



E-SHAPE MIMO ANTENNA FOR WLAN APPLICATION

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Abstract-In this project, a new compact 2*2 MIMO antenna is proposed to improve the gain and directivity. This antenna consists of two E-shaped patches and these two E-shaped patches have been arranged at orthogonal to each other, to reduce the mutual coupling with lesser spacing between the elements. The E-shaped antenna array elements are separated by 7mm and this antenna resonates at the frequency of 5.8GHz and having the VSWR value of less than or equal to 2. The proposed antenna is suitable for WLAN application.

Keywords: E-shape patch, Gain, Directivity, VSWR, Mutual coupling.

1. INTRODUCTION

Microstrip or patch antennas are most preferred antennas because they can be printed directly onto a circuit board. Microstrip antennas are becoming very popular within the mobile phone market these antennas are low cost, have a low profile and are easily fabricated [1]. The general microstrip antennas suffer from narrow bandwidth, which limits their application in modern communication systems like MIMO.

MIMO technology gained popularity in wireless communications as they offer significant data throughput and link range without additional bandwidth or increased transmit power. Also they achieve array gain that improves the spectral efficiency and diversity gain that improves the link reliability with reduced fading. Because of these properties, MIMO is an important part of modern wireless communication standards such as IEEE 803.11 in (Wi-Fi), 4G, 3GPP Long Term Evolution, Wi-MAX and HSPA+.

The main parameter regarding MIMO systems is mutual coupling, which depends on the distance between the elements in a MIMO system. If the distance is more, the mutual coupling between antennas becomes less and vice versa. Hence, by increasing the distance between the elements we can reduce the mutual coupling between the antennas. However, the distance between the

antennas cannot be maintained too large, since MIMO systems have their major applications in Mobile terminals, laptops, and WLAN Access Points Wireless communications, where size of the device can't be maintained too large. The main source of mutual coupling is surface current flowing through ground in order to reduce these, there are several techniques like Electromagnetic band gap structure, defected ground structure, decoupling techniques, etc... However, these entire methods make the design of the antenna is complicated.

The E-shaped MIMO antenna provide the mutual coupling is only -22dB[2] and broadband method is provide the mutual coupling is -22.5dB and this method consists of G-shaped antenna [3]. The novel F-shaped printed slot antenna provides the mutual coupling is up to -14dB [5]. The multi slot patch antenna provides the mutual coupling is <-27dB [5].

In this paper, an E patch antenna is proposed with improved gain, directivity and reduced mutual coupling. The designed antenna resonates at 5.8GHz frequency with low VSWR value. In section 2, the proposed antenna geometry is presented for single E-shape patch and in section 3 two element antenna geometry is presented. In section 4 simulation results are presented. The final conclusion of the paper is given in section 5.

2. ANTENNA DESIGN FOR SINGLE E-SHAPED PATCH

E-shaped patch antenna is made by cutting two rectangular shaped slots on the edge of a rectangular patch. The configuration of an E-shaped patch antenna is shown in Fig.1 The geometrical parameters are also labelled in the figure. The antenna is fed by a 50ohm coaxial probethrough a SMA connector at position $x = 4.4$ mm, $y=7.15$ mm. The ground plane is fixed at

25mm*25 mm, and a 2.6 mm thick Rogers RT/duroid5880 substrate is used.

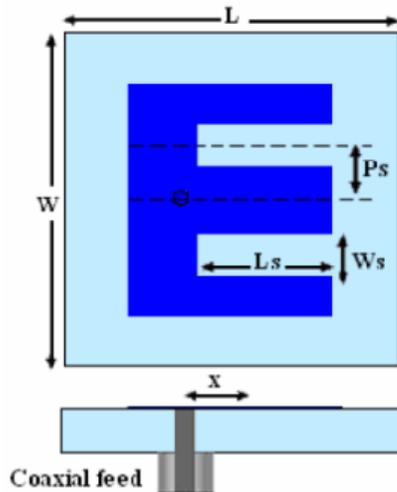


Figure.1 Configuration of an E-shaped patch

The patch length is L , the patch width is W , the slots length is L_s , the slots width is W_s and the position of slot is P_s . For single

E-shaped patch antenna, the return loss at the desired frequencies is optimized using $f = \max(|S_{11}|)$, at $f = 5.8\text{GHz}$.

Table 1 Geometrical parameter for single E-shaped patch (in mm)

PARAMETER	W	L	L _s	W _s	P _s
E-Shaped patch	15.8	14.3	6.4	3.4	2.95

DESIGN PROCEDURE

1. For an efficient radiator, a practical width that leads to good radiation efficiency

$$w = \frac{1}{2f_r \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon_r + 1}}$$

2. Determine the effective dielectric constant of microstrip patch antenna.

$$\epsilon_{reff} = \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{2} \left[1 + 12 \frac{h}{w} \right]^{-1/2}$$

3. Determine the extension of the length ΔL .

$$\Delta L = 0.412h \frac{(\epsilon_{reff} + 0.3) \left(\frac{w}{h} + 0.264 \right)}{(\epsilon_{reff} - 0.258) \left(\frac{w}{h} + 0.8 \right)}$$

4. Calculate the actual length of the patch.

$$L = L_{eff} - 2\Delta L$$

Where L_{eff} is the effective length of patch

$$L_{eff} = \frac{1}{2f_r \sqrt{\epsilon_{reff} \mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$$

3. TWO ELEMENT MIMO ANTENNA

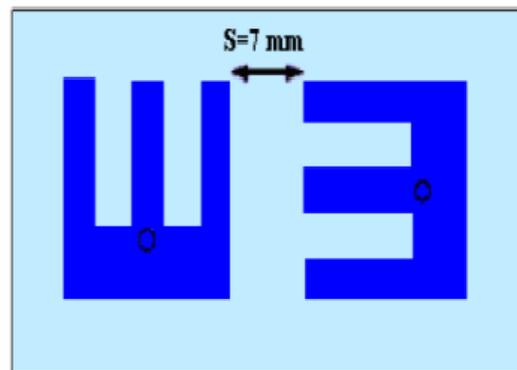


Figure 2 Configuration of two element MIMO

A two-element antenna array is made by using single antenna element and it is shown in figure 1.2. In order to have orthogonal polarization, the two antennas have been arranged at 90 degree angle to each other. The E-shaped antenna array elements are separated by 7mm and dimensions of the E-patches are determined by using the above design equation. Since it is for two element antenna array, our design goal is to improve the isolation between antenna's ports. The mutual coupling between the antennas can be obtained from S_{ij} of the scattering matrix.

4. SIMULATION RESULTS

The E-shaped patch antenna is simulated by using Advanced Design System (ADS) software. This simulated single E-shaped antenna has the s_{11} value of -40dB and this antenna is used for 5.8 GHz frequency application.

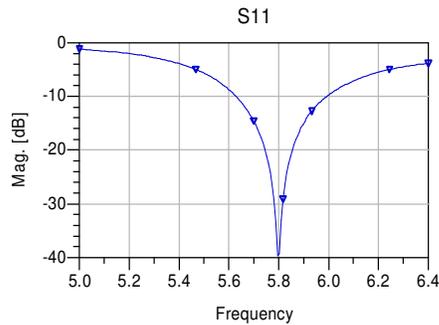


Figure .3 Simulated S_{11} curve for E-shaped patch antenna

measure s parameter and radiation pattern of an antenna. Christo Ananth et al.[4] discussed about E-plane and H-plane patterns which forms the basis of Microwave Engineering principles.

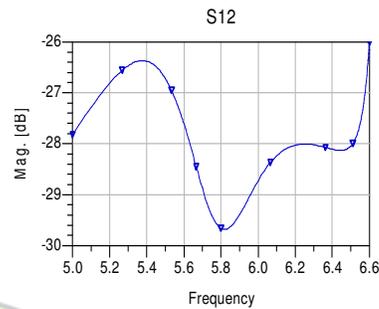


Figure.6 Simulated S_{12} parameter for MIMO

The two element E-shaped antenna has the S_{11} and S_{22} value of -24dB that is S_{11} and S_{22} are having the equal value.

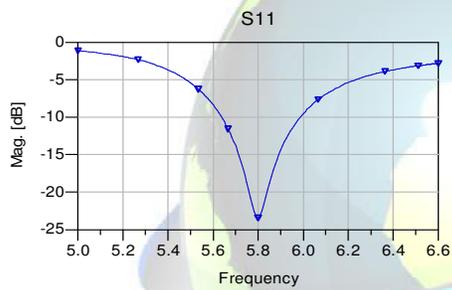


Figure .4 Simulated S_{11} parameter for MIMO

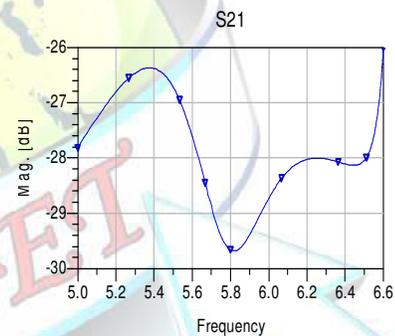


Figure .7 Simulated S_{21} parameter for MIMO

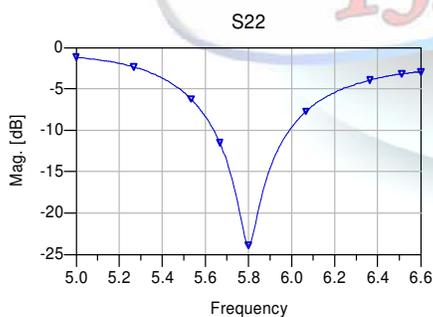


Figure .5 Simulated S_{22} parameter for MIMO

The values of S_{12} and S_{21} are equal that is mutual coupling is reduced to -29.8dB and it is having the low VSWR value. For S_{11} and S_{22} have 1.13 and S_{12} and S_{21} have the 1.06 of VSWR. The proposed antenna is fabricated by using PCB technology and it will be tested by Network Analyser. Network Analyser is used



Figure. 8 photograph of fabricated antenna

E theta E phi

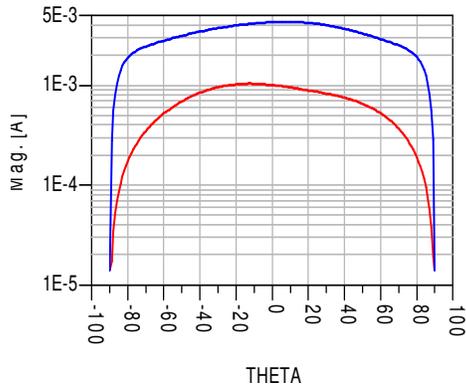


Figure .9 Absolute field for E

H theta H phi

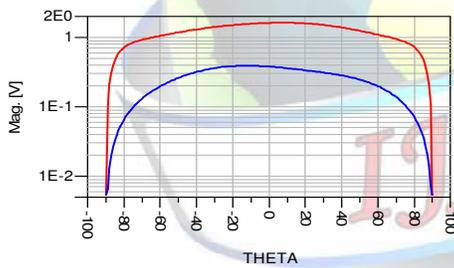


Figure .10 Absolute field for H

The absolute field of E and H are shown in figure .9 and figure.10 respectively. The photograph of fabricated antenna is shown in figure.7.

Gain directivity

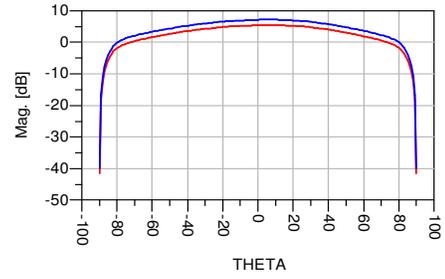


Figure .11 Power

Effective area

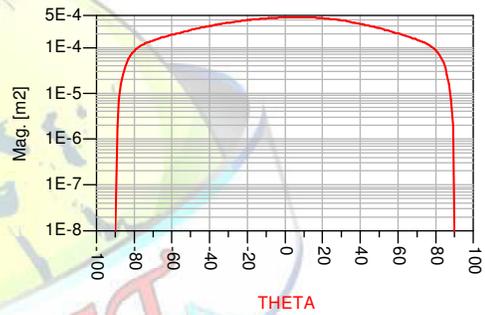


Figure .12 Power

S11

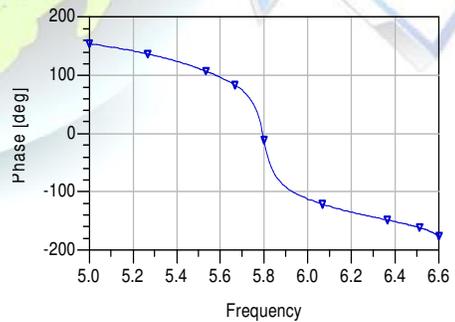


Figure 13 phase plot of S₁₁

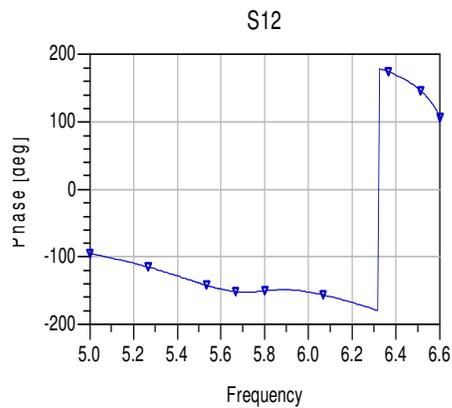


Figure .14 phase plot of S_{12}

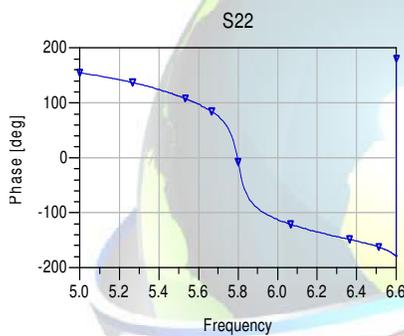


Figure .15 phase plot of S_{22}

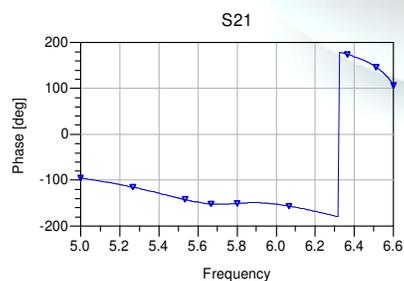


Figure .16 phase plot of S_{21}

The phase plots of simulated S parameters are shown in figure.13, 14, 15 and 16. The phase plots are used to calculate the correlation co-efficient. The formula for calculating correlation co-efficient is,

$$\rho = \frac{|S_{11}^* S_{12} + S_{21}^* S_{22}|^2}{(1 - |S_{11}|^2 - |S_{21}|^2)(1 - |S_{22}|^2 - |S_{12}|^2)}$$

RT/Duroid 5880. By using RT/Duroid 5880 material, the value of S_{11} (S_{22}) and S_{12} (S_{21}) as -24dB and -29.8dB respectively at resonant frequency of 5.8GHz is achieved. This antenna is suitable for WLAN application. It has the VSWR value of less than 2. The gain and directivity is obtained from the simulation and it has the values of 6.94 dB and 7.72 dB respectively.

5. CONCLUSION

The proposed antenna has low profile, good radiation characteristics, compact size of 15.8mm*14.3mm and enough wide bandwidth to cover 20MHz which is required for the WLAN application. In this project, the design of MIMO E-shape patch is presented. The two antennas have been arranged at 90 degree angle to each other. The E-shaped antenna array elements are separated by 7mm. This antenna is simulated by using the ADS software. It is fabricated by using PCB technology. This antenna is designed with different substrate material, such as FR4, RT/Duroid 5880. By using RT/Duroid 5880 material, the value of S_{11} (S_{22}) and S_{12} (S_{21}) as -24dB and -29.8dB respectively at resonant frequency of 5.8GHz is achieved. This antenna is suitable for WLAN application. It has the VSWR value of less than 2. The gain and directivity is obtained from the simulation and it has the values of 6.94 dB and 7.72 dB respectively.

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