



Summary

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What matter we covered

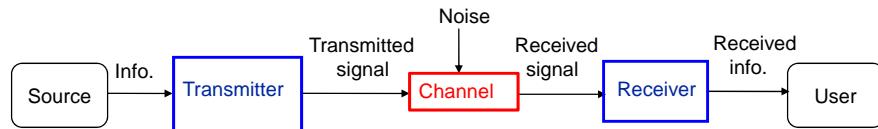
- Antennas in a system
 - Friis' formula (transceiver-channel-receiver)
- Transceiver side : EIPR
- Channel : path loss
- Receiver side : G/T (includes antenna and receiver noise)

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General wireless link



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Received power:

Attenuation due to propagation

$$P_R = P_T G_T \frac{1}{(4\pi D)^2} G_R = P_T G_T \frac{1}{\alpha_0} G_R$$

In decibel:

$$\begin{aligned} P_R |_{\text{dBW}} &= P_T |_{\text{dBW}} + G_T |_{\text{dB}} - \alpha_0 |_{\text{dB}} + G_R |_{\text{dB}} \\ &= \text{EIRP} |_{\text{dBW}} - \alpha_0 |_{\text{dB}} + G_R |_{\text{dB}} \end{aligned}$$

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EIRP (Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power)

- ★ Is the product (the sum in logarithmic units) of the transmitted power and the gain of the transmit antenna
- ★ It is directly derived from the definition of the antenna gain
- ★ It represents the power applied at the input of an isotropic radiator in order to obtain the same power density as that of the real case



Path loss

- Power of wireless transmission reduces with square of distance (due to surface area increase of sphere)
- Reduction also depends on wavelength
 - Long wave length (low frequency) has less loss
 - Short wave length (high frequency) has more loss

$$P_L = \left(\frac{4\pi D}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

Path loss exponent



Path loss

Different path loss exponents are used in different environments:

Free space	2
Urban area cellular	2.7 to 3.5
Shadowed urban cell	3 to 5
In building Line Of Sight	1.6 to 1.8
Obstructed in building	4 to 6
Obstructed in factories	2 to 3



SIGNAL TO NOISE RATIO

- ★ We often use, in order to evaluate power level relative to noise, the ratio:

$$\gamma = \frac{P_R}{N_0}$$

where: P_R = Received power

N_0 = Noise power spectral density

- ★ Such a ratio is used for any modulation scheme, analog or digital



- ★ The ratio γ has the dimension of frequency; all together, for this expression one specifies a logarithmic unit (dBHz)
- ★ The spectral density level N_0 equals:

$$N_0 = KT_{op}$$

where K = Boltzmann's constant $= 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23}$

T_{op} = Effective temperature of the receiver $(= T_A + T_R)$



- ★ Hence:

$$\gamma = \frac{P_R}{N_0} = \frac{P_R}{KT_{op}}$$

And in logarithmic units:

$$\gamma|_{\text{dBHz}} = P_R|_{\text{dBW}} - 10 \cdot \log_{10} K - 10 \cdot \log_{10} T_{op}$$

+228.6



★ Substituting the expression for $P_R|_{dBW}$

$$\gamma|_{dBHz} = EIRP|_{dBW} - \alpha_0|_{dB} + 228.6 + \\ + G_R|_{dB} - 10 \cdot \log_{10} T_{op}$$

$$10 \cdot \log_{10} \frac{G_R}{T_{op}} = \frac{G_R}{T_{op}} \Big|_{dB/K}$$

From which:

$$\gamma|_{dBHz} = EIRP|_{dBW} - \alpha_0|_{dB} + 228.6 + \frac{G_R}{T_{op}} \Big|_{dB/K}$$

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$$\gamma|_{dBHz} = EIRP|_{dBW} - \alpha_0|_{dB} + 228.6 + \frac{G_R}{T_{op}} \Big|_{dB/K}$$

Transmitter
characteristic

Receiver
characteristic

Attenuation due
to propagation

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Antenna parameters

- Gain: G
- Directivity D
- efficiency: η
- effective aperture: A_e
- radiation pattern: $E(\theta, \phi)$, $p(\theta, \phi)$
- antenna input impedance: Z_a
- antenna input reflection coefficient: s_{11}
- polarization: linear, circular or elliptic



Antenna pattern

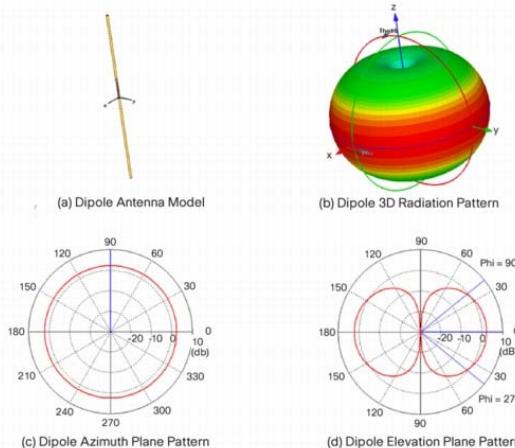


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Antenna gain

An imaginary radiation pattern assuming all the energy is transmitted in the same power in all directions. (This is a reference point for Antenna Gain Calculation)

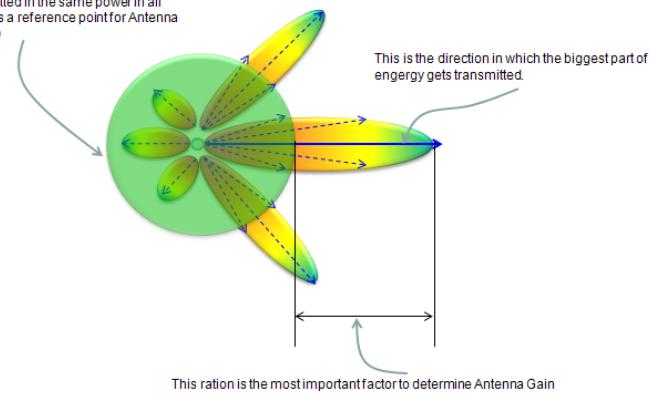


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Antenna parameters

$$G(\theta, \varphi) = \eta D(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$G(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} A_e(\theta, \varphi)$$

$$s_{11} = \frac{Z_a - Z_{gen}}{Z_a + Z_{gen}}$$

Z_{gen} is the impedance of the generator (transmitter) or the load (receiver)

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Friis formula (ideal)

In free space

$$P_r = P_{tr} g_r g_{tr} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)^2$$

in general

$$P_r = P_{tr} g_r g_{tr} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)^\alpha$$

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Friis formula (real)

In free space $P_r = P_{tr} g_r g_{tr} (1 - \rho_r^2)(1 - \rho_{tr}^2) \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)^2 |\mathbf{pol}_{tr} \cdot \mathbf{pol}_r^*|^2$

in general $P_r = P_{tr} g_r g_{tr} (1 - \rho_r^2)(1 - \rho_{tr}^2) \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi R} \right)^\alpha |\mathbf{pol}_{tr} \cdot \mathbf{pol}_r^*|^2$

depolarization factor $\chi_{pol} = |\mathbf{pol}_{tr} \cdot \mathbf{pol}_r^*|^2$

ρ_r : reflection coefficient of receiving antenna

ρ_{tr} : reflection coefficient of transmitting antenna

\mathbf{pol}_r : polarisation vector of receiving antenna

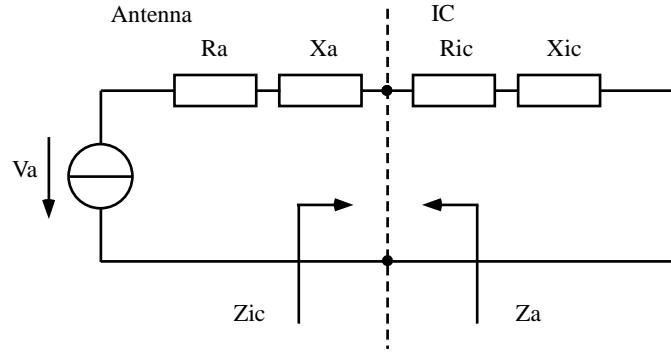
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Antennas in RFID scenarii

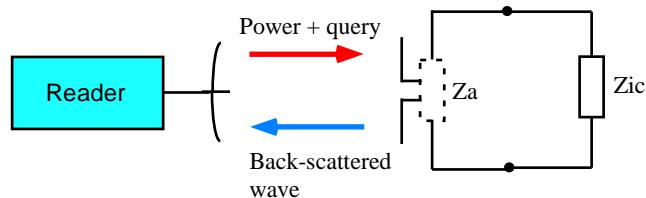


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power scavenging and backscattering



$$P_{rload} = S_t(r, \theta, \varphi) A_{e,max} \tau \chi_{pol} = S_t(r, \theta, \varphi) G_r(\theta, \varphi) \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} \left(1 - |\Gamma^*|^2\right) \chi_{pol}$$

$$S_{scat} = \frac{P_{re-radi} G_r(\theta, \varphi)}{4\pi r^2} = S_{t,inc}(\theta_{inc}, \varphi_{inc}) \frac{\lambda^2}{(4\pi r)^2} G_r(\theta_{inc}, \varphi_{inc}) |\Gamma^*|^2 G_r(\theta, \varphi) \chi_{pol}$$

- A good match is needed for the power transfer
- A large mismatch is required for the backscattering

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figure of merit for RFIDs : max read range

$$r_{\max}(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \sqrt{\frac{G_{r,real}(\theta, \varphi) \chi_{pol} EIRP}{P_{ic,th}}}$$



Regulations and standards

- Each country has its own regulations
- Based on IEEE standards, FCC (US), ICNIRP (Europe)
- Some rules can be contradictory
- They change over time with the advance of science



Antennas for W-BAN

- They radiate at least partially into lossy media
- Most classic antenna characteristic definitions do not apply anymore
- Radiation into lossy medium is not well known



Antennas in/on biological tissues

- The medium will absorb a large amount of the power
- In order to optimize the design, we try to control the near field, use a magnetic type antenna and have an appropriate polarization (e.g. orthogonal to the wearer for a wearable antenna). We also try to use a ground plane.



Measurement of W-BAN antennas

- Implantable and wearable antennas are usually electrically small
- Their port might be ill defined leading to cable currents when connected to measurement devices and thus wrong results
- Some tricks can be used to overcome this
 - baluns, avoid contact of cable with lossy tissues, etc.
- But the only reliable measurements are system measurement with the antenna in their final setting.



Exam (antenna part)

- 1 exercise (same style as during class exercises)
- 3 multiple choice questions, with justification of the answer
- Do not forget your pocket calculator !!!