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## Abstract
This document provides the results of a series of simulations of point-to-point link systems interfering with PMP base stations and subscriber stations. It is provided as an input for the amendments to the “Recommended Practice for Coexistence of Fixed BWA systems” as agreed in the TG2 meeting at Session #14 (Portland, Oregon).

## Purpose
For discussion in TG2 at session #15 Denver.

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1. Introduction

The IEEE Coexistence Recommended Practice [1] studied interference between various types of FBWA system, operating in the frequency range 23.5 – 43.5 GHz. This work is now being extended to include interference between FBWA systems and point-to-point links and between FBWA systems operating in lower frequency bands. This paper addresses coexistence scenarios for the first of these two topics. It covers a number of co-channel, adjacent area scenarios in which the victim station is either a PMP bases station (BS) or a PMP subscriber station (SS).

In some territories, point-to-point links may share frequency bands with PMP systems. The links may be individually licensed or may be permitted to operate within a frequency block, where the operator assigns specific frequencies. The second of these two scenarios is addressed here.

The point-to-point links are modeled using a simulation tool, adapted from a previously used model for interference between mesh systems and PMP systems. The density of point-to-point links can be varied, as can the antenna beam pattern. The model currently uses a variant of an ETSI specified antenna pattern, but this will be altered in a future version to fit the recommendations of paper IEEE 802.16.2-01/14 [2]. The difference in results is not expected to be significant, since most interference in this scenario is likely to be from the antenna main beam(s).

2. Simulation methodology

The simulator computes the power received from a system comprising a number of point-to-point links at a PMP BS receiver or a PMP SS receiver, in a cell adjacent to the point to point system. The simulation is performed using a purpose-written program, which repeatedly constructs random (but adequately legitimate) point-to-point systems and integrates the total power received at a given range and elevation, based on system, beam and terrain geometries. The main analysis and all the results presented are based on systems operating in the 24-28GHz band, but can be applied to any frequency up to at least 43.5GHz (i.e. frequency range 2 of the coexistence recommended practice [1]).

2.1 System Modeling

A model has been created for a P-MP sector and for a corresponding system of multiple point to point links, using antenna patterns appropriate to each type of system, a model for wanted path length distribution and a propagation model. The geometry is shown in Fig.1.
The main attributes of the model are:

- Monte-Carlo simulation with realistic point-to-point system parameters.
- Line-of-sight propagation probabilities calculated from Rayleigh roof height distribution function as per CRABS report D3P1B [4].
- Interfering power summed at PMP base or subscriber using full 3D geometry to compute distances and angles between lines of sight and antenna bore-sights.
- Effect of Automatic Power Control granularity (ATPC) included.
- Point to point antenna RPE model for 24-28GHz band simulates an illuminated aperture with side-lobes to EN 301 215 V1.1.1 [7].
- Atmospheric attenuation to ITU-R P.676-3 [5].
- Rain attenuation to ITU-R P.840-2 [6].
- Dry and rain storm weather patterns considered.

2.2 Rain Fading

Most of the scenarios have been simulated with no rain fading. A small number of examples of rain storm conditions were also simulated and found to have negligible impact on the results. All rain scenarios have only a small effect on the results.

2.3 Point to Point System Characteristics

Some preliminary characteristics of point to point systems were derived in an output paper from session #14; IEEE 802.16.2-01/12 [3]. These and some variations on them have been used in the simulations, to test the sensitivity of the results to various parameters.

The main characteristics are as follows:

- Frequency = 28 GHz
- Polarisation = Vertical
- APC on, with step size = 4 dB
- Link antenna gain = 40/42 dBi
- % of links using same channel = 12.5
- Density of point to point links = 5/10 stations per sq km
- Area covered by links = 10 x 5 km
- Link length = 50 — 5000 m
- Building density = 750/ sq km
- Fractional Building Area = 0.1
2.4 Propagation

This document considers only line of sight paths for wanted signals and interference, using line of sight probabilities and free-space propagation.

The probability of interference line of sight is calculated from a model in which building heights are assumed to have a Rayleigh distribution, as in [4], although the probability calculations follow a slightly different method.

2.5 Antenna Beam Profiles

The current modeling for the 24-28GHz band is based on an antenna with half power beam-width of 4° in both azimuth and elevation. A simplified model of the antenna pattern has been used. Although a real antenna will perform better than this model, it turns out not to be critical from a coexistence point of view or from an intra system interference point of view. For the 24- 28GHz band, the simplified model is based on a formula to represent the main beam and a side lobe pattern conforming to ETSI EN 301 215 part 2 (TS1 antenna) [7]. This is shown in the following figure:

![Fig. 2 Antenna RPE for Interfering Point to Point Link](image)

Further work will be carried out to calculate the effect of using antennas corresponding to the output paper [2] from session #14. However, it is not expected that the results will be significantly different.

2.6 Geometry

The basic arrangement of the model is shown in fig. 1. Given a point to point station density and the percentage of stations that can transmit simultaneously on a given channel, the simulator places the appropriate number of transmitters randomly within the prescribed system area at heights following the Rayleigh distribution.

For each transmitter, it then randomly places a receiver within the limits of link length and at an arbitrary angle. [Conditions near the edge of the system are satisfied by repeating any receiver placements that fall to the right of the system boundary].

The effects of buildings are modeled by their density and fractional area, and terrain (the result of both building and land height variation) is modeled with a Rayleigh distribution.

The base station receiver horn is assumed to be a 90° sector aimed directly at the centre of the interfering system, with a gain which is flat to ±50°, falling off thereafter at 1dB every 4.5°.
2.7 Interfering Power Calculation

From each link transmitter and in line with the line of sight probability, the power received by the base station or subscriber station is computed. All these powers are summed, and the result rounded to the nearest dBm and assigned to a histogram bin, so that the relative probability of each power level can be estimated.

3 Simulation Results

3.1 Victim = PMP BS

In figure 3, the results of a series of simulation runs are shown as cumulative probability distributions. Each curve is derived from a series of 10,000 randomly generated system models, with each model simulating the required number of point-to-point links in the chosen coverage area. The cumulative probability at each point is that for which the total interference at the victim base station receiver will be less than a given value on the x axis.

In general, a value of –100dBm (equivalent to –114.5 dBm/ MHz) is low enough to be considered fully acceptable for planning purposes. Thus, where the cumulative probability has reached a value of 1 at the –100 dBm level, there are no cases above the interference threshold. The geographical spacing corresponding to such a value is then completely safe for planning purposes.

Even when there are a few cases above the –100dBm level, the situation may still be acceptable, since the probability is very low and simple interference mitigation procedures may be available.

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<th>Scenario</th>
<th>Building height parameter</th>
<th>Height of interferer above roof level</th>
<th>Links/sq km</th>
<th>Antenna gain dBi</th>
<th>Rain scenario</th>
<th>Distance to BS</th>
<th>% cases where threshold exceeded</th>
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As can be seen from table 1, a system spacing of 18-20km is generally sufficient to eliminate all possibility of interference. The two scenarios where this is insufficient have been included to show what happens when terrain and building obstructions are removed from the simulations. They are unrealistic of real deployment using moderate densities of point to point links, since such systems by their nature require buildings on which to place the equipment.

One example of the effects of rain storm cell fading has also been included. As can be seen, the effects are negligible. Although not included here, there are many more results from the simulation that indicate a very low sensitivity of the results to rain fading.

### 3.2 Victim = PMP SS

In figure 4, the results of are shown for the SS victim scenarios. As in fig.3 each curve is derived from a series of 10,000 randomly generated system models, with each model simulating the required number of point-to-point links in the chosen coverage area. The cumulative probability at each point is that for which the total interference at the victim base station receiver will be less than a given value on the x axis.

The same value of −100dBm (equivalent to −114.5 dBm/MHz) is used as in the BS case.
Table 2: Summary of SS Interference Scenarios

Note that in the case of a victim PMP SS, the level of interference depends strongly on the victim antenna height. Below about 15m, very little interference is experienced. Above 15m, the interference increases rapidly. Also, the probability distributions are much flatter than for the BS case, so that to eliminate the last few cases of interference above the threshold, the system spacing has to be increased significantly.

However, SS antenna heights above 15m have a relatively low probability, so that, in most cases, the required base station distance will dominate.

4. Conclusions

4.1 For most situations, interference to the BS victim station determines the required system spacing, which is in the range 15-20km.

4.2 Where SS antennas are on unusually high structures, the SS interference may dominate and the distance may then need to be increased to 40 – 50- km to eliminate all probability of interference. Since the number of such cases is always a very low percentage of the total, it may be more reasonable to apply mitigation techniques than to resort to such large geographical separations

4.3 Rain fading is not significant in determining the required geographical spacing

5. Further Work

5.1 A further adaptation of the simulation tool will shortly be available to analyze the same area, adjacent channel case.

5.2 Antenna RPEs from output paper [2] will be used in future simulations of both the co-channel case and the same area case.

6. References

[1] IEEE 802.16.2; “Recommended Practice for Coexistence of Fixed Broadband Wireless Systems”

[2] IEEE 802.16.2-01/14; “Proposed Antenna Radiation Pattern Envelopes for Coexistence Study” by Robert Whiting, 01/07/12

[3] IEEE 802.16.2-01/12; “System parameters for point to point links for use in Coexistence Simulations”; Phil Whitehead, 01/07/12

[5] ITU-R P.676-3; Atmospheric attenuation

[6] ITU-R P.840-2; Rain attenuation

[7] ETSI EN 301 215-2, V1.1.1; Antennas for use in PMP systems (24GHz to 30GHz)