **Multiphysics** node.

The properties of the porous material are edited after adding the porous material.

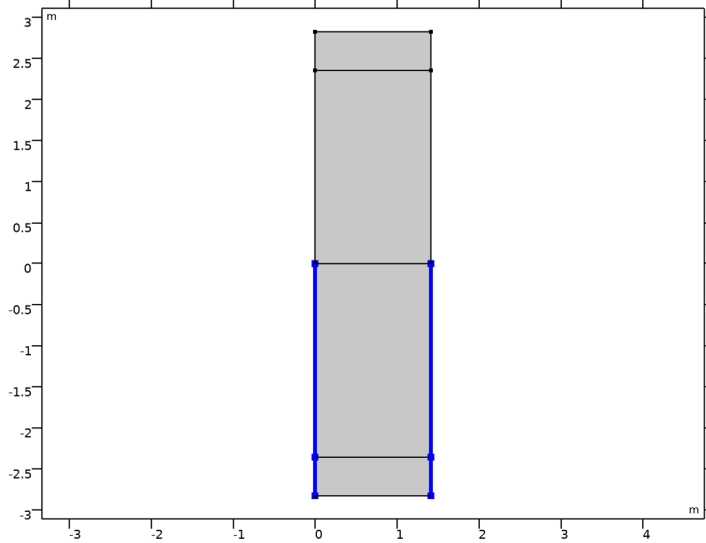
**POROELASTIC WAVES (PELW)**

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)** click **Poroelastic Waves (pelw)**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Poroelastic Waves**, locate the **Domain Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Selection** list, choose **Porous Domain**.
- 4 Locate the **Sound Pressure Level Settings** section. From the **Reference pressure for the sound pressure level** list, choose **Use reference pressure for water**.

*Periodic Condition 1*

- 1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click **Boundaries** and choose **Periodic Condition**.

2 Select Boundaries 1, 3, 10, and 11 only.



3 In the **Settings** window for **Periodic Condition**, locate the **Periodicity Settings** section.

4 From the **Type of periodicity** list, choose **Floquet periodicity**.

5 Specify the  $\mathbf{k}_F$  vector as

$k_{0x}$	X
$k_{0y}$	Y

### **PRESSURE ACOUSTICS, FREQUENCY DOMAIN (ACPR)**

1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)** click **Pressure Acoustics, Frequency Domain (acpr)**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Pressure Acoustics, Frequency Domain**, locate the **Domain Selection** section.

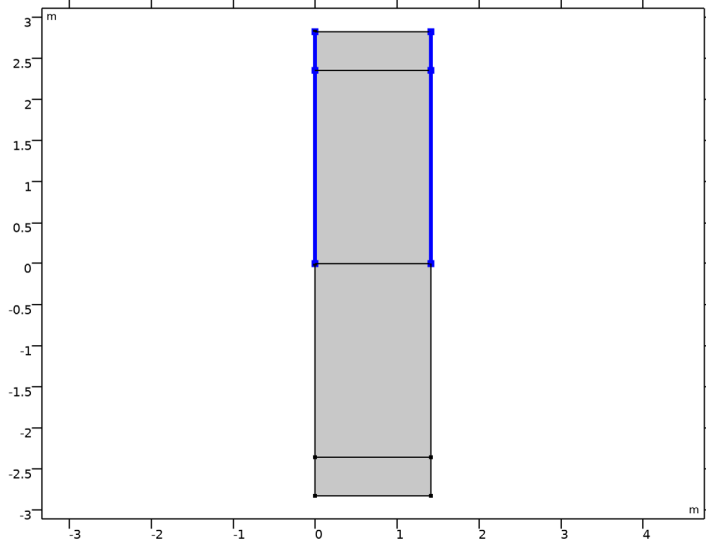
3 From the **Selection** list, choose **Water Domain**.

4 Locate the **Sound Pressure Level Settings** section. From the **Reference pressure for the sound pressure level** list, choose **Use reference pressure for water**.

#### *Periodic Condition 1*

1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click **Boundaries** and choose **Periodic Condition**.

2 Select Boundaries 5, 7, 12, and 13 only.



3 In the **Settings** window for **Periodic Condition**, locate the **Periodicity Settings** section.

4 From the **Type of periodicity** list, choose **Floquet periodicity**.

5 Specify the  $\mathbf{k}_F$  vector as

$k_{0x}$	$x$
$k_{0y}$	$y$

6 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Pressure Acoustics, Frequency Domain (acpr)**.

7 In the **Settings** window for **Pressure Acoustics, Frequency Domain**, locate the **Typical Wave Speed for Perfectly Matched Layers** section.

8 In the  $c_{ref}$  text field, type  $\text{real}(\text{acpr}.c\_c)$ .

#### *Background Pressure Field I*

1 In the **Physics** toolbar, click **Domains** and choose **Background Pressure Field**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Background Pressure Field**, locate the **Domain Selection** section.

3 From the **Selection** list, choose **Water Domain**.

4 Locate the **Background Pressure Field** section. From the **Pressure field type** list, choose **User defined**.

5 In the  $p_b$  text field, type  $P_{in}$ .

## MATERIALS

### *Material 1 (mat1)*

In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)** right-click **Materials** and choose **Blank Material**, twice, to create two new blank materials.

### *Material 2 (mat2)*

1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)**>**Materials** click **Material 2 (mat2)**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Material**, type Water in the **Label** text field.

3 In the **Settings** window for **Material**, type Sediment in the **Label** text field.

Now, go to the **Poroelastic Material** node and specify the porous matrix material parameters to be taken from the **Sediment** material that you just created. When done, return to the material, where it is now evident which parameters to define.

## POROELASTIC WAVES (PELW)

### *Poroelastic Material 1*

1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)**>**Poroelastic Waves (pelw)** click **Poroelastic Material 1**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Poroelastic Material**, locate the **Porous Matrix Properties** section.

3 From the **Porous elastic material** list, choose **Sediment (mat2)**.

4 Locate the **Fluid Properties** section. From the **Viscosity model** list, choose **Biot's high frequency range**.

5 From the **Specify** list, choose **Characteristic pore size**.

6 In the  $a$  text field, type a.

## MATERIALS

### *Material 1 (mat1)*

1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)**>**Materials** click **Material 1 (mat1)**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Material**, locate the **Material Contents** section.



3 In the table, enter the following settings:

Property	Variable	Value	Unit	Property group
Density	rho	rhoF	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Basic
Speed of sound	c	c0	m/s	Basic
Dynamic viscosity	mu	muF	Pa·s	Basic
Compressibility of fluid	chif	1 / Kf	1/Pa	Basic

*Sediment (mat2)*

1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Sediment (mat2)**.

2 In the **Settings** window for **Material**, locate the **Material Contents** section.

3 In the table, enter the following settings:

Property	Variable	Value	Unit	Property group
Bulk modulus	K	Kbc	N/m <sup>2</sup>	Bulk modulus and shear modulus
Shear modulus	G	Gc	N/m <sup>2</sup>	Bulk modulus and shear modulus
Density	rho	rhod	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Basic
Porosity	epsilon	epsilonP	l	Basic
Permeability	kappa_iso ; kappaii = kappa_iso, kappaij = 0	kappaP	m <sup>2</sup>	Basic
Biot-Willis coefficient	alphaB	alphaB0	l	Poroelastic material
Tortuosity factor	tau	tau0	l	Poroacoustics model

## MULTIPHYSICS

*Acoustic-Porous Boundary 1 (apb1)*

Now is a good time to inspect the **Multiphysics** node and look at the multiphysics coupling. Click on **Acoustic-Porous Boundary 1**. You can see that it is active on the interface between the water domain and the porous sediment.

The last step before building the mesh is to set up and define the perfectly matched layers (PMLs). Define one for the poroelastic domain and another for the water domain.

## DEFINITIONS

### *Perfectly Matched Layer 1 (pml1)*

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Perfectly Matched Layer**.
- 2 Select Domain 1 only.
- 3 In the **Settings** window for **Perfectly Matched Layer**, locate the **Scaling** section.
- 4 From the **Coordinate stretching type** list, choose **Rational**.
- 5 From the **Physics** list, choose **Poroelastic Waves (pelw)**.

### *Perfectly Matched Layer 2 (pml2)*

- 1 In the **Definitions** toolbar, click **Perfectly Matched Layer**.
- 2 Select Domain 4 only.
- 3 In the **Settings** window for **Perfectly Matched Layer**, locate the **Scaling** section.
- 4 From the **Coordinate stretching type** list, choose **Rational**.

Keep the default setting in the **Physics** list, that is **Pressure Acoustics, Frequency Domain (acpr)**.

Build the mesh by following the instructions below. When modeling systems with interfaces between porous domains and fluid domains the mesh is important; it should be very fine at the interface and it is good practice to use a single boundary layer mesh element in the porous domain. It is also important for the periodic conditions to have the same mesh at source and destination. Ideally, a mesh sensitivity analysis should be made for models of this kind.

## MESH 1

### *Edge 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Component 1 (comp1)** right-click **Mesh 1** and choose **More Operations>Edge**.
- 2 Select Boundaries 11 and 12 only.

### *Size 1*

- 1 Right-click **Edge 1** and choose **Size**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Size**, locate the **Element Size** section.
- 3 Click the **Custom** button.
- 4 Locate the **Element Size Parameters** section. Select the **Maximum element size** check box.
- 5 In the associated text field, type  $1\text{m}0/15$ .

### *Size 2*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Edge 1** and choose **Size**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Size**, locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Point**.
- 4 Select Point 8 only.
- 5 Locate the **Element Size** section. Click the **Custom** button.
- 6 Locate the **Element Size Parameters** section. Select the **Maximum element size** check box.
- 7 In the associated text field, type  $1\text{m}0/40$ .
- 8 Click **Build Selected**.

### *Copy Edge 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Mesh 1** and choose **More Operations>Copy Edge**.
- 2 Select Boundaries 11 and 12 only.
- 3 In the **Settings** window for **Copy Edge**, locate the **Destination Boundaries** section.
- 4 Select the **Activate selection** toggle button.
- 5 Select Boundaries 3 and 5 only.
- 6 Click **Build Selected**.

### *Free Triangular 1*

- 1 Right-click **Mesh 1** and choose **Free Triangular**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Free Triangular**, locate the **Domain Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Domain**.
- 4 Select Domains 2 and 3 only.

### *Size 1*

- 1 Right-click **Free Triangular 1** and choose **Size**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Size**, locate the **Element Size** section.
- 3 Click the **Custom** button.
- 4 Locate the **Element Size Parameters** section. Select the **Maximum element size** check box.
- 5 In the associated text field, type  $1\text{m}0/15$ .
- 6 Select the **Maximum element growth rate** check box.
- 7 In the associated text field, type  $1.1$ .

### *Size 2*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Free Triangular 1** and choose **Size**.

- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Size**, locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Boundary**.
- 4 Select Boundary 6 only.
- 5 Locate the **Element Size** section. Click the **Custom** button.
- 6 Locate the **Element Size Parameters** section. Select the **Maximum element size** check box.
- 7 In the associated text field, type  $1\text{m}0/40$ .

#### *Size 3*

- 1 Right-click **Free Triangular 1** and choose **Size**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Size**, locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Point**.
- 4 Select Points 3 and 8 only.
- 5 Locate the **Element Size** section. Click the **Custom** button.
- 6 Locate the **Element Size Parameters** section. Select the **Maximum element size** check box.
- 7 In the associated text field, type  $1\text{m}0/40$ .
- 8 Click **Build Selected**.

#### *Mapped 1*

In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Mesh 1** and choose **Mapped**.

#### *Distribution 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Mapped 1** and choose **Distribution**.
- 2 Select Boundaries 1 and 7 only.
- 3 In the **Settings** window for **Distribution**, locate the **Distribution** section.
- 4 In the **Number of elements** text field, type 20.
- 5 Click **Build Selected**.

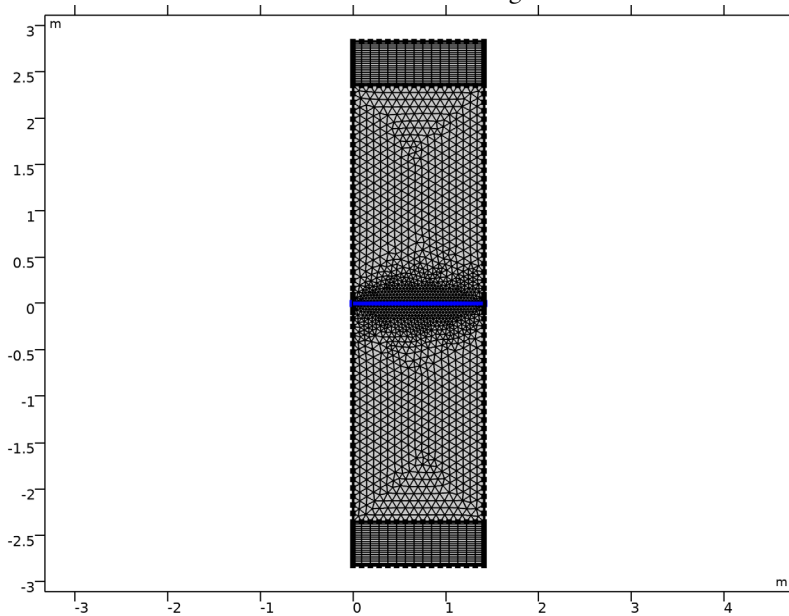
#### *Boundary Layers 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Mesh 1** and choose **Boundary Layers**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Boundary Layers**, locate the **Domain Selection** section.
- 3 From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Domain**.
- 4 Select Domain 2 only.
- 5 Click to expand the **Transition** section. Clear the **Smooth transition to interior mesh** check box.

### *Boundary Layer Properties*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Boundary Layer Properties**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Boundary Layer Properties**, locate the **Boundary Layer Properties** section.
- 3 In the **Number of boundary layers** text field, type 1.
- 4 From the **Thickness of first layer** list, choose **Manual**.
- 5 In the **Thickness** text field, type  $1\text{m}/400$ .
- 6 Select Boundary 6 only.
- 7 Click **Build All**.

The finalized mesh should look like that in the figure below.



### **STUDY I**

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Study I**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Study**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 3 Clear the **Generate default plots** check box.

### *Step 1: Frequency Domain*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Study I** click **Step 1: Frequency Domain**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Frequency Domain**, locate the **Study Settings** section.

- 3 In the **Frequencies** text field, type  $f_0$ .
- 4 Click to expand the **Study Extensions** section. Select the **Auxiliary sweep** check box.
- 5 From the **Sweep type** list, choose **All combinations**.
- 6 Click **Add**.
- 7 In the table, enter the following settings:

Parameter name	Parameter value list	Parameter unit
theta0 (Incidence angle)	range(0,pi/2/39,pi/2)	rad

#### *Parametric Sweep*

- 1 In the **Study** toolbar, click **Parametric Sweep**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Parametric Sweep**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 3 Click **Add**.
- 4 In the table, enter the following settings:

Parameter name	Parameter value list	Parameter unit
$f_0$ (Driving frequency)	10 100 1000 10000	Hz

- 5 In the **Study** toolbar, click **Compute**.

## **RESULTS**

Add a selection to the data set to only plot results in the physical domains (not in the PMLs). You can study the behavior of the PMLs by removing this selection again or creating a separate data set without the selection.

#### *Datasets*

In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Results** node.

#### *Selection*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Datasets** node.
- 2 Right-click **Study 1/Parametric Solutions 1 (sol2)** and choose **Selection**.
- 3 In the **Settings** window for **Selection**, locate the **Geometric Entity Selection** section.
- 4 From the **Geometric entity level** list, choose **Domain**.
- 5 Select Domains 2 and 3 only.

Now, also add an array dataset in order to easily plot the result in the periodic structure.

#### *Array 2D 1*

- 1 In the **Results** toolbar, click **More Datasets** and choose **Array 2D**.

- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Array 2D**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 From the **Dataset** list, choose **Study I/Parametric Solutions I (sol2)**.
- 4 Locate the **Array Size** section. In the **X size** text field, type 4.
- 5 Click to expand the **Advanced** section. Select the **Floquet-Bloch periodicity** check box.
- 6 Find the **Wave vector** subsection. In the **X** text field, type  $k_0x$ .
- 7 In the **Y** text field, type  $k_0y$ .

Now, create four different 2D plots representing the incident pressure (background pressure), the reflected pressure (scattered pressure), the total pressure, and the displacement in the porous matrix.

#### *2D Plot Group 1*

- 1 In the **Results** toolbar, click **2D Plot Group**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **2D Plot Group**, type Incident Pressure in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Click to expand the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Manual**.
- 4 In the **Title** text area, type Incident Pressure.
- 5 Clear the **Parameter indicator** text field.

#### *Surface 1*

- 1 Right-click **Incident Pressure** and choose **Surface**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Surface**, locate the **Expression** section.
- 3 In the **Expression** text field, type  $acpr.p\_b$ .
- 4 Locate the **Coloring and Style** section. From the **Color table** list, choose **Wave**.
- 5 Select the **Symmetrize color range** check box.

#### *Arrow Surface 1*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Incident Pressure** and choose **Arrow Surface**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Arrow Surface**, locate the **Expression** section.
- 3 In the **X component** text field, type  $k_0x$ .
- 4 In the **Y component** text field, type  $k_0y$ .
- 5 Locate the **Arrow Positioning** section. Find the **X grid points** subsection. In the **Points** text field, type 5.
- 6 Locate the **Coloring and Style** section. From the **Color** list, choose **Black**.

#### *Incident Pressure*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Incident Pressure**.

- 2 In the **Settings** window for **2D Plot Group**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 From the **Dataset** list, choose **Study 1/Parametric Solutions 1 (sol2)**.
- 4 From the **Parameter value (freq (Hz),theta0 (rad))** list, choose **4: freq=10000 Hz, theta0=0.12083 rad**.

Select any of the desired combinations of the frequency  $f_0$  and the angle of incidence  $\theta_0$  and plot to have a look at the results. You may need to use the **Zoom Extent** tool as the geometry depends on the frequency.

- 5 In the **Incident Pressure** toolbar, click **Plot**.
- 6 Click the **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

#### *2D Plot Group 2*

- 1 In the **Home** toolbar, click **Add Plot Group** and choose **2D Plot Group**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **2D Plot Group**, type Reflected Pressure in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Data** section. From the **Dataset** list, choose **Study 1/Parametric Solutions 1 (sol2)**.
- 4 From the **Parameter value (freq (Hz),theta0 (rad))** list, choose **4: freq=10000 Hz, theta0=0.12083 rad**.
- 5 Locate the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Manual**.
- 6 In the **Title** text area, type Reflected Pressure.
- 7 Clear the **Parameter indicator** text field.

#### *Surface 1*

- 1 Right-click **Reflected Pressure** and choose **Surface**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Surface**, locate the **Expression** section.
- 3 In the **Expression** text field, type  $a_{pr}.p_s$ .
- 4 Locate the **Coloring and Style** section. From the **Color table** list, choose **Wave**.
- 5 Select the **Symmetrize color range** check box.
- 6 In the **Reflected Pressure** toolbar, click **Plot**.

#### *Surface 2*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Reflected Pressure** and choose **Surface**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Surface**, locate the **Expression** section.
- 3 In the **Expression** text field, type  $p_{elw}.p_s$ .
- 4 Click to expand the **Inherit Style** section. From the **Plot** list, choose **Surface 1**.



5 In the **Reflected Pressure** toolbar, click **Plot**.

Note that this gives the scattered field in the water domain while it is equal to the total acoustic field in the porous domain.

In the next figure, plot the total pressure (air and porous domains). Use the periodic data set to display the periodic nature of the modeled system.

The Floquet-periodic nature of the solution is recovered with the selected **Floquet-Bloch periodicity** option in the **Array 2D** data set. With this option the correct phase is added to the underlying solution variables.

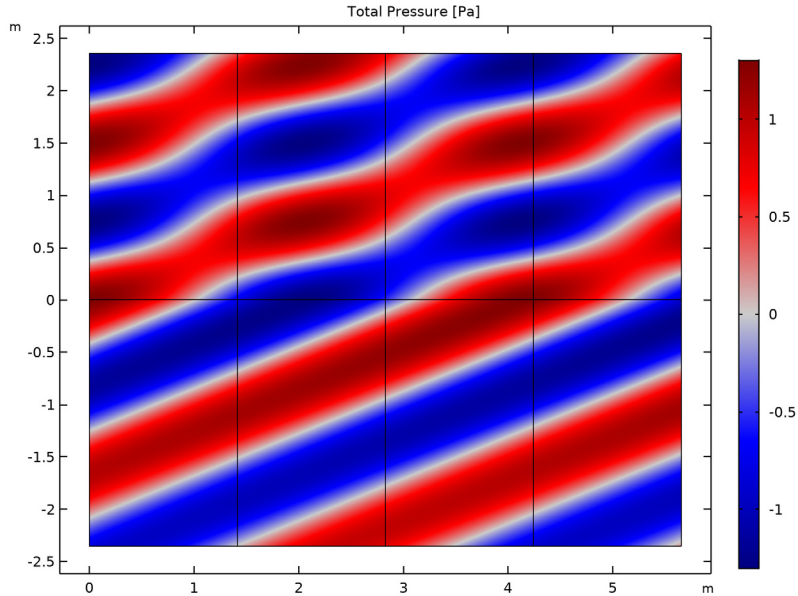
### *2D Plot Group 3*

- 1 In the **Home** toolbar, click **Add Plot Group** and choose **2D Plot Group**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **2D Plot Group**, type **Total Pressure** in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Data** section. From the **Dataset** list, choose **Array 2D 1**.
- 4 From the **Parameter value (freq (Hz),theta0 (rad))** list, choose **4: freq=10000 Hz, theta0=0.12083 rad**.
- 5 Locate the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Manual**.
- 6 In the **Title** text area, type **Total Pressure**.
- 7 Clear the **Parameter indicator** text field.

### *Surface 1*

- 1 Right-click **Total Pressure** and choose **Surface**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Surface**, locate the **Expression** section.
- 3 In the **Expression** text field, type `if(dom==3,acpr.p_t,pe1w.p_t)`.  
The `if()` statement plots `acpr.p_t` if in the water domain (domain 3) else it plots `pe1w.p_t` (the sediment domain).
- 4 Locate the **Coloring and Style** section. From the **Color table** list, choose **Wave**.
- 5 Select the **Symmetrize color range** check box.
- 6 In the **Total Pressure** toolbar, click **Plot**.

7 Click the **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.



Now, plot the total displacement of the porous matrix. Again use the periodic data set to represent the periodic nature of the modeled system, just as for the total pressure.

#### *2D Plot Group 4*

- 1 In the **Home** toolbar, click **Add Plot Group** and choose **2D Plot Group**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **2D Plot Group**, type Displacement in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Manual**.
- 4 In the **Title** text area, type Displacement.
- 5 Clear the **Parameter indicator** text field.
- 6 Locate the **Data** section. From the **Dataset** list, choose **Array 2D 1**.
- 7 From the **Parameter value (freq (Hz),theta0 (rad))** list, choose 4: **freq=10000 Hz, theta0=0.12083 rad**.

#### *Surface 1*

- 1 Right-click **Displacement** and choose **Surface**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Surface**, locate the **Expression** section.
- 3 In the **Expression** text field, type `pe1w.disp`.

### *Deformation 1*

- 1 Right-click **Surface 1** and choose **Deformation**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Deformation**, locate the **Expression** section.
- 3 In the **x component** text field, type  $u$ .
- 4 In the **y component** text field, type  $v$ .
- 5 Locate the **Scale** section. Select the **Scale factor** check box.
- 6 In the associated text field, type  $4e9$ .
- 7 In the **Displacement** toolbar, click **Plot**.
- 8 Click the **Zoom Extents** button in the **Graphics** toolbar.

The total pressure and the displacement are depicted in [Figure 5](#) and [Figure 6](#) for several combinations of the driving frequency and the angle of incidence.

Create [Figure 2](#) from [Ref. 1](#) by plotting the absolute value of the reflection coefficient as function of the angle of incidence for four values of the frequency  $f_0$ .

### *ID Plot Group 5*

- 1 In the **Home** toolbar, click **Add Plot Group** and choose **ID Plot Group**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, type Reflection Coefficient vs.  $\theta_0$  in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Data** section. From the **Dataset** list, choose **None**.
- 4 Locate the **Plot Settings** section. Select the **x-axis label** check box.
- 5 In the associated text field, type Angle of incidence (deg.).
- 6 Select the **y-axis label** check box.
- 7 In the associated text field, type  $\text{abs}(R)$ .
- 8 Click to expand the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Manual**.
- 9 In the **Title** text area, type Reflection Coefficient vs. Angle of Incidence.
- 10 Locate the **Axis** section. Select the **Manual axis limits** check box.
- 11 In the **x minimum** text field, type  $-2$ .
- 12 In the **x maximum** text field, type  $92$ .
- 13 In the **y minimum** text field, type  $0$ .
- 14 Locate the **Legend** section. From the **Position** list, choose **Upper left**.

### *Global 1*

- 1 Right-click **Reflection Coefficient vs.  $\theta_0$**  and choose **Global**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.

- 3 From the **Dataset** list, choose **Study 1/Parametric Solutions 1 (sol2)**.
- 4 From the **Parameter selection (f0)** list, choose **From list**.
- 5 In the **Parameter values** list, select **10**.
- 6 Locate the **y-Axis Data** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
absR	1	Absolute value of the surface-averaged reflection coefficient

- 7 Locate the **x-Axis Data** section. From the **Parameter** list, choose **Expression**.
- 8 In the **Expression** text field, type  $\text{theta0}/\pi*180$ .
- 9 Click to expand the **Legends** section. From the **Legends** list, choose **Manual**.
- 10 In the table, enter the following settings:

Legends
f0 = 10 Hz

- 11 In the **Reflection Coefficient vs. theta0** toolbar, click **Plot**.

#### Global 2

- 1 Right-click **Global 1** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 In the **Parameter values** list, select **100**.
- 4 Locate the **Legends** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Legends
f0 = 100 Hz

#### Global 3

- 1 Right-click **Global 2** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 In the **Parameter values** list, select **1000**.
- 4 Locate the **Legends** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Legends
f0 = 1 kHz

#### Global 4

- 1 Right-click **Global 3** and choose **Duplicate**.

- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 In the **Parameter values** list, select **10000**.
- 4 Locate the **Legends** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

<b>Legends</b>
f0 = 10 kHz

- 5 In the **Reflection Coefficient vs. theta0** toolbar, click **Plot**.

The plot should look like the one in [Figure 2](#).

Next, create a second study to sweep over the frequency for a given number of angles of incidence.

#### **ADD STUDY**

- 1 In the **Home** toolbar, click **Add Study** to open the **Add Study** window.
- 2 Go to the **Add Study** window.
- 3 Find the **Studies** subsection. In the **Select Study** tree, select **General Studies> Frequency Domain**.
- 4 Click **Add Study** in the window toolbar.
- 5 In the **Home** toolbar, click **Add Study** to close the **Add Study** window.

#### **STUDY 2**

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Study 2**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Study**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 3 Clear the **Generate default plots** check box.

##### *Step 1: Frequency Domain*

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Study 2** click **Step 1: Frequency Domain**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Frequency Domain**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 3 In the **Frequencies** text field, type f0.
- 4 Locate the **Study Extensions** section. Select the **Auxiliary sweep** check box.
- 5 From the **Sweep type** list, choose **All combinations**.
- 6 Click **Add**.

7 In the table, enter the following settings:

Parameter name	Parameter value list	Parameter unit
theta0 (Incidence angle)	30[deg] 40[deg] 50[deg] 60[deg] 70[deg] 80[deg]	rad

#### *Parametric Sweep*

- 1 In the **Study** toolbar, click **Parametric Sweep**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Parametric Sweep**, locate the **Study Settings** section.
- 3 Click **Add**.
- 4 In the table, enter the following settings:

Parameter name	Parameter value list	Parameter unit
f0 (Driving frequency)	$10^{\{\text{range}(1, 4/14, 5)\}}$	Hz

- 5 In the **Study** toolbar, click **Compute**.

## RESULTS

Create [Figure 3](#) from [Ref. 1](#) by plotting the absolute value of the reflection coefficient as function of the frequency f0 for six values of the angle of incidence.

#### *ID Plot Group 6*

- 1 In the **Home** toolbar, click **Add Plot Group** and choose **ID Plot Group**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, type Reflection Coefficient vs. f0 in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Data** section. From the **Dataset** list, choose **None**.
- 4 Locate the **Title** section. From the **Title type** list, choose **Manual**.
- 5 In the **Title** text area, type Reflection Coefficient vs. Driving Frequency.
- 6 Locate the **Plot Settings** section. Select the **x-axis label** check box.
- 7 In the associated text field, type Driving Frequency (Hz).
- 8 Select the **y-axis label** check box.
- 9 In the associated text field, type abs(R).
- 10 Locate the **Axis** section. Select the **Manual axis limits** check box.
- 11 In the **Reflection Coefficient vs. f0** toolbar, click **Plot**.
- 12 In the **Model Builder** window, under **Results** click **Reflection Coefficient vs. f0**.
- 13 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, locate the **Legend** section.

14 From the **Position** list, choose **Lower left**.

#### Global 1

- 1 Right-click **Reflection Coefficient vs. f0** and choose **Global**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 From the **Dataset** list, choose **Study 2/Parametric Solutions 2 (sol8)**.
- 4 From the **Parameter selection (freq, theta0)** list, choose **Manual**.
- 5 In the **Parameter indices (1-6)** text field, type 1.
- 6 Locate the **y-Axis Data** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
absR	1	Absolute value of the surface-averaged reflection coefficient

- 7 Locate the **x-Axis Data** section. From the **Axis source data** list, choose **Outer solutions**.
- 8 From the **Parameter** list, choose **Expression**.
- 9 In the **Expression** text field, type  $f_0$ .
- 10 Locate the **Legends** section. From the **Legends** list, choose **Manual**.
- 11 In the table, enter the following settings:

Legends
theta0 = 30[deg]

#### Global 2

- 1 Right-click **Global 1** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 In the **Parameter indices (1-6)** text field, type 2.
- 4 Locate the **Legends** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

Legends
theta0 = 40[deg]

#### Global 3

- 1 Right-click **Global 2** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 In the **Parameter indices (1-6)** text field, type 3.

4 Locate the **Legends** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

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**Legends**

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theta0 = 50[deg]

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*Global 4*

- 1 Right-click **Global 3** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 In the **Parameter indices (1-6)** text field, type 4.
- 4 Locate the **Legends** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

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**Legends**

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theta0 = 60[deg]

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*Global 5*

- 1 Right-click **Global 4** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 In the **Parameter indices (1-6)** text field, type 5.
- 4 Locate the **Legends** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

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**Legends**

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theta0 = 70[deg]

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*Global 6*

- 1 Right-click **Global 5** and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **Data** section.
- 3 In the **Parameter indices (1-6)** text field, type 6.
- 4 Locate the **Legends** section. In the table, enter the following settings:

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**Legends**

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theta0 = 80[deg]

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- 5 In the **Reflection Coefficient vs. f0** toolbar, click **Plot**.

The plot should look like the one in [Figure 3](#).

Finally, plot the absorption coefficient as function of the frequency  $f_0$  for six values of the angle of incidence. Simply duplicate the plot with the absorption coefficient, change **absR** to **alpha** in the plots, and rename titles where necessary.



### Reflection Coefficient vs. $\theta_0$ .1

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, right-click **Reflection Coefficient vs.  $\theta_0$**  and choose **Duplicate**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **ID Plot Group**, type Absorption Coefficient vs.  $\theta_0$  in the **Label** text field.
- 3 Locate the **Title** section. In the **Title** text area, type Absorption Coefficient vs. Angle of Incidence.
- 4 Locate the **Plot Settings** section. In the **y-axis label** text field, type alpha.
- 5 Locate the **Legend** section. From the **Position** list, choose **Lower left**.

### Global 1

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, expand the **Results>Absorption Coefficient vs.  $\theta_0$**  node, then click **Global 1**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **y-Axis Data** section.
- 3 In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
alpha	1	

### Global 2

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Global 2**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **y-Axis Data** section.
- 3 In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
alpha	1	

### Global 3

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Global 3**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **y-Axis Data** section.
- 3 In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
alpha	1	

### Global 4

- 1 In the **Model Builder** window, click **Global 4**.
- 2 In the **Settings** window for **Global**, locate the **y-Axis Data** section.

3 In the table, enter the following settings:

Expression	Unit	Description
alpha	1	

4 In the **Absorption Coefficient vs. theta0** toolbar, click **Plot**.

The plot should look like the one in [Figure 4](#).