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**Abstract:** [Wideband measurement results of BAN channels in an anechoic chamber and BER evaluation of UWB single path receiver are introduced. Body effects are considered.]

**Purpose:** [To help encouraging the discussion in SG-BAN]

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# Wideband Measurement for Body Effect of BAN Channel

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# Outline

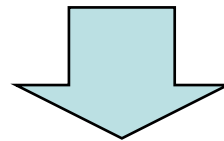
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- UWB BER Simulation
- Evaluation
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# Background

Link between Sensor Nodes and BAN Coordinator

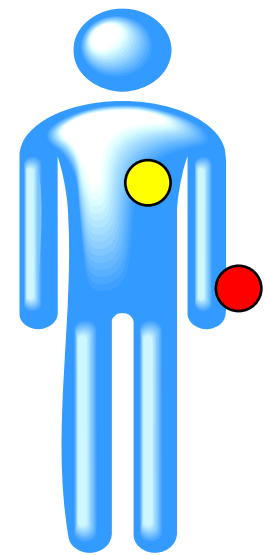
- Star or Star with Relay or Mesh Topology?
- Need to know Propagation Loss of Body Effects

**In Multipath-rich  
or Less Multipath Environments**



Wideband Channel Measurements Needed

- for Narrow band or UWB PHY
- In **Less Multipath Environment for Baseline**



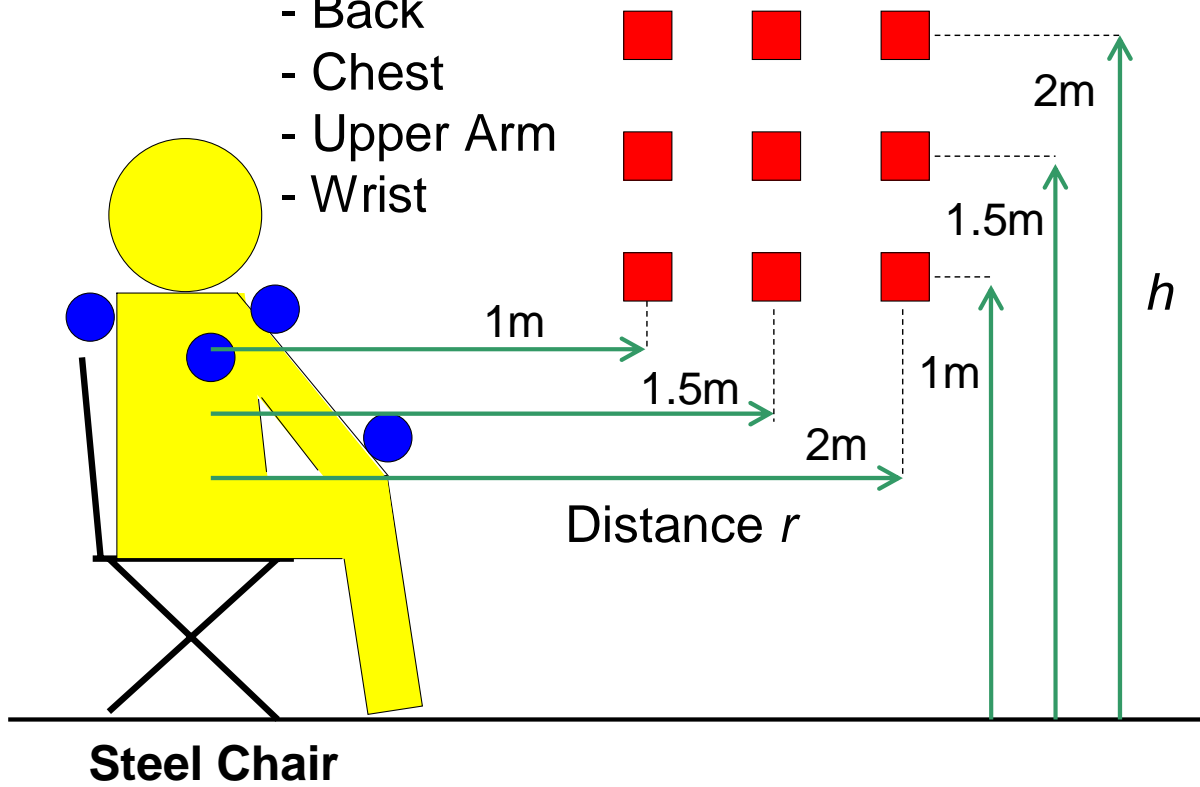
# Measurement Conditions

## Anechoic Chamber

### Tx Antenna

- Back
- Chest
- Upper Arm
- Wrist

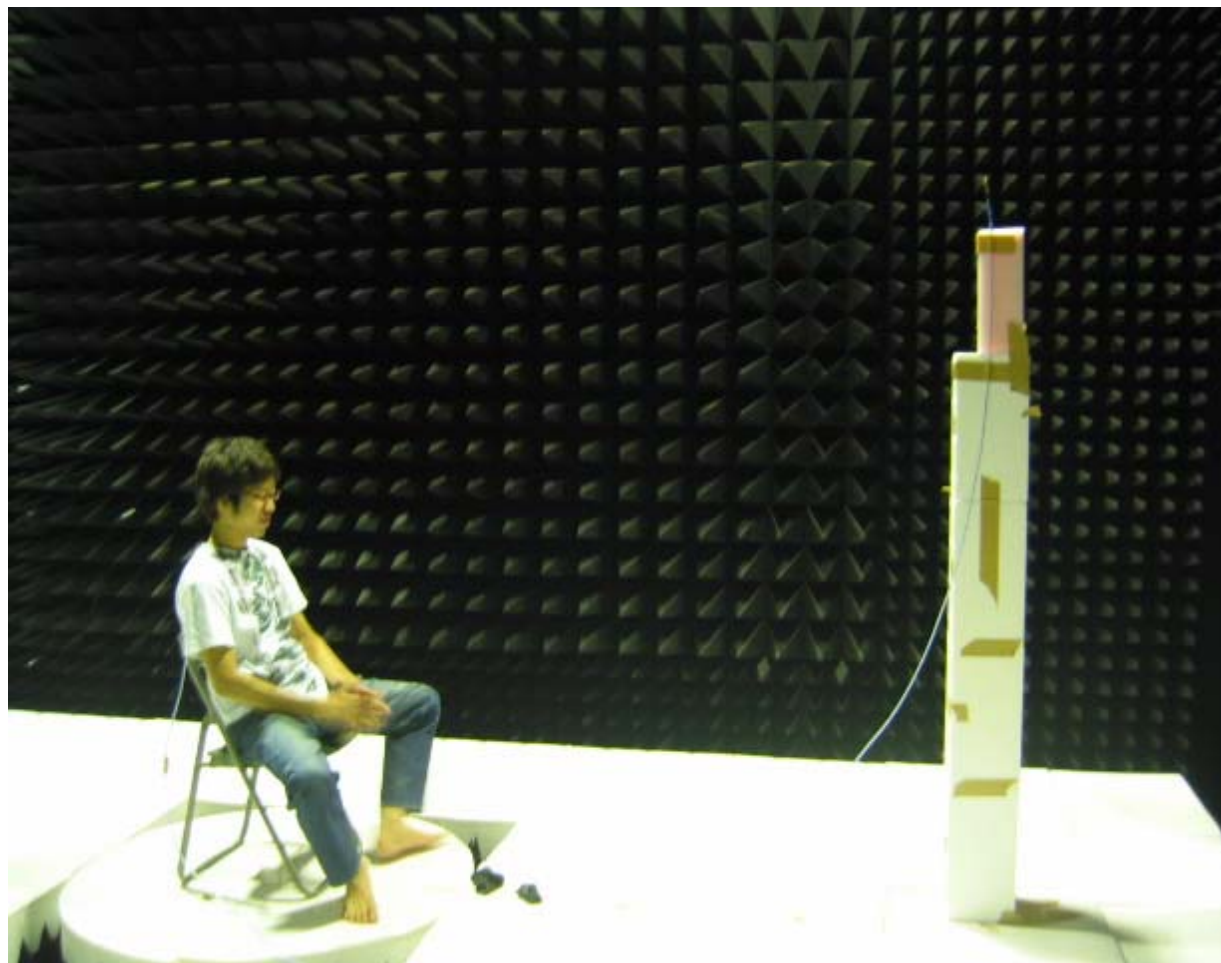
### Rx Antenna Base Station



## Major Specification

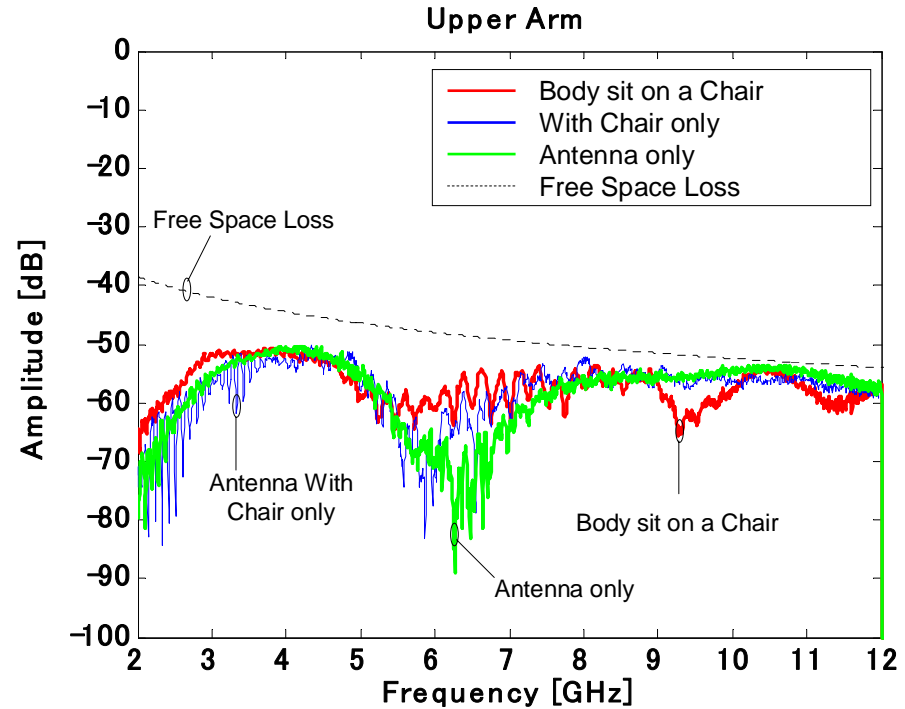
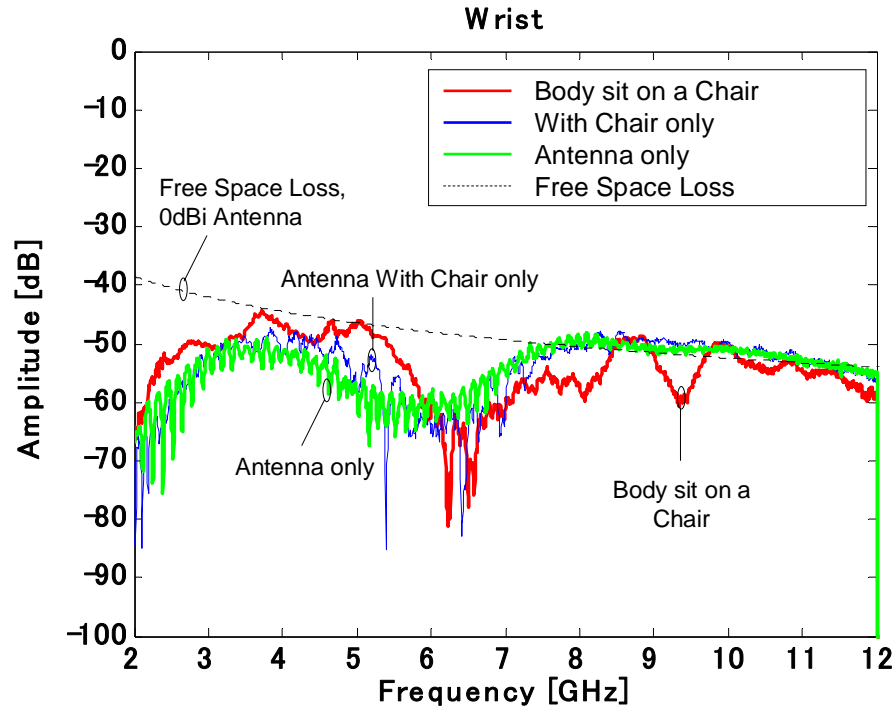
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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Measurement mode                    | S21 Measurement with Network Analyzer |
| Base Station Rx Antenna Height: $h$ | 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 [m]                     |
| Tx-Rx Distance: $r$                 | 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 [m]                     |
| Frequency Range                     | 2.0 - 12.0 [GHz]                      |
| Antenna                             | UWB Dielectric                        |

# Scenery of Experiment Anechoic Chamber at Meiji Univ.



# Measurement Results

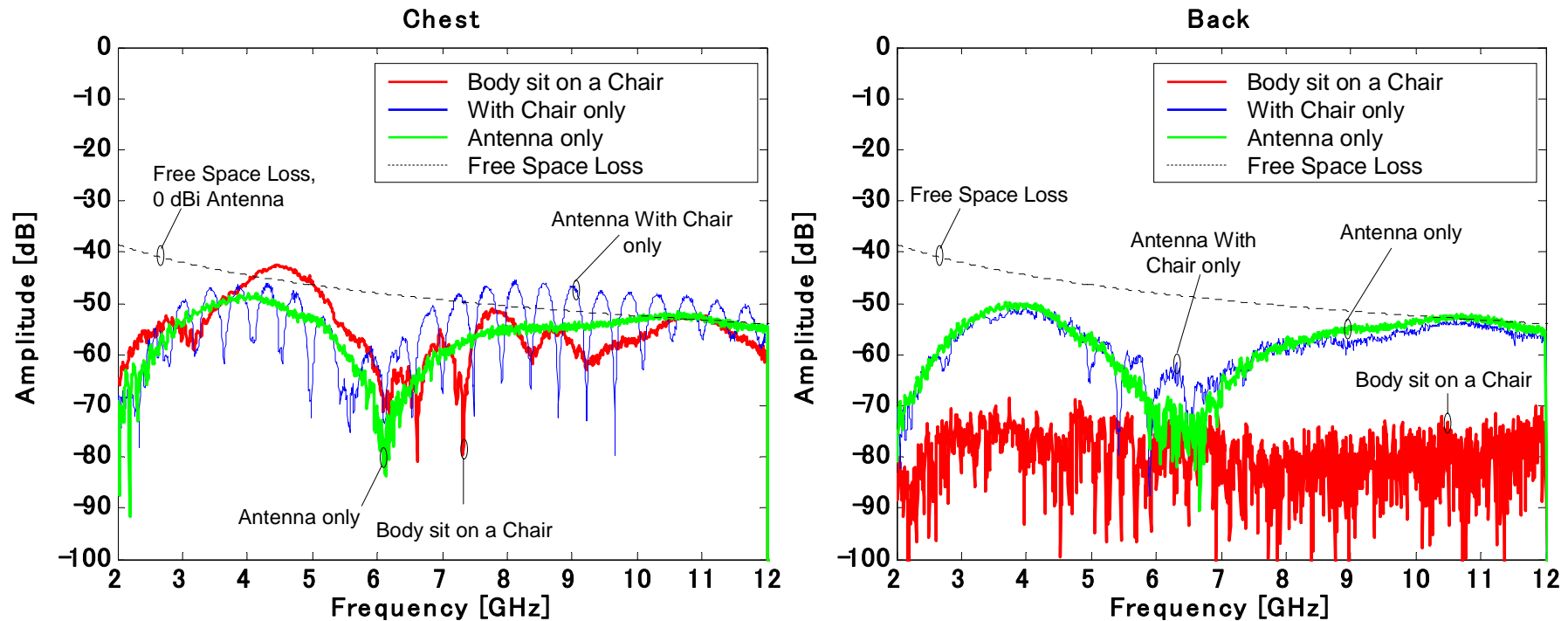
# Frequency Domain Characteristics (Tx Antenna: Wrist or Upper Arm)



Height of the Base Station:  $h = 1$  [m],  
Transmitter-Receiver Distance:  $r = 1$  [m]

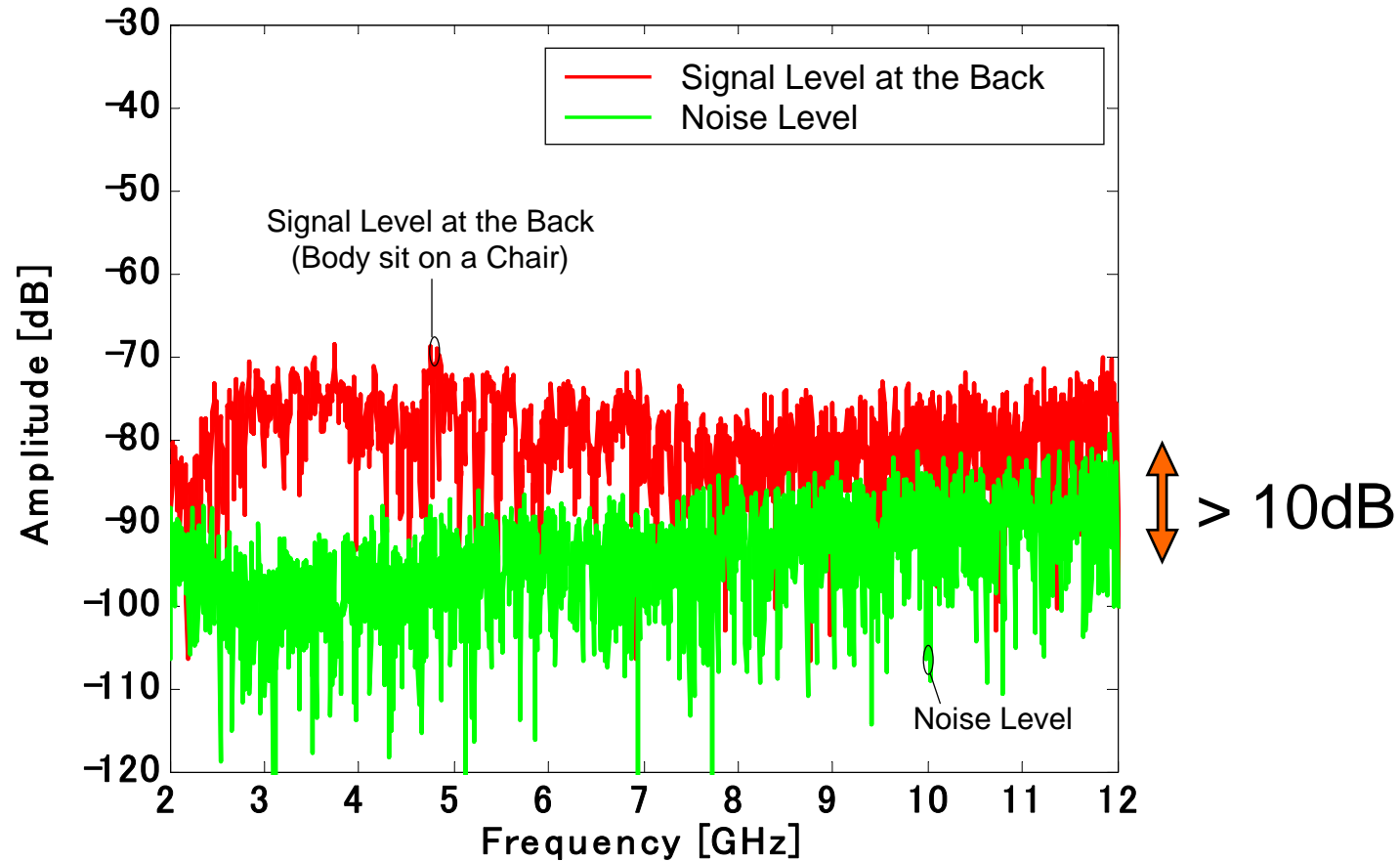


# Frequency Domain Characteristics (Tx Antenna: Chest or Back)



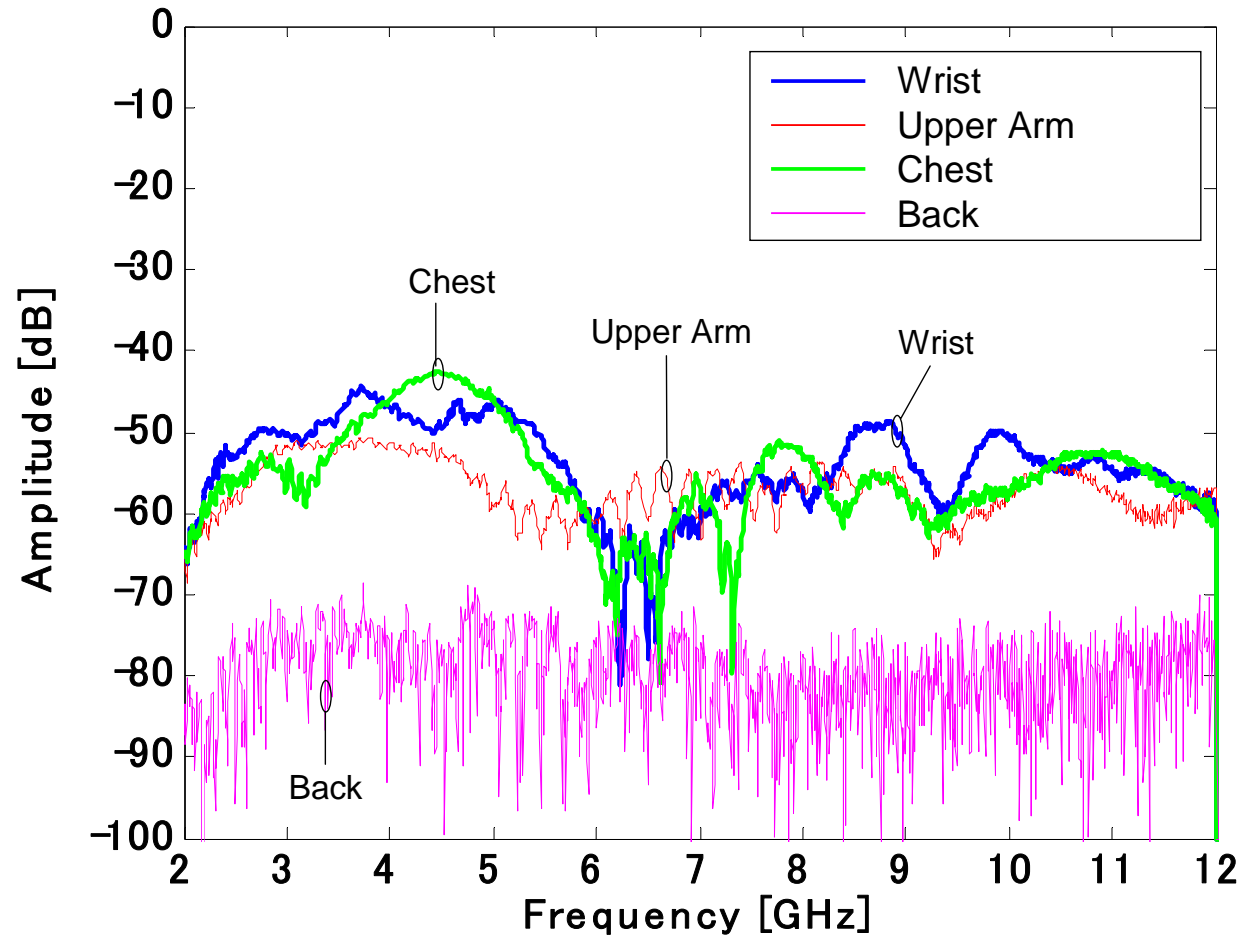
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# Signal Level at the Back and Noise Floor



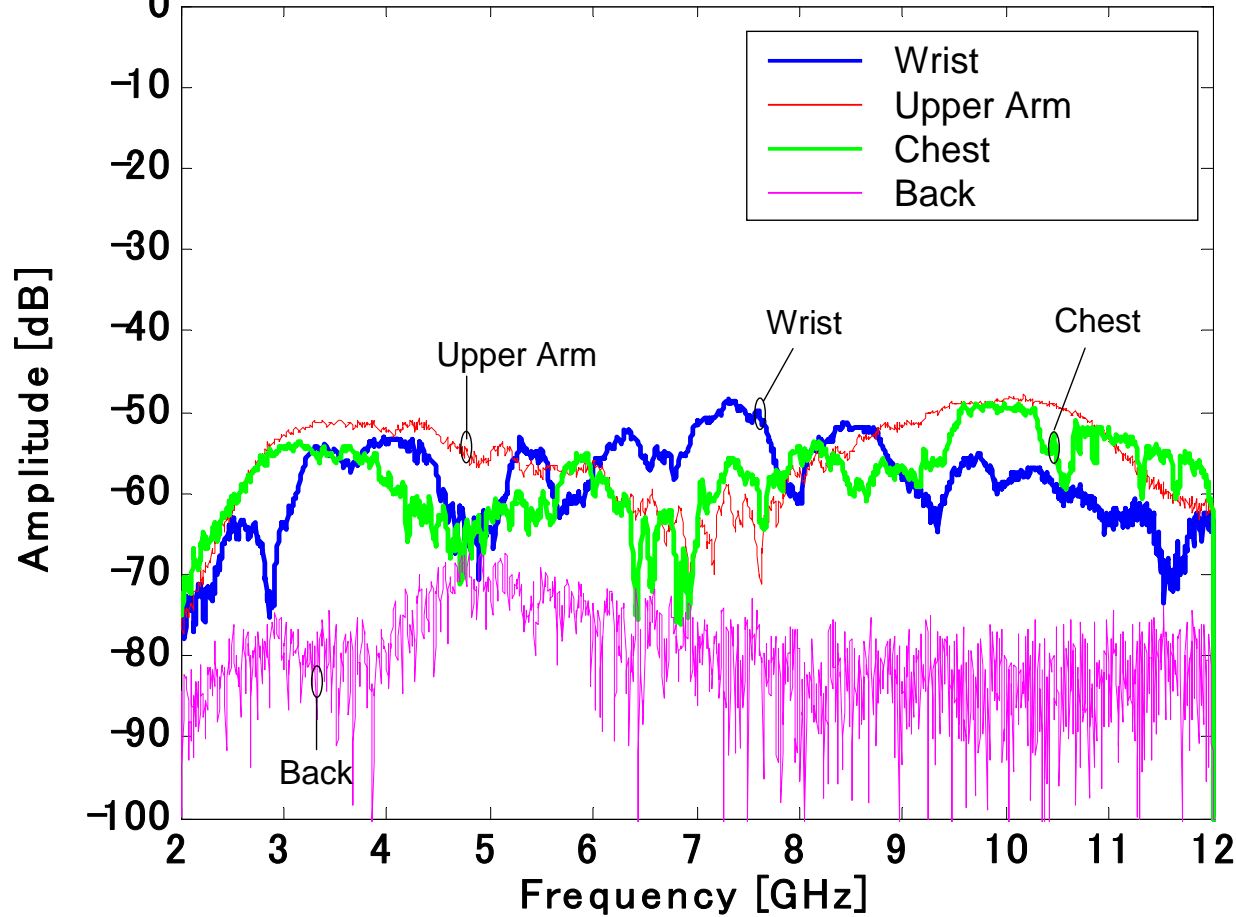
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# Frequency Domain Characteristics ( $h = 1$ [m])



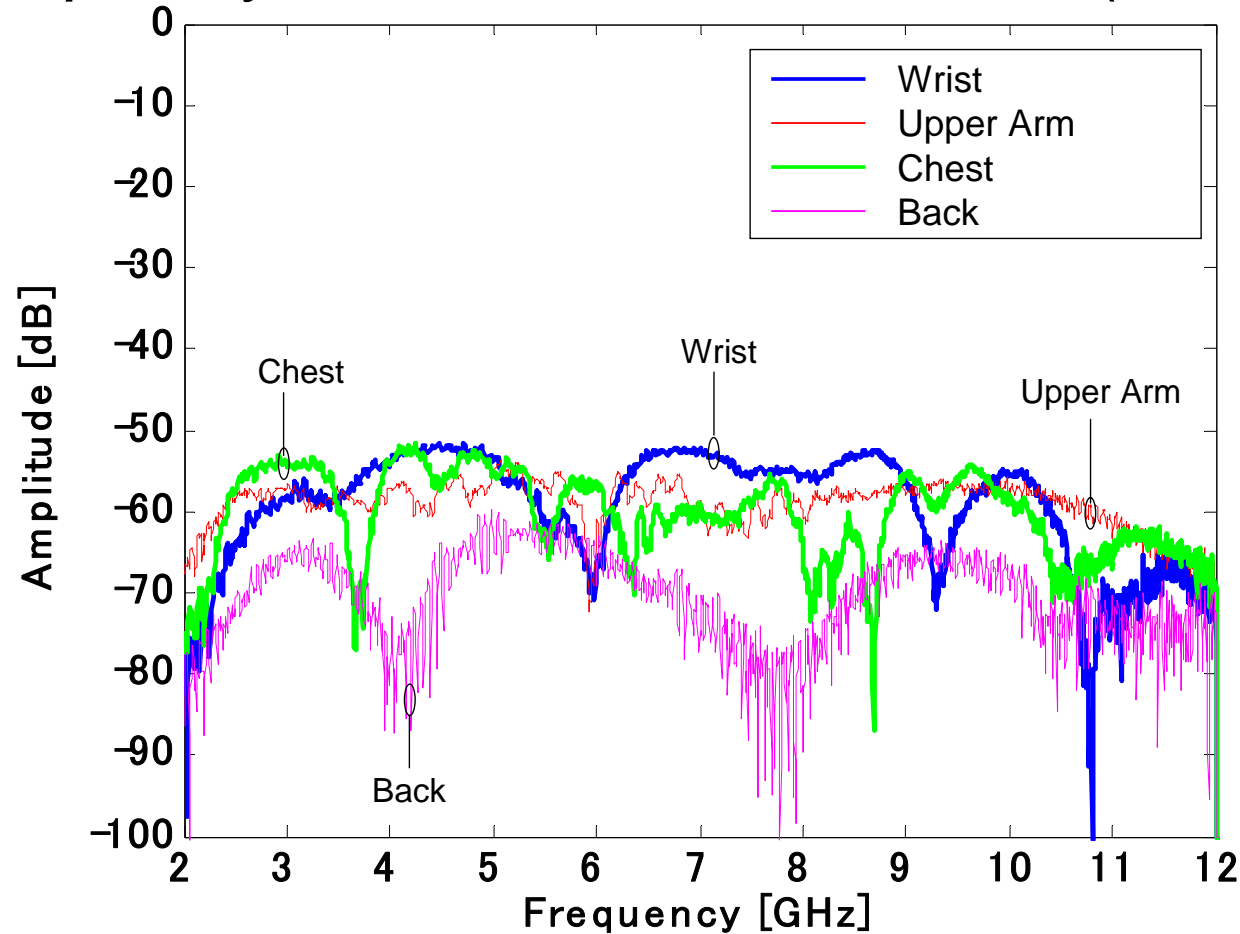
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Transmitter-Receiver Distance:  $r = 1$  [m]

# Frequency Domain Characteristics ( $h=1.5$ [m])



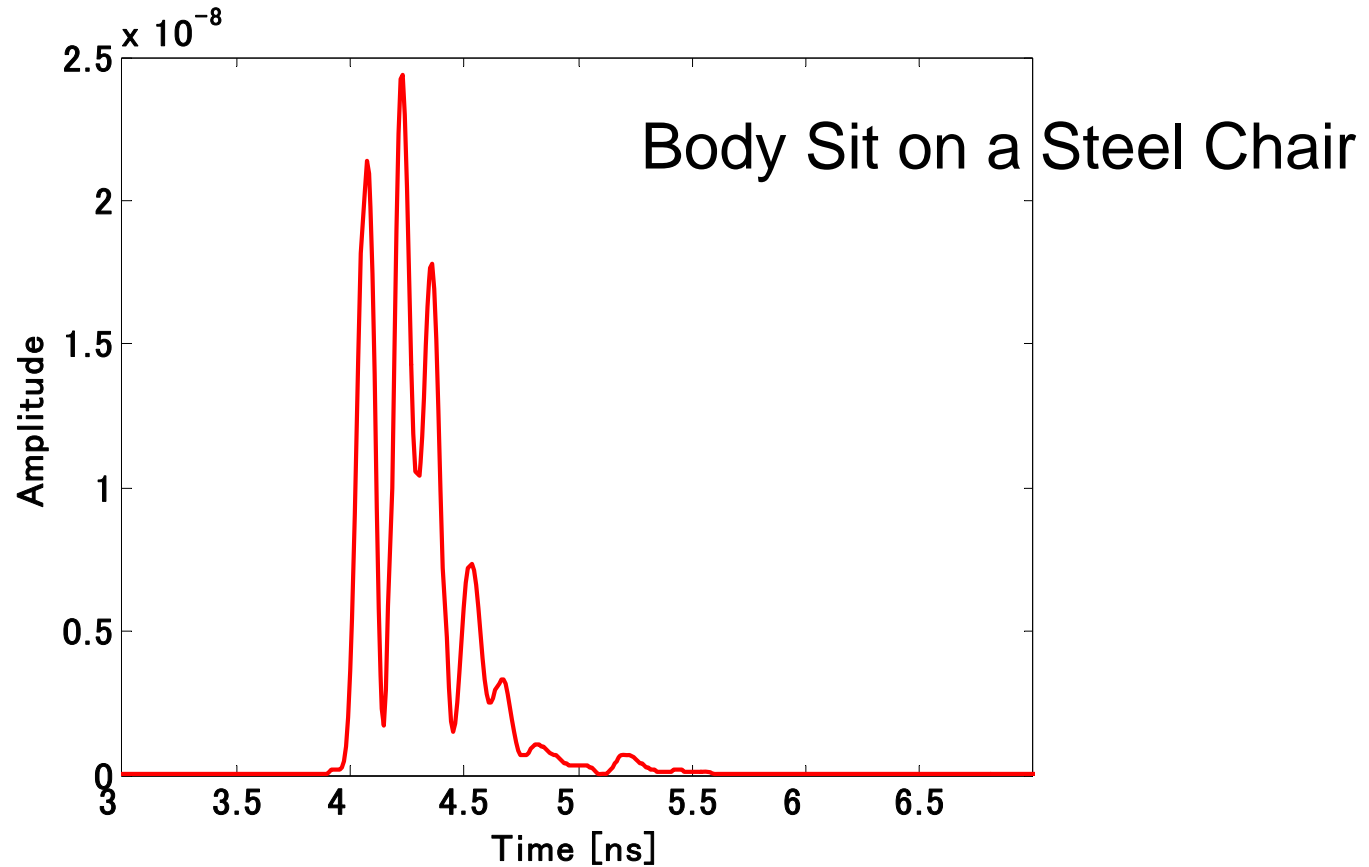
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# Frequency Domain Characteristics ( $h = 2$ [m])



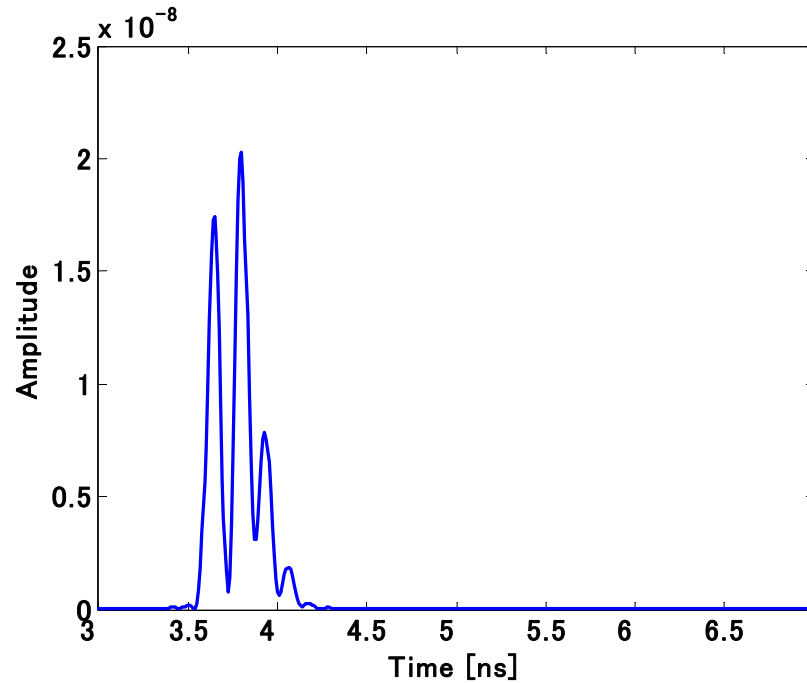
Height of the Base Station:  $h = 2$  [m],  
Transmitter-Receiver Distance:  $r = 1$  [m]

# Time Domain Characteristics at Chest Position

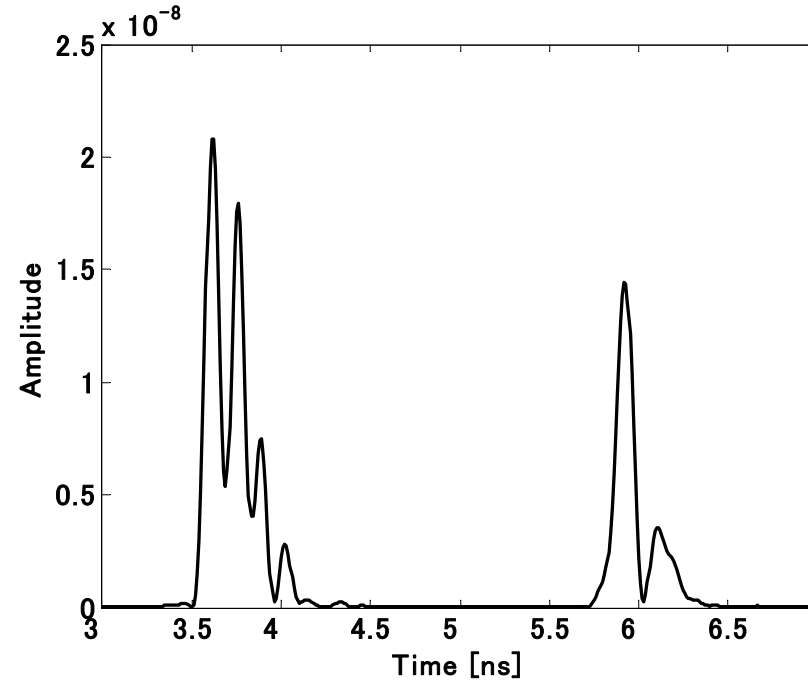


Height of the Base Station:  $h = 1$  [m],  
Transmitter-Receiver Distance:  $r = 1$  [m]

# Time Domain Characteristics at Chest Position



Antenna only



Antenna with Steel Chair only

Height of the Base Station:  $h = 1$  [m],  
Transmitter-Receiver Distance:  $r = 1$  [m]

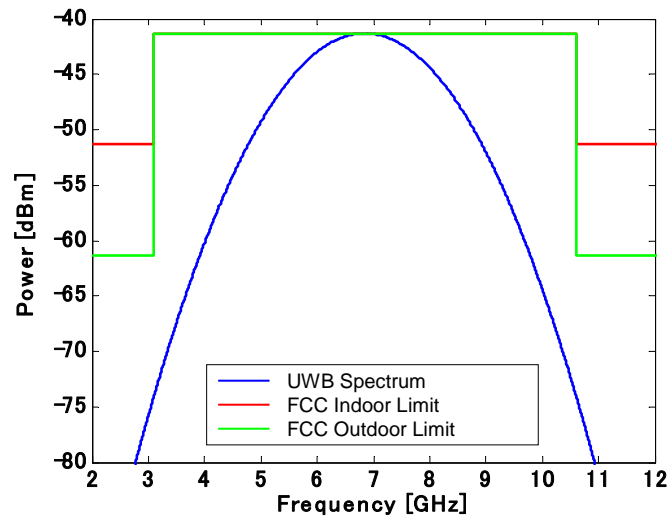
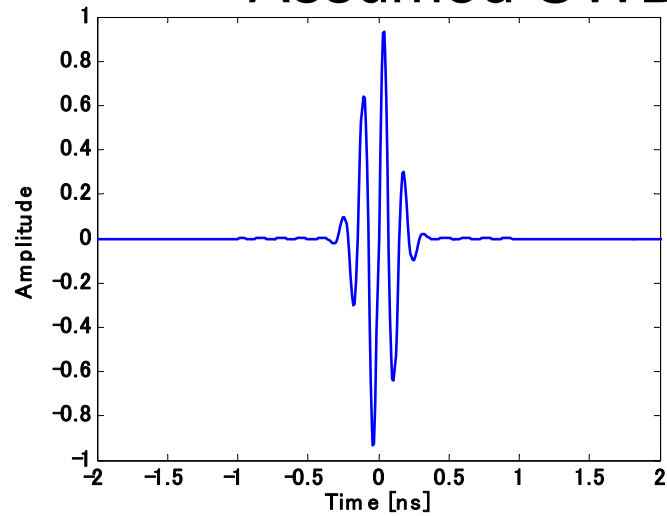
# Measurement Results

- Link Loss and Response Depends on Antenna Position on Body and Height of Base Station Antenna
- When Link is Blocked by Body (Antenna is on Back)
  - ~15 to 25 dB Loss
- Steel Chair Causes Multipath
  - However, Body Masks the Effects of Multipath



# UWB Transmission Performance Evaluation, Bit Error Rate Simulation

## Assumed UWB Pulse Waveform for BER Evaluation



- UWB Pulse:

$$s_0(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{at^2}{\tau^2}\right) \sin(2\pi f_0 t)$$

- Pulse Parameter:

- Center Frequency,  $f_0 = 6.85[\text{GHz}]$
- Pulse Width,  $2\tau = 0.5[\text{ns}]$

- Modulation Type: Bi-Phase (BPSK)
- Detection: Correlation Detection, Largest Path Selection

# BER Simulation

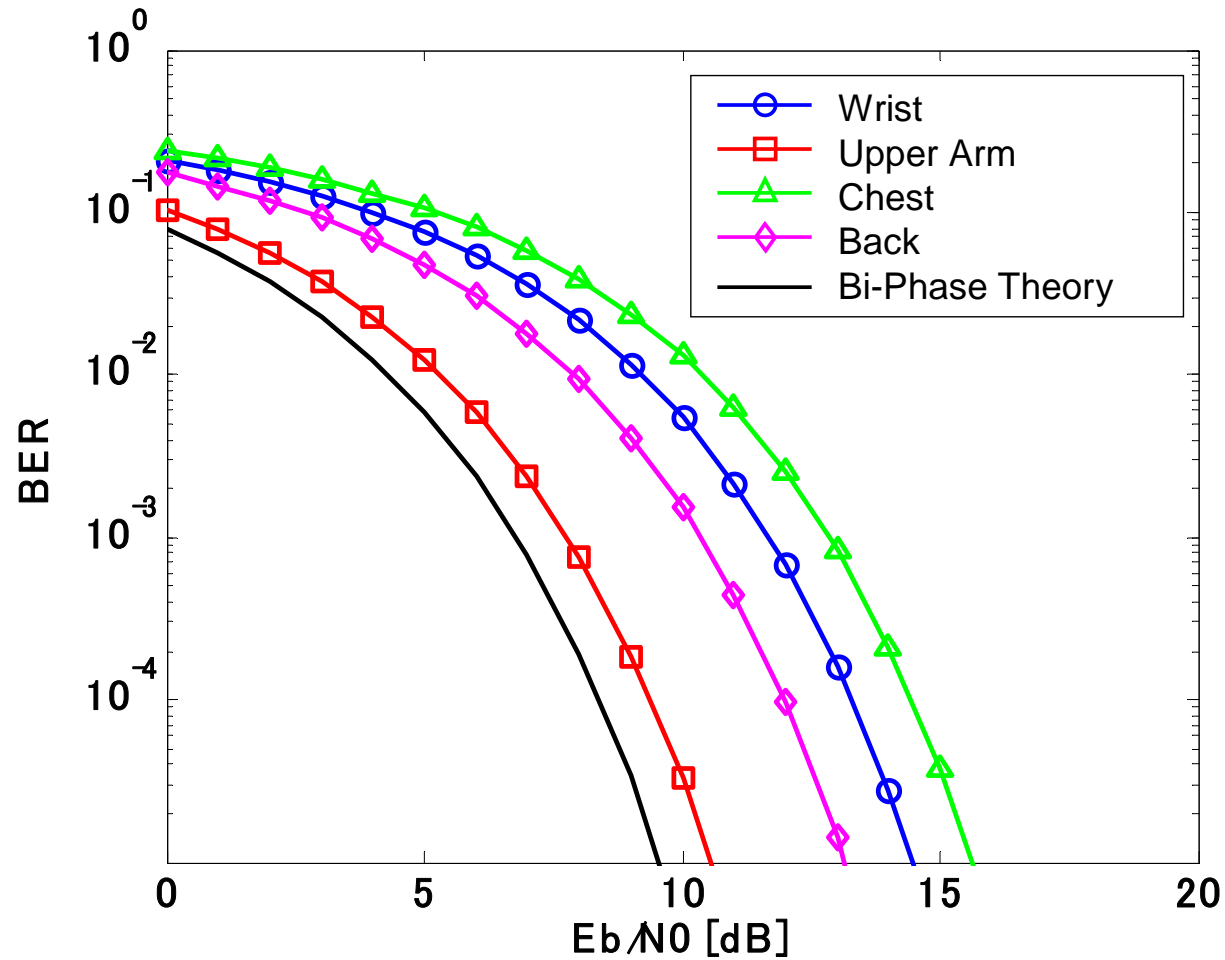
- Measured Frequency Responses at each Antenna Position with Normalized Total Received Power are used.

Energy Capture is evaluated.

- Assume Single Path Coherent Receiver with the Largest Path Selection

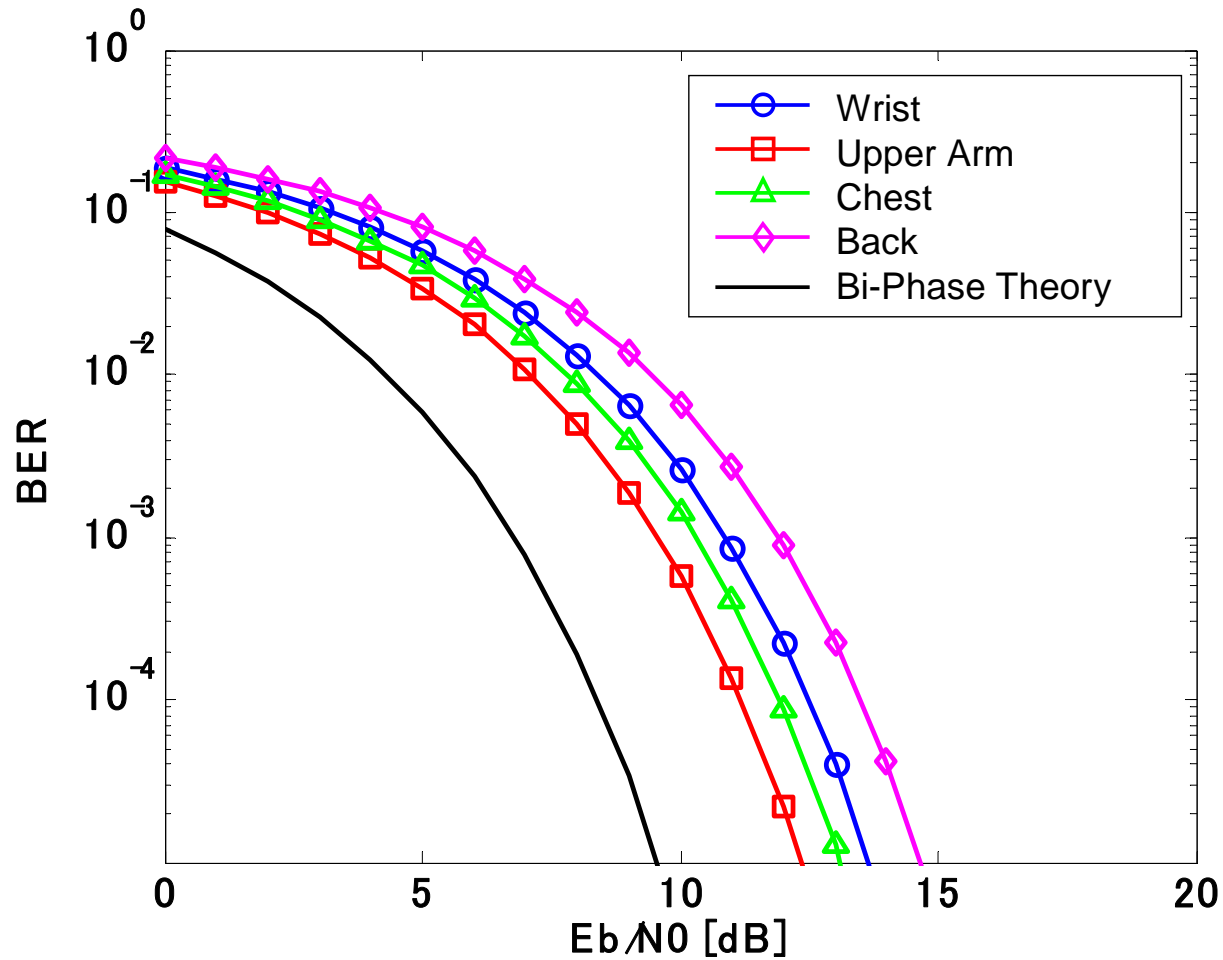
Simpler Rx Implementation for BAN PHY

# BER Performance



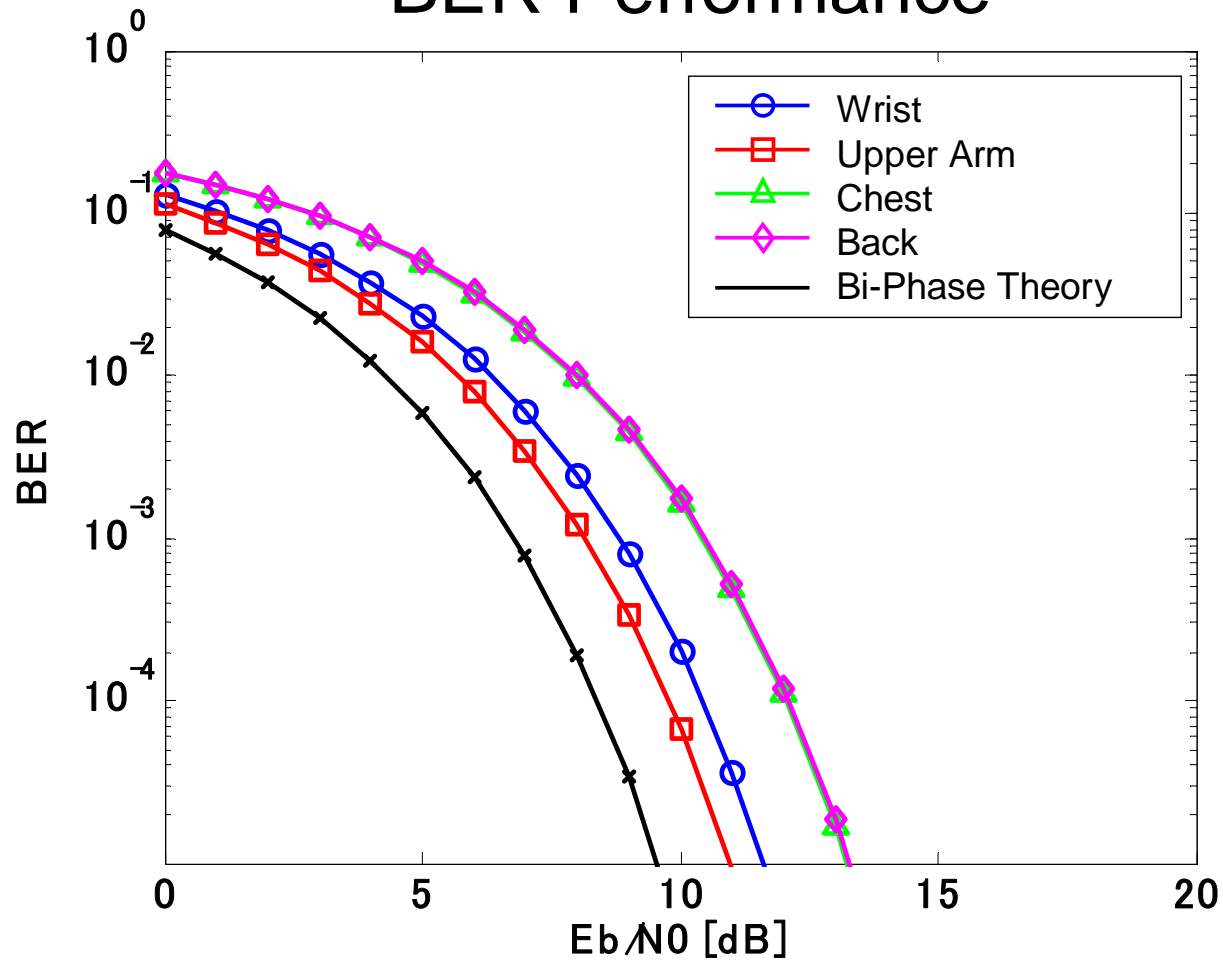
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# BER Performance



Height of the Base Station:  $h = 1.5$  [m],  
 Transmitter-Receiver Distance:  $r = 1$  [m]

# BER Performance



Height of the Base Station:  $h = 2$  [m],  
Transmitter-Receiver Distance:  $r = 1$  [m]

## BER Degradation [dB] @ $10e-4$ , 1 [m] Distance

| Tx Antenna<br>Position | Rx Antenna<br>Height | 1 [m] | 1.5[m] | 2 [m] |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|
|                        | Wrist                |       | 4.90   | 4.10  |
| Upper Arm              |                      | 0.98  | 2.79   | 1.39  |
| Chest                  |                      | 6.07  | 3.54   | 3.67  |
| Back                   |                      | 3.60  | 5.11   | 3.72  |

# Evaluation of BER Simulation

- Single Path UWB Coherent Receiver with the Largest Path Selection  
Correlation loss: 1 to 6 dB  
Fairly Good, because of Less Multipath Condition of Anechoic Chamber



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# Conclusions

- Wideband Channel Measurements for Narrow band or UWB PHY in Less Multipath Anechoic Chamber Environment as a Baseline Study
- Link Loss and Response Depends on Antenna Position on Body and Height of Base Station Antenna
- When Link is Blocked by Body: 15 to 25 dB Loss
- Steel Chair Causes Multipath

However, Body Masks the Effects of Multipath

- Simulation: Single Path UWB Coherent Receiver with the Largest Path Selection: Correlation loss: 1 to 6 dB

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*Thank you!*

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