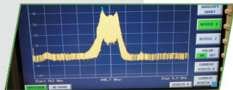


Radio Engineering

Lecture 4: Wideband channels

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- ⑤ Statistical description of fading
 - Equivalent baseband representation
 - Small scale fading without a dominant component
 - Small scale fading with a dominant component
 - Doppler spectra
 - Temporal dependence of fading
 - Large-scale fading

Path loss is the attenuation of the signal between transmitter and receiver.

$$P_{RX} = \frac{P_{TX}}{PL}$$
$$P_{RX}|_{dB} = P_{TX}|_{dB} - PL|_{dB}$$

It contains the following factors

$$PL = PL(d) \times SF \times SSF$$
$$PL|_{dB} = PL(d)|_{dB} + SF|_{dB} + SSF|_{dB}$$

$PL(d)$ deterministic path loss

SF large-scale (shadow) fading

SSF small scale fading

$$PL(d) = \left(\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda} \right)^2 \quad 0 \leq d \leq d_{\text{break}}$$

$$PL(d) = PL(d_{\text{break}}) \left(\frac{d}{d_{\text{break}}} \right)^n \quad d > d_{\text{break}}$$

- distance dependent loss in signal energy
- proportional to d^n , where d is the distance and n is the path loss exponent
- typical values $n \in [1.5, 6]$, depending on terrain and foliage

- Deviation of average received signal energy from deterministic path loss
- Averaging done over a small area (a few wavelengths)
- Is usually attributed to multiple interactions of the signal with the environment
- A large number of these interactions results in a log-normal distribution

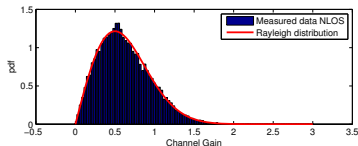
$$\text{pdf}(L|_{\text{dB}}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_F|_{\text{dB}}} \exp\left(-\frac{L^2|_{\text{dB}}}{2\sigma_F^2|_{\text{dB}}}\right) \quad (1)$$

- This distribution matches measurements very well with $\sigma_F|_{\text{dB}} \approx 4 \dots 10 \text{ dB}$.

- Small scale fading results from constructive and destructive combination of multipaths
- No dominant component \Rightarrow Rayleigh Fading

$$\text{pdf}(r) = \frac{r}{\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), \quad 0 \leq r < \infty$$

$$\text{cdf}(r) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

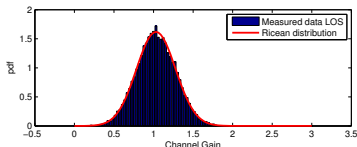


- Dominant component (LOS) \Rightarrow Ricean fading

$$\text{pdf}(r) = \frac{r}{\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2 + A^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) I_0\left(\frac{rA}{\sigma^2}\right), \quad 0 \leq r < \infty$$

$$\text{cdf}(r) = 1 - Q_M\left(\frac{A}{\sigma}, \frac{r}{\sigma}\right)$$

- The ratio of the power in the LOS component and the diffuse component $K = \frac{A^2}{2\sigma^2}$ is called the Ricean factor
- Q_M is Marcum's Q function and I_n is the modified Bessel function of the first kind, order n .



Example: Ricean Fading Margin

Compute the fading margin for a Rice distribution with $K_r = 0.3, 3$, and 20 dB so that the outage probability is less than 5%.

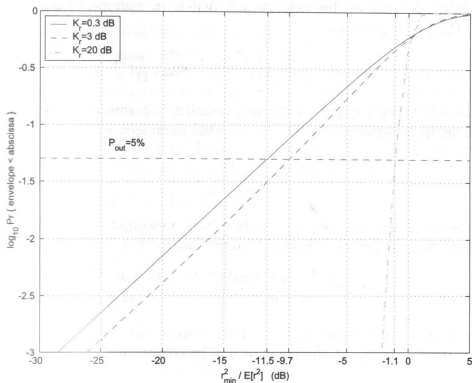


Figure 5.21 The Rice power cdf, $\sigma = 1$.

$$M = \frac{r_{\text{rms}}^2}{r_{\text{min}}^2} = \frac{2\sigma^2(1 + K_r)}{r_{\text{min}}^2} = 11.5, 9.7, 1.1 \text{ dB}$$

Assume that, at a certain distance, we have a deterministic propagation loss of $L_0 = 127$ dB and large-scale fading, which is log-normal distributed with $\sigma_F = 7$ dB.

- ① How large is the outage probability $P_{\text{out}} = \Pr \{L_0 + L \geq L_{\text{max}}\}$ (due to large-scale fading) if our system is designed to handle a maximum propagation loss of $L_{\text{max}} = 135$ dB?
- ② Which of the following methods can be used to lower the outage probability? Why (not)?
 - (a) Increase the transmit power
 - (b) Decrease the deterministic path loss
 - (c) Change the antennas
 - (d) Lower σ_F
 - (e) Build a better receiver

6 Wideband channels

- Wideband vs narrowband channels
- System theoretic description of wideband channels
- WSSUS model
- Condensed parameters
- Direction channel description

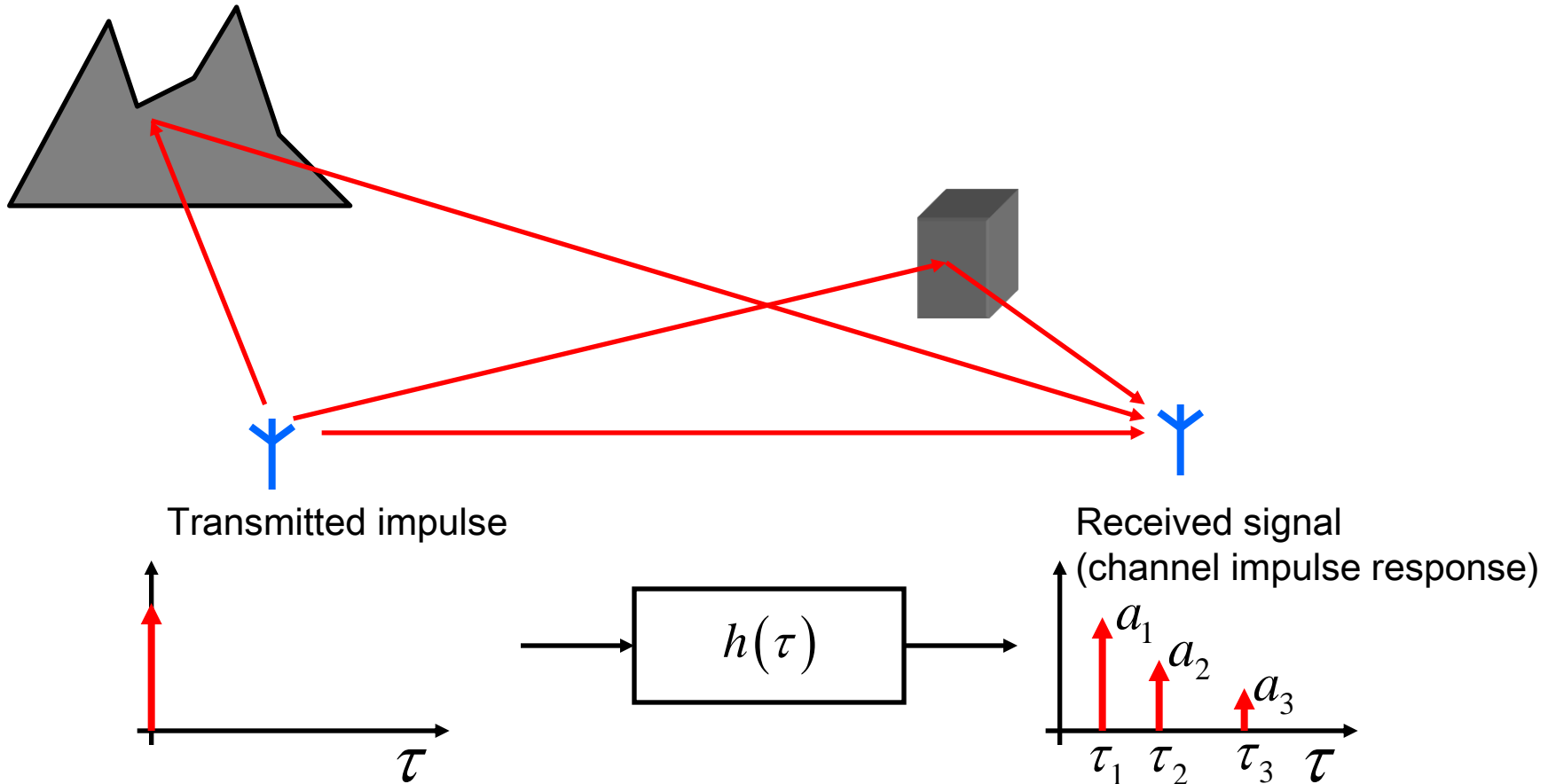
- So far we only looked at narrowband systems:
 - The symbol duration T_s is *larger* than the maximum delay in the channel $\Delta\tau$
 - \Rightarrow Receiver cannot distinguish different echos
- A communication system is wide-band if
 - The symbol duration T_s is *smaller* than the maximum delay in the channel $\Delta\tau$
 - \Rightarrow One transmitted symbol can spread over more than one symbol at the receiver

Chapter 6

Wideband channels

Delay (time) dispersion

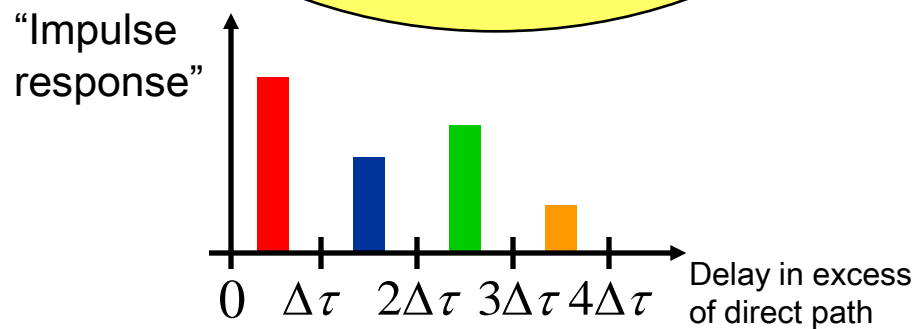
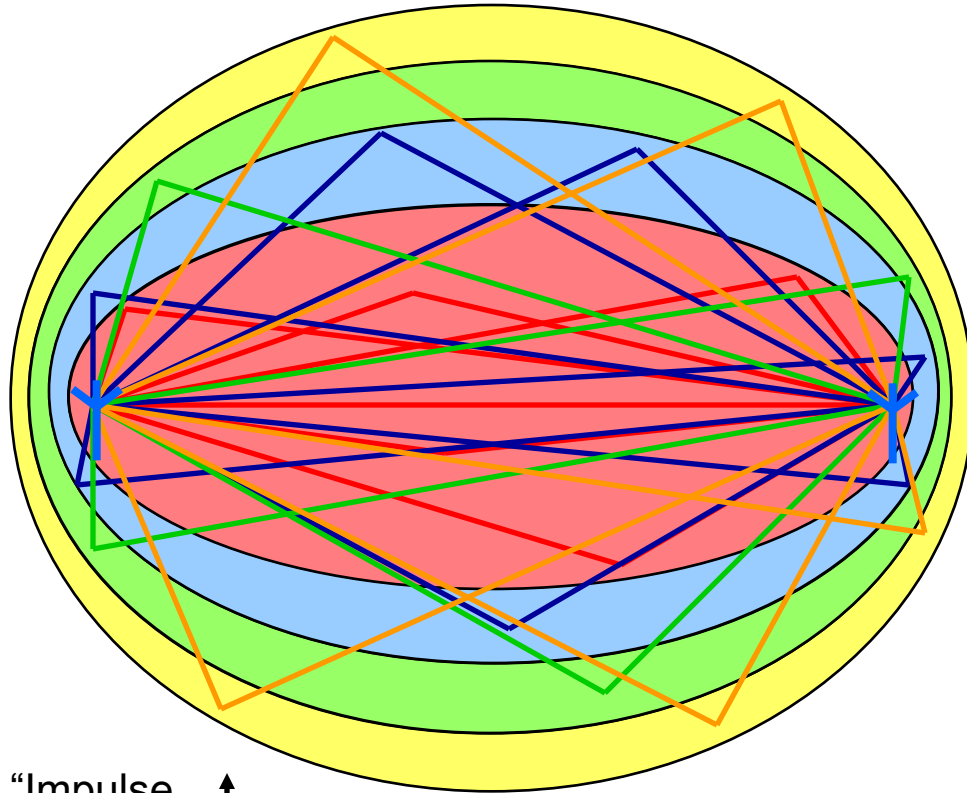
A simple case



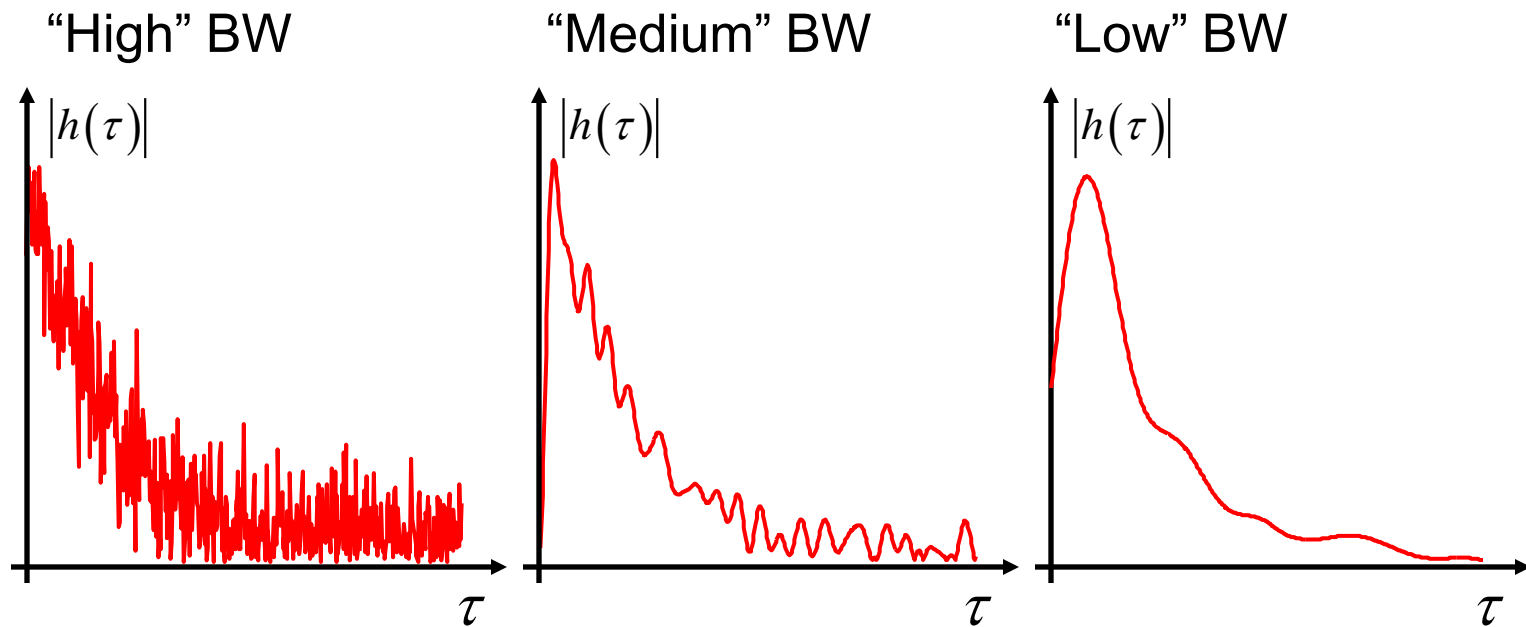
$$h(\tau) = a_1\delta(\tau - \tau_1) + a_2\delta(\tau - \tau_2) + a_3\delta(\tau - \tau_3)$$

Delay (time) dispersion

One reflection/path, many paths

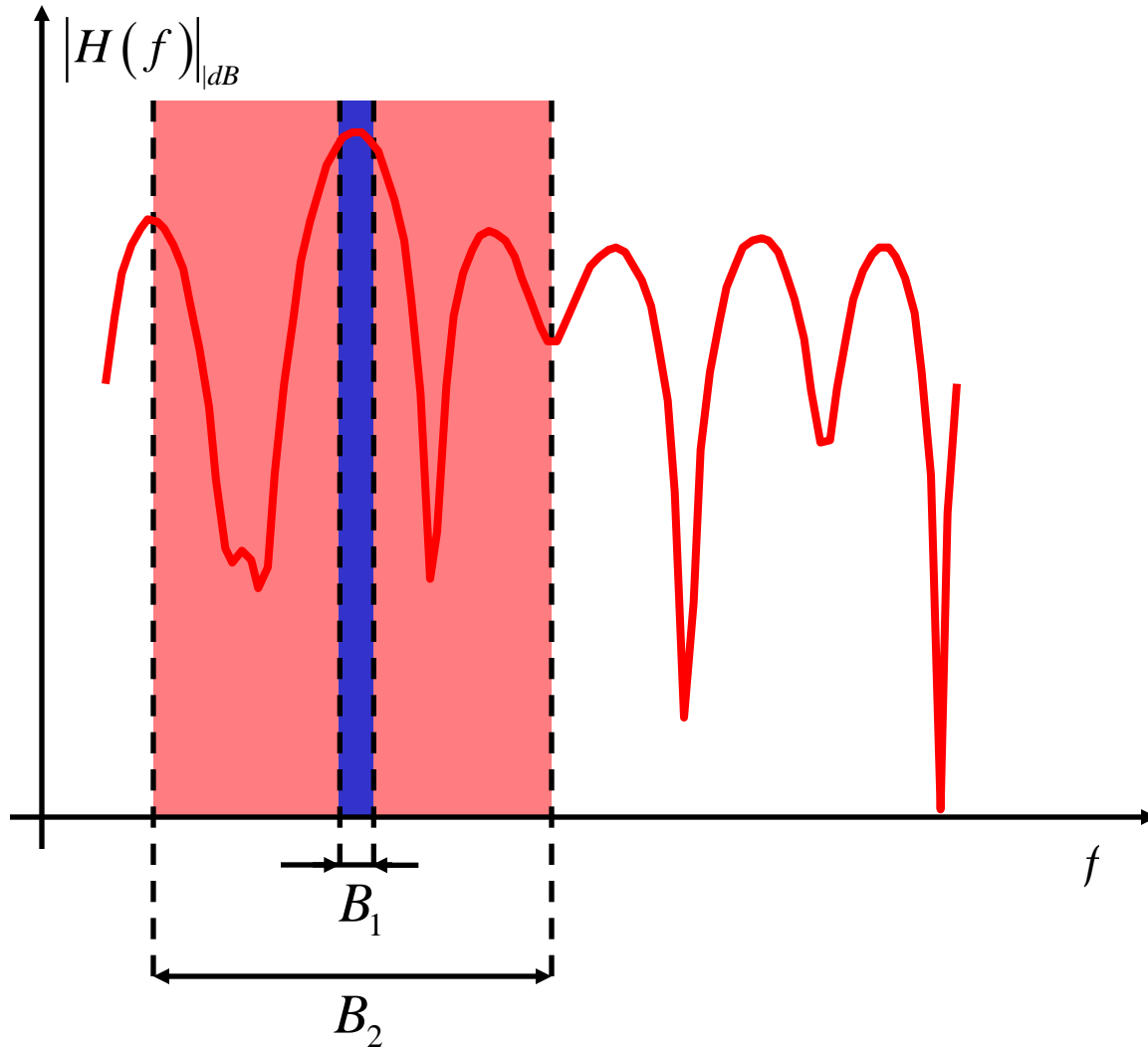


Narrow- versus wide-band Channel impulse response



Narrow- versus wide-band

Channel frequency response



System functions (1)

- Time-variant impulse response $h(t, \tau)$
 - Due to movement, impulse response changes with time
 - Input-output relationship:

$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t - \tau) h(t, \tau) d\tau$$

- Time-variant transfer function $H(t, f)$
 - Perform Fourier transformation with respect to τ

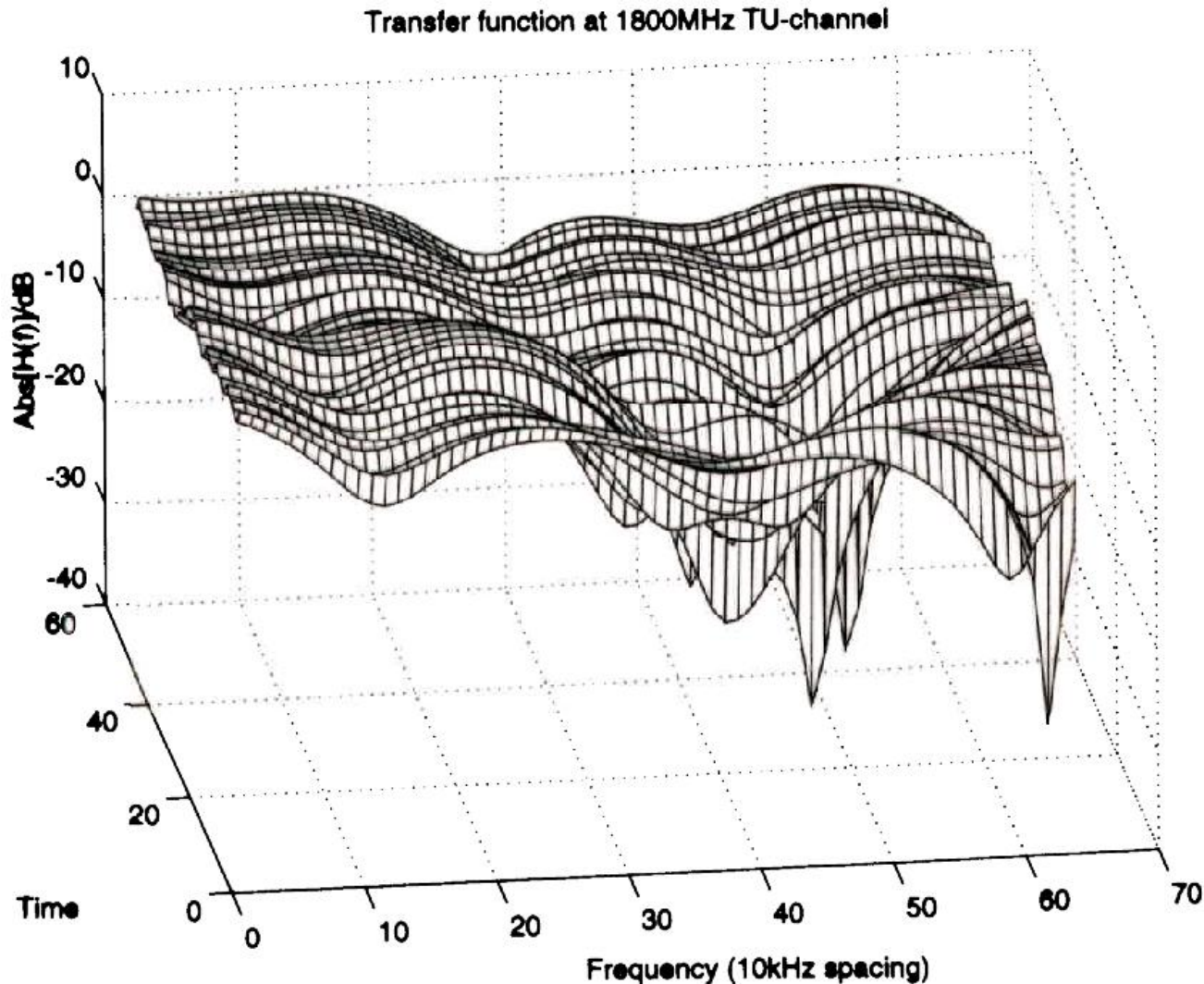
$$H(t, f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t, \tau) \exp(-j2\pi f\tau) d\tau$$

- Input-output relationship

$$Y(\tilde{f}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(f) H(t, f) \exp(j2\pi f t) \exp(-j2\pi \tilde{f} t) df dt$$

becomes $Y(f) = X(f)H(f)$ only in *slowly* time-varying channels

Transfer function, Typical urban



System functions (2)

- Further equivalent system functions:

- Since impulse response depends on two variables, Fourier transformation can be done w.r.t. each of them

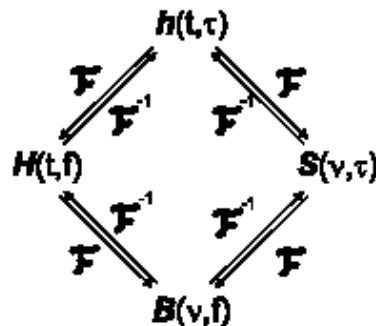
-> *four* equivalent system descriptions are possible:

- Impulse response
- Time-variant transfer function
- Spreading function

$$S(\nu, \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t, \tau) \exp(-j2\pi\nu t) dt$$

- Doppler-variant spreading function

$$B(\nu, f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S(\nu, \tau) \exp(-j2\pi f \tau) d\tau$$



Stochastic system functions

- autocorrelation function (second-order statistics)

$$R_h(t, t', \tau, \tau') = E\{h^*(t, \tau)h(t', \tau')\}$$

- Input-output relationship:

$$R_{yy}(t, t') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_{xx}(t - \tau, t' - \tau') R_h(t, t', \tau, \tau') d\tau d\tau'$$

The WSSUS model: mathematics

- If WSSUS is valid, ACF depends only on two variables (instead of four)

- ACF of impulse response becomes

$$R_h(t, t + \Delta t, \tau, \tau') = \delta(\tau - \tau') P_h(\Delta t, \tau)$$

$P_h(\Delta t, \tau)$Delay cross power spectral density

- ACF of transfer function

$$R_H(t + \Delta t, f + \Delta f) = R_H(\Delta t, \Delta f)$$

- ACF of spreading function

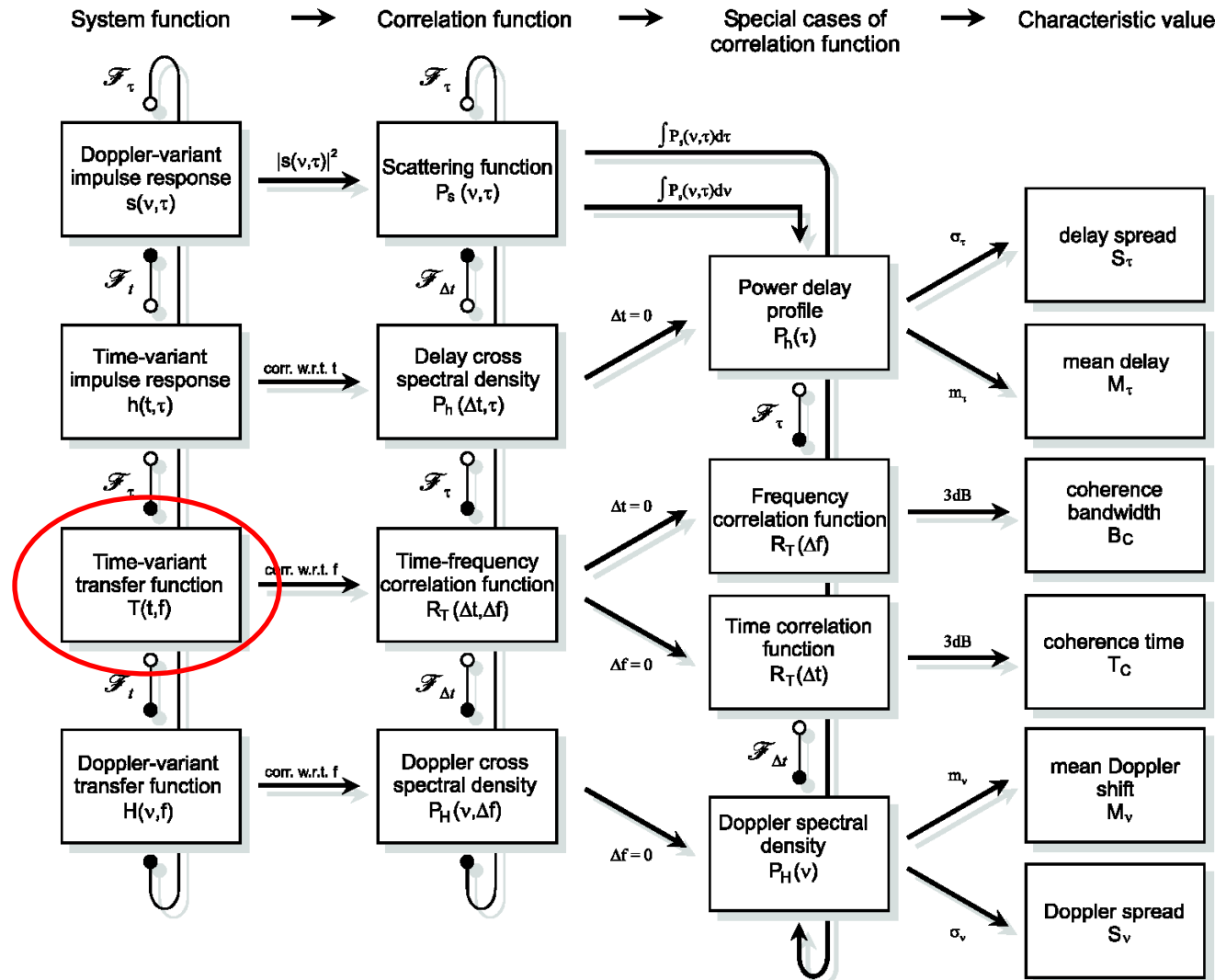
$$R_s(\nu, \nu', \tau, \tau') = \delta(\nu - \nu') \delta(\tau - \tau') P_s(\nu, \tau)$$

$P_s(\nu, \tau)$Scattering function

Condensed parameters

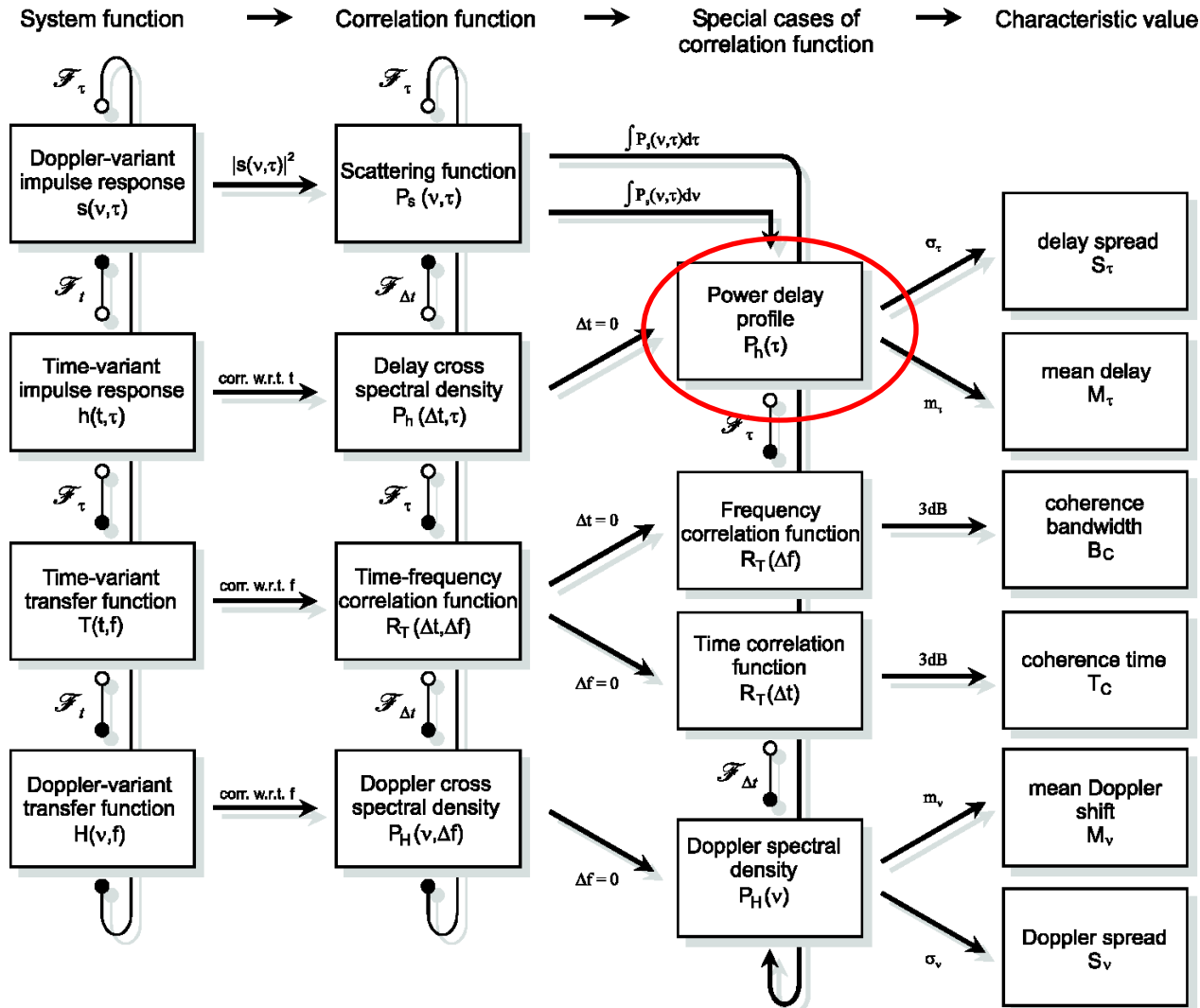
- Correlation functions depend on two variables
- For concise characterization of channel, we desire
 - A function depending on one variable or
 - A single (scalar) parameter
- Most common condensed parameters
 - Power delay profile
 - Rms delay spread
 - Coherence bandwidth
 - Doppler spread
 - Coherence time

Channel measures



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Condensed parameters

Power-delay profile

One interesting channel property is the **power-delay profile** (PDP), which is the expected value of the received power at a certain delay:

$$P(\tau) = E_t \left[|h(t, \tau)|^2 \right]$$

E_t denotes expectation over time.

For our tapped-delay line we get:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\tau) &= E_t \left[\left| \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i(t) \exp(j\theta_i(t)) \delta(\tau - \tau_i) \right|^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N E_t \left[\alpha_i^2(t) \right] \delta(\tau - \tau_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N 2\sigma_i^2 \delta(\tau - \tau_i) \end{aligned}$$

Average power of tap i.

Condensed parameters

Power-delay profile (cont.)

We can “reduce” the PDP into more compact descriptions of the channel:

Total power (time integrated):

$$P_m = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\tau) d\tau$$

Average mean delay:

$$T_m = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tau P(\tau) d\tau}{P_m}$$

Average rms delay spread:

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tau^2 P(\tau) d\tau}{P_m} - T_m^2}$$

For our tapped-delay line channel:

$$P_m = \sum_{i=1}^N 2\sigma_i^2$$

$$T_m = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \tau_i 2\sigma_i^2}{P_m}$$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \tau_i^2 2\sigma_i^2}{P_m} - T_m^2}$$

Condensed parameters

Frequency correlation

A property closely related to the power-delay profile (PDP) is the **frequency correlation** of the channel. It is in fact the Fourier transform of the PDP:

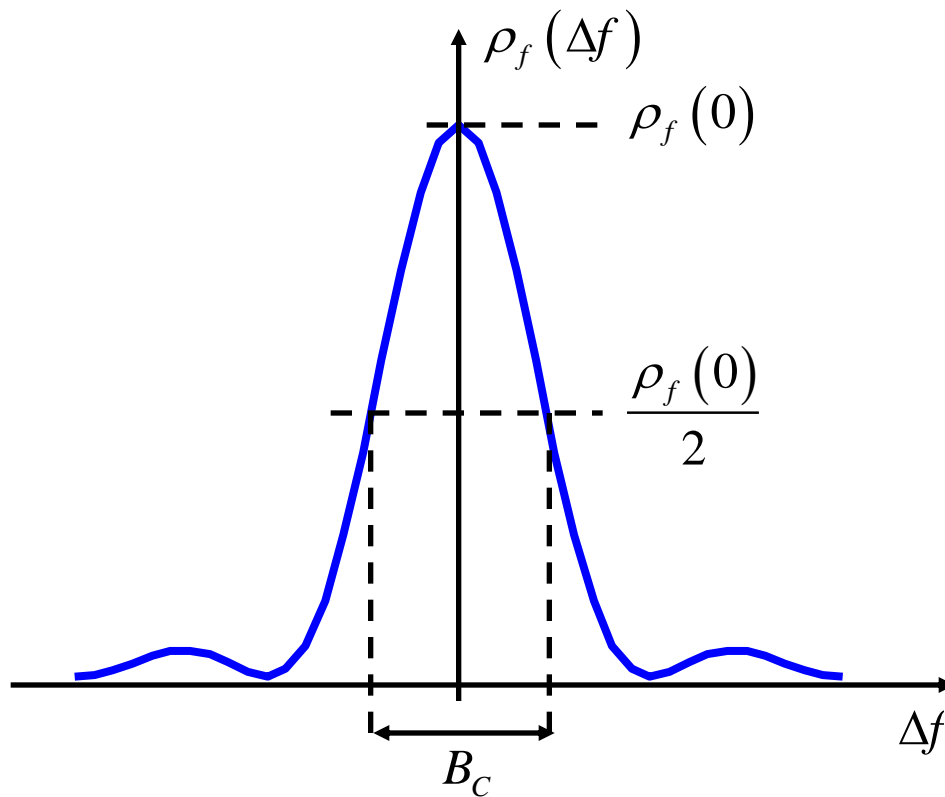
$$\rho_f(\Delta f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\tau) \exp(-j2\pi\Delta f \tau) d\tau$$

For our tapped delay-line channel we get:

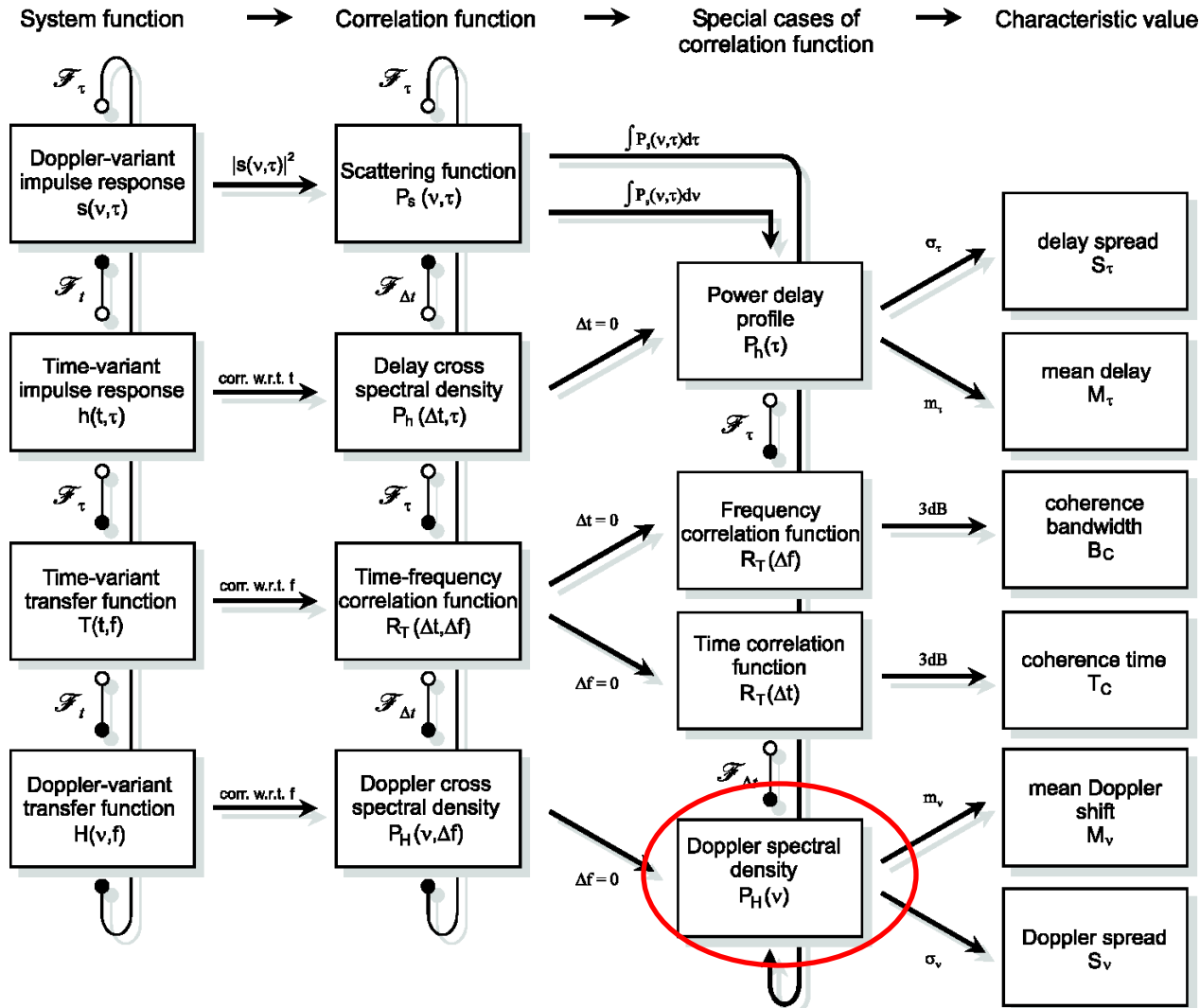
$$\begin{aligned} \rho_f(\Delta f) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N 2\sigma_i^2 \delta(\tau - \tau_i) \right) \exp(-j2\pi\Delta f \tau) d\tau \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N 2\sigma_i^2 \exp(-j2\pi\Delta f \tau_i) \end{aligned}$$

Condensed parameters

Coherence bandwidth



Channel measures



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Condensed parameters

The Doppler spectrum

Given the scattering function P_s (doppler spectrum as function of delay) we can calculate a total **Doppler spectrum** of the channel as:

$$P_B(\nu) = \int P_s(\nu, \tau) d\tau$$

For our tapped delay-line channel, we have:

$$P_s(\nu, \tau) = \frac{2\sigma_i^2}{\pi\sqrt{\nu_{i,\max}^2 - \nu^2}} \delta(\tau - \tau_i)$$

Doppler spectrum of
tap i .

$$\begin{aligned} P_B(\nu) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2\sigma_i^2}{\pi\sqrt{\nu_{i,\max}^2 - \nu^2}} \delta(\tau - \tau_i) d\tau \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2\sigma_i^2}{\pi\sqrt{\nu_{i,\max}^2 - \nu^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Condensed parameters

The Doppler spectrum (cont.)

We can “reduce” the Doppler spectrum into more compact descriptions of the channel:

Total power (frequency integrated):

$$P_{B,m} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_B(\nu) d\nu$$

Average mean Doppler shift:

$$T_{B,m} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \nu P_B(\nu) d\nu}{P_{B,m}}$$

Average rms Doppler spread:

$$S_B = \sqrt{\frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \nu^2 P(\nu) d\nu}{P_{B,m}} - T_{B,m}^2}$$

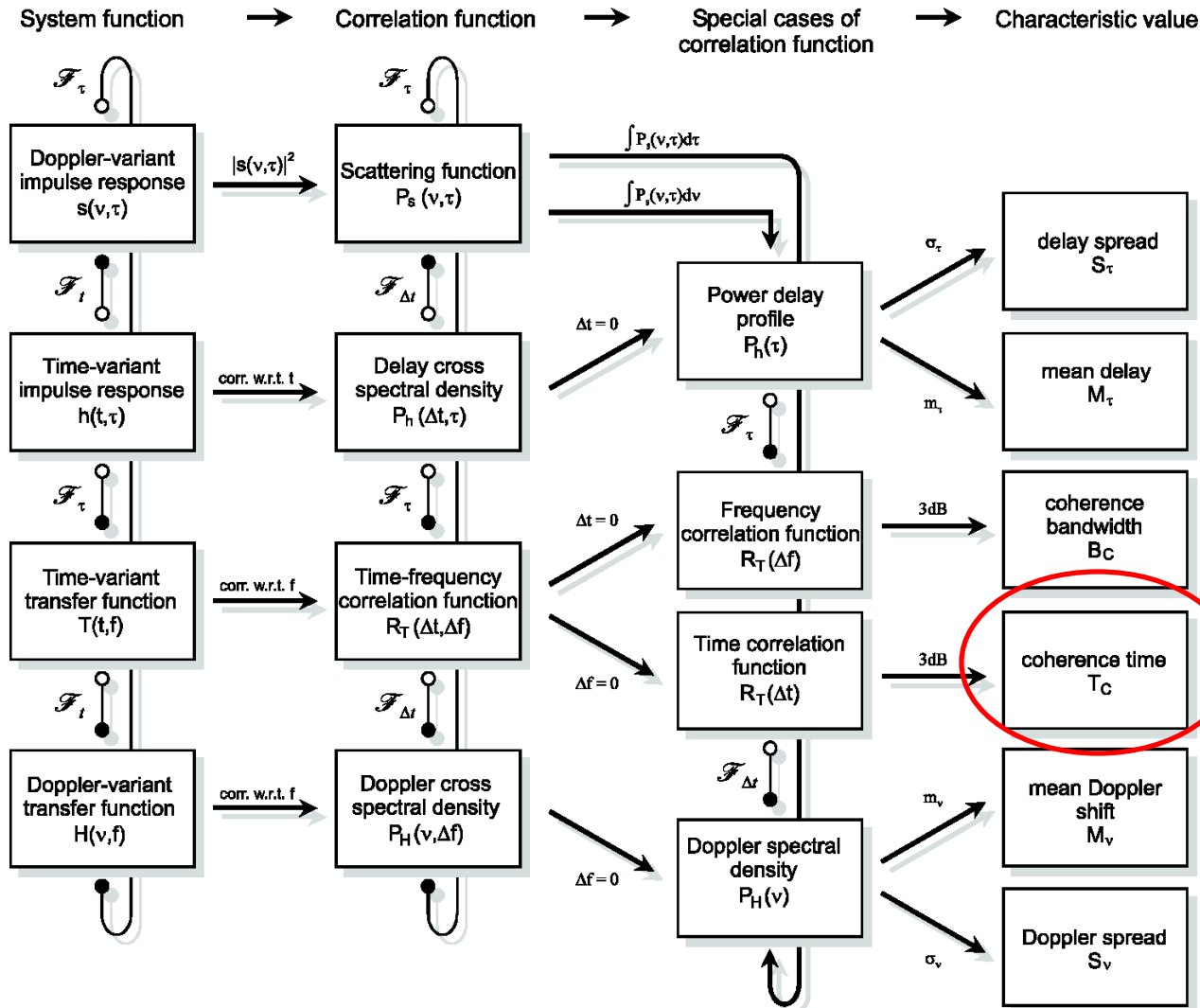
For our tapped-delay line channel:

$$P_{B,m} = \sum_{i=1}^N 2\sigma_i^2$$

$$T_{B,m} = 0$$

$$S_B = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i^2 v_{i,\max}^2}{P_{B,m}}}$$

Channel measures

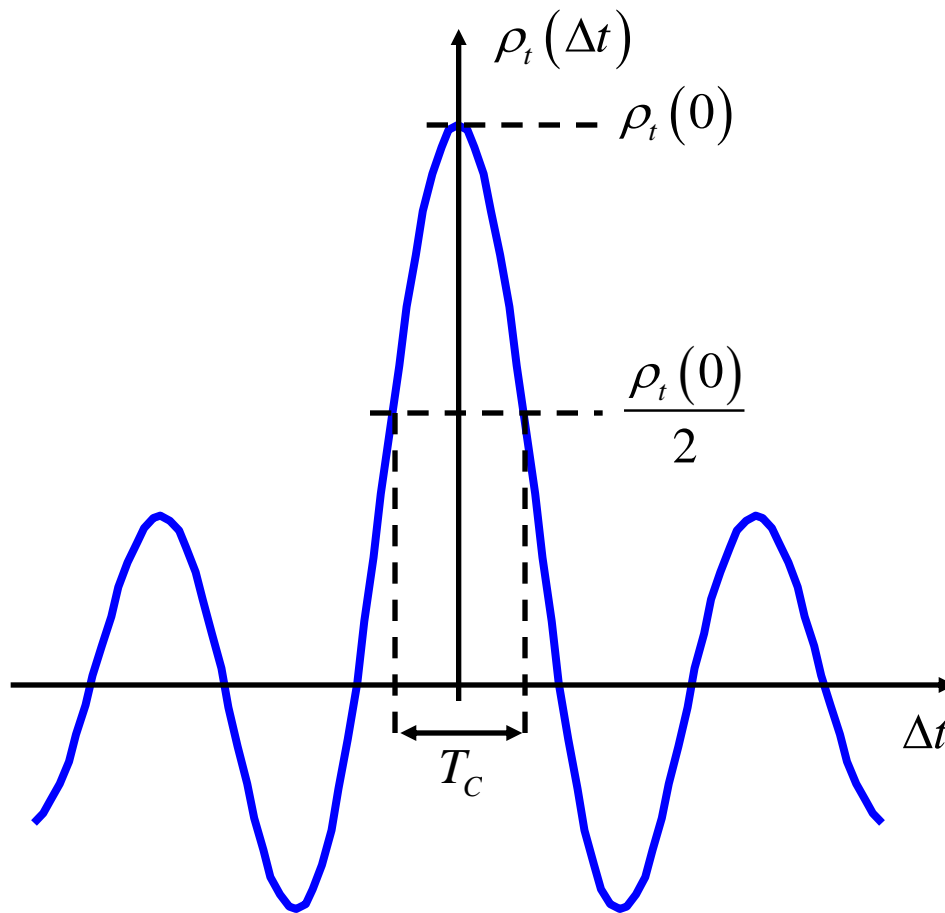


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Coherence time

Given the time correlation of a channel, we can define the **coherence time** T_C :



Condensed parameters

The time correlation

A property closely related to the Doppler spectrum is the **time correlation** of the channel. It is in fact the inverse Fourier transform of the Doppler spectrum:

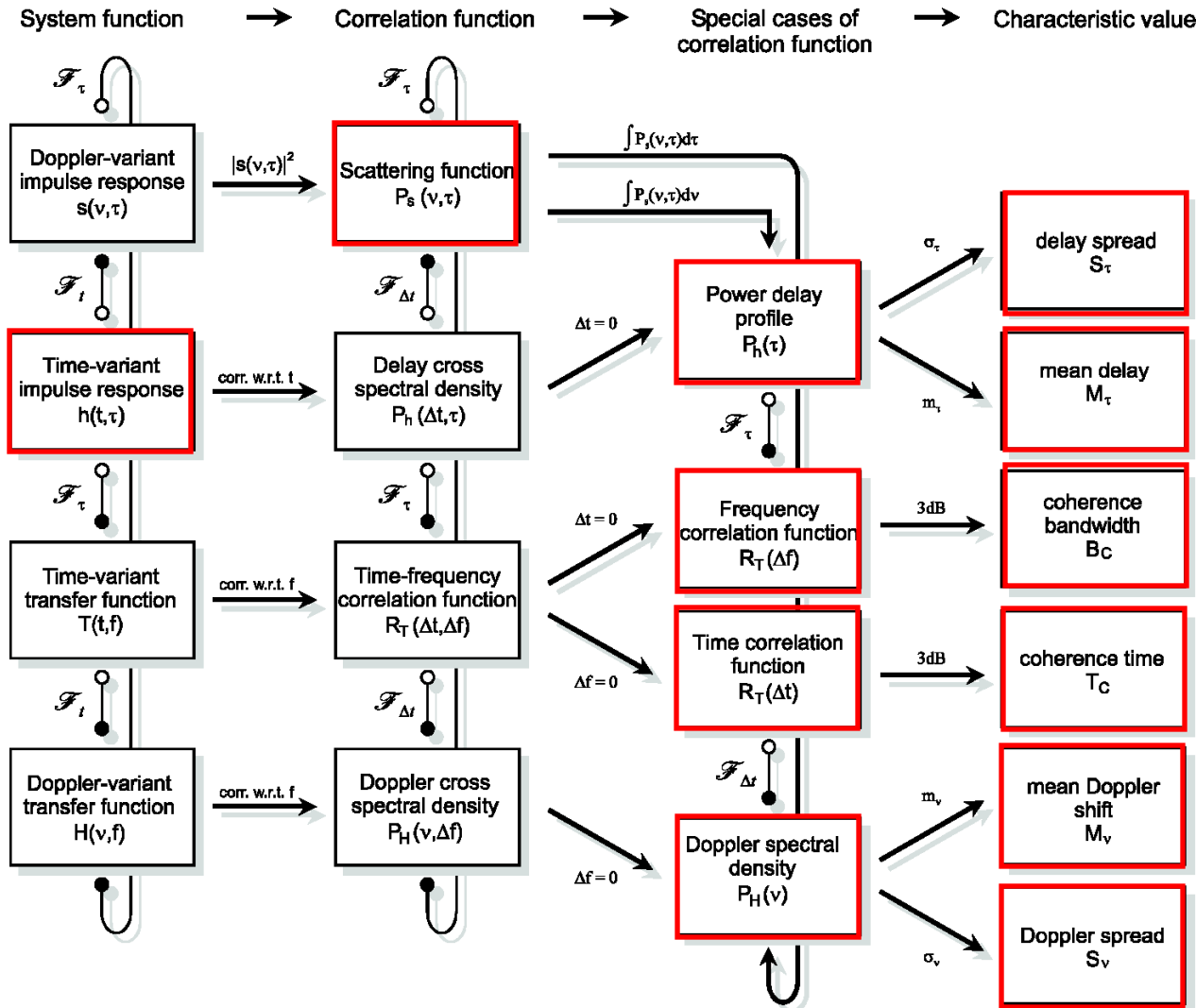
$$\rho_t(\Delta t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_B(\nu) \exp(j2\pi\nu\Delta t) d\nu$$

For our tapped-delay line channel we get

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_t(\Delta t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2\sigma_i^2}{\pi \sqrt{\nu_{i,\max}^2 - \nu^2}} \exp(j2\pi\nu\Delta t) d\nu \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2\sigma_i^2}{\pi \sqrt{\nu_{i,\max}^2 - \nu^2}} \exp(j2\pi\nu\Delta t) d\nu \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N 2\sigma_i^2 J_0(2\pi\nu_{i,\max}\Delta t)\end{aligned}$$

Sum of time correlations for each tap.

It's much more complicated than what we have discussed!



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- In wideband communication systems, multipath propagation results in inter-symbol interference (ISI)
- Wideband channels fade also in frequency, causing *frequency-selective* fading
- Wideband channels can be mathematically described as linear time-variant systems (LTV)
- Wideband channels are wide-sense stationary (WSS) with uncorrelated scattering (US) iff
 - 1 their second order statistics (autocorrelation function) do not change over time
 - 2 contributions with different delays are uncorrelated

- The WSSUS assumption greatly simplifies many calculations, and is thus very popular
- However, it should be used with great care and applicability should always be checked
- It assumes that channels are *ergodic* (i.e., ensemble average can be interchanged with time average)
- Real channels are never wide-sense stationary

Double directional impulse response

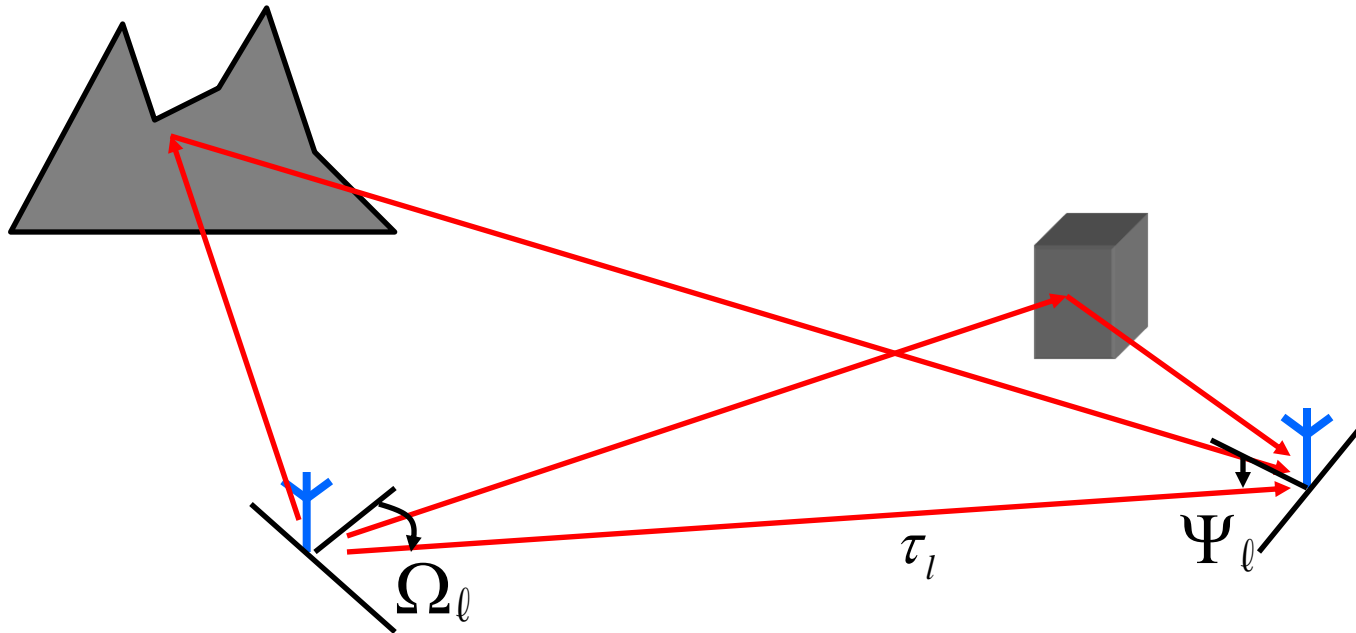
TX position RX position number of multipath components for these positions

$$h(t, \vec{r}_{\text{TX}}, \vec{r}_{\text{RX}}, \tau, \Omega, \Psi) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{N(\vec{r})} h_{\ell}(t, \vec{r}_{\text{TX}}, \vec{r}_{\text{RX}}, \tau, \Omega, \Psi)$$

delay direction-of-departure direction-of-arrival

$$h_{\ell}(t, \vec{r}_{\text{TX}}, \vec{r}_{\text{RX}}, \tau, \Omega, \Psi) = |a_{\ell}| e^{j\varphi_{\ell}} \delta(\tau - \tau_{\ell}) \delta(\Omega - \Omega_{\ell}) \delta(\Psi - \Psi_{\ell})$$

Physical interpretation



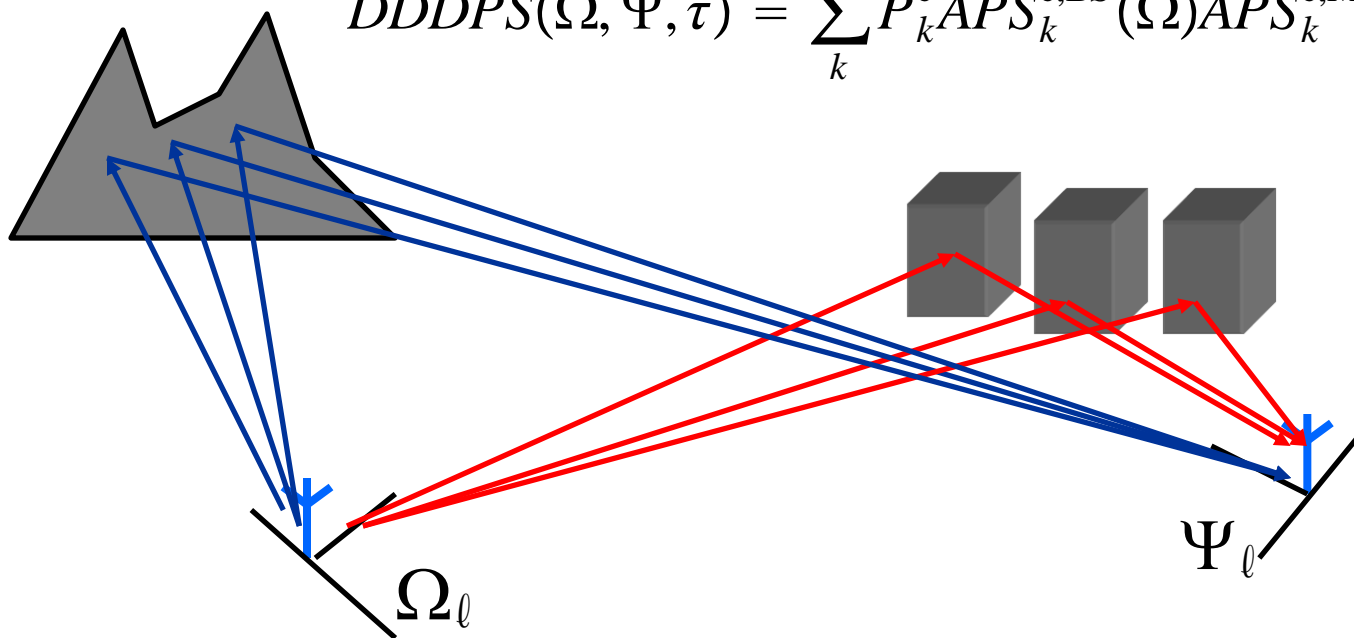
Directional models

- The double directional delay power spectrum is sometimes factorized w.r.t. DoD, DoA and delay.

$$DDDPS(\Omega, \Psi, \tau) = APS^{BS}(\Omega)APS^{MS}(\Psi)PDP(\tau)$$

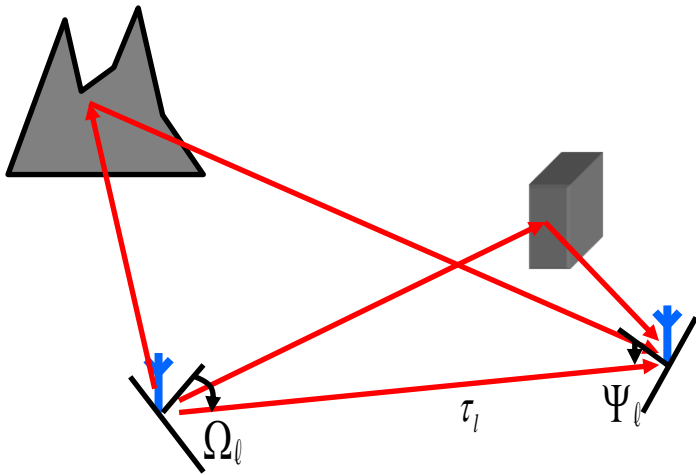
- Often in reality there are groups of scatterers with similar DoD and DoA – clusters

$$DDDPS(\Omega, \Psi, \tau) = \sum_k P_k^c APS_k^{c,BS}(\Omega) APS_k^{c,MS}(\Psi) PDP_k^c(\tau)$$



Angular spread

$$E\{s^*(\Omega, \Psi, \tau, \nu)s(\Omega', \Psi', \tau', \nu')\} = P_s(\Omega, \Psi, \tau, \nu)\delta(\Omega - \Omega')\delta(\Psi - \Psi')\delta(\tau - \tau')\delta(\nu - \nu')$$



double directional delay power spectrum

$$DDDPS(\Omega, \Psi, \tau) = \int P_s(\Psi, \Omega, \tau, \nu) d\nu$$

angular delay power spectrum

$$ADPS(\Omega, \tau) = \int DDDPS(\Psi, \Omega, \tau) G_{MS}(\Psi) d\Psi$$

angular power spectrum

$$APS(\Omega) = \int APDS(\Omega, \tau) d\tau$$

power

$$P = \int APS(\Omega) d\Omega$$



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