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# Design of Circular Microstrip Patch Antenna for Wireless Application

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## A B S T R A C T

In this paper a Open Stubs loaded Circular Microstrip Antenna (OSCMSA) is designed and analyzed. This antenna resonates from 2.26 GHz to 10.06 GHz of frequencies and exhibits multiband operation. In this design inset feed arrangement is used to excite antenna. The other antenna parameters like return loss, bandwidth, VSWR, current distribution, and radiation pattern are studied and discussed.

**Keywords:** OSCMSA, Bandwidth, VSWR, MSA

**Introduction**

Wireless communication systems are rapidly expanding in the microwave spectrum. Microstrip Antennas (MSA) have grown in popularity in recent decades due to inherent characteristics such as light weight, low cost, simple design, and the ability to resonate at multiple frequency bands,<sup>1-2</sup> which eliminates the need for multiple antennas for various wireless applications.

The literature mentions a number of ways and procedures. Cutting slots of various geometries on the radiating patch, such as rectangular, triangular, H-shape, U-shape and so on, can enable antenna downsizing and many frequency bands.<sup>3-6</sup>

Furthermore, in today's communication era, designing a single antenna capable of both transmission and reception would be a difficult task. Slits on circular microstrip antennas are used in a similar study for multi-band operation and

virtual size reduction.<sup>7</sup> The loading of the circular patch antenna with open stubs is proposed in this study as a simple solution for multiple frequency operation. This method is not commonly used in the literature.

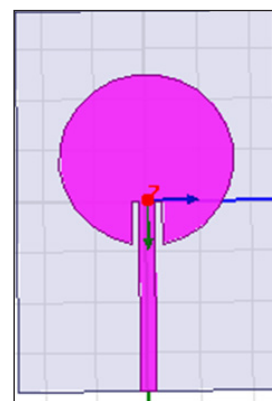


Figure 1. Top view geometry of CCMSA

## Consideration for Antenna Design

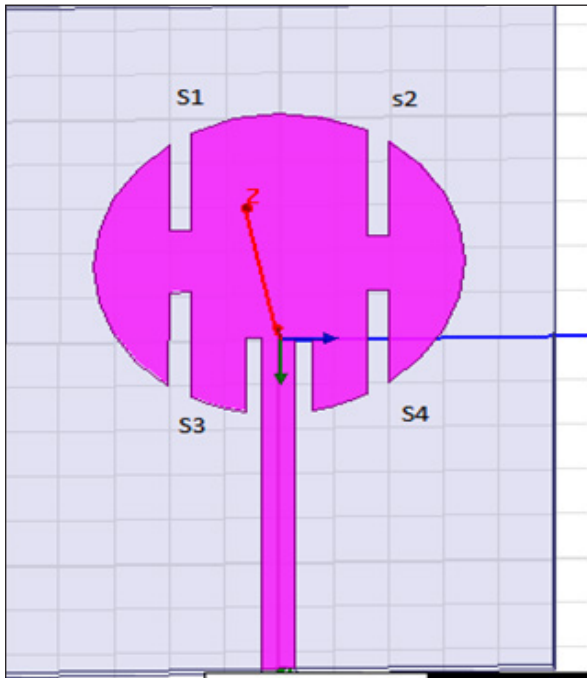
The proposed antenna was created using a Conventional Circular Microstrip Antenna (CCMSA) designed for a 2.4 GHz frequency. OSCMSA geometry is depicted in Figure 1. The radiating patch of size  $W \times L$  is etched on a glass epoxy substrate with dielectric constants  $\epsilon_r = 4.4$  and  $\tan \delta = 0.02$ , dimensions  $X \times Y$  and thickness  $h = 0.16$  cm.

The circular microstrip patch antenna design calculations yielded a radius of 16.96 mm.

**Table 1. Parameters of Antenna Design**

| Feeding technique             | N inset feed ED    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ground Plane                  | 75mm*50 mm         |
| Radius of Circular Patch      | 16.96 mm           |
| Substrate thickness           | 1.6 mm             |
| Operating Frequency           | 2.4 GHz            |
| Substrate dielectric constant | $\epsilon_r = 4.4$ |

Figure 2, depicts the OSCMSA configuration. The length  $L_s$  and width  $W_s$  of all the open stubs from S1 to S4 are the same. The open stubs S3 and S4 are inserted vertically from the bottom side of the patch's radiating edge, whereas the open stubs S1 and S2 are inserted vertically from the top side of the patch's radiating edge. All stubs have a width of 1.5 mm and a length of 9.5 mm.



**Figure 2. Top View Geometry of OSCMSA**

## Simulation Outcomes and Discussion

To model and simulate the conventional and open stub loaded microstrip antenna structures, the Ansoft HFSS

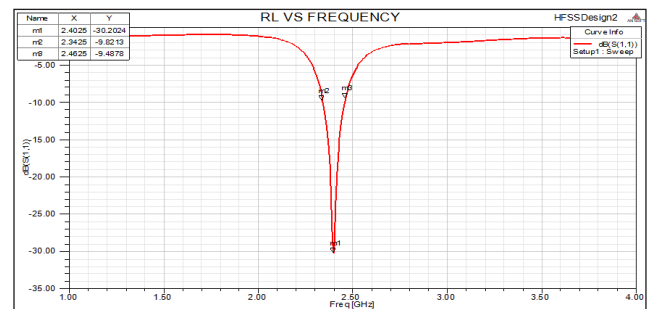
Electromagnetic (EM) 3-D tool is used. It is also used to plot and calculate antenna characteristics such as return loss, resonant frequency, and radiation pattern, bandwidth and so on. Table 2, summarizes the simulated results.

**Table 2. Summary of Results**

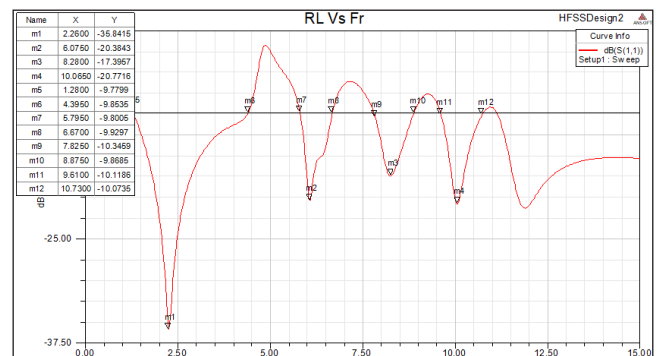
| Antenna | Resonating frequency in GHz | Return loss in dB | Bandwidth % |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| CCMSA   | 2.4                         | -25.34            | 5           |
| OSCMSA  | $f_1 = 2.26$                | -35.84            | 137.61      |
|         | $f_2 = 6.07$                | -20.38            | 14.49       |
|         | $f_3 = 8.28$                | -17.39            | 12.68       |
|         | $f_4 = 10.06$               | -20.77            | 11.13       |

Figure 3, depicts the CCMSA return loss versus frequency. The resonant frequency for CCMSA is 2.4 GHz and return loss is -25.34dB.

From the Figure 4, it is clear that, the OSCMSA resonates for four bands of frequencies from 2.26 GHz to 10.06GHz, i.e.  $f_1 = 2.26$  GHz,  $f_2 = 6.07$  GHz,  $f_3 = 8.28$  GHz and  $f_4 = 10.06$  GHz, with their respective bandwidths, BW1 = 137.61%, BW2 = 14.49%, BW3 = 12.68% and BW4 = 11.13%.



**Figure 3. Frequency Dependent Variations in Return Loss of CCMSA**



**Figure 4. Frequency Dependent Variations in Return Loss of OSCMSA**

Figure 5, shows the radiation patterns of CCMSA and OSCMSA at four resonating frequencies (v). The measured radiation pattern of a CCMSA designed for 2.4 GHz, which is broadside in nature and linearly polarized. At 2.26 GHz,

The proposed antenna's emission pattern shows a slight tilt to the left side of the 00, whereas at 6.07 GHz, the same antenna shows a slight tilt to the right side of the 00. At 10.06 GHz, the OSCMSA also exhibits a symmetric co-polar pattern around the 00.

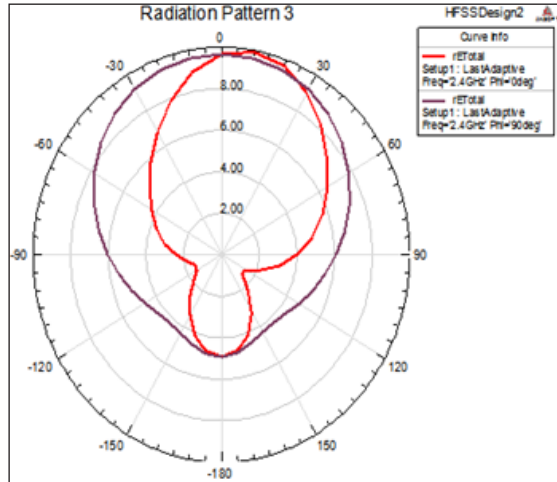


Figure 5. Radiation Patterns Simulation of CCMSA

From Figure 6, it is clear that, the VSWR values of OSCMSA are 0.2804dB, 1.6671dB, 2.3339dB and 1.5940dB.

With their respective frequencies  $f_1 = 2.26$  GHz,  $f_2 = 6.07$  GHz,  $f_3 = 8.28$  GHz and  $f_4 = 10.06$  GHz, respectively.

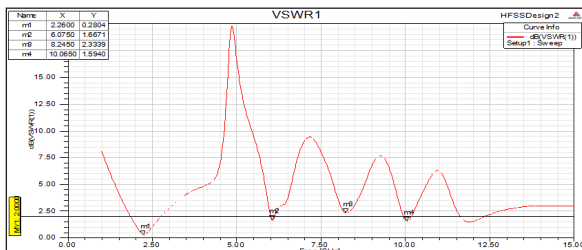


Figure 6. VSWR of OSCMSA

Current distribution of OSCMSA at J, E and H fields are shown in Figure 7, 8 and 9.

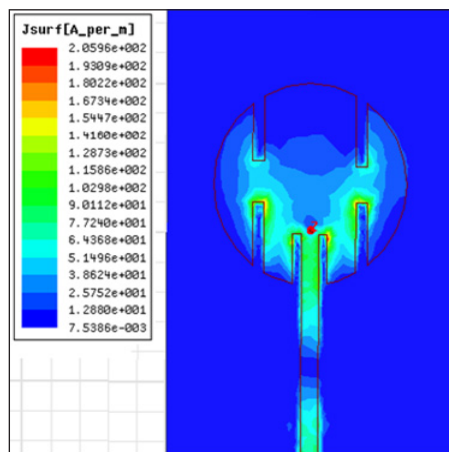


Figure 7. Current Distribution at J-Field

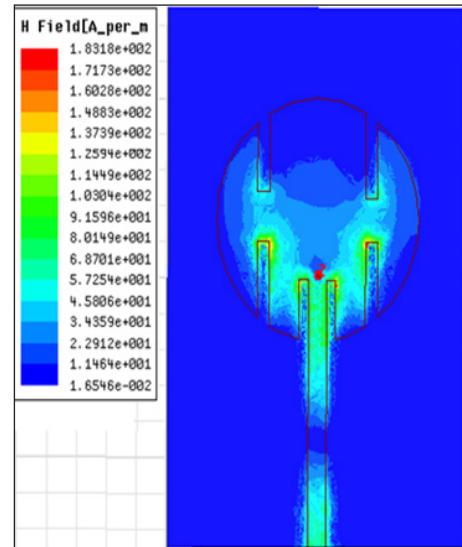


Figure 8. Current Distribution at H-Field

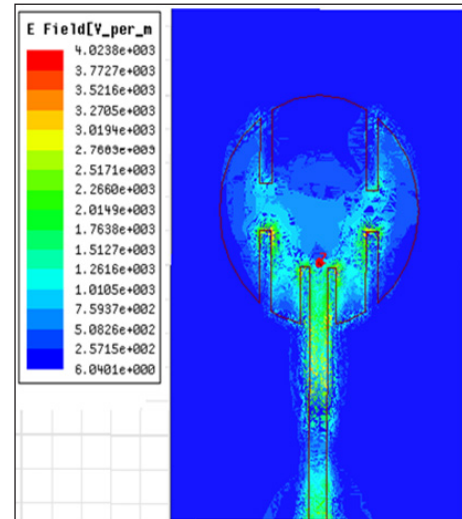


Figure 9. Current Distribution at E-Field

## Conclusion

The antennas designed by CCMSA and OSCMSA are examined and discussed. The frequency range of the proposed antenna is 2.28 GHz to 10.06 GHz. The OSCMSA can now operate in multiband mode with a wide band width, reduced VSWR and enhanced broadside radiation characteristics thanks to the addition of open stubs. The antenna's design is simple and it could be beneficial in S, C and X band applications.

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