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DS3 Design and Simulation of DART Test Environment

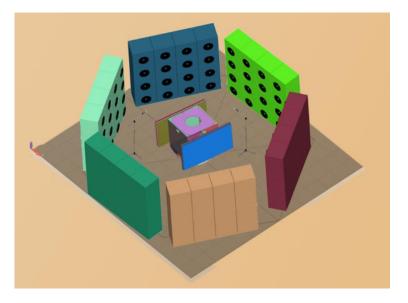
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DART Test System

DART is an acronym for **Direct Acoustic Radiation Transfer**

- It refers to a specific type of acoustic qualification test of payloads, named DFAN, DFAX or DFAT in technical literature, the latter being the most popular but now registered as a trademark
- DART is an alternate solution to reverberant chamber test for acoustic qualification of spacecraft to random noise generated at launcher lift-off
- DART hardware is made of a swarm of high-powered loudspeakers located at a distance from the payload test specimen as sketched in here below picture





Benefits and Risks of DART Tests

- Benefits:
 - Lowering qualification cost
 - Tests performed on Payload integration site avoid transportation to an external test center equipped with reverberant chamber
 - Accurate control of Sound Pressure Levels (SPL) at set of predefined microphone locations

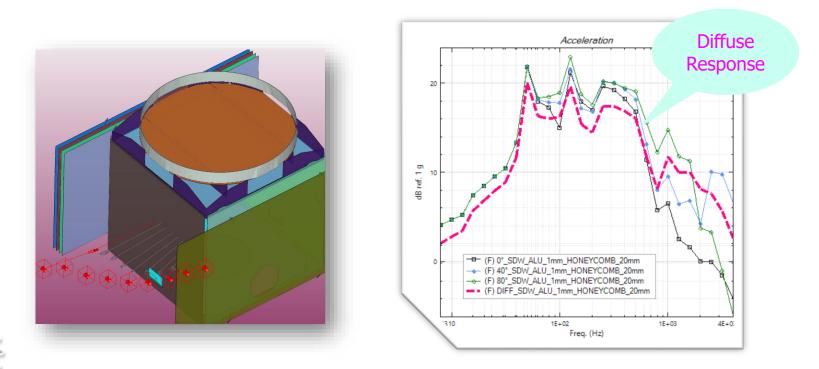
Risks:

- SPL outside controlled points specific to DART Setup
 - Phase interference due to radiation of correlated speakers
 - Acoustic wave distribution differs classical reverberant chamber to which payload structural response is sensitive (see next slide)
- Loss of the Universality of Test Responses
 - Extra variance in acoustic qualification: Expected vibrational difference between a given DART configuration and reference levels provided by reverberant chamber tests
 - Required update of past numerical/experimental expertise for deriving actual lift-off qualification levels of spacecraft



Sensitivity of Sandwich Wall to Incidence

- RMS acceleration is predicted here with SEA+ software under acoustic plane wave incidence (0°, 40°, 80°) and Diffuse in 1/3rd octave bands for a payload sandwich (alu skin 1 mm, core 20 mm)
- Potential variation of RMS acceleration lies in between 2 to 10 dB from diffuse field prediction



DS3 Software for DART Risk Analysis

Numerical Simulation of DART Sound field at any location

- **Direct Solve** from input spectral voltages to local SPL
- Inverse Solve from specified SPL to required input spectral voltages to be applied to the various loudspeakers

Prediction of interferential acoustic field (include reflections from the ground)

- Numerical Analysis of Propagating Waves by the DART Swarm
 - 2D-FFT of SPL distribution on reference movable panel surface
 - Export as incident wave distribution to analyze vibrational response to DART sound field



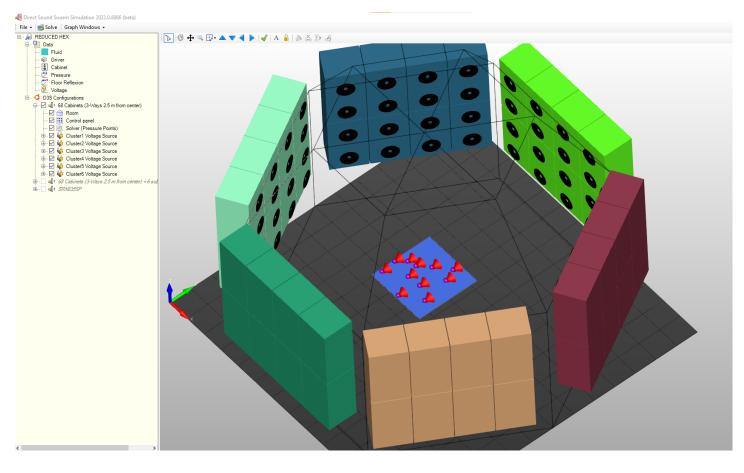
Design and Simulation of DART Systems

- DS3 has two major capabilities: **Design** & **Simulation**
- Design for building your own DART system
 - DS3 simulates the electromagnetic behavior of swarm of speakers from input voltage to delivered acoustic environment
 - Loudspeakers are modeled in DS3 by their Thiele's parameters, easy to retrieve from simple electro-magnetic impedance measurement
 - Any suitable speaker on market place can be used in DS3 to build a model of the DART setup



DS3 Software User Interface

- Windows App, 3D GUI and relational database for object properties accessed through tree-browser.
- Various configurations may be created from Browser.





Design and Simulation of DART Systems: the DS3 Model

Simulation for Analyzing Field Response

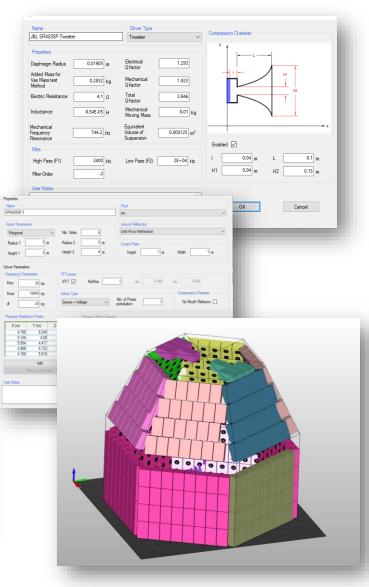
- Quick DS3 setup modeling by arranging speaker drivers in cabinet cluster
- **Prediction of all system parameters** such as:
 - Electric consumption required for reaching given SPL
 - Voltage and current spectra of all speakers
 - Velocity spectra of speaker diaphragm levels at controlled points for a set of discrete controllers (independent random signals driving the sub-set of cabinets)
 - Radiated power from both DS3 cabinet swarm and from individual cabinets
 - Dense mapping of SPL on a movable rectangle associated to 2D-FFT
 - Impulse audio responses in time domain



Building Models in the 3D-GUI of DS3

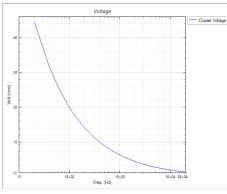
- Defining Electro-magnetic drivers
 - Input of their Thiele's Parameters
 - Adding compression chamber and horn to some drivers
- Creating cabinets containing required drivers
- Associating Cabinets to control voltage signals
- Automated generation of DART-type configuration from parametric geometry

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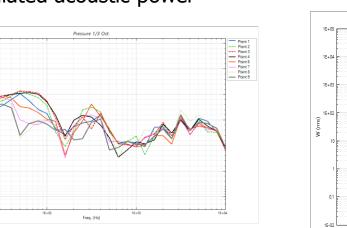


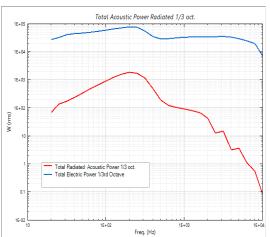
Analyzing DS3 Spectral Outputs

Electric Voltage Input



 SPL at controlled nodes, electric power and radiated acoustic power







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Spacecraft Reference Panel

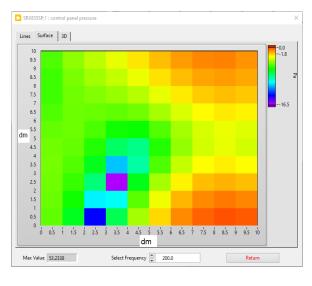
Analyzing DS3 Spectral and 2D-FFT Outputs

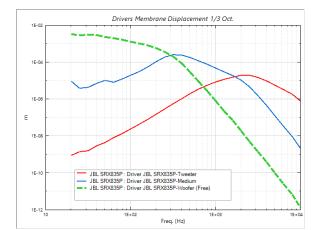
Motion of driver diaphragms

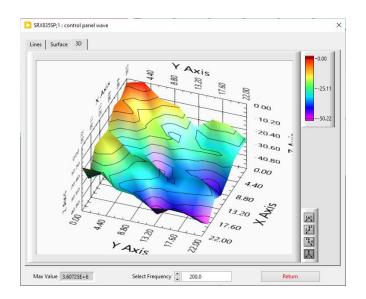
- RMS and 1/3rd octave spectra of
 - displacement
 - velocity
 - acceleration of diaphragms

Payload Wall SPL mapping

- SPL distribution for selected frequency band
- Mapping in wavenumber domain

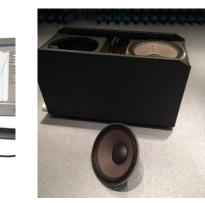


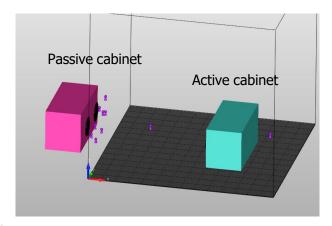


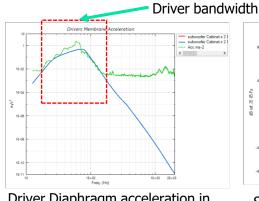


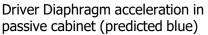
Validation of DS3 Simulation

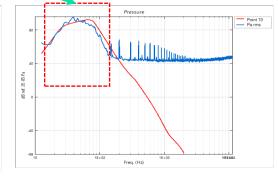
- Test campaigns with Airbus Defense and Space using set of JBL cabinets
- For both subwoofers and 3-Way JBL cabinets
 - Identification of Thiele's parameters of related drivers (Subwoofer, Woofer, medium and tweeter)
 - Simulation of subwoofer cabinet then, 3-ways cabinet
 - Cross-comparisons of measured and predicted SPL pressure at distance, directivity and diaphragm velocity
 - Single cabinet configuration
 - Two interacting cabinets (one passive, one active)







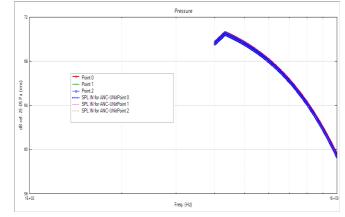




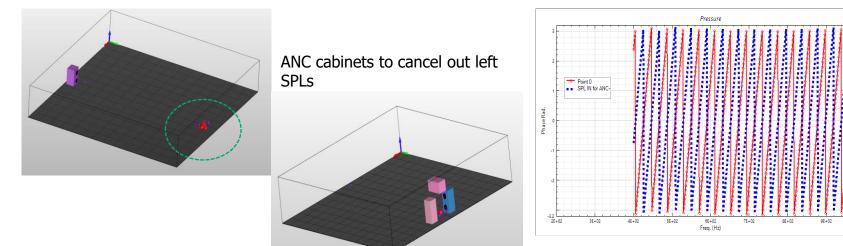
SPL at 2 m distance from active cabinet (predicted red and measured blue)

D3S Active Noise Control (ANC) Capabilities

- SPL is simulated at a set of distant points from a cabinet
- Voltage state at set of extra cabinets is identified by **ANC solver** for generating anti-sound at the set of previous distant points (same SPL but out-of-phase with SPL to cancel)



RMS moduli of Source and Anti-source signals



Phase or Source and Anti-source signals

Generation of signal to cancel out

Synthesis

- DS3 for DART Design & Simulation is an InterAC software
 - Calculation/test comparisons are based on measurements carried out in partnership with Airbus Defense and Space (ADS)
- For DART system modeling
 - from elementary electro-magnetic drivers parameters (Thiele's parameters)
 - by including drivers in user-defined cabinets
 - by creating cluster of cabinets from user-defined geometrical configuration
- For DART Design by solving both direct & inverse problems
 - Starting from voltage, it provides SPLs, diaphragm responses and electric currents
 - Starting from specified SPLs, it provides diaphragm responses, electric currents and voltages
 - For a given number of independent specified voltage signals between controllers, each associated to a subset of cabinets, it provides the random or deterministic response of the system for analyzing wave interference effects within the generated wave field
 - The latter correlated pressure wave-field can be exported in SEA+ software for computing effects of spacecraft response to the specific DART field
- For Anti-sound analysis and control
 - Allow investigation of potential ANC solutions based on anti-sound speakers
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