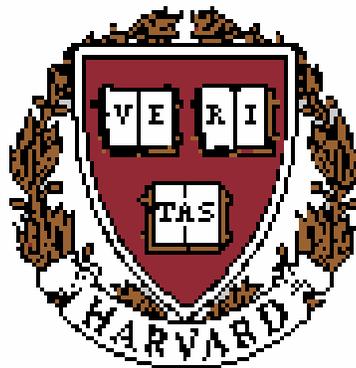


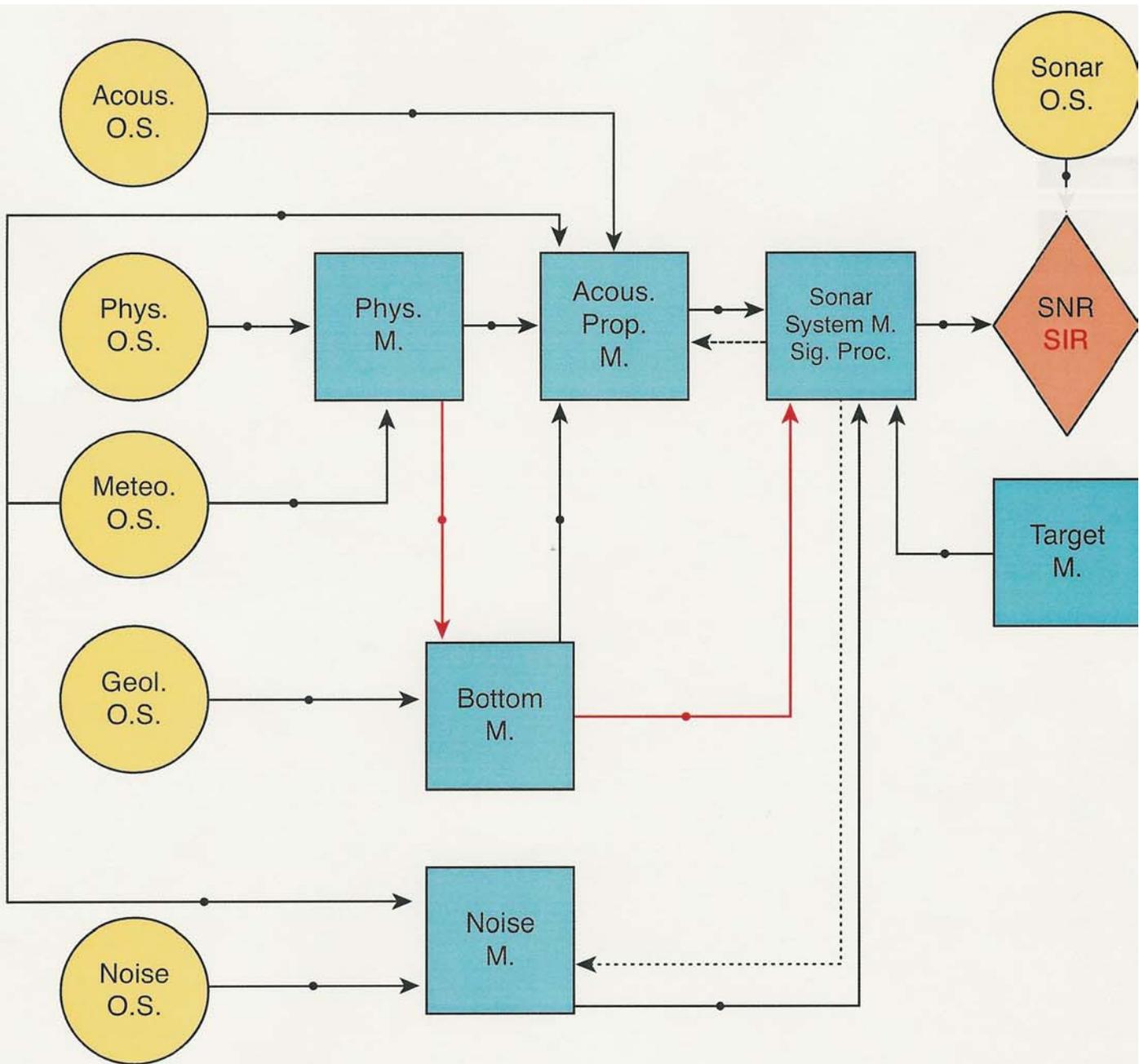
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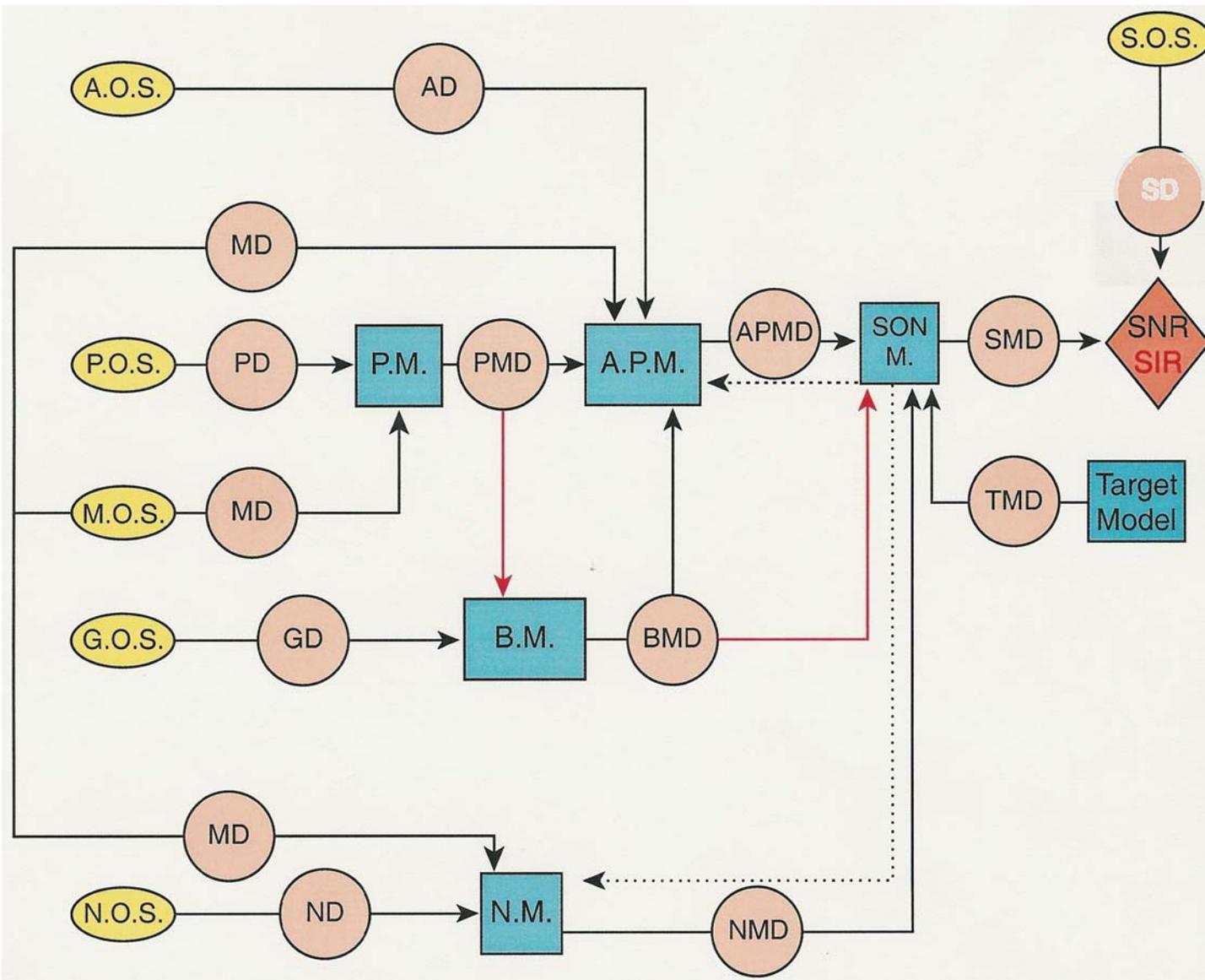
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- O.S. Observation Systems
- M. Models
- Forward transfer of model data output (•)
- .....→ Backward request for specific information
- Transfer/data employed in active sonar only
- SNR SIR Signal to noise ratio output and uncertainties
- SNR SIR Signal to interference ratio output and uncertainties





## COUPLED PHYSICAL-ACOUSTICAL DYNAMICAL MODELS

### • Physical model: Primitive-Equation (PDE, $x, y, z, t$ : HOPS)

$$\text{Horiz. Momen.} \quad \frac{D\mathbf{u}_h}{Dt} + f \mathbf{e}_3 \wedge \mathbf{u}_h = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla_h p_w + \nabla \cdot (A \nabla \mathbf{u}_h) \quad (1-2)$$

$$\text{Vert. Momen.} \quad \rho g + \frac{\partial p_w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Thermal energy} \quad \frac{DT}{Dt} = \nabla \cdot (K \nabla T) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Cons. of salt} \quad \frac{DS}{Dt} = \nabla \cdot (K^s \nabla S) \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Cons. of mass} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Eqn. of state} \quad \rho(\mathbf{r}, z, t) = \rho(T, S, p_w) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Sound speed eqn.} \quad c(\mathbf{r}, z, t) = C(T, S, p_w) \quad (8)$$

### • Acoustical model: Coupled Normal-Mode model (PDE, $f, r, z, t$ : NPS)

$$\text{Wave eqn.} \quad \rho c^2(\mathbf{r}, z, t) \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p_s(\mathbf{r}, z, t) \right) = \frac{\partial^2 p_s(\mathbf{r}, z, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

$$p_s \text{ transfer fct.} \quad \nabla^2 P_s - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla P_s + k^2 P_s = -2 \frac{r_0}{r} \delta(r-r_0)(z-z_0)$$

$$\text{where } k \doteq 2\pi f / c(\mathbf{r}, z, t) \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Coupled} \quad \text{With } P_s(r, z; f) \doteq \sum_n \frac{r_0}{\sqrt{r}} P_n(r; f) Z_n(z; r, f) \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Normal-modes} \quad \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{\rho(r, z)} \frac{\partial \rho(r, z)}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + (k(r, z)^2 - k_n(r; f)^2) \right\} \\ \times Z_n(z; r, f) = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Modal amplit.} \quad \left( \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + k_n^2 \right) P_n = - \sum_m \left( \gamma_{mn} \frac{d}{dr} + C_{mn} \right) P_m \quad (12)$$

## Sonar Equation System Model (Active)

*Signal-to-Noise Ratio*

$$\text{SNR} = L_P - L_N = L_S - \text{TL}^A_1 - \text{TL}^A_2 + \text{TS}^T - L_n^N + \text{AG} + 10 \log \tau_S$$

*Signal-to-Interference Level*

$$\text{SIR} = L_P - \text{IL}$$

*Signal-to-Reverberation Ratio*

$$\text{SRR} = L_P - L_R = \text{TS}^T - \text{SS}^B - 10 \log A_{\text{BP}}$$

## Sonar Equation System Model (Passive)

*Signal-to-Noise Ratio*

$$\text{SNR} = L^T_S - \text{TL}^A - L_n^N + \text{AG} - 10 \log b - \text{DT}$$

### Definitions (Active):

Received Level:  $L_P = L_S - \text{TL}^A_1 - \text{TL}^A_2 + \text{TS}^T$

Reverberation Level:  $L_R = L_S - \text{TL}^A_{1B} - \text{TL}^A_{2B} + \text{TS}_{\text{BP}}$

Noise Level:  $L_N = L_n^N - \text{AG} - 10 \log \tau_S$

Interference Level:  $\text{IL} = L_R \oplus L_N$

$\oplus$  = power sum

$L_S$  = source level

$\text{TL}^A_1$  = transmission loss, source to target

$\text{TL}^A_2$  = transmission loss, target to receiver

$\text{TS}^T$  = target strength

$\text{TL}^A_{1B}$  = transmission loss, source to bottom patch

$\text{TL}^A_{2B}$  = transmission loss, bottom patch to receiver

$\text{TS}_{\text{BP}} = \text{SS}^B + 10 \log A_{\text{BP}}$

$\text{SS}^B$  = bottom scattering strength

$A_{\text{BP}}$  = area of bottom patch

$\tau_S$  = receiver integration time

### Definitions (Passive):

Received Level:  $L_P = L^T_S - \text{TL}^A$

Noise Level:  $L_N = L_n^N - \text{AG} + 10 \log b$

$L^T_S$ : Source Level of Target

$\text{TL}^A$ : Transmission Loss from Target to Receiver System

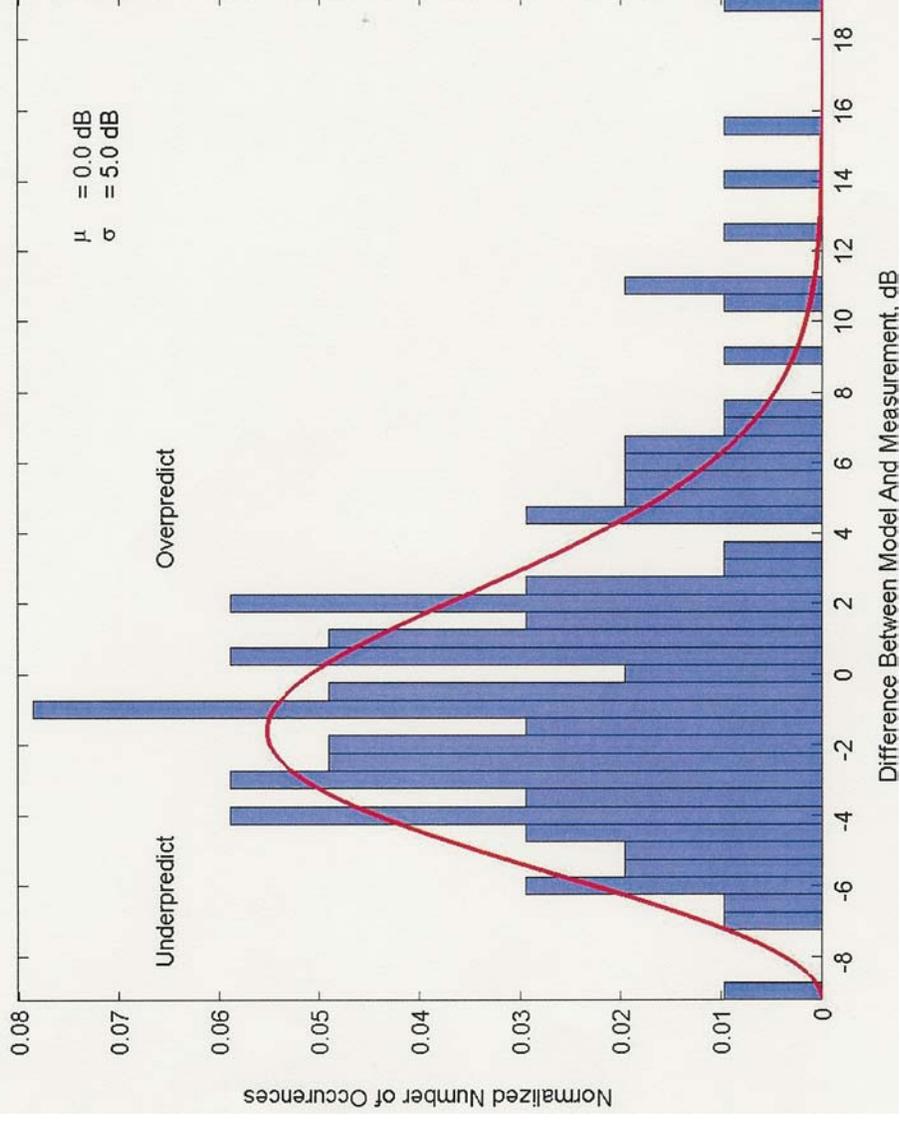
$L_n^N$  = Ambient noise level

$\text{AG}$ : Receive System Array Gain

$b$ : Receive System processing system bandwidth

$\text{DT}$ : Receive System Detection Threshold

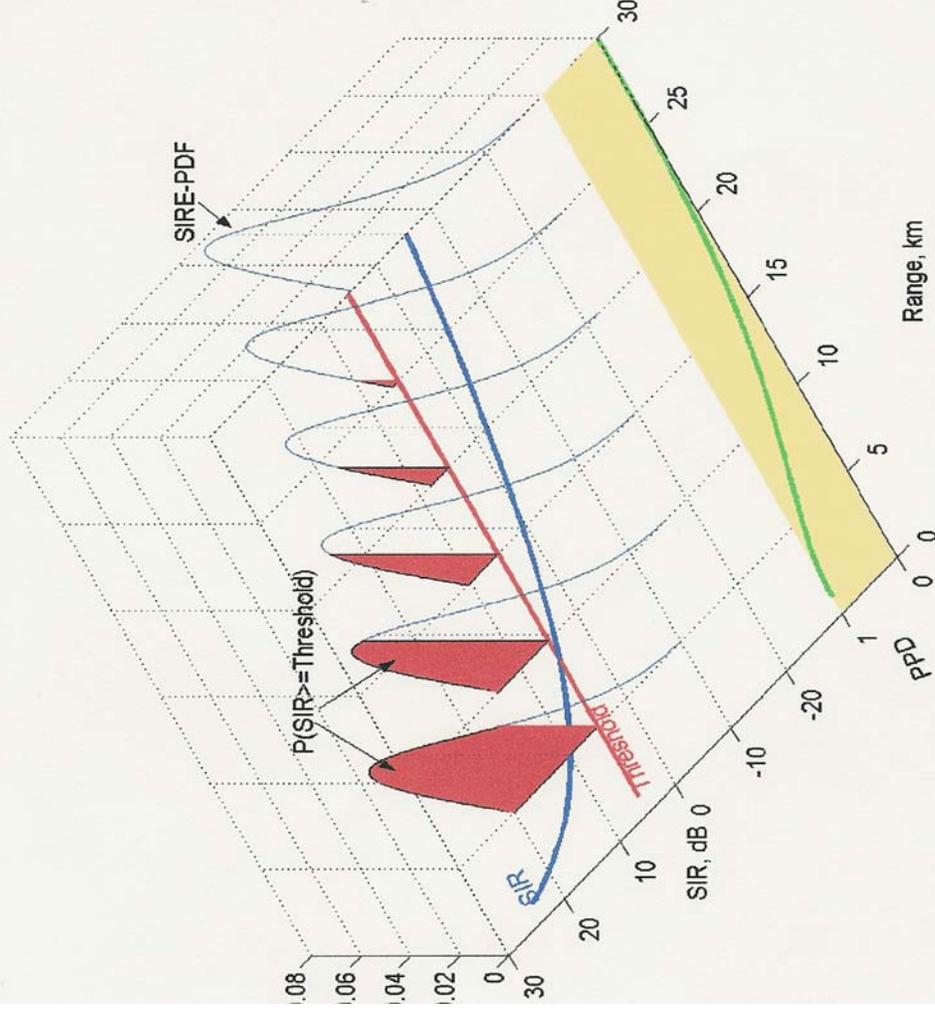
# Histogram of Difference Between Model and Measured SIR, SIRE-PDF



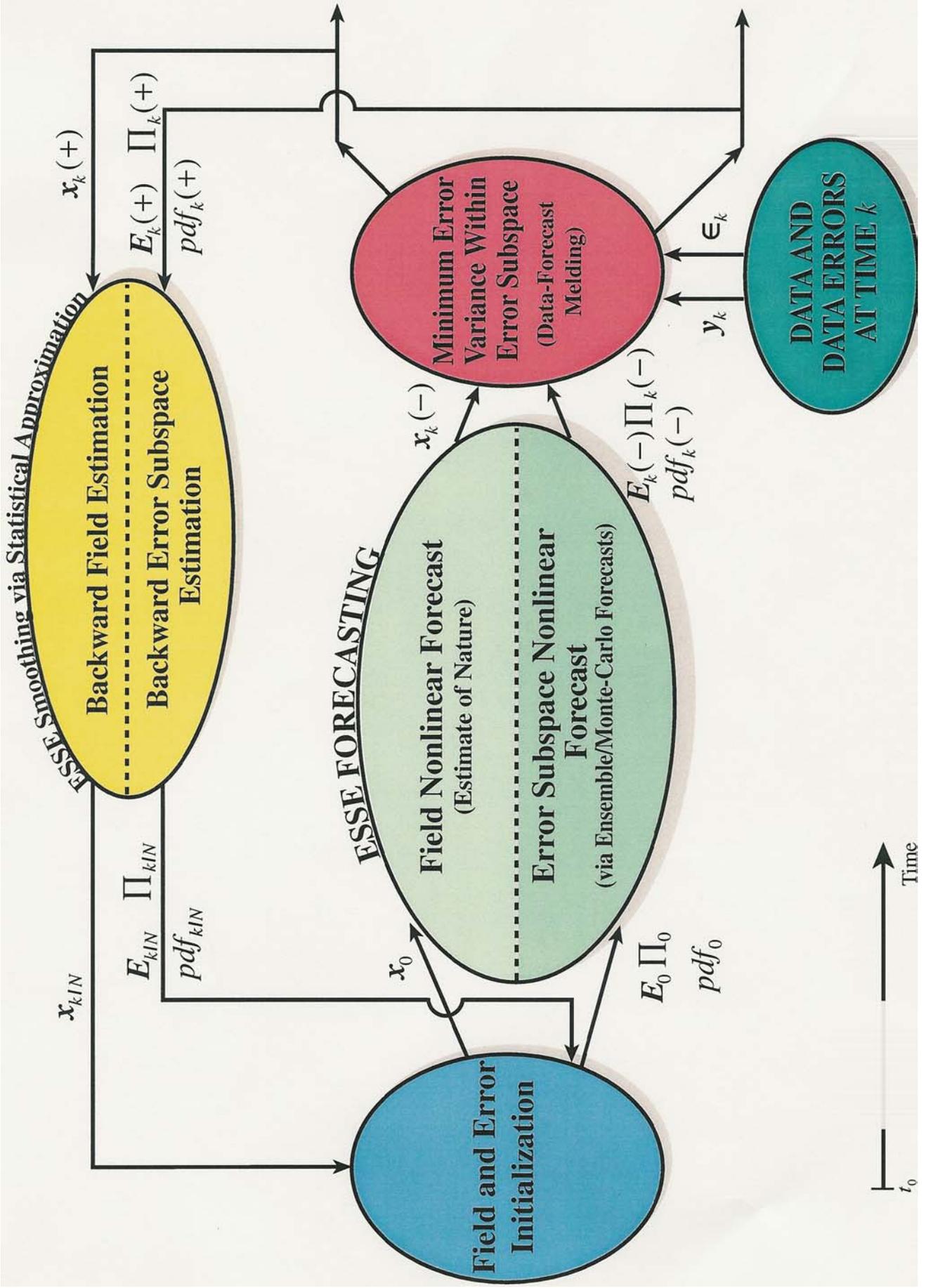
- Represents uncertainty in our ability to model actual performance of system

- Accounts for inherent variability of environment not known by current model

# Determination of PPD (predictive probability of detection) using SIRE-PDF

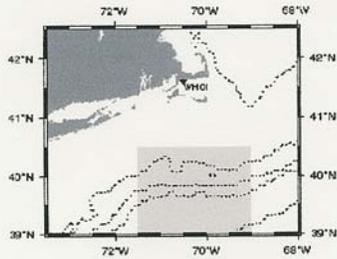


- Probabilistic representation of system performance
- Used by UNITES to characterize and transfer uncertainty from environment through end-to-end problems

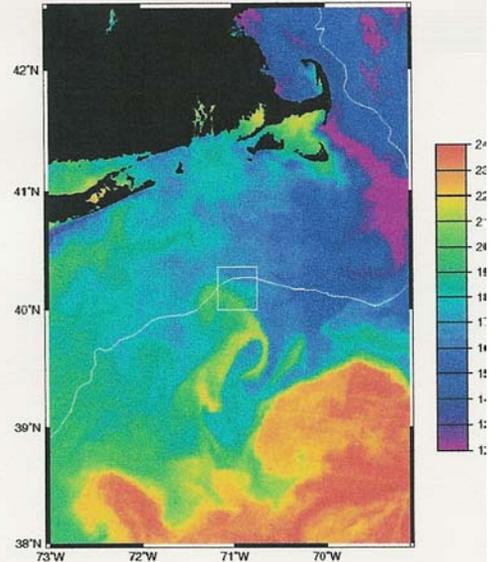
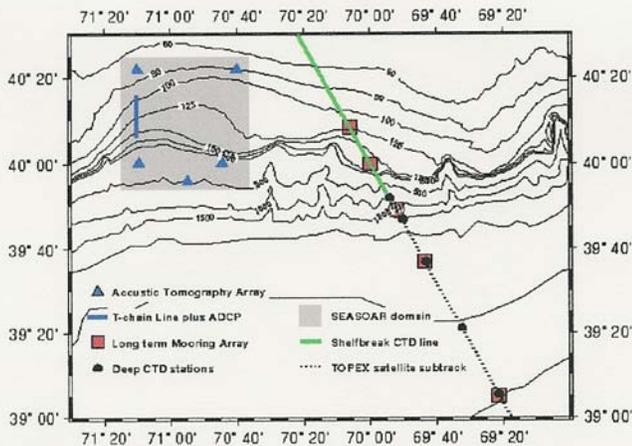


# PRIMER End-to-End Problem

Focus on Passive Sonar Problem in first year



PRIMER III Field Study July--August, 1996



*Location:* Shelfbreak PRIMER Region

*Season:* July-August 1996

*Sonar System (Receiver):* Passive Towed Array

*Target:* Simulated UUV (with variable source level)

*Frequency range:* 100 to 500 Hz

*Geometries:* Receiver operating on the shelf shallow water; Target operating on the shelf slope (deeper water than receiver)

# PRIMER: Coupled (Dynamical) Models

## PHYSICAL MODELS

- Primitive-Equation model (PDE,  $x, y, z, t$ : HOPS)
- Objective mappings, thermal-wind balance model (HOPS/WHOI)
- Feature models (HOPS)

## PHYSICAL MODELS OUTPUTS

- $T$ ,  $S$  and velocity fields and parameters, sound-speed field
- Dynamical balances

## ACOUSTIC PROPAGATION MODELS

- Parabolic-Equation model ( $x, y, z, t$ : WHOI)
- Normal-mode parabolic-equation model ( $x, z, f$ : NPS)
- Wave number eqn. model ( $x, z, f$ : OASIS)
- Ray-tracing model (CASS)

## ACOUSTIC PROPAGATION MODELS OUPUTS

- Full-field T.-Loss (pressure  $p$ )
- Modal decomposition of  $p$  field.
- Processed series: arrival structures, travel times, etc.
- Beamforming outputs

## BOTTOM MODELS

- Hamilton model

## BOTTOM MODELS OUPUTS

- Wave-speed and attenuation coefficients

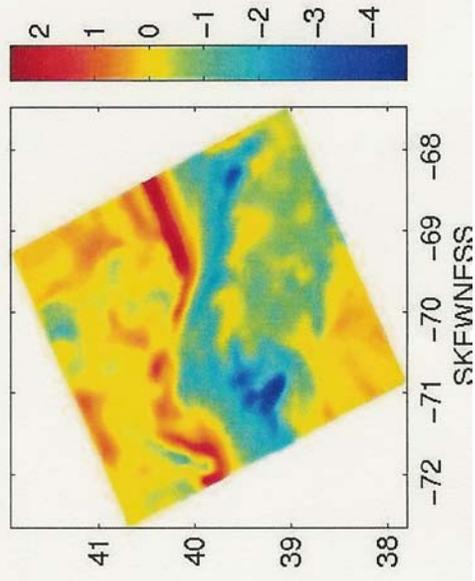
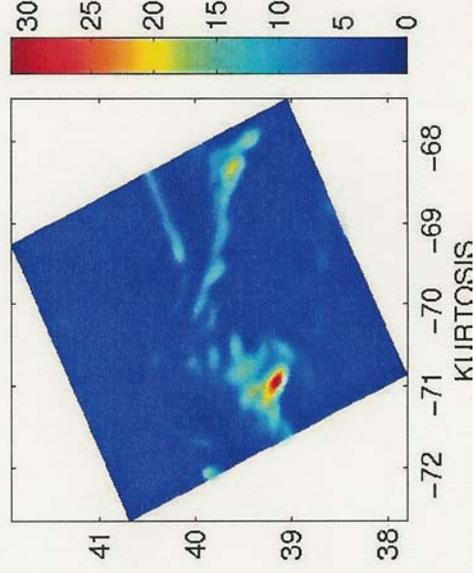
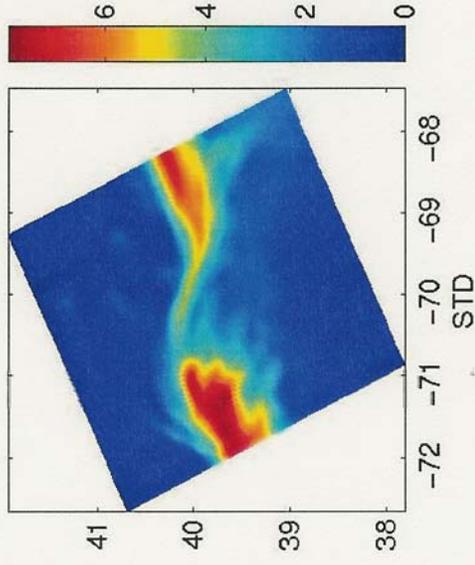
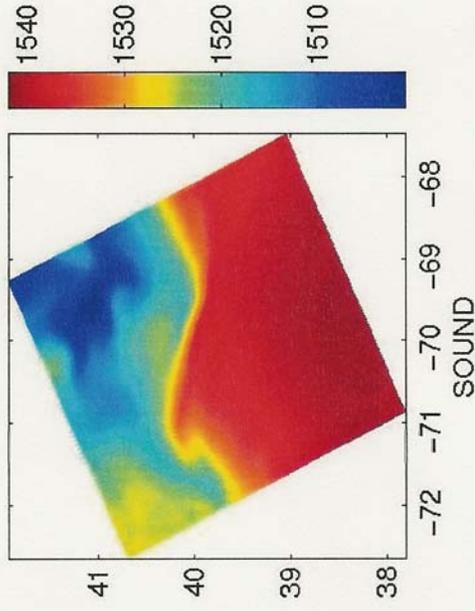
## NOISE MODELS

- Wenz diagram (empirical model/rule of thumb)

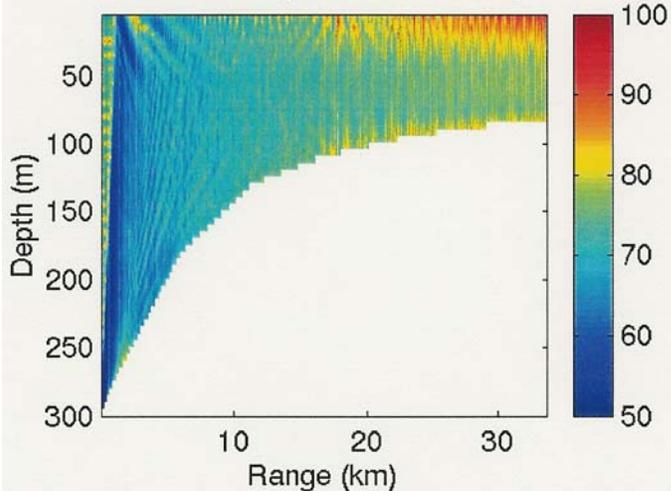
## NOISE MODELS OUPUTS

- $f$ -dependent ambient noise ( $f, x, y, z, t$ ): due to sea-surface, shipping, biologics

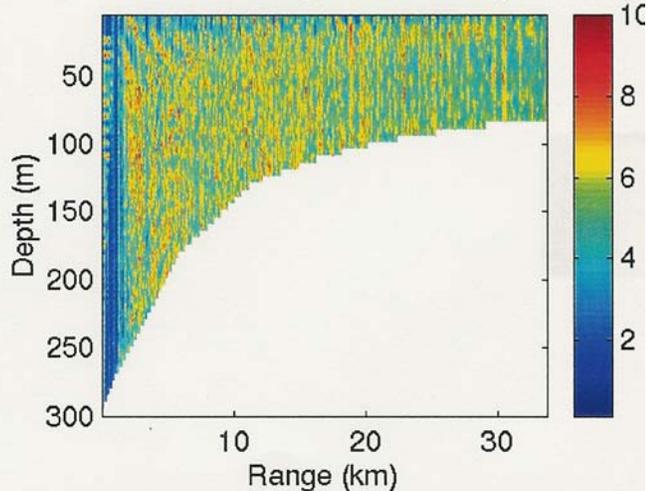
**Monte Carlo simulation example: transfer of ocean physical forecast uncertainty to acoustic prediction uncertainty in a shelfbreak environment.**



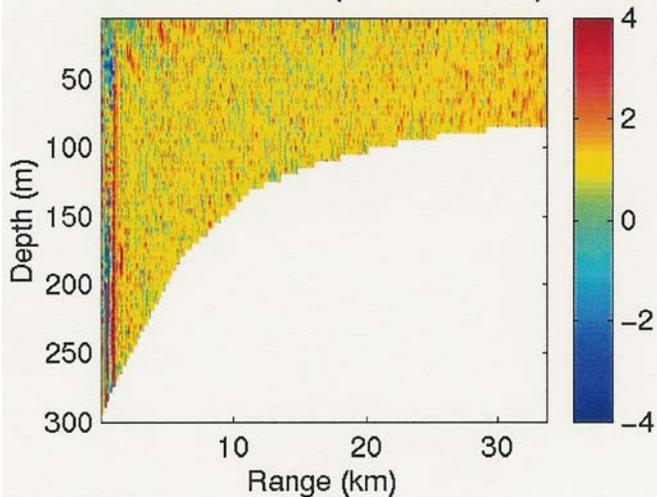
Mean of TL1 (from 50 to 100 db)



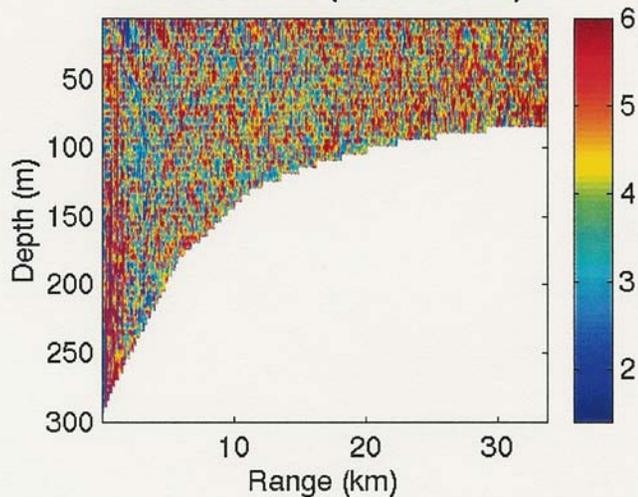
St.D. of TL1 (from 0 to 10 db)



Skewness of TL1 (from -4 to 4 db)

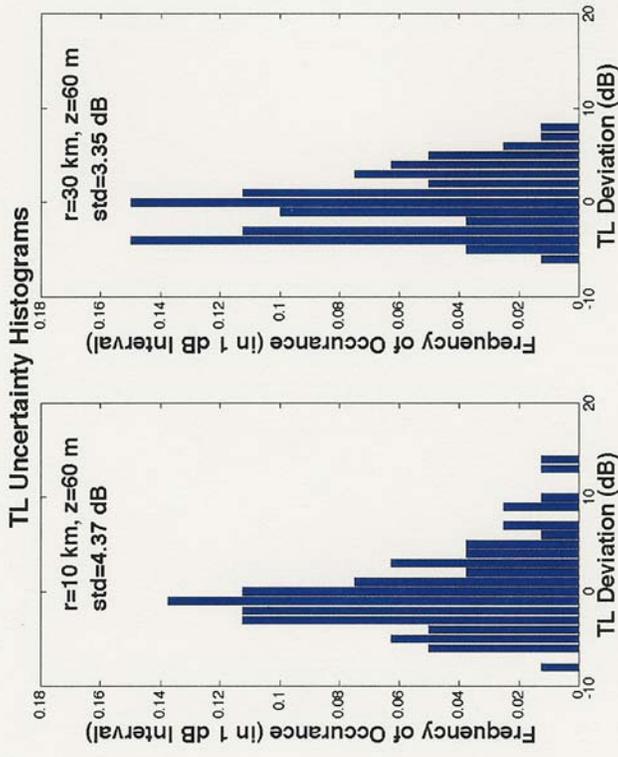
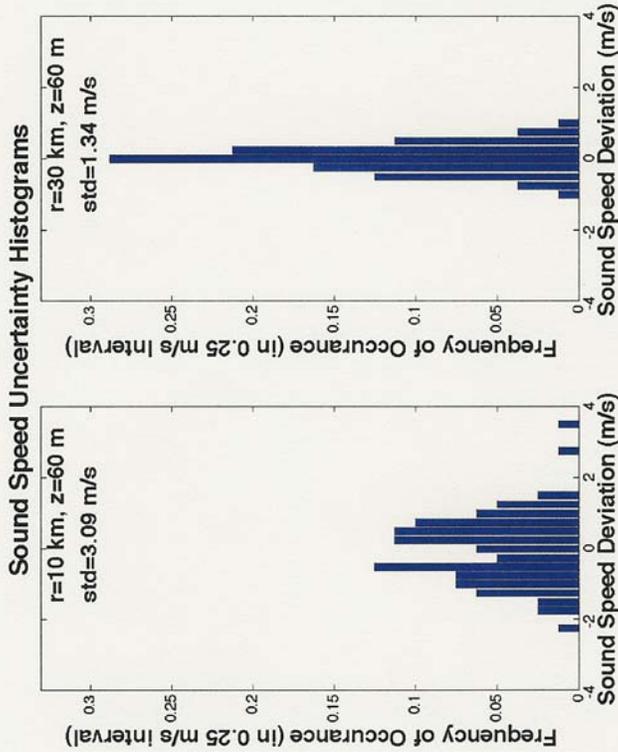


Kurtosis of TL1 (from 0 to 6 db)



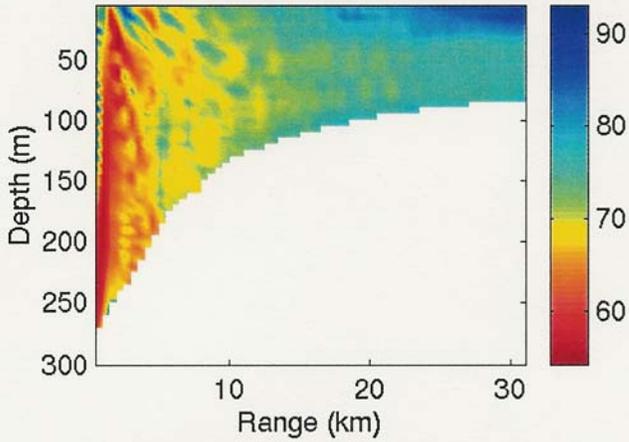
Mean and statistics of error estimate for TL1

# Histograms (PDF estimates) of the sound speed and TL uncertainties at two different locations (shelfbreak and shelf).

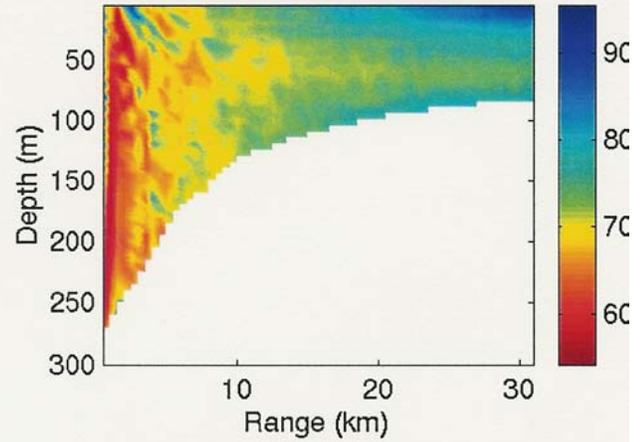


Var.-width (32Hz/224Hz) running-range avg. TL realiz. #1-4 (from 50 to 100 db)

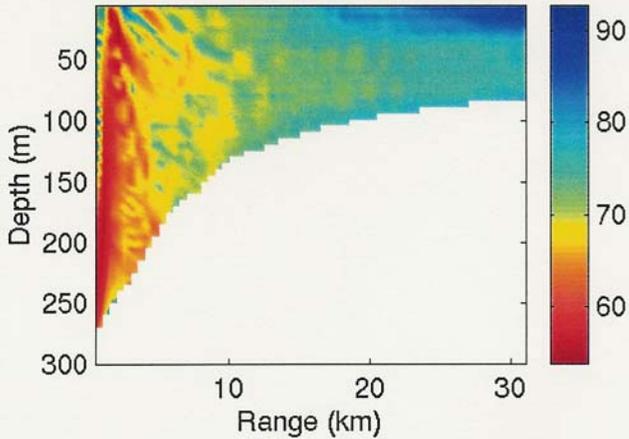
Running-range avg. TL realiz. #1



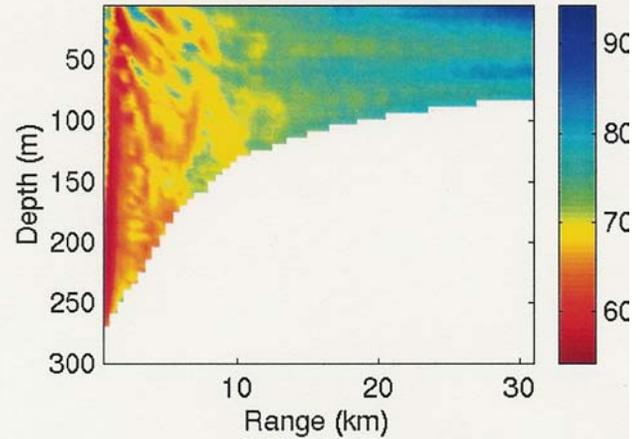
Running-range avg. TL realiz. #2



Running-range avg. TL realiz. #3

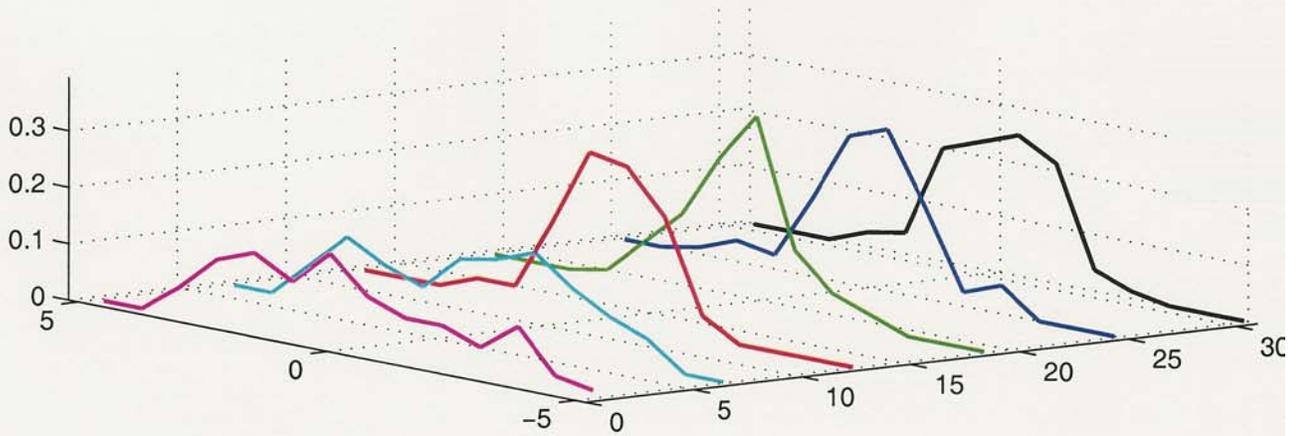


Running-range avg. TL realiz. #4

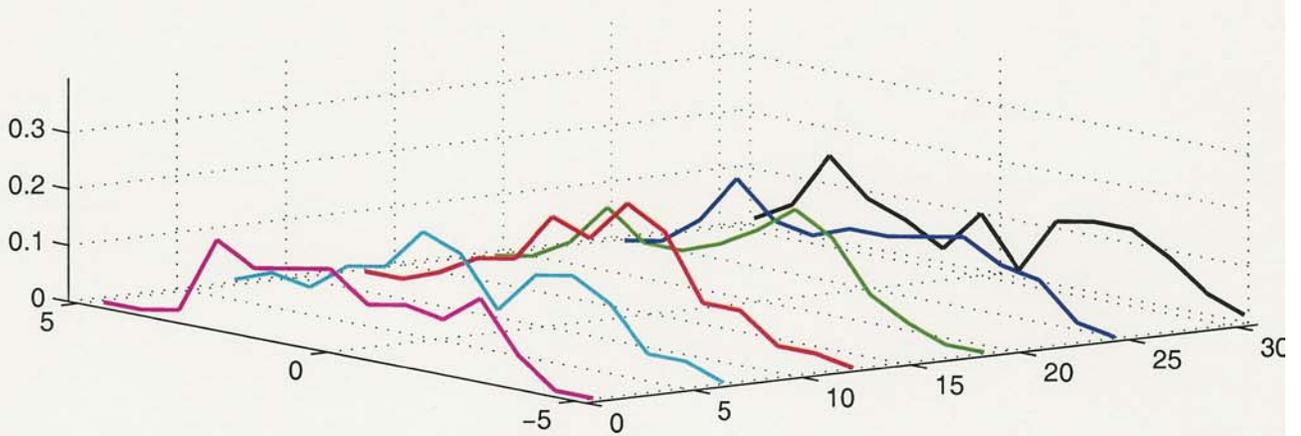


# Uncertainty (error PDF) of variable-width (32Hz/224Hz) running-range avg. TL

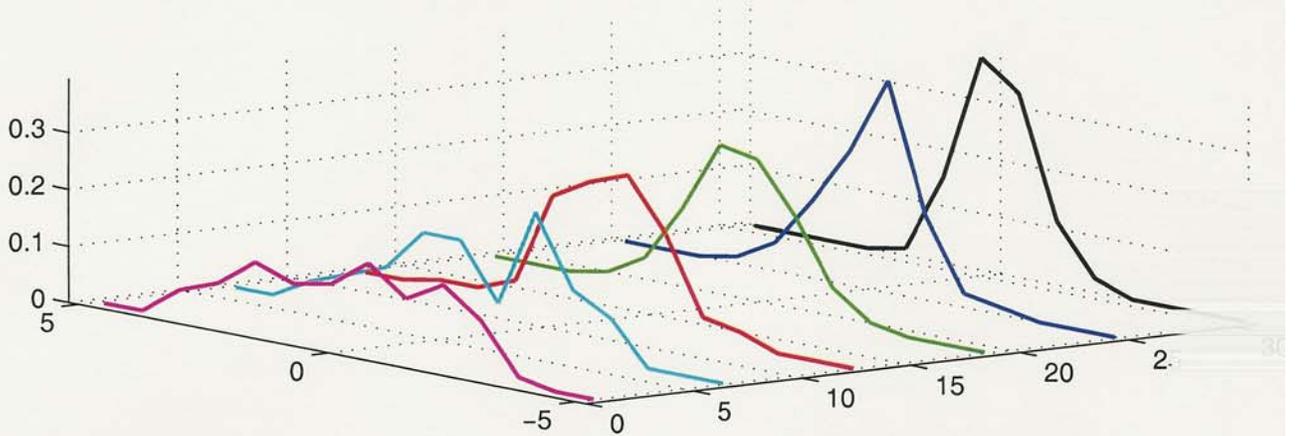
30 (m) depth



55 (m) depth



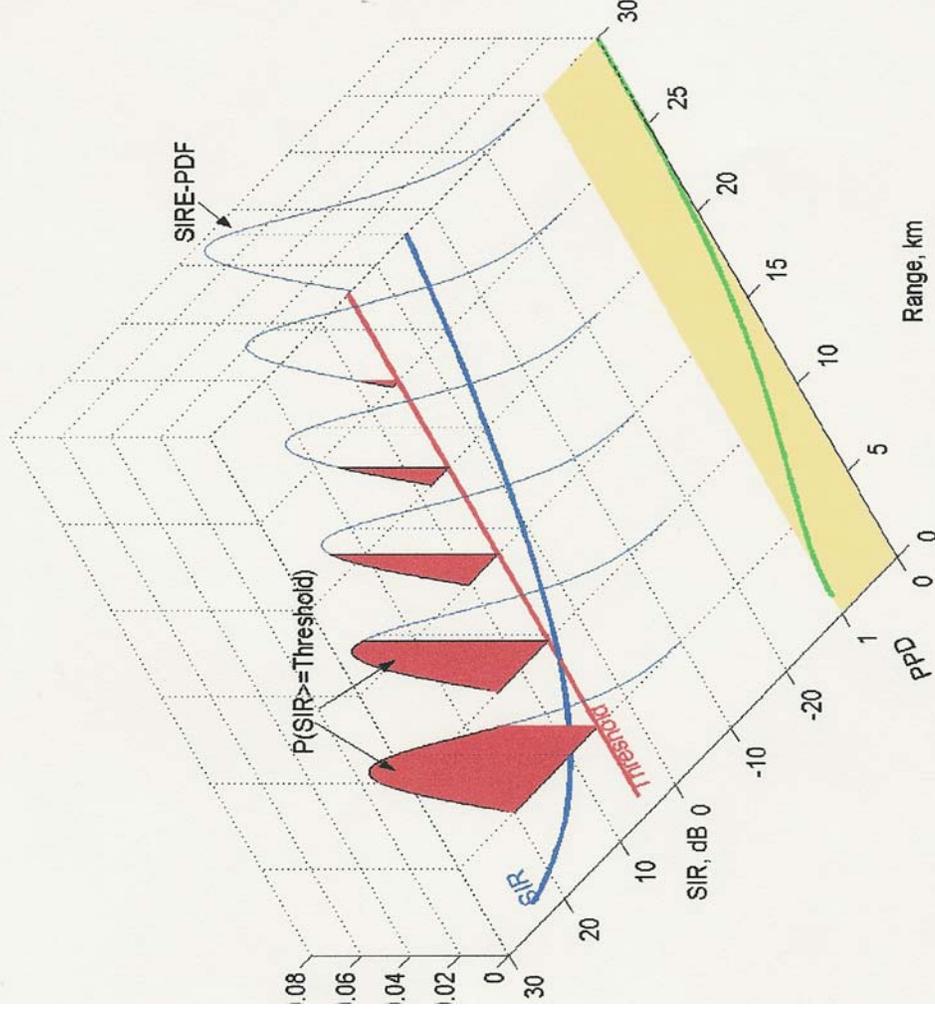
85 (m) depth



TL dev. from mean (db)

Range (km) - Log scale

# Determination of PPD (predictive probability of detection) using SIRE-PDF



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# HARVARD UNIVERSITY

## A.R. Robinson and P.F.J. Lermusiaux

- • Formulated conceptual basis of the "end to end" system, including its components, linkages and feedbacks.
  - Generic approach for characterizing and transferring uncertainties from the ocean environment (including sea bottom) through the acoustic to the sonar and its signal processing.
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- • Extended ESSE data assimilation to coupled physical-acoustical fields
  - Acoustic and oceanic variables both in the state vector: acoustic data modify oceanic fields and vice-versa
  - Exemplified the approach in an Identical Twin Experiment based on data collected during the summer 1996 Shelfbreak PRIMER
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- • Initiated the use of ESSE for forecasting terms in the sonar equations that are necessary to forecast range and azimuth-dependent “predictive probabilities of detection”
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- • Started to improve the ESSE simulations of the ocean dynamics and uncertainties during the summer 1996 Shelfbreak PRIMER. Current work involves:
  - Bottom topographies
  - Surface wind forcings
  - Numerical domain and model levels
  - Assimilation of SeaSoar data
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- • Collected and started to study an extended bibliography of books and research and review articles on:
  - Uncertainty in ocean/atmosphere applications
  - Predictability theory and ocean/atmos./acoustic applications
  - General theories and reviews on uncertainty, information theory, etc.
  - Internal waves: data and models

List of “uncertainty, end-to-end” papers: completed and in preparation

<http://www.deas.harvard.edu/~robinson>

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# Stochastic Modeling of Uncertainty

- Non-Gaussian sound speed error PDF's are a fundamental feature of physical acoustical models in the shelfbreak environment. Simple Gaussian approximations will be inadequate, cf. Lermusiaux et al., 2000
- Uncertainty in ocean dynamical models is transferred to acoustic models as *multiplicative* rather than *additive* noise
- Evolution of the End-to-End-System must therefore be treated in terms of the stochastic calculus; different answers will be obtained from the different formulations
- The *Stratonovich* calculus is the appropriate form for this problem
- Filtering applications may require transformation to the *Ito* formulation

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