

Wideband monopole antenna with dual band rejection characteristics

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A wideband printed monopole antenna with two rejection bands is proposed in this article. The antenna provides a wideband from 5.4 GHz to 17.2 GHz with two rejection bands covering 6.9 to 7.4 GHz and 8.3 to 9.2 GHz with two peak notch frequencies of 7.2 GHz and 8.6 GHz respectively. Tested peak gain at two peak notch frequencies of 7.2 GHz and 8.6 GHz are 2.5 dBi and -1.5 dBi respectively. These two rejection bands are effectively used to avoid undesired intrusion from the C band and the X band. The lower rejection band has been realized by cutting an open ring circular slot on the metal patch whereas U like slot has been inserted on the ground plane just beneath the feed line to achieve the upper rejection band. Simulated and tested S_{11} parameter, gain, radiation efficiency, E-H radiation patterns, and surface currents of the antenna are presented here. The antenna uses small dimensions and it is very simple to design. The proposed antenna confirms that it is useful for short-range and fast data communication systems.

Key words: printed monopole antenna, two rejection bands, radiation efficiency, radiation patterns

1 Introduction

The demand for miniaturized broadband antennas with band rejection characteristics increases day by day. To avoid interferences of existence different wireless application bands (like WLAN, WiMAX, C band, X band, etc). with the broadband applications, an antenna with band rejection characteristics is of high demand. A very popular and easy way to achieve band rejection characteristics is to introduce different shapes of slots, parasitic elements, strips, and resonators on the radiating patch and also the ground plane of the antenna which were previously reported in various articles.

Two notch bands have been achieved by embedding four circular stubs on the metal patch and two open circular rings on the ground plane are reported in [1]. Two W-type slots are used for two band notches in [2]. U-like monopole antenna uses two T slots on the two sides of the U patch and two rectangular SRR (split-ring resonator) placed at two sides of the feed line to obtain two-notch frequencies covering WiMAX and WLAN band in [3]. A new technique of sticking a patch on the available substrate to obtain two notch bands in WLAN and ITU band is reported in [4]. A co-planar waveguide feed circular patch antenna was suggested for two rejection band applications in [5]. It consists of a stub and a parasitic element to achieve two-band notches in the WLAN and

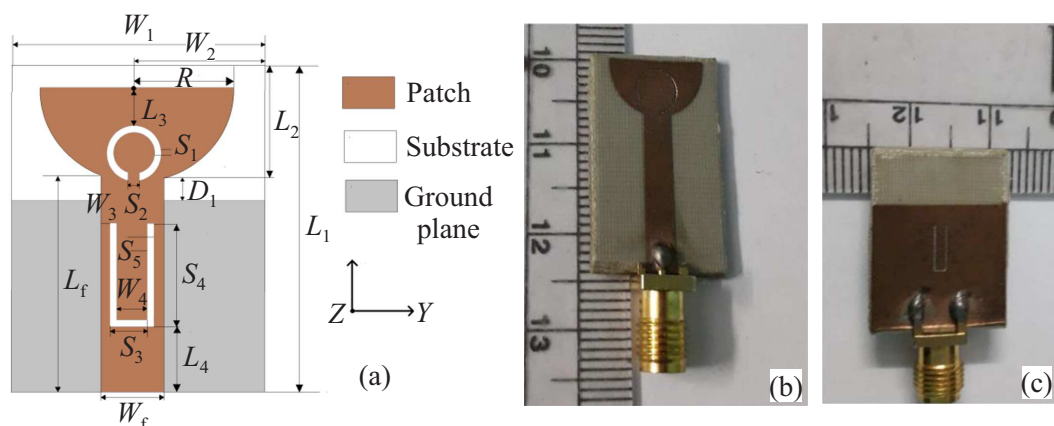
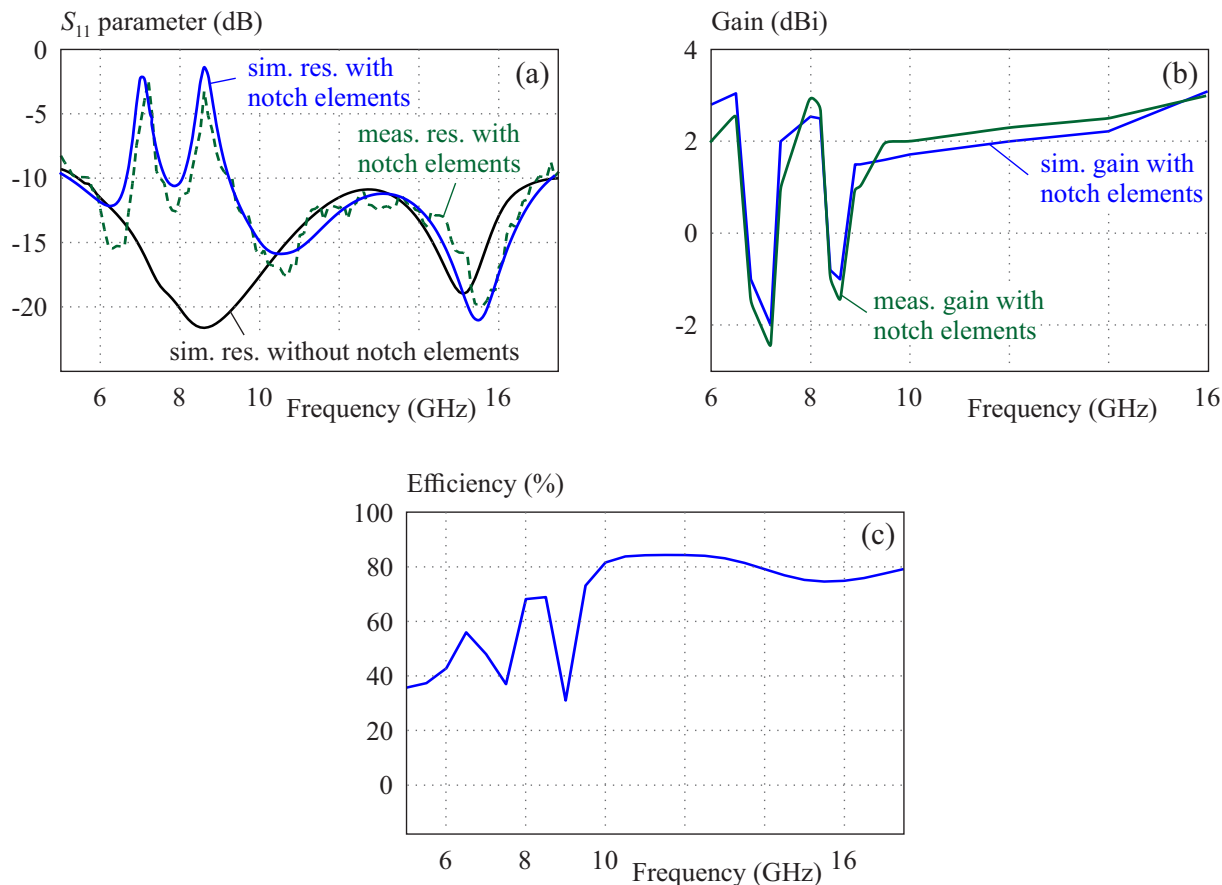


Fig. 1. Showing: (a) – details of the proposed antenna, (b) and (c) – snapshots of the proposed antenna

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Table 1. Antenna dimensions in mm

w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_{Wf}	L_1	L_2	L_3	L_4	L_{Lf}	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5	D_1	R
16	8	0.8	1	3.4	24	7.5	0.9	7.6	17.24	0.4	0.5	1.4	6.4	0.4	0.75	6

**Fig. 2.** Showing: (a) – S_{11} , (b) the gain, and (c) – the simulated efficiency plot

X band. A semi-annular ring-like antenna associate with a U-like radiator obtains two notch bands in WiMAX and WLAN applications and was informed in [6]. Two notch bands were obtained by embedding a U-type slot in the ground plane and inserting an open ring slot in the patch was reported in [7]. Two rectangular open ring resonators were placed on the patch of the antenna to achieve two notch bands of 3.40 to 3.48 GHz and 5.40 to 5.98 GHz in [8]. A tree-like antenna achieves notch characteristics using a rectangular resonator in the metal patch and using an additional spiral structure in the feed line [9]. Two short-circuited resonators were used for two notch bands and were informed in [10].

In this article, a simple and small size printed broadband monopole antenna with two rejection bands is proposed. The antenna consists of a half-circular metal patch with two-notch elements. Adjusting the positions and dimensions of the two-notch elements, two stop bands are achieved in the C band and the X band.

2 Antenna design

The geometry details of the proposed antenna with a U and an open ring circular notch elements is shown in Fig. 1.a. The antenna is printed on a substrate of Arlon DK with a thickness of 1.58 mm and a relative permittivity of 2.2 with a loss tangent of 0.0009. The antenna has an area of 24×16 mm² and has a 16.5×16 mm² ground plane. It consists of a semi-circular metal patch with a radius of 6 mm as shown in Fig. 1(a). The length and width (L_f and W_f) of the feed line are 17.24 mm and 3.4 mm respectively to attain its matching resistance of 50Ω . The distance between the metal patch and the ground plane is 0.75 mm. An open ring slot of width (S_1) 0.4 mm is inserted on the metal patch and a U-like slot of width (S_5) 0.4 mm is placed at the truncated ground plane just beneath the feed line as shown in Fig. 1(a) to achieve notch characteristics. The dimensions of the proposed antenna with two notch elements are listed in Tab. 1. Snapshots of the proposed antenna are shown in Fig. 1(b) and Fig. 1(c).

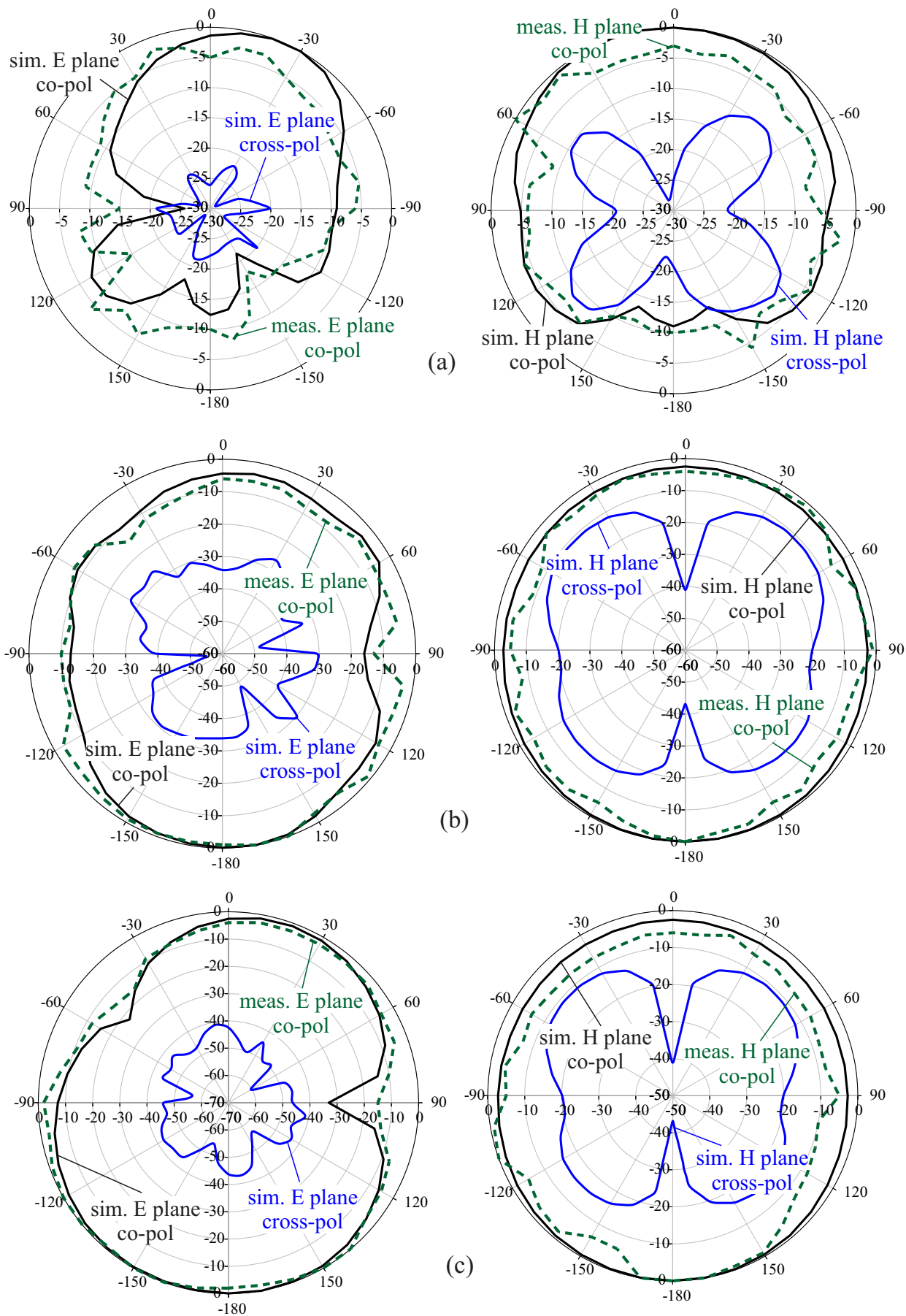
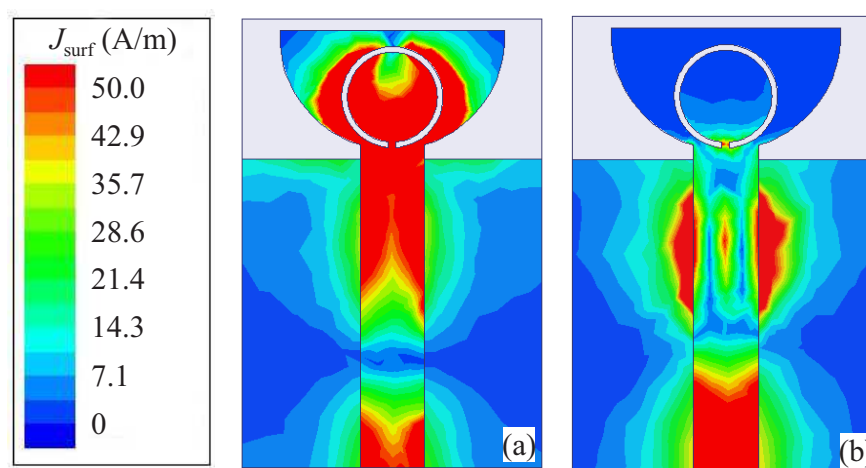


Fig. 3. The normalized radiation patterns at: (a) – 6.3 GHz, and (b) – 7.8 GHz, and (c) – 10.4 GHz

Table 2. Earlier reported antennas in comparison with the proposed antenna

Reference	Volume (mm ³)	Bandwidth (GHz)	Notch Band (GHz)	Application
(1)	32 × 30 × 1.6	2.76-11	3.45-4.8 and 5.24-6.21	WiMAX and WLAN
(2)	30 × 20 × 1.5	3.0-0.8	3.4-3.8 and 4.8-6.2	WiMAX and WLAN
(3)	38.1 × 24.6 × 1.5	3-11	3.3-3.7 and 5.15-5.825	WiMAX and WLAN
(4)	44 × 38 × 1.57	2.9 to more than 12	5.35-5.8 and 7.98-8.85	WLAN and ITU
(5)	32 × 24 × 1.6	2.7-11.6	5.15-5.825 and 7.25-7.75	WLAN and X
(6)	25 × 25 × 0.8	2.97-12	3.14-3.93 and 4.9-6.07	WLAN and WiMAX
(7)	34 × 30 × 1	2.8-12	5.15-5.4 and 5.75-6.0	WLAN
(8)	40.9 × 34 × 1	2.90-12	3.40-3.48 and 5.40-5.98	WiMAX and WLAN
(9)	35 × 28 × 1.6	2.2-19.5	3.3-3.7 and 5.15-5.85	WiMAX and WLAN
(10)	25 × 20 × 1.14	3.07-10.61	3.41-3.68 and 5.37-6.01	WiMAX and WLAN
This work	24 × 16 × 1.58	5.4-17.2	6.9-7.4 and 8.3-9.2	C and X band

**Fig. 4.** The surface current (simulated) at (a) 7.2 GHz and (b) 8.6 GHz

3 Results

The simulated and tested results of the proposed antenna are discussed in this section. The antenna is designed and simulated by the HFSS Ansoft software simulation tool.

The test results of the S_{11} parameter are obtained by using a vector network analyzer of model no. ZNB 20. The S_{11} parameter of the broadband antenna without notch elements and with notch elements is shown in Fig. 2(a). Simulated S_{11} parameter provides -10 dB impedance bandwidth from 5.4 GHz to 17.4 GHz with two rejection bands of 6.7 – 7.6 GHz and 8.1 – 9.2 GHz useful in C band and X band respectively. The open ring-type slot is responsible for the lower notch band and the U slot is responsible for the upper notch band. The obtained simulated peak notch frequencies are 7.0 GHz and 8.6 GHz for the lower notch band and upper notch band respectively. The simulated S_{11} parameter values are -1.9 dBi and

-1.19 dBi at 7.0 GHz and 8.6 GHz respectively. The measured S_{11} parameter provides -10 dB impedance bandwidth from 5.4 GHz to 17.2 GHz with two rejection bands of 6.9 – 7.4 GHz and 8.3 – 9.2 GHz. The measured S_{11} parameter shows that the lower notch band provides a 7.2 GHz peak notch frequency with a -2.4 dB S_{11} parameter value and the upper notch band provides an 8.6 GHz peak notch frequency with a -3.27 dB S_{11} parameter value. There is a good parity between simulated and tested results for the S_{11} parameter.

The gain plot of the wideband proposed antenna is shown in Fig. 2(b). The tested gain of -2.5 dBi and -1.5 dBi has been achieved at two notch frequencies of 7.2 GHz and 8.6 GHz respectively. The simulated antenna efficiency is plotted in Fig. 2(c). It appears that the antenna efficiencies reach 35% at 7.2 GHz and 30% at 8.6 GHz of the notch bands. Otherwise, maximum radiation efficiency reaches 85% for the proposed antenna.

Radiation patterns (E plane and H plane) at three different frequencies of 6.3 GHz, 7.8 GHz, and GHz are

plotted in Fig. 3. (a)-(c). The plots show monopole-like E plane radiation patterns and omnidirectional H plane radiation patterns.

Figure 4 depicts surface currents (simulated) at two peak notch frequencies of 7.2 GHz and 8.6 GHz. At 7.2 GHz, maximum current occurs at feed line and lower portion of the patch, for 8.6 GHz maximum current occurs at feed line and two sides of the feed line as shown in Fig. 4.

Table 2 compares the performance of the proposed antenna with the previously informed antennas. The proposed work provides good results in terms of size and operating bandwidth.

4 Conclusions

A broadband monopole antenna with two-band rejection characteristics is reported in this paper. The antenna achieves a bandwidth of 5.4 GHz to 17.2 GHz. The lower notch band has been achieved by inserting an open ring slot on a metal patch whereas the U slot on the ground plane is responsible for the upper notch band. The reject bands cover a part of the C (6.6 – 7.6 GHz) band and a part of the X (8.2 – 9.2 GHz) band. The antenna achieves a peak notch gain of -2.5 dBi at 7.2 GHz. Radiation patterns are good and agreed with monopole antenna characteristics. The proposed antenna is useful for short-range and high-speed communication systems.

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