

DVOACAP WRAPPER UPDATE - SETUP GUIDE

WHAT WAS FIXED

The DVOACAP wrapper now uses the EXACT JSON format the API expects:

OLD (BROKEN):

```
{  
    "Method": 30,  
    "Transmitter": {...},  
    "Receiver": {...},  
    "Frequencies": [...],  
    "Hours": [...]  
}
```

NEW (CORRECT):

```
{  
    "Arguments": {  
        "RxLocations": [{"Lat": 44.90, "Lon": 20.50, "Label": "BELGRADE"}],  
        "Hours": {"Start": 1, "Step": 1, "Count": 24},  
        "Freqs": [6.07, 7.20, 9.70, ...],  
        "IncludeMuf": true  
    }  
}
```

FILES UPDATED

1. dvoacap_wrapper_fixed.py - Corrected wrapper with proper API format
2. generate_propagation_voacap.py - Updated to use the new wrapper

INSTALLATION STEPS

Step 1: Replace the old wrapper

Copy dvoacap_wrapper_fixed.py to your project directory as dvoacap_wrapper.py:

```
cp dvoacap_wrapper_fixed.py dvoacap_wrapper.py
```

Step 2: Replace the generation script

Copy the updated generation script:

```
cp generate_propagation_voacap.py [your_project_directory]/
```

Step 3: Ensure you have dvoa.dll

Download DVOACAP from: <https://github.com/VE3NEA/DVOACAP>

Extract dvoa.dll to your project directory

Step 4: Test the wrapper

```
python dvoacap_wrapper.py
```

You should see:

✓ DVOACAP engine loaded from dvoa.dll

[TEST 1] Single path/frequency/hour

...

Step 5: Generate predictions with DVOACAP

```
python generate_propagation_voacap.py --dvoacap
```

API CHANGES

OLD METHOD CALLS (Won't work anymore):

```
result = engine.predict(  
    tx_lat, tx_lon,  
    rx_lat, rx_lon,  
    frequency_mhz,  
    hour_utc,  
    ssn  
)
```

NEW METHOD CALLS (Use these):

```
# Simple single prediction  
result = engine.predict_simple(  
    tx_lat=44.374,  
    tx_lon=-64.300,  
    rx_lat=44.90,  
    rx_lon=20.50,  
    frequency_mhz=14.15,  
    hour_utc=18,  
    ssn=140,  
    rx_label="BELGRADE"  
)  
  
# Multi-band 24-hour prediction  
result = engine.predict_multi_band(
```

```

tx_lat=44.374,
tx_lon=-64.300,
rx_lat=44.90,
rx_lon=20.50,
rx_label="BELGRADE",
ssn=140
)

# Full control with exact API format
result = engine.predict(
    tx_lat=44.374,
    tx_lon=-64.300,
    rx_locations=[
        {"Lat": 44.90, "Lon": 20.50, "Label": "BELGRADE"},
        {"Lat": 51.50, "Lon": -0.10, "Label": "LONDON"}
    ],
    frequencies=[7.1, 14.15, 21.2],
    hours={"Start": 0, "Step": 1, "Count": 24},
    ssn=140
)

```

NEW FEATURES

1. Multi-location support

Can now predict to multiple RX locations in one call:

```

rx_locations = [
    {"Lat": 44.90, "Lon": 20.50, "Label": "BELGRADE"},
    {"Lat": 51.50, "Lon": -0.10, "Label": "LONDON"},
    {"Lat": 35.68, "Lon": 139.69, "Label": "TOKYO"}
]

```

2. Multi-frequency support

Can now predict multiple frequencies at once:

```
frequencies = [7.1, 10.13, 14.15, 18.1, 21.2, 24.95, 28.4]
```

3. Flexible hour ranges

Can specify any hour range:

```
hours = {"Start": 12, "Step": 2, "Count": 12} # Every 2 hours from noon
```

4. Built-in predict_multi_band()

Automatically predicts all HF amateur bands for 24 hours

USAGE EXAMPLES

Example 1: Quick single prediction

```
from dvoacap_wrapper import DVOACAPEngine

engine = DVOACAPEngine("dvoa.dll")
result = engine.predict_simple(
    tx_lat=44.374, tx_lon=-64.300, # Halifax
    rx_lat=51.5, rx_lon=-0.1,      # London
    frequency_mhz=14.15,          # 20m
    hour_utc=18,
    ssn=140
)

print(f"Quality: {result['quality']}")
print(f"Reliability: {result['reliability']}%")
print(f"SNR: {result['snr_db']} dB")
```

Example 2: Full band analysis

```
result = engine.predict_multi_band(
    tx_lat=44.374, tx_lon=-64.300,
    rx_lat=51.5, rx_lon=-0.1,
    rx_label="LONDON",
    ssn=140
)
```

Example 3: Generate propagation report

```
python generate_propagation_voacap.py --dvoacap
```

TROUBLESHOOTING

Error: "DVOACAP DLL not found"

→ Ensure dvoa.dll is in the same directory as dvoacap_wrapper.py

Error: "DVOACAP prediction error"

→ Check that your JSON format matches the "Arguments" structure

→ Run the test: python dvoacap_wrapper.py

No results returned:

→ Check that SSN value is reasonable (0-300)

- Verify lat/lon coordinates are valid
- Check DVOACAP result parsing in predict_simple()

MIGRATION CHECKLIST

- [] Backup old files
- [] Copy dvoacap_wrapper_fixed.py as dvoacap_wrapper.py
- [] Copy updated generate_propagation_voacap.py
- [] Verify dvoa.dll is present
- [] Test wrapper: python dvoacap_wrapper.py
- [] Test generation: python generate_propagation_voacap.py --dvoacap
- [] Update any custom scripts that call the old API

NEXT STEPS

Once everything is working:

1. Generate predictions with: python generate_propagation_voacap.py --dvoacap
2. View results in your dashboard
3. Compare DVOACAP vs ITU-R predictions to see the accuracy improvement
4. Schedule automatic updates with update_predictions.sh

For questions or issues, refer to:

- DVOACAP docs: <https://github.com/VE3NEA/DVOACAP>
- VOACAP_SETUP_GUIDE.txt in your project

Happy DXing!

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