

Triband Voltage Doubler Based Efficient Rectifying Circuit for Energy Harvesting

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ABSTRACT

This paper proposes an efficient triband rectifying circuit based on the Schottky diode for energy harvesting applications. Using a new compact impedance matching network, the rectifying circuit is matched at the GSM 1800, UMTS 2100, and WiFi 2450 bands. The design uses a substrate of Rogers Duroid 5880 with a thickness of 1.575 mm and $\epsilon_r=2.2$. High Power Conversion Efficiency (PCE) is achieved in the rectifying circuit by using a microstrip DC pass filter for fundamental and second harmonic rejection. With a 2.8 K Ω circuit load and an input power of 0 dBm, the simulated efficiencies obtained at the GSM 1800, UMTS 2100, and WiFi 2450 bands are 45%, 19%, and 58.5%, respectively. For an input Radio Frequency (RF) power of -5 dBm, the efficiencies obtained are 49%, 38%, and 50 %, respectively, at a load resistance of 2.8 K Ω using an ADS simulator. There are numerous applications for the proposed triband rectifying circuits, which can power low-power sensors and electronic devices.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Most portable electronic devices use batteries as a power source which has several drawbacks. These include increased weight and size as well as the requirement for periodic maintenance because of the short battery life, which can be challenging and costly depending on the environmental conditions [1-4]. Various energy sources can power IoT (Internet of Things) sensors and devices. Since Radio Frequency (RF) energy sources are renewable and always available, they are gaining popularity among all available possibilities [5-7]. Powering up low-power electronic devices using Radio Frequency Energy Harvesting (RF-EH) eliminates the need for a battery, resulting in a reduction in the device's cost, weight, and size. The rectenna, which is made up of two main blocks, is the essential component of RF-EH, as shown in Fig. 1. The first is the antenna, which transforms RF energy into an RF signal. The rectifying circuit, which is the second

block, transforms the RF signal into a DC voltage that powers an electronic device [8].

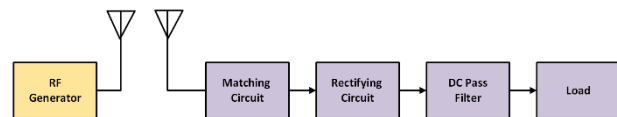


Figure 1: Block schematic of rectenna for ambient RF-EH.

In practice, the majority of reported rectennas are not suited to the levels of ambient signal [9]. The input power levels utilized in the designs were considerably higher than the levels of the surrounding ambient input power. Field measurements are necessary to ascertain the power density and frequency range of the surrounding wireless radiation. From the field measurements in [10, 11] and predictions based on calculations in [12] it was found that the average received power varies from -30 dBm to -10. Mobile power levels in various frequency bands, as shown in Table 1, are typically one to two orders of magnitude lower than the levels of power

received at the Base Station (BS). Table 1 shows that the frequency bands WiFi 2450, GSM1800, GSM 900, and 3G have the highest average power of -17.7 , -15.3 , -21.2 , and -22.5 dBm, respectively. For optimal performance, the RF harvester should therefore be placed in a strategic location close to BSs.

Broadband, dual-band, multi-band, and single-band frequencies are all possible for RF-EH applications. A narrow-band rectenna offers higher power conversion efficiency (PCE) at low power levels, whereas a multi-band rectenna can collect more power but has a lower PCE [13]. The best solution is to develop a dual-band or multi-band rectenna that maximizes PCE at frequencies with the strongest ambient signals. However, most designs utilize input power levels that exceed the actual RF energy found in ambient environments.

Table 1. Various public telecommunication bands' measured ambient power densities [10].

Frequency Band	Operating Frequency (GHz)	Average Power Received (dBm)
GSM 900 (MTX)	0.88 - 0.915	-27.8
GSM 900 (BTX)	0.925 - 0.960	-21.2
GSM 1800 (MTX)	1.710 - 1.785	-42.7
GSM 1800 (BTX)	1.805 - 1.880	-15.3
3G (MTX)	1.920 - 1.980	-26.7
3G (BTX)	2.110 - 2.170	-22.5
ISM 2400	2.305 - 2.400	-30.1
WiFi 2450	2.400 - 2.500	-17.7

The paper's remaining sections are arranged as follows. The design of an improved triband rectifying circuit with harmonics-rejection is described in section 2. Section 2.1 describes the simulation results and performance evaluation of the triband rectifying circuit. In section 2.2, conclusions are finally drawn.

2. RECTIFYING CIRCUIT DESIGN

Since the rectifying circuit determines the effectiveness of the RF to DC power conversion, it is a crucial component of a rectenna. The merits of an evaluation vary based on the application. However, benchmarks for comparison are established for essential parameters including output power, sensitivity, and PCE. Additionally, in addition to these benefits, other manufacturing auxiliary elements such as low cost, fabrication process maturity, and availability of bulk production are also critical. RF-DC conversion efficiency is given by [14]:

$$\eta_{RF-DC} = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{RF}} \quad (1)$$

$$P_{out} = \frac{V_{out}^2}{R_L} \quad (2)$$

Where R_L is the load resistance, P_{RF} is the incident RF signal power, P_{out} is the output power, and V_{out} is the output voltage.

Figure 2 illustrates that the rectenna, a nonlinear element, consists of three components; a receiving antenna, a matching network, and a load. The total efficiency of the rectenna reflects the efficiency of each component, as shown in Fig. 2. The total rectenna efficiency η_T can be expressed as [15, 16]

$$\eta_T = \eta_a \cdot \eta_m \cdot \eta_o \cdot \eta_p \cdot \eta_{tr} \quad (3)$$

Where η_a is the efficiency of the receiving antenna, η_m is the matching network efficiency, η_{tr} is the dc source-to-load transfer process efficiency, η_o the nonlinear PCE and η_p is the parasitic efficiency.

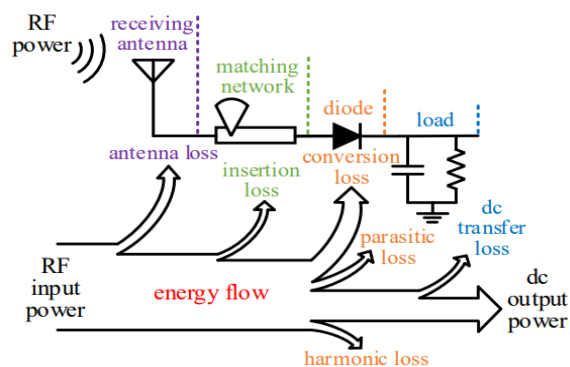


Figure 2: The loss mechanism in rectenna [16].

The harvester's sensitivity is a crucial parameter that significantly affects rectenna performance. Sensitivity refers to the power threshold at which the rectifier can harvest RF energy, depending on the diode's turn-on (threshold) voltage, V_{th} , which is the voltage needed for the diode to be forward-biased [17]. Lowering the turn-on threshold voltage increases energy PCE at a given power, meaning the rectifier becomes more sensitive. Unfortunately, previous research has overlooked the importance of the harvester's sensitivity. It can be expressed as [18].

$$\text{Sensitivity (dBm)} = \log_{10} \left(\frac{P}{1\text{mW}} \right) \quad (4)$$

where P is the minimum power required by the system to perform the task. The output power of the RF energy harvester is the DC power that is determined by V_{out} and I_{load} across the load resistance R_L . The significance of V_{out} and I_{load} fluctuates based on the load conditions. In the context of the RF energy harvester, the significance of V_{out} outweighs that of I_{load} when the sensor functions as a load at the output. However, in applications such as LED or electrolysis, I_{load} takes precedence over V_{out} [19]. The most advanced low-power sensor available today would require a $10 \mu\text{A}$ DC current and a DC voltage source of about 1 V. When constructing an energy harvester to supply power to an electronic circuit, it is

necessary to indicate the DC output power. However, when evaluating RF energy harvesters for distant sensors, it is essential to separately define the output voltage and current. While the literature extensively discusses efficiency, its actual application in ambient RF-EH may have limitations. This is because a remote sensor's specific voltage and input current requirements can prohibit the sensor from being energised, even though an RF harvester could be able to deliver an output DC power higher than what the sensor needs [20]. Robust power handling capabilities, low power consumption, and strong power sensitivity are essential characteristics of a good rectifier [21].

2.1 Rectifying Circuit Topology

There are numerous rectifier topologies that can be employed, including Greinacher, half wave, voltage doubler, and shunt diode rectifiers. Although the single series topology has a minimal biasing need, its limited power handling capabilities due to its low breakdown voltage will negatively impact broadband performance. Additionally, its narrow bandwidth is its main drawback. Charge pump rectifiers with two or more diodes are examples of multi-diode rectifiers that can be utilized to increase power handling capabilities [22].

Due to its sensitivity, simplicity, output voltage, and high efficiency voltage doubler rectifying circuit is the best choice for many rectenna designers. The voltage doubler's high sensitivity may eliminate the need for extra boost converter circuitry, simplifying the system [23].

In this work, a voltage-doubler rectifier topology, shown in Fig. 3, is adopted [24]. Voltage doubler rectifying circuit can be analyzed into two stages, stage 1 is a clamping circuit consisting of capacitor C1 and shunt diode D1 used to shift the DC level of signal whereas stage 2 is a peak detector circuit that holds the output voltage at the peak value. It consists of a series diode D2 followed by a shunt capacitor C2. The output voltage (V_{out}) is calculated by using the following equations [25].

$$V_{C1} = V_{in} - V_{TH1} \quad (5)$$

$$V_{out} = 2V_{in} - V_{TH1} - V_{TH2} \quad (6)$$

Where V_{C1} is the voltage applied across the capacitor C1, V_{TH1} and V_{TH2} are the threshold voltages of diodes D1 and D2 respectively.

For two identical diodes with threshold voltage V_{TH} The output voltage (V_{out}) can be expressed as

$$V_{out} = 2V_{in} - 2V_{TH} \quad (7)$$

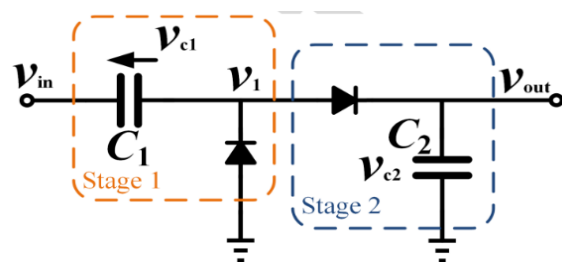


Figure 3: Voltage doubler rectifying circuit [24].

2.2 Diode Selection

The diode, which is the primary rectifying component in the RF-EH, has a big impact on how well the rectifying circuit works [26]. Therefore, selecting the appropriate diode is crucial. The series resistance, junction capacitance, breakdown voltage, and threshold voltage are important factors to consider while choosing a diode. The threshold voltage, V_{th} , affects PCE and rectifier sensitivity, while the breakdown voltage, V_{br} , sets the rectifier's power handling limit; output voltage must not exceed V_{br} . A higher V_{br} allows for greater input power but results in an increased V_{th} , reducing RF PCE. Series resistance, R_s , caused by charge movement within the semiconductor, enables higher PCE at lower powers but limits performance at higher power levels. Junction capacitance, C_j , constrains the maximum operating frequency, necessitating diodes with lower C_j for higher frequency applications. The diode cutoff frequency can be calculated using Eq. 8. [27]. Due to the regulations on the ambient RF signals' maximum power levels, they are always available at very low power levels. For the design of sensitive and efficient RF to DC rectification circuits diodes with lower V_{th} should be used. In Table 2 many commercially available Schottky diodes with their parameters were shortlisted [28].

$$\omega_c = 2\pi f_c = \frac{1}{R_s C_j} \quad (8)$$

Where ω_c is the diode cut off frequency in radian and f_c is the diode cut off frequency in Hertz.

The diode with minimum threshold voltage is SMS-7630 so it was selected as a rectifying element in this work. Spice model SMS 7630 is shown in Fig. 4 and its parameters are listed in Table 3.

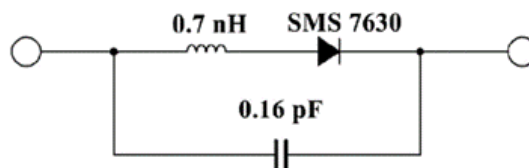


Figure 4: The SMS 7630 Schottky diode's spice model [29, 30].

Table 2. Different Schottky diode parameters [28].

Diode	V _{th} (V)	V _b (V)	R _s (Ω)	C _j (pF)
HSMS 2862	0.65	7	6	0.18
HSMS 8202	0.35	4	14	0.26
SMS 7630	0.34	2	20	0.14
SMS 7621	0.55	3	12	0.1
MA 40417	0.65	11	4.9	0.04

In a realistic PN-junction diode, the net current I through the junction for a bias voltage V is [32]

$$I = I_0(e^{V/nV_{th}} - 1) \quad (9)$$

Where I_0 is the reverse current, n is the ideality factor which is constant (ranging from 1 to 2) and the thermal voltage V_{th} equal $k_B T/q$ where k_B is the Boltzmann constant, q is the electron charge and T is the absolute temperature. At 300 K, the average thermal voltage is 25.85 mV. As noted in Eq. 9, A PN junction diode's current saturates at I_0 under reverse bias, but it grows exponentially with forward bias voltage V . Using the Taylor series expansion, Eq. 9 can be expressed as [32].

$$I = I_0 \left(\frac{V}{nV_{th}} + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{V^2}{n^2 V_{th}^2} + \frac{1}{3!} \frac{V^3}{n^3 V_{th}^3} + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{V^4}{n^4 V_{th}^4} + \frac{1}{5!} \frac{V^5}{n^5 V_{th}^5} \dots \right) \quad (10)$$

2.3 DC Pass Filter

A DC pass filter is necessary for harmonic rejection, as harmonics are generated during RF to DC rectification due to diode non-linearity in the rectifying circuit [33, 34]. Electrical filters are employed to select or suppress specific frequency bands, typically using passive components like capacitors and inductors [35]. While passive lumped-element filters perform well at low frequencies, they have two issues when applied at higher RF and microwave frequencies: difficulties when applying them at microwave frequencies and restricted availability of inductor and capacitor values.

To simulate ideal lumped parts, distributed components like transmission line stubs that are either open or short-circuited are frequently utilized. Furthermore, the distances between filter components are not insignificant at microwave frequencies [36].

Benefits of microstrip filters include their low cost, portability, and simplicity of usage. Bandstop filters (BSFs) are essential components in modern RF/microwave communication systems [37]. Their main function is to allow desired signals to pass while blocking undesired ones. A traditional microstrip BSF features quarter-wavelength shunt open-circuited resonators connected by quarter-wavelength lines. Figure 5 illustrates one section of a conventional distributed microstrip BSF [38]. Varying the characteristic

impedances of the connecting lines can improve the performance of quarter-wave resonator filters.

Rather of using a rectangular quarter-wave stub, MRS provides efficient wideband harmonic suppression [39, 40]. For the second and third harmonics of 2.14 GHz, we fabricated one MRS and one standard quarter-wave stub. Figure 6 compares the measured results. The insertion loss for the 2nd and 3rd harmonics is better than 38.37 dB and 29.53 dB, respectively. In the 200 MHz bandwidth region of MRS at a center frequency of 4.28 GHz, the insertion loss for the 3rd harmonic exceeds 28 dB, while in its 300 MHz bandwidth region, the insertion loss exceeds 26 dB [41]. Figure 7 shows how to model the radial stub as a series combination of a capacitor and an inductor [42]. The values for Z_{in} , L_{rs} , and C_{rs} can be calculated using Eqs. 11, 12, and 13, respectively [43].

Table 3. SMS 7630 Schottky diode parameters [31].

$I_s = 5E-6$ A	$M = 0.4$	$BV = 2$ V	$NBVL = 1$
$R_s = 30$ Ω	$EG = -0.69$	$IBV = 1e-4$	$TNOM = 27C$
$N = 1.05$	EV	$ISR = 0$ A	$FFE = 1$
$TT = 1E-11$ S	$XTI = 2$	$NR = 2$	
$C_{jo} = 1.4E-13$ F	$KF = 0$	$NBV = 1$	
$V_j = 0.34$ V	$Af = 1$	$IBVL = 0$ A	
	$Fc = 0.5$		

$$Z_{in} = -j \frac{120\pi h \beta}{\theta_r \sqrt{\epsilon_{eff}}} \left(\ln \frac{r_i}{r_o} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{(\beta r_o)^2} \right) \quad (11)$$

$$L_{rs} = \frac{120\pi h}{\theta_r c} \left[\ln \frac{r_o}{r_i} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \quad (12)$$

$$C_{rs} = \frac{\theta_r r_o^2 \epsilon_{eff}}{240\pi h c} \quad (13)$$

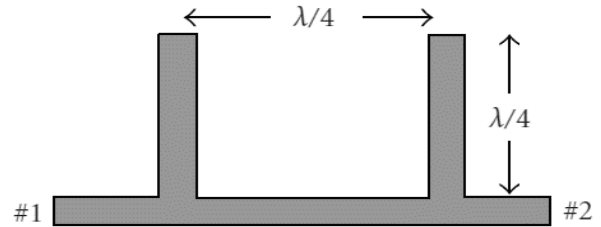


Figure 5: Conventional distributed microstrip BSF [38].

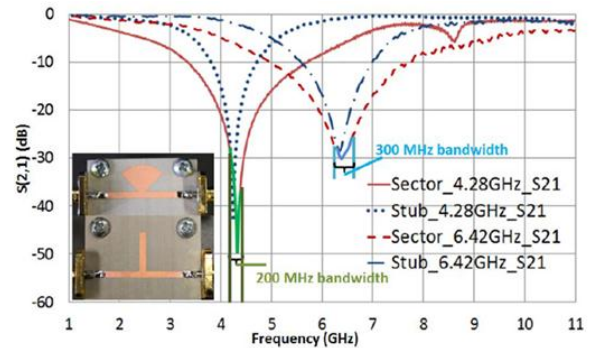


Figure 6: Insertion loss of MRS and one quarter-wave stub [41].

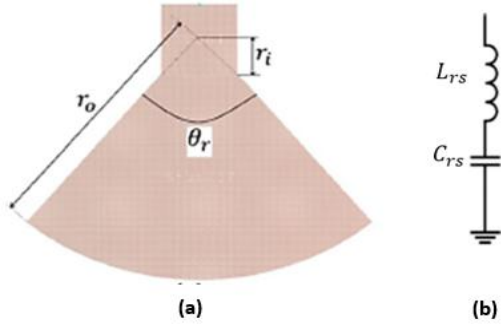


Figure 7: Equivalent circuit model of radial stub [42].

where c is the speed of light, ϵ_{eff} is the effective dielectric constant, r_i and r_o are the inner and outer radial stubs, β is the phase constant, θ_r is the spanning angle in radians, and h is the dielectric thickness. To achieve a sufficient frequency bandwidth, these stubs are cascaded [44]. However, this method has the drawback of increasing the circuit size. Figure 8 depicts a typical two-stub radial resonator.

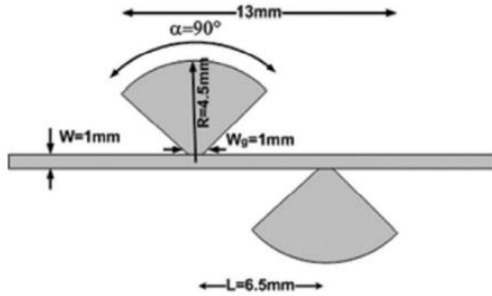


Figure 8: Typical two-stub radial resonator [44].

Table 4. Geometrical parameters of the proposed rectifier.

Parameter	Width/ Length (mm)	Parameter	Width/ Length (mm)	Parameter	Width1/ Width2/ Length (mm)
TL1	10.956/ 14.2608	TL5	2.00041/ 14.8599	TAP1	8.98749/ 9.14848/ 27.8053
TL2	10.95/ 21.0209	TL6	2.04328/ 8.67394	TAP2	14.9833/ 11.1055/ 23.2089
TL3	9.7326/ 15.2173	TL7	2.00008/ 11.5178		
TL4	2.0227/ 10.0931	TL8	14.8046/ 16.0715		

In this work, the designed DC pass filter (output filter) consists of dual radial stubs. The optimized dimensions were found using ADS optimization tool.

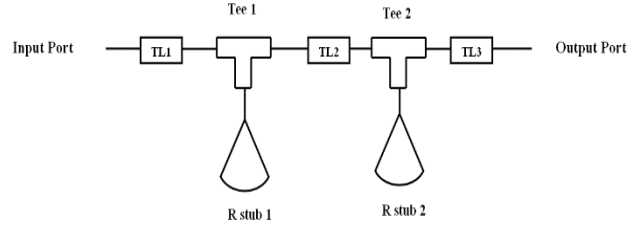


Figure 9: Topology of the DC pass filter.

In Fig. 10, the $|S_{21}|$ of the dc-pass filter is plotted against the frequency. It shows that the $|S_{21}|$ remains below -20 dBm within the frequency band of 1.8 GHz to 5.4 GHz. This indicates that the 1.8 GHz band's fundamental frequency, second order, and third order harmonics are all successfully eliminated by the filter. It also efficiently eliminates the second order harmonics and the fundamental frequency in the 2.4 GHz and 2.1 GHz regions.

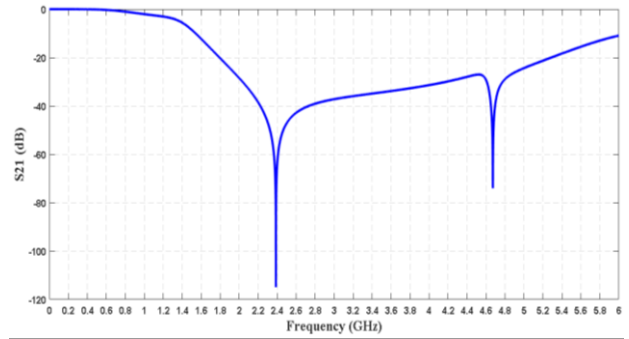


Figure 10: Simulated S21 of DC pass filter.

2.4 Impedance Matching

An impedance-matching network must be used in order for the receiving antenna to provide the maximum amount of power to the load [45]. The diodes in the rectifying circuit introduce nonlinearity, causing the input impedance of the circuit to be nonlinear. The output load value and the operating frequency of the input power both affect this nonlinearity.

This paper proposes a novel triple-band matching network to overcome the difficulties caused by the input impedance's nonlinearity [46].

The matching network is implemented using microstrip technology. It consists of a tapered line followed by two branch short-circuit stubs. To determine the ideal final values, Keysight Advanced Design System (ADS) multivariable multi-goal optimisation was used. Figure 11 shows the dual-band rectifier's schematic diagram. The geometrical parameters are listed in Table 4. The simulation results for $|S_{11}|$ at five different input power levels (0, -5, -10, -15, and -20 dBm) are presented in Fig. 12. The simulation results demonstrate a wide bandwidth for the WiFi, GSM 1800, and UMTS 2100 bands across a range of low input power levels.

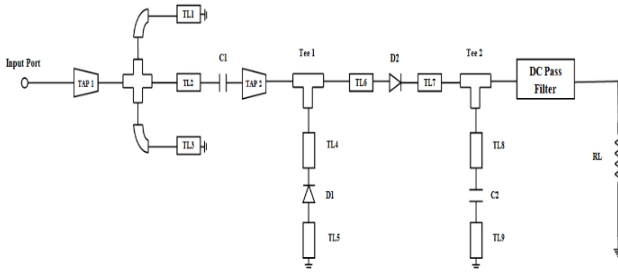


Figure 11: The proposed topology for the rectifying circuit consists of an impedance-matching network of two branches.

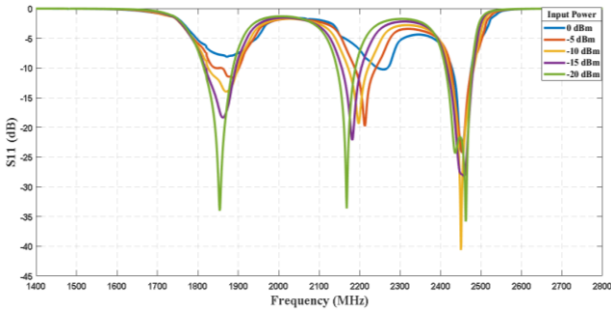


Figure 12: Simulated S11 of the proposed rectifier at five power levels with $R_L = 2.8 \text{ k}\Omega$.

3. SIMULATION RESULTS

One of the rectifier's performance metrics is its RF-to-DC efficiency. The frequency and input power have a nonlinear relationship with the efficiency. Figure 13 shows the PCE versus frequency simulation results. For single tone simulation the efficiency achieved at zero dBm input power and $2.8 \text{ k}\Omega$ load resistance is 45%, 19%, and 58.5% at 1860 MHz and 2450 MHz, respectively. At -5 dBm power level and $2.8 \text{ k}\Omega$ load resistance is 49%, 38%, and 50% at 1860 MHz, 2150 MHz and 2450 MHz, respectively. At -10 dBm power level and $2.8 \text{ k}\Omega$ load resistance is 40%, 30% and 38% at 1860 MHz, 2150 MHz and 2450 MHz, respectively. At -15 dBm power level and $2.8 \text{ k}\Omega$ load resistance is 31%, 25% and 25% at 1860 MHz, 2150 MHz and 2450 MHz, respectively.

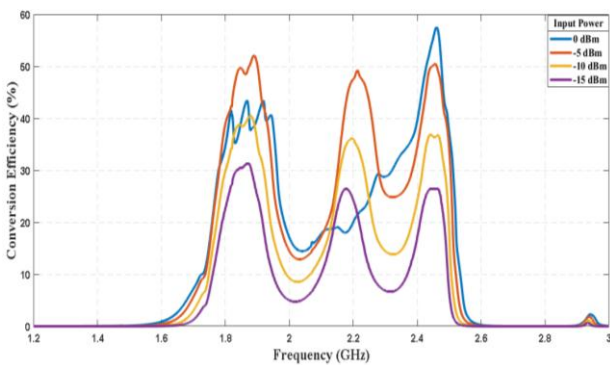


Figure 13: Simulated rectifier conversion efficiency as a function of frequency at five input power levels for $R_L = 2.8 \text{ k}\Omega$.

The relationship between the input power and the output voltage is displayed in Fig. 14, which is the result of the simulation. It is clear that the output voltage is 0.7 volts at 1860 MHz, 1.1 volts at 2150 MHz, and 1.28 volts at 2450 MHz with an input power of 0 dBm and a load resistance of $2.8 \text{ k}\Omega$. Additionally, the PCE is non-linear and depends on the load resistance R_L .

With an input frequency of 1840 MHz, Figs. 15 and 16 depict the simulated PCE and output DC voltage of the proposed rectifying circuit for a range of R_L values (100Ω to $20 \text{ k}\Omega$) at five input power levels. The simulated output DC voltage and efficiency for various R_L values ranging from 100Ω to $20 \text{ k}\Omega$ for five distinct input power levels at an input frequency of 2150 MHz are shown in Figs. 17 and 18, respectively. The simulated output DC voltage and efficiency for various R_L values ranging from 100Ω to $20 \text{ k}\Omega$ for five distinct input power levels at an input frequency of 2450 MHz are shown in Figs. 19 and 20, respectively.

It is shown that the total number of tones and the uniform spacing between several tones can be used to increase the RF-to-DC efficiency when they are weighted equally [47].

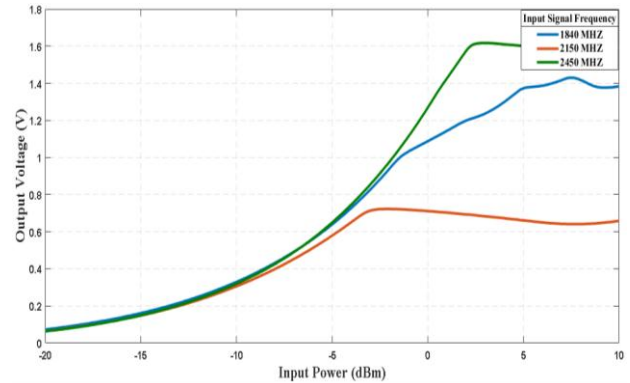


Figure 14: Simulated rectifier output voltage vs. input power at three different frequencies for $R_L = 2.8 \text{ k}\Omega$.

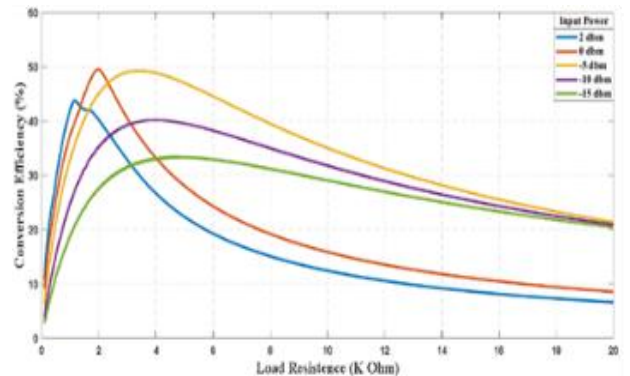


Figure 15: The conversion efficiency vs. R_L for five different input power levels at 1840 MHz.

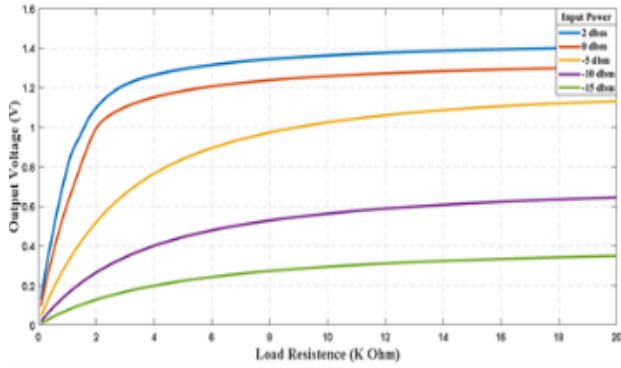


Figure 16: The output voltage vs. R_L for five different input power levels at 1840 MHz.

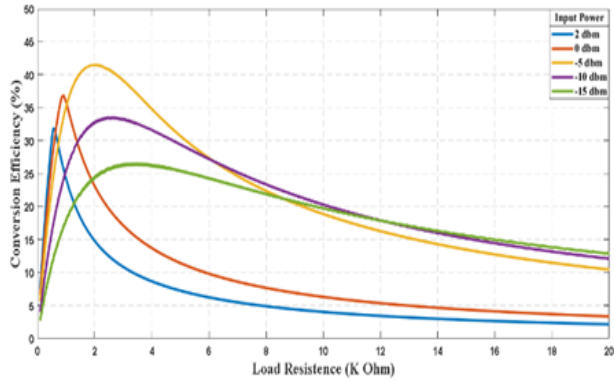


Figure 17: The conversion efficiency vs. R_L for five input power levels at 2150 MHz.

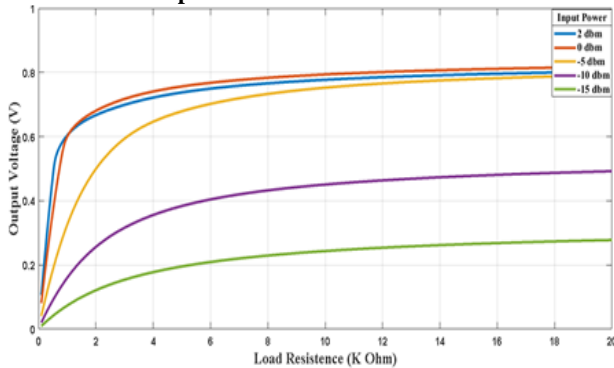


Figure 18: The output voltage vs. R_L for five input power levels at 2150 MHz.

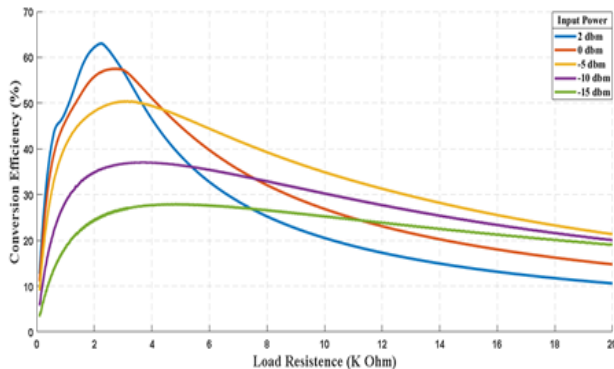


Figure 19: The conversion efficiency vs. R_L for five input power levels at 2450 MHz.

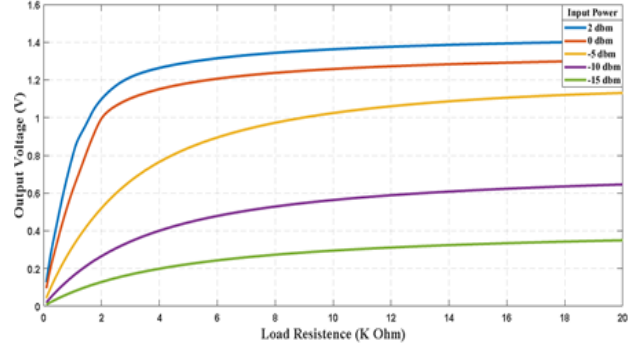


Figure 20: The output voltage vs. R_L for five input power levels at 2450 MHz.

For multi-tone input signals with input power of -15 dBm for each tone (1-tone at 2450 MHz, 2-tone at 2440 and 2450 MHz, 3-tone 2-tone at 2440, 2450, 2460 MHz, and 4-tone with 10 MHz-spacing from 2440 to 2470 MHz), Fig. 21 shows the simulated RF-to-DC PCE of the proposed rectifier vs. load resistance.

The maximum efficiency rises from 25% for the single tone at 2450 MHz to 35% for the 3-tone signal at 2440, 2450, and 2460 MHz and 38% for the 4-tone signal at 2440, 2450, 2460, and 2470 MHz when the power level of each tone is -15 dBm, as illustrated in Fig. 21.

Figures 22 and 23 depict, respectively, the simulated RF-to-DC efficiency corresponding to a single tone at 2450 MHz, dual-tone at 1840 and 2450 MHz, and triple-tone at 1840, 2150, and 2450 MHz at input powers of -10 dBm and -15 dBm for each tone.

As indicated in Table 5, the rectifying circuit's performance is assessed by comparison with analogous prior studies.

Most of the work has been done for a single band, and some works have been done for multiband, but they were designed and optimized at input power levels much higher than the available RF power. The proposed rectifying circuit operates efficiently at relatively low input power levels.

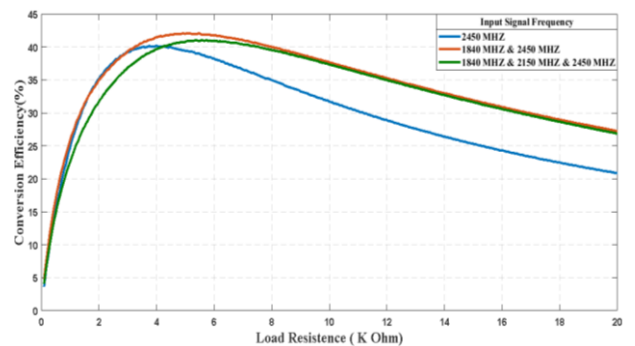


Figure 21: Simulated conversion efficiency vs. R_L for multi-tone input signals with input power of -15 dBm for each tone.

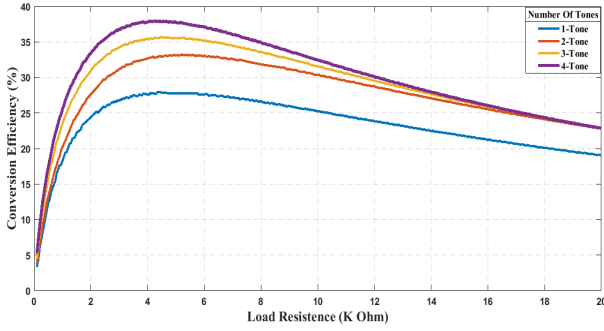


Figure 22: Simulated conversion efficiency vs. R_L for multi-tone input signals with input power of -10 dBm for each tone.

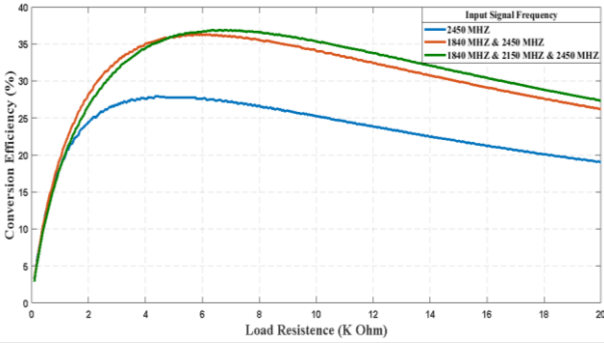


Figure 23: Simulated conversion efficiency vs. R_L for multi-tone input signals with input power of -15 dBm for each tone.

Most researchers study the performance of rectenna at relatively high input power values (greater than or equal to 0 dBm) as observed in Table 5 focusing on achieving high conversion efficiency regardless that they study the performance at high input power compared to the Actual measured RF Power in the environment as illustrated in Table 1. The work in [59] studies the Performance of rectenna designed to operate at 1.8 GHz and 2.45 GHz bands respectively for an input power of 3dBm and 4dBm, also the work in [60] studies the performance of rectenna designed to operate at 5.8 GHZ with an input power of 16.7 dBm which is very high input power. For a multiband antenna achieving high Efficiency at low input power is very challenging as shown in [61] at 2.1 GHz and a 1500 Ω load with an input power of -10 dBm The CE was observed to be only 7 %. As shown in this work the Performance of the proposed triband rectenna was studied at multiple input power values, it's obvious that the achieved conversion efficiency at low input power values is higher than results in [48] at the cost of larger size and higher design complexity.

4. CONCLUSION

In this study, we have proposed Triband rectifying circuits that can operate at GSM 1800, UMTS 2100, and WiFi 2450 bands and can power low-power electronic devices. We selected the RT/Duroid 5880 as the

Table 5. Comparison between related designs and the proposed rectifying circuit.

Reference	Rectifying circuit Topology	Diode Type	Frequency band	PCE (%) at Pin dBm input power		Maximum PCE
				-15	-10	
[48]	Single series diode	HSMS 285B	0.9 GHZ	18	26	-
			1.8 GHZ	26	33	35% at 0 dBm
			2.1 GHZ	8	11	-
[49]	Single series diode	HSMS-285B	0.9 GHZ	-	40	-
			1.8 GHZ	-	33	-
			2.1 GHZ	-	25	-
[50]	Voltage doubler	HSMS-2860	3.5 GHz	-	-	29.72 % at 6 dBm
[51]	Single series diode	BAT15-03W	0.915 GHZ	-	-	74% at 9 dBm
			2.45 GHZ	-	-	73% at 9 dBm
			2.45 GHZ	-	-	57.8% at 0 dBm
[52]	Three parallel volage doubler	HSMS-2852	0.9 GHZ	-	33.7	55.8% at 0 dBm
			1.8 GHZ	-	21.8	56.5% at 0 dBm
			2.45 GHZ	-	20	59.8 % at 0 dBm
[53]	Single series diode	SMS7630	2.4 GHZ	-	42.1	56.3 % at 0 dBm
			3.5 GHZ	-	42.5	43.6% at 0 dBm
[54]	Voltage doubler	HSMS 2850	0.9 GHZ	-	-	50.2 % at 2 dBm
[55]	Voltage doubler	HSMS 2852	2.45 GHZ	-	37	67% at 0 dBm
[56]	Voltage doubler	SMS-7630	2.45 GHZ	-	50.7	57.1 % at 0 dBm
			5.8 GHZ	-	20.1	39.2 % at 0 dBm
[57]	Single shunt diode	SMS-7630	10 GHZ	-	≈ 8	34 % at 7 dBm
	Voltage doubler			-	≈ 8	43 % at 6 dBm
[58]	Voltage doubler	HSMS 285C	0.9 GHZ	-	-	45.9% at -10 dBm
			1.8 GHZ	31	40	45% at 0 dBm
Proposed topology	Voltage doubler	SMS7630-079	2.1 GHZ	25	30	19% at 0 dBm
			2.4 GHZ	25	38	58.5% at 0 dBm
			2.4 GHZ	25	38	58.5% at 0 dBm

substrate for this purpose. For the design, the SMS7630-079 diodes were selected. The IMN network was designed using commercial software. When the input power becomes 2 dBm and the output load is 2.4 K Ω , our solution achieves a maximum PCE of 63%. In low-power scenarios, our suggested design performs as well as or better than other comparable designs found in the literature.

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