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# Measurement of Seat Transfer Function to Enable Seat Vibration Calculation

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# Agenda

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**Model description:** What is used in the whole vehicle calculation department (road noise)

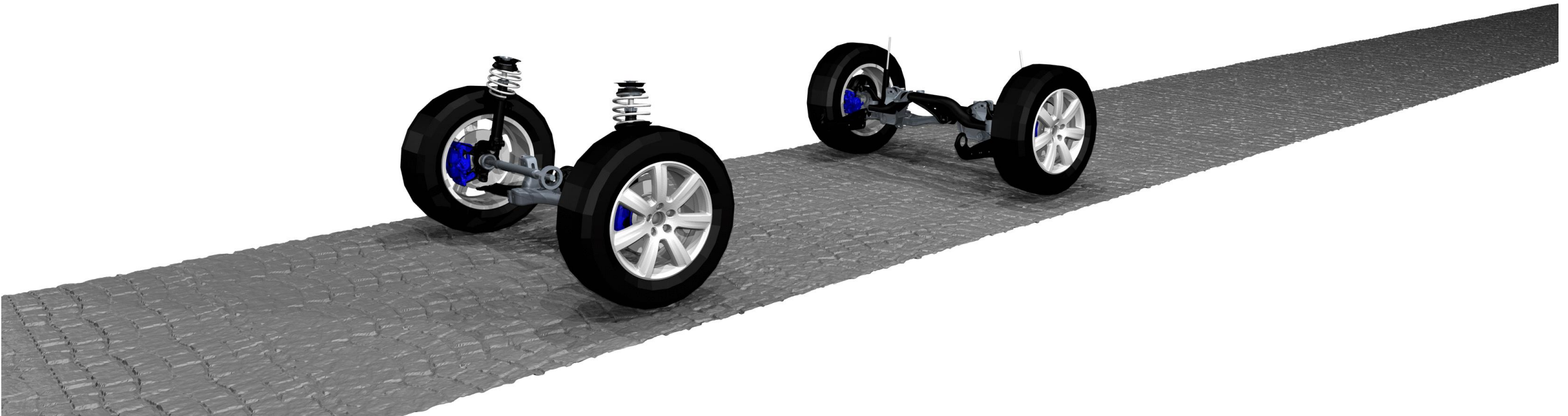
**NVH-Calculation** and **Simulator-Measurements** with respect to the seat

**ACC-TF-Method:** procedure/identification/validation

**Next Steps**

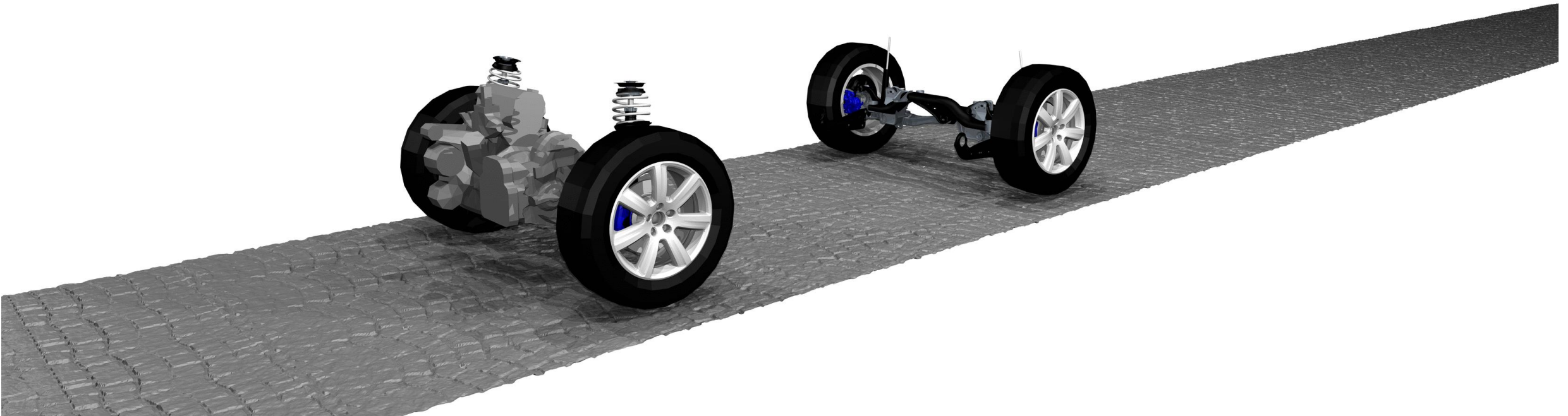
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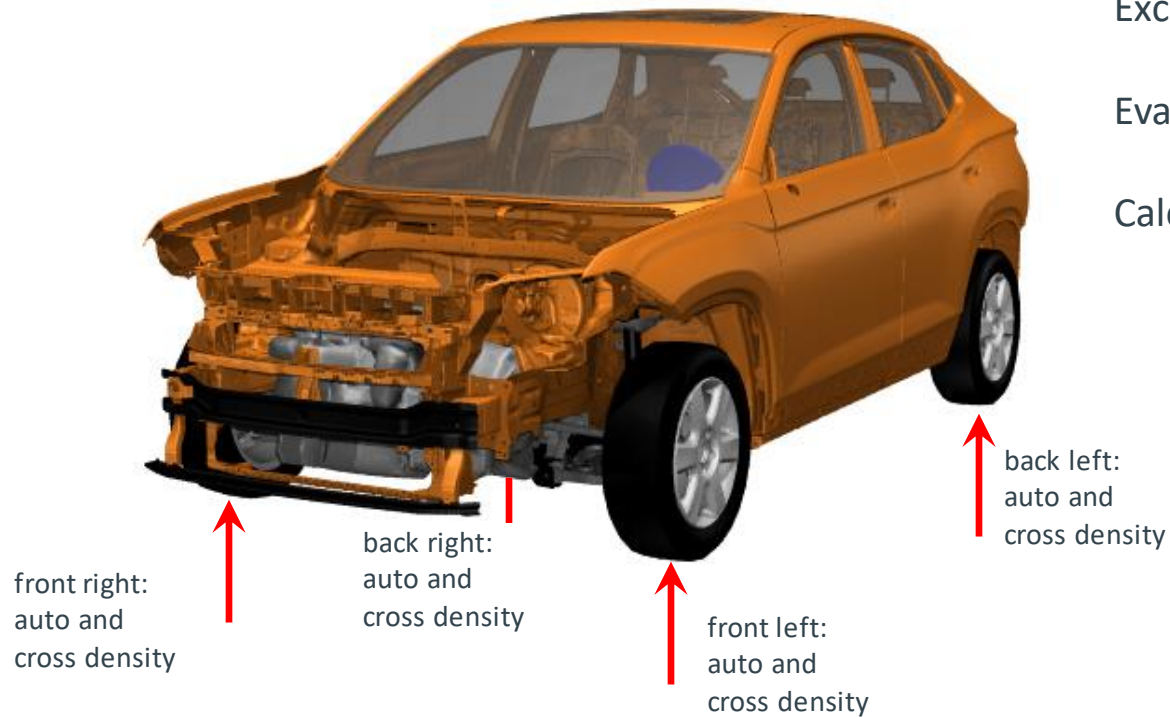
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# Straight Forward Road Noise Calculation

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Excitation using **auto- and cross spectral** density at all tires

Evaluation of auto spectral density at specific points

Calculation in **frequency domain**

# NVH-Calculation and Simulator Measurements

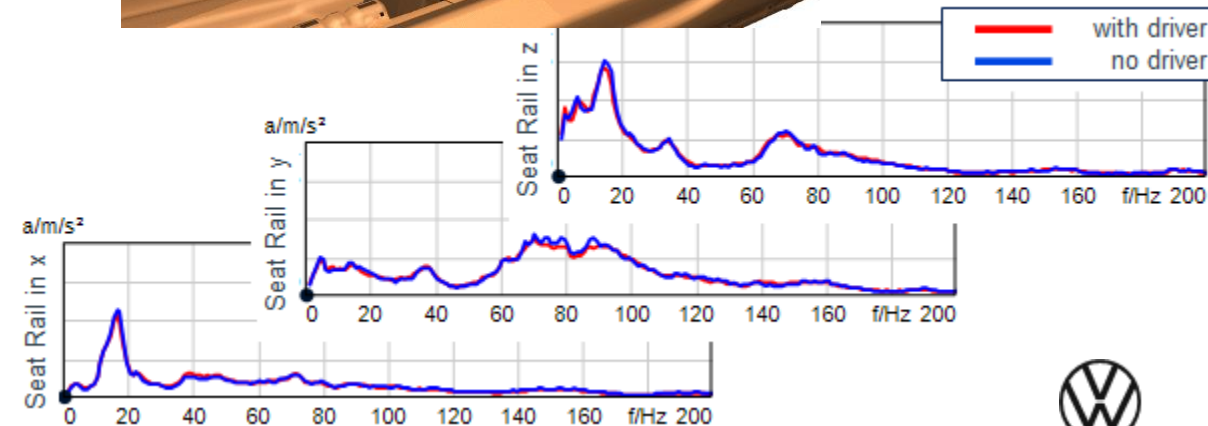
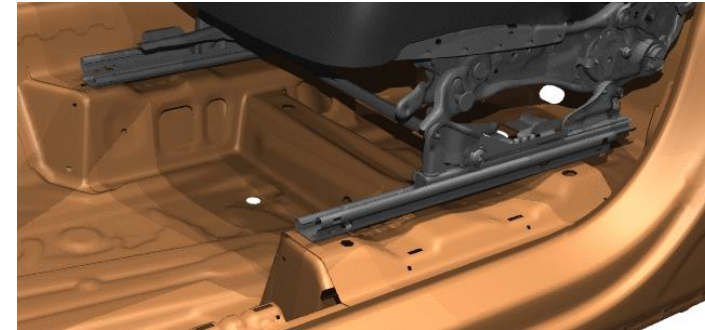
## Discrepancy between required and available data for the NVH-Simulator (example seat)

NVH-Simulator specific seat measurements,  
seat pads required



NVH-Calculation procedure

- Simulation in **frequency domain**
- In most cases no detailed seat model
- **No driver-model**
- Evaluation of **seat rail accelerations**  
(seat rail acceleration independent of driver, see measurement)



# NVH-Calculation and Simulator Measurements

## Possibilities to receive Seat Pad Accelerations

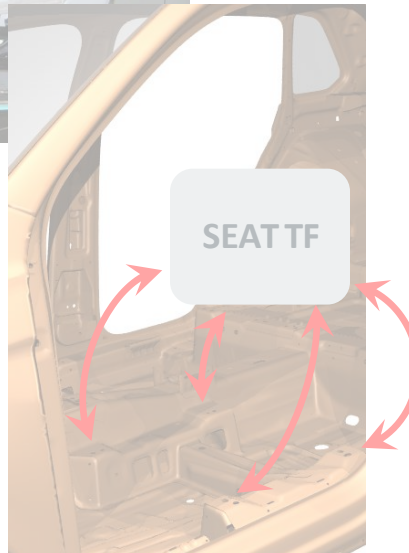
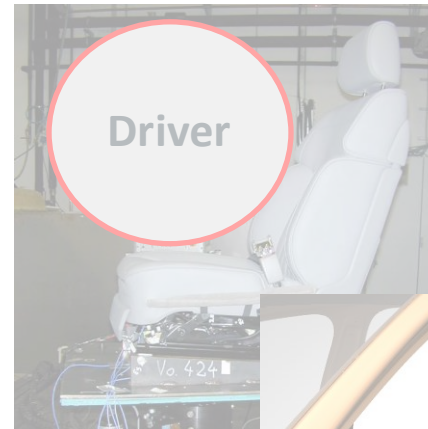
### 1. Model extension using a **driver model**

- Driver model required
- **Complex** contact modelling
- Lot of parameters required
- Detailed seat modelling
- **Inefficient** for the simulation process



### 2. Include seat as a classical **TF** into model

- Detailed TF measurement of the seat (with driver)
- **Increased** modelling effort



### 3. Include an **acceleration TF** into model

- Seat measurement with driver in car
- Important: No impact of TF on model
- Easy way to apply in the calculation process

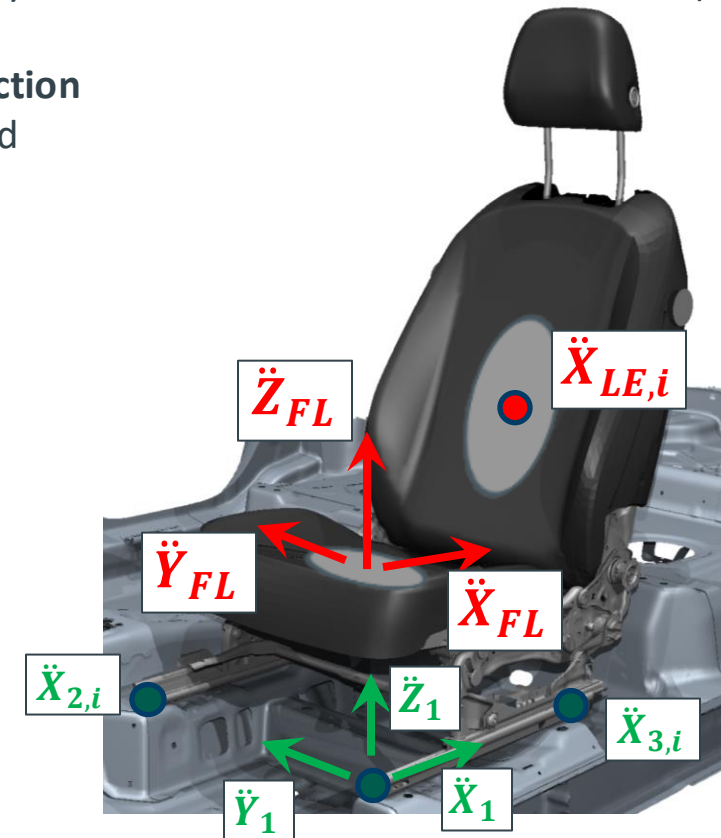


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# ACC-TF of the Seat

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| <b>Situation:</b>           | <b>No influence</b> of driver <b>on seat rail</b> vibrations                                                |
| Calculation <b>process:</b> | Seat structure model <b>sufficient</b> for correct <b>seat rail calculations</b>                            |
| <b>Extend</b> Calculation:  | <b>Include</b> the <b>acceleration TF</b> into model (the ACC-TF may not influence the whole vehicle model) |
| <b>Task:</b>                | <b>Measurement</b> and <b>validation</b> of the <b>ACC-Transfer-Function</b>                                |
| Instrumentation:            | Triax-accelerometers at the 4 seat rails, 2 seat pads and impact hammer for excitation                      |

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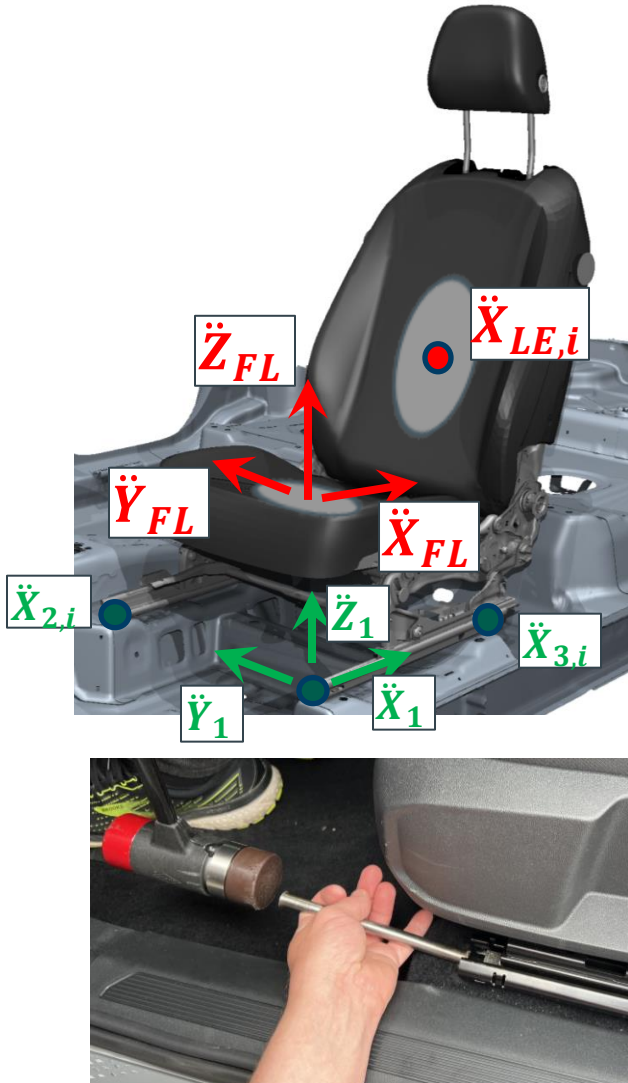
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It is necessary to identify **72 frequency-dependent** acceleration **transfer-functions**

# ACC-TF of the Seat



Impact excitation of seat with driver in car at the 4 seat rails in 3 directions leads to 12x6 Equations

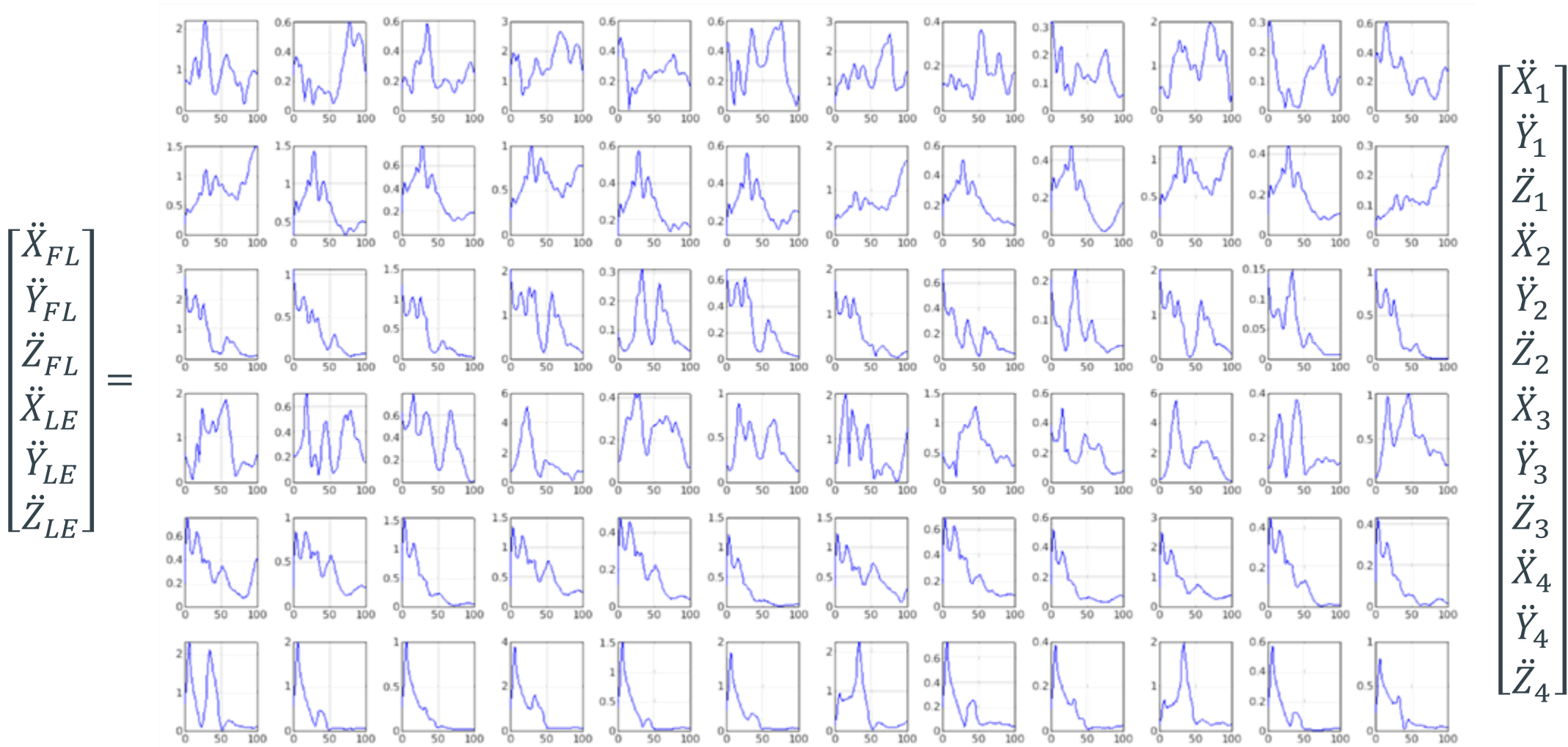
→ Definite system of equations to identify the 72 frequency dependent acceleration TF's

Example of the first excitation set (1 of 12) in  $X_1$  direction

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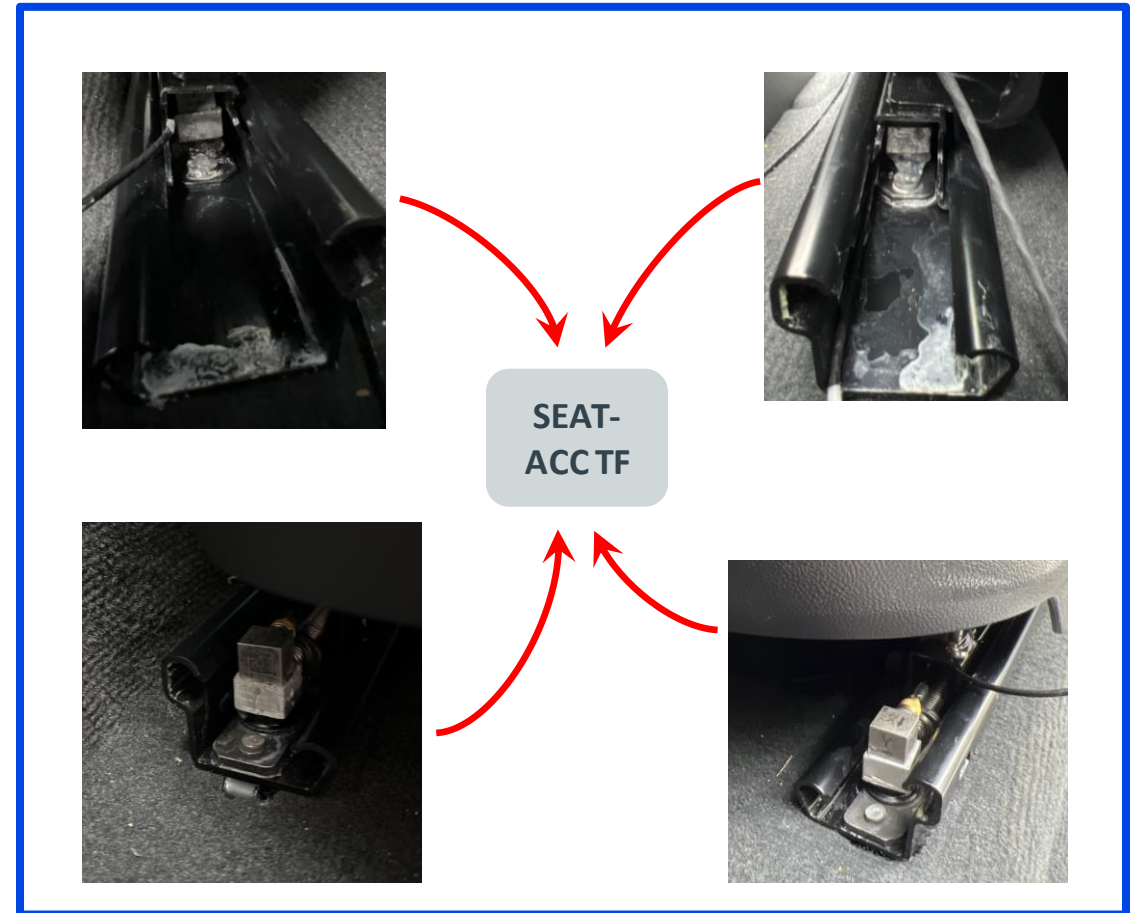
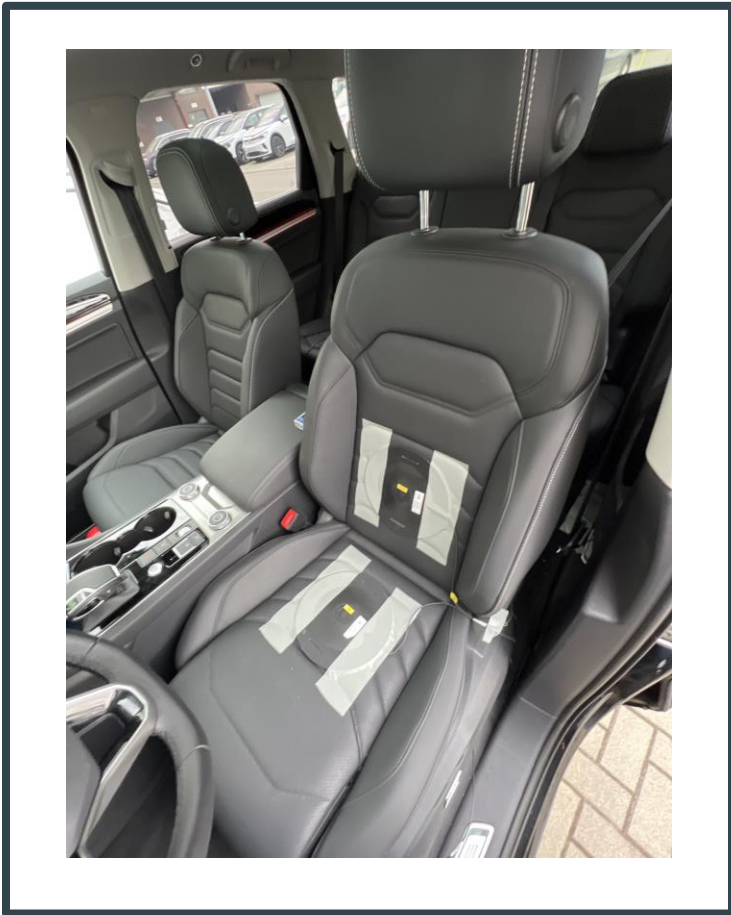
# Identification of the ACC-TF

Amplitude of the **acceleration transfer function**



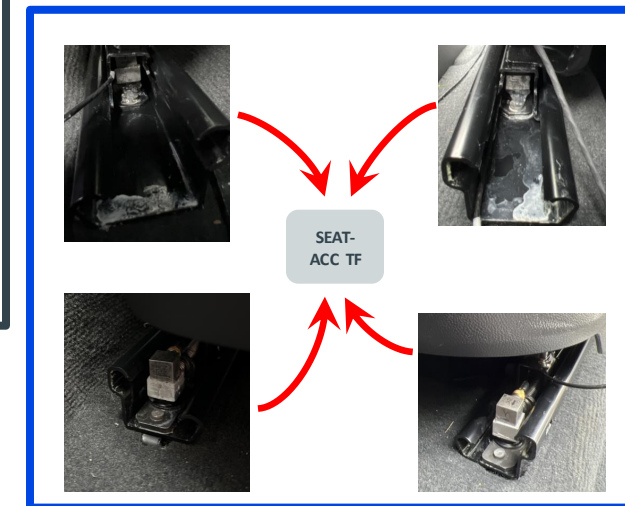
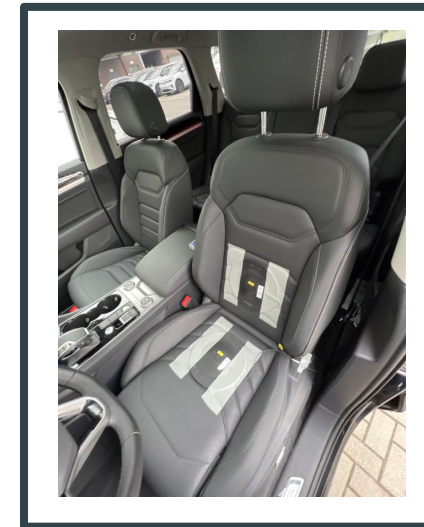
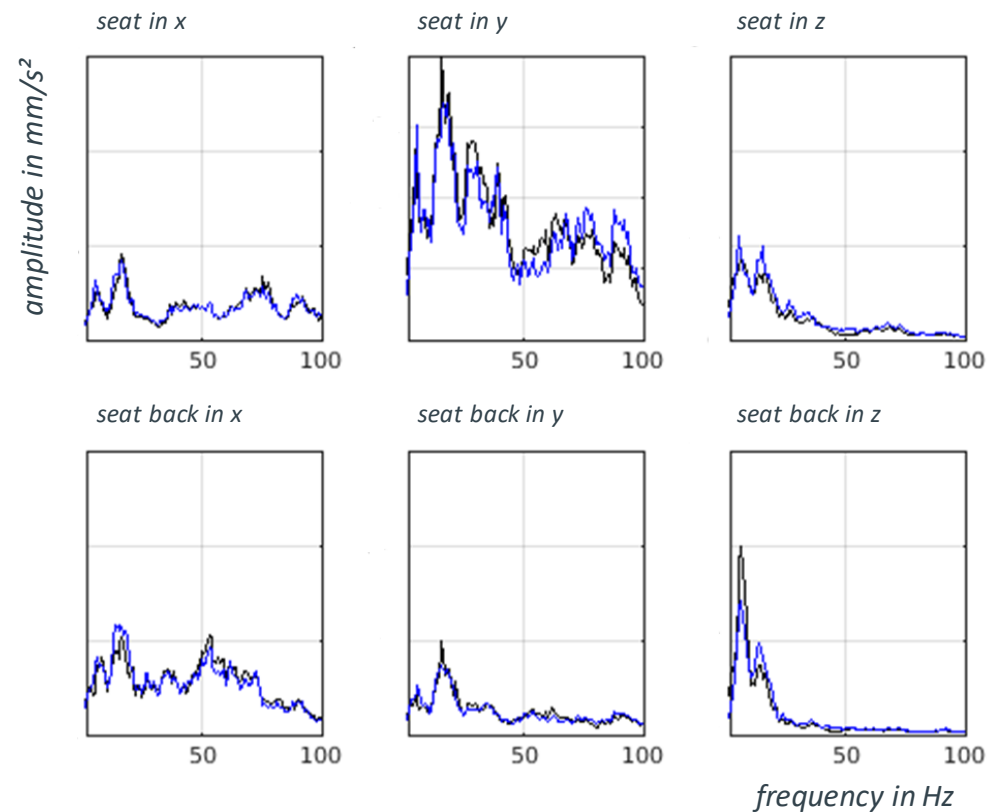
# Validation of the ACC-TF

**Comparison** of **measured** seat pad accelerations with **calculated seat pad** accelerations on the basis of the measured seat rail accelerations and the acceleration transfer function



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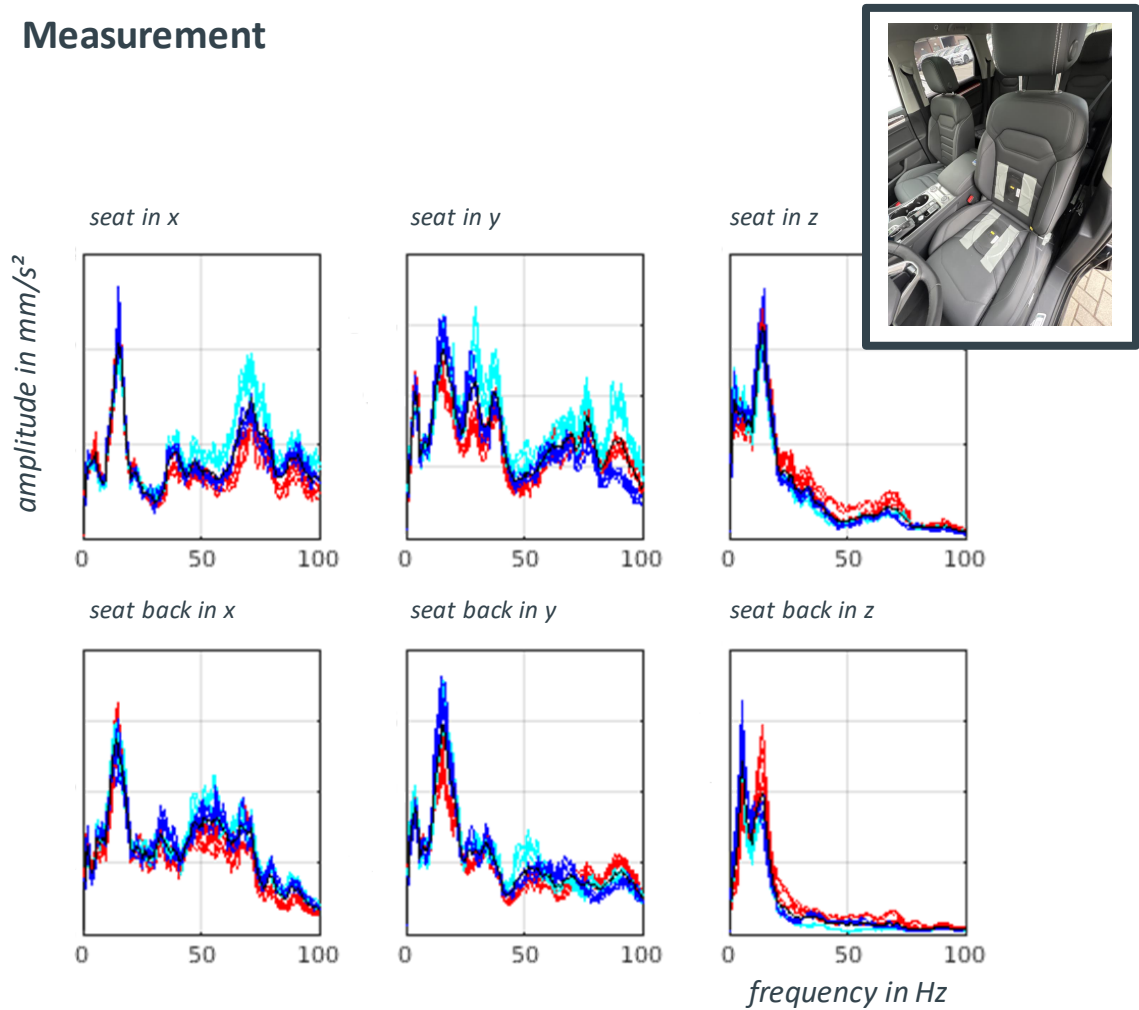
**Comparison** of **measured** seat pad accelerations with **calculated seat pad** accelerations on the basis of the measured seat rail accelerations and the acceleration transfer function (cobble surface)



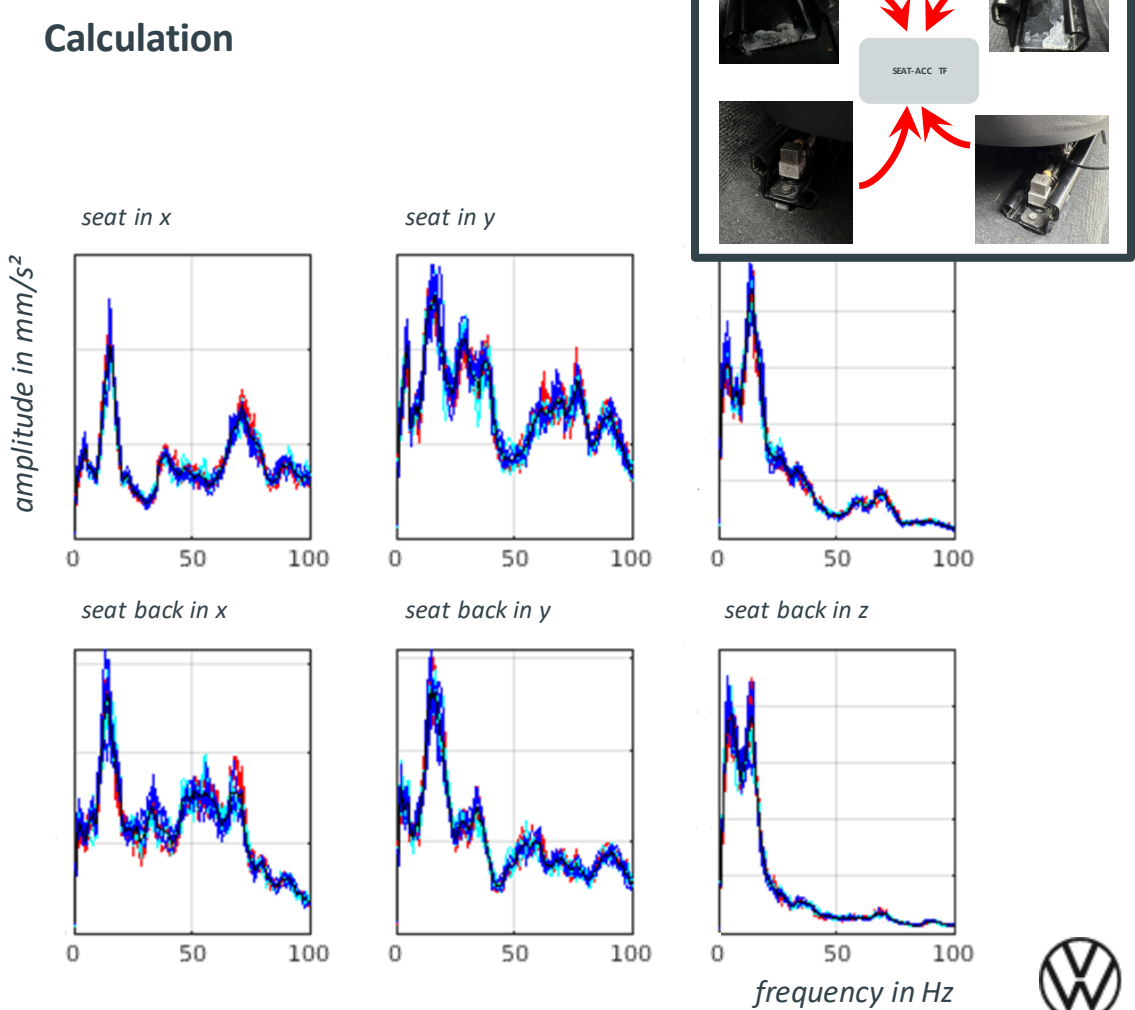
# Validation of the ACC-TF

Comparison of scattering (measurement and calculation)

## Measurement



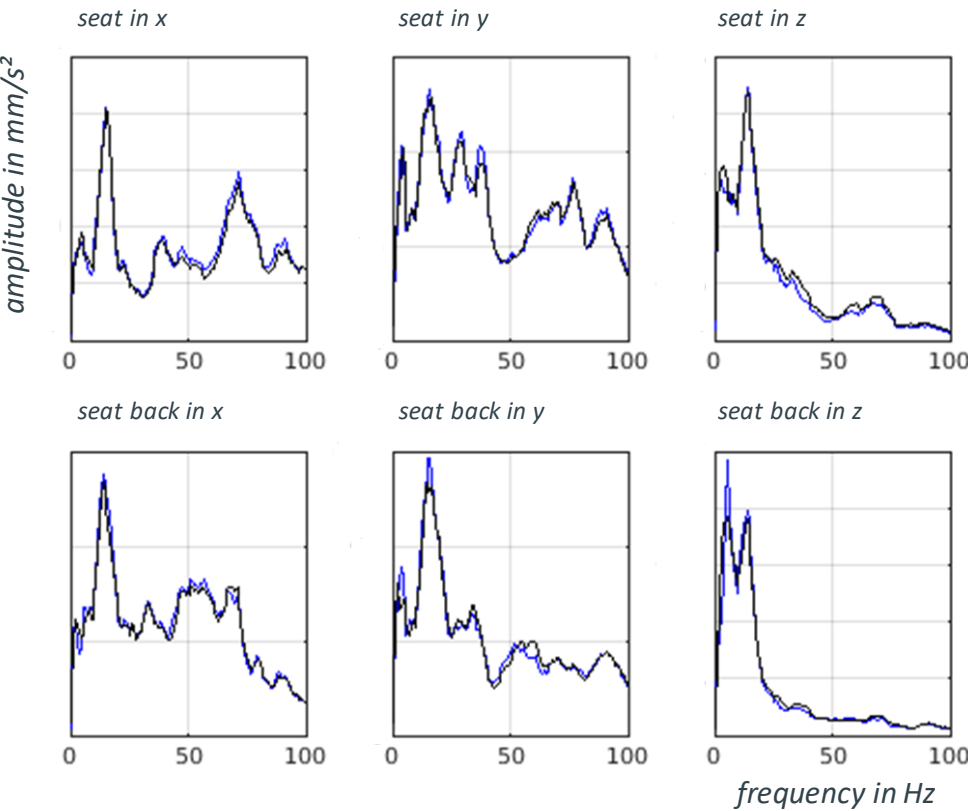
## Calculation



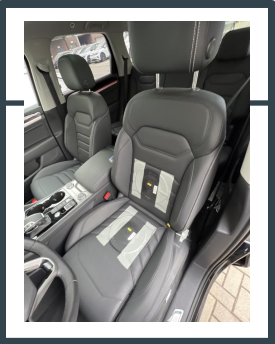
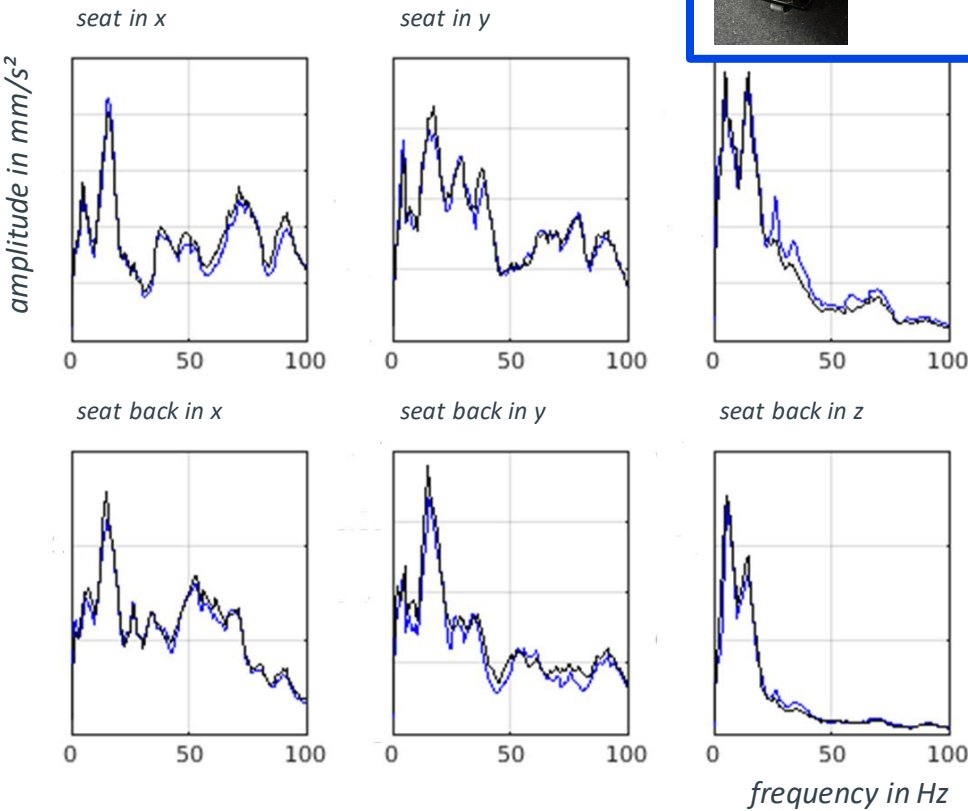
# Validation of the ACC-TF

Influence of different surfaces on the results

Cobbled surface



Rough surface



# Next Steps

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**Measurement of different seats** and comparison in different cars (identify a seat database)

**Application of an acceleration TF in Nastran** which does not affect the whole vehicle model, respectively the mechanical structure

