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Quasi Self Complementary (QSC) Ultra-Wide Band (UWB) Antenna Integrated with Bluetooth

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Abstract: This paper introduces UWB antenna integrated with Bluetooth. This can cover the band of Bluetooth application (2.4GHz) and the band of UWB application (3-12GHz). The proposed antenna consists of semi ring connected with tapered section for more matching. The dielectric material for this is FR4-exoxy having thickness of 1.5 mm and has compact size $16 \times 14.5 \text{ mm}^2$. The antenna the parameters of: the Omni directional radiation patterns with appreciable gain across the operating bands, ultra band width including with Bluetooth band, and the antenna compact in size. The design and simulation of the antenna is carried out using CST microwave Studio simulation software.

Keywords: Ultra-wide band (UWB), Bluetooth, Flame Retardant 4 (FR4), Computer Simulation Technology (CST).

I. INTRODCUTION

The Ultra-wide band (UWB) technology has become more popular due to various applications such as medical imaging applications, multimedia connectivity, personal communications, ground penetrating radar and sensor networks. Also, one of the very important leading wireless communication systems is an ultra-wideband (UWB) system due to low power consumption, high speed, and efficient frequency use. In the current, the FCC has allocated at bandwidth of 7.5 GHz of ultra-wideband devices in the band from 3.1 to 10.6 GHz [1-2]. Nowadays, the requirements of UWB antenna are wider bandwidth, stability of radiation pattern, small size, and constant gain [3].

Where Bluetooth band (2.4–2.484 GHz) have the advantage of license free operation in the industrial, scientific and medical (ISM). A planar integrated antenna working on both Bluetooth and UWB has been recently introduced by using different methods to integrate both bands were used specifically, a strip resonance, design an UWB antenna operating in the band of 2.2-10.6 GHz and slot on the current path [4]. A dual band U shaped monopole is introduced with adding strip line for Bluetooth band, the antenna is design on FR4 substrate with thickness 1.6 mm, and size $50 \text{ mm} \times 24 \text{ mm}$ where the length of the antenna is increased due to strip line [5]. UWB antenna is proposed with notch between UWB and Bluetooth band. The slot is etched to increase current route or to introduce notch [6]. Bluetooth and UWB band is integrated by a small-sized monopole antenna, by using etched slot on the current route [4], which produces a 2.28–2.52GHz Bluetooth band and the antenna is design on FR4 substrate with size $18 \times 30 \text{ mm}^2$ with high isolation between the Bluetooth and UWB band.

On the other hand, several ways for planar monopole antennas to achieve minimizing UWB antenna in size and Cost UWB antenna with fractal structures is introduced which have the characteristics of wideband [7-10], radiation patterns and input impedance similar to larger antennas. A Nano-arm fractal antenna suitable for ultra-wideband applications are introduced, the antenna covers the band from 2.55 GHz to 11.84 GHz [8]. Recently, in [9] Self complementary antenna is introduced. The main property of the Self-complementary antennas is constant impedance where the antenna is SCA when the open area and the metal area are congruous. In 2013 [10] introduced Quasi self-complementary antenna QSCA with size $16 \times 60 \text{ mm}^2$ for UWB.

In this paper, the proposed antenna is quasi self-Complementary QSC UWB is introduced to achieve wide impedance bandwidth and compact size $16 \times 14.5 \text{ mm}^2$ compared to the previous techniques. The UWB antenna is fabricated on a FR4 substrate with relative permittivity of 4.5, and thickness of 1.5 mm.

II. ANTENNA DESIGN

A. Proposed Design

The proposed antenna is a planar micro strip antenna with compact size (16×14.5) mm^2 . The geometry of the proposed antenna is shown in Figure. 1. The dimensions of the proposed antenna are given in Table 1. The antenna is a quasi-self-complementary with rectangular stepped tapered which has step width of 1mm with fed line 50Ω of width W_f at the feed point and linear tapered to

width W_i at the patch to cover UWB with Bluetooth. The proposed antenna is design on a FR4 substrate with relative permittivity of 4.5, thickness of 1.5 mm. The antenna is designed in 4steps.

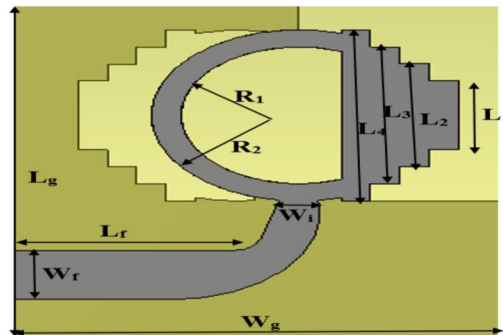


Figure 1: Proposed antenna.

| R1 | R2 | L1 | L2 | L3 | L4 | Lg | Lf | Wf | Wg | Wi | W1 | W2 | W3 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|------|----|-----|----|----|----|
| 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 14.5 | 5 | 2.58 | 16 | 1.4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Table 1: The optimized dimensions of the proposed antenna (all dimensions in mm).

B. Design Steps

The proposed antenna is designed in 4 steps.

Step 1: Antenna 1 is conventional circular monopole antenna to obtain UWB but the size is large with circular radius 15 mm.

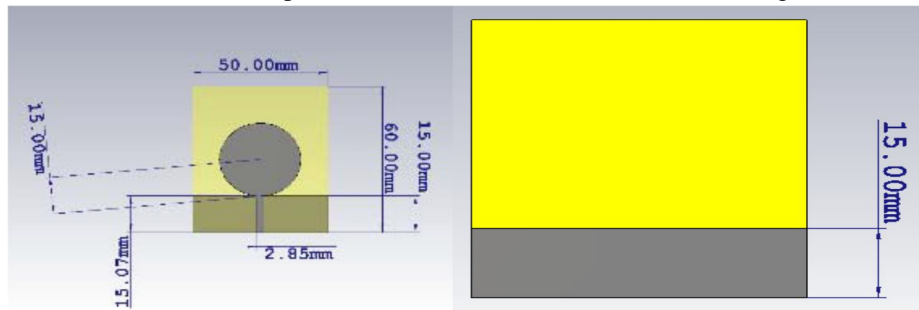


Figure 2: Antenna 1 design.

Step 2: Antenna is designed for compact size ,the semi circular designed with the same radius but the return loss is not matched for a overall UWB.

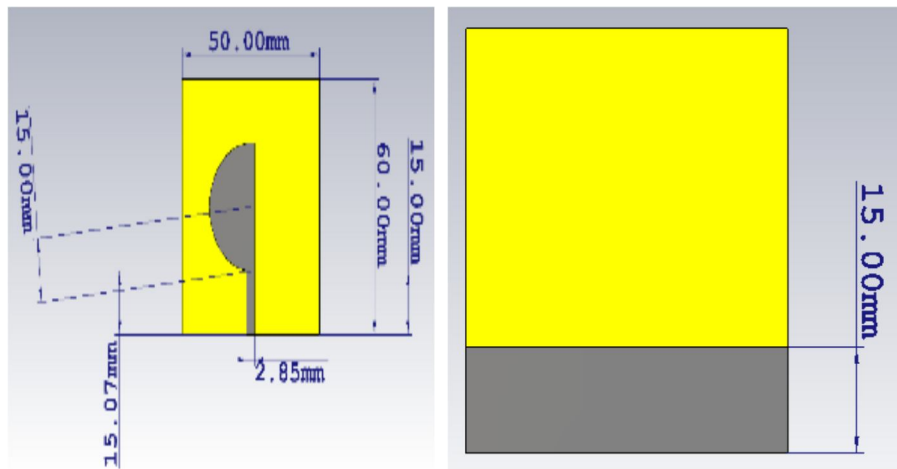


Figure 3: Antenna 2 Design.

Step 3: In this design step the semi circular is attached with step rectangular with 1mm step is introduced for enhancement band width.

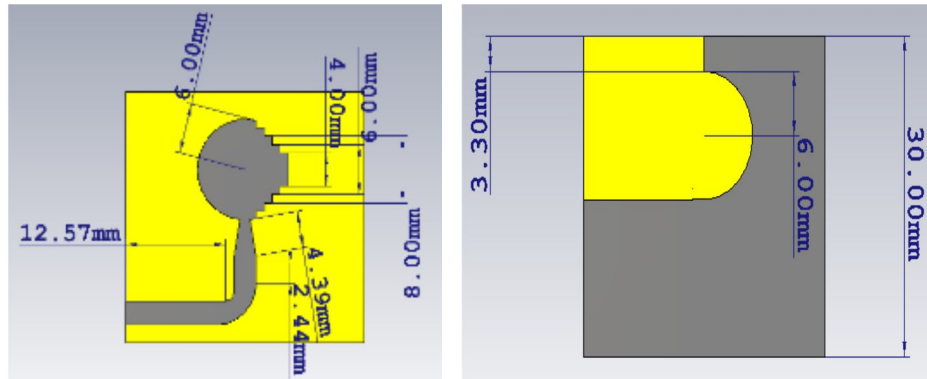


Figure 4: Antenna 3 Design.

Step 4: This design introduces the final propose antenna design with more matching, compact size and integrate the Bluetooth.

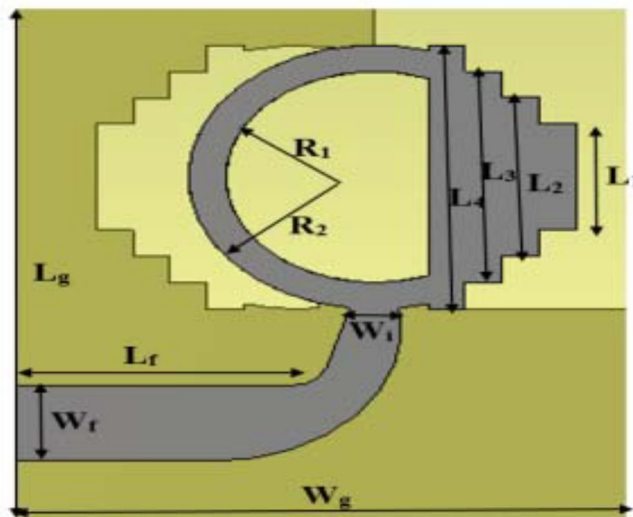


Figure 5: proposed Antenna.

Return losses of the 4 designed antennas can be showed as follows.

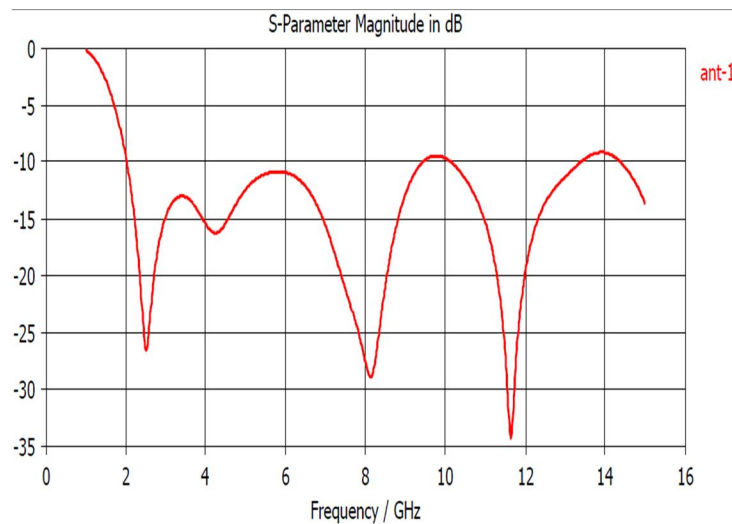


Figure 6: Return loss of the Antenna 1.

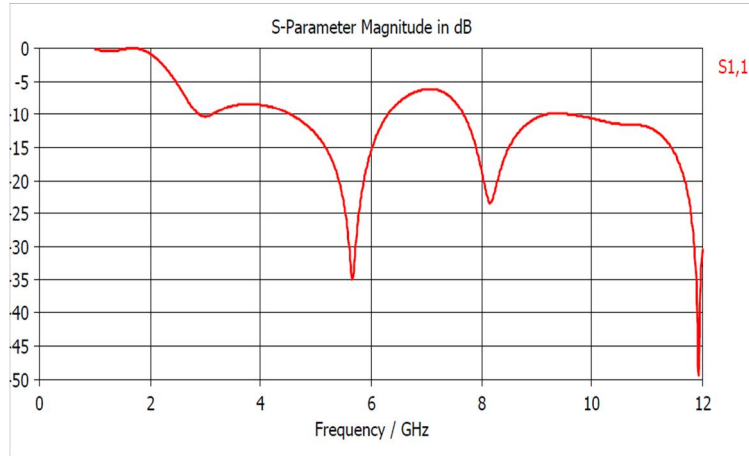


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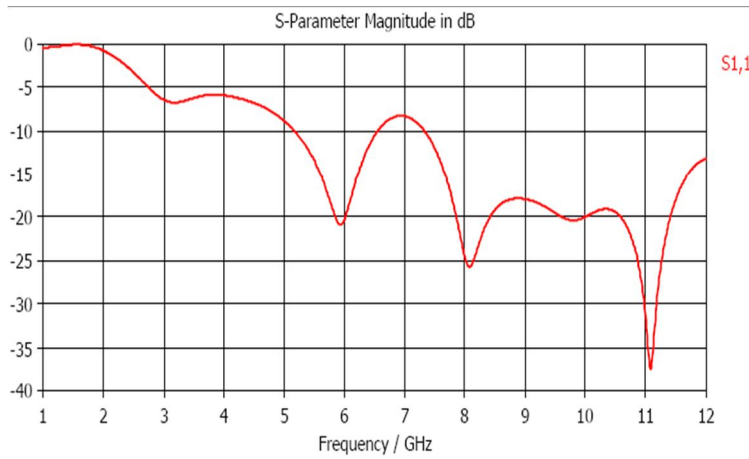


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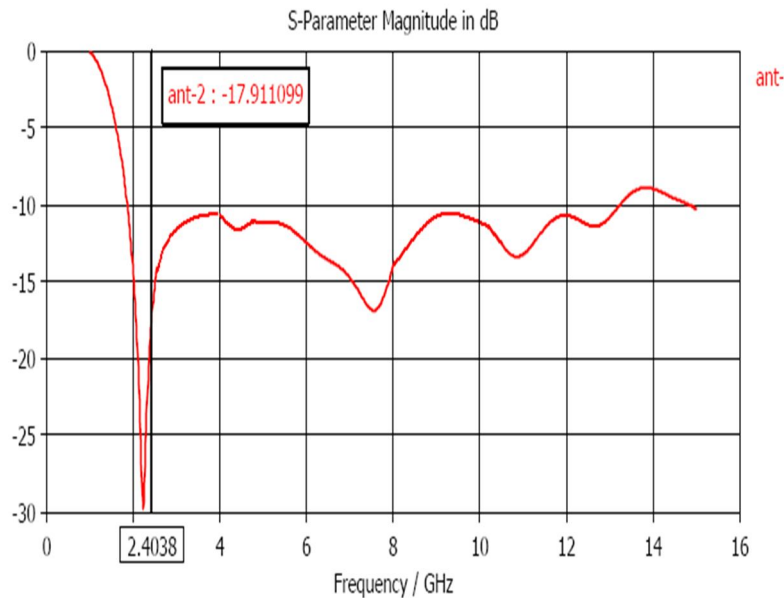


Figure 9: Return loss of the Antenna 4.

III.SIMULATION AND MESURMENT

From the figure 9 it is observed that the final proposed antenna can covers the UWB with Bluetooth band as ensured by the simulated results where the return loss is below the -10dB at Bluetooth band 2.4 GHz and the ultra-wide band from 3.1 to 12 GHz. The CST Microwave Studio 2011 is used to design and simulation for the proposed antenna. Good agreement is obtained between the simulated and experimental results. The gain and efficiency of the antenna can be showed in the figure 10. From that figure the gain is acceptable in the operating bands with maximum value 5.5 dB at Bluetooth.

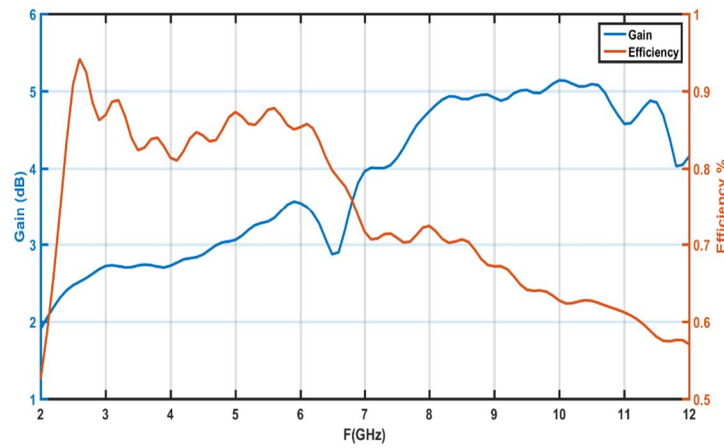


Figure 10: The antenna gain and radiation efficiency.

The radiation patterns of antenna which simulates in both the E-plane and H-plane at 2.4 GHz and 8GHz.it is observed that that the proposed antenna radiation pattern is nearly Omni-direction.

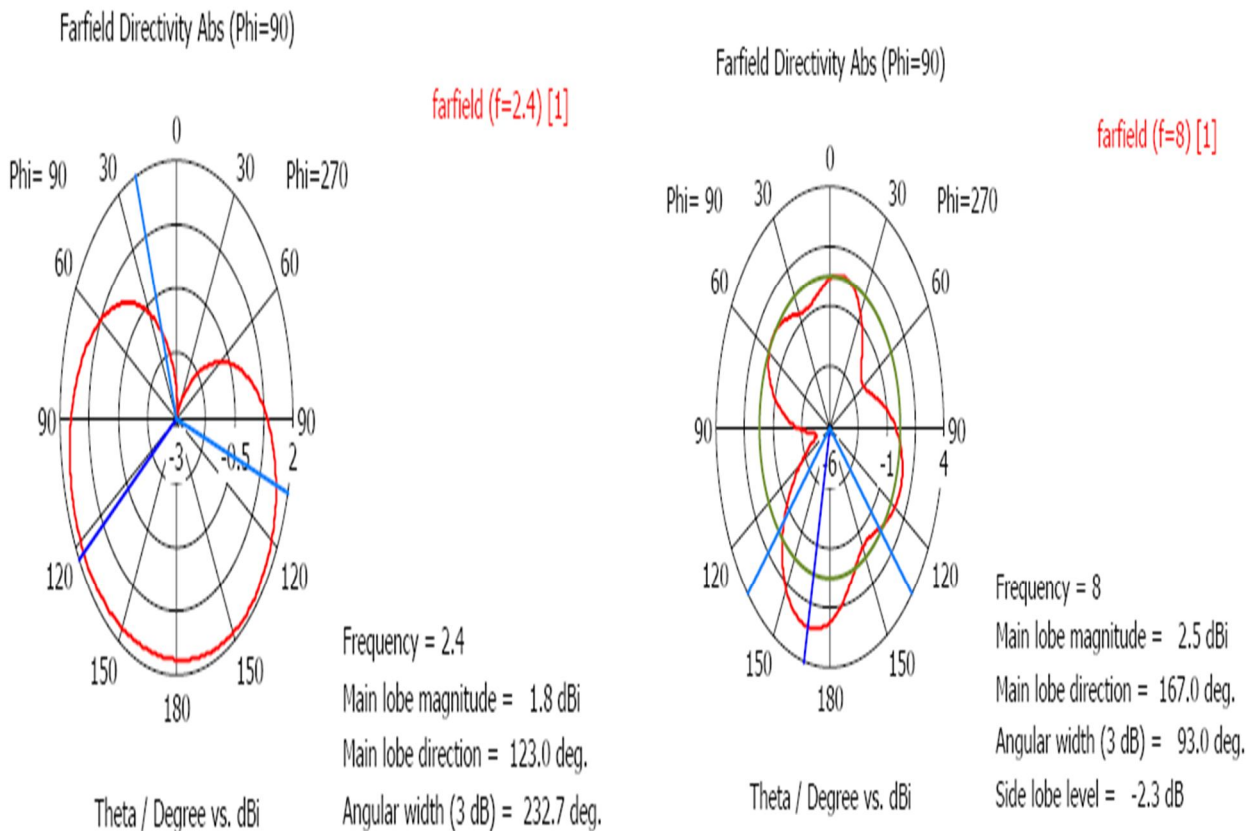


Figure 11: The radiation pattern of the antenna at different frequencies.

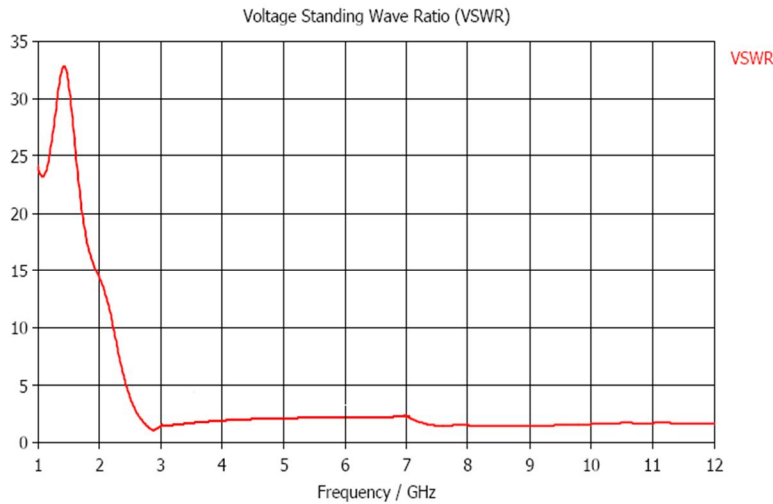


Figure 12: VSWR of the proposed antenna.

From the figure 12, it shows that voltage standing wave ratio of the antenna .It is observed that the VSWR is below 2.It can concludes that the proposed antenna can be use full for transmitting the data without any loss .

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a novel UWB/ Bluetooth antenna for wireless application is introduced with compact size. The proposed antenna is quasi self-complementary feed by micro strip line and consists of semi ring and tapered rectangular section for more matching. The prototype of the antenna is fabricated on FR4-epoxy material. Comparing with other published antennas the proposed antenna has more compact size. The simulation results of the antenna were achieved by using the CST simulator. The antenna satisfies an impedance bandwidth of UWB and Bluetooth frequency bands. Good agreement is obtained between the simulated and the experimental results.

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