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Microwave frequencies have a range of 300 MHz to 300 GHz, while according to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Industrial, Scientific, Medical (ISM) band only some specific frequencies can be used for industrial applications; for instance 0.915 GHz, 1.8 GHz and 2.45 GHz were selected. Based on these three different frequencies, an antenna can be developed to resonate at these three frequencies with high performances like high gain and being applicable for the application related to this band (ISM).

In this thesis, a new fractal shape has been used by mixing the Koch fractal shape and square loop to design more compact antenna resonating at three different frequencies. Then, a new Photonic Band Gap structure is exploited to either remove the undesired harmonic frequencies or pass the wanted harmonics. Besides, to suppress the surface current and fringing fields which cause the gain decrement some vias have been used. For integrating the amplifier as an active element to the antenna a matching circuit is needed, thus a n -section transmission line transformer (TLT) plays this role. After investigation of the four methods for finding the optimized value for each part of the TLT, the Genetic Algorithm (GA) showed the most advantageous result among the others.

The maximum gain is delivered to the load (antenna) when a good matching between the amplifier and the antenna is achieved. The antenna has the ability to resonate at three frequencies 0.915, 1.8 and 2.45 GHz, which can cover the ISM band and its relating applications. Moreover, the antenna has a miniaturized size compared to the previous works by almost 55% and the gain of the antenna for every each resonant frequency is 20.9, 19.85 and 20.88 dB respectively. Furthermore, there is a good agreement between the simulated and measured results approximately.

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Frekuensi-frekuensi gelombang mikro mempunyai pelbagai varian seperti 300 MHz ke 300 GHz, manakala mengikut Suruhanjaya Komunikasi Persekutuan (FCC) dan ISM (Industri, Saintifik, Perubatan) hanya beberapa frekuensi tertentu sahaja yang boleh digunakan di dalam bidang perindustrian; sebagai contoh 0.915 GHz, 1.8 GHz dan 2.45 GHz telah dipilih. Berdasarkan perbezaan di antara ketiga-tiga frekuensi ini, sebuah antena boleh dibangunkan untuk bergema / berfungsi bersama dengan ketiga-tiga frekuensi dan memberi keuntungan yang tinggi serta boleh digunakan dalam kaedah ini.

Dalam tesis ini, bentuk fraktal yang baru telah digunakan dengan mencampurkan Koch dalam bentuk fraktal dengan persegi untuk reka bentuk antena yang lebih kompak supaya ia dapat bergema pada tiga frekuensi yang berbeza. Struktur Photonic Band jurang yang baru telah dibangunkan sama ada untuk menolak frekuensi-frekuensi harmonik yang tidak diingini atau menerima frekuensi-frekuensi harmonik yang dikehendaki. Selain itu, untuk menyekat permukaan semasadan pinggir median yang menyebabkan pengurangan beberapa keuntungan melalui lubang-lubang telah digunakan.

Bagi mengintegrasikan penguat sebagai elemen aktif kepada antena, litar yang sepadan adalah diperlukan. Oleh itu transformer talian penghantaran n-Seksyen (TLT) telah memainkan peranan ini. Setelah kajian terhadap empat kaedah untuk mencari nilai optimum bagi setiap bahagian dalam TLT, algoritma genetik (GA) telah menunjukkan hasil / kaedah Tempahan terbaik dan berfaedah antara yang lain.

Selepas kesepadanan sempurna di antara penguat dan antena dicapai, keuntungan maksimum akan dihantar kepada beban (antena). Antena mempunyai keupayaan bergema di kekerapan tiga frekuensi iaitu 0.915, 1.8 dan 2.45 GHz, yang boleh melindungi jalur ISM terutamanya di dalam sektor pertanian (pengawalan serangga perosak). Selain itu, antena juga mempunyai saiz yang kompak berbanding dengan model sebelumnya iaitu kurang daripada hampir 55% dan gandaan kekerapan antena pada setiap resonant adalah di antara $\lambda/20.9$, $\lambda/19.85$ dan

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SYMBOL	DEFINITION
DDT	Dichlorodiphenyltrichlorethane
IPM	Integrated pest management
MW	Microwave
GHz	Gigahertz
mm	Mili-meter
MHz	Megahertz
ISM	Industrial, scientific and medical
FCC	Federal Communication Commission
LIMR	Low-intensity microwave radiation
TL	Transmission Line
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio
3D	Three dimensional
2D	Two dimensional
dB	Deci-Bell
AR	Axial Ratio
BW	Bandwidth
FDTD	Finite Difference Time- Domain
Q	Quality factor
MSA	Microstrip Slot Antennas
PBG	Photonic Bandgap
DGS	Defected Ground Structure

RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
SAW	Surface Acoustic Wave
AIA	Active Integrated Antenna
MMIC	Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier
TLT	Transmission Line Transformer
WLAN	Wireless Local-Area Network
WiMAX	Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access
CPW	Coplanar Waveguide
PSO	Particle Swarm Optimization
GA	Genetic Algorithm

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Communication can be broadly defined as the transfer of information from one point to another. A communication system is usually required when the information is to be conveyed over a distance. Over the years, sophisticated techniques have been developed for this process using electromagnetic carrier waves operating at radio frequencies as well as microwave and millimeter wave frequencies. In today's modern communication industry, antennas are the most important components required to create a communication link. Through the years, microstrip antenna structures are the most common option used to realize millimeter wave monolithic integrated circuits for microwave, radar and communication purposes. Due to many advantages over the conventional antenna, the microstrip antenna have achieved importance and generated interest to antenna designers for many years.

The microstrip patch antenna is the best selection for the researcher because of many advantages such as low cost material, lightweight and also easy to fabricate. Many researchers had improved the parameter result with to give better performance and efficiency of the patch antenna design. The parameters that can be considered to improve are return loss, gain, directivity and bandwidth [1]. In the case of decreasing the dimensions of antenna when the dimensions of antenna and the transmission lines have been enhanced due to the lower operating frequencies, there are some techniques to solve this problem and fractal shaped structure antenna is one of these solutions.

In modern wireless communication systems and increasing of other wireless applications, wider bandwidth, multiband and low profile antennas are in great

demand for both commercial and military applications. This has initiated antenna research in various directions; one of them is using fractal shaped antenna elements. Fractal shape antennas have already been proved to have some unique characteristics that are linked to the geometry properties of fractal. Fractals were first defined by Benoit Mandelbrot [2,3] in 1975. Plus, fractal geometry has unique geometrical features occurring in nature. Fractals have some benefits such as fine structure with details on arbitrarily small scales, too irregular to be described by traditional geometry, having some form of self similarity, can be described in a simple way. Nowadays, active microstrip antenna arrays and active apertures are increasingly present in phased array radar applications. In addition, these devices also serve as potentially efficient power combiners. Hence, active microstrip antennas arrays are often used in spatial or “quasi-optical” combining schemes for creating high-power and high-frequency components. Furthermore, microstrip antennas are often used in military aircraft, missiles, rockets and satellites [5]. Active antennas have received great attention because they offer many advantages such as low level of noise, low cost, and compactness. In active integrated antenna (AIA) approach, circuit and antenna units are combined into a single unit [6]. In transmitting AIAs, antenna is placed at the output port of the active unit. The impedance matching of the amplifier is done with respect to the antenna unit [7]. The active device loading technique can be applied for the gain enhancement and bandwidth improvement of the circular polarized antenna design [8].

1.2 Problem Statement and Motivation

According to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and ISM (Industrial, Scientific and Medical) band, there are three frequency bands that can be applied to the application related to ISM and they are 915 MHz, 1.8 GHz and 2.45 GHz.

Based on the operating frequency (0.915 GHz), the size of the antenna will be determined. But the size is large and it can resonate at one frequency only. Another problem that should be encountered with is the low gain of the microstrip antennas. To integrate an active element to the passive antenna in the case of gain enhancement, mismatching between the active element and the load (antenna) which decrease the gain and the radiation properties of the antenna should be kept in mind as well.

1.3 Research Objectives

The main aim of this thesis is to design a high gain active antenna resonating at three frequencies as follows 915 MHz, 1.8 GHz and 2.45 GHz ISM applications. The specific objectives of the current research are:

1. To develop a novel fractal shape antenna by compounding the modified second iteration of Koch fractal and square loop with the Photonic Band Gap (PBG) as an aperture part. Then, introduce a new approach of coupled feeding to easily integrate the antenna to the active element.
2. To design and analyze a transmission line transformer (TLT) using the Genetic Algorithm (GA), Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Analytical method as well as a Chebyshev filter method in order to achieve a perfect matching between the active element and the antenna.
3. To develop a high gain active antenna operating at three different frequencies and investigate its capability to be utilized as an insect repellent at compact size and low cost.

1.4 Research Questions

In order to carry out the mentioned objectives above, the following questions come to mind:

1. Which type of fractal is better to make a multiband antenna?
2. What kind of feeding is more matched with active antenna and can be integrated with them?
3. Which shape is better as an aperture?
4. Which type of optimizing technique is better for TLT matching circuit?
5. Which type of the amplifier can be applied to be integrated with the antenna?

1.5 Thesis Scope

The scope of the thesis is on development and improvement of the patch antenna array both linear and circular polarization, investigation of the patch antenna array parameters such as bandwidth, feeding and gain. Moreover, study how these parameters effect on antenna design and optimizing process to obtain the requirements for the target applications. The active antennas, Active Integrated Antenna (AIA), multiband antennas using CST 2013 software can be involved in this area. This software has been used in abundant cases such as what presented in [9]. As a limitation, the hardware of this project must be done by using chemical and etching process which can effect on the measuring result. The frequency band which the antenna works in it can cover the ISM band and its applications, and operates in the range of 0 to 5 GHz. While the measurement process was conducted in a normal room environment.

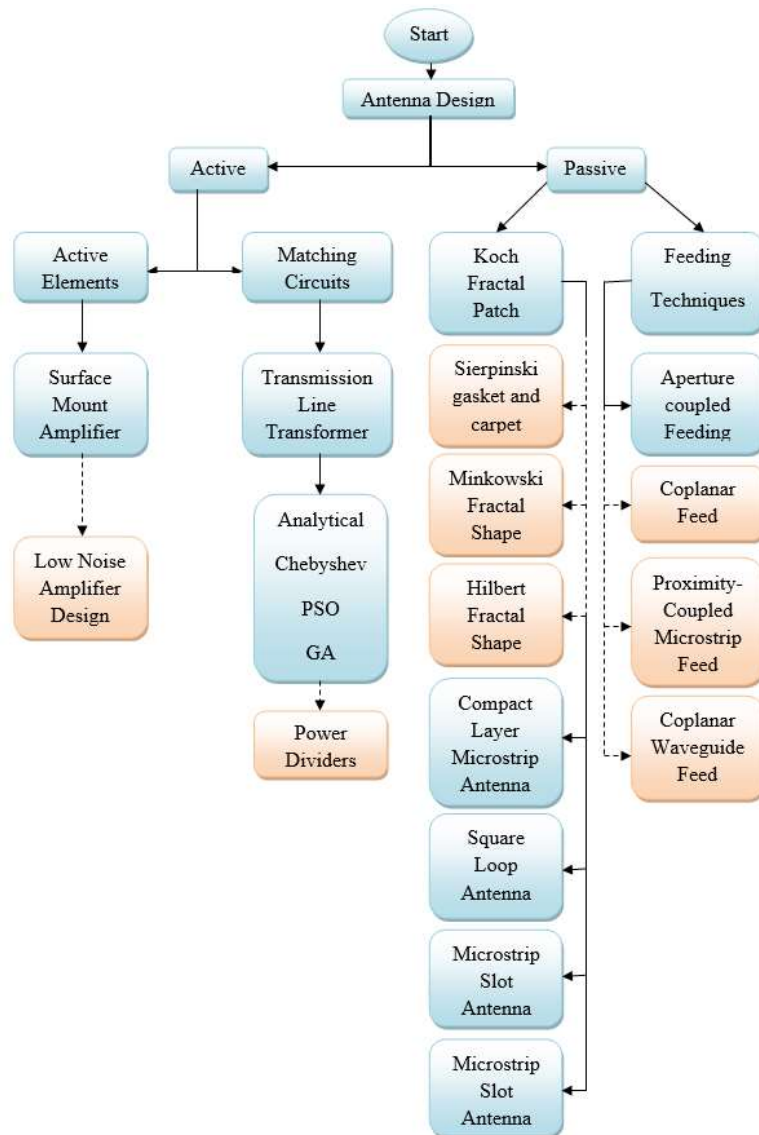


Figure 1-1 Thesis scope chart

1.6 Thesis Contributions

1. In this thesis a novel fractal shape by mixing the 2nd iteration of the Koch fractal and the square loop shape has been presented to first decrease the dimensions size of the antenna and second help the antenna to resonate at three resonant frequency. Then the new shape of the PBG structure applied as an aperture that antenna could be fed through it.
2. Furthermore, a new optimized matching technique as a transmission line transformer (TLT) have been designed and analyzed by exploiting the

analytical method, Chebyshev filter, PSO and GA which among all these techniques the Genetic Algorithm has the best and collaborated result for matching the amplifier to the antenna.

3. A high gain active antenna with compact size and low cost which has the capability of resonating at three frequencies with good performances in ISM has been designed and then presented here.

1.7 Thesis Outline

Chapter 1 begins with a review about the applicable frequency band for these problems and which type of antenna is better to solve this problem have been presented. Both the significance applications of the active microstrip antennas are given. Moreover, the objectives of this thesis are also listed. And finally, the scope and the limitations of the study have been shown. Chapter2 has been started with an overview about some types of microstrip antennas, their characteristics and necessary parameters should be considered in designing, feeding techniques, Active Integrated Antennas, matching circuit process, Optimization methods and so on. The methodology of the thesis has been illustrated in chapter 3. Besides, chapter 4 demonstrates the results and discussion and finally the conclusion of this work and future work can be seen in chapter 5.

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