5G Boot Camp

PART FOUR: Charactering 5G channel	
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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?



Channel



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Conventional SISO Channel Model

Radio channel is characterized in two domains
Time & Frequency



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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

3GPP TR 36.873 FOR ELEVATION BEAMFORMING AND FD-MIMO

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





Office, 60 GHz

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Path Loss 26 GHz



Shopping Mall 60 GHz





What about the Channel at mmWave?

CORNER DIFFRACTION STUDY

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).



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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 Where is my ne

165

160

155

150

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135

130

125

120

240

260

BTS

UE speed 30km/h

- 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?



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

Fast fading filtered out on gain curves to have clearer visual

gNB
UE
Blockers

320

300

Strongest nat



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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

Channel Model and Scenario	Description	LOS	NLOS
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMi CDL-A	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMi CDL-B	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMi CDL-C	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMi CDL-D	[11]	1	-
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMi CDL-E	[11]	1	-
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMi 02I	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMi 02I CDL-A	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMi 02I CDL-B	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMi 02I CDL-C	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa	[11]	1	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa CDL-A	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa CDL-B	I OS / NLOS	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa CDL-C		-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa CDL-D	[11]	1	-
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa CDL-E	[11]	1	-
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa 021	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa 02I CDL-A	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa 02I CDL-B	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 UMa 02I CDL-C	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 RMa	[11]	1	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 RMa CDL-A	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 RMa CDL-B	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 RMa CDL-C	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 RMa CDL-D	[11]	1	-
3GPP 5G 38.901 RMa CDL-E	[11]	1	-
3GPP 5G 38.901 InO	[11]	1	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 InO CDL-A	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 InO CDL-B	[11]	-	1
3GPP 5G 38.901 InO CDL-C	[11]	-	J
3GPP 5G 38.901 InO CDL-D	[11]	1	-
3GPP 5G 38.901 InO CDL-E	[11]	1	-



5G Channel Models

3GPP 36.873 AND 38.901

- 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).



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MODELLING OBJECTIVES

- 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

Link:

CLUSTERED DELAY LINE (CDL) MODELS

- 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 [°] -173.3 105.8 78.9 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 0.2095 -3.2 -34.1 125.5 115.3 63.3 0.2870 -9.8 -65.4 -88 Table 7.7.1-4. CDL-D. 0.2986 -1.2 -11.4 15 0.3752 -3.4 -11.4 15 Cluster # **Cluster PAS** Normalized Delay Power in [dB] AOD in [°] AOA in [° ZOD in [°] ZOA in [°] 0.5055 -5.2 8 -11.4 15 pecular(LOS pat -0.2 -180 98.5 81.5 -7.6 9 0.3681 -67.2 -13.5 -180 Laplacian 0 98.5 81.5 0 Lar 10 0.3697 -3 52.5 0.035 -18.8 89.2 89.2 85.5 86.9 Laplacian -8.9 11 0.5700 -72 3 Laplacian 0.612 -21 89.2 89.2 85.5 86.9 0.5283 74.3 12 -9 On 4 Laplacian 1.363 -22.8 89.2 89.2 85.5 86.9 13 1 1021 -48 -52.2 10 -17.9 Laplacian 1.405 13 163 97.5 79.4 5 14 1.2756 -5.7 -50.5 47 1.804 Laplacian -20.1 13 163 97.5 79.4 15 1.5474 -7.5 61.4 6 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 1.775 -22.9 34.6 -137 Laplacian 98.5 78.2 n/s) 18 2.8294 -12.2 -90.6 Laplacian 4.042 -27.8 -64.5 74.5 88.4 73.6 9 -77.6 19 3.0219 -9.8 7.937 -23.6 -32.9 127.7 91.3 78.3 10 Laplacian 20 3 6187 -11.4 -82.6 9.424 -24.8 52.6 103.8 87 11 Laplacian -119.6 21 4.1067 -14.9 -103.6 12 9.708 -30.0 -132.1 -9.1 80.3 70.6 Laplacian 22 4.2790 -9.2 75.6 -83.8 86.5 13 Laplacian 12.525 -27.7 77.2 72.9 23 4.7834 -11.3 -77.6 **Per-Cluster Parameters** Per-Cluster Parameters XPR in [dB] Parameter CASD in [°] CASA in [°] CZSD in [°] CZSA in [Paramete CASD IN CASA IN [°] CZSD IN 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

What is Standalone RF Channel Emulation?

ENABLES REAL-WORLD LIKE END-TO-END PERFORMANCE TESTING IN LAB

- 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



Mobile terminals





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

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

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



Standard & Advanced Test Scenarios Field to Lab Test Scenarios



PROPSIM 5G Solutions for <u>Base Station</u> performance & device interoperability testing

Challenges

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

Solutions

PROPSIM Geometric Channel Modeling (GCM) 5G Tools

- Channel modeling science ready & proven
- ✓ 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
- ✓ All 5G NR BWs from 5 MHz up to 400 MHz
- ✓ CA up to 1.2 GHz Contiguous, 16CC non-contiguous
- ✓ Sub 6 GHz and mmWave solutions (CIU + RRH)
- Complete performance test solutions with UEE's and real UE's
- ✓ RF, IF and OTA*) connectivity methods



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PROPSIM 5G Solutions for <u>Device</u> performance testing

Challenges

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

Solutions

PROPSIM Geometric Channel Modeling (GCM) 5G Tools

Channel Modeling Science ready & proven

PROPSIM 5G Channel Emulation solutions

- 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



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

Software

5G FR1 and FR2 3GPP & Advanced test scenarios





Tier-1 Mobile Network Operator Acceptance test scenarios

Virtual Drive Testing in lab







Acceptance test scenarios 5G Boot Camp: 7 Key Measurement Challenges and Case Studies