



TAOGLAS®



Datasheet

Comet

Part No:

AA.250.101111

Description

All-Band GNSS Active Magnetic Mount Antenna

Features:

Dual Stage LNA

Bands Covered:

- GPS (L1/L2/L5)
- IRNSS (L5)
- QZSS (L1/L2C/L5/L6)
- Galileo (E1/E5a/E5b/E6)
- GLONASS (G1/G2/G3)
- BeiDou (B1/B2a/B2b/B3)
- L-Band

Dimensions: Ø86 x 26mm

Cable: 1m RG-174, Connector: SMA(M)

Magnetic Mount

IP67 Waterproof Rated Enclosure

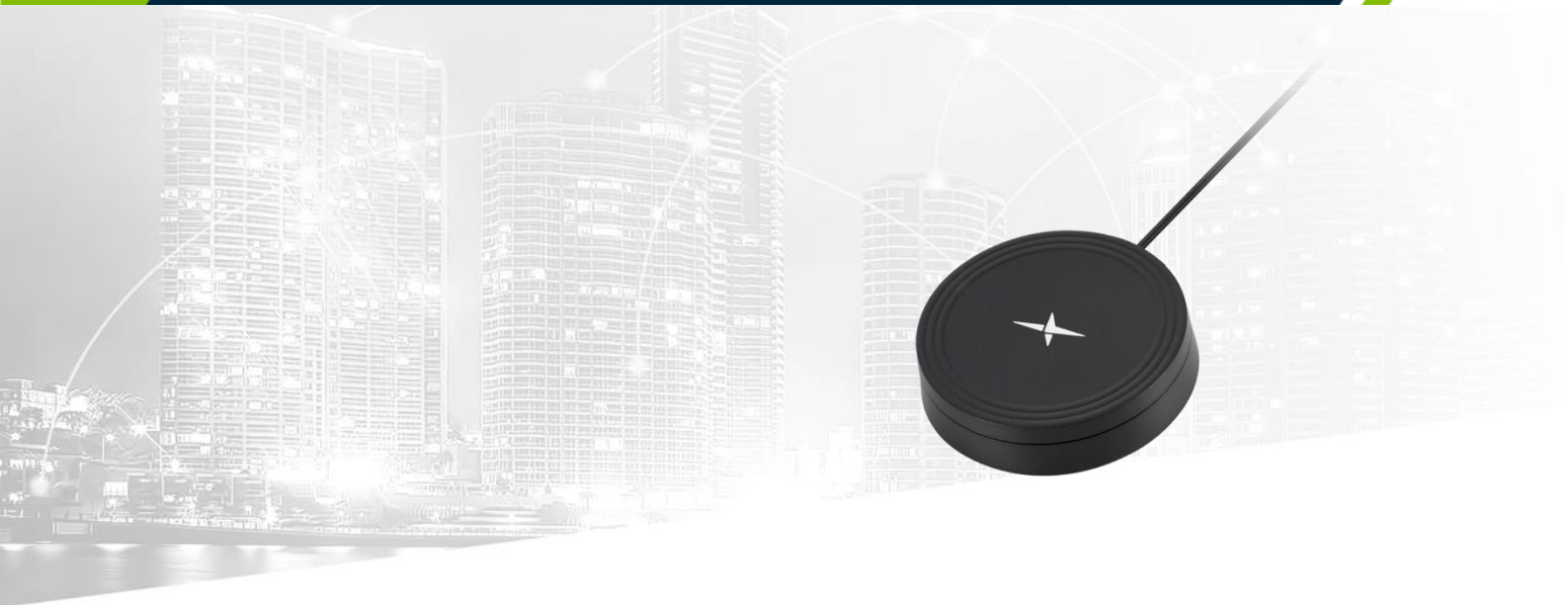
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1. Introduction



The Taoglas Comet AA.250 is an active GNSS magnetic mount antenna for use across all major GNSS constellations, with the L-Band for correction services also added for optimizing GNSS systems. The antenna exhibits excellent gain and good radiation pattern stability leading to a reliable GPS fix in areas of weaker signal strength. These elements combine to ensure the best possible positional accuracy in both RTK and non-RTK systems.

Typical applications include:

- UAVs and Robotics
- Autonomous Vehicles
- High Accuracy Positioning
- RTK Systems
- Precision Agriculture

The AA.250 provides excellent positional accuracy, this is due to outstanding signal to noise ratio(C/N0) and a low axial ratio, ensuring the antenna maintains stable when a location is required. With great 2DRMS and Fast time to first fix the AA.250 is the ideal antenna solution for Multiband GNSS RTK Systems as it performs very well, with stable gains and low axial ratio values across all major GNSS bands.

The AA.250 includes dual stage LNA and front-end SAW filters to reduce out of band noise, such as from nearby cellular transceivers. It offers better protection from nearby radiated power surges and greatly reduces the probability of damaging your GNSS receiver from nearby transmissions. The AA.250 has 1 cable feed as the internal feeds are combined with a hybrid coupler and the antenna performance results are shown in the below sections.

The cable and connector are fully customizable, subject to NRE and MOQ. For further information please contact your regional Taoglas customer support team.

2. Specification

GNSS Frequency Bands					
GPS	L1 1575.42 MHz	L2 1227.6 MHz	L5 1176.45 MHz		
	■	■	■		
GLONASS	G1 1602 MHz	G2 1248 MHz	G3 1207 MHz		
	■	■	■		
Galileo	E1 1575.24 MHz	E5a 1176.45 MHz	E5b 1201.5 MHz	E6 1278.75 MHz	
	■	■	■	■	
BeiDou	B1C 1575.42 MHz	B1I 1561 MHz	B2a 1176.45 MHz	B2b 1207.14 MHz	B3 1268.52 MHz
	■	■	■	■	■
L-Band	L-Band 1542 MHz				
	■				
QZSS (Regional)	L1 1575.42 MHz	L2C 1227.6 MHz	L5 1176.45 MHz	L6 1278.75 MHz	
	■	■	■	■	
IRNSS (Regional)	L5 1176.45 MHz				
	■				
SBAS	L1/E1/B1 1575.42 MHz	L5/B2a/E5a 1176.45 MHz	G1 1602 MHz	G2 1248 MHz	G3 1207 MHz
	■	■	■	■	■



GNSS Bands and Constellations

GNSS Electrical										
Frequency (MHz)	1176.45	1201.55	1227.6	1248	1268.52	1278.75	1542	1561	1575.42	1602
VSWR (max.)	1.5:1	1.5:1	1.5:1	1.5:1	1.5:1	1.5:1	1.5:1	1.5:1	1.5:1	1.5:1
Passive Antenna Efficiency (%)	20	32	40	35	26	20	37	53	50	38
Passive Antenna Gain at Zenith (dBic)	-1.5	1.0	1.8	1.5	-0.5	-1.5	3.5	4.2	4.0	2.7
Axial Ratio (dB)	1.1	0.35	0.61	0.68	0.43	1.52	1.7	0.88	0.74	0.9
PCO	2.03	1.83	1.51	1.67	1.98	2.15	0.9	0.73	0.65	0.60
PCV	0.74	0.47	0.25	0.12	0.08	0.16	0.47	0.55	0.59	0.99
Polarization	RHCP									
Impedance	50Ω									

For passive results please refer to GPDF6010.A

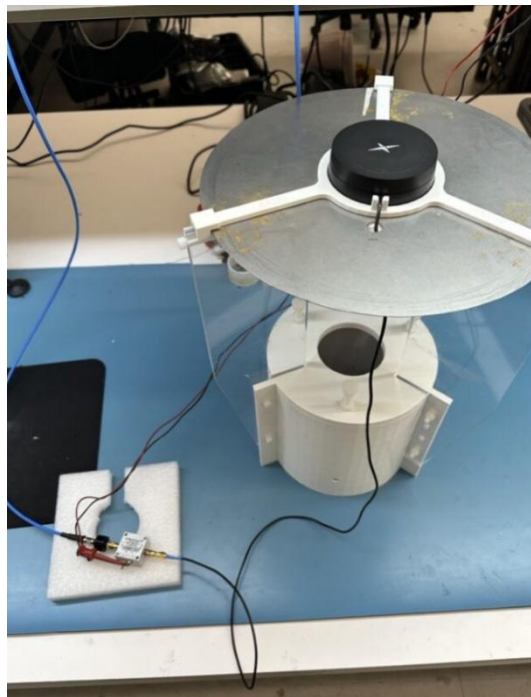
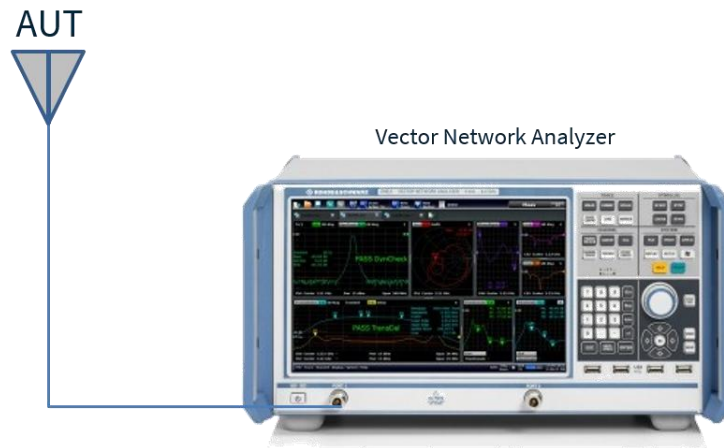
LNA and Filter Electrical Properties										
Frequency (MHz)	1176.45	1201.55	1227.6	1248	1268.52	1278.75	1542	1561	1575.42	1602
Gain (dB)	25.5	26.4	26.4	25.6	24.2	26.4	24.1	24.1	23.5	23.5
Noise Figure (dB)	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.9	3.9
Group Delay (ns)	14.1	10.1	10.0	9.9	10.5	10.1	8.3	8.3	9.1	9.1
P1dB (dBm)	-24.7	-	-24.2	-22.5	-	-21.2	-	-22.6	-22.4	-21.8
Current Draw (Typ.)	16-21 mA									
Voltage Range (Typ.)	+1.8 ~ +5.5V									

Mechanical	
Dimensions	Ø86.4 x 26mm
Weight	138g
Material	ABS
Connector	SMA(M)
Cable	RG-174

Environmental	
Operation Temperature	-40°C - 85°C
Storage Temperature	-40°C - 85°C
Waterproof	IP67
Humidity	Non-condensing 65°C 95% RH

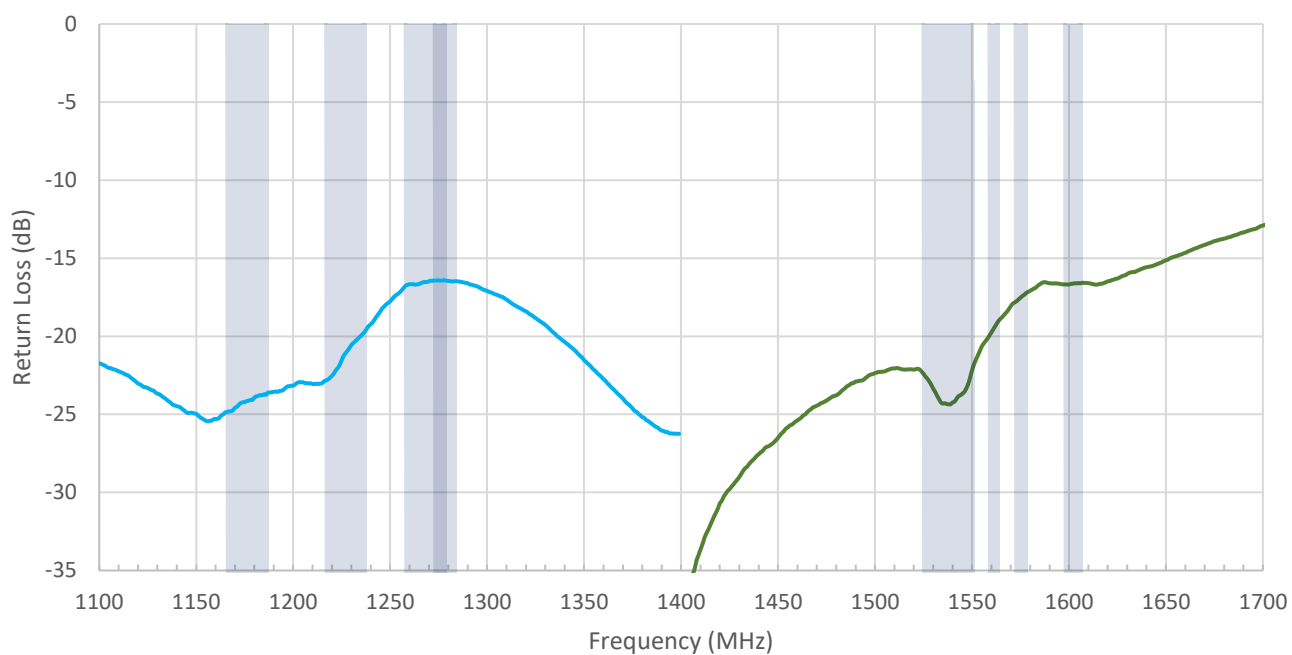
3. Antenna Characteristics

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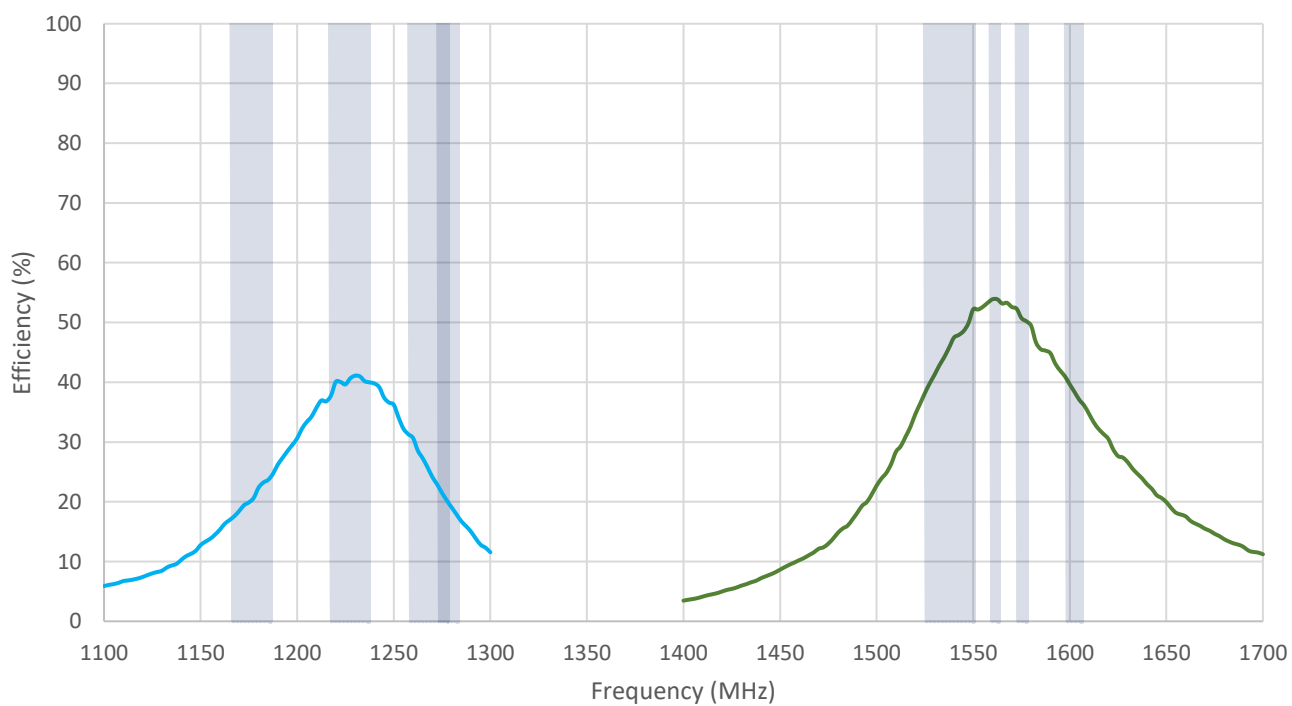


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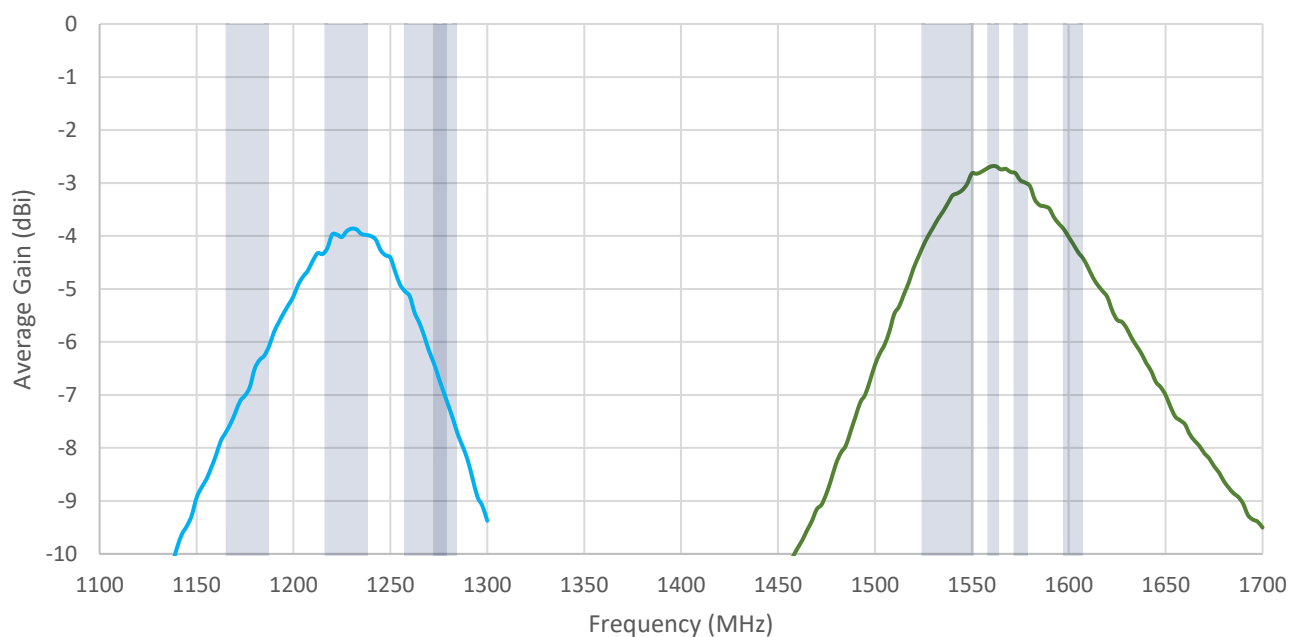
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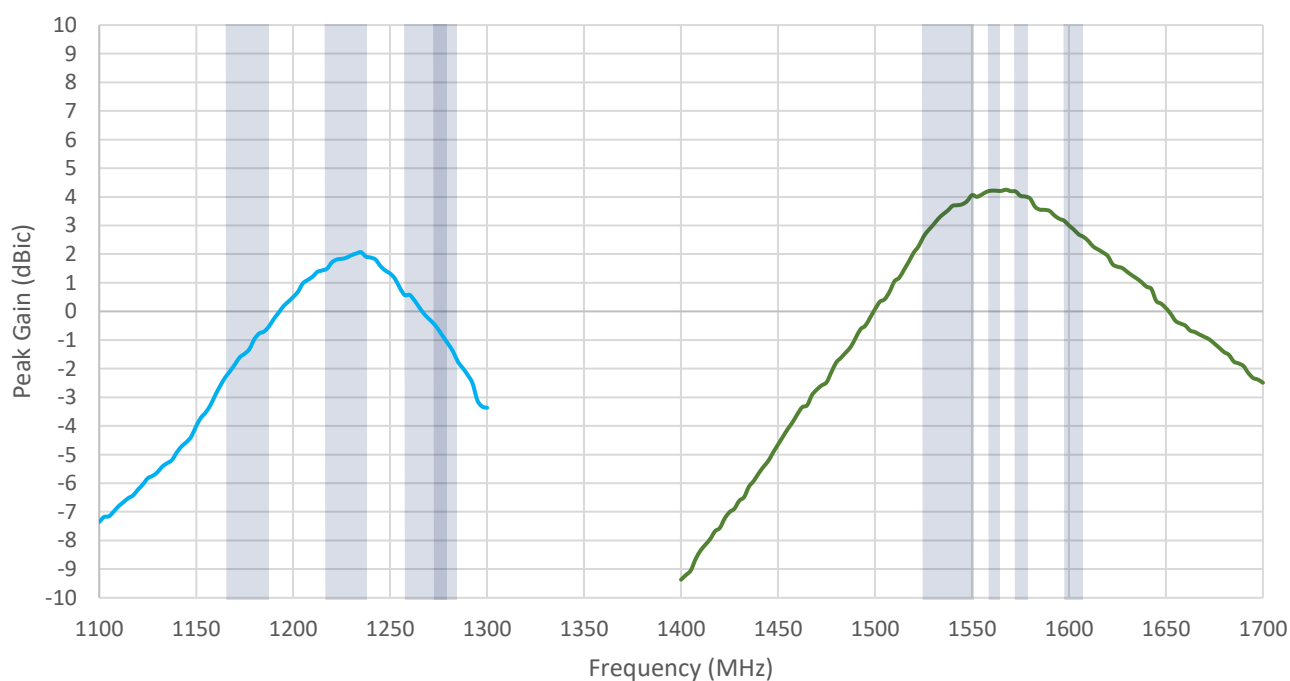
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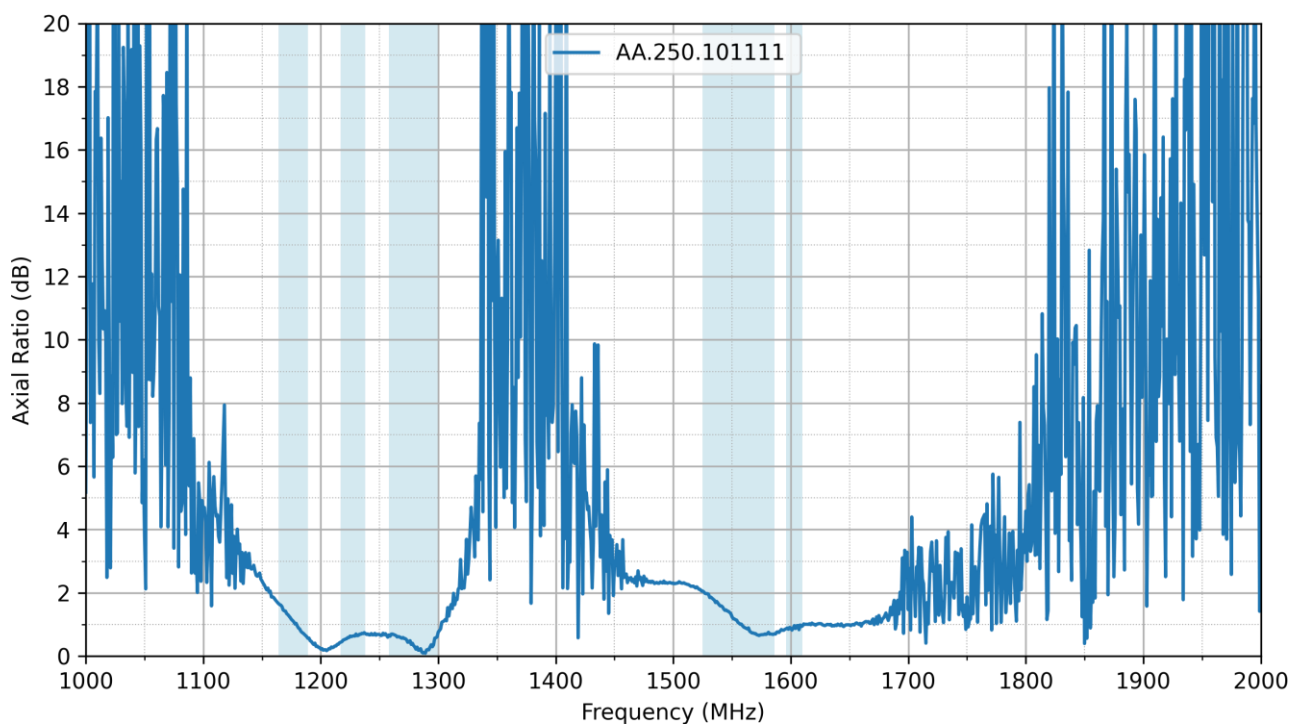
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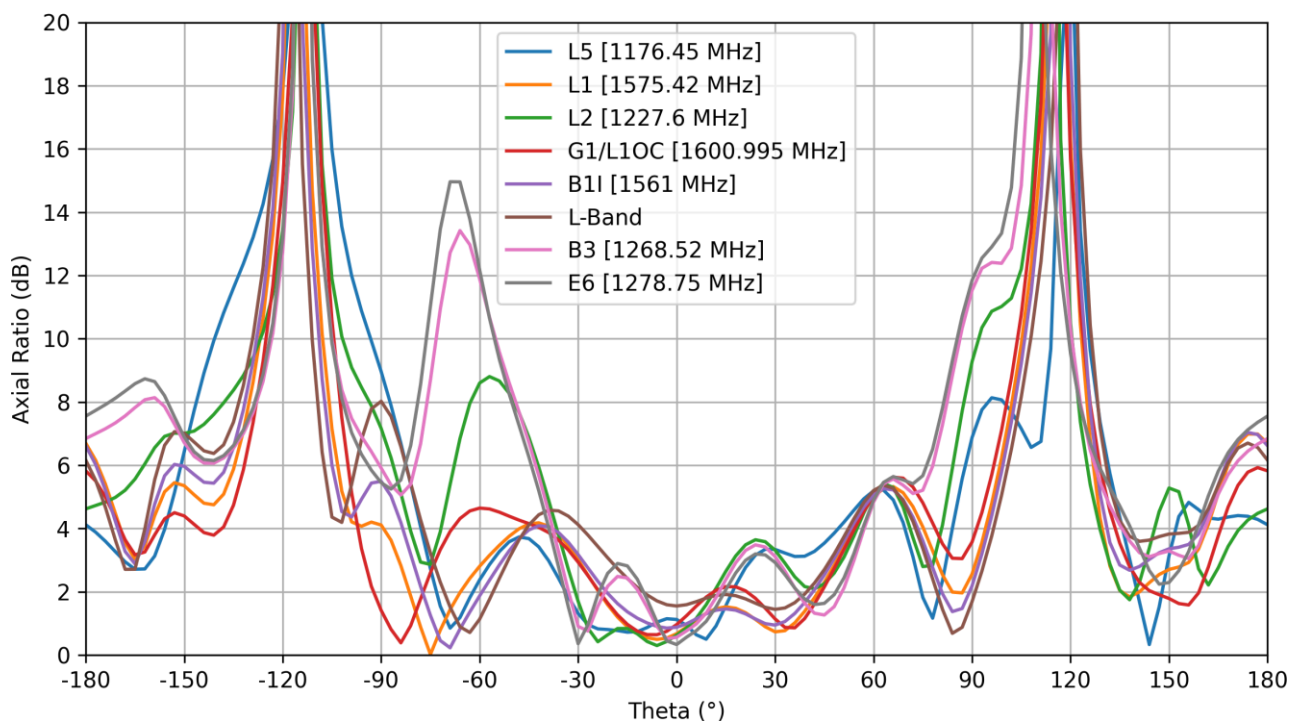
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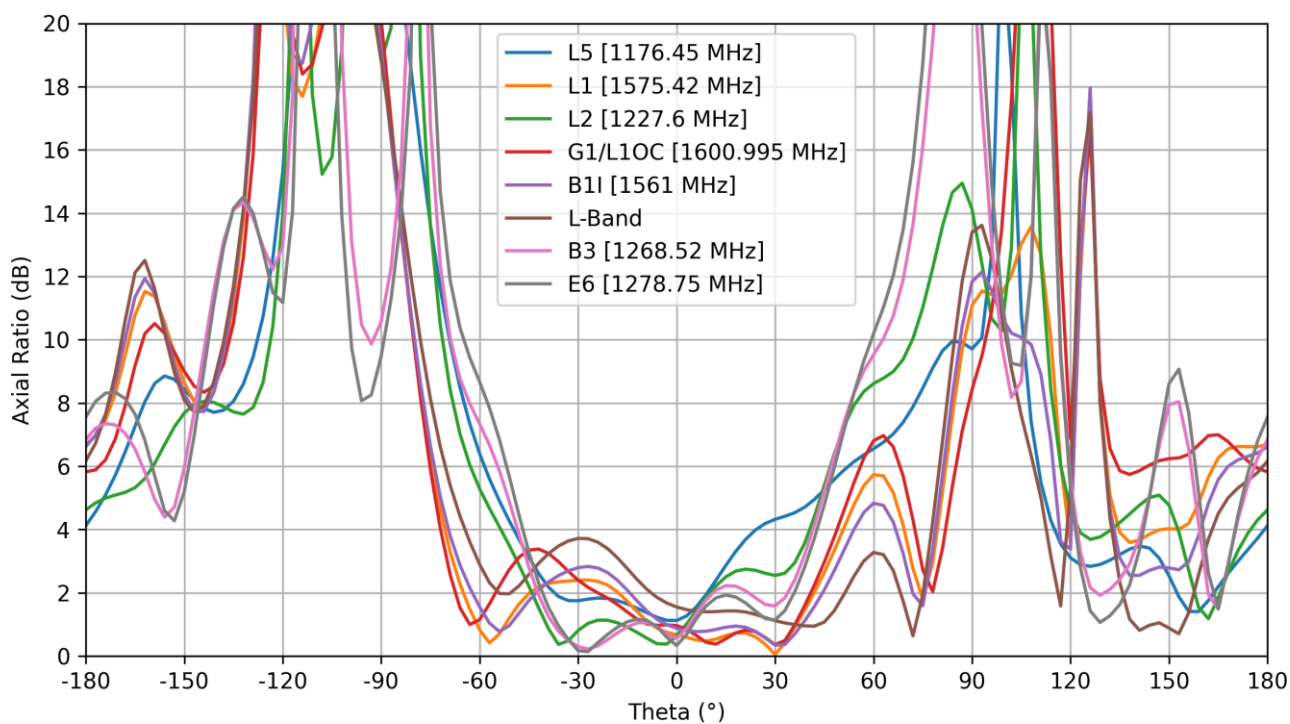
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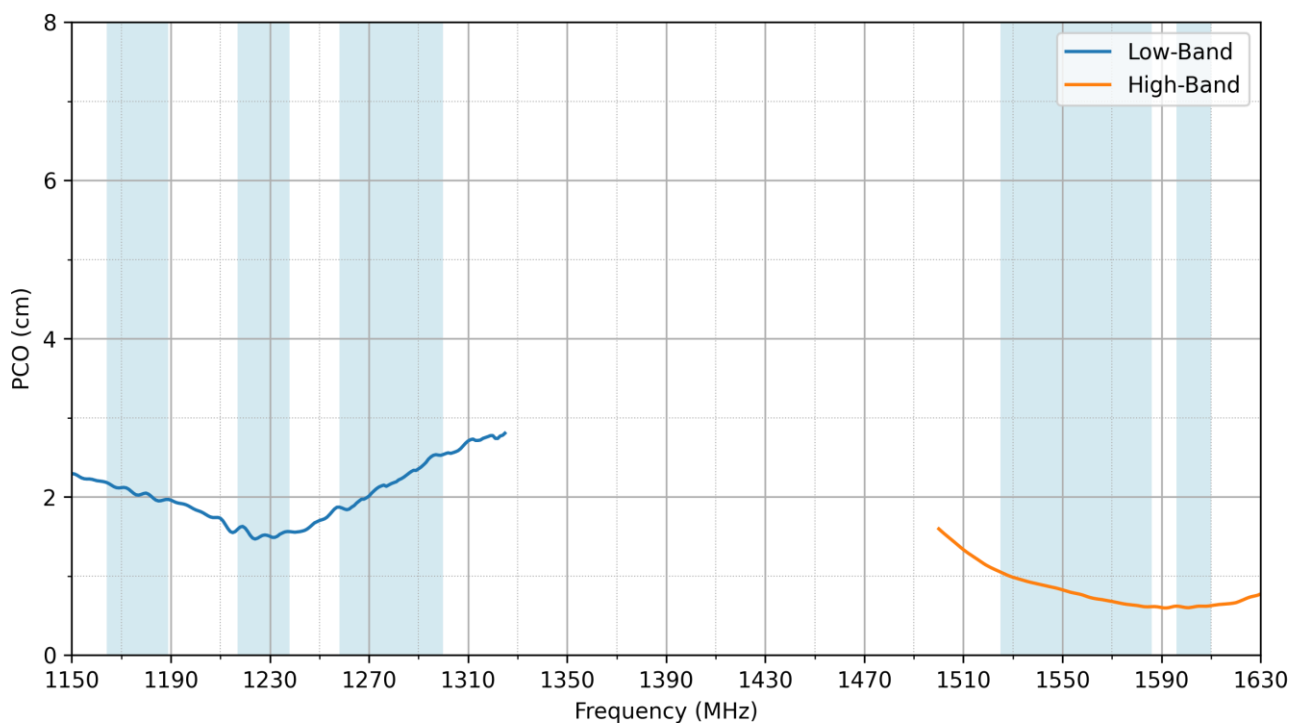
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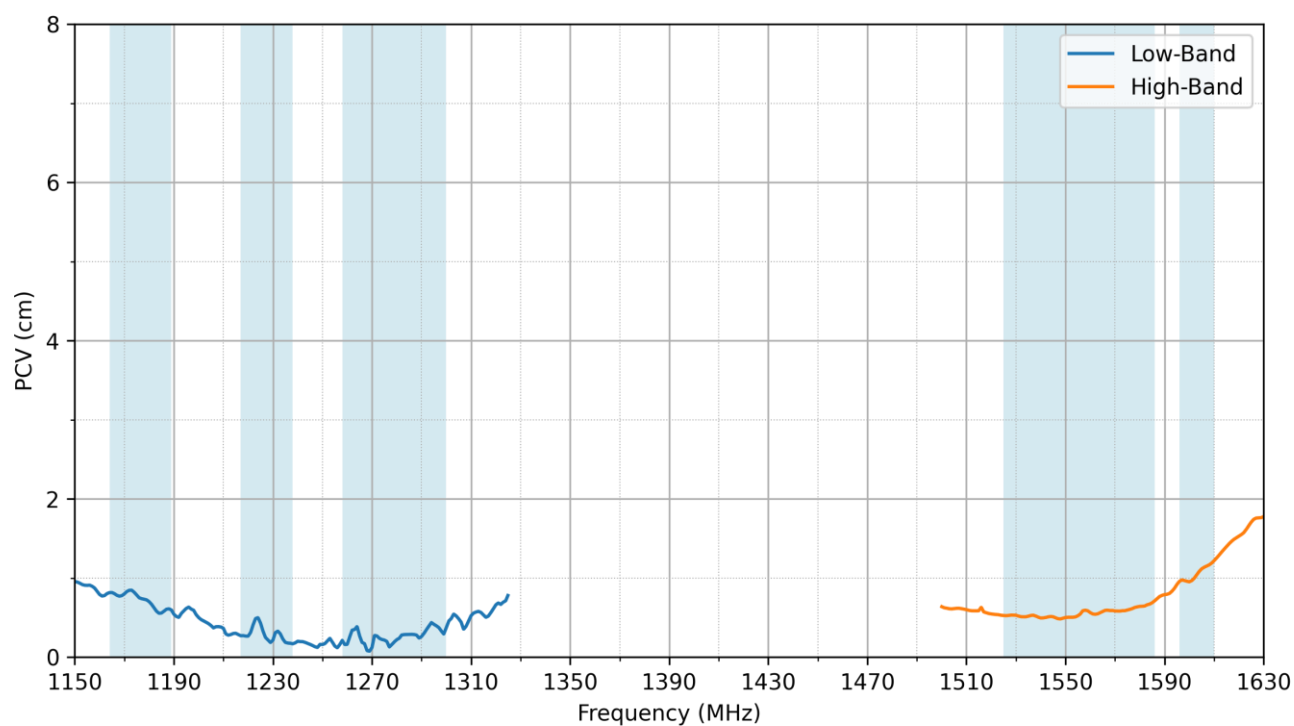
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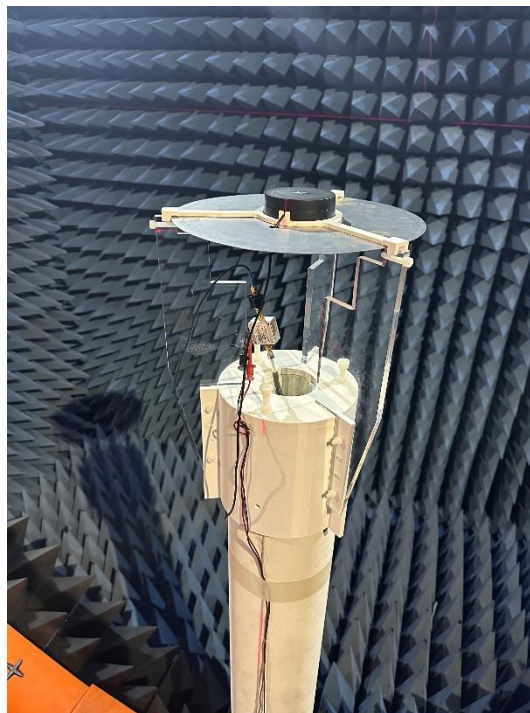
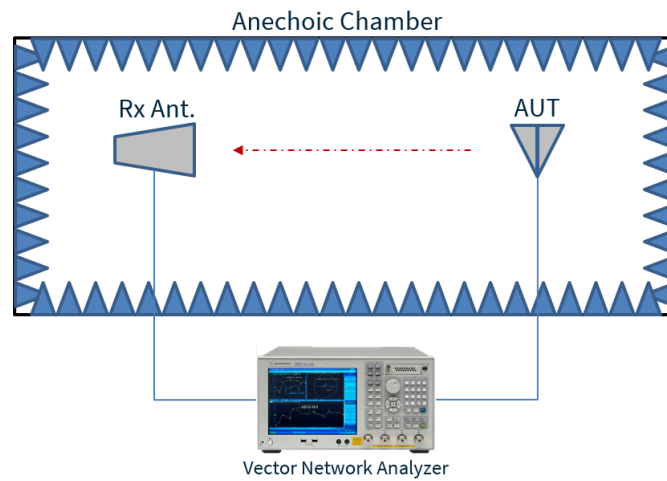


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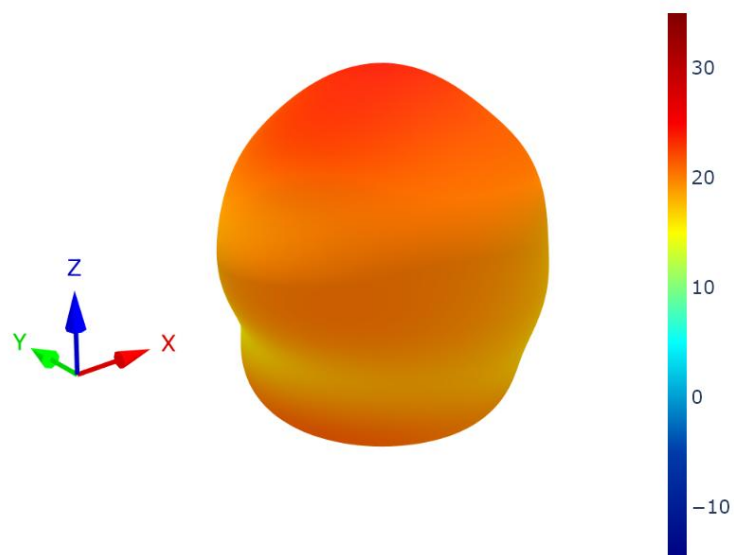
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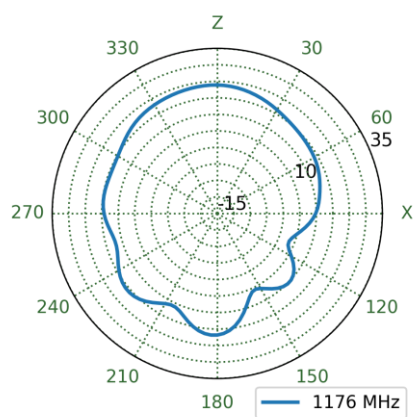


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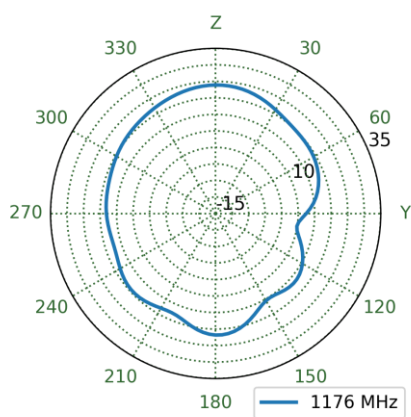
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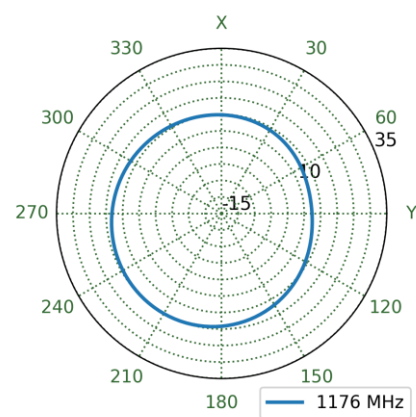
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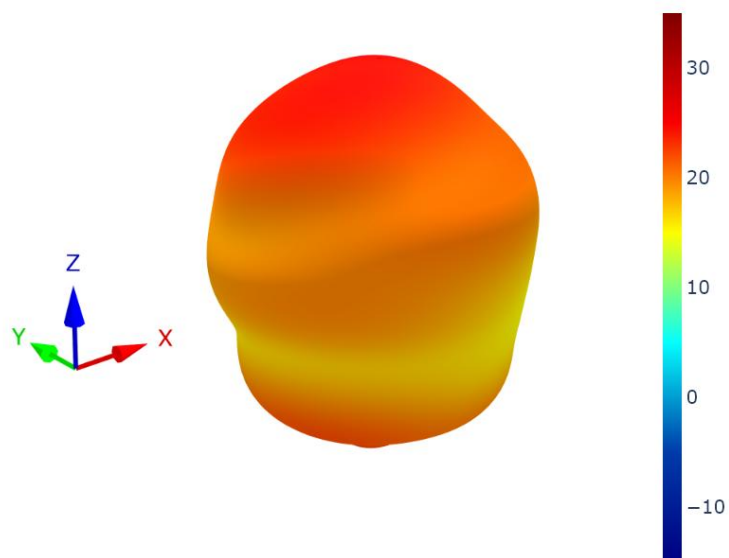
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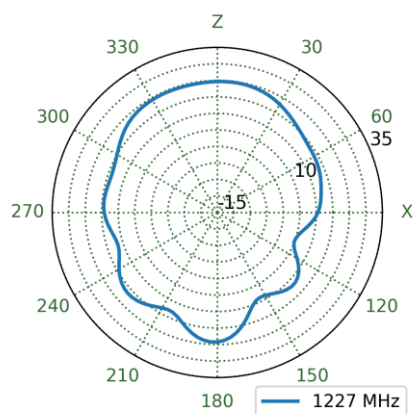
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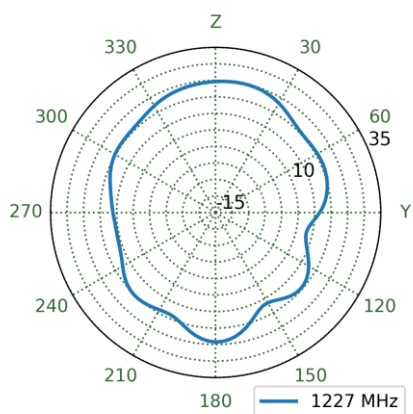
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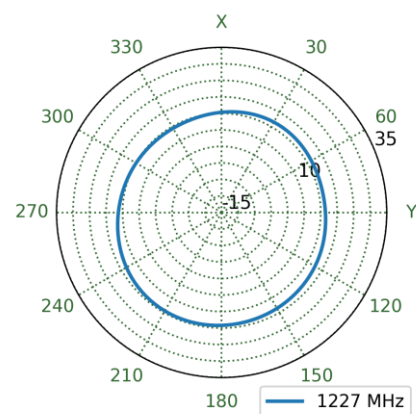
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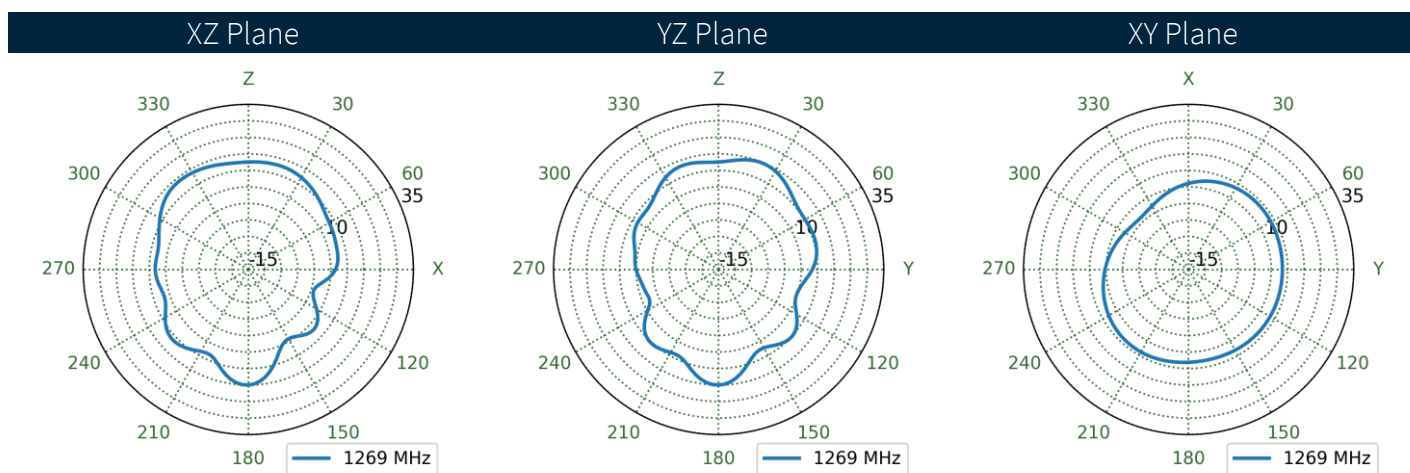
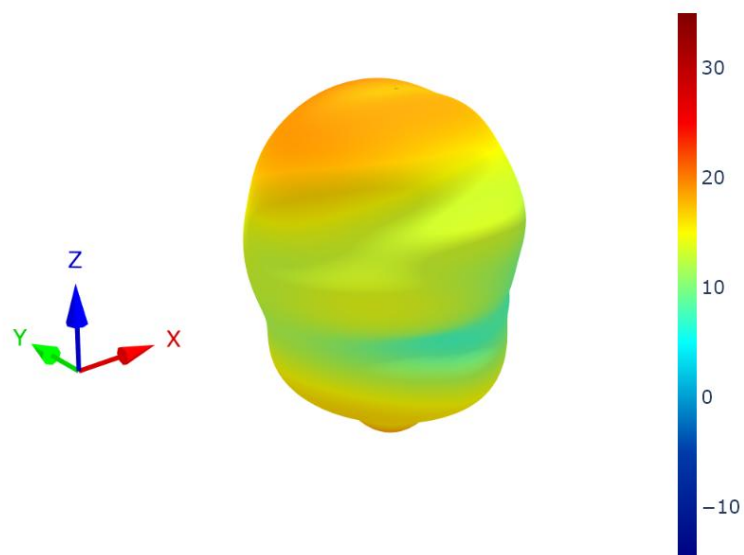
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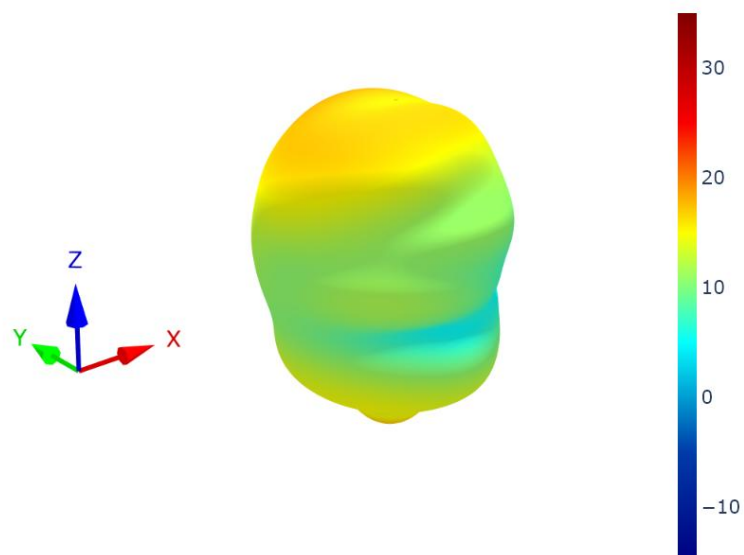
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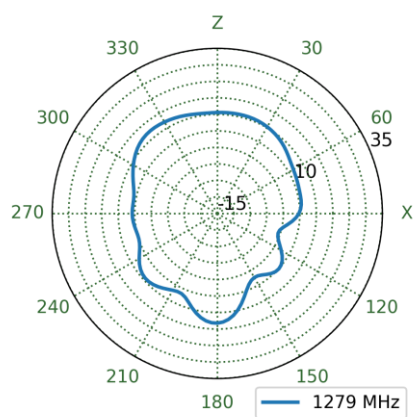
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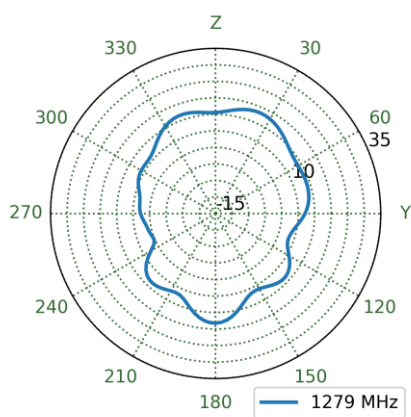
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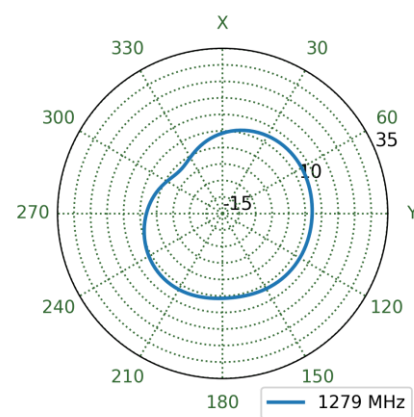
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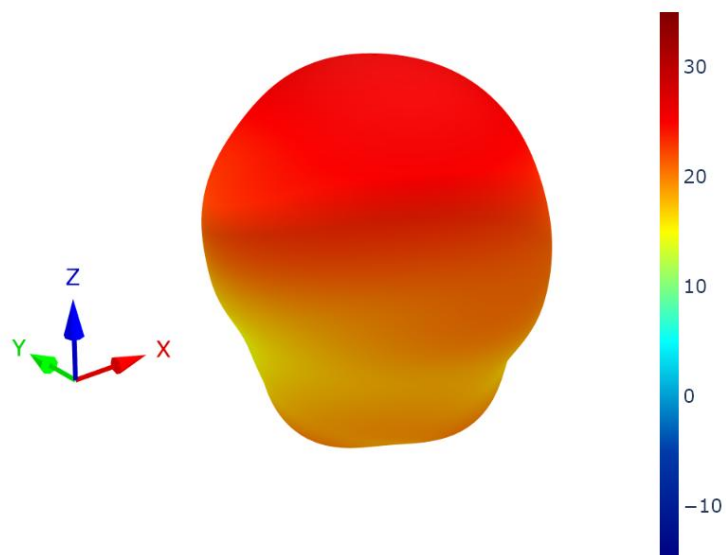
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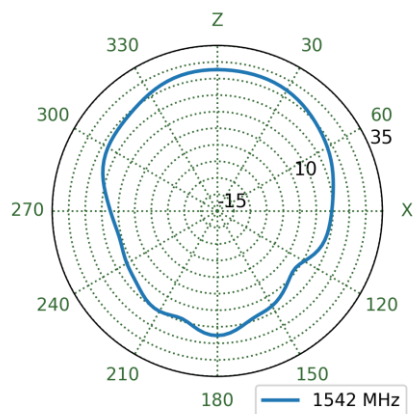
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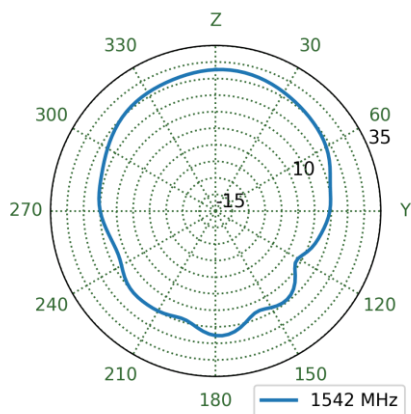
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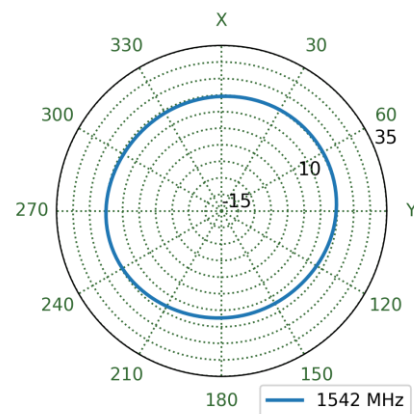
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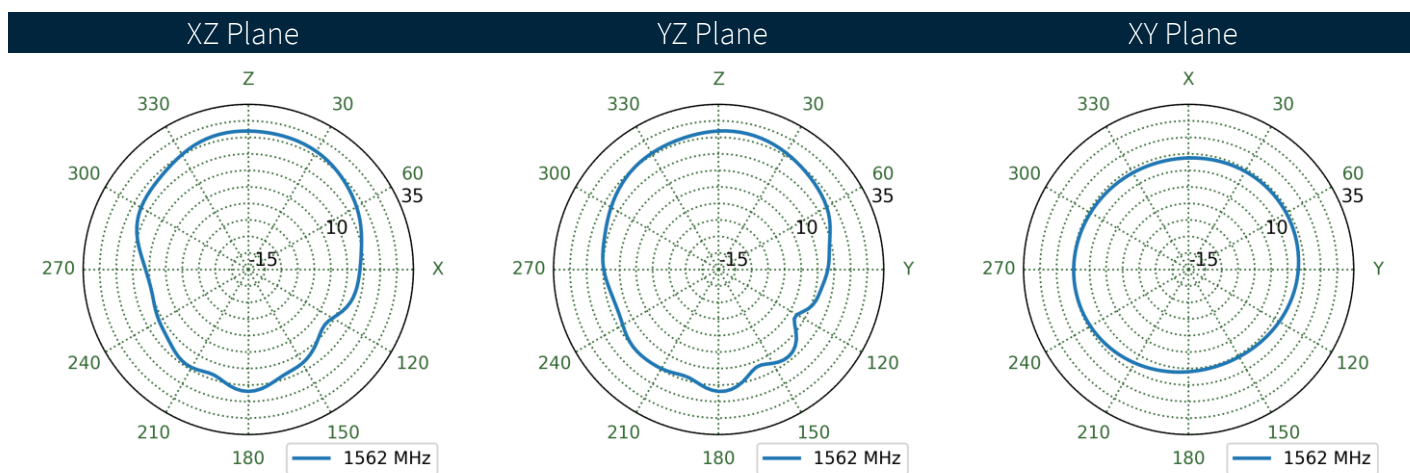
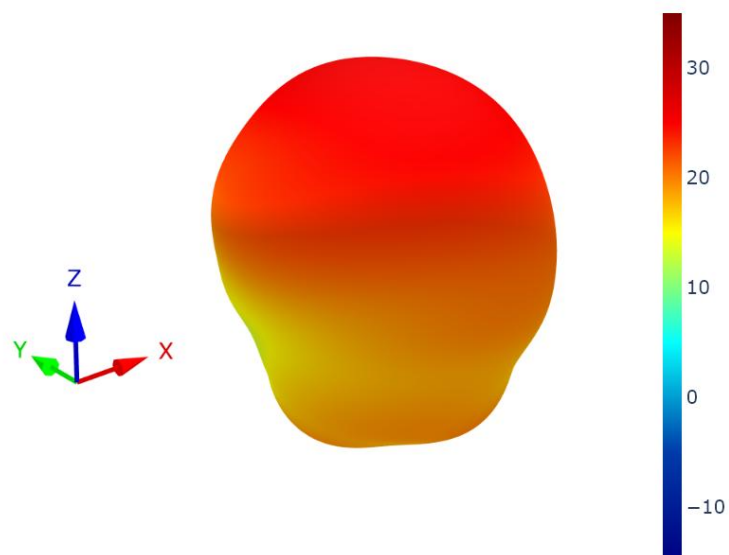
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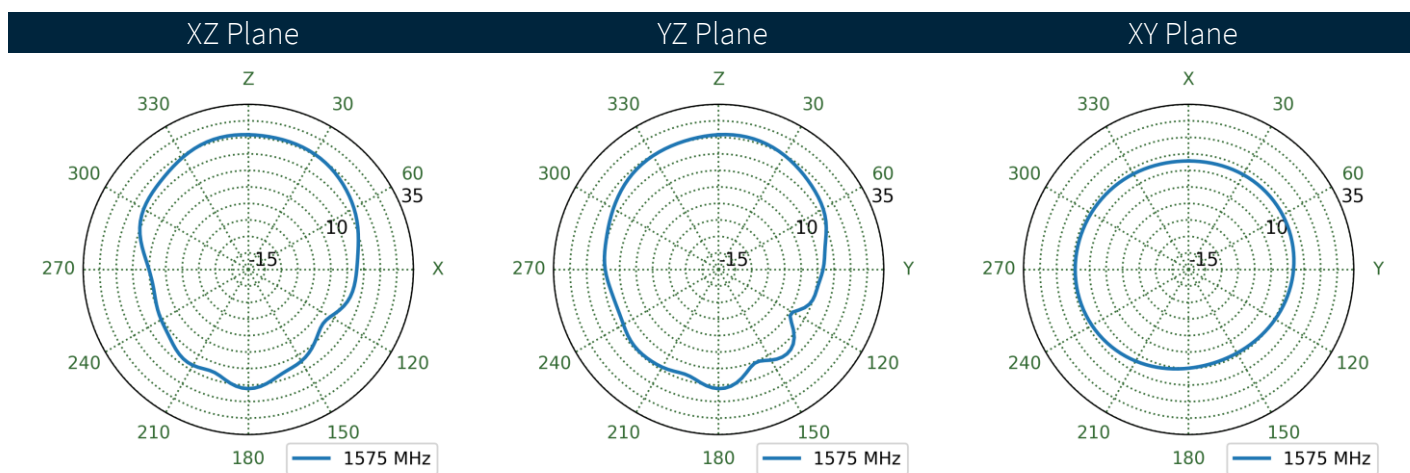
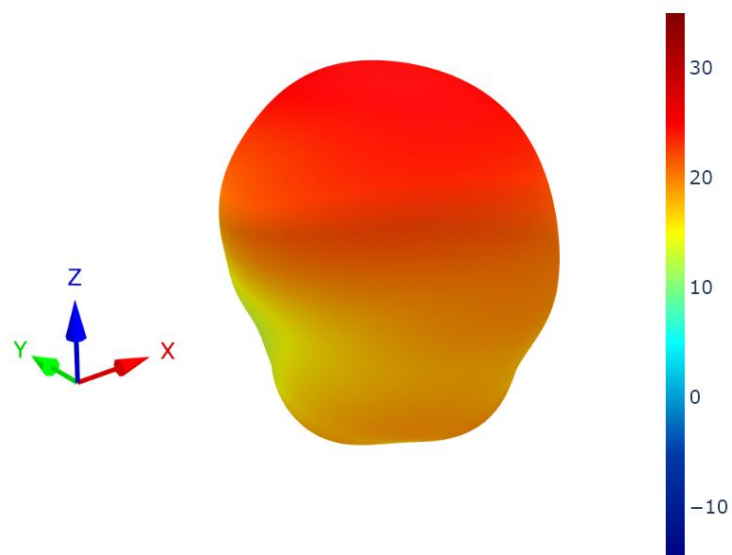
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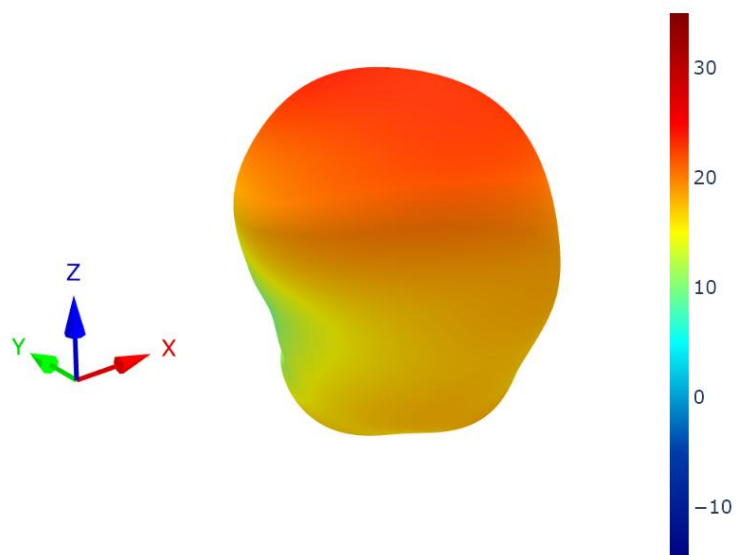
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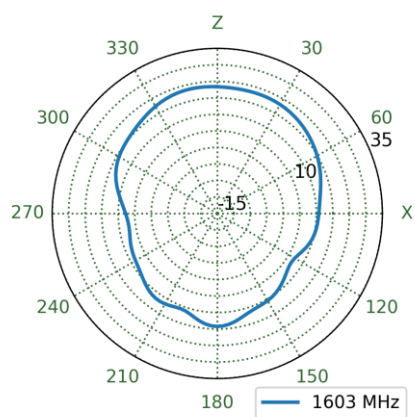
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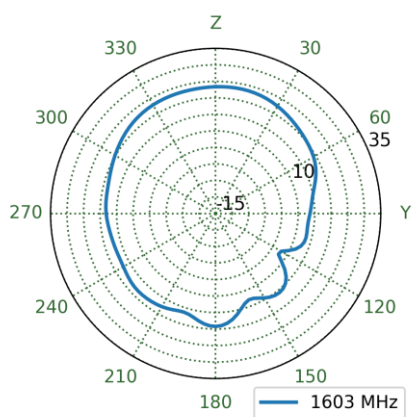
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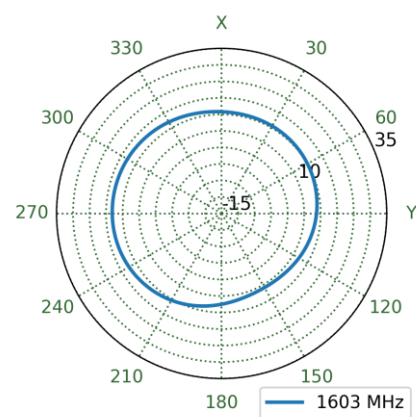
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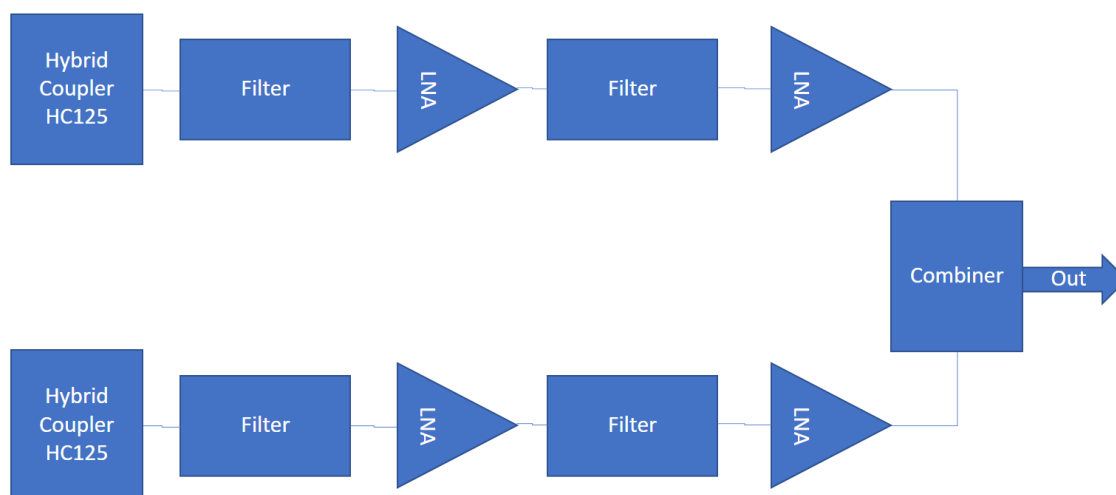


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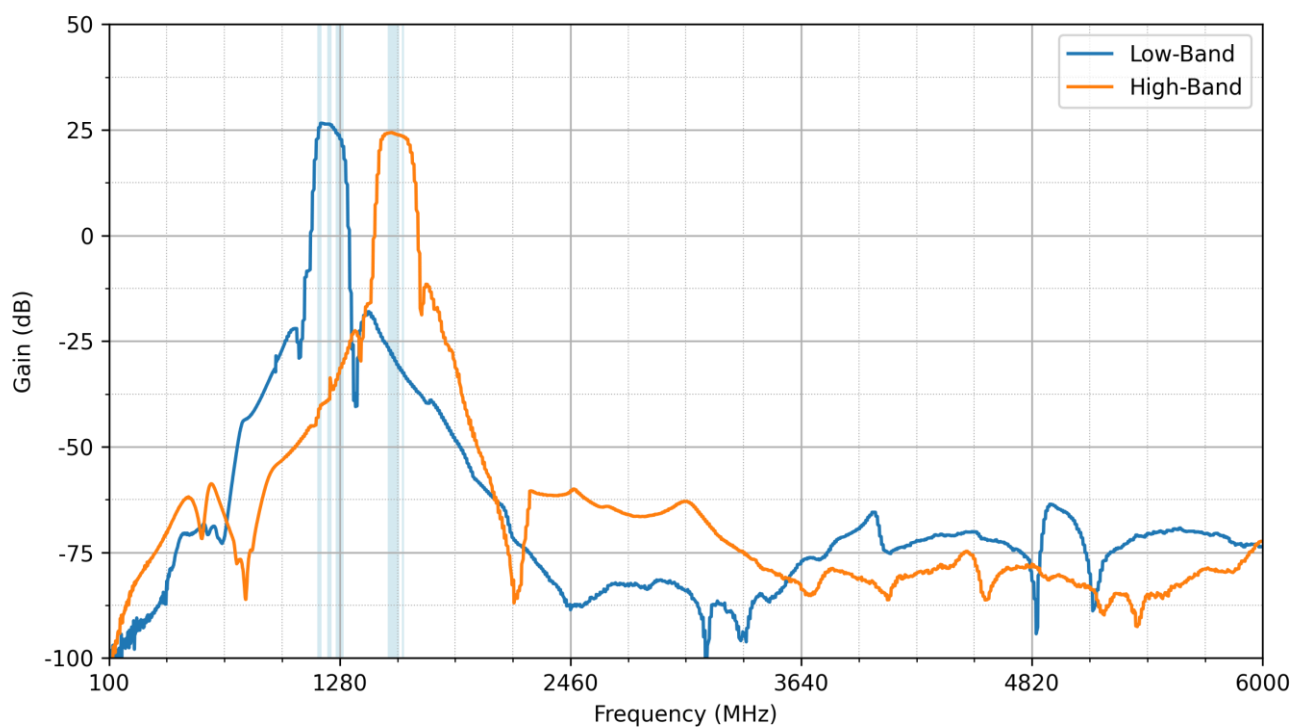


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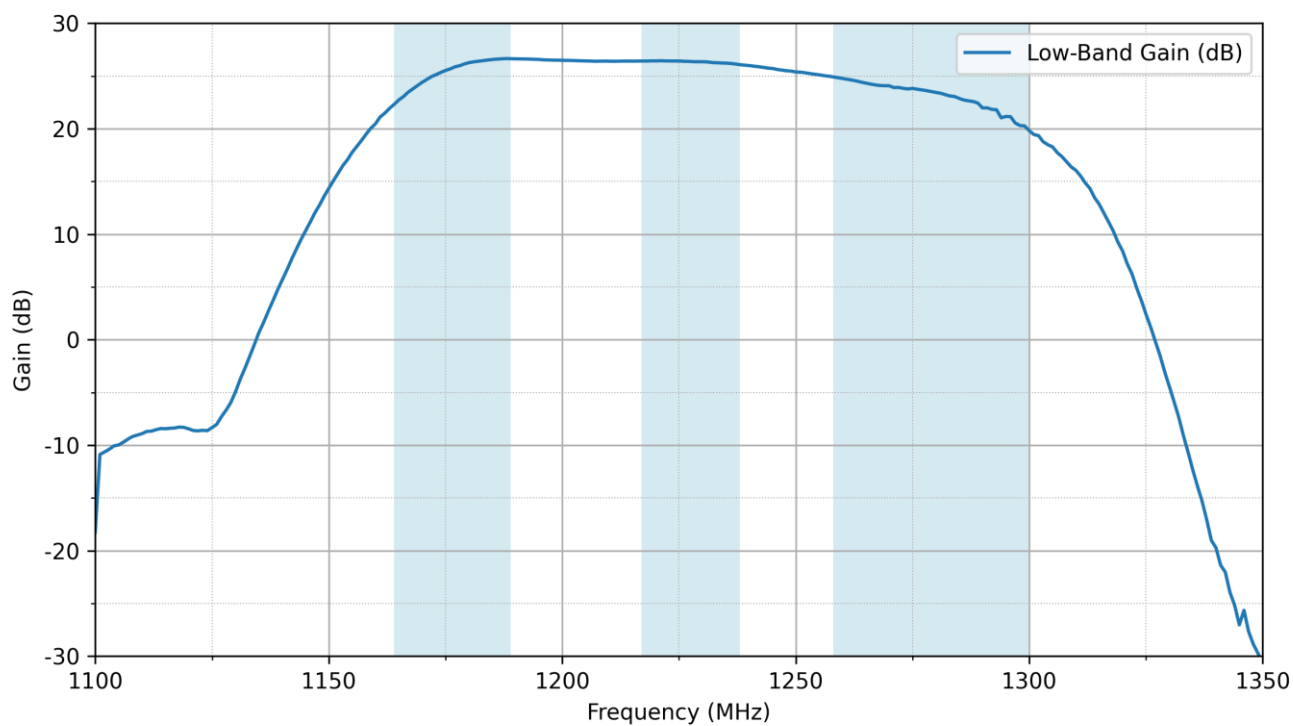
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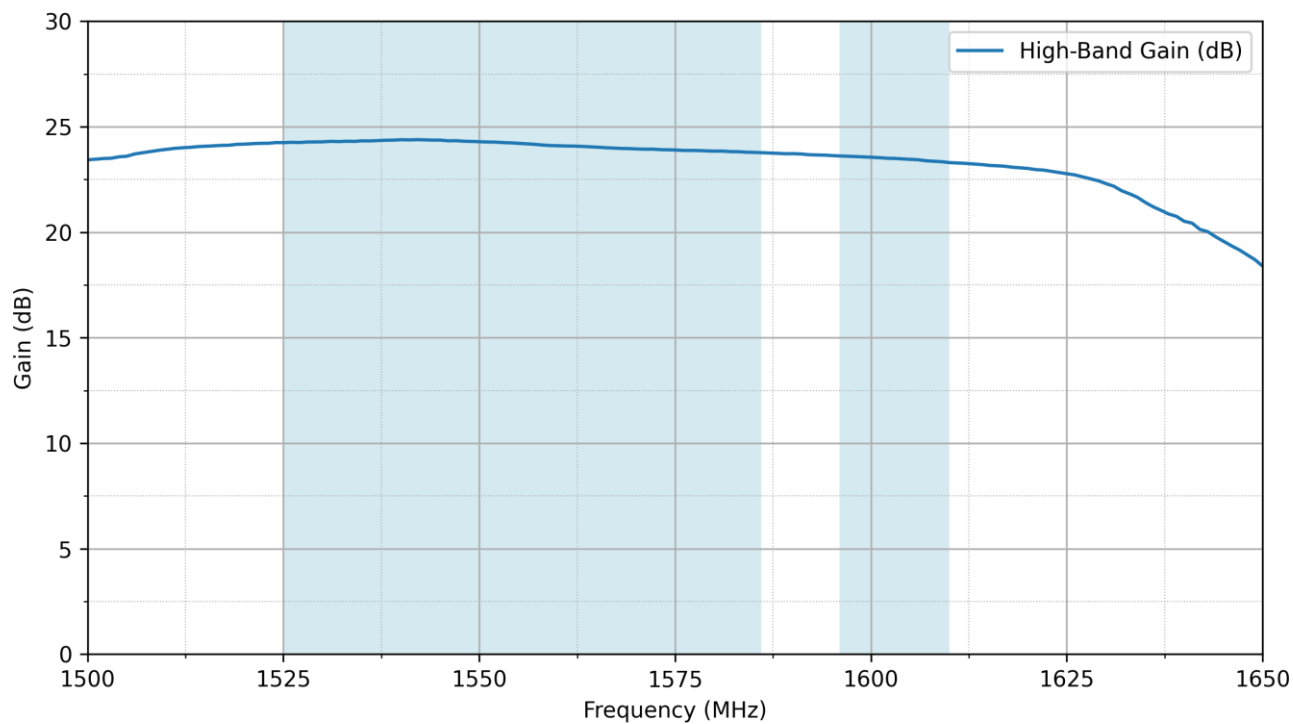
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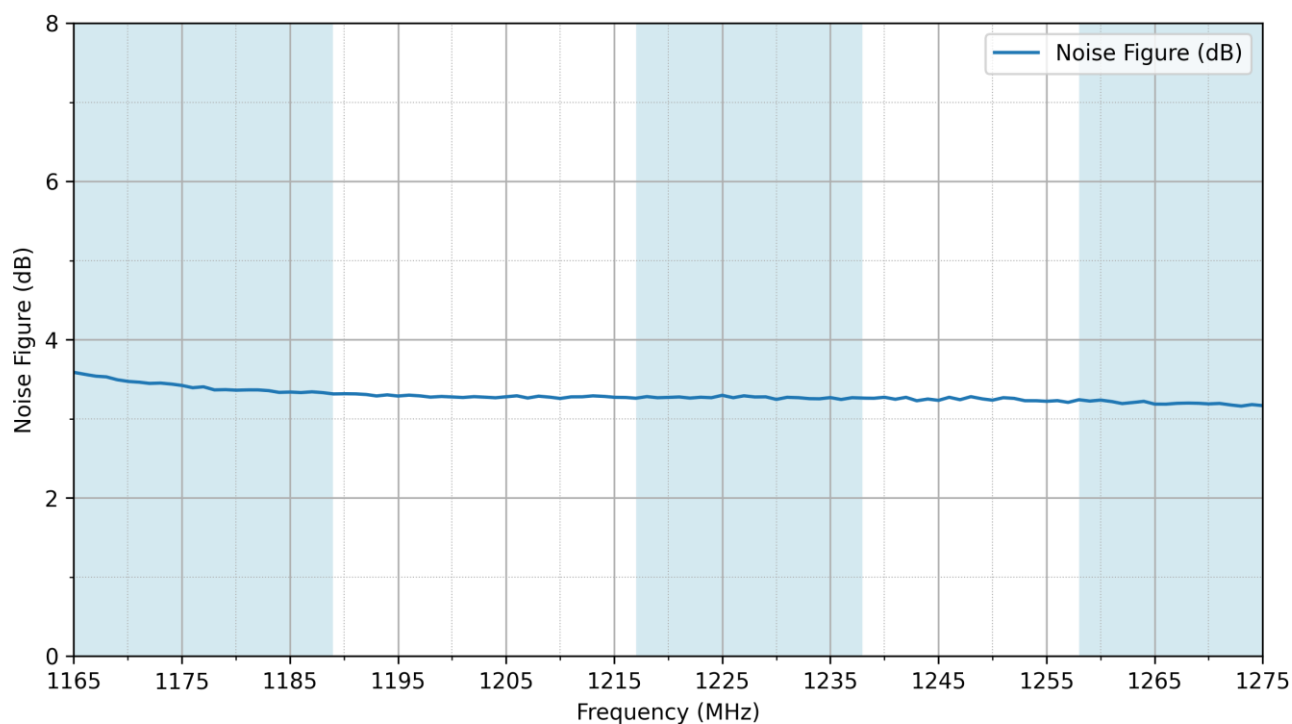
5.3 Narrowband Gain Plot – Low-Band



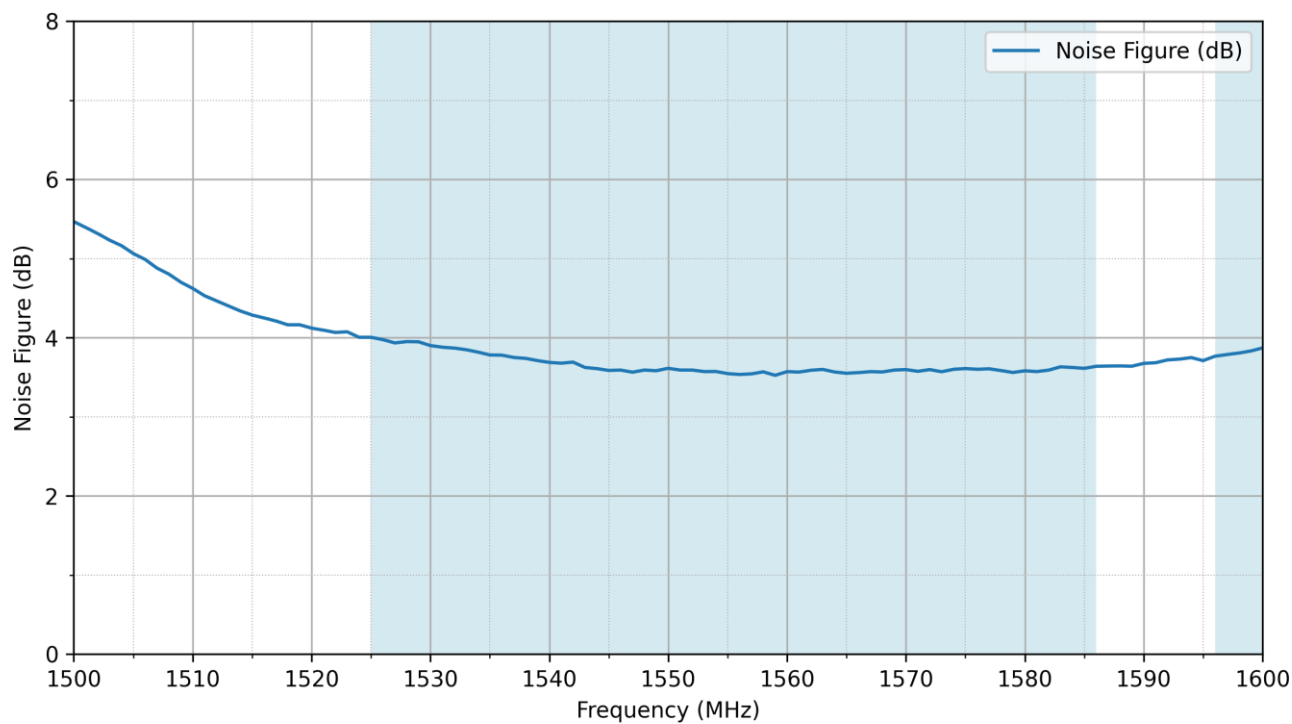
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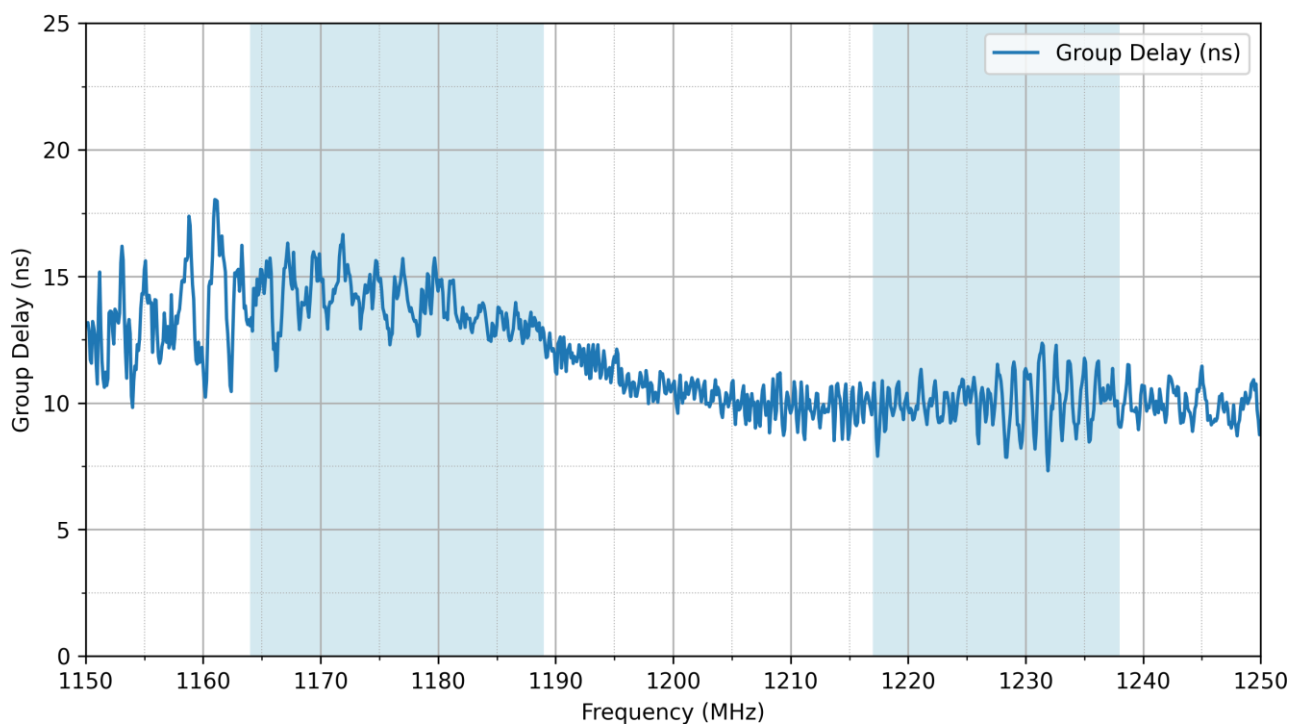
5.5 Noise Figure (Low-Band)



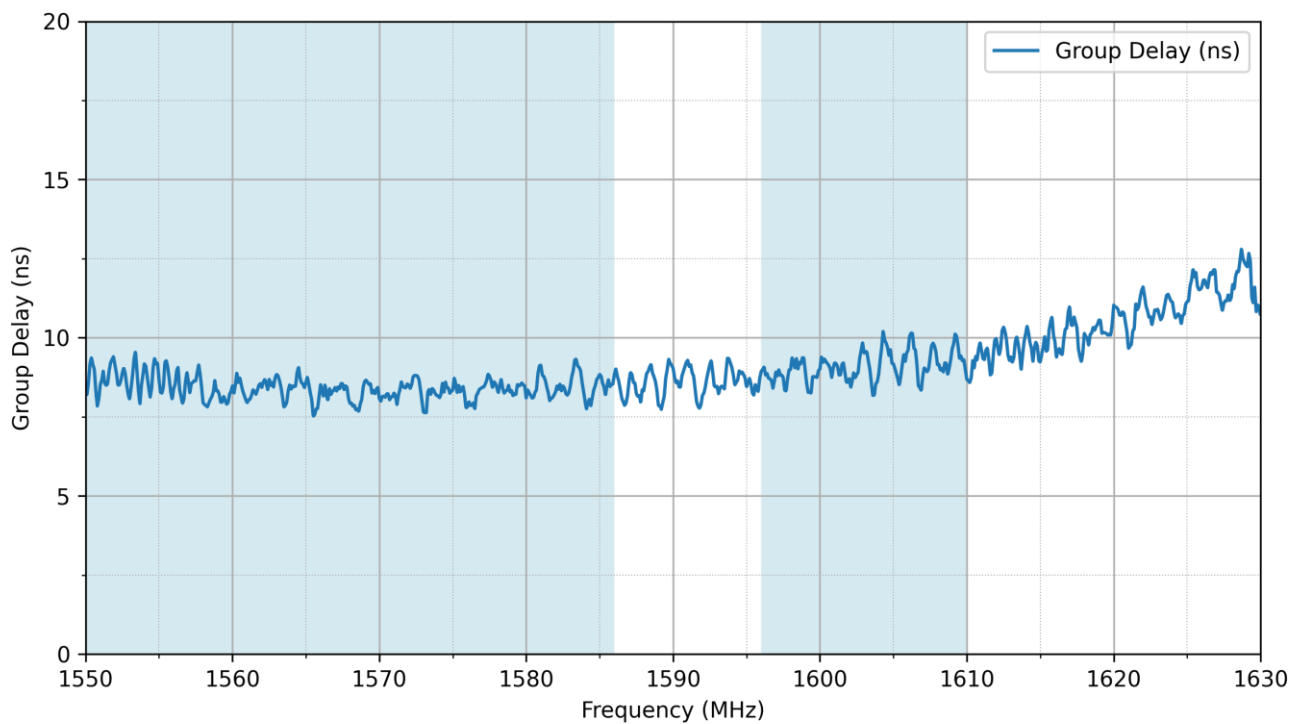
5.6 Noise Figure (High-Band)



5.7 Group Delay (Low-Band)



5.8 Group Delay (High-Band)



6. Field Test Results

In this section Taoglas will present the field test result for AA.250 antenna. The test was performed when the antenna was mounted on a static rooftop test set up in an open sky environment for at least 6 hours.

Taoglas will show the field test results using the following receiver:

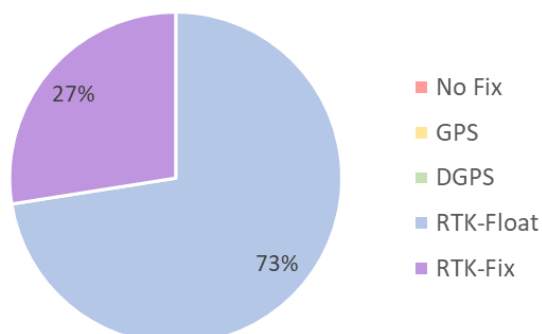
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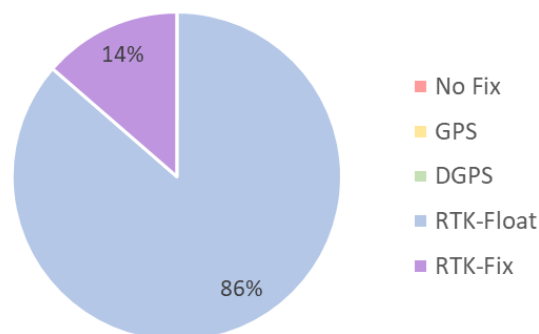
- Multi-band GNSS: 544 channels
- GPS: L1, L2, L5 GLONASS: L1, L2, L3 Galileo: E1, E5ab, AltBoc, E6 BeiDou: B1, B2, B3 NavIC: L51 QZSS: L1, L2, L5, L6
- SBAS: EGNOS, WAAS, GAGAN, MSAS, SDCM(L1, L5)
- RTK (base and rover), Integrated dual-channel L-band receiver, Support for PPP
- Nav. update rate up to 100 Hz
- Position accuracy = RTK 0.6 cm + 0.5 ppm

Positioning Accuracy Table (2D Accuracy)					
Test Condition	Correction Service	CEP (50%)	DRMS (68%)	2DRMS (95-98.2%)	TTFF (sec)
Free Space	PPP-RTK DISABLED	36.04 cm	43.14 cm	86.28 cm	47s
	PPP-RTK ENABLED	7.75 cm	9.56 cm	19.11 cm	53s
30x30 cm Ground Plane	PPP-RTK DISABLED	22.93 cm	28.09 cm	56.19 cm	44s
	PPP-RTK ENABLED	4.45 cm	5.45 cm	10.89 cm	42s

SwiftNav Correction
Free Space



SwiftNav Correction
30x30cm Ground Plane



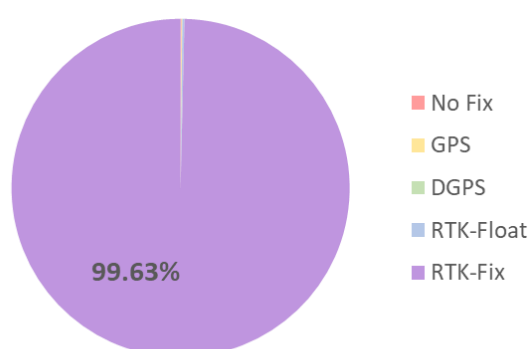
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Receiver features:

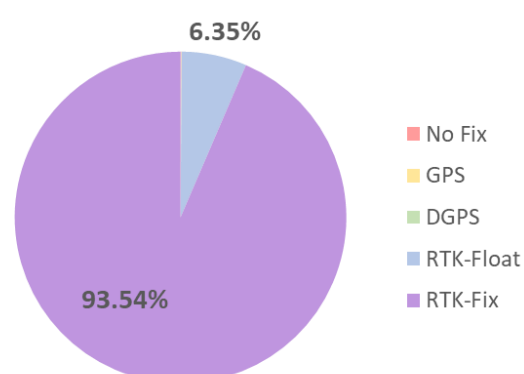
- Multi-band GNSS: 672 channels
- GPS L1C/A, L2C, L5
- GALILEO E1B/C, E5a, E6
- BEIDOU B1I, B1C, B2a, B3I
- QZSS L1C/A, L1C/B, L2C, L5, L6
- NavIC L1, L5
- SBAS L1C/A RTK (base and rover), Integrated dual-channel L-band receiver, Support for PPP
- Nav. update rate up to 25 Hz
- Position accuracy = RTK 0.01 m + 1 ppm CEP

Positioning Accuracy Table (2D Accuracy)					
Test Condition	Correction Service	CEP (50%)	DRMS (68%)	2DRMS (95-98.2%)	TTFF (sec)
Free Space	PPP-RTK DISABLED	26.81	70.82	141.64	13
	PPP-RTK ENABLED	5.53	12.29	24.58	18
30x30 cm Ground Plane	PPP-RTK DISABLED	17.88	43.49	86.97	20
	PPP-RTK ENABLED	4.86	11.3	22.61	16

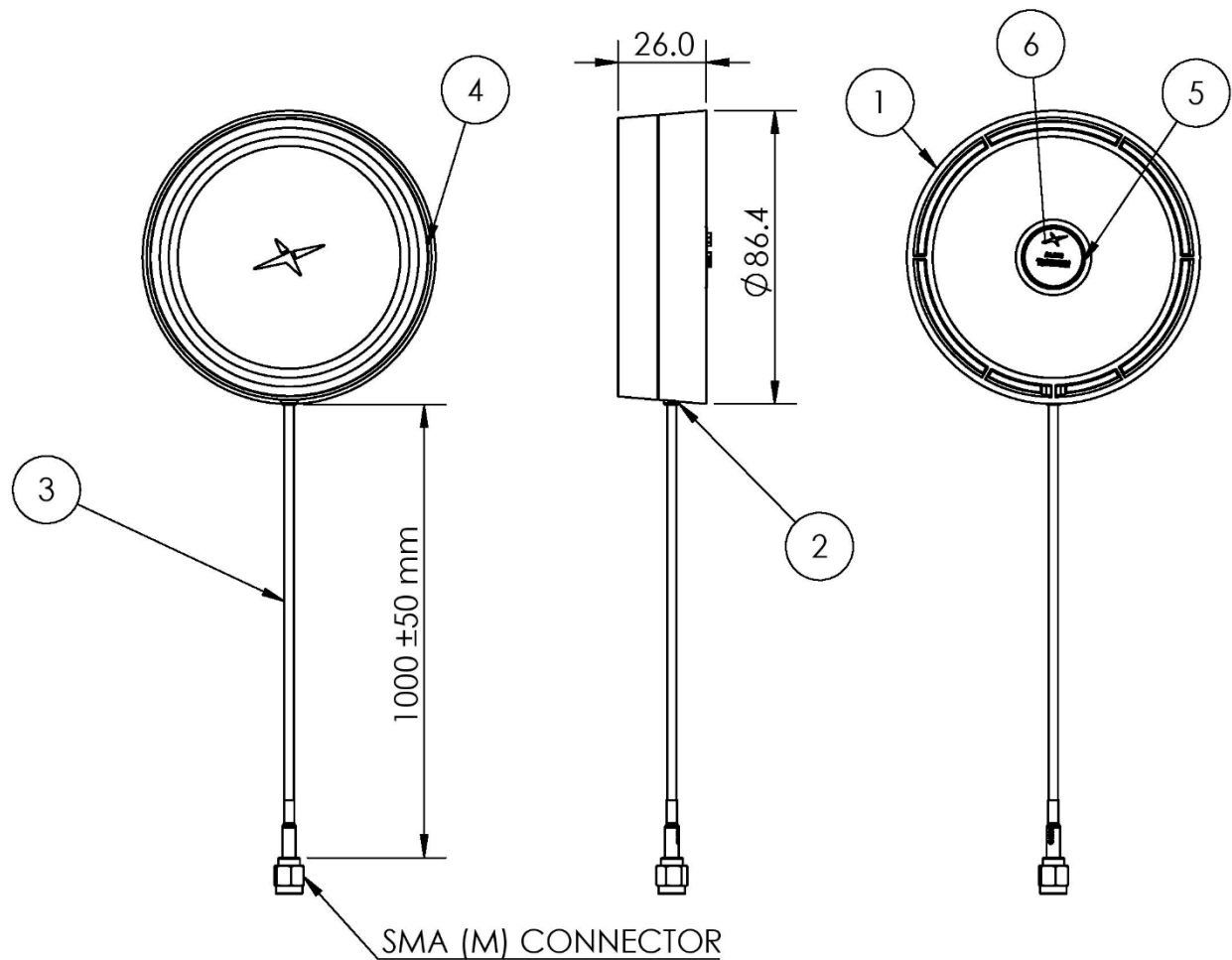
Point Perfect Correction
Free Space



Point Perfect Correction
30x30cm Ground Plane



7. Mechanical Drawing



	Name	Material	Finish	QTY
1	Bottom Housing, AA.250	ABS	Textured	1
2	Cable Grommet, RG-174, AA.250	Silicone	NA	1
3	Cable Assy, AA.250, RG-174 1' M Lg SMA (M)	NA	NA	1
4	Top Housing, AA.250	ABS	Textured	1
5	Magnet	N48	Ni Plated	1
6	Label, Product, AA.250	Polyester	NA	1

8. Packaging

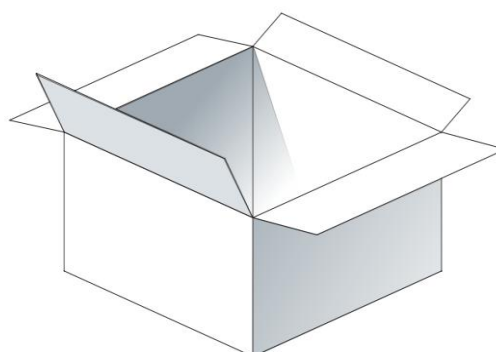
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1 pcs / Small PE Bag



10 PCS / PE Bag



90 PCS / Carton
Carton(mm): 370x370x300mm
Carton Label



Changelog for the datasheet

SPE-23-8-241 – AA.250.101111

Revision: C (Current Release)	
Date:	2025-05-16
Notes:	Added U-Blox ZED-X20P Field Testing Results.
Author:	Gary West

Previous Revisions

Revision: B	
Date:	2024-03-25
Notes:	Updated spec table
Author:	Gary West

Revision: A (Original First Release)	
Date:	2023-08-29
Notes:	Initial Release
Author:	Gary West



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