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# 1 Modeling the RF propagation Model Using Matlab

## 1.1 Relationship between Free Space Path Loss and Frequency

Consider following meanings for the parameters

$P_{RX}$	= Received Power at the Receiving Antenna
$P_{TX}$	= Transmitted Power at the Transmitting Antenna
$f$	= Frequency of the wave in Hz
$f_{GHz}$	= Frequency of the wave in GHz
$d$	= Distance between the antennas in m
$d_{km}$	= Distance between the antennas in km
$G_{TX}$	= Directive gain of the Transmitter
$G_{RX}$	= Directive gain of the Receiver
$c$	= Velocity of the electromagnetic waves in a vacuum

The relationship between above parameters can be given as follows

$$P_{RX} = P_{TX} \cdot \frac{c^2}{(4\pi \cdot f \cdot d)^2} \cdot G_{TX} \cdot G_{RX}$$

From the above equation, free space path loss, say  $L$

$$L = \frac{(4\pi \cdot f \cdot d)^2}{c^2}$$

By considering  $10 \cdot \log_{10}()$  in both sides, Free Space Path Loss in dB, say  $L_{dB}$

$$\begin{aligned} \log_{10}(L) &= 10 \cdot \log_{10}\left(\frac{(4\pi \cdot f \cdot d)^2}{c^2}\right) \\ L_{dB} &= 10 \cdot \log_{10}((4\pi \cdot f \cdot d)^2) - 10 \cdot \log_{10}(c^2) \\ &= 20 \cdot \log_{10}(4\pi \cdot f \cdot d) - 20 \cdot \log_{10}(c) \\ &= 20 \cdot \log_{10}(4\pi) - 20 \cdot \log_{10}(c) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(f) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(d) \\ &= 20 \cdot \log_{10}\left(\frac{4\pi}{c}\right) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(f) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(d) \\ &= -147.5522168 + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(f_{GHz} \cdot 10^9) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(d_{km} \cdot 10^3) \\ &= -147.5522168 + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(10^9) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(f_{GHz}) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(10^3) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(d_{km}) \\ &= -147.5522168 + 180 + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(f_{GHz}) + 60 + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(d_{km}) \\ &= -147.5522168 + 240 + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(f_{GHz}) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(d_{km}) \\ &= +92.44778322 + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(f_{GHz}) + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(d_{km}) \end{aligned}$$

Since transmitter and receiver are located at distance of 10km apart, by substituting  $d_{km} = 10$ .

Free Space Path Loss in dB,  $L_{dB}$  as a function of frequency in Giga Hertz

$$L_{dB}(f_{GHz}) = +112.44778322 + 20 \cdot \log_{10}(f_{GHz})$$

**Note :** Axes of the following plots are given in the logarithmic scale and range of frequency was chosen from 50 GHz to 1000 GHz since some of the ITU-R models are only defined in the 10 GHz-1000 GHz range.

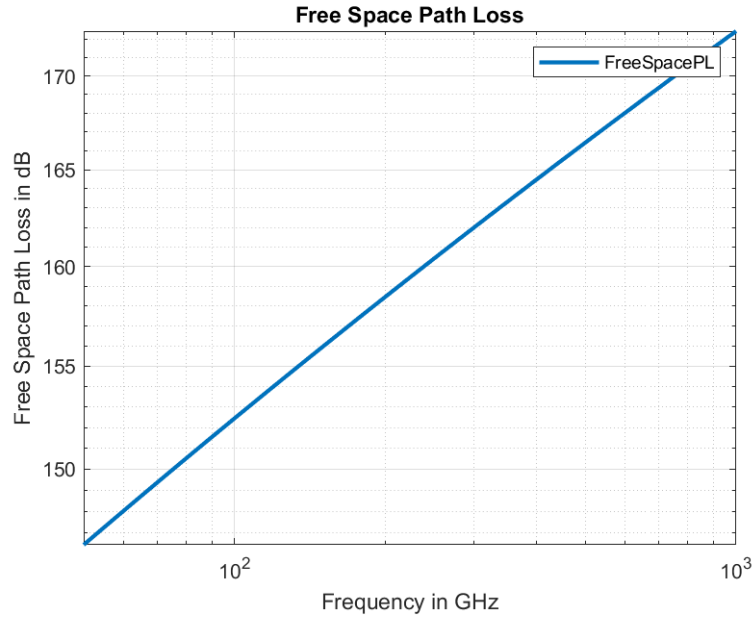


Figure 1: Relationship between Free Space Path Loss and Frequency

## 1.2 Rain attenuation, Fog attenuation and Atmospheric gas attenuation with Frequency

*Note : For the generation of following plots three of the Matlab built-in functions, namely `rainpl()`[1], `gaspl()`[1], `fogpl()`[1] which are developed according to the ITU-R P Series recommendations were used and links for their documentations are given at the Reference section.*

### 1.2.1 Rain attenuation - Recommendation ITU-R P.838-3, 2005[3]

The following plot shows how losses due to rain varies with frequency. The plot assumes the followings in addition to the provided information in the Task 1.

Elevation angle of the propagation path = 0  
Polarization tilt angle of the signal = 0

In general, horizontal polarization represents the worse case for propagation loss due to rain.

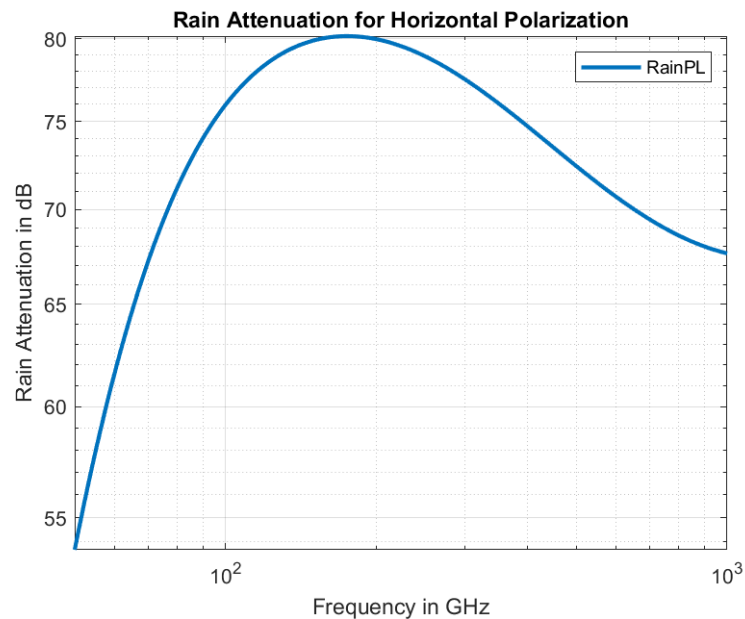


Figure 2: Relationship between Rain attenuation and Frequency

### 1.2.2 Fog attenuation - Recommendation ITU-R P.840-3, 2013[4]

The following plot shows how losses due to fog/cloud varies with frequency. The plot assumes the following provided information in the Task 1.

Ambient Temperature in Celsius = 31  
Liquid Water Density in  $g/m^3$  = 0.5

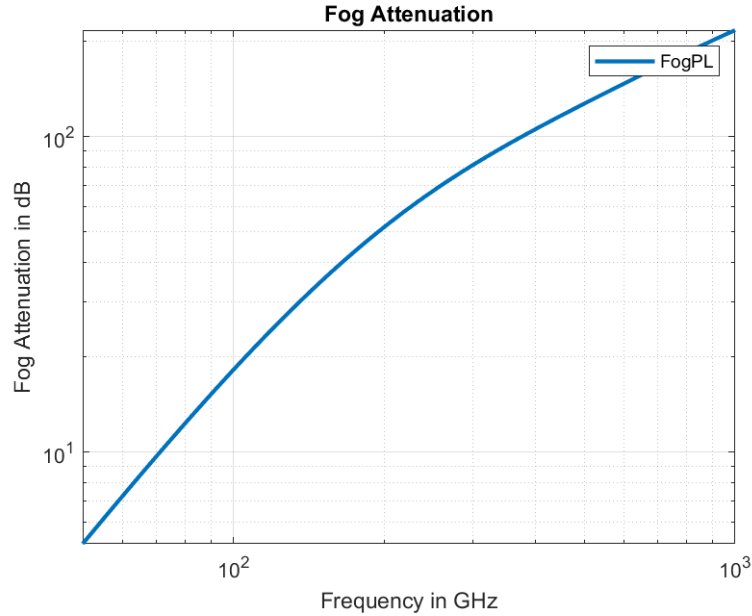


Figure 3: Relationship between Fog attenuation and Frequency

### 1.2.3 Atmospheric gas attenuation - Recommendation ITU-R P.676-10, 2013[2]

The plot below shows how the propagation loss due to atmospheric gases varies with the frequency. The plot assumes the followings in addition to the provided information in the Task 1.

Dry air pressure in Pa = 101325  
Water Vapor Density in  $g/m^3$  = 30.4

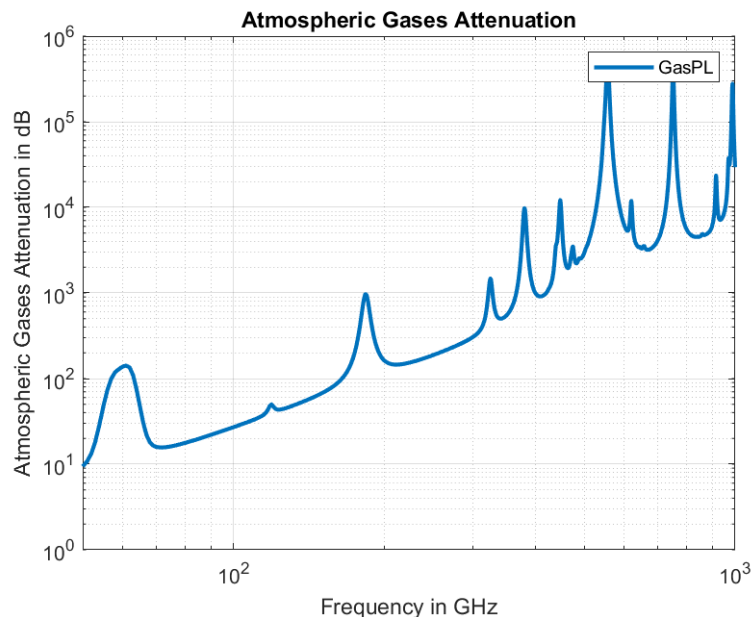


Figure 4: Relationship between Atmospheric gas attenuation and Frequency

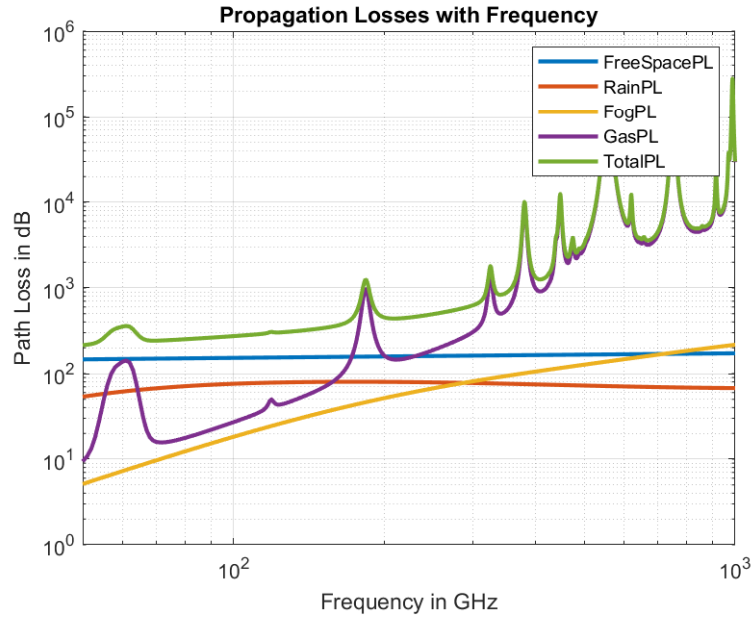


Figure 5: Relationship between Various Path Losses and Frequency - All in One

### 1.3 Total Path Loss with Frequency

*Note : Range of frequency was chosen from 50 GHz to 1000 GHz since some of the ITU-R models are only defined in 10 GHz - 1000 GHz range.*

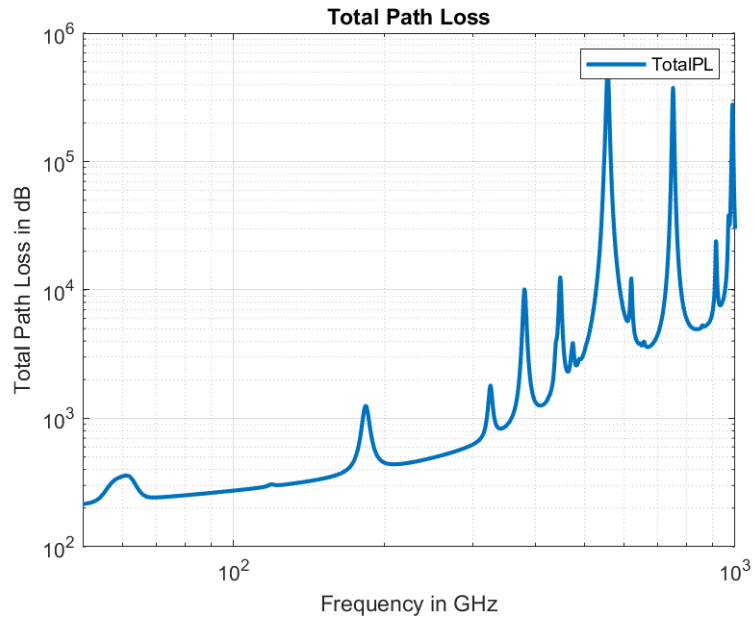


Figure 6: Relationship between Total Path Loss and Frequency

By inspecting the figure we can conclude that the minimum propagation loss is given at the frequency of 10 GHz. Therefore from this point onward, for the calculations it will be the frequency for transmission.

## 1.4 Link Budget Calculation

Parameters For the propagation model	Chosen transmission frequency	10 GHz
	Total Path Loss	136.9 dB
	Transmission power	50 kW or 47 dB
	Transmitter Gain	30 dB
	Receiver Gain	24.77 dB
	Link margin	11 dB
	Cable loss at Transmitter	3 dB
	Cable loss at Receiver	4 dB

Let's find the actual received power at the receiver

Received Power =	Transmission power	+47 dB
	Cable loss at Transmitter	-3 dB
	Transmitter Gain	30 dB
	Total Path Loss	-136.9 dB
	Receiver Gain	+24.77 dB
	Cable loss at Receiver	-4 dB
Received Power =		-42.13 dB

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Link margin} &= \text{Received Power} - \text{Receiver Sensitivity} \\
 11 \text{ dB} &= -42.13 \text{ dB} - \text{Receiver Sensitivity} \\
 \text{Receiver Sensitivity} &= -53.13 \text{ dB}
 \end{aligned}$$

## 1.5 Transmitting a voice signal over a noisy channel using the above Transmission frequency and the Propagation model.

## 1.6 Codes and Models for Task 1

```
1 %% Initialization
2 clear; close all; clc
3 %% === Free Space Path Loss with Frequency ===
4
5 %Defining the frequency range in GigaHertz
6 f_GHz = 50:1000;
7 %Free Space Path Loss Model obtained from calculations
8 freeSpaceLoss = 112.44778322 + 20*log10(f_GHz);
9
10 % Plotting Data
11 figure;
12 loglog(f_GHz,freeSpaceLoss, 'LineWidth', 2);
13 grid on;
14 xlabel('Frequency in GHz');
15 ylabel('Free Space Path Loss in dB');
16 title('Free Space Path Loss');legend('FreeSpacePL');
17 saveas(gcf,'FreeSpacePL.png');
18
19 fprintf('Program paused. Press enter to continue.\n');
20 pause;
21 %% === Rain Attenuation with Frequency ===
22
23 range = 10e3; % Distance between transmitter and receiver in m
24 rainrate = 20; % Rain rate in mm/h
25 elev = 0; % Elevation angle of the propagation path
26 tau = 0; % Polarization tilt angle of the signal
27
28 % Defining the frequency range in Hertz
29 freq = f_GHz*1e9;
30 % calculating Rain Attenuation
31 rainAttenuation = rainpl(range,freq,rainrate,elev,tau);
32
33 % Plotting Data
34 figure;
35 loglog(f_GHz,rainAttenuation, 'LineWidth', 2);
36 grid on;
37 xlabel('Frequency in GHz');
38 ylabel('Rain Attenuation in dB')
39 title('Rain Attenuation for Horizontal Polarization');
40 legend('RainPL');
41 saveas(gcf,'RainPL.png');
42
43 fprintf('Program paused. Press enter to continue.\n');
44 pause;
45 %% === Fog Attenuation with Frequency ===
46
47 temp = 31; % Ambient Temperature in celcius
48 dens = 0.5; % Liquid Water Density in g/m^3
49
50 % calculating Fog Attenuation
51 fogAttenuation = fogpl(range,freq,temp,dens);
52
53 % Plotting Data
54 figure;
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55 loglog(f_GHz,fogAttenuation, 'LineWidth', 2);
56 grid on;
57 xlabel('Frequency in GHz');
58 ylabel('Fog Attenuation in dB')
59 title('Fog Attenuation');legend('FogPL');
60 saveas(gcf,'FogPL.png');
61
62 fprintf('Program paused. Press enter to continue.\n');
63 pause;
64 %% === Atmospheric Gases Attenuation with Frequency ====
65
66 rou = 30.4; % Water Vapor Density in g/m^3
67 p = 101325; % Atmospheric Pressure in Pa at sea level
68
69 % calculating Fog Attenuation
70 gasAttenuation = gaspl(range,freq,temp, p, rou);
71
72 % Plotting Data
73 figure;
74 loglog(f_GHz,gasAttenuation, 'LineWidth', 2);
75 grid on;
76 xlabel('Frequency in GHz');
77 ylabel('Atmospheric Gases Attenuation in dB')
78 title('Atmospheric Gases Attenuation');legend('GasPL');
79 saveas(gcf,'GasPL.png');
80
81 fprintf('Program paused. Press enter to continue.\n');
82 pause;
83 %% ===== Total Path Loss with Frequency =====
84
85 % Calculating total Attenuation
86 Totalpathloss = freeSpaceLoss + rainAttenuation + ...
87 fogAttenuation +gasAttenuation;
88
89 % Plotting Data
90 figure;
91 loglog(f_GHz, Totalpathloss, 'LineWidth', 2);
92 grid on;
93 xlabel('Frequency in GHz');
94 ylabel('Total Path Loss in dB')
95 title('Total Path Loss'); legend('TotalPL')
96 saveas(gcf,'TotalPL.png');
97
98 fprintf('Program paused. Press enter to continue.\n');
99 pause;
100 %% ===== To view all losses on the same figure =====
101
102 figure;
103 loglog(f_GHz,freeSpaceLoss, 'LineWidth', 2);
104 hold on;
105 loglog(f_GHz,rainAttenuation, 'LineWidth', 2);
106 loglog(f_GHz,fogAttenuation, 'LineWidth', 2);
107 loglog(f_GHz,gasAttenuation, 'LineWidth', 2);
108 loglog(f_GHz, Totalpathloss, 'LineWidth', 2);
109 grid on;
110 xlabel('Frequency in GHz');

```

```
111 ylabel('Path Loss in dB')
112 title('Propagation Losses with Frequency')
113 legend('FreeSpacePL','RainPL','FogPL','GasPL','TotalPL');
114 saveas(gcf,'AllinOne.png');
```

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