

Underwater Acoustic Propagation Modeling Webinar Outline

or

“How to ask intelligent questions about acoustic modeling”

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I. Before you fly, you need to walk: Review of wavelength, frequency, the Fourier transform, and other basic acoustic concepts.

II. Simple does not always mean bad: Basic analytic models

- Spherical spreading model.
- Introduction to dB notation and transmission loss.
- Combined spherical/cylindrical spreading.
- “Practical spreading” and power laws.

III. Turning down the volume: Water attenuation

- How and why it is frequency dependent?

IV. Mud is the key to propagation: Bottom attenuation and reflection coefficient.

V. Returning to analytic models: Damped cylindrical spreading model (DCSM).

VI. Garbage in, Garbage out: What information do you need for more detailed models, and how do you get it?

- Water and source depth
- Bathymetric profiles
- Bottom composition
- Sound speed profile, including ducting conditions.
- Surface roughness/ice cover.

VII. How to sound intelligent when interviewing a modeler: Choosing a more complex propagation model

- Ray tracing
- Normal mode
- Parabolic Equation
- What circumstances are best for each model?
- What is the difference between “N x2D” and “3D”?

VIII: Beyond spherical cows: more advanced source modeling in space and time

- Omnidirectional sources
- Directional sources
- Distributed sources
- Examples of source models for seismic airgun arrays.

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