

A Bayesian Approach for Identifying the Spatial Correlation of Acoustic Loads During Vibroacoustic Testing



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Correlating model and experiment requires the correct loads

For the random field generated during vibroacoustic testing, model/test correlation requires identifying the acoustic pressure power-spectral density (PSD) matrix to generate the response:

Response PSD:

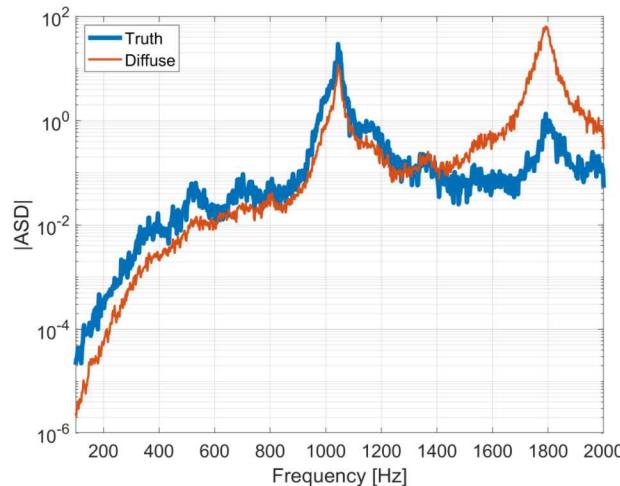
$$\mathbf{S}_{xx}(\omega) = \mathbf{H}_{xf}(\omega) \boxed{\mathbf{S}_{ff}(\omega)} \mathbf{H}_{xf}(\omega)^H$$

Input PSD:

$$\mathbf{S}_{ff}(\omega) = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11}(\omega) & \dots & S_{1N}(\omega) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{N1}(\omega) & \dots & S_{NN}(\omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

Some approaches to build the input PSD matrix include

- Uncorrelated Inputs: diagonal terms from measured pressure levels, off-diagonal terms are zero
- Diffuse Field: diagonal terms from measured pressure levels, off-diagonal terms from *sinc* function



Incorrect loading can significantly degrade response predictions!

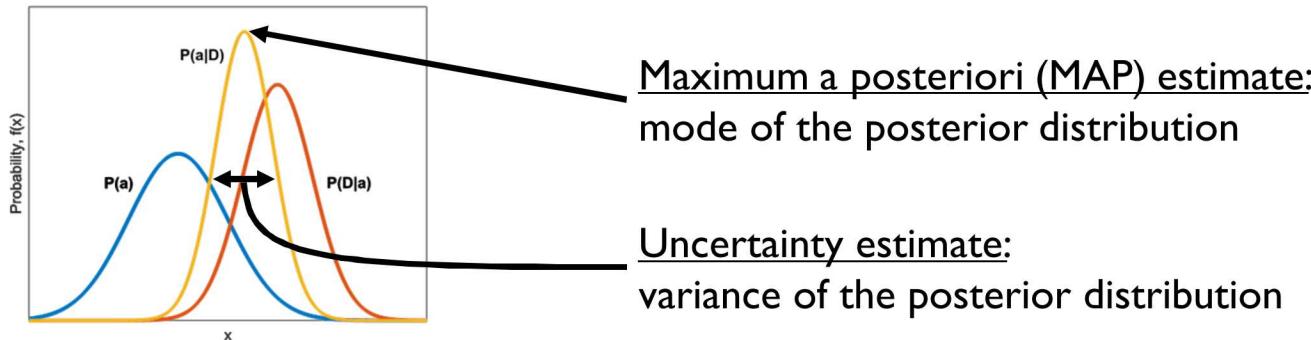
Bayesian inference relies on Bayes' Theorem to estimate the unknown variables and also quantifies uncertainty

Bayes' Theorem: $p(a|D) \propto p(D|a) p(a)$

Prior probability $p(a)$: represents knowledge of unknown variables before collecting any data

Likelihood (Evidence) $p(D|a)$: represents the probability of the measured data given a set of the unknown variables

Posterior probability $p(a|D)$: represents the updated probability of the unknown variables given the measured data



- Several recent studies utilize Bayesian inference for inverse problems in acoustics and structural dynamics:
Zhang (2012 JSV), Antoni (2012 JASA), Pereira (2015 AA), Aucejo (2016 MSSP), Faure (2017 MSSP)
- This work follows the framework set forth by Pereira (2015 AA), but with several differences:
 - Allows for inclusion of the measured input levels from microphone measurements
 - Estimates/quantifies the uncertainty of unmeasured structural locations
 - Estimates PSDs when dealing with random signals

Bayesian Inference leads to an estimate of the unknown forces given the measured structural responses

Response at each freq. is a combination of deterministic and probabilistic components

$$\mathbf{x}(\omega) = \mathbf{H}(\omega)\mathbf{f}(\omega) + \mathbf{n}(\omega)$$

\mathbf{x} : Vector of the response measurements

\mathbf{H} : Matrix of known transfer functions

\mathbf{f} : Vector of unknown forces

\mathbf{n} : Vector of the measurement/model errors that is normally distributed with zero mean and variance σ_n^2

Likelihood function:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{f}, \sigma_n^2) \sim N_c(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}, \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ = \frac{1}{\pi^{N_o} (\sigma_n^2)^{N_o}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f})^H (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{f}) \right]$$

Prior for the unknown forces:

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\sigma_f^2) \sim N_c(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_f^2 \Sigma_f) \\ = \frac{1}{\pi^{N_i} (\sigma_f^2)^{N_i} |\Sigma_f|} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{\sigma_f^2} \mathbf{f}^H \Sigma_f^{-1} \mathbf{f} \right]$$

Apply Bayes' Theorem to estimate forces:

$$p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{x}, \sigma_n^2, \sigma_f^2) \propto p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{f}, \sigma_n^2) p(\mathbf{f}|\sigma_f^2) \\ \sim N_c(\hat{\mathbf{f}}, \hat{\mathbf{C}}_{ff})$$

MAP Estimate: $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = (\mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} + \tau^2 \Sigma_f^{-1})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{x}$

Uncertainty: $\hat{\mathbf{C}}_{ff} = \sigma_n^2 (\mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} + \tau^2 \Sigma_f^{-1})^{-1}$

Regularization Param: $\tau^2 = \frac{\sigma_n^2}{\sigma_f^2}$

Estimate the unmeasured responses:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_*|\mathbf{x}, \sigma_n^2, \sigma_f^2) = \int p(\mathbf{x}_*|\mathbf{f}) p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{x}, \sigma_n^2, \sigma_f^2) d\mathbf{f} \\ \sim N_c(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_*, \hat{\mathbf{C}}_{**})$$

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For random signals, the Bayesian-based force estimation also extends to power-spectral densities

Can work with measured response PSD matrix (\mathbf{S}_{xx}) rather than any specific realization of \mathbf{x} :

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{S}_{xx}) \sim N_c(0, \mathbf{S}_{xx}) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{S}_{xx}: \text{Measured response PSD matrix}$$

Can estimate input PSD matrix by marginalizing over all possible values of the \mathbf{x} :

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{f}|\sigma_n^2, \sigma_f^2) &= \int p(\mathbf{f}|\mathbf{x}, \sigma_n^2, \sigma_f^2) p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{S}_{xx}) d\mathbf{x} \\ &\sim N_c(0, \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{ff}) \end{aligned}$$

Input PSD Matrix Estimate:

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{ff} = \left[(\mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} + \tau^2 \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_f^{-1})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^H \right] \mathbf{S}_{xx} \left[(\mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} + \tau^2 \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_f^{-1})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^H \right]^H + \sigma_n^2 (\mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} + \tau^2 \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_f^{-1})^{-1}$$

Can estimate the unmeasured response PSD matrix by also marginalizing over all possible values of \mathbf{x} :

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Response PSD Matrix Estimate:

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{**} = \mathbf{H}_* \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{ff} \mathbf{H}_*^H$$

Identifying the regularization parameter reduces to a one-dimensional optimization problem

Identify the hyperparameters σ_n^2 and σ_f^2 using a second application of Bayes' Theorem:

Marginal Likelihood: $p(\mathbf{x}|\sigma_n^2, \sigma_f^2) = \int p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{f}, \sigma_n^2)p(\mathbf{f}|\sigma_f^2)d\mathbf{f}$

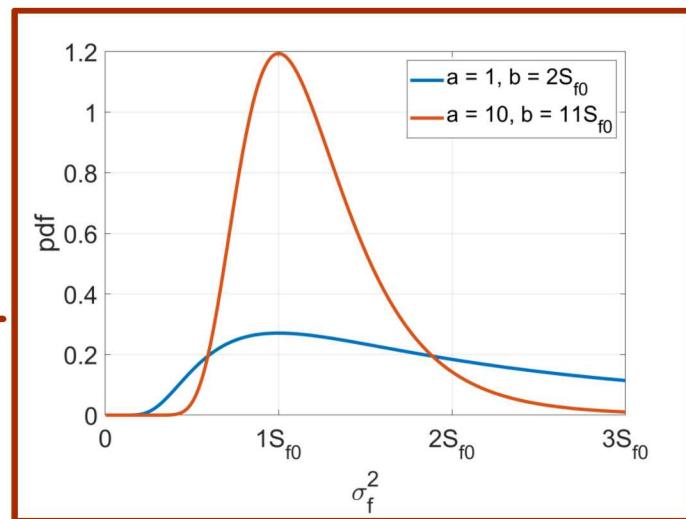
Hyperparameter priors:

Noise variance:

$$p(\sigma_n^2) \propto \frac{1}{(\sigma_n^2)^{\alpha_n+1}} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta_n}{\sigma_n^2}\right)$$

Input variance:

$$p(\sigma_f^2) \propto \frac{1}{(\sigma_f^2)^{\alpha_f+1}} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta_f}{\sigma_f^2}\right)$$



Apply Bayes' Theorem and marginalize out σ_f^2 to obtain the posterior distribution of τ^2 :

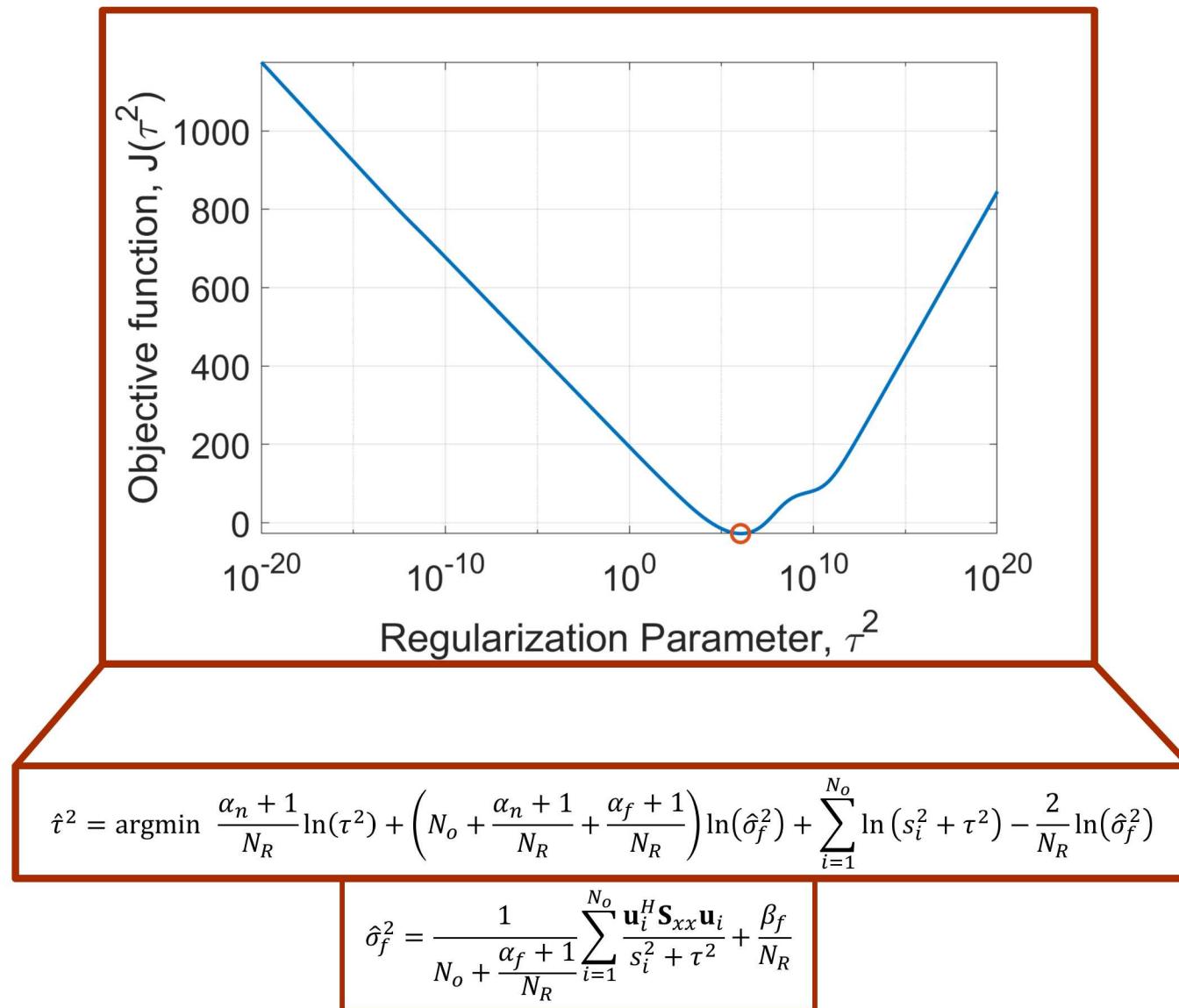
$$p(\tau^2|\mathbf{x}) \propto \left[(\tau^2)^{\alpha_n+1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_o} \frac{\mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{S}_{xx} \mathbf{u}_i}{s_i^2 + \tau^2} + \frac{\beta_f}{N_R} + \frac{1}{\tau^2} \frac{\beta_n}{N_R} \right)^{N_o N_R + \alpha_n + \alpha_f} \prod_{i=1}^{N_o} (s_i^2 + \tau^2)^2 \right]^{-1}$$

Optimize τ^2 by minimizing the negative natural logarithm of this posterior distribution:

$$\hat{\tau}^2 = \operatorname{argmin} \frac{\alpha_n + 1}{N_R} \ln(\tau^2) + \left(N_o + \frac{\alpha_n + 1}{N_R} + \frac{\alpha_f + 1}{N_R} \right) \ln(\hat{\sigma}_f^2) + \sum_{i=1}^{N_o} \ln(s_i^2 + \tau^2) - \frac{2}{N_R} \ln(\hat{\sigma}_f^2)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_f^2 = \frac{1}{N_o + \frac{\alpha_f + 1}{N_R}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_o} \frac{\mathbf{u}_i^H \mathbf{S}_{xx} \mathbf{u}_i}{s_i^2 + \tau^2} + \frac{\beta_f}{N_R}$$

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Numerical simulation of a direct-field acoustic test provides initial validation

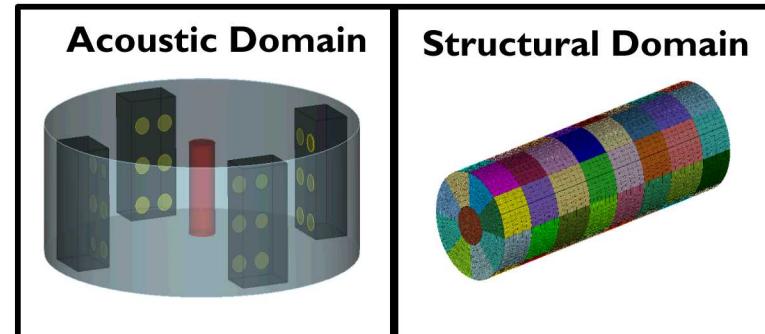
Direct-field acoustic test (DFAT) setup:

- Used 4 speaker clusters to excite the cylinder with uncorrelated white noise
- Defined structural inputs as point forces acting at the center surface patches using the distributed pressures

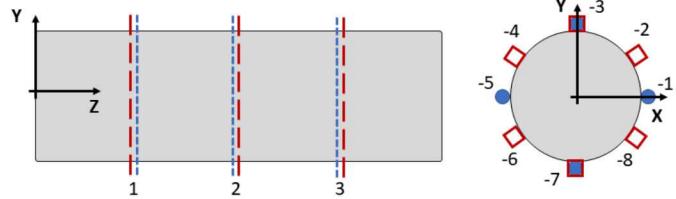
Simulated measurements:

- 18 accels located at 6 circumferential locations and 3 axial locations used for estimation procedure
- 12 microphones located at 4 circumferential locations and 3 axial locations used for tuning parameters of the σ_f^2 prior
- Time-domain measurements polluted by measurement noise with a SNR = 15 dB

DFAT Simulation Setup



Measurement Locations

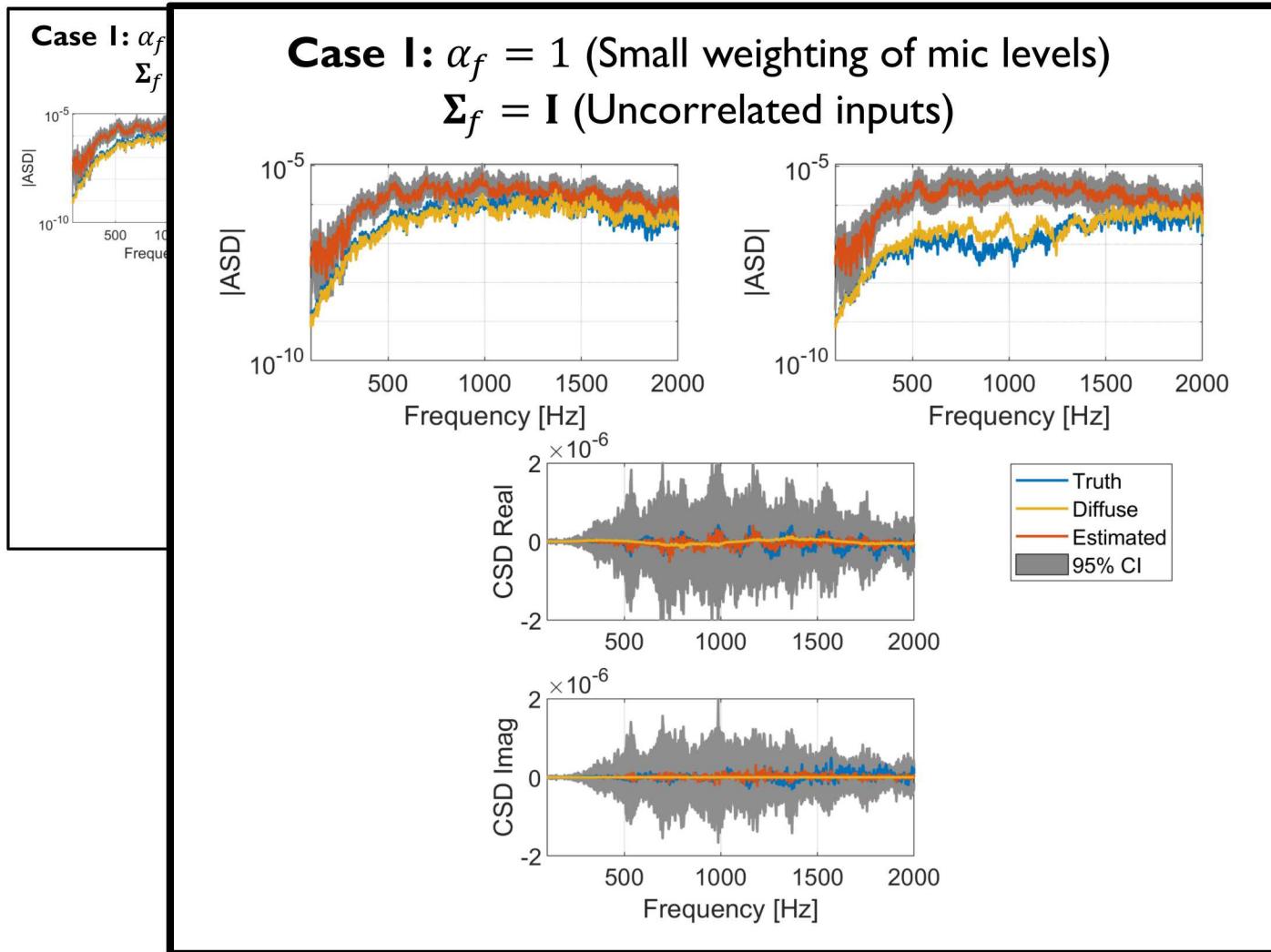


Accelerometers
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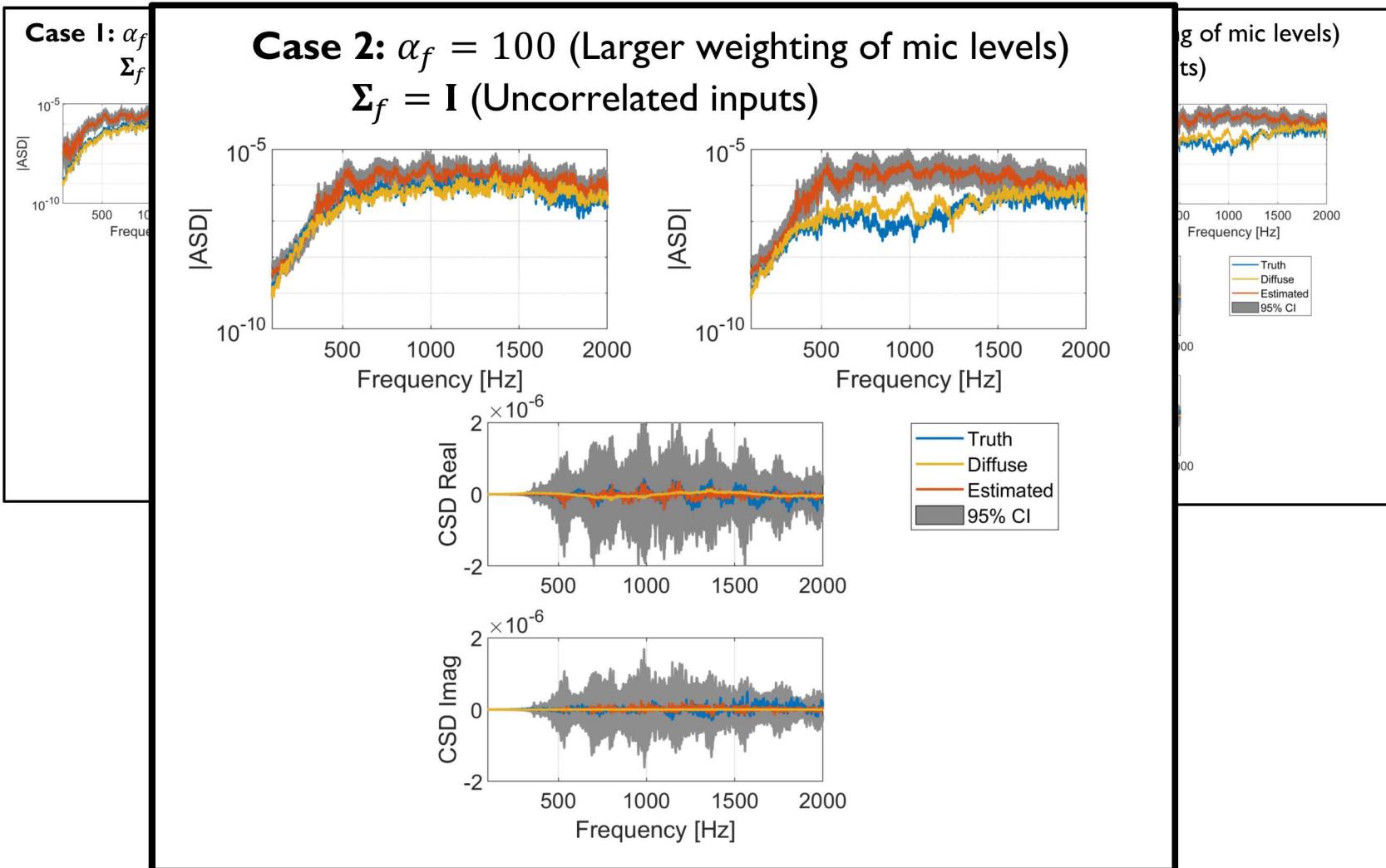
Four cases examined:

- $\alpha_f = 1$ (Small weighting of mic levels), $\Sigma_f = \mathbf{I}$ (Uncorrelated inputs)
- $\alpha_f = 100$ (Larger weighting of mic levels), $\Sigma_f = \mathbf{I}$ (Uncorrelated inputs)
- $\alpha_f = 1$ (Small weighting of mic levels), Σ_f = Correlated in axial, diffuse around circumference
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Proposed procedure able to estimate the input force PSDs

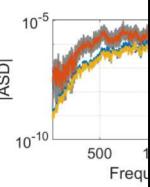


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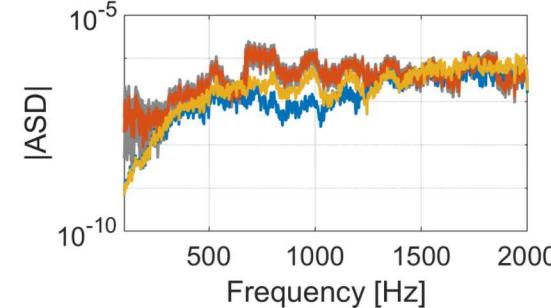
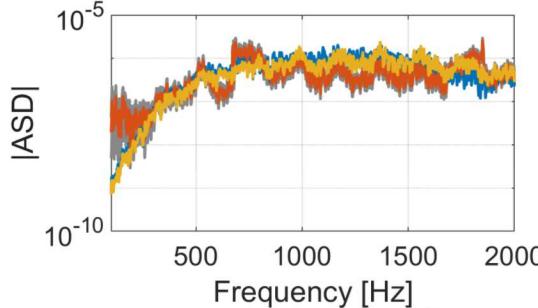
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 $\Sigma_f = \text{Correlated along axis}$

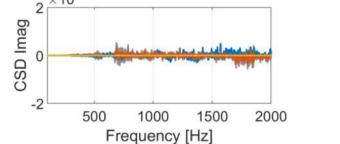
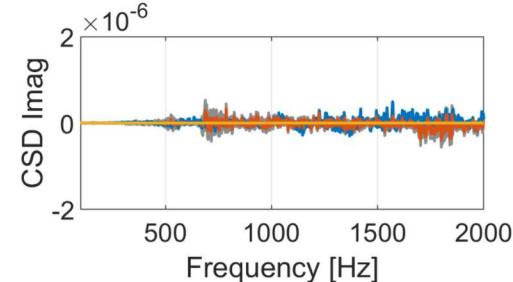
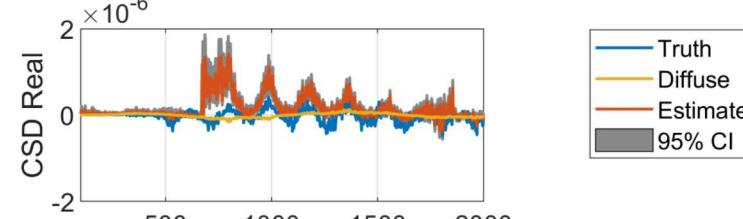
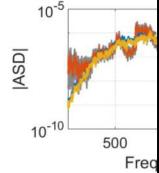


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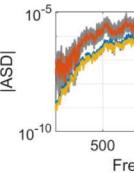
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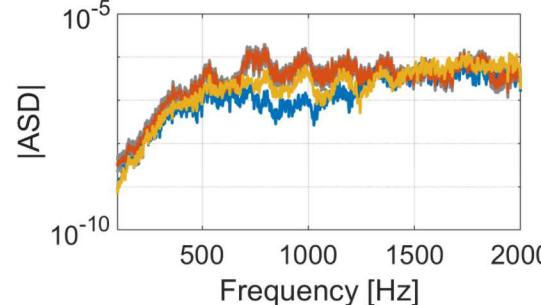
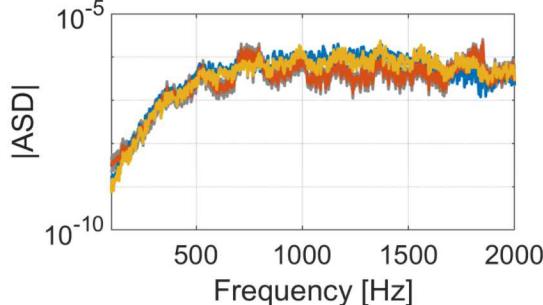
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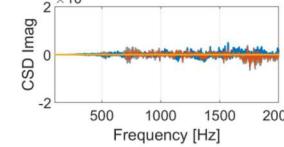
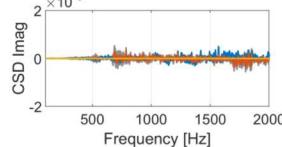
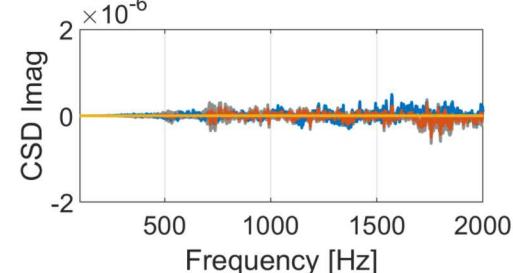
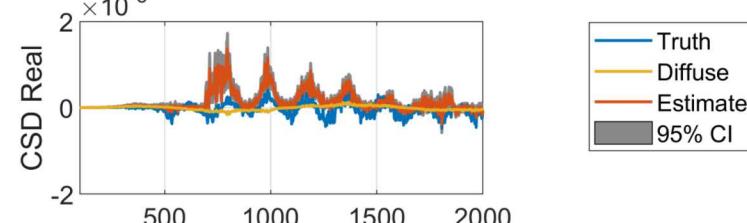
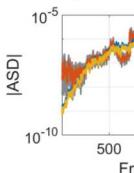


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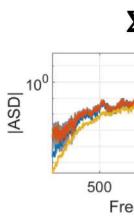


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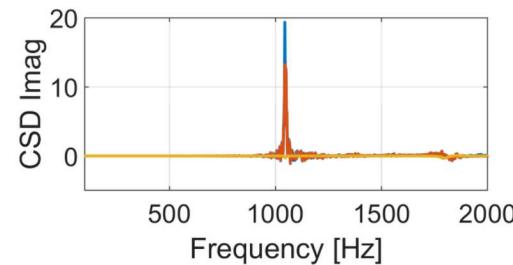
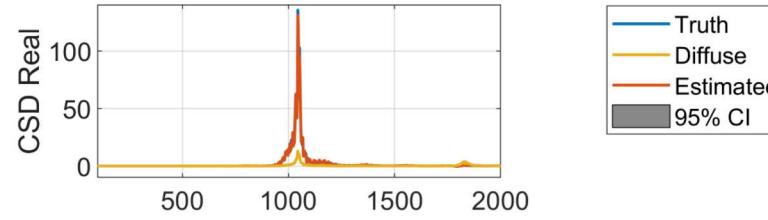
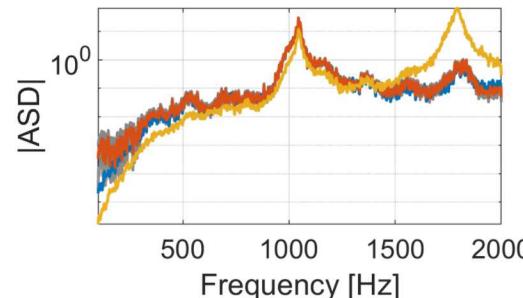
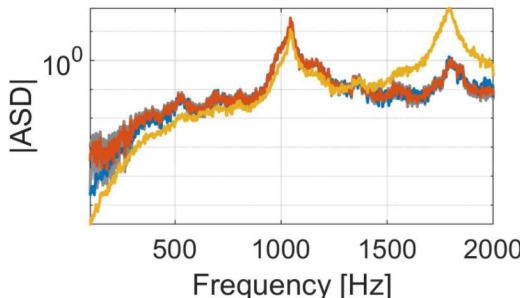


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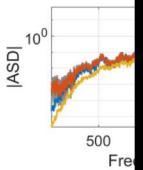


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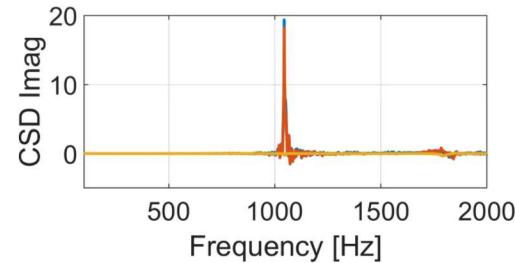
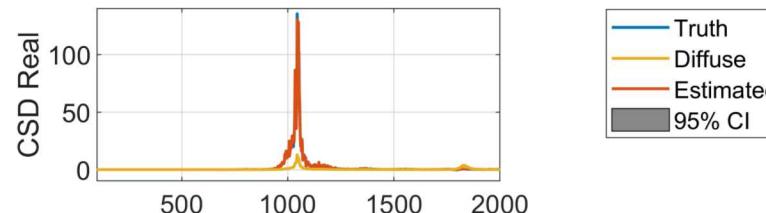
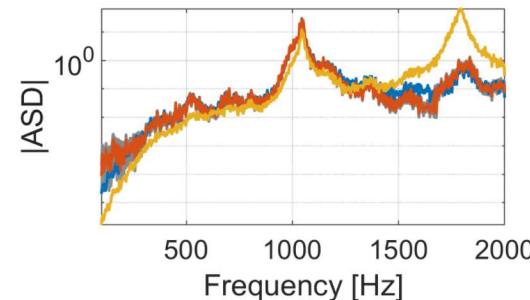
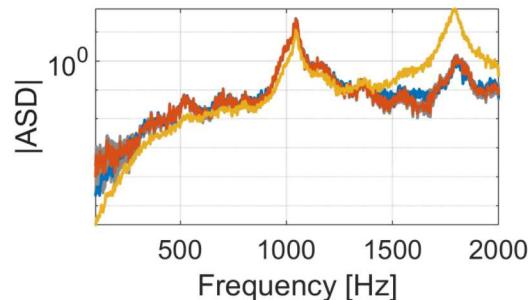


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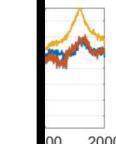
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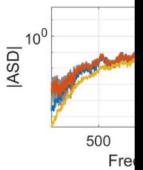
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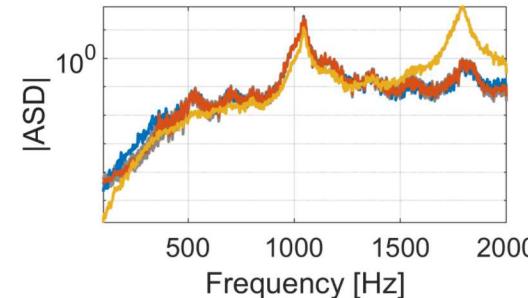
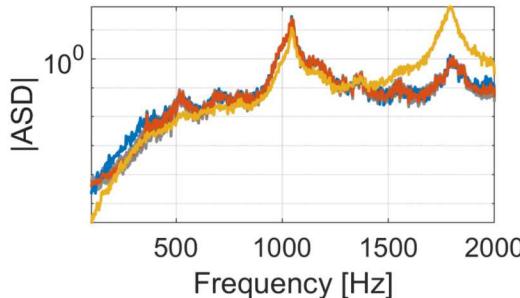
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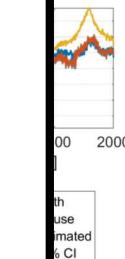


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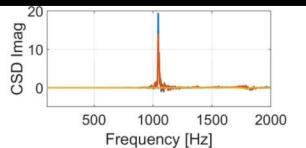
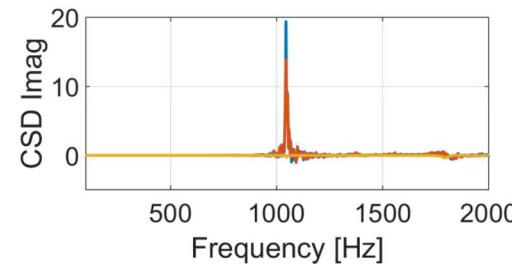
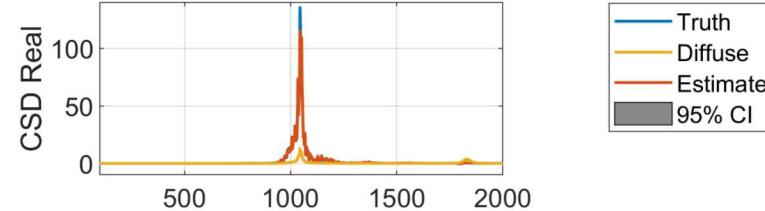
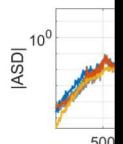


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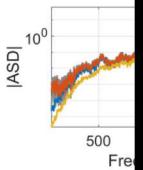
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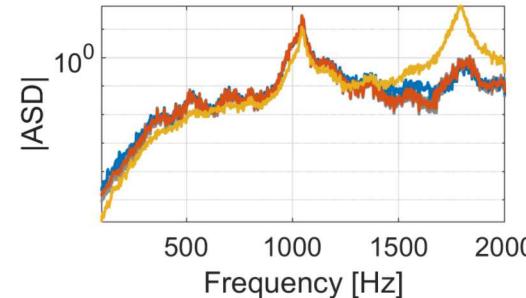
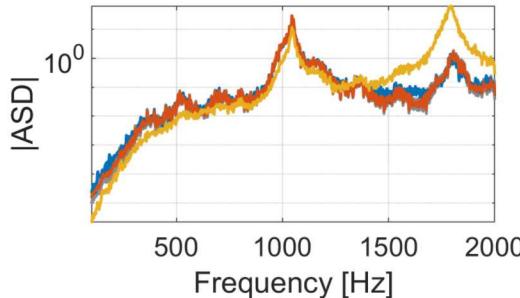
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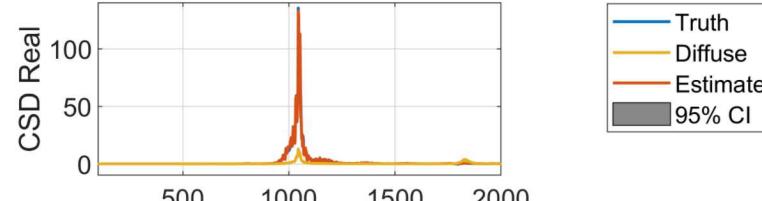
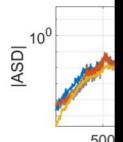
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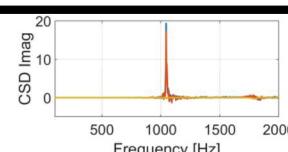
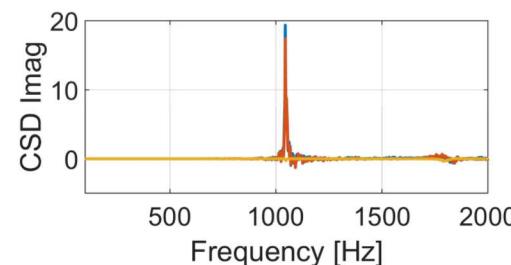
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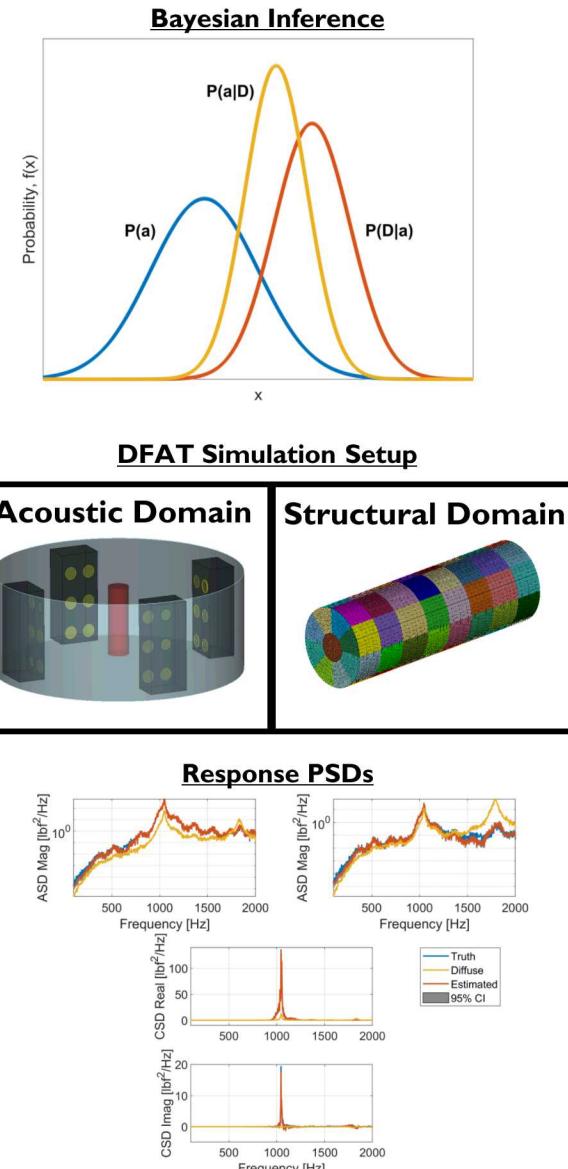
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Ongoing work centers on experimentally validating the proposed load-identification strategy

Perform vibroacoustic test to validate the proposed load estimation strategy:

- Excite the test article with various pressure fields: diffuse, diffuse+direct, direct
- Build FRFs using a calibrated FE model or a hybrid approach where natural freqs. and damping are from modal test and shapes are from FE model

Further refine load estimation strategy:

- Determine sensitivity to incorrect model parameters/incorporate some model updating to better match experimental data
- Incorporate local priors for the unknown force that should offer flexibility for fields with non-uniform pressure levels
- Parameterize the spatial correlation matrix (e.g., using a Gaussian kernel) to better match the field

Reverb-Chamber Test Setup



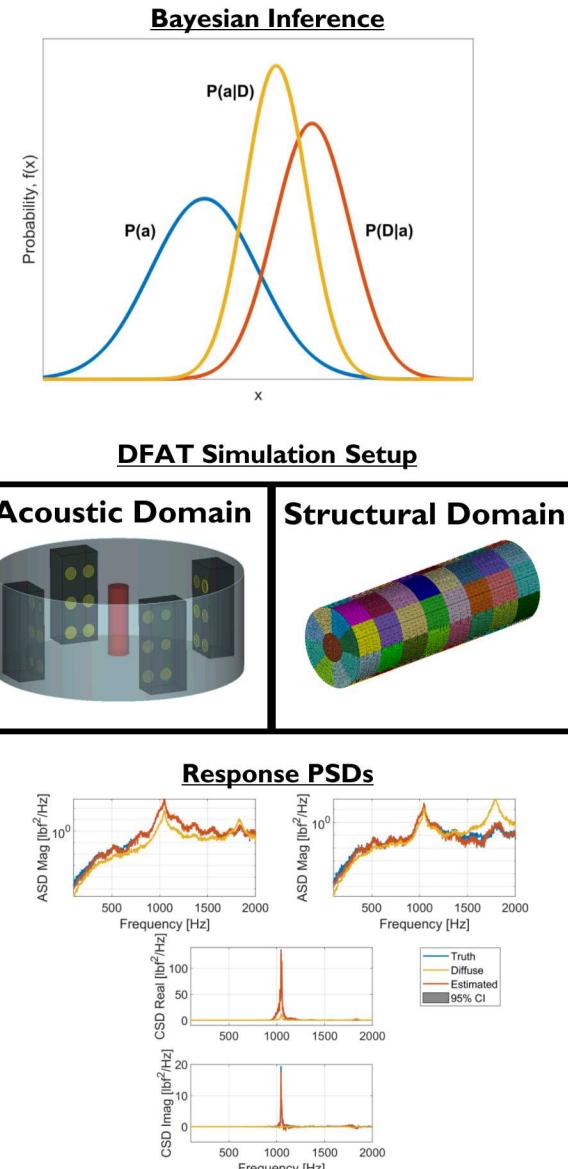
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Extra slides...

Current approaches to correlate models to vibroacoustic experiments incorporate idealized load configurations

For the random field generated during vibroacoustic testing, model/test correlation requires identifying the acoustic pressure power-spectral density (PSD) matrix to generate the response:

$$\textbf{Response PSD: } \mathbf{S}_{xx}(\omega) = \mathbf{H}_{xf}(\omega) \mathbf{S}_{ff}(\omega) \mathbf{H}_{xf}(\omega)^H$$

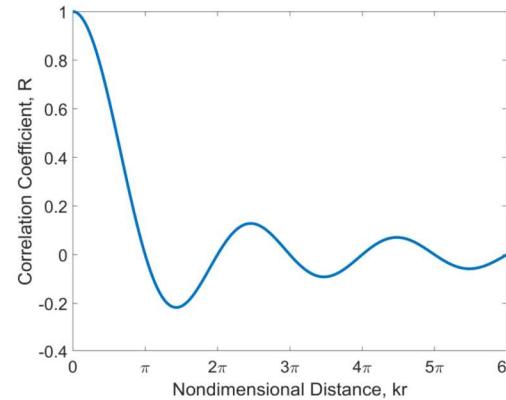
$$\textbf{Input PSD: } \mathbf{S}_{ff}(\omega) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{f}(\omega)\mathbf{f}(\omega)^H] = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11}(\omega) & \cdots & S_{1N}(\omega) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ S_{N1}(\omega) & \cdots & S_{NN}(\omega) \end{bmatrix}$$

A common approach utilizes an ideal diffuse field with a spatial correlation approximated by a sinc function:

$$R_{ij}(\omega) = \frac{\sin k(\omega)r_{ij}}{k(\omega)r_{ij}}$$

$k(\omega)$: wave number

r_{ij} : relative distance between input i and j



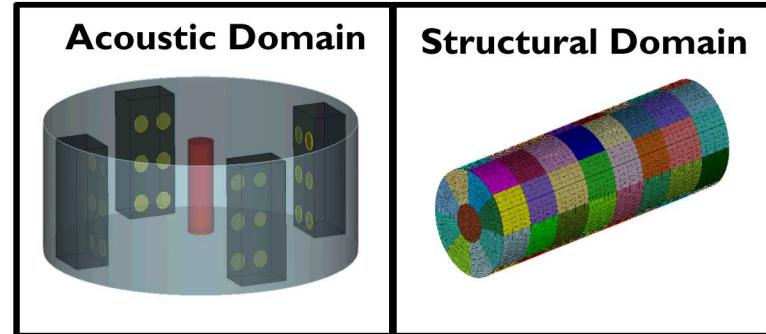
$$S_{ij}(\omega) = R_{ij}(\omega) \sqrt{S_{ii}(\omega)S_{jj}(\omega)} \approx R_{ij}(\omega)S_0(\omega)$$

Physical testing can lead to deviations from this idealized field due to scattering effects and test setup factors

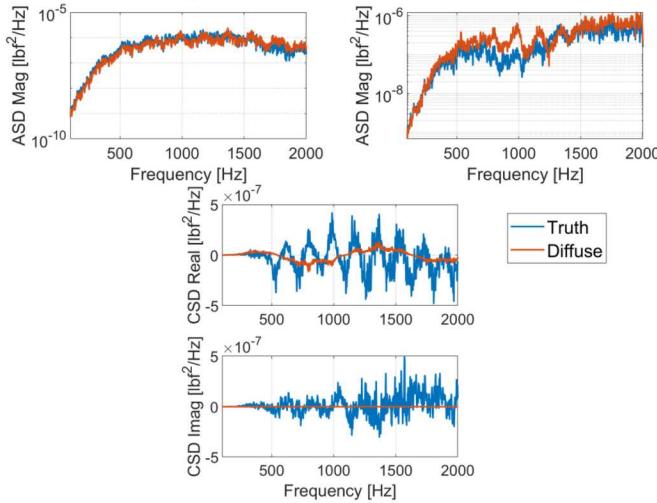
DFAT Simulation Setup

Direct-field acoustic test (DFAT) setup:

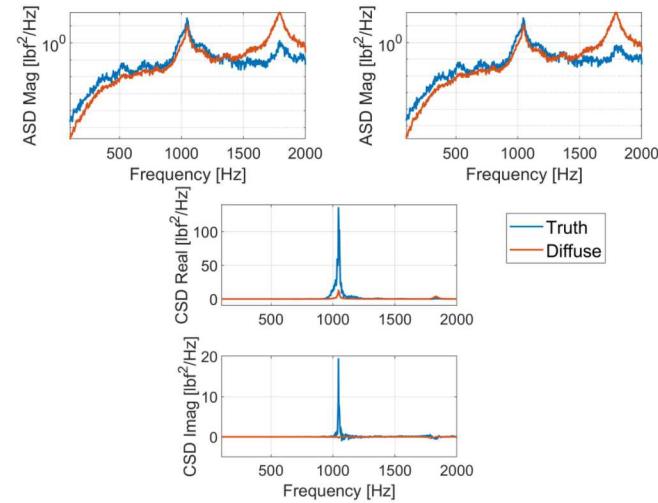
- Used 4 speaker clusters to excite the cylinder with uncorrelated white noise
- Defined structural inputs as point forces acting at the center surface patches using the distributed pressures



Input Force PSDs



Response PSDs



Incorrect load configuration can significantly degrade response predictions!

Bayesian-based approach contains an intrinsic regularization in the case of an ill-conditioned inversion

Return to the force estimates:

$$\text{MAP Estimate: } \hat{\mathbf{f}} = (\mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} + \tau^2 \Sigma_f^{-1})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{Uncertainty: } \hat{\mathbf{C}}_{ff} = \sigma_n^2 (\mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H} + \tau^2 \Sigma_f^{-1})^{-1}$$

Regularization Param:

$$\tau^2 = \frac{\sigma_n^2}{\sigma_f^2}$$

Perform a singular-value decomposition:

$$\mathbf{H} \Sigma_f^{1/2} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^H$$

The regularized force estimates are

$$\text{MAP Estimate: } \hat{\mathbf{f}} = \Sigma_f^{1/2} \mathbf{V} \left[\left(\frac{s_i^2}{s_i^2 + \tau^2} \right) \frac{1}{s_i} \right] \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{Uncertainty: } \hat{\mathbf{C}}_{ff} = \sigma_n^2 \Sigma_f^{1/2} \mathbf{V} \begin{bmatrix} \left[\frac{1}{s_i^2 + \tau^2} \right] & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \left[\frac{1}{\tau^2} \right] \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}^H (\Sigma_f^{1/2})^H$$

