RBR860/RBS860 Multi-Antenna Systems Directional Gain measurement

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1.1 Antenna Information

Frequency Band		Ant 0 (dBi)	Ant 1 (dBi)	Ant 2 (dBi)	Ant 3 (dBi)
Transmitter Chain		Chain 0	Chain 1	Chain 2	Chain 3
Frequency Band	2400~2483.5MHz (2.4G)	1.91	1.93	1.99	1.96
	5150~5250MHz (5GL)	2.50	2.48	2.42	2.49
	5725~5850MHz (5GH)	2.72	2.90	2.65	2.82

1.2 Antenna Location

Please refer to report BBQZ-WTW-P22031009_TSup Page 7.

1.3 EUT Operation mode

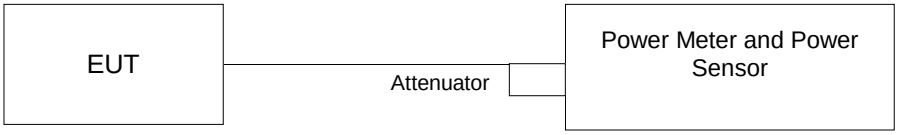
Band	Modulation Mode	CDD mode	Beamforming mode
2.4GHz	802.11b	Nss1	Not Support
	802.11g	Nss1	Not Support
	802.11n(HT20)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11n(HT40)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11n(VHT20)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11n(VHT40)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11ax(HE20)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1(Note) / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11ax(HE40)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
5GHz	802.11a	Nss1	Not Support
	802.11n(HT20)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11n(HT40)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11ac(VHT20)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11ac(VHT40)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11ac(VHT80)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11ax(HE20)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1(Note) / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11ax(HE40)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11ax(HE80)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4
	802.11ax(HE160)	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4	Nss1 / Nss2 / Nss3 / Nss4

Note: The 802.11ax (HE20) of Nss 1 of beamforming mode for both 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands is the worst case for final testing.

Band	Modulation Mode	Ant 0	Ant 1	Ant 2	Ant 3
2.4GHz	802.11b	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11g	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11n(HT20)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11n(HT40)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11n(VHT20)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11n(VHT40)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11ax(HE20)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11ax(HE40)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
5GHz	802.11a	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11n(HT20)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11n(HT40)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11ac(VHT20)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11ac(VHT40)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11ac(VHT80)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11ax(HE20)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11ax(HE40)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11ax(HE80)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX
	802.11ax(HE160)	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX	TX/RX

2 Conducted Power Measurement

2.1 Test Setup



2.2 Test Instruments

Description & Manufacturer	Model No.	Serial No.
Peak Power Analyzer KEYSIGHT	8990B	MY51000485
Wideband Power Sensor KEYSIGHT	N1923A	MY58020002

2.3 Test Procedure

Method PM is used to perform output power measurement, trigger and gating function of wide band power meter is enabled to measure max output power of TX on burst and set the detector to average. Duty factor is not added to measured value.

2.4Test Results of RF Conducted Power (2.4GHz and 5GHz bands)

802.11 ax HE20 of Beamforming Mode / Nss=1

Channel	Frequency	Ant 0 Chain0		Ant 1 Chain1		Ant 2 Chain2		Ant 3 Chain3		Total Conducted Power (dBm)
		(dBm)	(mW)	(dBm)	(mW)	(dBm)	(mW)	(dBm)	(mW)	
6	2437	23.76	237.68	23.58	228.03	23.41	219.28	23.56	226.99	29.60
36	5180	10.76	11.91	10.51	11.25	10.41	10.99	10.91	12.33	16.67
157	5785	23.25	211.35	23.59	228.56	22.46	176.20	23.62	230.14	29.27

Note: Total Conducted Power = Chain0 + Chain 1 + Chain 2 + Chain 3
CH6 (2462 MHz) = 237.68 (mW) + 228.03 (mW) + 219.28 (mW) + 226.99 (mW) = 911.98 (mW) = 29.60 (dBm)
CH36 (5180 MHz) = 11.91 (mW) + 11.25 (mW) + 10.99 (mW) + 12.33 (mW) = 46.48 (mW) = 16.67 (dBm)
CH157 (5785 MHz) = 211.35 (mW) + 228.56 (mW) + 176.2 (mW) + 230.14 (mW) = 846.25 (mW) = 29.27 (dBm)

3 3D Antenna Pattern Measurement and Directional gain calculation (Measurement Method and Measurement Environment)

Measurement the EIRP and compare the total conducted power values to calculation the directional gain.

3.1 Test Location

3D Antenna a Pattern Measurement in Fully Anechoic Chamber

3.2 Test Procedure

KDB 662911 D03 MIMO Antenna Gain Measurement v01
ANSI 63.10:2013 – clause 13
KDB 412172 D01 Determining ERP and EIRP v01r01

3.3 Test Setup Diagram @ Fully Anechoic Chamber (Dimension: 12m(L)*7m(W)*7m(H))

The EIRP Pattern measurement is using the conical circle cut test system (refer to Figure 1). The EUT is positioned on center of turntable, for Free Space only in fully anechoic chamber. Data (channel power level) is recorded using the spectrum analyzer for both theta and phi polarizations at each position.

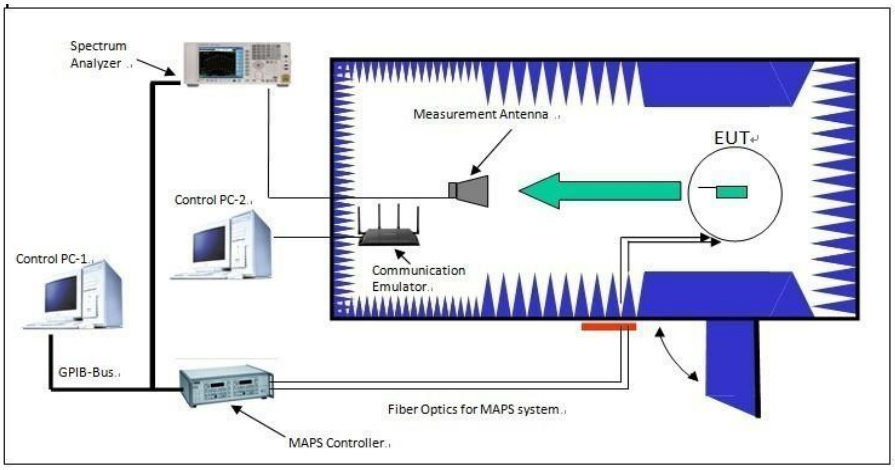


Figure 1. Conical circle cut test system.

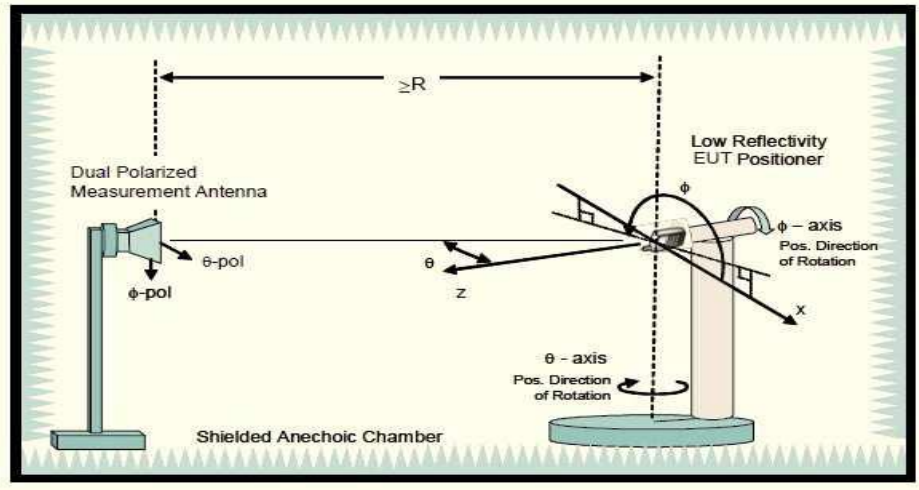


Figure 2. Configuration of Conical circle cut test system.

3.4 Test Setup Diagram for EUT

Please refer to report BBQZ-WTW-P22031009_TSup Page 8.

3.5 Test Instruments

Description & Manufacturer	Model No.	Serial No.
PXA Signal Analyzer KEYSIGHT	N9030B	MY57140488
BILOG Antenna SCHWARZBECK	VULB 9168	9168-158
HORN Antenna ETS	3117	00034128
HORN Antenna SCHWARZBECK	BBHA 9170	BBHA9170243
Preamplifier Agilent	8449B	3008A01963
Preamplifier Agilent	8447D	2944A10627
RF signal cable HUBER+SUHNER	SUCOFLEX 104	Cable-RF1-03 (223650/4)
RF signal cable WOKEN	8D-FB	Cable-RF1-01
RF signal cable INFINET	CA3501-3501-G.90 (3m) & CA3501-3501-F.90 (2m)	INF090 (3m)*2 & TCF427S (2m)*1
Software ADT	ADT_Radiated_ V7.6.15.9.5	NA
Antenna Tower Max-Full	MFA-440H	9707
Turn Table ADT	NA	SN40303
Controller Max-Full	MF-7802	MF7802093
Temperature & Humidity chamber TERCHY	MHU-225AU	920842
Splitters/Combiners Mini-Circuits	ZN2PD-9G	NA
26GHz ~ 40GHz Amplifier EMC	EMC184045B	980175
Absorber 30 MHz ~ 40GHz	TDK / IP-045C	NA

TYPICAL ABSORPTION CHARACTERISTICS (VERTICAL INCIDENCE) Unit: dB

Material name	30MHz	50MHz	100MHz	500MHz	1GHz	5GHz	18GHz	40GHz
IP-045C	18	18	15	20	20	30	40	40

NOTE:
1. The calibration interval of the above test instruments is 12 / 24 months and the calibrations are traceable to NML/ROC and NIST/USA.
2. The test was performed in HwaYa RF Chamber 1.
3. The horn antenna and preamplifier (model: 8449B) are used only for the measurement of emission frequency above 1 GHz if tested.

3.6 Test Procedure

a. Connect EUT to Spectrum Analyzer and record the power setting of EUT and the measured conducted power / conducted power spectral density.

b. Fasten EUT on the Positioner on center of turntable, for Free Space only.

c. Configuration EUT transmitting packages (SW: iperf) to the communication emulator in Beamforming mode. Please refer to figure 2 for detail configuration.

d. Make sure the transmit signal stable and duty cycle greater than or equal to 98% at the maximum RF power level.

e. Setup the channel power function and power spectral density function by spectrum analyzer.

f. Read the channel power level and power spectral density level on spectrum analyzer and record in following positions.

1. The EUT is then stepped between -90 to 90 degrees along the theta axis in 15-degree increments. At each theta position, the phi axis is stepped from 0 to 360 degrees or from 360 to 0 degrees in 15-degree increments.
2. Data (channel power level / power spectral density level) is recorded using the spectrum analyzer for both theta and phi polarizations at each position.
3. Set Phi and Theta Positioners to Boresight Phi and Theta angular position of maximum channel power level / power spectral density level.
4. Fix the Phi angular in Step f.3, the EUT is then stepped between 0 to 360 degrees along the theta axis in 1-degree increments for E-Plane and H-Plane.
5. Data (channel power level / power spectral density level) is recorded using the spectrum analyzer for both E-Plane and H-Plane at each position, then calculate and indicate the 3-dB beamwidth.
6. When the 3-dB beamwidth in Step f.5 is less than 15 degree, repeat Step f.1 and Step f.2 with the 1/5/10-degree increments which is less than and close to 3-dB beamwidth.

g. According to section 2.3 of KDB 412172 D01 Determining ERP and EIRP v01r01, the substitution horn antenna is substituted for EUT at the same position and signals generator export the CW signal to the substitution antenna via a TX cable. Rotated the Turn Table and moved receiving antenna to find the maximum radiation power. Adjust output power level of S.G to get a Value of spectrum reading equal to “Raw Value”. Record the power level of S.G.

$EIRP = P_{SigGen} + G_T - L_C$

where:

P_{SigGen} = power setting of the signal generator that produces the same received power reading as the DUT, in dBm, dBW or psd;
G_T = gain of the substitute antenna, in dBd (ERP) or dBi (EIRP);
L_C = signal loss in the cable connecting the signal generator to the substitute antenna, in dB

h. Directional Antenna Gain (dBi) = Max EIRP (dBm) – Total Conducted Power (dBm)

3.7 Test Results (Measurement Quantity) of EIRP Measurement & Directional Gain Calculation

EIRP (802.11 ax HE20 of Beamforming Mode / Nss=1)

Mode	Channel	Frequency (MHz)	Polarization	Θ (degree)	Φ (degree)	Raw Value (dBm)	C.F. (dB)	Max EIRP (dBm)
BF (Nss=1)	6	2437	Hor.	75	240	-8.21	43.91	35.7
	36	5180	Hor.	-45	90	-27.42	50.38	22.96
	157	5785	Ver.	0	0	-14.18	49.86	35.68
Note: Max EIRP (dBm) = Raw Value(dBm) + Correction Factor(dB) Correction Factor(dB) = Antenna Gain(dBi) + Cable Loss(dB) + Free Space Loss(dB) Peak EIRP measurement values please refer to test plots in Section 3.8.								

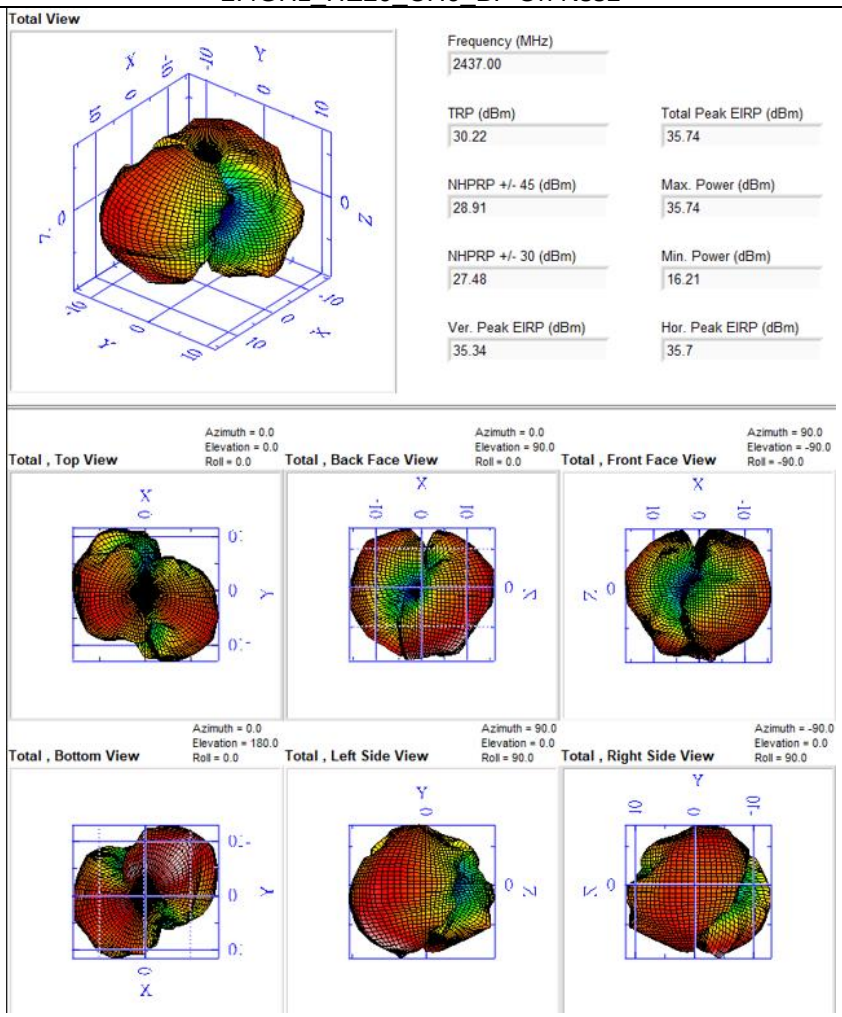
Directional Gain Calculation (802.11 ax HE20 of Beamforming Mode / Nss=1)

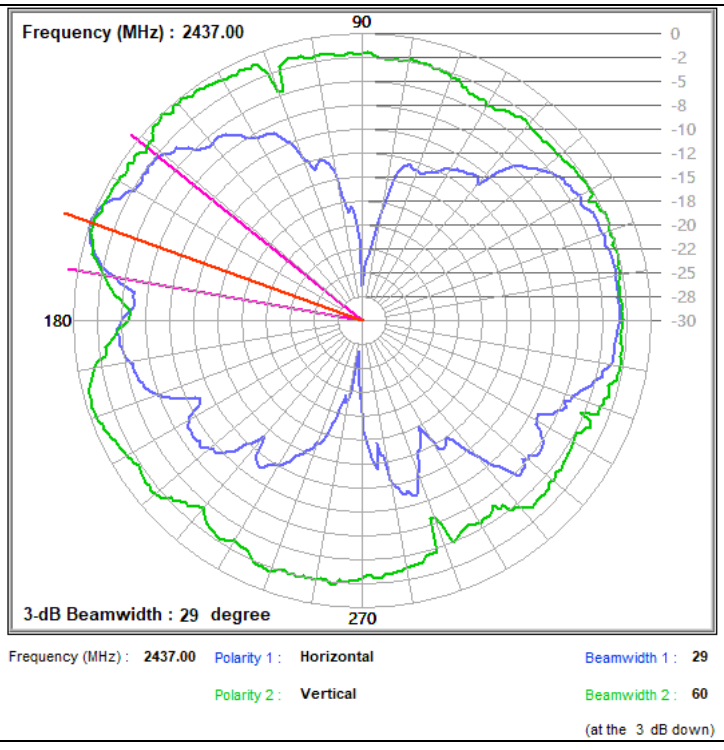
Mode	Channel	Frequency (MHz)	Max EIRP (dBm)	Total Conducted Power (dBm)	Directional Ant. Gain (dBi)
BF (Nss=1)	6	2437	35.7	29.60	6.1
	36	5180	22.96	16.67	6.29
	157	5785	35.68	29.27	6.41
Note: Directional Antenna Gain (dBi) = Max EIRP – Total Conducted Power CH6 (2462 MHz) = 35.7 – 29.6 = 6.1 (dBi) CH36 (5180 MHz) = 22.96 – 16.67 = 6.29 (dBi) CH157 (5785 MHz) = 35.68 – 29.27 = 6.41 (dBi)					

3.8 3D EIRP Pattern and 3-dB Beam-width Test Plots

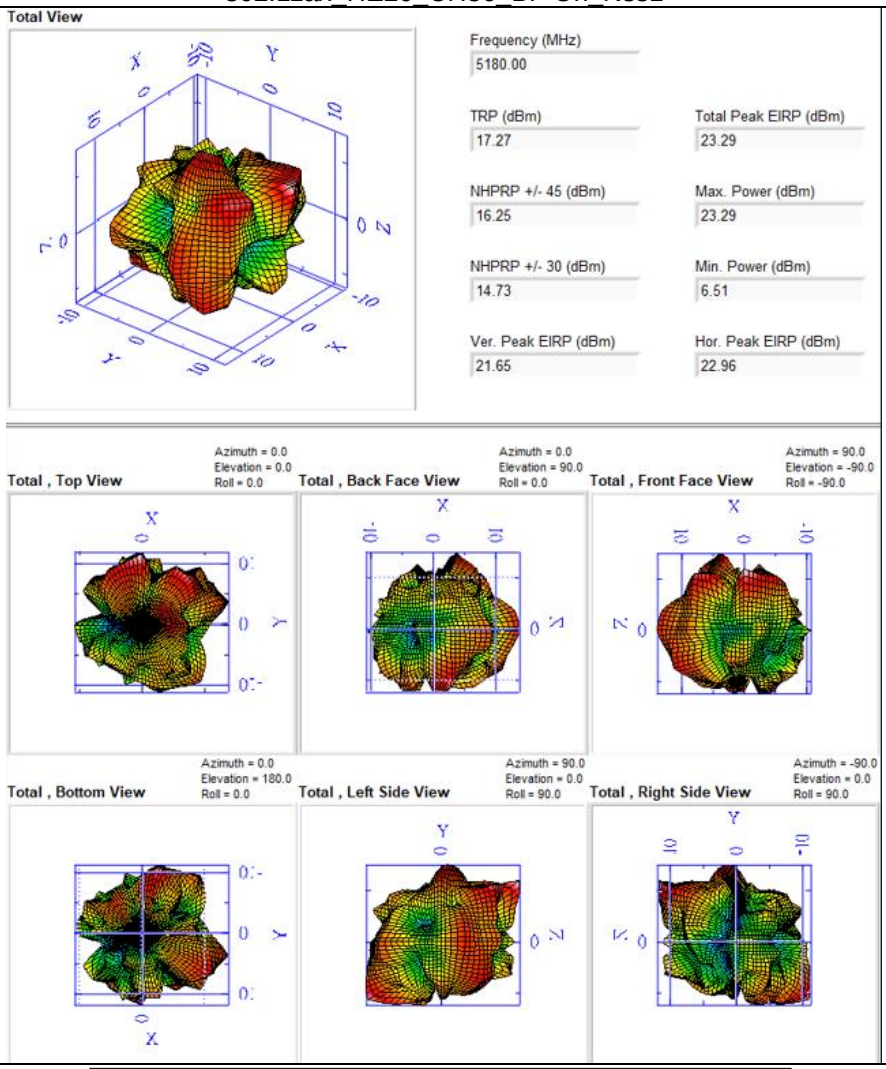
2.4GHz and 5GHz bands

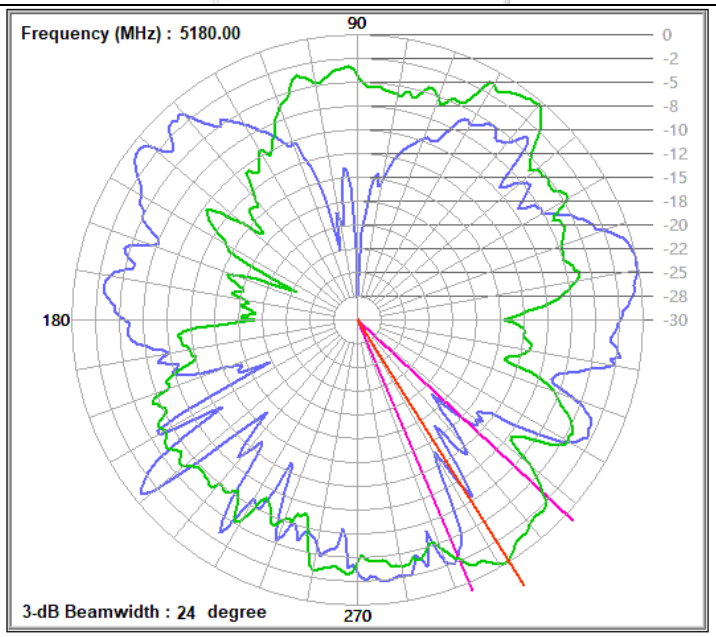
2.4GHz_HE20_CH6_BF On Nss1





802.11ax_HE20_CH36_BF On_Nss1





Frequency (MHz) : 5180.00 Polarity 1 : Horizontal Beamwidth 1 : 21

Polarity 2 : Vertical Beamwidth 2 : 24

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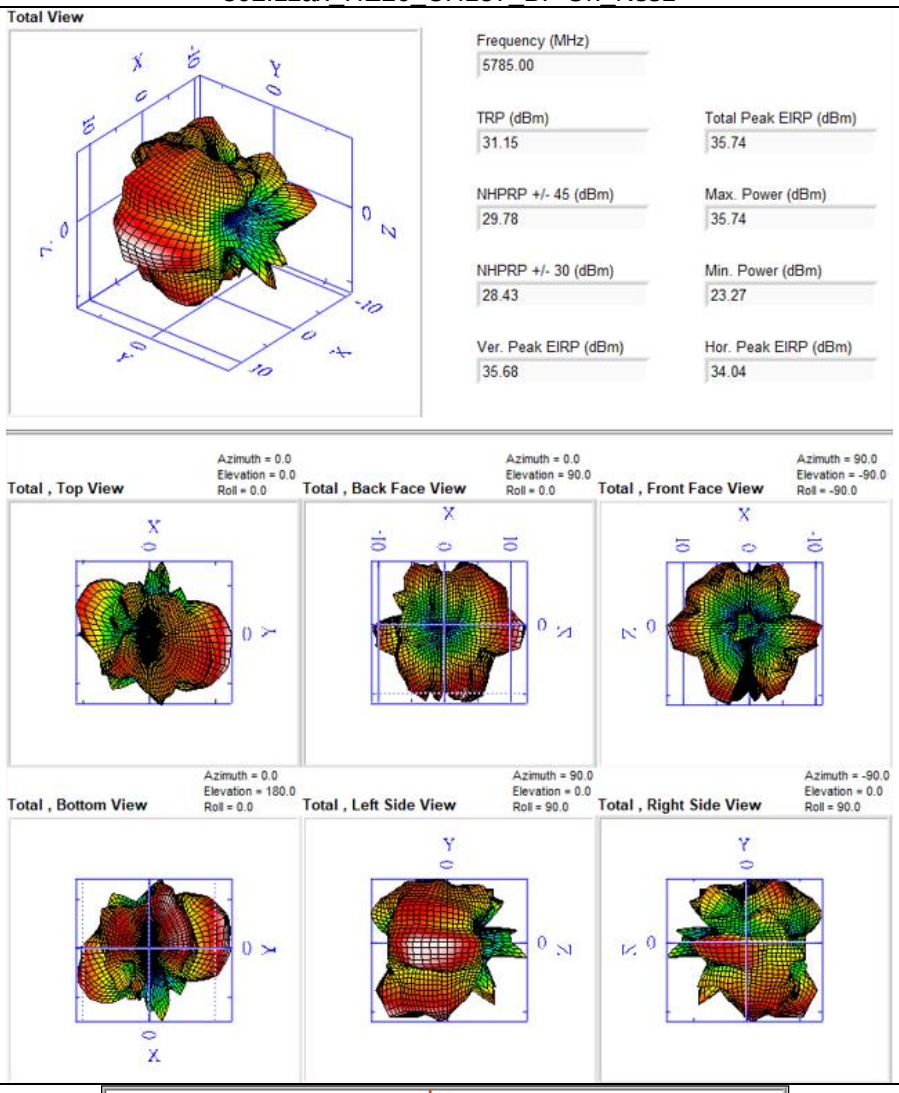
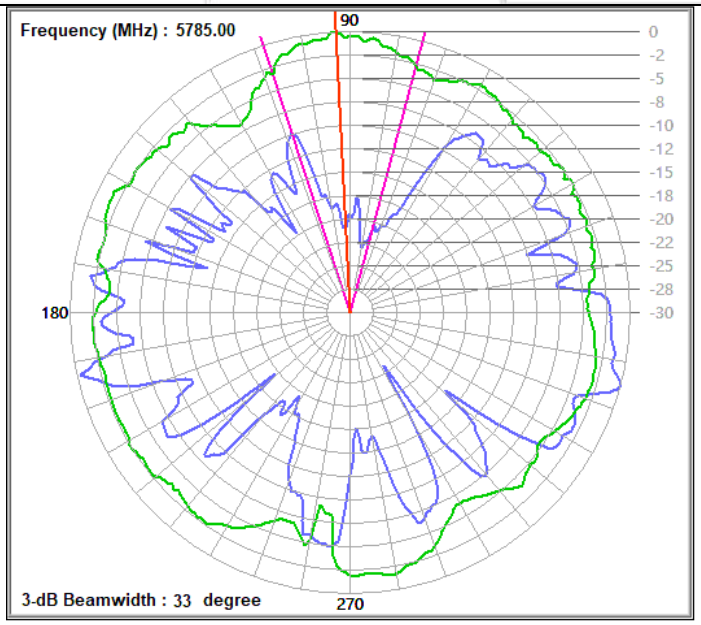
802.11ax_HE20_CH157_BF On_Nss1





Frequency (MHz) : 5785.00 Polarity 1 : Horizontal Beamwidth 1 : 25

Polarity 2 : Vertical Beamwidth 2 : 33

(at the 3 dB down)

Appendix - Information of the Testing Laboratories

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