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Subject: Re: To measure or not to measure (and what good is it anyway?)

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Can absolute newcomers to DIY, with no experience in electronics, uneducated in acoustics- either formally nor self-taught, get too far ahead of themselves by considering testing their DIY speakers (bearing in mind the limitations presented in the article) or is it the next logical step? At this crossroads right now. Mr Parham's article assists thinking on the subject by returning to the basics of the scientific method; experimenter bias, cross-test reliability, does the test test what it intends to test, replicability, etc. Does measuring the room fall under similar auspices? Can a 'layman' use (e.g.) a RS SPL meter, external soundcard and PC to gain accurate enough information to be practically useable? Opinions seem to differ here.

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