



AVS-A

Acoustic Velocity System

P & S wave velocity and dynamic elastic constants of rock cores



AVS-A — turnkey bench-top acquisition setup with PC + Applilab

Geotechnical & Rock Mechanics Testing Equipment

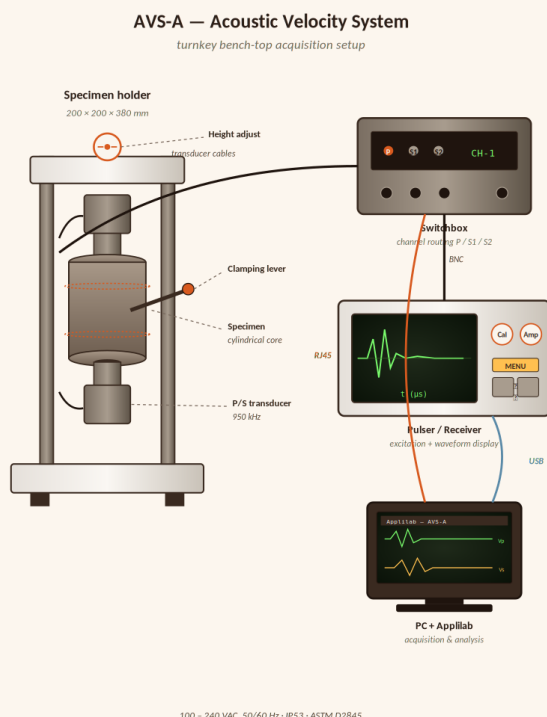
Overview

What the AVS-A does, in brief

- ◆ Ultrasonic pulse-transmission through rock cores
- ◆ Measures P-wave (V_p) and S-wave (V_s) velocities
- ◆ Computes dynamic Young's, shear, bulk moduli & ν
- ◆ Three modes — compressional P, shear S1 and S2
- ◆ 1 MHz transducers — high-resolution time-of-flight
- ◆ Fast-loading specimen holder with centring collars
- ◆ Turnkey acquisition with PC + Applilab software
- ◆ Compliant with ASTM D2845 — IP53 rated

Main Components

Bench-top setup — annotated diagram



Specimen Holder

Fast-loading frame, 200 × 200 × 380 mm

P / S Transducers

1 MHz resonance — P, S1 and S2 modes

Pulser / Receiver

Excitation electronics + waveform display

Switchbox

Routes signals across P / S1 / S2 channels

PC + Applilab Software

Automated acquisition, analysis & reporting

Centring Collars & Lever

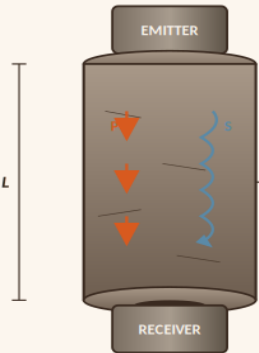
Precise alignment and grip of specimen

Measurement Principle

Pulse transmission — ASTM D2845

Wave propagation & dynamic elastic moduli

ASTM D2845 — pulse transmission through cylindrical rock specimens



Dynamic elastic constants

Dynamic Young's modulus

$$E_{dyn} = \rho \cdot V_s^2 \cdot (3V_p^2 - 4V_s^2) / (V_p^2 - V_s^2)$$

Time-of-flight

$$V_p = L / t_p$$

$$V_s = L / t_s$$

Dynamic Poisson's ratio

$$\nu_{dyn} = (V_p^2 - 2V_s^2) / 2(V_p^2 - V_s^2)$$

Shear modulus

$$G = \rho \cdot V_s^2$$

Bulk modulus

$$K = \rho \cdot V_p^2 - (4/3) \cdot G$$

Inputs

V_p, V_s from time-of-flight · ρ from sample mass / volume · L = specimen length

How the test works

- ◆ Cylindrical core machined and centred in holder
- ◆ Acoustic gel applied at both transducer faces
- ◆ Pulsar excites at 1 MHz, P or S mode
- ◆ Receiver captures the transmitted waveform
- ◆ Time-of-flight t_p and t_s read on oscilloscope
- ◆ $V_p = L/t_p, V_s = L/t_s \rightarrow$ dynamic moduli computed

Why it matters

Non-destructive elastic characterisation of cores — feeds geomechanical modelling, reservoir & rock-mass studies

Technical Specifications

Test method	Acoustic velocity — ASTM D2845	Output	$V_p, V_s, E_{dyn}, \nu_{dyn}, G, K$
Standards	ASTM D2845	Specimen holder	200 × 200 × 380 mm
Test cycle	Pulse transmission — P and S waves	Pulsar/receiver	340 × 215 × 215 mm
Resonance freq.	1 MHz	Switchbox	200 × 200 × 400 mm
Wave modes	Compressional P, shear S1 and S2	Operating range	5 – 40 °C, indoor use
Protection	IP53 — coupling gel supplied	Power supply	100 – 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz

Applications

Where the AVS-A delivers value

Tunnelling & TBM

Dynamic moduli for geomechanical modelling of reservoirs and underground works

Mining

Rock-mass characterisation for mining geomechanics and slope studies

Civil Engineering

Calibration of seismic data with laboratory velocities on cores

Quarrying & Aggregates

Petrophysical correlations between V_p, V_s and porosity, anisotropy

Geomechanics R&D

Dynamic vs static moduli comparison studies in research laboratories

Field & Lab Use

Non-destructive QC of cores prior to triaxial or compression tests

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