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**Title:** Layer 3 filtering considerations  
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**Document for:** Discussion and decision

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## 1 Introduction

During last RAN2 meeting in Stockholm it was noted that different companies had different interpretations on the units to be used for Layer 3 filtering. This document presents some simulation results that should help the RAN Plenary meeting to decide on the way forward.

## 2 Statement of the problem

Layer 3 measurements are specified in TS 25.331, section 8.6.7.2, and in TS 25.302 section 9.1. They are in addition to the Layer 1 measurements specified in Physical Layer specifications. To summarize:

- L3 filtering: IIR with recursive definition,  $F_n = (1-a)*F_{n-1} + a*M_n$ , with:  
     $F_{n-1}$  previous filter output,  
     $M_n$  next measurement result,  
     $a=1/2^{(k/2)}$  L3 filter coefficient,  
     $k=0\dots 19$  parameter configured by network
- Two possibilities:
  - 1) Calculate L3 filter outputs in linear domain (e.g. in mW)
  - 2) Calculate L3 filter outputs in logarithmic domain (e.g. in dBm)

We understand that the computation in linear domain should be the correct method from a theoretical point of view. It should be studied how much the measurement after Layer 3 filtering would be different in case the computation was performed in the logarithmic domain. This is aim of the following section.

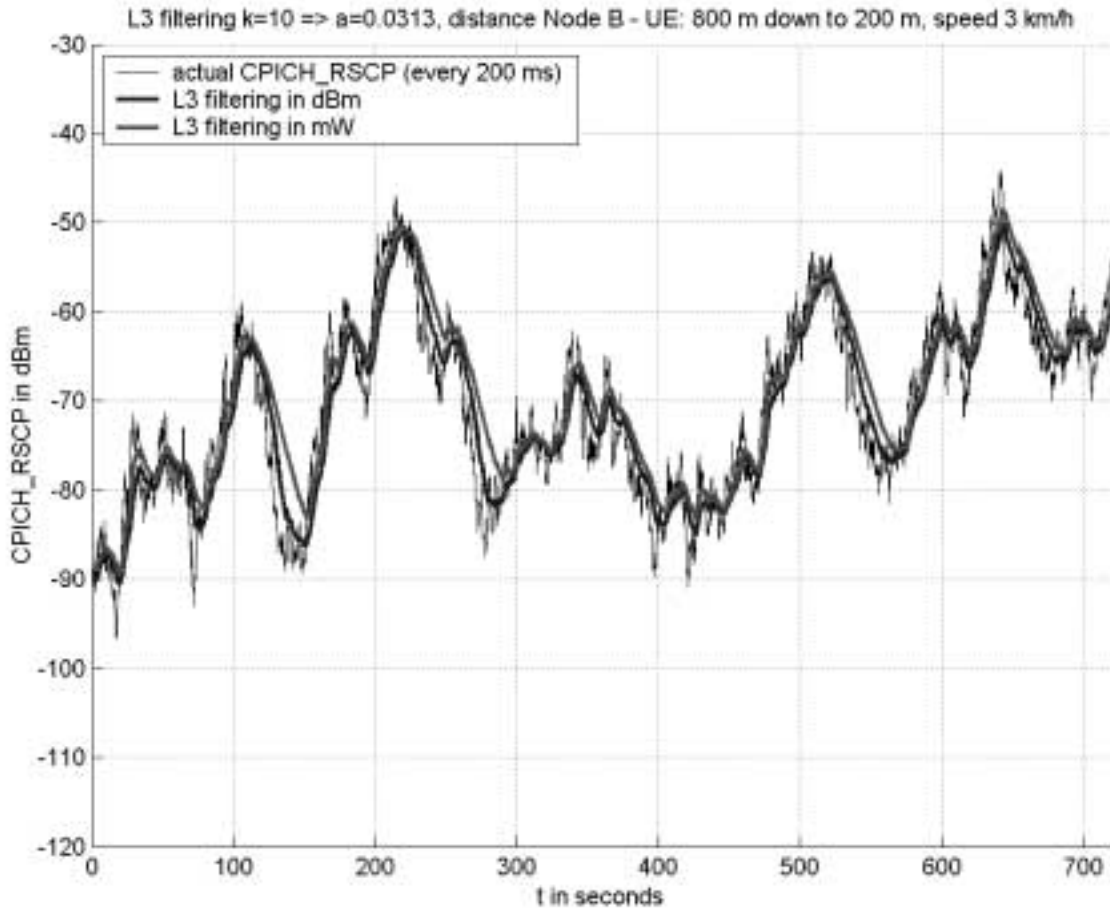
## 3 Simulations

### Assumptions:

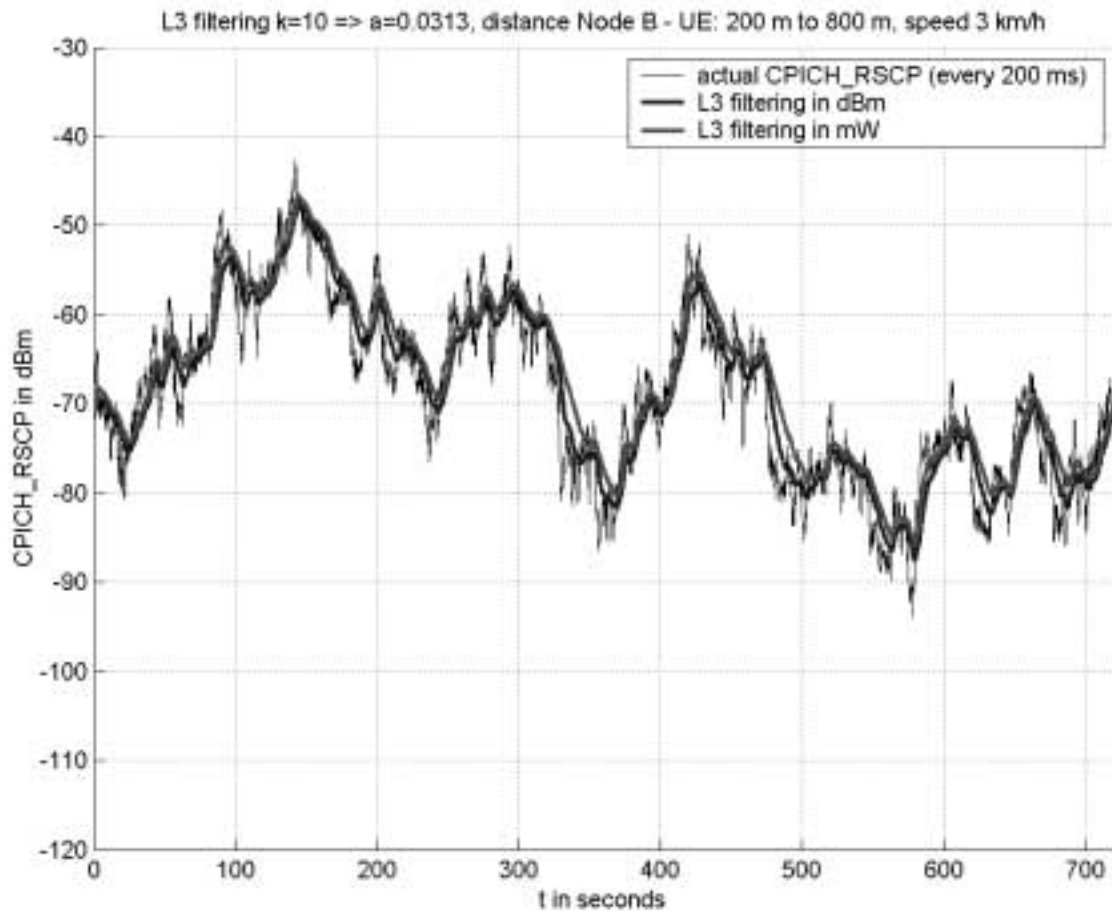
- Scenario: UE driving away from or towards a Node B. Distance between 200 m and 800 m
- UE speeds of 3 Km/h, 30 Km/h and 60 Km/h.
- Slow fading according to macro cell pathloss model in TS25.942  
     $[PL=128.1 \text{ dB} + 37.6 \log(R/\text{km}) + \text{lognormal\_fading}]$
- Correlation of slow fading over distance according to model in UMTS 30.03  
    (Correlation=0.5 distance 20 m, exponential correlation function)
- Node B Tx power: +43 dBm
- Antenna gains: Node B 11 dBi, UE 0 dBi
- Minimum coupling loss: 70 dB
- CPICH transmit  $E_c/I_{or}$ : -10 dB
- Computation of actual CPICH\_RSCP in dBm for 200ms measurement period, L1 reporting rate: 1 measurement per 200 ms.
- Computation of output of L3 filter for CPICH\_RSCP in linear (mW) and logarithmic (dBm) domain
- Recording of error-factor (CPICH\_RSCP\_log/CPICH\_RSCP\_lin) for many runs at different speeds and for different filtering coefficients.
- Computation of CDF of error-factor for 3 km/h and 30 km/h environments and different filtering coefficients

**Examples for CPICH\_RSCP (perfect measurements @ rate of 1/200 ms)**

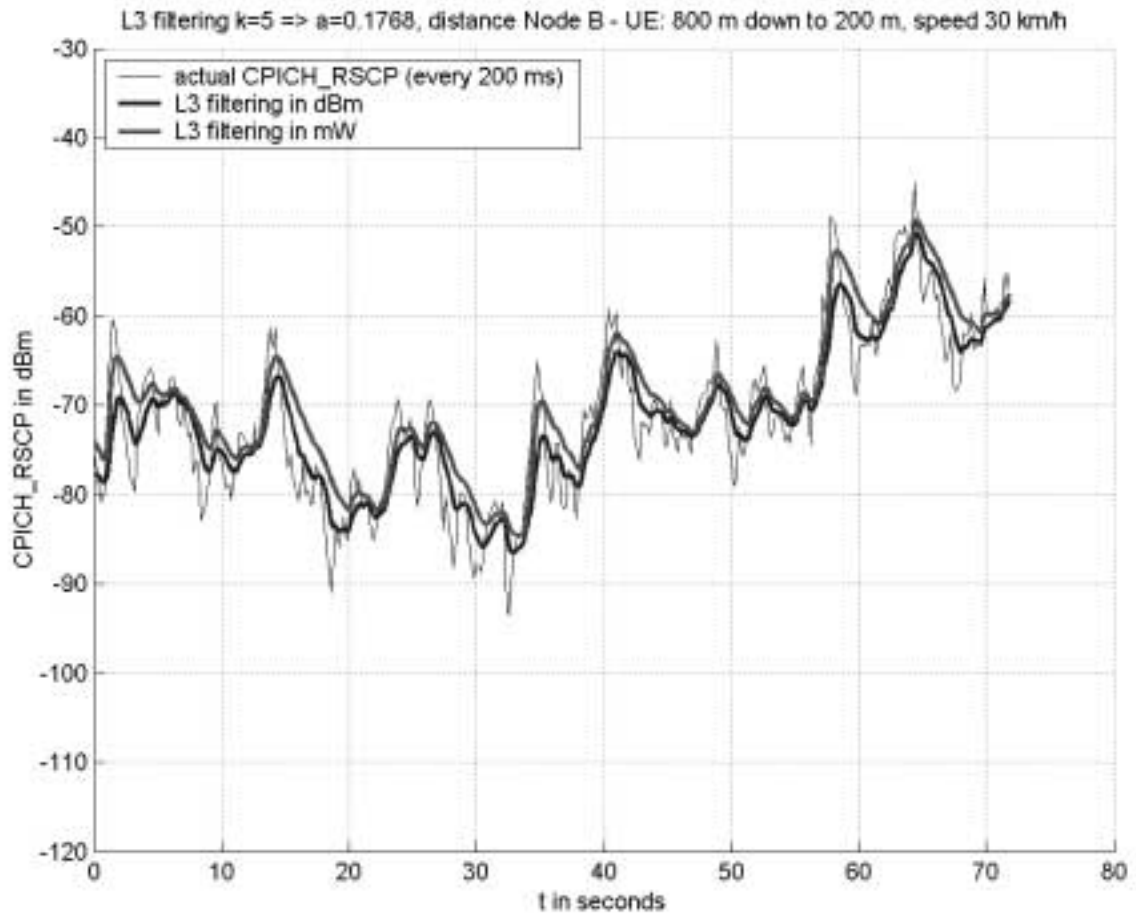
Exemplary run from 800m distance down to 200m distance at 3 km/h (720 seconds):



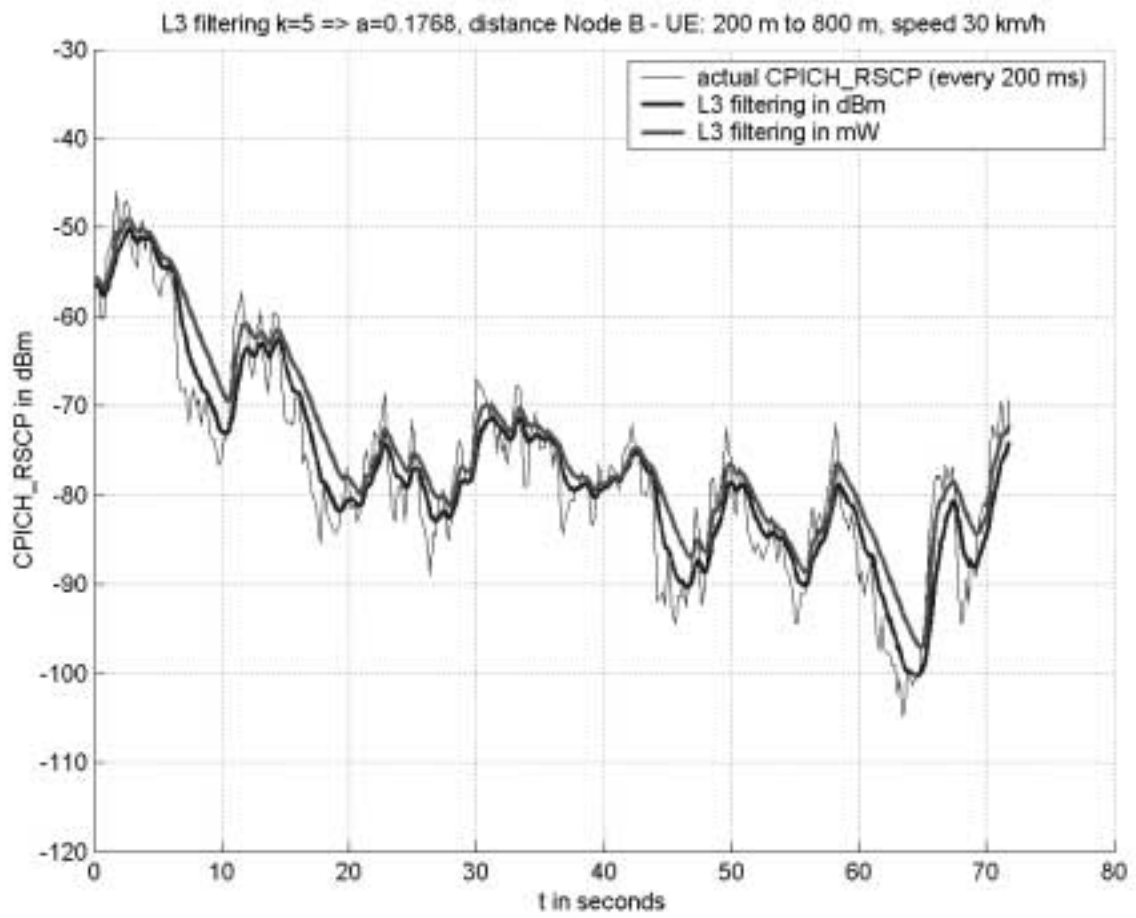
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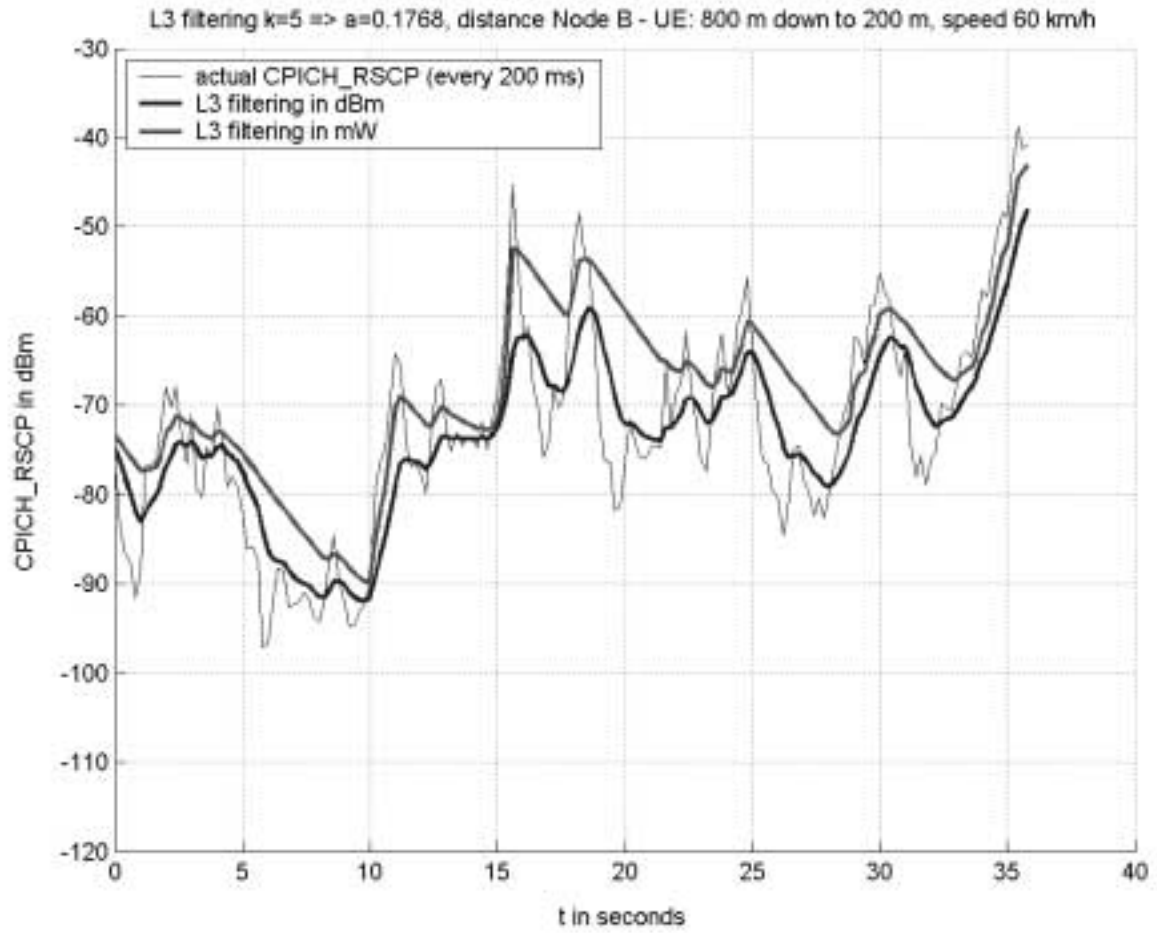
Exemplary run from 800m distance down to 200m distance at 30 km/h (72 seconds):



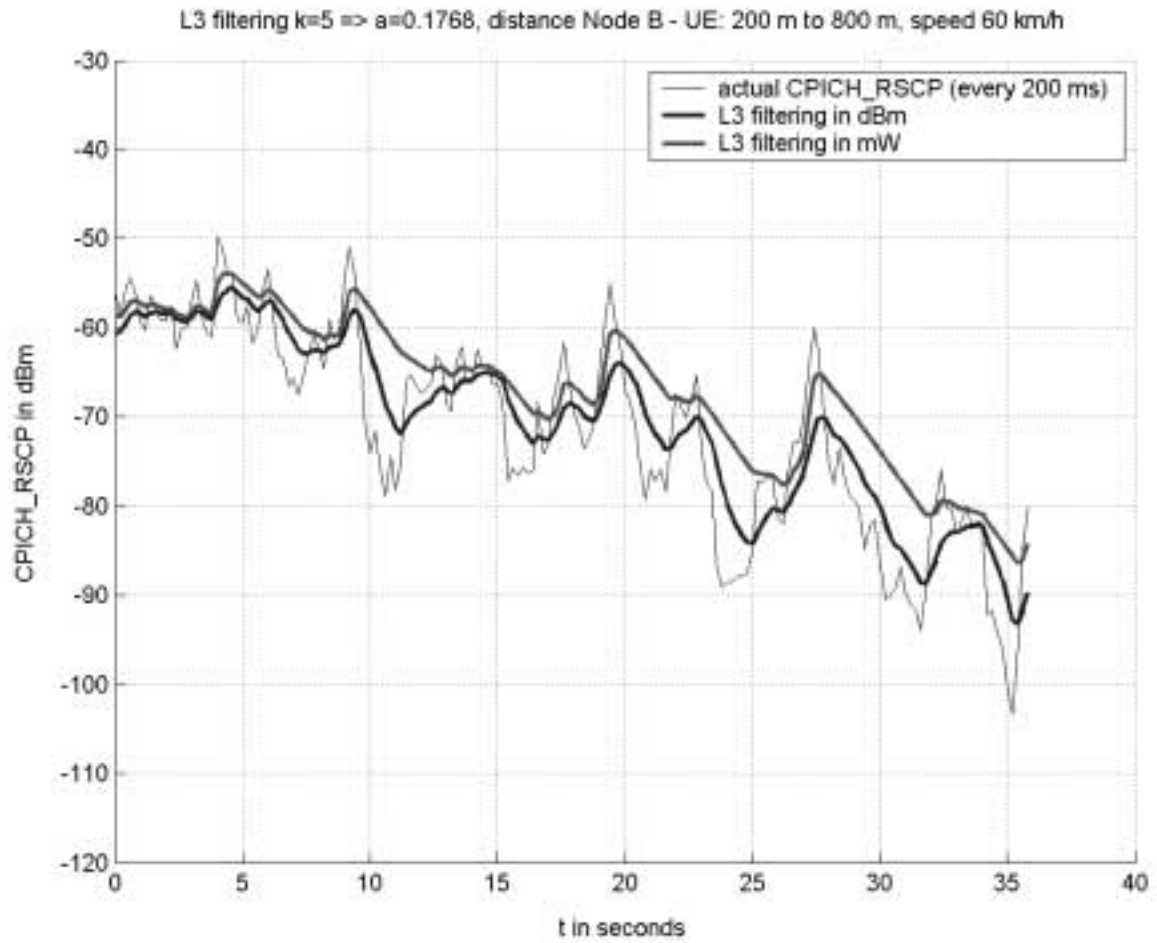
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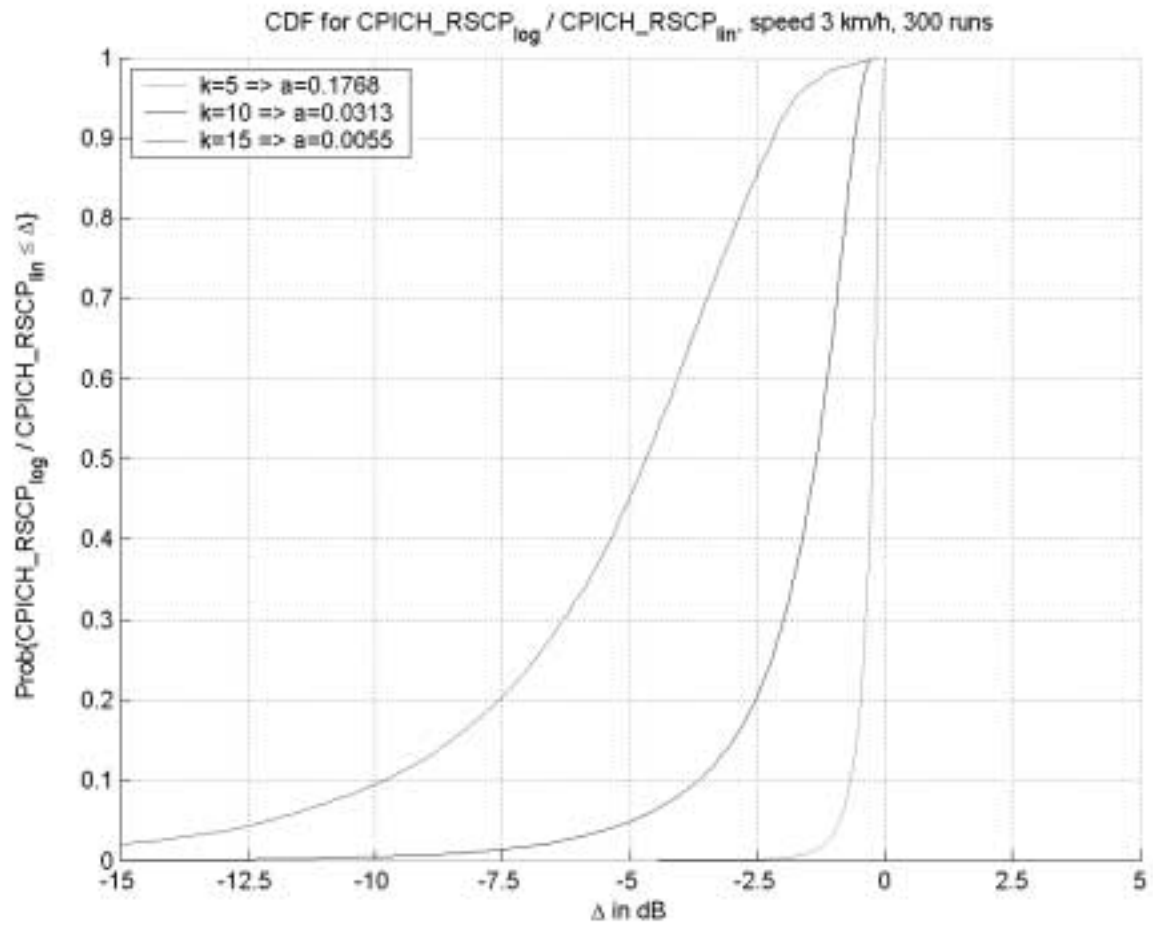
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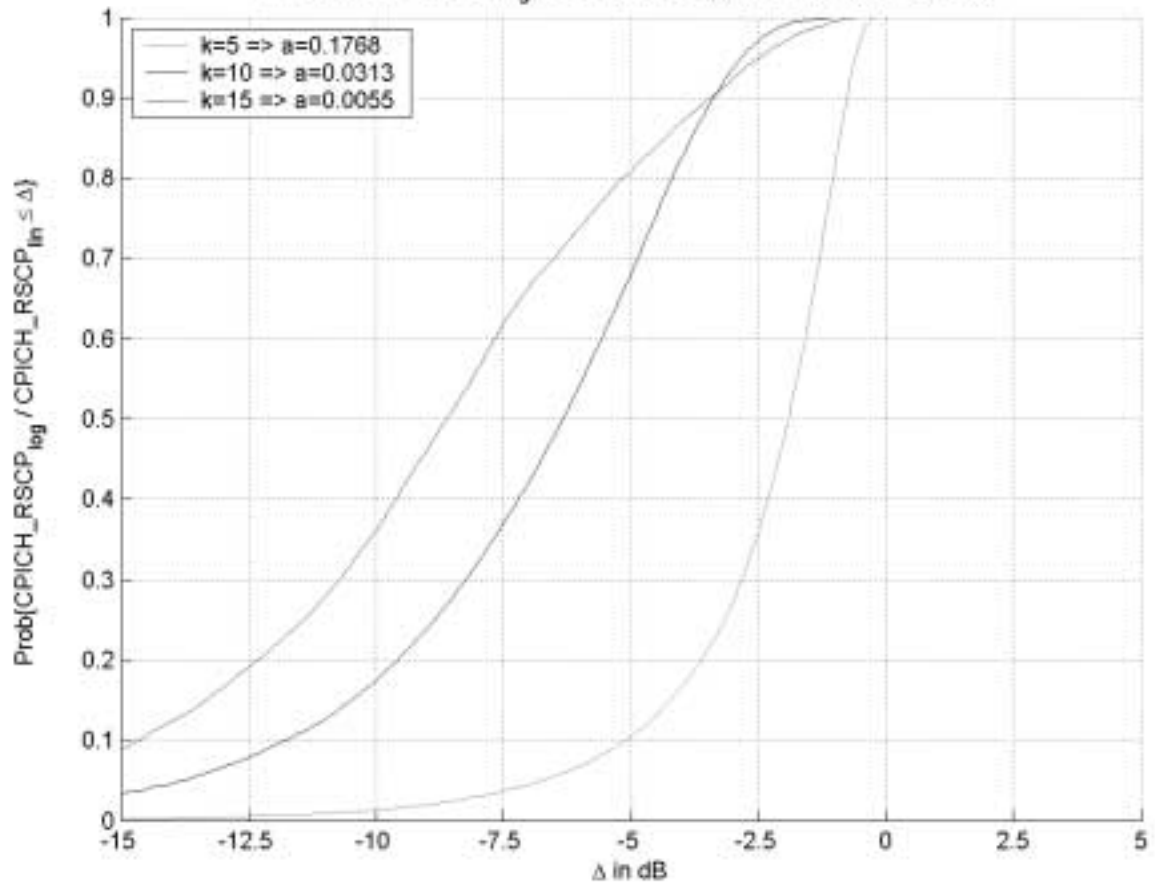


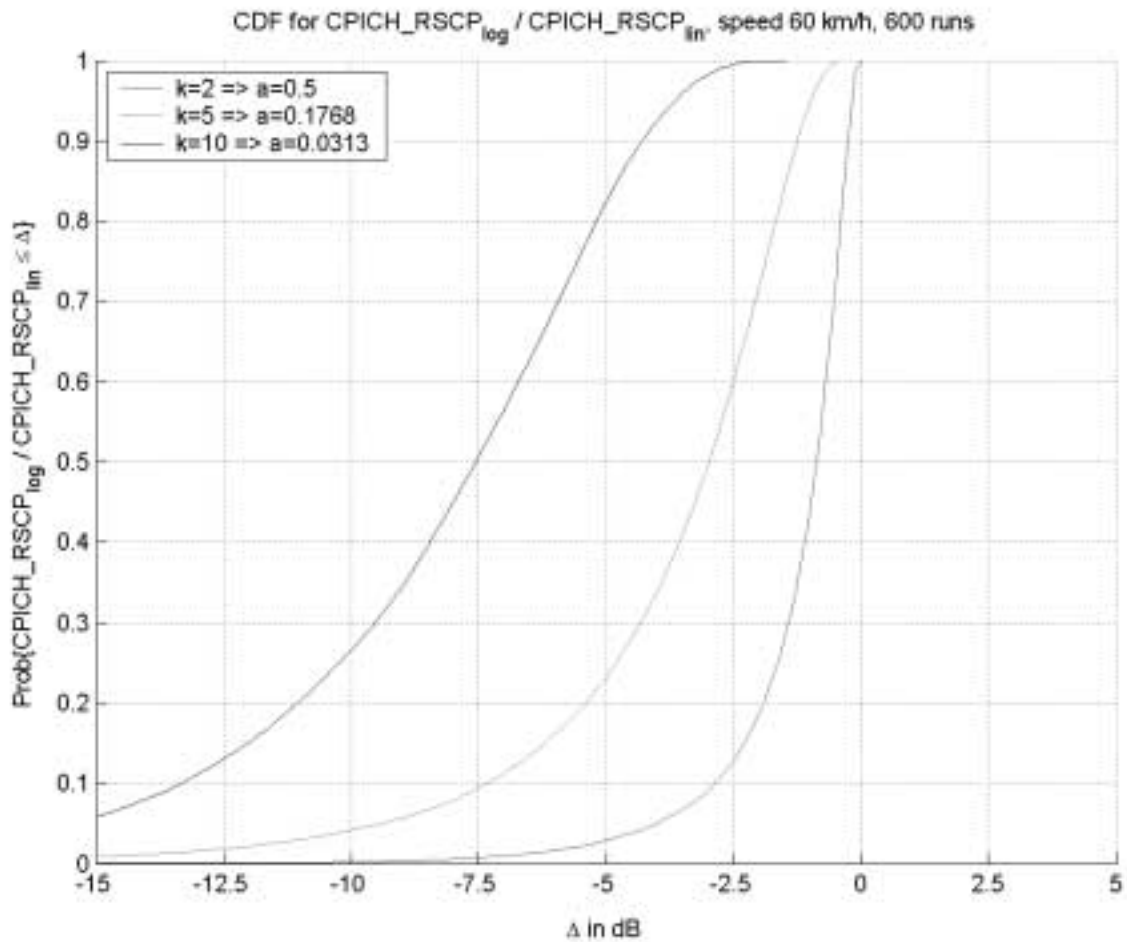
CDFs for CPICH\_RSCP<sub>log</sub> / CPICH\_RSCP<sub>lin</sub> error-factor over many runs:





CDF for  $\text{CPICH\_RSCP}_{\log} / \text{CPICH\_RSCP}_{\text{lin}}$ , speed 30 km/h, 600 runs





## 4 Conclusion

L3 filtering in logarithmic domain can result in quite large differences to the ideal value when the L3 filter coefficient gets small enough ( $k$  values  $> 2-5$  depending on speed). The issue is not very critical for very large L3 filter coefficients ( $k$  in the range of  $0 \dots 2$ ). It is recommended to use the linear domain for L3 filtering and to approve CR 1517r1.