

Design and Simulation of Triangular Arm Antenna for WLAN Application

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Abstract- In this paper, A newly design technique for enhancing Bandwidth that improves the performance of a conventional microstrip patch antenna is proposed. This paper presents a novel wideband triangular arm antenna. The design adopts contemporary techniques; A triangular arm patch antenna structure. The effect of these techniques and by introducing the novel single shaped patch, offer a low profile, broadband, high gain, and compact antenna element. The result showed satisfactory performance with maximum achievable return loss -19db and a fractional impedance bandwidth of $2.32\text{GHZ}-2.72\text{GHZ}$. The design is suitable for WLAN, mobile communication, satellite communication & WPAN.

I. INTRODUCTION

Microstrip patch antennas have several well-known advantages, such as low profile, low cost, light weight, ease of fabrication and conformity.

However, the microstrip antenna inherently has a low gain and a narrow bandwidth. To overcome its inherent limitation of narrow impedance bandwidth and low gain, many techniques have been suggested e.g., for triangular arm, microstrip patch antennas on electrically thick substrate, triangular patch antenna have been proposed and investigated. In general, the impedance bandwidth of a patch antenna is proportional to the antenna volume, measured in wavelengths. However, by using triangular arm patch with the walls at the substrate, one can obtain enhanced impedance band width. A simple patch antenna with basic rectangular patch operates in a single frequency band. A patch antenna intended to operate at a centre resonance frequency f_r mounted on a substrate having dielectric constant ϵ_r would have length L and width W . and the the triangular arm having its arm length inner width and the outer width and between these two arm a gap is there that is know as port gap.

II. ANTENNA GEOMETRY AND DESIGN

A low-profile microstrip slot patch antenna is proposed as shown in Fig. 1.

Rectangular geometries were simulated to optimize the performance, starting with a triangular patch antenna on a triangular ground plane and ending up with an triangular shape, for both the radiator and the ground plane.

Here two triangular arm was used which are similar shaped and dimensions actually both the triangular arms are duplicated to each other and placed on the goround plane of the substrate. The conventional shape of patch antenna shown in Fig. 1 has a substrate $71\text{mm} \times 71\text{mm}$ and 62mil thickness, Arm length 17.75mm , inner and outer width of arm is 0.89mm , 15.98mm respectively with port gap length 0.89mm and f_r is 2.4GHZ .

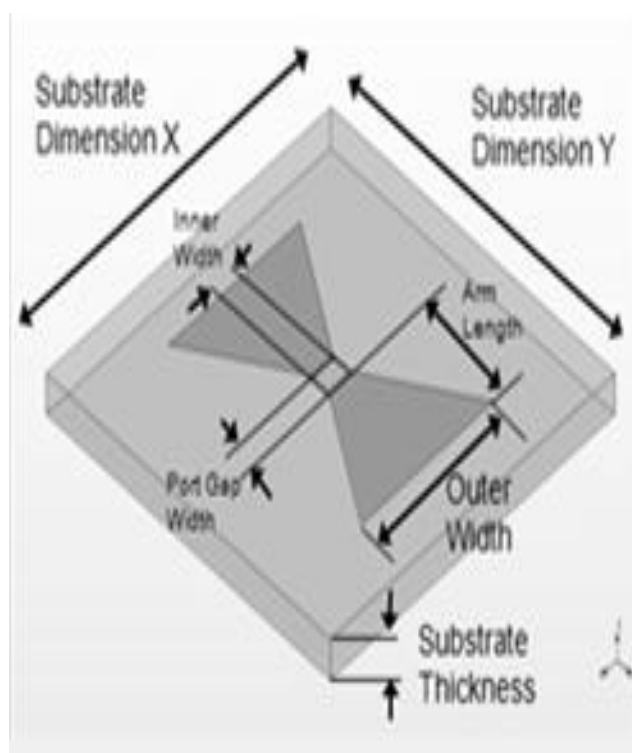


Fig. 1 Triangular arm Antenna (Top view)

III. SIMULATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The antenna performance was investigated numerically and experimentally. The simulation was done using the commercial simulator HFSS ver. 13, When the parameters of the proposed antenna are selected as indicated in Figs. 1. Fig. 3 shows the gain of a slot antenna. Gain of the antenna reaches 2dB with an operating frequency 2.4GHz . The overall impedance bandwidth (return loss reaches -19dB). The measurement results agree well with the predicted ones. The central frequency over the frequency range of interest is 2.4GHz . The overall antenna thickness is about 62mil . results of the return loss and input impedance behaviour of the proposed single-patch slot antenna frequencies is obtained.

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Fig. 2 shows the simulated and measured return loss with a single band whose measured bandwidth is 2.32GHz – 2.72GHz at -10dB.

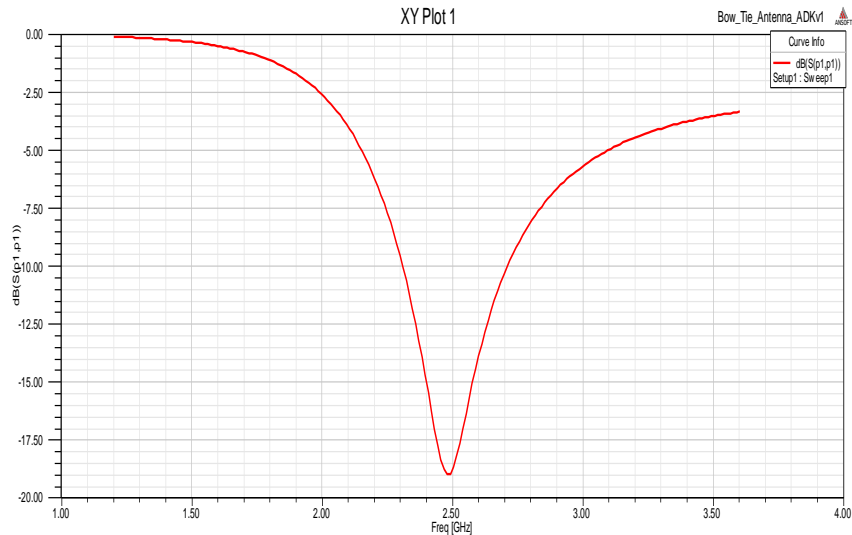


Fig 2: Measured Return Loss

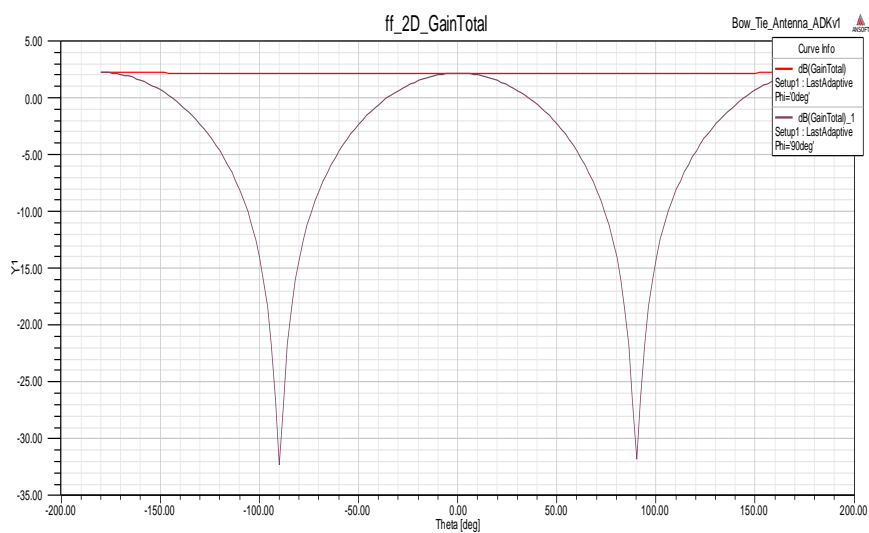


Fig.3: Gain of the Antenna

Fig. 4 show the smith chart of a triangular arm antenna (radiation pattern), which shows the direction of the radiation from the antenna. which gives the good impedance matching for 2.4GHz operating frequency that is to good result of the triangular arm antenna.

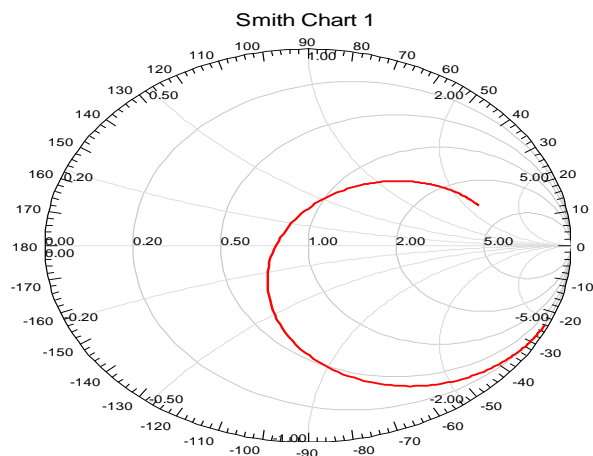


Fig.4: Smith Chart Radiation pattern

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper a novel triangular arm antenna with two arm Sub structure, two similar arm and single frequency operation has been presented. A wide-band multiple slotted stacked patch antenna has been designed for high gain. A novel technique for enhancing bandwidth and gain of microstrip patch antenna is successfully designed in this paper. The proposed microstrip triangular arm antenna achieves a fractional bandwidth of (2.32 to 2.72 GHz) at -10 dB return loss. The maximum achievable gain of the antenna is 2 dBi. By carefully displacing one feed from the principal axes of the single patch delicately, it is possible to realise resonant modes and achieve a wide impedance bandwidth (return loss < -10dB) over the frequency range from 2.32 GHz to 2.72 GHz. Cause of the good bandwidth and its range it is very suitable for the WPAN and satellite communication applications. The measured and simulated results are in good agreement.

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