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1. Introduction

The functionality of the LP902 antenna at WLAN frequencies has been tested, and is presented in this short report.

2. Measurements

2.1. General

Antennas are used to receive signals from distant sources by converting the arriving power density to a current on a transmission line, which connects to a receiver. It works of course the other way around for transmitting.

To entirely evaluate the characteristics of an antenna, there are a numerous amount of measurements needed. Two of the most important measurements are *Radiation Pattern* and Voltage Standing Wave measurements.

2.1.1. VSWR

VSWR, Voltage Standing Wave Ratio displays the ratio of reflected versus transformed power. This measurement is conducted to determine that the antenna operates in the correct frequency band and is matched to 50Ω. This test is carried out with a network analyzer.

2.1.2. Radiation Pattern measurement

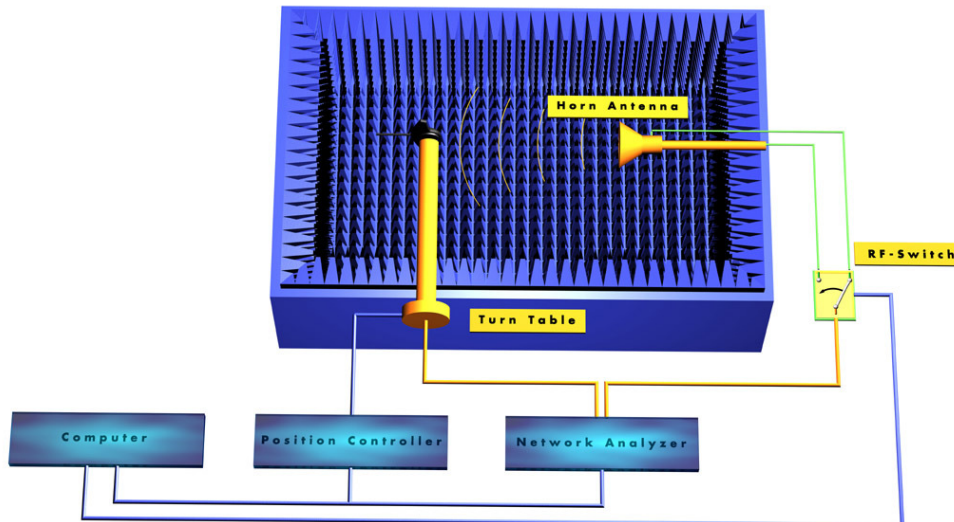
An antenna pattern is a graphical representation of the field magnitude at a fixed distance from an antenna as a function of direction i.e. angular variation of the test antenna's radiation.

2.2. Measurement range system description

The entire measurement range facility consists of the space for the source and test antennas, antenna positioner, transmitting/receiving system and data display/recording equipment. A rotation positioner (turntable) is required to turn the AUT (Antenna Under Test) in the azimuth plane.

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2.3. Technical description of measurement range

Turntable:	Orbit AL-360-1P15
Position controller:	Orbit AL-4802-3A
Network analyzer:	Rohde & Schwarz ZVRE, 9kHz-4GHz
Measurement antenna:	Condor AS48410 Quad-ridged Horn antenna
Antenna Switch:	Orbit Cased; Mini-Circuit ZASWA-2-50DR
Controller software:	MiDAS
GPIB-CARD	National Instruments 777073
Digital I/O	National Instruments 777387

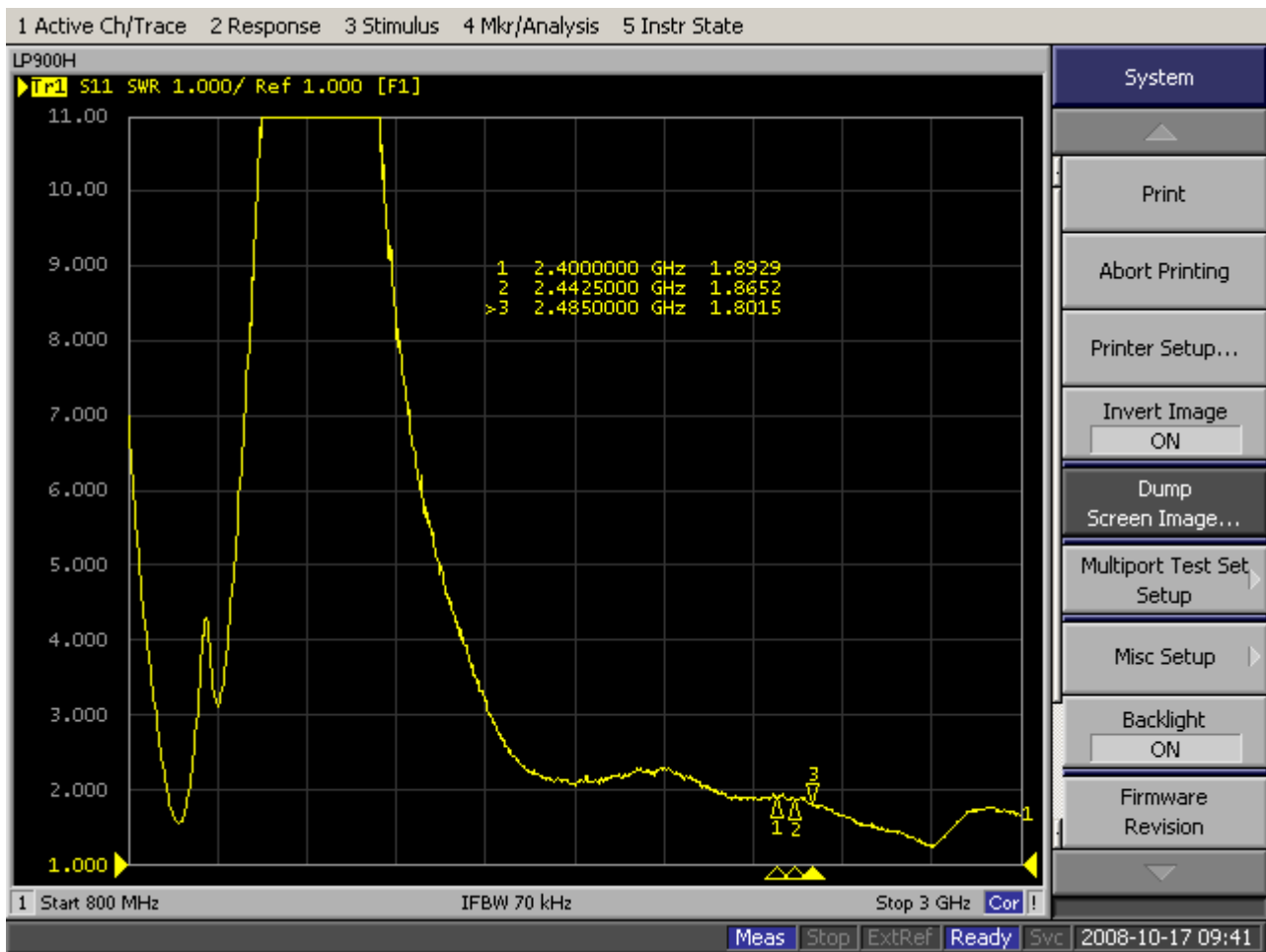
2.4. Measurement set-up

For both VSWR and radiation pattern measurements, the antenna under test is mounted on a 1m ground plane. For radiation measurements, the original cable length of 1m is used, but when measuring VSWR the cable is shortened to approximately 100mm to get a more accurate result.

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3. Results

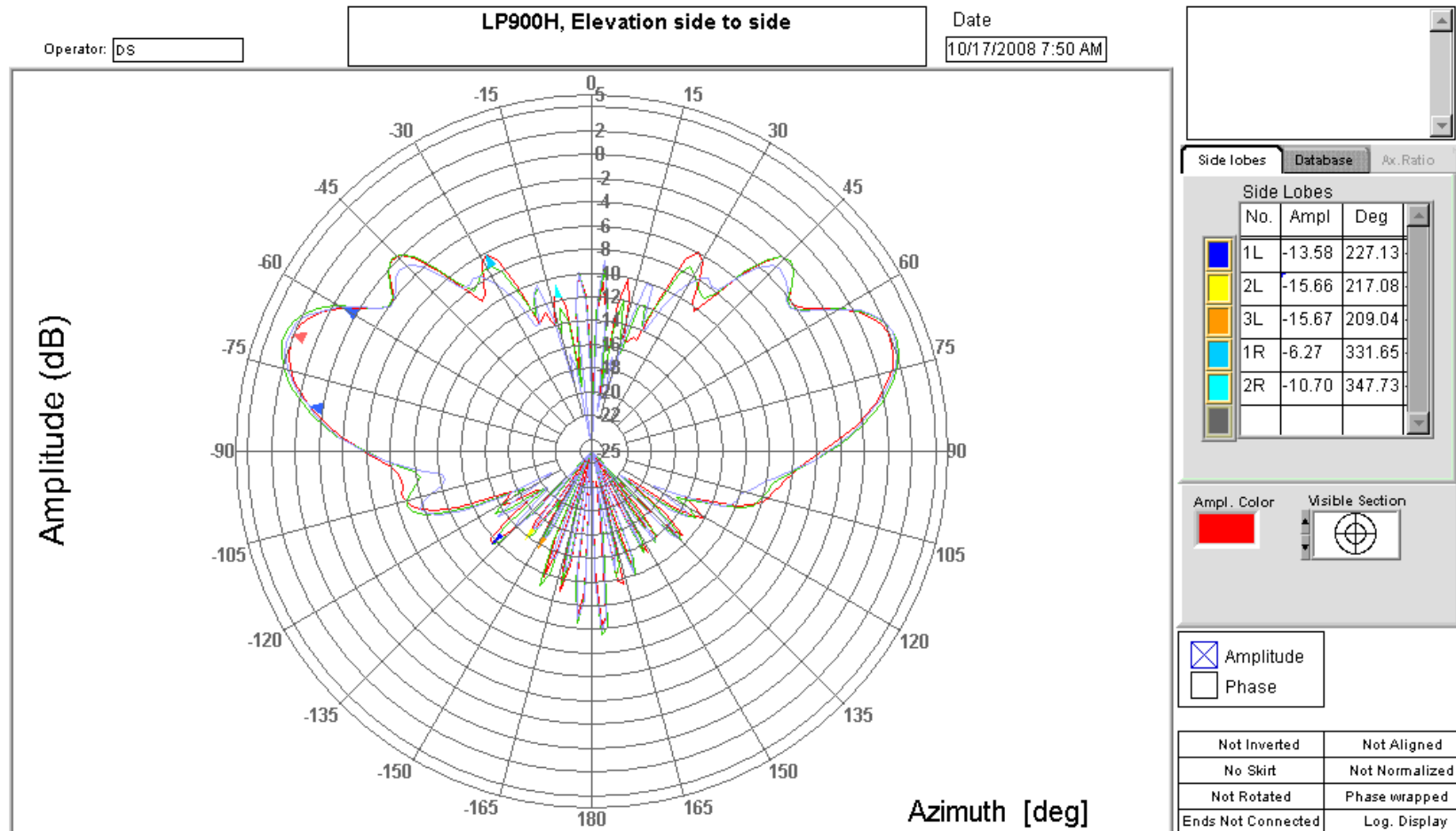
3.1. VSWR



3.2. Radiation measurements

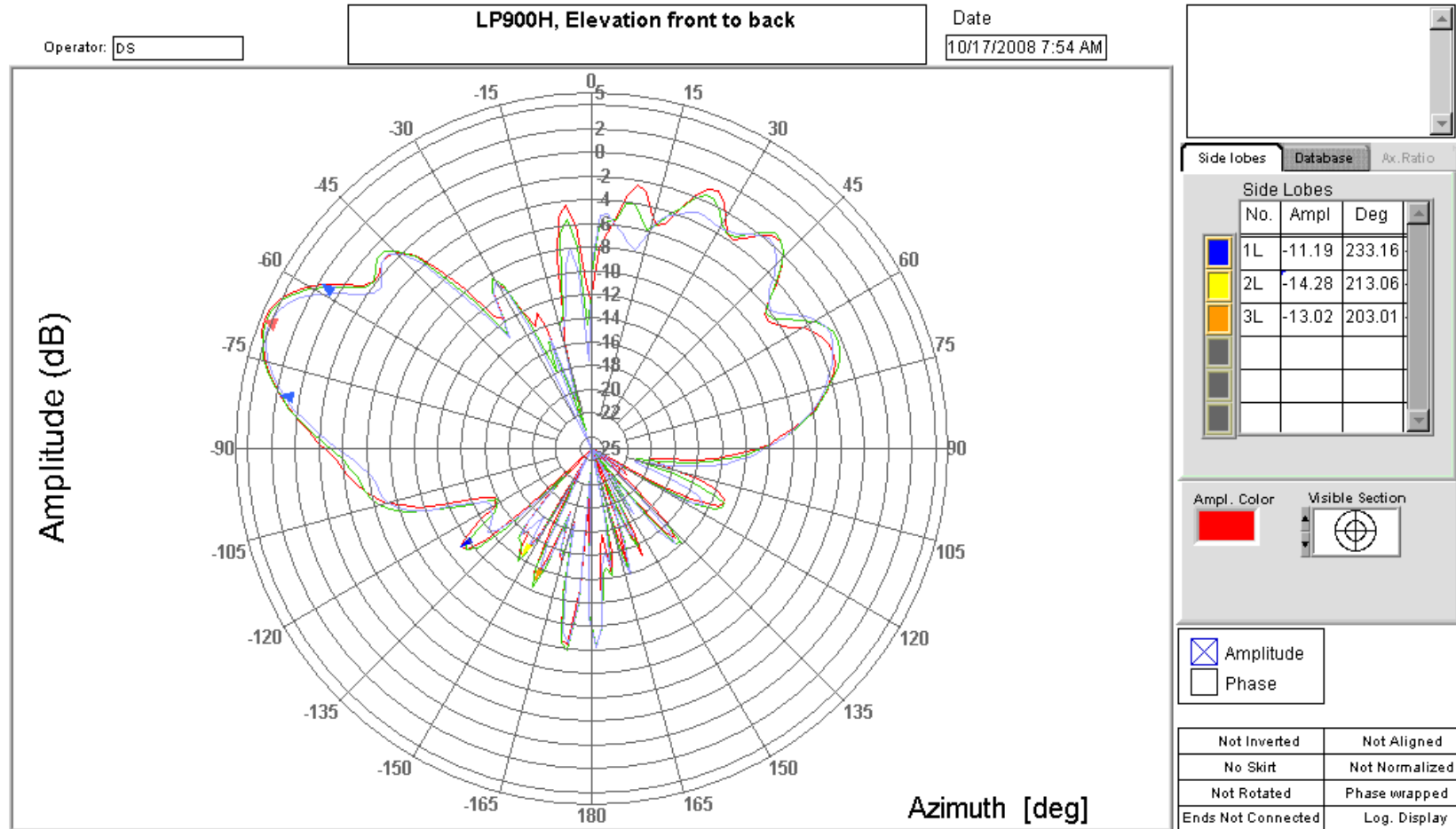
The antenna is measured in two perpendicular elevation cuts. The results are displayed on the following pages.

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File Name	[mm]	Freq. MHz	[mm]	Ch.	Beam	Switch	Beam Peak [dB]			Beam Width [deg]			Null Depth [dB]		Avg.	Dir.	Gain	Norm.
							Value	[deg]	P	Value	At dB	P	Value	[deg]				
lp900h-wlan-sts-CAL.nff		2400.00 M	0.00	CH1		HP	2.02	291.45	P	21.08	3.00	P			-7.79	0.00	0.00	-44.43
lp900h-wlan-sts-CAL.nff		2442.50 M	0.00	CH1		HP	2.69	291.45	P	20.18	3.00	P			-7.58	0.00	0.00	-44.70
lp900h-wlan-sts-CAL.nff		2485.00 M	0.00	CH1		HP	2.34	291.45	P	20.40	3.00	P			-8.06	0.00	0.00	-44.97

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lp900h-wlan-ftb-CAL.nff		2400.00 M	0.00	CH1		HP	4.59	291.45	P	21.46	3.00	P			-6.98	0.00	0.00	-44.43
lp900h-wlan-ftb-CAL.nff		2442.50 M	0.00	CH1		HP	4.45	291.45	P	21.60	3.00	P			-7.00	0.00	0.00	-44.70
lp900h-wlan-ftb-CAL.nff		2485.00 M	0.00	CH1		HP	4.12	291.45	P	20.60	3.00	P			-7.55	0.00	0.00	-44.97

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4. Conclusion

The measurements show that the antenna performs very well at WLAN frequencies. The VSWR is <2:1 and the gain is approximately 3dBi. Hence, the LP902 antenna could successfully be used in applications using WLAN communication and in need of a robust antenna.