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VI. CONCLUSION

The noise-floor-estimation problem in the WCDMA uplink has been discussed, and a new recursive noise-floor-estimation algorithm has been presented. The algorithm enhances the thermal noise power floor tracking ability to a dynamic range of many tens of decibels. The recursive algorithm also dramatically reduces the memory requirements, as compared with previous sliding-window algorithms, thereby enabling implementation of multiple instances of the algorithm running in parallel in the RBS.

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Abstract—In Sen and Matolak’s earlier paper, 5-GHz-band vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) channel models were presented for channel bandwidths of 5 and 10 MHz. In this paper, we provide additional tapped delay line models for bandwidths of 1, 20, 33.33, and 50 MHz based upon the data used in Sen and Matolak’s paper. We provide tables of channel parameters for five types of V2V channel classes and also include example tap correlation coefficients. Root-mean-square delay spread values are summarized, as are values of bandwidth for which the channel frequency correlation takes values of 0.7 and 0.5. As with the results from Sen and Matolak’s paper, these models should be useful for designers in future V2V communication systems.

Index Terms—Channel impulse response, fading, radio propagation.

I. INTRODUCTION

During the past decade, research related to vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communication has steadily been growing, e.g., [1] and [2]. Numerous applications within the area of intelligent transportation systems are being proposed and investigated. As in other types of wireless

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In addition to the related work cited in [1], wideband measurements made for expressway channels in the 2- and 5-GHz bands were reported in [3] and [4]. In [3], the authors reported an eight-tap channel model for a bandwidth of 10 MHz, whereas in [4], the authors proposed six- and 12-tap channel models for a bandwidth of 20 MHz. Another band that is being planned for use in V2V communication is the 5.9-GHz dedicated short-range communication (DSRC) band. For DSRC, the available bandwidth is 75 MHz, and this is divided into seven 10-MHz channels.

Additional recent empirical work on V2V channels includes path loss at 2.1 GHz in [5], 5.2-GHz band delay spread comparisons among two measurement campaigns [6], 5.9-GHz band delay and Doppler spread results in [7], nonstationary scattering function results at...
Based upon these results and the DSRC standard, we initially considered channel bandwidths less than or equal to 10 MHz in [1] (5- and 10-MHz V2V models). Due to the ever increasing demands for high-data-rate applications and the increasing numbers of users, future communication systems may require larger bandwidths [12], and so here we present additional channel models for bandwidths of 20, 33.33, and 50 MHz, as these values may be used for next-generation V2V communication systems. We also include models for the small bandwidth value of 1 MHz, since it is possible that this channel bandwidth will be used in some cases—for example, Third Generation Partnership Project’s Long Term Evolution allows for a minimum bandwidth value of 1.4 MHz, and some third-generation cellular standards also have bandwidths on the order of 1 MHz. The channel models presented here can be viewed as companions to the 5- and 10-MHz models presented in [1]; hence, this paper constitutes an extension of that work.

Note that these models are empirical based upon measurements and do not presume any general or specific characteristics of the V2V environment, as do so-called “geometric models,” e.g., [13]–[16]. In addition, they represent single-input/single-output channels. Although the “geometric models” can be used to accurately model a wide variety of environments, they are often complex and require numerous parameter selections for the specific environment of interest. In
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addition, conventional tapped delay line models are still widely used; hence, the tapped delay line models we provide here can immediately be used by many researchers without requiring them to develop specific geometric models.

II. RESULTS

A. Measurement Summary

As described in detail in [1], for our measurements, we used a 50-MHz bandwidth in the 5-GHz band and combined channel impulse response samples to form models for smaller bandwidths. The measurements reported in [1] were made with a spread-spectrum-stepped correlator with chip rate of 50 MHz and an unambiguous delay range of 5 μs. The antennas were mounted on the vehicle roofs (except one model class for which the antennas were inside the vehicles), and the transmit and receive vehicles moved throughout several environments, e.g., large cities, small cities, and highways in Ohio. The vehicle velocities were limited to near 10 m/s in cities, with intervehicle distances from a few meters to approximately 100 m. Both heavy and light vehicle traffic were encountered, with occasional blockage of the line of sight (LOS) signal by large vehicles (e.g., trucks) and by buildings when the leading vehicle turned a corner, creating non-LOS conditions. The city areas we traversed were those with tall buildings (four to five stories for small cities and more than ten stories for large cities) on both sides of the street. The highway velocities were approximately 26 m/s, with substantially less relative velocities between the vehicles. The intervehicle distances on the highways were up to approximately 1 km, but most data were collected with intervehicle distances between a few tens to several hundred meters. In all environments, measurements were taken with the receiver vehicle both in front of and behind the transmitter vehicle. In [1], we classified the measurement environments into the following five classes: 1) Urban–Antenna Outside Car (UOC); 2) Urban–Antenna Inside Car (UIC); 3) Small City (S); 4) Open Area–Low Traffic Density (OLT); and 5) Open Area High Traffic Density (OHT). The “open” areas are the highways. These region classifications were initially developed in [17].

B. Models

Similar to [1], our results are in the form of tables of V2V channel models for bandwidths of 1, 20, 33.33, and 50 MHz. This should enable the construction of tapped delay line models for analysis, simulations, and potential experiments. We present here what we term “Model-1” [1] parameters for five V2V regions in Tables I–IV. As discussed in [1], Model-1-type channel models have a (slightly) reduced number of taps based on accounting for only 99% of the impulse response cumulative energy. Examples of Model-2-type channel parameters for a 20-MHz UOC region are also provided in Table V. These Model-2-type models employ all taps resolvable with a given bandwidth, with no truncation based upon cumulative energy. The tables contain, for each tap (spaced in delay by the reciprocal of the channel bandwidth), the amplitude fading model parameter, the tap’s relative energy, and the tap’s Markov probability parameters; these are explained next.

Amplitude fading of all taps is modeled using the Weibull probability density function [18], which is equal to the Rayleigh distribution when the Weibull β parameter is 2. As Tables I–V show, worse than Rayleigh fading (β < 2, as also found in [19]) occurs on a number of channel taps. Explanations for such “severe” fading include invalidation of the central limit theorem due to an insufficiently large number of unresolvable multipath components per delay bin, multiple scattering [20], and frequent channel transitions [21], which redistribute the multipath energy among components, resulting in a given component having worse than Rayleigh fading. Note also that this severe fading could be modeled via the α−μ distribution [22], which can even account for the most severe cases, e.g., the latter half of the taps in the 20-MHz UOC model of Table V, corresponding to cases in which the Nakagami parameter m is smaller than 0.5 (β smaller than 1.44).

We also continue the use of first-order homogeneous Markov tap persistence processes, which essentially “switch” taps “on” and “off,” and hence these processes model the finite lifetime associated with multipath components. Details regarding the Markov models appear in [1], along with posited physical explanations for this phenomenon—rapid obstructions by other vehicles or buildings and possibly, as noted in [13] and [23], drift of multipath components into other delay bins. Here, we include the Markov steady-state and transition probabilities within the tapped delay line model tables. The steady-state probabilities are the probability of the tap being “on” (above our 25-dB threshold from the strongest tap) (P₀) or “off” (P₁ = 1 − P₀). The transition probabilities denote the probabilities of switching between these states, e.g., where P₀₀ = Pr(on→off) in one time step. The transition probabilities satisfy P₀₀ = 1 − P₀ and P₁₁ = 1 − P₁₀. As noted in [1], the longer delay taps do not persist as long as the shorter delay taps.

Table VI summarizes the root-mean square delay spread (RMS-DS) values for these V2V regions. Table VII contains example correlation coefficients among taps for the different regions for Model-1-type models for the 1- and 20-MHz bandwidths. Since the correlation coefficient matrix is symmetric, for compactness of presentation, the lower and upper triangular parts of the matrices in these tables correspond to correlations for different bandwidth models or different V2V regions. The bandwidths (in megahertz) for which the frequency correlation estimates (FCEs) [24] take values of 0.7 for the vector of channel classes [UIC, UOC, OHT, OLT, S] are as follows: 1 MHz [NA, 0.62, 0.59, 0.57, NA]; 20 MHz [5.8, 7.0, 7.5, 7.7, 7.2]; 33.33 MHz [10.1, 10.8, 12.6, 9.9]; and 50 MHz [6.8, 7.7, 8.3, 9.0, 8.3]. The analogous bandwidth values for correlation level 0.5 are as follows: 1 MHz [NA, NA, 0.86, NA]; 20 MHz [9.9, 10.5, 10.8, 11.1, 11.1]; 33 MHz [18.4, 16.8, 15.7, 18.4, 14.6]; and 50 MHz [11.6, 11.5, 12.0, 12.7, 11.8]. The bandwidth values cited are the smallest frequency separations for which the FCE attains the correlation value.

III. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have provided empirical V2V channel models for the 5-GHz band in the form of tapped delay line specifications. These models are for bandwidth values of 1, 20, 33.33, and 50 MHz and augment the models provided in [1] for channel bandwidths of 5 MHz and 10 MHz. The models employed the same measured data set as in [1] for multiple V2V environments, including large cities, small cities, and highways. These models should be of use to V2V communication system researchers and designers.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A signal transmitted over a wireless channel is perturbed by an unknown complex fading gain in addition to additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN). Phase-locked loop (PLL) based coherent detection requires long acquisition times and, therefore, is not suitable for channels with significant time variations or for burst-mode transmission. Differential encoding and differential detection is a viable alternative that does not require explicit channel state information (CSI). However, it incurs substantial performance loss compared with coherent detection. For example, the performance of binary differential phase-shift keying (PSK) is 3 dB worse than that of coherent binary PSK (BPSK) over Rayleigh fading [1]. Joint data-sequence detection and (blind) channel estimation is one approach for designing a coherent receiver. The channel is assumed to remain static over $L$ symbol intervals. We showed in [2] that this approach works well with joint data-sequence detection and carrier phase estimation on a phase noncoherent AWGN channel. We extend this approach here to single-input–multiple-output (SIMO) fading channels and obtain the maximum-likelihood sequence detector with no CSI (MLSD-NCSI) for quadrature-amplitude-modulated (QAM) signals with diversity reception. It is also known as the generalized likelihood ratio test (GLRT) detector [3]. MLSD-NCSI does not require explicit channel estimation or knowledge of the channel statistics in making the data-sequence decision. Multiple-symbol differential detection (MSDD)

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