

# Lec5-mwf

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## Rational of the multipath fading model - 10min

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Let the transmitted signal be

$$E_T e^{j\omega_c t}$$

The received signal through the  $k$ -th path can be written as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a_k E_T e^{j(\omega_c t - \phi_k)} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{attenuation} & & \text{phase shift} \end{array}$$

The total received signal is then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_k a_k E_T e^{j(\omega_c t - \phi_k)} \\ &= E_T e^{j\omega_c t} \left[ \sum_k a_k e^{-j\phi_k} \right] \end{aligned}$$

whose magnitude is determined by

$$\left| \sum_k a_k e^{-j\phi_k} \right|$$

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Note :

$$\sum_k a_k e^{j\phi_k} = \underbrace{\sum_k a_k \cos \phi_k}_X + j \underbrace{\left[ \sum_k a_k \sin \phi_k \right]}_Y$$

When none of the multipath components dominate,  $X$  &  $Y$  can be approximated by independent Gaussian r.v.'s with zero mean

$$\Rightarrow |X + jY| = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$$

can be shown to follow Rayleigh distribution

If there is a dominant term, w.l.o.g., assume the dominant term is  $a_0 e^{j\phi_0} = A$ .

$$\Rightarrow |(X+A) + jY| = \sqrt{(X+A)^2 + Y^2}$$

can be shown to follow Ricean distribution.

Consult ECF 600 or any probability textbook.

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## Stochastic channel characterization - 15min

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Recall

$$P_R(d) = \alpha^2 10^{x/10} g(d) G_T G_R P_T.$$

The received signal power is in general a stochastic process, both

- in time domain, and
- in frequency domain

The above equation characterizes the marginal distribution.

In practice, it is also important to model the joint pdf, or correlation

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In general, let  $X_1, X_2$  be two random variables. The auto correlation is

$$\bar{E}(X_1 X_2)$$

Define the correlation-coefficient

$$\rho = \frac{\bar{E}[(X_1 - \bar{E}(X_1))(X_2 - \bar{E}(X_2))]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_1) \cdot \text{Var}(X_2)}}$$

If  $\rho = 0$ ,  $X_1, X_2$  are uncorrelated  
dependence is low

$\rho = 1$  ,  $X_1, X_2$  are highly correlated  
dependence is high

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Suppose we observe the received signal  
at time  $t$ , and  $t + \Delta t$   
or at frequency  $f$  and  $f + \Delta f$

Why two frequencies: the bandwidth  $B$   
of the signal is reversely proportional  
to the symbol duration  $T_s$ . For  
wideband signal with a small  $T_s$ ,  
 $B$  can be quite large (1 MHz in 2G-3G).  
( $\approx 20$  MHz in LTE)

Two extreme frequencies can be taken  
as  $f_c - \frac{B}{2}$  and  $f_c + \frac{B}{2}$ . If the  
fading characteristics change substantially  
over such a freq. range, the signal  
can be seen as passing through a  
filter, and thus can be distorted.

We may then calculate the correlation  
coefficient either in time or in frequency.

If the correlation coefficient is  
close to 1

— in time, the signal power

changes slowly ~

- in frequency, different frequency component of the signal experiences same level of fading.

If the correlation coefficient is close to 0.

- in time, the signal power changes rapidly

- in frequency, different component experiences frequency-selective fading (distortion)
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⑥ Which is better? Is it better to have a channel whose fading levels change slowly (or quickly) in time (or in freq)?

- If signal power changes slowly in time
  - transmitter will have enough time to estimate the channel
    - ⇒ can design effective control schemes

(e.g. power control)

- however, there may be long periods of deep fades
- If signal power changes slowly in freq.
- signal distortion will be small  
easy to do equalization
- The entire band may run into deep fades

On the contrary, for frequency-selective channel the chance of having some frequency component with a good signal power is higher

⇒ good for using multiple narrow band carriers  
(e.g. OFDM)

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As we can see, understanding these properties is important for designing appropriate communication/multiple-access schemes.

We will discuss the factors that contribute to time- and frequency-selectivity of the channel, and also typical approaches to deal with it.

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## Main results - 20min

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More specifically, following the multipath model earlier

transmitted signal  $E_T e^{j\omega_c t} = S(t)$

$k$ -th path  $a_k E_T e^{j(\omega_c t - \phi_k)}$

Both  $a_k, \phi_k$  are stochastic processes.

Total received signal

$$a(t) = E_T \sum_k a_k e^{j(\omega_c t - \phi_k)}$$

As in 2-ray model, the phase randomness dominates

Two components for  $\phi_k$ :

① travel distance

Different paths travel different distance, which leads to dispersion in the time-shift (or delay)  $\tau_k$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_k = \omega_c \tau_k = 2\pi f_c \tau_k$$

Define the delay-spread as the difference

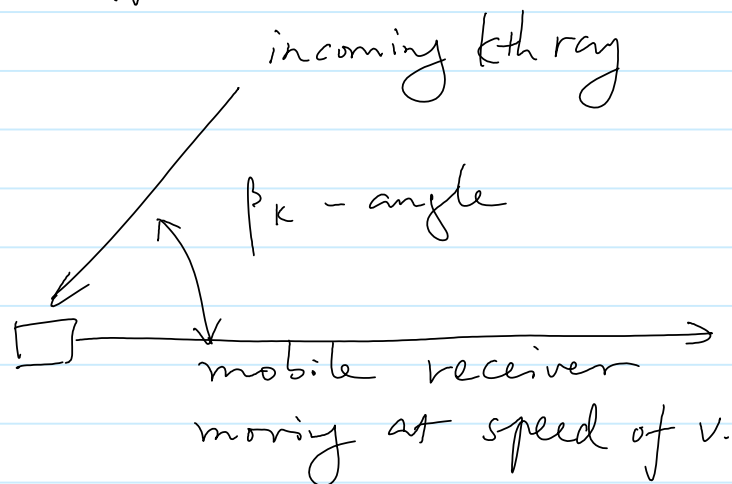
in delay between the first path & the last path

Typical values for delay-spread:  
 $0.2 \sim 0.5 \mu\text{sec}$  in suburban areas  
 $3 \sim 8 \mu\text{sec}$  in urban areas

The effect of this time-dispersion will be manifested by frequency-selectivity, since different frequency-component sees different amount of phase shift.

It also leads to inter-symbol interference

## ② doppler effect



Doppler effect leads to a frequency shift

$$f_k = \frac{v \cos \beta_k}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_k t = 2\pi f_k t = 2\pi \frac{v \cos \beta_k}{\lambda} t.$$

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Different paths can have different  $f_k$  due to angle of arrival.

Maximum doppler shift is given by

$$f_m = \frac{v}{\lambda}$$

e.g.  $v = 100 \text{ km/hr} = 28 \text{ m/s}$

$$f_c = 1 \text{ GHz} \Rightarrow \lambda = 0.3 \text{ m}$$

$$f_m = 90 \text{ Hz}$$

phase change by  $2\pi$  every  $\frac{1}{90} \text{ sec}$

$$\text{if } v = 0.1 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow f_m = 0.33 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\text{if } f_c = 30 \text{ GHz} \Rightarrow \lambda = 0.01 \text{ m}, v = 0.1 \text{ m/s} \\ \rightarrow f_m = 10 \text{ Hz}$$

The effect of this doppler shift will be manifested by time-selectivity, since the value of the phase shift changes in time.

In summary:

- Delay spread determines the frequency-

- Delay spread determines the frequency-selectivity of the channel
- Doppler shift determines the rate of fading in time.

Sketch of the main intuition:

As a rough estimate, consider the case when  $\tau_k$  &  $f_k$  are deterministic (non-random)

Effect of  $\tau_k$ :

Consider two frequency components  $f_c$  &  $f_c + \Delta f$

The phase difference (of two paths) will vary by  $2\pi \Delta f \cdot \tau_k$  at these two frequencies.

If  $2\pi \Delta f \tau_k = \pi$ , significant variations of the fading levels will be observed by the two frequency components

$$\Leftrightarrow \Delta f = \frac{1}{2\tau_k} \quad \text{coherent bandwidth}$$

$\Delta f$  determines the frequency-selectivity of the channel.

x If signal BW  $B > \Delta f$ , will experience freq-selective channel.

### Effect of $f_k$

Consider two time instants  
 $t, t + \Delta t$

The phase difference (of two paths) will vary by  $2\pi f_k \Delta t$  at these two time instants,

If  $2\pi f_k \Delta t = \pi$ , significant variations of the fading levels will be observed at these times.

$$\Leftrightarrow \Delta t = \frac{1}{2f_k} \quad \text{coherent-time}$$

$\Delta t$  determines the time-selectivity (or rate of fading)

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When  $f_k, T_k$  are random, the correct approach is to study correlation in frequency & time

$$\begin{matrix} f, & f + \Delta f \\ t, & t + \Delta t \end{matrix}$$

$\rho_a(\Delta t, \Delta f)$  — correlation coefficient  
as a function of  
 $\Delta t$  &  $\Delta f$ .

See Schwartz ch 2.5, in particular (2.46)

① Delay spread  $T_{av}$

— standard deviation of  $T_k$

Coherent bw:  $\Delta f = \frac{1}{2\pi T_{av}}$

If  $B > \frac{1}{2\pi T_{av}}$ , freq-selective fading

$$\Leftrightarrow T_s < 2\pi T_{av} \approx 6 T_{av}$$

Inter-symbol interference occurs  
when the symbol duration is  
less than 6 times of the  
delay spread.



If  $B < \frac{1}{2\pi T_{av}}$  flat fading

If  $B \gg \frac{1}{2\pi T_{av}} \Leftrightarrow T_s \ll 2\pi T_{av}$

- wide-band signal
- different path can be individually resolved (in CDMA)

— like "echos"

② Doppler shift

—  $f_m$  : max doppler shift

$$f_m = \frac{v}{\lambda}$$

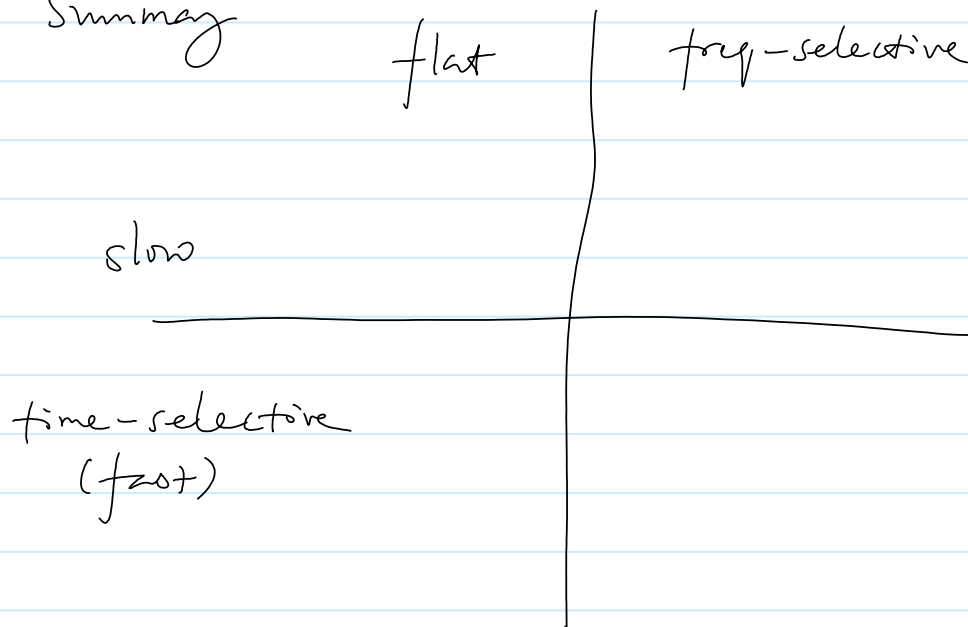
Coherence time :

$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{8\omega_m} = \frac{1}{16\pi f_m} \approx 0.18/f_m$$

If  $T_B > \Delta t = \frac{1}{5.6 f_m}$ , distortion within duration of a block occurs

— time-selective fading

Summary



Depending on the value of the coherent bw & coherent time,

the channel can fall into  
one of these four categories

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