

## OPTIMAL DESIGN AND ANALYSIS: IMPEDANCE MATCHING CHARACTERISTICS PATCH ANTENNA

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### Abstract

*In this paper a new methodology in achieving matching impedance of a planar microstrip antenna for wireless application is described. The method is based on embedding an interdigital capacitor. The fine results obtained by using a microstrip interdigital capacitor for matching antenna impedance led to an efficient method to improve array antenna performance. In fact, a substantial saving on the whole surfaces as well as enhancement of the gain, the directivity and the power radiated was achieved. In this paper; a microstrip patch antennas is designed and tested for RADAR application at 8.465 GHz, and for a satellite TV signal at 11.843 GHz and 11.919 GHz. The return loss obtained for this design is -15 dB. Simulated the antenna and efficiency of 99.9% was obtained using this design.*

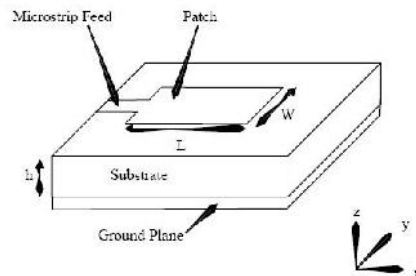
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### Introduction

In recent years, microstrip antenna has been more and more used in wireless equipment such as wireless sensors, RFID tags and cellular phones. Planar patch antennas are recognized to be the most useful type. However, patch antenna also have some limitations; narrow band width, large ohmic loss in the feed structure of arrays, reduced gain (6dB), reduced efficiency, complex feed structures required for high performance array [1]. Among the various approaches to enhance antenna effectiveness, novel feeding structures are proposed; balanced feed for RFID applications [2], balun structures [3], proximity electromagnetically coupled microstrip feed [1]. Basically, it is important to have an efficient input impedance matching the antenna with the load, to obtain maximum radiated power, many methods have been in use: stub [4], progressive balun [4], combined effects of the insert microstrip line and the slits [5]. This study is carried out to evaluate the efficiency of using a microstrip Interdigital capacitor to guarantee both feeding and matching impedance. Inter digital capacitors find application in filter, hybrid couplers, Dc blocking circuits, tuning impedance matching network. In order to analyse the efficient results provided by using the microstrip Interdigital capacitor, we carried out a comparative study as well as a use of this structure for array antenna. Currently, a microstrip antenna consists of a dielectric substrate sandwiched between two conducting surfaces: the antenna plane and the ground plane. The simplified microstrip patch antenna is shown in Fig.1 For this study an epoxy dielectric was used ( $h=1.52\text{mm}$ ,  $\epsilon_r = 4.32$ , metallisation layer thickness= $35\mu\text{m}$  and substrate loss  $\tan\delta=0.018$ ), patch dimensions are chosen such that the antenna resonates on a desired frequency ( $W=35$  and  $L=29\text{mm}$  resonate on 2.45 GHz).

### Proposed Work

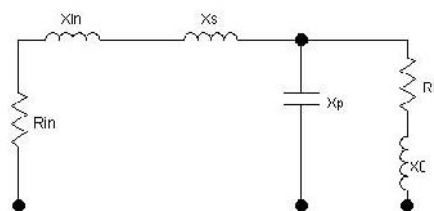
For planar antennas structures, the Method of Moments or that of Finite Element are quite popular. In order to streamline the antenna design process and generate accurate results before prototype construction, it is important to select an EM simulation program. The soft used has been MOMENTUM which is one of the tools in Advanced design System 2005(Agilent).



**Fig. 1 Microstrip patch antenna construction**

### Approach

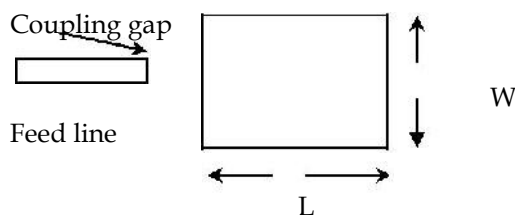
Basically, a matching juncture device is needed between the load and the feeding point in the patch antenna. This structure is shown in Fig.2.



**Fig. 2 Impedance matching solution**

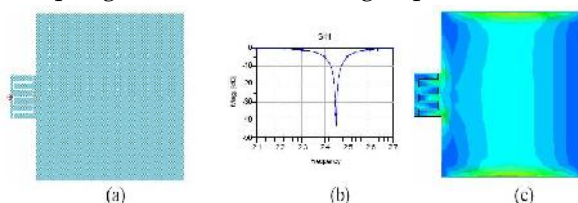
( $R_{in}$  ,  $X_{in}$ ) the load impedance, ( $X_S$  ,  $X_P$ ) matching impedance and ( $R_0$  ,  $X_0$ ) antenna impedance. Several publications have surveyed many possible types of microstrip antenna feeding, among which are the microstrip coplanar feed[6], aperture-coupled microstrip feed[7], proximity-coupled feed[8] and gap-coupled feed[9]. Typically a gap-coupled feed is shown in Fig. 3.

It is worth noticing that a narrow gap width provides an efficient coupling of power.



**Fig. 3 Gap coupled patch**

Gap introduces capacitive and coupling effects as the Fig.5 represents an equivalent lumped element circuit of a patch antenna fed by a strip line matched with a gap. In order to enable tuning capacitive effect, an Interdigital capacitor can be introduced between the feeding device and the patch antenna not just for coupling but also for matching impedance.



**Fig. 4 Planar patch antenna using an Interdigital capacitor**

Fig. 4 (a) shows a designed antenna fed with an Interdigital capacitor (b) the return loss S11 simulation results (c) current distribution.

A planar microstrip antenna fed with an Interdigital capacitor could be modulated with lumped elements circuit as illustrated in the Fig. 5

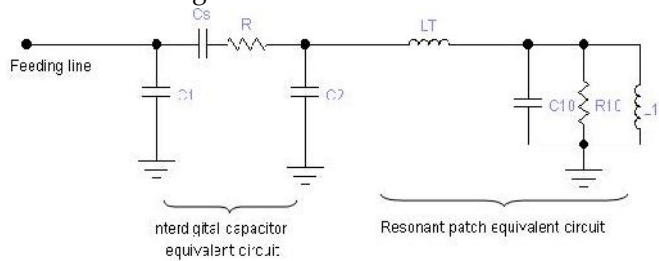


Fig. 5 Lumped–element equivalent circuit of a planar patch antenna

## Patch Antenna Characteristics and Model

### Modelling an Interdigital Capacitor

The role that the Interdigital capacitor is to match the real part of the input impedance of the patch, the capacitance is used to adjust the reactive component. The properties of the Interdigital capacitor revealed on Fig.6, have been studied by many authors. We can mention that the capacitor dimensions are much less than a quarter wave length. Value of the capacitance depends on the number of fingers, gap wideness between the fingers, metallisation thickness[13].

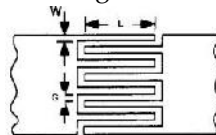


Fig. 6 A general form of the Interdigital capacitor [ADS]

An accurate study carried by [14] [15] established the lumped circuit equivalent of an Interdigital capacitor which is shown in Fig.7

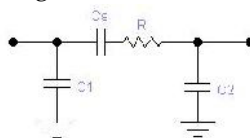


Fig. 7 Lumped–element equivalent circuit of an Interdigital capacitor

In this model, the series capacitor accounts for the capacitance between the fingers, whereas the series resistor represents metallization losses. The capacitors connected to ground are the parasitic capacitances.

Usually, R is very small and has a minor effect on the response of the Interdigital capacitor [14] on the other hand, the capacitance C\_s is the most important element [16] presented the following expressions characterising the lumped element equivalent.

$$C_s = \frac{\epsilon_{eff} \cdot 10^{-3} K(k)}{18 \pi K'(k)} (N-1)L$$

$K(k)$ : is the complete elliptic integral of the first kind

The series resistance of an interdigital capacitor can be calculated by using the following formula (20)

$$R_s = \frac{4L}{3wN} R_F$$

Where  $R_F$  is the frequency-dependent surface resistivity of the conductors

The previous expressions (5) and (6) are applied to choose the correct dimensions of Interdigital capacitor which need to be tuned once the design simulation is carried out.

### Designing and Measuring Antenna Effectiveness

In order to provide evidence for the antenna effectiveness design, many parameters were measured. The efficiency of the matching device is proved by the minimum return loss S11, which influences the remnant characteristics such as Directivity, Gain and band width

### Antenna Designing

The Fig.8 shows a photograph of the patch antenna matched with an Interdigital capacitor.

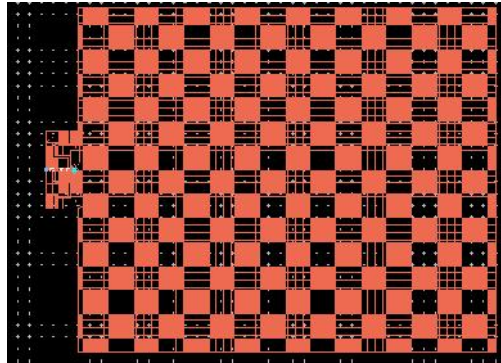


Fig. 8 Interdigital Capacitor Fed Antenna

The antenna parameters are summarized in Table 1

Table 1 Antenna Parameters

Patch	W	35mm
	L	28.87mm
Substrate	$\epsilon_r$	4.32
	h	1.59mm
	Tan $\delta$	0.018
Metallisation	t	0.0035mm
	Metal Permeability	1
	Metal Conductance	1,83e+7

Interdigitalcapacitor	Gap width	0.1mm
	Finger large (w)	1mm
	Finger length (L)	1.717mm
	wt=wf	0.64mm
	Nbr pair of finger	3
	Cs (pF)	0.207
	Rs ( $\Omega$ )	134

### Results and Discussion

Validation of our analysis are demonstrated and discussed in this section defined as follow:

- Evaluating the accuracy of the matching impedance antenna resulting from simulating the return loss S11.
- Simulating the effectiveness and extracting the antenna parameters.
- Plotting currents.

- Simulating a conventional planar patch antenna and comparing results.
- Using the novel technique for array antenna.

### Return Loss S11

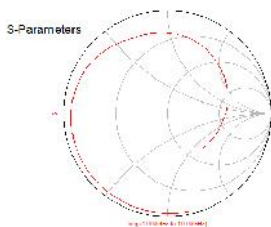
Accurate matching impedance is provided by the adjustment of the Interdigital capacitor fingers number and length firstly obtained by using the analytic equation the results of the simulation is given by the Fig.9.



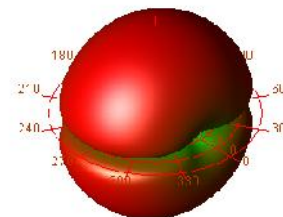
**Fig. 9 Return loss S11 antenna simulation**

### Antenna Parameters

Smith chart shown in Fig. 10 shows the input impedance for the antenna



**Fig. 10 Matching Input Impedance Antenna**



**Fig. 11 Radiation Pattern**

Table 2 shows the antenna parameter

**Table. 2 Antenna Parameters Fed with an Interdigital Capacitor**

<b>Power radiated(watts)</b>	0.0409
<b>Effective angle(degrees)</b>	163
<b>Directivity(dB)</b>	6.4511
<b>Gain(dB)</b>	6.4501
<b>Max. Intensity(w/Steradian)</b>	0.0143

The effectiveness of the antenna is given ; an efficiency of 99.9% was obtained.

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