

MULTI-BAND LADDER-SHAPE MICROSTRIP PATCH ANTENNA.

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Abstract: Now a day's broad-band antennas gaining importance because of their usage at high frequencies and ability to achieve high speed data communication. Microstrip patch antennas are of such type and are increasing in popularity for use in wireless applications. They are widely used because of their several advantages such as light weight, low volume, low fabrication cost and compatability with integrated circuit technology operating in multiple bands with multiple polarizations. Here we are using ladder shaped microstrip patch antenna with which it achieves dual band of frequencies. Significant reduction of antenna size can be realized when the H-shaped patch is used instead of the conventional rectangular microstrip patch antenna. By using the proposed antenna we can simulate return loss, gain, axial ratio and radiation patterns at these dual band of frequencies achieving circular polarization.

Key Terms- Microstrip patch antenna, Ladder-shape, gain, return loss

1.Introduction:

The W band of the microwave part of the electromagnetic spectrum ranges from 75 to 110 GHz. It is used for satellite communications, millimeter wave radar research, military radar targeting and tracking applications, and some non-military applications. In terms of communications capability, W-band offers high data rate throughput when used at high altitudes and in space. Microstrip or patch antennas are becoming increasingly useful because they can be printed directly onto a circuit board. This type of antennas are becoming widespread usage within the mobile phone market.

In this paper ladder shaped antenna is designed with single polarization and dual frequency using coaxial feed. Dual frequency operations can be realized by exciting the microstrip patch antenna using a single feed or dual feed. The proposed antenna works in w band ranging from 75-110 GHz. It is well suited for satellite communications and millimeter wave radar applications.

2.Antenna Design considerations:

The proposed structure of the antenna is simulated on an Rogers RT/duroid 5880(tm) substrate with dielectric constant of 2.2 and a loss tangent of 0.0009 and simulated at dual frequencies of 89 GHz and 92 GHz frequencies respectively. 'L' is the resonant length of patch which is 2cm, width of the patch is 0.5cm and height of the dielectric substrate should be in between $0.003 \lambda_0$ and $0.05\lambda_0$. We have taken 0.02 times of λ_0 . As 50Ω coaxial cables are used normally, feed point is taken where 50Ω resistance occurs.

3.Antenna Model:

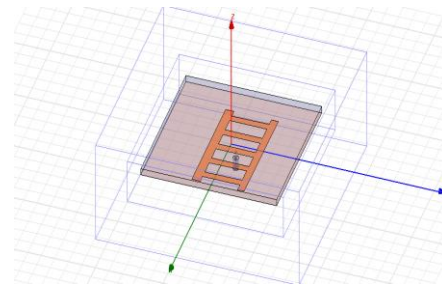


Fig1: Antenna Model.

4.HFSS:

HFSS is a high-performance full-wave electromagnetic (EM) field simulator for arbitrary 3D volumetric passive device modeling that takes advantage of the familiar Microsoft Windows graphical user interface. It integrates simulation, visualization, solid modeling, and automation in an easy-to-learn environment where solutions to your 3D EM problems are quickly and accurately obtained. Ansoft HFSS employs the Finite Element Method (FEM), adaptive meshing, and brilliant graphics to give an unparalleled performance and insight to all of our 3D EM problems. Ansoft HFSS can be used to calculate parameters such as S-Parameters, Resonant Frequency and Fields.

5. Simulation &Analysis:

5.1.Return loss:

It is a measure of the reflected energy from a transmitted signal which is commonly expressed in positive dB's. The larger the value the lesser is the energy that is reflected.

The designed antenna is simulated using HFSS software. The results obtained are mentioned below.

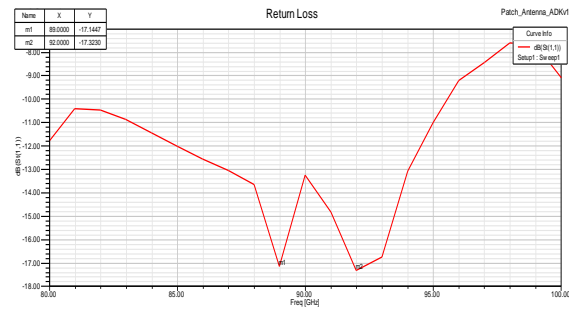


Fig2: Return loss

A return loss of -17.1447 dB at 89 GHz and -17.3230 at 92 GHz is obtained.

5.2. Gain: It is the ratio of the intensity in a given direction to the radiation intensity that would be obtained if the power accepted by the antenna were radiated isotropic ally.

5.2.1. 2-D Gain:

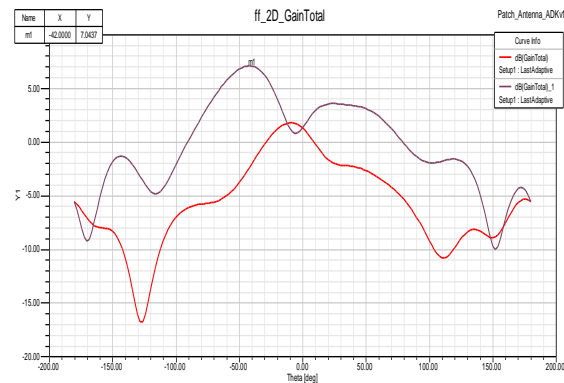


Fig3: 2-D Gain.

5.2.2. 3-D Gain:

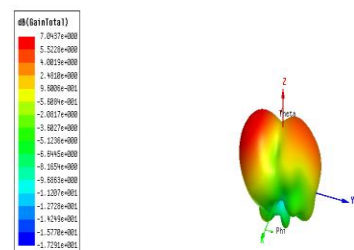


Fig4: 3-D Gain.

For the designed antenna model a 2D and 3D gain of 7.0437

dB is obtained.

5.3 E-field pattern:

An electric field can be visualized by drawing field lines, which indicates both magnitude and direction of the field. Field lines start on positive charge and end on negative charge. The direction of the field line at a point is the direction of the field at that point. The relative magnitude of the electric field is proportional to the density of the field lines.

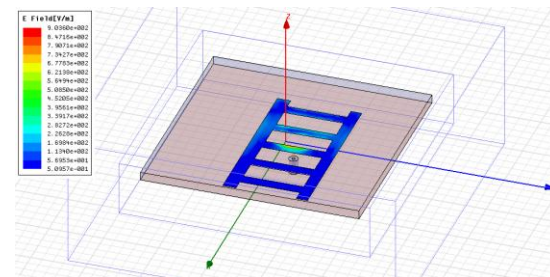


Fig5: E-Field pattern.

5.4. H-field Pattern:

In the case of linearly polarized antenna, this is the plane containing the magnetic field vector and the direction of maximum radiation. The magnetic field or “H” plane lies at a right angle to the “E” plane. For a vertically-polarized antenna, the H-plane usually coincides with the horizontal/azimuth plane. For a horizontally-polarized antenna, the H-plane usually coincides with the vertical/elevation plane.

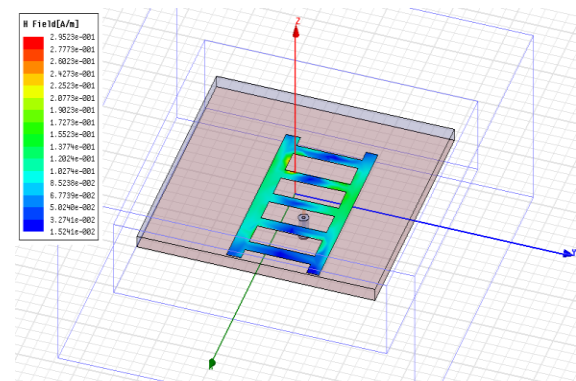


Fig6: H-Field pattern.

5.5. Vector E- Field:

The field equations of Einstein Cartan Evans (ECE) are used to develop the concept of the static electric field as a vector boson with spin indices $-1, 0, +1$, which occur in addition to the vector character of the electric field. The existence of the electric vector boson in physics is inferred directly from Cartan geometry, using the concept of a spinning space-time that defines the electromagnetic field. When the electromagnetic field is independent of the gravitational field the spin connection is dual to the tetrad, producing a set of equations with which we can define the electric vector boson. Angular momentum theory is used to develop the basic concept.

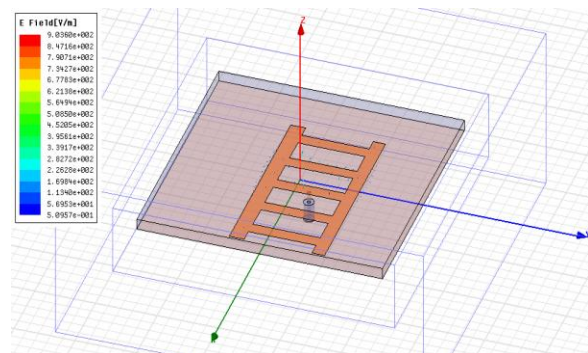


Fig7: Vector E-Field pattern.

5.6. Vector H- Field

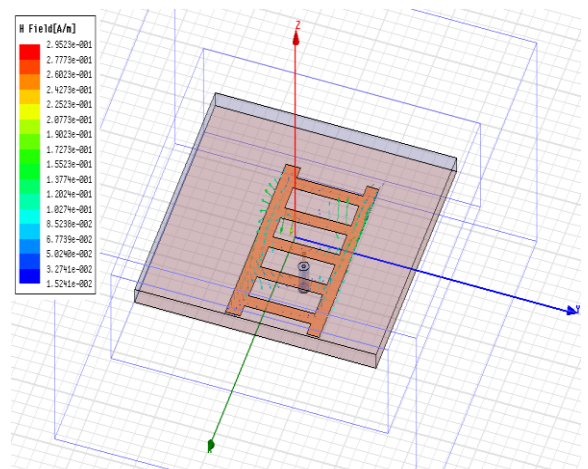


Fig8: Vector H-Field pattern.

5.7. Radiation pattern:

The radiation pattern or antenna pattern describes the relative strength of the radiated field in various directions from the antenna at a constant distance.

5.7.1.Radiation pattern of Gain total:

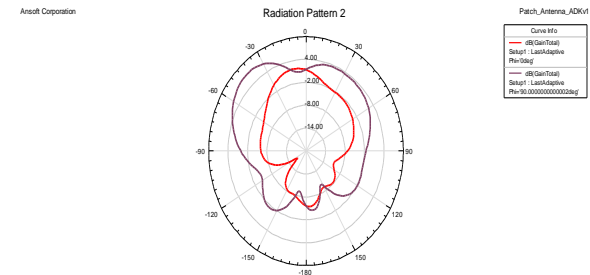


Fig9: Radiation pattern of Gain total.

5.7.2.Radiation pattern of Gain in Theta direction:

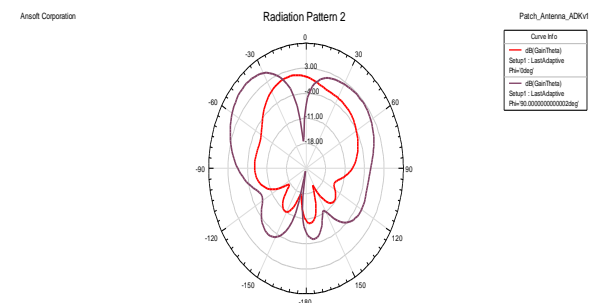


Fig10: Radiation pattern of Gain in Theta direction.

5.7.3.Radiation pattern of Gain in Phi direction:

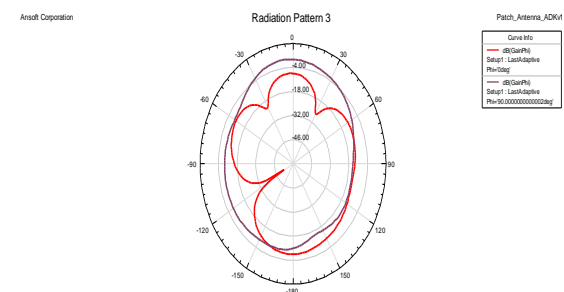


Fig11: Radiation pattern of Gain in Phi direction.

5.8.Axial Ratio:

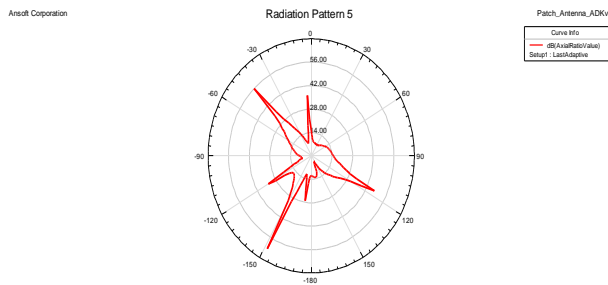


Fig12: Axial Ratio.

Axial Ratio is the ratio of peak value in the major lobe direction to peak value in the minor lobe direction.

6. Conclusion:

Thus the proposed antenna works at dual frequency bands of 89 GHz and 92 GHz which is in the W band range. It is well suited for satellite communications, millimeter wave radar applications.

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