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Abstract: This provides of fundamental propagation channel parameters including path loss characteristics for UWB communication applications for BCI use case.

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UWB communication applications



UWB antenna at 3.1 - 10.6 GHz band



- ✓ Frequency: 3.1 10.6 GHz
- ✓ Planar elliptical dipole antenna
- ✓ Element size: 20 mm x 18 mm x 1 mm
- ✓ Interval between each element: 0.5 mm



Simulation model

- ✓ Frequency: 3.4 4.8 GHz
- ✓ Frequency-dependent finite-different timedomain (FDTD) method
- ✓ Multi-size voxel model (min. size: 0.5 mm)
- ✓ Homogeneous human model (Japanese male developed by NICT, Japan)



UWB antenna (transmit antenna)



Dielectric constants of human model



Simulation model for BCI case (Forward antenna direction)



Simulation model for BCI case (Sideways antenna direction)





Simulation setup (Human head model)



Path loss characteristics (Sensor #10)





Path loss characteristics (Sensor #22)





Distance characteristics (Human head, BCI)



Log-normal distribution (Human head, BCI)



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Power delay profile (Human head, BCI)



Forward antenna direction

Simulation model (On-body model)



✓ 28 receivers were place on the body surface including head, arm, and chest

Simulation model (Off-body model)



✓ 50 receivers (#29-#78) were placed at a height of 30 mm above the transmitting antenna (the top of the human head)

 \checkmark The interval of each receiver was set to 5 mm

Simulation model for BMI case (Forward antenna direction)





BMI: Brain Machine Interface

Simulation model for BMI case (Sideways antenna direction)





BMI: Brain Machine Interface

Summary of channel parameters

Antenna direction	Case	Receiving direction	Receiving antenna position														
			Whole head ($d_0 = 10 \text{ mm}$)			Scalp ($d_0 = 10 \text{ mm}$)			Arm ($d_0 = 100 \text{ mm}$)			Torso (front) ($d_0 = 100$ mm)			Off-body ($d_0 = 10 \text{ mm}$)		
			PL_0 [dB]	n	$\sigma_s [dB]$	PL_0 [dB]	n	$\sigma_s [\mathrm{dB}]$	PL_0 [dB]	п	$\sigma_s [\mathrm{dB}]$	PL_0 [dB]	n	$\sigma_s [dB]$	PL_0 [dB]	n	$\sigma_s [\mathrm{dB}]$
Forward	BCI	Х	24.84	3.84	9.52	27.13	3.36	10.18	23.70	9.76	0.74	69.31	3.85	3.02	48.47	1.45	9.63
		Y	3.78	6.80	7.27	11.44	5.32	6.96	102.62	0.57	8.15	50.24	2.76	0.65	19.13	2.67	2.72
		Ζ	3.73	6.03	9.31	17.58	3.31	7.52	104.27	0.59	4.98	27.52	8.61	1.98	22.81	2.69	7.55
	BMI	Х	32.21	2.55	12.94	33.07	2.40	14.17	60.60	2.01	1.10	70.72	5.04	2.69	40.26	1.65	6.19
		Y	10.72	5.63	8.02	14.08	4.89	7.88	90.00	0.66	10.08	59.62	3.02	0.61	23.09	2.25	3.85
		Ζ	13.00	4.62	8.86	18.04	3.52	8.75	87.49	0.45	5.35	32.56	9.25	1.61	22.12	2.66	5.81
Sideways	BCI	Х	20.37	3.80	7.47	10.97	5.63	6.89	51.42	3.14	1.13	16.68	10.59	2.42	0.05	4.95	2.66
		Y	19.60	4.96	7.59	25.39	3.86	7.31	80.65	1.99	11.42	67.02	3.72	1.80	34.94	2.74	5.65
		Ζ	13.36	4.54	7.09	19.77	3.34	7.03	76.35	1.85	5.12	62.07	6.87	2.61	44.11	0.56	5.84
	BMI	Х	17.71	4.01	7.33	14.01	4.84	7.51	51.22	3.28	1.09	15.68	11.30	2.58	-3.03	5.25	4.76
		Y	26.20	4.19	12.94	33.17	2.65	12.88	78.08	2.63	12.69	56.25	4.89	1.52	45.33	1.24	6.31
		Ζ	20.14	4.09	8.89	23.42	3.39	9.35	77.09	1.87	5.07	36.17	10.07	1.61	42.50	0.80	4.96

Path loss characteristics of implant (upper body) to on-body propagation

- Frequency band: 3.1-10.6 GHz
- Anatomical numerical male human body model developed by NICT, Japan
- Frequency-dependent FDTD method
- 23 transmitting points were chosen inside the small intestine
- Receiving antenna was put on the body surface with 1-mm spacing



Path loss characteristics (#7)



Path loss characteristics (#23)



Distance characteristics



Shadow fading characteristics



Path loss characteristics with another receiving antenna direction

- Frequency band: 3.1-10.6 GHz
- Anatomical numerical male human body model developed by NICT, Japan
- Frequency-dependent FDTD method
- 23 transmitting points were chosen inside the small intestine
- Receiving antenna was put on the body surface with 1-mm spacing



Horizontal arrangement



Vertical arrangement

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Path loss characteristics with vertical arrangement (#7)



Path loss characteristics with vertical arrangement (#23)



Distance characteristics (vertical arrangement)



Shadow fading characteristics (vertical arrangement)



Antenna direction (On-body)



Antenna direction (On-body)



Antenna direction (In-body)





The antenna was put inside the small intestine

Antenna direction (In-body)



Horizontal plane ($\theta = 90^{\circ}$)

Vertical plane ($\phi = 90^\circ$)

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