

Explorations in Multiple-Input Shaker Shock Testing



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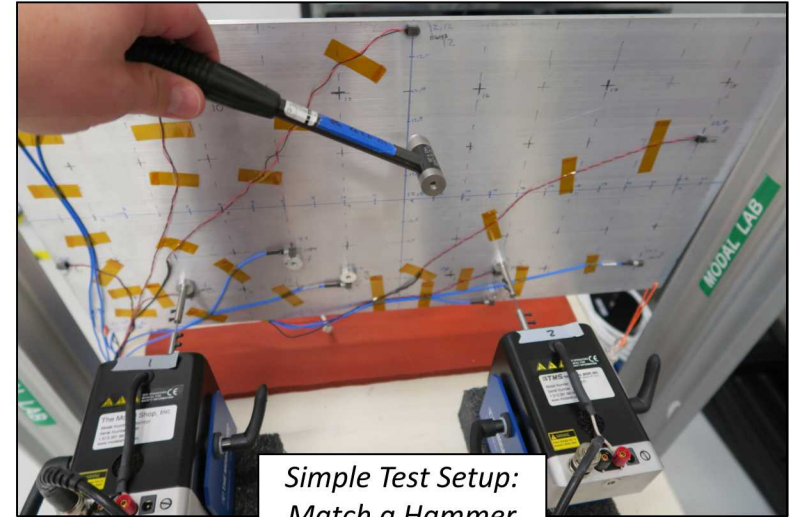


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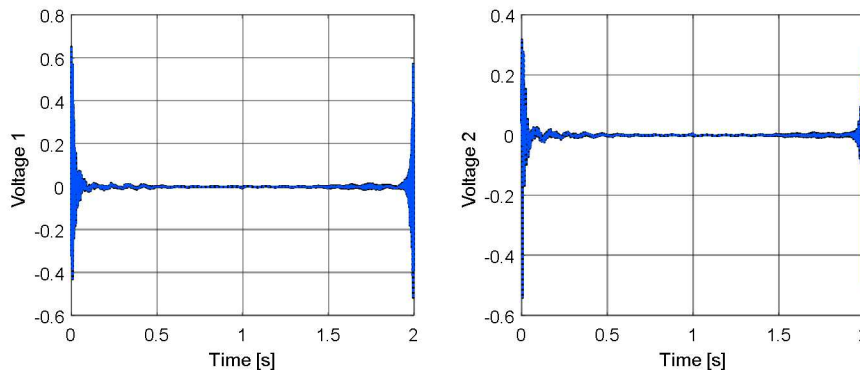
- Problem & Objective
- (Basic) MIMO Transient Theory
- Example Dynamic System
- Simulated Field and Laboratory Tests
- Explorations of Test Design Effects
 - Convolution Error
 - Effect of the number of shakers
 - Effect of the location of shakers
- Conclusions

Motivation: A MIMO Test with Issues

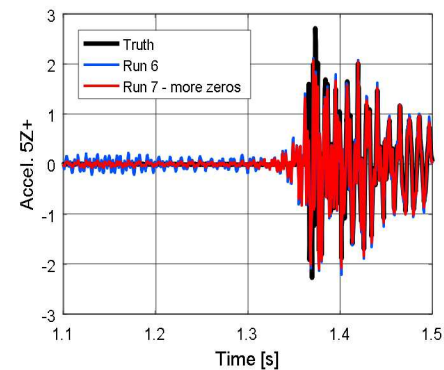
- Tasked with running a MIMO shock test on some complicated hardware
- Started by trying to run a MIMO shock test on some simple hardware
- It wasn't that simple...
 - Big errors
 - Small errors
- Not sure what affects what – what should I change to get a better result?



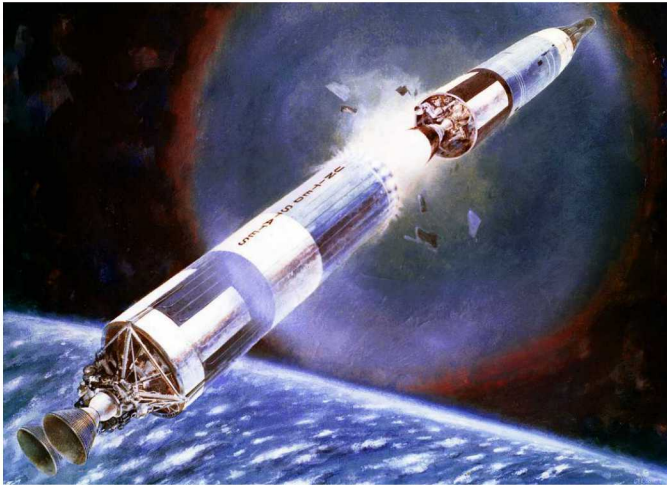
*Simple Test Setup:
Match a Hammer
Hit with 2 Shakers*



*Estimated Inputs
Look Weird...*



*Early-Time Response
Doesn't Match*



*Shocks occur in various forms during flight & transportation:
The inputs are not always single-axis
Can we test in a better way using MIMO techniques?*

Objective:

- Learn about MIMO transient (shock) problems & how to solve them
- Make a simulation-based test design process
- Demonstrate how test design factors affect results



MIMO Transient Theory

Just the basics for now...

Forward Problem:

$$\{X_y\} = [H_{yx}]\{X_x\}$$

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Given inputs, get outputs

Inverse Problem:

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Given outputs, get inputs

$\{X_x\}$ = Nx1, Input Linear Spectra

$\{X_y\}$ = Mx1, Output Linear Spectra

$[H_{yx}]$ = MxN, FRF Matrix

$[h_{yx}]$ = MxN, Impulse Response Matrix

$\{x\}$ = Nx1, Input Time Histories

$\{y\}$ = Mx1, Output Time Histories

$[\cdot]^+$ = pseudo-inverse

- How to solve a forward MIMO transient problem:

- Start with inputs in the time domain:

$$\{x\}$$

- Convert to the frequency domain (DFT):

$$\{X_x\} = \mathcal{F}(\{x\})$$

- Multiply by FRF matrix to get the outputs:

$$\{X_y\} = [H_{yx}]\{X_x\}$$

- Convert to the time domain (IDFT):

$$\{y\} = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\{X_y\})$$

- How to solve a inverse MIMO transient problem:

- Start with target response (outputs) in the time domain:

$$\{y_0\}$$

- Convert to the frequency domain (DFT):

$$\{X_{y0}\} = \mathcal{F}(\{y_0\})$$

- Multiply by pseudo-inverse of the FRF matrix to get the inputs:

$$\{X_{x1}\} = [H_{yx}]^+ \{X_{y0}\}$$

- Multiply by the FRF matrix to get the outputs:

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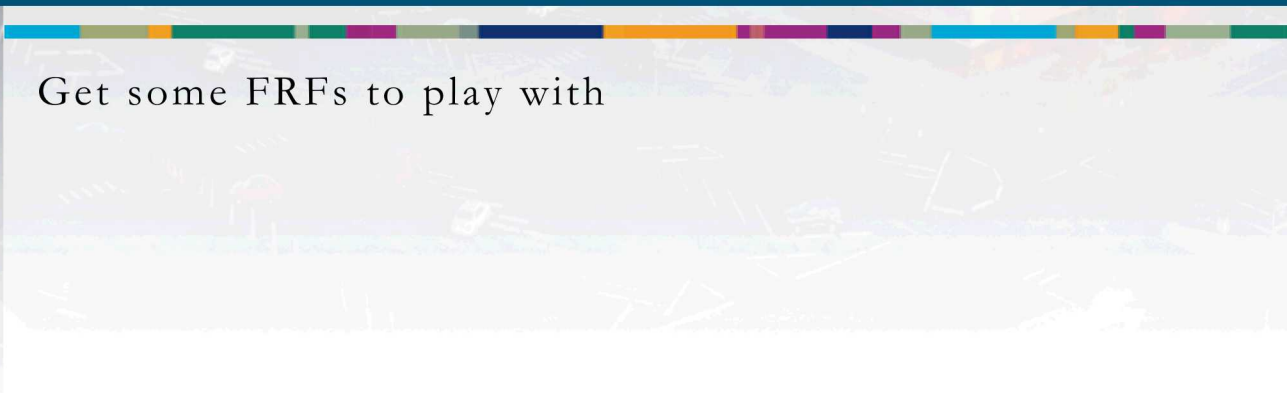
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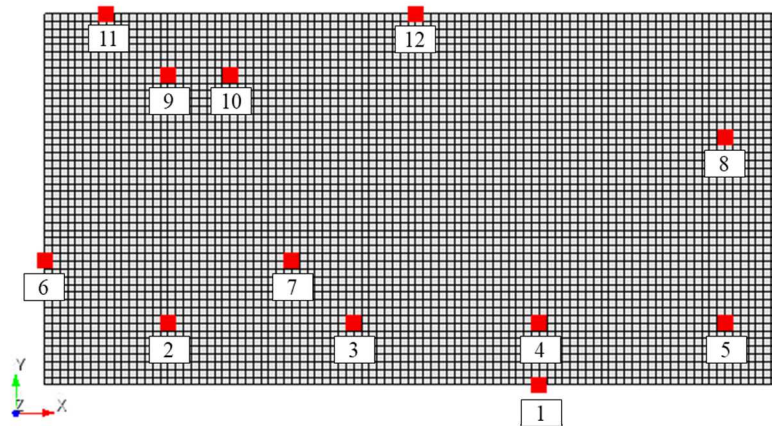
Example Dynamic System



Get some FRFs to play with



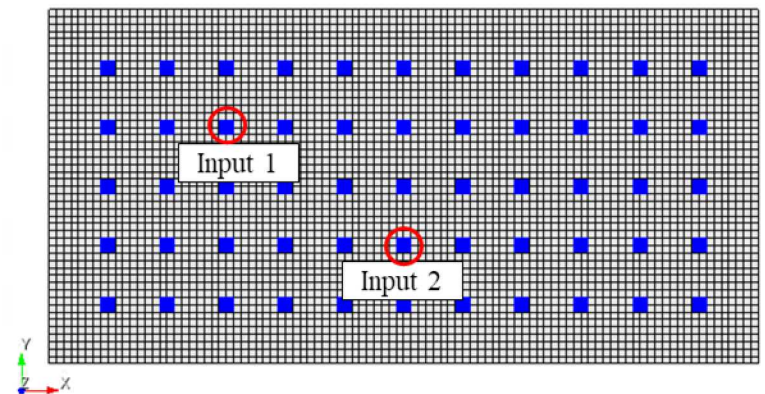
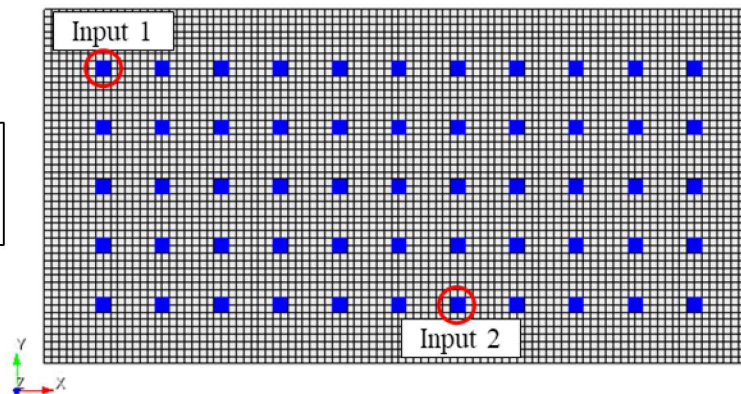
12 Outputs
(Accelerometers)



Field (Truth)

Lab

2 Sets of 2 Inputs
(Shakers)



- 12x24x1/4 inch aluminum plate
- Free-free BCs
- 12 outputs
- Grid of possible inputs

- Model modes at inputs & outputs let us synthesize FRF matrices
- Desired bandwidth: 1500 Hz
- Time response via Newmark integration at 32,768 Hz

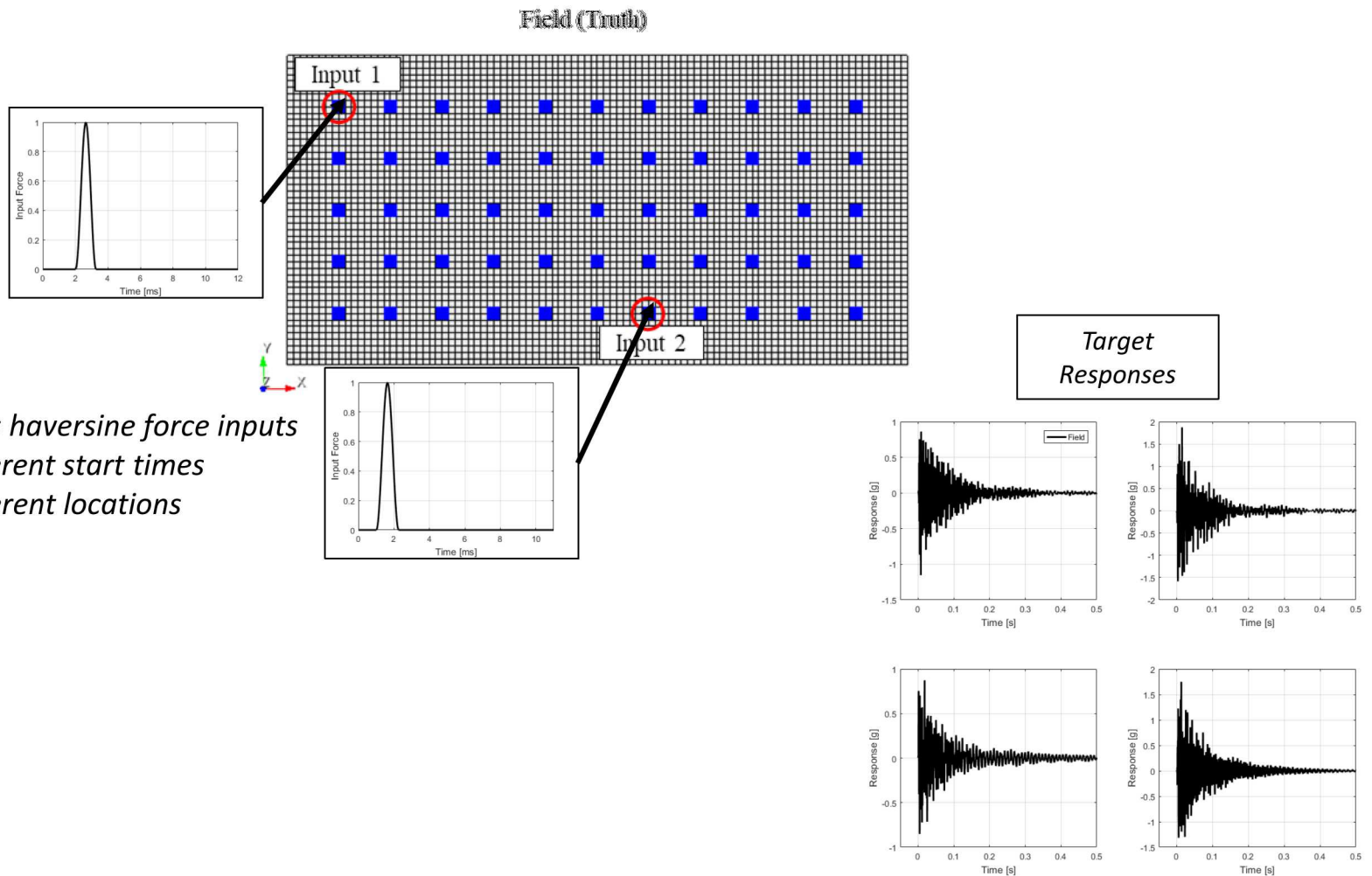


Simulated Field & Laboratory Tests

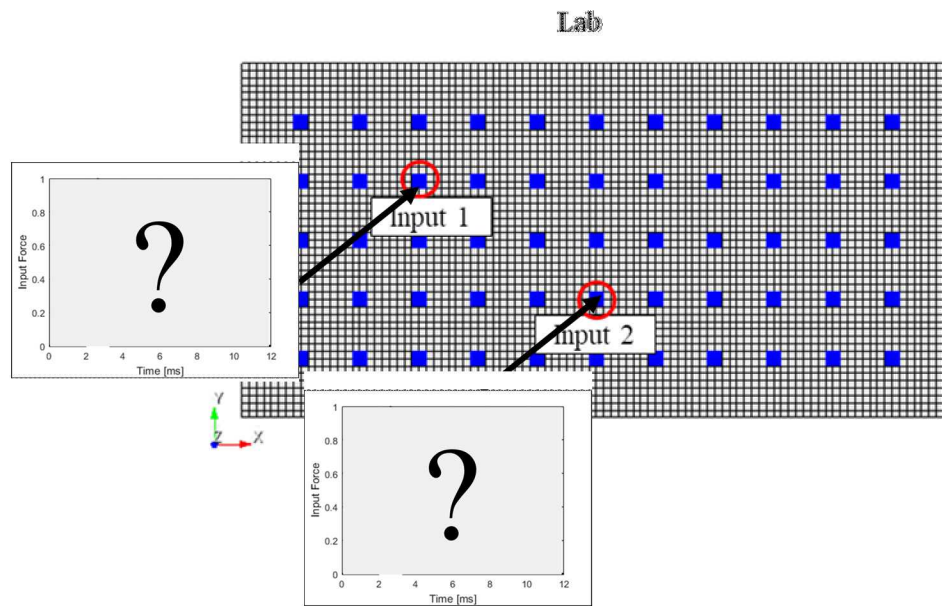


Cheaper than the real thing

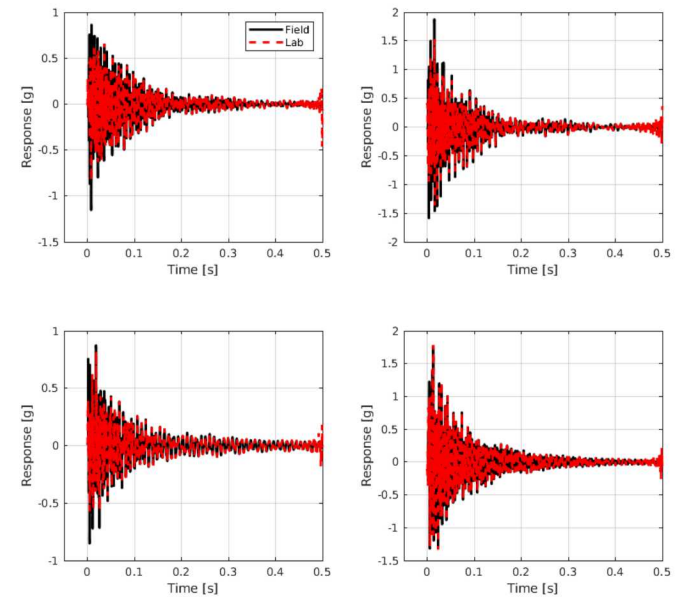
- Objective: Obtain target response time histories from some transient inputs



- Pick input locations
- Solve input estimation problem
- Predict response due to those inputs



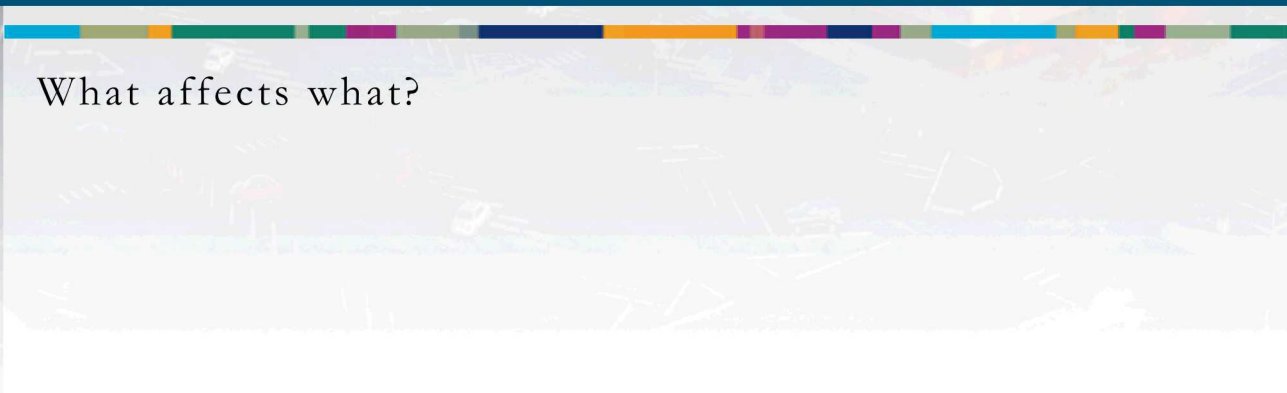
Compare Field & Lab Responses



$$\{X_x\} = [H_{yx}]^+ \{X_y\}$$

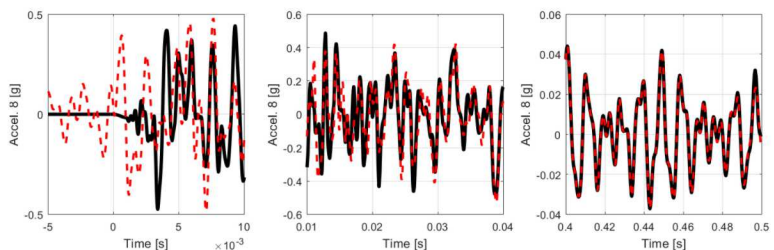
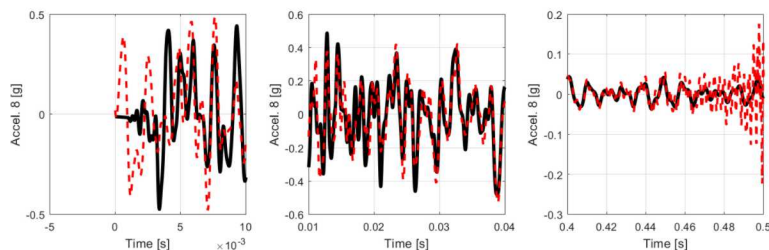
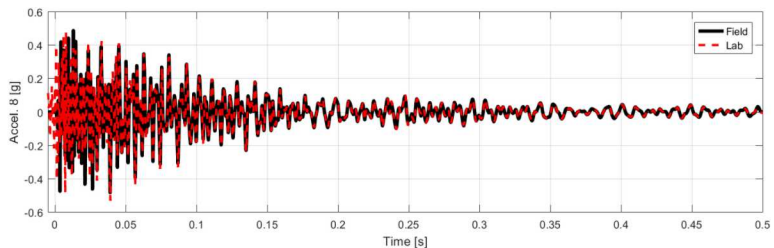
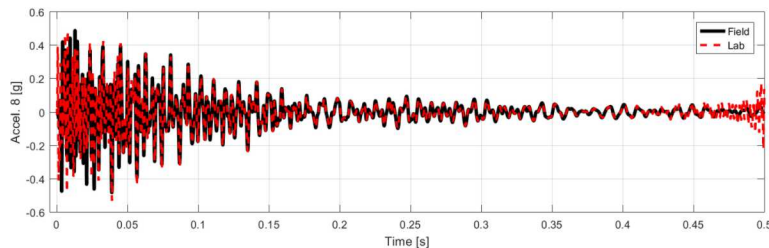
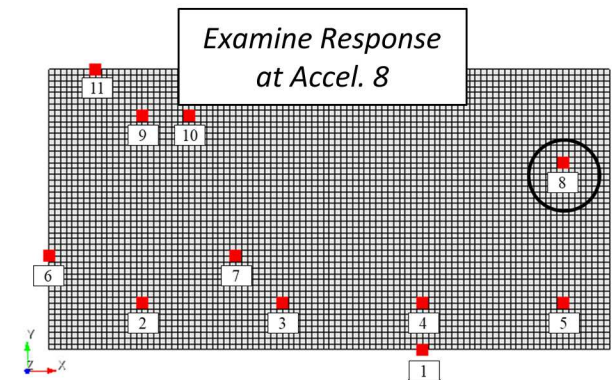


Explorations of Test Design Effects



What affects what?

- Convolution wrap-around can cause errors at the ends of the frame
- Here, this shows up as large inputs & responses at the end of the frame
- Solution: Add zeros to the start & end of the target response
 - $\{y_0\} = \{\{0\}; \{y_0\}; \{0\}\}$
 - Wrap-around is multiplied by zeros, removing the effects



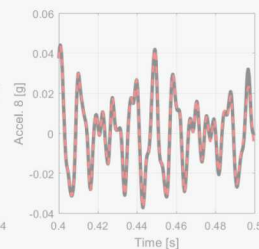
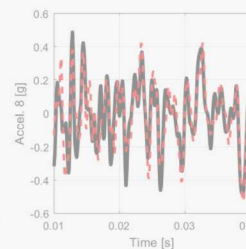
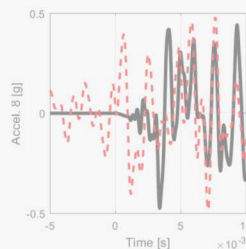
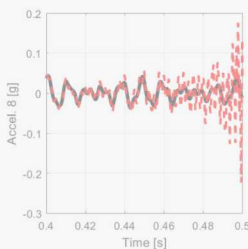
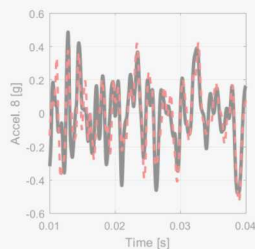
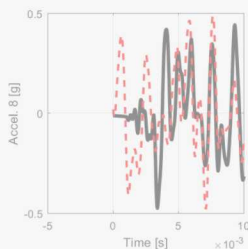
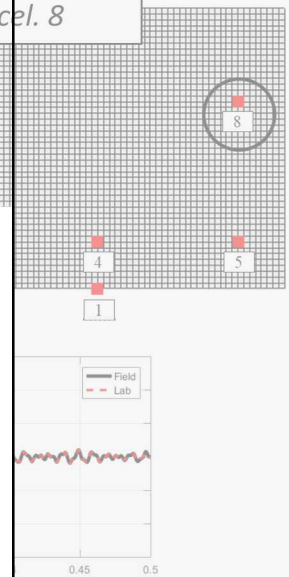
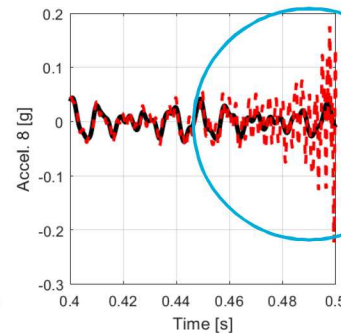
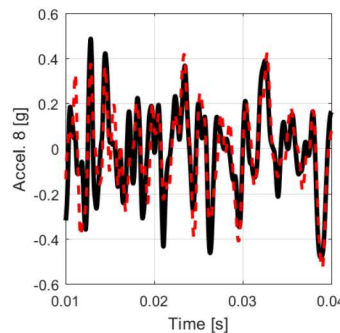
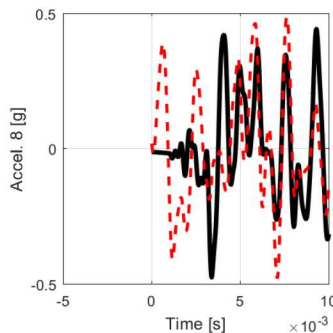
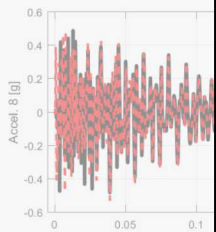
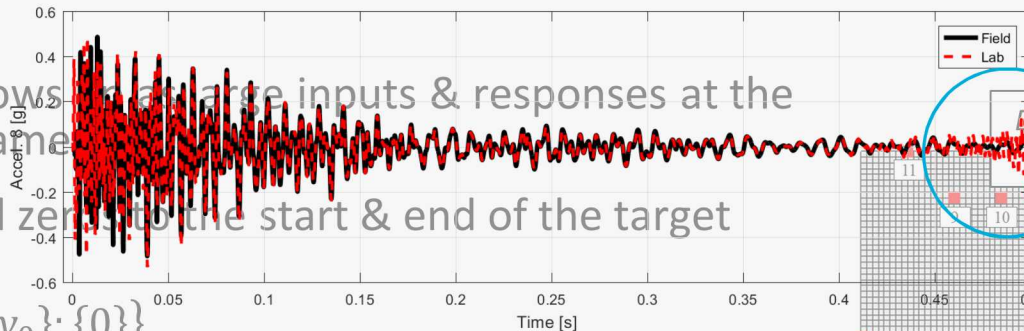
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- Wrap-around



Convolution Error

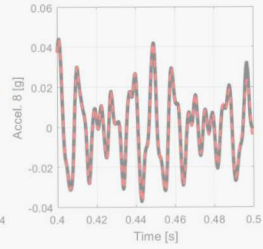
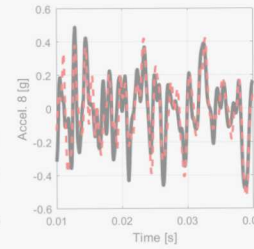
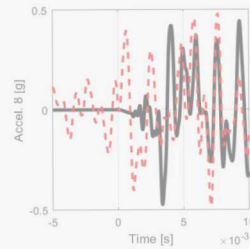
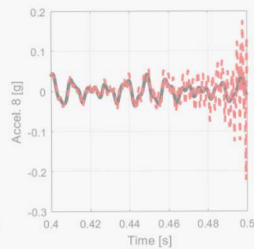
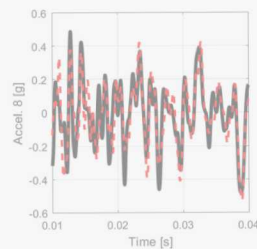
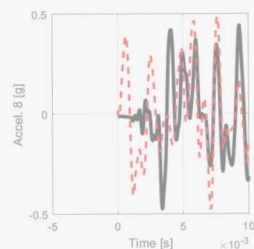
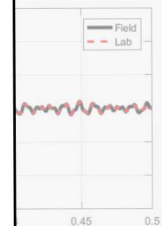
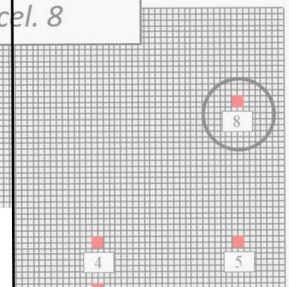
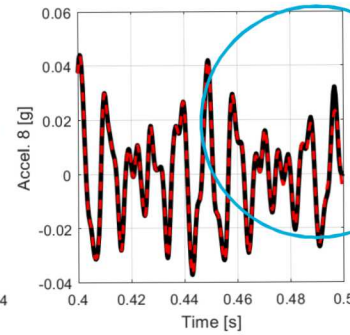
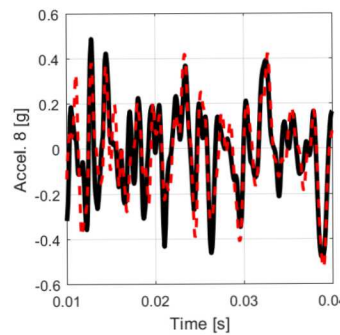
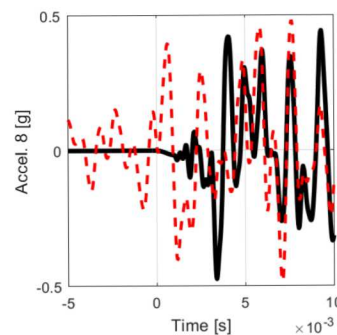
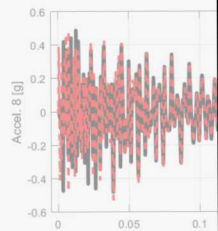
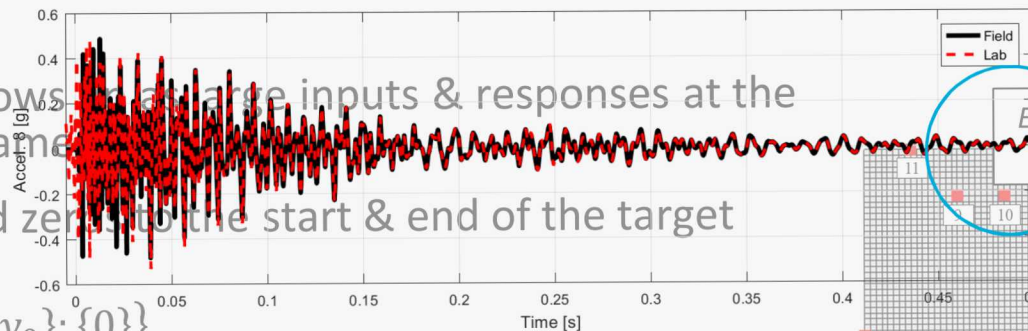
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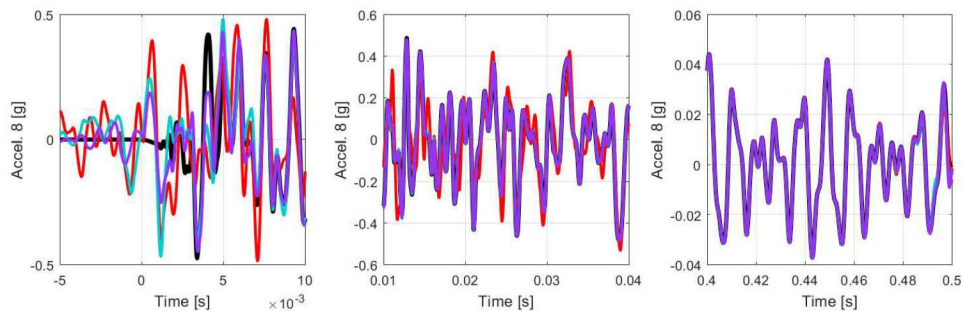
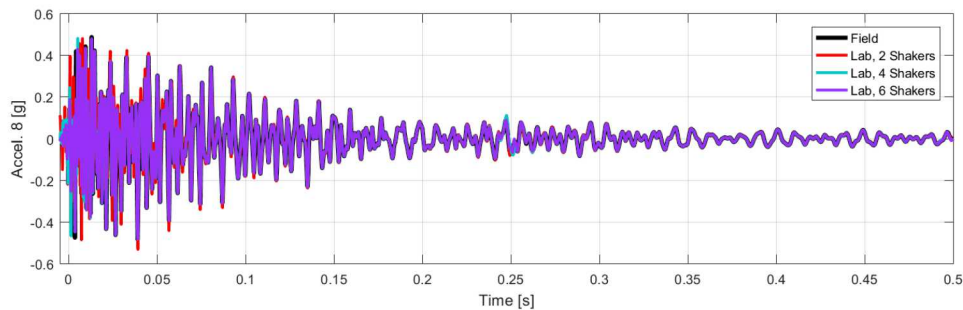
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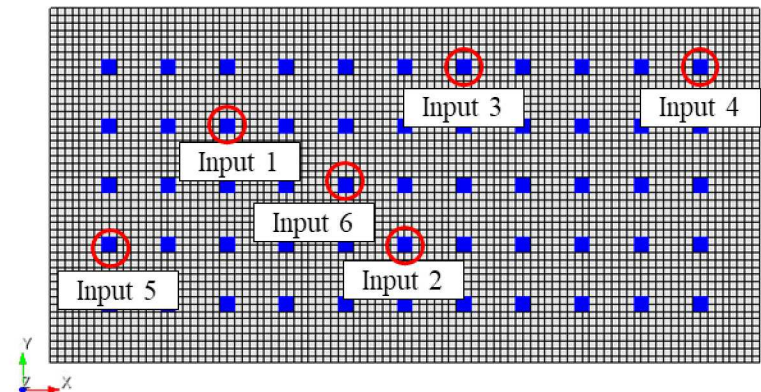


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- Simulate Lab test with 2, 4, and 6 shakers
- More shakers is better, but may not result in a perfect response



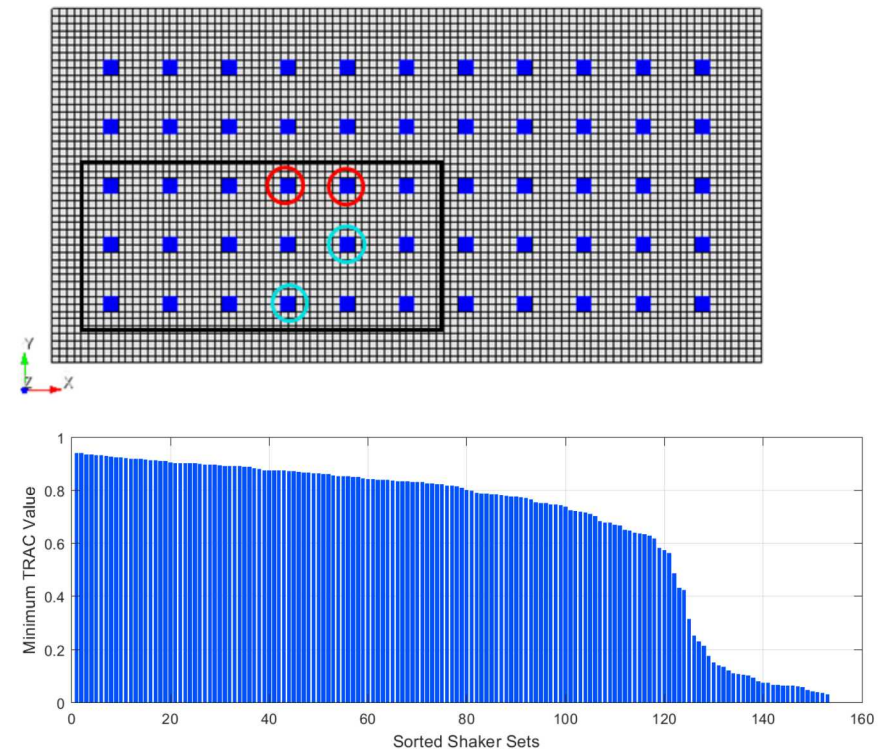
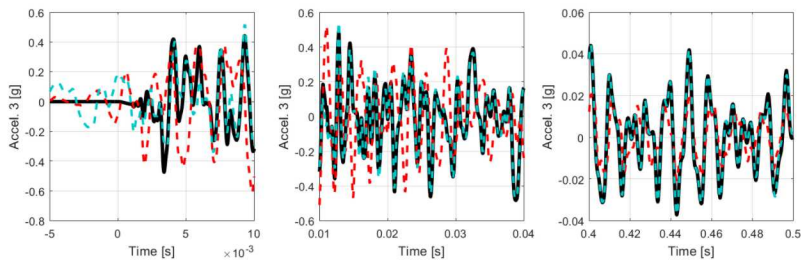
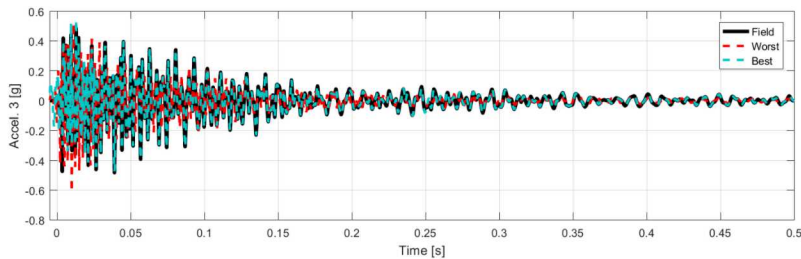
*Early-time
response improves
with more inputs*

*Late-time response
is equivalent*



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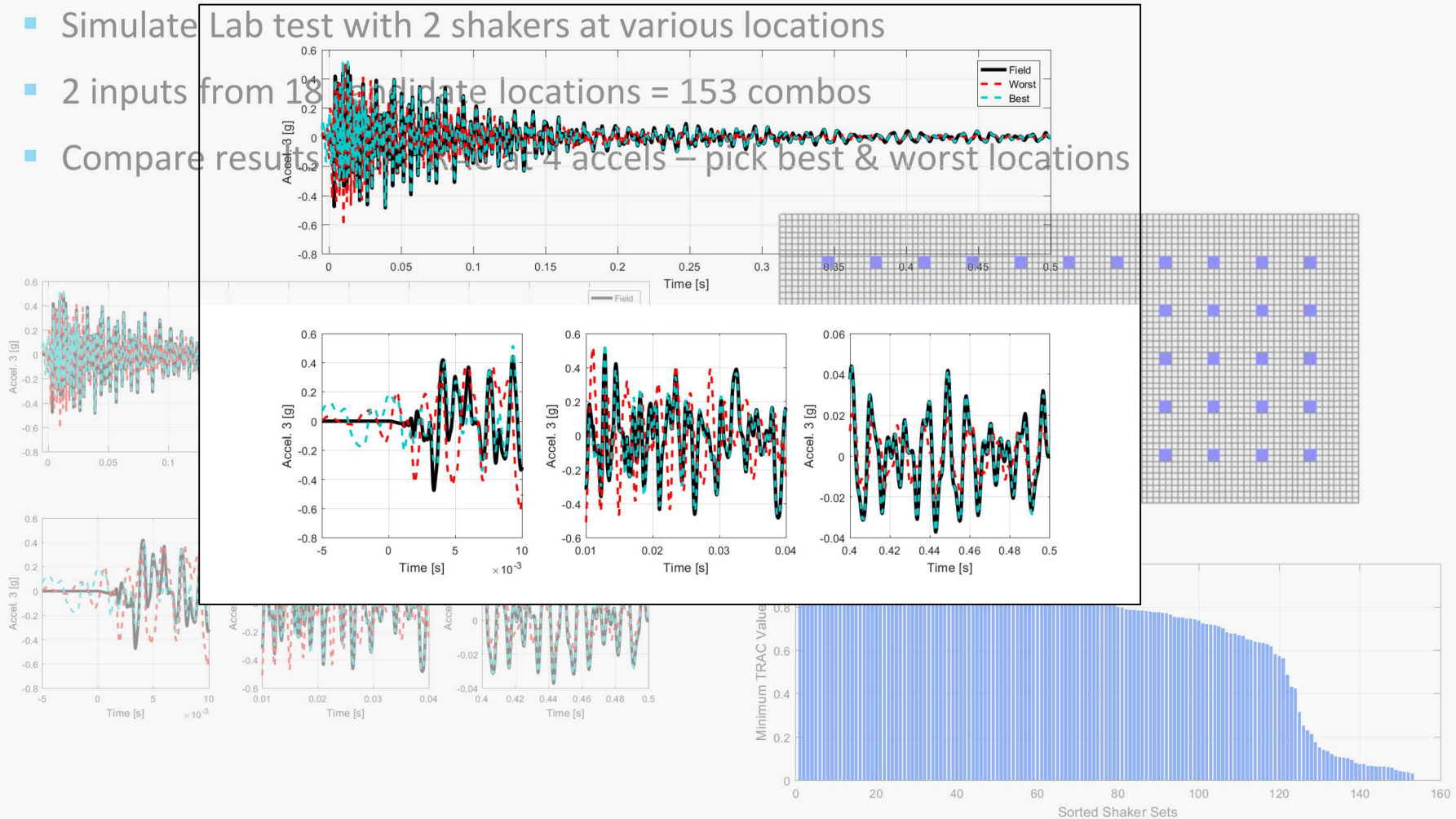
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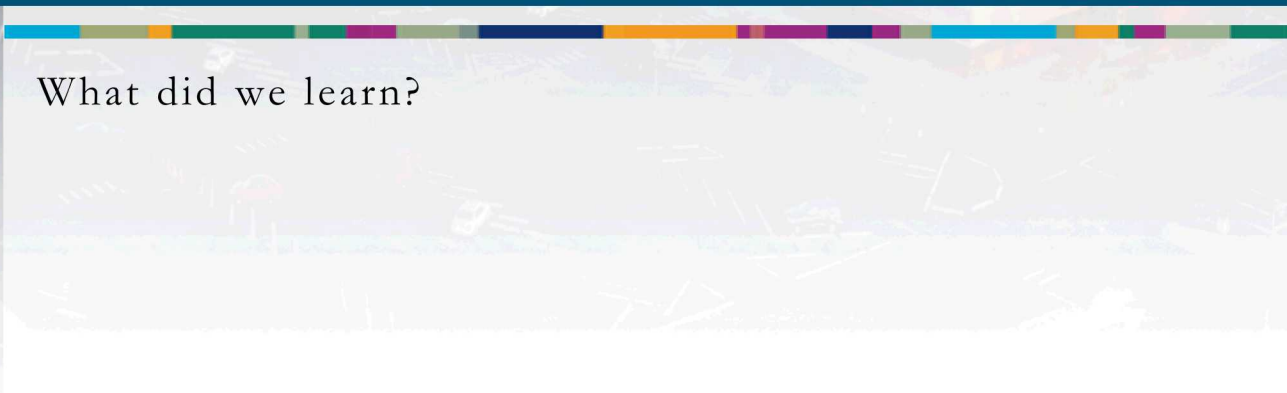
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Conclusions



What did we learn?

- A simple example can be really useful when learning how to do something new
- Models are really useful for designing & understanding complicated test behavior. We plan to use a model-based test design approach for MIMO
- Some of this should have been obvious, but this was still a good exercise
- You must zero-pad the target response to avoid convolution wrap around errors
- Just like with MIMO random vibration problems, MIMO transient problems are very sensitive to the number and location of inputs. It is worth the design time to pick some good input locations and avoid some bad input locations
- Future Work:
 - Arbitrary-length signals/waveform replication using COLA
 - Investigate multi-output metrics for transient problems
 - Assess shaker capabilities vs. environment requirements

Questions?

