

Measured Channel Capacity and AoD Estimation for Multi-User MIMO Scenarios

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Introduction

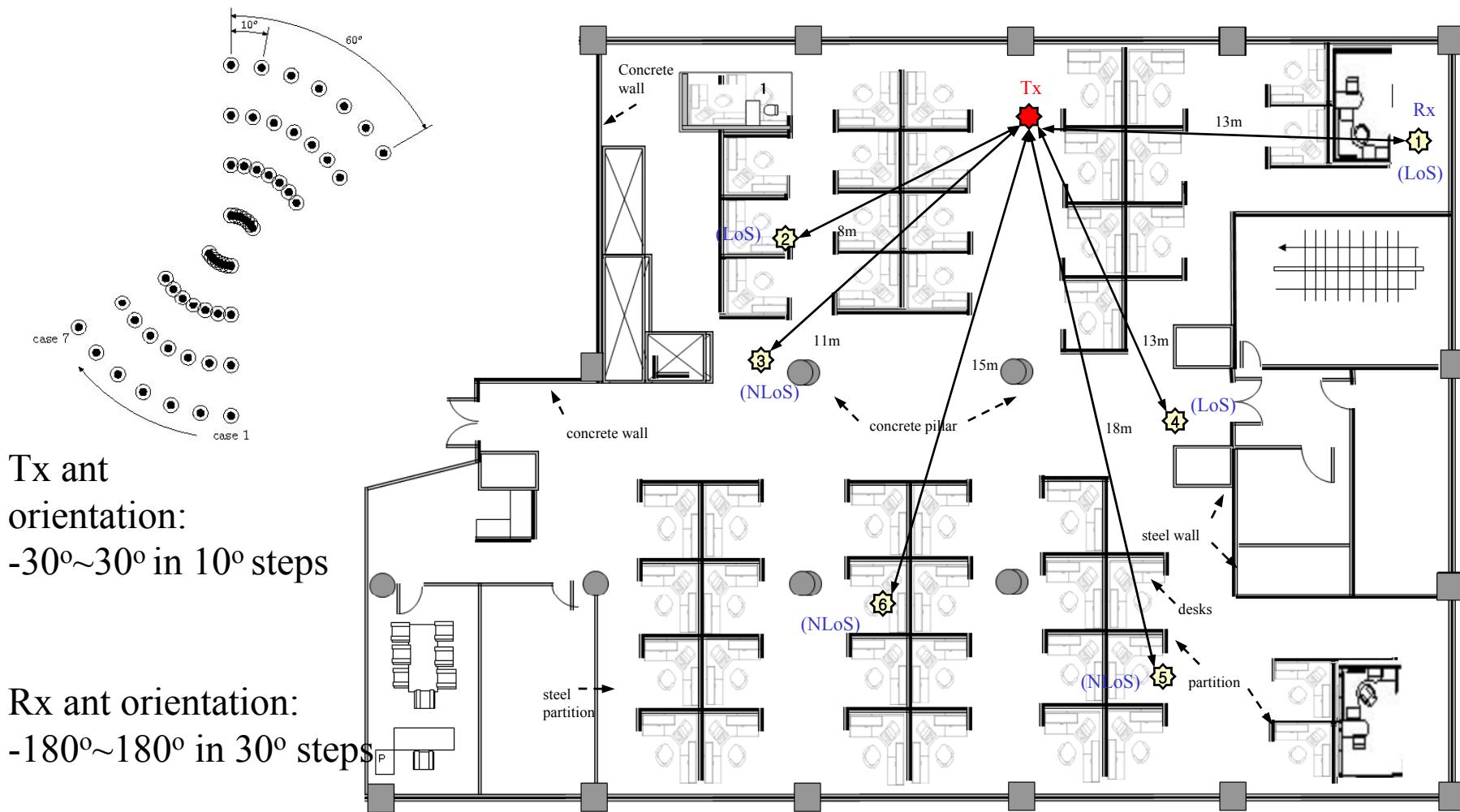
- During the TGac channel model addendum document discussion in Vancouver meeting, there was interest in studying the AoD spectrum variation as a function of client location and orientation.

- This presentation describes measurement results performed at ETRI to address the following issues:
 - Sensitivity of SDMA channel capacity to Transmit and Receive antenna orientation.
 - Variation of SDMA DL AoD spectrum as a function of client location.

Measurement Scenario

- 1 Tx AP (8 antennas) and 6 Rx STAs (2 antennas each)
- Antenna Configurations
 - Uniform Linear Antenna: 8x2
 - Tx Ant Orientation: $-30^\circ \sim +30^\circ$ in 10° steps
 - Rx Ant Orientation: $-180^\circ \sim +180^\circ$ in 30° steps
- Measurement Site
 - Office environment
 - 1st floor, bldg. #7, ETRI
 - 3 LOS, 3 NLOS

Floor Map of the Measurement Site



The Measurement Site

Tx Ant System



LOS



Tx antenna height = 2m

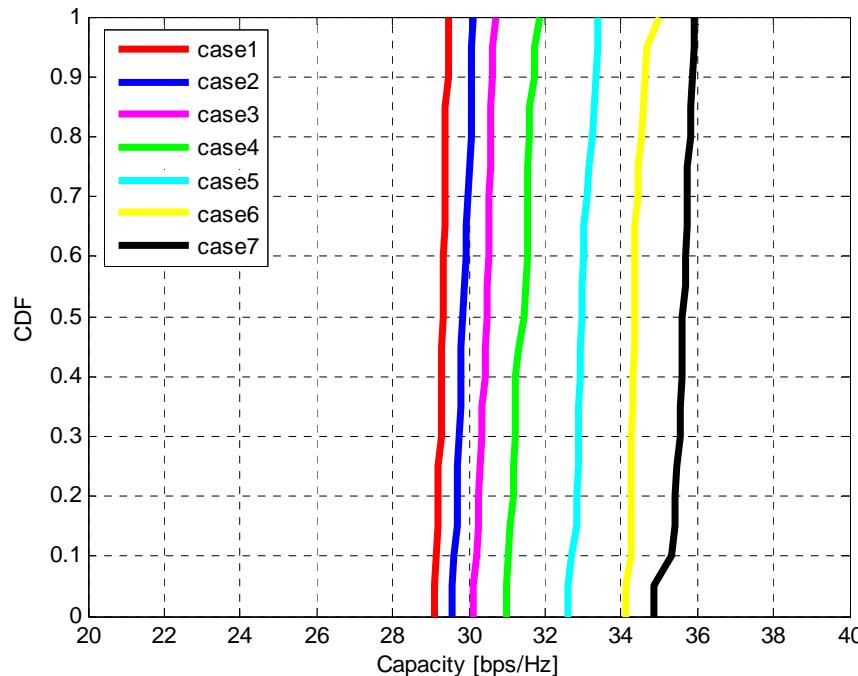
Rx antenna height = 90cm

Non-LOS



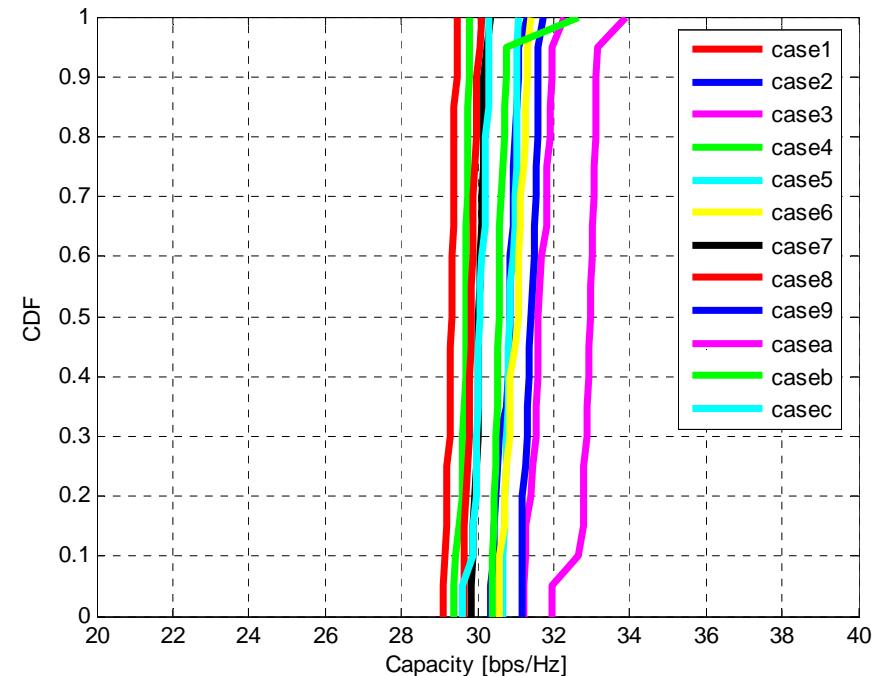
Sensitivity to Antenna Orientation (NLOS)

- Capacity is calculated by using MMSE post-SINR
- 4 STAs: STA #3 (NLOS), #4 (**LOS**), #5 (NLOS), #6 (NLOS)
 - Tx ant orientation: $-30^\circ \sim +30^\circ$ in 10° steps (case1 ~ case7)
 - Rx ant orientation: $-180^\circ \sim +180^\circ$ in 30° steps (case1 ~ caseC)



Tx ant orientation: $-30^\circ \sim +30^\circ$

Rx fixed at case 1

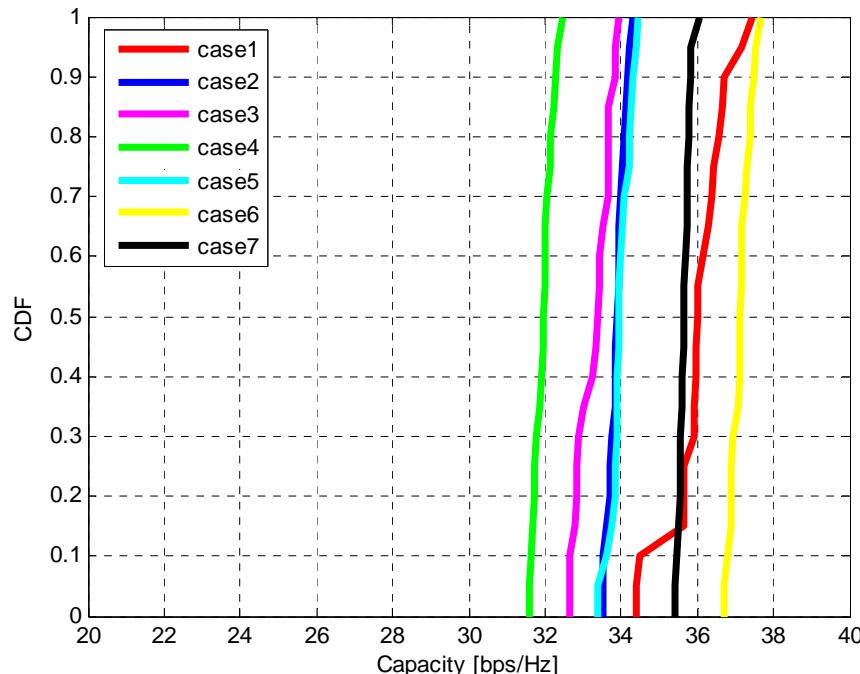


Rx ant orientation: $-180^\circ \sim 180^\circ$

Rx fixed at case 1

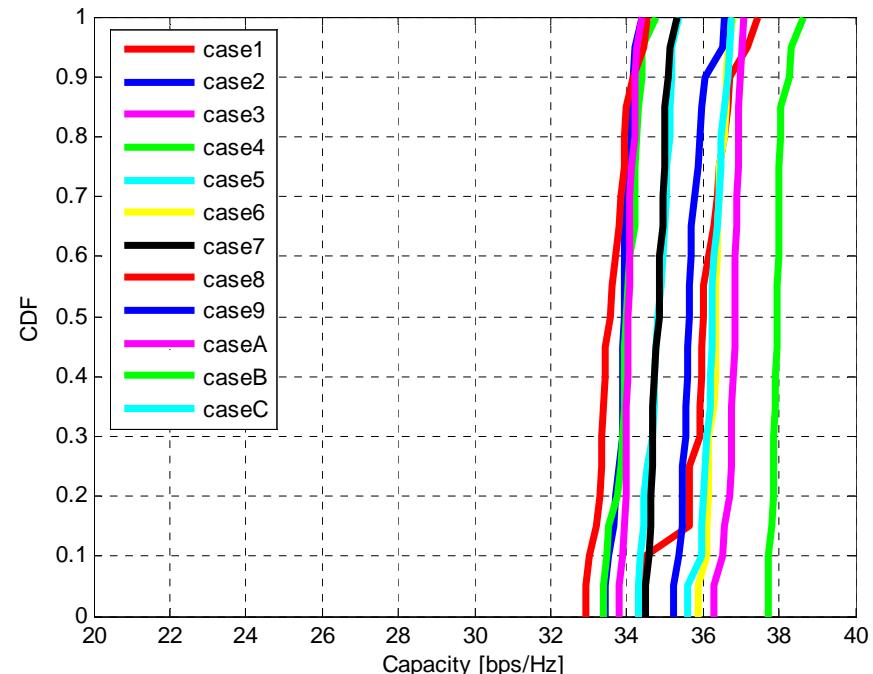
Sensitivity to Antenna Orientation (LOS)

- Capacity is calculated by using MMSE post-SINR
- 4 STAs: STA #1 (LOS), #2 (LOS), #3 (NLOS), #4 (LOS)
 - Tx ant orientation: $-30^\circ \sim +30^\circ$ in 10° steps (case1 ~ case7)
 - Rx ant orientation: $-180^\circ \sim +180^\circ$ in 30° steps (case1 ~ caseC)



Tx ant orientation: $-30^\circ \sim +30^\circ$

Rx fixed at case 1



Rx ant orientation: $-180^\circ \sim +180^\circ$

Tx fixed at case 1

Sensitivity to Antenna Orientation: Conclusions

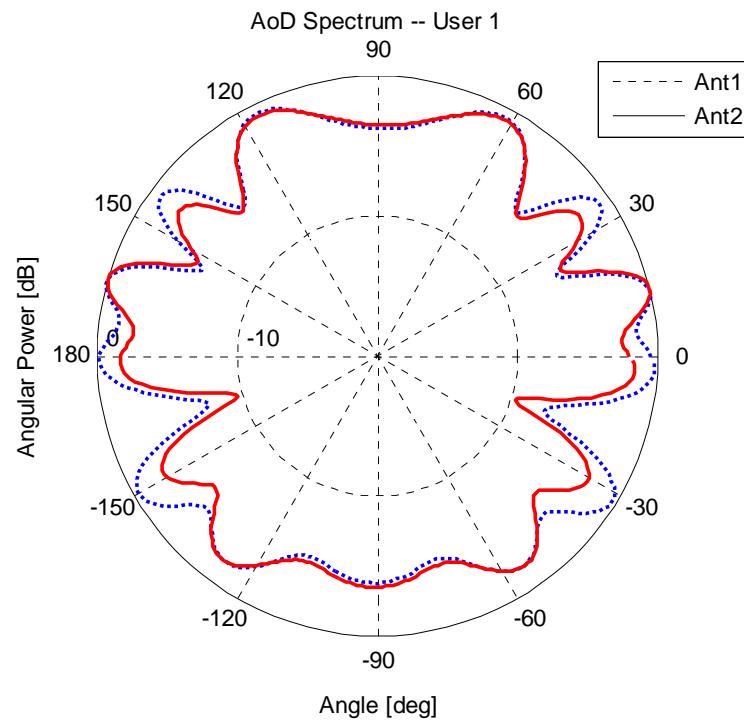
- SDMA channel capacity is sensitive to the Tx and Rx antenna orientations
- Capacity is more sensitive to the orientation of the Tx antenna array than that of the individual Rx client arrays. For example,
 - NLOS:
 - 32 ± 3 bps/Hz when Tx ant. orientation changed ($\Delta\theta = 60^\circ$)
 - 31 ± 2 bps/Hz when Rx ant. orientation changed ($\Delta\theta = 360^\circ$)
 - Note: The absolute values of the capacities are not relevant. We should be focused on the trend/pattern, etc
- The above result indicates that TGac MU-MIMO channel models need to incorporate AoD variation across clients, to be realistic.

AoD Estimation from Linear Array Measurements

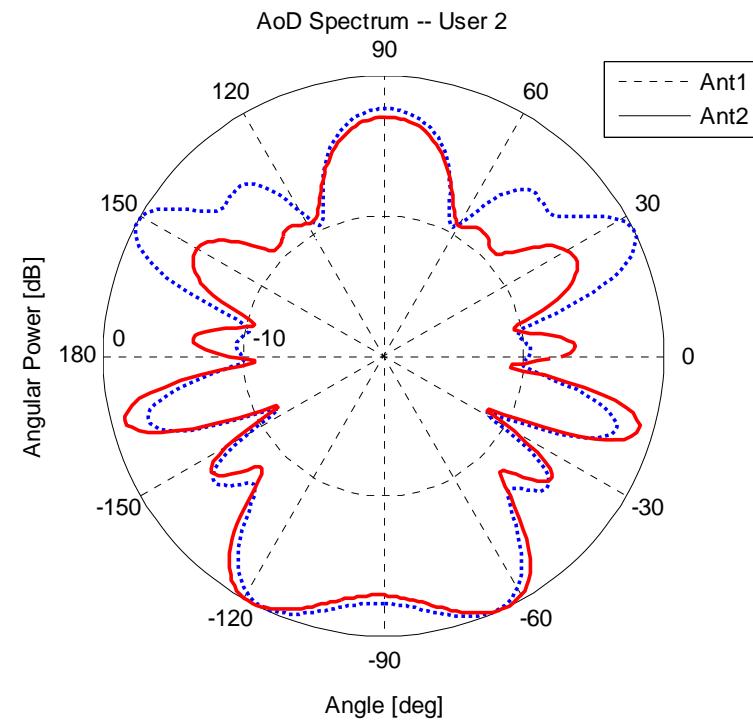
- The AoD spectrum is estimated from linear array measurements by the following method:
 - Assume:
 - Antenna array length = N
 - Antenna separation (relative to wavelength) = (d/λ)
 - Phase vector $A(\theta) = [1 \ e^{j2\pi(d/\lambda)\sin\theta} \ e^{j4\pi(d/\lambda)\sin\theta} \ \dots \ e^{j(N-1)2\pi(d/\lambda)\sin\theta}]$
where θ = AoD
 - Received channel vector for the j-th time-domain tap = h_j
 - The AoD spectrum is obtained by plotting $20\log_{10}(|| h_j A(\theta) ||)$ vs. θ .
 - For the purposes of this presentation, the AoD has been averaged across all time-domain taps.

AoD Spectrum at Each STA (1/3)

- Tx antenna orientation: case 7
- Rx antenna orientation: case 1



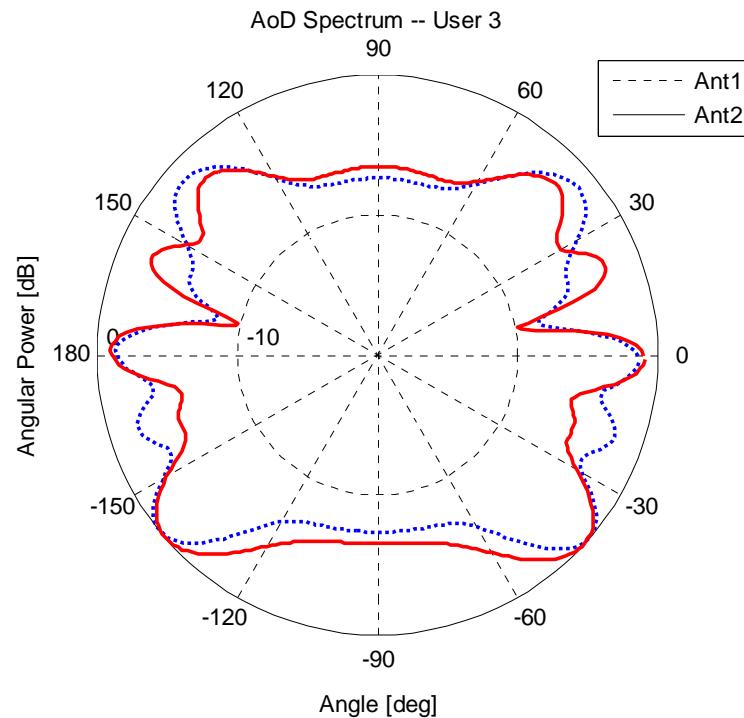
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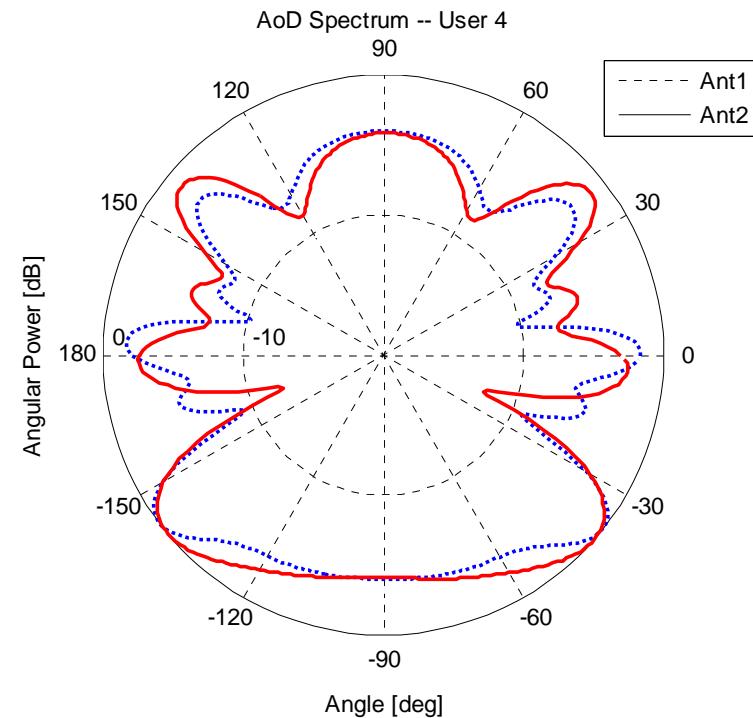
User 2

AoD Spectrum at Each STA (2/3)

- Tx antenna orientation: case 7
- Rx antenna orientation: case 1



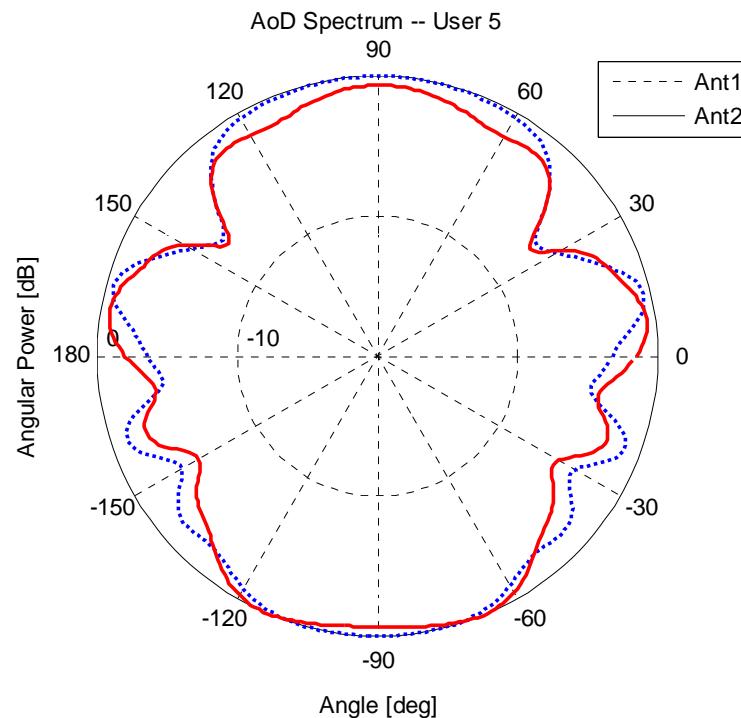
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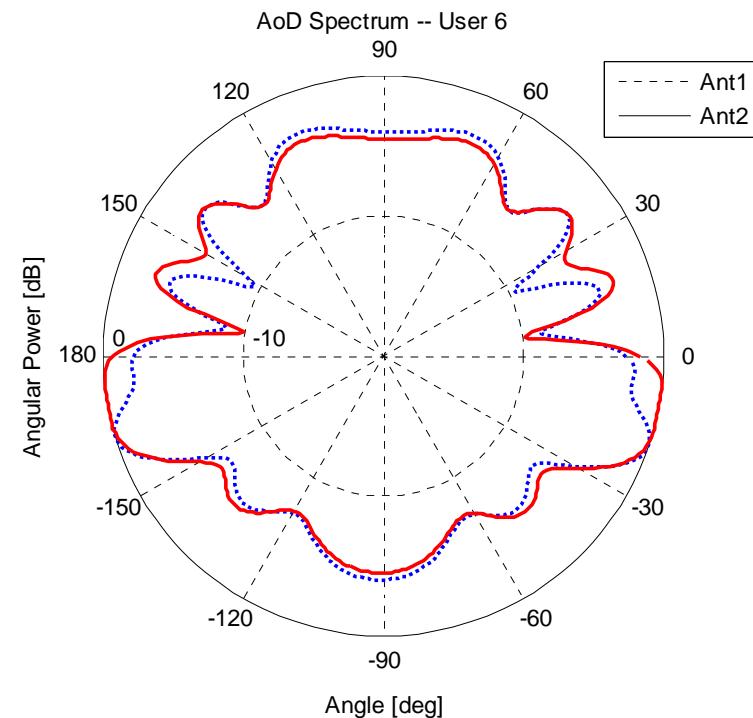
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AoD Spectrum at Each STA (3/3)

- Tx antenna orientation: case 7
- Rx antenna orientation: case 1



User 5



User 6

Variation of AoD spectrum: Conclusions

- Measurements suggest considerable AoD variation across clients.
 - Note: AoD range of approx $\pm 30^\circ$ was suggested for NLOS clusters in the TGac channel model addendum document.
- Further analysis and measurements are underway to characterise AoD variation, on a cluster-by-cluster basis.
- We recommend that the TGac channel model addendum document use a “TBD” value for AoD range, until the analysis is completed.