

Statistical Modeling of Brazilian In-Home PLC Channel Features

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Abstract—This paper deals with the statistical modeling of key features of power line communication (PLC) channels that are necessary for designing data communication systems that operate over these channels. The key features are average channel attenuation, root mean squared delay spread, coherence bandwidth and coherence time. All these features were estimated from in-home PLC channels measured in seven distinct Brazilian residences. Assuming that each feature is a random variable, four criteria (i.e., maximum likelihood estimate and three different information criteria) are used to select the statistical distribution that fits best to the data. The symmetry and asymmetry of the histogram associated with each feature is pointed out. The reported results focus on three frequency bands, namely: 1.7–30 MHz, 1.7–50 MHz and 1.7–100 MHz, which are in accordance with the standards used in Europe, North America and Brazil. The values obtained to Brazilian PLC channel features are different from those related to US and Europe channels reported in literature. Thus, the presented statistical models constitute an important tool to better design practical PLC systems that are suitable for Brazilian and in-home electric power grids.

Index Terms—power line communication, statistical modeling, data communication channel.

I. INTRODUCTION

THE need for nurturing the technologies for Smart Grid (SG), Internet of Things (IoT) and Industry 4.0 demands the introduction of pervasive telecommunication systems and, as a consequence, the scarcity of spectrum may be alleviated by using all available medium for data communication purposes [1]–[3]. In this context, it is important to bring attention to power line communication (PLC) because it is a technology that makes use of the existing and ubiquitous infrastructure of electrical power systems to provide data communication.

The PLC has received considerable attention due to its low installation costs, as the electric power systems infrastructures are already available. Against the use of PLC technologies is the fact that electric power grids were not specified, designed and deployed for data communication purposes. In fact, power lines are electromagnetically unshielded and, as

a consequence, it interferes with and suffers interference from telecommunication systems operating in the same frequency band. Additionally, the transmitted signal is severely attenuated as frequency and/or distance increases, since the power lines are non-ideal conductors. Also, it is affected by high power impulsive noises due to loads dynamics and impedance mismatching frequently occurs due to the intrinsic topology of the electric distribution system. Overall, electric power grids represent a challenging data communication medium to be pursued but the necessity of data communication availability has continuously driven PLC technologies.

In its turn, the existence of telecommunication worldwide regulations imposes constraints on the widespread usage of PLC systems. In fact, these systems are considered as secondary users and sources of interference for primary users (e.g., telecommunication system operating in the same frequency band, such as military applications and amateur radio [4]–[7]). Therefore, the specification and design of PLC systems, which maximize the usage of available channel resources under the imposed constraints, requires a thorough study of the main features of electric power grids in the data communication perspective.

In this context, statistical models of some key features of PLC channels, which characterize the signal propagation influence of electric power grids over the transmitted signal, constitute an important and valuable information to be taken into account for the development and performance evaluation of PLC systems. Regarding wireless communication, Nakagami, Rician, Rayleigh and Weibull statistical distributions have been widely applied to model the fading behavior of wireless channels [8], [9]. More recently, the Gamma [10] and Inverse Gaussian [11] distributions were considered to model fading effects for frequencies above 60 GHz in free-space optical communications. In PLC scenario, very few statistical analysis are available, with most of them addressing the PLC channels in US and European countries [12]–[17].

The main features of interest for statistical characterization of in-home PLC channels that are suitable for advancing the PLC systems are: average channel attenuation (ACA), root mean squared delay spread (RMS-DS), coherence bandwidth (CB), and coherence time (CT). The average channel gain in dB (ACG_{dB}) – the negative of ACA – and the RMS-DS, for in-home PLC channels, have their normality/log-normality discussed in a few papers on the related literature. In [16], for instance, measurements of PLC channels in US urban and suburban areas are presented with the frequency band 1.8–30 MHz. In [12], normality tests based on 60 PLC channels

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estimates, which were measured in six different homes, did not reject the null hypothesis in which ACG_{dB} and RMS-DS were considered normally and log-normally distributed continuous variables, respectively. Also, [13] reported the analysis of 200 PLC channels estimates obtained in 25 different premises in Spain, with a frequency band 2–30 MHz. In that study, the normality assumption for ACG_{dB} was rejected by all performed tests, whereas the log-normality assumption was validated for delay spread. In Italy, a set of 1,266 PLC channels was measured in the frequency band 1.8–100 MHz [14]. The normality of ACG_{dB} was not strictly confirmed, whereas the log-normality of RMS-DS was firmly advocated. Moreover, [15] discussed some results related to CB in Spanish in-home PLC channels for the frequency band 2–30 MHz. Regarding the frequencies up to 100 MHz, [18] and [14] discussed some CB results in France and Italy, respectively. The analyses related to the CT of PLC channels were addressed in few researches, such as [17], in which the CT estimates higher than 600 μs were obtained from the measured in-home PLC channels.

Even though the CB and CT are two of the main features for characterizing PLC channels, there is a clear lack of characterization for them in countries with distinct profiles from US and European countries. An attempt to overcome this problem is the analysis of ACA, RMS-DS, CB, and CT in Brazilian in-home PLC channels provided in [19]. Also, an initial attempt to provide statistical modelings of ACG and delay spread in Brazil was introduced in [20].

Aiming to provide a better understanding about Brazilian electric power grids usability for data communication purposes, this work focuses on a comprehensive discussion of statistical modeling of key features of Brazilian in-home PLC channels, covering three important frequency bands. In this regard, the main contributions of this paper are the following:

- Statistical models are provided for the ACA, RMS-DS, CB, and CT parameters, which were obtained from several PLC-channel estimates from seven typical and different homes in Brazilian urban area.
- The data sets constituted by all measured features are submitted to a modeling procedure that evaluated the suitability of several continuous statistical distributions, of up to three parameters, including symmetric (Logistic, Normal and t-Student) and asymmetric (Exponential, Gamma, Inverse Gaussian, Log-logistic, Log-normal, Nakagami, Rayleigh, Rician, Skew-normal and Weibull) ones.
- The choice of the best statistical distribution is based on the log-likelihood function and three distinct information criteria, namely Akaike information criterion (AIC), Bayesian information criterion (BIC), and efficient determination criterion (EDC) [21].
- The analysis comprises three distinct frequency bands: Band A (1.7–30 MHz), Band B (1.7–50 MHz) and Band C (1.7–100 MHz). Note that Band A applies to some European countries [22], Band B refers to the regulation imposed by Brazilian telecommunication regulatory authority [23], and Band C covers future PLC systems offering data rates in order of 1-2 Gbps [16].

Through the development of this study, the following statements regarding the statistical modelings of Brazilian in-home PLC channels features can be determined:

- The ACA feature is better fitted by the Skew-normal distribution in Band A and by the Nakagami distribution in Bands B and C.
- The RMS-DS is better fitted in all frequency bands by Gamma distribution, while the Log-normal distribution offers quite similar fitting results.
- The best fit for CB is provided by the Inverse Gaussian distribution in Bands A and C, while the Log-logistic distribution is the best one for Band B. Moreover, the Skew-normal distribution yields the best fits for CT in all frequency bands. It is important to emphasize that the statistical analysis of CB and CT constitutes the first attempt to statistically model these important PLC channel features.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section II addresses the PLC channel measurement setup and campaign. Section III defines the PLC channel features of interest: ACA, RMS-DS, CB and CT. Section IV deals with the formal concepts behind the maximum likelihood estimation process. Section V presents and discusses the modeling results for the ACA, RMS-DS, CB and CT features, including comparisons with other results found in the related literature. Finally, Section VI closes the paper summarizing its main findings.

II. MEASUREMENT SETUP AND CAMPAIGN

The statistical characterization and modeling of the most important PLC-channel features were supported by estimates of channel frequency responses (CFRs), which were obtained from a measurement campaign in seven Brazilian in-home facilities. The block diagram of the PLC CFR measurement setup is shown in Fig. 1, which consists of the following three main components [24]:

- Signal generator: Equipment composed of an arbitrary signal generator board mounted in a rugged computer. A pre-designed sounding sequence is loaded into it and converted to an analog signal, which is used to estimate the PLC CFRs. Essentially, the sounding sequence is composed of consecutive Hermitian symmetric orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (HS-OFDM) [25] symbols with $2N$ subcarriers and a cyclic prefix of length L_{cp} .
- Data digitizer: Equipment composed of a data acquisition board mounted in a rugged computer. It is responsible for collecting the sounding signal that was distorted by the propagation effects associated with the electric power grids.
- Coupler: Circuitry used to connect both signal generator and data digitizer to the electric power grids under analysis [26]. The designed coupler introduces an insertion loss lower than 2 dB in the frequency band 1.7–100 MHz.

The PLC CFR estimates are obtained through the channel-estimation methodology applied in both transmitted (from the signal generator) and received (by the data digitizer) sounding

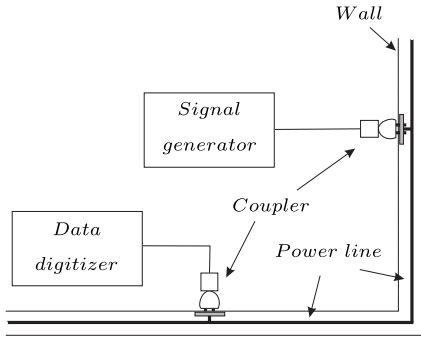


Fig. 1: The block diagram of the measurement setup.

signals, as detailed in [24], [27], [28]. The adopted parameters in the channel-estimation methodology are summarized in Table I. By adopting a sampling frequency of 200 MHz, the resulting frequency resolution is around 48.83 kHz. From the values chosen for N and L_{cp} chosen values, the CFR estimates are obtained every $23.04 \mu s$ (which is the time interval duration of the HS-OFDM symbol), approximately. Note that the adopted time interval duration is much shorter than the minimum value of CT of $600 \mu s$, as desired, which was found in in-home Spanish facilities, covering the frequency band of 1.7–30 MHz [17].

TABLE I: Main configuration parameters adopted for estimating the PLC CFRs [24].

Description	Value
Sampling frequency	$f_s = 200$ MHz
Number of sub-carriers	$N = 2048$
Modulation	BPSK
Cyclic prefix length	$L_{cp} = 512$
Frequency resolution	$\Delta_f = 48.83$ kHz
Symbol duration	$23.04 \mu s$

A measurement campaign was carried out in seven distinct and typical sites (residences) in an urban area in Brazil, as described in Table II. In the entire measurement campaign, 245 different outlet pairs (i.e., electric circuits) were measured, providing a total of 148,037 CFR estimates, with an average of 604 consecutive CFR estimates for each outlet pair.

TABLE II: Main characteristics of the measured places.

Construction type	Age (years)	Constructed area (m^2)
House #1	30	78
House #2	10	69
Apartment #1	9	54
Apartment #2	9	42
Apartment #3	18	65
Apartment #4	3	62
Apartment #5	2	54

III. POWER LINE FEATURES UNDER INVESTIGATION

This section defines the ACA, RMS-DS, CB, and CT features. In this context, we assume that the PLC channel is modeled as band limited, linear and time invariant system, as the time interval duration of each HS-OFDM symbol is

much shorter than the coherence time. From now on, the channel impulse response of a PLC channel is denoted by $h(t) \in \mathbb{R} | t \in [0, T_h)$, and its corresponding Fourier transform is represented by $H(f) \in \mathbb{C} | -B < f < B$, in which B is the considered frequency bandwidth.

A. Average channel attenuation

The average channel gain (ACG) is given by

$$ACG_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{1}{2B} \int_{-B}^B |H(f)|^2 df \right). \quad (1)$$

As some of statistical distributions considered in this study can not assume negative values, we opt to analyze the ACA feature defined as $ACA = -ACG_{dB}$.

B. Root mean squared delay spread

The RMS-DS denotes the distribution of transmitted power over several paths in a multipath environment. It can be defined as the square root of second central moment of a power delay profile, as given by

$$\tau_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{\int_0^\infty (\tau - \bar{\tau})^2 h^2(\tau) d\tau}{\int_0^\infty h^2(\tau) d\tau}}, \quad (2)$$

where

$$\bar{\tau} = \frac{\int_{\tau_{min}}^{\tau_{max}} \tau h^2(\tau) d\tau}{\int_{\tau_{min}}^{\tau_{max}} h^2(\tau) d\tau}, \quad (3)$$

τ_{min} and τ_{max} are the arrival times of the first and last paths, respectively. Such channel feature indicates how disperse the communication channel is. This information is usually used to support the specification of the guard or cyclic-prefix interval duration in a multi-carrier modulation (e.g., HS-OFDM and OFDM) to avoid inter-symbol interference.

C. Coherence bandwidth

The CB parameter reflects the CFR selectivity, and it can be obtained by using the correlation function given by

$$R(\Delta_f) = \int H(f) H^*(f + \Delta_f) df, \quad (4)$$

in which $\Delta_f \in \mathbb{R}_+$ denotes the frequency spacing and $\{*\}$ is the conjugate operator. The value of coherence bandwidth (B_c) is determined from the relationship

$$|R(B_c)| = \gamma |R(0)|, \quad (5)$$

where $\gamma \in \mathbb{R} | 0 < \gamma < 1$ is the correlation level indicating that the channel frequency response does not vary considerable when $\Delta_f \in [0, B_c]$. Based on the use of HS-OFDM scheme and the values in Table I, in our study we get $B_c = (B/N)\lambda \approx 48.83\lambda$ kHz, where $\lambda = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$. From its definition, the CB is a key parameter to evaluate the need for equalization in a practical data communication scheme.

D. Coherence Time

The CT is the time duration in which the PLC-channel impulse response can be considered time invariant. By assuming that the PLC channel is a wide-sense stationary uncorrelated scattering (WSSUS) process [29], the CT feature becomes related to the coherence time of the complex gains, $\alpha_l(t)$, which incorporate both attenuation and phase deviations due to $l = 1, 2, \dots, L$ signal multiple reflections in the communication medium.

In its turn, the coherence index between samples of $\alpha_l(t)$, taken Δt time units apart, is given by

$$\rho_{\alpha_l} = \frac{E[\alpha_l(t)\alpha_l^*(t + \Delta t)]}{E[|\alpha_l^2(t)|]}, \quad (6)$$

in which $E[\cdot]$ is the expectation operator. Thus, it can be assumed that the correlation index of the PLC channel is given by

$$\rho_h(\Delta t) = \frac{\sum_{l=1}^L P_l \rho_{\alpha_l}(\Delta t)}{\sum_{l=1}^L P_l}; \quad 0 \leq |\rho_h(\Delta t)| \leq 1, \quad (7)$$

where $P_l = E[|\alpha_l^2(t)|]$ is the average power of the l^{th} path. Hence, the CT feature can be obtained through the relationship

$$|\rho_h(T_c^\beta)| \geq \beta, \quad (8)$$

where $0 < \beta < 1$ refers to the minimum correlation index admitted to characterize the channel as time-invariant during the time interval $\Delta t = T_c^\beta$. For a HS-OFDM based scheme, the CT for the correlation index β , denoted by T_c^β , can be estimated by using [29]

$$T_c^\beta = M_c(2N + L_{cp})T_s, \quad (9)$$

where $T_s = 1/f_s$ denotes the sampling period, $2N$ is the number of subcarriers, L_{cp} is the length of the cyclic prefix in the HS-OFDM symbol, and M_c is the number of consecutive channel estimates required to reach a correlation score equal to $0 < \beta < 1$. In other words, M_c is the number of consecutive channel estimates in which a correlation of β between them, can be observed. In this sense, the higher is the value of M_c , the longer will be the coherence time.

In practice, the CT feature is crucial for instance to inform the periodicity of channel state information that must be provided for performing channel equalization and resource allocation.

IV. STATISTICAL MODELING EVALUATION

Assuming that the features are random variables, than the fitting between their data sets and any statistical distribution may be evaluated in terms of different criteria, as described below.

A. Maximum Likelihood Estimate

Let $X = x_i$ denotes a realization of a random variable with a parametric probability density function (pdf) $f(x|\theta)$, where $\theta = [\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K]^T$ denotes K unknown parameters. Thus, the likelihood function can be expressed as [30]

$$L(\theta) = \prod_i f(x_i|\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K), \quad (10)$$

which is commonly replaced by its logarithmic version, referred as log-likelihood, which is given by

$$\gamma(\theta) = \sum_i \log(f(x_i|\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K)). \quad (11)$$

The maximum likelihood estimate (MLE), represented by vector $\hat{\theta}$, is obtained by

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} \gamma(\theta). \quad (12)$$

Such maximization problem is easily performed for some distributions with analytic solutions, as it occurs, for instance, for Normal distribution. On the other hand, analytic solution for others statistical distributions (e.g., Skew-normal and Gamma distributions) can be very complicated and, as a consequence, numerical procedures may apply [31].

B. The information Criteria

These criteria quantitatively evaluate the suitability of a statistical distribution to model a data set by penalizing the number of parameters in each distribution to avoid data overfitting. The three information criteria considered here, namely the Akaike information criterion (AIC), Bayesian information criterion (BIC), and efficient determination criterion (EDC), have the general form of [21]

$$-2\gamma(\hat{\theta}) + Kc_n, \quad (13)$$

where K is the number of parameters used by a pdf and c_n is the penalty term of the criterion. Note that c_n is in accordance with Table III, where n denotes the data set size. Different from the log-likelihood function, a low value of the information criterion means a better fitting between data set and the statistical distribution.

TABLE III: Penalty term c_n of the information criteria.

Criterion	c_n
AIC	2
BIC	$\log(n)$
EDC	$0.2\sqrt{n}$

V. NUMERICAL RESULTS

Statistical analyses were performed in the data sets of the ACA, RMS-DS, CB, and CT features, extracted from the measured in-home PLC channels covering the following three frequency bands:

- Band A: 1.7–30 MHz.
- Band B: 1.7–50 MHz.
- Band C: 1.7–100 MHz.

The statistical modeling was based on several symmetric and asymmetric continuous statistical distributions, which were chosen according to the general behavior observed in each data set. In this sense, the chosen symmetric distributions are the Logistic, Normal, and t-Student, while the asymmetric ones are the Exponential, Gamma, Inverse Gaussian, Log-logistic, Log-normal, Nakagami, Rayleigh, Rician, Skew-normal, and Weibull. The statistical analysis of each feature is presented in the following subsections.

A. ACA Statistical Analysis

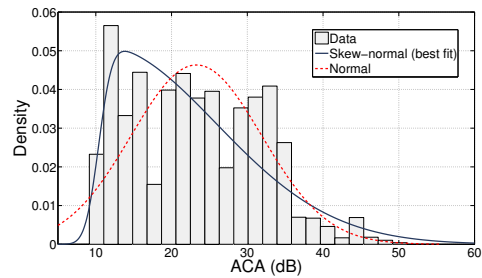
The parameters of all considered statistical distributions, applied to fit the ACA, are listed in Tables IV-VI, for Bands A, B and C, respectively. The statistical models that best fit the ACA, the fit to the normal distribution and the histograms of the dataset that represents the ACA can be observed in Fig. 2. From these results, one can note that the Skew-normal distribution offers the best fit to the ACA values obtained from the measured Brazilian in-home PLC channels, when considering Band A. Moreover, the Nakagami distribution achieves the best fits for Bands B and C. At this point, it is important to emphasize that the fitting is performed in the datasets instead of the histograms that represent them, since the format of the histograms are due to the dataset but is strongly dependent to the chosen number of bins. Thus, the quality of the achieved fit is not verified only by the inspection of the corresponding histogram, but together with the analysis of the achieved MLE score. The above comment is also applied to all considered channel parameters.

Regarding Band A and based on some normality tests, the ACA was considered normally distributed in some US in-home PLC channels, as detailed in [16]. The mean values for ACA in US is more than two times the one observed in Brazilian residences and this difference is probably related to the fact that the sizes of typical apartments and residences in Brazil are smaller than in US (see Table II in [12]). These same tests were performed in in-home PLC channels in Spain [13], and the null hypothesis in which ACA is considered normally distributed was rejected. In that contribution, the Jarque-Bera, Lilliefors, and Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests [32], performed at 5% and 1% correlation levels, were applied and normality assumption with respect to ACA feature was also strongly rejected. The values of ACA reported from Spain are close to those encountered in US. Regarding the measured Brazilian PLC channels, the use of the Normal distribution seems to be not appropriate to give a reasonable model for the ACA. This is because among the tested distributions, the normal is just the eighth best fit, for Band A. On the other hand, the normal distribution can be eventually used in Bands B and C, although it is the fourth best fit, but the MLE score is quite close when comparing the normal and the first three best statistical models, as can be observed in Tables V and VI, for Bands B and C, respectively.

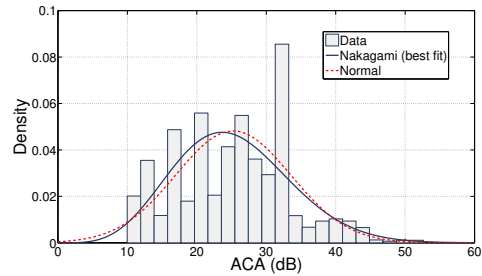
Regarding Band C, for comparison purposes, [14] showed that the Normal distribution yields the best fit to ACA values related to Italian in-home PLC channels. In that paper, the mean and standard deviation associated with the Normal distribution, (μ, σ) , are equal to (35.412, 10.521) dB, where the values (30.211, 9.158) dB are obtained in the Brazilian in-home scenario. These results reinforce the fact that Italian in-home PLC channels faces more attenuation, around 5 dB, in comparison to their Brazilian counterparts.

B. RMS-DS Statistical Analysis

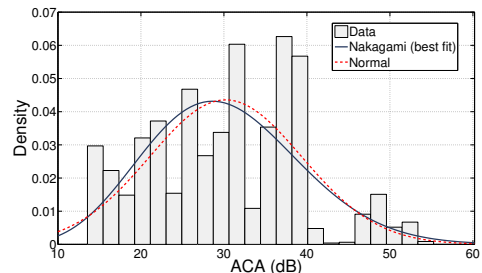
With respect to the statistical modeling of the RMS-DS feature, the histograms depicted in Fig. 3 show a clear positive asymmetry. In fact, the analysis of RMS-DS for Brazilian in-home PLC channels revealed that this feature is better



(a) ACA for Band A.



(b) ACA for Band B.

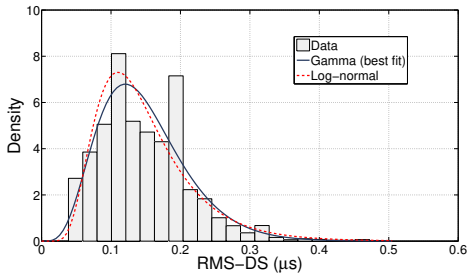


(c) ACA for Band C.

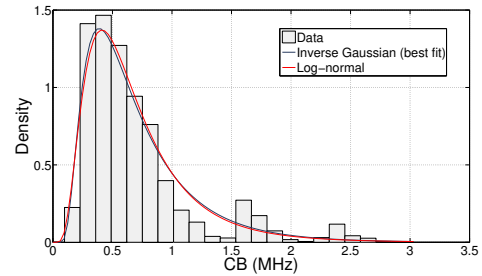
Fig. 2: The histograms and the best distribution for the ACA feature. The Normal distribution is included for comparison purpose.

modeled by a Gamma distribution, for all three frequency bands considered here. This result is different from those reported for in-home PLC channels in US [16], [22] and for in-home PLC channels in Spain [13], regarding frequency Band A. Also, it differs from the one presented in [14] for Italian in-home PLC channels in Band C, in which RMS-DS was considered to be log-normally distributed. Furthermore, the values of RMS-DS observed in US and Europe are higher than those estimated from Brazilian power lines. This matches the same observation applied to justify the discrepancy verified in ACA parameter from different countries, due to the size of the measured residences, in which are probably smaller in Brazil.

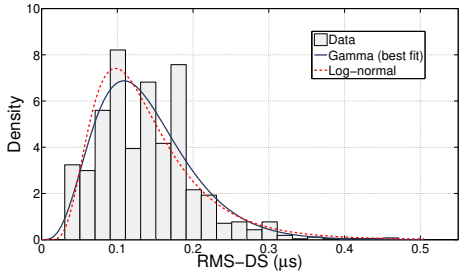
On the other hand, the obtained results with the Normal distribution applied to the RMS-DS values extracted from the Brazilian in-home PLC channels are not so distant to those obtained with the Gamma distribution, as give in Tables VII-IX. For instance, regarding Band A, a very low relative difference of 0.02 is observed between the EDC values for Gamma and Log-normal distributions. The suitability of the Log-normal distribution to fit the RMS-DS can be visualized



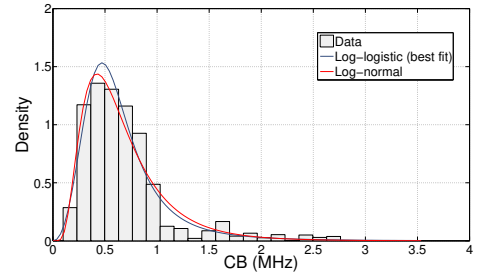
(a) RMS-DS for Band A.



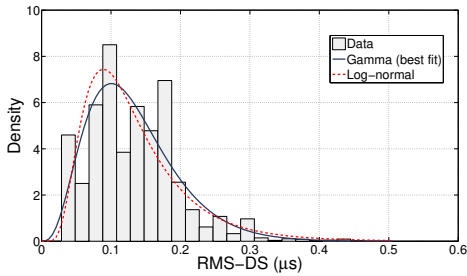
(a) CB for Band A.



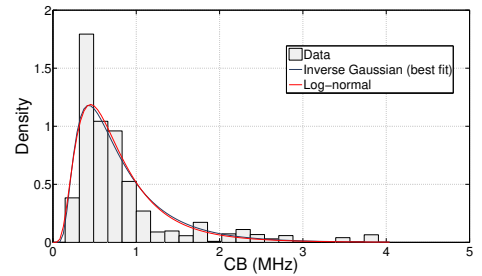
(b) RMS-DS for Band B.



(b) CB for Band B.



(c) RMS-DS for Band C.



(c) CB for Band C.

Fig. 3: The histograms and the best distribution for the RMS-DS feature. The Log-normal distribution is included for comparison purpose.

Fig. 4: The histograms and the best distribution for the CB feature. The Log-normal distribution is included for comparison purpose.

in Fig. 3a. Similar behavior is observed for both Band B and Band C, as depicted in Figs. 3b and 3c, respectively.

C. CB Statistical Analysis

The CB values estimated from the measured in-home PLC channels are analyzed in this contribution with respect to a correlation level of 90%. Comparing the CB values (at a 90% of correlation level) extracted from Brazilian in-home PLC channels with their Spanish [15] (for Band A) and French [18] (for Band C) counterparts, larger CB values can be observed in the Brazilian PLC channels. In fact, the maximum CB value in Brazil is almost 3 MHz, approximately 1.6 and 2.5 times its French and Spanish counterparts, respectively.

The statistical modeling of the CB feature revealed that it is better fitted by the Inverse Gaussian distribution for Band A and Band C, as shown in Figs. 4a and 4c, respectively. For Band B, the best fit is achieved by the Log-logistic distribution. For comparison purposes, the fit for the Log-normal distribution is also depicted in Fig. 4, since the histograms suggest that the CB data set presents positive asymmetry. It is important

to state that the fit offered by the Log-normal distribution yields very close performance to the distributions offering the best fits in terms of log-likelihood and all evaluated criteria, something that is much more accentuated in Bands A and C. The parameters for each considered statistical distribution, including the Log-normal one, together with all criterion values are listed in Tables X-XII, for Bands A, B and C, respectively.

Since the statistical modeling of CB values, to the authors' best knowledge, is firstly introduced in this contribution, no comparison can be performed against previous related papers.

D. CT Statistical Analysis

The CT data set is constituted by less samples in comparison with the ACA, RMS-DS, and CB data sets, due to the methodology applied to estimate this feature. In fact, the CT values are derived from a set of consecutive CFRs, and only those combinations that rendered more than 640 consecutive CFR estimates were considered. This means that the data set for CT values is composed of only 178 estimates.

For this feature, the histograms depicted in Fig. 5 show some negative asymmetry of the CT values. This observation is reinforced by the fact that the Skew-normal is the best statistical distribution, with a negative skewness, as indicated by the value of γ in Tables XIII-XV for all considered frequency bands. As can be observed, the second-best statistical distribution provides fitting scores far worst than those achieved by the best distribution in each band, and, as a consequence, they may not be chosen to model the CT associated with the Brazilian in-home PLC channels.

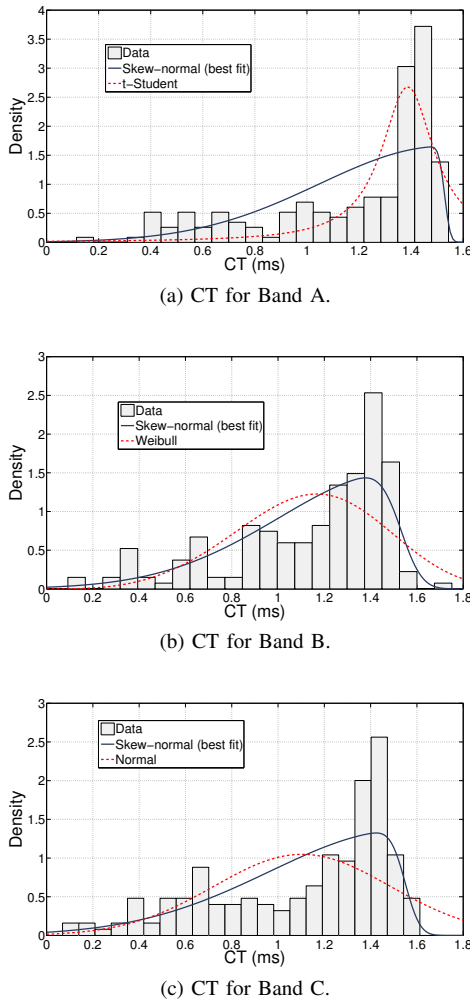


Fig. 5: The histograms and the best distributions for the CT feature.

VI. CONCLUSION

This paper have provided statistical models of key features of in-home PLC channels. The average channel attenuation, root mean squared delay spread, coherence bandwidth and coherence time features were obtained from PLC-channel estimates yielded by a measurement campaign carried out in a Brazilian urban area. The covered frequency bands were 1.7–30 MHz (Band A), 1.7–50 MHz (Band B), and 1.7–100 MHz (Band C).

The attained results have shown that the average channel attenuation feature is better fitted by the Skew-normal distribution in Band A, and by the Nakagami distribution in Bands B and C. The root mean squared delay spread feature is better fitted in all frequency bands by the Gamma distribution, having the Log-normal distribution achieving very similar modeling results. Regarding the coherence bandwidth feature, the best fit was obtained with the Inverse Gaussian distribution for Bands A and C, while the Log-logistic distribution offered the best fit for Band B. Finally, the Skew-normal distribution yields the best fits for the coherence time feature in all frequency bands.

Comparisons with previous studies carried out in US and Europe (Spain, France, and Italy) have shown the existing similarities and, most importantly, differences from Brazilian PLC channels. For instance, the normality assumption for the average channel attenuation verified in some countries may not be accepted in the Brazilian case. On the other hand, the log-normality of the root mean squared delay spread was verified in several countries, including Brazil.

Indeed, the provided models are more suitable to represent Brazilian PLC channels and thus, they are useful for developing data communication systems which are capable of maximizing the use of available resources in Brazilian electric power grids.

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APPENDIX
 STATISTICAL MODELS FOR PLC CHANNEL FEATURES

TABLE IV: The results of the statistical modeling of ACA for Band A.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (23.2804 \pm 0.0820)$	-2.7412×10^4	5.4825×10^4	5.4827×10^4	5.4839×10^4
Gamma	$a = (6.9369 \pm 0.0139)$ $b = (3.3560 \pm 0.0035)$	-2.3451×10^4	4.6906×10^4	4.6909×10^4	4.6934×10^4
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (23.2804 \pm 0.0137)$ $\lambda = (139.8050 \pm 5.9148)$	-2.3525×10^4	4.7054×10^4	4.7057×10^4	4.7082×10^4
Logistic	$\mu = (23.0296 \pm 0.0124)$ $\sigma = (5.1032 \pm 0.0026)$	-2.3802×10^4	4.7608×10^4	4.7612×10^4	4.7637×10^4
Log-logistic	$\mu = (3.0939 \pm 0.2621)$ $\sigma = (0.2346 \pm 0.0556)$	-2.3766×10^4	4.7536×10^4	4.7539×10^4	4.7564×10^4
Log-normal	$\mu = (3.0738 \pm 0.2357 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.3946 \pm 0.1179 \times 10^{-4})$	-2.3547×10^4	4.7099×10^4	4.7102×10^4	4.7127×10^4
Nakagami	$\mu = (1.9633 \pm 0.0010)$ $\omega = (616.0890 \pm 29.2519)$	-2.3434×10^4	4.6873×10^4	4.6876×10^4	4.6901×10^4
Normal	$\mu = (23.2804 \pm 0.0112)$ $\sigma = (8.6094 \pm 0.0056)$	-2.3606×10^4	4.7215×10^4	4.7219×10^4	4.7244×10^4
Rayleigh	$B = (17.5512 \pm 0.0117)$	-2.4165×10^4	4.8333×10^4	4.8335×10^4	4.8347×10^4
Rician	$s = (21.1317 \pm 0.0174)$ $\sigma = (9.2071 \pm 0.0093)$	-2.3542×10^4	4.7088×10^4	4.7092×10^4	4.7117×10^4
Skew-normal	$\mu = (22.7062 \pm 0.0124)$ $\sigma = (9.4122 \pm 0.0081)$ $\gamma = (0.9625 \pm 0.0015)$	-2.3359×10^4	4.6726×10^4	4.6731×10^4	4.6768×10^4
t-Student	$\mu = (23.2802 \pm 0.0112)$ $\sigma = (8.6091 \pm 0.0056)$ $\nu = (1.0684 \times 10^7 \pm 3.0323 \times 10^9)$	-2.3606×10^4	4.7217×10^4	4.7223×10^4	4.7260×10^4
Weibull	$A = (26.1488 \pm 0.0132)$ $B = (2.9580 \pm 0.0008)$	-2.3471×10^4	4.6945×10^4	4.6949×10^4	4.6974×10^4

TABLE V: The results of the statistical modeling of ACA for Band B.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (25.2440 \pm 0.0964)$	-2.7947×10^4	5.5895×10^4	5.5897×10^4	5.5910×10^4
Gamma	$a = (8.5236 \pm 0.0212)$ $b = (2.9617 \pm 0.0027)$	-2.3368×10^4	4.6741×10^4	4.6744×10^4	4.6769×10^4
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (25.2440 \pm 0.0132)$ $\lambda = (184.5320 \pm 10.3958)$	-2.3549×10^4	4.7102×10^4	4.7106×10^4	4.7131×10^4
Logistic	$\mu = (25.1994 \pm 0.0109)$ $\sigma = (4.8178 \pm 0.0024)$	-2.3478×10^4	4.6960×10^4	4.6964×10^4	4.6988×10^4
Log-logistic	$\mu = (3.1965 \pm 0.1971 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2058 \pm 0.0441 \times 10^{-4})$	-2.3630×10^4	4.7264×10^4	4.7268×10^4	4.7293×10^4
Log-normal	$\mu = (3.1688 \pm 0.1947 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.3587 \pm 0.0974 \times 10^{-4})$	-2.3543×10^4	4.7091×10^4	4.7094×10^4	4.7119×10^4
Nakagami	$\mu = (2.4072 \pm 0.0015)$ $\omega = (705.8651 \pm 31.3180)$	-2.3289×10^4	4.6582×10^4	4.6586×10^4	4.6611×10^4
Normal	$\mu = (25.2445 \pm 0.0104)$ $\sigma = (8.2835 \pm 0.0052)$	-2.3350×10^4	4.6705×10^4	4.6708×10^4	4.6733×10^4
Rayleigh	$B = (18.7865 \pm 0.0134)$	-2.4437×10^4	4.8875×10^4	4.8877×10^4	4.8890×10^4
Rician	$s = (23.3614 \pm 0.0135)$ $\sigma = (8.6429 \pm 0.0070)$	-2.3326×10^4	4.6656×10^4	4.6660×10^4	4.6684×10^4
Skew-normal	$\mu = (25.2377 \pm 1.0401 \times 10^{-2})$ $\sigma = (8.2875 \pm 0.0054)$ $\gamma = (0.1779 \pm 1.1403 \times 10^{-3})$	-2.3335×10^4	4.6676×10^4	4.6682×10^4	4.6719×10^4
t-Student	$\mu = (25.2445 \pm 0.0104)$ $\sigma = (8.2829 \pm 0.0052)$ $\nu = (1.2079 \times 10^6 \pm 1.7073 \times 10^9)$	-2.3350×10^4	4.6707×10^4	4.6712×10^4	4.6750×10^4
Weibull	$A = (28.1449 \pm 0.0119)$ $B = (3.3479 \pm 0.0010)$	-2.3296×10^4	4.6595×10^4	4.6599×10^4	4.6624×10^4

TABLE VI: The results of the statistical modeling of ACA for Band C.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (30.2112 \pm 0.1381)$	-2.9134×10^4	5.8270×10^4	5.8272×10^4	5.8284×10^4
Gamma	$a = (10.1338 \pm 0.0301)$ $b = (2.9812 \pm 0.0027)$	-2.4027×10^4	4.8058×10^4	4.8062×10^4	4.8087×10^4
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (30.2112 \pm 0.0154)$ $\lambda = (270.2152 \pm 22.0960)$	-2.4165×10^4	4.8335×10^4	4.8338×10^4	4.8363×10^4
Logistic	$\mu = (30.1738 \pm 0.0135)$ $\sigma = (5.3523 \pm 0.0029)$	-2.4163×10^4	4.8330×10^4	4.8333×10^4	4.8358×10^4
Log-logistic	$\mu = (3.3809 \pm 0.1667 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.1889 \pm 0.0369 \times 10^{-4})$	-2.4287×10^4	4.8577×10^4	4.8581×10^4	4.8606×10^4
Log-normal	$\mu = (3.3581 \pm 0.1610 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.3262 \pm 0.0805 \times 10^{-4})$	-2.4167×10^4	4.8339×10^4	4.8342×10^4	4.8367×10^4
Nakagami	$\mu = (2.8123 \pm 0.0021)$ $\omega = (996.5721 \pm 53.4341)$	-2.3962×10^4	4.7928×10^4	4.7931×10^4	4.7956×10^4
Normal	$\mu = (30.2112 \pm 0.0127)$ $\sigma = (9.1581 \pm 0.0063)$	-2.4014×10^4	4.8032×10^4	4.8035×10^4	4.8060×10^4
Rayleigh	$B = (22.3223 \pm 0.0188)$	-2.5465×10^4	5.0932×10^4	5.0934×10^4	5.0947×10^4
Rician	$s = (28.5925 \pm 0.0155)$ $\sigma = (9.4616 \pm 0.0079)$	-2.3998×10^4	4.8001×10^4	4.8005×10^4	4.8029×10^4
Skew-normal	$\mu = (30.2037 \pm 1.2715 \times 10^{-2})$ $\sigma = (9.1627 \pm 0.6591 \times 10^{-2})$ $\gamma = (0.1488 \pm 1.2825 \times 10^{-3})$	-2.4004×10^4	4.8015×10^4	4.8020×10^4	4.8058×10^4
t-Student	$\mu = (30.2115 \pm 0.0127)$ $\sigma = (9.1574 \pm 0.0063)$ $\nu = (6.3036 \times 10^6 \pm 2.9163 \times 10^9)$	-2.4014×10^4	4.8034×10^4	4.8039×10^4	4.8076×10^4
Weibull	$A = (33.5333 \pm 0.0143)$ $B = (3.6440 \pm 0.0012)$	-2.3977×10^4	4.7957×10^4	4.7961×10^4	4.7986×10^4

TABLE VII: The results of the statistical modeling of RMS-DS for Band A.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (0.1481 \pm 3.3180 \times 10^{-6})$	6.0141×10^3	-1.2026×10^4	-1.2024×10^4	-1.2012×10^4
Gamma	$a = (5.3806 \pm 0.0083)$ $b = (0.0275 \pm 0.0002)$	9.2350×10^3	-1.8466×10^4	-1.8462×10^4	-1.8437×10^4
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (0.1481 \pm 0.0007 \times 10^{-3})$ $\lambda = (0.6674 \pm 0.1348 \times 10^{-3})$	9.1701×10^3	-1.8336×10^4	-1.8333×10^4	-1.8308×10^4
Logistic	$\mu = (0.14373 \pm 0.5951 \times 10^{-6})$ $\sigma = (0.0358 \pm 0.1321 \times 10^{-6})$	8.8357×10^3	-1.7667×10^4	-1.7664×10^4	-1.7639×10^4
Log-logistic	$\mu = (-1.9881 \pm 0.3114 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2584 \pm 0.0687 \times 10^{-4})$	9.0858×10^3	-1.8168×10^4	-1.8164×10^4	-1.8139×10^4
Log-normal	$\mu = (-2.1459 \pm 0.4191 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.5263 \pm 0.2096 \times 10^{-4})$	9.0471×10^3	-1.8090×10^4	-1.8087×10^4	-1.8062×10^4
Nakagami	$\mu = (1.5153 \pm 0.5768 \times 10^{-3})$ $\omega = (0.0261 \pm 0.0001 \times 10^{-3})$	9.1241×10^3	-1.8244×10^4	-1.8241×10^4	-1.8216×10^4
Normal	$\mu = (0.1481 \pm 0.6280 \times 10^{-6})$ $\sigma = (0.0644 \pm 0.0644 \times 10^{-4})$	8.7462×10^3	-1.7488×10^4	-1.7485×10^4	-1.7460×10^4
Rayleigh	$B = (0.1142 \pm 4.9324 \times 10^{-7})$	8.8165×10^3	-1.7631×10^4	-1.7629×10^4	-1.7617×10^4
Rician	$s = (0.1222 \pm 0.2104 \times 10^{-5})$ $\sigma = (0.0746 \pm 0.1056 \times 10^{-5})$	8.9461×10^3	-1.7888×10^4	-1.7885×10^4	-1.7860×10^4
Skew-normal	$\mu = (0.1477 \pm 6.2367 \times 10^{-7})$ $\sigma = (0.0649 \pm 4.1255 \times 10^{-7})$ $\gamma = (0.8453 \pm 1.7173 \times 10^{-4})$	9.2045×10^3	-1.8403×10^4	-1.8398×10^4	-1.8360×10^4
t-Student	$\mu = (0.1442 \pm 6.2515 \times 10^{-7})$ $\sigma = (0.0566 \pm 5.1078 \times 10^{-7})$ $\nu = (9.2055 \pm 0.6177)$	8.8602×10^3	-1.7714×10^4	-1.7709×10^4	-1.7672×10^4
Weibull	$A = (0.1672 \pm 0.0008 \times 10^{-3})$ $B = (2.4300 \pm 0.4811 \times 10^{-3})$	9.0239×10^3	-1.8044×10^4	-1.8040×10^4	-1.8015×10^4

TABLE VIII: The results of the statistical modeling of RMS-DS for Band B.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (0.1384 \pm 2.8962 \times 10^{-6})$	6.4634×10^3	-1.2925×10^4	-1.2923×10^4	-1.2911×10^4
Gamma	$a = (4.6809 \pm 0.0062)$ $b = (0.0295 \pm 0.0004)$	9.2915×10^3	-1.8579×10^4	-1.8575×10^4	-1.8550×10^4
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (0.1384 \pm 0.0078 \times 10^{-4})$ $\lambda = (0.5105 \pm 0.7888 \times 10^{-4})$	9.1057×10^3	-1.8207×10^4	-1.8204×10^4	-1.8179×10^4
Logistic	$\mu = (0.1342 \pm 0.5661 \times 10^{-6})$ $\sigma = (0.0351 \pm 0.1274 \times 10^{-6})$	8.9580×10^3	-1.7912×10^4	-1.7908×10^4	-1.7883×10^4
Log-logistic	$\mu = (-2.0601 \pm 0.3524 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2767 \pm 0.0801 \times 10^{-4})$	9.1259×10^3	-1.8248×10^4	-1.8244×10^4	-1.8219×10^4
Log-normal	$\mu = (-2.0886 \pm 0.3625 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.4895 \pm 0.1813 \times 10^{-4})$	9.1479×10^3	-1.8292×10^4	-1.8288×10^4	-1.8263×10^4
Nakagami	$\mu = (1.3543 \pm 0.4528 \times 10^{-3})$ $\omega = (0.0232 \pm 0.0001 \times 10^{-3})$	9.2203×10^3	-1.8347×10^4	-1.8433×10^4	-1.8408×10^4
Normal	$\mu = (0.1384 \pm 0.6109 \times 10^{-6})$ $\sigma = (0.0635 \pm 0.3055 \times 10^{-6})$	8.8374×10^3	-1.7671×10^4	-1.7667×10^4	-1.7642×10^4
Rayleigh	$B = (0.1076 \pm 4.3838 \times 10^{-7})$	9.0486×10^3	-1.8095×10^4	-1.8093×10^4	-1.8081×10^4
Rician	$s = (0.1062 \pm 0.3890 \times 10^{-5})$ $\sigma = (0.0771 \pm 0.1642 \times 10^{-5})$	9.0973×10^3	-1.8191×10^4	-1.8187×10^4	-1.8162×10^4
Skew-normal	$\mu = (0.1383 \pm 6.0740 \times 10^{-7})$ $\sigma = (0.0636 \pm 3.9489 \times 10^{-7})$ $\lambda = (0.7747 \pm 3.1647 \times 10^{-4})$	9.2278×10^3	-1.8450×10^4	-1.8444×10^4	-1.8407×10^4
t-Student	$\mu = (0.1344 \pm 5.8888 \times 10^{-7})$ $\sigma = (0.0548 \pm 5.0551 \times 10^{-7})$ $\nu = (8.1067 \pm 0.4104)$	8.9774×10^3	-1.7949×10^4	-1.7943×10^4	-1.7906×10^4
Weibull	$A = (0.1564 \pm 0.0008 \times 10^{-3})$ $B = (2.3007 \pm 0.4367 \times 10^{-3})$	9.1580×10^3	-1.8312×10^4	-1.8308×10^4	-1.8283×10^4

TABLE IX: The results of the statistical modeling of RMS-DS for Band C.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (0.1327 \pm 2.6647 \times 10^{-6})$	6.7386×10^3	-1.3475×10^4	-1.3473×10^4	-1.3461×10^4
Gamma	$a = (4.1178 \pm 0.0048)$ $b = (0.0322 \pm 0.0001)$	9.2151×10^3	-1.8426×10^4	-1.8423×10^4	-1.8398×10^4
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (0.1327 \pm 0.0085 \times 10^{-4})$ $\lambda = (0.4167 \pm 0.5256 \times 10^{-4})$	9.0035×10^3	-1.8003×10^4	-1.7999×10^4	-1.7974×10^4
Logistic	$\mu = (0.1285 \pm 0.5914 \times 10^{-6})$ $\sigma = (0.0358 \pm 0.1324 \times 10^{-6})$	8.8334×10^3	-1.7663×10^4	-1.7659×10^4	-1.7634×10^4
Log-logistic	$\mu = (-2.1128 \pm 0.4106 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2984 \pm 0.0932 \times 10^{-3})$	9.0088×10^3	-1.8014×10^4	-1.8010×10^4	-1.7985×10^4
Log-normal	$\mu = (-2.1459 \pm 0.4191 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.5263 \pm 0.2096 \times 10^{-4})$	9.0471×10^3	-1.8090×10^4	-1.8087×10^4	-1.8062×10^4
Nakagami	$\mu = (1.2160 \pm 0.3587 \times 10^{-3})$ $\omega = (0.0218 \pm 0.0001 \times 10^{-3})$	9.1591×10^3	-1.8314×10^4	-1.8311×10^4	-1.8286×10^4
Normal	$\mu = (0.1327 \pm 0.6290 \times 10^{-6})$ $\sigma = (0.0645 \pm 0.3146 \times 10^{-6})$	8.7409×10^3	-1.7478×10^4	-1.7474×10^4	-1.7449×10^4
Rayleigh	$B = (0.1043 \pm 4.1171 \times 10^{-7})$	9.0844×10^3	-1.8167×10^4	-1.8165×10^4	-1.8152×10^4
Rician	$s = (0.1940 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.3422 \times 10^{-5})$ $\sigma = (0.1043 \pm 0.0177 \times 10^{-5})$	9.0844×10^3	-1.8165×10^4	-1.8161×10^4	-1.8136×10^4
Skew-normal	$\mu = (0.1323 \pm 6.3203 \times 10^{-7})$ $\sigma = (0.0649 \pm 4.2056 \times 10^{-7})$ $\lambda = (0.8127 \pm 2.6454 \times 10^{-4})$	9.1509×10^3	-1.8296×10^4	-1.8290×10^4	-1.8253×10^4
t-Student	$\mu = (0.1288 \pm 6.2274 \times 10^{-7})$ $\sigma = (0.0564 \pm 5.3258 \times 10^{-7})$ $\nu = (8.8234 \pm 0.5668)$	8.8528×10^3	-1.7700×10^4	-1.7694×10^4	-1.7657×10^4
Weibull	$A = (0.1484 \pm 0.0008 \times 10^{-3})$ $B = (2.1794 \pm 0.4020 \times 10^{-3})$	9.1259×10^3	-1.8248×10^4	-1.8244×10^4	-1.8219×10^4

TABLE X: The results of the statistical modeling of CB for Band A.

CB for Band A					
Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (0.7049 \pm 8.5353 \times 10^{-5})$	-3.7828×10^3	7.5677×10^3	7.5694×10^3	7.5809×10^3
Gamma	$a = (2.8401 \pm 0.0025)$ $b = (0.2481 \pm 0.0003)$	-2.4386×10^3	4.8811×10^3	4.8847×10^3	4.9077×10^3
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (0.7047 \pm 0.0360 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (1.6715 \pm 0.9603 \times 10^{-3})$	-2.0820×10^3	4.1681×10^3	4.1716×10^3	4.1946×10^3
Logistic	$\mu = (0.6209 \pm 0.2684 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2348 \pm 0.0717 \times 10^{-4})$	-3.5161×10^3	7.0363×10^3	7.0398×10^3	7.0628×10^3
Log-logistic	$\mu = (-0.5605 \pm 0.5852 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.3351 \pm 0.1340 \times 10^{-4})$	-2.1168×10^3	4.2375×10^3	4.2411×10^3	4.2640×10^3
Log-normal	$\mu = (-0.5362 \pm 0.6042 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.5929 \pm 0.3022 \times 10^{-4})$	-2.0949×10^3	4.1937×10^3	4.1973×10^3	4.2202×10^3
Nakagami	$\mu = (0.78001 \pm 0.1550 \times 10^{-3})$ $\omega = (0.7342 \pm 0.1187 \times 10^{-3})$	-2.9776×10^3	5.9592×10^3	5.9627×10^3	5.9857×10^3
Normal	$\mu = (0.7047 \pm 0.4082 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.4874 \pm 0.2042 \times 10^{-4})$	-4.0741×10^3	8.1522×10^3	8.1558×10^3	8.1787×10^3
Rayleigh	$B = (0.6059 \pm 1.5771 \times 10^{-5})$	-3.1074×10^3	6.2168×10^3	6.2186×10^3	6.2301×10^3
Rician	$s = (0.0006 \pm 44.5535)$ $\sigma = (0.6059 \pm 0.0002)$	-3.1074×10^3	6.2188×10^3	6.2224×10^3	6.2453×10^3
Skew-normal	$\mu = (0.7571 \pm 2.9376 \times 10^{-5})$ $\sigma = (0.4262 \pm 1.7408 \times 10^{-5})$ $\gamma = (0.9695 \pm 7.6399 \times 10^{-6})$	-2.4792×10^3	4.9645×10^3	4.9698×10^3	5.0043×10^3
t-Student	$\mu = (0.5512 \pm 0.1816 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2318 \pm 0.1693 \times 10^{-4})$ $\nu = (1.9421 \pm 0.0037)$	-2.9988×10^3	6.0035×10^3	6.0088×10^3	6.0433×10^3
Weibull	$A = (0.7943 \pm 0.0473 \times 10^{-3})$ $B = (1.6091 \pm 0.2242 \times 10^{-3})$	-2.7952×10^3	5.5944×10^3	5.5979×10^3	5.6209×10^3

TABLE XI: The results of the statistical modeling of CB for Band B.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (0.6808 \pm 8.6105 \times 10^{-5})$	-3.3134×10^3	6.6288×10^3	6.6305×10^3	6.6414×10^3
Gamma	$a = (3.2404 \pm 0.0035)$ $b = (0.2101 \pm 0.1742 \times 10^{-4})$	-1.8063×10^3	3.6167×10^3	3.6202×10^3	3.6421×10^3
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (0.6808 \pm 0.3224 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (1.8182 \pm 0.0012)$	-1.6152×10^3	3.2344×10^3	3.2378×10^3	3.2597×10^3
Logistic	$\mu = (0.6156 \pm 0.2239 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2062 \pm 0.0582 \times 10^{-4})$	-2.5392×10^3	5.0825×10^3	5.0859×10^3	5.1078×10^3
Log-logistic	$\mu = (-0.5518 \pm 0.5466 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.3126 \pm 0.1266 \times 10^{-4})$	-1.5519×10^3	3.1078×10^3	3.1112×10^3	3.1331×10^3
Log-normal	$\mu = (-0.5466 \pm 0.0584 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.5608 \pm 0.0292 \times 10^{-3})$	-1.5821×10^3	3.1682×10^3	3.1717×10^3	3.1935×10^3
Nakagami	$\mu = (0.8755 \pm 0.2155 \times 10^{-3})$ $\omega = (0.6549 \pm 0.0910 \times 10^{-3})$	-2.2836×10^3	4.5713×10^3	4.5747×10^3	4.5966×10^3
Normal	$\mu = (0.6808 \pm 0.3557 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.4376 \pm 0.1779 \times 10^{-4})$	-3.1887×10^3	6.3815×10^3	6.3849×10^3	6.4068×10^3
Rayleigh	$B = (0.5722 \pm 1.5209 \times 10^{-5})$	-2.3163×10^3	4.6345×10^3	4.6363×10^3	4.6472×10^3
Rician	$s = (0.0135 \pm 0.0823)$ $\sigma = (0.5723 \pm 0.2677 \times 10^{-4})$	-3.1074×10^3	4.6365×10^3	4.6400×10^3	4.6619×10^3
Skew-normal	$\mu = (0.7852 \pm 0.2471 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.4151 \pm 0.1412 \times 10^{-4})$ $\gamma = (0.9777 \pm 0.0026 \times 10^{-4})$	-2.5880×10^3	5.1821×10^3	5.1876×10^3	5.2249×10^3
t-Student	$\mu = (0.5777 \pm 0.1714 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2304 \pm 0.1485 \times 10^{-4})$ $\nu = (2.4015 \pm 0.0072)$	-2.1428×10^3	4.2917×10^3	4.2969×10^3	4.3297×10^3
Weibull	$A = (0.7695 \pm 0.0423 \times 10^{-3})$ $B = (1.7123 \pm 0.2658 \times 10^{-3})$	-2.1687×10^3	4.3414×10^3	4.3448×10^3	3.3667×10^3

TABLE XII: The results of the statistical modeling of CB for Band C.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (0.8205 \pm 1.0187 \times 10^{-4})$	-5.3016×10^3	1.0605×10^4	1.0607×10^4	1.0619×10^4
Gamma	$a = (2.4376 \pm 0.0016)$ $b = (0.3366 \pm 0.0001)$	-4.1263×10^3	8.2565×10^3	8.2602×10^3	8.2850×10^3
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (0.8205 \pm 0.0473 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (1.7677 \pm 0.9456 \times 10^{-3})$	-3.3638×10^3	6.7317×10^3	6.7353×10^3	6.7602×10^3
Logistic	$\mu = (0.6901 \pm 0.3653 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2964 \pm 0.1048 \times 10^{-4})$	-5.7185×10^3	1.1441×10^4	1.1445×10^4	1.1470×10^4
Log-logistic	$\mu = (-0.4703 \pm 0.5356 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.3427 \pm 0.1249 \times 10^{-4})$	-3.3850×10^3	6.7739×10^3	6.7776×10^3	6.8024×10^3
Log-normal	$\mu = (-0.4167 \pm 0.5735 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.6156 \pm 0.2868 \times 10^{-4})$	-3.4170×10^3	6.8380×10^3	6.8417×10^3	6.8665×10^3
Nakagami	$\mu = (0.6464 \pm 0.0904 \times 10^{-3})$ $\omega = (1.11856 \pm 0.2929 \times 10^{-3})$	-5.0245×10^3	1.0053×10^4	1.0057×10^4	1.0082×10^4
Normal	$\mu = (0.8205 \pm 0.6739 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.6673 \pm 0.3370 \times 10^{-4})$	-6.7045×10^3	1.3413×10^4	1.3417×10^4	1.3441×10^4
Rayleigh	$B = (0.7478 \pm 2.1156 \times 10^{-5})$	-5.5227×10^3	1.1047×10^4	1.1049×10^4	1.1062×10^4
Rician	$s = (0.0187 \pm 0.0558)$ $\sigma = (0.7477 \pm 0.0002)$	-5.5227×10^3	1.1049×10^4	1.1053×10^4	1.1078×10^4
Skew-normal	$\mu = (0.9349 \pm 4.1300 \times 10^{-5})$ $\sigma = (0.5425 \pm 2.3862 \times 10^{-5})$ $\gamma = (0.9903 \pm 1.0703 \times 10^{-6})$	-4.2329×10^3	8.4719×10^3	8.4772×10^3	8.5117×10^3
t-Student	$\mu = (0.5703 \pm 0.1704 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.2239 \pm 0.1561 \times 10^{-4})$ $\nu = (1.4647 \pm 0.0014)$	-4.4368×10^3	8.8797×10^3	8.8851×10^3	8.9225×10^3
Weibull	$A = (0.9156 \pm 0.0698 \times 10^{-3})$ $B = (1.4356 \pm 0.1494 \times 10^{-3})$	-4.5826×10^3	9.1692×10^3	9.1729×10^3	9.1978×10^3

TABLE XIII: The results of the statistical modeling of CT for Band A.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (1.1863 \pm 0.0079)$	-208.4095	418.8191	419.0695	419.4874
Gamma	$a = (8.2153 \pm 0.7288)$ $b = (0.1444 \pm 0.0002)$	-88.1016	180.2032	180.7040	181.5399
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (1.1863 \pm 0.0015)$ $\lambda = (6.3446 \pm 0.4523)$	-177.1688	238.3375	238.8384	238.6742
Logistic	$\mu = (1.2413 \pm 0.6095 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.1883 \pm 0.1440 \times 10^{-3})$	-59.7283	123.4566	123.9575	124.7933
Log-logistic	$\mu = (1.1858 \pm 0.6190 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.1949 \pm 0.1642 \times 10^{-3})$	-92.6302	189.2604	189.7613	190.5971
Log-normal	$\mu = (1.1087 \pm 0.8980 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.3998 \pm 0.4528 \times 10^{-3})$	-108.2377	220.4754	220.9762	221.8121
Nakagami	$\mu = (2.6184 \pm 0.0685)$ $\omega = (1.5226 \pm 0.0050)$	-74.1036	152.2072	152.7080	153.5438
Normal	$\mu = (1.1863 \pm 0.6515 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.3405 \pm 0.3285 \times 10^{-3})$	-60.3188	124.6375	125.1384	125.9742
Rayleigh	$B = (0.8725 \pm 0.0011)$	-110.0999	222.1998	222.4502	222.8681
Rician	$s = (1.1305 \pm 0.7709 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.3496 \pm 0.3919 \times 10^{-3})$	-61.3467	126.6934	127.1942	128.0301
Skew-normal	$\mu = (1.1440 \pm 0.0004)$ $\sigma = (0.2909 \pm 0.0002)$ $\gamma = (-0.9898 \pm 1.4123 \times 10^{-5})$	-3.5299	13.0597	13.8110	15.0647
t-Student	$\mu = (1.3867 \pm 5.6459 \times 10^{-4})$ $\sigma = (0.1204 \pm 0.0011)$ $\nu = (1.0848 \pm 0.0878)$	-57.7546	121.5093	122.2605	123.5143
Weibull	$A = (1.3027 \pm 0.0005)$ $B = (4.5431 \pm 0.0939)$	-53.8489	111.6979	112.1987	113.0345

TABLE XIV: The results of the statistical modeling of CT for Band B.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (1.1374 \pm 0.0073)$	-200.9125	403.8249	404.0753	404.4932
Gamma	$a = (6.7627 \pm 0.4898)$ $b = (0.1682 \pm 0.0003)$	-96.2638	196.5276	197.0285	197.8643
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (1.1374 \pm 0.0019)$ $\lambda = (4.3390 \pm 0.2115)$	-136.0928	276.1856	276.6864	277.5222
Logistic	$\mu = (1.1850 \pm 0.6431 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.1924 \pm 0.1485 \times 10^{-3})$	-63.5261	131.0521	131.5530	132.3888
Log-logistic	$\mu = (0.1366 \pm 0.7225 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.2122 \pm 0.1921 \times 10^{-3})$	-99.3000	202.6000	203.1009	203.9367
Log-normal	$\mu = (0.0530 \pm 0.0012)$ $\sigma = (0.4555 \pm 0.0006)$	-121.5316	247.0631	247.5640	248.3998
Nakagami	$\mu = (2.2325 \pm 0.0490)$ $\omega = (1.5226 \pm 0.0050)$	-80.2633	164.5266	165.0274	165.8632
Normal	$\mu = (1.1374 \pm 0.6792 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.3477 \pm 0.3477 \times 10^{-3})$	-64.0309	132.0619	132.5627	133.3985
Rayleigh	$B = (0.8408 \pm 0.0009)$	-106.8342	215.6684	215.9188	216.3367
Rician	$s = (1.0751 \pm 0.8329 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.3591 \pm 0.4242 \times 10^{-3})$	-65.3746	134.7492	135.2500	136.0858
Skew-normal	$\mu = (1.5311 \pm 0.0005)$ $\sigma = (0.3212 \pm 0.0003)$ $\gamma = (-0.9241 \pm 0.0005)$	-31.5650	69.1300	69.8813	71.1350
t-Student	$\mu = (1.1698 \pm 0.0018)$ $\sigma = (0.3124 \pm 0.0017)$ $\nu = (10.0589 \pm 137.5842)$	-63.6052	133.2104	133.9616	135.2154
Weibull	$A = (1.2527 \pm 0.0006)$ $B = (4.0363 \pm 0.0707)$	-62.8862	129.7724	130.2733	131.1091

TABLE XV: The results of the statistical modeling of CT for Band C.

Distribution	Parameter estimate	MLE	AIC	BIC	EDC
Exponential	$\mu = (1.1039 \pm 0.0068)$	-195.6078	393.2157	393.4661	393.8840
Gamma	$a = (5.4787 \pm 0.3180)$ $b = (0.2015 \pm 0.0005)$	-107.4669	218.9338	219.4346	220.2704
Inverse Gaussian	$\mu = (1.1039 \pm 0.0022)$ $\lambda = (3.3797 \pm 0.1283)$	-45.4933	294.9865	295.4874	296.3232
Logistic	$\mu = (1.1506 \pm 0.8628 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.2209 \pm 0.1876 \times 10^{-3})$	-83.9979	171.9958	172.4967	173.3325
Log-logistic	$\mu = (0.0916 \pm 0.0010)$ $\sigma = (0.2507 \pm 0.0003)$	-116.0575	236.1149	236.6158	237.4516
Log-normal	$\mu = (0.0049 \pm 0.0014)$ $\sigma = (0.5041 \pm 0.0007)$	-131.0328	266.0655	266.5663	267.4022
Nakagami	$\mu = (1.8166 \pm 0.0316)$ $\omega = (1.3629 \pm 0.0057)$	-92.9655	189.9390	190.4318	191.2676
Normal	$\mu = (1.1039 \pm 0.8141 \times 10^{-3})$ $\sigma = (0.3807 \pm 0.4105 \times 10^{-3})$	-80.1585	164.3171	164.8179	165.6538
Rayleigh	$B = (0.8255 \pm 0.0009)$	-108.8567	219.7134	219.9638	220.3817
Rician	$s = (1.0218 \pm 0.0011)$ $\sigma = (0.3992 \pm 0.0006)$	-81.2115	166.4229	166.9238	167.7596
Skew-normal	$\mu = (1.5492 \pm 0.0006)$ $\sigma = (0.3550 \pm 0.0003)$ $\gamma = (-0.9655 \pm 0.0002)$	-44.4363	94.8727	95.6239	96.8777
t-Student	$\mu = (1.1039 \pm 0.0008)$ $\sigma = (0.3796 \pm 0.0004)$ $\nu = (6.2559 \times 10^6 \pm 7.4749 \times 10^{10})$	-80.1571	166.3143	167.0655	168.3193
Weibull	$A = (1.2267 \pm 0.0008)$ $B = (3.4355 \pm 0.0515)$	-81.1403	166.2806	166.7814	167.6173