# Development of Hammer Blow Test to Simulate Pyrotechnic Shock

#### Interim Design Review

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### Background

- Explosive components commonly used in satellite systems
  - Stage separation, antenna deployment
- High acceleration, high frequency transient shockwaves
  - Damage or disable sensitive equipment
  - Characterized with SRS Curves due to complex nature
- Include more information about using kinetic impact to model what a pyrotechnic device causes.

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# Theory

- High acceleration, high frequency, transient nature
  - Difficult to specify or recreate
- SRS Shock Response Spectrum
  - From time domain to frequency domain
  - Provide quantitative measure
  - Effects captured by Accelerometer & DAQ system
- Acceleration time history processed into SRS Curve

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#### Project Overview

- Harris Testing: Harris Corp. seeking system level approach to modeling pyrotechnic shock.
- Needs Statement:

The current shock testing method lacks adaptability, requiring too much trial and error and expenditure of resources.

Goal Statement:

Design and Develop a Tunable Resonant Fixture Plate and Test Modeling/Analysis software to examine trends in varying test parameters.

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### Project Scope

- Two year project
  - Year 1 Proof of concept, small scale testing
  - Year 2 Full scale testing
- Design & build a capable test rig
  - CAD Model & Simulations
  - Manufacture actual test rig
- Develop software to convert test data to graphical plot
  - Swallwood Recursive Method
- Compile catalogue of experimental data and variables
  - Matlab, Excel
- Budget: \$4000

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### Constraints & Specifications

- Test article size up to 8 x 8 x 6 inches
  - Selected article: 6" x 6" x 0.5" low carbon steel
- Test article weight up to 10 lbs
  - > Article weight: 5.1 lbs
- SRS response up to 500g acceleration and 10 kHz
  - Stay within tolerances set by MIL-STD-810 G, Method 517.2, Proc III
  - ➤ Anticipated Maximum Force Generated: Abaqus → 396g's Max (Weight of hammer?- Roughly 10.5 lbs: 0.975lb hammer tip, 9.37lb weights)
- Project expenses must stay within allotted budget (\$4000)
  - Funds Used: \$2116.94
- Acceleration data acquisition that covers generated force ranges
- Software conversion for raw data to usable SRS curves
  - Smallwood Recursive Matlab script

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#### Creo Model



# Testing Apparatus





# Testing Apparatus – Quick Release





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#### LabView Virtual Interface



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# Challenges

- Complexities of FEA modeling
- Large amount of documentation
- Plastic deformation of sacrificial plates from specific hammer tip sizes
- Ensure rigid boundary conditions of the frame
- Machine shop turn around times delaying final assembly
- No reference for anticipated results
- Refining DAQ to overcome noisy signals employing signal conditioner

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#### Schedule



#### Summary

- Harris Corp. seeking system level approach to modeling pyrotechnic shock
- Damage potential of shock gauged by acceleration in the frequency domain (SRS curve)
- Team 15 proposed a swinging hammer to simulate pyrotechnic with limited variable parameters to adjust
- Goal: Use tunable test rig to correlate input parameters to output SRS curve to highlight any trends in test results
- Testing will begin as soon as final shop parts are ready

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