



Grandstream Networks, Inc.

GWN7674 Access Point

Antenna Radiation Patterns Guide



Introduction

One of the major components of a wireless Access Point is the antenna. These radio components come in different shapes and sizes to fit specific deployment needs, and each access point can bundle multiple antennas for sending and receiving signals in order to benefit from the MIMO (Multiple Input/Multiple Output) technology and obtain higher throughput and signal resilience, also the arrangement of multiple antennas internally to a single WLAN access point can be used to influence the shape and behavior of the wireless signal (both on transmit and receive). To better understand how each GWN access point model broadcasts the wireless signals, this paper provides radiation patterns to help engineers during the deployment process.

The GWN7674 is a powerful enterprise-grade Wi-Fi 7 access point that provides speeds up to 21Gbps (BE21000), ideal for demanding environments with medium-to-high user density. It offers 4x4:4 MU-MIMO on 5G and 6G band, 2x2:2 MU-MIMO on 2.4G band with DL/UL Enhanced OFDMA technology and a sophisticated antenna design for maximum network throughput and expanded Wi-Fi coverage range. It is equipped with an independent scanning radio module, that can monitor the wireless quality in the environment and the signal status of terminal device in real time. GWN7674 is also equipped with advanced Wi-Fi 7 technology such as Multi-RU, Preamble Puncturing technology, 4096 QAM modulation and MLO technology to ensure a smooth experience for every user. To ensure easy installation and management, the GWN7674 uses a controller-less distributed network management design in which the controller is embedded within the product's Web user interface. The GWN7674 is also supported by GDMS Networking and GWN Manager, Grandstream's cloud and on-premise Wi-Fi management platform. It is the ideal Wi-Fi AP for voice-over-Wi-Fi deployments and offers a seamless connection with Grandstream's Wi-Fi capable IP phones. With support for low-latency real-time applications, mesh networks, captive portals, BLE 5.3, 768 concurrent clients per AP, 1 x 2.5 Gigabit network port and 1 x 10 Gigabit network port with PoE++, GWN7674 is an ideal Wi-Fi access point for medium wireless network deployments with medium-to-high user density.

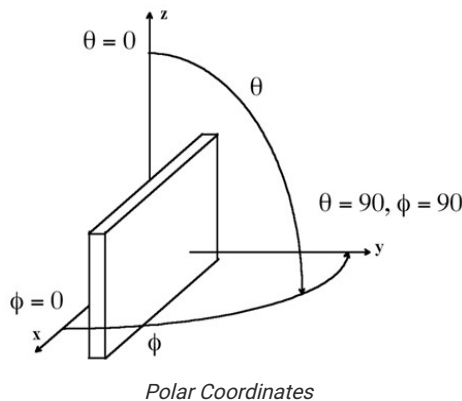
We begin this report with a glossary of basic definitions related to antennas' radio characteristics and then progress through the specific radiation patterns for the GWN7674 access point series.

Terminology

In this first part, we will provide a quick brief review of some fundamental concepts related to antennas and radio propagation:

Antenna: An antenna is a transducer between a feed signal and radiated wave over the space, it is usually attached to a transmitter/receiver unit and the radiated energy is characterized by the antenna's radiation pattern.

Antenna pattern: The radiation pattern or antenna pattern is the graphical representation of the radiation properties of the antenna and how it radiates energy out into space or how it receives energy (reciprocity). An antenna radiates energy in all directions, at least to some extent, so the antenna pattern is actually three-dimensional. It is common, however, to describe this 3D pattern with planar patterns called the principal plane patterns. These principal plane plots are commonly referred to as antenna radiation patterns.



Isotropic radiator: An isotropic radiator is a hypothetical lossless antenna that radiates its energy equally in all directions. This imaginary antenna would have a spherical radiation pattern and the principal plane cuts would both be circles since any plane cut through a sphere would be a circle.

Gain: The gain of an antenna (in a given direction) is defined as the ratio of the power gain in that direction to the power gain of a reference antenna in the same direction, usually an isotropic radiator is set as reference and the value of the gain is expressed in dBi. It is important to state that an antenna with gain doesn't generate power and it does simply direct the way the radiated power is distributed relative to radiating the power equally in all directions, thus

the gain is just a characterization of the way the power is radiated.

Efficiency: The efficiency of an antenna is the ratio of the power delivered to the antenna relative to the power radiated from the antenna. A high-efficiency antenna has most of the power present at the antenna's input radiated away. A low-efficiency antenna has most of the power absorbed as losses within the antenna or reflected away due to impedance mismatch which causes an antenna to not have an efficiency of 100%.

Antenna efficiency losses are typically due to:

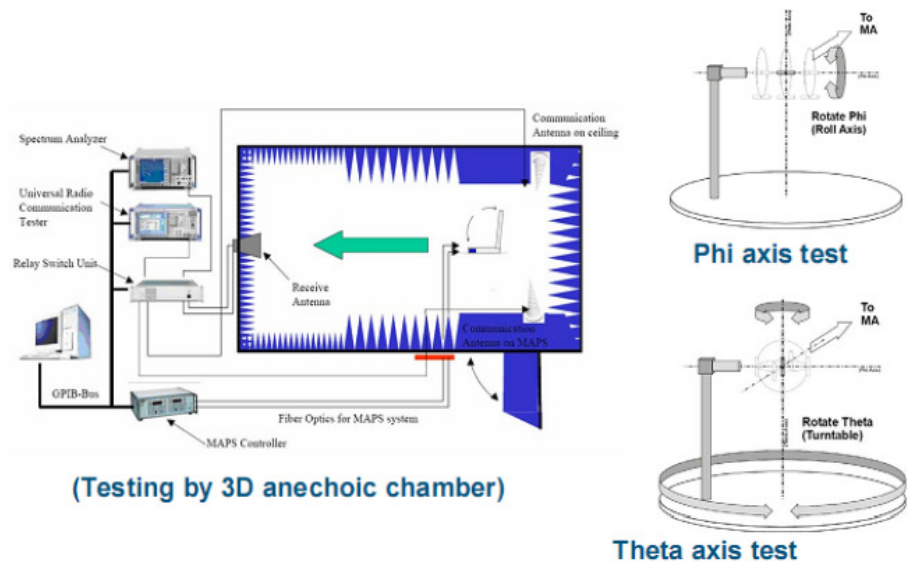
- Conduction losses (due to finite conductivity of the metal that forms the antenna).
- Dielectric losses (due to the conductivity of a dielectric material near an antenna).
- Impedance mismatch loss.

Test environment

This test report gives schematic diagrams with antennas distribution of GWN76XX access points series, along with the antenna radiation patterns of 2.4GHz, 5GHz and 6GHz frequencies in order to help engineers during the deployment process.

Please note that these radiation patterns are gathered in a fully anechoic environment. Their shape will change in installed environments depending on the obstacles that the wireless signal might face. Every deployment will behave differently due to materials, geometries of structures, etc, and how these materials behave at 2.4GHz, 5GHz and 6GHz.

The below figure gives an overview of the used test environment:



Test Environment

GWN7674 Antenna Characteristics

Antenna Patterns

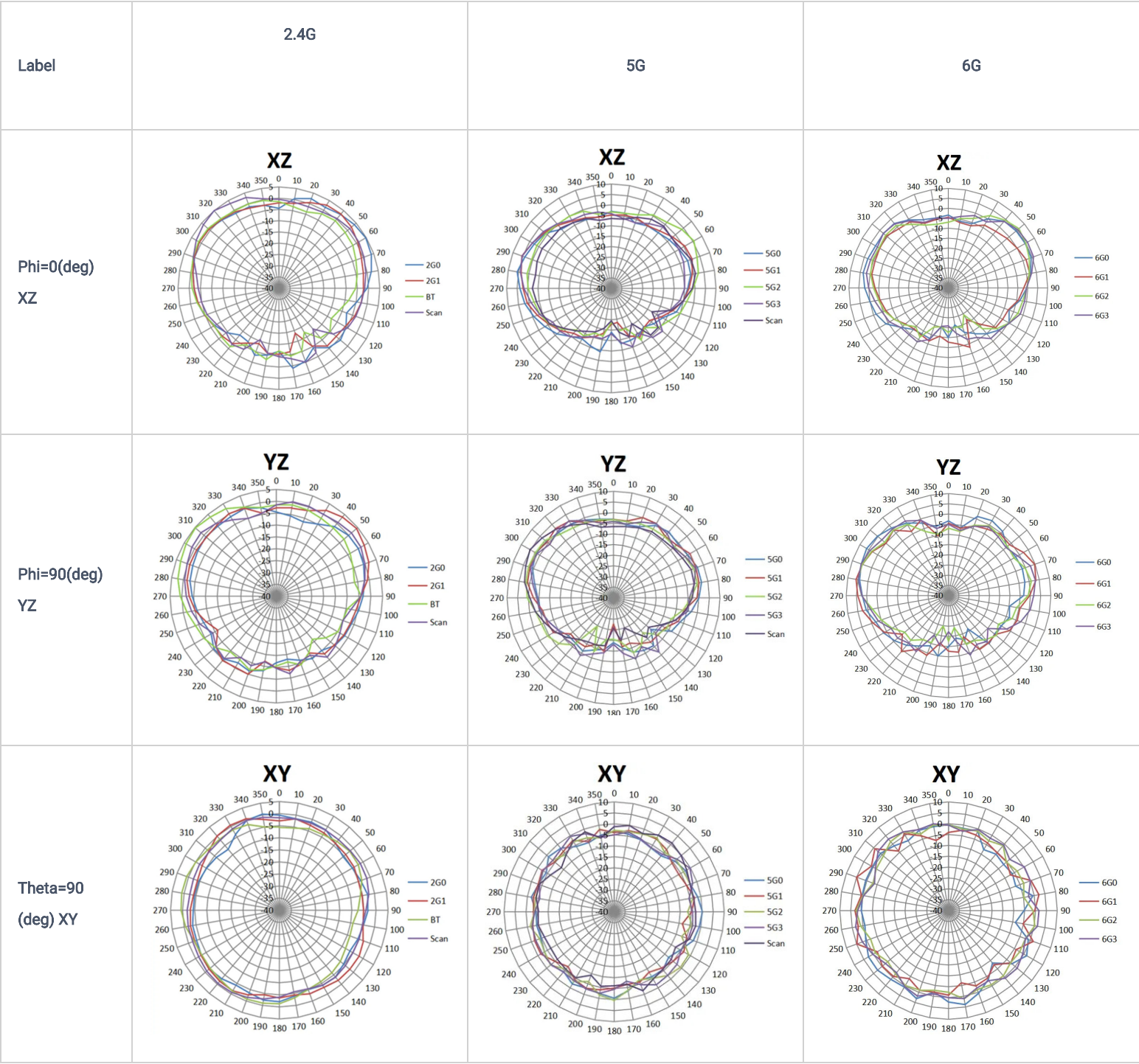
This section presents the antenna radiation patterns of the GWN7674 access point based on conducted testing. The plots are shown in the XZ and YZ planes, which correspond to the vertical (elevation) views, and in the XY plane, which corresponds to the horizontal (azimuth) view.

Antenna Gain:

- **2.4GHz Gain:** 4.5dBi
- **5GHz Gain:** 5.5dBi
- **6GHz Gain:** 6.0dBi
- **BT (Bluetooth) Gain:** 4.5dBi

Scanning Gain: 2.4G:4.5dBi/ 5G:5.5dBi

For more details about each band please check the table below:



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