

Preface to the Third Edition

The aim of this new edition is to present the basic essentials of antennas even better than before while providing extensive coverage of the newest wireless applications. Further, the book is structured so that it can be easily divided into two courses with the first 12 chapters suitable for a first course and the last 12 for a second course. There is also flexibility that allows for a variety of assignment options.

The subtitle “For All Applications” is, of course, presumptuous for it is an unattainable goal. However, it indicates our objective.

The Introduction (Chapter 1) presents information on symbols and notation along with useful tables. Chapter 2 (Antenna Basics) covers fundamental antenna concepts and the language of antennas. In Chapter 3 we meet the Antenna Family with concise descriptions of two dozen different types of antennas from dipoles to patches.

Chapter 4 treats Point Sources and their field, power and phase patterns. Broadside and end-fire arrays of point sources are introduced in Chapter 5, Part I. This is followed in Chapter 6 by dipoles and linear antennas, both alone and in arrays. All kinds of loop antennas and their properties are described in Chapter 7. Chapter 8 Part I is an introduction to axial-mode helical antennas and Yagi-Uda arrays. Part II goes into helical antennas in more detail.

Chapter 9 is about slot, patch and horn antennas while Chapter 10 explains flat-sheet, corner and parabolic antennas. Broadband and frequency-independent antennas are discussed in Chapter 11. Chapter 12 on antenna temperature, remote sensing and radar cross section completes the material suggested for a first course on antennas.

The chapters suggested for the second course can include sections from Chapter 5 Part II broadening the coverage of arrays of point sources, from Chapter 8 Part II with more on helical antennas and Chapter 9 with further information on slot and horn antennas. The sequence can then proceed to self and mutual impedance (Chapter 13), the cylindrical antenna (Chapter 14) and the important Fourier transform relation between aperture and far-field pattern (Chapter 15). This is followed by dipoles, apertures and arrays (Chapter 16) and lens antennas (Chapter 17).

Radomes and frequency-sensitive surfaces are explained in Chapter 18 followed by design considerations on large antennas in Chapter 19. Chapter 20 showcases some of the world’s large and unique antennas. Chapter 21 features many important and novel antenna applications including sections on cell phone antennas, ILS (Instrument Landing System) antennas, LEO (Low Earth Orbit) satellite antennas and many more. Physically small antennas are featured in Chapter 22 on Terahertz Antennas. Chapter 23 presents useful information on transformers, baluns and traps. The last chapter (24) is a very complete, up-to-date discussion of antenna measurements. The Appendix has many useful tables and references to computer programs.

The book features numerous helpful graphical displays. The problem sets are thorough and challenging. The references to articles and books are extensive. Suggested assignment schedules are listed on page xviii with several options given where sections from later chapters are incorporated in the first course schedule. Thus, some topics from Chapter 21 can add timely practical examples to a first course. We invite you to visit the book’s web site antennas3.com for special projects.

Although the book is designed as a teaching text, its wealth of information makes it a veritable “gold mine” for the practicing engineer. Hundreds of worked examples help translate theory to practice.

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