

Antenna array for off-body communication at 60 GHz

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INTRODUCTION

- Communications: on-body, off-body, in-body
- Frequencies: 2.4 GHz, 5.8 GHz, 60 GHz
- Conventional antenna design requirements:
 - Reflection coefficient < -10dB
 - Gain
 - Bandwidth
- Substrate materials for antennas:
 - Low loss materials
 - Sufficiently large and stable thickness
 - Flexible
 - Waterproof, fire-resistant

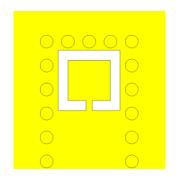


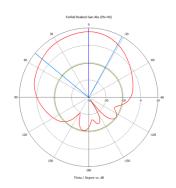
OFF-BODY ANTENNA

Selected methodology

- Antenna for off-body communication
- Operating frequency 60 GHz
- SIW slot antenna
- Substrate CuClad217, thickness 0.508 mm, permittivity 2.17

Structure of antenna and far-field results at 60 GHz





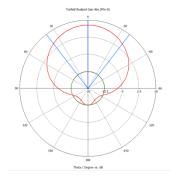


Fig. 1: Structure of antenna (left), E-field pattern (center), H-Field pattern (right).



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Impedance matching of original antenna

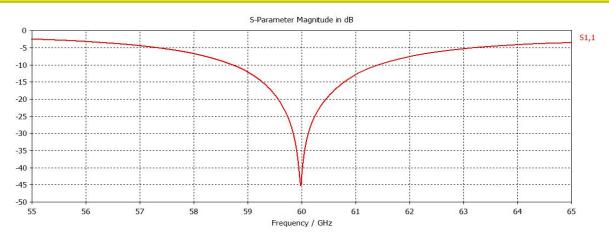
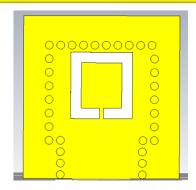


Fig. 2: Simulated frequency response of reflection coefficient of designed antenna.

Experiments for making broadband



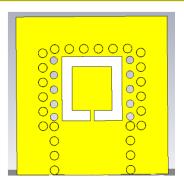


Fig. 3: Structure with different widths of SIW (left), structure with air vias (right).



SIW DIVIDERS

Types of SIW dividers

Square corners

- + Simpler modeling
- More metallic vias
- Worse reflection coefficient

Rounded corners

- + Less metallic vias
- + Better reflection coefficient
- Modeling and manufacturing of rounded corners

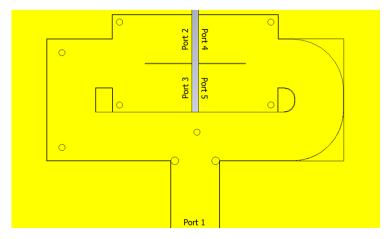


Fig. 4: Model of SIW divider



OFF-BODY ANTENNA ARRAY

Impedance matching of antenna array with rounded walls



Fig. 6: Simulated frequency response of reflection coefficient of SIW antenna array.

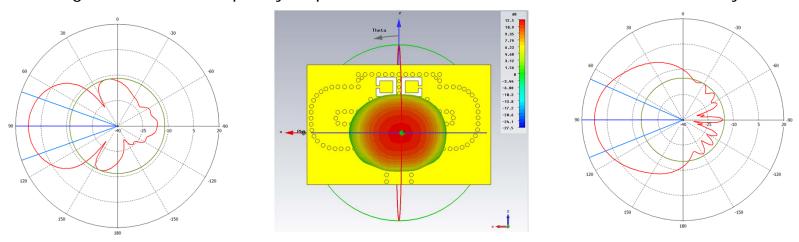


Fig. 7: E-field pattern (left), 3D pattern (center), H-field pattern (right).



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Field distribution

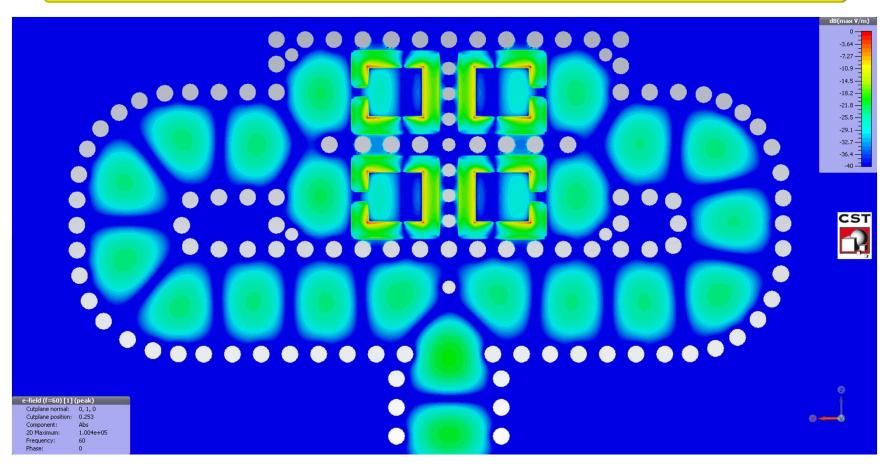


Fig. 8: Field distribution at 60 GHz.



SUMMARY

Parameters of the antenna array computed by CST

Reflection coefficient < - 10 dB:

57.7 to 60.4 GHz

• Frequency band: 2.7 GHz

Gain at 60 GHz: 12.3 dB

• Angular width (3dB): 39.9 dB, 45.6 dB

• Side lobe level: -24.3 dB, -27.7 dB

Perpendicular radiation



Thank you for your attention!



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