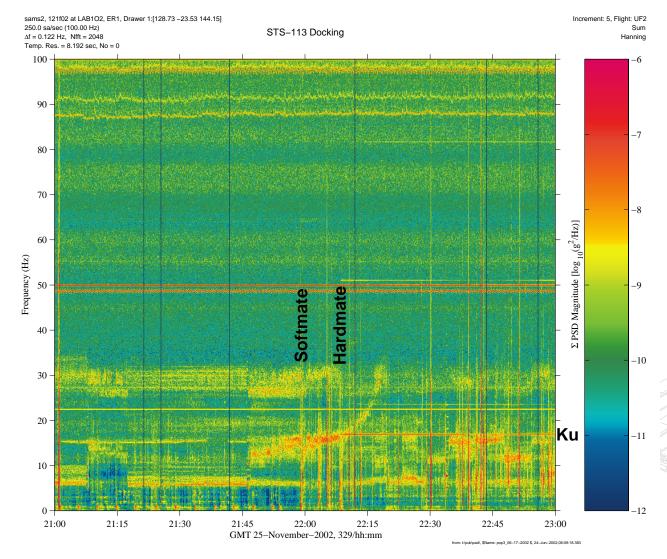
## **Shuttle Docking QUALIFY**







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Data Description		
Sensor	121f02 250.0 sa/sec (100.00 Hz)	
Location	LAB1O2, ER1, Drawer 1	
Inc/Flight	Increment: 5, Flight: UF2	
Plot Type	spectrogram	

## Notes:

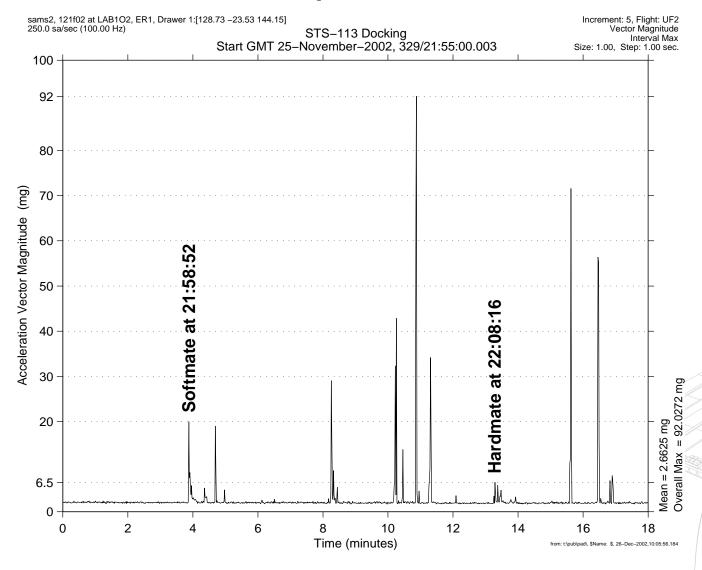
The Shuttle docks at the forward end of the US Lab to a Pressurized Mating Adapter (PMA-2). Initial contact is referred to as "softmate" even though its impact is typically greater in magnitude than the "hardmate" event. A typical Shuttle docking is as follows:

- (1) initial contact and capture (softmate)
- (2) pause several minutes to let relative motion between the two spacecraft damp out
- (3) drive latches to make solid mechanical connection (hardmate)

Upon completion of the hardmate, the two spacecraft effectively become one structure from a vibratory acceleration transmission perspective. This is usually evidenced by measurements made on the space station, which show the signature of the Shuttle's Ku-band antenna. This antenna is nearly continuously dithered at 17 Hz to prevent mechanical stiction and usually is accompanied by higher harmonics (most notably 34 and 51 Hz).

Regime:	Vibratory
Category:	Vehicle
Source:	Shuttle Docking

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Inc/Flight	Increment: 5, Flight: UF2	
Plot Type	interval max	

## Notes:

The 1-second interval max plot is annotated to show the STS-113 Shuttle docking sequence:

- (1) initial contact and capture at about the 4minute mark; softmate: 20 mg
- (2) pause about 10 minutes to allow the relative motion between the two spacecraft dampen out
- (3) drive latches to make solid mechanical connection; hardmate: 6.5 mg

This interval max plot also shows that other impulsive events can dwarf the primary docking impact events. In this case, a peak acceleration of about 92 mg took place between the softmate and hardmate events.

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