Self Decoupling Antenna

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INTRODUCTION

Background: Wireless communication technologies, particularly 5G, require compact, efficient, and highly isolated MIMO antennas for smartphones. Antennas must offer high performance in limited space while avoiding additional decoupling structures.

Objective: To design and implement a self-decoupling tri-port antenna system leveraging shared radiator principles and mode cancellation mechanisms.

LITERATURE SURVEY

Paper Reference: Bixia Yang , Yunxue Xu , Jiahao Tong, Yuhao Zhang, Yuwen Feng, andYafei Hu, “Tri-Port Antenna With Shared Radiator and Self-Decoupling Characteristic for 5G Smartphone Application”, 2022

Key Contributions:

- A novel self-decoupling tri-port antenna design based on shared radiators and mode cancellation.
- High isolation among ports (>11 dB) and low envelope correlation coefficients (ECCs < 0.14).
- Integration into a compact 12×12 MIMO system with superior channel capacity (~59 bps/Hz at 20 dB SNR).

PROPOSED STRUCTURE

Structure:

- Shared radiator etched on the smartphone frame's inner surface.
- Two U-shaped bent radiators with specific arm lengths, feeding ports symmetrically placed.
- Incorporation of π-type impedance matching networks for optimized performance.

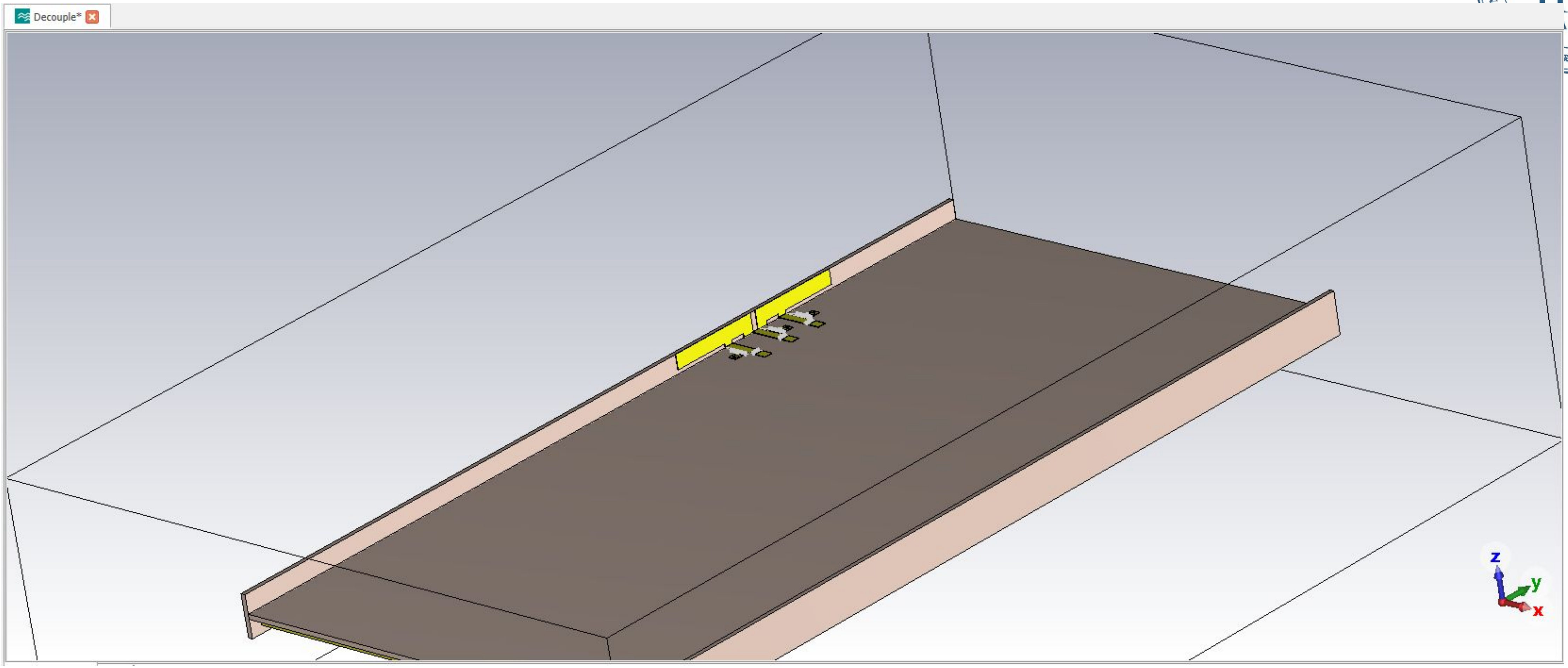
Principles:

- Mode Cancellation: Leveraging differential (DM) and common modes (CM) for decoupling symmetrical ports.
- Active Reflection Coefficient Theory: Explains isolation between asymmetric ports using scattering matrix principles.

DESIGN METHODOLOGY

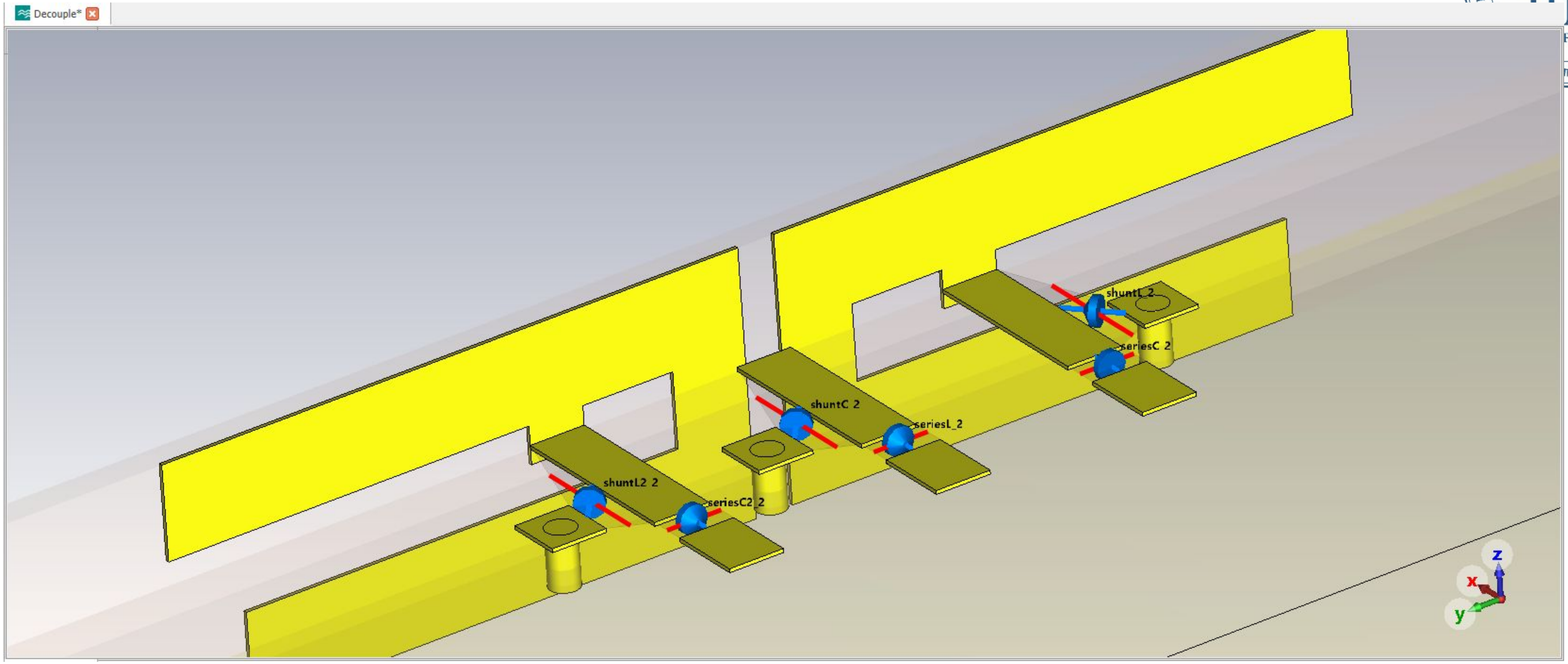
- Initial Design: Define radiator geometry on FR4 substrate for a single tri-port network.
- Matching Networks: Add π-type components for each port.
- Simulation: Analyze S-parameters and total efficiency using CST Microwave Studio.
- Designing 12x12 MIMO Design: Mirror the configuration along x- and y-axes to create a 12-port design.
- Final Simulation: Analyze S-parameters and total efficiency using CST Microwave Studio for the 12x12 radiator.

CST Schematic Design



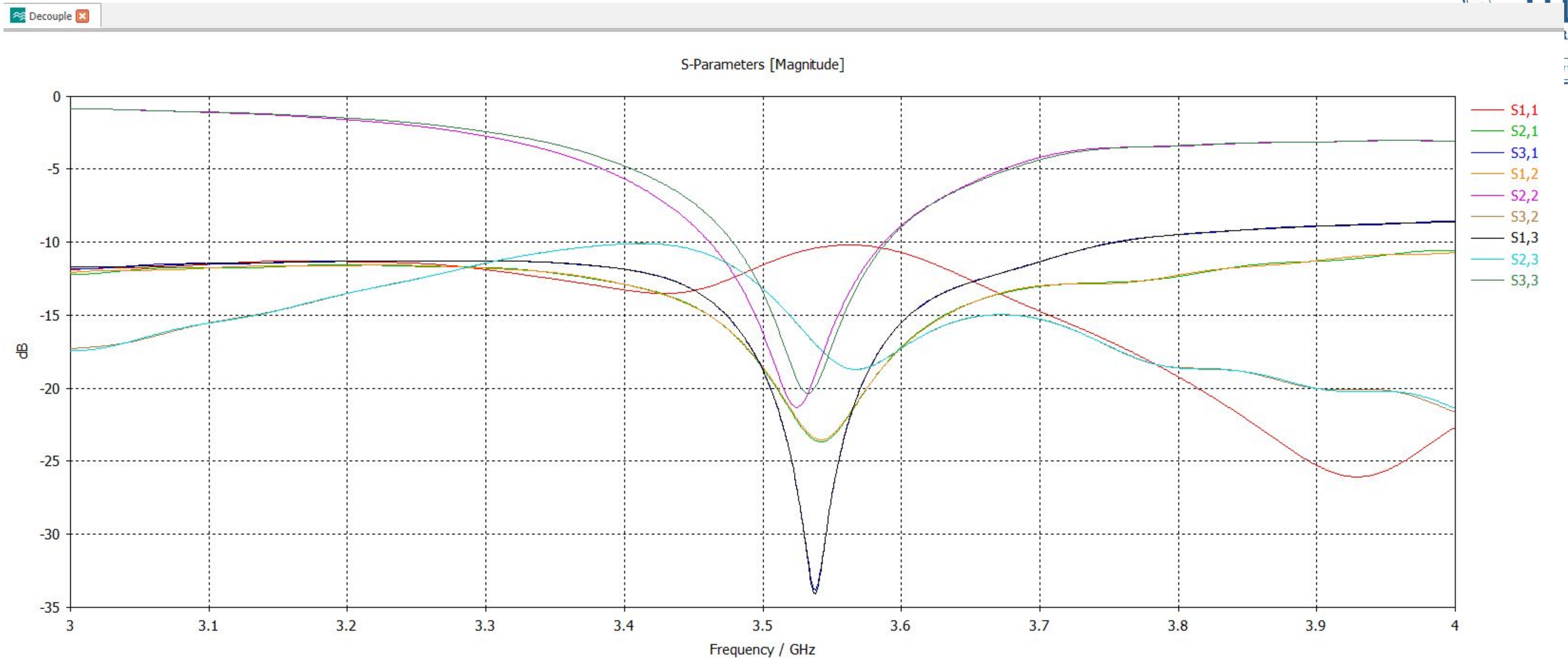
Proposed Tri-port antenna

CST Schematic Design



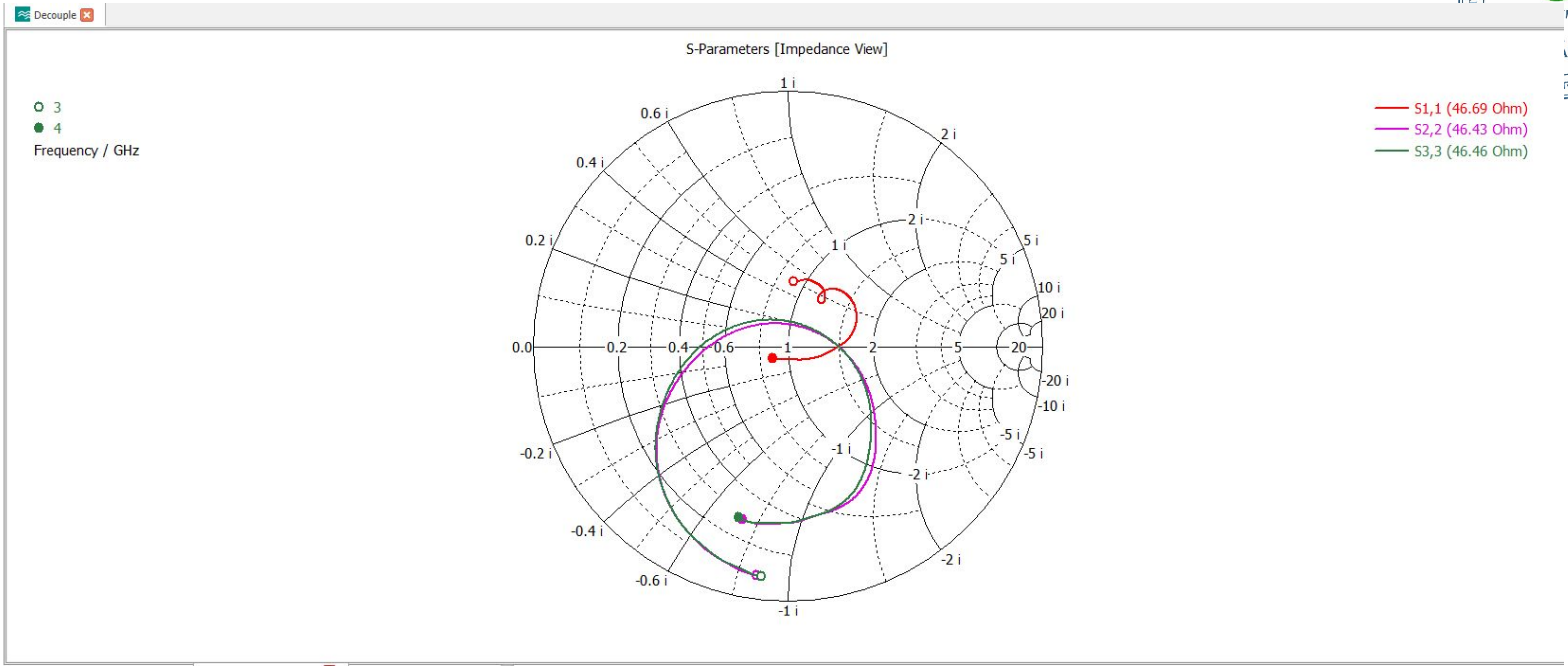
Antenna patch with π-type components

Simulated Results



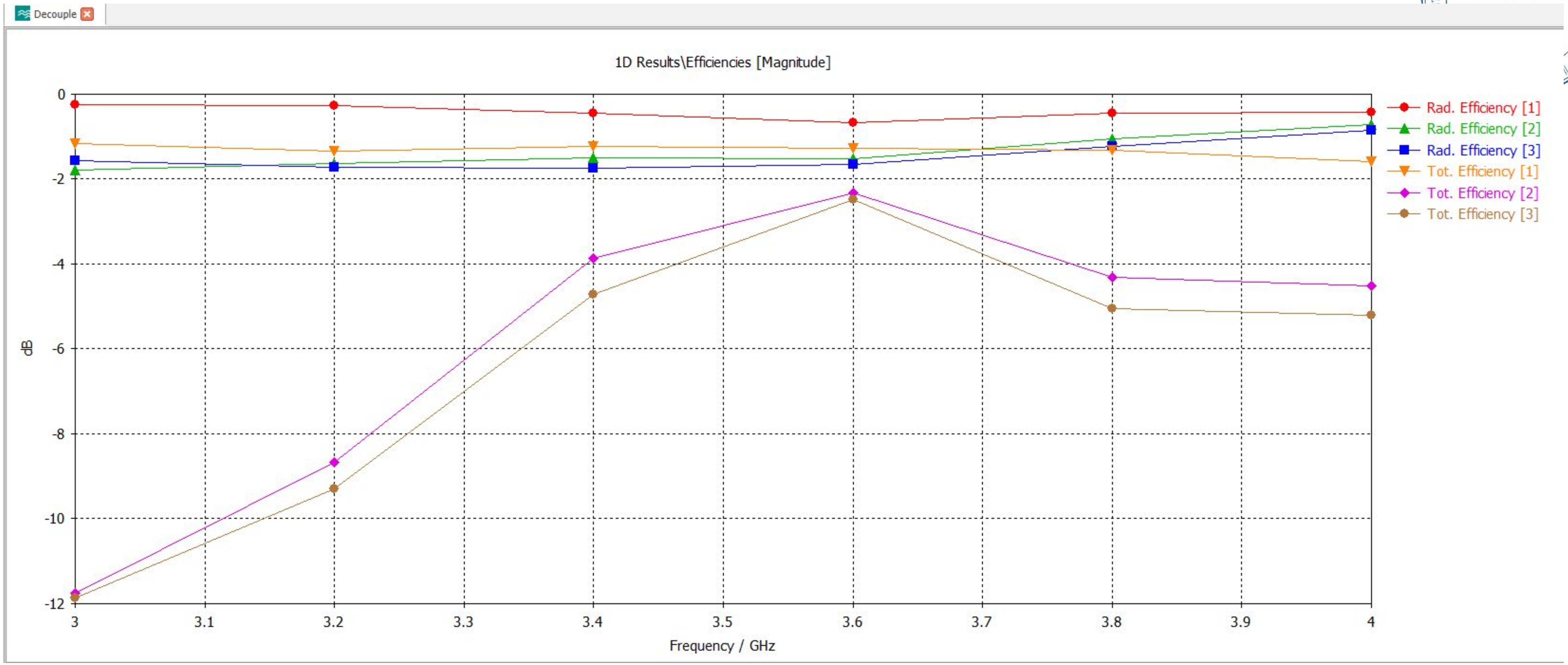
S-Parameters

Simulated Results



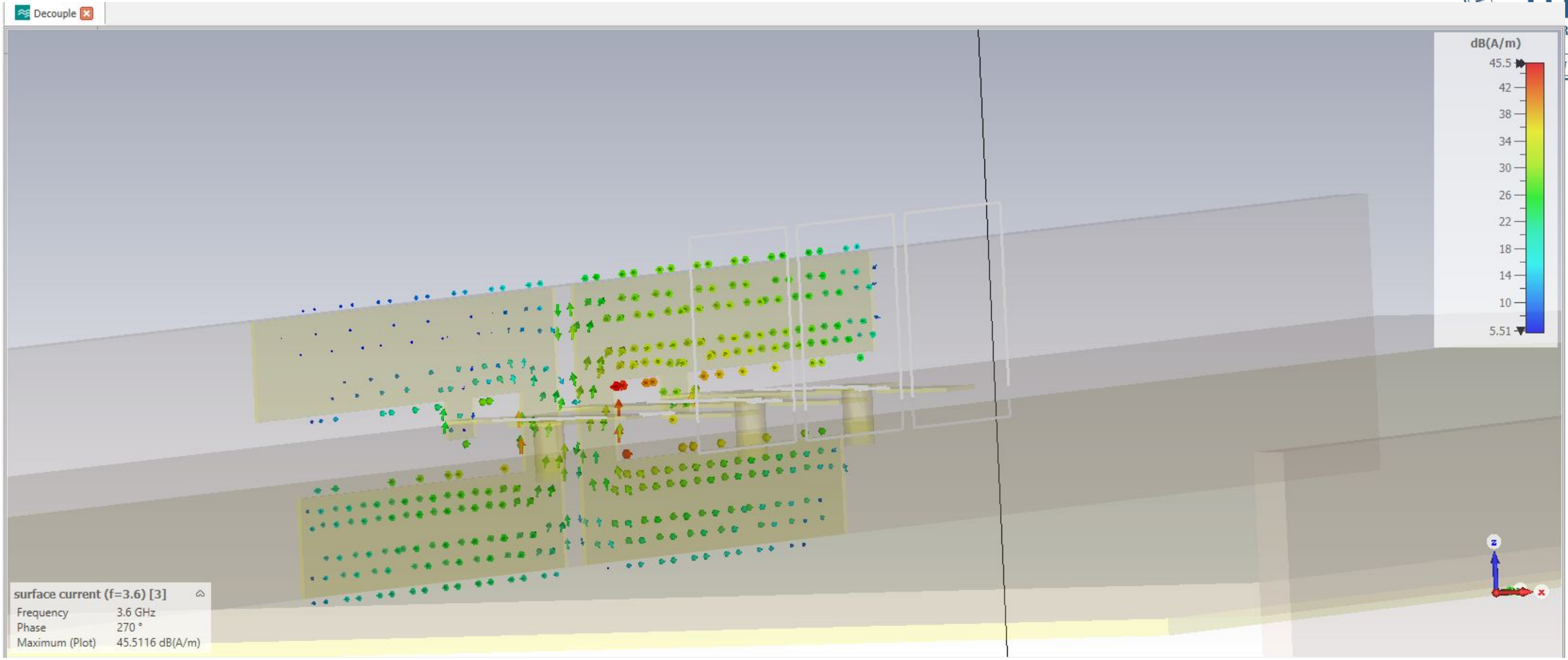
S-Parameters (Smith Chart)

Simulated Results



Efficiency

Simulated Results



Surface Current (Port 2 excited)

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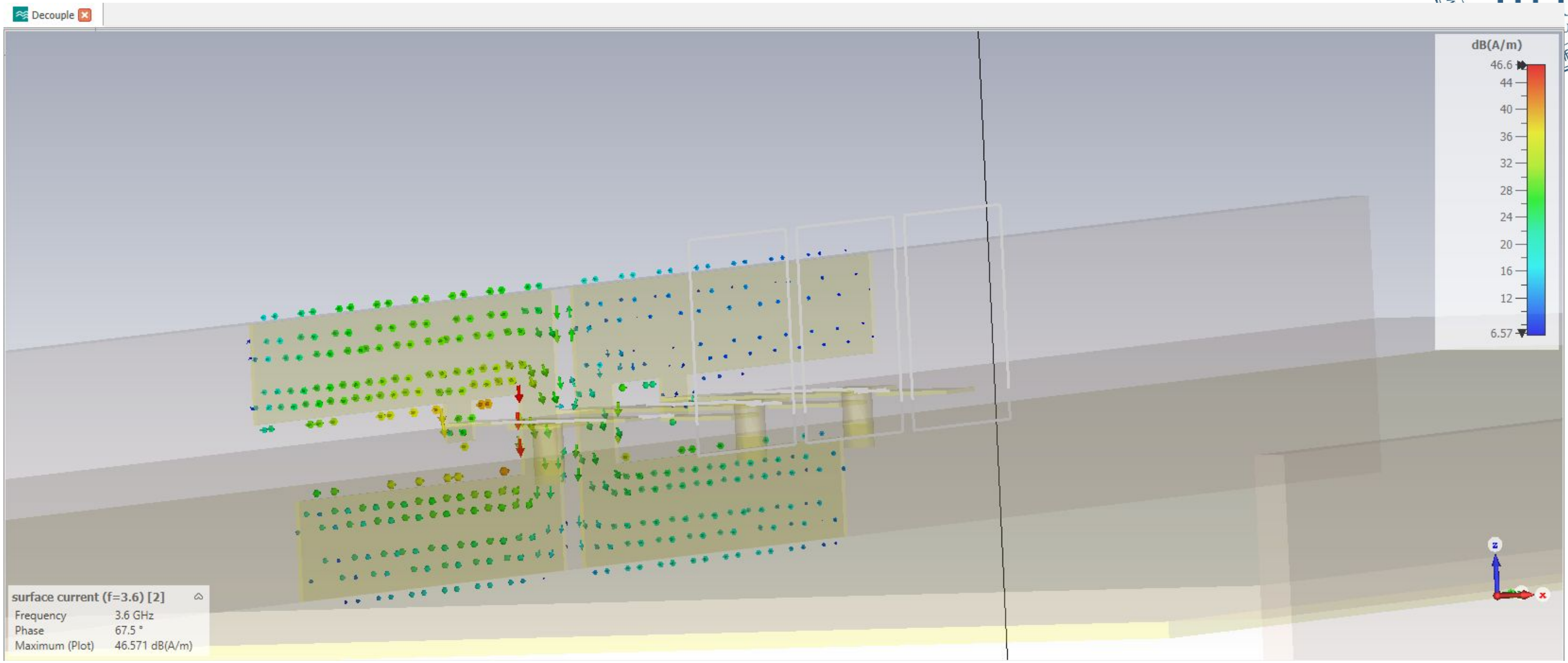
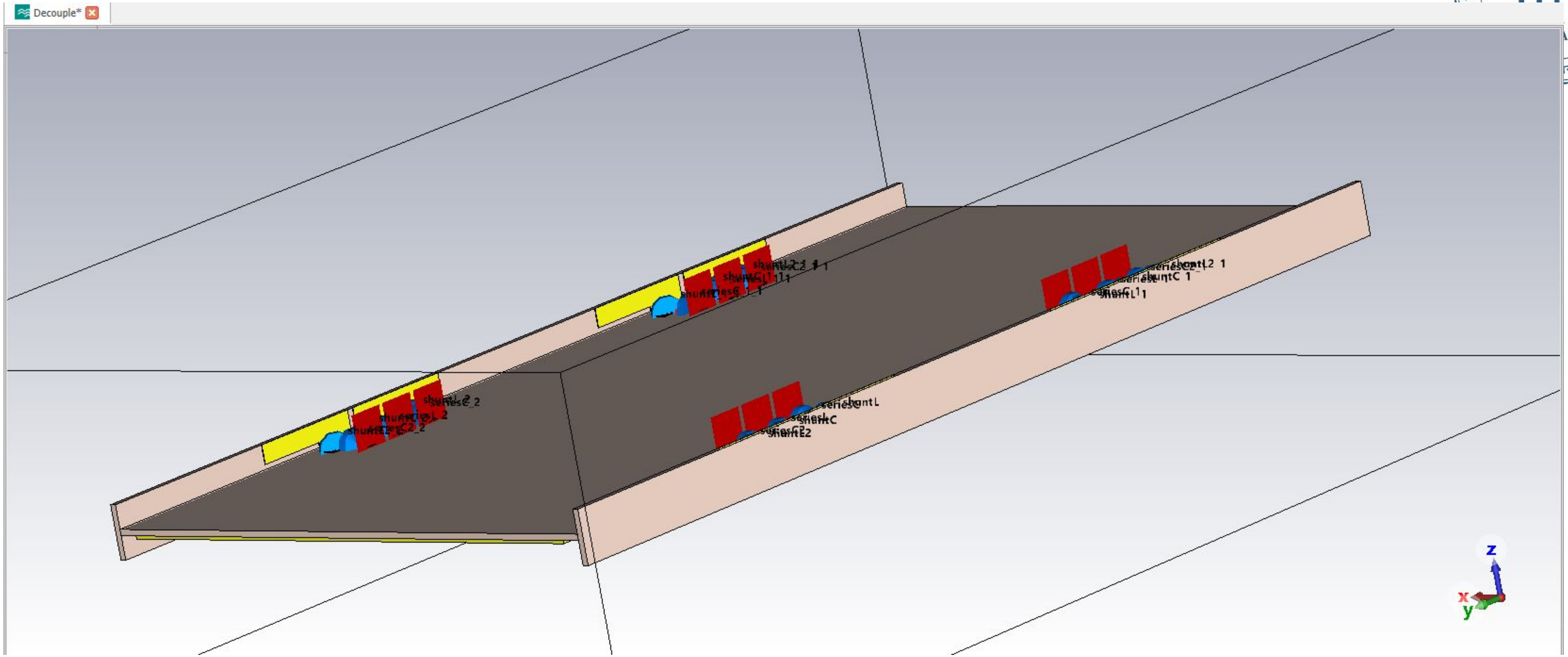


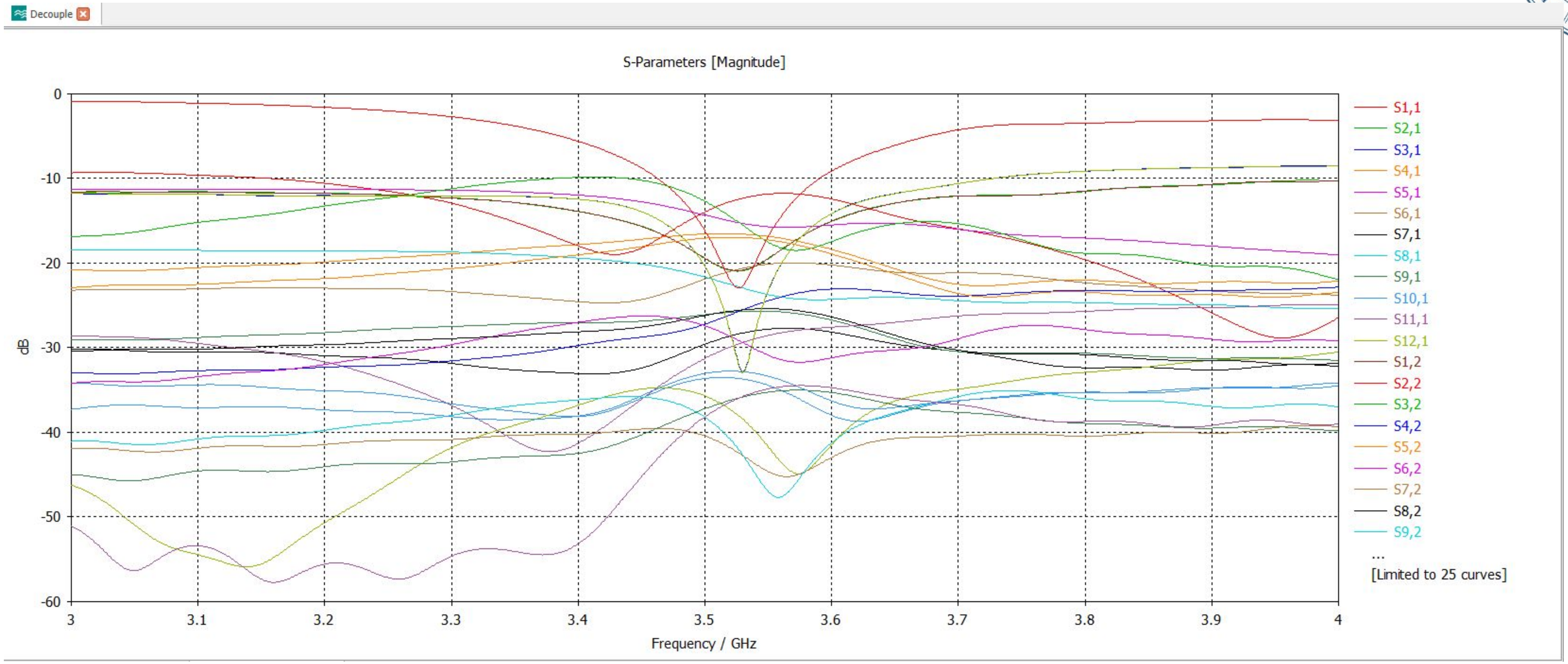
Surface Current (Port 3 excited)

CST Schematic Design



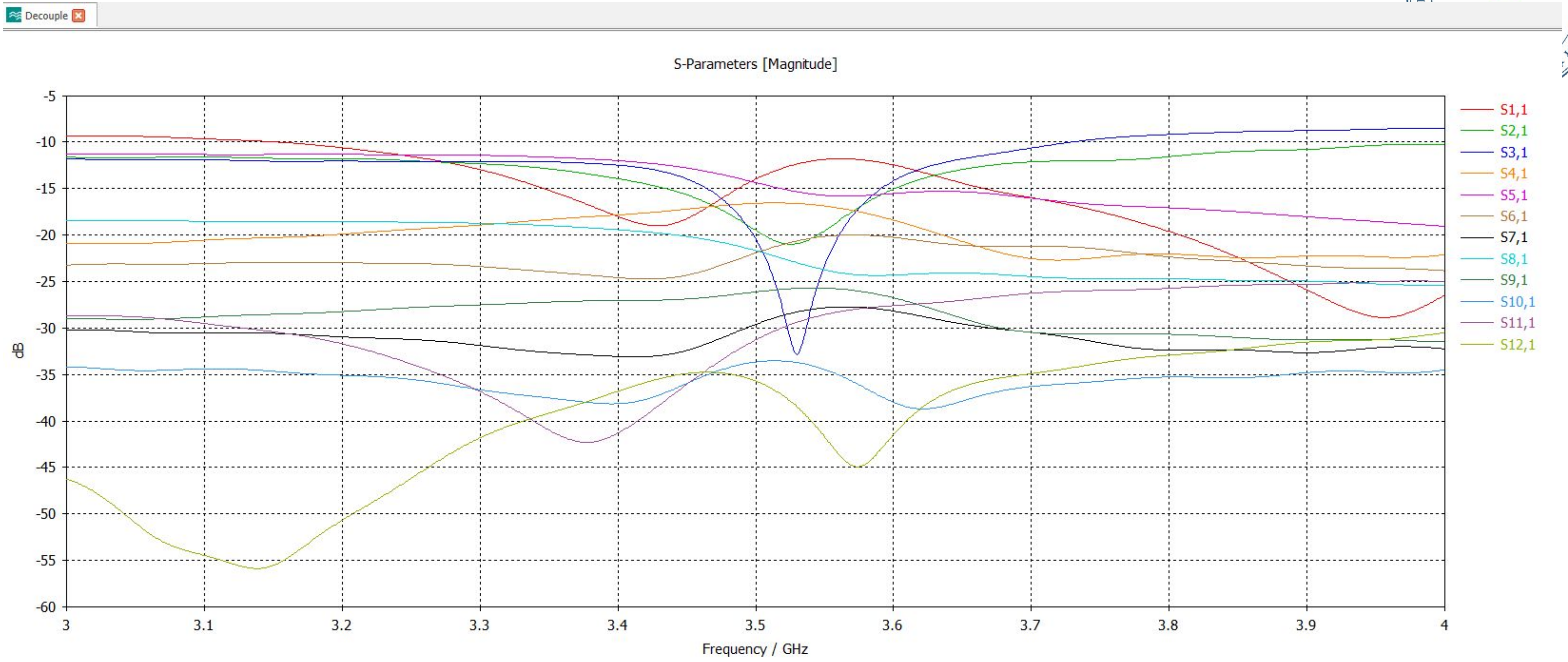
Proposed 12x12 MIMO antenna system

Simulated Results



S-parameters of the proposed 12 × 12 MIMO antenna system.

Simulated Results



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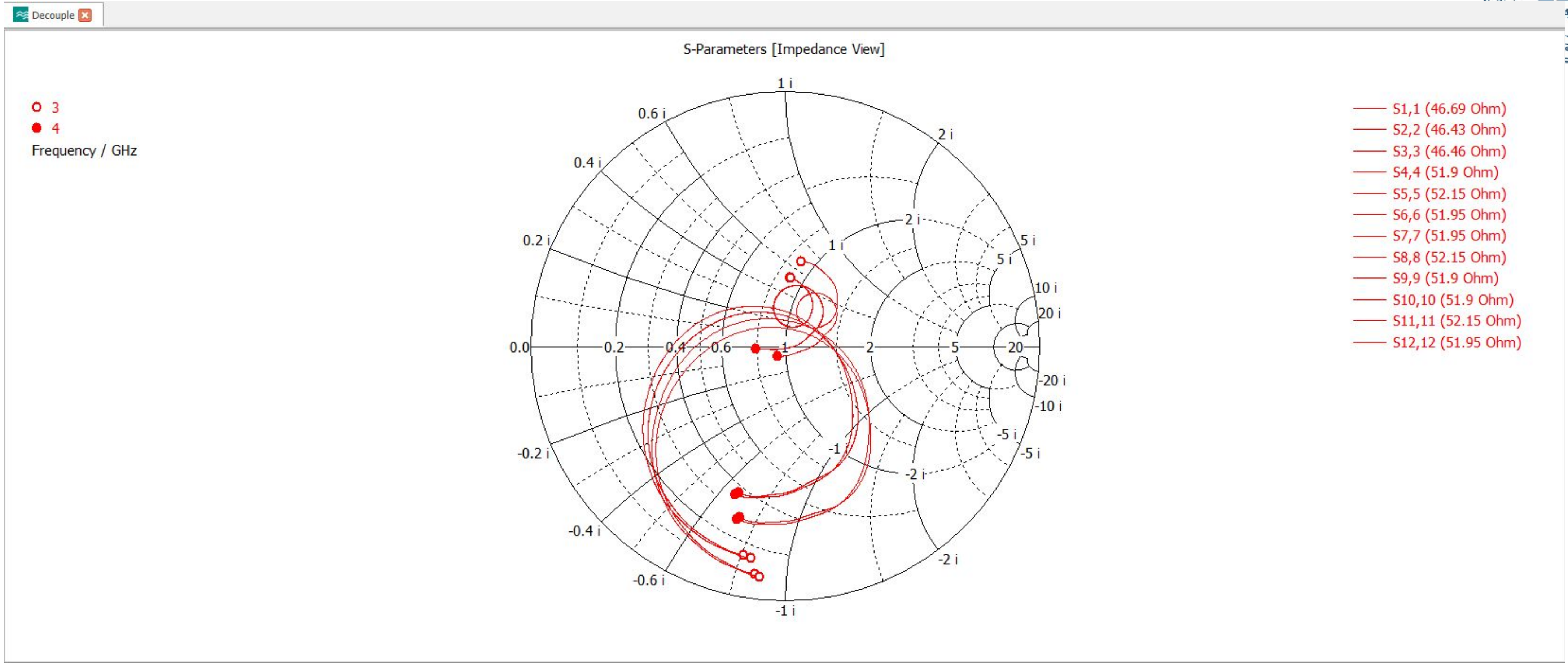

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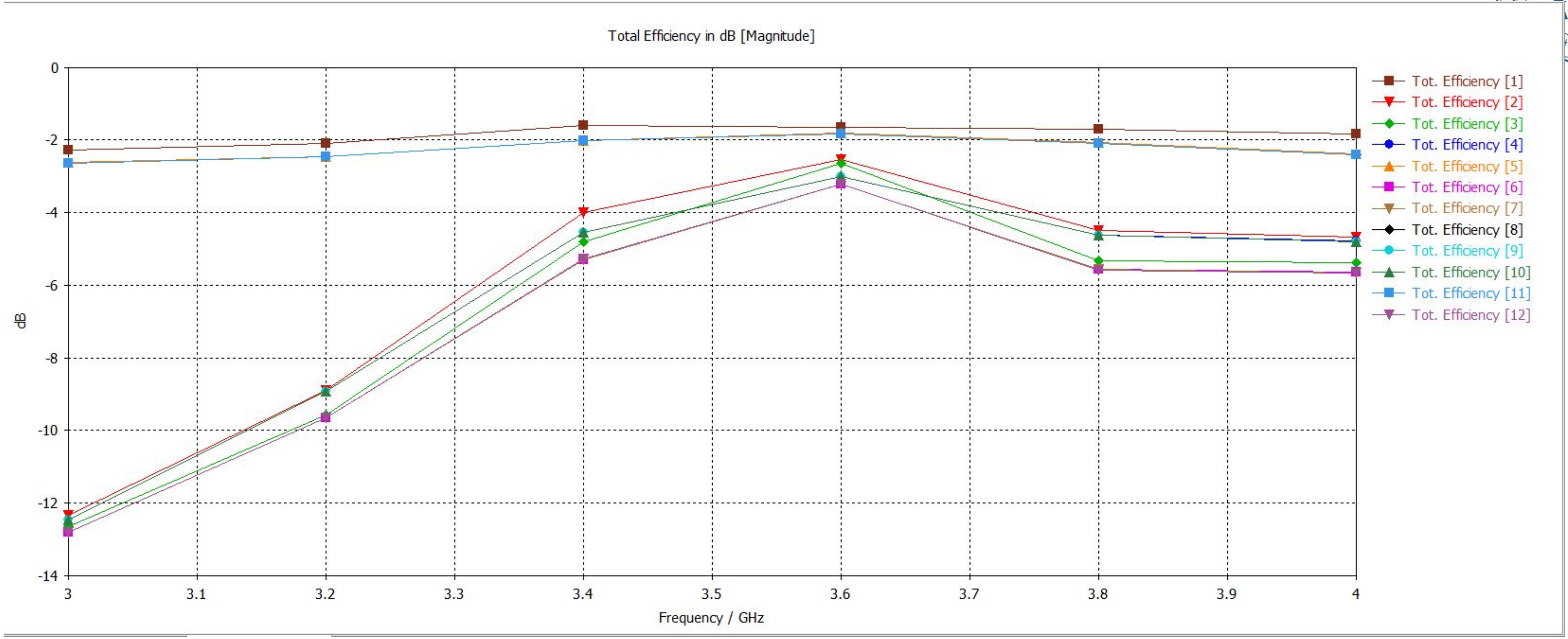
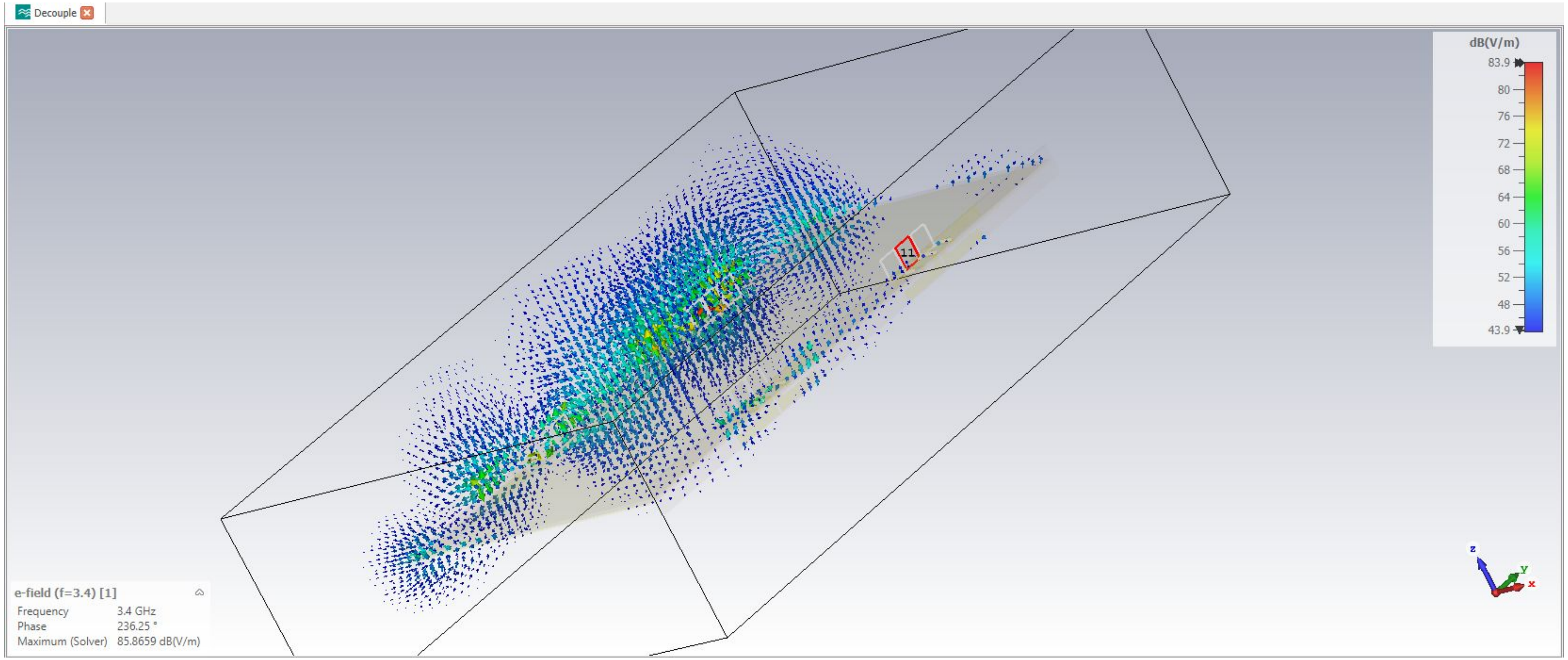


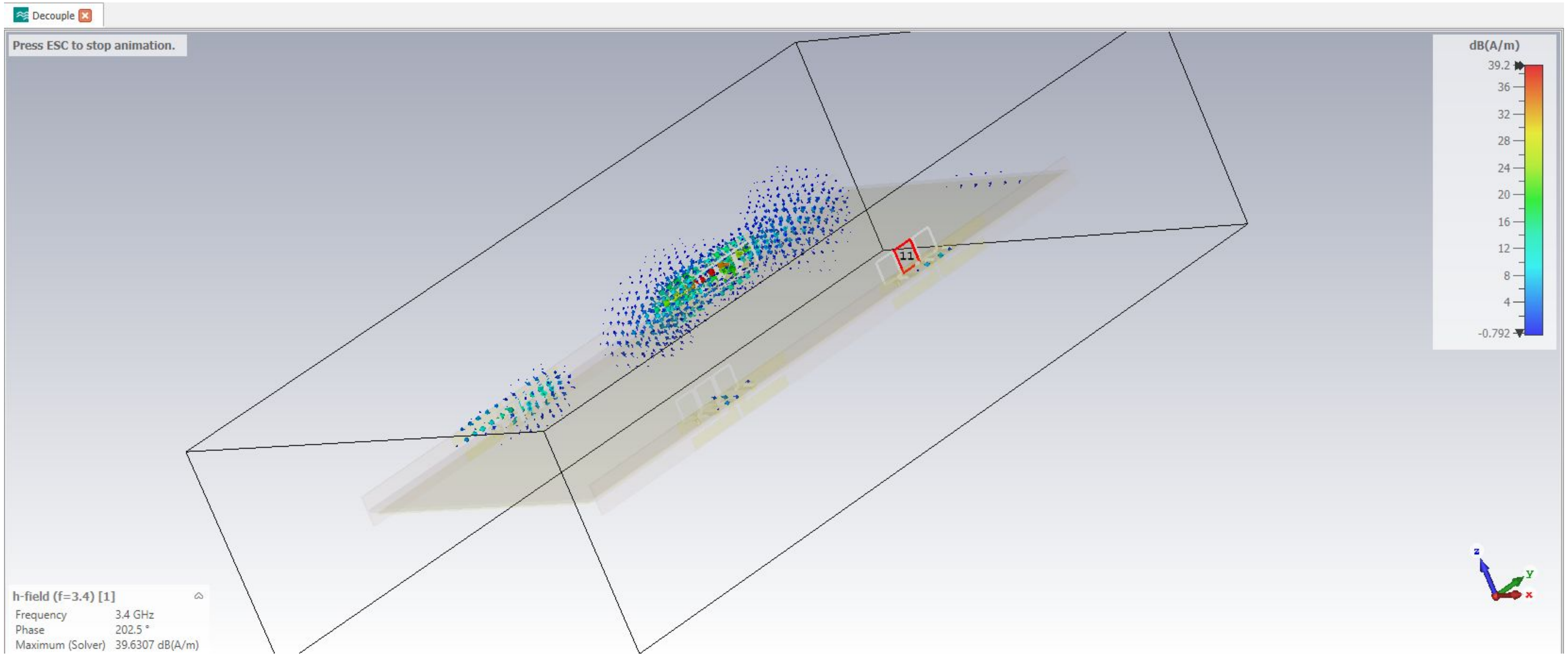
Total efficiency of the proposed 12 × 12 MIMO antenna system.

2D/3D Results



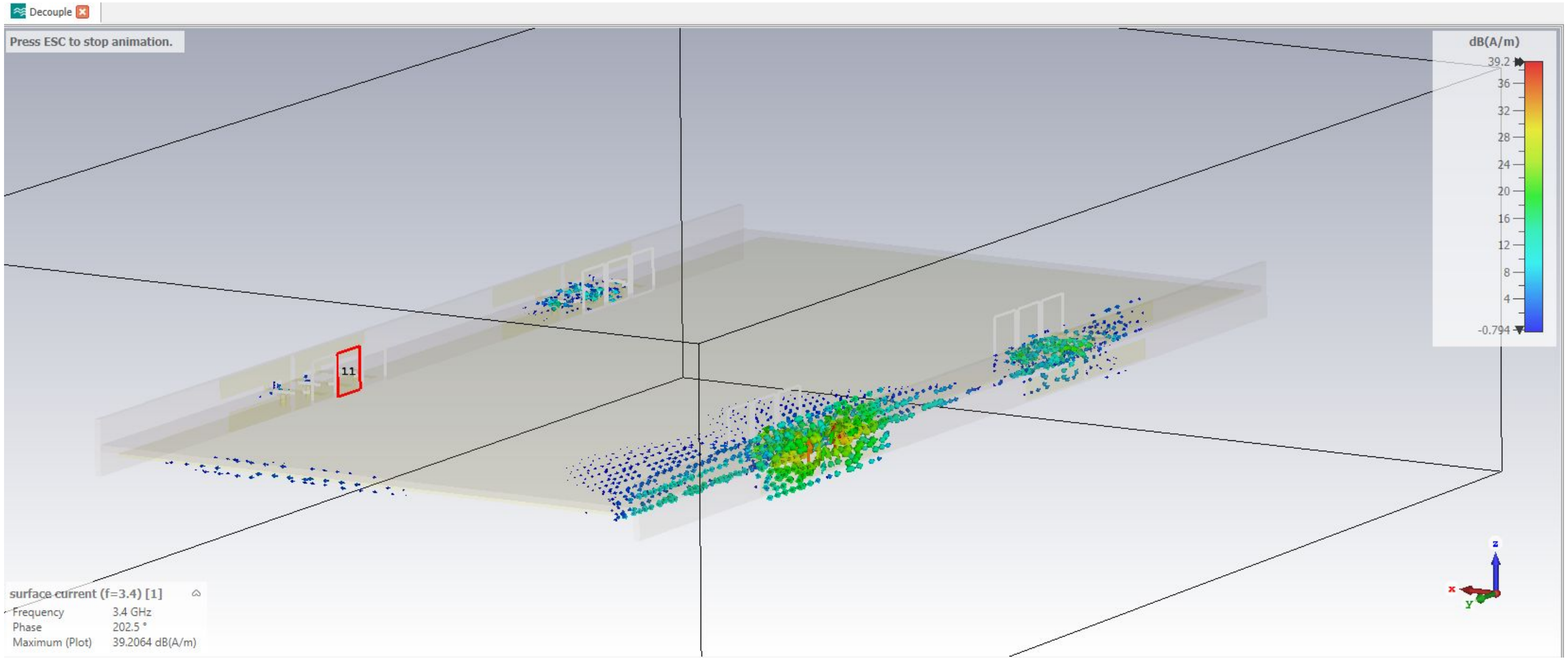
E-field (at f=3.4 GHz)

2D/3D Results



H-field (at f=3.4 GHz)

2D/3D Results



Surface Currents (at f=3.4 GHz)

APPLICATIONS

- Use Cases:
  - 5G Smartphones: Compact design compatible with narrow bezels and large screens.
  - IoT Devices: Suitable for highly integrated communication modules.
  - MIMO Systems: Improves spectral efficiency with minimal space requirements.
- Advantages:
  - Self-decoupling eliminates external decoupling structures.
  - High channel capacity supports future wireless standards.

CHALLENGES AND FUTURE WORK

- Challenges:
  - Aligning simulated and measured results.
  - Managing fabrication inaccuracies (e.g., mismatched dimensions).
  - Reducing lumped element and coaxial cable losses.
- Future Directions:
  - Higher Integration: Expand to more ports for larger MIMO systems.
  - Material Advancements: Explore flexible substrates and metamaterials.
  - Broadband Design: Extend bandwidth for multi-band applications.

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