

Multiband frequency switchable Microstrip antenna design for satellite application

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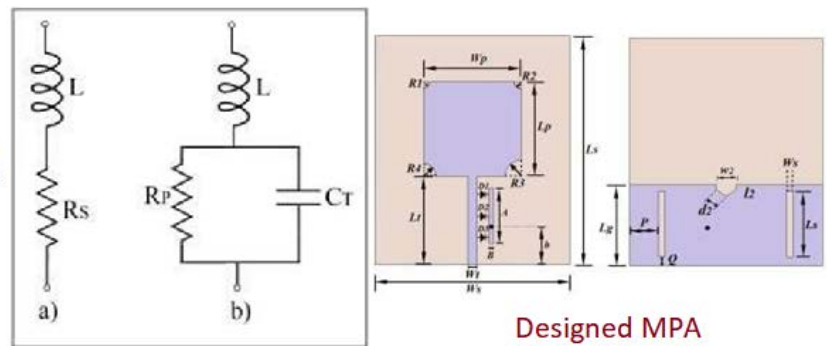
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ABSTRACT

This article illustrates a novel PIN diode-based small microstrip multiband reconfigurable antenna design. Three frequencies, 4.85GHz, 10.04GHz, and 15.09GHz, are resonant with the proposed design. These bands cover the roughly equivalent C band (4-8GHz), X band (8-12GHz), and Ku band (12-18GHz) microwave frequency bands. The PIN diodes are then added to this antenna to enable reconfigurability. A novel reconfigurability technique is put forth to address the difficulties associated with multiband operation. In close proximity to the microstrip line, the three pin diodes are sorted to ground with parasitic for each of the three bands. The parasitic element is connected to a particular PIN diode microstrip line that, when turned ON, for single frequency band. The scattering parameters loss plots analyzed with far field radiation pattern along with smith chart.

Microstrip Patch Antennas



Keywords: PIN diodes, C-band, X-band, Ku-band, frequency Switchable, antenna design, circular antenna.

INTRODUCTION

Microstrip patch antennas (MPAs) are a popular component of contemporary wireless communication systems, and demand for these systems has risen dramatically in recent years.¹ MPAs are lightweight planar antennas that are very simple to construct. In contemporary wireless communication systems, it is commonly employed.² The MPAs, however, have significant limitations due to their limited bandwidth, making them unsuitable for many contemporary wireless communication systems.¹

Future technologies will benefit greatly from the capacity to operate at multiple frequency bands while keeping the physical dimensions of the antenna constant.² Additionally, reconfigurable

antennas have drawn a lot of interest in recent years³ because of their several significant benefits, including their adaptability, high performance,⁴ and multipurpose roles.⁵ Reconfigurable antennas provide a high degree of separation between several operating bands.^{9,11} Due to its lightweight design, low fabrication cost, compact construction, and simple RF device integration, MPAs are frequently utilized for reconfigurability.⁶

With reconfigurable antennas, the system can be used for a multitude of applications at the user's discretion while only requiring a single physical antenna.⁷

There are four distinct divisions that can be made for the reconfigurable antennas. The category in electrical reconfiguration antenna using PIN-diodes, RF-MEMS, and varactor diodes. The optical switches also use to control antenna switching parameters. Third place in this group goes to Substrate Reconfigurable Antennas, which may alter the substrate's components (such ferrite, liquid crystals, etc.). Physically altering the antenna's radiating components makes these antennas the last in this categorization.⁸ The PIN diode is used in this article to apply the electrically reconfigurable approach.

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PIN DIODE

PIN diodes are utilized in this cutting-edge design for switching. The PIN diode's main advantage is that it always behaves at microwave frequencies as a pure resistance. These resistances commonly have values between one and ten thousand.¹⁰ It is also utilized because of its strong nominal isolation.⁶

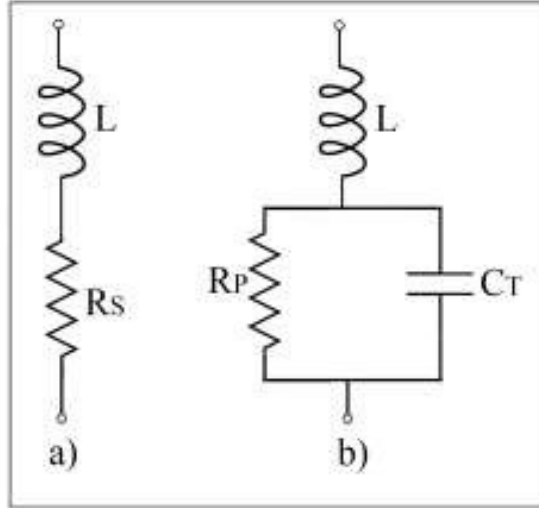


Figure 1. PIN diode equivalent circuits ON state and OFF state conditions.

Figure 1 depicts the PIN diode's analogous circuit. It has an inductance L that is present in both the on and off states. L and RS are connected in series for the ON state. However, in the OFF state, L is connected in series to RP & CT in a parallel configuration.

PROPOSED ANTENNA DESIGN

In Figure 2, the compact structure is displayed. The patch has a rectangular shape and is fed via a 50 impedance microstrip line. It has circular incisions along each of its four corners, extending the surface currents' useful length and lowering return loss.¹²

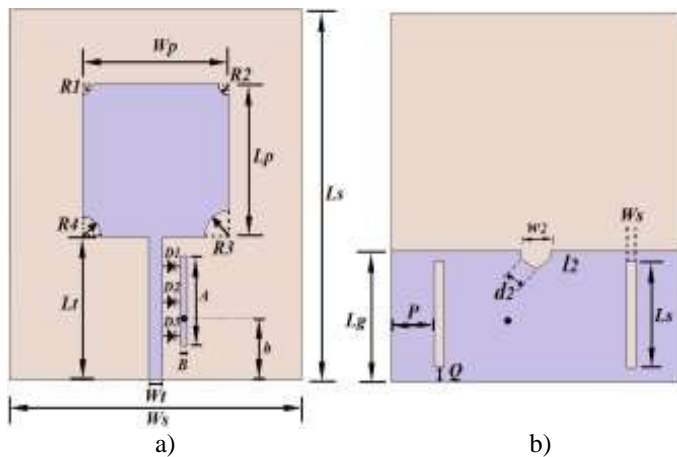


Figure 2. Proposed antenna structure a) Patch b) Ground Plane.

A single parasitic shorted element is used to implement the special reconfigurable approach. The size and placement of this strip were carefully considered in order to preserve the antenna's original features. Three PIN diodes are used to link the strip line to this element. The antenna can be used in a certain band by turning ON a specific PIN diode. From the black dot in Figure 2 a, it is possible to see that the element is shorting to ground.

Figure 2 b illustrates the partial grounding technique utilized at the back side. The initial multiband operation is carried out by two symmetric slots in the ground plane. The following design parameters are use: $W_s=30\text{mm}$, $W_p=15\text{mm}$, $R_1=1\text{mm}$, $R_3=2.5\text{mm}$, $L_t=13.5\text{mm}$, $L_g=12.5\text{mm}$, $Q=1\text{mm}$, $l_2=0.75\text{mm}$,

$L_s=10\text{mm}$, $A=7\text{mm}$, $h=6\text{mm}$, $L_s=35\text{mm}$, $L_p=14.5\text{mm}$, $R_2=1.1\text{mm}$, $R_4=1.9\text{mm}$, $W_t=1.45\text{mm}$, $P=4.5\text{mm}$, $w_2=3\text{mm}$, $d_2=1.8\text{mm}$, $W_s=1\text{mm}$, and $B=0.5\text{mm}$.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

CST Studio Suite is used to run the simulation [13]. The antenna is initially intended for use in three separate frequency bands, including 4.85 GHz (4.05-7.10 GHz), 10.04 GHz (9.05-

12 GHz), and 15.09 GHz (13.77-16 GHz). In Figure 3, this is depicted. The S11 value and resonance frequency are displayed, when diodes D1, D2, and D3 are in OFF.

Now, in the first scenario, the copper strip line is connected to the main feeding line when the diode D1 is turned ON. The joint is situated near the top of the strip. Figure4 is observed first band is active and remaining bands are rejected.

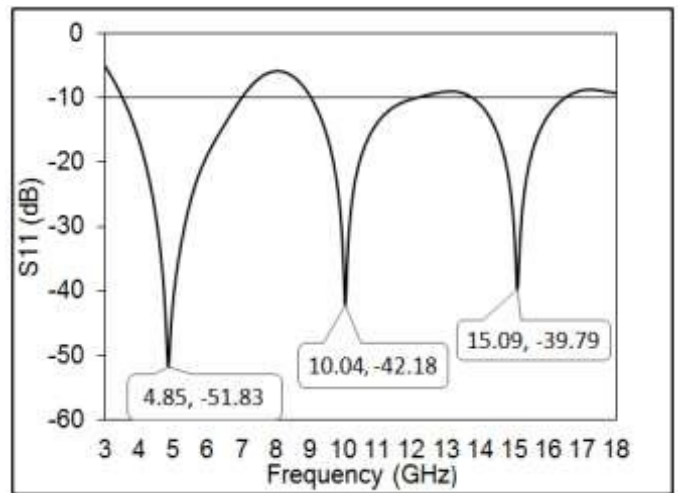


Figure 3. S11 plot of the intended antenna with all of the diodes off.

Similar to the main microstrip feed line is connected to the copper line at the centre, when Diode D2 is ON. enabling the antenna to function at 10.04 GHz (9.05–12 GHz) in the middle band.

The antenna will work for third band, when the main feed line connected to copper microstrip line at bottom end. when D3 is ON condition as shown in Figure 5.

As a result, we can infer that the specific diode is to blame for the antenna operating as the user intended at a certain application.

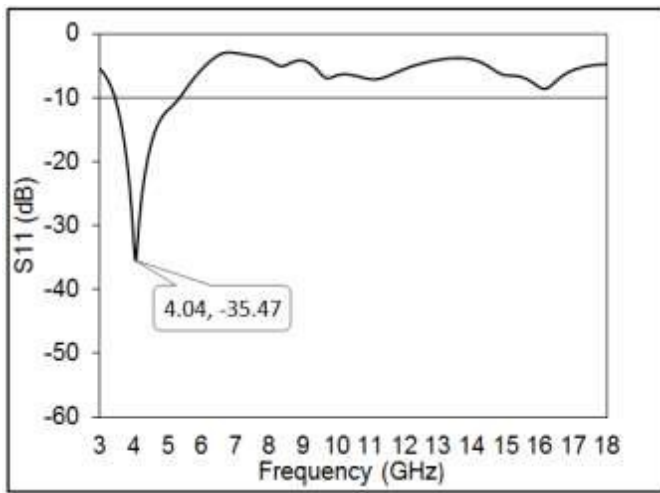


Figure 4. S11 plot, when D1 is in onn condition.

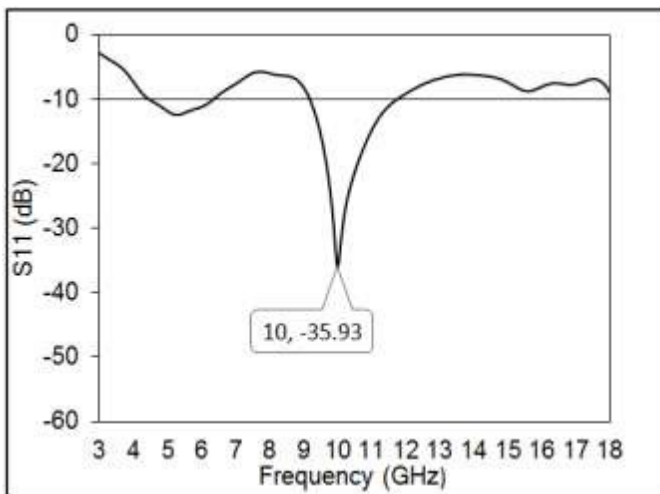


Figure 5. When the diode D2 is ON, the S11 plot of the intended antenna.

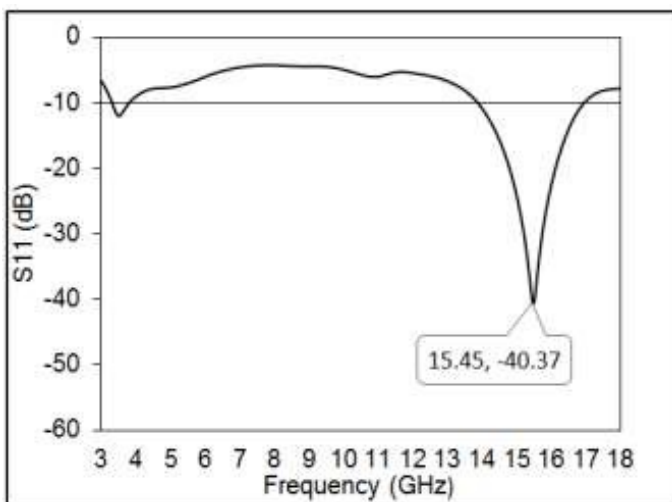


Figure 6. When the diode D3 is ON, the S11 plot of the intended antenna.

Figure 7 displays the combined plot of Total radiation efficiency and Directivity for the entire frequency range. It has been noted that all three bands' efficiency is high. Furthermore, the Directivity in dB is displayed. In this case, all three bands receive the desired directivity value.

The smith chart depiction provides the clearest understanding of the antenna's impedance matching characteristics. The suggested antenna is depicted in the same way in Figure 8. Microstrip line with a 50 impedance is used for feeding the patch. The feed line impedance matching with antenna should in order to deliver power to the patch as efficiently as possible. The reflected power is virtually zero and the supplied power is almost communicated if perfect matching takes place. As can be seen from the following chart as shown in Figure 8, the normalized impedance of microstrip feed line is equal to 1 and it is approx. real for all band when all diodes are on condition and little part are imaginary.¹⁴⁻²⁰

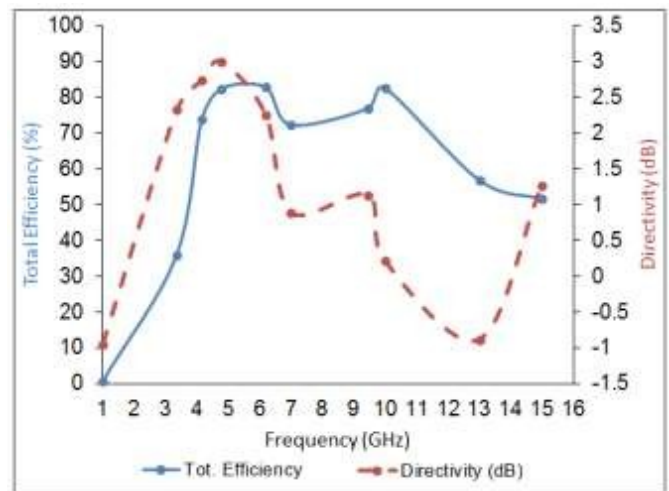


Figure 7. combined plot of directivity and total efficiency versus frequency.

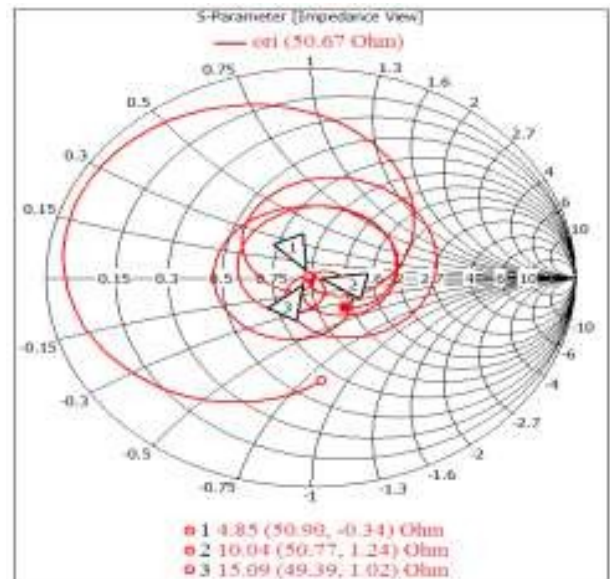


Figure 8. Smith Chart of the proposed antenna.

Table 1. Performance Of Proposed Antenna.

	Resonance frequency (GHz)	Return loss (dB)	Radiation Directivity (dB)	Bandwidth (-10dB) (GHz)
D1ON	4.02	-35.46	3.23	1.93
D2ON	10.1	-35.91	1.46	2.57
D3ON	15.44	-40.34	1.18	3.12
All Diodes are Off	4.84	-51.82	2.98	3.04
	10.0	-42.14	1.20	2.94
	15.01	-39.72	1.26	2.22

CONCLUSION

Simulating the intended antenna was successful. PIN diodes have been used to switch the three bands with adequate isolation. The 50 characteristic impedance strip line exactly matches the three bands. Additionally, the bands have adequate bandwidth for all three instances. The switching procedure has a minor impact on directivity and efficiency.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Authors declared no conflict of interest is there for publication of this work.

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