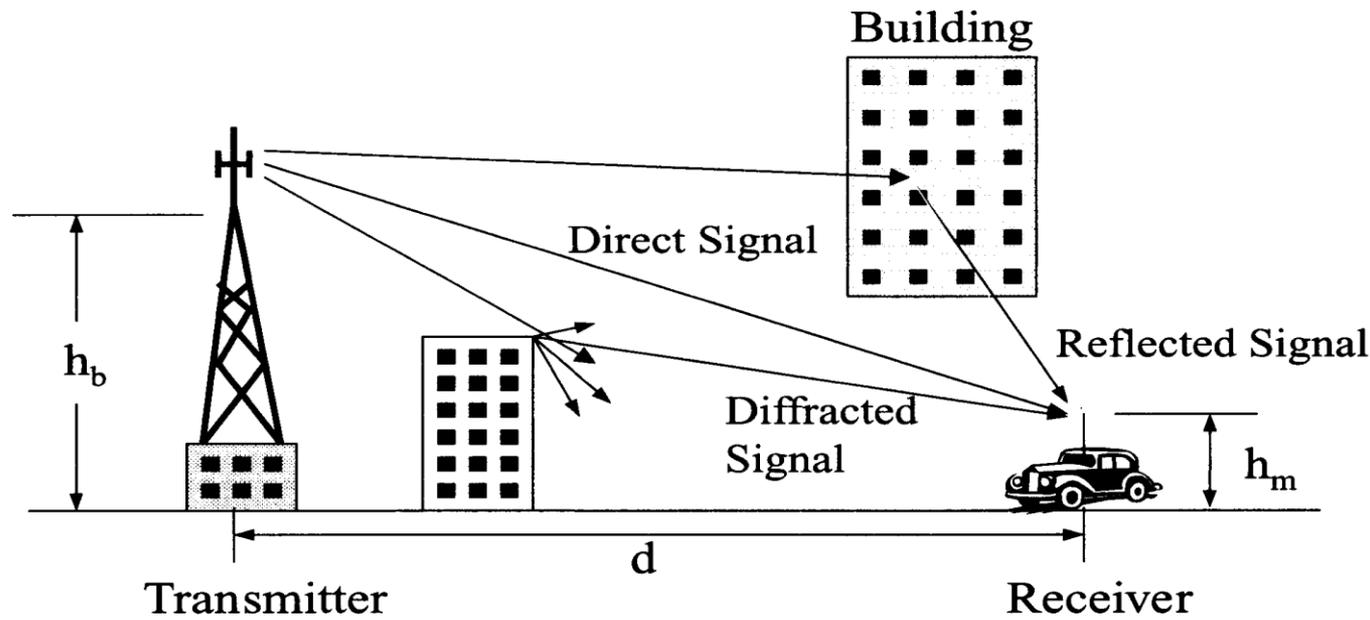


Fading. Propagation Loss

- **Multipath characteristics of radio waves**
- **Long and short-term fading**
- **Rayleigh and Rician fadings**
- **Long Term Fading**
- **Okumara –Hata model for median loss**
- **Delay spread. Intersymbol interferences**
- **Coherence Bandwidth**
- **Doppler spread**

Multipath characteristics of radio waves

- Multipath occurs when radio waves arrive at a mobile receiver from different direction with different magnitude and time delays. As mobile terminal moves from one location to another the phase relationship between the various incoming waves also change. Thus there are substantial amplitude and phase fluctuations. This is known as **fading**.

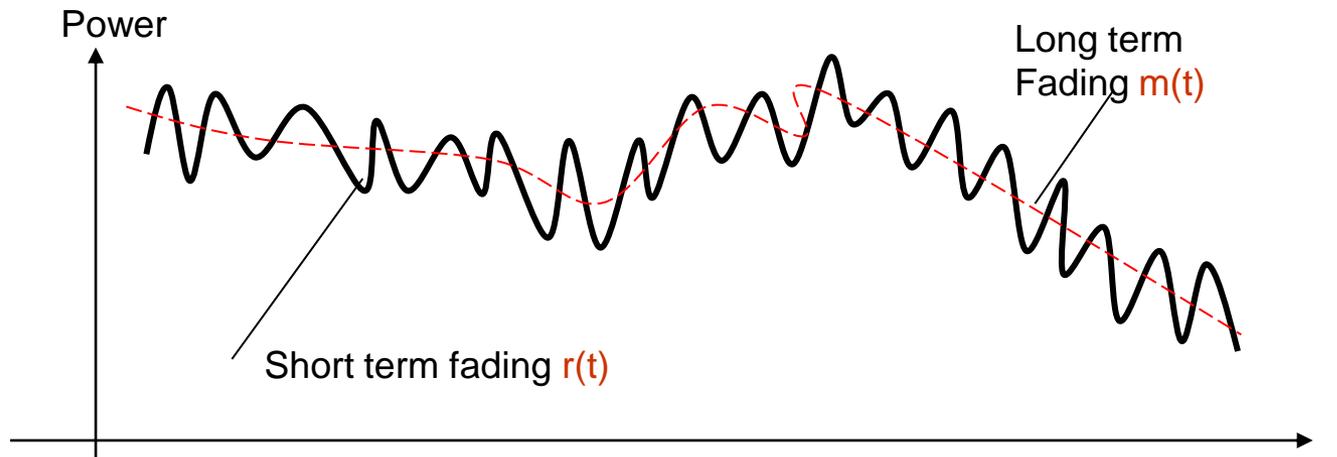


Fast fading- rapid fluctuations of amplitude when mobile terminal moves short distance. FF is due to reflection of local objects and motion of user from these objects.

Slow fading arises when there are large reflected and diffracted objects along the transmission path. The motion of the terminal to these distant objects is small and corresponding propagation change slowly.

Existing the motion yields a **Doppler shift** of the frequency in the received signal

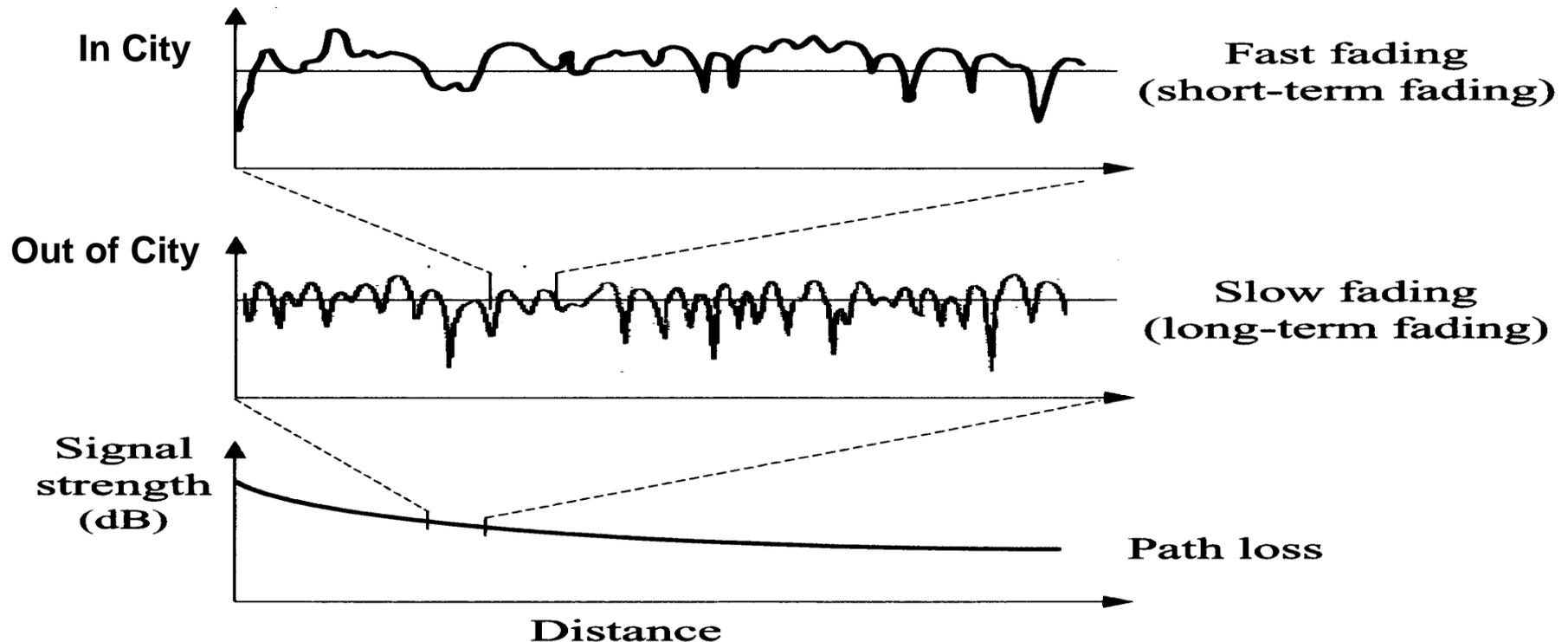
Received signal $s(t)=m(t).r(t)$



Long and short-term fading

fast fading (Short term fading): rapid fluctuation is observed over distances of about $\lambda/2$. For VHF and UHF, a vehicle traveling at 30 mph can pass through several fast fades in a second.

slow fading (Long-term): path loss “variation” caused by changes in landscape, i.e., building. variation.



Short term fading

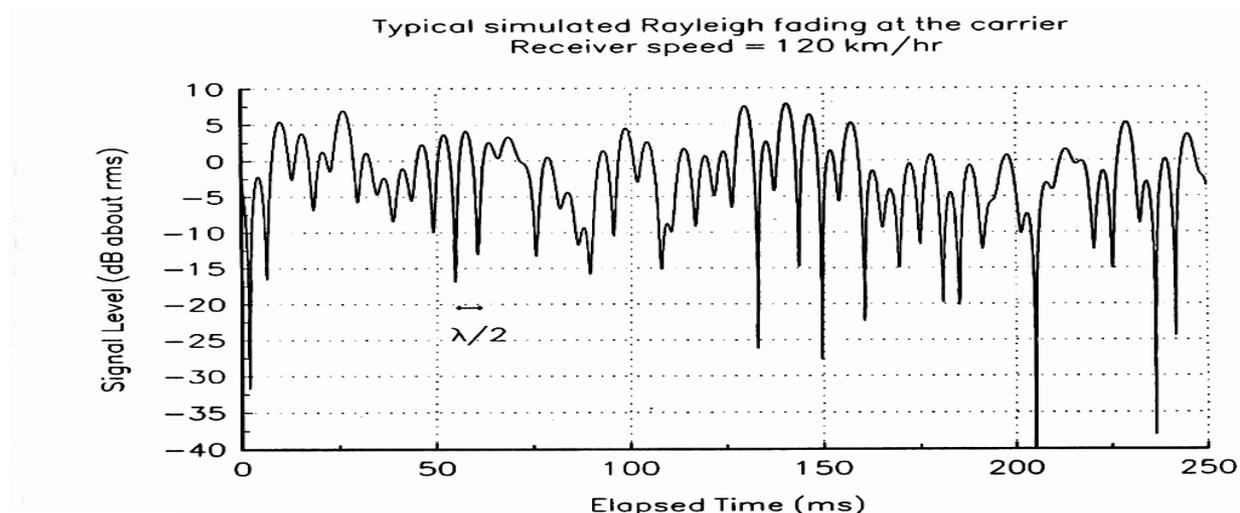
Probability density function of short term fading is given by **Rayleigh distributions**.

$$p(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{P_0} e^{(-r^2)/2P_0}$$

$2P_0=2\sigma^2$ is mean square power of the component subjected to STF; r^2 is instantenous power

$$P(\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{R}) = P(\mathbf{R}) = 1 - e^{-R^2/2P_0}$$

$r_{\text{mean}}=1.25\sigma$; Mean square $2P_0 = 2 \sigma^2$; Variance $\sigma_r^2=0.429 \sigma^2$; Median value $r_m=1.177 \sigma$



A typical Rayleigh fading envelope at 900 MHz [from [Fun93] © IEEE].

Level crossing rate and Average fade duration

LCR $N(\mathbf{R})$, at the specified signal level R is defined as average number of times per second that the signal envelope crosses the level in positive going directions ($r>0$).

$$N(\mathbf{R}) \approx \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{V}{\lambda} \rho$$

$$\text{Or } N(\mathbf{R}) = n_0 n_R$$

$$\rho = \frac{R}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} = \frac{R}{R_{\text{rms}}}; R_{\text{rms}} - \text{rms amplitude of the fading envelope}; \quad V - \text{speed}; \lambda - \text{carrier wavelength}$$

$$n_R = \rho e^{-\rho^2} \quad - \text{is called normalized level-crossing rate.} \quad n_0 = \sqrt{2\pi} f_m; f_m = v/\lambda$$

Average fade duration:

$$\tau(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{e^{\rho^2} - 1}{n_0 \rho} = \frac{\lambda}{v} \frac{\rho}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

Rician Fading

When there is dominant signal component (ex. LOS), the SCF envelope distribution is Rician distribution:

$$p(r) = \frac{r}{\sigma^2} e^{-\left[\frac{r^2 + A^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]} \cdot I_0[Ar/\sigma^2]; \text{ for } A \geq 0 \text{ and } r \geq 0$$

Rician factor

$$K = 10 \log \frac{A^2}{2\sigma^2} [\text{dB}]$$

as $A \rightarrow 0$ Rician distribution degenerates to Rayleigh distribution

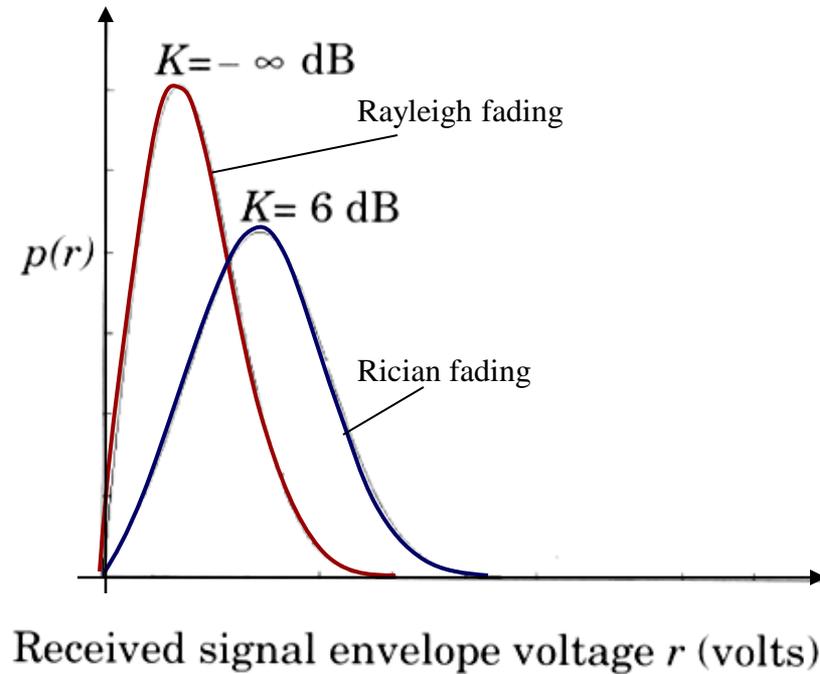
Long Term Fading

Probability density function is given by log-Normal distribution

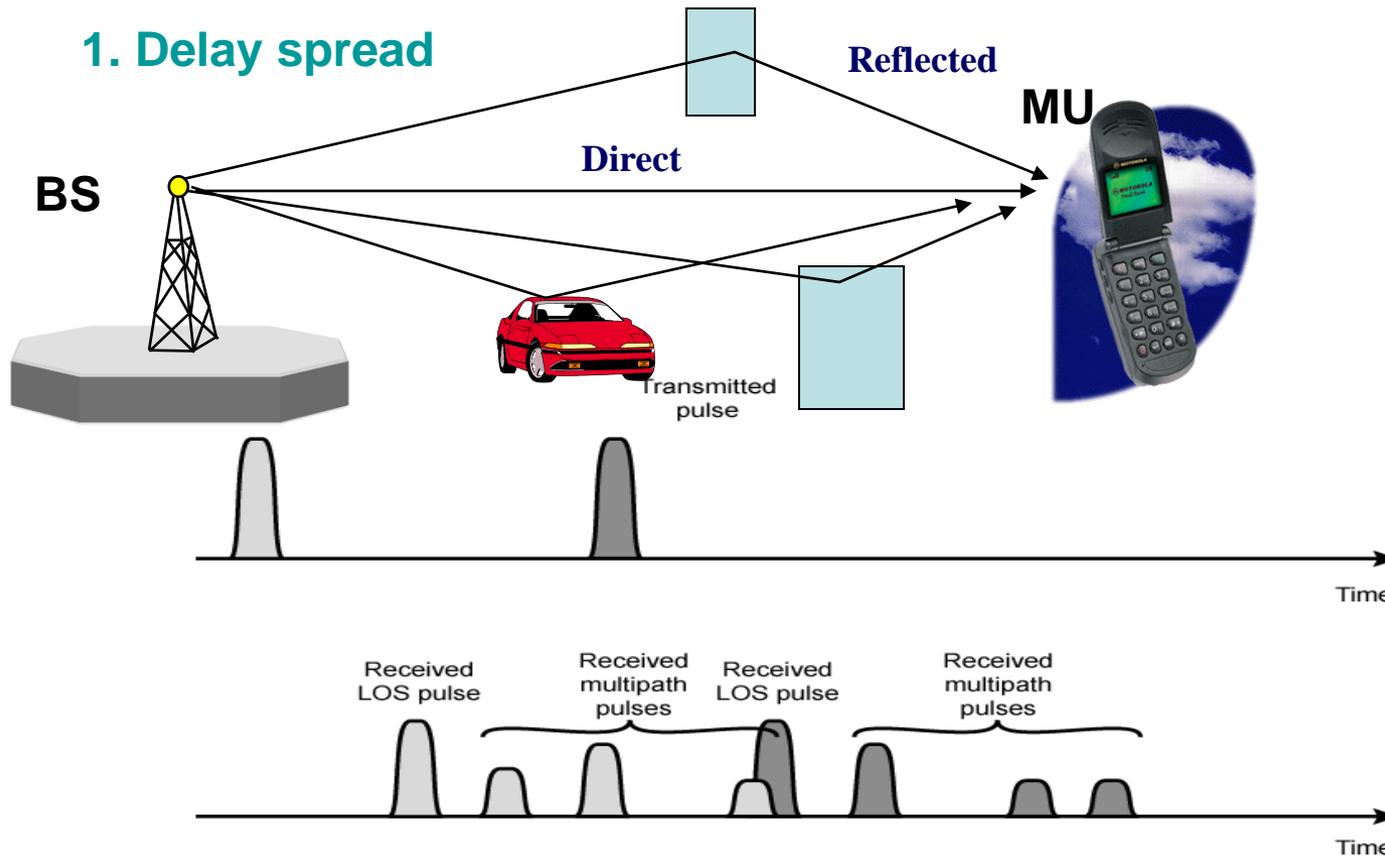
$$p(m) = \frac{1}{m\sigma_m \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\left[\frac{(\text{Log}m - m_0)^2}{2\sigma_m^2}\right]}$$

m_0 is the mean of $\log m$.

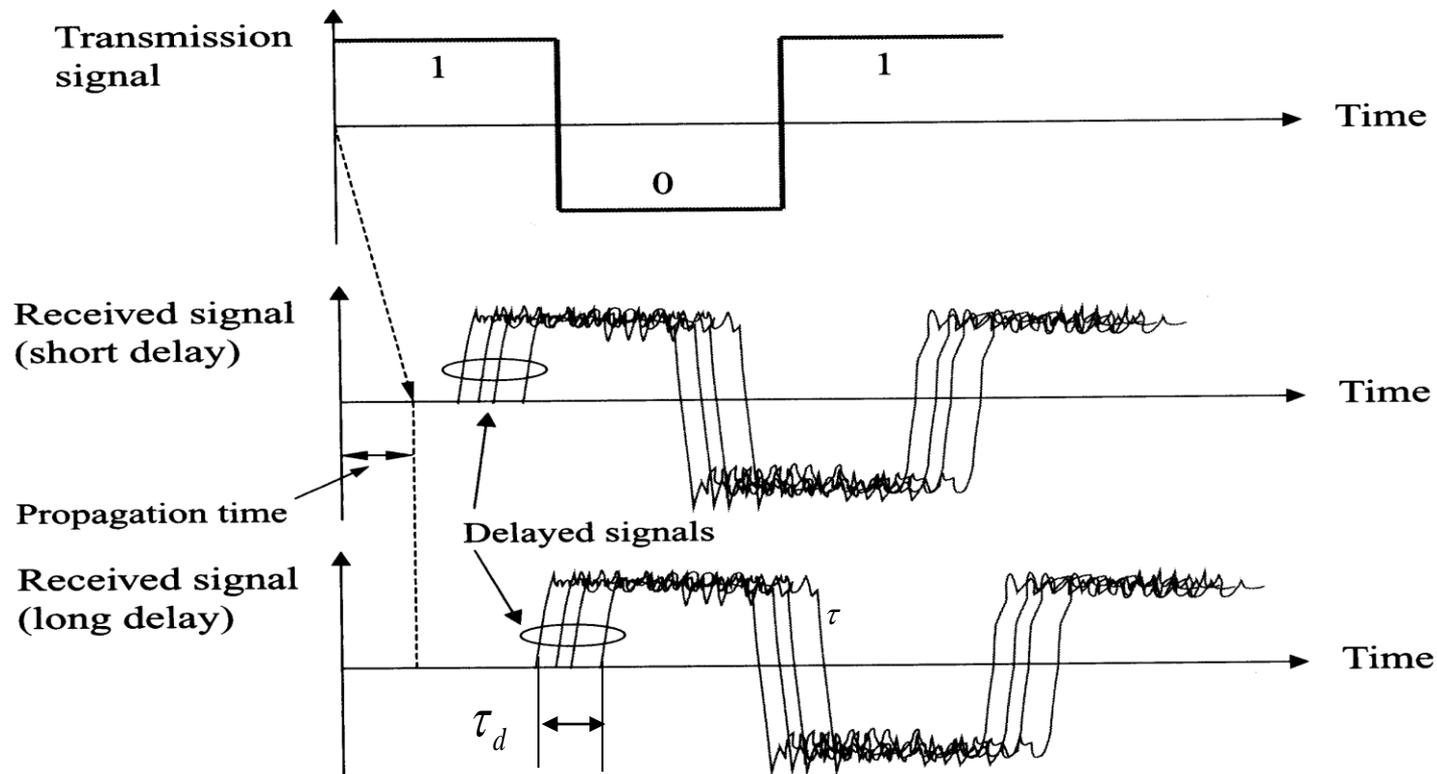
Ricean and Rayleigh fading distributions



Delay spread. Coherence Bandwidth. Doppler Shift



- Intersymbol interference (ISI) occurs if the delay spread of the channel exceeds the symbol time (or the sampling interval)
- Cancellation of ISI is done via an equalizer at the receiver



In a Time diversity medium transmission rate R is limited by delay spread.

$$R < \frac{1}{2\tau_d}$$

Environment	Delay spread (μs)
Open area	<0.2
Suburban area	0.5
Urban area	3

Coherence Bandwidth

The coherence B_c is the bandwidth for which either amplitudes or phases of two receiver signals have a high degree of similarity. B_c is a statistical measure of range of frequencies over which the channel passes all spectral components with approximately equal gain and linear phase.

$$B_c = \frac{1}{\tau_{d \max}}$$

More useful measurement is often expressed in terms of “rms” delay spread τ_{drms} . Two fading signal with frequencies f_1 and f_2 , where $\Delta f = |f_1 - f_2|$, if correlation function between two faded signal $R(\Delta f) = 0.5$, then

$$\Delta f > B_c = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau_{\text{drms}}} \quad (2)$$

More popular approximation is

$$\Delta f > B_c = \frac{1}{5\pi\tau_{\text{drms}}} \quad (3)$$

$B_c < 1/T_s = B_w$ corresponds to frequency-selective (all freq. components are not affected by channel a similar manner) channel

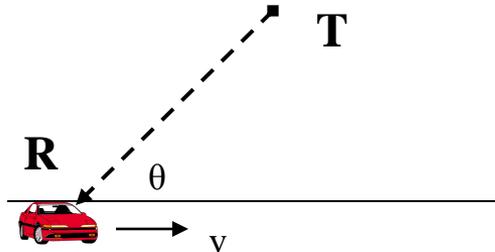
$B_c > 1/T_s = B_w$ corresponds to flat fading (all freq. components are affected by channel a similar manner) channel

For GSM $B_w = 200 \text{ kHz}$, an urban environment $\tau_{\text{drms}} = 2 \mu\text{s}$ and from (3) $B_c = 100 \text{ kHz} < B_w$. And there are frequency-selective distortions. For overcome this problem is used **Viterbi equalizer**

Doppler spread

Doppler shift. If receiver is moving toward the source, then zero crossing of the signal appear faster, and receiver frequency becomes higher. The opposite effect occurs if the receiver moving away from the source. The resulting change Known as the Doppler shift.

$$f_d = f_0 \frac{v}{c} \cos \theta$$



f_0 - carrier transmitted frequency; v -speed of moving; θ - angle between terminal motion and signal radiation directions.

Doppler spread. Doppler shift of each arriving path is generally different.

Doppler spread is estimated by coherence time $T_0 = 1/f_d$.

A popular rule to define T_0

$$T_0 = \sqrt{\frac{9}{16\pi f_d^2}} = \frac{0.423}{f_d}$$

Fast fading channel: $Bw < f_d$ or $T_s > T_0$

Slow fading channel: $Bw > f_d$ or $T_s < T_0$

Empirical models

1. Hata –Okumara Model

1. Urban area

$$L_{50} = 69.55 + 26.16 \log f_c - 13.82 \log h_b - a(h_m) + (44.9 - 6.55 \log h_b) \log R$$

L_{50} – median path loss with dB; $f_c = 100$ -1500 MHz-frequency range;
 $h_b = 30$ -200m-BS antenna height; $R = 1$ -20km distance from BS
Correction factor for mobile antenna height - $a(h_m)$

For a small or medium-sized city:

$a(h_m) = (1.1 f_c - 0.7) h_m - (1.56 \log f_c - 0.8)$ dB; $h_m = 1$ -10 m-mobile antenna height

2. Suburban area

$$L_{50} = L_{50}(\text{urban}) - 2[\log (f_c/28)^2 - 5.4] \text{ dB}$$

2. Open area

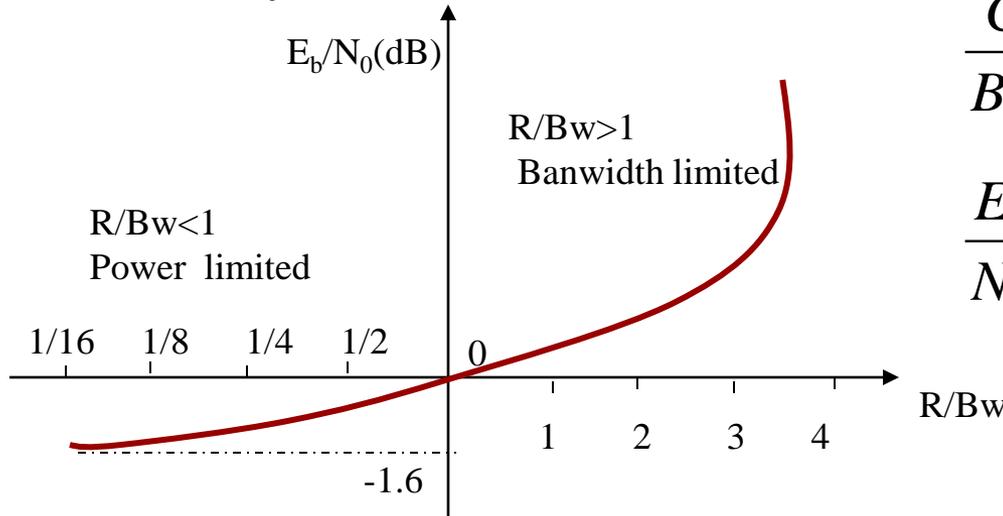
$$L_{50} = L_{50}(\text{urban}) - 4.78 \log (f_c)^2 + 18.33 \log f_c - 40.94 \text{ dB}$$

Capacity of Communication Channel

$$C = B_w \log_2 \left[1 + \frac{S}{N_0 B_w} \right] = B_w \log_2 \left[1 + \frac{E_b}{N_0} \left(\frac{R}{B_w} \right) \right]$$

C -channel capacity (bits/s); B_w -one-way transmission bandwidth(Hz); E_b -energy per bit; R -information rate (bits/s); $S=E_b R$ -signal power; N_0 noise power spectral density.

An ideal systems $R=C$, and



$$\frac{C}{B_w} = \log_2 \left[1 + \frac{E_b}{N_0} \left(\frac{C}{B_w} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{E_b}{N_0} = \frac{2^\alpha - 1}{\alpha}; \quad \alpha = \frac{C}{B_w}$$