

Design of Dual Band Microstrip Patch Antenna Using Proximity Feed for Wireless Applications

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Abstract: In this paper, the design of dual band microstrip patch antenna has been presented for technology oriented requirements of high speed wireless applications. The proposed antenna is excited using proximity coupling feed. The proposed antenna resonates at 2.4GHz and 4.65GHz . The E shaped slot on the upper stacked patch helps in improving the results. The designed antenna gives efficient results resonating at 2.4 GHz and 4.65 GHz. CST Microwave studio is used to design and simulate the proposed antenna structure.

Keywords: Dual band, Microstrip antenna, Proximity feed.

INTRODUCTION

Nowadays in modern communication system we need to develop small sized, light weight, low profile, and broad band antenna design for compact communication equipments. Microstrip patch antenna are used in various wireless applications. These antennas have many desirable features such as: low profile, light weight, and are easily fabricated by lithographic process or mechanical milling process. But the narrow bandwidth, low gain, polarization impurity and impedance mismatching are becoming main drawbacks in the applications of the communication systems. In this paper we use the proximity coupled feed to improve the bandwidth, gain and directivity [1],[2].

In this configuration two-layer substrate with the microstrip line on the lower layer and patch antenna on the upper layer is used. The feed line terminates in an open end and underneath the patch. This feed is better known as an “electromagnetically coupled” microstrip feed. Coupling between the patch and the microstrip is capacitive in nature [4].

The substrate parameters of two layers can be selected to increase the bandwidth of the patch and to reduce the spurious radiations from the open end of the microstrip. For this the lower layer should be thin. The radiating patch being placed on the double layer gives a larger bandwidth. [2],[3],[5].

Design Geometry

The geometrical representation of the proposed design antenna is shown in fig.1. The antenna is mounted on fr4 substrate with thickness of 1.59mm. The antenna is fed by proximity feed. Synthesis and analysis of this proposed design was performed using CST Microwave Studio 2012. In this section a Dual band antenna is defined which resonates efficiently at two frequencies 2.4GHz and 4.65GHz. In this design stacking is used, the size of the

stacked substrate is different from the main substrates [11],[4]. The design of the antenna has patch width W_p of 39.43mm and the length of patch L_p is 31.16mm by using given steps of the antenna parameter calculation. The substrates used are of same material having dielectric constant of 3.38 and the height of the substrate is 1.524mm. The dimensions of the stacked patch are width W_p 22.72mm and the length L_p is 17.72mm. The dimensions of the E shaped slots are given as the width of the upper slot is 9.5mm and the length of the slot is 3.425, the upper and the lower slot are of same dimensions and the dimensions of the center slot is width 7.7mm and length 2.75mm. The following table shows the various parameters of the designed antenna having E shaped slot:

Resonating frequency f_r (GHz)	Feeding technique	Patch width W_p (mm)	Patch length L_p (mm)	Height of the substrate h (mm)	Dielectric constant (ϵ_r)
2.4	Proximity	39.43	31.16	1.524	3.38
4.65	Proximity	22.72	17.72	1.524	3.38

The simulated design of the antenna is given in the Figure (fig 1) below

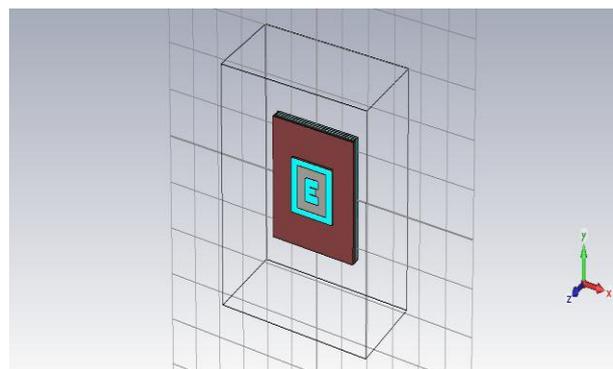


Figure.1 Geometry of the proposed dual band antenna.

Simulation Results:

RETURN LOSS

The designed antenna gives excellent results of return loss that is at frequency 2.4GHz it gives the return loss of -26dB and at 4.65 GHz frequency it gives the return loss of -30dB where -10dB is acceptable for practical applications which shows that the above designed antenna is perfectly matched and the power lost is minimum. The simulated results of the return loss and given in the Figure below:

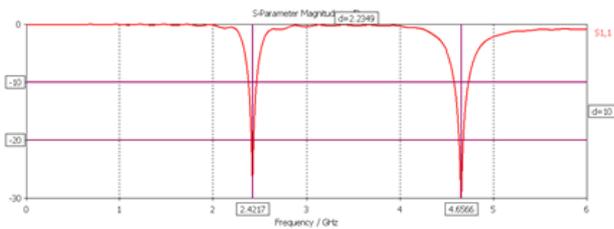


Figure (2) Simulated Return loss of Dual Band MSA at 2.4 GHz and 4.6 GHz.

VSWR

The value of VSWR for a good antenna is less than or equal to 2 for practical antennas[8], the designed antenna gives a VSWR of 1.2 at 2.4GHz and 1.1 at 4.65GHz, which is given below so that value defines that the antenna is perfectly matched

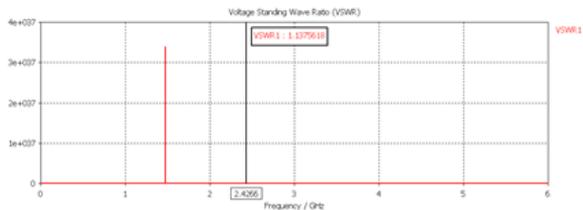


Figure 3 (a) VSWR at 2.4GHz

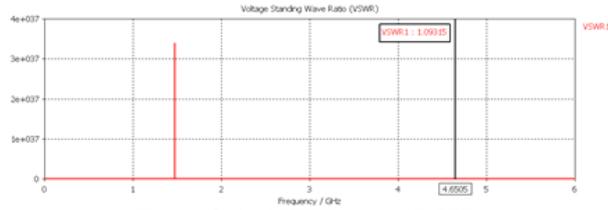


Figure 3 (b) VSWR at 4.65 GHz

Smith chart

The smith chart below shows two circles for two resonating frequencies. The circles pass through resistance 1 circle which shows that the antenna is perfectly matched and thus losses are minimum.

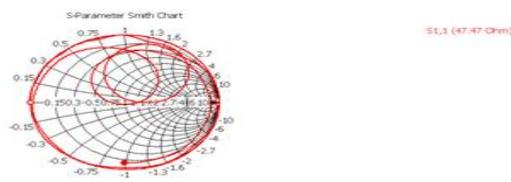


Figure (4) Smith Chart of Dual Band MSA at 2.4 GHz and 4.65 GHz.

Directivity

The simulated antenna design gives the directivity of 6.8 dB at 2.4 GHz and 5.4 dBi at 4.65GHz the simulated results of directivity are given in the Figure below.

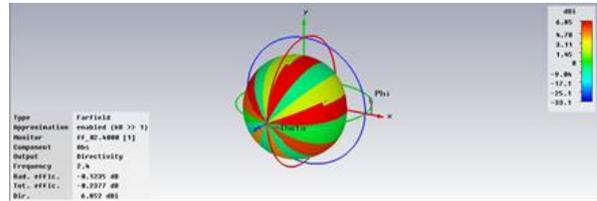


Figure 5(a) Directivity at 2.4GHz

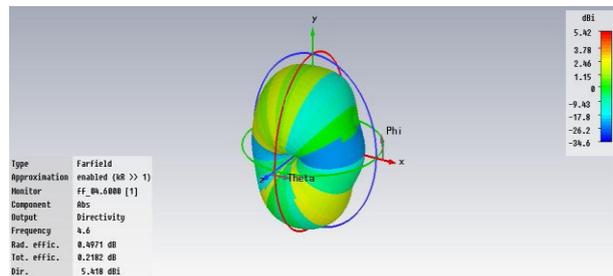


Figure 5 (b) Directivity at 4.65 GHz

Gain

Gain is a dimensionless quantity[2],[3],[13]. The simulation results of the gain are given in the Figure below and the gain obtained is 6.7 dB at 2.4GHz and 5.9 dB at 4.65GHz.

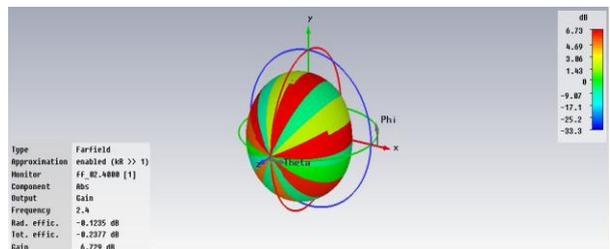


Figure 6(a) Gain at 2.4GHz

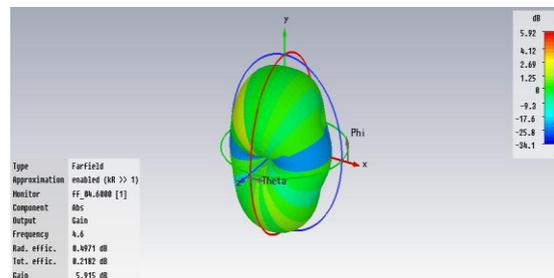


Figure 6 (b) Gain at 4.65GH

The results of the dual band antenna operating at 2.4 GHz and 4.65GHz are summarized in the following table:

Resonating frequency (GHz)	Return loss (dB)	Bandwidth (MHz)	VSWR	Directivity (dBi)	Gain (dB)
2.4	-26	90	1.2	6.8	6.7
4.65	-30	155	1.2	5.4	5.9

CONCLUSION

The above designed antenna gives excellent results and covers two frequencies 2.4GHz and 4.65GHz with efficient parameter values and can be used for various applications in military, RADAR and numerous other wireless applications. By the use of stacking, the bandwidth of the antenna is increased but it also increases the size of the antenna.

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