



The propagation model

Deterministic models (also called geometrical) models estimate the field strength (or signal power) directly from the path profile (profile of the terrain between the transmitter and the receiver). These methods adjust the terrain elevation to take account of the earth's curvature. In addition to free space losses, these models also take account of losses due to diffraction in cases where there is insufficient clearance between the radio path and the terrain (or structures on the terrain). Accordingly, geometrical models require a detailed knowledge of the terrain (e.g. from DTMs).

Free Space	Diffraction	Fresnel zone blocking
ITU-R P.525	Deygout 94	Standard
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Fresnel method+	Devgout 94	Coarse

Empirical models (also called statistical) were originally intended to provide estimations of field strengths (or power) in cases where there was insufficient knowledge of the terrain profile. These models were developed from data obtained from extensive measurements in different environments.. These models use simple equations with little dependence on the cartographic data, and are only valid for short ranges of frequencies and specific environments (urban, suburban, open/rural, sea, etc.).. Because of this reason using high resolution cartography is useless and medium resolution is more adequate.

Hata-COST231 SUI method ITM – Longley-Rice

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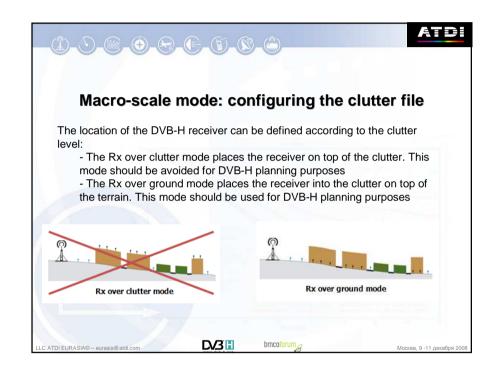
The propagation model: about the ITU-R P.1546

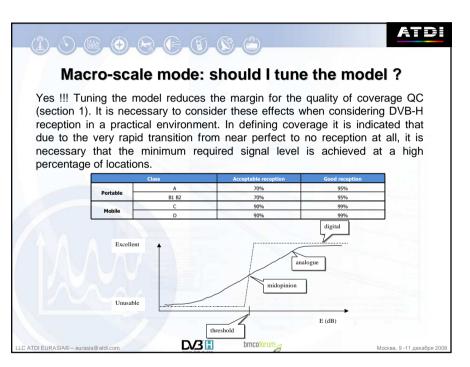
Path general methods such as **Recommendation ITU-R P.1546** are good for general planning and coordination. They can be used with the minimum of information about the propagation path and can be agreed easily between countries. However, as they take little account of terrain there can be significant prediction errors on individual paths. Thus, for detailed planning and coordination of specific transmitter locations there are considerable benefits in using deterministic prediction methods that take account the terrain.

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Macro-scale mode: Model tuning

Considering the received signal obeys a log-normal distribution, the quality of coverage margin is calculated as follow:

QC =
$$\mu$$
. $(\delta o^2 + \delta i^2)^{1/2}$

Where μ is a distribution correction factor according to the percentage of locations, and δ is the cumulative of the outdoor (δ o) and indoor (δ i) standard variations f the macro-scale propagation model.

Percentage of locations	70	90	95	99					
Distribution factor µ	0.52	1.28	1.64	2.33					

Class	δ <i>ο</i> <i>dB</i>	δi dB	δdB	QC margin acceptable dB	QC margin good dB
C - Mobile Roof-top	5.5		5.5	7.0	12.8
A - Portable outdoor pedestrian	5.5		5.5	2.9	9.0
D - Mobile in-car	5.5		5.5	7.0	12.8
B1 - Portable light indoor	5.5	5	7.4	3.9	12.2
B2 - Portable deep indoor	5.5	6	8.1	4.2	13.3

QC can be reduced by model tuning

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