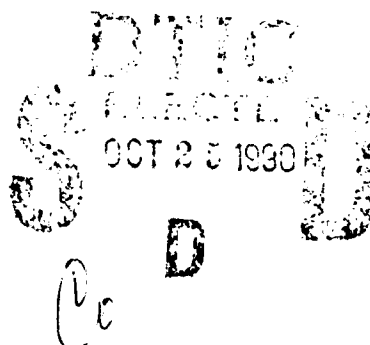


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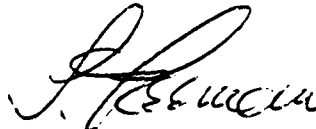
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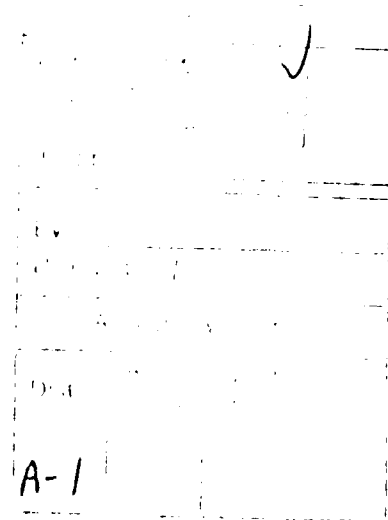
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INTRODUCTION

We present a sequence of range dependent calculations done with COUPLE and IFD/PE. We comment on the dominant range dependent effects. Some of these calculations show also perfect agreement between the two models. This provides a benchmark test case for other range dependent models.

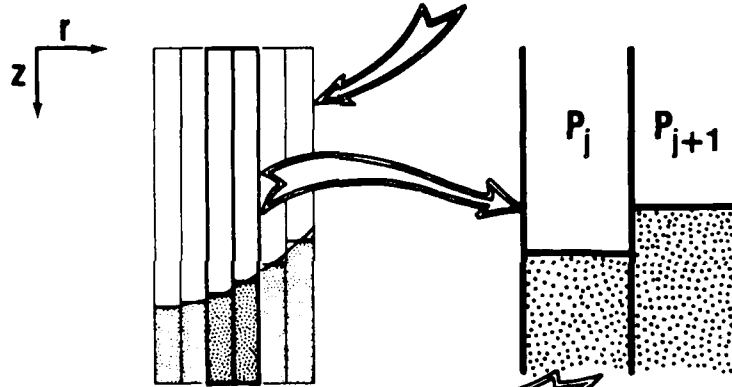
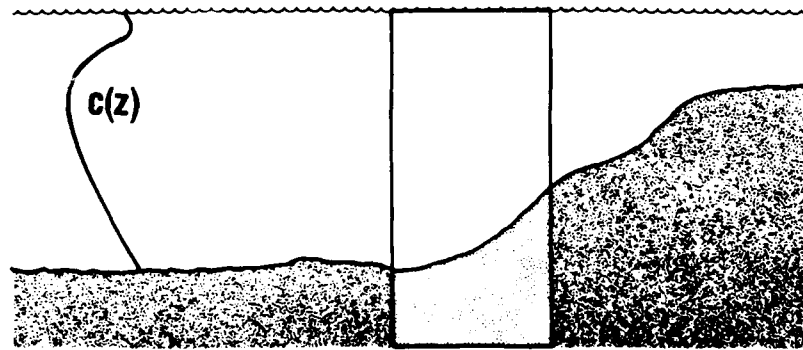


VIEWGRAPH 1: MODELS

COUPLE is a stepwise coupled mode model. It was developed by R. Evans and K. Gilbert at NORDA. The basis of the calculation is shown in viewgraph 1. The environment is discretized into locally flat regions. In each of these locally flat regions, the field is expanded as a sum of local modes. Matching the fields in adjacent regions, along a vertical interface, yields a linear relation between the unknown expansion coefficients in adjoining regions. The set of all such linear equations is solved for the expansion coefficients. The recent application of the decoupling algorithm has made this numerically practical in a wide range of problems.

IFD/PE is an implicit finite different algorithm applied to the parabolic approximation of the elliptic wave equation. It was developed for ocean acoustics by D. Lee and G. Botseas at NUSC.

STEPWISE COUPLED MODES



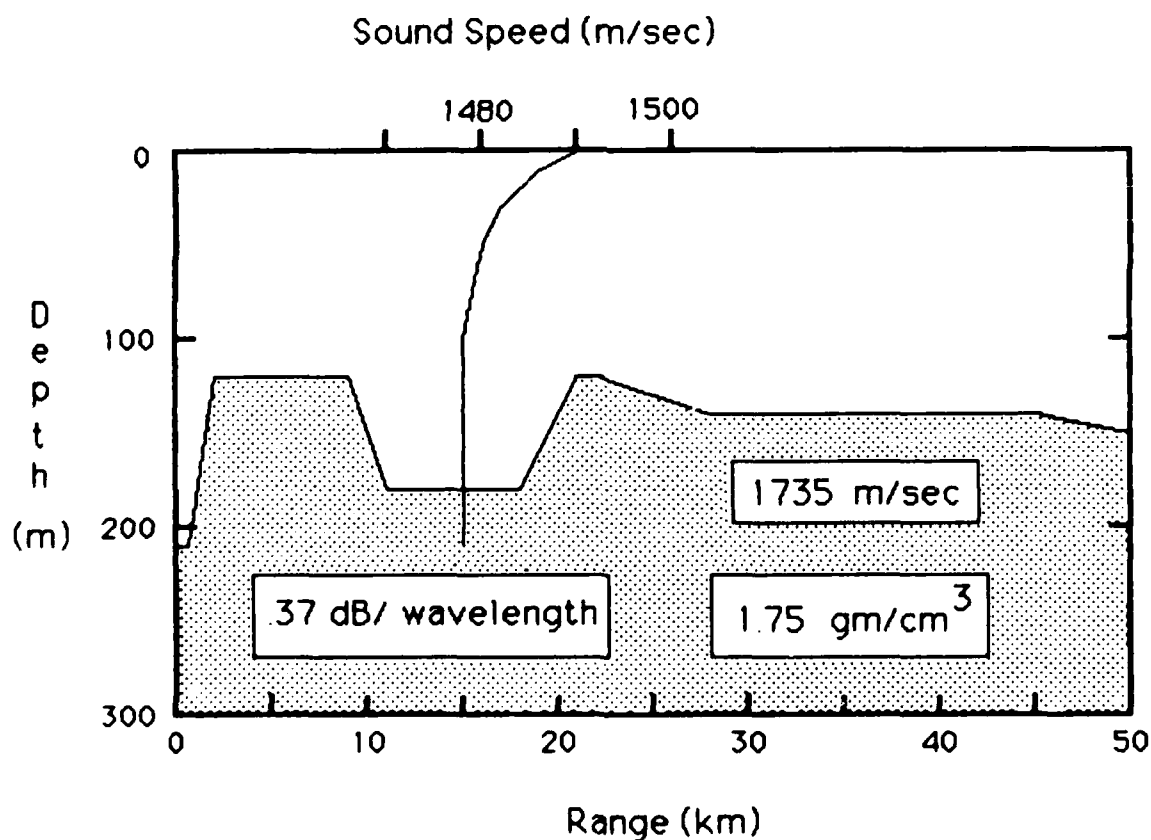
$$P_j(r, z) = \sum_{m=1}^M \left[a_{j,m} \frac{e^{ik_{j,m}r}}{(k_{j,m}r)^{1/2}} + b_{j,m} \frac{e^{-ik_{j,m}r}}{(k_{j,m}r)^{1/2}} \right] \phi(z, k_{j,m})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_{j+1} \\ \vec{b}_{j+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M1 & M2 \\ M3 & M4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_j \\ \vec{b}_j \end{bmatrix}$$

VIEWGRAPH 2: RANGE DEPENDENT TEST

The environment for the first sequence of calculations is shown in viewgraph 2. The water depth varies slowly (note the vertical exaggeration) between 210 and 120 m over a range of 50 km. The water layer is downward refracting as can be seen from the sound speed profile. The underlying liquid sediment is homogeneous with the parameters indicated in the viewgraph. There is significant attenuation in the sediment.

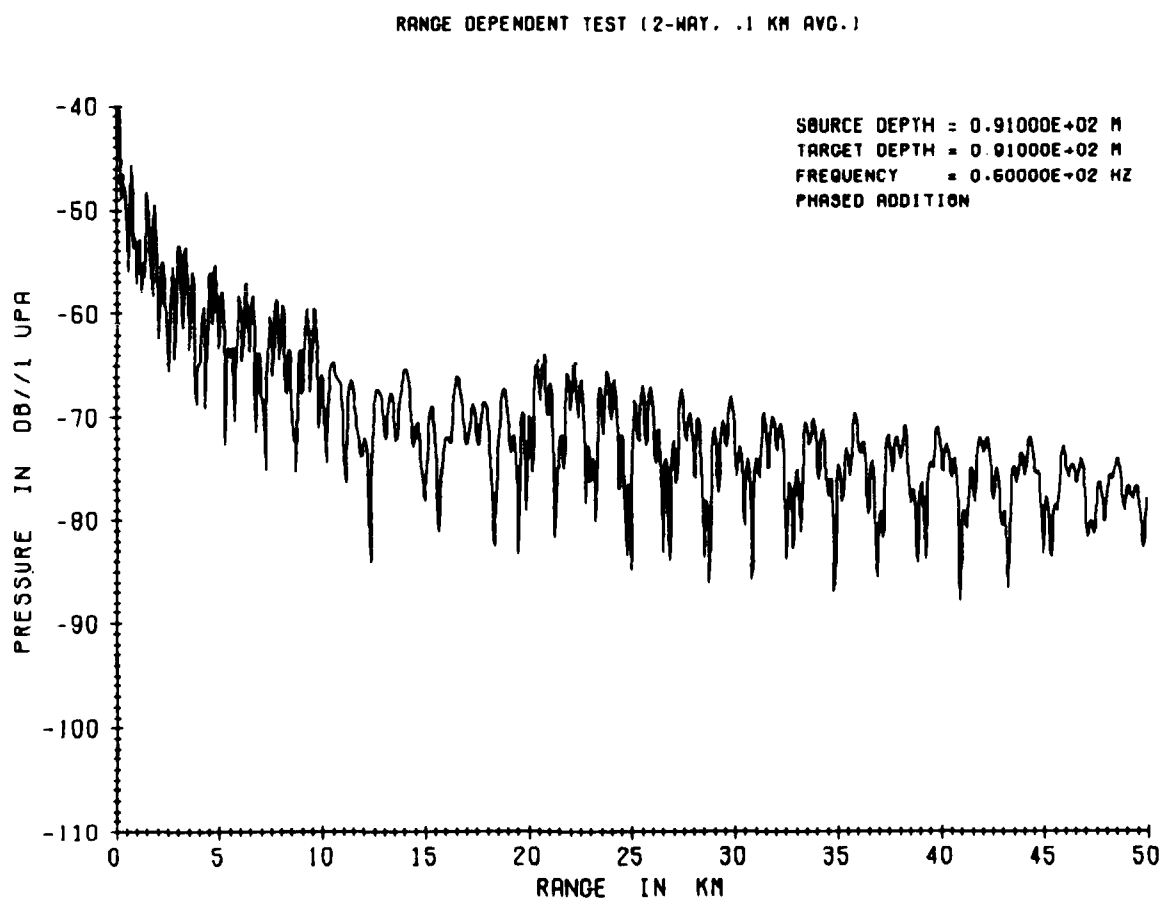
Range Dependent Test



VIEWGRAPH 2

VIEWGRAPH 3: COUPLE (50 Hz, 2-WAY)

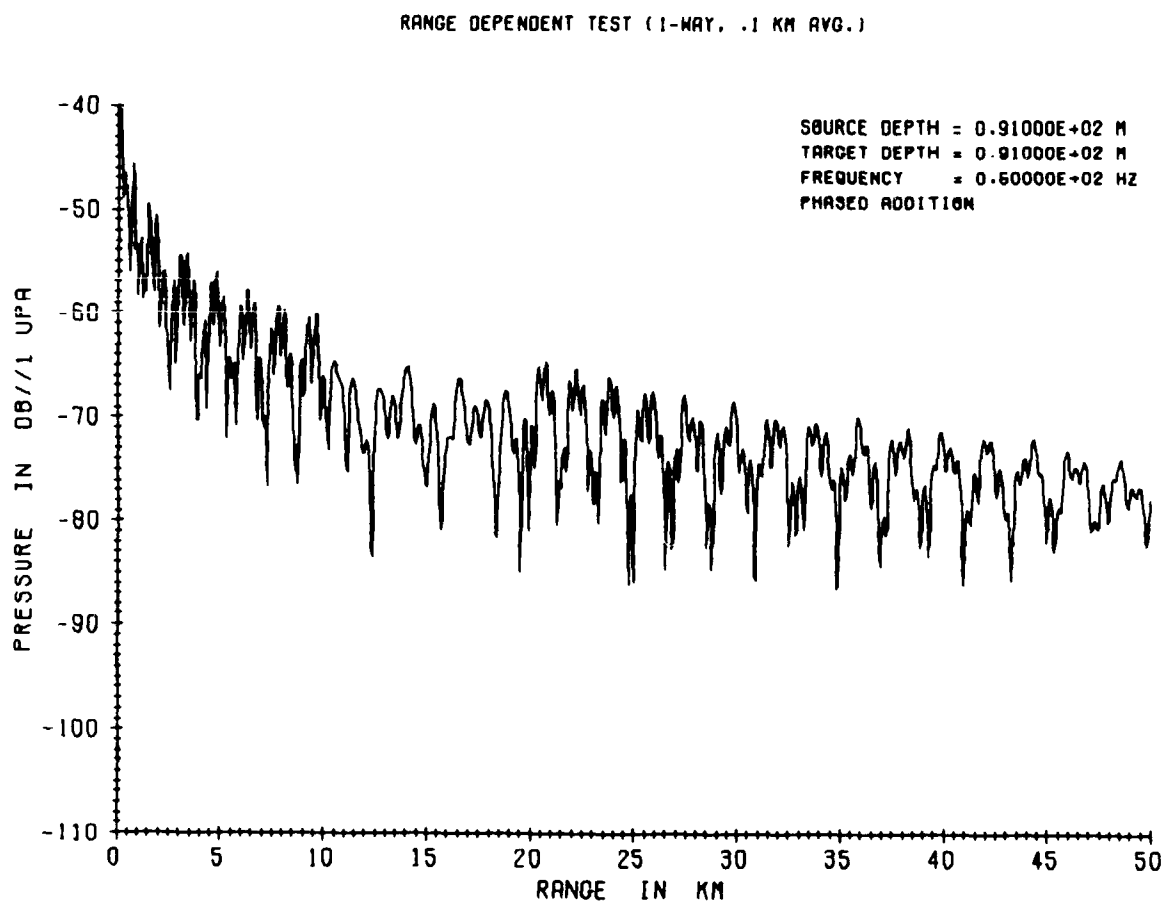
Viewgraph 3 shows the propagation loss for a 50 Hz source at 91 m and a receiver at 91 m. The propagation loss curve shows a pattern indicative of modal propagation with 5 - 7 modes contributing. There is a distinct spacing out of the pattern in the region over the notch in the bathymetry between 10 and 20 km. This is clearly a range dependent effect.



VIEWGRAPH 3

VIEWGRAPH 4: COUPLE (50 Hz, 1-WAY)

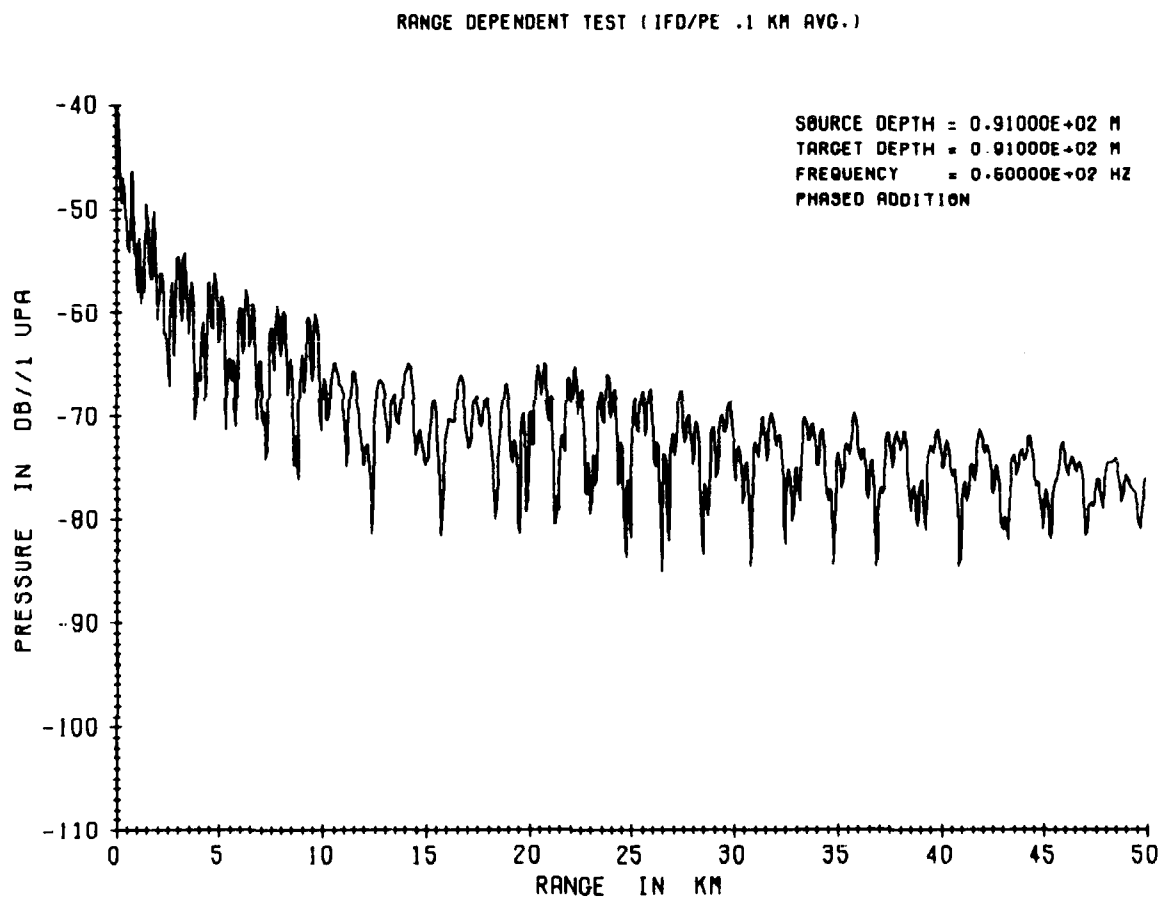
Viewgraph 4 is the same calculation but with no backscatter. We see from the comparison of the 1-way and 2-way COUPLE results that backscatter is not significant in this CW calculation. As a result, it should make a good test case for the parabolic equation (PE).



VIEWGRAPH 4

VIEWGRAPH 5: IFD/PE (50 Hz)

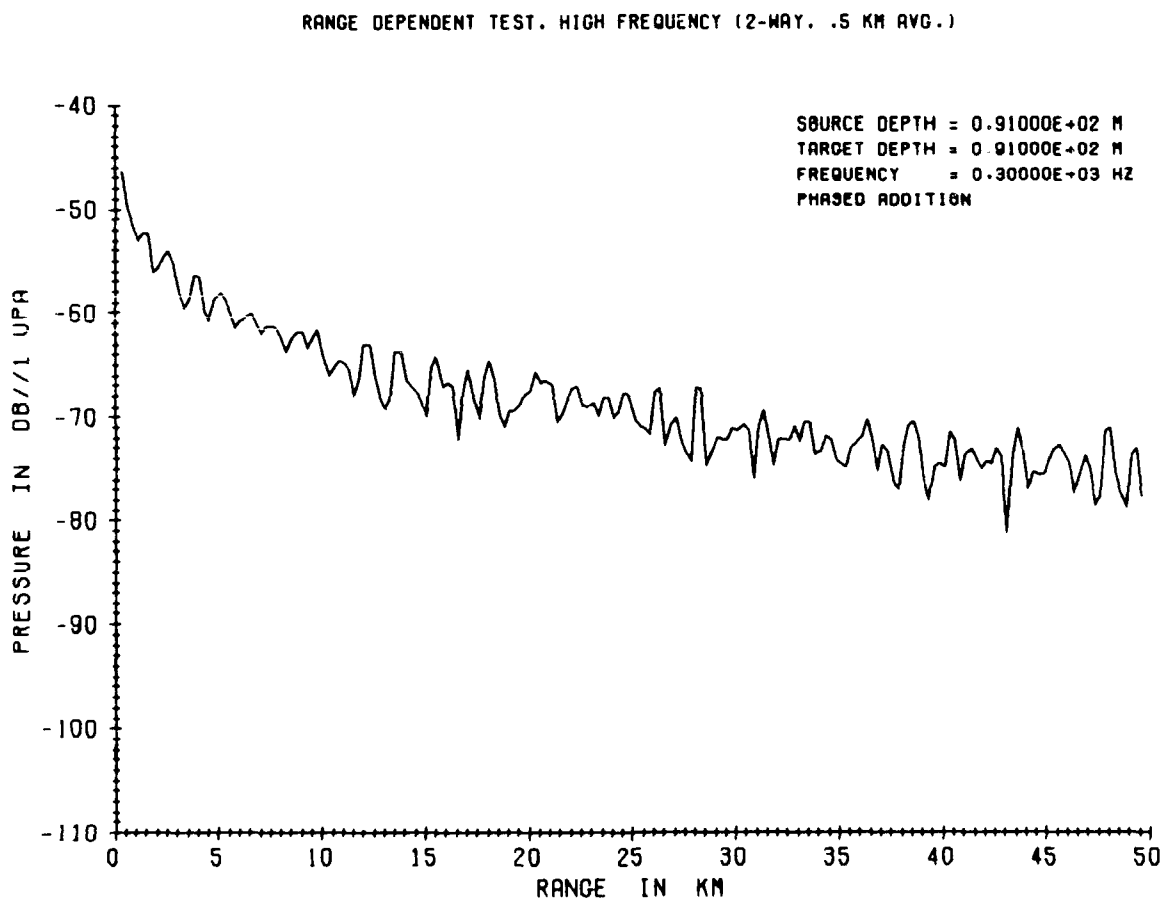
Viewgraph 5 is the IFD/PE result for the same test case. We have almost perfect agreement between COUPLE and IFD/PE. This is our most important point. If another range dependent model is applied to this case, it should produce the same pattern of phase and amplitude.



VIEWGRAPH 5

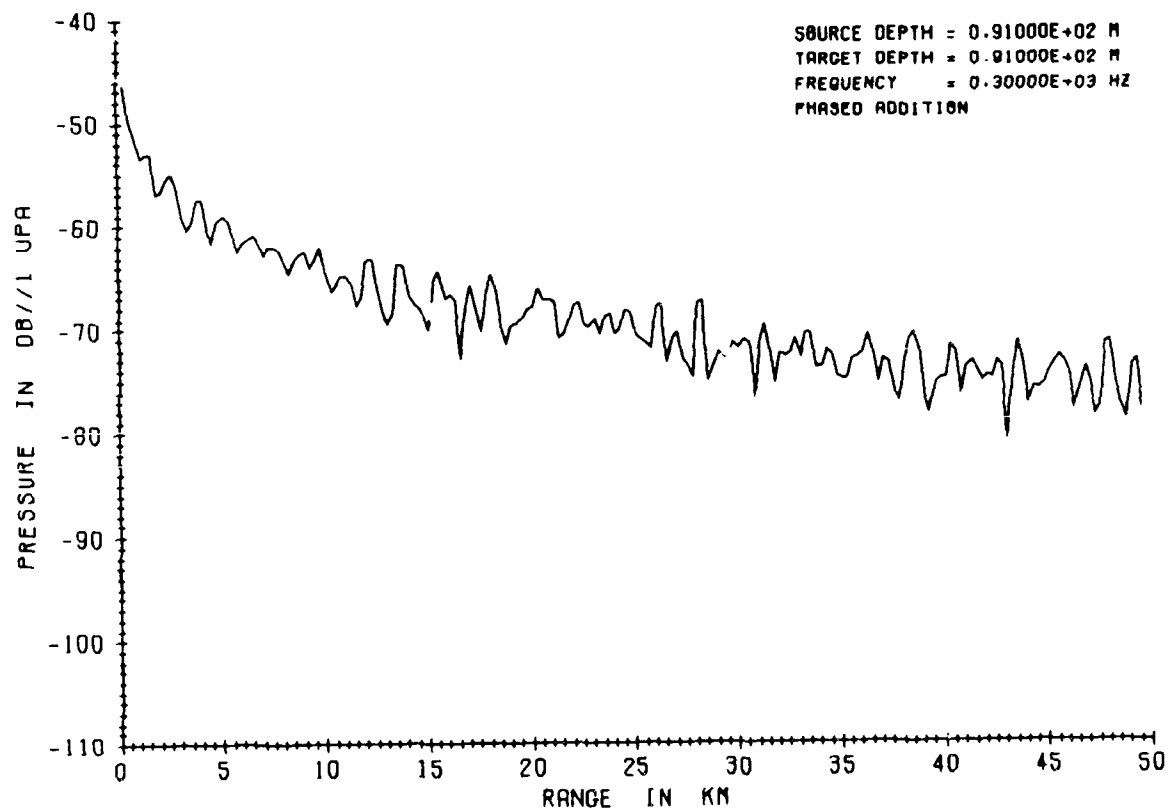
VIEWGRAPH 6: COUPLE (300 Hz, 2-WAY AND 1-WAY)

Viewgraphs 6 and 7 show the 2-way and 1-way COUPLE result at 300 Hz. Everything else is the same. The propagation loss has been averaged over 0.5 km to facilitate comparison. In this case, backscatter is not significant.



VIEWGRAPH 6

RANGE DEPENDENT TEST, HIGH FREQUENCY (1-WAY, .5 KM AVG.)

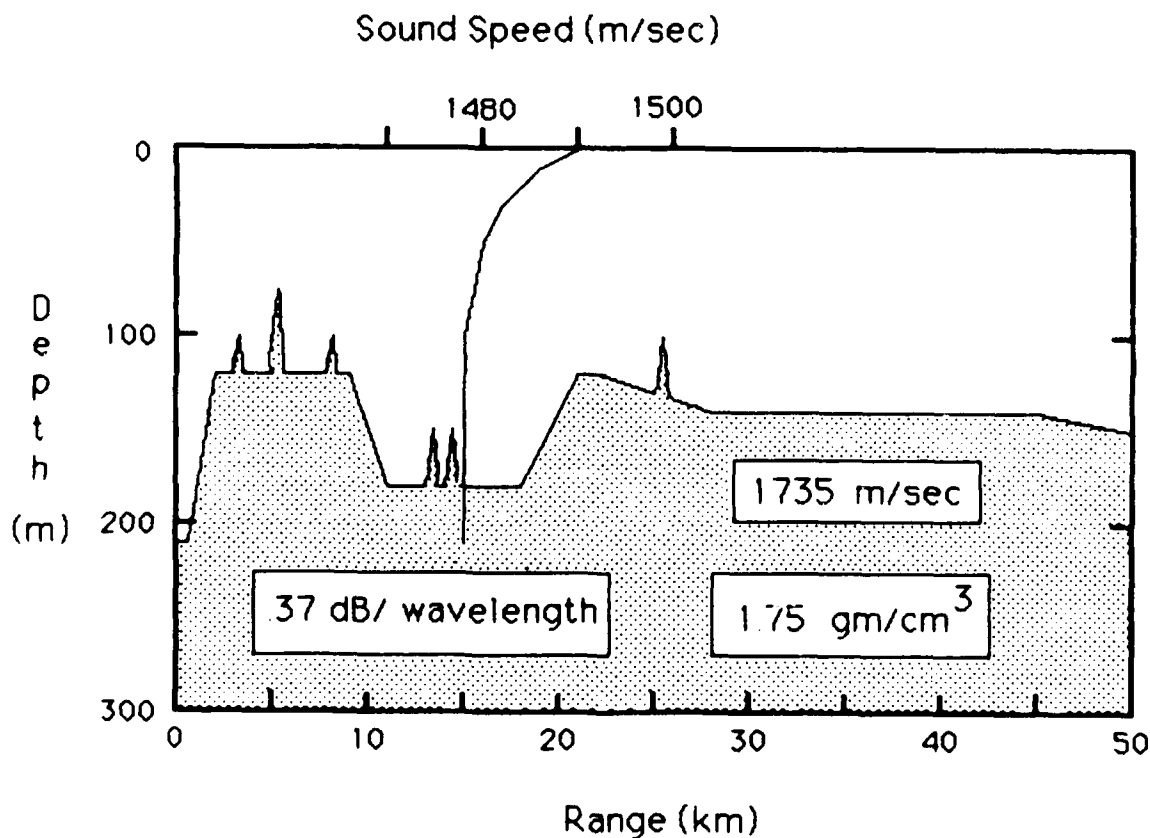


VIEWGRAPH 7

VIEWGRAPH 8: RANGE DEPENDENT TEST, SMALL SCALE ROUGHNESS

A second test case is shown in viewgraph 8. This is the same as the first test case except that some small scale roughness has been put in the bathymetry. These bathymetric changes are more rapid than the overall bathymetry. The vertical exaggeration makes them look like spires.

Range Dependent Test, Small Scale Roughness

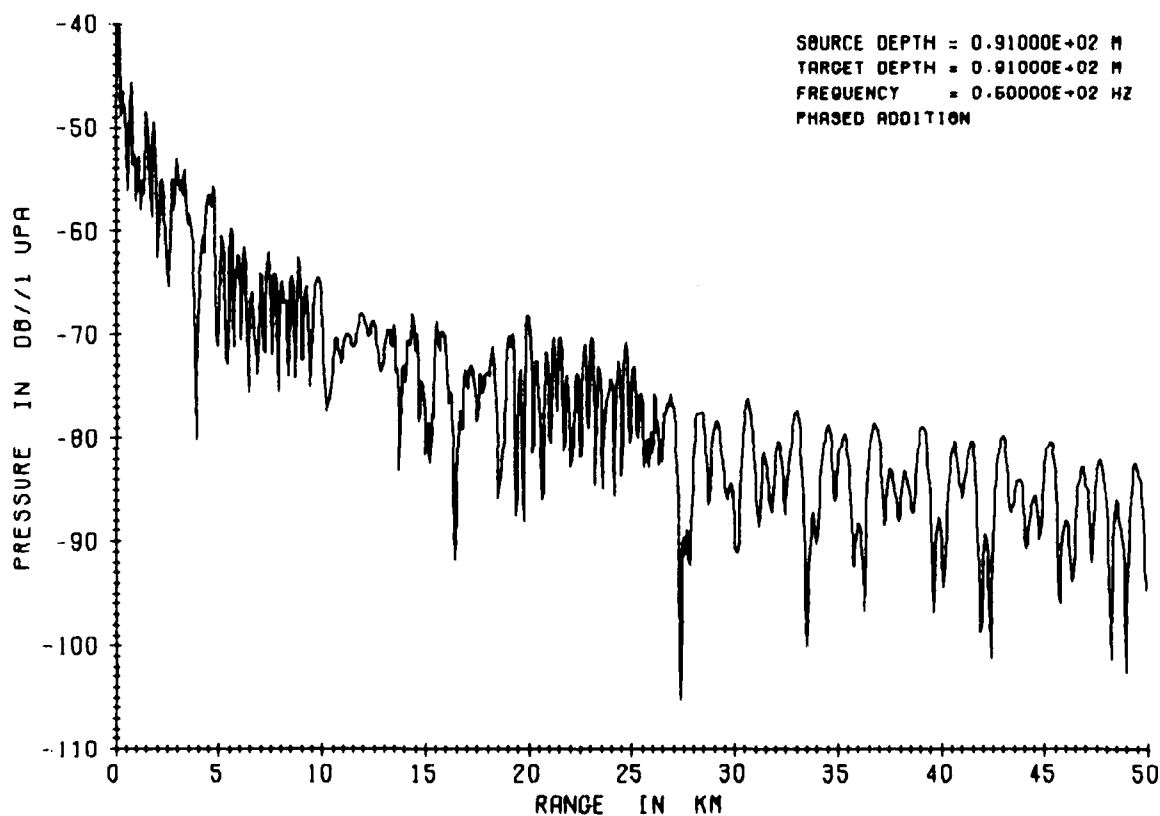


VIEWGRAPH 8

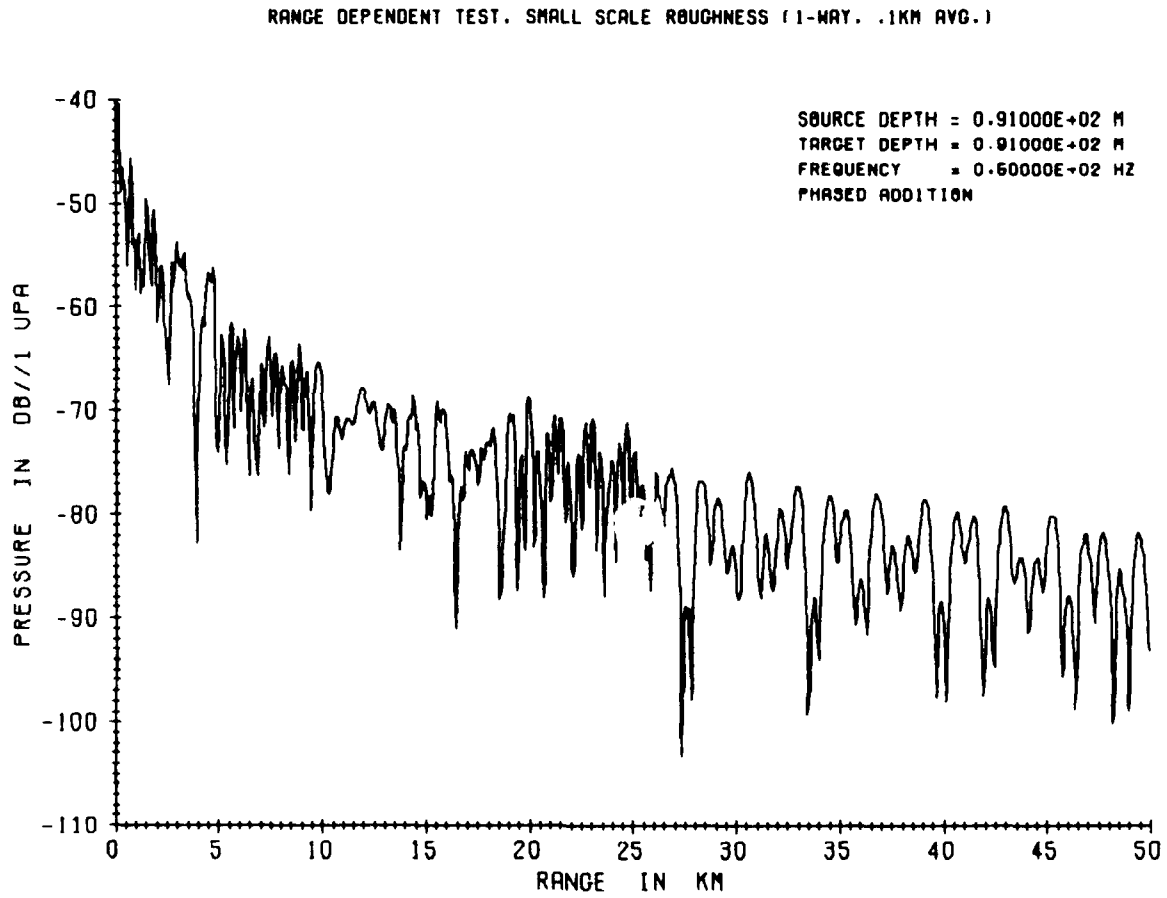
VIEWGRAPHS 9 AND 10: COUPLE (50 Hz, 2-WAY AND 1-WAY)

Viewgraphs 9 and 10 show the 2-way and 1-way COUPLE result at 50 Hz. The introduction of the small scale roughness has caused slight differences between the 1-way and 2-way results. The most significant effect is the higher loss caused by the roughness. This can be seen in comparison with the 2-way COUPLE result in viewgraph 3 where the roughness did not occur.

RANGE DEPENDENT TEST. SMALL SCALE ROUGHNESS (2-WAY, .1KM AVG.)



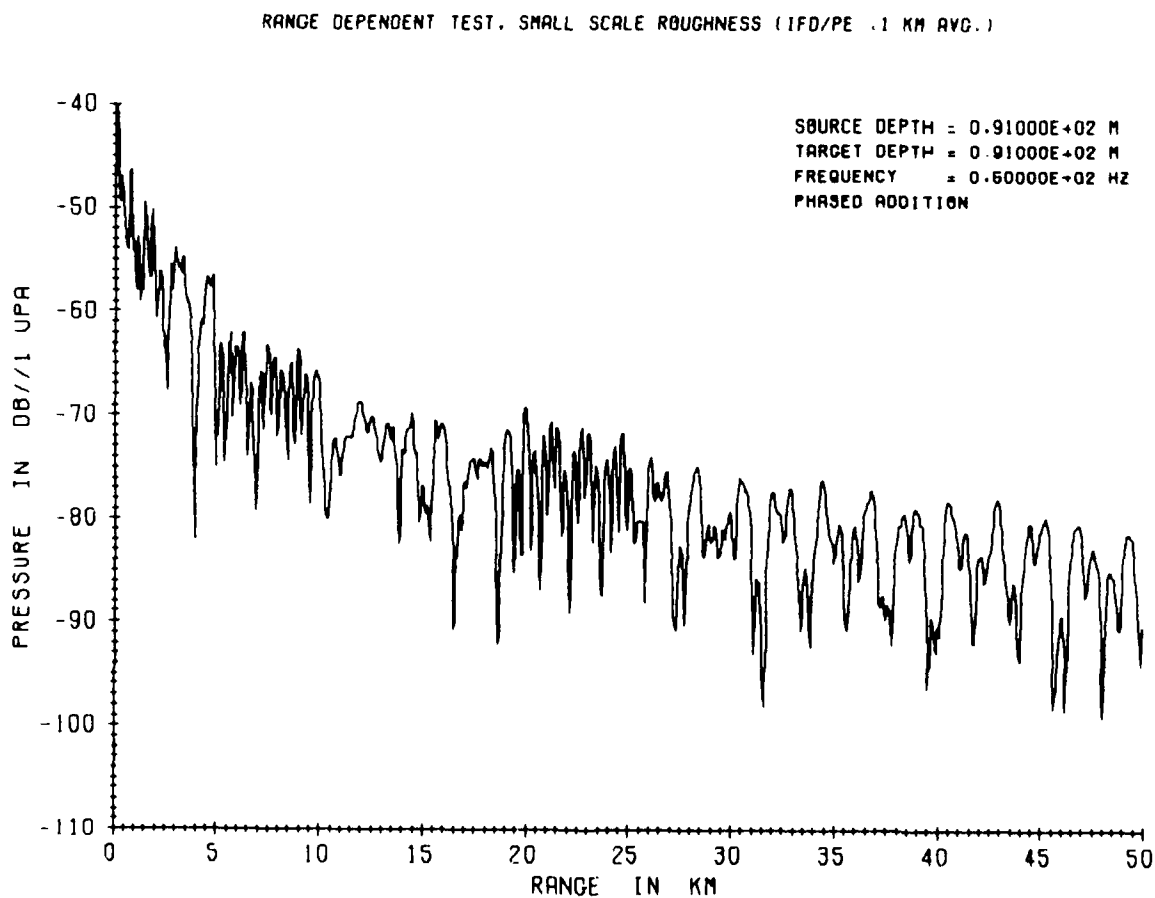
VIEWGRAPH 9



VIEWGRAPH 10

VIEWGRAPH 11: IFD/PE (50 Hz)

Viewgraph 11 is the IFD/PE result for the rough case. IFD/PE shows the same increased loss due to roughness. The comparison with COUPLE is not quite as good as in the case without roughness.



VIEWGRAPH 11

SUMMARY

The COUPLE model was applied in a range dependent shallow water environment. The COUPLE results were compared with IFD/PE results for the same problem. Both models provide comparable results. The COUPLE model provides for backscattered energy, but in this problem backscattered energy is insignificant. Further tests showed that including small scale roughness elements had more influence on propagation loss than any other single factor.

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