

# (Excerpts from) Vibration and Noise

IN AND NEAR ANIMAL FACILITIES

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# Highlights

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- There's no “building code” for vibration and noise
  - Users, Facilities Groups, A/Es have to talk about it
  - I want to give you the tools to have good conversations
- ANSI (ASA) S3/SC1WG5

*Working group tasked to develop / maintain standards, guidelines, and technical reports for evaluation of noise and vibration and their effects in the design and construction of facilities conducting laboratory animal research.*

# Data – Complete Statements

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2,000  $\mu\text{in/sec}$  RMS in the 1/3 octave band at 25Hz

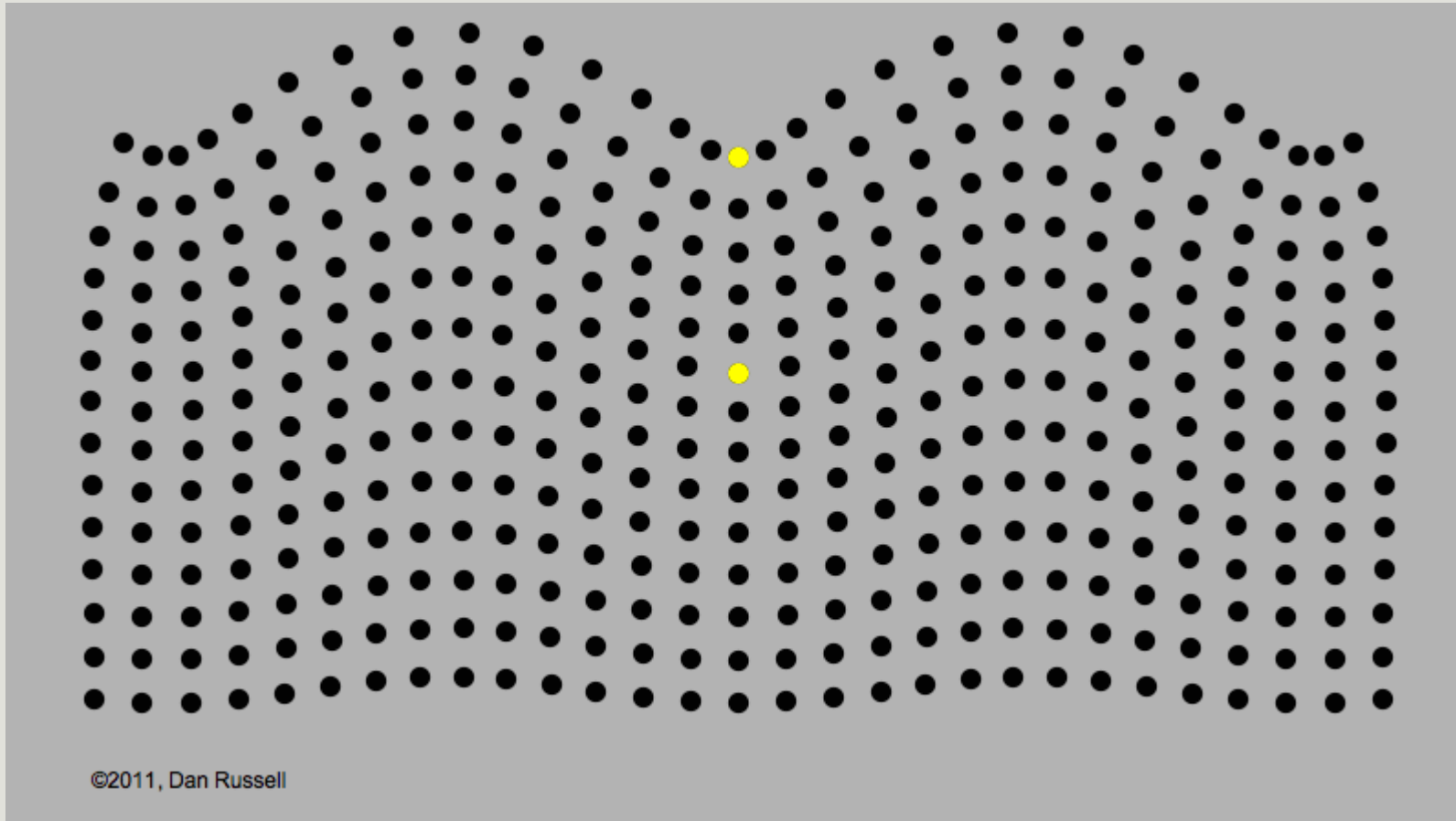
36  $\mu\text{g}$  0-Peak at 44Hz (bandwidth = 2Hz)

48 dB re: 20 $\mu\text{Pa}$  in the octave band at 120kHz

55 dB(R)

# Vibration

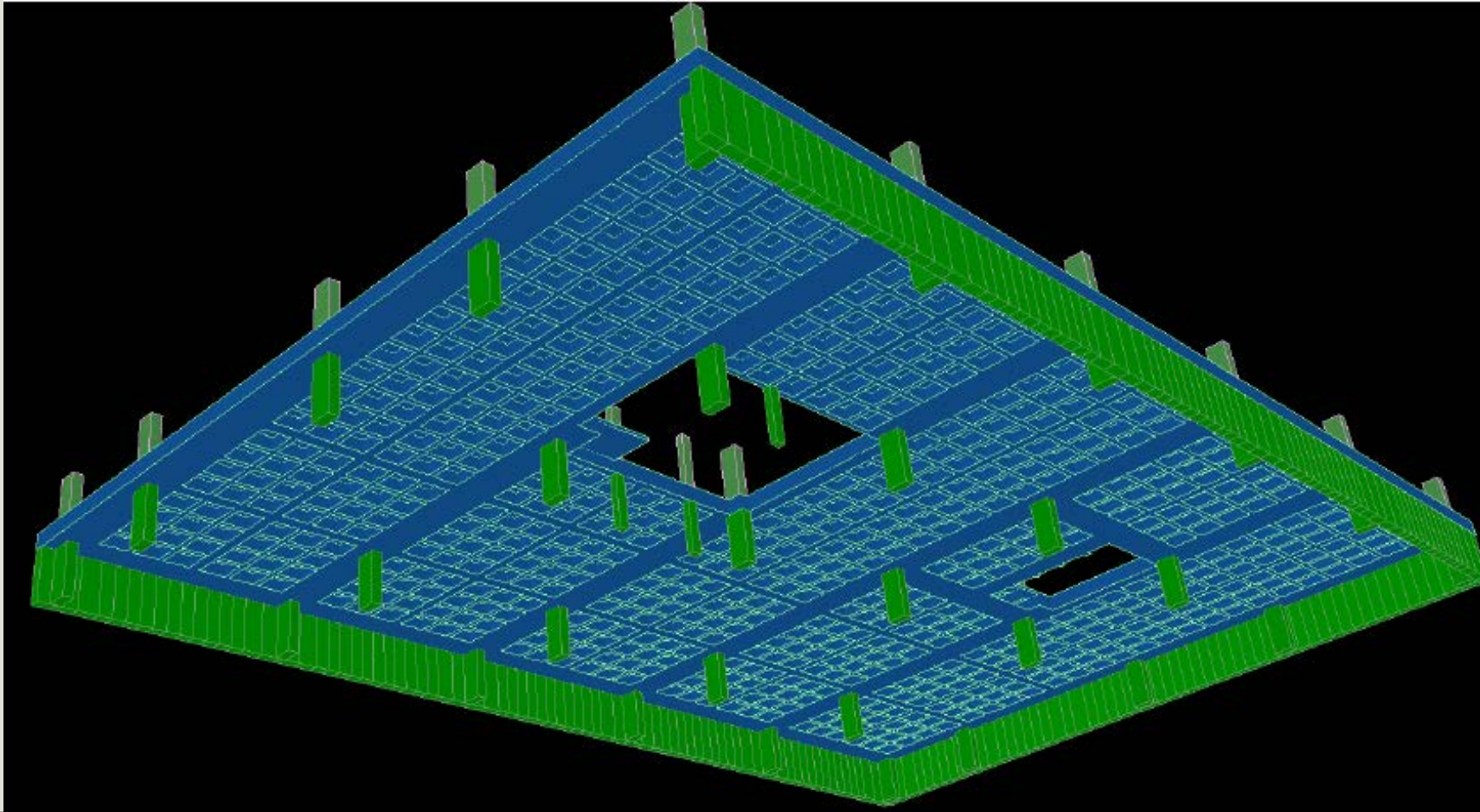
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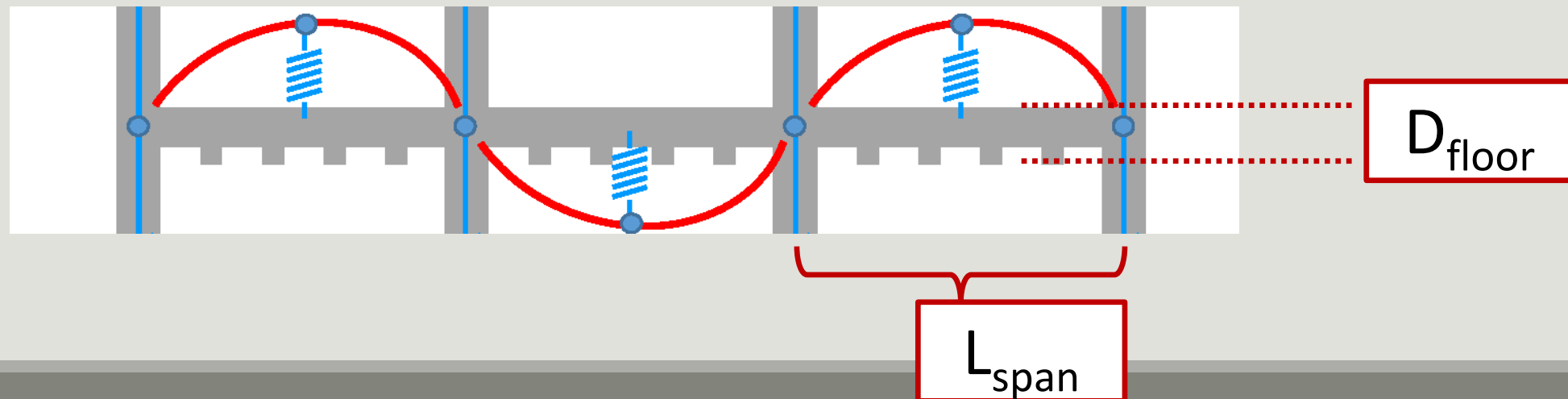
# Vibration – in Structures

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# Vertical Vibration – Superstructure

- Performance determined by local sources, for soft floors, anyway
- For typical lab floors, walker impact dominates (in good designs)
- **Usually, vibration levels on the order of 1,000's of  $\mu\text{in}/\text{sec}$**
- Vibration levels highly-localized across building, w.r.t. column grid

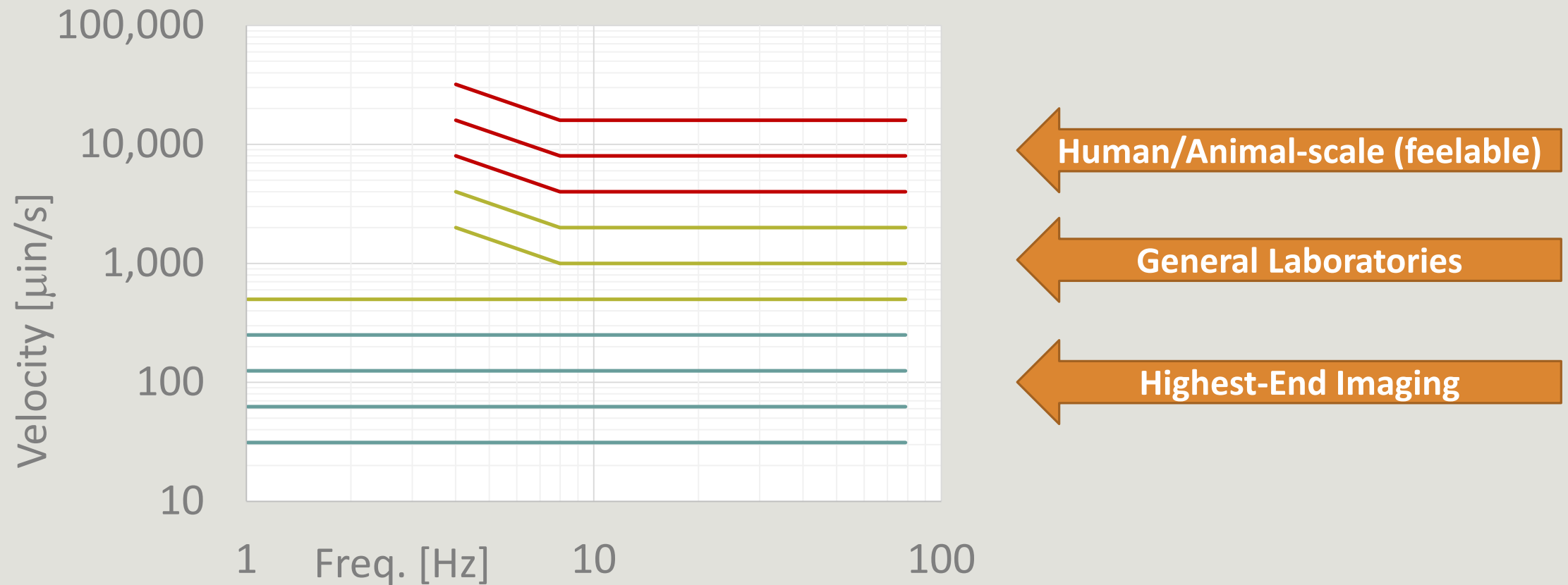


# Vertical Vibration Levels

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- 16,000+  $\mu\text{in/sec}$ : office, workshop, etc.
- 8,000  $\mu\text{in/sec}$ : residential settings
- 4,000  $\mu\text{in/sec}$ : threshold of human perception
- 2,000  $\mu\text{in/sec}$ : routine laboratories
- 1,000  $\mu\text{in/sec}$ : very good general laboratories
  
- Ground floors: 10s (maybe 100s) of  $\mu\text{in/sec}$

# Generic VC Criterion System



# Vibration – Criteria

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- **Instruments:** generic VC for hand-built, or vendor-supplied
- **Animals:** no good system of criteria exists
  - lots of data suggest behavioral and physiological effects
  - few data on sensitivities
  - fewer treatments on developing and meeting criteria
- Architects, engineers are familiar with VC System
- **Current best-practice: VC language for animal facilities**

# Vibration – Criteria for Animals

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- Chronic sensitivities
  - impacts considered over longer periods
  - for example, noise-induced stress in holding rooms
  - undermines experimental assumptions
- Acute sensitivities
  - impacts considered “in the moment”
  - for example, distractions during behavioral testing
  - injects confounding variables into datasets

# “Empathic Design”

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- Consider the animals' physiologies
- Consider the animals' perspectives
- Examples:
  - Maintenance catwalk over primate holding
  - Incompatible species sharing cage change swing space
  - Acute vs. chronic forcings

# Measurements and Data

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- The animals can't easily communicate annoyance
- We really need spectral (rather than overall) data
- Importantly, animals' bodies don't respond like human bodies



# Vibration – Instrumentation

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- Need data to single-digit Hz and 100's of  $\mu\text{in/sec}$
- For structures, high sensitivity sensors ( $1 \sim 10\text{V/g}$ )
- For cages, modest sensitivity ( $10 \sim 100\text{mV/g}$ )



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that's 20,000  $\mu\text{in}/\text{sec}$   
(5x typical criteria)



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# Extech SDL800 Vibration Meter SD Logger

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we need data to 1Hz  
(criteria start at 1 or 4Hz)

- Remote vibration sensor with magnetic adapter on 47.2"(1.2m) cable
- Wide frequency range of 10Hz to 1kHz
- Datalogger date/time stamps and stores readings on an SD card in Excel format for easy transfer to a PC
- Meets ISO2954
- RMS, Peak Value or Max Hold measurement modes





RMS Velocity [  $\mu\text{in/s}$  ]

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100

10

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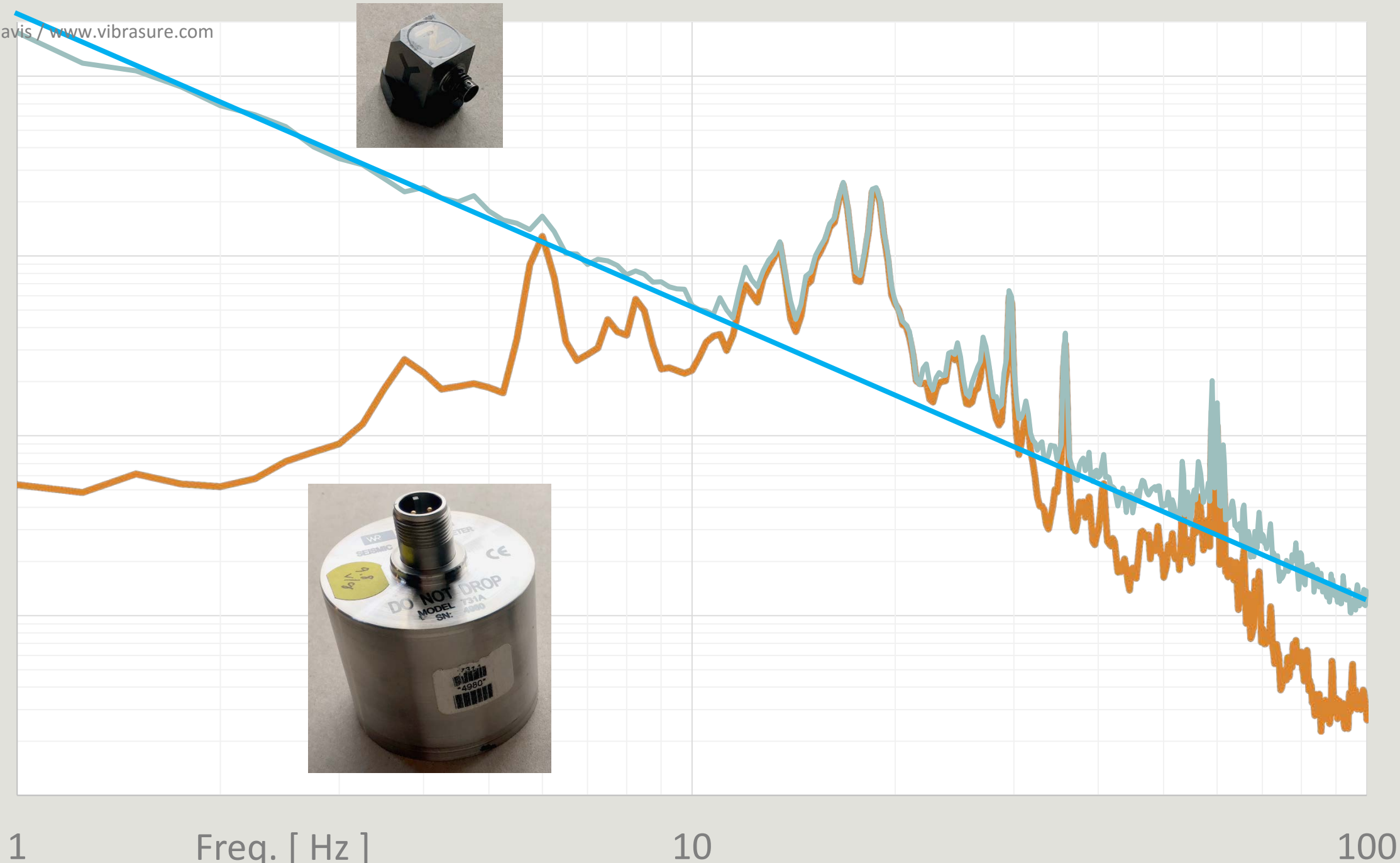
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Freq. [ Hz ]

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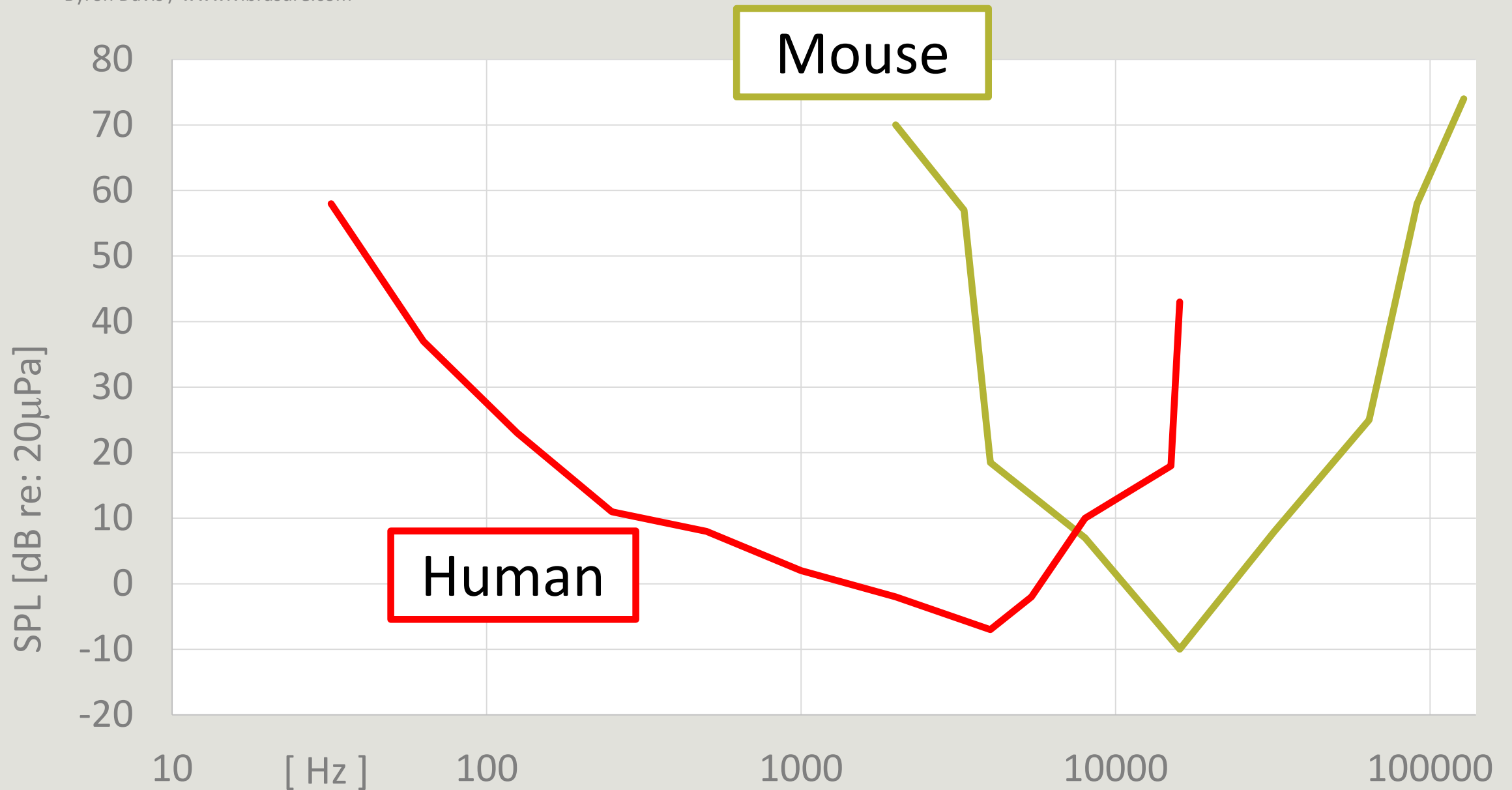
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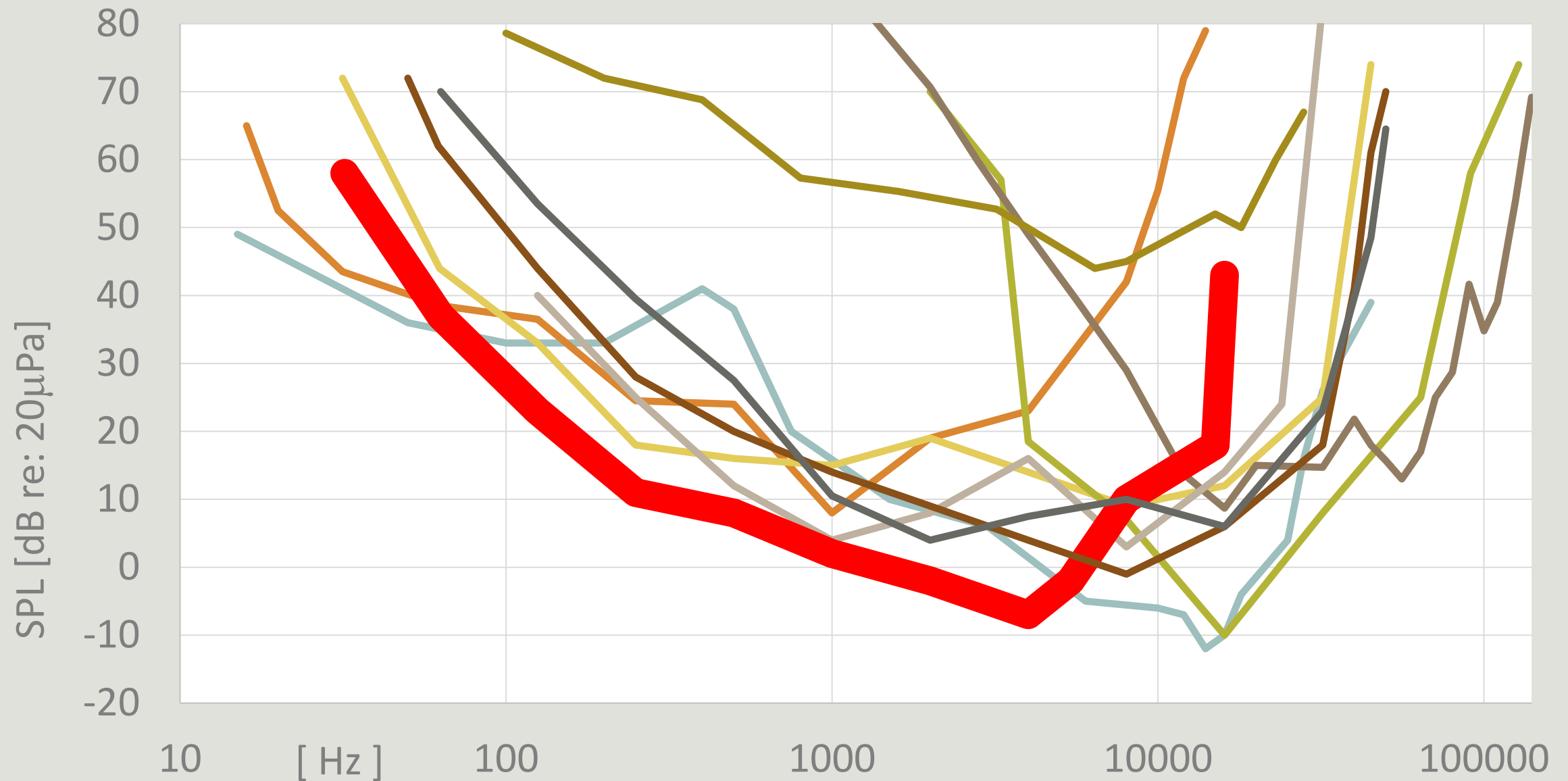


# Sound – Airborne Vibrations

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- Still have environmental sources, but local sources dominate
- Frequency is more important, due to range of sensitivities
- Your sense for “problematic” sounds is pretty good
- Data can inform your intuition about what the animals hear
- But there are still no hard-and-fast rules







# Sound – Criteria for Animals

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- Again: chronic-vs-acute
- Again: no good systems of criteria
- All well-developed criteria are human-focused
- “Empathic design”
- **Best-practices approaches**

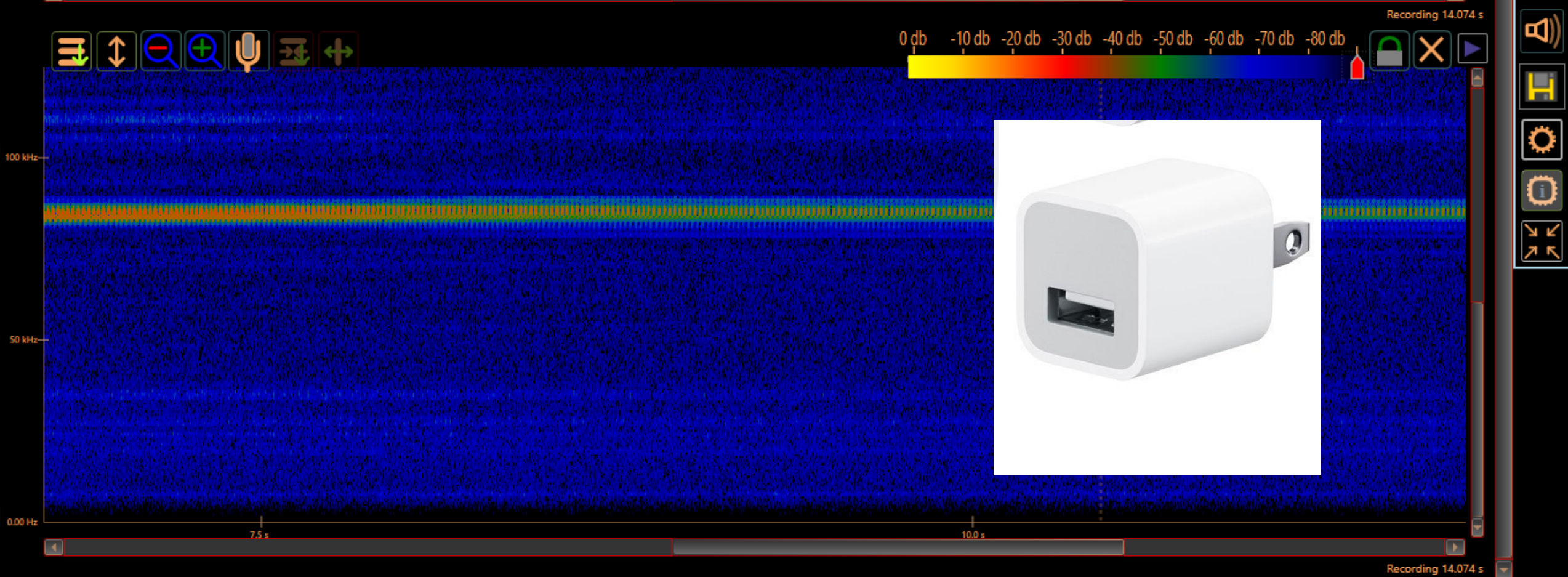
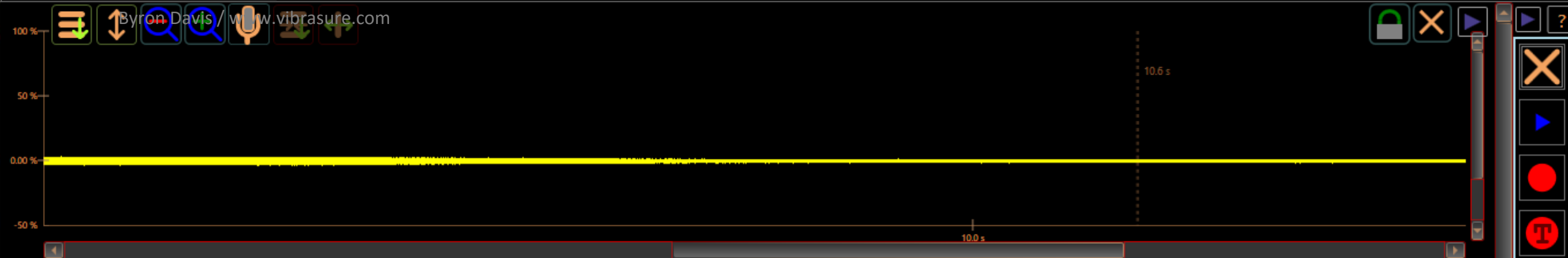
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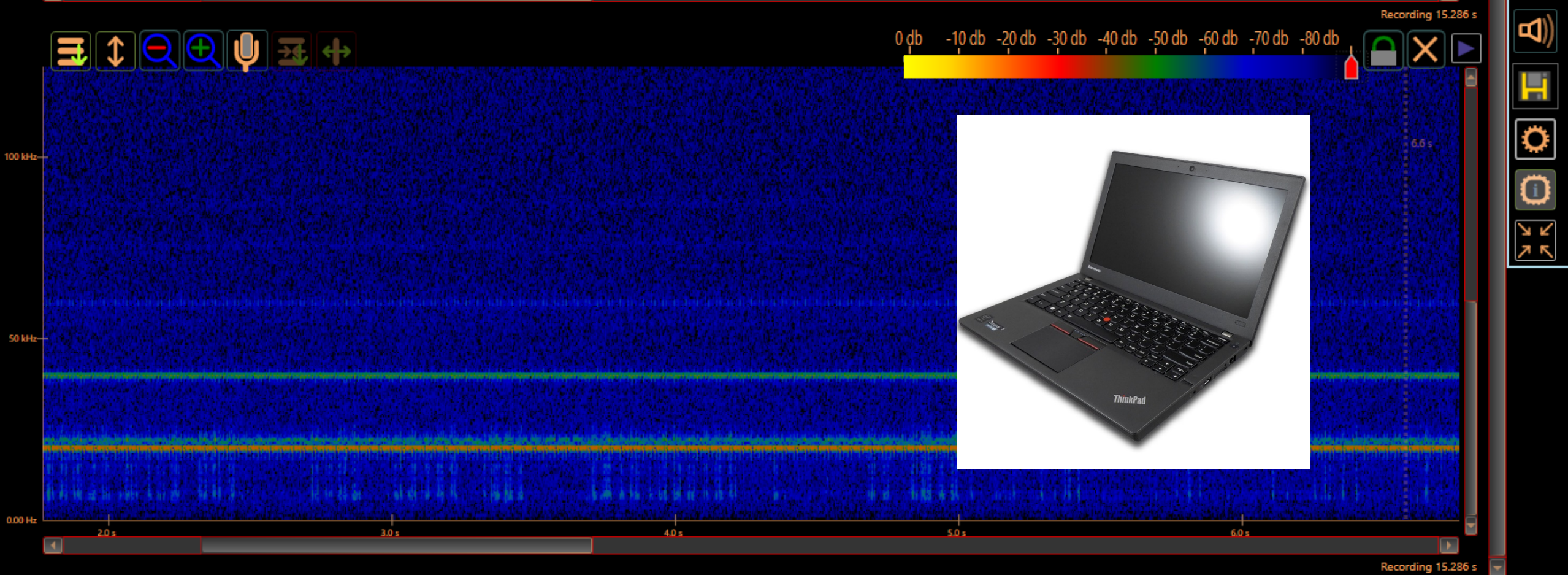
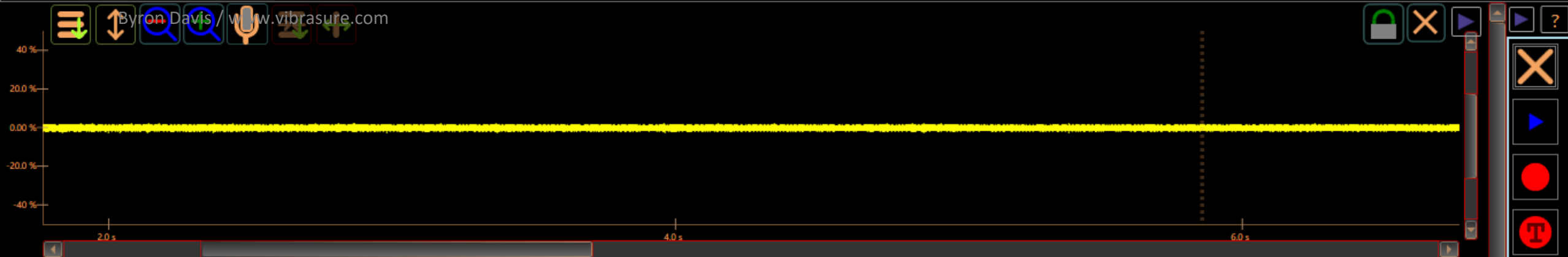
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- Bad news: you can't hear it
- Worse: poorly supported by instrumentation
- Good news: highly localized
- Even better news: easily attenuated



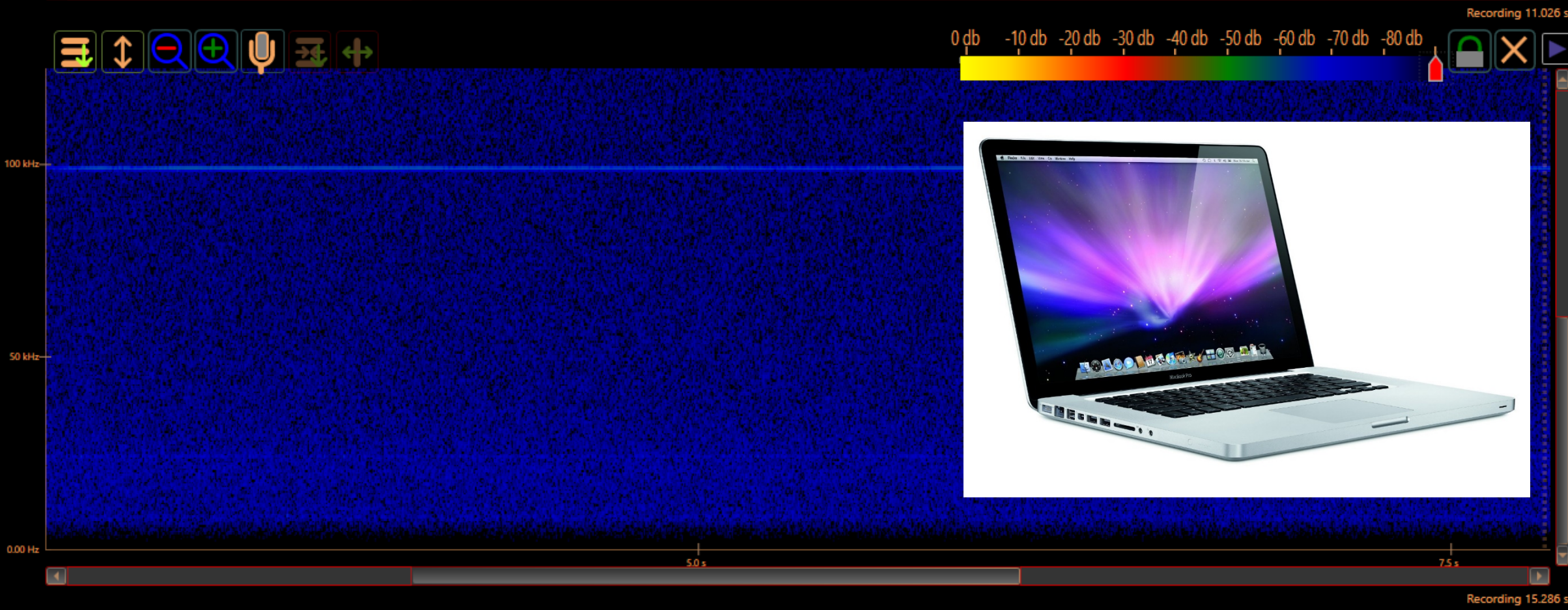
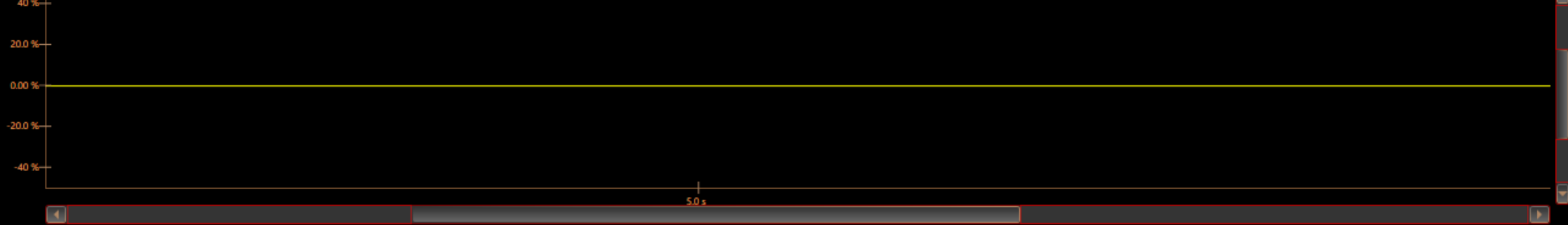


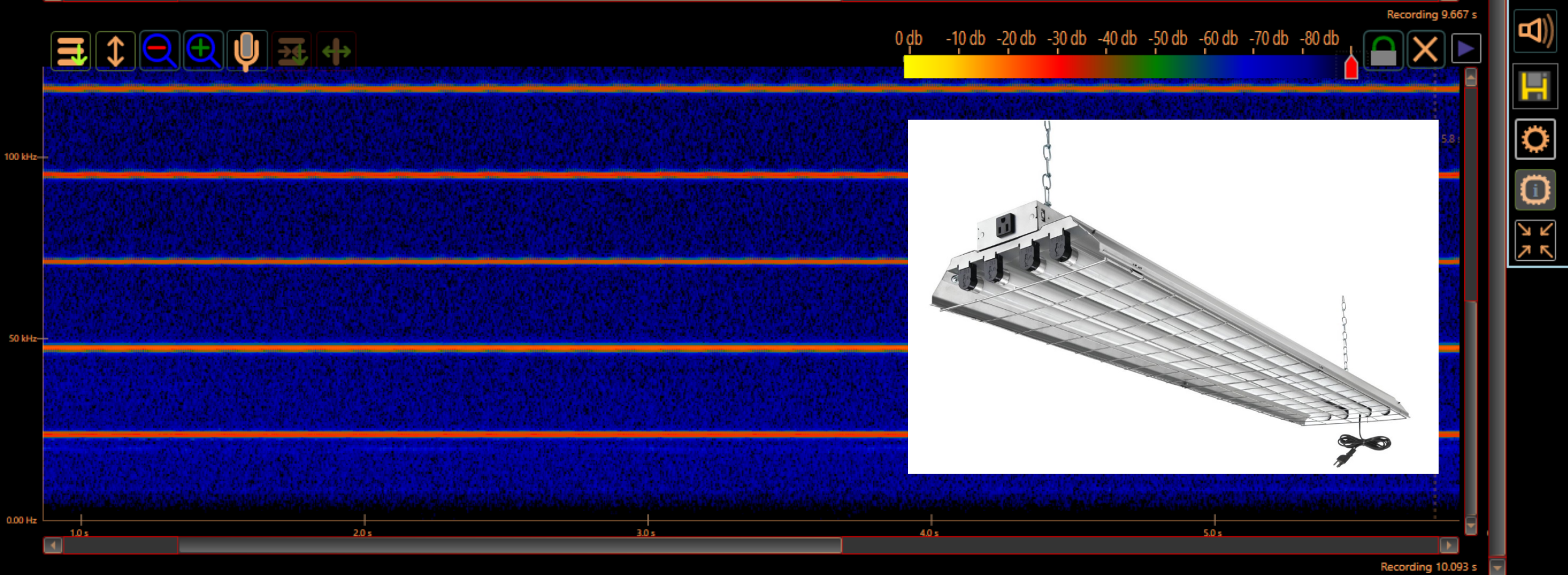
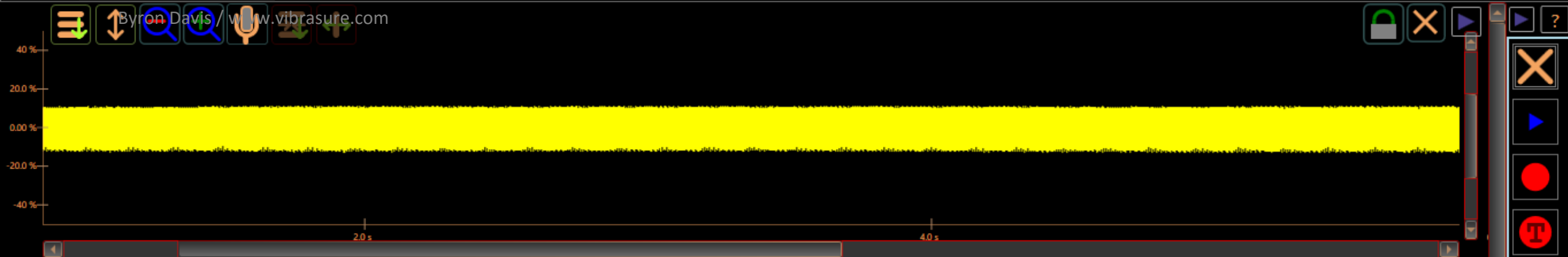






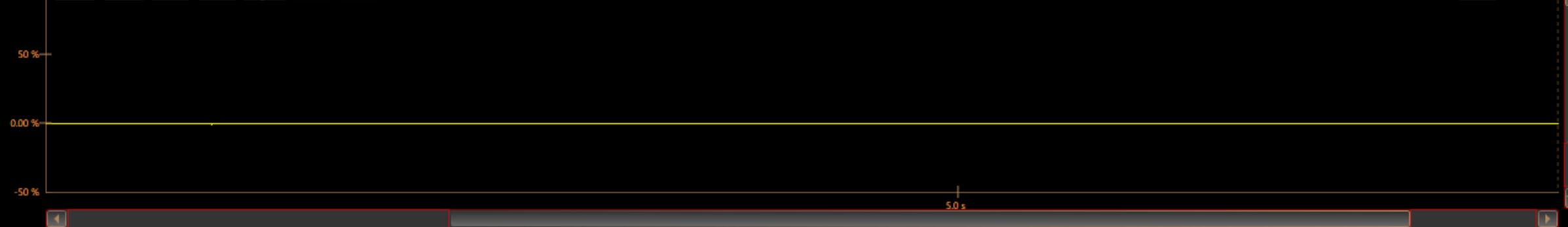
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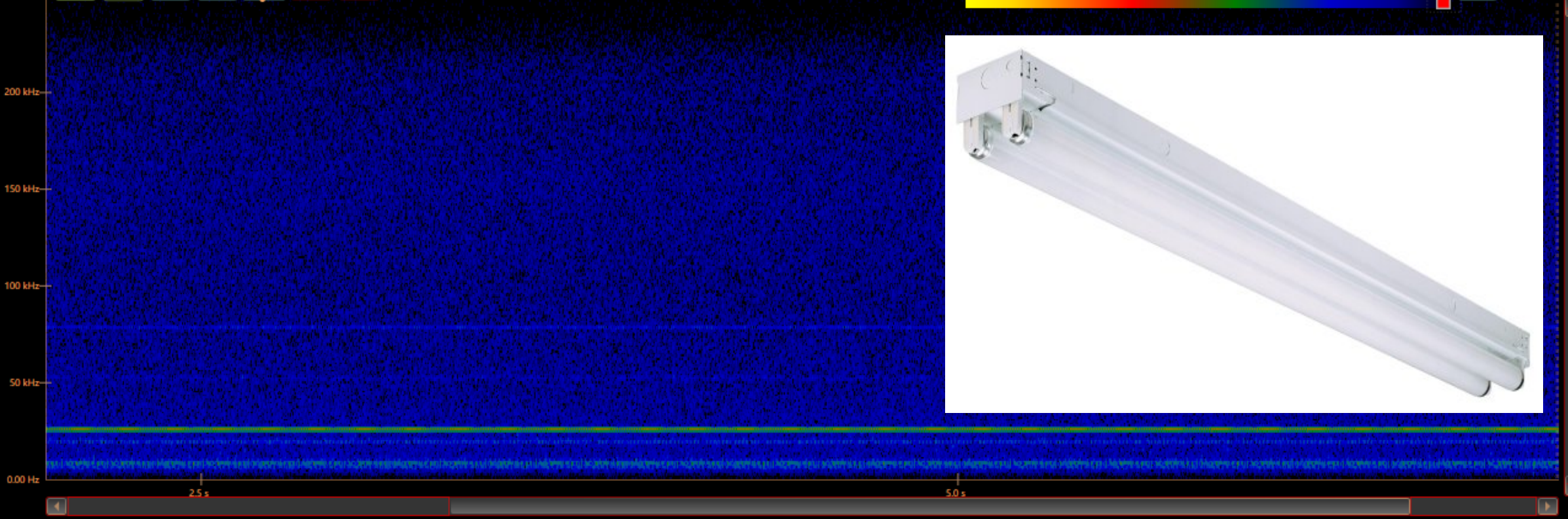


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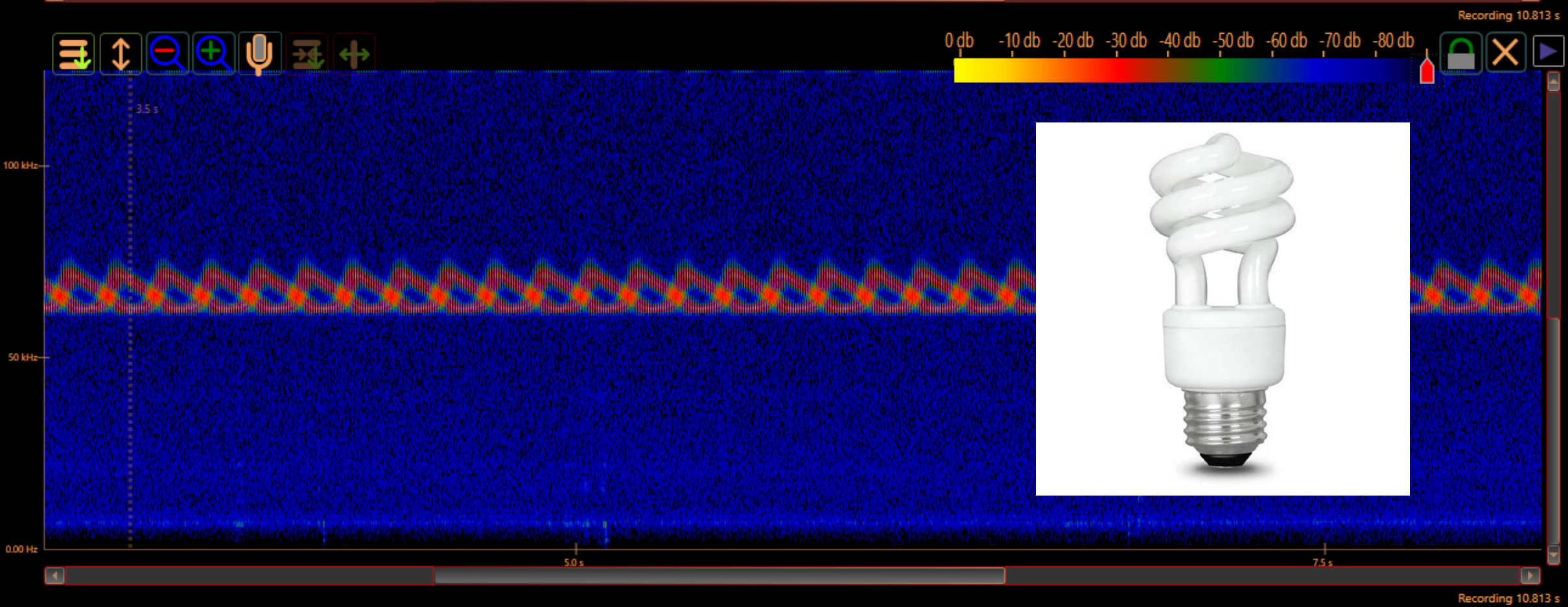
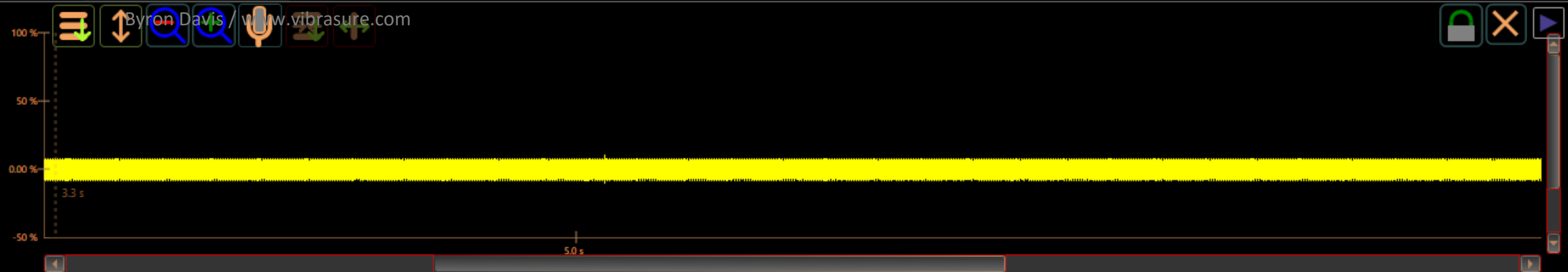


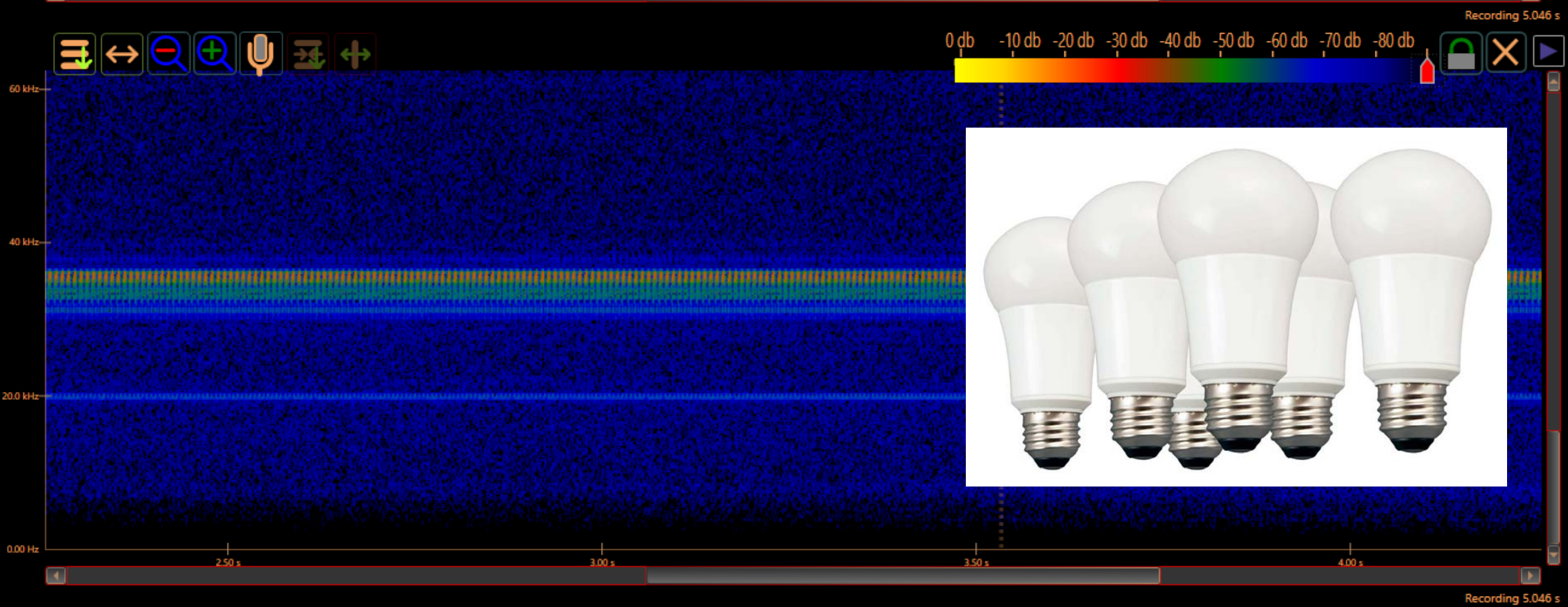
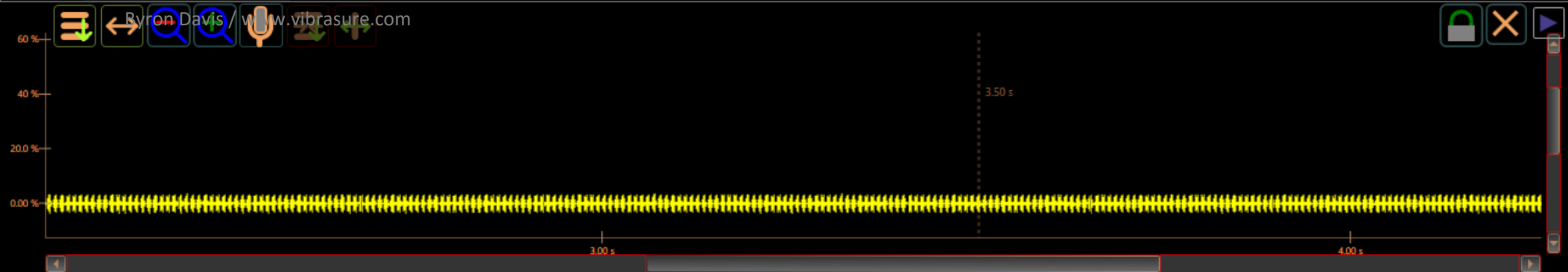
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A-weighting is for  
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The M500 is ideal for:

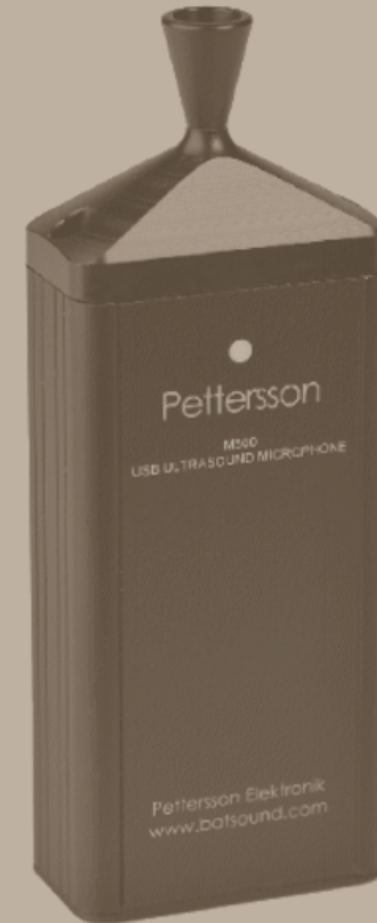
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- Education programs
- Voucher calls
- Active monitoring and selective recording
- Mobile transects
- Short term passive recording where a tablet/netbook may be deployed
- Microphone may be extended over 40' using an inexpensive USB active extension (some tablets may not allow this extension)

### Pettersson M500 Specifications:

- Sampling frequency: 500 kHz; the fastest sampling rate of any USB bat detector microphone in the world.
- Used as either directional or omni-directional configuration
- Frequency range: 10 - 190 kHz
- Microphone: Advanced electret
- ADC resolution: 16 bits
- Interface: USB 2.0, high speed
- Anti-aliasing filter: 8th order, 190 kHz *although this does not mean that it is a low pass filter to start attenuating at a higher frequency than 190 kHz aliasing. This may be special ordered*
- Real-time monitoring: Through the computer
- Size: 42 x 114 x 23 mm (incl microphone)
- Weight: 75 g
- Power: USB bus powered
- Operating system: Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, or Mac via Parallels
- Includes Bat Mic Recorder software, a simple recording app that visualizes bat calls, and can make auto or manually triggered recordings
- The M500 is directional to minimize echos from the ground and tablets, and to better capture recordings from bats of interest. Omni-directional microphones for handheld use is **NOT** recommended!

10~190kHz works  
for small mammals



### Price

Pettersson M500: **\$395.00 USD**

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**Model: 378C01.**

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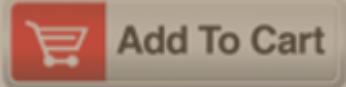
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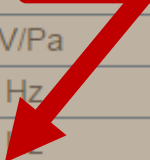


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|                                      | ENGLISH             | SI                  |     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----|
| <b>Performance</b>                   |                     |                     |     |
| Nominal Microphone Diameter          | 1/4"                |                     |     |
| Frequency Response Characteristic    | Free-Field          |                     |     |
| Open Circuit Sensitivity             | 2.0 mV/Pa           |                     |     |
| Open Circuit Sensitivity (+/-3.0 dB) | -54 dB re 1 V/Pa    | -54 dB re 1 V/Pa    | [1] |
| Frequency Range (+/-1 dB)            | 7 to 12500 Hz       | 7 to 12500 Hz       |     |
| Frequency Range (+/-2 dB)            | 5 to 80000 Hz       | 5 to 80000 Hz       |     |
| Frequency Range (+/-3 dB)            | 4 to 100000 Hz      | 4 to 100000 Hz      |     |
| Lower Limiting Frequency (3 dB)      | 0.75 to 4.0 Hz      | 0.75 to 4.0 Hz      |     |
| Inherent Noise                       | <53 dB re 20 µPa    | <53 dB re 20 µPa    | [3] |
| Inherent Noise                       | <45 dB(A) re 20 µPa | <45 dB(A) re 20 µPa | [4] |
| Dynamic Range                        | >162 dB re 20 µPa   | >162 dB re 20 µPa   |     |
| TEDS Compliant                       | Yes                 | Yes                 | [2] |

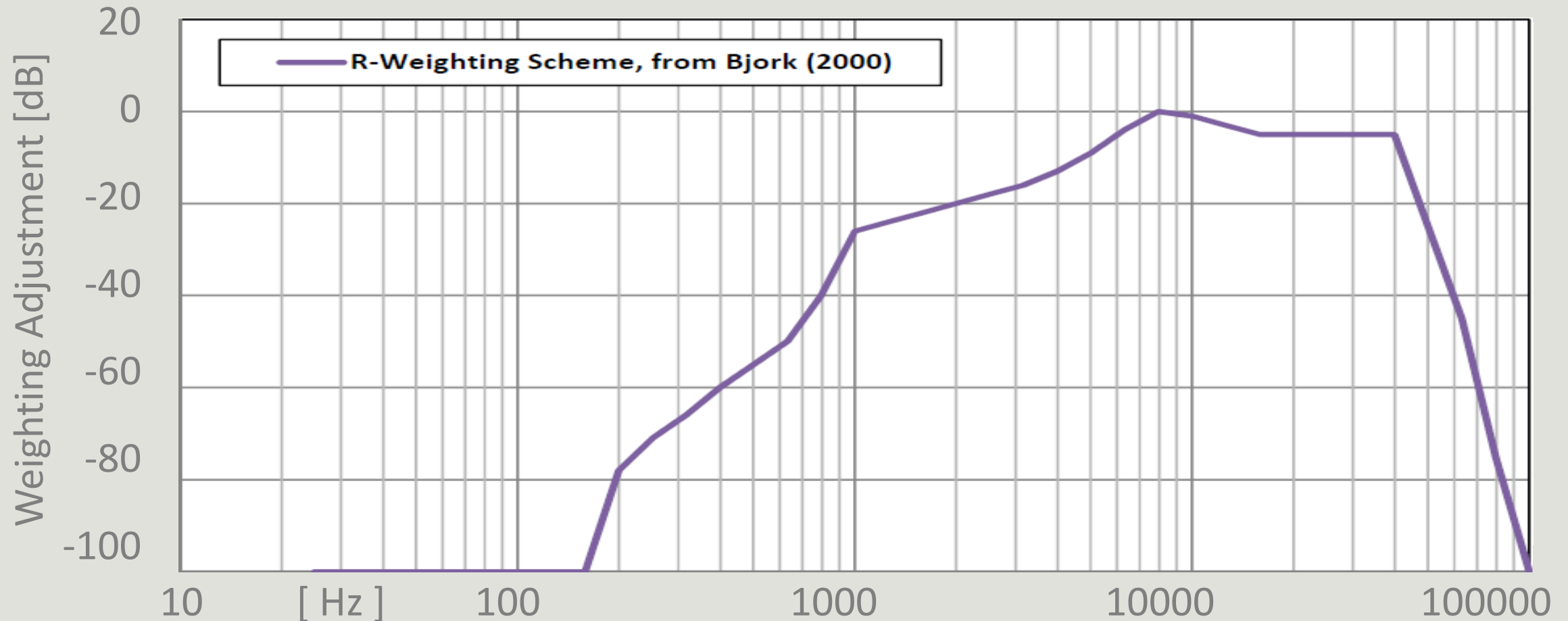
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# Now for some real-life data

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# We can attempt an R-Weighting

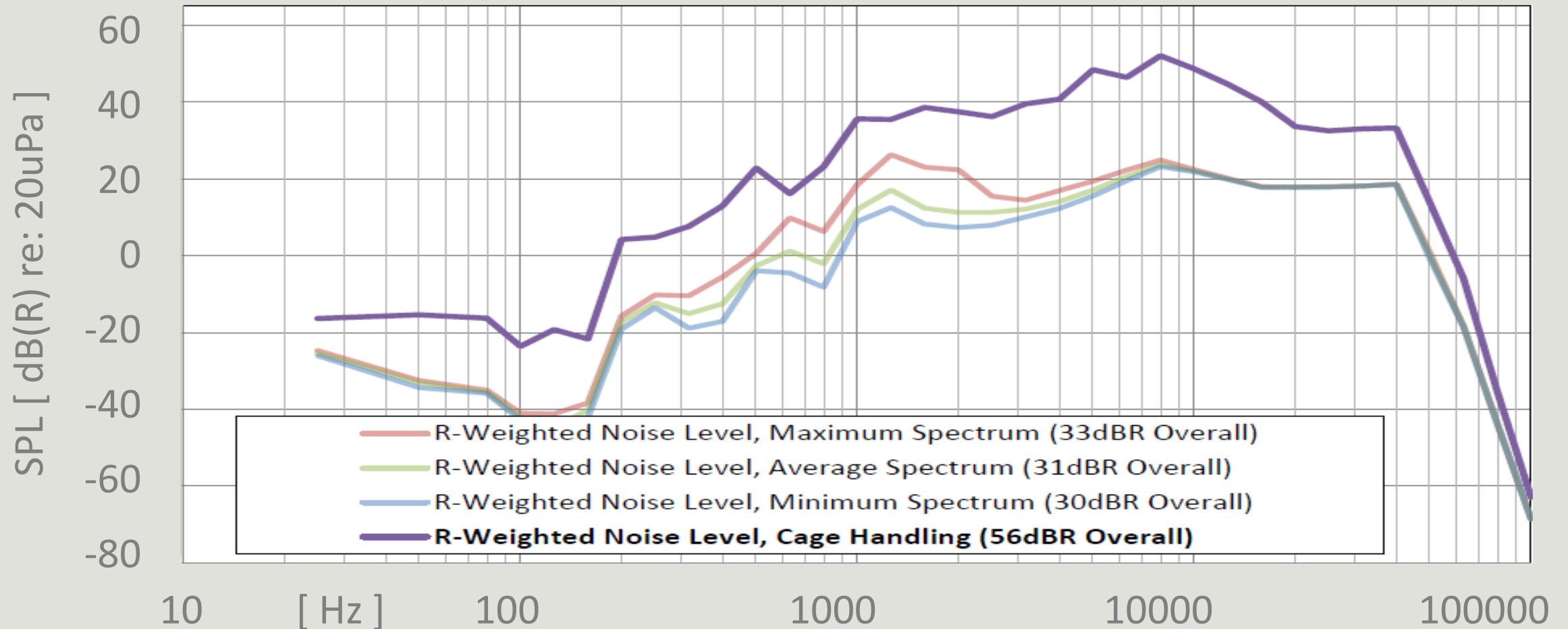


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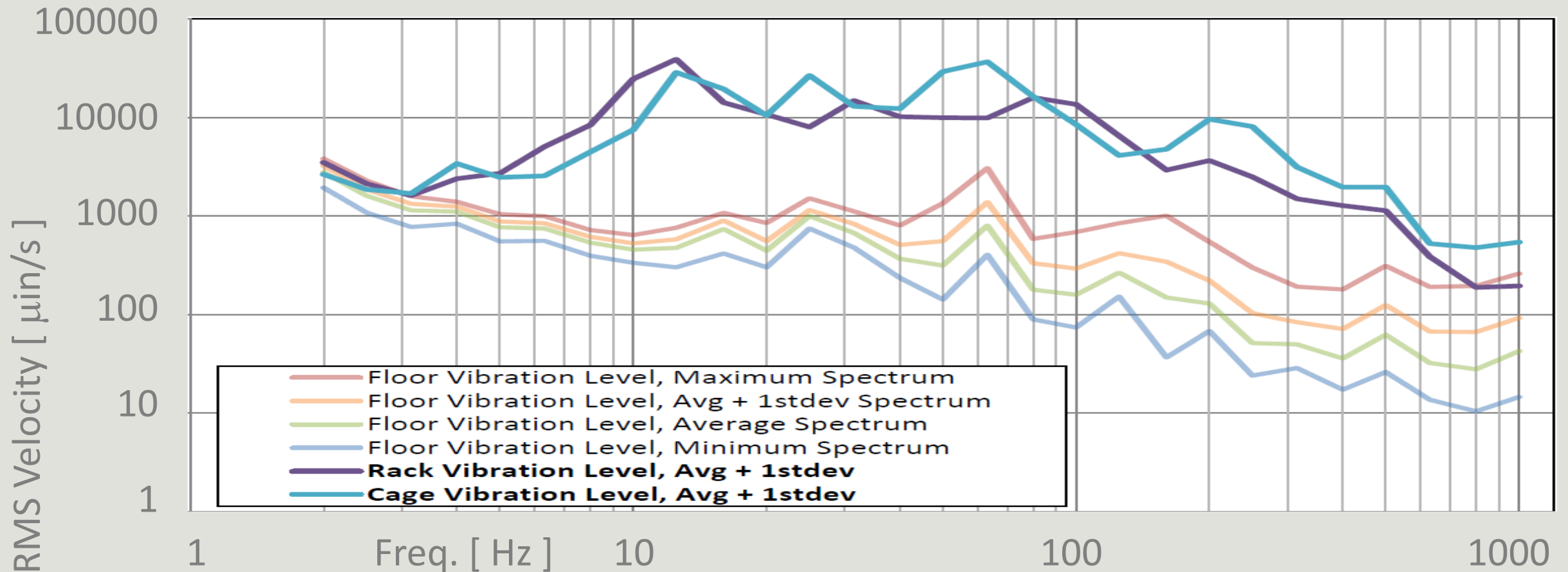
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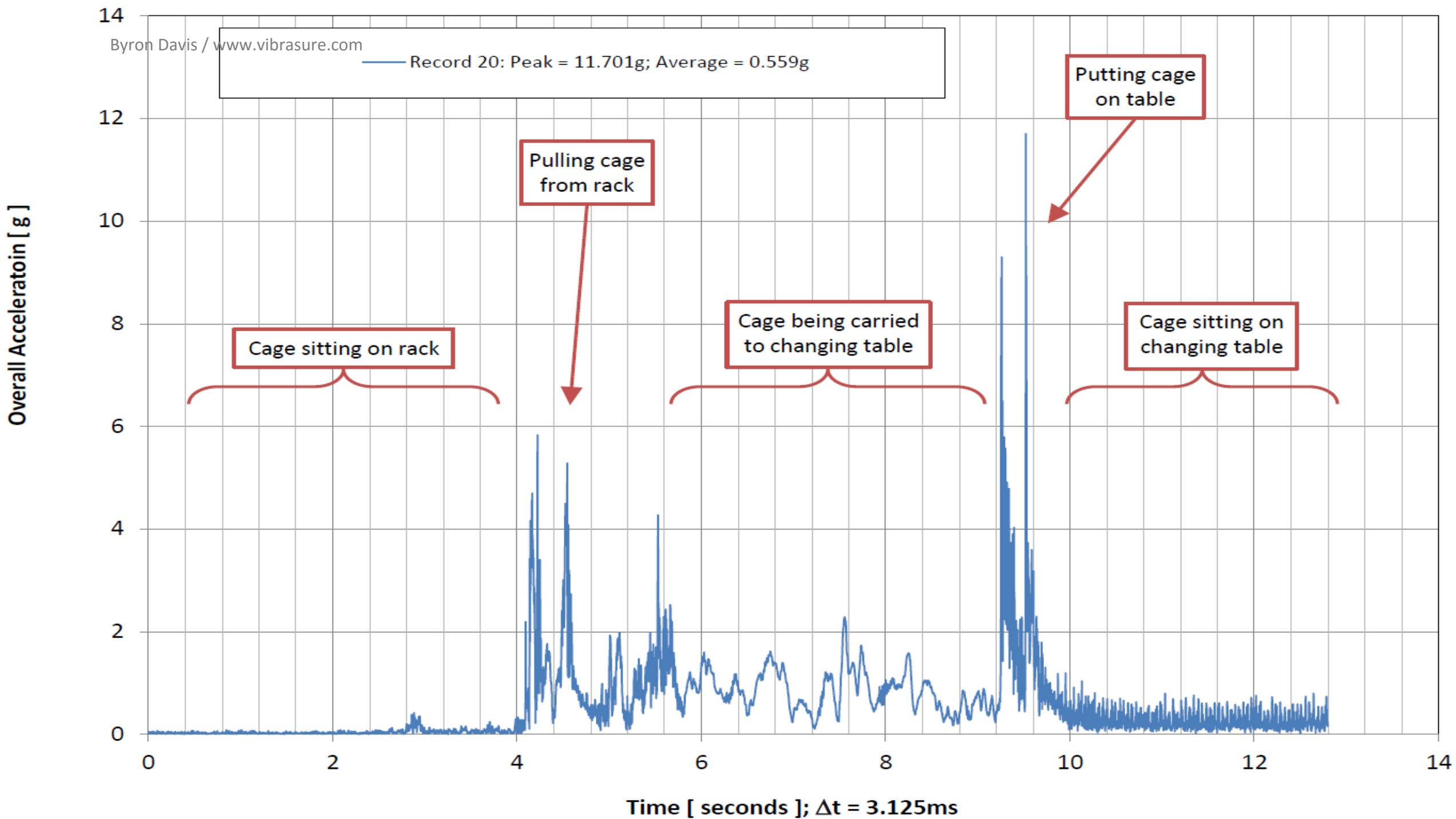


# R-Weighted Sound Data



# Cages, Racks Create Vibrations





# Take-away Thoughts

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- No formal criteria, but we have ideas
- “Empathic design” is required
- Be careful with instrumentation and data
- Chronic vs acute impacts
- Building vibration/sound only part of the picture

# Thanks for listening!

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