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Subject: Re: Flanking Subs vs Helper Woofers, revisited

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Aha!

I had to think on this for a while. You know, I've read different posts where you have explained virtually the same thing in about 14 million ways to different people. I just want to say THANKS for your patience and willingness to teach! It is much appreciated! Audio is not my forte, but your posts have taught me a lot in such a short amount of time! You may not care for the sucking up... too bad.

Okay... let me approach this from a different angle. When you switched to your hybrid approach of using flanking subs as opposed to the plain 2.5-way helper woofers, what was your thinking in terms of output? I mean, when switching to subs, aren't you losing output? Can the 3 pi subs keep up with the 4 pi mains? Or is it that you never listen at a level loud enough that it matters? (Don't blame you there.)

Do you find the flanking subs to be the most economical in the end? I know you switched to flanking subs for a reason, you've been in this game for a long time. I'm trying to better understand your motivation. What about the drop in output? And, are your 2 distributed subs higher output? Can you blend subs and speakers with different output capabilities? Is it that since you are using the flanking subs for smoothing, they don't NEED to be as loud to do their job? Anyway, I'll leave it there. I'm leaning towards the 2.5-way for output reasons unless you think I may be making a newbie mistake (nahhhh). Thanks again!