



# ***The Role of Electrical Engineers in Ship Design***

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# *Key to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is innovative, cross-discipline engineering!*



***EM Integrated Topside Design is a long term technology challenge of critical importance.***



# Performance Analysis

## General System Link Equation (dB)

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$$(G_{te} + P_{te}) + (G_{re} - T_{rsys} - T_{ext}) - k - L_{prop} \geq \left( \frac{S}{N_o} \right)_{\text{required}}$$

**S/N<sub>o</sub>** – signal power to noise density

**G<sub>te</sub>** – effective transmit antenna gain

**P<sub>te</sub>** – effective transmit power radiated

**T<sub>ext</sub>** – external noise (1/°K)

**G<sub>re</sub>** – effective receive antenna gain

**T<sub>rsys</sub>** – receiver performance (1/°K)

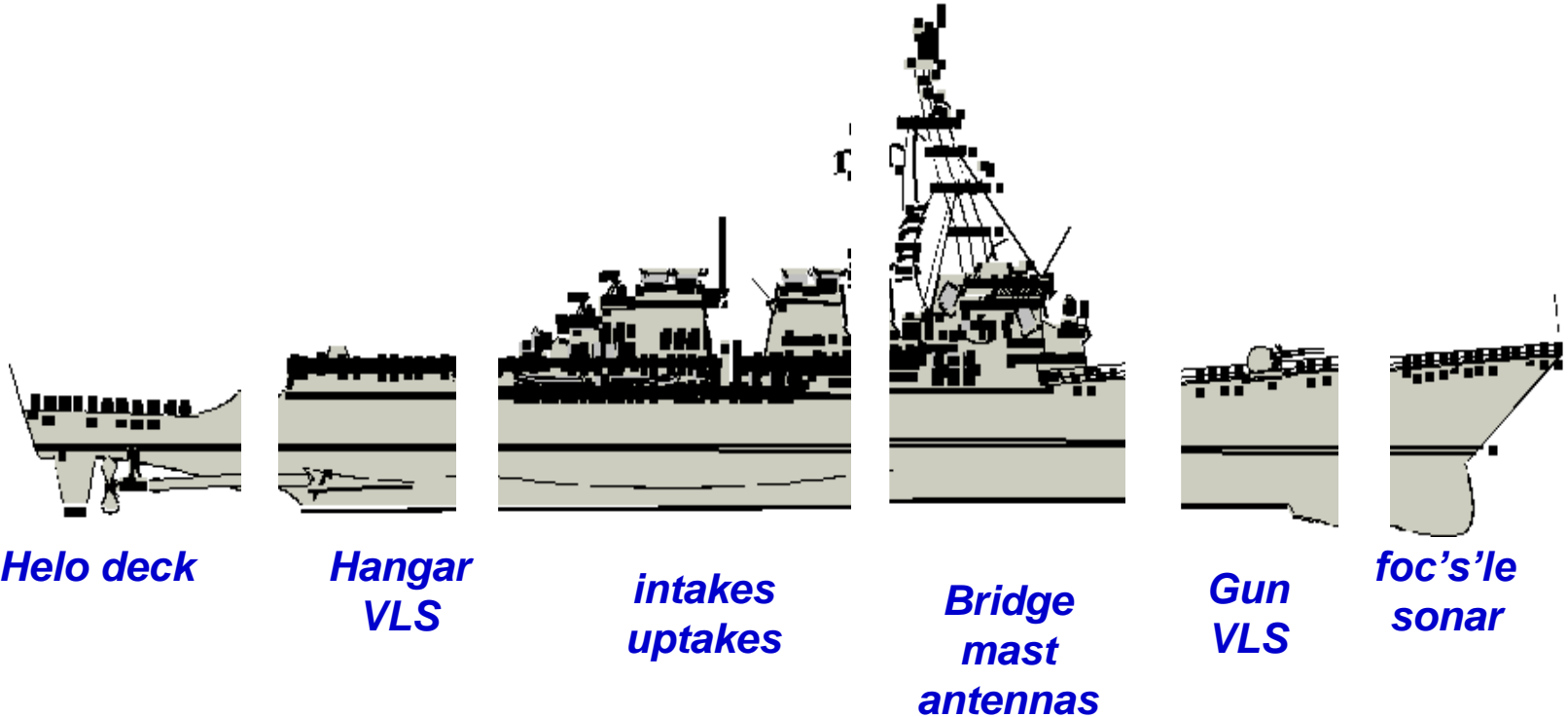
**k** – Boltzmann's constant (1.381 e<sup>-23</sup>)

**L<sub>prop</sub>** – total channel loss



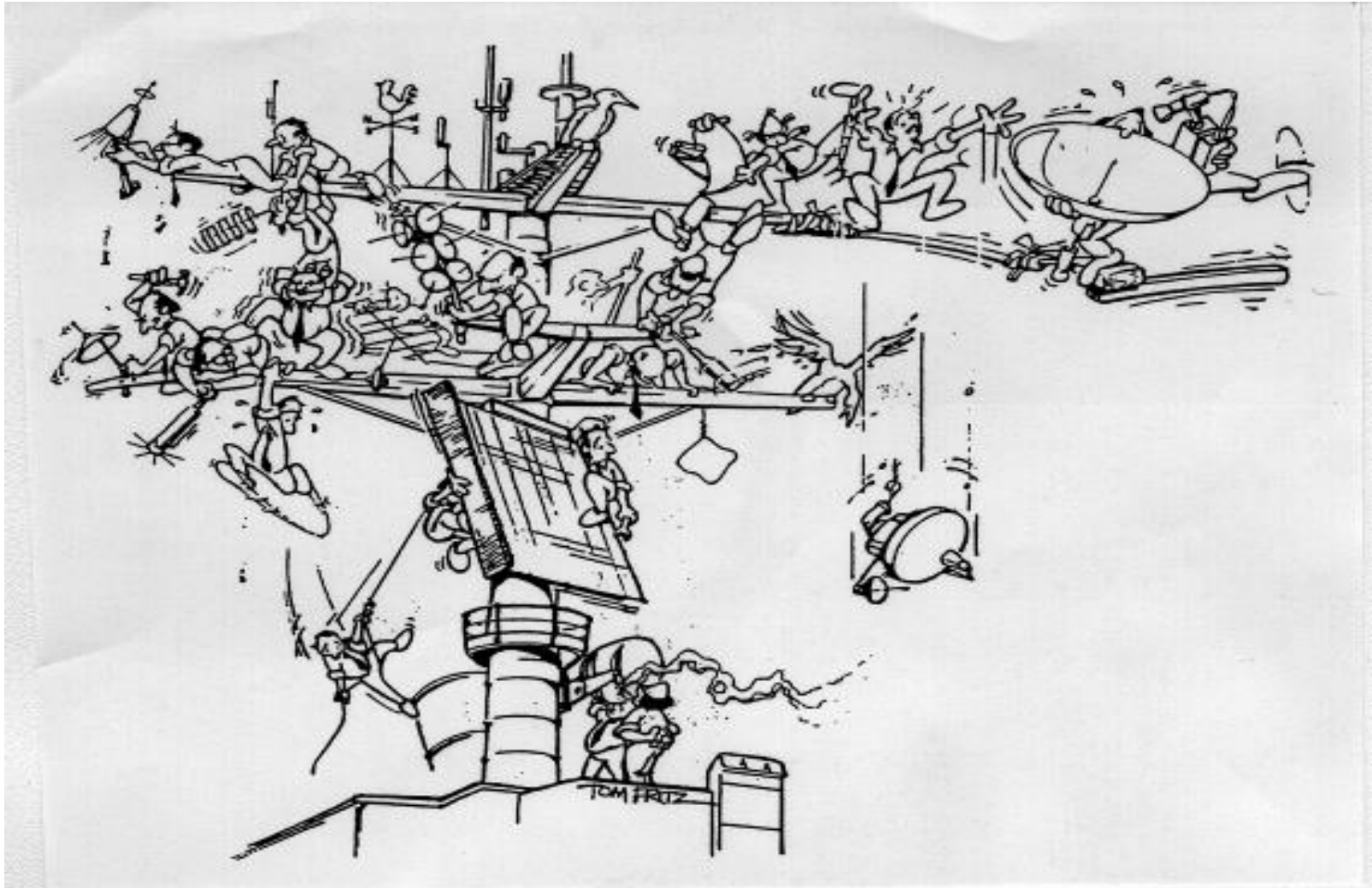
# Antenna Design, Arrangement/Analysis

*Although a ship may be large, only limited areas are available for antennas.*



# *Antenna locations on mast are very contentious!*

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# Antenna Analysis

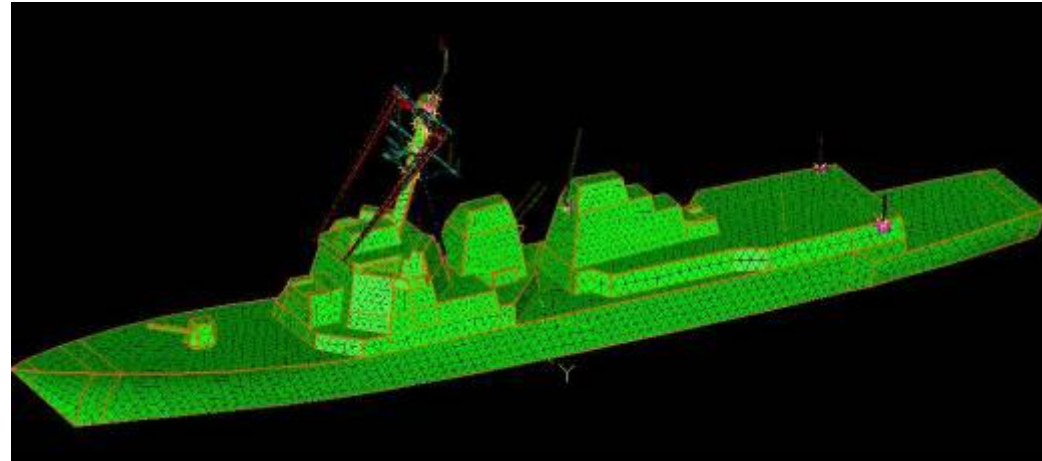
## EM modeling is wavelength dependent!

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### Physical Modeling



### Computational Modeling



frequency      3                      30                      300                      3000      MHz

resonant region    transient region    ray optic region

# Physical Modeling



**1/48<sup>th</sup> Scale Brass Models  
impedance  
coupling**



**Scale Model Pattern Range  
360° Azimuth, 3° - 90° elevation cuts  
1 - 30 MHz amplitude and phase**

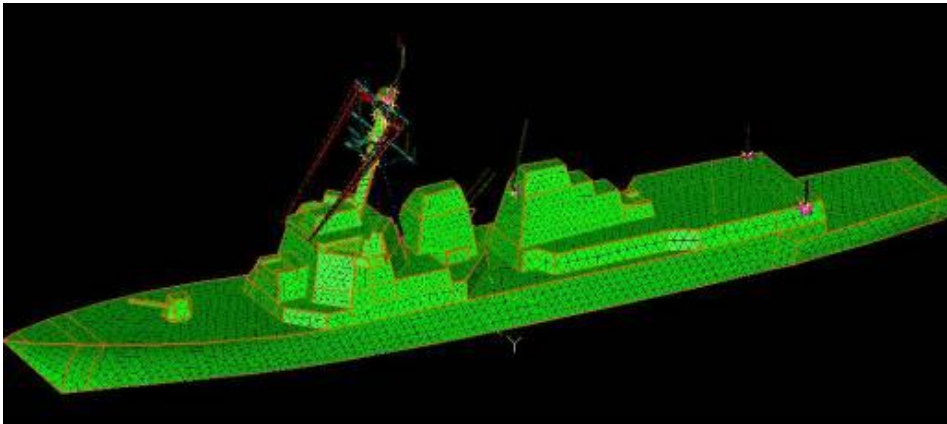


**Scale Model Time Domain Range  
Bounded Wave Simulator  
HF RCS (Ship Resonances)  
Lightning Protection  
EMP Protection**

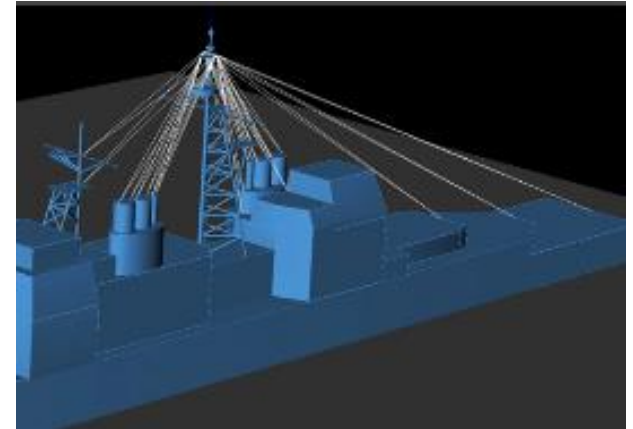


# Computational Modeling

**resonant region**  
*NEC-MoM, EIGER*



**ray optic region**  
*NEC-BSC*



LLNL



Sandia

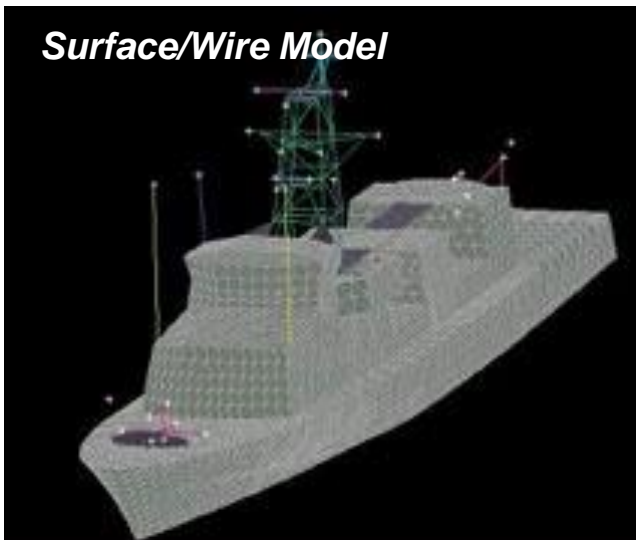




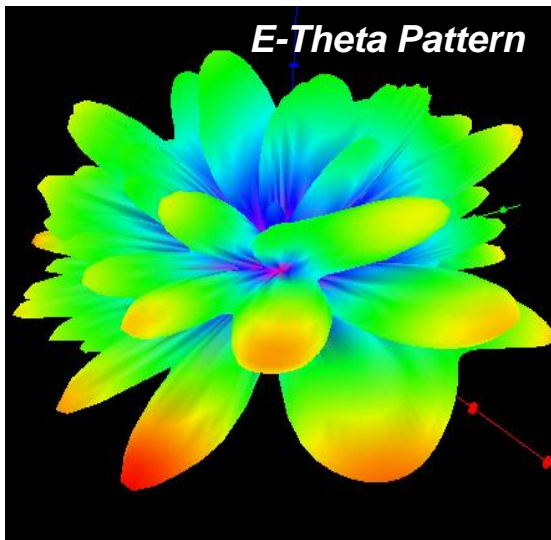
# Cyclone Class Patrol Craft, PC-1

## EIGER Modeling - VHF Antennas

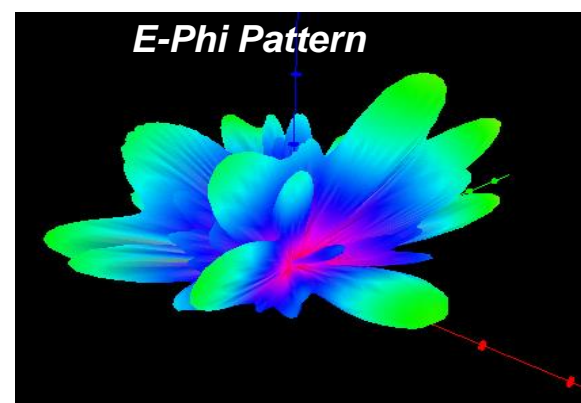
*Surface/Wire Model*



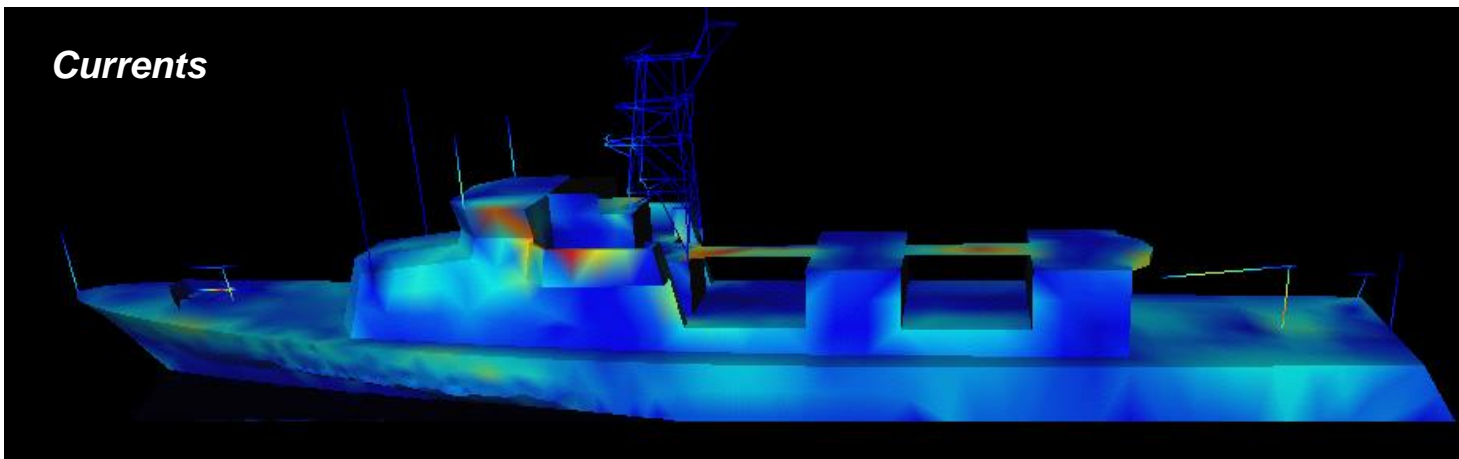
*E-Theta Pattern*



*E-Phi Pattern*



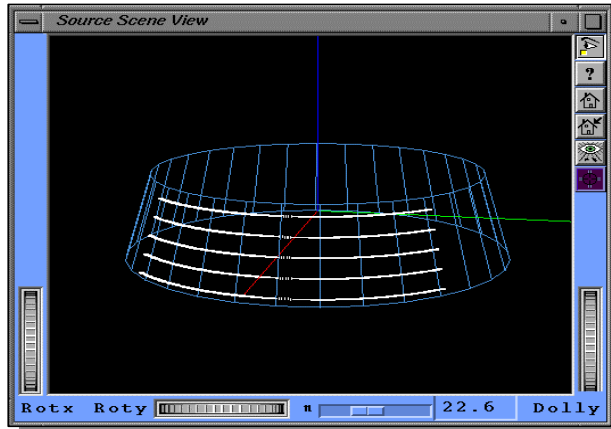
*Currents*



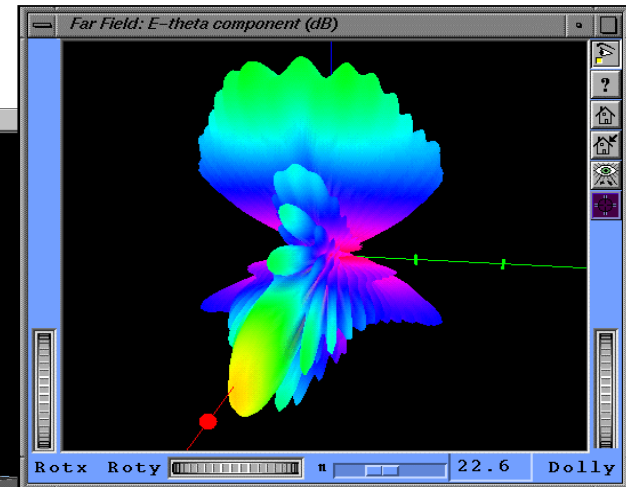
# NEC - Basic Scattering Code

## Active Phase Array Antenna

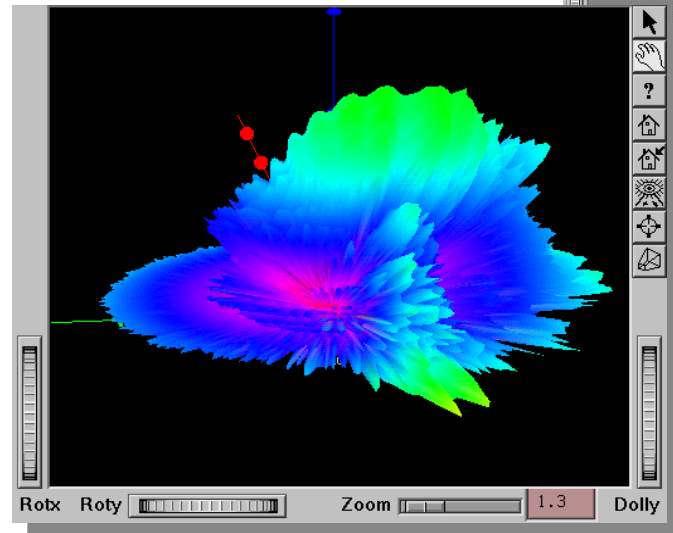
### Antenna Model



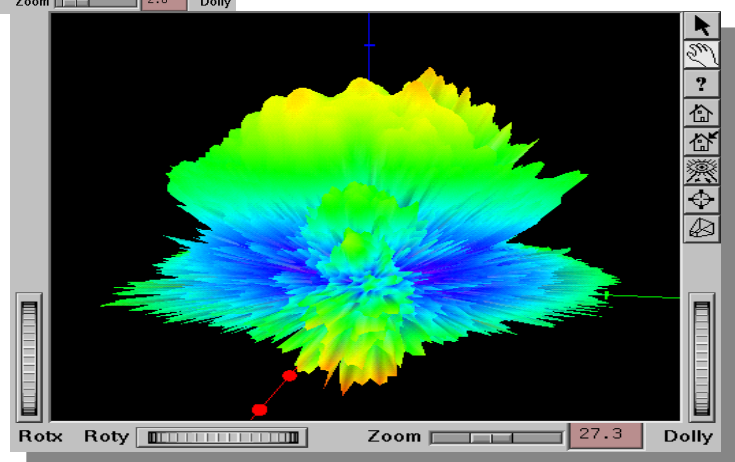
### Free Space Pattern



### Forward Mast



### Aft Mast



## $L_{prop}$ – Channel Loss

$$L_{prop} = L_{fs} L_{abs} L_r L_{pf}$$

- $L_{fs}$  – free space

$$L_{fs} = \frac{1}{(4\pi r f / c)^2}$$

- $r$  – propagation path (meters)
- $f$  – frequency (Hz)
- $c$  – speed of light (meters/sec)

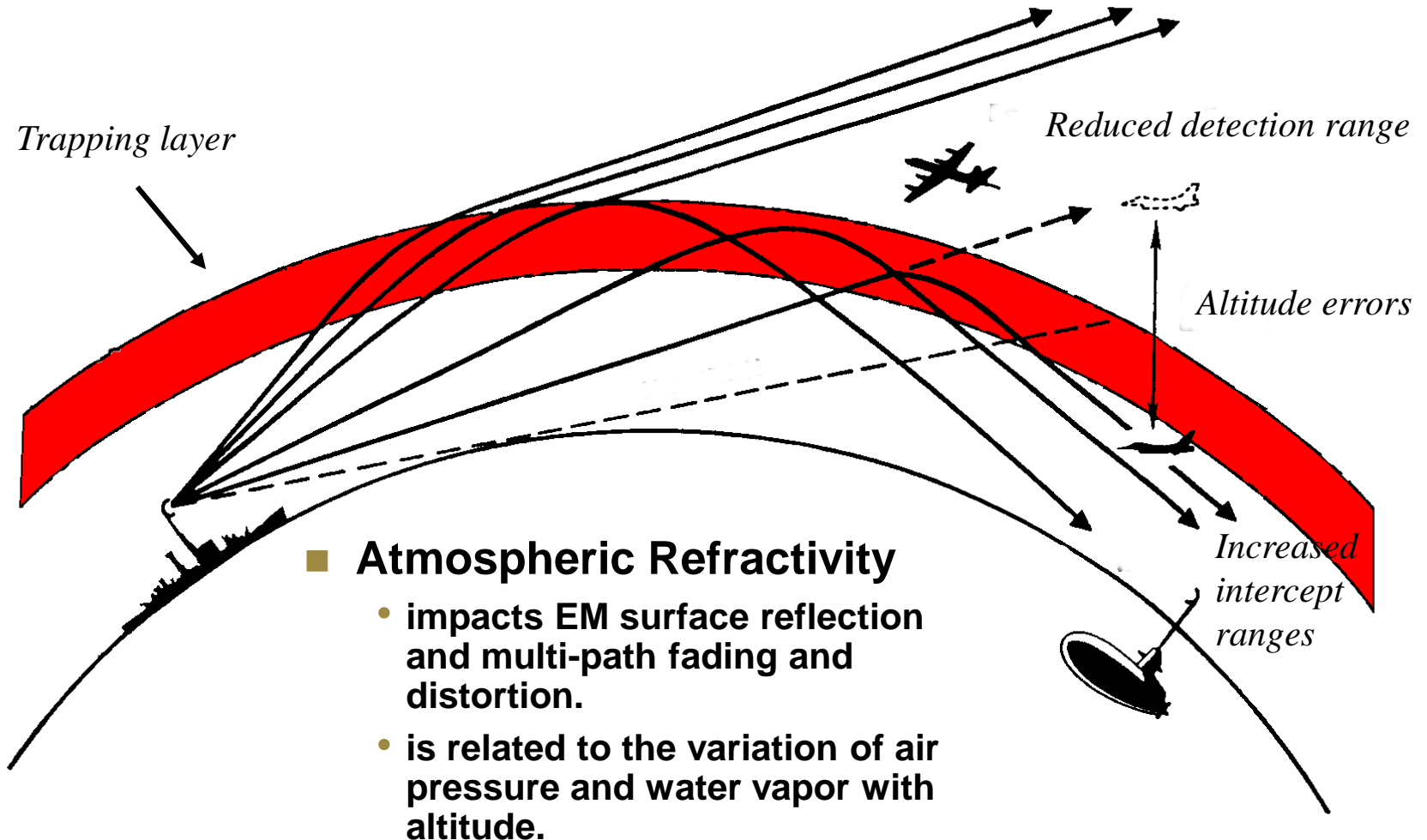
- $L_{abs}$  – absorption

- $L_r$  – rain

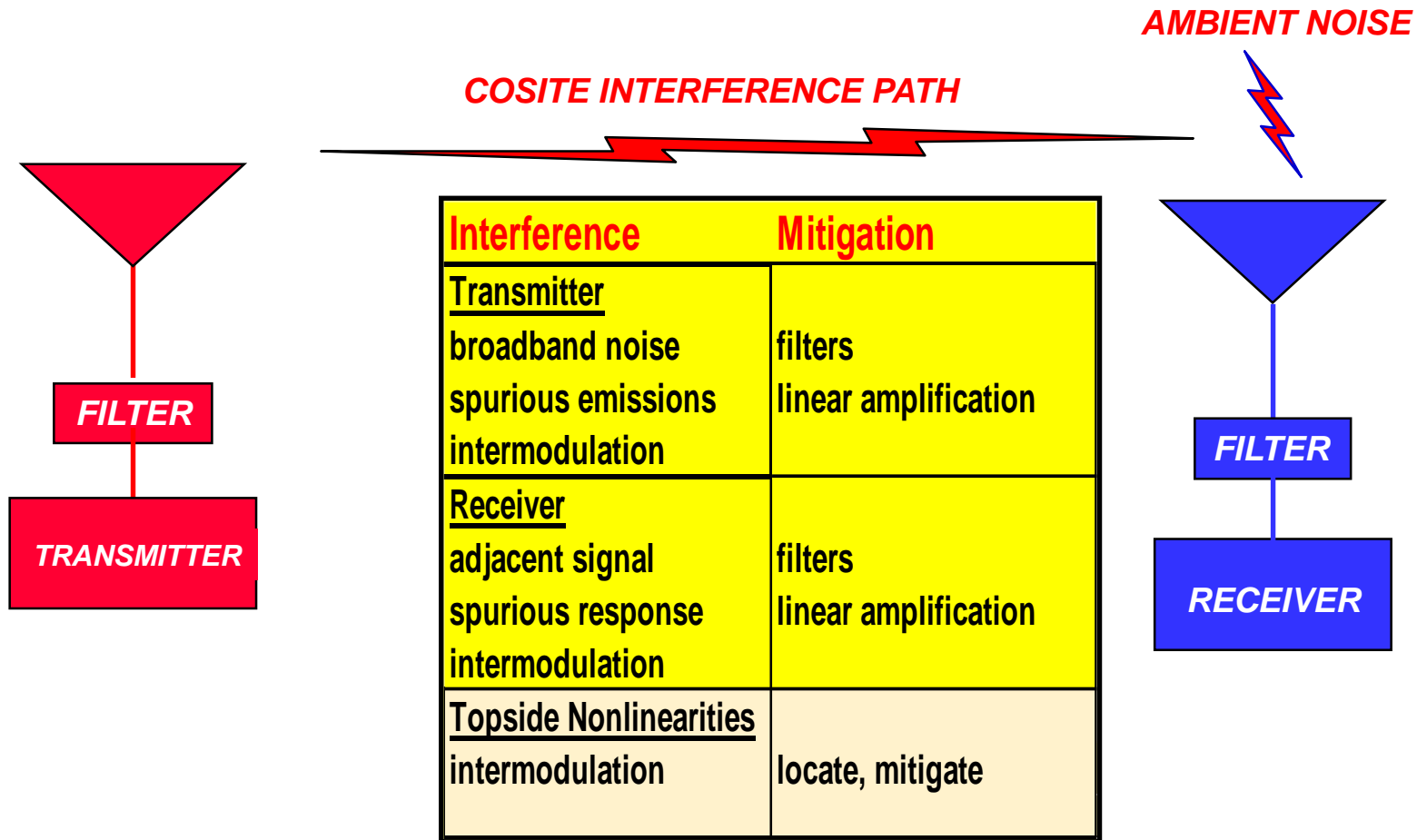
- $L_{pf}$  – propagation factor

- surface reflection, atmospheric refraction, scattering from atmospheric inhomogeneities and earth surface diffraction

# Marine Environment Ducting



# *In the topside there “will be” insufficient isolation between Tx and Rx systems.*



# COSAM - Cosite Analysis Model

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- Interference interaction between Tx and Rx pairs is analyzed.
- The equivalent input on-tune interference power ( $P_{ino}$ ) is calculated.
  - Non-linear circuit analysis is the basis for many **COSAM** formulas.
- Emphasis is primarily on Broadband Tx Noise & Rx Adjacent Signal.
- Determines additional antenna isolation required to make interference less than the ambient noise plus Rx system noise,  
 $T_{interference} < T_{ambient} + T_{RxNF}$ .
- Equipment database supplies all necessary electrical characteristics.
  - The RF equipment data base is critical to the value of COSAM. This is also a challenging aspect of using COSAM.



# ***Topside Intermodulation (IM)***

## ***Locate, Mitigate***

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### ■ **Method**

- A two-frequency test procedure that use elementary direction finding techniques.
- Concentration on IM signals of the highest, lowest order.
- Location followed by mitigation.

### ■ **Lowest order (Q) for a detected IM**

- Minimize an L1 norm under a linear Diophantine equation constraint.

$$N_1 F_{T1} + N_2 F_{T2} = F_{IM} \text{ (Diophantine equation)}$$

$$Q = |N_1| + |N_2| \quad \text{(L1 norm)}$$

$F_T$  – transmit frequencies

$N$  – integers

$Q$  – intermodulation order



### ■ **Possible basis for IM limited frequency plans?**



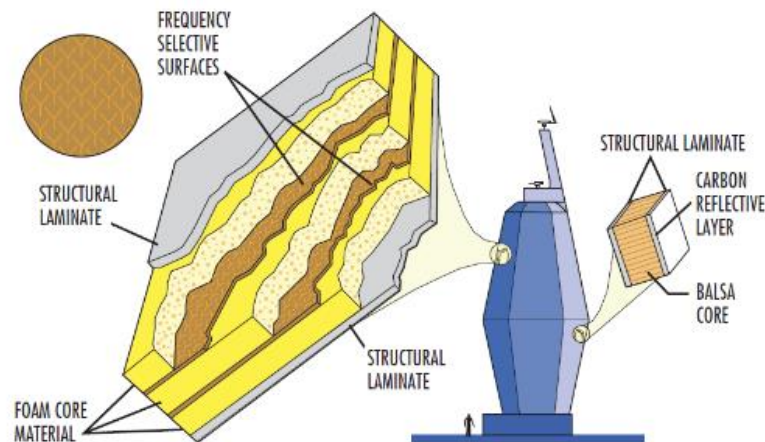
# Cross Discipline Collaboration

## Advanced Enclosed Mast/Sensor (AEM/S) System

USS Radford



Technology Demonstration



# ***AEM/S Advantages***

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- **Affordable signature control of legacy antenna systems.**
- **Flat surfaces for mounting “future” phased array antenna.**
- **Less blockage than conventional metallic masts.**
- **Reduced maintenance (antennas are not exposed to the elements).**
- **Less topside weight.**
- **Less wind loading**
- **Other advantages . . .**

# *Transition to Acquisition Program*

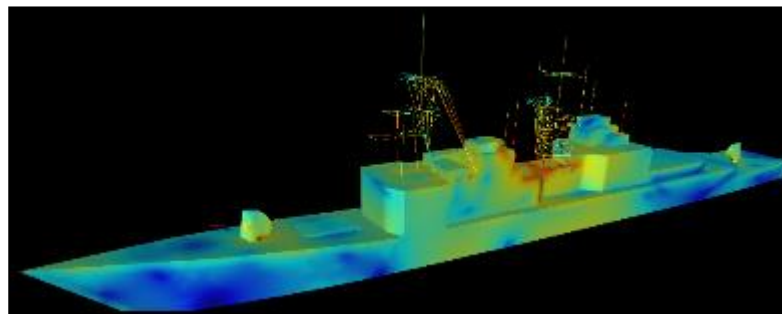
## *LPD-17 Amphibious Dock Landing Ship*

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# EM Topside Integration Design

## Modeling



## Simulation

Ant	ANT #1 Shakespeare 200 2-30 MHz		ANT #1 Shakespeare 310 2-30 MHz		ANT #1 Shakespeare 200 2-30 MHz		ANT #1 Shakespeare 300 2-30 MHz		Transmitter Frequency Separation from Receiver Turned Frequency
	RF-382A-02	RF-5001-PA-100	RF-382A-02	RF-5001-PA-100	RF-382A-02	RF-5001-PA-100	RF-382A-02	RF-5001-PA-100	
RF-382A-02	30	33	30	30	49	27	46	24	2.50%
RF-5001-PA-100	30	7	27	4	44	1	41	0	31.80%
RF-382A-02	30	6	47	5	44	0	41	0	18.80%
RF-5001-PA-100	30	7	47	4	44	1	41	0	28.80%
RF-5001-PA-100	30	8	47	5	44	2	41	0	28.80%
RF-5001-PA-100	Not Compatible		Not Compatible		Not Compatible		Not Compatible		
ANT #1	RF-382A-02	RF-5001-PA-100	RF-382A-02	RF-5001-PA-100	RF-382A-02	RF-5001-PA-100	RF-382A-02	RF-5001-PA-100	
Shakespeare 200	41	31	39	30	36	22	30	24	2.50%
2-30 MHz	30	12	29	10	12	7	14	0	5.00%
RF-382A-02	0	7	0	4	0	1	0	0	15.00%
RF-5001-PA-100	0	7	0	4	0	1	0	0	35.00%
RF-5001-PA-100	0	8	0	5	0	2	0	0	25.00%
RF-5001-PA-100	10.00%		10.00%		8.00%		7.00%		
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Shakespeare 310	0	30	0	27	19	0	21	21	2.50%
2-30 MHz	0	11	0	7	0	4	0	1	5.00%
RF-382A-02	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	14.00%
RF-5001-PA-100	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	11.00%
RF-5001-PA-100	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	20.00%
RF-5001-PA-100	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	25.00%
RF-5001-PA-100	5.00%		5.00%		3.00%		3.00%		

## Qualified RF Engineers

