



Your Connectivity Partner
for RF Solutions

Bluetooth Antennas & Locationing

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ADVANCED ANTENNA SOLUTIONS

Key Applications



Fleet & Asset Tracking



Industrial M2M



Automotive



Internet of Things



Medical



Gateways & Routers



Smart Meters



Lighting



Mobile Communications



5G

400+

Patents issued or pending

25+

Global Measurement Systems

Antenna company with **state-of-the-art manufacturing technologies** and innovative solutions

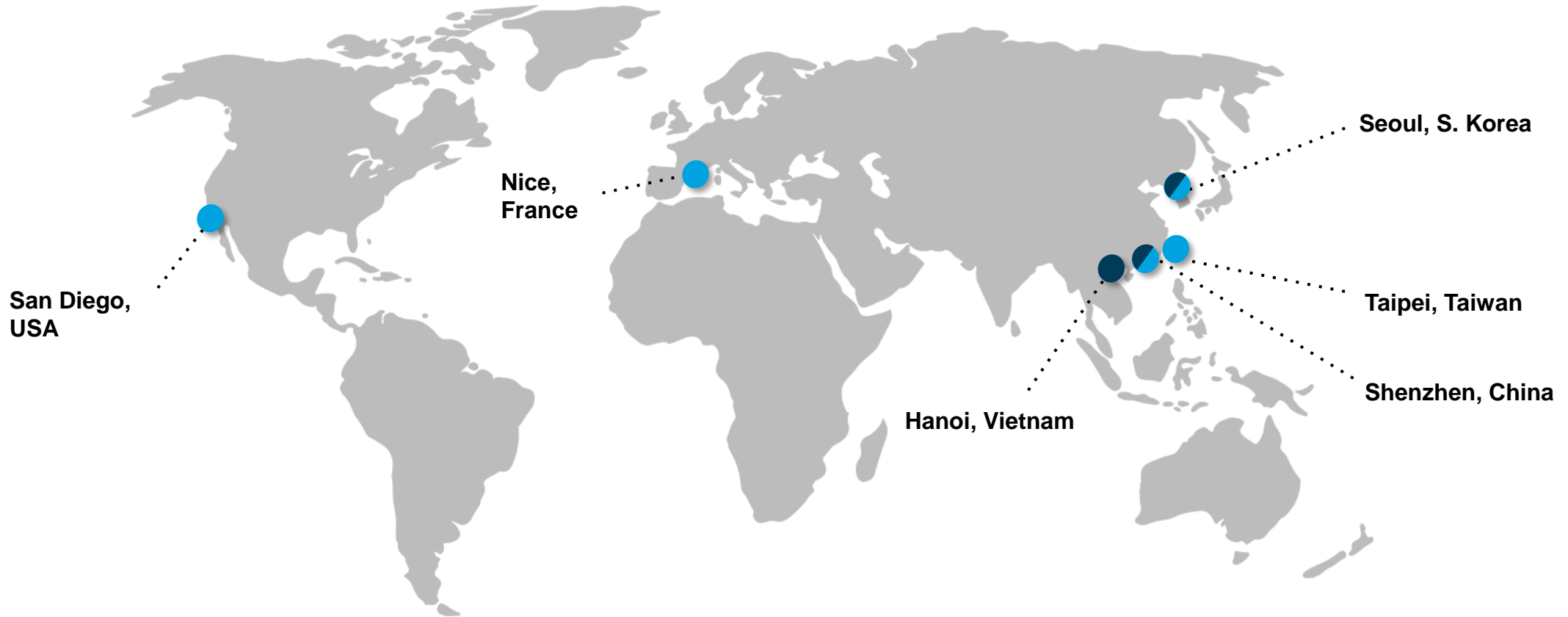
- **Active Antenna Systems:** Active steering, Impedance matching, Band switching
- **Measurement Systems:** Anechoic, automotive and 5G chambers with extremely user-friendly GUI software

Unique portfolio (Standard, Custom) of **high-quality products**

Ability for **Vertical Integration** for complex systems



Global Presence for Antennas



DESIGN CENTERS

- San Diego, USA
- Nice, France
- Seoul, S. Korea
- Taipei, Taiwan
- Shenzhen, China

MANUFACTURING CENTERS

- Seoul, Korea
- Hanoi, Vietnam
- Shenzhen, China



Antennas for each Application



Standard Antennas



Custom Designs



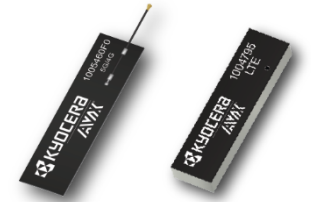
Validation & Pre-certification



Industrial Gateways

External Antennas or Embedded Solutions

5G RedCap, 5G/4G, LoRa, Wi-Fi 6E/7



Smart Meters & Lighting

Versatile Standard Antennas or Custom Solutions

169MHz, 433 MHz, LoRa, NB-IoT, 2.4 GHz, DECT NR+, Wi-SUN



Wearables

LDS Technology for Thinner and Smaller Devices

BLE, GNSS, Cellular, Wi-Fi



Satellite Communications

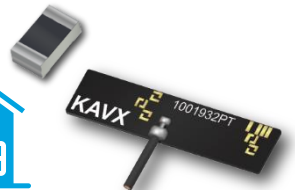
The Smallest Chip Antennas for SatCom

5G NTN, GNSS, RTK, L1/L2/L5/L6, LoRa S-band

Smart Homes

Patented Antennas for Improving AoA and Throughputs

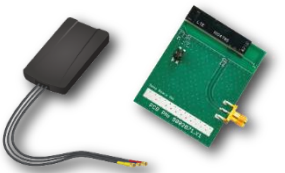
UWB, BLE, Matter, Zigbee, Thread, Wi-Fi 6E/7



Automotive & Fleet & Asset Tracking

Active Antenna Band Switching for Small Devices and Embedded or External Antennas

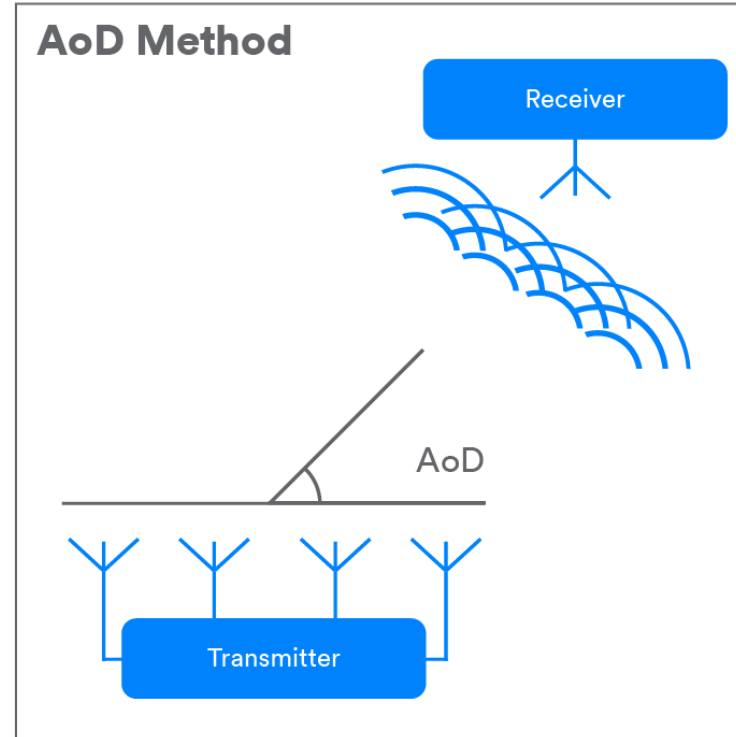
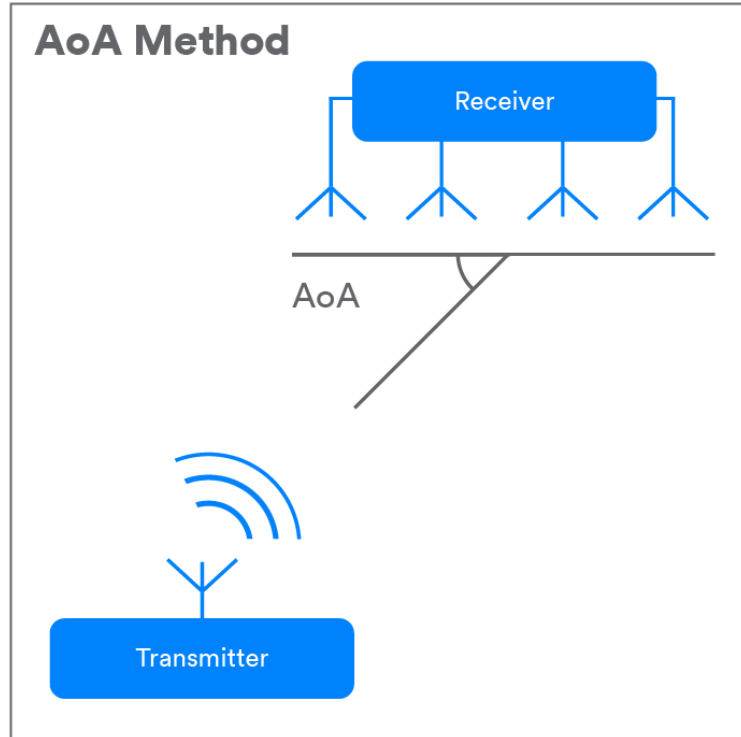
5G NTN, 5G/4G, NB-IoT, LTE-M, GNSS, BLE, Wi-Fi





Bluetooth Direction Finding

AoA vs. AoD



Angle of Arrival detection

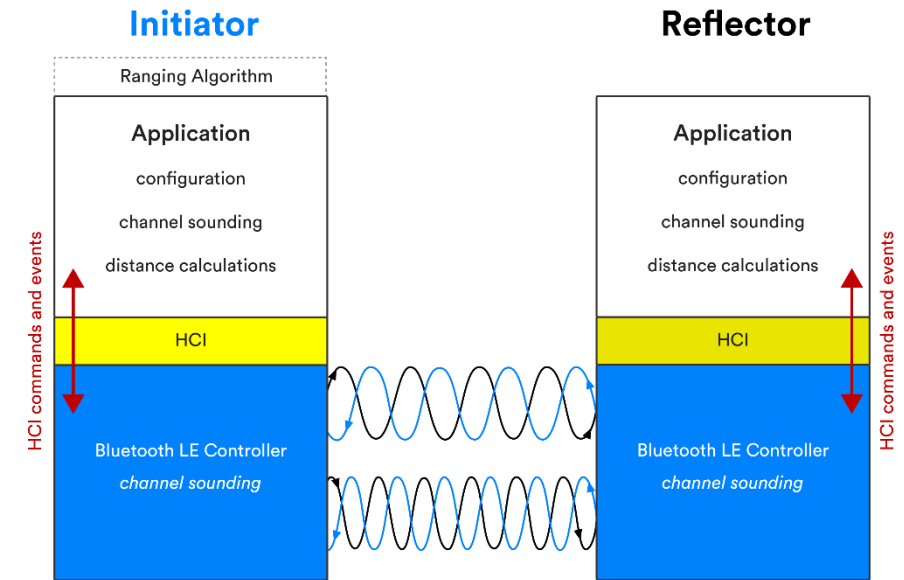
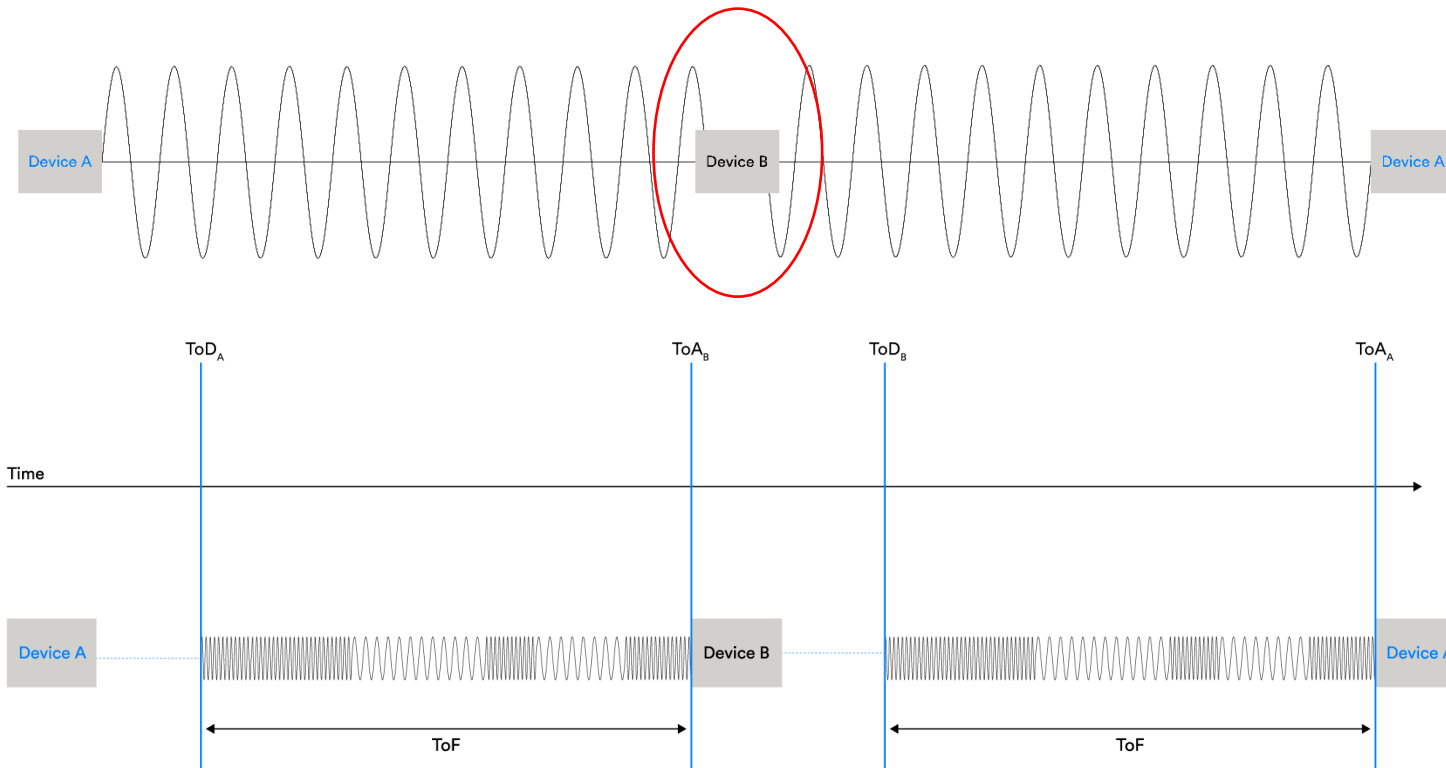
1. Antenna arrays or Active antenna with multiple radiation pattern are required
2. Phase distribution around each antenna is a key factor of merit

Source: Bluetooth SIG https://www.bluetooth.com/channel-sounding-tech-overview/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=blog&utm_campaign=channel-sounding&utm_content=a-first-look-at-bluetooth-channel-sounding



Bluetooth Channel Sounding

Phase-based Ranging (PBR) and Round-Trip Timing (RTT)



1. Reduced number of channels + time division reducing TX/RX time requires higher reliability
2. Phase variation detection recommends multiple antennas or an Antenna Array

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Antenna Values for BLE

How to save power

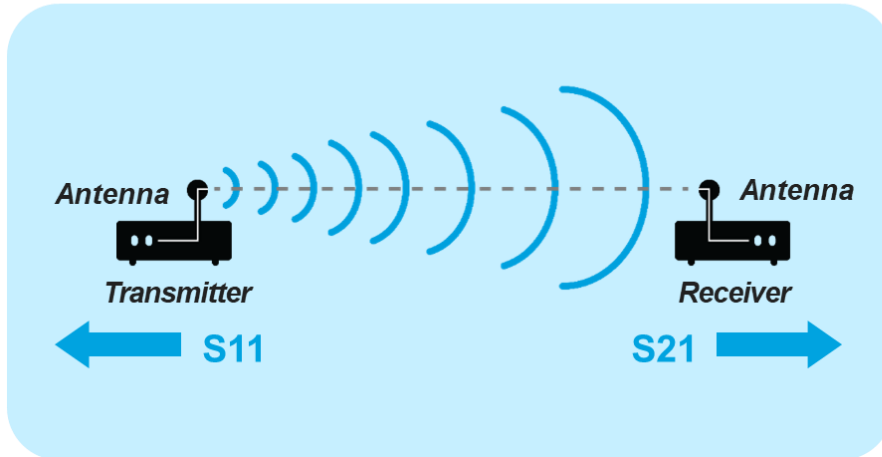
Passive Parameters

Return Loss (S11) / Isolation (S21)

Gain / Directivity

Efficiency (η)

Polarization



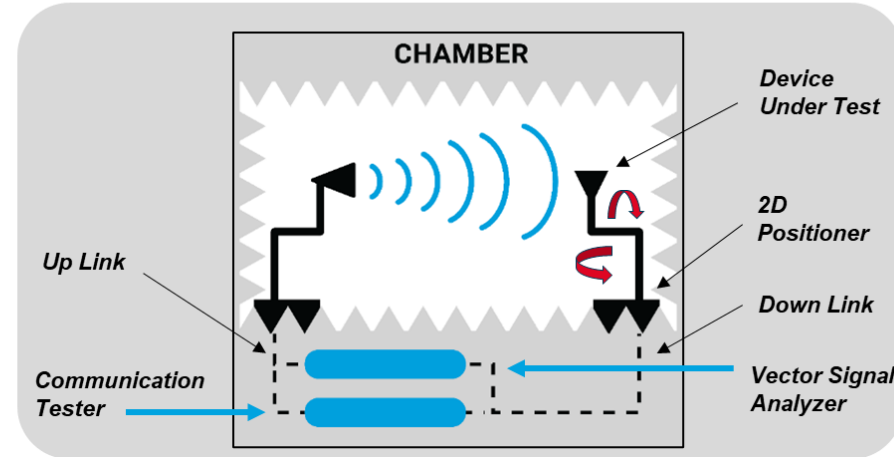
Active Parameters

TRP (*Total Radiated Power*)

$$TRP_{dBm} = \text{Conducted Power}_{dBm} + \text{Efficiency } (\eta)_{dB}$$

TIS (*Total Isotropic Sensitivity*)

$$TIS_{dBm} = \text{Conducted Sensitivity}_{dBm} + \text{Efficiency } (\eta)_{dB} \text{ (ideally)}$$



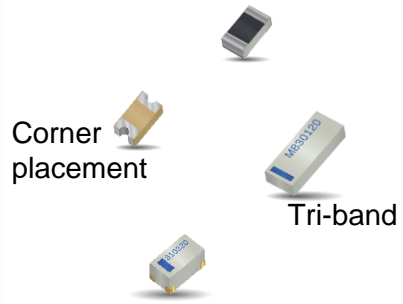
Optimizing these parameters will **save energy** and **improve accuracy!**



Standard Antenna Offering for Bluetooth

Chip Antennas

Chip antennas with different form factors



Ultra-small Chip Antennas

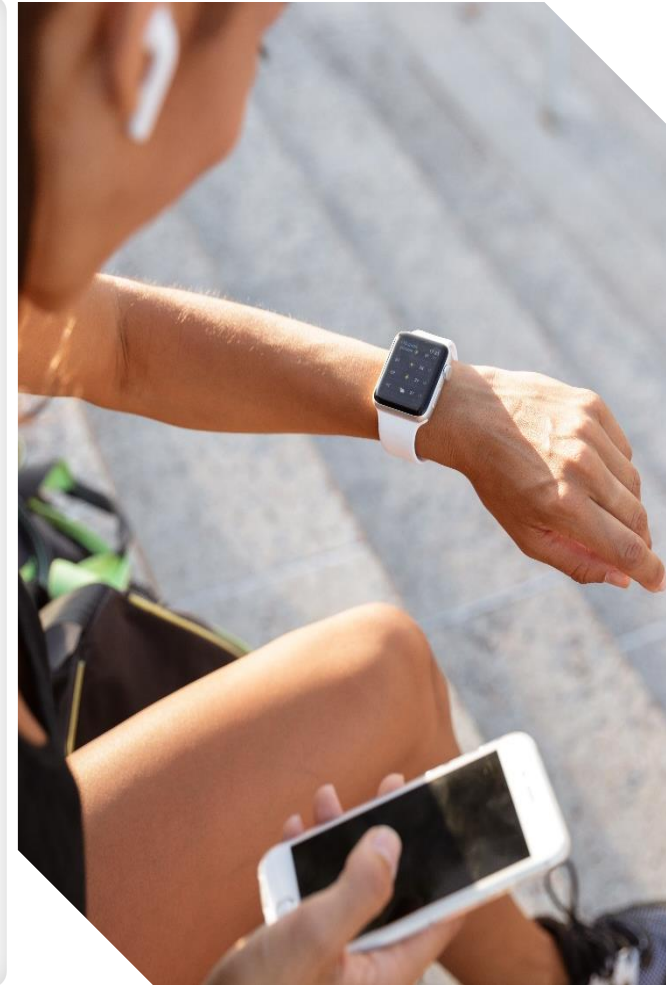


Benefits:

- Smallest size in the market
- Tightest tolerance
- SMT
- Corner or PCB edge placements
- [Automotive versions](#) available

Applications:

- IoT Industrial
- [Asset Tracking](#)
- Wearables
- Telematics
- [TPMS](#)

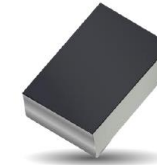


Check Full Chip Antenna Portfolio

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The Smallest Chip Antennas



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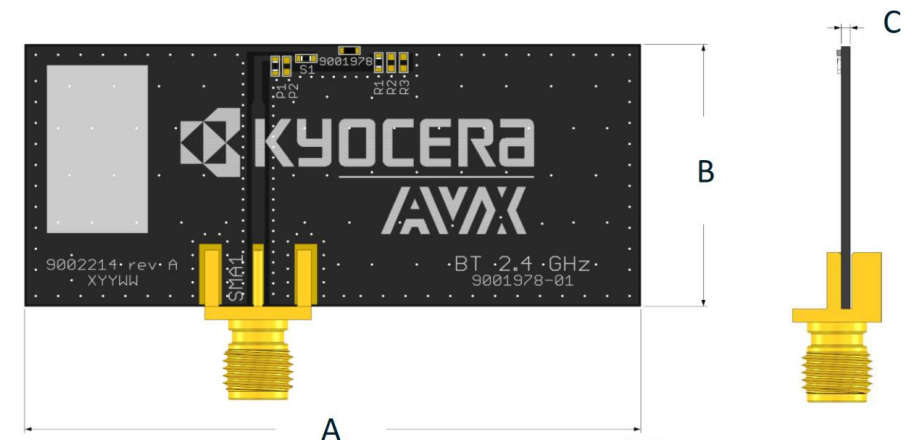
1.00 x 0.55 x 0.40 mm

Antenna Demo Board (9001978-01)

Typical layout dimensions (mm)

Part Number	A	B	C
9001978-01	(55.0)	(25.0)	(0.80)

Frequency	2400 – 2485 MHz	5150 – 5850 MHz	2400 – 2485 MHz (BT ONLY)
Peak Gain	3.0 dBi	2.6 dBi	Refer to Appendix 1
Average Efficiency	60%	50%	
VSWR	2.4:1 max	5.6:1 max	
Feed Point Impedance	50 ohms unbalanced		
Polarization	Linear		
Power Handling	0.5 Watt CW		



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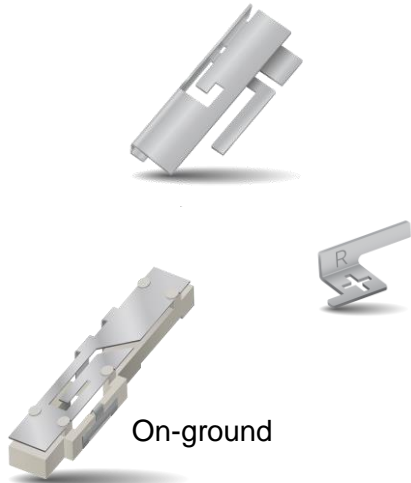
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Standard Antenna Offering for Bluetooth

Stamped Metal Antennas

Stamped Metal antennas with different form factors



On-ground

Vertical Polarized Antennas



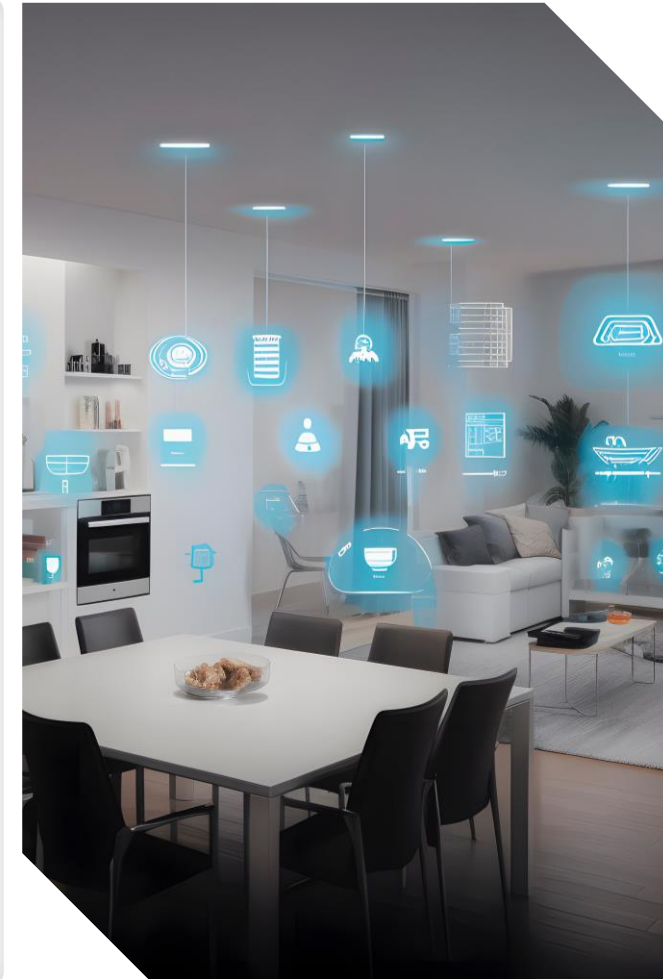
On-ground / Tri-band

Benefits:

- Tuning pads
- Low profile
- Cost Efficient
- High gain
- Vertical Polarization solutions
- Multi-band coverage
- On-ground solutions
- SMT
- [Automotive versions](#) available

Applications:

- Healthcare
- Smart Home
- Gateways
- Smart Grid
- Telematics



Check Full Stamped Ant. Portfolio

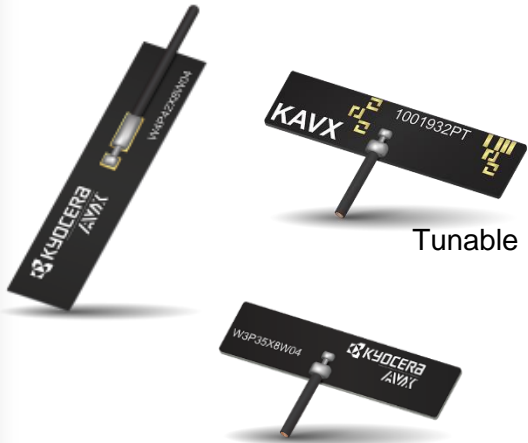
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Standard Antenna Offering for Bluetooth

PCB/FPC + Cable Antennas

PCB/FPC antennas with different form factors



Tunable

FPC Antenna for Metal Surfaces



On-ground

Lock MHF Connector for Robust Connections



Benefits:

- On ground solutions
- Ground independent solutions
- Multi-band coverage
- Dual feed options
- Foam option to minimize the detuning
- Different cable lengths and connectors available (MHF, MHF4L, MHF LK...)
- Tunable antennas

Applications:

- Smart Home
- IoT Industrial devices
- Smart Grid
- Gateways
- Robotics
- Drones



Check Full PCB/FPC Ant. Portfolio

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Standard Antenna Offering for Bluetooth

W-Family Antenna Solutions

W4 Family



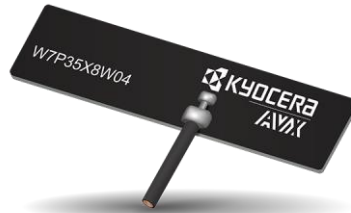
W5 Family



W6 Family



W7 Family



Benefits:

- Tri-Band Wi-Fi 6E&7
- Side cable
- 2400-2485 MHz / 5150-5850 MHz / **5925-7127 MHz**
- 42.6 x 8.6 x 0.5 mm
- PCB & FPC

Benefits:

- Dual-Band Wi-Fi 6E&7
- 5150-5850 MHz / **5925-7127 MHz**
- 15.9 x 7.6 x 0.5 mm
- PCB & FPC

Benefits:

- Single Band Wi-Fi 6E&7
- **5925-7127 MHz**
- 15.9 x 7.6 x 0.5 mm
- PCB & FPC

Benefits:

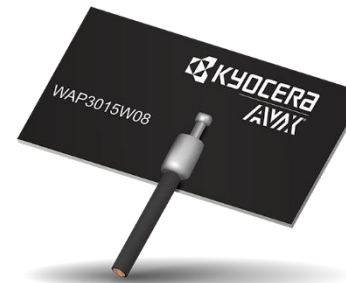
- Tri-Band Wi-Fi 6E&7
- 2400-2485 MHz / 5150-5850 MHz / **5925-7127 MHz**
- 35.2 x 8.5 x 0.5 mm
- PCB & FPC

W1 Family: 2.4 GHz (single Band)

W2 Family: 5 GHz (single Band)

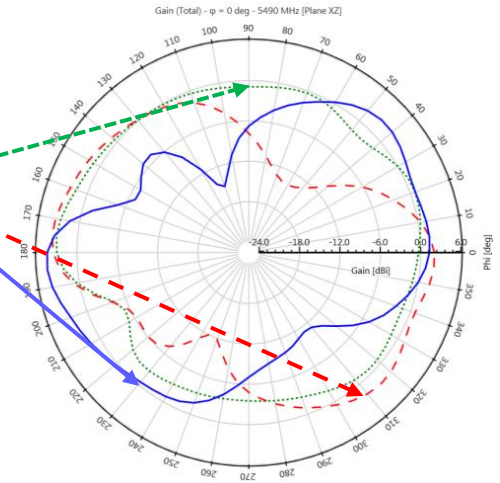
W3 Family: 2.4 / 5 GHz (Dual-Band) or Tri-Band 2.4 / 5 / 6 GHz (Low Peak Gain)

WX-Family: Tri-Band. One fixed mechanic size, 3 different pattern options



30.0 x 15.5 x 0.80 mm

- WAP30x15W08
- - - WBP30x15W08
- WCP30x15W08





Standard Antenna Offering for Bluetooth

External Antennas

External antennas with different form factors



IP67

Small Form Factor Wi-Fi 7 Antenna



84 x 9.35 mm

Accessories - Cables



RP-SMA to MHF4L

Benefits:

- Several mounting types (adhesive, screws, magnet...)
- Multi-band coverage
- Different cable lengths and types available (RG-174, LMR...)
- Different connectors available (SMA, RP-SMA, MHF, MMCX...)
- Indoor and Outdoor

Applications:

- Transportation
- IoT Industrial devices
- Gateways
- Smart Grid
- Agriculture



[Check Full External Ant. Portfolio](#)

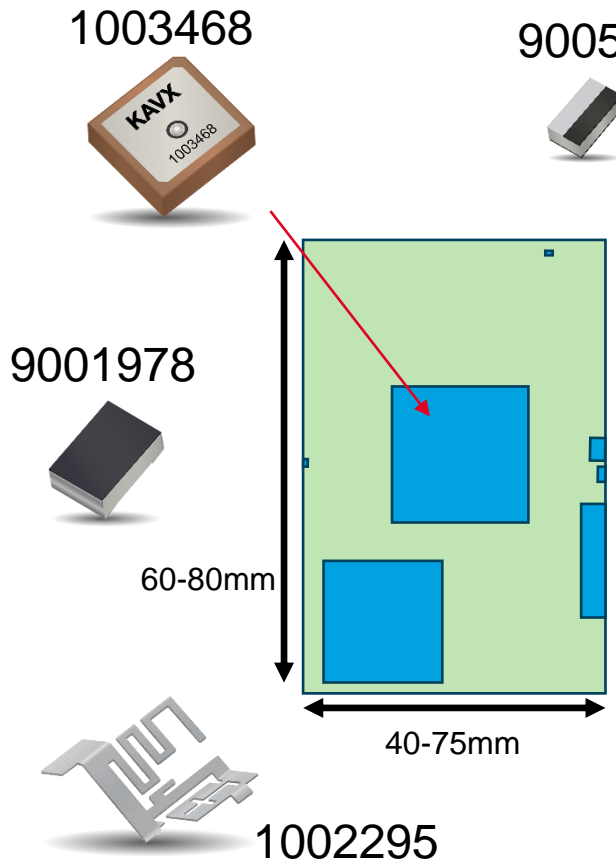
[> Click Here Indoor](#)

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Antenna Position

Solutions for Every Layout

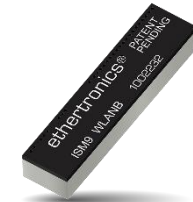


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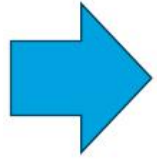
110 – 125 mm

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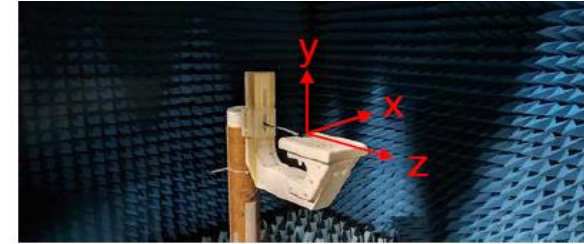




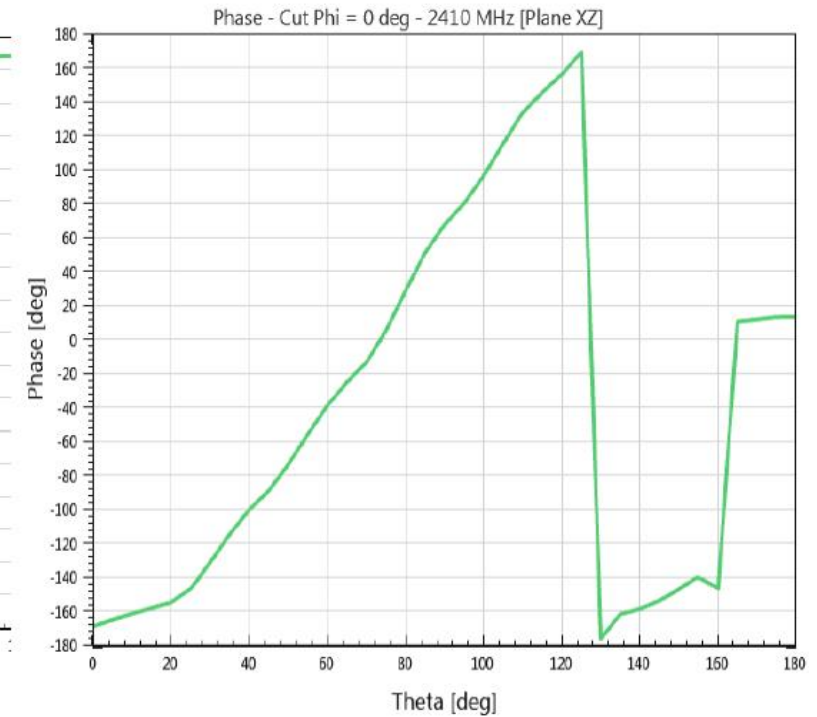
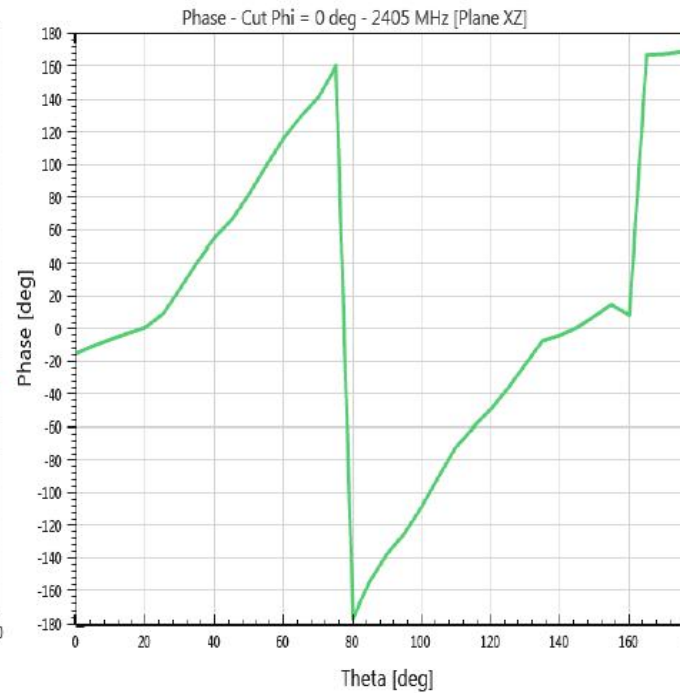
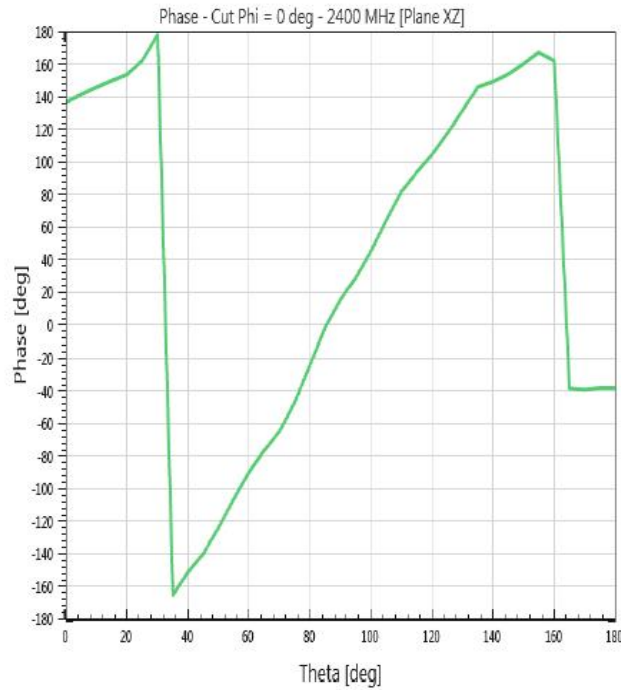
Phase Variation



- Phase variation in XZ cut is around 360 degree.
- That is related to the shape of the EVB, creating nulls in some directions



PN: 1001013



One single antenna can't cover a 360° phase variation

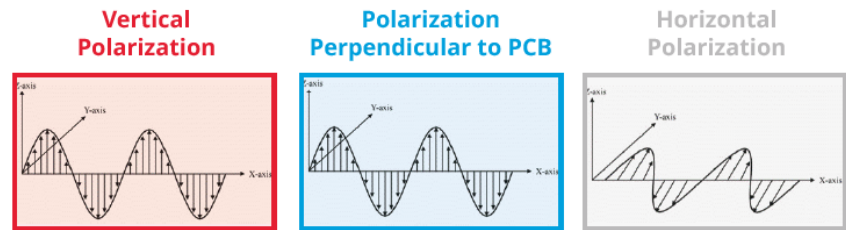
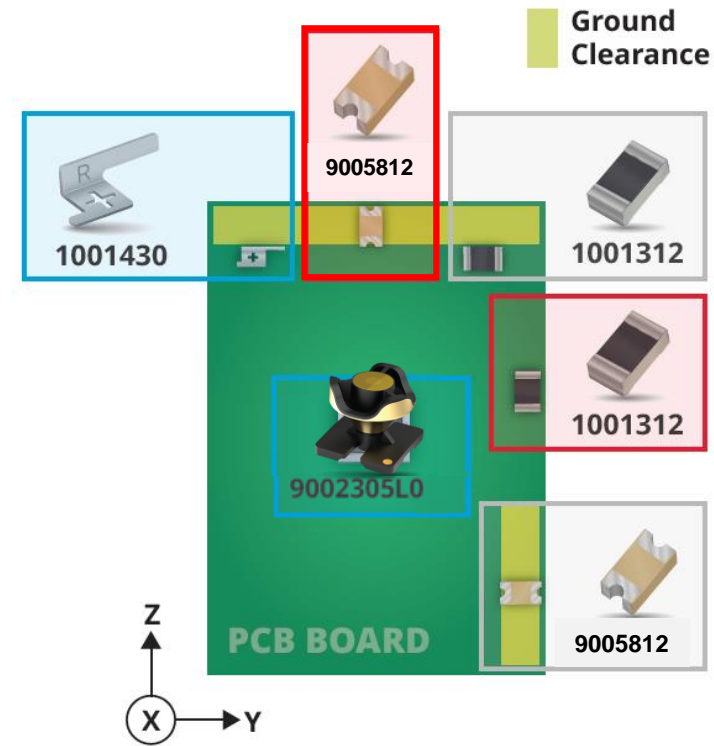


Polarization

Vertical vs. Horizontal Polarization

- Similar to our UWB studies we can offer antenna solutions for different polarization requirements

Selecting the Optimal Polarization for your UWB System

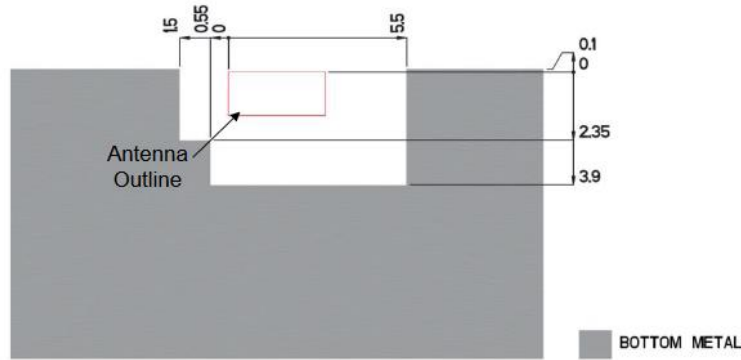




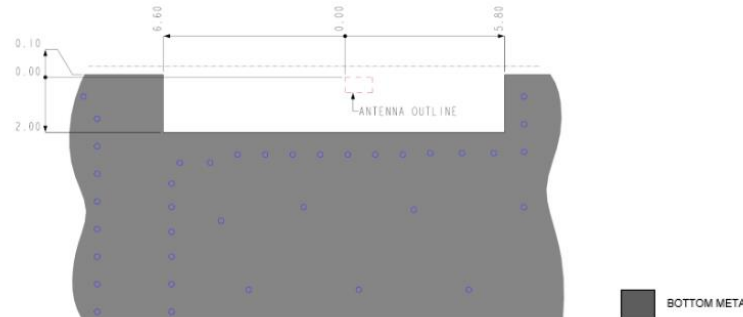
Clearance Area

The Smallest Antenna is not always the Smallest Solution

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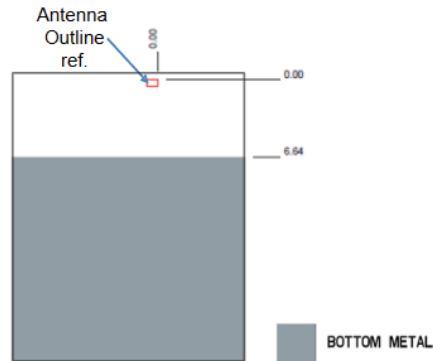
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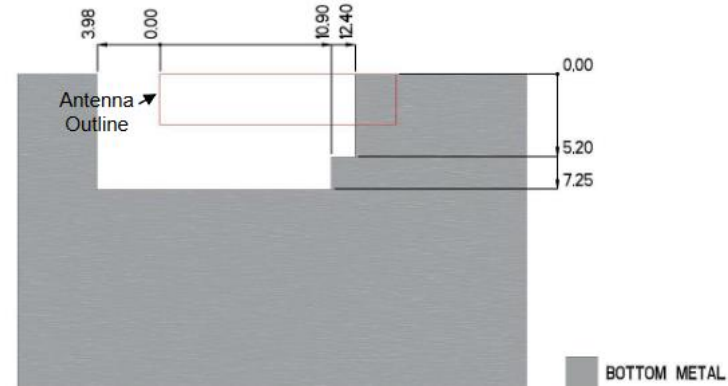
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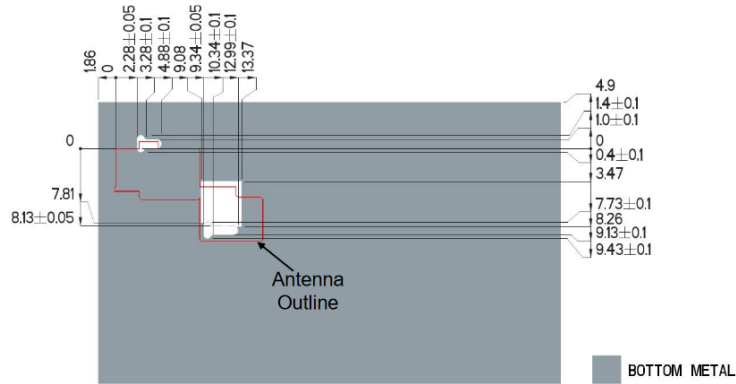
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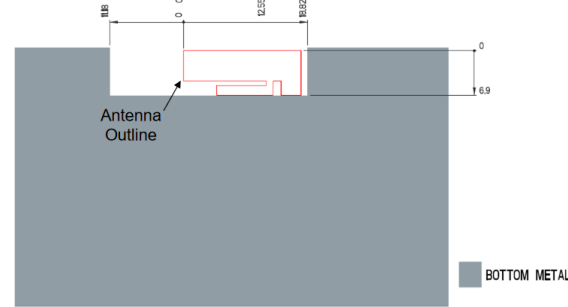
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Metal Stamp Antennas

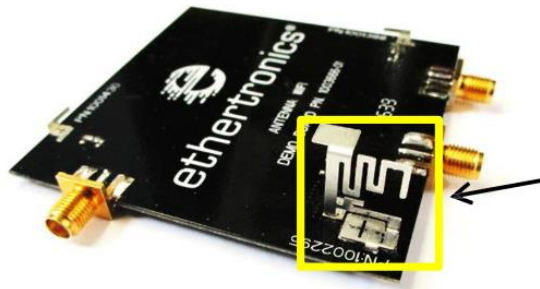
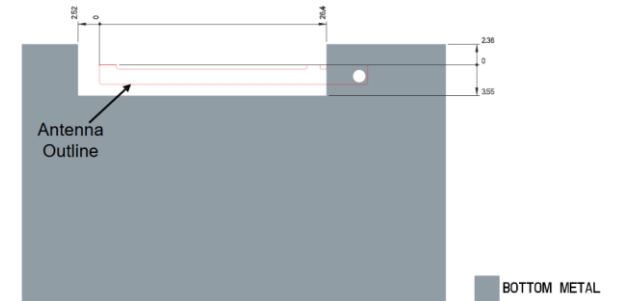
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Dual Band antenna layout (ISM and BT)

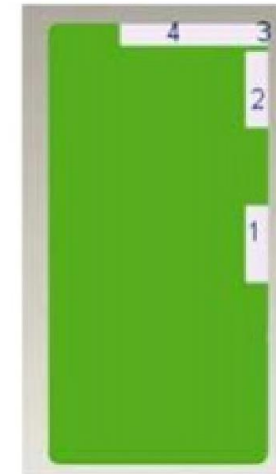
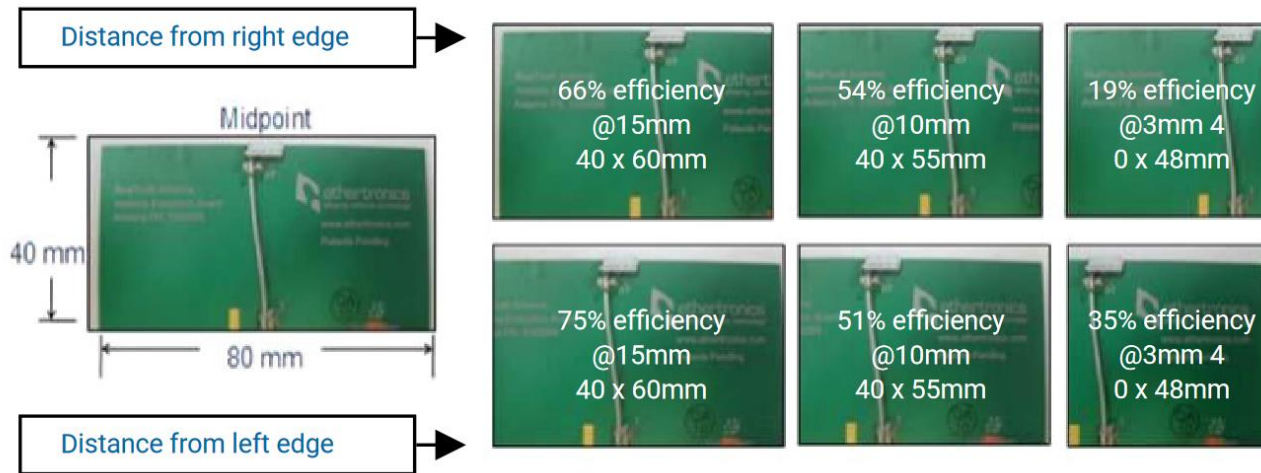


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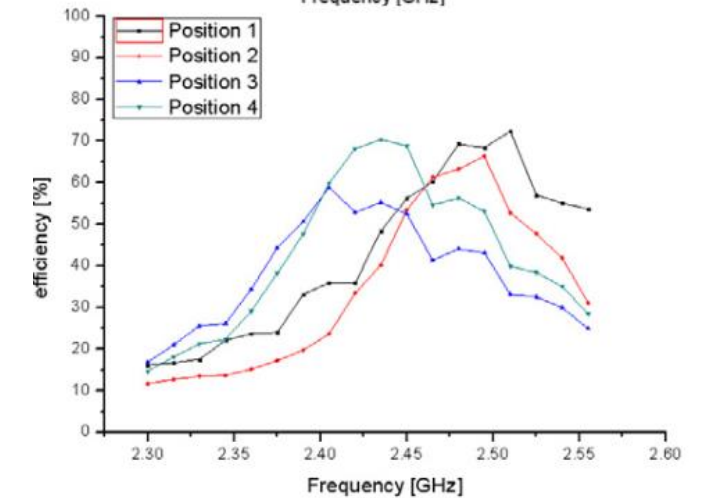
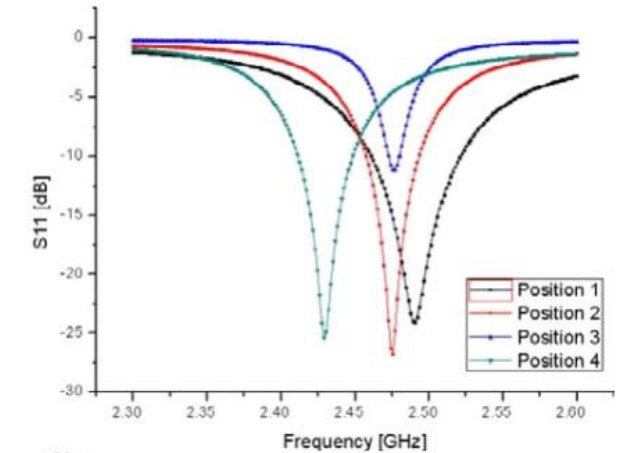


Antenna Position

Distance from the Corners vs. Efficiency



Position on the PCB vs. S.11 & Efficiency



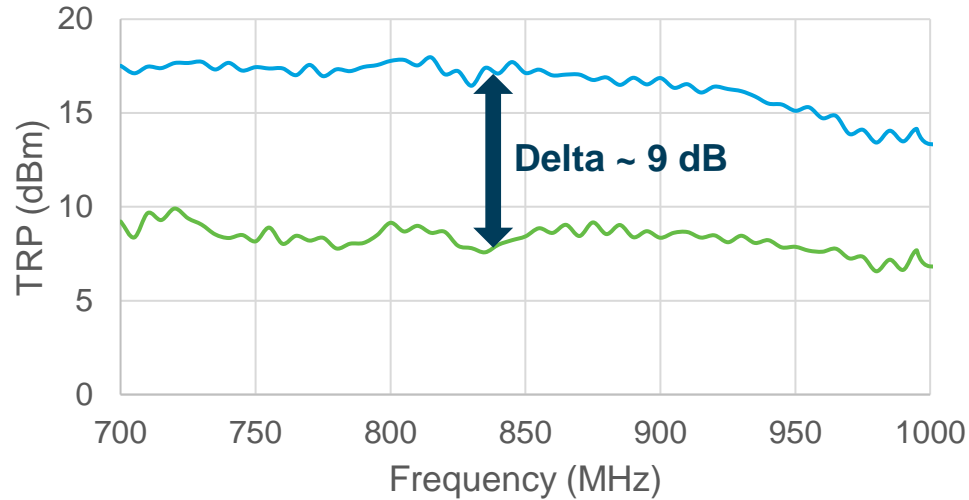


Other Effects of the Environment



Human Body Absorption

Antenna performance in free space has **9dB** of **TRP gap** with the antenna placed beside the head of the human body



FS: Free space **BHH:** Beside Head Hand

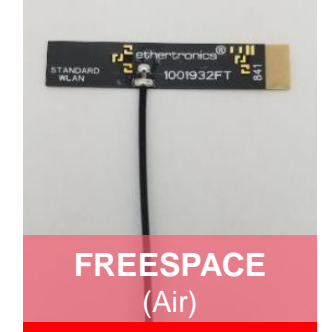
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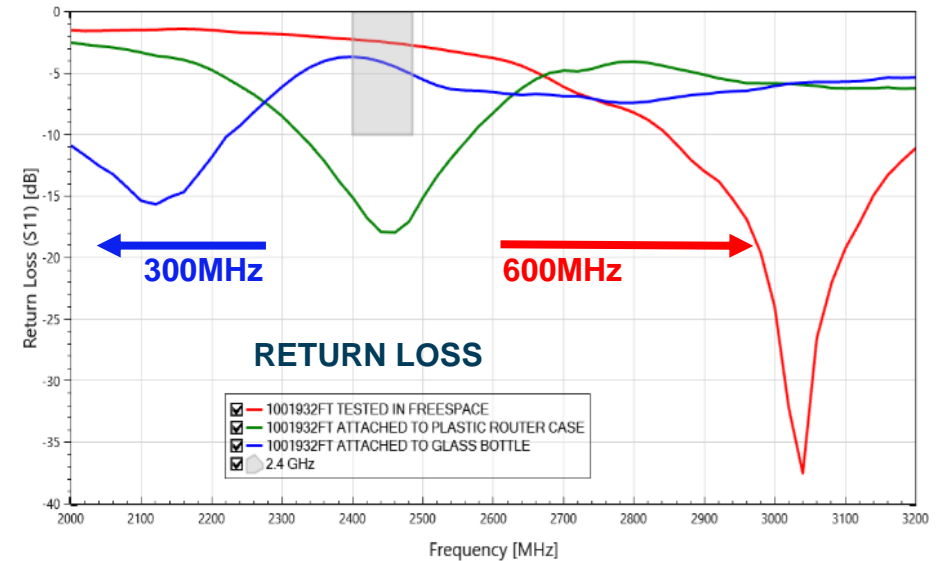
GLASS
(Windshield or Windows)



PLASTIC
(PC/ABS)



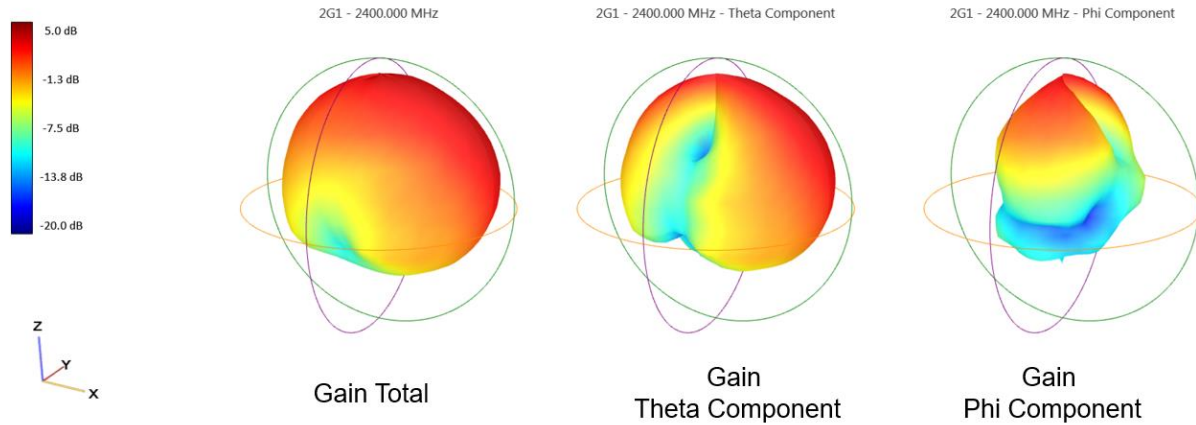
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Radiation Pattern – Composite Gain Measurements

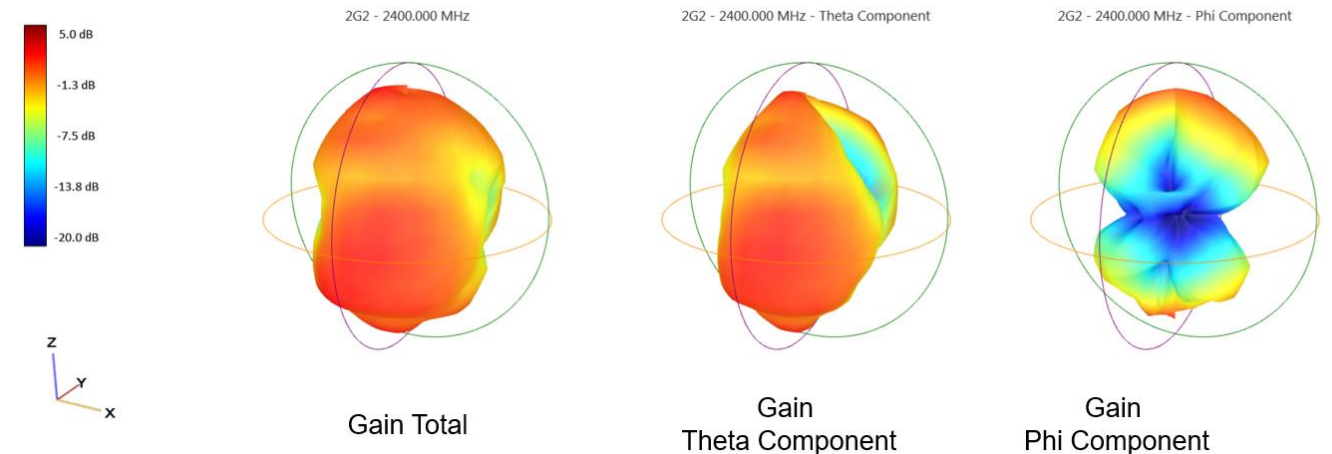
Radiation Pattern – 2G1 – 3D Patterns at 2400MHz



← Radiation Pattern of Antenna 1

Radiation Pattern – 2G2 – 3D Patterns at 2400MHz

Radiation Pattern of Antenna 2 →

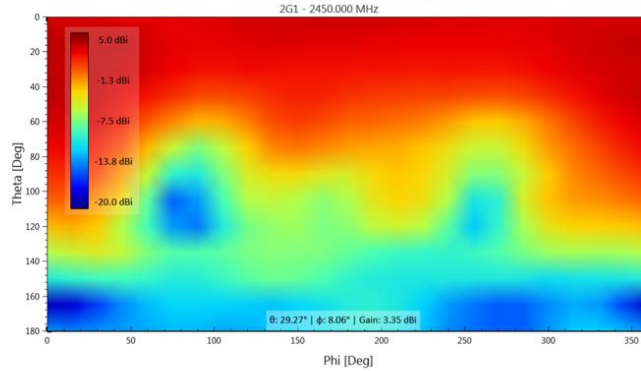




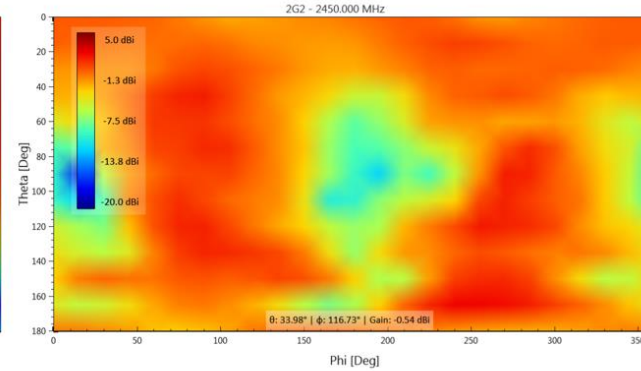
Radiation Pattern – Composite Gain Measurements

Composite Gain – 2.4 GHz antennas

2G1 Antenna gain



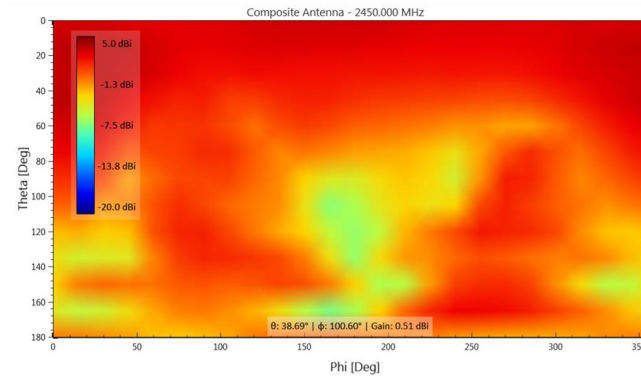
2G2 Antenna gain



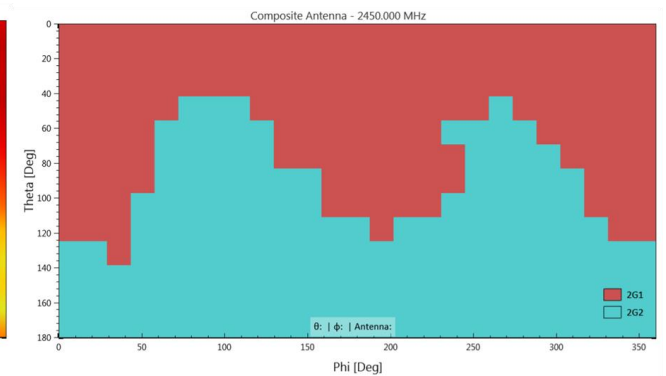
Note: This plot is a 2D map of the radiation pattern.

Composite Gain – 2.4 GHz antennas

Composite gain (max gain of 2G1 and 2G2 antennas)



Map color of which antenna has more gain in which direction



- The position and the orientation of the two antennas 2G1 and 2G2 have been optimized in order to optimized the overall coverage around the device, leading to a much more uniform gain composite distribution.
⇒ That will maximize the connectivity between the AP and the devices



Antenna Arrays and Test Set-Ups

Example:



We do custom Eval-Kits and Arrays since every product has specific requirements

Standard parts on our Roadmap!



From Design to Manufacturing



- Review customer requirements
- Free-of-charge recommendations and layout review
- RF simulation on free space and phantom (optional)
- Custom antenna design (optional)

- Proof of concept – building a mock-up
- Mechanical antenna design (custom antenna) or PCB layout (standard antenna)

- Test mock-up in RF chamber
- Tuning & optimization
- Passive testing (Gain, Eff, RL)
- Active testing (TRP/TIS)
- FCC/CE pre-check (EMC/EMI)

- Build factory samples
- Validate performance of antenna
- Perform tuning & optimization

- Final test report
- Engineering package for antenna and final assembly

- Tool build for custom designs
- Qualification for mass production

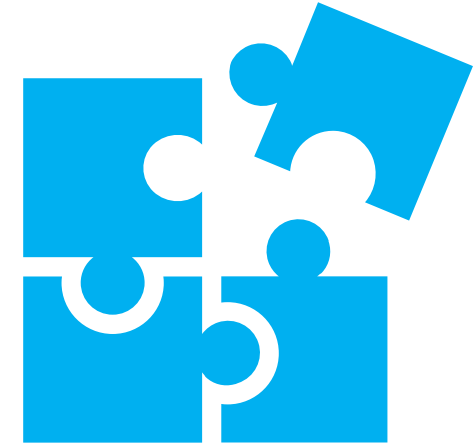


Antenna Selection Process

Antenna Selection Check-list

What type of antenna is required?

- ✓ How many technologies must be integrated in the device?
- ✓ What frequency bands must be covered?
- ✓ What's the size of the PCB?
- ✓ What's the space available for the antennas (on-board or off-board)?
- ✓ What are the antenna surroundings (e.g. metal or potting material)?
- ✓ What is the end-user environment (e.g. body worn)?





Customized Solutions - for Challenging Mechanics



Custom Designs Manufactured in a Wide Array of Materials

Injection Molding

CNC

LDS

FPC (Flexible PCB)

Stamped Metal

3D Printing

PCB

Insert Molding



Vietnam (2 factories), South Korea and China

Key Benefits of LDS

Antennas directly on the plastic carrier or housing

- 3D technology
- Design flexibility
- Smaller and thinner devices

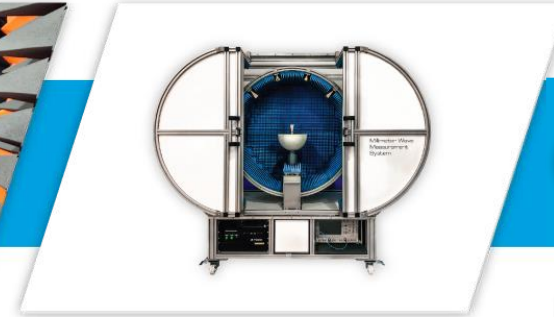
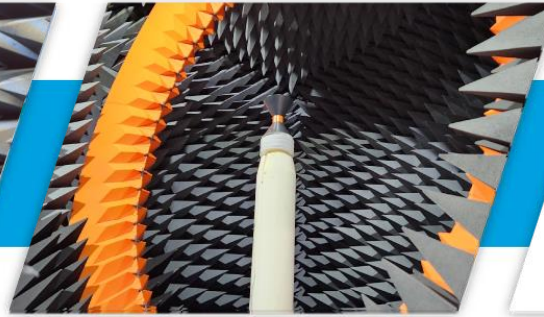


Check how LDS works

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Design & Test Services



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Design Centers

25+

Testing Capabilities

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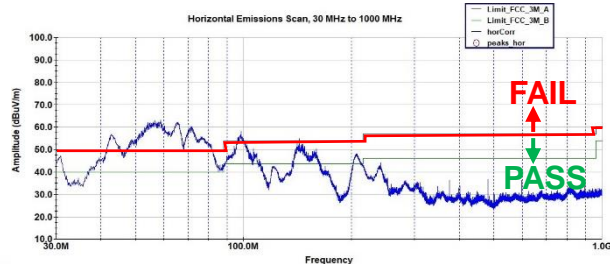
Leading Automotive Chamber

400 MHz – 68 GHz

Frequency Range

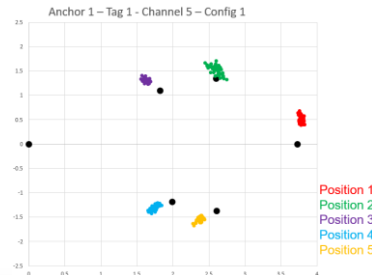
FCC/CE Regulatory Pre-Check

- TRP/TIS for 5G / LTE-M / NB-IoT and LoRa
- EMC/EMI
- SAR



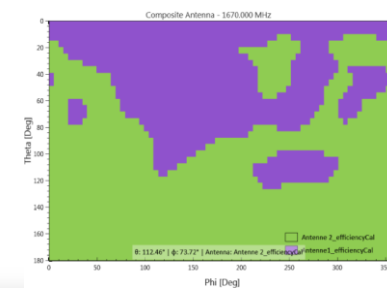
Specialty Testing

- AoA for UWB and BLE 5.1
- Phase center for GNSS receivers
- mmWave



In-house post-processing tools

- 2D/3D Radiation Patterns
- Composite Gain
- MIMO system optimization





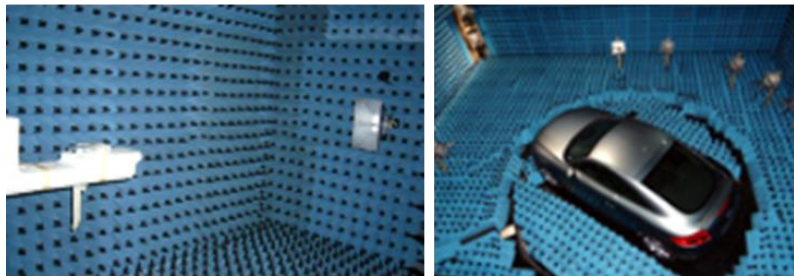
Coming back to the Main Parameters:

Return Loss (S11) / Isolation (S21)
Gain / Directivity
Efficiency (η)
Polarization

Measurement Equipment

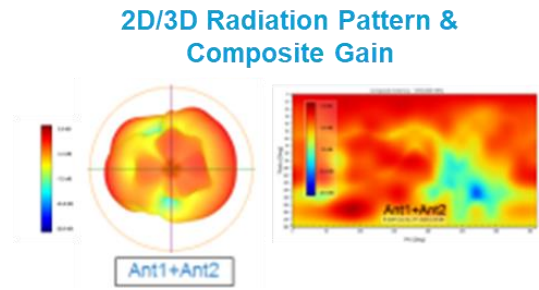
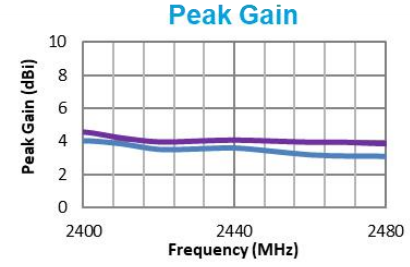
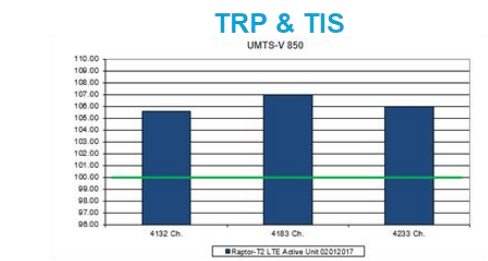
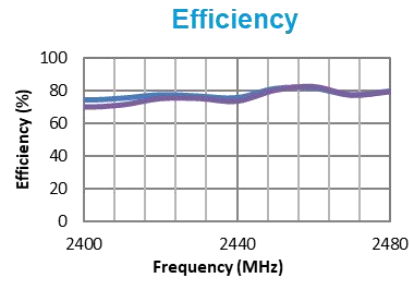
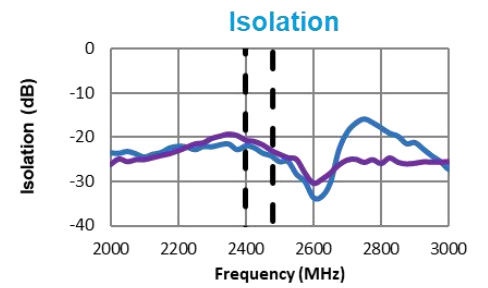
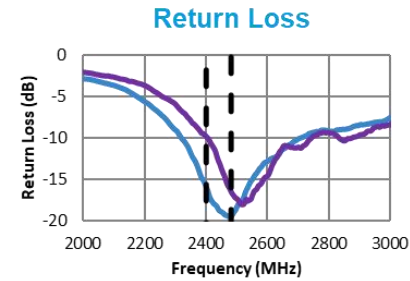


Vector Network Analyzer



Anechoic Chambers

Test Results





Case Study - Harmonics



Problem

Customer encountered a pre-certification issue, which was linked to the 2nd harmonic resonance of the antenna



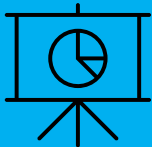
Root Cause

KYOCERA AVX indicated that the antenna's 2nd harmonic resonance can contribute to an FCC 2nd harmonic problem



Solution

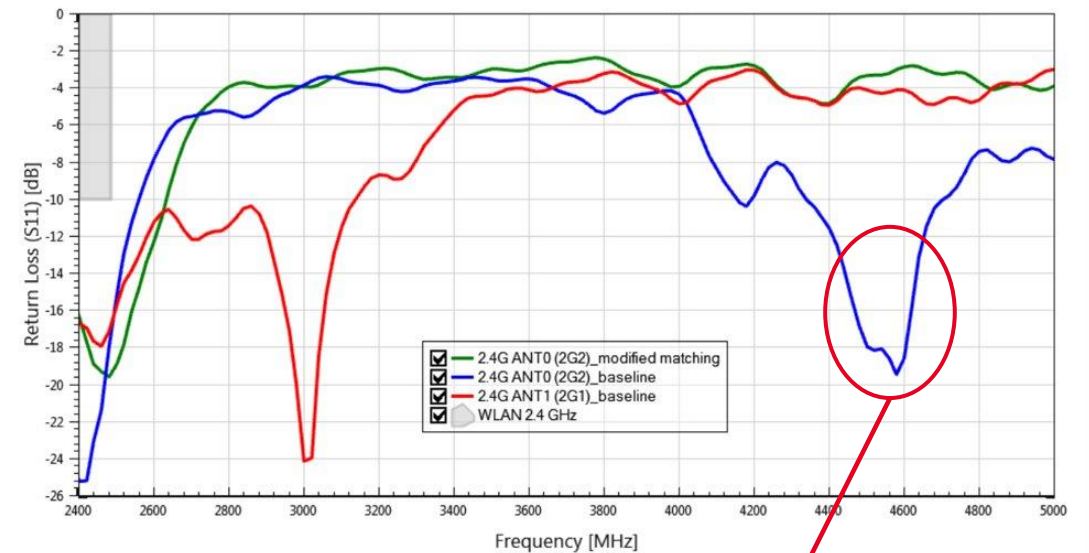
Updates on the antenna matching circuit, to remove the resonance and resolve the harmonic concerns while maintaining the antenna performance



Outcome

2nd harmonic issue was resolved and the certification succeeded

Certification test: Radiated emissions



2nd Resonance

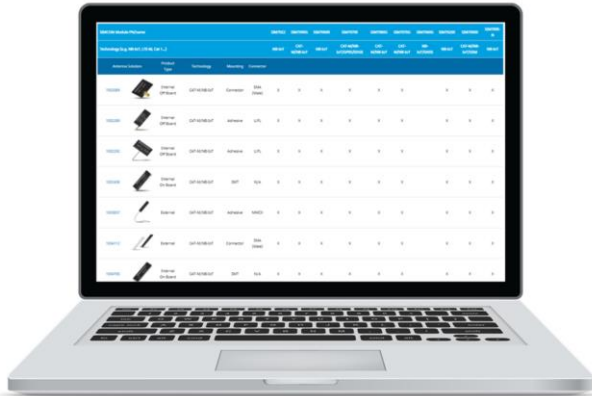


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Antenna Reference vs. chip/RF Module



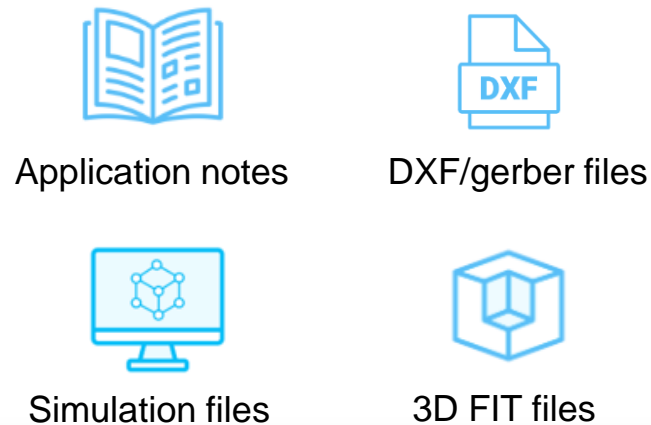
Sample kits & lab boxes



IoT Solution Optimizer

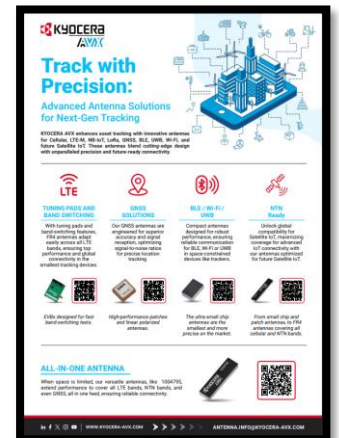


Design Tools



Technical Resources

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- › One pagers
- › Product Catalogs





KYOCERA AVX Benefits



RF Knowledge and Extensive Experience



Customized Solutions for Challenging Mechanics



Validation and Pre-certification



Innovative Roadmap with industry partners

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