

Design of Miniature Planar Antennas for 5G Systems

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Abstract: The objective of this work is the design and simulation of an antenna based on metamaterials in order to miniaturize the dimensions of planar antennas. Metamaterials have been on the rise in recent years. The new properties make it possible to envisage the realization of new electronic components with new functions. Metamaterials are artificial materials designed for different telecommunications applications in order to improve the performance of antennas in terms of efficiency, compactness and miniaturization of structures. The use of these materials offers advantages such as reduction in weight and bulk, which is beneficial for their integration into 5G telecommunications and telephony systems. The fifth generation 5G mobile network is a set of emerging global telecommunications standards, typically using high frequency spectrum, to provide network connectivity with reduced latency and higher speed and capacity than the forerunners. It is argued that the recurring communication infrastructure is very inefficient in energy and that 5G should be designed to solve this problem, increasing energy efficiency by several orders of magnitude. To meet the demands of 5G, we need radically new network architectures and technologies, such as heterogeneous ultra-dense network, massive multi-output MIMO, and millimeter wave communications. Our goal is to achieve a planar antenna based on metamaterials which must operate at the resonance frequency of 5G which is $f=3.5\text{GHz}$ by the CST Studio Suit electromagnetic design and simulation software and Matlab calculation.

Keywords: Planar Antenna, Patch Antenna, Metamaterials, SRR, CSRR, Millimeter Band, 5G Systems, Ansoft HFSS, CST-MWS, Matlab

1. Introduction

In order to miniaturize planar antennas; we used miniaturization techniques based on metamaterial technologies. These have been gaining momentum in recent years [1, 2]. The use of these materials offers advantages such as reduction in weight and bulk, which is beneficial for their integration into electronic systems such as telecommunications systems for 5G [3]. Our work consists of giving an overview on planar antennas and the mechanism of their operations based on metamaterials, we will propose a design approach for a patch antenna deposited on a monolayer substrate by placing a CSRR cell based on it above. metamaterials working in millimeter wave. Subsequently, we will do a synthesis study to extract the various parameters influencing its electromagnetic behavior. The studied and designed antenna is intended to be used for 5G [4] telecommunications and telephone applications in the [3.3-3.8] GHz frequency band.

This article presents a concrete case of the design of a rectangular printed antenna, in order to study, design, simulate, characterize and analyze the various parameters of this antenna. This project consists of developing antennas capable of radiating at the frequency of 3.5 GHz, which could be used in a very large number of applications of telecommunications systems currently for 5G [5, 6].

The objective of our work is to miniaturize the dimensions of the initial planar antenna in order to understand the influences of the square CSRR complementary split-ring resonator cells on the planar antennas. First, we modeled and designed the rectangular patch antenna from the dimensions obtained by Maxwell's electromagnetic equations under the Matlab environment. Next, we applied the CSRR cells on the patch antenna to make a parametric study of the different geometric shapes and locations of the CSRR cells on the patch and the ground plane. The various results of simulations of the "S11" reflection and "S21" transmission coefficients are obtained by the electromagnetic software CST are satisfactory and promising.

2. Characteristics of Planar Antennas

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2.1. Theoretical Calculations of the Dimensions of the Rectangular Patch Antenna

The values characterizing the different elements of the antenna are given as follows:

1. Dielectric permittivity of the substrate (FR-4 "Fire Retardant"): $\epsilon_r=4.3$
2. Height of dielectric substrate: $h_s=1.56\text{mm}$
3. Desired resonance frequency (5G): $f_r=3.5\text{GHz}$
4. Adaptation to 50 Ohm
5. Power supply by microstrip line
6. Metallization thickness: $h=0.035\text{mm}$

To perform the various calculations of the dimensions of the rectangular patch antenna, we used the permittivity of the substrate $\epsilon_r=4.3$ with a thickness of $h=1.56\text{mm}$.

- 1) Calculate the patch width W_p :

$$W_p = \frac{c}{2 * f_r * \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2}}} \quad (1)$$

- 2) Calculation of effective dielectric constant ϵ_{eff} :

$$\epsilon_{eff} = \frac{\epsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{2} * \left[1 + 12 * \frac{h}{W} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2)$$

- 3) Calculate the effective length:

$$L_{eff} = \frac{c}{2 * f_r * \sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}} \quad (3)$$

- 4) Extension length (ΔL):

$$\Delta L = 0.412 * h * \frac{(\epsilon_{eff} + 0.3) \left(\frac{W}{h} + 0.264 \right)}{(\epsilon_{eff} - 0.258) \left(\frac{W}{h} + 0.8 \right)} \quad (4)$$

- 5) Calculate the patch length (L_p):

$$L_p = L_{eff} - 2 * \Delta L \quad (5)$$

- 6) Feed length calculation (LL):

$$LL = \frac{c}{2 * f_r} \quad (6)$$

- 7) Calculation of substrate length (L_g):

$$L_g = L_p + 6 * h + LL \quad (7)$$

- 8) Calculate the width of the substrate (W_g):

$$W_g = W_p + 6 * h \quad (8)$$

- 9) Dimension of the transmission line $W_0 = 3.058\text{mm}$.

Table 1 shows the different parameters of the patch antenna.

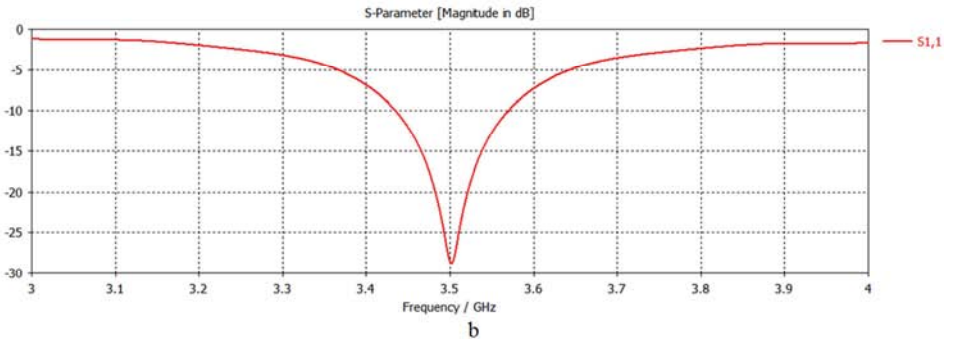
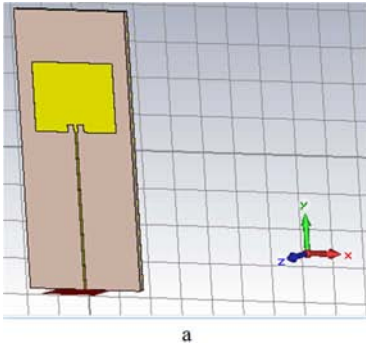
Table 1. Dimensions of the patch antenna parameters.

W (mm)	ϵ_e	L_e (mm)	ΔL (mm)	L (mm)	L_L (mm)	L_g (mm)	W_g (mm)
26.32	3.9214	12.75	0.6915	20.40	42	71.76	35.058

2.2. Design and Simulation Results of the Rectangular Patch Antenna with Notches

Figure 1a shows a rectangular patch antenna with notches, the latter are used for better adaptation of the antenna to the resonant frequency 3.5GHz. Figure 1b gives the simulation

result of the reflection coefficient $S_{11}=-29\text{dB}$ as a function of the frequency $f=3.51\text{GHz}$. Figure 1c shows the radiation pattern of the antenna. Figure 1d represents the directivity of the antenna, the angles $\phi=90^\circ$ and $\theta=270^\circ$ with a gain of 6.2dB, which shows that the antenna is directional.



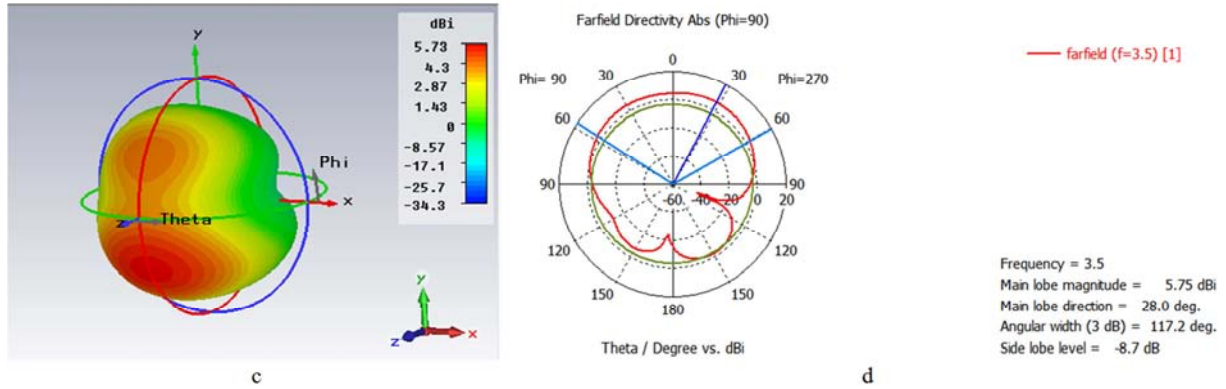


Figure 1. a. Representation of a rectangular patch antenna with notches. b. Reflection coefficient S_{11} as a function of frequency. c. Patch antenna gain radiation pattern with notches. d. Patch antenna directivity diagram with notches.

3. Design and Simulation of Metamaterial Cells

3.1. Design and Simulation of the SRR Cell

Figure 2 shows the SRR cell and its reflection coefficient S_{11} as a function of the resonant frequency of the patch antenna. The different dimensions of the SRR are given in Table 1 [9].

Table 2. Dimensions of the SRR.

Substrate length L_s	Substrate height H_s	Spacing between rings S	S Ring thickness W
5.55mm	1.56 mm	0.15 mm	0.2 mm

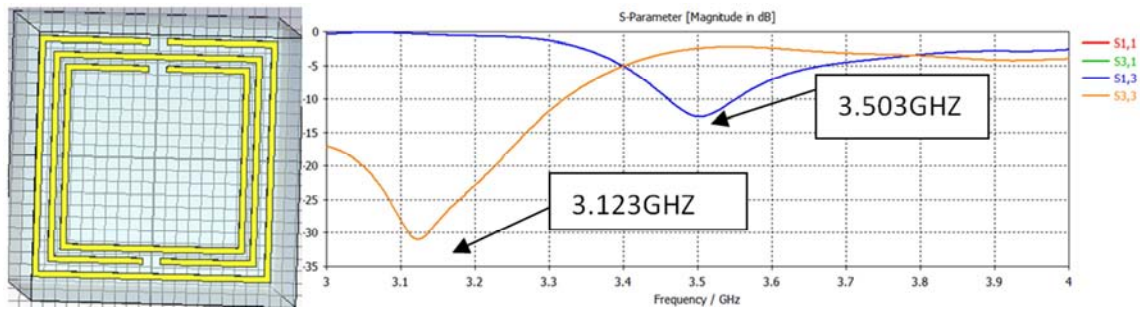


Figure 2. Representation of a 3-ring SRR unit with opposite openings and its S-parameters.

Figure 2 shows the evolution of the S_{11} reflection and S_{21} transmission coefficients as a function of the resonant frequency of the SRR [10]. We notice that the designed SRR has a transmission lower than -14dB for a frequency of 3.50GHz and a reflection coefficient of -30.96dB for a frequency of 3.123GHz.

3.2. Design and Simulation of the CSRR Cell with 3 Rings with Opposite Openings

Figure 3 shows the 3-ring CSRR cell with opposite openings. The 3 concentric interrupted metallic rings (copper) engraved on a dielectric support (Substrate) [11].

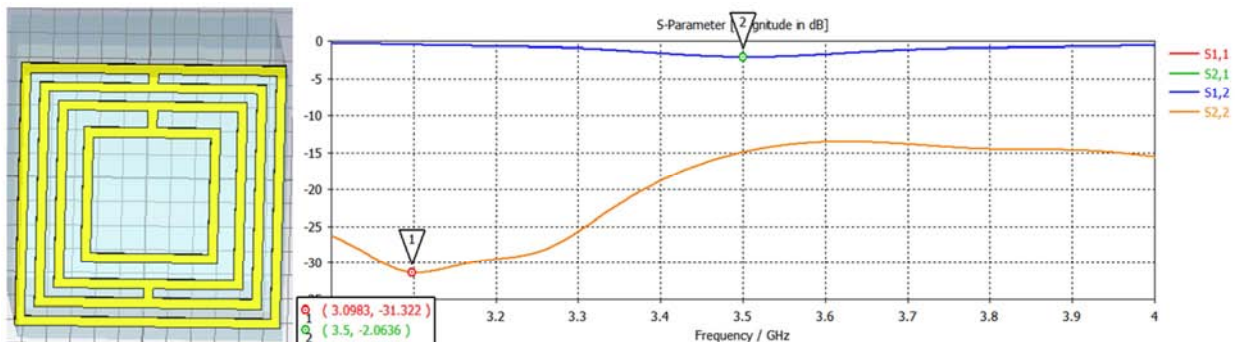


Figure 3. Representation of a 3-ring CSRR unit with opposite openings and its S-parameters.

We notice that the CSRR presents a reflection coefficient S_{11} of -31dB for a frequency of 3.104 GHz and a transmission S_{21} of -2.06 dB for a frequency of 3.5GHz, according to figure 3.

Table 3. Values of the reflection coefficients for different patch antennas with different positions and numbers of CSRR cells on patch and ground plane.

CSRR position on patch and PDM	Fréquence (GHz)	S-Paramètres (dB)
2 CSRR verticales on patch	3.269	-28.467
2 CSRR horizontales on patch	3.417	-27.23
2 CSRR verticales on PDM	3.212	-37.13
1 CSRR on patch	3.288	-29.66
1CSRR on PDM	3.45	-25.69

3.3. Interpretation of Simulation Results Before Adaptation

The parameters of the different antenna configurations depending on the number and the position of the CSRR cells used in table 3. This table represents the different positions and numbers of CSRR cells engraved on the patch and ground plane or both at the same time with the resonant frequency and

the reflection coefficient (S_{11}).

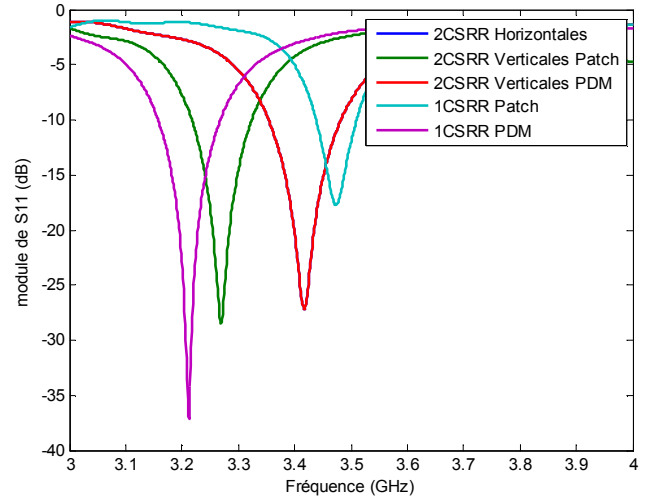


Figure 4. Coefficient S_{11} as a function of frequencies for different antennas loaded with 3-ring CSRRs with opposite openings before adaptation.

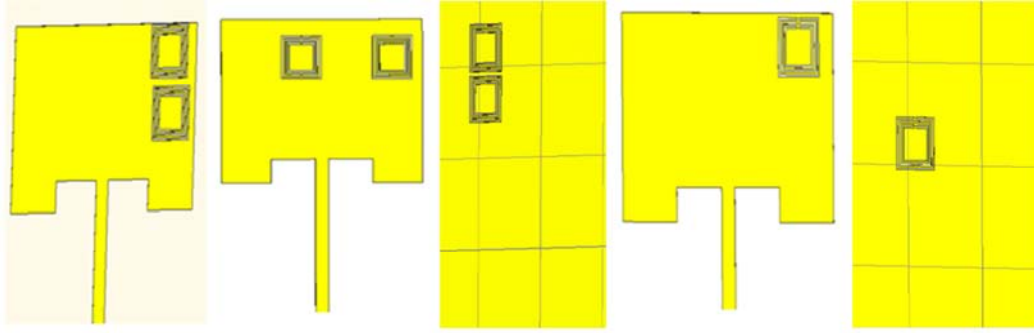


Figure 5. Representation of patch antennas loaded with CSRR with 3 rings with opposite openings.

Table 4. Values of the reflection coefficients for different patch antennas with different positions of CSRR cells on patch and ground plane.

CSRR position on patch and PDM	Fréquence (GHz)	S-Paramètres (dB)
2 CSRR verticales on patch	3.509	-28.20
2 CSRR horizontales on patch	3.506	-29.79
1 CSRR on PDM	3.45	-25.69
1 CSRR on patch	3.501	-30.088

3.4. Interpretation of Antenna Simulation Results After Adaptation

The parameters of the different antenna configurations depending on the number and position of CSRR cells used are presented in Table 4 which shows the position of the CSRR cells on the patch or the ground plane (PDM) with the resonant frequency and the reflection coefficient (S_{11}).

The results of the S parameters of the previous antennas show band-cut behavior at the 3.5 GHz frequency, corresponding to the resonant frequency of the CSRR cell after optimization and modification of the antenna parameters.

The best optimizations for the different positions of the CSRR cells with their miniaturization rates, their efficiencies and their bandwidth widths are given in Table 5 at the frequency 3.5GHz.

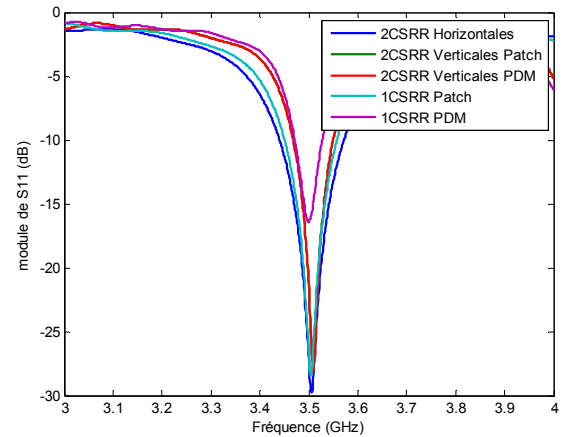


Figure 6. Coefficient S_{11} as a function of frequencies for different antennas loaded with 3 ring CSRRs with opposite openings after adaptation.

Table 5. Values of miniaturization rates, yields and bandwidths for the different antennas with CSRR engraved on patch and / or PDM.

CSRR position on patch and PDM	Miniaturization rate (%)	efficiency (%)	Bandwidth (%)
2 CSRR verticals on patch	18.5	2.28	8
2 CSRR horizontals on patch	18.58	3.7	13
1 CSRR on PDM	Pas d'adaptation	1.99	7.2
1 CSRR on patch	13.79	2.57	9
2 CSRR verticals on PDM and patch	Pas d'adaptation	2.3	7.15

Table 6 shows the parameters of the patch antenna after adaptation.

Table 6. Parameters of the patch antenna after adaptation.

CSRR position on patch	Wp (mm)	Lp (mm)	Wg (mm)	Lg (mm)
2 CSRR verticals on patch	25.6	18.04	35.65	76
2 CSRR horizontals on patch	25.7	19.945	35.65	76
1 CSRR on PDM	28	20.26	35.65	72.74
1 CSRR on patch	26.68	18.333	35.8	79.88
2 CSRR vertical on PDM and patch	28	20.26	35.65	72.74

3.5. Interpretation of Antenna Simulation Results After Adaptation

The gain values before and after adaptation for the different antenna configurations depending on the number and position of the CSRR cells are presented in Table 7.

Table 7. Values of the gain of the patch antenna before and after adaptation.

CSRR position on patch and PDM	Gain before adaptation	Gain after adaptation
2 CSRR verticals on patch	6.1	5.9
2 CSRR horizontals on patch	6.21	5.97
2 CSRR verticales on PDM	5.61	5.61
1 CSRR on patch	5.33	5.33
1 CSRR on PDM	6.14	6.14

After simulating the different patch antennas with different positions and numbers of CSRR cells on patch or ground plane or on both sides of the antennas at the same time, we notice that the gain values obtained before adaptation of the antennas are higher than those after adaptation.

3.6. Comments Before and After Adaptation of the Patch Antenna

Table 8. Comments on the figures.

CSRR position on patch and PDM	Before adaptation	After adaptation
2 CSRR verticals on patch	Very good reduction in frequency to 3.269GHz with a reflection coefficient of -28.46dB Resonance frequency and desired reflection coefficient -31dB better optimization.	Resonance frequency and desired reflection coefficient -31dB better optimization.
2 CSRR horizontales sur patch	Reduction of the frequency to 3.41GHz with a coefficient of -27.23dB Good optimization of the resonant frequency and desired reflection coefficient	Good optimization of the resonant frequency and desired reflection coefficient
2CSRR sur patch et PDM	Despite the frequency decrease to 3.47GHz the reflection coefficient is very far -17dB. Desired frequency of 3.5GHZ with a good reflection coefficient of -30dB.	Desired frequency of 3.5GHZ with a good reflection coefficient of -30dB.
1CSRR sur PDM	A resonant frequency reduced to 3.45Ghz with a low reflection coefficient at -25.69dB Close to the resonant frequency but the very low reflection coefficient -23dB.	Close to the resonant frequency but the reflection coefficient very low -23dB.

4. Design and Simulation of 3-ring SRR and CSRR Cells with Openings in the Same Direction

Figure 7 shows the SRR cell. with 3 rings with openings in the same direction and the results of simulations of the S-parameters.

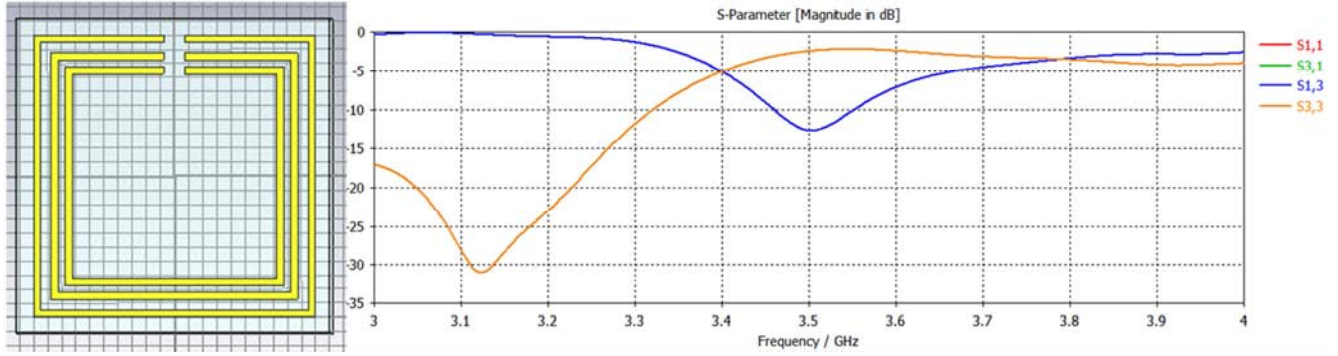


Figure 7. Representation of the 3-ring SRR with openings in the same direction.

Figure 7 illustrates the evolution of coefficients S_{11} and S_{21} as a function of the frequency of the SRR. We notice that the transmission coefficient is -15dB at the frequency 3.5GHz and a reflection coefficient of -30.91dB at the frequency 3.113GHz.

4.1. Design and Simulation of the 3-ring CSRR Cell with Openings in the Same Direction

Figure 8 shows the 3-ring CSRR with openings in the same direction. The 3 concentric interrupted metal rings are etched on a dielectric support (substrate).

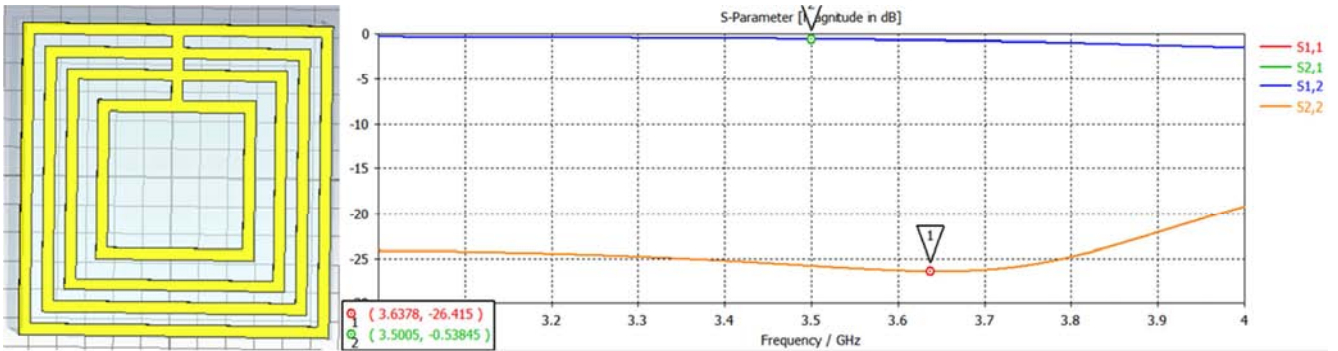


Figure 8. Representation of the 3-ring CSRR with openings in the same direction and the different -S parameters.

Table 9. Value of the reflection coefficient for the patch antenna with position of the 3 ring CSRR cell with openings in the same direction before adaptation.

CSRR position on patch	Fréquency (GHz)	S-Paramètres (dB)
1 CSRR with 3 rings with openings in the same direction	3.288	-29.66

We notice that the CSRR has a transmission coefficient S_{21} of -2.07dB at 3.5GHz.

4.2. Interpretation of Simulation Results Before Adaptation

The parameters of the different antenna configurations depending on the number and position of CSRR cells used are shown in the table which shows the position of the CSRR cells on the patch with the resonant frequency and the reflection coefficient (S_{11}).

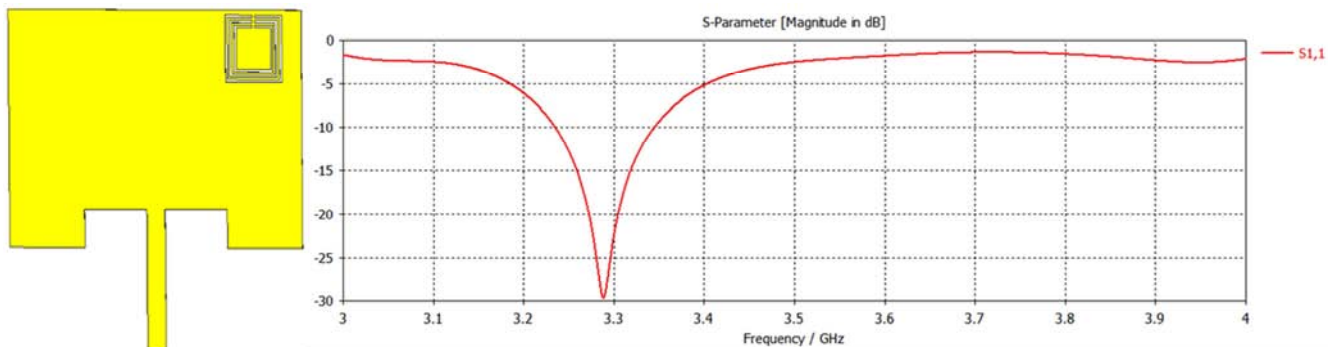


Figure 9. Patch antenna with 1 CSRR and its coefficient S_{11} as a function of frequency.

4.3. Interpretation of Antenna Simulation Results After Adaptation

The parameters of the different antenna configurations depending on the number and position of CSRR cells depending on the frequency and the reflection coefficient (S11) are shown in Table 10.

Table 10. Value of the reflection coefficient for a patch antenna with 3-ring CSRR cell position with openings in the same direction after adaptation.

CSRR position on patch	Fréquency (GHz)	S-Paramètres (dB)
1 CSRR with 3 rings with openings in the same direction.	3.501	-30.088

The results of the S parameters in the previous figures show band-cut behavior around 3.5 GHz, corresponding to the resonant frequency of the CSRR cell after optimization and modification of the antenna parameters.

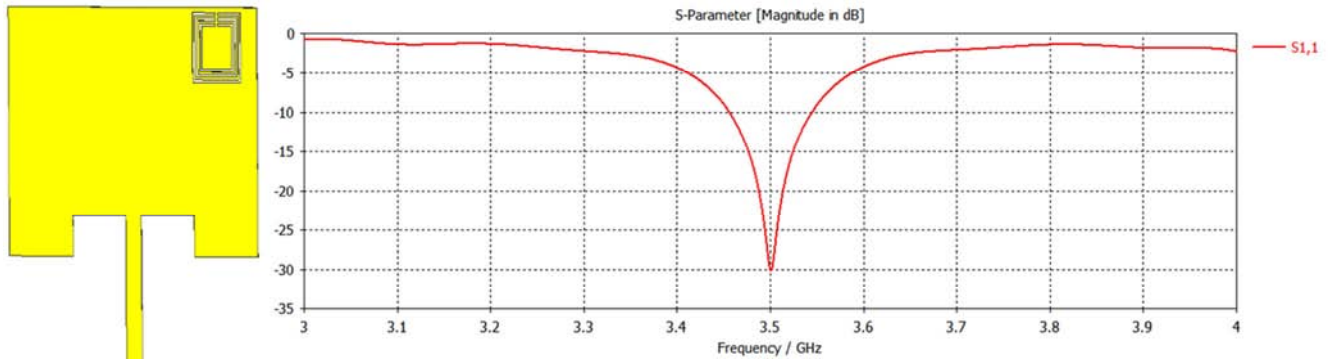


Figure 10. Patch antenna with 1 CSRR and its coefficient S11 as a function of frequency.

The best optimizations obtained from the different positions and numbers of CSRR cells with their miniaturization rates, efficiencies and bandwidth widths are given in Table 11.

Table 11. Value of the miniaturization rate, the efficiency and the bandwidth for a patch antenna with 3-ring CSRR with openings in the same direction.

CSRR position on patch	Miniaturization rate (%)	efficiency (%)	Bandwidth (%)
1 CSRR with 3 rings with openings in the same direction	13.79	2.57	9

Table 12 shows the new parameters of the patch antenna after adaptation.

Table 12. Parameter of the patch antenna after adaptation.

CSRR position on patch	Wp (mm)	Lp (mm)	Wg (mm)	Lg (mm)
1 CSRR with 3 rings with openings in the same direction	26.68	18.333	35.8	79.88

4.4. Interpretation of the Gain Results Before and After Adaptation

The gain values for this antenna configuration as a function of the positions of the CSRRs are shown in Table 13 which represents the position of the 3-ring CSRR cells with openings in the same direction on the patch and the gain values before and after adaptation.

Table 13. Values of the gain of the patch antenna before and after adaptation.

CSRR position on patch	Gain before adaptation	Gain after adaptation
1 CSRR with 3 rings with openings in the same direction	6.09	5.7

After simulation of patch antennas with different positions and number of CSRR cells on patch, we notice that the gain values before adaptation of the antennas are higher than those obtained after adaptation.

4.5. Comments Before and After Adaptation

Table 14. Comments on the figures.

CSRR position on patch	Before adaptation	After adaptation
1 CSRR with 3 rings with openings in the same direction	Very good frequency reduction at 3.288GHZ with a coefficient of -29.66dB.	Desired resonance frequency of 3.501GHZ with a good coefficient S11=-30.88dB.

5. Conclusion

It was possible to model a patch antenna using the electromagnetic software Microwave Studio (CST). This modeling made it possible to study the influence of various parameters of the rectangular patch antenna radiation patterns for 5G applications.

The design of the different patch antennas loaded with 3-ring CSRR metamaterial resonators with opposite openings and openings in the same direction are set to have a good response at the resonant frequency of 3.5 GHz. The resonance response of these structures varies according to the number and the position of the CSRR resonators, whether on the patch or on the ground plane.

Subsequently, we confirmed that the choice of the position and the number of cells relative to the antenna, is an important condition in order to optimize the level of coupling and to ensure the desired metamaterial effect. The simulation results obtained confirm the obtaining of a better result of reflection coefficients, miniaturization rate, efficiency and gain at the frequency 3.5 GHz for the antennas loaded with 3-ring CSRRs with opposite apertures. The bandwidth varies from 83 MHz to 94 MHz with a reflection coefficient that varies between -25.7 dB and -37.8 dB, depending on the position and number of CSRRs on the antenna.

The goal of this work is to miniaturize patch antennas using CSRR cells embedded on the patch or on the ground plane. Antenna miniaturization technology minimizes the cost and also the gain in materials and surfaces to be used.

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