

# Ground Vibration & Infrasound Measurements from a Modern Wind Turbine – Results from NZ

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Number of turbines	62
Turbine type	Siemens SWT2.3-82VS
Turbine capacity	2.3 MW
Wind farm capacity	142.6 MW
Hub height	68.3 m
Rotor diameter	82 m
Power control	Pitch (variable speed)

# Noise Monitoring



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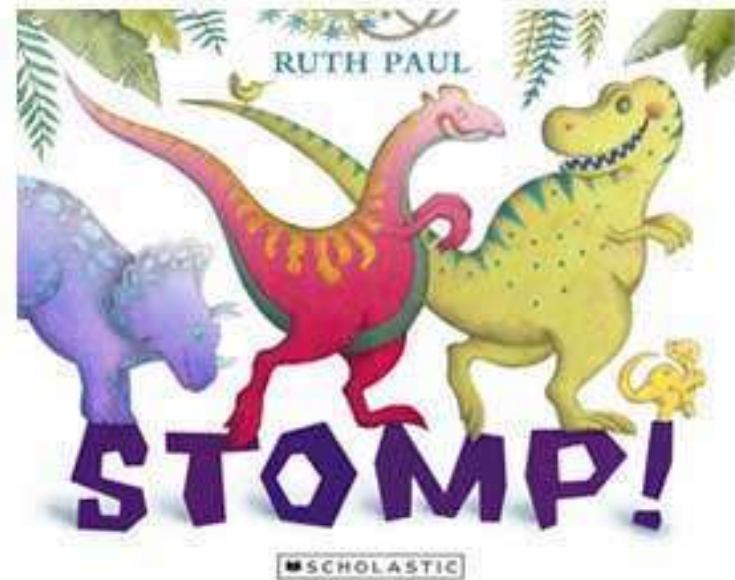
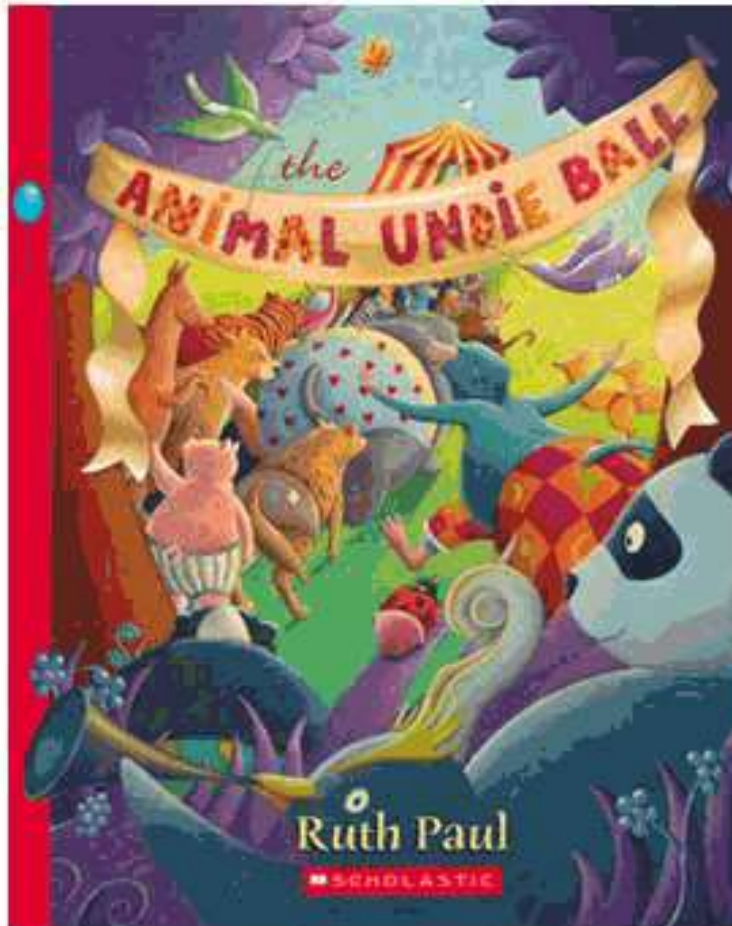




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## Plenty of discussion with local residents

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## Concerns that are difficult to address

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- Ground vibration
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Infrasound



# Seismometer at 90m

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# Seismometer at 2 km

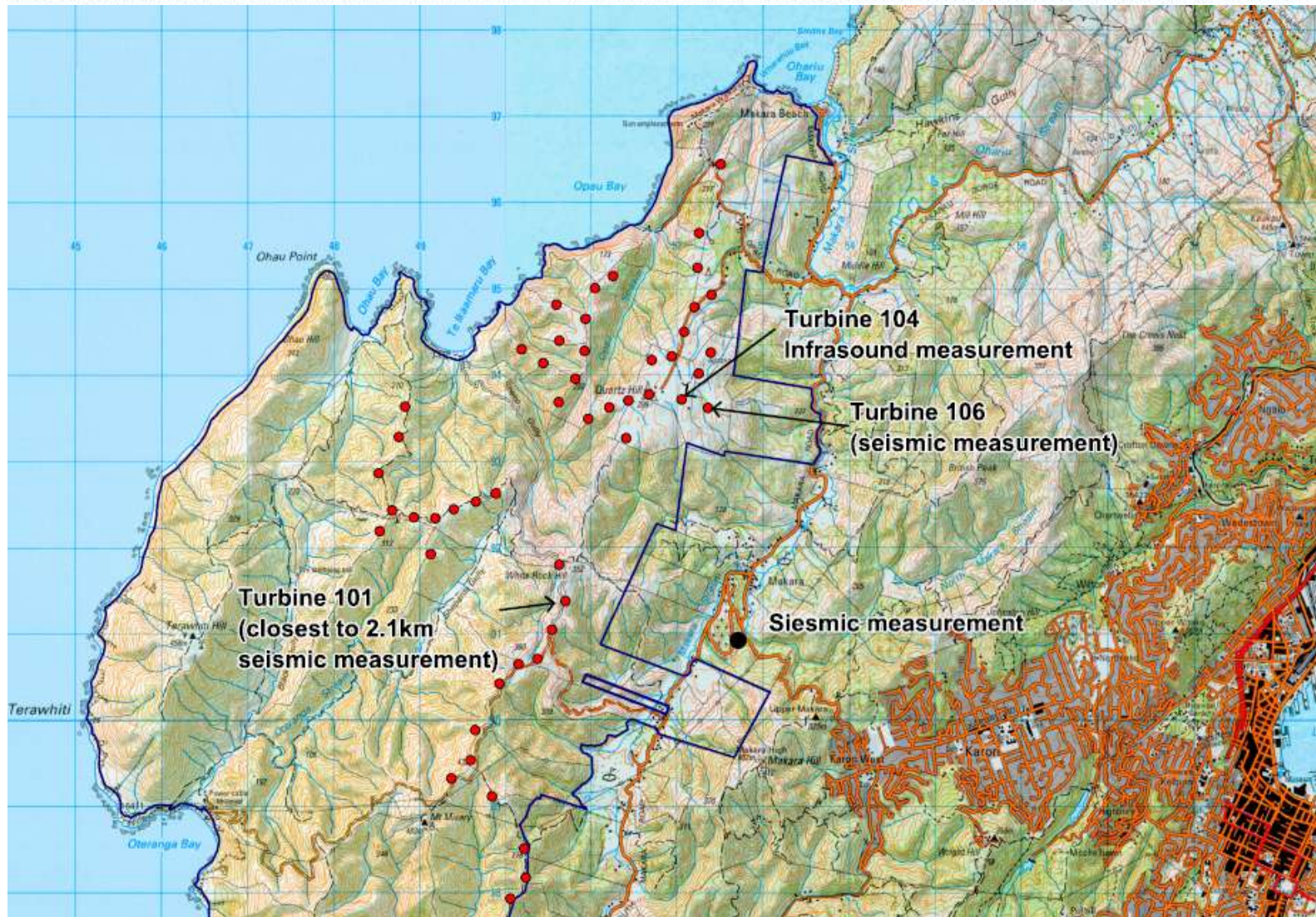
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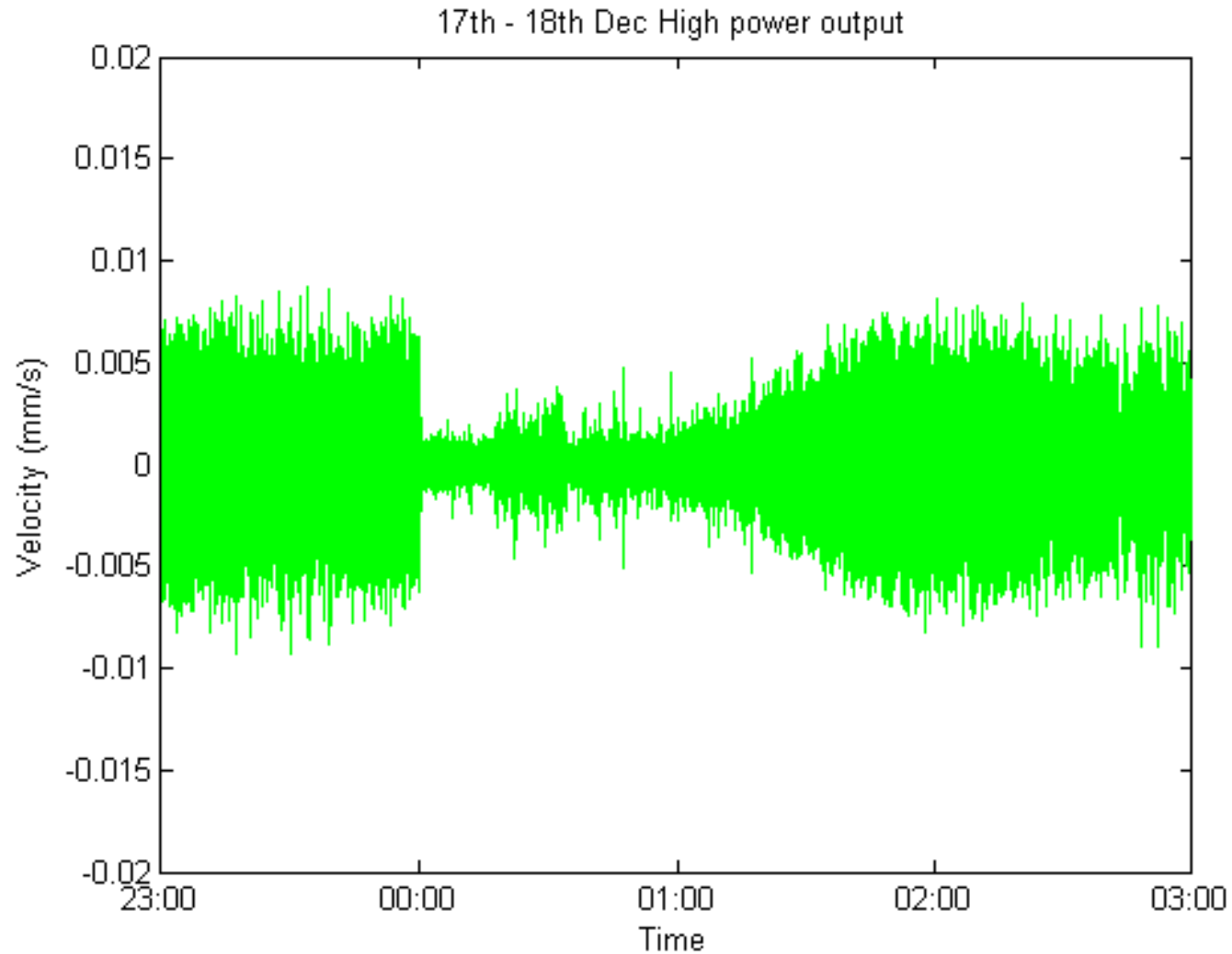
# Measurement locations





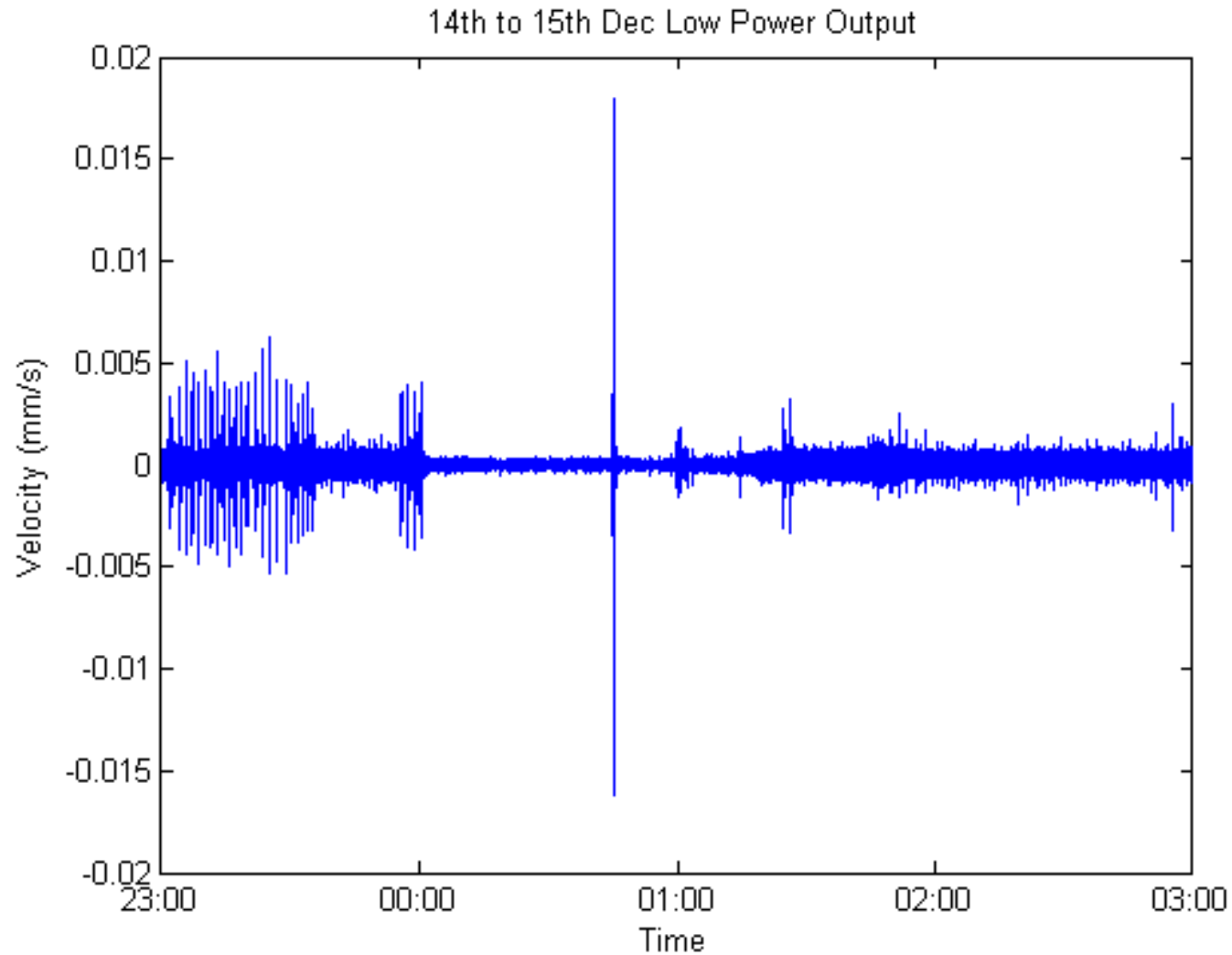
# High power – ground vibration

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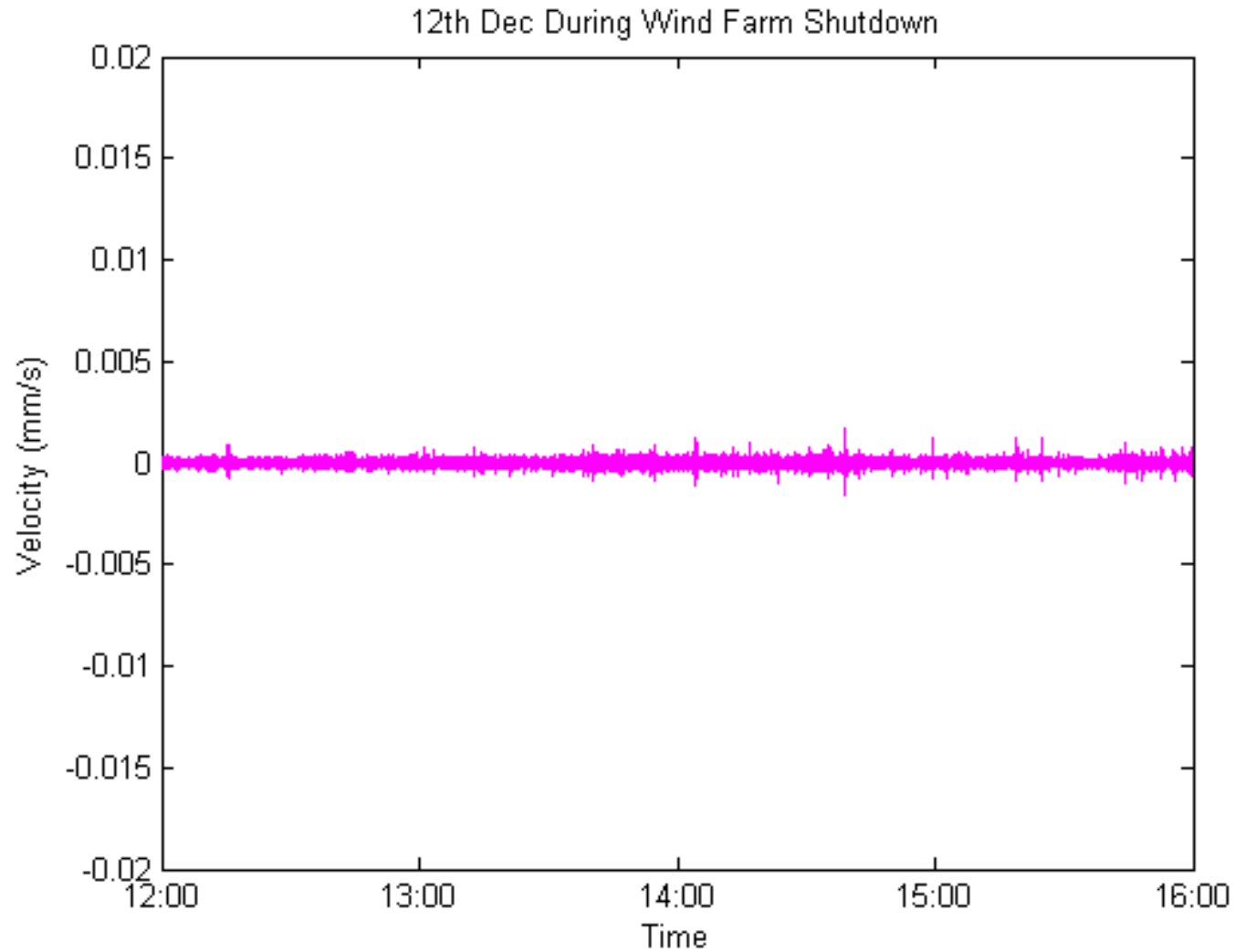
## Low power – ground vibration

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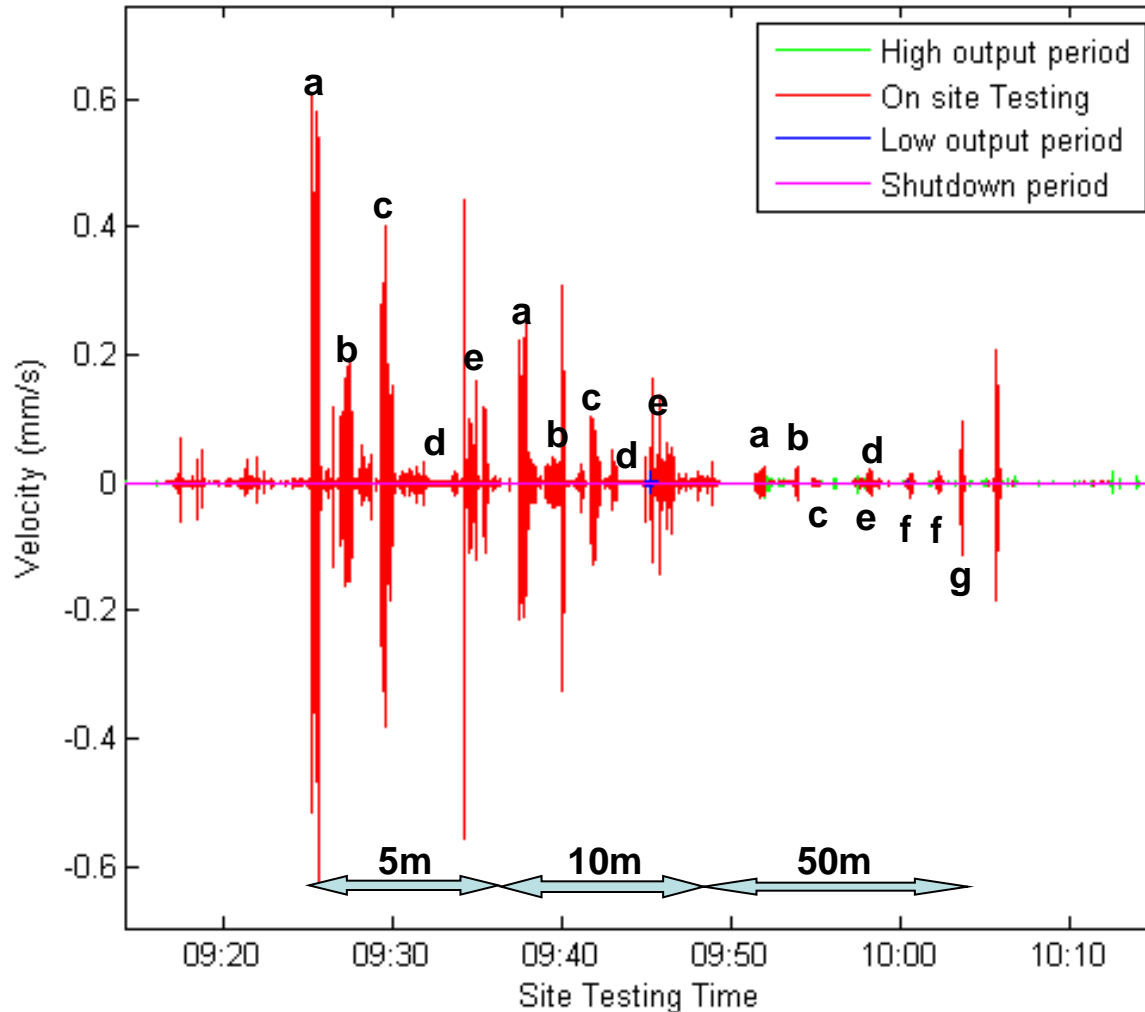
# Wind Farm Shut-down – ground vibration

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# Ground vibration tests

Over Plot Comparison



a – hitting ground with sledge hammer

b – hitting in warratah

c – 5 people jumping

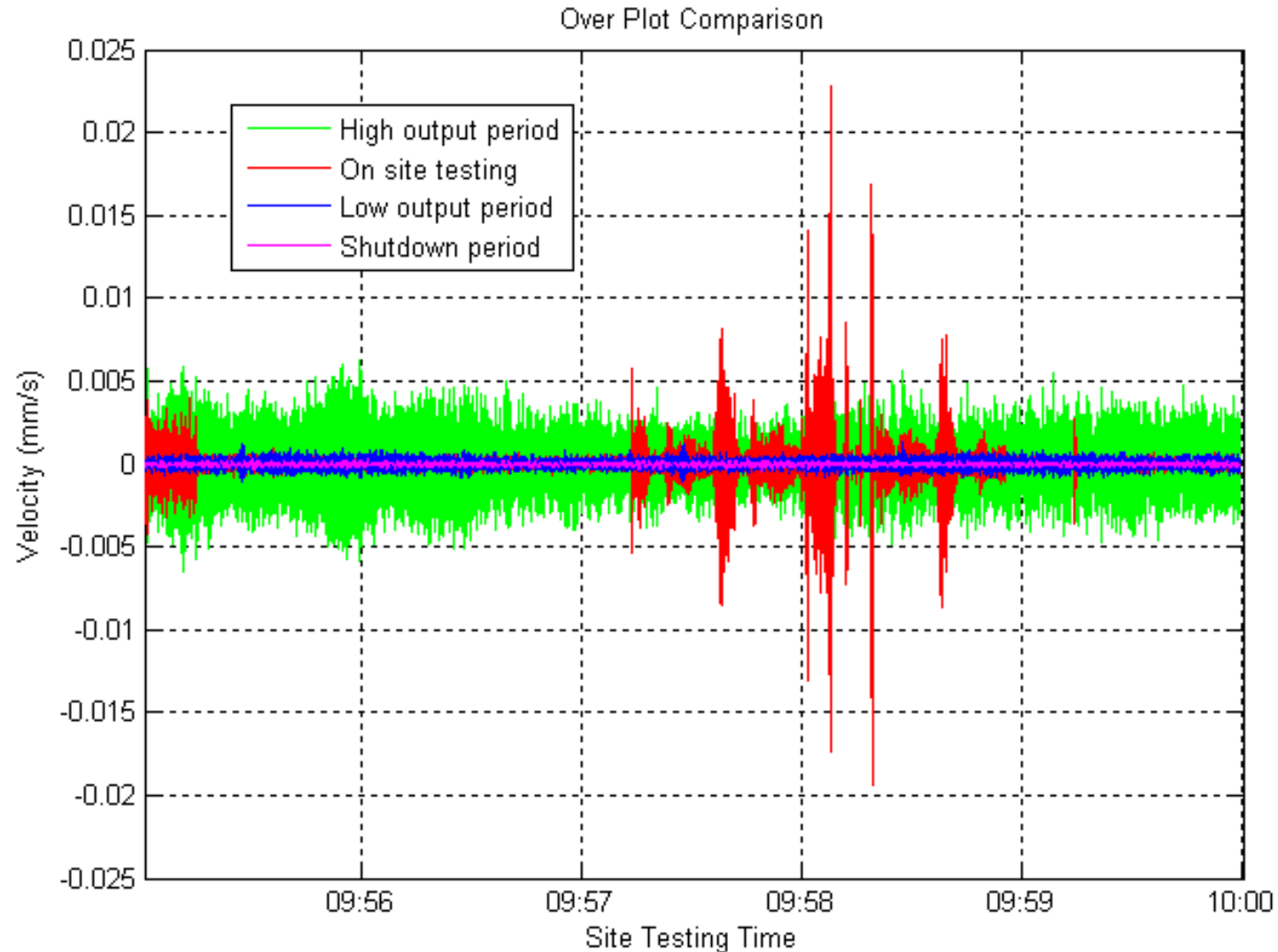
d – car idling

e – car driving forward & backwards

f – walking from 50m & back

g – running from 50m & back

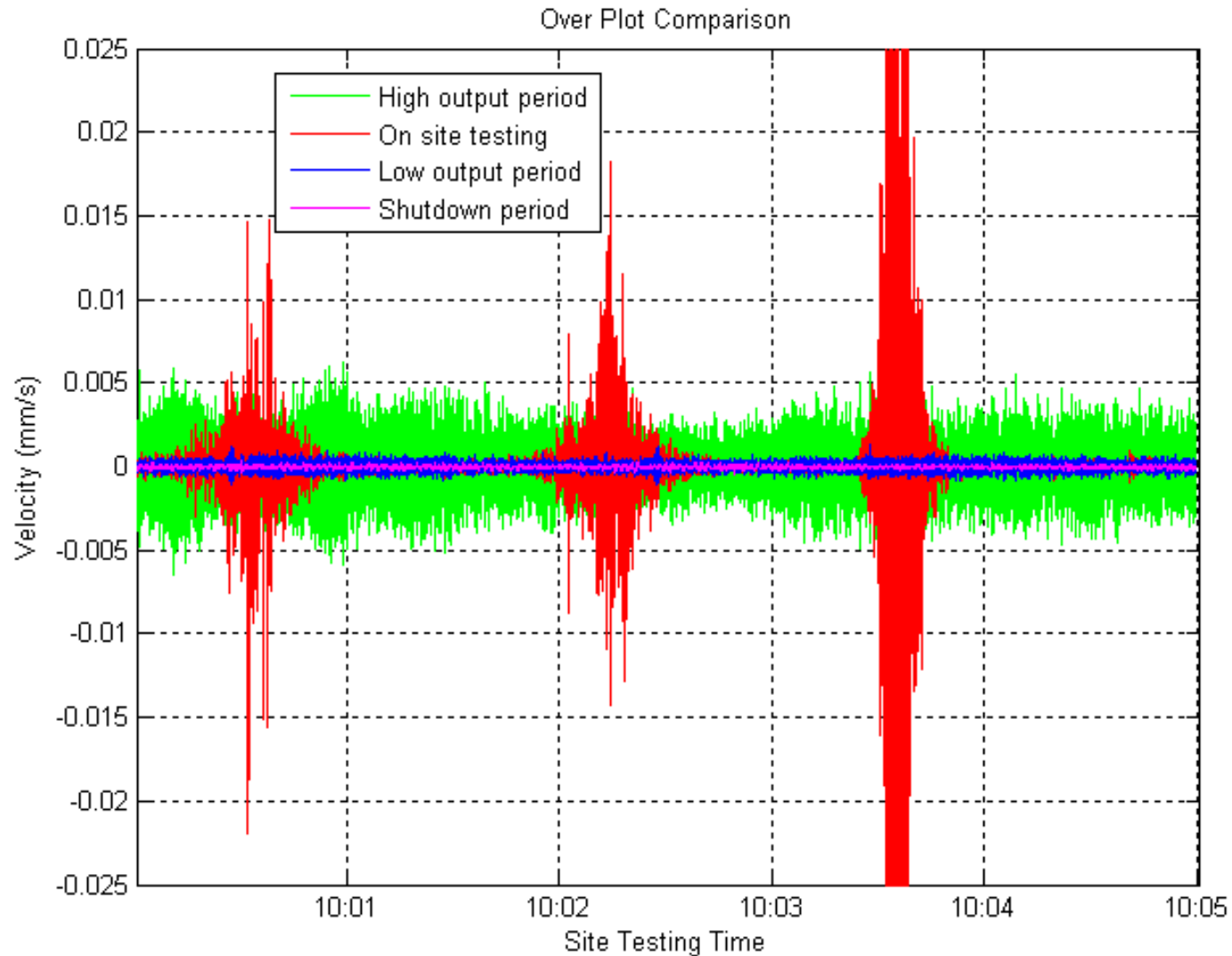
# Ground vibration comparison - Vehicle







# Ground vibration comparison – Walking / Running



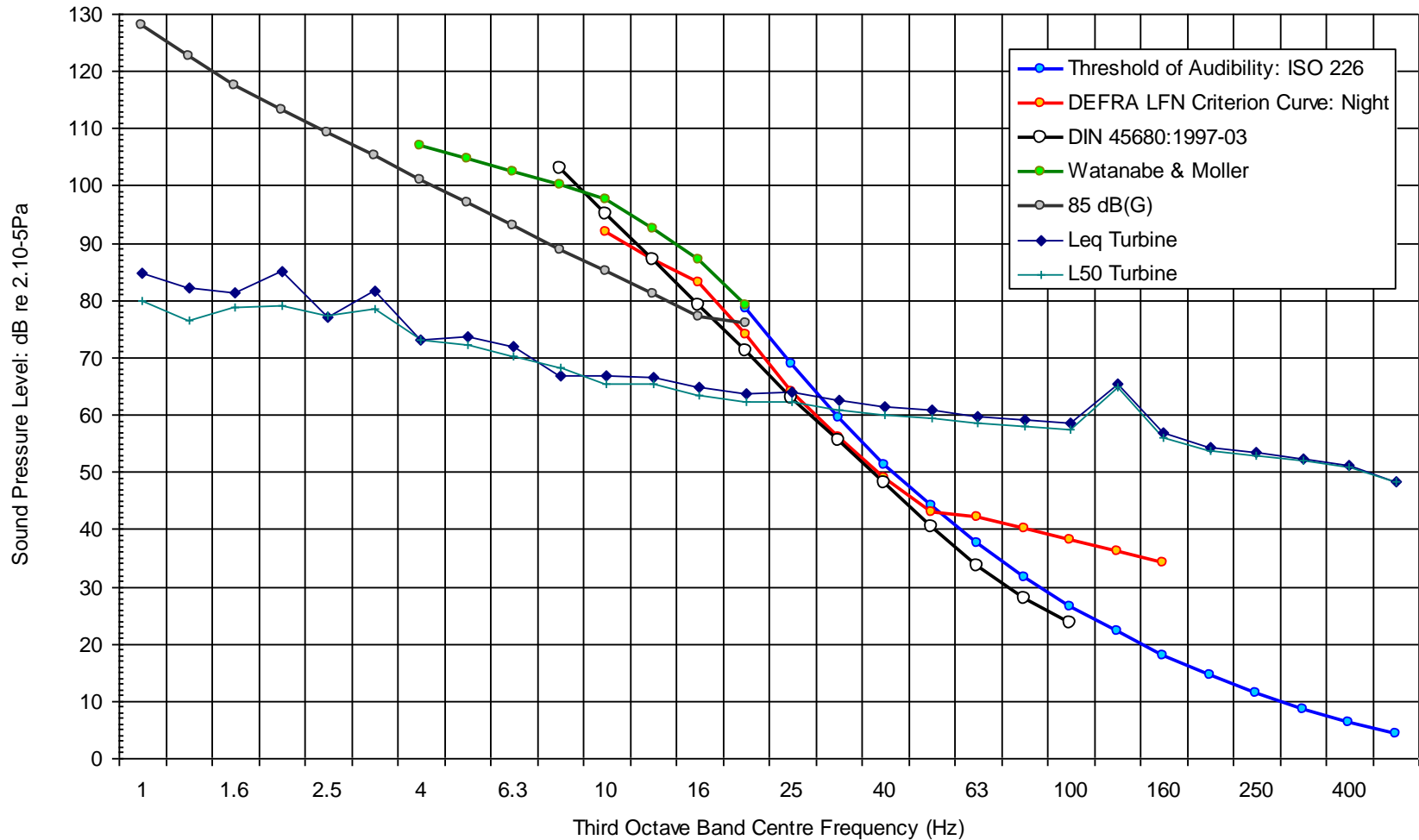
# Infrasound Measurements





# West Wind Infrasound Measurements

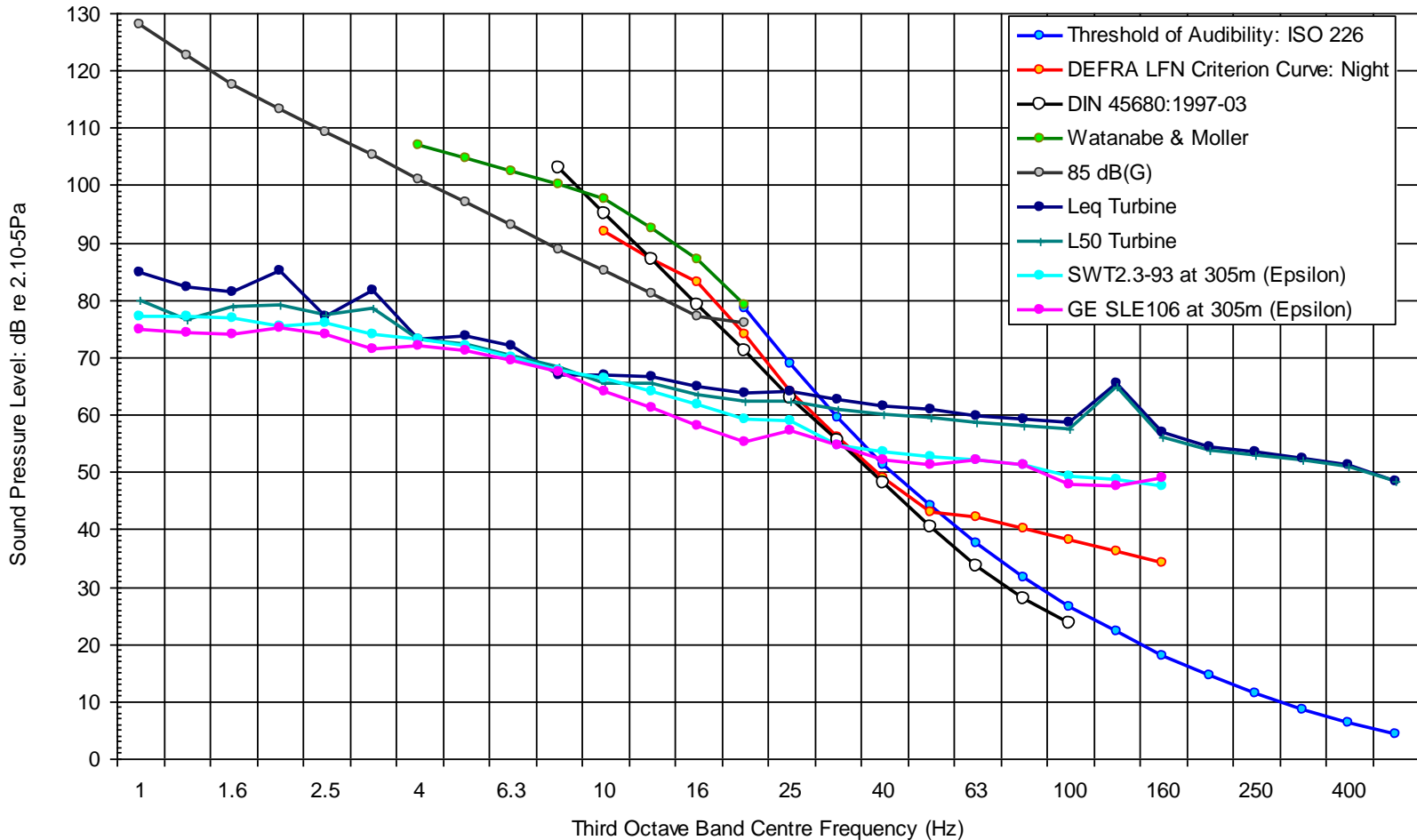
West Wind turbine 104, Siemens SWT2.3-82VS, average of five 60s measurements corrected for background  
Low frequency noise criterion curves



# West Wind Infrasound Measurements



West Wind turbine 104 compared with other recent low frequency measurements  
Low frequency noise criterion curves



Thank you

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