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Abstract

Rectifiers in this work are used based on voltage doubler technique and simulated by Advanced Design System (ADS) software. The designed rectifiers in this work exhibits an RF to DC conversion efficiency of around 45.22% at frequency band 2.4 GHz with an output DC voltage that reached 2.2 V. In addition, the achieved efficiency is around 29.89% at 3.6 GHz with an output DC voltage that reached 1 V and around 27% at 5 GHz with an output DC voltage that reached 1.7 V, which is sufficient to power up the most devices and/or charging the implanted battery. Moreover, several multi-band and wideband fractal slot antennas were designed, simulated and implemented in this research using CST studio software. Two antennas (Ultra Wide Band) UWB are designed at 2.4 GHz, 3.6 GHz and 5 GHz. Antennas are designed with a partial ground plane at the front side of the antennas and a Sub Miniature Version A (SMA) connecter is attached to the input port of the antennas. This design makes it easy for the proposed antennas to be integrated with the rectifiers to form a compact rectenna for Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) system. The designed rectennas (rectifier and antenna) are fabricated using Port Circuit Board (PCB) technology. The performance of the fabricated prototypes is tested in the lab. The measured results are compared with the simulated ones and it is found that a good and acceptable agreement are achieved, which makes the rectifier and antenna designs valid. These experiments significantly confirmed the utility of the proposed rectennas in this work to produce sufficient amount of power for many devices and applications.

Acronyms

AC	Alternative Current
ADS	Advanced Design System
CC	Constant Current
CST	Computer Simulation Technology
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
EIRP	Equivalent Isotopically Radiated Power
EM	Electromagnetic Wave
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
GPS	Global Positioning System
IMD	Implantable Medical Device
ISM	Industrial Scientific & Medical
MICS	Medical Implant Communication Service
RF	Radio Frequency
RX	Receiver
TX	Transmitter
UWB	Ultra-Wideband
WPT	Wireless Power Transfer
WMTS	Wireless Medical Telemetry Service

Symbol	Explanation	Unit
٤r	Dielectric permittivity	[Farad/ Meter]
GTX	Gain of transmitting antennas	
GRX	Gain of receiving antennas	
LP	Path loss	[Decibel]
e P	The polarization mismatch	
PRX	Power received	[Watt]
Ртх	Power transmitted	[Watt]
ω	Rotational frequency	[radians/Second]
E	Electric field intensity	[Volt/Meter]
dV	Differential volume element	
Pin	Input power	[Watt]
Prad	Radiated power	[Watt]
Q_s	Serial Q Factor	
Q_p	Parallel Q Factor	
<i>R</i> ₊	Load Resistance	[Ohm]
<i>R</i> _	Source Resistance	[Ohm]
Zin	Input Impedance	[Ohm]
X _C	Capacitive Reactance	[Ohm]
X_L	Inductive Reactance	[Ohm]

Abbreviations

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$W_p = \frac{c}{2f_r \sqrt{(\varepsilon_r + 1)/2}}$	(2.3)	23
$\varepsilon_{reff} = \frac{\varepsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon_r - 1}{2} [1 + 12\frac{h}{w}]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	(2.4)	23
$L_{eff} = \frac{c}{2f_r \sqrt{\varepsilon_{reff}}}$	(2.5)	23
$\Delta L = 0.412h \frac{(\varepsilon_{reff} + 0.3) \left(\frac{w}{h} + 0.265\right)}{(\varepsilon_{reff} - 0.258) \left(\frac{w}{h} + 0.8\right)}$	(2.6)	24
$L_p = L_{eff} - 2\Delta L$	(2.7)	24
$L_s = 6h + L_p$	(2.8)	24
$w_s = 6h + w_p$	(2.9)	24
$D = \frac{L}{\pi} Cos^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{Z_{feed \ line}}{Z_{antenna}}} \right)$	(2.10)	24
$\mathbf{r} = \frac{F}{1 + \frac{2h}{\pi F \varepsilon_r} [\ln\left(\frac{\pi F}{2h}\right) + 1.7726]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$	(2.11)	24
$\mathbf{F} = \frac{(8.791 \times 10^9)}{(f_r \times \sqrt{\varepsilon_r})}$	(2.12)	25
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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION AND LITERATURE REVIEW

1.1 Radio Frequencies (RF):

RF energy harvesting technology is an innovative approach for converting ambient RF energy into electrical energy. Multi-band RF energy harvesting is a technique that enables the harvesting of energy from multiple frequency bands simultaneously. This technology has several advantages over single-band RF energy harvesting, including improved power density, wider frequency coverage, and the ability to harvest energy from multiple sources simultaneously. Multi-band RF energy harvesting has a wide range of potential applications, including medical implants, smart homes, wireless sensor networks, and the Internet of Things (IoT). In this work, a compact multiband rectenna operating for Bluetooth, Global System Mobile (GSM), WirelessLAN (WLAN), Wi-Fi MAX (Wi-MAX) and satellite communication band is proposed. In recent years, there is an enormous demand for portable wireless devices operating in L, C and S bands. Due to this increased demand for wireless equipment in all aspects of today's life, RF energy harvesting can be a fit and practical remedy for solving the problem of continues replacing of batteries in handheld and portable devices. The concept of RF energy harvesting developed during the 20th century and entails conversion of electromagnetic waves present in environment to direct current (DC) electricity [1]. Nowadays, there are a number of approaches for generating energy from environment "RF/microwave, signals, pressure, heat, light motion" or another source of energy like human body "finger strokes, body heat, foot strike" have been put forth [2] [3]. The envisioned antennas have the benefits of small antenna size, broad bandwidth and effective radiation efficiency. Various antenna structures have lately been suggested in the literature for RF energy harvesting applications where set sources are found like, Universal Mobile Telecommunication System (UMTS), Global System Mobile (GSM), Long Term Evolution (LTE), WirelessLAN (WLAN), Bluetooth and 5G networks. Widely reported literature works with the goal of boosting systemic effectiveness and reducing complexity [4]-[7]. Dual band and wide band antennas were previously employed for energy harvesting applications due to their ability to harvest as much energy as possible from surrounding sources [8][9]. Most existing works either center around a particular station, for example, a TV slot [10]-[13], or utilize a multiband exhibit made out of various radio wires tuned to individual channels. While multi-band reaping increments the resulted DC power by consolidating the commitments from the individual circuits, such plans increment intricacy and cost of the framework [14].



Fig.1.1: Ambient RF energy source in urban area [15]



Fig.1.2: Schematic block diagram of RF energy harvesting [16].

1.2 Literature review

1- In (2004), Heikkinen and Kivikinen presented a paper on the design and fabrication of a rectenna for the circularly polarized 5.8 GHz band. The authors used a thin, flexible, and low-loss microwave laminate material to fabricate the rectenna. The design consisted of a circular patch antenna for receiving the electromagnetic waves and a rectifier circuit for converting the received signal into DC power. The authors reported that the use of a microwave laminate material allowed for a flexible and lightweight design, which is suitable for portable and wearable applications. The circular patch antenna was designed to have a circular polarization to match the polarization of the incoming signal. The rectifier circuit was designed using a Schottky diode and a low-pass filter to achieve high rectification efficiency [17].

2- In (2008), Yo et al. presented a paper on the design and analysis of a circularly polarized rectenna constructed on an FR-4 substrate. The rectenna consisted of a small circular patch antenna with two unbalanced slots and a rectifier circuit for converting the received signal into DC power. The authors reported that the use of unbalanced slots in the circular patch antenna allowed for circular polarization of the incoming

signal. The rectifier circuit was designed using a Schottky diode and a low-pass filter to achieve high rectification efficiency. The experimental results showed that the rectenna achieved a maximum rectification efficiency of 60% at a distance of 1.2 meters [18].

3- In (2010), Gao et al. presented a paper on the design and analysis of a rectenna with circularly polarized antennas for wireless power transmission and energy harvesting applications. The rectenna consisted of a circularly polarized patch antenna and a rectifier circuit based on a voltage doubler topology. The simulation results showed that the rectenna had a wide operating bandwidth of 3.1 GHz to 10.6 GHz with a peak gain of 6.2 dBi. The experimental results showed that the rectenna achieved a maximum rectification efficiency of 78% at a distance of 4 meters [19].

4- In (2012), Takhedmit et al. presented a paper on the design and analysis of a circularly polarized ring slot rectenna with a resonance frequency of 2.45 GHz. The authors reported that the circularly polarized ring slot antenna is suitable for wireless power transmission and energy harvesting applications due to its simple and compact design. The rectenna consisted of a circularly polarized ring slot antenna and a rectifier circuit based on a voltage doubler. The circularly polarized ring slot antenna was designed using a combination of a circular ring and a slot. The rectifier circuit was designed using two diodes and two capacitors to achieve high rectification efficiency. The results showed that the rectenna achieved a maximum rectification efficiency of 71% [20].

5- In (2013), Masotti et al. presented a paper on the design and analysis of a tetra-band annular ring patch rectenna for wireless power transfer and

energy harvesting applications. The authors reported that the design of such a rectenna is challenging due to the need to achieve high efficiency over multiple frequency bands. To address this challenge, the authors suggested the use of a genetic algorithm to optimize the design parameters of the rectenna. The rectenna consisted of an annular ring patch antenna and a rectifier circuit based on a voltage doubler topology. The annular ring patch antenna was designed to operate at four frequency bands: 868 MHz, 915 MHz, 2.45 GHz, and 5.8 GHz. The rectifier circuit was designed using two Schottky diodes and two capacitors to achieve high rectification efficiency. The authors used a genetic algorithm to optimize the design parameters of the rectenna, including the outer and inner radii of the annular ring patch antenna and the spacing between the patch and ground plane. The optimized design achieved a maximum efficiency of 77% at 2.45 GHz and a minimum efficiency of 41% at 868 MHz [21].

6- In (2014), Valenta and Durgin presented a paper on millimeter-wave power transfer for wireless sensor networks (WSNs). The authors reported that the use of millimeter-wave frequencies for wireless power transfer is favorable due to the availability of large bandwidths and the potential for small antenna sizes. The authors proposed a millimeter-wave power transfer system based on a rectenna that can harvest energy from ambient millimeter-wave signals. The rectenna consisted of a patch antenna and a rectifier circuit based on a voltage doubler. The patch antenna was designed to operate at 30 GHz, which is a millimeter-wave frequency. The rectifier circuit was designed using two Schottky diodes and two capacitors to achieve high rectification efficiency. The authors performed simulations and experiments to evaluate the performance of the designed rectenna. The simulation results showed that the rectenna had a wide operating bandwidth of 28 GHz to 38 GHz with a peak gain of 3.2 dBi. The experimental results showed that the rectenna achieved a maximum rectification efficiency of 10% [22].

7- In (2015), Niotaki et al. presented a paper on the design and analysis of a dual-band rectenna for energy harvesting applications. The authors reported that the design of a dual-band rectenna is challenging due to the need to achieve high efficiency over multiple frequency bands. The authors proposed a dual-band rectenna that can operate at both 915 MHz and 2.45 GHz frequency bands. The patch antenna was designed to have a dual-band response at both 915 MHz and 2.45 GHz frequency bands. The simulation results showed that the rectenna had a dual-band response with a peak gain of 3.2 dBi at 915 MHz and a peak gain of 7.8 dBi at 2.45 GHz [23].

8- In (2015), Song et al. presented a paper on the design and analysis of a broad-band rectenna for wireless power transmission and energy harvesting applications. The authors reported that the design of a broad-band rectenna is challenging due to the need to achieve high efficiency over a wide frequency range. The authors proposed a broad-band rectenna that can operate in the frequency range of 1.8 to 2.5 GHz. The rectenna consisted of a cross dipole antenna and a rectifier circuit based on a voltage doubler. The cross-dipole antenna was designed to have a broad-band response in the frequency range of 1.8 to 2.5 GHz. The simulation results showed that the rectenna had a broad-band response with a peak gain of 4.5 dBi and a 3-dB bandwidth of 680 MHz [24].

9- In 2018, Chuma et al. presented a paper on the design and analysis of a single-band rectenna for energy harvesting applications at 2.45 GHz frequency. The authors reported that the design of a single-band rectenna

is less complex than a dual-band or broad-band rectenna and can still achieve high efficiency. The rectenna consisted of a patch antenna and a rectifier circuit based on a voltage doubler topology. The patch antenna was designed to have a single-band response at 2.45 GHz frequency. The simulation results showed that the rectenna had a peak gain of 3.8 dBi and a 3-dB bandwidth of 120 MHz [25].

10- In (2018), Singh et al used numerous strategies and techniques for energy harvesting which have been proposed and investigated throughout the years using a variety of ways. However, the battery-free solution that uses energy harvesting to convert RF from the environment to DC power is significantly more efficient because it offers a dependable, clean, and environmentally friendly energy option for portable, low power devices. A rectenna consists of an impedance matching network, a rectifier, a sensing antenna, and DC output filter [26].

11- In (2019), Elwi used portable electronics that require regular charging, wireless energy harvesting (WEH) may be a practical way to meet the energy needs of wireless devices [27].

12- In (2019), Zheng et al. proposed a multiband RF energy harvesting system that could harvest energy from multiple frequency bands ranging from 700 MHz to 2.7 GHz. The system consisted of a broadband antenna, a matching network, and a rectifier circuit. The researchers reported that their system was able to harvest up to 5.5 mW of power in indoor environments and up to 20 mW in outdoor environments [28].

13- In (2019), Zhao et al. proposed a multiband RF energy harvesting system that could harvest energy from multiple frequency bands ranging from 0.9 GHz to 3.2 GHz. The system consisted of a broadband antenna, a matching network, and a rectifier circuit. The researchers reported that

their system was able to harvest up to 1.2 mW of power from a 2.4 GHz signal and up to 0.9 mW of power from a 1.8 GHz signal [29].

14- In (2019), Zhang et al. proposed a multiband RF energy harvesting system that could harvest energy from multiple frequency bands ranging from 2.3 GHz to 5.8 GHz. The system consisted of a broadband antenna, a matching network, and a rectifier circuit. The researchers reported that their system was able to harvest up to 1.1 mW of power from a 2.4 GHz signal and up to 0.6 mW of power from a 5.8 GHz signal [30].

15- In (2020), Sadeque Reza Khan et al. described modern multifunctional micro-electronic devices, like those used in biomedical implants may now be driven utilizing the methods, systems for Wireless Power Transmission (WPT). Designing and implementing high power transfer efficiency WPT systems meanwhile, hard when building WPT it is vital to consider the size of the system. The distance between the implanted medical devices location inside the body and the outside environment. The operating frequency and tissue safety due to power dissipation over the past 20 years, a broad variety of WPT systems have been investigated in order to improve overall system performance thorough analysis of this system is provided in this article [31].

16- In (2020), Alshehri et al. proposed a multiband RF energy harvesting system that could harvest energy from multiple frequency bands ranging from 1 GHz to 10 GHz. The system consisted of a broadband antenna, a matching network, and a rectifier circuit. The researchers reported that their system was able to harvest up to 2.5 mW of power from a 1 GHz signal and up to 1.5 mW of power from a 5.8 GHz signal [32].

17- In (2021), Yang et al. proposed a multiband RF energy harvester that could harvest energy from multiple frequency bands ranging from 900

MHz to 5.8 GHz. The harvester consisted of a broadband antenna, a matching network, and a rectifier circuit. The researchers reported that their harvester was able to harvest up to 1.8 mW of power from a 1 GHz signal and up to 0.6 mW of power from a 2.4 GHz signal [33].

1.3 Aims of the thesis

The aim of this work is to investigate the feasibility and performance of a multiband RF energy harvesting system using an antenna and voltage doubler rectifier. The primary objective is to design and optimize the antenna structure such as size of patch, substrate and type of material for efficient energy harvesting across multiple frequency bands. Additionally, the voltage doubler rectifier circuit will be optimized to maximize the conversion efficiency of the harvested RF energy. The thesis will also explore the potential applications of the proposed energy harvesting system, including wireless sensor networks. The research will involve theoretical analysis, simulation using electromagnetic simulation software, and experimental validation to demonstrate the performance and feasibility of the proposed system. Ultimately, the goal of this thesis is to contribute to the development of efficient and reliable energy harvesting technologies for wireless and IoT applications. These aims will be achieved by:

1- Study the output voltage and conversion efficiency of voltage doubler rectifier circuit with varying the input power using Advanced Design System (ADS) software.

2- Comparing the voltage doubler rectifier circuit for frequencies 2.4, 3.6,5 GHz through the result of the output voltage efficiency with the goal of obtaining the highest efficiency and choosing the best among them.

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3- Designing a suitable matching network between the source and the rectifier circuit to improve the system performance and reduce the reflections.

4- Designing RF antennas at frequency bands 2.4, 3.6, 5 GHz using Computer Simulation Technology (CST) microwave studio software that is employed to design and evaluate the performance of the proposed antennas. New fractal geometries will be employed for this purpose.

5- Manufacturing and fabricating the designed rectennas (rectifiers+ antenna) and testing their performance in the lab.

6- Comparing the simulated and measured result and drawing the main conclusion of this work.

1.4 Thesis Layout

The chapters of the thesis are present as follows:

- The first chapter discussed the introduction and literature reviews of multiband RF energy harvesting devices.
- The second chapter included reviews on multiband RF energy harvesting devices, comparison of different energy sources, discussion on Wireless Power Transfer (WPT), highlights on the characteristics of rectifier and demonstrated the design antenna equations for typical requirement RF energy harvesting systems.
- The third chapter discussed the simulation methodology of rectifier circuit where the efficiency and output voltage with varying input power are recorded for all circuits at operating frequency of 2.4, 3.6 and 5 GHz respectively.
- The fourth chapter focused on the design of antennas including multiband slot antennas and fractal antennas (hexagonal and

circular). The S-parameters, 2D radiation pattern, 3D radiation pattern of designed antennas were observed, recorded and discussed with a simple parametric study is conducted.

• The fifth chapter presented the conclusion of this work and the suggested future works.

CHAPTER TWO THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Introduction

Radio frequency (RF) energy harvesting is a process of collecting and converting RF energy from the environment into usable electrical energy. RF energy is a type of electromagnetic radiation that is commonly found in wireless communication devices, such as cell phones, routers, and other electronic devices. RF energy harvesting has gained significant attention in recent years due to the increasing demand for energy-efficient and sustainable wireless communication systems. The basic principle of RF energy harvesting is based on the conversion of electromagnetic waves into electrical energy using a device called an RF energy harvester. The harvester typically consists of an antenna, a rectifier, and a power management unit. The antenna is used to capture the RF energy from the environment and convert it into an alternating current (AC) signal. The rectifier then converts the AC signal into a direct current (DC) signal, which can be used to power electronic devices or stored in a battery for later use. The power management unit is used to regulate the voltage and current of the harvested energy to match the requirements of the electronic device.

One of the key advantages of RF energy harvesting is that it can operate without the need for a wired power source, which makes it suitable for small, low-power electronic devices. RF energy harvesting can also be used in various environments, including indoor and outdoor settings, and can harvest energy from a wide range of frequencies, ranging from a few MHz to several GHz. There are several challenges associated with RF energy harvesting, including the low power density of RF signals, which means that only a small amount of energy can be harvested at any given time. In addition, the efficiency of RF energy harvesting is typically low, which means that a significant amount of RF energy is lost during the conversion process. To address these challenges, researchers are exploring new materials and designs to improve the efficiency of RF energy harvesters and to develop new techniques for capturing and converting RF energy. Overall, RF energy harvesting has the potential to revolutionize the way we power small electronic devices and enable the development of new wireless communication technologies that are more energy-efficient and sustainable.

2.2 Wireless Power Transfer (WPT)

Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) is a technology that enables the transmission of electrical power from a power source to an electrical load without the use of physical conductors. This technology has gained significant attention in recent years due to its potential to revolutionize the way of the power in electronic devices and vehicles. The concept of WPT has been around for over a century, with Nikola Tesla being the first to demonstrate wireless power transmission in the late 1800s. However, it is only in recent years that practical applications of WPT have begun to emerge, thanks to advancements in technology and engineering. In this introduction, we will explore the basics of WPT, including the different technologies used for WPT, the benefits and drawbacks of the technology, and the potential future applications of WPT. Wireless Internet of Things (IoT) systems and related applications have undergone tremendous growth over the past ten years [34][35], because of their enormous potential for linking tiny objects and the possibilities they provide to make our live more intelligent. Consequently, there will be a huge number of IoT devices used in contexts such as buildings, cities, adjacent car, healthcare, smart

commerce and others. Additionally, it is anticipated that as 5G and 6G technologies advance, this number of IoT will rise. In such a scenario, microwave wireless power transfer WPT and Energy Harvesting (EH) technology have garnered significant interest in last ten years, making the IoT devices more autonomous in terms of energy and removing the need for batteries or power supply resources as their maintenance are very complicated and expensive. Wireless power charging is currently necessary since many situations require the gadgets to be portable [36][37].

The rectenna is consist of the EH and WPT, which comprises of four blocks, an antenna that receive radio frequency RF signal from surrounding environment, a rectifying circuit is frequently utilized with a Schottky diode, which transform the RF power to direct current (DC) signal that travels across a load terminal, which represents the input impedance. A matching circuit is positioned between the rectifier and the antenna to optimize the power collected and avoid harmonics produced by diodes from being reradiated by the antenna (of the device that has to be powered up). The last section of block is the DC filter which smooths the output DC signal [38][39] as shown in Fig.2.1.

There are several rectenna designs now in use, according to the literature [40]-[46], rectennas described in references were made to work in linear polarization; hence they are sensitive to incident waves: this has a major impact on the effectiveness of energy collecting systems. However, an antenna with circular patterns can increase power collection and consequently conversion efficiency, because they can reduce polarization mismatch and improve tolerance to multipath interferences between transmitting and receiving antenna, therefor polarization and omnidirectional radiation pattern are highly sought [47][48].

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2.3 Rectifier Characteristics

Rectifiers are electronic devices used to convert alternating current (AC) to direct current (DC). They are widely used in power supplies for electronic devices, allowing them to operate from AC power sources. Rectifiers come in various types and configurations, but they all share some common characteristics. This is achieved through the use of diodes, which are semiconductor devices that allow current to flow in only one direction. Another important characteristic of rectifiers is their efficiency in converting AC to DC. The efficiency of a rectifier is determined by the amount of power lost during the conversion process. This loss of power is due to the voltage drop across the diodes, which causes energy to be dissipated as heat. The voltage doubler rectifier was selected according to Fig.2.1, this circuit is made up of two diodes, a charging capacitor and smoothing capacitor. Fig.2.2 shows a response of a voltage doubler circuit that can provide twice the output voltage when compared to a single diode rectifier [49][50].



Fig.2.1: Voltage doubler rectifier circuit diagram [49].



Fig.2.2: Voltage doubler output as sweep of input power compared with single diode rectifier [50].

Diodes are selected for a special application based on a number of distinguishing features. Schottky diodes are continuously used in radio frequency application that expect low power input because they have a low forward voltage [51]. To increase power transmission an impedance matching network circuit is typically utilized between the antenna and the rectifier. Furthermore, a smoothing capacitor is extra supplied as a shunt to the rectifier output to offer a continuous DC output. Rectifier circuit typically includes one of the three essential topologies, a single diode rectifier is the primary topology [52][53]. Making use of this architecture, there are a half wave rectifier, ideal conversion efficiency for this type is 50% and diodes require some forward voltage to turn ON, as shown in Fig.2.3. Although the HSMS-2852 Diode has a forward threshold voltage of 0.15 V, this rectifier has a conversion efficiency of about 40%. The twin diode rectifier is the second kind. This rectifier is commonly used as a voltage doubler while still being regarded as a half wave rectifier [54], as shown in Fig.2.4.


Fig.2.3: Diagram of the rectification process using half-wave and full-wave rectification [53].



Fig.2.4: Diagram of a single diode rectifier showing the results of simulation[54].

2.4 Multiband Fractal Antennas

A multiband fractal antenna is a type of antenna that is designed to operate over multiple frequency bands using fractal geometry. Fractal geometry is a mathematical concept that describes objects with selfsimilar patterns at different scales. The design of a multiband fractal antenna involves using fractal patterns to create a complex antenna structure that can resonate at multiple frequencies simultaneously. The fractal geometry allows for the antenna to have a larger effective length, which enables it to operate at lower frequencies, while also providing higher resonant frequencies due to the complex pattern. One of the main advantages of multiband fractal antennas is their ability to operate over a wide frequency range. This makes them useful in applications where multiple frequency bands need to be covered, such as in wireless communication systems that use multiple frequency bands for different purposes. Another advantage of multiband fractal antennas are their compact size. The fractal geometry allows for the antenna to be designed with a smaller physical size compared to traditional antennas, while still maintaining high performance. There are several types of multiband fractal antennas, including the Sierpinski antenna, the Koch antenna, and the Minkowski antenna. Each of these antennas uses a different type of fractal geometry to achieve multiband operation. Overall, multiband fractal antennas are a promising technology for applications that require compact, high-performance antennas that can operate over multiple frequency bands. Eq. (2-1) [55] can be utilized to find the received power:

$$P_{RX} = P_{TX} + G_{RX} + G_{TX} - L_{P} - e_{P}$$

$$(2.1)$$

Where GTx and GRx are the gain of transmitting and receiving antenna respectively, L_p is the path loss, e_p is the polarization mismatch and PRx

is the power received by the external receiver and PTX is the power supplied to the in-body antenna [56]-[60].

2.4.1 Difficulties and requirements for the design of a multiband fractal antenna

Designing a multi-band fractal antenna can be challenging due to a number of factors. Here are some of the difficulties and requirements that need to be considered:

1. Fractal Geometry: Fractal antennas are based on complex geometric shapes that exhibit self-similarity, and designing these antennas requires a deep understanding of fractal geometry.

2. Frequency Coverage: Multi-band antennas require a wide frequency coverage, which can be challenging to achieve with a single antenna. The designer must carefully select the fractal geometry and optimize the antenna parameters to ensure that it can operate over multiple frequency bands.

3. Impedance Matching: The impedance of the antenna must be matched to the feed line to ensure efficient power transfer. This can be a difficult task when designing a multi-band antenna, as the impedance of the antenna will vary across different frequency bands.

4. Size and Form Factor: The size and form factor of the antenna must be optimized to ensure that it meets the requirements of the application. This can be a challenge when designing a multi-band antenna, as the antenna must be able to operate over multiple frequency bands while maintaining a compact form factor.

5. Material Selection: The performance of the antenna can be greatly influenced by the choice of materials used in its construction. The

designer must carefully select the materials to ensure that they provide the desired electrical properties and mechanical characteristics.

6. Manufacturing Complexity: Fractal antennas can be challenging to manufacture, especially when they have complex geometries. The designer must consider the manufacturing process and ensure that the antenna can be produced in a cost-effective and reliable manner.

In summary, designing a multi-band fractal antenna requires a deep understanding of fractal geometry, a wide frequency coverage, impedance matching, size and form factor optimization, material selection, and manufacturing complexity. Careful consideration of these factors is necessary to ensure that the antenna meets the requirements of the application.

The relationship between radiation efficiency and radiated power is calculated using the formula given in Eq. (2-2) [61]:

$$\eta = P_{rad} / P_{in} \% \tag{2.2}$$

where P_{in} [W] refers to the input power and P_{rad} refers to the radiated power.

2.4.2 Typical Requirements of Multiband Fractal Antenna Systems

1. Fractal Antenna Design: Multiband fractal antenna systems are designed using fractal geometry, which enables them to operate across multiple frequency bands. A review of these systems should therefore include a discussion of the types of fractal geometries that are commonly used in antenna design, as well as the design considerations that are important for achieving good performance across multiple bands. 2. Frequency Bands: Multiband fractal antenna systems operate in multiple frequency bands, so it's important to describe the frequency bands that are commonly used in these systems. This could include the range of frequencies that are typically used, the frequency allocation schemes used in different regions, and the types of devices that are commonly used to operate in these bands.

3. Antenna Performance Metrics: Antenna performance metrics such as efficiency, gain, bandwidth and radiation pattern are critical to multiband fractal antenna systems. A review of these systems should therefore include a discussion of the performance metrics that are important in these systems, as well as the tradeoffs between different performance metrics.

4. Signal Processing: Multiband fractal antenna systems often require signal processing techniques to extract useful information from signals received across multiple frequency bands. A review of these systems should therefore include a discussion of the types of signal processing techniques that are commonly used in these systems, as well as the performance tradeoffs associated with different techniques.

5. System Integration: Finally, a review of multiband fractal antenna systems should consider the challenges associated with integrating these antennas into a larger system. This could include a discussion of the types of interfaces that are commonly used in these systems, as well as the design considerations that are important for ensuring good overall system performance.

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2.4.3 Antennas Parameters

Antenna parameters are characteristics of an antenna that describe its performance and behavior in transmitting or receiving electromagnetic waves. Some of the common antenna parameters include:

1. Gain: The gain of an antenna is a measure of how much it can increase the signal strength of the waves it receives or transmits in a particular direction compared to a reference antenna. Gain is usually expressed in decibels (dBi).

2. Directivity: Directivity is a measure of how well an antenna focuses its energy in a particular direction. It is expressed as a ratio of the maximum radiation intensity in a given direction to the average radiation intensity over all directions.

3. Bandwidth: The bandwidth of an antenna is the range of frequencies over which it can effectively transmit or receive signals; typically expressed as a percentage of the center frequency.

4. Impedance: Antenna impedance is the measure of the opposition to the flow of electric current through the antenna. It is usually expressed as a complex number comprising a resistance component (real part) and a reactance component (imaginary part).

5. Polarization: The polarization of an antenna refers to the orientation of its electric and magnetic fields relative to the direction of propagation of the electromagnetic waves. It can be linear, circular, or elliptical.

6. Radiation pattern: The radiation pattern of an antenna is a graphical representation of how the antenna radiates electromagnetic energy in different directions.

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7. Efficiency: The efficiency of an antenna is the ratio of the power radiated by the antenna to the power supplied to it. It is usually expressed as a percentage.

2.4.4 Rectangular patch Antenna with inset feeding

The microstrip patch antenna design is accomplished according to the following equations [62] [63]:

Step 1: Calculation of the Width (W)

The width of patch is given by
$$W_p = \frac{c}{2f_r \sqrt{(\varepsilon_r + 1)/2}}$$
 (2.3)

 $W_p = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{2 \times 2.4 \times 10^9 \sqrt{4.3 + 1)/2}} = 38.37 \text{ mm}$

Where, c is free space velocity of light. f_r is resonant frequency in GHz for the current design. ε_r is dielectric constant of the substrate (4.3 for FR-4).

Step 2: Calculation of effective dielectric constant

$$\varepsilon_{reff} = \frac{\varepsilon_r + 1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon_r - 1}{2} [1 + 12\frac{h}{w}]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\varepsilon_{reff} = \frac{4.3 + 1}{2} + \frac{4.3 - 1}{2} [1 + 12\frac{1.6 \times 10^{-3}}{38.39 \times 10^{-3}}]^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 3.99$$
(2.4)

Where, h is the height of the substrate or thickness of the substrate given as 1.6 mm.

Step 3: Now length effective is given by

$$L_{eff} = \frac{c}{2f_r \sqrt{\varepsilon_{reff}}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{2 \times 2.4 \times 10^9 \times \sqrt{3.99}} = 31.28 \text{ mm}$$
(2.5)

Step 4: Calculation of the length extension ΔL , which is given by

$$\Delta L = 0.412h \frac{(\varepsilon_{reff} + 0.3) \left(\frac{w}{h} + 0.265\right)}{(\varepsilon_{reff} - 0.258) \left(\frac{w}{h} + 0.8\right)}$$
(2.6)

$$\Delta L = 0.412 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \times \frac{(3.99+0.3) \left(\frac{38.39 \times 10^{-3}}{1.6 \times 10^{-3}} + 0.265\right)}{(3.99-0.258) \left(\frac{38.39 \times 10^{-3}}{1.6 \times 10^{-3}} + 0.8\right)}$$

$$\Delta L = 6.59 \times 10^{-4} \times \frac{101.8}{92.5} = 7.25 \times 10^{-4}$$

Step 5: Now length of patch is given by

$$L_p = L_{eff} -2\Delta L$$

$$L_p = 31.28 \times 10^{-3} - (2 \times 7.25 \times 10^{-3}) = 29.85 \text{ mm}$$
(2.7)

Step 6: compute of Length of substrate is given by

$$L_s = 6h + L_p \tag{2.8}$$

$$L_s = 6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-3} + 29.86 \times 10^{-3} = 41 \text{ mm}$$

Step 7: compute of width of substrate is given by

$$w_s = 6h + w_p \tag{2.9}$$

$$w_s = 6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-3} + 38.39 = 44 \text{ mm}$$

Step 8: compute of the length of inset feed line is given by

$$D = \frac{L}{\pi} Cos^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{Z_{feed \ line}}{Z_{antenna}}} \right)$$
(2.10)
$$D = \frac{29.86 \times 10^{-3}}{\pi} Cos^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{50}{281}} \right) = 6 \text{ mm}$$

Where the value of *D* must be in radians

Step 9: compute of the width of inset feed line is given by

$$s = 1.46 \text{ mm}$$

2.4.5 Circular patch antenna

The radius (r) of circular patch can be calculated using the following equations [64][65].

$$r = \frac{F}{1 + \frac{2h}{\pi F \varepsilon_T} [\ln(\frac{\pi F}{2h}) + 1.7726]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$
(2.11)

where

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{(8.791 \times 10^9)}{(f_r \times \sqrt{\varepsilon_r})}$$
(2.12)

$$F_{at (3 GHz)} = \frac{(8.791 \times 10^9)}{(3 \times 10^9 \times \sqrt{4.3})} = 1.413$$

$$r_{at (3 GHz)} = \frac{1.413}{1 + \frac{2*1.6*10^{-3}}{\pi * 1.413*4.3} [\ln(\frac{\pi * 1.413}{2*1.6*10^{-3}}) + 1.7726]^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 14.1 \text{mm}$$

 ε_r is the dielectric constant of the substrate, f_r is the resonant frequency in GHz and h is the thickness of the substrate.

But there is a disadvantage in the above equation, and the radius of patch will be enhanced by following equation:

$$r_{eff} = r\left[1 + \frac{2 \times h}{\pi \times r \times \varepsilon_r} \left\{ \ln\left(\frac{\pi \times r}{2 \times h}\right) + 1.7726 \right\} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
(2.13)

CHAPTER THREE

DESIGN AND SIMULATION OF SINGLE-STAGE RECTIFIER CIRCUITS

Voltage double rectifier and matching circuit design are simulated at 2.4 GHz, 3.6 GHz, and 5 GHz using Advanced Design System (ADS) Software. Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) is a reliable method of transferring power from a source to an end system without the need of cables or connections. This task is performed by rectennas, which are antennas coupled with rectifiers. Undoubtedly, the rectifier which converts RF power received into DC power is the most important component of the rectenna. Several rectifier topologies are designed for RF use (rectenna application) in this chapter. RF energy is taken in by the antenna and sent into the matching circuit. The antenna and rectifier's impedances have to be matched with aid of an intermediate matching circuit, while the Schottky diode type HSMS-2820 is utilized for rectification. It is worth mentioning that choosing the right diode is one of the most vital factors. The simulation results including DC output voltage (Vout) and efficiency with respect to the input power are recorded and plotted at three frequency bands throughout this chapter. The frequency response of Schottky diode type HSMS-2820:

- Typical operating frequency up to 6GHz.

- Intermodulation Distortion (IMD) Rating: -26 dBc (typical) at 2 GHz, 0 dBm input power levels.

The Forward Current vs. Forward Voltage and Reverse Current vs. Reverse Voltage at Temperatures as shown in Fig.3.1.



Fig.3.1: Forward Current vs. Forward Voltage and Reverse Current vs. Reverse Voltage at Temperatures.

3.1 Matching Circuit Methods

There are several methods for matching networks and only two of them will be discussed in detail in this chapter:

1- LC (Inductance and Capacitance)-Matching Method

2- TL (Transmission Lines)-Matching Method

3.1.1 LC- Matching Method:

There are four circuit configurations in this technique and one of them can be chosen depending on weather it is needed to pass the DC current or not and also depending on which one is higher resistance the input or load resistance as shown in Fig.3.1.



Fig.3.2: LC-Matching Method.

The common features of the LC-matching Method are:

- This one is solved using the Q matching technique.
- One of the drawbacks of this technique is its use of reactive components, meaning that the matching is possible at only one frequency.
- An LC section placed between two resistive terminations creates a serial subnetwork and a parallel subnetwork as shown in Fig.3.2.
 When the two subnetworks are conjugate matched to each other, their Q factors are equal.



Fig.3.3: Equivalent Circuit for LC-Circuit.

Now, we will try to calculate the L and C values of the matching for the voltage double rectifier at 2.4 GHz for a 50 Ω source (R_+) representing the antenna. The first step is to calculate the input impedance using ADS software. The voltage double circuit in Fig. 3.4 is simulated in ADS without using any matching method and the input impedance (Zin) versus frequency is plotted as illustrated in Fig.3.5. The input impedance is recorded over the frequency range 1.2 GHz to 3.4 GHz and it is found that Zin at 2.4 GHz is equal to (3.196-j38.63 Ω).



Fig.3.4: Simulated circuit to calculate Zin at frequency band 2.4 GHz.



Fig.3.5: Simulated input impedance.

To validate the simulation results of Zin, the value of input impedance is found analytically by using the equivalent circuit of the diode as shown in Figs.3.5 and 3.6.



Fig.3.6: Voltage doubler rectifier Circuit.

Compensate for each Diode with the equivalent circuit shown in Fig.3.6.



Fig3.7: Equivalent circuit for the employed diode.

This equation for computing R_j :

$$R_{j} = \frac{8.33 \times 10^{-5} \times n \times T}{I_{s}}$$
(3.1)

$$R_{j} = \frac{8.33 \times 10^{-5} \times 1.5 \times 300}{2.2 \times 10^{-8}}$$

$$R_{j} = 1.7 \ M\Omega,$$

where $I_s=2.2 \times 10^{-8} A$, n=1.5, T=300 c, $R_s=6$ Ω and $C_j=0.7$ pF. All values are taken from Data sheet for HSMS-2820 Schottky Diode.



Fig.3.8: Analysis circuit to compute Zin.

The value of R_j can be neglected because it has great value, then the circuit arrangement become as follows:



Fig.3.9: Simplified circuit after neglecting R_i .

<i>Z_{in}</i> =6-j95.14 // 6-j94.7	
$Z_{in} = \frac{(6-j95.14) \times (6-j94.7)}{(6-j95.14) + (6-j94.7)}$	
$Z_{in} = \frac{8973.7 - j1139}{12 - j189.84} = 3 - j47.4 \ \Omega$	By analysis
Z _{in} =3.196-j38.36 Ω	By simulation

It is clearly seen that the analytical value of Zin $(3-j47.4 \Omega)$ is very close the simulated value $(3.19-j38.6 \Omega)$, which validate our simulation procedure. This value will be referred as source resistance (*R*-) in the calculation of the matching parameters.

Fig.3.2-b will be adopted as a matching method in this thesis since it fulfills the conditions of the voltage doubler rectifier used in this work.

Now, to compute the values of L and C of the matching method, use the following equations:

$$Q_s = Q_p = \sqrt{\frac{R_+}{R_-} - 1}$$
(3.2)

And then:

$$Q_s = \frac{X_s}{R-1}$$
(3.3)

$$Q_p = \frac{R+}{X_p} \tag{3.4}$$

where R – is the source resistance, R + is the load resistance, Q_s is the Serial Q Factor and Q_p is the parallel Q Factor

From the Eq. 3-2, the values of Qs and Qp can be calculated to be:

$$Q_{s} = Q_{p} = 3.826$$

$$Q_{s} = \frac{X_{s}}{R_{-}}$$

$$X_{s} = 3.826 \times 3.196 = 12.227$$

$$X_{s} = X_{L} = 2\pi f L \rightarrow 2 \times \pi \times 2.4 \times 10^{9} \times L$$

$$L = \frac{12.227}{2 \times \pi \times 2.4 \times 10^{9}} = 0.81 nH$$

$$Q_{p} = \frac{R_{+}}{X_{p}}$$

$$X_{p} = \frac{50}{3.826} = 13.06$$

$$X_{p} = X_{C} = \frac{1}{2\pi f C} \rightarrow 13.06 = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times 2.4 \times 10^{9} \times C}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2 \times \pi \times 2.4 \times 10^{9} \times 13.06} = 5 pF$$

Since the source impedance is pure resistance (50 Ω) and has no reactive part, the added value of the parallel capacitance will be 5 pF. On the other hand, for the load side, the calculated value of the series inductor is 0.81 nH. However, it can be seen that the load, which represents the equivalent impedance of the rectifier (3.19-j38.6 Ω) has a reactive part (-j38.6) and needs to be resonated out by adding a positive reactive part (+j38.6), which can be achieved by an inductor that has a value of L=2.56 nH. Thus, the total added inductor to the circuit has to be L=0.81nH+2.56nH=3.37 nH.

3.1.2 TL (Transmission Lines) matching circuit

ADS is employed again to find the matching at a specific frequency, but this time a TL matching is used instead of the LC matching due to get better match and easy to fabricate. To adjust the Transmission Lines at a specific frequency such as a 2.4 GHz, the following procedure should be followed step by step:

Step (1): In the beginning use the smith chart palette with two impedance term as illustrated in circuit diagram in Fig.3.10.

Step (2): From Smith chart circuit select the frequency at 2.4 GHz, source impedance (z_{in}) at 50+j0 and load impedance (z_l) at 3.196-j38.63 and use two lines length and two open stub blocks to perform this task. The four blocks of TL will be calibrated, which appeared in the beginning the point of the (z_l) in the (Smith Chart Utility) and then pull out the TL1 from the point of (z_l) until reach to the first arc which faces of the Smith Chart and then pull out the TL2 from the end arc of the TL1 to the first arc which faces and also pull out the TL3 from the end arc of the TL2 to first arc which faces and finally pull out TL4 from the end arc of the TL3 until to meet the zero (reference) point of the Smith Chart and will be excellent match of S11 at 2.4 GHz as illustrated in below Fig.3.11.

Step (3): After adjusting the S11 at 2.4 GHz then from Smith chart click on the button (Build ADS Circuit) then the block diagram of transmission lines appear as illustrated in Fig.3.12.

Step (4): Based on of the previous information of block diagram of transmission lines compensate the value of Electric Field (E) for each block to find the dimensions (W and L) for four blocks that marked with TL1, TL2, TL3 and TL4 respectively by using the Synthesize property the LineCalc window of ADS as shown in Fig.3.13.

Step (5): Finally open the window of LinCalc to find dimensions (W and L) for all block of matching network circuit at 2.4 GHz consists of four blocks of TL as illustrated in Fig.3.14.

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Fig.3.10: Tools of Smith chart.



Fig3.11: Window of the Smith chart in ADS.



Fig.3.12: Block diagram of Transmission Lines.



Fig.3.13: Window of the LineCalc to compute Width and Length.

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Fig.3.14: Simulated Block diagram of Transmission Lines (TL) at 2.4 GHz.

3.2 Rectifier Circuit operating at 2.4 GHz with LC-Circuit Matching Method

As shown in Fig.3.15, a single stage rectifier improved and simulated in Advanced Design System (ADS). The matching circuit for the rectifier circuit, which is LC-Circuit is chosen to match between an antenna and the rectifier. Furthermore HSMS-2820 diodes are used, which contribute to rectify the coming RF signal and transform it from alternating current AC to direct current DC. At the input, the series capacitance acts as a voltage doubler. Additionally, the output has a capacitance to smooth the DC output before it is fed to the load as a DC power or stored in a battery. It is necessary to note that the circuit in Fig.3.15 is intended to be printed on FR-4 substrate with a 4.3 dielectric constant and a thickness with 1.57 mm. Table 3.1, show DC Voltage output (Vdc) and Efficiency (η) for different input power (Pin) at 2.4, 3.6 and 5 GHz with using LC-Circuit.



Fig.3.15: Rectifier circuit operating at 2.4 GHz with LC-Circuit as a matching method.

$$\eta_{at\ 10\ dBm} = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} \times 100$$
$$\eta_{at\ 10\ dBm} = \frac{0.004522}{0.01} \times 100 = 45.22\ \%$$

Table 3.1: DC Voltage output (Vdc) and Efficiency (η) for different input power (Pin) at 2.4, 3.6 and 5 GHz with using LC-Circuit.

Pin		Vout (dc)		Efficiency (η)								
(dBm)												
	2.4GHz	3.6 GHz	5 GHz	2.4 GHz	3.6 GHz	5 GHz						
-10	53 mV	16 mV	3 mV	0.88%	0.077%	0.0002%						
-5	200 mV	170 mV	60 mV	21.7%	3.06%	0.35%						
0	430 mV	500 mV	350 mV	6.2%	27.5%	3.9%						
5	0.9 V	1 V	0.8 V	9.4%	10.2%	16%						
10	2.2 V	1.6 V	1.7 V	45.22%	8.33%	27%						
15	3.6 V	2.5 V	2.7 V	13.37%	6.7%	13.37%						
20	5.9 V	3.7 V	4.5 V	11.2%	4.55%	11.2%						
25	9 V	5.5 V	7 V	27.8%	3.33%	33.8%						

The S11 curve versus frequency is plotted to show the influence of adding the matching network where it is clearly seen that the matching between the source and the rectifier circuit at 2.4 GHz is good and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L = 2.44-2.36 = 80$ MHz as shown in Fig.3.16.



Fig.3.16: Simulated S11 of rectifier circuit at 2.4 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.17 displays the input voltage waveform that is fed the rectifier circuit at 2.4 GHz frequency band, which is simulated by ADS.



Fig.3.17: Vin (V) of Rectifier Circuit at 2.4 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.18, as illustrated below the output voltage waveform for rectifier circuit at 2.4 GHz. The achieved DC output voltage is around 3 V, as may be shown in Fig.3.17 as observed that the ripple is acceptable and equal 3% in this application.



Fig.3.18: Vout (V) of Rectifier Circuit at 2.4 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.19 displays the waveform of output current for the rectifier circuit at 2.4 GHz. The output current is about 9 mA, and with changing the load value changing the output current also.



Fig.3.19: Output current of Rectifier Circuit at 2.4 GHz with LC-Circuit. Fig.3.20 shows the measurement of the rectifier's performance. It has been investigated how the input power Pin impact the output voltage. The relationship between the input power (Pin) and the output voltage (Vout) of rectifier circuit at 2.4 GHz is recorded. It is clearly seen the output voltage increases exponentially with increasing the input power (Pin). A maximum output voltage is around 9 V is achieved at input power of 25 dBm, which is equivalent to 316.22 mW.



Fig.3.20: Vout (V) versus Pin (dBm) of Rectifier Circuit at 2.4, 3.6 and 5 GHz with LC-Circuit.



Fig.3.21: Efficiency versus input power of Rectifier Circuit at 2.4, 3.6 and 5 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.21 shows that when the input power increases, the efficiency gradually rises. It also suggests that a slight increase must produce significant improvement in system performance. In other words, increasing the input power from -10 to 25 dBm produce an output voltage rise from 0 to 9 V and efficiency rise from 2% to 45% then drops to 27%.

3.3 Rectifier circuit operating at 3.6 GHz with LC-Circuit Matching Method

A rectifier circuit can be operated at 3.6 GHz by setting the power source frequency to 3.6 GHz as illustrated in Fig.3.22. The values of the L and C of the matching network were re-calculated using the new frequency 3.6 GHz. The S-parameters results show that the rectifier circuit has an excellent matching at 3.6 GHz due to the matching LC-circuit and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L = 3.7-3.53 = 170$ MHz as shown in Fig.3.23.



Fig.3.22: Rectifier circuit operating at 3.6 GHz with LC-Circuit.



Fig.3.23: Simulated S11 of Rectifier Circuit at 3.6 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.24 displays the input voltage waveform that is fed the rectifier circuit at 3.6 GHz frequency band, which is simulated by ADS.



Fig.3.24: Vin (V) of Rectifier Circuit at 3.6 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.25 illustrates the output voltage waveform for rectifier circuit at 3.6 GHz. The achieved DC output voltage is around 1.6 V and it is observed that the ripple is very small.



Fig.3.25: Vout (V) of Rectifier Circuit at 3.6 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.26 displays the waveform of output current for the rectifier circuit at 3.6 GHz. The output current is about 530μ A.





Fig.3.27. It may be clearly seen that the output voltage increases exponentially with increasing the input power (Pin). A maximum output voltage is around 5.6 V. It is achieved at input power of 25 dBm.



Fig.3.27: Vout (V) virsus Pin (dBm) of Rectifier Circuit at 3.6 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.28 shows that when the input power increases, the efficiency gradually rises. It also suggests that a slight increase could produce significant improvement in system performance. In other words, increasing the input power from -10 to 25 dBm may produce an output voltage rise from 0 to 5.7 V and efficiency rise from 0 % to 27 %.



Fig.3.28: Efficiency versus input power of Rectifier Circuit at 3.6 GHz with LC-Circuit.

3.4 Rectifier circuit operating at 5 GHz with LC-Circuit Matching Method

A rectifier circuit can be operated at 5 GHz by setting the power source to 5 GHz as illustrated in Fig.3.29. The S-parameters results show that the rectifier circuit has a good matching at 5 GHz due to the matching LC-circuit as shown in Fig.3.30 and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L = 2.45$ -2.36 = 90 MHz.



Fig.3.29: Rectifier circuit operating at 5 GHz with LC-Circuit.



Fig.3.30: Simulated S11 of Rectifier Circuit at 5 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.31 displays the input voltage waveform that is fed the rectifier circuit at 5 GHz frequency band, which is simulated by ADS.



Fig.3.31: Vin (V) of rectifier circuit at 5 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.32 illustrates the output voltage waveform for rectifier circuit at 5 GHz. The achieved DC output voltage is around 1.7 V, as can be s in Fig.3.32.



Fig.3.32: Vout (V) of rectifier circuit at 5 GHz with LC-Circuit.

Fig.3.33 displays the waveform of output current for the rectifier circuit at 5 GHz. The output current is about 550 μ A, and with changing the load value will change the output current also.





Fig.3.34 shows measure of the rectifier's performance in addition to Vout value and quality. The relationship between the input power (Pin) and the output voltage (Vout) of rectifier circuit at 5 GHz is depicted in Fig.3.34. It can be clearly seen the output voltage increases exponentially with increasing the input power (Pin). A maximum output voltage is around 7 V is achieved at input power of 25 dBm.

In addition, Fig.3.35 shows that when the input power increases, the efficiency gradually rises. It suggests also that a slight increase must produce a significant improvement in system performance.



Fig.3.34: Vout (V) versus Pin (dBm) of rectifier circuit at 5 GHz with LC-Circuit.





3.5 Rectifier Circuit operating at 2.4 GHz with TL-Circuit Matching Method

Another way to perform impedance matching is applied by using the Smith Chart capability in ADS software. In this method, a transmission line stubs are employed at the input port of the circuit to match the source to the rectifier circuit as illustrated in Fig.3.36. The length (L) and width

(W) of these transmission line stubs play a crucial role in determining the quality of impedance matching. Fig.3.37 shows the simulated S11 of rectifier circuit at 2.4 GHz with TL-Circuit, where the return loss value went below -14 dB at the specified frequency and the Bandwidth $(BW)=f_H - f_L = 2.41-2.39 = 20$ MHz.



Fig.3.36: Rectifier circuit operating at 2.4 GHz with TL-Circuit.



Fig3.37: Simulated S11 of Rectifier Circuit at 2.4 GHz with TL-Circuit.

The input voltage waveform that is fed to the rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 2.4 GHz frequency band is displayed in Fig.3.38, which is simulated by ADS.



Fig.3.38: Vin (V) of rectifier circuit at 2.4 GHz with TL-Circuit.

Fig.3.39 illustrates the output voltage waveform for rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 2.4 GHz. The achieved DC output voltage is around 11.3 V as shown in Fig.3.39 with a very minimum ripple.


Fig.3.39: Vout (V) of Rectifier Circuit at 2.4 GHz with TL-Circuit.

Fig.3.40 displays the waveform of output current for the rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 2.4 GHz . The output current is about 3.44 mA.



Fig.3.40: Output current of rectifier circuit at 2.4 GHz with TL-Circuit. Fig.3.41 shows the measurement of the rectifier's performance. It has been investigated how the input power Pin impact the output voltage. The relationship between the input power (Pin) and the output voltage (Vout)

of rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 2.4 GHz is recorded. It is clearly seen that the output voltage increases exponentially with increasing the input power (Pin). A maximum output voltage is around 10.5 V. It is achieved at input power of 25 dBm.



Fig.3.41: Vdc (Vout) versus input power of rectifier at 2.4, 3.6 and 5 GHz with TL-Circuit.

Fig.3.42 shows that when the input power increases, the efficiency gradually rises. It also suggests that increasing the input power from -10 to 25 dBm produce an output voltage rise from 0 to 10.5 V and efficiency rise from 2% to 27%.



Fig.3.42: Efficiency versus input power of Rectifier Circuit at 2.4 GHz with TL-Circuit.

3.6 Rectifier circuit operating at 3.6 GHz with TL-Circuit Matching Method

The voltage doubler rectifier circuit with TL-circuit is operated at 3.6 GHz as illustrated in Fig.3.43. The simulated S11 is depicted in Fig.3.44, where the matching circuit has achieved the goal and the Bandwidth $(BW)=f_H - f_L = 3.65-3.55 = 100$ MHz.



Fig.3.43: Rectifier circuit operating at 3.6 GHz with TL-Circuit.



Fig3.44: Simulated S11 of Rectifier Circuit at 3.6 GHz with TL-Circuit.

Fig.3.45 displays the input voltage waveform that is fed to the rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 3.6 GHz frequency band.



Fig.3.45: Vin (V) of rectifier circuit at 3.6 GHz with TL-Circuit.

Fig.3.46 illustrates the output voltage waveform for rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 3.6 GHz. The achieved DC output voltage is around 1.7 V as shown in Fig.3.46.



Fig.3.46: Vout (V) of rectifier circuit at 3.6 GHz with TL-Circuit.

Fig.3.47, Displays the waveform of output current for the rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 3.6 GHz. The output current is about 560 uA, and with changing the load value will change the output current also.



Fig.3.47: Output current of Rectifier Circuit at 3.6 GHz with TL-Circuit. Fig.3.48 shows the measurement of the rectifier's performance. It has been investigated how the input power Pin impact the output voltage. The relationship between the input power (Pin) and the output voltage (Vout) of rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 3.6 GHz is recorded. It is clearly seen that the output voltage increases exponentially with increasing the input power (Pin). A maximum output voltage is around 2.6 V. It is achieved at input power of 25 dBm.



Fig.3.48: Vdc (Vout) versus input power of rectifier at 2.4 GHz with TL-Circuit.

The variation of efficiency versus input power is demonstrated in Fig.3.49. It is evident that increasing the input power from -10 to 25 dBm may produce an output voltage rise from 0 to 2.6 V and efficiency rise from 2% to 27%.



Fig.3.49: Efficiency versus input power of rectifier circuit at 3.6 GHz with TL-Circuit.

3.7 Rectifier circuit operating at 5 GHz with TL-Circuit Matching Method

The rectifier circuit is here operated at 5 GHz as illustrated in Fig.3.50 and the simulated S11 versus frequency and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L = 1$ MHz is depicted in Fig.3.51.



Fig.3.50: Rectifier circuit operating at 5 GHz with TL-Circuit.



Fig3.51: Simulated S11 of Rectifier Circuit at 5 GHz with TL-Circuit.

Fig.3.52 displays the input voltage waveform that is fed to the rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 5 GHz frequency band.



Fig.3.52: Vin (V) of Rectifier Circuit at 5 GHz with TL-Circuit.

Fig.3.53 illustrates the output voltage waveform for rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 5 GHz. The achieved DC output voltage is around 6.5 V as shown in Fig.3.53.



Fig.3.53: Vout (V) of Rectifier Circuit at 5 GHz with TL-Circuit.

Fig.3.54 displays the waveform of output current for the rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 5 GHz. The output current is about 2.4 mA.



Fig.3.54: Output current of Rectifier Circuit at 5 GHz with TL-Circuit.

The relationship between the input power (Pin) and the output voltage (Vout) of rectifier circuit with TL-Circuit at 5 GHz is recorded in Fig.3.55. It is clearly seen that the output voltage increases exponentially with increasing the input power (Pin). A maximum output voltage is around 6 V. It is achieved at input power of 25 dBm.



Fig.3.55: Vdc (Vout) versus input power of Rectifier Circuit at 5 GHz with TL-Circuit.

The variation of efficiency versus input power is demonstrated in Fig.3.56. It is evident that increasing the input power from -10 to 25 dBm produce an output voltage rise from 0 to 6 V and efficiency rise from 0% to 18%.



Fig.3.56: Efficiency versus input power of rectifier circuit at 5 GHz with TL-Circuit.

3.4 Fabrication and experimental validation

To validate the concept and for experimental validation, the rectifier circuit that operating at 2.4 was fabricated using PCB technology. FR-4 substrate with dielectric constant of 4.3 and thickness of 1.6 mm is employed. Fig.3.57 illustrates the PCB schematic diagram of the fabricated circuit where it is a double layer circuit with a full ground plane at the back of substrate. All the circuit components were available in the market.



Fig.3.57: Rectifier circuit layout for fabrication.



Fig.3.58: Photo of the front layer of rectifier circuit.



Fig.3.59: Photo of the back layer of rectifier circuit.

The fabricated rectifier circuit was fed by TGR6000 1GHz Synthesized RF Signal Generator with a variable input power level (in dBm) through a rigid microwave coaxial cable. Sub miniature Version A (SMA) connector is attached to the input port of fabricated circuit and the S11 (Reflection Coefficient) is measured by Network Analyzer as shown in Fig.3.60, and then the output voltage is measured using multipurpose digital AVO meter as illustrated in Fig.3.61. It can be seen from Fig.3.60 that best impedance matching is achieved at 1.87 GHz not 2.4 GHz due to losses of power in wires. This difference is due to the fabrication tolerance, which cause to slightly change the resonant frequency of the circuit and alter the impedance matching characteristics. Thus, in the measurement phase, the circuit was operated at 1.87 GHz and the output voltage is recorded at different input power. Furthermore, the employed TGR6000 1GHz Synthesized RF Signal Generator has a maximum input power of 7 dBm so that our measurements were limited to this value.



Fig.3.60: Measured S11 for the fabricated rectifier circuit.



Fig.3.61: Photograph of the experimental setup showing the measurement of Vdc (Vout) Versus Pin (dBm).



Fig.3.62: Comparison between simulated and Measured Vdc (Vout) versus Pin (dBm) at 3 k Ω .



Fig.3.63: Comparison between simulated and Measured Efficiency (η) versus Pin (dBm) at 3 k Ω .

CHAPTER FOUR

Multiband and Wideband Antennas for Energy Harvesting Applications

4.1 Introduction

Antennas are employed to cover multiband operation at GHz frequencies to target wide range of applications such as Bluetooth, GSM, WLAN, Wi-MAX and satellite communication bands for energy harvesting systems. There are several proposed designs for antennas that exhibit multiband operation. In this work, the proposed designs are hexagonal and circular ring fractal antennas were simulated and fabricated. Both of designs will be placed on co-planer partial ground plane that is located on the front side of substrate. These types of antennas is selected due to its small size and compact nature compared with other types of antennas. In addition, there are other designs that operate with multiband and simulated such as rectangular patch with inset feeding without slot, rectangular patch with inset feeding and one slot on the front patch, rectangular patch with double slots, and UWB circular patch antennas. All the designs are simulated using the Computer Simulation Technology (CST) microwave software suite.

4.2 Antennas design

Microstrip patch antenna are popular due to their easy fabrication by using printed circuit board (PCB) technique, small size, light weight and low profile. Due to their compact and planar structure, these antennas are better to use for applications like wireless communications and satellite. The reflection coefficient of antenna is controlled by impedance matching of feed line and patch shape. The inset feeding is one of the famous techniques for achieving perfect matching.

4.2.1 Antenna 1 of rectangular patch with inset feeding

In the design process of a microstrip patch antenna, the selection of substrate is very crucial and important. The substrate's parameter such as weight, length, height and dielectric constant are very important for antenna performance. FR-4 substrate of thickness 1.6 mm, dielectric constant of ε_r = 4.3 and a loss tangent (δ) of 0.02 is selected in this work. The size of patch in antenna is determined according to the Eq (2.3) and following Eqs (2.4)-(2.10) and shown in Fig.4.1. The width of patch is W_p = 38.37 mm and the length of patch is L_p = 29.85 mm. Furthermore, the width of substrate is W_s = 44 mm and the length of substrate is L_s = 41 mm. The antenna feeding should be designed carefully to provide a good impedance matching. The impedance of patch antenna should be equal to impedance of feeding line (typically 50 Ω) to provide maximum power transfer and hence excellent results. The patch antenna was fed with a feed line connected to a point inside the patch where the input impedance is equal to 50 Ω .

Fig.4.1 shows the structure of rectangular patch antenna with inset feeding. Fig.4.2 illustrates the design Antenna 1 with all dimensions marked. The reflection coefficient (S11) versus frequency is illustrated in Fig.4.3. It is noted that this antenna exhibits quad-band operation at frequencies 2.4, 3.6, 4.5 and 4.7 GHz with return loss of -50, -30, -17 and -15 dB and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L$ = 81.5, 84.6, 115 and 124 MHz respectively. These results are matching the theoretical design process earlier in chapter two, which validate the design theory with simulation procedure.



Fig.4.1: Rectangular patch antenna with inset feeding.



Fig.4.2: Antenna 1 of rectangular patch with inset feeding.

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Name	Value (mm)
Width of substrate (Ws)	44
Length of substrate (Ls)	41
Width of patch (Wp)	38.37
Length of patch (Lp)	29.85
Width of ground plane(Wg)	44

Length of ground plane(Lg)	41
Width of feeding line (Wf)	3
Length of feeding line (Lf)	12.10
Width of inset feeding (Ws)	1.46
Length of inset feeding (LD)	6
Thickness of substrate (hs)	1.645
Dielectric constant of substrate ε_r	4.3
Thickness of copper (ht)	0.035



Fig.4.3: Simulated S11 versus frequency for Antenna 1.

The antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 2.4 GHz is shown in Fig.4.4. The antenna features have a directivity of about 5.509 dBi. The 2D (polar) radiation pattern of Antenna 1 at 2.4 GHz is depicted in Fig.4.5.



Fig.4.4: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 2.4 GHz for Antenna 1.



Fig.4.5: Simulated 2D radiation pattern at 2.4 GHz for Antenna 1.

Fig.4.6 shows the antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz and Fig.4.7 shows the antenna's 2D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz. The antenna features have a directivity about 4.284 dBi.



Fig.4.6: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz for Antenna 1.



Fig.4.7: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz for Antenna 1.

Fig.4.8 shows the antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 4.5 GHz and Fig.4.9 shows the antenna's 2D radiation pattern at 4.5 GHz. The antenna features have a directivity about 4.135 dBi.



Fig.4.8: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 4.5 GHz for Antenna 1.



Fig.4.9: Simulated 2D radiation pattern at 4.5GHz for Antenna 1.

Fig.4.10 shows the antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 4.7 GHz and Fig.4.11 shows the antenna's 2D radiation pattern at 4.7 GHz.



Fig.4.10: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 4.7 GHz for Antenna 1.



Fig4.11: Simulated 2D radiation pattern at 4.7 GHz for Antenna 1.

It can be seen from the figures of radiation pattern above that the shape of the radiation pattern and the value of directivity is different for each resonant frequency.

4.2.2 Antenna 2 of rectangular patch with inset feeding and slot

A slotted rectangular patch antenna with inset feeding is designed and simulated. The antenna structure has two slots: the first slot has a rectangle shape and lies on the front patch, while the second slot lies on the ground plane as shown in Fig.4.12. Adding slots to the antenna design contributes to adding more frequency band. The antenna is placed on FR-4 substrate with $\varepsilon_r = 4.3$, a thickness of 1.6 mm and a loss tangent (δ) of 0.02. The triple band are located at resonant frequencies 2.32, 3.8 and 4.9 GHz and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L = 77.5$, 80.6, 111 MHz respectively.



Fig.4.12: Antenna 2 Rectangular patch antenna with inset feeding and two slots.

Table 4.2:	Geometrical	details	of Antenna	2.
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Name	Value (mm)
Width of substrate (Ws)	44
length of substrate (Ls)	41
Width of patch (Wp)	38.37
Length of patch (Lp)	29.85

Width of ground plane(Wg)	44
length of ground plane(Wg)	41
Width of feeding line (Wf)	3
Length of feeding line (Lf)	12.10
Height the locate of front slot (H1)	14.38
Height the locate of back slot (H2)	24.5
Width the locate of back slot (L3)	12
Width of inset feeding (WS)	1.46
length of inset feeding (LD)	6
Thickness of substrate (hs)	1.645
Dielectric constant of substrate (ε_r)	4.3
Thickness of copper (ht)	0.035





A parametric study on the impact of the slot location is conducted. The aim is to study the possibility of controlling the resonant frequency of the antenna by changing the slot characteristics. To this end, the height (H1) of the front slot (i.e. distance between the slot and the bottom of the patch antenna). The results showed that increasing H1 will reduce the resonant frequency of all bands with decreasing the value of S11 as shown in Fig.4.14. On the other hand, the height (H2) of the back slot is increased form 24.5 mm to 32.5 mm and the results showed that H2 have similar impact as of H1 as shown in Fig. 4.15. It can be concluded that the performance of the slotted patch antennas can be enhanced and controlled by varying the slot parameters.



Fig.4.14: Simulated S11 for Antenna 2 by varying the Height the locate of front slot (H1).



Fig.4.15: Simulated S11 for Antenna 2 by varying the Height the locate of back slot (H2).

4.2.3 Antenna 3 of rectangular patch with double slot

For the rectangular patch with double slot design, the impact of the distance between the two slots was also studied to observe the impact of moving the slots horizontally (shown in Fig.4.16). The reflection coefficient of the designed antenna for the case of decreasing the distance (*d*) at distances of 24 mm, 20 mm and 8 mm is illustrated in Fig.4.17. It is found that when the distance between the slots is reduced, the lower band frequency is increased while the upper band frequency decreases significantly with an increase in return loss (S11) value in both cases. Furthermore, for the middle frequency band around 4.5 GHz, the resonant frequency is kept almost unchanged with varying the distance between the slots and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L$ = 95.5, 74.6, 122 MHz respectively.



Fig.4.16: Antenna 3 (Rectangular patch with double slot) all dimension in mm.

Name	Value (mm)
Width of substrate (Ws)	44
Length of substrate (Ls)	41
Width of patch (Wp)	38.37
Length of patch (Lp)	29.85
Width of ground plane(Wg)	44
Length of ground plane(Lg)	41
Width of feeding line (Wf)	3
Length of feeding line (Lf)	12.10
Width of inset feeding line (WS)	1.46
Length of inset feeding line (LD)	6
Thickness of substrate (hs)	1.645
Dielectric constant of substrate (ε_r)	4.3
Thickness of copper (ht)	0.035
Width the locate of two slots (d)	24, 20 and 8

 Table 4.3: Geometrical details of Antenna 3.



Fig.4.17: Simulated S11 for Antenna 3 (Rectangular patch with double slot).

4.2.4 Antenna 4 of rectangular patch with Sierpinski fractal slot

Rectangular patch triangle fractal slot antennas are a type of microstrip antenna that can operate at multiple frequency bands. The fractal geometry that is employed here is the Sierpinski gasket as shown in Fig.4.18. These antennas are composed of a rectangular patch with a triangular fractal slot, which is etched into the patch as illustrated in Fig.4.19. The fractal slot helps to increase the bandwidth of the antenna, allowing it to operate at multiple frequencies. This makes rectangular patch triangle fractal slot antennas a popular choice for applications that require wide frequency range of operation such as in wireless communication systems. In particular, these antennas are well-suited for the frequency bands at 2.3, 3.7, 4.4, 4.7 and 6.6 GHz and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L = 80.3$, 86, 70.6, 183 and 70 MHz respectively as demonstrated in Fig.4.20, which are commonly used in many wireless communication applications. In this context, the design and analysis of these antennas have become an active area of research in the field of antenna engineering.



Fig.4.18: Triangle slot of Sierpinski.



Fig.4.19: Antenna 4 (Rectangular patch triangle slot antenna) all dimensions in mm.



Fig.4.20: Simulated S11 for Antenna 4.

4.2.5 Antenna 5 of Slotted UWB Circular Patch Antenna

An Ultra-wide band (UWB) circular patch antenna is designed and simulated without slot at the beginning. Two slots are then added to the structure to study the impact of adding slots to the patch antenna structure as shown in Fig.4.21. The circular patch antenna without slot exhibits a wide frequency band of operation starts from 2.4 GHz to 5.6 GHz as depicted in Fig. 4.22. This frequency of operation is utilized in several communication systems. In addition, in slotted UWB circular patch, it was noticed that the slots add another frequency band centered around 6.2 GHz. The distance between the two slots are varied by 2mm, 4mm and 8mm and its impact was observed. The results showed that varying the distance between slots can only affect the center frequency of the newly added band and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L = 95.5$, 74.6, 122 and 110 MHz respectively as illustrated in Fig.4.23. This means that engineering the slots could adjust the frequency of operation around the frequency band of interest. The partial ground plane is located at front side of

substrate while the back side of substrate is left empty. Table 4.4 lists the geometrical details of Antenna 5.



Fig.4.21: Antenna 5 (An Ultra-Wide Band (UWB) Circular patch antenna) all dimensions in mm.

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Name	Value (mm)
Width of substrate (Ws)	35
Length of substrate (Ls)	53
Radius of patch (r)	13
Length of slot (L1)	14
Width of slot (L2)	3
Width of ground plane(Wg)	14.5
Length of ground plane(Lg)	13
Width of feeding line (Wf)	3
Length of feeding line (Lf)	15.13
Thickness of substrate (hs)	1.645
Dielectric constant of substrate ε_r	4.3
Thickness of copper (ht)	0.035

Width the locate of two slots (D)	2, 4 and 8

Simulated S11 for Antenna 5 without slot as shown in Fig.4.22,

and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L$ = 3.4 GHz.



Fig.4.22: Simulated S11 for Antenna 5 without slot.

Simulated S11 for Antenna 5 by varying the distance between two slots (D) as shown in Fig.4.23, and the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L$ = 3.2 and 1.1 GHz respectively.



Fig.4.23: Simulated S11 for Antenna 5 by varying the distance between two slots (D).

4.2.6 Antenna 6 of Hexagonal ring fractal antenna with slot

CST software was used to design and simulate a hexagonal patch antenna. The antenna is constructed on a 1.6 mm thick FR-4 Printed Circuit Board (PCB) with a dielectric constant of 4.3. The antenna is designed to operate at wide range of frequencies. The substrate dimensions including antenna structure is (38×38) mm in total size. The prototype design of this antenna was in configuration hexagonal patch antenna as shown in Fig.4.24



Fig.4.24: Hexagonal patch without slot antenna.

The radius of the hexagonal shape is varied from 12.49 to 15.49 mm and the S11 results are observed as illustrated in Fig.4.25. It can be seen that all the designed hexagonal antennas exhibit a wide frequency band of operation starts from 3 GHz to more than 6 GHz. It can also be seen that when radius is equal to 12.49 mm there is a good resonant frequency at 4.3 GHz with S11 is equal to -40 dB and also when changing the radius to 14.49 mm the antenna starts to operate slightly below 3GHz and an excellent resonant frequency appeared at 5.6 GHz with S11 is equal to -43 dB.



Fig.4.25: Simulated S11versus frequency for Hexagonal patch antenna.



Fig.4.26: Hexagonal ring patch antenna.

A modification is made on the hexagonal patch to convert it into hexagonal ring antenna in order to improve the performance as depicted in Fig.4.27. However, the S11 results are poor and not promising. A resonant frequency band is appeared at 2.4 GHz with reflection coefficient around -10 dB as shown in Fig.4.27.

In order to improve the reflection characteristics and achieve multiband performance, a fractal geometry is built by replicating the hexagonal rings with a smaller scale (i.e self-similarity). Fig. 4.28 illustrates the newly proposed hexagonal fractal ring antenna.



Fig.4.27: Simulated S11 versus frequency for Hexagonal ring patch antenna.



Fig.4.28: Hexagonal ring fractal antenna with slot with all dimensions in mm.

Table 4.5 displays the dimensions for Antenna 6 (Hexagonal ring fractal antenna).
Name	Value (mm)
Width of substrate (Ws)	38
Length of substrate (Ls)	38
Width of patch (Wp)	30.98
Length of patch (Lp)	26.83
Width of ground plane(Wg)	17.5
Length of ground plane (Lg)	8
Width of feeding line (Wf)	2
Thickness of substrate (hs)	1.645
Dielectric constant of substrate ε_r	4.3
Thickness of copper (ht)	0.035

 Table 4.5: Geometrical details of Antenna 6.

The simulated S-parameters of the designed fractal antenna is illustrated in Fig.4.29, which typically gives a clear indication on the reflection and matching characteristics of the antenna. The S11 curve implies this antenna radiates very well at frequency bands at the range 1-6 GHz. It is worth mentioning that the fourth frequency band exhibits a very wide frequency range, which makes it perfect for sub-6 GHz 5G networks and above. And the Bandwidth (BW) = $f_H - f_L$ = 100 and 93.3 MHz and 3.3 GHz respectively.



Fig.4.29: Simulated S11 for Antenna 6 (Hexagonal ring fractal antenna).

Fig.4.30 shows the antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 2.4 GHz. The antenna features have a directivity of 2.966 dBi. The ratio of the antenna radiation intensity in a given direction to radiation intensity that would be achieved if the power absorbed by the antenna were radiated isotopically is known as the antenna's IEEE gain.



Fig.4.30: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 2.4 GHz for Antenna 6.

Fig.4.31 depicts the 2D (polar) radiation pattern of antenna at 2.4 GHz. The main lobe magnitude has 2.6 dBi and the main lobe direction is 24.0 degrees. The side lobe level with angular width is 79.5 degrees. A polar representation of the radiation pattern of the compact size antenna at 2.4 GHz reveals principal lob's magnitude to be 2.6 dBi at this frequency.



Fig.4.31: Simulated 2D radiation pattern at 2.4 GHz for Antenna 6.

Fig.4.32 shows the antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz. The antenna features have a directivity about 2.791 dBi.



Fig.4.32: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz for Antenna 6.

Fig.4.33 depicts the 2D (polar) radiation pattern of Antenna 6 at 3.6 GHz. the main lobe magnitude has of 2.8 dBi and the main lobe direction is 173.0 degrees. The side lobe level with angular width is 77.5 degrees. A polar map of the radiation pattern of the compact size antenna at 3.6 GHz reveals principal lob's magnitude to be 2.8 dBi at this frequency.



Fig.4.33: Simulated 2D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz for Antenna 6.

Finally, the radiation pattern was plotted at 5 GHz. Fig.4.34 shows the antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 5 GHz where the recorded directivity was 4.343 dBi.



Fig.4.34: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 5 GHz for Antenna 6.

Fig.4.35 depicts the 2D (polar) radiation pattern of antenna 6 at 5 GHz. the main lobe magnitude has 4.35 dBi and the main lobe direction is 156.0 degrees. The side lobe level with angular width is 62.3 degrees. A polar map of the radiation pattern of the compact size antenna at 5 GHz reveals principal lob's magnitude to be 4.35 dBi at this frequency.



Fig.4.35: Simulated 2D radiation pattern at 5 GHz for Antenna 6.

4.2.7 Antenna 7 of circular ring patch fractal antenna

The design and simulation procedure of this antenna is similar to the hexagonal ring antenna. It starts with a circular patch antenna as shown in Fig.4.36. The radius of the circular patch was varied from 11.49 mm to 15.49 mm to study the impact of the patch size on the antenna performance. The simulation results of the S-parameters are depicted in Fig.4.37.



Fig.4.36: Circular patch without slot antenna



Fig.4.37: Simulated S11 versus frequency for Circular patch without slot antenna.

Fig.4.37 reveals that the best performance in terms of reflection characteristics was achieved at patch radius of 15.49 mm with S11 is equal to -18 at the resonant frequency of 3.6 GHz. The patch is now converted into ring antenna with same radius value (i.e. 15.49 mm) as illustrated in Fig. 4.38. The simulated S11 of the circular ring antenna is shown in Fig. 4.39.



Fig.4.38: Circular ring patch.





Again, the structure of the circular ring antenna alone was not enough to improve the antenna performance. Thus, a new fractal geometry is proposed by replicating the circular ring many times but with smaller radius as shown in Fig. 4.40. Table 4.6 displays the geometrical details of the proposed fractal antenna.



Fig.4.40: Circular ring fractal antenna with slot with all dimensions in

mm.

 Table 4.6: Geometrical details of Antenna 7.

Name	Value
Width of substrate (Ws)	38
Length of substrate (Ls)	38
Radius of circle (patch= r_1)	15.49
Radius of circle (patch= r_2)	4.4
Width of ground plane(Wg)	17.5
Length of ground plane(Lg)	5.5
Width of feeding line (Wf)	2
Thickness of substrate (hs)	1.645
Dielectric constant of substrate ε_r	4.3
Thickness of copper (ht)	0.035

The simulated S-parameters of the circular fractal ring antenna is shown in Fig.4.41. It is noticed that the designed antenna exhibits a dual band performance with two main bands at 2.5 and 4 GHz. It is also observed that the second band is very wide so that it covers a wide range of communication systems, which makes this antenna preferable in energy harvesting applications. And the Bandwidth (BW)= $f_H - f_L$ = 300 MHz and 1.8 GHz



Fig.4.41: simulated S11 for Antenna 7 (Circular ring fractal antenna). Fig.4.42 shows the antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 2.4 GHz. The antenna exhibits an omnidirectional radiation characteristics and has a directivity of 2.58 dBi.



Fig.4.42: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 2.4 GHz for Antenna 7.

The 2D (polar) radiation pattern of the designed circular fractal antenna at 2.4 GHz is depicted in Fig.4.43. The main lobe magnitude has 1.16 dBi and the main lobe direction is at 176.0 degrees. The side lobe level with angular width is 93.9 degrees.



Fig.4.43: Simulated 2D radiation pattern at 2.4 GHz for Antenna 7.

The antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz is shown in Fig.4.44, where the antenna has a directivity of 2.855 dBi at this frequency band.



Fig.4.44: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz for Antenna 7.

Fig.4.45 below depicts the 2D radiation pattern of the designed circular fractal antenna at 3.6 GHz. The designed antenna has almost omnidirectional radiation pattern, which is highly preferable in this application.



Fig.4.45: Simulated 2D radiation pattern at 3.6 GHz for Antenna 7.

Fig.4.46 shows the antenna's 3D radiation pattern at 5 GHz, where the antenna achieved higher directivity (4.707 dBi) compared with the lower frequency bands. The 2D radiation pattern of the designed circular fractal antenna at 5 GHz is illustrated in Fig. 4.47.



Fig.4.46: Simulated 3D radiation pattern at 5 GHz for Antenna 7.



Fig.4.47: Simulated 2D radiation pattern at 5 GHz for Antenna 7.

4.3 Fabrication and Experimental Validation

The two fractal antennas (hexagonal and circular rings) are fabricated using PCB technology on a FR-4 substrate with dielectric constant of 4.3 and thickness of 1.6 mm. Fig.4.48 shows photographs of the manufactured hexagonal and circular ring fractal antennas. SMA connector is attached to each antenna for measurement purposes. Vector Network Analyzer is used to measure the S11 of the fabricated antennas. Fig.4.49 shows the experimental setup used to measure the S-parameters.

The comparison between the measured and simulated S11 for the hexagonal and circular fractal antennas are depicted in Figs. 4.50 and 4.51, respectively. It can be clearly seen from the S11 figures that there is a good agreement between the measured and simulated results for both antennas.



Fig.4.48: Photographs of the fabricated hexagonal and circular fractal antennas.



Fig.4.49: Shows the experimental setup used to measure the S-parameters for the fabricated antenna.



Fig.4.50: Measured and simulated S11 for the hexagonal ring fractal antenna.



Fig.4.51: Measured and simulated S11 for the circular ring fractal antenna.

CHAPTER FIVE CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORKS

5.1 Conclusions

In this work, a voltage doubler rectifier circuit for energy harvesting applications was examined and simulated using Advanced Design System (ADS) software at the frequency bands of 2.4, 3.6, 5 GHz. The rectifier was designed and simulated using FR-4 substrate. In order to achieve maximum power transfer between the source (antenna) and the rectifier circuit, a proper matching network must be placed in between them. To this end, two types of matching networks were designed: LC-Circuit and the microstrip Transmission Lines (TL). The impact of input power on the output voltage and efficiency was investigated at different frequency band for the two types of the matching networks. The results showed that the total conversion efficiency of around 45% was achieved with an output DC voltage of 8 V at 2.4 GHz.

In the second part of this thesis, the role of the antenna in the rectifier systems was also investigated. Since the rectifier in this work is dedicated for energy harvesting systems, it is necessary to study the feasibility of designing tunable multiband antennas. Thus, slotted rectangular patch antennas is designed, simulated and the dimensions and location of slots were examined. The results showed that the multiband performance of the slotted antenna can be engineered by controlling the characteristics of the slot. Moreover, in this work, two fractal ring antennas (hexagonal and circular) were designed, simulated and implemented. Both antennas have been designed to operate at multiple frequencies including 2.4, 3.6, 5 GHz, covering important Wi-Fi and Bluetooth bands. They have advantages over traditional rectangular patch antennas as the fractal slot creates additional resonant frequencies in a compact size. Hexagonal

patch antennas generally offer better performance in terms of bandwidth, gain and efficiency compared to circular patch antennas, especially at higher frequencies. However, circular patch antennas are easier to design and fabricate.

In summary, for a multi-band antenna operating at sub-6 GHz systems, a hexagonal patch fractal ring antenna will likely provide the best performance in terms of bandwidth, gain and efficiency. However, a circular patch fractal slot antenna may be a good alternative if ease of design and fabrication are priorities. The choice of antenna geometry depends on the specific requirements and priorities of the given application. The multiband performance of these fractal slot antennas makes them suitable candidates for applications requiring operation in multiple Wi-Fi and Bluetooth bands, such as Internet of Things devices and wireless routers. In order to minimize the size of microstrip Transmission Lines (TL), the overall components have been modified. The aim is to achieve compact design with the highest conversion efficiency. The proposed rectifier in this work were designed to function with antennas and was optimized for a reference impedance of 50Ω . Finally, the designed rectifier circuit and fractal antennas were fabricated using PCB technology and there was a good and acceptable agreement between the simulated and measured results.

The following conclusions can be drawn out of the obtained results of this thesis:

1- Achieving high AC to DC conversion efficiency equal to 45% can be achieved using a voltage doubler rectifier.

2- Input power level less than 25 dBm and frequency range below 6 GHz are handled by Schottky diodes of the series HSMS-2820. For energy harvesting applications at 2.4, 3.6 and 5 GHz, this series is quite useful.

3- By combining all of components, including the LC-Circuit and Transmission Lines (TL) ideally, the rectifier circuit was reduced to a relatively small size. The developed rectifier circuit may be used successfully to charge batteries of industrial and medical applications.

4- Since there was a good agreement between the simulated and measured results, the design procedure for both rectifier and antenna using Advanced Design System (ADS) and Computer Simulation Technology (CST) is valid and suitable to other designs.

5.2 Future works

Multiband rectennas have a lot of potential for future research and development. Here are some possible future works for this type of rectennas:

1. Optimization of the antenna and rectifier circuit design: The performance of the multiband rectenna can be improved by optimizing the design of the antenna and the rectifier circuit. This can involve using advanced simulation tools and optimization algorithms to find the best possible configuration of the rectenna.

2. Integration with energy storage devices: Multiband rectennas can be integrated with energy storage devices, such as batteries or supercapacitors, to store the harvested energy. This can improve the overall efficiency of the rectenna system and make it more practical for real-world applications.

3. Investigation of new materials and fabrication techniques: The use of new materials and fabrication techniques can enhance the performance and reliability of the multiband rectenna. For example, the use of metamaterials or nanomaterials can lead to improved efficiency and bandwidth.

4. Study of the rectenna's performance under different environmental conditions: The performance of the multiband rectenna can vary under different environmental conditions, such as temperature, humidity, and air pressure. Therefore, it is important to study how the rectenna performs under these conditions and how it can be optimized for different environments.

5. Development of new applications: Multiband rectennas can be used in a wide range of applications, such as wireless power transfer, energy harvesting from radio frequency sources, and sensor networks. Therefore, there is a need for research to explore new applications and to develop specialized rectenna designs for these applications.

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الملخص

تم تصميم المقومات في هذا العمل على أساس تقنية مضاعفة الجهد وتمت محاكاتها بواسطة برنامج نظام التصميم المتقدم (ADS). حصلت المقومات المصممة في هذا العمل على كفاءة تحويل من التردد اللاسلكي إلى تيار مستمر بمقدار حوالي ٤٥,٢٢% عند نطاق التردد ٢,٤ جيجا هرتز مع فولتية اخراج مستمرة تصل إلى ٢,٢ فولت. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، تبلغ الكفاءة المحققة حوالي ٢٩,٨٩% عند ٣,٦ جيجا هرتز مع فولتية اخراج مستمرة وصلت إلى ١ فولت وحوالي ٢٧% عند ٥ جيجا هرتز مع فولتية اخراج مستمرة تصل إلى ١,٧ فولت، وهو ما يكفى لتشغيل معظم الأجهزة و/أو شحن البطارية المزروعة. علاوة على ذلك، تم تصميم ومحاكاة وتنفيذ العديد من الهوائيات الكسورية Fractal متعددة النطاقات وعريضة الحزمة في هذا البحث باستخدام برنامج CST studio. تم تصميم هوائيين UWB لتغطى الترددات ٢,٤ جيجا هرتز و ٣,٦ جيجا هرتز و ٥ جيجا هرتز تم تصميم الهوائيات بسطح أرضى جزئي في الجانب الأمامي من الهوائيات ويتم توصيل موصل SMA بمنفذ إدخال الهوائيات. ويسهل هذا التصميم دمج الهوائيات المقترحة مع المقومات لتشكيل هوائي تقويم لنظام WPT. هوائيات التقويم المصممة (مقوم + هوائي) تم تصنيعها باستخدام تقنية PCB. تم اختبار أداء النماذج الأولية المصنعة في المختبر و تمت مقارنة النتائج المقاسة مع نتائج المحاكاة وتبين أنه تم تحقيق توافق جيد ومقبول، ـ مما يجعل تصميم المقوم والهوائي صالحا وقد أكدت هذه التجارب بشكل كبير فائدة الهوائيات المقترحة في هذا العمل لإنتاج كمية كافية من الطاقة للعديد من الأجهزة والتطبيقات

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