

### Koch Fractal Microstrip patch Antenna for Triband Wireless Applications

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**Abstract** —A Koch fractal microstrip Rectangular patch antenna for triband wireless Applications is presented. Significant reduction of antenna size can be realized when the Koch fractal microstrip antenna is used instead of conventional rectangular microstrip patch antenna. In this paper the side of the rectangular patch is replaced by a Koch curve and a rotating Koch fractal rectangular slot is added at the centre of the rectangular patch for good circular polarization. The axial ratio is 3 dB down for triple band and also return loss values below -10 dB for frequencies 1.52GHz, 2.04GHz, 2.43GHz respectively. The antenna is printed on a dielectric substrate FR4, the dimension of the patch is (45mm x 58mm), relative permittivity  $\epsilon_r = 4.4$  and  $h = 1.6$ mm. This antenna is simulated using HFSS software.

**Keywords**—Koch fractal antenna, microstrip antenna, Bandwidth, radiation patterns, VSWR, return loss.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays wireless communications systems require compact antennas which are capable of operating at different frequency bands. Fractal geometry antennas are being studied in order to answer those requirements. The term ‘fractal’ was developed by the French scientists B.B. Mandelbrot in 1970. A “fractal” is a geometrical shape which can be split into parts, each of which is a reduced size copy of the whole design infinitely. Fractals are a class of shapes which have no characteristic size. The fractal concept is based on compression of length. There are different fractal geometries like Sierpinski gasket, Sierpinski carpet, Hilbert curve, Tree structure, Koch curve. It has different mathematical calculations. In this paper Koch curve geometry is used. Fractal shapes have the following features:

1. Self similarity
2. Space filling
3. Compact size by iteration, space replaces.
4. It forms irregular and different shapes.

Some patch antennas use a dielectric substrate and suspend a metal patch in air above a ground plane using dielectric spacers; the resulting structure is less robust but provides better performance. Because such antennas have a very low profile, are mechanically rugged and can be conformable, they are often mounted on the exterior of aircraft and spacecraft. Koch curve geometry is the triband application with impedance matching probe feeding along diagonal axis [3-4]. Koch curve contains triangular shaped geometry as well as compression and expansion is carried out length reduces. Koch curve size reduces 20% of hole design and supports multiband operation. The Koch fractal antennas are required to be compact, low-profile, directive with high transmission efficiency and designed to be discreet. Due to these well met requirements coupled with the ease of manufacture and repeatability makes the Koch fractal antennas very well suited for triband application.

The inserting dual pentagonal slots on the patch and proper asymmetry along the feedline, a dual-band CP antenna is proposed [1]. The replacing the patch side with four T-shaped slits and corners with four Y-shaped slits and slot in the patch center, dual-band CP is obtained [2]. Triband antennas based on circular arc-shaped strips [3]. Triple-band antennas using H-shape [4]. The single layer single patch dual band and triple band patch [5]. The multiband behavior of a Sierpinski mass fractal patch is thoroughly shown [6]. Size miniaturization capability of fractal curves is made to be used in wire antennas [7], [8] as the boundaries of patch for designing compact and multiband antennas [9]. Several coplanar waveguide (CPW)-fed Koch fractal boundary slot antennas [11] are proposed for broadband operation covering WLAN and WiMAX applications. Most of the antennas designed for multiband operation using fractal boundary curves are of CPW-fed slot or probe-fed wire antenna types. Compact circularly polarized asymmetrical fractal boundary microstrip antenna for wireless applications in this paper the side of square patch is replaced by half circle and feeding point on the diagonal axis; antenna axial ratio is increased by the asymmetrical boundary fractal [13].

In this paper, a Koch fractal boundary microstrip patch with a rotated fractal slot is implemented for triband CP radiation. This will discuss the design procedure of a triband fractal slot antenna; simulations and antenna is used for Bluetooth, GPS applications.

## II. DESIGN CONSIDERATION

The proposed antenna can be design for three layer patch layer, substrate layer, ground layer. Firstly calculate width( $W$ ) and length( $L$ ) of the patch . next step is calculation of the ground plane then ground plane and substrate plane dimention are same . Calculation of the feeding point on the diagonalaxies because of the impedance matching purpose. For the design purpose dielectric material is used FR4 material of dielectric constant 4.4 its height is 1.6 mm

In this design, iteration method is used. In first iteration simple microstrip patch antenna is design there is only one band of frequency occurs ,second iteration fractal at the boundary of microstrip patch antenna threere dual band of frequency obtained, In third iteration koch fractal slot is inserted at the centre of the patch there is triple band of frequency shown.

To achieve the triple band of frequency and good circular polarazation rotate the inserted koch fractal slot some angle. The performance of the antenna is incresed by variation in the length of the koch curves. Thus, the ground-plane dimensions should also be taken into account in determining the proper parameters for the proposed design to achieve the desired band operation.

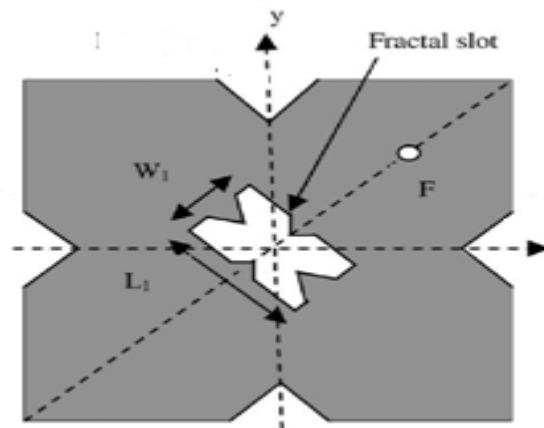


figure 1. Geometry of koch fractal Antenna

## III. SIMULATED RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The simulation of the koch fractal microstrip patch antenna is depends on the length ,width ,feeding point which is calculated using different formulea . calculated  $L$  and  $W$  used for designing microstip patch in HFSS software and result is achieves by the optimazation in design. The simulated result for Koch fractal Antenna is discussed as below.

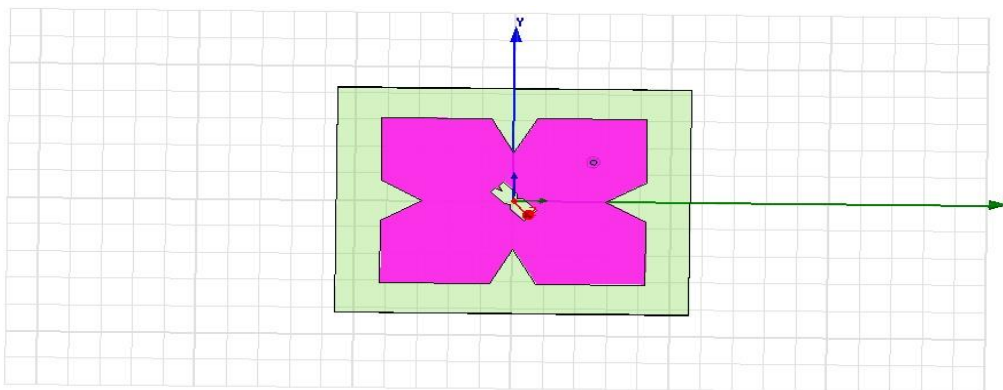


figure 2. Simulation of Koch fractal Antenna

### 3.1. Return Loss

The return loss is a variable in which the power does not return in the form of reflection and is lost to the load. The designed antenna resonates at 1.52, 2.04 and 2.43 GHz frequency. The return loss values are -11 dB, -14 dB, -28 dB respectively. The plot for Return Loss is shown in below Figure 3.

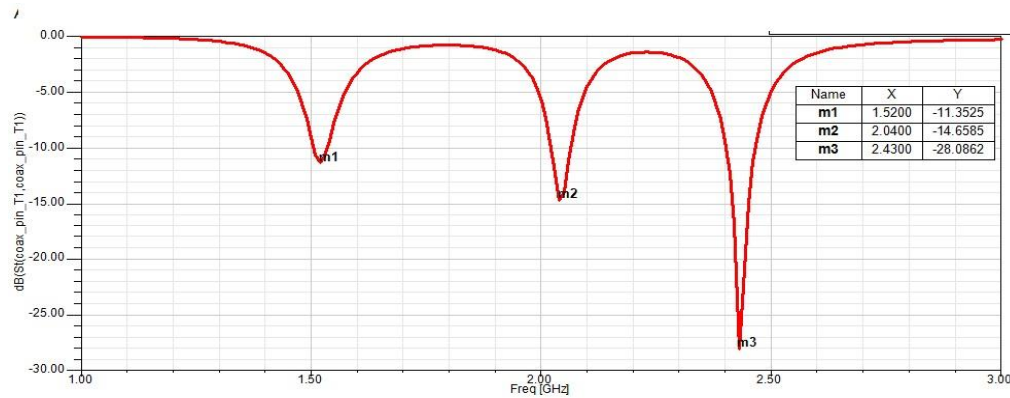


figure3. Return Loss of Koch fractal Antenna

### 3.2. VSWR

The VSWR (voltage standing wave ratio) plot for the design antenna (coaxial feed) is shown in Figure 4. The value of VSWR is 1.74, 1.45, 1.08 at resonating frequency 1.52, 2.04 and 2.43 GHz respectively. A VSWR value of 1 means there is no loss in the transmission. The VSWR values are 2, 90% of the power is transmitted.

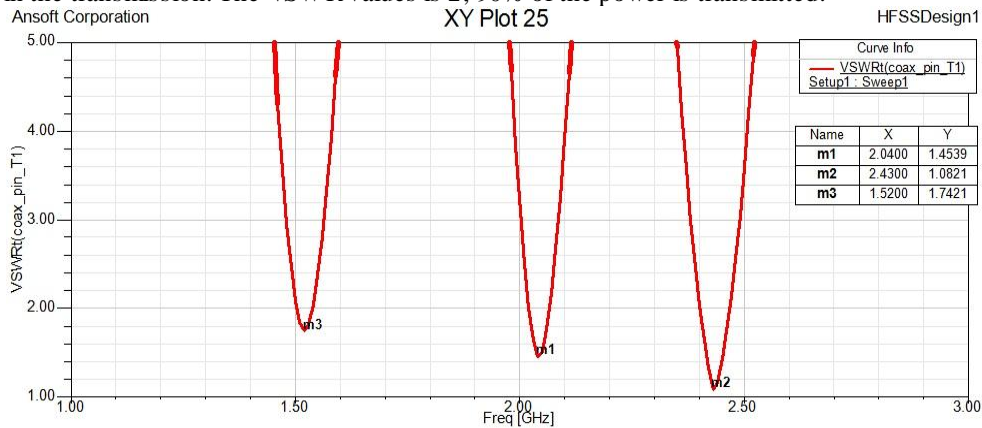


figure4. VSWR

### 3.3. Current distribution

The Current distribution represents that how the current is distributed on the patch. The maximum current is on the edges of the patch. Red color shows maximum current distribution. We have to vary the length of the current distribution.

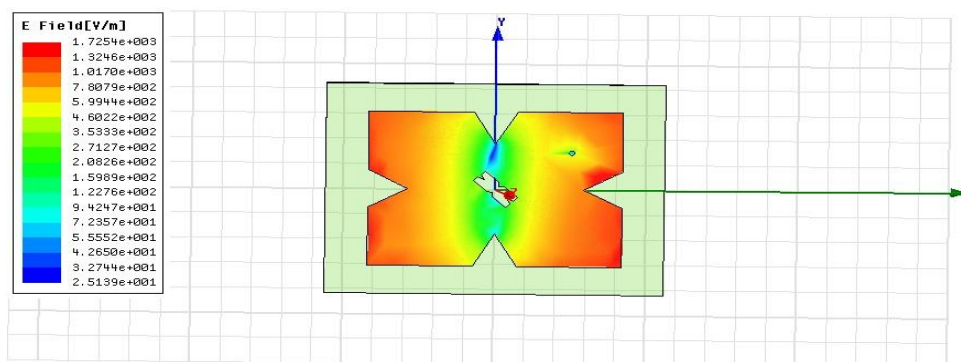


figure5.current distribution

### 3.4. Radiation Pattern

The antenna radiates more in a particular direction as shown in polar plot, as compared to the isotropic antenna which radiates equally in all directions.

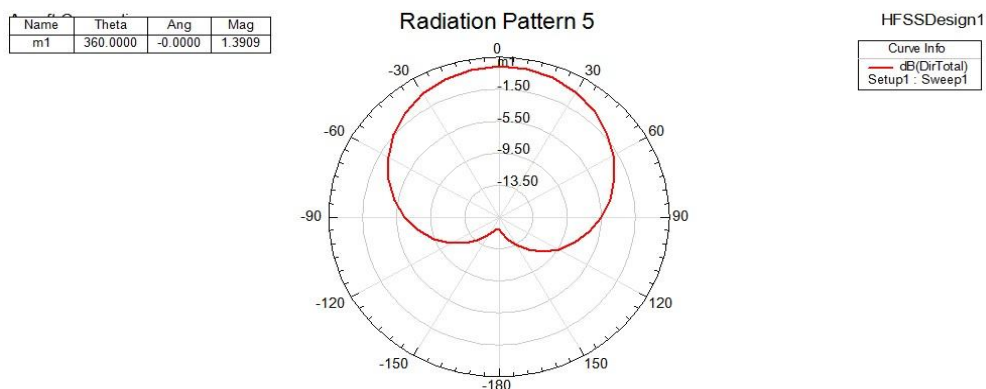


figure6.Radiation Pattern

## IV. EFFECT OF DIFFERENT STUCTURE

The variation on the width and length of antenna corresponds to different types of MSA return loss and VSWR with different resonant frequency. The following table gives description of effect of antenna.

S r n o	T y p e o f M S A	Frequency(GHz)	Return Loss (dB)	V S W R
1	Microstrip Antenna	2 . 4 1	- 1 3 . 1 0	1 . 6 2
2	F r a c t a l A n t e n n a	1 . 4 1 1.66	- 2 5 . 9 8 -18.08	1 . 1 0 1.47
3	F r a c t a l Boundary Antenna	1 . 5 2 2.04 2.43	- 1 1 . 3 5 -14.65 -28.06	1 . 7 4 1.45 1.08

#### IV. CONCLUSION

A koch fractal microstrip patch antenna has been designed and simulated. The simulation result obtained by HFSS shows at resonating frequency. It is shown that the proposed antenna have return loss -11.35,-14.65 and -28.06 dB for 1.52,2.04,2.43GHz respectively. The VSWR are 1.74,1.45,1.08 for 1.52,2.04 and 2.43 GHz resp.

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