# Path Compensation for MS Fading Tests Application Note

### Products:

L	R&S <sup>®</sup> CMU200	Ι	R&S <sup>®</sup> SMU200A
L	R&S <sup>®</sup> CMU-B17	I	R&S <sup>®</sup> AMU200A

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## 1 Overview

As well as static receiver tests, modern mobile communication standards also stipulate receiver sensitivity tests under multipath (fading) conditions, for example [1]. Depending on the standard, additional white gaussian noise (AWGN) may also be superimposed. Rohde & Schwarz supports these tests with the combination of the R&S<sup>®</sup>CMU200 Radio Communication Tester and the R&S<sup>®</sup>SMU200A Vector Signal Generator or the R&S<sup>®</sup>AMU200A Baseband Fading Simulator.

Fading and AWGN is best generated in the baseband, to make possible the highest signal quality and optimum dynamic range. Therefore the baseband part with fading and AWGN function of the Vector Signal Generator R&S<sup>®</sup>SMU200A or the Baseband Signal Generator and Fading Simulator R&S<sup>®</sup>AMU200A is inserted into the baseband chain of the R&S<sup>®</sup>CMU200.

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This application note shows how to achieve an accurate RF level by compensating for the I/Q insertion loss - without modifying the test setup or using additional instruments.

Several applications dealing with fading have already been implemented by Rohde & Schwarz [4]. You find pre-programmed test cases which run on the free test software  $R\&S^{\mbox{\sc B}}$  CMUgo and compensate for the insertion loss automatically.

This application note is for those who operate tests manually or who want to write their own test programs. It explains which losses occur and describes the necessary steps to compensate for them. The procedure presented is the same for all supported mobile standards.

To help with writing test software the corresponding remote commands are also cited.

**Notes:** Non-hopping tests can be done with either an R&S<sup>®</sup>SMU200A or an R&S<sup>®</sup>AMU200A. For the hopping tests (GSM) use an R&S<sup>®</sup>SMU200A only.

### Benefits of the Rohde&Schwarz solution:

- Optimum signal quality is achieved by applying baseband fading.
- Stable repeatable results are ensured by DSP baseband processing.
- No modification of the test setup is needed for the adjustment.
- No external measurements or instruments are required.
- One adjustment is valid for all frequencies.

The following abbreviations are used in this application note for R&S<sup>®</sup> test equipment:

- The R&S<sup>®</sup>CMU200 Universal Radio Communication Tester is referred to as CMU.
- The R&S<sup>®</sup>SMU200A Vector Signal Generator is referred to as SMU.
- The R&S<sup>®</sup>AMU200A Baseband Signal Generator and Fading Simulator is referred to as AMU.

To improve the readability, only the SMU200A is mentioned in the following text. For the reminder of this application note, a reference to the SMU could equally apply to an AMU.

## 2 Basics about Fading

Mobile tests under multipath fading conditions show how well a mobile station under test demodulates a realistic radio channel. Unlike tests using static signals, the RF input at the mobile antenna changes over time as if the mobile station were moving and received the forward signal at different times and with varying quality via different reflections.

Fig. 2\_1 shows a car in a typical urban situation. Just some of the many routes a base station transmitter signal takes to reach the antenna of the car are drawn. Since the car is moving, the routes may be completely different an instant later.



Figure 2\_1: Typical multipath conditions in the city

Reflected signals differ in attenuation and phase (propagation delay). We will call a set of routes with almost the same delay one "path". The yellow lines in Fig. 2\_1 belong to one path, the white lines to another. If there is no direct line of sight between the base and the mobile station, the sum of the reflected signals of one path represents a "Rayleigh" fading profile. Other profiles are Rice, Gauss, Pure Doppler, and so on. Each mobile standard defines several fading profiles with appropriate parameters. During a test, the stipulated profile is calculated inside a fading simulator in real time. Measurements can be repeated at any time, providing the same results.

Feed the SMU I/Q Input

	1	1	1	1	1	2
State	On	On	On	On	On	On
Profile	Rayleigh	Rayleigh	Rayleigh	Rayleigh	Rayleigh	Rayleigh
Path Loss /dB	3.00	0.00	2.00	6.00	8.00	10.00
Basic Delay /us	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional Delay /us	0.000 00	0.200 00	0.500 00	1.600 00	2.300 00	5.000 00
Resulting Delay /us	0.00	0.20	0.50	1.60	2.30	5.00
Power Ratio /dB						
Const Phase /Deg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Speed /km/h	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Freq. Ratio	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res. Doppler Shift /Hz	46.33	46.33	46.33	46.33	46.33	46.33
Correlation Path	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Coefficient /%	100	100	100	100	100	100
Phase /Deg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lognorm State	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Local Constant /m	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Standard Dev. /dB	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bath Losss/dB					Static I Pure D Const Gauss Gauss Gauss	Path Rayleigh oppior Rice Phase Gauss1 DAB Gauss2 Doppler WM Dopp (0.08 fd) WM Rice (0.1 fd)

As an example Fig. 2\_2 shows the details of the GSM standard profile TU 50 (typical urban, speed of 50 km/h):

Figure 2\_2: GSM fading profile TU 50

The TU 50 profile consists of six paths, each with Rayleigh characteristics. The paths have different losses and delays. The moving speed (50 km/h) is the same for all paths, causing the same Doppler shift.

Fig. 2\_2 shows screen-copies taken from the SMU. The instrument supports all modern standards; TU 50 is one of the many pre-programmed fading profiles, see Fig. 2\_3:



Figure 2\_3: Preprogrammed fading profiles

You can select your profile out of the pre-programmed models or define a new one as a user profile.

Feed the SMU I/Q Input

## 3 Path Losses in the Hardware Setup

Fig. 3\_1 shows schematically how the baseband part of the SMU is inserted into the I/Q path of the CMU. To connect the instruments in your test setup use the I/Q cable included in the CMU-B17 option IQ/IF analogue Interface.



Figure 3\_1: I/Q and RF paths in the hardware test setup

The TX RF output of the CMU would be the same as without SMU inserted - if the SMU baseband section could be adjusted to 0 dB insertion loss. However, the CMU I/Q output (SMU I/Q level input) already uses full scale (0 dBFS equals 7 dBm at 50 ohms) and applying fading and noise raises the crest factor of the signal considerably:

- The crest factor of a multipath signal is greater than the crest factor of an unfaded signal.
- The total power of all faded channels is greater than the power of one unfaded signal. You see in Fig. 3\_2, which is a section of Fig. 2\_2, that in the GSM profile TU 50 the second path alone provides 100% (0 dB path loss). All other paths make an additional contribution.

	1	2	-	3	4	5	1
State	On	On		On	On	On	On
Profile	Rayleigh	Rayleign		Rayleigh	Rayleigh	Rayleigh	Rayleigh
Path Loss /dB	3.00	0.	)0	2.00	6.00	8.00	10.00
Basic Delay /us	0.00		10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional Dolay tue	0 000 00	0.200	10	0 500 00	4 600 00	2 300 00	5 000 00

Figure 3\_2: Path losses in the GSM profile TU 50



Inside the SMU each fading path is created as an independent signal, see Fig. 3\_3.

Figure 3\_3: Functional blocks for the baseband processing inside SMU

The many attenuators in this figure are required to set up relationship between the fading channels, and optimize the internal levels automatically to achieve the best dynamic swing. (Please keep in mind that Fig. 3\_3 is only a functional diagram.The baseband processing is done completely by digital signal processors.)

• Some mobile standards such as 3GPP WCDMA stipulate additional AWGN with a power level even above the "wanted" signal. This also raises the summary level.

Baseband levels greater than 0 dBFS overdrive the CMU I/Q input. To avoid clipping and distortion, the baseband level is thus decreased inside the SMU during the fading processing. This is done automatically, depending on the kind of fading profile and, if required, the carrier to interferer ratio of the AWGN.

Decreasing the baseband level decreases the RF output by the same amount. Without level correction the CMU output signal would be too low. We have to compensate for exactly the *Insertion Loss* in Fig. 3\_1, namely the difference between the RMS levels of SMU I/Q Input and SMU I/Q Output.

▶ Both levels can be measured inside the SMU.

To raise the CMU RF output accordingly, we add the insertion loss to the actual RF cable loss and enter a higher CMU external RF output attenuation than really exists.

CMU External RF Output Attenuation =

actual RF Loss + (SMU I/Q Input - SMU I/Q Output)

This simply shifts the baseband attenuation virtually to the RF path. The RMS level displayed on the CMU indicating the power (of the wanted signal) at the device under test is correct now.

## 4 Path Compensation

Fig. 4\_1 shows the typical program flow for mobile station signaling tests.



Figure 4\_1: Path compensation in the test loop

While establishing the call, you set all <u>general</u> test parameters, e.g. the mobile standard or the configuration of the downlink control channels. These are CMU settings. Then - in the test loop - you set the <u>individual</u> parameters for the current test, e.g. the downlink level. First enter the CMU settings. Then, for tests with fading (and AWGN), you set the fading profile and the AWGN parameters. These are SMU settings.

Now the signal level has to be adjusted to compensate for the insertion loss in the baseband path. This is necessary only:

- ► if you change the fading profile
- ▶ if you add or vary the AWGN signal.

No action is necessary if you only change the downlink level or the frequency. Adjust the extra path compensation as follows:

1.	Feed the SMU I/Q input	CMU
2.	Measure the SMU I/Q input signal	SMU
3.	Set the parameters for fading & AWGN	SMU
4.	Measure the SMU I/Q output signal	SMU
5.	Adjust the CMU Ext. RF output attenuation	CMU
6.	Insert the SMU in the CMU baseband path	CMU

These steps are covered in detail in the following sections 4.1 to 4.6.

The Call Release concludes the test sequence.

The path compensation described here is embedded in the (fading) test. This is best for R&D. For production you could save test time if you measure the insertion loss of each test only once in the first sequence run, and store the results in a table. From there you can fetch them quickly when repeating the test sequence many times.

Because the baseband processing is completely done by signal processor calculations the insertion loss of a given fading profile and AWGN parameter set is constant. The loss is independent of your test frequency. It does not depend on the current Doppler Shift. However the RF loss could change over the frequency which results in different values of the external CMU output attenuation at different frequencies.

## 4.1 Feed the SMU I/Q Input

Connect the CMU, the SMU, and the DUT as shown in Fig. 3\_1. For the baseband wiring use the CMU-B17 cable.

#### On the CMU

1. Reset the CMU, establish a call connection with the DUT.

After Reset both TX and RX I/Q paths are bypassed.

2. Set the TX path to *Bypass with I/Q IF OUT*, see Fig. 4.1\_1:



Figure 4.1\_1: I/Q path setting on the CMU for WCDMA

This feeds the SMU IQ input (connected to CMU I/Q OUT) without any impact on the call connection.

**Note:** The four items *I/Q-IF Level rms, Ref. Level IF, Ref. Level I/Q,* and *I/Q-IF Attenuation* in Fig. 5\_1 appear only for *WCDMA.* For this standard a higher baseband output is possible. To avoid overdriving the SMU input set the *I/Q-IF Attenuation* to 5.5 dB.

## 4.2 Measure the SMU I/Q Input Signal

### On the SMU

- 1. Select and enter the *BB Input* block, see Fig. 4.2\_1.
- Select route to path A.
   (In the following text we always use path A of the SMU. Path B of a two channel instrument could be used as well; it works identically.)
- 3. Click Baseband Input Settings.



Figure 4.2\_1: How to find the input settings

The Input Setting window opens, see Fig. 4.2\_2. Here you can measure the input level.

🔜 Baseband Input	Settings		
State		On	
Mode		Analog Input	-
I/Q Swap			🥅 On
	-Baseband In	put Level ——	
Measurement F	Period	2	s •
Auto Level Set			
Crest Factor		0.39	dB 💌
PEP		0.40	dBFS 💌
Level		7.00	dBm 💌
	Impairn	nents	
Colu Imbalana	. (O IV	0.000	

Figure 4.2\_2: Baseband input menu to measure the I/Q input level

- 4. Switch State On.
  - (On the SMU this automatically activates the *I/Q Mod* block too. You can leave it activated or cancel it.)
- 5. Set the *Measurement Period* to 2 seconds. This guarantees a stable result.
- 6. Click Auto Level Set.

The action you triggered by this is called *Auto Level Set* because - after measuring the input level - the SMU adjusts several attenuators in the baseband chain for best dynamic behaviour, see Fig. 3\_3.

As results of the measurement you get the *Crest Factor*, the *PEP*, and the *RMS Level*. In this example the SMU I/Q Input is 7.0 dBm or 0 dBFS (full scale).

GSM signals from the CMU (with an ideal crest factor of zero) use that full scale baseband level. Signals with a high crest factor (e.g. WCDMA signals with 12 dB crest factor) have an RMS level of about -5 dBm in the baseband.

### 4.3 Set the Parameters for Fading & AWGN



Select and enter	the Fading A	DIOCK. CIICK	on Fading Settings.

al Routing 0 \_ **b** 0 || B - ► B ||B−► B (max paths ths)∥B–►B (unfa A –► A(max pa 0 \_ 6 0 ||B-►A A – ► B ||B - ► B A – ► A and B B−► A and B −► (open) ► A and B A —▶ (open) || B - ► A and B 2x2 MIMO 0.0 dE

Figure 4.3\_1: How to find the fading settings

The fading main menu opens.

1

🧱 Fading A			
			State Off
Set To Default	Save/Recall	Standard	GSM TU 50 (6Path)
	Gene	ral Settings	
Configuration	Standard Delay 🔹	Speed Unit	km/h
Common Speed For All Pa	iths 🔽	Keep Constant	Speed 🗸
Signal Dedicated To	RF Output	Virtual RF	1.000 000 000 00 GHz 💌
Restart Event	Auto		Restart
Ignore RF Changes < 5%	🖵 On	Frequency Hop. Mode	Off
	Patl	h Settings	
Path Table	Path Delay Wizard	Coupled Parameters	Insertion Loss Configuration
Bath Lossida -01 -02 -01 -02 -02 -02 -02 -02 -02 -02 -02 -02 -02		1 1 1 1 30 35 40 45	Static Path Rayleigh Pure Doppler Rice Const Phase Gauss1 Gauss Doppler WM Dopp Gauss (0.8 fd) WM Rice Gauss (0.1 fd) 50 55 Delay / US

Figure 4.3\_2: Fading main menu

- 2. Select the stipulated fading Standard e.g. GSM TU 50 or define a user profile.
- 3. In the *Path Table* set the (Moving) *Speed* to the maximum possible value (entering 10000 km/h for example, sets it automatically to maximum), see Fig. 4.3\_3.

	resulting belay rus	0.00	0.20	0.00	1.00	2.00	0.00
F	Power Ratio /dB						
AS	Const Phase /Deg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ť	Speed /km/h	1 726.81	1 726.81	1 726.81	1 726.81	1 726.81	1 726.81
	Freq. Ratio	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Res Donnlar Shift Mz	1 600 01	1 600 01	1 600 01	1 600 01	1 600 01	1 600 01

Figure 4.3\_3: Fading-speed set to maximum

Now the fading cycles are passed through as fast as possible. By this the later measurement of the I/Q output level which has to integrate over a certain amount of cycles takes minimum time. (The moving speed does not affect the levels.)

- 4. Switch Fading on.
- **Note:** For the measurement of the I/Q output signal you may leave *Signal Dedicated to RF Output*; it has no influence on the measurement result.

#### If **AWGN** is required:

5. Select and enter the AWGN/IMP A block.



Figure 4.3\_4: How to find the AWGN settings

- 6. Select *I/Q Out from A* (not applicable at the AMU, see below)
- 7. Click on AWGN...

The AWGN Settings menu opens.

- Enter the parameters stipulated by your test. (These parameters vary greatly from standard to standard as well as from test case to test case. This is why a typical example cannot be given here.)
- 9. Switch AWGN on.

### Configure the AMU Output Stage

Unlike the SMU the AMU includes an additional I/Q-output stage which has to be configured as well.

1. Select and enter the *I/Q Out A* block.



Figure 4.3\_5: Additional output stage inside the AMU

- 2. Click I/Q Out ON.
- 3. Select Analog I/Q Output Settings...

The Output Settings window opens, see Fig. 4.3\_6.

🔜 Analog I/Q Output Settings A 📃 🗆						
State On						
I/Q Output Type	Single Ended 💌					
Load Type	50 Ohm 💌					
Level S	ettings					
Set Level Via	PEP					
Pep Vp	500 mV 💌					
Level Vrms	477 mV 💌					
Crest Factor (S)	0.40 dB 💌					
Crest Factor ((S+N)/S)	0.40 dB 🗾					
User Va	riation					
Variation Active	V					
Variation Step	20 mV 💌					
I/Q Se	ttings					
Couple I/Q Bias	Г					

Figure 4.3\_6: Output settings (AMU only)

- 4. Switch State on.
- 5. Set Level Via PEP.
- 6. Set Pep Vp to 500 mV (which is equal to full scale: 7.0 dBm).

This makes sure that the instrument always uses the full output range, no matter what insertion loss or current RMS level might occur.

## 4.4 Measure the SMU I/Q Output Signal

1. Select and enter the AWGN/IMP A block, select Info, see Fig. 4.4\_1.



Figure 4.4\_1: How to find the SMU baseband output level measurement

SMUs and AMUs with current hard- and firmware show a *Baseband Signal Level Measurement* window like Fig. 4.4\_2. If your window looks different, see Fig. 4.4\_3 below.

Baseband Signal Level Measurement				
State	Off			
Signal Source Baseband	w/o AWGN 💌			
Duration [HH:MM:SS] 00:00:02				
Remaining Time [HH:MM:SS]	00:00:00			
Crest Factor	9.51 dB			
Peak Level	-3.07 dBFS			
Signal Level (RMS)	-12.57 dBFS			
MIMO Fading Power Correction 0.00				

Figure 4.4\_2: Measuring the SMU baseband output

2. Always select for the Signal Source Baseband w/o AWGN.

Even if your application works with AWGN the insertion loss for the "wanted" signal matters. The AWGN is relative to the level of the wanted signal.

- 3. Set the measurement *Duration* to 2 seconds. Together with the maximum fading speed (see section 4.3) this guarantees a stable result.
- 4. Click *State OFF* to start the measurement. *OFF* changes to *ON* for the measaurement duration.

As results you get the *Crest Factor*, the Peak Level, and the *RMS Signal Level* of the SMU baseband output signal.

In this example the SMU I/Q Output is -12.57 dBFS which is equal to -5.57 dBm at 50 ohms.

Early SMUs calculated the output level. (The measurement hardware was not yet implemented.)

In this case switch AWGN off - if it was activated. Then open the Info window.

For early SMUs the *Info* window looks like Fig. 4.4\_3. You don't need to start a measurement; simply read out the calculated *Signal Level*.

🔜 Baseband Info A	🛛					
Baseband Signal Level						
Crest Factor	10.62 dB					
Peak Level	-1.95 dBFS					
Signal Level (RMS)	-12.57 dBFS					
MIMO Fading Power Correction 0.00 dB						

Figure 4.4\_3: Calculated baseband output on early SMUs

Again the SMU I/Q Output is -12.57 dBFS which is equal to -5.57 dBm.

If necessary, switch AWGN on again.

### **Reset the Fading Profile**

In section 4.3 the fading speed was set to maximum to achieve a quick I/Q output level measurement. This now has to be cancelled. The simpliest way to do this is to reload the requested fading profile. Proceed as in section 4.3:

1. Select and enter the Fading A block. Click on Fading Settings.

The fading main menu opens.

2. Select the stipulated fading Standard e.g. GSM TU 50 or define a user profile.

In addition (only on SMU):

- 3. Set Signal Dedicated To Baseband Output.
- 4. Enter the CMU downlink frequency as *Virtual RF*, see Fig. 4.4\_4. This value is used as the basis for computing the Doppler shift.

🔜 Fading A				
				State On
Set To Default	Save/Recall		Standard	GSM TU 50 (6Path)
		General	Settings	
Configuration	Standard Delay	-	Speed Unit	km/h
Common Speed For All P	aths	V	Keep Constant	Speed
Signal Dedicated To	Baseband Output	-	Virtual RF	947.400 000 00 MHz 💌
Restart Event	Auto	•		Restart
Ignore RF Changes < 5%		On	Frequency Hop. Mode	e Off
		-Path S	ettings	
Path Table	Path Delay Wizard		Coupled Parameters	Insertion Loss Configuration
Building of the second			1 1 1 35 40 45	Static Path Rayleigh Pure Doppler Nice Const Phase Gauss1 Gauss Doppler WM Dop Gauss (0.08 fd) WM Rice Gauss (0.1 fd) 5 5 Delay / US

Figure 4.4\_4: Virtual RF edit field

### 4.5 Adjust the CMU Ext. RF Output Attenuation

With the measured levels of sections 4.2 and 4.4 and an actual RF Loss of for example 1.2 dB we get:

CMU External RF Output Attenuation =

actual RF Loss + (SMU I/Q Input - SMU I/Q Output)

CMU External RF Output Attenuation = 1.2 dB + (7.0 - (-5.57)) dB = 13.77 dB

- 1. Enter this value as external attenuation for the CMU output.
- 2. Enter the actual RF loss as external attenuation for the CMU input, see Fig. 4.5\_1.

Τ	RF	Connector Se	etup	
	RF3OUT	RF 2	RF 1	RF
		œ		
	+ 0.0 di	+ 13.8 dB	+0.0 dB	Output
	RE 4 IN	RF 2	RF 1	RF
		œ		Input
	+ 0.0 dB	+ 1.2 dB	+ 0.0 dB	Ext. Att.
				input



## 4.6 Insert the SMU in the CMU Baseband Path

### On the CMU

3. Set I/Q-IF to Fading or the TX path to I/Q IN/OUT, see Fig. 4.6\_1:

	Modula	tion	С Н Н	M OFF ISUPA ISDPA	<b>.</b>	Connect Control
😑 WCDMA FDD Connection Control	E F	PS:	Idle		CS: S	ignal On
Digital unit IF OUT + I/Q OUT + I/Q OUT + I/Q IN + RF unit	Setup VQ-F Defa VQ-F RX P TX P VQ-F Ref.L VQ-F	interface ault Settings Path Path Eevel IF Level IG (@ 5 Attenuatic	2-IF Inter	face/TX Fadi Bypa I/Q II - 12. - 5.0 7.0 ( 5.5)	Path ass N/OUT 3 dB dBm dBm aB	
Trigger I/Q-IF Analyzer					Misc.	1 2

Figure 4.6\_1: I/Q path setting on the CMU for fading

This applies fading and AWGN to the signal. Now you are ready to run the fading tests.

## 4.7 Remote Controlled Compensation

To write to and read from the SMU or the CMU, the VISA C functions viPrintf() and viScanf() are used in the following lines. Transform the example in your program language if necessary.

### Measure the SMU Input Signal

MeasurementPeriod = 2; viPrintf (smu, "BBIN:MPER %d", MeasurementPeriod);	// 2 s				
viScanf (smu, "BBIN:ALEV:EXEC;*OPC?", "%d", &RetState); // start measurement					
viScanf (smu, "BBIN:POW:RMS?", "%lf", &BBIn);	// read the BBIn value				
Check for EarlySMU (DAC Version <= 8090)					
EarlySMU = false; viScanf (smu, "DIAG1:BGIN? 'DACB'", "%s", VString); VString = strncpy (VString, VString+10, 4);	// read board version // extract DAC Version				
if (atoi(VString) <= 8090) EarlySMU = true;					
Get the SMU Baseband Output Level					
if (EarlySMU)					
viScanf (smu, "BB:POW:RMS?", "%lf", &BBOut);	// read BBOut value				
else					
// CurrentSMU					
{ MeasurementDuration = 2; viPrintf (smu, "BB:MEAS:DUR \"00:00:%2d\"", Measurem	// 2 s nentDuration);				
viPrintf (smu, "BB:MEAS:STAT ON"); // start measurement					
viScanf (smu, "BB:MEAS:RTIM?", "%s", szRTim); while (strcmp ("\"00:00:00\"\n", szRTim));	// sit it out // quit when 00:00:00				
<pre>viScanf (smu, "BB:MEAS:POW:RMS?", "%If", &amp;BBOut); }</pre>	// read BBOut value				

### Set the CMU Output Attenuation

viPrintf (cmu, "SOUR:CORR:LOSS:OUTP2 %lf", BBIn - BBOut + CableLoss);

## 5 Summary

For fading tests Rohde & Schwarz offers an advantageous baseband solution with all its benefits using the combination of the CMU radio communication tester and the SMU/AMU vector / baseband signal generators and fading simulators.

This application note showed the compensation for the baseband insertion loss in the combination of the CMU and the SMU. The necessary measurements are done in the unmodified test setup without additional instruments.

Compensation values can be determined during each single test or before running a test suite. Because the baseband processing is completely done by DSP calculations the insertion loss for each given fading profile and AWGN parameter set is constant.

Both SMU and AMU are best prepared for the future. Fitted with two independent channels they allow correlated as well as non-correlated 2-channel fading for next generation applications.

## 6 Literature

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## 7 Additional Information

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## 8 Ordering Information

#### **Vector Signal Generator**

SMU200A	Vector Signal Generator	1141.2005.02
SMU-B13	Baseband Main Module	1141.8003.04
SMU-B14	Fading Simulator	1160.1800.02
SMU-B15	Fading Simulator ext. (optional)	1160.2288.02
SMU-B17	Analog Baseband Input	1142.2880.02
SMU-K62	Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN)	1159.8511.02
SMU-K71	Dynamic fading and enhanced resolution	1160.9201.02
SMU-K72	Enhanced Fading Models	1408.7062.02

#### Baseband Signal Generator and Fading Simulator

AMU200A	Baseband signal generator, base unit	1402.4090.02
AMU-B10	Baseband generator with dig. modulation	1402.5300.02
AMU-B13	Baseband Main Module	1402.5500.02
AMU-B14	Fading Simulator	1402.5600.02
AMU-B15	Fading Simulator ext. (optional)	1402.5700.02
AMU-B17	Analog Baseband Input	1402.5900.02
AMU-K62	Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN)	1402.7202.02
AMU-K71	Dynamic fading and enhanced resolution	1402.7302.02
AMU-K72	Enhanced Fading Models	1402.9605.02

#### **Radio Communication Tester**

Univ. Radio Comm. Te	1100.0008.02	
IQ/IF analogue Interfac		
Univ. Signalling Unit		1100.5200.54
GSM400 SW-option	and / or	1115.5900.02
GSM900 SW-option	and / or	1115.6007.02
GSM1800 SW-option	and / or	1115.6107.02
GSM1900 SW-option	and / or	1115.6207.02
GSM850 SW-option		1115.6307.02
	Univ. Radio Comm. Te IQ/IF analogue Interface Univ. Signalling Unit GSM400 SW-option GSM1800 SW-option GSM1900 SW-option GSM850 SW-option	Univ. Radio Comm. Tester IQ/IF analogue Interface Univ. Signalling Unit GSM400 SW-option and / or GSM1800 SW-option and / or GSM1900 SW-option and / or GSM850 SW-option

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