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We present measured data for shielding effectiveness, cavity Q, 
and cavity time constant of three small (twin-engine) airplanes 
for frequencies from 400 MHz to 18 GHz. Both cw and time-domain 
measurement methods were used, but the time-domain method yields 
higher values of cavity Q. Both methods yield Q values below a 
theoretical upper bound determined by window leakage losses. 
The measured shielding effectiveness is variable, but averages 
about 15 dB. The measured time constants are also variable and 
average about 15 ns. This short time constant is a result of 
the low Q of the aircraft cavities.

Key words: airplane; cavity coupling; cw measurement; mode 
stirring; quality factor; shielding effectiveness; time 
constant; time-domain measurement.

1. INTRODUCTION

The possibility of electromagnetic interference (EMI) to aircraft 
electronics from high intensity radiated fields (HIRFs) has been under study 
for several years [1]. Because the shielding effectiveness of aircraft 
skins is not well characterized, the interior fields that excite aircraft 
electronics are not well characterized even if the incident field is known. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has recently 
developed a theoretical model for the shielding effectiveness (SE), quality 
factor (Q), and time constant (r) of electrically large cavities with 
apertures and has validated the model with measurements on a loaded 
rectangular cavity with an aperture [2]. The purpose of this report is to 
describe the measurement techniques that were used and results that were 
obtained on three small (twin-engine) airplanes.
The measurements were made at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Dahlgren, Virginia, over approximately two weeks. Measurements were made on three different airplanes, but problems with weather and airplane availability resulted in different sets of measurements being made on the three airplanes. Two of the airplanes (designated 1 and 2) were twin-engine planes that were fully equipped for flight and are thought to be representative of civilian twin-engine planes currently in use. The third airplane (called the "hangar queen" at NSWC) was similar to airplane 2, but it had been partially stripped for parts. This airplane is less representative of real airplanes in current use, but was used because of its availability. Both cw and pulse measurement methods were used to obtain shielding effectiveness, quality factor, and time constant.

The organization of this report is as follows. Section 2 covers the measurements on the hangar queen. Both cw and time-domain methods were used. Section 3 contains the extensive cw measurement results of Q and SE that were obtained on airplane 1. The effectiveness of mechanical stirring is covered in detail. Section 4 contains the time-domain measurement results of \( \tau \) and SE that were obtained on airplane 2. Section 5 contains conclusions and recommendations for further work.

### 2. MEASUREMENTS ON THE HANGAR QUEEN

The hangar queen is a twin-engine, six-passenger airplane that has been partially stripped for parts by NSWC. This is the only airplane that was available for both cw and time-domain measurements.

#### 2.1 CW Measurements of Loss and Quality Factor

The main cabin of the hangar queen was instrumented with transmitting and receiving antennas and a mechanical stirrer as shown in figure 1. Transmission loss measurements were made for frequencies from 200 MHz to 18 GHz. The cable losses were eliminated by performing a direct-connection,
reference measurement. The main purpose of the loss measurements was to determine the main cabin Q from the transmission loss [2-4]:

\[
Q = \frac{16\pi^2 V}{\lambda^2} \frac{P_r}{P_t},
\]

where \( P_t \) is the transmitted power, \( P_r \) is the received power, \( \lambda \) is the free-space wavelength, and \( V \) is the cavity volume. Equation (1) is based on the assumption that the cavity fields are well stirred, and \( P_r/P_t \) is the transmission loss averaged over stirrer position.

To demonstrate the effectiveness of the stirrer, we show a plot of the stir ratio (maximum minus minimum received power in dB) over the entire frequency range, 200 MHz to 18 GHz, in figure 2. There were three people in the main cabin, and their presence adds to the total absorption loss [2]. The stir ratio is variable, but is high enough (on the order of 20 dB) to indicate that the stirrer is effective.

Typical plots of received power versus time as the stirrer is rotating are shown in figure 3 for 200 MHz and figure 4 for 1 GHz. The periodic nature of the received power is evident in both figures. Average values are obtained by using values over one cycle. The stirrer rotation rate can be varied, and a lower rate is required at higher frequencies where there is more structure to be captured and recorded. The features of sharp nulls and smooth peaks are typical of the interference phenomenon that occurs in mode-stirred cavities.

The rapid change of received power with frequency is illustrated in figures 5 and 6. The time waveforms change dramatically with a frequency change of only 0.01 GHz in figure 5 or 0.2 GHz in figure 6. However, the average value does not change much. The large change in received power with antenna position is illustrated in figure 7 for a frequency of 1.0 GHz. Again, the average value of received power does not change much with antenna position. This is consistent with the theoretical and experimental results in [2].

Both maximum and average received power have been used in reverberation chamber [4,5] and cavity [2] measurements. For high-Q chambers, the
difference is typically on the order of 8 dB, but for low-Q chambers the difference can be less. Figure 8 shows the maximum to average ratio measured in the main cabin of the hanger queen for frequencies from 200 MHz to 18 GHz. The ratio is variable, but it is typical of low Q cavities that the ratio is somewhat below 8 dB.

A fairly complete theory for the Q of a lossy cavity was presented and experimentally verified in [2]. We do not have enough information on the walls and the interior of the hangar queen to estimate all the losses, but we do have approximate dimensions of the main cabin and windows. From these dimensions, we have estimated the cabin volume \( V = 7.25 \text{ m}^3 \) and the total window area \( A = 2.61 \text{ m}^2 \). We can use average measured values of the ratio \( P_r/P_t \) of received to transmitted power to determine Q from eq (1). A second method for measuring Q is to measure the time constant \( \tau \) and to determine Q from [2]

\[
Q = \omega \tau, \tag{2}
\]

where \( \omega \) is the angular frequency. The time constant measurement will be described in the following section. The theoretical value \( Q_3 \) due to leakage (window) loss can be calculated from [2]

\[
Q_3 = \frac{8\pi V}{\lambda A}, \tag{3}
\]

where we have assumed that the windows are electrically large. We have also neglected any effects of window glass. Figure 9 shows Q measured by the two methods and \( Q_3 \) as calculated from eq (3). Because \( Q_3 \) accounts for only leakage loss, it can be considered a loose upper bound. It is typical that Q measured by the time constant method is higher than Q measured by transmission loss because the time constant is not affected by antenna mismatch loss [2]. The two methods employed different antenna types (TEM horns for the time-domain method and log-periodic dipoles below 1 GHz and ridged horns above 1 GHz for the cw method), and that would also introduce some difference in the Q values. For example, ridged horns were found to be
fairly lossy in previous model measurements [2], and this additional loss lowers the measured Q.

2.2 Time-Domain Measurements of Cavity Time Constant

The main cabin of the hangar queen was instrumented with transmitting and receiving antennas (TEM horns) and a mechanical stirrer as shown in figure 10. A short pulse was transmitted, and a received waveform was recorded for a number of stirrer positions. Received power was averaged over stirrer positions and Fourier analyzed over time windows. The decay of frequency components from time window to time window was found to follow the expected exponential decay curve. The results for time constant \( \tau \) as a function of frequency are shown in table 1. These are the same time constant values that were used to determine the three Q values in figure 9. The upper frequency limit of 2 GHz is determined by the spectrum of the transmitted pulse.

We can also calculate a theoretical time constant \( \tau_3 \) from the calculated \( Q_3 \) in eq (3) and the relationship between quality factor and time constant in eq (2):

\[
\tau_3 = \frac{Q_3}{\omega} = \frac{4V}{cA},
\]

where \( c \) is the free-space velocity of light. This time constant \( \tau_3 \) is independent of frequency and can be considered an upper bound because it accounts only for leakage loss. If we substitute the volume \( V \) and window area \( A \) for the hangar queen into eq (4), we obtain \( \tau_3 = 37.0 \) ns. This value is about twice the measured values in table 1.
3. CW MEASUREMENTS ON AIRPLANE 1

Airplane 1 is a twin-engine, six-passenger plane that is fully equipped for flight. From drawings, we estimate that its main cabin volume \( V \) is approximately 9.46 m\(^3\) and its window area \( A \) is approximately 2.15 m\(^2\). This plane was available only during the time that we were equipped for cw measurements.

3.1 Statistics of Received Power

The main cabin of airplane 1 was instrumented with transmitting and receiving antennas and a mechanical stirrer as shown previously in figure 1. Figure 11 shows the cumulative distribution of the measured received power at a frequency of 1 GHz and an exponential distribution for comparison. The exponential distribution has been shown to be a good fit to power received in a mechanically stirred reverberation chamber [6,7]. Since this same distribution is a good fit to the power received in the main cabin of airplane 1, we conclude that a reverberation chamber environment is a good match to the electromagnetic environment found in an airplane cabin. Other frequencies and antenna configurations showed similar agreement with the exponential distribution. Thus it appears that electromagnetic immunity testing in reverberation chambers is a valid test method for electronic equipment to be used in airplanes.

3.2 Measurements of Loss and Quality Factor

Transmission loss measurements between two antennas in the main cabin of airplane 1 were made for frequencies from 200 MHz to 18 GHz. The average (over stirrer position) and minimum transmission loss are shown in figure 12. The difference between the two curves is shown in figure 13. As with the hangar queen data in figure 8, the difference tends to be somewhat below the usual 8 dB measured in reverberation chambers.
In figure 14 we show the measured $Q$ and the calculated $Q_3$ due to window leakage. The measured $Q$ was determined from the average measured transmission loss data in figure 12 and eq (1). The window leakage $Q_3$ was calculated from eq (3) and the estimated values of volume and window area given previously. As with the hangar queen data in figure 9, the measured $Q$ is quite variable, and $Q_3$ provides an upper bound.

To illustrate the effectiveness of the stirrer, we show the time variation of the received power as the stirrer is rotating in figures 15 through 17. The periodic nature of the received power is evident in all three figures, and average values are again obtained by using values over one cycle. The waveform variations become more rapid as the frequency is increased. The effect of the orientation (polarization) of the receiving antenna is shown in figure 18 for a frequency of 1 GHz.

3.3 Measurements of Shielding Effectiveness

For SE measurements, we located the transmitting antenna approximately 15 m from the center of the airplane and kept a stirrer (tuner) and a receiving antenna inside the aircraft main cabin (test cavity). A block diagram of the test setup is shown in figure 19.

To illustrate the effectiveness of stirring for an external source, we show the time variation of received power as the stirrer is turning in figures 20 through 24. Both the transmitting and receiving antennas are horizontally polarized, and the incidence is nose-on. As the frequency increases, the stirring appears to be less effective (the difference between maximum and minimum decreases). Also, the waveforms are not exactly periodic at the higher frequencies. It may be that the spectrum analyzer is not able to follow the rapid variations and that the stirrer should be rotated more slowly (or stopped at discrete steps). This issue requires further investigation.

Figure 25 shows the time (stirring) variation for a vertically polarized transmitting antenna and a horizontally polarized receiving
antenna at 0.5 GHz. The incidence is nose-on. The periodic nature of the received power is evident for this case.

Figures 26 through 29 show the time (stirring) variation for a horizontally polarized transmitting antenna and a vertically polarized receiving antenna for nose-on incidence. The 18 GHz data in figure 29 do not show exact periodicity and may have been distorted from the response time of the spectrum analyzer.

Figure 30 shows the time (stirring) variation for both transmitting antennas vertically polarized for nose-on incidence and a frequency of 1 GHz. The periodicity is evident and the stirring is effective.

In figures 31 through 33 we show the effect of the number of people in the main cabin on the time variation of the received power. Both the transmitting and receiving antennas are horizontally polarized, and the incidence is from the right side of the airplane. As the number of people is increased, the stirring becomes less effective because of the lowering of the cavity Q.

Figure 34 shows the ambient received power for frequencies from 200 to 1000 MHz and the received power when the external antenna transmits 10 dBm. The transmitting antenna is horizontally polarized, and the receiving antenna is vertically polarized. The incidence is from the tail of the airplane. The ambient field is well below the transmitted field and should not affect the measurements. The same is true of higher frequencies and other measurement configurations.

For SE measurements a reference field measurement is required in the absence of the airplane. Figures 35 and 36 show the reference power received below and above 1 GHz. The transmitting antenna is a horizontally polarized log periodic dipole below 1 GHz or a horizontally polarized ridged horn above 1 GHz. Both the transmitting and receiving antennas are located at a height of 2 m, and the horizontal separation is 15 m. The path difference $\Delta r$ between the direct and ground-reflected rays is 0.524 m. Because the reflection coefficient is approximately a negative real number, interference nulls occur at frequencies where $\Delta r$ is an integer number of wavelengths. This occurs at the following frequencies $f_n$: 

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The first null is apparent in figure 35, and the higher frequency nulls are apparent in figure 36. The presence of these nulls in ground-based aircraft measurements has been discussed by Dosch [8]. The cross-polarized (vertically polarized receiving antenna) result in figure 36 is at a reduced level and does not have a regular pattern. The discontinuity at 6 GHz in figure 36 is due to a change in the transmitted power and does not affect the SE results.

The simplest way to define SE for this experiment is to take the dB difference between the maximum power received in the main cabin and the reference power in the absence of the aircraft. This is not quite the same as the average power density ratio used in [2], but the numerical results are similar. The gain of the receiving antenna for the reference power measurement is not accurately known, but is probably in the range of 5 to 10 dB. The maximum-to-average ratio for the power density inside the main cabin is also in the 5 to 10 dB range. These two factors approximately cancel each other when we take the difference in decibels between the maximum received power in the main cabin and the reference received power in the absence of the airplane. However, in future measurements it would probably be better to measure the incident and interior power densities in a way that the results would be independent of the gain of the receiving antenna. Figures 37 and 38 show SE from 0.2 to 18 GHz for two different orientations of the receiving antenna inside the main cabin. Six different incidence directions are shown in each figure. The tail direction has greater SE because the windows are shadowed, but the other incidence directions all give similar results. The convention on the sign of SE is that negative numbers represent shielding where the interior power density is less than the incident power density. The dips in SE correspond to the nulls in the incident field as given by eq (5) and are not representative of higher fields in the interior. These nulls in the reference field are a problem in defining SE because the large aircraft does not see a null over
its entire surface. This difficulty requires further attention for future SE measurements of airplanes located on the ground.

3.4 Coupling from the Main Cabin to the Avionics Bay

Since the main cabin has fairly low SE (about 20 dB), coupling from the main cabin to the avionics bay could be important for equipment located in the avionics bay. To study the coupling, we instrumented the main cabin with a transmitting antenna and a stirrer and the avionics bay with a receiving antenna and a stirrer. Otherwise the instrumentation was as shown in figure 1. The stirring effectiveness in the avionics bay is indicated by the stir ratio shown in figure 39. The maximum to average stir ratio is shown in figure 40, and it is somewhat lower than the typical 8 dB.

In figure 41, we show both the average (over stirrer position) and maximum coupling (minimum loss) between the transmitting antenna (located in the main cabin) and the receiving antenna (located in the avionics bay). This level of coupling could be important in some applications, and the mechanism of coupling (wiring, apertures, etc.) is worthy of further study.

4. TIME-DOMAIN MEASUREMENTS ON AIRPLANE 2

Airplane 2 is a twin-engine, six-passenger plane that is fully equipped for flight. Its dimensions are the same as those of the hangar queen, so we estimate its volume $V = 7.25$ m$^3$ and its window area $A = 2.61$ m$^2$. This plane was available only during the time that we were equipped for time-domain measurements.

4.1 Measurements of Cavity Time Constant

The main cabin of airplane 2 was instrumented with transmitting and receiving antennas (TEM horns) and a mechanical stirrer as shown in figure 10. The same pulse method that was described in Section 2.2 was used to
determine the time constant. The results for the time constant $\tau$ as function of frequency are shown in table 2 for either two people or four people in the main cabin. We would expect a smaller time constant for four people in the cavity because the losses are higher. Table 2 confirms this except for the highest frequency of 2 GHz. The time constants in table 2 could be used to calculate $Q$ from eq (2).

The same upper-bound time constant $\tau_3$ can be computed from eq (4). The result is again 37.0 ns (independent of frequency), and this value is about twice the measured values. A useful quantity for future studies of airplane interiors would be the averaged absorption cross section for a typical person. This would allow the absorption loss to be included in the theoretical $Q$ calculation [2].

4.2 Measurements of Shielding Effectiveness

A block diagram of the test setup for shielding effectiveness measurements is shown in figure 42. The transmitting antenna (TEM horn #2) was located at a height of 1.78 m and a horizontal separation of 11.6 m from the center of the airplane. A receiving antenna (TEM horn #1) and a stirrer (tuner) were located in the main cabin. The setup for the reference field measurement is shown in figure 43. The two antennas were separated by 11.6 m and were vertically polarized. For the reference field measurement, the ground-reflected pulse which has a time delay was windowed out. This eliminates the frequency oscillations in the reference field that occurred in the cw measurements as shown in figures 35 and 36. To account for incoherent addition of the direct and ground-reflected fields inside the plane, the reference power was doubled.

To generate SE data, we Fourier-analyzed the reference signal and the signal received inside the airplane for a number of tuner positions. The power received inside the airplane was averaged and divided by the reference power to obtain SE. Results for incidence at 60° from the nose are shown in table 3. We show only three frequencies, and these SE results are consistent with the SE results for airplane 1 obtained by cw measurement.
shown in figures 37 and 38. The data processing for the time-domain method needs to be automated to produce more SE data with less manual effort.

5. CONCLUSIONS

We have performed cavity Q measurements on three small (twin-engine) airplanes and SE measurements on two of the three airplanes. Both cw and pulse (time-domain) methods were used, and mechanical stirring was used in all cases. The Q of the hangar queen was measured using both techniques, and the time-domain method gave higher Q values as shown in figure 9. This is to be expected because the time-domain method is not affected by antenna impedance mismatch [2]. Both methods gave lower values than the theoretical upper-bound Q determined from window leakage loss. The time-domain method which uses the cavity time constant has the advantage that the cavity volume does not have to be estimated, but it requires additional data processing that has yet to be automated.

Extensive cw measurements of Q and SE were made on airplane 1. The curves of received power vs stirrer position show that mechanical stirring is effective in most cases, but in some cases either a direct path signal or the slow response time of the spectrum analyzer causes stirring to be less effective. The ground-reflected signal was observed to cause frequency oscillations in the reference signal and the resultant SE-vs-frequency curves. The SE values average about 15 dB, but the oscillations can introduce variations of ±10 dB. Incidence from the tail direction shows much higher values of SE because the windows are shadowed. Frequency oscillations have been noted previously [8] in ground-based measurements, but can be avoided by windowing with time-domain methods. All of our cw results are based on either average or peak values obtained from mechanical stirring, but the cumulative distribution as shown in figure 11 is also of interest. The shape of the distribution is similar to the analytical distribution that has been shown to fit reverberation chamber data. This implies that reverberation chamber EMI testing is a good simulation for EMI testing of electronic equipment in an airplane.
Time-domain measurements of time constant and SE were made on airplane 2, which was similar, but not identical, to airplane 1. The method has some potential advantages (the cavity volume is not needed to determine Q, broadband data is obtained from one pulse measurement, and ground reflection can be windowed out) over cw methods, but we need to automate the data processing to take full advantage of the method. The measured time constants are on the order of 15 ns, and such a low value means that typical radar pulses are long enough that interior fields will have time to build up to their steady-state values. The measured SE values of about 15 dB are in fair agreement with the values obtained by cw measurements.

A number of extensions to this work would be desirable. Measurements of Q and SE on larger (commercial) airplanes would be desirable. The use of frequency stirring [9] using band-limited, white Gaussian noise [10] or broadband pulses has been shown to be effective in reverberation chamber measurements and should provide faster, more efficient measurements in aircraft cavities. The importance of cavity-to-cavity coupling needs to be further studied since our measurements on airplane 1 show significant coupling from the main cabin to the avionics bay. The transmission properties of conductively coated window glass and fiberglass airframes should also be measured and analyzed.

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Table 1. Measured time constant for the main cabin of the hangar queen.

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Table 2. Measured time constant for the main cabin of airplane 2.

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Table 3. Measured shielding effectiveness for the main cabin of airplane 2. Incident field: vertical polarization, 60° from nose.

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Trans = H. Pol, Nose; Rcv = H. Pol, Face Down with Aircraft. 
Frequency = 3.0 GHz

Figure 22. Received power versus time (stirrer position) in the main cabin of airplane 1 for an external source. Frequency = 3.0 GHz.
Figure 23. Received power versus time (stirrer position) in the main cabin of airplane 1 for an external source. Frequency = 10.0 GHz.
Coupling from Outside to QA Main Cabin, Pt = 30 dBM.
Trans = H. Pol, Nose; Rev = H. Pol, Face Down with Aircraft.

Frequency = 18.0 GHz

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Coupling from Outside to QA Main Cabin, Pt = 10 dBm.  
Trans = Hor. Pol, Nose; Rcv = Vert. Pol, Transverse

Frequency = 3.0 GHz

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Coupling from Outside to QA Main Cabin, Pt = 30 dBm. Trans = Hor. Pol, Nose; Rcv = Vert. Pol, Transverse

Frequency = 10.0 GHz

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Coupling from Outside to OA Main Cabin, Pt = 10 dBm.
Trans = H. Pl, Rt Sd; Rcv = H. Pl, Face Down Algn/W Aircraft.
Frequency = 1.0 GHz
1 Person Inside, Spect Anal Outside

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Coupling from Outside to OA Main Cabin, $P_t = 10 \text{ dBm}$.

Trans = H. Pl, Tail; Rcv = V. Pl, Facing Rear of Aircraft.

Figure 34. Power received in main cabin of airplane 1 from ambient field and external horizontally polarized source.
Coupling from Outside to QA Main Cabin Reference (LPAs).
Trans = H.P1, LPA; Rcv = H.P1, LPA; Pt=10 dBm, 3dB Atten.

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