Investigation of Ultra-Wide Band (UWB) Microstrip Antenna for Time and Frequency Domain Characteristics

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Why UWB?

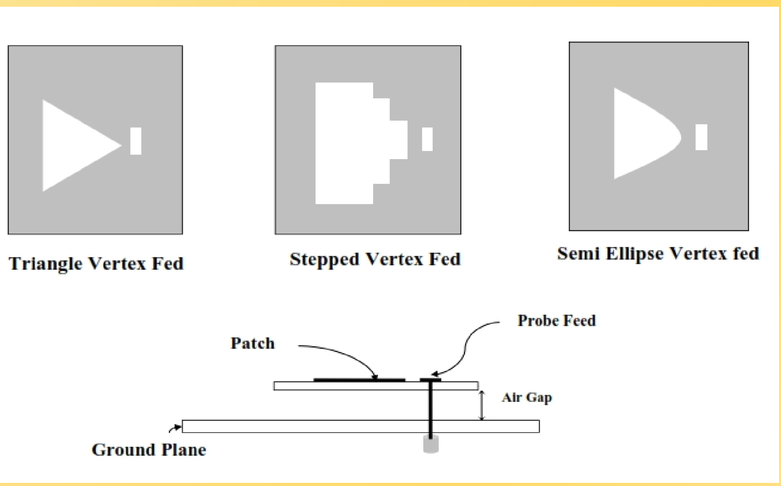
Ultra-Wideband (UWB) communications has several advantages over narrowband communications

- ✓ **Communications** –Ability of UWB to share frequency spectrum, low power, low cost, large channel capacity makes UWB useful in Wireless Personal Area Network ,military, civil and commercial sectors.
- ✓ **Radar** –UWB signals have superior penetration properties which can be applied in Ground penetrating radar and Through-wall radar applications.
- ✓ **Intelligence Sensors** –These frequencies are sufficiently high, with short enough wavelengths, and wide enough bandwidth, to provide high ranging resolution, sufficient to detect heartbeat and respiration. Hence can be used in Surveillances, Intelligent transport system /location.
- ✓ **Microwave Imaging- Microwave Imaging-** Early detection of cancerous tissues is possible using UWB antenna array and the location of tissue can also be detected.

UWB Microstrip Antennas

- ❖ Challenging to design distortion-less and dispersion-less wideband transmitting antennas.
- ❖ Microstrip antennas are compact and easy to fabricate .

Design and Parameter study of Microstrip Antenna



➢Antenna designed has a bandwidth of more than 1 GHz from 3.1 GHz to 4.2 GHz satisfying FCC large absolute bandwidth regulations[1].

➢UWB antennas must have more than 500 MHz of absolute bandwidth or more than 20% of relative bandwidth.

➢Suspended and capacitive probe feed results in wideband nature.

➢Different Radiating patch shapes like Triangle Vertex and Edge-fed, Rectangular, Stepped, Semi ellipse Vertex and Edge-fed are investigated by time and frequency analyses.

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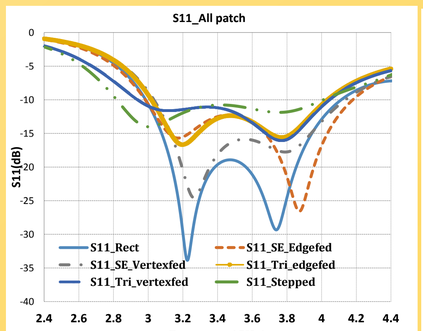
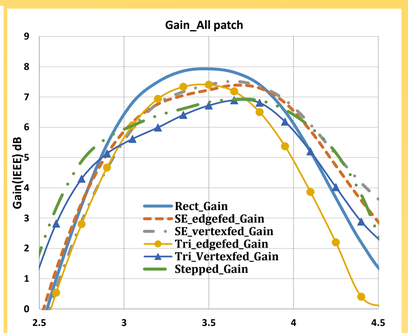
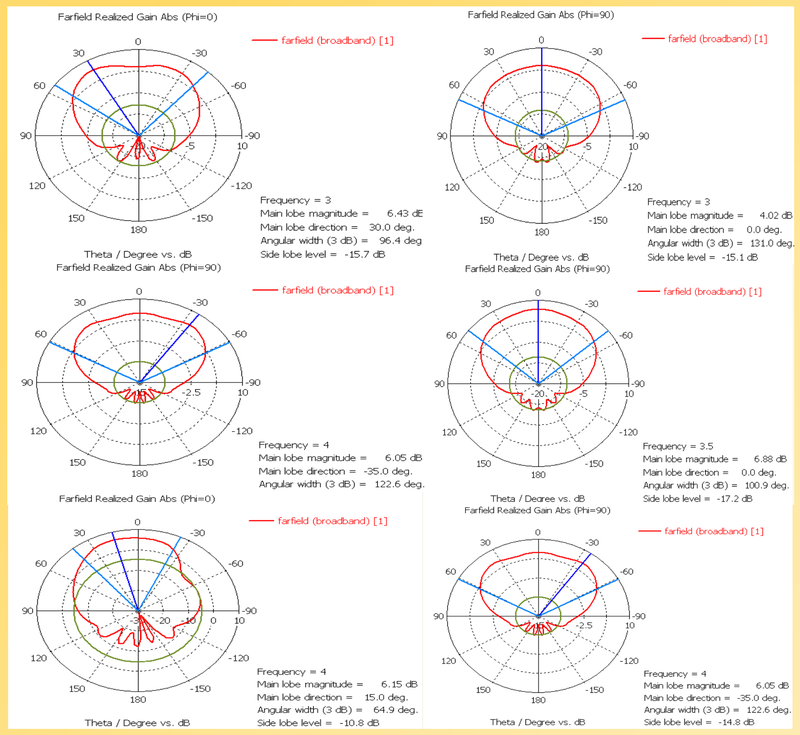
Frequency Domain Results

- **Scattering parameter-** S11<-10 dB frequency bandwidth~ 3.1 GHz to 4.2 GHz
- **Gain Flatness**-Flat gain results in nearly constant group delay which in turn reduces distortion
- **Efficiency** – More than 97%, hence good radiator.
- **Radiation Pattern-** Uni-directional linear polarized pattern not typically like Omni directional UWB monopole antennas
- **Phase Center-** Nearly constant phase center over the band of interest.



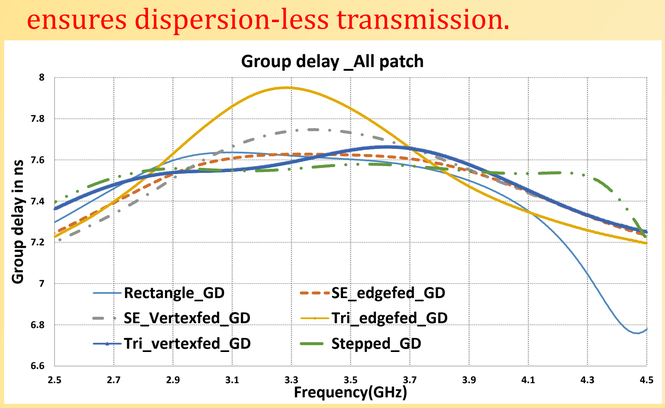




Radiation Pattern at 3 GHz,3.5 GHz and 4 GHz respectively in both planes

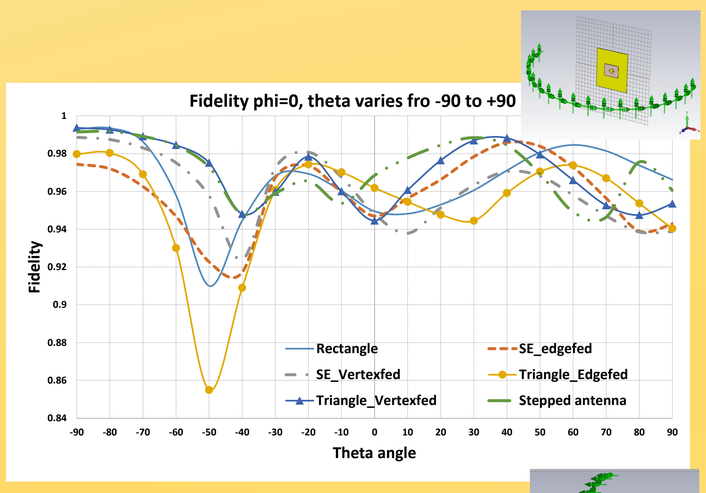
Time Domain Results

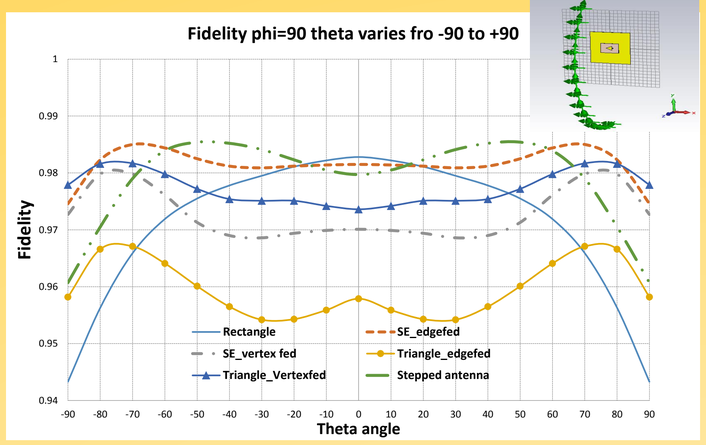
✓Group Delay- Low variation in group delay ensures dispersion-less transmission.



✓Pulse Fidelity Factor(PFF)-Degree of correlation between input and out waveforms[3]

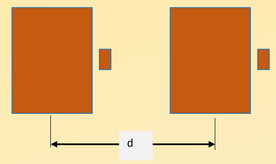
- ❖ Range[0 1]
- ❖ PFF values are greater that 0.8 for all designed antennas.





Antenna Array

- ○ Effects of mutual coupling between array must be addressed when designing array.
- ○ Due to thick substrate and coaxial feed, the antenna has high cross-polarization level which can be decreased using defected ground structure or by making cavity backed structure.



Conclusion

- ✧ Microstrip capacitive probe fed antennas are investigated for time and frequency characteristics.
- ✧ The operating frequency range of these antennas are from 3.1 GHz to 4.2 GHz.
- ✧ Uni-directional radiation pattern of these antenna makes it unique in the group of omnidirectional UWB antennas.
- ✧ Flat gain and flat group delay
- ✧ PFF values of all antenna are greater than 0.8, which means the antenna receives and transmits signal without distortion.
- ✧ Working on approaches to reduce cross polarization of this antenna by cavity backing and by defected ground structure.

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