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Statistical descriptors and
application to vibration criteria

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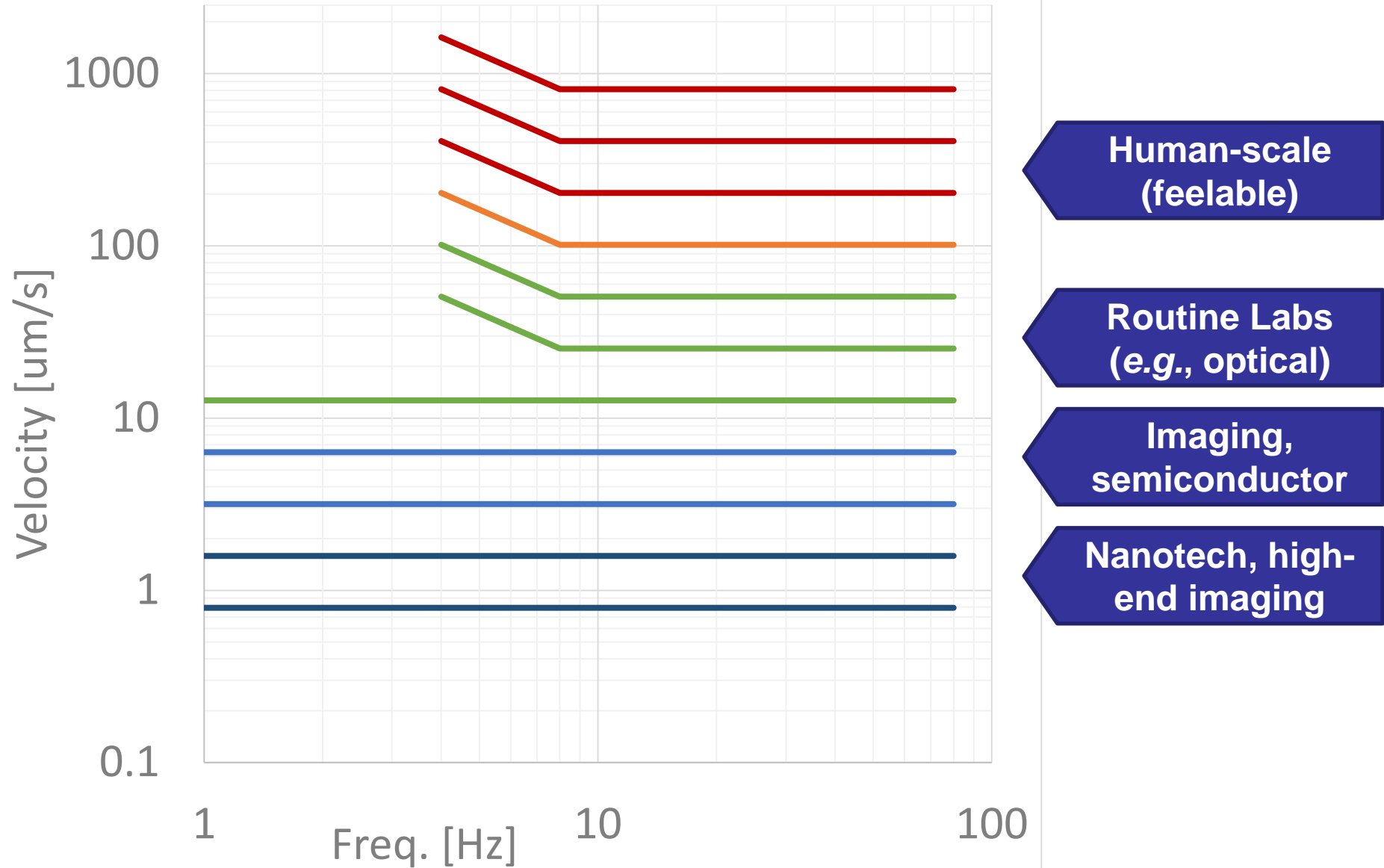
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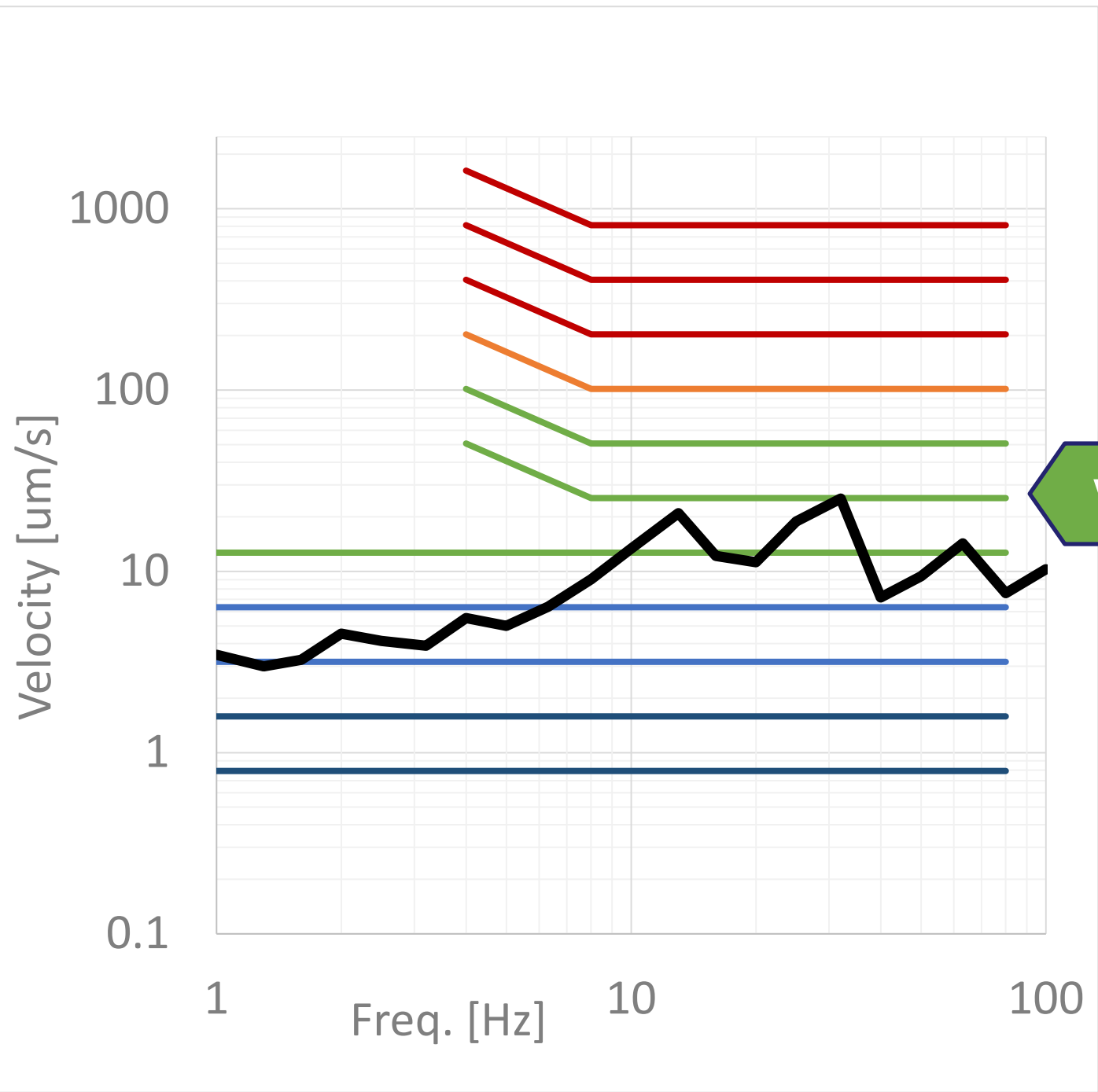
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Vibration Criteria (VC), and qualitative scales





How do sites get qualified for low-vibration uses like laboratories?

Traditional Survey Data

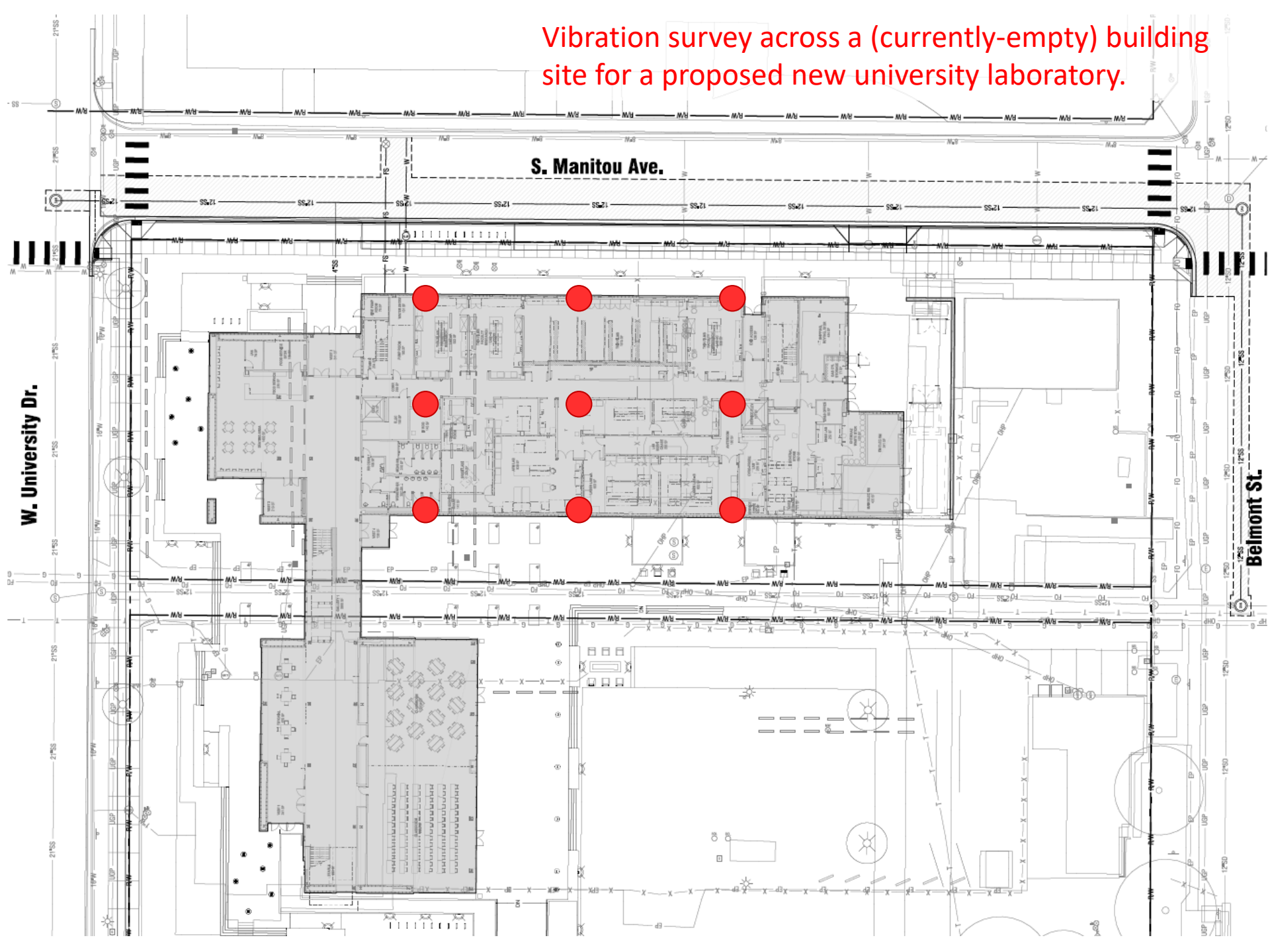
- Select averaging technique / times
- Develop averages across the site
- Construct gross statistics based on these
- Evaluate based on an appropriate statistic

Vibration survey across a (currently-empty) building
site for a proposed new university laboratory.

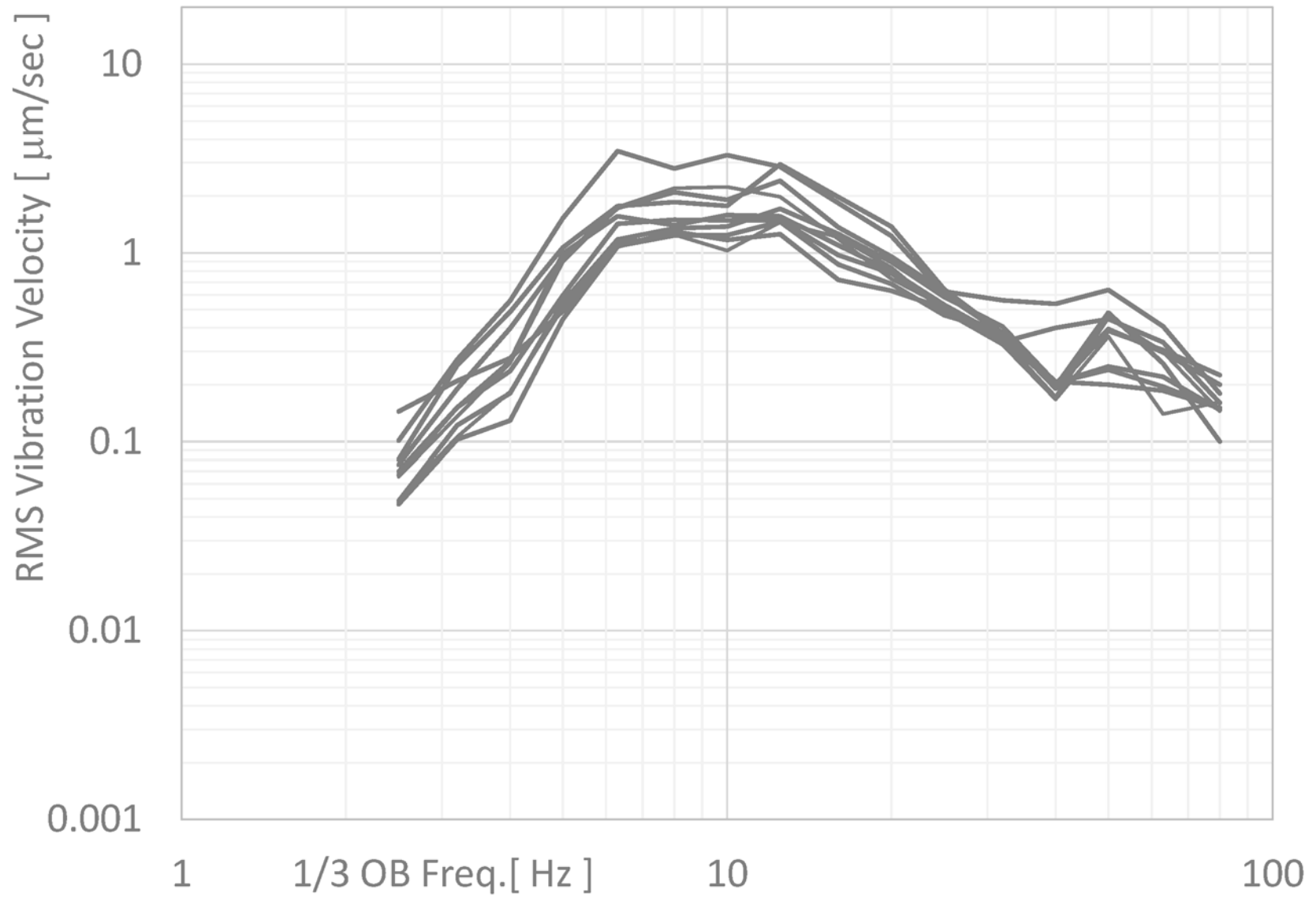
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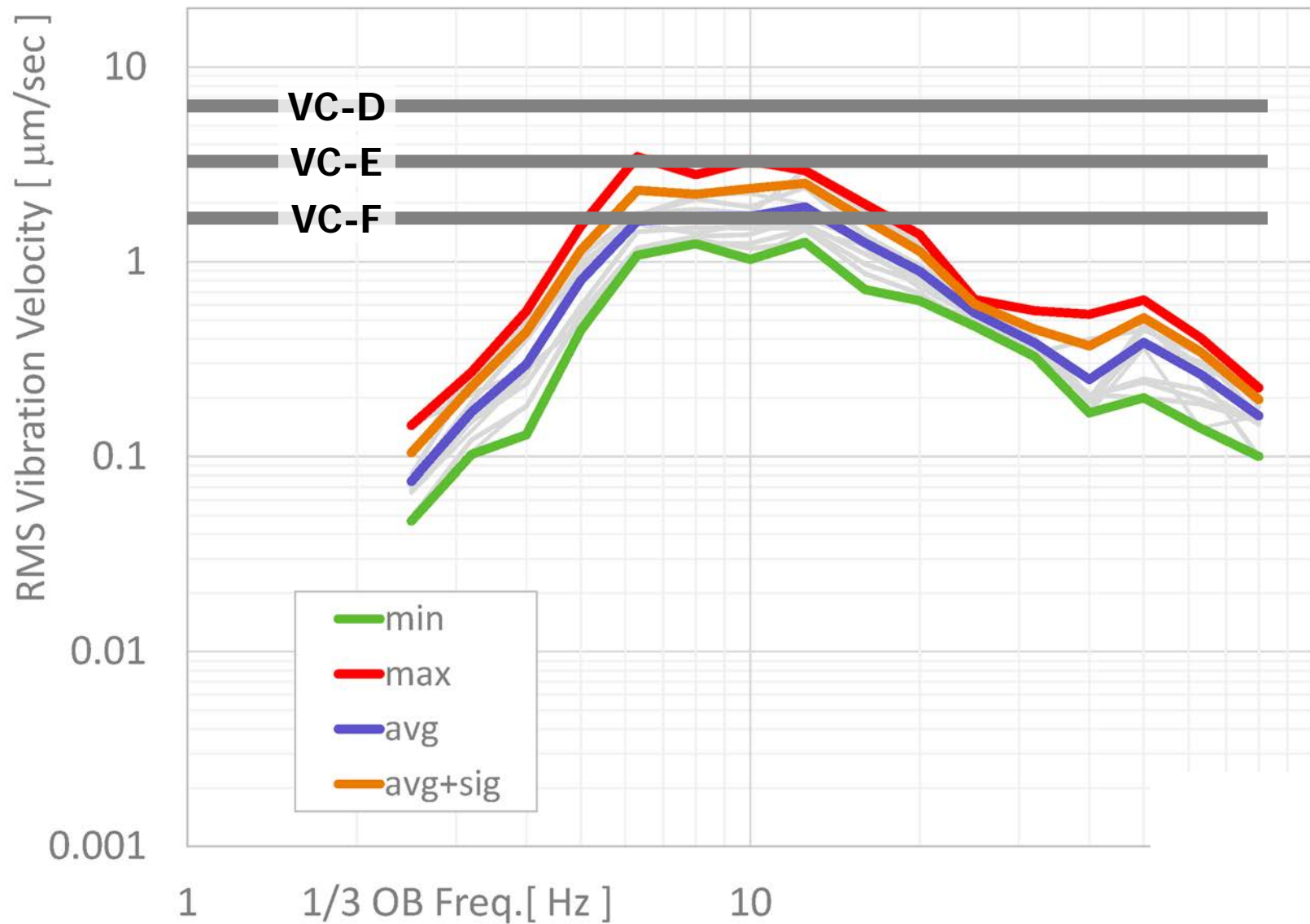
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Here's your vibration data from those locations...



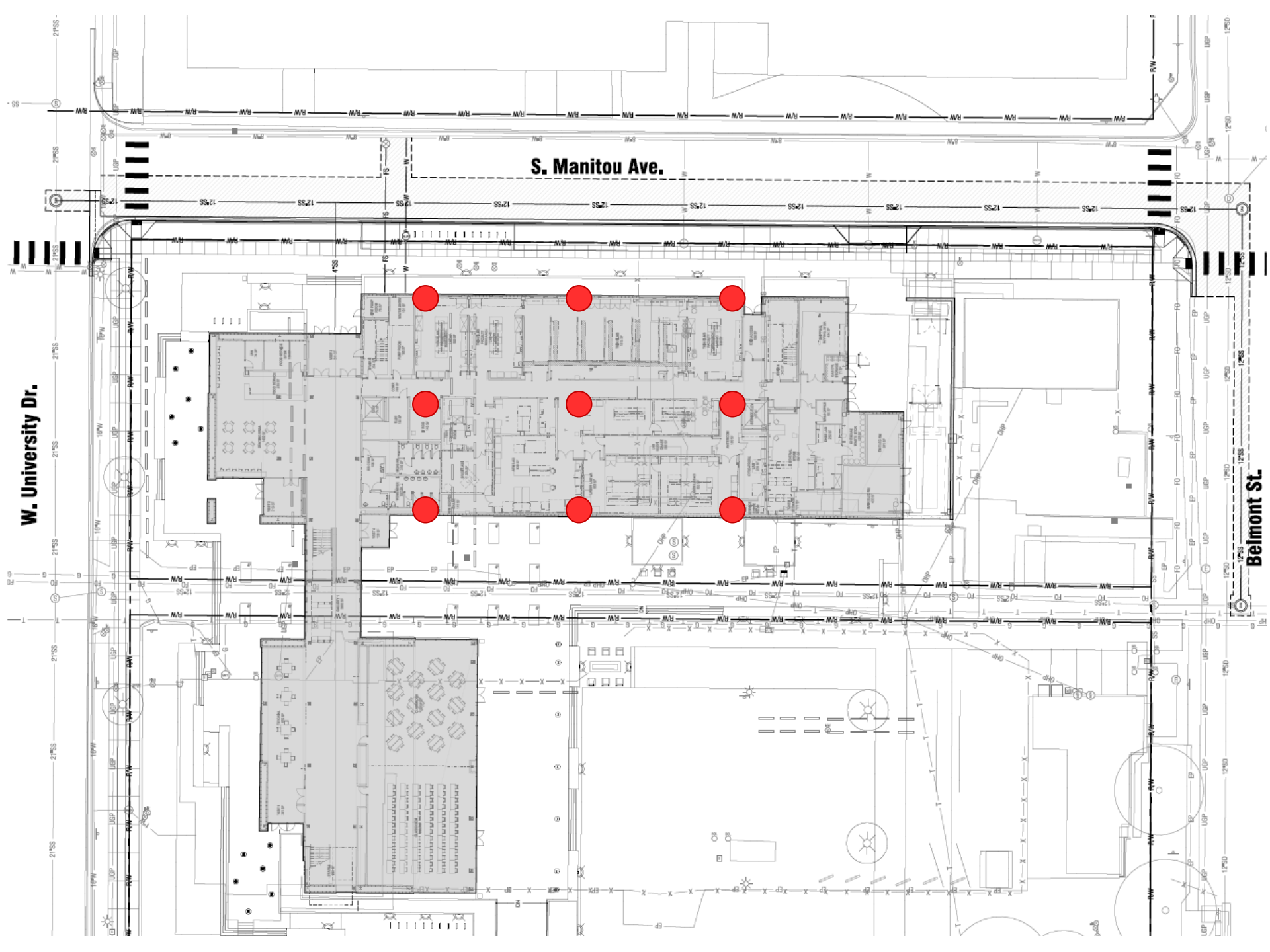
“spatial” statistics... or are they?



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Proposed alternative technique for developing useful ground/building micro-vibration data.

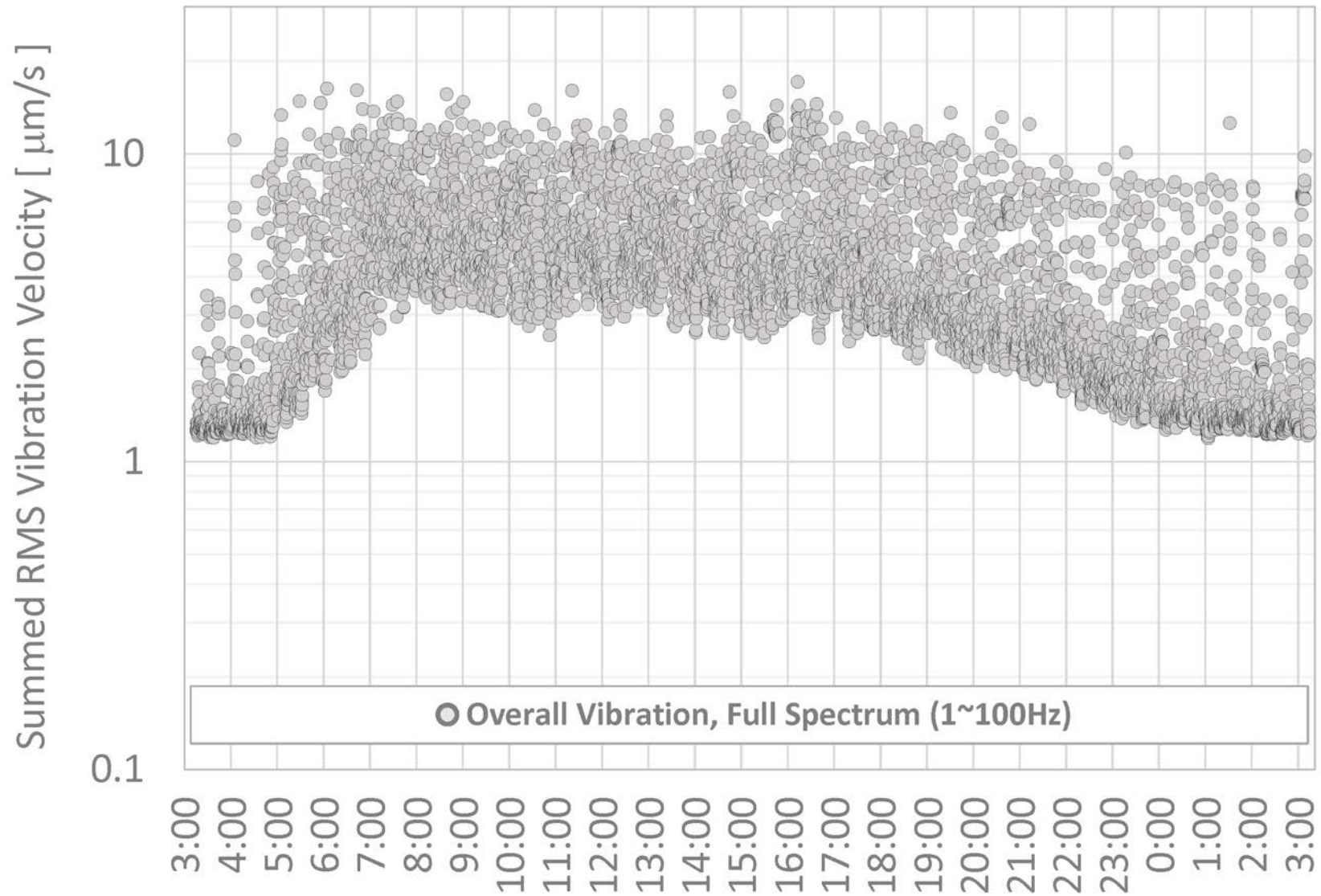
Acquiring Temporal Data

- Select appropriate timescales
- Develop data on those timescales
- Construct statistics based on these
- Evaluate based on an appropriate statistic

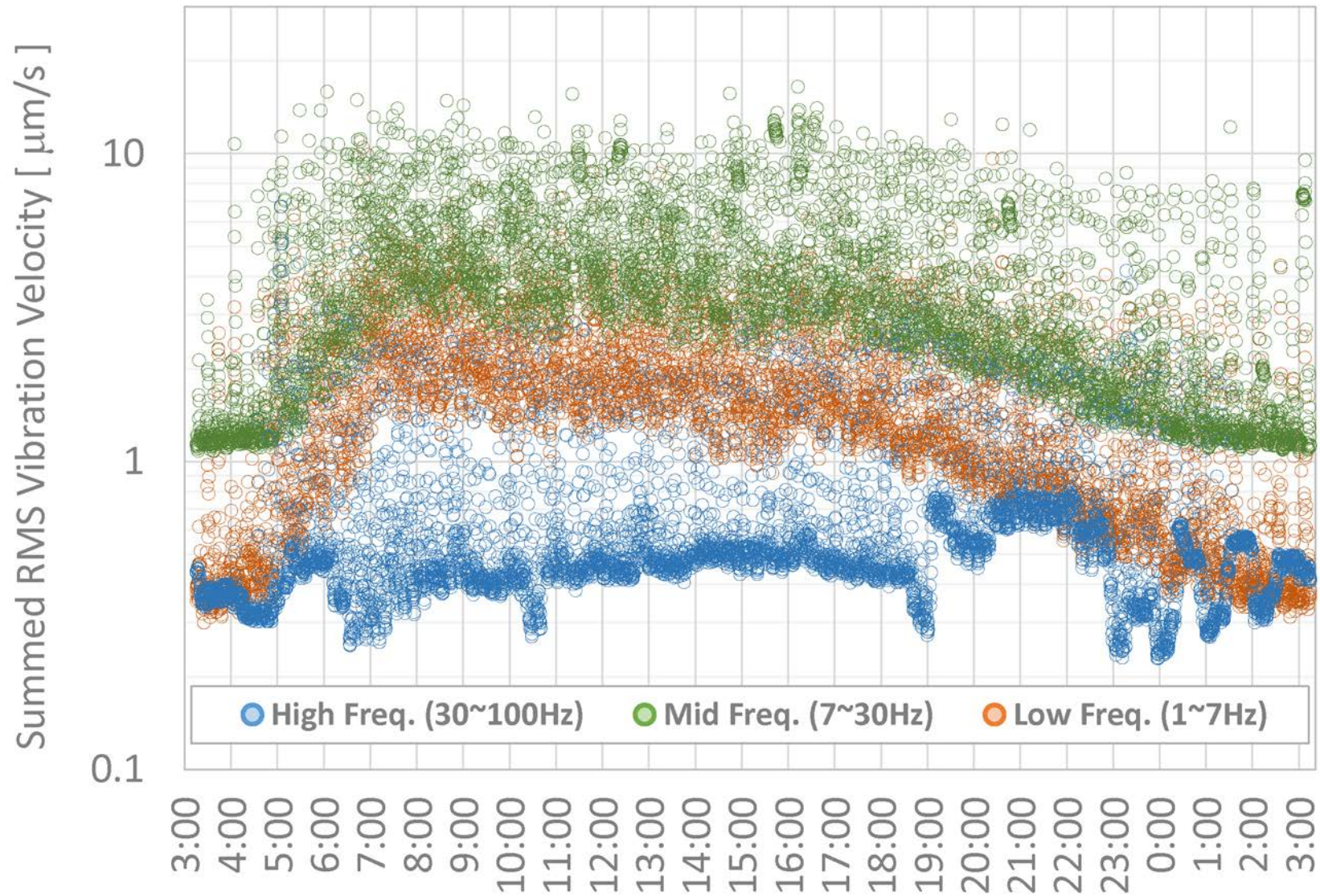
Example Dataset

- Select appropriate timescales
- Develop averages on that timescale
- Construct statistics based on these
 - What's the “maximum average”?
 - What's the “average average”?
 - What's the “average maximum”?
 - What are the ***percentiles***?
- Evaluate based on appropriate statistic(s)

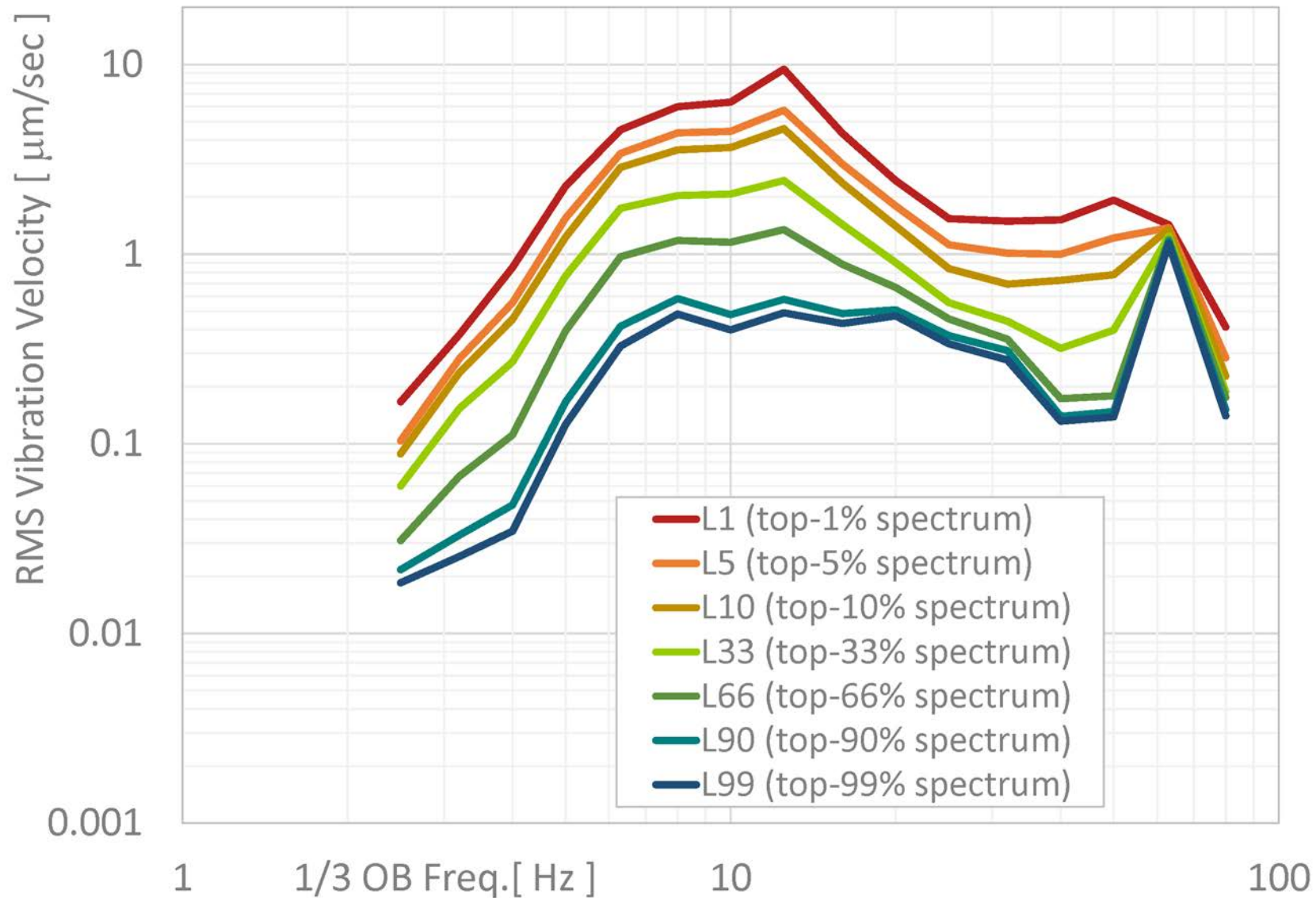
15-second linear averages (overall)



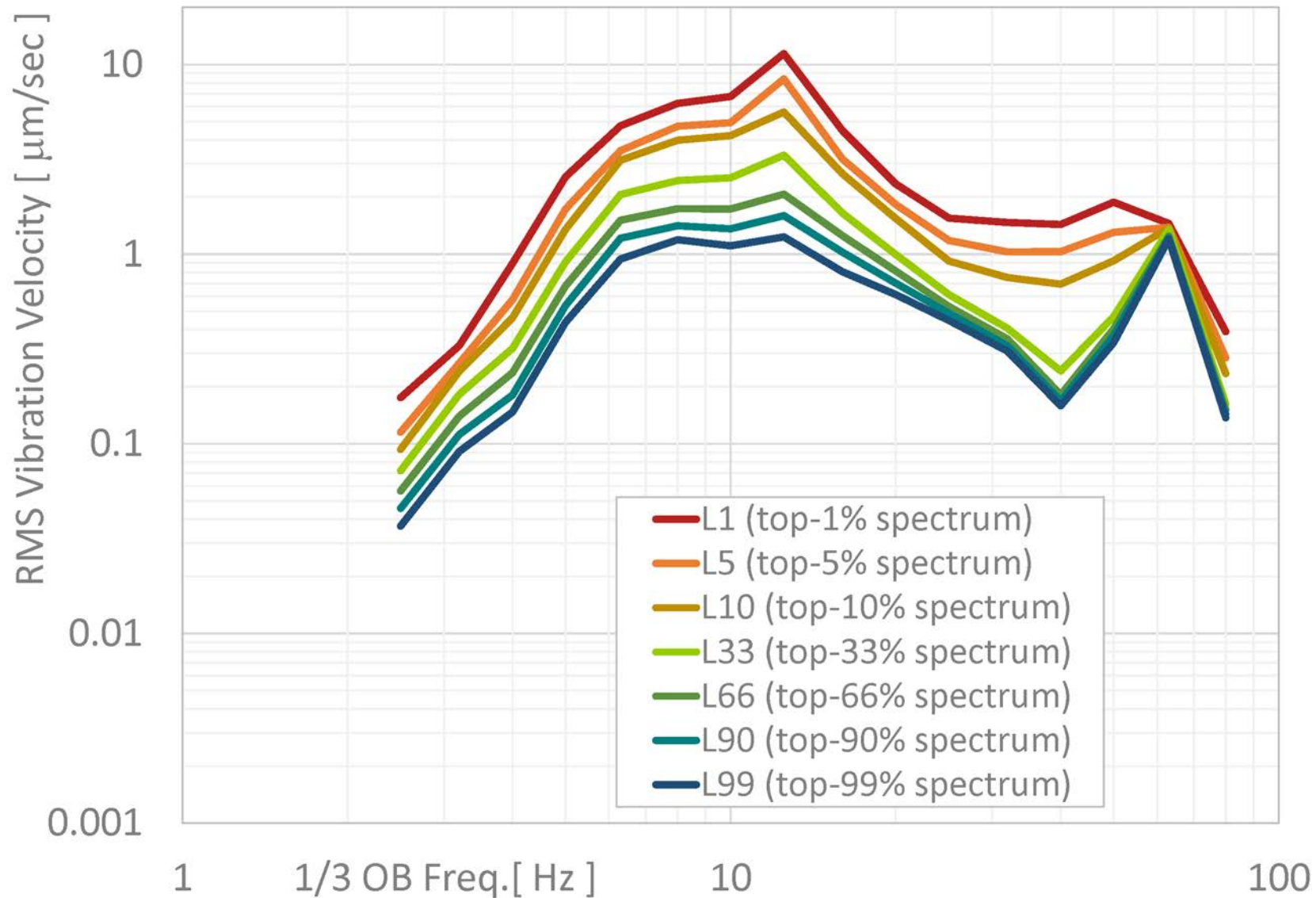
15-second linear averages (low / middle / high frequencies)



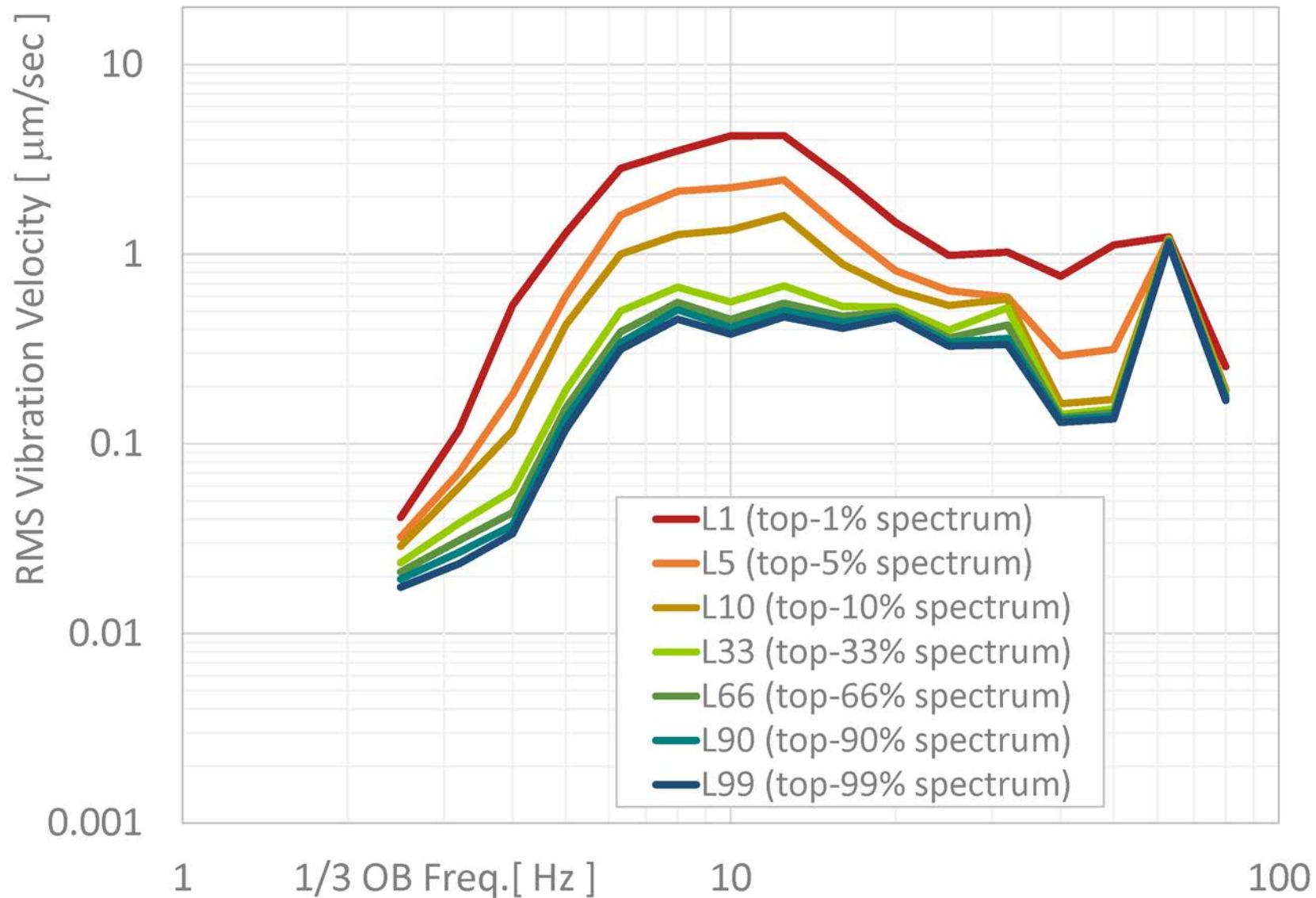
15-second linear averages: 24 hours (3AM—3AM) == 5,760 data points



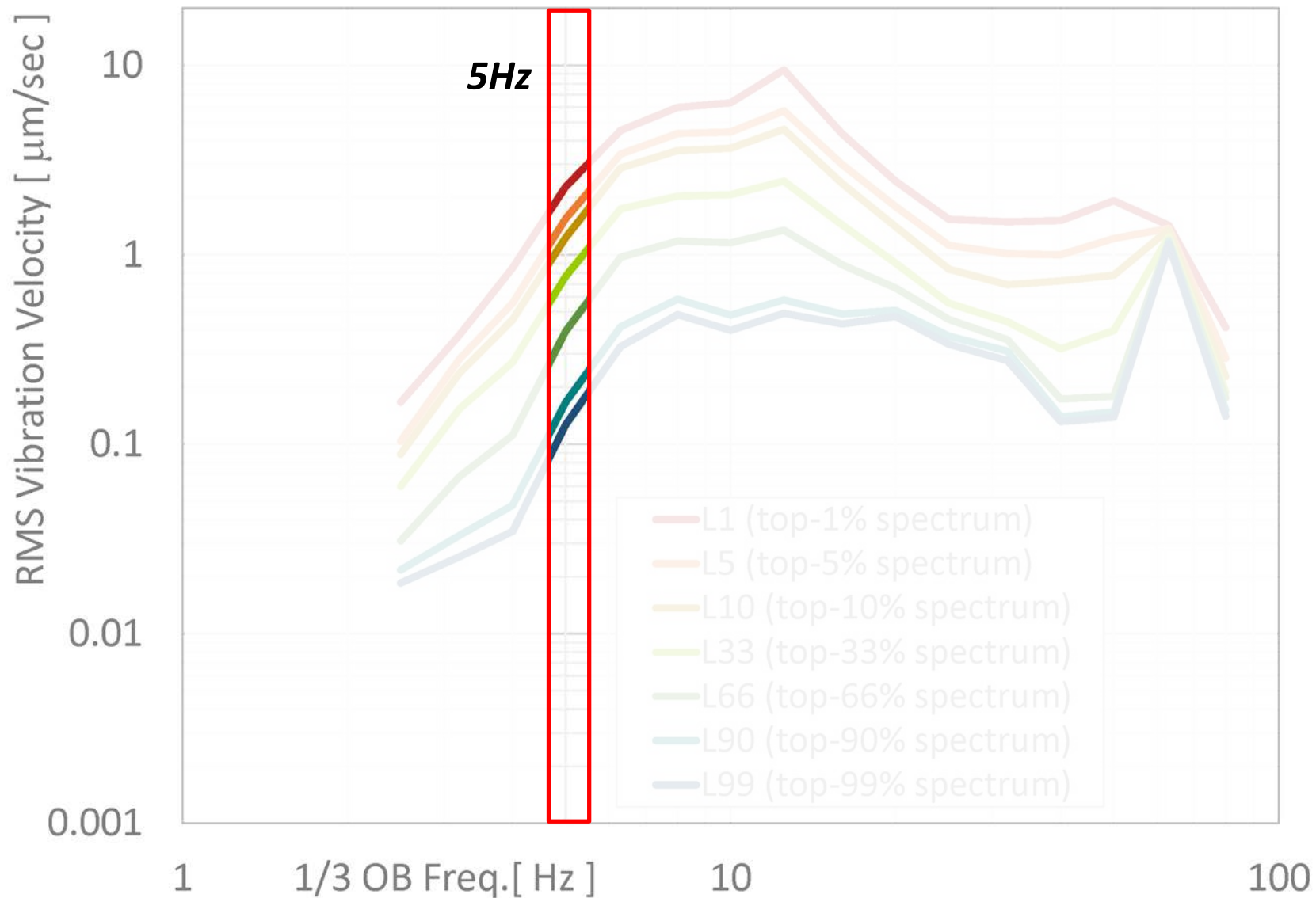
15-second linear averages: daytime (8AM—6PM) == 2,400 data points



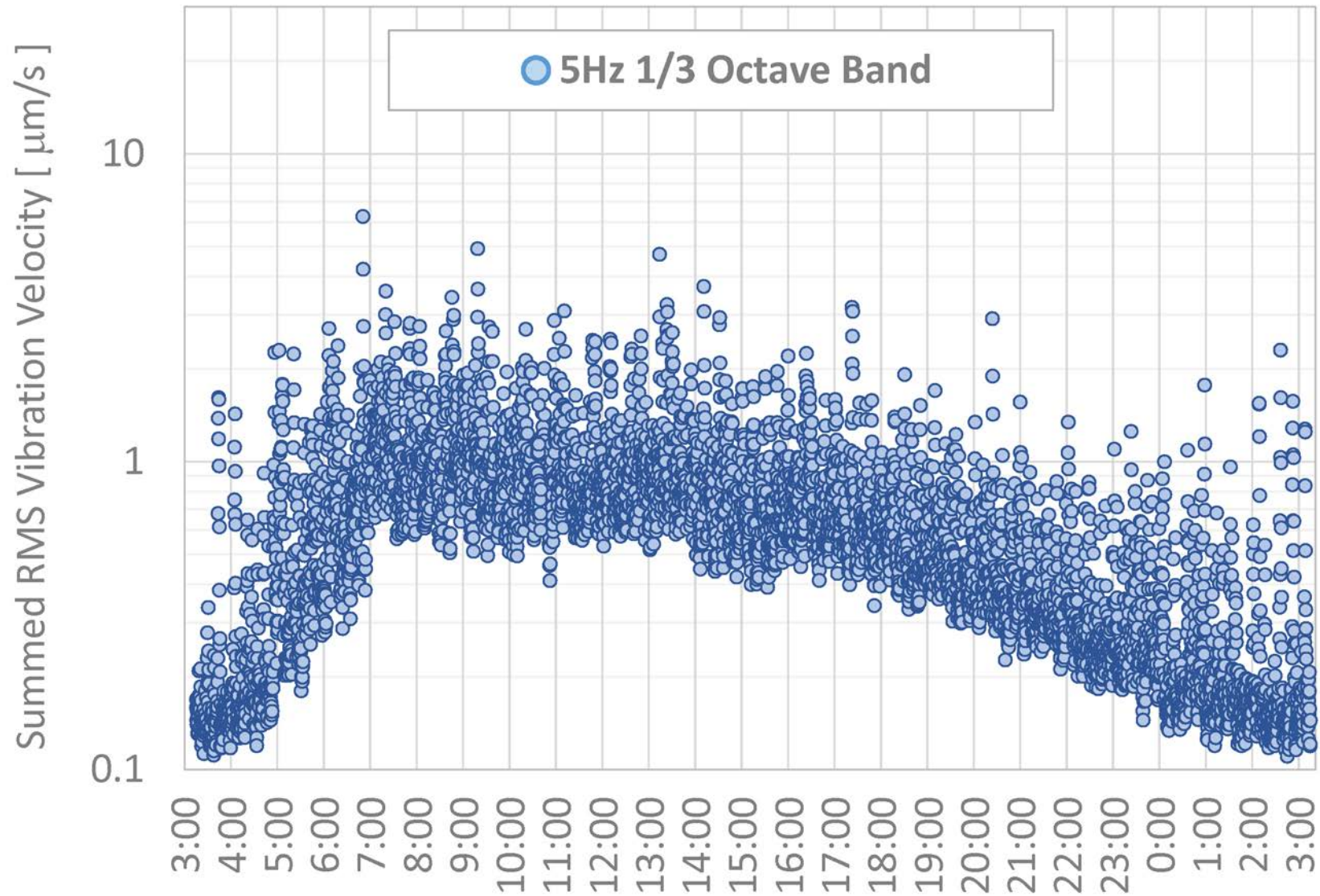
15-second linear averages: overnight (1AM—4AM) == 720 data points



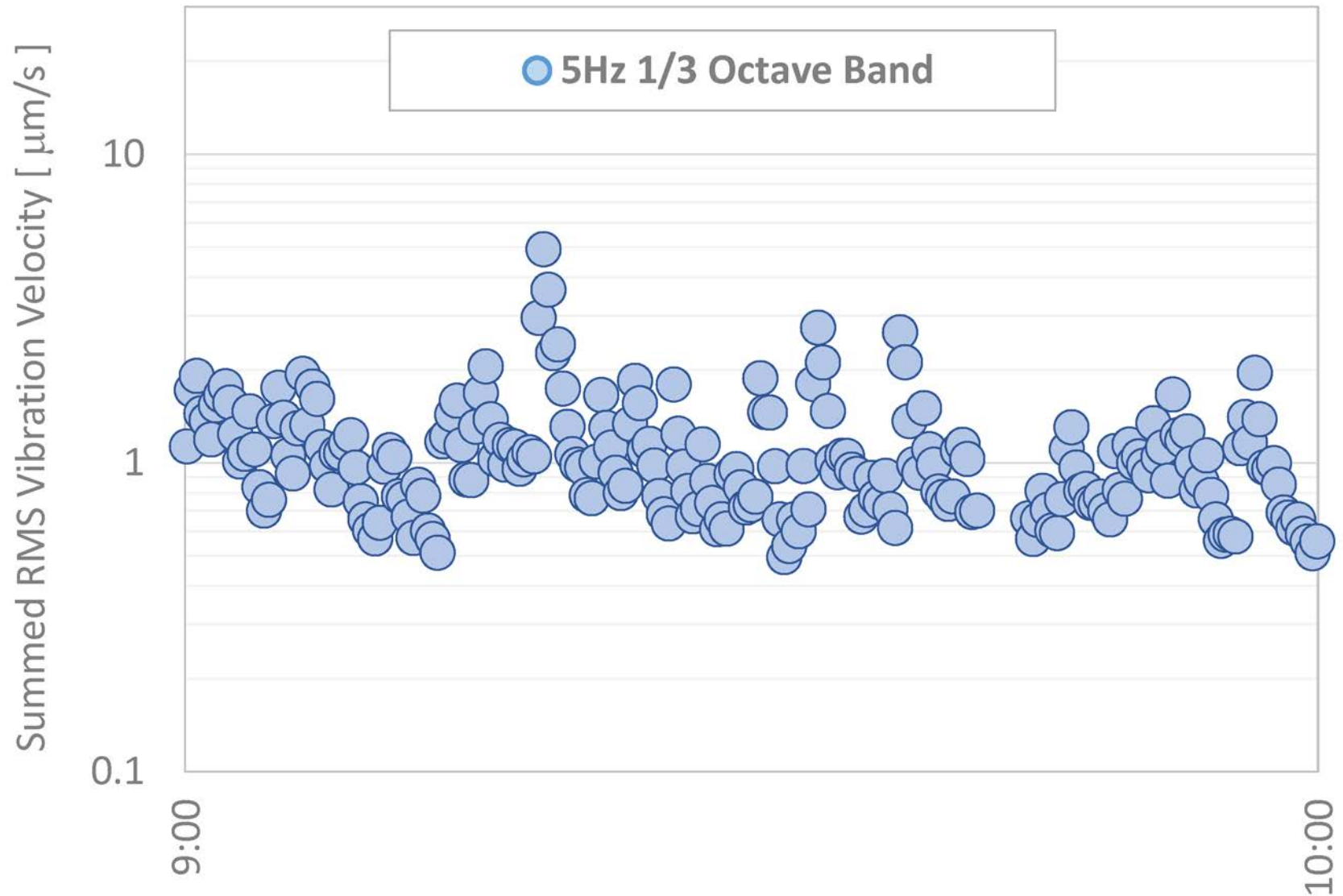
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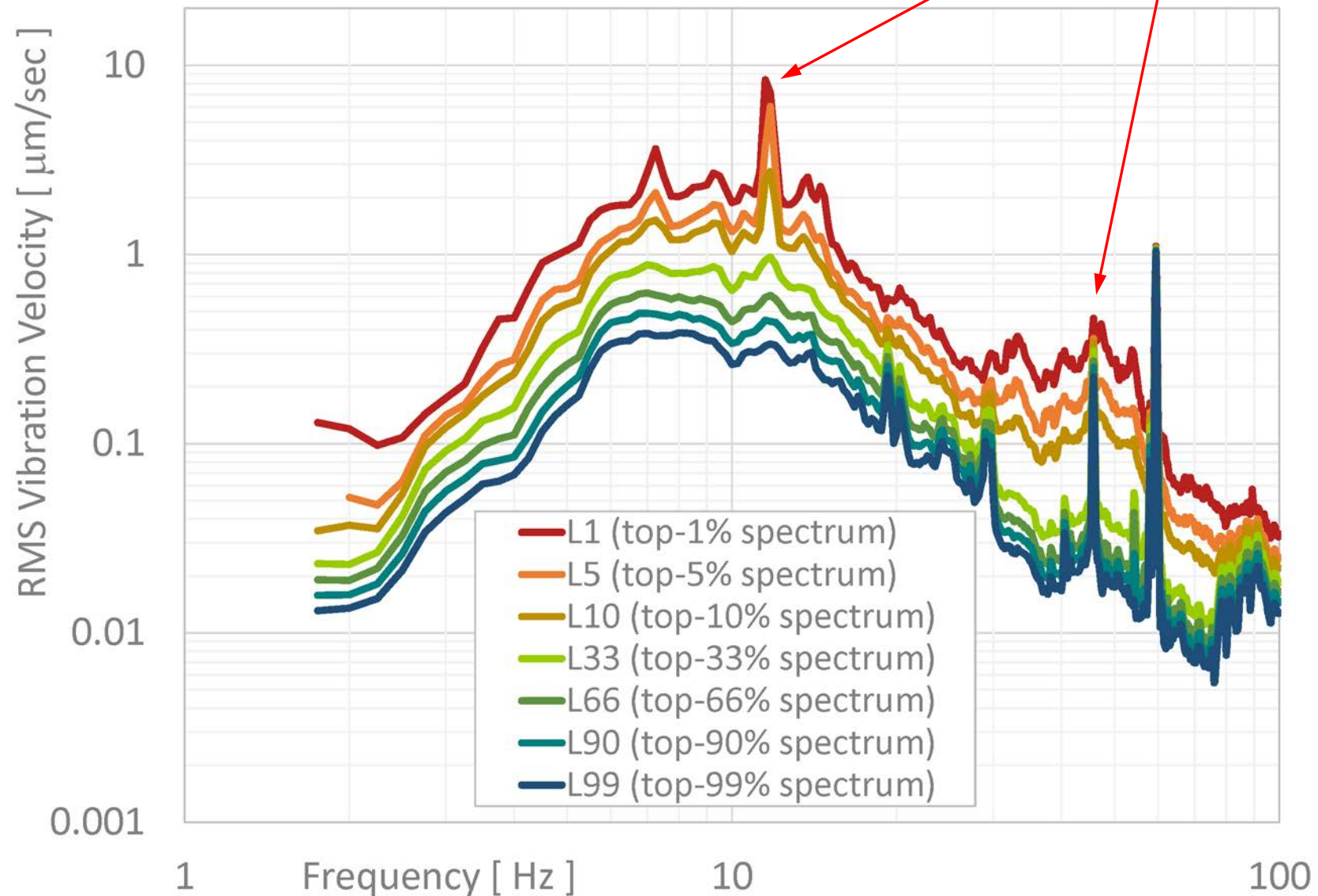
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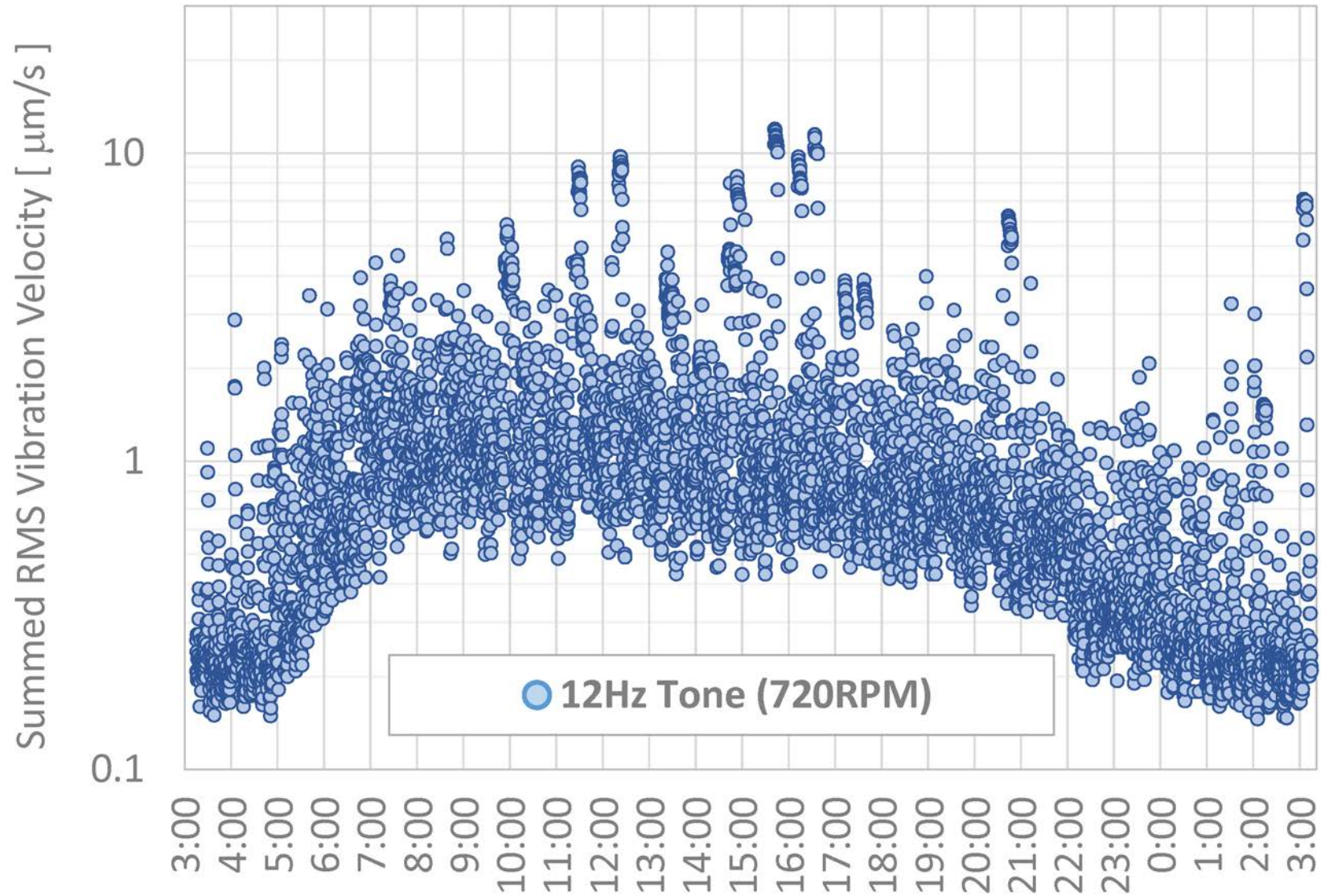
9AM—10AM: 240 data points; $L_{eq,15s,max} = 4.9\mu\text{m/s}$ & $L_{eq,15s,avg} = 1.1\mu\text{m/s}$

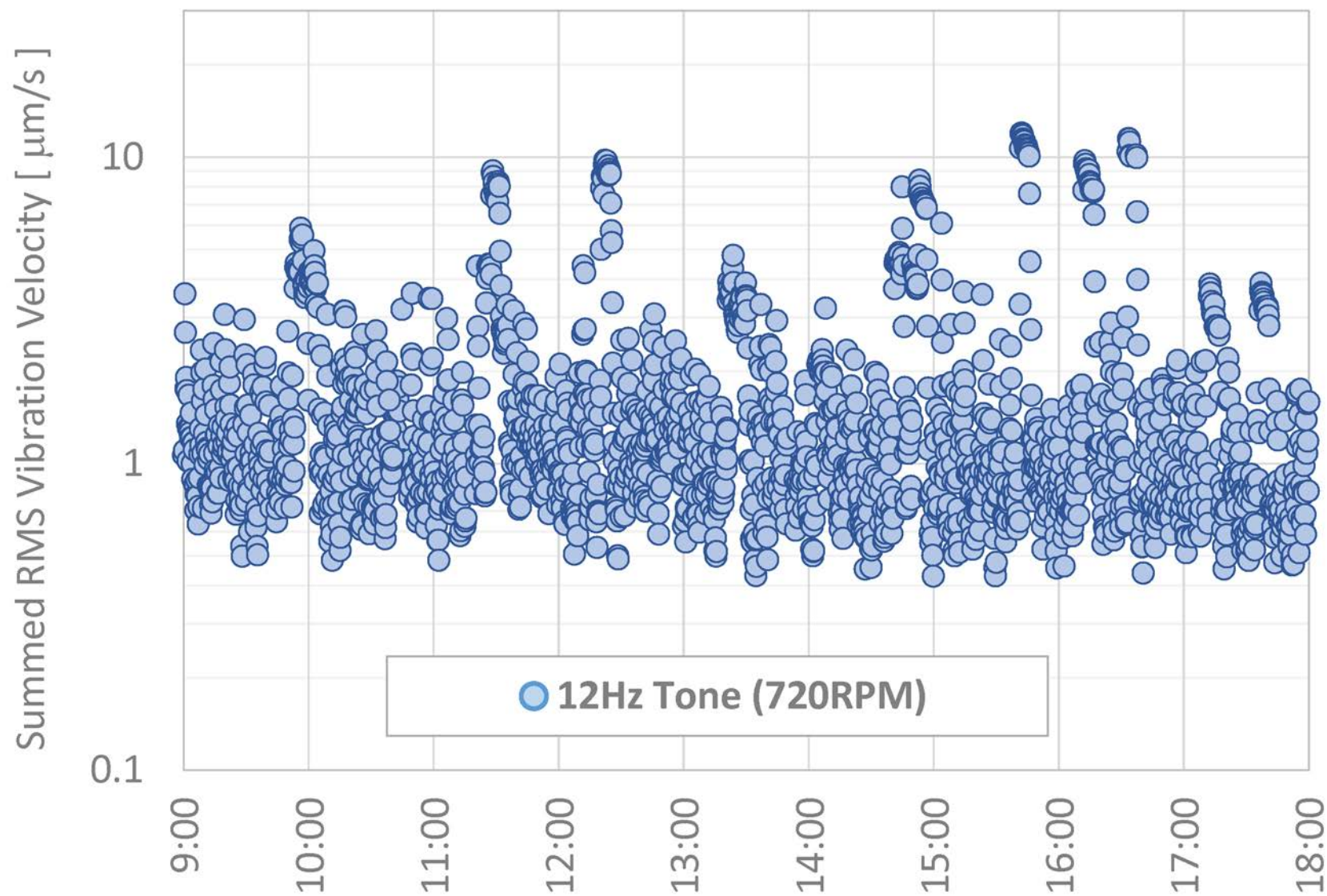


We can look at the spectrum in finer detail...
What's going on at 12Hz and at 45Hz?

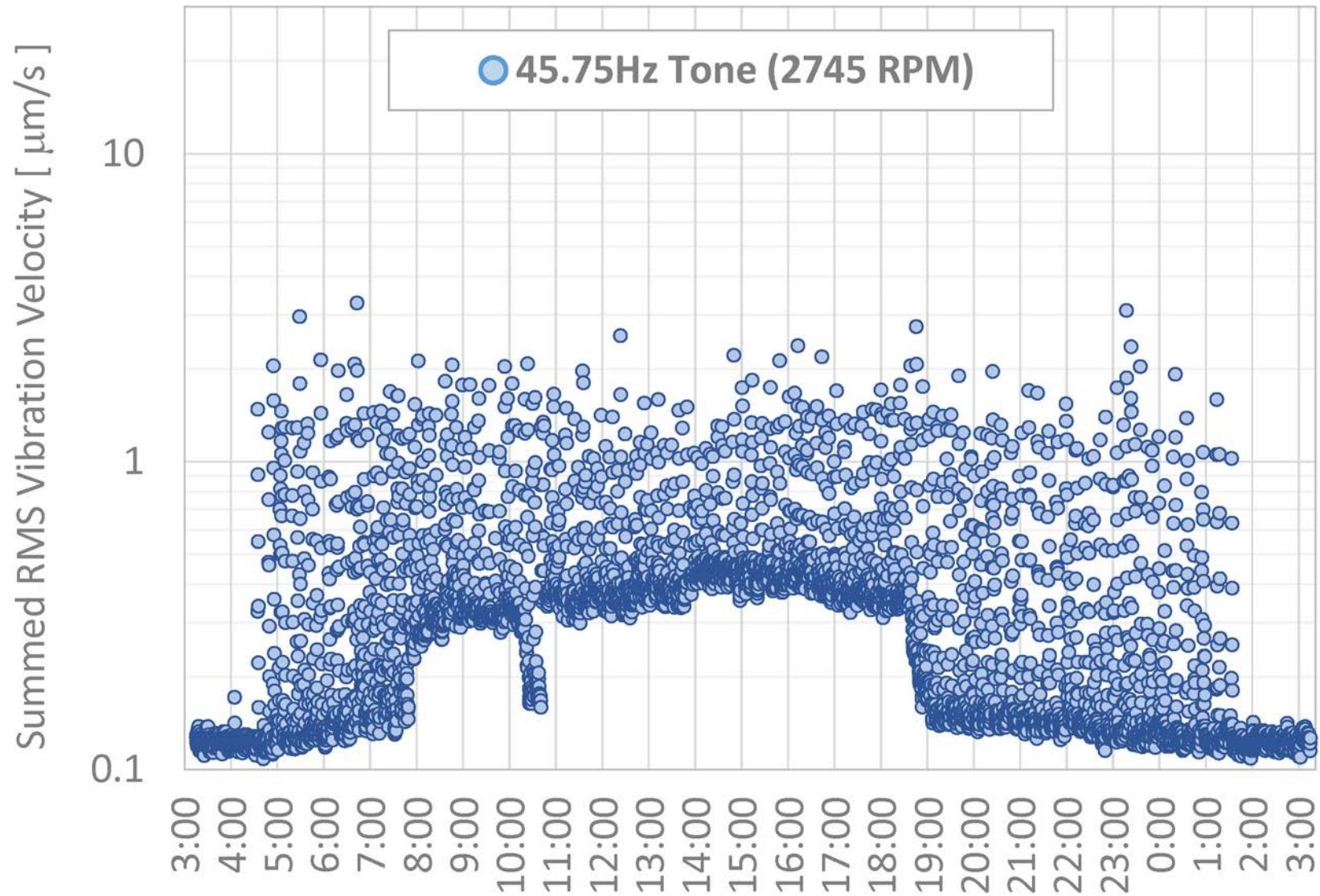


A compressor, perhaps? It seems to run for a few minutes, once or twice per hour.





A fan or pump supporting a particular lab?
Whatever it is, it runs from 8AM-6:30PM



A spectacular example

- Transmission electron microscopy suite
- Otherwise quiet military site, **except cargo**
- Heavy cargo planes visit, ~ 1 per month
- Planes roll past building site, ~ 6 sec each

**If a plane causes a vibration problem, can't
you just re-start your scan?**

If we take enough data, we can talk meaningfully about outlier events, when relevant.

A spectacular example

- Math says interfering events might occur only once every year or two...
- ...but the client says that samples cost \$1.5MM to generate and that *they are consumed during the scan*

Sometimes, even rare events are relevant