

ARMS transmit waveform and source level during the Dabob Bay 2020 trail

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The transmit waveform is an LFM (linear-frequency-modulated) signal centered at 3500 Hz with two-sided bandwidth of 100 Hz (3450 Hz to 3550 Hz) with a duration of one second:

$$s_0(t) = a \operatorname{Re}\{env(t)e^{12\pi f_c t}\}$$

Where $a=1.4142 \cdot 10^{10}$ is the amplitude, so the RMS source level is 200 dB re 1μPa. The envelope of the signal is tapered at the ends as

$$\begin{aligned} env(t) &= \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi t}{0.2}\right), & 0 < t < 0.1 \\ env(t) &= 1, & 0.1 < t < 0.9 \\ env(t) &= \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi(t-0.9)}{0.2}\right), & 0.9 < t < 1.0 \end{aligned}$$

Repeatedly using the identity

$$\cos^2(x) = \frac{\cos(2x)}{2} + 1,$$

one finds

$$\int_0^1 dt \, env^2(t) = 0.875.$$

So the total energy of the transmitted signal in decibel is $E_0 = 200 + 10 \cdot \log_{10}(0.875) = 199.4$ dB. When estimating transmission loss, one can compare the received energy against the source energy.