# Slot Antenna Design for Ultra Wide Band Radar Application

#### EE609 Radiating System Term work Presentation

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## What is Ultra Wideband?

Radio technology that modulates impulse based waveforms instead of continuous carrier waves





Introduction (Contd..)

- The Frequency Range of Ultra Wide Band
  - 0.25 < η < 1
  - $-\eta = (f_{upper} f_{lower}) / (f_{upper} + f_{lower})$
- Rise in Information Capability
- Reduction in Range Pulse Volume

## Special Features of UWB Radar

- 1. Higher Range Measurement Accuracy and range Resolution
- Recognition of Target's class, Type & Radar Image
- 3. Higher Radar Immunity to Interference
- 4. Increase in Target Detection Probability

## Special Features of UWB Radar (Contd..)

- 5. Reduction in Radar 'Dead Zone'
- 6. Increase in Radar operation security
- 7. Improved Immunity to external Radiation
- 8. Improved Stability for Target at Low elevation Angle

# Intricacies In UWB Radar Design

- Change of Radar Signal Shape during Target Observation
- Dependence of Signal Shape on Antenna Parameter
- Change in Radar Range Equation  $R(s, t) = \left(\frac{EG(\theta, \phi, S, t)\sigma_{UWB}(t)A(\theta, \phi, S, t)}{(4\pi)^{2}\rho q N_{0}}\right)^{1/4}$
- Time Variation of RCS

## Application of UWB Radars

- UWB Radar for Study of Air/Sea Interaction
- <u>Through the Wall UWB Radar Life Detection</u> and Monitoring
- <u>Ultra Wideband Radar for Vehicle Detection</u> <u>in Rail Road Crossing</u>
- Detection of Objects in Dense medium i.e.
   Ground, Ice etc.

# Application of UWB Radars (cont.)

- UWB System Frequency Spectrum Sharing and Interference
- Target Imaging and Discrimination
- Target Signal Interaction and Feature Extraction

# Types of Antennas for UWB Radar Application

- Wide Slot Antenna for UWB Application
- Circular & Elliptical Microstrip Fed Antenna
- Annual Ring Antenna
- Coupled Planar Dipole UWB Antenna
- Planer Mono pole Antenna on Printed Circuit board

# Bandwidth Enhancement in Slot Antenna

- Microstrip line –fed Printed wide slot antenna with Simple Tuning Stub
- Microstrip line –fed Printed wide slot antenna with Fork – like tuning stub
- Strip line slot antenna with Fork like Tuning stub

# Microstrip Printed wide slot antenna with simple Tuning Stub

- Wide slot dimensions: L X W
- Feed Line 50 ohms
- Centre Frequency: 1670 MHz
- Bandwidth:
   110 MHz ≤ 6.5 %



## Microstrip Printed wide slot antenna with Fork - like tuning stub

- Wide slot dimensions: L X W = 53.7 x 53.7 mm
- Tuning Stub: Fork-like
- Centre Frequency: 2.3 GHz
- Bandwidth: 1.09 GHz  $\leq$  47 %



### **VSWR** Bandwidth



### Optimization of slot antenna with Fork-like Tuning Stub

- The Frequency band achieved = 2.5 GHz to 11.3 GHz
- Gain variation < 4 dB



#### Wide Slot Antenna - Results





**Measured Return Loss** 

Measured Gain & Phase response

#### Wide slot Antenna - Radiation Pattern





X-Z plane

Y-Z plane

#### Stripline Slot Antenna for UWB Application



#### Stripline Slot Antenna with Stripline launcher

### Stripline Wide Slot Antenna



a = 42 mm Wl= 32 mm Wa = 21 mm La = 16.57 mm Le = 8.26 mm Ls = 8.8 mm

Antenna Geometry

### **VSWR** Bandwidth



Simulated & measured return loss versus frequency

#### Measured Radiation Patterns for Stripline Slot antenna





F = 3 GHz



E plane co Eplane cc Hplane co Hplane cc F = 11 GHz

### Comparison of Wide slot antenna with Stripline Slot antenna





F = 7 GHz with Wide slot antenna



E plane co Eplane cc Hplane co Hplane cc

F = 7 GHz with Stripline antenna

### Measurement setup

- Time domain measurement done in anechoic chamber
- Distance between the transmit and receive antenna
  : 1.09 m
- Digital storage Oscilloscope
   : 5 psec Sampling rate with
   20 GHz Bandwidth
- Reference pulse: 0.4 nsec



### Time Domain Response



Reference & measured received pulse after a UWB link made with two Stripline slot antennas

## Advantages of Stripline Slot Antenna

- Wider Bandwidth
- Better Radiation pattern
- Bidirectionality
- More stable time domain characteristics

## Circular & Elliptical slot Antenna

- Tuning element is circular
- Bandwidth upto 142 % can be achieved
- VSWR bandwidth upto 20 GHz
- Shape of the feed is similar to the slot





## Circular & Elliptical Slot antenna (contd..)

in (mm)	L	W	$L_{l}$	$R_{I}$	$L_2$	$R_2$	d	dw	Туре
Prototype I	40	35	6	8	12	16	8	0.3	CPW Elliptical
Prototype II	40	40	7.5	7.5	15	15	8	0.3	CPW Circular
Prototype III	90	90	20	20	35	35	12	0.3	CPW Circular
Prototype IV	40	35	6	8	12	16	8	0.3	Microstrip Elliptical

Dimensions of the four antenna prototypes  $\varepsilon_r = 3$ , h= 1.575 mm Substrate : TLC-30

#### Circular & Elliptical Slot antenna : Results



Prototype III, 175 %,



Prototype II, 148 %



Prototype IV, 142 %, fo= 9.035 GHz

## Annual Ring Antenna





- Return Loss better than 10 dB from 2.8 to 12.3 GHz
- Average gain of 2.93 dBi
- Maximum gain of 5dBi at 7 GHz

## Annular Ring antenna (Contd..)





Partial ground plane and front metal plane

- Metal Plate behaves as a parasitic resonator to increase the bandwidth.
- Inner diameter should be reduced to increase the bandwidth

Dimensions : 44 X44 mm<sup>2</sup> Inner diameter : 3.5 mm Outer diameter : 11 mm Feed line length : 33 mm Substrate: RT/Duroid 5880

 $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = 2.2$ 

## Conclusion

- Difference between Narrowband and Ultra Wideband Radar has been brought out.
  - Design
  - Application
- Technology advancement to enhance the bandwidth of slot antenna for UWB application has been presented.
- Stripline slot gives the better performance

Thank You

# Any Questions ???

#### Ultra Wideband Radar for Vehicle Detection in Rail Road Crossing



#### Rail Crossing in Maywood, Illilinois













D- Sidewall



RF Calibration Log not shown.

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