



# Design of broadband circular patch microstrip antenna with plus slot for WLAN and WiMAX Application

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the design and analysis of Circular microstrip patch antenna with Plus shape for the WLAN & WiMax application is presented. The operating frequency of antenna 4.7 GHz having circular shape. The antenna design consists of a single layer of substrate with thickness 1.6 mm having dielectric constant of 4.4. The simulation results of proposed slotted circular microstrip patch antenna have been obtained by IE3D Zealand Software. The effects of different parameters like return loss, radiation pattern are studied. The simulated result shows that the proposed antenna presents a bandwidth of 78.81%.

**Keywords:** Return loss, Radiation Pattern, Antenna efficiency, Radiation Efficiency and plus slotted antenna.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Microstrip antennas are getting popularity amongst the researchers due to its attractive features such as low profile, low cost, light weight, ease of fabrication and compatibility with microwave circuits.[1-4] However, despite of these several advantages, the microstrip antennas suffers from some disadvantages of narrow bandwidth and low efficiency. Various researches have been made to increase the bandwidth of Microstrip antennas, which includes increase of the substrate thickness, the use of a low dielectric constant, slotted patch antennas, introducing the parasitic elements either in coplanar or stacked configuration, the use of various impedance matching and feeding techniques [5-10]. The dielectric constant of the substrate is closely related to the size and the bandwidth of the microstrip antenna. Low dielectric constant of the substrate produces larger bandwidth, while the high dielectric constant of the substrate results in smaller size of antenna. [6--10]

In the past few years researchers have tried various methods to enhance the bandwidth and it is observed that as the bandwidth is increased the efficiency and gain decreases. To obtain a larger bandwidth along with optimum gain and efficiency and maintaining the size of antenna is a major challenge to the researchers working with microstrip antennas these days [11-15].

In this paper a wide band plus slotted circular microstrip antenna with compact size is presented which have bandwidth of around 78.81%. The antenna is suitable for various mobile cellular communication systems such as WLAN and WiMax.

## II. ANTENNA DESIGN

The proposed line-fed wide band circular plus slotted antenna is presented in Figure 1. The ground plane has the dimensions of  $L_g \times W_g$  and is printed on a substrate of thickness  $h = 1.6$  mm and relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r = 4.4$ . The optimized design parameters of the proposed patch antenna are shown in table 1. The circular plus slot is introduced on the patch with glass epoxy substrate provide bandwidth enhancement. There are different slots in designing the circular microstrip antenna, The slot is plus shape. The effect of changing The slot length and width are studied on parameters like gain, return loss, radiation efficiency, antenna efficiency etc. A Coaxial probe feed is used at different points by Changing the feed locations and their effect are seen on above parameters.

The bandwidth of antenna can be defined as the percentage of the frequency difference over the center frequency [5]. According to these definitions can be written in terms of equations as follows

$$BW(\%) = \left[ \frac{f_H - f_L}{f_C} \right] 100$$

Where  $f_H$  and  $f_L$  are the upper and lower cut off frequencies of the resonated band when its return loss reaches -10 dB and  $f_C$  is a centre frequency between  $f_H$  and  $f_L$  respectively.

### Design Equation

Because of fringing effect electrically the patch of

antenna looks larger than its physical dimensions.

The enlargement of L is given by eq. 1 shown below

$$\frac{\Delta L}{h} = 0.412 \frac{(\epsilon_{reff} + 0.300) \left( \frac{W}{h} + 0.264 \right)}{(\epsilon_{reff} - 0.258) \left( \frac{W}{h} + 0.813 \right)} \quad (1)$$

Where the effective (relative) permittivity is given by eq. 2 shown below

$$\epsilon_{reff} = \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{2} \left[ 1 + 12 \frac{h}{W} \right]^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

This is related to the ratio of h/W. The larger the h/W, smaller the effective permittivity the effective length of the patch is given by

$$L = \frac{1}{2fr\sqrt{\epsilon_{reff}}\sqrt{\mu_o\epsilon_o}} - 2\Delta L \quad (3)$$

$$f_{nm} = \frac{cK_{nm}}{2\pi a_e \sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \quad (4)$$

Where  $K_{nm}$  the derivative of the Bessel function of

Order n & c is velocity of light. Since the dimension of the patch is treated a circular loop, the actual radius of the patch is given by (Balanis, 1982)

$$a = \frac{F}{\left\{ 1 + \frac{2h}{\pi\epsilon_r F} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\pi F}{2h} \right) + 1.7726 \right] \right\}^{1/2}} \quad (5)$$

$$F = \frac{8.791 \times 10^9}{f_r \sqrt{\epsilon_r}} \quad (6)$$

Equation (6) does not take into consideration the fringing effect. Since fringing makes the patch electrically larger, the effective radius of patch is used and is given by (Balanis 1982)

$$a_e = a \left\{ 1 + \frac{2h}{\pi\epsilon_r a} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\pi a}{2h} \right) + 1.7726 \right] \right\}^{1/2} \quad (7)$$

### Design Procedure

**Step1:** Using equation (4) to find out the resonant frequency

**Step2:** Calculate the effective permittivity using the equation (2)

**Step3:** Compute the extension of the length using the equation (1)

**Step4:** Determine the length L by solving the equation for L giving the solution to design the antenna.

**Table1.** Dimensions of the Prescribed Antenna

Resonant Frequency(Fr)	4.7
Dielectric Constant (εr)	4.4
Radius of circular patch(a)	9 mm
Substrate Thickness(h)	1.6mm

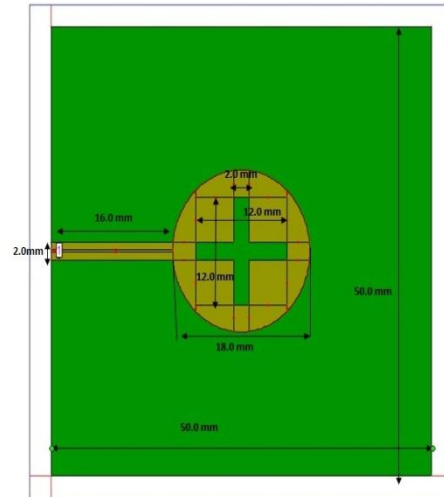


Figure 1: Top view of Proposed Antenna

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Figure 2 shows the variation of return loss versus frequency of proposed MSA. From this figure, it is clear that the proposed MSA resonates at 2.75 GHz and 3.88 GHz of frequency. The impedance bandwidth of proposed MSA is found to be 78.81%.

**Table 2.**Results of Proposed antenna design

Parameters	Obtained Results
Band Width	78.81%
Maximum Directivity at 3.75 GHz	6 dBi at 3.88 GHz
Maximum Antenna Efficiency	88% at 3.88 GHz

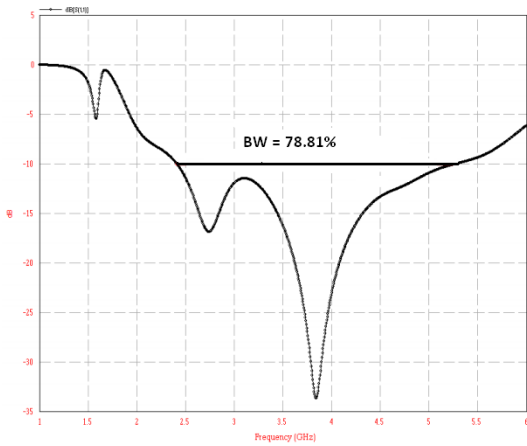


Figure 2: S11 parameter of Proposed Antenna

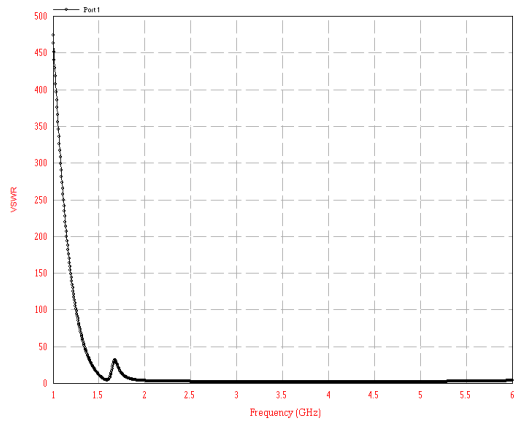


Figure 3: VSWR of Proposed Antenna

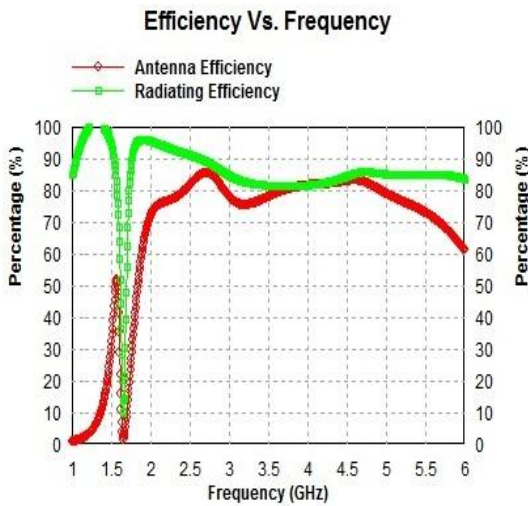


Figure 4: Efficiency plot of proposed Antenna

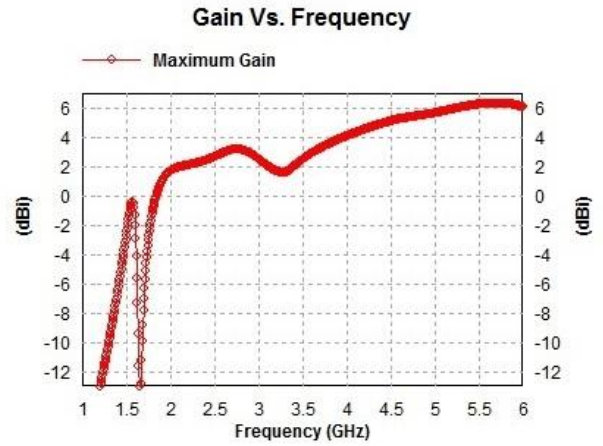


Figure 5: Gain Vs Frequency plot of proposed Antenna

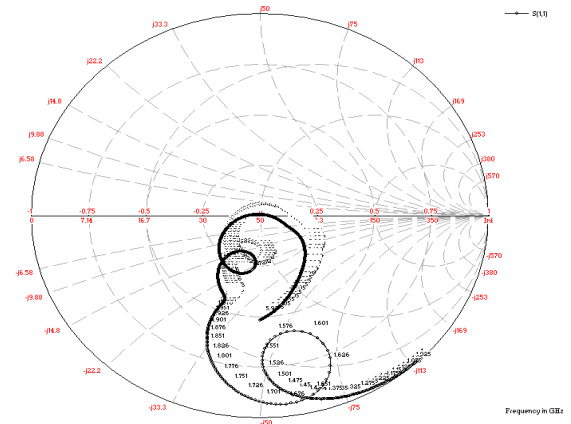


Figure 6: Smith chart of Proposed Antenna

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The proposed designed antenna is suitable for broad band application. The simulated result shows that the proposed antenna presents a bandwidth of 78.81% which is shown in fig 2. Fig4 presents the maximum radiation efficiency 88%. The maximum achievable gain of the antenna is 6 .dBi shown in fig 5. The developed line feed wide band compact microstrip antenna is suitable for WLAN and WiMax applications.

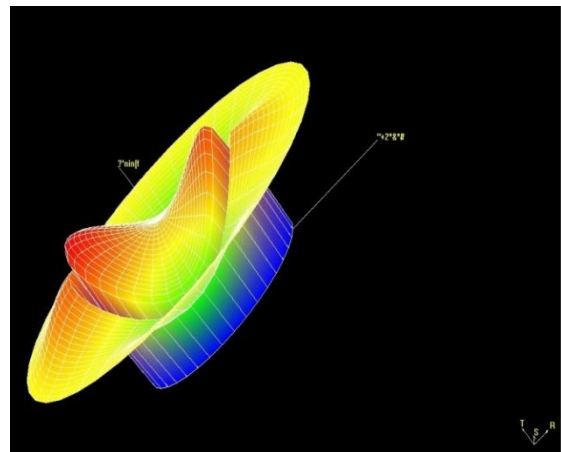


Figure 7: 3D Radiation Pattern of Proposed Antenna

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