

# 1 Introduction to Sonar

## History of Sonar

“If you cause your ship to stop, and place the head of a long tube in the water and place the outer extremity to your ear you will hear ships at a great distance from you”

— Leonardo da Vinci, 1490.

1. “...ship to stop” → reduce self-noise
2. “...tube in water” → transducer
3. “...to your ear” → receiver
4. “...will hear ships” → detection
5. “...at a great distance” → low attenuation

1687 Issac Newton: first theoretical prediction of sound speed

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \approx \frac{1}{c^2}$$

1847 Culladon and Sturm:

- first accurate measurement of speed of sound in water
- light flash/underwater bell

1900 Submarine Signal Company: first commercial application.

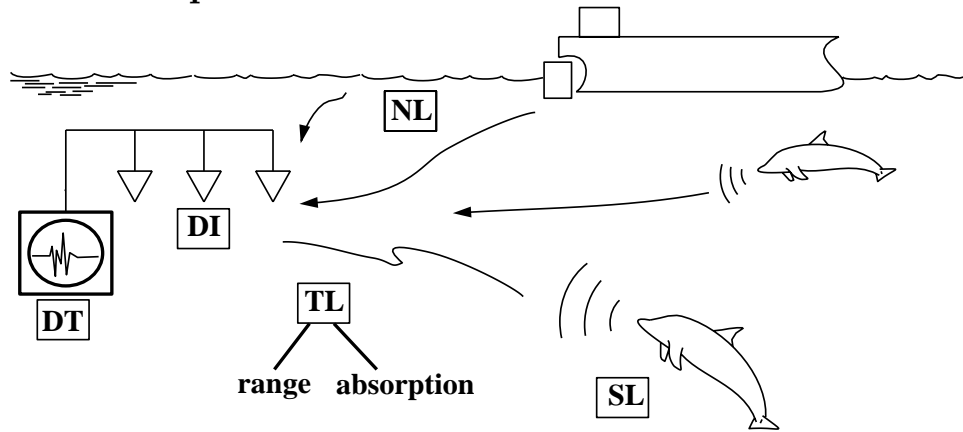
- range from ship to lighthouse
- simultaneous sounding of underwater bell and foghorn

1914 Fessendon: first active sonar system (detect iceberg 2 miles)

World War I: experiments.

- passive sonar operational equipment
- active sonar experiments

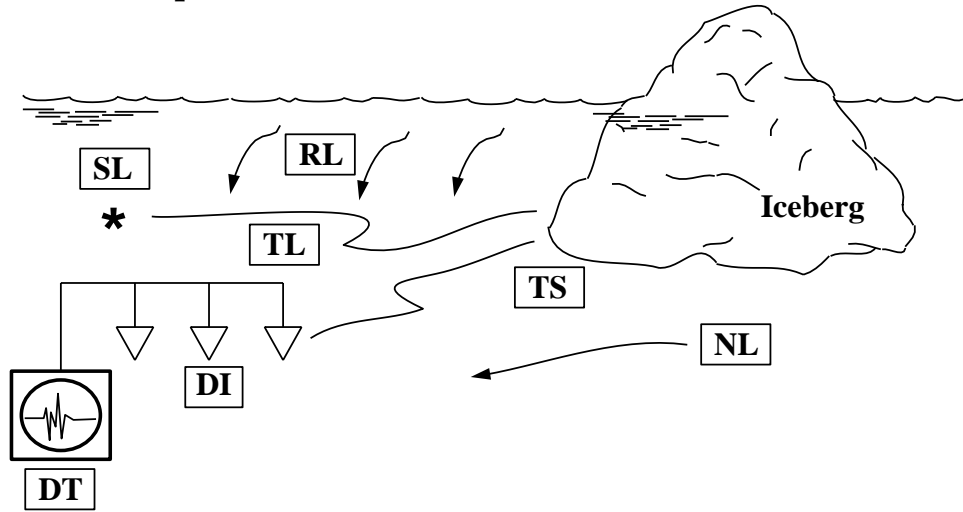
## Passive Sonar Equation



$$SL - TL - (NL - DI) = DT$$

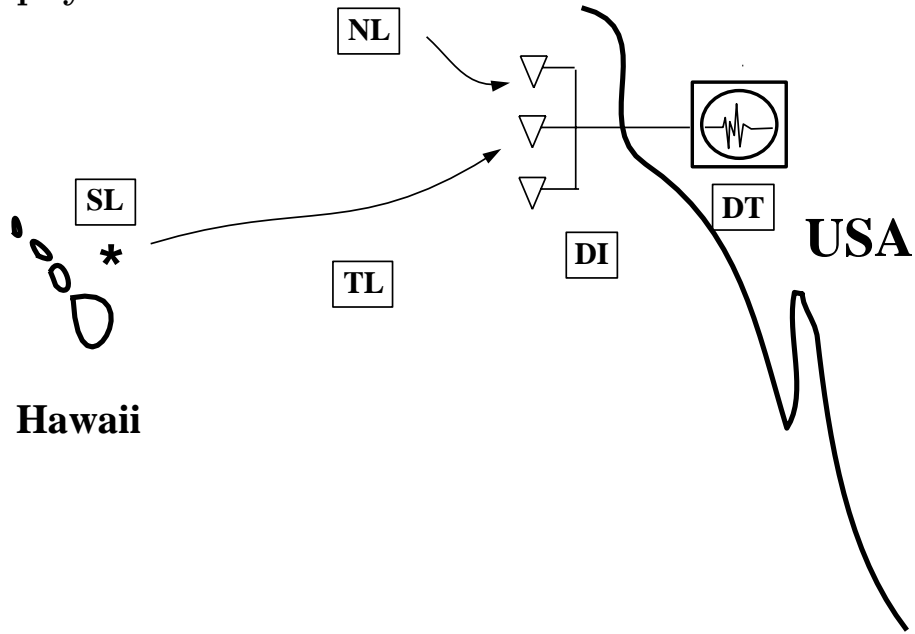
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## Active Sonar Equation



$$SL - 2TL + TS - \left( \begin{matrix} NL \\ RL \end{matrix} - DI \right) = DT$$

## Tomography



$$SL - TL - (NL - DI) = DT$$

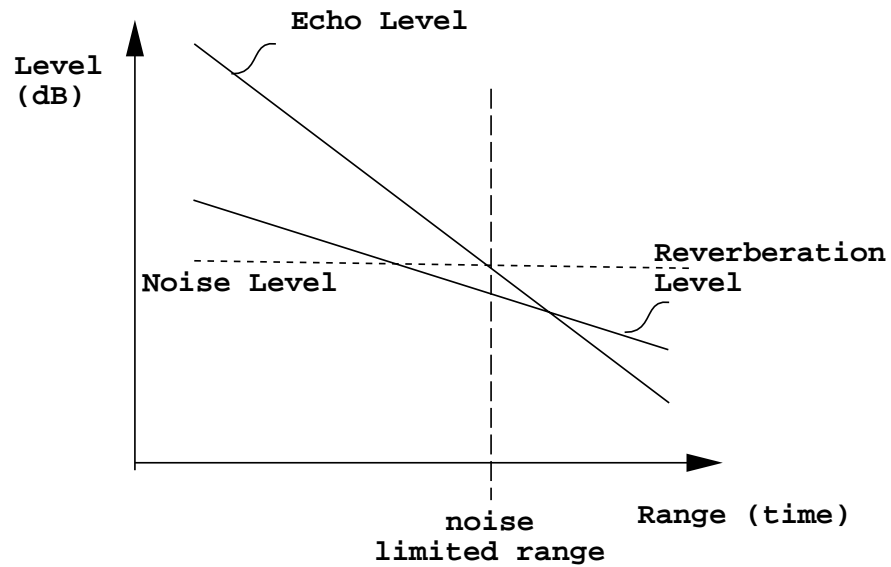
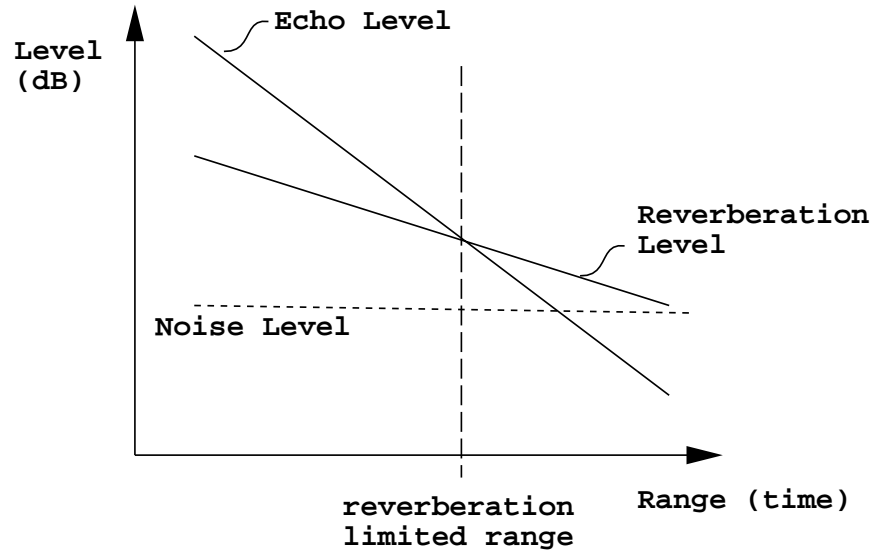
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Parameter definitions:

- SL = Source Level
- TL = Transmission Loss
- NL = Noise Level
- DI = Directivity Index
- RL = Reverberation Level
- TS = Target Strength
- DT = Detection Threshold

## Reverberation vs. Noise-limited Range

- Active Sonar
- Range independent noise vs. range dependent reverberation
- Define *Echo Level*:  $EL = SL - 2TL + TS$



**Definition of sound intensity**

dB = decibel (after Alexander Graham Bell)

For acoustics:

$$\text{dB} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{I}{I_{\text{ref}}}$$

## 2 Arrays

### Summary of array formulas

#### Source Level

- $SL = 10 \log \frac{I}{I_{ref}} = 10 \log \frac{p^2}{p_{ref}^2}$  (general)
- $SL = 171 + 10 \log \mathcal{P}$  (omni)
- $SL = 171 + 10 \log \mathcal{P} + DI$  (directional)

#### Directivity Index

- $DI = 10 \log(\frac{I_D}{I_O})$  (general)

$I_D$  = directional intensity (measured at center of beam)

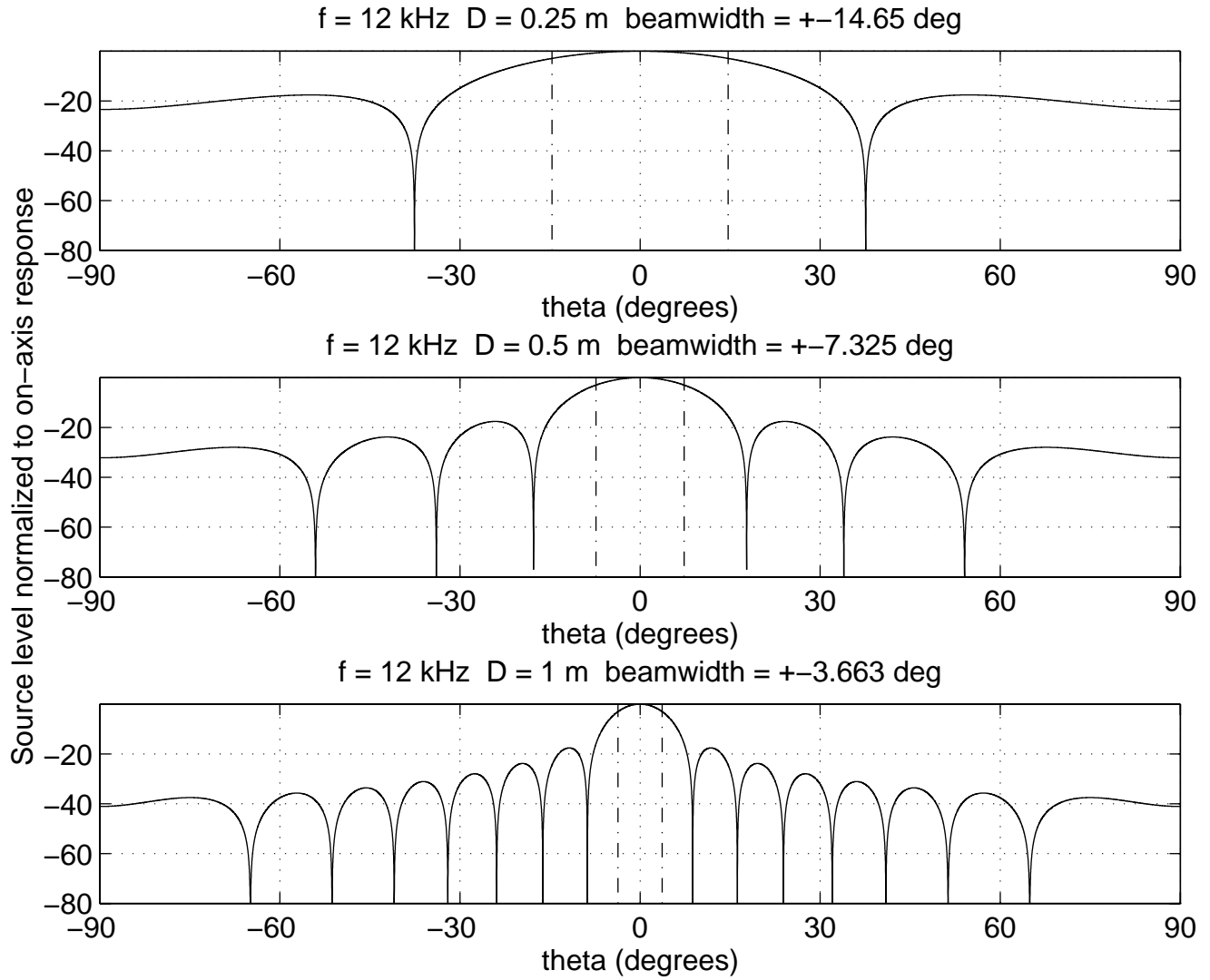
$I_O$  = omnidirectional intensity

(same source power radiated equally in all directions)

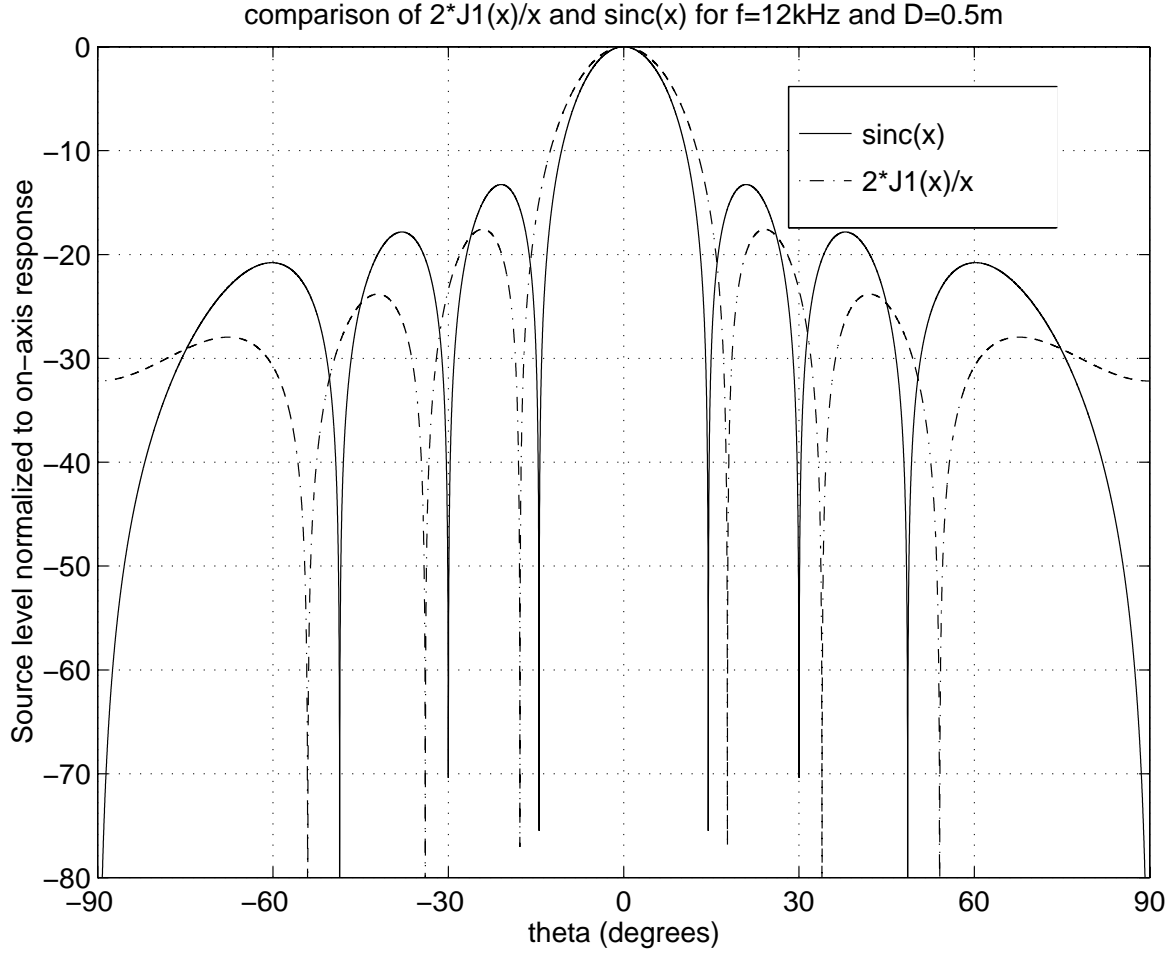
- $DI = 10 \log(\frac{2L}{\lambda})$  (line array)
- $DI = 10 \log((\frac{\pi D}{\lambda})^2) = 20 \log(\frac{\pi D}{\lambda})$  (disc array)
- $DI = 10 \log(\frac{4\pi L_x L_y}{\lambda^2})$  (rect. array)

#### 3-dB Beamwidth $\theta_{3dB}$

- $\theta_{3dB} = \pm \frac{25.3\lambda}{L}$  deg. (line array)
- $\theta_{3dB} = \pm \frac{29.5\lambda}{D}$  deg. (disc array)
- $\theta_{3dB} = \pm \frac{25.3\lambda}{L_x}, \pm \frac{25.3\lambda}{L_y}$  deg. (rect. array)



This figure shows the beam pattern for a circular transducer for  $D/\lambda$  equal to 2, 4, and 8. Note that the beampattern gets narrower as the diameter is increased.



This figure compares the response of a line array and a circular disc transducer. For the line array, the beam pattern is:

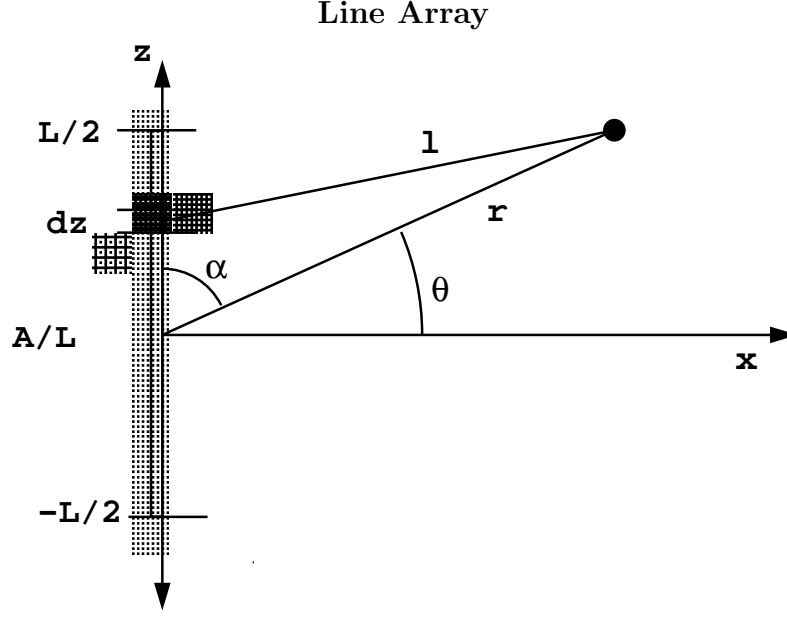
$$b(\theta) = \left[ \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}kL \sin \theta)}{\frac{1}{2}kL \sin \theta} \right]^2$$

whereas for the disc array, the beam pattern is

$$b(\theta) = \left[ \frac{2J_1(\frac{1}{2}kD \sin \theta)}{\frac{1}{2}kD \sin \theta} \right]^2$$

where  $J_1(x)$  is the Bessel function of the first kind. For the line array, the height of the first side-lobe is 13 dB less than the peak of the main lobe. For the disc, the height of the first side-lobe is 17 dB less than the peak of the main lobe.





### Problem geometry

Our goal is to compute the acoustic field at the point  $(r, \theta)$  in the *far field* of a uniform line array of intensity  $A/L$ . First, let's find an expression for  $l$  in terms of  $r$  and  $\theta$ . From the law of cosines, we can write:

$$l^2 = r^2 + z^2 - 2rz \cos \alpha.$$

If we factor out  $r^2$  from the left hand side, and substitute  $\sin \theta$  for  $\cos \alpha$ , we get:

$$l^2 = r^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{2z}{r} \sin \theta + \frac{z^2}{r^2} \right]$$

and take the square root of each side we get:

$$l = r \left[ 1 - \frac{2z}{r} \sin \theta + \frac{z^2}{r^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

We can simplify the square root making use of the fact:

$$(1 + x)^p = 1 + px + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

and keeping only the first term for  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ :

$$(1 + x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cong 1 + \frac{1}{2}x$$

Applying this to the above expression yields:

$$l \cong r \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{2z}{r} \sin \theta + \frac{z^2}{r^2} \right) \right]$$

Finally, making the assuming that  $z \ll r$ , we can drop the term  $\frac{z^2}{r^2}$  to get

$$l \cong r - z \sin \theta$$

### Field calculation

For an element of length  $dz$  at position  $z$ , the amplitude at the field position  $(r, \theta)$  is:

$$dp = \frac{A}{L} \frac{1}{l} e^{-i(kl - \omega t)} dz$$

We obtain the total pressure at the field point  $(r, \theta)$  due to the line array by integrating:

$$p = \frac{A}{L} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \frac{1}{l} e^{-i(kl - \omega t)} dz$$

but  $l \cong r - z \sin \theta$ , so we can write:

$$p = \frac{A}{L} e^{-i(kr - \omega t)} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} \frac{1}{r - z \sin \theta} e^{ikz \sin \theta} dz$$

Since we are assuming we are in the far field,  $r \gg z \sin \theta$ , so we can replace  $\frac{1}{r - z \sin \theta}$  with  $\frac{1}{r}$  and move it outside the integral:

$$p = \frac{A}{rL} e^{-i(kr - \omega t)} \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} e^{ikz \sin \theta} dz$$

Next, we evaluate the integral:

$$p = \frac{A}{rL} e^{-i(kr - \omega t)} \left[ \frac{e^{ikz \sin \theta}}{ik \sin \theta} \right]_{-L/2}^{L/2}$$

$$p = \frac{A}{rL} e^{-i(kr - \omega t)} \left[ \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}ikL \sin \theta} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}ikL \sin \theta}}{ik \sin \theta} \right]$$

Next move the term  $\frac{1}{L}$  into the square brackets:

$$p = \frac{A}{r} e^{-i(kr - \omega t)} \left[ \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}ikL \sin \theta} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}ikL \sin \theta}}{ikL \sin \theta} \right]$$

and, using the fact that  $\sin(x) = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$ , we can write:

$$p = \frac{A}{r} e^{-i(kr - \omega t)} \left[ \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}kL \sin \theta)}{\frac{1}{2}kL \sin \theta} \right]$$

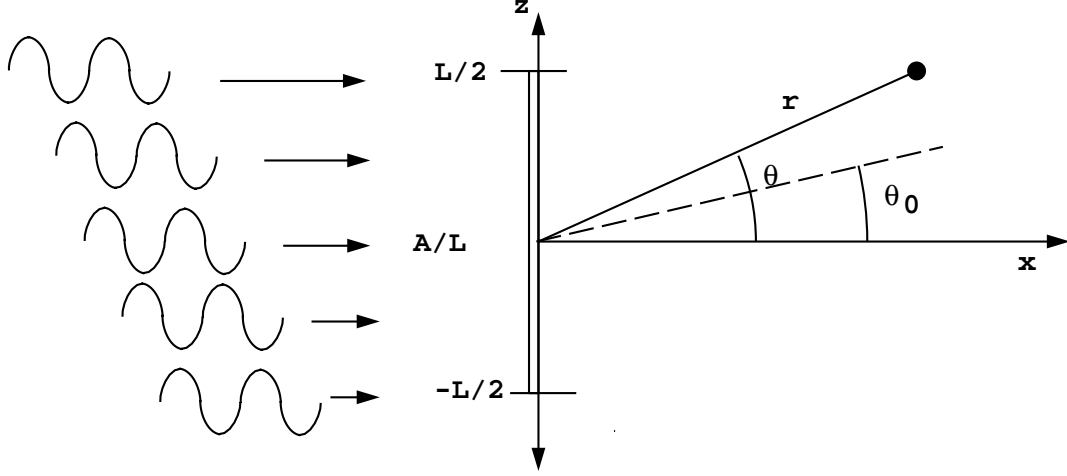
which is the pressure at  $(r, \theta)$  due to the line array. The square of the term in brackets is defined as the *beam pattern*  $b(\theta)$  of the array:

$$b(\theta) = \left[ \frac{\sin(\frac{1}{2}kL \sin \theta)}{\frac{1}{2}kL \sin \theta} \right]^2$$

### Steered Line Array

Recall importance of phase:

- Spatial phase:  $kz \sin \theta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} z \sin \theta$
- Temporal phase:  $\omega t = \frac{2\pi}{T}$  ;  $T = \frac{1}{f}$



$k \sin \theta$  = vertical wavenumber

$k \sin \theta_0$  = vertical wavenumber reference

To make a steered line array, we apply a linear phase shift  $-zk \sin \theta_0$  to the excitation of the array:

$$dp = \frac{A/L}{r} e^{iz(k \sin \theta - k \sin \theta_0)} e^{i\omega t} dz \quad (1)$$

We can write

$$zk \sin \theta_0 = \omega z \frac{\sin \theta_0}{c}$$

$$zk \sin \theta_0 = \omega T_0(z) ; T_0(z) = \frac{z \sin \theta_0}{c}$$

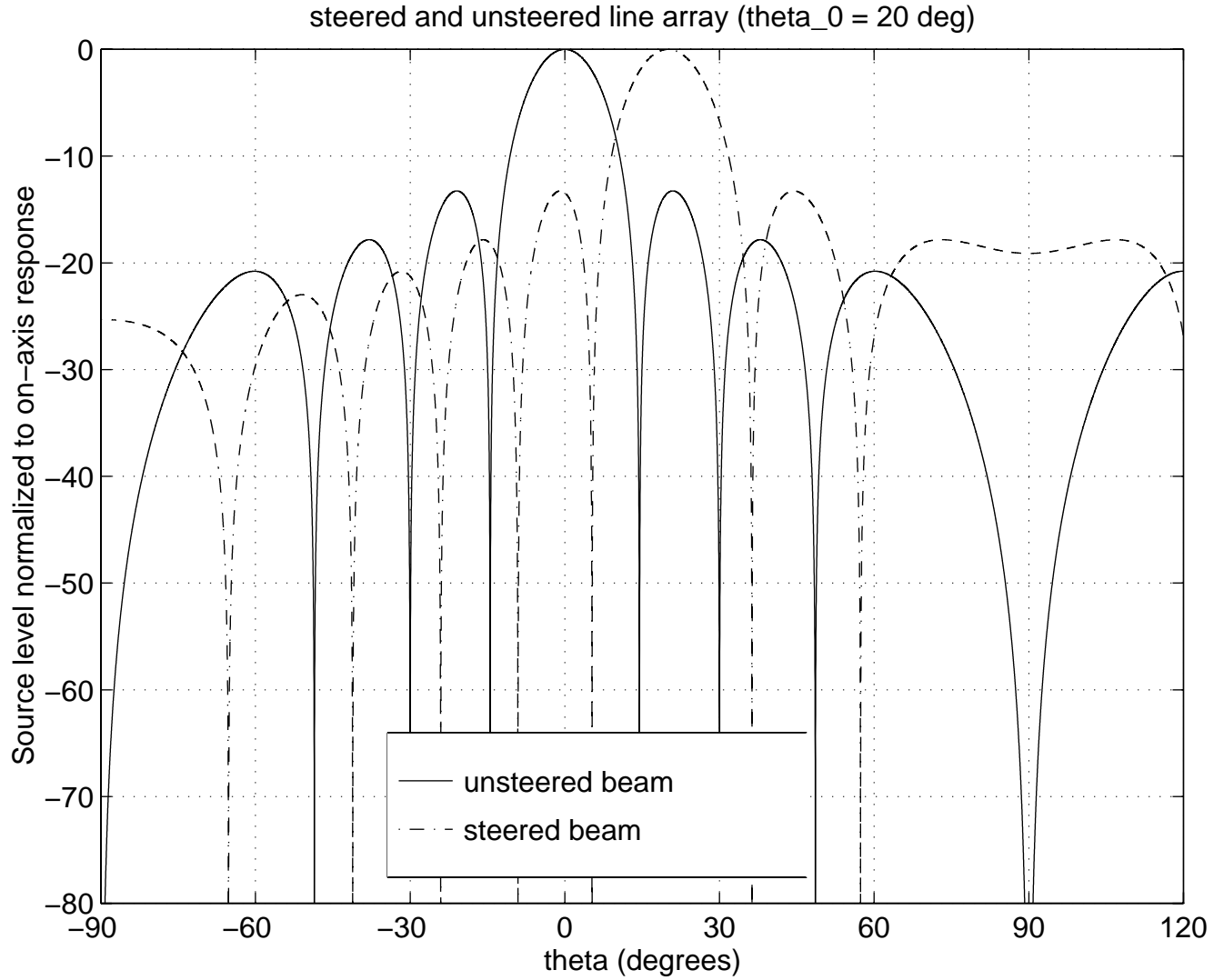
The phase term is equivalent to a *time delay*  $T_0(z)$  that varies with position along the line array. We can re-write the phase term as follows.

$$e^{iz(k \sin \theta - k \sin \theta_0)} e^{i\omega t} = e^{ikz \sin \theta} e^{-i\omega(t + T_0(z))}$$

integrating Equation 1 yields:

$$p = \frac{A}{r} e^{-i(kr - \omega t)} \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{kL}{2} [\sin \theta - \sin \theta_0]\right)}{\left(\frac{kL}{2} [\sin \theta - \sin \theta_0]\right)} \right]$$

The resulting beam pattern is a shifted version of the beampattern of the unsteered line array. The center of the main lobe of the response occurs at  $\theta = \theta_0$  instead of  $\theta = 0$ .

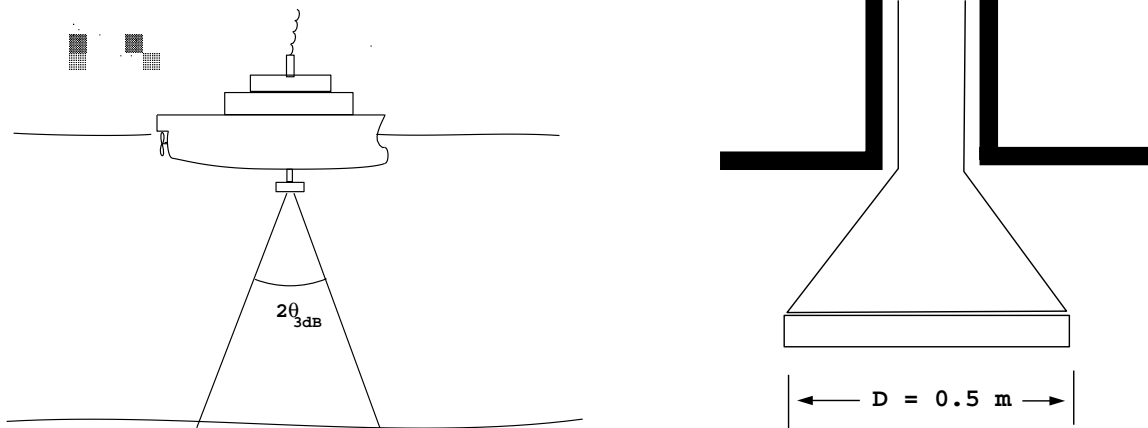


This plot shows the steered line array beam pattern

$$b(\theta) = \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{kL}{2}[\sin \theta - \sin \theta_0]\right)}{\left(\frac{kL}{2}[\sin \theta - \sin \theta_0]\right)} \right]^2$$

for  $\theta_0 = 0$  and  $\theta_0 = 20$  degrees.

### Example 1: Acoustic Bathymetry



Given:

- $f = 12 \text{ kHz}$
- Baffled disc transducer
- $D = 0.5 \text{ m}$
- Acoustic power  $\mathcal{P} = 2.4 \text{ W}$

Compute:

- $\lambda = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $\text{DI} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $\text{SL} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $\theta_{3\text{dB}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Spatial resolution,  $\epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon &= 2d \tan \theta_{3\text{dB}} \\ &= d \cdot \underline{\hspace{2cm}}\end{aligned}$$

Depth resolution,  $\delta$

$$T_F = \frac{2d}{c} \text{ (earliest arrival time)}$$

$$T_L = \frac{2r}{c} \text{ (latest arrival time)}$$

$$\delta = (T_L - T_F) \cdot c/2$$

$$= d \left( \frac{1}{\cos \theta_{3\text{dB}}} - 1 \right)$$

$$= d \cdot \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

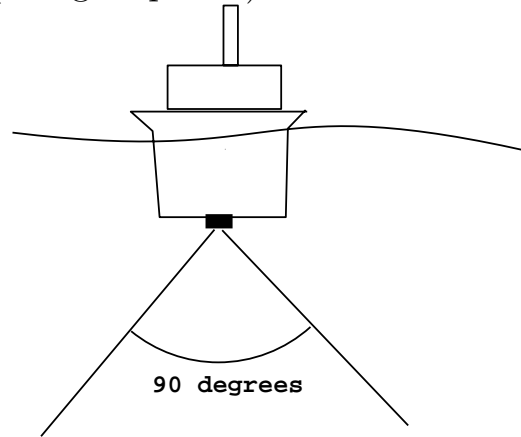
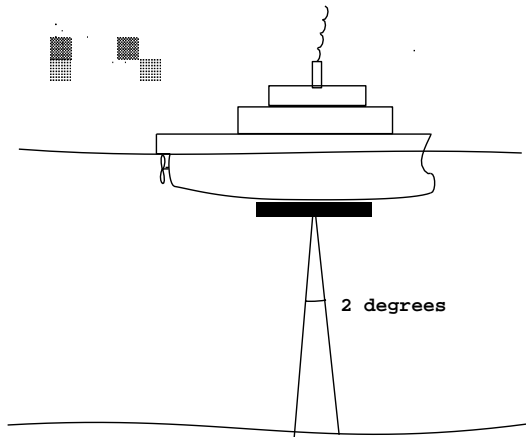
For  $d = 2 \text{ km}$

$$\epsilon = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

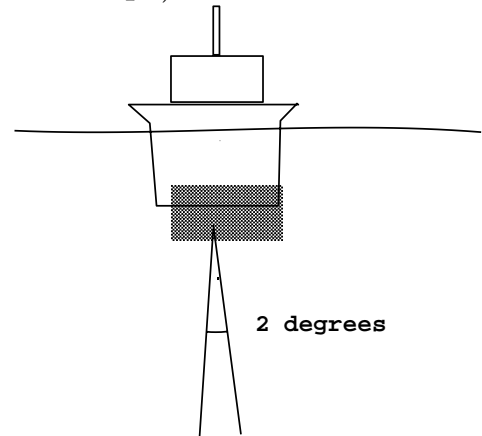
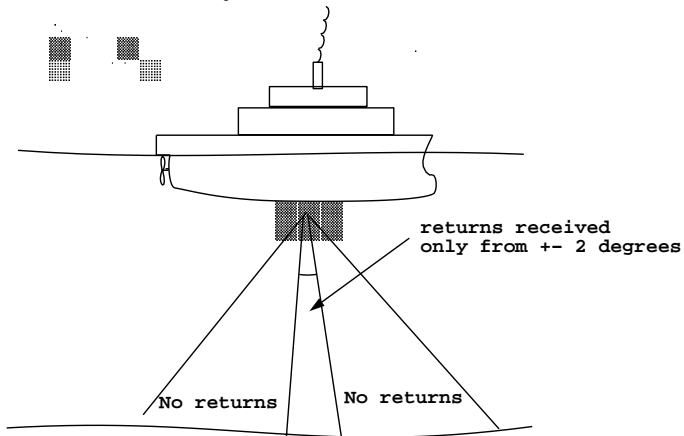
$$\delta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

## Example 2: SeaBeam Swath Bathymetry

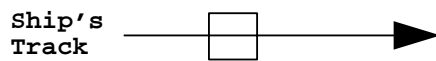
Transmit: 5 meter unsteered line array (along ship axis)



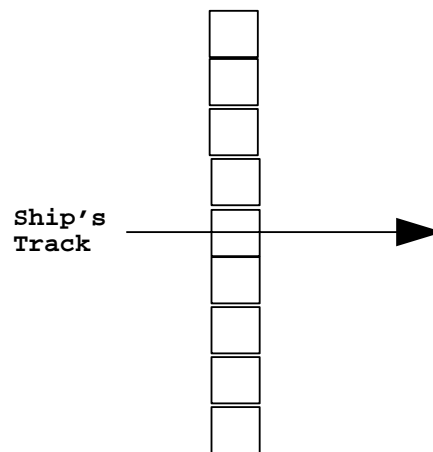
Receive array: 5 meter **steered** line array (athwartships)



Net beam (plan view)



One beam,  
2 by 2 degrees  
(without steering)



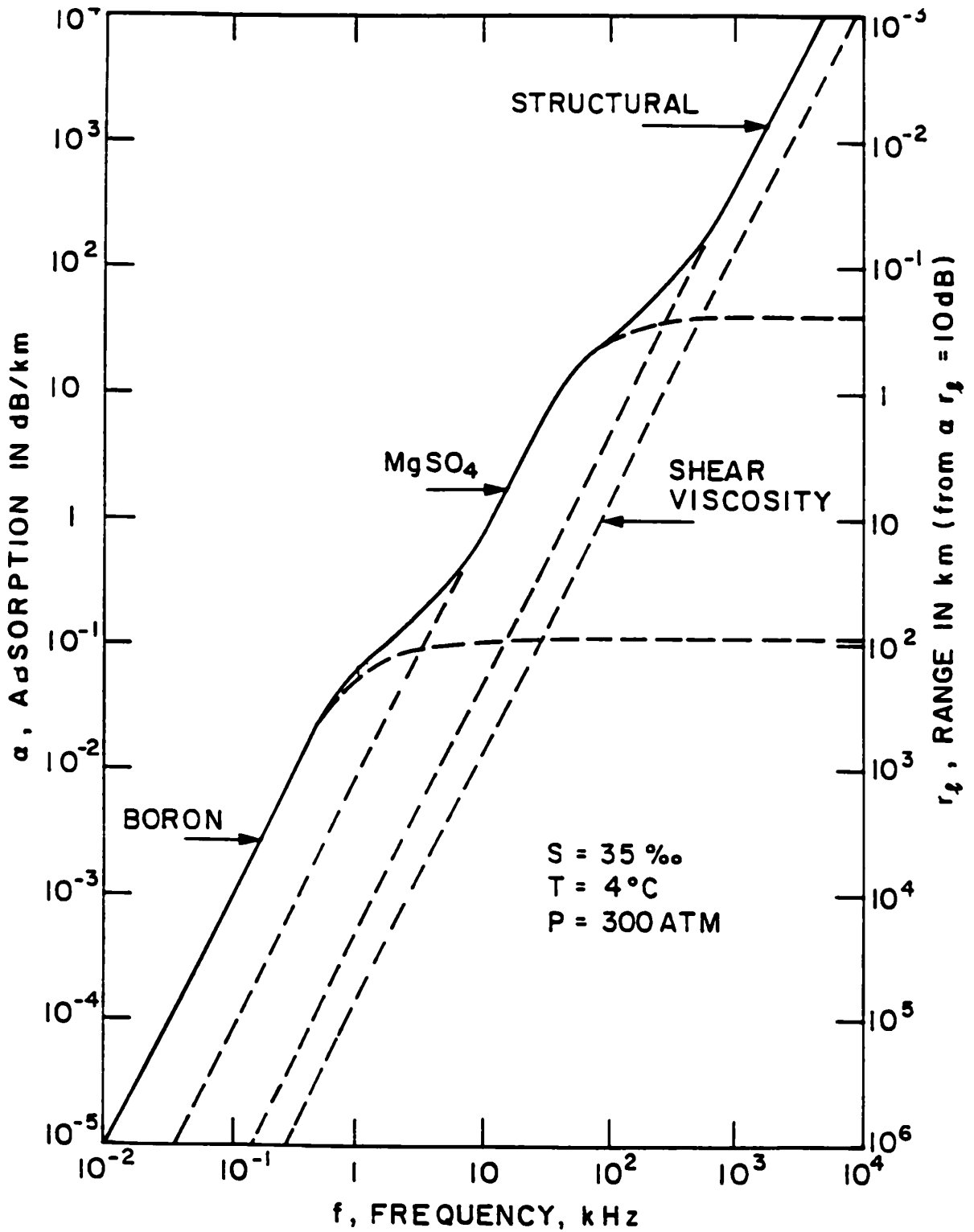
100 beams, 2 by 2 degrees  
(with steering)

### 3 Propagation Part I: spreading and absorption

Table of values for absorption coefficient ( $\alpha$ )

13.00 Fall, 1999 Acoustics: Table of attenuation coefficients

frequency [Hz]	alpha [dB/km]	frequency [Hz]	alpha [dB/km]
1	0.003	50000	15.9
10	0.003	60000	19.8
100	0.004	70000	23.2
200	0.007	80000	26.2
300	0.012	90000	28.9
400	0.018	100000 (100 kHz)	31.2
500	0.026	200000	47.4
600	0.033	300000	63.1
700	0.041	400000	83.1
800	0.048	500000	108
900	0.056	600000	139
1000 (1kHz)	0.063	700000	174
2000	0.12	800000	216
3000	0.18	900000	264
4000	0.26	1000000 (1 MHz)	315
5000	0.35	2000000	1140
6000	0.46	3000000	2520
7000	0.59	4000000	4440
8000	0.73	5000000	6920
9000	0.90	6000000	9940
10000 (10 kHz)	1.08	7000000	13520
20000	3.78	8000000	17640
30000	7.55	9000000	22320
40000	11.8	10000000 (10 MHz)	27540



Absorption of sound in sea water (from 13.851 class notes).



## Absorption of sound in sea water

Relaxation mechanism

(conversion of acoustic energy to heat)

Four mechanisms

- shear viscosity ( $\tau \approx 10^{-12}$  sec)
- structural viscosity ( $\tau \approx 10^{-12}$  sec)
- magnesium sulfate —  $\text{MgSO}_4$  ( $\tau \approx 10^{-6}$  sec) [1.35 ppt]
- boric acid ( $\tau \approx 10^{-4}$  sec) [4.6 ppm]

Relaxation time,  $\tau$

- if  $\omega\tau \ll 1$ , then little loss.
- if  $\omega\tau \approx 1$  or greater, then generating heat (driving the fluid too fast).

The attenuation coefficient  $\alpha$  depends on temperature, salinity, pressure and pH. The following formula for  $\alpha$  in dB/km applies at T=4° C, S=35 ppt, pH = 8.0, and depth = 1000 m. (Urick page 108).

$$\alpha \approx 3.0 \times 10^{-3} + \frac{0.1f^2}{1 + f^2} + \frac{44f^2}{4100 + f^2} + 2.75 \times 10^{-4}f^2$$

## Solving for range given transition loss TL

The equation

$$20 \log r + 10^{-3} \alpha r = TL$$

cannot be solved analytically. If absorption and spreading losses are comparable in magnitude, you have three options:

- In a "back-of-the-envelope" sonar design, one can obtain an initial estimate for the range by first ignoring absorption, then plugging in numbers with absorption until you get an answer that is "close enough".
- For a more systematic procedure, one can do Newton-Raphson iteration (either by hand or with a little computer program), using the range without absorption as the initial guess.
- Another good strategy (and a good way to check your results) is to make a plot of TL vs. range with a computer program (e.g., Matlab).

Newton-Raphson method: (Numerical recipes in C, page 362)

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$

To solve for range given TL, we have:

$$f(x_i) = TL - 20 \log x_i - 10^{-3} \alpha x_i$$

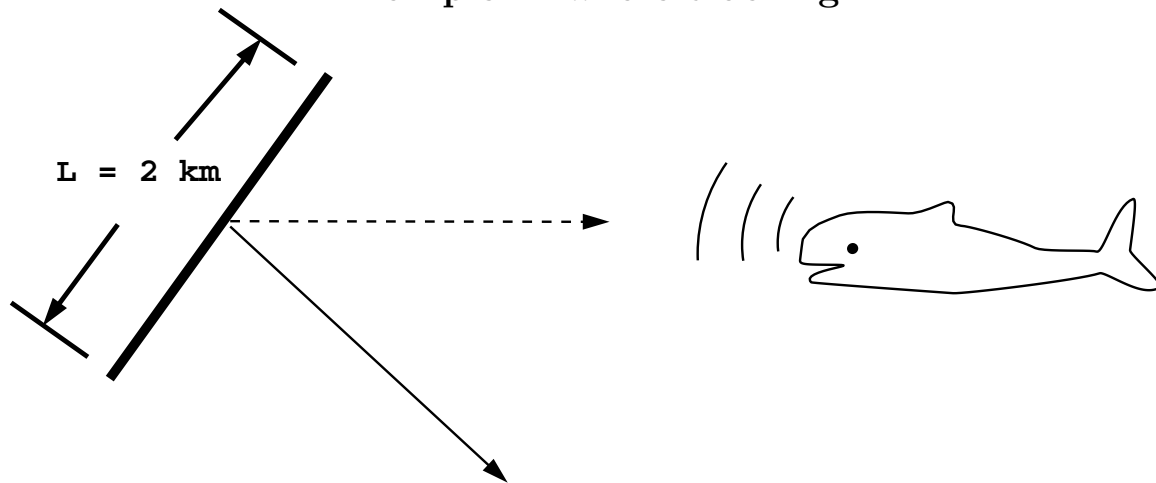
$$f'(x_i) = -\frac{20}{r} - 10^{-3} \alpha$$

$\alpha =$  \_\_\_\_\_

TL = \_\_\_\_\_

$x_0 =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$i$	$x_i$	$20 \log x_i$	$0.001 \alpha x_i$	$f(x_i)$	$f'(x_i)$	$f(x_i)/f'(x_i)$	$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$
0							
1							
2							
3							
4							

**Example 1: whale tracking**

Passive sonar equation: \_\_\_\_\_

Given:

- $f_0 = 250$  Hz
- $\mathcal{P} = 1$  Watt (omni)
- line array:  $L = 2$  km
- DT = 15 dB
- NL = 70 dB

Question: How far away can we hear the whale?

$$TL = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\lambda = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$DI = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$SL = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$TL = 20 \log r + \alpha * r * 10^{-3} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\alpha = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$R_t = \frac{8680}{\alpha} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$r = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ (w/o absorption)} \quad r = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ (with absorption)}$$

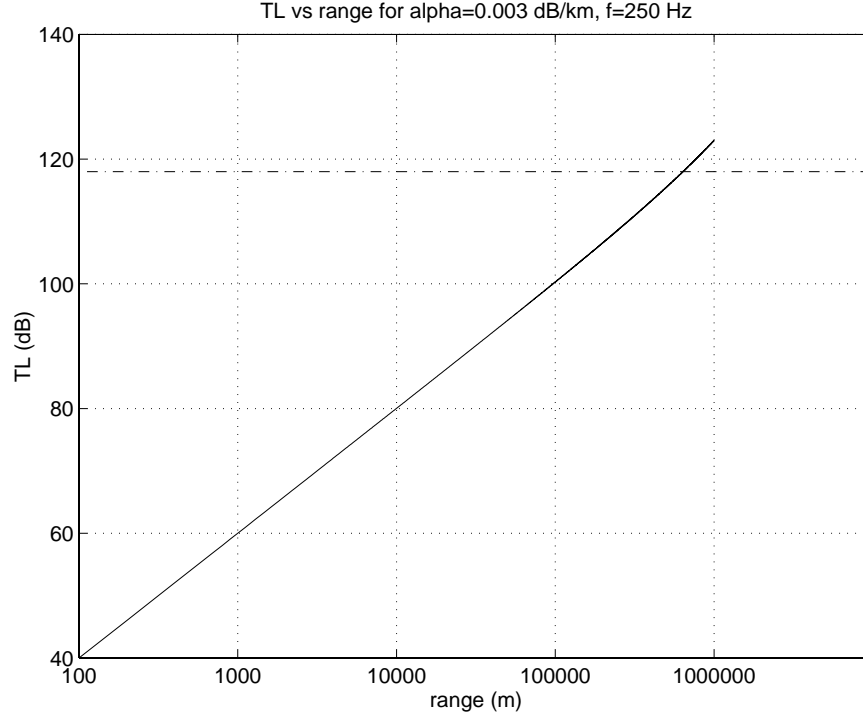


Figure 1: TL vs. range for whale tracking example ( $f=250$  Hz,  $\alpha = 0.003$  dB/km).

$$f(x_i) = TL - 20 \log x_i - 10^{-3} \alpha x_i = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

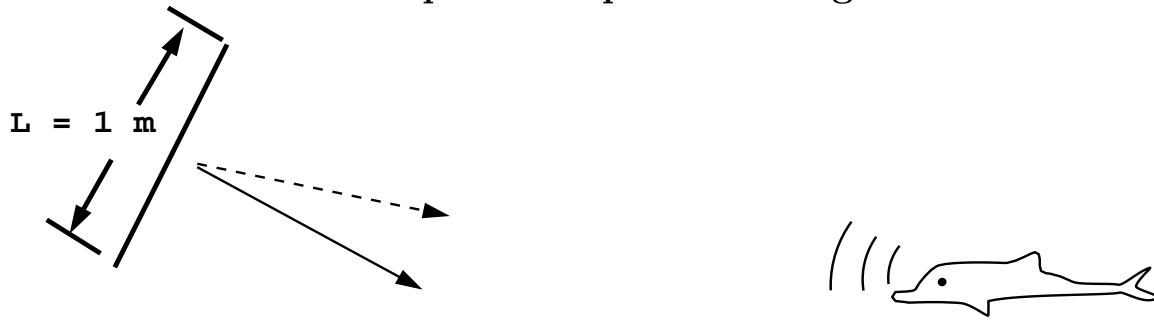
$$f'(x_i) = -\frac{20}{x_i} - 10^{-3} \alpha = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\alpha = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$TL = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$x_0 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$i$	$x_i$	$20 \log x_i$	$0.001 \alpha x_i$	$f(x_i)$	$f'(x_i)$	$f(x_i)/f'(x_i)$	$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$
0	500,000	114	1.5	-1.5	$-3.7 \times 10^{-5}$	40540	459500
1	459,500	13.2	1.38	-0.6	$-4.05 \times 10^{-5}$	14805	444694
2	445,000	112.96	1.34	-0.3			
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4							

**Example 2: dolphin tracking**

Passive sonar equation: \_\_\_\_\_

Given:

- $f_0 = 125$  kHz
- SL 220 dB re  $1 \mu$  Pa at 1 meter
- line array:  $L = 1$  m
- DT = 15 dB
- NL = 70 dB

Question: How far away can we hear (detect) the dolphin?

$$TL = \text{_____} = \text{_____}$$

$$\lambda = \text{_____}$$

$$DI = \text{_____}$$

$$TL = 20 \log r + \alpha * r * 10^{-3} = \text{_____}$$

$$\alpha = \text{_____}$$

$$R_t = \frac{8680}{\alpha} = \text{_____}$$

$$r = \text{_____} \text{ (w/o absorption)} \quad r = \text{_____} \text{ (with absorption)}$$

$$r = \text{_____} \text{ (w/o spreading)}$$

$$f(x_i) = TL - 20 \log x_i - 10^{-3} \alpha x_i = \text{_____}$$

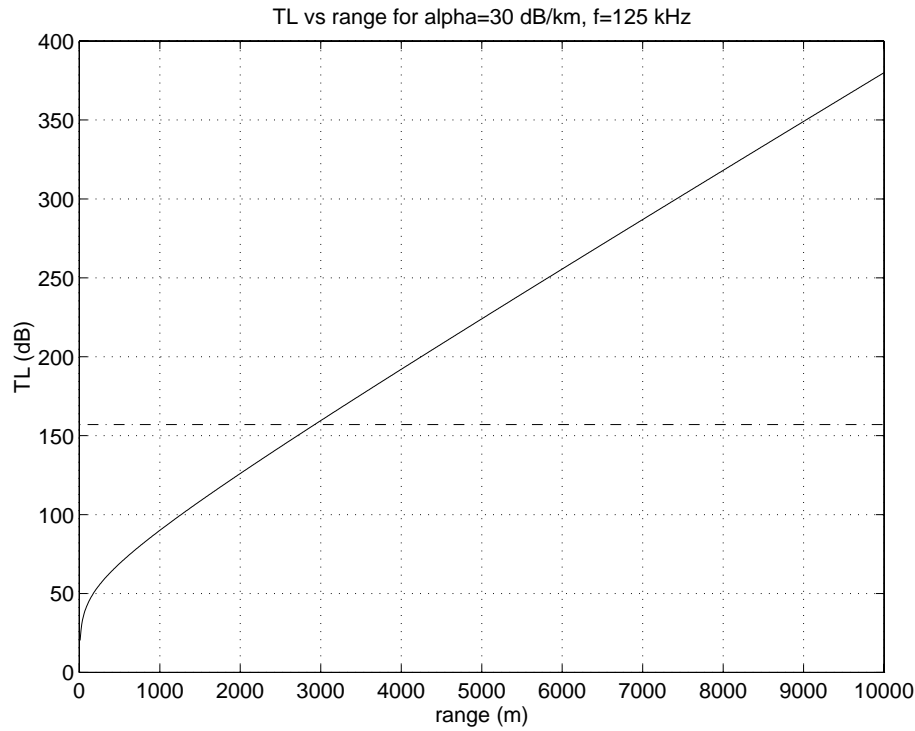


Figure 2: TL vs. range for dolphin tracking example (f=125 kHz,  $\alpha = 30$  dB/km).

$$f'(x_i) = -\frac{20}{r} - 10^{-3}\alpha = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$\alpha = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$                        $TL = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$                        $x_0 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$i$	$x_i$	$20 \log x_i$	$0.001\alpha x_i$	$f(x_i)$	$f'(x_i)$	$f(x_i)/f'(x_i)$	$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$
0	5000	74	150	-67	-0.034	1970	3030
1	3030	69.6	90.9	-3.5	-0.037	95	2935
2	2935	69.35	88.05	-0.4	-0.368	10.9	2925
3	2925						
4							

## 4 Propagation Part II: refraction

In general, the sound speed  $c$  is determined by a complex relationship between salinity, temperature, and pressure:

$$c = f(S, T, D)$$

Medwin's formula is a useful approximation for  $c$  in seawater:

$$c = 1449.2 + 4.6T - 0.055T^2 + 0.00029T^3 \\ + (1.34 - 0.010T)(S - 35) + 0.016D$$

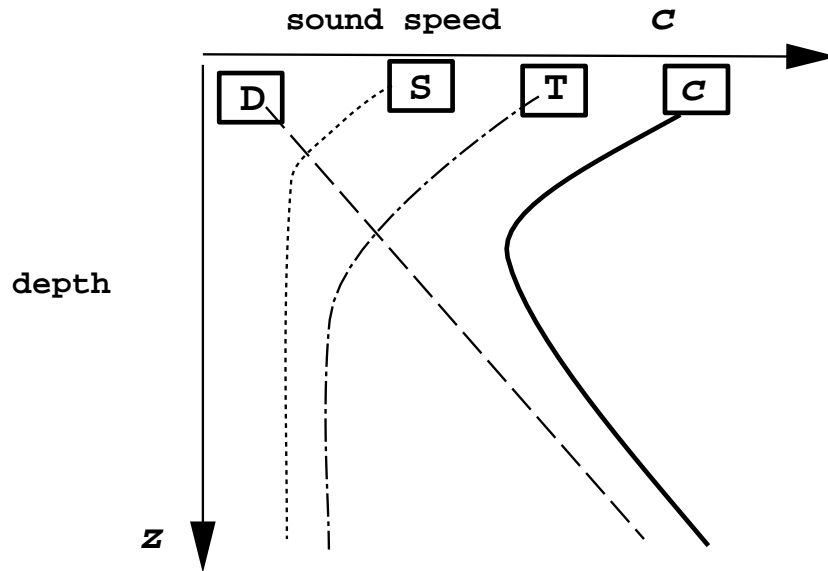
where  $S$  is the salinity in parts per thousand (ppt),  $T$  is the temperature in degrees Celsius, and  $D$  is the depth in meters. (See Ogilvie, Appendix A.)

Partial derivatives:

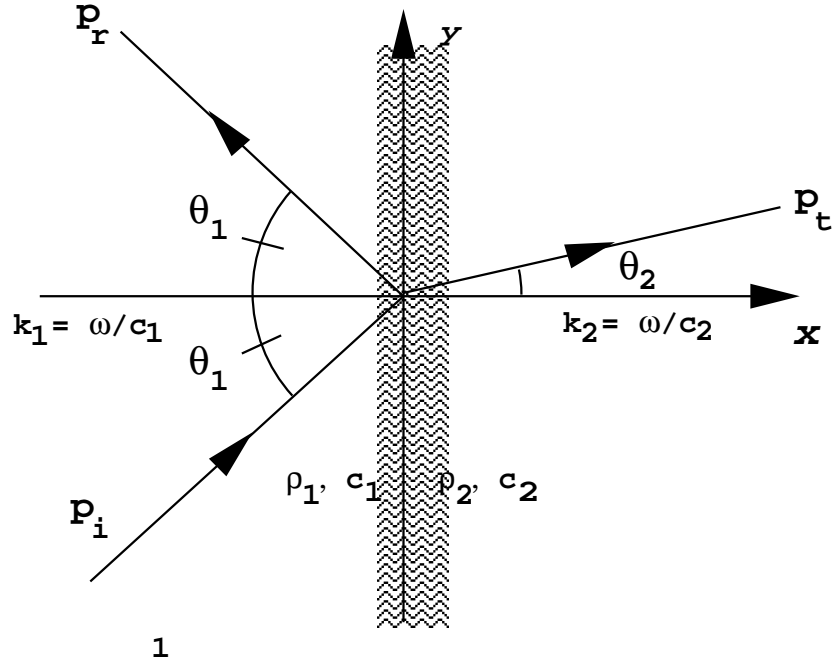
$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial T} = 4.6 \text{ m/sec/C}^\circ \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial S} = 1.34 \text{ m/sec/ppt} \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial D} = 0.016 \text{ m/sec/m}$$

For example:

- $\Delta T = 25^\circ \Rightarrow \Delta c = 115 \text{ m/sec}$
- $\Delta S = 5 \text{ ppt} \Rightarrow \Delta c = 6.5 \text{ m/sec}$
- $\Delta D = 6000 \text{ m} \Rightarrow \Delta c = 96 \text{ m/sec}$



## Sound across an interface



$$p_1 = p_i + p_r = Ie^{-i(k_1x \cos \theta_1 + k_1y \sin \theta_1)} + Re^{-i(-k_1x \cos \theta_1 + k_1y \sin \theta_1)}$$

$$p_2 = p_t = Te^{-i(k_2x \cos \theta_2 + k_2y \sin \theta_2)}$$

At  $x = 0$ , we require that  $p_1 = p_2$  (continuity of pressure)

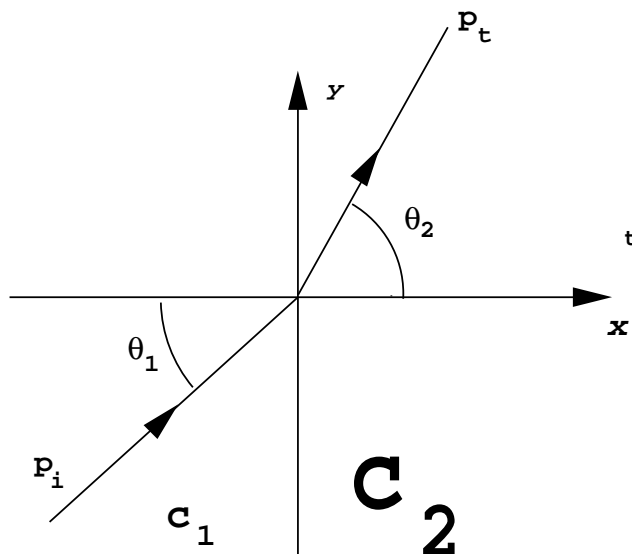
$$(I + R)e^{-ik_1y \sin \theta_1} = Te^{-ik_2y \sin \theta_2}$$

Match the phase to get **Snell's law**:

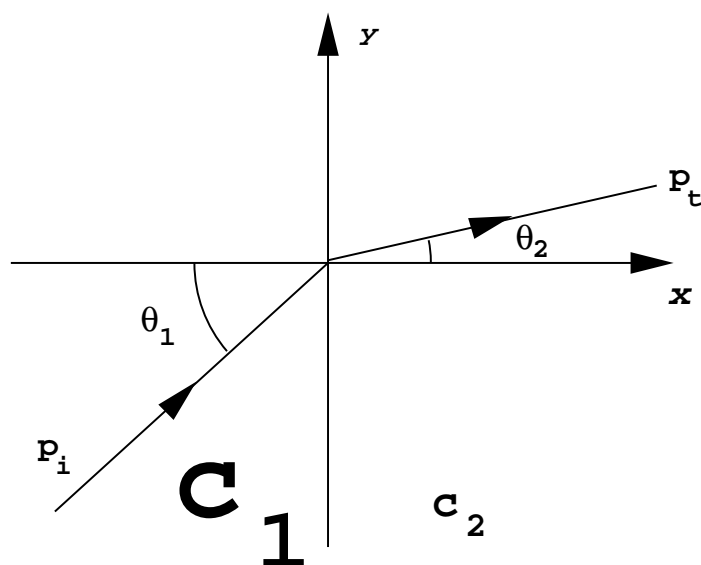
$$\frac{\sin \theta_1}{c_1} = \frac{\sin \theta_2}{c_2}$$



If  $c_2 > c_1$ , then  $\theta_2 > \theta_1$

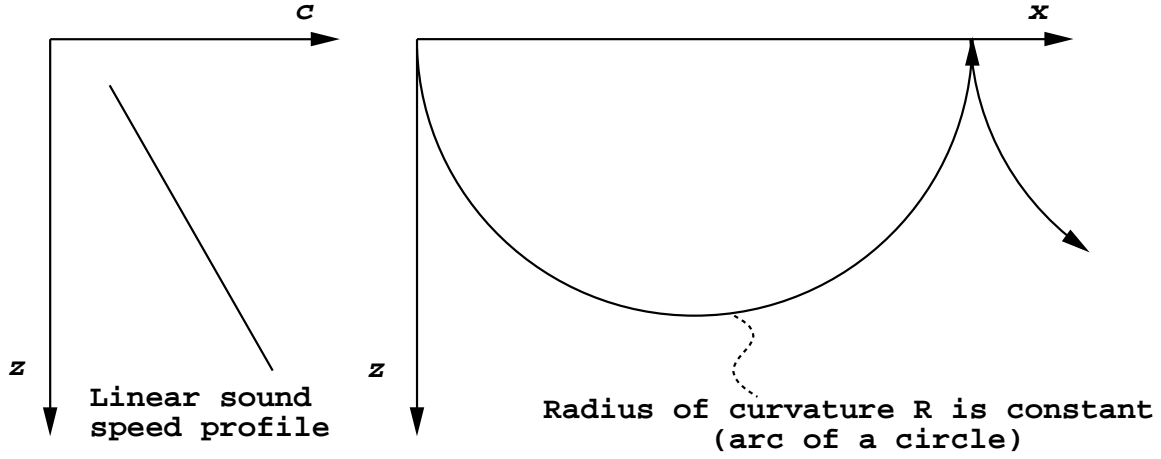


If  $c_2 < c_1$ , then  $\theta_2 < \theta_1$



Sound bends *towards* region with *low* velocity

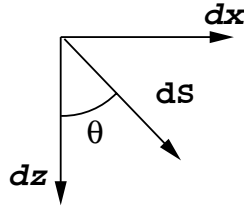
Sound bends *away* from region with *high* velocity



Goal: prove that the radius of curvature  $R$  is constant for a linear sound speed gradient.

Use the following:

1. Snell's law:  $\frac{\sin \theta}{c} = \text{constant} = \sigma$  or  $c = \frac{\sin \theta}{\sigma}$   
( $\sigma$  is the horizontal slowness or ray parameter)
2. radius of curvature:  $R = \frac{dS}{d\theta}$
3. gradient:  $g = \frac{dc}{dz}$
4.  $dz = dS \cos \theta$



First use Equation 4 in Equation 2:

$$R = \frac{dS}{d\theta} = \frac{dz}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$R = \frac{dz}{dc} \frac{dc}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

Then use Equation 3 for  $\frac{dz}{dc}$  :

$$R = \frac{1}{g \cos \theta} \cdot \frac{dc}{d\theta}$$

but from Equation 1 we can write:

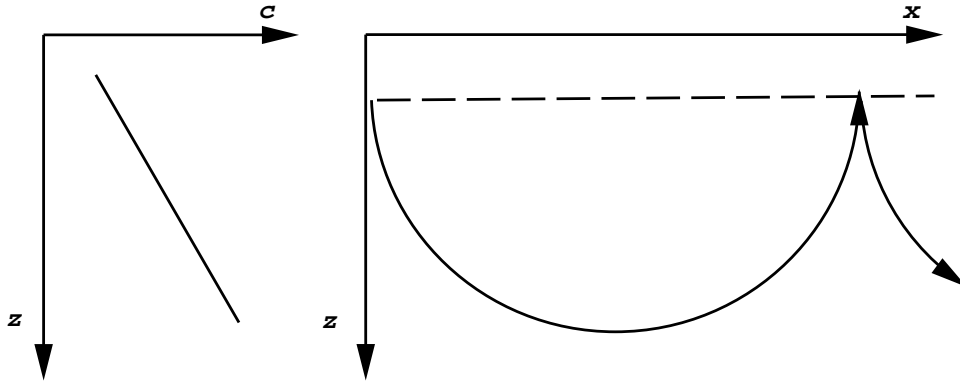
$$\frac{dc}{d\theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sigma}$$

and so we can write:

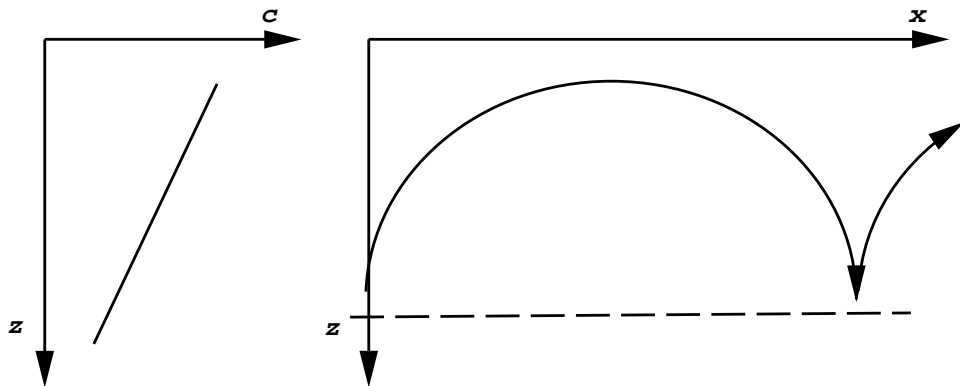
$$R = \frac{1}{g\sigma}$$

Hence, for linear sound speed gradient, radius of curvature is constant.

$\Rightarrow$  ray paths are arcs of a circle



For gradient  $g > 0$ , upward refraction occurs.

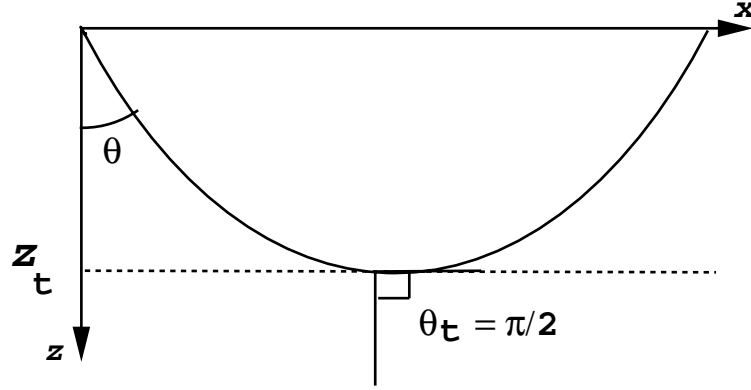


For gradient  $g < 0$ , downward refraction occurs.

### Other forms for $R$

Since  $\frac{\sin \theta}{c} = \sigma = \text{constant}$  for a ray, we can choose any known value.

For example, choose  $\frac{\sin \theta}{c}$  at the turning point  $z = z_t$ .



$$\text{At } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \implies \frac{\sin \theta(z_t)}{c(z_t)} = \frac{1}{c(z_t)} = \sigma$$

Then:

$$R = \frac{c(z_t)}{g}$$

But

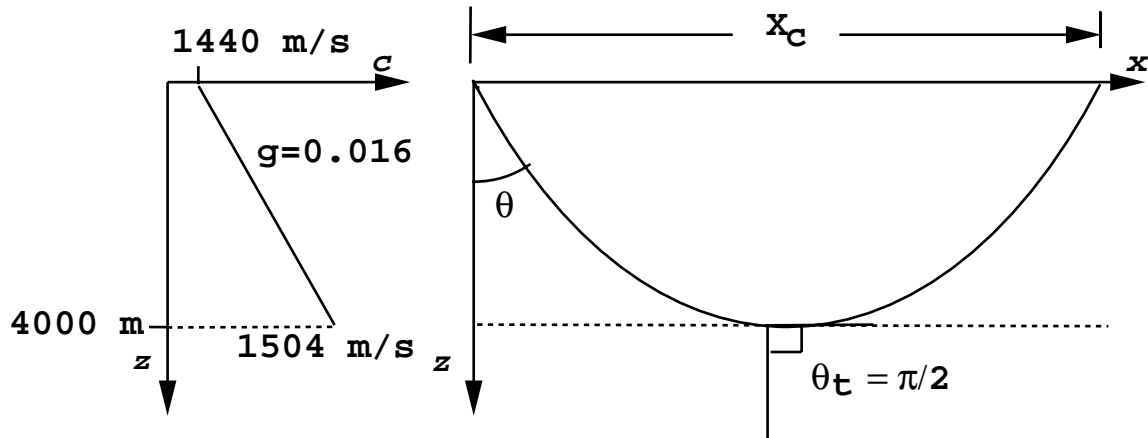
$$c(z_t) = c(z_0) + g(z_t - z_0)$$

So we can write:

$$R = \frac{c(z_0)}{g} + (z_t - z_0)$$

for  $z_0$  any given depth.

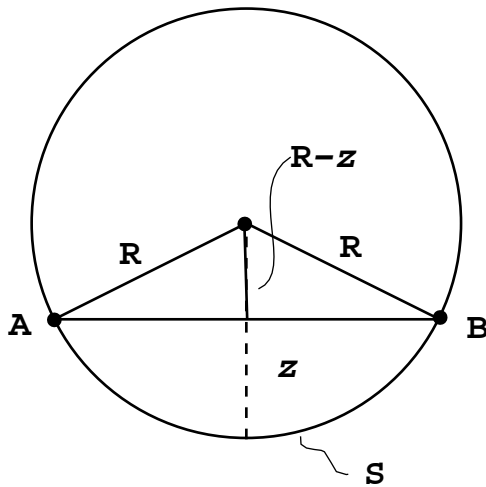
Example 1: Arctic propagation



At  $z_t = 4000$  m,  $\theta_t = \pi/2$ ,  $c(z_t) = 1504$  m/s.

Then radius of curvature  $R = \frac{c(z_t)}{g} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

What is range to first turning point,  $X_c$ ?



$$AB = 2\sqrt{2Rz - z^2}$$

$$S = 2R \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{R-z}{R}\right)$$

Distance  $X_c$  is the chord:

$$X_c = 2\sqrt{2Rz - z^2} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Arc length  $S$  is the distance traveled by the ray:

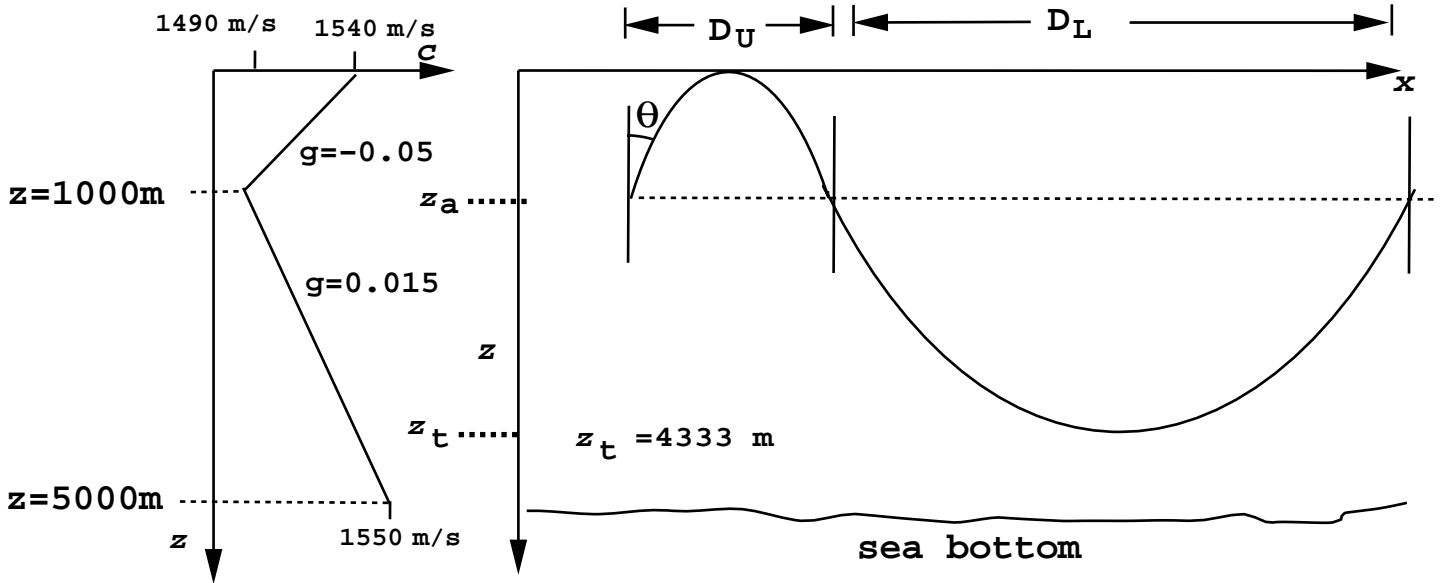
$$S = 2R \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{R-z}{R}\right) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

What is the launch angle  $\theta(z_0)$  for this ray?

$$\frac{\sin(\theta(z_0))}{c(z_0)} = \frac{1}{c(z_t)}$$

$$\theta(z_0) = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{c(z_0)}{c(z_t)} \right) = \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$$

Example 2: Bi-linear duct



Upper:

$$R_U = \frac{c(z_t)}{g} = \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$$

$$D_U = 2\sqrt{2R_U z_a - z_a^2} = \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$$

Lower:

$$R_l = \frac{c(z_t)}{g} = \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$$

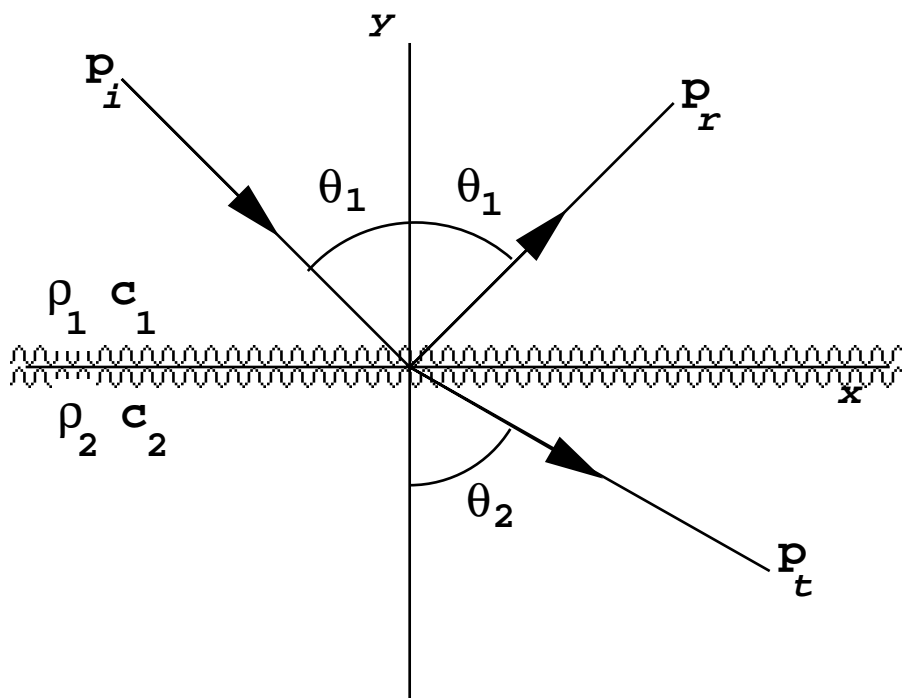
$$z_t = R_L - \frac{c(z_a)}{g} + z_a = \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$$

$$D_L = 2\sqrt{2R_L(z_t - z_a) - (z_t - z_a)^2} = \underline{\hspace{4cm}}$$

## 5 Reflection and target strength

### Interface reflection

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$$p_i = I e^{i\omega t} e^{-i(k_1 x \sin \theta_1 - k_1 y \cos \theta_1)}$$

$$p_r = R e^{i\omega t} e^{-i(k_1 x \sin \theta_1 + k_1 y \cos \theta_1)}$$

$$p_t = T e^{i\omega t} e^{-i(k_2 x \sin \theta_2 - k_2 y \cos \theta_2)}$$

Boundary condition 1: continuity of pressure:

$$@ \quad y = 0 \quad p_1 = p_i + p_r = p_t = p_2$$

Boundary condition 2: continuity of normal particle velocity:

$$@ \quad y = 0 \quad v_1 = v_i + v_r = v_t = v_2$$

Momentum equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \\ \text{but } \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} &= i\omega v \quad (\text{since } v \propto e^{i\omega t}) \\ \implies v &= \frac{i}{\omega \rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

Continuity of pressure:

$$\begin{aligned} p_i \big|_{y=0} + p_r \big|_{y=0} &= p_t \big|_{y=0} \\ (I + R)e^{-ik_1 x \sin \theta_1} &= Te^{-ik_2 x \sin \theta_2} \\ (I + R)e^{-i\omega x \frac{\sin \theta_1}{c_1}} &= Te^{-i\omega x \frac{\sin \theta_2}{c_2}} \end{aligned}$$

And so using Snell's law, we can write:

$$I + R = T \tag{2}$$

Continuity of normal velocity:

$$v_i = \frac{i}{\omega \rho_1} \cdot ik_1 \cos \theta_1 p_i = -\frac{\cos \theta_1}{\rho_1 c_1} p_i$$



$$\begin{aligned}
v_r &= \frac{\cos \theta_1}{\rho_1 c_1} p_r \\
v_t &= -\frac{\cos \theta_2}{\rho_2 c_2} p_t \\
v_i \big|_{y=0} + v_r \big|_{y=0} &= v_t \big|_{y=0}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_2 c_2 \cos(\theta_1)(I - R) = \rho_1 c_1 \cos(\theta_2)T \quad (3)$$

We can solve Equations 1 and 2 to get the reflection and transmission coefficients  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{T}$ :

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{R}{I} = \frac{\rho_2 c_2 \cos \theta_1 - \rho_1 c_1 \cos \theta_2}{\rho_2 c_2 \cos \theta_1 + \rho_1 c_1 \cos \theta_2}$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{T}{I} = \frac{2\rho_2 c_2 \cos \theta_1}{\rho_2 c_2 \cos \theta_1 + \rho_1 c_1 \cos \theta_2}$$

Recall that given  $\theta_1$ , we can compute  $\theta_2$  with Snell's law:

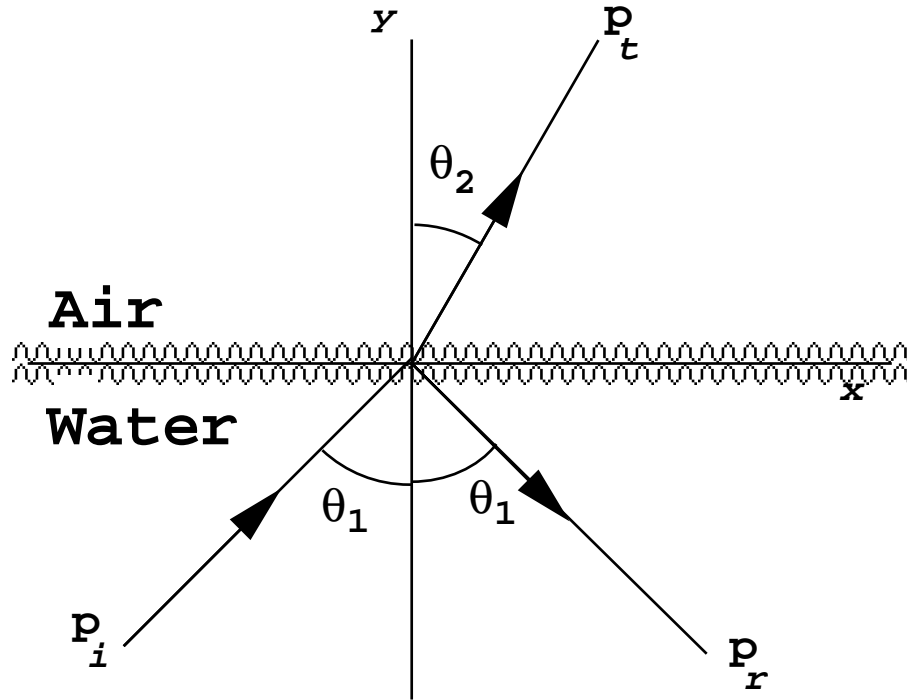
$$\frac{\sin \theta_1}{c_1} = \frac{\sin \theta_2}{c_2}$$

Special case:  $\theta = 0$  (normal incidence)

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\rho_2 c_2 - \rho_1 c_1}{\rho_2 c_2 + \rho_1 c_1} \equiv \frac{Z_2 - Z_1}{Z_2 + Z_1}$$

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{2\rho_2 c_2}{\rho_2 c_2 + \rho_1 c_1} \equiv \frac{2Z_2}{Z_2 + Z_1}$$

where  $Z = \rho c$  is defined as the *acoustic impedance*.

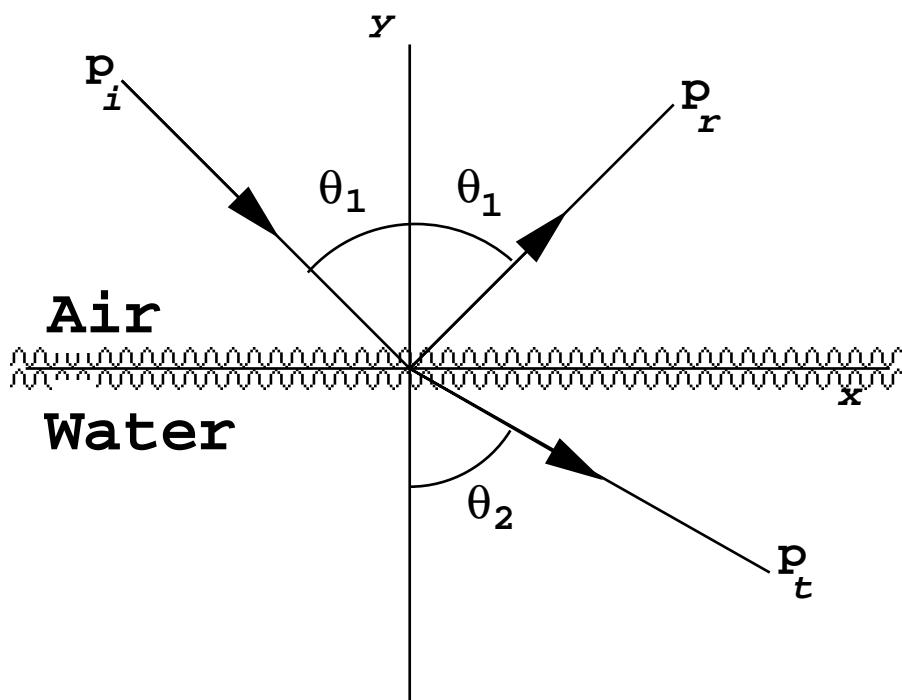
**Example 1: source in water**

$$\rho_a = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3, c_a = 340 \text{ m/sec} \implies Z_a = 408 \text{ kg/m}^2\text{s}$$

$$\rho_w = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3, c_w = 1500 \text{ m/sec} \implies Z_w = 1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ kg/m}^2\text{s}$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{408 \cos \theta_1 - 1.5 \times 10^6 \cos \theta_2}{408 \cos \theta_1 + 1.5 \times 10^6 \cos \theta_2} \approx -1$$

$$\mathcal{T} = 1 + \mathcal{R} \approx 0 \quad (\text{no sound in air})$$

**Example 2: source in air**

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{1.5 \times 10^6 \cos \theta_1 - 408 \cos \theta_2}{1.5 \times 10^6 \cos \theta_1 + 408 \cos \theta_2} \approx +1$$

$$\mathcal{T} = 1 + \mathcal{R} \approx 2 \quad (\text{double sound in water!})$$

Does this satisfy your intuition?

Consider intensity:

$$I_a = \frac{p_a^2}{\rho_a c_a} = \frac{p_a^2}{408}$$

$$I_w = \frac{p_w^2}{\rho_w c_w} = \frac{4p_a^2}{\rho_w c_w} = \frac{4p_a^2}{1.5 \times 10^6} = \frac{p_a^2}{3.75 \times 10^5}$$

$$\implies I_w \approx \frac{1}{1000} I_a$$

Does this satisfy your intuition?

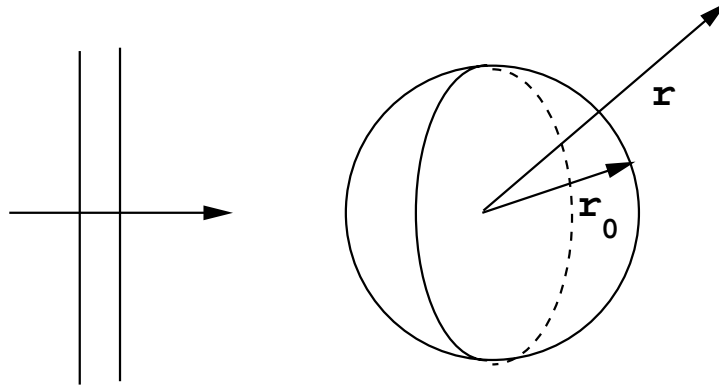
## Target Strength

Assumptions:

- large targets (relative to wavelength)
- plane wave source
  - no angular variation in beam at target
  - curvature of wavefront is zero

Example: rigid or soft sphere

$$\text{TS} = 10 \log \frac{I_{\text{scat}}}{I_{\text{inc}}} \Big|_{r=r_{\text{ref}}}$$



$$I_{\text{inc}} = \frac{p^2}{\rho c}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{inc}} = \pi r_0^2 I_{\text{inc}}$$

Assume  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{scat}} = \mathcal{P}_{\text{inc}}$  (omnidirectional scattering)

$$I_{\text{scat}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{scat}}}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{\pi r_0^2 I_{\text{inc}}}{4\pi r^2}$$

For  $r = r_{\text{ref}} = 1$  meter:

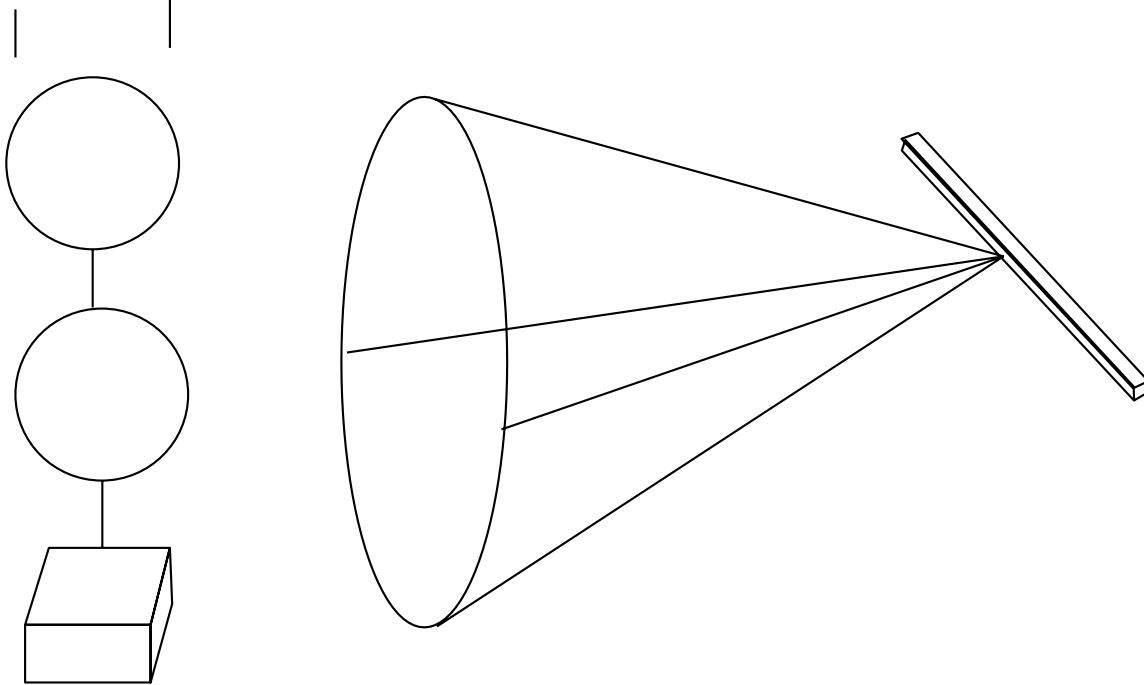
$$\text{TS} = 10 \log \frac{r_0^2}{4} \quad (\text{Assuming } r_0 \gg \lambda)$$

If  $r_0 = 2$  meters, then  $\text{TS} = 0$  dB

## 6 Design problem: tracking neutrally buoyant floats

Sonar design problem

$$2r_0 = 25 \text{ cm}$$



Require:

- Track to  $\pm 3^\circ$  bearing
- Range error:  $\delta \pm 10$  meters
- Maximum range:  $R = 10$  km
- Active sonar with  $DT = 15$  dB
- sonar and float at sound channel axis
- baffled line array (source and receiver)
- Noise from sea surface waves (design for Sea State 6)

receiver DI:  $DI_R =$  \_\_\_\_\_

pulse length:  $\tau =$  \_\_\_\_\_

array length:  $L =$  \_\_\_\_\_

source level:  $SL =$  \_\_\_\_\_

noise level:  $NL =$  \_\_\_\_\_

transmission loss:  $TL =$  \_\_\_\_\_

wavelength:  $\lambda =$  \_\_\_\_\_

source DI:  $DI_T =$  \_\_\_\_\_

time-of-flight:  $T =$  \_\_\_\_\_

ping interval:  $T_p =$  \_\_\_\_\_

frequency:  $f =$  \_\_\_\_\_

target strength:  $TS =$  \_\_\_\_\_

range resolution:  $\delta =$  \_\_\_\_\_

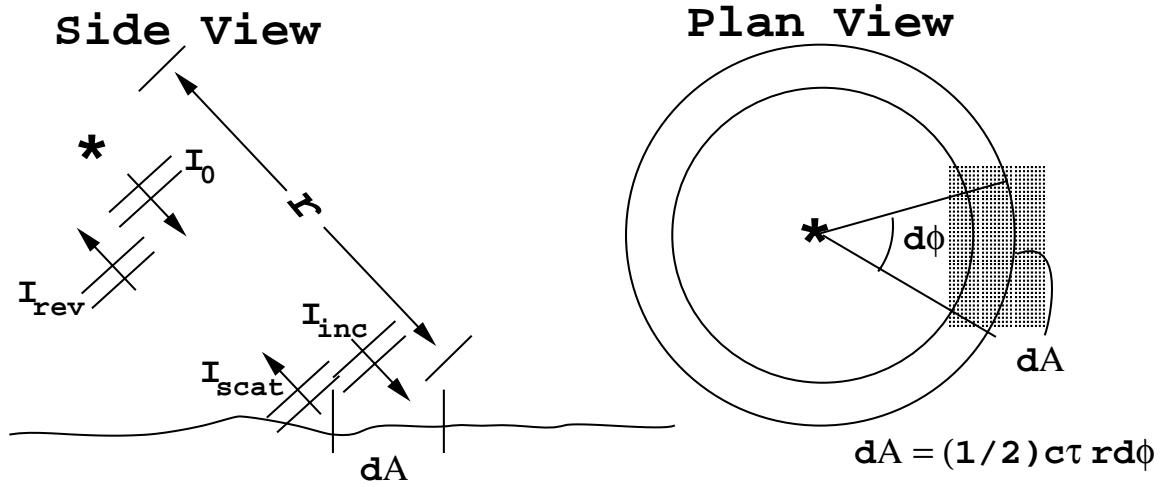
acoustic power:  $\mathcal{P} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

average acoustic power:  $\overline{\mathcal{P}} =$  \_\_\_\_\_



## 7 Reverberation

### Surface reverberation



$$I_{rev} = \int_A I_0 \cdot b(\theta, \phi) \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot \frac{I_{scat}}{I_{inc}} \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot b'(\theta, \phi) dA$$

Define the ratio  $\frac{I_{scat}}{I_{inc}}$  as  $s_s$

$$I_{rev} = \frac{I_0}{r^4} s_s \int_A b(\theta, \phi) b'(\theta, \phi) dA$$

From figure:

$$dA = \frac{c\tau}{2} r d\phi$$

consider only beampatterns of the form:

$$b(0, \phi) = b'(0, \phi) = \begin{cases} 1, & |\phi| \leq \Phi/2 \\ 0, & |\phi| > \Phi/2 \end{cases}$$

$$I_{rev} = \frac{I_0}{r^4} s_s \frac{c\tau}{2} r \Phi$$

Define  $A$  as the insonified area  $\frac{c\tau}{2}r\Phi$ . Take logs to define the reverberation level  $RL_s$ :

$$RL_s = SL - 40 \log r + \mathcal{S}_s + 10 \log A \quad (\text{No absorption})$$

**Example: 100 kHz side-scan sonar**

- $f = 100 \text{ kHz}$  ( $\alpha = 30 \text{ dB/km}$ )
- $\theta_{3dB-H} = 0.5^\circ$
- $\theta_{3dB-V} = 30^\circ$
- $SL = 201 \text{ dB re } 1 \mu \text{ Pa @ 1 meter (rectangular array)}$
- $DT = 15 \text{ dB}$
- $NL = 35 \text{ dB}$
- $\tau = 0.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sec}$

Sonar equation:

$$SE = SL - 2TL - (NL - DI_r) + \left( \mathcal{S}_s + 10 \log A \right)_{TS} - DT$$

How much signal excess for rock bottom vs clay bottom at 300 meter range?

- $\lambda = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $L_x = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $L_y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $DI_R = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $2 \text{ TL} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- $10 \log A = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

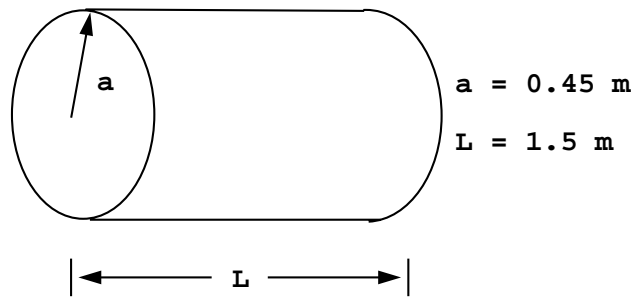
Rock:  $\mathcal{S}_s = -20 \text{ dB} \implies SE = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Clay:  $\mathcal{S}_s = -40 \text{ dB} \implies SE = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Compare the **echo level** of a steel drum to the **reverberation level** of rocks and clay at 300 m.

- $EL = SL - 2TL + TS$
- $RL = SL - 2TL + \mathcal{S}_S + 10 \log A$

Drum is finite cylinder  $\implies TS = 10 \log \frac{aL^2}{2\lambda} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



$EL = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$RL|_{\text{rocks}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$RL|_{\text{clay}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

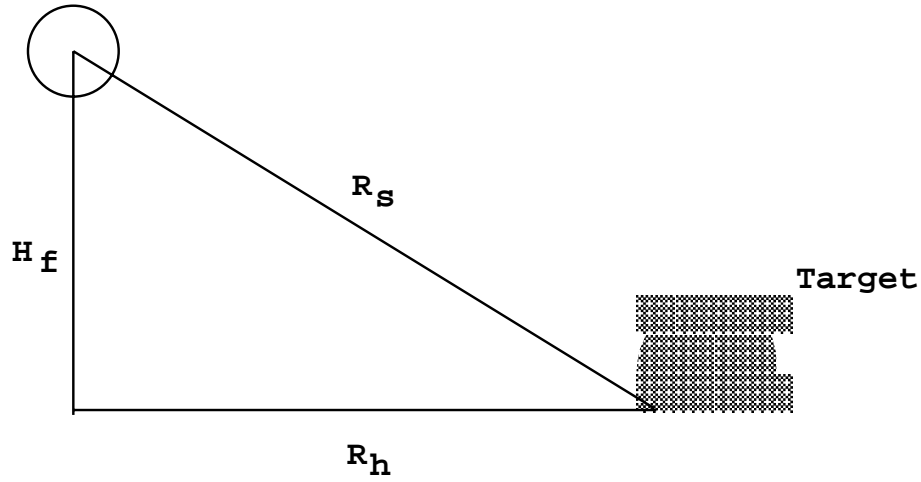
What if drum is in a boulder field with boulders of diameter 2 meters? (assume spherical boulders)

$TS|_{\text{boulder}} = 10 \log \frac{r^2}{4} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$EL|_{\text{drum}} - EL|_{\text{boulder}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

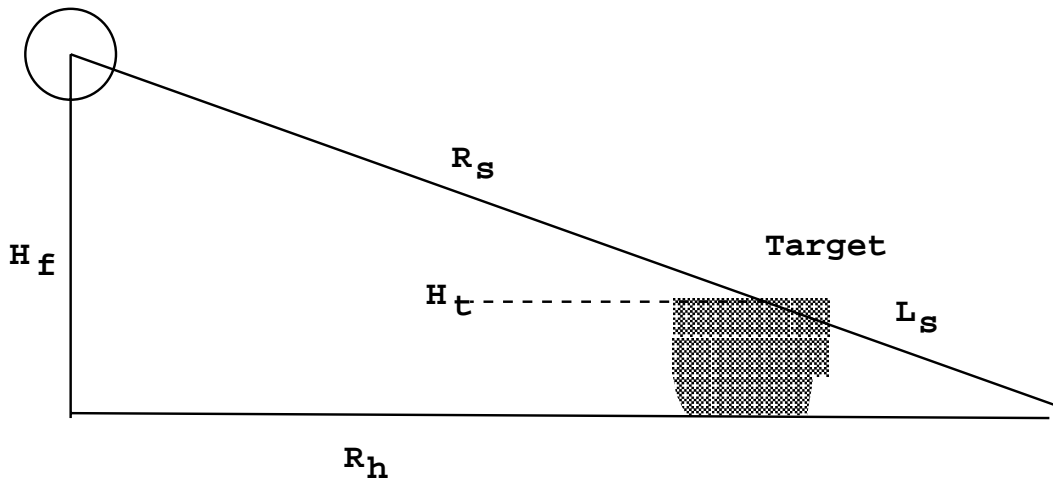
## Side scan sonar analysis

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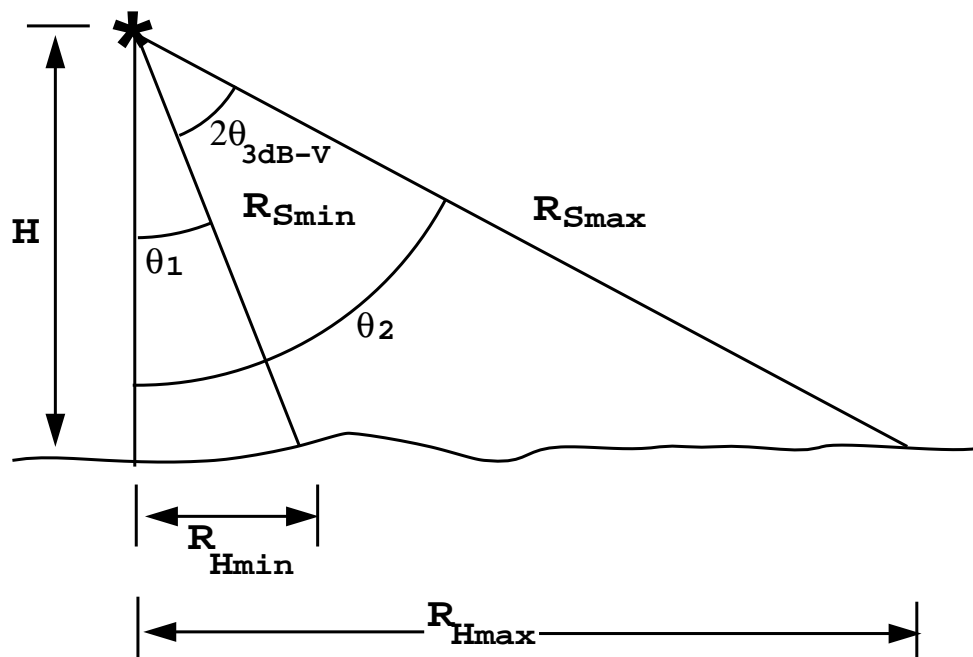


By Pythagorus:  $R_h = \sqrt{R_s^2 - H_f^2}$

Object height:

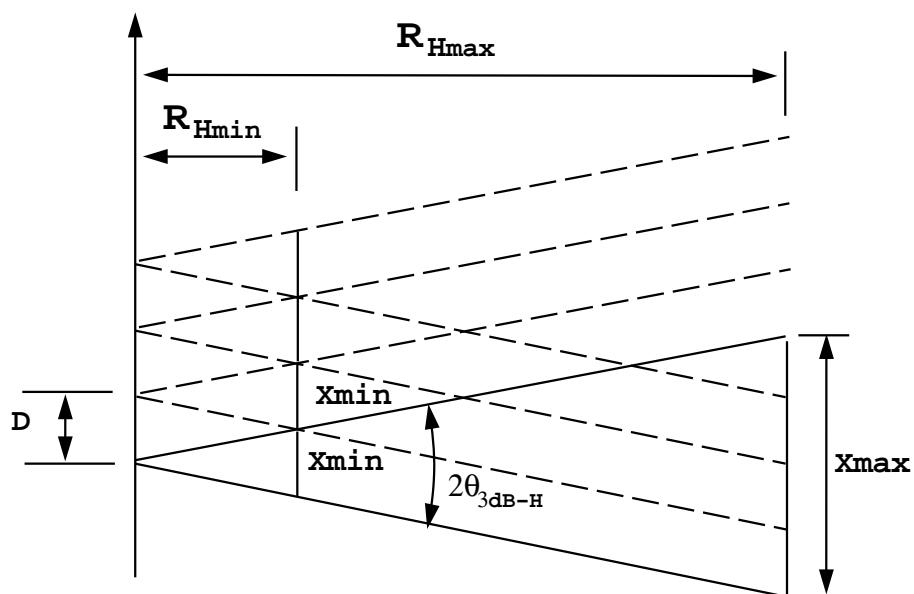


By similar triangles:  $H_t = \frac{L_s H_f}{R_s + L_s}$



Side view of sidescan geometry.

Tow direction



Plan view of sidescan geometry.

Summary of variable definitions for side-scan sonar.

- $\theta_1$  is the angle from the vertical to the near edge of the fan beam in the vertical plane.
- $\theta_2$  is the angle from the vertical to the far edge of the fan beam in the vertical plane.

$$\theta_2 = \theta_1 + 2 * \theta_{3\text{dB-V}}$$

- $R_{\text{Smax}}$  is the maximum slant range.

$$R_{\text{Smax}} = H / \cos(\theta_2)$$

- $R_{\text{Smin}}$  is the minimum slant range.

$$R_{\text{Smin}} = H / \cos(\theta_1)$$

- $R_{\text{Hmax}}$  is the maximum horizontal range.

$$R_{\text{Hmax}} = H \tan(\theta_2)$$

- $R_{\text{Hmin}}$  is the minimum horizontal range.

$$R_{\text{Hmin}} = H \tan(\theta_1)$$

- $X_{\text{max}}$  is the along-track resolution at maximum range.

$$X_{\text{max}} = 2R_{\text{Hmax}} * \tan \theta_{3\text{dB-H}}$$

- $X_{\text{min}}$  is the along-track resolution at minimum range

$$X_{\text{min}} = 2R_{\text{Hmin}} * \tan \theta_{3\text{dB-H}}$$

- $T_f$  is the time-of-flight, which is the time required for the sonar ping to travel to maximum range and back.

$$T_f = 2 * R_{\text{Smax}} / c$$

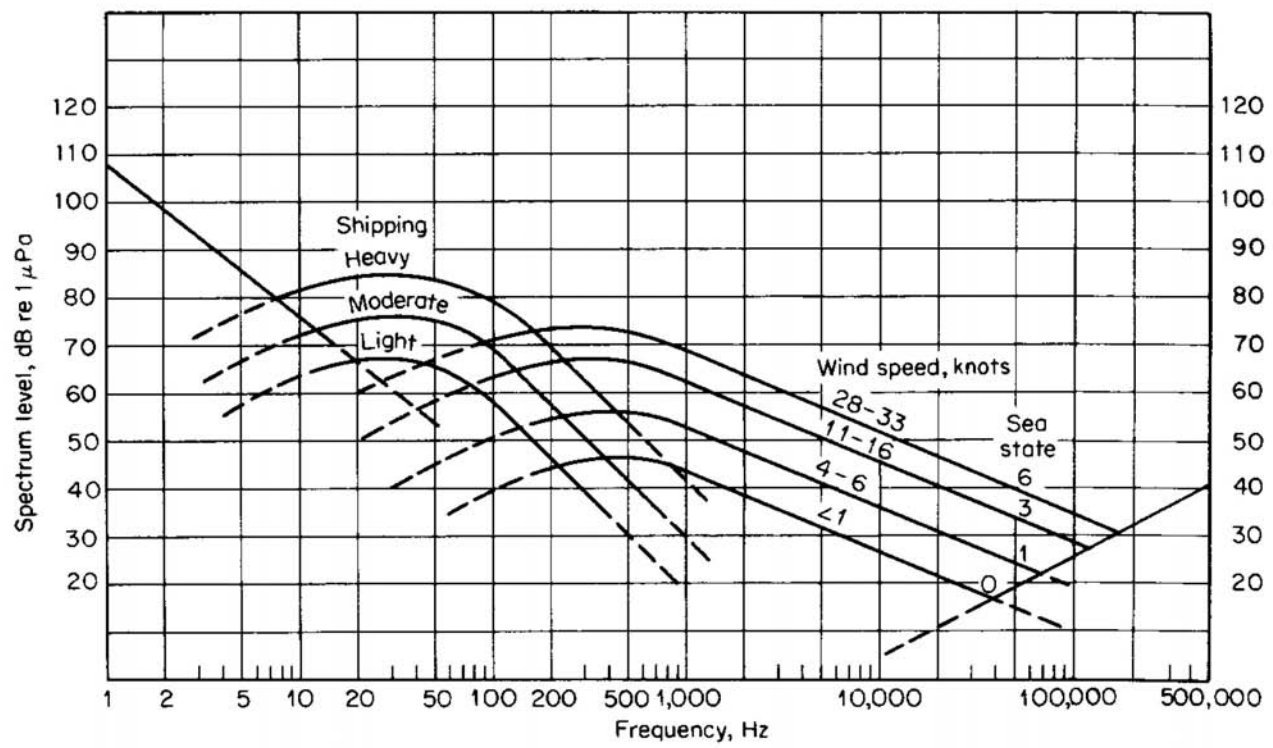
- $T_p$  is the pulse repetition interval, which is the time between pings. To avoid overlap of echos from one ping to the next:

$$T_p \geq T_f$$

- $v$  is the velocity of the towfish.
- $D$  is the distance traveled by the sonar towfish during one ping cycle. To avoid gaps in the sonar coverage:

$$D = v * T_p \leq X_{\text{min}}$$

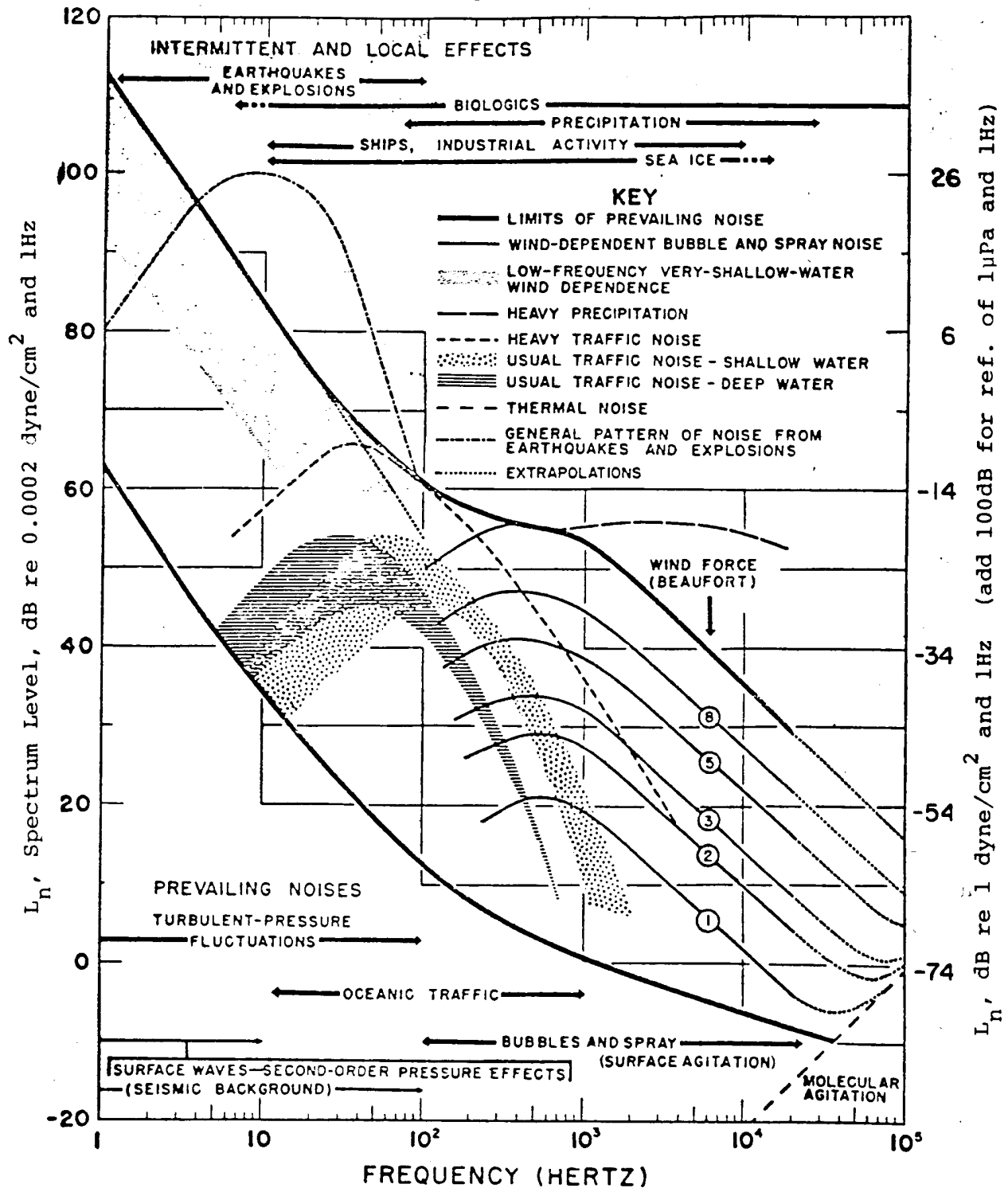
## 8 Noise



**fig. 7.5** Average deep-water ambient-noise spectra.

Noise levels in the deep ocean (from Urick).





Sources of noise in the ocean (from Urlick).

Five bands of noise:

- I.  $f < 1$  Hz: hydrostatic, seismic
- II.  $1 < f < 20$  Hz: oceanic turbulence
- III.  $20 < f < 500$  Hz: shipping
- IV.  $500 \text{ Hz} < f < 50 \text{ KHz}$ : surface waves
- V.  $50 \text{ kHz} < f$ : thermal noise

### Band I:

$$f < 1 \text{ Hz}$$

- Tides  $f \approx 2$  cycles/day

$$p = \rho g H \approx 10^4 \cdot H \text{ Pa}$$

$$\text{noise level: NL} = 200 \text{ dB re } 1 \mu\text{Pa} - 20 \log H$$

$$\text{example: 1 meter tide} \implies \text{NL} = 200 \text{ dB re } 1 \mu\text{Pa}$$

- microseisms  $f \approx \frac{1}{7}$  Hz

On land, displacements are

$$\eta \approx 10^{-6} \text{ meters}$$

Assume harmonic motion

$$\eta \propto e^{i\omega t} \implies v = \frac{d\eta}{dt} = i\omega\eta$$

Noise power due to microseisms

$$p = \rho c v = i\omega \rho c \eta = i2\pi f \rho c \eta$$

$$|p| = 2\pi f \rho c \eta = 1.4 Pa \implies \text{NL} = 123 \text{ dB re } 1 \mu\text{Pa}$$

**Band II:** Oceanic turbulence

$$1 \text{ Hz} < f < 20 \text{ Hz}$$

Possible mechanisms:

- hydrophone self-noise (spurious)
- internal waves
- upwelling

**Band III:** Shipping

$$20 \text{ Hz} < f < 500 \text{ Hz}$$

Example:  $\approx 1100$  ships in the North Atlantic

assume 25 Watts acoustic power each

$$\text{SL} = 171 + 10 \log \mathcal{P} = 215 \text{ dB re } 1 \mu\text{Pa at } 1 \text{ meter}$$

Mechanisms

- Internal machinery noise (strong)
- Propeller cavitation (strong)
- Turbulence from wake (weak)

**Band IV:** surface waves

$$500 \text{ Hz} < f < 50 \text{ KHz}$$

- Observations show NL is a function of local wind speed (sea state)
- Possible mechanisms:
  - breaking waves (only at high sea state)
  - wind flow noise (turbulence)
  - cavitation (100-1000 Hz)
  - long period waves

$$\omega = \sqrt{kg}$$

$$c_p = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

$$c_p^2 = \frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}$$

if  $\lambda \approx 2000 \text{ km}$ , then  $c_p \approx 1500 \text{ m/sec} \implies$  radiate noise!

**Band V:** Thermal noise

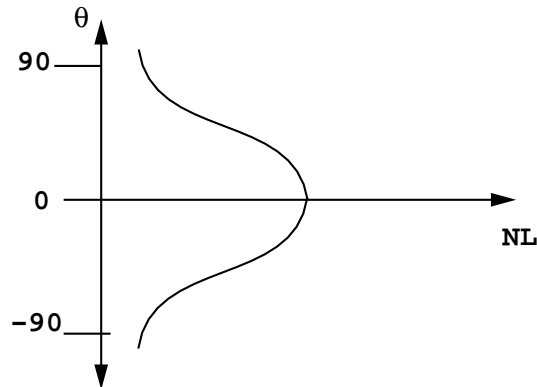
$$50 \text{ KHz} < f$$

$$\text{NL} = -15 + 20 \log f$$

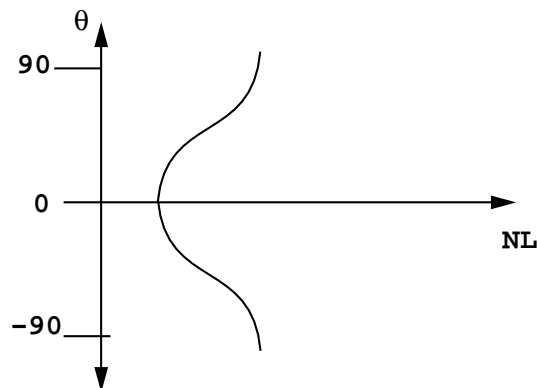
## Directionality of noise

### Vertical

- Low frequency
  - distant shipping dominates
  - low attenuation at horizontal



- High frequency
  - sea surface noise
  - local wind speed dominates
  - high attenuation at horizontal



### Horizontal

- Low frequency: highest in direction of shipping centers
- High frequency: omnidirectional

## 9 Design Principles

### Summary of important design principles

1. Required maximum range determines maximum frequency

$$\text{Dyer's rule : } \alpha \times r \times 0.001 = 10 \text{ dB [for } r \text{ in meters]}$$

2. Required angular resolution determines array size

- $\theta_{3dB} = \pm \frac{25.3\lambda}{L}$  deg. (line array)
- $\theta_{3dB} = \pm \frac{29.5\lambda}{D}$  deg. (disc array)
- $\theta_{3dB} = \pm \frac{25.3\lambda}{L_x}, \pm \frac{25.3\lambda}{L_y}$  deg. (rec. array)

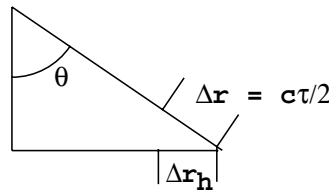
3. Required range resolution determines maximum pulse length

$$\Delta r = \frac{c\tau}{2}$$

4. In a side-scan sonar, the horizontal (across-track) range resolution  $\Delta r_h$  is determined by the beam geometry:

$$\Delta r_h = \Delta r \sin \theta$$

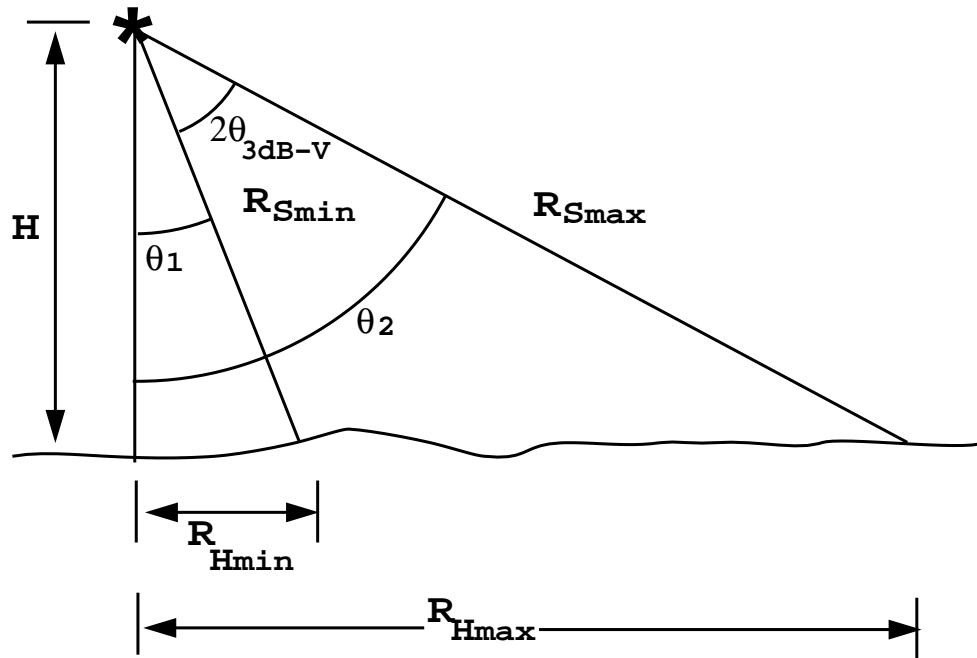
where  $\theta$  is the angle between a ray drawn at the maximum range and the vertical.



5. Characteristics of the transducer determine minimum pulse length.

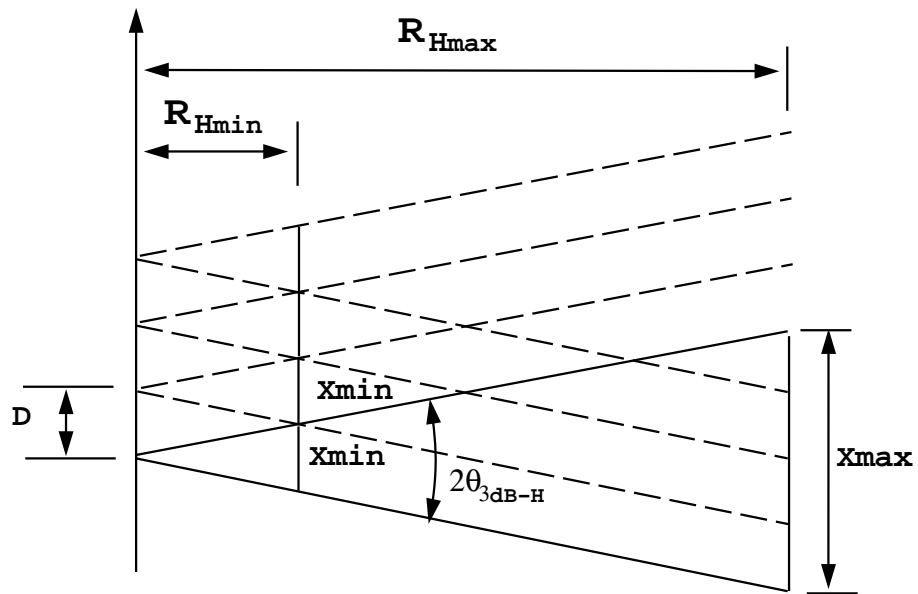
- For a narrowband transducer, you must have at least 10 to 15 cycles of the carrier frequency.

## 10 Sidescan sonar



Side view of sidescan geometry.

Tow direction



Plan view of sidescan geometry.



Summary of variable definitions for side-scan sonar.

- $\theta_1$  is the angle from the vertical to the near edge of the fan beam in the vertical plane.
- $\theta_2$  is the angle from the vertical to the far edge of the fan beam in the vertical plane.

$$\theta_2 = \theta_1 + 2 * \theta_{3\text{dB-V}}$$

- $R_{\text{Smax}}$  is the maximum slant range.

$$R_{\text{Smax}} = H / \cos(\theta_2)$$

- $R_{\text{Smin}}$  is the minimum slant range.

$$R_{\text{Smin}} = H / \cos(\theta_1)$$

- $R_{\text{Hmax}}$  is the maximum horizontal range.

$$R_{\text{Hmax}} = H \tan(\theta_2)$$

- $R_{\text{Hmin}}$  is the minimum horizontal range.

$$R_{\text{Hmin}} = H \tan(\theta_1)$$

- $X_{\text{max}}$  is the along-track resolution at maximum range.

$$X_{\text{max}} = 2R_{\text{Hmax}} * \tan \theta_{3\text{dB-H}}$$

- $X_{\text{min}}$  is the along-track resolution at minimum range

$$X_{\text{min}} = 2R_{\text{Hmin}} * \tan \theta_{3\text{dB-H}}$$

- $T_f$  is the time-of-flight, which is the time required for the sonar ping to travel to maximum range and back.

$$T_f = 2 * R_{\text{Smax}} / c$$

- $T_p$  is the pulse repetition interval, which is the time between pings. To avoid overlap of echos from one ping to the next:

$$T_p \geq T_f$$

- $v$  is the velocity of the towfish.
- $D$  is the distance traveled by the sonar towfish during one ping cycle. To avoid gaps in the sonar coverage:

$$D = v * T_p \leq X_{\text{min}}$$

## 11 Summary of important formulae

Source Level

- $SL = 171 + 10 \log \mathcal{P} + DI$

Directivity Index

- $DI = 10 \log\left(\frac{2L}{\lambda}\right)$  (line array)
- $DI = 20 \log\left(\frac{\pi D}{\lambda}\right)$  (disc array)
- $DI = 10 \log\left(\frac{4\pi L_x L_y}{\lambda^2}\right)$  (rectangular array)

3-dB Beamwidth  $\theta_{3dB}$

- $\theta_{3dB} = \pm \frac{25.3\lambda}{L}$  deg. (line array)
- $\theta_{3dB} = \pm \frac{29.5\lambda}{D}$  deg. (disc array)
- $\theta_{3dB} = \pm \frac{25.3\lambda}{L_x}, \pm \frac{25.3\lambda}{L_y}$  deg. (rectangular array)

Transmission loss, spherical spreading and absorption:

- $TL = 20 \log r + 10^{-3}\alpha r$

Transmission loss, cylindrical spreading and absorption:

- $TL = 10 \log r + 10^{-3}\alpha r$

Target strength of a sphere ( $r_0$  = radius, assumes  $r_0 \gg \lambda$ ):

- $TS = 10 \log \frac{r_0^2}{4}$

Target strength of a cylinder: (at normal incidence,  $a$  = radius,  $L$  = length)

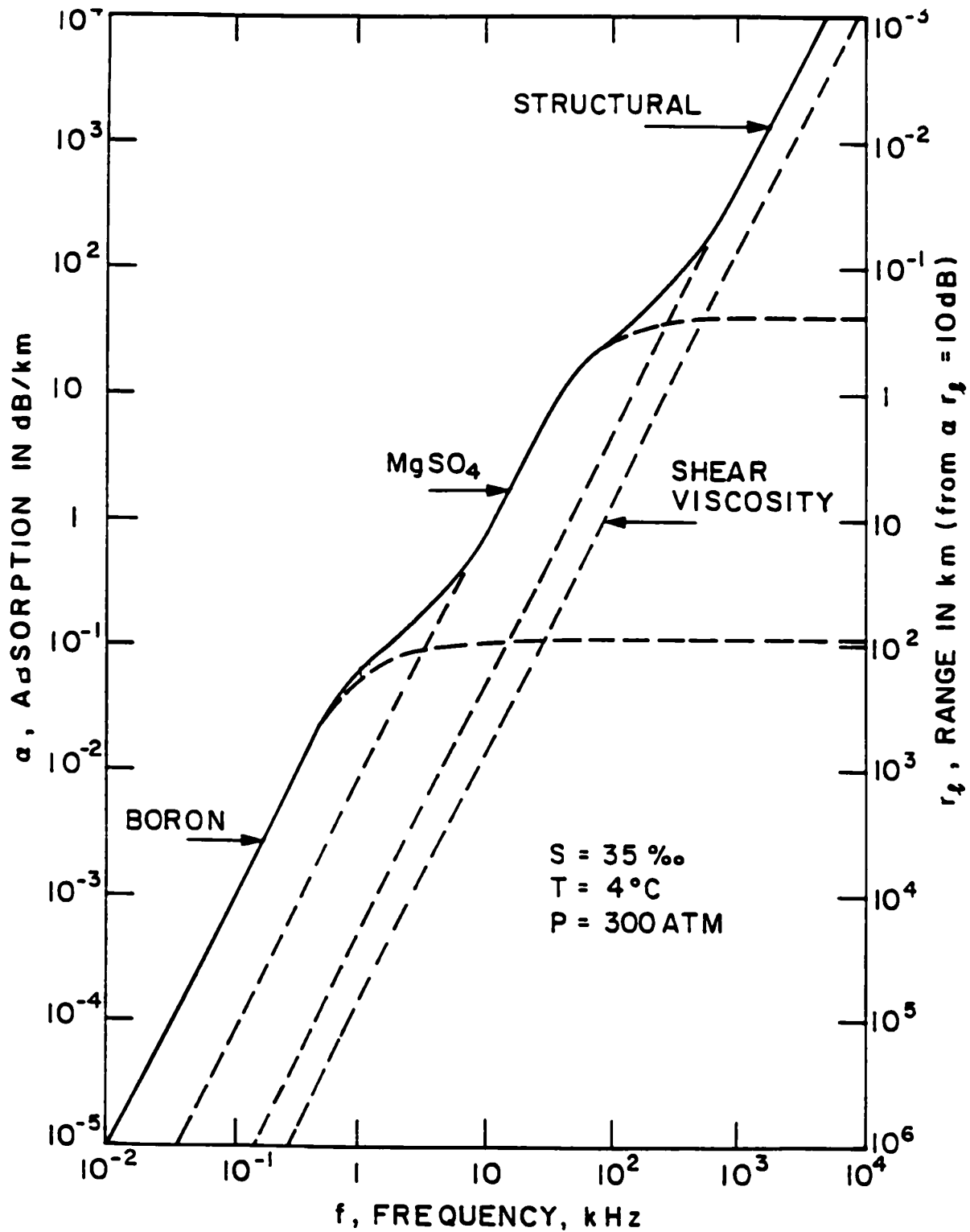
- $TS = 10 \log \frac{aL^2}{2\lambda}$

Rule-of-thumb for picking frequency given maximum range

- $\alpha \times r \times 0.001 = 10 \text{ dB}$  [for  $r$  in meters]

Range resolution

- $\Delta r = \frac{c\tau}{2}$

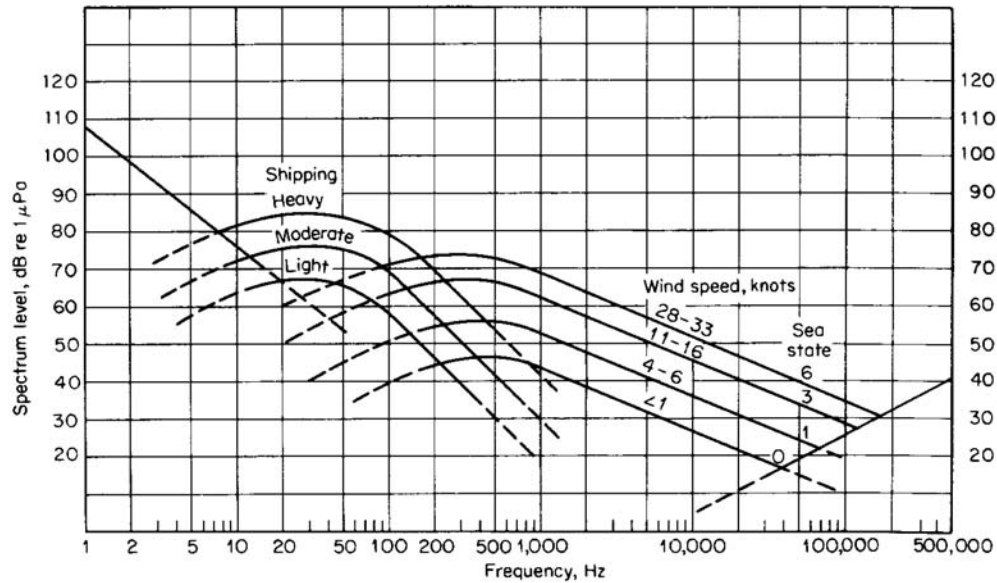


Absorption of sound in sea water (from Prof. Dyer's 13.851 class notes).

Table of values for absorption coefficient ( $\alpha$ )

13.00 Fall, 1999 Acoustics: Table of attenuation coefficients

frequency [Hz]	$\alpha$ [dB/km]	frequency [Hz]	$\alpha$ [dB/km]
1	0.003	50000	15.9
10	0.003	60000	19.8
100	0.004	70000	23.2
200	0.007	80000	26.2
300	0.012	90000	28.9
400	0.018	100000 (100 kHz)	31.2
500	0.026	200000	47.4
600	0.033	300000	63.1
700	0.041	400000	83.1
800	0.048	500000	108
900	0.056	600000	139
1000 (1kHz)	0.063	700000	174
2000	0.12	800000	216
3000	0.18	900000	264
4000	0.26	1000000 (1 MHz)	315
5000	0.35	2000000	1140
6000	0.46	3000000	2520
7000	0.59	4000000	4440
8000	0.73	5000000	6920
9000	0.90	6000000	9940
10000 (10 kHz)	1.08	7000000	13520
20000	3.78	8000000	17640
30000	7.55	9000000	22320
40000	11.8	10000000 (10 MHz)	27540

**fig. 7.5** Average deep-water ambient-noise spectra.

Noise levels in the deep ocean (from Urick).