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LOG-PERIODIC WANING CRESCENT PATCH ANTENNA FOR X-BAND  
APPLICATIONS

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Final design equations of the array curve of the lens can be summarized as

$$y = (1-w) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

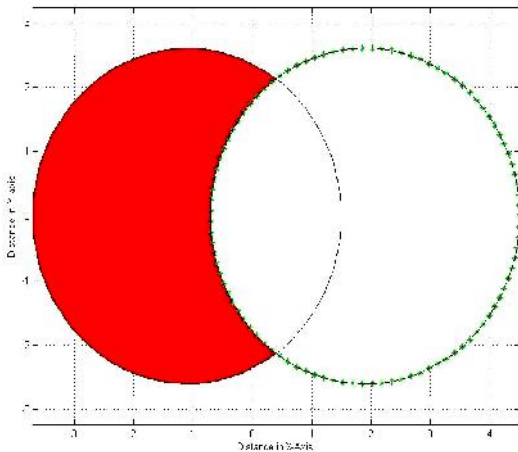
$$x^2 + y^2 + 2a_0x = w^2 + b_0^2 - 2w \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2gx = w^2 - 2gw \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

To determine the value of 'w' we can solve the quadratic equation as

$$aw^2 + bw + c = 0 \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

The equation 3 can be modified as the centre of circle having centre at '-g' and radius 'g + w'. The intersection of such two circles leads to a biconvex lens structure. The maximum distance between two sides of the lens is taken as the value half of the wavelength which corresponds to the frequency 10 GHz which is taken for the design and which lies in 'X' band. The layout of the shape was determined using MATLAB. The shape resembles the structure of the moon in the lunar cycle where the moon is illuminated less than its half. It is called as "Waning Crescent". The word "crescent" refers to the phases where the moon is less than half illuminated and waning means decreasing. [12]



**Fig 2(a)** The layout of the shape using MATLAB **Fig 2(b)** Waning Crescent Moon [12]

**Design of single waning crescent patch antenna**

The shadowed region of the layout of the shape using MATLAB is the patch having maximum distance between two arcs is half of the wavelength corresponds to the desired frequency 10GHz. Most of the electromagnetic waves in microstrip line propagates within a substrate under quasi TEM mode. Because of the increased thickness spurious surface waves will be produced which will lead to significant losses [1]. Therefore thickness should be reduced. The cutoff frequency of the dominant mode is given by [5]

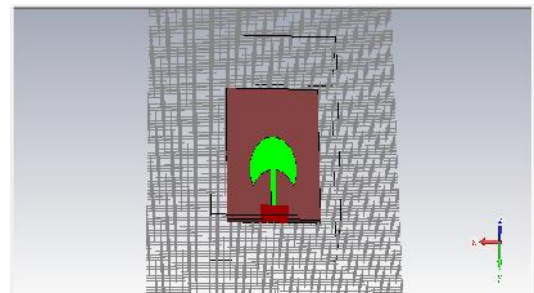
$$f_t = \left( \frac{150}{h\pi} \right) \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r - 1}} \right] \tan^{-1} r \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

Where  $f_t$  is the cut off frequency, 'h' is the height of the substrate and  $r$  is the relative permittivity of the substrate which is 4.4 for FR4 Epoxy. The values for the parameters are shown in the following table.

**Table I**

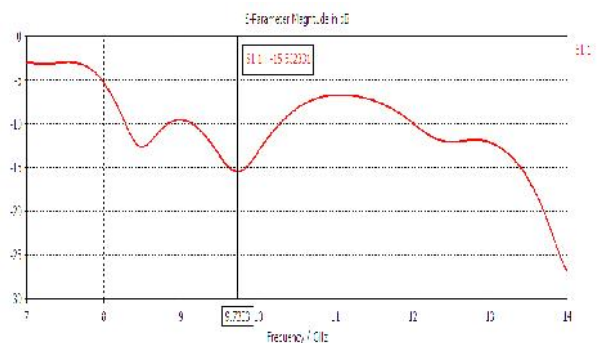
Design Parameters	Value
Design frequency f	10GHz
Wavelength	30 mm
Length of the substrate	60 mm
Width of the substrate	60 mm
Height of the substrate	2.83 mm
Maximum distance between two arc of the patch /2	15 mm

The design and simulation is done using Computer Simulation Technology CST software.



**Fig 3** Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna using CST

After the design the parameters like S-Parameter which gives the return loss, VSWR, Gain and Directivity of the proposed antenna are found out using CST software. The results are shown in figures below. The frequency range has given from 7GHz to 14GHz in which the results of the X-band frequency range (8GHz to 12GHz) are analysed.



**Fig 4** S<sub>11</sub>-Parameter in dB

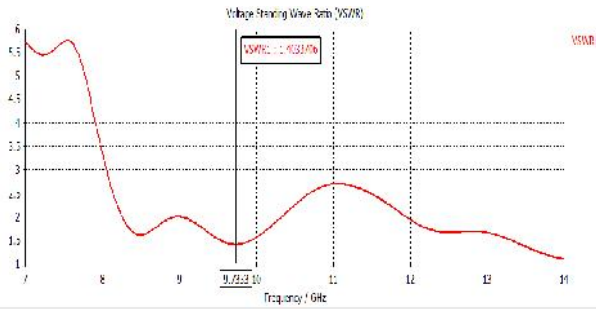


Fig 5 VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio)

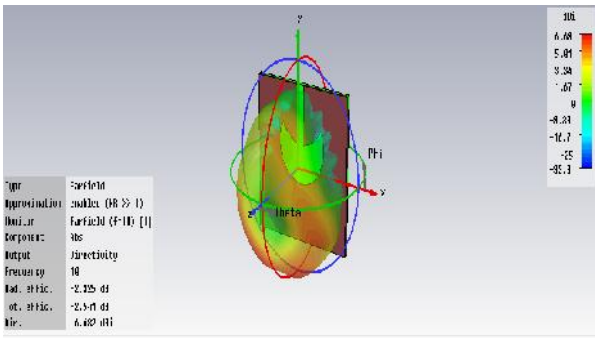


Fig 6 3D Far field radiation pattern

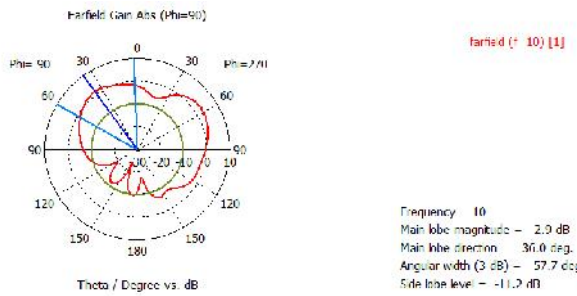


Fig 7 Gain at Phi=90°

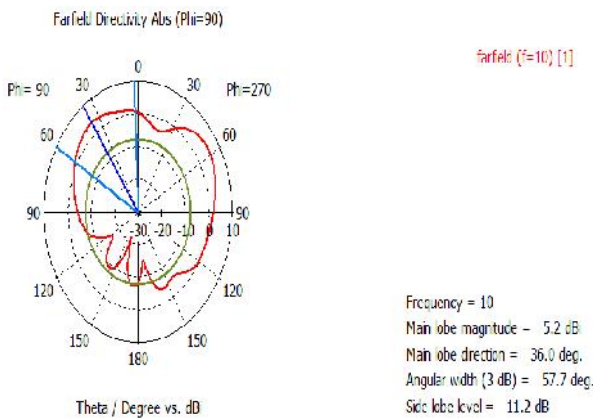


Fig 8 Directivity at Phi=90°

**Design of 4 element log-periodic waning crescent patch antenna**

In log periodic antennas the electrical property varies periodically with logarithm of frequency [6] and the frequency scaling property leads to the determination of the dimensions. Here the 4 element log periodic antenna has been designed to

operate in the X band (8GHz to 12GHz) entirely. The patch length and width are dependent upon the scaling factor “ ” [7].

$$= L_{n+1}/L_n = W_{n+1}/W_n \dots\dots\dots (6)$$

Where “L” indicates the length of the patch and “W” indicates the width and ‘n’ indicates the no of element.

In log periodic antenna array the frequencies are logarithmically periodic. [8] So

$$= f_{n+1}/f_n = \lambda^n / \lambda^{n+1} \dots\dots\dots (7)$$

Where “f” indicates the frequency of the patch and “ ” indicates the wavelength of the corresponding frequency.

The maximum distance between two arcs of the perturbed circular patch was taken as  $\lambda/2$ . At the design frequency the half-wavelength  $\lambda/2$  is 15 mm. If the value of  $\lambda$  nearly equal to 1 then the antenna frequency will reach continuous variation [9]. So the  $\lambda$  value is taken as 1.1. For the design of biconvex patch the  $\lambda$  is taken as the maximum distance between two sides of the patch so considering the scaling factor  $\lambda$ , the values of  $\lambda/2$ ,  $3\lambda/2$  and  $4\lambda/2$  are calculated for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> element respectively. The values of  $\lambda/2$ ,  $3\lambda/2$  and  $4\lambda/2$  are found out to be 16.5 mm and 18.15 mm and 19.965 mm respectively. Then the design and simulation has been done using CST. The frequency range has given from 7GHz to 14GHz in which the results of the X-band frequency range (8GHz to 12GHz) are analysed.

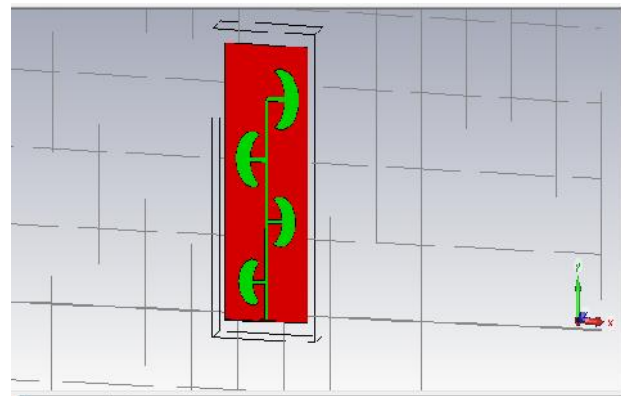


Fig 9 Log-Periodic Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna using CST

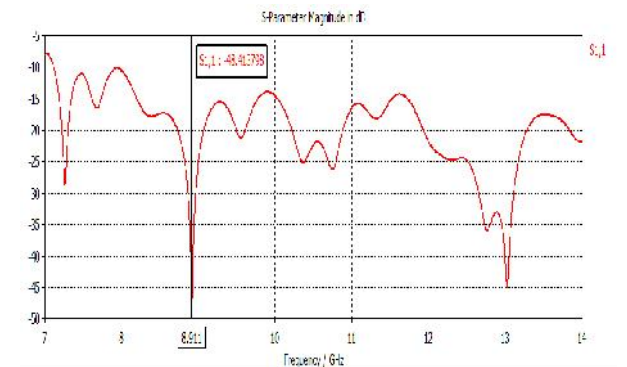


Fig 10 S<sub>11</sub> Parameter in dB of Log-Periodic Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna

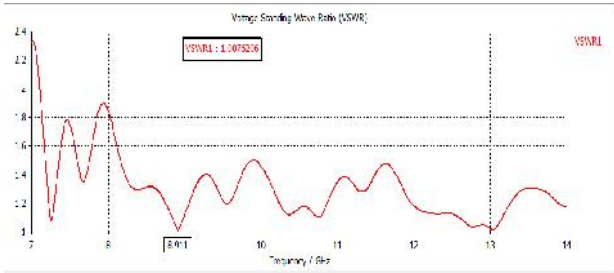


Fig 11 VSWR of Log-Periodic Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna

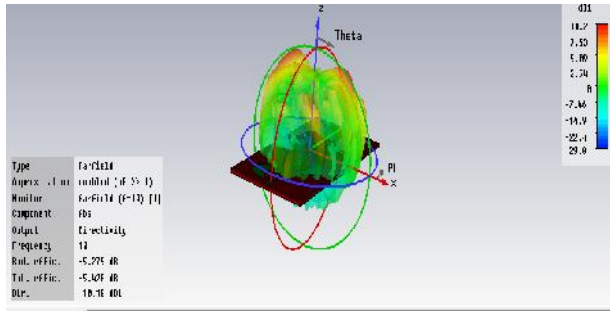


Fig 12 3D Far field radiation pattern of Log- Periodic Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna

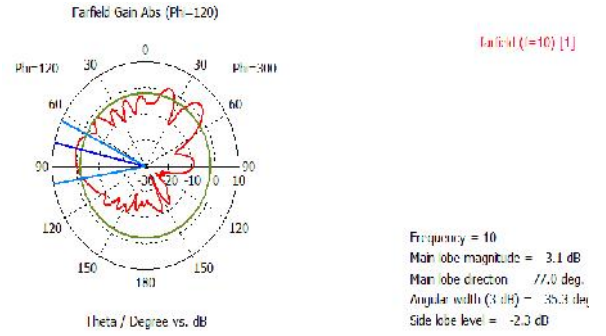


Fig 15 Gain at Phi=60° of Log- Periodic Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna

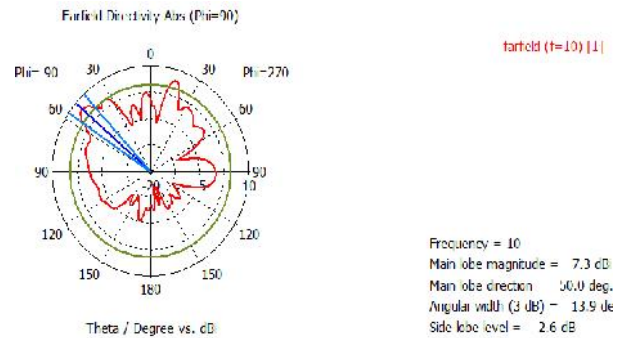


Fig 16 Directivity at Phi=90° of Log- Periodic Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna

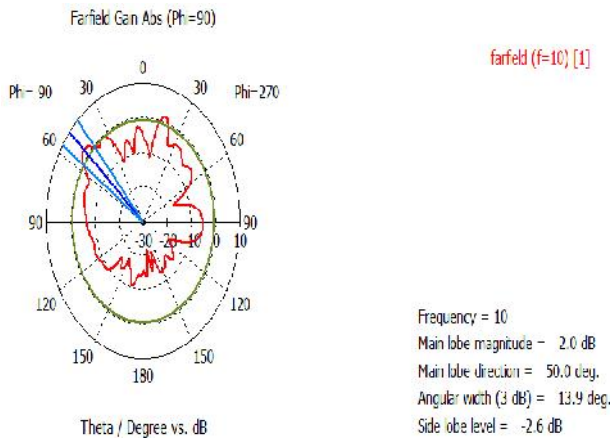


Fig 13 Gain at Phi=90° of Log- Periodic Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna

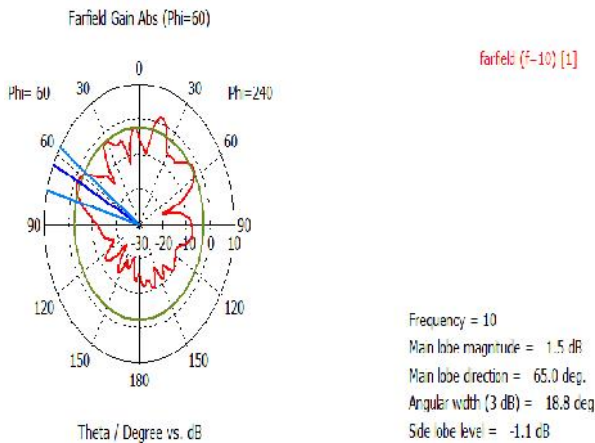


Fig 14 Gain at Phi=60° of Log- Periodic Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna

Comparison of results

From the simulated results of both single element perturbed circular patch antenna and the 4 element log periodic perturbed patch antenna it is clearly observed that the log periodic structure has more bandwidth compared to the single element structure .Taking the -10 dB line as reference in S<sub>11</sub> plot it is determined that the single element structure has a 2 bands between 8 GHz to 12 GHz and the very narrow bandwidth of those two bands are 1.16 GHz and 0.561 GHz .Whereas the Log periodic structure has a much wider bandwidth covering from 8 GHz to 12 GHz entirely. Also the antenna is resonating at 8.91 GHz which is in the desired range having a VSWR of 1.0076 which is nearly equal to 1 leading to a very nice result as VSWR equal to 1 corresponds to reflection coefficient 0 [10] which means no reflection .The comparison table is given below.

Table II

Parameters	Single element Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna	Log Periodic Perturbed Circular Patch Antenna
S <sub>11</sub>	-15.505	-48.414
VSWR	1.4032	1.0076
Directivity	6.682 dB	10.18dB
Gain	4.356dB	4.901dB

The comparison plots of S<sub>11</sub> is shown below

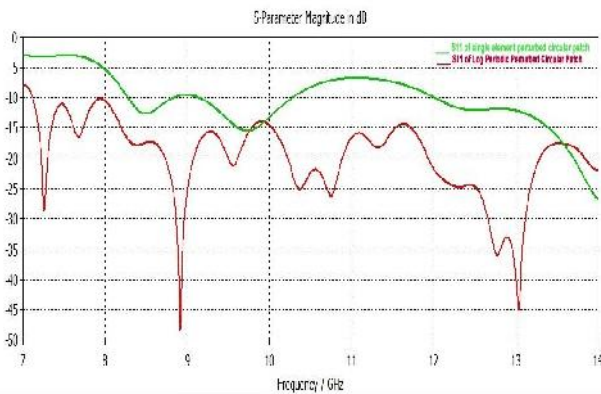


Fig 17 Compared Plots of  $S_{11}$  between single element and log periodic perturbed patch antenna

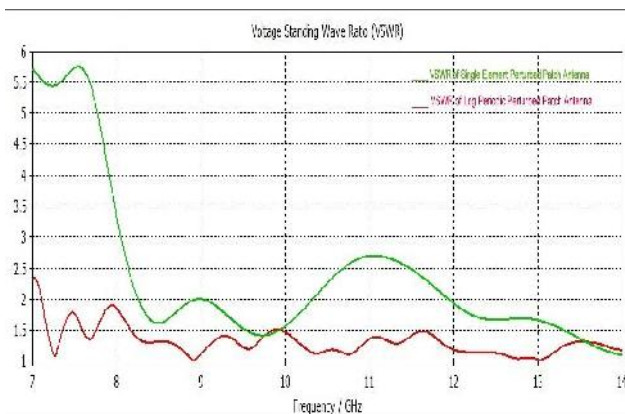


Fig 18 Compared Plots of VSWR between single element and log periodic perturbed patch antenna

## CONCLUSION

From the results it is observed that for X-Band applications such as radar, terrestrial communication and networking, space communication and amateur radio [11] the log periodic implementation of perturbed circular patch antenna is best suited as it has a broadband property and covering the entire band from 8 GHz to 12 GHz having a desirable value of return loss and VSWR with high directivity.

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