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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the design and analysis of a 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array intended for wireless communication systems requiring high gain, compact size, and efficient performance. The array employs innovative feed network techniques and optimized patch geometries to achieve excellent signal quality, ensuring reliable communication across varying orientations and operating conditions.The design focuses on a targeted frequency band, catering to wireless applications such as Wi- Fi, LTE, and IoT networks. The proposed 2×2 antenna array features a low-profile and lightweight structure, making it well-suited for integration into modern compact wireless devices and portable systems.Simulated results exhibit significant improvements in gain, directivity, and impedance matching, ensuring consistent performance over the intended bandwidth. The return loss (S11) is minimized to enhance power transfer and reduce signal reflection.The antenna array's performance is validated through detailed electromagnetic simulations and parameter optimization, confirming its suitability for deployment in high-performance wireless communication systems. Furthermore, the design leverages standard fabrication techniques, ensuring a cost-effective and robust solution adaptable to various real-world environments.

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ACRONYM		ABBREVIATION
CP	-	Circular Polarization
MPA	-	Microstrip Patch Antenna
RHCP	-	Right-Hand Circular Polarization
LHCP	-	Left-Hand Circular Polarization
HFSS	-	High-Frequency Structure Simulator
DAGS	-	Dielectric And Geometric Structures
PCB	-	Printed Circuit Board
RFID	-	Radio Frequency Identification

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

In the rapidly evolving field of wireless communication, antennas serve as critical components for transmitting and receiving electromagnetic signals, ensuring seamless connectivity across various systems. Among the different types of antennas, microstrip patch antennas have garnered significant attention due to their low profile, lightweight structure, ease of fabrication, and excellent compatibility with printed circuit board (PCB) technology, making them ideal for modern compact devices. Despite these advantages, a single microstrip patch antenna often encounters limitations such as restricted bandwidth, relatively low gain, and reduced radiation efficiency, which can hinder overall system performance. To overcome these challenges, antenna arrays are employed, providing a robust solution to enhance the capabilities of microstrip designs. A 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array, in particular, features four identical patch elements arranged in a matrix configuration, significantly improving overall performance by increasing the antenna's gain, broadening the bandwidth, and offering better directivity compared to a standalone patch element. Through careful design of the feed network and meticulous optimization of the spacing between elements, the 2×2 array can be precisely tailored to meet the demanding specifications of various advanced wireless communication systems. This array configuration finds extensive applications in WLAN (Wireless Local Area Networks), Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, 5G networks, satellite communication, and radar systems, where high performance, reliability, compactness, and efficiency are critical, enabling next-generation technologies to achieve faster speeds, greater coverage, and improved connectivity in an increasingly interconnected world.

1.1 Objective

The primary objective of this project is to design, simulate, and analyze a 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array optimized for wireless communication applications, aiming to achieve improved characteristics compared to a single patch antenna, such as higher gain, wider bandwidth, better directivity, and enhanced radiation efficiency. Specifically, the project focuses on designing a compact 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array using a suitable dielectric substrate and a resonant frequency relevant to modern wireless communication standards like WLAN, Wi-Fi, or 5G, while enhancing performance through an array configuration that increases gain and optimizes radiation patterns without significantly increasing the overall size. Additionally, an appropriate feed network, such as corporate or series feeding, will be developed to ensure uniform power distribution across all four patches, minimizing signal loss and mismatch. The antenna design will be simulated using electromagnetic simulation software like HFSS, CST Microwave Studio, or MATLAB, and key parameters such as return loss (S11), gain, bandwidth, Voltage Standing Wave Ratio (VSWR), and radiation pattern will be analyzed. The project also aims to validate the antenna's suitability for wireless communication applications through performance comparison with standard requirements and to explore its potential practical applications in real-world wireless systems, ensuring compatibility with evolving technologies. Ultimately, the goal is to contribute to the development of efficient, low-profile, and high-performance antenna solutions necessary to meet the expanding demands of wireless communication networks.

1.2 Microstrip patch antenna

A conventional microstrip patch antenna typically radiates waves with a single linear orientation, but to transform it for applications such as satellite communication, GPS, and wireless systems—where rotational field symmetry is beneficial—specific design modifications are required to excite two orthogonal modes of equal amplitude with a 90° phase difference. This can be achieved through techniques such as truncating opposite corners of a square patch, inserting diagonal slots or notches, embedding perturbation segments, or using dual-feed mechanisms with a quadrature (90°) phase shift via hybrid couplers or delay lines. Asymmetric feeding and reactive loading also contribute to achieving the desired phase offset. In a 2×2 patch array configuration, each element can be rotated incrementally by 90° and fed with progressive phase shifts (e.g., 0°, 90°, 180°, 270°) to maintain the desired rotational symmetry across the array and enhance overall radiation performance. Substrate materials such as FR4 (economical) or high-performance options like Rogers RT/Duroid are selected based on frequency range, bandwidth needs, and dielectric properties. Efficient power delivery and impedance matching to 50 ohms are achieved through feeding techniques like coaxial probe feeding, slot coupling, or corporate feed networks. While rotationally symmetric field radiation improves signal robustness by reducing multipath effects and minimizing dependency on orientation, it introduces design challenges such as narrow operational bandwidth, complex feed network requirements, and potential coupling among array elements. These challenges are often mitigated using structures like Defected Ground Structures (DGS), Electromagnetic Band Gap (EBG) materials, or parasitic elements, which help enhance isolation, widen the bandwidth, and maintain an axial ratio below 3 dB for effective performance.

1.2.1 Description

A 2×2 microstrip patch antenna is an array configuration composed of four identical microstrip patches arranged in a square formation (two rows and two columns), designed to improve the performance characteristics of a conventional single patch antenna, making it highly suitable for wireless communication applications. Each patch in the array is a metallic rectangular or square sheet mounted on a dielectric substrate, such as FR4 or Rogers RT/Duroid, placed above a ground plane, with the substrate's dielectric constant (εr) significantly affecting parameters like size, bandwidth, and efficiency. The patches are excited using a feeding network, typically corporate or series feeding, ensuring appropriate power distribution with correct phase and amplitude relationships, although proximity and aperture coupling methods may also be used for enhanced performance. The ground plane underneath serves as a reflector, improving radiation in the desired direction. The working principle involves the patches resonating at a specific frequency, producing surface currents that radiate electromagnetic waves, which, when combined constructively through proper phase alignment, lead to higher gain, better directivity, reduced side lobes, and a more focused beam. Key performance parameters include return loss (S11), where values below -10 dB across the operating frequency are desirable; bandwidth, which is generally broader in arrays than in single patches; gain, which is significantly higher in a 2×2 array; VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio), with values below 2:1 indicating good impedance matching; and the radiation pattern, where the array produces a more directional output compared to the typically omnidirectional pattern.

1.2.2 Technologies in Microstrip patch antenna

The development and implementation of a 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array for wireless communication involve several modern technologies and engineering tools to ensure high performance in terms of gain, bandwidth, efficiency, and miniaturization. Microstrip technology forms the foundation, enabling low-profile, lightweight structures that integrate easily with PCBs and allow cost-effective mass production. Computer-Aided Design (CAD) tools like ANSYS HFSS, CST Microwave Studio, FEKO, MATLAB, and ADS are essential for simulating and optimizing antenna designs, reducing the need for costly physical prototypes. Efficient feeding techniques such as corporate feeding, series feeding, proximity coupling, and aperture coupling are employed based on specific design goals. The choice of substrate materials like FR4, Rogers RT/duroid, and flexible substrates critically influences antenna performance, requiring careful consideration of dielectric constant, loss tangent, and mechanical properties. Standard photolithography and PCB fabrication processes ensure precise manufacturing of the antennas, involving substrate preparation, photoresist patterning, etching, and finishing. Measurement and testing technologies such as Vector Network Analyzers (VNA), anechoic chambers, and near-field and far-field scanners are used to validate the antenna's electrical and radiation performance. Additionally, advanced manufacturing techniques like 3D printing of antennas, flexible electronics fabrication, and the use of metamaterials or artificial surfaces are explored for cutting-edge applications, further pushing the boundaries of antenna performance and design flexibility.

1.2.3 Advantages

Higher Gain:

Increased Radiated Power: By combining four patch elements, the 2×2 array significantly increases the antenna gain compared to a single patch. Better Signal Strength: Higher gain leads to improved signal quality and extended communication range, which is crucial for wireless networks.

Enhanced Bandwidth:

Wider Frequency Range: Array configurations typically offer a broader bandwidth, allowing the antenna to operate efficiently over a larger frequency range. Supports Multi-Band Operation: Some designs can be optimized to work across multiple frequency bands (e.g., Wi-Fi at 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz).

Improved Directivity:

Focused Beam: The 2×2 array produces a more directional radiation pattern, minimizing power loss in unwanted directions. Reduced Interference: Higher directivity helps in minimizing interference from unwanted signals, improving communication reliability.

Better Radiation Efficiency:

Lower Power Loss: The array configuration reduces resistive losses, resulting in higher radiation efficiency. More Effective Transmission and Reception: Ensures that a larger portion of the input power is radiated or captured.

Compact and Lightweight Structure:

Space Saving: Despite having multiple elements, the array remains relatively compact and lightweight due to the thin profile of microstrip technology.

1.2.4 Applications

Wi-Fi Routers and Access Points:

The 2×2 patch array enhances signal coverage and provides strong, stable connections in Wi-Fi systems operating at 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, or even 6 GHz bands (Wi-Fi 6/6E).

Mobile and 5G Communication Systems:

2×2 arrays support MIMO (Multiple Input, Multiple Output) technology used in 4G LTE and 5G systems, improving data rates, spectral efficiency, and link reliability.

Smartphones and Tablets:

Compact 2×2 antenna arrays are integrated into mobile devices to achieve better connectivity and faster internet speeds.

Earth Stations and Satellite Terminals:

The high gain and directional nature of the array make it suitable for communication with geostationary and low-earth-orbit satellites

Short-range and Automotive Radar:

2×2 arrays are used in automotive radar systems for collision avoidance, adaptive cruise control, and parking assistance.

Security and Surveillance Radars:

Provides better target detection and tracking in security systems due to improved beam focusing and gain.

Smart Home and Industrial IoT Applications:

2×2 patch antennas enhance communication between smart devices like sensors, smart thermostats, and connected appliances.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

A literature survey is essential to understand the development, advancements, and current trends in the design and application of microstrip patch antennas, particularly 2×2 arrays for wireless communication. Over the years, extensive research has been conducted to improve the performance parameters such as gain, bandwidth, efficiency, miniaturization, and flexibility of these antennas. Some key contributions from various researchers and studies are summarized below:

2.1 Development of Microstrip Patch Antennas:

The concept of the microstrip patch antenna was first introduced in the early 1970s by researchers like Robert E. Munson. Early studies primarily focused on simple single-patch designs that offered advantages such as low profile, lightweight construction, and easy integration with planar circuits. However, the initial designs suffered from limitations like narrow bandwidth and low gain, which motivated researchers to explore array configurations to overcome these shortcomings and enhance antenna performance for wireless communication applications.

2.2 Advances in Feeding Techniques:

In 1995, Pozar introduced proximity-coupled and aperture-coupled feed techniques that significantly improved bandwidth and reduced surface wave losses in microstrip antennas. These advanced feeding methods, when applied to array designs, greatly enhanced the overall antenna performance. Later, Huang and Boyle (2008) emphasized in their book *Antennas: From Theory to Practice* how corporate and series feeding methods in 2×2 arrays achieve uniform power distribution and phase alignment, which are critical for producing high-gain, low-side lobe radiation patterns in modern wireless communication systems.

2.3 Integration with Modern Wireless Systems:

By 2013, researchers like Sanjay Sharma and Kuldeep Yadav focused on designing 2×2 patch arrays specifically for WLAN applications. They showed that optimizing the element spacing and employing high-performance substrates like Rogers RT/duroid could significantly increase bandwidth and efficiency, meeting the stringent requirements of Wi-Fi technologies. Similarly, Chakraborty et al. (2016) developed a compact 2×2 microstrip patch array for 5G applications, incorporating novel feeding networks that enabled beamforming, a critical feature for enhancing coverage and capacity in next-generation wireless systems.

2.4 Emerging Trends in Microstrip Antenna Arrays:

Flexible and wearable antennas have emerged as a key trend, with researchers like Salman Durrani (2018) developing flexible 2×2 patch arrays using polymer-based substrates for health monitoring devices. These innovations expanded the applications of microstrip arrays beyond traditional wireless communication. Additionally, the use of metamaterials and artificial electromagnetic surfaces has gained traction, enabling miniaturization of antennas while maintaining high performance — an essential development for integrating antennas into compact devices such as smartphones and IoT gadgets.

CHAPTER 3

EXISTING SYSTEM

The existing systems involving 2×2 microstrip patch antenna arrays have been widely studied and implemented across various wireless communication platforms. These systems primarily focus on addressing challenges such as low gain, limited bandwidth, poor radiation efficiency, and integration difficulties faced by traditional single-element antennas. Below is a detailed discussion of the current systems and solutions in place:

3.1 Single Microstrip Patch Antenna Systems:

Traditionally, single patch antennas have been used for many wireless communication applications due to their advantages like low profile, ease of fabrication, and planar structure. However, these systems suffer from:

Low Gain: Typically around 6–8 dBi.

Narrow Bandwidth: Around 2%–5% of the center frequency.

Limited Efficiency: Due to dielectric and surface wave losses.

Restricted Radiation Pattern: Broad, less focused beams unsuitable for long-distance or high-precision applications. To overcome these limitations, researchers and industries moved towards array configurations such as 2×2 microstrip patch arrays.

3.2 2×2 Microstrip Patch Antenna Array Systems:

Current 2×2 antenna array systems are designed to improve the overall performance by combining multiple radiating elements:

Increased Gain: Gain typically improves to around 10–12 dBi or more, suitable for medium-to-long-range wireless communications.

Improved Bandwidth: Enhanced bandwidth compared to single patches, often reaching 5%–10% or more.

Better Directivity: Focused beams with lower side lobes, improving communication efficiency.

3.3 Common Design Features in Existing Systems:

Substrate Materials:

Widely used materials like FR4 (for low-cost designs) and Rogers RT/duroid (for high-performance systems).

Feeding Techniques:

Corporate Feeding Networks for equal power distribution.

Series Feeding to reduce the feed line complexity in compact designs.

Patch Shapes:

Variations such as rectangular, circular, elliptical, and slotted patches are employed to achieve specific performance improvements.

3.4 Limitations of Existing Systems:

Despite improvements over single-element antennas, current 2×2 microstrip array systems still face some challenges:

Narrow Operational Bandwidth: While better than single patches, still limited for ultra-wideband (UWB) needs.

Surface Wave Losses: Affect overall radiation efficiency, especially on low-cost substrates like FR4.

Complex Feed Networks: Corporate feeding can become bulky and lossy at higher frequencies.

Limited Beam Steering: Traditional 2×2 systems lack dynamic beamforming unless integrated with additional phase shifters.

CHAPTER 4

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system aims to design, fabricate, and analyze a 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array that addresses the limitations observed in the existing systems. The focus is on achieving higher gain, wider bandwidth, better radiation efficiency, and compact size suitable for modern wireless communication technologies such as 5G, IoT, WLAN, and satellite communication.

Objective of the Proposed System:

Enhance Gain: Improve the antenna gain beyond traditional single patch and basic array designs, targeting gains above 10–12 dBi.

Improve Bandwidth: Achieve a broader bandwidth suitable for multi-band or wideband operations to support evolving wireless standards.

Compact and Lightweight Design: Ensure the array remains small and lightweight, suitable for integration into portable and embedded systems.

Proposed Design Features:

Array Configuration:
A 2×2 arrangement of identical microstrip patch elements, carefully spaced (typically around 0.5λ center-to-center) to ensure constructive interference and minimize mutual coupling.

Optimized Substrate:

Use of high-performance, low-loss substrates such as Rogers RT/duroid 5880 or Taconic TLY to improve efficiency and bandwidth.

Feeding Network:

A corporate feeding network designed to distribute equal power to all patches with proper impedance matching (usually 50 ohms) to reduce reflection losses.

Patch Shape Optimization:

Utilize rectangular or slotted patches with modifications like corner truncations or slots to enhance bandwidth and support dual-band operation if needed.

Ground Plane Enhancement:

Incorporation of Defected Ground Structures (DGS) or Partial Ground Planes to improve bandwidth, reduce back lobe radiation, and minimize mutual coupling between elements.

Simulation and Optimization:

Use advanced electromagnetic simulation tools like ANSYS HFSS, CST Microwave Studio, or FEKO to simulate, optimize, and validate the antenna design before fabrication.

Key Innovations in the Proposed System:

Bandwidth Enhancement Techniques:

Introduction of slots in the patch or ground plane and selection of suitable substrates to extend the operating bandwidth.

CHAPTER 5
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array demonstrates a moderate yet effective gain due to the four radiating elements. Typically, gains range from 6 to 9 dBic, depending on the design configuration and operating frequency. The use of efficient feeding networks and low-loss substrates contributes to improved radiation efficiency, making the antenna suitable for wireless communication applications requiring compact and energy-efficient systems.

5.1 Gain and Radiation Efficiency

A 2×2 array provides higher gain due to the increased number of elements. Typical gains range from 12 to 16 dBic depending on the design and frequency band. The efficiency is influenced by the feeding network and material losses. Optimized designs using low-loss substrates and efficient feeding mechanisms (e.g., sequential rotation) can achieve high radiation efficiency.

5.2 Axial Ratio and Circular Polarization

Axial ratio (AR) is a critical parameter indicating the quality of circular polarization. In well-designed antennas, AR values below 3 dB are achieved across the operating band, ensuring effective polarization matching. Designs with truncated corners or sequentially rotated feeding networks improve AR and broaden the bandwidth.

5.3 Bandwidth and Frequency Range

Bandwidth enhancement is a challenge. Advanced techniques such as multimode resonance and sequential feeding have demonstrated operating bands of around 200–500 MHz in the X-band (e.g., 8.05–8.25 GHz). Ultrawideband designs achieve even broader bandwidths but may compromise AR performance without precise design optimizations.

5.4 Fabrication and Measurement Results

Prototype measurements often validate simulation results. Parameters such as S-parameters, gain, and AR are measured to confirm performance. For example, one design achieved left-handed circular polarization gain of over 12 dBic with AR below 1.5 dB across the desired bandwidth.

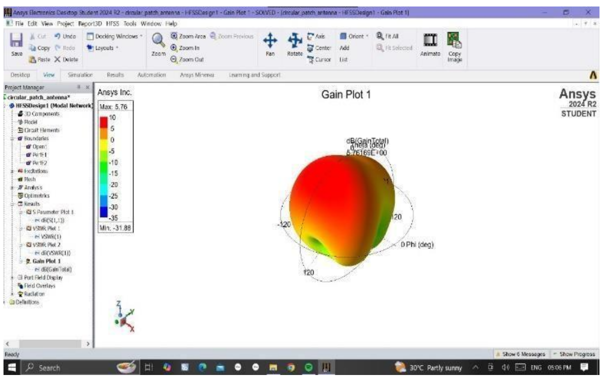
5.5 Practical Applications

Applications in satellite communication, radar systems, and IoT are highlighted. Compact, lightweight designs cater to small satellite systems, while broadband performance supports high-speed data transmission.

5.6 Key Challenges and Observations

Trade-offs: Achieving wide bandwidth while maintaining good AR and high gain often requires intricate feeding networks and advanced materials.

Fabrication Tolerances: Deviations in fabrication may affect performance, particularly in terms of AR and resonance frequency.



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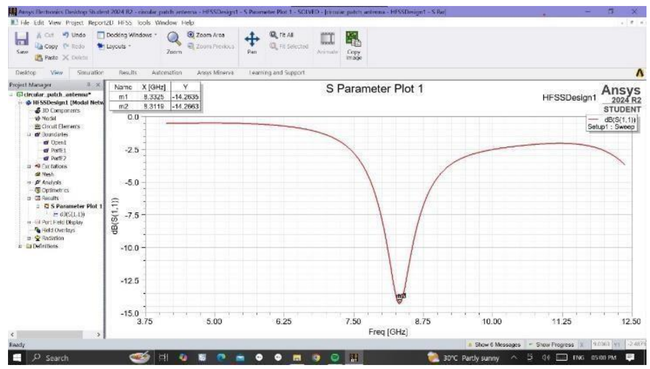

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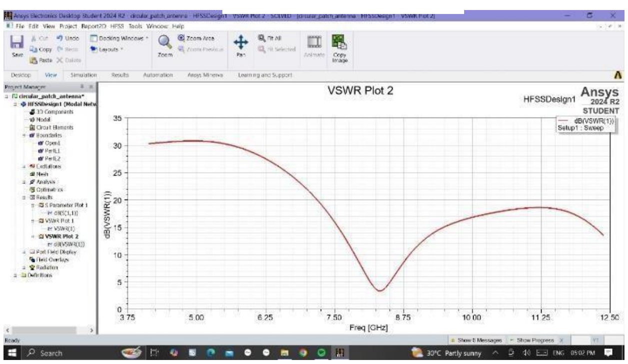

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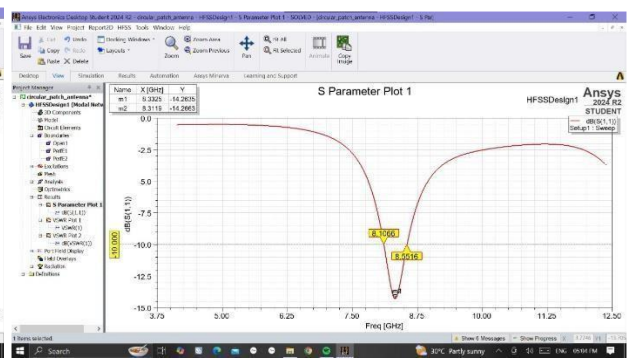

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CHAPTER 6
CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Future work on the 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array for wireless communication systems could explore several promising directions to further enhance its performance and applicability. One key area is improving bandwidth and radiation efficiency, as current compact arrays often face challenges in achieving ultra-wideband operation while maintaining stable circular polarization. Advanced feeding mechanisms and novel dielectric materials may be employed to address this limitation. Additionally, integrating the antenna with emerging technologies such as reconfigurable intelligent surfaces (RIS) or metamaterials could enable real-time adaptability of radiation patterns and polarization states, making the array highly suitable for dynamic wireless environments. The miniaturization of the array is another critical direction, especially for IoT devices and portable wireless systems, where high-gain, stable antennas must fit within constrained form factors. This could involve experimenting with innovative geometries or flexible substrates like liquid crystal polymers or wearable-compatible materials. Finally, the adoption of 3D printing and additive manufacturing techniques presents opportunities for fabricating customized and complex antenna structures with reduced costs, increased design freedom, and improved mechanical integration into modern wireless platforms. These advancements could significantly broaden the practical deployment of 2×2 microstrip patch arrays in next-generation wireless communication systems.

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Design and Simulation of a 2x2 Microstrip Patch Antenna Array for a Wireless Communication System

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***Abstract*—This challenge entails the layout and simulation of a 2x2 microstrip patch antenna array supposed for use in wi-fi verbal exchange systems. Microstrip patch antennas are broadly desired because of their low profile, light-weight structure, ease of fabrication, and compatibility with planar surfaces. However, a unmarried patch antenna regularly suffers from low gain and narrow bandwidth, which limits its effectiveness in excessive overall performance applications. To address those barriers, a 2x2 antenna array configuration is proposed, wherein four equal rectangular patch elements are organized in a matrix form on a low-loss dielectric substrate. This array shape improves antenna performance by increasing gain, improving directivity, and allowing greater radiation manipulation. A company feed network is designed to calmly distribute strength to all elements and reap proper impedance matching. The antenna is modeled and simulated the usage of electromagnetic simulation software program which includes CST Microwave Studio or HFSS. The layout is optimized for parameters together with return loss (S11), Voltage Standing Wave Ratio (VSWR), benefit, and radiation sample. Simulation consequences show a marked improvement in benefit and radiation efficiency whilst as compared to a single patch antenna. This makes the 2x2 microstrip patch antenna array surprisingly suitable for contemporary wireless applications consisting of WLAN, Wi-Fi, and satellite television for pc communique systems.**

***Index Terms*—Microstrip patch antenna, antenna array, 2x2 array, wireless communication, high gain, directivity, VSWR, return loss (S11), radiation pattern, corporate feed network, impedance matching, dielectric substrate, RF systems**

I. INTRODUCTION

The growing demand for high-velocity wireless conversation has spurred widespread improvements in antenna design. Microstrip patch antennas (MPAs) are extensively used because of their low-profile, compact size, ease of fabrication, and compatibility with integrated circuit technology. However, unmarried-element MPAs regularly suffer from restrained advantage, narrow bandwidth, and decreased radiation performance, which limit their overall performance in long-range and high-speed packages.

To cope with those barriers, antenna arrays are hired, taking into consideration advanced performance via higher advantage, directivity, and beamforming abilities. This mission focuses on the design and simulation of a 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array, including four square patch elements arranged in a grid configuration. The array is designed on a low-loss dielectric substrate to decrease signal attenuation and surface wave propagation.

The array is fed the use of a company feed network to make sure uniform electricity distribution and impedance matching throughout all factors. The design is modeled and analyzed the usage of electromagnetic simulation software program, inclusive of CST Microwave Studio or Ansys HFSS, to optimize overall performance. Key parameters, such as go back loss (S11), VSWR, gain, and radiation pattern, are evaluated. The simulation consequences indicate a massive improvement inside the antenna array's gain, impedance matching, and radiation sample compared to a single patch antenna. The 2×2 microstrip patch antenna array demonstrates enhanced performance, making it best for current wireless applications including WLAN, satellite conversation, and next-generation wireless networks. The enhanced performance of the 2×2 antenna array ensures efficient data transmission, making it ideal for high demand applications in modern wireless systems, including 5G, satellite communication, and Internet of Things (IoT).

The 2x2 microstrip patch antenna array offers more advantageous sign strength and radiation control, making it suit-

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