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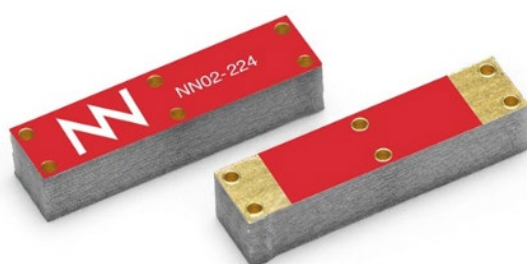
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APPLICATION NOTE  
RUN mXTEND<sup>™</sup> (NN02-224)

## RUN mXTEND<sup>™</sup> (NN02-224) – ISM868/915 863-870 MHz and 902-928 MHz

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RUN mXTEND<sup>™</sup> antenna booster

NN02-224

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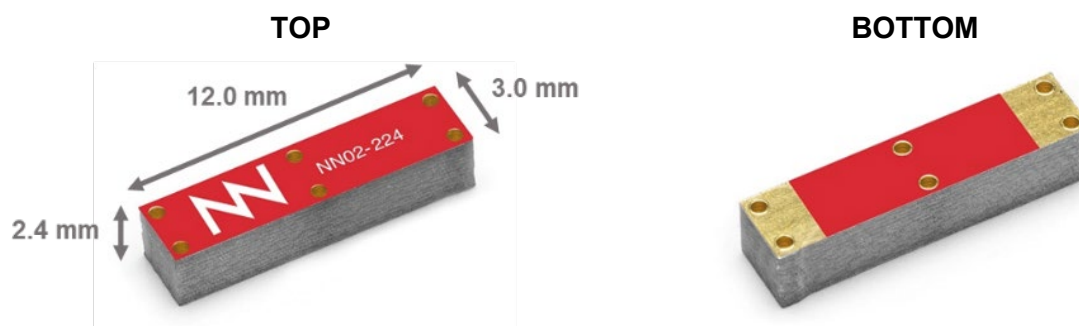
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# 1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION NN02-224

The RUN mXTEND<sup>™</sup> antenna booster has been specifically designed for providing multiband performance in wireless devices (in particular in mobile devices), enabling worldwide coverage by allowing operation in the communication standards such as ISM868, ISM915, Zigbee, and RFID.



**Material:** The RUN mXTEND<sup>™</sup> antenna booster is built on glass epoxy substrate.

## APPLICATIONS

- Handsets
- Smartphones
- Tablets
- Phablets
- Laptop PCs
- Netbooks
- Modules
- Routers
- eBook readers

## BENEFITS

- High efficiency
- Small size
- Cost-effective
- Easy-to-use (pick and place)
- Multiband behaviour (worldwide standards)
- Off-the-Shelf Standard Product (no customization is required)

The RUN mXTEND<sup>™</sup> antenna booster belongs to a new generation of antenna solutions based on the Virtual Antenna<sup>®</sup> technology developed by Ignion. The technology is mainly focused on replacing conventional antenna solutions by miniature and standard components.

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## 2. EVALUATION BOARD 863-870 MHz

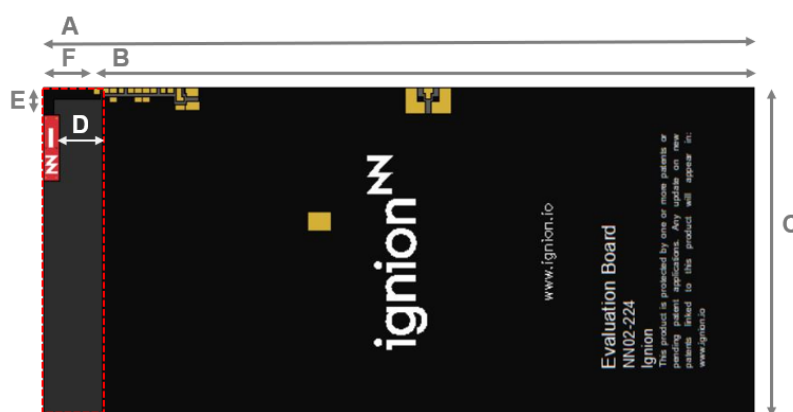
### 2.1. QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Technical features	863 – 870 MHz
Average Efficiency	> 85.0 %
Peak Gain	2.1 dBi
VSWR	< 2:1
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional
Polarization	Linear
Weight (approx.)	0.19 g
Temperature	-40 to +125 °C
Impedance	50 Ω
Dimensions (L x W x H)	12.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.4 mm

**Table 1** – Technical Features. Measures from the evaluation board. See Figure 1.

### 2.2. EVALUATION BOARD

This Evaluation Board EB\_NN02-224-868 integrates a UFL cable to connect the RUN mXTEND™ antenna booster with the SMA connector. The RUN mXTEND™ provides operation in the frequency region which covers from 863 MHz to 870 MHz, through a single input/output port.



Measure	mm
A	131
B	120
C	60
D	8.0
E	5.0
F	11

**Tolerance:** ±0.2 mm

**D:** Distance between the RUN mXTEND™ antenna booster and the ground plane.

**Material:** The evaluation board is built on FR4 substrate. Thickness is 1 mm.

**Clearance Area:** 11 mm x 60 mm (F x C)

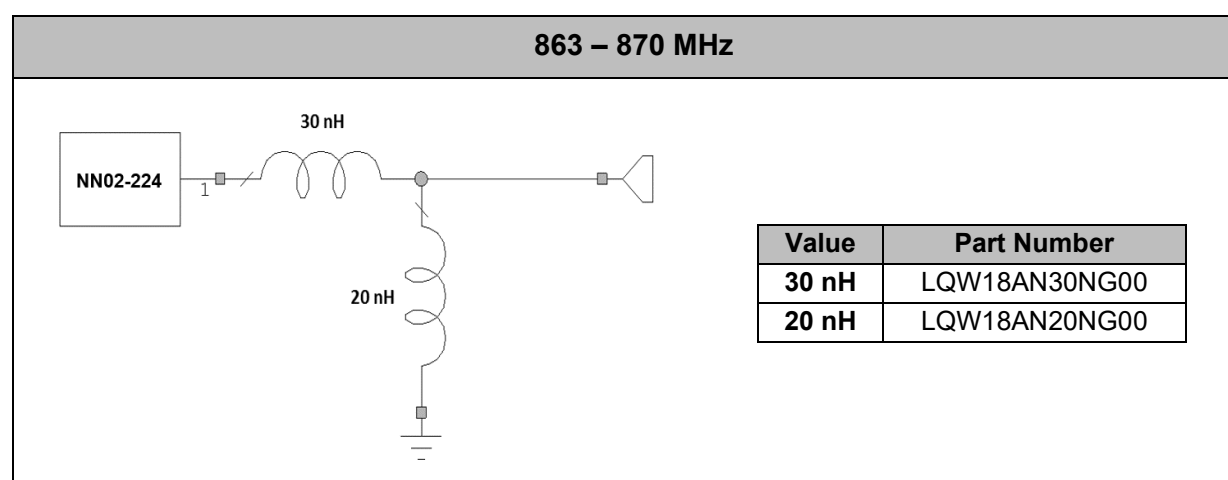
**Figure 1** – EB\_NN02-224-868. Evaluation Board providing operation from 863 MHz to 870 MHz.

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**Figure 2 – Matching Network implemented in the evaluation board (Figure 1)**

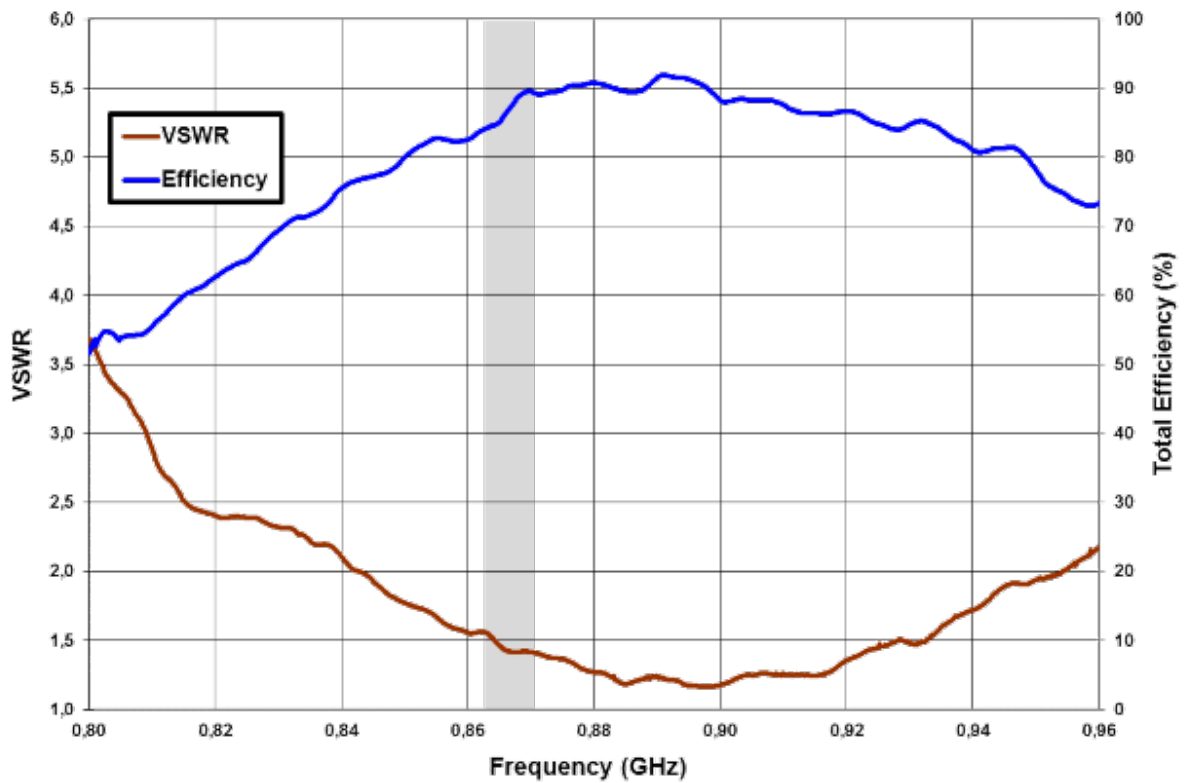
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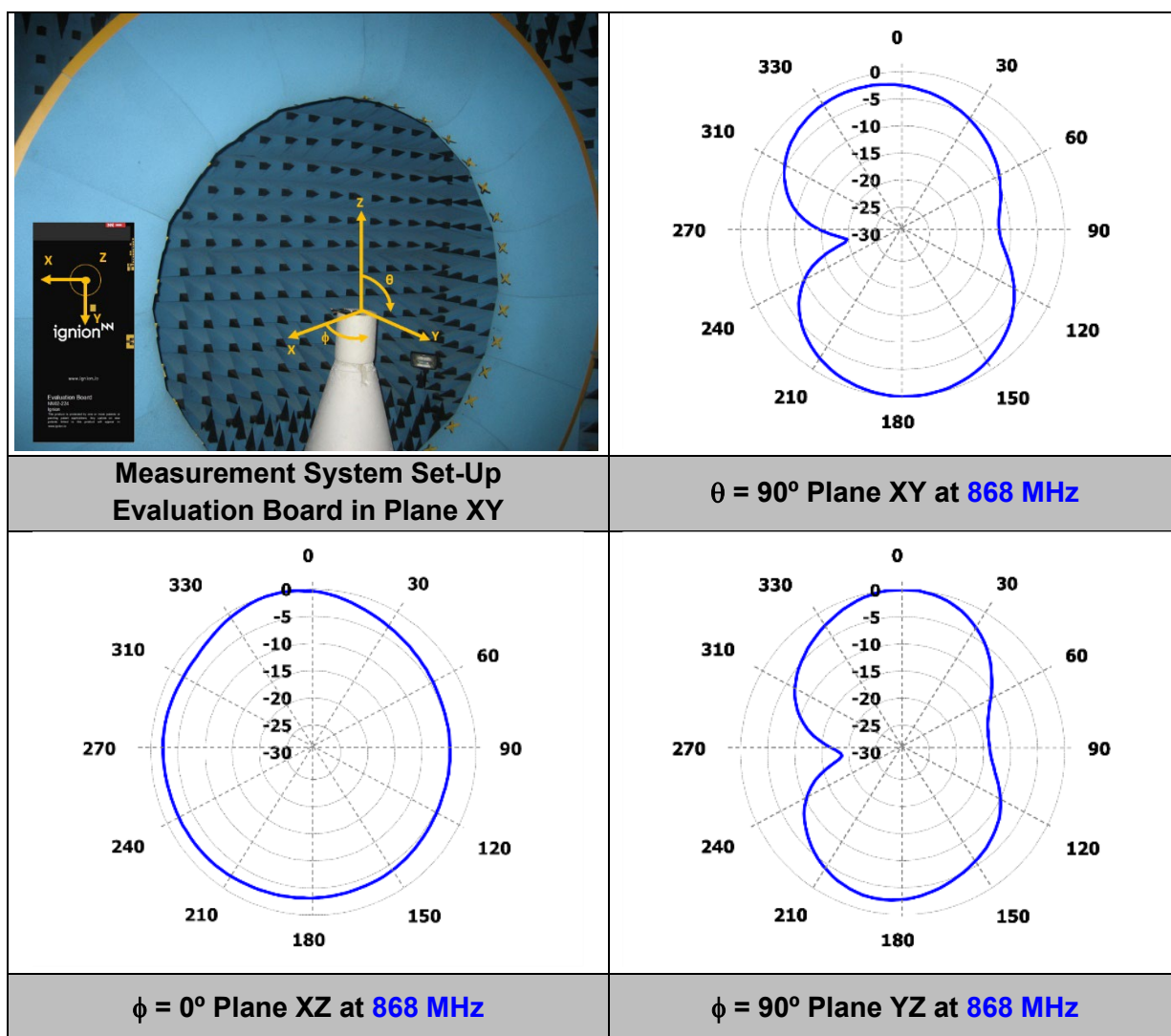
## 2.4. VSWR AND TOTAL EFFICIENCY

VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency versus Frequency (GHz).



**Figure 3** – VSWR and Total Efficiency for the 863 – 870 MHz from the evaluation board (Figure 1).

## 2.5. RADIATION PATTERNS (863-870 MHz), GAIN AND EFFICIENCY



Gain	Peak Gain	2.1 dBi
	Average Gain across the band	1.9 dBi
	Gain Range across the band (min, max)	1.7 $\leftrightarrow$ 2.1 dBi
Efficiency	Peak Efficiency	91.5 %
	Average Efficiency across the band	88.6 %
	Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)	84.2 – 91.5 %

**Table 2** – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the evaluation board (Figure 1) within the 863 – 870 MHz frequency range. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

## 3. EVALUATION BOARD 902-928 MHz

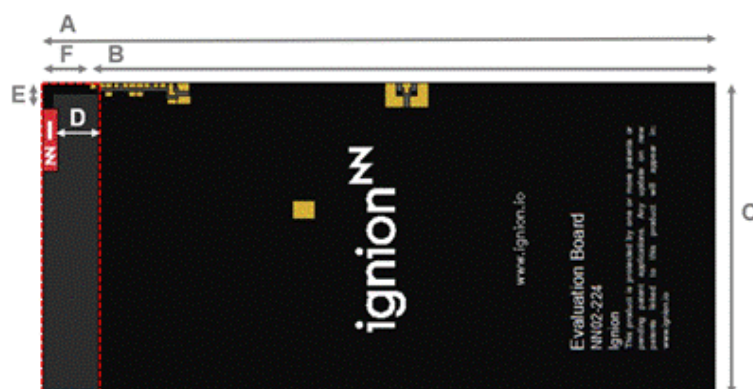
### 3.1. QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Technical features	902 – 928 MHz
Average Efficiency	> 85.0 %
Peak Gain	2.1 dBi
VSWR	< 2:1
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional
Polarization	Linear
Weight (approx.)	0.19 g
Temperature	-40 to +125 °C
Impedance	50 Ω
Dimensions (L x W x H)	12.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.4 mm

**Table 3** – Technical Features. Measures from the evaluation board. See Figure 4.

### 3.2. EVALUATION BOARD

This Evaluation Board EB\_NN02-224-915 integrates a UFL cable to connect the RUN mXTEND™ antenna booster with the SMA connector. The RUN mXTEND™ provides operation in the frequency region which covers from 902 MHz to 928 MHz, through a single input/output port.



Measure	mm
A	131
B	120
C	60
D	8.0
E	5.0
F	11

**Tolerance:** ±0.2 mm

**D:** Distance between the RUN mXTEND™ antenna booster and the ground plane.

**Material:** The evaluation board is built on FR4 substrate. Thickness is 1 mm.

**Clearance Area:** 11 mm x 60 mm (F x C)

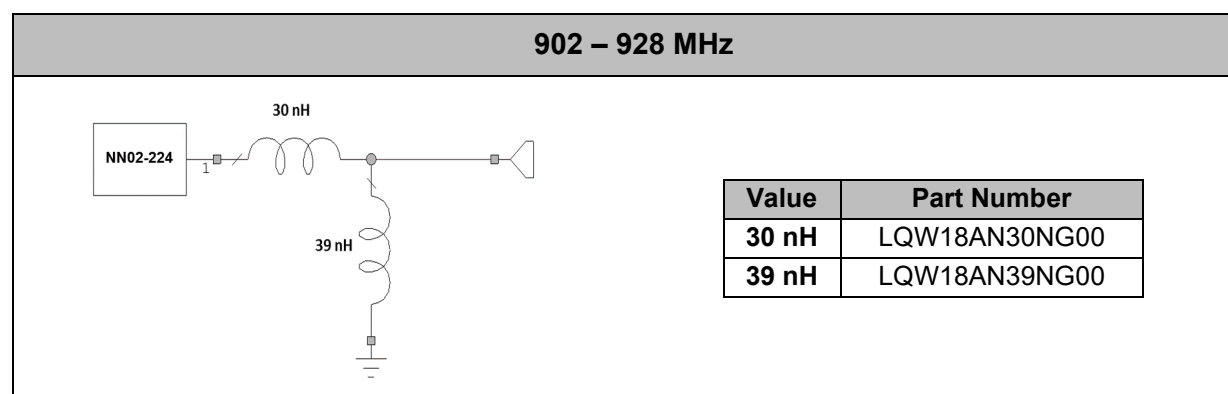
**Figure 4** – EB\_NN02-224-915. Evaluation Board providing operation from 902 MHz to 928 MHz.

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**Figure 5 – Matching Network implemented in the evaluation board (Figure 4)**

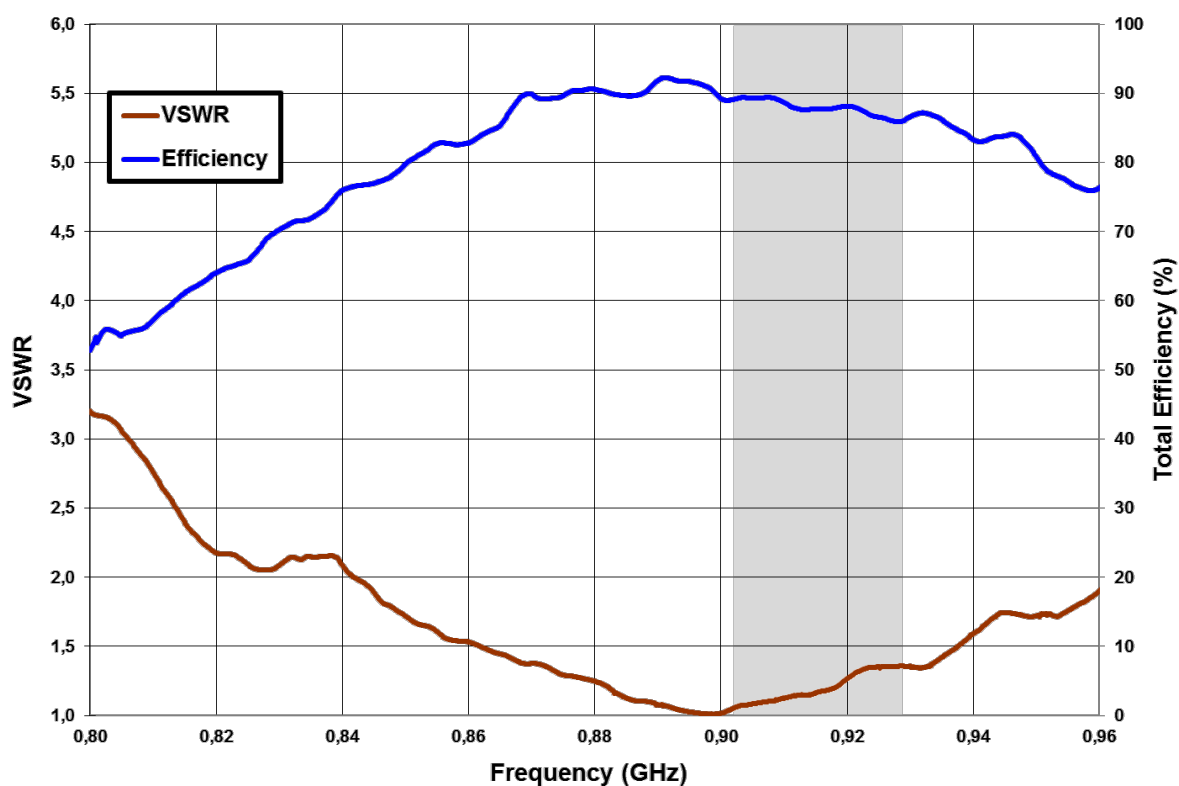
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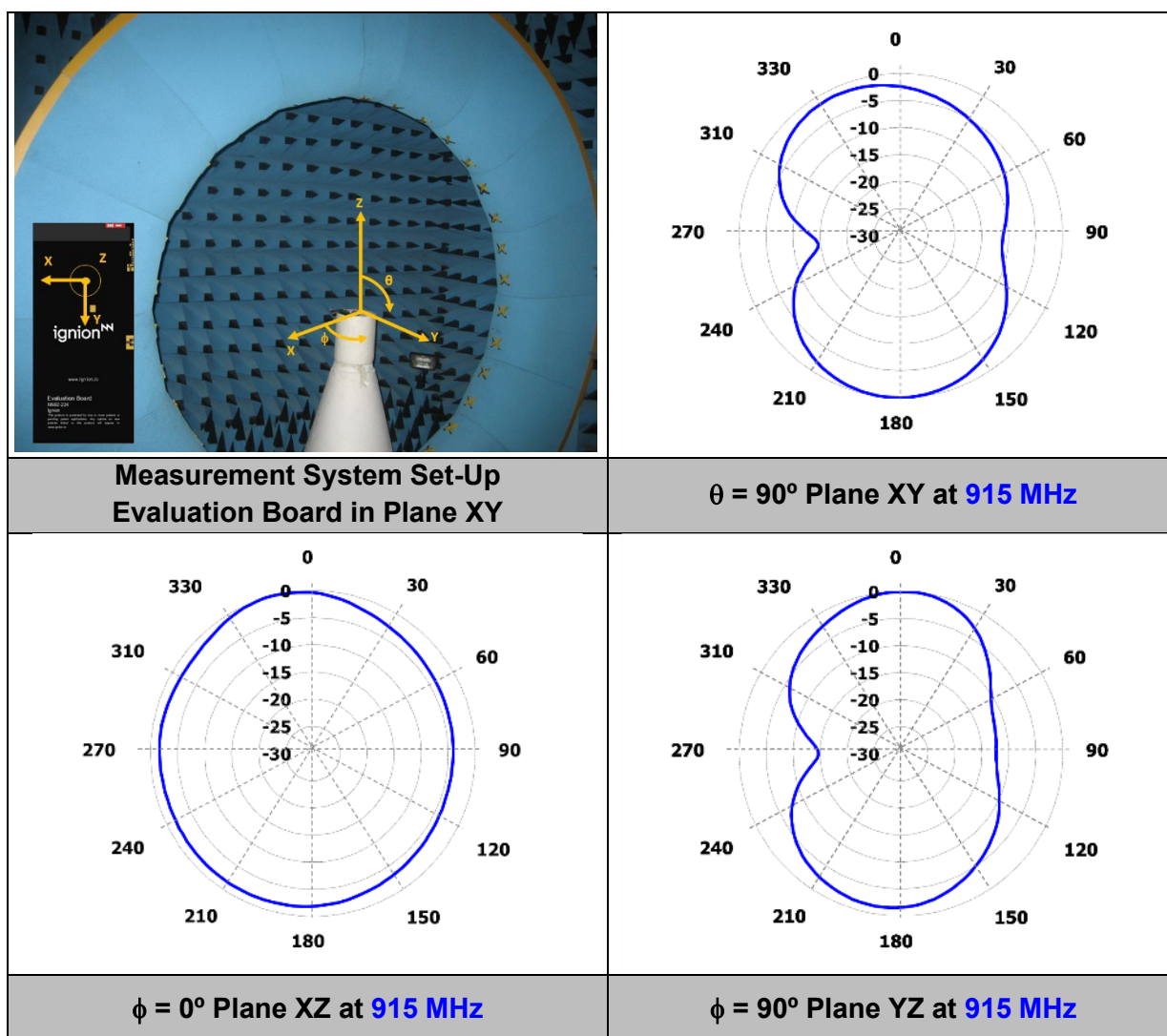
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VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency versus Frequency (GHz).



**Figure 6** – VSWR and Total Efficiency for the 902 – 928 MHz from the evaluation board (Figure 4).

### 3.5. RADIATION PATTERNS (902-928 MHz), GAIN AND EFFICIENCY



<b>Gain</b>	<b>Peak Gain</b>	2.1 dBi
	<b>Average Gain across the band</b>	2.0 dBi
	<b>Gain Range across the band (min, max)</b>	1.9 $\leftrightarrow$ 2.1 dBi
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>Peak Efficiency</b>	90.2 %
	<b>Average Efficiency across the band</b>	87.7 %
	<b>Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)</b>	84.8 – 90.2 %

**Table 4** – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the evaluation board (Figure 4) within the 902 – 928 MHz frequency range. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

## 4. EVALUATION BOARD 863-928 MHz

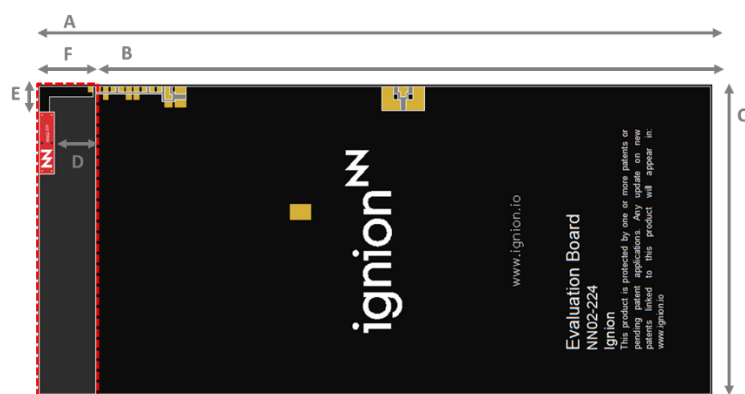
### 4.1. QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Technical features	863 – 928 MHz
Average Efficiency	> 80.0 %
Peak Gain	2.2 dBi
VSWR	< 2:1
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional
Polarization	Linear
Weight (approx.)	0.19 g
Temperature	-40 to +125 °C
Impedance	50 Ω
Dimensions (L x W x H)	12.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.4 mm

**Table 5** – Technical Features. Measures from the evaluation board. See Figure 7.

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Measure	mm
A	131
B	120
C	60
D	8.0
E	5.0
F	11

Tolerance: ±0.2 mm

**D:** Distance between the RUN mXTEND™ antenna booster and the ground plane.

**Material:** The evaluation board is built on FR4 substrate. Thickness is 1 mm.

**Clearance Area:** 11 mm x 60 mm (F x C)

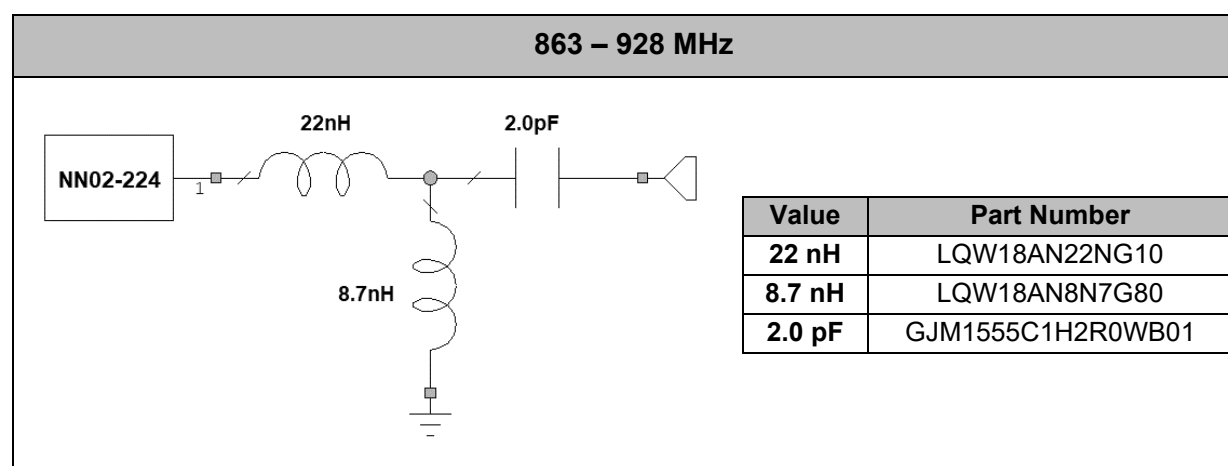
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**Figure 8 – Matching Network implemented in the evaluation board (Figure 7)**

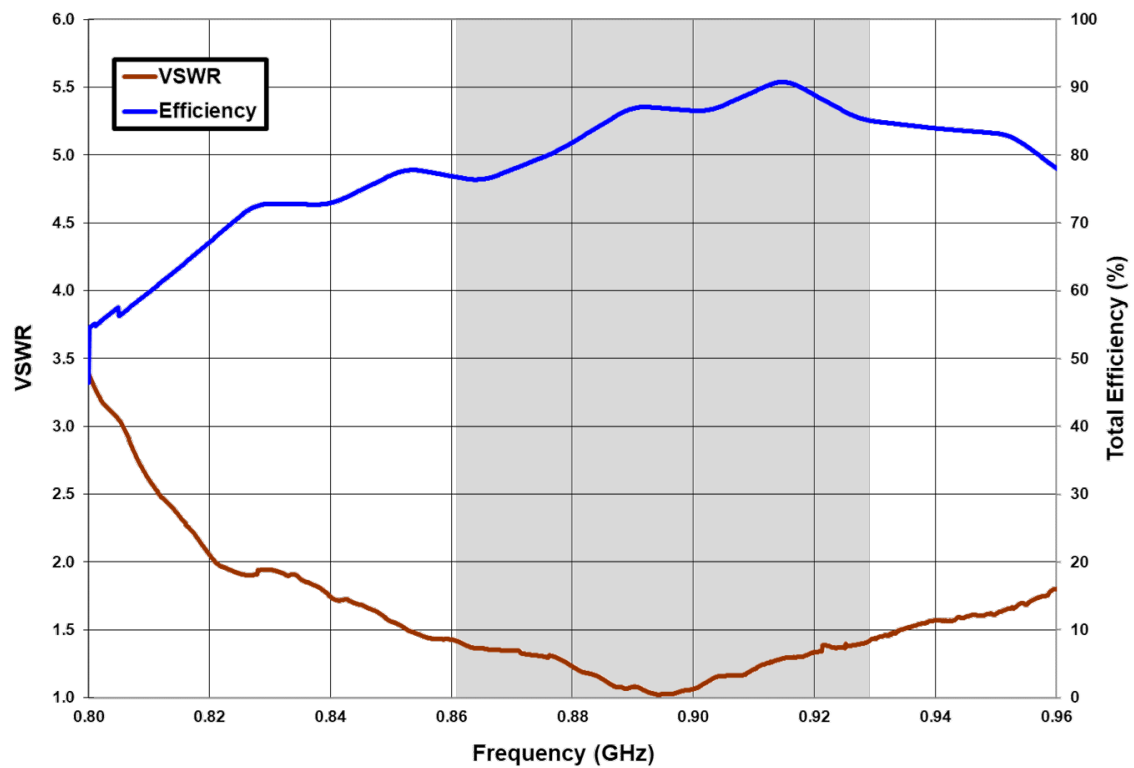
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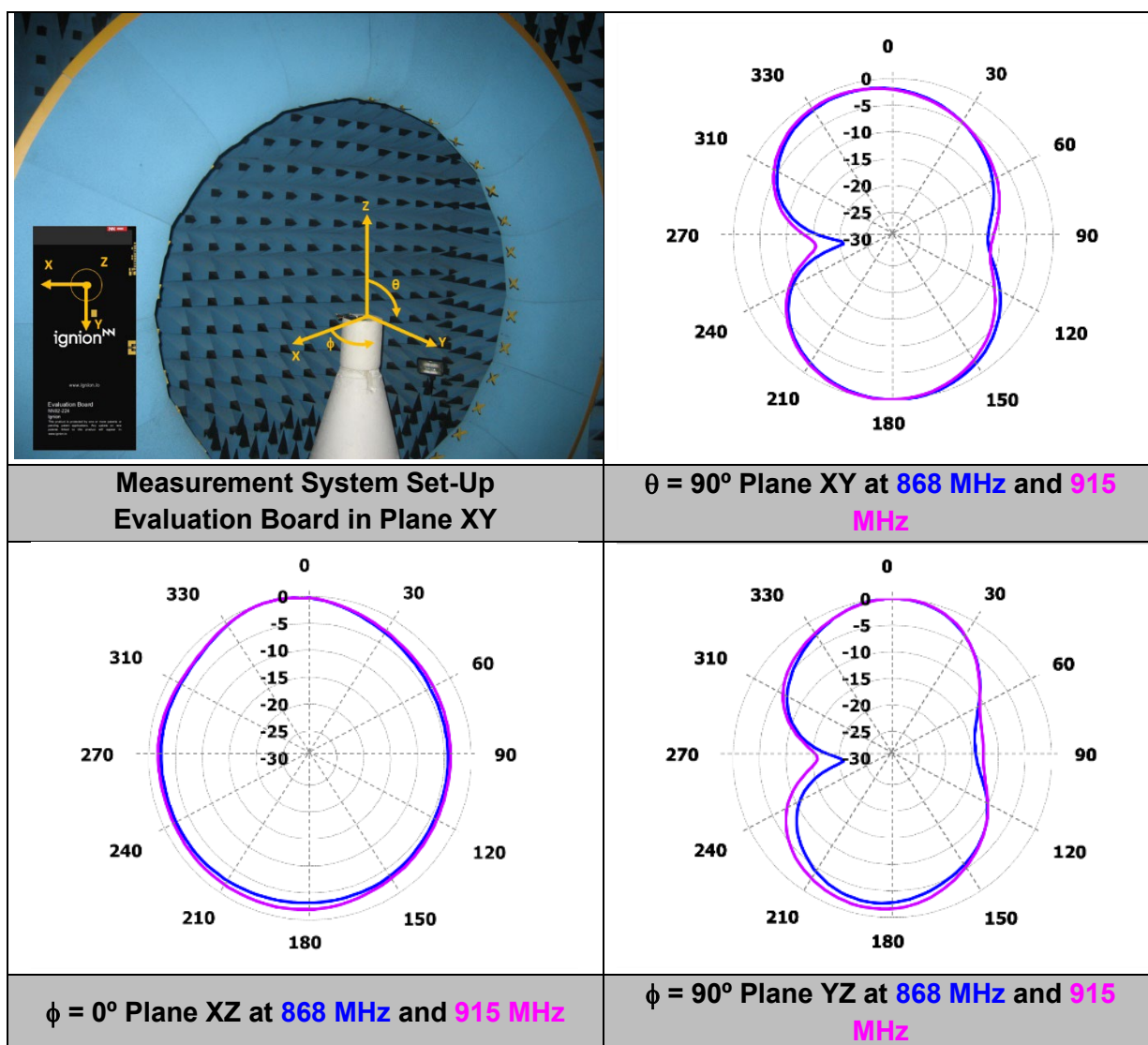
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VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency versus Frequency (GHz).



**Figure 9** – VSWR and Total Efficiency for the 863 – 928 MHz from the evaluation board (Figure 7).

## 4.5. RADIATION PATTERNS (863-928 MHz), GAIN AND EFFICIENCY



Gain	Peak Gain	2.2 dBi
	Average Gain across the band	1.9 dBi
	Gain Range across the band (min, max)	1.6 <-> 2.2 dBi
Efficiency	Peak Efficiency	87.1 %
	Average Efficiency across the band	85.3 %
	Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)	76.7 – 87.1 %

**Table 6** – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the evaluation board (Figure 7) within the 863 – 928 MHz frequency range. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

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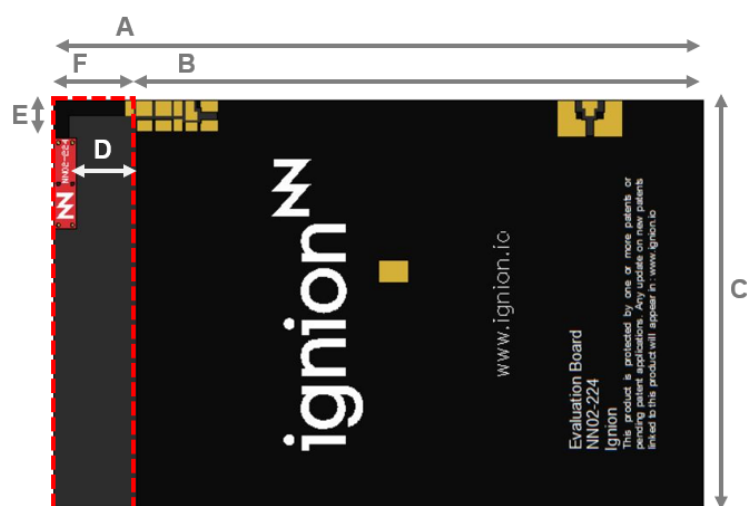
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Technical features	863 – 870 MHz
Average Efficiency	> 60.0 %
Peak Gain	0.2 dBi
VSWR	< 2:1
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional
Polarization	Linear
Weight (approx.)	0.19 g
Temperature	-40 to +125 °C
Impedance	50 Ω
Dimensions (L x W x H)	12.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.4 mm

Table 7 – Technical Features. Measures from the evaluation board. See Figure 10.

### 5.2. EVALUATION BOARD

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Measure	mm
A	86
B	75
C	54
D	8.0
E	5.0
F	11

Tolerance: ±0.2 mm

**D:** Distance between the RUN mXTEND™ antenna booster and the ground plane.

**Material:** The evaluation board is built on FR4 substrate. Thickness is 1 mm.

**Clearance Area:** 11 mm x 54 mm (F x C)

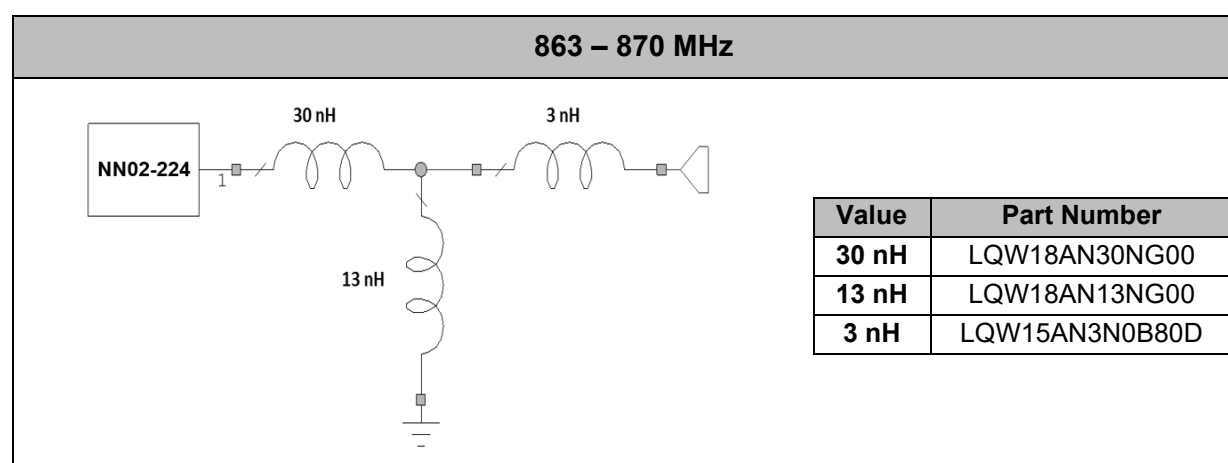
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**Figure 11 – Matching Network implemented in the evaluation board (Figure 10)**

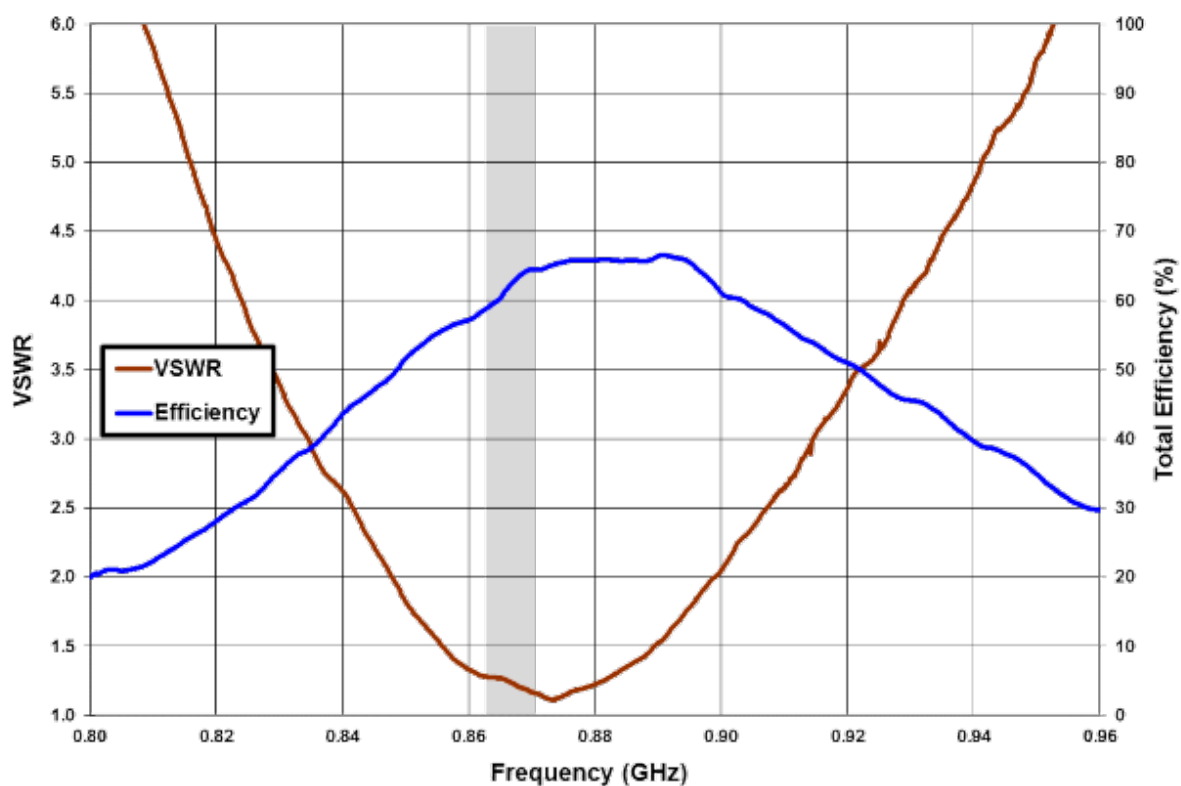
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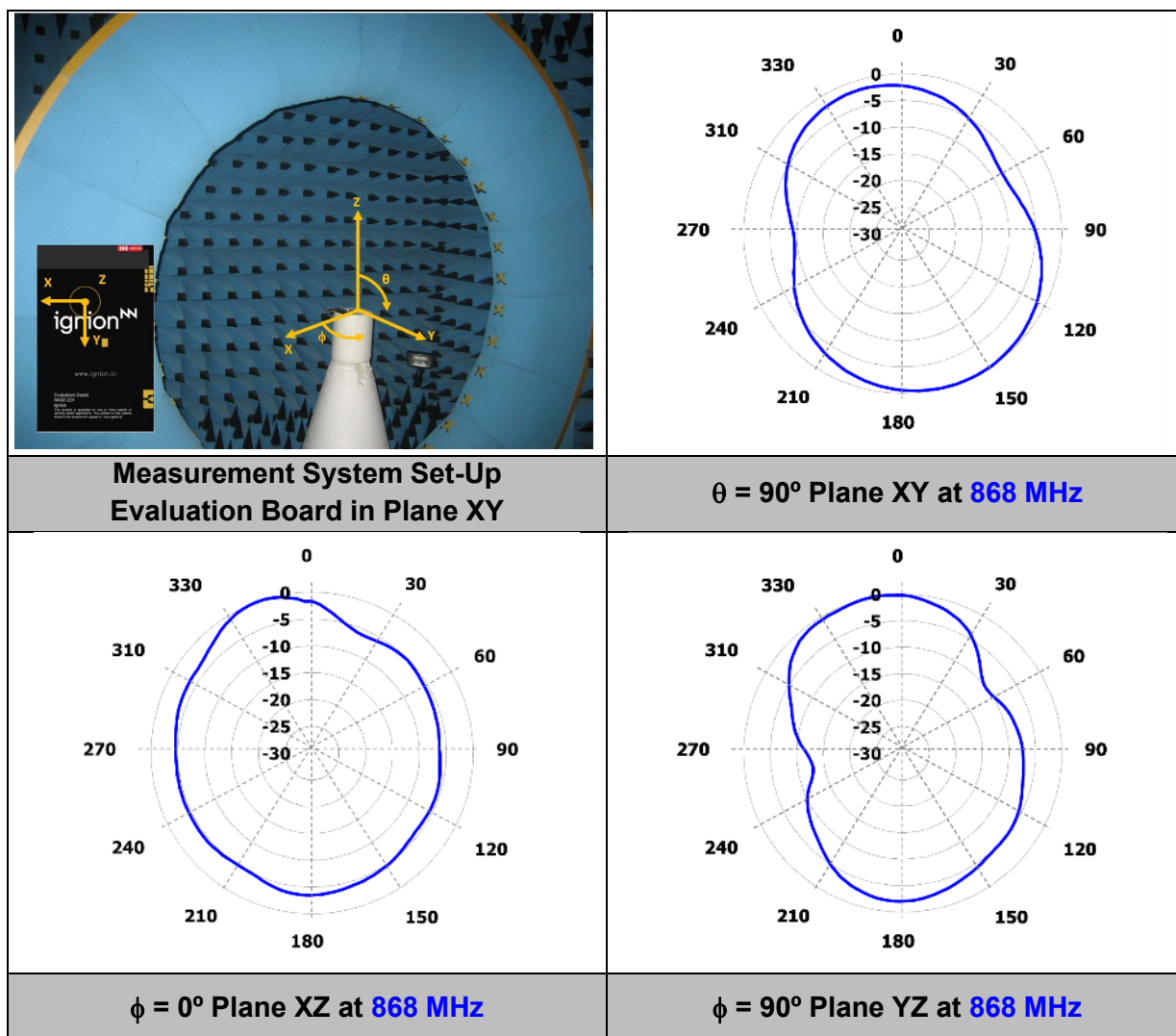
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VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency versus Frequency (GHz).



**Figure 12** – VSWR and Total Efficiency for the 863 – 870 MHz from the evaluation board (Figure 10).

## 5.5. RADIATION PATTERNS (863-870 MHz), GAIN AND EFFICIENCY



<b>Gain</b>	<b>Peak Gain</b>	0.2 dBi
	<b>Average Gain across the band</b>	0.1 dBi
	<b>Gain Range across the band (min, max)</b>	-0.2 $\leftrightarrow$ 0.2 dBi
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>Peak Efficiency</b>	65.7 %
	<b>Average Efficiency across the band</b>	63.7 %
	<b>Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)</b>	60.2 – 65.7 %

**Table 8** – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the evaluation board (Figure 10) within the 863 – 870 MHz frequency range. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

## 6. EVALUATION BOARD CR80 902-928 MHz

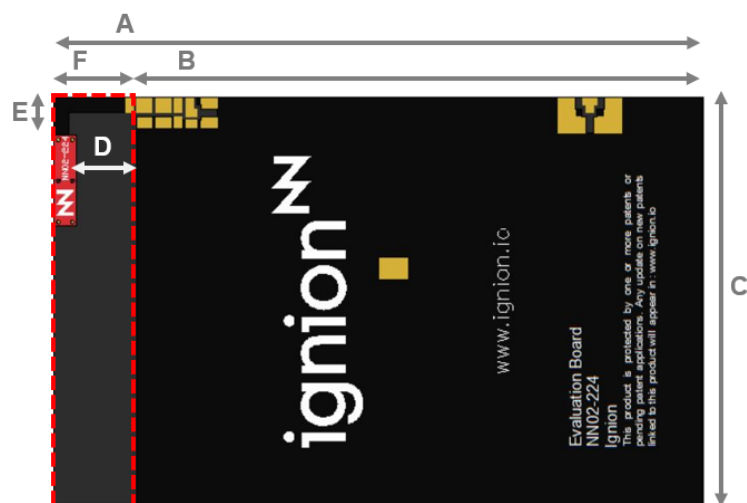
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Technical features	902 – 928 MHz
Average Efficiency	> 60 %
Peak Gain	0.6 dBi
VSWR	< 2:1
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional
Polarization	Linear
Weight (approx.)	0.19 g
Temperature	-40 to +125 °C
Impedance	50 Ω
Dimensions (L x W x H)	12.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.4 mm

Table 9 – Technical Features. Measures from the evaluation board. See Figure 13.

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This Evaluation Board EB\_NN02-224-CR80-915 integrates a UFL cable to connect the RUN mXTEND™ antenna booster with the SMA connector. The RUN mXTEND™ provides operation in the frequency region which covers from 902 MHz to 928 MHz, through a single input/output port.



Measure	mm
A	86
B	75
C	54
D	8.0
E	5.0
F	11

Tolerance: ±0.2 mm

**D:** Distance between the RUN mXTEND™ antenna booster and the ground plane.

**Material:** The evaluation board is built on FR4 substrate. Thickness is 1 mm.

**Clearance Area:** 11 mm x 54 mm (F x C)

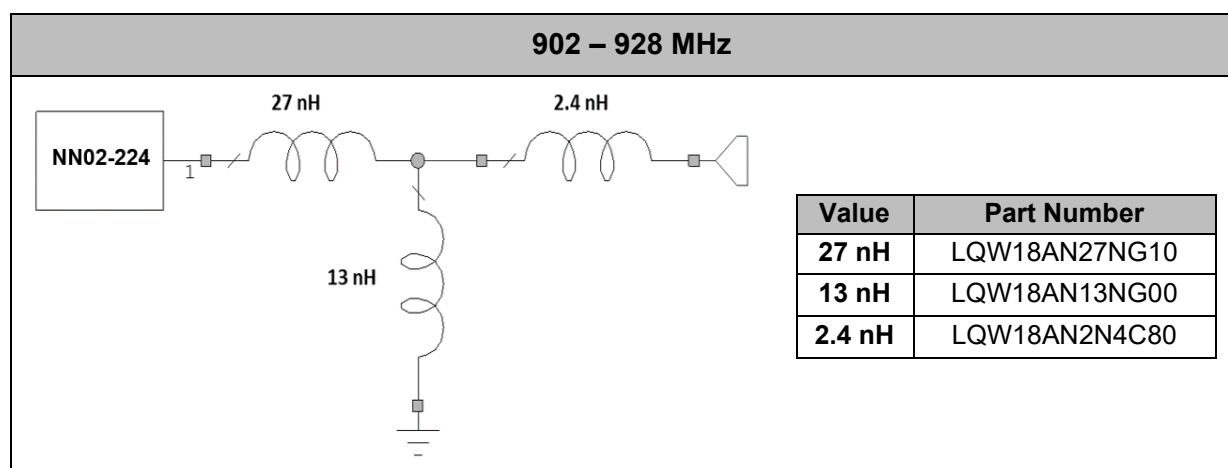
Figure 13 – EB\_NN02-224-915. Evaluation Board providing operation from 902 MHz to 928 MHz.

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**Figure 14 – Matching Network implemented in the evaluation board (Figure 13)**

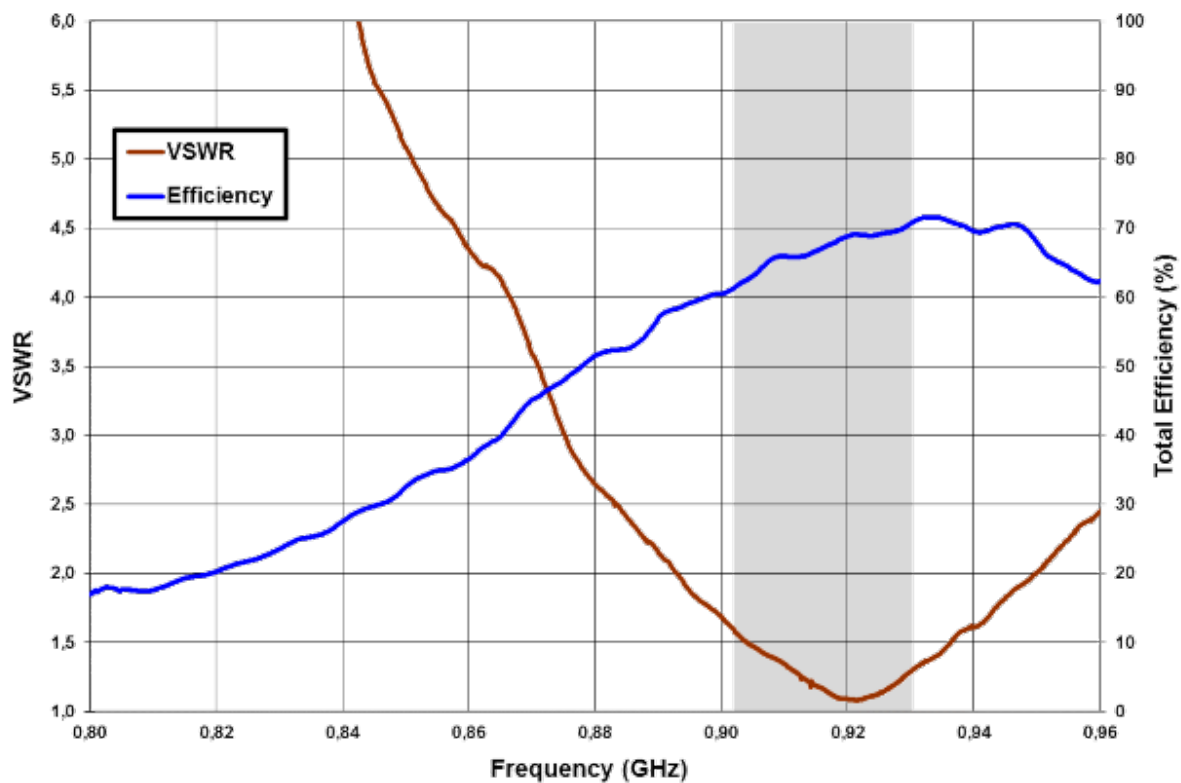
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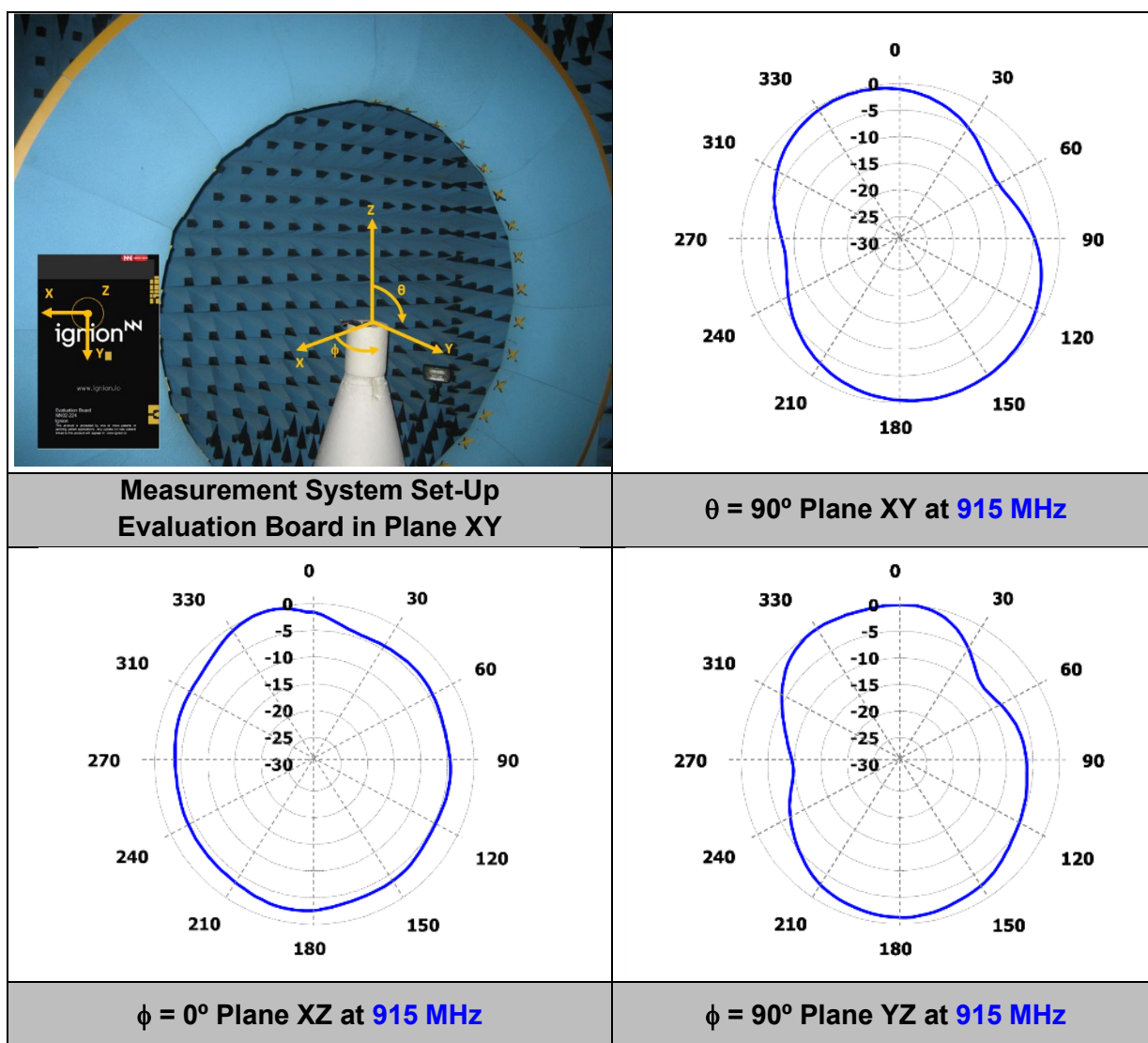
## 6.4. VSWR AND TOTAL EFFICIENCY

VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency versus Frequency (GHz).



**Figure 15** – VSWR and Total Efficiency for the 902 – 928 MHz from the evaluation board (Figure 13).

## 6.5. RADIATION PATTERNS (902-928 MHz), GAIN AND EFFICIENCY



Gain	Peak Gain	0.6 dBi
	Average Gain across the band	0.4 dBi
	Gain Range across the band (min, max)	0.1 $\leftrightarrow$ 0.6 dBi
Efficiency	Peak Efficiency	70.6 %
	Average Efficiency across the band	67.4 %
	Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)	62.7 – 70.6 %

**Table 10** – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the evaluation board (Figure 1) within the 902 – 928 MHz frequency range. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.

## 7. EVALUATION BOARD CR80 863-928 MHz

### 7.1. QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Technical features	863 – 928 MHz
Average Efficiency	> 55.0 %
Peak Gain	0.4 dBi
VSWR	< 2.5:1
Radiation Pattern	Omnidirectional
Polarization	Linear
Weight (approx.)	0.19 g
Temperature	-40 to +125 °C
Impedance	50 Ω
Dimensions (L x W x H)	12.0 mm x 3.0 mm x 2.4 mm

Table 11 – Technical Features. Measures from the evaluation board. See Figure 16.

### 7.2. EVALUATION BOARD

This Evaluation Board EB\_NN02-224-CR80-868-915 integrates a UFL cable to connect the RUN mXTEND™ antenna booster with the SMA connector. The RUN mXTEND™ provides operation in the frequency region which covers from 863 MHz to 928 MHz, through a single input/output port.

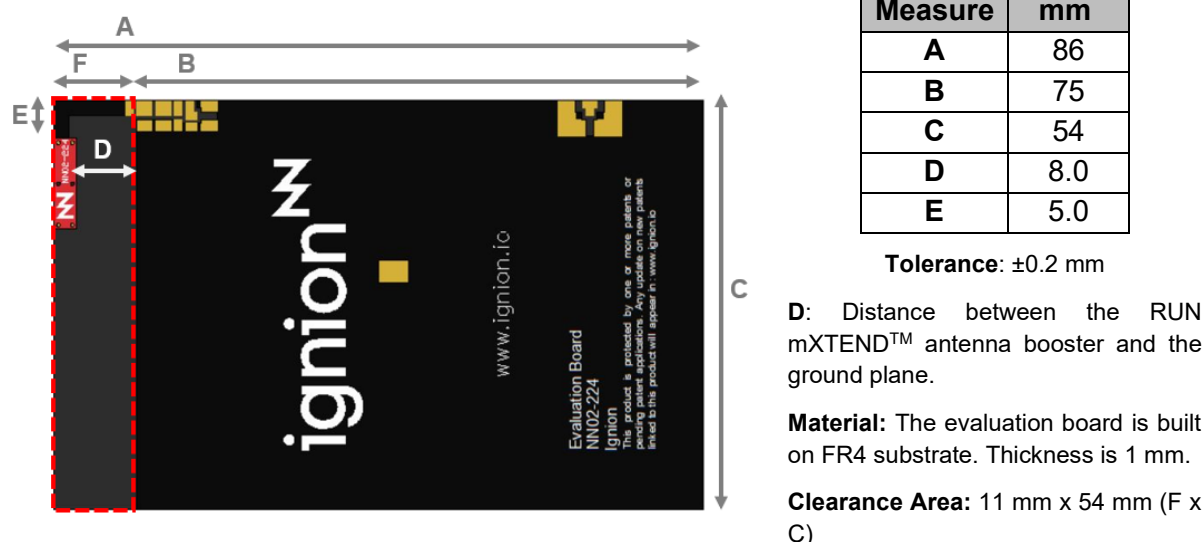
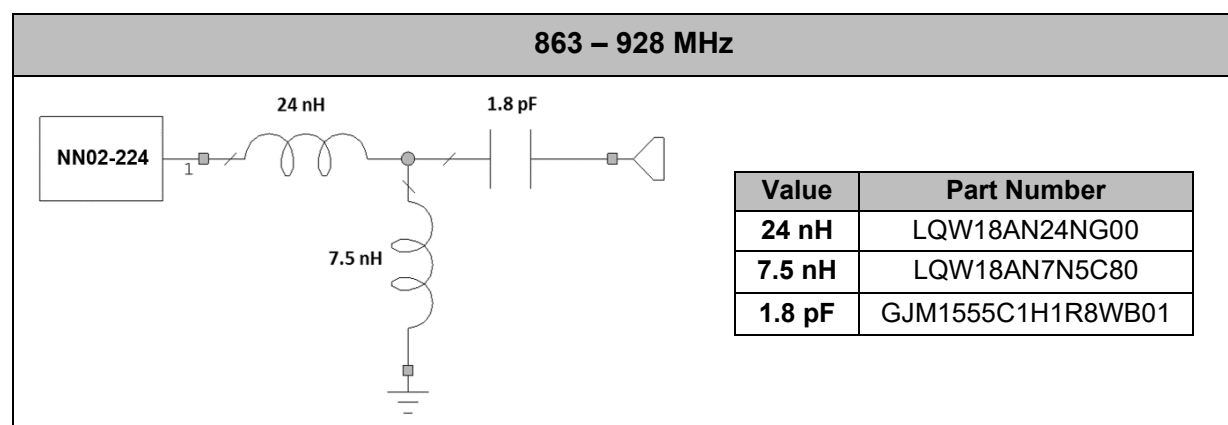


Figure 16 – EB\_NN02-224-CR80-868-915. Evaluation Board providing operation from 863 MHz to 928 MHz.

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**Figure 17 – Matching Network implemented in the evaluation board (Figure 16)**

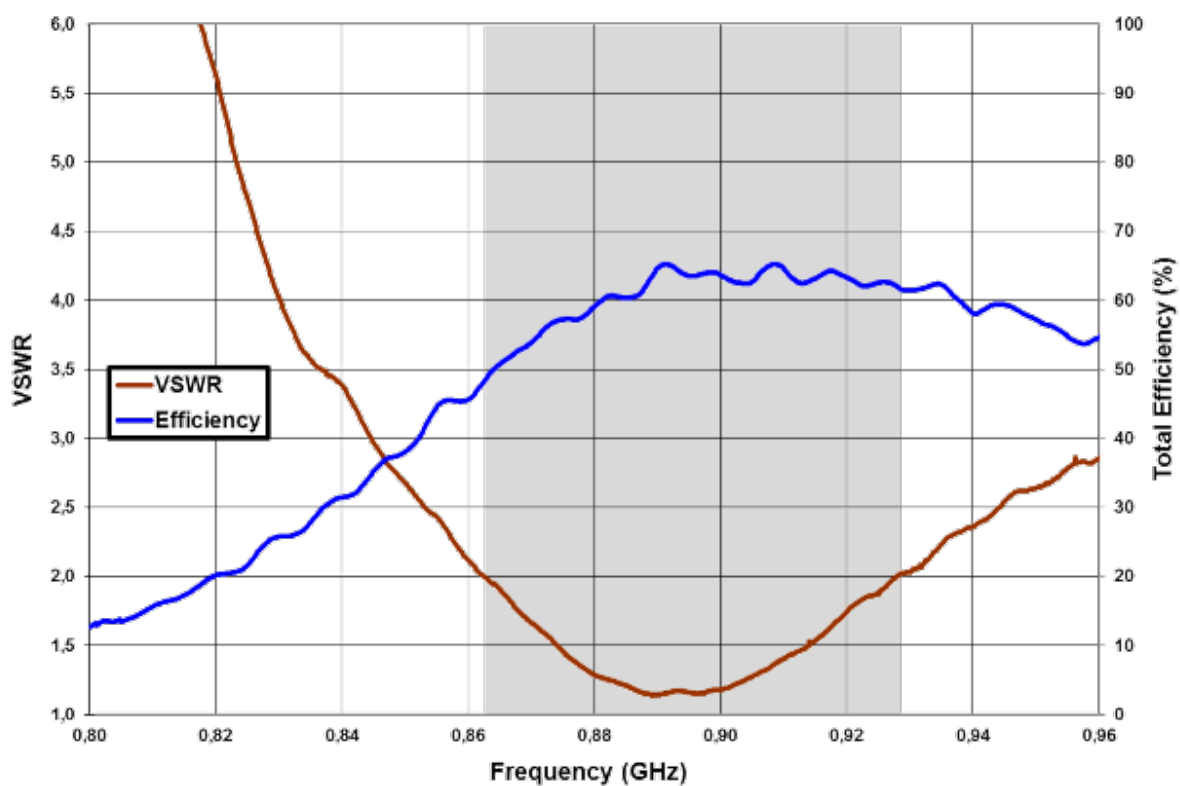
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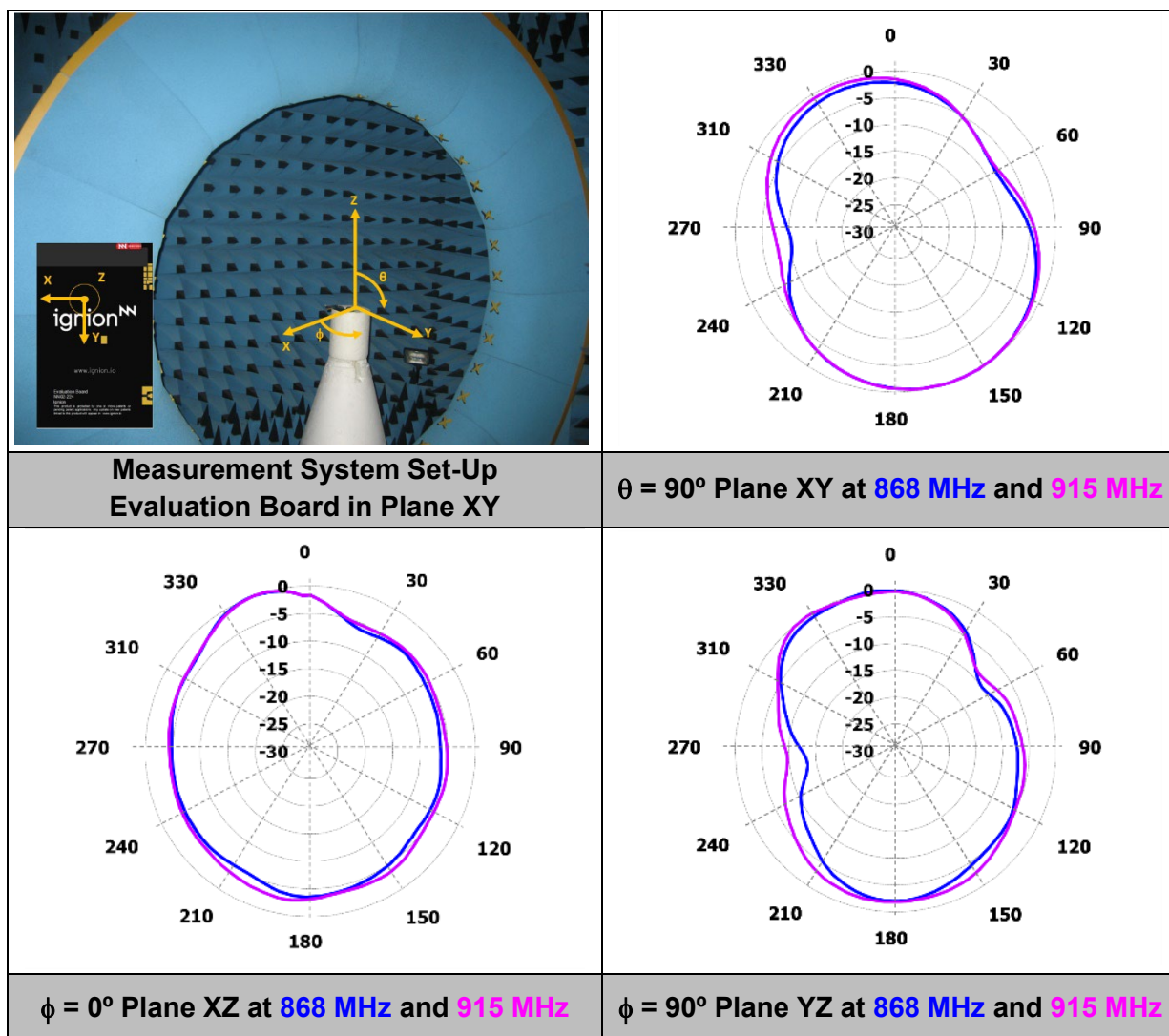
## 7.4. VSWR AND TOTAL EFFICIENCY

VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) and Total Efficiency versus Frequency (GHz).



**Figure 18** – VSWR and Total Efficiency for the 863 – 928 MHz from the evaluation board (Figure 16).

## 7.5. RADIATION PATTERNS (863-928 MHz), GAIN AND EFFICIENCY



Gain	Peak Gain	0.4 dBi
	Average Gain across the band	-0.1 dBi
	Gain Range across the band (min, max)	-1.0 $\leftrightarrow$ 0.4 dBi
Efficiency	Peak Efficiency	67.3 %
	Average Efficiency across the band	61.2 %
	Efficiency Range across the band (min, max)	50.8 – 67.3 %

**Table 12** – Antenna Gain and Total Efficiency from the evaluation board (Figure 16) within the 863 – 928 MHz frequency range. Measures made in the Satimo STARGATE 32 anechoic chamber.



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