

Monthly report

Railway Field Laboratory

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1. Status railway field laboratory

Construction work on the tracks:

- none

Downtimes of the measurement systems:

- none

Downtimes of the sensors:

- MQ 1_1: a-mq11-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 7.10.- 8.12.
- MQ 1_3: a-mq13-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 7.10.- 8.12.
- MQ 2_1: a-mq21-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 7.10.- 8.12.
- MQ 2_2: a-mq22-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 7.10.- 8.12.
- MQ 2_3: a-mq23-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 7.10.-
- REF: a-ref-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 23.10.- 8.12.
- REF: a-ref-4-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 23.10.- 8.12.

Maintenance and sensor exchange:

- MQ 1_1: a-mq11-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 8.12.
- MQ 1_3: a-mq13-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 8.12.
- MQ 2_1: a-mq21-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 8.12.
- MQ 2_2: a-mq22-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 8.12.
- REF: a-ref-2-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 8.12.
- REF: a-ref-4-rh (probably caused by parts of a train hanging down) 8.12.

Modifications to the data, database, or analysis:

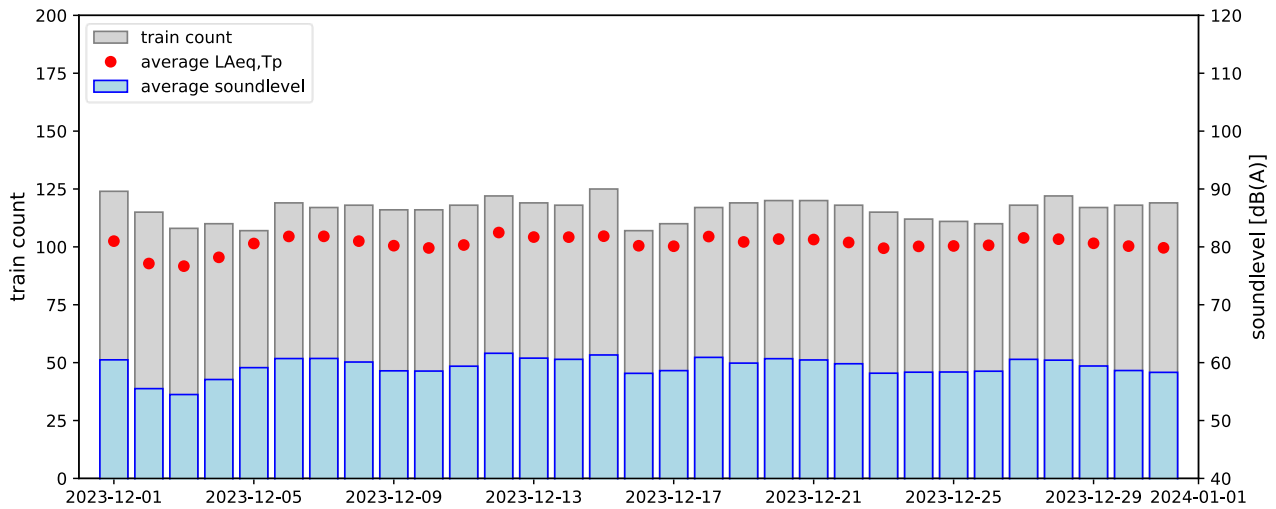
- The new version of the database (V3) has been finalised. This is now available to all users of the railway field laboratory.

Monthly data volume collected:

- 532 GB

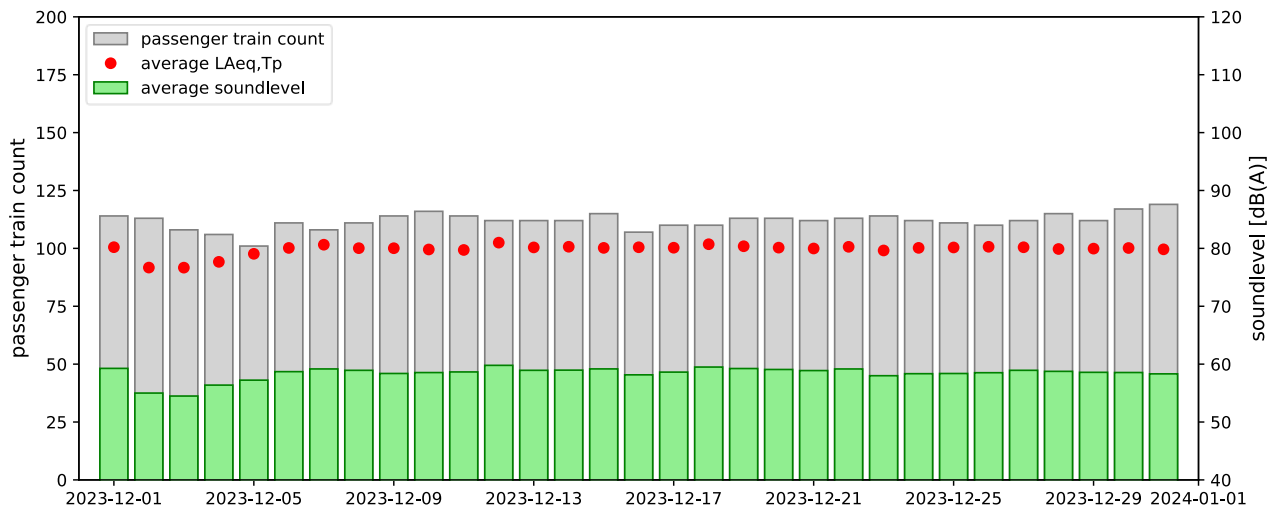
2. Measurement data

Daytime averages (24h) for all train passages at reference section (REF)



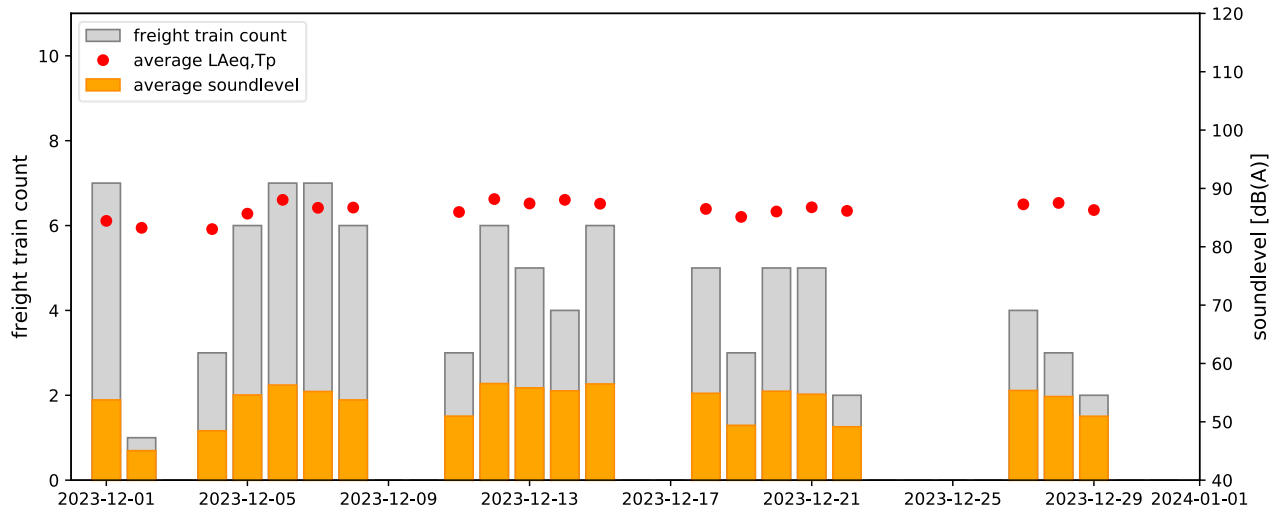
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03.12.2023	REF	108	108	0	0	76,7	54,5
04.12.2023	REF	110	106	3	1	78,2	57,1
05.12.2023	REF	107	101	6	0	80,6	59,1
06.12.2023	REF	119	111	7	1	81,8	60,7
07.12.2023	REF	117	108	7	2	81,8	60,7
08.12.2023	REF	118	111	6	1	81	60,1
09.12.2023	REF	116	114	0	2	80,2	58,6
10.12.2023	REF	116	116	0	0	79,8	58,5
11.12.2023	REF	118	114	3	1	80,3	59,4
12.12.2023	REF	122	112	6	4	82,5	61,6
13.12.2023	REF	119	112	5	2	81,7	60,8
14.12.2023	REF	118	112	4	2	81,7	60,6
15.12.2023	REF	125	115	6	4	81,8	61,3
16.12.2023	REF	107	107	0	0	80,2	58,2
17.12.2023	REF	110	110	0	0	80,1	58,6
18.12.2023	REF	117	110	5	2	81,8	60,9
19.12.2023	REF	119	113	3	3	80,9	59,9
20.12.2023	REF	120	113	5	2	81,3	60,7
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22.12.2023	REF	118	113	2	3	80,8	59,8
23.12.2023	REF	115	114	0	1	79,8	58,2
24.12.2023	REF	112	112	0	0	80,1	58,4
25.12.2023	REF	111	111	0	0	80,2	58,4
26.12.2023	REF	110	110	0	0	80,3	58,5
27.12.2023	REF	118	112	4	2	81,5	60,6
28.12.2023	REF	122	115	3	4	81,3	60,4
29.12.2023	REF	117	112	2	3	80,6	59,4
30.12.2023	REF	118	117	0	1	80,1	58,6
31.12.2023	REF	119	119	0	0	79,8	58,3
month	REF	3605	3467	90	48	80,8	59,6

Daytime averages (24h) for all passenger train passages at reference section (REF)



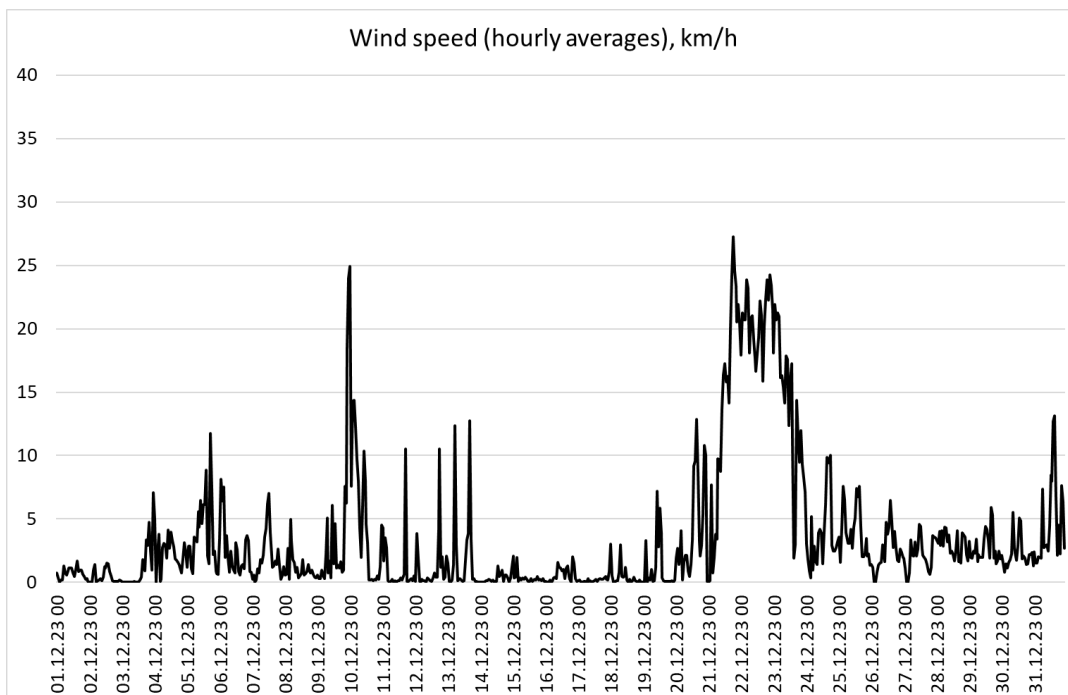
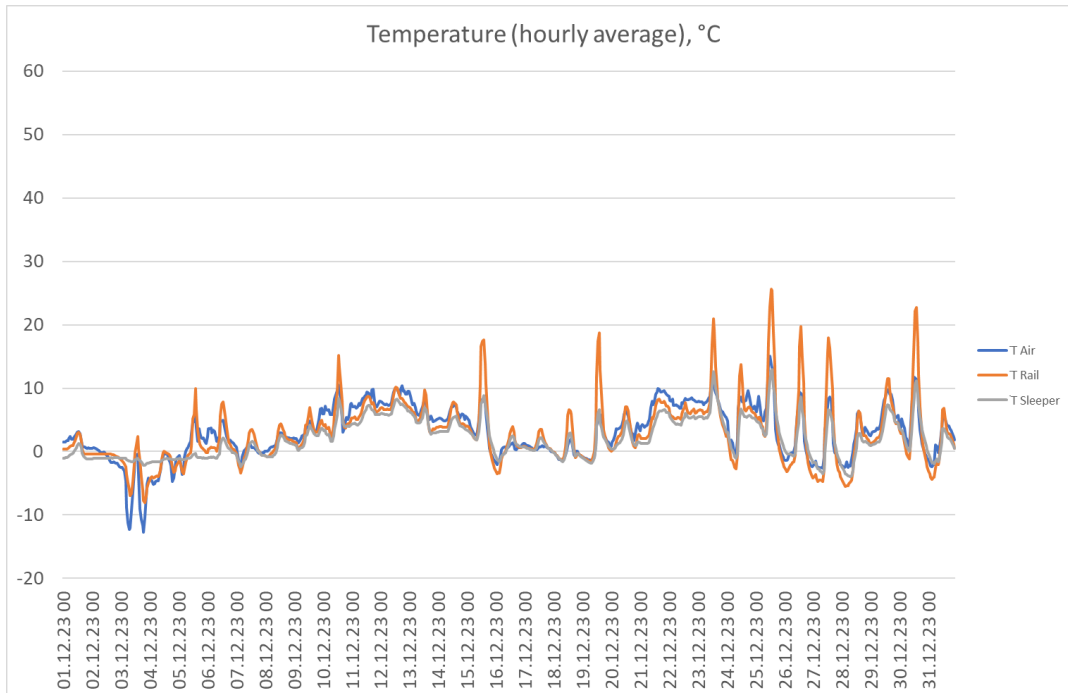
date	location	passenger train count	average speed	average length	average axlecount	average LAeqTp	average soundlevel
01.12.2023	REF	114	109,6	171,2	24,6	80,2	59,3
02.12.2023	REF	113	112,7	145,6	21	76,7	55
03.12.2023	REF	108	110,4	131,7	19,8	76,7	54,5
04.12.2023	REF	106	109,8	168,6	24,6	77,7	56,4
05.12.2023	REF	101	111,7	159,5	23,2	79,1	57,2
06.12.2023	REF	111	112,7	161,8	23,7	80,1	58,7
07.12.2023	REF	108	112,5	163,2	23,6	80,6	59,2
08.12.2023	REF	111	113,2	172	24,7	80	58,9
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10.12.2023	REF	116	111,5	156,1	22,7	79,8	58,5
11.12.2023	REF	114	110,5	165	24,4	79,7	58,7
12.12.2023	REF	112	110,2	166,2	24,6	81	59,8
13.12.2023	REF	112	110,8	164,8	24,3	80,2	58,9
14.12.2023	REF	112	111,6	161,2	23,6	80,3	59
15.12.2023	REF	115	110,9	171,6	25,1	80,1	59,2
16.12.2023	REF	107	110,3	141	20,4	80,2	58,2
17.12.2023	REF	110	109,2	146,3	21,2	80,1	58,6
18.12.2023	REF	110	111,1	168,5	25	80,7	59,5
19.12.2023	REF	113	110,7	166,6	24,6	80,4	59,2
20.12.2023	REF	113	110,4	169,7	24,9	80,1	59,1
21.12.2023	REF	112	112	169	24,9	80	58,9
22.12.2023	REF	113	112,3	169,4	24,8	80,3	59,2
23.12.2023	REF	114	112,3	143,1	20,7	79,6	58
24.12.2023	REF	112	111	144	20,9	80,1	58,4
25.12.2023	REF	111	111,9	144,5	21	80,2	58,4
26.12.2023	REF	110	112	143,4	20,7	80,3	58,5
27.12.2023	REF	112	109	158,1	23,2	80,2	58,9
28.12.2023	REF	115	110,6	159,3	23,4	79,9	58,8
29.12.2023	REF	112	111,6	159,8	23,4	80	58,6
30.12.2023	REF	117	110,9	142,6	20,7	80,1	58,6
31.12.2023	REF	119	111	138,9	20,1	79,8	58,3
month	REF	3467	111,2	157	22,9	79,9	58,5

Daytime averages (24h) for all freight train passages at reference section (REF)



date	location	freight train count	average speed	average length	average axle count	average LAeqTp	average soundlevel
01.12.2023	REF	7	83,6	230,8	47,7	84,4	53,8
02.12.2023	REF	1	84,5	308,5	84	83,2	45,1
03.12.2023	REF	0					0
04.12.2023	REF	3	79,2	219,6	50	83	48,5
05.12.2023	REF	6	81,3	245	62,7	85,7	54,6
06.12.2023	REF	7	86	195,8	48,9	88	56,3
07.12.2023	REF	7	85,6	195,9	39,1	86,7	55,2
08.12.2023	REF	6	94,2	181,2	31	86,7	53,7
09.12.2023	REF	0					0
10.12.2023	REF	0					0
11.12.2023	REF	3	81,7	212,4	43,3	86	51
12.12.2023	REF	6	81,1	222,2	54,8	88,2	56,6
13.12.2023	REF	5	85	269,7	63,6	87,4	55,8
14.12.2023	REF	4	82,8	248,4	57	88	55,3
15.12.2023	REF	6	79,9	247,5	55	87,4	56,5
16.12.2023	REF	0					0
17.12.2023	REF	0					0
18.12.2023	REF	5	79,4	253,2	60,4	86,5	54,9
19.12.2023	REF	3	82,5	170,7	37,3	85,1	49,4
20.12.2023	REF	5	76,4	297,4	81,6	86	55,2
21.12.2023	REF	5	81,7	213,1	50,4	86,8	54,7
22.12.2023	REF	2	83,1	194,2	34	86,2	49,1
23.12.2023	REF	0					0
24.12.2023	REF	0					0
25.12.2023	REF	0					0
26.12.2023	REF	0					0
27.12.2023	REF	4	85,4	311,3	72	87,3	55,4
28.12.2023	REF	3	84,8	318,6	68,7	87,5	54,3
29.12.2023	REF	2	83,2	284,5	59	86,3	51
30.12.2023	REF	0					0
31.12.2023	REF	0					0
month	REF	90	83,2	235,2	53,7	86,7	52,3

3. Weather data



Appendix: measurement quantities

Transit Exposure Level *TEL*

A-weighted sound pressure level of a single train pass-by as energetic average over the entire exposure duration T and averaged over the pass-by duration T_p .

$$TEL = 10 \log \left(\frac{1}{T_p} \int_0^T \frac{p_A^2(t)}{p_0^2} dt \right) \quad (1)$$

Where

$p_A(t)$ = the A-weighted sound pressure, [Pa]

$p_0 = 20 \mu Pa$ (reference pressure), [Pa]

$T_p = T_2 - T_1$ = pass-by duration of the train, time interval during which a train is within the measurement cross-section and which starts with the entry time T_1 into the measurement cross-section and ends with the exit time T_2 , [s]

T = time interval which starts when the smoothed sound pressure level (sound pressure level smoothed as a function of time with the frequency weighting A and a time weighting F („fast“) or averaging over a duration period of time, e.g. 100 ms) is for the last time 10 dB below that prevailing at the time of entering the measurement cross-section and which ends when the smoothed sound pressure level is for the first time 10 dB below the one at the time of leaving the measurement cross-section. [s]

A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level of the train pass-by $L_{Aeq,Tp}$

The A-weighted equivalent sound pressure level equals the (energetic) average of the sound pressure level over the train pass-by time T_p according to the following equation:

$$L_{Aeq,Tp} = 10 \log \left(\frac{1}{T_p} \int_{T_1}^{T_2} \frac{p_A^2(t)}{p_0^2} dt \right) \quad (2)$$

where

$p_A(t)$ = the A-weighted sound pressure, [Pa]

$p_0 = 20 \mu Pa$ (reference sound pressure), [Pa]

$T_p = T_2 - T_1$ = pass-by duration of the train, [s]

Sound Exposure Level *SEL*

The sound exposure level *SEL* references the acoustic energy of the entire pass-by event to one second. The *SEL* is used in calculating average sound level contributions from trains over longer periods of time (i.e. days/months/year). The *SEL* is related to the transit exposure level *TEL* through:

$$SEL = TEL - 10 \log (T_0 / T_p) \quad (3)$$

where

$$T_0 = 1 \text{ [s]}$$

T_p = pass-by duration of the train, [s]

Average sound level (period)

Average (energetic) A-weighted sound pressure level measured over a given period of time.

For the average sound level contributions from train pass-byes this equals the sum (energetic) of all sound exposure levels during the period for a given measurement position:

$$average \ soundlevel = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\sum 10^{\frac{SEL}{10}} \right) - A1 \quad (4)$$

where

$$A1 = 10 \cdot \log_{10}(n \cdot 24 \cdot 3600) \text{ for a 24-hour period}$$

SEL (see equation 3) taken from measurement data

n = number of days being averaged over

Average $L_{Aeq,Tp}$

Average (energetic) sound level of all the A-weighted sound pressure levels from the individual equivalent sound level of all train pass-byes in a given period of time (day/month/year).

Calculated per train category and per period day/night, month, year, etc. and per measurement location:

$$average \ L_{Aeq,Tp} = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\sum T_p \cdot 10^{\frac{L_{Aeq,Tp}}{10}} \right) + 10 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{\sum T_p} \right) \quad (5)$$

where

T_p = pass-by duration of the train [s]

$L_{Aeq,Tp}$ (see equation 2) is calculated directly from the measurement data