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#### ABSTRACT

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This paper deals with design of modified Slotted microstrip patch antenna for S band Applications. In this paper U-I slotted microstrip antenna design at resonant frequency of 2.95GHz. FR4 epoxy material is used for substrate of proposed antenna (Dielectric Constant-4.4). Some Applications of proposed antennas are Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN), Satellite Communications and Radar Applications. For the design and important parameters such as Return loss, VSWR, Gain are presented in this paper.

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## INTRODUCTION

Now a days Microstrip patch antenna works at different frequencies for the different applications [1]. Microstrip patch antenna is commonly used for wireless communication systems to transfer the information from one place to another [2]. Basically Microstrip antenna consist a ground, substrate and radiating patch [3]. The ground plane is placed at the bottom of the substrate and radiating patch is placed at the top of the substrate [4]. Microstrip patch antennaare trendy for their smart features such as low profile, light weight, low cost [5]. In Microstrip patch antenna different feeding methods are used such as coaxial probe feed, microstrip line feed, proximity coupled feed and aperture coupled feed. In this paper U-I slot cut inside the patch for improving the performance antenna parameters. The path of current in patch is effected by slots [6]. The resonant frequency is determined 2.95GHz for S-Band applications. The overall size of proposed antenna is 48.22mm×62.46mm×1.6mm.The substrate material is used for this antenna is FR4 epoxy with 4.4 dielectric constant. When the size of antenna reduce then the number of operating frequency bands increase [7]. The simulation of proposed antenna is carried out by ANSOFT HFSS software [8]. Some others applications of Microstrip patch antennas are GPS, WiMAX, Wi-Fi, Mobile satellite communication and space communications [9].

#### Antenna Design

The configuration of the proposed U-I Slot Microstrip patch antenna is shown in figure 1. The proposed antenna is designed on FR4 epoxy substrate with dielectric constant 4.4. The thickness of substrate is 1.6mm. Simple ground is used for proposed antenna and dimensions of ground are 48.22mm×62.46mm. The size of substrate is same as the size of ground of designed microstrip antenna. L and W are length and width of substrate and ground respectively. The dimensions of patch is 24.11mm length and 31.23mm width.

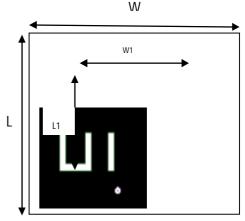


Fig.1 Geometry of proposed antenna

The proposed antenna is work at 2.95GHz resonant frequency. U and I slots are cut from the patch. The length of the vertical slots is 8mm and width is 2mm and the length of horizontal slot is 2mm and width is 8mm. Coaxial probe feed technique is used in this antenna.

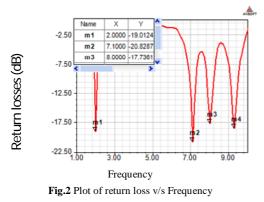
Parameters	Values
Length of substrate	48.22mm
Width of substrate	62.46mm
Thickness of substrate	1.6mm
Length of patch	24.11mm
Width of patch	31.23mm
Dielectric constant	4.4
Length of ground	48.22mm
Width of ground	62.46mm
Length of slots	8mm
Width of slots	2mm
Resonant frequency	2.95GHz

# RESULTS

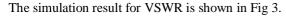
Utilizing HFSS (High Frequency structure simulate) software the proposed design of antenna has been simulated and obtained some results. Four parameters are obtained which are Return loss, VSWR, Gain and Radiation pattern by simulation process of U-I slot microstrip patch antenna.

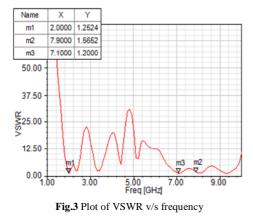
#### **Return Loss**

The return loss of U-I slot microstrip antenna is shown in Fig 2. Proposed antenna has -19dB return loss at 2GHz. The resonant frequency of U-I slot antenna is shifted toward the lower side when slots are introduce on the surface of patch.



## VSWR

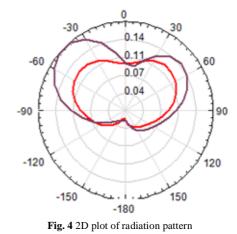




VSWR of proposed antenna is 1.2dB at resonant frequency 2GHz. VSWR is an essential parameter for communication devices. It is responsible for antenna matching with cable impedance.

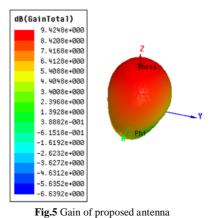
#### **Radiation** Pattern

The simulated two dimensional radiation pattern of proposed antenna at 2GHz frequency is shown in Fig 4. Radiation pattern is a graphical representation which defines the radiating signal of proposed antenna in space [4].



# GAIN

Gain of U-I slotted microstrip patch antenna is shown in Fig 5. The gain of proposed antenna is 9.42dB at resonant frequency. Its is quite high value of gain. Basically gain is useful measurement to describing the antenna performance. It is measured in dB.



## CONCLUSION

In this paper we successfully designed and simulating U-I slot microstrip patch antenna by using HFSS software. This proposed antenna is operates at 2.95 GHz resonant frequency which is suitable for s band applications. The gain of proposed antenna is 3.26dB and return loss is -19dB. Gain can be increasing by cutting slot on patch surface. In this patch antenna simple feeding technique is used. Applications of proposed antenna are Satellite communication. The future plan about this paper is that fabricates the proposed antenna and verifies all results.

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