



**wavesight**<sup>TM</sup>

**User Manual**

**For Marconi**

**Planet EV<sup>®</sup>**

<1.1>

**REF: RP/WAVECALL/24-03-2004/KR**

**Abstract**

This document describes the installation and usage of the propagation model **WaveSight** inside Marconi Planet EV. It is providing technical information about the data and parameters required by **WaveSight**.

## Company Information

### Address

Lausanne Wavecall SA  
Science Park of the  
Swiss Institute of Technology  
PSE-B / EPFL  
1015 Lausanne

Phone +41 21 693 84 05

Fax +41 21 693 84 06

Contact Karim Rizk

Email [info@wavecall.com](mailto:info@wavecall.com)

Web <http://www.wavecall.com>

## Document History

Version	Revision	Date
0.9	Karim Rizk	October 16, 2003
0.9.1	Karim Rizk	October 19, 2003
0.9.2	Karim Rizk	October 20, 2003
1.0	Karim Rizk	November 20, 2003
1.2	Odeh Ghawi	February 02, 2004
1.3	Jürgen Eitle	March 10, 2004
1.4	Jürgen Eitle	March 11, 2004
1.5	Jürgen Eitle	March 24, 2004
1.6	Jürgen Eitle	May 17, 2004
1.7	Jürgen Eitle	June 2, 2004
1.8	Jürgen Eitle	June 3, 2004
1.9	Jürgen Eitle	July 28, 2004

REF: RP/WAVECALL/24-03-2004/KR.....	1
Company Information.....	2
Document History .....	2
New Features of <b>WaveSight</b> for version 4.0 of Planet EV.....	4
1. Introduction .....	4
2. Installation and configuration.....	5
2.1 Version .....	5
2.2 Prerequisites .....	5
2.3 Installation .....	5
2.3.1 Installation procedure.....	5
2.4 Parameters used by WaveSight.....	5
2.4.1 Parameters to be set for WaveSight .....	5
2.4.2 Parameters read by WaveSight from the transmitter settings.....	11
2.5 Vector data (buildings and vegetation) .....	14
2.5.1 Configuring the data .....	14
2.5.2 Data requirements .....	14
2.5.3 Vector data format .....	17
2.5.4 Shape data format:.....	19
2.6 Terrain data.....	20
2.6.1 Digital Terrain Height Data (DTM) .....	20
2.7 Running WaveSight .....	20
3. WaveTune.....	22
3.1 Introduction .....	22
3.2 Running WaveTune .....	22
3.3 Different optimization goals can be achieved with WaveTune .....	28
4. Frequently asked questions for Planet EV .....	29
4. Appendix I .....	29
(WaveSight error messages) .....	29
5. Bibliography .....	32

## New Features of WaveSight for version 4.0 of Planet EV

- ❖ **WaveSight** is now supporting non co-located sectors, i. e. sites where the sector antennas are not all at the same location. See section 2.4.2 for more information.
- ❖ **WaveSight** can now directly read the the grid file from the project directory. As a result a set of DTM files is obtained. See section 2.6 for more information.
- ❖ **WaveSight** works without the user having selected a clutter. See section 2.4.1
- ❖ **WaveSight** can read "shape data" building files. See section 2.5.4 for more information.
- ❖ **Wave Tune** is now available as a tuning model for **WaveSight**. See section 3. for more information.

## 1. Introduction

**WaveSight** is a wave propagation prediction tool for wireless networks. It is specifically used to predict radio wave propagation for mobile communication networks in urban and suburban environments.

The deployment of a cellular network is subject to tight schedules that must ensure high quality service with optimal infrastructure expenditure. **WaveSight** is instrumental in reducing costs and planning time, and in improving network quality as it meets prediction accuracy requirements.

To achieve high prediction accuracy **WaveSight** uses new methods of calculation that were validated as part of thesis research conducted at the Swiss Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL), Swisscom, Dutch Telecom and at Bell Laboratories of Lucent Technologies, Crawford Hill, New Jersey, USA.

The inputs for WaveSight 3.6 are 1) the vector of buildings and vegetation (in case available), terrain and clutter given in raster format.

## 2. Installation and configuration

### 2.1 Version

Component	Version information
WaveSight algorithm	3.6
Interface	1.1.9.0 (with Planet EV 4.0.1)

Licensing of this release is integrated in Planet EV's licensing scheme.

### 2.2 Prerequisites

**WaveSight** requires the following environment:

1. Planet EV 4.0 or higher on Windows 2000 or higher.
2. Up to 500 MB of disk space for temporary files and  $\geq$  500 MB of RAM, 1 GB is recommended.

### 2.3 Installation

#### 2.3.1 Installation procedure

**WaveSight** comes pre-installed with Planet EV, contact Planet EV support for details.

To check if **WaveSight** is installed correctly, the following paragraphs give a brief overview over the installed **WaveSight** files:

The **WaveSight** installation directory is by default "Planet EV install directory". It contains the files "wavesight.exe", "ant\_db.dat".

### 2.4 Parameters used by WaveSight

#### 2.4.1 Parameters to be set for WaveSight

You can add a **WaveSight** model from Planet EV from the menu *Tools->Propagation Model Editor* by selecting **WaveSight** in the *Model Type* choice list.

The **WaveSight** parameters are:

A) In the window Propagation Model Editor you can set the following parameters (Figure 1)

- Frequency [MHz]: The frequency
- Receiver Height [m]: The receiver height above the ground.

B) When clicking on Edit in the window Propagation Model Editor a window named WaveSight Parameters appears (Figure 2). The following parameters can be set:

- Indoor Attenuation Factor [dB]: A penetration loss factor from outdoor to indoor. For indoor calculations, WaveSight Computes the average field on the circumference of the building and then applies a constant penetration loss. In general, we recommend the following values for penetration loss: concrete walls (with windows): 10-15 dB, wooden walls: 7 dB, metallic shielded glass: 20-40 dB
- Resolution [m]: The computation resolution.
- Corr. Factor Vertical [dB]: WaveSight translates this factor to a Medium Loss using the following formula:

- $Medium Loss = 10^{-Corr. Factor Vertical/10}$

The Medium Loss represents an attenuation associated with a ray propagating in the vertical plane over buildings. This attenuation acts as the real part of the wave number. The higher the real part of the wave number the higher is the Medium Loss. *Therefore according to the equation above the smaller the Corr. Factor Vertical the higher is the Medium Loss.*

This factor can be used to account for loss due to objects not represented in or missing from the geographical database.

- Corr. Factor Horizontal [dB]: WaveSight translates this factor to a Medium Loss using the following formula:

- $Medium Loss = 10^{-Corr. Factor Horizontal/10}$

The Medium Loss represents an attenuation associated with a ray propagating in the horizontal plane around buildings. This attenuation acts as the real part of the wave number. The higher the real part of the wave number the higher is the Medium Loss. *Therefore according to the equation above the smaller the Corr. Factor Horizontal the higher is the Medium Loss.*

This factor can be used to account for loss due to objects not represented in or missing from the geographical database.

- Corr. Factor Terrain [dB]: WaveSight translates this factor to a Medium Loss using the following formula:

- $Medium Loss = 10^{-Corr. Factor Terrain/10}$

The Medium Loss represents an attenuation associated with a ray propagating in the vertical plane after diffraction from terrain (typically in open areas). This factor is only taken into account if there is no clutter associated with the point of diffraction. This attenuation acts as the real part of the wave number. The higher the real part of the wave number the higher is the Medium Loss. *Therefore according to the equation above the smaller the Corr. Factor Terrain the higher is the Medium Loss.*

This factor can be used to account for terrain occupation when no clutter values are available.

- Terrain file path: It contains the path for the terrain directory that contains the terrain data in format explained in section 2.6. Click on the Browse button adjacent to this field, and select the index.txt files associated with the terrain data.
- Building data path: It contains the path for the building directory that contains the building and the vegetation data in format explained in section 2.5. Click on the Browse

button adjacent to this field, and select the index.txt files associated with the vector data.

- **Height Relative to Ground:** Check this box to indicate that vector elevation data pointed to by Vector data path is relative to ground level, otherwise they will be considered as relative to sea level.

C) If the user has chosen to use clutter, then under the tab Clutter Properties in the Model Editor the user must select Depend on Projects Settings. A Clutter Property Assignment (.cpa) file, which is compatible with the clutter file, must be selected in the field Clutter Property Assignment File. Click on the Edit CPA button to adjust the value of the clutter as follows (Figure 3).

- **Permittivity:** Is the relative permittivity assigned to the clutter. The permittivity is taken into account in the diffraction formula over the terrain. The higher the permittivity is the more energy is diffracted from the terrain
- **Conductivity [S/m]:** Is the conductivity assigned to the clutter. The conductivity is taken into account in the diffraction formula over the terrain. The higher the conductivity is the more energy is diffracted from the terrain
- **Corr. Factor [dB]:** represents attenuation associated with a ray propagating in the vertical plane in open area above certain clutter.



In this version of the interface

The feature Use Single Clutter Property is not supported.

The two tabs Rain Attenuation and Advanced in Model Editor Window (Figure 1) are not considered

WaveSight does not consider the first row of the clutter, which is usually named dBP\_Unknown.

**The higher the Corr. Factors (Vertical, Horizontal, Terrain, and in the clutter properties) the lower is the resulting attenuation.**

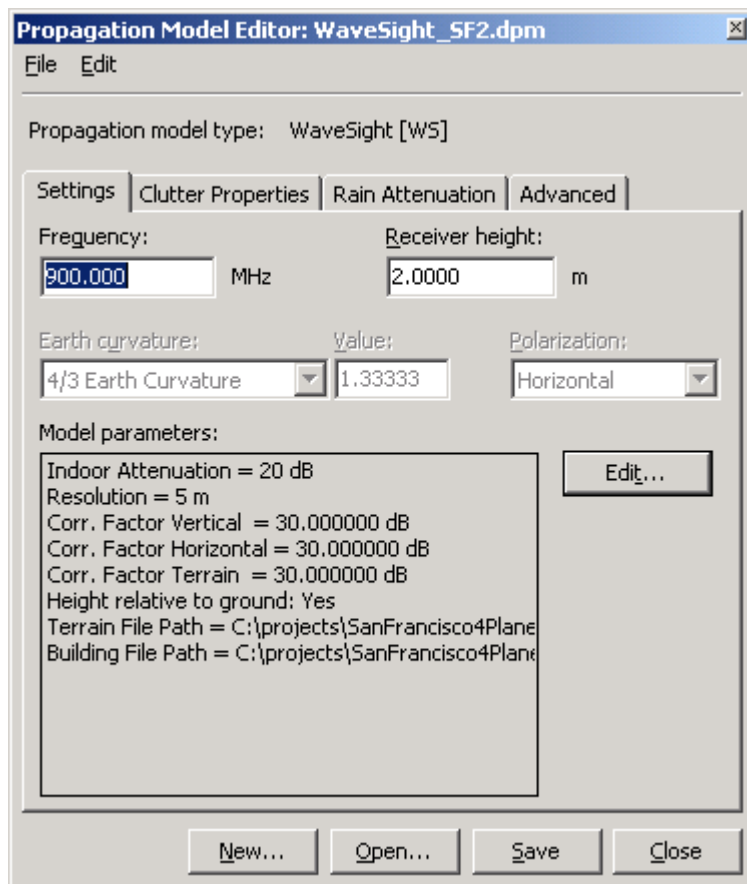


Figure 1 WaveSight propagation model main menu

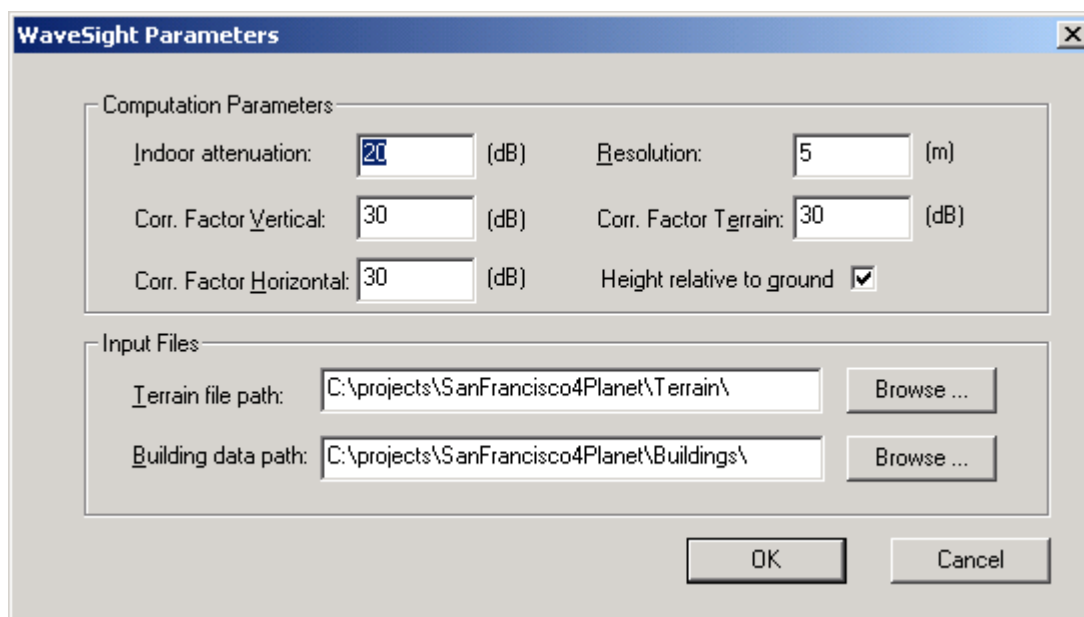


Figure 2 WaveSight parameters window



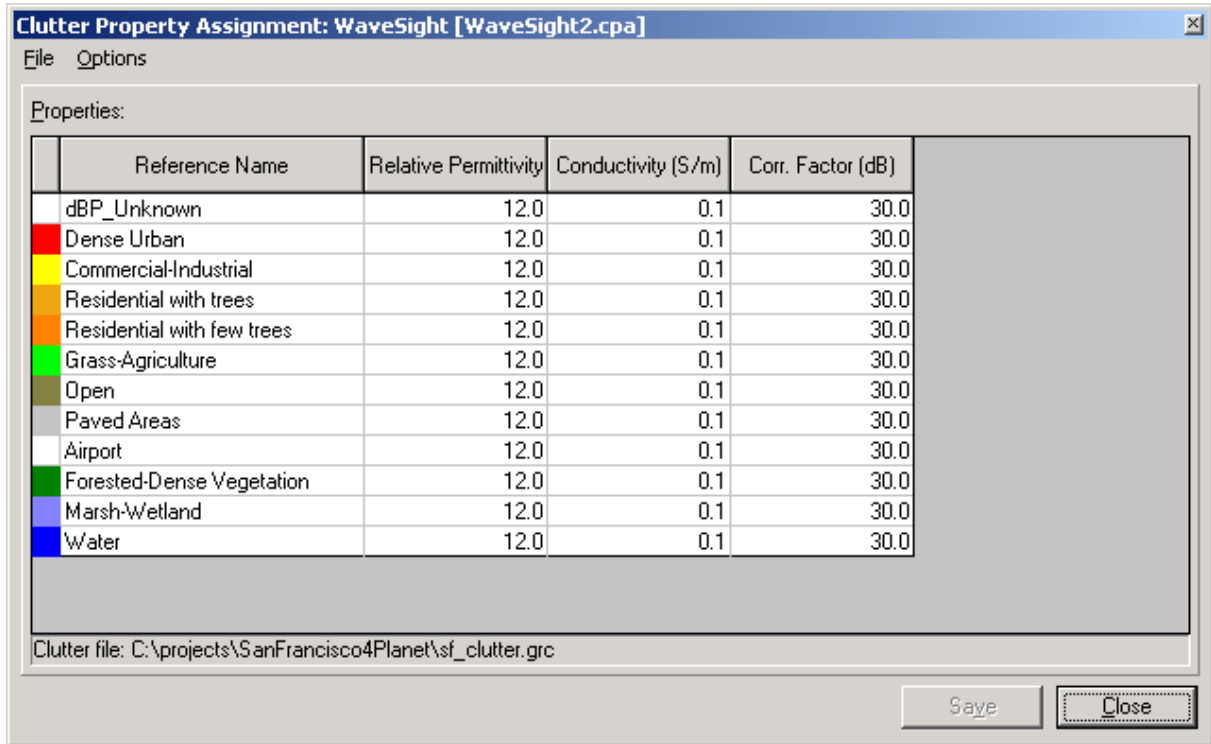


Figure 3 Clutter Property Assignments

Once you have adjusted your properties you can open the Clutter Assignments tab (see the Options menu). Here you should check, that all clutter properties from the .grc file have been assigned. This means that all entries in the clutter list (left side in Figure 4) are checked.

At the same time make sure the number of entries in both lists is the same. If the reference list has more entries than the clutter list. *WaveSight and WaveTune may produce unpredictable results or may not run at all.* This usually is not an issue, as any clutter reference list, that is automatically generated will have the correct number of entries.

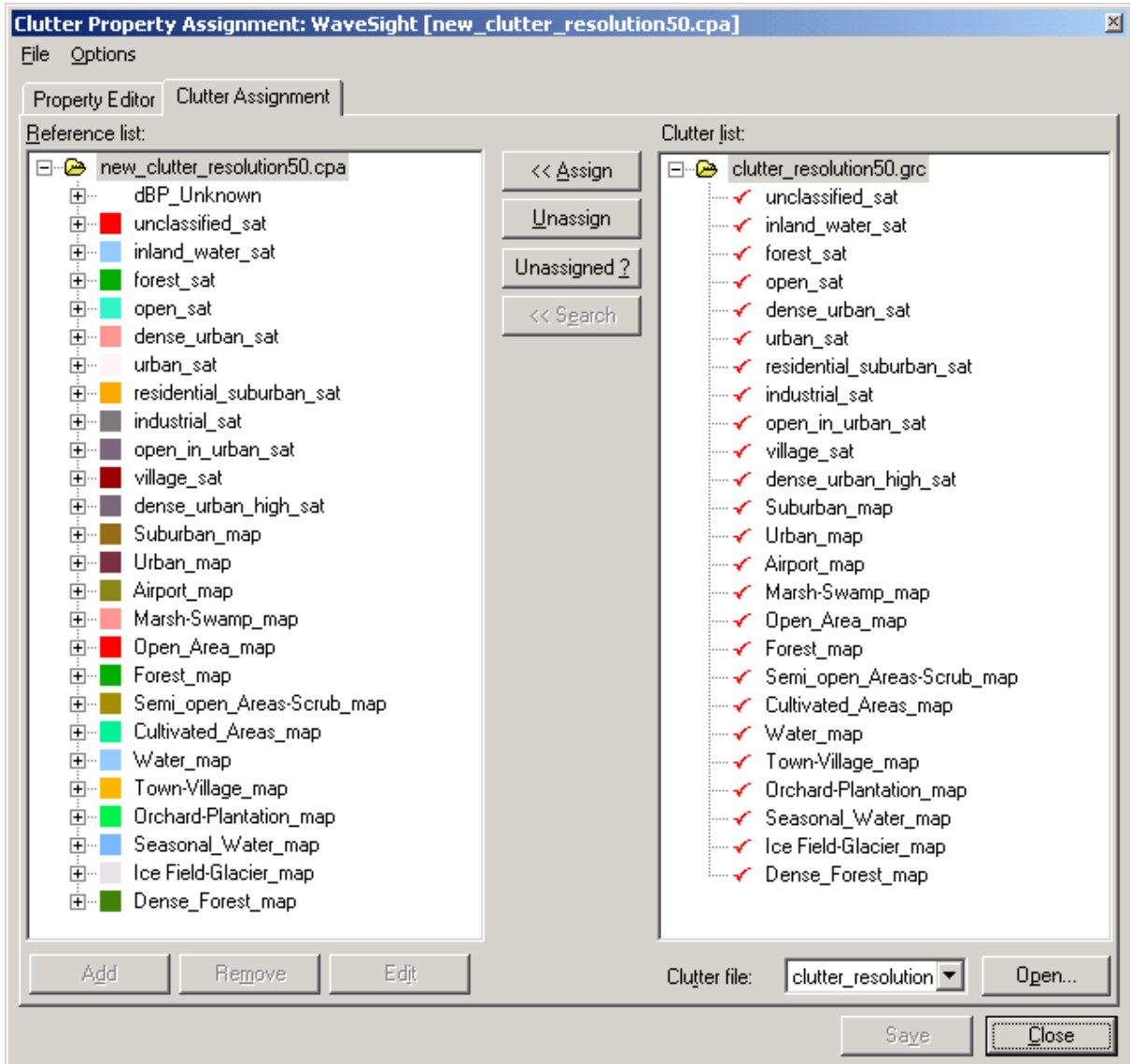


Figure 4: Clutter Assignment, advanced

## 2.4.2 Parameters read by WaveSight from the transmitter settings

### From the main page (Figure 5)

- The sector location coordinates X, Y for each sector. Note, that if all the sectors are located at the same place, then this is equivalent to “site location” of earlier editions of the interface. The interface now supports non co-located sectors. It is now possible for one site to have its antennas at different locations.

### From the Edit Sector (Figure 6)

- *EIRP (dBm)*: The equivalent isotropic radiated power (EIRP) in dBm
- *Antenna type*: The antenna pattern
- *Height (m)*: The antenna height in meters
- *Azimuth*: The antenna azimuth in degrees
- *Down-tilt*: The antenna down tilt in degrees
- *Distance*: Half the size of the square of the prediction frame
- *Propagation Model*: The **WaveSight** propagation model



- WaveSight is only generating masked propagation predictions. Therefore the user must check “prediction parameters by sector” in the site editor window (Figure 5)

**Site Properties**

File

Editing site: FS04XC007 1 listed

Site Sectors User Data

Site ID: FS04XC007

Use indexing Start index from: 1

**Predictions**

Set prediction parameters by sector

Model: WS2.dpm Edit...

Radials: 720 Height: 26.8224 m

Distance: 1 km DEM: Auto m

Enable SPT SPT Settings...

**Location**

X/Long: 549926.197354 To move a site, edit x and y coordinates and click the Apply button.

Y/Lat: 4182123.222162 You can also use the Place Site Tool to set the x,y coordinates.

Units: Default

Find Site... Close Apply

Figure 5 Site Editor

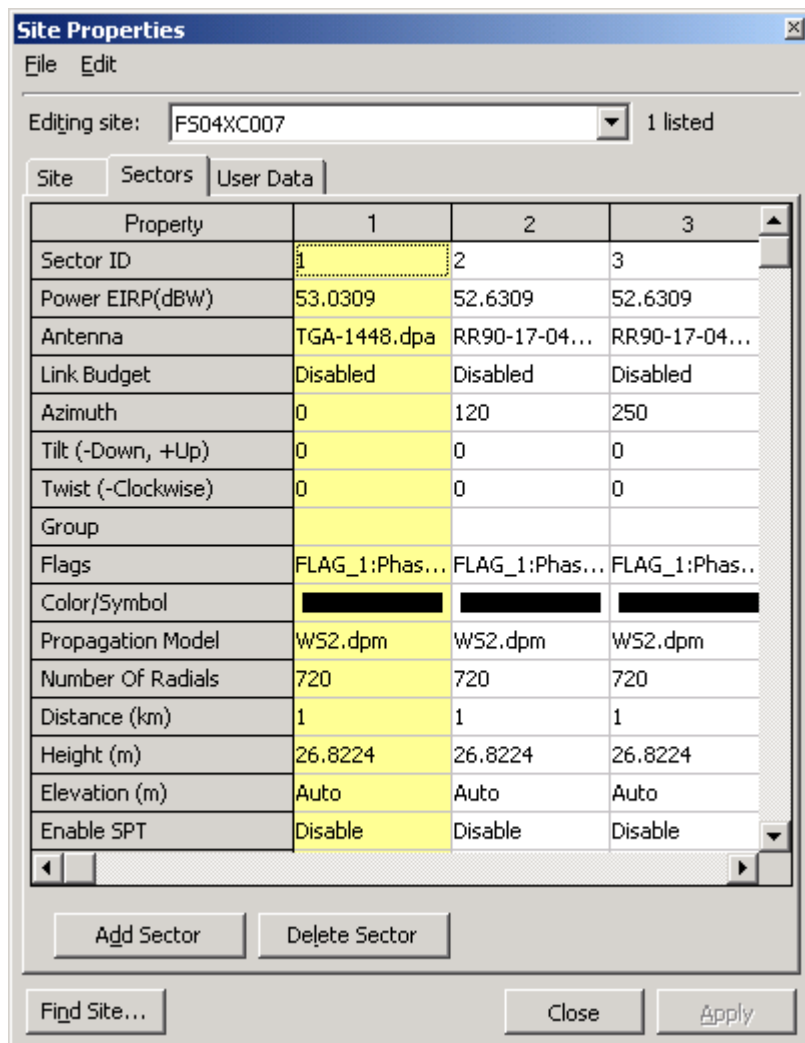


Figure 6 Sector editor

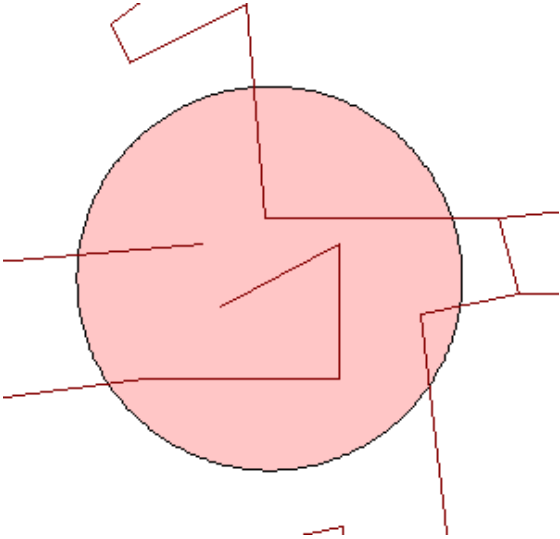
## 2.5 Vector data (buildings and vegetation)

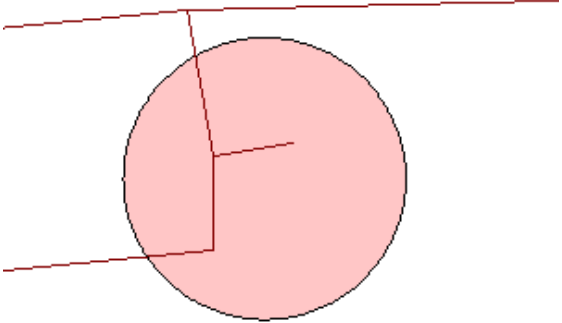
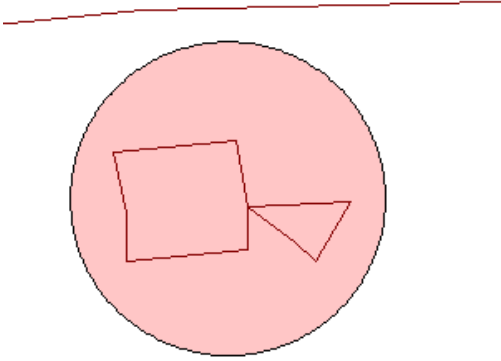

### 2.5.1 Configuring the data

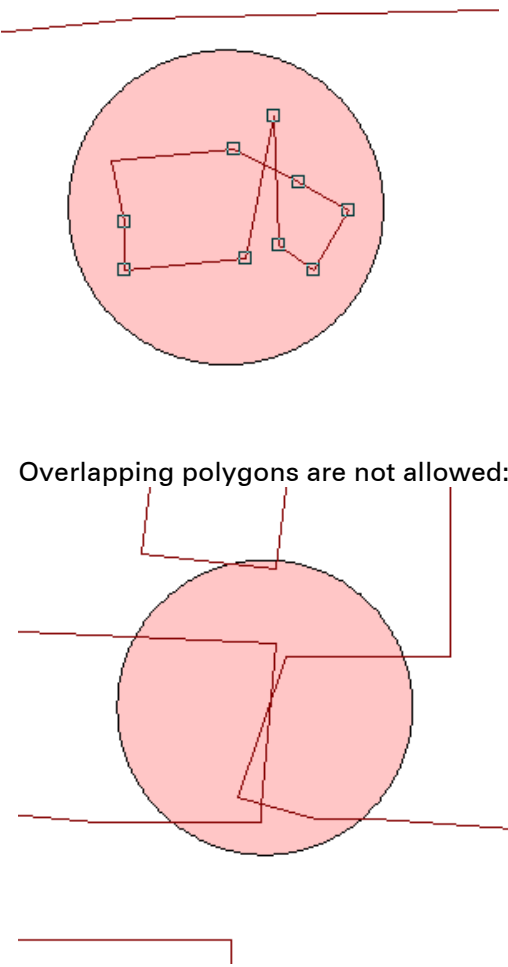
Vector data is stored in ASCII format and requires three types of input files - a vector data file, an attributes file and an index file. The index file has to be named "index.txt". Each line is containing: a vector data file name, an attribute file name, Easting Northing co-ordinates representing a bounding box around that feature and the feature name itself (7 items). Lines containing features without an attribute file are not accepted.

### 2.5.2 Data requirements

The building data used by WaveSight is modeling the buildings' footprint and the buildings' height. The building data should comply with the following requirements:

Requirement	Explanation
<b>Identical polygons are not accepted</b>	The data set must not contain the same building twice. This is the very idea of a set.
<b>Polygons must be closed. The first and the last point in each polygon must be identical.</b>	Open "polygons" are not accepted: 
<b>At least 3 distinct vertices per polygon. Also the three vertices must not be on a straight line.</b>	The dataset must not contain one or two coordinate "buildings".
<b>One vertex must belong to exactly two walls</b>	This requirement means that "Spikes" (the building outline contains a vertex which comes back on a previous vertex) are not permitted in the outline:

	 <p>"8-shaped buildings" (the building outline actually contains two buildings, touching each other at one coordinate) are not permitted:</p> 
<p><b>Each two walls can only intersect if they are successive walls belonging to the same polygons. In such a case the intersection forms the vertex.</b></p>	<p>This means that Self-intersecting polygons are not allowed.</p> 

	 <p>Overlapping polygons are not allowed:</p>
<p><b>All heights must be above local ground.</b></p>	<p>It is not permitted to model "holes" as buildings below the terrain height level.</p>
<p><b>An accuracy 1 m in building corner position is required</b></p>	<p>The paper [2] contains a discussion of the influence of the database accuracy on prediction results. It is available on Wavecall's web site.</p>
<p><b>There should not be any repeated vertices.</b></p>	<p>This restriction applies to the versions before 2.2.19 of the WaveSight algorithm.</p>
<p><b>The index file must contain the string "building" or vegetation</b></p>	
<p><b>It is important to set the frame coordinates correctly in the file index.txt</b></p>	<p>WaveSight is only reading buildings inside these coordinates.</p>



### 2.5.3 Vector data format

An example of the buildings or vegetation format, with all conditions as indicated above, is shown below:

Vector file

Header Record	
Easting	Northing
Easting	Northing
Easting	Northing
Easting	Northing
Easting	Northing
Header Record	
Easting	Northing
Easting	Northing
Easting	Northing

The final row is terminated by a carriage return.

The format of the header record is as follows:

Field	Position	Description
1	1-5	Record Identifier (used to identify building segment in attributes file)
2	6-15	Blanks
3	16-47	32 Character description (not used, same as feature name field in index file entry)
4	48-50	Blanks
5	51-55	Record Count


00001	buildings	00005
725777.00	5031472.00	
725775.00	5031468.00	
725778.00	5031467.00	
725780.00	5031471.00	
725777.00	5031472.00	
00002	buildings	00005
725783.00	5031472.00	
725781.00	5031468.00	
.....		

The final row is terminated by a carriage return.

### Vector Index File

An ASCII text file called index.txt contains positional information about the vector file. This file must be in the same directory as the vector data.

Each row contains the following variables separated by a space:

Field	Description
Data filename	Filename of vector data file
Attribute filename	Filename of building attributes (heights) file
Eastmin	Minimum Easting value (meters)
Eastmax	Maximum Easting value (meters)
Northmin	Minimum Northing value (meters)
Northmax	Maximum Northing value (meters)
Feature Name 	Name of the feature stored in the vector data file, for WaveSight this name must contain a string called either "building" or "vegetation"

For example:

buildings_vec.txt buildings_atr.txt 1627764 1630022 6579401 6582574 buildings
---

The final row is terminated by a carriage return.

### Vector Attributes File

An ASCII text file, named in the index file contains height information about the building segments contained in the vector data file.


Each row contains a record, as follows:

Field	Position	Description
1	1-5	Record Identifier (used to identify building segment in vector data file)
2	6	Delimiter <space>
3	7-19	12 Character vector segment description (not used)
4	20	Delimiter <space>
5	21-26	Vector segment height (floating point, two decimal places)

00001 buildings	010.00
00002 buildings	007.00
00003 buildings	011.00
00004 buildings	010.00
00005 buildings	006.00
00006 buildings	006.00
....	

#### 2.5.4 Shape data format:

The data should be available in ESRI Shape file format. There can be multiple Shape building vector layers, which are referenced by an index.txt file in the following way:

Field	Description
Shape filename	Filename of the shape data file
Attribute name	The attributes name (inside the DBF file)
Eastmin	Minimum Easting value (meters)
Northmin	Minimum Northing value (meters)
Eastmax	Maximum Easting value (meters)
Northmax	Maximum Northing value (meters)
Note: 	Please note that the sequence of the frame area of the buildings in the index file is different from the one in vector file format.

Every Shape data set (shp, shx and dbf files) take one line in the index.txt line.

The first entry specifies the name of the Shape file; the second entry contains the name of the attribute inside the DBF file containing the height of the building. The following entries contain the bounding frame xmin ymin xmax ymax coordinates.

## 2.6 Terrain data

There are two ways to specify input files for terrain data. If you leave blank the "Elevation grid file" line in the "Analysis->Project Settings" window, then a set of DTM files will automatically be created. Otherwise the specified elevation file will be used.

### 2.6.1 Digital Terrain Height Data (DTM)

The digital terrain height data (DTM) needed is stored in a binary format where each element of the data represents the height above sea level in meters for a square area of, for example, 50m x 50m. Each element is two bytes in size and the most significant byte is stored first.

The elements are stored in one continuous array such that the size of the array in the following example would be 500 (wide) x 500 (high) x 2 (bytes per element) = 500,000 bytes.

If there are pixels within the file that are outside the limits of the map, the value -9999 is stored at that location.

An ASCII text file called index.txt contains positional information about each binary height file. This file must be in the same directory as the height data.

The file contains one row describing each height file. Each row contains the following variables separated by a space:

Field	Description
Filename	Filename of DTM Height file
Eastmin	Minimum Easting value (meters)
Eastmax	Maximum Easting value (meters)
Northmin	Minimum Northing value (meters)
Northmax	Maximum Northing value (meters)
Square Size	Size of each element of the height data (meters)

**For example:**

file1.bin	100000 125000 50000 75000 50
file2.bin	125000 150000 50000 75000 50

**The final row is terminated by a carriage return.**



In certain cases the Terrain data is available in several resolutions: typically a resolution of 20+ for an entire state or nation, and 5m for built up areas. In such areas the resolution that will be considered by WaveSight is the one associated with the entry that comes last in the index file. Therefore it is recommended in the index file to first list the lower resolution data and then the higher resolution ones.

## 2.7 Running WaveSight

Running WaveSight is following the same procedures as running any other prediction tool in Planet EV.

Each time WaveSight is called a log file named wsanalysis.err is generated. It is located in project directory. The main use of this file is to track WaveSight errors whenever they occur. This file was particularly designed to run WaveSight over a large number of sites. In case WaveSight encounters an error on one sector:

- It will log the error to wsanalysis.err
- A message in the Generator window will prompt the user to look at the log file
- The predictions are carried out on the remaining sectors.

## 3. WaveTune

### 3.1 Introduction

Planet EV is offering a model tuning feature. Here the term model tuning means the process of adjusting the parameters of the WaveSight model in order to produce predictions that are as accurate and realistic as possible. The tuning is usually performed using measured signal strength data collected during surveys. The parameters adjusted in this way are generally the clutter absorption loss values, the Corr. Factor Vertical, the Corr. Factor Horizontal, and the Corr. Factor Terrain.

### 3.2 Running WaveTune

If you are new to model tuning please read the corresponding entries in Planet EV's help system. The following lines assume, that you are familiar with the basic functionalities of Planet EV concerning model tuning. Following is a step by step description of how to set up a WaveTune session from within Planet EV.

Before you start using the tuning capabilities make sure to create a C:\temp directory (i. e. a directory named "temp" on the C: drive). WaveTune needs this directory being present, otherwise it won't run.

1. In the project explorer open two windows. In one window chose the category `Sites` and in the other chose the category `Operational Data`. In the `Sites` window expand the sites you want to apply tuning to, and in the other expand the `Surveys` (under `Survey Manager`, and the `Surveys RSSI` entry or whatever surveys you are using). At the end of this step your Project explorer should look like in Figure 7. In our example let's tune sector 1 of site 1001 using survey `survey_1001_1_ptp`.

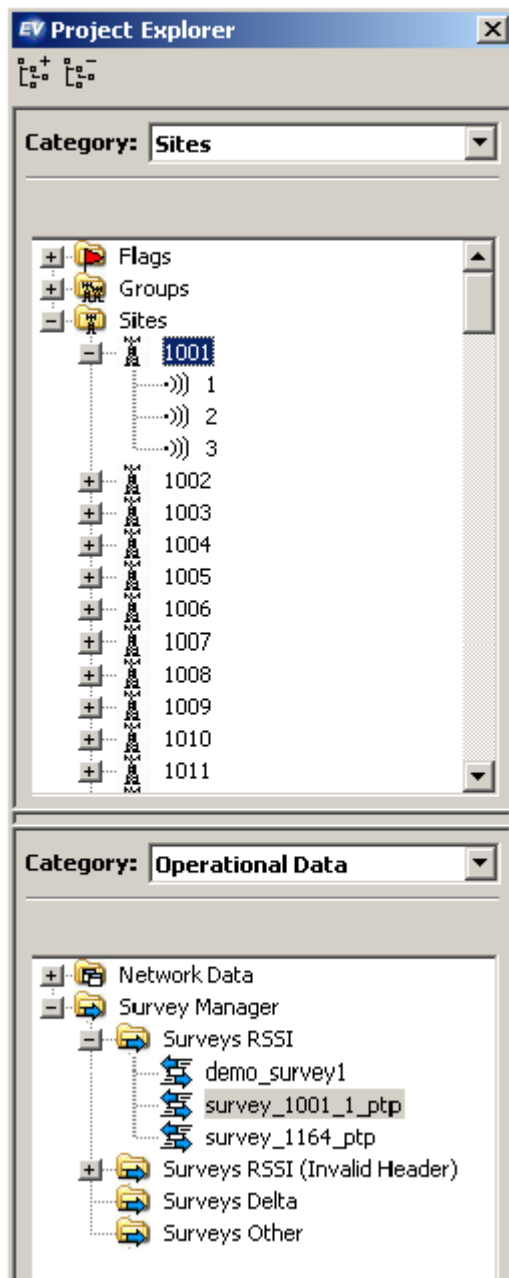


Figure 7: Project explorer

2. Right click on the survey you want to tune, and from the pop up menu choose Model Tuning. When you are done you should have the Model Tuning window on the screen.

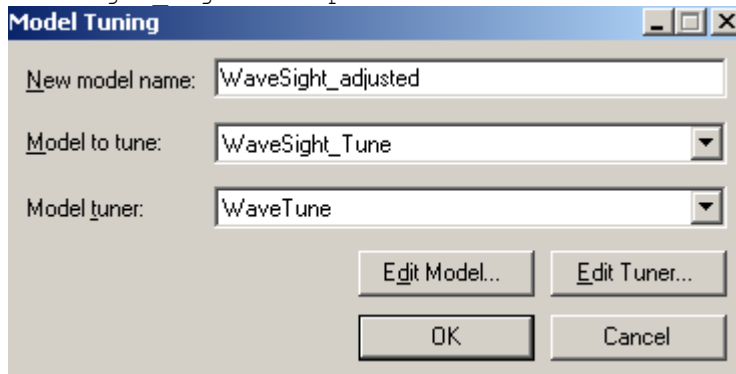
In the Model to tune line choose the .dpm file corresponding to the WaveSight Model you want to tune. Typically this would be the same name that you used to run predictions on the corresponding sector.

In the Model tuner line WaveTune is automatically chosen as the model tuner.

In the New Model name enter the name of the model that is defined by the parameters resulting from tuning the model chosen in step a.

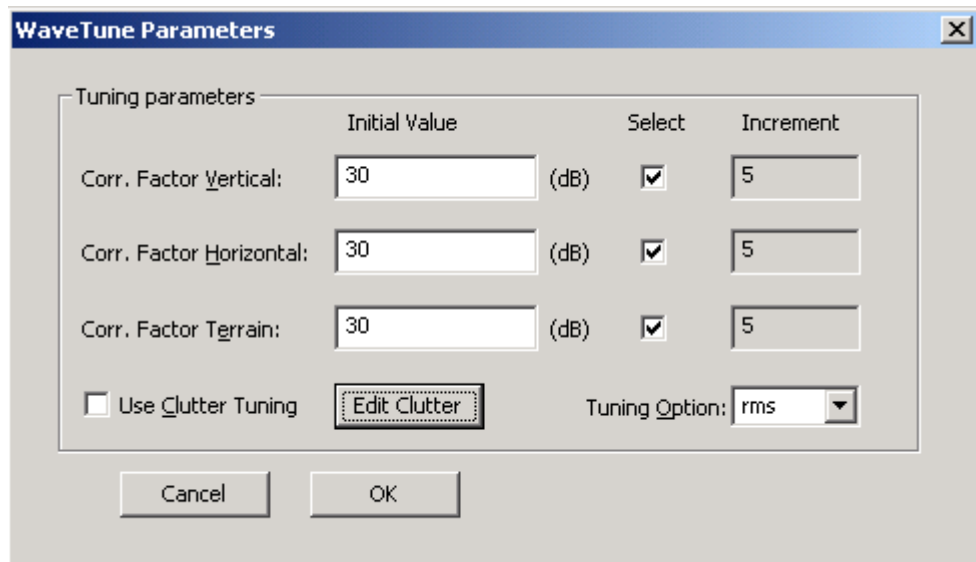
In our example the Model to tune is WaveSight\_tune, and the New Model name is

WaveSight\_adjusted. The process will create a new model file called WaveSight\_adjusted.dpm and a clutter assignment file called WaveSight\_adjusted.cpa.



Press Edit Tuner to open the WaveTune Parameters window.

3. In the WaveTune Parameters window (Figure 8)



4.

Figure 8: WaveTune Parameters window

the initial values for the vertical, horizontal and terrain *correction* factors can be entered. The increments have a fixed value, and cannot be edited by the user. You can choose which value to include in tuning by simply checking or un-checking the corresponding box in the *Select* column.

If you want to include clutter in the tuning process, you have to check the *Use Clutter Tuning* check box. Then press the *Edit Clutter* button. This opens the



Clutter Tuning Parameters Window. This window looks like this:

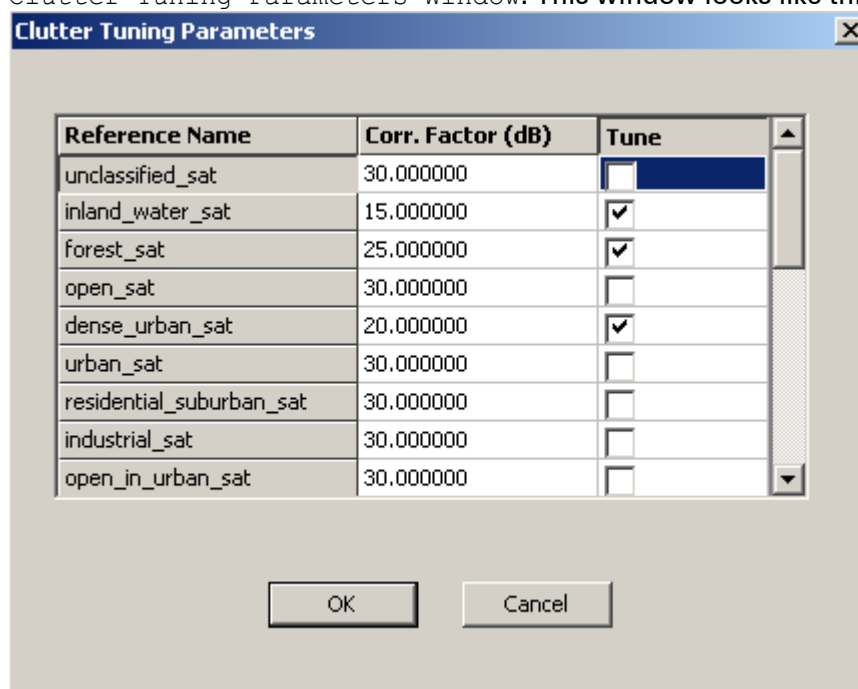


Figure 9: Clutter Tuning Parameters

After setting the clutter parameters, press **OK** to close the clutter window, then press **OK** to close the WaveTune parameters window and finally press **OK** to start the tuning process. **Important:** Do not use the `unclassified_sat` clutter, it will be ignored.

5. At this point two windows will open and WaveTune will start to run. One window is just indicating which model is being tuned and the total time elapsed since the the start of the tuning process (Figure 10). Do not use the **Cancel** button in this window to stop the tuning process. It will close the window, but not actually stop the tuning process. See the next paragraph on how to properly abort tuning. In the other window you will see print outs of WaveTune progressing (Figure 11). On each iteration WaveTune indicates the current error value, and the last "best error" value. If a new "best error" value is found, then this will be indicated. In order to abort the tuning process, press the **STOP** button.

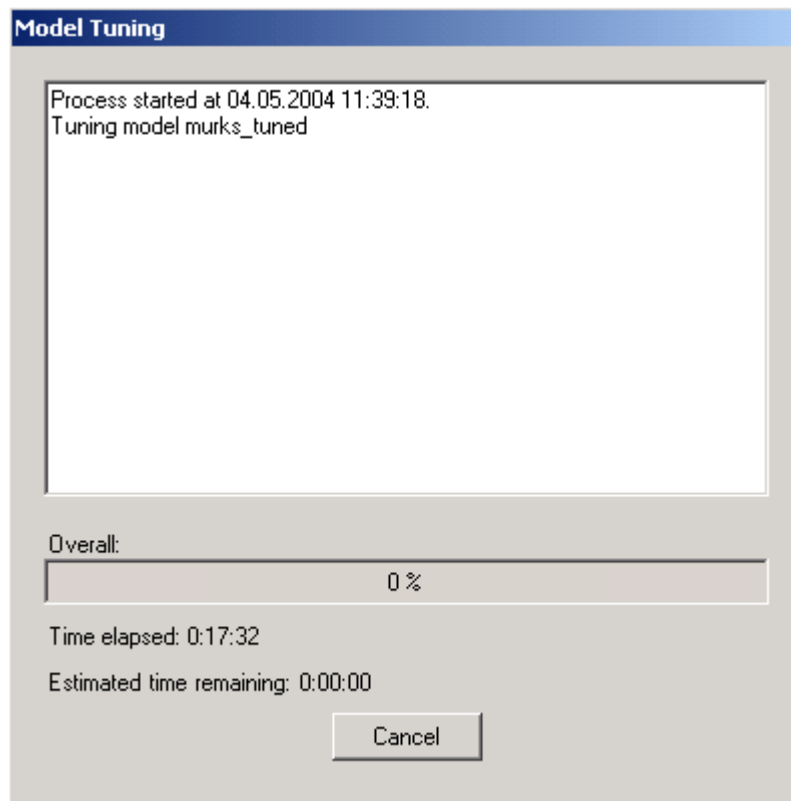


Figure 10: Tuning progress

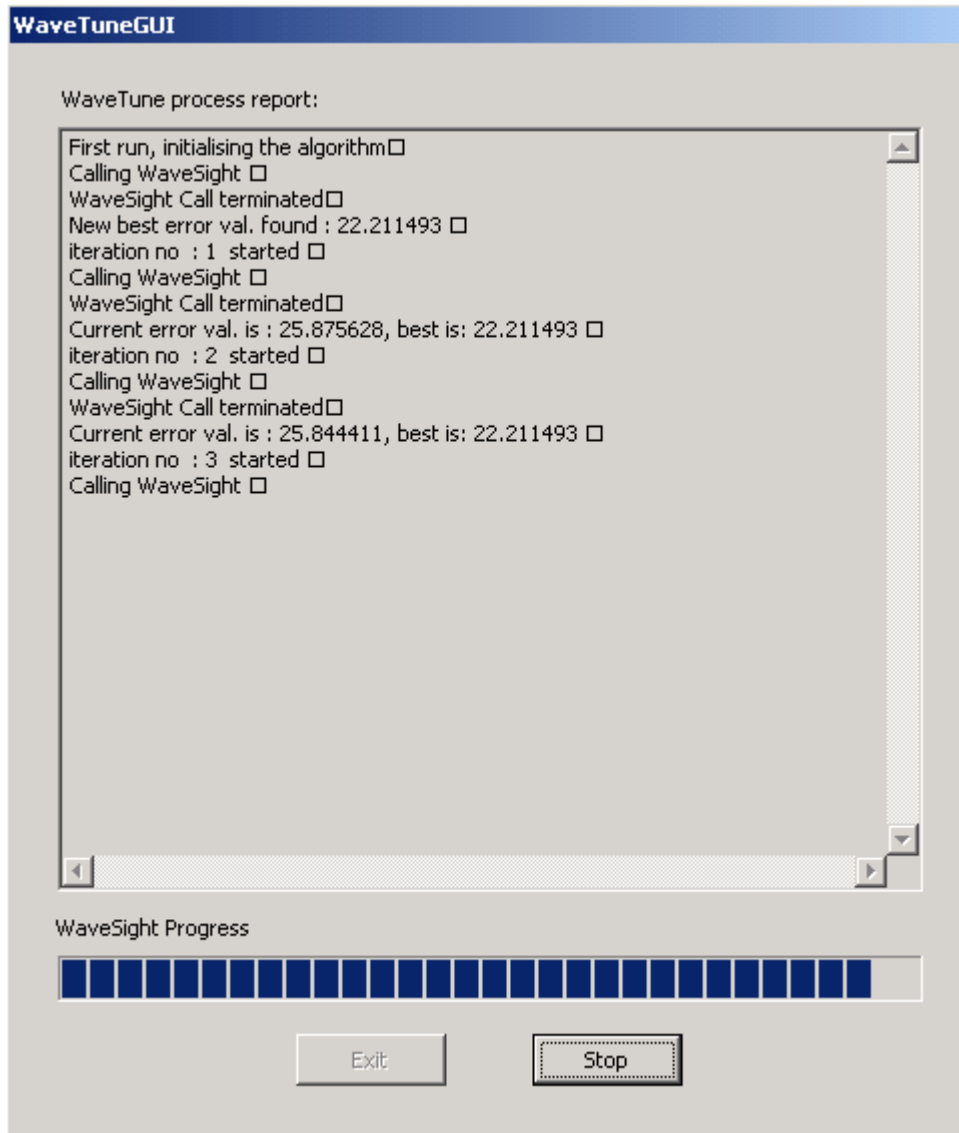


Figure 11: WaveTune progress

In order to abort the tuning process, press the **STOP** button. At the end of the tuning process the window will stay open. You will notice when the program is finished, if you see several lines that show values for `Airloss` etc.

In the latter press the **Close** button, you will be prompted for viewing the tuning report. It is important, that you stick to this sequence, as otherwise you will not see the tuning report.

6. After tuning a new propagation model file `WaveSight_adjusted.dpm` and a new clutter assignment file `WaveSight_adjusted.cpa` is created. You can now use this new model to run predictions. To do so in the `Site Editor` simply choose the `WaveSight_Adjusted.dpm` as new propagation model for the sector you want to use it on.

### 3.3 Different optimization goals can be achieved with WaveTune

WaveTune is offering a great deal of flexibility in achieving your tuning goals. Basically any one parameter can be included or excluded from the tuning process. This way you can reduce calculation time, and also include your knowledge of the propagation environment. Particularly the user can choose if the tuning should mainly concentrate on reducing the standard deviation or the mean error or both at the same time. Clutter can be included or excluded depending on whether you have a clutter file or not. Different clutter properties can be included in the tuning or left at their original value. This gives you the possibility to literally fine tune your model. If you are new to model tuning with WaveTune, then here are some recommendations:

1. Use RMS as the tuning option (cf. Figure 8)

Tuning options explained: On every iteration WaveTune is comparing the prediction with the measured values. The error is characterized by two numbers, the arithmetic *mean* of the error and the standard deviation (*std*) of the error. These two numbers can be combined to form the root mean square (*rms*) of the error. The following relation holds:  $rms^2 = std^2 + mean^2$ . For the tuning process this means:

- Use the `RMS` minimizing option to take into account the mean of the error, and the standard deviation of the error. This is the recommended option.
- Use the `MEAN` option, if you just want to minimize the mean of the error. Using this option WaveTune disregards the standard deviation.
- Use the `STD` option if you just want to minimize the standard deviation of the error. Using this option WaveTune disregards the mean.

2. Chose all the correction factors (cf. Figure 8). Chose either the default values to obtain fast convergence or the values, that correspond to the model you start with. The correction factors have the following meaning:

- `Corr. Factor Vertical` represents an attenuation associated with a ray propagating in the vertical plane over buildings. It significantly influences propagation in built up areas.
- `Corr. Factor Horizontal` represents an attenuation associated with the ray propagating in the horizontal plane, mainly for propagation around buildings.
- `Corr. Factor Terrain` represents an attenuation associated with the ray propagating in the vertical plane over terrain. It significantly influences propagation in open areas

3. Use the minimum number of clutter properties(cf. *Figure 9*). This means that you should try to get as much information as you can get on the clutter properties, and assign them in the `WaveSight_tune.dpm` file (the model file before tuning). The more clutter you select for tuning, the longer the tuning process will take. On a 1.5 GHz Pentium 4 machine a survey route with 1000 points an area of 4 km<sup>2</sup>, and a resolution of 50m might run for 5 hours to tune the three correction factors and one clutter property.

A good way to choose the clutter to tune is to open the survey in the `Survey to Grid comparison` window. Chose only those clutter types that have a nonzero number of points. You can further reduce the number of clutter classes to tune by obtaining local knowledge. E.g. water in your area has a known absorption factor, so does concrete etc.

Note: WaveTune is directly using the clutter grid of Planet EV.

*Important: There is a limit of 14 different clutter properties that are simultaneously tunable. This limit is there to keep computation times reasonable. Usually there are no more than about 10 different clutter types in the area you want to tune. This limit is also there to guide the user to a sensitive approach to tuning.*

4. In dense urban areas, do not use clutter tuning, i. e. uncheck the `Clutter Tuning` checkbox (cf. Figure 8).

In open non-urban areas, just use clutter tuning and do not select the `Corr. factors`. In a transition zone you would have to use both.

## 4. Frequently asked questions for Planet EV

**Question** Is there a way to specify a specific index file in the Planet EV propagation model editor, edit, browse for index file path?

**Answer** WaveSight will only read the `index.txt` file and not care about the others.

**Question** Is the DTM format identical to the Planet format, i.e. the first element in the file corresponds the Northwest corner and the last element to the Southeast corner and the elements are ordered west to east?

**Answer** Yes.

**Question** What value should I use for the rain attenuation?

**Answer** WaveSight do not use this parameter in Planet EV.

**Question** What is the advantage of using Planet DMS format for the terrain data and not Planet EV format?

**Answer** The Planet EV format for the terrain data allow a maximum of two different terrain resolutions; while using the DMS format for WaveSight allows to use unlimited number of different resolutions.

## 4. Appendix I

### (WaveSight error messages)

Errors	Explanations
WSERR1: You cannot have an <code>IndexTerrDir</code> and a <code>TerrainFile</code> . Please check <code>infiles.txt</code>	<code>IndexTerrDir</code> is a key word in <code>infiles.txt</code> that indicates the directory of a specific type of terrain format.

	<p>TerrainFile is a key word in infiles.txt that indicates the path for the file WaveSight type of terrain.</p> <p>Therefore it is not possible to have both keywords in infiles.txt</p>
<p>WSERR2: You cannot have an IndexBldgDir and a BldgFile. Please check the inputs.txt file</p>	<p>IndexBldgDir is a key word in infiles.txt that indicates the directory of specific type of building format.</p> <p>BldgFile is a key word in infiles.txt that indicates the path for the file WaveSight format of buildings.</p> <p>Therefore it is not possible to have both keywords in infiles.txt</p>
<p>WSERR3: hori directory not found</p>	<p>In the WaveSight directory a sub directory named hori must exist.</p> <p>On PC platform this directory is created automatically</p> <p>On UNIX platform this directory must be created manually</p>
<p>WSERR4: Insufficient memory</p>	
<p>WSERR5: This version cannot handle full 3D</p>	<p>The CompType in comp.txt is set to 2.</p>
<p>WSERR6: The antenna pattern is given with a resolution higher than half degree</p>	
<p>WSERR7: The pattern of the specified antenna is not listed in the antenna file</p>	<p>The file which contains all antenna patterns, (it is specified via the keyword AntFile in infiles.txt) does not contains the antenna pattern specified in transmitter</p>
<p>WSERR8: An antenna file name must be provided</p>	<p>The AntPtrn key word in the transmitter file indicates a pattern, but infiles.txt does not contain the path to the file where this pattern can be found</p>
<p>WSERR9: Buildings elevation is relative to ground and there is no terrain file</p>	
<p>WSERR10: No frame file is given</p>	<p>It is mandatory to indicate in the infiles.txt a frame file with the key word FrameFile</p>
<p>WSERR11: Error in frame file: east x &gt;= west x</p>	<p>The frame file indicated by the key word FrameFile in infiles.txt, must contains the x of the south east corner, the y of the south east corner, then the x of north west, and then the y of the north west corner.</p>
<p>WSERR12: Error in frame file: south y &gt;= north y</p>	<p>The frame file indicated by the key word FrmFile in infiles.txt, must contain the x of southeast corner, the y of the southeast</p>

	corner, then the x of northwest, and then the y of the northwest corner.
WSERR13: Error in the index file: east x >= west x	The index file of terrain heights of specific format indicated by the key word IndexTerrDir, must contain the x of south east corner, the y of the south east corner, then the x of north west, and then the y of the north west corner
WSERR14: Error in the index file: south y >= upper y	The index file of terrain heights of specific format indicated by the key word IndexTerrDir, must contain the x of south east corner, the y of the south east corner, then the x of north west, and then the y of the north west corner
WSERR15: No index directory for terrain is given	The index file of terrain heights of specific format indicated by the key word IndexTerrDir must be given in infiles.txt. Buildings are by default assumed to be given relative to ground level, except if the flag Is2Ground is set to 1 in comp.txt
WSERR16: This version can only handle Profile or Horizontal propagation	In comp.txt CompType was set to a value different from 1 (horizontal computation) or 3 (combination of vertical and horizontal plane computation)
WSERR17: No Tx file is given	For propagation prediction a transmitter file must be given in infiles.txt using the key word TxFile
WSERR18: No index directory for buildings is given	When running with a specific type of buildings, the directory that contains the index.txt file must be given in infiles.txt via the key word IndexBldgDir
WSERR19: Null sized segment: ...	It indicates that a null sized segment was encountered in the course of the execution. For instance, this message occurs when reading the building files and a null sized wall exists in the building file.

## 5. Bibliography

- [1] Karim Rizk: Propagation in micro-cellular and small cell urban environment, Thesis #1710 (1997), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne
- [2] K. Rizk, J.F. Wagen, F. Gardiol: Influence of database accuracy on two-dimensional ray-tracing-based prediction in urban microcells, IEEE Trans. Veh. Technol., vol. 49, no. 2, March 2000, pp. 631-642.
- [3] Planet EV RF Planning Software, user manual.