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中文摘要

本篇論文提出三種類型天線之設計。一是晶片天線之研究，一主題是研究抑制旁波瓣與增加掃頻角度之洩漏波天線，最後一主題研究則是設計一具有低相關性之多輸入多輸出天線。

第一個主題，我們提出一個寬頻帶晶片天線。對於此天線的主要架構我們採用 PIFA 架構。而為了達到前端輻射的特性，在此我們採用八木—宇田天線架構中反射器的部分。因此本研究的天線具有兩種架構的組成，一為單極天線架構，而另一個為八木—宇田架構裡反射器的部分。

第二個主題，我們提出一個新型的洩漏波天線。這裡我們將在傳統洩漏波天線主體上設計槽孔，並且利用洩漏波天線反射波的能量，進而降低後波瓣的大小。在此，我們在洩漏波天線開路的尾端設計單極天線，此單極天線即可利用洩漏波天線的反射波能量使單極天線的場型與傳統洩漏波天線的場型做合成，藉此以增加掃頻角度的範圍。由於傳統洩漏波天線的反射波被導引至單極天線，因此大大降低了後波瓣的大小。

第三個主題，我們提出一個高隔離度的多輸入多輸出天線。在此，我們採用一些方法來降低兩支天線的相關性，像是使用正交分合波器、共振器。因為此多輸入多輸出天線將被應用於個人行動通訊裝置，因此場型將被設計為全向性。

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Abstract

This paper proposes three designs of antennas. One is the research of the on-chip antenna, another is the research of the novel structure for the decreasing side-lobe and increasing beam steering range leaky-wave antenna, the other is the search of the low relationship multi-input multi-output antenna (MIMO).

For the first topic, a broadband millimeter-wave on-chip antenna is presented here. We design the proposed antenna by using the construction of monopole antenna. To reach the End-Fired radiation pattern, the reflector of the Yagi-Uda construction is used in the research. The proposed on-chip antenna has the combination of two constructions about monopole antenna and the part of the reflector in Yagi-Uda.

Then, the second topic, a novel structure for leaky-wave antenna, is introduced here. To decrease back lobe, we can design slots on conventional leaky-wave antenna, and utilize the energy of the reflected wave of the leaky-wave antenna. Here, we design the monopole antenna on the open end of leaky-wave antenna. It can utilize the energy of the reflected wave of the leaky-wave antenna to composite the radiation pattern of leaky-wave antenna to increase frequency scanning range. Due to the reflected wave is guided to the monopole, the back lobe level can be decreased by the method.

Finally, the third topic, the high isolation multi-input multi-output (MIMO) antenna is presented. We use some method to decrease the relationship between two antennas like orthogonal quadrature hybrid and resonator. Because the MIMO antenna is designed to apply to the personal motion communication device, the radiation pattern is designed to be omni-directional.

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Chapter1

Introduction

1.1 *Motivation*

Recently, there exists an increasing demand for broadband multimedia applications for an ever-increasing capacity of wireless networks. In particular, for dense local communications, the 60-GHz band for wireless personal area network (WPAN) applications is of special interest to the short-range communications due to its attenuation characteristic of atmospheric oxygen of 10-15 dB/km in a bandwidth of about 8 GHz centered around 60 GHz. It makes the 60-GHz band become an attractive alternative for the short-range wireless communications [1]. In order to pursue the RF system-on-chip (SoC) for the 60-GHz radio and the antenna integrated with the low-cost monolithically integrated CMOS RF front-end circuitry, a millimeter-wave CMOS RFIC-on-chip system has been studied [2–4].

For the second topic, a novel LKW antenna for wide beam-steering range and decreasing side lobe is good research. The microstrip leaky-wave antenna (MLWA) was first constructed by Menzel in 1979 [5], based on exciting the first higher order mode (TE₀₁ mode) of the microstrip line to obtain a narrow beam radiation pattern. Oliner and Lee subsequently detected the complex propagation constant $k = \beta - j\alpha$ of the leaky mode [6], where β is phase constant and α is attenuation constant. The traveling wave in the MLWA leaked power into air due to a small attenuation constant. The MLWA has attracted considerable interest recently, due to its characteristics of simple construction, low profile, narrow beam, and frequency scanning capability.

For the third topic, the mimo antenna is much interest about high isolation and omi-direction pattern to research. IN MODERN wireless communication systems, high data rate is required over band-limited channels. Multiple- input-multiple-output (MIMO) systems that utilize multiple antennas to increase channel capacity without sacrificing additional spectrum or transmitted power have received a growing amount of interest in recent

years. Up to date, most MIMO antenna systems with more than two antennas are three-dimensional rather than planar [7], [8]. In practice, low-profile planar antennas are more preferred so that antenna radiators can be easily integrated with other printed circuit board (PCB) components in portable devices. In addition, it is sometimes desirable that all the elements have simultaneously good impedance matching, similar radiation patterns, and the same polarization. However, due to the integration of several closely packed antennas on a single PCB with very limited space, mutual coupling between elements is severe, and this many techniques have been proposed for diminishing the mutual couplings of antennas [9–16].



1.2 *Organization*

This dissertation has three research topics, which is organized as follows:

In chapter 1, we will introduce this dissertation at beginning and describes the motivation of this paper.

In chapter 2, we will present the on-chip antenna structure. And before that, we will review the theories such as PIFA, Yagi-Uda antenna. Then we begin to develop our first topic, or board-band and directive millimeter-wave on-chip monopole antenna.

Next, in chapter 3, we will demonstrate a novel LKW antenna structure for wide beam-steering range and decreasing side lobe. First, we will compare some antenna structure which properties are better. And then, we will show the results of this design.

Then, in chapter 4, the design of high isolation and the omi-directional pattern MIMO antenna has been presented. First, we will review the theory of Hybrid coupler. And then, we will combine it by monopole antenna. Finally, we will present the high isolation MIMO antenna.

The last, chapter 5, we will give the summary and the conclusion of all and the future study.

Chapter2

A Broadband And End-Fired Millimeter-Wave On-Chip Monopole Antenna For 60GHz

In this paper, a 60GHz broadband and End-Fired millimeter-wave on-chip antenna is presented here. For the broadband design, we select the construct of monopole antenna by finding the appropriate length of the proposed antenna. About the property of End-Fired, we design it for the type of Yagi-Uda. On the other hand, this antenna not only has the property of broadband, but has directive. At this work, the simulator is based 3-D full-wave solver, Ansoft HFSS. Here, we will display the simulated result of this design.

2.1 Basic Theory

2.1.1 Theory of the Monopole Antenna Structure

A monopole antenna is one half of a dipole antenna, always mounted above some sort of ground plane. The case of a monopole antenna of length L mounted above an infinite ground plane is shown in Figure 1.

Using image theory, the fields above the ground plane can be found by using the equivalent source (antenna) in free space as shown in Figure 2. This is simply a dipole antenna of twice the length. The fields above the ground plane in Figure 1 are identical to the fields in Figure 2, which are known and presented in the dipole section. The monopole antenna fields below the ground plane in Figure 1 are zero.

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Monopole antennas are half the size of their dipole counterparts, and are attractive when a smaller antenna is needed. Antennas on older cell phones were typically monopole antennas, with an infinite ground plane approximated by a small metal plate below the antenna.

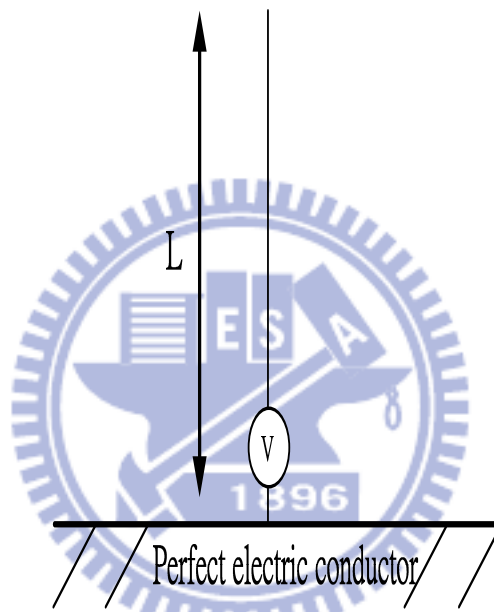


Figure 1: The monopole above a PEC

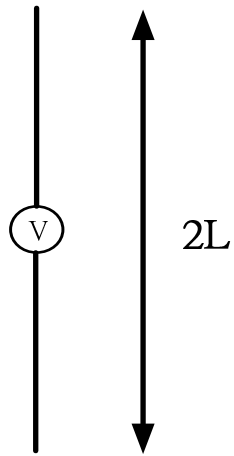


Figure 2: The equivalent source in free space



2.1.2 Theory of the Yagi-Uda Structure

Yagi-Uda Antenna is a parasitic linear array of parallel dipoles, see Figure 3, one of which is energized directly by a feed transmission line while the other act as parasitic radiator whose current is induced by mutual coupling. The basic antenna is composed of one reflector (in the rear), one driven element, and one or more directors (in the direction of transmission/reception). The Yagi-Uda antenna has received exhaustive analytical and experimental investigations in the open literature and else where. The characteristics of a Yagi are affected by all of the geometric parameters of the array. Usually Yagi-Uda arrays have low input impedance and relatively narrow bandwidth. Improvements in both can achieved at the expense of others.

Yagi-Uda consists of a number of metal rods called elements arranged on a central support beam. The elements are a dipole, which is the only driven element arranged with a number of parasitic elements, of which there are a reflector and one or more directors. The function of the parasitic elements is to improve the radiation pattern in the forward direction. The reflector is placed behind the dipole, but having more than one reflector has little benefit. The directors are placed in front and slightly shorter in length than the dipole provide an additional 3dB of forward gain each.

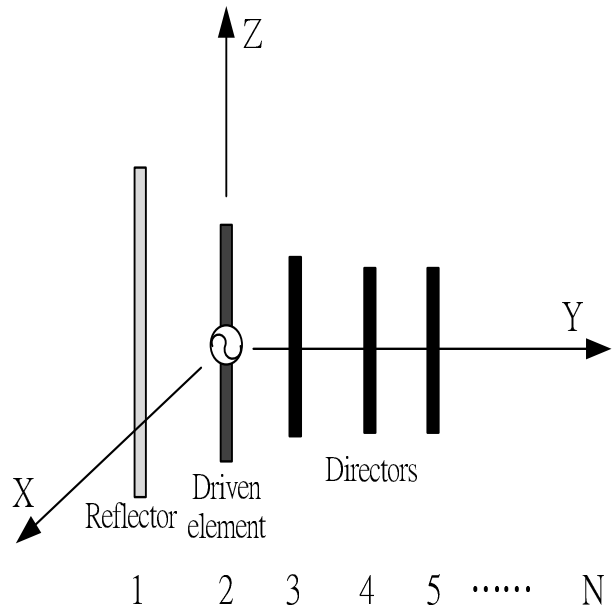


Figure 3: Geometry of Yagi-Uda array



2.2 Design of the Broadband and End-Fired Millimeter Wave On-Chip Monopole Antenna for 60GHz

The structure of the proposed broadband and end-fired millimeter wave on-chip cmos antenna is shown in Figure 4 and the layout of the proposed on-chip antenna is shown in Figure 6. The used process of this on-chip antenna is TSMC 0.18 CMOS process. The structure consists of two parts: monopole antenna, and Yagi-Uda antenna. The on-chip antenna size is about $0.7 \times 0.8mm^2$.

We design the resonant frequency of the antenna to 60GHz by using the theory of monopole antenna. Figure 7 shows the proposed structure of monopole antenna. The distribution of current is shown in Figure 8. Due to it be designed from monopole antenna, the resonant frequency is sensitive from the length of the antenna. So, finding the proposed length of the monopole antenna is the important thing. To reach broadband, we design the extra path to excite another current path. To reach the end-fired radiation pattern, we design it by using properties of Yagi-Uda antenna. There are two stubs which are close to the feeding pad of the antenna. It will work like reflector of Yagi-Uda antenna. On the other hand, we design the antenna structure from Figure 7 to Figure 11. Finally, we complete the antenna that shows in Figure 4.

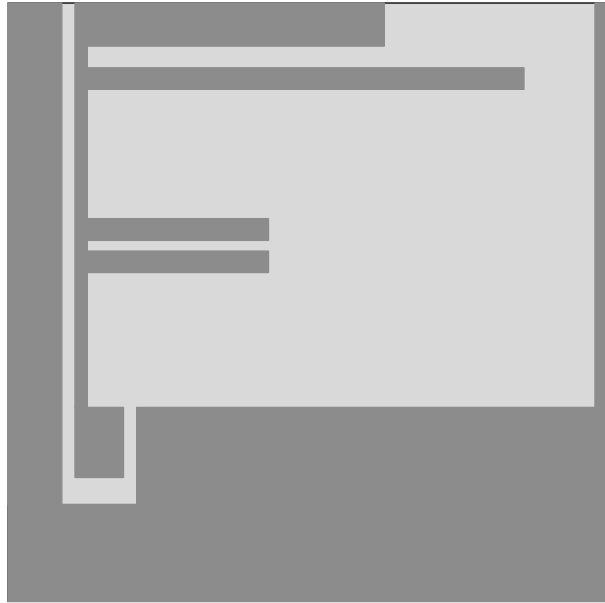


Figure 4: Configuration of the proposed on-chip antenna



Figure 5: The 3D structure for the proposed on-chip antenna

Here, the wavelength is the effective wavelength of the frequency calculated by the effective dielectric constant of the substrate [17] and [18].

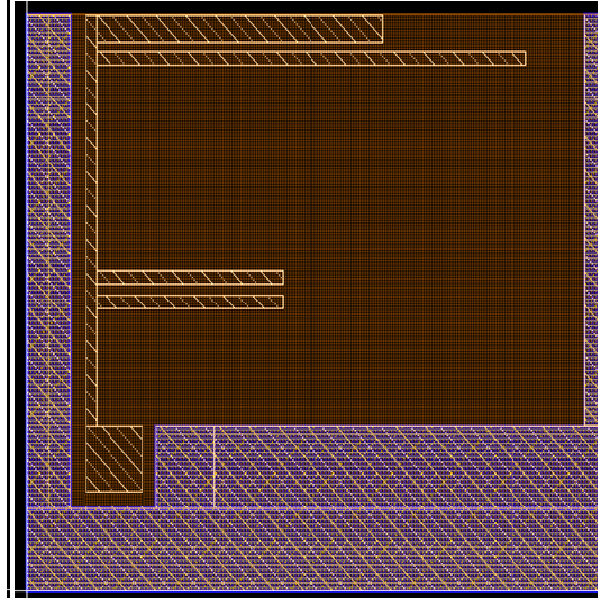
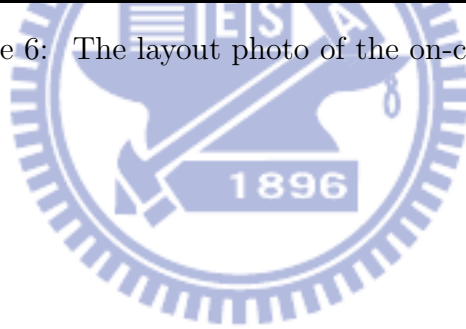


Figure 6: The layout photo of the on-chip antenna



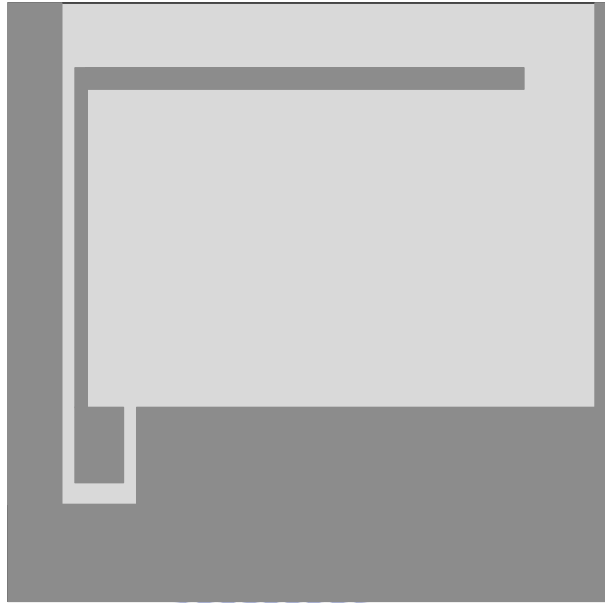


Figure 7: The structure of the monopole antenna

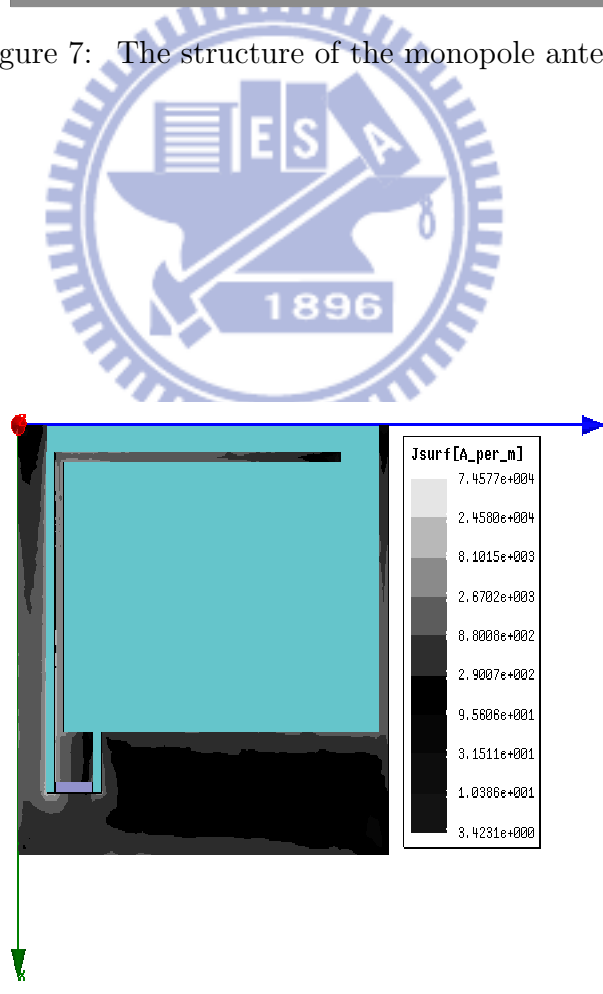


Figure 8: The current distribution of the configuration

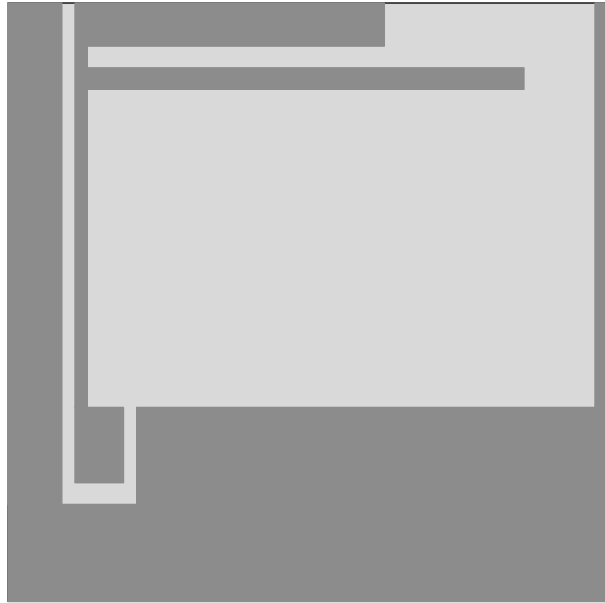


Figure 9: Add another path to monopole antenna of Figure 7



Figure 10: Before add the another path in the structure of Figure 12

2.3 *Simulated Result*

First, we definite the point A for feeding point of the on-chip antenna. It is shown in Figure 12. The length of the monopole antenna is important. In this section we will find out the best location for broadband of the antenna. The location is marked from A to E, and it is shown in Figure 13. The different location has different antenna length. The corresponding S-parameter is shown in Figure 14. The result presents what resonant frequency is vary from feeding location. Due to the location also change the center frequency and radiation pattern, we will select the appropriate feeding point. That is point A. To reach broadband, we add the extra path to the proposed antenna, the construction is changed to Figure 12 from figure 10. The corresponding S-parameter is shown in Figure 15. The bandwidth of the proposed antenna will reach 25% from 56GHz to 71GHz.

For the end-fired radiation pattern, we use the Yagi-Uda construction on the monopole antenna. Before using the Yagi-Uda construct, the antenna construct is like Figure 7. The corresponding radiation pattern shown in Figure 16. We can find the difference from front to back about to 1dB. It has not the end-fired performance. So, we add the reflector on the monopole antenna like Figure 12. The corresponding radiation pattern shown in Figure 18. The figure displays the difference from front to back about to 7dB. The simulated result summary is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: The simulated result summary

Simulated results	Bandwidth	F/B ratio	Chip size
60GHz	25%	7dB	$0.7 \times 0.8mm^2$



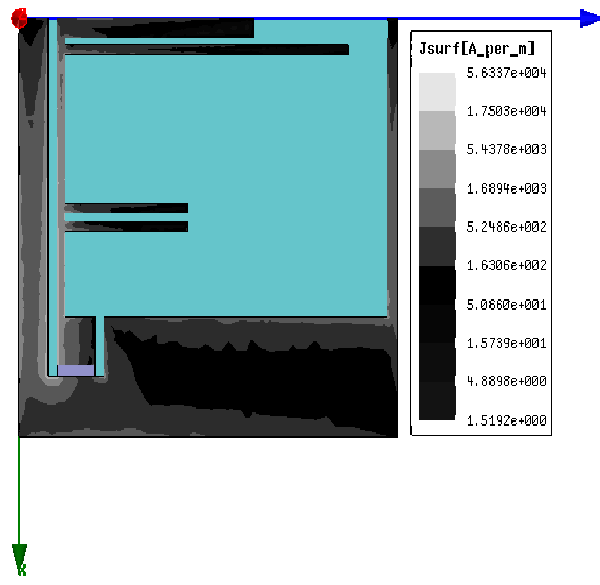


Figure 11: The current distribution of the proposed on-chip antenna



Figure 12: The feeding point in A

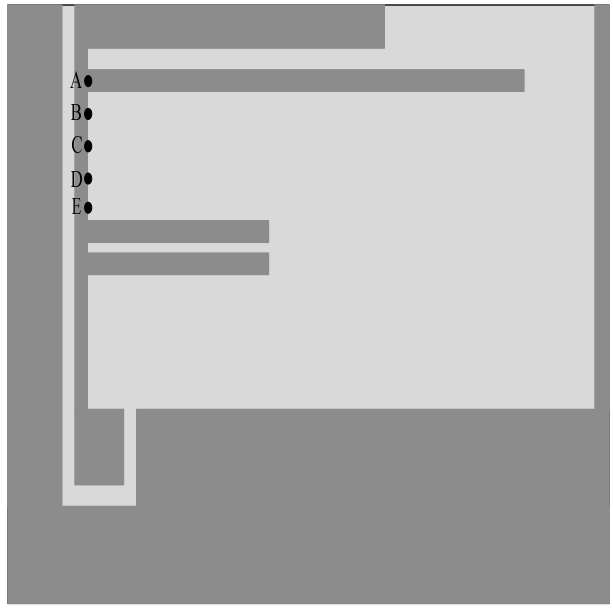


Figure 13: The feeding point from A to E

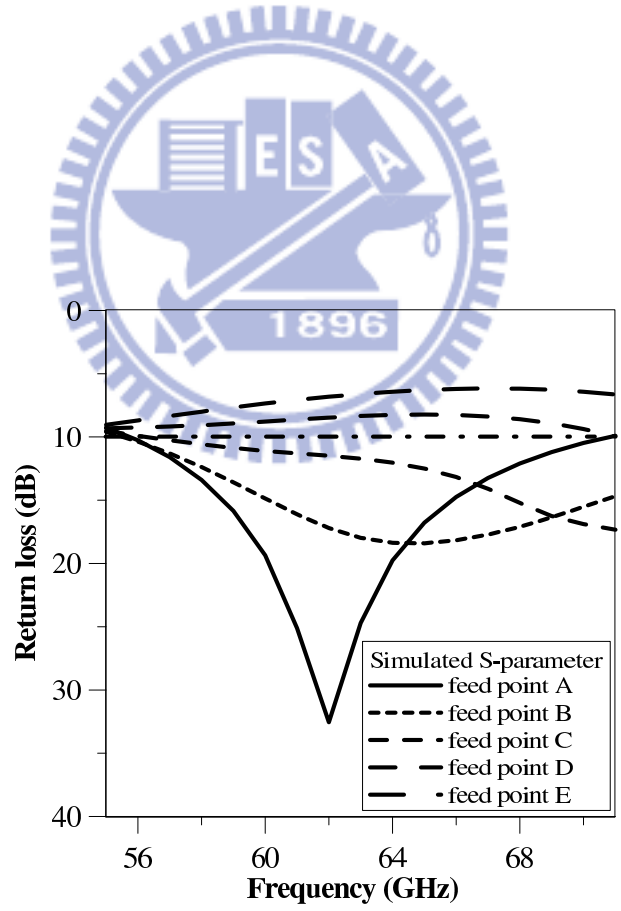


Figure 14: The S-parameter of the corresponding feeding point

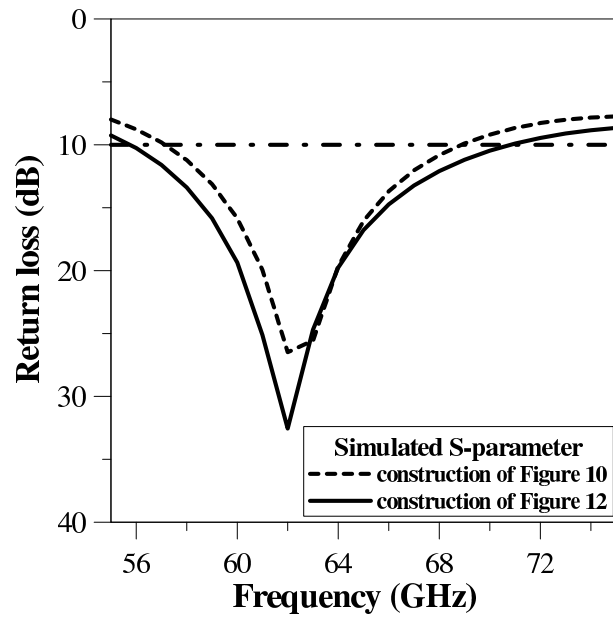


Figure 15: The S-parameter of the corresponding construction

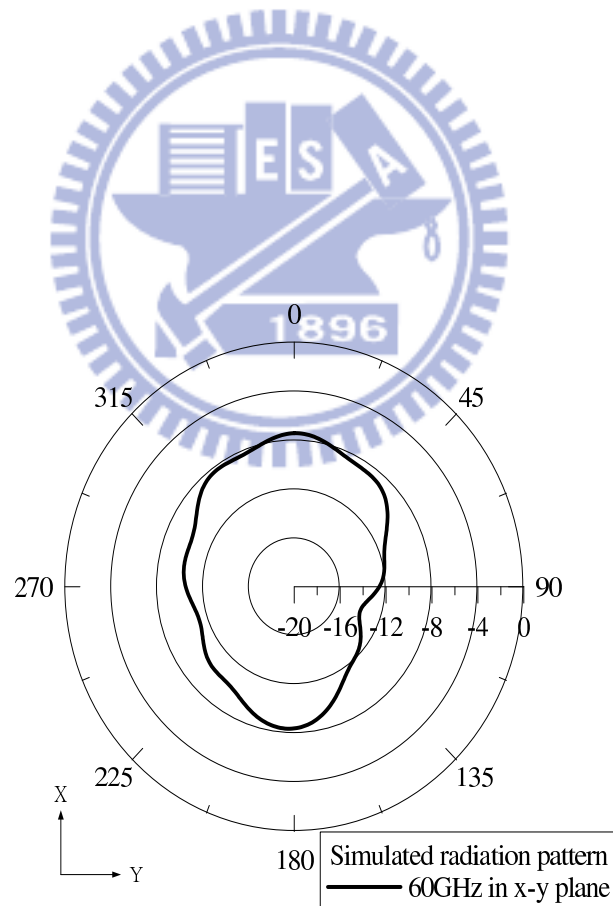


Figure 16: The radiation pattern for the structure of Figure 7

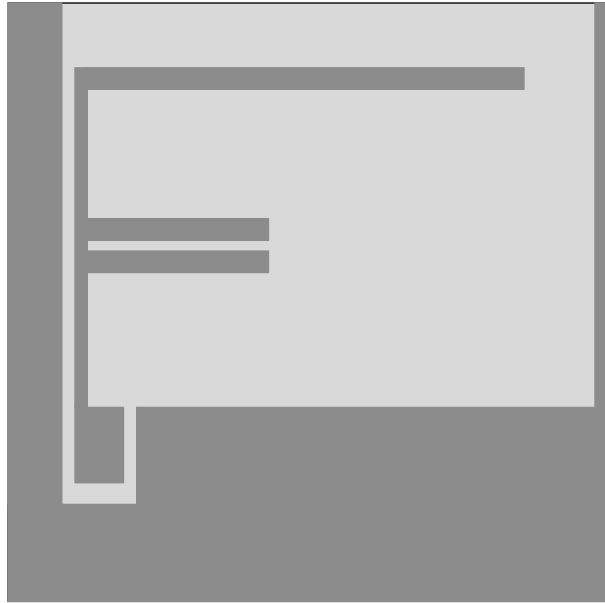


Figure 17: Add the reflector in the structure of Figure 7

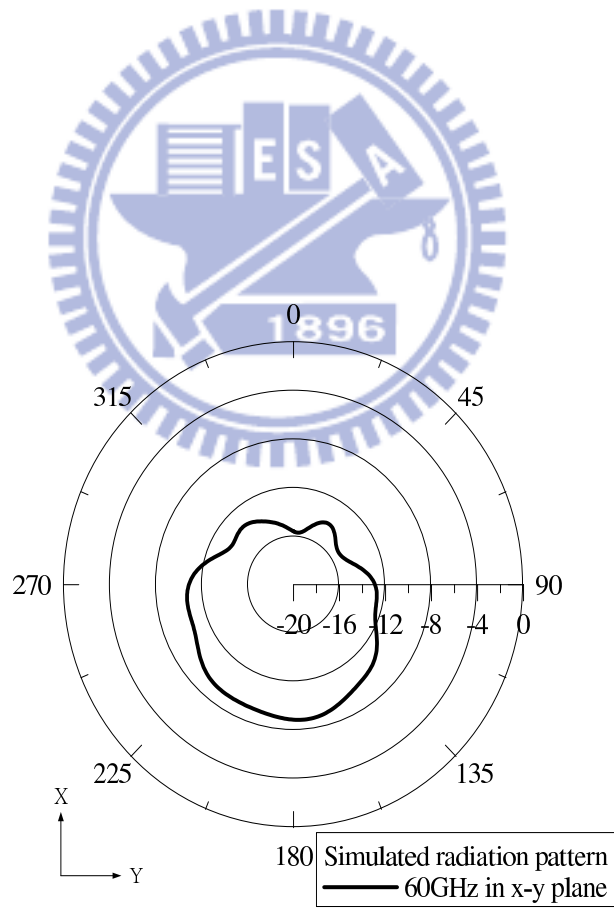


Figure 18: The radiation pattern of the structure of Figure 11

2.4 Measurement Result

Figure 20 shows the chip micrograph of a fabricated 60 GHz CMOS RFIC on-chip antenna using the TSMC $0.18\mu m$ CMOS process. The chip size is $0.7 \times 0.8 mm^2$. Figure 21 shows the on-wafer measured input VSWR of the antenna which is less than three from 55 to 65 GHz. Compare with the simulation and measurement result, and we show it in Fig.2.16. The simulated antenna radiation efficiency is about 9%. The loss may be due to the CMOS substrate loss.

The absolute power gain of the antenna has been measured on-wafer with the technique presented in [19]. As illustrated in Figure 23, two identical RFIC-on-chip antennas are placed side-by-side separated with a distance R. One antenna is used as a transmitting antenna and the other as a receiving antenna. It is noted that the separated distance R between two identical antennas should be satisfied with the far-field condition [19]. From the Friis power transmission formula, the maximum antenna power gain can be can be rewritten as:

$$P_r(dBm) = P_t(dBm) + G_t(dB) + G_r(dB) - 20\log(Rkm - fGHz) - 92.4 \quad (1)$$

where G_t and G_r is the gain of the transmitting and receiving antenna, P_t is the power transmitted, and P_r is the power received. Since these two antennas are identical, $G_r = G_t = G$. The power ratio of the transmitted and received powers (P_r/P_t) equals to the square of direct transmission coefficient (S_{21}), which can be directly measured from the VNA. From the measured S_{21} and equation(5), the measured maximum antenna power gain at 60 GHz is about -10.5 dB, which is slightly less than the simulated result value about -8.8 dB. The figure 18 shows the measurement result of the proposed on-chip antenna about $-x$ axis. The figure 19 shows the comparison gain of the proposed on-chip antenna between measurement and simulated. It has the difference about 1dB. We can regard the phenomenon as the loss about the enviroment. The developed CMOS on-chip antenna can be used for the integration of a 60-GHz CMOS single-chip

transceiver.



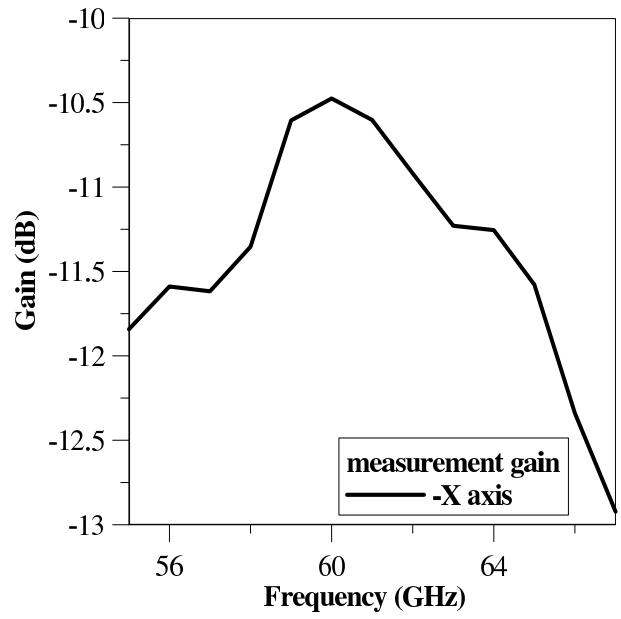


Figure 19: The measurement gain of the proposed on-chip antenna

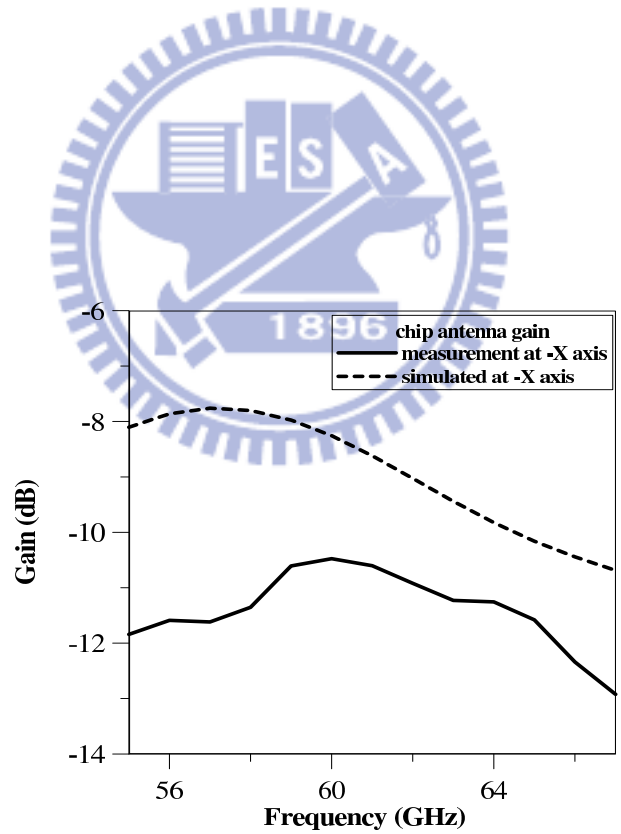


Figure 20: The comparison gain of the proposed on-chip antenna between measurement and simulated

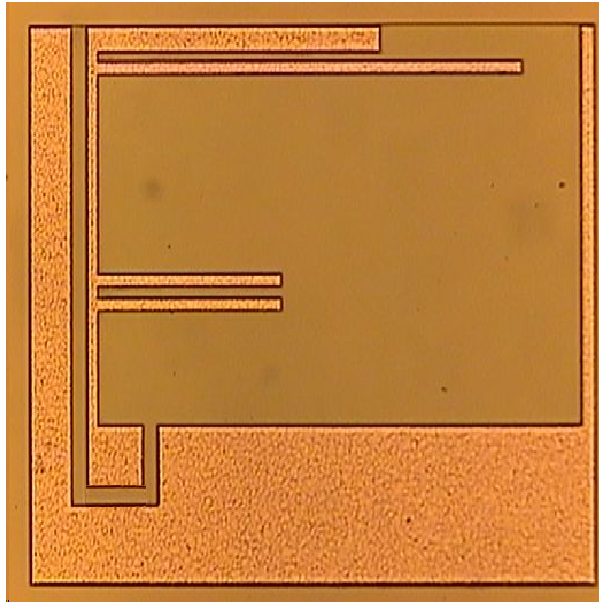


Figure 21: The photograph of the proposed on-chip antenna

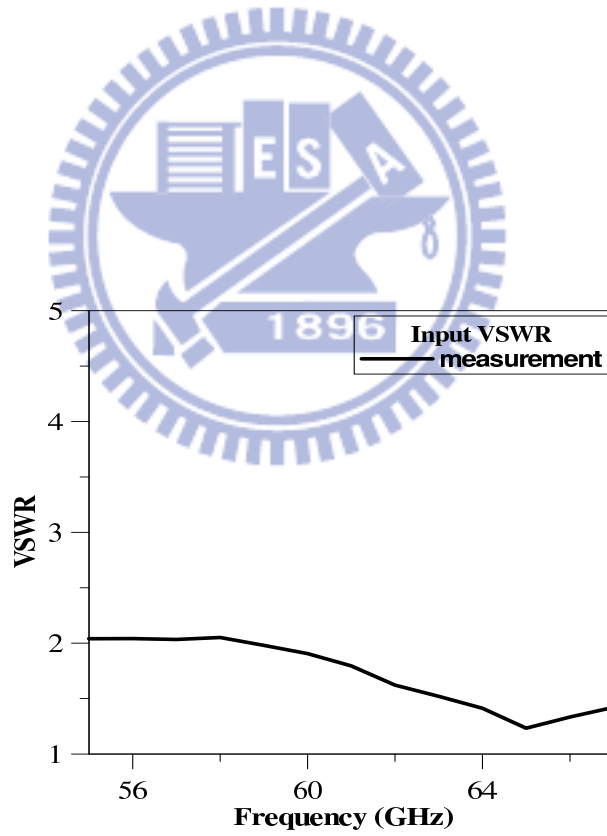


Figure 22: The measurement VSWR of the proposed on-chip antenna

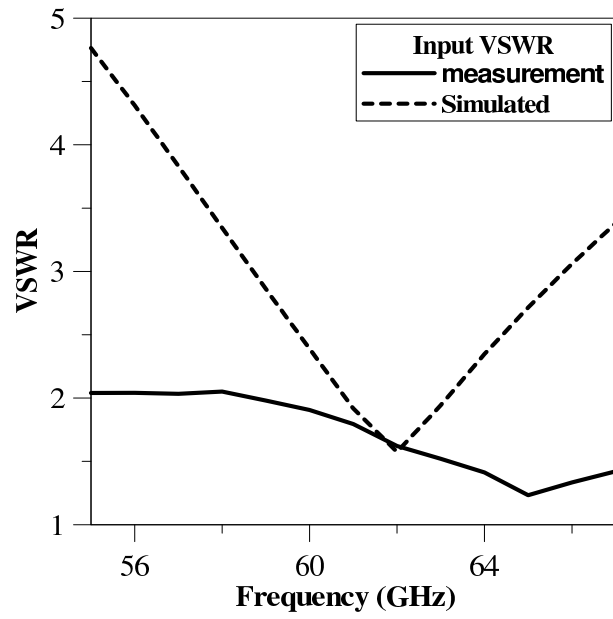


Figure 23: The measurement and simulated result of the proposed on-chip antenna

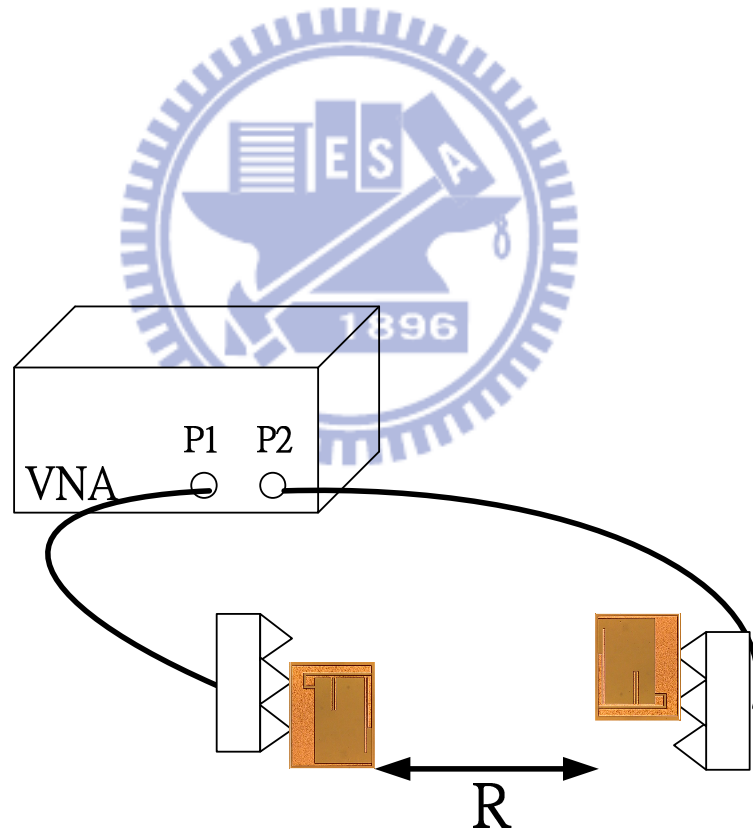
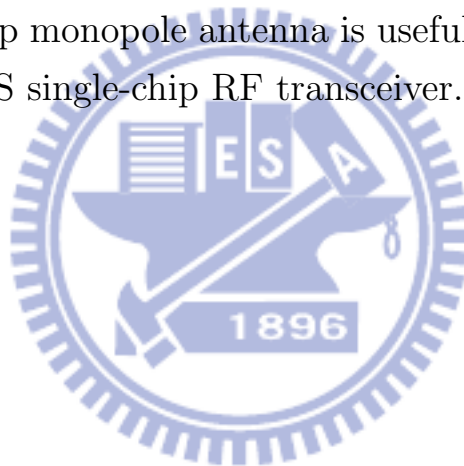


Figure 24: Illustration of the on-wafer measurement setup for the VSWR and power gain of the 60-GHz CMOS RFIC-on-chip monopole antenna

2.5 Conclusion

A 60GHz millimeter-wave on-chip monopole antenna is presented for a 60 GHz WPAN CMOS transceiver application. The CMOS antenna is fabricated with a $0.18\mu m$ standard CMOS process. The antenna chip size is $0.7 \times 0.8mm^2$. The on-wafer measurement is conducted to measure the input VSWR and the maximum antenna power gain of the on-chip antenna. The simulated antenna radiation efficiency is about 9%, which may be due to the CMOS substrate loss. The simulated antenna pattern performs an end-fire radiation characteristic, and the front-to-back ratio is about 7 dB. The measured input VSWR is less than three from 55 to 65 GHz, and the maximum antenna power gain at 60 GHz is about -10.5 dB. The designed on-chip monopole antenna is useful for the integrated design of the 60GHz CMOS single-chip RF transceiver.



Chapter3

A Novel Method of Beam-Steering Range Greatly for Leaky-Wave Antenna

The most important property of leaky-wave antenna is beam-scanning while frequency changing. The original MWLA is shown in Figure 24. But it may have some difficulties to design such as matching impedance bandwidth, increasing beam-steering range, decreasing side lobe, minimizing size. Recently there are more and more investigation to increasing beam-steering range. Some paper suggest us to add element for increasing scanning angle [20, 21]. In practical, we should avoid large side lobe level. When side lobe level is large, it will disperse energy from main lobe. If it is too large, it may interrupt signal of the direction in operating frequency. The result induces the gain of main beam to diminish. To deal with the problem, there is a method to provide feedback structure [22]. We also can use remainder power of leaky-wave antenna not only increase scanning range but also decrease side lobe level [23]. It supplies a new structure to reduce side lobe level [24]. In this paper, we proposed a method to reform the leaky-wave antenna. The proposed antenna can reach large frequency scanning region with matching impedance bandwidth and decreasing side lobe level.

3.1 *Basic Theory*

3.1.1 *Theory of the MLKW structure*

The microstrip leaky-wave antenna (MLKW) was first constructed by Menzel in 1979, which was based on exciting the first order mode (TE₀₁, leaky mode) of the microstrip line to obtain a radiation characteristics. A simple traveling wave antenna as the microstrip line leaky wave antenna was investigated in [5]. The leaky phenomenon was detected subsequently by Oliner and Lee [6]; the traveling in a microstrip leaky wave antenna would leak power to air due to a small attenuation constant. Comparing to resonator antenna operated in fundamental mode, the microstrip leaky antenna has a larger bandwidth due to the traveling wave in the microstrip line. This leaky mode antenna also posses the advantages of having a low profile, less weight, simple construction, being simple to fabricate and ease of matching. In addition, narrow beam width and frequency scanning characteristics are the extraordinary properties of the microstrip leaky wave antenna's physical behavior. Recently, this microstrip leaky wave antenna has attracted a lot of interests to investigate.

A major problem of microstrip leaky wave antenna is the length of the structure. The MLWA proposed by Menzel was mentioned in [25] that the length of the antenna requires about five wavelengths to radiate out power efficiently. A short length of the microstrip line would accompany with a large back lobe in radiation pattern. Recent research found that the back lobes could be suppressed by array topology [26] or a taper-loaded antenna end [22]. The array topology in [26] could suppress to 10.5 dB with the length of about $2f_0$. The back lobes were suppressed 10 dB at 10GHz and 8 dB at 10.5GHz by the radiating circuits in [27] and [28] respectively while the length was $2\lambda_0$. However, these designs mentioned above required a large length (at least $2\lambda_0$) or a complicated structure.

3.2 Design of the Novel Method of Beam-Steering Range Greatly for Leaky-Wave Antenna

The antenna is designed on the two-faced plane. The substrate is made by FR4. This is fabricated on the substrate with a dielectric constant of $\epsilon_r=4.4$ and loss tangent of $\delta=0.02$. The thickness of substrate is 1.6mm. The bandwidth is 0.55GHz. It is from 4.25GHz to 4.8GHz. To increase frequency scanning region, we add monopole on the proposed antenna. The position of monopole that we add is at the open-end of the proposed leaky-wave antenna. Due to the pattern of monopole is broadside, it can utilize remainder power of the proposed leaky-wave to compose the pattern of conventional leaky-wave antenna. Therefore, the region of frequency scanning becomes wide. The composed pattern not only has prototype of conventional leaky-wave antenna but also has broadside of monopole. Since it utilizes the combination of radiation pattern, the performance is better when the monopole property is better. It is well known that the design of the ground plane is important for the monopole. In order to enhance performance of the monopole, therefore, we add vias to connect the ground of the top and bottom. It can increase effect of the ground plane, and can let the top and bottom ground be equivalent voltage to increase performance of the proposed antenna. The position of the top ground is beside the proposed leaky-wave antenna, and the bottom ground is the shading part in Figure 26. Dimension of ground plane on the top plane is $L1 \times W1$, and the ground plane on the bottom plane is $L1 \times (W1 + W2 + W3 + W4)$. Matching impedance bandwidth is considered for the proposed antenna. It is designed by made a slot on the bottom ground. Two slots are produced on the corpus of the proposed leaky-wave antenna. The dimensions of structure are listed in the Table 2.

Table 2: The dimensions of the proposed antenna

W1	57	W10	18	L6	80
W2	1.5	W11	55.5	L7	95
W3	2	W12	5	L8	75
W4	13	W13	6	L9	18
W5	2	L1	100	L10	5
W6	2	L2	3	L1	3
W7	2	L3	15	L12	25
W8	11	L4	11.5	L13	5
W9	6	L5	60	Via radius	0.5

Unit:mm



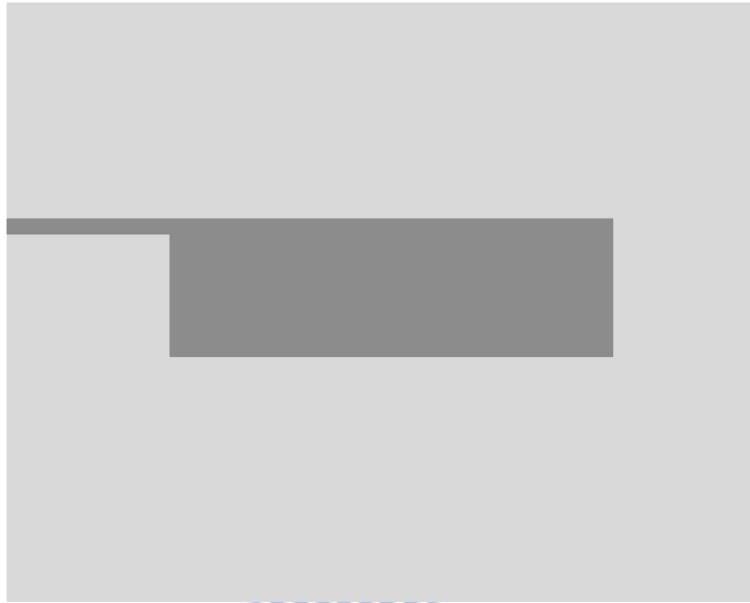


Figure 25: Configuration of the conventional leaky wave antenna

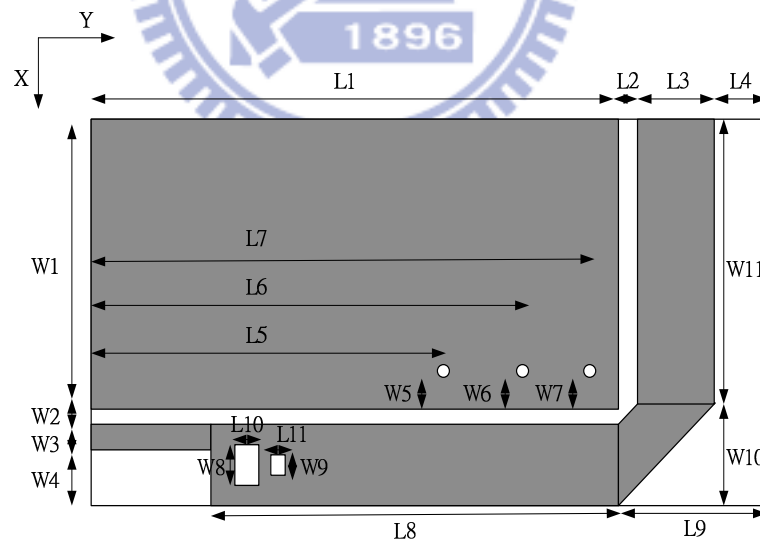


Figure 26: The top view of the proposed antenna

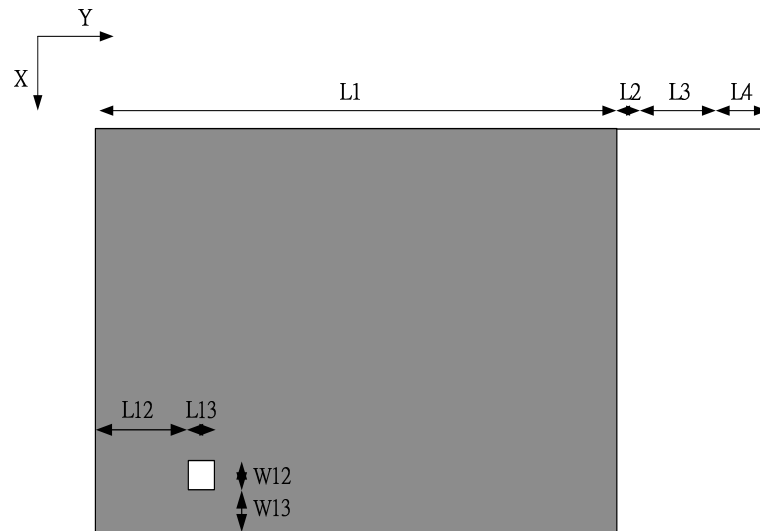


Figure 27: The bottom view of the proposed antenna



3.3 Simulated and Measurement Results

The simulated radiation patterns of the proposed MLWA is shown in Figure 27. The original MLWA pattern of simulation is shown in Figure 28. The simulated results illustrate that the back lobes have been suppressed successfully, and the back lobes of the proposed LKW have been suppressed by about 10 dB at the scanning band from 4.25GHz to 4.8GHz compared to the original MLWA. The measurement radiation pattern of the proposed MLWA is shown in Figure 29. The gain difference between the main beam and back lobe is 10 dB. The back lobes of the proposed MLWA is suppressed indeed in experimental results.

It is noticeable to speak of the scanning angle of the main beams about the proposed MLWA and original MLWA. In simulated radiation pattern, the main beams of the proposed MLWA are slightly slanted to broadside direction compared to the original one. It is mainly due to the monopole of the proposed MLWA. Therefore the scanning region of the proposed MLWA is wider than the original MLWA. In simulated results, the scanning angle of main beam of the proposed MLWA is about 44° , and the original MLWA is about 20° . There is about 24° difference between the proposed MLWA and original MLWA. The measurement scanning region is shown in Figure 29.

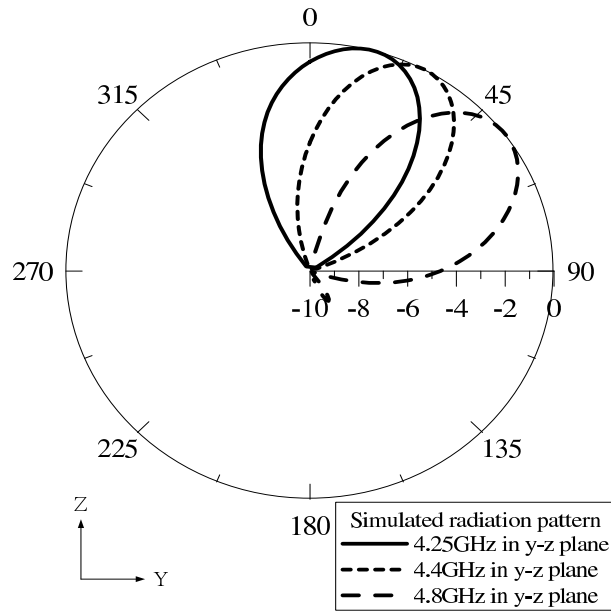


Figure 28: The simulated radiation patterns of the proposed MLWA

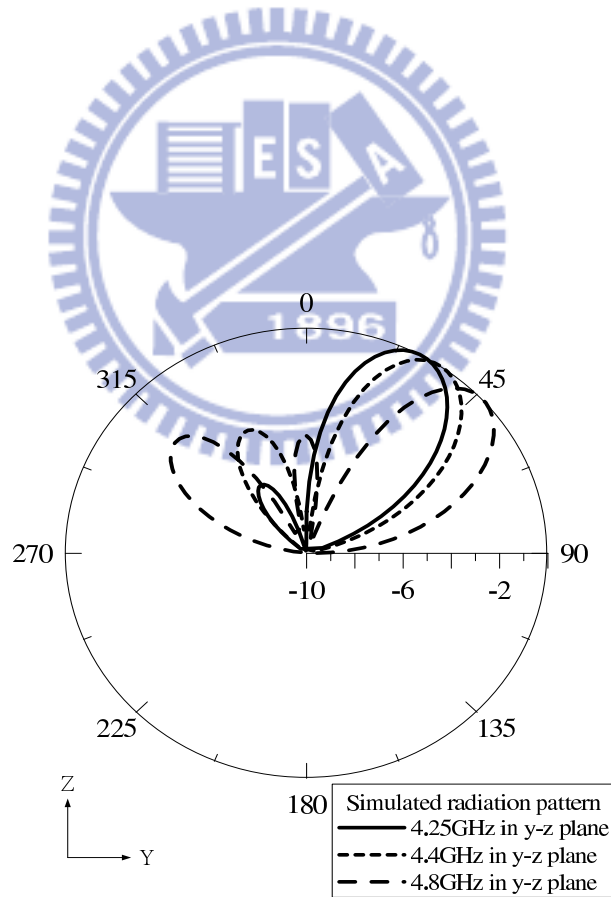


Figure 29: The simulated radiation patterns of the conventional MLWA

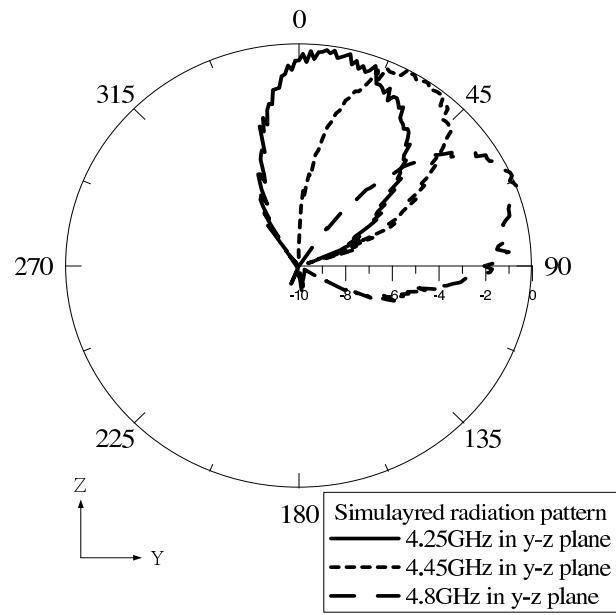


Figure 30: The measurement radiation patterns of the proposed MLWA



3.4 Conclusion

Here, a novel Method of Beam-Steering Range Greatly for Leaky-Wave Antenna is introduced. We can design the open terminal of original MLKW to improve the performance. The monopole is used in this experiment. This method can effectively improve the performance from comparing the difference between Figure 27 and Figure 28. It not only decreases the back lobes, but increases the scanning region. After we design the proposed MLKW, we have to match the input matching. We design the slot under the feeding line of the proposed MLKW appropriately. Figure 30 shows the comparison about matching and without matching. Finally, we have completed the proposed antenna.



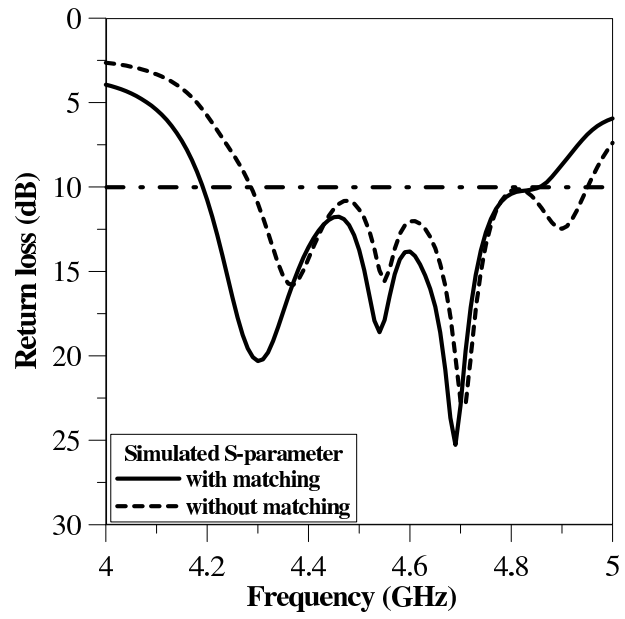


Figure 31: The comparison S-parameter of matching and without matching



Chapter4

Design Of MIMO Antenna For Application In 2.4GHz

Future wireless communication systems should be capable of accommodating higher data rates than the current systems owing to the advent of various multimedia services. The use of multielement antennas, such as multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) antenna systems, is one of the effective ways for improving reliability and increasing the channel capacity. However, it is very difficult to integrate multiple antennas closely in a small and compact mobile handset while maintaining good isolation between antenna elements since the antennas couple strongly to each other and to the ground plane by sharing the surface currents on them. For a $M \times N$ MIMO communication system, the data throughput can be pushed up to K times, $K = \min(M, N)$ that of a single-input single-output (SISO) system, as long as the communication channels linked between the transmitter and the receiver are uncorrelated [29–31]. The correlation between the channels depends not only on the propagation environment, e.g., multipath effect due to the reflection and diffraction of outdoor buildings or indoor partitions, and also on the coupling between the N or M antennas. High antenna coupling (or low isolation) would introduce signal leakage from one antenna to another, thus increasing the signal correlation between the channels. It will also decrease the antenna radiation efficiency due to the loss of the power dissipated in the coupled antenna port. The signal correlation between two receiver antennas can be reduced by increasing the antenna spacing. However, this spacing is usually limited, especially for a mobile terminal which has very restricted volume for the antennas. The other way to diminish the correlation is using multiple antennas with different radiation patterns. It is better to have the patterns complementary to each other in space, so as to receive multipath signals from various directions.

For a long time, many papers have been focused on diminishing the coupling of antennas. In [32], the relation of the isolation and the arrange-

ment of two nearby antennas with different operating bands in a cellular handset were studied. Itoh and the co-workers used the defected ground structure (DGS) to increase the port isolation of dual-polarized and dual-frequency patch antennas[11]. The above tackled the isolation problems of antennas operating at different frequencies. For decoupling two nearby antennas with the same frequency, many efforts have been done by using the electromagnetic band gap (EBG) structures. Mushroom-like EBG structures are the ones that are usually inserted between patch antennas to prevent the propagation of surface waves for higher isolation and better radiation patterns[33–35]. These EBG structures provide conspicuous decoupling effect, but suffer from complicated structures and large structure area. Possible loss may also be induced in the resonant EBG structures. To reduce the coupling between two planar inverted F antennas (PIFAs), Diallo[12, 36–38] used a suspended metal strip linking the two antennas to cancel the reactive coupling between antennas. This neutralization technique has been also extended to patch antennas by [39] and [40]. In[41], a decoupling circuit network was realized for two-element array by using external transmission lines. Although good isolation was achieved, only weak coupled antennas were tackled. The all-transmission-lines configuration also made the circuit bulky. A similar approach of connecting circuits between elements has also been used to improve the impedance matching of a phasedarray antenna over wide scan angles [42] since mutual coupling may vary the input impedance in different scanning angle. The mutual coupling of two closely packed antennas was reduced by etching slots on the ground plane [10]. The fish-bone like slots formed equivalent inductors and capacitors on the ground plane, which prevented the flowing of the coupling ground current between the antennas. A large ground plane size was needed for sufficient isolation. In this paper, the MIMO antenna will be composed by quadrature hybrid and monopole. We will design the quadrature hybrid in 2.4GHz. It will have the important property of high isolation. On the other hand, it has low relation between signal port. This can improve the S/N ratio, and increase the capacity of communication

system.



4.1 Basic Theory of Quadrature Hybrid

Quadrature hybrid are 3dB directional couplers with a 90° phase difference in the outputs of the through and coupled arms. This type of hybrid is often made in microstrip or stripline form as shown in Figure 31. It is also known as a branch-line hybrid. The basic operation of the branch-line coupler is as follows. With all ports matched, power entering port 1 is evenly divided between ports 2 and 3, with a 90° phase shift between these outputs. No power is coupled to port 4 (the isolated port). We will use this isolated property to apply on the MIMO antenna. The branch-line hybrid has a high degree of symmetry, as any port can be used as the input port. The output ports will always be on the opposite side of the junction from the input port, and the isolated port will be the remaining port on the same side as the input port. The [S] matrix of a reciprocal four-port network matched at all ports has the following form:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{12} & 0 & S_{23} & S_{24} \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & 0 & S_{34} \\ S_{14} & S_{24} & S_{34} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

If the network is lossless, we can get equation from the unitarity, or energy conservation. Let us consider the multiplication of row 1 and row 2, and the multiplication of row 4 and row 3:

$$S_{13}^* S_{12} + S_{14}^* S_{23} = 0 \quad (3a)$$

$$S_{14}^* S_{13} + S_{24}^* S_{23} = 0 \quad (3b)$$

Now multiply (7a) by S_{24}^* and (7b) by S_{13}^* , and subtract to obtain

$$S_{14}^* (|S_{13}|^2 - |S_{24}|^2) = 0 \quad (4)$$

Similarly, the multiplication of row 1 and row 3, and the multiplication of row 4 and row 2, gives

$$S_{12}^* S_{23} + S_{14}^* S_{34} = 0 \quad (5a)$$

$$S_{14}^* S_{12} + S_{34}^* S_{23} = 0 \quad (5b)$$

Now multiply (9a) by S_{12} and (9b) by S_{34} , and subtract to obtain

$$S_{23}(|S_{12}|^2 - |S_{34}|^2) = 0 \quad (6)$$

One way for (8) and (10) to be satisfied is if $S_{14} = S_{23} = 0$, which results in a directional coupler. Then the self-products of the rows of the unitary [S] matrix of (6) yield the following equations:

$$|S_{12}|^2 + |S_{13}|^2 = 1, \quad (7a)$$

$$|S_{12}|^2 + |S_{24}|^2 = 1, \quad (7b)$$

$$|S_{13}|^2 + |S_{34}|^2 = 1, \quad (7c)$$

$$|S_{24}|^2 + |S_{34}|^2 = 1 \quad (7d)$$

which imply that $|S_{13}| = |S_{24}|$ (using (11a) and (11b)), and that $|S_{12}| = |S_{34}|$ (using (11c) and (11d)).

Further simplification can be made by choosing the phase references on three of the four ports. Thus, we choose $S_{12} = S_{34} = \alpha$, $S_{13} = \beta e(j\theta)$, and $S_{24} = \beta e(j\phi)$, where α and β are real, and θ and ϕ are phase constants to be determined (one of which we are still free to choose). The dot product of rows 2 and 3 gives

$$S_{12}^* S_{13} + S_{24}^* S_{34} = 0, \quad (8)$$

which yields a relation between the remaining phase constants as

$$\theta + \phi = \pi \pm 2n\pi. \quad (9)$$

If we ignore integer multiples of 2π , there are two particular choices that commonly occur in practice:

- (1) The Symmetrical Coupler: $\theta = \phi = \pi/2$. The phases of the terms having amplitude β are chosen equal. Then the scattering matrix has the following form:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & S_{12} & S_{13} & S_{14} \\ S_{12} & 0 & S_{23} & S_{24} \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & 0 & S_{34} \\ S_{14} & S_{24} & S_{34} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

(2) The Antisymmetrical Coupler: $\theta = 0, \phi = \pi$. The phases of the terms having amplitude β are chosen to be 180° apart. Then the scattering matrix has the following form:

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \alpha & \beta & 0 \\ \alpha & 0 & 0 & -\beta \\ \beta & 0 & 0 & \alpha \\ 0 & -\beta & \alpha & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Note that the two couplers differ only in the choice of reference planes. Also, the amplitudes α and β are not independent, as (11a) requires that:

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 1 \quad (12)$$

We can find the S-parameter matrix from (13) and (14), and four ports are matching, the power supplied to port 1 is coupled to port 3 (the coupled port) with the coupling factor $|S_{13}|^2 = \beta^2$, while the remainder of the input power is delivered to port 2 (the through port) with the coefficient $|S_{12}|^2 = \alpha^2 = 1 - \beta^2$. In an ideal directional coupler, no power is delivered to ports 4 (the isolated port). Hybrid couplers are special cases of directional couplers, where the coupling factor is 3 dB, which implies that $\alpha = \beta = 1/\sqrt{2}$. There are two types of hybrids:

(1) The quadrature hybrid has a 90° phase shift between ports 2 and 3 ($\theta = \phi = \pi/2$) when fed at port 1, and is an example of a symmetrical coupler. Its [S] matrix has the following form

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & j & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & j \\ j & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & j & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

(2) The magic-T hybrid or rat-race hybrid has a 180° phase difference between ports 2 and 3 when fed at port 4, and is an example of an antisymmetrical coupler. Its [S] matrix has the following form:

$$S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & j & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & j \\ j & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & j & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$



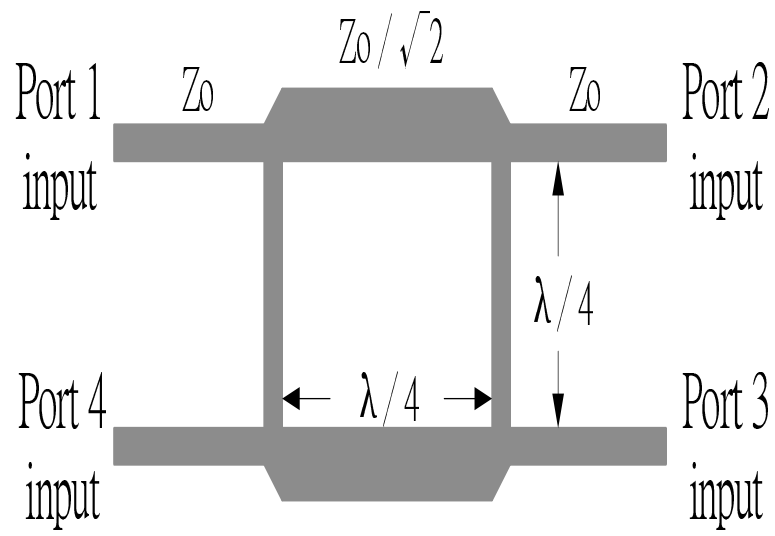


Figure 32: The structure of quadrature hybrid coupler



4.2 Design of the MIMO Antenna

For high isolation MIMO antenna, we select the isolated port of quadrature hybrid to design. Figure 32 shows the port name. To wireless communication device, we have to design the antenna radiation pattern to the omni-direction. So, monopole is used in the MIMO antenna. The other reason that we use monopole antenna is the omni-directional radiation pattern. The quadrature hybrid frequency is 2.4GHz. Figure 33 shown the coupler construction in 2.4GHz. The S-parameter of coupler is shown in Figure 34. Then, we add monopole on the coupler like Figure 35. This construction is called original MIMO antenna in the research. There is a problem in the original antenna, that is phase. The phase difference between P3 and P4 is about 90° . P3 and P4 are fed from P1 simultaneously. It will lead to the power not the same about each monopole antenna. This have not good performance about MIMO antenna. To solve this problem, we design path on the coupler to assure that the power is the same on each monopole antenna. The coupler is shown in Figure 36 after the phase is solved. Then we select the approach monopole antenna to add on the coupler. Figure 37 shown the construction. To enhance the isolation, the strip resonator on the ground between two monopole antenna is designed. The method can decrease the relation between two antenna, and increase the isolation. Finally, we consider the matching about MIMO antenna that is composed by coupler and antenna. The complete MIMO antenna is shown in Figure 39.

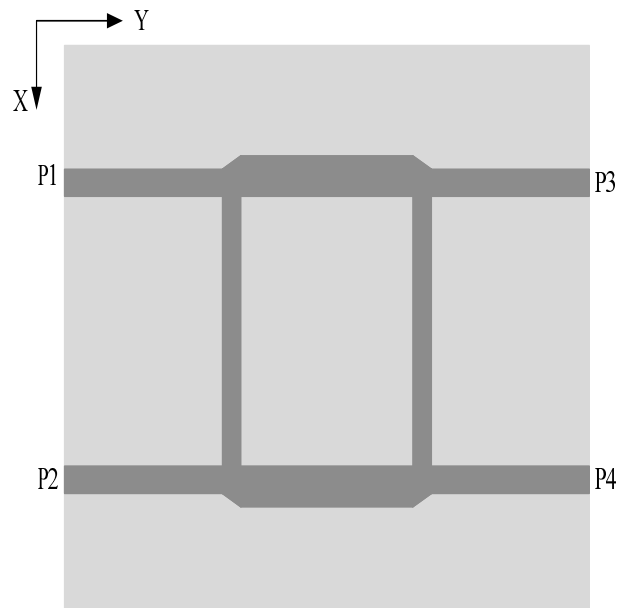


Figure 33: The structure of quadrature hybrid coupler with port name

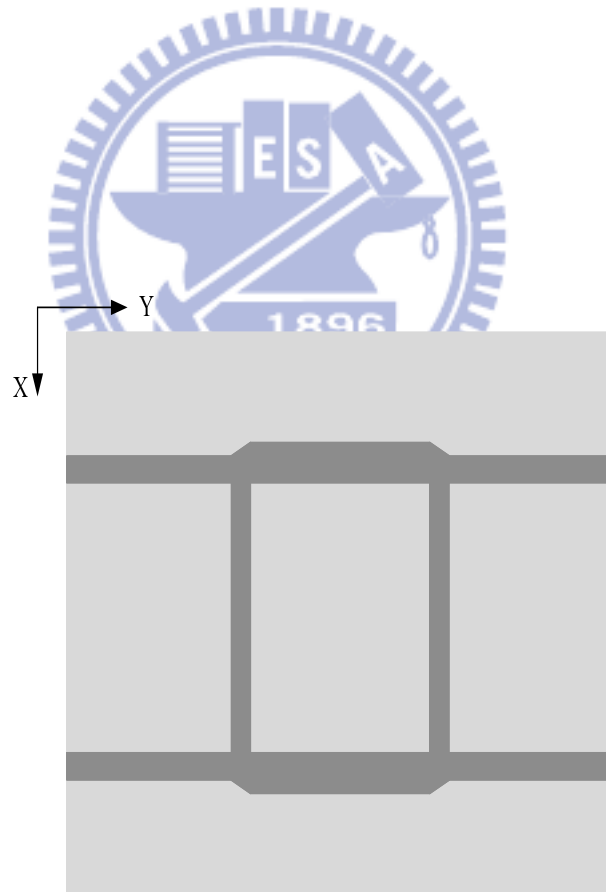


Figure 34: The structure of quadrature hybrid coupler in 2.4GHz

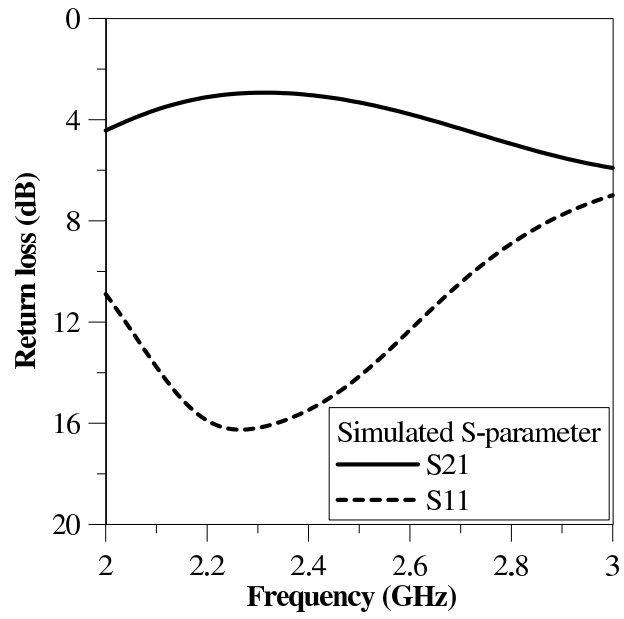


Figure 35: The S-parameter of the quadrature hybrid coupler

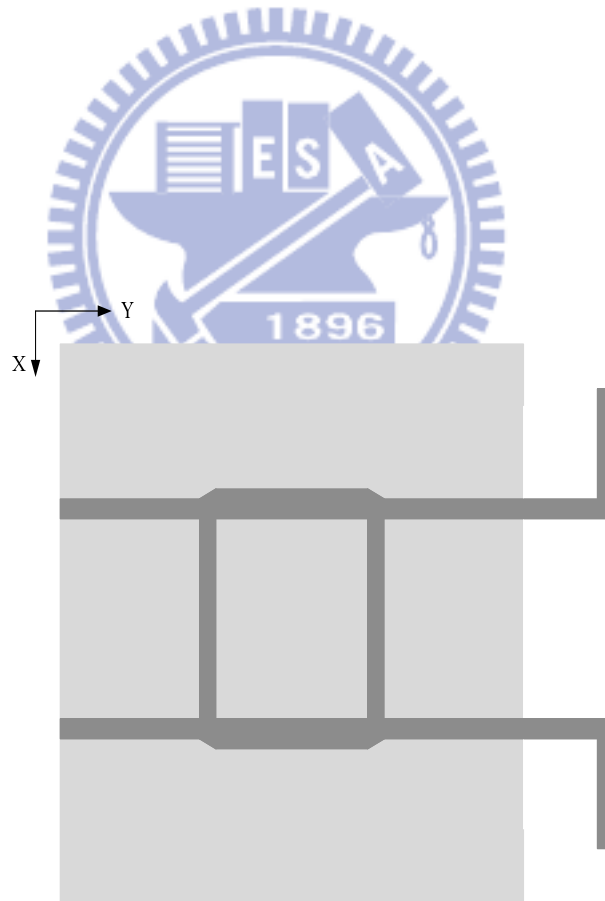


Figure 36: Add monopole to the quadrature hybrid coupler

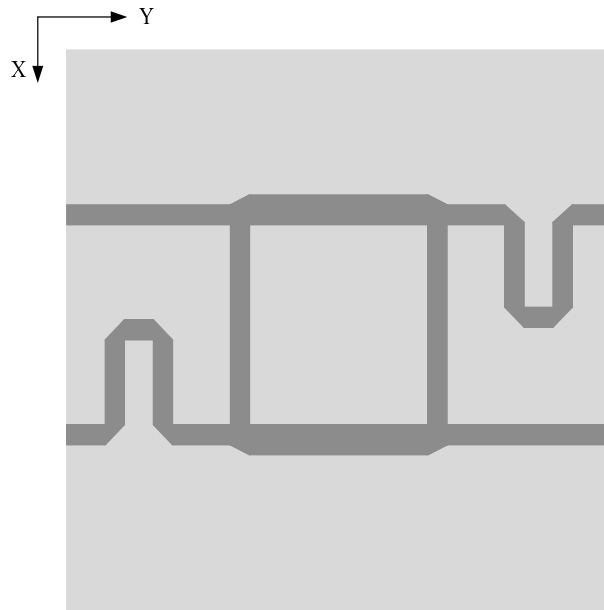


Figure 37: Configuration that is without phase difference

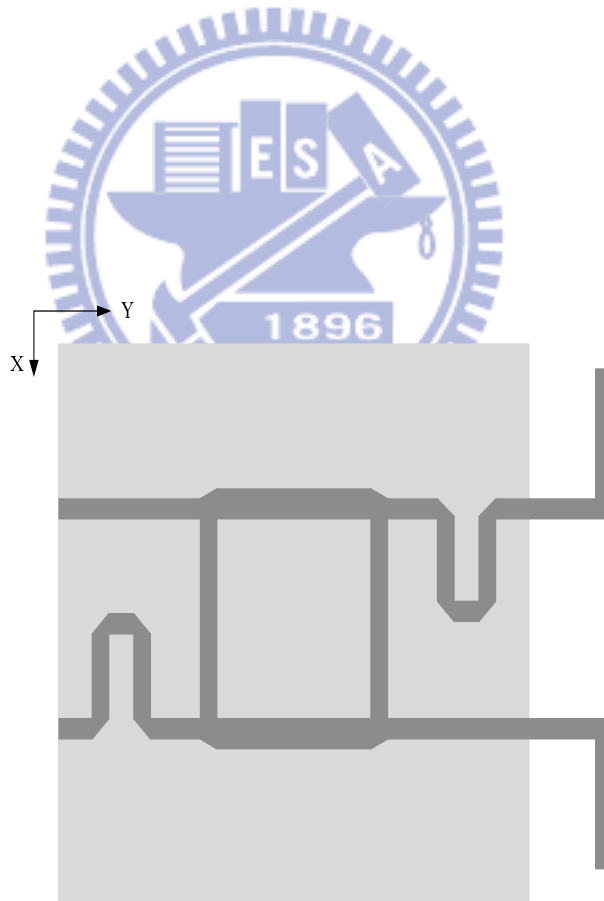


Figure 38: The structure is added monopole from Figure 34

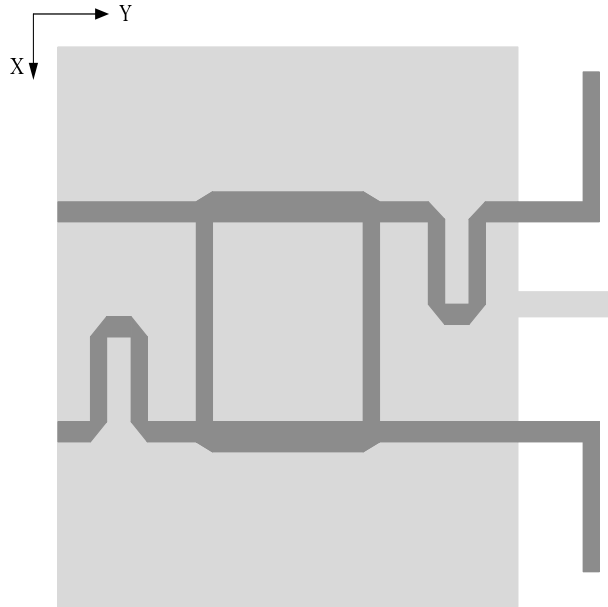


Figure 39: The structure is to decouple the MIMO antenna

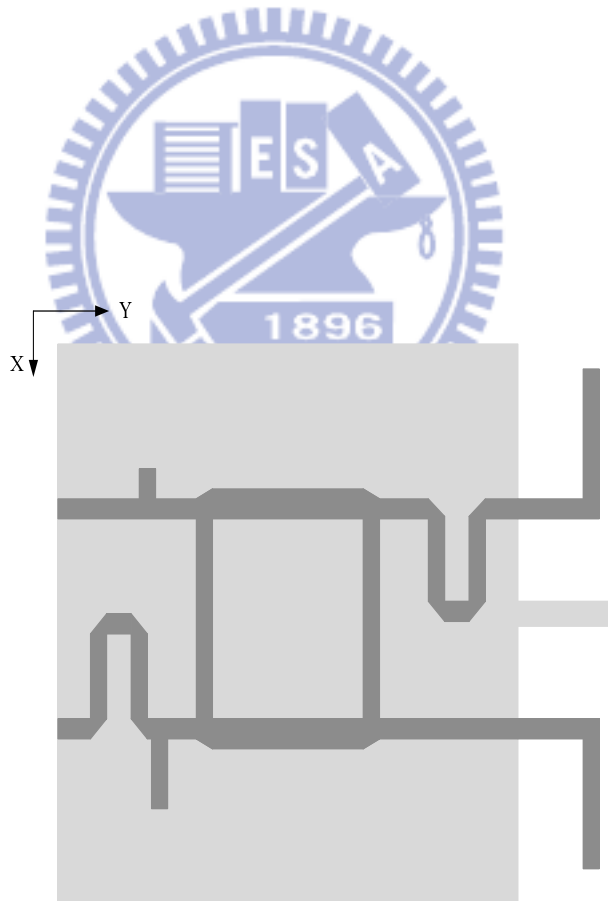
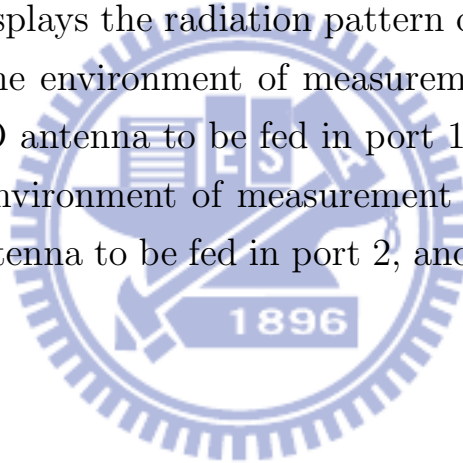


Figure 40: The structure is to match the S-parameter

4.3 Simulated and Measurement Result

The antenna was designed and simulated using Ansoft's HFSS full-wave simulator. Figure 40 shows the relation about the MIMO antenna construction of Figure 35. Because the phase of power to two antennas is out of phase, it does not have good performance of MIMO performance. In this research, good performance is like high isolation between two antennas and omni-directional radiation pattern. So, we modify the path from Figure 35 to Figure 37. It will have the same degree of phase to feed two antennas. To reach inphase of the power, we construct the coupler to Figure 36. For port1 to port3 and port1 to port4, we can find that the difference of degree is 0° . Figure 42 shows the difference of degree. In other words, they are inphase. Then, for port2 to port3 and port2 to port4, we can find that the difference of degree is about 180° . Figure 43 shows the difference of degree. Because the period of electromagnetic wave length is 180° , it is inphase too. The Figure 38 is the method of being inphase about two antennas. It has the relation about two antenna in Figure 41. It can decrease the relation about 2dB from the value of the difference of Figure 40 and Figure 41 in 2.4GHz. This construction can also improve the performance of the radiation pattern. Figure 44 shows the radiation pattern of the construction of Figure 37. The radiation pattern become more omni-directional after the construction is modified. Figure 45 shows the radiation pattern. We can compare the radiation pattern between Figure 44 and Figure 45. The construction of Figure 37 can improve the radiation pattern to omni-direction. So, we can demonstrate that the method can improve the performance for MIMO antenna. To enhance the isolation, we add the strip resonator on the ground between two antennas. The construction is like as Figure 38. The isolation is shown in Figure 46 after we add the strip resonator. We can find that the isolation is decreasing about 3dB after the rod is added. The isolation is about -25dB in the Figure 46. It is effective to decrease the relation by adding the rod between two antennas. Finally, we have to match the input impedance. In this

research, the open stubs is used to match the input impedance. Figure 47 shows the input impedance before we use open stubs. It does not match in the bandwidth that we design. So, we design the construction to solve the problem. The construction is like as Figure 39. The input impedance is shown in Figure 48 after open stubs is designed. The input impedance is matched in the bandwidth that we design. It can reach less than -10dB in the bandwidth that we want. Figure 39 is the final construction of MIMO antenna. Figure 49 is the simulated S-parameter of the research for complete MIMO antenna. Figure 50 is the measurement S-parameter of the research for complete MIMO antenna. The simulated result is agreement with the measurement result about S-parameter. The measurement radiation pattern of the proposed MIMO antenna is shown in Figure 51. Figure 51 and Figure 52 displays the radiation pattern of the simulated and measurement result. The environment of measurement result of Figure 51 is the proposed MIMO antenna to be fed in port 1, and to be terminated in port 2. Then the environment of measurement result of Figure 52 is the proposed MIMO antenna to be fed in port 2, and to be terminated in port 1.



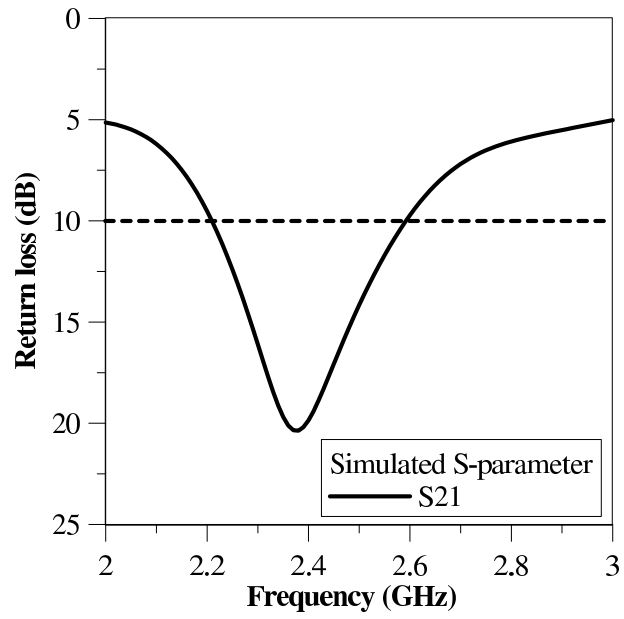


Figure 41: The simulated S-parameter of the contribution of Figure 33

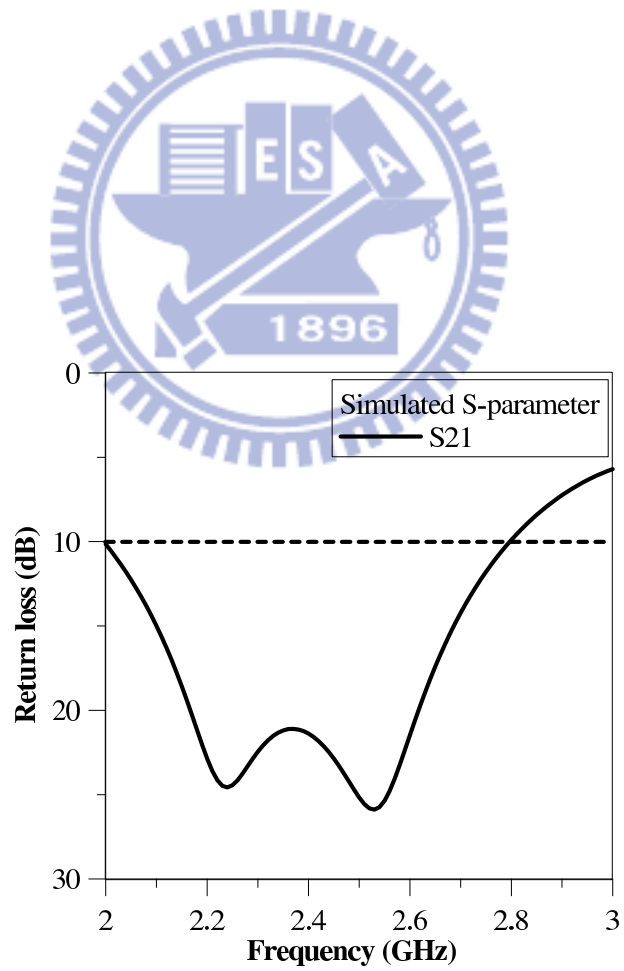


Figure 42: The simulated relationship between two ports of Figure 35

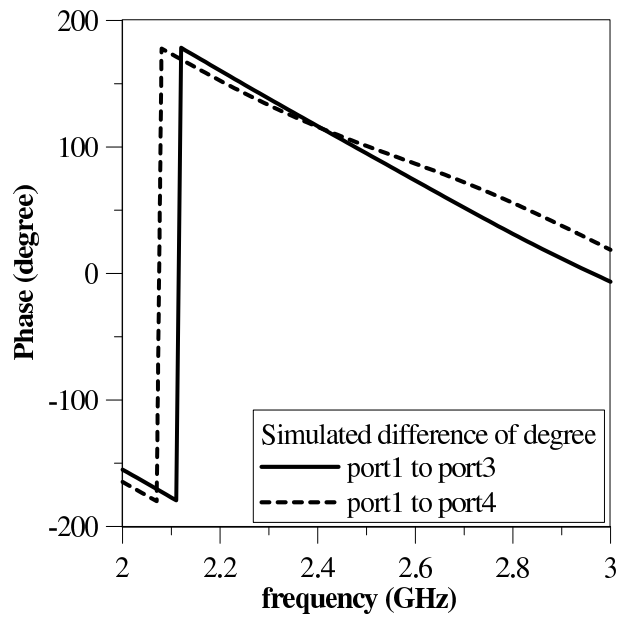


Figure 43: The difference of degree from port1 to port3 and port1 to port4 respectively

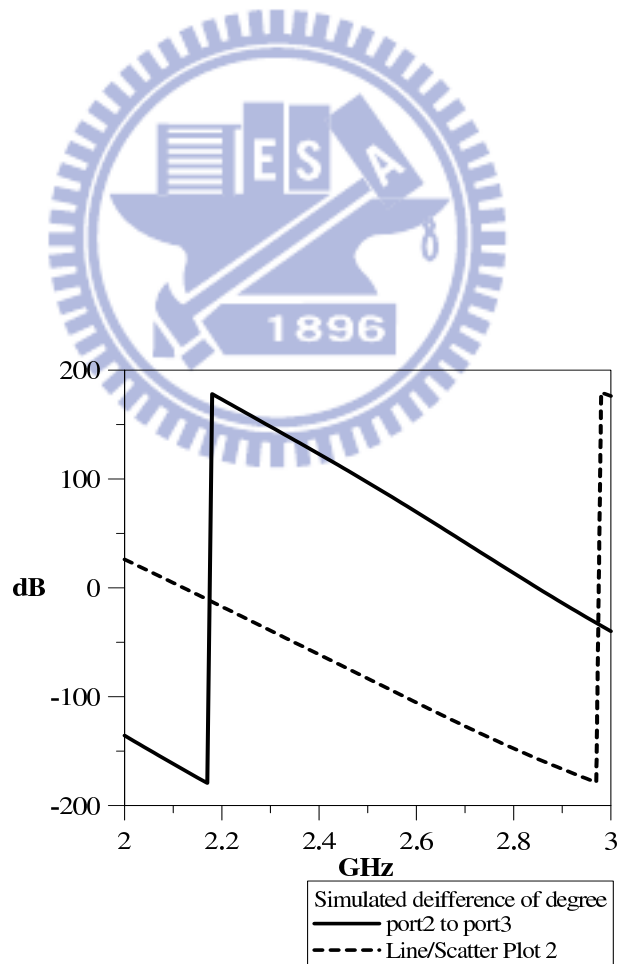


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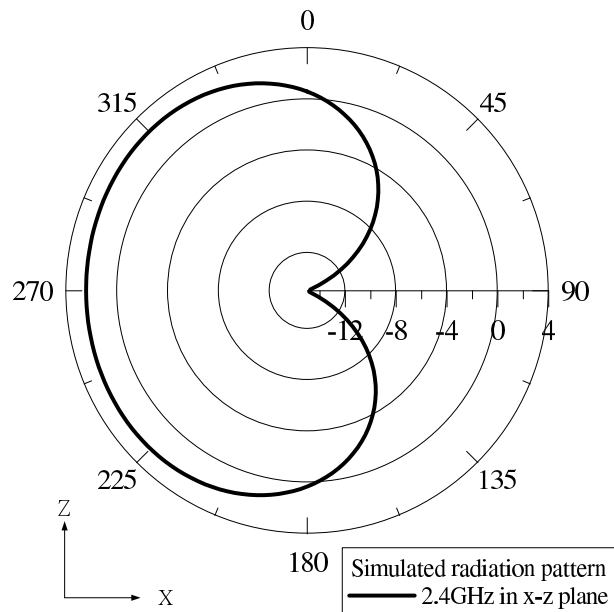


Figure 45: The radiation pattern for the structure of Figure35

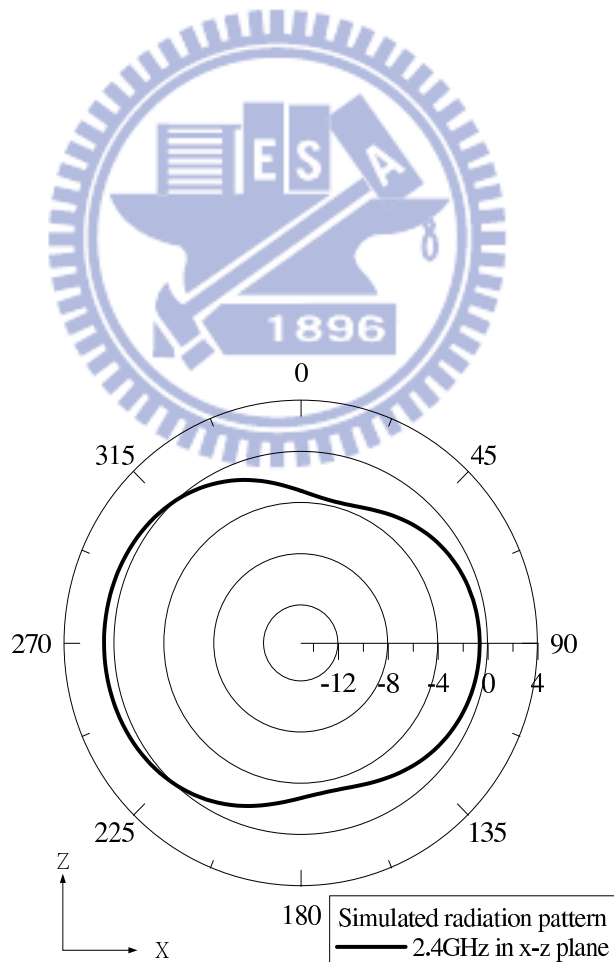


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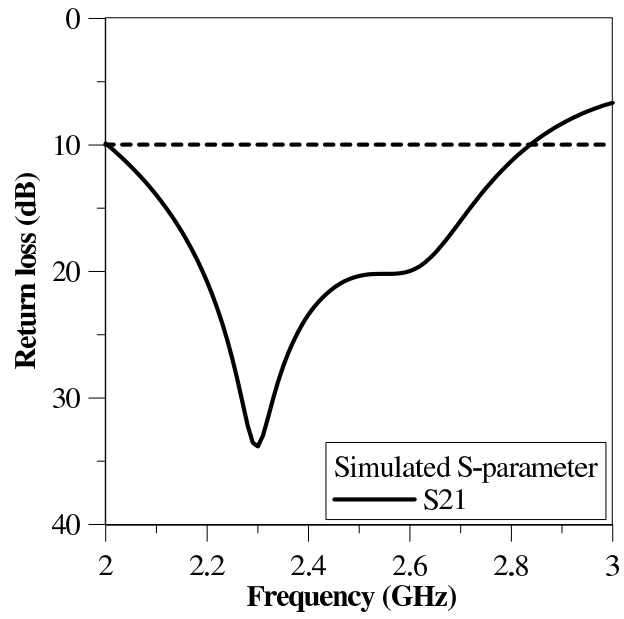


Figure 47: The simulated relationship between two ports of Figure 36

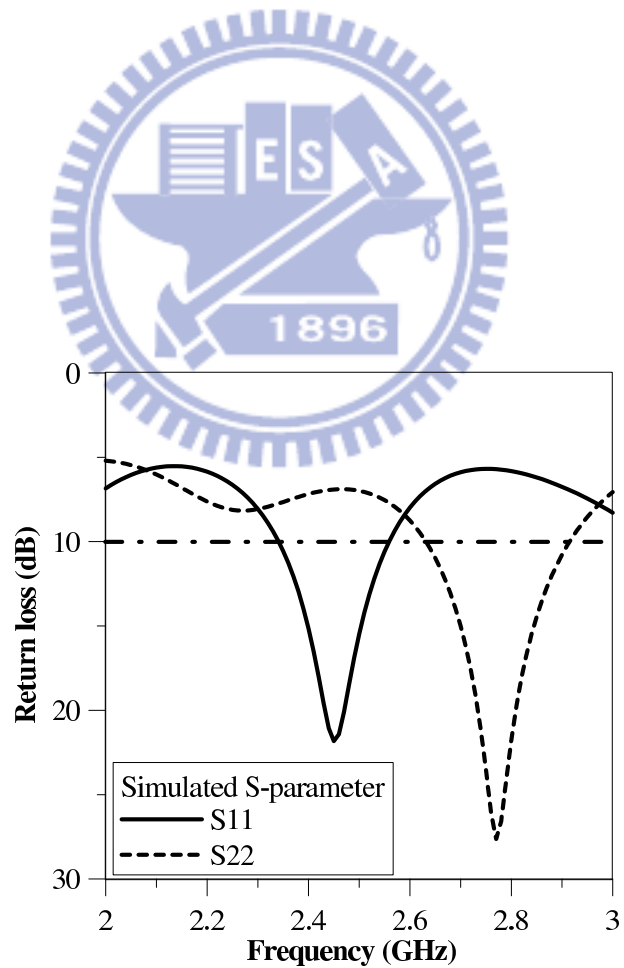


Figure 48: The S-parameter before we add open stubs to match

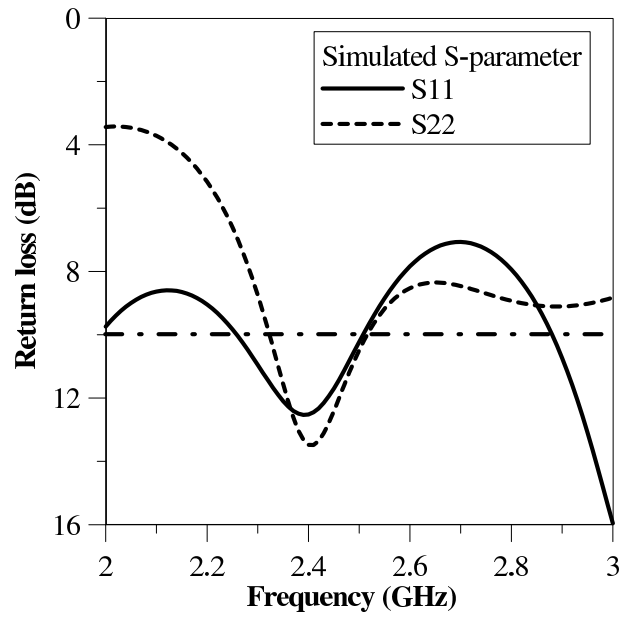


Figure 49: The S-parameter after we add open stubs to match

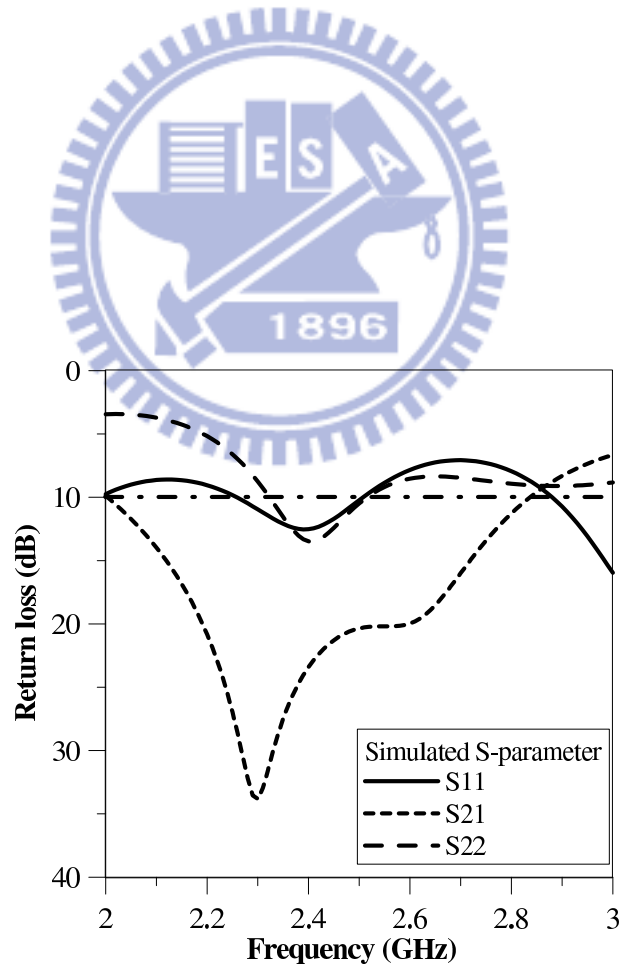


Figure 50: The simulated S-parameter for the proposed MIMO antenna

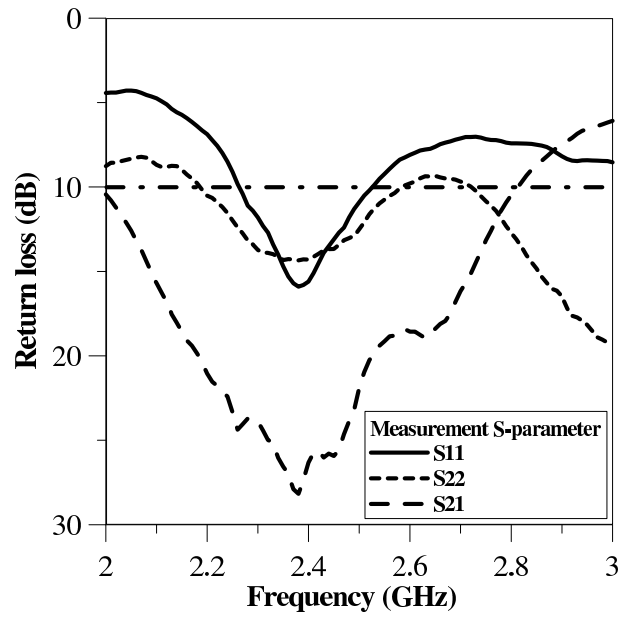


Figure 51: The measurement S-parameter for the proposed MIMO antenna



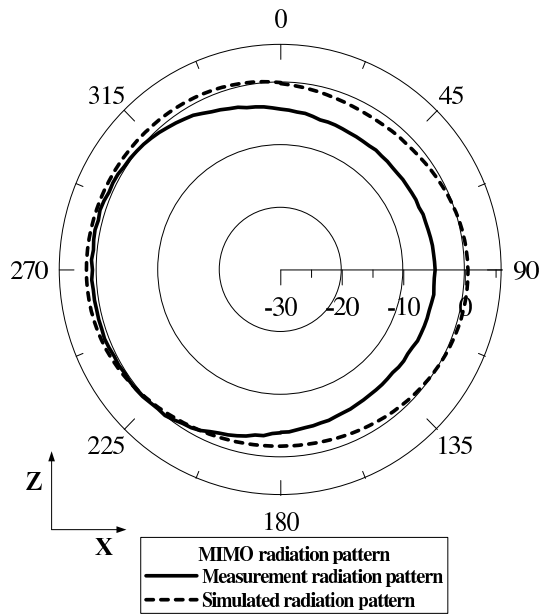


Figure 52: The radiation pattern about simulated and measurement result

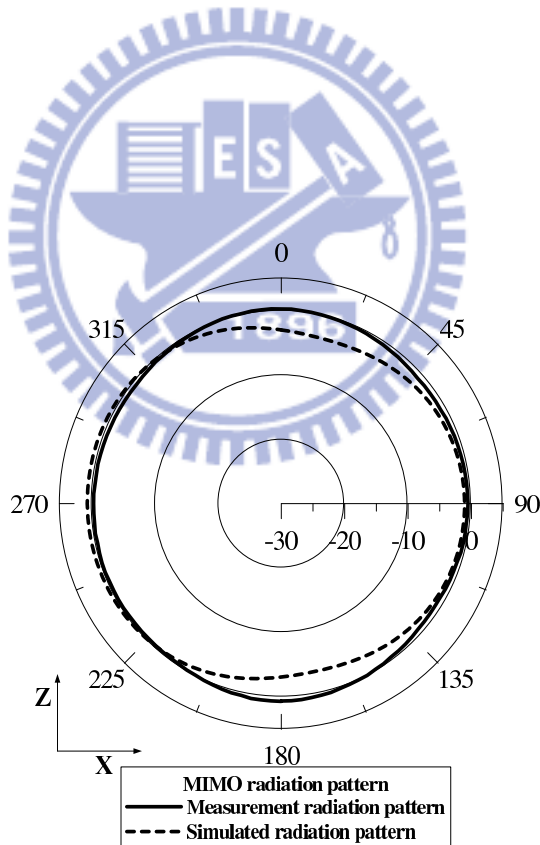
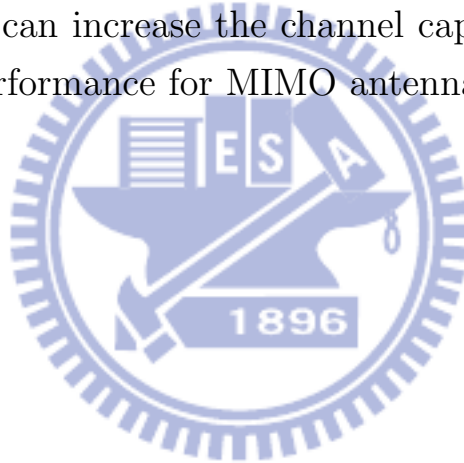


Figure 53: The radiation pattern about simulated and measurement result

4.4 Conclusion

Here, we have presented the MIMO antenna. This structure is composed by quadrature hybrid and monopole antenna. The quadrature hybrid can offer high isolation by its property. For handset device, we have to have omni-directional radiation pattern. So, the monopole antenna is selected. Quadrature hybrid and monopole antenna can provide good performance that we want in wireless communication. To enhance the isolation, we add the strip resonator between two antennas. It can guide the energy of antenna coupling each other to the ground. Hence, we have high isolation MIMO antenna.

We know what high isolation is equal to high S/N. From Shannon equation, high S/N can increase the channel capacity. So, the higher isolation the better performance for MIMO antenna.



Chapter5

Conclusion And Future Study

5.1 Conclusion and Summary

Here, we will summarize the conclusions of three topics. The first topic, on-chip antenna, has been integrated in the MMIC or the RFIC. It can provide specifications that we want. Like as radiation pattern and return loss. For radiation pattern, high F/B ratio is what we want to have. Due to the proposed on-chip antenna be designed to avoid the radiation pattern interfering with the back circuit, high F/B ratio is more important obviously. So we select the construction of Yagi-Uda to implement the effect.

Then, the second topic, a novel structure antenna for leaky-wave antenna, we have reached performance of the wide frequency scanning range and the decreasing side lobe level. The proposed antenna of monopole at the open end of the leaky wave antenna is the mainly design.

For the third topic, high isolation MIMO antenna, we have provided the antenna of performance of high isolation about two antennas and the omni-directional radiation pattern. The isolation can reach about -25dB. It can increase the channel capacity and S/N ratio when the isolation of two antennas is high. It can also cancel the effect of antenna array to reach omni-directional radiation pattern for personal communication device indirectly. The other antenna characteristic is omni-directional radiation pattern. Because we have the proposed antenna to apply to personal communication device, the omni-directional radiation pattern is designed.

5.2 *Future Study*

In the future, there still have some topics we can reasearch. For the on-chip antenna, the size decreasing, high radiation effeciency, and radiation pattern that we require. For the second topic, leaky wave antenna, side lobe level decreasing, frequency scanning region increasing, total size decreasing, and operating frequency increasing. It will have many ways to design the open end of the leaky wave antenna to enhance the performance. In our research, the monopole is added to enhance the frequency scanning range. We can use many ways to design the leaky wave antenna to reach not only increasing frequency scanning range but decreasing the size of the proposed antenna.

For MIMO antenna, increasing isolation between antennas is the most important. The number of antenna is more than 2. So, decreasing the relationship between antennas is more difficult. In MIMO antenna, the decoupling device is the important component. There are many ways to design the decoupling device, and good designing not only decouple antennas but match the impedance of every antenna. Decreasing the size of the decoupling device is another research. In the future, we can utilize the decoupling devive to combinate radiated antennas to reach the performance what we want. For instance, we want to generate circle polarization MIMO antenna. we will design the circle polarization antennas and decoupling device to improve the antenna performance. It will be worthy to research the combination of decoupling device and radiated antennas.

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