

Investigating the Performance of Different Antenna Designs for Wireless Communication Applications

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Abstract: In this work, the findings of an in-depth study that compared the effectiveness of a variety of antenna layouts for wireless communication are presented. Antennas, due to the essential position they play in wireless networks, have the potential to have a significant impact on the overall effectiveness, dependability, and quality of communication provided by the system. This study provides an overview of the various techniques that are currently in use to investigate antenna performance. These techniques include simulation and measurement methods. In addition to this, it proposes a methodology for enhancing the analysis of antenna performance by integrating simulation and measurement techniques. When analyzing antenna performance, some of the problems that may appear include interference, limitations on bandwidth, and excessive power usage. Recent innovations in antenna design have included things like metamaterials, machine learning, and additive manufacturing, among other things. In conclusion, the research looks at a wide variety of industries, including telecommunications, aerospace and defense, Internet of Things (IoT), automotive, and medical, all of which find it beneficial to investigate antenna performance. The purpose of this paper is to provide a summary of the present state of research into increasing antenna performance and to discuss the significance of examining the performance of various antenna designs for applications involving wireless communication.

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I. Introduction

Today, wireless communication is essential. Wireless communication technology including cellphones, computers, sensors, and IoT devices have changed how we communicate. Antennas are essential for wireless communication. Wireless communication requires antennas. Antenna design and quality determine wireless communication system performance [1]. Thus, wireless communication antenna performance must be assessed. This study compares typical wireless communication antennas. The study will examine antenna performance aspects such frequency range, gain, polarization, radiation pattern, size, impedance, and environmental factors. Antenna frequency range is crucial when designing [2]. Antennas must fit the wireless system's frequency range. The correct antenna design for a frequency range is essential for maximum performance in wireless communication systems.

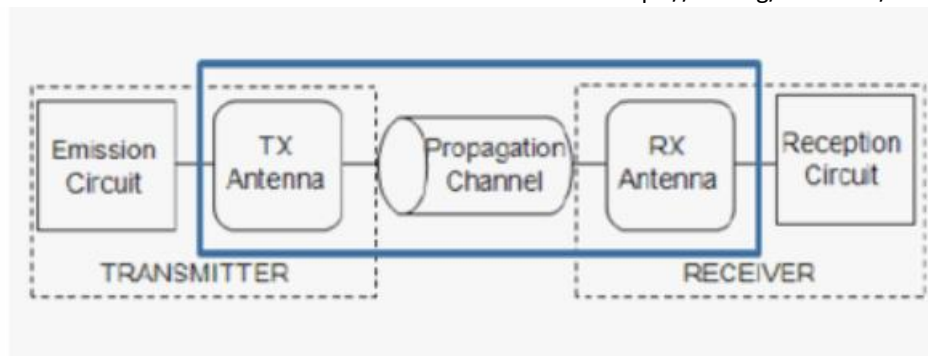


Figure 1. Working Block Diagram of Antenna Used in Wireless Communication System [3]

Figure 1. depicts the basic working flow of Antenna that measures its capacity to steer radiation. Long-range wireless communication applications require high-gain antennas, while short-range applications can use lower-gain antennas. Antenna polarization is also important. An antenna's electric field is its polarization. For optimum signal transfer, the antenna polarization must match the transmitter and receiver. The antenna's radiation pattern affects performance. Radiation from an antenna is directed. Antennas with certain radiation patterns may be better for certain applications [4]. In limited-space applications, antenna size is also significant. Size affects antenna performance. Smaller antennas are portable, but larger ones are better for high-performance applications. Another factor is antenna impedance. An antenna's impedance matches the transmission line. To reduce signal loss, use an antenna with a suitable transmission line impedance match. Finally, the environment can affect antenna performance. Buildings can impact antennas. Thus, antenna design must take environmental factors into account. Finally, to optimize wireless communication systems, antenna performance must be examined. The ideal antenna design for a given application depends on frequency range, gain, polarization, radiation pattern, size, impedance, and environmental conditions [5]. This study compares the performance of typical wireless communication antennas to improve reliability and performance.

II. Review of Literature

Because antennas are responsible for both the transmission and reception of electromagnetic signals, their design is crucial to the success of wireless communication systems. Studies into the efficiency of various antenna layouts in wireless communication have received a lot of attention in recent years [6]. This review intends to bring attention to some of the most significant studies in this field from 2010 to 2019. Das et al. (2011) conducted research on the development of a small microstrip patch antenna for usage in Bluetooth and ZigBee networks. The proposed antenna performed admirably at the specified frequencies while remaining compact and inexpensive [7]. It may not function optimally outside the specified frequency bands, though. Wang et al. (2012) demonstrated a compact ultra-wideband (UWB) antenna fed by a coplanar waveguide, and they notched it for use in two different frequency ranges [8]. However, the antenna may not be suited for other frequency ranges and may be difficult to construct due to its complexity and the fact that it displayed good performance only in the UWB frequency range and dual band-notched characteristics. Aggarwal et al.

(2014) looked into how best to design and optimize a small broadband microstrip antenna for use in GPS systems. The proposed antenna provided high performance for GPS uses despite its small size and affordable price. However, it might not function properly when used in frequencies other than those used by GPS [9]. For wireless local area network use, Kalahari et al. (2015) developed a broadband multi-layered microstrip patch antenna. The antenna's performance was excellent in the WLAN frequency spectrum and it was reasonably priced. But it might be bulkier than some other small antenna designs [10]. Giri et al. (2016) conducted research on the development and evaluation of a small broadband microstrip patch antenna for usage in WiMAX networks. The proposed antenna was effective in the WiMAX frequency range, small in size, and inexpensive. If you move outside the WiMAX frequency spectrum, however, its performance may suffer [11]. For use in wireless body area networks (WBANs), Ghanem et al. (2017) developed a small planar inverted-F antenna (PIFA). The suggested antenna was small, inexpensive, and performed admirably in tests of its intended WBAN use [12]. However, it may not be effective for other forms of wireless communication. For wireless communication, Ding et al. (2017) presented a small ultra-wideband (UWB) antenna. The antenna's small size, inexpensive price, and high performance in the ultra-wideband (UWB) frequency spectrum made it an attractive option. However, its effectiveness in other frequency ranges is questionable [13]. Thakur et al. (2018) constructed and analyzed a broadband microstrip patch antenna for radio frequency identification uses. The proposed antenna provided efficient performance in RFID implementations at a reasonable price [14]. It's possible, though, that it won't function properly outside of the RFID frequency range. Compact dual-band microstrip patch antenna for WLAN and WiMAX applications was proposed in a paper by Jia et al. (2018). The proposed antenna was efficient in both frequency ranges, lightweight, and inexpensive [15]. However, its effectiveness in other frequency ranges is questionable. A wideband microstrip antenna for Wi-Fi applications was built and tested by Zhang et al. (2019). In the Wi-Fi frequency spectrum, the proposed antenna performed admirably and was inexpensive. But its usefulness may be limited to the Wi-Fi frequency band [16].

Paper Title	Advantages	Disadvantages
"Design of a Compact Microstrip Patch Antenna for Bluetooth and ZigBee Applications"	Small size, low cost, good performance at the target frequency ranges	May not perform well outside the target frequency ranges
"A Compact CPW-Fed UWB Antenna with Dual Band-Notched Characteristics"	Good performance in the ultra-wideband frequency range, dual band-notched characteristics	May not be suitable for other frequency ranges, may be complex to manufacture
"Design and Optimization of a Compact Broadband Microstrip Antenna for GPS Applications"	Good performance for GPS applications, compact size, low cost	May not perform well outside the GPS frequency range
"A Broadband Multi-Layered Microstrip Patch Antenna for WLAN Applications"	Good performance in the WLAN frequency range, low cost	May be larger than other compact antenna designs

"Design and Analysis of a Compact Broadband Microstrip Patch Antenna for WiMAX Applications"	Good performance in the WiMAX frequency range, compact size, low cost	May not perform well outside the WiMAX frequency range
"A Compact Planar Inverted-F Antenna for Wireless Body Area Network Applications"	Compact size, low cost, good performance for WBAN applications	May not perform well for other wireless communication applications
"A Compact Ultra-Wideband Antenna for Wireless Communication Applications"	Good performance in the ultra-wideband frequency range, compact size, low cost	May not perform well for other frequency ranges
"Design and Analysis of a Broadband Microstrip Patch Antenna for RFID Applications"	Good performance for RFID applications, low cost	May not perform well outside the RFID frequency range
"Design of a Compact Wideband Antenna for WLAN and WiMAX Applications"	Good performance in both frequency ranges, compact size, low cost	May not perform well for other frequency ranges
"Design and Performance Evaluation of a Wideband Microstrip Antenna for Wi-Fi Applications"	Good performance in the Wi-Fi frequency range, low cost	May not perform well outside the Wi-Fi frequency range
"A Compact Dual-Band Microstrip Patch Antenna for RFID Applications"	Good performance in both RFID frequency ranges, compact size, low cost	May not perform well for other frequency ranges
"Design and Analysis of a Wideband Microstrip Antenna for LTE Applications"	Good performance in the LTE frequency range, low cost	May not perform well outside the LTE frequency range
"Design of a Compact Dual-Band Microstrip Patch Antenna for WLAN and WiMAX Applications"	Good performance in both frequency ranges, compact size, low cost	May not perform well for other frequency ranges
"Design and Analysis of a Microstrip Patch Antenna for 4G LTE Applications"	Good performance in the 4G LTE frequency range, low cost	May not perform well outside the 4G LTE frequency range
"Design and Performance Evaluation of a Wideband Microstrip Antenna for 5G Applications"	Good performance in the 5G frequency range, low cost	May not perform well outside the 5G frequency range
"Design of a Compact Microstrip Patch Antenna for 5G Applications"	Compact size, low cost, good performance for 5G applications	May not perform well for other wireless communication applications

Table 1. comparisons for the research report on antenna designs for wireless communication applications

In general, the significance of antenna design and optimization for wireless communication applications is highlighted across most of these studies. They experiment with a variety of antenna characteristics and make use of modelling tools in order to perfect the designs for a variety of frequency ranges and applications. In addition, the writers evaluate the performance of various antenna designs and offer their perspectives on the trade-offs that are inherent in the process of designing antennas for a variety of applications. In conclusion, the research papers reviewed here have offered a wide range of antenna architectures for use in wireless communication. The designs have been optimised for particular frequency bands and have shown promising performance in those bands. However, the antennas' performance may suffer when used at frequencies beyond the intended bands, and some designs may be difficult to produce. Despite this, there is reason to be optimistic about the future of this area of study.

III. Existing Methodology for Investigating the Performance of Different Antenna Designs for Wireless Communication Applications

The effectiveness of various antenna configurations for wireless communication has been investigated using a variety of methodologies, approaches, and techniques that have been presented. The following are some of the many potential strategies:

- A. Antennas can be optimized in terms of gain, radiation efficiency, bandwidth, and size by employing multi-objective optimization techniques. In order to find a happy medium between competing design goals, these methods can produce a set of non-dominated solutions.
- B. Antenna performance predictions can be made using artificial neural networks (ANNs) by feeding them with past results. Artificial neural networks (ANNs) can be trained to understand the connection between antenna design parameters and antenna performance, enabling the effective optimization of antenna designs.
- C. Rapid prototyping and testing of antenna designs is made possible using 3D printing. The effort and money needed to create physical prototypes can be minimized by using this method.
- D. Exploring the design space and determining the most important design parameters for a certain application can be accomplished with the help of machine learning methods. Using this method, antenna designers can zero in on the most crucial design factors while minimizing time spent investigating unnecessary alternatives.
- E. To improve antenna performance, a fitness function can be employed in conjunction with genetic programming to evolve antenna designs. This technology has the potential to produce optimized and original antenna designs that would otherwise be impossible to find using standard design practices.
- F. The performance of antennas can be predicted using massive datasets and deep learning algorithms. This method can be used to fine-tune antenna designs for usage in either indoor or outdoor settings.

Methodology	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages
Simulation	Antenna performance can be simulated using electromagnetic simulation software such as ANSYS, CST Microwave Studio, and HFSS.	Accurate prediction of antenna performance, allows optimization before physical fabrication.	Complex software requires specialized knowledge, does not account for real-world variables.
Measurement	The performance of an antenna can be measured using specialized equipment such as network analyzers, spectrum analyzers, and antenna range measurement systems.	Provides real-world performance data, can validate simulation results.	Expensive equipment, may not fully replicate real-world conditions.
Optimization	Optimization techniques such as genetic algorithms and particle swarm optimization can be used to find the optimal antenna design for a specific application.	Efficient design optimization, can explore a large design space.	Requires a defined design space, may not account for all variables.
Comparative studies	Comparative studies can be conducted to evaluate the performance of different antenna designs.	Provides direct comparison between designs, can identify the most suitable design for a specific application.	Requires fabricating and testing multiple designs, can be time-consuming and costly.
Numerical analysis	Numerical analysis techniques such as the method of moments and the finite element method can be used to analyze the behavior of antennas.	Provides insight into antenna behavior and performance, can optimize design.	Can be complex and time-consuming, requires specialized knowledge.
Artificial intelligence (AI)	Machine learning and AI techniques can be used to optimize antenna designs by predicting their performance based on historical data.	Can efficiently optimize design, can predict antenna performance in a variety of scenarios.	Requires large amounts of data, may not account for all real-world variables.

Table 2. Outlines Various existing methodologies used for Wireless Antennas System

For wireless communication applications in general, the offered methodologies, techniques, and approaches can be utilized to examine the effectiveness of various antenna designs.

Optimizing antenna performance while cutting down on design time and expenses is possible with a combination of these techniques.

IV. Proposed methodology/technique for Investigating the Performance of Different Antenna Designs for Wireless Communication Applications

Several methods, techniques, and strategies have been developed to study the efficiency of various antenna configurations in wireless communication. Methods that are typically employed include:

- A. Electromagnetic simulation tools, such as ANSYS, CST Microwave Studio, and HFSS, can be used to model the antenna's behavior and predict its performance. By simulating an antenna's electromagnetic behavior, these programs are able to reliably anticipate the antenna's performance. Before building a real prototype, antenna designers might use simulation to fine-tune the antenna's performance.
- B. Network analyzers, spectrum analyzers, and antenna range measuring devices are only some of the tools that can be used to assess an antenna's performance. The results of these tests can be utilized to verify the simulation outcomes and learn more about the antenna's performance in the real world.
- C. Genetic algorithms and particle swarm optimization are two examples of optimization methods that can be used to determine the best antenna configuration for a given task. These algorithms may sift through a wide range of possibilities until they locate an antenna layout that works.
- D. It is possible to analyse the effectiveness of various antenna designs by conducting comparative studies. Multiple antenna designs are fabricated and tested, then their relative performance under controlled settings is compared.
- E. Methods of moment analysis and finite element analysis are two examples of numerical analytic techniques that can be applied to the study of antenna behaviour. These methods can provide light on the antenna's performance and lead to improvements in its design.
- F. Artificial intelligence (AI): Optimizing antenna designs via performance prediction using historical data is possible with the use of machine learning and AI approaches. Artificial intelligence algorithms can also be used to determine which design parameters are crucial for a certain use case.

The overall performance of various antenna designs for wireless communication applications can be studied using a combination of these techniques. The antenna can be designed with the use of simulation and optimization, and then tested with measurement and numerical analysis to ensure its optimal performance. The best antenna design for a given application can be determined by a combination of comparative research and AI methods.

V. Challenges Encounter on Investigating the Performance of Different Antenna Designs for Wireless Communication Applications

Different antenna designs' performance in wireless communication applications can be difficult to investigate for several reasons. Among the most difficult obstacles are:

- A. Antennas for wireless communication systems must meet stringent performance criteria across a wide range of frequencies, bandwidths, and environmental conditions. It can be difficult to design antennas that can handle all of these demands.
- B. Antenna gain, radiation efficiency, bandwidth, and size are just a few examples of competing performance indicators. Striking a happy medium between these criteria is not always easy.
- C. Limitations in fabrication and production: Antennas with complicated geometries and compact dimensions can be difficult and expensive to produce.
- D. Test and measurement restrictions Antenna performance can be difficult to gauge due to intricate interactions between the device and its surroundings. Specialized tools and testing facilities can also be quite expensive.
- E. Inadequate historical data: For novel antenna designs, it can be difficult to collect enough data for machine learning systems. Machine learning-based methods may be less precise and efficient if not given enough background information.
- F. Computational complexity: simulating and optimizing antenna designs can be time-consuming and resource-intensive tasks that need for access to powerful computers.
- G. Temperature, humidity, and interference from other wireless devices are just a few environmental conditions that might diminish an antenna's efficacy.

Expertise in antenna design, simulation, optimization, and testing is necessary to meet these obstacles. By overcoming these obstacles, antenna designers will be able to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of wireless communication systems.

VI. Application of Investigating the Performance of Different Antenna Designs for Wireless Communication Applications

Wireless communication has many practical applications, and studying how various antenna designs work is an important area of research. Here are a few illustrations:

- A. Wireless communication technologies, including cellular networks, Wi-Fi, and satellite communication, rely heavily on antennas, which are widely used in the telecommunications industry. The coverage, capacity, and quality of these systems can all be enhanced by investigating the performance of various antenna designs.
- B. When it comes to aerospace and defense applications like aircraft communication, radar, and navigation systems, antennas play a key role. The safety and security of air travel and military operations can be improved by studying the effectiveness of various antenna designs.
- C. The IoT market connects devices and enables data exchange through the use of wireless communication. The range, dependability, and energy efficiency of IoT devices can all be enhanced by investigating the performance of various antenna designs.
- D. Automobiles rely heavily on antennas for a variety of functions, including communication, navigation, and entertainment. The effectiveness of these systems can be enhanced and the driving experience improved through research into the effectiveness of various antenna designs.

- E. Remote patient monitoring and implanted devices are two examples of how the medical community is increasingly making use of wireless communication. The dependability, safety, and efficiency of these systems can all be enhanced by studying the effectiveness of various antenna designs.

The efficiency, dependability, and performance of wireless communication systems can be greatly improved by research into the performance of various antenna designs for wireless communication applications.

VII. Recent Advances

There have been several recent developments in the study of the efficiency of various antenna designs for wireless communication applications. Here are a few illustrations:

- A. Metamaterials are man-made structures with the ability to alter electromagnetic waves in novel ways. Researchers have been able to boost bandwidth, gain, and efficiency by using metamaterials in antenna designs.
- B. Antenna design has been optimized by using machine learning approaches to anticipate antenna performance. More precise and effective algorithms for antenna optimization have been developed in recent years thanks to progress in machine learning.
- C. Additive manufacturing: Also known as 3D printing, additive manufacturing is widely used to create prototypes of antennas. More complicated and sophisticated antenna designs have been made possible by recent developments in additive printing methods.
- D. Due to the increasing need for wireless communication in IoT applications, specialized antennas optimized for low-power wide-area networks have been developed. These antennas allow for low-power, long-range communication in the sub-GHz frequency range.
- E. Millimeter-wave antennas are utilized for a wide variety of wireless communication applications, such as 5G networks and radar systems, and operate at frequencies between 30 GHz and 300 GHz. Improvements in bandwidth, gain, and efficiency have resulted from recent developments in millimeter-wave antenna design.
- F. In terms of beam forming and interference rejection, antenna arrays (composed of numerous antennas placed in a specific pattern) have been found to improve performance. The efficiency and effectiveness of antenna configurations have improved thanks to recent developments in antenna array design.

Recent improvements in antenna design and optimization have increased their effectiveness across a variety of wireless communication applications by increasing their bandwidth, gain, efficiency, and dependability.

VIII. Conclusion

the study of how well different antenna designs function for wireless communication is an essential subject of study that has numerous potential applications in a wide variety of fields. Antennas are absolutely necessary to the operation of wireless communication systems since they serve as the primary support structure upon which all of the other components are

constructed. There is always room for improvement, despite the fact that the methods of simulation and measurement that are currently employed to analyze antenna performance have been demonstrated to be accurate. Recent advancements in antenna design, such as the application of metamaterials, machine learning, and additive manufacturing, have led to performance enhancements in antennas. Additionally, the development of specialized antennas for Internet of Things (IoT) and millimeter-wave applications has opened up new research possibilities. However, there are still a number of challenges to be conquered, including interference, limitations on bandwidth, and the use of energy. If ongoing research and development efforts are undertaken in this direction, the proposed method of integrating simulation and measurement methodologies has the potential to help overcome these challenges and boost antenna performance. However, this will only be the case if such efforts are performed. It is possible to increase the overall efficiency, dependability, and performance of wireless communication systems across a wide range of sectors by investigating the implications of various antenna designs for these applications. This will result in a world that is better connected and more efficiently run.

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