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Simulation of Rectangular Ring Micro-Strip Patch Antenna to Enhance Impedance Bandwidth for UWB Wireless Applications

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Abstract

In this paper, simulation of rectangular ring micro-strip patch antenna for ultra wideband (UWB) wireless applications is done. The attractiveness of this antenna is that it employs solo patch that makes it easy to fabricate and economical as well. It also mitigates the issue of misalignment. By making use of matching rectangular strips, impedance bandwidth enhancement is also attained. At centre frequency return loss is not more than -10dB. It demonstrates superior radiation characteristics and reasonable gain in the whole operating band. In the designing of proposed antenna, micro-strip feeding is used for power supply purpose. CST Microwave studio suit 10 is used for the simulation purpose of the proposed antenna, which is a 3D electromagnetic field tool for simulation of electromagnetic field in all frequency bands. After simulation of proposed antenna, enhancement in impedance bandwidth of 20.60%, frequency range of 1.8533 GHz, radiation efficiency of 92.51%, and gain of 3.765dbi are obtained.

Index Terms: Ultra Wideband (UWB), Ring Micro-strip Patch Antenna, Impedance Bandwidth, Radiation Efficiency, Gain.

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1. Introduction

After studying the different materials, it has found that dielectric resonators are efficient radiator and energy storing element [4]. It is easy to design dielectric resonator antenna (DRA); because of its features such as small size, high radiation efficiency and simple structure [4] moreover it provides wideband width and low

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Conductor loss. After examination of different dielectric resonator shape, it is found that some shape gives better impedance bandwidth.

For excitation of antennae we can use different feeding method. Such as micro-strip feeding, disk feeding, slot line feeding, coaxial feeding etc. we have used coaxial feeding as this provides better matching [4]. As mentioned objective of this paper is to simulate rectangular ring micro-strip patch antenna to enhance the impedance bandwidth, to minimize return loss, to increase the input impedance and more over to generate a radiation pattern in which there is minimum back radiation for UWB wireless application. To enhance the impedance bandwidth to its maximum extent rectangular ring patch is used. For feeding purpose micro-strip feeding concept is used. This type of design gives maximum gain relative to isotropic antenna. From some previous researches, it has found that rectangular ring micro-strip patch gives more impedance bandwidth than normal patch antenna. For superior antenna performance, a thick dielectric substrate with low dielectric constant is advantageous as this provide large bandwidths, high radiation power and better efficiency concurrently reduce conductor loss and Q factor. For antenna designers, bandwidth enhancement is main concern. Enhancement of bandwidth can be achieve by working on different parameter such as by varying probe height, or thickness of dielectric substrate, or by changing of dielectric constant of substrate, etc. If we compare dielectric resonator antenna with other antenna such as micro-strip antenna, we will find out that dielectric resonator antenna (DRA) has better antenna efficiency and wider bandwidth.

2. Related Work

A dual-band antenna can replace two single band antennas work for two frequency bands. The work on wideband stacked DRA was an implication to the design of dual-band DRAs by choosing two DRAs of having different dimensions but they are excited by a single feed. A wide band antenna has no use if it is not operating over a useful application band. This suggests the design of independent application bands where the antenna radiates only over the useful bands. Z. Fan et al. introduced a slot excited double element rectangular DRA for dual or wideband application. Three-band behavior of antenna was found when two cylindrical DRAs were stacked and excited by annular ring. In dual frequency operation was achieved by incorporating an additional DRA in to a parent DRA where both DRAs are cylindrical in shape, so that the volume of the structure remains unchanged. Dual resonance is achieved by feeding a cylindrical ring DRA by using two orthogonal micro-strip feed lines. This also has the effect of producing orthogonally polarized bands but with similar broadside radiation patterns. Special eye-shaped DRA is also shown to be effective in producing dual radiating modes. Dual-frequency operation can also be achieved by embedding an additional radiator to the DRA. This principle is implemented in where a cylindrical DRA and a ring slot are fed together by a circular slot thereby allowing radiation from the two at respective resonances. it will be advantageous in this context if the feed to the DRA is also radiating at a particular frequency. This technique is explained in where the rectangular slot-feed to the DRA is made to radiate at a particular frequency by adjusting its dimensions. The same team introduced another design by using a T-shaped micro-strip feed that radiates in addition to exciting the DRA. A ceramic loaded annular ring monopole antenna is found to resonate in the dual W-LAN bands.

3. Antenna-Structure

i. Micro strip feed line placement

As shown in figure 1, micro-strip is placed on the top of substrate so that it's one end can touch the rectangular ring patch, dimensions are chosen as length $l=6\text{mm}$ (x from +4 to +10), width $w=3.59\text{mm}$ (y from -1.795 to +1.795) and thickness $t=0.25\text{mm}$ (z from +3 to +3.25).

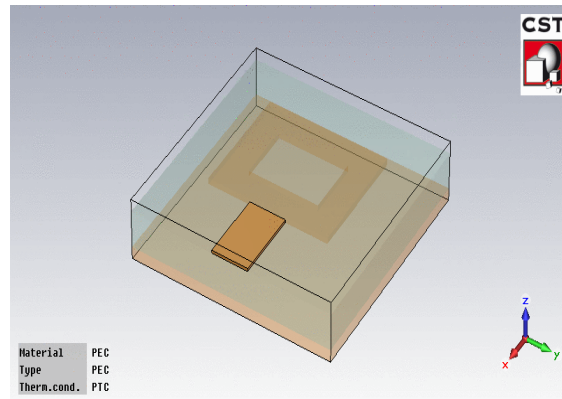


Fig.1. Micro-strip feeding

ii. Selection of port for power supply

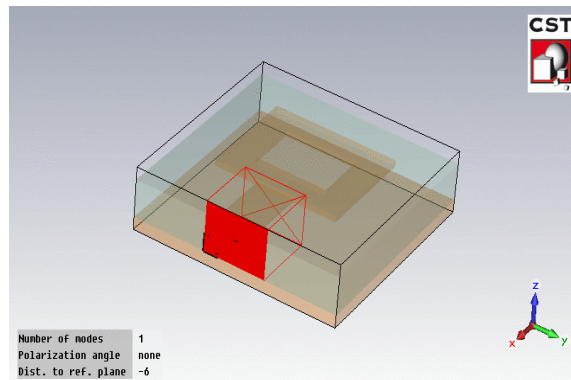


Fig.2. Selection of port for power supply

iii. Finishing structure of proposed antenna with port.

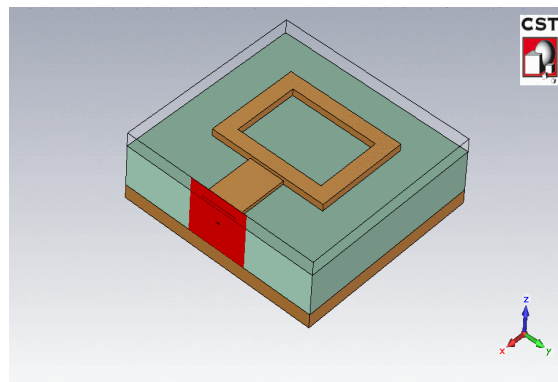


Fig.3. Final structure of proposed antenna

4. Simulated Results

i. S-Parameter

The structure has been simulated and S-Parameter is shown in Fig.4 , it is found that resonant frequency is 9GHz with bandwidth 1.85 GHz ranging from 3 to 12 GHz (where $S_{11} < -10$ dB). Maximum return loss is up to -24.126dB at the resonant frequency. The return loss, S_{11} (dB) is shown in Fig. 4, where we can clearly see the maximum dip is at 9GHz.

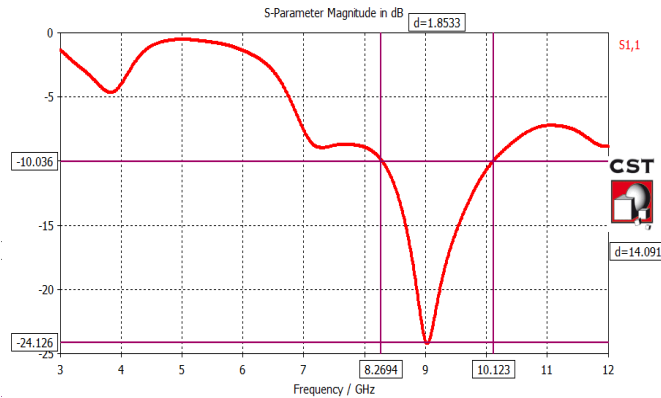


Fig.4. S-parameter, S_{11} in dB

ii. Farfield Radiation Pattern and its 3D Plot

At resonant frequency of 9 GHz, Farfield radiation pattern is shown in Fig. 5, which shows maximum gain of antenna, is 3.765dBi. A polar plot of Gain Theta and Gain Phi, in Fig. (a), Fig.(b) respectively is also shown to understand the variation with change in Theta and Phi. For Gain Theta plot, its main lobe direction is 90 deg. and its magnitude is 3.4dB. For Gain Phi Plot, main lobe direction is 0 deg. and its magnitude is -11.4dB.

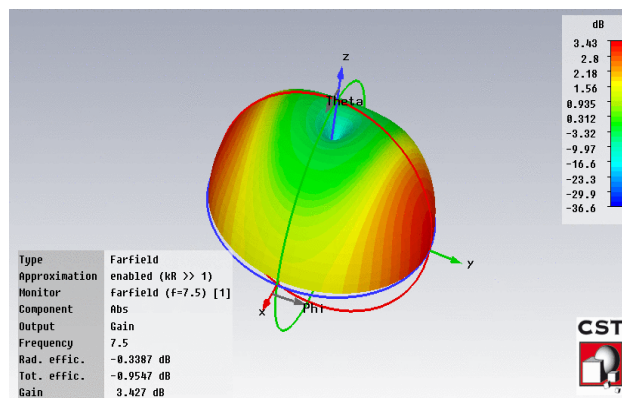


Fig.5. Gain

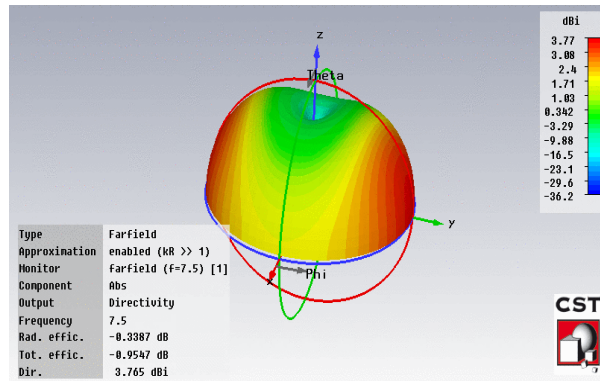


Fig.6. Directivity

As from the Fig. 5 and Fig .6 gain and directivity are 3.765dBi and 3.427dB respectively. Total radiation efficiency can be calculated as:

$$R_{\text{eff}} = (3.427 - 3.765)$$

$$R_{\text{eff}} = -0.338$$

$$R_{\text{eff}} = 10^{(-0.338/10)}$$

$$R_{\text{eff}} = (0.9251 * 100) = 92.51\%$$

The above calculation shows that the proposed antenna is 92.51% efficient.

iii. E-Field and H-Field Distribution Pattern

Field distribution pattern E-field distribution and H-field distribution are shown below in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8, these plots are found at resonant frequency 9 GHz.

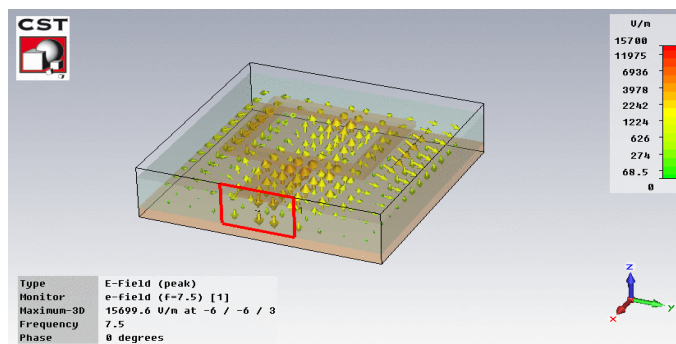


Fig.7. E-field distribution

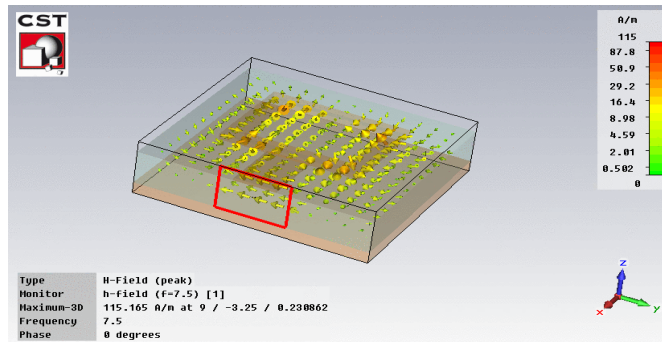


Fig.8. H-field distributions

iv. VSWR Plot

Voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) is used to measure to find out how perfectly antenna is matched with transmission line. The simulated VSWR of proposed antenna is shown in Fig. 9. The matching frequency range is from 3 to 12 GHz, where the $VSWR < 2$ and return loss (S_{11}) < -10 dB.

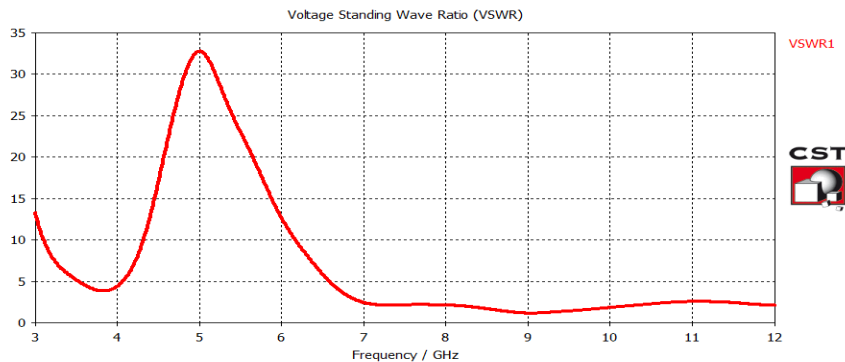


Fig.9.VSWR for proposed antenna

5. Conclusions & Future Scope

Simulation results of rectangular ring micro-strip patch antenna to enhance impedance bandwidth for UWB wireless application is presented and examined numerically using CST microwave studio suit 10. By varying height of probe, a wideband antenna is simulated with the following specifications. Bandwidth of 1.8533 GHz ranging from 8.2694 GHz-10.123 GHz, where return loss is not more than -10db at resonant frequency (< -10 db S_{11}), enhancement of impedance bandwidth 20.60%, radiation efficiency of 92.51%, total efficiency of 80.27% and gain of 3.765dbi. Future work could be stretched out by considering usage of streamlining systems on the other hand the DRA; some scientific models are obliged to get an acceptable thought of aspects of antenna. Great fabrication techniques ought to be emulated to minimize the measured errors. Based on the antenna design, following points are found which would be considered helpful for future investigations. The impedance bandwidth of the rectangular ring micro-strip patch antenna can be enhanced by using multiple rectangular ring micro-strip patch antennas in array pattern. Design of micro-strip patch antenna using embedded arrays can be done in future.

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