

**DSP Analysis of  
Digital Vector Slope Gauge Data  
Produced by  
Ocean Wave Simulation**

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- Ocean Wave Behavior
- The Vector Slope Gauge (VSG)
  - VSG History
  - VSG Function
- Ocean Wave Data Simulation
- Off-line Processing
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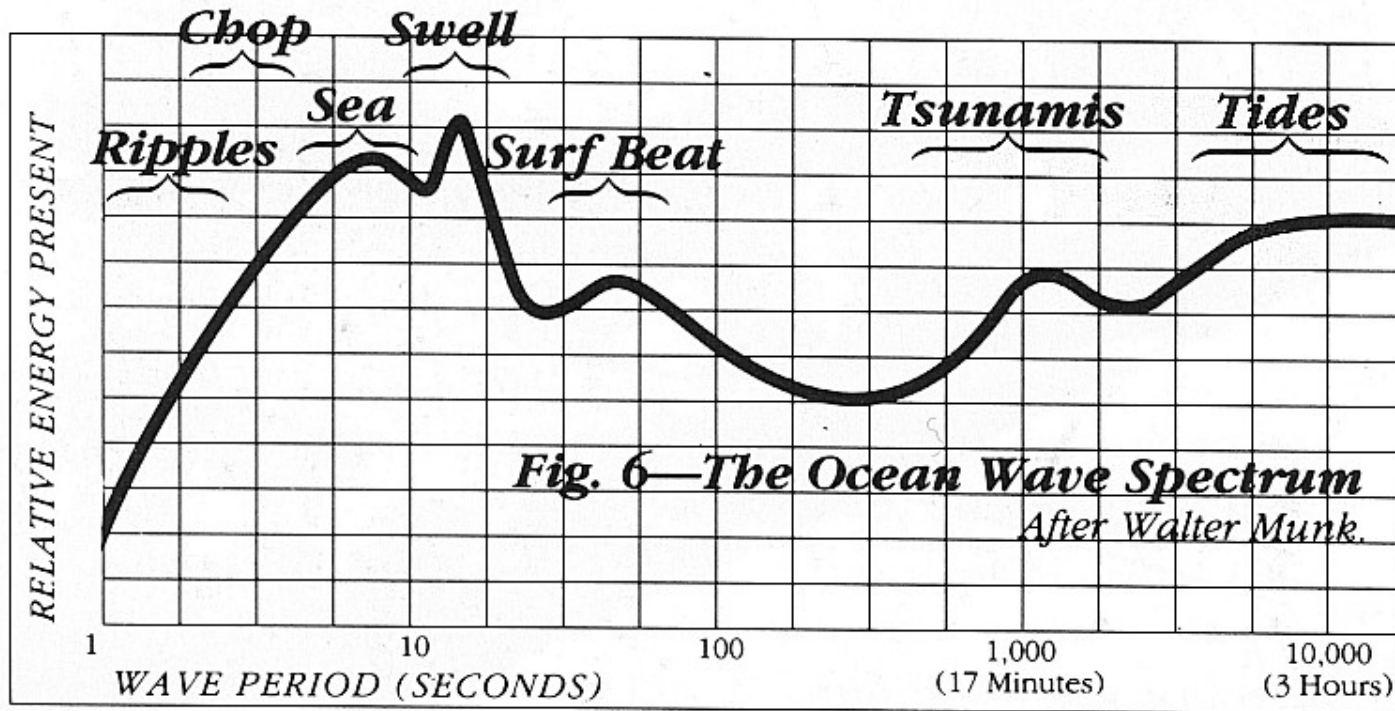
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# Ocean Wave Behavior

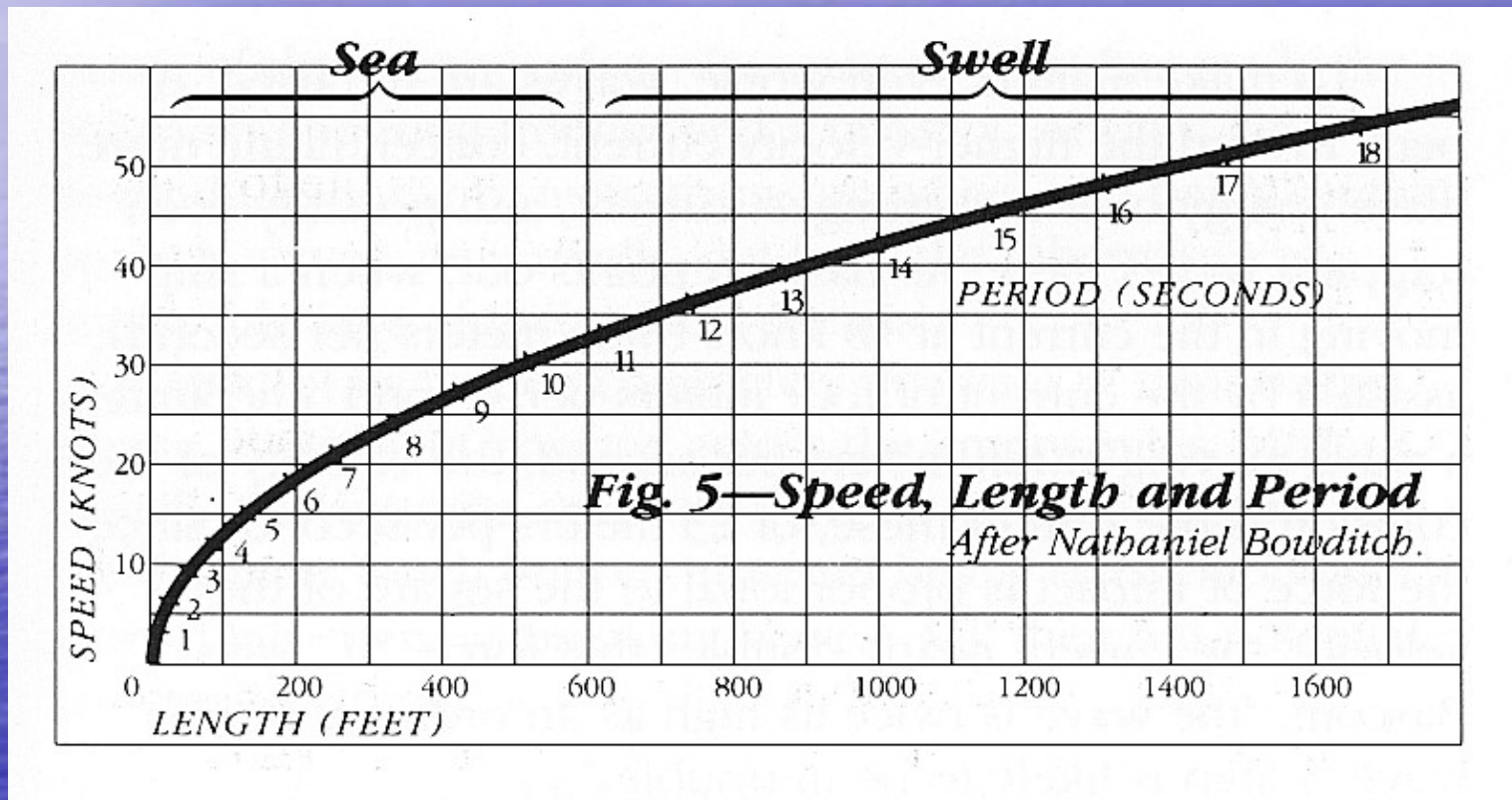
- Spectrum
- Wavelength, period, and velocity
- Deep water vs. shallow water waves
- Sea = linear sum of waves
- Orbital velocity

# Ocean Wave Spectrum



(From Kampion, 1997)

# Wave Velocity vs. Wavelength and Period



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# Simple Wavefront Description

Height of ocean wave at time  $t$  and position  $(x,y)$ :

$$h(x, y, t) = A \cos(\Omega t + \kappa x \cos \alpha + \kappa y \sin \alpha + \phi)$$

where  $\Omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \text{angular frequency (rad/sec)}$

$$\kappa = \frac{2\pi}{L} = \text{wave number (rad/m)}$$

$L = \text{wavelength (m)}$

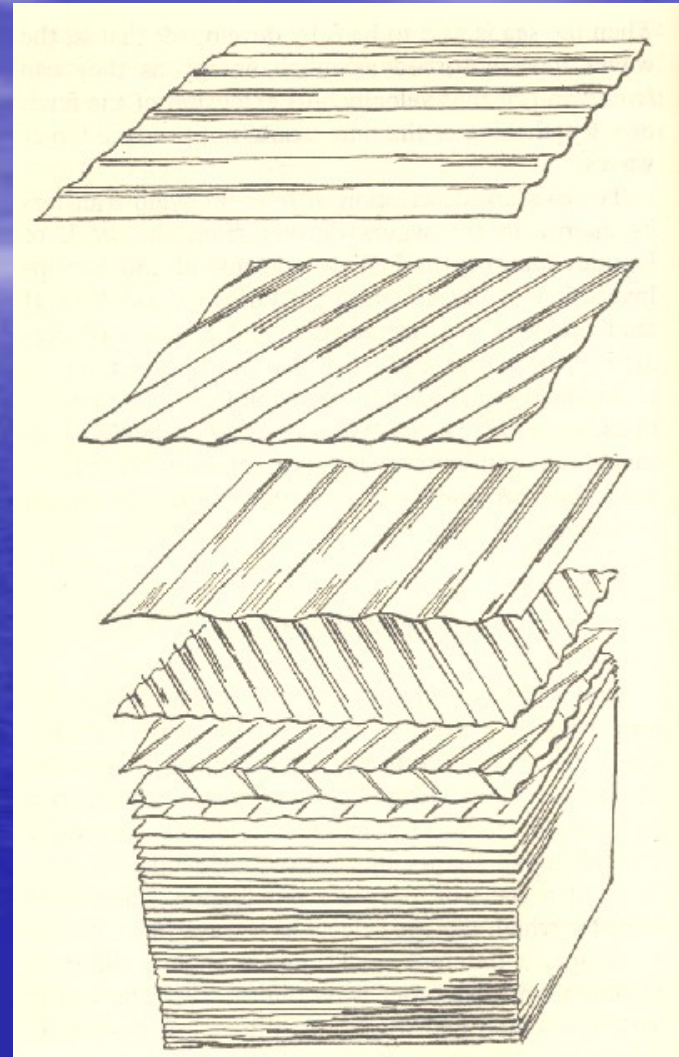
$T = \text{wave period (sec)}$

$\alpha = \text{wave approach direction}$

$\phi = \text{phase}$

# Superposition of Waves

- Complex Sea = Superposition of many wavefronts
- Individual wavefronts are approximately sinusoidal in deep ocean
- Wavefronts change shape near shore as water depth decreases
- Single wavefront is rare in nature
- Wavefronts are initiated by winds over the ocean at other locations



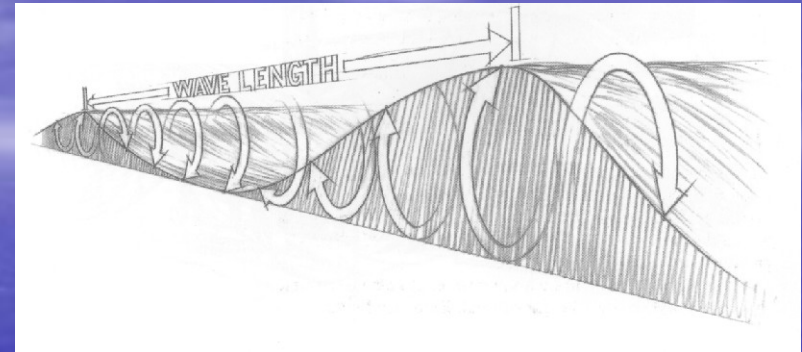
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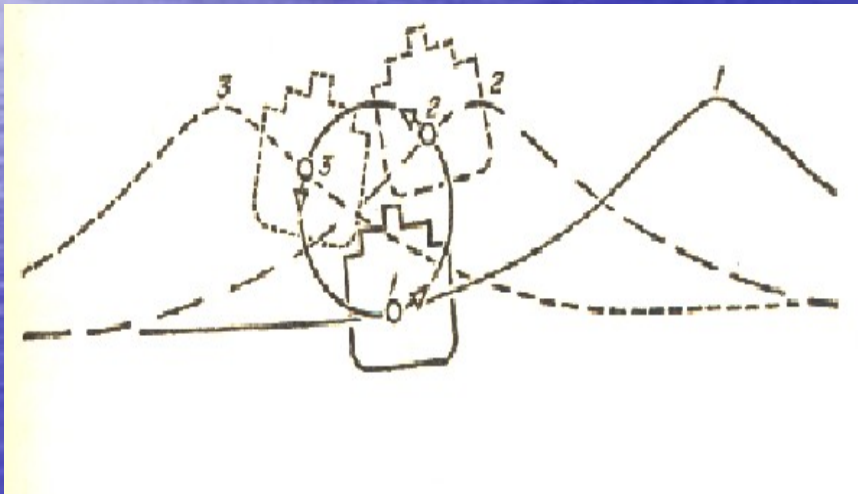
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# Orbital Velocity



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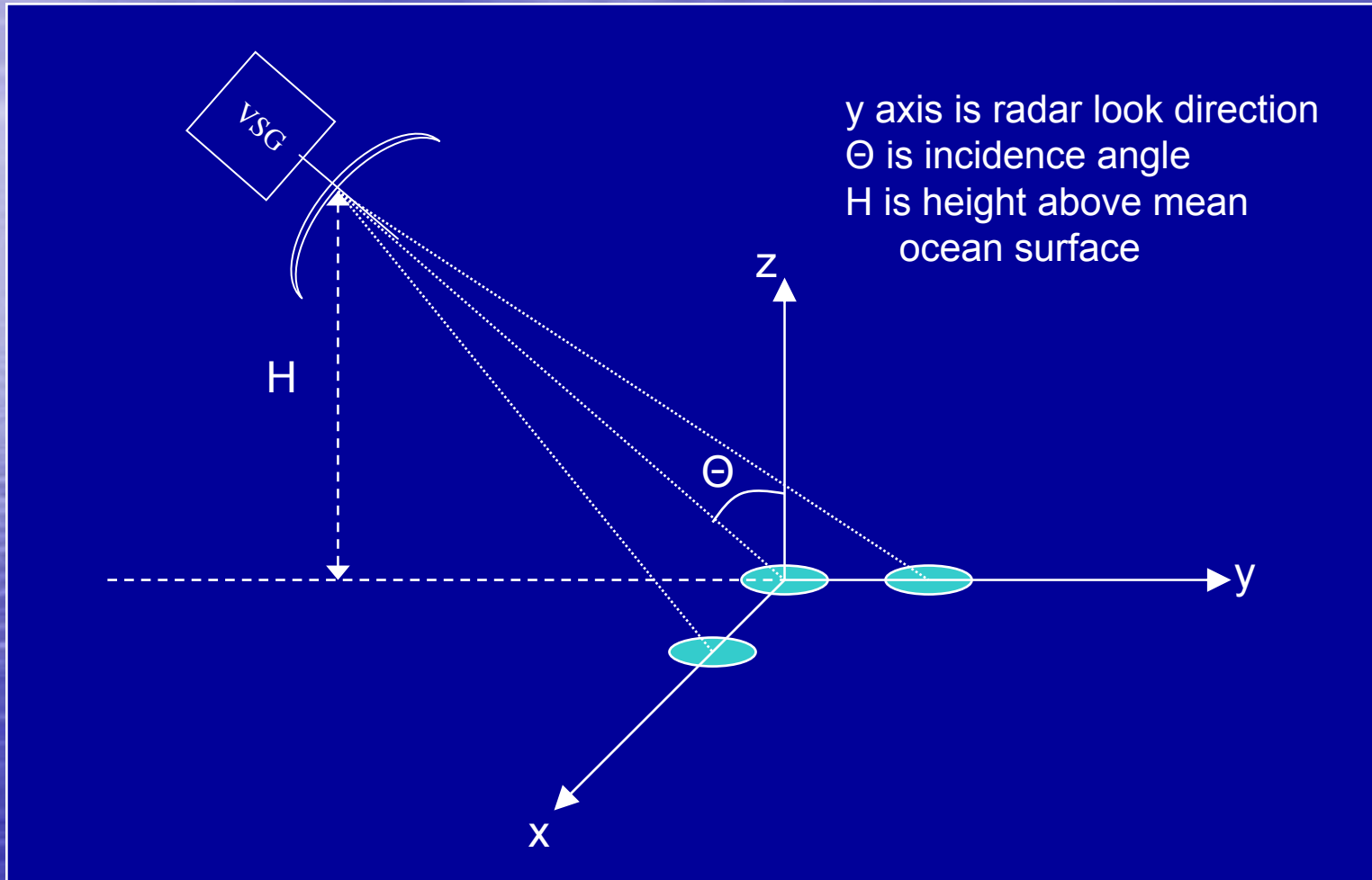
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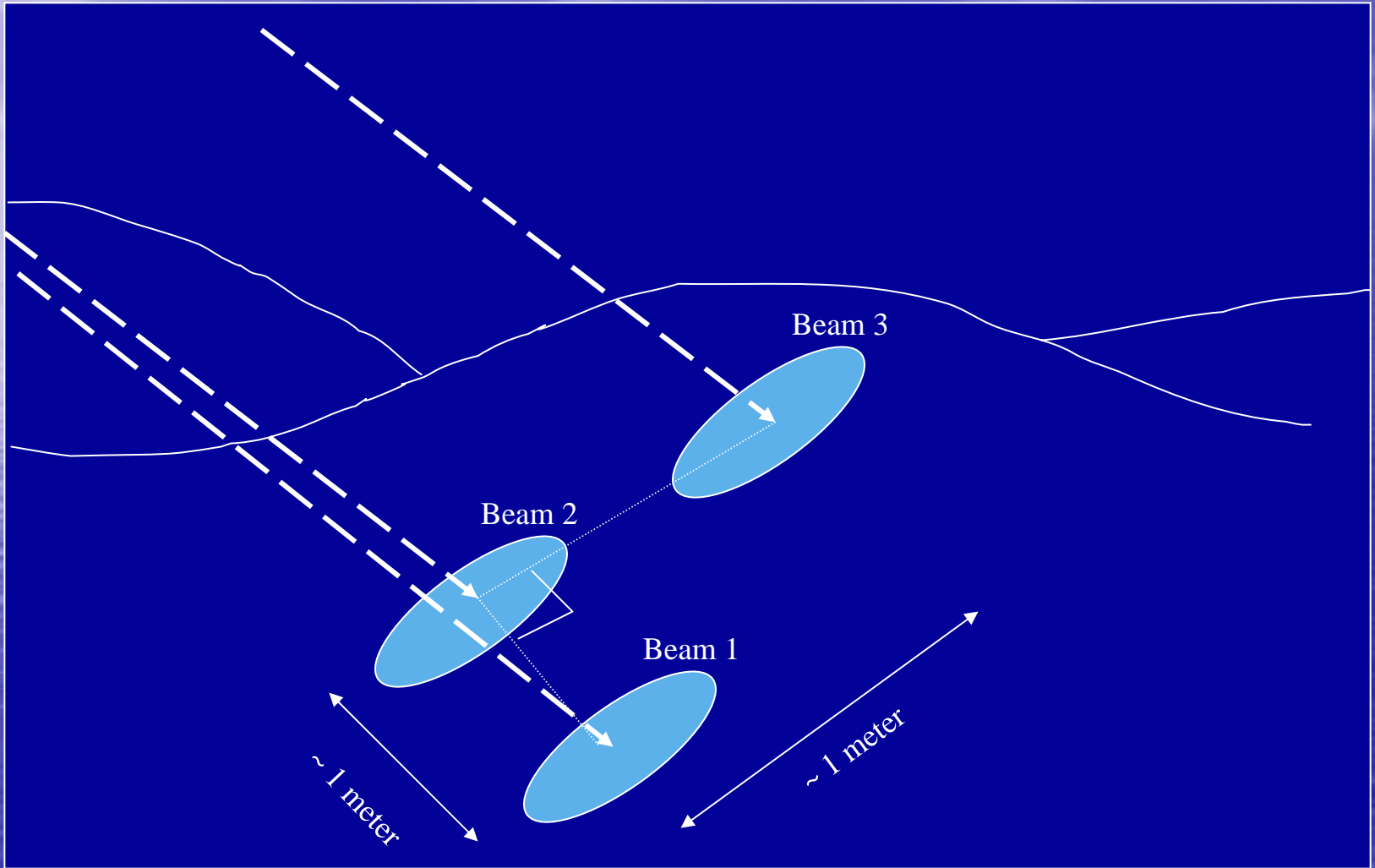
# VSG History

- Version 1 – Analog VSG
  - Tested in the North Sea in 1990
- Version 2 – Improvement of Version 1
  - Tested at Duck Pier in 1995
- Version 3 – Digital VSG
  - No ocean surface data available

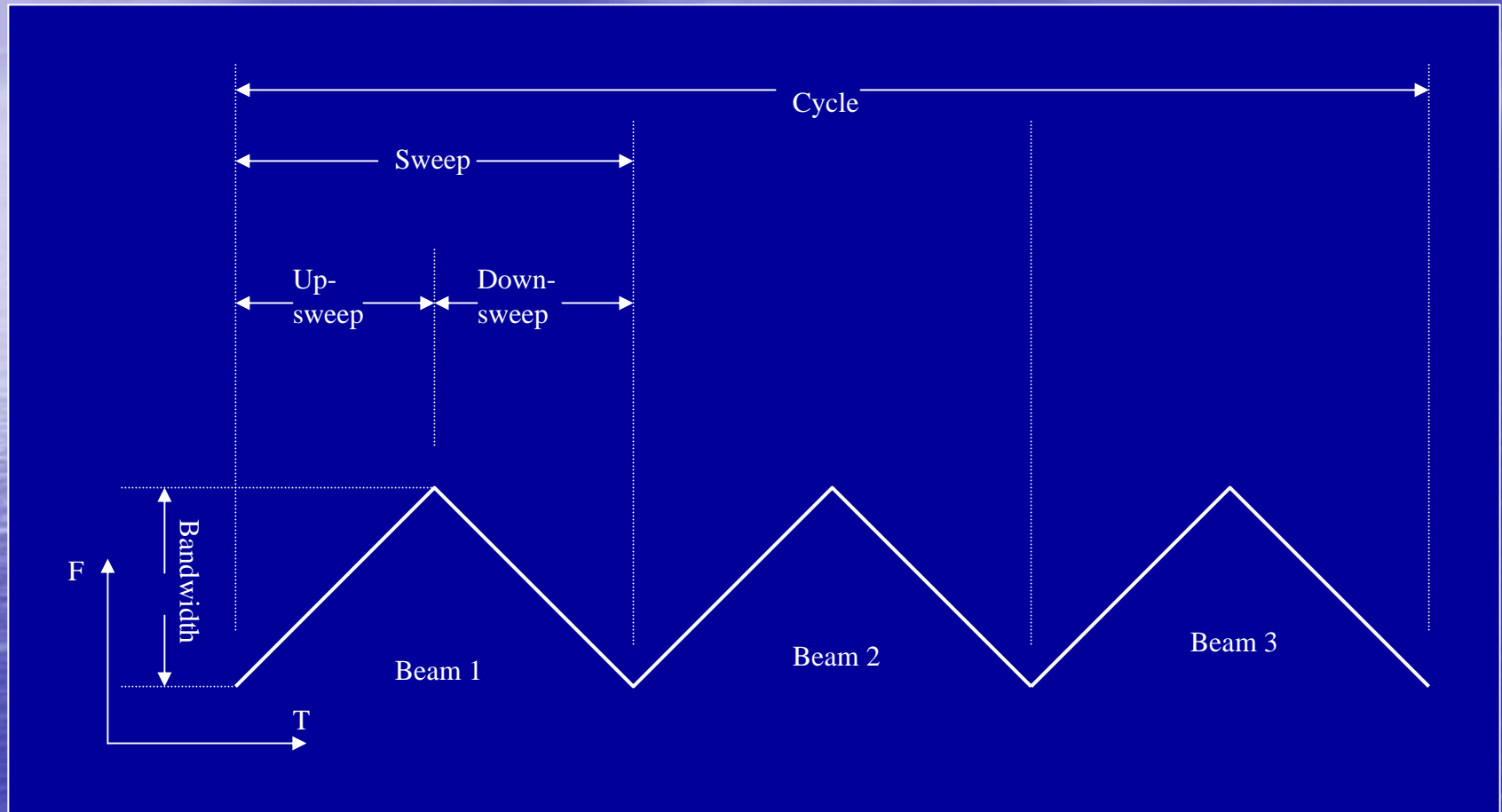
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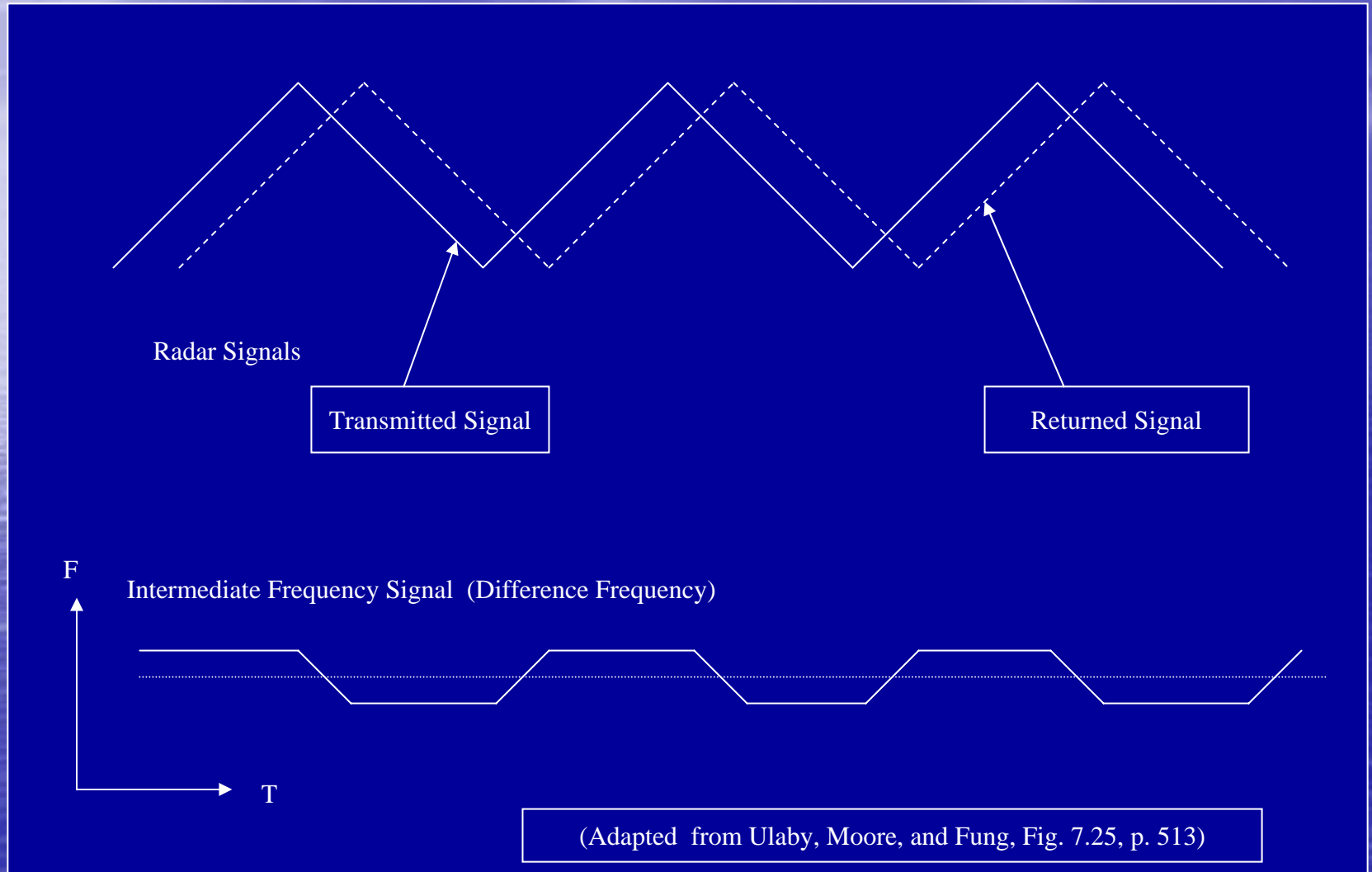
# Typical VSG Beam Pattern on Ocean Surface



# Frequency Format of VSG Radar Signal

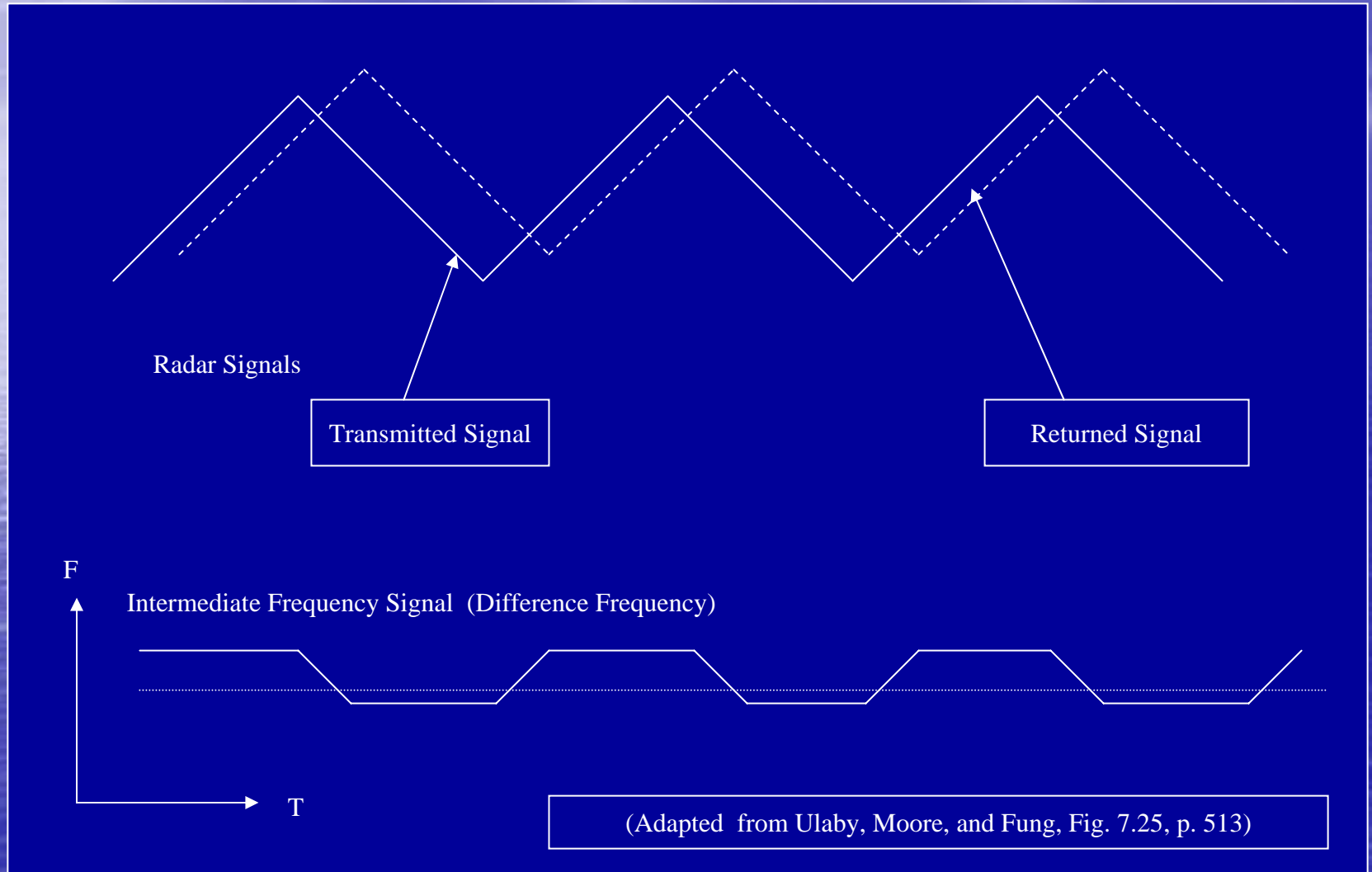


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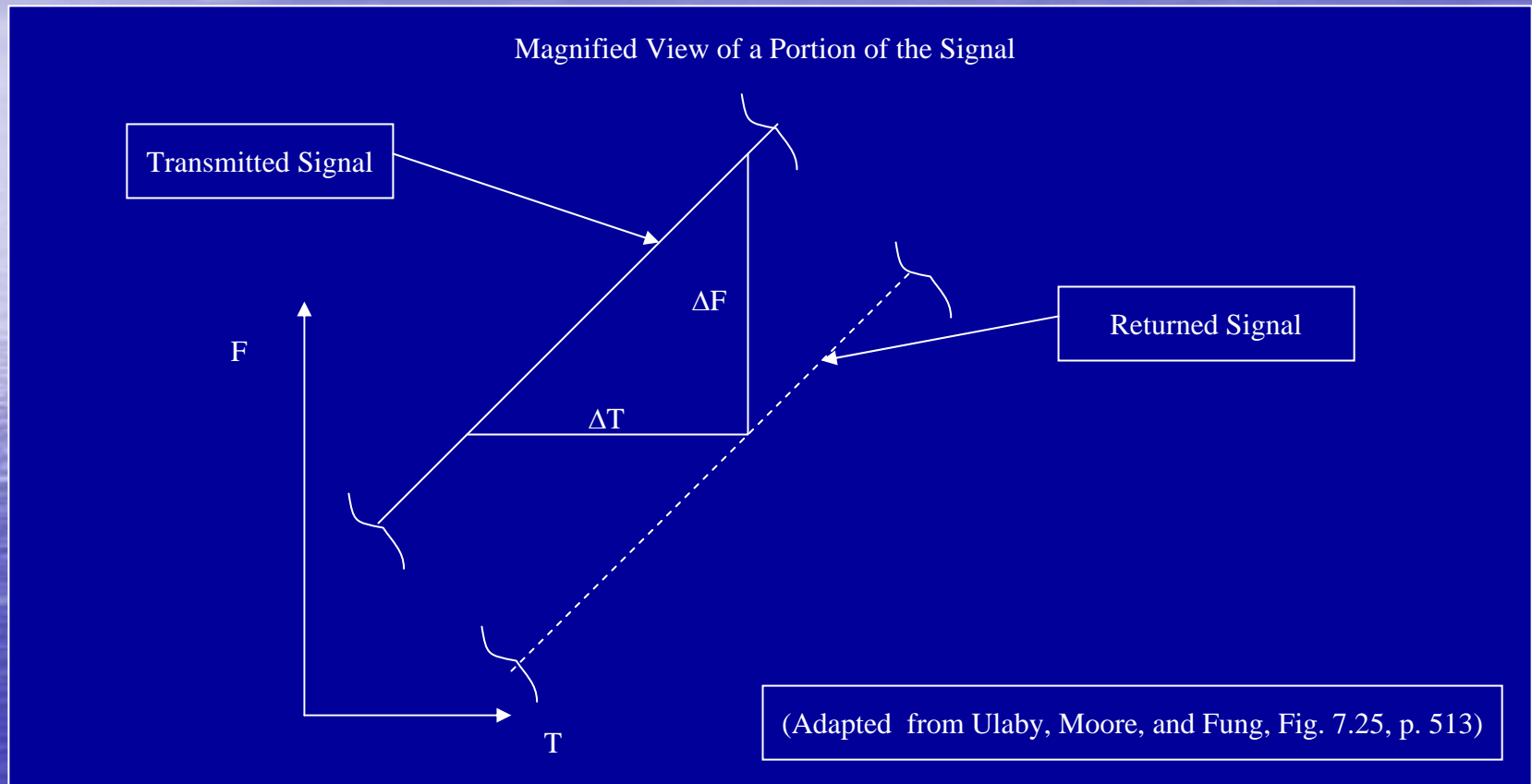




# Instantaneous IF Output and Return for Range and Doppler Measurement



# Instantaneous Frequencies for Point Target



## VSG Parameters

- Range
- Sweep repetition frequency
- Single (Up or Down) sweep time
- Sweep rate
- Minimum DSP sample rate

$$R = \frac{h_{VSG}}{\cos\theta} = \frac{10}{\cos(45)} = 14.14 \text{ m}$$

$$f_B = \frac{c \cdot f_{IF}}{4B \cdot R} = \frac{(3 \cdot 10^8) 45010^3}{4(60010^6) 14.14} \cong 4000 \text{ Hz}$$

$$T_{sweep} = \frac{1}{2f_B} \cong 126 \mu\text{s}$$

$$\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t} = \frac{B}{T_{sweep}} = \frac{600}{126} = 4.76 \text{ MHz}/\mu\text{sec}$$

$$f_{smin} = 2 \cdot f_{IF} \cdot 1.1 = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$$

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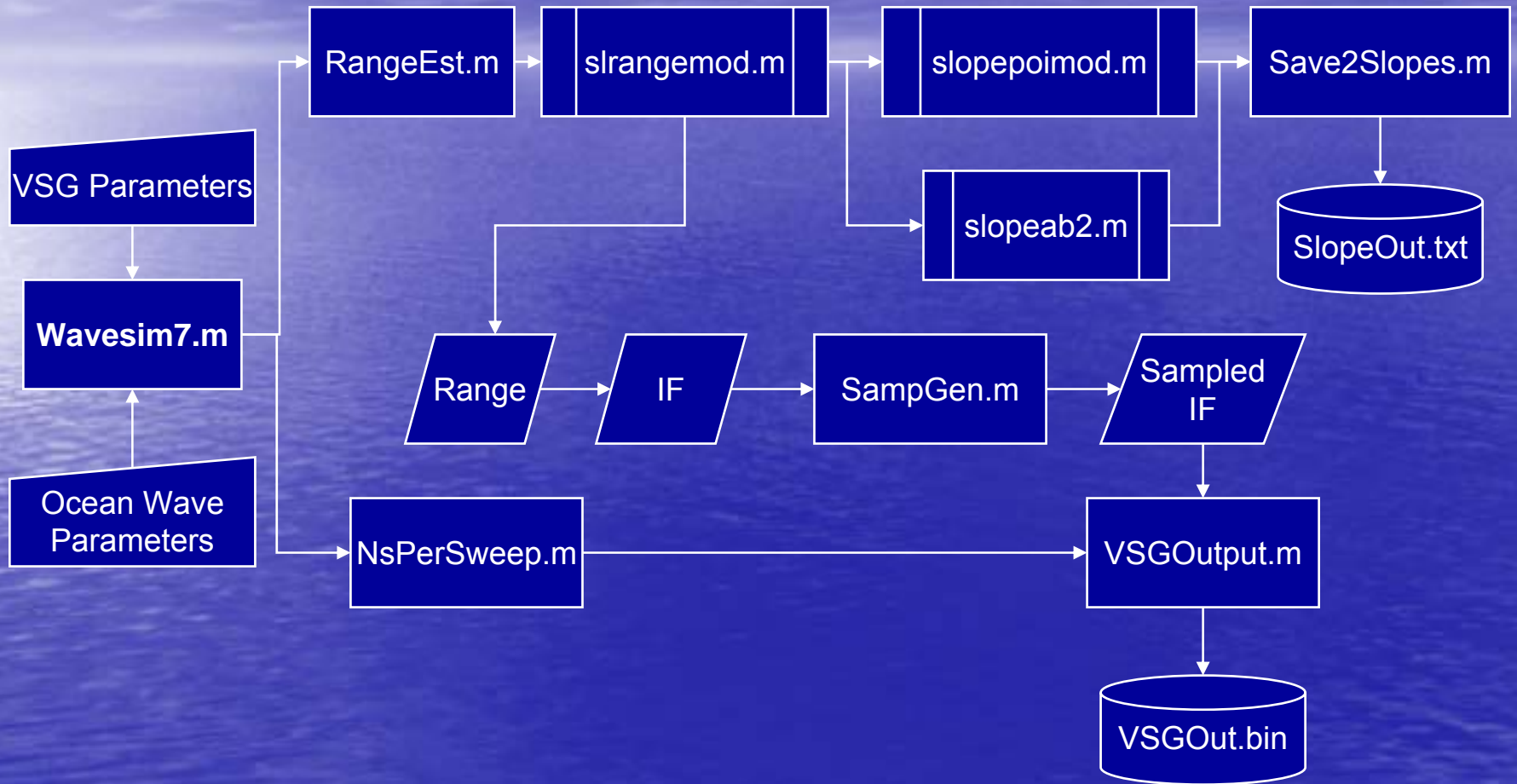
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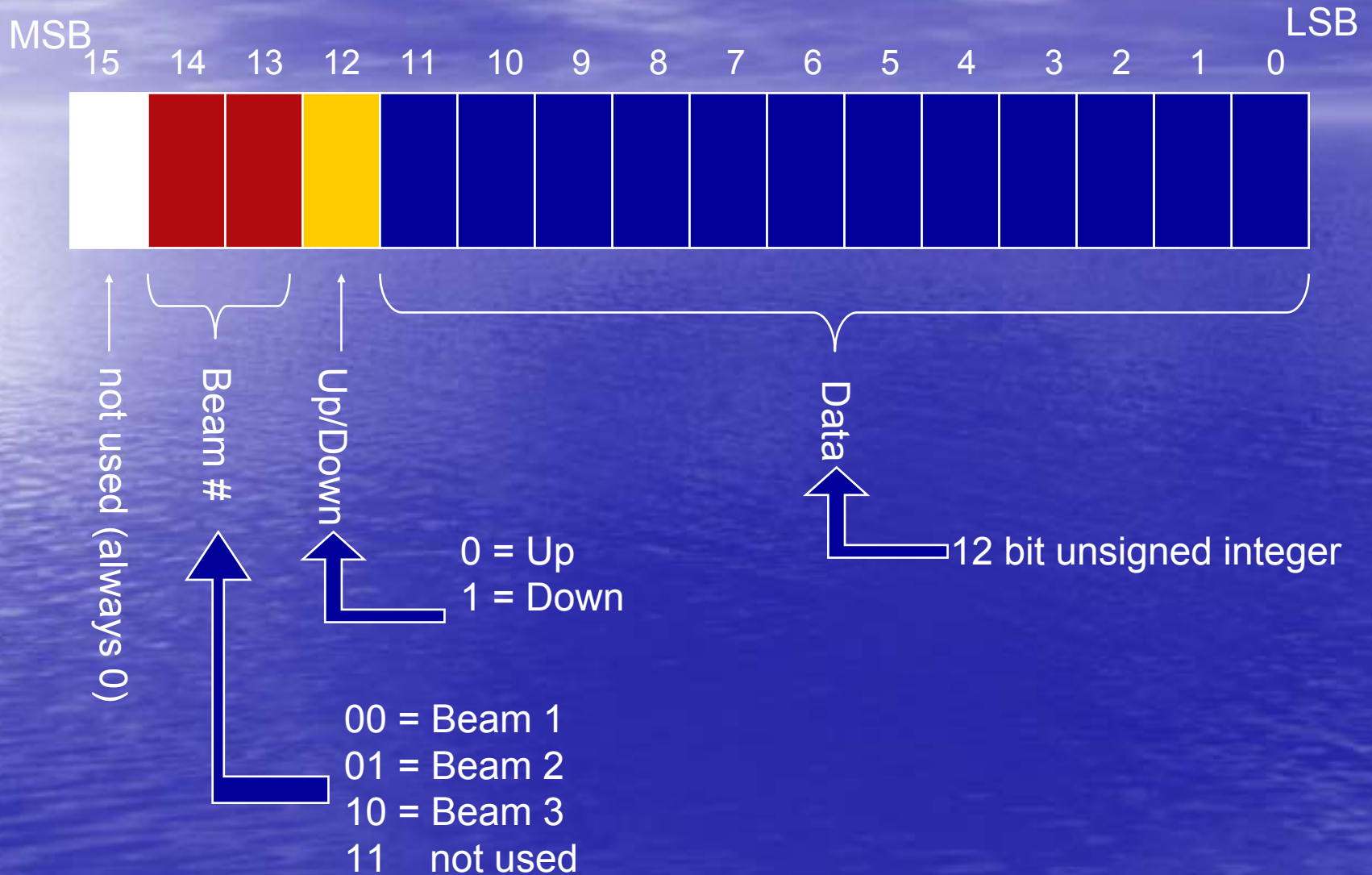
- Characterize simple ocean surfaces
  - Flat surface (calm sea)
  - Single wavefront
  - Multiple wave fronts
- Add Doppler shift to surfaces
- Convert ranges + Doppler to frequencies
- Digital sampling of frequencies
- Scale and shift
- Convert to 12-bit unsigned integers
- Create data files in digital VSG format

# Ocean Wave Data Simulation

## WaveSim7.m



# Digital VSG Data Format



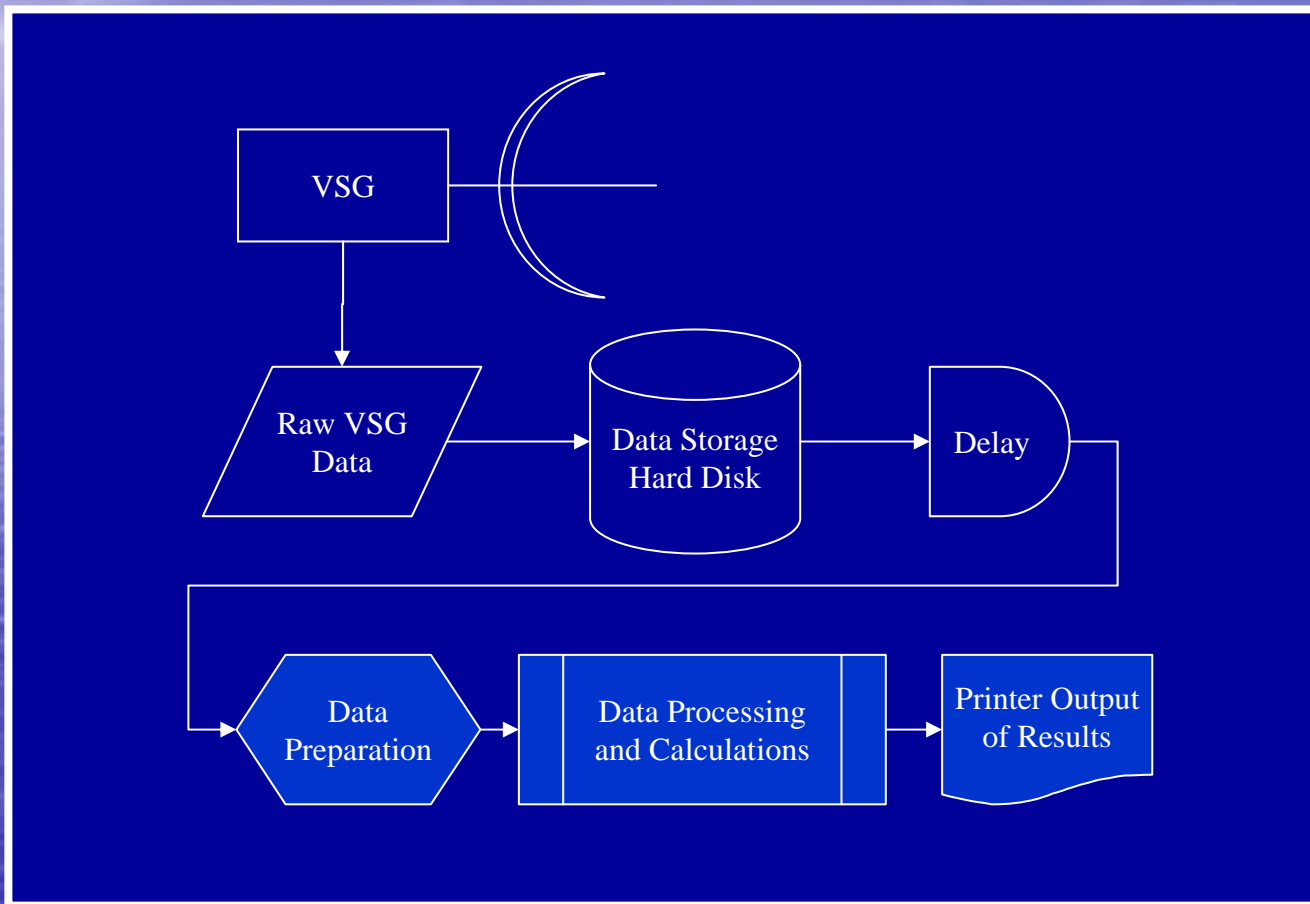
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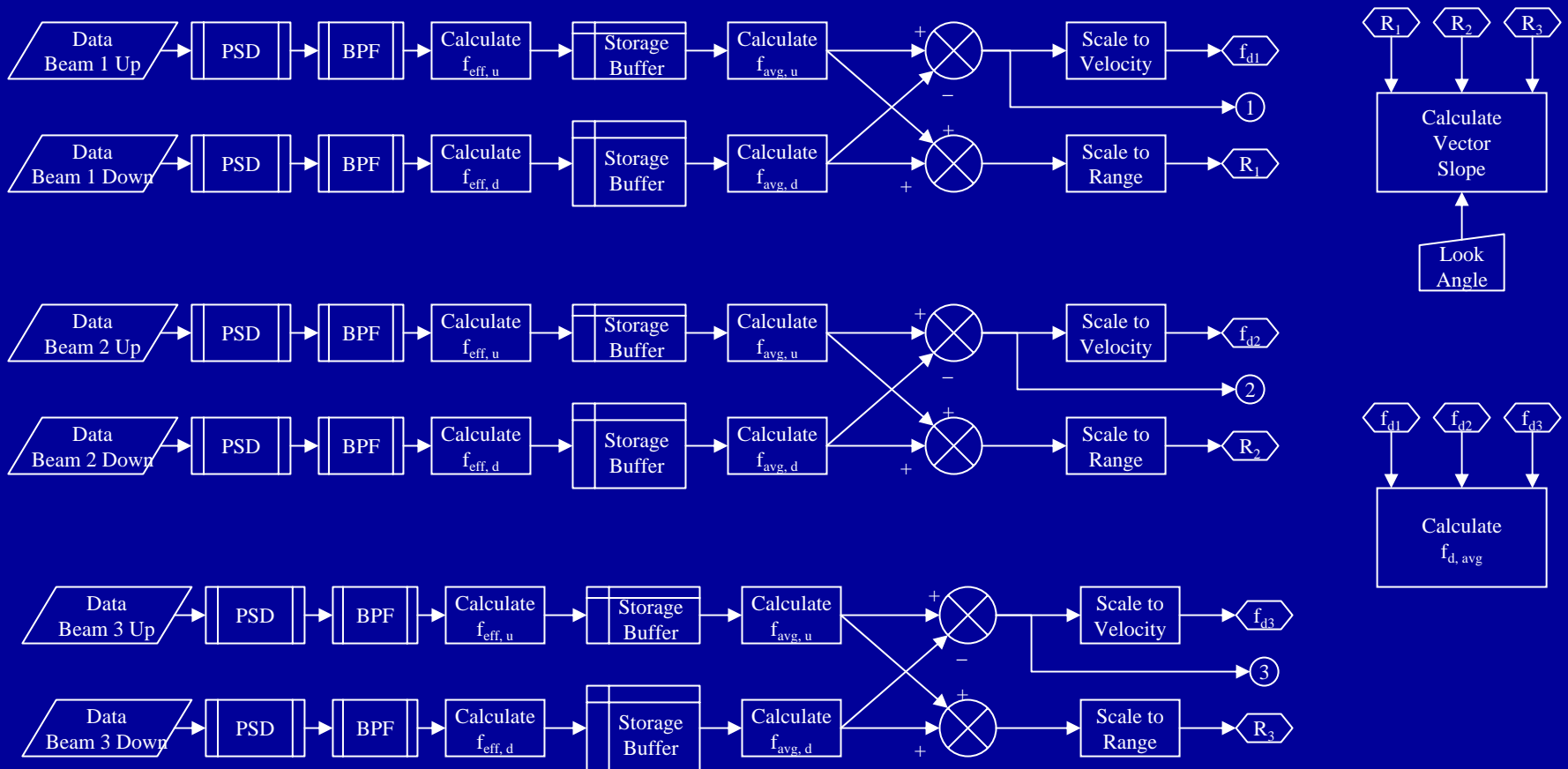


# Off-line Processing

Current Vector Slope Gauge Concept



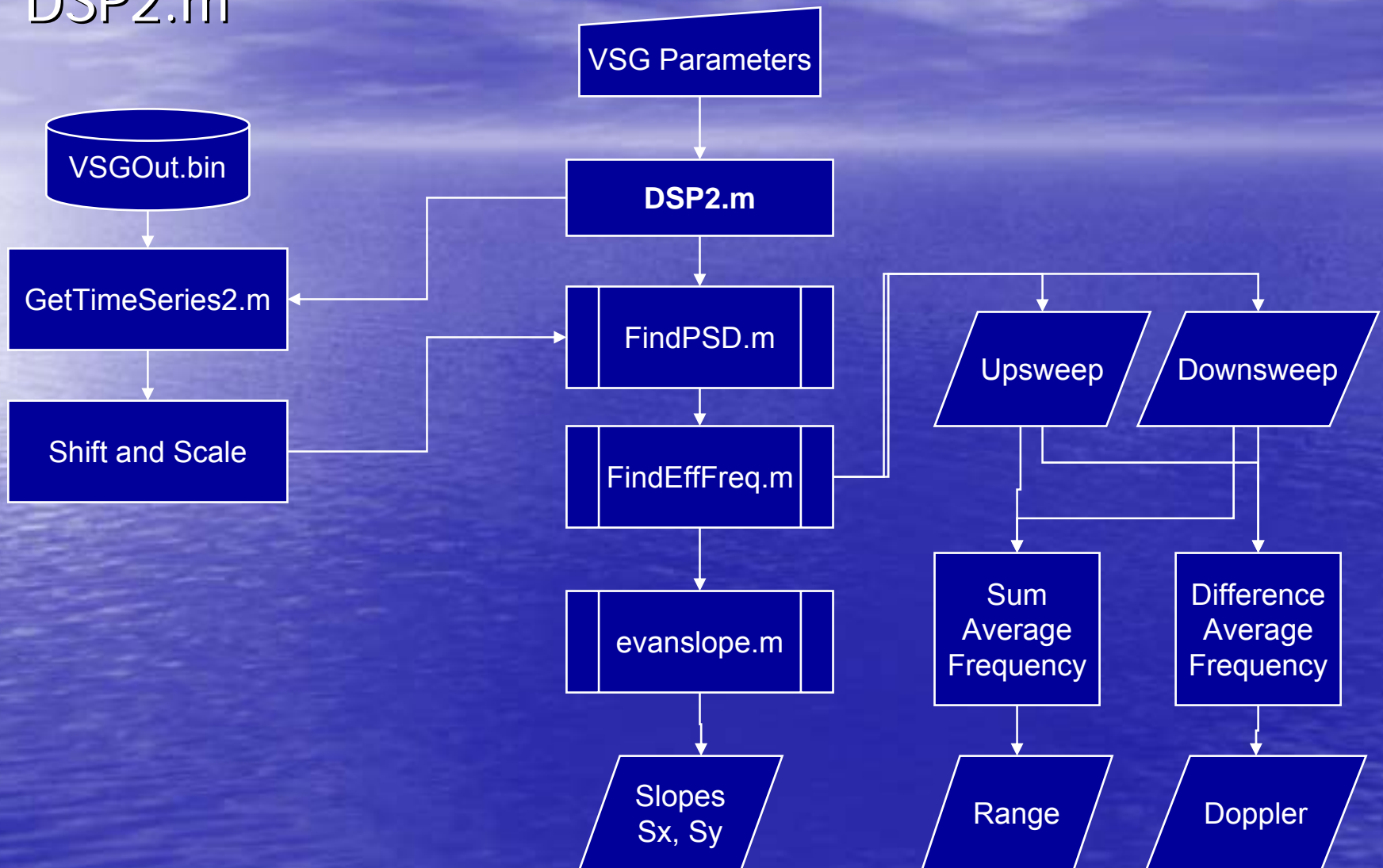
# DSP Algorithm – Ocean Project



Adapted from DSP Algorithm for Ocean Radar Project, Gary W. Hamilton II

# DSP of Stored Ocean Wave Data

## DSP2.m



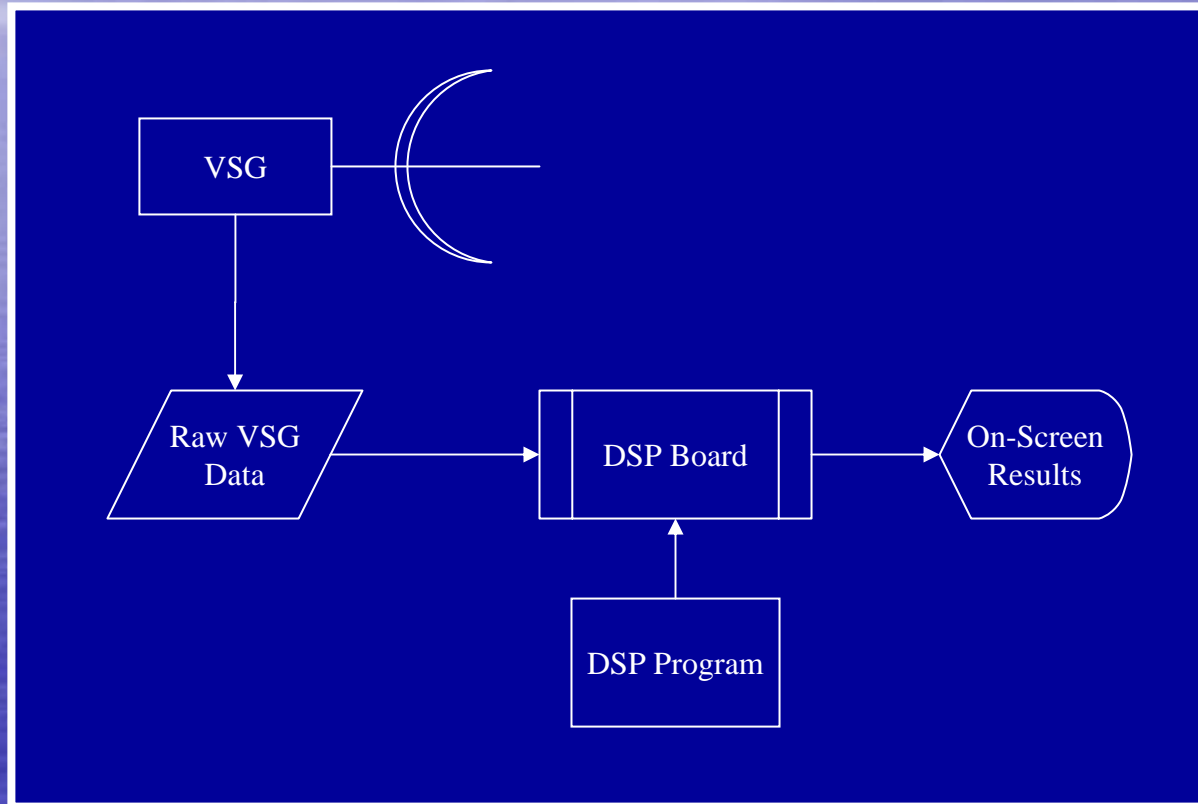
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# Future Work

- Collect ocean data on digital VSG
- Comparison to Duck Pier results
- Orbital velocity measurement
- Real-time DSP
- Adaptation to shipboard environment

# Real-Time Vector Slope Gauge Concept



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