

Planar Antennas for WLAN Applications



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Outlines

- **WLAN Mobile-Unit Antennas**
 - Surface mountable antennas
 - Printed monopole antennas
 - Printed dipole antennas
 - Slot antennas, PIFAs
- **WLAN Access-Point Antennas**
 - Patch antennas for broadside radiation
 - Printed monopole antennas
 - Printed dipole array antennas



Surface Mountable Antennas

- **Ceramic chip antennas**
- **Plastic chip or Folded strip monopole antennas**
- **Dielectric resonator antennas**

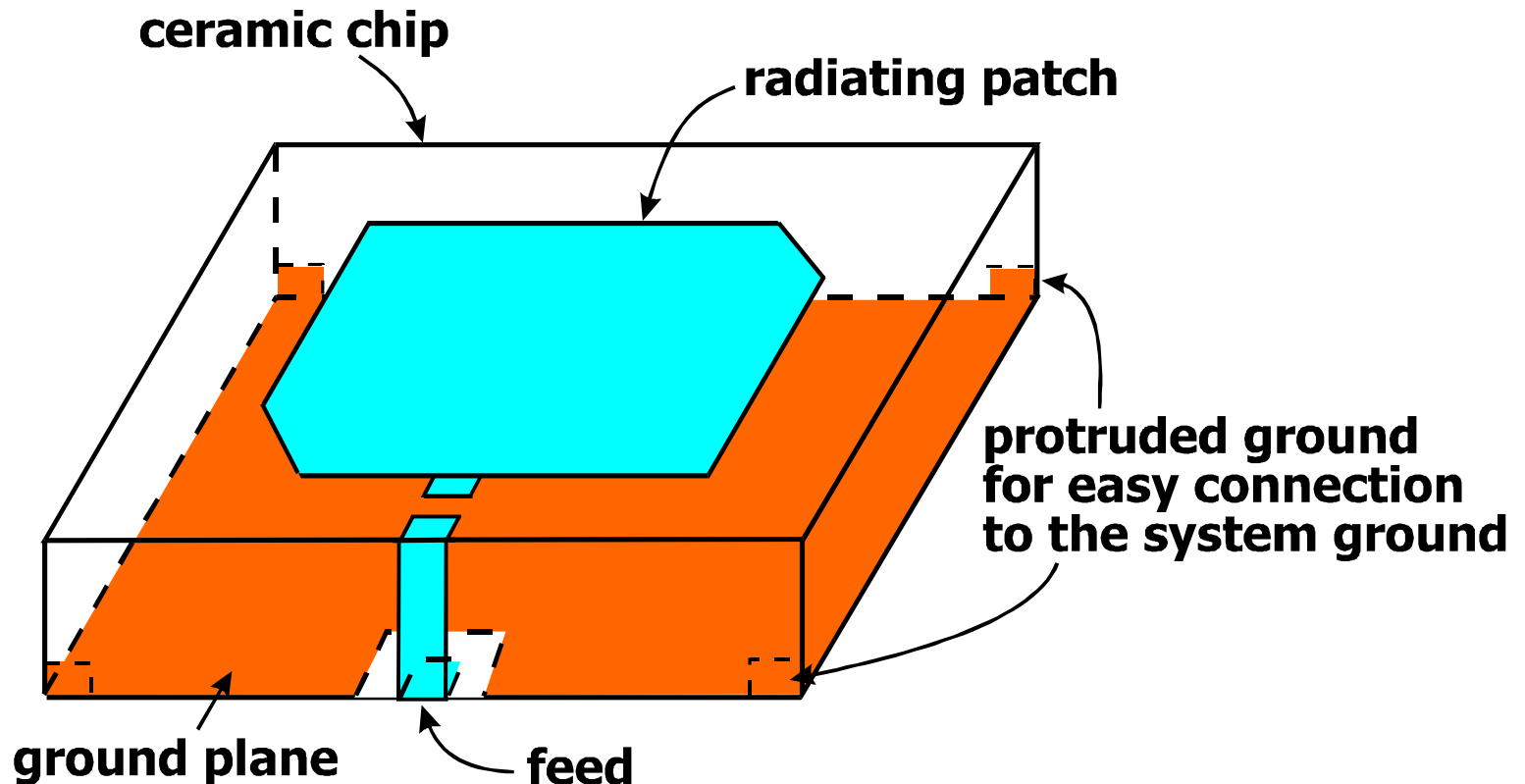


SMA- Ceramic Chip Antennas

- **Regular patch antenna
(ceramic chip as a substrate)**
- **PIFAs**
- **Monopoles (ceramic chip as a support for the monopole)**

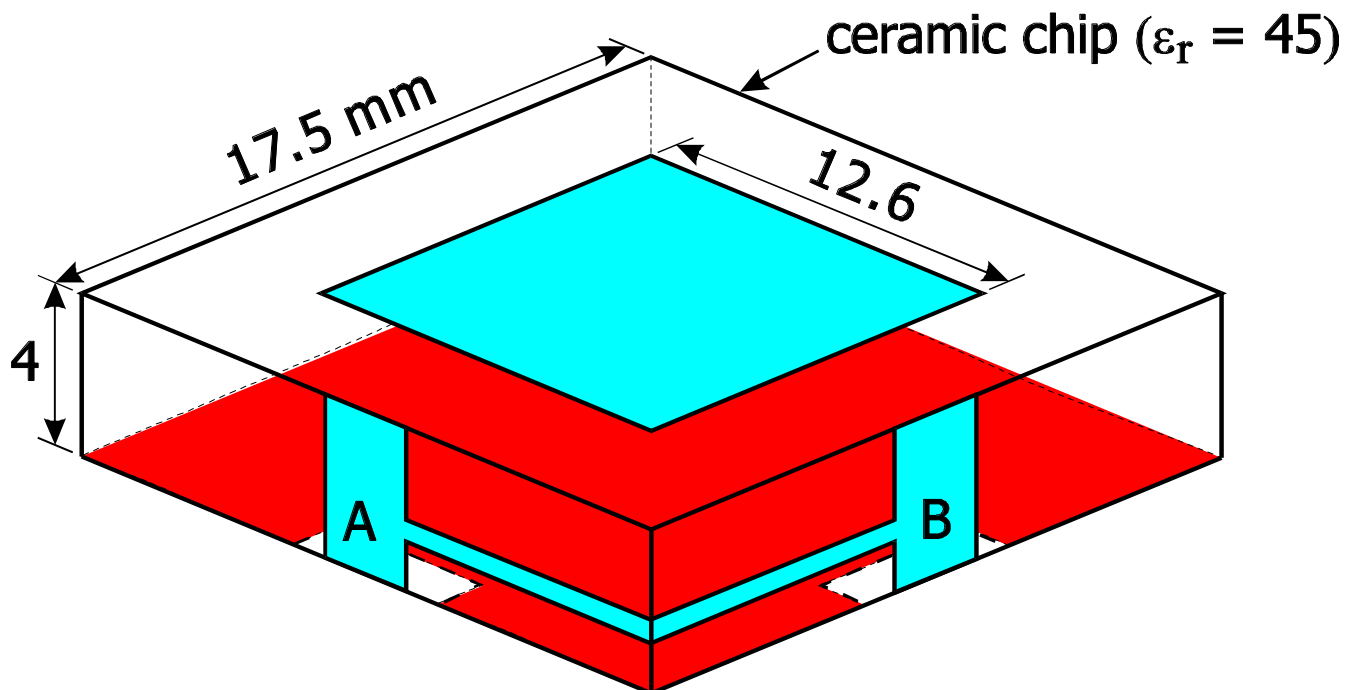
SMA- Ceramic Chip Antenna (1)

CP Design



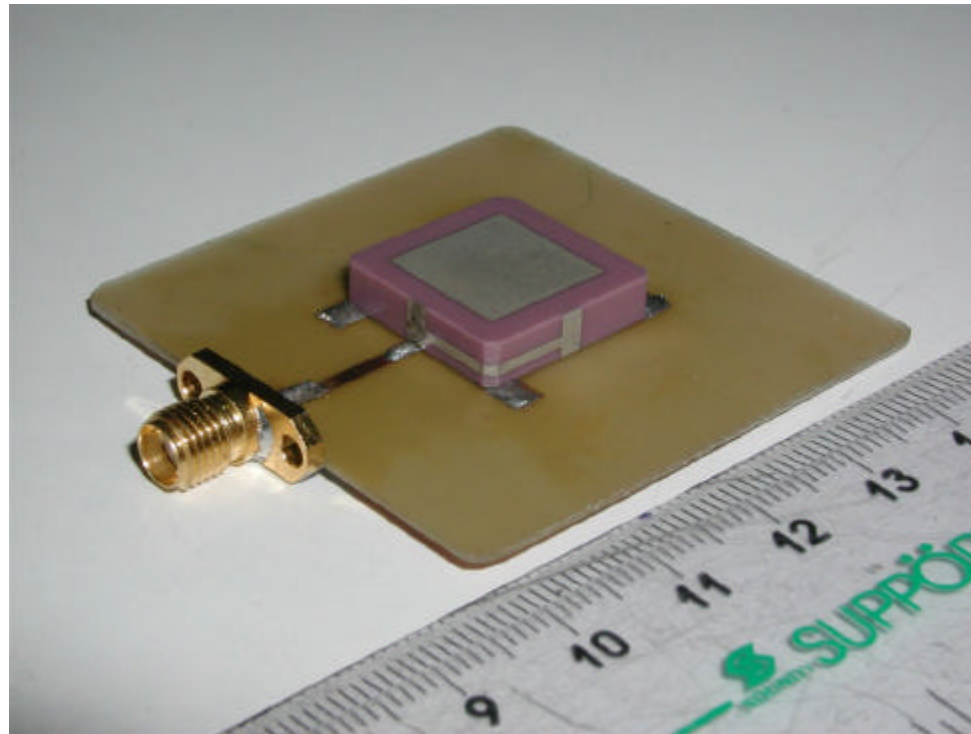
SMA- Ceramic Chip Antenna (2)

CP Design, dual side-feed, feed at A for RHCP,
feed at B for LHCP

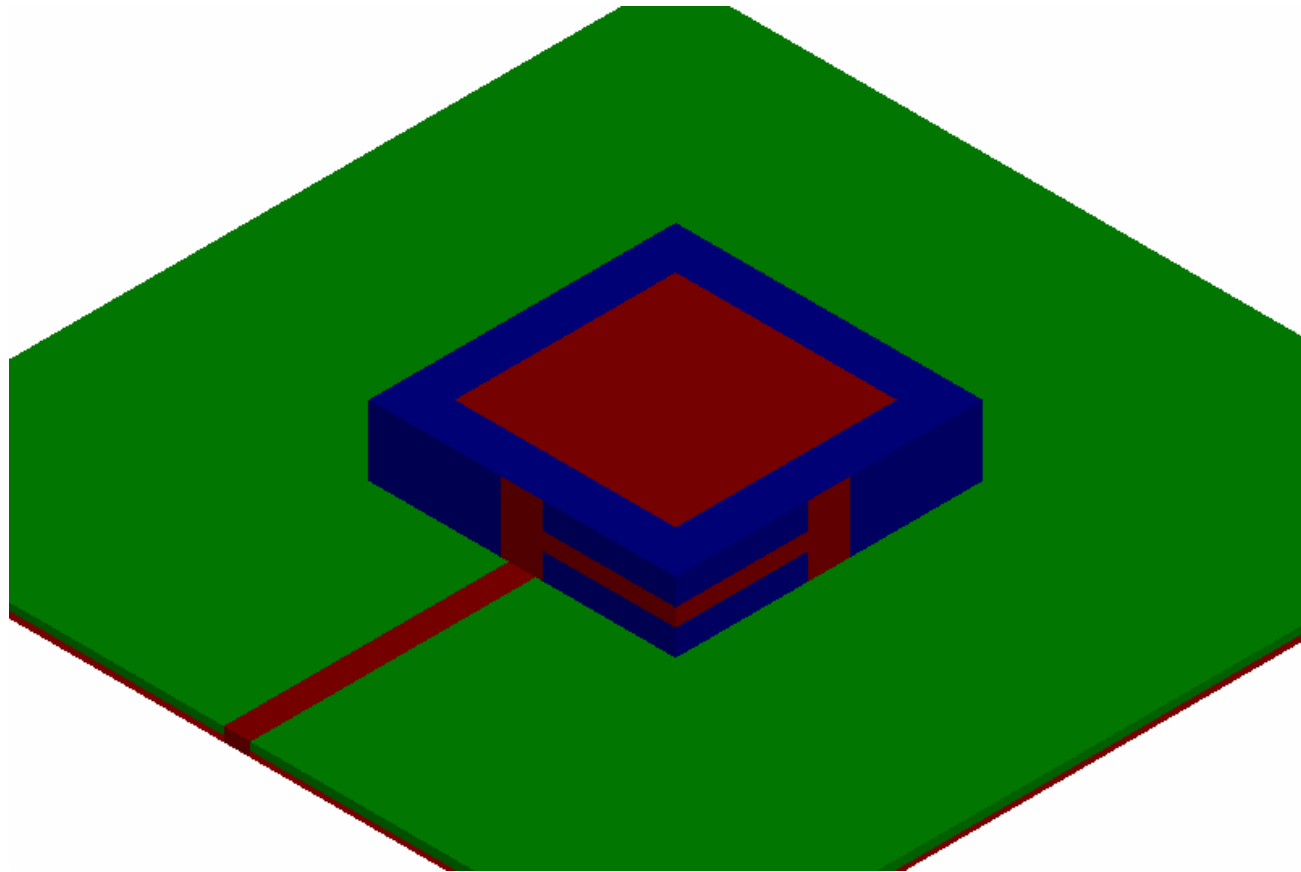


SMA- Ceramic Chip Antenna (2.2)

CP Design, dual side-feed ceramic chip antenna; Gain level about 3.0 dBic (test board 50 mm x 50 mm) for 1575 GHz GPS operation

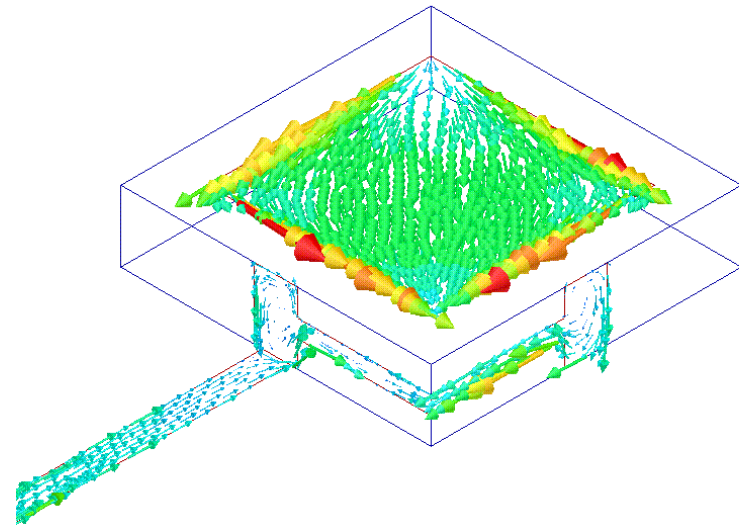
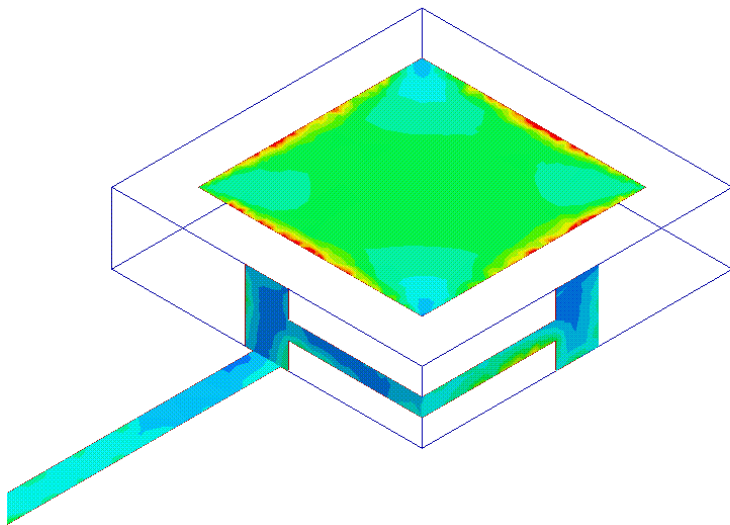


3D Model in Ansoft HFSS



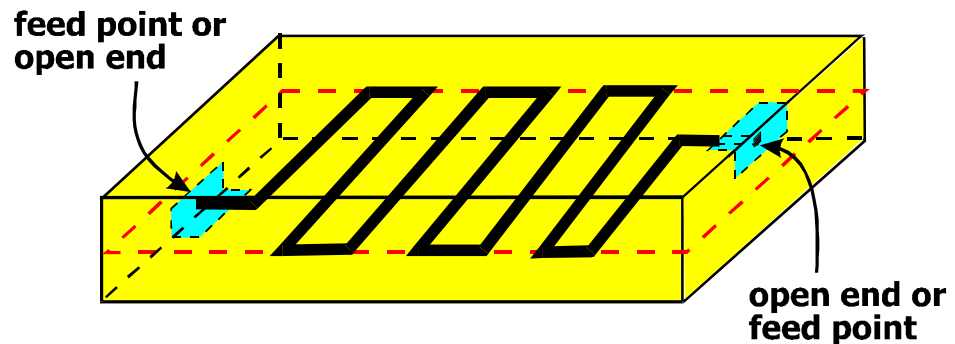
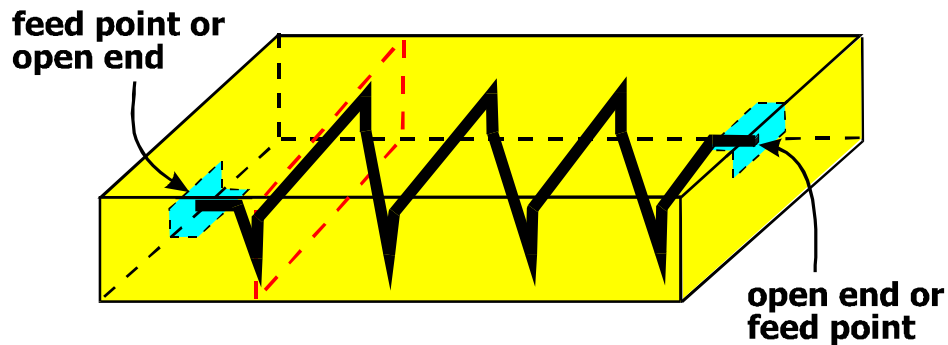
Current Plot on Antenna

Ansoft HFSS



SMA- Ceramic Chip Antenna (3)

Helix monopole embedded within the ceramic chip

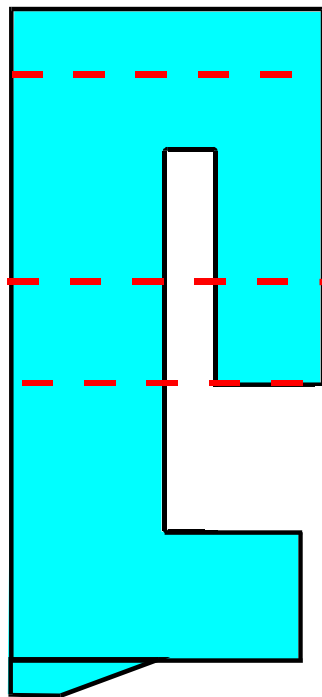


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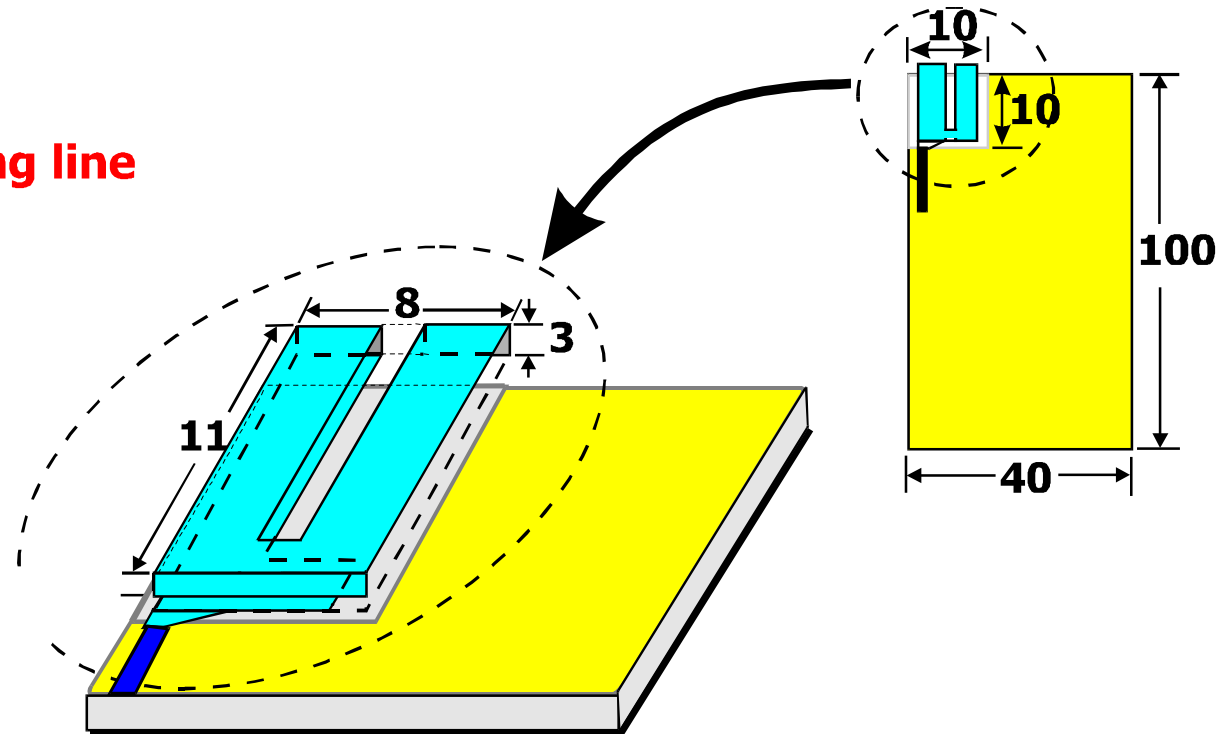
SMA- Plastic Chip or Folded Strip Monopole (1)

Dual-band operation in 2.4/5.2 GHz WLAN bands;
 Antenna size: 12 x 8 x 3 mm³

planar structure



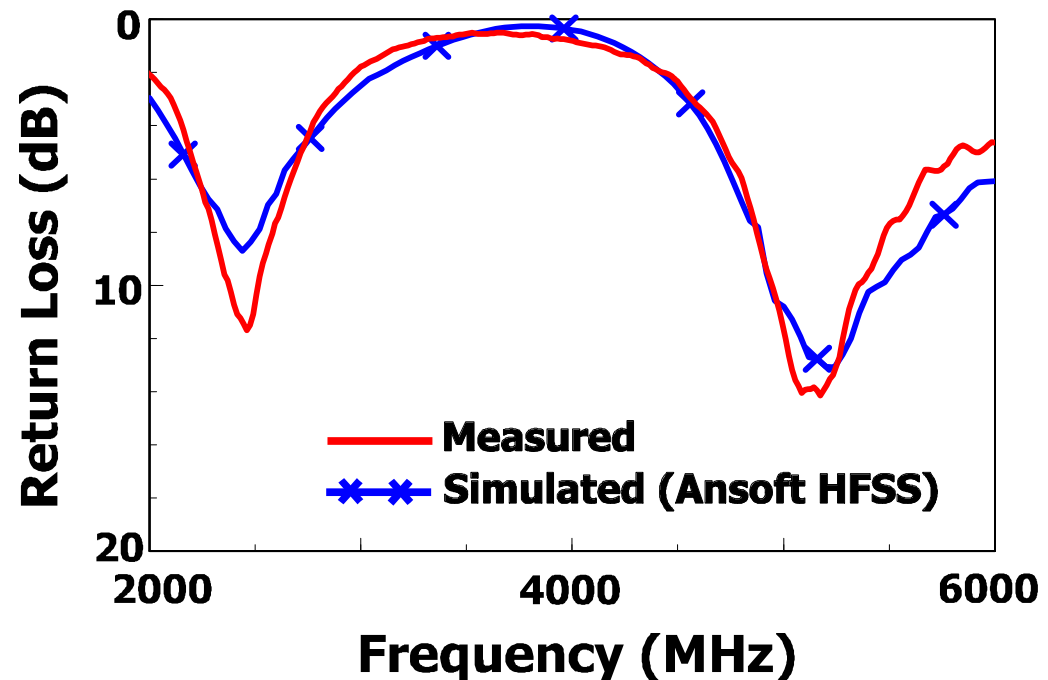
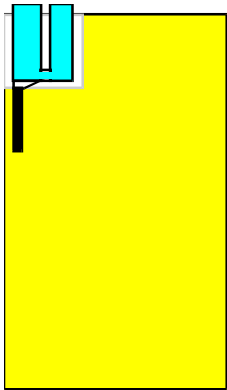
bending line



SMA- Plastic Chip or Folded Strip Monopole (1.1)

10 dB RL BW: 130 MHz for 2.4 GHz band, 418 MHz for 5.2 GHz band;

Gain level about 2 dBi in the 2.4 and 5.2 GHz bands





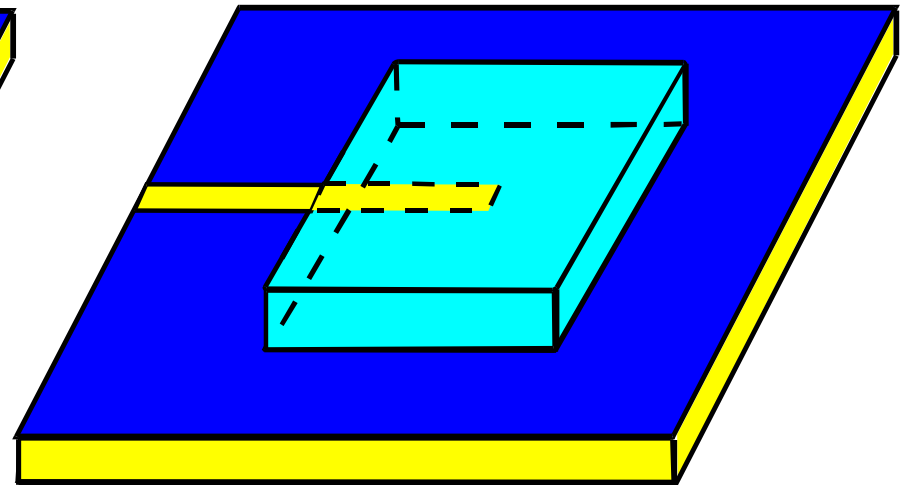
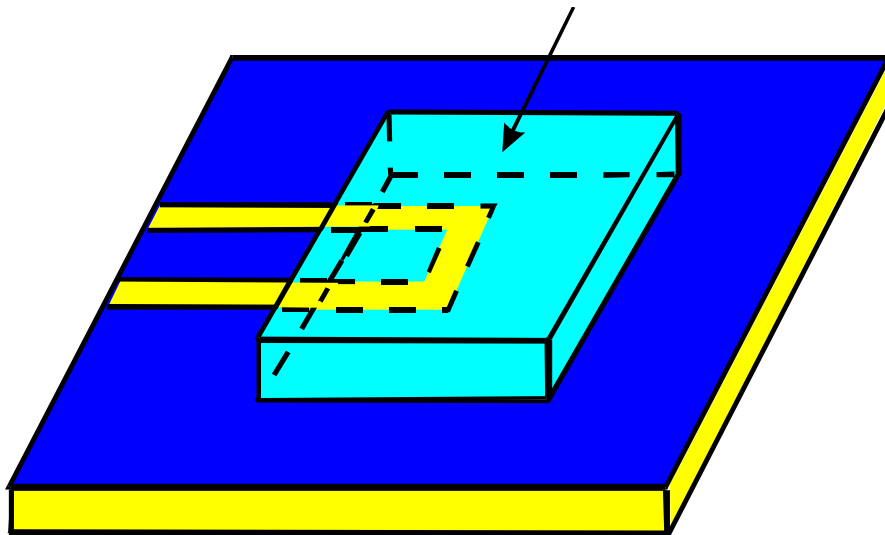
SMA- DR Antennas

- **Dielectric constant = 20 ~ 100**
- **Compact size**
- **Very low dielectric loss**
- **No metallic loss, Suitable for higher-frequency operation**
- **Wider bandwidth than microstrip antennas**

SMA- DR Antenna with a CPW feed or a microstrip-line feed

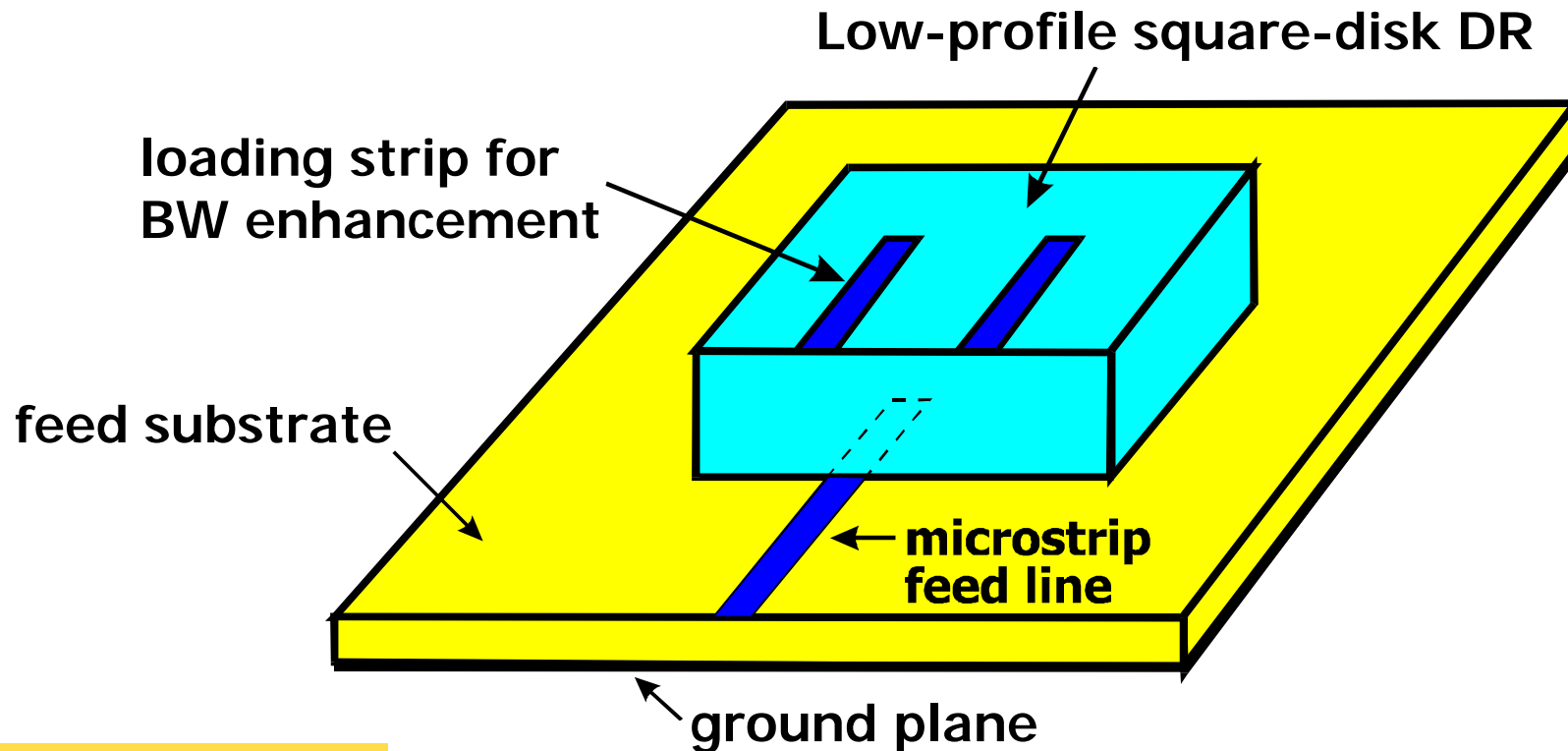
DR antenna can be easily excited by a CPW line or a microstrip line

Low-profile square-disk DR



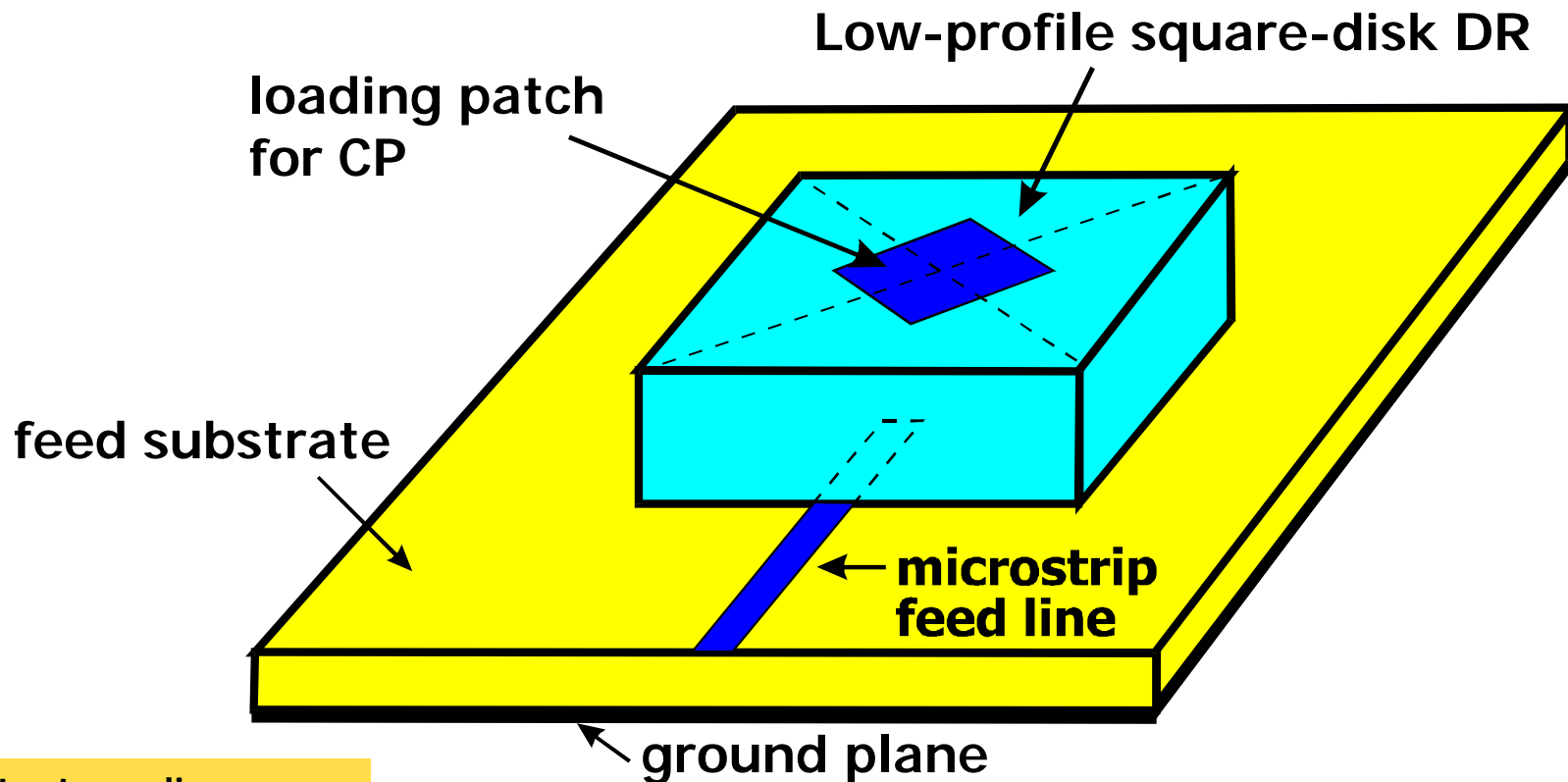
SMA- Broadband DR Antenna with a Microstrip Feed (1)

DRA with size $1.6 \times 10 \times 10 \text{ mm}^3$ and $\epsilon_r = 90.5$ has a 250-MHz BW for WLAN operation in the 5.2 GHz band



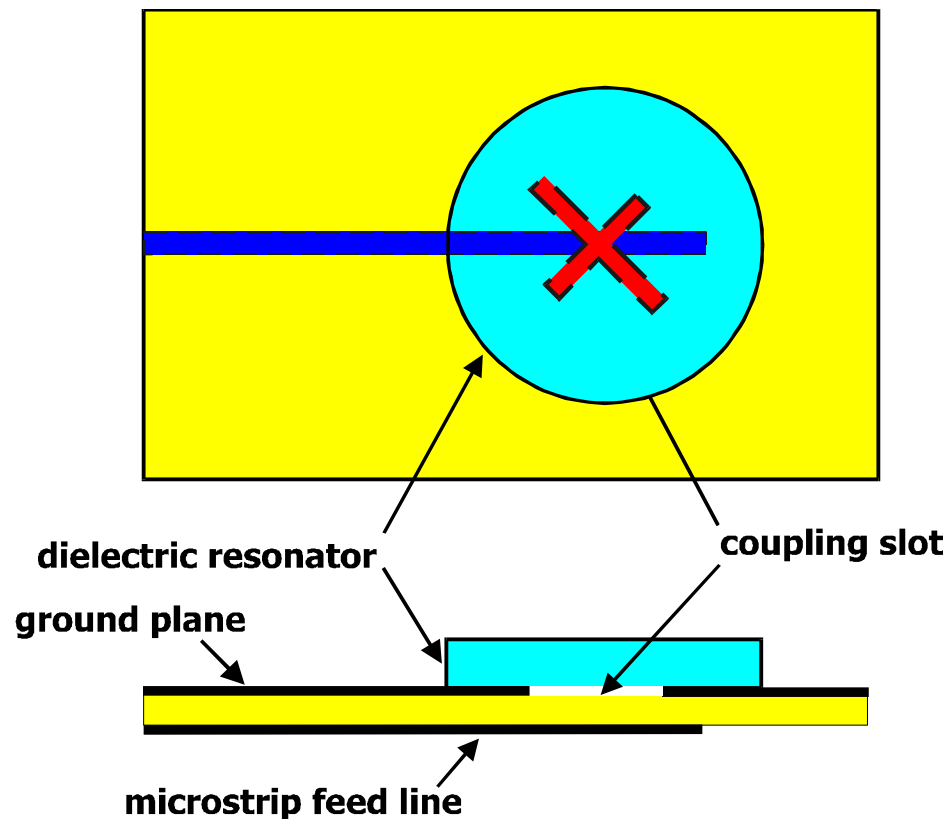
SMA- DR Antenna for CP Radiation (1) using a loading patch

DRA with size $28 \times 28 \times 4.9 \text{ mm}^3$ and $\epsilon_r = 79$
has a 1.1% CP BW@2 GHz



SMA- DR Antenna for CP Radiation (2) using a cross-slot-coupled feed

DRA with radius 14.7 mm, height 5.1 mm, and $\epsilon_r = 79$ has a 3.9% CP BW@2 GHz



WLAN Printed Monopole Antennas

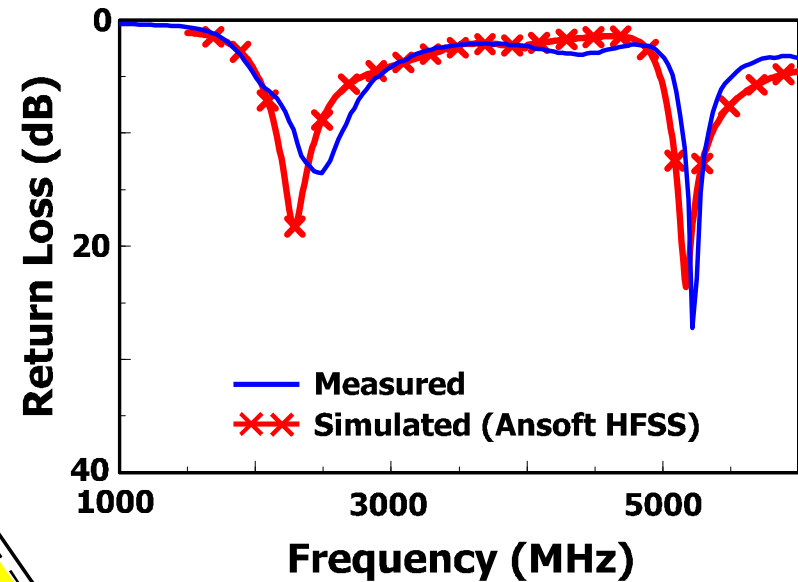
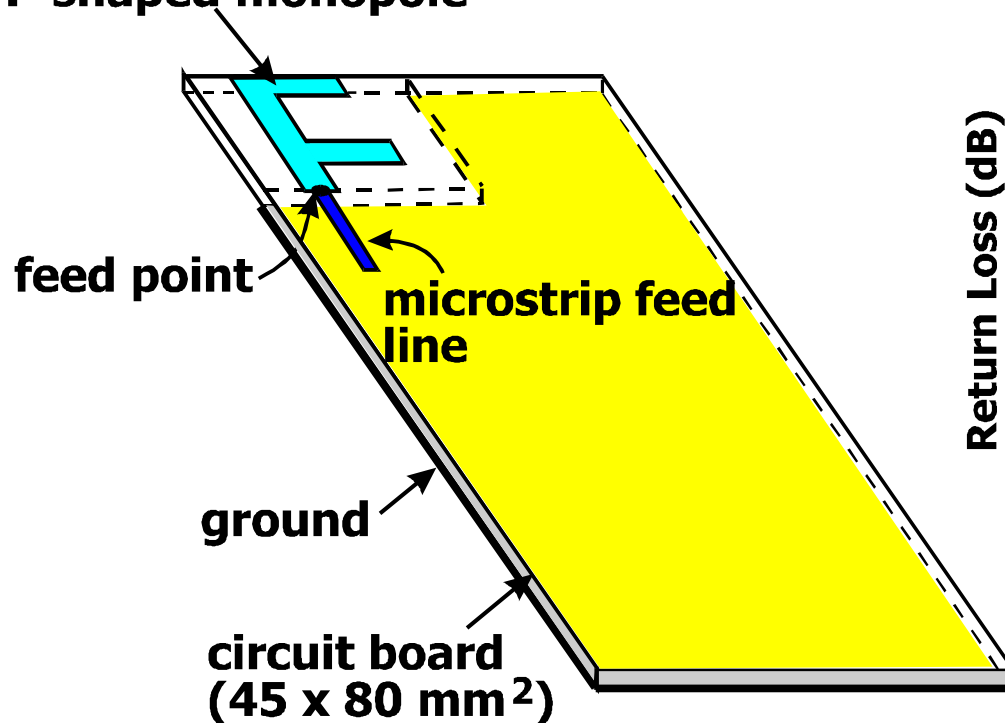


- **Integrated design with the system circuit board**
 - Dual-band monopole antenna
 - Diversity monopole antenna
 - Diversity dual-band monopole antenna
- **Printed monopole with a coaxial feed line**

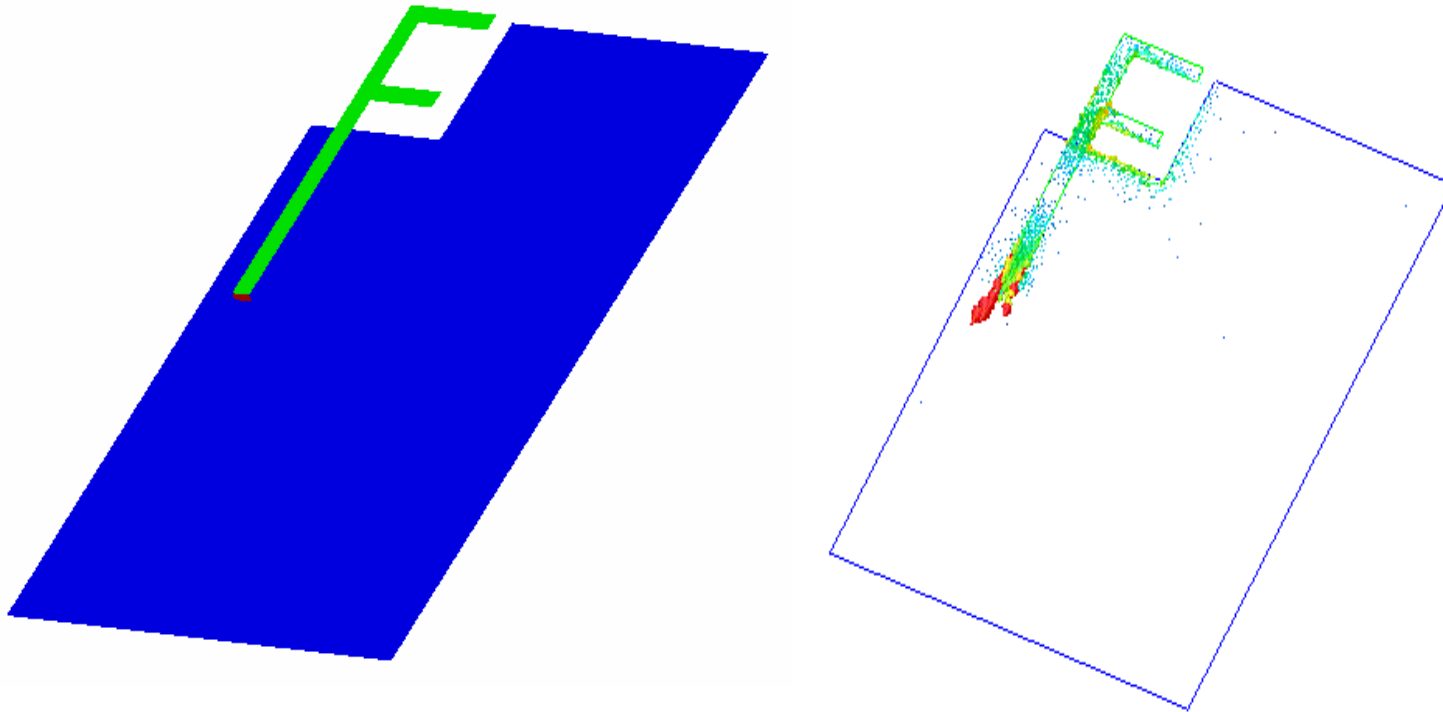
WLAN Printed Monopole-Dual-band monopole (1)

Dual-band F-shaped monopole for 2.4/5.2 GHz WLAN bands; antenna size: 10 x 15 mm²

F-shaped monopole

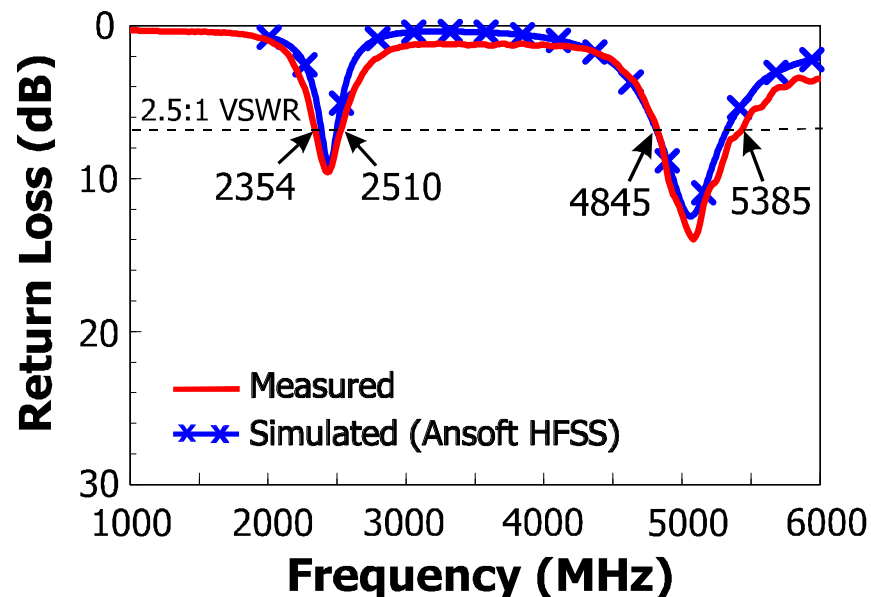
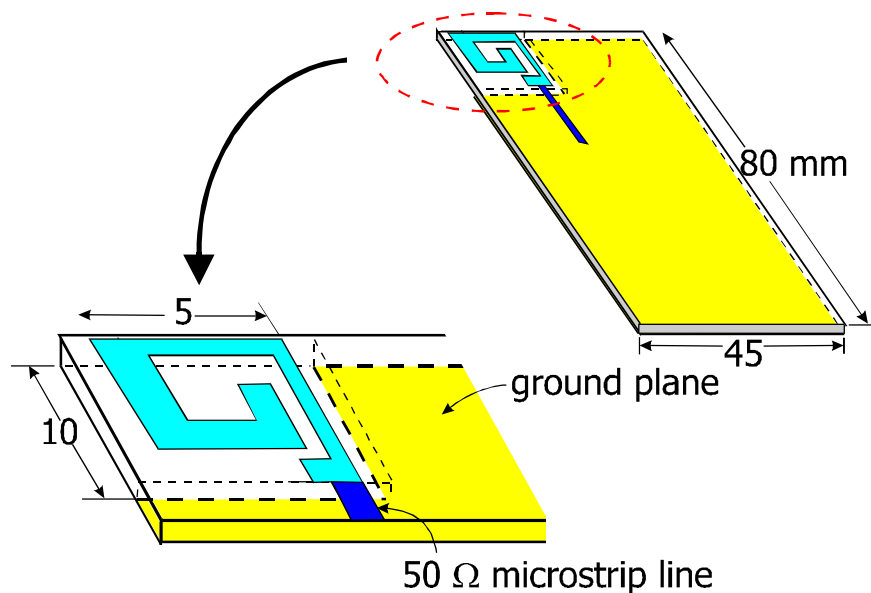


3D Model in Ansoft HFSS & Vector Current Plot

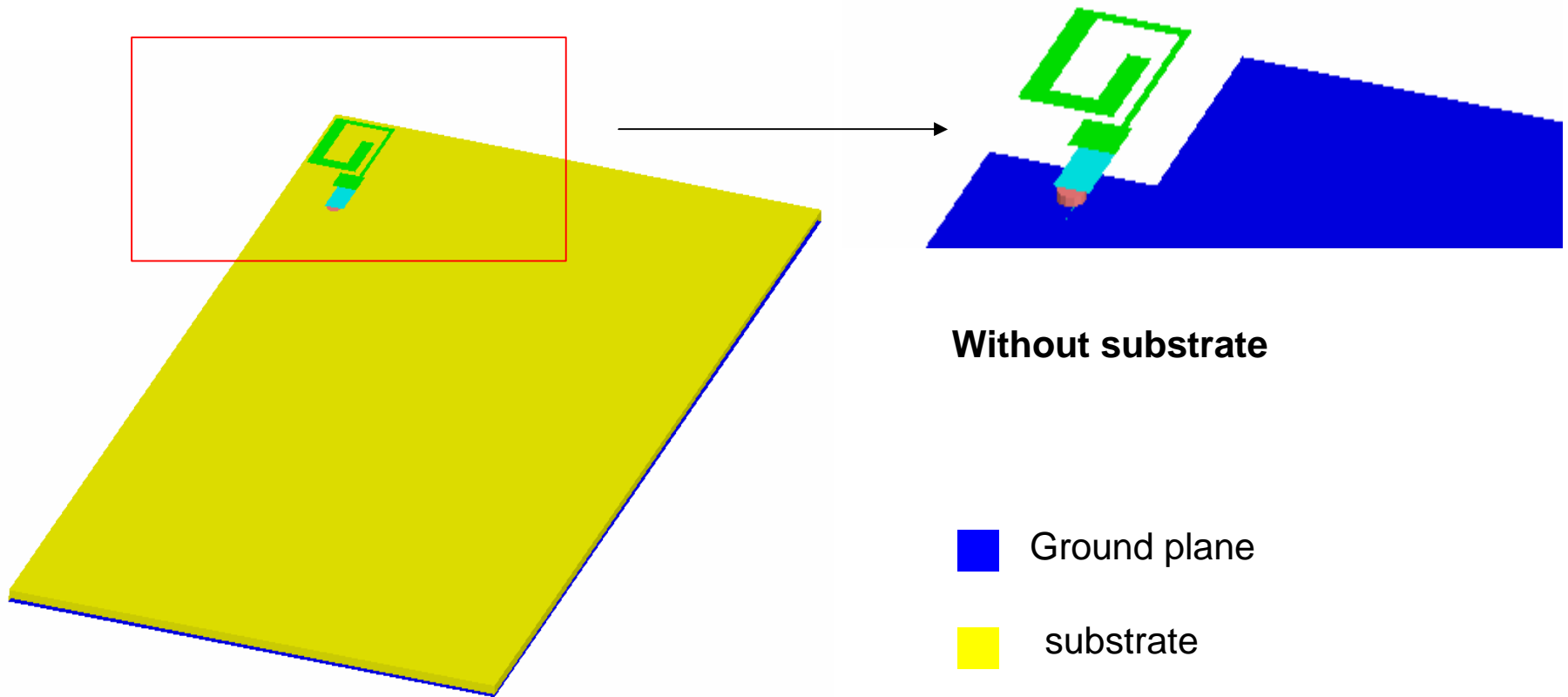


WLAN Printed Monopole-Dual-band monopole (2)

Dual-band spiral monopole for 2.4/5.2 GHz WLAN bands



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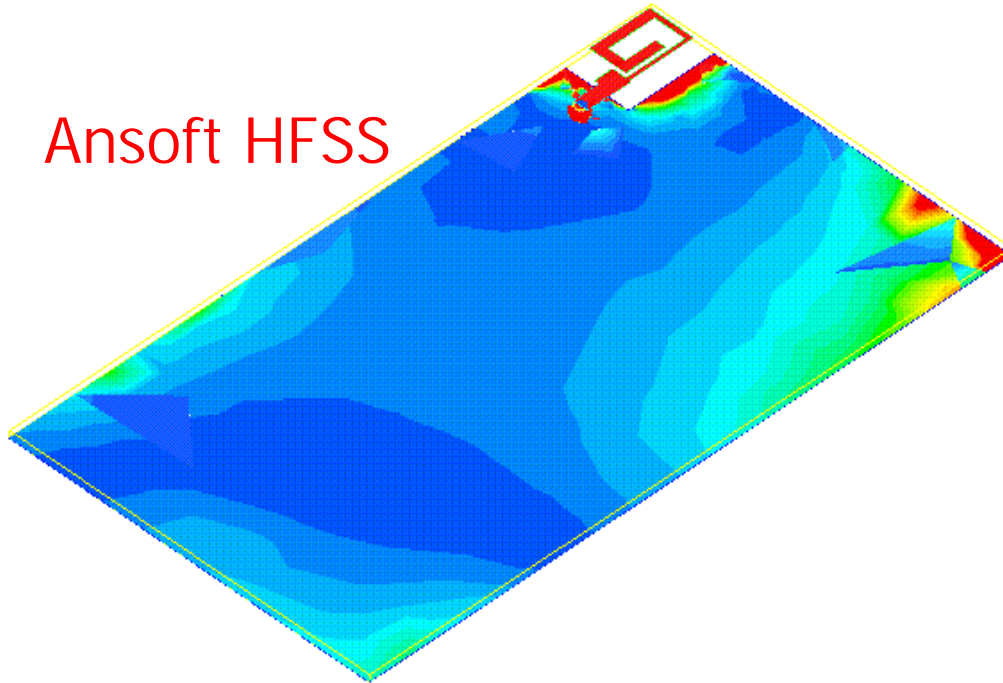
Without substrate

■ Ground plane

■ substrate

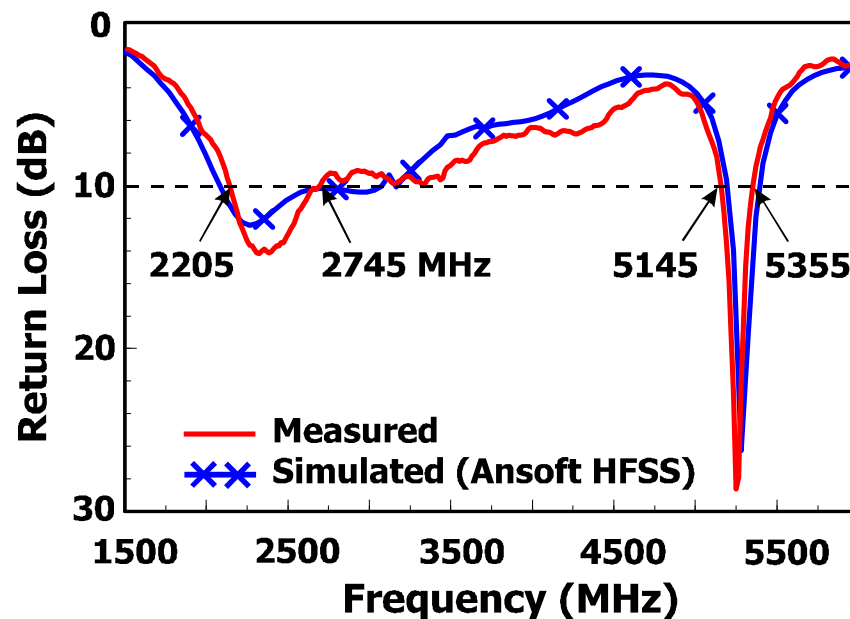
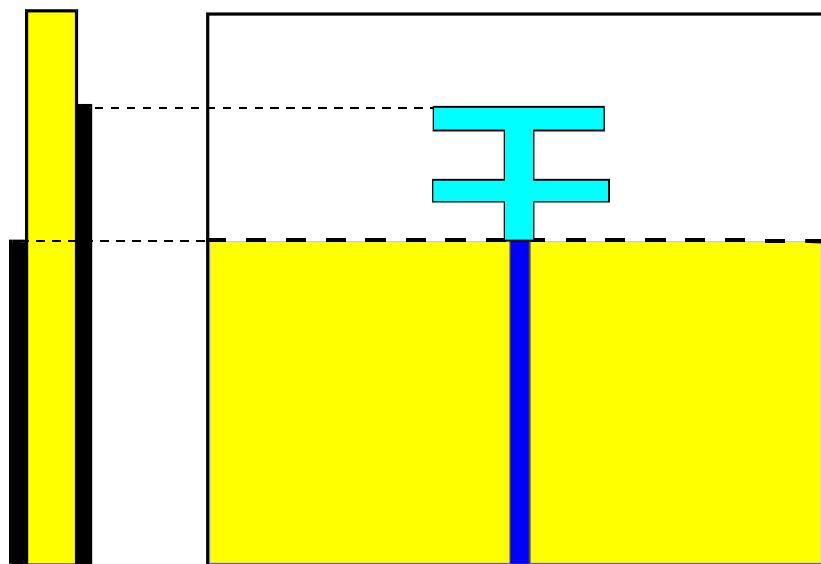
Magnitude Current Plot on Antenna

Ansoft HFSS



WLAN Printed Monopole-Dual-band design (3)

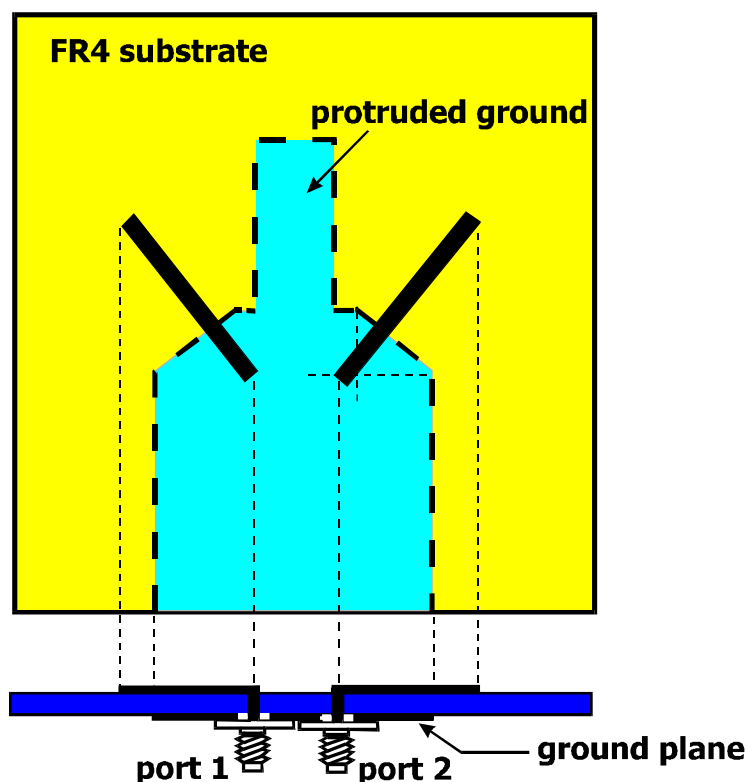
Dual-band double-T monopole for 2.4/5.2 GHz WLAN bands



WLAN Printed Monopole-Diversity monopole design (1)

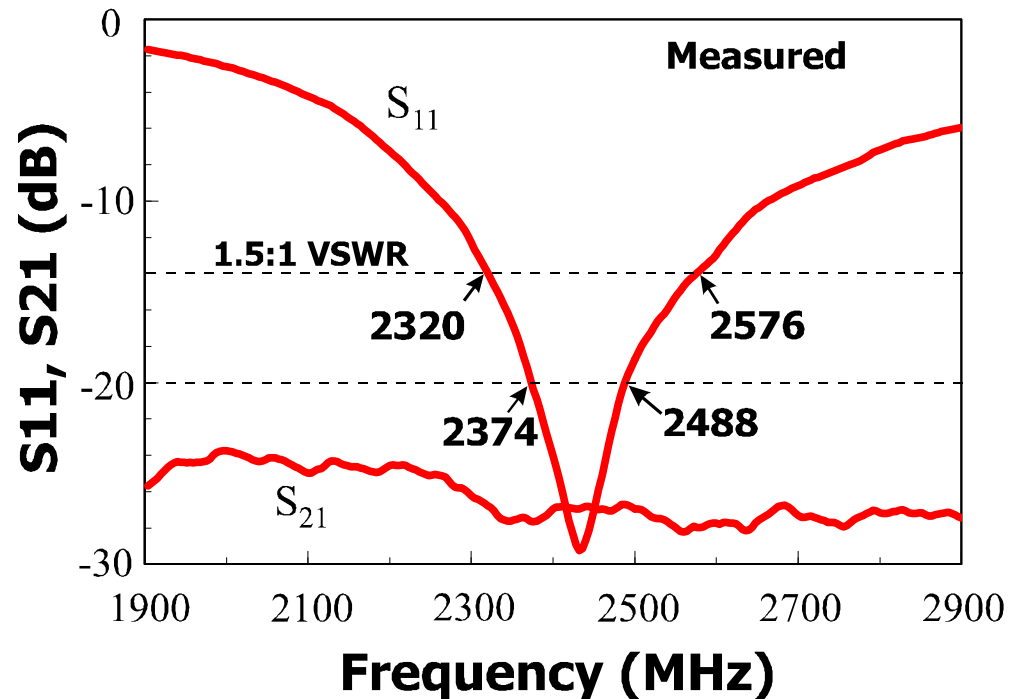
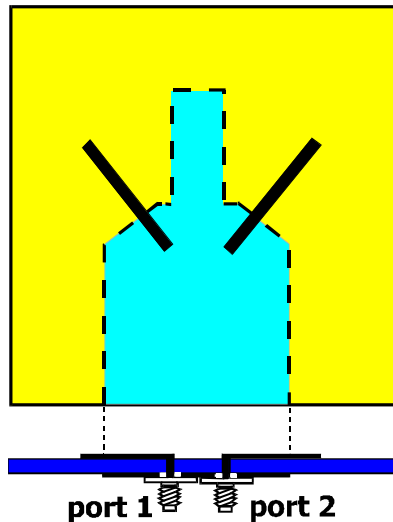
Spatial/polarization diversity in the 2.4 GHz band

Protruded ground plane improves port decoupling between ports 1 and 2



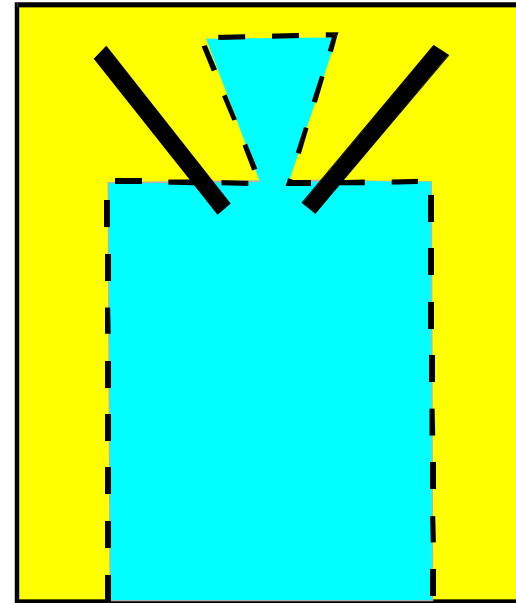
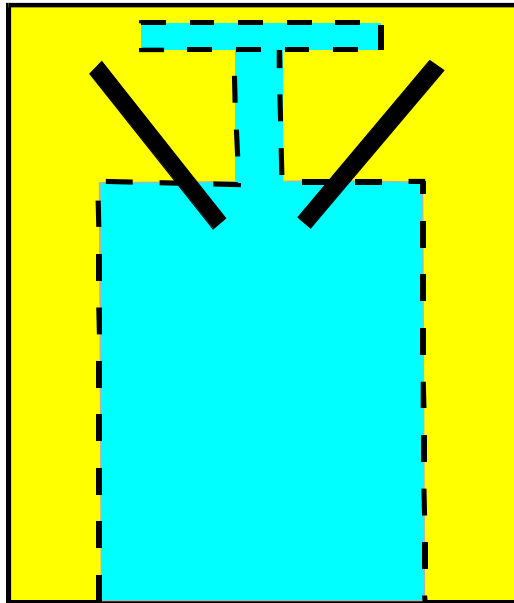
WLAN Printed Monopole-Diversity monopole design (1.1)

Gain level ~ 1.8 dBi for ports 1 and 2



WLAN Printed Monopole-Diversity monopole design (1.3)

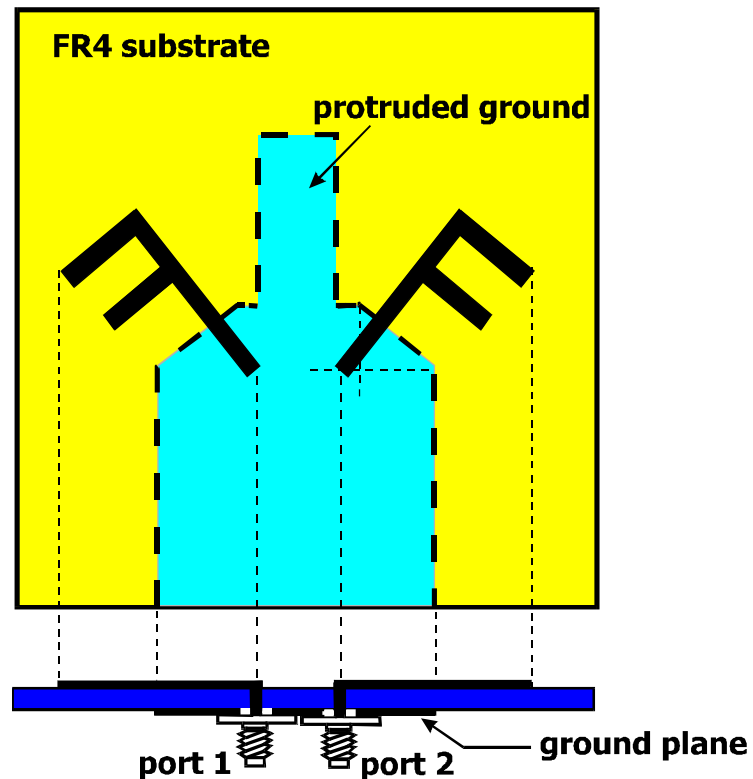
Other promising diversity monopole antennas with highly decoupled feeding ports



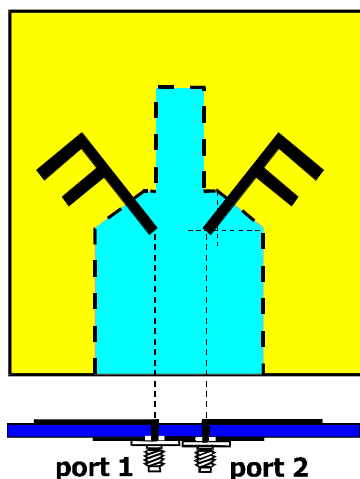
WLAN Printed Monopole-Diversity dual-band monopole (1)

Diversity monopole antenna for 2.4 and 5.2 GHz dual-band operations

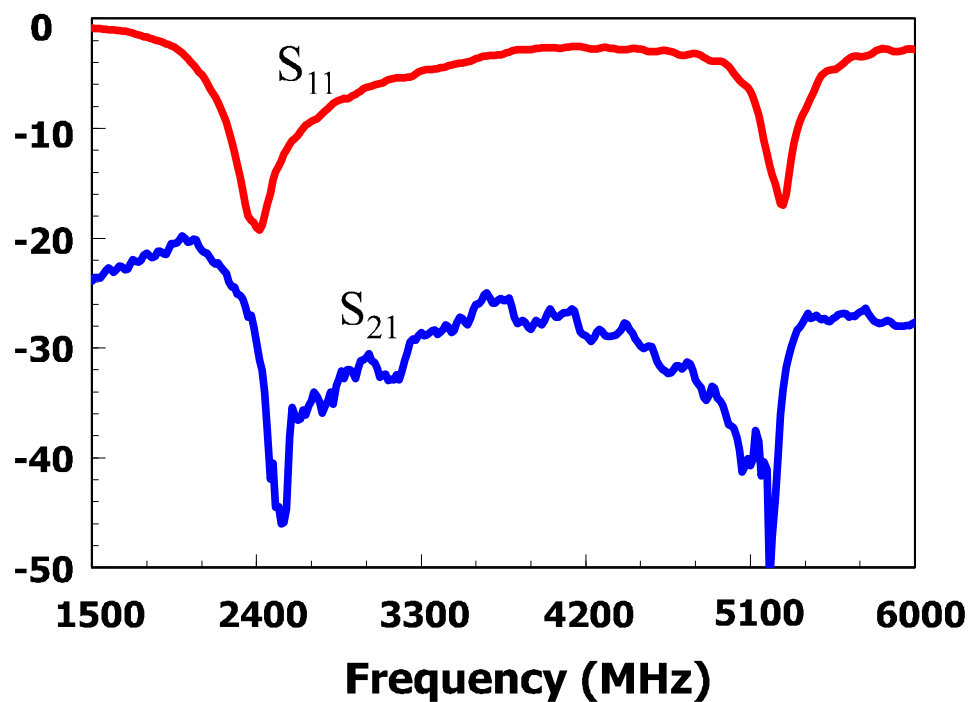
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WLAN Printed Monopole- Diversity dual-band monopole (1.1)

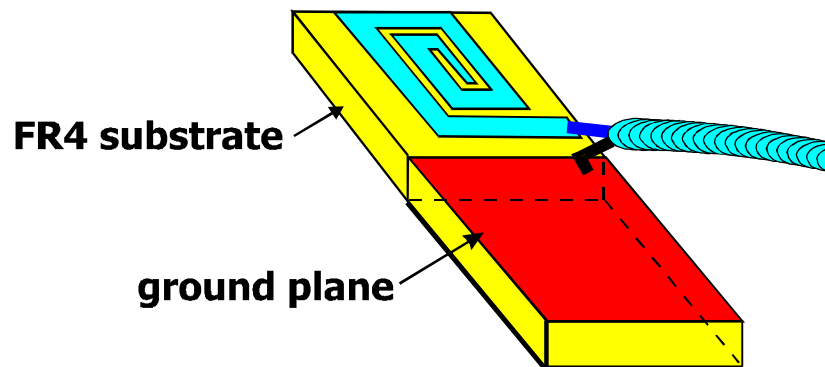
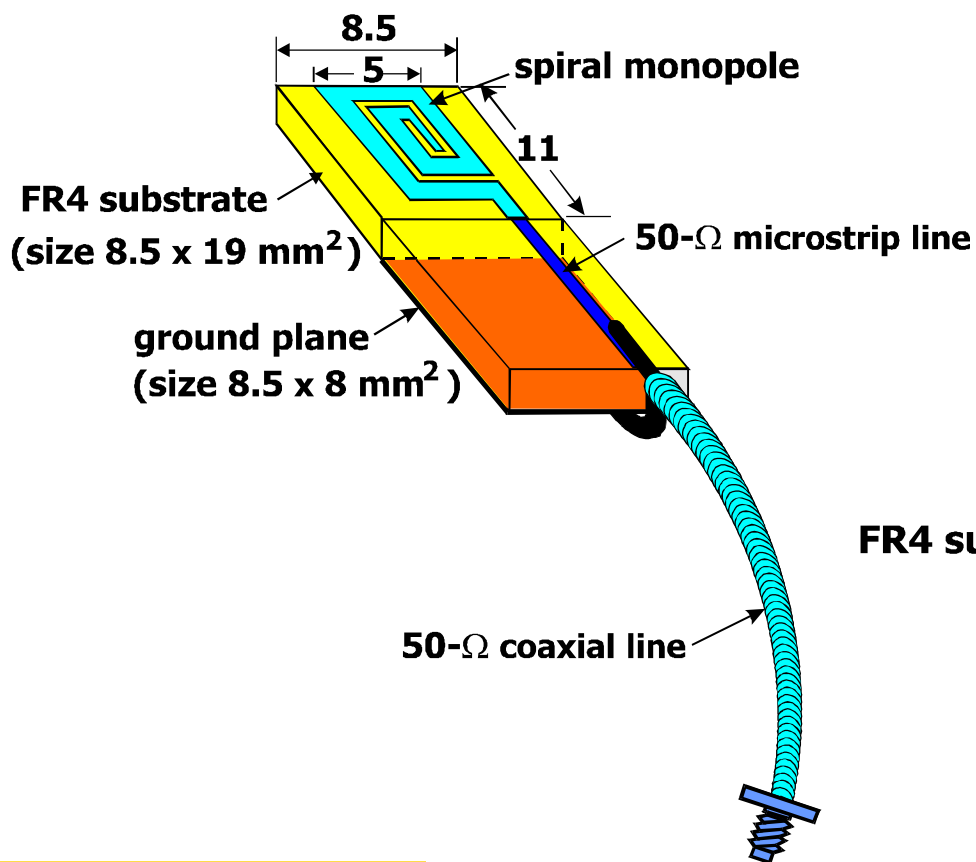


Within the 2.4 and 5.2 GHz bands,
 $S_{11} < -10$ dB and $S_{21} < -28$ dB



WLAN Printed Monopole- using a coaxial feed line

Dual-band spiral monopole for 2.4/5.2 GHz WLAN bands

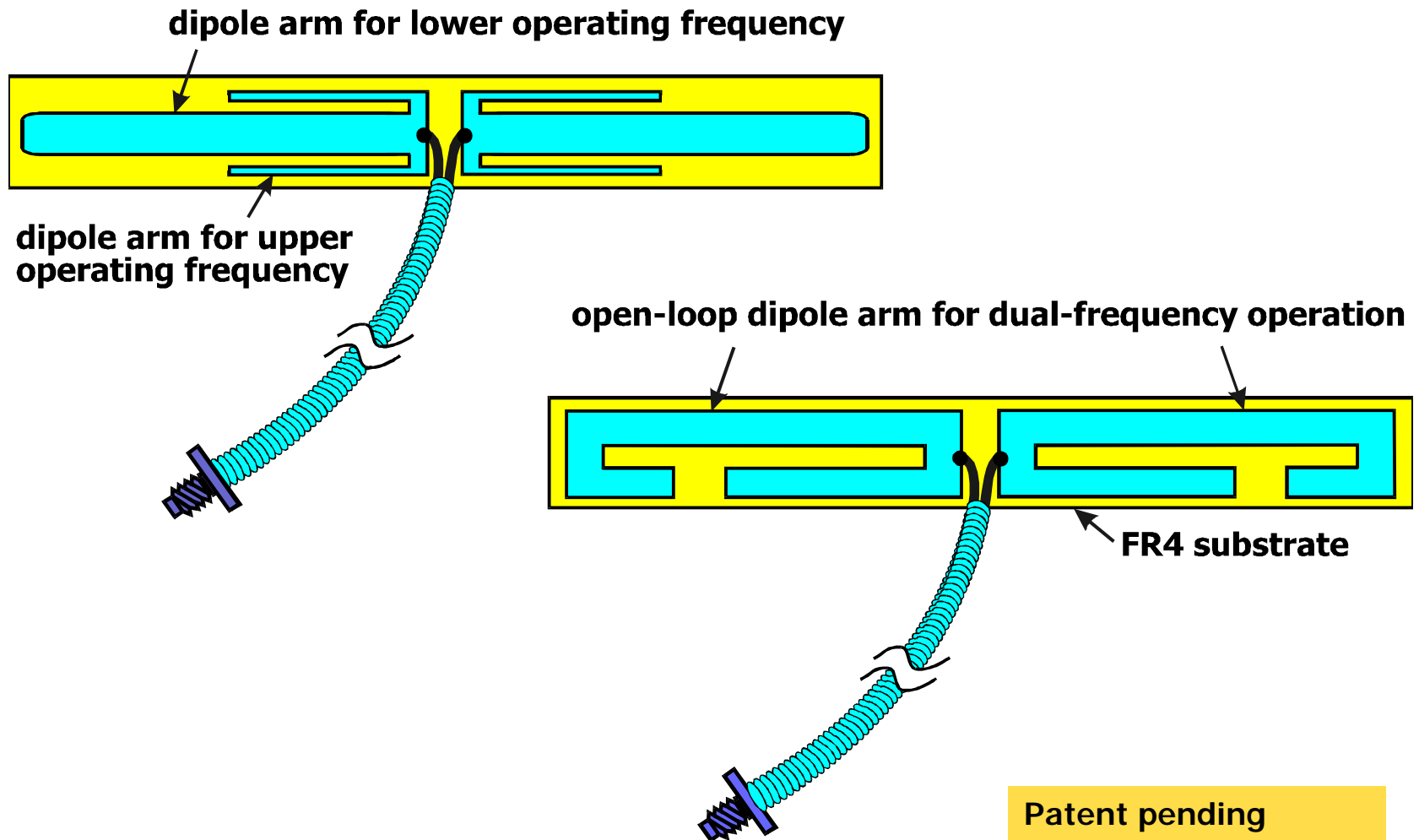


Dual-Band Printed Dipole Antennas

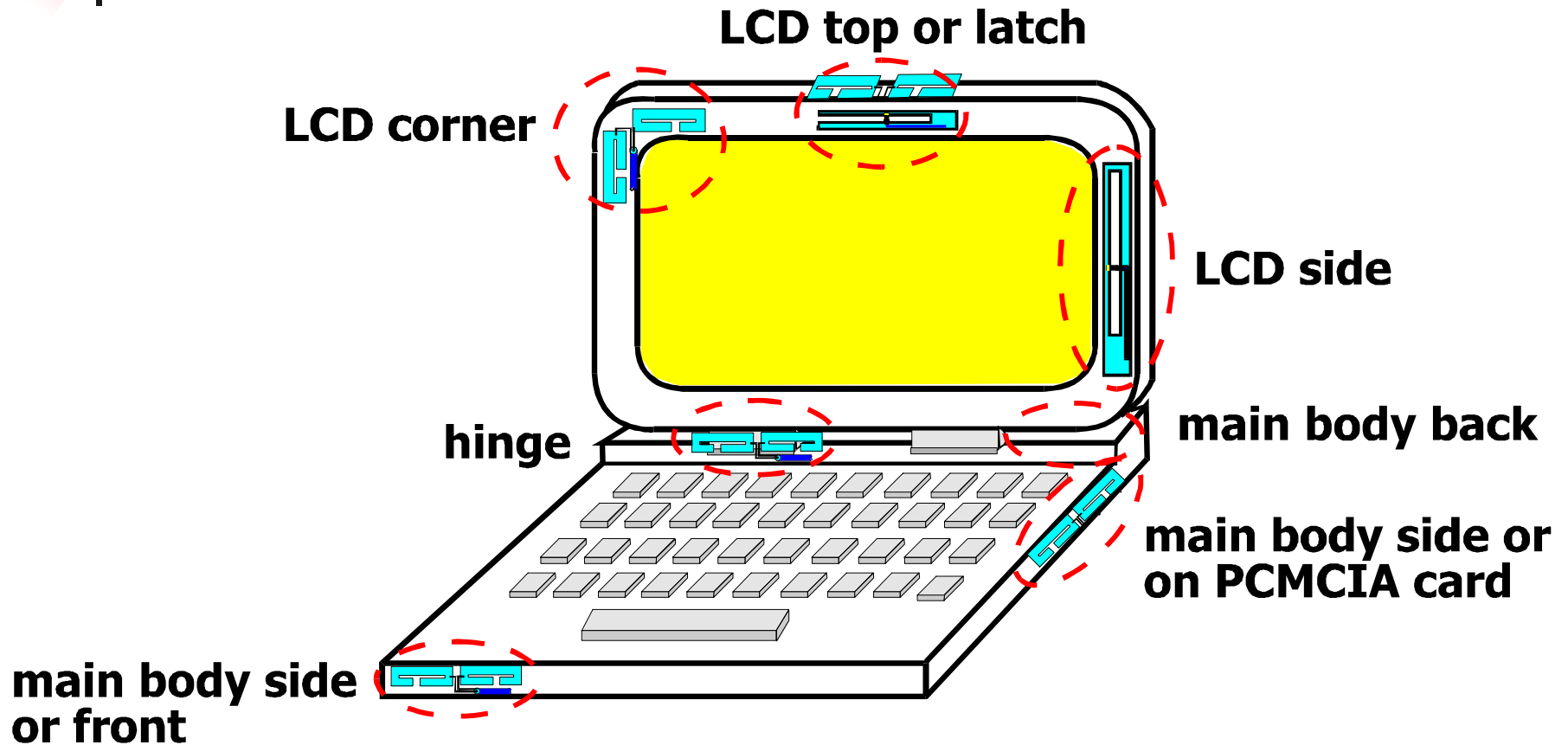


- **With trident arms**
- **With open-loop arms**
- **With L-slit-loaded arms**
- **With U-slotted arms**
- **With folded arms**

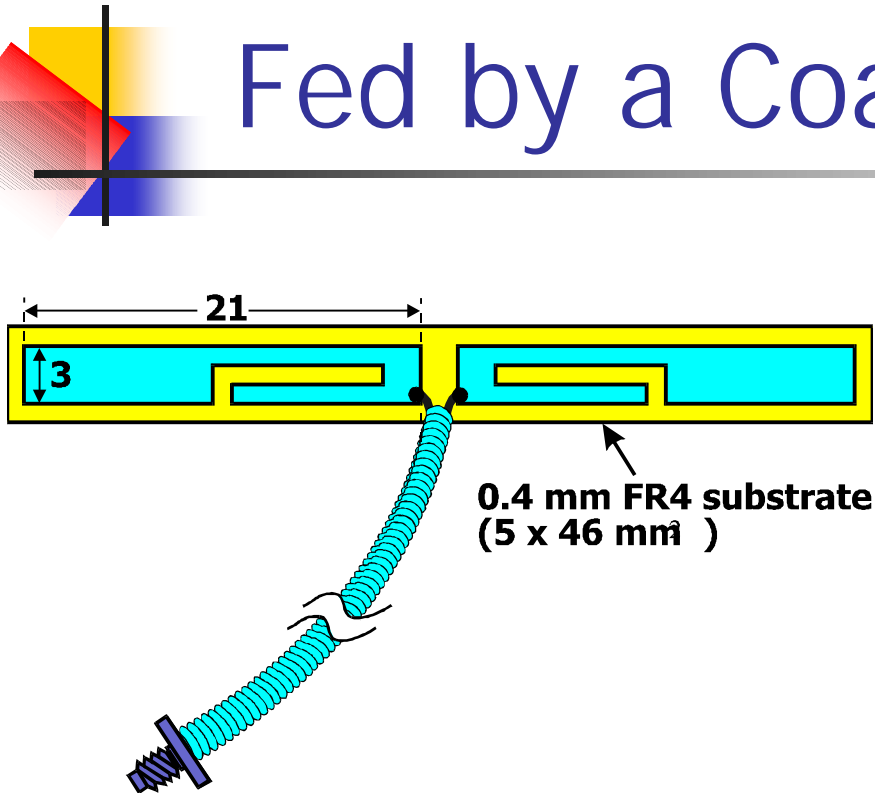
Dual-Band Printed Dipole-Fed by a Coaxial Line (1)



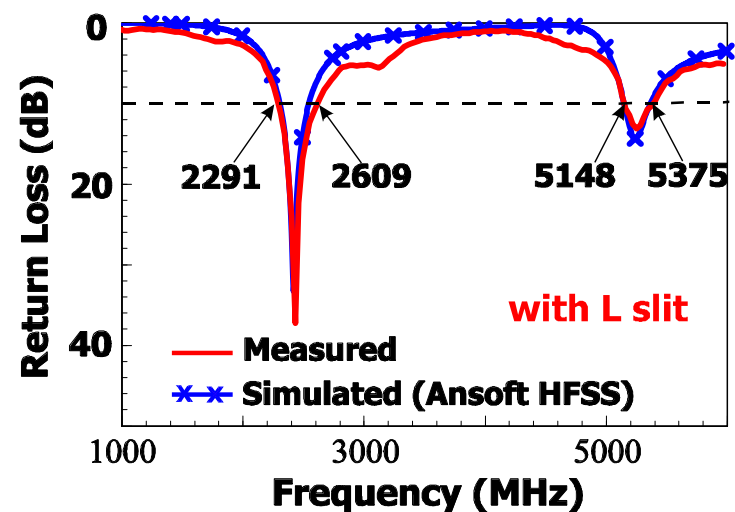
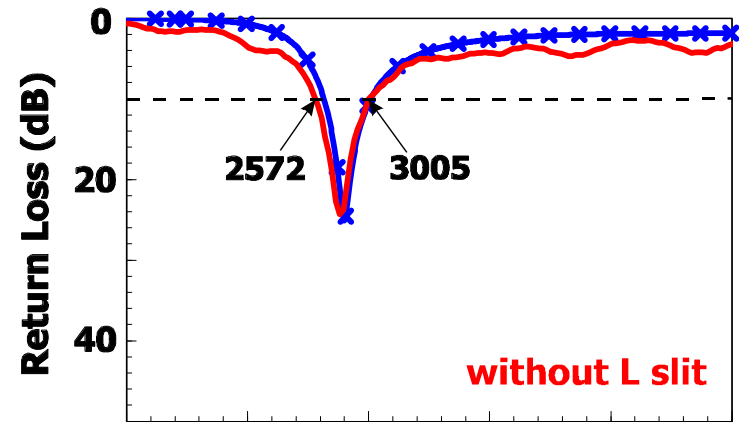
Printed Dipoles/Monopoles/Slot Antennas/ PIFAs Applied to Notebook Computer



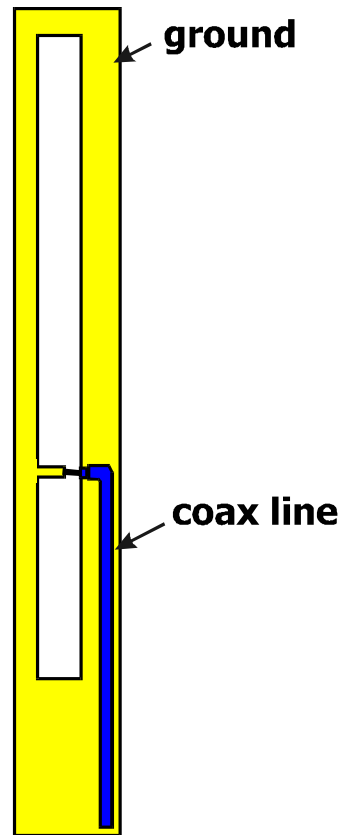
Dual-Band Printed Dipole-Fed by a Coaxial Line (2)



Radiation patterns across the 2.4 and 5.2 GHz bands are stable and close to those of a simple dipole antenna

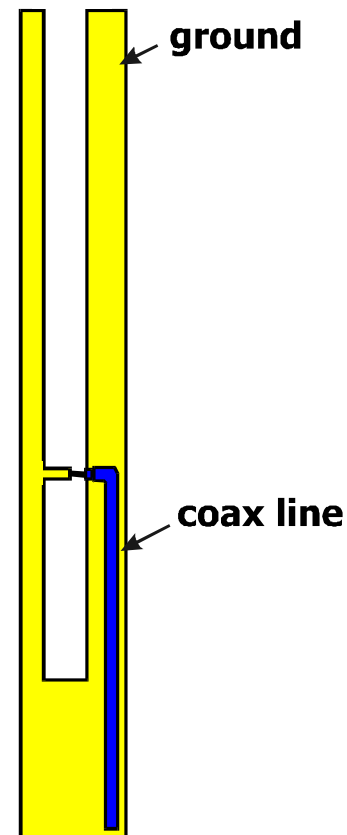


WLAN Slot Antenna/PIFA Applied to Notebook Computer



slot antenna

0.5 wavelength in length

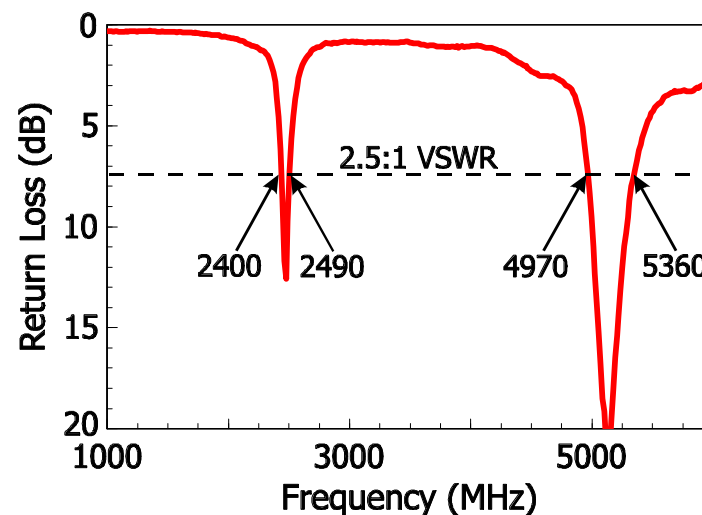
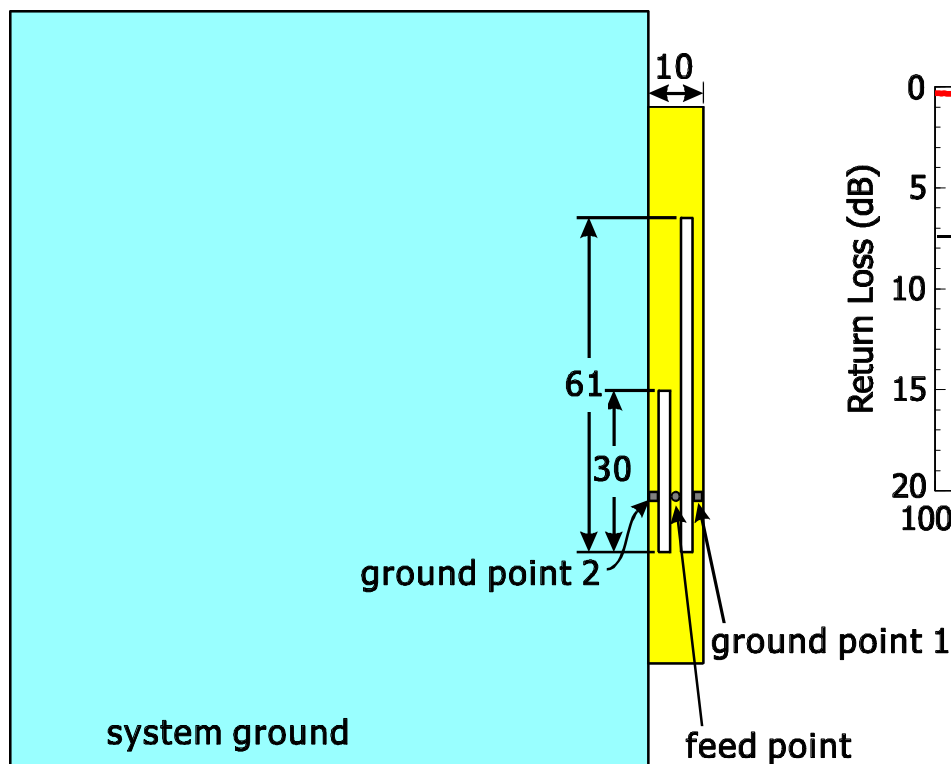


PIFA

0.25 wavelength in length

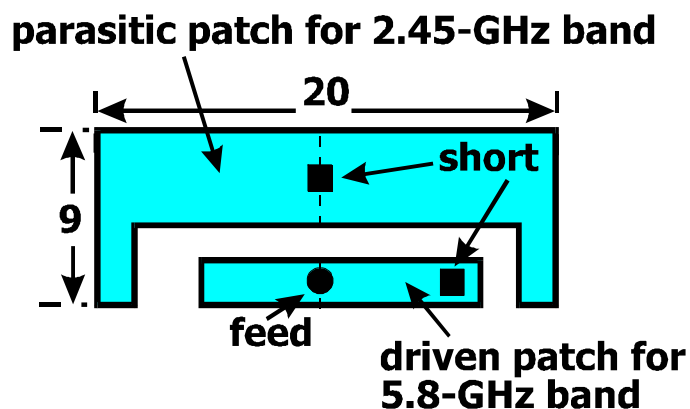
WLAN 2.4/5.2 GHz Dual-Band Slot Antenna

Antenna gain level in both the 2.4 and 5.2 GHz about 6.0~7.0 dBi

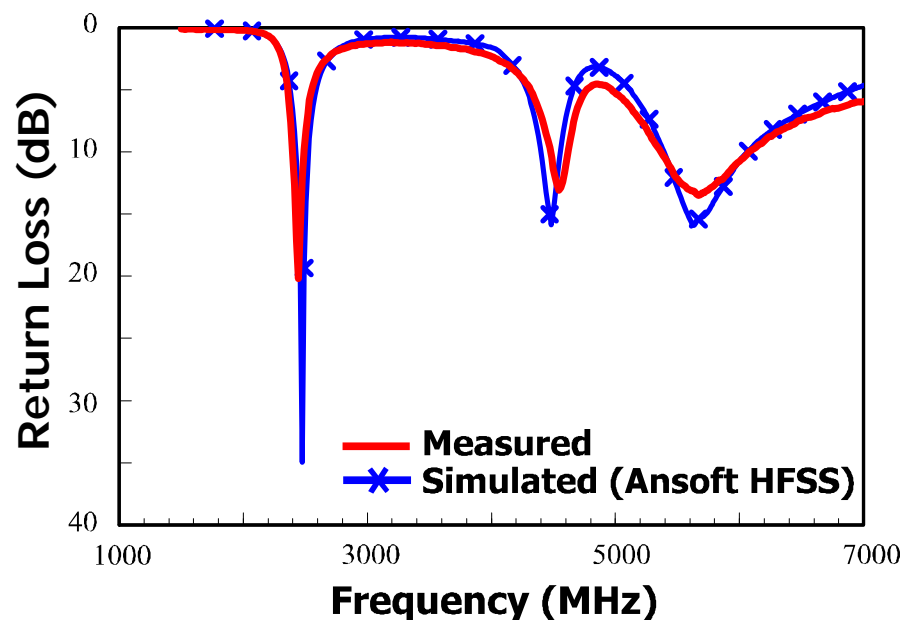


PIFAs for WLAN Operation- PIFA with a parasitic shorted patch

Antenna operates at the first resonant frequency of the driven and parasitic patches (2.4/5.8 GHz dual band)



Patch 5 mm above ground





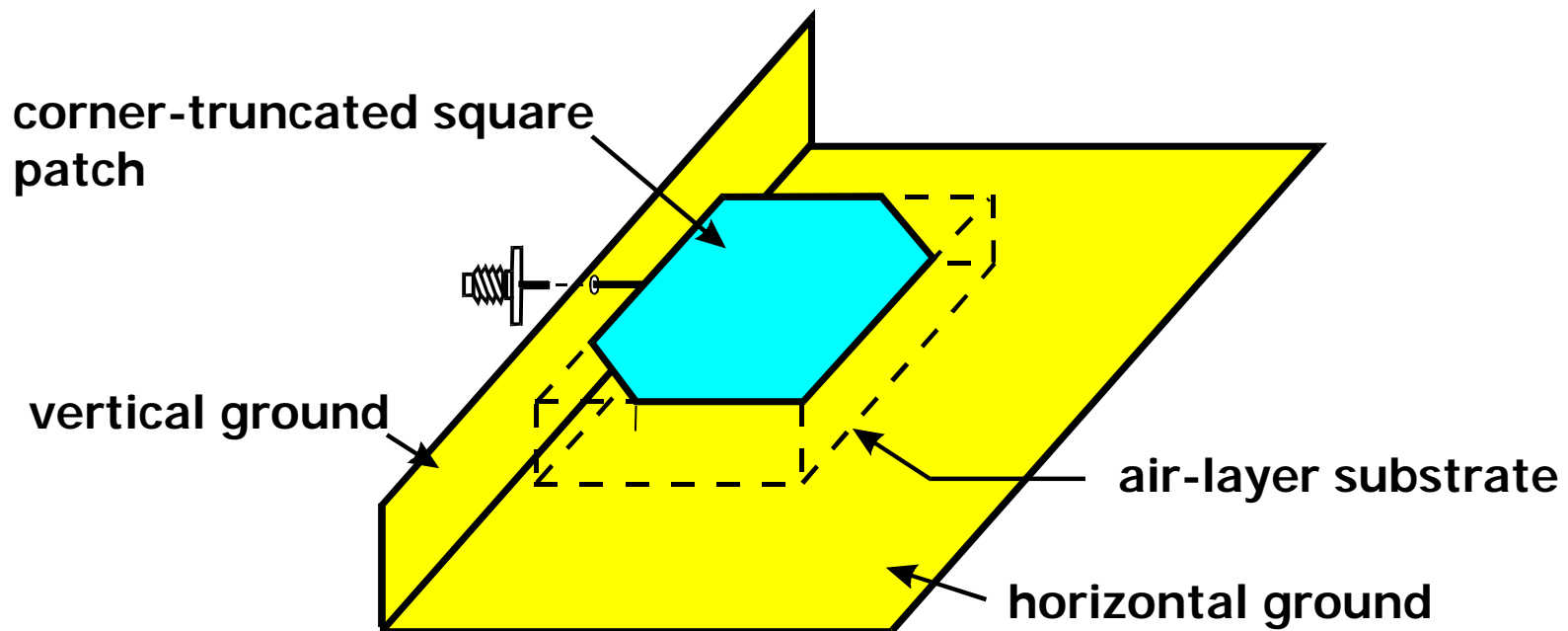
WLAN AP Antennas

- **Broadband CP design**
- **Dual-polarized design**
- **Dual-band design**
- **Printed dipole array for omnidirectional radiation**

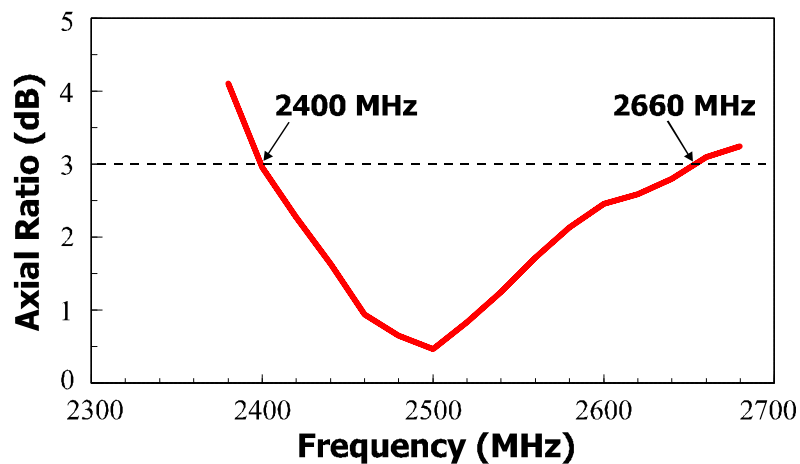
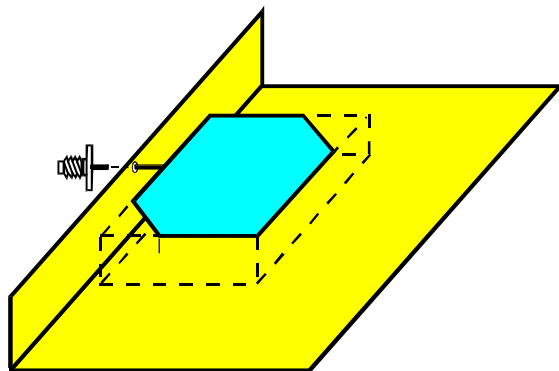
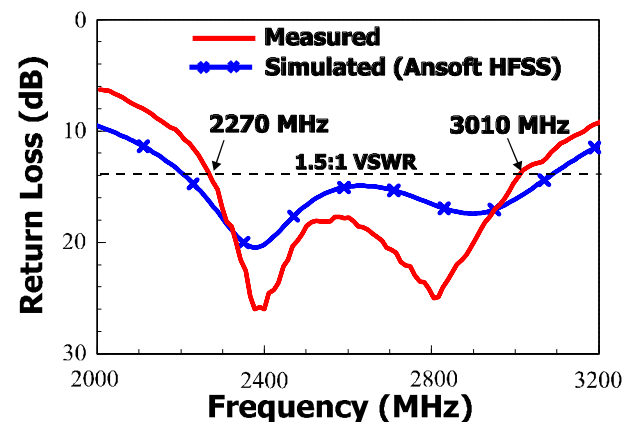
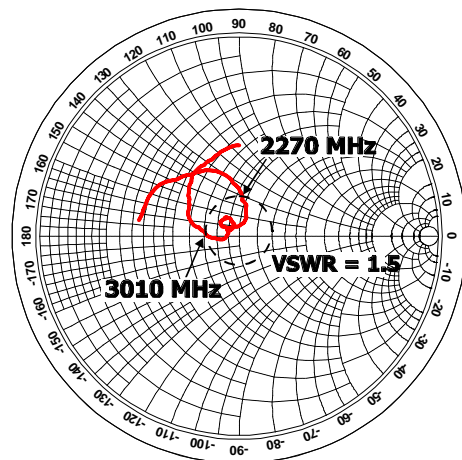
WLAN AP Antenna- Broadband CP design (1)

- Single-feed design with low cost in construction

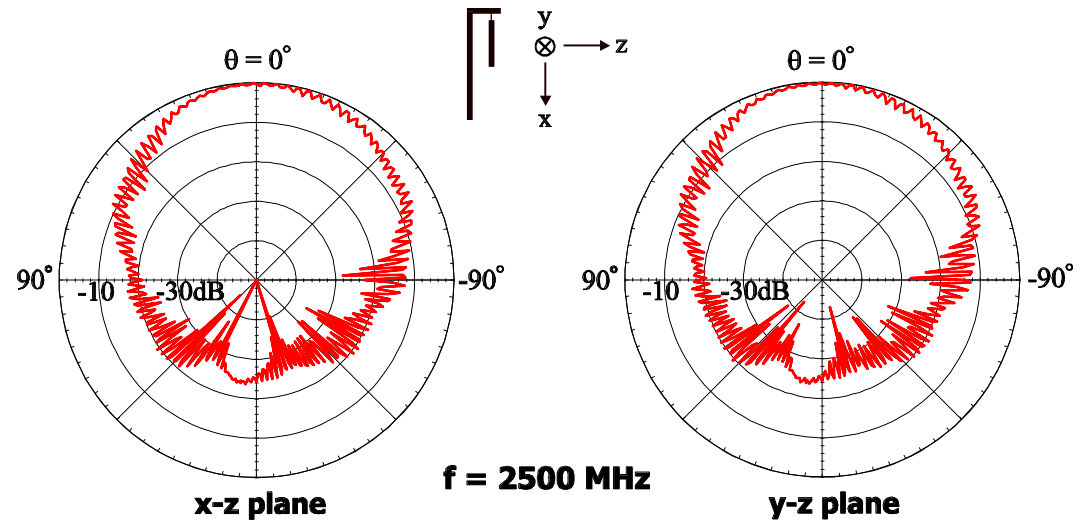
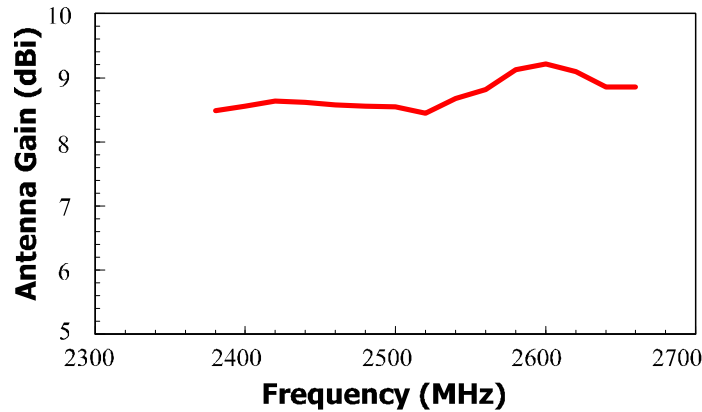
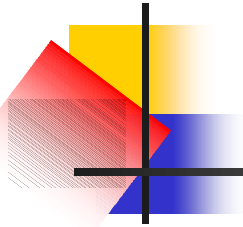
**3dB AR CP bandwidth > 10% @ 2.45 GHz,
gain level ~ 8.5 dBi**



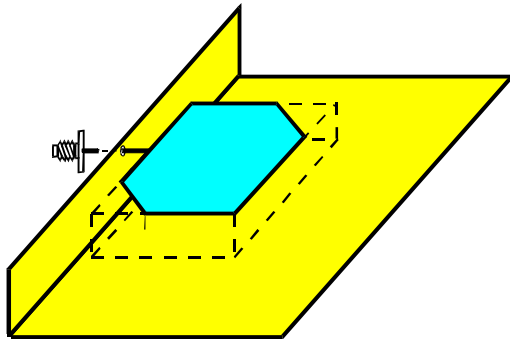
WLAN AP Antenna- Broadband CP design (1.1)



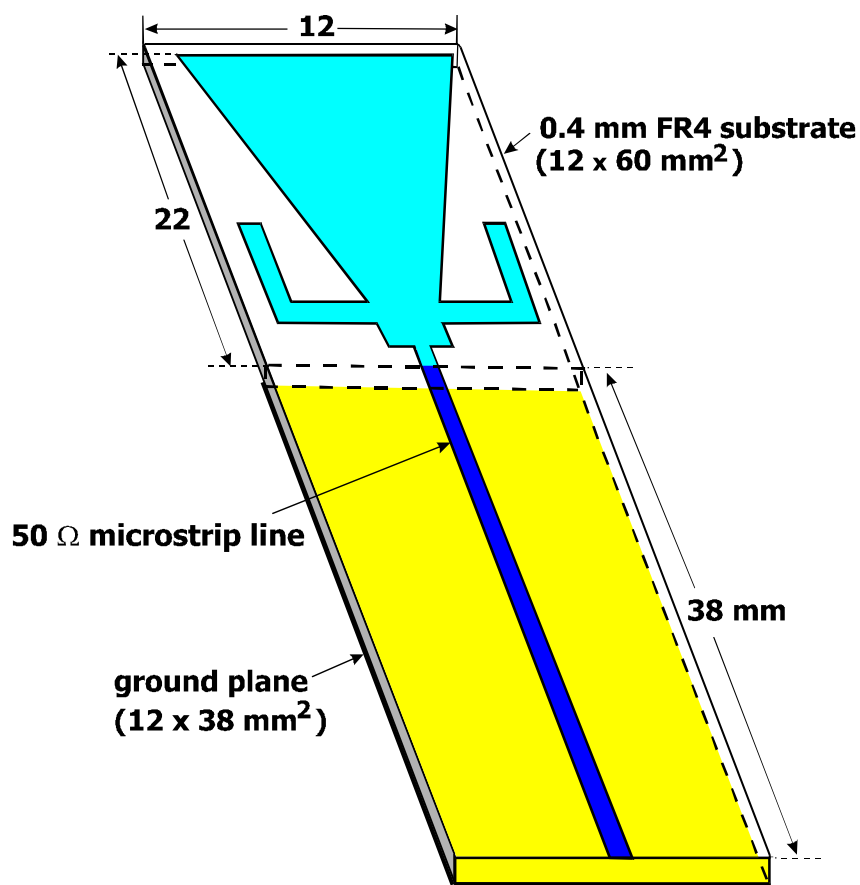
WLAN AP Antenna- Broadband CP design (1.2)



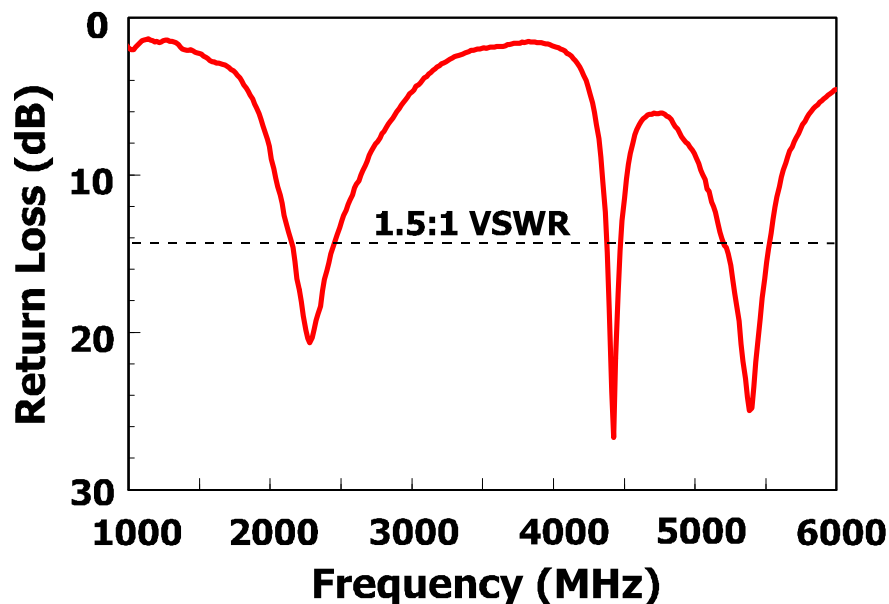
Spinning linear radiation patterns



WLAN AP Antenna- Dual-Band design- Printed monopole



2.4 GHz band: 3.5-4.0 dBi
 5.2 GHz band: 4.0-5.5 dBi
 Omnidirectional radiation



WLAN AP Antenna- Omnidirectional printed dipole array (1)

5 GHz AP dipole array:

1.5:1 VSWR: 5.15-5.35 GHz

Peak gain: > 5.5 dBi

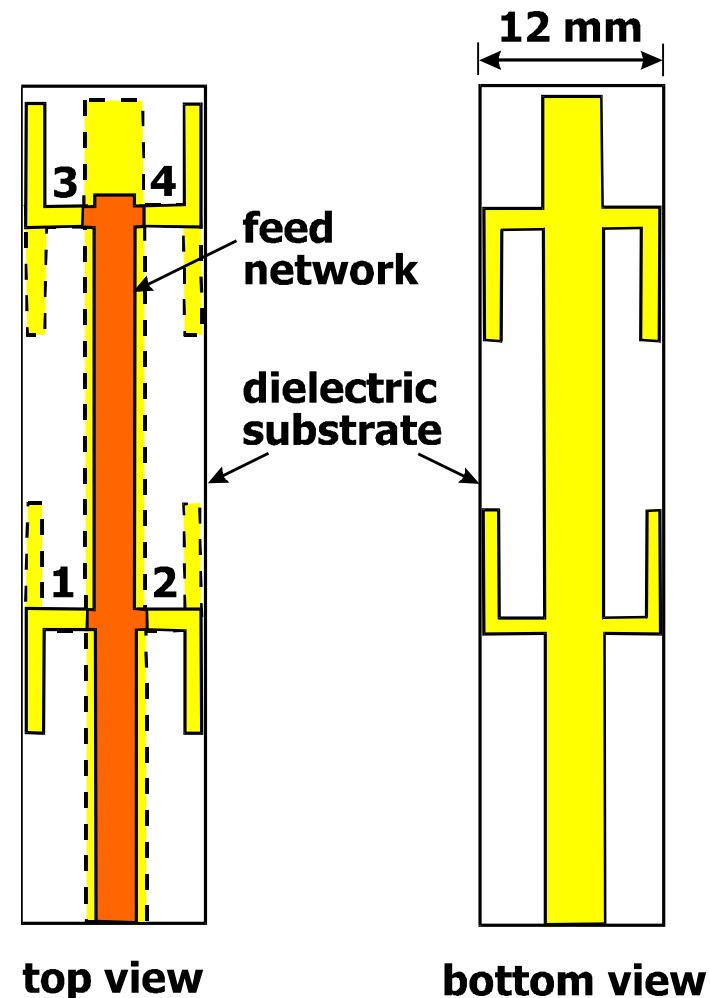
Omnidirectional ripple: < 2 dBi

Size: 12 mm x 90 mm

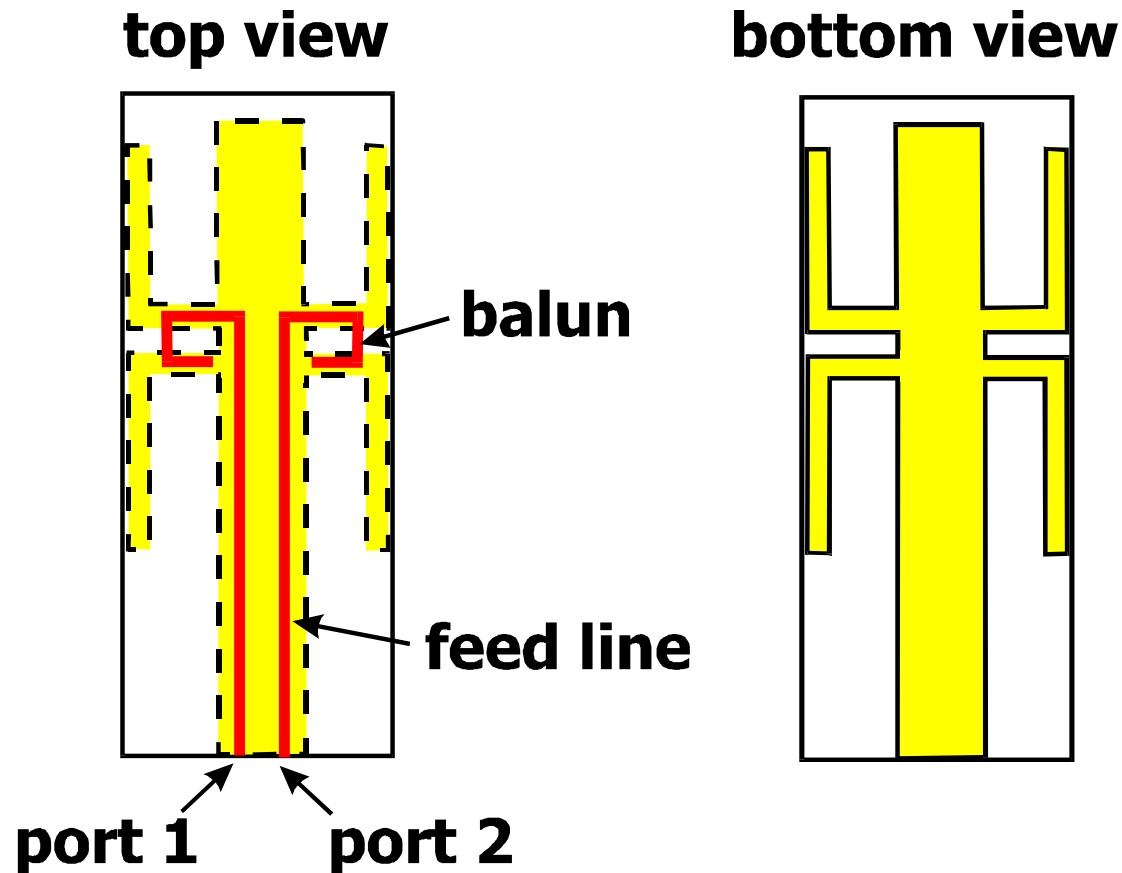
Omnidirectional pattern

Ports 1, 2: 0° , 1/4 power

Ports 3, 4: 180° , 1/4 power



WLAN AP Antenna- Diversity printed dipole





Conclusions

- **Planar antennas are good candidates for WLAN applications**
- **More promising planar antenna designs and applications are in progress**