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# Propagation Measurements for Millimeter-wave Vertically Connected Wireless Link

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# Background

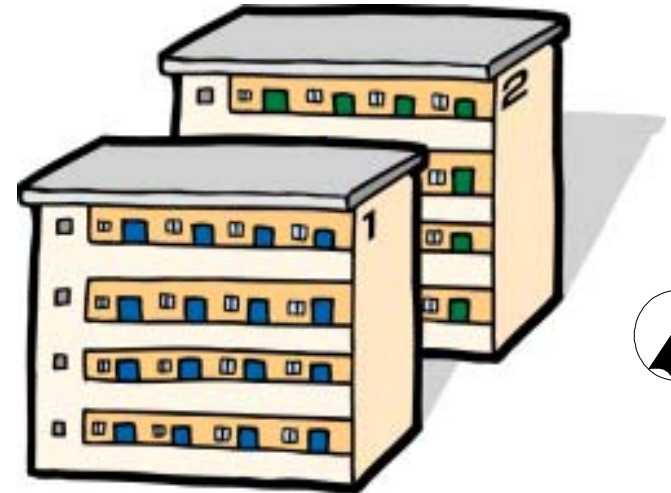
Satellite broadcasting provides high-quality services.

However some apartment buildings can not receive signals  
Because of

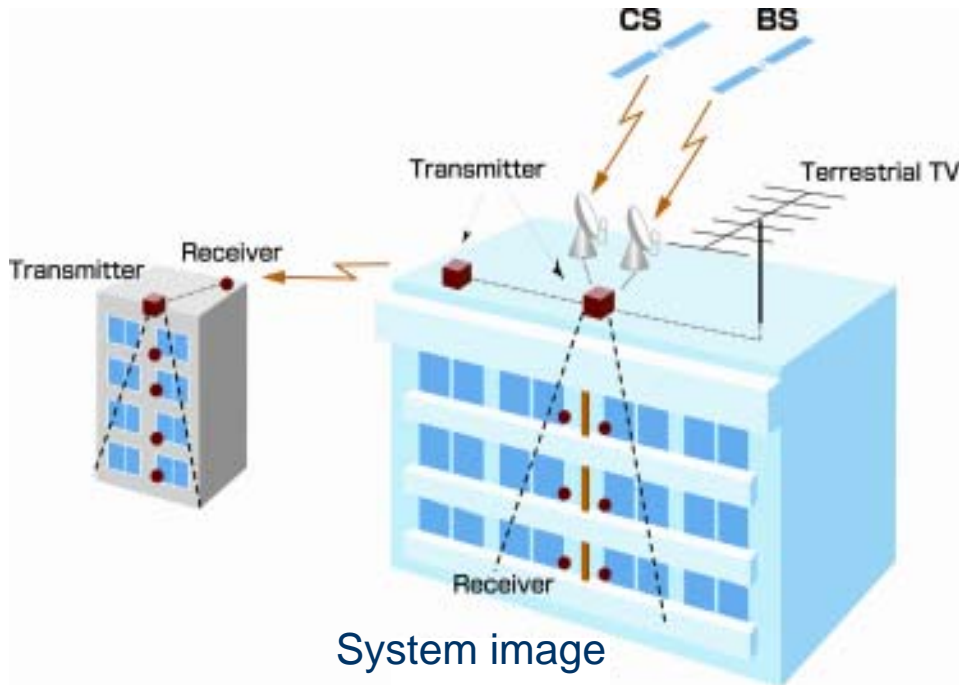
obstacles for the satellite direction,  
or, no balconies for satellite direction, or etc.

Ex. Balconies are located  
in the north direction . . .

According to a report of the MPHPT in 2002,  
900,000 households can't receive  
the broadcasting service.



# Vertically Connected Wireless Link



- Wide frequency band
  - Small size and lightweight equipments
  - Reduction of wiring costs
  - Easy set-up
  - Easy extension
  - Un-license system
- 59 – 66 GHz: Un-license band in Japan

Re-broadcasting system between the rooftop satellite antenna with individual receivers at balconies.  
60 GHz band is used.

# Required measurements to achieve VCWL

To achieve a VCWL, the 60-GHz band measurements are required in these environments.

Propagation characteristics parallel to apartment

Propagation characteristics in vertical directions

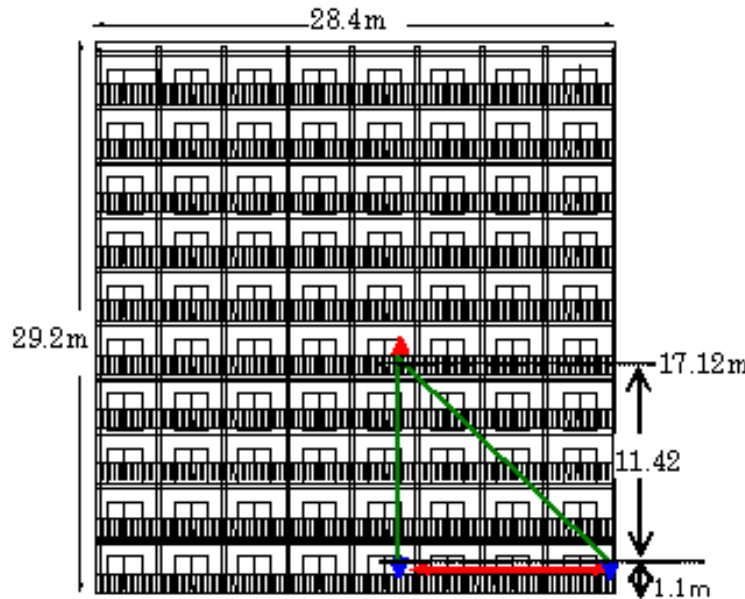
Effect of obstacles between Tx and Rx antennas

Effect of snow laid on Rx antenna

# Measurement 1

## Propagation characteristics parallel to apartment

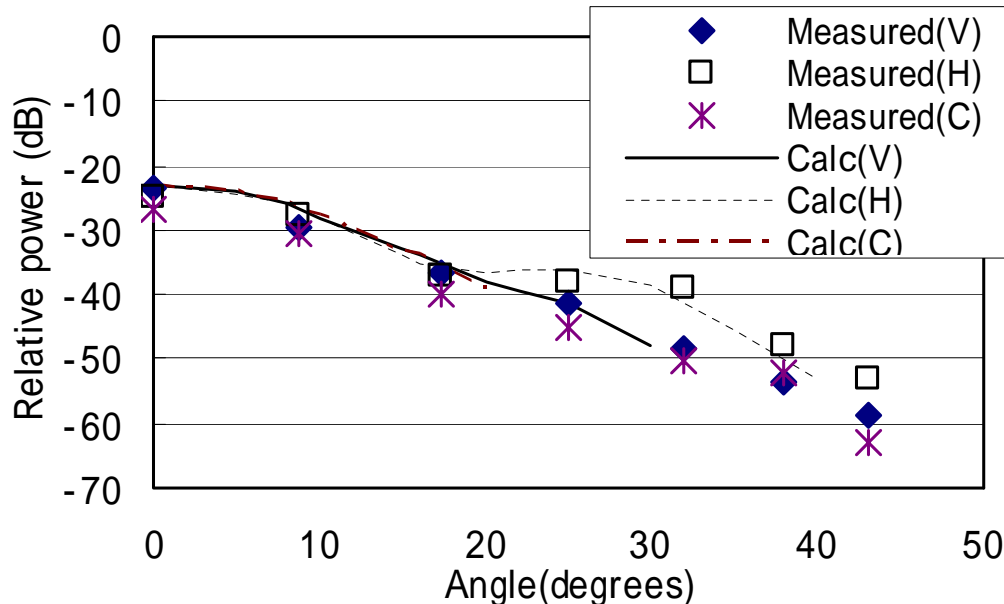
The measurements for the horizontal direction



Apartment	(A)
Antenna position	Tx : 5 F / Rx 1F
polarization	V / H / C
beam width	15° / 30°
Horizontal distance	Variable
Comment	0 to 10.65 m every 1.175 m
Depth	0.3 m
Vertical distance	11.42 m
Number of measurement	3 times for each position

## Result 1

### Propagation characteristics parallel to apartment



We confirmed that

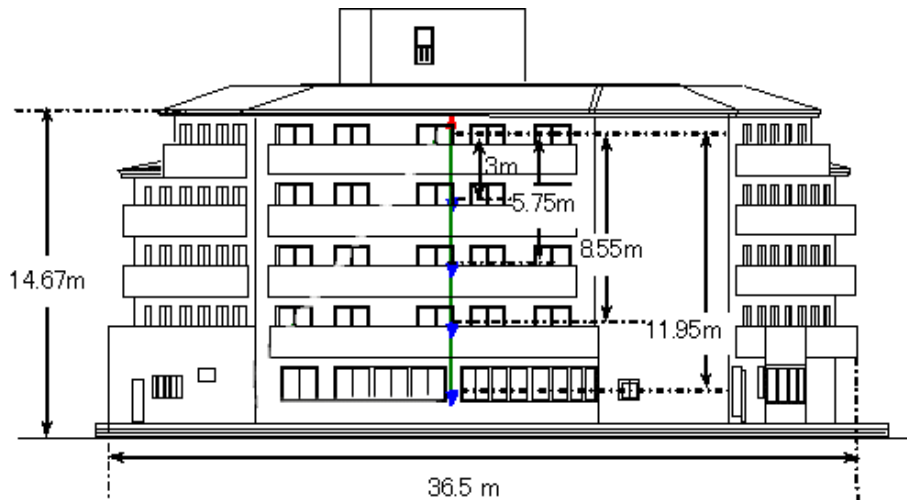
the received level depends on the antenna pattern.

delay spread : the maximum value was 1.2 ns.

# Measurement 2

## Propagation characteristics in vertical directions

The measurements for the vertical direction

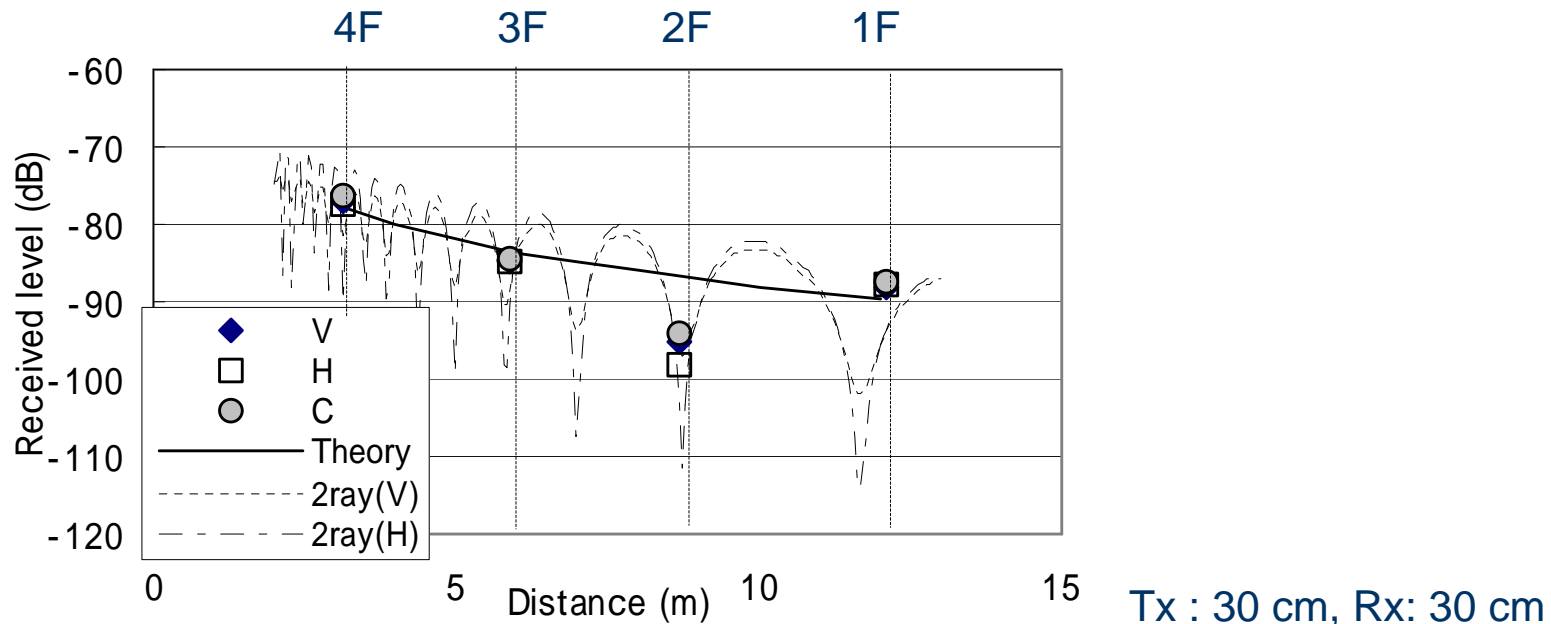


<b>Apartment</b>	<b>(B)</b>	
<b>Antenna position</b>	Tx: 5F / Rx: 1 F , 2 F , 3 F , 4 F	
<b>polarization</b>	V / H / C	
<b>beam width</b>	15°	
<b>Horizontal distance</b>	0 m	
<b>Depth</b>	Tx: 0.3 m	
	Rx: 0.15 m	Rx: 0.3 m
<b>Vertical distance</b>	Variable	
<b>Comment</b>	11.95 m / 8.55 m / 5.75 m / 3.00 m	
<b>Number of measurement</b>	3 times for each position	



# Result 2 Propagation characteristics in vertical directions

- In most environments, the received level was calculated by free space pass loss equation.

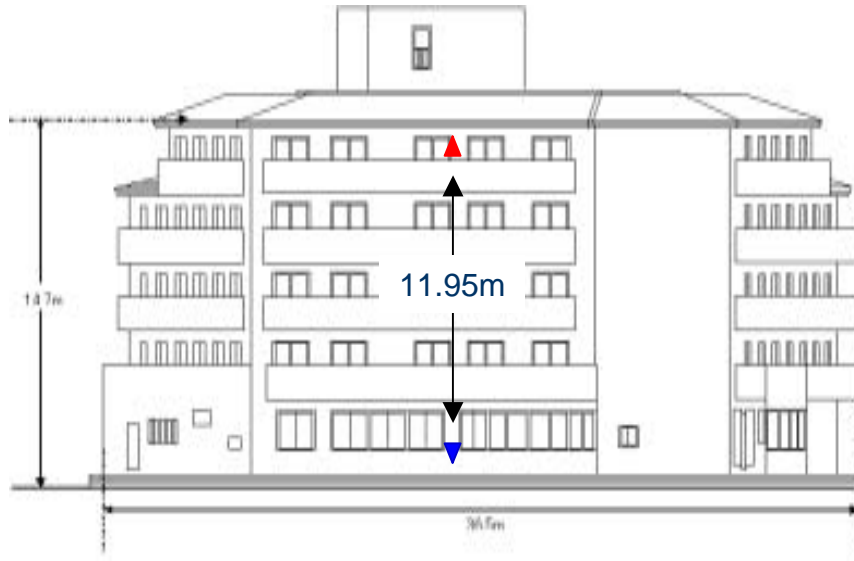


Two –ray path interference was observed

between the direct signal and the reflection on the concrete wall.

delay spread : the value was 2.8 ns at this point.

# Measurement 3 Effect of obstacles between Tx and Rx



Apartment		(B)	
Antenna position		Tx: 5F / Rx: 1 F , 2 F , 3 F , 4 F	
polarization		V / C	
beam width		15°	
Horizontal distance		0 m	
Vertical distance		11.95 m	
Depth (Y)	Tx	0.3 m	0.3 m
	Rx	0.15 m	0.15 / 0.3 m
Obstacles		Japanese style bed	CS antenna
Position		2 F / 3 F / 4 F	
Number of measurement		3 times for each position	

# Experimental condition



**Air the Japanese bedding (Futon)**

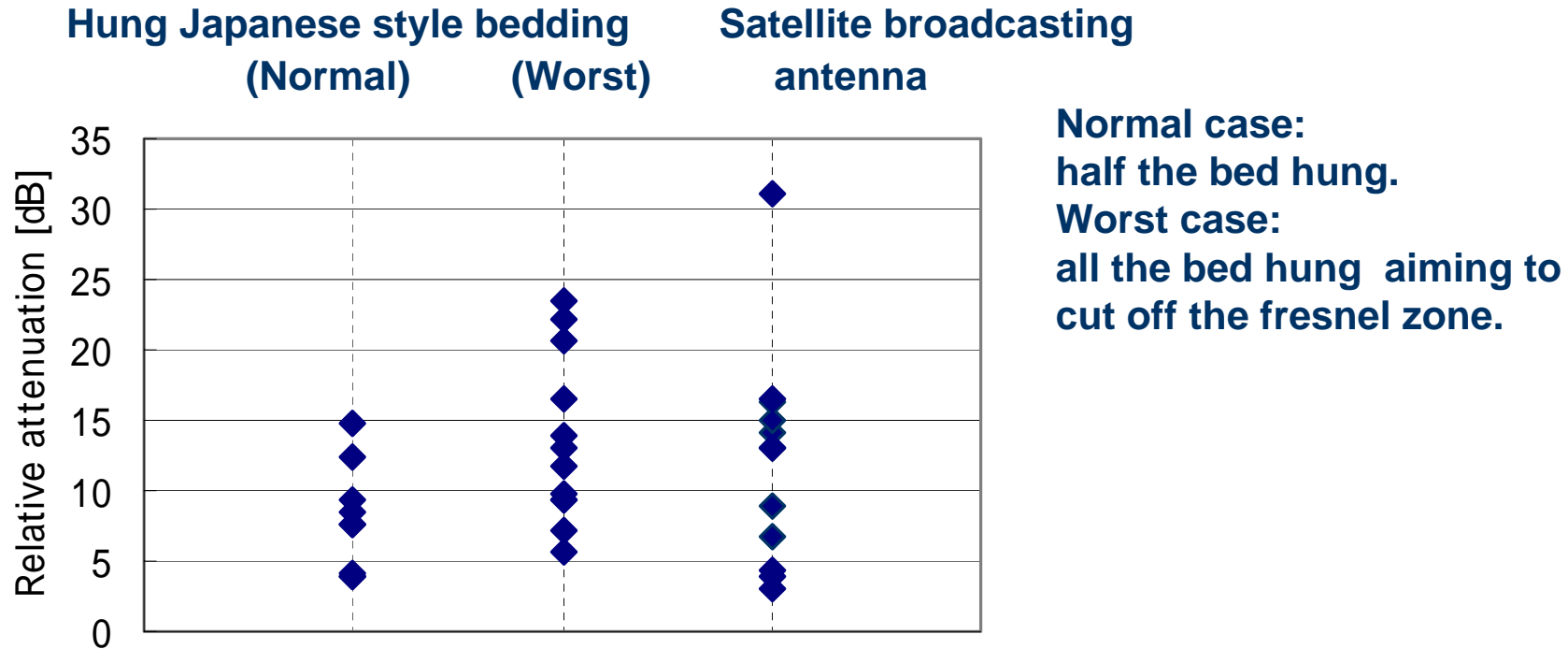


**Transmitter on the porch**



**Receiver on the ground**

# Result 3 Effect of obstacles between Tx and Rx

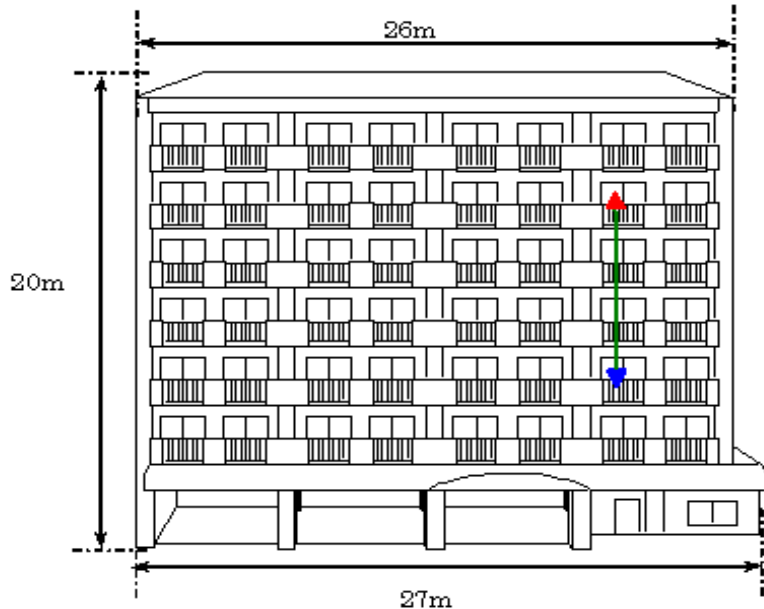


The delay spread was within 1 ns for hung Japanese style bedding.

The maximum delay spread was 3.5 ns for settled satellite broadcasting antenna.

# Measurement 4 Effect of snow

The measurements of the effect of the laid snow



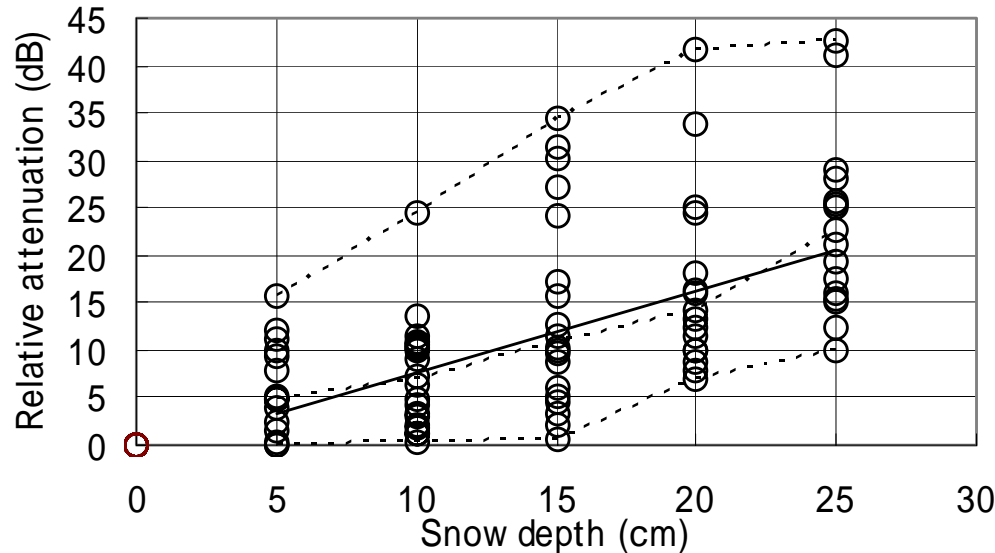
Apartment	(C)	
Antenna position	Tx: 6 F / Rx: 3F	
polarization	V	
beam width	15°	
Horizontal distance	0 m	
Depth	Tx: 0.65 m / Rx: 0.30 m	
Vertical distance	8.25 m	
Snow	Variable	
Comment	Snow depth 5 to 25 cm	Water content 0 to 500 cc

# Experimental condition



Experimental conditions

# Result 4-1 Effect of snow depth on the Rx



5-cm-deep snow corresponds to a volume of 500 cc.

The density of the snow was 0.12 g/cc.

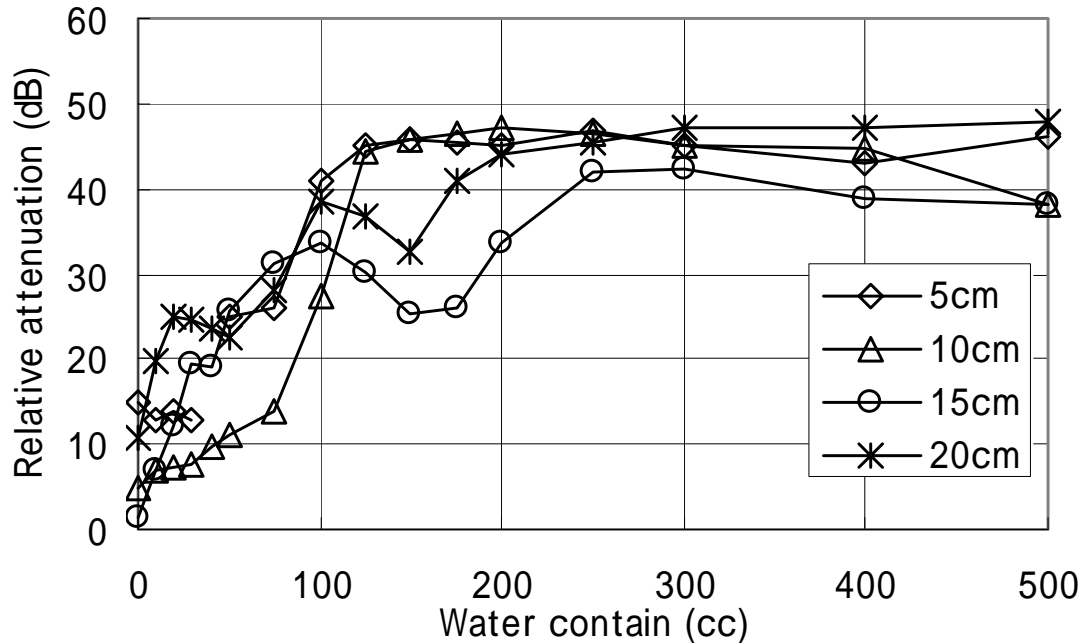
The relationship between the snow depth and median attenuation value is approximated by the following linear approximation

$$y_1 = 0.85x_1 - 0.95 \quad (2)$$

where  $x_1$  is the snow depth [cm] and  $y_1$  is the relative attenuation [dB].

delay spread : the maximum value was 3.9 ns.

# Result 4-2 Effect of water content for snow



The density of the snow was 0.072g/cc.

The measured attenuation increased according to the amount of water.  
Delay spread : less than 1 ns when the water content was less than 100 cc,  
increased when the water content exceeded 100 cc (max. 6.5 ns).



## Conclusion

- We show the propagation measurement results for 60-GHz propagation for a vertical direction.
- As for obstacles, the position of the antenna is important to construct the VCWL system. (Since a small-sized system in the 60-GHz band can be realized, most of problems will be solved in the users' side in each environment.)
- As for laid snow, a countermeasure is needed.  
(Ex. improvement of antenna cover)