



# A SURVEY OF V2V CHANNEL MODELING FOR VANET SIMULATIONS

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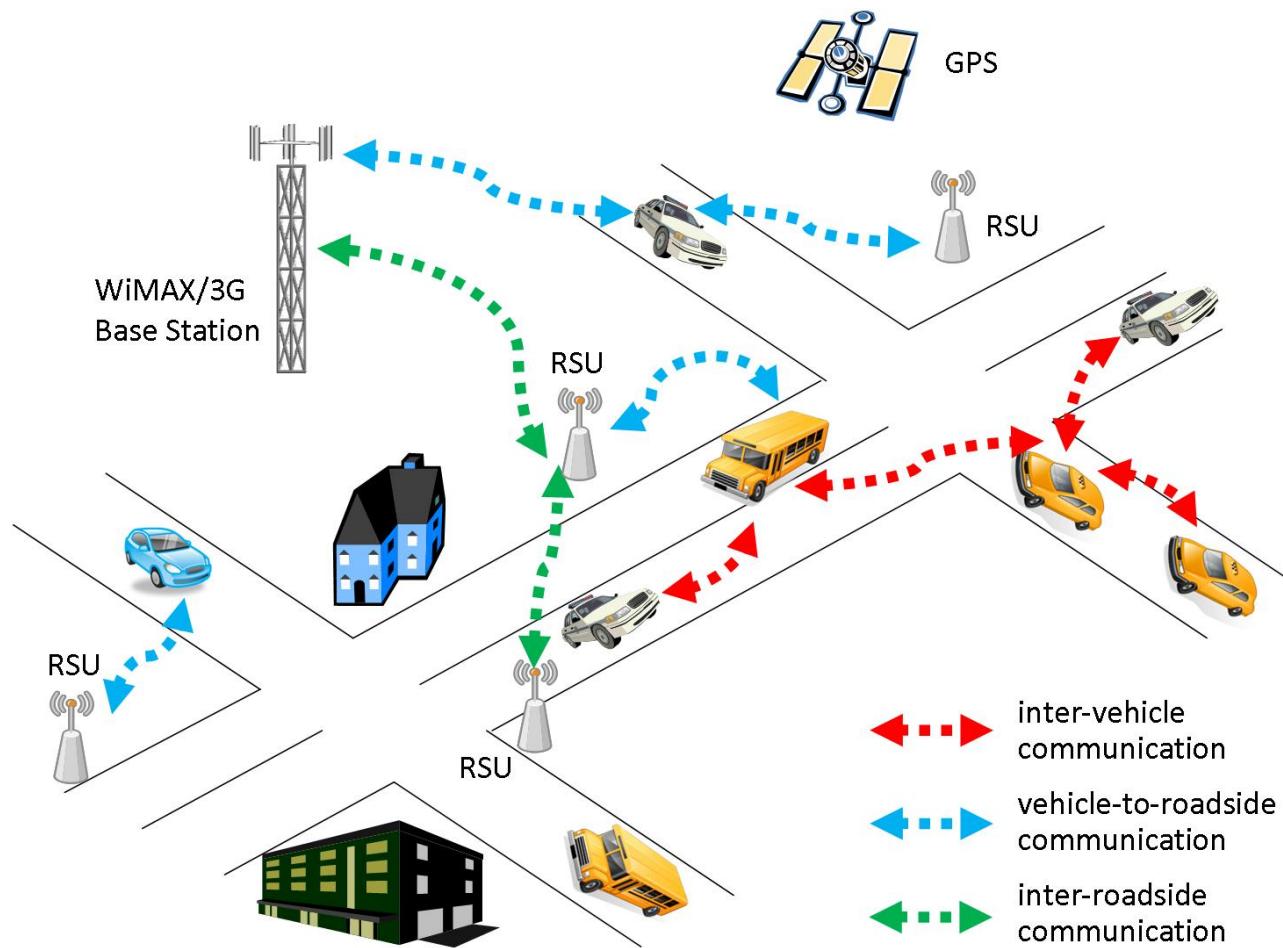
2 – Wireless channel modeling and characterization background

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4 – Towards a realistic VANET simulator

5 - Conclusions

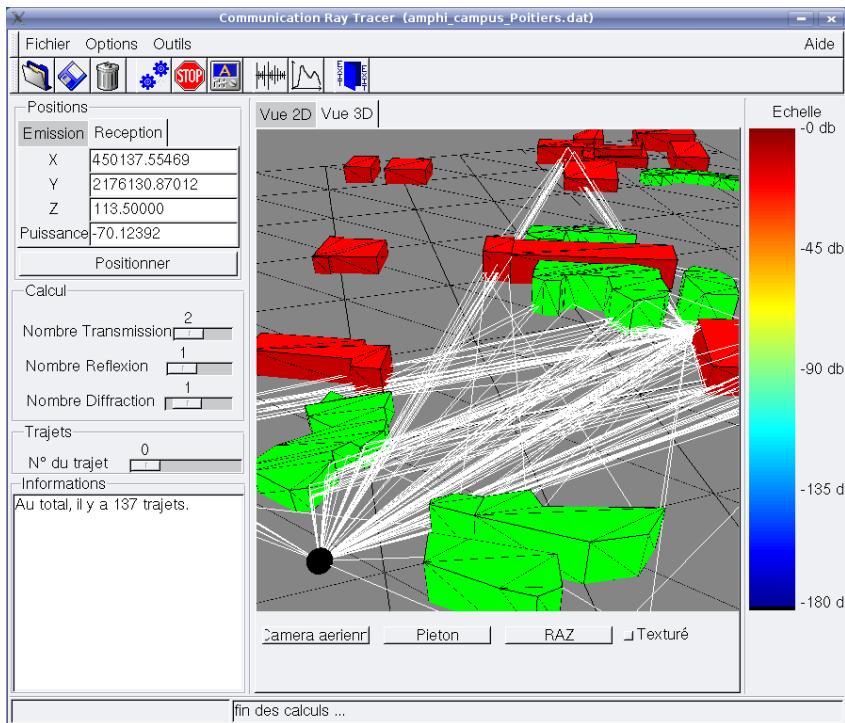
# The VANET context:



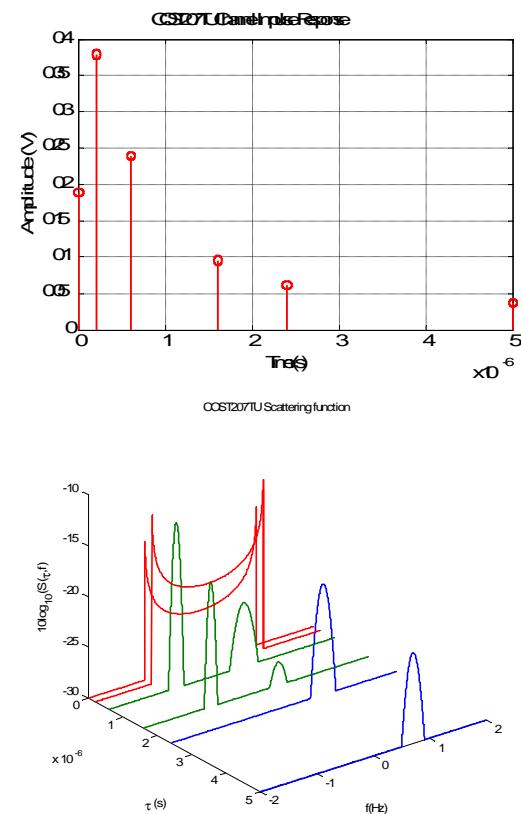
- Wireless communications at 5.9GHz using 802.11p physical layer.
- VANET simulations require accurate channels models.
- VANET channels exhibit specific characteristics: still a research issue.

# Channel models fall into two classes:

## Deterministic



## Stochastic

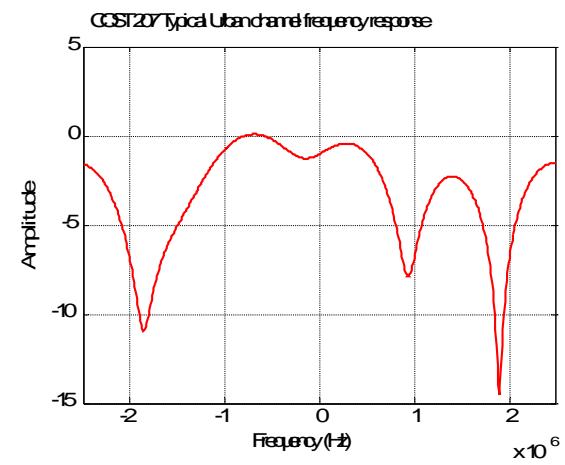
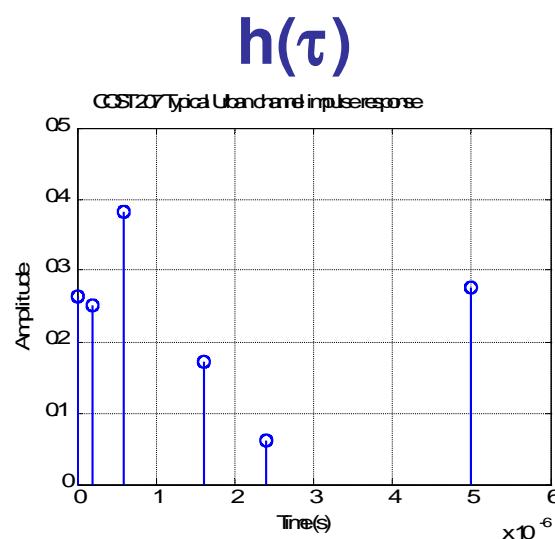
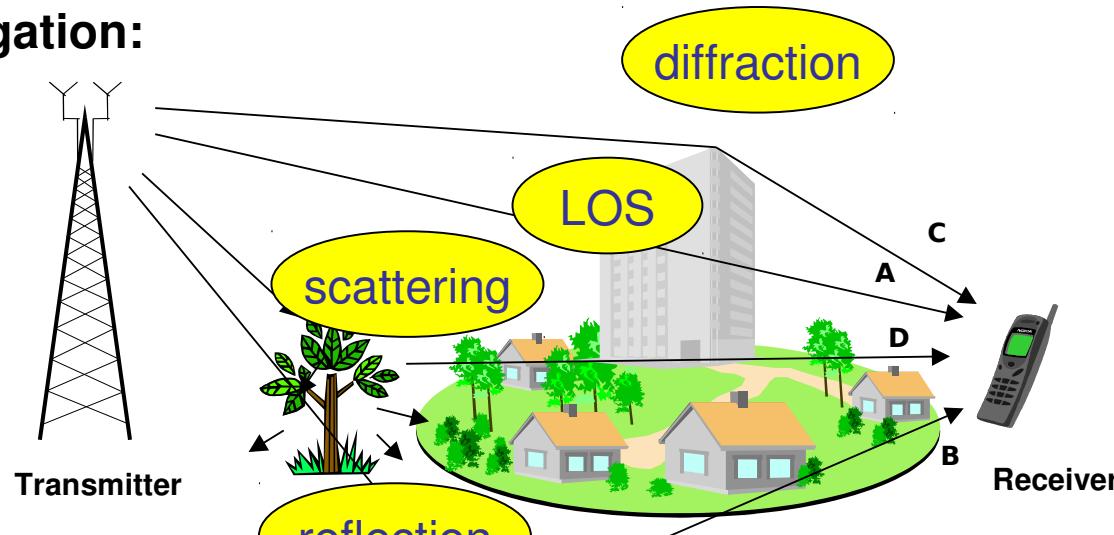


- Very realistic
- Require high computational times
- Site specific

- Computationally efficient
- Emulate variations of the main channel effects

# Main characteristics of mobile wireless channels:

## Multipath propagation:



Distortion of the spectrum of the transmitted signal

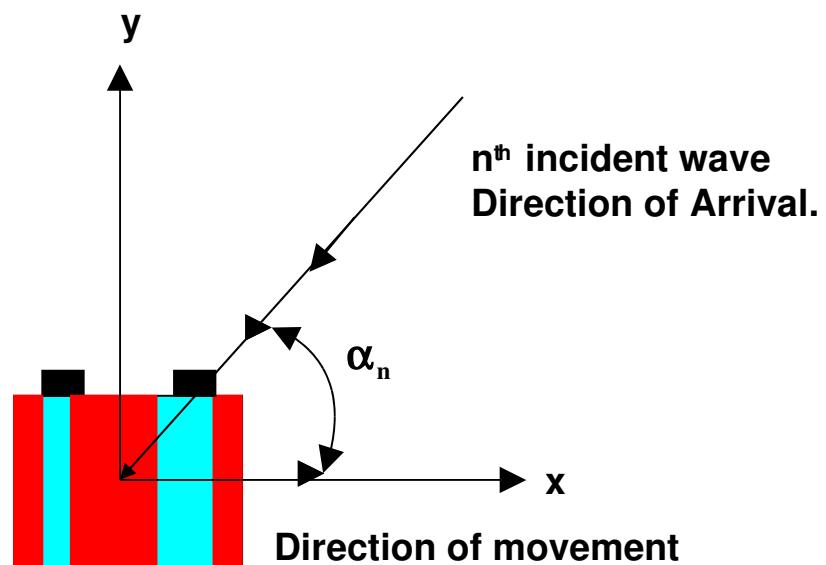
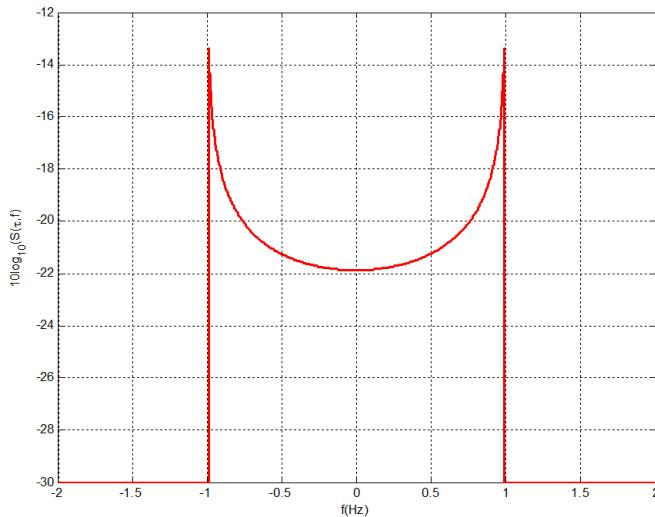
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### Doppler effect:

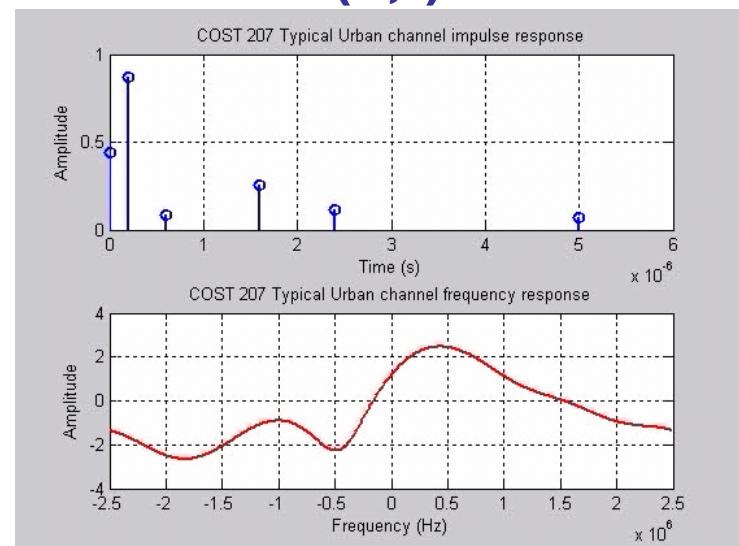
$$f_n = f_{\max} \cdot \cos(\alpha_n)$$

$$f_{\max} = \frac{v}{c_0} \cdot f_0$$

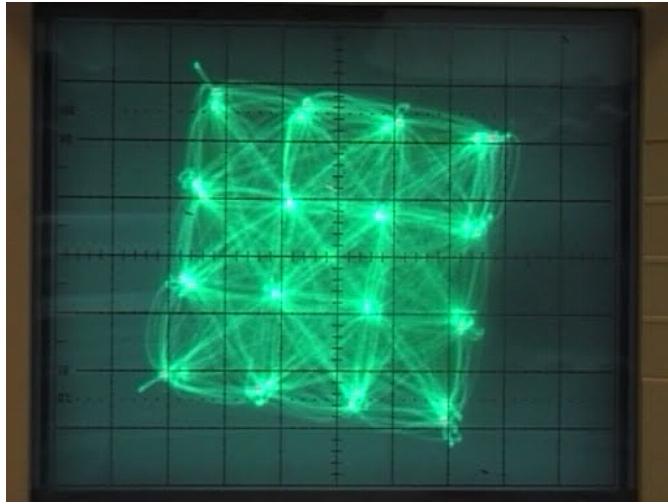
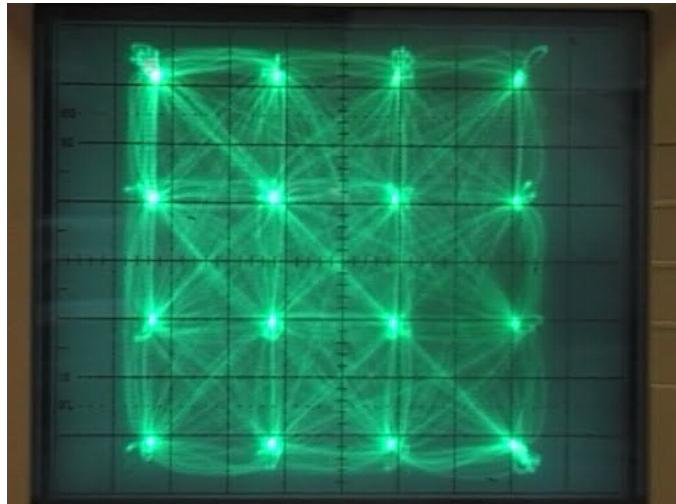
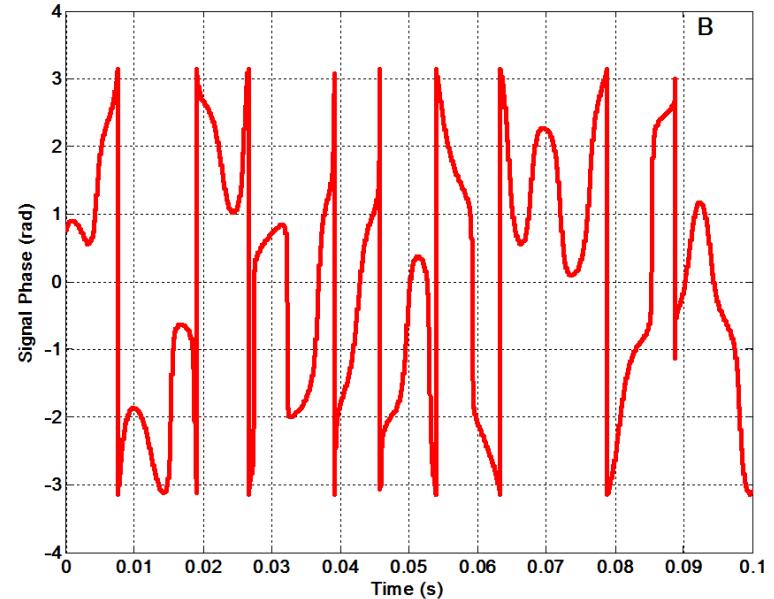
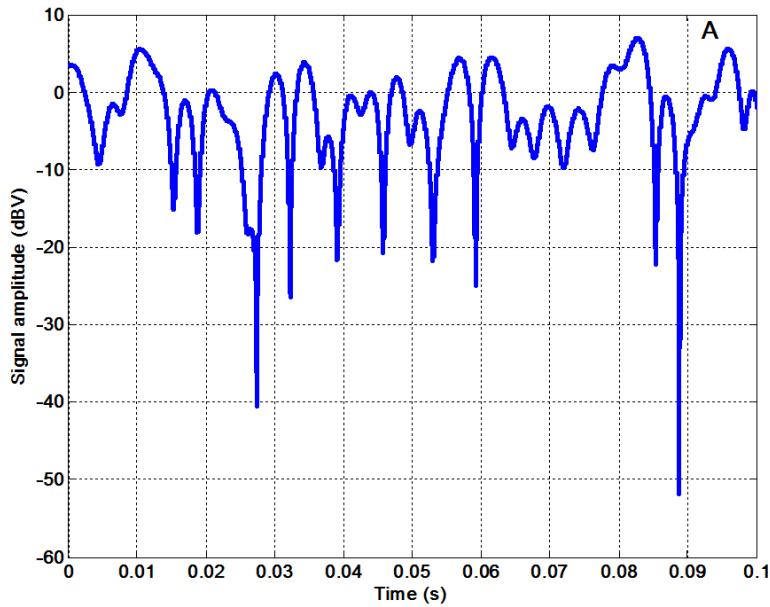
$S(\tau, v)$



$h(\tau, t)$



### Consequences on the transmitted signal:



### Characterization of the frequency and time selectivities

→ Coherence bandwidth = frequency band on which the channel is non frequency selective:

$$B_c \approx 0.2/\tau_{\text{RMS}}$$

If  $B_c \gg B$  the system bandwidth → Narrowband system (i.e. non frequency selective channel)

If  $B_c \ll B$  the system bandwidth → wideband system (i.e. frequency selective channel)

→ Coherence time = amount of time during which the channel parameters are stable:

$$T_c \approx 1/f_{D_{\max}}$$

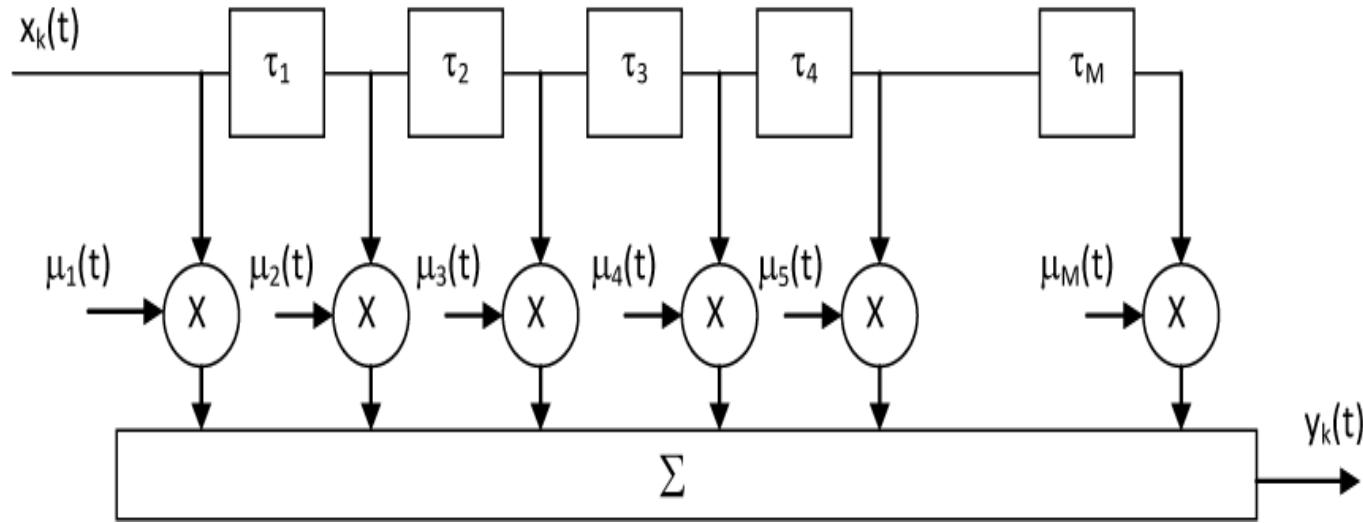
### Theoretical framework

→ Linear stochastic process → linear filter

→ WSS and US assumptions

# Implementation of a wideband stochastic channel model

## The Tapped Delay Line (TDL) structure



$X_k(t)$ : input of the channel

$Y_k(t)$ : output of the channel

$\mu_k(t) = \alpha_k(t) \cdot e^{j\phi_k(t)}$  generated according to an amplitude ( $\alpha_k(t)$  e.g. Rayleigh) and phase ( $\Phi_k(t)$  e.g. uniform) statistical distributions

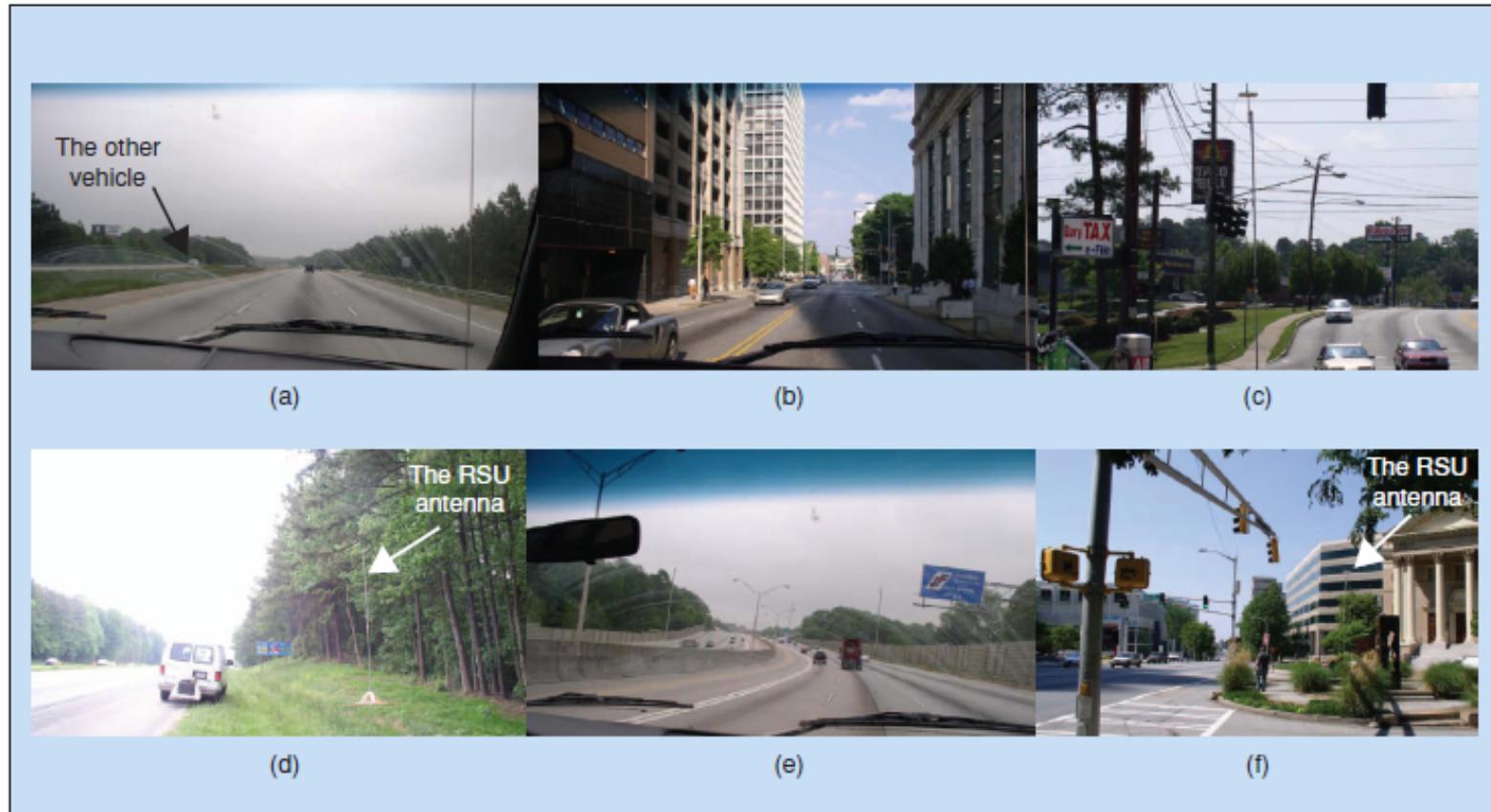
$\mu_k(t)$  passed into a filter whose shape is obtained from the scattering function  $S(\tau, v)$  → taking into account the Doppler effect

## Main characteristics

- TX and RX are at the same height (AOD, AOA, Doppler shape)
- TX and RX and many scatterers are moving (WSSUS assumption no longer valid)
- V2V communications operate in the 5GHz band (higher signal attenuation)
- Propagation environments:
  - Highways: 2 to 6 lanes, speed from 25m/s, different traffic densities
  - Rural streets: 2 lanes, speeds up to 30m/s, few buildings, low traffic density
  - Suburban streets: one or two lanes, speed 15m/s or less, low traffic density
  - Urban streets: wider streets and higher traffic density than suburban streets
- Three simulation-ready V2V channel models

# 1. Channel models used by the 802.11p working group

## → Environments



**FIGURE 1** The six environments: (a) V2V—Expressway oncoming. (b) V2V—Urban canyon oncoming. (c) RTV—Suburban street. (d) RTV—Expressway in same direction with wall. (e) RTV—Urban canyon.

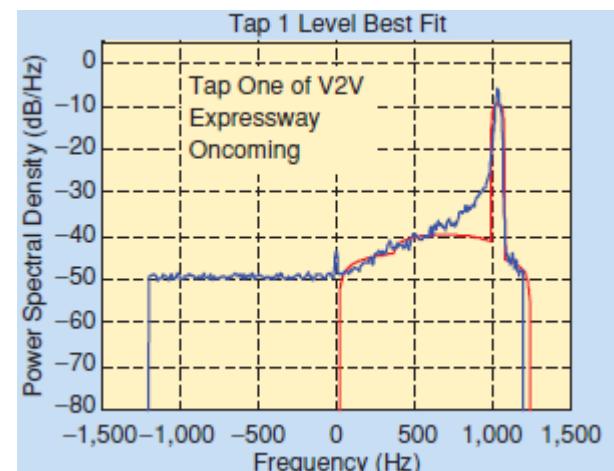
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## → Traditional TDL WSSUS models

**TABLE 2** V2V Channel Models for the Six Scenarios

Tap No.	Path No.	Tap Power (dB)	Relative Path Loss (dB)	Delay Value (ns)	Rician K (dB)	Frequency Shift (Hz)	Fading Doppler	LOS Doppler (Hz)	Modulation (Hz)	Fading Spectral Shape
1	1	0.0	[0.0, -1.8, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -1.4]	0	[-1.6, 7.5, -5.3, 4.0, 3.3, 23.8]	[1451, 574, 769, 1145, 648, -55]	[60, 165, 70, 284, 152, 1407]	[1452, 654, 770, 1263, 635, -60]	Rician	Round
1	2	0.0	[-24.9, -30.5, -36.4, -17.6, -21.5, -5.6]	1	n/a	[884, -97, -22, 833, 171, -20]	[858, 543, 600, 824, 823, 84]	n/a	Rayleigh	[R, C3, R, R, R, R]
[1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2]	3	[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -10.0, -9.3, -11.2]	[-25.5, -25.1, -30.0, -12.9, -11.8, -14.2]	[2, 2, 2, 100, 100, 100]	[n/a, n/a, n/a, n/a, n/a, 5.7]	[1005, -89, 535, 707, 582, -56]	[486, 478, 376, 871, 249, 1345]	[n/a, n/a, n/a, n/a, n/a, 40]	[Y, Y, Y, Y, Y, I]	[R, C3, R, R, R, C3]

- don't take into account the non-stationarity of the CIR
- Don't take into account the correlation between taps
- Some authors report this is the worst case situation



## 2. The Sen-Matolak implementation

### → Environments

Environment	RMS Delay spread (ns) [MIN ; MEAN ; MAX]
Urban area Inside Car (UIC)	[2.7; 236; 1210]
Urban area Outside Car (UOC)	[3; 125.8; 1328.6]
Open area Low Traffic density (OLT)	[0.3; 53.2; 1113.4]
Open area High Traffic density (OHT)	[0.5; 128.6 1773.4]
Small city (SMALL)	[0.7; 160; 1276]



## 2. The Sen-Matolak implementation

→ Taking into account the non-stationarity of the CIR and the correlation between taps:

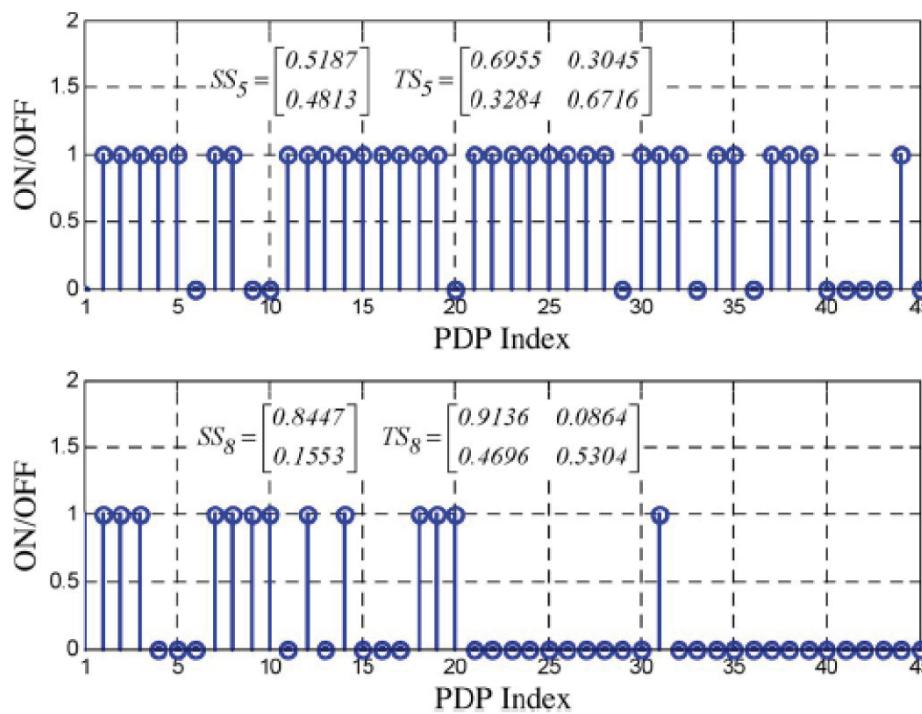


TABLE VII  
CORRELATION MATRICES FOR 10- AND 5-MHz CHANNELS FOR UOC  
(LOWER TRIANGULAR PART: 10 MHz, UPPER TRIANGULAR PART: 5-MHz)

i, j	1	2	3	4
1	1.00	0.7243	0.5528	NA
2	0.6898	1.00	0.5260	NA
3	0.6518	0.4922	1.00	NA
4	0.5772	0.5142	0.8479	1.00

TABLE VIII  
CORRELATION MATRICES FOR 10- AND 5-MHz CHANNELS  
FOR SMALL CITY (LOWER TRIANGULAR PART: 10 MHz,  
UPPER TRIANGULAR PART: 5-MHz)

i, j	1	2	3
1	1.00	0.0293	NA
2	0.0338	1.00	NA
3	0.6813	0.0684	1.00

TABLE IX  
CORRELATION MATRICES FOR 10- AND 5-MHz CHANNELS FOR OHT  
(LOWER TRIANGULAR PART: 10 MHz, UPPER TRIANGULAR PART: 5 MHz)

i, j	1	2	3
1	1.00	0.3953	NA
2	0.5441	1.00	NA
3	0.4157	0.1707	1.00

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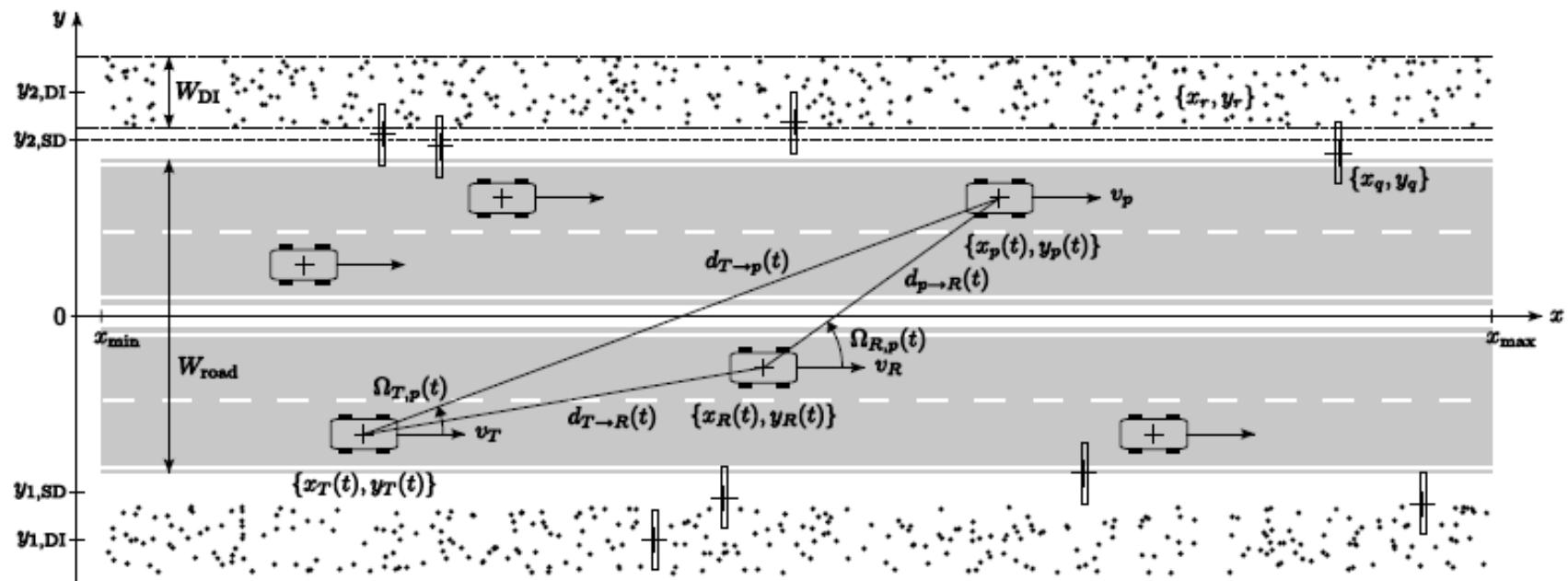
### → Parameters for the 10MHz channels:

CHANNEL MODELS FOR 10-MHz CHANNELS

TAP INDEX K	ENERGY	WEIBULL SHAPE FACTOR ( $\beta_K$ )	$P_{00,K}$	$P_{11,K}$	$P_1$
UOC					
1	0.88	3.19	NA	1.0000	1.0000
2	0.08	1.61	0.2717	0.9150	0.8956
3	0.03	1.63	0.4401	0.8171	0.7538
4	0.01	1.73	0.5571	0.7488	0.6382
SMALL CITY					
1	0.90	3.95	NA	1.0000	1.0000
2	0.08	1.91	0.4839	0.9446	0.9034
3	0.02	2.02	0.3452	0.7712	0.7383
OHT					
1	0.95	4.3	NA	1.0000	1.0000
2	0.04	1.64	0.3625	0.8366	0.7960
3	0.01	1.89	0.5999	0.6973	0.5696
OLT					
1	0.96	5.15	NA	1.0000	1.0000
2	0.04	1.63	0.3836	0.8525	0.8073
UIC					
1	0.756	2.49	NA	1.0000	1
2	0.120	1.75	0.0769	0.9640	0.9625
3	0.051	1.68	0.3103	0.8993	0.8732
4	0.034	1.72	0.3280	0.8521	0.8199
5	0.019	1.65	0.5217	0.7963	0.7017
6	0.012	1.6	0.6429	0.7393	0.5764
7	0.006	1.69	0.6734	0.6686	0.4971

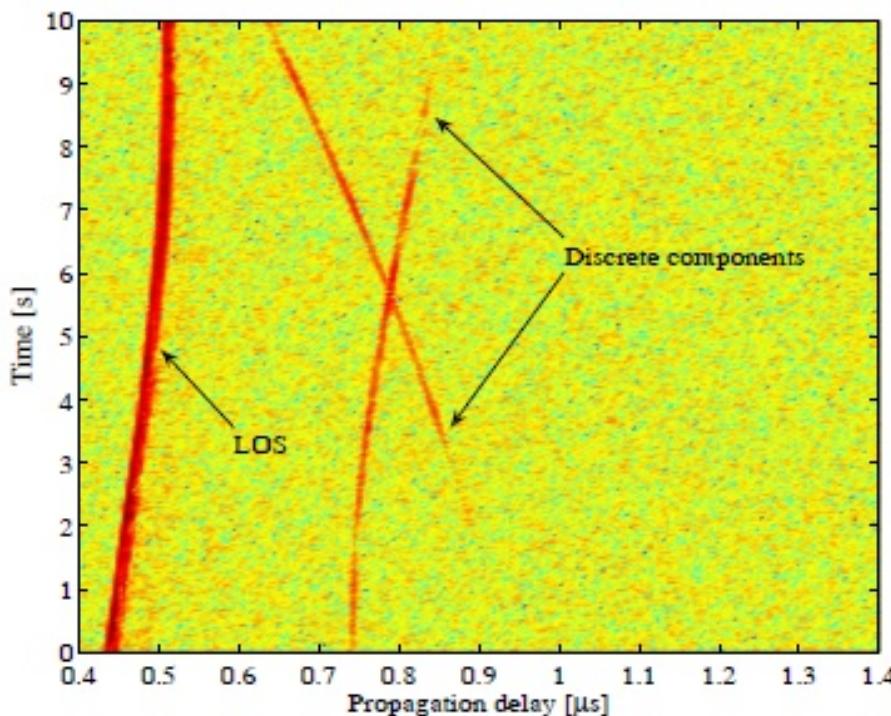
→ Doppler effect taken into account by simple lowpass filtering

### 3. A MIMO Geometry-based Stochastic Channel Model (GSCM):



- a) Place scatterers with scattering properties at random in the scene
- b) Determine contributions of the scatterers by simplified ray-tracing
- c) Sum up the contributions at the receiver side

### 3. A MIMO Geometry-based Stochastic Channel Model (GSCM):



Measured CIR contains 4 parts:

**OS component**

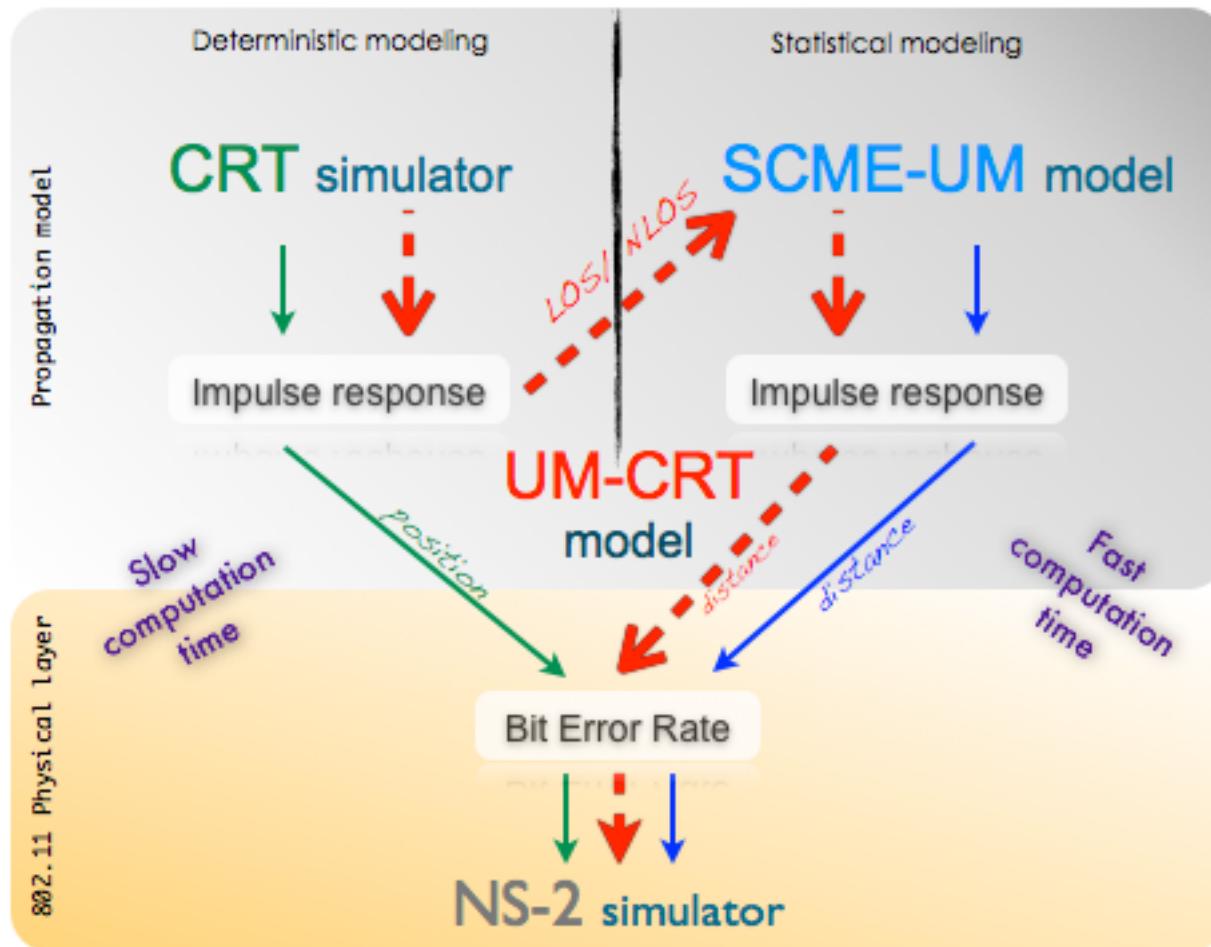
**Discrete components, reflections from mobile scatterers**

**Discrete components, reflections from fixed scatterers**

- Natively MIMO (takes into account AOA and AOD)  
→ Handles non-WSSUS conditions and Doppler spectrum

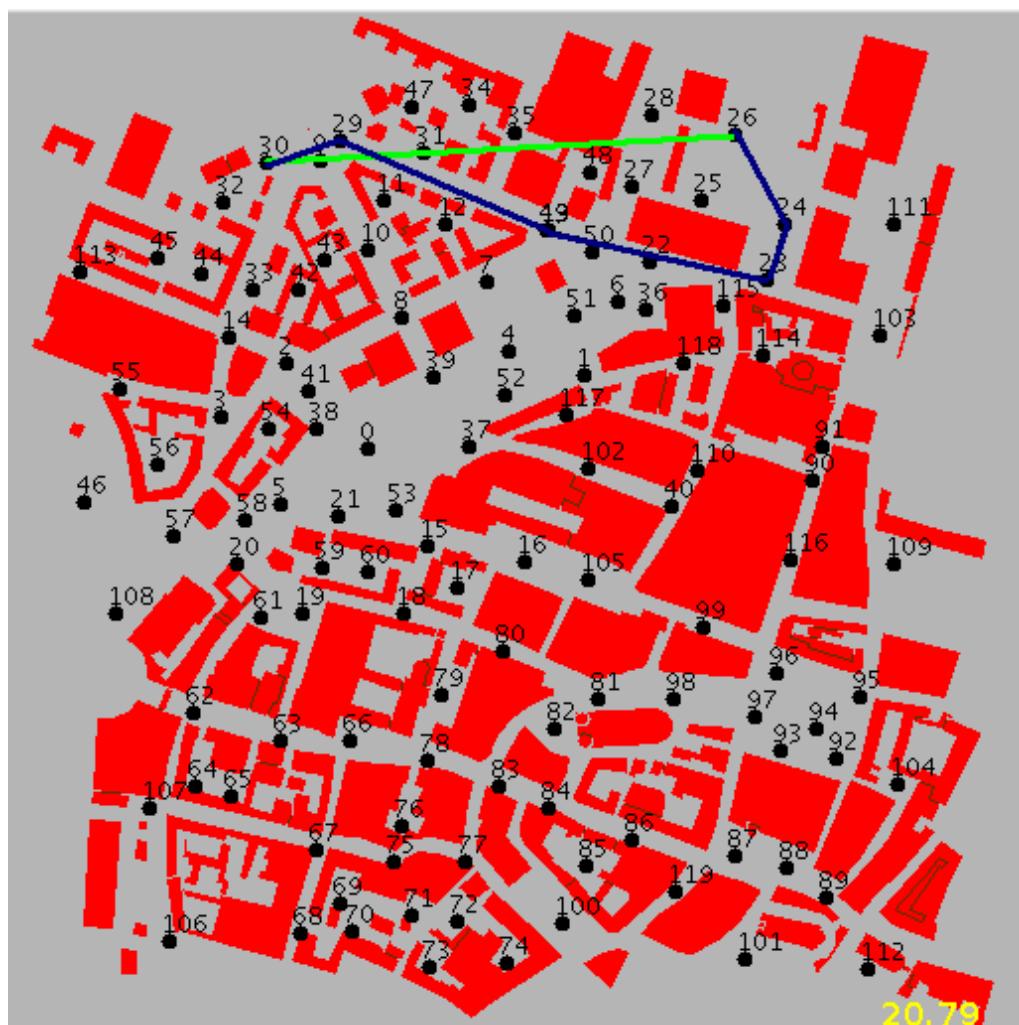
Diffuse components (environment along the roads)

# 1. UM-CRT a realistic channel model integrated into NS2



- Compromise between a deterministic simulator (high computational time) and a stochastic channel model (fast simulation).
- Combined with a realistic 802.11p physical layer

# 1. UM-CRT a realistic channel model integrated into NS2



Example  
FreeSpace vs UM-CRT:

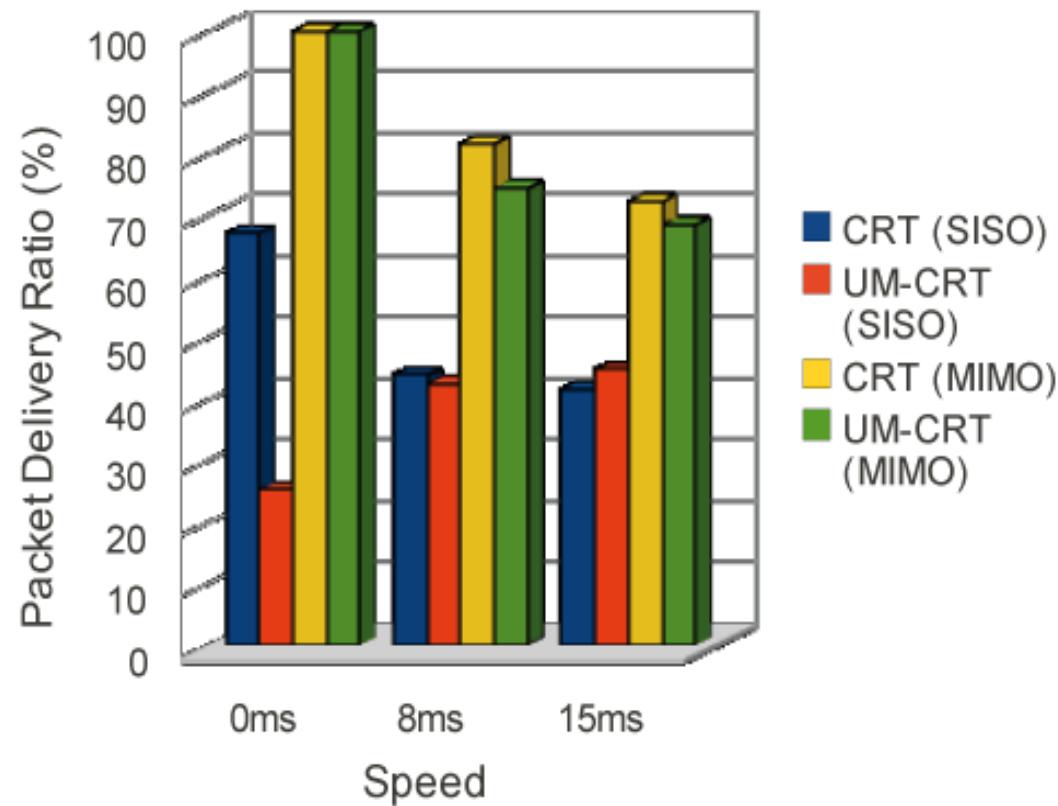
SISO, 120 nodes,  
802.11p, 1 communication.

FreeSpace Propagation model  
(1 Hop)

UM-CRT Propagation model  
(5 Hops)

# 1. UM-CRT a realistic channel model integrated into NS2

## → Evaluation



- MIMO 2X2 (Alamouti scheme) improves the communication
- Have to find more relevant criteria to characterize the CIR
- Still quite high computational time

# 1. PhySimWiFi for NS3



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**PhySimWiFi for NS-3**

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### Overview

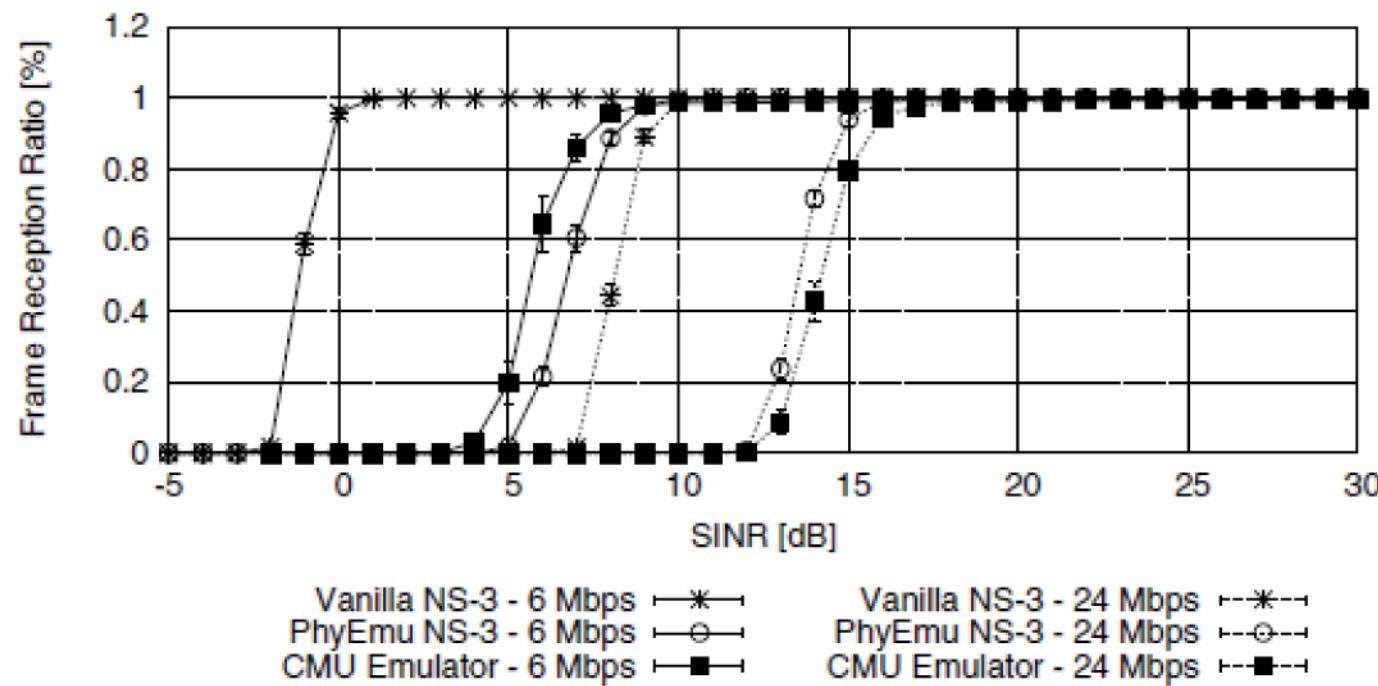
PhySim-WiFi for [NS-3](#) is a detailed and accurate implementation of the OFDM-based IEEE 802.11 standard within the popular network simulator [NS-3](#). Compared to the default 802.11 PHY implementation of [NS-3](#), which abstracts packets by considering only an average signal strength per packet and the length of the packet, the PhySim-WiFi implementation simulates the underlying signal processing steps of a transceiver down to the signal level, and introduces an increased accuracy for the decision whether a packet could be received correctly or not. At the same time, the new implementation allows to incorporate more sophisticated channel models. For instance, due to the modeling of packets on a signal level, channel models can emulate multi-path effects much more accurately and are able to reflect Doppler effects and their impact on the physical layer signal processing algorithm. The PhySim-WiFi implementation is a drop-in replacement of the default YansWifiPhy model, thus, it can be used with only minor modifications in the existing simulation code and the existing scenario setups.

For additional information, please have a look at the

- [PhySimWiFi Manual 1.0](#)

- Fully compliant 802.11p physical layer down to the channel estimation algorithms
- Includes 802.11p channel models

# 1. PhySimWiFi for NS3



- Has been tested against real 802.11 Atheros chipsets (CMU network emulator)
- 7dB in SINR between plain vanilla NS3 and PhySimWiFi!

- To be accurate VANET simulators HAVE TO integrate realistic propagation models
- Stochastic channel models are computationally efficient and have proved to be very accurate (mobile telephony)
- Need for more measurement campaigns all over the world → to get the relevant parameters to parameterize the channel models
- 802.11p physical layer needs to improve (MIMO ?)
- There are very few works dealing with appropriate digital communication strategies for V2V

THANK YOU !

QUESTIONS ?

## References

[1]