

Monthly report

Railway Field Laboratory

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Version: V2
Data basis: Database V3

Date: 17.4.2025

1. Status railway field laboratory

Construction work on the tracks:

- none

Downtimes of the measurement systems:

- Failure of a measuring card at measuring cross-section MQ 1_2 from 9.5- 3 7.2024:
Affected sensors:
a-mq12-3-uy, a-mq12-3-uz,
a-mq12-3-lx, a-mq12-3-ly, a-mq12-3-lz,
a-mq12-4-rf, a-mq12-4-rh, a-mq12-4-rw

Downtimes of the sensors:

- MQ 1_2: a-mq12-4-rf (until 3.7.2024)
- MQ 1_2: v-mq12: Results not trustworthy (invalid) between 2.7.2024 and 17.12.2024

Maintenance and sensor exchange:

- Replacement of the defective measuring card at measuring cross-section MQ 1_2 on 3 7.
- Replacement of the sensor on MQ 1_2: v-mq12 on 3.7.(due to increased interference)
- Replacement of the sensor on MQ 1_2: a-mq12-4-rf on 3 7. (due to a defect)

Modifications to the data, database, or analysis:

- none

Monthly data volume collected:

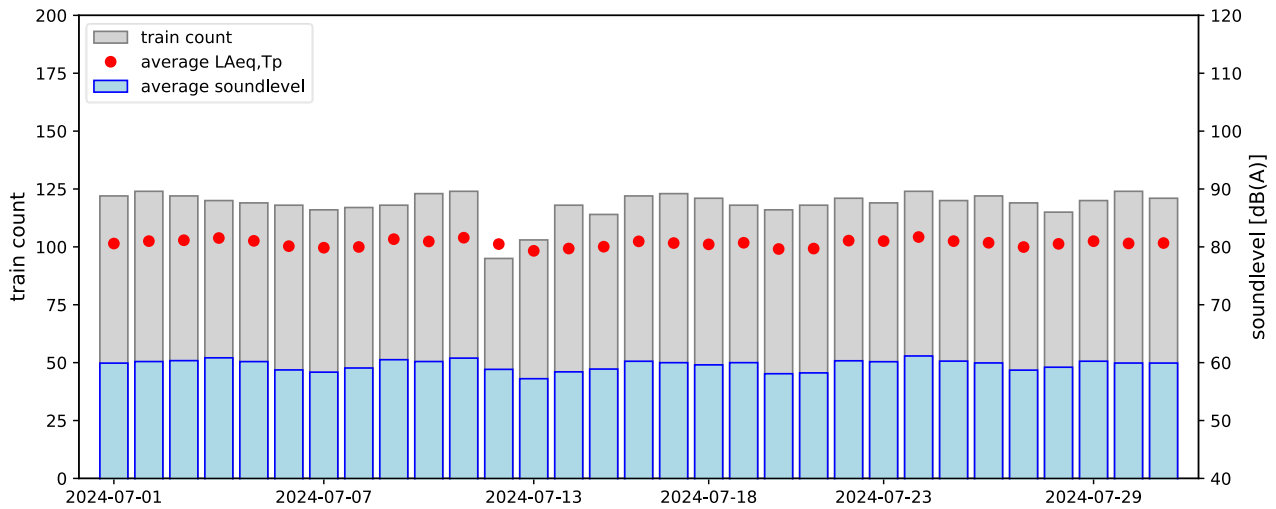
- 642 GB

Other

- MQ 2_2: v-mq22: Coordinate directions x and y swapped between 30.4.2024 and 13.11.2024

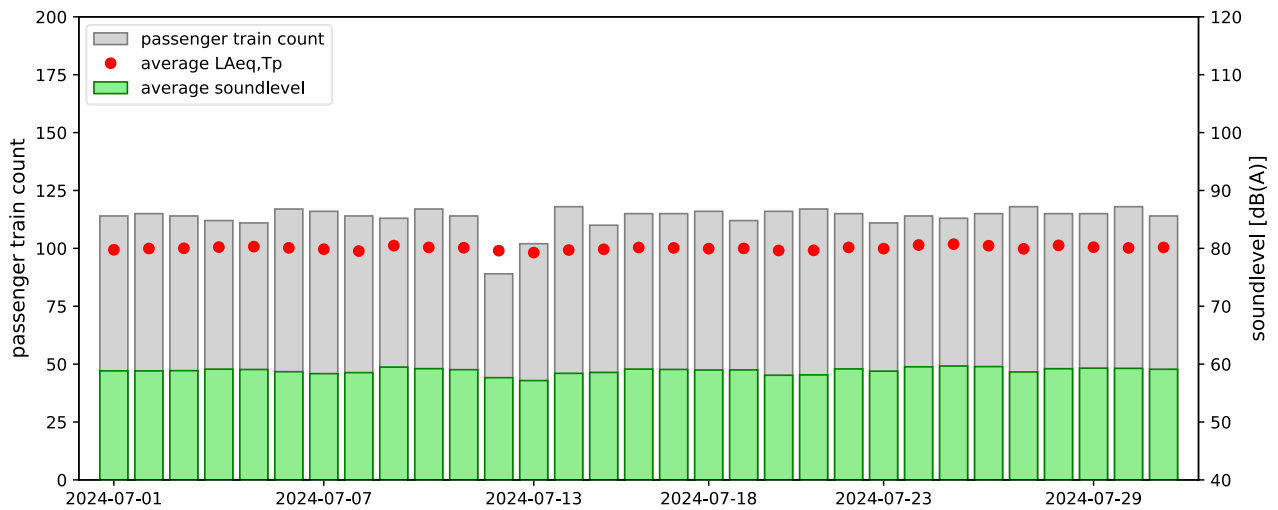
2. Measurement data

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



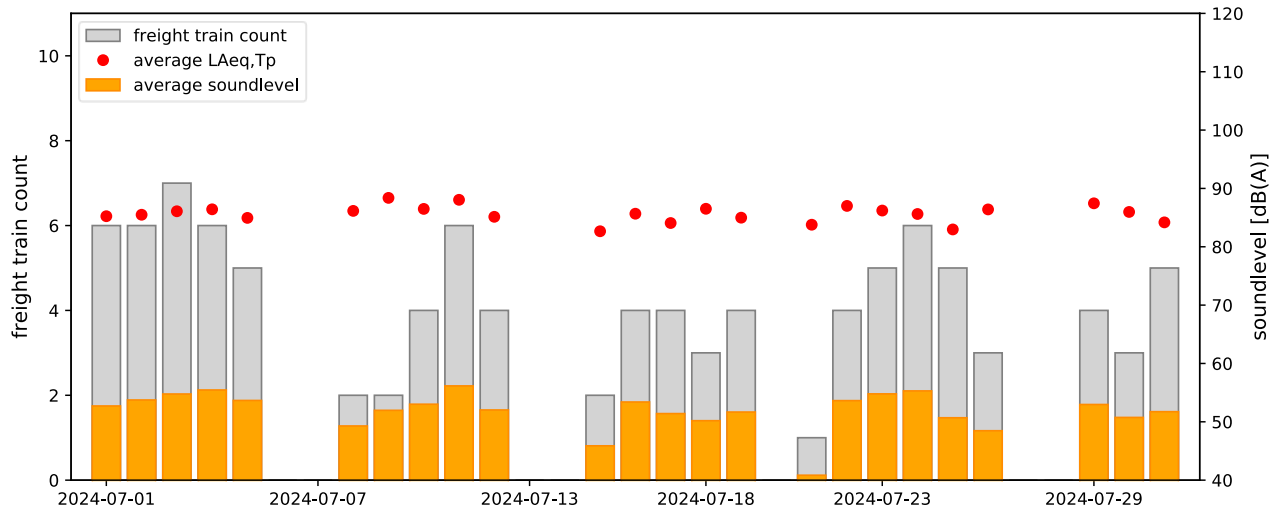
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01.07.2024	REF	122	114	6	2	80,6	59,9
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03.07.2024	REF	122	114	7	1	81,1	60,3
04.07.2024	REF	120	112	6	2	81,5	60,8
05.07.2024	REF	119	111	5	3	81,0	60,2
06.07.2024	REF	118	117	0	1	80,1	58,7
07.07.2024	REF	116	116	0	0	79,9	58,4
08.07.2024	REF	117	114	2	1	80,0	59,1
09.07.2024	REF	118	113	2	3	81,3	60,5
10.07.2024	REF	123	117	4	2	80,9	60,2
11.07.2024	REF	124	114	6	4	81,6	60,8
12.07.2024	REF	95	89	4	2	80,5	58,8
13.07.2024	REF	103	102	0	1	79,3	57,2
14.07.2024	REF	118	118	0	0	79,7	58,4
15.07.2024	REF	114	110	2	2	80,0	58,9
16.07.2024	REF	122	115	4	3	81,0	60,2
17.07.2024	REF	123	115	4	4	80,7	60,0
18.07.2024	REF	121	116	3	2	80,4	59,6
19.07.2024	REF	118	112	4	2	80,7	60,0
20.07.2024	REF	116	116	0	0	79,6	58,1
21.07.2024	REF	118	117	1	0	79,7	58,2
22.07.2024	REF	121	115	4	2	81,1	60,3
23.07.2024	REF	119	111	5	3	81,0	60,2
24.07.2024	REF	124	114	6	4	81,7	61,2
25.07.2024	REF	120	113	5	2	81,0	60,3
26.07.2024	REF	122	115	3	4	80,7	60,0
27.07.2024	REF	119	118	0	1	80,0	58,7
28.07.2024	REF	115	115	0	0	80,5	59,2
29.07.2024	REF	120	115	4	1	81,0	60,2
30.07.2024	REF	124	118	3	3	80,6	59,9
31.07.2024	REF	121	114	5	2	80,7	59,9
month	REF	3676	3515	101	60	80,7	59,7

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



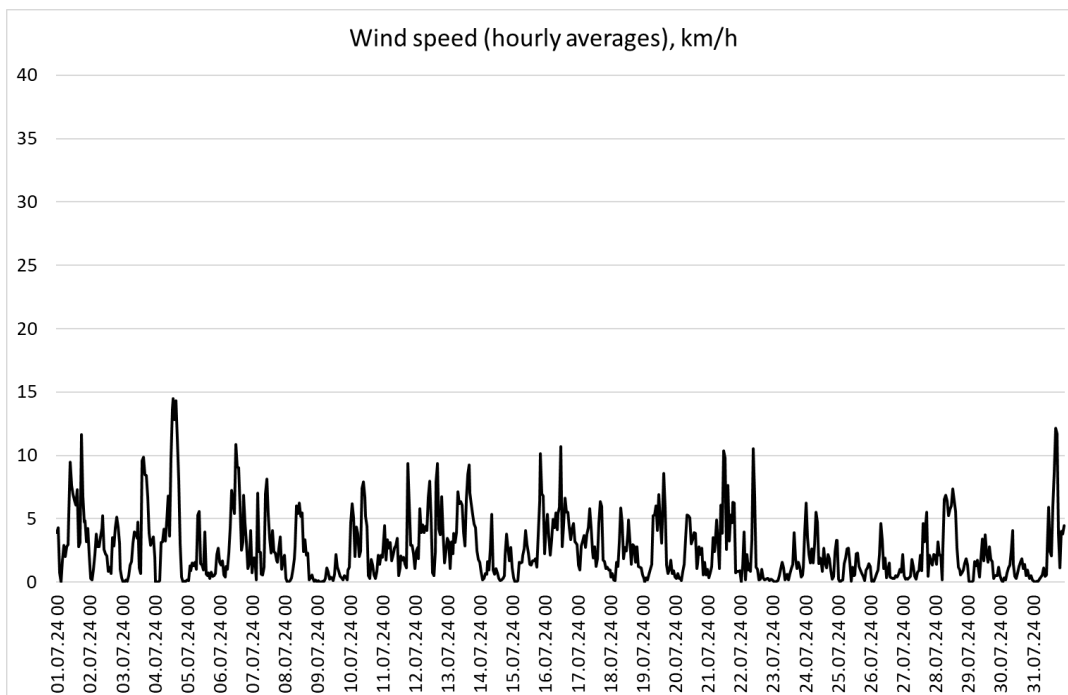
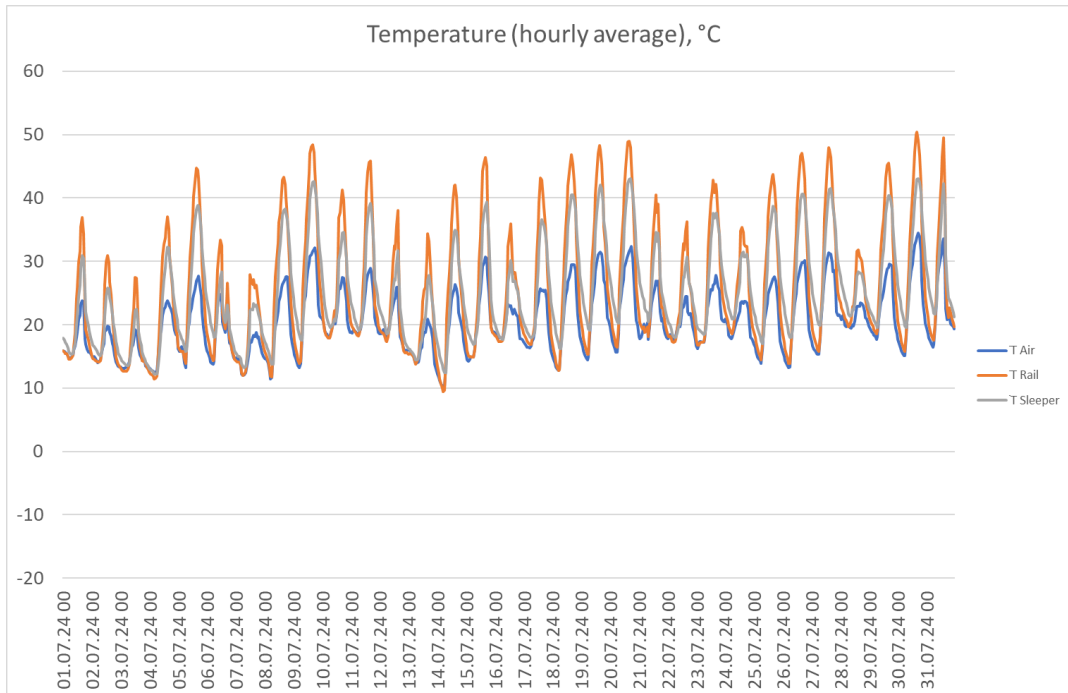
date	location	passenger train count	average speed	average length	average axlecount	average LAeqTp	average soundlevel
01.07.2024	REF	114	112,9	170,4	24,9	79,8	58,8
02.07.2024	REF	115	116,2	167,5	24,4	80,0	58,8
03.07.2024	REF	114	114,7	169,1	24,7	80,0	58,9
04.07.2024	REF	112	114,2	172,7	25,2	80,2	59,1
05.07.2024	REF	111	114,8	170,6	24,7	80,3	59,1
06.07.2024	REF	117	114,2	150,8	21,6	80,1	58,7
07.07.2024	REF	116	113,0	147,9	21,4	79,9	58,4
08.07.2024	REF	114	112,7	171,1	25,1	79,5	58,5
09.07.2024	REF	113	111,9	173,2	25,6	80,5	59,5
10.07.2024	REF	117	111,2	168,3	24,7	80,2	59,2
11.07.2024	REF	114	112,5	168,9	24,8	80,1	59,0
12.07.2024	REF	89	111,7	177,5	25,7	79,6	57,7
13.07.2024	REF	102	113,2	146,7	21,3	79,3	57,2
14.07.2024	REF	118	113,0	149,1	21,4	79,7	58,4
15.07.2024	REF	110	113,1	167,0	24,4	79,8	58,6
16.07.2024	REF	115	113,8	170,7	25,0	80,2	59,1
17.07.2024	REF	115	113,4	169,2	24,8	80,1	59,1
18.07.2024	REF	116	113,4	171,3	25,1	80,0	59,0
19.07.2024	REF	112	115,2	178,7	26,0	80,0	59,0
20.07.2024	REF	116	113,0	145,3	20,9	79,6	58,1
21.07.2024	REF	117	114,2	146,5	21,2	79,7	58,1
22.07.2024	REF	115	113,7	172,8	25,2	80,2	59,2
23.07.2024	REF	111	113,5	170,5	24,9	80,0	58,8
24.07.2024	REF	114	113,8	171,0	25,0	80,6	59,5
25.07.2024	REF	113	113,0	172,8	25,2	80,7	59,7
26.07.2024	REF	115	112,8	176,5	25,6	80,5	59,6
27.07.2024	REF	118	113,0	147,7	21,2	79,9	58,6
28.07.2024	REF	115	112,2	153,6	22,2	80,5	59,2
29.07.2024	REF	115	113,2	174,9	25,5	80,2	59,3
30.07.2024	REF	118	111,4	169,2	24,9	80,1	59,3
31.07.2024	REF	114	113,4	173,6	25,4	80,2	59,1
month	REF	3515	113,3	165,5	24,1	80,1	58,9

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
01.07.2024	REF	6	96,8	208,4	46,3	85,2	52,7
02.07.2024	REF	6	84,6	219,4	50,7	85,5	53,7
03.07.2024	REF	7	90,3	215,1	46,9	86,1	54,8
04.07.2024	REF	6	90,5	271,6	63,7	86,4	55,5
05.07.2024	REF	5	80,3	275,8	68,0	84,9	53,7
06.07.2024	REF						
07.07.2024	REF						
08.07.2024	REF	2	86,8	202,7	46,0	86,1	49,3
09.07.2024	REF	2	90,0	228,2	40,0	88,4	52,0
10.07.2024	REF	4	90,1	230,3	44,0	86,5	53,0
11.07.2024	REF	6	95,1	227,9	46,0	88,0	56,2
12.07.2024	REF	4	84,8	232,3	59,8	85,1	52,0
13.07.2024	REF						
14.07.2024	REF						
15.07.2024	REF	2	78,4	190,4	30,0	82,7	45,9
16.07.2024	REF	4	85,6	279,6	57,5	85,7	53,4
17.07.2024	REF	4	83,3	250,6	57,0	84,1	51,4
18.07.2024	REF	3	83,5	140,5	20,7	86,5	50,2
19.07.2024	REF	4	84,3	216,8	40,0	85,0	51,7
20.07.2024	REF						
21.07.2024	REF	1	78,0	85,6	18,0	83,8	40,8
22.07.2024	REF	4	92,7	223,7	54,5	87,0	53,6
23.07.2024	REF	5	85,6	277,4	57,0	86,2	54,8
24.07.2024	REF	6	89,4	297,6	71,3	85,6	55,3
25.07.2024	REF	5	83,7	222,7	42,0	83,0	50,7
26.07.2024	REF	3	104,1	136,5	21,0	86,4	48,5
27.07.2024	REF						
28.07.2024	REF						
29.07.2024	REF	4	98,8	194,6	37,0	87,4	53,0
30.07.2024	REF	3	98,1	210,6	41,3	86,0	50,7
31.07.2024	REF	5	91,1	229,2	50,0	84,2	51,7
month	REF	101	89,1	229,7	49,5	85,9	51,6

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