

# MSc(Eng) Wireless Communication Systems

## Module EEE-6431: Broadband Wireless Techniques

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## Syllabus Highlights

1. Introduction - Overview of Broadband Wireless Systems

## **2. Signal Propagation, Pathloss Models and Shadowing**

3. Statistical Fading Models: Narrowband & Wideband Fading

4. Capacity of Wireless Channels

5. Multicarrier Modulation

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### Section 1 Review

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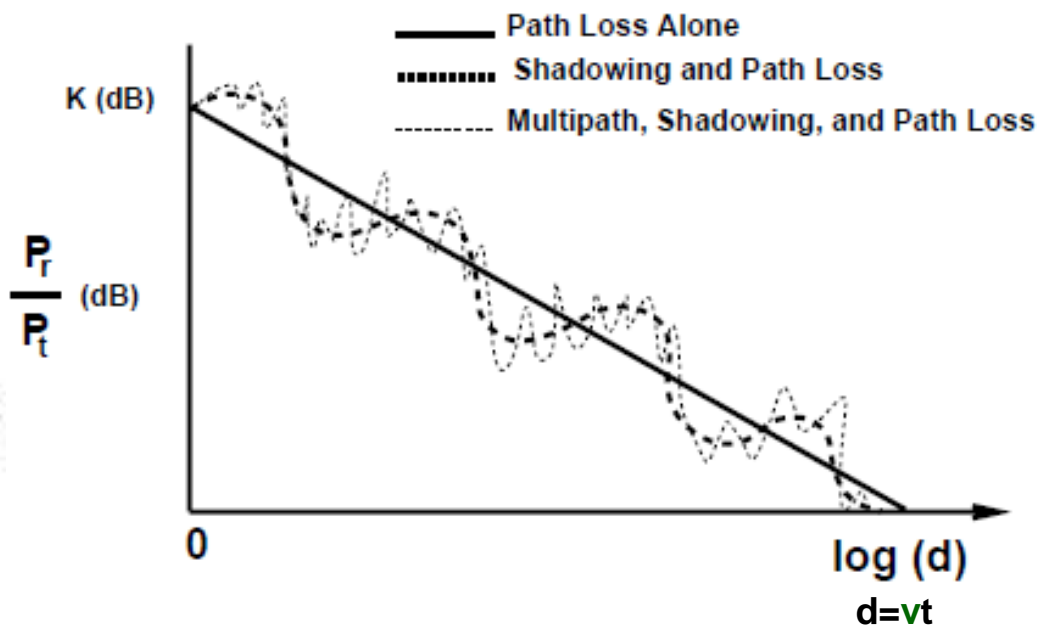
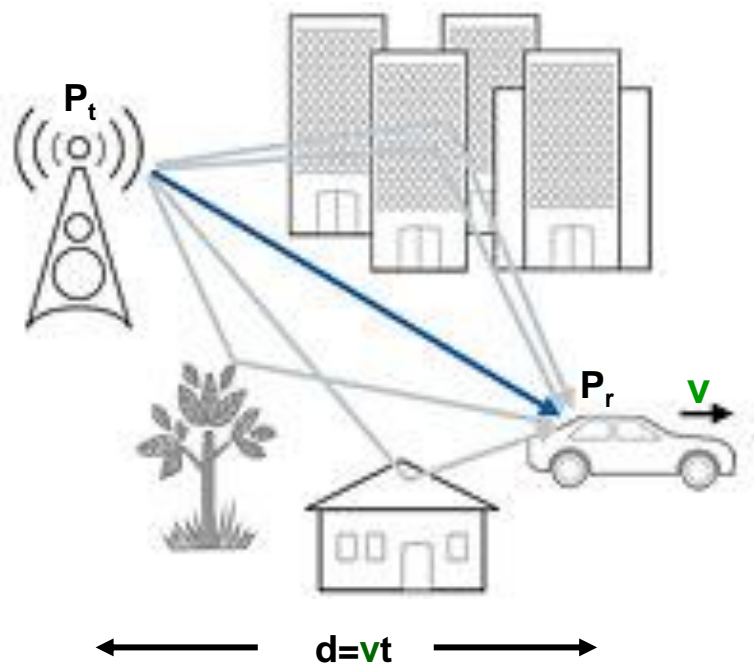
### Section 2 Outline

1. Transmitted & received signals
2. Free space pathloss
3. Ray tracing & 2-ray pathloss model
4. Empirical pathloss models – Okumura, Hata, Cost 231, simplified
5. Shadow fading & cell coverage

## 2. Signal Propagation: Pathloss and Shadowing

### Signal propagation characteristics:

- Path loss: power falls off relative to distance
- Shadowing: random fluctuations due to obstructions
- Flat and frequency selective fading: caused by multipath



## 2. Signal Propagation: Pathloss and Shadowing

### Transmitted and Received Signals:

- Transmitted Signal** at carrier frequency  $f_c$  and power  $P_t$  is:  $s(t) = \text{Re}\{u(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t}\}$

$$\therefore s(t) = \text{Re}\{u(t)\}\cos(2\pi f_c t) - \text{Im}\{u(t)\}\sin(2\pi f_c t)$$

$$\therefore s(t) = s_I(t)\cos(2\pi f_c t) - s_Q(t)\sin(2\pi f_c t)$$

where  $u(t) = s_I(t) + js_Q(t)$  is the complex baseband signal of bandwidth  $B_u$  and power  $P_u$  and  $P_t = P_u/2$ .  $u(t)$  is called the complex envelope of  $s(t)$ . For simplicity we assume  $u(t)$  real for propagation model analysis.

- Received signal** is:  $r(t) = \text{Re}\{v(t)e^{j2\pi f_c t}\}$

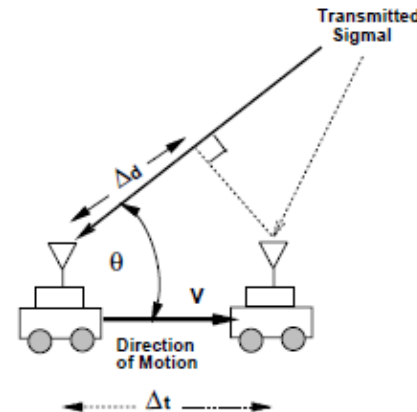
Where  $v(t) = u(t) * c(t)$  and  $c(t)$  is the equivalent lowpass channel impulse response.

- Doppler Shift:** when the transmitter or receiver is moving, the received signal will have a Doppler shift given by:  $f_D = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\Delta\phi}{\Delta t} = \frac{v}{\lambda} \cos(\theta)$

$$\frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t \times v} = \cos\theta \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t} = v \cos\theta$$

$$\text{But } \Delta\phi = 2\pi \frac{\Delta d}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \Delta d = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \Delta\phi$$

$$\therefore f_D = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\Delta\phi}{\Delta t} = \frac{v}{\lambda} \cos\theta$$



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**Pathloss Definition:** We define the linear pathloss of the channel as the ratio of transmit power to receive power:

$$P_L = \frac{P_t}{P_r}$$
$$P_L(dB) = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_t}{P_r} \right) \text{ dB}$$

### Pathloss Modelling:

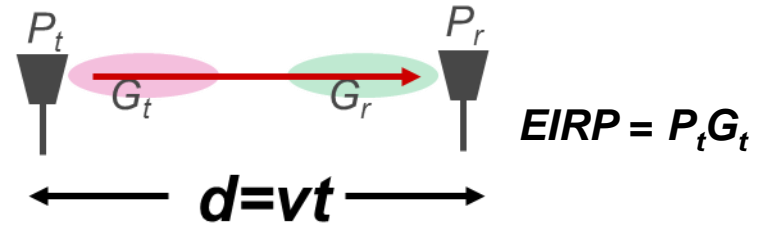
- Maxwell's equations - **Complex and impractical**
- Free space path loss model - **Too simple**
- Ray tracing models - **Requires site-specific information**
- Empirical Models - **Don't always generalize to other environments**
- Simplified power fall-off models - **Main characteristics: good for high-level analysis**

**Free Space Pathloss Model:** Consider a signal transmitted through free space to a receiver located at distance  $d$  from the transmitter. There are no obstructions between the Tx and Rx and the signal propagates along a straight line between the two giving a line-of-sight (LOS) channel. Free-space pathloss introduces a complex scale factor resulting in the received signal –

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### Free Space Pathloss Model Contd:

$$r(t) = Re \left\{ \frac{\lambda \sqrt{G_t G_r} e^{-j2\pi d/\lambda}}{4\pi d} u(t) e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\}$$



$G_t$  and  $G_r$  are Tx and Rx antenna gains, and  $e^{-j2\pi d/\lambda}$  is the phase shift due to distance  $d$ .

The absolute power in the transmitted signal  $s(t)$  is  $P_t$ , so the received signal power  $P_r$  is:

$$P_r = P_t \left[ \frac{\sqrt{G_t G_r} \lambda}{4\pi d} \right]^2 = P_t \left[ \frac{\sqrt{G_t G_r} c}{4\pi d f} \right]^2$$

Free-space propagation obeys an inverse square-law with distance  $d$ , so that the received power falls by 6 dB when the range is doubled. Also, the path loss increases with the square of the transmission frequency so that losses increase by 6 dB if the frequency is doubled.

The free space channel pathloss is given by:

$$P_L (dB) = 10 \log \frac{P_t}{P_r} = 20 \log \left[ \frac{4\pi d f}{\sqrt{G_t G_r} c} \right] = k + 20 \log d + 20 \log f - 10 \log G_t - 10 \log G_r$$

$$k = 20 \log \frac{4\pi}{c} = 20 \log \frac{4\pi}{3 \times 10^8} = -147.56$$

The basic pathloss  $P_{LB}$  for an isotropic antenna is obtained from the above expression when  $G_T = 1$  and  $G_R = 1$ , then:

$$P_{LB} = 32.44 + 20 \log f_{\text{MHz}} + 20 \log d_{\text{km}}$$



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**Free Space Pathloss Model Contd: Example:** If a transmitter produces 50 W of power, express the transmit power in units of (a) dBm, and (b) dBW. If 50 W is applied to a unity gain Tx antenna with a 900 MHz carrier frequency, find the received power in dBm at a free space distance of 100 m from the antenna assuming the Rx antenna gain is also unity. What is the received power at 10 km?

**Solution:** Given  $P_t = 50$  W, carrier frequency  $f_c = 900$  MHz:

Transmitter power in dBm –

$$P_t(\text{dBm}) = 10\log\{P_t(\text{W})/(1\text{mW})\} = 10\log\{50 \times 10^3\} = 47.0 \text{ dBm}$$

Transmitter power in dBW –

$$P_t(\text{dBW}) = 10\log\{P_t(\text{W})/(1\text{W})\} = 10\log\{50\} = 17.0 \text{ dBW}$$

As  $G_t = 1$  and  $G_r = 1$ , the basic pathloss for  $d = 100$  m is

$$P_{LB} = 32.44 + 20\log(900) + 20\log(0.1) = 71.5 \text{ dB}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_r(\text{dBm}) &= P_t(\text{dBm}) - P_{LB} \\ &= 47.0 - 71.5 \\ &= -24.5 \text{ dBm} \quad (3.55 \mu\text{W}) \end{aligned}$$

For  $d = 10$  km:

$$P_{LB} = 32.44 + 20\log(900) + 20\log(10) = 111.5 \text{ dB}$$

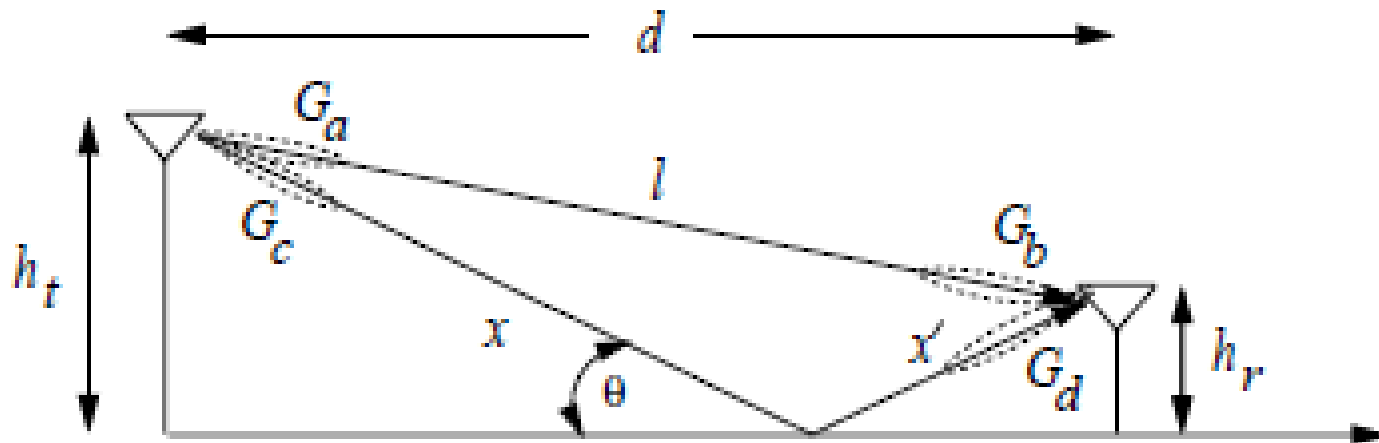
$$\begin{aligned} P_r(\text{dBm}) &= P_t(\text{dBm}) - P_{LB} \\ &= 47.0 - 111.5 \\ &= -64.5 \text{ dBm} \quad (0.355 \text{ nW}) \end{aligned}$$

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### Ray Tracing Pathloss Models:

- Represent wavefronts as simple particles
- Geometry determines received signal from each signal component
- Typically includes reflected rays, can also include scattered and diffracted rays
- Requires site parameters – Geometry, Dielectric properties

**Two-Ray Model** - The two-ray model is used when a single ground reflection dominates the multipath effect. The received signal consists of two components: the LOS component or ray, which is just the Tx signal propagating through free space, and a reflected component or ray, which is the Tx signal reflected off the ground.



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**Two-Path Model Contd** - The received signal for the two-ray model is

$$r(t) = \text{Re} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{G_a G_b} u(t) e^{-j2\pi l / \lambda}}{l} + \frac{R \sqrt{G_c G_d} u(t - \tau) e^{-j2\pi(x+x') / \lambda}}{x + x'} \right] e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\}$$

If the transmitted signal is narrowband relative to the **Delay Spread**, i.e.  $\tau = \frac{x+x'-l}{c} \ll (B_u)^{-1}$ , then  $u(t) \approx u(t - \tau)$  and the received power for narrowband transmission is:

$$P_r = P_t \left[ \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \right]^2 \left| \frac{\sqrt{G_a G_b}}{l} + \frac{R \sqrt{G_c G_d} e^{-j\Delta\phi}}{x + x'} \right|^2$$

The phase difference between the 2 rays is approximated by:  $\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi(x + x' - l)}{\lambda} \approx \frac{4\pi h_t h_r}{\lambda d}$

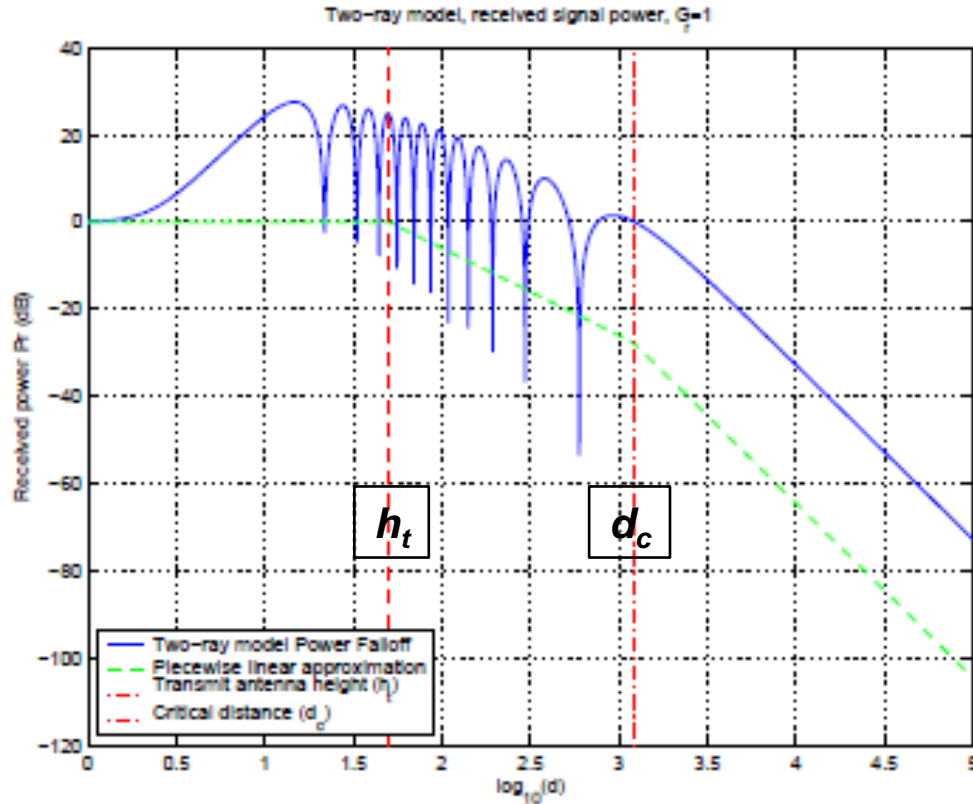
since  $(x + x' - l) = \sqrt{(h_t + h_r)^2 + d^2} - \sqrt{(h_t - h_r)^2 + d^2}$  and  $d \gg (h_t + h_r)$

For asymptotically large  $d$  we have  $(x + x') \approx l \approx d$ ,  $R \approx -1$ , and  $\sqrt{G_a G_b} \approx \sqrt{G_c G_d} = \sqrt{G_t G_r}$  and the Rx power is given by:

$$P_r \approx P_t \left[ \frac{\lambda \sqrt{G_t G_r}}{4\pi d} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{4\pi h_t h_r}{\lambda d} \right]^2 = P_t \left[ \frac{\sqrt{G_t G_r} h_t h_r}{d^2} \right]^2$$

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**Two-Path Model Contd** – The Rx Power versus Distance for the Two-Ray Model is shown



For small distances ( $d < h_t$ ) the two rays add constructively and the path loss is roughly flat.

For distances between  $h_t$  and a certain critical distance  $d_c$ , the signal experiences constructive and destructive interference of the two rays, resulting in a sequence of maxima and minima.

At critical distance  $d_c = 4h_th_r/\lambda$  (when  $\Delta\phi = \pi$ ), the final maximum is reached, after which the signal power falls off proportionally to  $d^{-4}$ .

The pathloss above the critical distance follows a  $d^4$  law and is independent of frequency:

$$P_L = \frac{P_t}{P_r} = \frac{d^4}{G_t G_r h_t^2 h_r^2}$$

$$P_L(\text{dB}) = 40\log(d) - 20\log(h_t) - 20\log(h_r) - 10\log(G_t) - 10\log(G_r)$$

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**Two-Ray Model Contd – Example:** In the downlink of a 900 MHz cellular system, a mobile station (MS) is located 5 km from a base station (BS). If the transmit power is 40W, find the received power in dBm at the MS using the 2-ray model assuming  $G_t = G_r = 2$ ,  $h_t = 20$  m and  $h_r = 1.5$  m. What is the critical distance for this deployment?

**Solution:**

Tx power  $P_T$  in dBm:  $P_t(dBm) = 10 \log \left( \frac{40}{10^{-3}} \right) = 46 \text{ dBm}$

Path-loss at 5 km:  $P_L(dB) = 40 \log 5000 - 20 \log 20 - 20 \log 1.5 - 10 \log 2 - 10 \log 2 = 112.4 \text{ dB}$

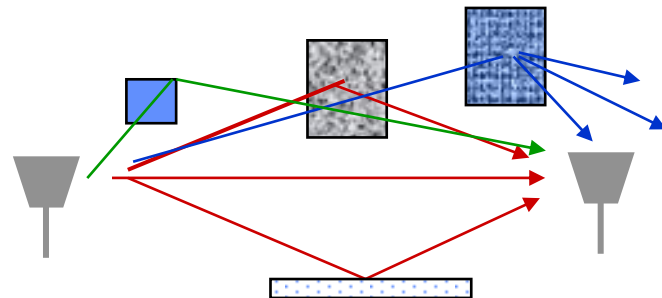
Rx power  $P_r$  in dBm:  $P_r(dBm) = P_t(dBm) - P_L(dB) = 46 - 112.4 = -66.4 \text{ dBm} (229 \text{ pW})$

The Critical Distance  $d_c$  is:  $= \frac{4h_t h_r}{\lambda} = \frac{4 \times 20 \times 1.5}{3 \times 10^8 / 900 \times 10^6} = 360 \text{ m}$

Compare the above values with the free space propagation path model.

### General Ray Tracing:

- Models all signal components (Reflection, Scattering & Diffraction)
- Requires detailed geometry and dielectric properties of site (similar to Maxwell, but easier maths)
- Computer packages often used



## **2. Signal Propagation: Pathloss and Shadowing**

**Empirical Pathloss Models:** Several different models available depending on parameters. Empirical models are typically used in the computer simulation of cellular systems.

### **Okumura model**

- Empirically based (site/freq specific)
- Awkward (uses graphs)

### **Hata model**

- Analytical approximation to Okumura model

### **Cost 231 Model:**

- Extends Hata model to higher frequency (2 GHz)

### **Simplified pathloss model:**

- Used for general trade-off analysis of systems

**Further details follow -**

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**Empirical Pathloss Models Contd: Okumura model** – based on a set of curves giving median attenuation relative to free space of signal propagation in irregular terrain taken from measurements in Tokyo. Basic expression for the pathloss is:

$$P_L(d) \text{ dB} = L(f_c, d) + A_{mu}(f_c, d) - G(h_t) - G(h_r) - G_{AREA}$$

Applicable for: distances of 1-100 Km, frequencies of 150-1500 MHz, base station heights of 30-100m.

- $L(f_c, d)$  = free space path loss at distance  $d$  and carrier frequency  $f_c$
- $A_{mu}(f_c, d)$  = median attenuation on top of free space path loss for all environments
- $G(h_t)$  = base station antenna height gain factor
- $G(h_r)$  = mobile antenna height gain factor
- $G_{AREA}$  = gain due to the type of environment.

$A_{mu}(f_c, d)$  and  $G_{AREA}$  obtained from Okumura's empirical plots

$$G(h_t) = 20 \log_{10}(h_t / 200), \quad 30m < h_t < 1000m$$

$$G(h_r) = \begin{cases} 10 \log_{10}(h_r / 3) & h_r \leq 3m \\ 20 \log_{10}(h_r / 3) & 3m < h_r < 10m \end{cases}$$

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**Empirical Pathloss Models Contd: Hata Model** – is an empirical formulation of the graphical pathloss data provided by Okumura. Also applicable for frequencies of 150-1500 MHz and  $d > 1\text{km}$ . The standard closed form expression for the Hata pathloss is:

$$P_{L,urban}(d) \text{ dB} = 69.55 + 26.16 \log_{10}(f_c) - 13.82 \log_{10}(h_t) - a(h_r) + (44.9 - 6.55 \log_{10}(h_t)) \log_{10}(d)$$

$a(h_r)$  = correction factor for the mobile antenna height based on the coverage area size.

**For small to medium sized cities** -  $a(h_r) = (1.1 \log_{10}(f_c) - 0.7)h_r - (1.56 \log_{10}(f_c) - 0.8) \text{ dB}$

**For larger cities at frequencies  $f_c > 300 \text{ MHz}$**  -  $a(h_r) = 3.2(\log_{10}(11.75h_r))^2 - 4.97 \text{ dB}$

**Corrections to the urban model are made for suburban and rural propagation as follows:**

$$P_{L,suburban}(d) \text{ dB} = P_{L,urban}(d) - 2[\log_{10}(f_c/28)]^2 - 5.4$$

$$P_{L,rural}(d) \text{ dB} = P_{L,urban}(d) - 4.78[\log_{10}(f_c)]^2 + 18.33 \log_{10}(f_c) - K$$

**Where  $K = 35.94$  (countryside) to  $40.94$  (desert)!!!**



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**Empirical Pathloss Models Contd: Cost 231 Model** – The Hata model was extended by the European cooperative for scientific and technical research (EURO-COST) to 2 GHz:

$$P_{L,urban}(d) \text{ dB} = 46.3 + 33.9 \log_{10}(f_c) - 13.82 \log_{10}(h_t) - a(h_r) + (44.9 - 6.55 \log_{10}(h_t)) \log_{10}(d) + C_M$$

The correction factor  $a(h_r)$  is the same as in the Hata model.

$C_M = 0$  dB for medium sized cities & suburbs

$C_M = 3$  dB for metropolitan sized areas

The following parameter ranges apply to Cost 231 –  $1.5\text{GHz} < f_c < 2\text{ GHz}$ ,  $30\text{m} < h_t < 200\text{ m}$ ,  $1\text{m} < h_r < 10\text{ m}$ , and  $1\text{Km} < d < 20\text{ Km}$ .

**Simplified Pathloss Model** - The complexity of signal propagation makes it difficult to obtain a single model that characterizes path loss accurately across a range of different environments.

For general trade-off analysis of various system designs a simple model that captures the essence of signal propagation is:

$$P_r = P_t K \left[ \frac{d_0}{d} \right]^\gamma$$

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**Empirical Pathloss Models Contd: Simplified Pathloss Formula** –The dB attenuation is:

$$P_r \text{ dBm} = P_t \text{ dBm} + K \text{ dB} - 10\gamma \log_{10} \left[ \frac{d}{d_0} \right]$$

$K$  = dimensionless constant that depends on –

- antenna characteristics and
- Average channel attenuation,

$d_0$  = antenna far field reference distance (1-10 m indoors and 10-100 m outdoors)

$\gamma$  is the path loss exponent

The values for  $K$ ,  $d_0$ , and  $\gamma$  are set to approximate either an analytical or empirical model.

When approximating empirical measurements,  $K$  is often determined by the free space

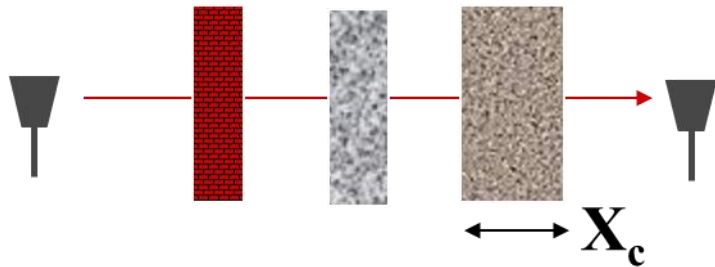
path loss at distance  $d_0$  assuming omnidirectional antennas are used -  $K \text{ dB} = 20 \log_{10} \frac{\lambda}{4\pi d_0}$

A table summarizing  $\gamma$  values for different indoor and outdoor environments and antenna heights at 900 MHz and 1.9 GHz is opposite.

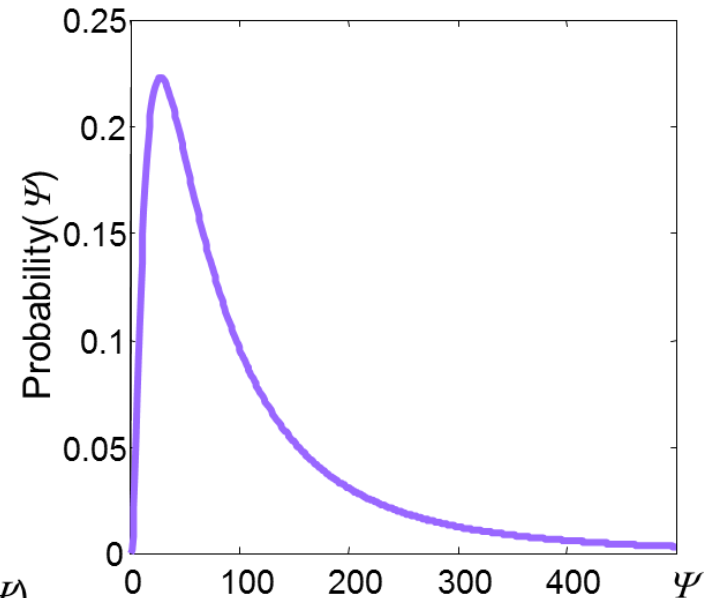
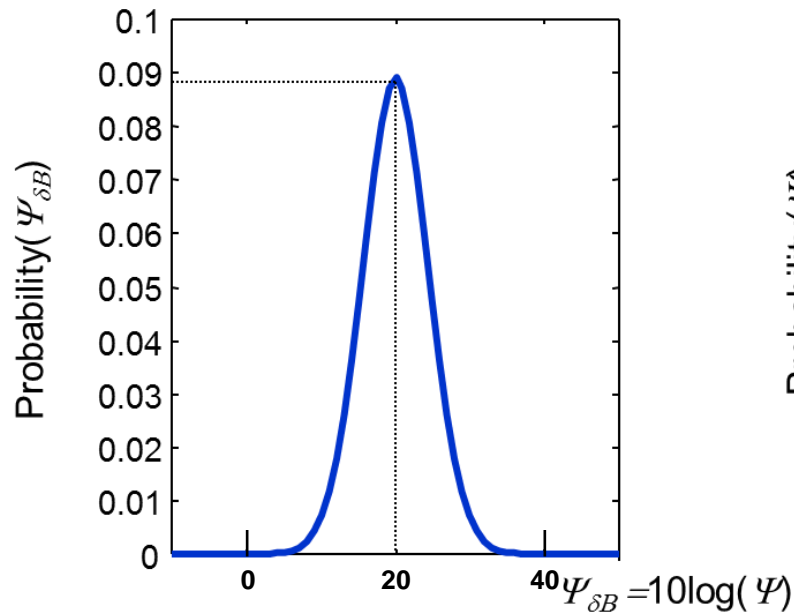
Environment	$\gamma$ range
Urban macrocells	3.7-6.5
Urban microcells	2.7-3.5
Office Building (same floor)	1.6-3.5
Office Building (multiple floors)	2-6
Store	1.8-2.2
Factory	1.6-3.3
Home	3

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**Shadow Fading:** A signal transmitted through a wireless channel will typically experience random variation due to blockage from objects in the signal path, giving rise to random variations of the received power at a given distance.



Random due to random # and type of obstructions and obeys a **log-normal distribution**. The ratio of transmit-to-receive power  $\psi = P_t/P_r$  is random with a log-normal distribution –



$$p(\psi_{dB}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\psi_{dB} - \mu_{\psi_{dB}})^2}{2\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}^2}\right]$$

$$p(\psi) = \frac{\xi}{\psi \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}} \exp\left[-\frac{(10\log_{10} \psi - \mu_{\psi_{dB}})^2}{2\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}^2}\right]$$

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**Shadow Fading:** The key statistical parameters of the log-normal distribution are

$$\psi > 0, \quad \xi = 10 / \ln 10$$

$$\mu_{\psi_{dB}} = \text{mean of } \psi_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} \psi$$

$$\sigma_{\psi_{dB}} = \text{standard deviation of } \psi_{dB}$$

$$A(\delta) = \sigma_{\psi_{dB}}^2 \exp(-\delta / X_c)$$

$$\mu_{\psi} = E[\psi] = \exp \left[ \frac{\mu_{\psi_{dB}}}{\xi} + \frac{\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}^2}{2\xi^2} \right]$$

$$10 \log_{10} \mu_{\psi} = \mu_{\psi_{dB}} + \frac{\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}^2}{2\xi}$$

**$A(\delta)$  = the autocorrelation between shadow fading at two points separated by distance  $\delta$ .**  
The decorrelation distance  $X_c$  is the distance at which the autocorrelation equals 1/e of its maximum value and indicates that shadow variation are of the order  $X_c$ .

**Proof of lognormal distribution:**

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left( -\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right), \quad x = \ln(y) \Rightarrow p(\ln(y)) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left( -\frac{(\ln(y)-m)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

Since the probability of  $y$  lying between  $y$  and  $y + dy$  must equal the probability of  $x=\ln(y)$  lying between  $x=\ln(y)$  and  $(x+dx)=\ln(y + dy)$  then

$$p(y) dy = p(x) dx = p(\ln(y)) d(\ln(y))$$

$$p(y) = p(\ln(y)) \frac{d(\ln(y))}{dy} = \frac{1}{y} \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left( -\frac{(\ln(y)-m)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

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**Combined Path Loss and Shadow Fading:** Path loss and shadowing can be superimposed to model power fall-off versus distance.

$$P_r(dB) = P_t(dB) - \psi_{dB}$$

In the combined model, mean dB path loss  $\mu_{\psi_{dB}}$  is equal to the path loss  $P_L(dB)$ . Then the (random) shadow fading, denoted by  $\tilde{\psi}_{dB}$ , is regarded as normally distributed with **mean 0 dB** and the same standard deviation  $\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}$  dB.

$$P_r(dB) = P_t(dB) - P_L(dB) - \tilde{\psi}_{dB}$$

**Outage Probability Under Path Loss & Shadowing:** In wireless systems there is a target minimum received power level  $P_{min}$  below which performance becomes unacceptable. With shadowing the received power at a given distance from the transmitter is **log-normally** distributed with some probability of falling below  $P_{min}$ .

We define outage probability  $P_{out}(P_{min}, d)$  under path loss and shadowing to be the probability that the average received power at a given distance  $d$ ,  $P_r(d)$ , falls below  $P_{min}$ :

$$P_{out}(P_{min}, d) = \Pr\{P_r(d) < P_{min}\}$$

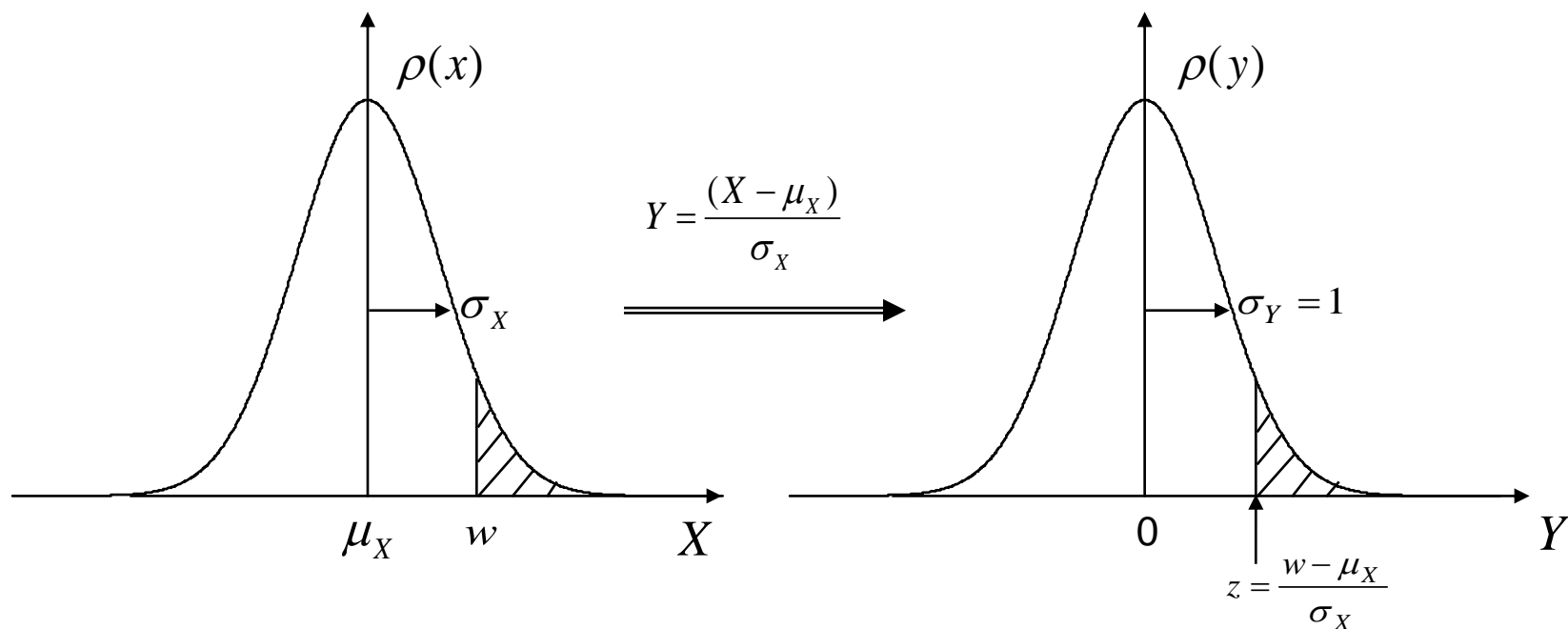
**All powers  
are in dBs**

$$\Pr\{P_r(d) < P_{min}\} = 1 - Q\left(\frac{P_{min} - P_r}{\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}}\right) = 1 - Q\left(\frac{P_{min} - (P_t - P_L)}{\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}}\right)$$

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**Outage Probability Under Path Loss & Shadowing:** The Q-function is defined as

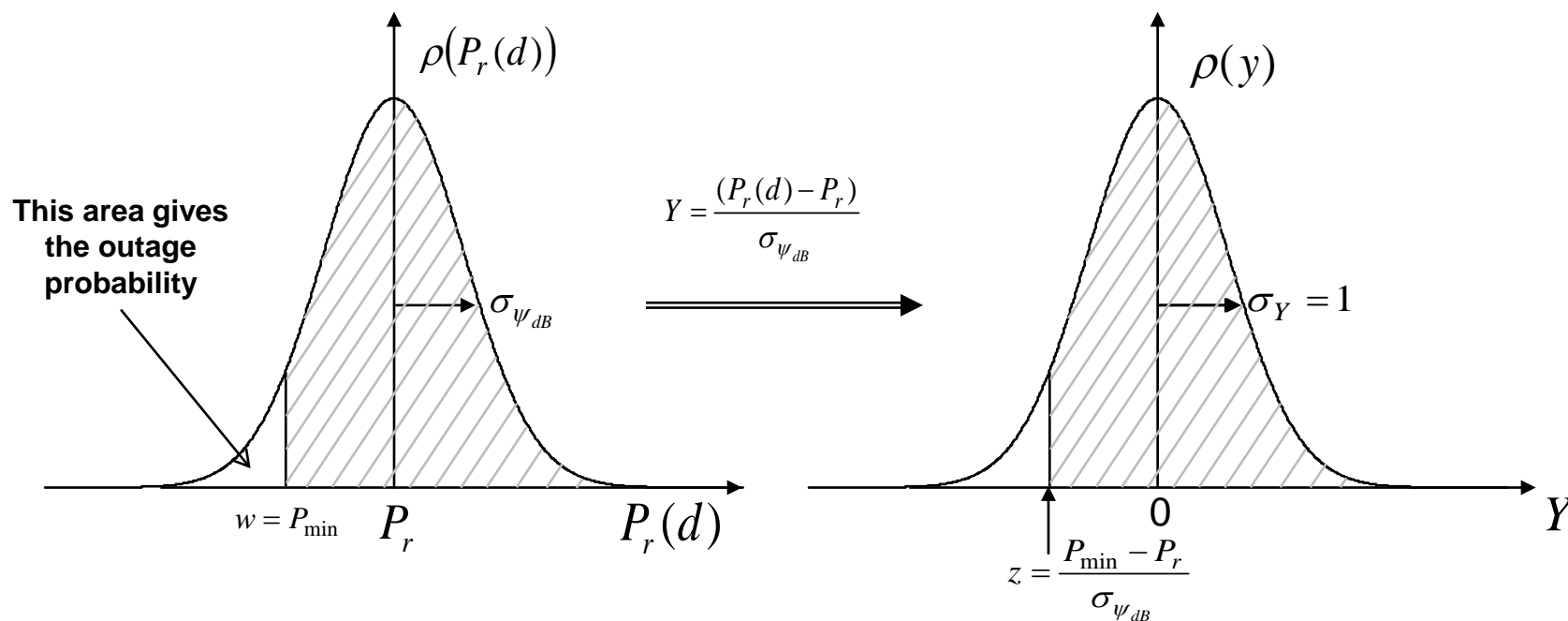
$$\Pr\{X > w\} = \Pr\{Y > z\} = Q(z) = \int_z^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2} dy = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$



$$\Pr\{X > w\} = \text{Shaded Area} = Q\left(\frac{w - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right)$$

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**Outage Probability Under Path Loss & Shadowing:** In the case of shadowing the relevant conditions are shown below with the implicit assumption that  $P_{\min} < P_r$



$$\Pr\{P_r(d) > P_{\min}\} = \text{Shaded Area} = Q\left(\frac{P_{\min} - P_r}{\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}}\right)$$

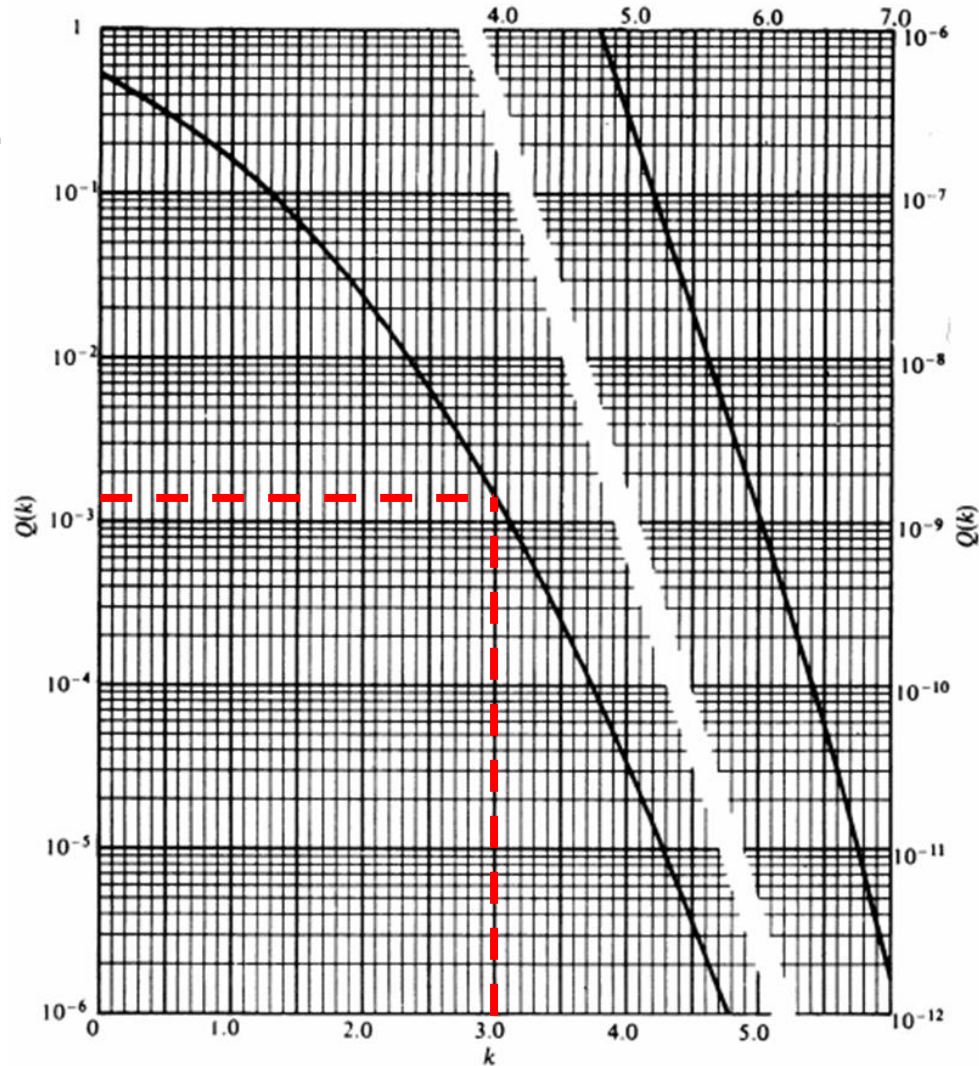
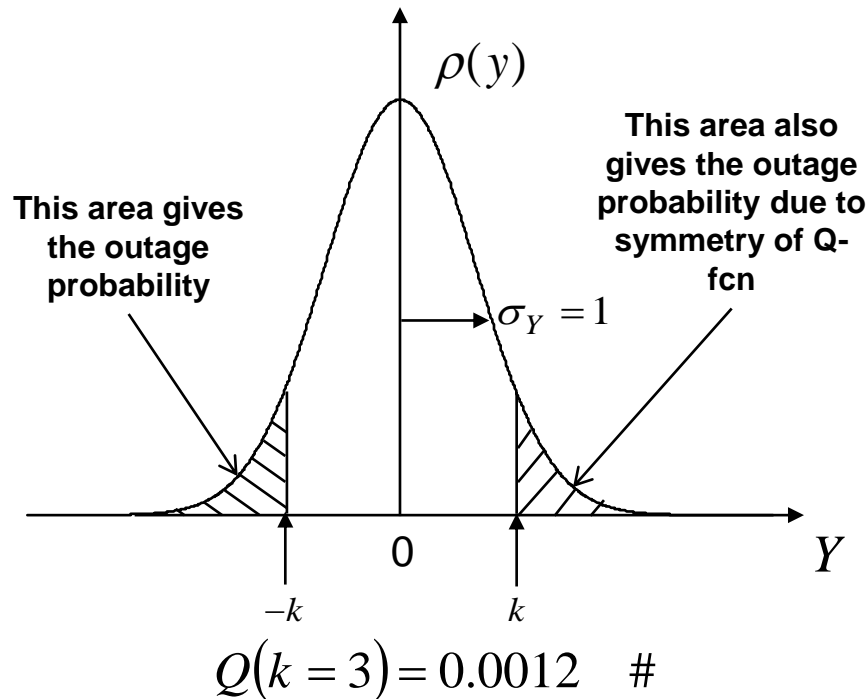
$$\Pr\{P_r(d) < P_{\min}\} = 1 - Q\left(\frac{P_{\min} - P_r}{\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}}\right) = 1 - Q\left(\frac{P_{\min} - (P_t - P_L)}{\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}}\right)$$

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### Outage Probability Under Path Loss & Shadowing: Graphical Q-function

While the computation of the Q-fcn can be done in a software package like MATLAB, more typically the graphical Q-fcn is used. However, the graphical Q-fcn is only defined over positive arguments  $> 0$

To calculate the outage probability we use the symmetry of the Q-fcn thus -





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**Outage Probability Under Path Loss & Shadowing: Example -** Find the outage probability at 150m for a channel based on the simplified path loss model at 900MHz with a propagation path loss exponent  $\gamma = 3.71$ . Assume that  $d_0 = 1$  m,  $K$  is determined by the free space path gain formula at this  $d_0$ , the variance of shadow fading on this path is  $(\sigma_{\psi_{dB}})^2 = 13.29$  dB<sup>2</sup>, the transmit power  $P_t = 10$  mW (10 dBm) and the minimum power requirement  $P_{min} = -110.5$  dBm.

**Solution:** From the simplified path loss model  $P_r = P_t + K_{dB} - 10\gamma \log_{10}(d / d_0)$  dB scale

From the free-space path loss we obtain:

$$K_{dB} = 20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\lambda}{4\pi d_0} \right) = 20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{c}{4\pi f_c d_0} \right) = 20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{3 \times 10^8}{4\pi \times 900 \times 10^6 \times 1} \right) = -31.53$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{out}(P_{min} = -110.5 \text{ dBm}, 150 \text{ m}) &= \Pr\{P_r(150 \text{ m}) < -110.5 \text{ dBm}\} \\ &= 1 - Q \left( \frac{P_{min} - (P_t + K_{dB} - 10\gamma \log_{10}(d / d_0))}{\sigma_{\psi_{dB}}} \right) \\ &= 1 - Q \left( \frac{-110.5 - (10 - 31.53 - 37.1 \log_{10}(150))}{\sqrt{13.29}} \right) \\ &= \underline{\underline{1 - Q(-2.26)}} \end{aligned}$$

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### Outage Probability Under Path Loss & Shadowing: Graphical Q-function

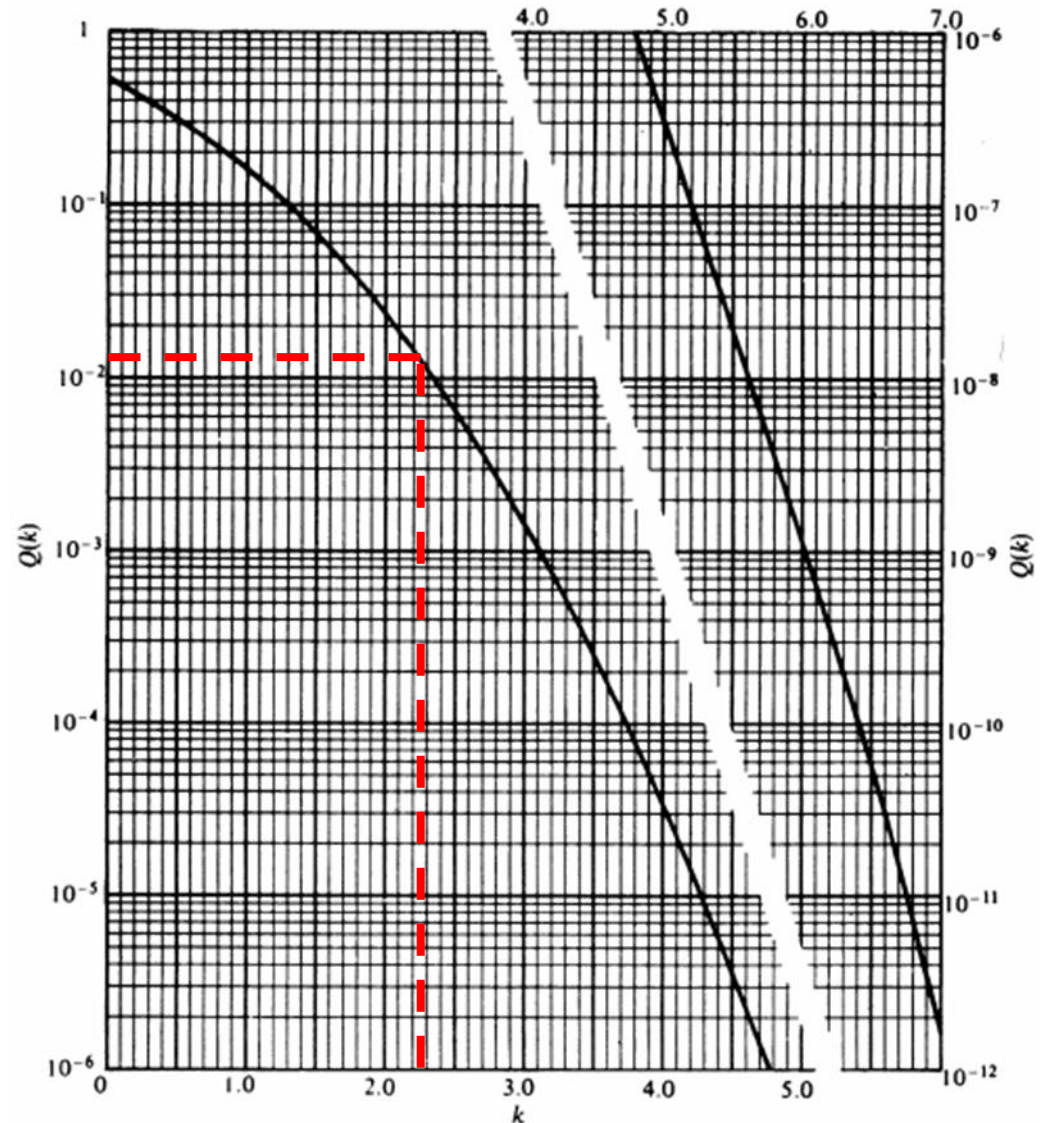
Using the graphical Q-fcn we need only look up:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{out} &= Q(2.26) \\ &= \underline{\underline{0.0119 \text{ or } 1.19\%}} \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

An outage probabilities of 1% is a typical target in wireless system designs.

NB if the argument was already positive i.e.  $P_r < P_{min}$ , we would calculate the outage probability as given by the full expression. For example, if

$$\begin{aligned} P_{out} &= 1 - Q(2.26) \\ &= 1 - 0.0119 \\ &= 0.9881 \text{ or } 98.81\% \end{aligned}$$



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**Cell Coverage Area:** The cell coverage area in a cellular system is defined as the expected percentage of area within a cell that has received power above a given minimum.

The transmit power at the base station is designed for an average received power at the cell boundary of  $P_{min} = P_R$ , averaged over the shadowing variations.

Shadowing will cause some locations within the cell to have  $P_x > P_R$  and other locations where  $P_x < P_R$ , where  $x$  is the distance to BS.

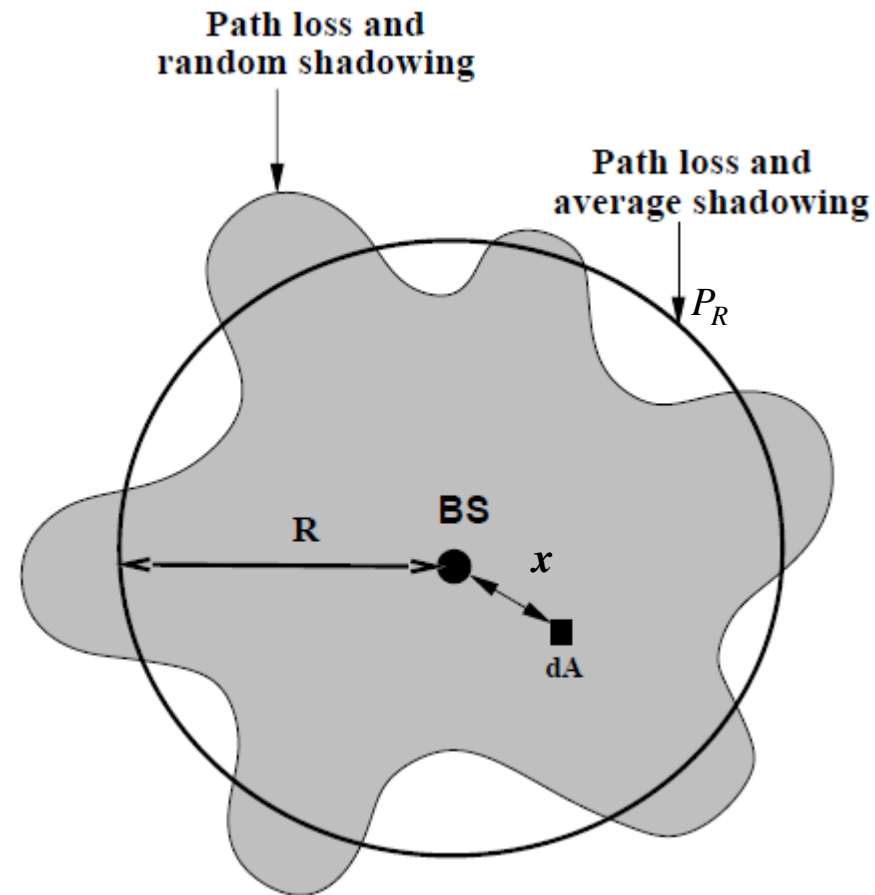
The total area  $A$  within the cell where  $P_x > P_R$  is obtained by integrating over all incremental areas  $dA$  where  $P_R$  is exceeded. We define the %age area that meets  $P_x > P_R$  as the ratio -

$$C = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_{\text{cell area}} P_x dA = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R P_x x dx d\theta$$

&  $\{P_x > P_R\}$  at each  $dA$  included in the integration

The outage probability of the cell is the %age area in the cell that does not meet  $P_x > P_R$ .

$$P_{out}^{cell} = 1 - C$$



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### **Summary & Main Points:**

- Path loss models simplify Maxwell's equations
- Models vary in complexity and accuracy
- Power fall-off with distance is proportional to  $d^2$  in free space,  $d^4$  in 2-ray model
- Empirical models used in system simulations
- Main characteristics of path loss captured in simple model  $P_r = P_t K(d_0/d)^\gamma$
- Random attenuation due to shadowing modelled as log-normal (empirical parameters)
- Shadowing decorrelates over decorrelation distance  $X_c$
- Combined path loss and shadowing leads to outage and amoeba-like cell shapes
- Cellular coverage area dictates the percentage of locations within a cell that are not in outage
- Path loss and shadowing parameters are obtained from empirical measurements
- Statistical models used for random environments