

A Novel Design of Mm-Wave Antenna for WBN Use Cases

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Abstract: This research article proposes a novel Computer-Aided Design (CAD) inspired microstrip patch antenna. The antenna is configured in the cross-sectional view of an equilateral triangle-shaped structure, resembling a six-pointed star polygon. It consists of a middle layer made of 1.5-millimeter (mm) thickness of the Rogers substrate material (RT 6010TM) with a dielectric strength of 2.2; an upper layer made of a conductive patch strip (proposed CAD design); and bottom layers made of ground material, both 0.45 millimeters thick with copper conductive materials. The antenna exhibits a resonance frequency of 3.3 GHz with a return loss of 34.02 dB and a Standing Wave Ratio (SWR) of 1.4 dB. It operates in the S bandwidth, ranging from 3 GHz to 3.9 GHz, within the microwave spectrum. This design plays a significant role in high-speed internet connectivity and enables various 5G use cases such as mid-band 5G deployment, Enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB), IoT, and machine-to-machine communication. The simulated structure effectively characterizes antenna design parameters including bandwidth, impedance bandwidth, return losses, SWR, gain, and radiation pattern within the S-band microwave spectrum. The Finite Element Method (FEM) proves to be a reliable configuration in CAD design, and the six-pointed star polygon-shaped structure achieves good agreement with a resonance frequency of 3.3 GHz as observed and plotted in the results. Moreover, the proposed CAD-inspired antenna features a compact profile and is highly relevant for 5G use cases.

Keywords: Microstrip patch antennas, 5G use cases, Six-pointed star polygon-shaped antenna, CAD-inspired Microstrip patch antenna.

1. Introduction

The microstrip patch antenna provides crucial role in enabling the different 5G uses cases by providing efficient and reliable connectivity across various industry sectors and applications. Such as smart phone, Internet of Things (IoT), Wearable Body-area Network (WBAN), machine to machine communication, public safety and privacy communications. The microstrip patch antennas in 5G use cases could include investigating on the following key aspects such as design pattern and analysis

of design parameters (S. N. Mahmood et al., (2021); Wael Ali et al., 2017; Srinivasan & Gopalakrishnan, 2019). The primary design concepts on related to 5G use cases. It included the following design parameters, dielectric substrate selection, patch strips dimensions, connectives of the feeding techniques, antenna pattern, and impedance matching section. Analyse the deliverable bandwidth characteristics with frequency ranges for 5G (it involves the sub-6 GHz and mmWave bands). The desired radiation characteristics are estimating the radiation patterns, polarization properties, desired coverage by beamforming techniques, gain, diversity of receptor coverage and efficiency. Moreover, these above antenna aspects and their design parameters have integrated in 5G networks ((Zhong & Jiang, 2020), Kapoor et al., 2021); Prasad et al., 2018; Allin Joet et al (2019), UmamaheswariS et al (2023). The various current research is going on the microstrip patch antenna design. It has included the emerging applications related to the 3GPP standards. Moreover, the microstrip antenna has utilized in the following wireless communication systems and devices. Such as MIMO, LTE, Edge networks, 4G, 5G, sub-6 GHz and beyond 5G networks (Zong-zuo& Guo., (2017); Haripriya K et al (2023), Pei et al., 2020; Rajawat et al., (2020); Wang et al., 2021; et al (2020); Varma et al., 2021, Sakthisudhan et al (2016 & 2024).

The wearable device built on the body centric application, it has a low-profile antenna, patient comfortable and dielectric substrate material utilized for

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medical diagnosis features, such as monitoring, detection of signals from body, Ex-vivo, In-vivo and implantable... etc. The primary objectives of permittivity, dielectric strength, usage of spectrum and dielectric substrate are essential parameter to design the wearable antenna. The excitation signal applied to antenna can be transmitting copper patch on the body. Consequently, extracting features from the body. The proposed antenna consists of the three-layered architecture, they are conductor plane and dielectric substrate. The conductor plane laminates of top and bottom layers. The top layer proposes the patch-strip and bottom layer includes the ground plane. The middle layer includes the non-conductive materials. It provides the efficient coupling between the two conductive strips on top and bottom layers. (saranraj N et al (2023), Allin Joe et al (2022)).

This research article delivers the six-pointed star polygon shaped microstrip patch antenna for various 5G uses cases. The proposed structure etched on the top radiating surface and the partial ground surface on the bottom layer. The Roger dielectric substrate included in the

middle of layer. The proposed antenna produces the 3.3 GHz resonance frequency, which covers the ISM bands. The simulation was performed by HFSS simulator. Section 2 describes the research methodology about the design; Section 3 investigates the design parameters and analysis related parameters; and Section 4 describes the conclusion and future scope of antenna.

2. Materials And Methods

The proposed antenna consists of three-layered components, such as, conductive patch strip, dielectric substrate and partial ground plane. The conductive patch strip is illustrated in Figure 1. It consists of the 3D CAD inspired geometric structure like as six-pointed star polygon. The middle layer includes the Rogers dielectric substrate material (RT-6010TM) with dielectric ratio of 2.2. It provides the significant coupling effect on the top and bottom layers. The last layer as a partial ground plane is shown in Figure 2. It has a $40 \times 30 \times 0.6 \text{ mm}^3$. total dimension of structure is mm^3 . The Surface Mount Adaptor (SMA) connects the conductive strip and partial ground plane and acts as feedline.

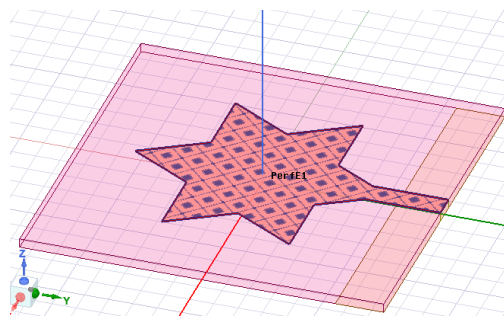


Fig. 1 Conductive patch strip

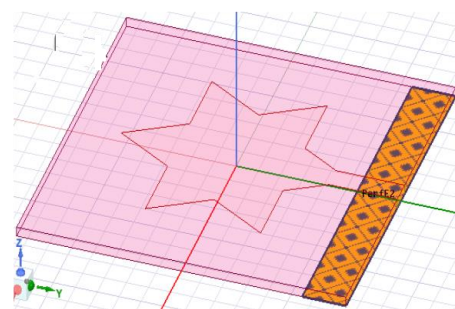


Fig 2. Partial ground plane

3. Results and Discussion

The proposed antenna has exclusively delivered for the ISM band applications. The proposed CAD structure etched with partial ground plane to obtain the S-band microwave spectrum. The patch strip dimension of $32 \times 31 \text{ mm}^2$ labelled on 1.5-millimetre thickness of dielectric material. It has an achieved the 3.3 GHz desired resonance frequency. The resonance frequency, bands of spectrum has investigated with help of the

return loss parameter of antenna shown in Figure 3. The desired resonance frequency produced at 3.3 GHz with indicated the return loss of -34.02 dB. The spectrum of the bands from lower and higher cut off frequencies at 2.9 GHz and 4 GHz respectively. Hence the coverage of spectrum lies on the S-band spectrum range with 1.1 MHz ranges of bandwidth. The fractional bandwidth of antenna covers at 30%. Hence, proposed antenna delivered the wideband spectrum among the utilization of users. The standing wave ratio (SWR) of antenna

illustrates in Figure 4. The ratio of maximum to minimum voltage is obtained as a 1.4 dB. This SWR range lies between ideal ranges of 1 to 1.5 dB. Hence this

proposed SWR ratio provides the significance value and is not reflected to back to incident wave port.

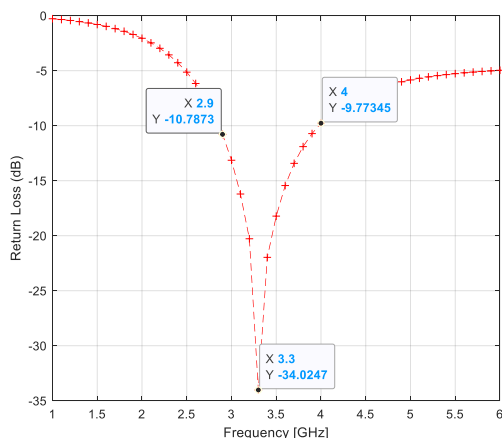


Fig 3. The return loss measurement

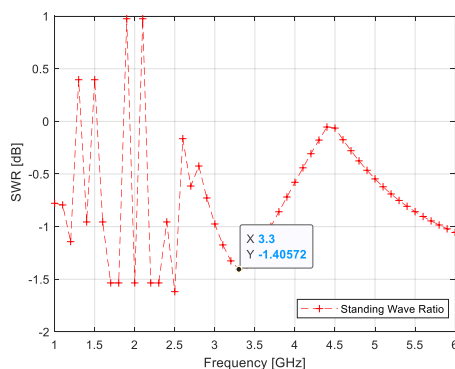


Fig 4. The voltage standing wave ratio measurement

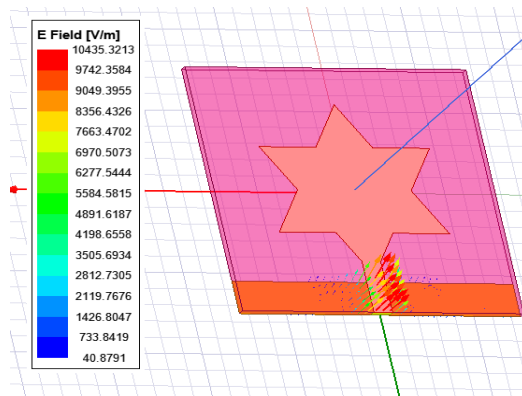


Fig 5. Electric field on the conductive strips

The electric and magnetic fields lie on the conductive strips have shown in Figure 4 and 5 respectively. In HFSS simulator, the perfect electric field with boundary condition on conductive strips causes the normal to the plane and magnetic field lies on the perpendicular to the plane. Figures 4 and 5 has annotated on their fields

acting along the plane with respect to values. If the surface current falls on the structure (shown in Figure 8), the perfect magnetic fields generating aperture on the surface. So, the electromagnetic signal propagates their energy on the perpendicular axis.

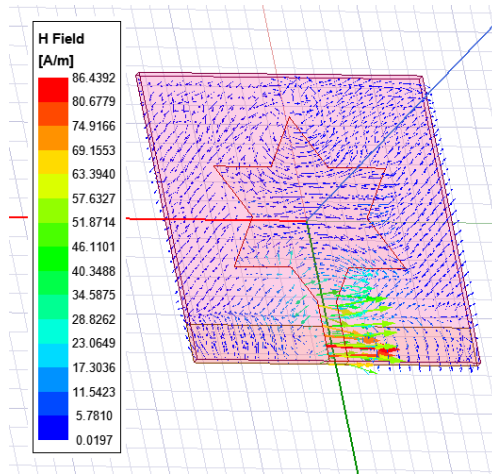


Fig 6. Magnetic field pattern on the conductive strips

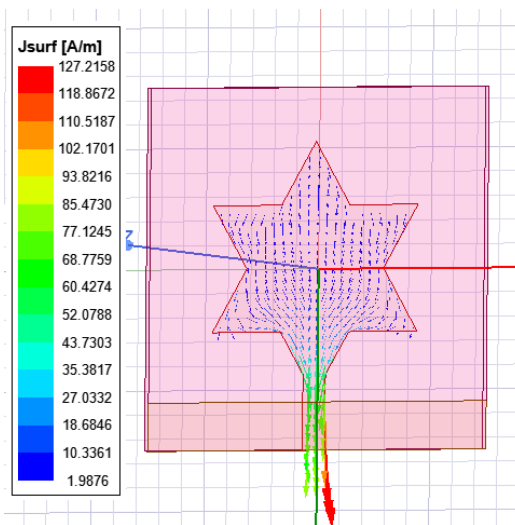


Fig 7. Surface current on the conductive strips

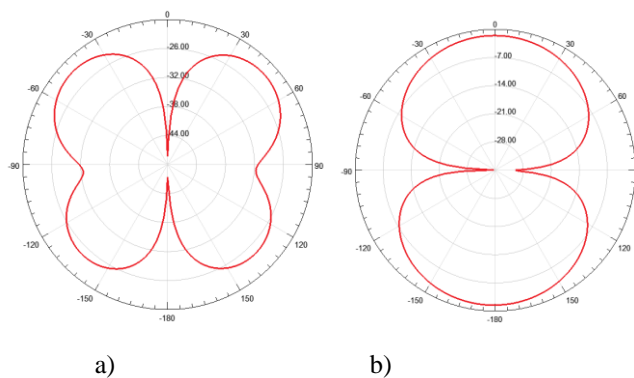


Fig 8. Radiation patterns a) theta at 0-degree; b) theta at 90-degree

The graphical radiation pattern of the proposed antenna illustrates in Figure 7. It provides the maximum desired direction of the radiation expressed in Figure 7.a and achieved the maximum directivity of 44 dB. The minor lobes expressed in Figure 7.b and directivity of minor lobe is 28 dB then the resultant radiation pattern is obtained by main and minor lobes of graphical pattern (Figure 7-a & 7-b).

4. Conclusion

The wearable antenna has proposed in this article. it has a low-profile structure, able to detect the ISM band spectrum and use cases in WBN. It consists of Rogers substrate material (RT 6010TM) with conductive patch strip and total dimensional of $40 \times 30 \times 0.6 \text{ mm}^3$. It delivered at resonance frequency of 3.3 GHz and 2.9 GHz to 4 GHz spectrum of bandwidth. It has utilized the wearable body centric application and utilizes the 5G network. The simulated results justified with existing

surveys. Hence, this wearable antenna delivers the significant gain, wider bandwidth, lesser SAR and high transmission efficiency. Thus, this antenna has a compact structure and suitable for use cases of WBN.

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