Microstrip Patch Antenna Array Design Analysis for 5G Communication Applications

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Abstract—A research on Antenna design and simulation is a emerging area among researchers. Antenna is a basic element for wireless communication. There are various shapes and types of antenna, which uses in different applications. Now a days Microstrip patch antenna is very useful in advance electronics devices applications. This paper focused on study based various types of microstrip antenna. Return loss, VSWR, bandwidth, resonant frequency and gain is key parameters to judge antenna performance. Good value of return loss is less than -10dB. Considerable range of VSWR is 1-2. CST microwave studio is a advance software to design and simulation of all types of antenna, filter etc.

Index Terms—Antenna, Bandwidth, Return loss, CST, Microstrip, Resonant.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Microstrip antenna was first design in 1950, but after 1970 this is most common and advance type of antenna after develop printed circuit board (PCB). During last some year microstrip antenna is most popular antenna in the telecommunication field. Due to some advantage like small in size and weight, low manufacturing cost, reliability, easy in fabrication and some drawback like low bandwidth, low gain etc. Simple diagram of microstrip patch antenna show in the fig.1 in this fig show that microstrip antenna consist of a patch (like circular, rectangular, ellipse, ring or any other type of shape) and ground plane between them a substrate, having particular value of dielectric constant. Dimension of ground plan and substrate plan are larger than compare to patch. Dimension of the patch . dimension of patch depend on dielectric constant of the substrate and resonance frequency of the antenna. Microstrip feed line and patch are connected by photo etched on substrate.

There are two major frequency ranges under 5G constraints-  
Lower frequency- 600 MHz to 8GHz  
Upper Frequency – 18 GHz to 84 GHz

Due to lower frequencies, L-Band is easiest to implement for marine satellite stabilised systems. There is not much L-Band bandwidth available. The higher you go in frequency, the more bandwidth is available, but the equipment needs to be more sophisticated.

The antenna is classified based on band-  
(i) Wideband  
(ii) Ultra wideband  
(iii) Super wideband

Another classification is based on satellite band which is as follows-  
L-Band (1-2 GHz) | S-Band (2-4 GHz) |  
C-Band (4-8 GHz) | X-Band (8-12 GHz) |  
Ku-Band (12-18 GHz) | K-Band (18-27 GHz)|  
K-Band (27-40 GHz)|

If one could equate the cost and availability of L-Band space segment to say, city real estate, C-Band might be the suburbs, Ku band the countryside and Ka-Band the prairies of the Wild West. Maybe a little more difficult to get to, but a lot of it available at a reasonable price.

1.1 L-Band (1-2 GHz)

Being a relatively low frequency, L-band is easier to process, requiring less sophisticated and less expensive RF equipment, and due to a wider beam width, the pointing accuracy of the antenna does not have to be as accurate as the higher bands. Only a small portion (1.3-1.7GHz) of L-Band is allocated to satellite communications on Inmarsat. Inmarsat uses L-band for their Fleet Broadband, Inmost-B and C.

L-Band is also used for low earth orbit satellites, military satellites, and terrestrial wireless connections like GSM mobile phones. It is also used as an intermediate frequency for satellite TV where the Ku or Ka band signals are down-converted to L-Band at the antenna LNB, to make it easier to transport from the antenna to the below deck, or indoor equipment. Since there is not much bandwidth available in L-band, it is a costly commodity.
1.2 S-Band (2-4 GHz)

The S band is a designation by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) for a part of the microwave band of the electromagnetic spectrum covering frequencies from 2 to 4 gigahertz (GHz). Thus it crosses the conventional boundary between the UHF and SHF bands at 3.0 GHz.

1.3 C-Band (4-8 GHz)

C-band is typically used by large ships that traverse the oceans on a regular basis and require uninterrupted, dedicated, always on connectivity as they move from region to region. The shipping lines usually lease segment of satellite bandwidth that is provided to the ships on a full time basis, providing connections to the Internet, the public telephone networks, and data back-hauls to their head office. C-band is also used for terrestrial microwave links, which can present a problem when vessels come into port and interfere with critical terrestrial links. This has resulted in serious restrictions within 300Km of the coast, requiring terminals to be turned off when coming close to land.

1.4 X-Band (8-12 GHz)

The X band is the designation for a band of frequencies in the microwave radio region of the electromagnetic spectrum. In some cases, such as in communication engineering, the frequency range of the X band is rather indefinitely set at approximately 7.0–11.2 GHz.[citation needed] In radar engineering, the frequency range is specified by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) at 8.0–12.0 GHz. The X band is used for radar, satellite communication, and wireless computer networks.

1.5 Ku-Band (12-18 GHz)

Ku-Band (pronounced Kay-You) refers to the lower portion of the K-Band. The "u" comes from a German term referring to "under" whereas the "a" in Ka-Band refers to "above" or the top part of K-Band. The middle portion of K-Band is a bit of a mystery. Other than a mention of K-Band radar there are few references on the Internet to it's use. Ku-Band is most commonly used for satellite TV and is used for most VSAT systems on yachts and ships today. There is much more bandwidth available in Ku-Band and it is therefore less expensive than C or L-band.

The main disadvantage of Ku-Band is rain fade. The wavelength of rain drops coincides with the wavelength of Ku-Band causing the signal to be attenuated during rain showers. This can be overcome by transmitting extra power but this of course comes with a cost as well. The pointing accuracy of the antennas needs to be much tighter than L-Band Inmarsat terminals, due to narrower beam widths, and consequently the terminals need to be more precise and more expensive.

Ku band coverage is generally by regional spot beams, covering major land areas with TV reception. VSAT Vessels moving from region to region need to change satellite beams, sometimes with no coverage in between beams. Lately this process has been improved with a transatlantic beam on Telstar 11n, and the satellite terminals and modems being programmed to automatically switch beams. VSAT Antenna sizes typically range from the standard 1 meter, like the SeaTel 4009, to 1.5 meters for operation in fringe areas and, more recently, as low as 60cm for spread spectrum operation.

1.6 K-Band (18-27 GHz)

The IEEE K band is a portion of the radio spectrum in the microwave range of frequencies from 18 to 27 gigahertz (GHz). The range of frequencies in the center of the K band between 18 and 26.5 GHz is absorbed by water vapor in the atmosphere due to its resonance peak at 22.24 GHz, 1.35 cm.

1.7 Ka-Band (26.5-40 GHz)

Ka-Band (pronounced Kay-A) is an extremely high frequency requiring great pointing accuracy and sophisticated RF equipment. Like Ku-band it is susceptible to rain fade. It is commonly used for high definition satellite TV. It is also used today for terrestrial VSAT services from companies like Hughes Networks.

![Figure 1: Microstrip patch antenna](image)

Figure 1 shows that the basic structure of microstrip patch antenna (MPA). MPA consist 3 layers of metal and substrate material. The bottom layer or ground structure layer is made by good conducting material or copper material. Middle layer or substrate layer is made by any dielectric material like FR4, Roggar, air etc. The top layer which is also known as patch layer, design layer is made by good conducting or copper layer material.

There are various types of microstrip patch antenna design in current scanner for 5G and other applications. Some of the efficient design name is following-(i) Microstrip patch antenna
(ii) Microstrip dipole antenna
(iii) Microstrip patch antenna array
(iv) Microstrip patch MIMO antenna
(v) Microstrip Fractal antenna
(vi) Substrate integrated waveguided antenna

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

A. Yadav, et al., [1] This work displays a structure of 2 × 1 microstrip patch array antenna for 5G C-band passageway applications. The array utilizes the component of rectangular microstrip antenna with U opening on parasitic patch for 5G C-Band (3.4 – 3.8 GHz) application. A microstrip feed arrange is utilized to bolster the antenna array is likewise actualized in the plan. The antenna is two layered antenna array and low profile is a decent up and-comer of antenna for 5G C band passageway applications. The paper shows consequences of examination, for example, return misfortune bandwidth, a stacked patch with incline space is presented and afterward another resource of plan. Reenacted results show that critical improvement in the recurrence band of intrigue is 17, 37 and 17 dB between radiation components #1 and #2, #1 and #3, and #1 and #4, separately. With the proposed strategy there is no requirement for utilizing metallic-by means of gaps.

M. Alibakhshikenari et al., [6] The fractals are made out of four interconnected ‘Y-formed’ openings that are isolated with a modified 'T-molded' space. The MTM-EBG structure is set between the individual patch antennas in a 2 × 2 antenna exhibit. Estimated results show the normal between component detachment improvement in the recurrence band of intrigue is accomplished as contrasted and ordinary patch antennas. The inherent scaling down capacity of the fractal geometry is completely abused by leaving unaltered the patch length, while utilizing the fractal scaling element to get a decent reflectarray stage dexterity. The accomplished size decrease in patch size, return misfortune bandwidth, radiation productivity, etc another strategy of blend of fractal hypothesis and surrender amongst the time-varying channel.

X. Yang, et al., [7] A minimal patch antenna exhibit with high segregation by utilizing two decoupling structures including a column of fractal uniplanar conservative electromagnetic bandgap (UC-EBG) structure and three cross openings is proposed. Reenacted results show that critical improvement in interelement disconnection of 13 dB is acquired by setting the proposed fractal UC-EBG structure between the two emanating patches. Additionally, three cross spaces carved on the ground plane are acquainted with further stifle the common coupling. The plan is anything but difficult to be produced without the execution of metal vias, and a progressively minimized cluster with the edge-to-edge separation of 0.22 λ 0 can be encouraged by a line of fractal UC-EBG, which can be very much applied in the patch antenna exhibit.

P. R. Prajapati et al., [8] To improve the exhibition parameters of patch antenna, for example, hub proportion (AR) bandwidth, return misfortune bandwidth, radiation productivity, etc another strategy of blend of fractal hypothesis and surrendered ground structure (DGS) is proposed without precedent for plan of CP antennas. 44.74% size decrease in patch size, improvements of 62.73% in AR bandwidth, 70.74% consecutively misfortune bandwidth and 4.03% in radiation effectiveness is accomplished as contrasted and ordinary patch antenna, after joining of Koch bend fractal DGS in the ground plane.

S. Costanzo et al., [9] A Minkowski fractal-molded patch is proposed for the plan of a decreased size reflectarray component. The inherent scaling down capacity of the fractal geometry is completely abused by leaving unaltered the patch length, while utilizing the fractal scaling element to get a decent reflectarray stage dexterity. The accomplished size decrease impact permits to pick cluster lattices with littler interelement separating, in this way offering the chance to have wide-point filtering abilities.
S. Pandit, et al.,[10] This letter displays a novel low-profile high-gain antenna with cross-polarization (x-pol) concealment utilizing cross circular loop resonator (CCLR) metamaterial (MTM) slab in substrate-integrated waveguide-bolstered space antenna (SIW-SA). The SIW-SA antenna, which is the reference antenna, works at 9.73 GHz. The CCLR MTM slab goes about as a low-impedance slab, which is put in the superstrate of the reference antenna at the stature of just $\lambda_0/10$, where $\lambda_0$ is the free-space wavelength at the reverberation recurrence of the antenna.

S. Adhikari, et al.,[11] Estimated periods of forward and turn around transmission coefficients show the non-proportional conduct of this transmission line. Estimated results outlining the examination between a solitary ferrite slab-stacked SIW and a HMSIW are exhibited. As an application model, a two-dimensionally tunable band pass channel (BPF) working at X-band is proposed and contemplated. By controlling the estimation of stacked lumped capacitors and the applied attractive inclination, a bandwidth tunable BPF is illustrated.

X. Zou, et al.,[12] A dielectric stacked antipodal curvilinear decreased opening antenna dependent on substrate integrated waveguide is proposed in this investigation. High gain, low side flap level and low reflectance could be acquired by picking of the length and width of space accurately. The stacked dielectric slab before the opening can bring about a smaller beamwidth both in the H - plane and in the E - plane as a dielectric directing structure. A two-dimensional antenna exhibit, framed by a non-planar four-way power divider, has a wide bandwidth running from 9.5 to 12 GHz and high gains more than 12 dBi, which can be widely applied to microwave and millimeter-wave frameworks.

3. CHALLENGES AND APPLICATIONS

3.1 Designing Calculations
One of the significant piece of antenna planning is the choice of substrate which has specific dielectric consistent and ought not change its qualities in any conditions.

3.2 Simulation Process
Indeed, even a little change in measurements of patch influences the bordering fields from the edges. It influences the powerful length, along these lines changing the reverberation recurrence. In the recreation procedure doling out of waveport is significant. The feed is nourished with coaxial link with appropriate adjustment of antenna with short out and open circuit present and legitimate end of transmission line while there is no such idea of encouraging through link present in the CST designing. Along these lines, the vitality is furnished with the assistance of a sheet called as waveport, put toward the start of the feedline to give excitation to the waveport. Doling out legitimate limit conditions in reproduction process is most basic parameter. A limit can be doled out to any two-dimensional zone, for example, a plane, a face of an article or an interface between two items. Most limit conditions are utilized to characterize electromagnetic attributes, for example, conductivity or resistivity. This additionally incorporates energizing the structure, and henceforth any mistake can bring about mistaken outcomes.

3.3 Fabrication and Testing Process
There is a little variety in the parameters considered in recreation procedure and results got after manufacture process. After creation of antenna, antenna transmits in the air. At the hour of radiation of antenna, there are numerous metallic articles present in nature which influences the engendering of electromagnetic waves. Because of these articles, impressions of EM waves occur. This prompts the variety in radiation example of antenna. Along these lines, we get variety in the antenna qualities. The distinctions in the outcomes after creation can likewise have an explanation of assembling deserts. It might contain contaminations present in the material utilized for antenna manufacture. Likewise the ecological conditions like dampness; high temperature influences the charge dispersion of patch which influences the qualities of an antenna.

3.4 Application

Wi-Fi/Wi-max- Very high speed data access from internet and setup WLAN.
Automobiles- Driverless cars and other automobiles are going to rule the future.
Healthcare- Remote patient monitoring will become more efficient with IOT.
Smart Retail- Key applications of IOT in retail industry, it includes supply chain and smart store applications.
Smart home- IoT devices are a part of the larger concept of home automation, which can include lighting, heating and air conditioning, media and security systems.
Satellite communications band- For both uplink and downlink communication.

| Table 1: Presented Antenna Dimensions |
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| PARAMETERS | DESCRIPTION | SIZE |
| L          | Length of substrate | 10mm |
| W          | Width of substrate  | 10mm |
| Lf         | Length of feed line | 4mm  |
| Wf         | Width of feed line  | 1mm  |
| A          | Major axis of elliptical slot | 4.150mm |
| B          | Minor axis of elliptical slot | 2.075mm |
| R          | Radius of sector patch | 1.5mm |

In any case, intrinsically MPA have thin data transfer capacity so to upgrade transmission capacity different procedures are
locked in. Today Specialized gadgets bolster a few applications which require higher data transmission, for example, cell phones nowadays are getting more slender and more brilliant yet numerous application upheld by them require higher transfer speed, so microstrip antenna utilized for playing out this task ought to give more extensive transmission capacity and their size ought to be conservative with the goal that it ought to involve less space while keeping the span of gadget as little as could be expected under the circumstances. In this paper a survey of various methods utilized for conservative and broadband microstrip fix reception apparatus is given.

4. CONCLUSION
Various microstrip antenna geometry and techniques make antenna efficient for wireless band communication. Although various shape is very challenging to design and simulate due to its complexity, but there are lot of wireless application. This paper reviews of previous research work and comparative study. CST software is used to design such type of antenna. Bandwidth, return loss, resonant frequency, VSWR, gain, efficiency is key parameters to analysis of antenna design.

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