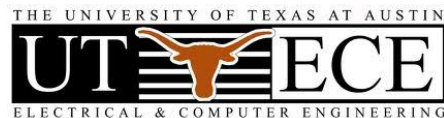


STATISTICAL MODELING OF ASYNCHRONOUS IMPULSIVE NOISE IN POWERLINE COMMUNICATION NETWORKS

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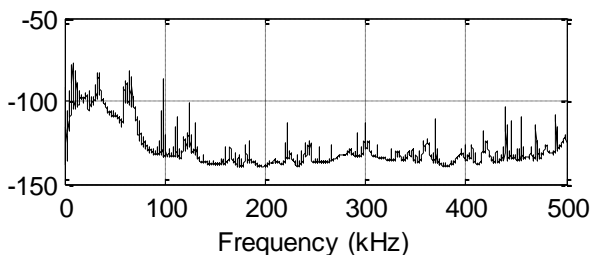


Outline

- Intro on Noise in Powerline Communications (PLC)
- Prior Work on Asynchronous Noise Modeling
- System Model and Assumptions
- Summary of the Approach
- Simulation Results and Verification

Noise in Powerline Communications

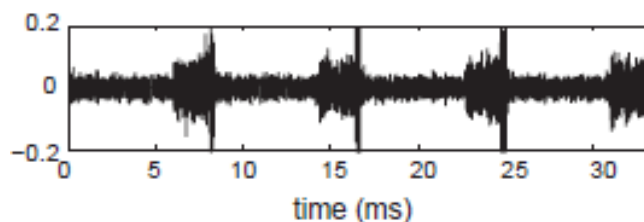
Background Noise



- colored noise
- superposition of lower-intensity sources
- decreases with frequency
- includes narrowband interference

[Zimmermann02]

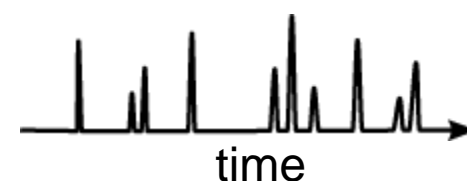
Periodic and Cyclostationary Noise



- modulated periodic signal
- cyclostationary in time and frequency
- synchronous and asynchronous wrt AC mains
- Sources: rectified and switched power supplies
- dominant in 3-500kHz

[Zimmermann02],[Corripio06],
[Reiken11],[Nassar12]

Asynchronous Impulsive Noise

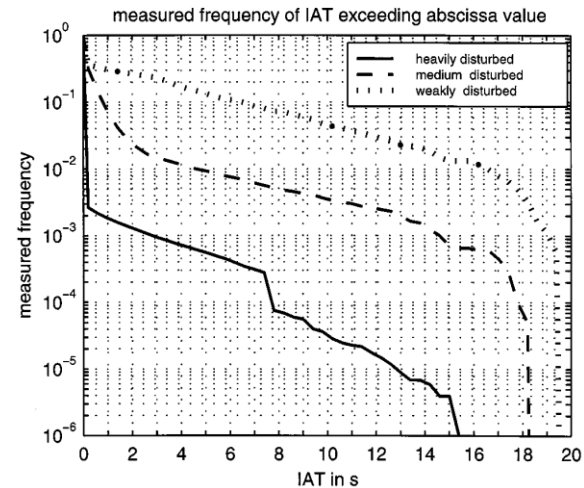
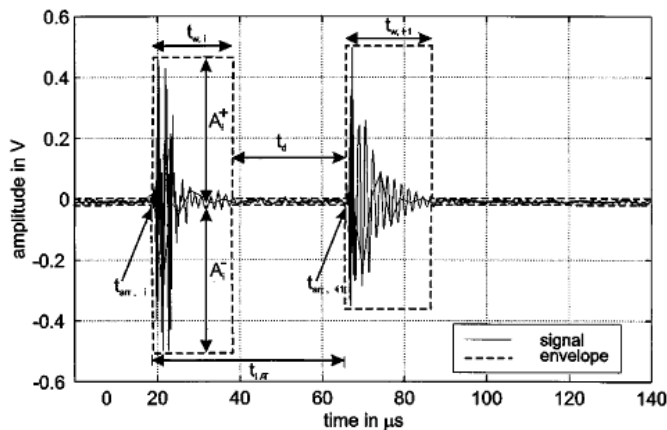


- Caused by switching transients
- Duration: micro to millisecond
- arbitrary inter-arrival time
- 50db above background noise
- present 0.2-20MHz

[Zimmermann02],[DiBert11]

Prior Work on Asynchronous Noise

- Empirical Measurements [*Zimmermann, Dostert 2002*]



- Empirical Fitting and Modeling

- Hidden Markov Models [*Zimmermann, Dostert 2002*]
- Middleton's class-A [*Umehara, Yamaguchi, Morihito 2004*]
- Gaussian Mixture [*Di Bert, Caldera, Schwingshackl, Tonello 2011*]
- Rayleigh [*Chan, Donaldson 1989*]
- Nakagami-m [*Meng, Guan, Chen 2005*]

Statistical Models

- Gaussian Mixture

- Probability Density Function: $p(z) = \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i N(0, \sigma_i^2)$

Parameter	Description
K	Number of Gaussian components
π_i	Mixing probabilities
σ_i^2	Component variances (power)

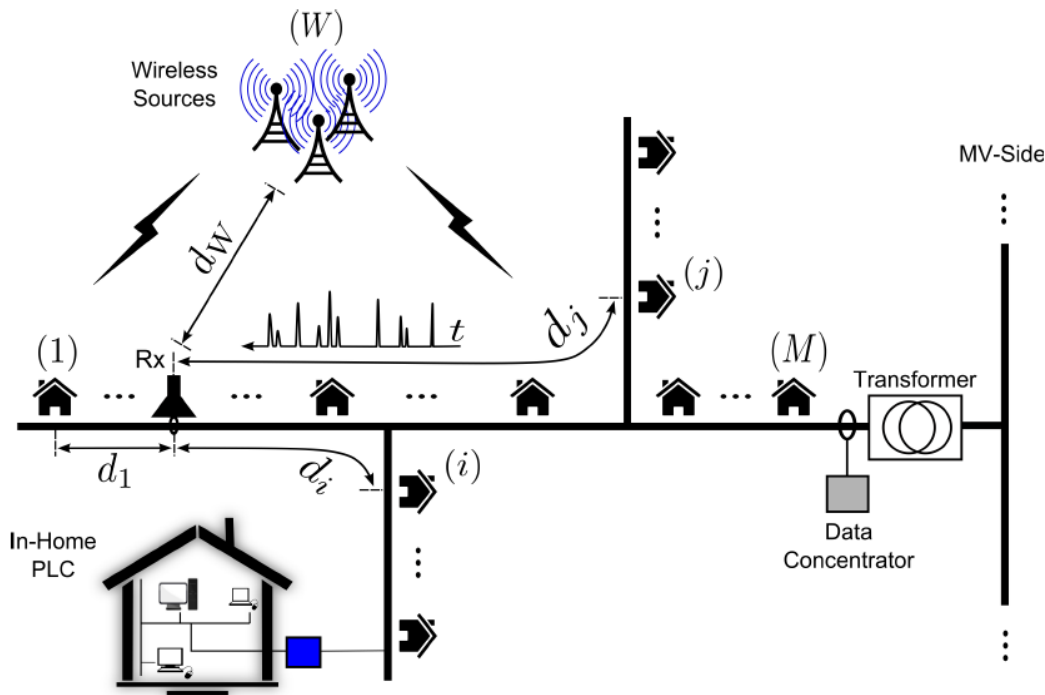
- Middleton's Class A [*Middleton 1977*]

- Statistical Physical Model for Spatio-Temporal Interference

- Probability Density Function: $p(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-A} A^i}{i!} N\left(\frac{0, 2i\Omega}{A}\right)$

Parameter	Description
A	Overlap index (indicates impulsiveness)
Ω	Mean intensity

Powerline Communication Networks



Sources of Asynchronous Noise:

Bursty Wireless Transmissions

Uncoordinated users
(coexistence issues)

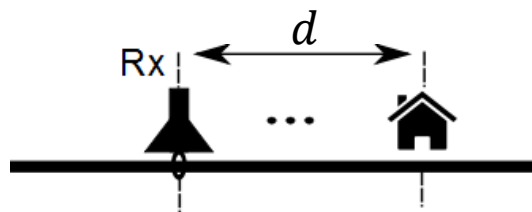
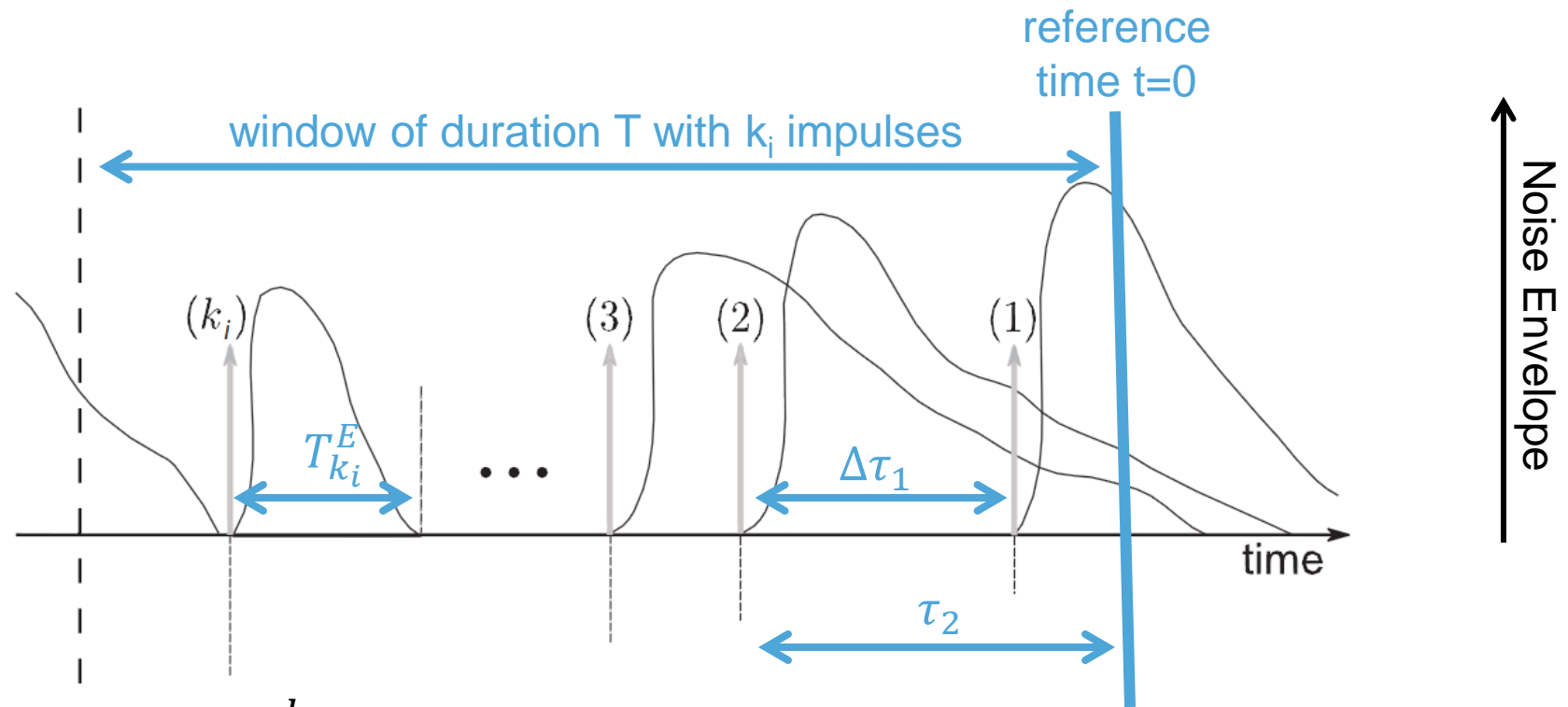
Switching Transients

Objective: Statistical-Physical model for interference at the receiver from M sources

$$\Psi = \sum_{i=1}^M \Psi_i$$

Interference from source i

Interference from a Single Source i (Ψ_i)



$$\Psi_i = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} I_i(T)$$

$\Delta\tau_l \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_i)$: inter-arrival time

λ_i : impulse rate

$\tau_l \sim \text{PPP}(\lambda_i)$: impulse arrivals

T_l^E : impulse duration

Assumptions and System Model

Emission Duration

- Impulse duration is bounded i.e. $T_l^E < T_{max}, \forall l$
- Result depends only on $E[T_l^E]$

Flat Fading Channel

- Impulse duration larger than channel delay spread $T_l^E \gg \tau_h$
- Memoryless channel h
- Result depends only on $E[h]$

Resulting Interference $\Psi_i = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} I_i(T)$

$$I_i(T) = \gamma(d_i) \sum_{l=1}^{k_i} \mathbf{h}_{i,l} \mathbf{B}_{i,l} \mathbf{1}(\tau_{i,l} \leq \mathbf{T}_{i,l}^E)$$

path loss Channel expansion by impulse active
by impulse at t=0 at t=0?

Summary of Statistical Modeling

- Total Interference :

$$\mathbf{I}_i(T) = \gamma(d_i) \sum_{l=1}^{k_i} \mathbf{h}_{i,l} \mathbf{B}_{i,l} \mathbf{1}(\tau_{i,l} \leq \mathbf{T}_{i,l}^E)$$

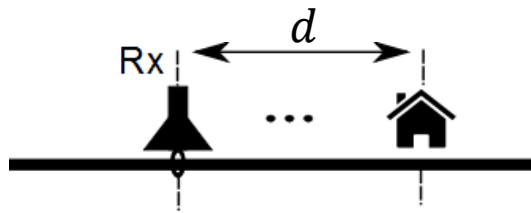
- After messy calculations, the characteristic function is:

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{I}_m}(\omega) = e^{\lambda_m \mu_m \left(-1 + e^{\frac{-|\omega|^2 \mathbb{E}\{\mathbf{h}_m^2 \mathbf{B}_m^2\}}{4}} \right)} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Middleton's Class-A}$$

- Aggregate for multiple Interfering sources

Modeling Results

Dominant Interference Source



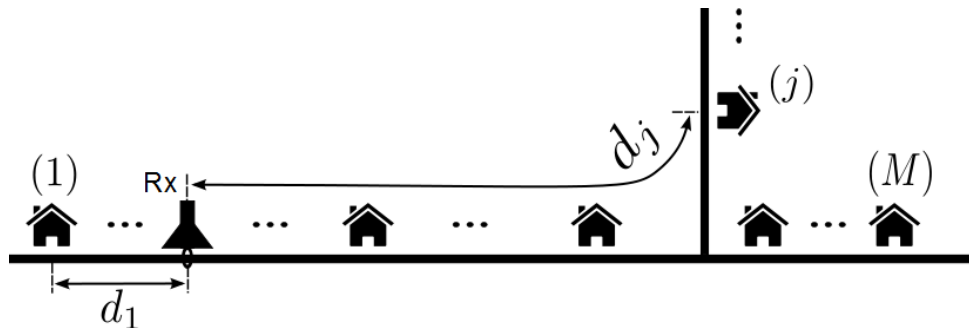
Impulse rate: λ
mean duration: μ

Middleton's Class A

$$A = \lambda\mu,$$

$$\Omega = \frac{A\gamma(d)E[h^2B^2]}{2}$$

Homogeneous PLC Network



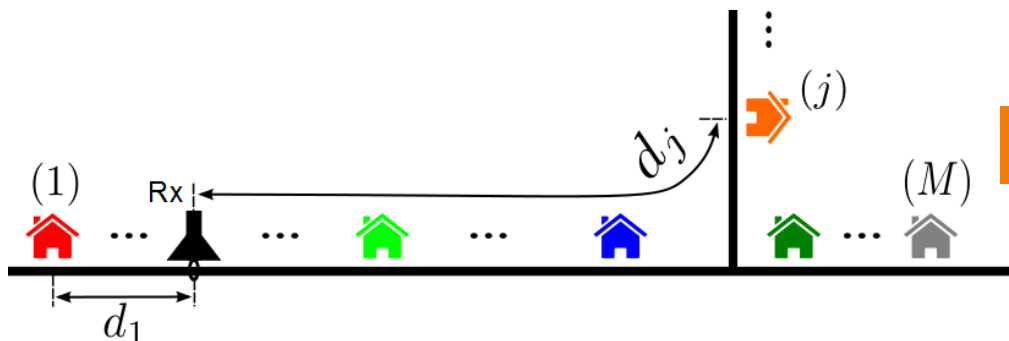
$\lambda_i = \lambda$
 $\mu_i = \mu$
 $\gamma(d_i) = \gamma$

Middleton's Class A

$$A = M\lambda\mu,$$

$$\Omega = \frac{\lambda\mu\gamma E[h^2B^2]}{2}$$

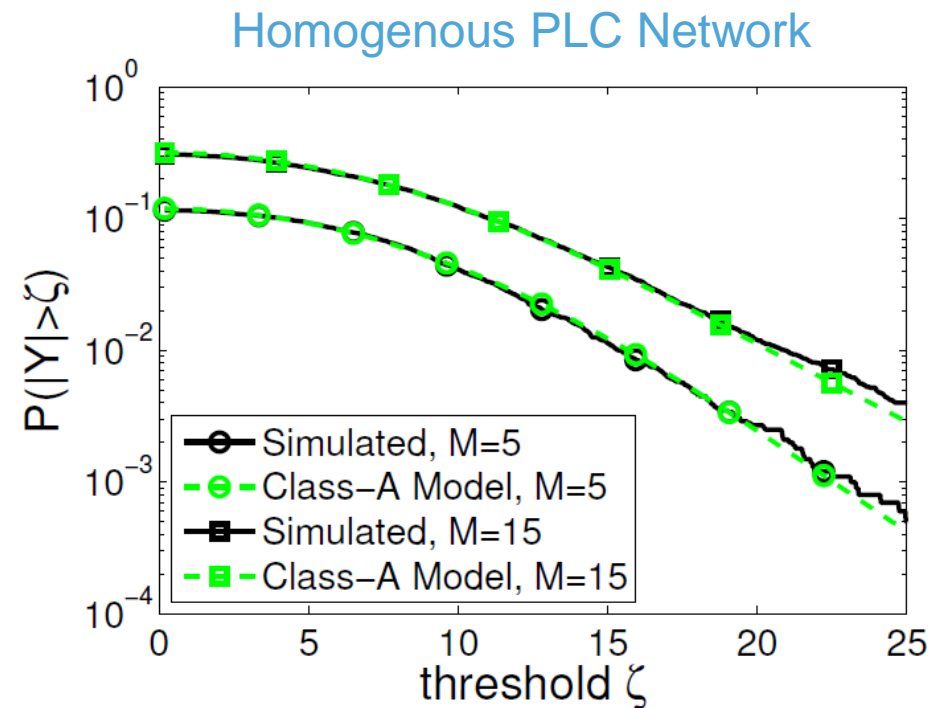
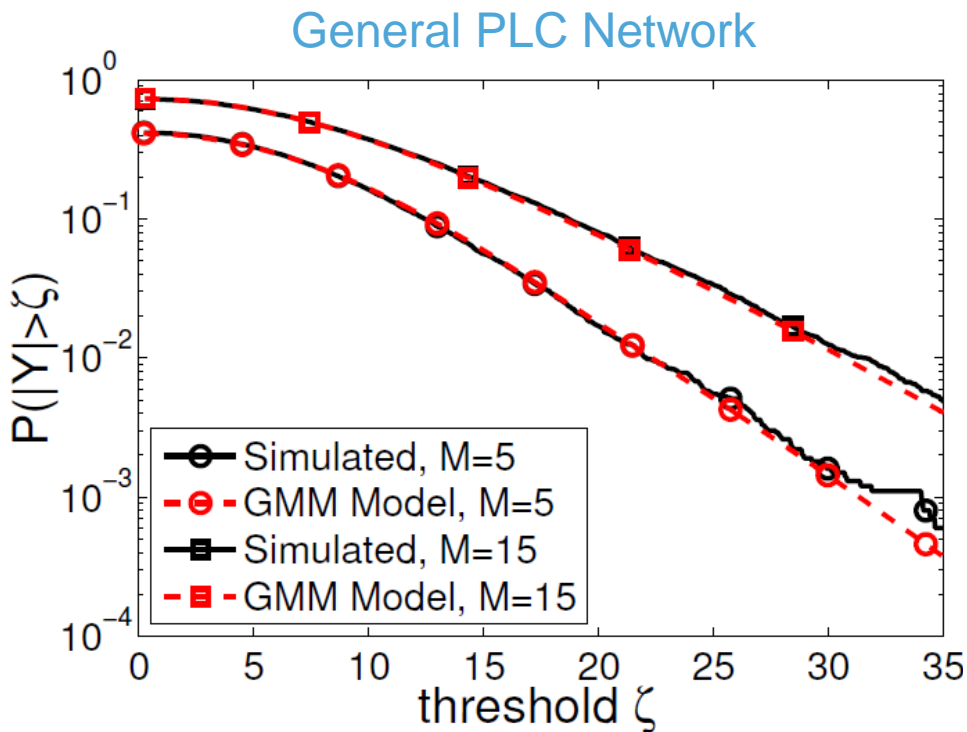
General PLC Network



λ_i, μ_i, d_i

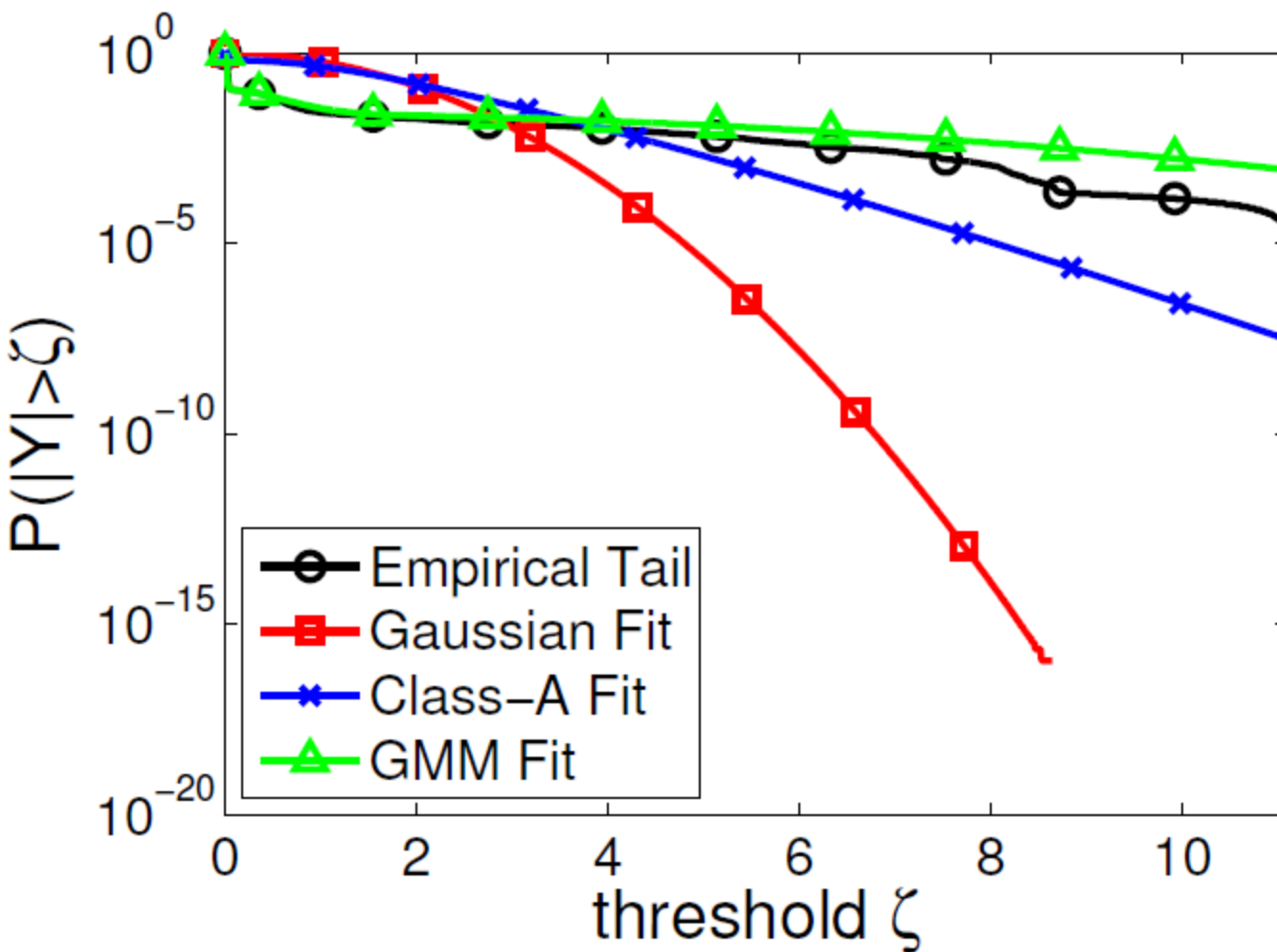
Gaussian Mixture
 π and σ^2 (refer to paper)

Simulation Results (Tail Probabilities)



As expected, larger networks have higher interference power.

Some Measurements of PLC Noise



Collected in the 3-500kHz range indoors

Gaussian Mixture provide a good fit as well

Thank you
Questions?

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