



# Presentation to Board of Supervisors

## Laguna Seca Community Sound Study



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# Track Activity

- Measurements periods of 100+ Track Days, including 8 Major Events to date
  - Sea Otter Classic (April 10-12)
  - Laguna Seca SpeedTours - Trans Am (May 2-4)
  - IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship of Monterey (May 9-11)
  - MotoAmerica Superbike SpeedFest at Monterey (July 11-13)
  - INDYCAR Grand Prix of Monterey (July 25-27)
  - Pre-Reunion and Corkscrew Hillclimb (Aug 9-10)
  - Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion (Aug 13-16)
  - Ferrari Challenge (Sept 12-14)



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# Original Sound Measurement Program



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# SONICS ESD

- 41 year old company - SONICS ESD
- 1200+ completed projects domestically & internationally
- 23 Years local business serving Monterey County
- Principle Jim Barath Ph.D., INCE, ASA
  - Ph.D. in Architectural and Physical Acoustics
  - B.S. Electrical Engineering & M.S. in Laser Physics
  - Former U.S. Air Force Pilot & Associate Professor NPS Monterey
- Staff of degreed engineers, IT, CAD, architectural professionals
- Participating members
  - Sam Patton P.E., Max Martinez B.S.M.E., James Parry Ph.D., Nick Overdevest
- Active member of Institute of Noise Control Engineers (INCE)
- Active member of Acoustical Society of America (ASA)

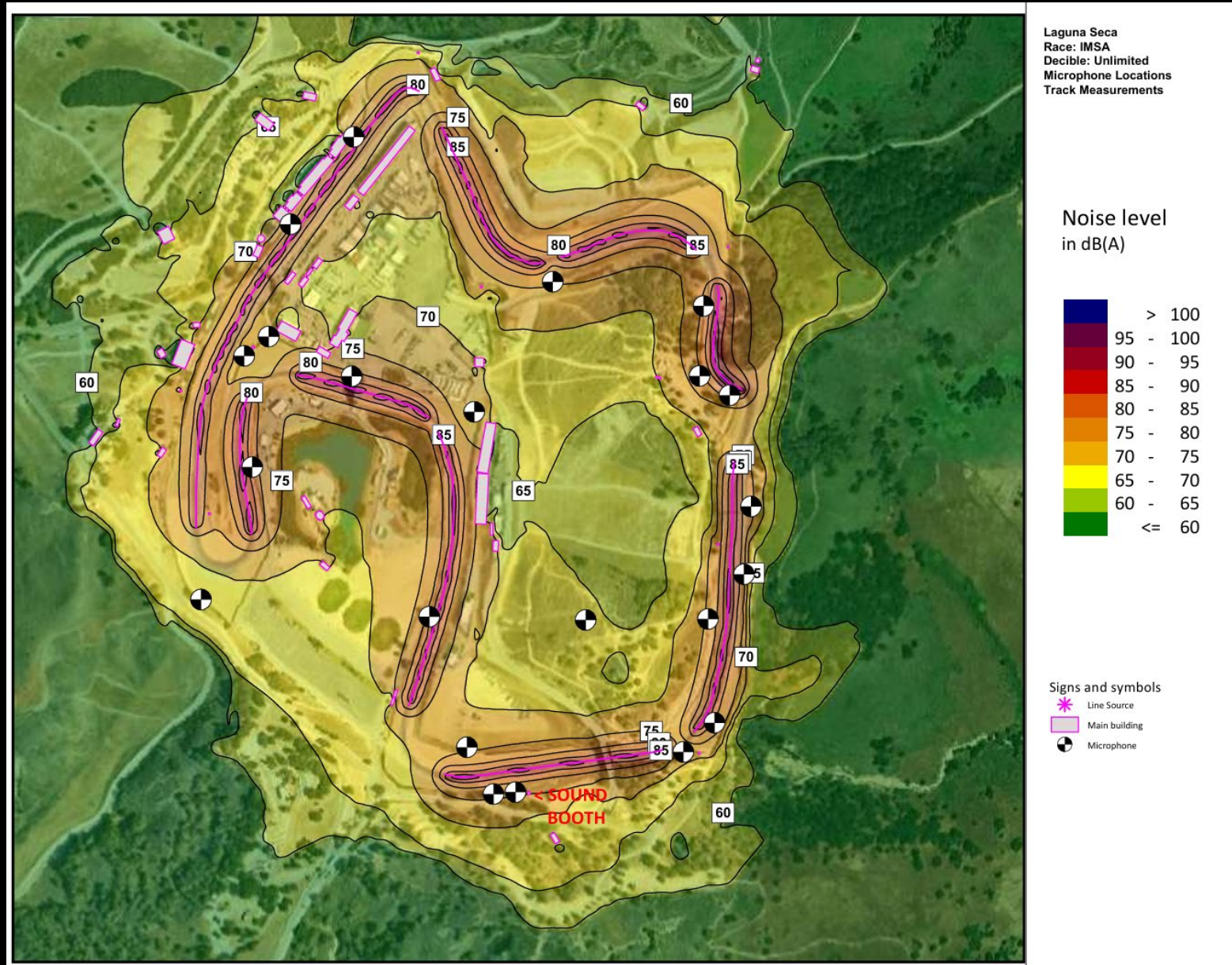


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# Microphone Locations – Track Measurements



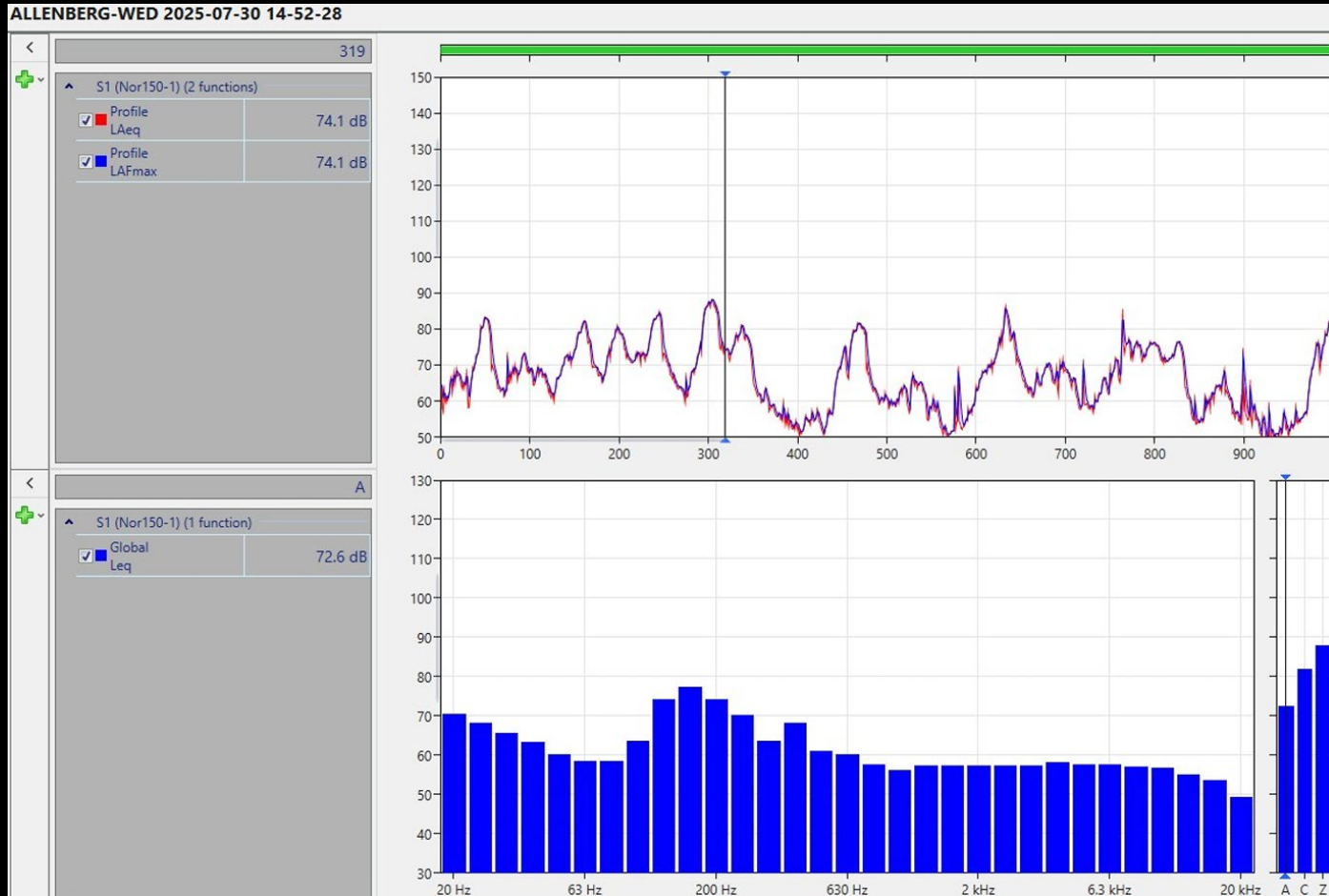
# Data Collection

- 22 Measurement locations around entire track
- Measurements include all runs for the entire race day
- Data includes wind direction, speed, temperature and humidity
- Software: SoundPLAN 9.1 developed in Europe for sound management and control
- Certified Calibrated Class 1 laboratory measurement equipment
- All measurements conducted in compliance ASTM and ISO Standards
- Level and 1/3 octave energy frequency spectrum recording
- USGS LIDAR data employed for topographical mapping

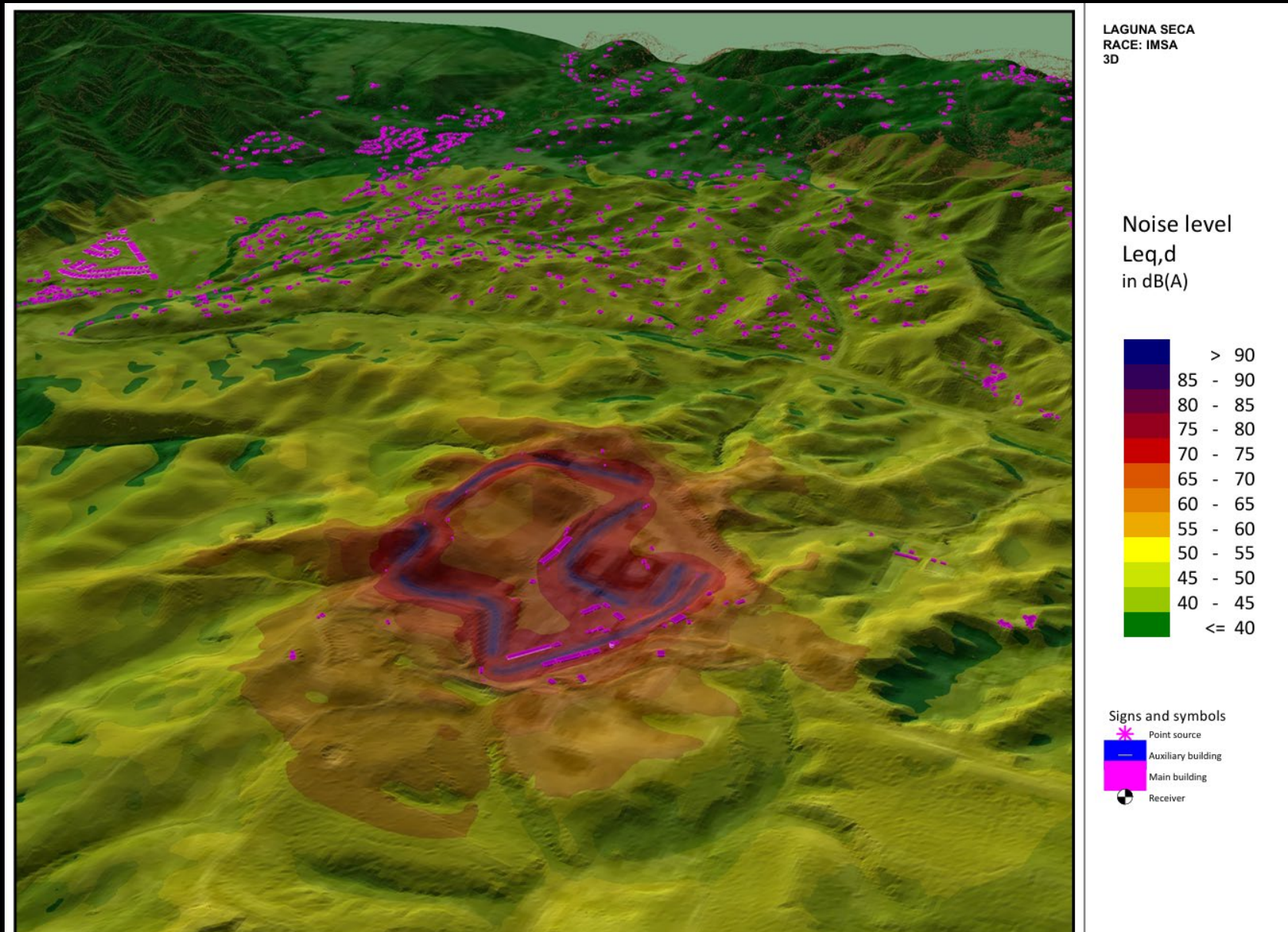


# Typical Data Collection

## 90dB Day

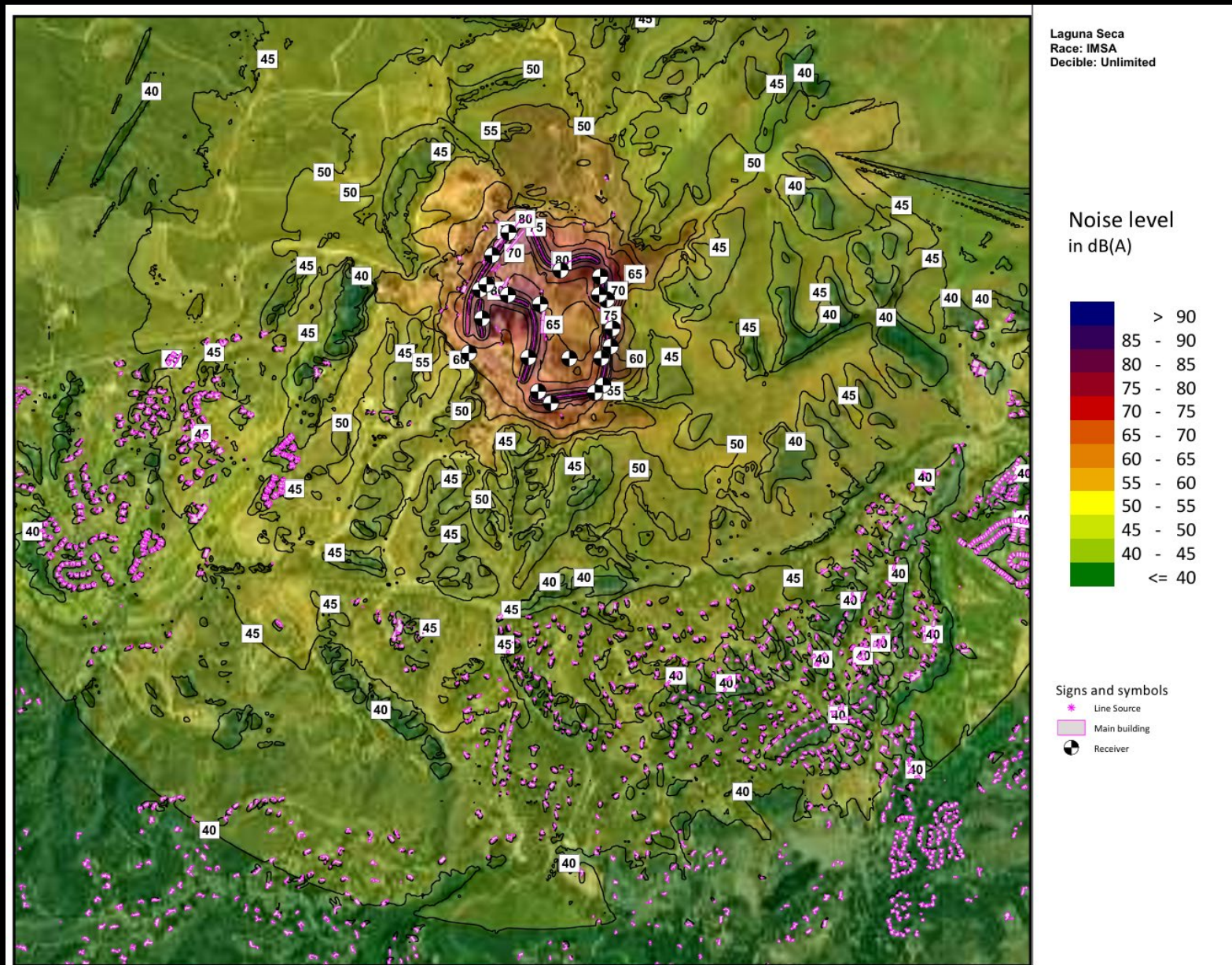


# SoundPLAN 3D Mapping Using LIDAR Data



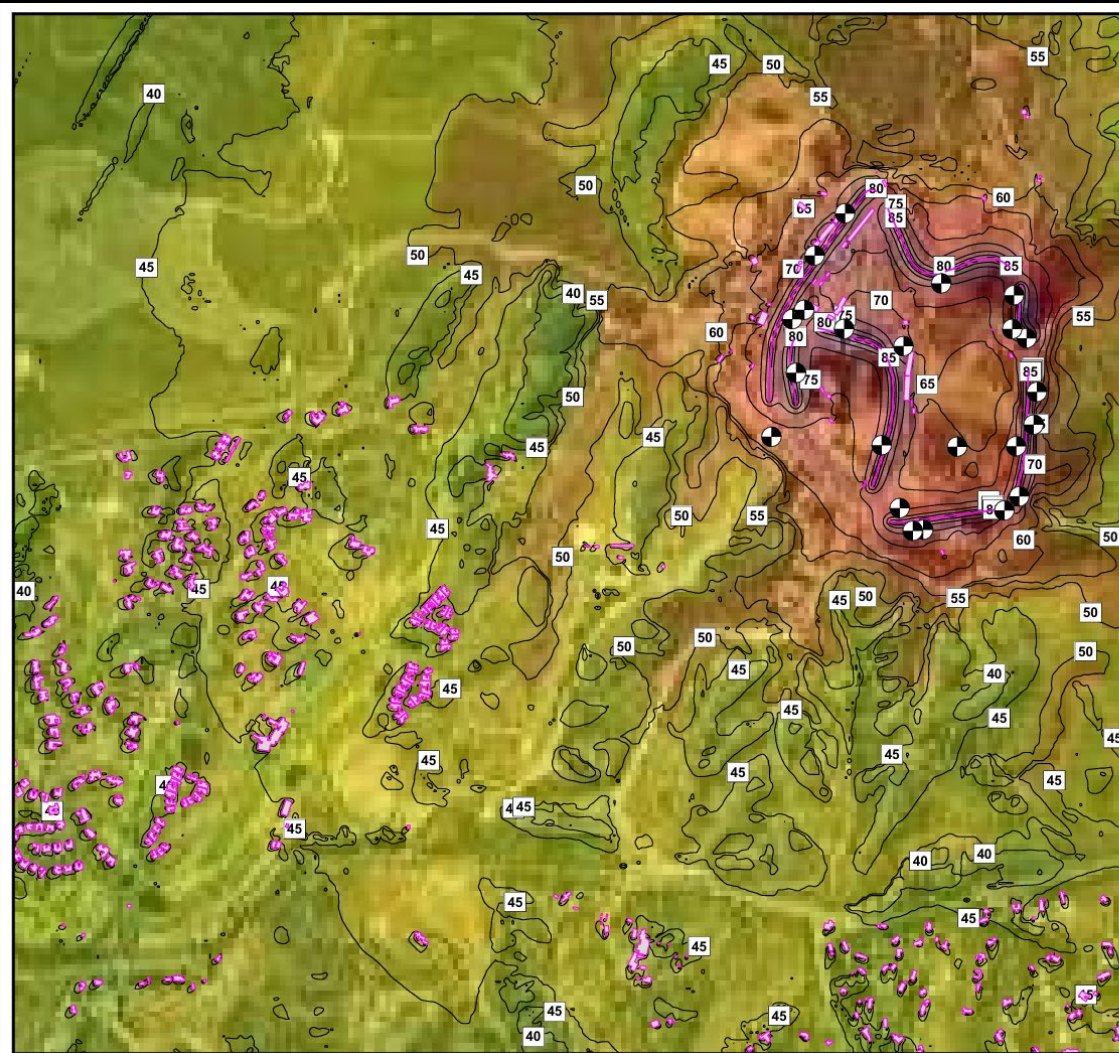
# Sound Profile Map - Surrounding Area

## IMSA - Unlimited Decibel Day



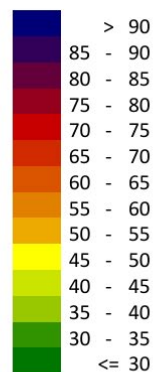
# Sound Profile - Pasadera & Coral De Tierra

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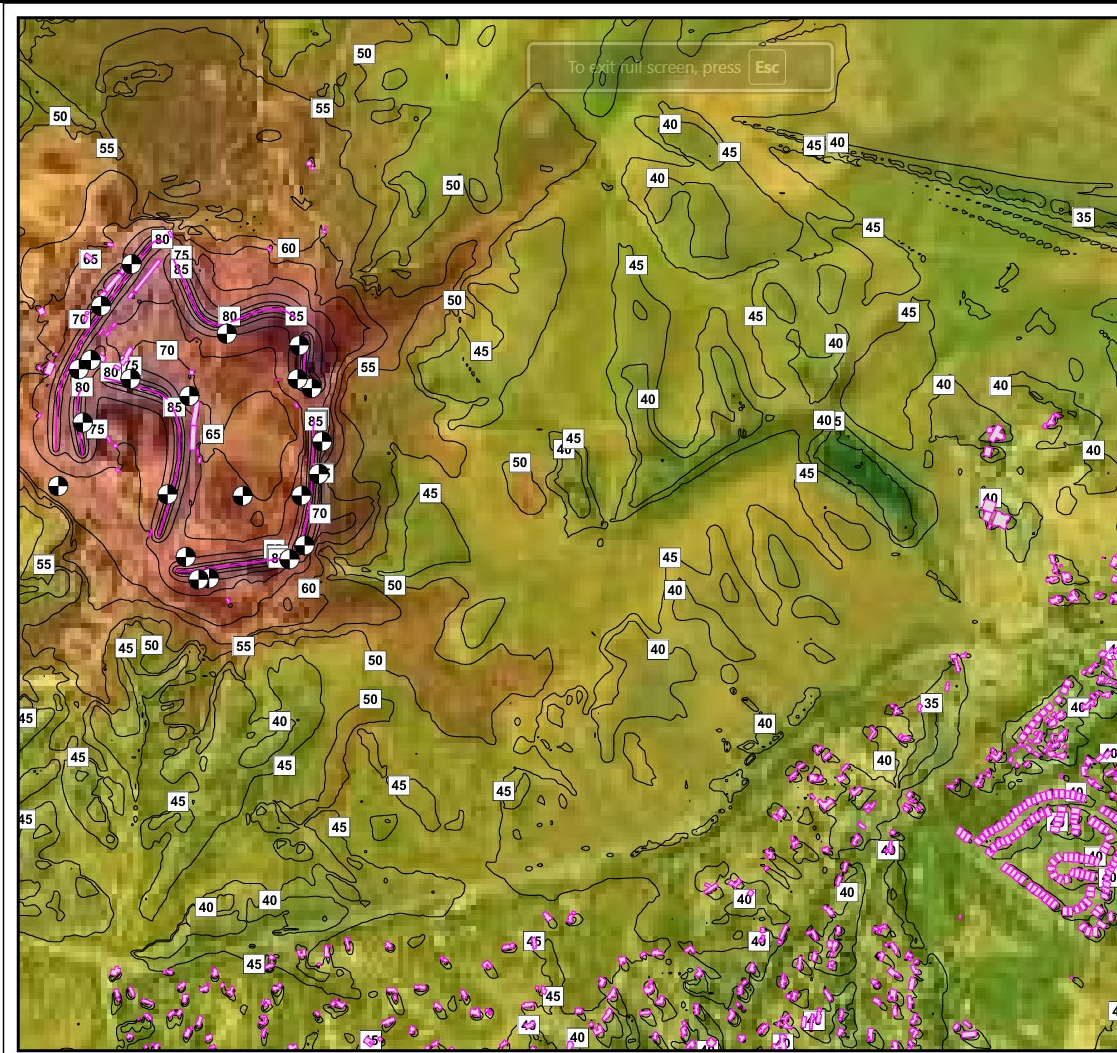
Laguna Seca  
Race: IMSA  
Decible: Unlimited  
Microphone Locations  
Track Measurements

Noise level  
in dB(A)



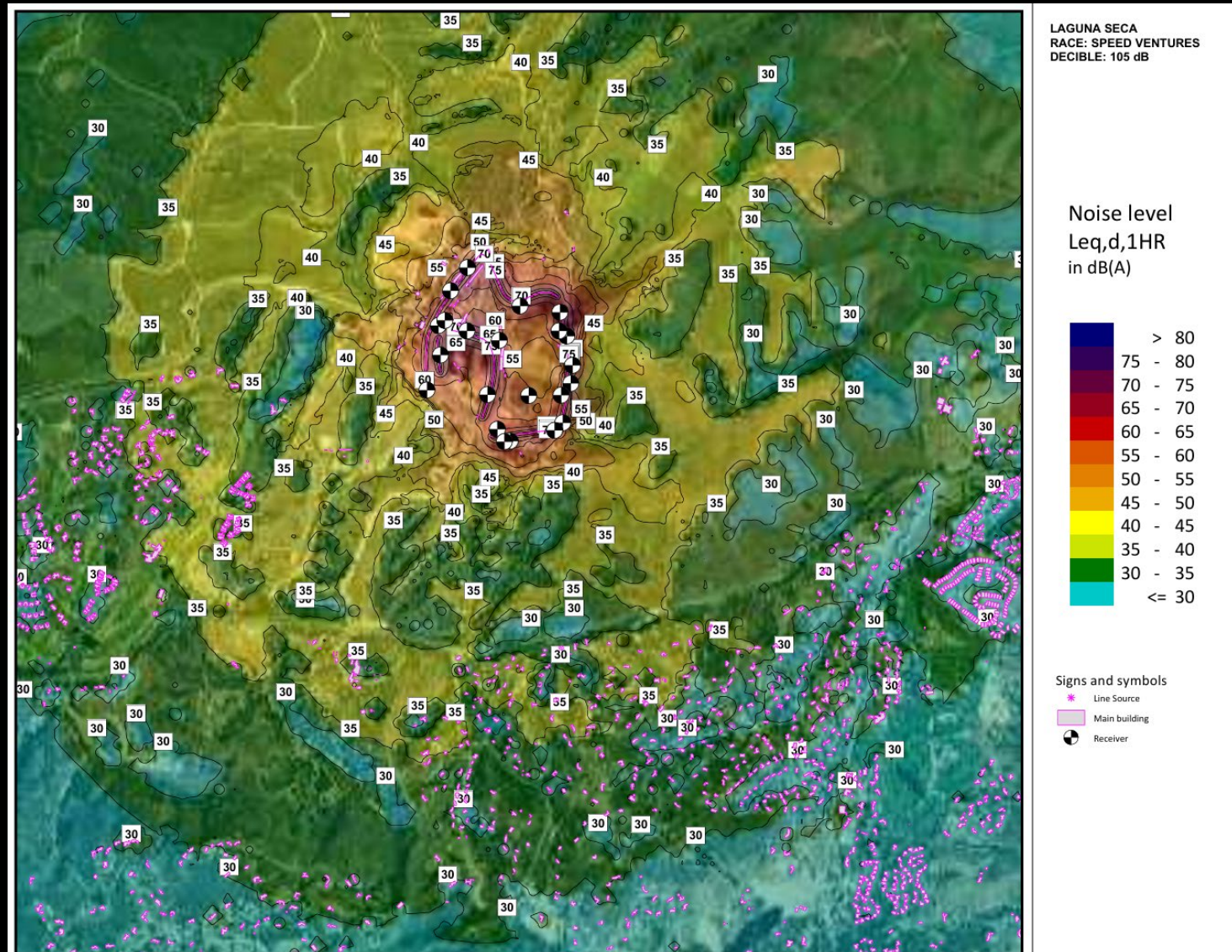
Signs and symbols

- \* Line Source
- Main building
- Microphone

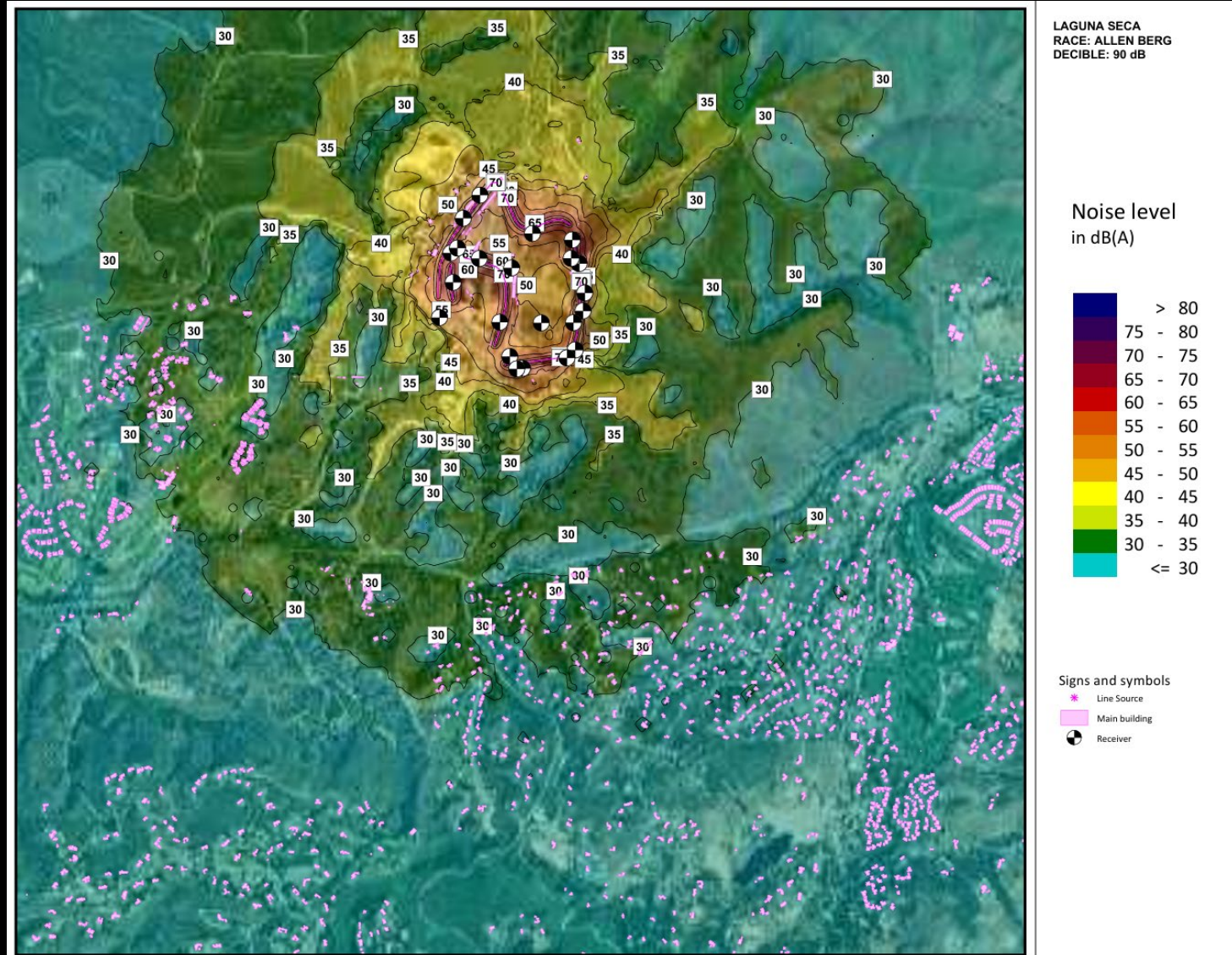


# Sound Profile Map - Surrounding Area

## Speed Ventures – 105 Decibel Day



# Sound Profile Map- Surrounding Area Allen Berg – 90 Decibel Day



# Sound Study Look Ahead Program

- Expand data collection to include the Highway 68 and Monterey Airport air traffic corridor
- Develop comprehensive sound control measures for future Laguna Seca improvements
- Utilize industry technology advances to enhance sound mitigation techniques
- Construct realistic timeline to accomplish goals and objectives



# Conclusions

- Analyze all Sound Study data (2025 Season)
- Consider and design available mitigating control measures
- Consider sound reduction means and methods to surrounding community
- Reduce Laguna Seca site operational sound levels
- Reinforce Good Neighbor policies

