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Subject: Re: Are subwoofers worth it?

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I used to prefer systems without subs until Todd Welti introduced the multisub concept in the early 2000s. I expanded upon it to include the concept of flanking subs. Both approaches smooth the sound field in the lower frequency region. Multisubs are effective up to around 100Hz, and flanking subs are useful above that.

Multisubs and Flanking SubsStudy those concepts here at the links above. I think having a single sub is a bad idea, and I'd prefer not even having (just) one. But having more than one sub makes a lot of sense. You aren't adding subs to increase "boom boom" bass; Quite the opposite - you are doing it to make the bass smooth and the transition seamless. If you can tell the subs are on, you don't have 'em setup right.

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