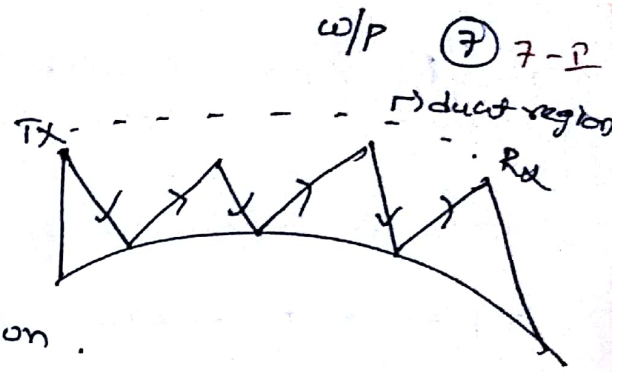


Duct propagation

→ The duct propagation is a phenomenon of propagation in atmosphere duct region.



- The duct region existing b/w 2 levels where the variation of modified refractive index with height is minimum and surface bending the atmosphere.
- In duct propagation the ray which is parallel to the earth surface
- The wave is traveling around the earth with successive reflection from the earth.
- The modified refractive index (m) is defined by the sum of refractive at a given height and the ratio of height to the mean geometrical radius.

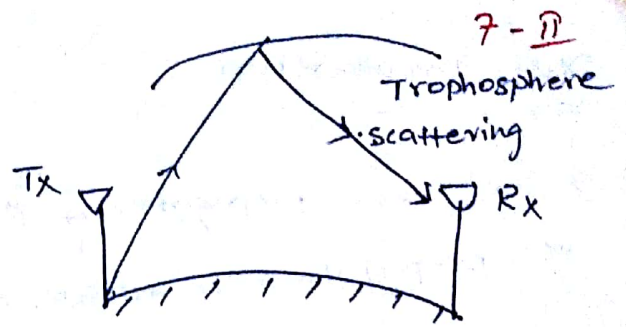
$$m = \left(n - 1 + \frac{h}{r} \right) \times 10^6$$

n → refractive index, h → height above ground

r → radius of earth

- Duct propagation is happens when $\frac{dm}{dh}$ is negative.
- In duct propagation, the dielectric constant changes rapidly with height
- It is happening during the monsoons.
- It is not a standard propagation.
- It can be operated at VHF & UHF.

Troposphere Scattering



- There is mechanism by which propagation is possible with scattering of refractive rays.
- The scattering takes place in troposphere region.
- It is suitable for high frequency (i.e. above 160 MHz)
- This propagation is used to get large field strength at Receiver even ~~waves~~ are in shadow region.
- In this case EM waves are generated by high power transmitted antenna with high gain and waves are reaches to upper layer of Troposphere.
- Due to the refractive index the scattering waves are existing and reaches to the receiver.

Advantages

- It reduces the no. of stations (antennas)
- It provides the reliable multichannel communication.

Disadvantages

- The installation cost is high.
- high sensitive.

Fading :-

- Fading is basically, the undesirable variation in the intensity of the signal received at the receiver.
- The fading is defined as the fluctuations in the received signal strength caused due to variations in height & density of ionization in different layers.

- w/p ⑦
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- E-layer is exist only in day time & during the night time E-layer is weakly ionised.
 - E-layer is mostly useful for long distance ^{radio} communication during day time.
 - The critical frequency is 3 MHz - 5 MHz.

Characteristics of F_1 -layer

- Height of F_1 -layer is 140 - 250 km.
- It exists at height of above 180 km in day time.
- Its thickness above 20 km.
- It reflects at high frequency.
- It's combining with F_2 -layer during day time
- critical frequency is 5 MHz - 8 MHz

Characteristics of F_2 layer

- Height of F_2 layer is 250 - 400 km.
- The thickness above 200 km.
- It is most important layer for high frequency communication.
- The critical frequency is 8 MHz in daytime & 6 MHz in night time.
- It is topmost layer of atmosphere.

Critical frequency

- It is defined as highest frequency of Ionosphere layer that will reflect back to earth by that particular layer at vertical incident.

Maximum Usable Frequency (MUF)

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→ MUF is the highest frequency of the wave that can reflect back by the layer from specific angle of incident other than vertical incident.

— Now consider the refractive index

$$\eta = \frac{\sin \phi_i}{\sin \phi_r} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{81N}{f^2}}$$

Angle of reflection = $90^\circ = \phi_r$

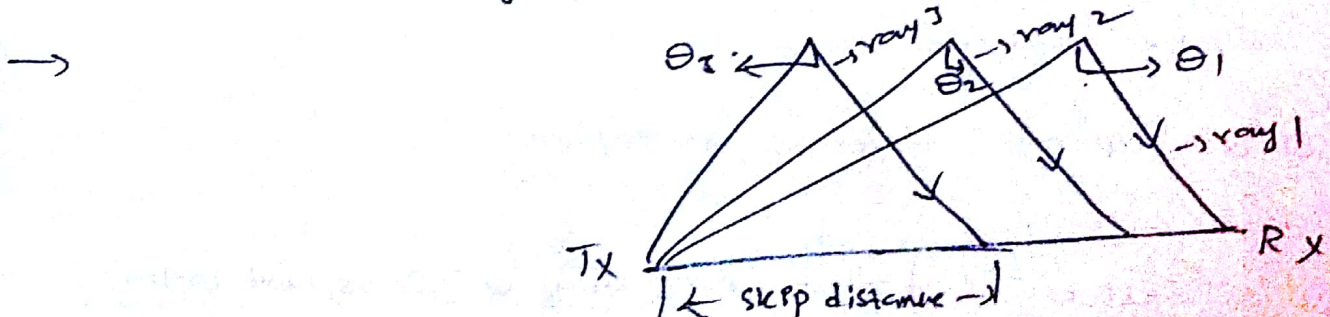
$$\frac{\sin \phi_i}{\sin 90^\circ} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{81N_{\max}}{f_{\text{MUF}}^2}}$$

$$\boxed{f_{\text{MUF}} = f_c \sec \phi_i}$$

→ This means that MUF is greater than the critical frequency by a factor $\sec \phi_i$.

Skip distance

→ The skip distance is the shortest distance from the transmitter, measured along surface of the earth, at which a sky wave of fixed frequency will return back to the earth.



→ (i) Sky wave propagation

→ Ionosphere wave propagation is also called as sky wave propagation.

→ Em waves directed upwards at some angle from the earth surface is called sky wave.

→ The sky wave propagation is useful in frequency range of 2-30 MHz

→ It is used for long distance communication.

Refractive Index of sky wave (or) Ionosphere

→ The Refractive index of Ionosphere is defined as

$$\eta = \sqrt{\epsilon_r}$$

$$\epsilon_r = 1 - \frac{N q_e^2}{\epsilon_0 m \omega^2} \quad \cdot \quad N \rightarrow \bar{e} \text{ density}$$

$q_e \rightarrow$ magnetic of \bar{e}

$\epsilon_0 \rightarrow 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$, $\omega = \omega_c \rightarrow \text{free}$.

$$\frac{N q_e^2}{\epsilon_0 m \omega_c^2} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_c^2 = \frac{q_e^2 N}{\epsilon_0 m (2\pi)^2}$$

$$\epsilon_r = 1 - \frac{f_c^2}{f^2}, \quad \eta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{f_c^2}{f^2}}$$

$$f_c = 9\sqrt{N}$$

$$\eta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{81N}{f^2}} //$$

Ionosphere wave propagation / sky wave

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- The upper part of the atmosphere b/w 50 km - 400 km above the earth in ionisation is Ionosphere.
- It observes the large amount of radiation energy from the sun.
- Ionosphere is not uniform but it is distributed in different layers.

Characteristic of Ionosphere

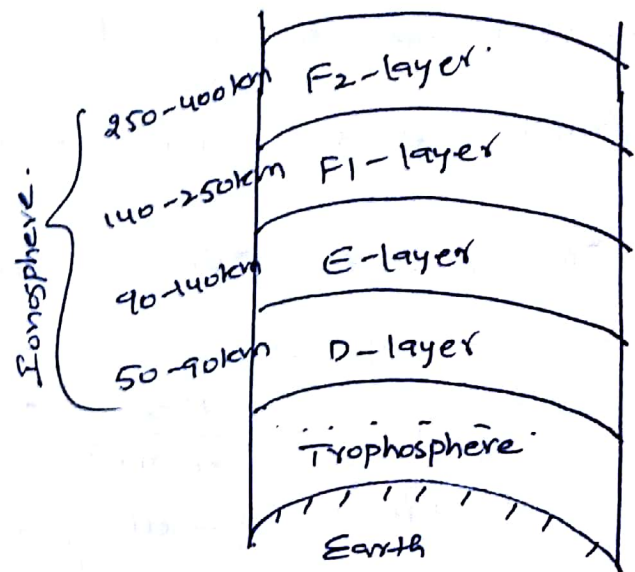
- Ionosphere is divided into different layers and each layer has its own characteristics.

Characteristic of D-layer

- It is the layer of Ionosphere.
- The height of the D-layer is 50-90 km above the surface of earth.
- The thickness of D-layer is 10 km.
- The D-layer is present in day time only and it vanishes in the night time.
- The D-layer reflects at very low frequency (low frequencies).
- The critical frequency of D-layer is 100 kHz - 180 kHz.

Characteristics of E-layer

- It is next to the D-layer.
- Height of the E-layer is 90-140 km above earth surface.
- The thickness of E-layer is 25 km.



- when the angle of incidence is large ray return to a ground at a long distance from the transmitter.
- The angle reduced ray return to a point close to the transmitter.
- The transmission path is limited by a skip distance and curvature of the earth.

$$d_s = \frac{2h}{\tan \theta_c}$$

$h \rightarrow$ height of layer

$\theta_c \rightarrow$ critical angle

→ when the operating frequency $f = f_{muf}$

→ The skip distance in terms of f_c & f_{muf} and h

$$d_s = \frac{2h}{\tan \theta_c}$$

$$d_s = 2h \left[\left(\frac{f_{muf}}{f_c} \right)^2 - 1 \right]^{1/2}$$