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Design of Trapezoidal Shaped Microstrip Patch Antenna for High Speed THZ Applications Using the Substrate of Photonic Crystal

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ABSTRACT: Over the electromagnetic spectrum (30-1000 GHz) the terahertz technology is widely used in many applications. This current paper gives an outline of trapezoidal shaped patch antenna for high speed THZ applications. Using the photonic crystal substrate. The coupling of antenna and source is provided by a microstrip line used for the patch antenna. The proposed design antenna is utilized over the frequency band ranging from 0.88 to 1.62. The proposed antenna developed is used over high speed THZ applications. In a patch antenna its performance limitations is due to the leaky waves the surface limitations. Its performance is enhanced by implanting photonic crystals in dielectric substrate. Using the photonic crystal substrate. The VSWR, return loss & gain obtained shows a huge improvement. The photonic crystal implanted in dielectric substrate exhibits wider bandwidth.

I. INTRODUCTION

As of today, terahertz frequencies are widely used for many applications most of the researchers are considering terahertz frequency in antenna designing areas over scientific applications. For the frequencies greater than 100 GHz. The performance is limited by the transit time of semiconductor devices to overcome this limitation. The photoconductive mixers are heterodyne with opticals. When the wireless system is under design there are some important characteristics that have to be considered (High data rate, Broader bandwidth, Low cost, system efficiency etc).

The terahertz systems are preferable because of miniaturization in size, broader bandwidth, directivity. Demonstrated photoconductive folded half wave length dipole antenna for high speed THZ applications. A simple analytical model derived based on the equivalent circuit to measure the pulsed THZ signals. The output power in these half wave length dipole antennas are observed to be high [1]. Terahertz generation method from multiple dielectric coated Gallium Arsenic (GaAs) antenna in this proposed method it is observed that SiN_4 coated GaAs antenna improves THZ wave generation as the breakdown field is increased [2]. A Yagi-Uda terahertz antenna for high input impedance. At the resonance frequency the high input impedance (2600 Ω) is obtained by using λ -dipole as driven element [3].

A bowtie antenna with coplanar stripline feeding for THZ frequency applications. The comparison of broadband and radiation characteristics of proposed antenna with a dipole antenna gave a greater result of the proposed antenna with bandwidth 64% (1-10 THZ) and radiation patterns with same characteristics as those of dipole antenna. This proposed antenna has a higher gain of 2.2 dB than dipole antenna [4]. The techniques of optical scanning for characterizing the photoconductive THZ antenna array radiation properties. A 14 element equally spaced array structure is designed on low-temperature using proposed methods [5].

The design and analysis of pyramidal horn antennas for THZ applications. This design provides large bandwidths, good directivity and low reflection coefficient. To process this type of horn antenna KOH etching of silicon is used. For main antennas pyramidal horn is preferred and for feeding antenna inverted pyramidal horn is preferred [6]. Different types of integrated antennas this antenna network provided THZ wireless systems [7]. The circular polarized antenna design operating at 996 GHz. The proposed antenna is utilized for security applications. The photonic band gap structure prevents the flow of certain frequency bands [8]. A rectangular microstrip patch antenna with photonic band gap crystal over 60 GHz communications. It is observed that photonic band gap structure is used to improve the gain and bandwidth of the antenna [9]. The microstrip patch antenna and its characteristics are different bandwidth enhancement techniques over patch antenna by cutting slots in patch area is proposed in this antenna and employing photonic band gaps using thick substrate for better performance. The scope of paper is to provide a design of trapezoidal antenna for THZ

frequencies and the performance enhancement of antenna by implantation of hexagonal shaped photonic crystals over substrate layer[10].

II. CONFIGURATION OF PROPOSED ANTENNA

The primary issues in wireless systems are the miniaturization and the high performance. Miniaturization means the requirement of reduction of device size which results in the reduction of energy required by the device. Gain, return loss and bandwidth describes the performance of the antenna. This section demonstrates the trapezoidal shaped microstrip patch antenna with photonic band gaps obtained by implanting hexagonal photonic crystals in the substrate layer.

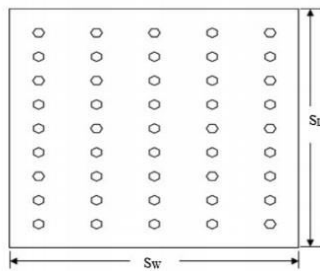


Fig 1(a):PBG implanted substrate antenna

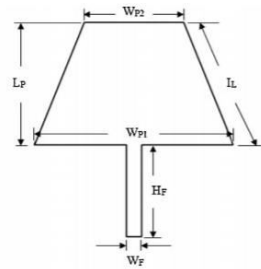


Fig 1(b):Trapezoidal shaped micro strip patch antenna

The material preferred for the antenna components Ground:Gold,Patch:Graphene,Substrate:Pdymide(lossy).The hexagonal photonic crystals are radius $20\mu\text{m}$ and vertical $20\mu\text{m}$ overall $40\mu\text{m}$ each are given in the substrate layer.The creation of these photonic band gaps suppress the surface leaky waves beneath and improves the performance of antenna designed.PBG structures prevents the electro manetic waves propagating through substrate by forming a stop band at certain frequency.

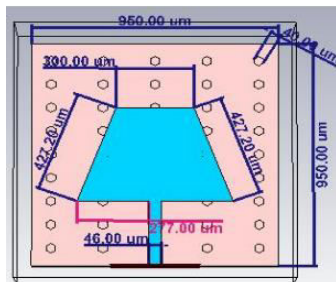


Fig 2(a): Front- Veiv of the design

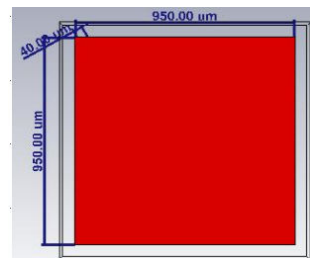


Fig 2(b) Back-view :of the design

As the PBG structures prevents EM waves propagating through substrate. These will be enhancement of bandwidth at the resonant frequency by creating step band.

Parameters	Dimensions(μm)
W_{p1}	554.00 μm
W_{p2}	300.00 μm
L_{L1}	427.20 μm
L_{L2}	427.20 μm
W_F	046.00 μm
S_w	950.00 μm
S_L	950.00 μm

Table 1: Parameters of Proposed Antenna

The dimensions of proposed Antenna are obtained through mathematical equations:

$$W_p = 1/2f_r \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_n} \quad ; L_p = \lambda/2 \sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{reff}}} - 2\Delta L$$

Where,

W_p is width of patch

L_p is length of patch

f_r is resonant frequency

$$\epsilon_{\text{reff}} = (\epsilon_r + 1)/2 + (\epsilon_r - 1)/2 [1 + 12 h/w]^{-1/2}$$

The proposed antenna is designed with the obtained dimension using computer simulation technology (CST) software. Which gives the dynamic behaviour & mathematical models of systems. CST software is a featured software package for EM analysis & design over high frequency range. Through the software we can obtain the 3D characteristics of the design.

III. RESULTS OF PROPOSED ANTENNA AND DISCUSSION

The design of the proposed antenna is as shown in fig 3. Later the simulation results obtained describes the performance of the antenna. Result of antenna includes s-parameters (Reflection coefficient), VSWR, surface current distribution, real part imaginary part, impedance, radiation pattern over E-field and H-field, gain of the antenna, directivity of the antenna and efficiency of the antenna.

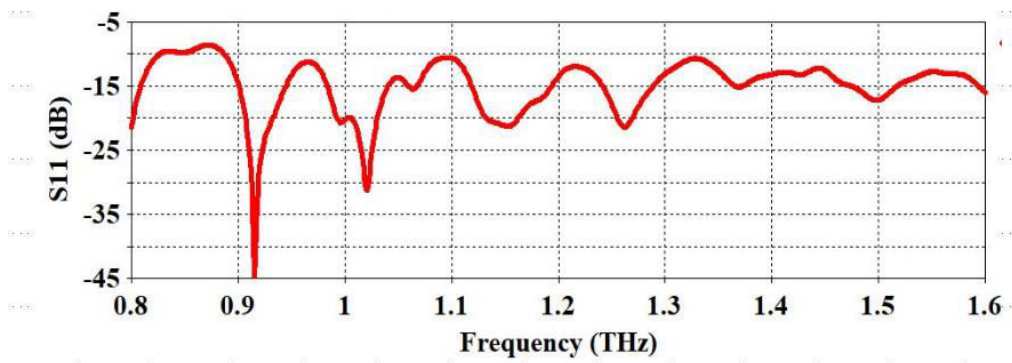


fig 3: Reflection Coefficient (S_{11})

Generally, the impedance performance of the proposed antenna is given by s-parameters (s_{11}). Return loss is measured in dB to have the better performance the return loss should be less than 10 dB. i.e., $s_{11} < -10$ dB. s-parameter gives the amount of power delivered by the input device by calculating the power reflected back to the input device. $s_{11} < -10$ dB demonstrates that 90% of power is delivered and 10% is reflected back.

From the fig 3 the return loss at the resonant frequency 0.913 THz is observed to be -45 dB ($s_{11} < -10$ dB). Which satisfies the condition of return loss. This observation of return loss result in good performance of the proposed antenna. The absolute bandwidth of the proposed antenna is 0.8 THz over the frequency band of 0.8-1.6 THz. According to the obtained return loss value, it is acceptable but to enhance the bandwidth of the antenna, PBG structure are to be used and using PBG structure result in less return loss at different resonant frequencies 0.913 THz, 1.04 THz & 1.5 THz. With return loss -45 dB, -32 dB, -22 dB respectively.

VSWR (voltage standing wave ratio) is the other factor that effects the performance of the antenna. With $VSWR < 2$ the performance of the antenna can be enhanced. VSWR of the antenna demonstrates. The amount of power reflected due to the mismatch level should be less than 2. So that the performance can be better for a good antenna, the VSWR should be always less than 2. Only then the desired antenna with required performance characteristics can be obtained. In imaginary part is -0.98Ω . For a perfect impedance matching imaginary part should be 0.2. But the obtained results are acceptable as the VSWR of the proposed antenna at operating frequency 0.913 THz is less than 2 ($VSWR < 1.2$).



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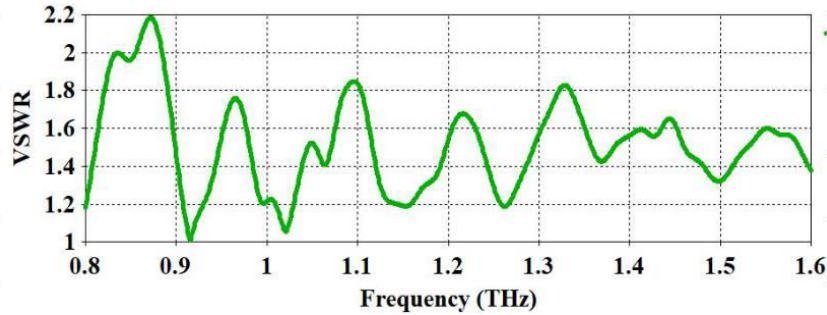


Fig 4:VSWR

From the fig 4 The VSWR of the proposed antenna at the resonant frequency 0.98THZ is about 1.2 .Which results in better performance of the antenna. VSWR<2 of an antenna demonstrates the antenna is perfect ,good and it is acceptable for fabrication. The observation over different resonant frequencies 1.04 THZ ,1.15THZ is 1.22,1.2 respectively.

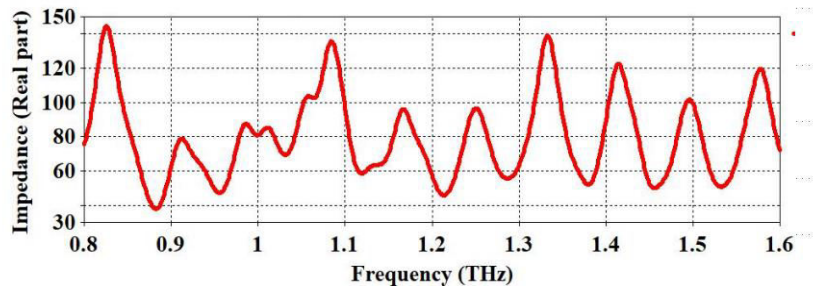


Fig 5(a):Real-Part Impedance

Impedance matching is the other factor that resembles the performance of the antenna. The input impedance of the antenna demonstrates the impedance matching between the source and antenna which defines the power radiated to the input device. Like wise impedance and VSWR play a vital role in the performance characteristics of the antenna. Input impedance consists of real part and imaginary part which combines the resistance and conductance respectively. Fig 5(a) represents the real part of the input impedance. The reactance(real part)of the impedance demonstrates the radiating power of the antenna absorbed power of the antenna.

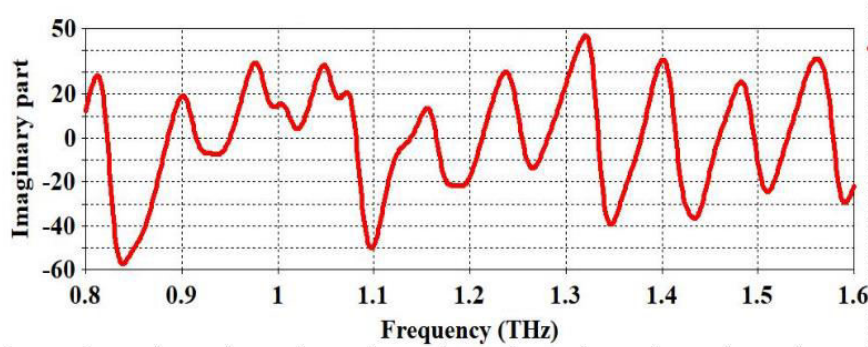


Fig 5(b):Imaginary-Part Impedance

Fig 5(b) represents the imaginary part of the antenna. The conductance (imaginary part) of the impedance demonstrates the non-radiating power of the antenna, i.e., the power that is stored in the antenna. The connect matching between the patch and the microstrip feed line is represented by the input impedance. If the input impedance approaches 50Ω then the antenna performance is said to be perfect as there is perfect impedance matching.

Generally, input impedance is measured in ohms (Ω) its imaginary part (conductance) is taken under the consideration, then we cannot take ohm (Ω) measurement for the input impedance. As of the performance characteristics that real part of impedance is taken in to consideration and from fig 5(a) input impedance of proposed antenna at operating frequency 0.913 THz is 80Ω from fig 5(b) input impedance of proposed antenna at operating frequency 0.913 THz

considering all the simulation results one can get the performance characteristics of the antenna when an antenna is design it is most important to analyze all the aspects of the proposed antenna designed. The microstrip patch antenna is designed by fabricating patch on the ground plane and separate by the substrate layer with dielectric material. With the required design parameter dimensions.

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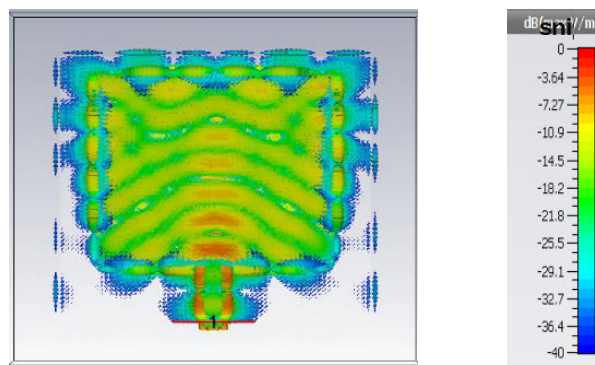


fig 6 : surface current distribution at 0.915 THz.

Generally, there are different feed techniques like microstrip line & coaxial. Based on the requirement feed technique differs .For the proposed terahertz antenna, the microstrip line feed is given the feed of the antenna provides

supply(current)to the antenna. When the supply is fed through the microstrip line,the all induced current will flow towards the field at a time.

To maintain equivalent current supply over the surface of the antenna,the current is distributed over the surface equally. From the fig 6 the dB/max scale represents the magnitudes of the antenna at different frequencies and the colour represents the amount of current distribution over the surface of the antenna. When an antenna is designed,the important factor that is to be verified is its gain. For any antenna it is the essential criteria as the gain defines the power transmitted by the antenna over the specific direction.

Fig 7.gain of the proposed antenna power transmission is important for any antenna as this basic feature explains the capacity of the antenna based on the applications.

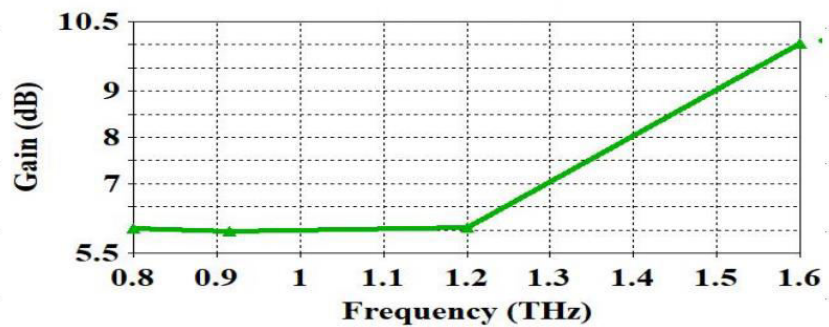


Fig 7:Gain of Proposed design

Demonstrates the gain of the proposed THZ antenna operating at 0.913THz is 6dB and the gain of proposed THZ antenna over the frequency band ranging from 0.8-1.2 thz is about 6dB .The other important performance parameter which defines the direction of the antenna i.e,directivity of the antenna.

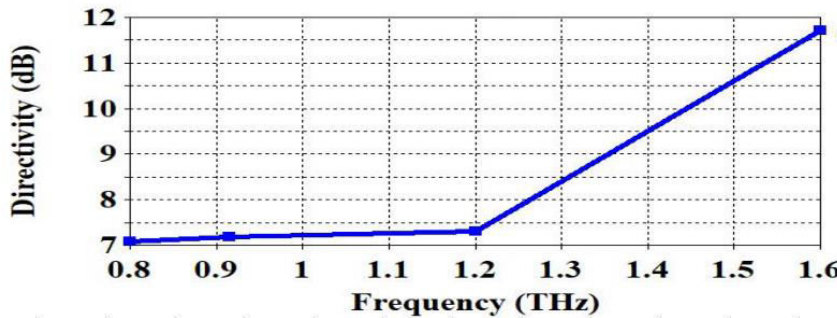


Fig 8: Directivity of Proposed Antenna

Analysing the directivity of the antenna is essential because the antenna may limit its frequency band over applications if its not directional. From fig 8 the directivity of the proposed antenna is over the bandwidth of the antenna. i.e,The proposed antenna is directional.

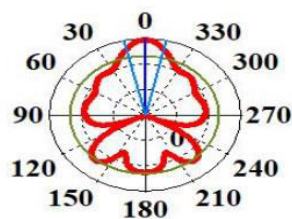


Fig 9(a) E-FIELD(XZ -plane)

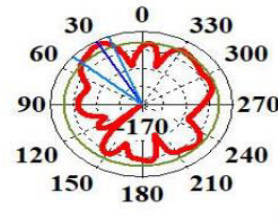


fig 9(b) H-FIELD(XY-plane)

Fig 9:RadiationPattern(0.913THz)



Radiation pattern is the other performance factor which defines the variation of power radiated by the antenna. Fig 9(a) demonstrates the radiation pattern of the proposed antenna at operating frequency 0.9137 THz in E-field (XZ-plane). The radiation over certain angle is observed by considering radiation pattern at operating frequency. Fig 9(b) demonstrates the radiation pattern of proposed antenna at operating frequency 0.913 THz in H-field (YZ-plane).

For the proposed antenna, the radiation pattern type is field pattern as we consider E-field and H-field patterns. From Fig 9(a) the power radiation in E-field i.e., XZ-plane is over 0° and from Fig 9(b) the power radiation in H-field i.e., YZ-plane is over 170°. The figures show that the radiation is more in H-field when compared to the E-field. To analyze any antenna performance, efficiency is taken into consideration. i.e., Antenna efficiency demonstrates how efficient is the antenna working and how much power delivered to device. So, it is important to calculate the efficiency of antenna.

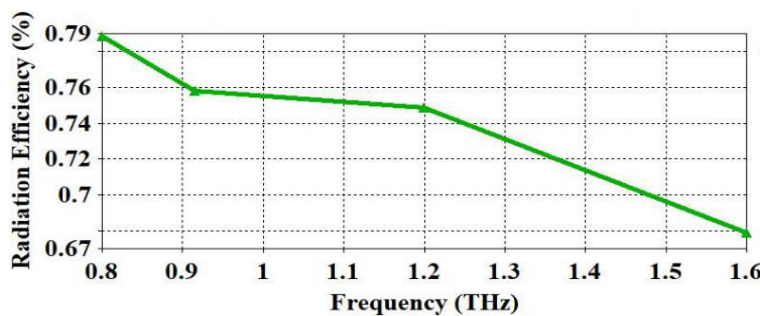


Fig 10: Efficiency of proposed Antenna

From Fig 10 the THz antenna proposed exhibits 75.98% efficiency at the operating frequency 0.913 THz. For any antenna exhibits 50% efficiency can be considered. i.e., The proposed antenna design is very efficient and it is acceptable for fabrication.

IV. CONCLUSION

The proposed design of trapezoidal shaped microstrip patch antenna using the implanted substrate of photonic crystals. For high speed THz applications is having the better performance. As the photonic band gap structure are created to enhance the band width of the antenna. The antenna designed exhibits broader bandwidth, high data rate (over 100 Gb/s) which results in increase communication speed, better radiation performance over miniature size, more directivity and better efficiency.

THz frequencies are used in several applications, like radar communications military applications. The three layered antenna is designed by placing patch on the substrate of photonic crystal placed on the ground with microstrip line feed. The proposed antenna exhibits less return loss at 45 dB when compared to [11][13][14] with return loss 25 dB, 25.6 dB & 42 dB respectively.

Performance parameter of antenna	Performance result of proposed antenna at operating frequency 0.913 THz
Return loss (dB)	-45 dB
VSWR	1
Input Impedance	80 + j(-0.98)
Gain	6 dB
Efficiency	75.98%

Table 2. Over view of performance of proposed Antenna

The above table 2 represents the overall performance parameters of the proposed antenna operating at frequency 0.913 THz. Observing the performance parameters the proposed antenna exhibits broader bandwidth with good radiation performance and good radiation loss which result in good amount of power radiated & delivered by the antenna respectively. Providing Broader bandwidth is the main criteria of the Terahertz antenna proposed.

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