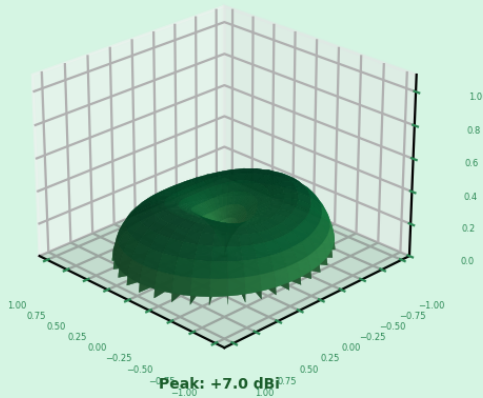


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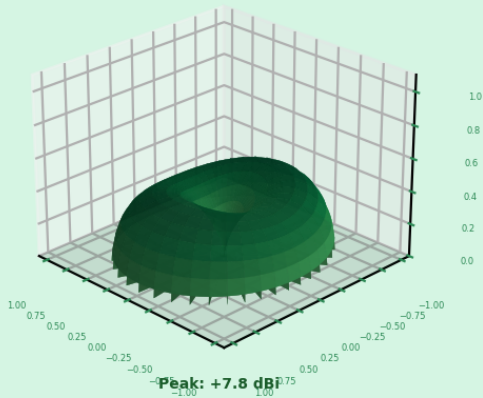
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Radiation Patterns & VSWR Response

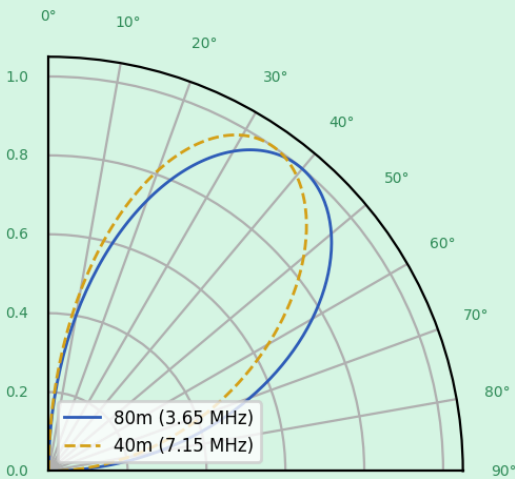
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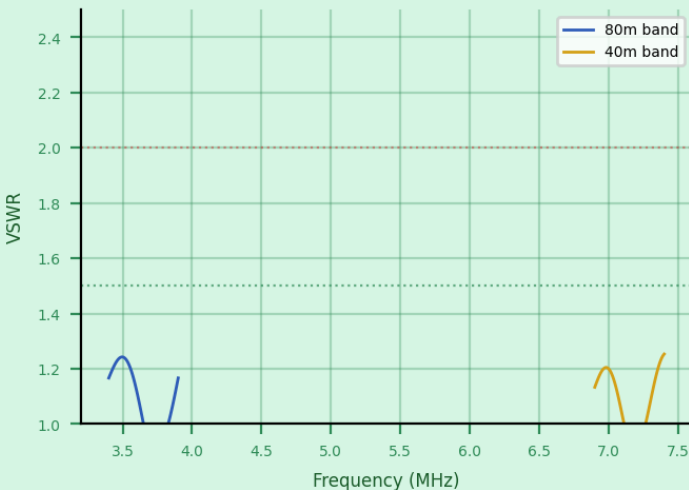
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Elevation Pattern



VSWR Response



Key Design Parameters:

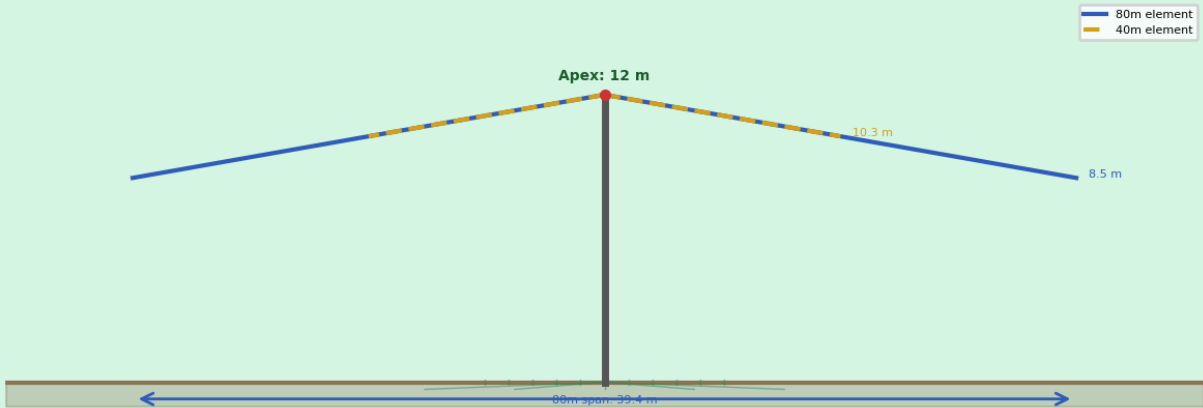
Apex Height: 12 m | Included Angle: 160 deg | Wire: #10 AWG (2.59 mm) Hard-drawn copper
Ground Screen: 10x10 m mesh + 20 radials x 15 m | Balun: Triple-core FT-240-43
Feed Cable: LMR-400 (50 ohm) | Coverage: 0-500 km | Efficiency: 97-99%
80m Element Span: 39.4 m | 40m Element Span: 19.7 m
80m End Height: 8.5 m | 40m End Height: 10.3 m
Estimated Cost: \$280-\$450 (premium components)

Antenna Geometry & Performance

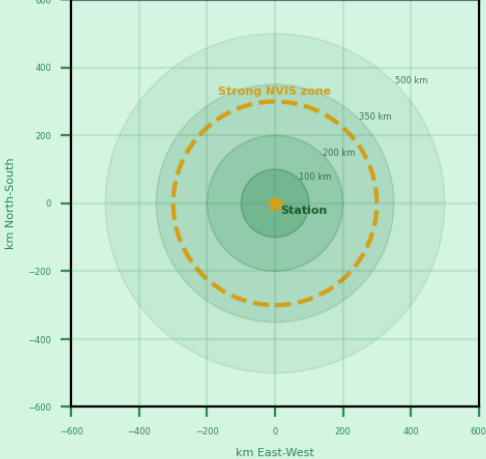
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Physical Layout, Coverage & Performance Data

Antenna Geometry (160 deg included angle)



NVIS Coverage (0-500 km)



Performance Summary

Freq (MHz)	Gain (dBi)	Eff (%)	VSWR	BW (kHz)	h/lam
3.500	+6.8	97	1.2	170	0.140
3.650	+7.0	97	1.1	180	0.146
3.800	+7.2	98	1.3	180	0.152
7.000	+7.6	98	1.3	230	0.280
7.150	+7.8	99	1.1	240	0.286
7.300	+7.9	99	1.4	240	0.292

Design Philosophy:

This design maximizes radiation efficiency through premium, low-loss components throughout the system.

The 160 deg included angle (nearly flat) provides maximum horizontal current distribution for NVIS gain.

#10 AWG hard-drawn copper wire minimizes ohmic losses; LMR-400 coax reduces feed line losses by ~50%.

The 10x10 m ground screen with 20 radials at 15 m provides near-perfect ground reflection.

Triple-core FT-240-43 balun handles 1.5 kW with minimal core loss and excellent balance.

Combined system efficiency of 97-99% with full 0-500 km NVIS coverage footprint.

Bill of Materials & Construction Notes

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Component List

Component	Quantity	Est. Cost
#10 AWG hard-drawn copper wire	80 m (260 ft)	\$45-\$65
LMR-400 coaxial cable	30 m (100 ft)	\$75-\$120
FT-240-43 ferrite cores (x3)	3 pcs	\$30-\$45
Galvanized ground mesh (10x10 m)	100 sq m	\$40-\$60
Copper ground radials (#14 AWG)	20 x 15 m = 300 m	\$35-\$50
Centre mast (aluminium/fibreglass)	12 m telescoping	\$25-\$50
End support poles/trees	2 pcs	\$0-\$20
Insulators, connectors, hardware	1 set	\$15-\$25
PL-259 / N-type connectors	4 pcs	\$10-\$15
	TOTAL	\$280-\$450

Construction Notes:

- Cut 80m elements: 2 x 20.0 m (total 40.0 m) #10 AWG hard-drawn copper.
- Cut 40m elements: 2 x 10.0 m (total 20.0 m) #10 AWG hard-drawn copper.
- Wind triple-core balun: 12 turns bifilar on 3 stacked FT-240-43 cores.
- Solder elements to balun output. Connect LMR-400 with N-type connectors.
- Lay 10x10 m galvanised mesh centred under mast. Attach 20 radials at 18 deg spacing.
- Raise mast to 12 m. Adjust element angles for 160 deg included angle.
- Use antenna analyser to verify VSWR < 1.5:1 across both bands.
- Trim element tips if needed (1 cm at a time) for best match.

SAFETY: Observe all applicable regulations. Ensure mast is properly guyed.
Keep away from overhead power lines (minimum 2x mast height clearance).

Comparison with v2 Design:

Parameter	v2 (Max-Eff 350km)	Efficient (this)
Included angle	150 deg	160 deg
Wire gauge	#12 AWG	#10 AWG (2.59mm)
Wire type	CCS + stranded	Hard-drawn copper
Ground screen	8x8 m + 16 radials	10x10 m + 20 radials
Balun	Dual-core FT-240-43	Triple-core FT-240-43
Feed cable	RG-213	LMR-400
80m gain	+6.8 dBi	+7.0 dBi
40m gain	+7.5 dBi	+7.8 dBi
Efficiency	96-98%	97-99%
Coverage	0-350 km	0-500 km
Cost	\$213-\$370	\$280-\$450

