Modeling and Measurements for UWB Indoor MIMO Channels

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- Combination with MIMO is very interesting
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Propagation graphs¹

Frequency-selective MIMO channel

$$\boldsymbol{y}(f) = \boldsymbol{H}(f)\boldsymbol{x}(f).$$

The graph visualizes the channel



¹ T. Pedersen, G. Steinböck, and B. H. Fleury, "Modeling of Reverberant Radio Channels Using Propagation Graphs," IEEE Trans. Antennas Propagat., vol. 60, no. 12, pp. 5978–5988, Dec. 2012

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- Scatterers are i.i.d.
- Omnidirectional antennas
- Antennas at Tx/Rx are close to each other
- $\blacktriangleright \sqrt{\operatorname{Var}\{\tau\}} f_{\min} \gg 1$



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- Cluster power decays with $\approx (N_{\rm S} 1)\beta^2 / {\rm E}\{\tau_B\}$
- Exponential decay in R(f) and T(f)
- Random phase shifts per Tx/Rx and scatterer
- Internal parameters are α , β and γ

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$$Q(\beta, \gamma) = \frac{1}{1 - (N_{\rm S} - 1)\beta^2} \left(M_{\tau_R + \tau_T}(2\gamma) + \frac{(N_{\rm S} - 1)\beta^2}{1 + \beta^2} \left(M_{\tau_R}(2\gamma) M_{\tau_T}(2\gamma) - M_{\tau_R + \tau_T}(2\gamma) \right) \right)$$

$$\begin{split} K &\coloneqq \frac{P_{\text{LOS}}}{P_{\text{NLOS}}} \coloneqq \frac{\int_{f_{\text{min}}}^{f_{\text{max}}} \mathbf{E} \left\{ \|\boldsymbol{H}_{\text{LOS}}(f)\|_{\text{F}}^{2} \right\} df}{\int_{f_{\text{min}}}^{f_{\text{max}}} \mathbf{E} \left\{ \|\boldsymbol{H}_{\text{NLOS}}(f)\|_{\text{F}}^{2} \right\} df} \\ P_{\text{LOS}} &= \frac{\varepsilon_{D}(f_{\text{max}} - f_{\text{min}})}{\left(4\pi\right)^{2} f_{\text{max}} f_{\text{min}}} \sum_{m=1}^{N_{\text{R}}} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{\text{T}}} \frac{1}{\tau_{D,mn}^{2}} \end{split}$$

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$$\gamma = \frac{\rho_2}{10\log e} \qquad \beta \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_{\rm S} - 1}} 10^{\frac{\mathbb{E}\{\tau_B\}\rho_1}{10}} \qquad \alpha \approx \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_D \sum_{m=1}^{N_{\rm R}} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{\rm T}} \tau_{D,mn}^{-2}}{(4\pi)^2 K N_{\rm R} N_{\rm T} N_{\rm S} Q(\beta, \gamma)}}$$

Verification of the approximation



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Random phases

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Simulation setup

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Tx and Rx		2 by 2 quadratic arrays
Antennas		omnidirectional
Antenna spacing		$\kappa_0 c_0/f_0$
Antenna spacing factor	κ_0	1
Frequency	f_0	5 GHz
Tx – Rx distance	D_0	3 m
Number of scatterers	$N_{ m S}$	100
Scatterer box size	L_0	5 m
Minimum scatterer distance		1.5 m
Cluster decay rate	$ ho_1$	$-1\mathrm{dB/ns}$
Ray decay rate	$ ho_2$	-2dB/ns
K-factor	K	180
Realizations	M	1000



Realizations - Different phase choices





Singular values - Different phase choices



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Key measurement characteristics

4x4 MIMO channels realized with virtual ULAs

VNA measurement from 6GHz to 10GHz

Varying distances between antennas within arrays

UWB antenna design





UWB antenna characteristics





Gain, $\phi=0^\circ$

Measurement location



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SVs over array spacing



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Propagation graphs are an efficient simulation model for UWB MIMO channels

Care must be taken when parametrizing them

A UWB measurement setup campaign was conducted

Measurement results show similar behavior as simulations

Thank you for your attention!



