



# Article A Stochastic Confocal Elliptic-Cylinder Channel Model for 3D MIMO in Millimeter-Wave High-Speed Train Communication System

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Abstract: Massive MIMO technology is among the most promising solutions for achieving higher gain in 5G millimeter-wave (mmWave) channel models for high-speed train (HST) communication systems. Based on stochastic geometry methods, it is fundamental to accurately develop the associated MIMO channel model to access system performance. These MIMO channel models could be extended to massive MIMO with antenna arrays in more than one plane. In this paper, the proposed MIMO 3D geometry-based stochastic model (GBSM) is composed of the line of sight component (LOS), one sphere, and multiple confocal elliptic cylinders. By considering the proposed GBSM, the local channel statistical properties are derived and investigated. The impacts of the distance between the confocal points of the elliptic cylinder, mmWave frequencies of 28 GHz and 60 GHz, and non-stationarity on channel statistics are studied. Results show that the proposed 3D simulation model closely approximates the measured results in terms of stationary time. Consequently, findings show that the proposed 3D non-wide-sense stationary (WSS) model is better for describing mmWave HST channels in an open space environment.

**Keywords:** high-speed train; open case scenario; mmWave; channel statistics; non-stationarity; MIMO

# 1. Introduction

High-speed Trains with a speed of 500 km/h and above are particularly expected to be supported in the fifth-generation 5G wireless mobile communication [1]. China's CIT500 train has been recorded as the fastest at 605 km/h while the Maglev train of Japan is the second fastest at 603 km/h. In such a situation, there is high demand for conditions to satisfy passenger needs as well as safety for the train during communication. In this case, channel modeling for 5G using mmWave bands in the HST communication system is required [2]. The exact challenges usually come from very fast hand over, which sometimes worsens the situation when the vehicle is moving through different scattering environments [3].

Previously, the Global System for Mobile Communication Railway (GSM-R), which could only provide a maximum 200 kbps data rate, was implemented in the European Train Control System (ETCS) in 1998; however, this was mainly used more in the control system rather than providing train passengers mobile communication [3]. Because of the lower data rate, the International Union of Railways later recommended a 4G LTE-R, which is a broadband wireless communication system (4G) [4]. Although LTE-R is expected to deliver higher data rates than GSM-R, it still uses the original GSM-R mobile architecture of the mobile station user communicating directly to the base station user. Using this architecture for very high-speed trains leads to a low quality of service. This is basically due to fast-changing channels at the mobile radio station (MRS) onboard which increases the chances of handover failure [3]. Therefore, since there is a rapid development of very fast trains, especially in Maglev, there is a need for a high-quality wireless communication channel with



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**Copyright:** © 2022 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). high data rates for smart railway transport [4]. Thus, academia and the telecommunication industry have collaborated on the development, testing, and deployment of innovative wireless communication systems [5]. With smart rail transport, the passengers will be able to have a reliable, high-capacity communication channel that can handle applications such as video streaming in real-time-variant without interruptions regardless of the speed and location of the train. To obtain a channel that can handle the needs of a high-speed train, 5G and beyond mobile technology should be applied [5].

For the development of a 5G mmWave High-speed train communication system as shown in Figure 1, it is necessary to understand the underlying propagation channel, since different propagation distances and varying frequencies are mainly limited by pathloss [6]. For example, the case of [7–9] proposed how to reduce the likelihood of communication outages using MIMO technology that was integrated with different schemes for mobile communications. The shortcomings of short wavelength, high attenuation, atmospheric attenuation, precipitation attenuation, and absorption loss define mmWave frequency transmission. The use of high-gain antennas through massive MIMO technology helps mitigate the effects of the atmosphere and precipitation. In addition, massive MIMO technology in mmWave bands for HST communication helps to achieve long-distance transmission [10]. This helps to reduce handover frequency because the separation between base stations is kept large.

On the other hand, the channel characteristics can be described by modeling the HST multipath channel for different environments. Aside from geometry-based models, the 5G mmWave HST multipath propagation channel model can be exploited effectively through the ray tracing method [11]. The approach approximates well-measured results, although it has a high computation complexity; therefore, the modeling of real HST multipath fading channels using geometry-based models has been receiving more and more attention, such as [12–20]. In [13], a novel three-dimensional (3D) wideband MIMO HST RS-GBSM for non-isotropic scattering Rician fading channels was proposed—the same concept could be applied in HST channel modeling; however, mmWave frequencies were not considered. In addition, the underlying 5G HST channels exhibit frequency selectivity since the signal bandwidth is larger than or in the order of the coherence bandwidth (normally 4–6 MHz) [15]. As a result, mmWave frequency channel models need to be investigated.

In the literature, the wide-sense stationary (WSS) assumption was used in HST channel models. These WSS channel modeling approaches can be categorized into deterministic and stochastic approaches [13]. Under the stochastic approach, these can be further classified as the geometry-based stochastic model and non-geometry-based stochastic model [16]. Furthermore, GBSMs can be classified as regular-shaped GBSMs (RS-GBSMs) and irregularshaped GBSMs (IS-GBSMs) [17,18], depending on whether effective scatterers are located on regular shapes, e.g., one ring, two-ring, ellipses, or irregular shapes. The WSS HST channel models in [17,19] assumed that multipath channel statistics characteristics are constant with respect to time. After taking the HST experimental channel measurements as shown in [20], it was concluded that the channel is only stationary for an interval time of milliseconds. For this reason, researchers have been motivated to re-evaluate the WSS assumption on HST channels by applying different approaches. The idea of the local scattering function (LSF) was first developed in [21] to characterize channels as non-stationary. The non-WSS channel model for generalized narrowband MIMO was introduced in [22] and yet mmWave frequencies are supposed to be wideband since they have a large bandwidth. Furthermore, the effect of a wideband non-stationary HST channel on channel capacity discussed in [23] did not consider mmWave frequencies. The 3D HST GBSMs were proposed in [13] considered multiple confocal ellipsoid geometry. In this research, a sphere was introduced around the MRS to represent uniformly distributed scatterers. This was performed because they are mainly affected by reflection. Although channel measurements path loss analysis has been analyzed in [24,25], no GBSM channel model has been built. Although channel measurements for mmWave frequencies were made in [25,26], the study in [25] exhibited characteristics of voltage amplitudes following a Rician distribution; therefore, the Rician distribution will be assumed in the model. In addition, it is important to evaluate the

stationary interval. This describes the maximum length of time in which the correlation of channel coefficient exceeds the predefined threshold. These characteristics at mmWave frequencies have been analyzed using a ray tracing simulation in [27]; however, these have high computational complexity. As a train traverses the BS multipath components change causing varying signal power [28]. For that reason, channel characteristics with different frequencies have to be explored and the definitions of parameters used in the derivation are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Definition of parameters.

Parameter	Definition
$D_s(t)$	distance between the center of the MRS and BS
$R_R$	radius of the sphere around MRS
$a_l(t)$	semi-major axis of the sphere
$f_s(t)$	half spacing between the two foci of the ellipse
$\delta_T, \delta_R$	antenna spacing at the MRS and BS
$\theta_T, \theta_R$	orientation of the MRS and BS antenna array in the $x - y$ plane, respectively
$\varphi_T, \varphi_R$	angles of elevation of the MRS and BS antenna array relative to the $x - y$ plane, respectively
$v_R$	MRS velocity
$\gamma_R$	motion direction of the MRS
$\alpha_R^{Los}$ , $\beta_R^{Los}$	AAoA and EAoA of the Los path respectively
$\alpha_R^{(n_{l,i})}(i=1,2)(l=1,2,\ldots,L(t))$	AAoA of the wave traveling from effective scatterers $s^{(n_{l,i})}$
$\alpha_T^{(n_{l,i})}(i=1,2)(l=1,2,\ldots,L(t))$	AAoD of the wave that impinges from effective scatterers $s^{(n_{l,i})}$
$\beta_R^{(n_{l,i})}(i=1,2)(l=1,2,\ldots,L(t))$	EAoA of the wave traveling from effective scatterers $s^{(n_{l,i})}$
$\beta_T^{(n_{l,i})}(i=1,2)(l=1,2,\ldots,L(t))$	EAoD of the wave that impinges from effective scatterers $s^{(n_{l,i})}$
$\xi, \xi_{T(R)}^{(n_{l,2})}, \xi_{R}^{(n_{l,1})}(l=1,2,\ldots,L(t))$	distances $d(T_p, O_R)$ , $O_T(O_R)$ , $d(O_T, s^{(nl,1)})$ , respectively
(i = 1, 2)	
$\varepsilon_{pq}, \varepsilon_{pn_l i}, \varepsilon_{n_{l,iq}}$	distances $d(T_p, T_q)$ , $d(T_p, s^{(n_{l,i})}, d(s^{(n_{l,i})}, T_q)$ , respectively

The main contributions of this work are

- 1. A generic GBSM 3D non-stationary wideband channel consisting of one sphere and multiple confocal elliptic cylinders is proposed as well as deriving the theoretical and simulation channel properties.
- 2. By considering mmWave carrier frequencies for the HST communication channel, the time-variant cross-correlation function (CCF), autocorrelation function (ACF), and the level crossing rate (LCR) are derived and studied thoroughly.
- 3. The impact of mmWave frequencies, non-stationarity, and the distance between the mobile radio station (MRS) and base station (BS) on channel statistics are investigated.
- 4. The applicability of the proposed model is verified by comparing it with measured data.



Figure 1. A 5G HST communication system architecture with mobile MRS as in [1].

## 2. 3D Wideband Non-Stationary MIMO HST Theoretical Channel Model

The HST propagation channel model using the 3D wideband GBSM approach is presented as shown in Figure 2. The system consists of omni-directional *U* transmits and *S* receive antenna elements. A matrix is used to describe the fading channel. The proposed 3D wideband HST MIMO channel is demonstrated in Figure 2. The model considers LOS components and a single bounce component. In the HST channel model, the impact on

channel statistics is considered for an open space environment. As illustrated in Figure 2, we employed the GBSM consisting of one-sphere and many confocal elliptic cylinders representing the stationary and uniformly distributed scatterers and the non-stationary environment situations, respectively. Figure 2 shows the detailed geometry. Based on the time delay line concept, the complex space time-variant channel impulse response of a MIMO channel model between the pth(p = 1, 2..., S) element of the base station, and the qth(q = 1, 2..., U) element of the moving receiver station  $R_x$  is derived as summarized in Algorithm 1 channel simulation modeling and can be expressed as in (1) from [15]. Although only azimuth angles were considered, this derivation is extended to 3D geometry.

$$h_{pq}(t,\tau) = \sum_{l=1}^{L} (t) h_{l,pq}(t) \delta(\tau - \tau_l)$$
(1)

where the tap number is represented by the subscript *l* while L(t) represents the total number of taps. The  $h_{l,pq}(t)$  and  $\tau_l$  represent the complex time-variant tap coefficients and the discrete propagation delay of the *l*th tap, respectively; therefore,  $h_{l,pq}(t)$  is a narrowband and for easier analysis of the MIMO channel, U = S = 2 will be used. Since the channel has been modeled in 3D, the antenna array configuration could be extended to massive MIMO in different plane such as cylindrical or spherical, which makes the signal radiation more practical.



**Figure 2.** Proposed GBSM for one sphere and multiple elliptic cylinder model. Green solid represents tap one, blue solid represents tap two, and red dash represent the MRS sphere.

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#### Algorithm 1 Channel Simulation modeling

- 1. Set parameters of the sphere and the elliptic-cylinder model, trigonometry properties of the train on the truck, antenna parameters, energy related, Rician k factors, relative angle distribution, and velocity of train, respectively;
- 2. **for** Numbers of simulation times  $i \in [1, i_{times}]$  **do**;
- 3. Substitute effective scatterers on the sphere surface, elliptic-cylinder surface at the initial time on the receiver;
- 4. Place these finite effective scatterers on the surface, the joint angular distribution consists of the azimuth and elevation angles, characterize the distribution of effective scatterers using Von Mises Fisher pdf as in (22) for the single bounce component from the sphere and the elliptic cylinder;
- 5. **for** time course  $t \in [1, T]$  **do**;
- 6. Compute every set of the effective scatterers with finite number of scatterers that can be seen by each antenna at both the receiver for the sphere and the elliptic cylinders. There are  $S^{(n_{1,1})}$  scatterers on the sphere where  $n_{(1,1)}^{th}(n_{(1,1)} = 1...N_{(1,1)})$  effective scatterers and  $S^{(n_{1,i})}$  on

the *i*th elliptic cylinder (tap) where  $n_{(1,i)}^{th}(n_{(1,i)} = 1 \dots N_{(1,i)})$ ;

- 7. Pair each path and the corresponding length from the transmitter to receiver with respect to the effective scatterers on the sphere and the elliptic cylinder;
- 8. Apply the relative parameters of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\psi$  to each path;
- 9. Calculate the channel matrix of the Line of sight components, the NLOS component which consists of the *SB* components independently, i.e.,  $h_{1,pq}^{Los}(t)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{I} h_{1,pq}^{SB_i}(t)$ ;
- 10. Apply the energy-related parameters on the components;
- 11. The sum of the channel matrix  $h_{pq}(t, \tau)$  in equation (1) is obtained as a summation of individual components;
- 12. **end**
- 13. end

# 2.1. First Tap

For the first tap, we suppose that around the sphere with radius  $R_r$ , receiver Rx is located in the middle. There are  $n_{1,1}$ th( $n_{1,1} = 1, 2..., N_{1,1}$ ) scatterers on the sphere whereas an effective scatterer is defined by  $s^{n_{1,1}}$ . The time delay structure with  $N_{l,2}$  effective scatterers is represented by the multiple confocal elliptic-cylinder models consisting of at transmitter Tx and Rx at the two foci, respectively. The scatterers are located on the *l*th elliptic cylinder where l = 1, 2, ..., L(t). L(t) represents the time-variant total number of taps. There are  $n_{1,2}$ th( $n_{1,2} = 1, 2..., N_{1,2}$ ) scatterers on the semi major axis of the *l*th elliptic cylinder whereas the effective scatterer is defined by  $s^{n_{1,2}}$ . The Tx and Rx antenna element spacing are denoted by  $\delta_T$  and  $\delta_R$  respectively. The half length distance between the foci of the ellipse is denoted by f; therefore, 2f represents the distance D between the Tx and Rx. In this theoretical model, some assumptions such as min $\{R_R, a - f\} \gg \max{\delta_T, \delta_R}$ , and  $D \gg R_R$  have been used; therefore, from the equation,

$$h_{1,pq}(t) = h_{1,pq}^{Los}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{I} h_{1,pq}^{SB_i}(t)$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

where,

$$h_{1,pq}^{Los}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{K_{pq}}{K_{pq}+1}} e^{-j2\pi f_c \tau_{pq}(t)} e^{j2\pi f_{max}t \cos(\alpha_R^{Los} - \gamma_R)\cos\beta_R^{Los}}$$
(3a)

$$h_{1,pq}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\eta_{SB_{1,i}}}{K_{pq}(t) + 1}} \lim_{N_{1,i} \to \infty} \sum_{n_{1,i}=1}^{N_{1,i}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{1,i}}} e^{j(\psi_{n_1} - j2\pi f_{c\tau_{pq,n_1}(t)}) \times e^{j2\pi f_{max}t\cos(\alpha_R^{n_1}(t) - \gamma_R)\cos\beta_R^{(n_{i,i})}}}$$
(3b)

We have time-varying parameters  $\tau_{pq}(t)$  and  $\tau_{pq,n_{l,i}}(t)(l = l, ..., L)$ , which make the underlying GBSM a non-stationary one. The  $\eta_{SB_{1,i}}$  designates the mean power for the *l*th tap,  $\tau_{pq}(t) = \varepsilon_{pq}(t)/c$ , and  $\tau_{pq,n_{1,i}}(t) = (\varepsilon_{pn1,i}(t) + \varepsilon_{n1,iq}(t))/c$  links  $T_p \to R_q$  and  $T_p \to s^{n_{l,i}} \to R_q$ , respectively. In Figure 2 there is one single-bounced component in the first

# 2.2. Other Taps

For other taps, the complex tap coefficients (i > 1) of only SB components make up the link  $T_p \rightarrow R_q$ , which may be written as,

$$h_{l,pq}(t) = h_{l,pq}^{SB_2}(t)$$
 (4a)

$$h_{l,pq}(t) = \sqrt{\eta_{SB_{l,2}}} \lim_{N_{l,2} \to \infty} \sum_{n_{l,2}=1}^{N_{l,2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{l,2}}} e^{(\psi_{n_{l,2}} - 2\pi f_c \tau_{pq,n_{l,2}})} \times e^{j2\pi f_{max} t \cos(\alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})}(t) - \gamma_R) \cos\beta_R^{n_{l,2}}}$$
(4b)

where  $\tau_{pq,n_{l,2}} = (\varepsilon_{pn_{l,2}} + \varepsilon_{n_{l,2}q})/c$  is the time it takes for waves to travel via the link  $T_{p\to s}s^{(n_{l,2})} \to T_q$ . Again, energy-related parameter  $\eta_{SB_{l,2}}$  indicate how much the SB rays contribute to the overall scattered power of other taps and it satisfies  $\eta_{SB_{l,2}} = 1$ . The phases  $\psi_{n_{l,2}}$  and  $\psi_{n_{1,i}}$  i.e. random variables with uniform distributions over  $[-\pi, \pi]$  while  $f_{max}$  is the maximum Doppler frequency with respect to the MRS. In summary, the SB rays are generated from the scatterers on either the sphere or the first elliptic cylinder for the first tap. The LOS components, a sphere model with SB rays, and several confocal elliptic-cylinder models with SB rays are found in the first tap as shown in Figure 2. For additional taps, the SB rays components are assumed to be generated from the scatterers located on the corresponding elliptic cylinder. The underlying assumptions are based on the application of the law of cosines in triangles (i.e.,  $\sin x \approx x$  and  $\cos x \approx 1$  for small x), deducing  $\min\{R_{R,r}a - f\} \gg \max\{\delta_T, \delta_{R}\}, D \gg R_r$  and  $\sqrt{1 + x} \approx 1 + x/2$  we have,

$$\varepsilon \approx \xi - \frac{\delta_R}{2\xi} \left[ \frac{\delta_T}{2} \sin \varphi_T \sin \varphi_R - Q \cos \varphi_T \cos \varphi_R \right]$$
(5a)

$$\varepsilon_{pn_{1,1}} \approx \xi_{n_{1,1}} - \frac{\delta_T}{2\xi_{n_{1,1}}} [R_r \sin\beta_R^{(n_{1,1})} \sin\varphi_T + Q_{n_{1,1}} \cos\varphi_T \cos(\alpha_T^{(n_{1,1})} - \theta_T)]$$
(5b)

$$\varepsilon_{n_{1,1q}} \approx R_R - \frac{\delta_R}{2} [\sin \beta_R^{(n_{1,1})} \sin \varphi_R + \cos \beta_R^{n_{1,1}} \cos \varphi_R \cos(\theta_R - \alpha_R^{(n_{1,1})})]$$
(5c)

$$\varepsilon_{pn_{1,2}} \approx \xi_T^{(n_{1,2})} - \frac{\delta_T}{2\xi_T^{(n_{1,2})}} [\xi_R^{(n_{1,2})} \sin \beta_R^{(n_{1,2})} \sin \varphi_T + Q_{n_{1,2}} \cos \varphi_T \cos(\alpha_T^{n_{1,2}} - \theta_T)]$$
(5d)

$$\varepsilon_{n_{1,2q}} \approx \xi_R^{(n_{1,2})} - \delta_R \left[ \sin \beta_R^{(n_{1,2})} \sin \varphi_R + \cos \beta_R^{(n_{1,2})} \cos \varphi_R \cos(\alpha_R^{(n_{1,2})} - \theta_R) \right]$$
(5e)

$$\varepsilon_{pn_{l,2}} \approx \xi_T^{(n_{l,2})} - \frac{\delta_T}{2\xi_T^{(n_{l,2})}} [\xi_R^{(n_{l,2})} \sin \beta_R^{(n_{l,2})} \sin \varphi_T + Q_{n_{l,2}} \cos \varphi_T \cos(\alpha_T^{(n_{l,2})} - \theta_T)]$$
(5f)

$$\varepsilon_{n_{l,2q}} \approx \xi_R^{(n_{l,2})} - \delta_R[\sin\beta_R^{(n_{l,2})}\sin\varphi_R + \cos\beta_R^{(n_{l,2})}\cos\varphi_R\cos(\alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})} - \theta_R)]$$
(5g)

where 
$$\xi \approx Q \approx D - \frac{\delta_T}{2} \cos \varphi_T \cos \theta_T$$
,  $\xi_{n_{1,1}} = \sqrt{Q_{n_{1,1}}^2 + R_r^2 \sin^2 \beta_R^{(n_{1,1})}}$ ,  $\xi_R^{(n_{l,2})} = \frac{2a_1 - Q_{n_{1,2}}}{\cos \beta_R^{n_{1,2}}}$ 

$$\xi_T^{(n_{1,2})} = \sqrt{Q_{n_{1,2}}^2 + (\xi_T^{(n_{1,2})})^2 \sin^2 \beta_R^{(n_{1,2})}}, \quad Q_{n_{1,1}} \approx D + R_R \cos \beta_R^{n_{1,1}} \cos \alpha_R^{n_{1,1}}$$
$$Q_{n_{1,2}} = \frac{a_{f^2}^2 + 2a_1 f \cos \alpha_R^{n_{1,2}}}{a_1 + f \cos \alpha_R^{n_{1,2}}}, \quad \xi_R^{n_{l,2}} = \frac{a^2 + f^2 + 2a_l f \cos \alpha_R^{n_{l,2}}}{a_l + f \cos \alpha_R^{n_{l,2}}}, \text{ and } \quad \xi_R^{(n_{l,2})} = \frac{b_l^2}{a_l + f \cos \alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})}}$$

 $a_1 + f \cos \alpha_R^{(n_l,2)}$   $a_l + f \cos \alpha_R^{(n_l,2)}$ with  $b_l$  denoting the semi-minor axis of the *l*th elliptic cylinder. Note that the Azimuth AoD (AAoD)/Elevation AoD(EAoD), (i.e.,  $\alpha_T^{(n_{l,i})}, \beta_T^{(n_{l,i})}$ ) and Azimuth AoA (AAoA)/Elevation AoA(EAoA), (i.e.,  $\alpha_R^{(n_{l,i})}, \beta_R^{(n_{l,i})}$ ), are correlated for SB rays. From the sphere model, we can derive rived from the elliptic-cylinder model are:  $\alpha_T^{(n_{l,2})} = \arcsin\left(\frac{b_i^2 \sin \alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})}}{a_l^2 + f^2 + 2a_i f \cos \alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})}}\right)$  and

$$\beta_T^{(n_{l,2})} = \arccos\left[\frac{a_l^2 + f^2 + 2a_l f \cos \alpha_R^{n_{l,2}}}{\left(a_l + f \cos \alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})}\right) \xi_T^{(n_{l,2})}}\right] \text{ hold with } b_l = \sqrt{a_l^2 - f^2} \text{ denoting the semi axis}$$

of the *l*th elliptic cylinder. The discrete AAoD is used in the proposed theoretical 3D GBSM as the number of scatterers approaches infinity.  $\alpha_T^{(n_{l,i})}$ , EAoD  $\beta_T^{(n_{l,i})}$ , AAoA  $\alpha_R^{(n_{l,i})}$  and EAoA  $\beta_T^{(n_{l,i})}$  are replaced by continuous random variables  $\alpha_T^{(l,i)}$ ,  $\beta_T^{(l,i)}$ ,  $\alpha_R^{(l,i)}$ , and  $\beta_T^{(n_{l,i})}$ , respectively, to consider the effects of azimuth and elevation angles on channel statistics simultaneously. In addition, to characterize the distribution of effective scatterers, we employ the von Mises–Fisher (VMF) probability density function (PDF), which was described in [29]

$$f(\alpha,\beta) = \frac{k\cos\beta}{4\pi\sinh k} \times e^{k[\cos\beta_0\cos\beta\cos(\alpha-\alpha_0)+\sin\beta_0\sin\beta]}$$
(6)

where  $\alpha, \beta \in (-\pi, \pi)$ ,  $\alpha_0 \in (-\pi, \pi)$  account for the mean values of the azimuth angle  $\alpha$  and the elevation angle  $\beta$ , respectively, and  $k(k \ge 0)$  is a real valued parameter that controls the concentration of the distribution as identified by the mean direction  $\alpha_0$  and  $\beta_0$ ; in this case, for angular descriptions, i.e., the AAoA  $\alpha_R^{(1,1)}$  and EAoA  $\beta_R^{(1,1)}$  for the sphere and the AAoA  $\alpha_R^{(l,2)}$  and EAoA  $\beta_R^{(l,2)}$  for the multiple elliptic cylinders, the parameters ( $\alpha_0$ ,  $\beta_0$ , and k) of the VMF PDF in ( $\alpha_{R0}^{(l,1)}$ ,  $\beta_{R0}^{(i,1)}$ , and  $k^{(l,1)}$ ) and ( $\alpha_{R0}^{(l,2)}$ ,  $\beta_{R0}^{(l,2)}$ , and  $k^{(l,2)}$ ) respectively.

# 2.3. Time-Varying Parameters

# 2.3.1. Total Number of Taps

To satisfy the non-stationary condition, the survival and death process is used in [30] to represent the taps that are born, then exist for a while, and then disappear, as taps may only exist for a limited amount of time in a time-variant (i.e., non-stationary) environment. The discrete Markov process is used to describe this behavior of generation and recombination in [13]. This non-stationarity in the HST channel is caused by the mobility of the MRS in the architecture. The same approach of generation ( $\lambda_G$ ) recombination ( $\lambda_G$ ) in [31] will be used to describe the time-variant channel as observing a time series of channel impulse responses (CIRs), each tap remains from one CIR at  $t_{k-1}$  to a following here,

$$P_{remain}(\Delta_{P,k}) = e^{-\lambda_R \cdot \Delta_{P,k}} \tag{7a}$$

Hence, several new taps are generated by the Markov process with the expectation

$$EL_{new,k} = \frac{\lambda_G}{\lambda_R} (1 - e^{-\lambda_R \cdot \Delta_{P,k}})$$
(7b)

At any time instant  $t_k$ , one can distinguish between newly generated taps and survived taps that were already existing in the previous CIR at time instant  $t_{k-1}$ ; therefore, the total number of taps L(t) in (7b) is time-variant demonstrating the non-stationarity of the HST channels.

# 2.3.2. Time-Varying AoDs and AoAs

By considering the scenario of line of sight (LoS) component, the time-varying AAoA  $(\alpha_R^{Los}(t))$  and EAoA  $(\beta_R^{Los}(t))$  can be expressed as

$$\alpha_R^{Los}(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha_R^{Los}(t_0) + \arccos(\frac{D_s(t_0) + v_R t \cos \gamma_R}{D_s(t)}), & -\pi \le \gamma_R \le 0\\ \alpha_R^{Los}(t_0) + \arccos(\frac{D_s(t_0) + v_R t \cos \gamma_R}{D_s(t)}), & 0 \le \gamma_R \le \pi \end{cases}$$
(8)

where  $\alpha_R^{Los}(t_0) = \arcsin(\frac{k_p \delta_T}{D_s(t_0)} \sin \varphi_R)$  denote the initial LoS AOA at time  $t = t_0$ .

By considering the scenario of single bounce  $(SB_{1,1})$  component resulting from Rx sphere the time-varying AAoD  $(\alpha_T^{(n_{1,1})}(t))$ , EAoD $(\beta_T^{n_{1,1}}(t))$ , and AAoA  $(\alpha_R^{(n_{1,1})}(t))$  and EAoA  $(\beta_R^{n_{1,1}}(t))$  can be expressed as

$$\beta_R^{n_{1,1}}(t) \approx \beta_R^{(n_{1,1})} \tag{9a}$$

$$\alpha_R^{n_{1,1}}(t) \approx \alpha_R^{(n_{1,1})} \tag{9b}$$

$$\alpha_T^{n_{1,1}}(t) \approx \alpha_T^{(n_{1,1})} \tag{9c}$$

$$\beta_T^{n_{1,1}}(t) \approx \beta_T^{(n_{1,1})} \tag{9d}$$

By considering the scenario of single bounce components  $SB_{l,2}$  representing the *l*th tap resulting from the elliptic cylinder, time-varying AAoA  $(\alpha_R^{n_{1,1}}(t))$ , and EAoA  $(\alpha_R^{n_{1,1}}(t))$  can be expressed as

$$\alpha_{R}^{(n_{l,2})}(t) = \pi - \arccos \frac{v_{R}t - \xi_{R}^{(n_{l,2})} \cos \phi_{R}^{(n_{l,2})}}{\sqrt{\xi_{R}^{2(n_{l,2})} + (v_{R}t)^{2} - 2\xi_{R}^{(n_{l,2})} v_{R}t \cos(\phi_{R}^{(n_{l,2})})}}$$
(10a)

$$\beta_{R}^{(n_{l,2})}(t) = \arctan \frac{\xi_{R}^{(n_{l,2})} \tan \phi_{R}^{(n_{l,2})}}{\sqrt{\xi_{R}^{2(n_{l,2})} + (v_{R}t)^{2} - 2\xi_{R}^{(n_{l,2})} v_{R}t \cos(\phi_{R}^{(n_{l,2})})}}$$
(10b)

The time-varying AAoD  $\alpha_T^{n_{l,2}}(t)$  and EAoD  $\beta_T^{n_{l,2}}(t)$ , can be noted as correlated signals with the time-varying AAoA  $\alpha_R^{n_{l,2}}(t)$  and EAoA  $\beta_R^{n_{l,2}}(t)$  for SB rays resulting from the elliptic-cylinder model; therefore, the relationship between the AoA and AoD for multiple confocal elliptic-cylinder models can be given by

$$\alpha_T^{n_{l,2}}(t) = \arcsin \frac{b(t)^2 \sin \alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})}(t)}{a(t)^2 + f(t)^2 + 2a(t)f(t)\cos \alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})}(t)}$$
(11a)

$$\beta_T^{n_{l,2}}(t) = \arccos \frac{a(t)^2 + f(t)^2 + 2a(t)f(t)\cos\alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})}(t)}{(a(t)_f(t)\cos\alpha_R^{(n_{l,2})}(t))\xi_T^{(n_{l,2})}(t)}$$
(11b)

# 2.4. Time-Varying Open Case Distance

By considering Figure 3, the minimum distance between the base station and the truck is denoted by  $D_{min}$  while the  $D_{proj}$  is the projection distance of  $D_s(t)$  on the railway truck can be derived as in [15]. The initial distance between the elliptic confocal point (*MRs* and *BS*) is  $D_s$ . The time varying distance  $D_s(t) = |D_s - v_R(t)|$ , where  $D_s(t) = 2f$ . The vertical distance between the base of the base station and the projection of the mobile relay station at time *t* is denoted by the  $D_{verticle}(t) = \sqrt{D_{verticle}^2(t_0) + v_R \times t + 2 \times D_{verticle}^2(t_0) \times V_R \times t \times (\cos \gamma_R)}$ ; in this case  $H = H_{Train} + H_{MRS}$ . By using trigonometry,  $D_s(t) = D_{proj}(t)^2 + h^2$  where  $h = H_{BS} - H$  and  $D_{proj}(t) = D_{min}^2(t) + D_{verticle}(t)$ . The antenna is placed on the roof top of the train.



Figure 3. Trigonometrical representation of open case environment for time-varying distance.

# 3. Statistical Properties of the Proposed 3D MIMO Wideband Non-Stationary HST Channel Model

The non-stationary correlation properties of two arbitrary CIRs  $h_{pq}(t, \delta)$  of a MIMO HST channel can be deduced as,

$$R_h(t,\delta_T,\delta_R,\delta(t)) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} R_{h_l}(t,\delta_T,\delta_R,\delta(t))$$
(12)

where  $R_h(t, \delta_T, \delta_R, \delta(t))$  is the time-variant ST CF of the *l*th tap that can be expressed as

$$R_{h}(t,\delta_{T},\delta_{R},\delta(t)) = E\{h_{l,pq}(t)h^{*}_{l,p'q'}(t-\delta(t))\}$$
(13)

# 3.1. The Time-Variant ACF

The time-variant ACF can be obtained by imposing  $\delta_T = 0$  and  $\delta_R = 0$  in

$$r_{h}(t,\delta(t)) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} r_{h_{l}}(t,\delta(t)) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} E\{h_{l,pq}(t)h_{l,pq}^{*}(t-\delta(t))\}$$
(14)

By considering the Los component

$$r_{h}^{Los}(t,\delta(t)) = K e^{\frac{j2\pi}{\lambda} A^{Los}(t)} e^{-j2\pi\delta t(-f_{max}\cos\gamma_{R})},$$
(15)

where  $K = \frac{K_{pq}}{(K_{pq}+1)}$  and  $A^{Los}(t) = 2D(t) \cos \varphi_R \cos \theta_R$ . By considering the  $SB_{1,1}$  components for the first tap resulting from the sphere,

$$r_{h_l}^{SB_1}(t,\delta(t)) = \eta_{SB_{1,1}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{j2\pi\delta t f_{max}B^{(1,1)}} f(\alpha_R^{(1,1)},\beta_R^{(1,1)}) d(\alpha_R^{(1,1)},\beta_R^{(1,1)})$$
(16)

By considering the  $SB_{l,2}$  components for the *l*th tap resulting from the *l*th elliptical cylinder,

$$r_{h_l}^{SB_2}(t,\delta(t)) = \eta_{SB_{l,2}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{j2\pi\delta t f_{max}B^{(l,2)}} f(\alpha_R^{(l,2)},\beta_R^{(1,2)}) d(\alpha_R^{(l,2)},\beta_R^{(1,2)})$$
(17)

where  $B^{(1,1)} = \cos(\alpha_R^{(1,1)} - \gamma_R \cos(\beta_R^{(1,1)}))$  and  $B^{(l,2)} = \cos(\alpha_R^{(l,2)} - \gamma_R \cos(\beta_R^{(l,2)}))$ .

By imposing  $\delta t = 0$  in (3), we can obtain the time-variant space CCF between two arbitrary channel coefficients as

$$\rho_h(t,\delta_T,\delta_R) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} \rho_{h_l}(t,\delta_T,\delta_R) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} E\{h_{l,pq}(t)h^*_{l_{p'q'}}(t-\delta(t))\}.$$
(18)

In the case of the Los component,

$$r_{h}^{Los}(t,\delta_{T}\delta_{R}) = K' e^{\frac{j2\pi}{\lambda}A^{Los}(t)} e^{-j2\pi\delta t(-f_{max}\cos\gamma_{R})}.$$
(19)

In the case of the SB components  $SB_{1,1}$  for the first tap resulting from the Rx circular cylinder,

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$$\rho_{h_1}^{SB_1}(t,\delta_T\delta_R) = \eta_{SB_{1,1}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{\frac{i2\pi}{\lambda}} A^{(1,1)} f(\alpha_R^{(1,1)},\beta_R^{(1,1)}) d(\alpha_R^{(1,1)},\beta_R^{(1,1)})$$
(20)

In the case of the SB components  $SB_{l,2}$  for the *l*th tap resulting from the *l*th elliptical cylinder,

$$\rho_{h_i}^{SB_2}(t,\delta_T\delta_R) = \eta_{SB_{i,2}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{\frac{j2\pi}{\lambda}} A^{(l,2)} f(\alpha_R^{(l,2)},\beta_R^{(l,2)}) d(\alpha_R^{(l,2)},\beta_R^{(l,2)})$$
(21)

where  $A^{(1,1)} = \delta_R[\sin\beta_R^{(1,1)}\sin\varphi_R + \cos\beta_R^{(1,1)}\cos\varphi_R^{(1,1)}\cos(\theta_R - \alpha_R^{(1,1)})] + \frac{\delta_T}{\xi_{n_{1,1}}}[R_R\sin\beta_R^{(1,1)}] \times \sin\varphi_T + Q_{n_{1,1}}\cos\varphi_T\cos(\theta_T - \alpha_T^{(1,1)})] \text{ and } A^{(l,2)} = \delta_R[\sin\beta_R^{(l,2)}\sin\varphi_R + \cos\beta_R^{(l,2)}\cos\varphi_R^{(l,2)}] \\ \cos(\theta_R - \alpha_R^{(l,2)})] + \frac{\delta_T}{\xi_{n_{l,2}}}[R_R\sin\beta_R^{(l,2)} \times \sin\varphi_T + Q_{n_{l,2}}\cos\varphi_T\cos(\theta_T - \alpha_T^{(l,2)})].$ 

# 4. 3D Wideband Non-WSS Sum of Sinusoidal Simulation Model for MIMO HST Channel

Based on the proposed 3D theoretical GBSM described as from (1)–(3), the corresponding simulation model can be further developed by using finite numbers of scatterers  $N_{l,1}$  and  $N_{l,2}$ . This will be a complex tap coefficient for the link  $T_p \rightarrow T_q$ .

# Method of Equal Volume and the Proposed Sum of Sinusoidal Simulation Model

The method of equal volume is used for the parameterization of the simulation model. This was used in [31,32] to determine the discrete angles of arrival and angles of departure for the simulation model. The objective of MEV is to determine the set of  $\{\alpha^{(n_{l,i})}, \beta^{(n_{l,i})}\}$  in such a manner that the volume of the VMF PDF  $f(\alpha, \beta)$  in different ranges of  $\{\alpha^{n_{l,i}-1}, \beta^{n_{l,i}-1}\} \leq \{\alpha, \beta\} < \{\alpha^{(n_{1,l})}, \beta^{(n_{1,l})}\}$  are equal to each other with condition, i.e.,

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\alpha^{(l,i)}} \int_{-\pi}^{\beta^{(l,i)}} f(\alpha,\beta) d\alpha d\beta = \frac{1-1/4}{N_{l,i}}$$
(22)

where  $f(\alpha, \beta)$  is the 3D VMF PDF introduced in (22).

#### 5. Local Statistical Properties of the Proposed Sum of Sinusoidal Simulation Model

In this case, discrete time-varying parameters are applied to (3)–(12) to obtain the corresponding simulation model.

# 5.1. The Time-Variant ACF

The time-variant ACF can be derived by imposing  $\delta_T = 0$  and  $\delta_R = 0$  in (3)

$$\widehat{r}_{h}(t,\delta(t)) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} \widehat{r}_{h_{l}} = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} E\{\widehat{h}_{l,pq}(t)\widehat{h}_{l,pq}^{*}(t-\delta(t))\}$$
(23)

By considering the Los component,

$$\hat{r}_{h}^{Los}(t,\delta(t)) = Ke^{\frac{j2\pi}{\lambda}\hat{A}^{Los}(t)}e^{-j2\pi\delta t f_{max}\cos\hat{\alpha}_{R}^{Los} - (t-\delta t)\cos\gamma_{R}}$$
(24)

By considering the  $SB_{1,1}$  component for the first tap resulting from the sphere,

$$\widehat{r}_{h}^{SB_{1}}(t,\delta(t)) = \frac{\eta_{SB_{1,1}}}{N_{1,1}} \sum_{n_{1,1}=1}^{N_{1,1}} e^{j2\pi\delta t f_{max}\widehat{B}^{(1,1)}}$$
(25)

By considering the  $SB_l$ , 2 component for the  $l_{th}$  tap resulting from the lth elliptical cylinder

$$\hat{r}_{h}^{SB_{2}}(t,\delta(t)) = \frac{\eta_{SB_{l,2}}}{N_{l,2}} \sum_{n_{l,2}=1}^{N_{l,2}} e^{j2\pi\delta t f_{max}\hat{B}^{(l,2)}}$$
(26)

# 5.2. The Time-Variant CCF

The time-variant space CCF between two arbitrary channel coefficients is obtained by imposing  $\delta t = 0$  in (3) and thus,

$$\rho_h(t,\delta_T,\delta_R) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} \rho_{h_l}(t,\delta_T,\delta_R) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} E\{h_{l,pq}(t)h^*_{l_{p'q'}}(t-\delta(t))\}.$$
(27)

$$\rho_h(t,\delta_T,\delta_R) = \sum_{i=1}^{I(t)} \rho_{h_i}(t,\delta_T,\delta_R) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} E\{h_{l,pq}(t)h^*_{l_{p'q'}}(t-\delta(t))\}.$$
(28)

By considering the Los component,

$$\widehat{r}_{h}^{Los}(t,\delta_{T}\delta_{R}) = K' e^{\frac{j2\pi}{\lambda}\widehat{A}^{Los}(t)} e^{-j2\pi\delta t(-f_{max}\cos\gamma_{R})}.$$
(29)

$$\rho_h(t,\delta_T,\delta_R) = \sum_{i=1}^{I(t)} \rho_{h_i}(t,\delta_T,\delta_R) = \sum_{l=1}^{L(t)} E\{h_{l,pq}(t)h_{l,p'q'}^*(t-\delta(t))\}.$$
(30)

By considering the Los component,

$$\widehat{r}_{h}^{Los}(t,\delta_{T}\delta_{R}) = K' e^{\frac{j2\pi}{\lambda}\widehat{A}^{Los}(t)} e^{-j2\pi\delta t(-f_{max}\cos\gamma_{R})}.$$
(31)

By considering the  $SB_{1,1}$  component for the first tap resulting from the Rx sphere,

$$\widehat{\rho}_{h_1}^{SB_1}(t,\delta_T\delta_R) = \frac{\eta_{SB_{1,1}}}{N_{1,1}} \sum_{n_{1,1}=1}^{N_{1,1}} e^{\frac{j2\pi}{\lambda}} \widehat{A}^{(1,1)}$$
(32)

By considering the  $SB_{l,2}$  component for the *i*th tap resulting from the *i*th elliptical cylinder

$$\widehat{\rho}_{h_1}^{SB_2}(t, \delta_T \delta_R) = \frac{\eta_{SB_{l,2}}}{N_{i,2}} \sum_{n_{l,2}=1}^{N_{l,2}} e^{\frac{j2\pi}{\lambda}} \widehat{A}^{(l,2)}$$
(33)

### 5.3. The Time-Variant LCR

The LCR indicates how often the signal envelope  $|h_{pq}(t)|$  crosses a given threshold of energy within a specified time per second. The pdf-based traditional method in [33] was used to derive the LCR for the derived model.

$$L(r,t) = \frac{2r\sqrt{k_{pq}(t)+1}}{\pi^{3/2}}A(t)e^{-k_{pq}(t)-(k_{pq}(t)+1)r^2} \times \int_0^{\pi/2}\cosh\left(2\sqrt{k_{pq}(t)(k_{pq}(t)+1)\cdot r\cos\theta}\right)$$

$$\times \left[e^{-(\nu^2\sin\theta)^2} + \sqrt{\pi}\nu\sin\theta\cdot erf(\nu(t)\sin\theta)\right]d\theta$$
(34)

where erf(.) is the function representing error, as  $A(t) = \sqrt{\frac{a_2(t)}{a_0(t)} - \frac{a_1^2}{a_0^2}}$ , while

$$\nu(t) = \sqrt{\frac{K_{pq}(t)a_1^2(t)}{a_0(t)a_2(t) - a_1^2(t)}}.$$
 The parameters  $a_0(t), a_1(t), a_2(t)$  are defined as follows:

$$a_0(t) = \frac{1}{k_{pq}(t) + 1},$$
(35a)

$$a_1(t) = \frac{b_0(t)}{N_l} \sum_{n_l=1}^{N_l} f_{max} \cos(\alpha_R^{(n_l)} - \gamma_R) \cos\beta_R^{(n_l)},$$
(35b)

$$a_{2}(t) = \frac{b_{0}(t)}{N_{l}} \sum_{n_{l}=1}^{N_{l}} \left[ f_{max} \cos(\alpha_{R}^{(n_{l})} - \gamma_{R}) \cos\beta_{R}^{(n_{l})} \right]^{2}$$
(35c)

# 6. Analysis and Numerical Results

In this section, the generic model composed of the line of sight component (LOS), one sphere, and the multiple confocal elliptic cylinders was used to analyze the effect of train position and the two candidate mmWave carrier frequencies on the dynamic variances in the channel statistics for characterization. The impact of far distances and closer distances are investigated. The Rician factor and power-related factors are considered wheres parameters of  $H_{MRS}$ ,  $H_{MRS}$  and  $H_{train}$  are taken as in [34]. The antenna is assumed to be at the rooftop of the train. Some of the numerical parameters used are listed as in Table 2.

By using (23)–(26), Figure 4 depicts the time-variant ACF absolute values of the 3D theoretical model for the first and second tap at different time instants of t = 0 s and t = 3 s. The first tap has a higher correlation coefficient than the second tap due to the dominant LOS component. The autocorrelation function of the theoretical results and the simulation model exhibit a good approximation indicating the correctness of the proposed GBSM. Figure 5 shows the time variant CCF of the model for the first and second tap. The simulation model and the theoretical model are compared and the closesness is shown as in Figure 6.Therefore the model can be furthur applied for channel modelling. By using (27)–(33), Figure 7 depicts the absolute value of time-variant CCF of the simulation model for different mmWave carrier frequencies at different distances. The frequency at 28 GHz has a higher correlation coefficient than that of 60 GHz indicating a stronger line of sight at lower mmWave frequencies at far distances; therefore, the LOS of higher mmWave frequencies is affected by the distance between the transmitter and receiver. Figure 8 depicts the absolute value of time-variant CCF of the simulation model for different mmWave carrier frequencies at different closer distances. The mmWave carrier frequency at 60 GHz has a higher correlation than 28 GHz indicating a dominant LOS for higher mmWave frequencies in closer distances between  $T_x$  and  $R_x$ . Figure 9 shows the comparison between the simulation results from the proposed model and the measured results of stationary interval in [35]. This shows that the simulation results fit the measured results well with 9 ms for 80% and 19 ms for 20%. Figure 10 demonstrates that mmWave frequencies at 60 GHz have a longer stationary interval as the train is closer to the base station, therefore, by using the proposed model, we can capture non-stationarity channel statistics at mmWave frequencies. By imposing (34)–(35c), the LCR of the proposed model and the measured results from [36] are compared as shown in Figure 11. The results show that both the experimental and proposed model LCR reached a maximum value of 0.98 at a threshold value of 0 dB. The significant compatibility between the proposed generic model and the measurement reveals the usefulness of our HST generic channel model.

Parameter	Numerical Value
$N_{1,1} = N_{1,2}$	40
$\varphi_R = \varphi_T$	$45^{\circ}$
$\theta_R = \theta_T$	$45^{\circ}$
$\alpha_{RO}^{(1)}$	$25^{\circ}$
$\beta_{RO}^{(1)}$	$10^{\circ}$
$\alpha_{RO}^{(2)}$	$25^{\circ}$
$\beta_{PO}^{(2)}$	$15^{\circ}$
$\gamma_R$	$0^{\circ}$
$k^{(1,1)}$	2
$k^{(1,2)}$	2
$\eta_{SB_{(1,1)}}$	0.4
$\eta_{SB_{(1,1)}}$	0.6
$R_R$	5 0 m
$D_{min}$	50 m
$H_{MRS}$	30 cm
H <sub>train</sub>	3.8 cm
$f_s(t)$	28 GHz, 60 GHz
$D_s$	100 m, 1400 m, 1700 m
$\delta_T$ , $\delta_R$	$\lambda$ /2
f <sub>R</sub> max	9.3 KHz, 20 KHz
$v_R$	360 km/h
t	0 s, 3 s

Table 2. Numerical values used for the simulation model.



**Figure 4.** The absolute values of the time-variant space ACF of different taps of the proposed HST channel model at different time instants.



**Figure 5.** The absolute values of the time-variant space CCF of different taps of the proposed HST channel model at different time instants.



**Figure 6.** The absolute values of the time-variant ACF of the 3D theoretical model, the 3D simulation model in open space scenario.



**Figure 7.** The absolute values of the time-variant space CCF at  $f_c = 30$  GHz,  $f_c = 60$  GHz and far distances of  $D_s = 1400$  m,  $D_s = 1700$  m with  $v_R = 360$  km/h.



**Figure 8.** The absolute values of the time-variant space CCF at  $f_c = 30$  GHz,  $f_c = 60$  GHz and close distances of  $D_s = 100$  m at  $v_R = 360$  km/h.



Figure 9. The CCDF of the stationary interval simulated results and the measured results.



Figure 10. Simulated CCDF of the stationary interval for different mmWave frequencies.



Figure 11. The LCRs of the proposed HST channel model and the measured channel.

#### 7. Conclusions

In this research paper, We have proposed a MIMO, 3D GBSM specifically one sphere and multiple focal elliptic cylinders to represent a non-stationary channel for the mmWave channel. The normalized channel statistics of the theoretical and simulation model have been derived. In addition, the proposed non-stationarity of the channel has been validated using measured data in terms of the stationary interval. The measurement of the stationarity interval has been further used to compare the two mmWave frequencies. We conclude that the distance and mmWave frequencies have a major impact on the local channel statistic properties. Consequently, the proposed model can represent non-stationarity as well as demonstrate the impact of mmWave frequencies on channel statistics. In addition, Since the MIMO channel has been modeled in 3D, the antenna array configuration could be extended to massive MIMO in a different plane, such as cylindrical or spherical, which makes the signal radiation more practical.

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