Cloaking of the Cylindrical Dielectric Structure with Double Slot Square Loop Cells

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Abstract—In this paper, a modified frequency selective surface (FSS) is proposed for cloaking of a dielectric cylinder. To this end, the needed value of surface reactance ($X_s$) of the FSS structure to eliminate scattering coefficient of the dielectric cylinder, is analytically calculated; the obtained value is 195 $\Omega$. The modified double slot square loop unit cell, is designed to realize the calculated value of $X_s$. A dielectric cylinder with radius 12.45mm and height 180mm is covered with the array of the designed unit cell. Scattering width and electric field distribution of the dielectric cylinder with and without the designed FSS structure are obtained by CST software. Based on the simulation results, the total (SW) of the dielectric cylinder with the proposed FSS structure is about 0.88, which is about 10 units lower than that of value in uncloaked cylinder. The designed FSS is a suitable structure in dielectric cylinder cloaking applications.

Keywords—Frequency selective surface; cloaking; scattering coefficient; double slot square loop; scattering width.

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, electromagnetic cloak has been widely investigated in literature. J. Pendry et al. [1], theoretically introduced a cloak structure that covers an object and make it invisible to a plane wave. This cloak structure which be composed of metamaterial, causes to travel the incident wave around object and subsequently diminish scattering power from object. This conceptual structure was called ideal cloak [1]. By using power fullwave soft waves, fields configuration of reflected and incident electromagnetic waves were obtained and their results confirm Pendry theory. For the first time in 2006 at Duke-university a cloak structure by metamaterial substance was fabricated with some approximations [2]. The measurement results verified the theoretical results which cause to attract researchers attention to cloaking field. In 2005 Alu and Engheta presented a different cloaking method based on impedance matching of object to its peripheral area with eliminating scattering. Using homogenous and isotropic layer around the object was the advantage of this method [3]. A new method, mantle cloak, was introduced in 2009 by Alu et al. [4,5]. In this method frequency selective structure (FSS) was utilized for scattering suppress and impedance matching between object and free space [4,5]. Due to the capability of mantle cloaking to realize with printed technology, without requiring values of bulk permittivity or permeability, mantle cloak can be extensively used in conformal covers with ultralow profile to camouflage objects with different shapes [6]. Reducing antenna blockage and mutual coupling between co-sited antennas are recent applications of mantle cloaking reported in various works [7]. By use of this method, cloaking with various FSS structure for planar, cylindrical and spherical objects was presented [5]. The scattering properties of FSS cloaking is similar with that of metamaterial covers, but it is easier and more practical to realize and may offer an improved bandwidth [6].

In this paper cloaking of a dielectric cylinder with FSS structure is presented. To this end surface impedance is considered loss less. Required surface reactance of a unit cell is calculated in section III. To realize this reactance, a unit cell is proposed and its reactance is simulated with respect to frequency. A dielectric cylinder is covered by a cylindrical FSS structure consisted of the proposed unit cell in section III; subsequently the scattering width and fields configurations are discussed.

II. THEORY

In order to analytically obtain FSS parameters which are important in cloaking, a dielectric cylinder with radius, $a$, and height, $h$, is considered and shown in fig. 1. In order to cloak this cylinder, it is surrounded by a cylinder FSS structure with radius $a_c$. Dielectric material with permittivity $\varepsilon_c$ and permeability $\mu_c$ is placed between FSS structure and the cylinder with the constitutive parameters, $\varepsilon_a$ and $\mu_a$. A FSS structure which consists of periodic unit cells, covers curved surface of the dielectric cylinder. The surface impedance ($z_s$) of the FSS structure which is the ratio of tangential component of electric field to the tangential component of magnetic field ($z_s$=$\varepsilon_a$/$\mu_a$), plays an important role in cloaking of the cylinder. In order to analytically obtain the value of $z_s$, Maxwell’s equations should be solved in the geometry at hand, shown in fig. 1(a). For sake of simplicity, variation of total structure along $z$ axis is assumed to be zero, so three dimensional (3D) structure can be considered as a two dimensional (2D) problem, shown in fig. 1(b). As shown in this figure, the geometry at hand is divided into three regions. Region 1 and 2 are inside the dielectric cylinder, $p<a$, and confined area between radiuses $a$ and $a_c$, respectively.
Region 3 is exterior sector of FSS structure, \( \rho > a_c \).

To calculate \( z_s \), the 2D structure of fig. 1(b) is illuminated with TM polarized electromagnetic wave \([6,8]\):

\[
E^{(1)}_z = E_0 \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} (j^n)(k_0n)e^{-in\phi},
\]

(1)

\[
H^{(1)}_\phi = \frac{E_0}{j\omega \mu_0} \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} (j^n)(k_0n)e^{-in\phi},
\]

(2)

where \( k_0 \) is wave number in region 1 and \( E_0 \) is initial electric field magnitude.

By using two-sided impedance boundary condition at interface of region 2 and 3 \((\rho = a_c)\), we have:

\[
E^{(3)}_z (\rho = a_c^+) = E^{(2)}_z (\rho = a_c^-) = Z_s (H^{(3)} (\rho = a_c^+) - H^{(2)} (\rho = a_c^-)) \rightarrow
\]

\[
E_0 \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} i^n b_n J_n (k_0 a_c) + b_n c_n H_n (k_0 a_c)e^{-in\phi} = Z_s \left[ \frac{E_0}{j\omega \mu_0} \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} i^n b_n J_n (k_0 a_c) + b_n c_n H_n (k_0 a_c)e^{-in\phi} \right],
\]

(8)

By multiplying both sides of Eqs. (6), (7) and (8) by \( e^{-in\phi} \), and integrating over \( \phi \), both equations are simplified. By solving the obtained equations, transmission coefficients, \( a_n, b_n, c_n, d_n \), can be achieved.

In a perfect cloaking, electromagnetic power reflected in region 3 from object including dielectric cylinder and cloaking structure should be zero. Since, dominant mode \((n=0)\) of TM polarized incident wave has the largest contribution to scattering values, herein reflection coefficient from the outer surface of FSS structure for dominant mode \((c_0)\) only is equal to zero. By use of equations system comes from Eqs. (6), (7) and (8), the required surface impedance \((z_s=R_s+jX_s)\) and \(R_s=0\) that diminishes \(c_n\) is numerically calculated respect to \(a_i\) and illustrated in fig. 2. It is noted that the required value of \(X_s\) for diminishing reflected power is depends on structure parameters \(a_c, a_i, \epsilon_s\).

### III. DESIGN AND DISCUSSION

In this section a proper FSS structure to cloak a dielectric cylinder with \(a=12.45\) mm and \(b=18\) cm and with constitutive parameters \((\epsilon_s=\mu_s=\mu_0)\), region 1 in fig. 1, is designed at 3.73 (GHz). Region 2 is air with constitutive parameters, \((\epsilon_r=\mu_r=\mu_0)\). In order to compare the obtained results with results of reference [6], parameters of the dielectric cylinder are selected similar with that of in reference [6]. The value of needed \(z_s\) of FSS structure for cloaking of this cylinder is obtained by fig. 2, and its value is 195 \(\Omega\).
To realize 195 Ω surface reactance ($X_s$), a modified unit cell is proposed and shown in fig. 3(a). This unit cell consists of two slot square loops connected in the middle of their sides [9]. The proposed unit cell is simulated within CST and achieved optimum values of its parameters for $z_s=195$ Ω is tabulated in table 1.

Simulated results of surface reactance of the designed unit cell and unit cell of reference [6] are shown in fig. 4 as a function of normalized frequency ($f/f_0$).

Figure 4, shows that surface reactance values of the proposed unit cell is closer to 195Ω at center frequency in comparison with surface reactance of reference [6] unit cell. Furthermore, reactance variation of the proposed unit cell respect to frequency at frequencies higher than center frequency, $f/f_0\geq1$, is very lower than that of in unit cell of reference [6]. According to these facts, the designed unit cell can be more desirable in cloaking rather than the unit cell of reference [6]. Since the maximum dimension of the proposed unit cell is about one fifth of center frequency wavelength, curvature in the surface of the unit cell dose not very drastically the value of surface reactance. So curved designed unit cell can be utilized cloaking of cylinder. The circumference of the dielectric cylinder is covered by four curved unit cells and these unit cells are 9 times replicated along cylinder axis (z axis) for covering the total height of cylinder as shown in fig. 5. The designed structure is illuminated by TM polarized wave within CST software. Simulated total scattering width (SW) of the dielectric cylinder with and without FSS structure are shown in fig. 6. This figure shows that the FSS structure with the proposed unit cell reduces SW of the bare dielectric cylinder to 0.88. In order to compare, the simulated SW of that cylinder cloaked with the FSS structure of reference [6], is also shown in fig. 6. It can be seen that SW value of the cloaked dielectric cylinder with the proposed FSS structure in this paper is about 27% lower than that of in reference [6]. These obtained results confirm design procedure validity and this fact that the designed unit cell is a more proper unit cell for cloaking applications.

Magnitude of E-field distribution on $\phi$-plane with and without the designed FSS structure are shown in fig. 7. As shown in this figure, in the presence of FSS structure, scattering from the dielectric cylinder is suppressed, meanwhile, without FSS structure, scattering from the dielectric cylinder causes to disturb E-field distribution.
IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a proper FSS unit cell is proposed for cloaking dielectric cylinder. Surface reactance that is required to minimize reflection coefficient from total objects including dielectric cylinder and FSS structure, is analytically derived. Based on the obtained value of surface reactance, $X_s=195\Omega$, a suitable unit cell is designed with 1950 surface reactance at design frequency. By using the proposed unit cell, a cylindrical FSS structure is designed for cloaking of bare dielectric cylinder. Simulated results show that the designed FSS cylinder reduces scattering width (SW) value of dielectric cylinder to 0.88. This value is about 27% lower than that of similar dielectric cylinder reported in the literature. Furthermore, this design is able to reduce the total scattering about 92%.

REFERENCE