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# HEMONY

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Please see the diagram of bell nodals in <https://www.msu.edu/~carillon/batmbook/chapter5.htm>

## 3.042 Final Presentation

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# Agenda



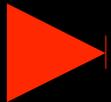
2) Bell History & Metallurgy



3) Experimental Setup



4) Casting



5) SEM/Micrograph Images



6) Mechanical Testing



7) Acoustical Results and Analysis

# Bell Metallurgical History

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Tuned, elaborately decorated cast bells were already being made in China more than 2,500 years ago:

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Please see: <http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/80/Bianzhong.jpg>

Color closeup image:  
notice the intricate  
designs and gold inlay

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Please see p. 3 of <http://www.savingantiquities.org/pdf/BagleyCPAC.pdf>

# Early European Bells

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# Modern Bell Styles

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Each Western culture developed their own unique bell design:

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# Bell Metal Composition

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The ideal “bell metal,” an alloy of copper with 23.5% tin, was developed over hundreds of years by trial and error:

In the reign of Henry III [of England], two parts copper to one of tin were used. At the present day copper and tin in the proportion of 13 to 4 are used, and there is no doubt that small quantities of other metals found in old bell-metal are most likely impurities in the metals used to form the alloy.

-W. W. Starmer, “Bells and Bell Tones” (1901)

13 to 4  23.5% Sn!

# Experimental Setup

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3 Compositions:

10%, 15%, 23.5% Sn

3 Processes:

as-cast, annealed, or  
water quenched

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← *Annealing or Quenching  
from 620°C*

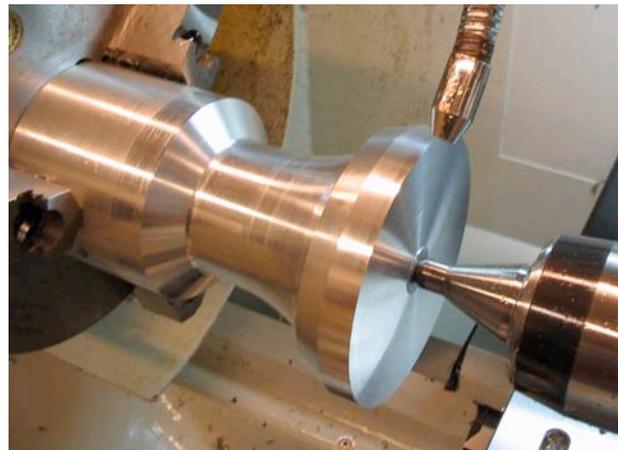
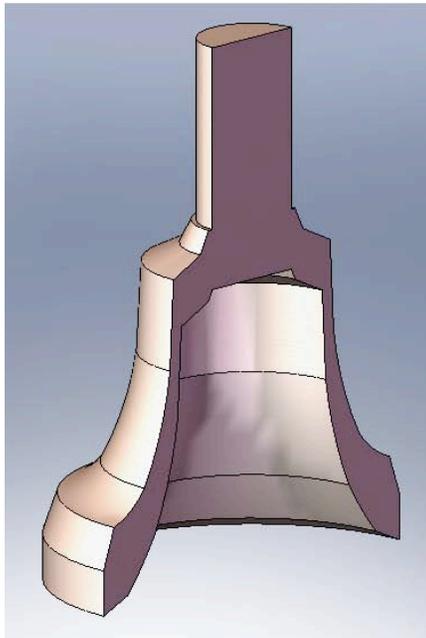
\*Destructive mechanical testing  
uses dogbones that have been  
water jet from cast plates

# Bell Casting

# Model Production

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Please see: Fig. 118 in Williams, Edward. *The Bells of Russia: History and Technology*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1985.

- German bell pattern
- 1/2" offset for plate to hold model between flasks
- Lathe aluminum



# Casting Process

- Pack foundry sand around model
- Remove model
- Melt metals
- Pour alloy
- Remove casting from sand

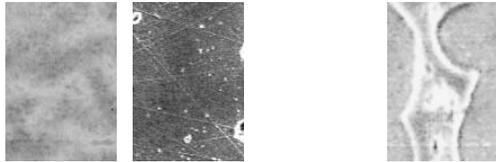


SEM

# Scanning Electron Microscopy

- Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (EDS) for elemental analysis
- Actual overall compositions
  - 10% is **10%** Sn
  - 15% is **18%** Sn
  - 23.5% is **31%** Sn
- Compositions of different features help determine what phases are present

# 10% Sn Bronze



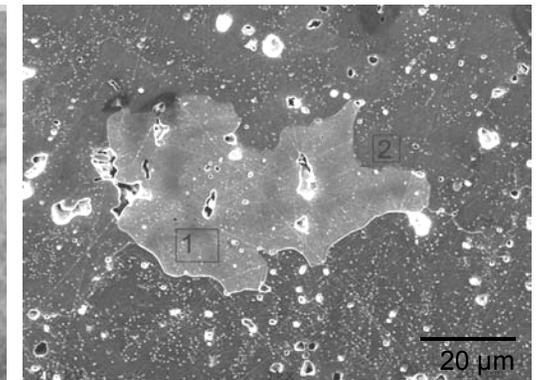
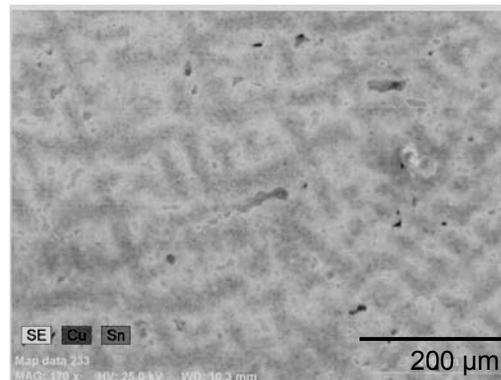
- As-cast:  $\alpha$ ,  $\delta$  or  $\epsilon$
- Quenched:  $\alpha$
- After quenching, second phase is diffused out

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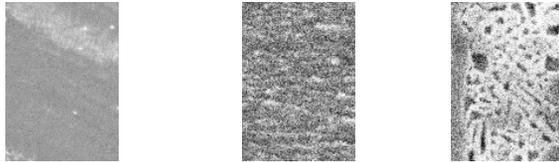
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As-cast

Quenched



# 18% Sn Bronze

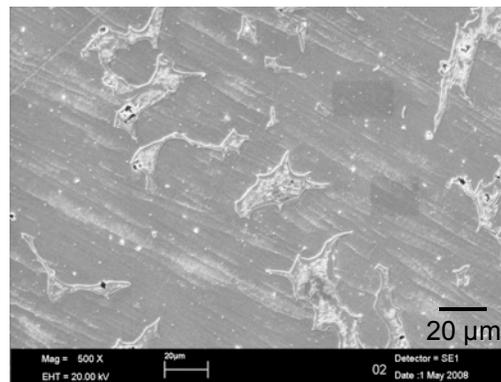


- As-cast:  $\alpha$ ,  $\epsilon$
- Quenched:  $\alpha+\epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon$
- After quenching,  $\epsilon$  phase moved to grain boundaries,  $\alpha+\epsilon$  forms

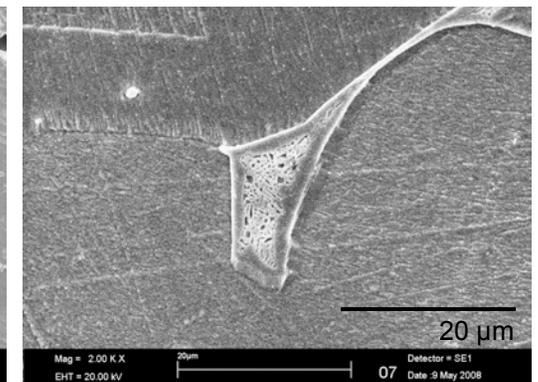
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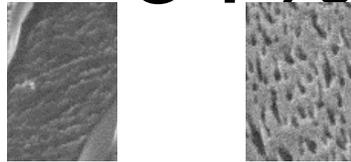
As-cast



Quenched



# 31% Sn Bronze

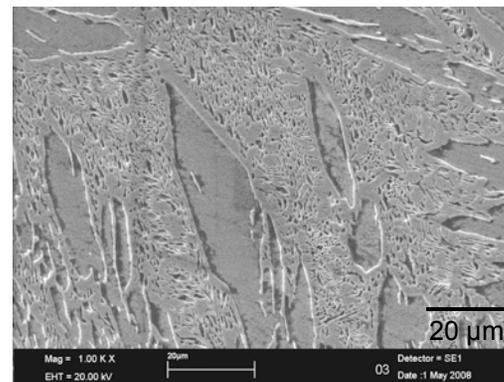


- As-cast:  $\alpha + \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon$
- Quenched:  $\alpha + \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon$
- After quenching, more  $\epsilon$  can be seen

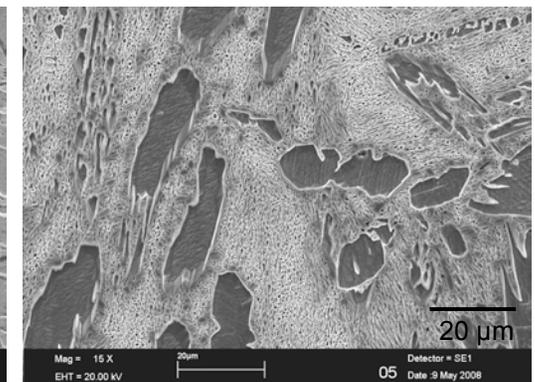
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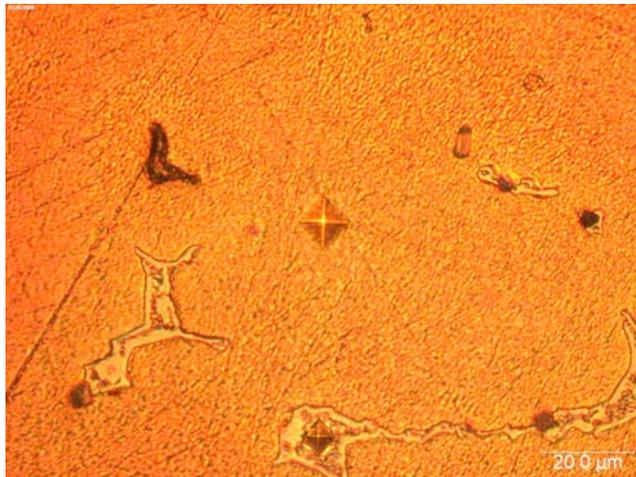
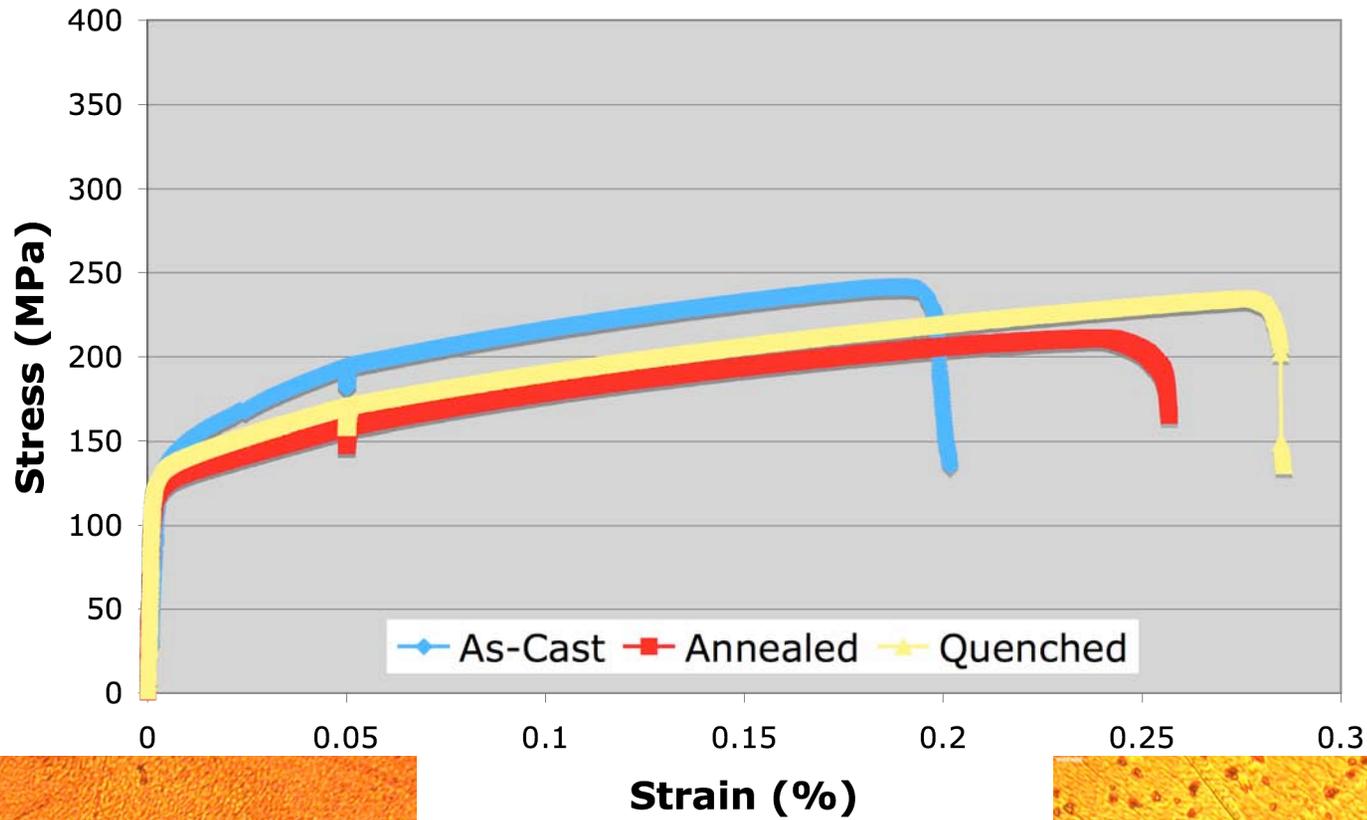
As-cast



Quenched

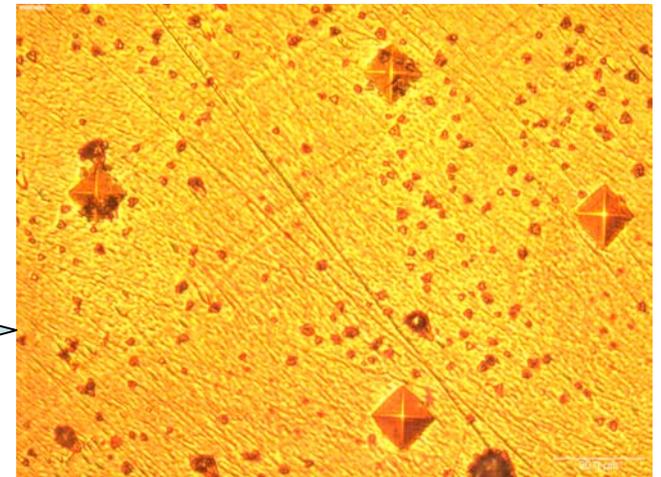


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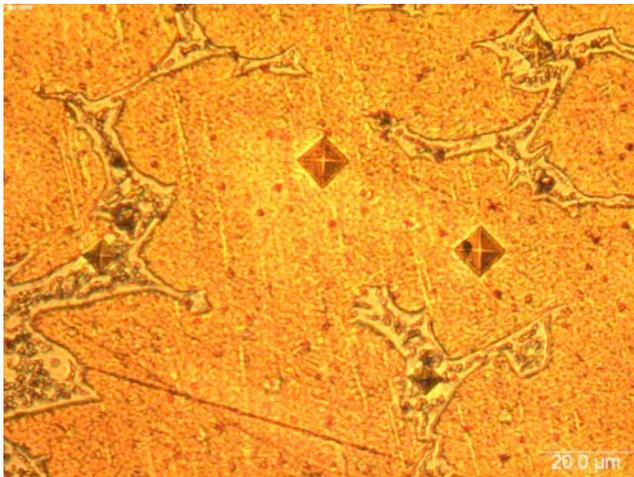
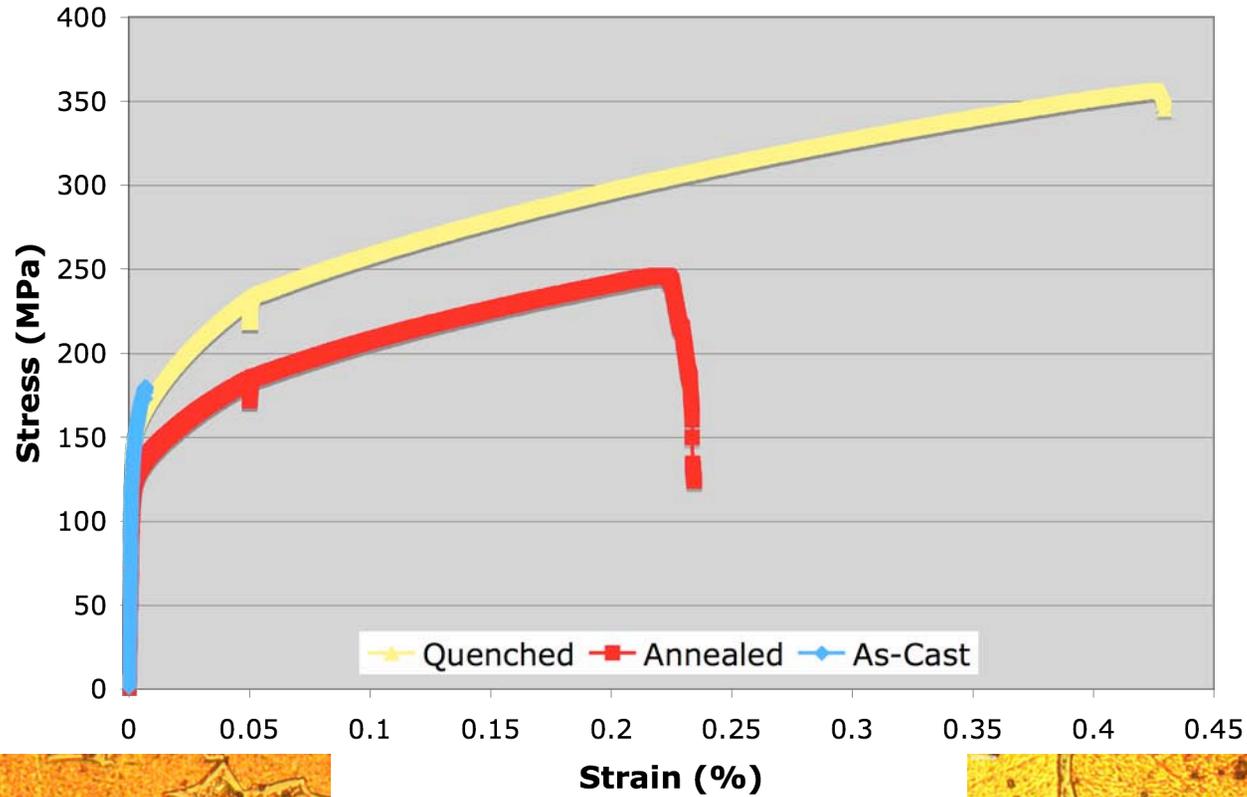


As-Cast

Quenched

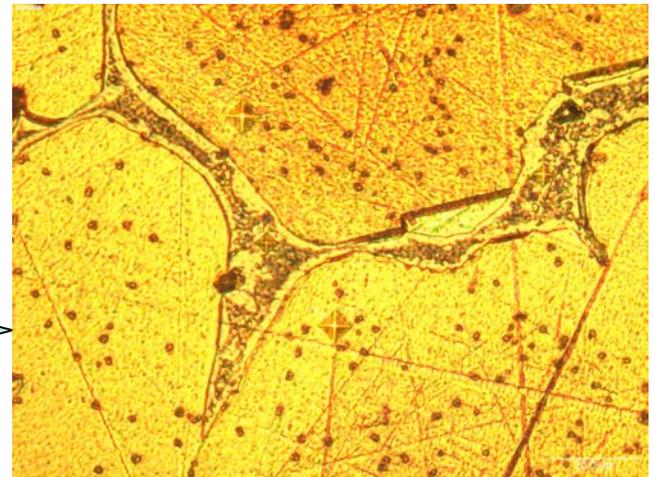


# Mechanical Properties: 18% Sn



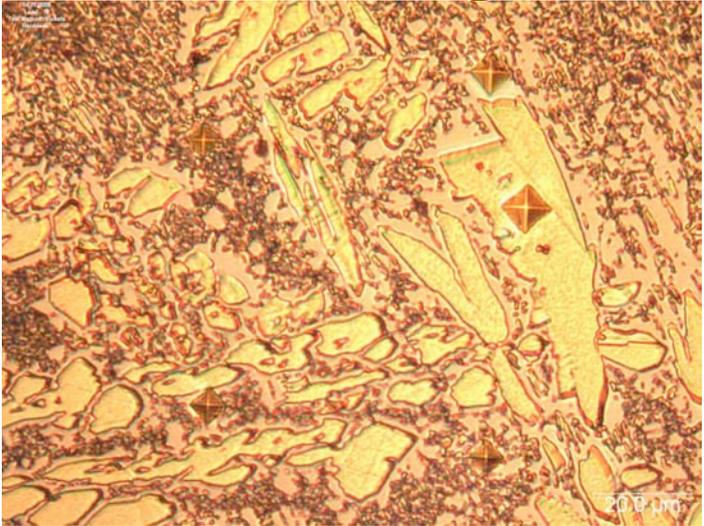
As-Cast

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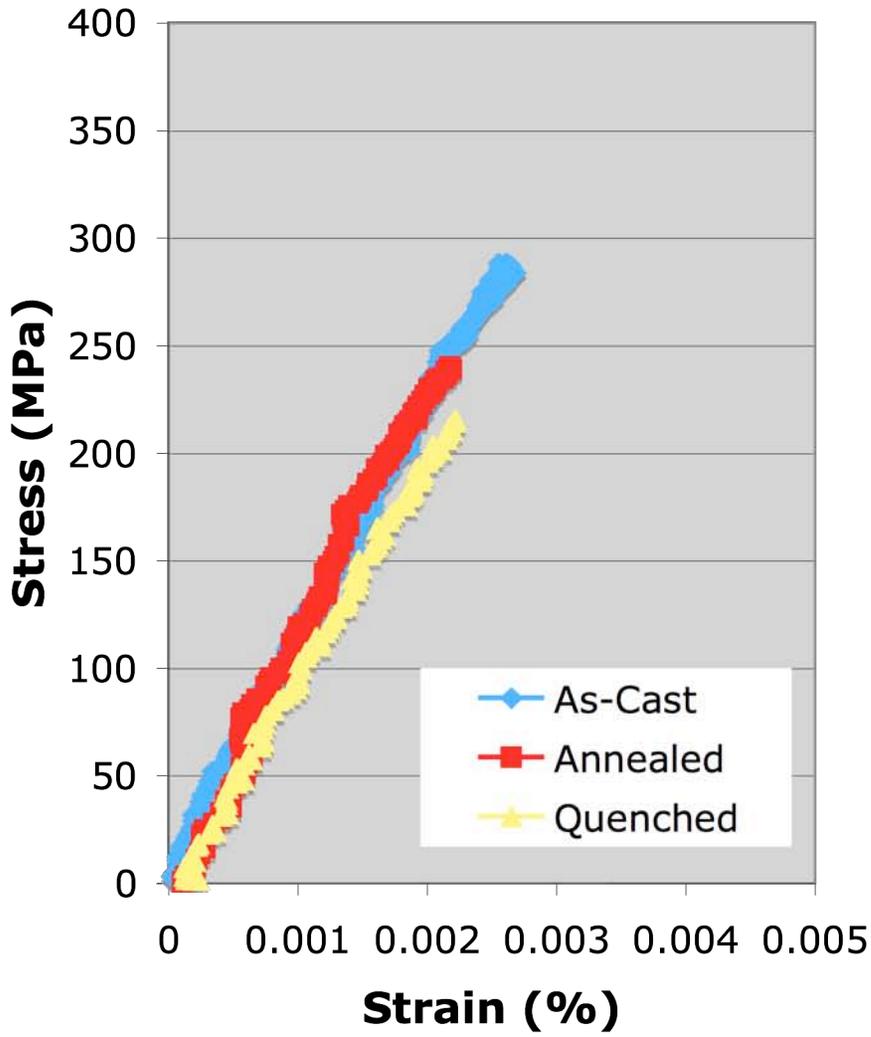
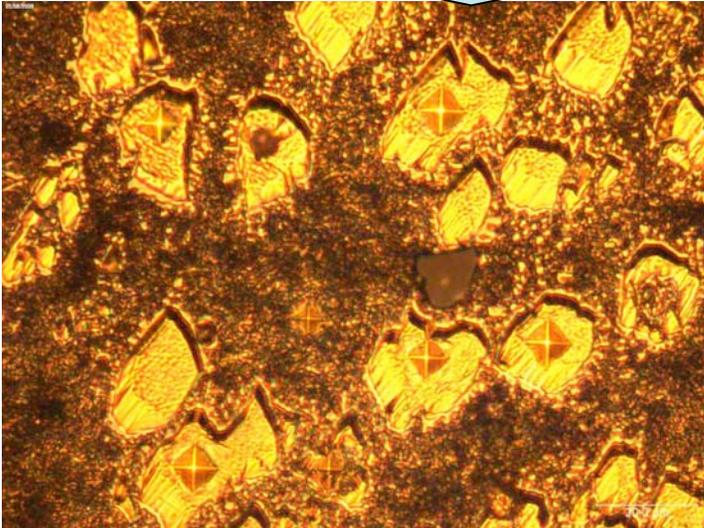


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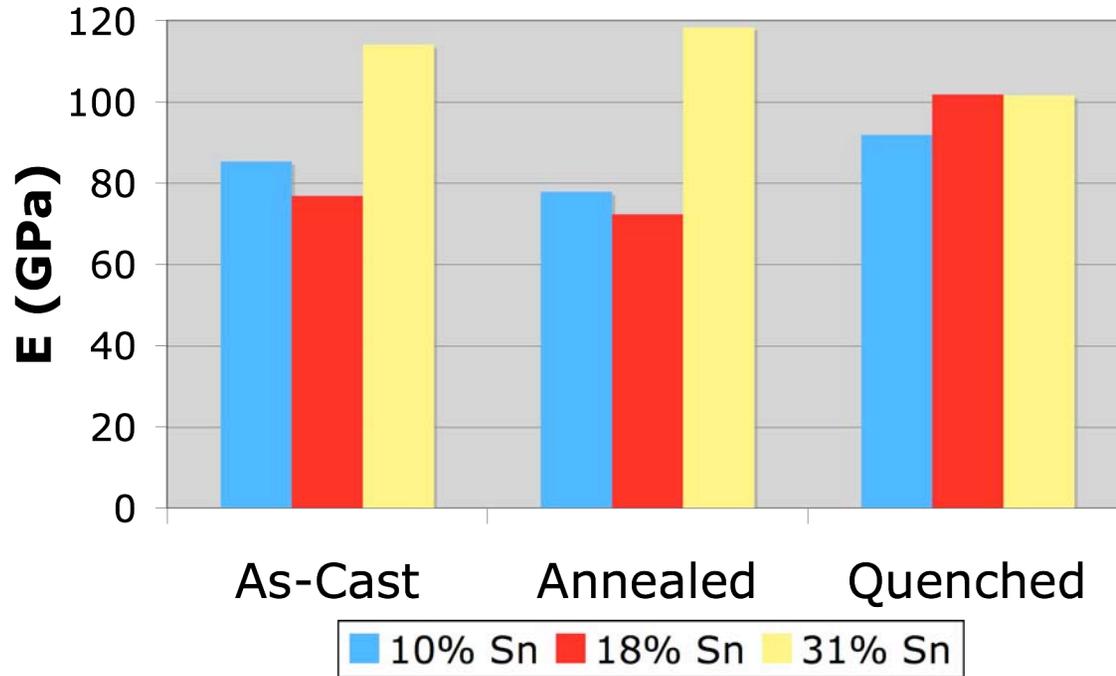
As-Cast



Quenched



## Young's Modulus Values



	% Sn	E (GPa)	.2% Yield (MPa)	UTS (MPa)	RB
As-Cast	10	85.3	141.2	241.5	24
	18	76.9	150.4	180.1	48
	31	114.2	n/a	288.9	98
Annealed	10	77.9	124.1	215	10
	18	72.3	127.5	246.3	25
	31	118.4	n/a	244.2	98
Quenched	10	91.9	134.5	234.2	11
	18	101.9	160.1	352.3	38
	31	101.7	n/a	215.9	98

# Summary

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	10%	18%	31%
As-Cast	Precipitation hardening	Precipitation hardening	
Annealed	Precipitation hardening; fewer precipitates	Precipitation hardening; fewer precipitates	
Quenched	Solid solution strengthening; no precipitates	Precipitation hardening; fewer precipitates	

**HEMONY**

**Acoustics**

# Good Bell?

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- + Minimal Noise
- + Harmonic Series: **0.5, 1, 1.2, 1.5, 2**
- + Lengthy Amplitude decay

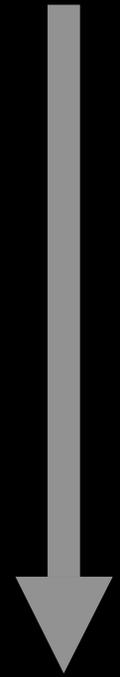
# Geometry

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# Acoustical Testing

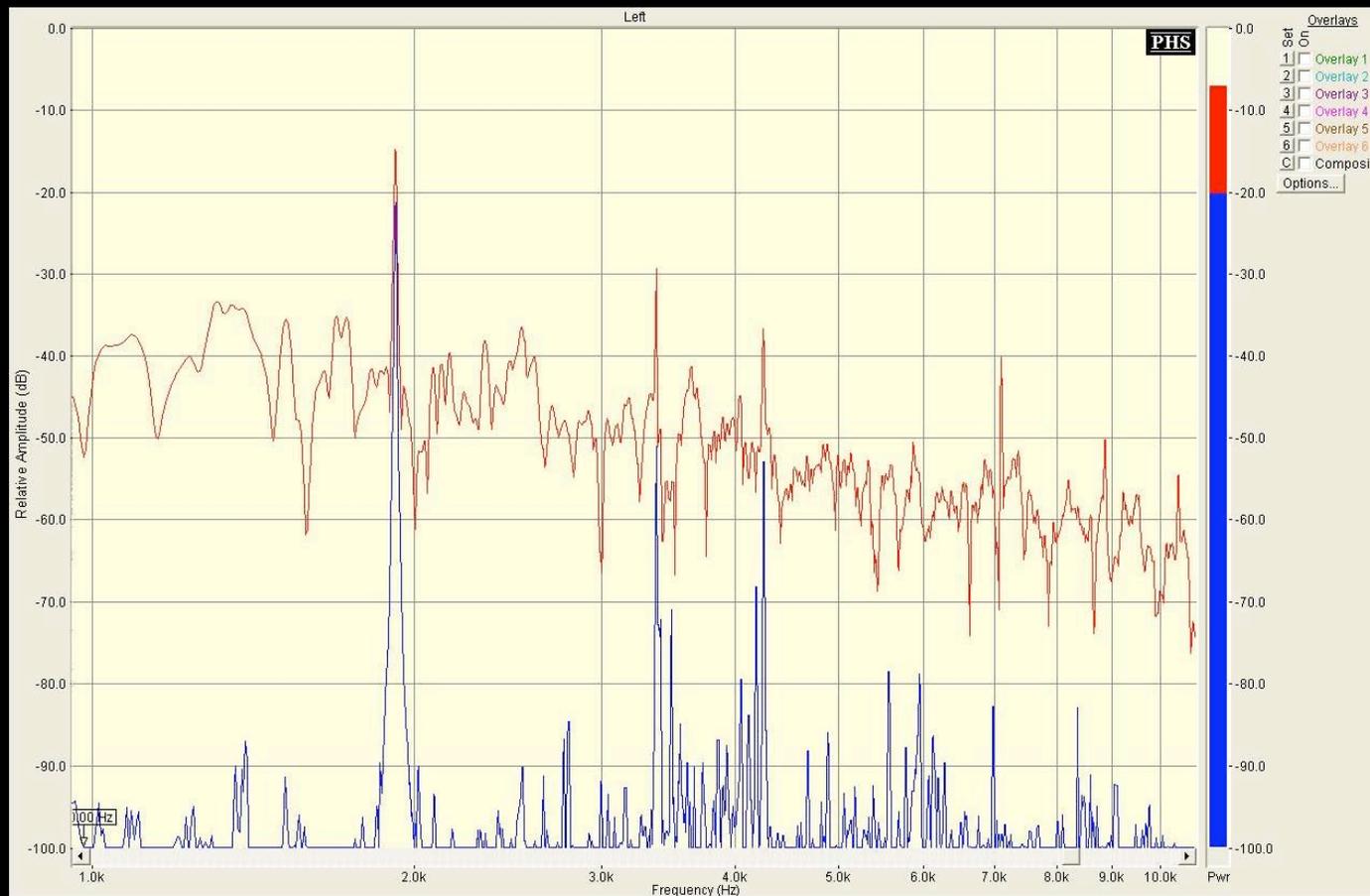
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## Harmonic Partial Matrix: HERTZ

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Wavespeed
10%	1921	2538	3369	4240	7083	<b>1691</b> m/s
18%	1966	3521	4309	5082	7470	<b>1754</b> m/s
31%	2162	3714	4762	6499	8047	<b>1818</b> m/s

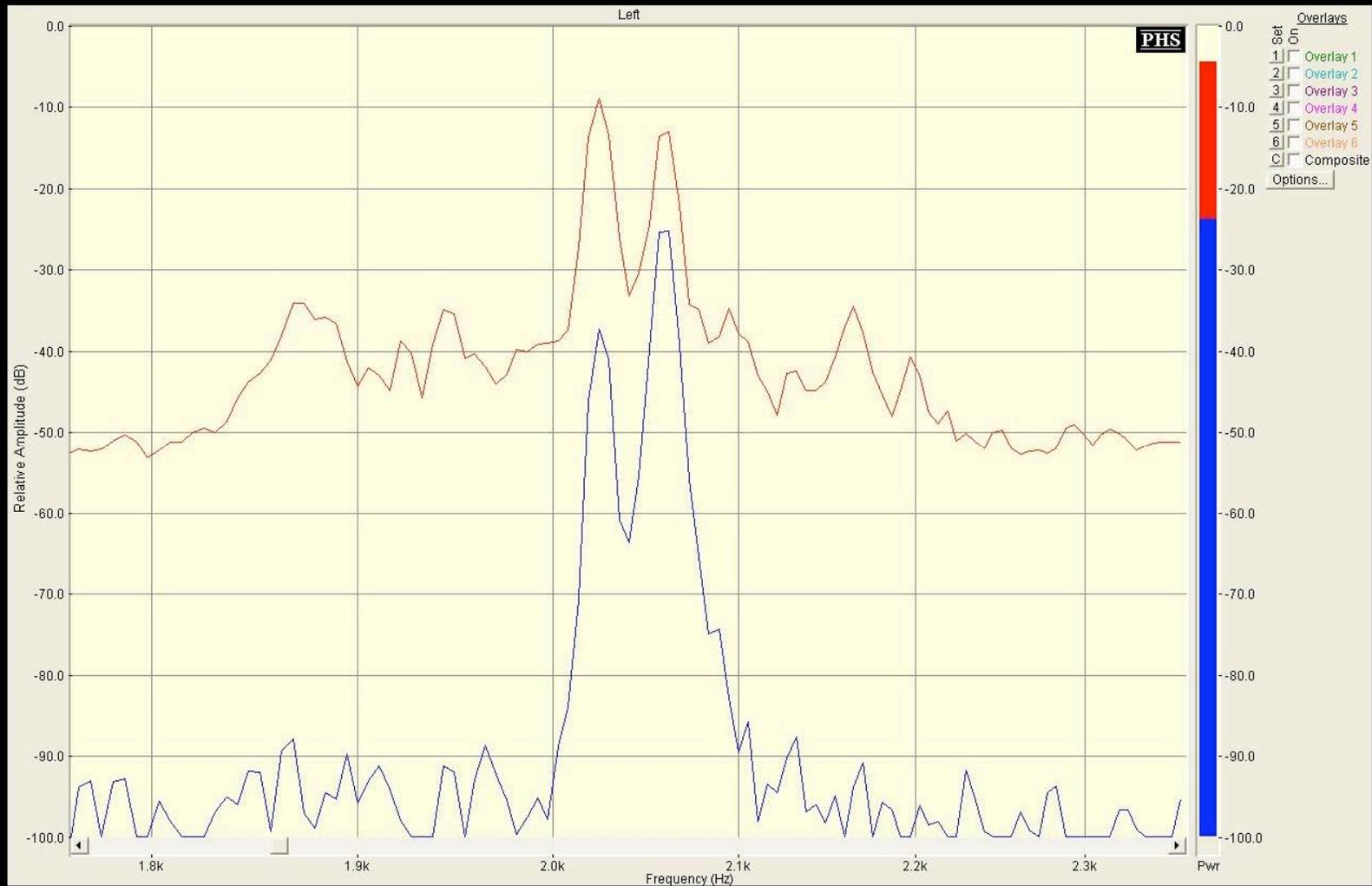
# 10% Sn

Harmonic Multiple Sequence: 1, 1.3, 1.7, 2.2, 3.7



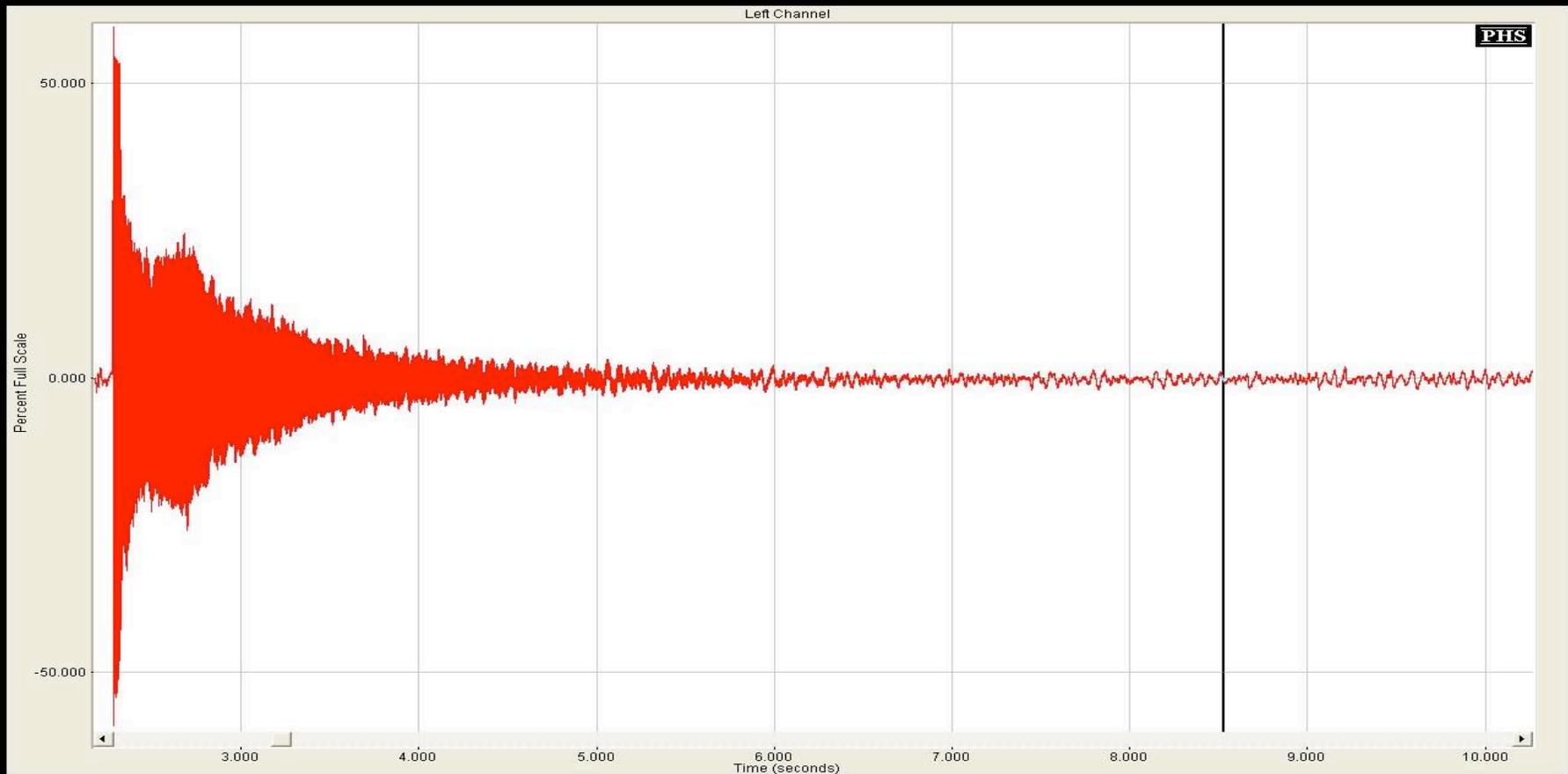
# 10% Sn

## Source of Dissonance: Inharmonic Degeneracy



# 10% Sn

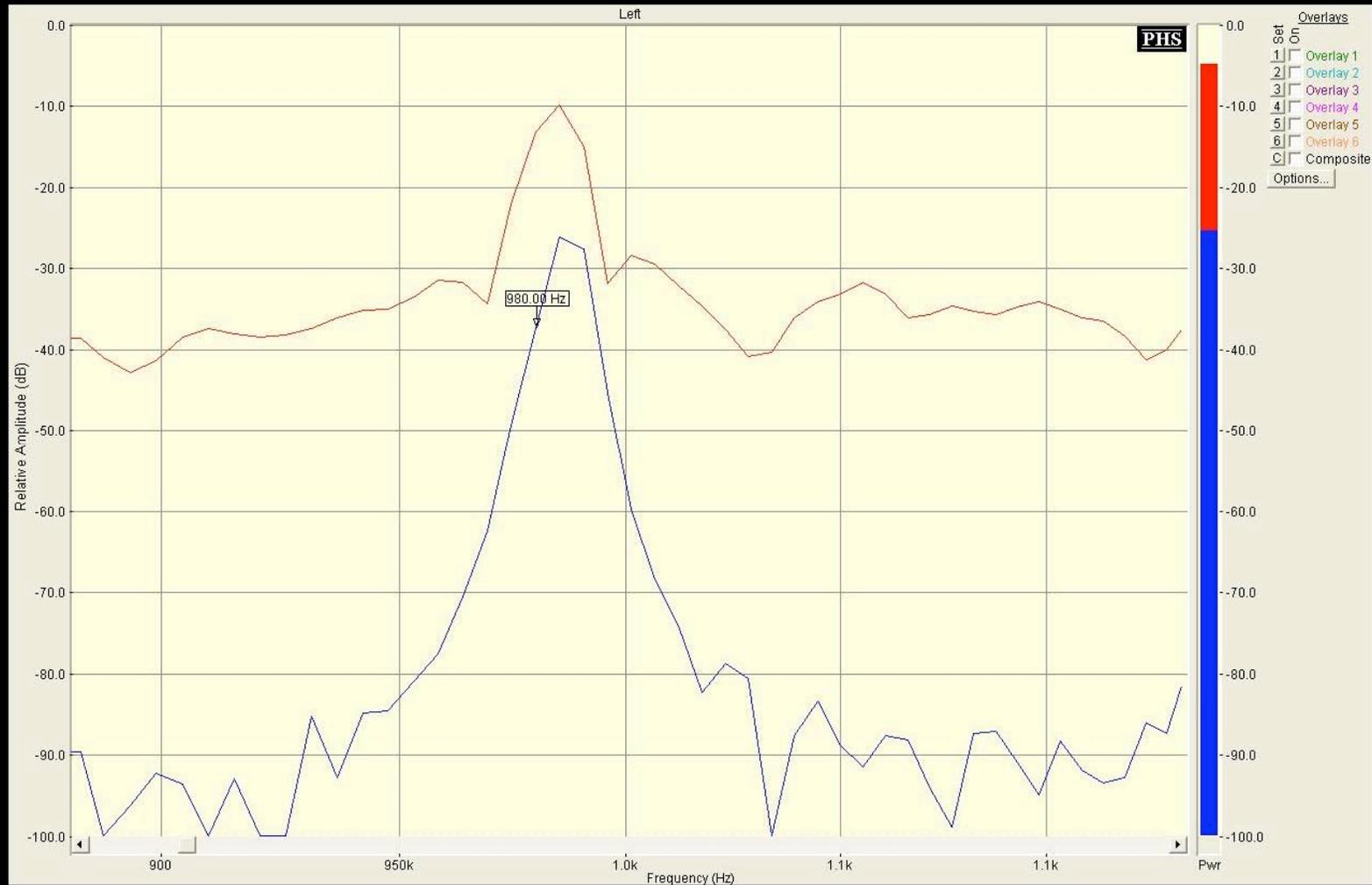
Minimal beat phenomenon apparent. Damped Harmonic Oscillator





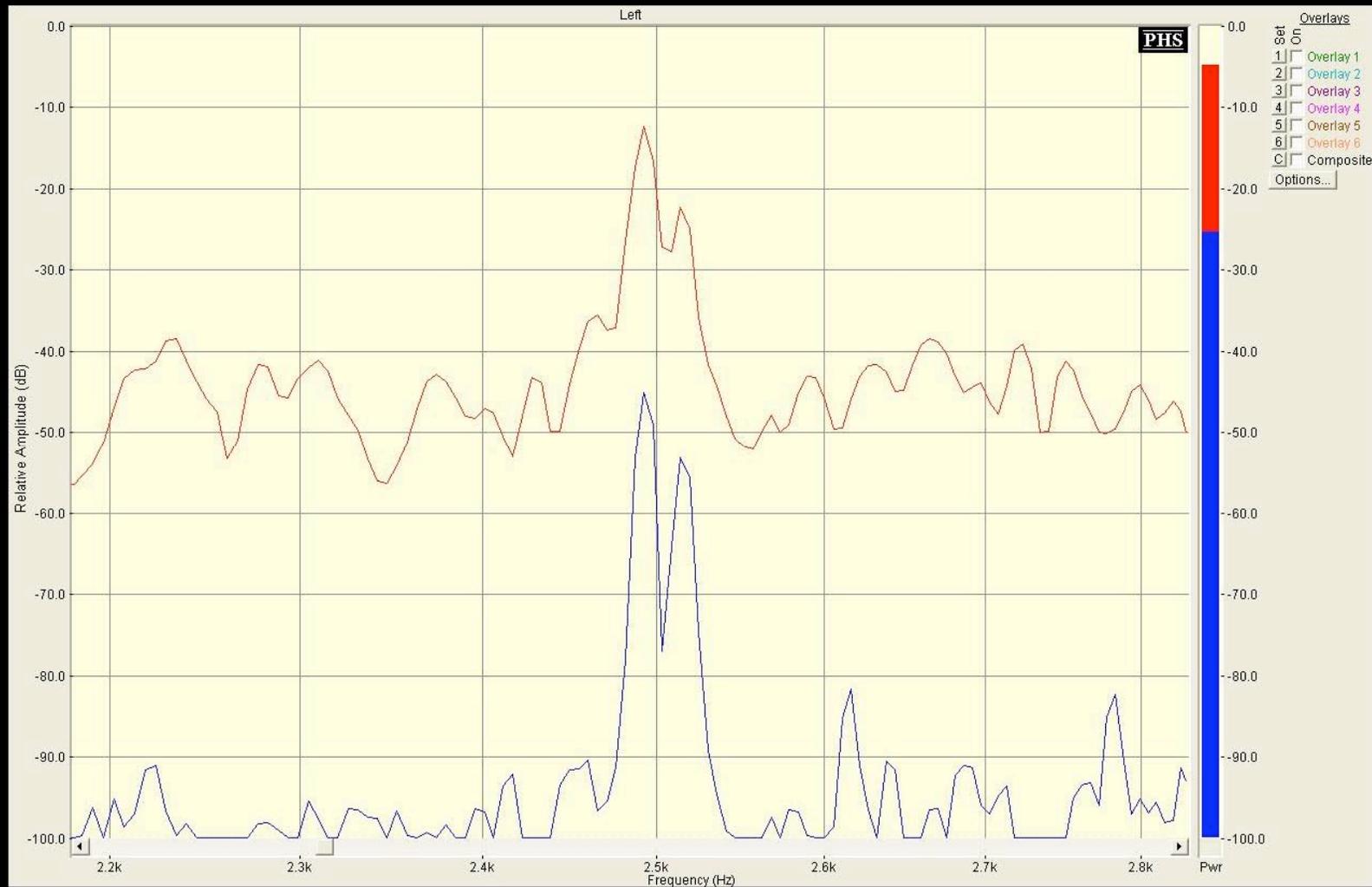
# 18% Sn

## Hum Tone - Beautiful



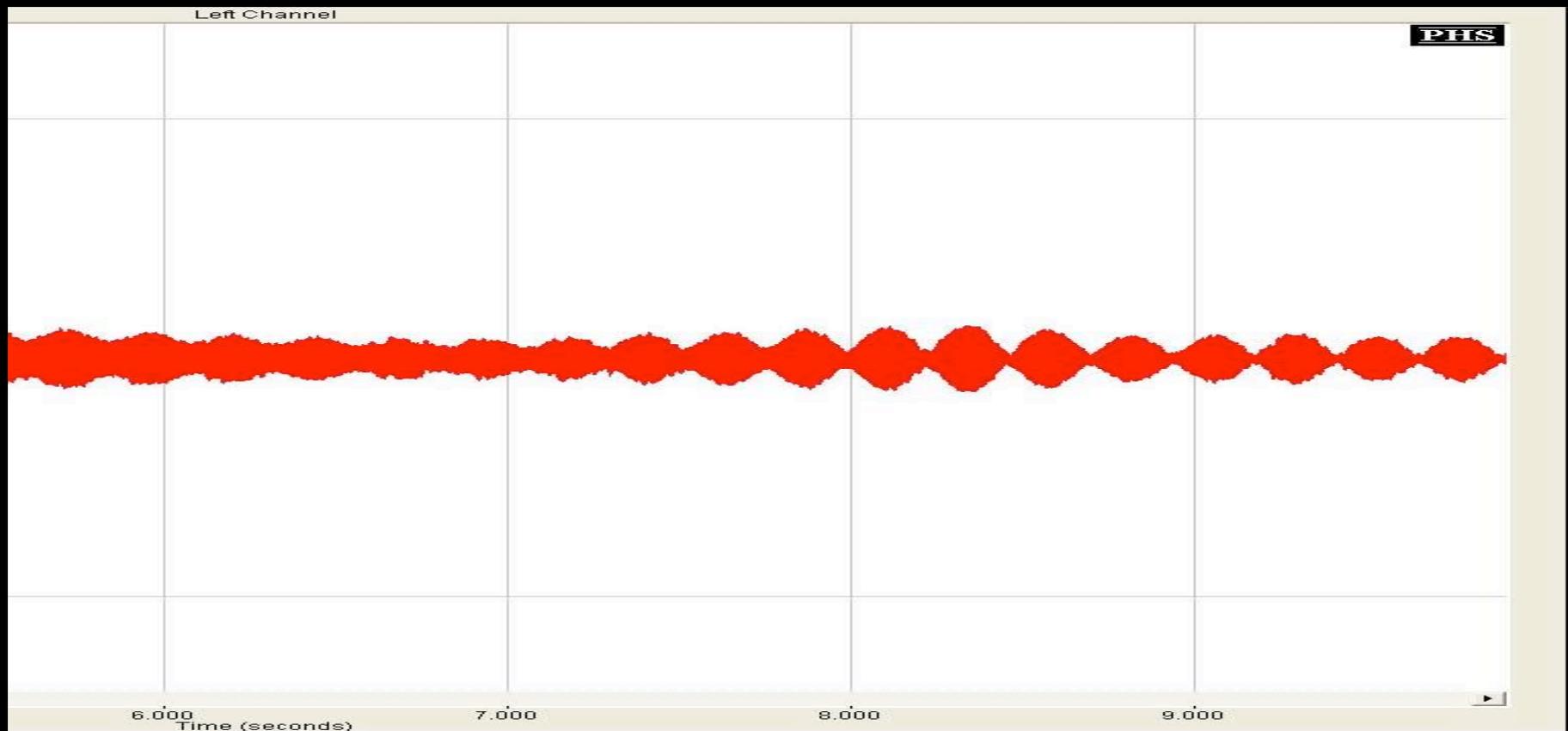
# 18% Sn

## BEAT PHENOMENON



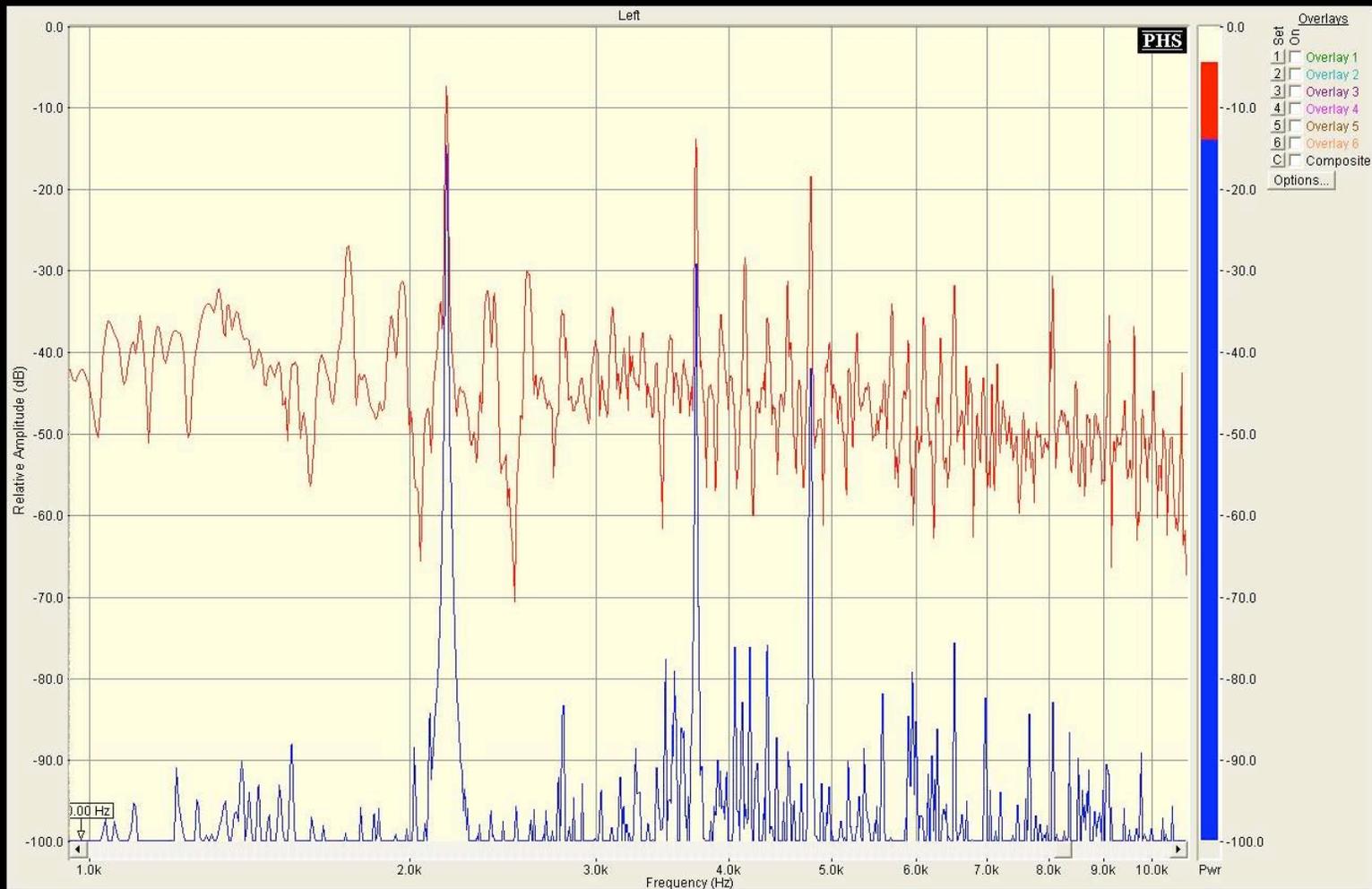
# 18% Sn - Wall Profile Inconsistency

$$\sin(2\pi f_1 t) + \sin(2\pi f_2 t) = 2 \cos\left(2\pi \frac{f_1 - f_2}{2} t\right) \sin\left(2\pi \frac{f_1 + f_2}{2} t\right)$$

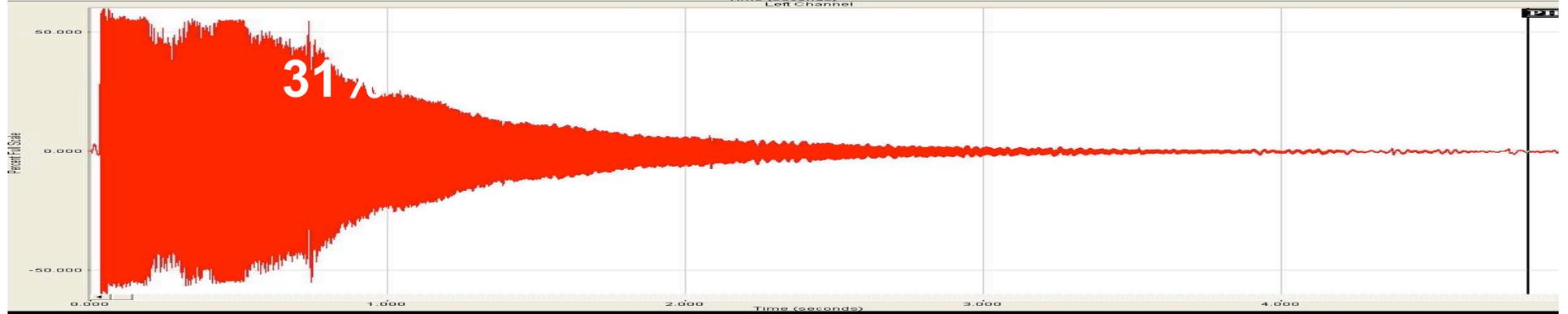
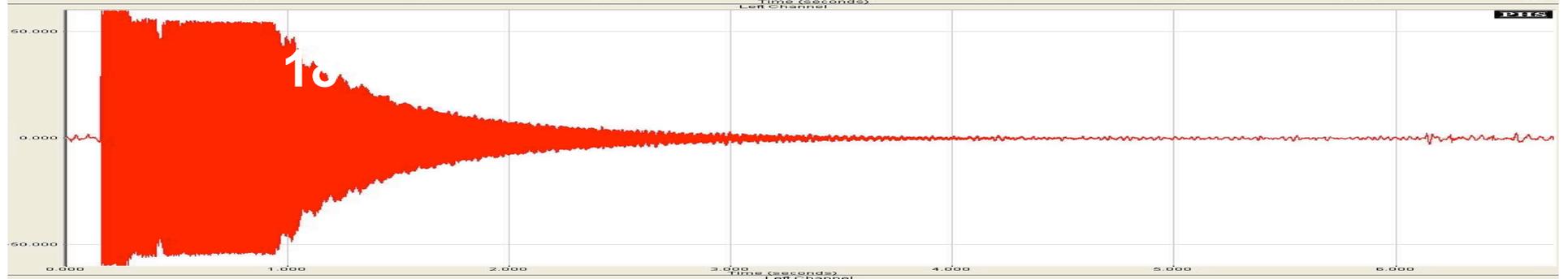
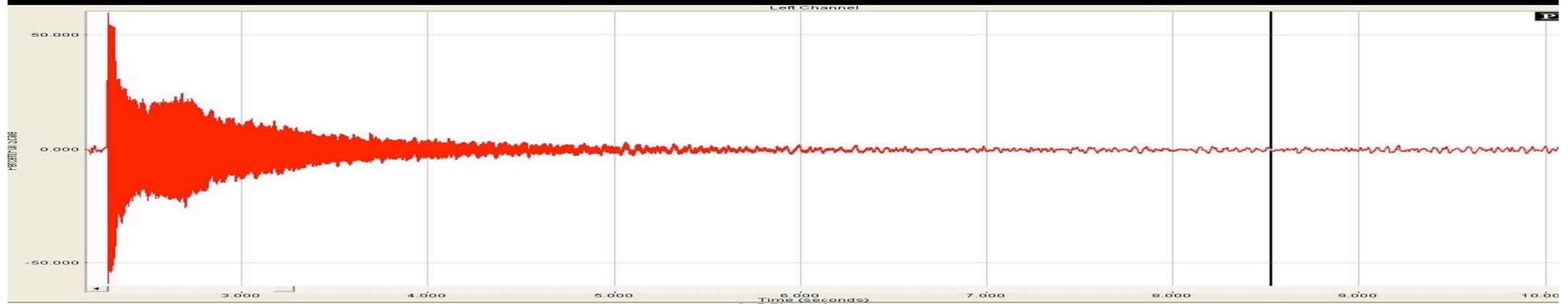


# 31% Sn

Harmonic Multiple Sequence: 1, 1.7, 2.2, 3, 3.7

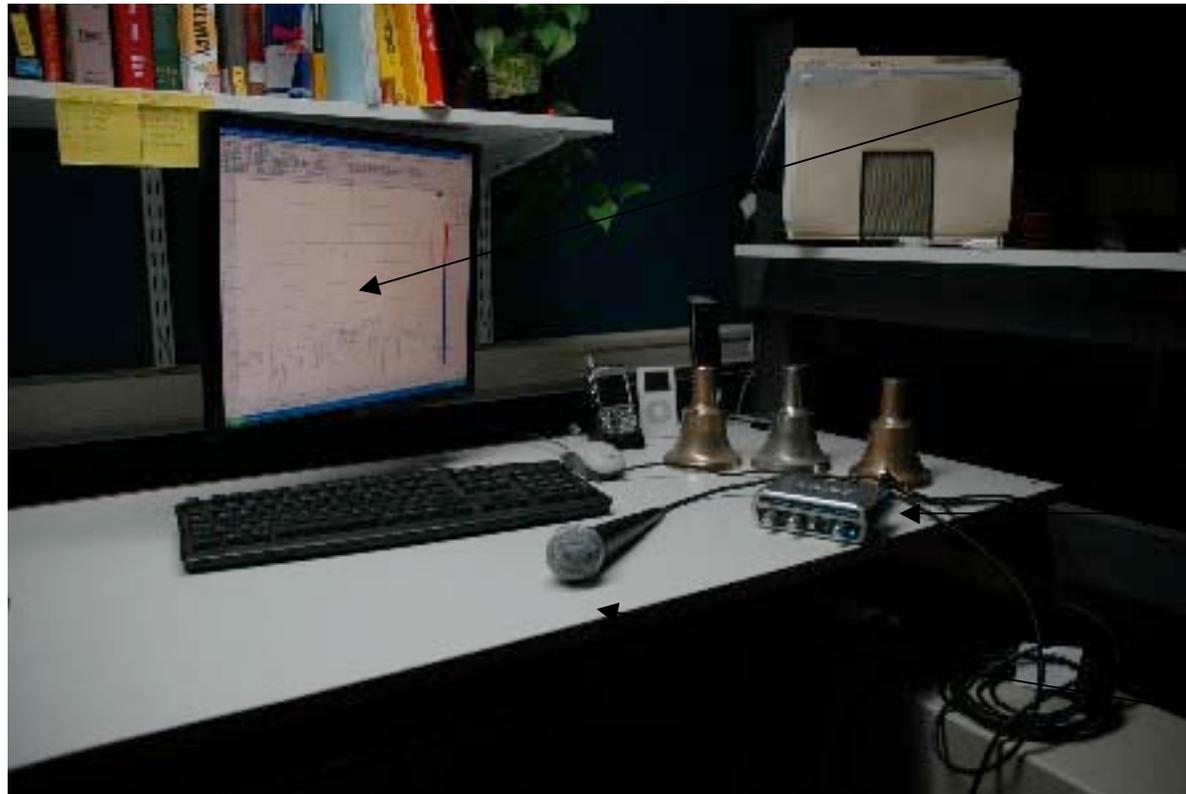


# Attenuation Comparison



# FFT Acquisition Setup

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Pioneer "Spectra Plus"

Audio USB Audio Interface

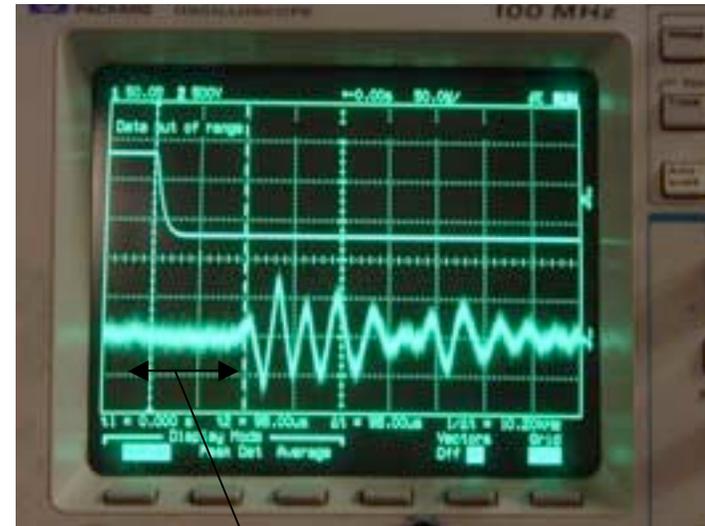
Beta-58 Microphone

# Setup - Wavespeed

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Piezoelectric transducers -  
Driver and Receiver



Phase lag for pulse reception

# Further Experimentation

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**Localized heating of upper waist** - Proven in experiment that annealing provides a lower young's modulus for all three alloys. Creates a more elastic connection to (hard) crown.

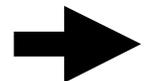
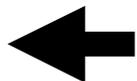
**Upper Waist**

This will decrease the bell's frequency, but increase its time for attenuation. Mass of sound bow does not need to be removed.

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