

Design a rectangular microstrip antenna to operate at a frequency of 2 GHz on a Montoya Corporation substrate with a relative permittivity of 2.2 and dielectric thickness of 0.064" = 64 mils, 0.5 oz. copper cladding (17 μm), and $\tan(\delta) = 0.003$. The antenna is to be matched to a 50 Ω microstrip transmission line on this substrate using an inset feed. Discuss and justify design choices. Accurately sketch a top view of the final design (all dimensions in mm). **EE 583 only**- Include a fully-labeled Smith chart showing the normalized admittances $y_1 = y_2$ and y_{2t} (i.e., y_2 translated across length $L + \Delta L$ of microstrip antenna) and discuss results.

Design Procedure (All calculations done using to full precision of/on MathCad)

- 1) Specify ϵ_r and h of substrate, the desired resonant frequency f_r , and the impedance $Z_{c,feed}$ of the feeding transmission line.

$$\epsilon_r = 2.2, \quad h = 0.064 \text{ in}(25.4 \text{ mm/in}) = 1.6256 \text{ mm}, \quad f_r = 2 \text{ GHz}, \quad \& \quad Z_{c,feed} = 50 \Omega$$

- 2) Calculate width of patch using (14-6)

$$W = \frac{c}{2f_r} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\epsilon_r + 1}} = \frac{2.9979 \times 10^8}{2(2 \times 10^9)} \sqrt{\frac{2}{2.2 + 1}} \Rightarrow \underline{W = 59.2517 \text{ mm}}$$

- 3) Calculate effective relative permittivity using (14-1)

$$\epsilon_{r,eff} = \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{2} \left[1 + 12 \frac{h}{W} \right]^{-0.5} = \frac{2.2 + 1}{2} + \frac{2.2 - 1}{2} \left[1 + 12 \frac{1.6256}{59.2517} \right]^{-0.5} \Rightarrow \underline{\epsilon_{r,eff} = 2.12042}$$

- 4) Calculate fringing length using (14-2)

$$\Delta L = 0.412 h \frac{(\epsilon_{r,eff} + 0.3) \left(\frac{W}{h} + 0.264 \right)}{(\epsilon_{r,eff} - 0.258) \left(\frac{W}{h} + 0.8 \right)} = 0.412(1.6256) \frac{(2.1204 + 0.3) \left(\frac{59.252}{1.6256} + 0.264 \right)}{(2.1204 - 0.258) \left(\frac{59.252}{1.6256} + 0.8 \right)} \Rightarrow \underline{\Delta L = 0.8579 \text{ mm}}$$

- 5) Calculate the effective length (14-5) and guided wavelength λ .

$$L_{eff} = \frac{c}{2f_r \sqrt{\epsilon_{r,eff}}} = \frac{2.9979 \times 10^8}{2(2 \times 10^9) \sqrt{2.1204}} \Rightarrow \underline{L_{eff} = 51.4695 \text{ mm}}$$

and

$$\lambda = 2L_{eff} = 2(51.4695) \Rightarrow \underline{\lambda = 102.9390 \text{ mm}}$$

6) Calculate the patch length L (14-7) and L/λ . Then, calculate and check that $W/L < 2$.

$$L = L_{\text{eff}} - 2\Delta L = 51.4695 - 2(0.8579) \Rightarrow \underline{L = 49.7537 \text{ mm}}$$

$$L/\lambda = 51.4695/102.939 \Rightarrow \underline{L/\lambda = 0.48333}$$

$$W/L = 59.2517/49.7537 \Rightarrow \underline{W/L = 1.191} \text{ (should be OK as it's } < 2)$$

7) Calculate $G_1 \approx G_2$ and $B_1 \approx B_2$.

$$G_{1,\text{est}} = \frac{W}{120\lambda_0} \left[1 - \frac{1}{24} (k_0 h)^2 \right] \quad \text{for } \frac{h}{\lambda_0} < \frac{1}{10} \quad (14-8a)$$

$$B_{1,\text{est}} = \frac{W}{120\lambda_0} \left[1 - 0.636 \ln(k_0 h) \right] \quad \text{for } \frac{h}{\lambda_0} < \frac{1}{10} \quad (14-8b)$$

where

$$\lambda_0 = c/f_r = 2.9979 \times 10^8 / 2 \times 10^9 \Rightarrow \lambda_0 = 149.8962 \text{ mm,}$$

$$h/\lambda_0 = 1.6256/149.8962 \Rightarrow h/\lambda_0 = 0.0065,$$

$$\text{and } k_0 = 2\pi/\lambda_0 = 2\pi/0.14989 \Rightarrow k_0 = 41.9169 \text{ rad/m,}$$

$$G_{1,\text{est}} = \frac{59.2517}{120(149.896)} \left[1 - \frac{1}{24} (41.9169 * 1.6256 * 10^{-3})^2 \right] \Rightarrow \underline{G_{1,\text{est}} = 3.2934 \text{ mS}}$$

$$B_{1,\text{est}} = \frac{59.2517}{120(149.896)} \left[1 - 0.636 \ln(41.9169 * 1.6256 * 10^{-3}) \right] \Rightarrow \underline{B_{1,\text{est}} = 8.9216 \text{ mS}}$$

numerically integrate (notes & 14-12a)-

$$G_1 = \frac{1}{\pi \eta_0} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{k_0 W}{2} \cos\theta\right)}{\cos\theta} \right]^2 \sin^3 \theta d\theta \Rightarrow \underline{G_1 = 1.5735 \text{ mS}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi(376.73)} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin\left(\frac{41.917(0.05925)}{2} \cos\theta\right)}{\cos\theta} \right]^2 \sin^3 \theta d\theta$$

$$\text{(notes) } B_1 = \left(\frac{G_1}{G_{1,\text{est}}} \right) B_{1,\text{est}} = \left(\frac{1.5735}{3.2934} \right) 8.9216 \Rightarrow \underline{B_1 = 4.2626 \text{ mS.}}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } Y_1 = Y_2 = G_1 + j B_1 \Rightarrow \underline{Y_1 = Y_2 = 1.5735 + j 4.2626 \text{ mS}}$$

- 8) Calculate the TL characteristic impedance $Z_{c,ant}$ (14-19a) and admittance $Y_{c,ant}$ for the rectangular microstrip antenna.

$$Z_{c,ant} = \begin{cases} \frac{60}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{r,eff}}} \ln \left[\frac{8h}{W} + \frac{W}{4h} \right] & \frac{W}{h} \leq 1 \\ \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_{r,eff}} \left[\frac{W}{h} + 1.393 + 0.667 \ln \left(\frac{W}{h} + 1.444 \right) \right]} & \frac{W}{h} > 1 \end{cases}$$

here $W/h = 59.2517/1.6256 = 36.4491$ and

$$Z_{c,ant} = \frac{376.73}{\sqrt{2.1402} \left[36.449 + 1.393 + 0.667 \ln(36.449 + 1.444) \right]} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{Z_{c,ant} = 6.4251 \Omega}}$$

and

$$Y_{c,ant} = \frac{1}{Z_{c,ant}} = \frac{1}{6.4251} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{Y_{c,ant} = 0.1556 \text{ S}}}$$

- 9) (EE 583) Use Smith chart or direct calculation to verify $\tilde{Y}_2 = \tilde{G}_2 + j\tilde{B}_2 \approx G_1 - jB_1 = Y_1^*$.

On Smith chart (next page), plot $y_2 = Y_2/Y_{c,ant} = (1.5735 + j 4.2626)10^{-3}(6.4251)$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y_2 = 0.0101 + j0.0274 \text{ S/S.}}}$$

Move $(L+\Delta L)/\lambda = (49.7537+0.8579)/102.939 = 0.4917$ WAVELENGTHS TOWARD GENERATOR on arc of constant $|\Gamma|$.

On Smith chart, read off $\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{y_{2t} = 0.0101 - j0.0245 \text{ S/S.}}}$

We approximately (~10.6% error for susceptance) meet the condition that-

$$\underline{\underline{y_{2t} = 0.0101 - j0.0245 \text{ S/S} \approx y_1^* = 0.0101 - j0.0274 \text{ S/S}}}$$

- 10) Numerically calculate the mutual conductance G_{12} (14-18a) between the slots

$$G_{12} = \frac{1}{\pi \eta_0} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin \left(\frac{k_0 W}{2} \cos \theta \right)}{\cos \theta} \right]^2 J_0(k_0 L \sin \theta) \sin^3 \theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi (376.73)} \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \left[\frac{\sin \left(\frac{41.92(0.05925)}{2} \cos \theta \right)}{\cos \theta} \right]^2 J_0(41.92(0.04975) \sin \theta) \sin^3 \theta d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{G_{12} = 0.46513 \text{ mS}}}$$

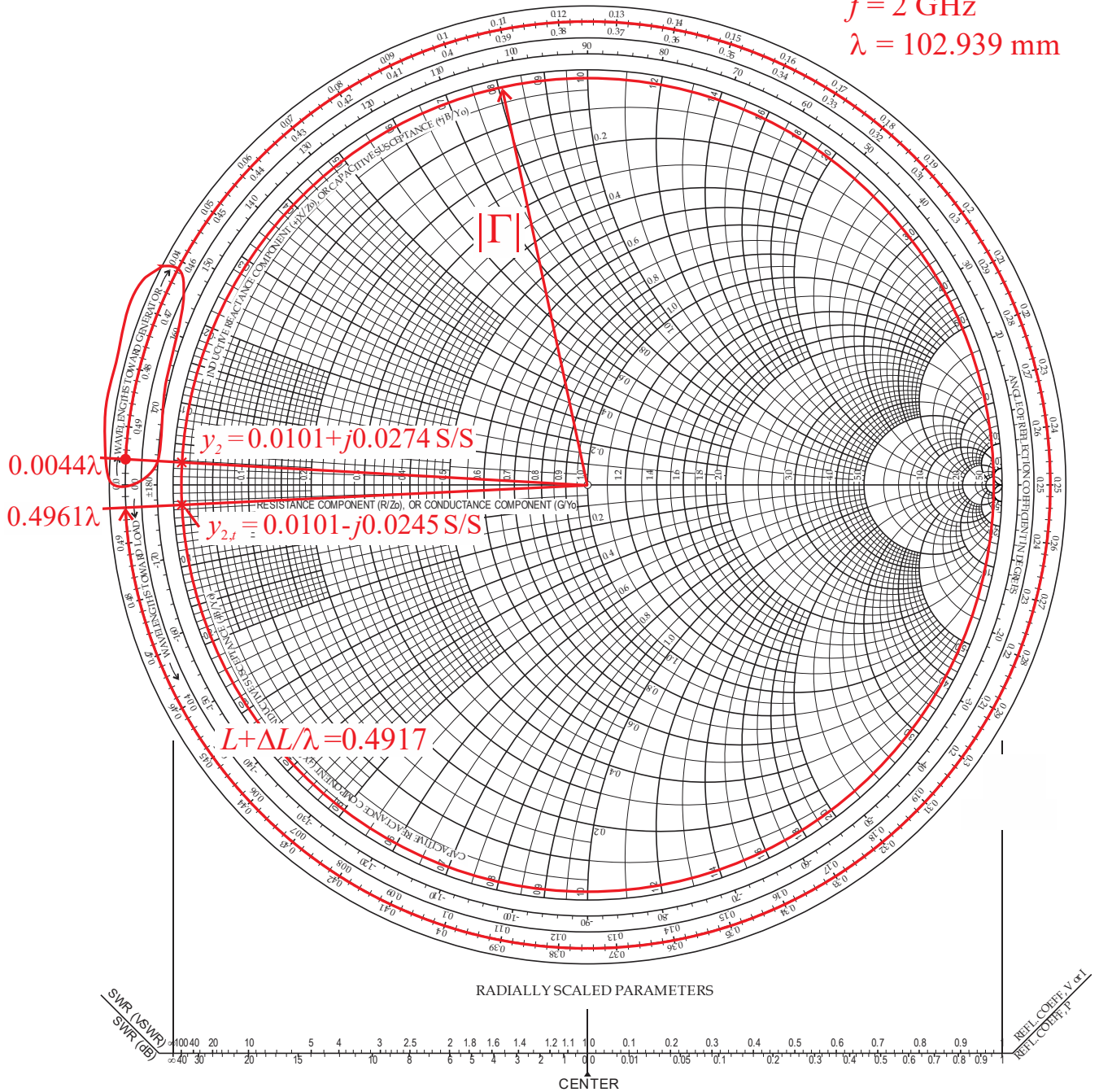
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Simple Smith Chart

$Z_{c,ant} = 6.4251 \Omega$

$f = 2 \text{ GHz}$

$\lambda = 102.939 \text{ mm}$



11) Calculate R_{in} , use plus (+) sign in (14-17) equation.

$$Z_{in} = R_{in} = \frac{1}{2(G_1 + G_{12})} = \frac{1}{2(1.5735 + 0.46513)10^{-3}} \Rightarrow \underline{Z_{in} = R_{in} = 245.2603 \Omega}$$

12) Since an inset microstrip feed is required (i.e., $R_{in} \neq Z_{c,feed}$), calculate length y_0 of the inset needed to match the rectangular patch to the feeding transmission line. When $G_1/Y_{c,feed} \ll 1$ and $B_1/Y_{c,feed} \ll 1$, a good starting point is

$$y_0 \approx \frac{L}{\pi} \cos^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{Z_{c,feed}}{R_{in}}} \right) \quad (14-20a).$$

Here, $G_1/Y_{c,feed} = 0.0015735/0.02 = 0.0787 \ll 1$ (OK),

but $B_1/Y_{c,feed} = 0.0042626/0.02 = 0.213 \ll 1$ (so-so).

$$\text{So, we will estimate } y_{0,est} \approx \frac{0.04975}{\pi} \cos^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{50}{245.26}} \right) \Rightarrow \underline{y_{0,est} = 17.458 \text{ mm}}$$

Check this estimate using (14-20a)-

$$\begin{aligned} R_{in}(y_0) &\approx \frac{1}{2(G_1 + G_{12})} \left[\cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi y_0}{L} \right) + \frac{G_1^2 + B_1^2}{Y_{c,feed}^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi y_0}{L} \right) - \frac{B_1}{Y_{c,feed}} \sin \left(\frac{2\pi y_0}{L} \right) \right] \\ &\approx 245.26 \left[\cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi y_0}{0.0498} \right) + \frac{0.00157^2 + 0.00423^2}{0.02^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi y_0}{0.0498} \right) - \frac{0.00423}{0.02} \sin \left(\frac{2\pi y_0}{0.0498} \right) \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \underline{R_{in}(y_{0,est} = 17.458 \text{ mm}) = 17.961 \Omega} \end{aligned}$$

Since $R_{in}(y_{0,est})$ is too low, iteratively adjust inset length y_0 using above equation-

$$\Rightarrow R_{in}(y_0 = \underline{14.3816 \text{ mm}}) = 50 \Omega = Z_{c,feed}.$$

13) Determine the width W_0 of the feeding microstrip transmission line.

Method 2: Iteratively guess the width W_0 of the feeding transmission line using-

$$\varepsilon_{r,eff} = \frac{\varepsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon_r - 1}{2} \left[1 + 12 \frac{h}{W_0} \right]^{-0.5} \quad (14-1)$$

and (14-19b)

$$Z_{c,feed} = \frac{\eta_0}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_{r,eff}} \left[\frac{W_0}{h} + 1.393 + 0.667 \ln \left(\frac{W_0}{h} + 1.444 \right) \right]} \frac{W_0}{h} > 1.$$

to get $Z_{c,feed} = 50 \Omega$ and $\varepsilon_{r,eff} = 1.872$, when $W_0 = 3.10368 h \Rightarrow \underline{W_0 = 5.0453 \text{ mm}}$.

14) Select the notch width n in the range $0.2W_0 < n < 0.5W_0$ (notes).

Arbitrarily select $n \approx 0.2W_0 \Rightarrow \underline{n = 1 \text{ mm}}$.

15) Draw the resulting design.

