



IoT, Course introduction

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- Orario di ricevimento/office hours:
 - Send me an email to agree on a schedule (fast answer)
- We would like to be able to contact all registered students fast.
- Please provide contact info and register on

IoT Students



Career Aspirations



Background



Status



Interests



What we will do

Why a class on Internet of Things?

Wireless systems are becoming the usual way to connect to the Internet, and communicate...

WiFi

Std: IEEE 802.11

Mesh networks



Sensor
web

Std: GSM/UMTS/
LTE/5G

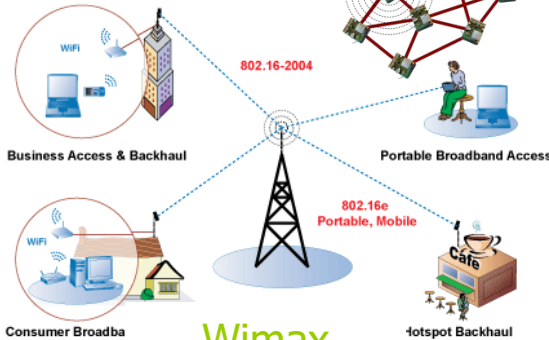
Cellular Networks

Internet of Things

Std: IEEE 802.15.4

IETF ROLL

Narrow IoT



Wimax

Std: IEEE 802.16



Std: IEEE 802.11p

5G



Personal Area

Network

Std: IEEE 802.15.1/

IEEE 802.15.3

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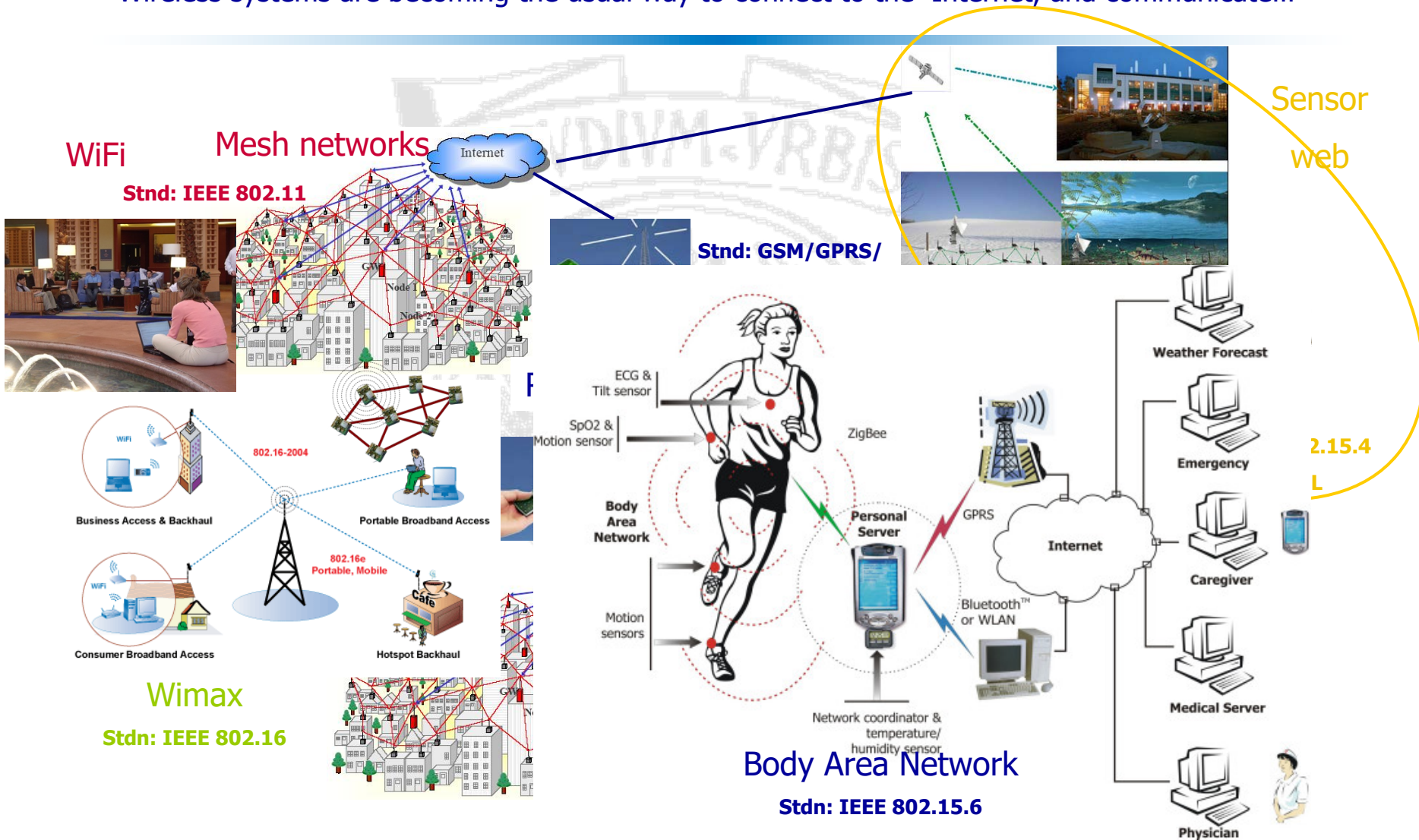
Std: GSM/GPRS/

Sensor web

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Body Area Network

Std: IEEE 802.15.6



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Internet

Std: GSM

Data Analytics
(over the cloud)
+
Green computing
and comms.

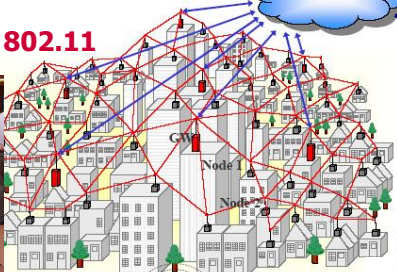
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Std: IEEE 802.15.4
IETF ROLL

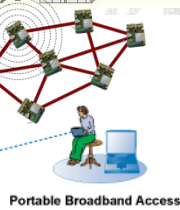
Personal Area
Network

Std: IEEE 802.15.1/
IEEE 802.15.3

Sensor
web



802.16-2004

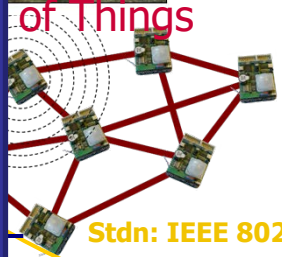
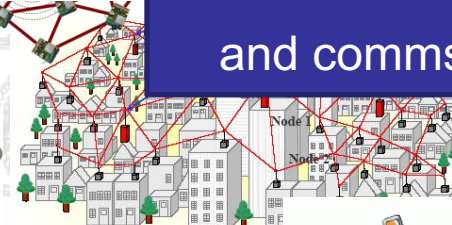


802.16e
Portable, Mobile

Hotspot Backhaul

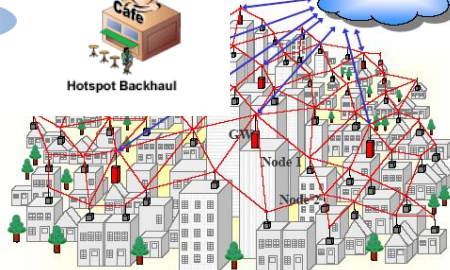


Internet

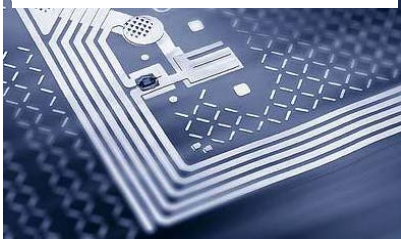


Wimax

Std: IEEE 802.16



CHIRON project



RFID Anticollision Protocols



GENESI Project



Green sensing systems



TROPIC Project

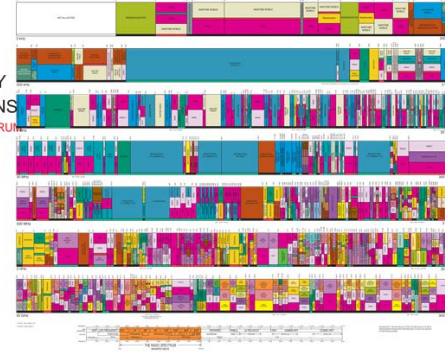


Cloud Computing

LTE Advanced

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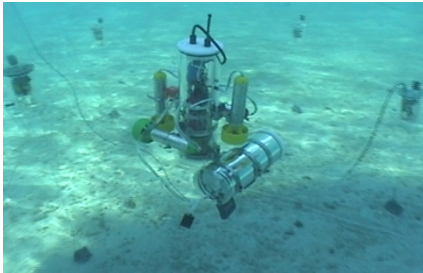
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Cognitive networks



CLAM Project; SUNRISE project



Underwater Monitoring systems



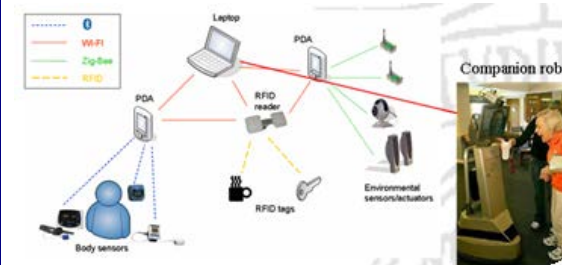
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CHIRON project



Assisted living

WSN security



Syllabus

A The course will make students aware of the challenges behind the design, implementation and field use of Wireless system, Sensing systems and the Internet of Things. The course will present both the theoretical foundations and practical aspects you need to know to develop such systems.

The course will cover the following topics:

Part 1, Prerequisites

Fundamentals of wireless systems

Fundamental of ad hoc and cellular networks

From 2G to 5G

Part 2, Internet of Things Core

Internet of Things applications, architectures, enabling technologies and protocols

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Part 3, Emerging Technological Trends in Internet of Things

Wake Up Radio, energy harvesting, passive backscattering

Blockchain and ledger technologies for Internet of Things

Machine learning for Internet of Things lsystems

Part 4, From technologies to Applications

Internet of Things for smart planet and smart cities

Smart Transportation systems

Transversal Topics

Performance evaluation of Internet of Things systems

How to model, what to model

Simulators for Internet of Things systems

How to move from an idea to a validated idea to a solution

Exam sessions

Teaching material will comprise book chapters, articles, standards,...

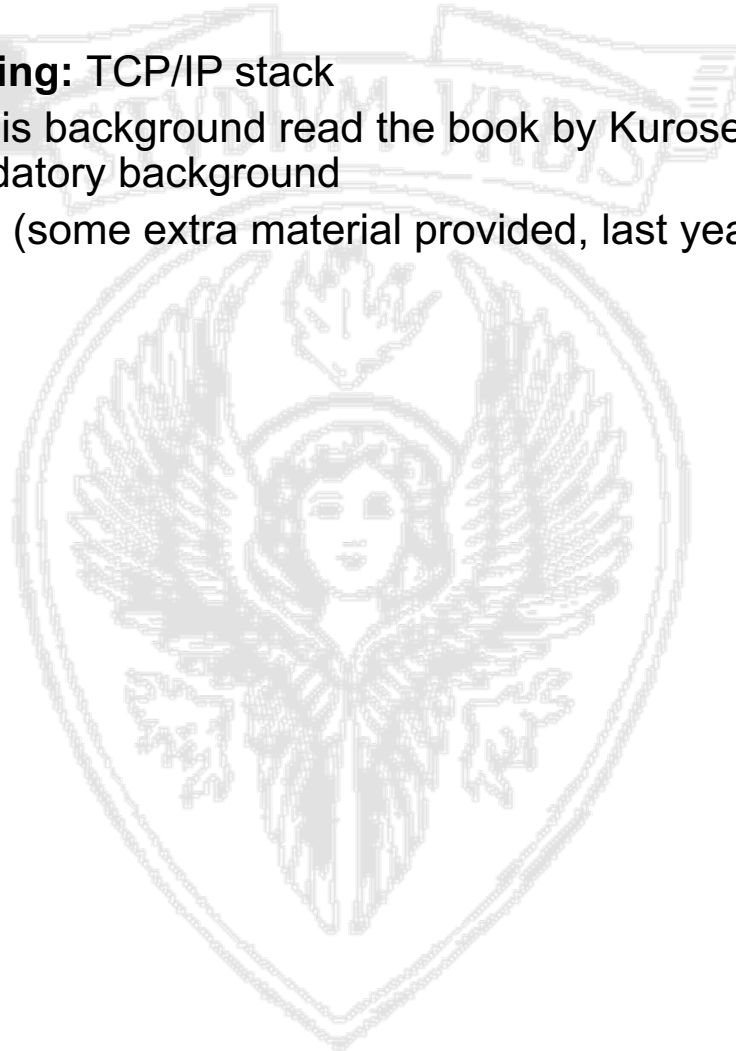
Midterm and Final during the class (including some questions on the lab part, providing extra points; Lab extra points available only with midterm and first session-June/July). Lab very important to provide you with skills that are recognized as important for your future career.

Rules: If a student passes at least one of the (midterm/final) tests he/she will be allowed to take the missing one in the June/July exam sessions. In such sessions it will also be possible to take a complete written exam on the topics covered during the course. In the fall and winter exam sessions students will have to take the complete written exam to pass the class.

WE ARE CHECKING WHETHER IT WILL BE ALLOWED TO HAVE MIDTERM OR NOT

Required background

- **Computer Networking:** TCP/IP stack
- If you do not have this background read the book by Kurose Ross «Computer Networking» → mandatory background
- C/C++ programming (some extra material provided, last year videoregistered classes)



How To Get Additional Info

Sources of relevant information:

IEEE and IETF Standards

IEEE and ACM Digital Libraries (articles)

Books (main library)

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ACM MobiCom,
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College experience





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Transversal
Skills



Seminars of international experts

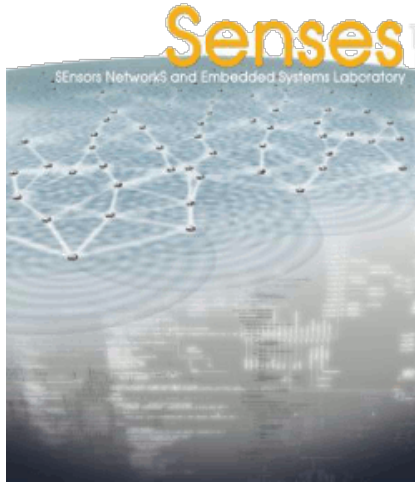
Internship

Large projects, EXPLOIT Labs

Spinoff



College experience



GRANTS “borsa di studio per attività di ricerca”

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5 in the last year to top class students

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Possibility to do also the AFC



Fundamental of wireless systems

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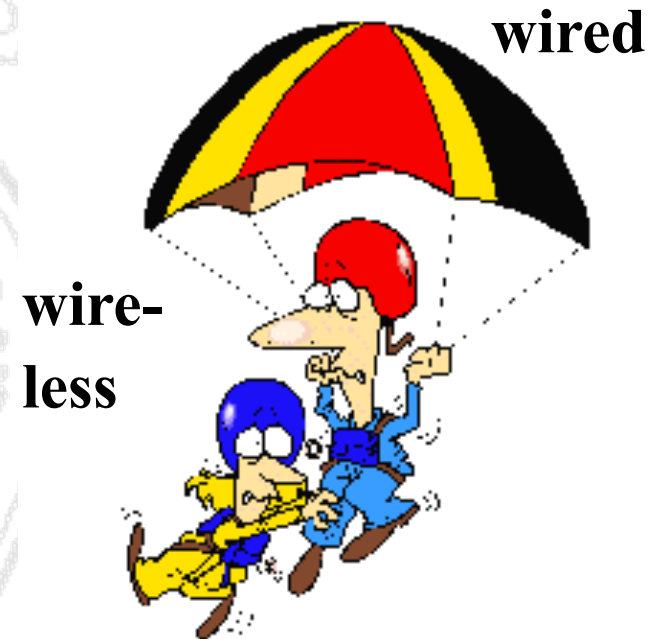
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Background- Wireless Systems

- What is the difference wrt wired TCP/IP networks? Transmission medium..
 - Unique features of the transmission medium have a big impact on design (e.g., lower reliability, broadcast feature, hidden terminal problems... demand for different solutions at the data link and transport layers)
 - Wireless systems have been designed to enable communication anywhere anytime
 - ✓ Mobility must therefore be supported
 - ✓ Portability comes with the fact devices rely on external sources of energy such as batteries to operate

Wireless vs. Wired



Reasons for wireless success:

No cabling

Anywhere/anytime

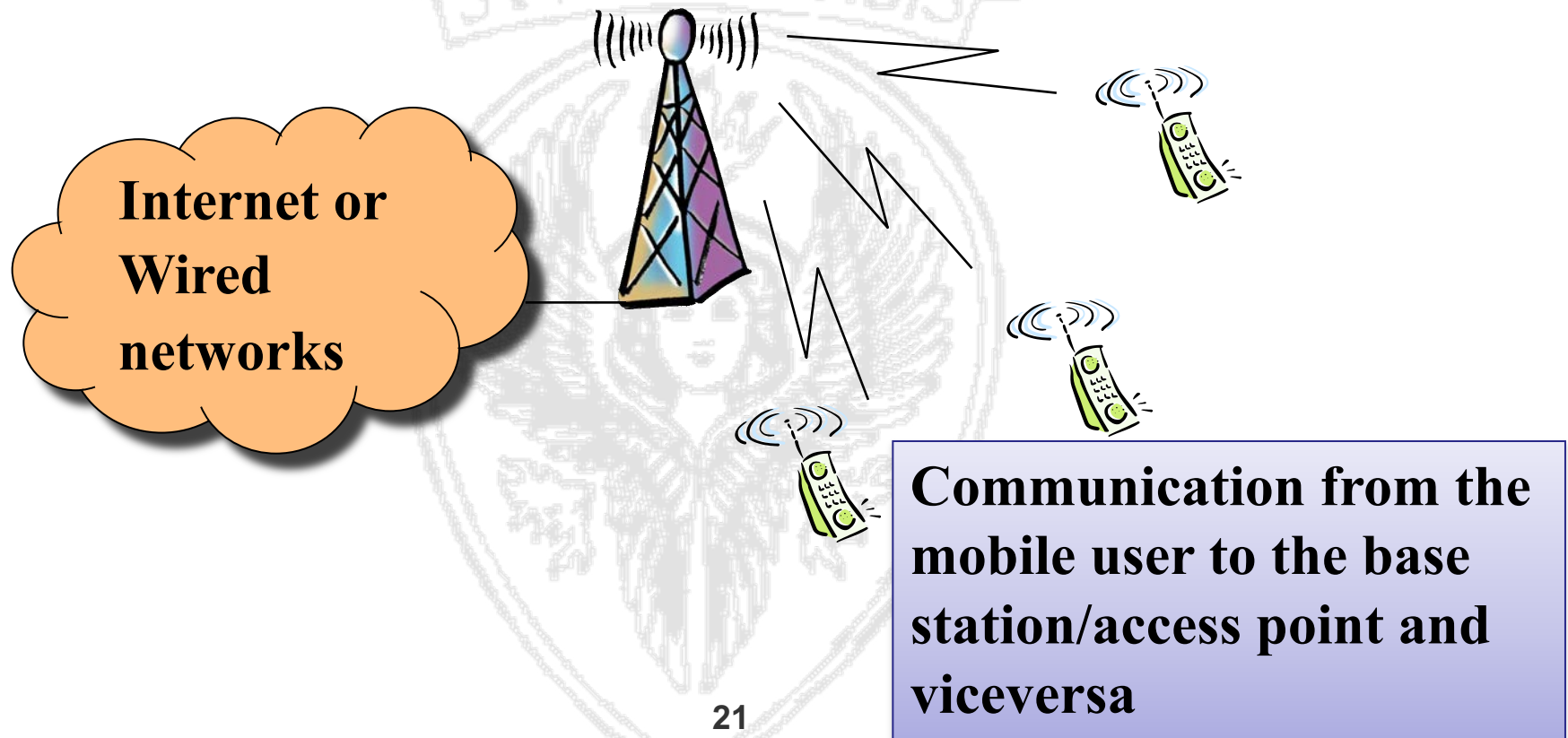
Cost vs. performance

Wireless systems- Features

- Broadcast medium- each mobile device transmission is overheard by all other devices within the source 'transmission radius'
 - Poses security challenges
- Shared channel
 - Medium Access Control (MAC)
 - Limited resources must be shared among users
- High bit error rate
 - Error detection, correction & retransmission techniques needed for reliable communication
- Mobility must be supported at design stage
- Portable devices which rely on external sources of energy (batteries) to compute and communicate
 - Low power platforms and energy efficient protocols (green solutions)
 - Computation vs communication trade-offs (e.g., mobile device offloading)
 - Use of HW techniques to limit (wake up radio) energy consumption to the bare minimum and to harvest energy through renewal sources of energy (energy harvesting/scavenging)

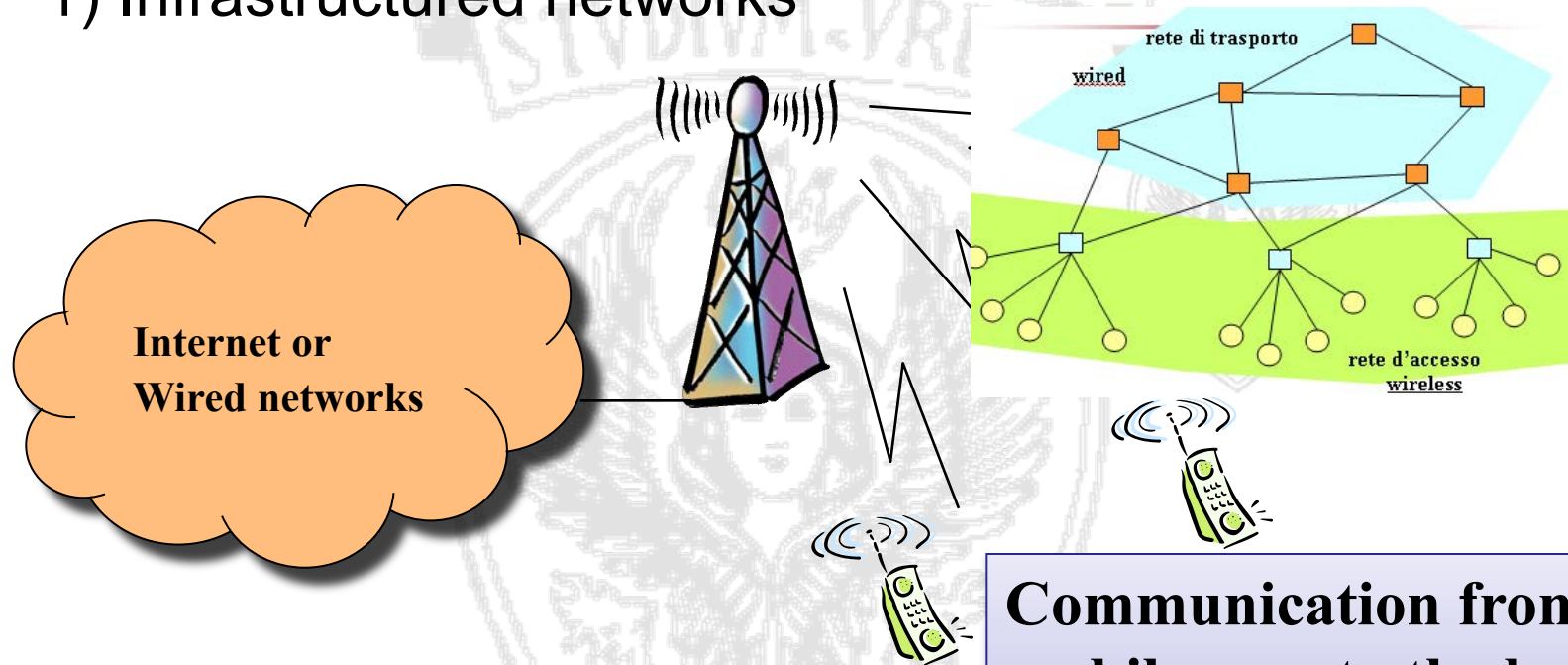
Wireless Systems Models

- Infrastructured networks



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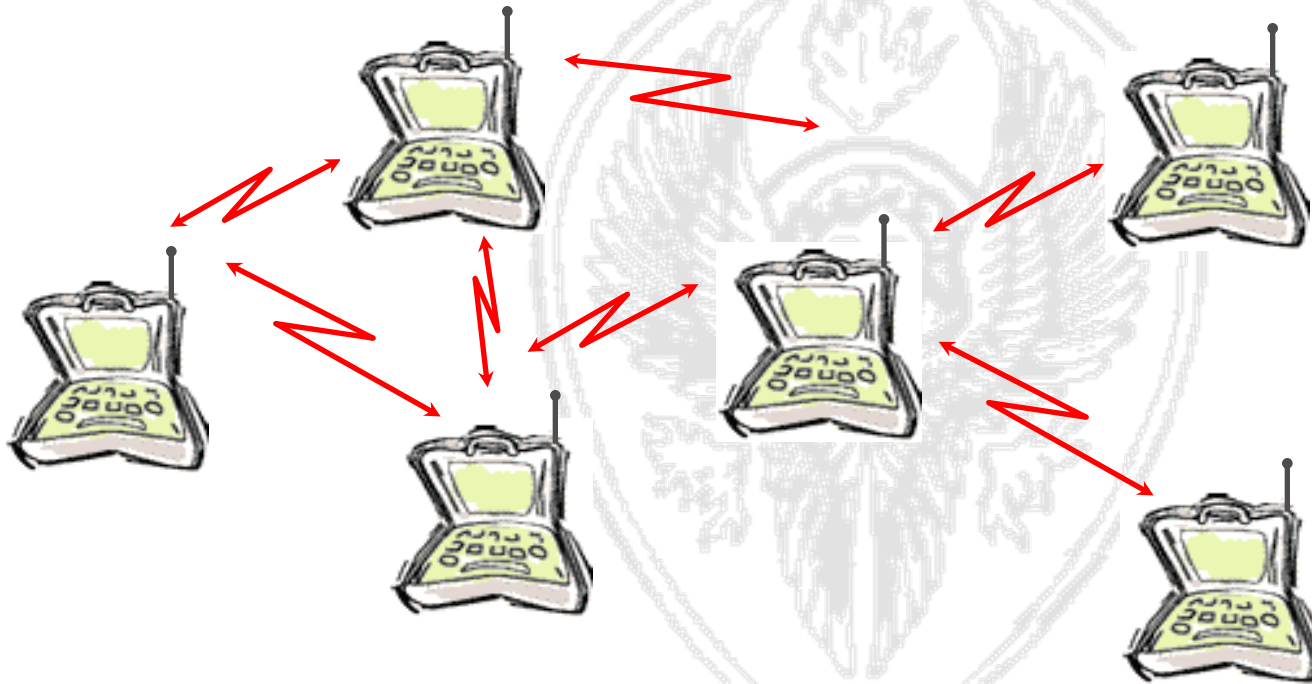
- 1) Infrastructured networks



Communication from the mobile user to the base station/access point and viceversa

Wireless Systems models

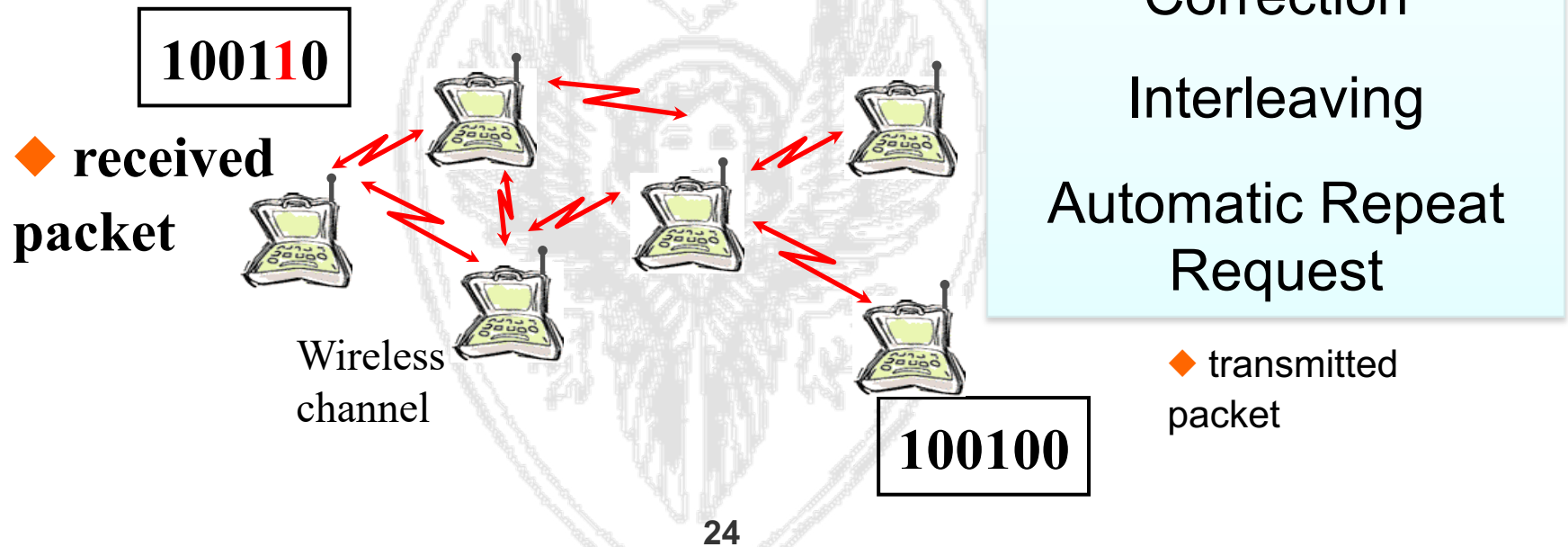
- 2) Ad Hoc Wireless Networks (wireless sensor networks, VANET, Mesh Networks,...)



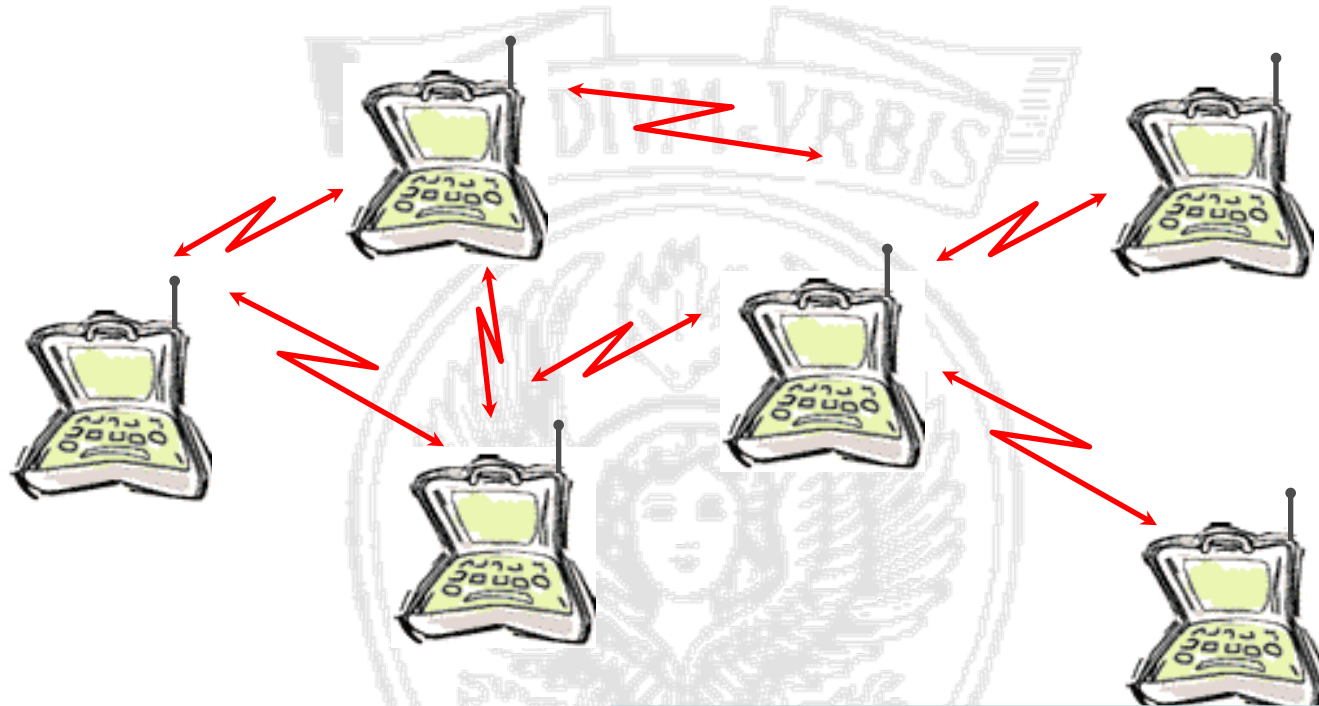
- Peer to peer communication
- Each node can act either as source/destination of a packet or as relay

Transmission Errors

- BER-Bit Error Rate can be significant compared to wired medium
 - Attenuation, reflection, diffraction of the signal + multipath fading



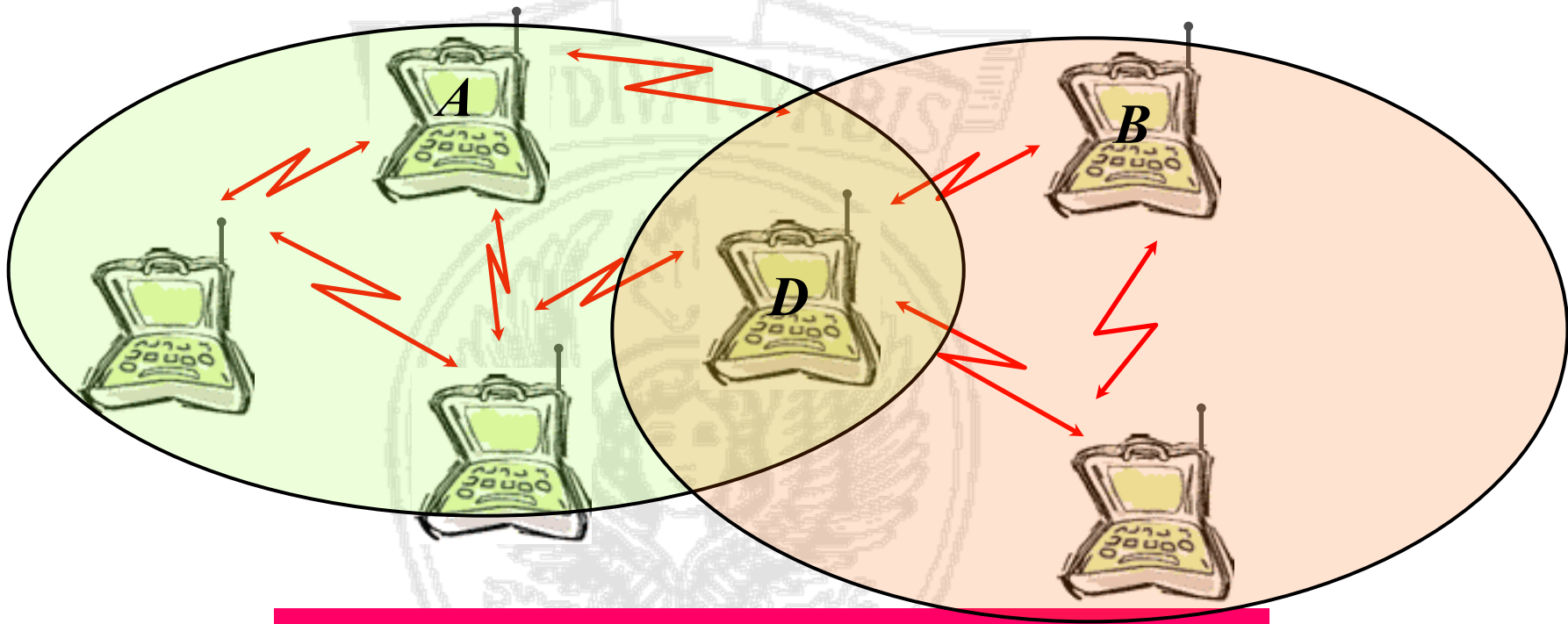
Medium Access Control



*Broadcast channel
Channel access must be
arbitrated by a medium
access control protocol*

*Antenna cannot tx and rx
simultaneously;
Carrier sense is possible
Collision detection based on ACK/NAK*

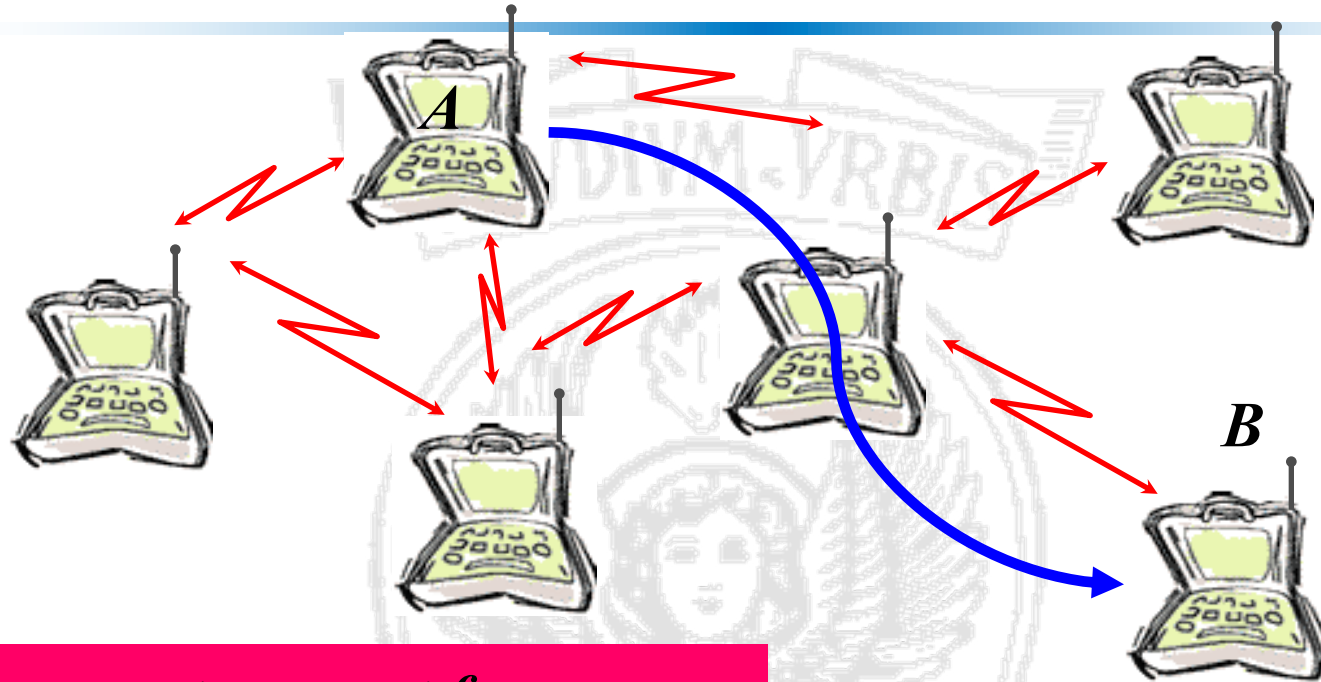
Medium Access Control



Hidden terminal

If A and B transmit a packet a collision occurs in D. Neither A nor B can detect such collision directly.

Routing



Routing must account for mobility, dynamicity (e.g., due to varying link quality and nodes alternating between ON and OFF states) and different resource available at the nodes

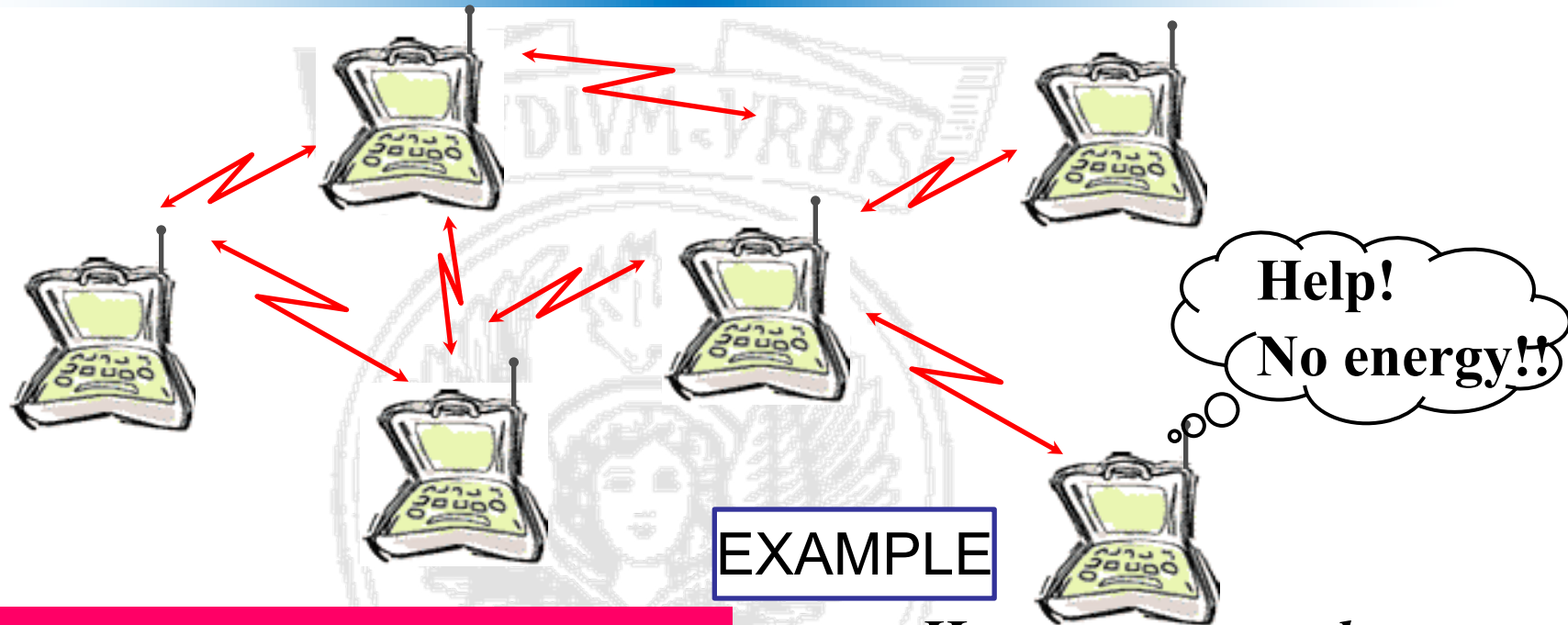
What's the best path between A and B (routing)?

Ad Hoc Networks -Challenges



IETF MANET deals with routing
One of the key challenges behind
mobile peer to peer ad hoc
networking

Ad Hoc Networks- Challenges



Energy efficient solutions at all different layers of the protocol stack: power control, MAC, data link, routing, transport

How to route packets minimizing energy consumption, accounting for the (heterogeneous) node residual energy

Introduction

- ✓ Background needed to understand the motivations behind current wireless systems design

- Wireless Channel & Signal Propagation – Basic Concepts

- Energy efficient comms. techniques

- Channel Access problems

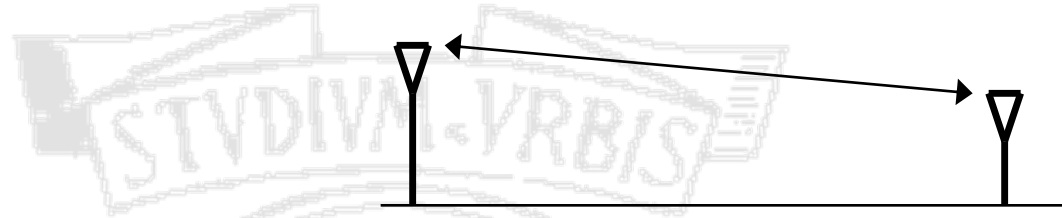
- Mobility management

Wireless channel

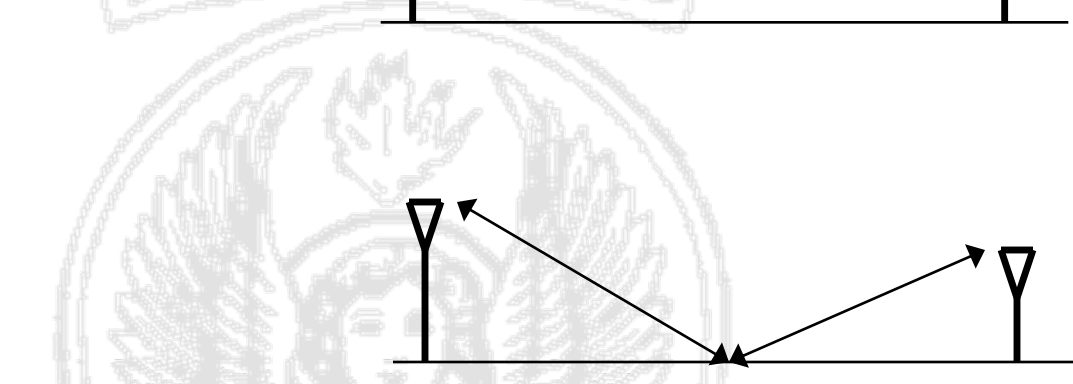
- Much less reliable than wired channels
- While propagating the signal can face
 - Attenuation as function of the distance from transmitter and receiver
 - Attenuation due to obstacles
 - Propagation over multiple paths (resulting in multipath fading)

Radio signal propagation

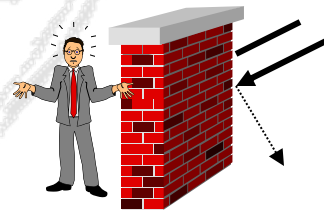
- Line of sight



- Reflection



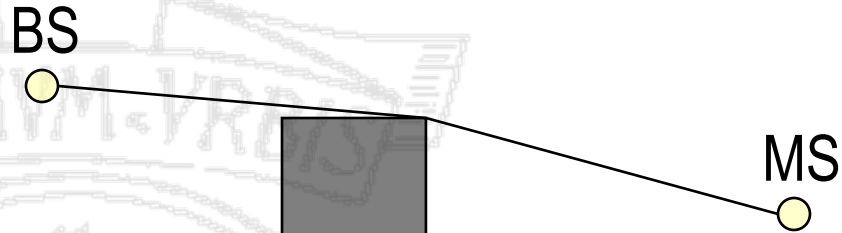
- Shadowing



Radio signal propagation

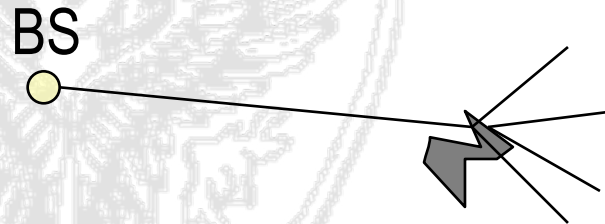
→ Diffraction

- When the surface encountered has sharp edges
- bending the wave



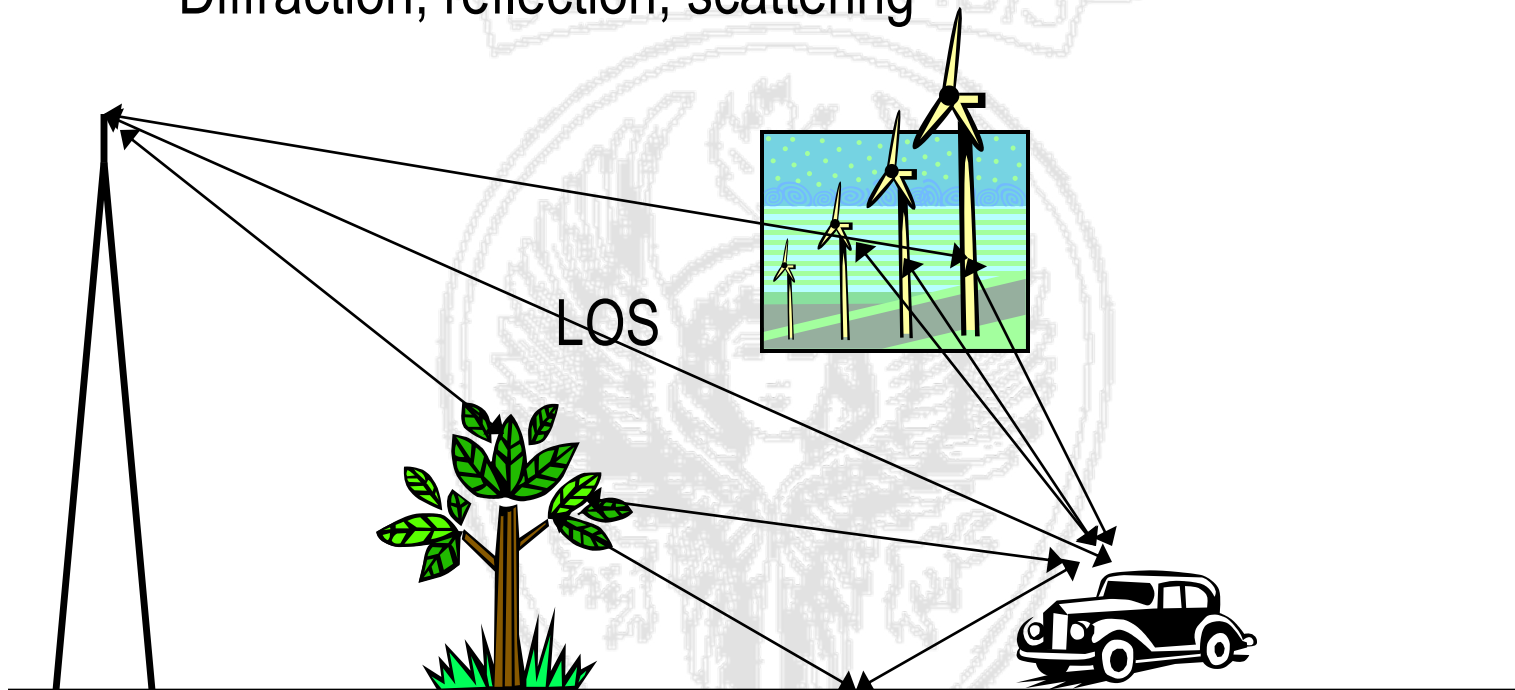
→ Scattering

- When the wave encounters objects smaller than the wavelength (vegetation, clouds, street signs)



Radio signal propagation

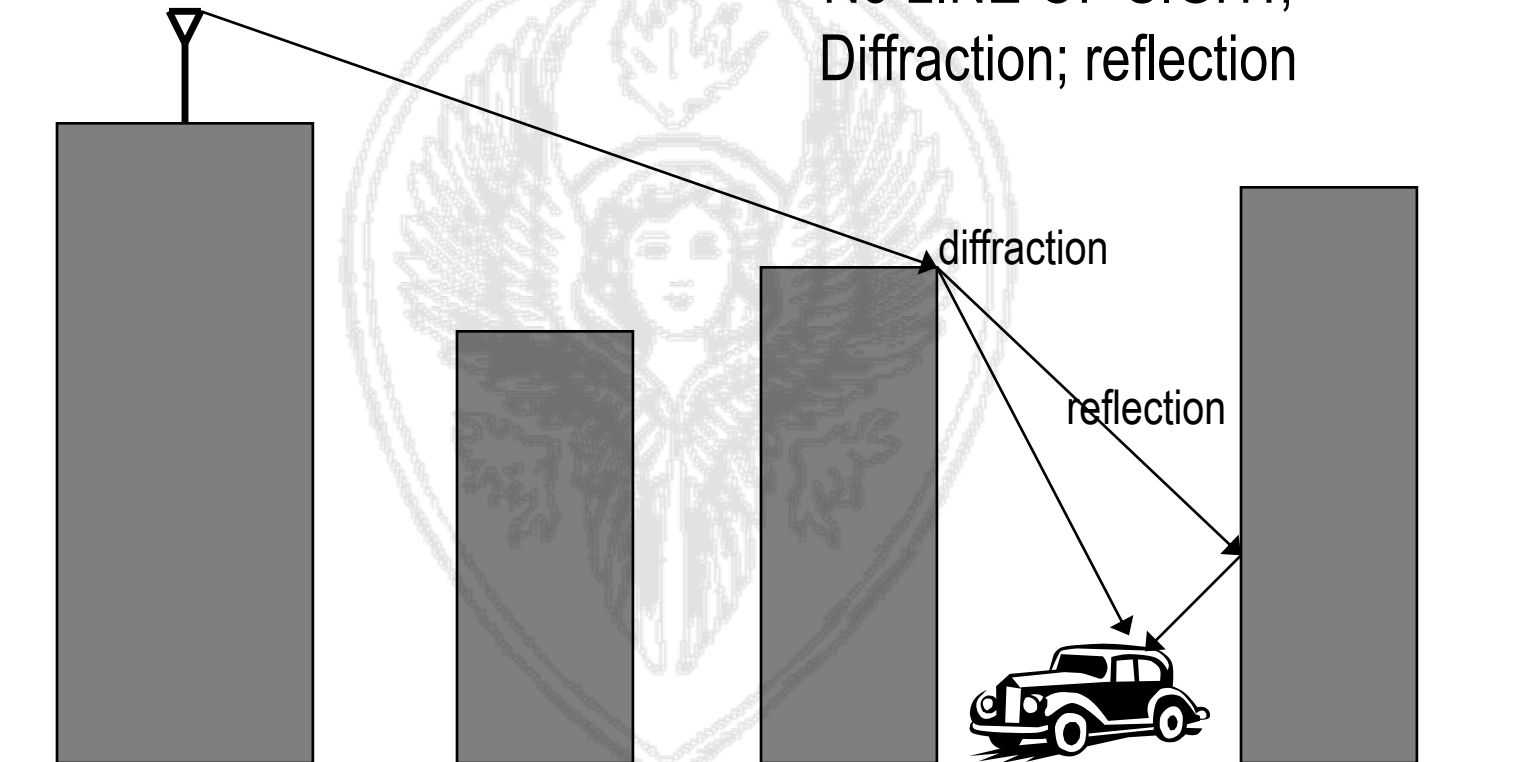
LINE OF SIGHT +
Diffraction, reflection, scattering



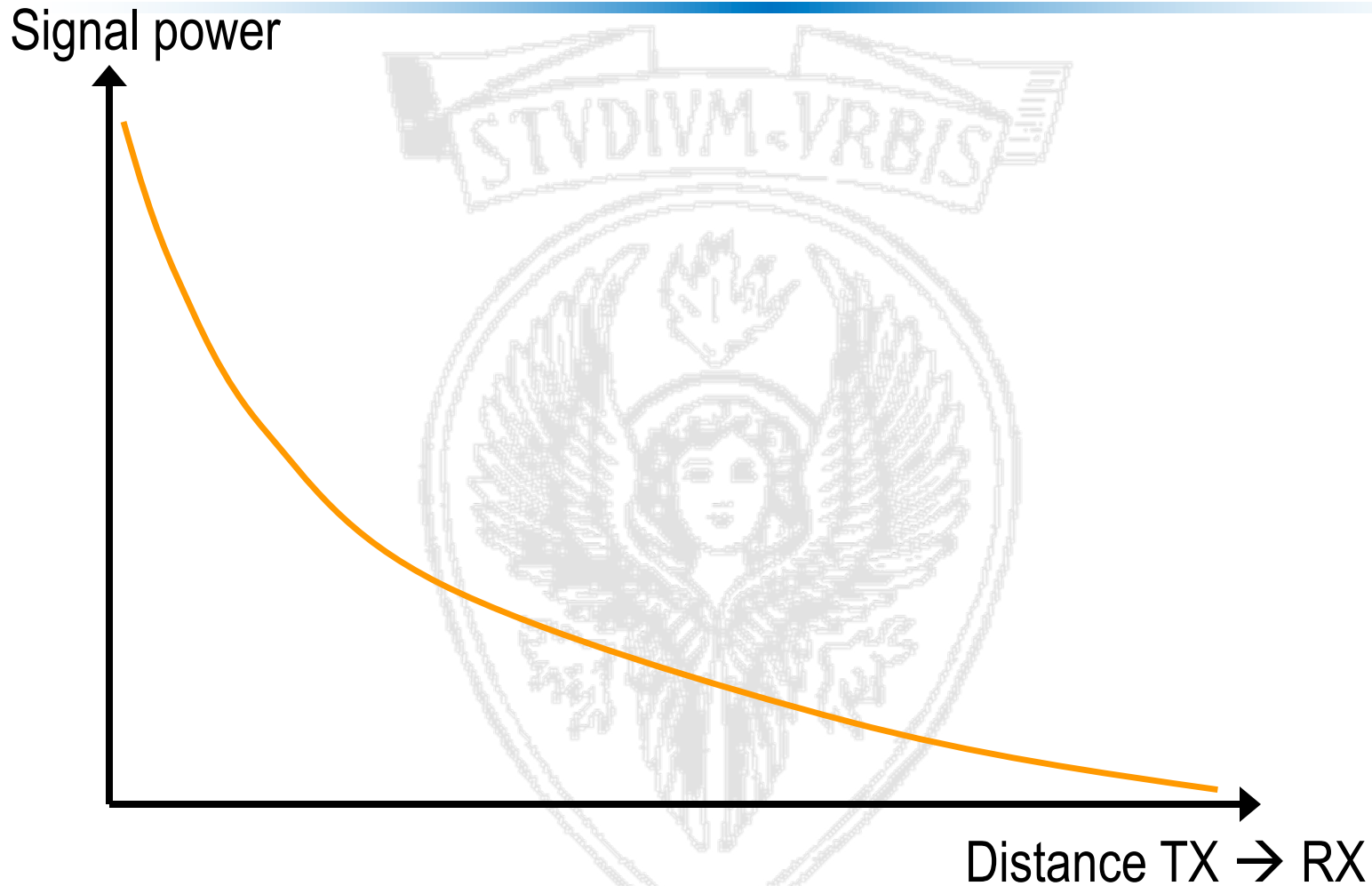
Radio signal propagation

LOS path non necessarily existing

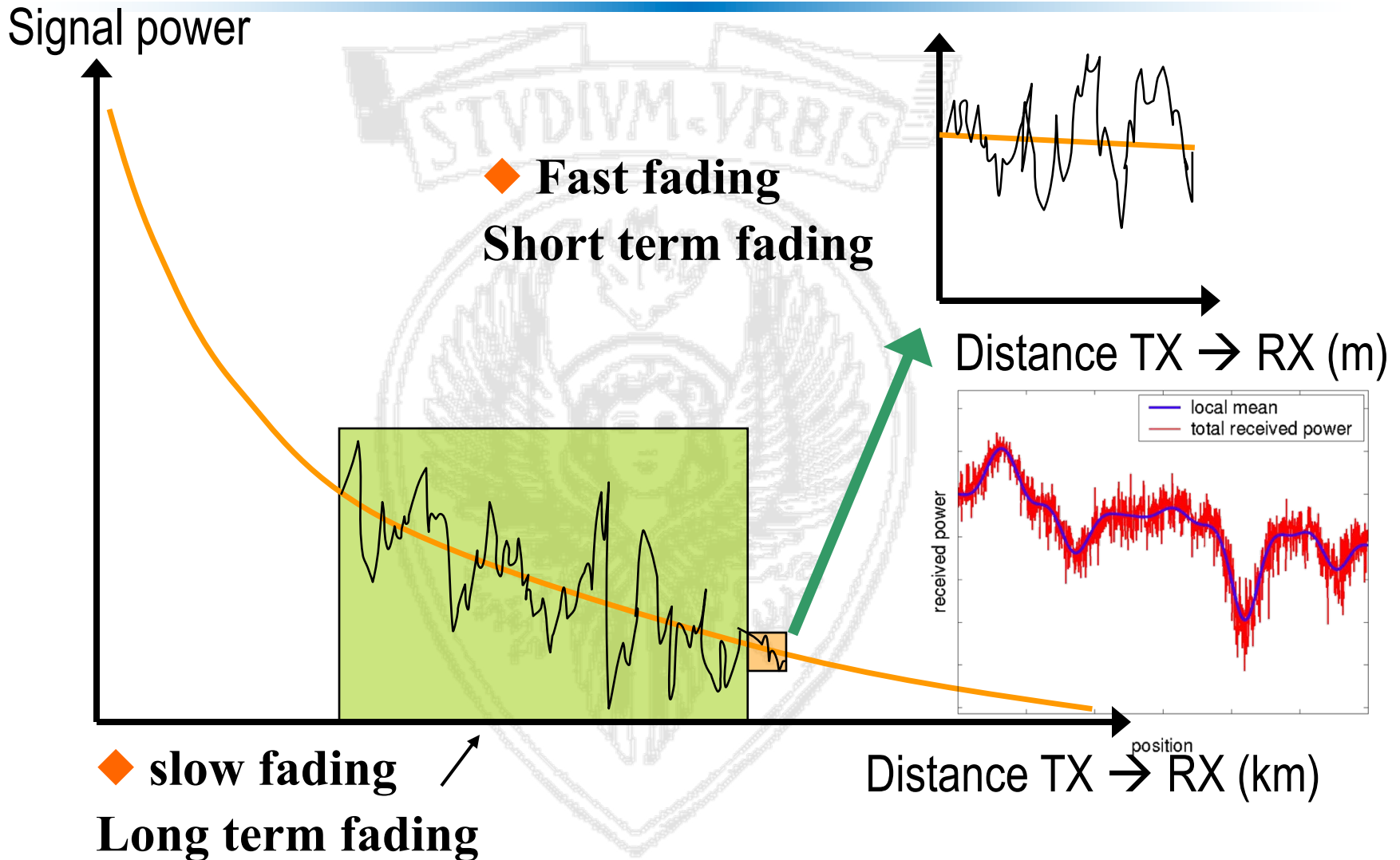
Example: city with large buildings;
No LINE OF SIGHT;
Diffraction; reflection



Radio signal attenuation

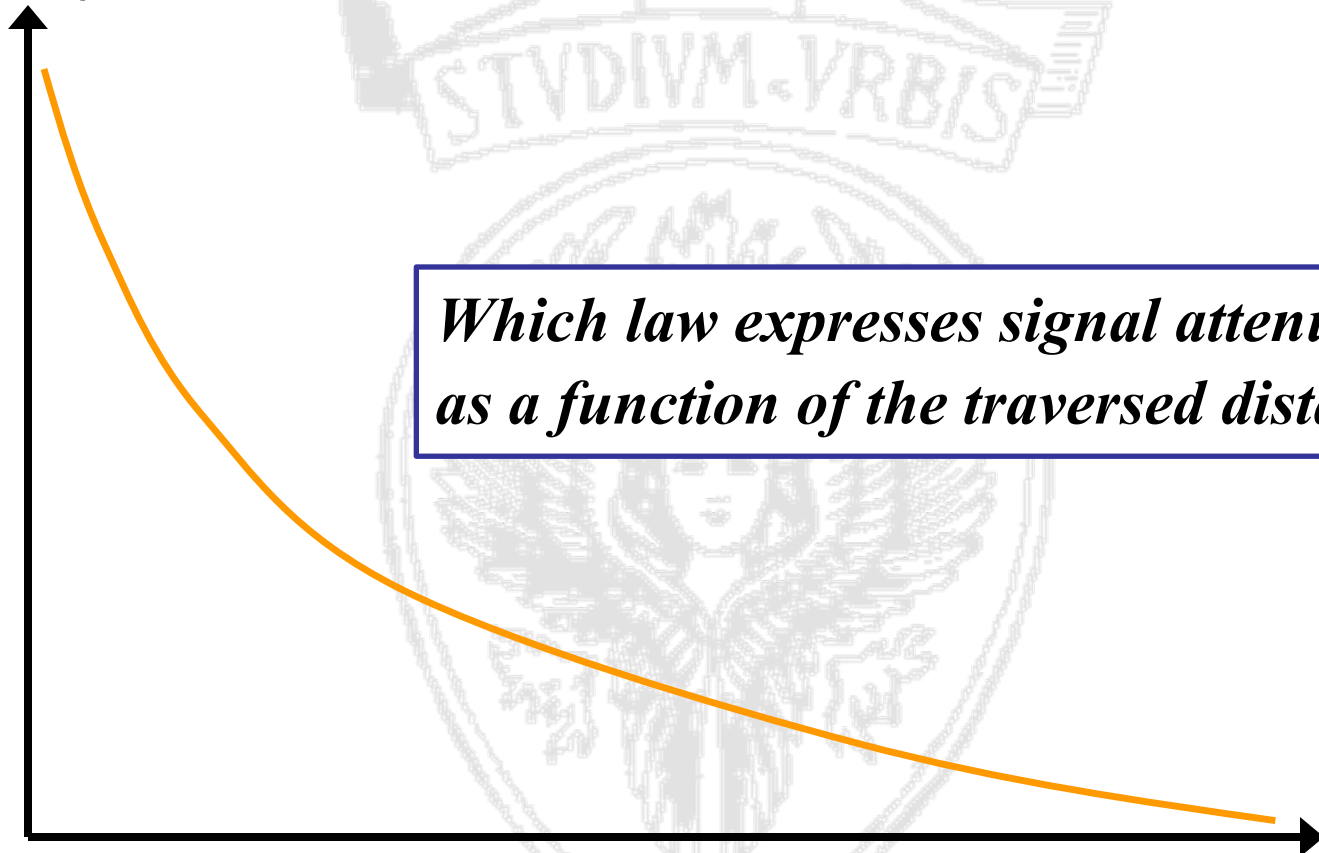


Slow fading – fast fading



Radio signal attenuation

Signal power

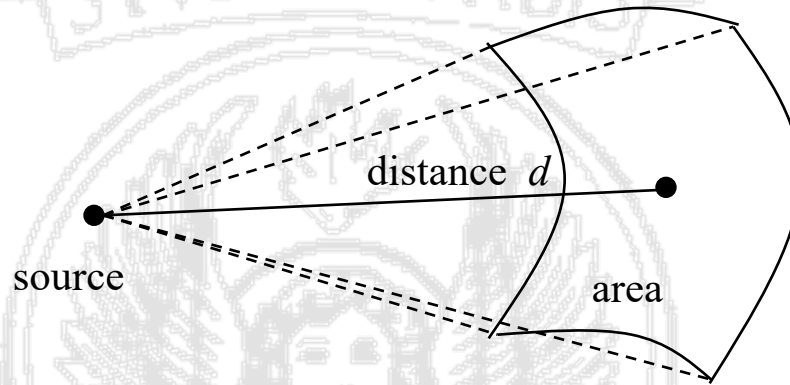


Which law expresses signal attenuation as a function of the traversed distance?

Distance TX → RX

Radio signal attenuation geometrical spreading

- Assumption: A point source emits the signal uniformly in all directions (isotropic radiator) with a transmission power P_T

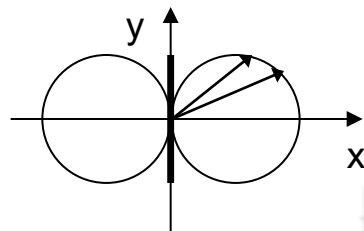


- The power density at distance d is equal to the ratio between the transmission power and the surface area of a sphere centered in the source and with radius d :

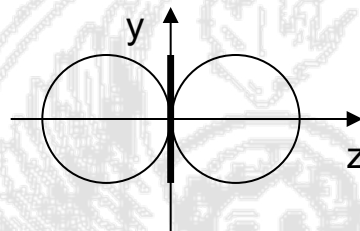
$$F = \frac{P_T}{4\pi d^2} \quad [\text{W/m}^2]$$

Antenna types

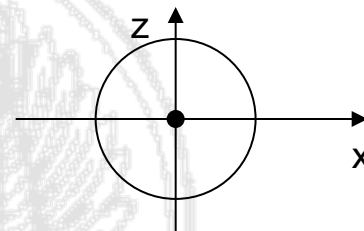
- Graphical representation of radiation properties of an antenna
- Depicted as two-dimensional cross section



side view (xy-plane)

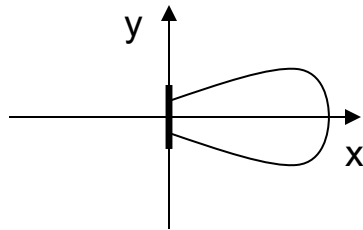


side view (yz-plane)

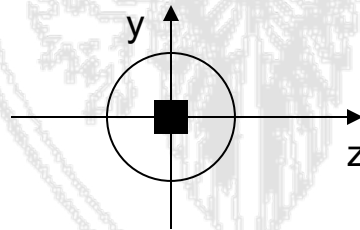


top view (xz-plane)

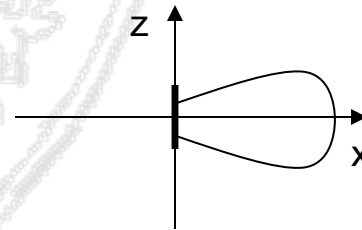
simple
dipole



side view (xy-plane)



side view (yz-plane)



top view (xz-plane)

directional
antenna

Antenna Gain

- Isotropic antenna (idealized)
 - Radiates power equally in all directions (3D)
 - Real antennas always have directive effects (vertically and/or horizontally)
- Antenna gain
 - Power output, in a particular direction, compared to that produced in any direction by a perfect omni-directional antenna (isotropic antenna)

Directivity $D = \frac{\text{power density at a distance } d \text{ in the direction of maximum radiation}}{\text{mean power density at a distance } d}$

Gain $G = \frac{\text{power density at a distance } d \text{ in the direction of maximum radiation}}{P_T / 4\pi d^2}$ k

- k antenna efficiency factor (≤ 1)
- Directional antennas “point” energy in a particular direction
 - Better received signal strength
 - Less interference to other receivers
 - More complex antennas

Wireless channel: attenuation wrt distance

- Let g_T be the maximum transmission gain. The received power density in the direction of maximum radiation is given by:

$$F = \frac{P_T g_T}{4\pi d^2} \quad [\text{W/m}^2]$$

- $P_T g_T$ is the EIRP (Effective Isotropically Radiated Power) and represents the power at which an isotropic radiator should transmit to reach the same power density of the directional antenna at distance d

Wireless channel: attenuation wrt distance

- The power received by a receiver at distance d from the source, in case of no obstacles and LOS, can be expressed as:

Friis transmission equation

$$P_R = P_T g_T g_R \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2 \frac{1}{L}$$

$$A_{eff} = \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi}$$

- where P_T is the transmitter radiated power, g_T and g_R the gains of the transmitter and receiver antennas, λ is the wavelength (c/f) and d the distance between the transmitter and the receiver. Finally, parameter $L > 1$ accounts for HW losses.

Power units - decibel

- Decibel (dB): expresses according to a logarithmic scale a ratio among powers

$$10 \log(P_1 / P_2)$$

Log= base-10 logarithm

$P_A = 1$ Watt

$P_B = 1$ milliWatt

30 dB \rightarrow P_A = three orders of magnitudes higher than P_B

◆ Gain of an antenna is expressed in dB

3dB \rightarrow P_1 is twice P_2 , 10dB \rightarrow P_1 is one order of magnitude higher than P_2

20dB \rightarrow P_1 is two orders of magnitude higher than P_2

30dB \rightarrow P_1 is three orders of magnitude higher than P_2

Decibels - dBm

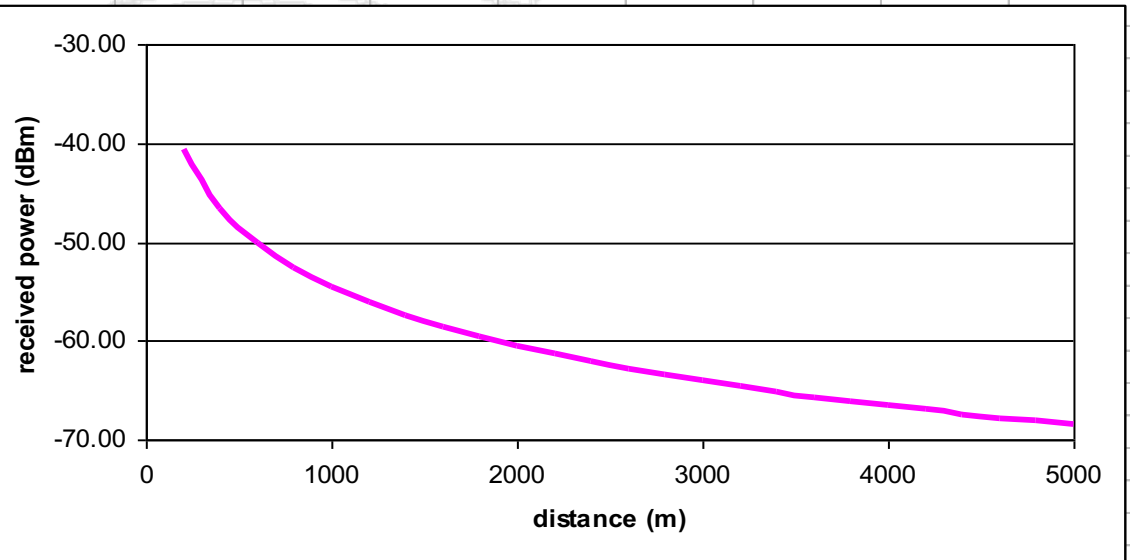
- dBm = ratio between the power and a nominal power of 1mW
 - Power in dBm = $10 \log(\text{power}/1\text{mW})$
 - Power in dBW = $10 \log(\text{power}/1\text{W})$

Example

- $10 \text{ mW} = 10 \log_{10}(0.01/0.001) = 10 \text{ dBm}$
- $10 \mu\text{W} = 10 \log_{10}(0.00001/0.001) = -20 \text{ dBm}$
- S/N ratio = -3dB $\rightarrow S = 1/2 N$
- Properties & conversions
 - $P(\text{dBm}) = 10 \log_{10}(P(\text{W}) / 1 \text{ mW}) = P(\text{dBW}) + 30 \text{ dBm}$
 - $(P1 * P2)(\text{dBm}) = P1(\text{dBm}) + P2(\text{dBW})$
 $P1 * P2(\text{dBm}) = 10 \log_{10}(P1(\text{W}) * P2(\text{W}) / 0.001) =$
 $10 \log_{10}(P1(\text{W}) / 0.001) + 10 \log_{10} P2(\text{W}) = P1(\text{dBm}) + P2(\text{dBW})$

Example

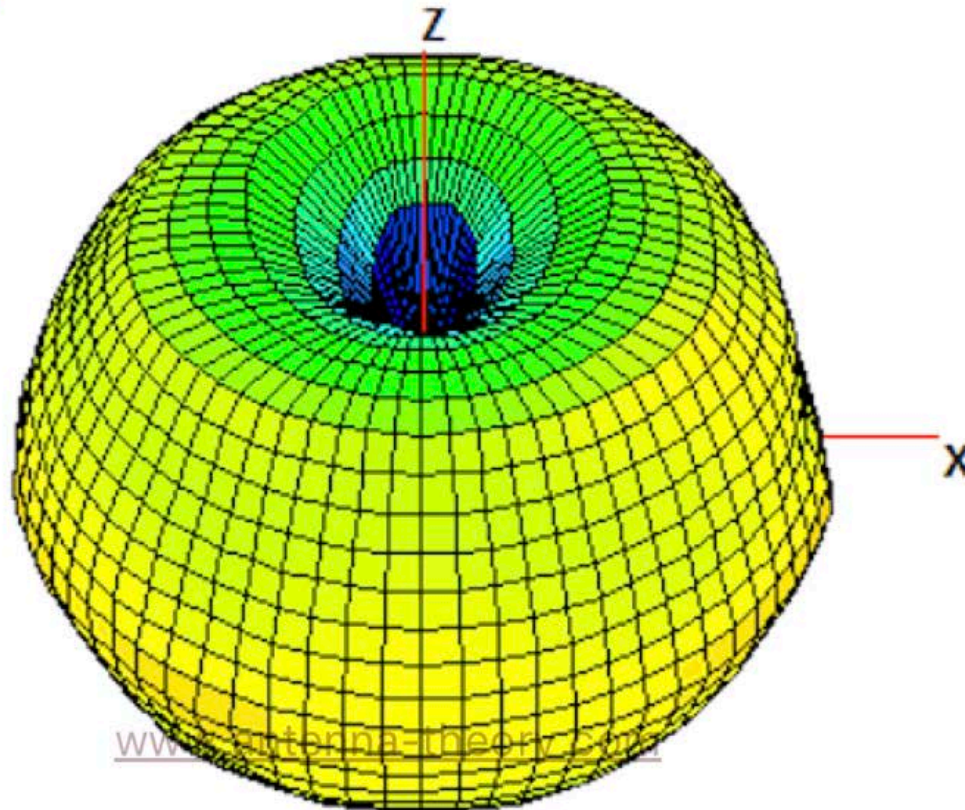
		normalized
frequency [MHz]	900	900000000
speed of light [K]	300000	300000000
lambda (m)		0.333333333
gain Tx	1	
Gain Rx	1	
Loss	1	
Ptx [W]	5	
distance (Km)	Prx W	Prx dBm
200	8.80E-08	-40.56
400	2.20E-08	-46.58
600	9.77E-09	-50.10
800	5.50E-09	-52.60
1000	3.52E-09	-54.54
1200	2.44E-09	-56.12
1400	1.79E-09	-57.46
1600	1.37E-09	-58.62
1800	1.09E-09	-59.64
2000	8.80E-10	-60.56
2200	7.27E-10	-61.39
2400	6.11E-10	-62.14
2600	5.20E-10	-62.84
2800	4.49E-10	-63.48
3000	3.91E-10	-64.08
3200	3.44E-10	-64.64
3400	3.04E-10	-65.17
3600	2.71E-10	-65.66
3800	2.44E-10	-66.13
4000	2.20E-10	-66.58
4200	1.99E-10	-67.00
4400	1.82E-10	-67.41
4600	1.66E-10	-67.79
4800	1.53E-10	-68.16
5000	1.41E-10	-68.52



Radiation Pattern (Gain in dB)

Azimuth = 0.0
Elevation = 45.0
Roll = 0.0

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Response (dB)

5

0

-5

-10

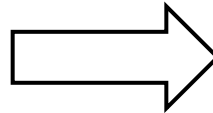
-15

-20

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Computation with dB

- Transmit power
 - Measured in dBm
 - Es. 33 dBm
- Receive Power
 - Measured in dBm
 - Es. -10 dBm



■ Path Loss

- Transmit power / Receive power
- Measured in dB
- $\text{Loss (dB)} = \text{transmit (dBm)} - \text{receive (dBm)}$
 - Es. 43 dB = attenuation by factor 20.000

If received power is below a given threshold info. cannot be correctly received

Wireless channel: path loss

- Path Loss

$$P_R = P_T g_T g_R \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2 \frac{1}{L}$$

$$PL = \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^{-2}$$

- Represents free space path loss, due to geometric spreading.
- Other attenuations are introduced by obstacles (reflections, diffraction, scattering etc.) and by atmosphere absorption (depending on frequency, water vapor etc).

Wireless channel- path loss

- Path Loss

$$PL = \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^{-2}$$

$$\frac{P_T}{P_R} = \frac{P_T}{P_T g_T g_R \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2 \frac{1}{L}}$$

if

$$g_T, g_R, L = 1$$

$$\frac{P_T}{P_R} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^{-2}$$

Path loss (propagation loss) in dB

Denoted also as L_{free} in what follows

$$PL(d)_{[dB]} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_t}{P_r} = 10 \log_{10} \left\{ \frac{L}{G_t G_r} \left(\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda} \right)^2 \right\} =$$

= 20

$$\frac{P_T}{P_R} = \frac{P_T}{P_T G_T G_R \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2 \frac{1}{L}} \quad 10 \log_{10} \frac{c}{4\pi} =$$

= 20

7.56

Path loss (propagation loss) in dB (formula generale)

Denoted also as L_{free} in what follows

$$\begin{aligned} PL(d)_{[dB]} &= 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_t}{P_r} = 10 \log_{10} \left\{ \frac{L}{G_t G_r} \left(\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda} \right)^2 \right\} = \\ &= 20 \log_{10} d - 10 \log_{10} \frac{G_t G_r}{L} - 20 \log_{10} \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} = \\ &= 20 \log_{10} d + 20 \log_{10} f - 10 \log_{10} \frac{G_t G_r}{L} - 20 \log_{10} \frac{c}{4\pi} = \\ &= 20 \log_{10} d + 20 \log_{10} f - 10 \log_{10} \frac{G_t G_r}{L} - 147.56 \end{aligned}$$

It depends on distance but also on frequency

Free space loss

$$L_{free}(d) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^{-2}$$

If $L=1$, gains=1

$$\begin{aligned} L_{free}(d)_{[dB]} &= -20 \log \left[\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right] = -20 \log \left[\frac{c/f}{4\pi d} \right] \\ &= 20 \log_{10} d + 20 \log_{10} f - 147.56 \end{aligned}$$

Further comments on Friis transmission equation

$$P_R = P_T g_T g_R \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2 \quad L=1$$

If we know the value at a reference distance d_{ref} ...

$$P_R(d) = P_R(d_{ref}) (d_{ref}/d)^2$$

$$P_R(d) \text{ dBm} = P_R(d_{ref}) \text{ dBm} + 20 \log_{10} (d_{ref}/d)$$

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If we know the value at a reference distance d_{ref} ...

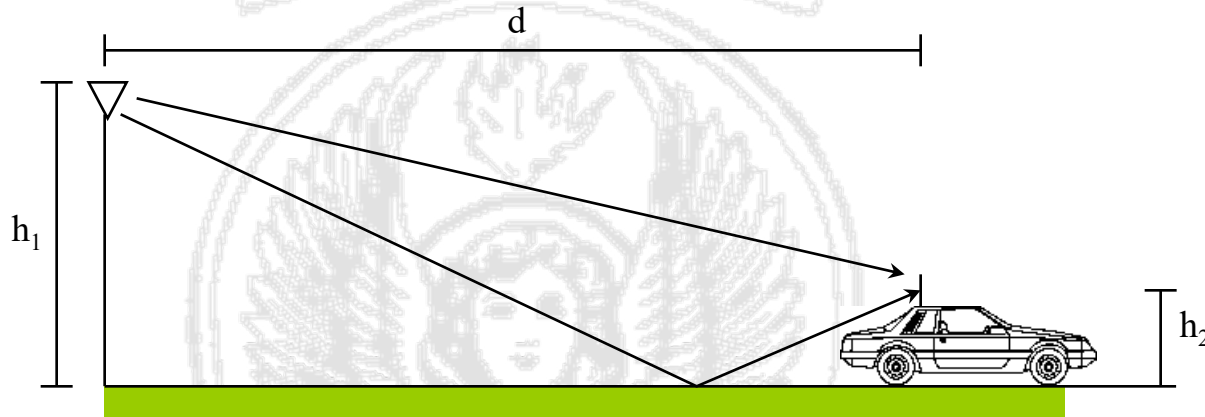
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$$P_R(d) \text{ dBm} = P_R(d_{ref}) \text{ dBm} + 20 \log_{10} (d_{ref}/d)$$

$$\frac{P_R(d)}{P_R(d_{Ref})} = \frac{P_T g_T g_R \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2 \frac{1}{L}}{P_T g_T g_R \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d_{Ref}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{L}} = \left(\frac{d_{Ref}}{d} \right)^2$$

Wireless channel- Two ray propagation model

- In case signal propagates over LOS and one reflected ray..



...the ratio between received power and transmitted power takes the following form:

$$\frac{P_R}{P_T} = g_R g_T \left(\frac{h_1 h_2}{d^2} \right)^2$$

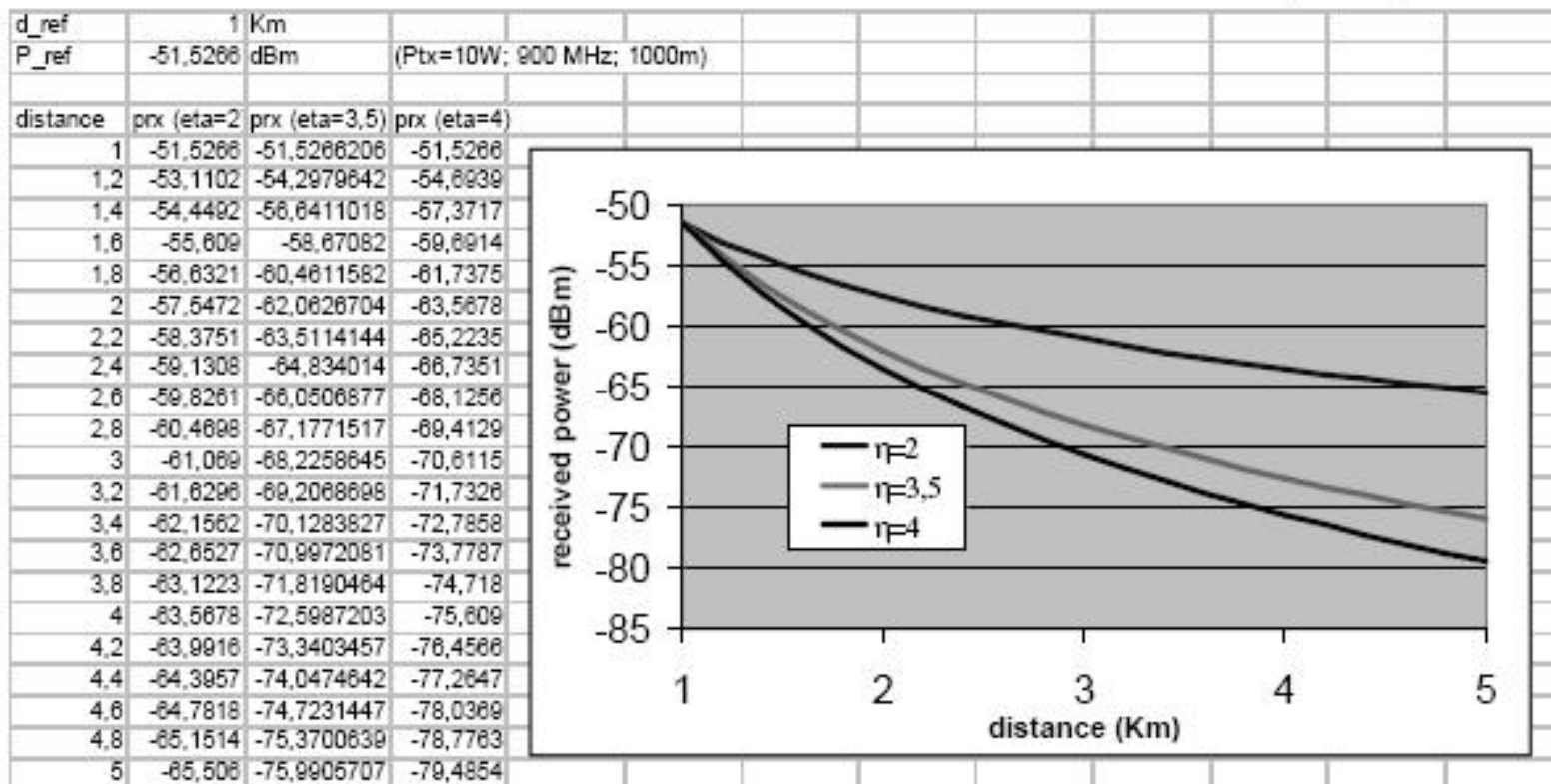
Wireless signal propagation

- In the two ray model the received power decreases much faster with distance ($\sim 1/d^4$) than in the free space model ($\sim 1/d^2$)
- Real life signal propagation is much more complex than what represented by the two models
- However, mean received power can be often expressed with a generalization of the Friis transmission equation (where the propagation coefficient is η instead of 2) . The propagation coefficient typically assumes values between 2 and 5 (as determined as a function of the propagation environment by empirical studies and models)

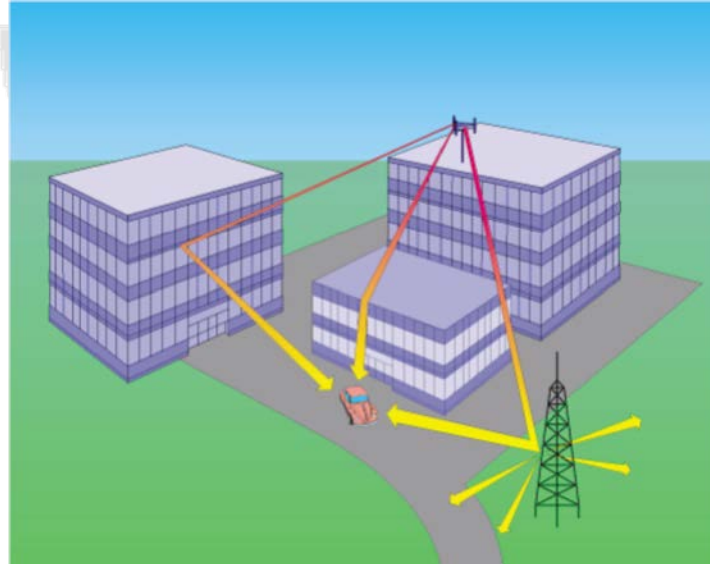
$$P_R = P_T g_T g_R \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{1}{d^\eta}$$

Extended formula

$$P_r(d)(dB) = 10 \log_{10} P_r(d_o) + 10\eta \log_{10} \left(\frac{d_o}{d} \right)$$

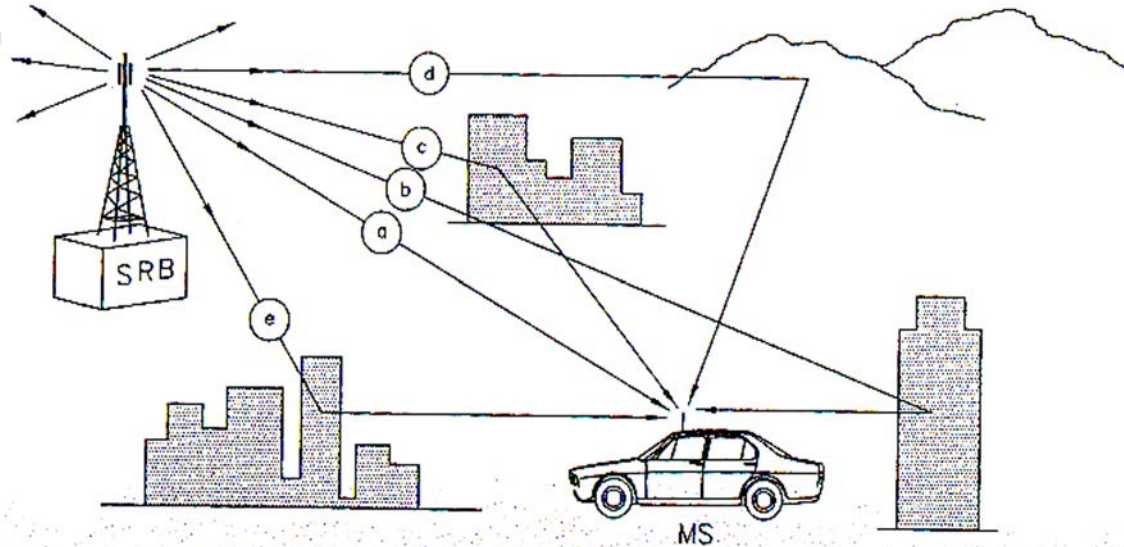


Wireless channel: multipath fading



- While propagating from source to destination the signal can follow multiple paths. At the receiver different components (received over different paths, with different phases and amplitudes) are combined.
- Signal can be reflected, diffracted, scattered based on the obstacles it finds over its path towards destination.
- Low frequencies can traverse without or with low attenuation many objects; when frequency increases waves tend to be absorbed or reflected by obstacles (at very high frequency– over 5 GHz – communication is LOS).

Multipath fading

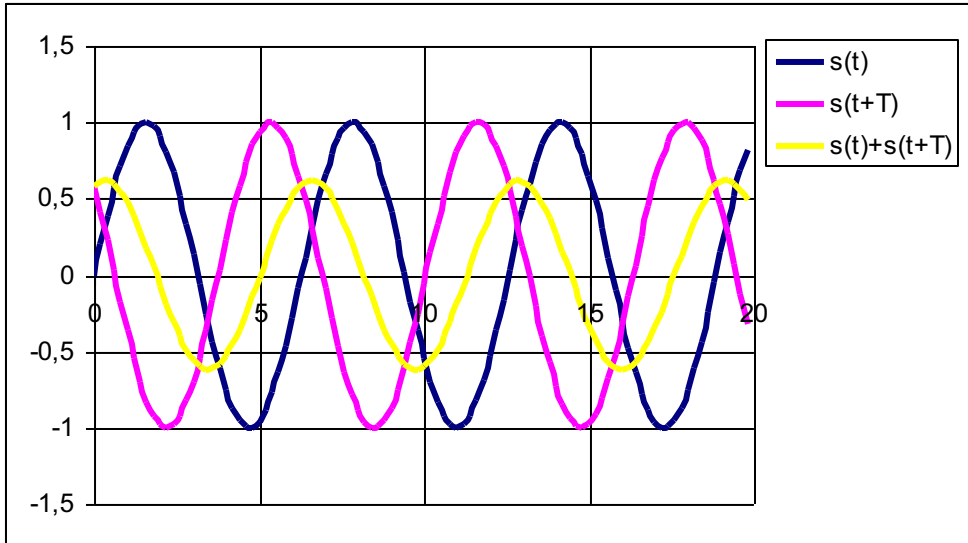


- Signal replicas received via different propagation paths are combined at the receiver
- The results depends on
 - The number of replicas
 - Their phases
 - Their amplitudes
 - Frequency

Received power differs, as a result

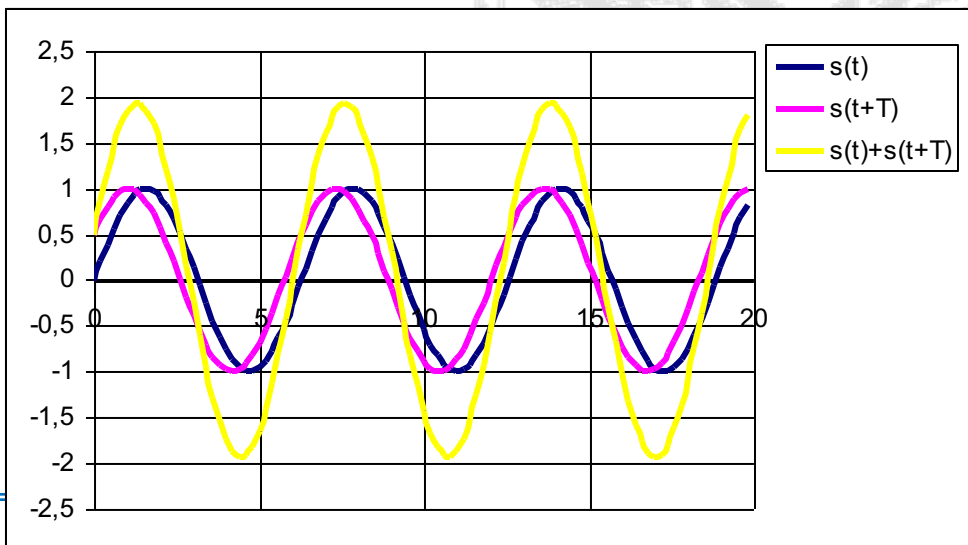
from place to place, from time to time!

Multipath fading



- Resulting signal can be attenuated

$$T = 4/5\pi$$



- Or amplified

$$T = \pi / 6$$

Rayleigh fading

$$e_r(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi_k) =$$

recall that : $\cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi_k) =$
 $= \cos(2\pi f_0 t) \cos(\phi_k) - \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \sin(\phi_k)$

$$= \cos(2\pi f_0 t) \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \cos \phi_k - \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \sin \phi_k =$$

$$= X \cos(2\pi f_0 t) - Y \sin(2\pi f_0 t)$$

In the assumptions:

- N large (many paths)
- ϕ_k uniformly distributed in $(0, 2\pi)$
- a_k comparable (no privileged path such as LOS)

X, Y are gaussian, identically distributed random variables

*Sigma² is the
Variance of
The X, Y variables*

**Rayleigh fading power
distribution**

$$f_p(x) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} e^{-x/2\sigma^2}$$

Rayleigh fading

$$e_r(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi_k) =$$

$$\text{recall that : } \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi_k) = \cos(2\pi f_0 t) \cos(\phi_k) - \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \sin(\phi_k)$$

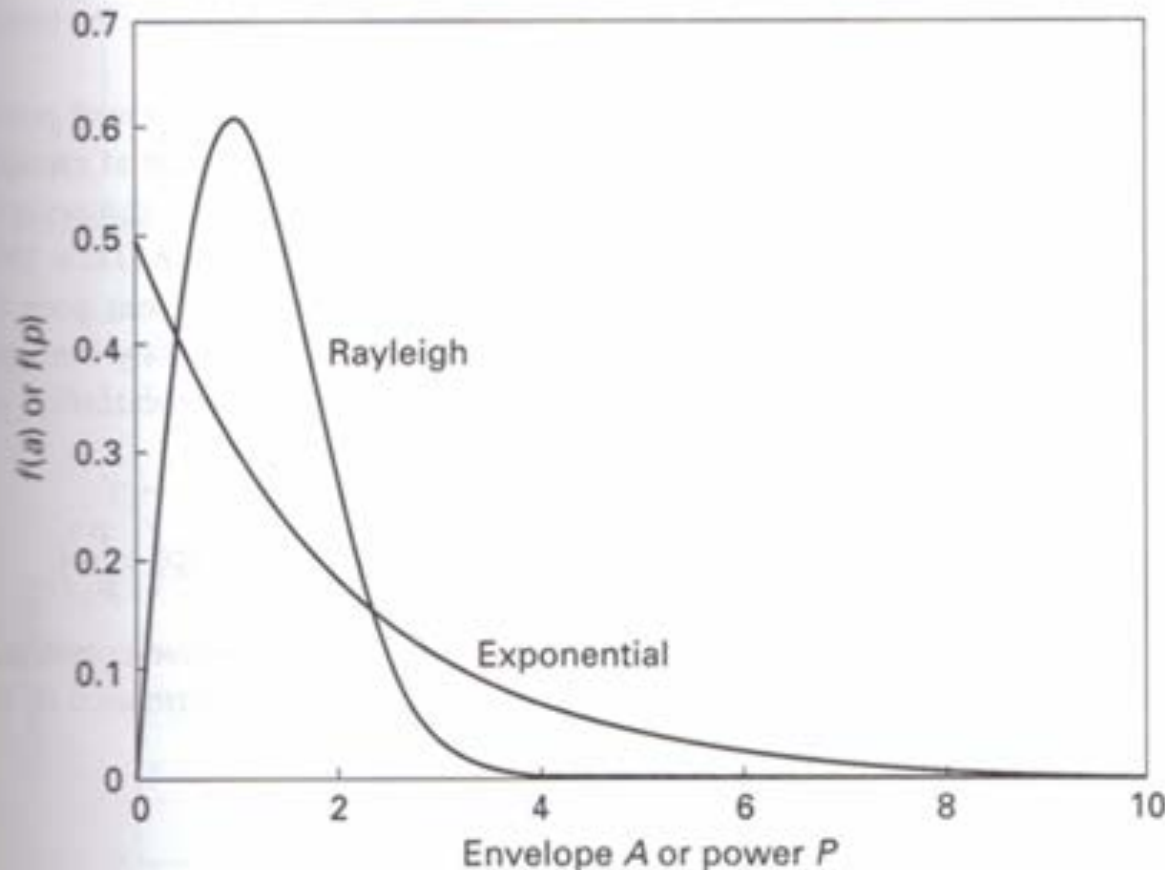
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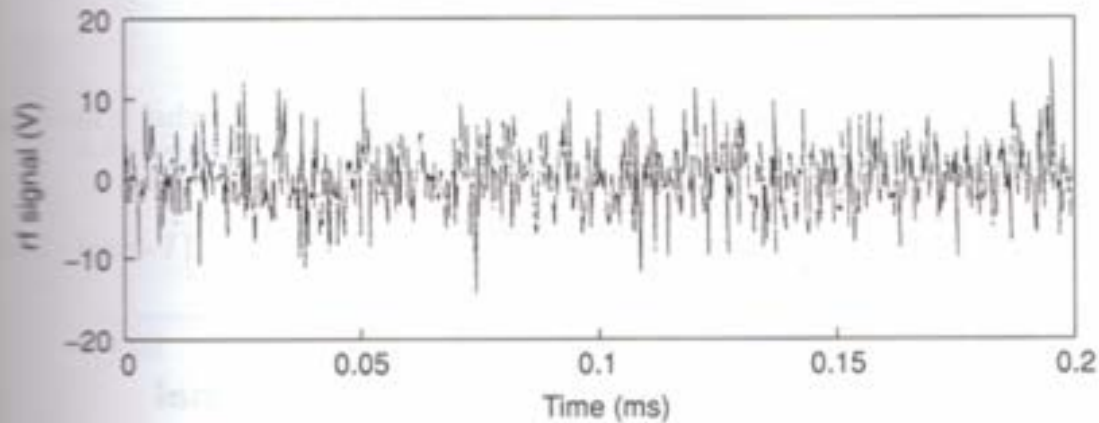
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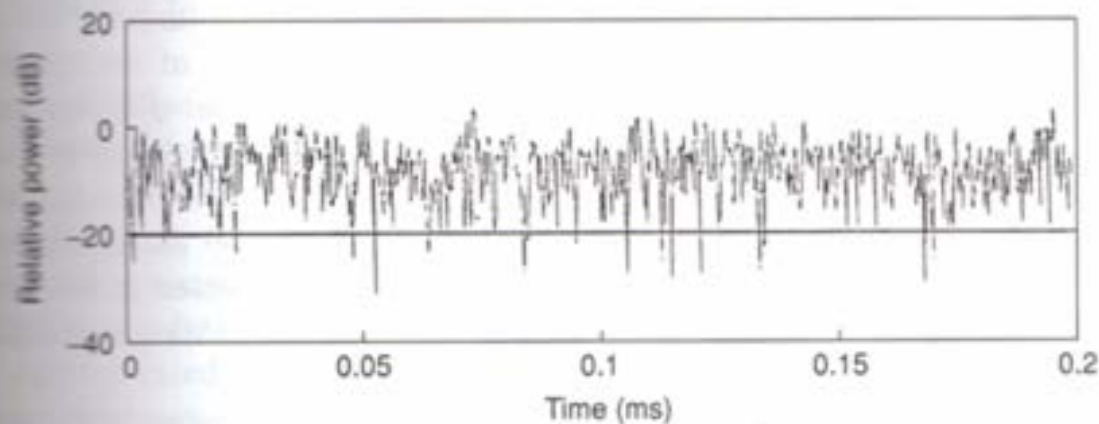


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of
variables

Rayleigh fading



(a)



(b)

FIGURE 2.19 Rayleigh-faded rf signal (a) and its power (b). The plots were generated from 11 multiple paths. The envelope was obtained by demodulating the rf signal.

Fading-why is it important?

Answer1:

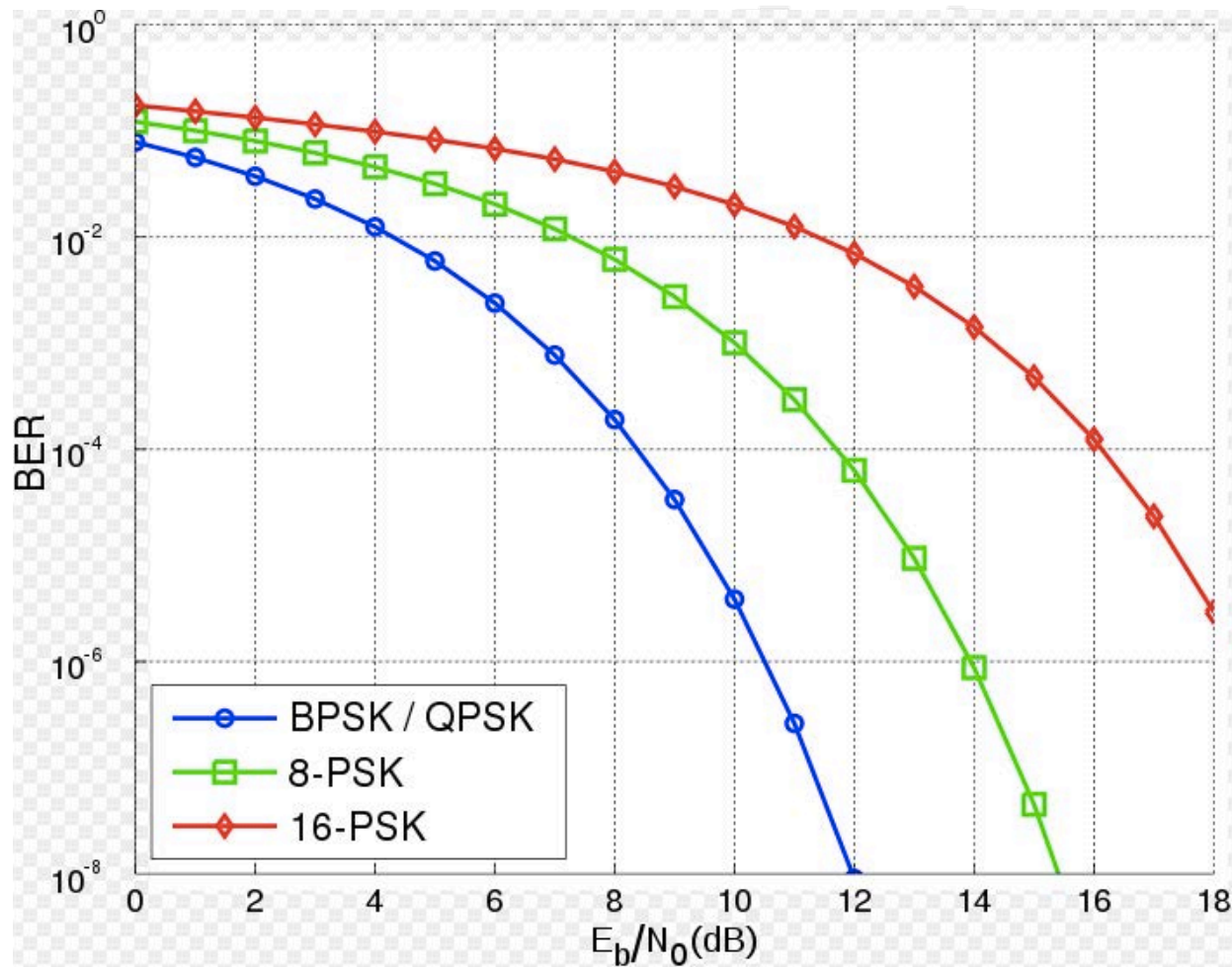
Outage Probability→Probability that received power is lower than a given threshold

⇒Below which signal cannot be correctly received

$$P_{\text{out}} = \int_0^{p_{\text{thr}}} f(p) dp$$

Pay attention: making the assumption the network topology is a unit disc graph is a strong approximation to be aware of. Solutions relying heavily on this approximation sometimes fail completely in real life

BER performance

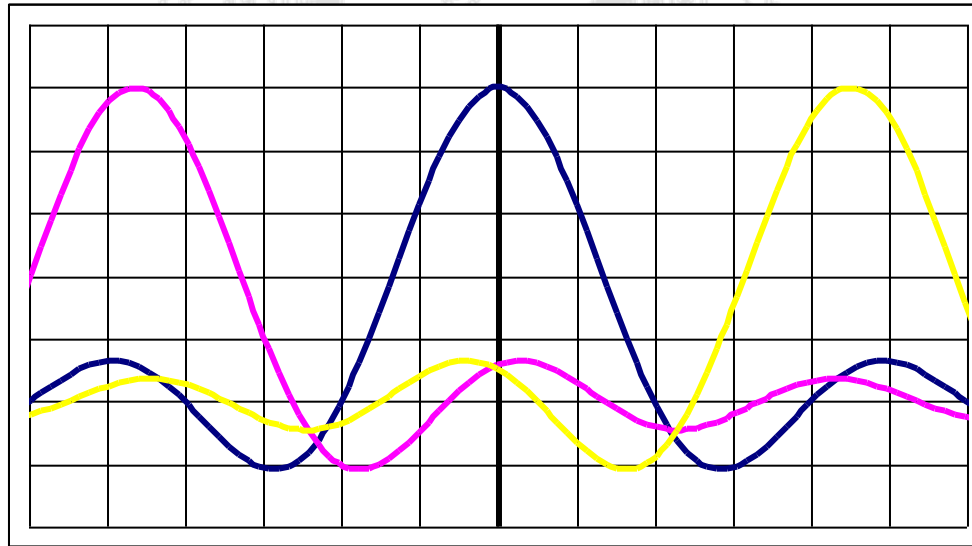


BER performance
also depends
on modulation
Given a S/N and a
Modulation \rightarrow BER

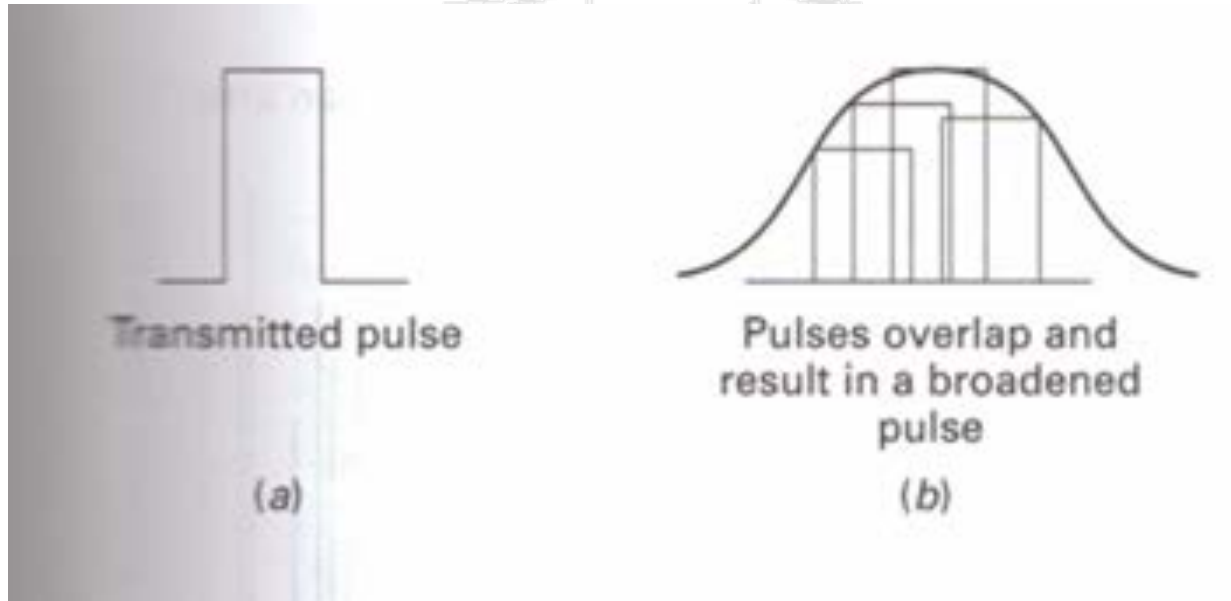
Using FEC BER
Performance can
be improved

Multipath fading

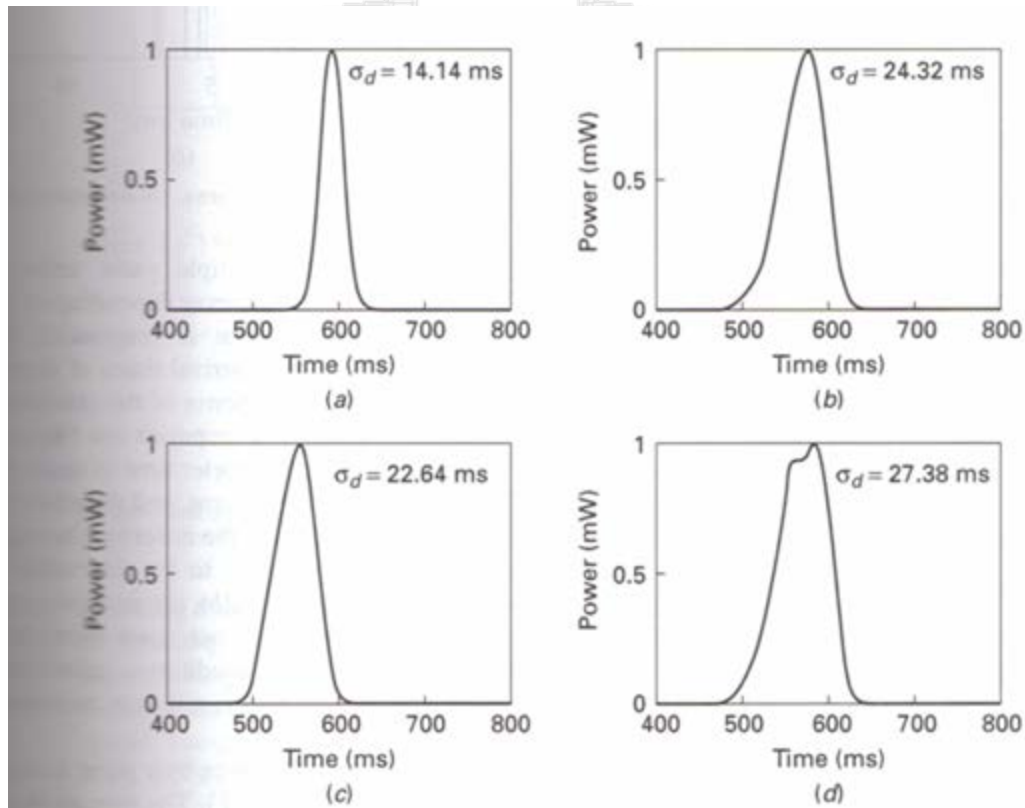
- Different delays experienced by the different signal replicas (delay spread) can widen the channel impulse response leading to intersymbol interference (ISI – Inter-Symbol Interference)



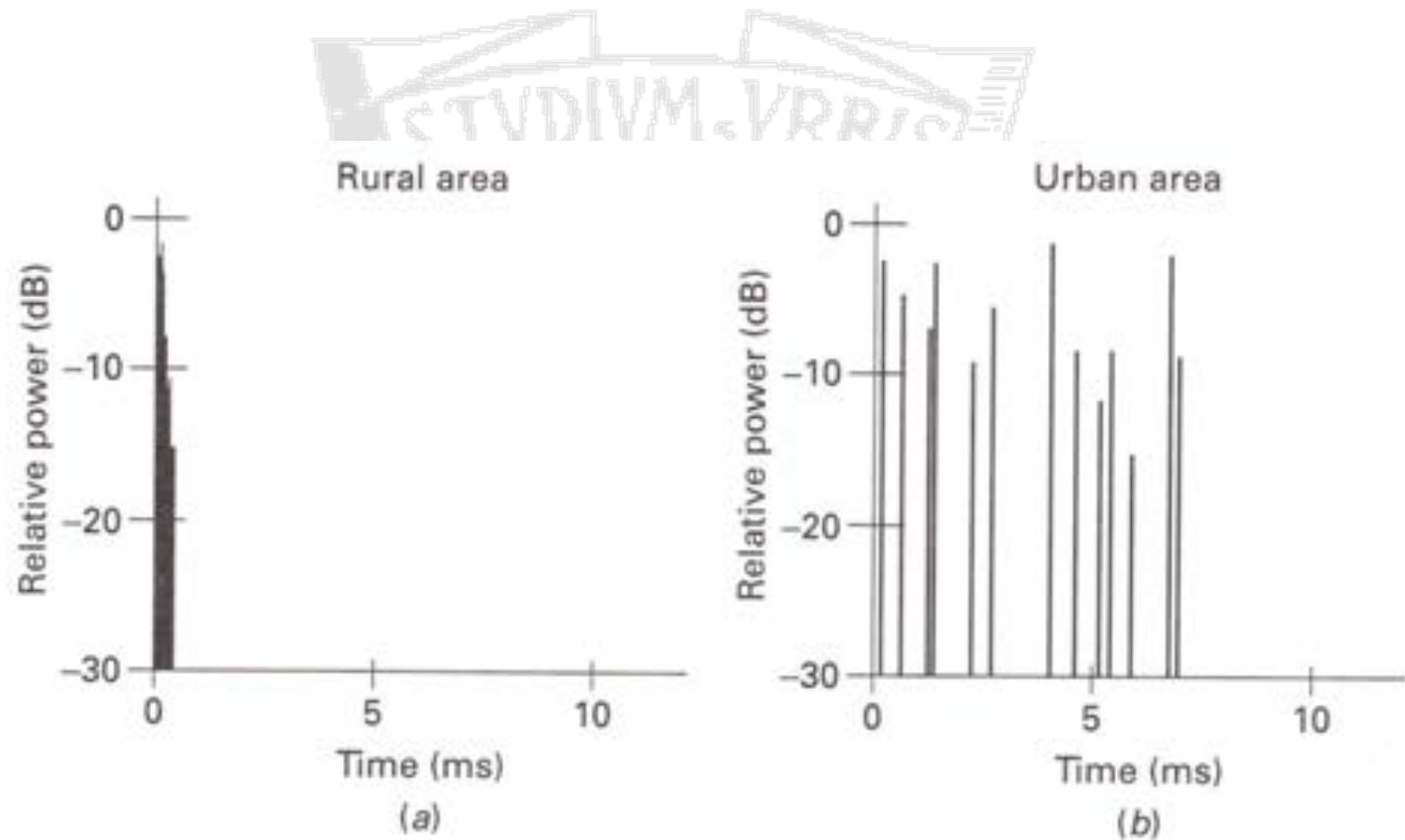
Examples



Examples



Impulse response



Multipath fading

- Impact of delay spread can be quantified by computing the root mean square (RMS Delay Spread):

$$\tau_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i} \sum_{i=1}^n (\tau_i^2 P_i) - \tau_d^2}$$

■ with

$$\tau_d = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\tau_i P_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i}$$



τ_{RMS}

RMS delay spread



τ_i

delay on path i



P_i

power received on path i



n

number of paths

Multipath fading

- The coherence bandwidth, which is a statistical measurement of the bandwidth interval over which the channel is 'flat' is approximated by the inverse of the delay spread
- If coherence bandwidth is \gg signal bandwidth the channel is flat
- **If coherence bandwidth is comparable to the signal bandwidth then delay spread results into intersymbol interference and reception errors**

In case of intersymbol interference **equalization** is used, introducing complexity.