

Insight View for MIMO LTE Applications

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Abstract— This paper gives a discussion on various researches in the field of MIMO application. The aspects of different design, is under consideration to achieve maximum efficiency like LTE 1800 MIMO Antenna, LTE /WWAN MOBILE HANDSET ANTENNA, Quad Band Handset Antenna for LTE MIMO and WLAN Application and Orthogonal Hybrid LTE MIMO Antennas for the Smartphone. Its main focus is on the design and its effect on various characteristics of antenna.

Key words: MIMO; LTE; fabrication; antenna; mobile

I. INTRODUCTION

In radio, multiple-input and multiple-output, or MIMO is a method for multiplying the capacity of a radio link using multiple transmit and receive antennas to exploit multipath propagation. In modern usage, "MIMO" specifically refers to a practical technique for sending and receiving more than one data signal simultaneously over the same radio channel by exploiting multipath propagation. MIMO has become an essential element of wireless communication standards including IEEE 802.11n (Wi-Fi), IEEE 802.11ac (Wi-Fi) and Long Term Evolution (4G).

Although MIMO has been deployed for years in WLAN networks, it is a relatively new feature in commercial wireless networks. MIMO technology is a standard feature of next-generation LTE networks, and it is a major piece of LTE's promise to significantly boost data rates and overall system capacity. However, MIMO also represents a new challenge for network operators. Traditional cellular networks generally provide the best service under line-of-sight conditions. MIMO thrives under rich scattering conditions, where signals bounce around the environment. Under rich scattering conditions, signals from different transmitter take multiple paths to reach the user equipment (UE) at different times. In order to achieve promised throughputs in LTE systems, operators must optimize their networks' multipath conditions for MIMO, targeting both rich scattering conditions and high SNR for each multipath signal. This optimization process requires accurate measurement of these multipath conditions in order to achieve the best performance for a given environment.

II. PROCESS

A. Theoretical Studies

Become familiar with PCB Fabrication Lab and Antenna Lab and all formalities. Note down the most important theoretic material, check papers about earlier solutions and familiarize with different software's like Ansys HFSS, IE3D, SEMCAD etc that will be needed for design and simulation.

B. Fabrication of Antenna

Take a standard design and go through the whole simulation, production and measurement process.

C. Design

Different approaches are implemented and checking its results by simulations. Final design is fabricated that includes series of optimization. The design goal focus on efficiency, SAR(Specific Absorption Rate) & HAC(Hearing Aid Compatibility).

D. Final Measurements and Analysis

Measurements to be done in Antenna Measurement Lab. Finally, compare the measured results with simulations. The paper gives an insight view of different antenna design for MIMO LTE applications.

III. DESIGN

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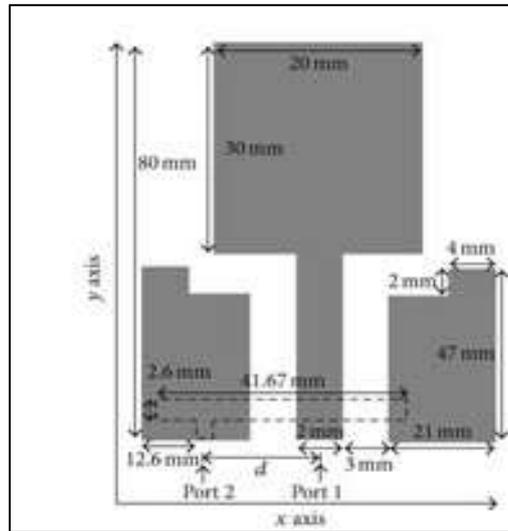
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A. LTE 1800 MIMO Antenna

It comprises a printed microstrip antenna and a printed double-L sleeve monopole antenna for LTE 1800 wireless application is presented. The printed double-L sleeve monopole antenna is fed by a 50 ohm coplanar waveguide (CPW).

A novel T-shaped microstrip feedline printed on the other side of the PCB is used to excite the waveguide's outer shell. Size of antenna is $80 \times 50 \text{mm}^2$. The double L-shaped sleeve acts as a parasitic element to improve the bandwidth of the printed monopole antenna.



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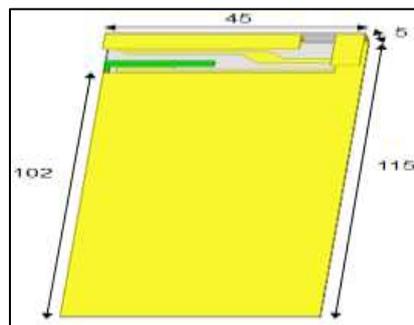
(b)

Fig. 1: (a) Structure and dimension of proposed MIMO antenna (b)Front and back view of MIMO antenna

A T-shaped microstrip feedline is printed on the other side of the PCB. The T-shaped feedline is completely covered by the ground plane on the other side of the PCB. This structure allows efficient radiation properties. The combination of printed double-L sleeve monopole antenna and a T-shaped microstrip feedline antenna is chosen mainly because of current distribution characteristics.

B. LTE /WWAN Mobile Handset Antenna

A compact multiband antenna for LTE/WWAN handset applications is presented, which can provide a multiband operation of LTE700/2300/2500, GSM850/900/1800/1900, UMTS 2100, WLAN2400 with return loss better than 6 dB. The occupied volume of the antenna radiator is only $45 \times 13 \times 5 \text{mm}^3$. The antenna comprises an inverted-L shaped feeding strip and two folded shorting strips. The antenna can adjust three different resonant frequencies by tuning the length of the strips. In order to fine-tuning the frequency more accurately, the simulated return loss for proposed antenna with different length of three parameters (L_1 , L_2 , W_1) are shown in Fig.2. Changing the length of L_1 (32, 34, 36 mm) leads to tuning the third resonant frequency. As the length L_1 is increased, the third resonant mode is shifted to lower frequency, vice versa, and the second resonant frequency is decreased by increasing L_2 . Although L_2 is changed, the higher band is preserved and the first resonant frequency is lower by increasing W_1 .



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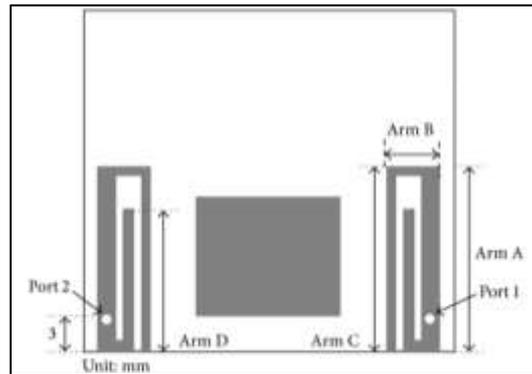


Fig. 5: Detailed front view of structure of proposed antenna

The proposed antenna has a small size, good isolation characteristics, and wide bandwidth. It is suitable to be used in handsets for LTE 700, LTE 2300, LTE 2500, and 2.4GHz WLAN application.

D. Orthogonal Hybrid LTE MIMO Antennas for the Smartphone

Two orthogonal hybrid antennas for the LTE MIMO operation in the Smartphone are presented. The two antennas (one open slot antenna and one inverted-F antenna) are disposed orthogonally to each other. The open-slot antenna comprises two open slots of different lengths and is disposed parallel and close to the bottom edge of the Smartphone. The open-slot antenna operates in the 698~960 MHz and 1710~2690 MHz bands as a main antenna for the LTE/WWAN operation. The inverted-F antenna has a total length of 90 mm and is disposed along one side edge of the device ground plane.

Owing to the orthogonal alignment of the two antennas, good envelope correlation coefficients of less than 0.07 are obtained. The ergodic channel capacity is calculated to reach about 9.3~10.7 bps/Hz at 20-dB signal-to-noise ratio. The side-edge antenna is able to cover the frequency ranges of 824~960 MHz and 1710~2690 MHz for the LTE operation such as in band 5, 8, 10, 25, and 40.

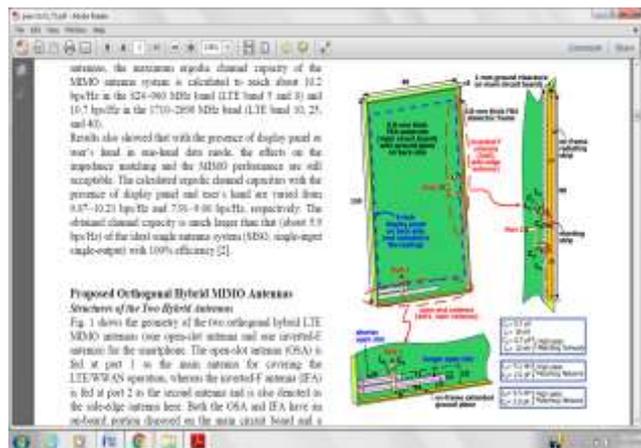


Fig. 6: Geometry of two orthogonal hybrid LTE MIMO antennas for the smartphone

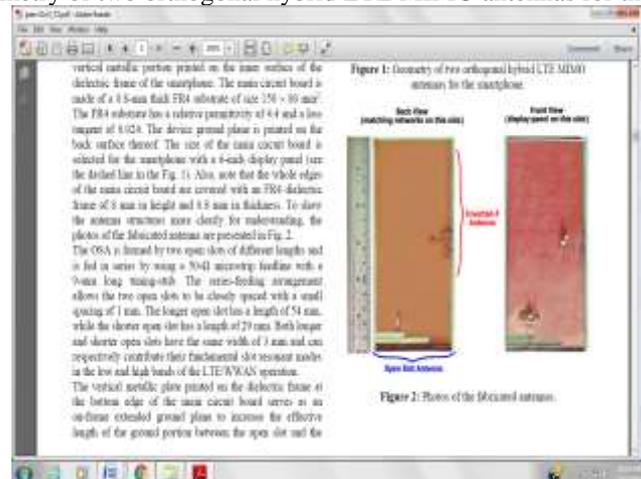


Fig. 7: Photos of the fabricated antennas

Based on the MIMO application requirements, two orthogonal hybrid LTE MIMO antennas consisting of an open-slot antenna (OSA) as the main antenna for the LTE/WWAN (wireless wide area network) operation and an inverted-F antenna (IFA) as the second antenna for the LTE operation. To analyze the MIMO performance of the hybrid MIMO

antennas, the simulated ECC (envelope correlation coefficient) from the HFSS [19] and the calculated ECC from the measured complex electric-field patterns of the fabricated antennas. The calculated ergodic channel capacity from HFSS and measured results of the fabricated antenna in a 2×2 MIMO system.

IV. CONCLUSION

The double L-shaped sleeve acts as a parasitic element to improve the bandwidth of the printed monopole antenna. Two symmetrical P-shaped slots are etched at both sides of the ground plane. The radiating strips and slots generate a lower resonant at 780MHz and an upper resonant at 2.350GHz. Thus different slots, sleeves and other modification helps in optimization.

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