

# Bell Shape Ultra Wide Band Patch Antenna with Integrated Band Notch Filter

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**Abstract** — Continuous increase in number of users with the fast development of wireless technology demands wide band width and high data rates equipments. To implement such high speed wide band applications, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced an Ultra Wide Band (UWB) having a bandwidth of 7.5 GHz, i.e. from 3.1 GHz to 10.6 GHz. The shortcoming of such design was that the wide band results in interference with the existing 5.7 GHz ISM licensed free band communally used for WLAN application with UWB (3.1 to 10.6 GHz). This can be overcome using a band reject filter in cascade with the UWB antenna but results in bulky arrangement.

The paper aimed to design a novel Bell shaped UWB microstrip patch antenna with integrated band notch filter in ground element so that the antenna is compact enough to fit in any radio device, as the main components of wireless technology are embedded on a chip these days. The proposed UWB antenna will be designed and simulated using CST Microwave Studio on low cost easily available FR-4 substrate. The results will be stimulated for UWB i.e from 3.1 GHz to 10.6 GHz with sufficient radiation characteristics, band-width, gain and minimum return loss without any extra impedance matching device and will be able to filter WLAN frequency band. The proposed antenna structure can be used in WPAN, defense and high data rates applications.

**Keywords**— *Band Notch Filter, CST, Microstrip Patch Antenna, UWB.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

In February 14, 2002, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) amended the Part 15 rules which govern unlicensed radio devices to include the operation of UWB devices. The FCC also allocated a bandwidth of 7.5 GHz, i.e. from 3.1 GHz to 10.6 GHz to UWB applications [1], by far the largest spectrum allocation for unlicensed use the FCC has ever granted. Ultra-wideband (UWB), a radio transmission technology which occupies an extremely wide bandwidth exceeding the minimum of 500MHz or at least 20% of the centre frequency [1], is a revolutionary approach for short-range high-bandwidth wireless communication. Differing from traditional narrow band radio systems (with a bandwidth usually less than 10% of the centre frequency) transmitting signals by modulating the amplitude, frequency or phase of the sinusoidal waveforms, UWB systems transmit information by generating radio energy at specific time instants in the form of very short pulses thus occupying very large bandwidth and enabling time modulation. Due to the transmission of non-

successive and very short pulses, UWB radio propagation will provide an up to several hundred megabytes per second, very high data rate, and transmits the data difficult to track, its height to ensure the security of the data. For the same reason, UWB systems transmit power consumption is very low compared with traditional narrowband radio system. In addition, the short pulse generation revocation multipath fading, the reflected signals do not overlap the original. Because of these attractive features, UWB technology is widely used in many applications, such as indoor positioning, radar, medical imaging and target sensor data collection. One of the challenges for the implementation of UWB systems is the development of a suitable or optimal antenna. UWB antenna design a first important requirement is extremely wide impedance bandwidth. Next, the radio communication chamber, the radiation pattern is omni-directional characteristic requirement ultra wideband antenna, so that facilitate communication between the transmitter and receiver. Thus, the desired low directivity gain should be as uniform as possible for the different directions. Last but not least, because UWB technology is mainly used for indoor and / or table devices, ultra-wideband antenna size needs to be small enough so that they can be easily integrated into a variety of devices.

In the recent years various UWB antennas for high data rate applications has been reported [5]-[20]. However, there are still challengers in making this technology live up to its full potential. Some of the challenges of UWB antenna are discussed below.

Among the classical broadband antenna configurations that are under consideration for use in UWB systems, a straight wire monopole is a simplest structure, but its bandwidth is only around 10%. A vivaldi antenna is a directional antenna [1] and hence unsuitable for indoor systems and portable devices. A biconical antenna has a big size which limits its application [2]. Log periodic and spiral antennas tend to be dispersive and super severe ringing effect, apart from big size [3]. There is a growing demand for small and low cost UWB antennas that can provide satisfactory performances in both frequency domain and time domain. The patch antenna has attracted considerable research interest due to its simple and compact structure. However, the patch antenna has limited bandwidth but it can be overcome by altering the patch dimension.

One of the limitations of UWB is interference between ISM 5.7 band for WLAN application and UWB application. So, the WLAN band has to be removed using band notch filters.

This proposed antenna design focuses on novel Bell shaped UWB patch antenna design and implementation of notch filter in ground element to eliminate WLAN frequency bands with sufficient radiation characteristics required for communication.

The paper is organized as follows. Section II discusses the novel proposed design, Section III discusses the results.

### II. ANTENNA DESIGN

The proposed UWB antenna design consists of modified Bell shaped patch element with two pentagonal shaped element to act as a notch filter as shown in Fig. 1. The antenna is feed with a 50Ω line feed and is designed on a low cost FR4 (lossy) substrate which is 1.574 mm thick and having dielectric constant  $\epsilon_r = 4.3$ . The dimensions of the optimized antenna are given in Table 1.

Table 1: Parameter description of antenna design

Parameter	Description	Dimension (mm)
$L_s$	Length of substrate	32.4
$W_s$	Width of substrate	39
$L_f$	Length of feed	4.2
$W_f$	Width of feed	4.3
$L_1$	Length of slab 1	3.2
$W_1$	Width of slab 1	8.5
a	Patch element minor axis	20
b	Patch element major axis	28
r	Radius of circular patch	12
$F_p$	Area of pentagonal patch filter	12.5
$L_g$	Length of ground	4.2
$W_g$	Width of ground	35
$F_g$	Area of pentagonal ground filter	12.5

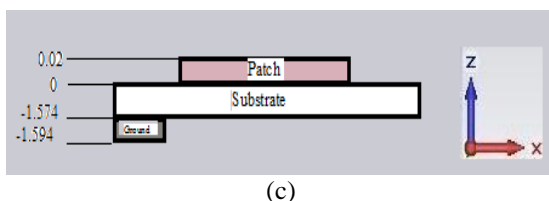
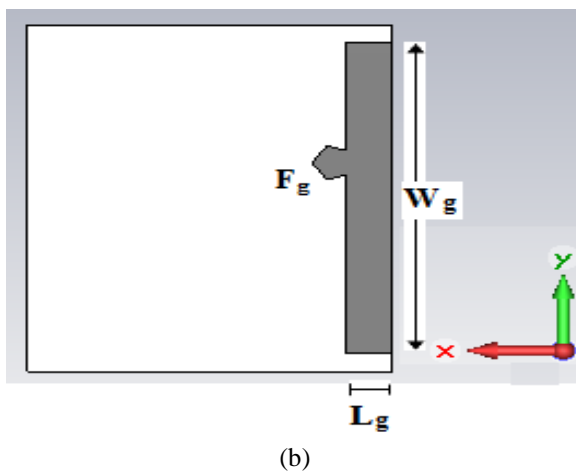
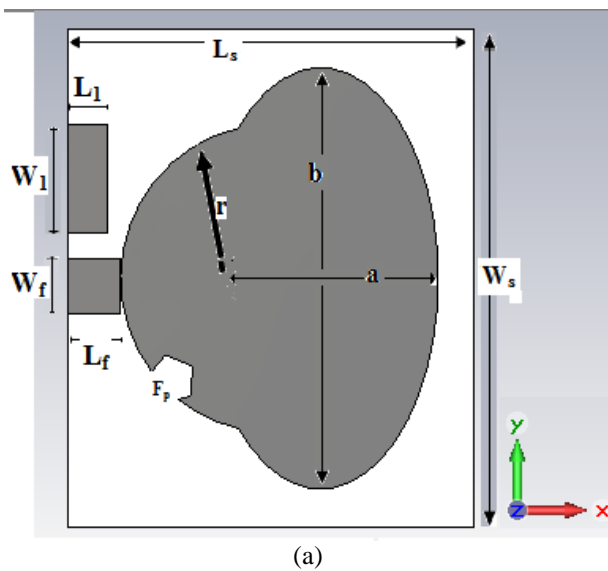


Figure 1 (a), 1(b), 1(c): Front, back and bottom view of antenna design

### III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The proposed antenna is designed first for UWB (3.1 to 10.6 GHz) to resonate at 3.1 GHz and ultra wide band characteristics are achieved using an extra patch slab to provide the constructive interference. One can vary the geometrical aspect of radiating patch which further culminates in deviation of current and hence the resonating frequency and other desired characteristics. Notch band filter is introduced to avoid interference from WLAN frequency band with the use of two pentagonal filter element at patch and ground as shown in fig 1.

The given antenna design consist of modified Bell shaped element with two pentagonal filter element in such a position that they provide proper isolation from license free WLAN band and is feed by a 50 Ω line feed. The proposed design is simulated for return loss, resonance frequency, impedance band-width, surface current, gain and radiation pattern. The return loss, radiation patterns, surface currents and smith chart is shown in Fig. 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

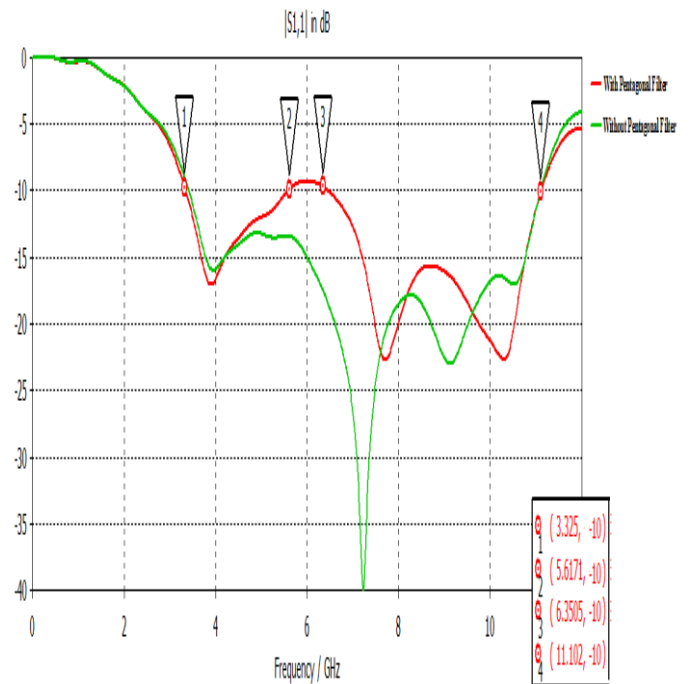


Figure 2: Return loss with and without band notch filter

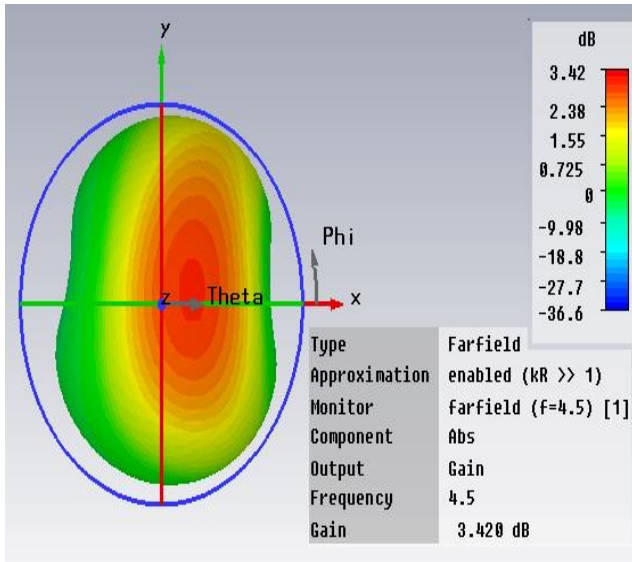


Figure 3: Radiation pattern and gain at 4.5 GHz

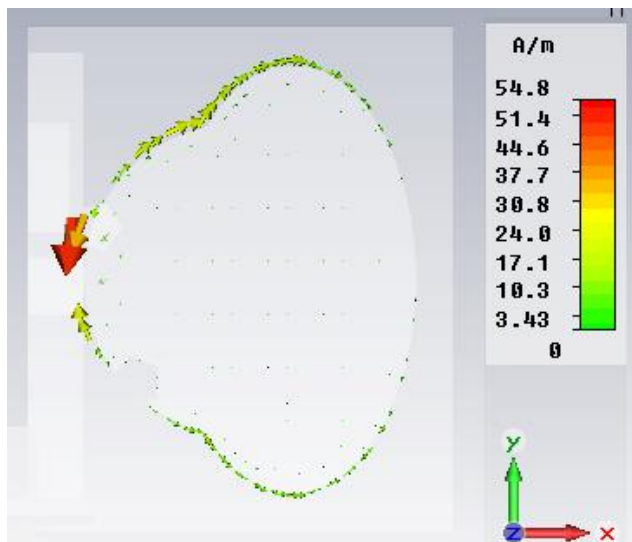


Figure 4: Surface current at 4.5 GHz

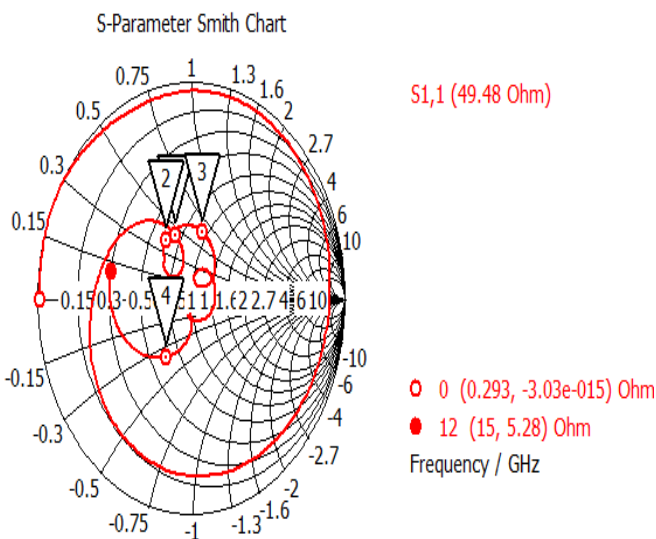


Figure 5: Smith Chart for designed antenna

The designed antenna had a bandwidth of 7.78 GHz i.e. from 3.325 GHz to 11.102 GHz with a return loss of -40 dB without pentagonal filters. On the other hand the antenna design with integrated pentagonal band notch filter covers two bands, one from 3.325 GHz to 5.617 GHz and second from 6.350 GHz to 11.102 GHz. Thus without the pentagonal filter the UWB is achieved and with integrated pentagonal filter the WLAN licensed free band is eliminated as shown in fig 2.

The radiation pattern at resonant frequency of 4.5 GHz i.e band 1 with a gain of 3.42 dB is shown in Fig 3. Surface current and smith chart in Fig 4, 5 represent the information regarding the current flowing through patch and input impedance respectively. The rest of the cases are simulated similarly and are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Summarized result for all cases

Filter	Band	Frequency Range (GHz)	BW (GHz)	BW %	Gain (dB)	Input Impedance ( $\Omega$ )
Without Filter	UWB	3.325-11.102	7.78	107.8	4.974	49.48
With Filter	Band 1	3.325-5.617	2.292	51.2	3.420	49.48
	Band 2	6.350-11.102	4.752	54.4	5.708	

#### IV. CONCLUSION

A novel Bell shaped UWB antenna with integrated pentagonal band notch filter had been presented. The antenna can operate on UWB (3.1 to 10.6 GHz) and provides proper isolation from WLAN licensed free band with sufficient radiation characteristics, band-width, gain and minimum return loss. The paper depicts the concept of UWB operations with the help line feed method. The design can be used for high data rates applications like WPAN, defense etc to solve the problem of interference of UWB with WLAN license free band on a single chip. The design is compact enough ( $32.4 \times 39 \times 1.62$  mm) to fit in any wireless device and offer an input impedance of  $49.48\Omega$  ( $\approx 50\Omega$ ), thus does not requires any extra impedance matching device.

Future work includes comparison of measured and simulated result.

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