

Milli meter Wave antenna for 5G Wireless Communication System

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ABSTRACT

This paper proposes a Rectangular Micro strip Patch (RMPA) for future fifth generation (5G) wireless and mobile communication applications. The antenna is constructed on FR-4 substrate having dimensions of $3.763 \times 2.815 \times 0.02 \text{ mm}^3$. This antenna is designed and simulated in CST micro wave studio. Simulation results show that the antenna is resonating at 24.09 GHz with a reflection coefficient (S_{11}) -33.802 and VSWR is 1.04. Furthermore, this antenna is performing well in terms of gain, directivity and bandwidth.

1. INTRODUCTION

In the last decade wireless and mobile communications have come across different generations right starting from zeroth generation (0G) to fourth generation (4G) [1][2]. First generation supports only analog voice. Second generation (2G) and third generation (3G) technology evolved to support digital data and high data rate wireless communication. Fourth generation (4G) or LTE and LTE-A is a broad band cellular network technology. It supports mobile web access, IP technology, gaming services, high definition TV (HDTV), video conferencing and 3D television. The major challenges of 4G technology even today is high energy consumption, spectrum usage, poor quality of service (QoS), poor coverage, flexibility and poor inter connectivity [3][4]. Variety of digital communication schemes like modulation techniques, packet switching and frequency reuse are used as different generations evolved [5]. The challenges of 4G technology are deemed to be addressed by 5G systems and expected to be released by 2020 and beyond [6]. To address the future challenges some researchers have designed 5G antennas using mm wave frequencies [7][8][9][10]. The major difficulty to design a mm wave antenna is the size of the antenna becomes smaller thus the fabrication process requires more laborious effort.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Micro strip antenna is a good choice for wireless communication applications due to its light weight, low cost, easy to transform into arrays and can be easily adopted to desired shape. Further they can be easily fed in different ways like co-axial cable and micro strip lines [11]. N.N. daud et al [11] have designed a slotted micro strip patch antenna for 5G wireless communication system. Adjusting slot width and size they were succeeded to resonate the antenna at 24.25 GHz and 38 GHz. The gain of the antenna is 7.23 dBi at 24.25 GHz and 3.69 dBi at 38 GHz but impedance band width is poor. N. Kumar Reddy et al [12] have designed an elliptical inset fed micro strip patch antenna at 28 GHz on FR-4 substrate for wireless communications. In their work they have designed antenna in different shapes to meet the expected reflection coefficient (S_{11}) and impedance band width. Mohamed BE et al [13] have designed an inset fed rectangular micro strip antenna at 28 GHz for 5G wireless communication system. In their work they have designed an array of 2×1 and 4×1 antennas to enhance antenna performance. Using single antenna they have obtained 6.92 dBi gain. But when used an array of 2×1 and 4×1 antenna the gain is raised to 9.52 dBi and 11.23 dBi.

3. RESEARCH METHOD

In this work paper [11] is taken as reference and is implemented with the same specifications as mentioned. Its performance is compared with the proposed antenna. The proposed antenna is designed on FR-4 substrate with a thickness of 0.3836 mm with $\epsilon_r = 4.4$. The ground plane and patch are developed using perfect electric conductor (PEC) material. The antenna is fed by discrete port instead of inset fed as used in [11]. Antenna performance is estimated at different feed locations based on error and correction method. Better performance is obtained at a feed position of (X_f, Y_f) $(-1.7, 1.7)$. The reference antenna is designed to operate at two frequencies at the expense of gain, directivity and band width. The proposed antenna is mainly focussed to operate at a single frequency with improved gain, directivity and band width.

Table 1: Antenna specifications

parameter	Reference antenna	Proposed Antenna
Frequency	24.25GHz	24.25GHz
Ground plane dimension ($W \times L \times h$)mm	$6.887 \times 4.630 \times 0.02$	$5.9146 \times 4.96 \times 0.02$
Substrate height mm	0.787	0.3586
Substrate material	RTRogers5880	FR-4 lossy
Relative permittivity	2.2	4.4
Patch dimension ($W \times L \times h$)mm	$4.6 \times 3.6 \times 0.035$	$3.763 \times 2.815 \times 0.02$

4. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Both the antennas are designed and simulated in CST micro wave studio .from figure 1 and figure 2 it is observed that the proposed antenna is resonating at 24.09 Ghz and the reference antenna is resonating at 23.85 Ghz.The reflection co efficient (S_{11}) of proposed and reference antenna is -33.802 and -23.517.Impedance band width of proposed antenna and reference antenna is 2.56 GHz and 0.581 GHz.Proposed antennas impedance band width is almost 5 times to referenec antenna. From figure 3 and figure 4 it is obvious that the VSWR value of proposed antenna is better than reference antenna . From figure 5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and figure 12 it is observed that the reference is showing far better performance than the proposed antenna in terms of electric field ,magnetic field, surface current and power .

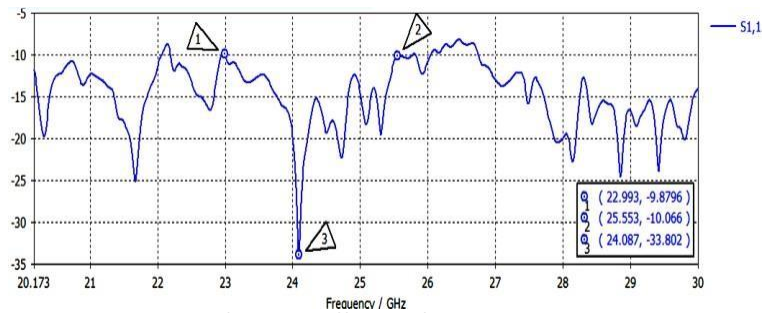


Figure 1: Reflection coefficient of Proposed antenna

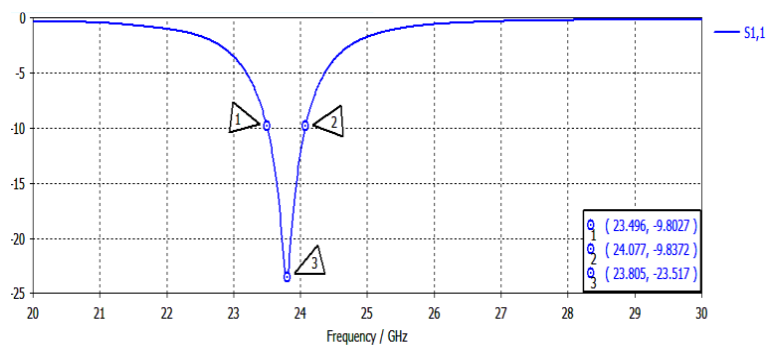


Figure 2: Reflection coefficient of Proposed antenna

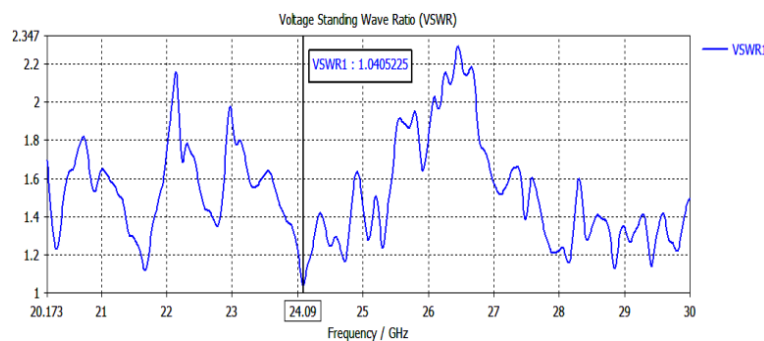


Figure 3: VSWR of Proposed antenna

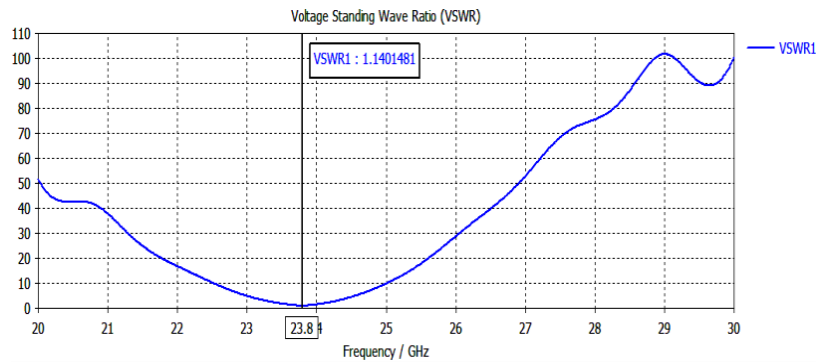


Figure 4: VSWR of reference antenna

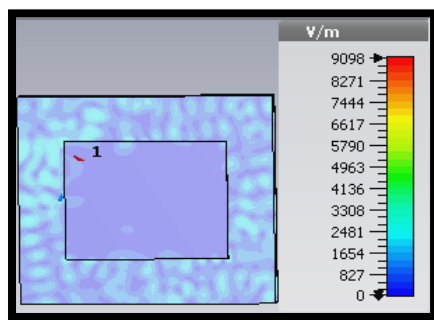


Figure 5: Electric field of proposed antenna

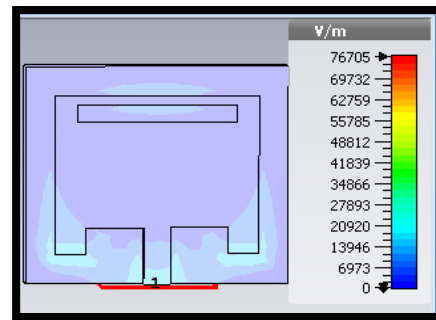


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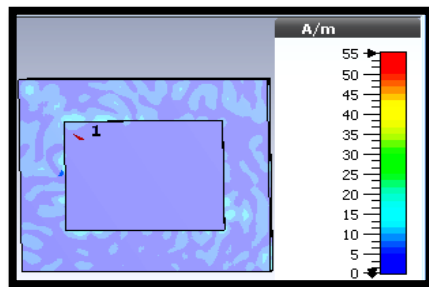


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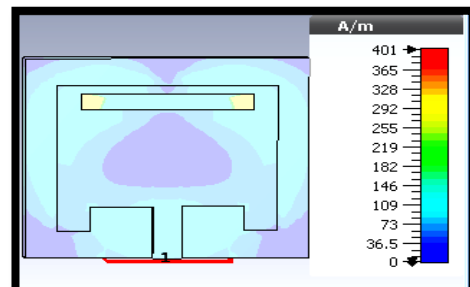


Figure 8: Magnetic field of reference antenna

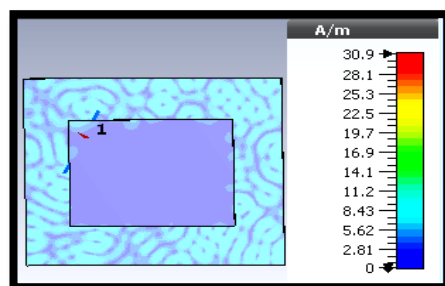


Figure 9: Surface current of proposed antenna

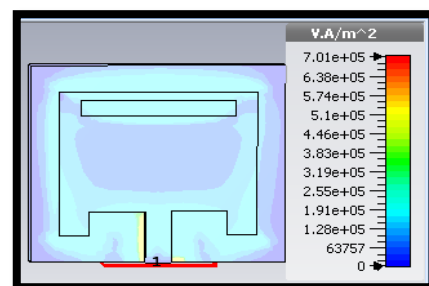


Figure 10: surface current of reference antenna

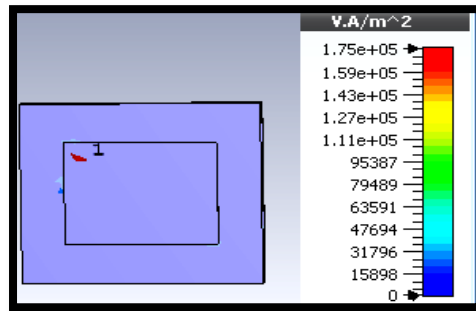


Figure 11: Power of proposed antenna

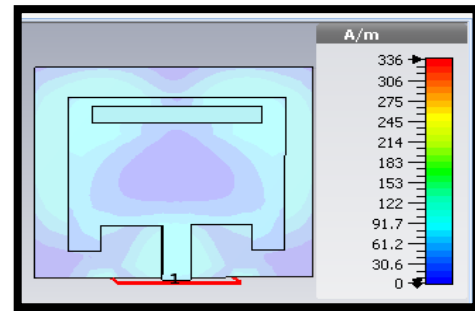


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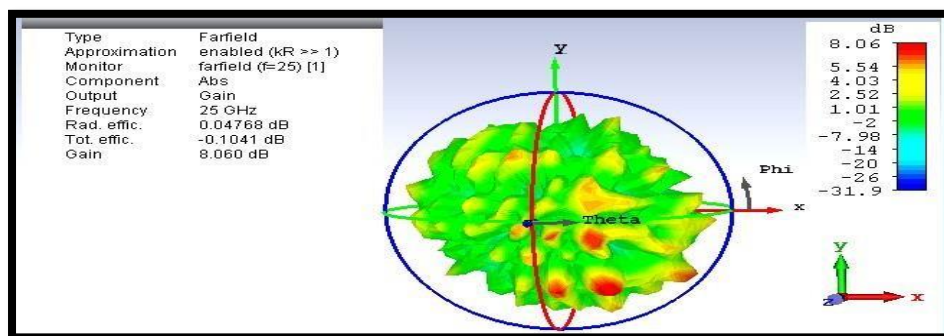


Figure 13: Gain of the proposed antenna

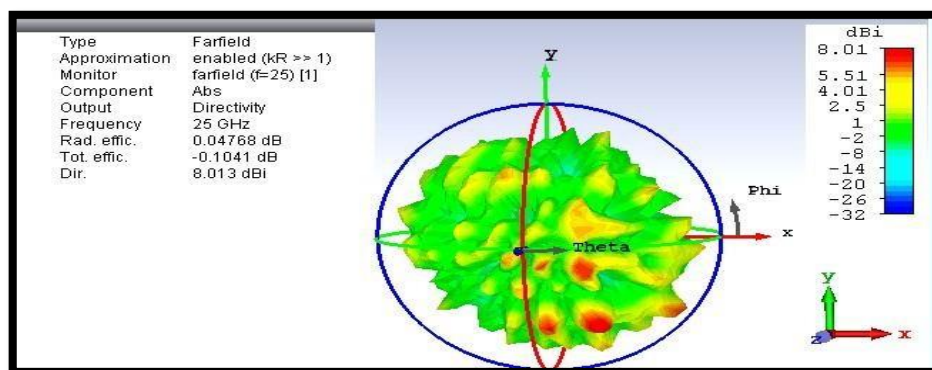


Figure 14: directivity of the proposed antenna

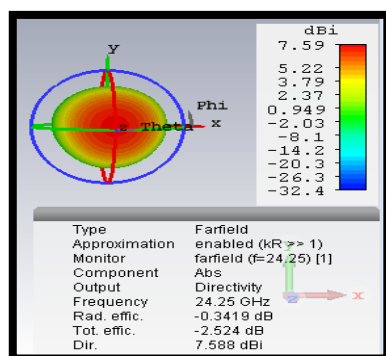


Figure 15: Directivity of reference antenna

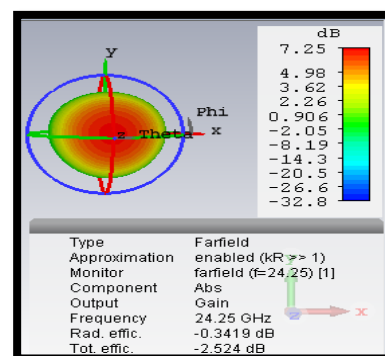


Figure 16: Gain of reference antenna

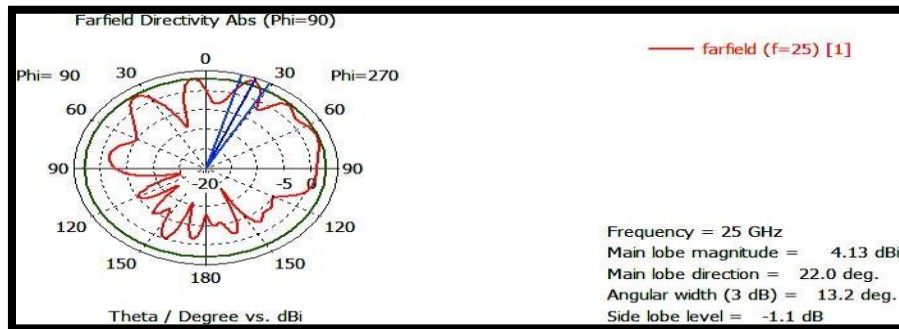


Figure 17: Far field of proposed antenna

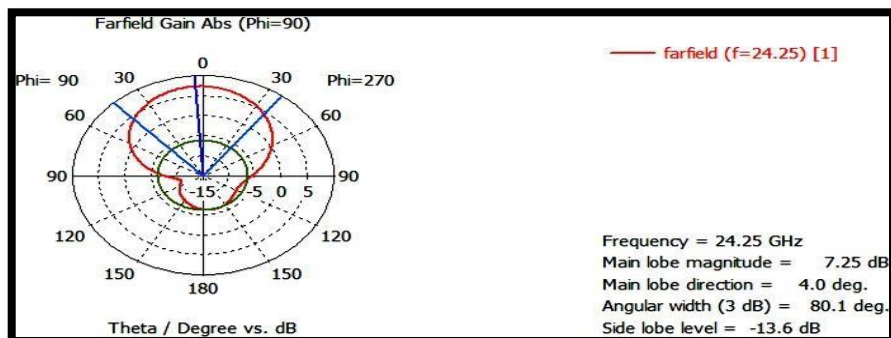


Figure 18: far field of reference antenna

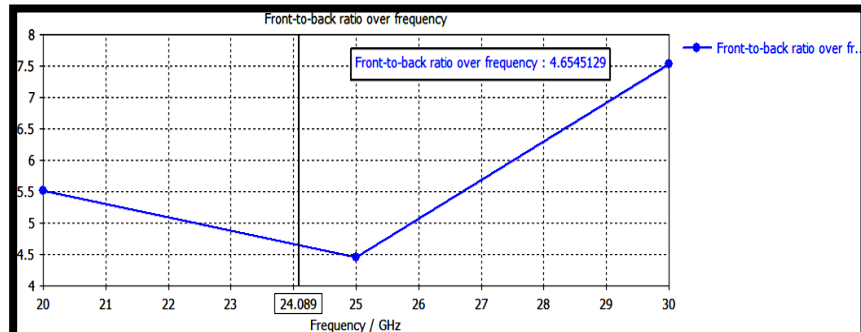


Figure 19: FBR of proposed antenna

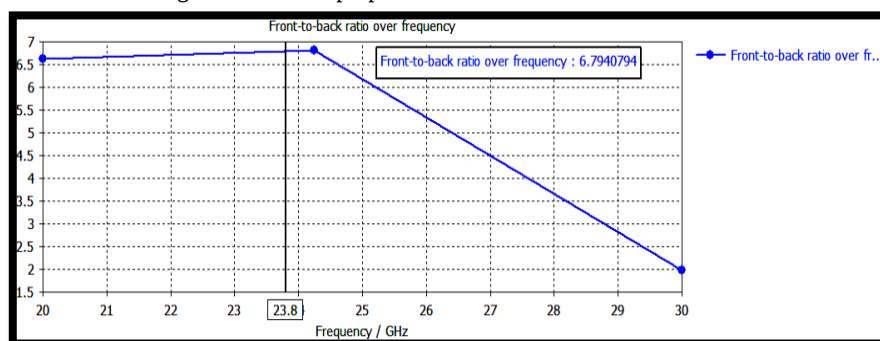


Figure 20: FBR of reference antenna

From figure 13 ,14,15 and figure 16 it is clear that the gain and directivity of proposed antenna is 0.81 dB and 0.425 dBi more than reference antenna. The high gain proposed antenna provides a large coverage area for data exchange .So proposed antenna can be used in air craft , space craft, satellites, missiles, rockets, cars and even in hand held mobile phones .Figure 19 and figure 20 indicates that the reference antenna has more front to back ratio than proposed antenna.

Table 2: Performance comparison of reference and proposed antenna

parameter	Reference antenna	Proposed antenna
S_{11}	-23.517	-33.802
VSWR	1.14	1.04
Electric field V/m	76705	9098
Magnetic Field A/m	401	55
Surface Current A/m	336	30.9
Power V.A/m ²	7.01e+05	1.75e+05
Gain dB	7.246	8.06
Directivity dBi	7.588	8.013
Impedance band Width GHz	0.581	2.56
FBR	6.79	4.64

Table 2 indicates that the proposed antenna is showing better performance in terms of reflection co efficient, VSWR, band width, gain and directivity. But the reference is antenna is showing better performance in terms of electric field , magnetic field, surface current , power and front to back ratio.

5. CONCLUSION

A milli meter wave antenna is designed at 24.25 GHz for 5G wireless communication system .This antenna shows better performance than reference antenna in terms of gain ,directivity and band width to cover all the requirement of 5G.The proposed antenna has good performance in relation to reflection co efficient and VSWR. Gain ,directivity and band width of the antenna can be further improved by designing array antennas.

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