

Multi Slot Uwb Antennas to Minimize the Interferences from Wlan & X-Band Applications

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Abstract: In this paper designs of different UWB patch antennas with two rejected bands are given. The reference antenna consists of a rectangular patch etched on FR4- epoxy substrate with 50 Ω feed line and relative permittivity 4.4. The simulated bandwidth with return loss (RL) ≥ 10 dB is 3.42–11.7 GHz. The rejected bands here are the WLAN and X-bands, achieved by inserting slots in the patch and the feed. The simulation results of the antennas indicate higher gain at the pass bands while a sharp drop at the rejected bands is seen. The second (reference) antenna consists of a hexagonal patch etched on FR4- epoxy substrate with 50 Ω feed line and relative permittivity 4.4, shows better return loss and rejection of the bands. The high frequency structure simulator (HFSS) is used to design and simulate the antennas behaviour over the different frequency ranges. Measurements confirm the antenna characteristic as predicted in the simulation with a slight shift in frequencies.

Keywords: MultiSlot, UWB, Patch, Band Rejection, HFSS.

I. Introduction

In this era, antennas are an essential part of any wireless communication system. With the technological advancements, antennas are playing even a bigger role. One of the rising interests is the use of antennas in UWB systems with high capacity communication links. In 2002, the federal communication commission (FCC) regulated the use of the 3.1-10.6 GHz band for commercial UWB applications. Due to the extremely wide operating bandwidth, it may possibly interfere with other existing electronic systems during the implementation of the UWB radio system. The UWB has been considered as one of the most promising wireless technology for transmission of signal at very high data rate, Low power consumption and low cost of hardware. In UWB communication systems, one of key issues is the design of a compact antenna while providing wideband characteristic over the whole operating band. Consequently, number of Antennas with different geometries has been experimentally characterized.

Recently, researches focus on designing UWB antenna with band rejection characteristics to eliminate any interference from narrowband wireless applications. This is achieved by adding slots with different shapes in the patch, feed and

Ground plane. In this paper the reference antenna design is provided in the in the section 1. The proposed Antenna with Hexagonal patch is provided in the section 2. The measurement results for these antennas are provided in the section 3. Finally the paper is concluded in the section 4. With Acknowledgement and references respectively.

1. Reference Antenna

The reference rectangular micro strip patch antenna, shown in Fig. 1. To this antenna round steps are added at the upper and lower corners of the patch to get the pure resistive impedance circuit. The simulated RL results show better impedance matching and wider BW.

The simulated RL which is equal to $-S_{11}$ (scattering parameter), for the reference antenna shows that with RL ≥ 10 dB the antenna has BW 3.42–11.7 GHz with minimum RL of 17 dB.

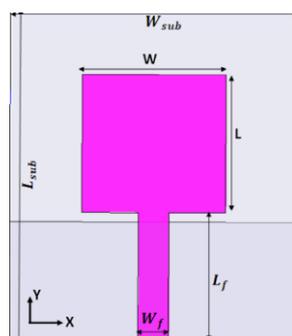


Fig 1

Band Rejection Using Slots

Two rejected bands are achieved, the WLAN and X bands, by introducing slots in the antenna patch and the feed line.

Rejection of WLAN frequency band:

Four slot shapes (M, inverted-U, inverted-E and H) are inserted in the patch to reject the WLAN (5.15–5.825 GHz) band. For the proposed antenna, we here use H-shape slot.

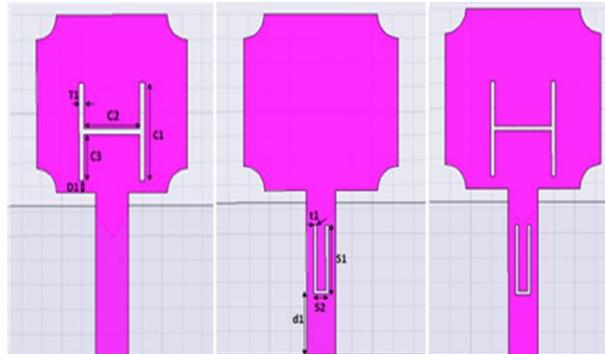


Fig2 (a) H-slot in the patch, (b) U-slot in the feed line and (c) Multi-slot H-U proposed antennas

Rejection of X-Band frequency range:

To reject the X-band downlink 7.25–7.75 GHz and uplink 7.9–8.4 GHz frequency ranges, slots are inserted in the micro strip feed line. The slot shape U is used for the reference antenna as shown in Fig.2 (b)

Rejection of WLAN & X-Band Frequencies:

In this type we combine the two slot types in the proposed antenna to form an antenna which rejects two bands as shown in Fig. 2(c). The simulated RL results for the H-U multi-slots antennas show that the rejection of the desired interferences from the WLAN and the X-band frequency ranges.

II. Proposed Antenna Design

Hexagonal micro strip Antenna

The Hexagonal micro strip antenna is shown in fig 3(a) is used for the better rejection of the bands and to get better return loss than the reference antenna. The simulated RL which is equal to $-S_{11}$ (scattering parameter), shows that with $RL \geq 10$ dB the antenna has BW 3.42–11.7 GHz with minimum RL of 18.5 dB.

Rejection of WLAN & X-Band using slots:

Here also different slots are inserted into the patch and feed line as shown in the figure 3(b),3(c),3(d) of Hexagonal micro strip antenna to reject WLAN & X-Band so as done for the proposed antenna design. The measurement results show better rejection of the bands and better return loss than the proposed antenna.

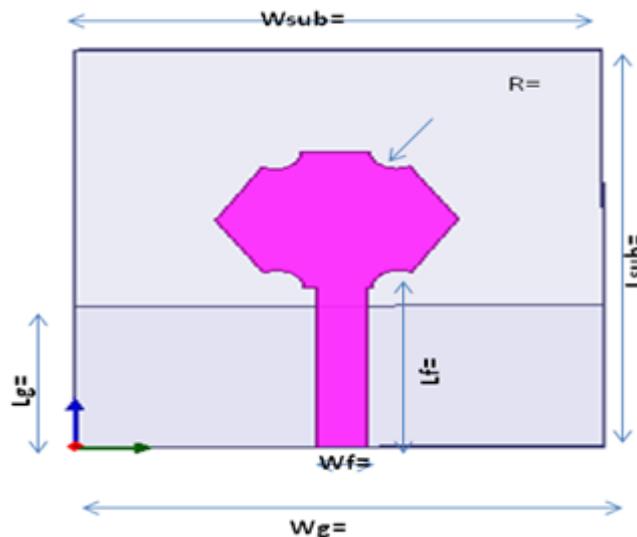


Fig 3(a)

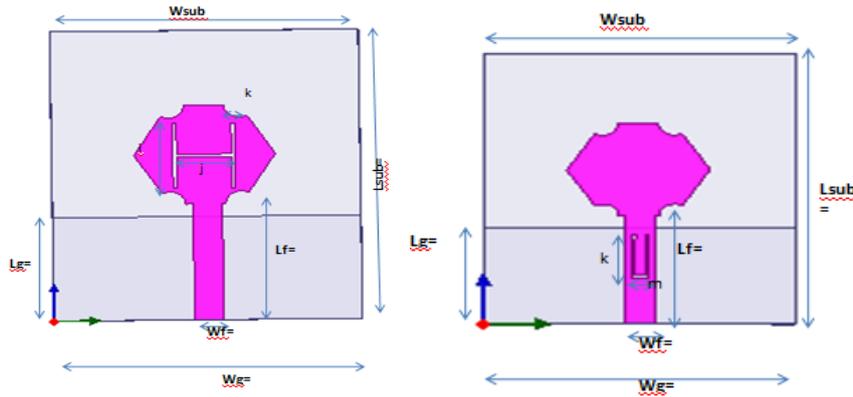


Fig 3(c)

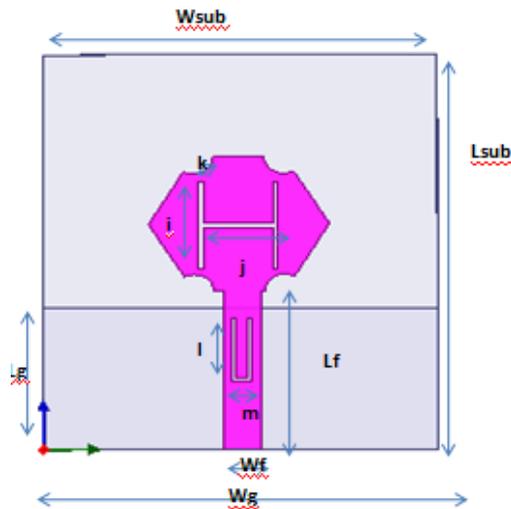


Fig 3(d)

The Hexagonal micro strip patch antenna, shown in Fig.4 (a),4(b),4(c),4(d). The antenna dimensions (in mm) are: the substrate has $W_{sub} = 30$, $L_{sub} = 35$ and $h = 1.6$, the Hexagonal patch has width $W = 15$ and length $L = 14.5$, the feed line has $W_f = 2.85$ and $L_f = 14.05$, the partial ground plane has width $W_g = 30$ and length $L_g = 12.5$, $i = 5.63$, $k = 0.37$, $l = 5.63$, $m = 0.311$. The simulated RL results show better impedance matching and wider BW than the reference antenna.

III. Results And Discussions

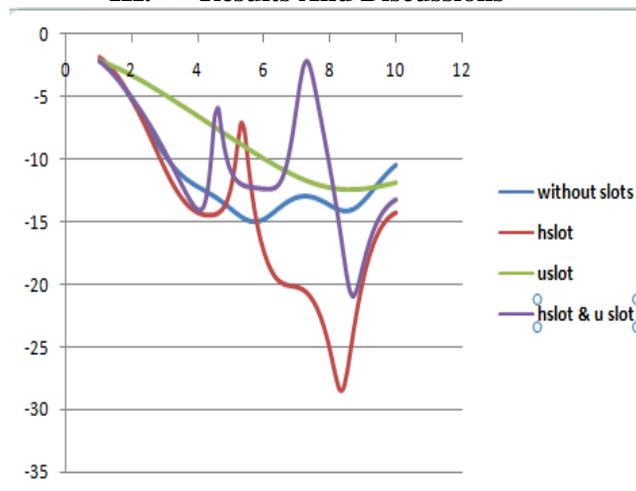


Fig 4 The simulated S11 curves for the Reference antenna without slots, with U-slot in feed only, with H-slot in the patch only and with multislots H-U.

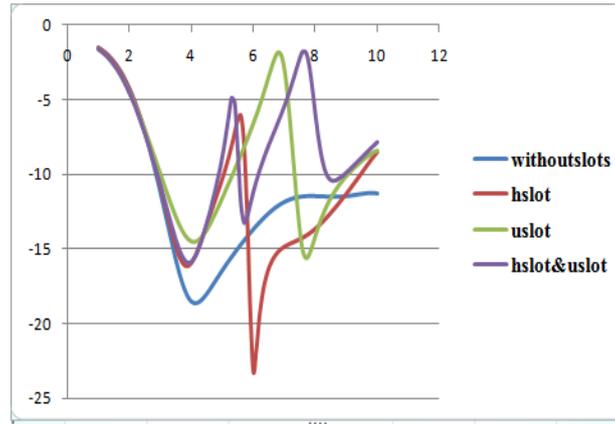


Fig 5 The simulated S11 curves for the proposed antenna without slots, with U-slot in feed only, with H-slot in the patch only and with multislots H-U.

Proposed Antenna Results

Antenna type	Return loss (dB)	Operating frequency(GHz)
Without slots	-18.5	4.2
With H-Slot	-22	6.1
With U-Slot	-14.5	7.8
With both H&U-Slots	-16	4

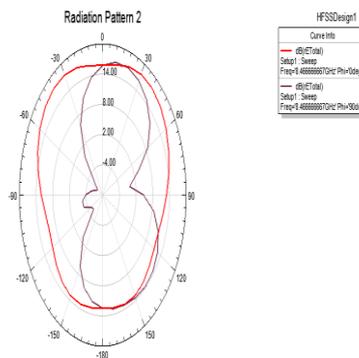


Fig 6 Reference antenna radiation pattern at operating frequency

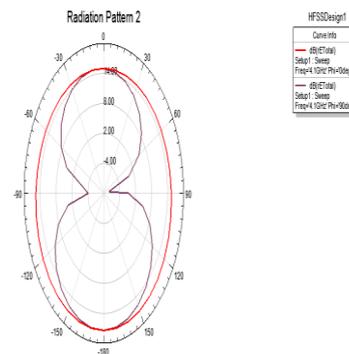


Fig7 Proposed antenna radiation pattern at operating frequency

IV. Conclusion

Different multi-slot UWB antennas are 7 designed to satisfy the requirements of the UWB systems and minimize the interferences from WLAN and X-band applications. The overall BW at $RL \geq 10$ dB is 3.42–11.7 GHz with better impedance matching. Slots are inserted in the patch and in the feed line to create rejection bands at WLAN and X-band frequency ranges respectively. Almost Omnidirectional radiation pattern is obtained in the H-plane and dipole shape in the E-plane is achieved with acceptable gain.

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