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7 Key Measurement Challenges

Signal Quality *mmW, Waveform, Fidelity*

Lots of Channels *MIMO/Beamforming*

Connect Design & Test *Components, Systems*

Life Beyond Connectors *Over-the-Air*

Performance on the Network

Network Emulation

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Field Testing and Drive Test

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- PROPSIM team (previosuly Elektrobit) have led the development of the theory & practice of channel modeling.
- Today, we are considered the authority in the area of Spatial Channel Models.
- **•** Anite (now part of Keysight) was appointed to lead the radio channel modelling Task Group within the METIS project.
- TDL Tapped delay line (time only), CDL Cluster delay line (time and space), SCME Spatial channel model extended

What is the Radio Channel?

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Conventional SISO Channel Model

L $j\phi_i(t)$ $h(t) =$ $h(t) = \sum \beta_i(t) e^{j\phi_i(t)} \delta[\tau - \tau_i(t)]$ *i* = *i* 1 **Multipath Path Path propagation attenuation delay Impulse response Impulse Path Receiver phase** delay spread ⇔ frequency selectivity Frequency respons (coherence bandwidth) frequency Doppler spread \Leftrightarrow time selectivity time (coherence time) frequenc[®]

- Radio channel is characterized in two domains
	- Time & Frequency

Extension to MIMO Channel model

- Radio channel = Tx antenna + propagation + Rx antenna
- Radio channel is characterized in four domains
	- Time
	- Frequency
	- Space
	- Polarization
- Mobile radio channel will cause dispersion and time variability in all dimensions

5G 3D Channel Models

3 G P P T R 3 6 . 8 7 3 F O R E L E VAT I O N B E A M F O R M I N G A N D F D - M I M O

Channel matrix:

Geometry based stochastic channel model

DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD

System level model defines cluster parameters with distributions

CDL models uses fixed set of table parameters instead of distribution based random values

MS and BS end cluster angles are independent I.e. the model does not solve paths between MS and BS

METIS 5G Measurement Campaigns 2.3 & 5.25GHz

REFERENCE: METIS CHANNEL MODEL

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METIS 5G Measurement Campaigns mm-Wave

REFERENCE: METIS CHANNEL MODEL

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Office, 60 GHz Path Loss 26 GHz

What about the Channel at mmWave?

CORNER DIFFRACTION STUDY

[ftp.3gpp.org/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_84b/Docs/R1-162872.zip](ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_84b/Docs/R1-162872.zip)

How well do 60 GHz signals bend round corners?

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Simulated vs. measured at 3.5 GHz and 60 GHz

CORNER DIFFRACTION STUDY

AT 3.5 GHZ THE SHADOW EFFECT IS MUCH LESS **PRONOUNCED**

EVEN AT 2M DISTANCE WITH 40CM OF TRAVEL:

- 60 GHZ IS AT -25 DB
- 3.5 GHZ IS AT -8 DB

KED: Knife Edge Diffraction

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Simultaneous tests of 10 & 60GHz Outdoor Channels

REFERENCE: METIS CHANNEL MODEL

• Consistent delays of dominant propagation paths, while less multi-paths were observed at 60 GHz

Figure 5-11: Location map (left), APDP in dBm for LOS measurement from P1 to P2 (right).

Figure 5-12: APDPs in dBm for LOS measurement from P3 to P1 (left) and NLOS measurement 5G Boot Camp: **7 Key Measurement Challenges and Case Studies**

Comparison of measurement and M.2135 results.

REFERENCE: METIS CHANNEL MODEL

• ITU M.2135 path loss model shows decent matching with measurements in LOS environments even above the designed frequency of 6 GHz

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5G Challenge: Highly Dynamic Fading Channel in Field - connected state UE mobility

- BTS and UE(s) need to have seamless interoperability on beam refinement and change, and eventually handover to next cell and/or fallback to LTE
- Highly blocking channel conditions high probability on link collapse - how to mitigate?

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Where is my next Beam? Fast & reliable beam management needed

Fast fading filtered out on gain curves to have clearer visual

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UE speed 30km/h

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 \bullet UE **B** Blockers

320

300

Strongest pati

BTS

160

155

150

 E_{145}
 $= 145$
 $= 6$
 $= 140$

135

130

125

120

3GPP TR 38.901 - Stochastic model overview

CHANNEL MODEL FOR UP TO 100 GHZ

- **Extended from existing sub-6 GHz channel models:** 3D MIMO model (3GPP TR 36.873) or IMT-Advanced (ITU-R M.2135).
- Developed for **performance evaluations of 5G physical layer techniques**
- Designed to cover testing of both **Mobile Equipment and Access Network of 3GPP systems**
- **Supported scenarios are urban microcell street canyon, urban macro cell, indoor office, and rural macro cell**
- Key properties of the models
	- **Frequency range from 0.5 to 100 GHz**
	- **Bandwidth is supported up to 10% of the center frequency but no larger than 2 GHz**
	- **Spatial** consistency is supported
	- System-level, Link-level CDL-models and non-spatial TDL-models

5G Channel Models

3 G P P 3 6 . 8 7 3 A N D 3 8 . 9 0 1

- 3GPP 36.873
	- **3D Spatial** channel model for Elevation Beamforming and **FD-MIMO**. (Full Dimensions)
	- Applicable 2 to 6GHz.
- 3GPP 38.901
	- Aligned with earlier channel models for <6 GHz such as the 3D SCM model (3GPP TR 36.873) or IMT-Advanced (ITU-R M.2135).
	- **3D Spatial Channel model**(s) for frequencies from **0.5GHz up to 100GHz**.

3GPP TR 38.901 – 0.5 to 100 GHz

SCENARIOS OF INTEREST

- **UMi** (Street canyon, open area) with O2O and O2I:3D scenario, where the BSs are mounted below rooftop levels of surrounding buildings.
	- Example: [Tx height:10m, Rx height: 1.5-2.5 m, ISD: 200m]
- **UMa with O2O and O2I**:3D scenario, where the BSs are mounted above rooftop levels of surrounding buildings.
	- Example: [Tx height:25m, Rx height: 1.5-2.5 m, ISD: 500m]
- **Indoor**: office environments, and shopping malls, In-H.
	- Example: [Tx height: 2-3m, Rx height: 1.5m, area: 500 square meters]
- **Backhaul**: including outdoor above roof top backhaul in urban area and street canyon scenario where small cell BSs are placed at lamp posts.
- **D2D/V2V**: In open area, street canyon, and indoor scenarios
- Other scenarios such as Stadium (open-roof) and Gym (close-roof).

3GPP TR 38.901

M O D E L L I N G O B J E C T I V E S

- Support frequency range up to **100 GHz**.
	- The critical path of the SI is 6 100 GHz
	- Take care of mmW propagation aspects such as blocking and atmosphere attenuation.
- The model should be **consistent in space, time and frequency**.
- Support **large channel bandwidths** (2GHz, or up to 10% of carrier frequency).
- Aim for the channel model to cover a range of coupling loss considering current typical cell sizes, e.g. up to km-range macro cells. (**5G system** using higher frequency bands to **existing deployments**.)
- Accommodate **UT mobility**
	- Mobile speed up to **500 km/h**.
	- Develop a methodology considering that model extensions to **D2D and V2V** may be developed in future SI.
- Support **large antenna arrays** (Massive MIMO)

Channel models for link-level evaluations

C L U S T E R E D D E L AY L I N E (C D L) M O D E L S

- TR 38.901 specifies five different CDL channel profiles;
	- CDL-A, CDL-B and CDL-C are constructed for **NLOS**
	- CDL-D and CDL-E are constructed for **LOS**
- The RMS delay spread values of both CDL models are normalized and they can be scaled in delay for a desired RMS delay spread

Table 7.7.1-2. CDL-B Path Loss Exponent Cluster# Normalized delay | Power in [dB] | AOD in [°] AOA in [°] ZOD in [°] ZOA in $I^{\circ}I$ 0.0000 -173.3 105.8 78.9 93 0.1072 -2.2 9.3 -173.3 105.8 78.9 Shadow Fading Model: 0.2155 -4 9.3 -173.3 105.8 78.9 -3.2 0.2095 -341 125.5 115.3 63.3 0.2870 -9.8 -65.4 Table 7.7.1-4. CDL-D. -88 0.2986 -1.2 -11.4 $15₁$ 0.3752 -3.4 -11.4 15 Cluster # **Cluster PAS** Normalized Delay Power in [dB] AOD in [°] AOA in [°] ZOD in $[°]$ ZOA in $[°]$ -5.2 8 0.5055 -11.4 $15₁$ pecular(LOS path -0.2 -180 98.5 81.5 Ω 0.3681 -7.6 -67.2 -13.5 -180 Laplacian $\overline{0}$ 98.5 81.5 Lar 10 0.3697 -3 52.5 13 0.035 -18.8 89.2 Laplacian 89.2 85.5 86.9 11 0.5700 -8.9 -72 $\overline{3}$ Laplacian 0.612 -21 89.2 89.2 85.5 86.9 0.5283 74.3 12 -9 On $\overline{4}$ 1.363 -22.8 89.2 89.2 85.5 86.9 Laplacian 13 1.1021 -48 -52.2 Laplacian 1.405 -17.9 13 163 97.5 79.4 14 1.2756 -5.7 -50.5 4 \Rightarrow -7.5 1.804 -20.1 13 163 97.5 79.4 15 1.5474 61.4 6 Laplacian 16 1.7842 -1.9 30.6 2.596 -21.9 13 163 97.5 79.4 Laplacian -7.6 -72.5 17 2.0169 -137 $\overline{8}$ Laplacian 1.775 -22.9 34.6 98.5 78.2 n/s) -12.2 18 2.8294 -90.6 4.042 -27.8 -64.5 74.5 88.4 73.6 -9 Laplacian -77.6 19 3.0219 -9.8 78.3 10 7.937 -23.6 -32.9 127.7 91.3 Laplacian 20 3.6187 -11.4 -82.6 11 9.424 -24.8 52.6 -119.6 103.8 87 Laplacian 4.1067 -14.9 -103.6 21 9.708 -30.0 -132.1 $12²$ Laplacian -9.1 80.3 70.6 $\overline{22}$ 4.2790 -9.2 75.6 13 Laplacian 12.525 -27.7 77.2 -83.8 86.5 72.9 4.7834 -77.6 23 -11.3 **Per-Cluster Parameters Per-Cluster Parameters** Parameter XPR in [dB] Paramete CASD IN [° CASA IN I^o Czsn in I° Czsa in CASD IN CASA IN Czsp in I Value 11

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Channel models for FR2: CDL-A

- Example: TR 38.901 CDL-A
- CDL-A is a non line of sight (NLoS) model
- Each CDL comprises 23 clusters
- Each cluster comprises 20 multipath components (rays) around the cluster perimeter
- Each cluster has an AoD and AoA. These values are used to create the ray AoAs within a spread (ASA or ASD) defined by C_{ASA} and C_{ASD} in the table.
- **Etc -** Full details is in TR 38.901
- Diagram to the right shows the concept of the CDL models but showing only two clusters.

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TR 38.901 Table 7.7.1-1. CDL-A

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What is Standalone RF Channel Emulation?

E N A B L E S R E A L - W O R L D L I K E E N D - T O - E N D P E R F O R M A N C E T E S T I N G I N L A B

- Real Time Emulation of radio wave propagation and interference to multiple BTS and Mobile simultaneously
	- ✓Attenuation
	- ✓Shadowing
	- ✓Fast fading
	- ✓Doppler effect
	- ✓Noise and Interference
	- ✓Antenna pattern embedding Adaptive antenna systems
	- ✓3D Beamform channels

Why companies invest on Channel Emulation tools?

QUALITY OF SERVICE & TIME TO MARKET = SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS.

Each Mobile/Base Station/Device version (HW/SW) must be tested for

- \checkmark Receiver sensitivity and AGC
- ✓Channel Estimation algorithms
- ✓Min/max delay-Doppler (velocity scenarios)
- ✓Diversity/MIMO DSP Algorithms
- ✓Intersymbol/Intercarrier Interference, SNR mitigation \checkmark Synchronization
- ✓Radio Link Control, Radio Resource Management
- ✓Mobility Management
- ✓Network Vendor Interoperability, Device Vendor Interoperability

Radio Channel Emulation enables quick End-to-End full signaling Validation and Interoperability test in Lab

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Standard & Advanced Test Scenarios Field to Lab Test Scenarios

PROPSIM 5G Solutions for Base Station performance & device interoperability testing

Challenges Solutions

Complex RF conditions at field FR1 and FR2 Verification of the 5G NR BS performance

Sub-6GHz massive MIMO 16TRX, 32TRX, 64TRX, 128TRX MU-MIMO performance optimization up to 4/8/16/32 layers

mmWave hybrid beamforming with wide signal BWs Beam management testing under various channel conditions Wide bandwidths up to 400 MHz per carrier, CA 800/1200 MHz Standalone (SA) and Non-Standalone (NSA) operating modes

Coexistence and mobility tests

Scheduling and load management at network level

PROPSIM Geometric Channel Modeling (GCM) 5G Tools

- ✓ Channel modeling science ready & proven
- \checkmark Antenna array modeling incl. patterns and DUT orientations in the scenario

PROPSIM 5G Channel Emulation solutions

- ✓ Capacity 16/32/64/128 element massive MIMO solutions sub 6 GHz
- \checkmark All 5G NR BWs from 5 MHz up to 400 MHz
- \checkmark CA up to 1.2 GHz Contiguous, 16CC non-contiguous
- \checkmark Sub 6 GHz and mmWave solutions (CIU + RRH)
- \checkmark Complete performance test solutions with UEE's and real UE's
- \checkmark RF, IF and OTA*) connectivity methods

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PROPSIM 5G Solutions for Device performance testing

Challenges Solutions

5G Channel Modeling

• Complex modeling science

5G Channel Emulation

- Realtime channel emulation
- Wide Bandwidths 100/200/400MHz
- CA 8CC/12CC/16CC
- Network Emulator and Real gNB support (NV-IOT)
- mmW OTA solutions
- Sub 6 GHz solutions

PROPSIM Geometric Channel Modeling (GCM) 5G Tools

✓Channel Modeling Science ready & proven

PROPSIM 5G Channel Emulation solutions

- \checkmark Realtime very low insertion delay
- ✓BW 100/200/400 MHz up to 1.2 GHz
- ✓CA up to 12CC (1.2 GHz)
- ✓Seamslessly integrates with *UXM 5G*, validated with 5G BTS
- ✓Complete mmWave OTA solutions using CIU with RRHs
- ✓Complete Sub 6 GHz performance test solutions
- ✓Device NV-IOT solutions (Network Vendor Interoperability)

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PROPSIM F64 Key Features

• **Single F8800A platform up to 64TRX, 1024 MIMO ch.**

- HW configurations 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64 TRX
- 64 TRX up to 100 MHz BW (160 MHz WLAN opt.)
- 32 TRX up to 200 MHz BW
- 16 TRX up to 400 MHz + 16 TRX up to 100/160 MHz BW
- **Carrier Aggregation TDD & FDD**
	- Non-contiguous CA up to 16CC
	- Contiguous up to 1200 MHz, other 200/400/600/800 MHz
- **RF range up to 450 - 6000 MHz per TRX port**
	- HIGH-IF 6-12 GHz with external HW (CIU)
	- mmW bands 28/39GHz with external HW (RRH)
- **5G Channel Models and test scenarios**
- **PROPSIM GCM 5G channel modeling software**
	- Advanced channel modeling science ready & proven
	- TR38.901 channel models available
- **Integrated calibration, no need for external VNA**

Platform+Software = PROPSIM Channel Emulation Solution

Hardware Platform Software

Meets & Exceeds 5G NR requirements Intuitive Graphical user interface to create & run standard and most advanced channel emulation scenarios

- Versatile tools to create and modify user defined test topologies and Test Scenarios
- Comprehensive standard channel model library
- Mobile Network Operator Acceptance test scenarios
- Remote command interface for test automation

5G FR1 and FR2 3GPP & Advanced test scenarios

Tier-1 Mobile Network Operator

Virtual Drive Testing in lab

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