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# Mysteries of DRA Modes

## Unresolved Issues for the Future

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## On the World Map



## Our Teachers



C V Raman  
1888-1970  
NL 1930



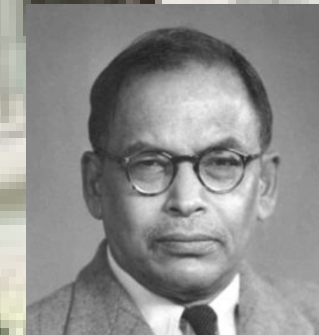
R. N. Tagore  
1861-1941  
NL 1913



S N Bose  
1894-1974



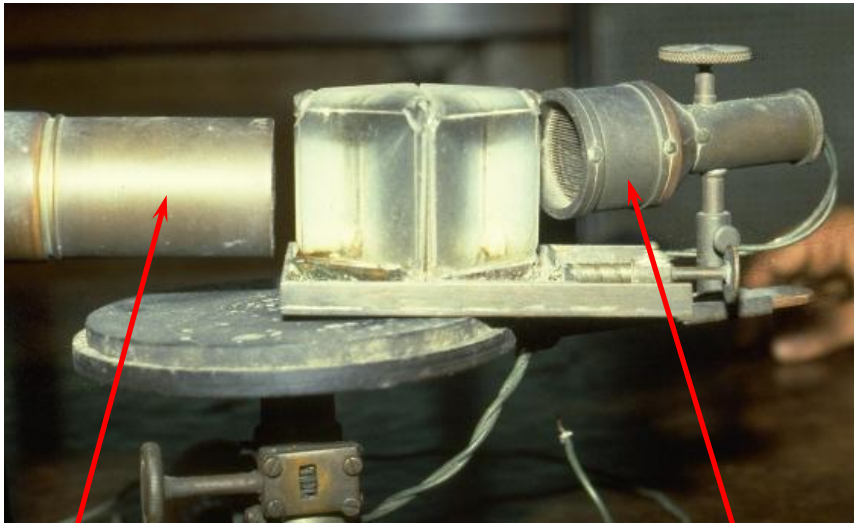
S K Mitra  
1890-1963



M N Saha  
1893-1956

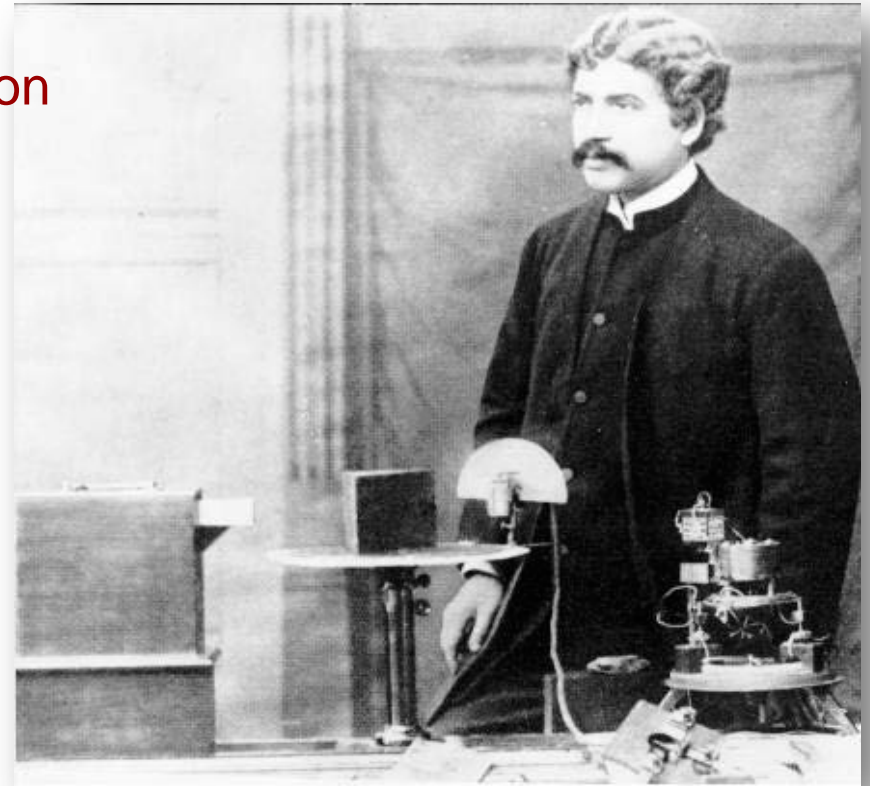
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Demonstrated a mechanical operation using WIRELESS at 2.5 GHz

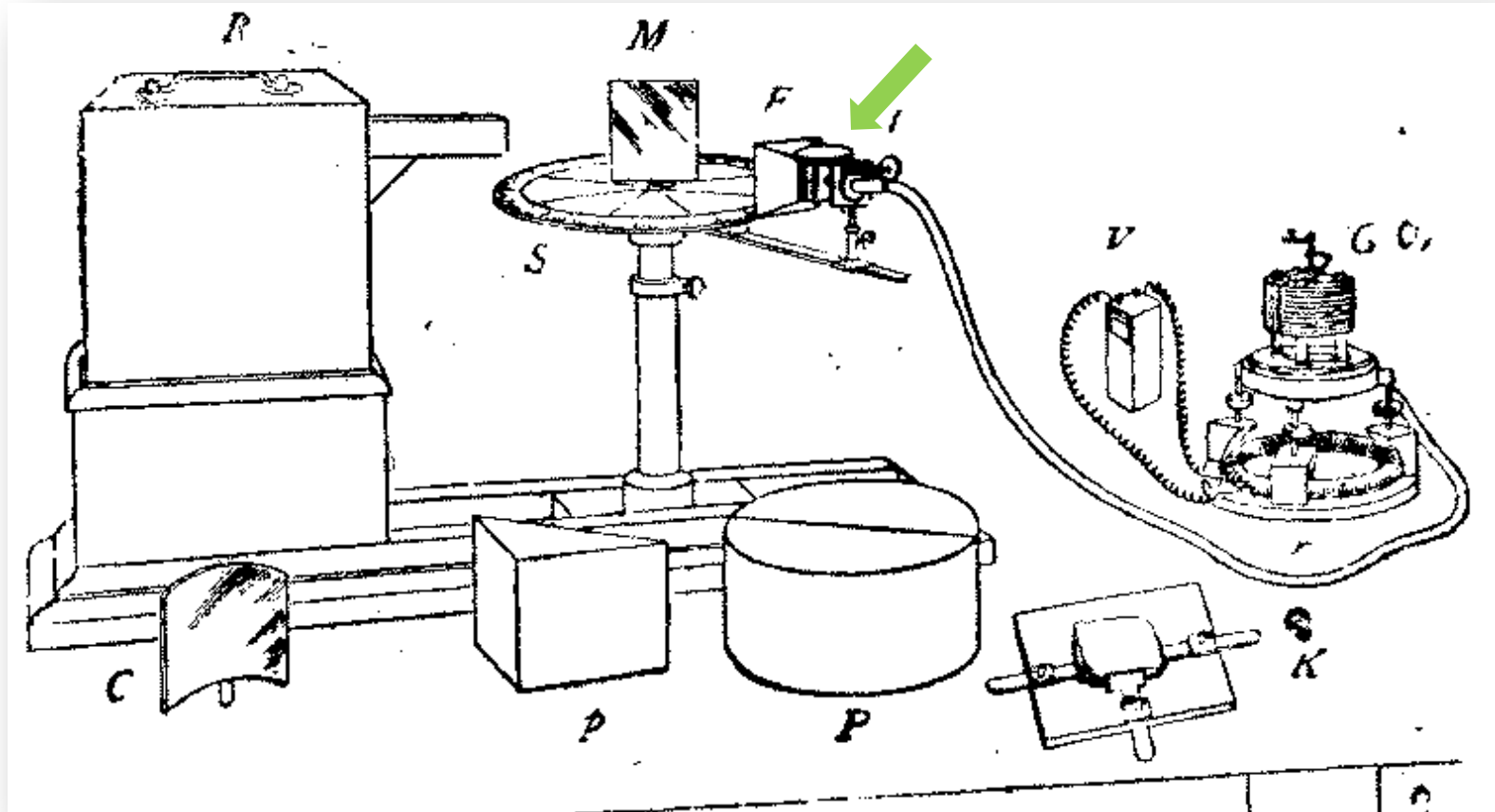


transmitting Horn

receiving Horn



## Bose's Pyramidal Horn



Rest is History

Today's Presentation

# Unknown Mode in Known DRA

31 Years ago

1983-2014

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ANTENNAS AND PROPAGATION, VOL. AP-31, NO. 3, MAY 1983

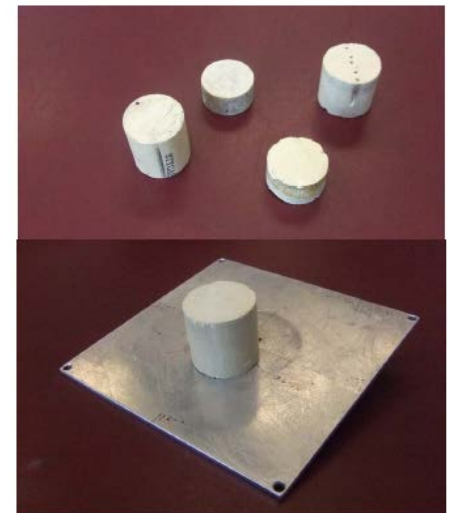
## The Resonant Cylindrical Dielectric Cavity Antenna

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THE RECTANGULAR DIELECTRIC RESONATOR ANTENNA

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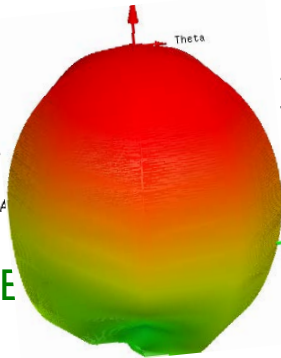
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# Cylindrical-DRA

## RESONANT FREQUENCIES AND Q FACTORS OF THE FIVE LOWEST MODES

Computational  
Isosurfaces



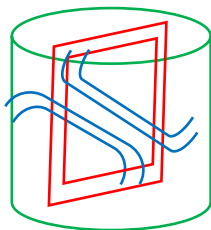
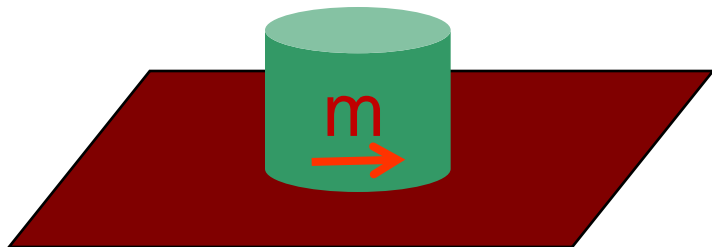
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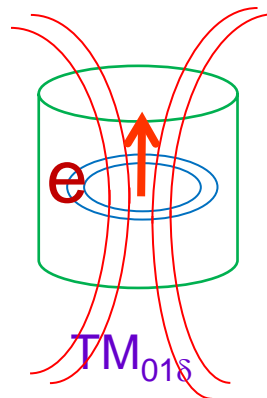
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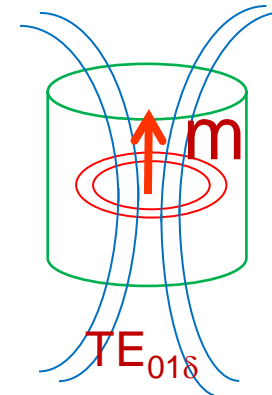
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HEM<sub>11δ</sub>



TM<sub>01δ</sub>

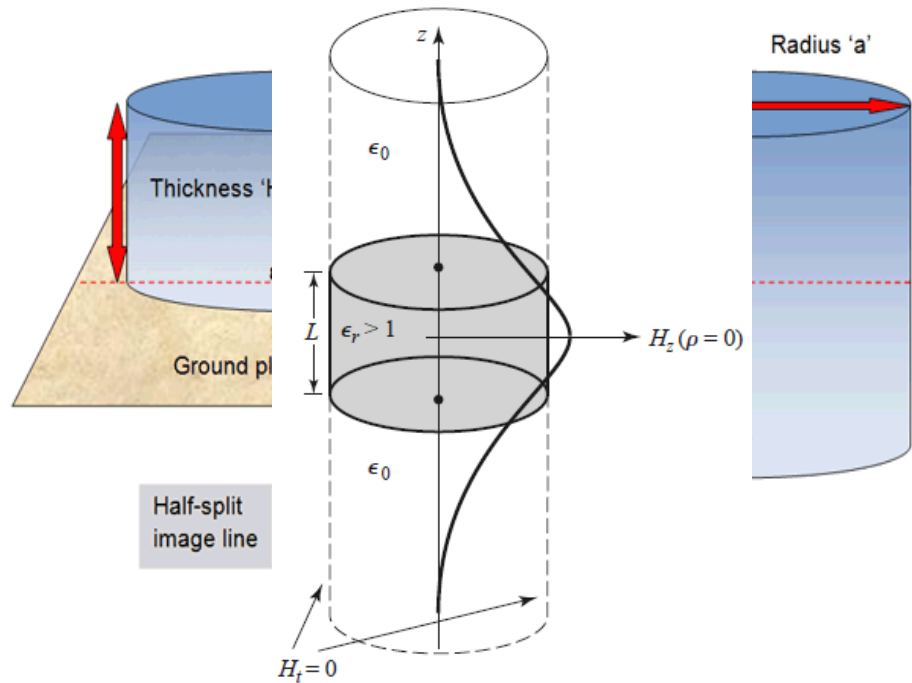


TE<sub>01δ</sub>

Mode	$f_{res}$ (GHz)	Q
TE <sub>01δ</sub>	4.829	45.8
TM <sub>01δ</sub>	7.524	76.8
HEM <sub>11δ</sub>	6.333	30.7
HEM <sub>12δ</sub>	6.638	52.1
HEM <sub>21δ</sub>	7.752	327.1



## Mode Nomenclature



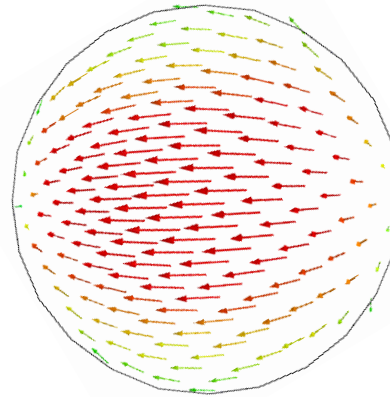
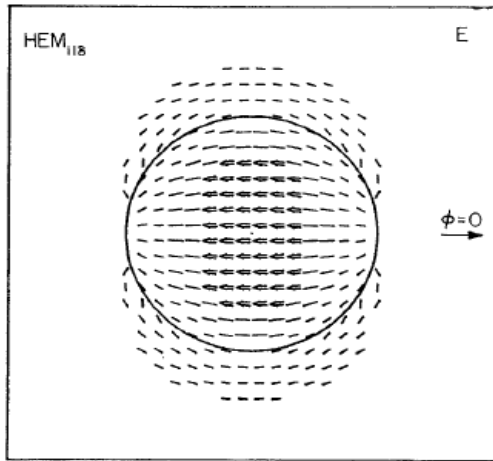
$TE_{0 \ n \ p+\delta}$   
 $TM_{0 \ n \ p+\delta}$   
 $HEM_{m \ n \ p+\delta}$

**m**: number of full-period variations of fields along the azimuth

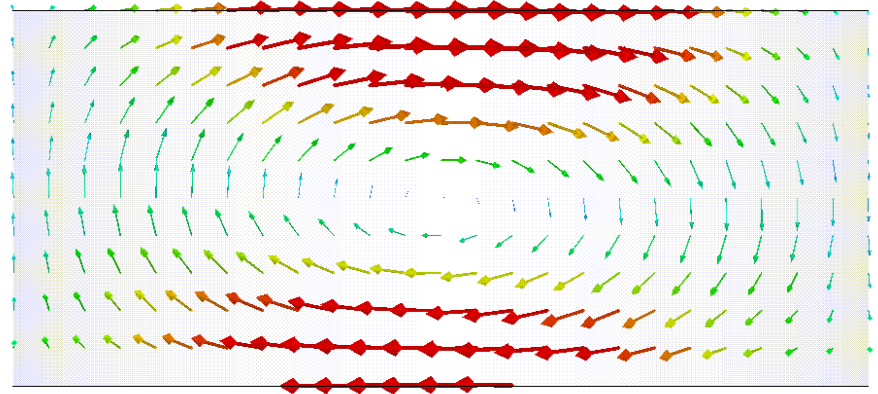
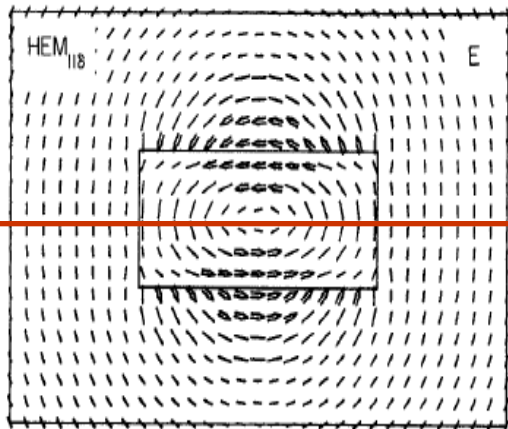
**n**: half-wave variation along radius (field between center and the periphery)

**'p+δ'**: half-wave variation along z-axis of the cylinder

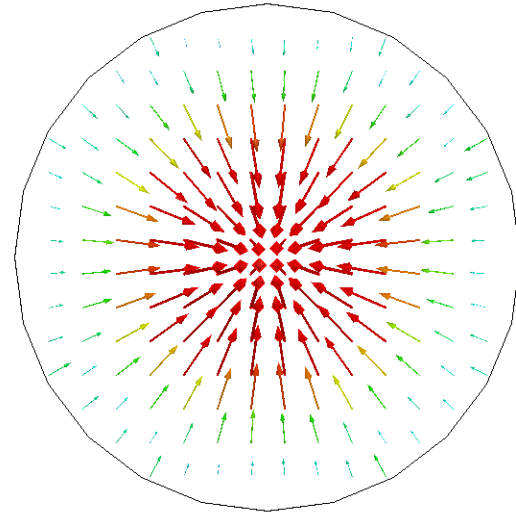
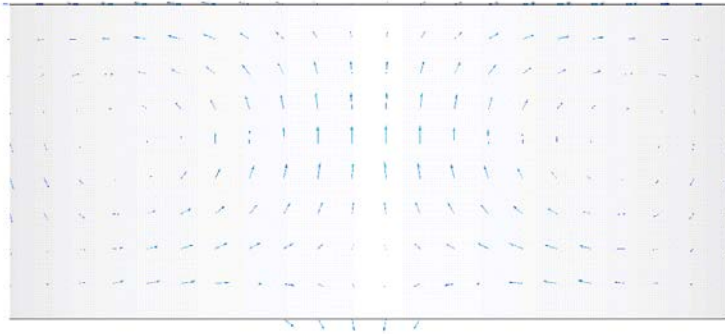
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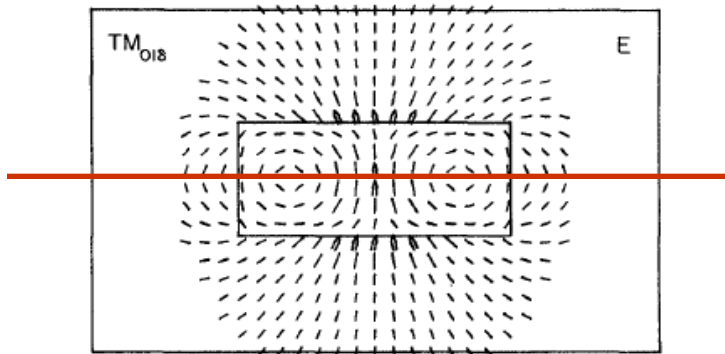
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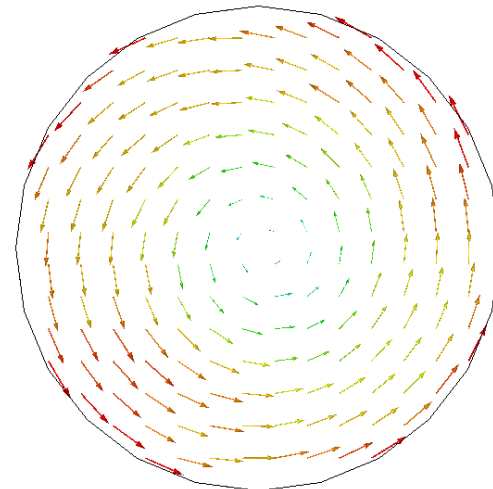
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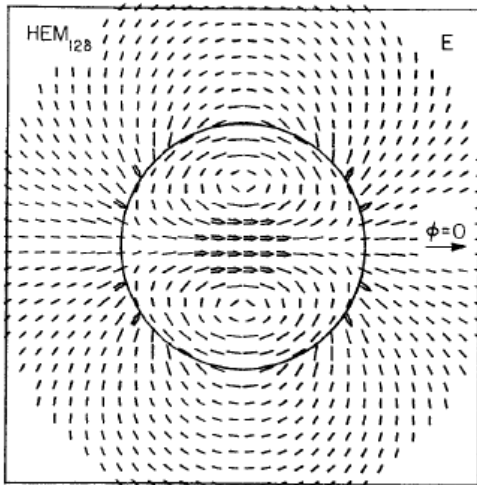
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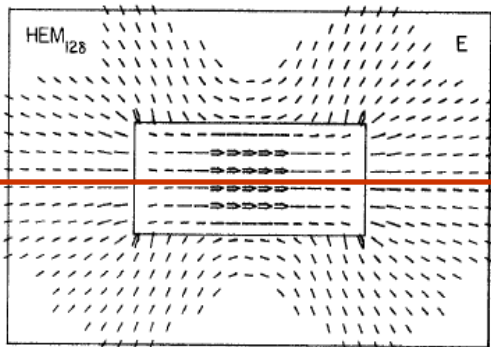
# Theoretical HEM<sub>12δ</sub> Mode

Does it Radiate?



It should

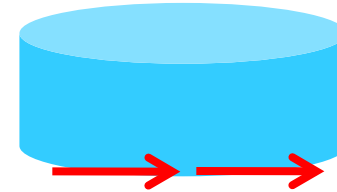
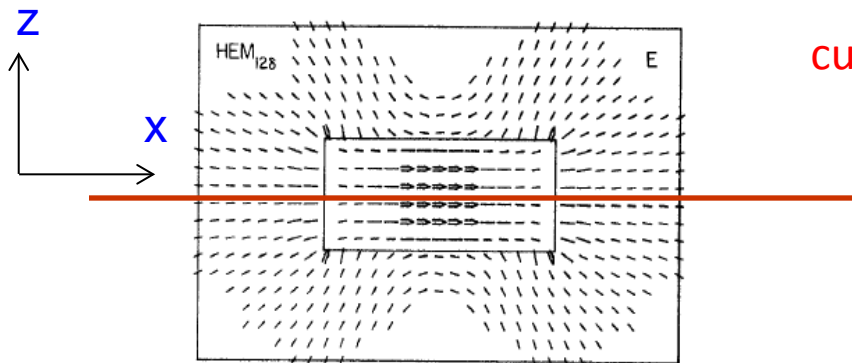
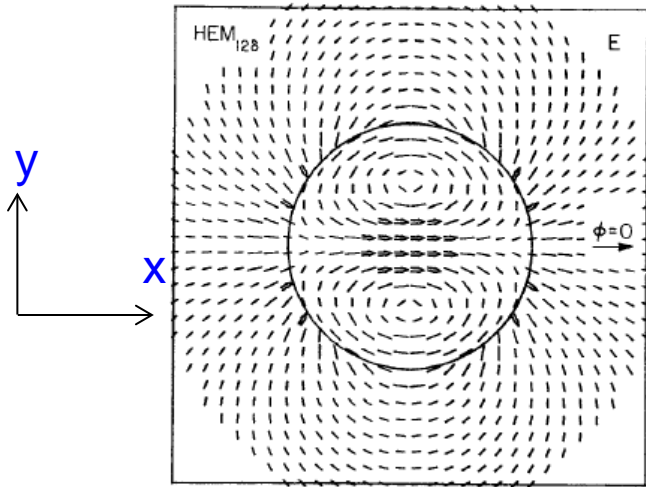
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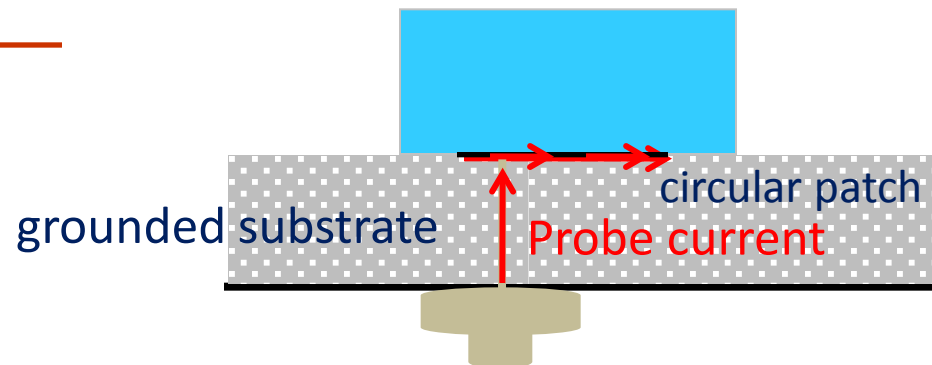
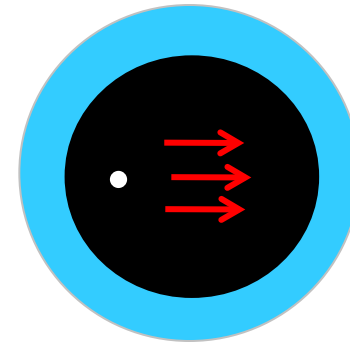
Boundary condition does not allow any ground plane

# Address the Challenge



Boundary Condition demands Horizontal current in place metal  
New approach to realize a current ribbon ??

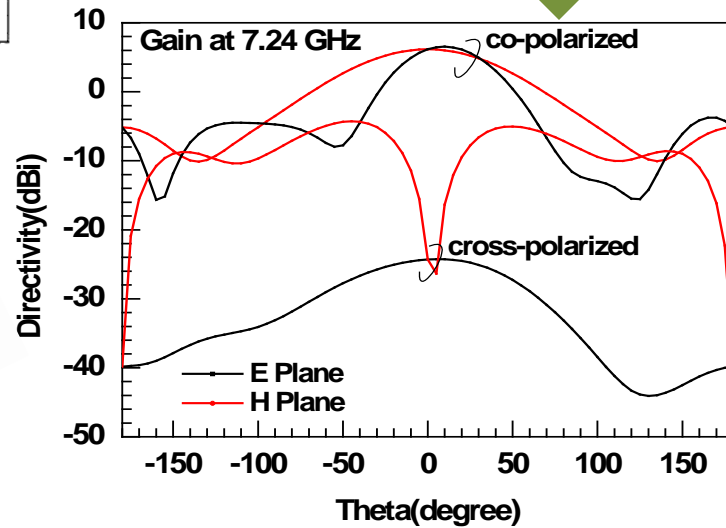
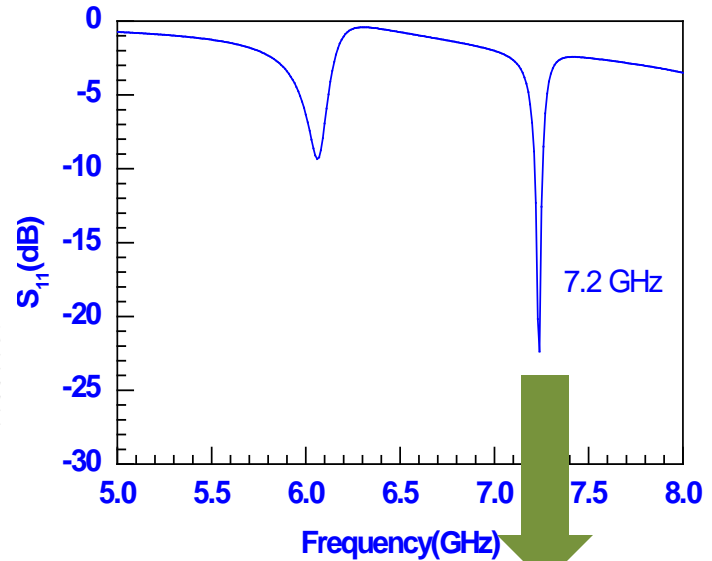
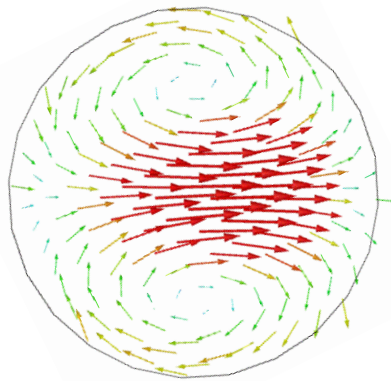
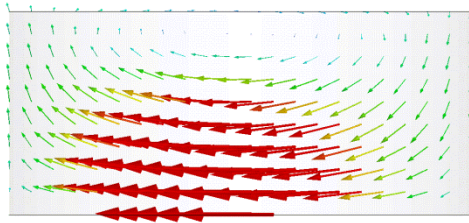
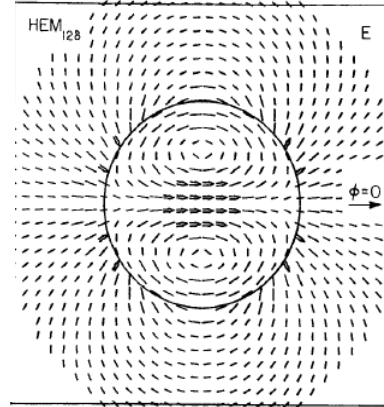
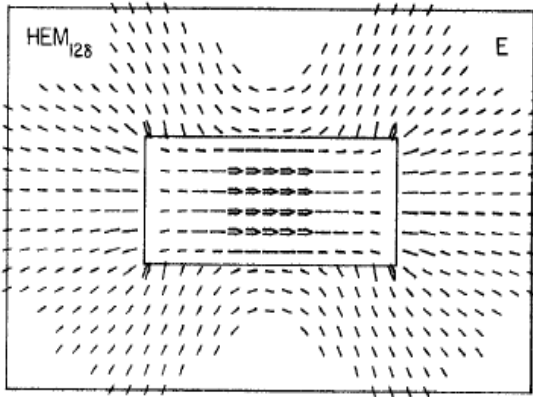
Non-resonant Microstrip Patch working as a current ribbon



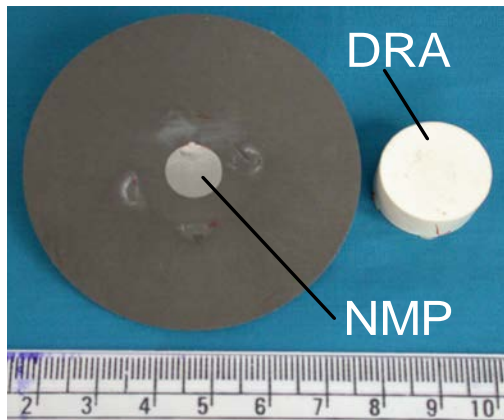
# First Examination

## Kajfez's Sample + our Technique

11.5 mm



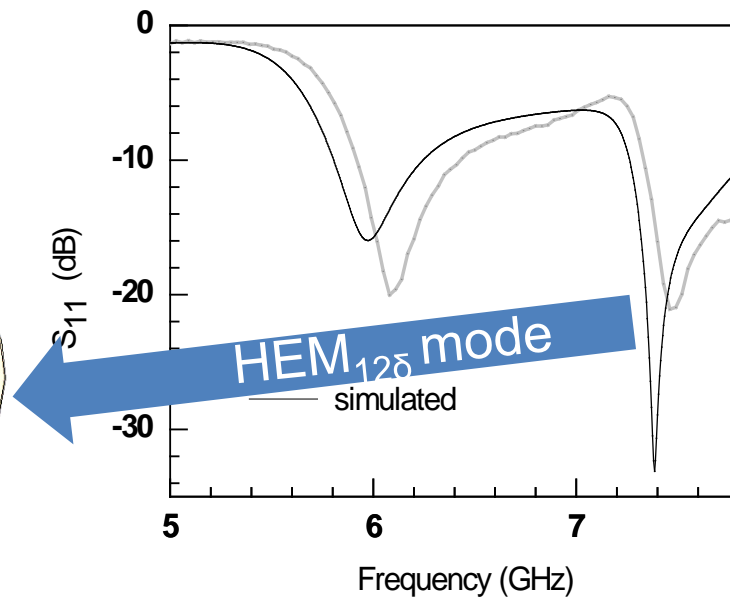
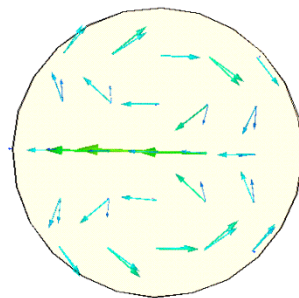
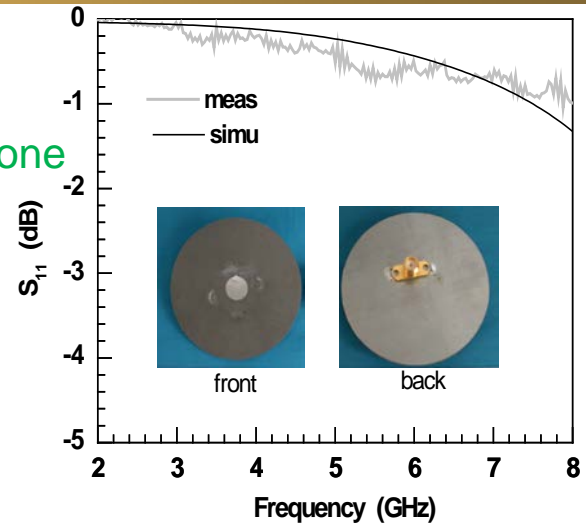
# experiments



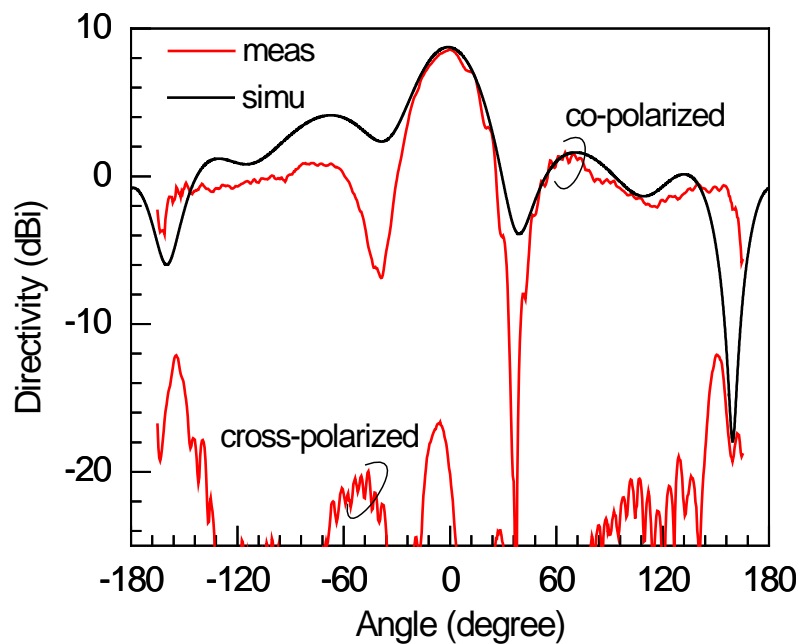
DRA:  $\epsilon_{r,d} = 10$ ,  $a = 10$  mm,  
 $h = 10$  mm. NMP  $r = 5$  mm,  
 $\epsilon_{r,s} = 2.33$ ,  $t = 1.575$  mm;



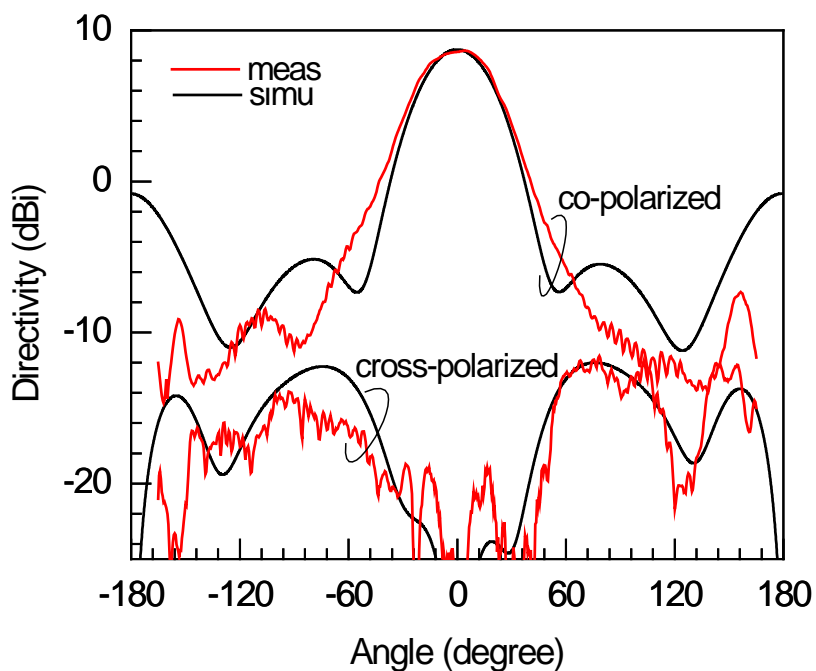
when the feed is alone



$f = 7.4 \text{ GHz}$



E-plane



H-plane

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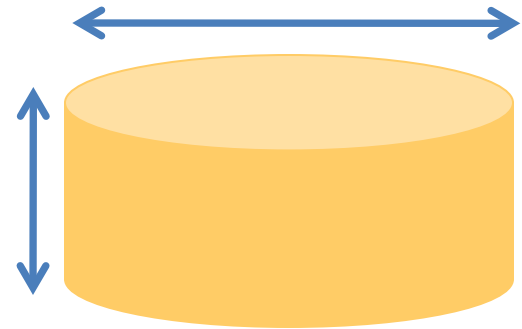
## Design Limitations?

## Unknown Mysteries

Any limitation in DRA diameter?

Any limitation in DRA height?

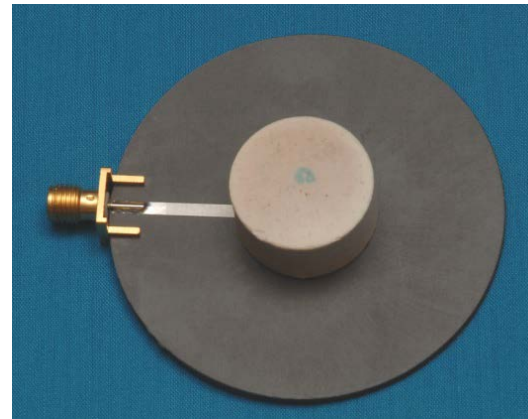
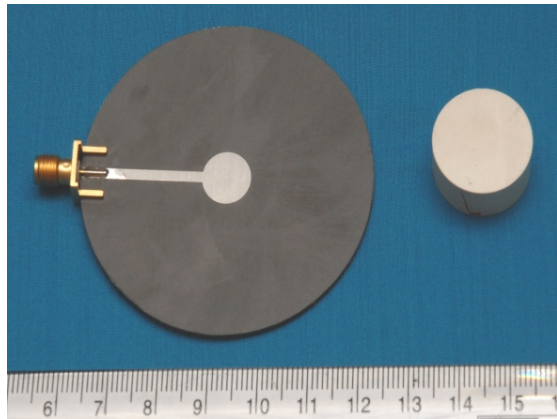
Any limitation imposed by the DRA material?



zinc tungstate composite

## Any other Technique?

Fully planar should be most advantageous; should it be like this?



No, not so straightforward.

**Mysteries** lie in Current Ribbon with matching; solution needs a different approach.

**D. Guha, et al. IEEE AP-S Memphis, 2014**

Yet any Other Technique?

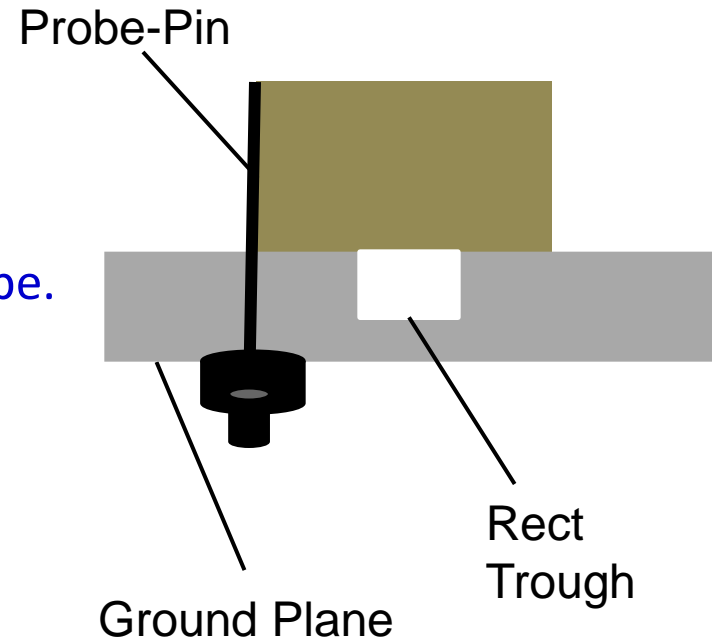
YES!

Much Easier and Robust Technique has been developed recently and reported

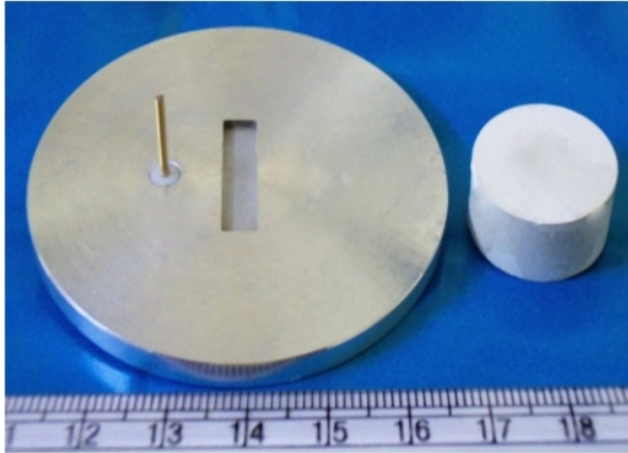
Excitation Mechanism?

Completely NEW

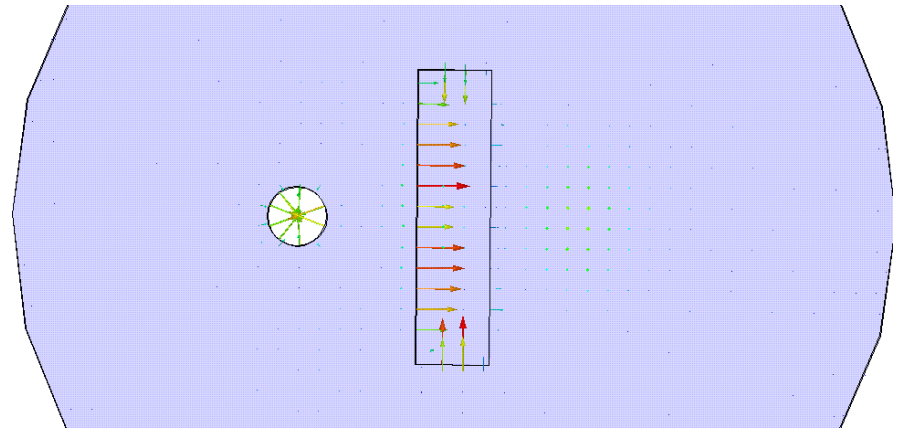
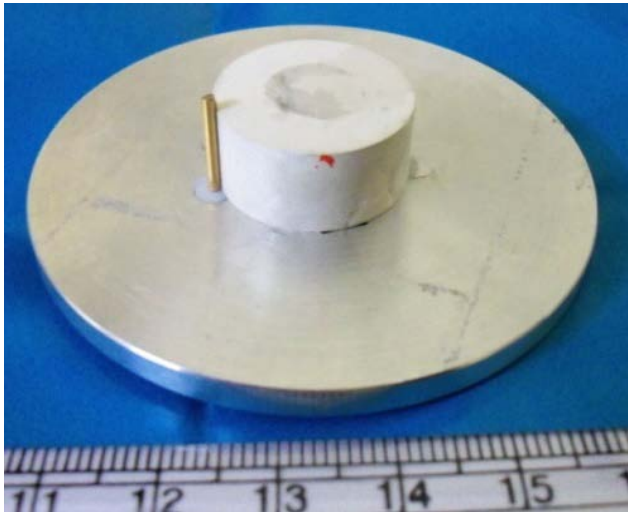
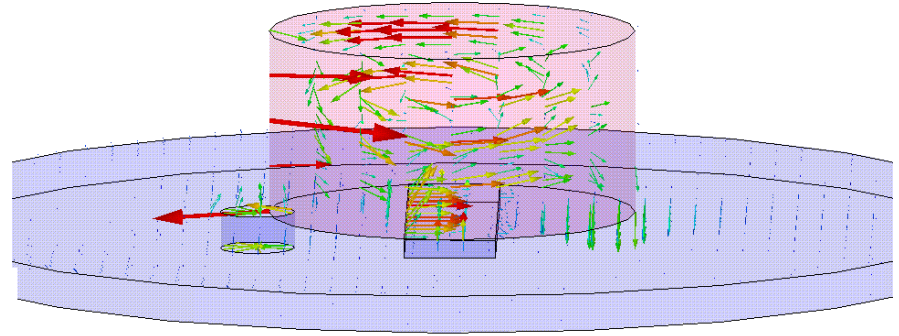
- Feed is conventional using vertical Probe.
- Ground plane (GP) is a metal sheet.
- **Boundary condition of GP has been modified favorably which can support  $HEM_{12\delta}$  mode.**



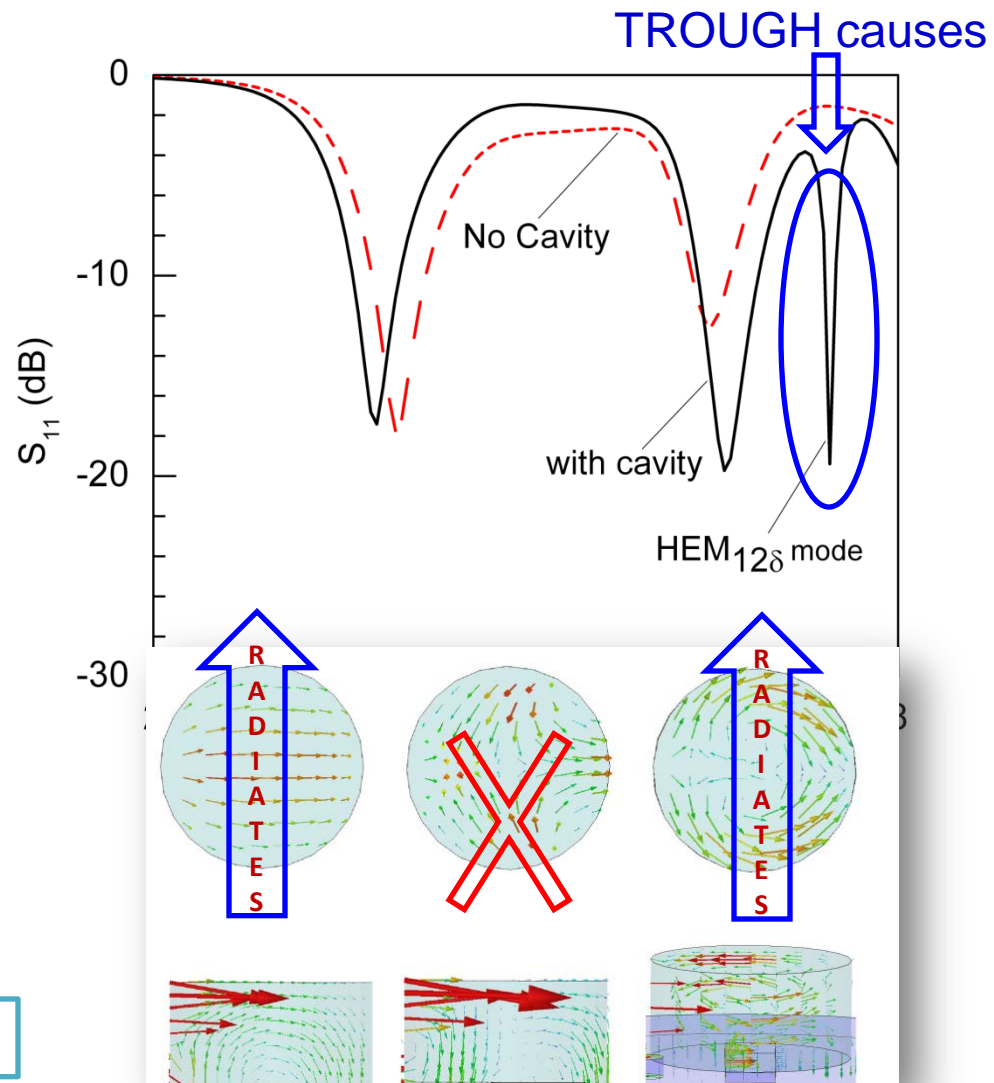
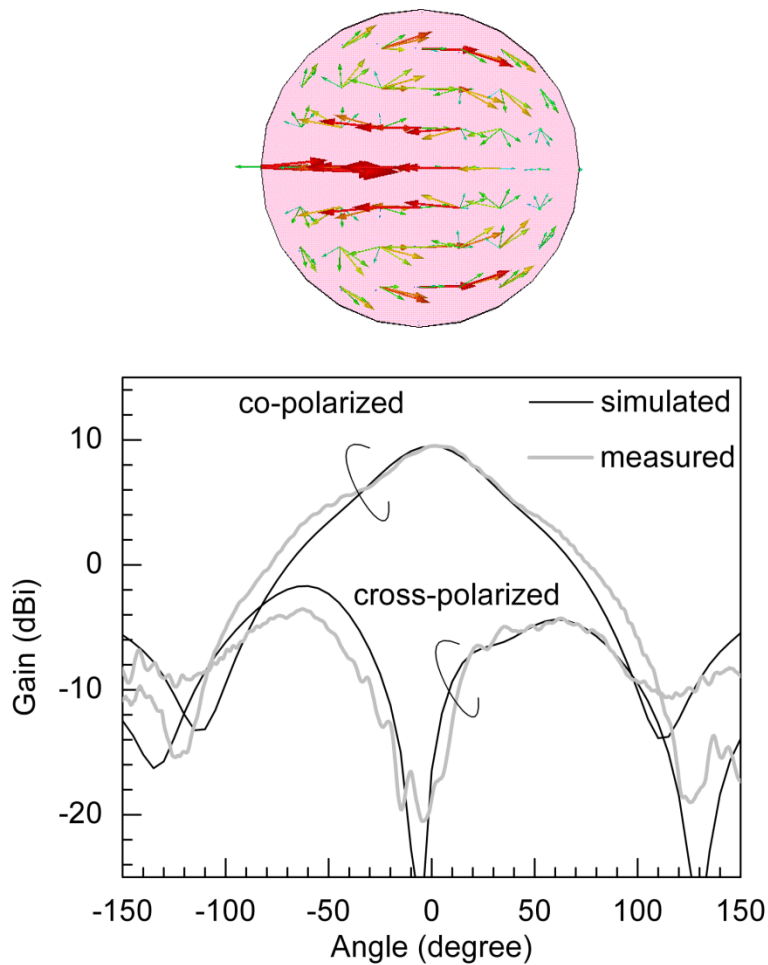
# Role of Embedded Trough



ground plane with trough



# The Results



D. Guha, et al. IEEE AWPL, 2014

Yet Any Other?

Definitely YES

An Open Book to YOU

Two Different Techniques have been Explored Recently

1

Composite Aperture – to  
realize equivalent  
Magnetic & Electric  
Dipoles as new Feed

2

Under investigation.....

## Suitable Aperture

### Aperture Coupled



### Why?

- Aperture introduces *no metal*.
- Favors required boundary condition for  $\text{HEM}_{12\delta}$  mode.
- Suitable for  $\text{HEM}_{11\delta}$  mode too.

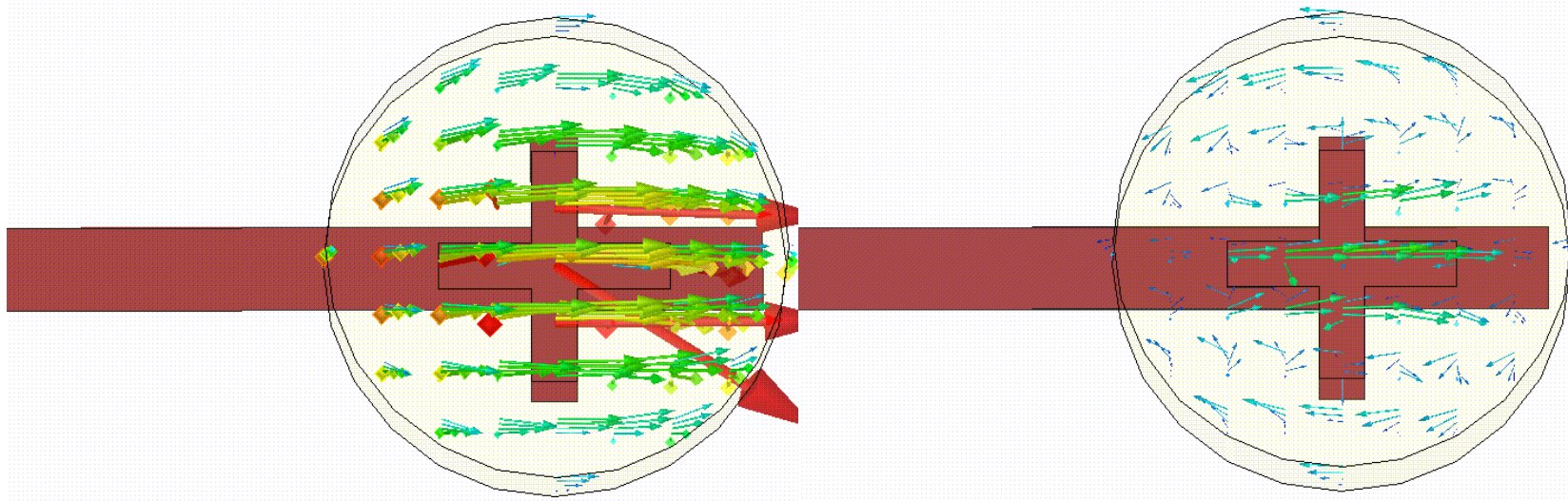
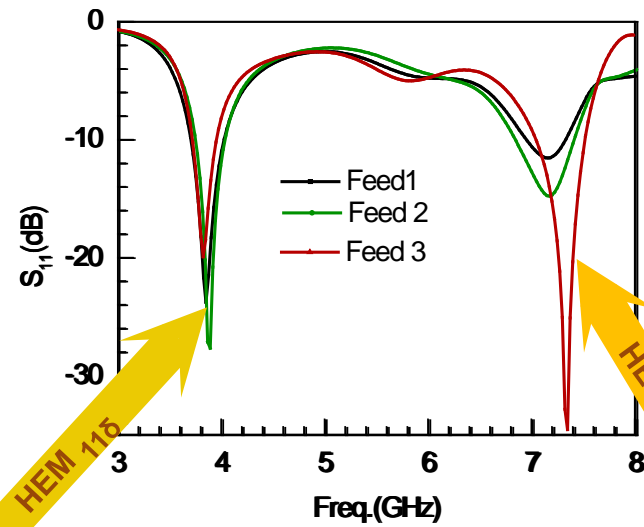
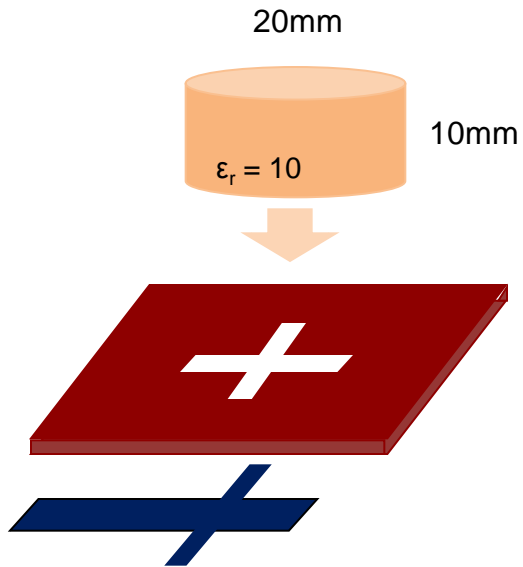
# Aperture-Feed Explored

HEM<sub>12δ</sub> + HEM<sub>11δ</sub>

Feed 1

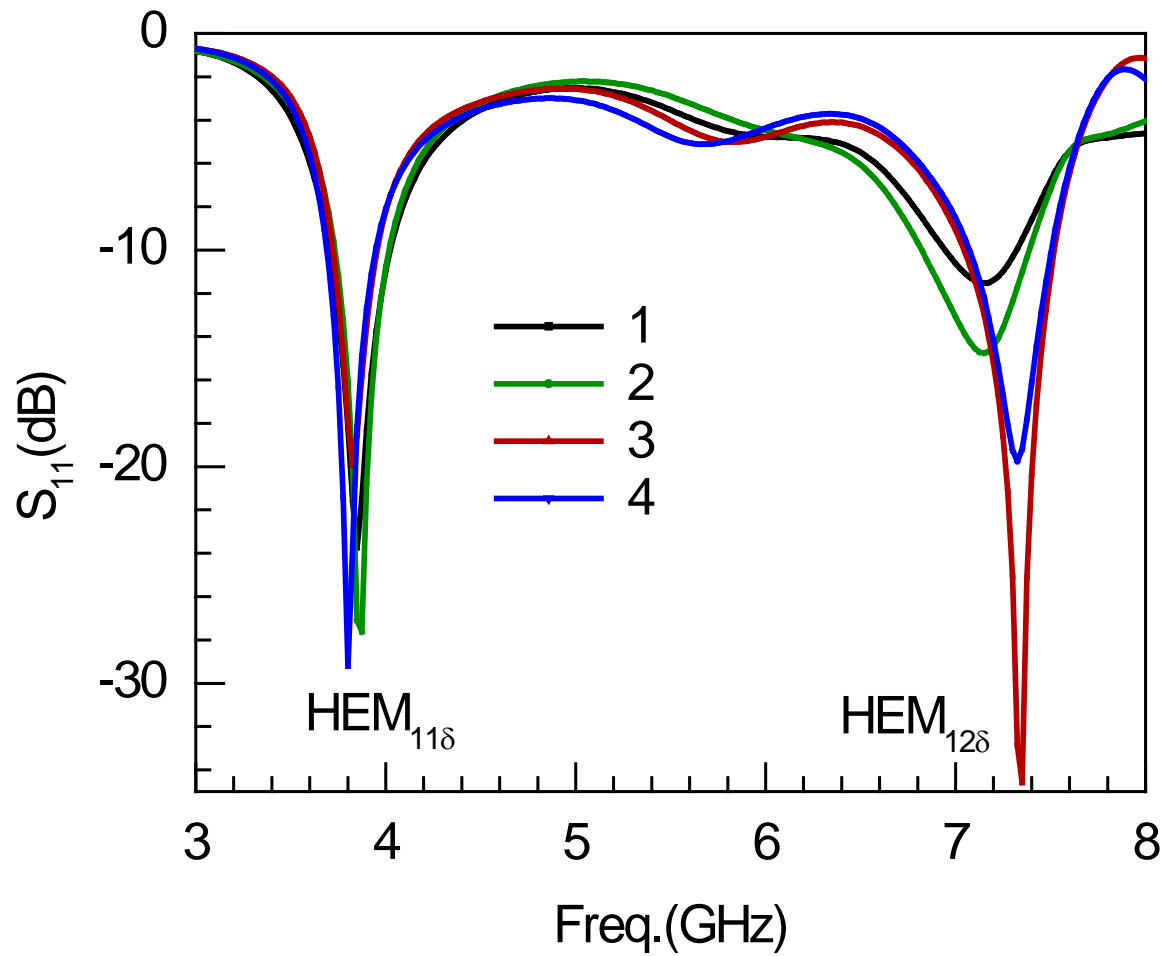
Feed 2

Feed 3



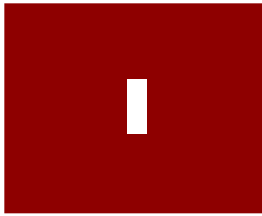


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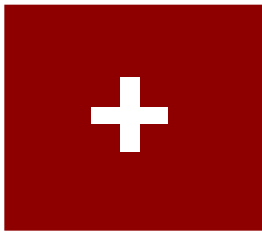


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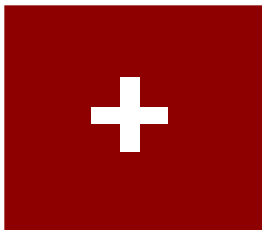
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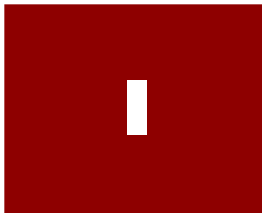
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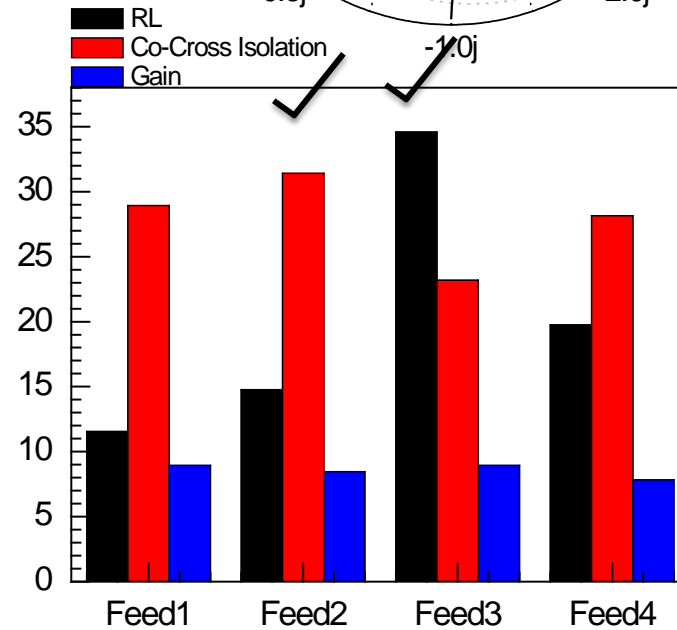
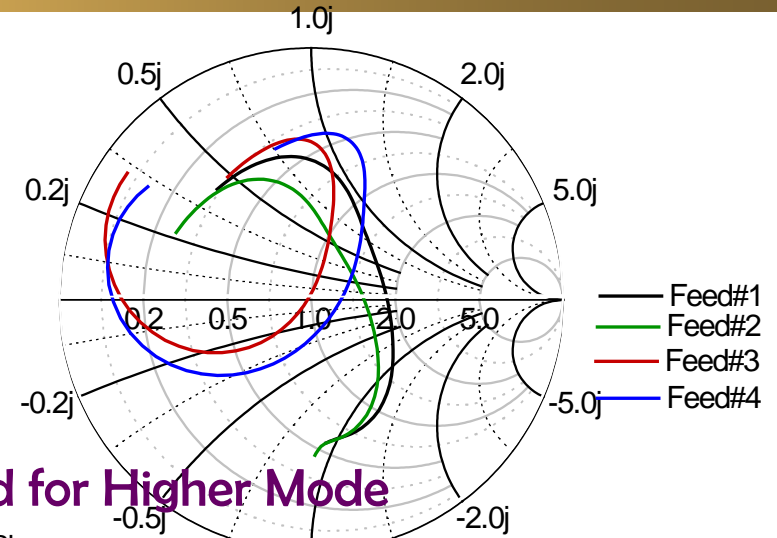
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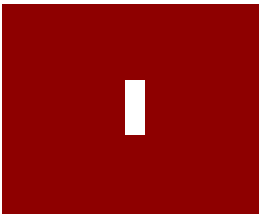


Choose the Right Feed for Higher Mode

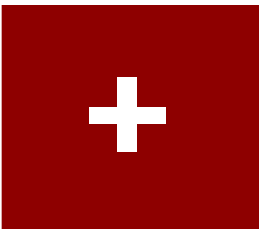


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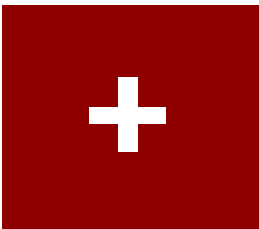
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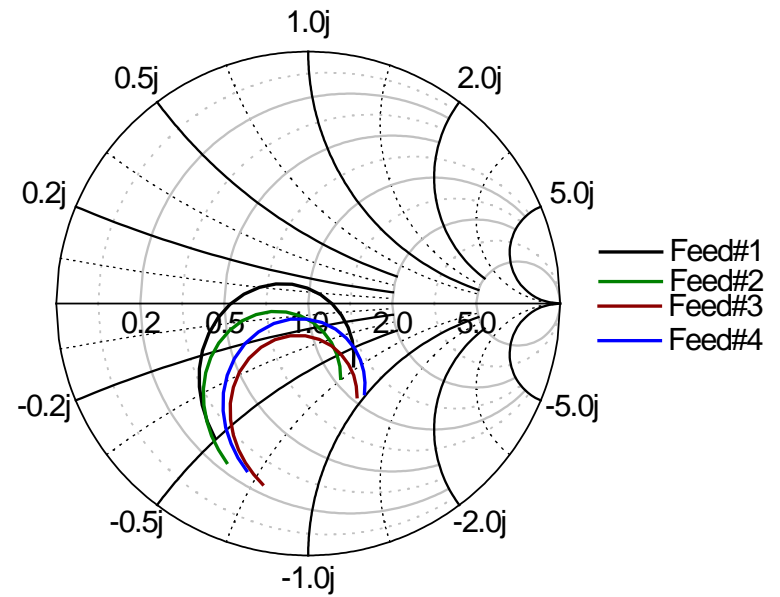
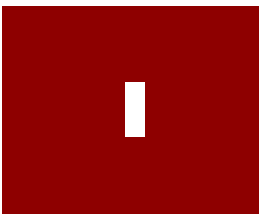
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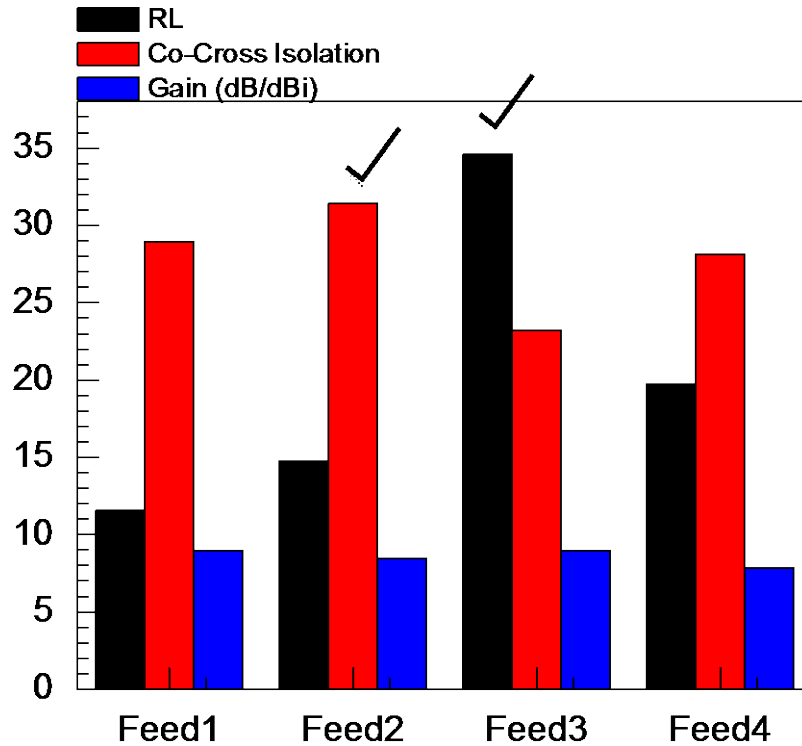
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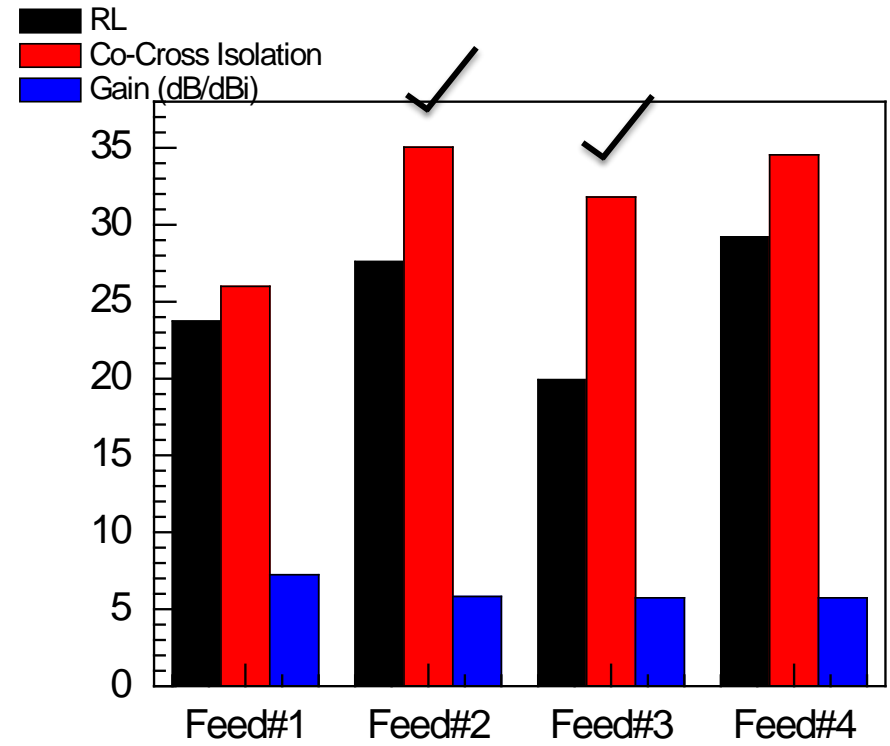
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## Select the Optimum One

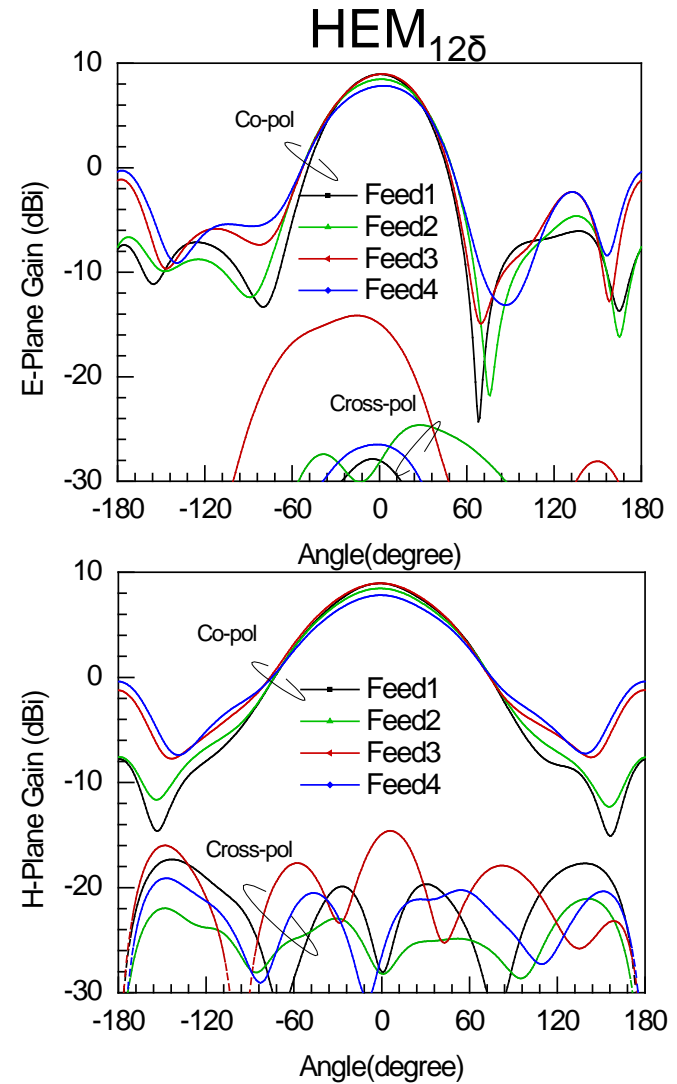
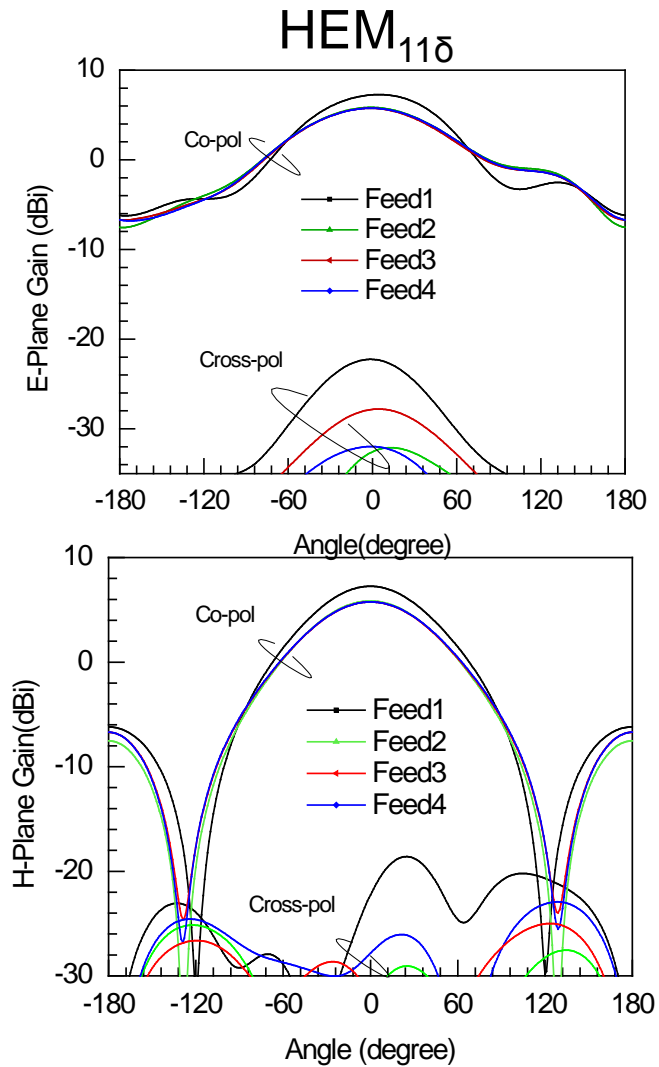


HEM<sub>125</sub>

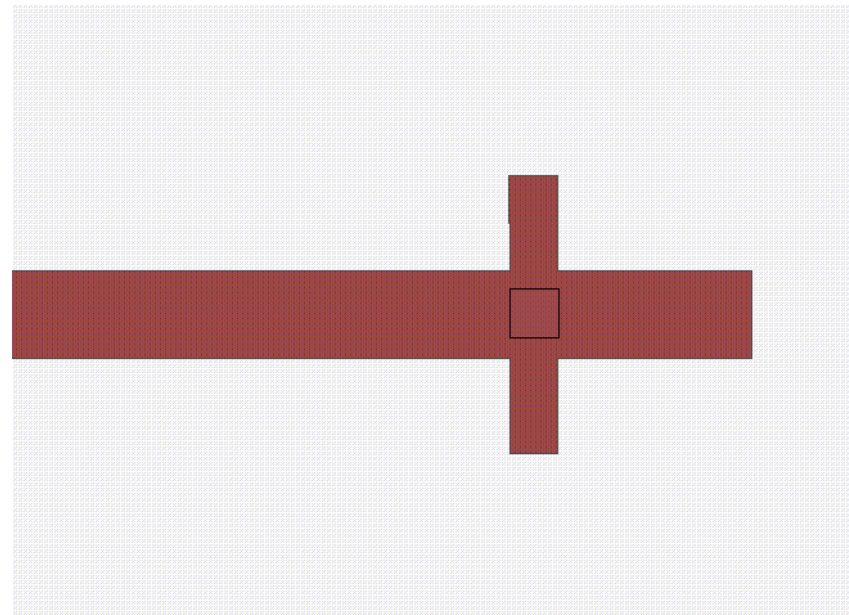
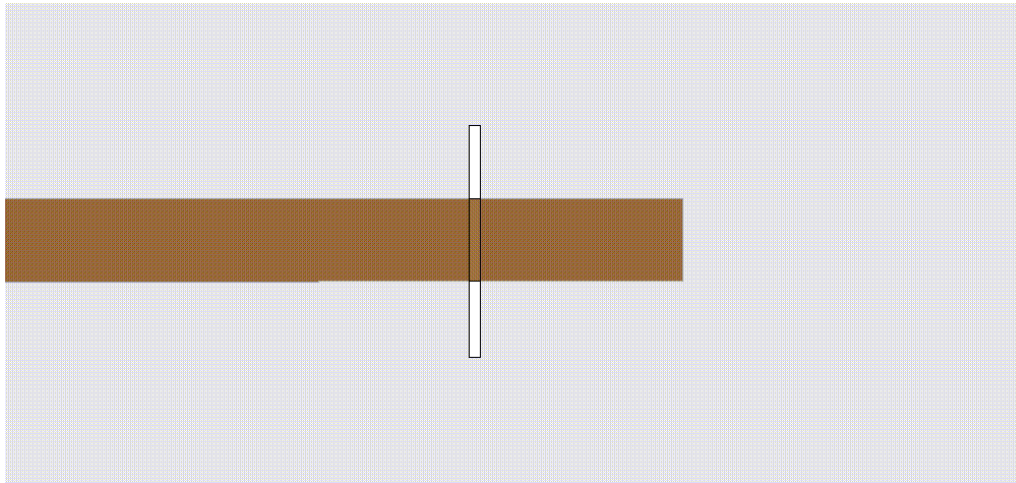
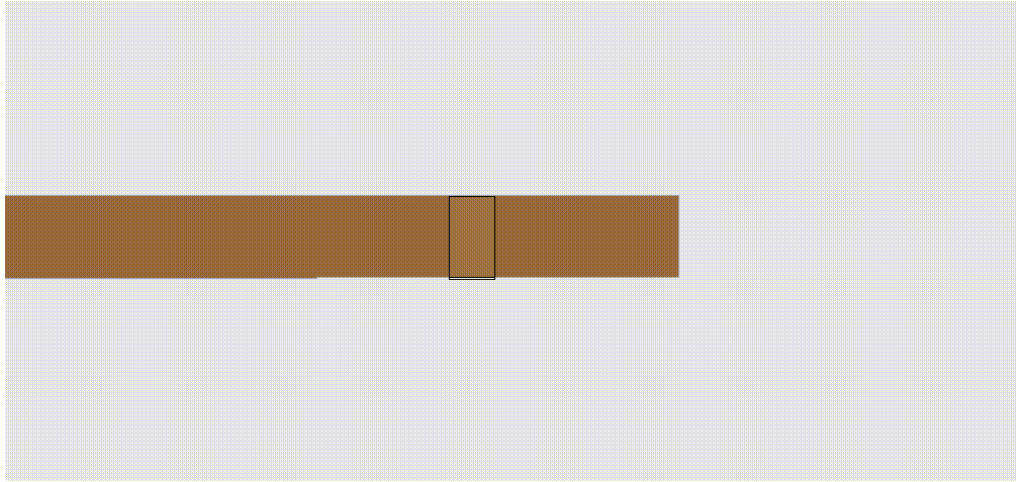


HEM<sub>115</sub>

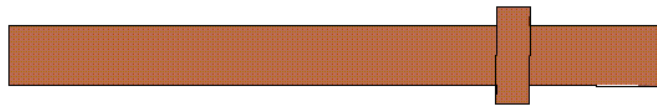
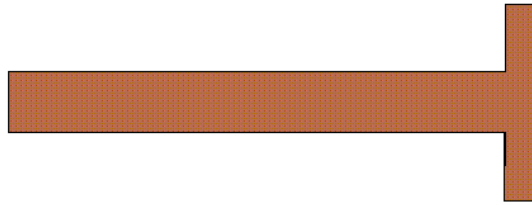
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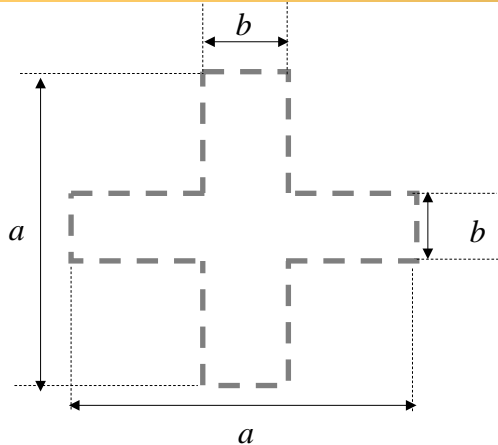
# Optimized Aperture



## Optimized Feed Line



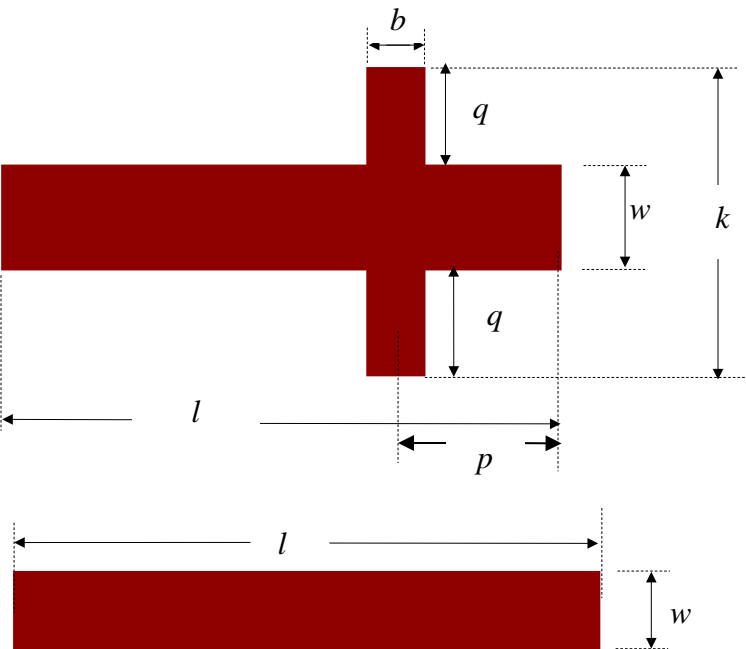
# Optimum Parameters



Frequency (f)	Wavelength ( $\lambda$ )
3.85GHz( $f_1$ )	78mm ( $\lambda_1$ )
7.35GHz ( $f_2$ )	41mm( $\lambda_2$ )

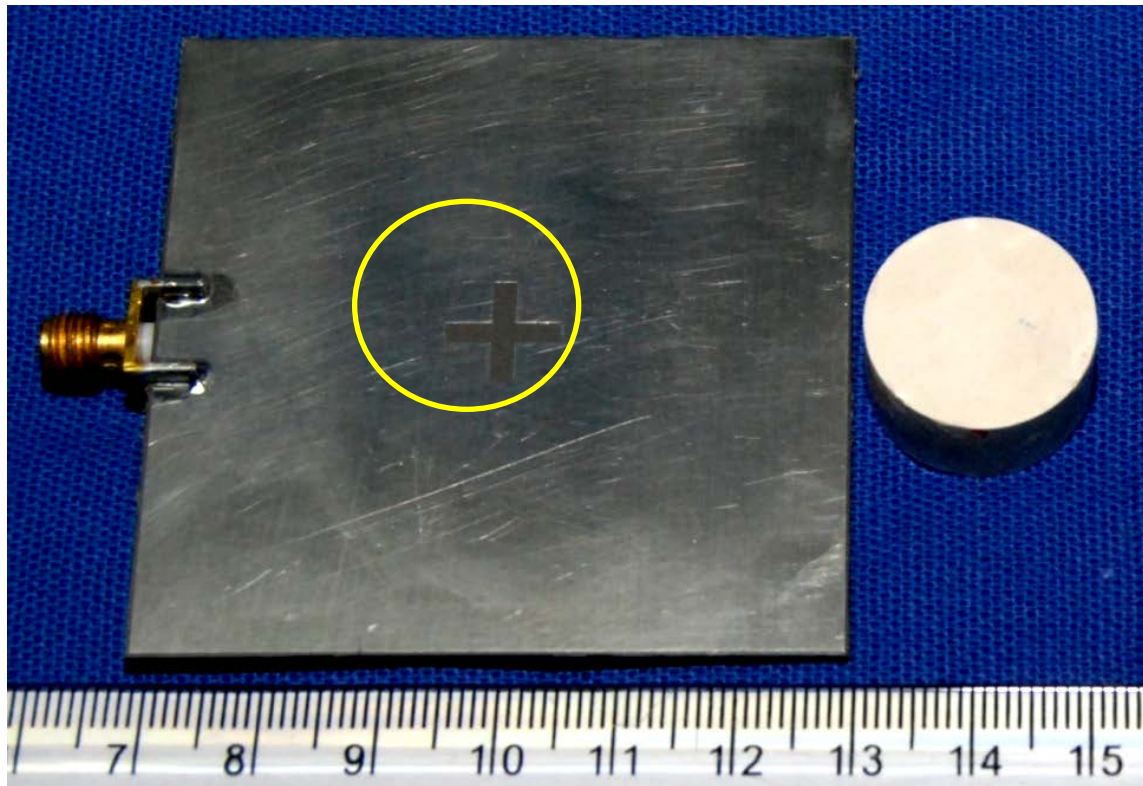
**Table of Parameters**

Parameters	Optimized Value (mm)	In Terms of $\lambda$
a	10	$0.13\lambda_1$ ( $0.24\lambda_2$ )
b	2	$0.03\lambda_1$ ( $0.05\lambda_2$ )
w	3.6	$0.05\lambda_1$ ( $0.09\lambda_2$ )
l	39	$0.5\lambda_1$ ( $0.95\lambda_2$ )
p	9	$0.12\lambda_1$ ( $0.22\lambda_2$ )
q	3.95	$0.05\lambda_1$ ( $0.1\lambda_2$ )
K	11.5	$0.15\lambda_1$ ( $0.28\lambda_2$ )

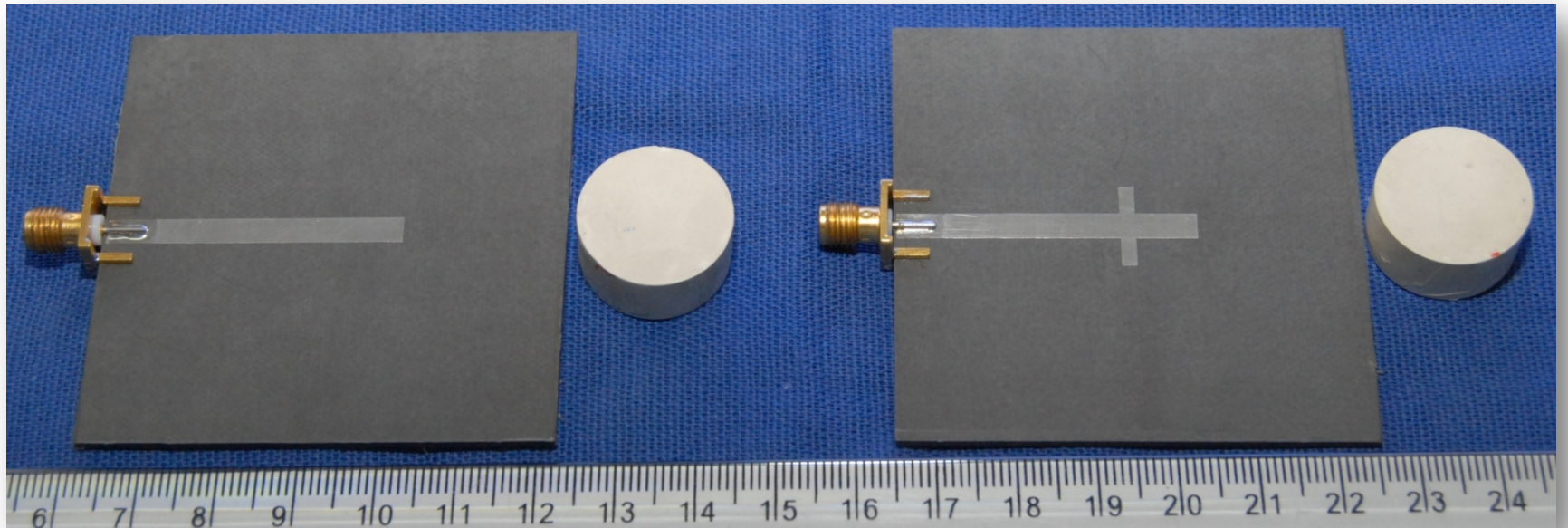




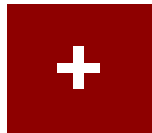
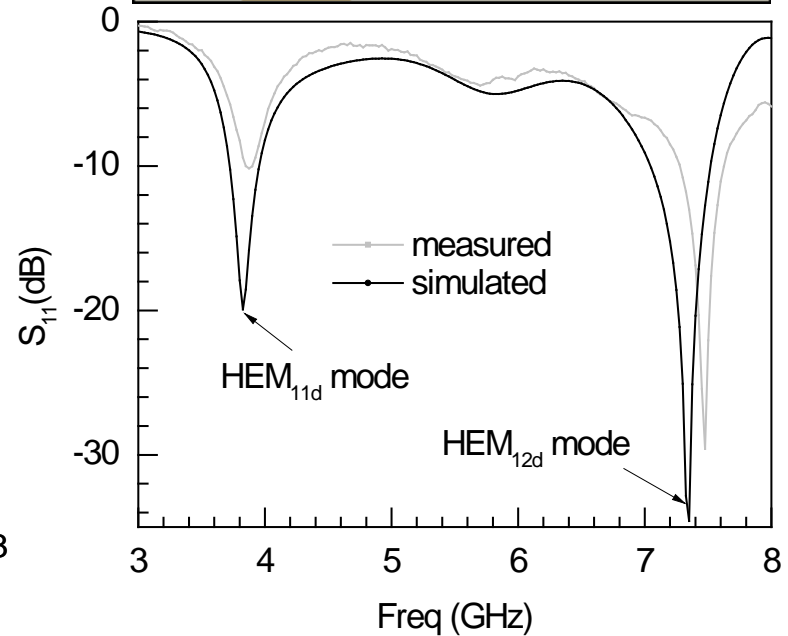
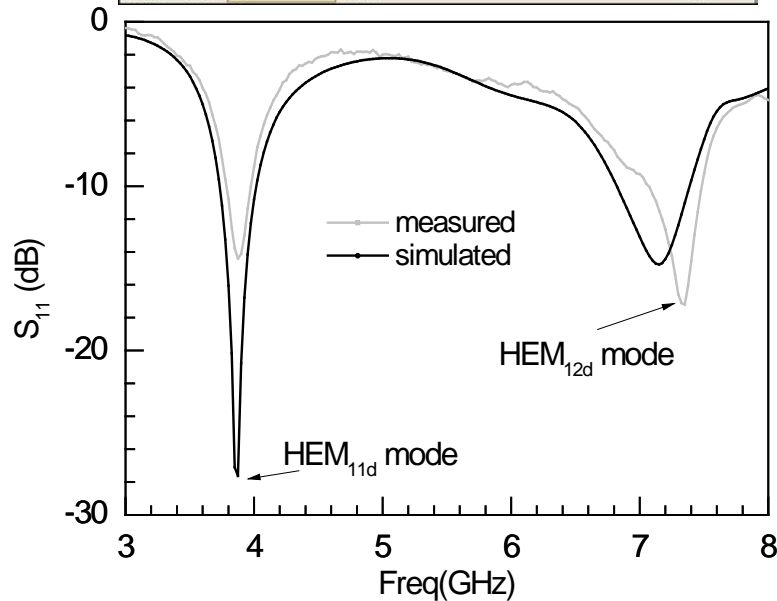
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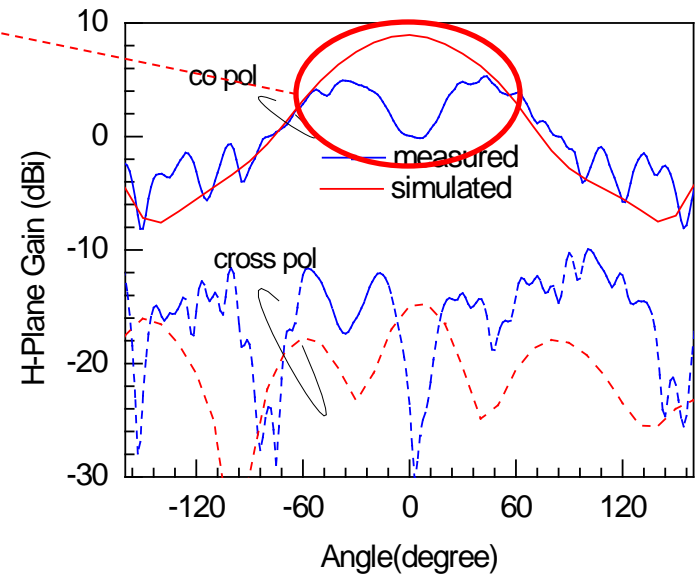
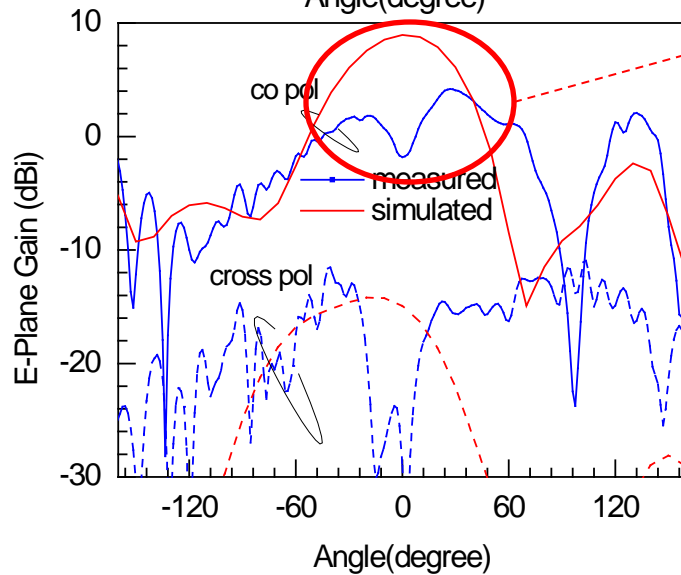
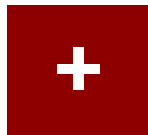
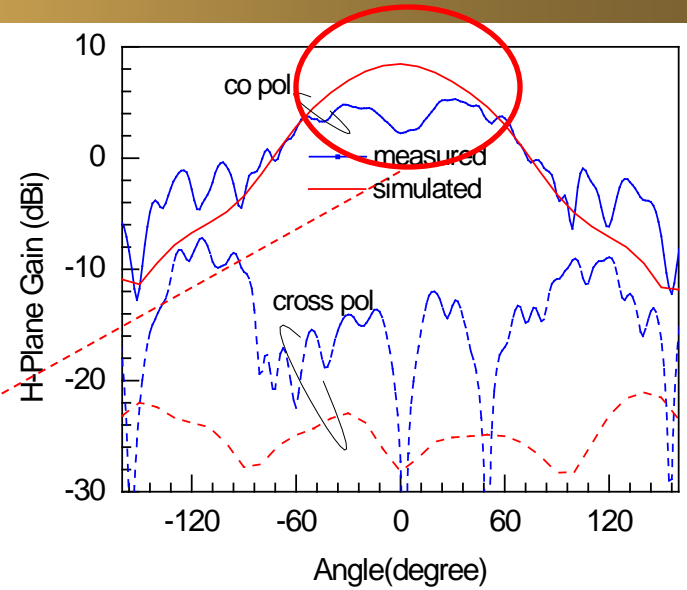
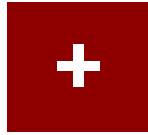
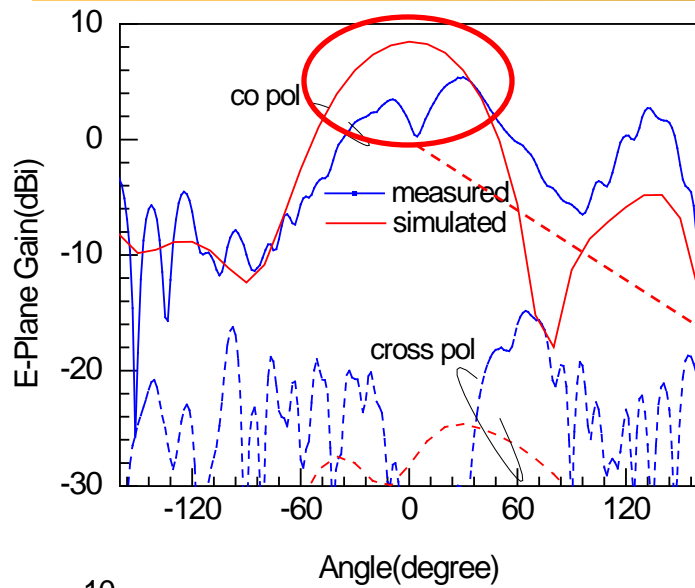
Viewed from Feed-line side



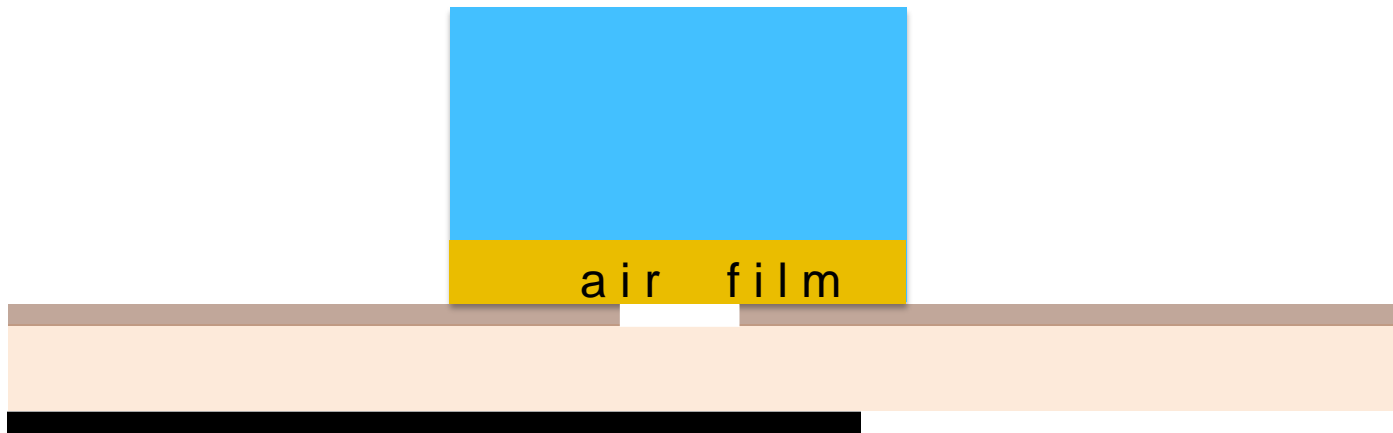
# Measured Results



# Measured Radiations



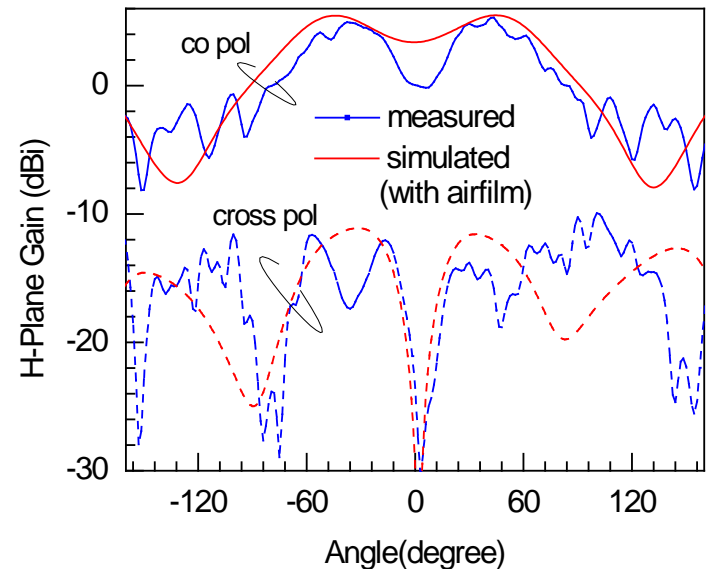
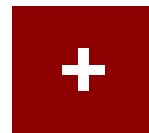
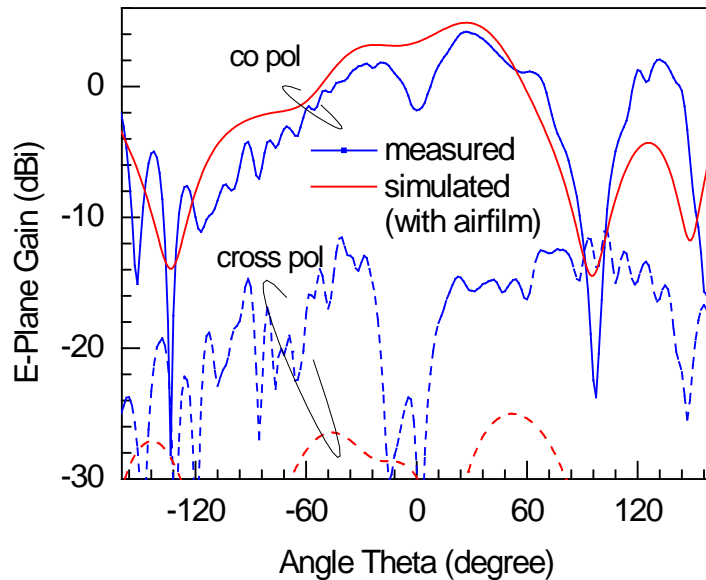
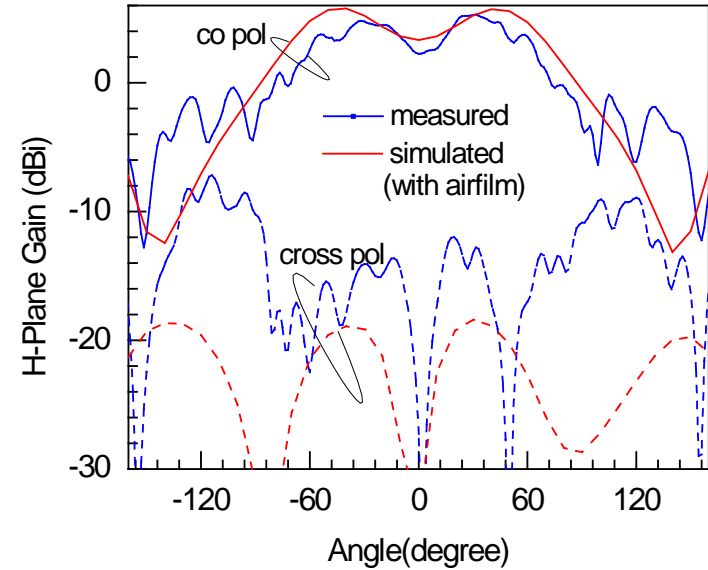
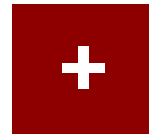
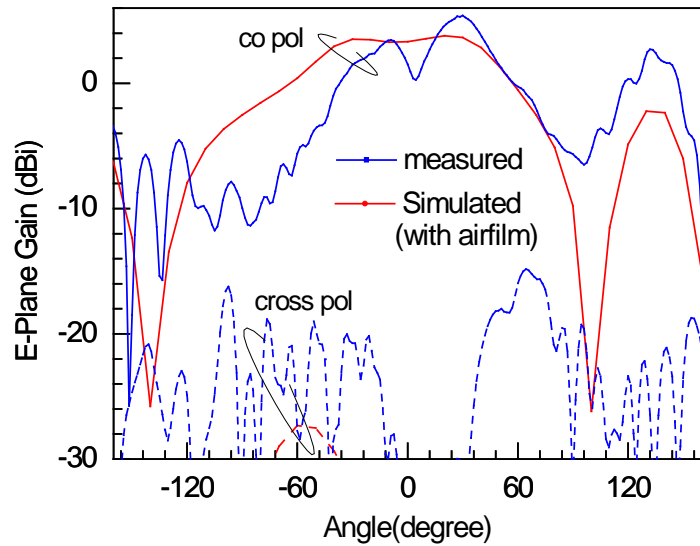
## Interesting Observation



Air-film Thickness~ (0.02-0.04)mm

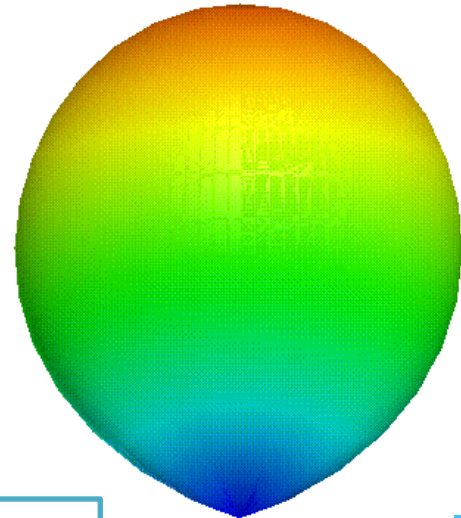
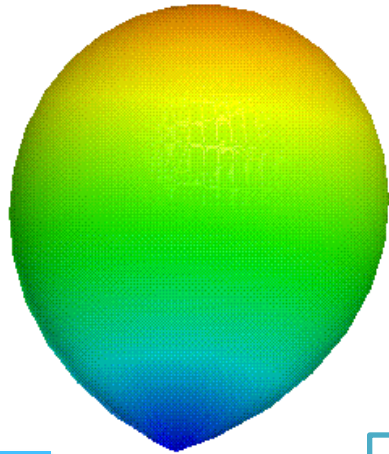
# Closely Follow

HEM<sub>125</sub>



# Effect of the air-film

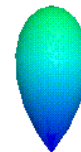
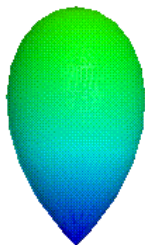
HEM<sub>12δ</sub>



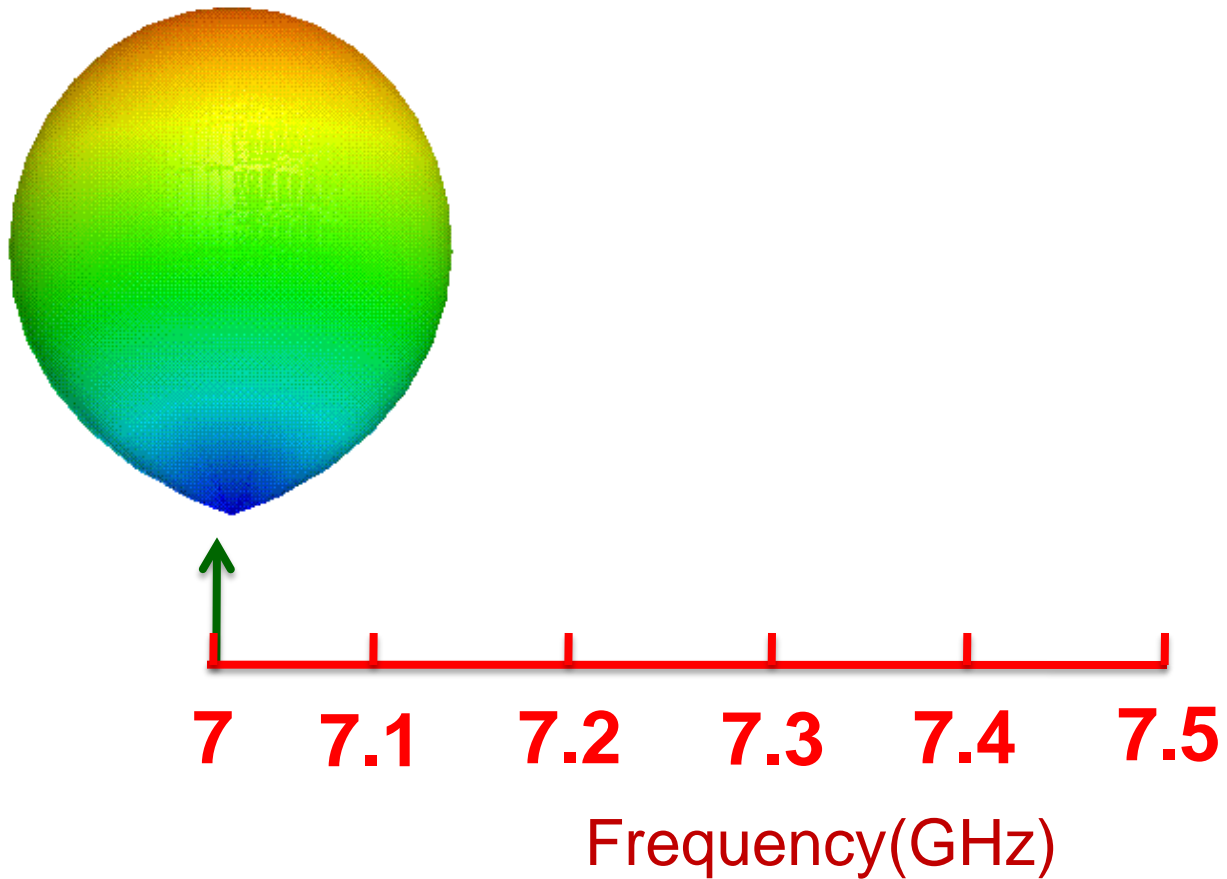
Radiation over the Operating Band

Radiation over the Operating Band

HEM<sub>11δ</sub>



## Location on the spectrum





## Interesting Features

- New feed for CDRA with  $HEM_{110}$  &  $HEM_{120}$  modes simultaneously.
- Both the modes with comparable Bandwidth, Gain and Patterns.
- Dual mode dual-band antenna with identical radiations
- Unavoidable air-gap is a new finding, which adds a new feature.

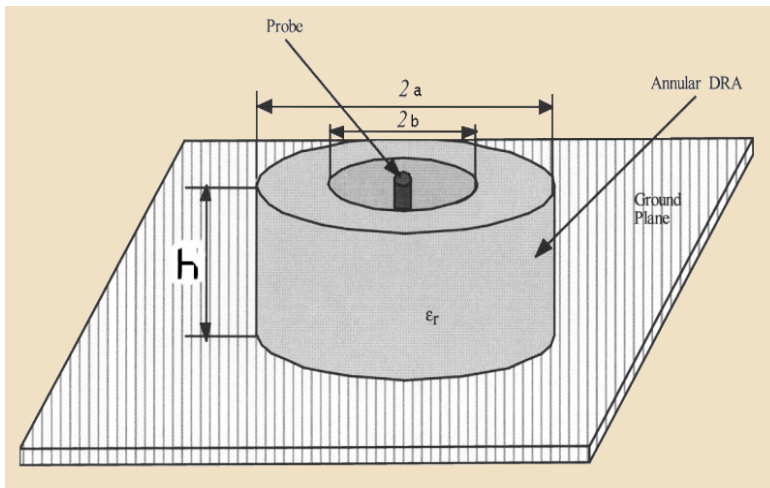
Unconventional Pattern providing larger Bandwidth



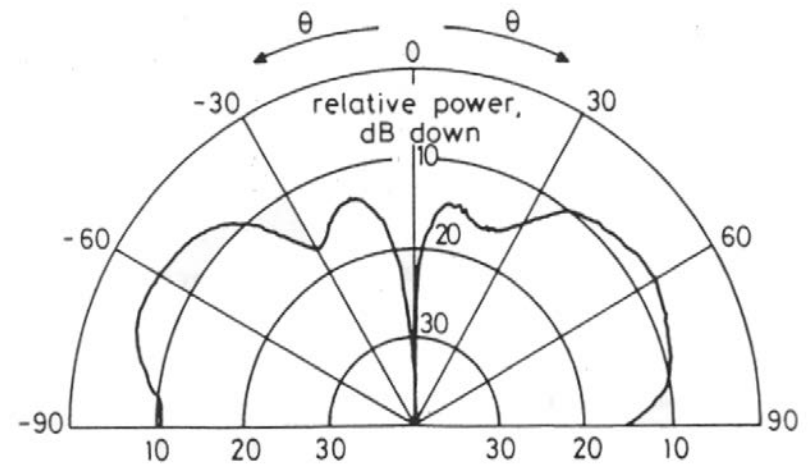
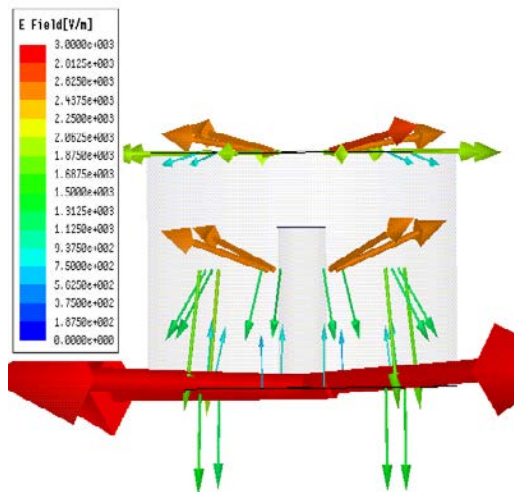
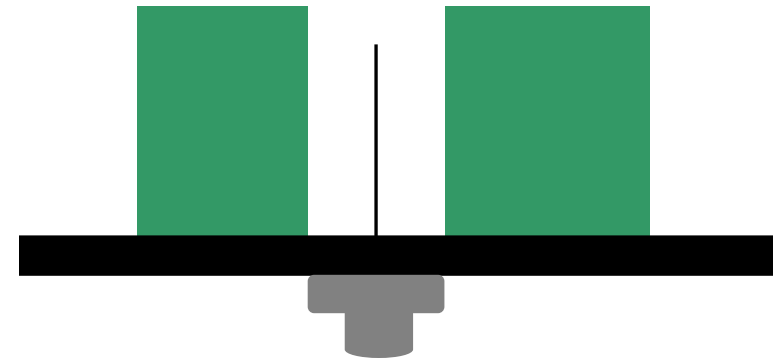
# Known Modes in Unknown Structures

# TM<sub>01δ</sub> mode

after a decade

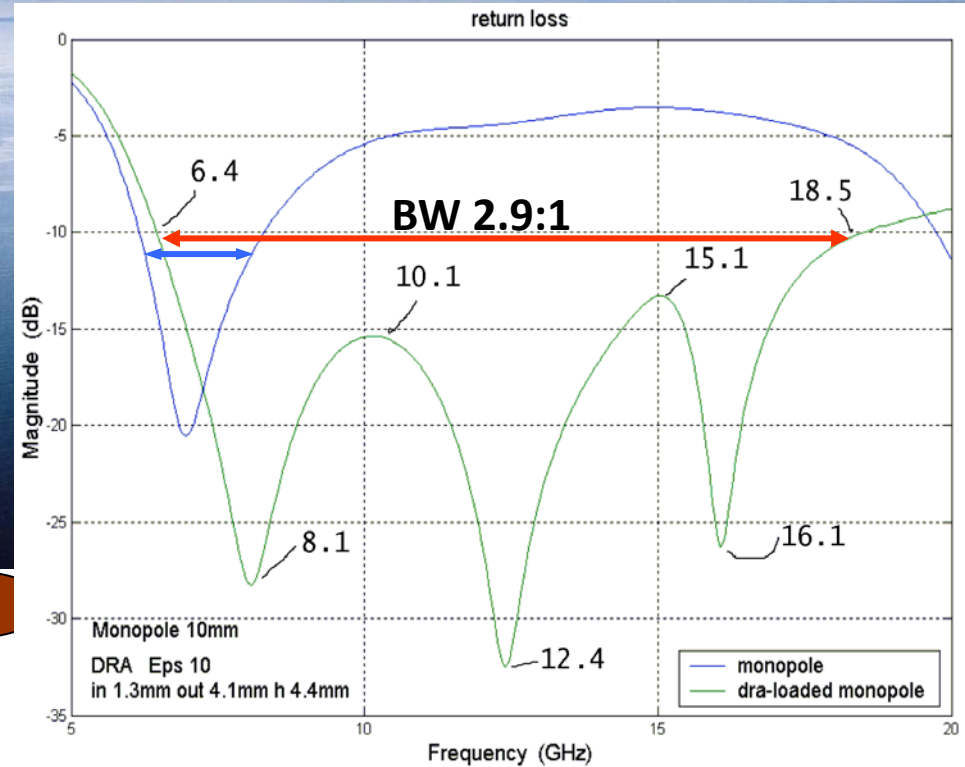
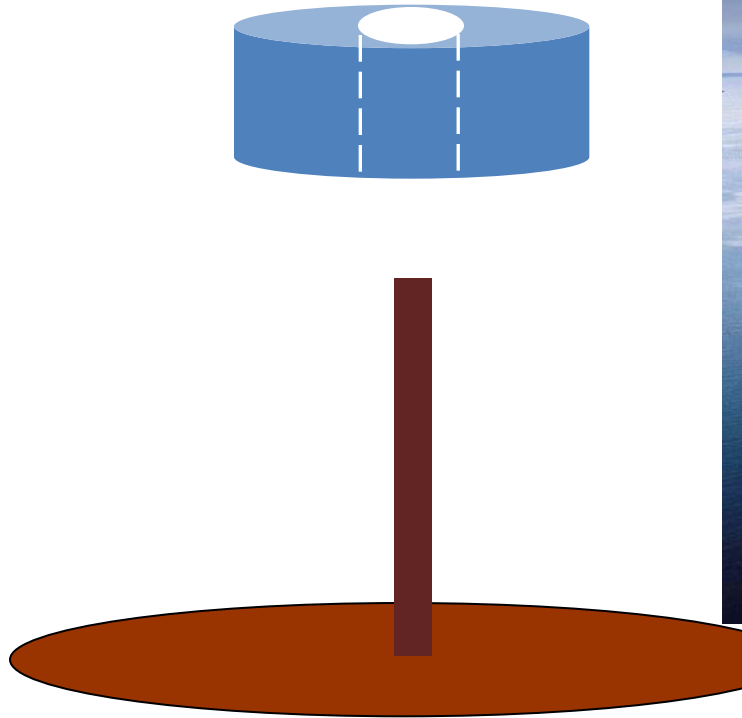


Mongia et al *Elect. Lett.* 29(17)  
1530-1531, 1993.



# Marriage of two Monopoles

Lapierre, Antar, Ittipiboon, Petosa, *IEEE MWCL*, Jan. 2005.



Ittipiboon, Petosa, Thirakoune, Bandwidth enhancement of a monopole using dielectric antenna resonator loading, ANTEM, Canada, Aug. 2002

US patent no.6940463 Sept. 2005

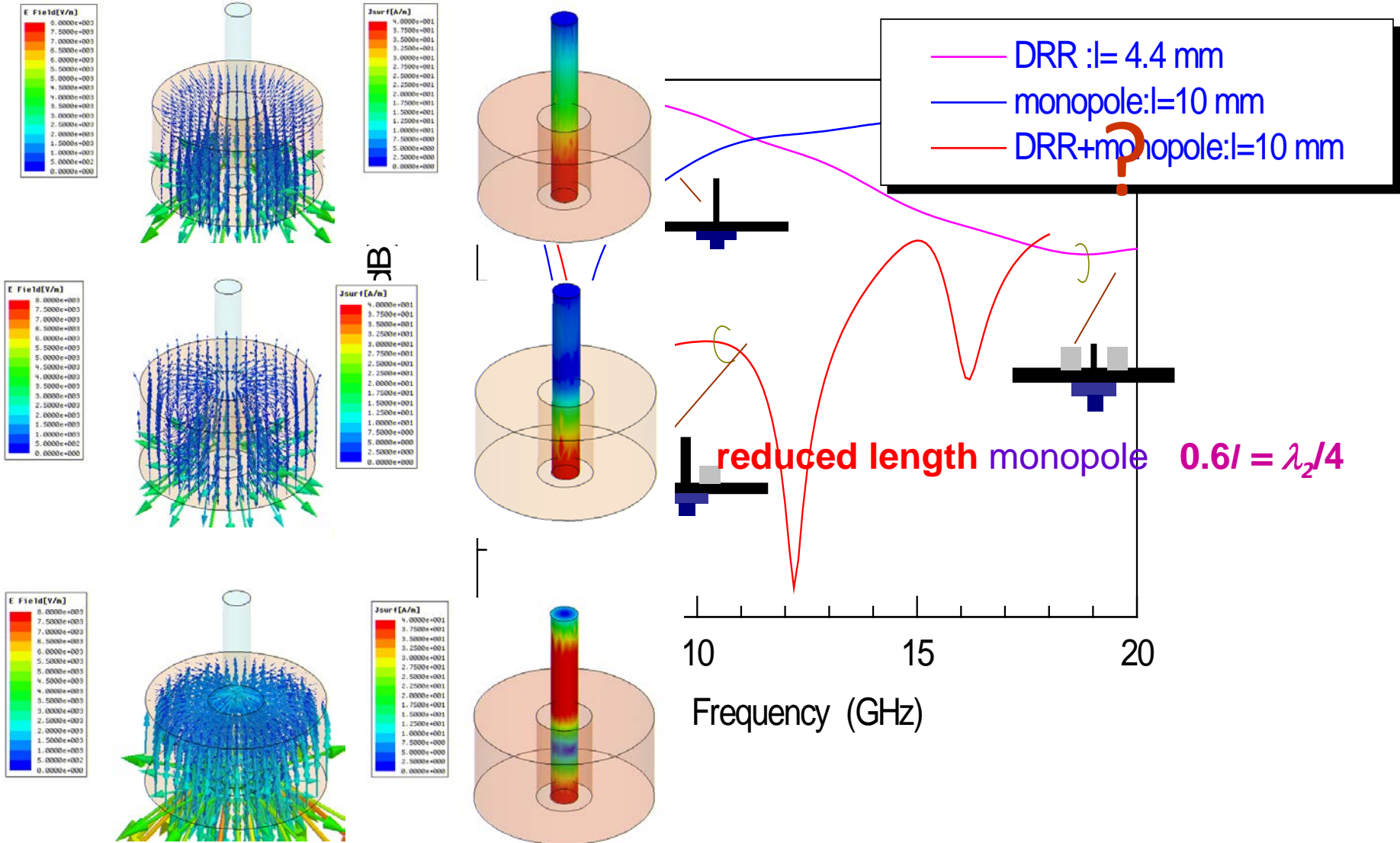
Problem bestowed upon



# Mystery of BW? Inside



# the Modes



## Design Becomes Easy

**Guha, Antar, Ittipiboon, Petosa, Lee, IEEE AWPL, vol. 5, 2006.**

### a) *Design Frequency*

first resonances:  $f_1$ , third resonances:  $f_3$  are related as  $f_H \approx 2.5 f_L$ .

### b) *Monopole Parameters :*

Length :  $l = \lambda_L/4$

Radius :  $s \geq r \geq s/2$

### (c) *DRA Parameters :*

Spacing  $s$  is important for second and third resonances and it is optimum when  $0.016 \lambda_L \geq s \geq 0.013 \lambda_L$  and

$b = r + s$ ,  $a = b/0.3$ ,

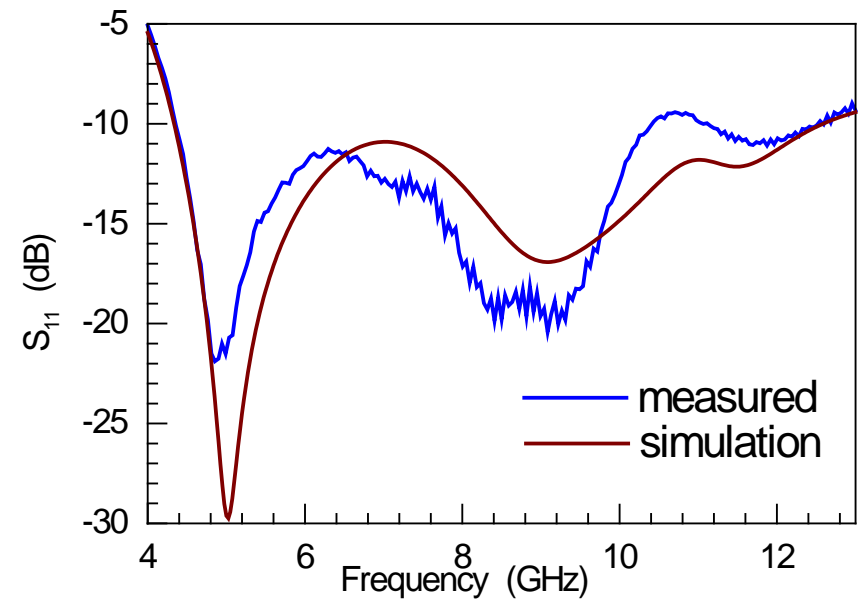
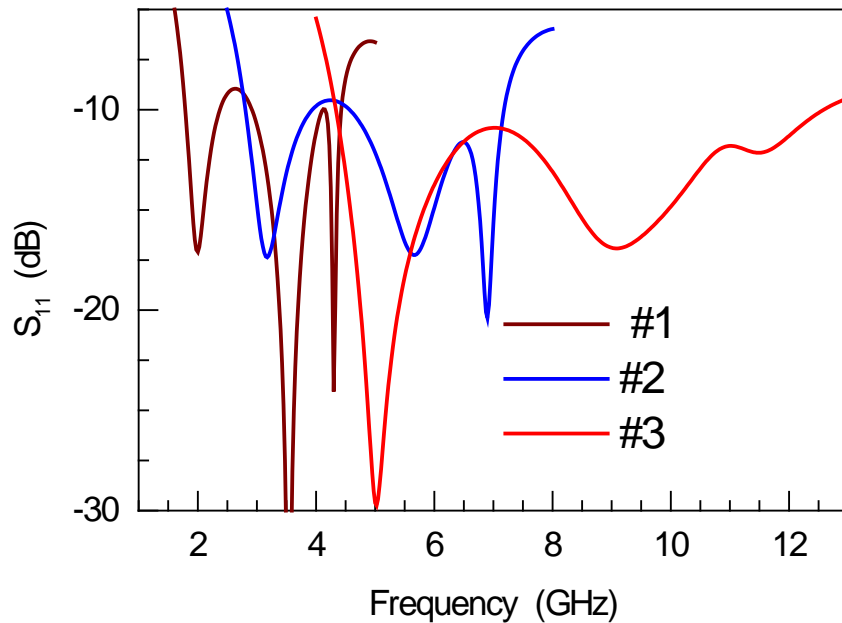
$0.5 l \geq h \geq 0.4 l$ .

Finally,  $\epsilon_r$  value is extracted from the  $TM_{01}$  resonance formula

# Verification

Paper design as per Design Guideline

Design	Freq. GHz	$\lambda_L$ mm	Antenna Parameters						
			$l$	$s$	$r$	$b$	$a$	$h$	$\epsilon_r$



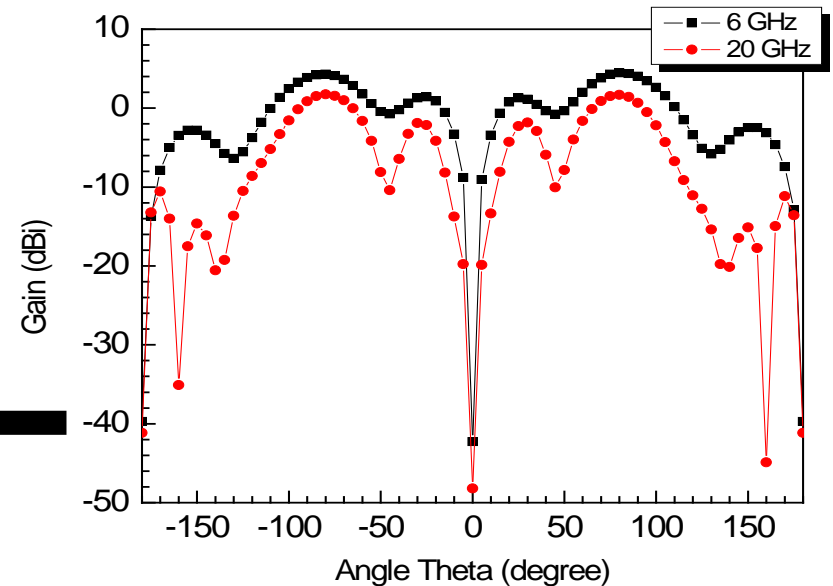
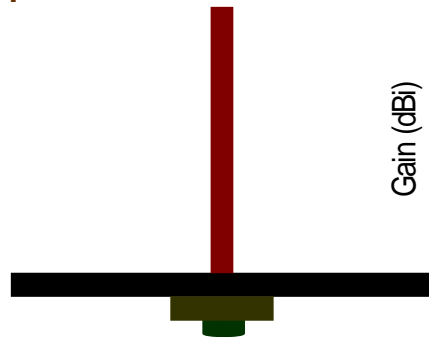


# Improved Bandwidth?

Definitely Yes!  
If we can add identical mode(s)

How ?  
Adding resonators?  
or  
Resonances?

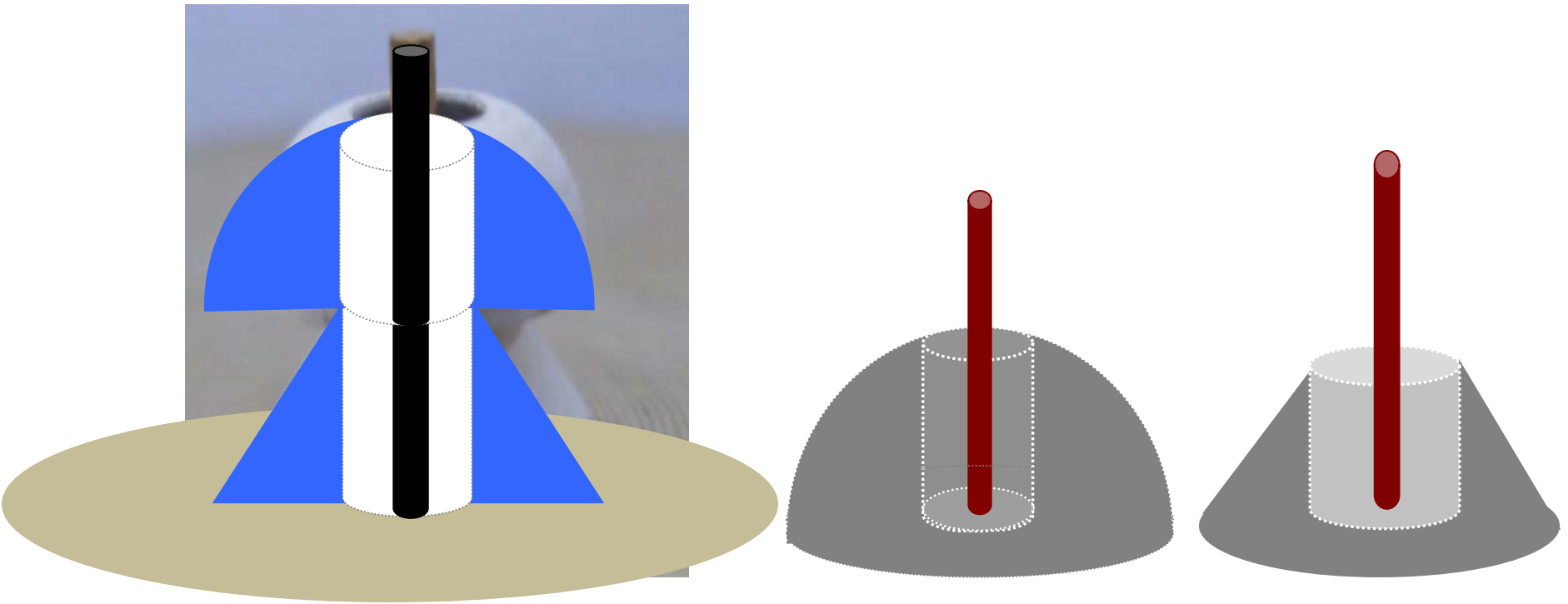
Let's examine the primary resonator if it can help!



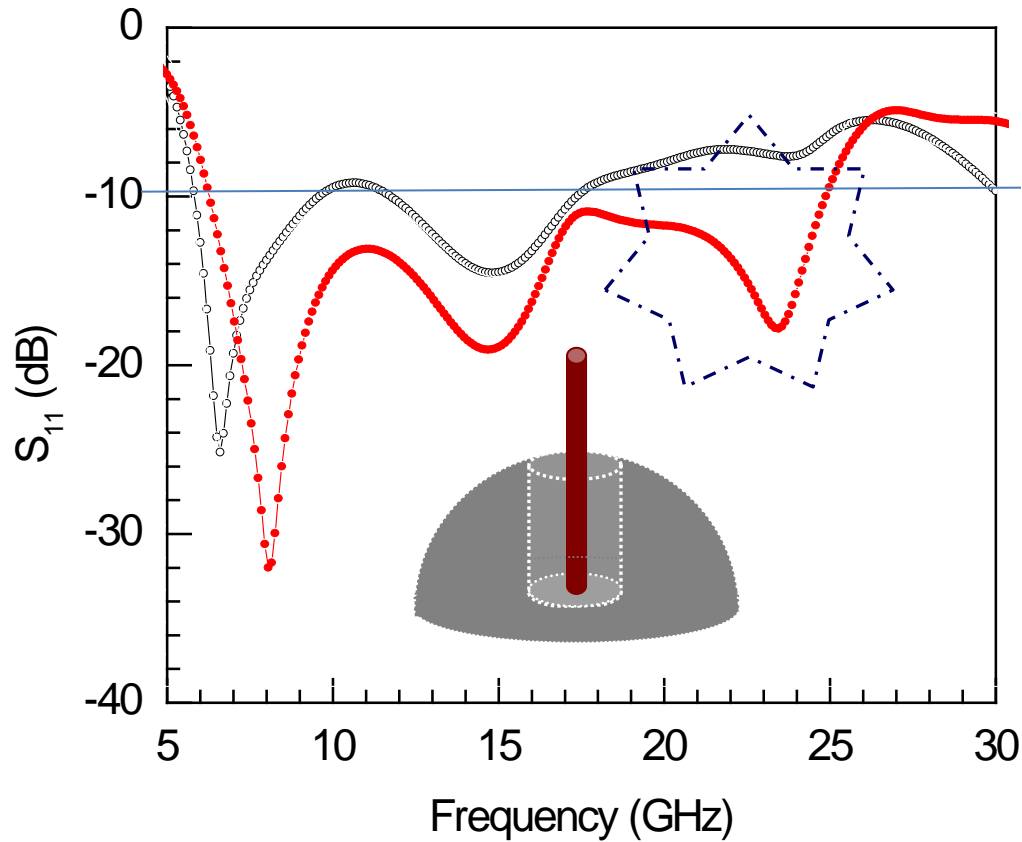
# How to accommodate **that mode**?

By shaping the DRA

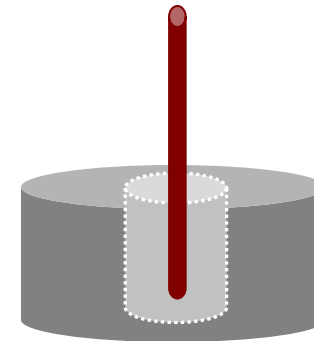
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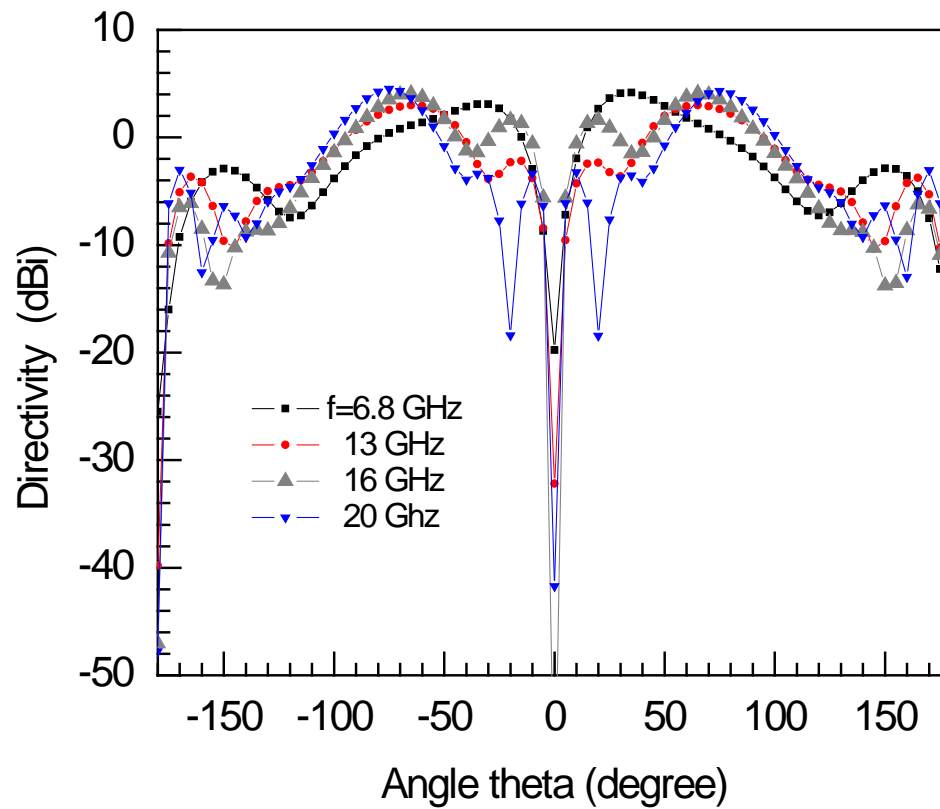
## What's New?



DRR radius = 4.2 mm  
DRR height = 4.4 mm  
inner cut rad=1.3 mm  
 $\epsilon_r=10$   
MP height=10 mm  
MP rad=0.65 mm

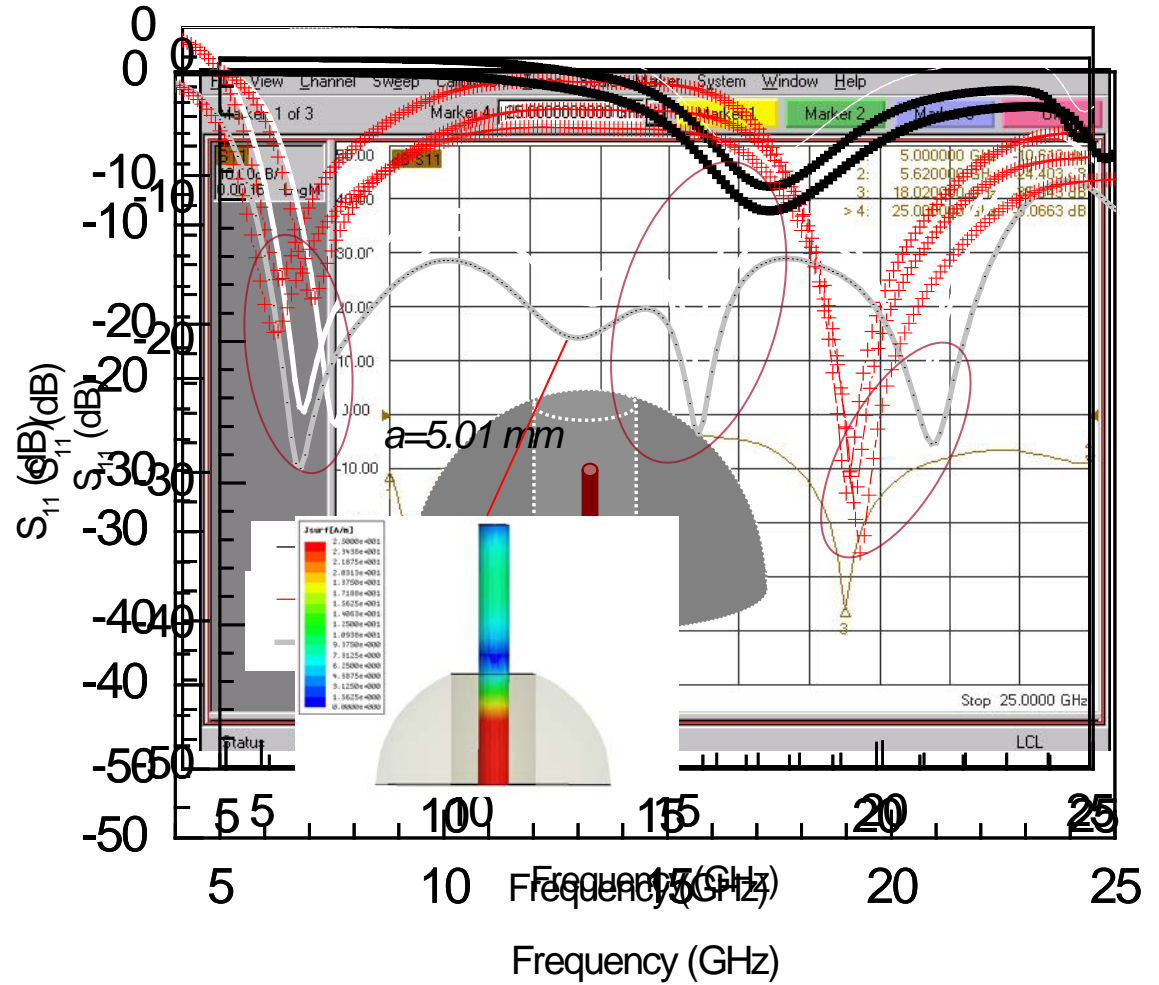
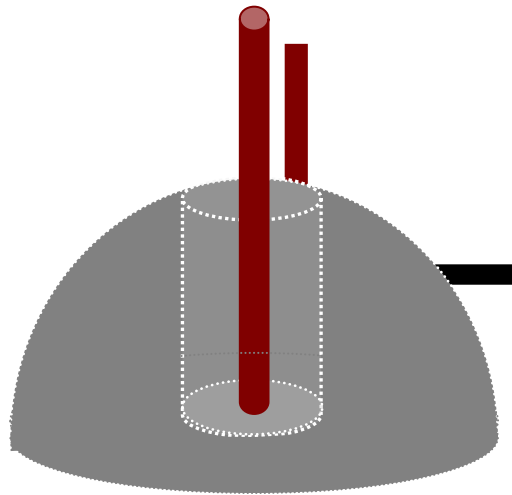


## Radiations over the Band



# The Physical Insight

# UWB ?



## New Detailed Studies

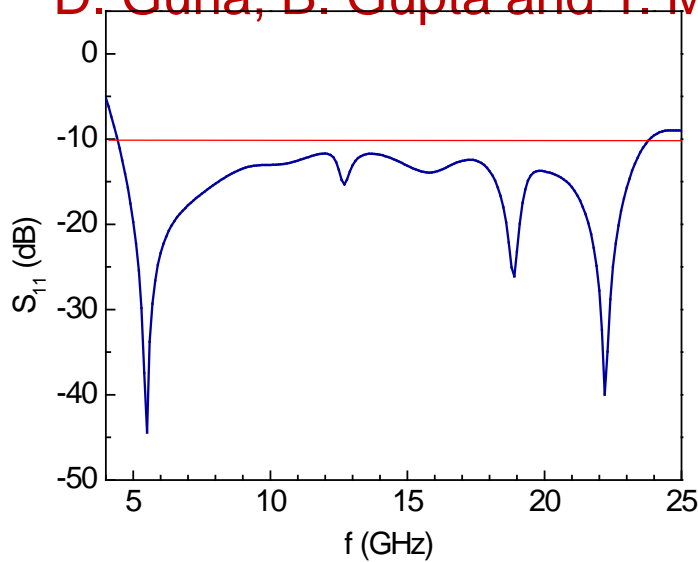
and wider Bandwidth?

D. Guha, et al, IEEE AWPL, vol. 5, 2006.

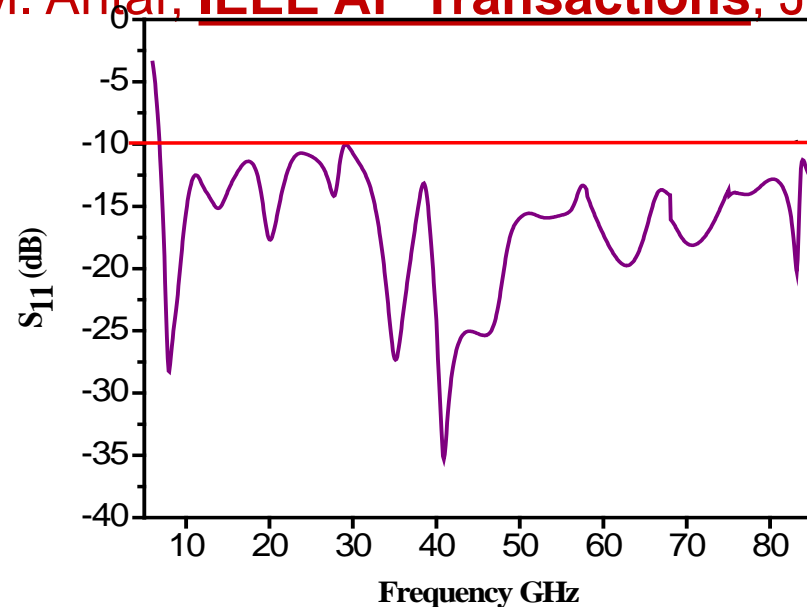
Yes, Possible

D. Guha, B. Gupta and Y. M. M. Antar, IEEE AWPL, vol. 8, 2009

D. Guha, B. Gupta and Y. M. M. Antar, IEEE AP Transactions, Jan., 2012

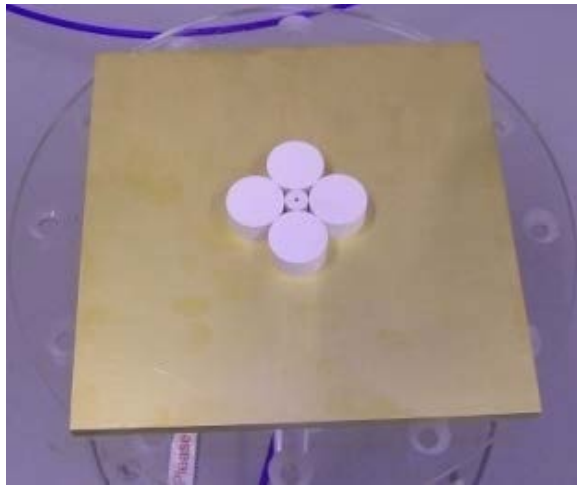


**BW 148.4%**



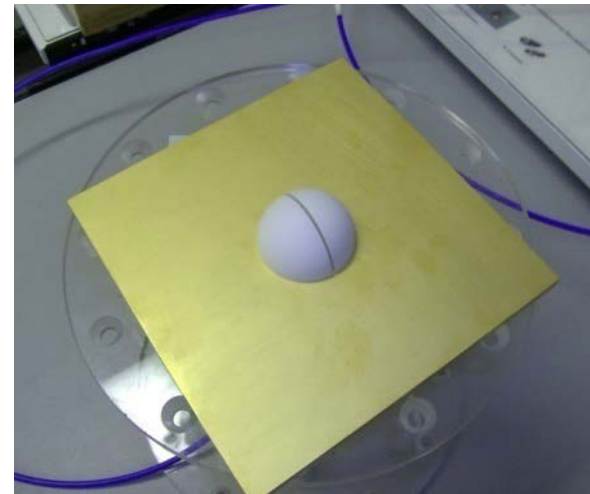
**BW 177.5%**

## Composite DRA Structure



D. Guha and Y. Antar:  
IEEE AP Transactions Oct. 2006

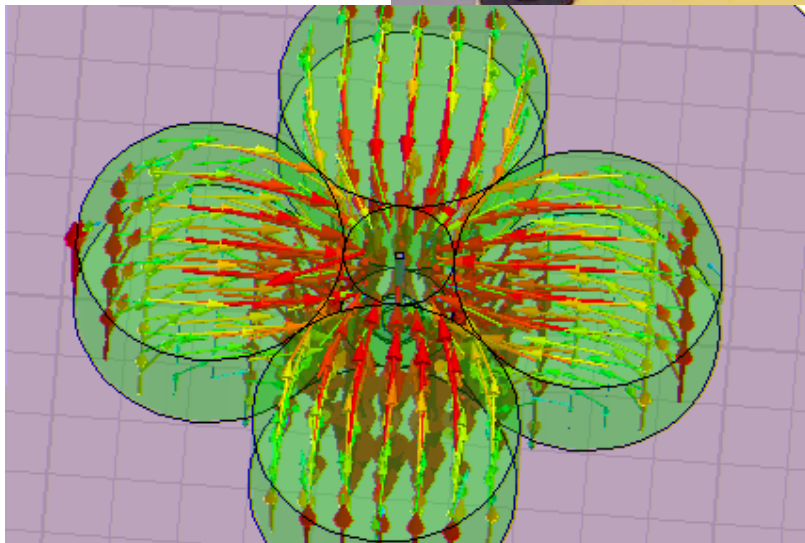
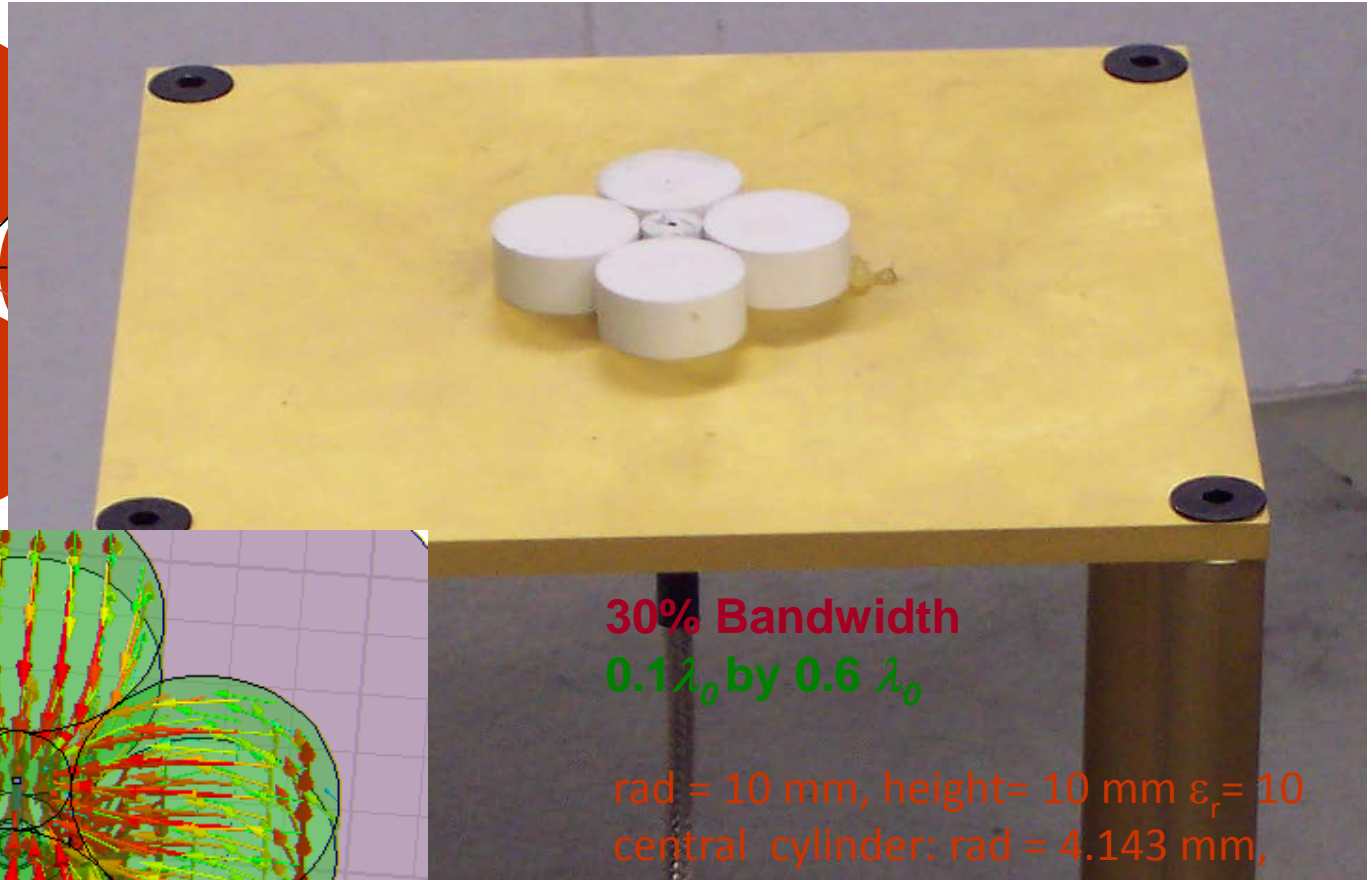
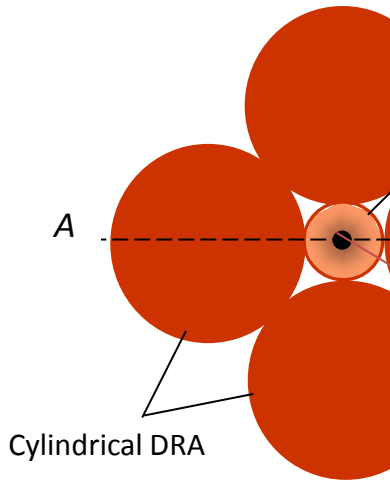
## Monopole-like Pattern



D. Guha and Y. Antar:  
IEEE AP Transactions, Dec. 2006

## New Approach

## New Configurations



**30% Bandwidth**

**$0.1 \lambda_0$  by  $0.6 \lambda_0$**

rad = 10 mm, height = 10 mm  $\epsilon_r = 10$

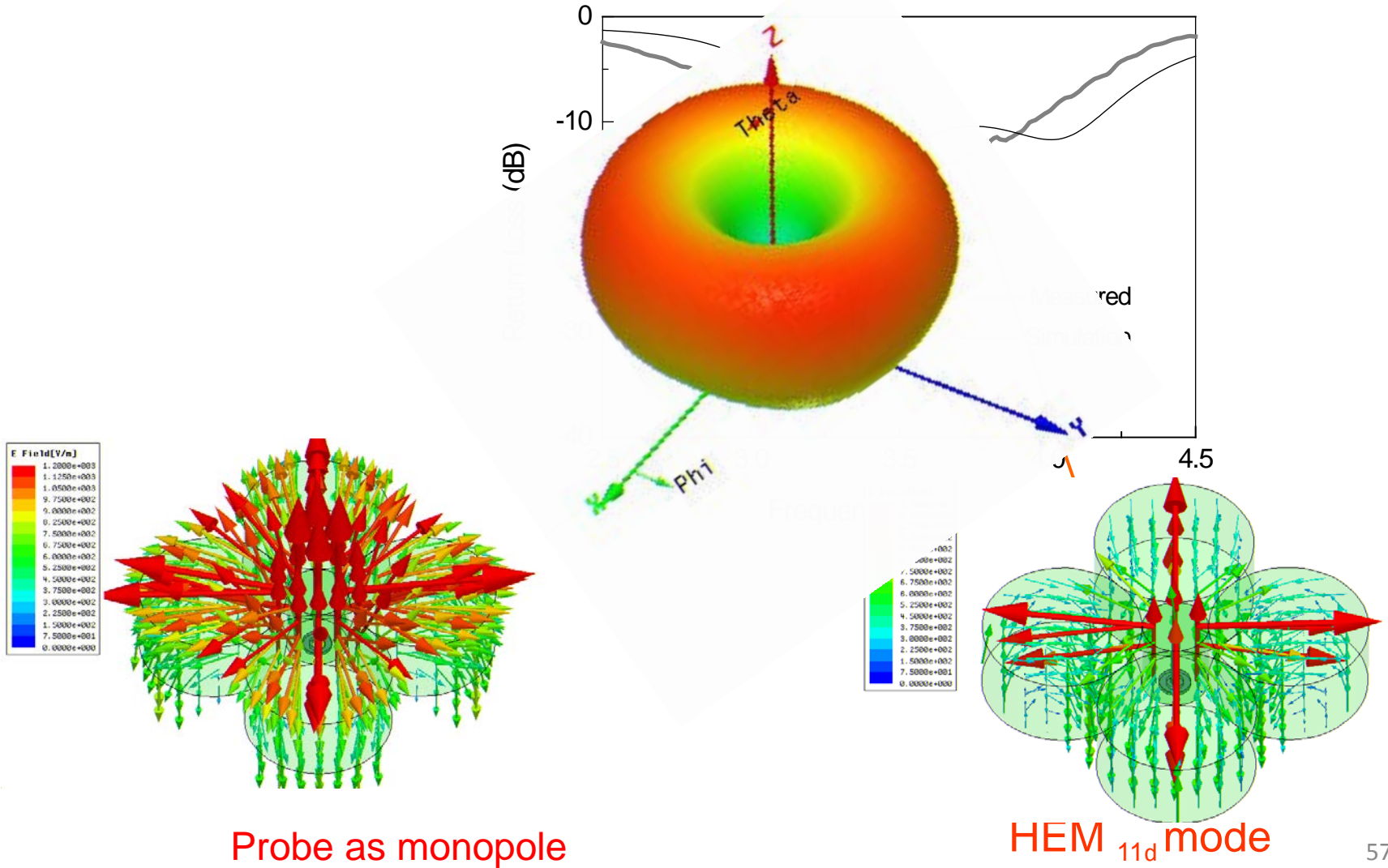
central cylinder: rad = 4.143 mm,

height = 10 mm  $\epsilon_r = 12$

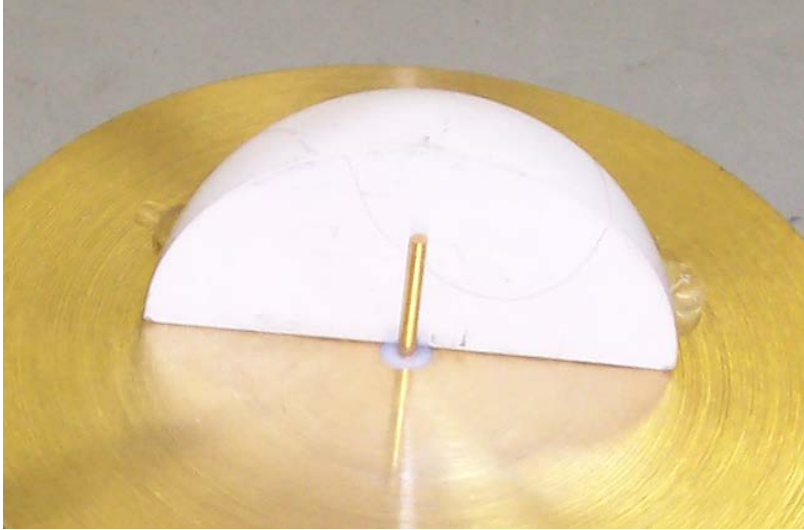
probe length = 9.2 mm, radius = 0.55 mm.



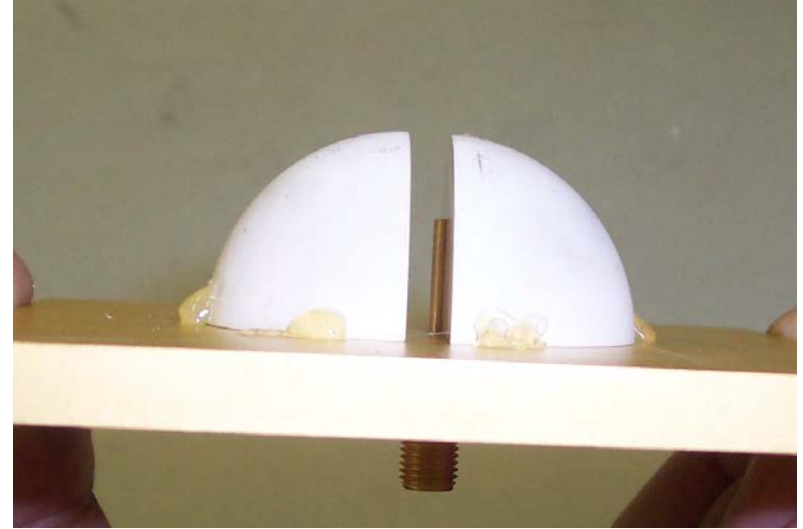
# The Resonances



## Half of a Hemisphere

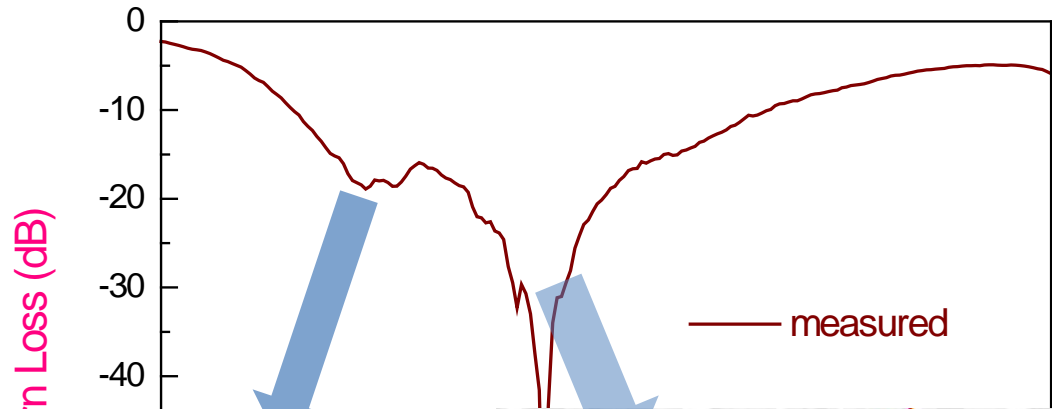
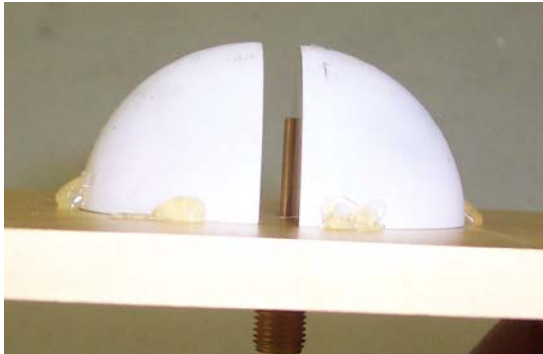


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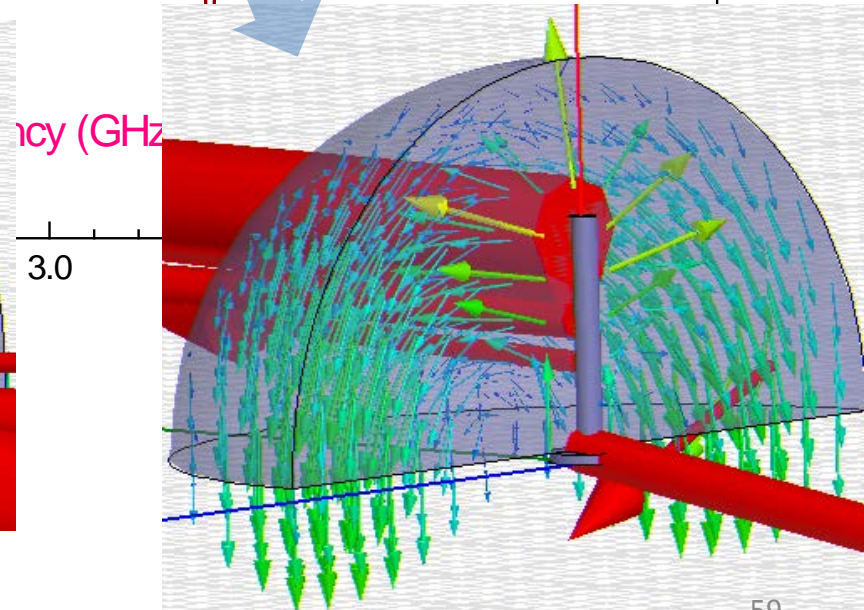
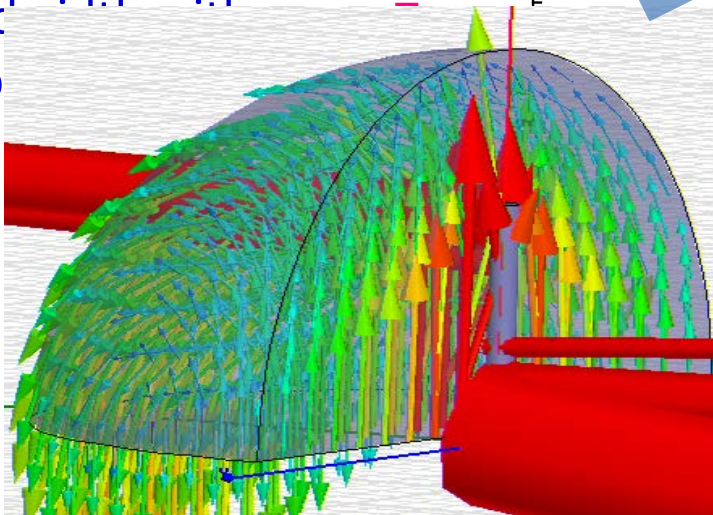


Electromagnetically coupled  
two Half- Hemispherical DRAs

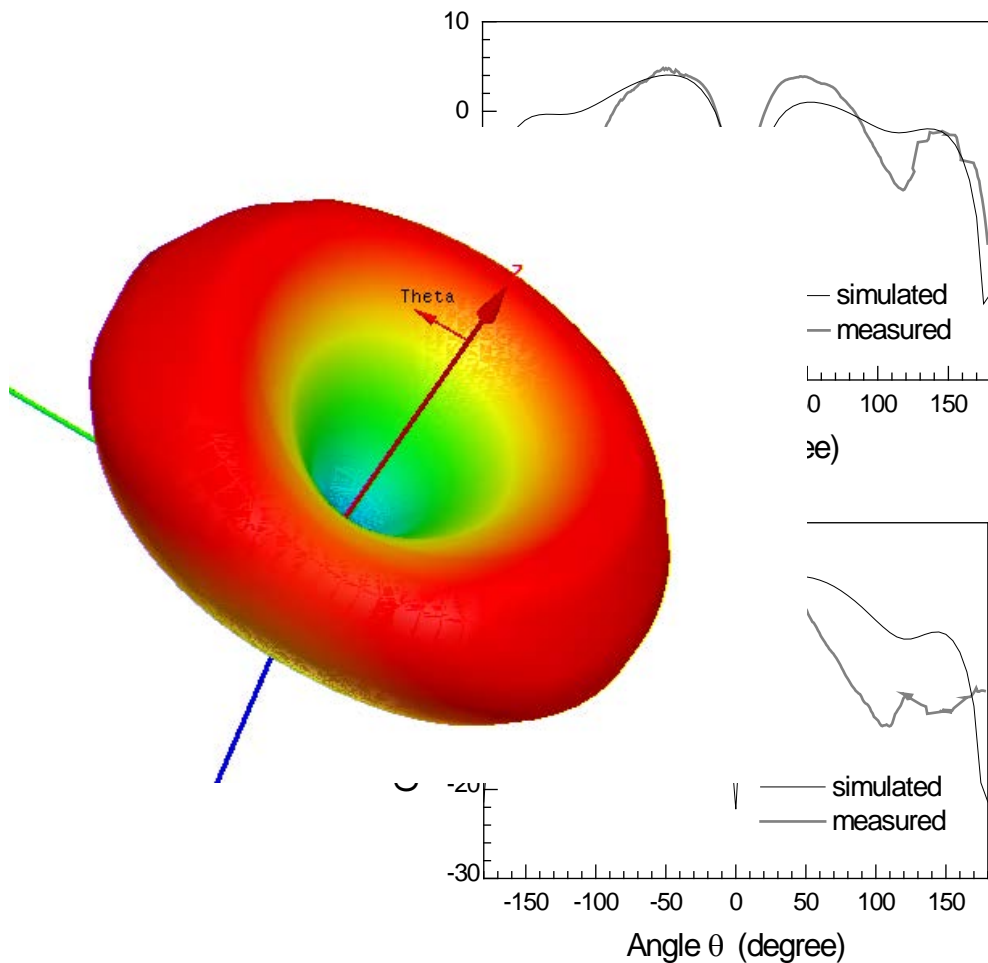
# Composite DRA



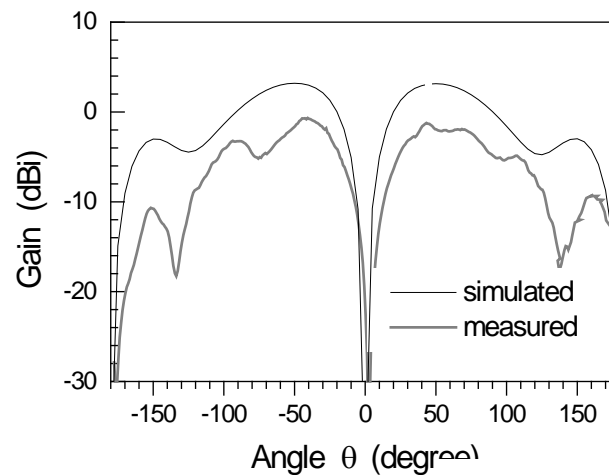
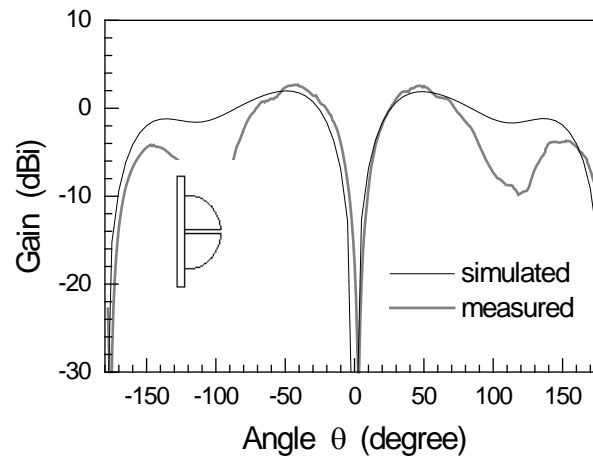
40% Bandwidth  
4.8 dBi peak gain



# Radiation Patterns



$\phi = 0^\circ$



$\phi = 90^\circ$

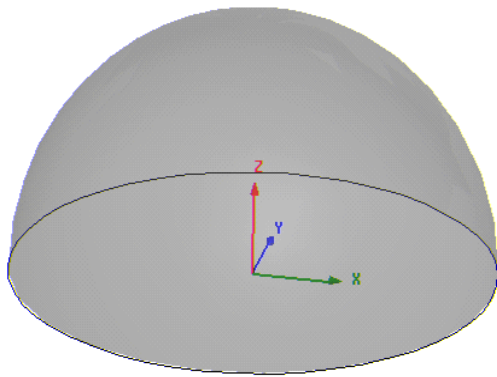
Symmetric Patterns?

how to obtain

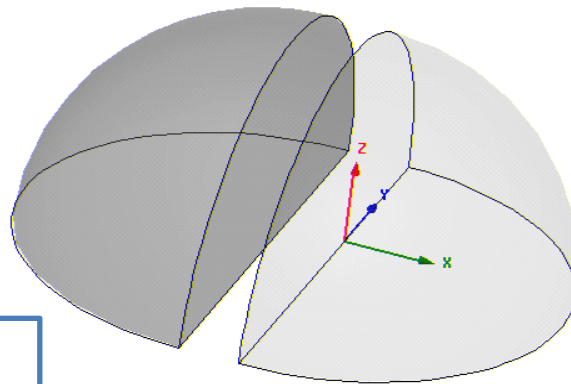
Need Modal Symmetry



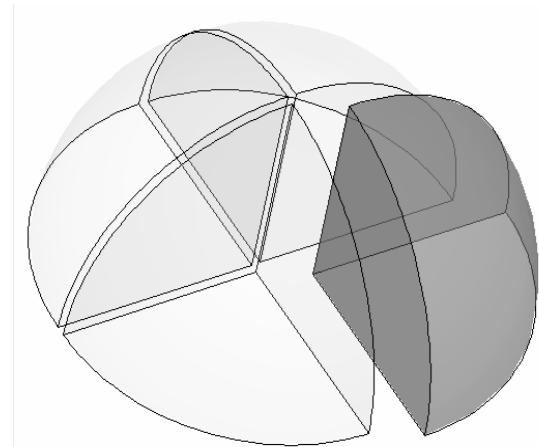
Structural Symmetry



Hemispherical DRA  
*HDRA*

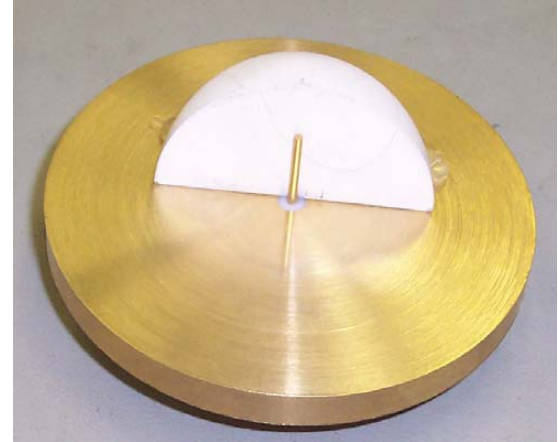
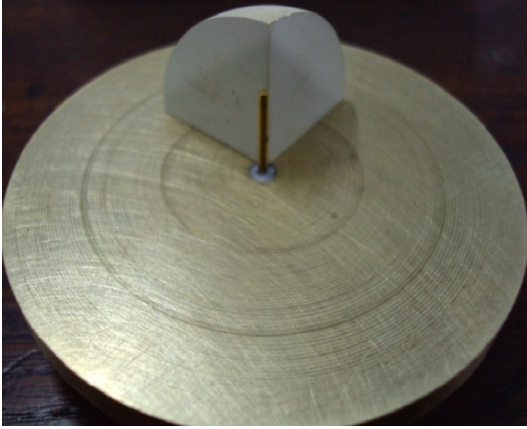


Half-HDRA  
*h-HDRA*



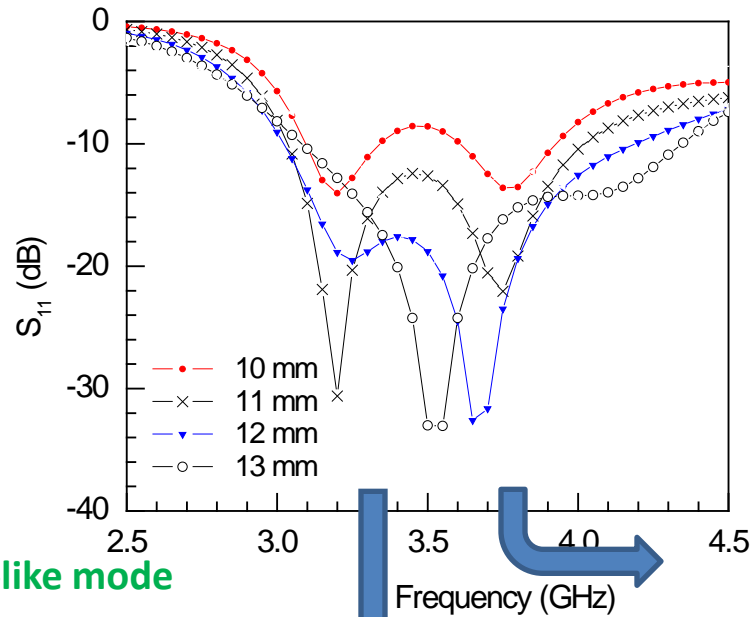
Quarter-HDRA  
*q-HDRA*

## Quarter and Composite

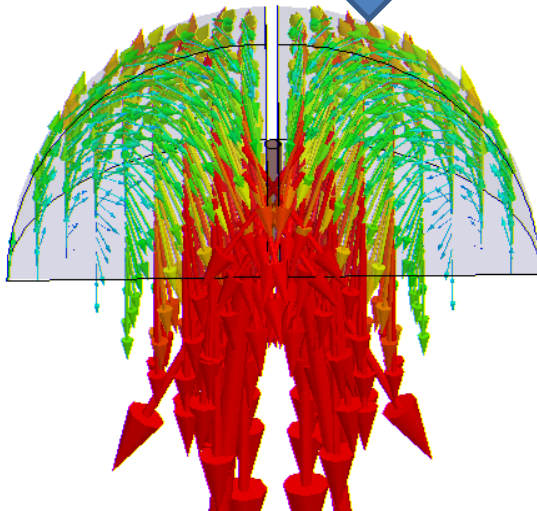
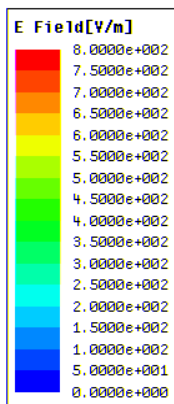


Introduces Modal Symmetry

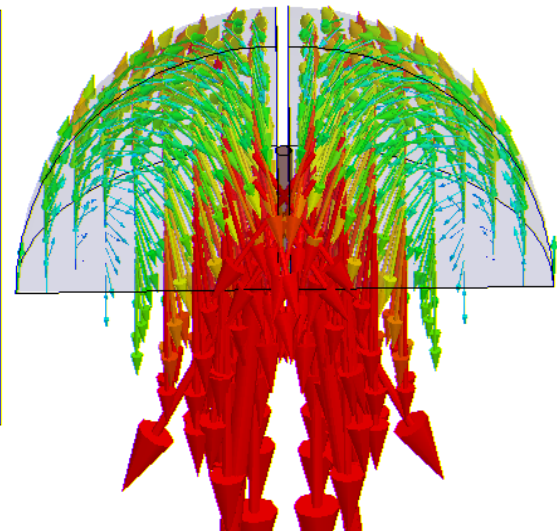
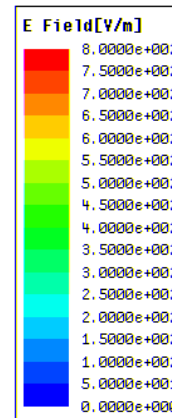
# Are they Different Modes ?



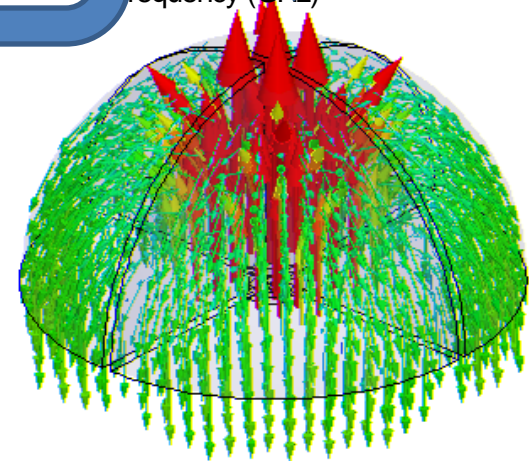
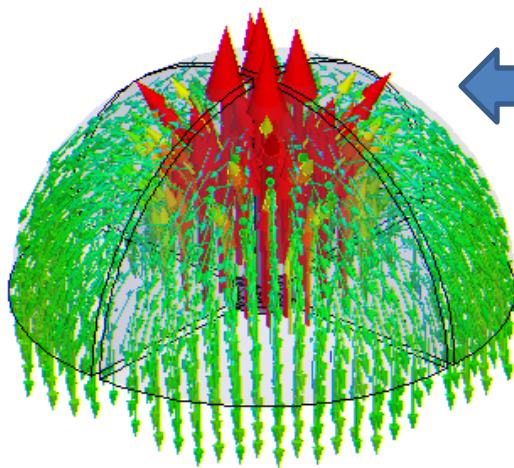
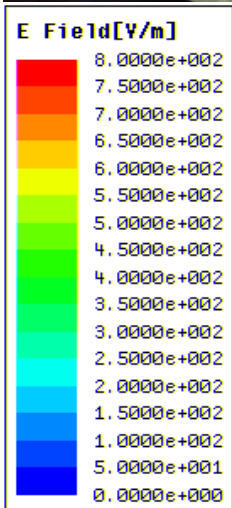
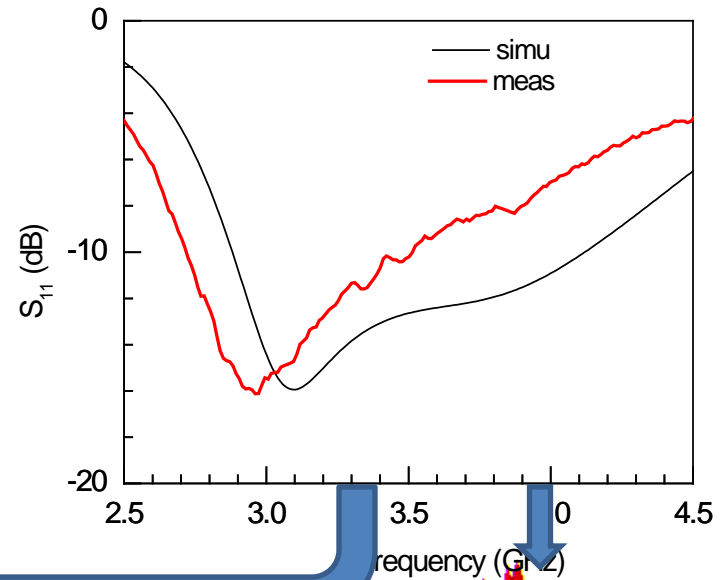
HEM<sub>116</sub> -like mode



TM<sub>101</sub> mode

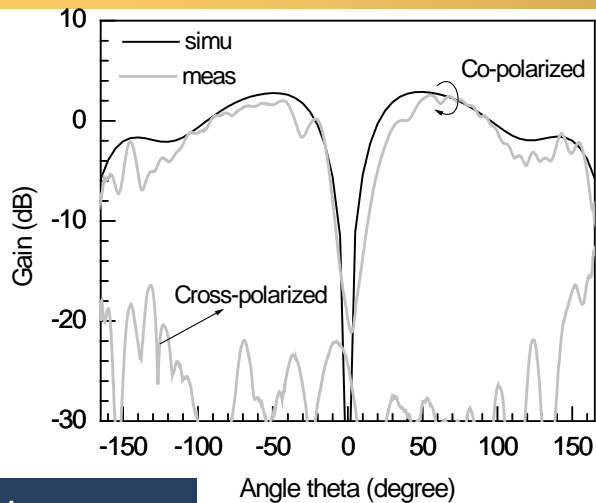


# Perfect Symmetry

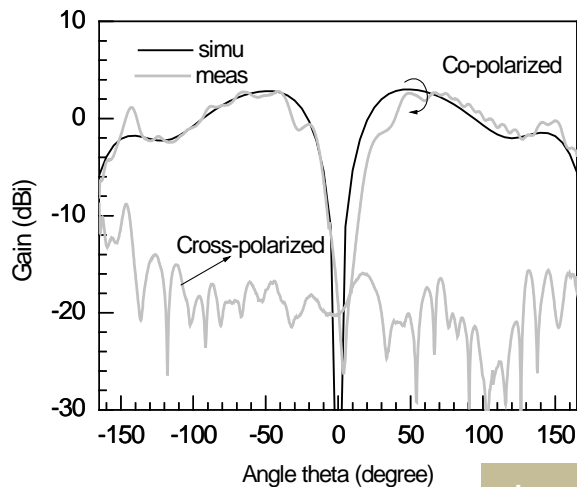




# Radiation Patterns

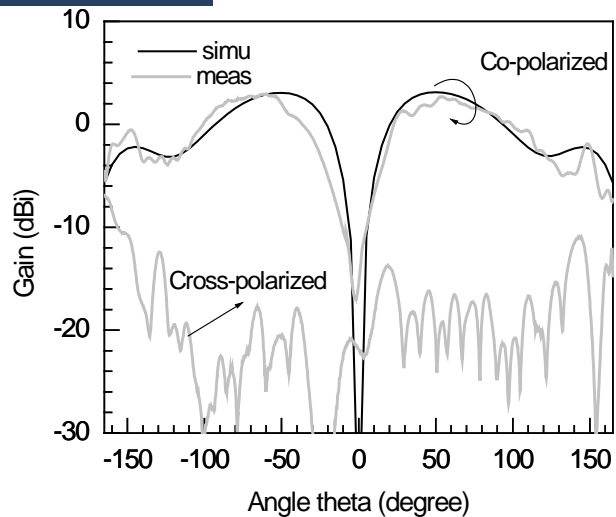


3.1 GHz

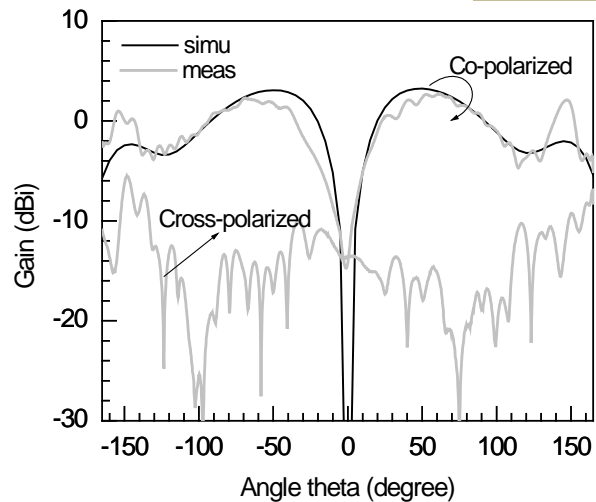


$\Phi = 45$  deg

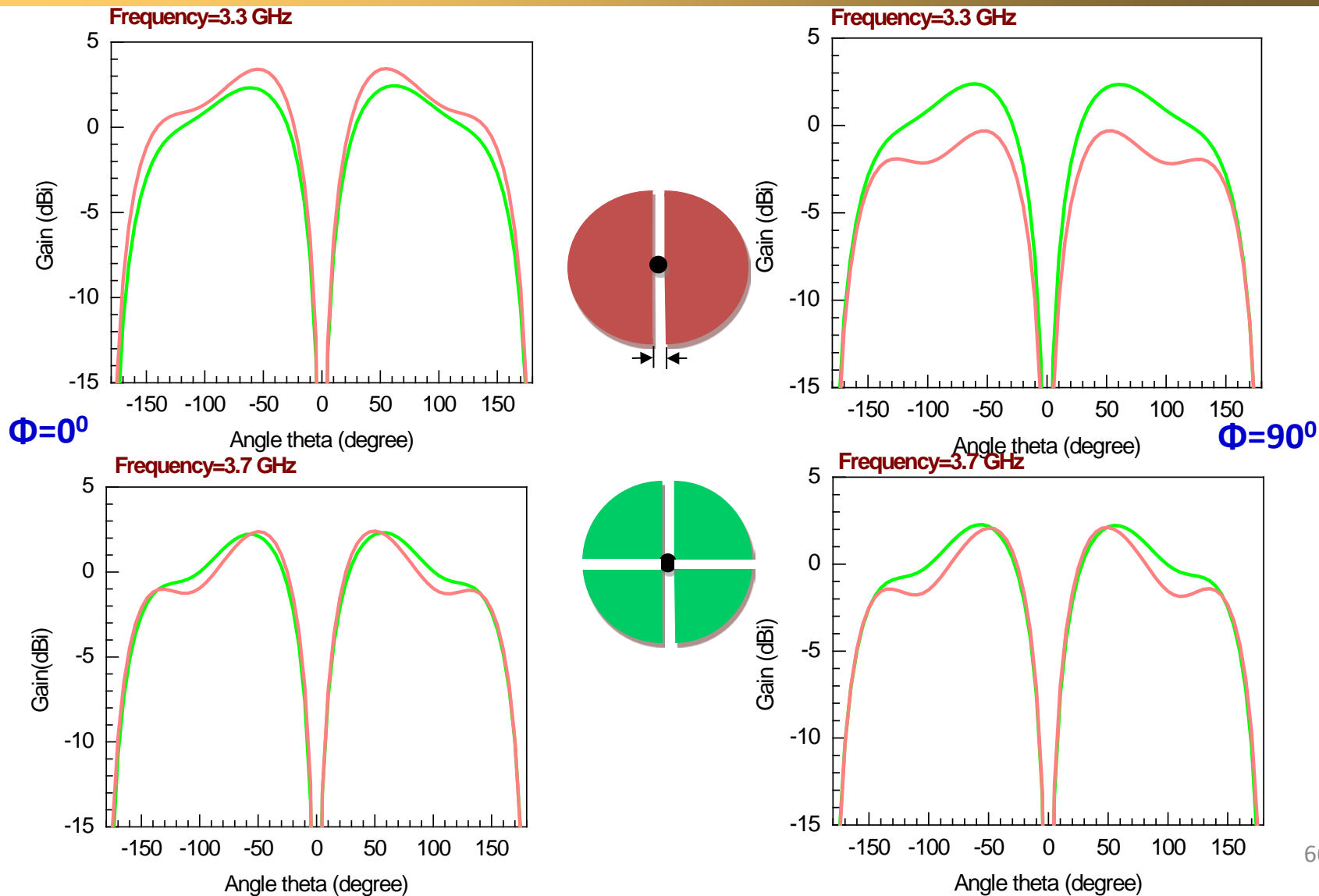
$\Phi = 0$  deg



3.51 GHz



# Compare



## Concluding Remarks

DRA is still an Open Book; Not even its 30% Explored.

DRA researchers should have more insight and serious attention

Resonator, Material, and Antenna need to be addressed together

Next Breakthrough Awaiting New Dielectric Materials

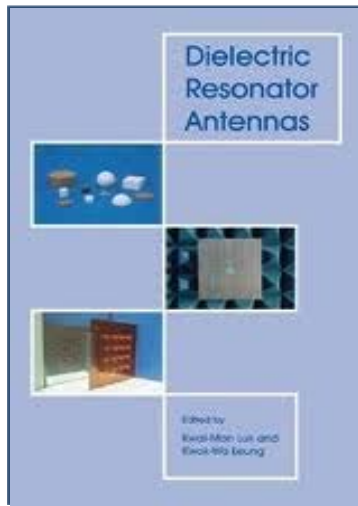
I hope to come with new information for you shortly :

Mode filtering technique as a potential tool for DRA engineers.

Newer Feed to resolve major DRA issues in integrated platform - which is supposed to be very hard task.

## Related Books

Dielectric Resonator  
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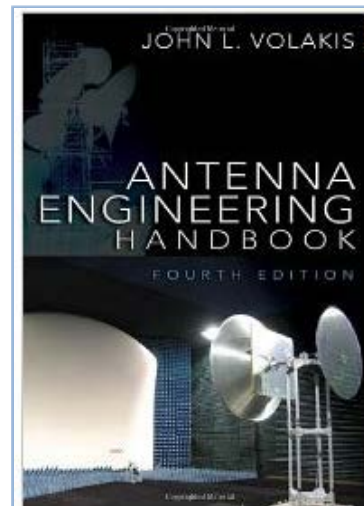
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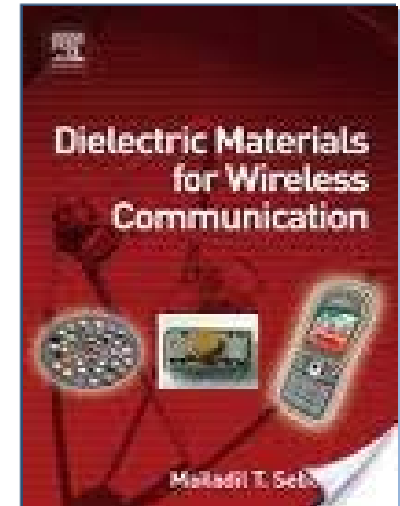
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