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Abstract-A broadened polarization bandwidth with a high-gain SADEA-driven metasurface antenna at 5 GHz is investigated for the sub-6 GHz 5G wireless applications. At first, a $\lambda_0/4$ linearly polarized printed monopole antenna is considered. In the next step, a metallic strip that serves as a dynamic switching mechanism is used to short one of the parasitic conducting strips with a partial ground plane to get circular polarization (CP). To make it suitable for the RF energy harvesting application, a crucial part of sub-6 GHz 5G communication, the motive is to achieve broadened performance for antenna gain, impedance (10-dB BW), and axial bandwidths (3-dB BW). It is attained by placing the SADEA-tuned metasurface layer as a parasitic patch at the height of $0.02\lambda_0$, below the radiator. With the usage of the SADEA optimization method, the process of the metasurface layer is depicted as more effective in performance and less complex towards its execution. It is printed on FR-4 of $1.33\lambda_0 \times 0.9\lambda_0 \times 0.02\lambda_0$, which offers a measured 58.23% 10-dB BW, 26.39% 3-dB BW, CP gain $_{\text{peak}} > 5.9$ dBic, antenna efficiency $> 75\%$, with a front-to-back ratio > -20 dBic in the sub-6 GHz 5G bands, a potential candidate for the next-generation wireless communication, especially for the RF energy harvesting systems.

Keywords-Monopole Antenna, Circular Polarization, SADEA Optimization, Metasurfaces, Sub-6 GHz 5G Applications, RF Energy Harvesting.

1. Introduction

The wireless communication is rapidly progressing towards 5G & has significant expectations for data speeds, coverage, capacity, efficiency, connectivity, & latency [1, 2]. It is in comparison with a communication system that is in existence. By enhancing their capabilities, the RF front-ends play a pivotal role in the phenomena of building a next-generation communication system [3, 4]. This advancement is made possible by the expansion of the RF wireless system. When the current circumstances are taken into consideration, there is an immediate need for research that is focused

toward the development of energy harvesting from the abundance of ambient signals & sub-6 GHz 5G. RF energy harvesting through the use of the EM spectrum has developed as a means of reducing costs with less periodic maintenance. It emerges as the result of the fact that low-power embedded devices are taken into consideration. So, reference is being made for the utilization of energy, where RF front-ends are considered to be a crucial component of the process; the reason for this is that it requires interaction with EM waves that are all around us [5, 6]. Using circular polarization (CP) to produce better signal matching is one way to measure its effectiveness in terms of better signal matching, as the first step is to make sure that the incoming signals from mobile communication bands are received accurately, irrespective of the direction in which the antenna is pointed. Their selection is of importance due to their low profile, simplicity to analyze, broad bandwidth, good radiation efficiency, desirable pattern, time domain utility, and sensitivity to the FCC emission limits, as its primary requirements [7-12]. Thus, a printed monopole was selected with the motive of improving capabilities through the designing of effective CP antennas in their desired operating bands [13].

As a consequence of this, there is a requirement for the single antenna element that possesses attributes, mostly the capability of CP. So, the techniques in the likes of vias [14] & metasurfaces (MTS) [15-28] are utilized in order to accomplish designing the CP antennas. On the other hand, when it comes to the requirements for an effective polarization system (high polarization bandwidth with a fractional bandwidth ratio of $> 20\%$), one of the important requirements is to obtain the broadband CP. Because this particular kind of comparison was not specified in [14-28], as it continues to be a significant [29]. As this is especially true when it processes to the deployment of MTS layers that are not properly defined through the AI. The method that is SADEA [30] was used for the goal of optimizing parameters to enhance performances, taking into consideration a variety of requirements. The application of this method to the optimization of MTS is essential towards the CP antenna in terms of its augmentation, bandwidth, & gain. So, the broadband CP & broadside directional patterns were attained with the use of a metallic strip & incorporation of a SADEA-driven MTS layer as a parasitic patch. Following that, the analogy of CP has been proposed by means of the CEM, which is shown later. This article investigates the MTS-SADEA-inspired monopole antenna, offering performance while considering trade-offs, i.e., the broadened 3-dB bandwidth of $> 20\%$ and a CP gain^{avg.} of > 5.25 dBic with an effective polarization in terms of the optimum front-to-back ratio for the sub-6 GHz 5G bands. In the remaining sections, information about the counterparts is well explained out, i.e., right from theoretical insights to experimental validation to its implementation from an application perspective.

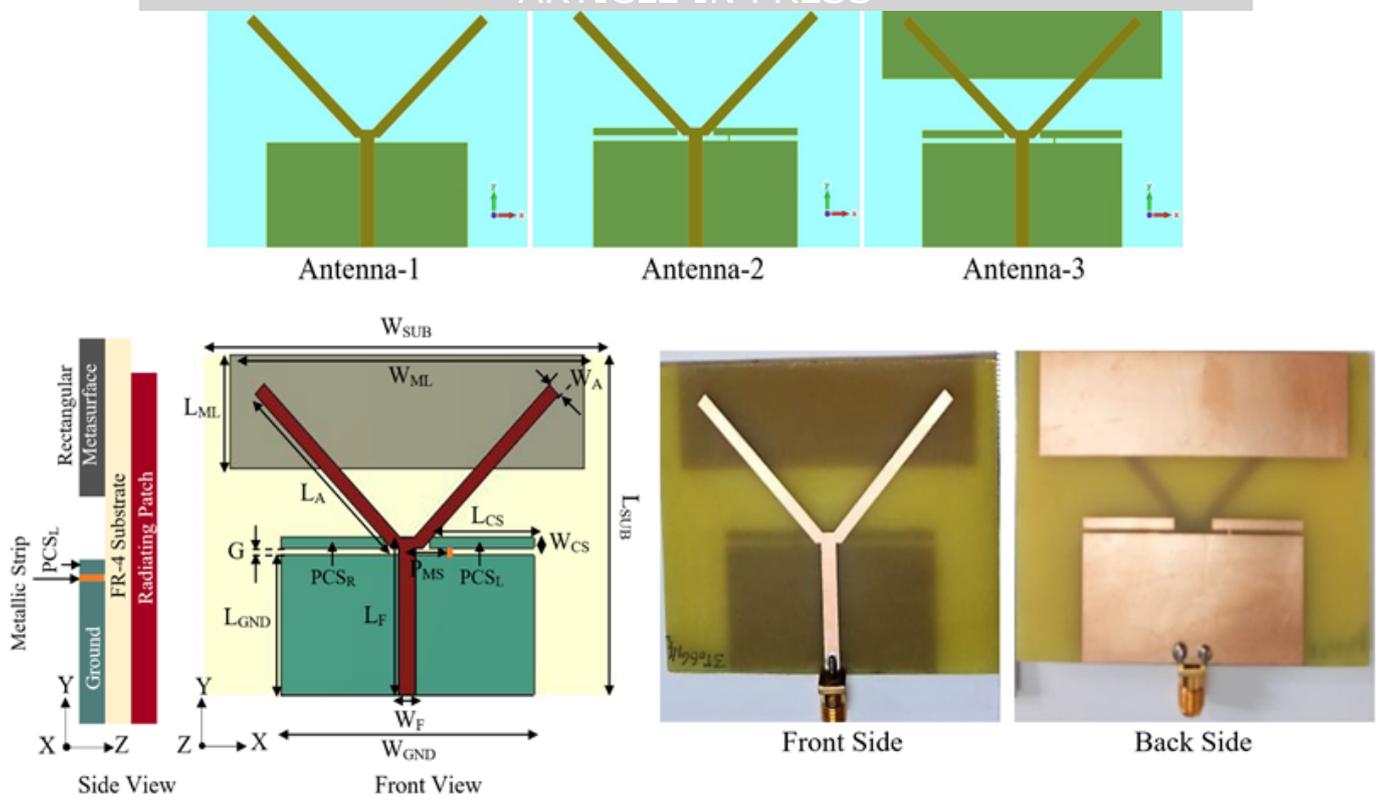


Figure 1. Evolution stages and the schematics of SADEA-tuned MTS antenna with its fabricated prototype.

2. Antenna Design and its Analysis

An illustration of the evolution stages & schematics of a Y-shaped MTS antenna printed on an FR-4 substrate is shown in Figure 1. In the designing procedure, the authors have extended the partial ground plane (PGP) by adding the conducting strips in order to address trade-offs (antenna-1 to antenna-2). So, these are separated from the upper faces of the PGPs by an offset of 1.16 mm, whose length is 21.6 mm and the width is 1.84 mm (antenna-1). When viewed from the application point of view, the interaction that takes place in between PGP and the conducting strip, PCS_L , is an essential factor in determining the CP attributes. Through the usage of a metallic strip (antenna-2), it is possible to establish communication by connecting PGP & PCS_L . Finally, the utilization of the SADEA-tuned MTS layer as a parasitic patch provides broadband CP traits in the form of a focused bi-directional pattern that possesses increased FBR and a 3 dB angular beamwidth of $> 100^\circ$ in the desired band of 3.5/5 GHz, a key part of the sub-6 GHz 5G wireless communication systems (i.e., antenna-3). Then, a structural parametric study of antenna-2 is pursued for various counterparts. All components of these printed antennas (i.e., antenna-3) must be optimized properly because surface currents render a significant role in generating their favorable radiation characteristics, maintaining good polarization bandwidth, and gain. As, when a full ground plane is used, considering the specified CP frequency range, 10-dB impedance bandwidth (10-dB BW) and 3-dB axial bandwidth (3-dB BW) diminish to an extent by affecting the attainment of trade-offs. As a result of this, it also alters the radiation pattern. Due to horizontal component dependency, the axial ratio is more sensitive to the ground plane width (W_{GND}) found during the parametric investigations. Prior, it is also sensitive to parasitic conducting strip length (L_{CS}), width (W_{CS}), & position (P_{MS}), where metallic strip is used to short the PGP and PCS_L , an extended geometric driven activity. The variation of L_{CS} , W_{CS} , and P_{MS} also affect the 10-dB BW and 3-dB BW, due to the consideration of an equal magnitude horizontal and vertical components with the phase-time difference, as illustrated in Figures 2(a)-(c), respectively.

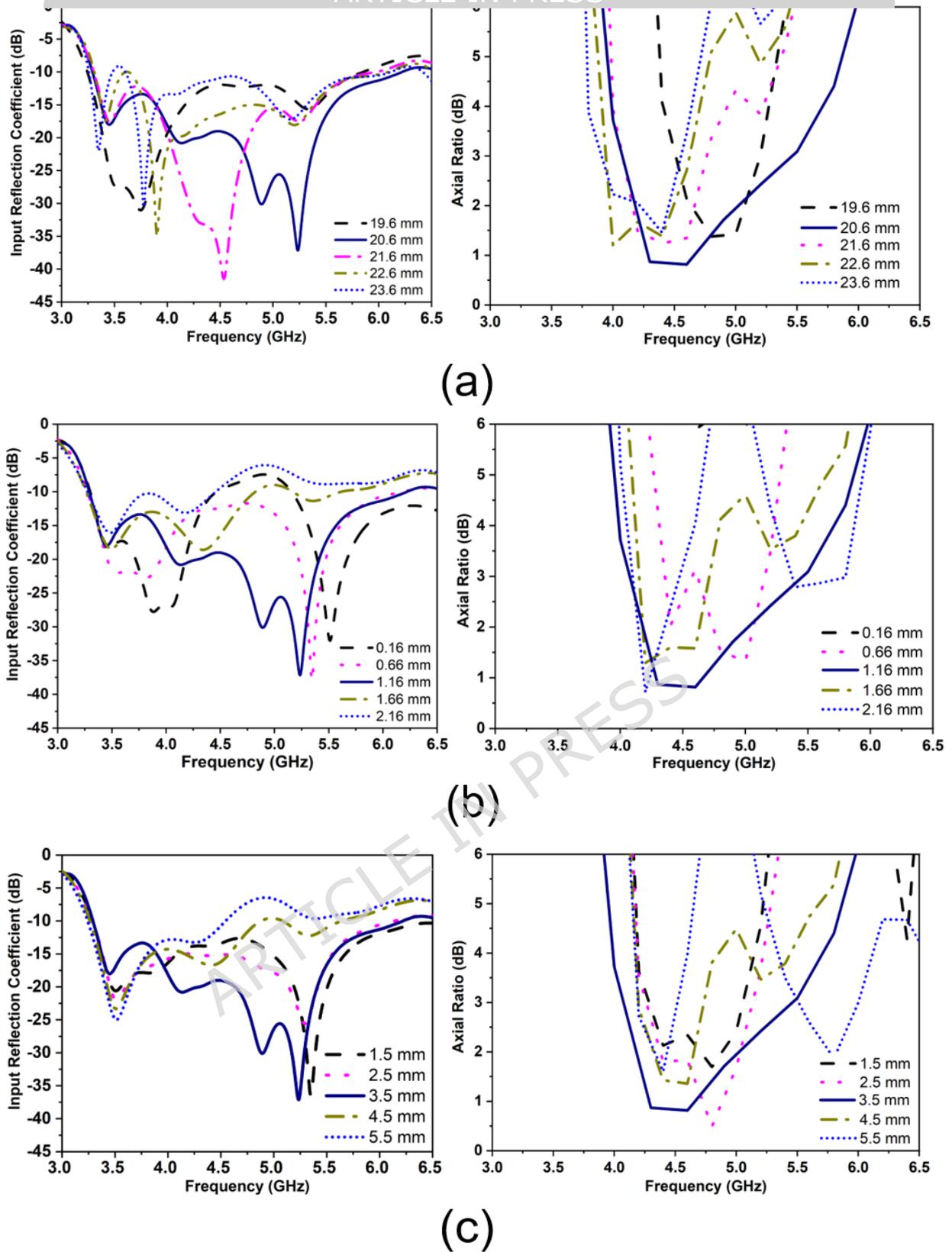
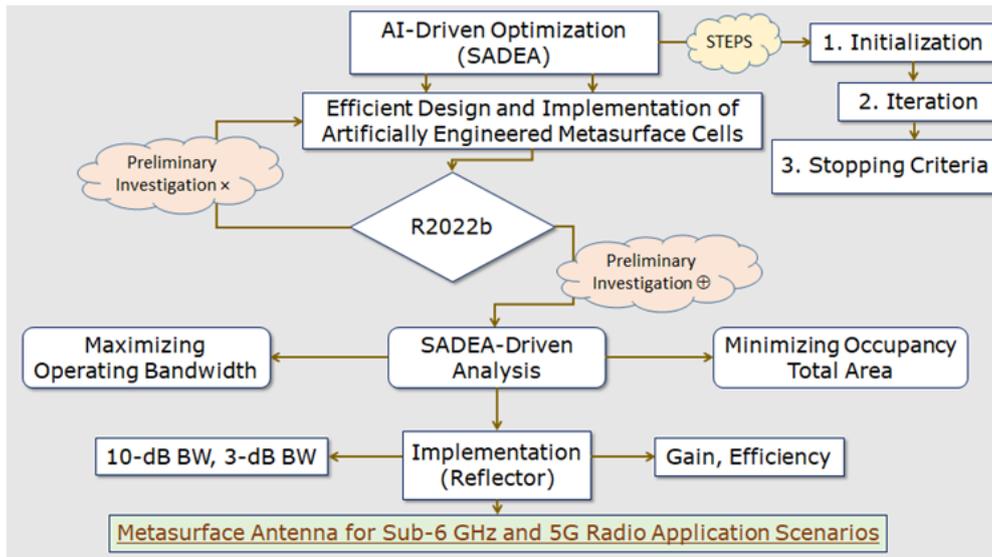


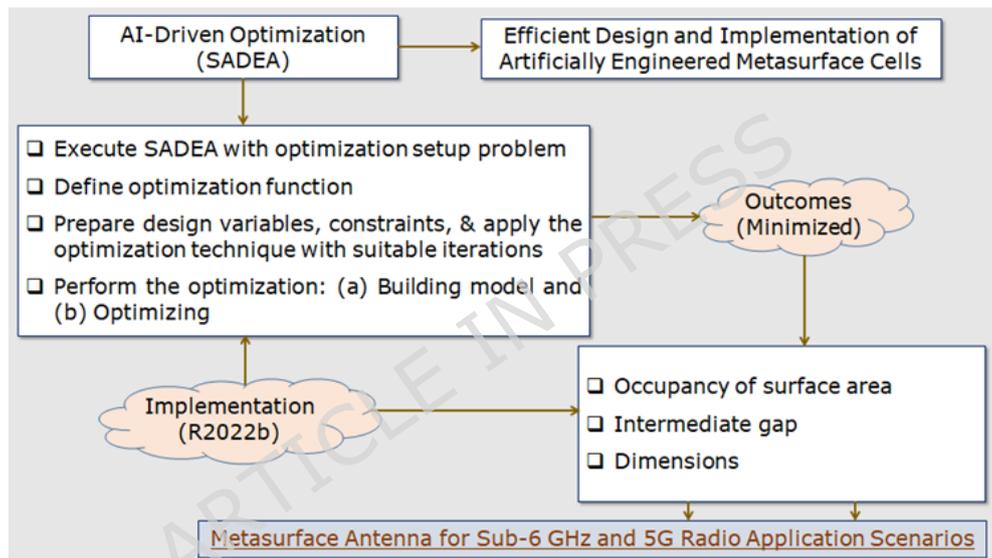
Figure 2. Parametric changes on 10-dB BW & 3-dB BW due to the variation in: (a) L_{CS} , (b) W_{CS} , and (c) P_{MS} .

Then, we proceed to elucidate on the method of incorporating SADEA-tuned MTS into the case of metasurface antenna for RF energy harvesting application. So, when the users make use of MATLAB Antenna Toolbox™, they are offered access to the wide variety of functions & applications that are utilized for the goal of creating, analyzing, & visualizing the RF ends. As a result of the component elements, i.e., MTS, a parasitic patch has been designed. So, the fact that it makes use of an EM solver enables it to compute final verifications, as MoM does. Through manual optimization, it is possible to optimize the proposed design in a most effective manner, but the attainment of trade-offs from an application perspective was still far from reach. Therefore, by using the fundamental concepts of AI, the SADEA approach [31] is brought into

considered from this method to be of optimum design on the basis of theoretical foundation that it is framed [30-32].



(a)



(b)

Figure 3. (a), (b) Concept, process, and its implementation of SADEA optimization method in antenna-3.

The process of global optimization, which is carried out with the assistance of SADEA, makes use of statistical learning methodologies in order to develop the surrogate model. Hence, in the context of the surrogate model-assisted optimization technique, it is of the utmost importance that the procedure followed to prepare surrogate modeling & its optimization should work together in a successful manner. This is because the surrogate model is the model that is being optimized, as SADEA has incorporated notions that were taken from an evolutionary search framework that takes surrogate models into consideration, as concepts were acquired from its evolution. A Gaussian process (GP) is applied in both the search engine that SADEA uses, which is known as differential evolution (DE), and the machine learning technique that is utilized for the same surrogate modeling [33]. Both of the technologies are referred to as DE. So, surrogate models estimate the goal functions—the actual antenna performance. These models are trained on a restricted set of design points assessed via the simulations. Hence, based on the design parameters, it estimates the performance factor of the antenna. Regarding the optimization of MTS

acting as parasitic patch, is applied and the SADEA optimization method is used in rare circumstances when it comes to its optimizing. This process not only improves conventional DE but also provides antenna synthesis benefits; full-wave EM simulation is costly and relies on increasing complexity & time consumption. Hence, reducing the number of expensive assessments as the surrogate model significantly approximates the objective function. The following steps are taken into consideration during the entire AI-driven optimization process in the MATLAB platform:

- **Step-1: Initialization** - Create a population of potential solutions at first, each of which represents some different antenna design parameters with different characteristics.
- **Step-2: Surrogate Model Training** - A subset of evaluated solutions is used to train the surrogate as DE process moves on. Based on the values of its parameters, this model learns to forecast how antenna design parameters would function and impact the performance.
- **Step-3: Optimization Process** - The surrogate model is used to direct the algorithm. Instead of executing a full simulation for each design parameter, the model predicts their performance, which the algorithm then utilizes to select the best dimension for an execution before integrating it into the MTS structure.
- **Step-4: Updating Surrogate** - It is updated with recent dimensions after a sufficient number of iterations have been tested. So that it can get better over time and make the prediction accurate.
- **Step-5: Termination** - The process of optimization will continue until these stopping criteria are satisfied, which could be a predetermined number of iterative generations from the beginning/discovery of a solution that provides a good response. Hence, SADEA not only reduces the expensive simulations while keeping the methods' robustness to optimize the MTS design parameters given in Table 1 for the better outcomes.

Table 1. Optimized dimensions of the SADEA-tuned MTS layer acting as a parasitic patch.

| Parameters | Description | Range | SADEA (Antenna-3) |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| W_{ML} | Width of the MTS layer | 60 mm - 80 mm | 70 mm |
| L_{ML} | Length of the MTS layer | 10 mm - 30 mm | 20 mm |
| $(W_{SUB}-W_{ML})/2$ | Width of the Intermediate Gap | 0 mm - 10 mm | 5 mm |
| $(L_{SUB}-L_{ML})/2$ | Length of the Intermediate Gap | 10 mm - 30 mm | 20 mm |

During the investigation in MATLAB platform, the advantages of faster optimization, improved convergence, less complexity, and better global search are observed, which makes it the optimization method for optimizing the MTS layer to the best of the authors' knowledge. In order to simplify the understanding, from the start to the end of the optimization, a comprehensive flow of the procedure that is involved and its implementation is presented in Figures 3(a) & (b). So, the purpose of the optimization is to bring improvements in the outcomes: (a) maximizing antenna's performance (antenna-3) and (b) limiting the region of occupation (ROO) for MTS. During this analysis a crucial observation is made: that the performance trade-offs from the perspective of the application are considered as a final stopping criterion, ensuring

that the antenna's performance is improved. The optimization of the rectangular MTS as parasitic patch is carried out. It involves optimizing the (a) size of the patch and (b) intermediate gap from the two sides. Then, placed at a height of $0.02\lambda_0$ below antenna-3, without the concern of disturbing the overall size of antenna-3. The optimized dimension is shown in Table 1. As a result, the antenna's performance at the 5 GHz band was prolonged to a great extent, satisfying the performance trade-offs.

Continuing with our investigation, when compared to 2.35 dBic (antenna-2, w/o MTS layer), the CP gain^{avg.} improves by the factor of 2.24, reaching 5.28 dBic. This suggests that the CP gain has increased to an extent. Further, the 10-dB BW of the MTS antenna increases by a factor of 3.36 times, from 0.9 GHz to 3.03 GHz, and the 3-dB BW increases by a factor of 5.0 times, from 0.29 GHz to 1.45 GHz (antenna-3, with MTS layer), compared with antenna-1. Both of the increments are attributed to the presence of SADEA-driven MTS layer as a parasitic patch. The improvement of both of them is of utmost importance. In light of the matter that the objective of the development is to achieve the trade-offs (antenna-3), the attainment of antenna performances is driven by geometric knowledge. MTS is proposed to concentrate radiation beams towards the quasi-TM₃₀ modes (transformation of TM₁₀ to TM₃₀ modes) by applying FIT. This results in a more uniform distribution of the E-field, leading to an improvement in the impedance performance. It is the MTS that are the sources of high-order modes in terms of wavelength shown in Figure 4. So, a correlation between the lower Q-values & the enhancement of bandwidth can be established throughout the design stages. The reason for this is that the relationship between bandwidth and Q-factor is inversely proportional. Thus, there is a connection in between the physical properties of the MTS layer & the enhancement of antenna gains. Since the MTS layer can control the phase, amplitude, and polarization of the waves. Therefore, shaping the wave front allows them to guide the radiated energy in the more focused direction, improving the directivity of the antenna & so its gain. It is the only reason why the parasitic patch is termed as MTS, & to the best of the author's knowledge, this is the first time where the dimensions of MTS are optimized by using an AI-driven optimization method keeping at par with the performance trade-offs.

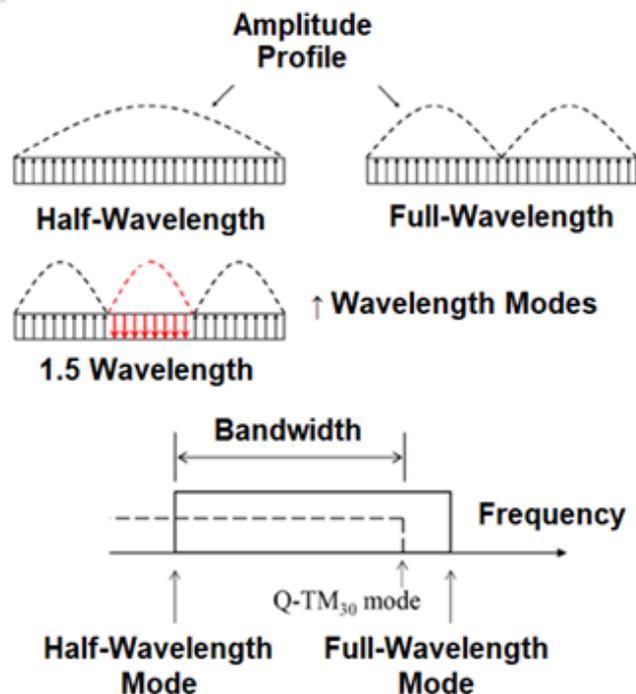


Figure 4. Transformation of half-wavelength to full-wavelength modes in antenna-3, where MTS is taken as a parasitic patch.

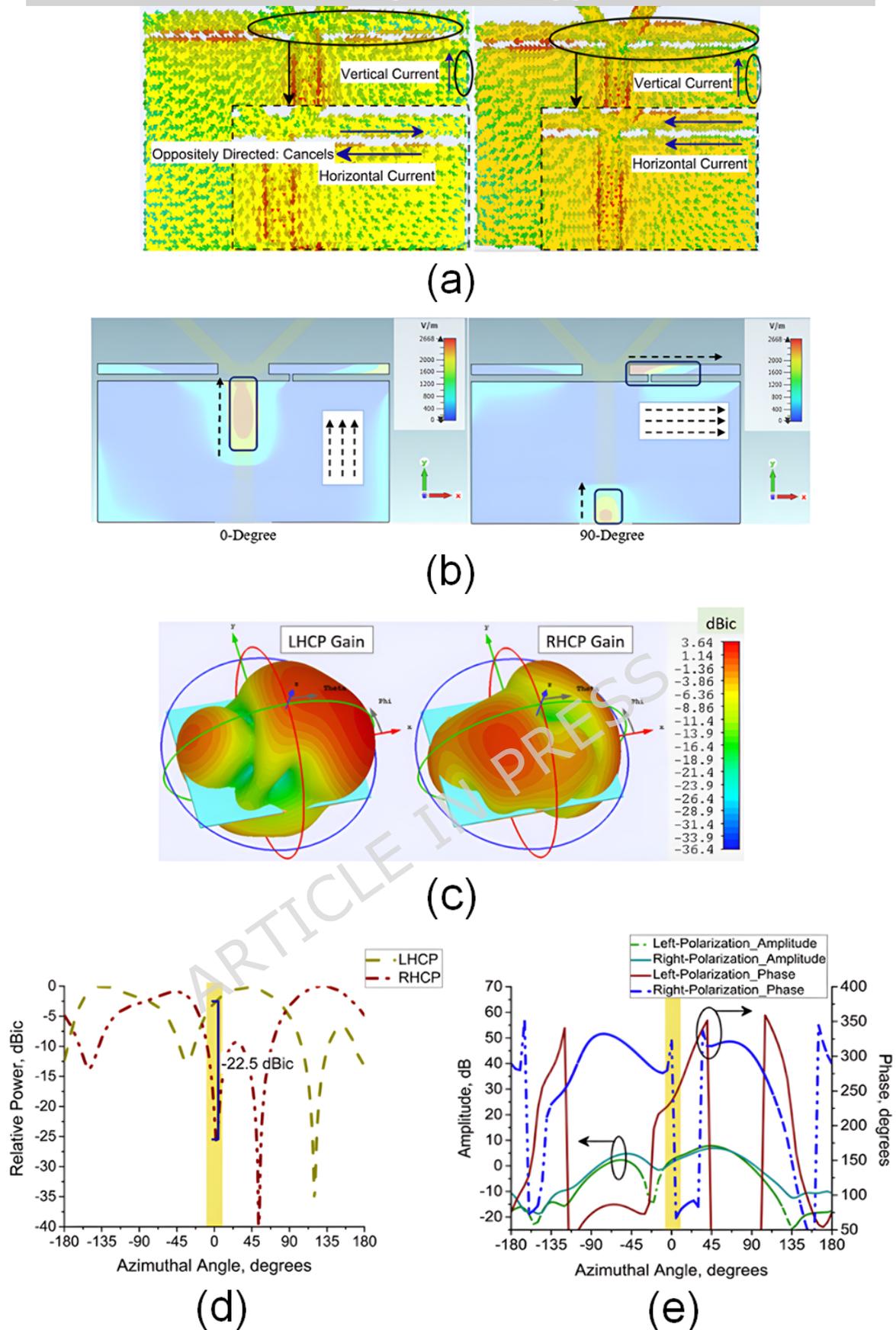


Figure 5. Understanding the CP mechanism at 5 GHz: (a) I, (b) II, (c), (d) III, and (e) IV.

3. Understanding The Circular Polarization (CP) and its Analysis Through CEM/GBR Approaches

The responses for CP analysis are given in Figures 5(a)-(e). The primary technique is to examine the behaviour of a CP through the distribution of the surface currents (I). As there are no PCS in antenna-1, it is not possible to create connection with the PGP.

There is a horizontal surface current on the monopole arm and induced surface currents on the horizontal spaces of the PGP. Thus, the induced surface currents flow in the opposite direction, as if they were canceling each other. As a result of, a wave of LP is currently forming. When a metallic strip connects with one of the PCS, PCS_L to a PGP in antenna-2, surface currents on the PCS_L and PGP are rearranged so that the currents on the upper edges of the PCS_L & the lower edge of the PGP run in the same direction, resulting in the formation of horizontal surface currents. The viability of CP is dependent on the presence of horizontal and vertical components, referred to as the horizontal and vertical currents shown in Figure 5(a).

Then, the usage of the distribution of the electric field (II) in the analysis of the CP is persuaded. It is possible to achieve LHCP in the +z direction, which is outward in nature, because PCS_L is coupled to PGP by a metallic strip, as electric field vectors rotate in the anticlockwise (ACW) direction, because the phase of the vectors shifts from 0° to 90° at 5 GHz. As a result of, the presence of an orthogonal change in the pattern of the electric field shows LHCP, demonstrated in Figure 5(b). Further, an examination of the normalized radiation pattern (III) is carried. In Figure 5(c), it shows LHCP. This is because the LHCP gain is greater than the RHCP gain. It is crucial to note that the highest gain at RHCP is 3.39 dBic, whereas the maximum gain for LHCP is 3.58 dBic. Dominancy of CP components is theoretically assessed based on equations (1) & (2) [34], where relative power is considered for LHCP/RHCP & is presented in Figure 5(d), indicating that LHCP is dominating over RHCP. Hence, the investigation into the CP's behavioral explanation was illustrated based on I, II & III. The amplitude & phase responses (IV) in Figure 5(e) are illustrated in a manner that is more effective towards the identification of CP based on the parameters like phase/amplitude. The techniques (I) to (IV) are components of CEM approaches, which are significant & reported for CP analysis. So, it helps to identify the nature of the polarization, either LHCP or RHCP, and then find the dominant CP component in their operating frequency.

$$\vec{E}_{LHCP} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (E_x + jE_y) \quad (1)$$

$$\vec{E}_{RHCP} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (E_x - jE_y)$$

(2)

Continuing with the investigation, gain-bandwidth product relationship (GBR) is a very crucial process [35]. Quite number of equations are utilized to interpret GBR. The equation-(3) of GBR shows that 3-dB bandwidth and 3-dB gain are functions of the criterion:

$$C = F(BW_{3-dB}, G_{3-dB}) \quad (3)$$

When it is expressed in the product form, the equation-(3) can be written as:

$$C = BW_{3-dB} \cdot G_{3-dB}$$

(4)

Further, it is possible to reframe equation-(4) in the form of a ratio:

$$C = \frac{BW_{3-dB} \cdot G_{3-dB}}{100}$$

(5)

At the end, equation-(5) is extended to include the 3-dB bandwidth and 3-dB gain components:

$$C_1 = \frac{BW_{3-dB} \cdot G_{3-dB(avg)}}{100}$$

(5.1)

$$C_2 = \frac{BW_{3-dB} \cdot G_{3-dB(peak)}}{100}$$

(5.2)

Use of C_1/C_2 offers an answer to the restrictions that are linked with the methods of comparison. So, comparing the CP antennas to a single characteristic in a practical case is what the traditional technique do. Equation-(5) is a generalized equation for GBR. Table 2 is shown to incorporate the comparison with [14-29]. The evidence shows that the proposed antenna is superior to conventional printed antennas, like (a) increased bandwidth & (b) gain. It offers the CP gain $^{peak} > 5.9$ dBic and 3-dB beamwidth $> 100^\circ$ and is able to concentrate the signal with greater precision. When it comes to RF-EH/WPT, requires precise targeting and signal needs to be carried across long distances with little spread or receiving from RF ambient signals, taking into the 5G applications.

Table 2. GBR compares the reported and metamaterial antennas [14-29] (Performance Trade-offs: 10-dB BW $> 40\%$, 3-dB BW $> 15\%$, 3-dB gain $^{avg.} > 5$ dBic, 3-dB gain $^{peak} > 5.9$ dBic, FBR > -22 dBic, $\eta > 75\%$, $C_1/C_2 > 1.5$. **Nomenclature-** \neq : $<$ Performance Trade-offs, ψ : Not Implemented, \uparrow : High, \downarrow : Low, \checkmark : $>$ Performance Trade-offs.)

| Referen ces | BW ₃₋ dB | G _{3-dB} (avg.) | G _{3-dB} (peak) | FB R | η | C ₁ | C ₂ | AI- Usage | Complex ity |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| [14] 2021 | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | ψ | \uparrow |
| [15] 2015 | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | ψ | \uparrow |
| [16] 2016 | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | ψ | \uparrow |
| [17] 2016 | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | ψ | \uparrow |
| [18] 2018 | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | ψ | \uparrow |
| [19] 2018 | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | ψ | \uparrow |
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| [29] 2025 | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | ψ | \uparrow |
| Antenna- 1 | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | \neq | ψ | \uparrow |
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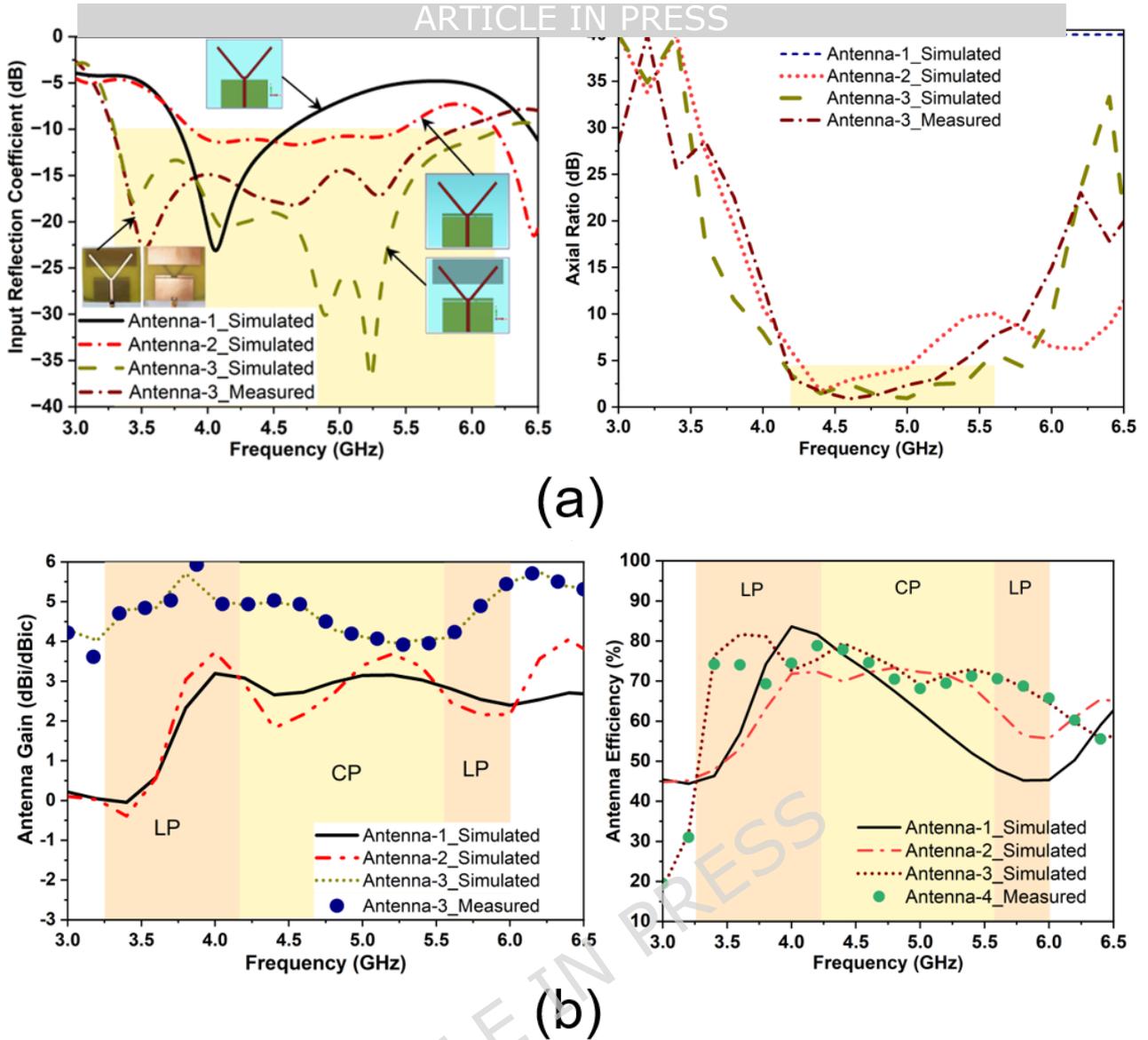


Figure 6. (a) 10-dB, 3-dB bandwidths and (b) Antenna gain & efficiency of the proposed configurations.

4. Experimental Validation

Figure 1 presents the prototype of proposed antenna that was printed with PCB prototyping mechanism. Table 3 contains the dimensions that are optimized. Presented in Figure 6(a) are the simulated and measured 10-dB BW of 3.03 GHz (3.25-6.28 GHz, 64.58%) and 2.67 GHz (3.25-5.92 GHz, 58.23%). Further, the simulated & measured 3-dB BW of 1.45 GHz (4.04-5.49 GHz, 30.43%) and 1.28 GHz (4.21-5.49 GHz, 26.39%) is shown. In antenna-3, simulated and measured antenna gain, when considered in average in the operating bands, it falls in between 5.25-6 dBic. The antenna efficiency is $> 75\%$, as in Figure 6(b). The boost in gain can be connected with a phase correction, enhanced impedance matching, and decrement of back scattering, where the MTS are serving for the manipulations of waves. It improves the efficiency with which energies are focused in a desired direction, reduces undesirable side lobes, and contributes to the optimization of the spatial distributions of the radiated energy. The normalized radiation pattern at 5 GHz is bi-directional pattern (θ, φ). So, accomplishment of a strong pattern will be the assessment of the efficiency of the transmission and reception of EM waves. To be specific, it has shown impact on the ability to concentrate on these RF signals arriving from the front side, simultaneously minimizing the interference coming from a rear side. MTS provides reduction in interference by shaping the waves, filtering frequencies, & beam pattern. So, one of the qualities that make them beneficial for enhancing communication system in

sophisticated capabilities that they provide. Deployment of the SADEA-tuned MTS layer as parasitic patch was responsible for the achievement of performance trade-offs. A number of features that are connected with radiation patterns are observed in Figures 7(a) and (b), respectively including the attainment of optimum front-to-back ratio i.e., FBR. Thus, attainment of stronger FBR will be the evaluation regarding the effectiveness of the transmission and reception of EM waves for RF energy harvesting applications.

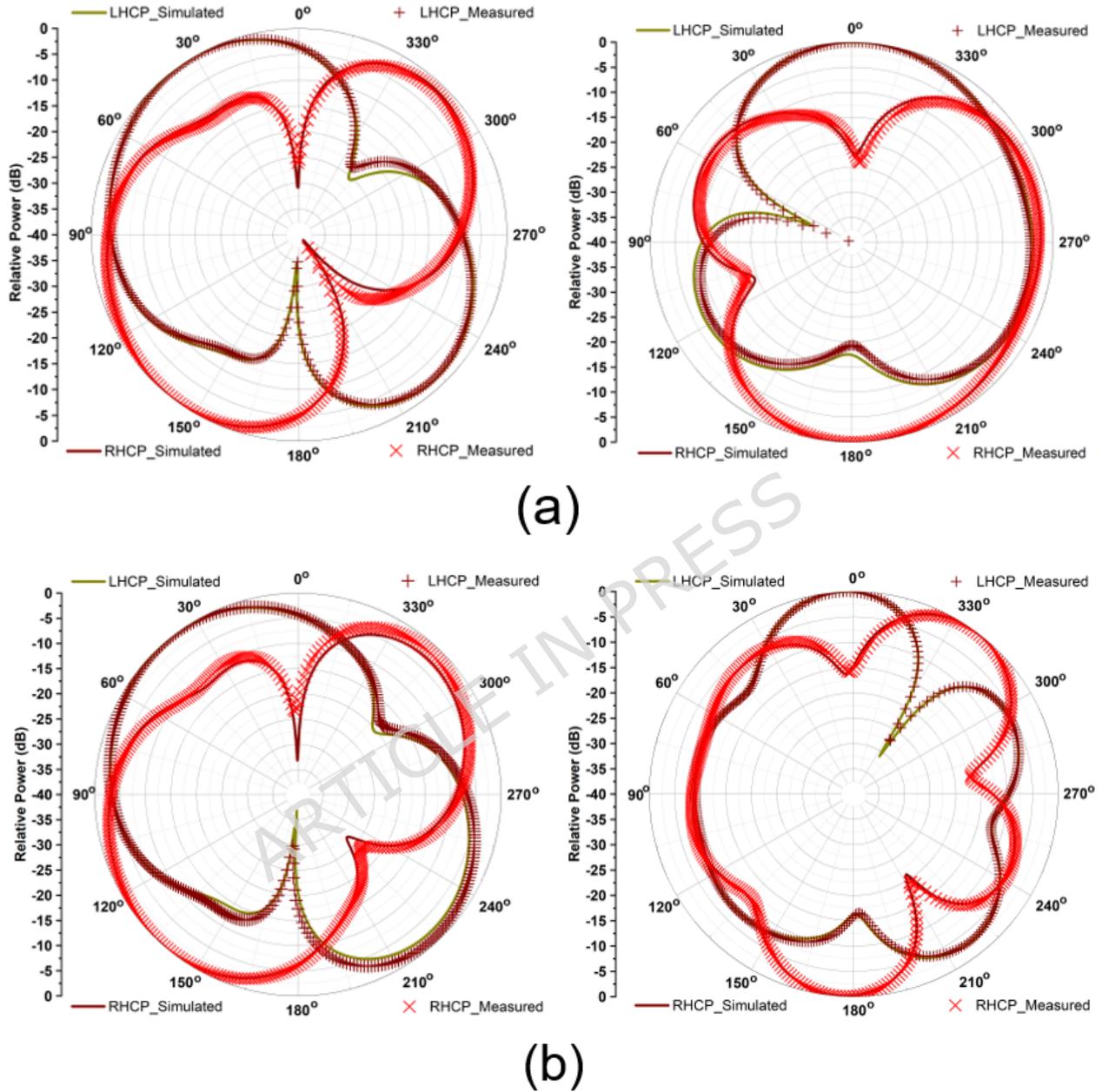
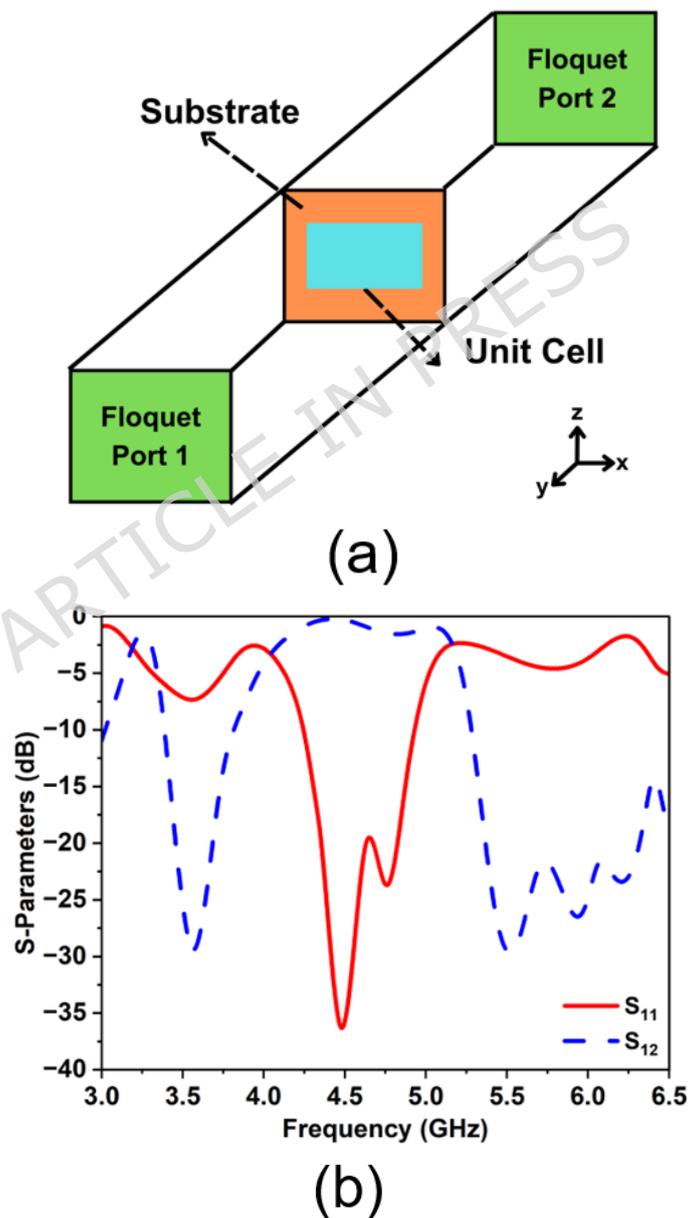


Figure 7. Far-field radiation pattern of antenna-3 (final stage) at (a) $f=4.5$ GHz and (b) $f=5$ GHz.

In order to conduct a more in-depth analysis, it is essential to take into consideration the fact that equation-(6) [36] is responsible for determining the effective gap ($h_{air-gap}$) that exists between the radiator & SADEA-driven MTS layer. It encompasses the thickness of the substrate (h_{sub}), relative permittivity of the substrate (ϵ_r), and wavelength at which it operates (λ_0). The theoretical $h_{air-gap}$ is computed to be at 1.76 mm, while the simulated $h_{air-gap}$ is 1.635 mm. So, this formulation is utilized for deploying these MTS reflectors. It is accomplished by approximating the $h_{air-gap}$ through the usage of the given analytical approach:

$$h_{air-gap} = 0.085 \lambda_0 - h_{sub} \sqrt{\epsilon_r} \quad (6)$$

Figure 8(a) presents the schematic representation of periodic boundary conditions. The reflection and transmission characteristics show the dominant reflection occurs at $f=4.5$ GHz with a consistent (S_{11} , S_{22}) dB responses, while the transmission parameters ($S_{12}=S_{21}$) witness an out-of-band characteristic at the desired band, illustrated in Figure 8(b). While doing the individual analysis, it is observed that harmonically balanced resonant parameters stabilize the series capacitances with the shunt inductances. This response stabilization is attained by series capacitance in between the shunt inductances [37, 38]. The smooth responses of S_{11} & S_{22} validate the proposed MTS layer as a parasitic patch to act like a metamaterial configuration. More information on it can be retrieved if we analyze it through the consideration of refractive index properties, where it acts as DNG material, as shown in Figure 8(c). Thus, the MTS layer, which is used as a parasitic patch in our proposed design, resulted in the significant improvement of impedance and axial bandwidths, along with a considerable enhancement of gain, taking into consideration of performance trade-offs from an application perspective.



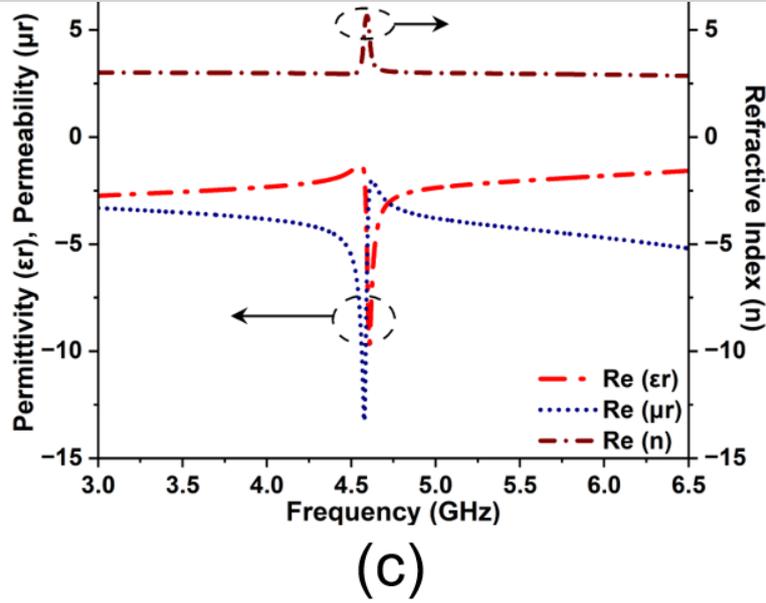


Figure 8. (a) Excitation, (b) Transmission and reflection characteristics, and (c) Refractive index of the MTS as a parasitic patch.

For antenna-3, the equivalent circuit model is presented in Figure 9 with the lumped R-L-C network by using an ADS solver. The antenna witnesses parallel harmonics between real and imaginary resonances. The discrete resonances are fundamentally coupled by adding R-C-L in a parallel mode. So, the circuit components (R1, C1, L1),.....(R3, C3, L3) denote antenna-3, which is capacitively coupled through C11, C22, C33, meant to stabilize the harmonics. It is excited by port impedance of 50 Ω , and its feeding mechanism is coupled via resistive-inductive elements (Rp, Lp) separated by capacitance (Cg). The MTS as a parasitic patch is modeled as LC-periodic elements: inductances in parallel & capacitance in series for attaining performance trade-offs. The required S11 outcomes for the equivalent circuit model are presented in Figure 10. Prior to it, the values of all the R-C-L components are given in the ranges of:

- R1= (60.76-to-63.82) Ω || C1= (0.041-0.045) pF || L1= (11.43-11.45) nH
- C11=(0.022-to-0.024) pF
- R2= (61.32-65.24) Ω || C2= (0.115-0.119) pF || L2= (9.81-9.85) nH
- C22=C33=(0.007-to-0.008) pF
- R3= (100.5-100.9) Ω || C3= (0.06-0.09) pF || L3=(8.15-to-8.19) nH,
- Rp=50 Ω || Cg=1pF=Ca1=Ca2=Ca3...=Ca6=Cg1=Cg2=Cg3=...=Cg6
- Lp=La1=La2=La3...=La6=Lb1=Lb2=Lb3....=Lb6=1nH=
Lc1=Lc2=Lc3=...=Lc6 & Port=50- Ω .

(Note: All the values that are considered in this equivalent circuit model - ECM are required to be tuned for getting its operation in the desired impedance bandwidth range).

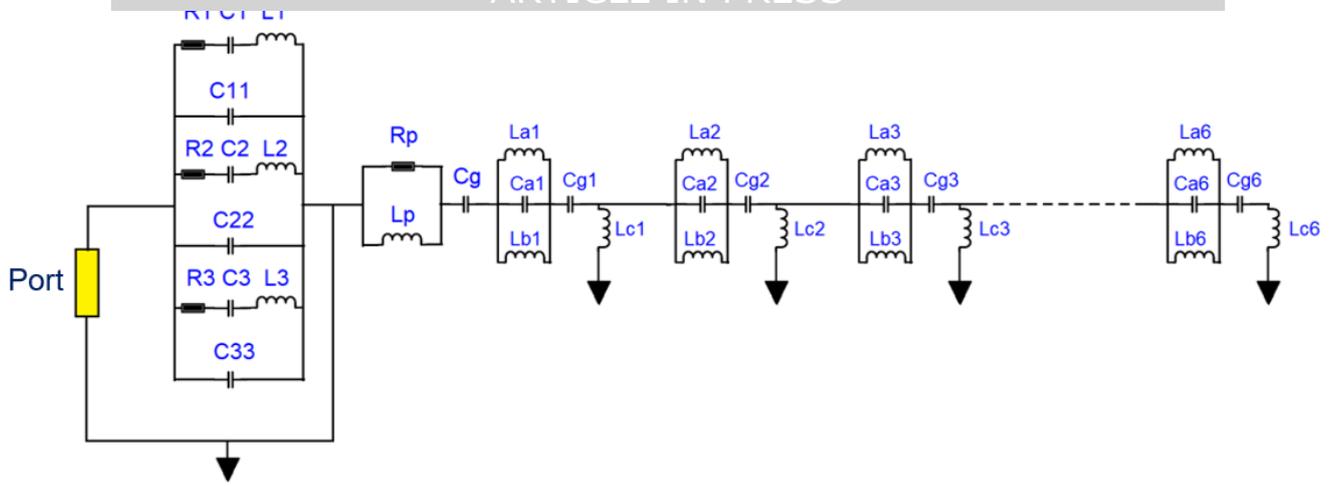


Figure 9. ECM of the proposed antenna configuration (antenna-3).

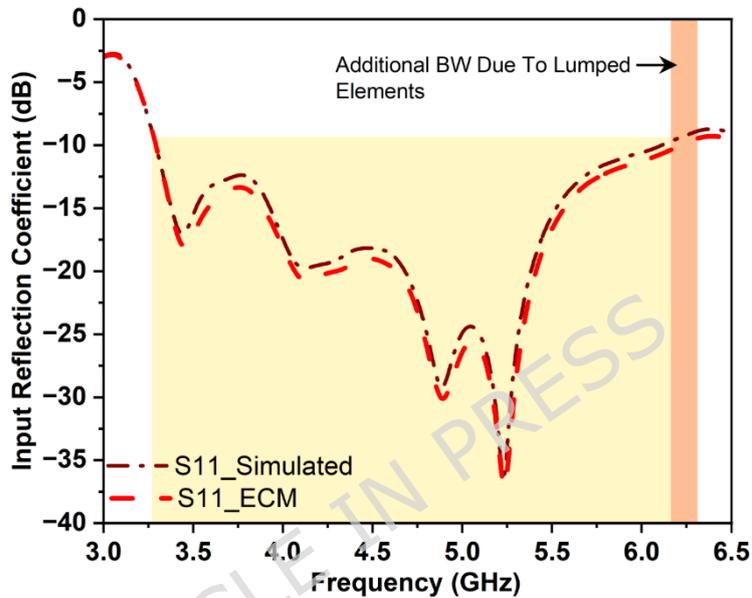


Figure 10. S11 outcomes depicting a bandwidth from 3.26 to 6.32 GHz obtained after implementing the ECM for antenna-3.

From the Figures 9 and 10, it is observed that the equivalent circuit model (ECM) makes it easier to understand how an antenna behaves by modeling it with RLC components. These elements show how energy is stored & lost within, helping explain how resonance, impedance matching, & bandwidth are controlled. The inductance and capacitance determine the resonant frequency, while the resistance reflects radiation and material losses, influencing efficiency and input impedance. Overall, the ECM provides a clear and practical way to connect physical design changes with the antenna's performance [39, 40].

In this investigation, the CST Microwave Studio (CST-MWS) is used as the full-wave electromagnetic solver, KEYSIGHT ADS circuit solver is used for designing the equivalent circuit diagram, and MATLAB is utilized for executing the AI-tuned optimization method, i.e., SADEA. To sum up, the final schematic and its requisite dimensions are presented in Figure 11(a) and Table 3. Continuing to the next part of the investigation, we look at how the antenna-3 works in the sub-6 GHz 5G bands; the analysis and simulation for RF energy harvesting will be carried out based on the CRLH matching GVD rectifier circuit given in Figure 9(b). Its outcomes, such as V_{out} and η_0 , are reported in Figure 12, compared with the reported works in [41-50] belonging to the same field of interest.

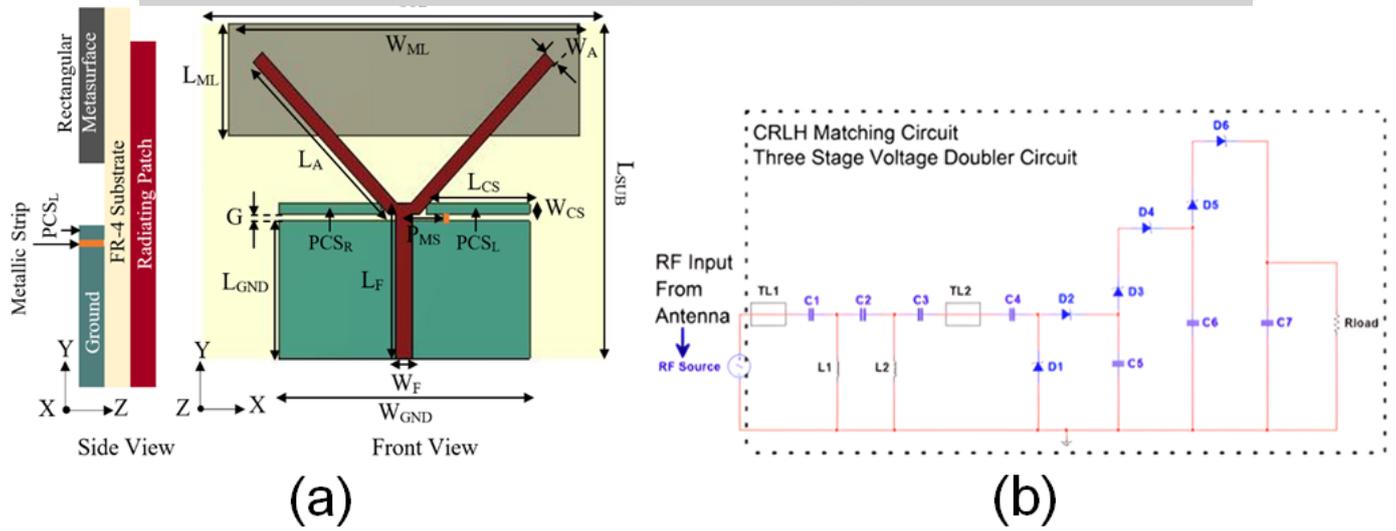


Figure 11. Final schematics: (a) Antenna-3 (final stage) and (b) CRLH matching GVD rectifier circuit.

Table 3. Final dimensions of the antenna-3 and CRLH matching rectifier circuit used in our investigation.

| Antenna-3 | | Rectifier Circuit | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Parameters | Values | Parameters | Values |
| W_{SUB} | 80 mm | L1 | 2.1 nH |
| L_{SUB} | 60 mm | L2 | |
| W_{ML} | 70 mm | C1 | 1.68 pF |
| L_{ML} | 20 mm | C2 | 0.84 pF |
| W_A | 2.5 mm | C3 | 1.68 pF |
| L_A | 38 mm | C4 | 100 pF |
| W_{CS} | 1.16 mm | C5 | |
| L_{CS} | 20.6 mm | C6 | |
| $PCSL$ | 20.6 mm | C7 | |
| $PCSR$ | 20.6 mm | D1 | SMS 7630 |
| P_{MS} | 3.5 mm | D2 | |
| W_F | 3.5 mm | D3 | |
| L_F | 27 mm | D4 | |
| W_{GND} | 50 mm | D5 | |
| L_{GND} | 25 mm | D6 | |
| G | 1.1 mm | D7 | |
| Substrate | FR-4, 1.6 mm | Rload | 2.2 k Ω |

5. Simulation Perspective of RF Energy Harvesting/Wireless Energy Harvesting Application

RF energy harvesting requires the conversion of RF signals into a DC output. So, this is accomplished by the utilization of a wideband rectifier circuit (GVD) & an impedance matching network (IMN) that is coupled to the proposed antenna (antenna-3). The success of the entire system is dependent on the degrees of these three components. Coming to our objective, develop the system that is capable of meeting the ever-increasing power requirements of multifunctional electronic components, provided that antennas are able to achieve balance in their performance before being incorporated into the RF circuits. It should be capable of supplying DC power to the sensors that are found in the LPEDs, like wearables and medical & healthcare plug-in kits. These sensors

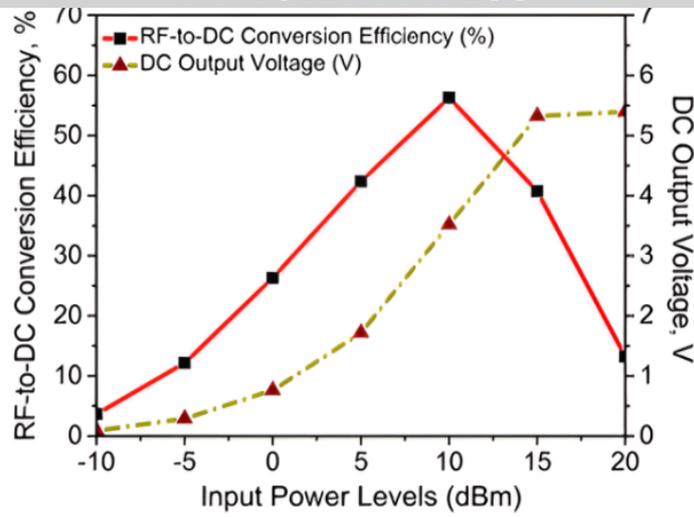


Figure 12. RF energy harvesting outcomes for the proposed antenna (antenna-3) at $f=5$ GHz.

Table 4. Comparative study of the outcomes attained at various stages of the proposed antenna. (Performance Trade-offs*: 10-dB BW > 45%, 3-dB BW >15%, & CP gain $_{avg}$ > 5 dBic is taken into consideration from an application perspective. **Nomenclature**- \neq : < Performance Trade-offs \checkmark : > Performance Trade-offs.).

| Parameters | Antenna-1 | Antenna-2 | Antenna-3 | Improvement By a Factor |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 10-dB BW (%) | 18.86% | 12.59% | 64.58% | 5.12 Times |
| 3-dB BW (%) | \neq | 11.46% | 30.43% | 2.65 Times |
| CP Antenna Gain $_{Avg}$. | \neq | 2.35 dBic | 5.28 dBic | 2.24 Times |
| Trade-offs* | Not Attained | Not Attained | Attained | \times |
| P_{in} | \neq | 10 dBm | 10 dBm | \times |
| V_{out} @ 5 GHz | \neq | 1.08 V | 3.58 V | 3.31 Times |
| η_o @ 5 GHz | \neq | 28% | 58% | 1.96 Times |

Table 5. Comparative study of the RF energy harvesting outcomes attained for the antenna-3. (Performance Trade-offs*: V_{out} > 1.5 V and η_o > 45% is considered w.r.t. [41-50], **Nomenclature**- \neq : < Performance Trade-offs \checkmark : > Performance Trade-offs.).

| References | P_{in} (Input Power Levels) | V_{out} (DC Output Voltage) | η_o (RF-to-DC Conversion Efficiency) |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| [41] 2019 | 5 dBm | \neq | \neq |
| [42] 2019 | 5 dBm | \neq | \neq |
| [43] 2020 | 5 dBm | \neq | \neq |
| [44] 2022 | 5 dBm | \neq | \neq |
| [45] 2023 | 5 dBm | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| [46] 2023 | 5 dBm | \neq | \neq |
| [47] 2024 | \times | \neq | \neq |
| [48] 2024 | 5 dBm | \neq | \neq |
| [49] 2024 | 5 dBm | \neq | \neq |
| [50] 2025 | 5 dBm | \neq | \neq |
| Antenna-3 | 5 dBm | 1.58 V (\checkmark) | \sim47% (\checkmark) |

require V_{out} ranging from 2.45-5.5 V in order to function. Hence, to incorporate it in a controlled environment, a 3-stage GVD circuit built with a CRLH-matching rectifier circuit is designed & integrated with the antenna-3, shown in Figure 11(b). For this

purpose, the proposed model for the CP printed monopole antenna loaded with the SADEA-tuned MTS layer as a parasitic patch is given in this paper. Due to this, it is feasible to attain an expanded 10-dB BW and 3-dB BW, with CP gain^{peak} > 5.9 dBic and antenna efficiency > 75% in their desired bands. In addition to the insights about CP, a complete analogy is presented for providing a solution to the problem of assessing CP by using CEM/GBR. It is also observed that, by lowering the need for complex simulation, the AI-driven SADEA method witnesses an effective way to optimize antenna designs while preserving the strength of DEs for reducing the complexity. In a scenario where resources and time are constrained, this optimization is extremely useful for attainment of performance trade-offs from an application perspective. As a result of it, it is well acclaimed that the landscape of next-generation wireless communication is in an era of experiencing the paradigm shift, in accordance with the increasing needs of applications in the upcoming scopes in the likes of RIS, IRS, UAV, V2V, etc. At last, our research mainly concentrates on DAVI, encompassing the stages such as design, analysis, validation, and implementation, enhancing its overall effectiveness. It is assumed that sustainable technology will depend on effective antennas as the wireless communication networks expand and the demand for the low-power, energy-efficient devices rises by following the notions of RF energy harvesting (RF-EH) in the sub-6 GHz bands.

$$\eta_0 = \frac{P_{load}}{P_{incident}} = \frac{V_{out}^2}{P_{in} R_{load}} \times 100\% \quad (7)$$

Prior to the simulation, theoretical insights about the proposed rectifier model are also investigated. Here, each individual stage with its dedicated GVD configuration is considered as the single battery having open circuit output voltage ($V_{o.c.}$), internal resistance (R_{int}), and load resistance (R_{load}). Henceforth, the output voltage (V_{out}) can be expressed in equation-(8) [11] for n-stages as follows:

$$V_{out} = \frac{nV_{o.c.}}{nR_{int} + R_{load}} R_{load} \quad (8)$$

6. Conclusion and its Future Scope

An investigation into a CP printed monopole antenna loaded with the SADEA-tuned MTS layer as a parasitic patch is given in this paper. Due to this, it is feasible to attain an expanded 10-dB BW and 3-dB BW, with CP gain^{peak} > 5.9 dBic and antenna efficiency > 75% in their desired bands. In addition to the insights about CP, a complete analogy is presented for providing a solution to the problem of assessing CP by using CEM/GBR. It is also observed that, by lowering the need for complex simulation, the AI-driven SADEA method witnesses an effective way to optimize antenna designs while preserving the strength of DEs for reducing the complexity. In a scenario where resources and time are constrained, this optimization is extremely useful for attainment of performance trade-offs from an application perspective. As a result of it, it is well acclaimed that the landscape of next-generation wireless communication is in an era of experiencing the paradigm shift, in accordance with the increasing needs of applications in the upcoming scopes in the likes of RIS, IRS, UAV, V2V, etc. At last, our research mainly concentrates on DAVI, encompassing the stages such as design, analysis, validation, and implementation, enhancing its overall effectiveness. It is assumed that sustainable technology will depend on effective antennas as the wireless communication networks expand and the demand for the low-power, energy-efficient devices rises by following the notions of RF energy harvesting (RF-EH) in the sub-6 GHz bands.

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