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Experiment 1: Design of a Passive RFID Tag Antenna

Aim:

Theory of Passive RFID Tag Antenna Design:

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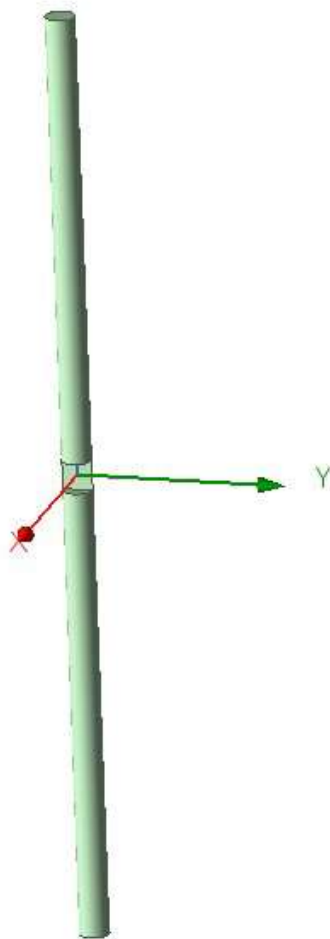


Fig 1.1: Schematic diagram of Dipole antenna

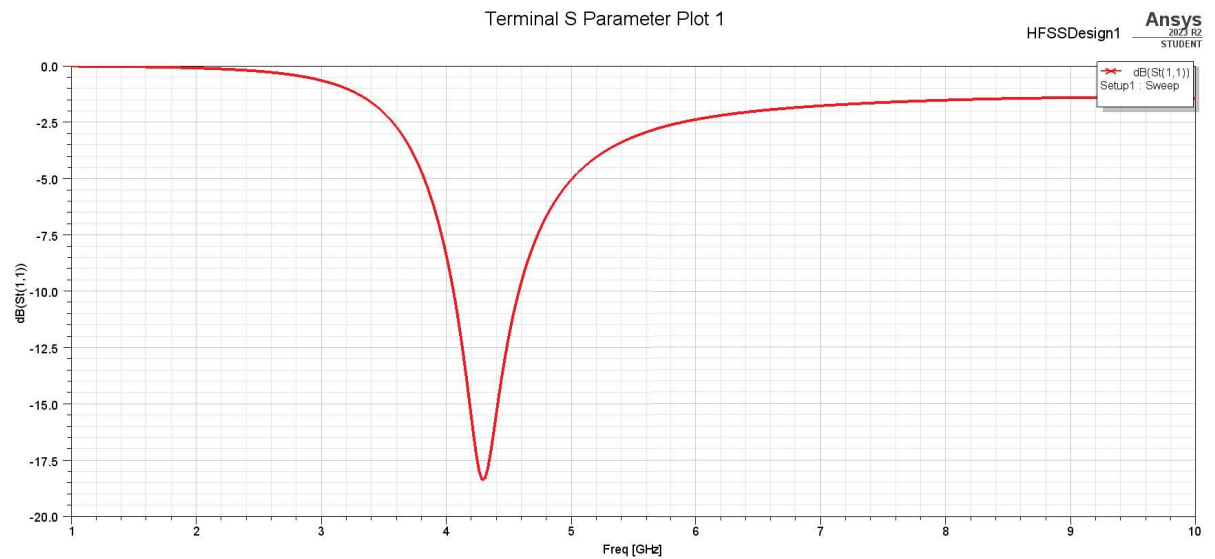


Fig 1.2: Return loss of dipole antenna (S11).

Gain Plot 1

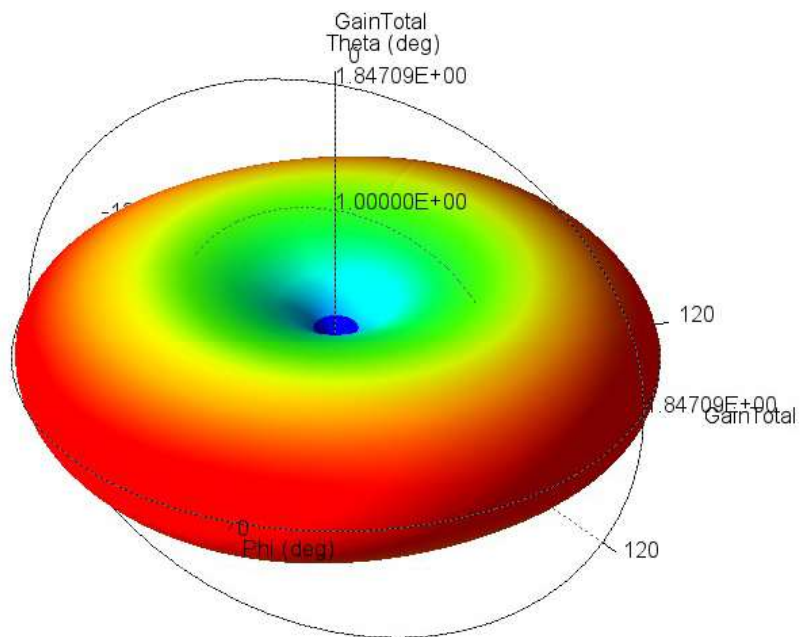


Fig 1.3: Gain of Dipole Antenna

Steps:

1. Open the Ansys tool and create a new project for RFID tag antenna design.
2. Define the operating frequency and material properties for the antenna substrate.
3. Create a 3D model of the RFID tag antenna, specifying the dimensions and geometry according to the design requirements.
4. Set up the simulation parameters, including the solver type, frequency range, and boundary conditions.
5. Run the electromagnetic simulation to analyse the antenna's performance, such as return loss, radiation pattern, and efficiency.

Results:

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Experiment 2: Compare the Passive RFID Tag Antenna with 2 different materials

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Material Selection:

Choose two different materials for fabricating the RFID tag antenna. Consider materials with distinct dielectric properties, such as Copper, Aluminium, plastic, FR4, or Rogers substrates.

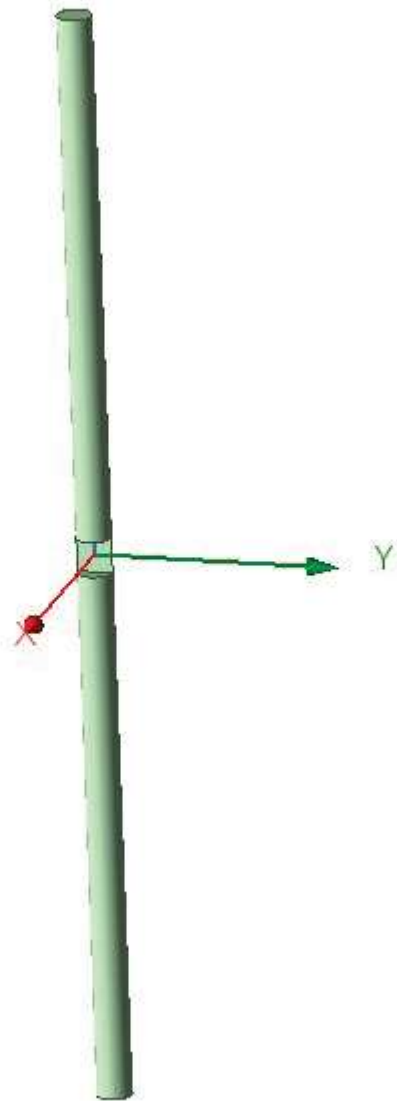


Fig 2.1: Schematic diagram of Dipole Antenna

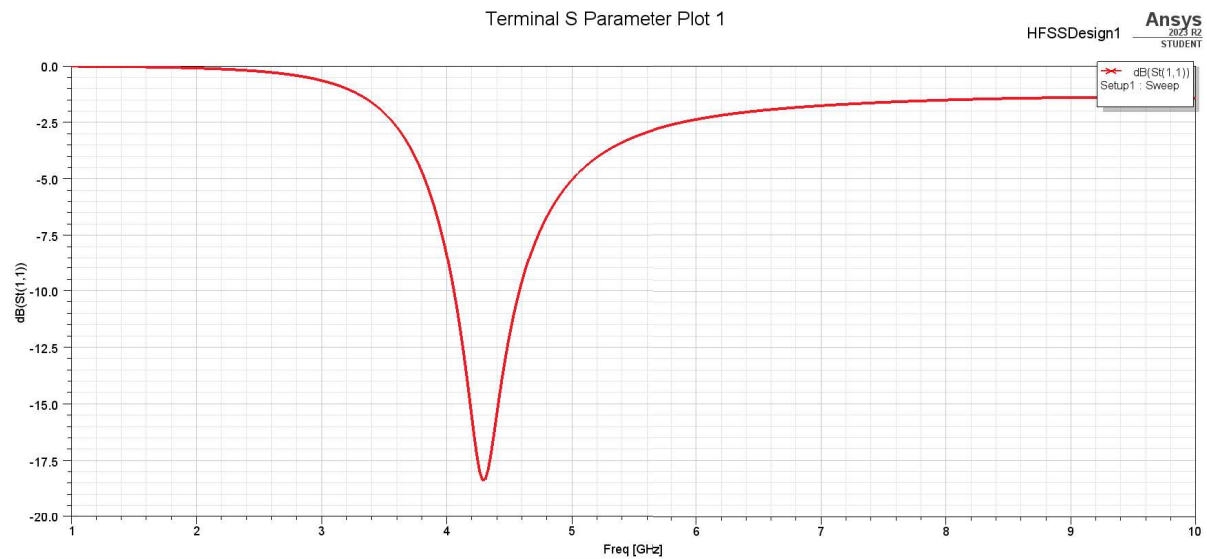


Fig 2.2 : Reflection loss of Antenna for Copper

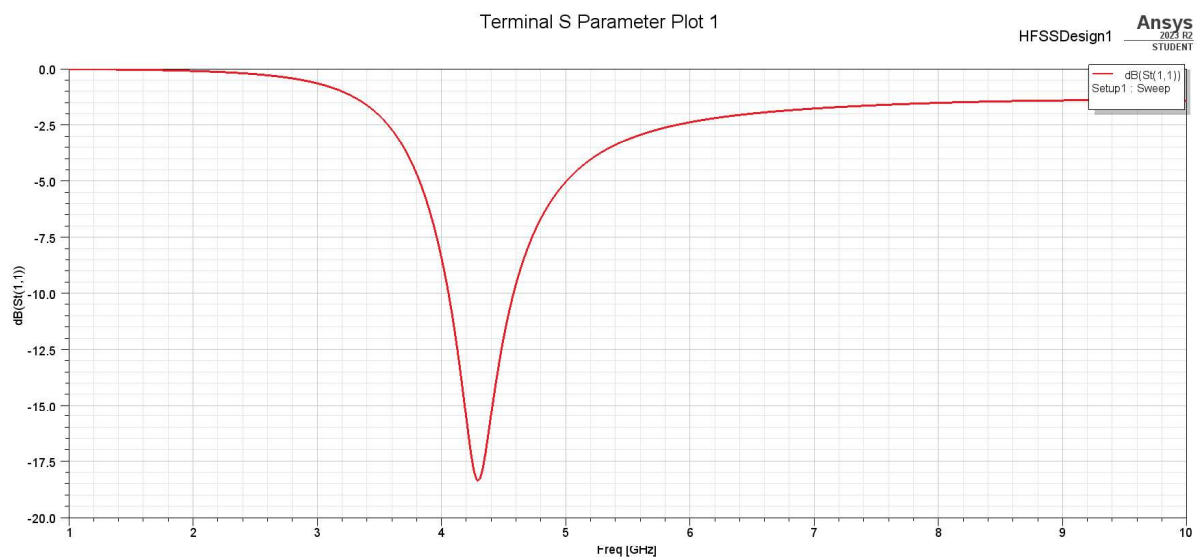


Fig 2.3: Reflection loss of Antenna for Aluminium

Gain Plot 1

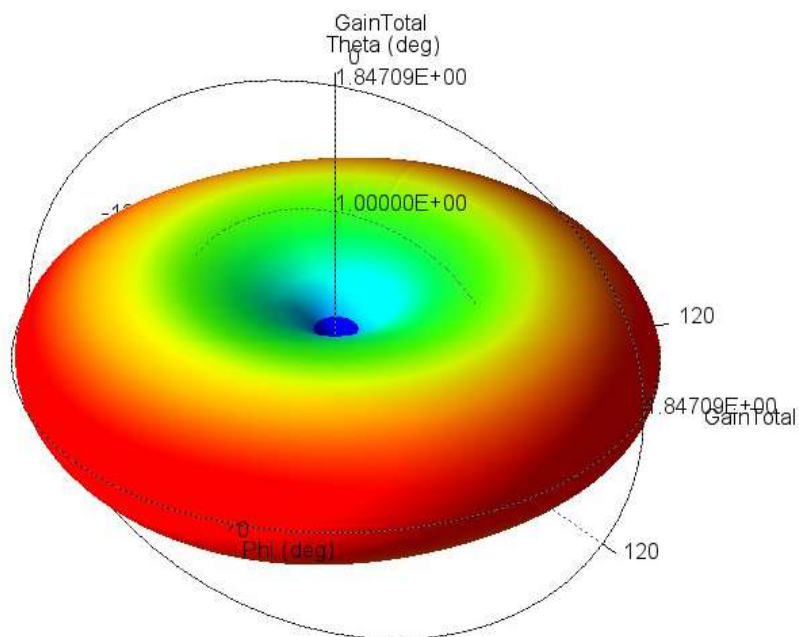
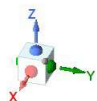
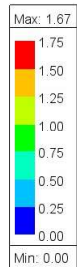


Fig 2.4: Gain of Antenna for Copper

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Gain Plot 1

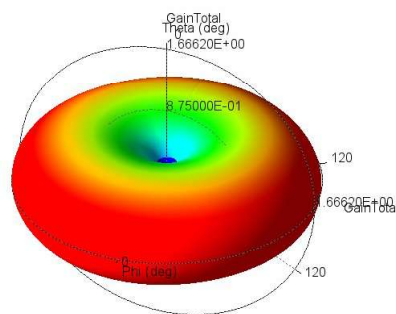


Fig 2.5: Gain of Antenna for Aluminium

Steps:

1. Select two different materials for fabricating the RFID tag antennas.
2. Design the antennas with consistent dimensions and geometry using electromagnetic simulation software.
3. Set up simulations for both antenna designs, ensuring identical simulation parameters.
4. Analyze simulation results for each antenna design, comparing performance metrics.
5. Optimize antenna designs if necessary to improve performance.

Results:

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Experiment 3: Design of a RFID Reader Antenna

Aim:

Theory:

RFID reader antennas are crucial components in RFID systems, responsible for transmitting RF signals to power and communicate with passive RFID tags. The goal of this experiment is to design an efficient and high-performance reader antenna suitable for a specific RFID system application.

- Patch Antennas: Patch antennas are widely used in RFID reader applications, especially at higher frequencies (UHF and above). They are compact, low-profile, and can be easily integrated into reader devices. Patch antennas offer directional radiation patterns, which can be advantageous for specific RFID system configurations and coverage requirements.
- Dipole Antennas: Dipole antennas are simple, straightforward antennas commonly used in RFID readers operating at lower frequencies (LF and HF). They consist of a straight conductor or pair of conductors, radiating RF energy in a dipole pattern. Dipole antennas are omnidirectional, providing equal radiation in all directions, which can be advantageous for certain RFID applications where tag orientation varies.
- Helical Antennas: Helical antennas are often used in circularly polarized RFID reader systems, particularly in applications where tag orientation is unpredictable or variable. They consist of a helix-shaped conductor, which produces circularly polarized radiation suitable for communication with circularly polarized RFID tags.

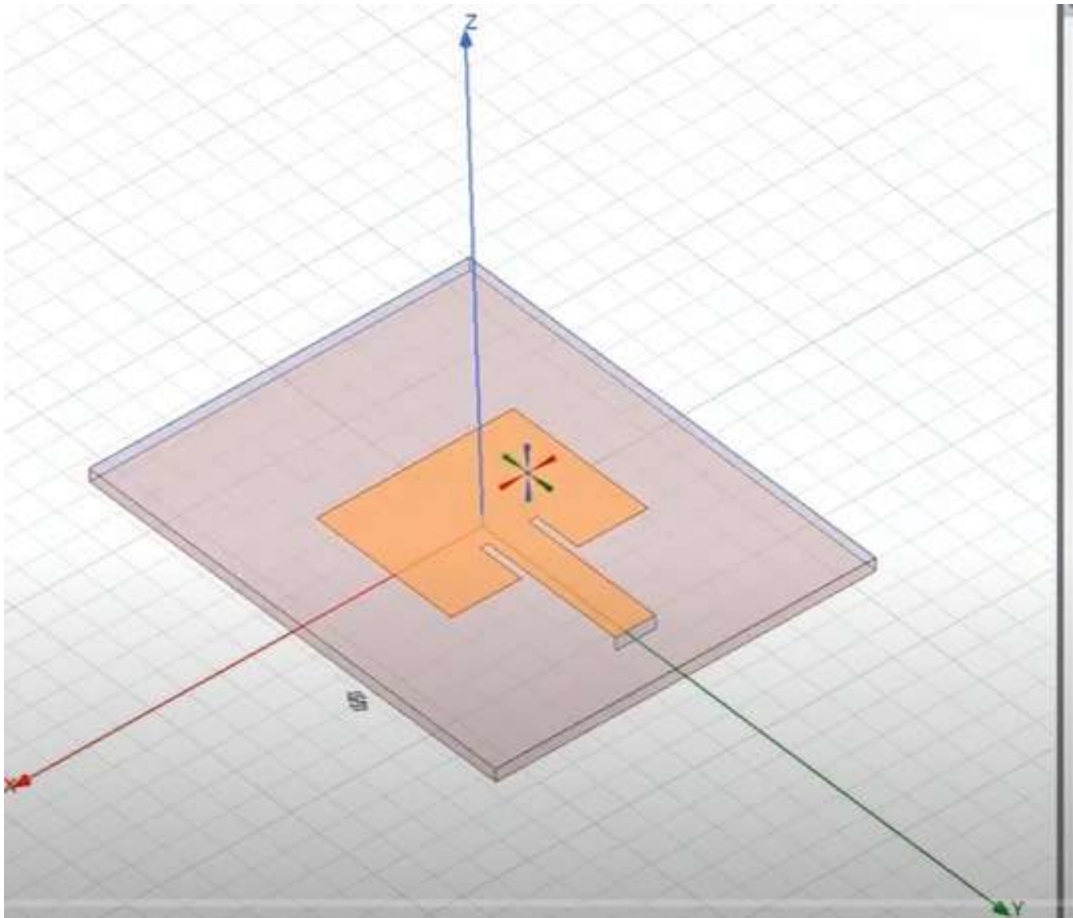


Fig 3.1: Schematic diagram of Patch Antenna

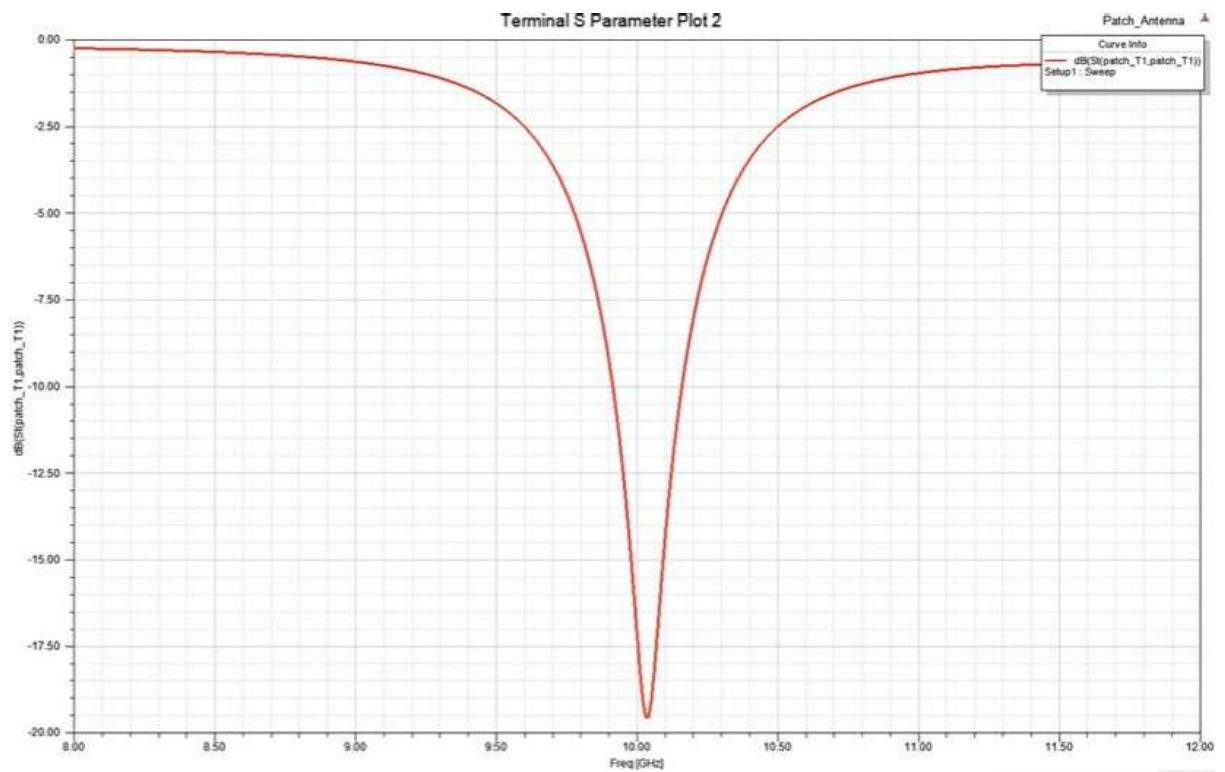


Fig 3.2: Return loss of patch antenna

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Experiment:4 - Determination of Read Range of RFID Tags at UHF and Microwave Frequencies.

Aim:

Theory:

The read range is the maximum distance at which an RFID reader can successfully interrogate and communicate with an RFID tag. Understanding the read range characteristics of RFID tags is crucial for optimizing system performance and deployment in various applications.

Factors Influencing Read Range:

- **Frequency:** The operating frequency of the RFID system significantly impacts the read range. Generally, lower frequencies (such as LF and HF) offer shorter read ranges but better penetration through materials, while higher frequencies (such as UHF and Microwave) provide longer read ranges but may be more affected by environmental factors.
- **Power Levels:** The power output of the RFID reader and the sensitivity of the RFID tag play crucial roles in determining the read range. Higher reader power levels and more sensitive tags can extend the read range, while lower power levels or less sensitive tags may limit it.
- **Antenna Design:** The design and configuration of the reader antenna influence the read range. Factors such as antenna gain, polarization, beamwidth, and efficiency affect the coverage area and directionality of the RF signals, thereby impacting the read range.

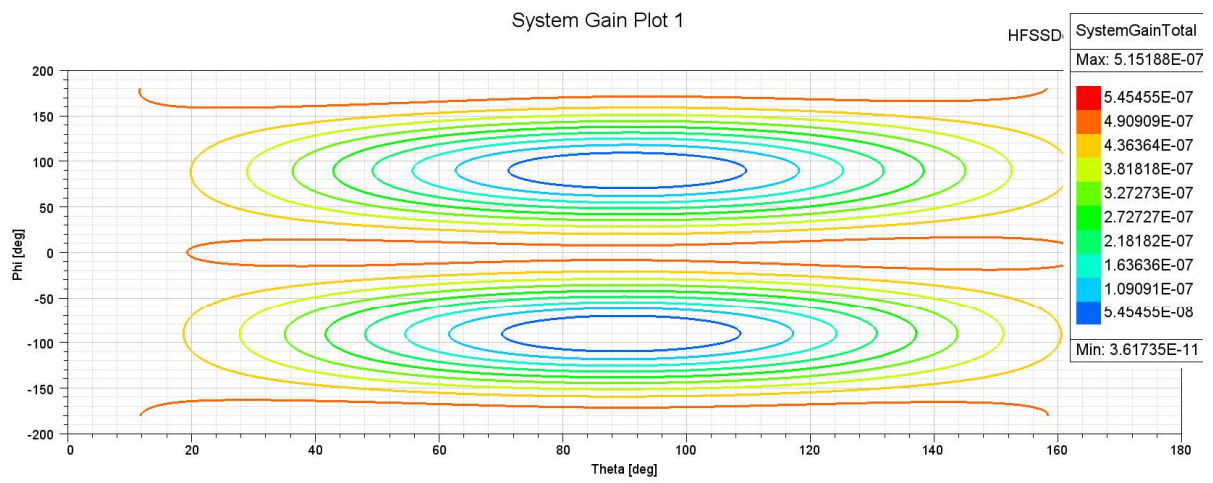


Fig 4.2: System Gain of Dipole Antenna at 2.5 GHz

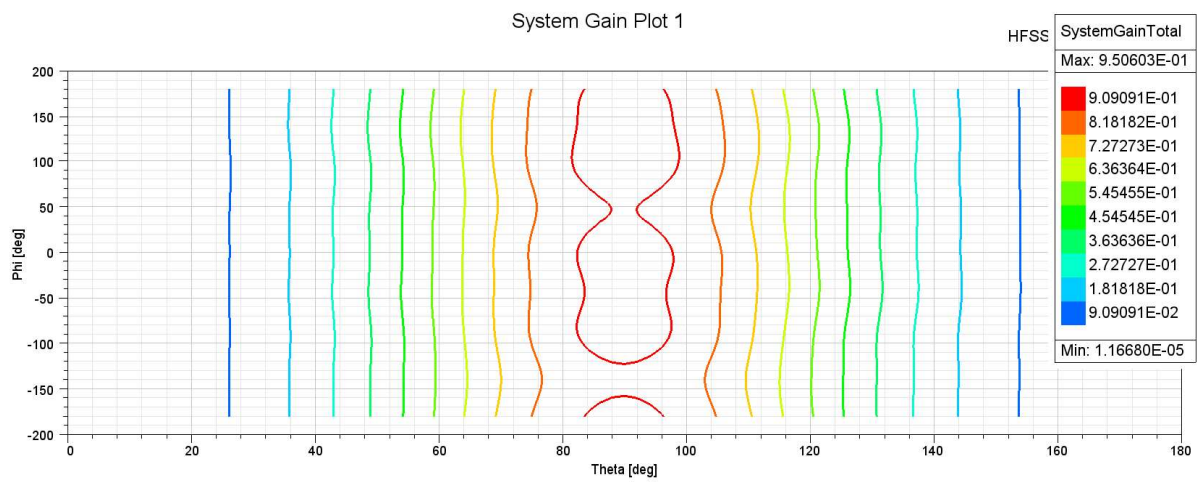


Fig 4.3: System Gain of Dipole Antenna at 5 GHz

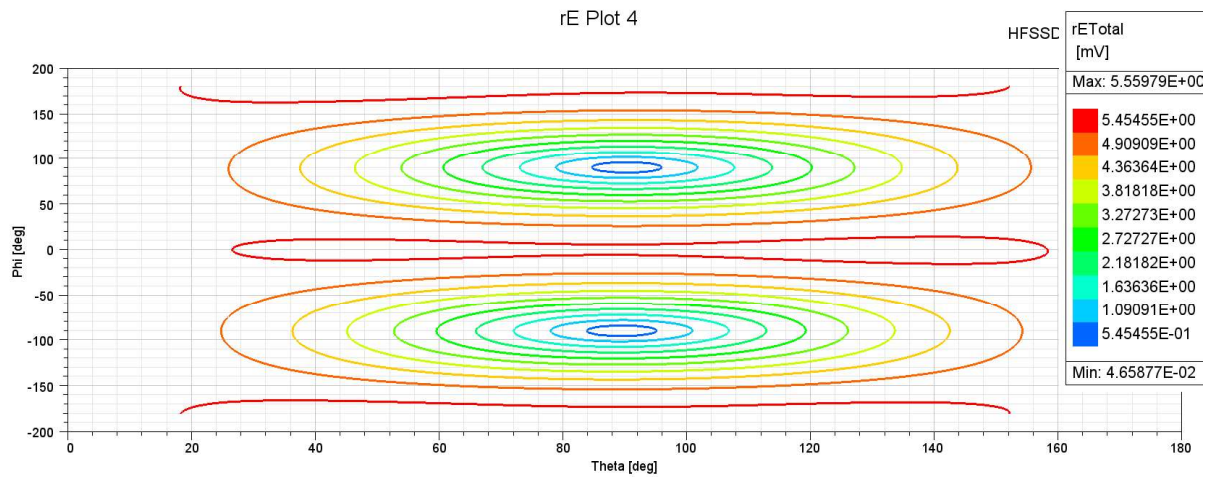


Fig 4.4: rE plot of Dipole Antenna at 2.5 GHz

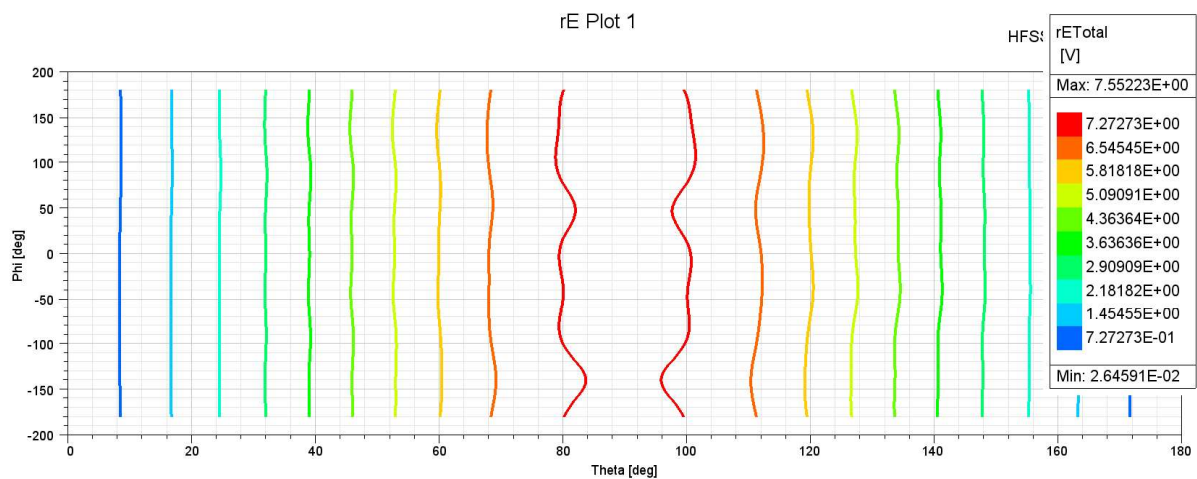


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5. Run the electromagnetic simulation to analyse the antenna's performance, such as return loss, radiation pattern, and efficiency.
6. Record the maximum distance at which successful communication occurs for each tag.
7. Repeat the process for RFID tags operating at both UHF and Microwave frequencies. Collect and record data on read range performance for analysis.

Results

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Experiment 5: Varying the length of a Passive RFID Tag Antenna and Analysis the Gain

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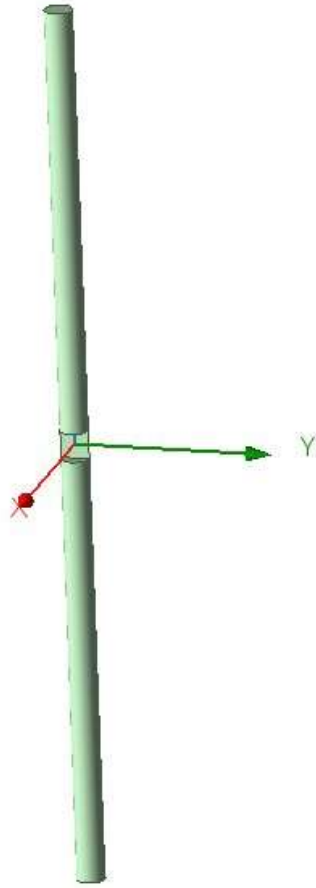


Fig 5.1: Schematic diagram of Dipole antenna with Length 30mm

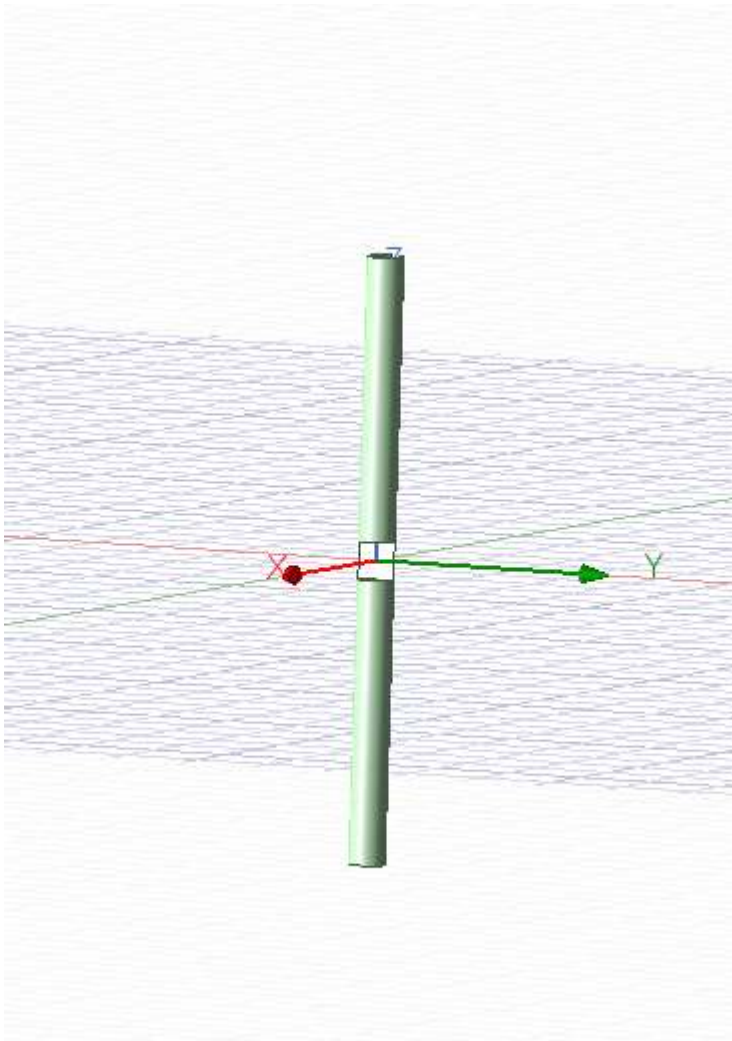


Fig 5.2: Schematic diagram of Dipole antenna with Length 15mm

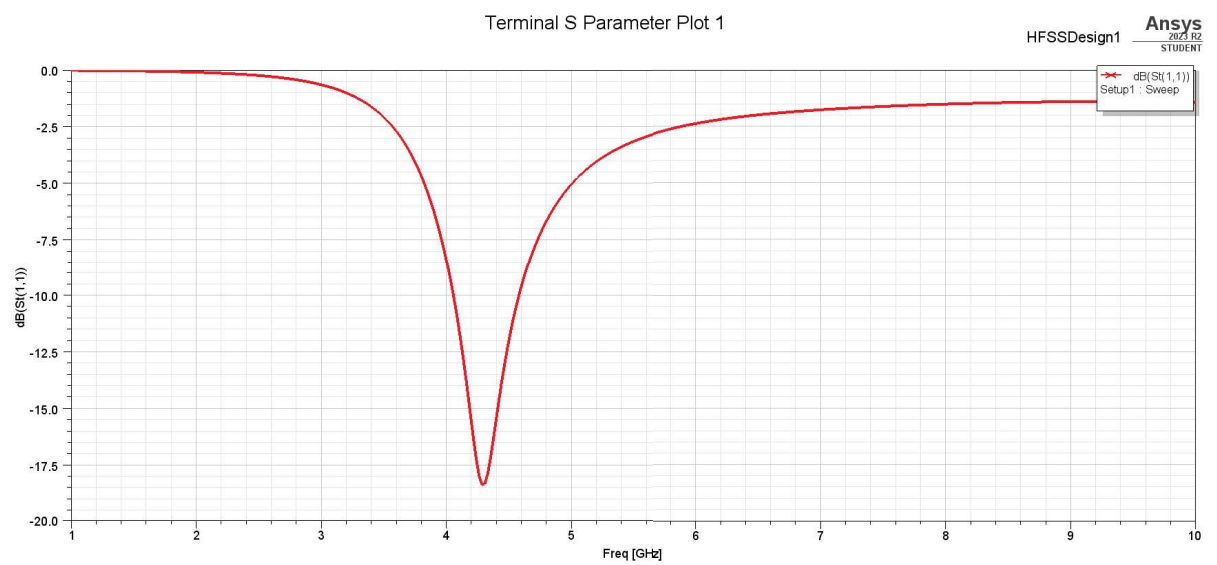


Fig 5.3: Return loss of dipole antenna (S11) for 30mm length.

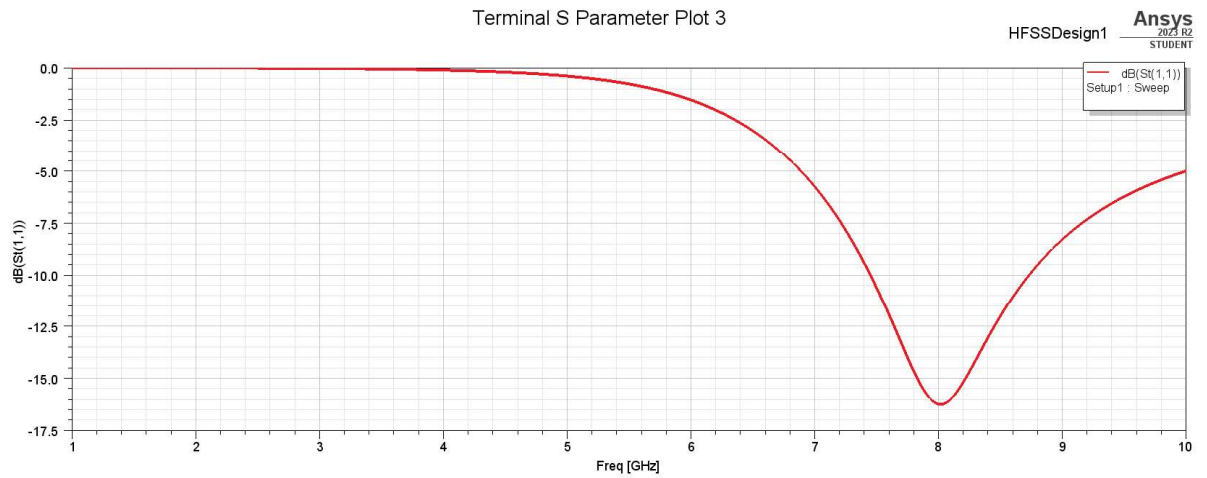


Fig 5.4: Return loss of Dipole antenna for 15mm Length

Gain Plot 1

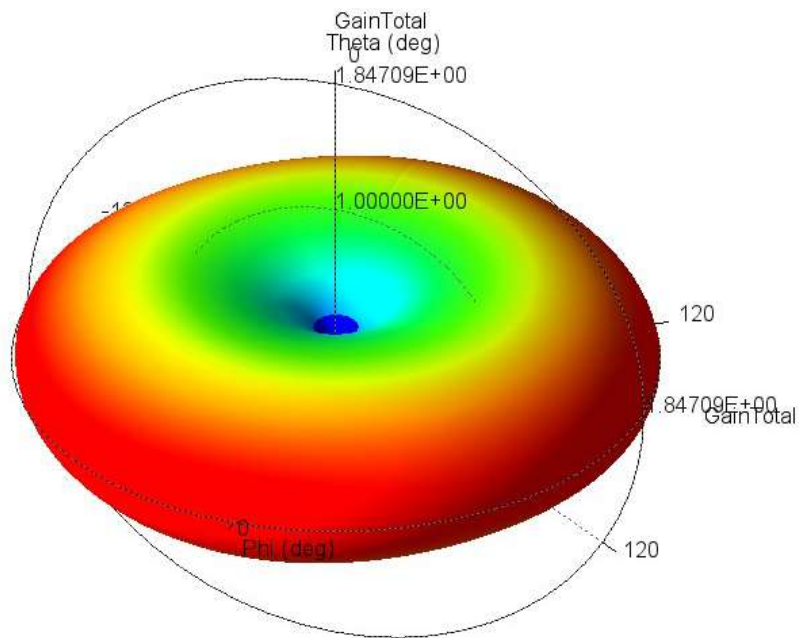


Fig 5.5: Gain of Dipole Antenna 30mm length

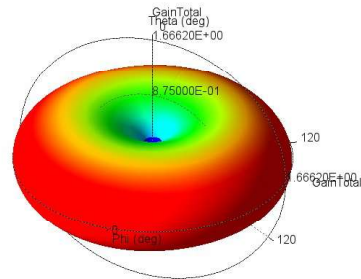
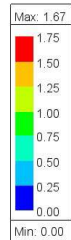


Fig 5.6: Gain of Dipole Antenna 15mm length

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Results:

Fig 6.1: Gain of Dipole Antenna with Air or Vacuum

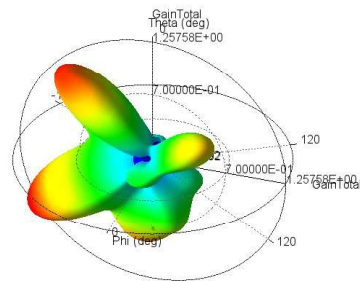
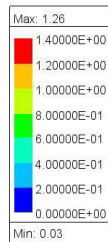


Fig 6.2: Gain of Dipole Antenna with Distilled water.

Steps:

1. Set up an RFID test environment with an RFID reader, antennas, and appropriate software.
2. Configure the RFID reader to operate according to each standard, ensuring compliance with frequency and communication protocols.
3. Measure the read range of RFID tags for each standard by placing them at various distances from the reader antenna.
4. Conduct read and write operations with standardized datasets to assess data transfer speed for each standard.
5. Test the compatibility of RFID tags with the RFID reader and system infrastructure for each standard.
6. Analyze the collected data to evaluate RFID tag performance across different standards.
7. Compare read range, data transfer speed, and compatibility between standards to identify trends and differences.
8. Document the experimental setup, procedures, measurement results, and performance analysis for each standard tested.

Results :