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Propagation model tools using Rec. ITU-R P.1812 and P.1546

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# Agenda

- > Short presentation
  - ➤ Rec. ITU-R P.1812 and P.1546 propagation models
  - > eTools calculations (new P.1812 fs contours!)
- ➤ Demonstration of propagation calculations in eTools
- > Exercise session

# Comparison Rec. ITU-R P.1812 vs P.1546

Recommendation ITU-R P.1812-4 (07/2015)

A path-specific propagation prediction method for point-to-area terrestrial services in the VHF and UHF bands Recommendation ITU-R P.1546-5 (09/2013)

Method for point-to-area predictions for terrestrial services in the frequency range 30 MHz to 3 000 MHz

#### **Deterministic model**

model all the physical phenomena which plays a role in VHF-UHF band

#### Path specific

Uses terrain profile (elevation above mean sea level).

- > 30 MHz 3 GHz
- 0.25 km 3000 km
- > 1% < time < 50%
- > 1% < locations < 99%
- Rx and Tx hgt agl <= 3km</p>

#### **Empirical model**

based on extensive field measurements and statistical analysis

#### Path general

The effect of terrain only via:

- Effective antenna height
- Clearance Angle correction
- Tropospheric scattering correction
  - > 30 MHz 3 GHz
  - > 1 km 1000 km
  - > 1% < time < 50%
  - > 1% < locations < 99%
  - > TX eff hgt <= 3km

Can be used for interference and coverage analyses!

#### Rec. ITU-R P. 1546

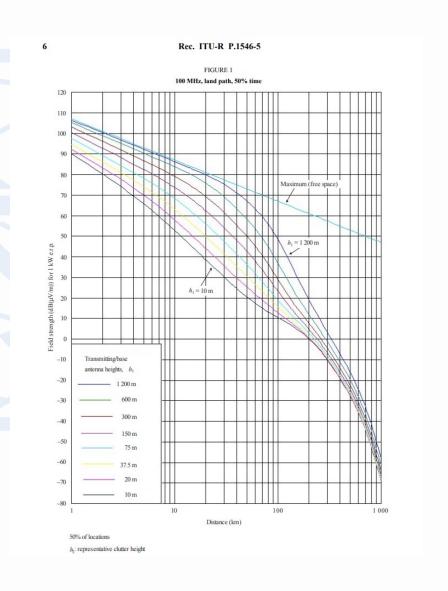
Field-strength curves as functions of distance, antenna height, frequency and percentage time

- Land, warm sea, cold sea
- 100, 600, 2000 MHz
- time percentage: 1,10,50

#### Method

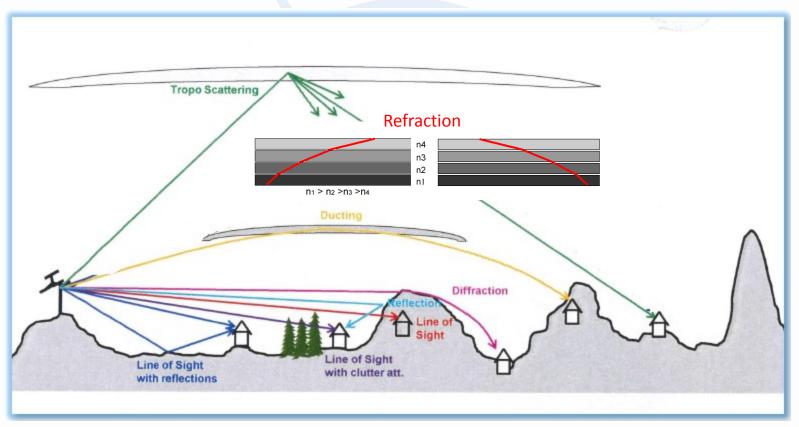
- interpolation/extrapolation
- mixed-path

Important correction for refractivity index!!



## Rec. ITU-R P. 1812

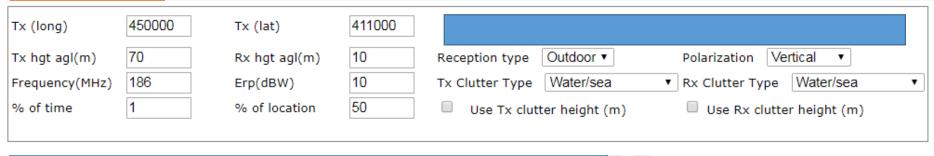
#### Propagation mechanisms in the VHF/UHF band



Adapted from LS Telecom Propagation training material

# eTools: Input parameters

#### ITU-R P.1812



Point to Point	Rx (long)	452114	Rx (lat)	410539
Point to Area	Wanted FS (dB(µV/m))	25	Bearing step (degrees EtN)	10

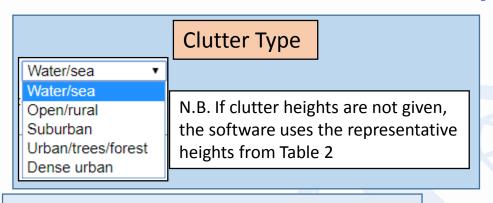
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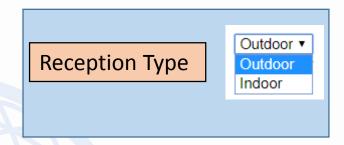
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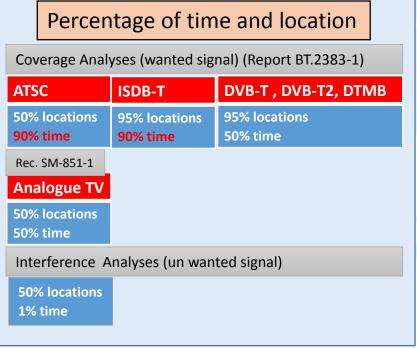
Tx (long) Tx hgt agl(m)	0074408	Tx (lat) Rx hgt agl(m)	450227 10	Environment type Rural ▼	Environment Type		
Frequency(MHz)	186	Erp(dBW)	30	Wanted FS (dB(µV/m)) 20	Rural		
% of time	1	% of location	50		Urban		

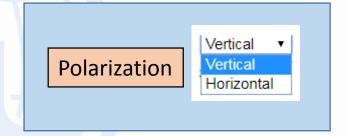


# eTools: Input parameters









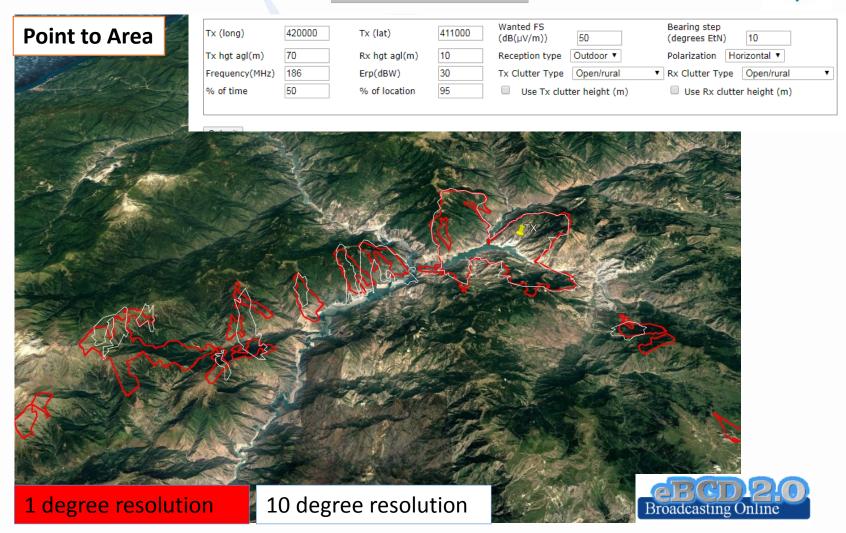
Report ITU-R <u>BT.2383-1</u> (Note 19 on page 26) Provides formula for applicability of Rec. P.1546 for 90% of time.

WP 3K Liaison Statement to the Director BR (March 2017). The 90% formula is not generally applicable. It errs on the conservative/safe side for the desired signal in interference/compatibility analyses which compare desired-to-undesired signal ratios

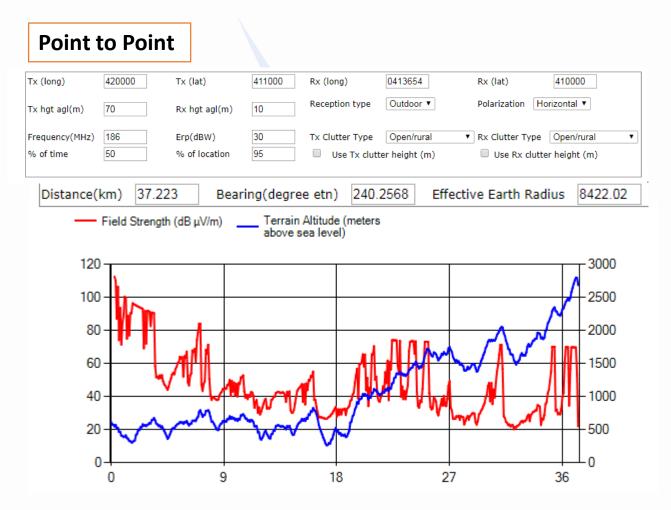
## eTools: rec. ITU-R P.1812 calculations

#### Beta Release!





#### eTools: rec. ITU-R P.1812 calculations



Study FS variation on the path from TX to a RX point in the contours farthest from the TX in the P2A coverage analyses



# **GIS Analyses** field strength contours



3) Interpolate to fill voids

1) P.1812 vector data (location and fs)



2) Convert to raster



6) Convert to KMZ

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117.58



5) Simplify geometry



4) Extract fs\_wanted contour

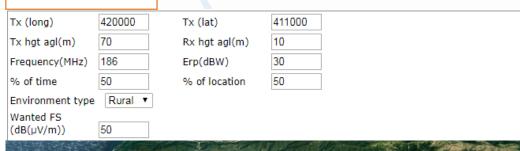


**OSGeo: GDAL/OGR open source libraries** 



## eTools: rec. ITU-R P.1546 calculations





Coverage analyses

Very good agreement with P.1812 results in this case.

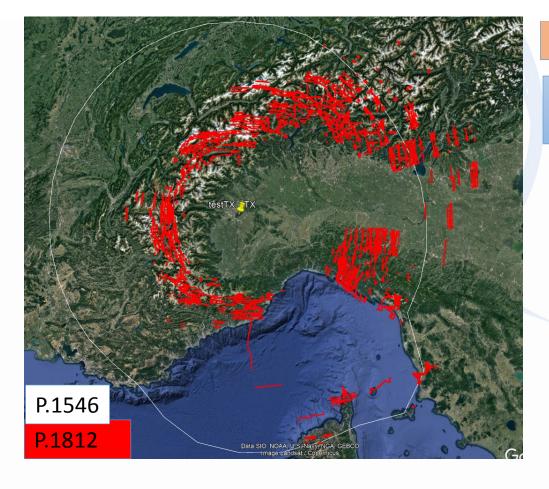
But results can change significantly!



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# eTools: rec. ITU-R P.1546 calculations





Interference analyses

Very different results from P.1812!

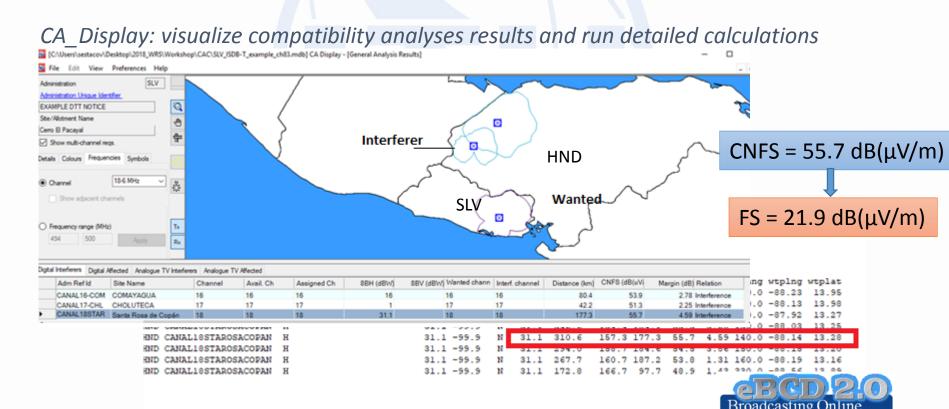


# Use case: planning in Central America and Caribbean

eTools: CA\_compat implements P.1546:

- coverage analyses (wanted service area)
- interference analyses

Terrain information considered only via effective antenna height



# Use case: planning in Central America and Caribbean

#### eTools: Rec. ITU-R P.1812 Point to Point field strength calculation (terrain data).

Propagation prediction method for terrestrial services in the VHF and UHF bands

P1812v4 Point to Point (BETA)

Please select the calculation type

Back to calculation history Please label your submission test

Propagation

	Tx (long)	-0884600	Tx (lat)	144500	Rx (long)	-0880824	Rx (lat)		131648
1	Tx hgt agl(m)	49	Rx hgt agl(m)	10	Reception type	Outdoor ▼	Polarization	Hor	izontal ▼
	Frequency(MHz) % of time	1	Erp(dBW) % of location	31.1	Tx Clutter Type  Use Tx clutte	Open/rural er height (m)	Rx Clutter 1		Open/rural height (m)
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 $FS = 21.9 \text{ dB}(\mu V/m) P.1546 \text{ no terrain}$ 

 $FS = 13.7 \text{ dB}(\mu\text{V/m}) P.1812 \text{ terrain}$ This value would bring the margin to an acceptable level!!!



# Outlook

# **Short-medium term**

> P1546: Include terrain information

**Clearance Angle and Tropospheric scattering corrections** 

- > P1812: move from 90m DEM to 30m DEM
- ➤ Try to reduce the time needed for P1812P2A calculation

# **Long term**

> Include more propagation models

# Workshop exercise

- 1.Submit a P1546P2A calculation to determine the coverage for a given service in your country. (Ex. Analogue TV: 50% time, 50% location, Emin = 55 dB( $\mu$ V/m) in band III (162-230 MHz)
- 2. When the calculation completes (an e-mail will be sent to your e-mail account), analyze the resulting field strength contour using Google Earth.
- 3.Do you think terrain consideration would modify the results?
- 4. Take a point at the edge of the coverage area where terrain should have played a role.
- 5. Submit a corresponding P1812P2P calculation
- 6. Which values of the FS do you obtain? How does it compare with P1546 results?
- 7. Share the job with one or more of your neighbors. Verify that your neighbors can access your test data.



# Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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