



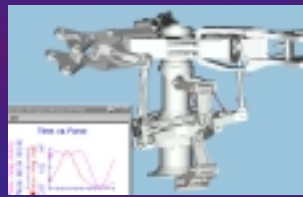
Vibration Analysis using ADAMS General Introduction and Application Examples

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Key Vibration Issues Facing Engineers and Designers

- How comfortable is the ride, whether in an automobile, airplane, railcar, or off road machinery?
- Will excitations in one part of the system interact with another part of the system?
- When problems occur, how can they be isolated?



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Industry efforts and metrics

- Good vibration characteristics are a purchase motivator and improve customer satisfaction
Need a good way to measure a design
- Optimum NVH often conflicts with other attributes such as durability or vehicle dynamic performance
Need a way to balanced competing requirements
- Significant efforts are spent to understand and quantify customer NVH requirements into objective terms and to define specific tests that relate to customer events
Current methods are expensive

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Industry efforts and metrics

- NVH involves both objective and subjective development
Part of the process can be quantified with analytical tools
- Suppliers must “tune” their systems/components (right the first time) to the prototype vehicle or else they are responsible for NVH resolution
Need a way to study system
- Issues are often discovered late in the prototype development process resulting in money and time loss
Value in designing the right way

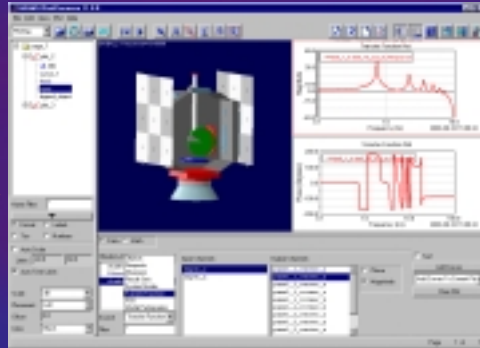
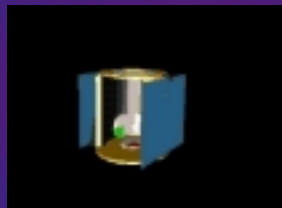
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The Need

- A way to study system level vibrations **the same way** you can now study system level motion problems
- *...much faster!*

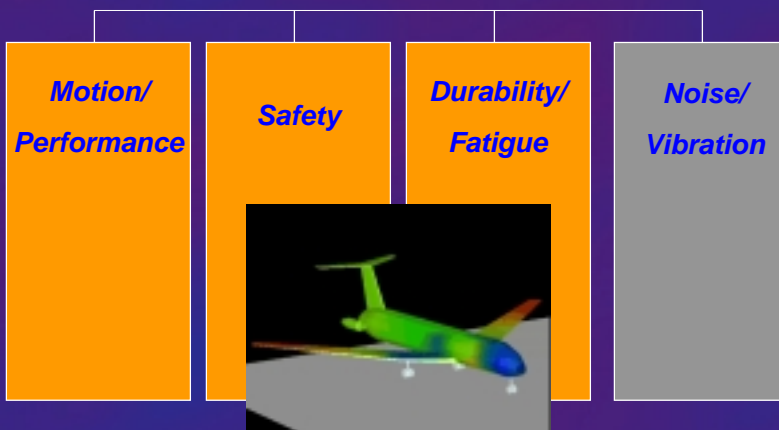


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Solution: MDI Extends the Scope of Virtual Prototyping



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Three reasons to use ADAMS/Vibration

- Take your system to different operating points to analyze the vibratory behavior (without having to create new models!)
- Include effects of hydraulics, controls, and other subsystems on the vibration characteristics
- Analyze system modes including attachment characteristics and other nonlinear characteristics

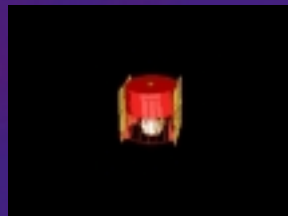
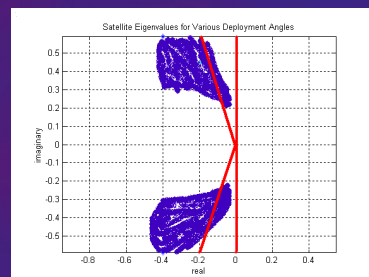
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Analyze the Vibratory Behavior in Different Configurations

- **Satellite Example:**
 - ◆ System eigenvalues shift according to
 - Panel deployment angle
 - Locking condition
 - Contact condition
 - Actual spring rates
 - ◆ *This shift effects attitude control margin, pointing jitter magnitude, and structural loading conditions*



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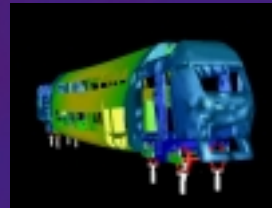
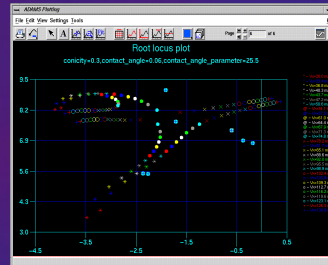
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Analyze the Vibratory Behavior in Different Configurations

■ Railcar Example:

- ◆ System eigenvalues shift according to
 - Equivalent conicity
 - Suspension stiffnesses
 - Damper characteristics
- ◆ *This shift effects railcar stability and running comfort*



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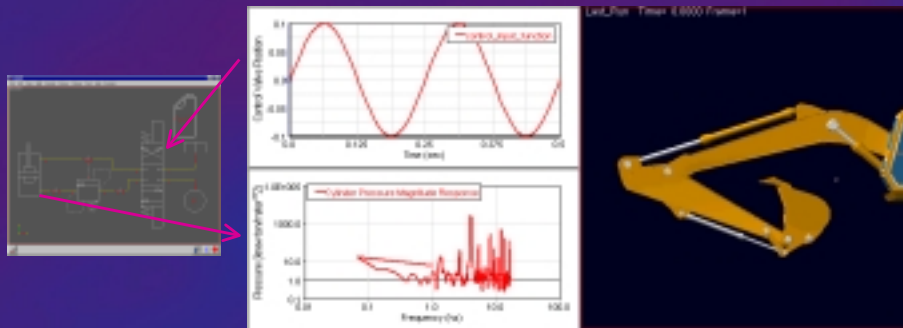
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Include Effects of Hydraulics and Controls on System Behavior

■ Hydraulics Example:

- ◆ Apply input vibration to control valve and see effect at cylinder pressure and boom movement in frequency response function plots and animations



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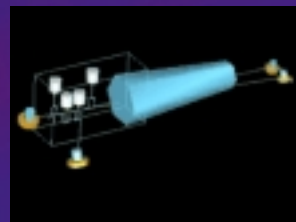
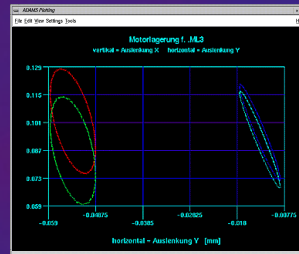
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Analyze System Modes including Attachment Characteristics

■ Automotive Example:

- ◆ Engine mount displacements due to combustion forces in dependency of
 - Engine mount characteristics
 - Engine mount position
- ◆ *Frequency domain analysis helps designers to improve engine mount installations*



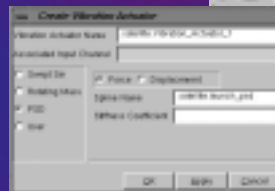
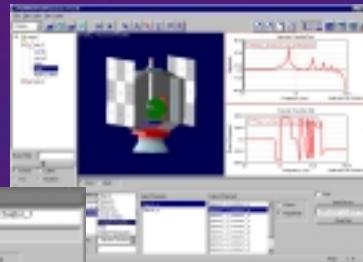
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ADAMS/Vibration 11.0 Capabilities

- Frequency domain input forcing functions
- Frequency response function calculations
- Modal participation tables
- Forced vibration animation
- Forced vibration plotting
- Generate linear subsystems

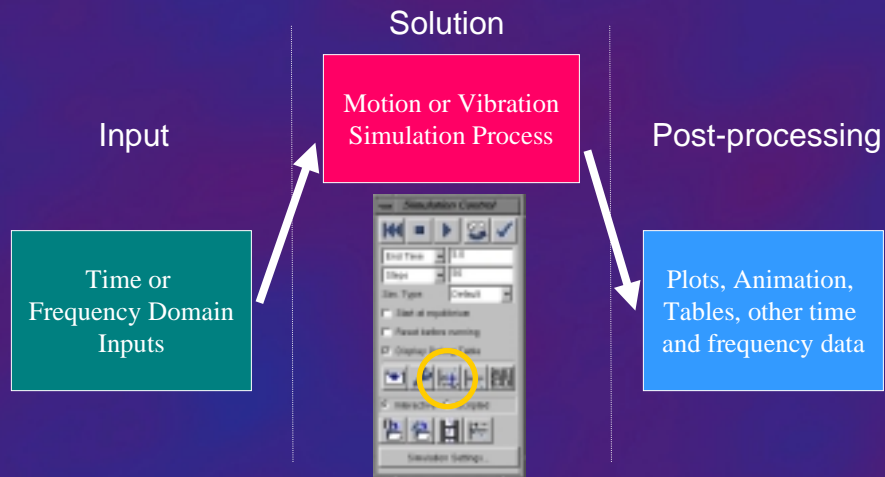


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How does it work: Simplified/Unified Approach



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ADAMS/Vibration Walkthru...

Step 1

- ◆ Create input channels, output channels, and actuators

Actuator associated with an input channel

Spline defines PSD

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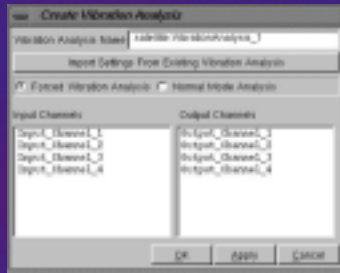


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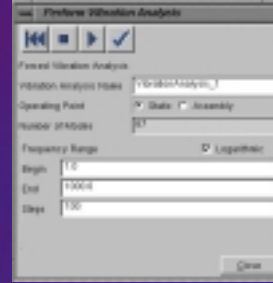
■ Step 2

◆ Run Analysis

Define operating point, frequency range, and steps



Define inputs/outputs to use



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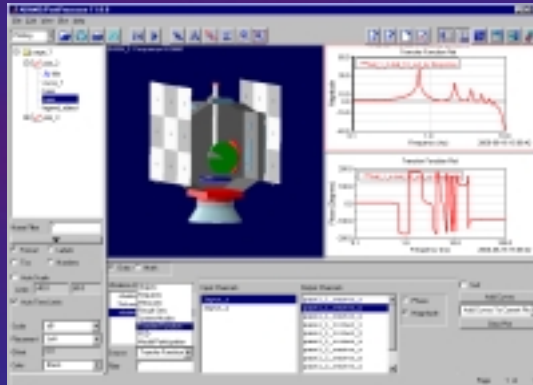


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■ Step 3

◆ Post-Processing

- System Modes
- Frequency Response Functions
- Power Spectral Density
- Modal Participation Tables



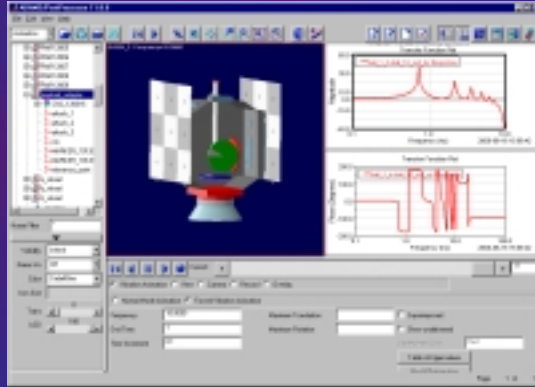
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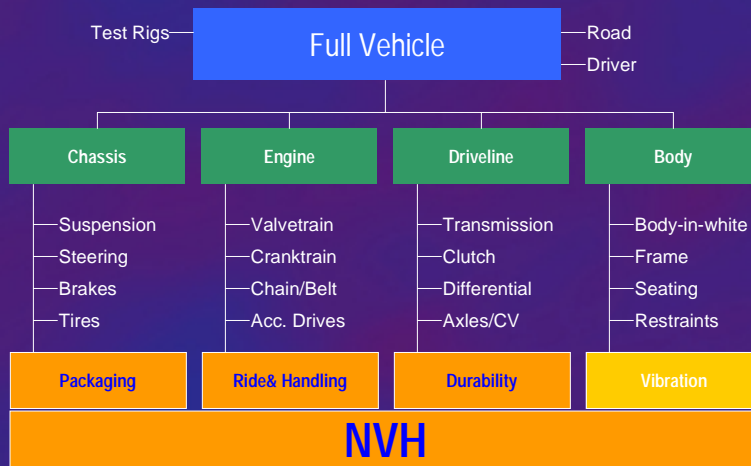
- Step 4
 - ◆ Graphic Post-Processing
 - Normal Mode Animation
 - Forced Vibration Animation



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Functional Digital Car™ Including Vibration



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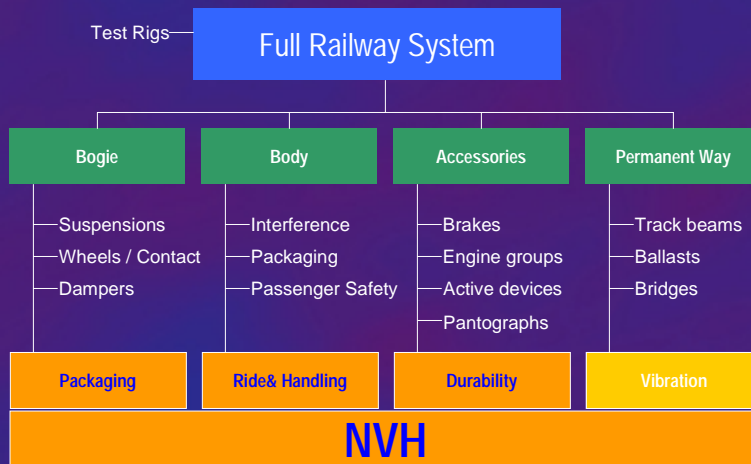
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Virtual TestLab™ Including Vibration

- Get with a virtual model the frequency domain results a test engineer would obtain with a physical model

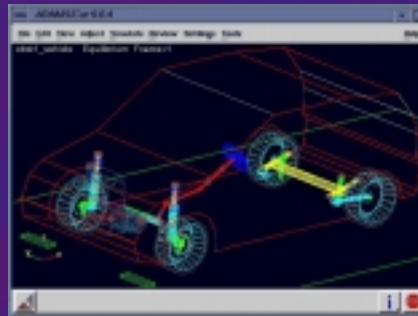


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Conclusions

- Add-on product targeted at existing ADAMS users with existing ADAMS models
- Allows the investigation of system level vibrations the same way system level motions are studied
- Quickly investigates the influence of parameter variation on the vibratory behavior of the system



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