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RF Energy Harvesting: A literature review

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Abstract: RF power is used for wireless communications and it could be found almost everywhere. So, it is a cheap source of electrical energy to power up battery-less or long life rechargeable battery systems. The power density of the transmitted signals depends on both frequency and time. RF power harvesting can be used to extract the power from Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) band 900MHz and 2.4GHz, wireless mobiles, TV stations, Radio stations and Commercial satellite TV. All of these are available power in air and ready to be converted to useful power. The RF power can be received and converted to DC power which can be used to power electronic devices. The process of RF power rectification to DC power has gained a lot of attention in many disciplines especially for RFIDs.

In this presentation, the possibilities of RF harvesting systems are discussed with emphasis on both parts the transducer which is the antenna and the front end which is the rectifier.

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