

PLANAR MONOPOLE ANTENNA WITH ENHANCED BANDWIDTH FOR C-KU BAND RADAR BANDS

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Abstract - In this paper we simulate a simple monopole antenna, It is used primarily for military purposes, radars, military applications, satellite communications and WLAN purposes . It poses high impedance bandwidth matching ranging from 6GHz to 12GHz is adjusted by dimensions. The working of antenna is described in terms of VSWR, Radiation pattern, S-parameter magnitude and gain of the antenna operated at 8GHz, 9GHz and 11GHz using CST microwave studio software.

Key Words: Monopole antenna, discrete ports, gain, S-Parameters, bandwidth, VSWR.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this contemporary world, printed antennas are hastily augmented in wire-less communications. Wideband antennas had gained gigantic response in the field of antennas since it poses high data rates exceptionally. Since the range of these frequencies are sort of commercial uses in radars, data transmissions, location tracing and it is also used in ultra-wideband applications .In general monopole antenna is one half of a dipole antenna and it is placed on some sort of a ground plane. The impedance of monopole antenna is one half of the dipole antenna since it requires only half the voltage required to drive the same amount of current that flows in a dipole antenna. The reference impedance considered for this antenna is half of the dipole antenna that is 36.5ohms.

Speaking pragmatically monopole antennas requires only finite sized ground planes. Moreover monopole antennas are more reconcilable in wireless mode of communication. However, this antenna is linearly polarised and thus it requires sort of simple feed methods like discrete waveguide feed method. There are various methods to design this antenna not necessarily a linearly polarised it may be circularly polarised or it may be printed on a microstrip patch and then it is excited by corresponding methods like co-axial probe, aperture coupling, proximity coupling etc.. . Coupling of power to the patch antenna through a probe is very austere, cheap, and effective way. If the designer adjusts the feed point of impedance of 50Ω, so it just needs to use a 50Ω coaxial cable with N-type coaxial connector.

In the measurement of a monopole antenna with a small ground-plane, the finite-sized ground causes the current to flow back from the radiator to the outer surface of the coaxial cable. This results in secondary radiation which introduces some sort of erratics to the measured radiation

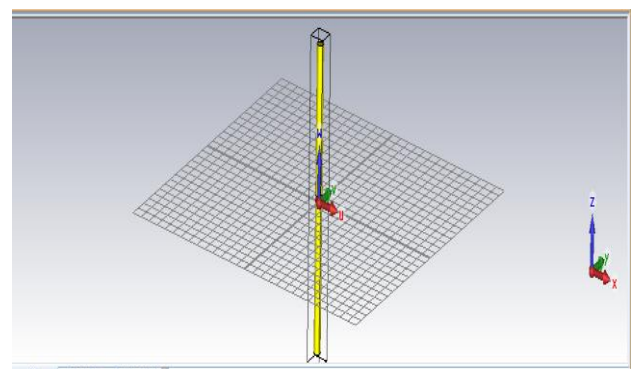
pattern. To disaugment the unwanted secondary radiation, the coaxial cable can be covert with EMI suppressant tubing materials. However, this introduces errors to the measured efficiency. The cable effects on the measured results of a small monopole ultra wideband (UWB) antenna are studied by using the antenna measurement equipment i.e EM simulation tool CST studio software.

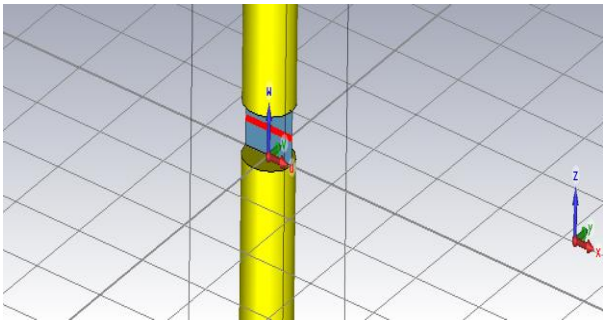
For a monopole antenna, the dielectric constant is in the range of $2.2 \leq \epsilon_r \leq 12$. And the radiation pattern for a monopole antenna is omni-directional and it could not be used anymore as a directional antenna(it poses high directional gain as compared to sort of any wired antennas) as it narrow beamwidth with greater interference in desired direction while the monopole antenna radiates power uniformly in all directions .There are several types of monopole antennas i.e folded dipole antenna, shunt-fed monopole, parasitic antennas and arrays of monopole. The main application of monopoles are broadcasting, satellite communications, RFID , WLAN and it is also used as a connecting antenna for several other antennas.

1.Proposed antenna design

The antenna is fabricated of copper (annealed) with a relative permittivity $\epsilon_r = 4.4$ and loss tangent $\tan \delta = 0.02$. The design of this antenna is very simple it consists of wire of cylindrical shape of length 50cm and radius 0.73cm respectively. And then it is cut down into two equal parts maintaining a gap of 0.63cm and finally this is excited by a discrete port network. This discrete port is applied to two edges of a rectangular brick of dimensions 14.6mm and 6.2mm (vacuum).The antenna operating at the frequencies 5GHz,7GHz,9GHz.

FIGURE 1:





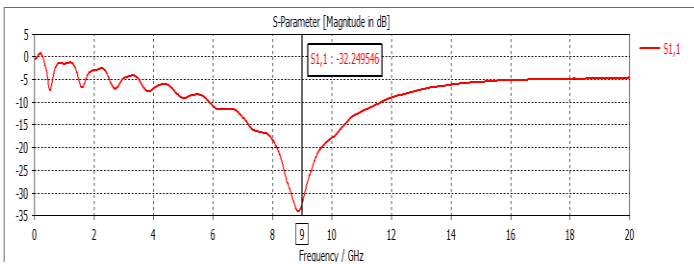
The above figure 1 describe the design of an antenna in 3-D view.

1.2 Analysis and Observations

FIGURE 2: OPERATING AT 9 GHZ.

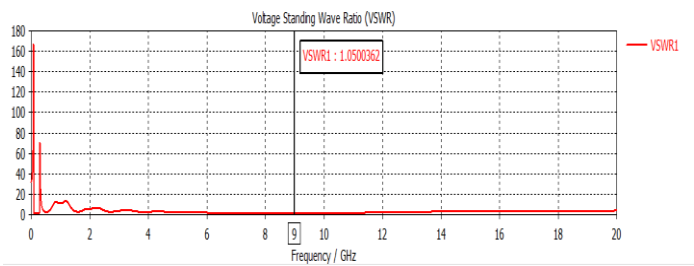
PARAMETRIC ANALYSIS

S-parameter magnitude (in dB) with respect to frequency.



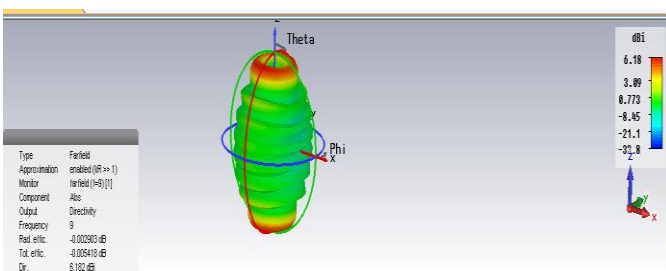
The above describes about the antenna operating at 9GHz having a return loss of -32.29dB.

FIGURE 3: VSWR



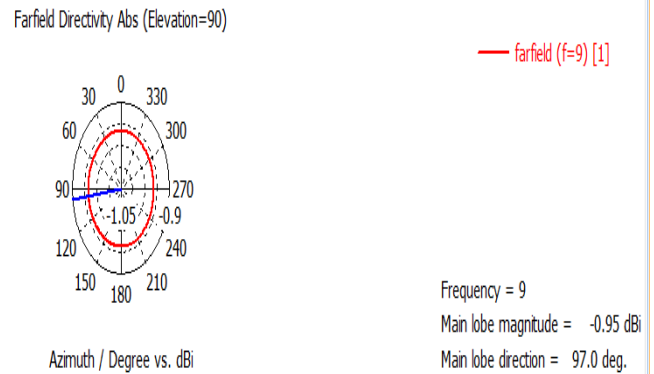
The above figure indicates VSWR of value 1.05 which is feasible, when operating at a frequency of 9GHz.

FIGURE4:

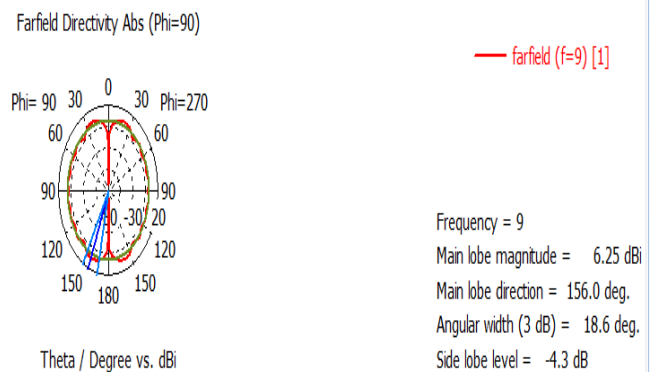


This above figure 4 describes about radiation pattern operating at 9 GHz and directional gain of 6.102dBi.

FIGURE 5: POLAR PLOT



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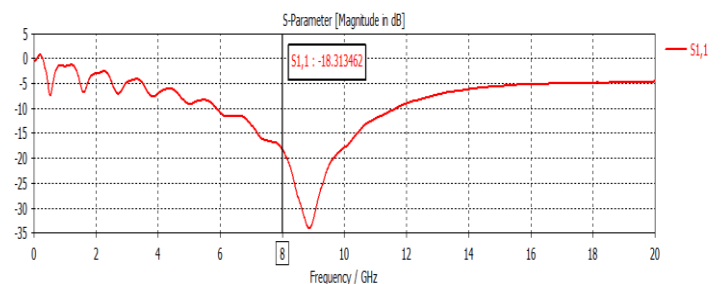
(B)

The above figure 5(A) and 5(B) resembles 2-D view and it describes about polar plot of the monopole antenna with respect to the (θ) variation and measured radiation patterns at $(\theta)=90^\circ$ and $\phi = 90^\circ$

FIGURE 6:

When the antenna operating at a frequency 8GHz.

S-parameter magnitude (in dB) with respect to frequency



The above figure 6 describes about the antenna operating at 8GHz having a return loss of -18.31dB.

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