

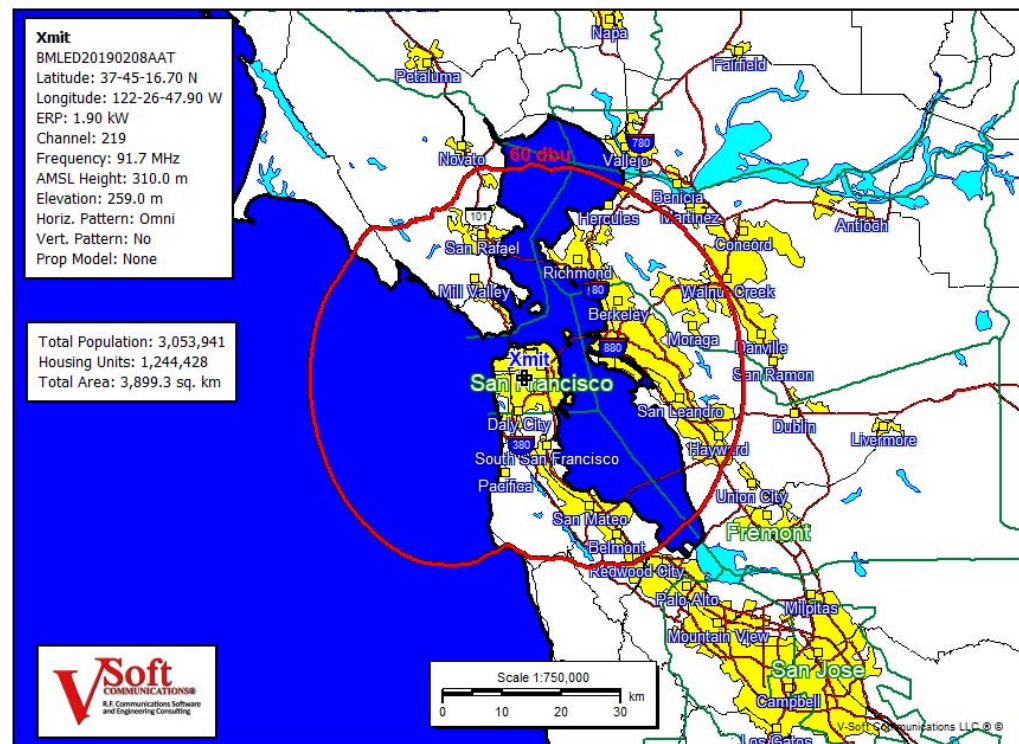


Visualizing Radio Propagation through Prediction

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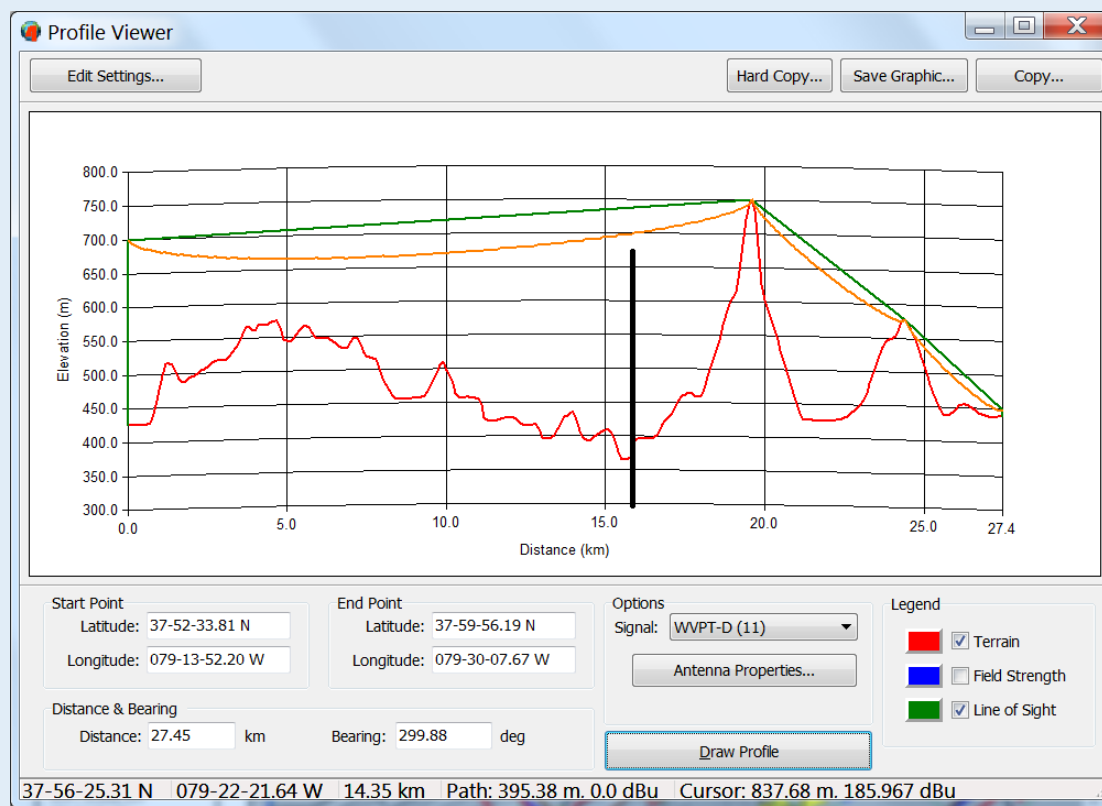


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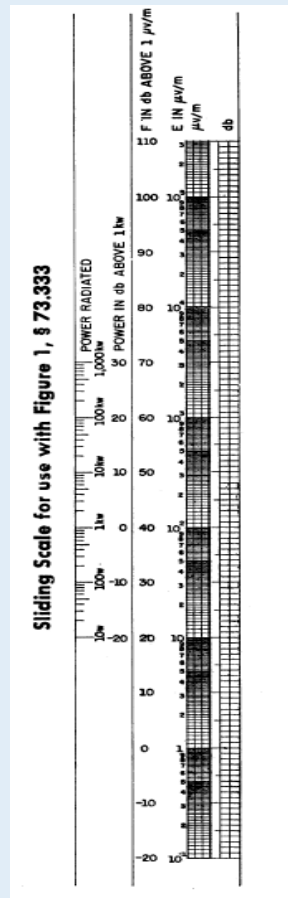


HAAT FM - radial 3 to 16 km

Minimum of 51 elevation points along a radial

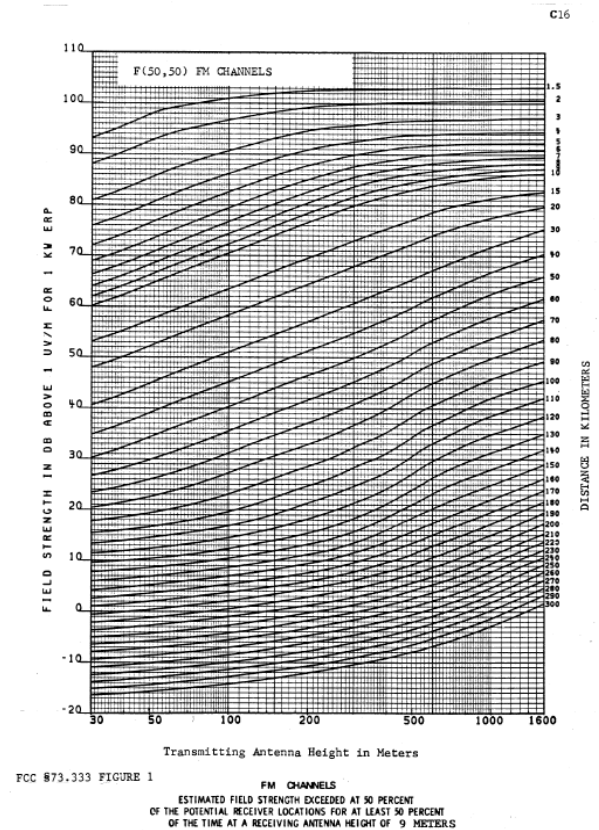


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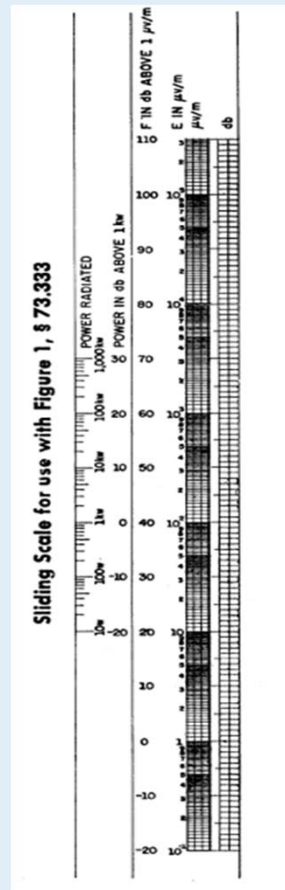


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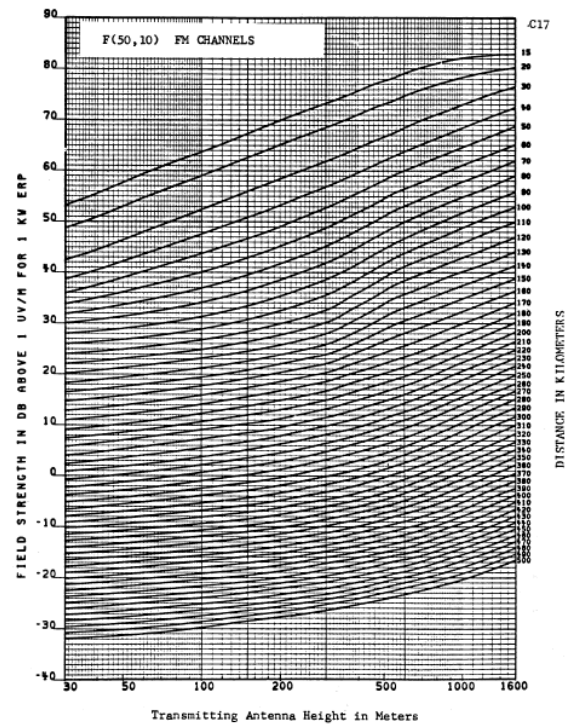


Interference Curves F(50-10)



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FCC § 73.333 FIGURE 1a

FM CHANNELS
ESTIMATED FIELD STRENGTH EXCEEDED AT 50 PERCENT
OF THE POTENTIAL RECEIVER LOCATIONS FOR AT LEAST 10 PERCENT
OF THE TIME AT A RECEIVING ANTENNA HEIGHT OF 9 METERS

K205CI

BLFT19941109TJ

Latitude: 33-35-47.10 N

Longitude: 112-05-31.50 W

ERP: 0.01 kW

Channel: 205

Frequency: 88.9 MHz

AMSL Height: 630.0 m

Elevation: 594.86 m

Horiz. Pattern: Directional

Vert. Pattern: No

Prop Model: Line of Sight

Receiver Ht AG: 9.1 m

Earths curvature: 1.3

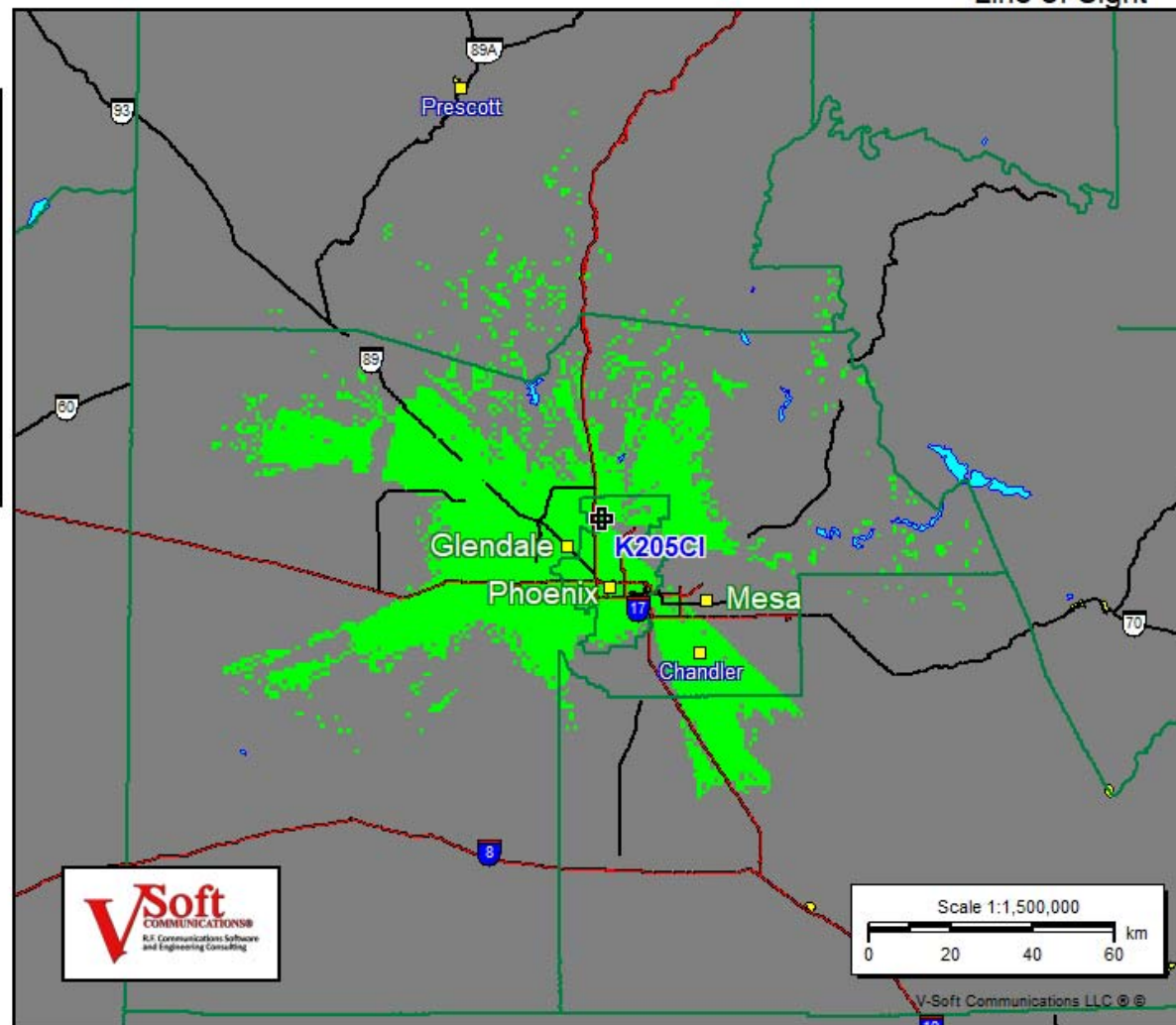
Line of Sight

Clear

Blocked



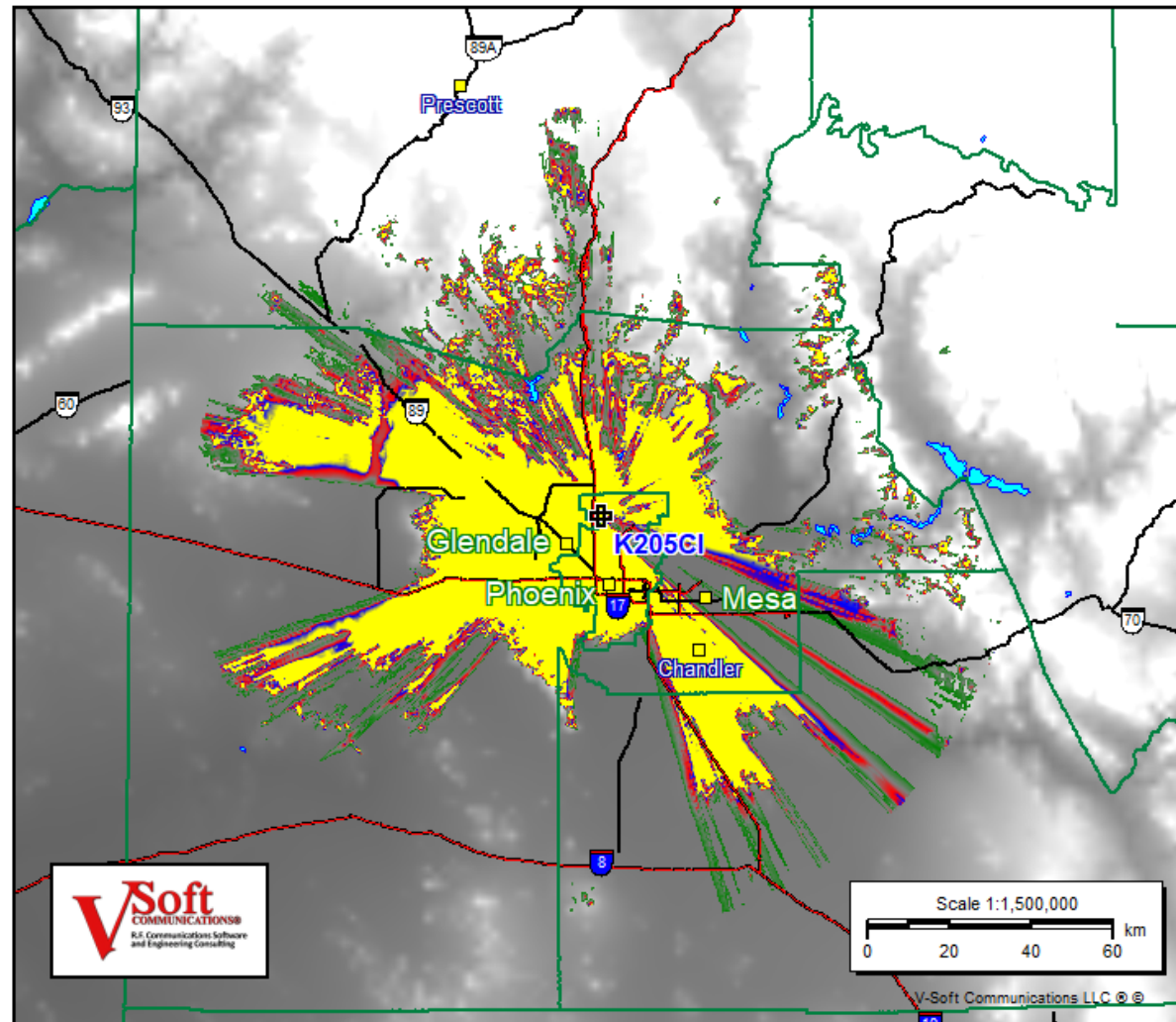
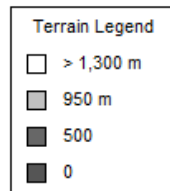
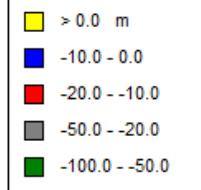
Line of Sight



Shadow Depth with Terrain

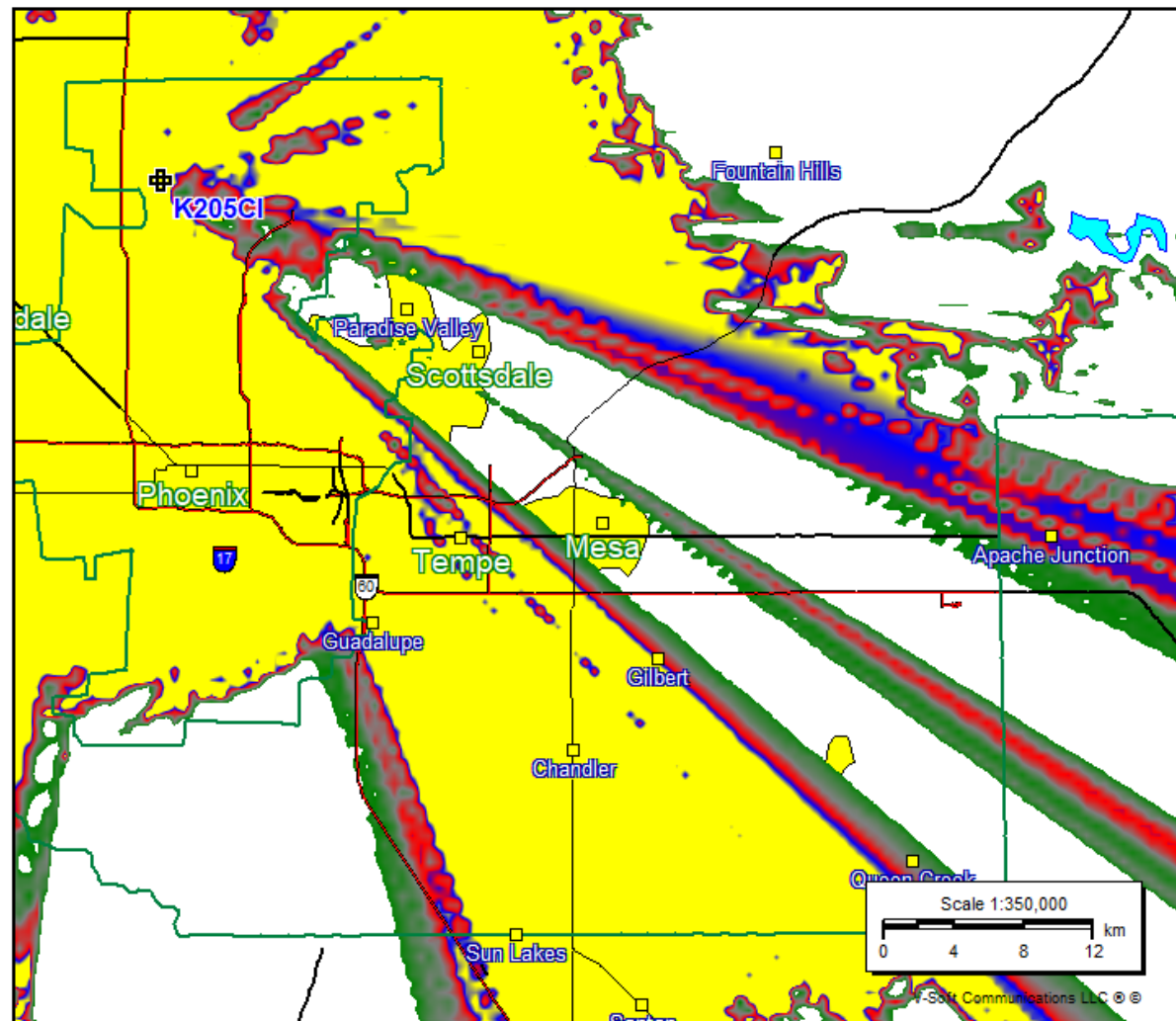
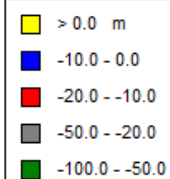
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BLFT19941109TJ
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 Longitude: 112-05-31.50 W
 ERP: 0.01 kW
 Channel: 205
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 AMSL Height: 630.0 m
 Elevation: 594.86 m
 Horiz. Pattern: Directional
 Vert. Pattern: No
 Shadow Depth



K205CI

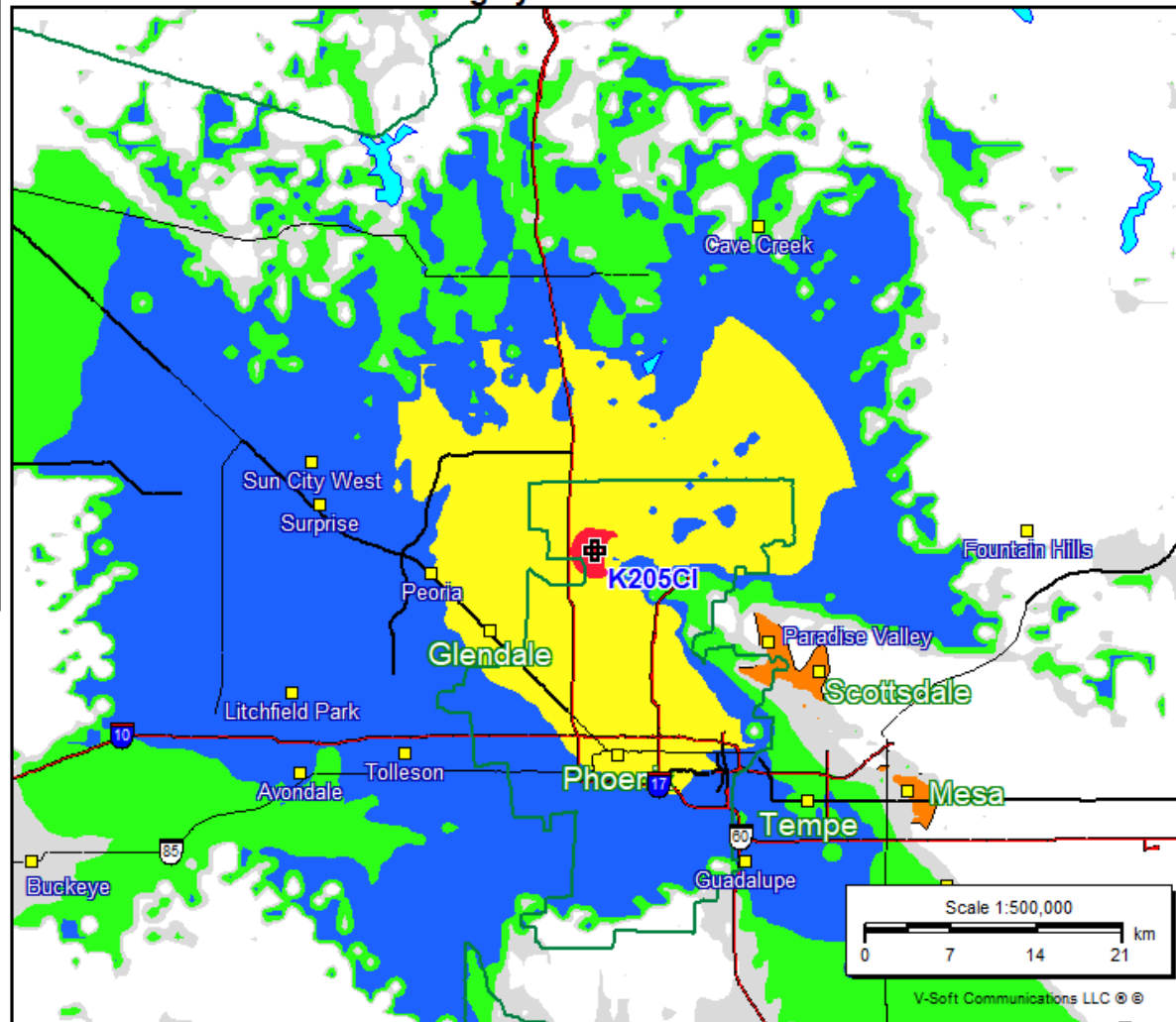
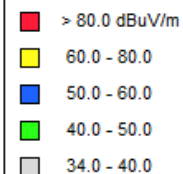
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ERP: 0.01 kW
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Frequency: 88.9 MHz
AMSL Height: 630.0 m
Elevation: 594.86 m
Horiz. Pattern: Directional
Vert. Pattern: No
Shadow Depth

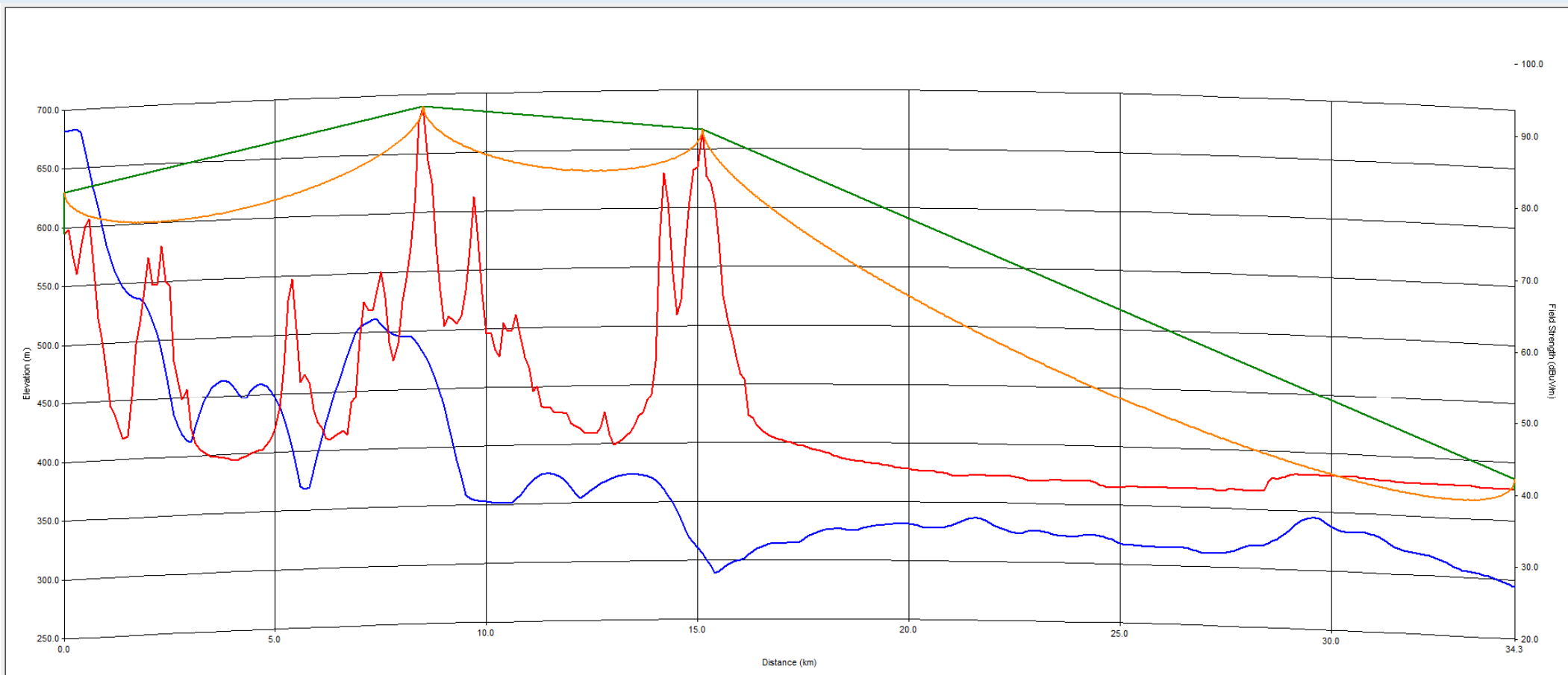


Longley-Rice

K205CI

BLFT19941109TJ
 Latitude: 33-35-47.10 N
 Longitude: 112-05-31.50 W
 ERP: 0.01 kW
 Channel: 205
 Frequency: 88.9 MHz
 AMSL Height: 630.0 m
 Elevation: 594.86 m
 Horiz. Pattern: Directional
 Vert. Pattern: No
 Prop Model: Longley-Rice
 Climate: Cont temperate
 Conductivity: 0.0050
 Dielec Const: 15.0
 Refractivity: 311.0
 Receiver Ht AG: 9.1 m
 Receiver Gain: 0 dB
 Time Variability: 50.0%
 Sit. Variability: 50.0%
 ITM Mode: Broadcast





Start Point
Latitude:
Longitude:

End Point
Latitude:
Longitude:

Options
Signal:

Distance & Bearing
Distance: km
Bearing: deg

Legend
☒ Terrain
☒ Field Strength
☒ Line of Sight

What is the Longley-Rice Model?

“Longley-Rice”, named for Anita Longley & Phil Rice in 1968, models radio propagation between 20 MHz and 20 GHz.

The model, based on electromagnetic theory and statistical analyses of terrain features and a cache of radio measurements, predicts the median attenuation of a radio signal as a function of distance and the variability of the signal in time and in space.



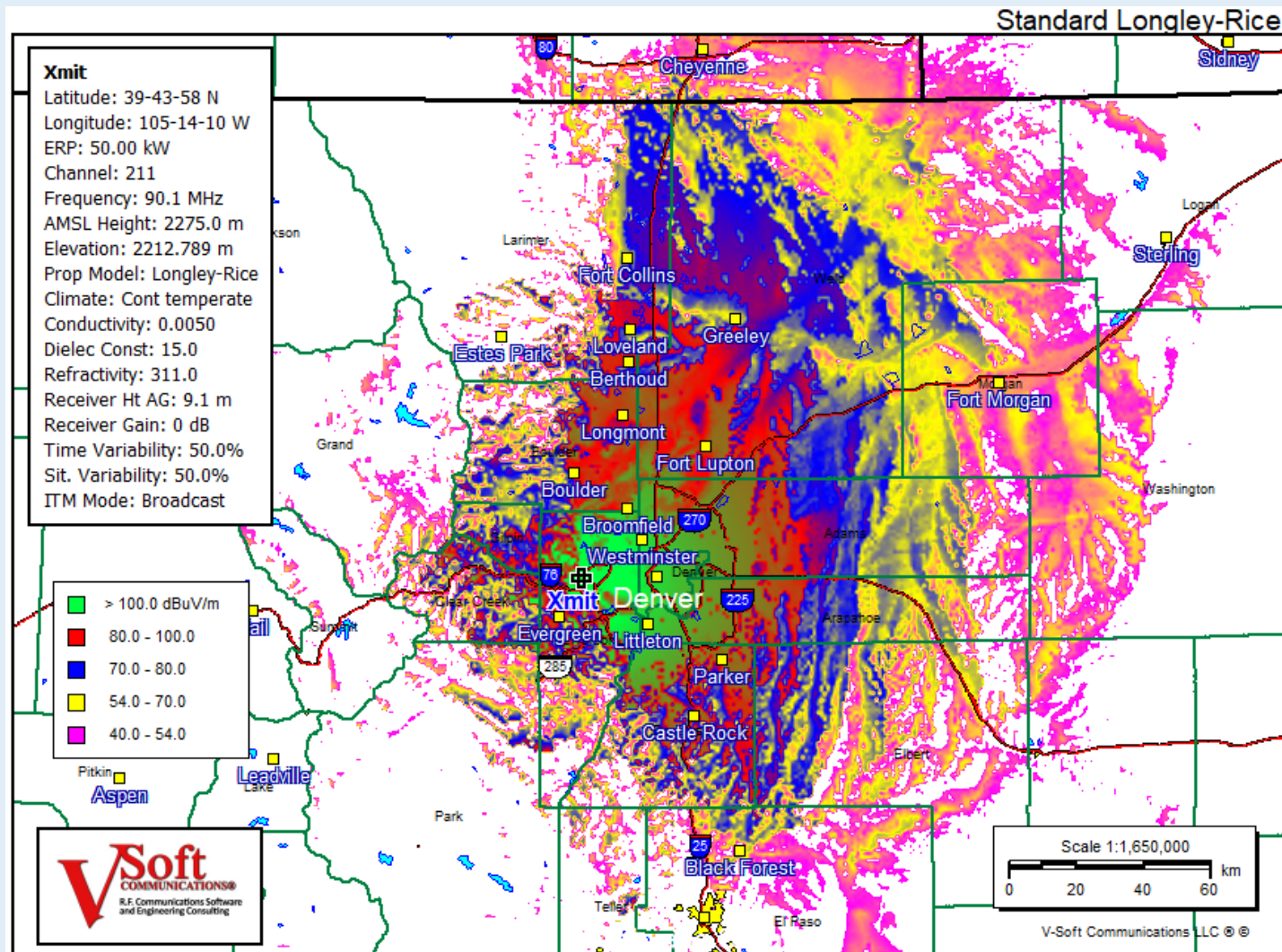
Mathematical Statistics

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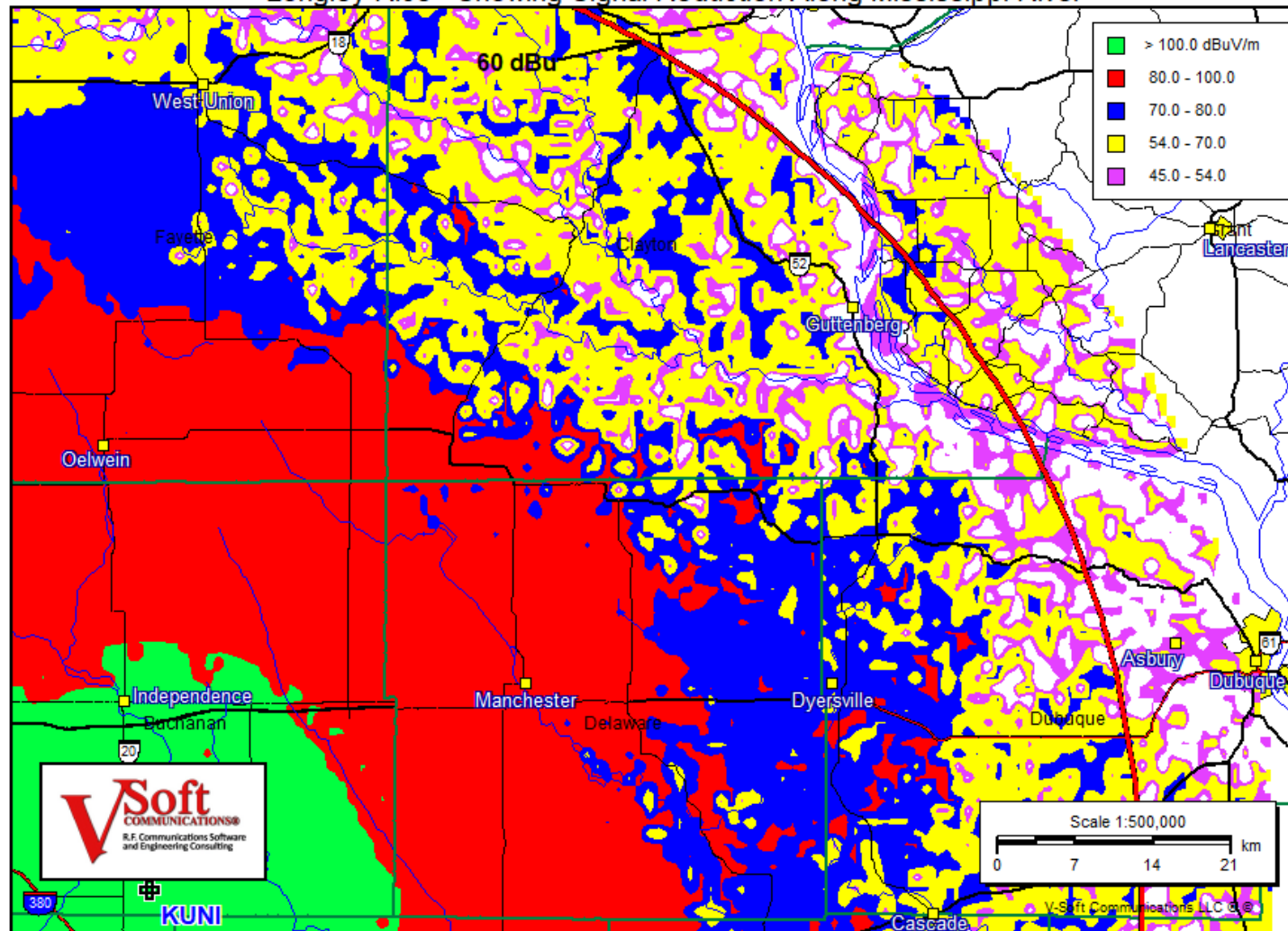
- Frequency (20 – 20,000 MHz)
- Transmitter antenna parameters:
- Transmitter antenna height (above mean sea level – meters.)
- Transmitter antenna height (above ground – meters.)
- Transmitter power. Transmitter antenna pattern.
- Receiver antenna height above ground – meters, and gain
- System antenna polarization (vertical or horizontal)
- System Ground Conductivity (mhoS/m)
- System dielectric constant (Permittivity)
- System surface refractivity (Adjusted to sea level.)
- Climate Zone
- Time, Location and Situation Variability

Longley-Rice, as is the case of all propagation algorithms, delivers a value of attenuation at a point. Interpreting this on a larger scale is up to you. This is where visualization comes in.





Longley-Rice - Showing Signal Reduction Along Mississippi River

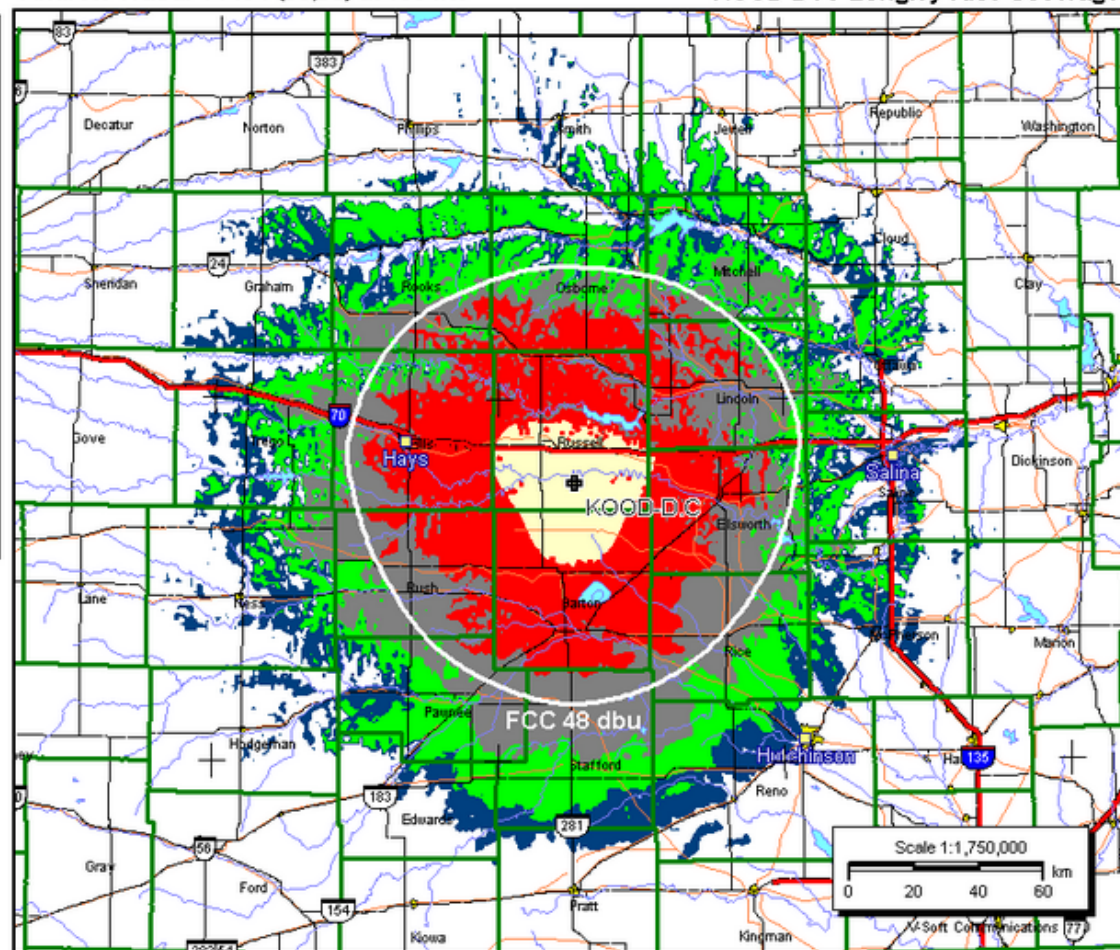


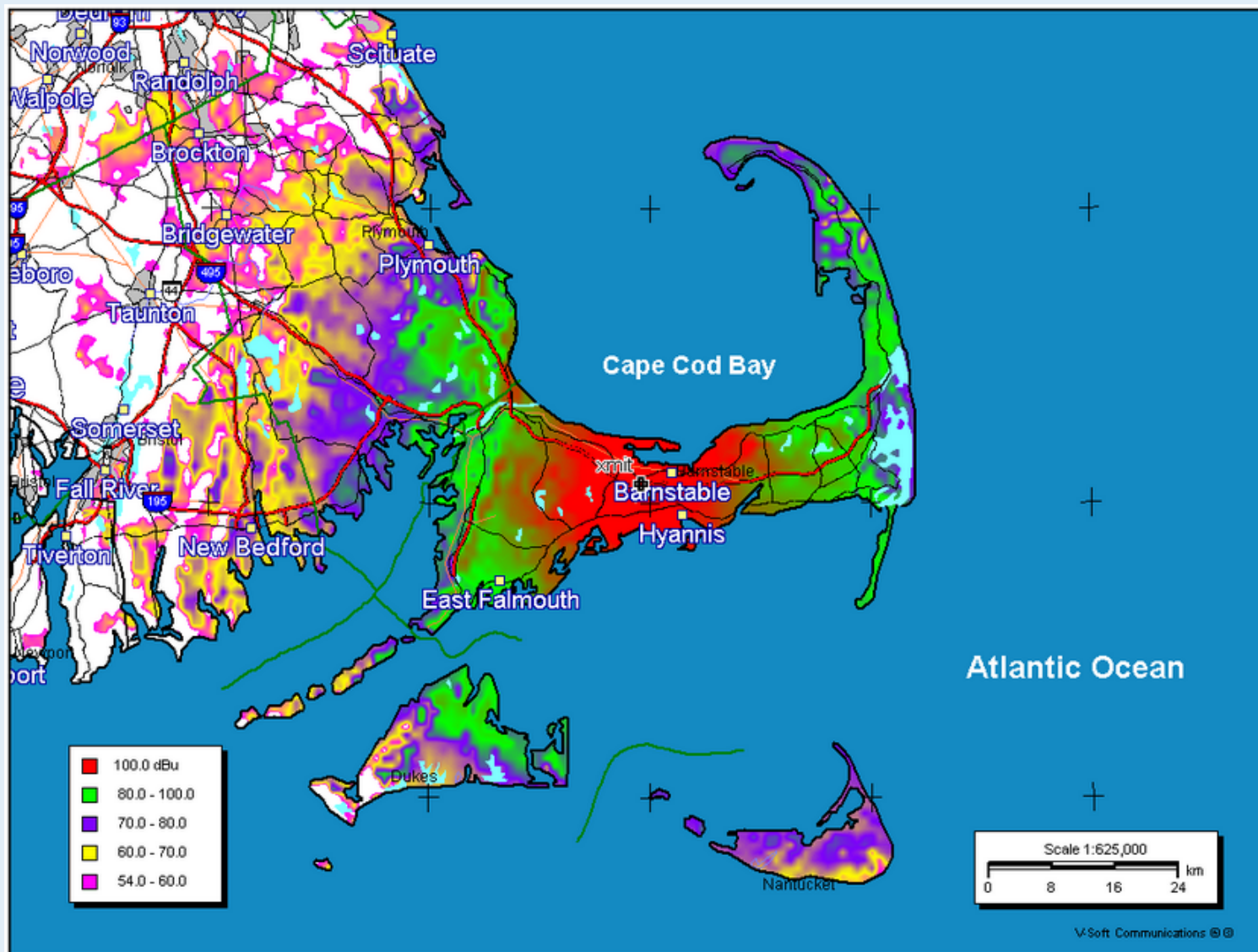
Andrew TraSar T140 F(50,90) at 100 kW

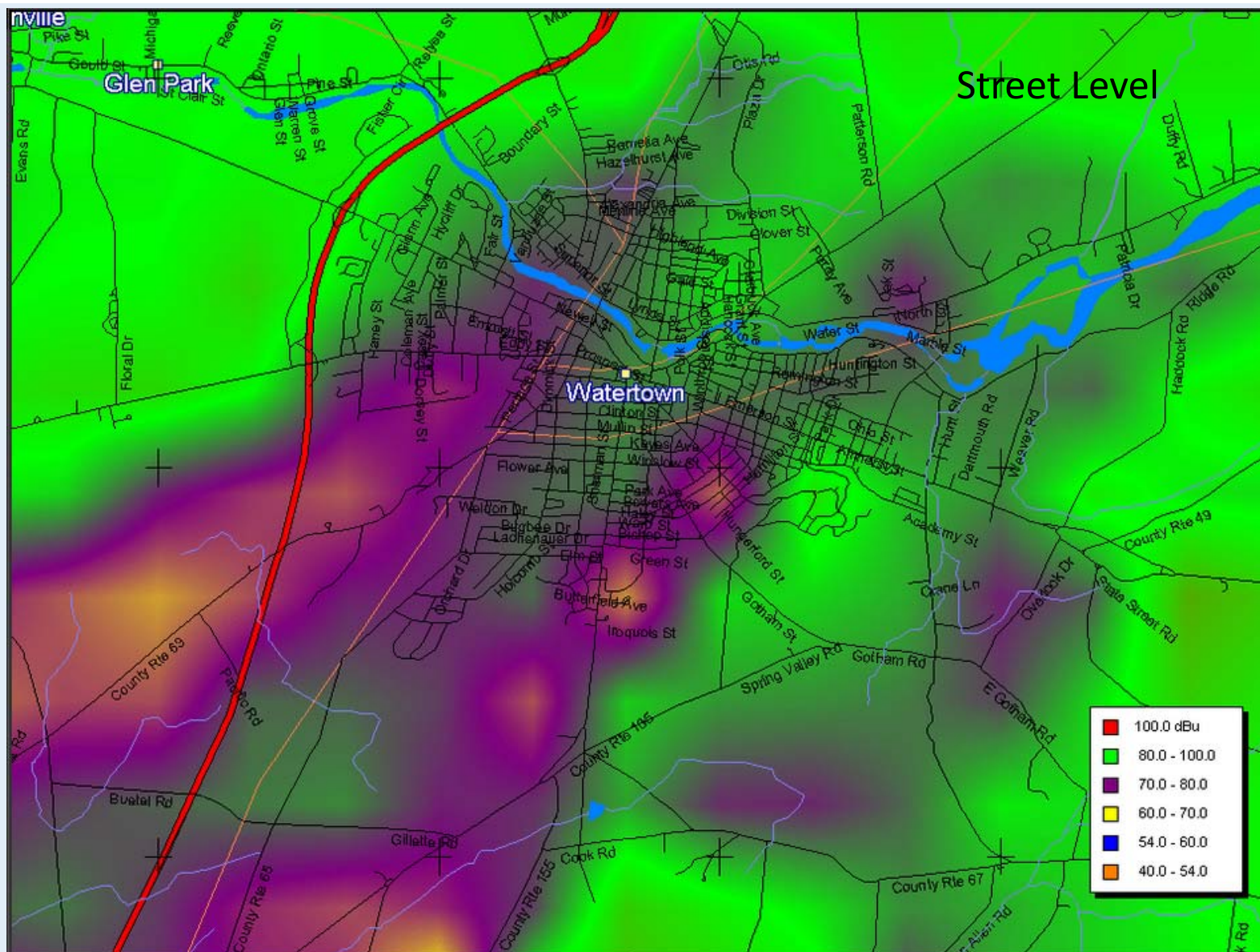
KOOD DTV-Longley-Rice Coverage

KOOD-D.C

BPEDT20000427ACP
 Latitude: 38-46-16 N
 Longitude: 098-44-16 W
 Power: 100.00 kW
 ERP Used: 164.00 kW
 Channel: 16
 Frequency: 485.0 MHz
 AMSL Height: 853.6 m
 Elevation: 560.551 m
 Horiz. Pattern: Directional
 Vert. Pattern: Yes
 Elec Tilt: 0.75
 Prop Model: Longley/Rice
 Climate: Cont temperate
 Conductivity: 0.0300
 Dielec Const: 30.0
 Refractivity: 305.0
 Receiver Ht AG: 9.1 m
 Receiver Gain: 0 dB
 Time Variability: 90.0%
 St. Variability: 50.0%
 ITM Mode: Broadcast







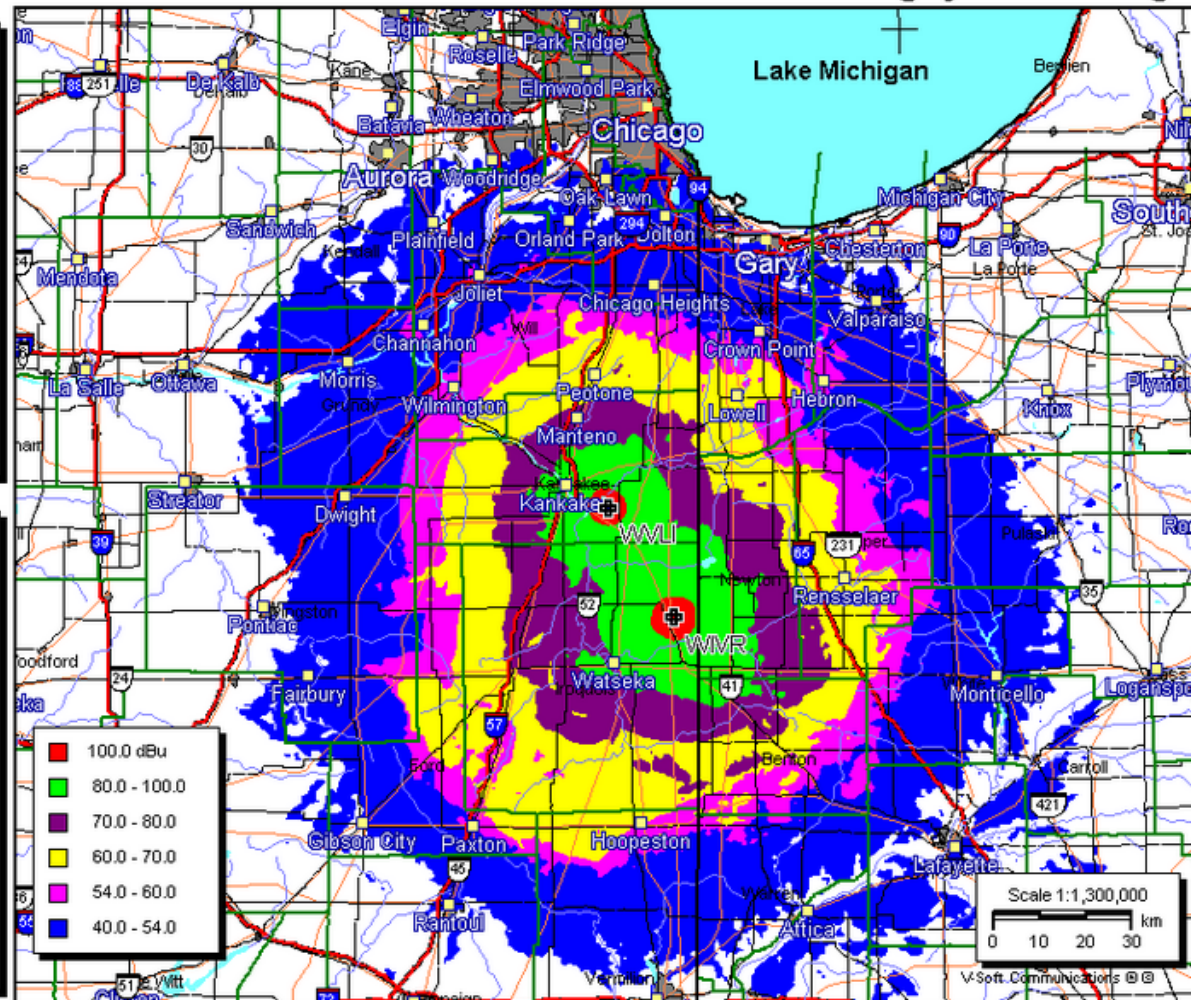
WVLI/WIVR Longley-Rice Coverage

WVLI

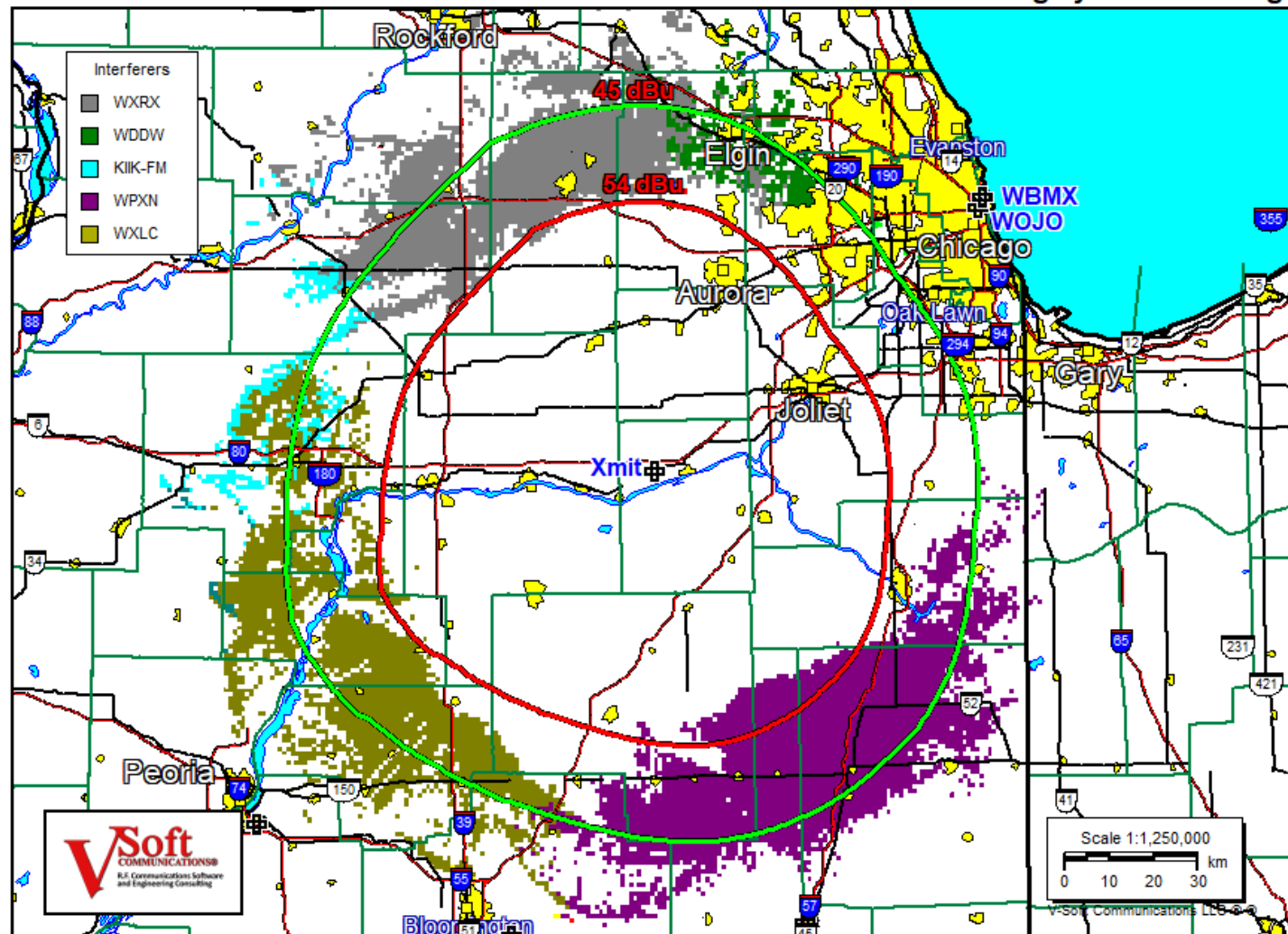
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 Latitude: 41-04-39 N
 Longitude: 087-45-22 W
 Power: 2.30 kW
 Frequency: 95.1 MHz
 AMSL Height: 304.0 m
 Horiz. Pattern: Omni
 Prop Model: Longley/Rice
 Climate: Cont temperate
 Conductivity: 0.0040
 Dielec Const: 15.0
 Refractivity: 310.0
 Receiver Ht AG: 9.1 m
 Receiver Gain: 0 dB
 Time Variability: 50.0%
 St. Variability: 50.0%
 ITM Mode: Broadcast

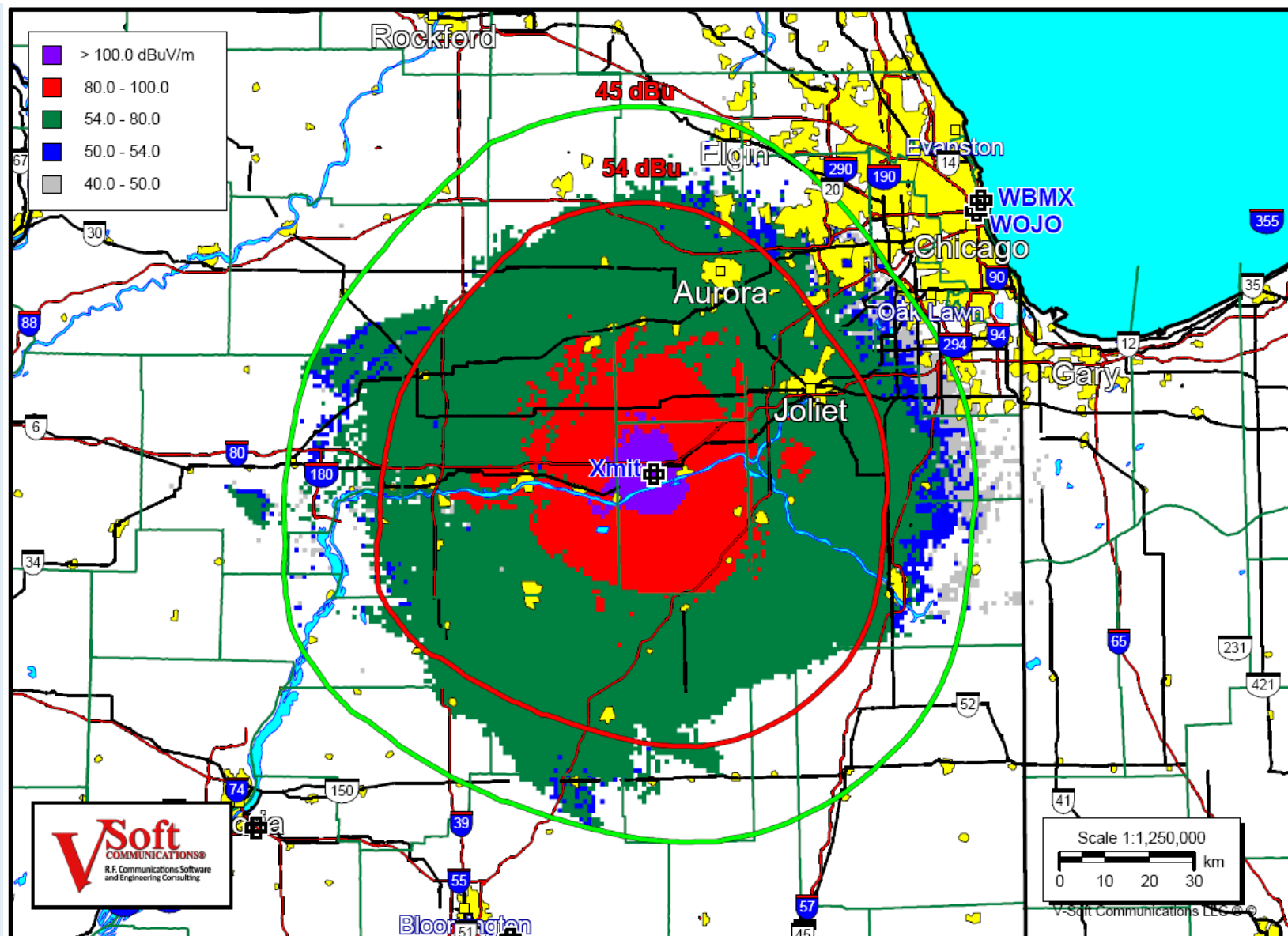
WIVR

BLH20010816AAD
 Latitude: 40-51-52 N
 Longitude: 087-35-14 W
 Power: 0.275 kW
 Channel: 269
 Frequency: 101.7 MHz
 AMSL Height: 339.0 m
 Horiz. Pattern: Omni
 Prop Model: Longley/Rice
 Climate: Cont temperate
 Conductivity: 0.0040
 Dielec Const: 15.0
 Refractivity: 310.0
 Receiver Ht AG: 9.1 m
 Receiver Gain: 0 dB
 Time Variability: 50.0%
 St. Variability: 50.0%
 ITM Mode: Broadcast



Interference Areas Longley-Rice Coverage





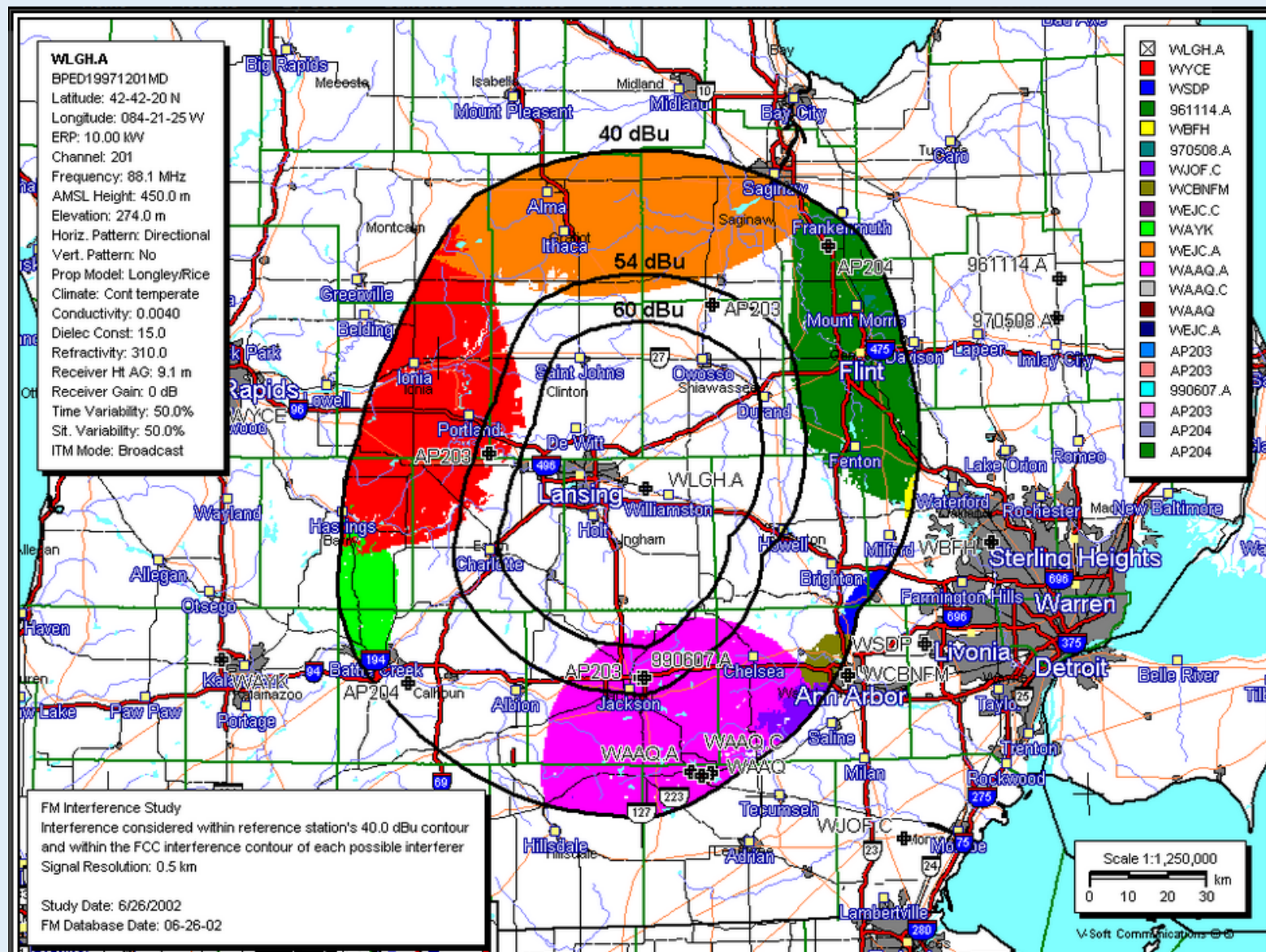
Calculation of Population with No Interference

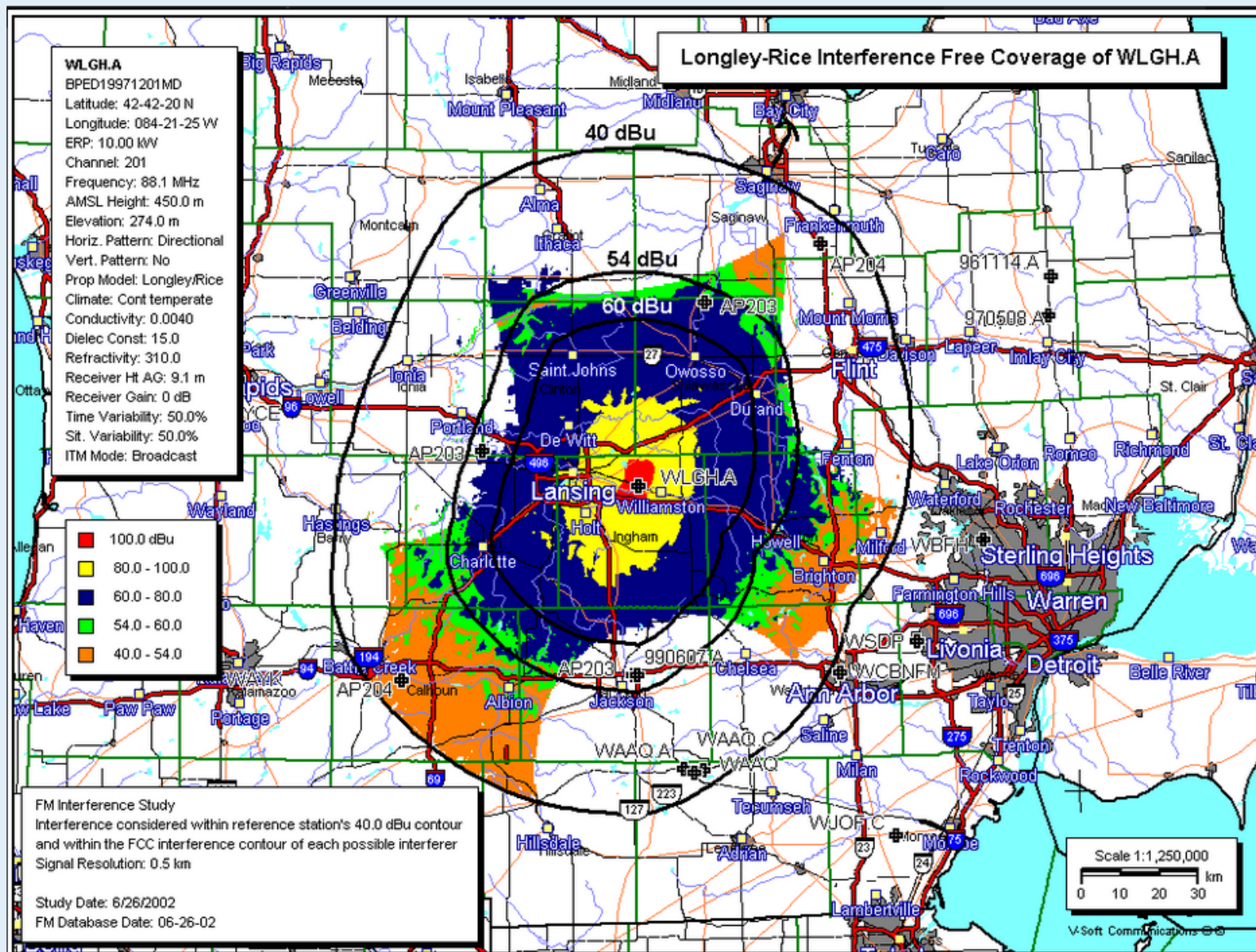
Totals for Xmit (284) to the 45 dBu, (using 30 meter terrain)

	Population	Area
Calculation Area Population:	9,471,751	[38017.9 sq. km]
Not Affected by Terrain Loss:	2,942,759	[22484.3 sq. km]
Interfered Population:	773,030	[8623.1 sq. km]
Interference Free:	2,169,729	[13861.2 sq. km]
Percent Interference:	26.27 %	
Terrain Blocked Population:	6,528,992	[15533.6 sq. km]

Interference Free Breakdown:

White:	1,380,981	[63.6%]
Black:	214,332	[9.9%]
Hispanic:	361,535	[16.7%]
Native American:	2,131	[0.1%]
Asian:	133,528	[6.2%]
Pacific Islander:	385	[0.0%]
Mixed Race:	69,961	[3.2%]
Other:	6,876	[0.3%]
Total:	2,169,729	





ATSC 3.0 Inputs:

Channel type - AWGN - Additive White Gaussian Noise or Rayleigh – Model of multipath and fading effects

LPDC - Low-Density Parity Check, 64,800 bits, 64k, or 16,200 bits, 16k

Modulation constellation used - QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, 256QAM, 1024QAM, 2048QAM

Code Rate - Forward error correction code

FFT Size, (Fast Fourier Transform) for Doppler Protection

Guard Intervals - Protection from time-delay interference caused by multi-path SFN's

Pilot Pattern - Indicates the frequency separation of pilots and the length of the scattered pilot pattern

L1D Scattered Pilot Boost - Higher pilot boosting improves channel estimation accuracy

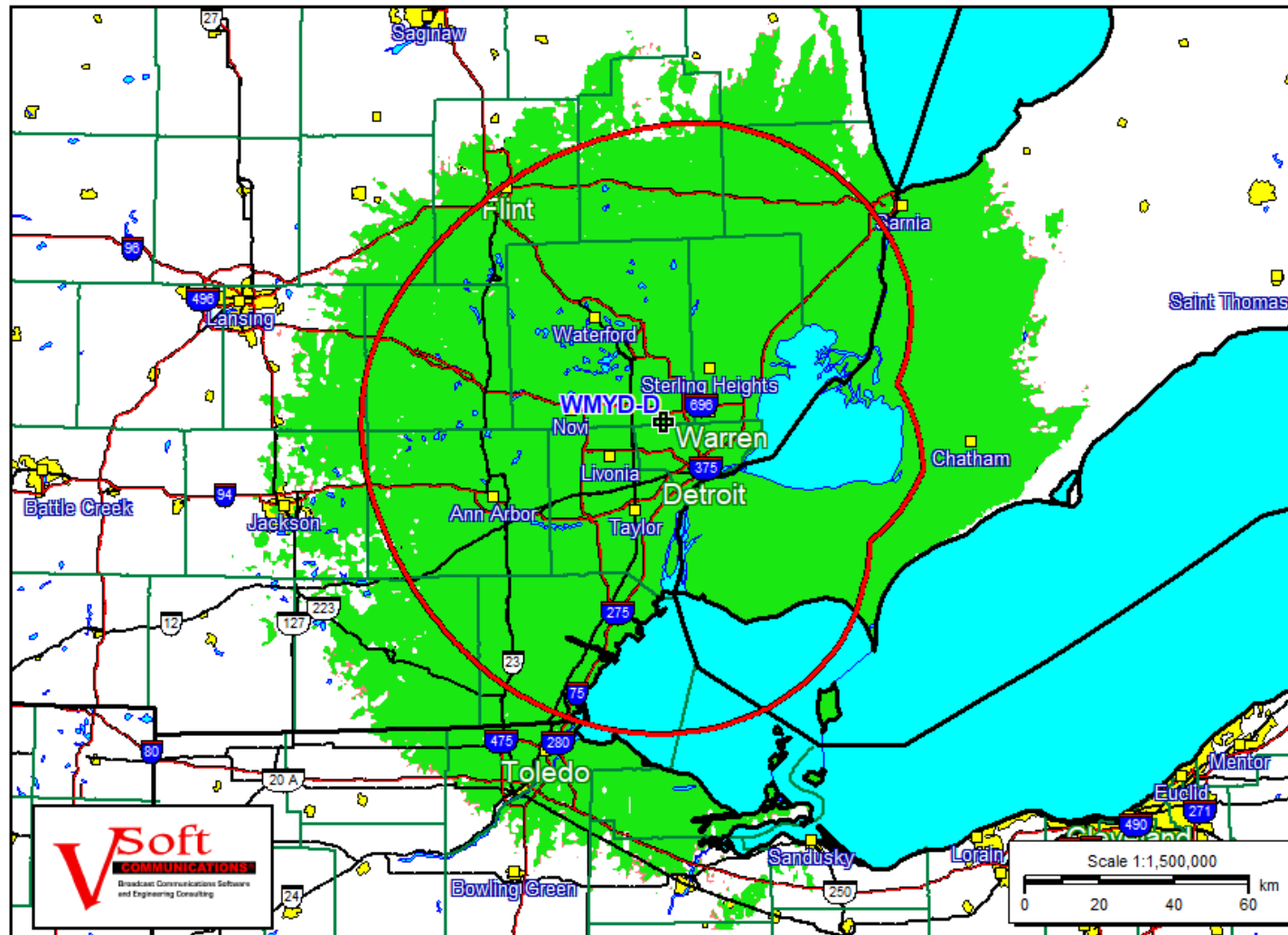
Cred_coeff - corresponds to increased data capacity and degree of adjacent channel interference

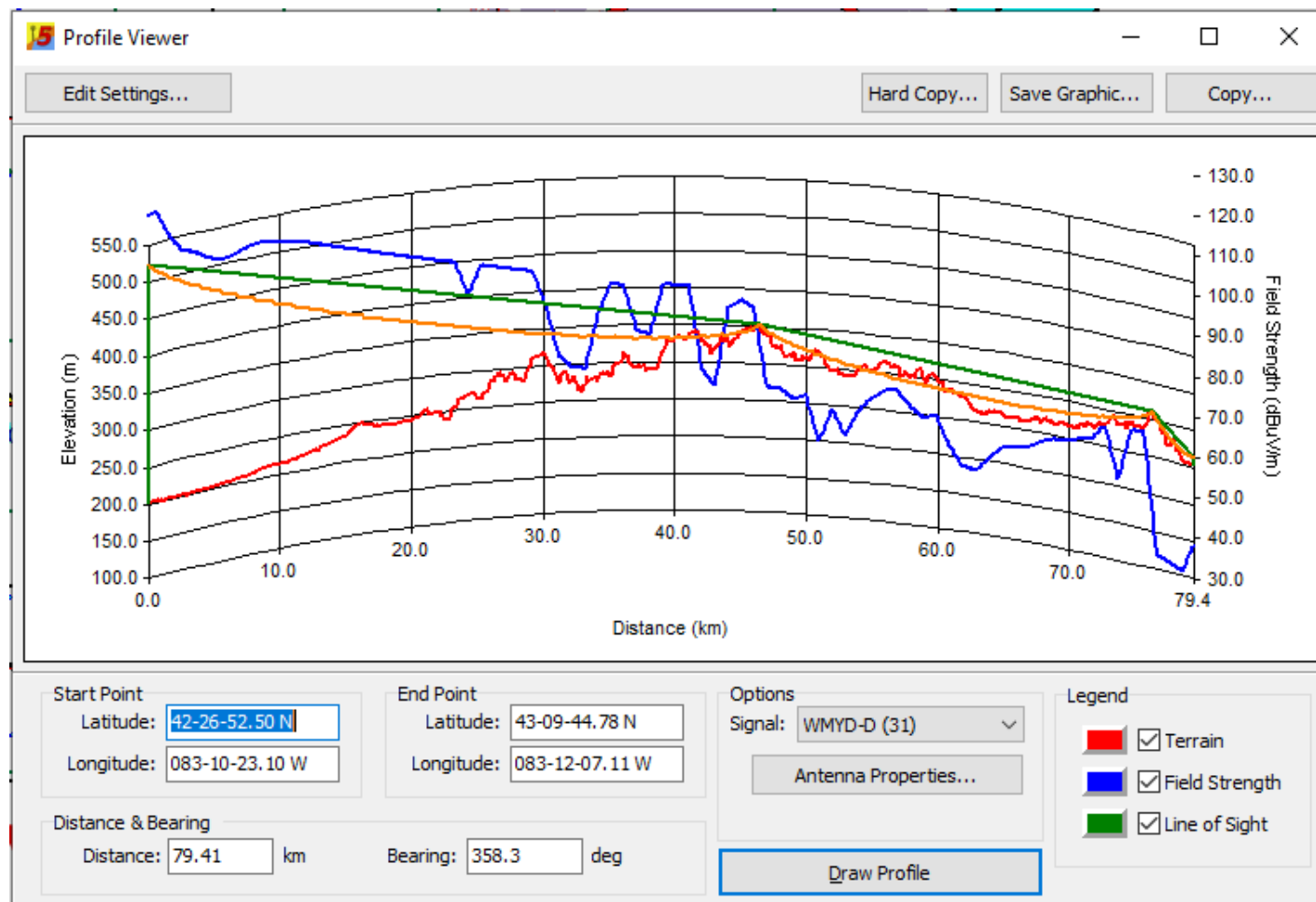
Other inputs - the use of OET 69 & received antenna gain

ATSC 3.0 C/N and Noise Limited Field Strength Calculation

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LDPC Code: <input type="text" value="64800"/>	Noise Level (dBu): <input type="text" value="25.05"/>
Modulation Type: <input type="text" value="256QAM"/>	Noise Limited Field Strength (dBu): <input type="text" value="50.29"/>
Code Rate: <input type="text" value="13/15"/>	
FFT Size: <input type="text" value="32K"/>	
Guard Interval: <input type="text" value="GI5_1024"/>	
Pilot Pattern: <input type="text" value="SP24_2"/>	
L1D Scattered Pilot Boost: <input type="text" value="1"/>	
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TV Channel: <input type="text" value="31"/>	
Receive Antenna Gain: <input type="text" value="OET 69"/>	

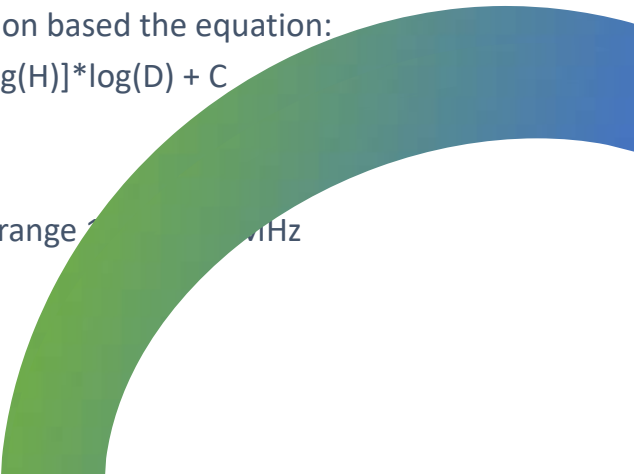
ATSC 3.0 Noise Limited 50.29 dBuV/m Service Contour







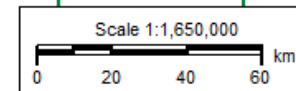
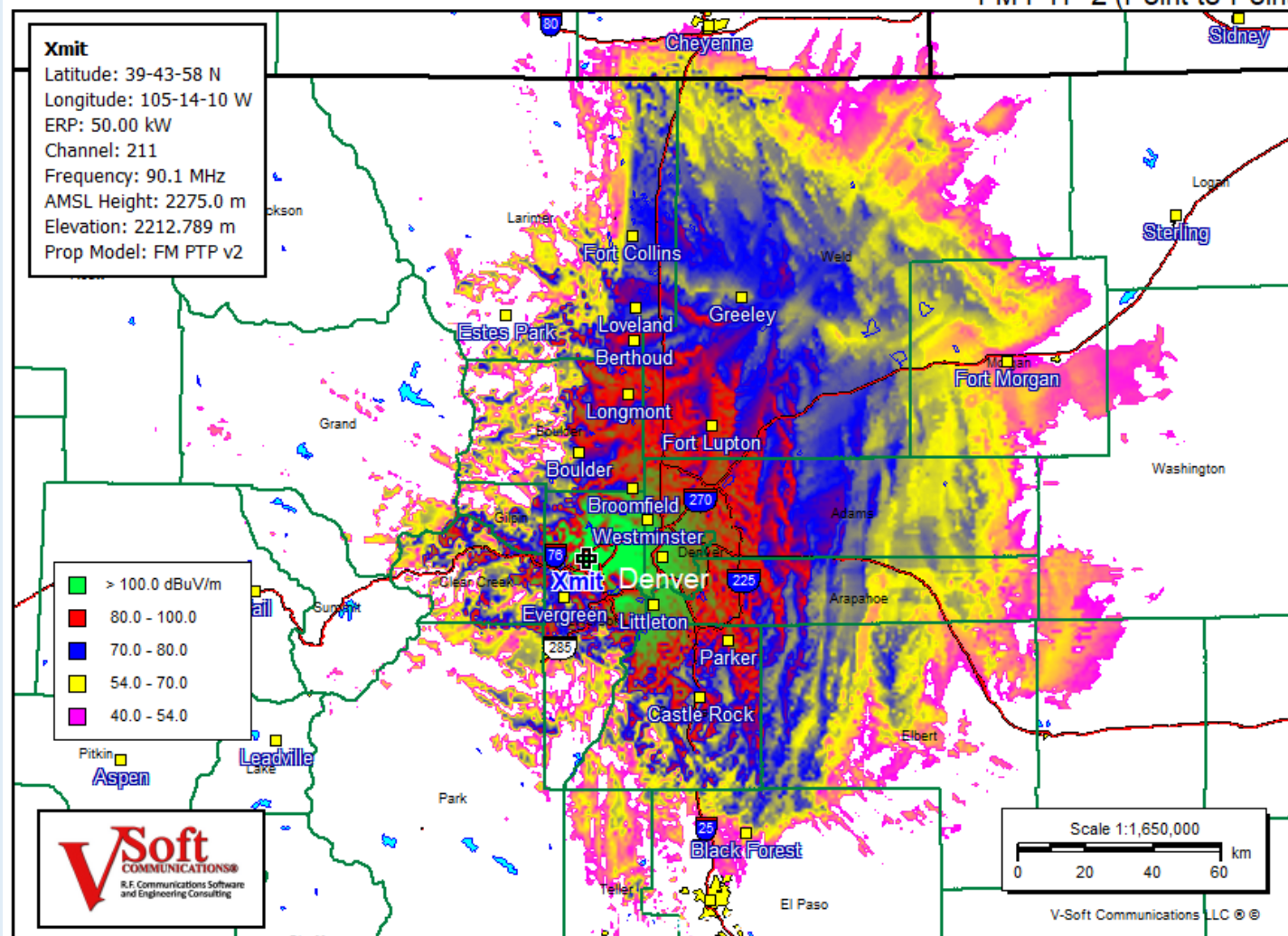
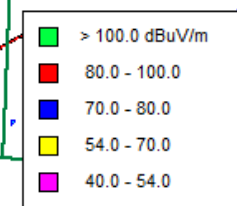
A few Other Propagation Models

- **PTP-2**, created by Harry Wong at the FCC, uses the terrain value for each point in the specified area of calculation
 - **ITU R-P model:** Developed by the International Telecommunications Union, is used widely through out the world, except for in the U.S.
 - **Cost-231/Hata** version of the COST-231 propagation model (For use in Urban Areas)
 - This model uses HAAT along each radial to determine the attenuation based the equation:
• $\text{Path Loss (dB)} = 46.3 + 33.9 \cdot \log(F) - 13.82 \cdot \log(H) + [44.9 - 6.55 \cdot \log(H)] \cdot \log(D) + C$
 - **Okamura-Hata:**
 - Also, a widely used urban model, applicable for frequencies in the range 30 MHz
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FM PTP-2 (Point-to-Point)

Xmit

Latitude: 39-43-58 N
Longitude: 105-14-10 W
ERP: 50.00 kW
Channel: 211
Frequency: 90.1 MHz
AMSL Height: 2275.0 m
Elevation: 2212.789 m
Prop Model: FM PTP v2

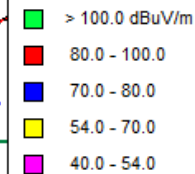


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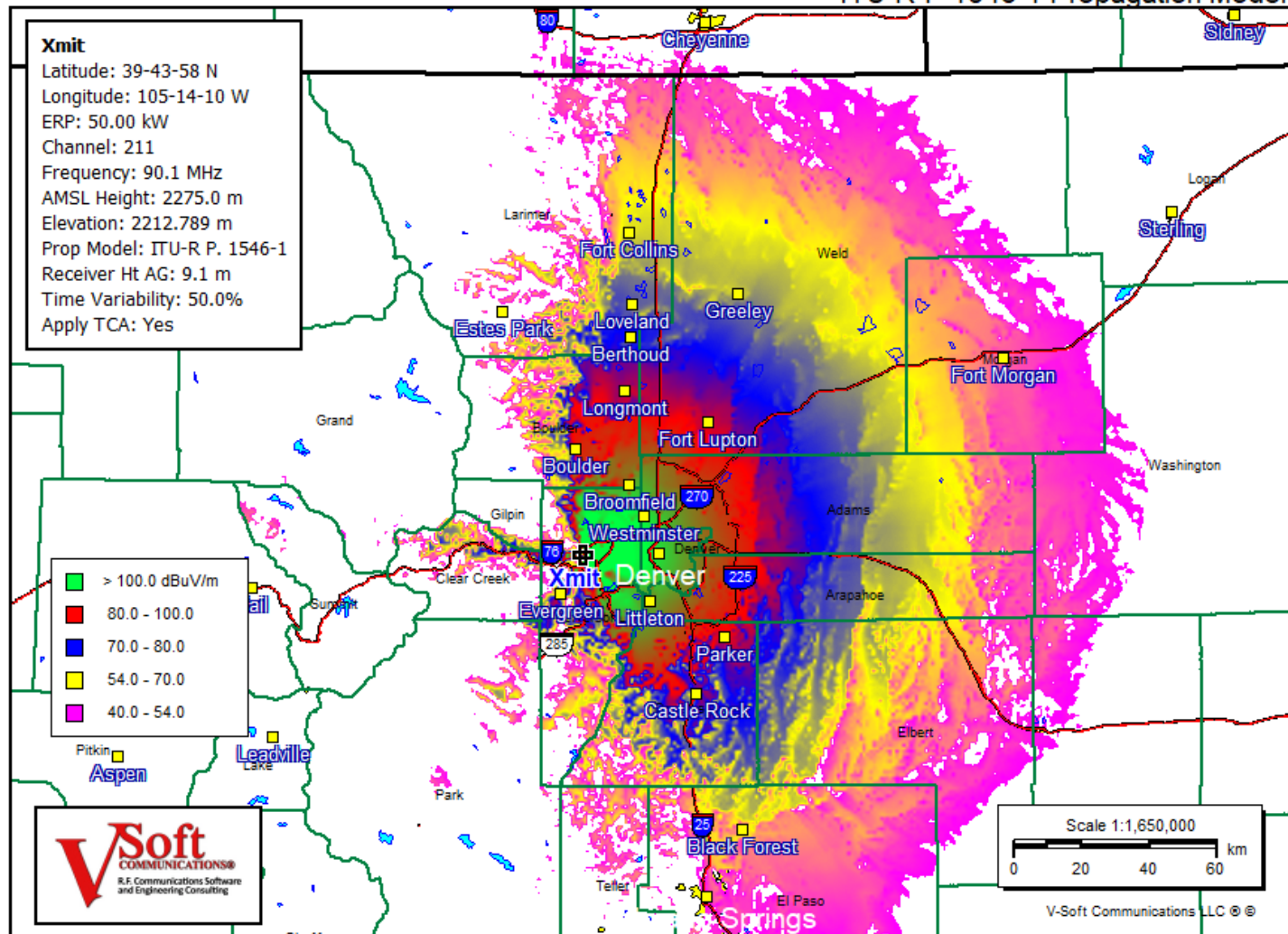
ITU-R-P 1546-1 Propagation Model

Xmit

Latitude: 39-43-58 N
 Longitude: 105-14-10 W
 ERP: 50.00 kW
 Channel: 211
 Frequency: 90.1 MHz
 AMSL Height: 2275.0 m
 Elevation: 2212.789 m
 Prop Model: ITU-R P. 1546-1
 Receiver Ht AG: 9.1 m
 Time Variability: 50.0%
 Apply TCA: Yes

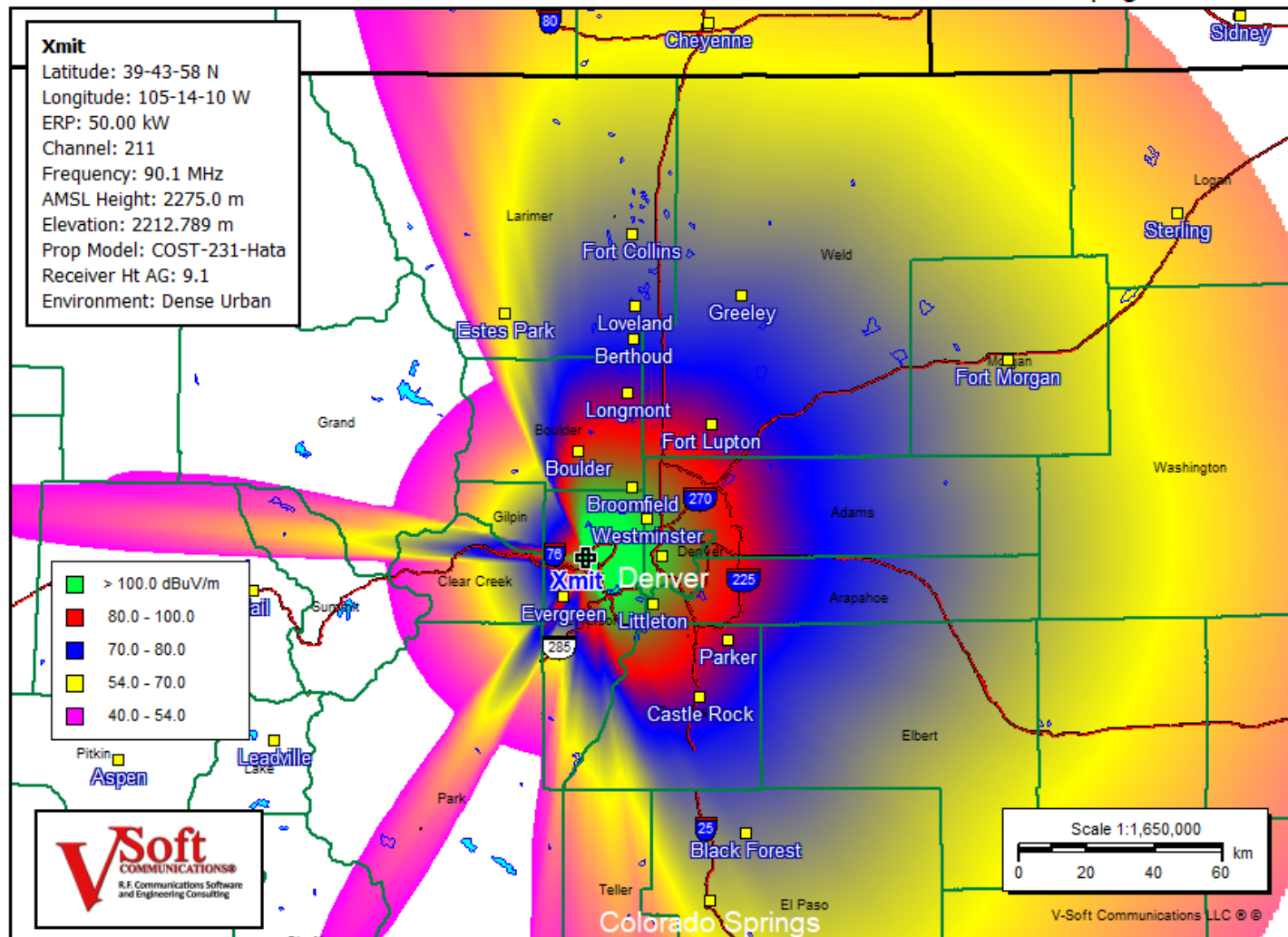


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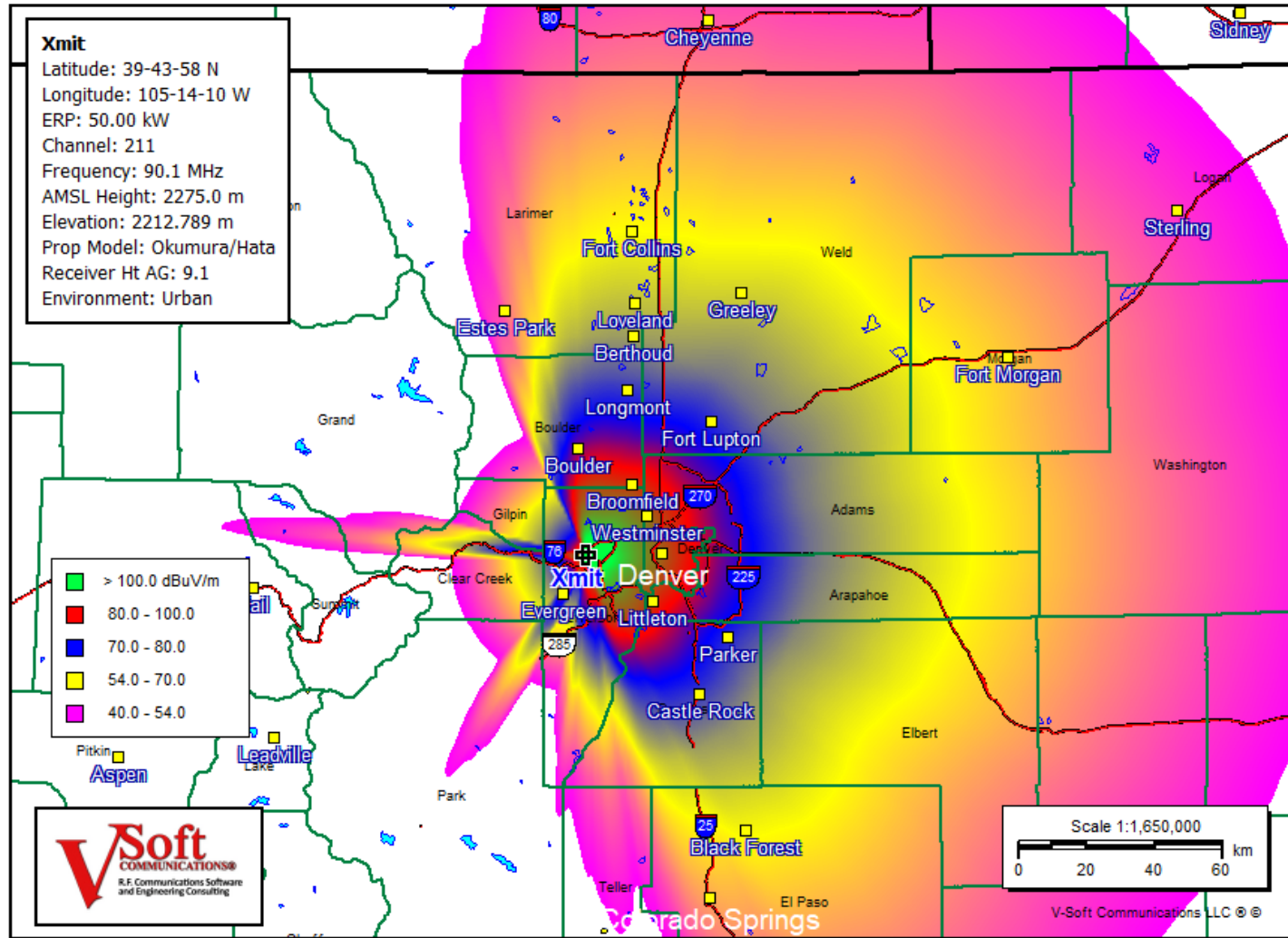


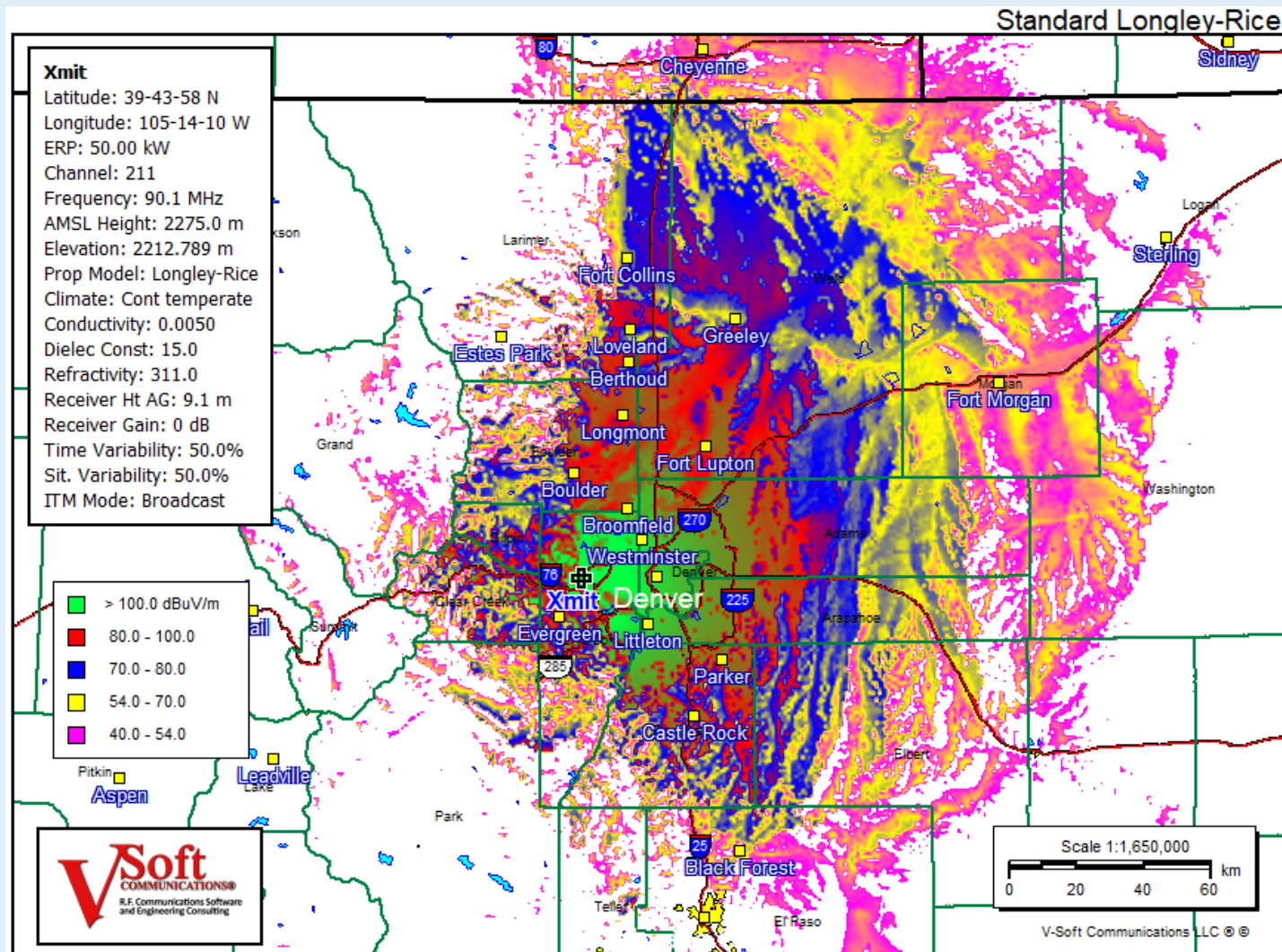
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Cost-231/Hata Propagation Model



Okumura - Hata Propagation Model





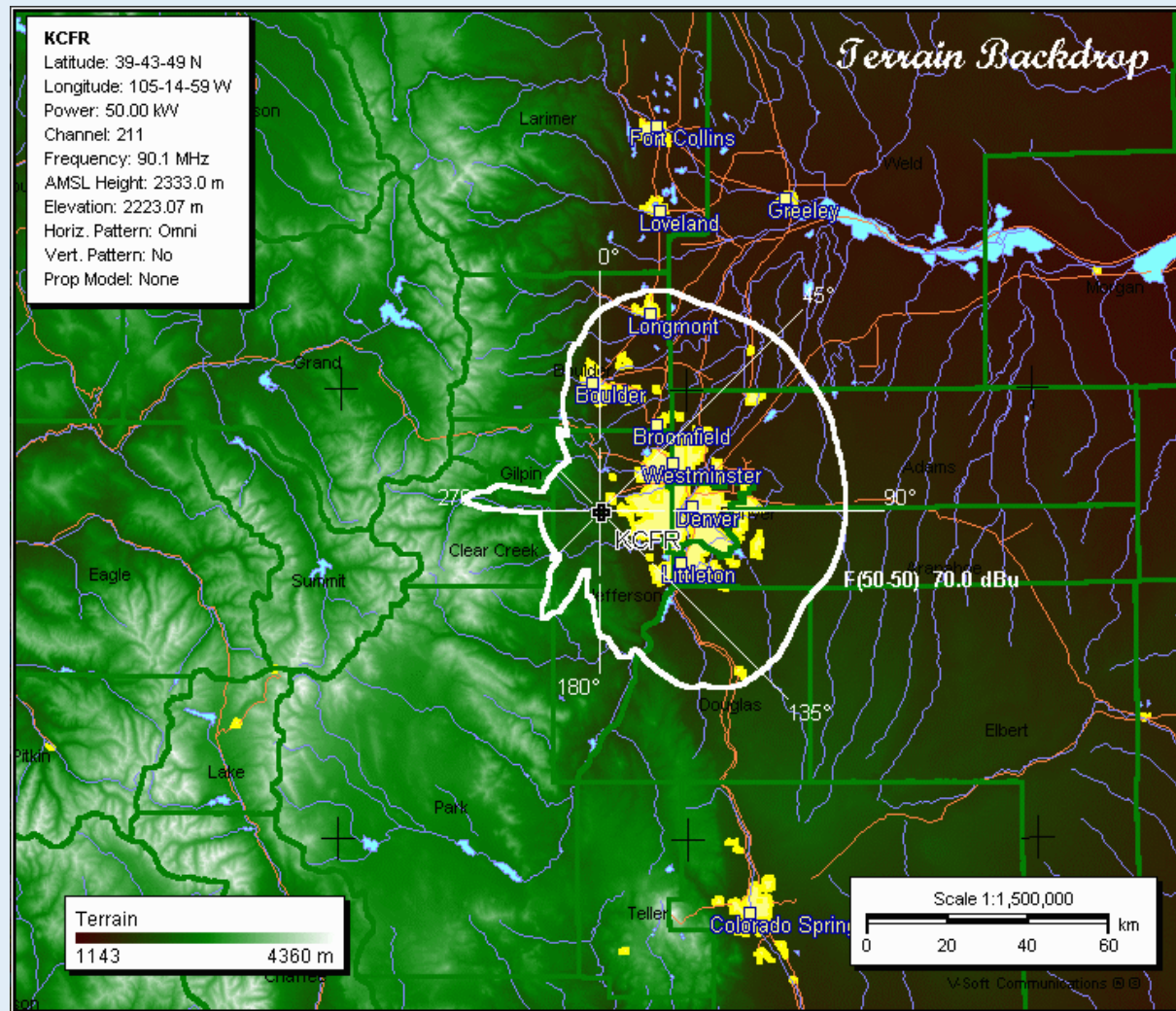


Image Over U.S. Topo Map

K288TR
BNPFT20190308AAT
Latitude: 37-42-58 N
Longitude: 122-23-38 W
ERP: 0.10 kW
Channel: 285
Frequency: 104.9 MHz
AMSL Height: 129.0 m
Elevation: 105.0 m
Horiz. Pattern: Directional
Vert. Pattern: No
Prop Model: None

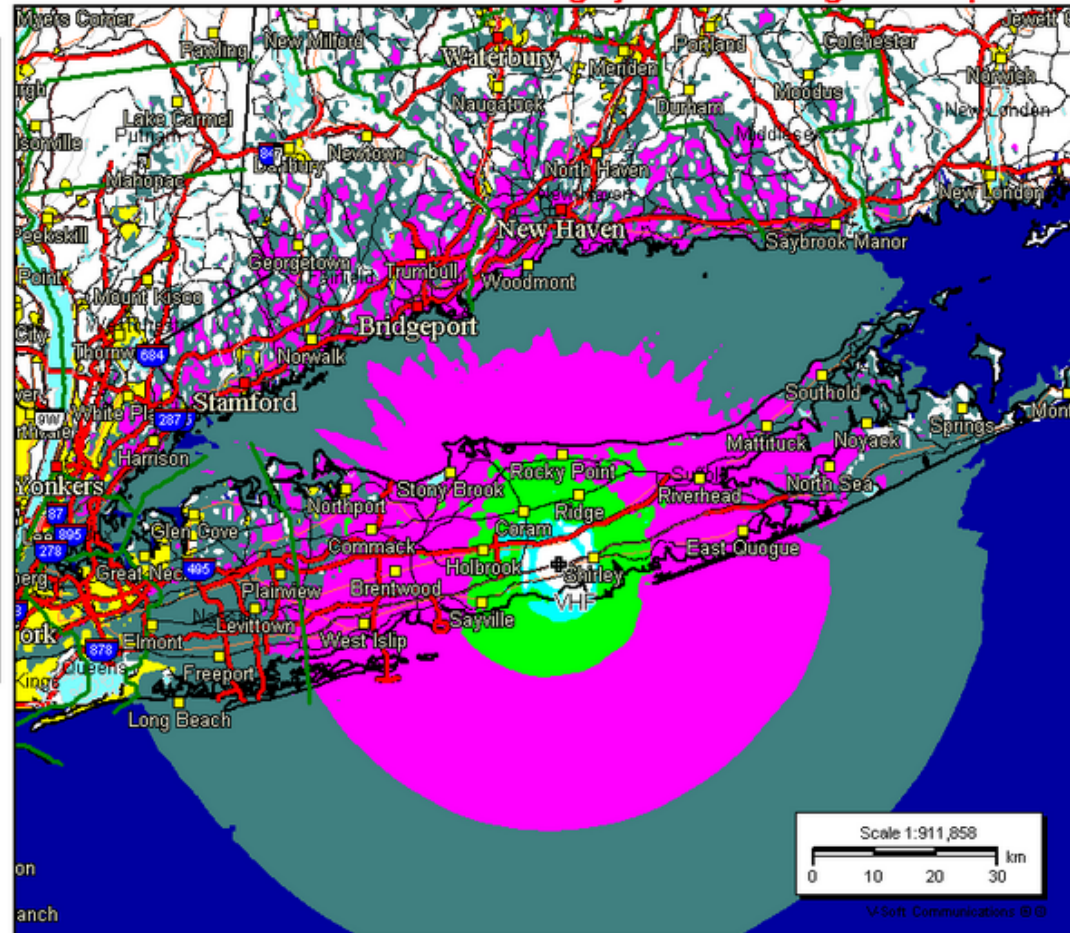
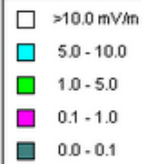


Longley-Rice Coverage VHF repeater

VHF

Latitude: 40-47-31.03 N
 Longitude: 072-56-04.34 W
 Power: 400.00 W
 EIRP Used: 656.00 W
 Frequency: 145.21 MHz
 AMSL Height: 61.0 m
 Elevation: 0.0 m
 Horiz. Pattern: Omni
 Vert. Pattern: No
 Prop Model: Longley/Rice
 Climate: Cont temperate
 Conductivity: 0.0050
 Dielec Const: 15.0
 Refractivity: 311.0
 Receiver Ht AG: 1.5 m
 Receiver Gain: 0 dB
 Time Variability: 50.0%
 Sit. Variability: 50.0%
 ITM Mode: Broadcast
 Legend starts at .01 mV/m

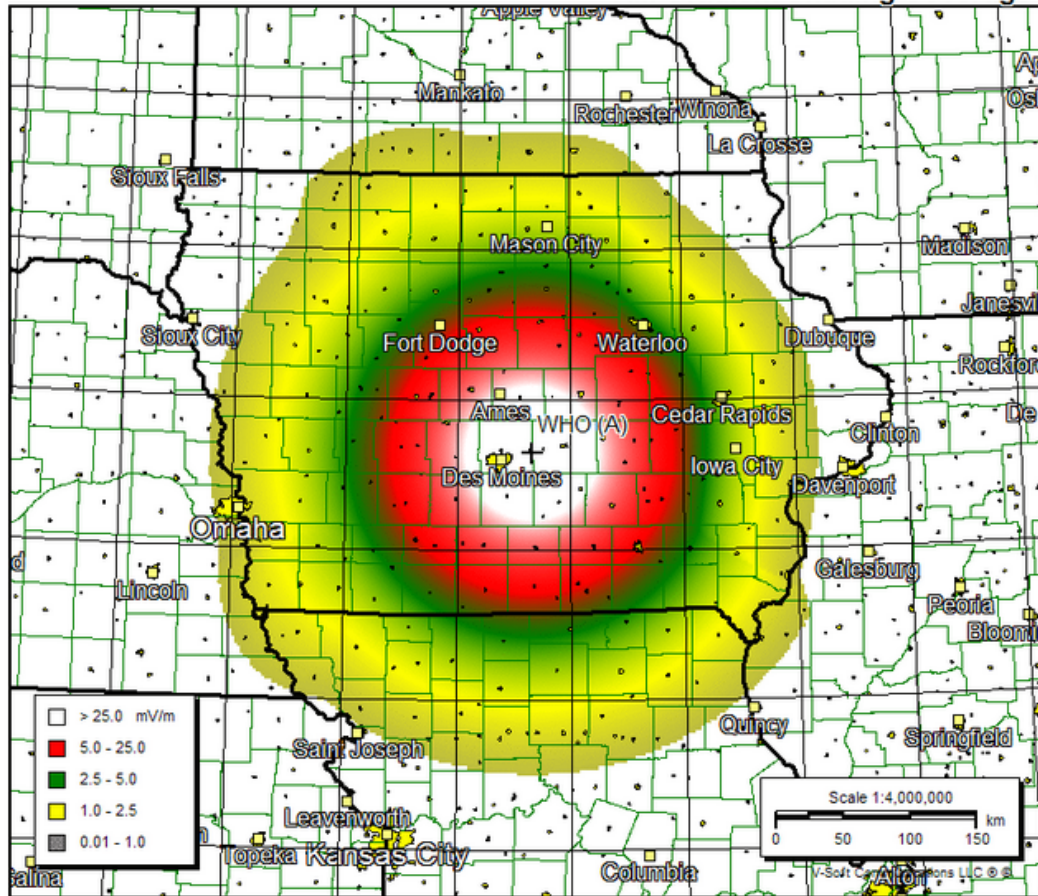
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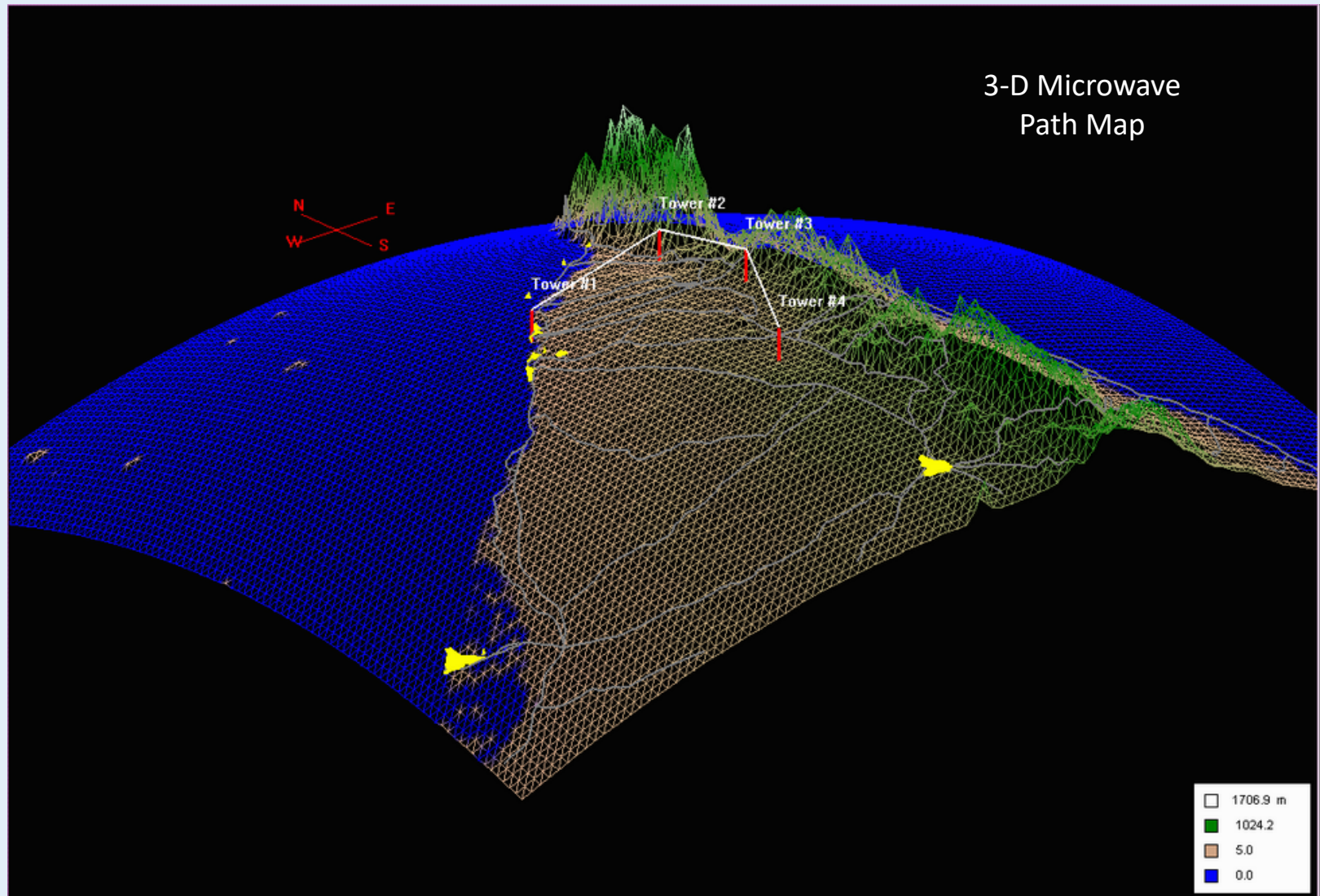
AM Gradient Shading Coverage

WHO (A)

Freq: 1040 kHz
Class: A
Latitude: 41-39-10 N
Longitude: 093-21-01 W
Power: 50 kW
RMS: 471.54 mV/m @1km
Towers: 1
Augs: 0

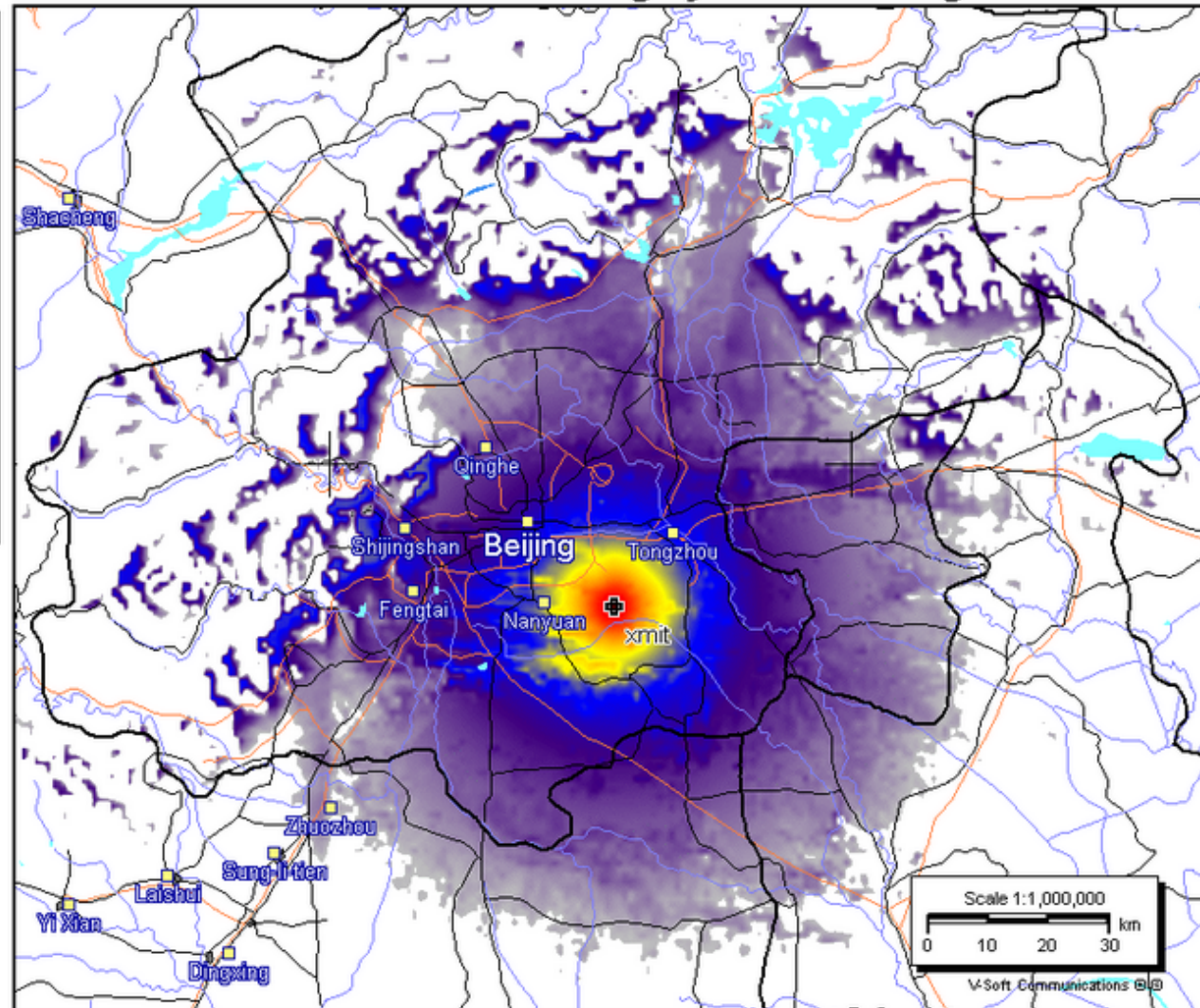
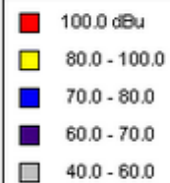


3-D Microwave Path Map



Longley-Rice Coverage Over China

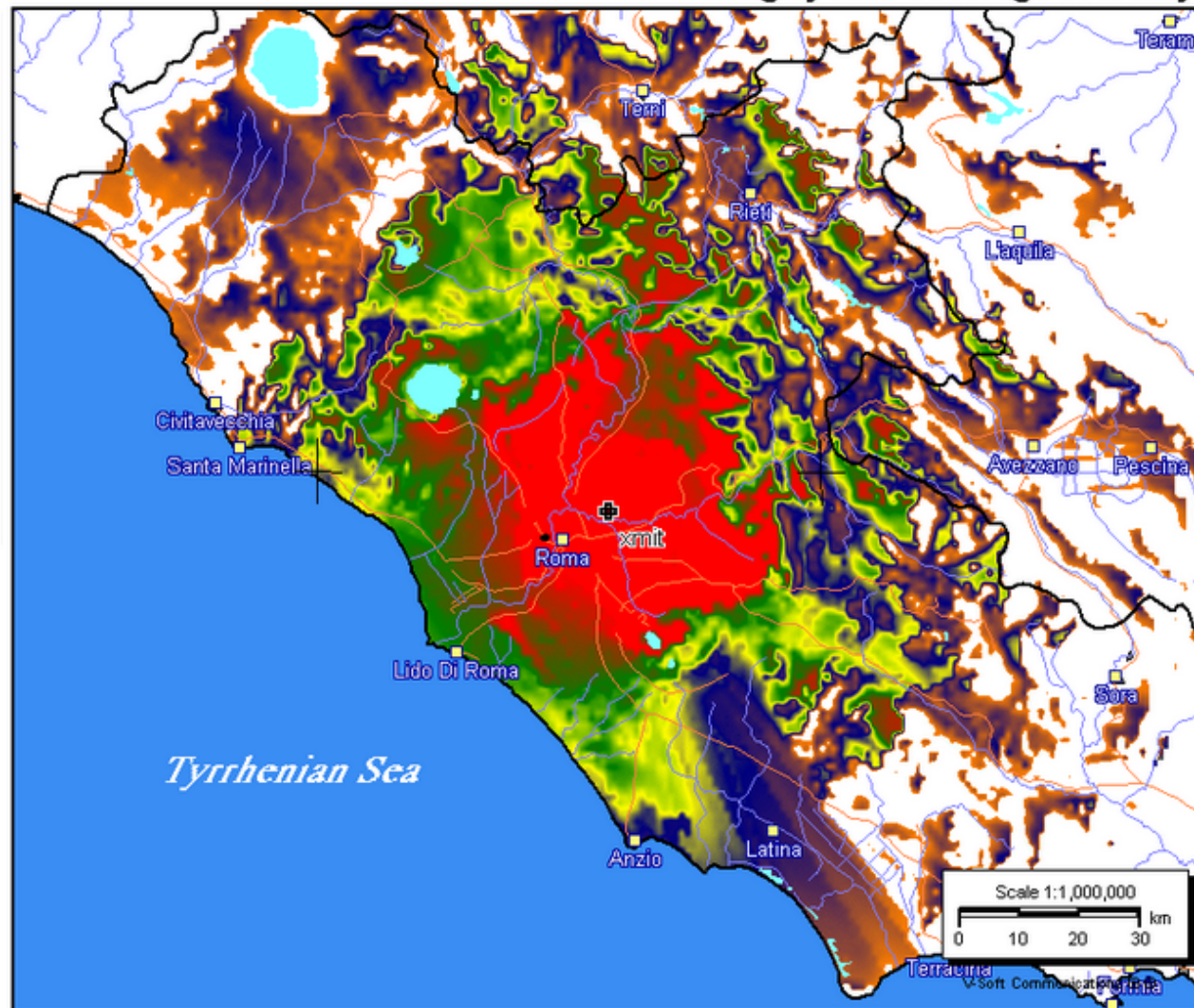
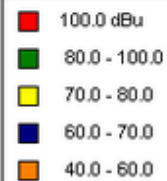
xmit
 Latitude: 39-47-30 N
 Longitude: 116-32-39 E
 Power: 0.50 kW
 EIRP Used: 0.82 kW
 Channel: 214
 Frequency: 90.7 MHz
 AMSL Height: 131.61 m
 Elevation: 31.61 m
 Horiz. Pattern: Omni
 Vert. Pattern: No
 Prop Model: Longley/Rice
 Climate: Cont temperate
 Conductivity: 0.0040
 Dielec Const: 15.0
 Refractivity: 310.0
 Receiver Ht AG: 9.1 m
 Receiver Gain: 0 dB
 Time Variability: 50.0%
 Sit. Variability: 50.0%
 ITM Mode: Broadcast



Longley-Rice Coverage over Italy

xmit

Latitude: 41-56-39 N
 Longitude: 012-34-32 E
 Power: 100.00 kW
 EIRP Used: 164.00 kW
 Channel: 226
 Frequency: 93.1 MHz
 AMSL Height: 180.92 m
 Elevation: 28.92 m
 Horiz. Pattern: Omni
 Vert. Pattern: No
 Prop Model: Longley/Rice
 Climate: Cont temperate
 Conductivity: 0.0040
 Dielec Const: 15.0
 Refractivity: 310.0
 Receiver Ht AG: 9.1 m
 Receiver Gain: 0 dB
 Time Variability: 50.0%
 Sit. Variability: 50.0%
 ITM Mode: Broadcast





Thank you

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