

# Terahertz Communication: Merits, Demerits, and Future Challenges Regarding 6G Wireless Networks



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## 1 Introduction

Bill Clinton stated that “four years ago, no one knew about the Internet except for 2 nuclear fascists, but today my cat also has a web page, and when I used to talk to children on video calls, my cat was also present on the video call”. So from these things, we can understand from where technology has reached in today’s time. What really happens is that as the needs of people increase, so too do the changes in technology. Initially, Communicating with people was a very difficult task, then it marked the first beginning of the 1G technology era. Then the demand of people increased and it was like sending photos or documents from one place to another, and how to make the Internet better [2]. Then came the question of how to speed up the Internet, so in a few years, the generation of technology such as CDMA, FDMA, and TDMA, 3G, improved and has a lot of technology that works [7]. It is not that 3G is bad or it was bad at that time, but the needs of the people increased day by day, which was not easy to complete 3G. Because of this, technology was changed every time. Now, 4G comes in the same sequence, so the same thing is also in 4G. Now there is also some deficiency in 4G which 5G has to overcome. Now, we also know about 5G, as we can see that many telecom companies are working to bring their mobile network to 5G. Actually, 5G has many advantages. In this way, we can get many users to provide good Internet with very little delay simultaneously. And many people connect multiple devices together with high efficiency. And in 5G, the speed from one device to another is 15 Gbps to 20 Gbps, which itself is considered a very good speed [7, 13]. But it is said that the needs of the people are

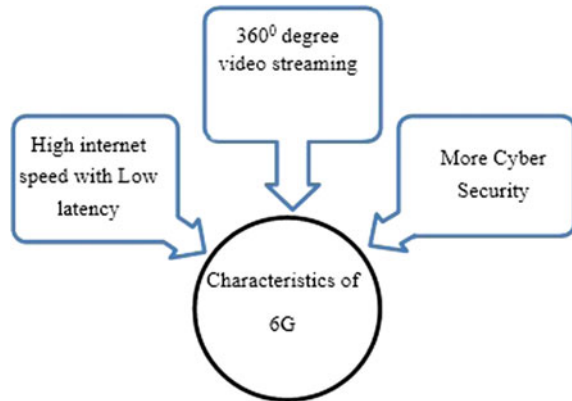
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**Fig. 1** Characteristics of 6G

never met; their needs always increase day by day, so it is imperative to say that by 2030 the whole world will be hit by Artificial Intelligence. In the future, there will be many tools of Artificial Intelligence and all this will be very much dependent on Internet speed. Therefore, to run devices of Artificial Intelligence, good Internet speed would be required, which 5G would not be able to accomplish [12]. To meet this demand, Researchers have already started working on 6G. 6G (6th Generation) is the replacement for 5G cell innovation. One of the major roles of 6G is that it is more secure than previous generations. 6G organizations will have the option to use higher frequencies than the 5G network and have a generously high range and very little laziness. One of the objectives of the 6G Internet would be to help with one-microsecond inertia correspondence, many times faster than one-millisecond throughput, or speaking for 1/1000th of inactivity. 6G innovation is dependent on encouraging huge growth in the areas of market imaging, presence innovation, and sector mentality. Work related to computerized logic (AI) will be the option to decide the best field to be independently registered in the computational foundation of 6G [5, 10]. This information includes options about stockpiling, preparation, and sharing. So it is about the next generation of wireless communication called 6G. Earlier, people did not know much about the Internet, due to which cybercrimes were also very less and people did not give much attention to it, but today people are more active on social media, due to which Cybercrime and Hackers have also increased. So whether it is a personal or official document, we should keep our documents carefully so that they are saved from theft because criminals and hackers can misuse them. Now since crime has increased so much, think what will happen by 2030. This means that by the time 6G comes, there will be a lot of increase in cybercrime.

Because of this, a lot of attention has to be paid to cybercrime. A lot of Researchers work on 6G and their key technologies such as Terahertz Communication (0.3–10 THz), Visible Light Communication (400–800 THz), etc. [12]. In this paper, Terahertz Communication is explained in detail. A study has been done. So first let's know what are Terahertz Waves or Radiation. Terahertz Radiation—also called Sub-Millimeter Radiation, T-Waves, T-Light, T-Lux, or THZ—consists of Electromag-

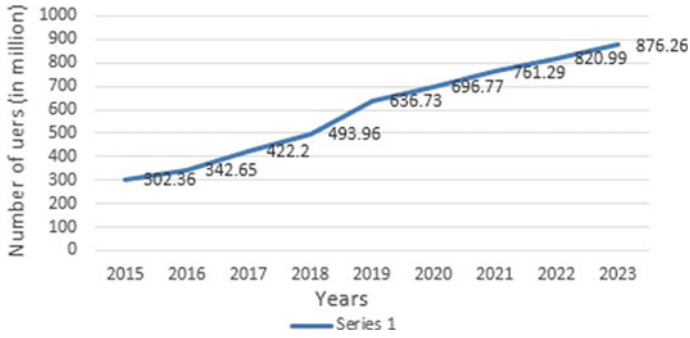


Fig. 2 Waveform between the number of mobile users versus years

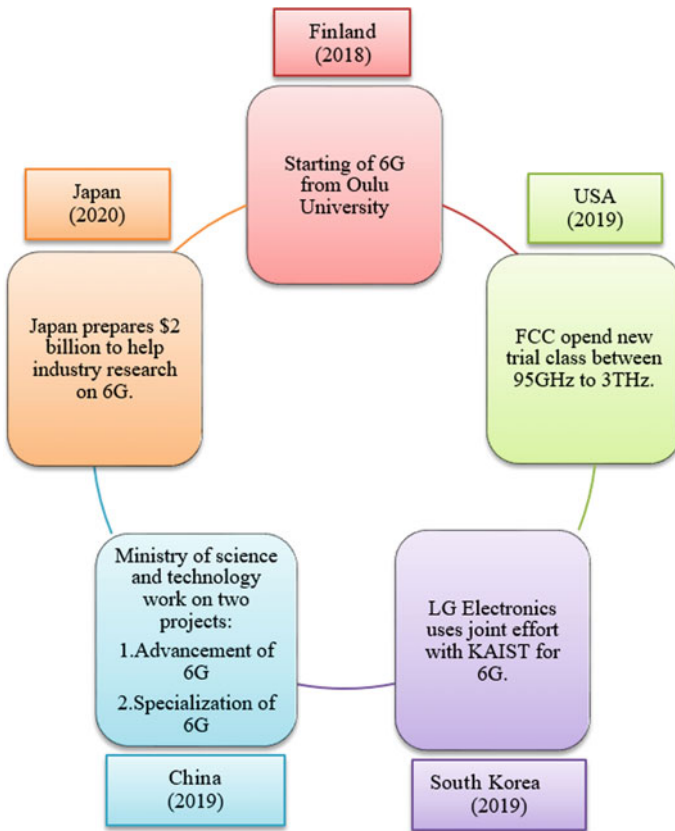


Fig. 3 Nation-insightful research activities to accomplish 6G

netic Waves inside an ITU-assigned band, ranging 0.3–3 Terahertz (THz). These are bands of Frequencies. Indeed, all Frequencies below the Terahertz Frequency have been used because people are increasing day by day. So now that the population will increase further by 2030, it needs a higher frequency; so by 2030, there will be an attempt to use Terahertz Frequency. And by 2030, it is anticipated that more and more devices will operate at high speeds of the Internet. So for that reason, it will have to wait for the security for which our Researchers are working [3, 9]. After studying through several papers, it was discovered that Data Security would be an important topic in the future as many hackers would be born due to which our data could be stolen. For that, several papers have studied on how to secure data. As you know, there are many changes in the generation after every 2–3 years [15], so 6G is likely to come out by 2030; then through this paper, in the next part, we will show how data in 6G and Confidential data will be protected from hackers, and why 4G would be more effective in protecting data. So in this paper, first, we will discuss 5G, then after that study about 6G in detail as to how many securities are there in it. After that, we will study in the briefing of Terahertz Communication why to use such a large frequency, and what will be the profit and loss and its effect on our health [1].

The rest of the paper is contained as follows. In the second section, a brief Introduction of 6G and how much data are secure in 6G is given and the third section will study the new innovative Terahertz Communication technique for 6G. Finally, the conclusion of the paper is given.

## 2 How Much Data are Secure in 6G

According to Cisco, Asia-Pacific organizations receive 6 consecutive digital threats. A Frost & Sullivan study alleged by Microsoft revealed that the expected financial misfortune in the Asia-Pacific region could fight \$1.745 trillion (USD) due to network protection incidents. So with the help of this section, it will be tried to understand how safe and secure the data in wireless 6G is [7]. Wireless Communication invents new things every 10 years, such as better QoS, distributed new assets, the latest initiative leading Technologies. Although 5G is not despicable at this point, scientists have directed their concentration toward the 6G correspondence framework, because 5G lays the foundation for a special need to empower an assortment of innovations, for example, self-driving vehicles, AI, portable broadband correspondence, IoT, and savvy urban areas. In any case, the use of fantastic gadgets is increasing steadily each year and the use of data traffic will be seen as fast as in Fig. 1, which is imperative in the 5G correspondence organization. These boundaries open the gateway to another correspondence framework that includes greater range, surprisingly low laziness, high information transmission, secure mess-free correspondence, and complete remote inclusion. Table 1 analyzes the primary specifications of citations and innovations in both 5G and 6G. 6G will have the option to associate everything and coordinate various advances. Not only phones but many Internet of Things different devices will also use 6G. There are various advantages of 6G, such as providing

**Table 1** Differentiation of 4G, 5G, and 6G

Characteristics of generation	4G	5G	6G
Introduced	2009	2019	2030
Bandwidth of Data	1Gbps	10Gbps	10Tbps
Standards	LTE Advanced, ITU-R, UMB	IMT-2020 Standards	MIIT and FCC
Major companies	Bharti Airtel, Telia Sonera	Ericsson, Nokia 8.3, Qualcomm	Huawei, Nokia, Samsung
Multiple access used	CDMA and OFDMA	NOMA, RSMA, SCMA	D-OMA

very good Internet speed for Smart Devices. If the speed a 6G smart device is good, then we can keep our data safe and secure. This is because if the speed is good, they will lock the data sooner than hackers and no one will be able to access our file. But little has been known on this, such as how to implement network security, and later, new security processes with creative cryptographic strategies to be considered, including physical layer security Technology and union security with negligible diligence. Methods include low volatility and high security. For example, the Web is a dangerous place for information. If you talk about the device, if the device gets hacked, you can take a lot of human personal data, which is a big thing in itself. So this is a problem that will have to be faced in 2030, but by then the arrival of 6G will solve all these problems [14]. So for this, a different kind of major techniques have to be studied. In this paper, of all the major technologies, only Terahertz will study the communication technology in detail (Figs. 2 and 3).

### 3 Terahertz Communication: Major Technology for 6G

By 2030, a High-Performance fundamental Technology is indispensable for using 6G and Beyond Wireless Communication Networks. Towards this path, examination exercises around the world are proceeding with bunch ICT-09-2017 funded by Europe Horizon 2020, a major undertaking supported by the Chinese Ministry of Technology and Science and various Sustainable NSF Awards in the United States. Reference [5] consists of electromagnetic waves within the ITU-allotted band of 0.3–3 Terahertz (THz) frequencies. A Terahertz is 10<sup>12</sup> Hz or 1000 GHz. The radiation frequency in the Terahertz band ran from 1.0 mm to 0.1 mm, respectively. Figure 4 is the spectrum of Electromagnetic waves in which it can show that there are several Frequency Ranges.

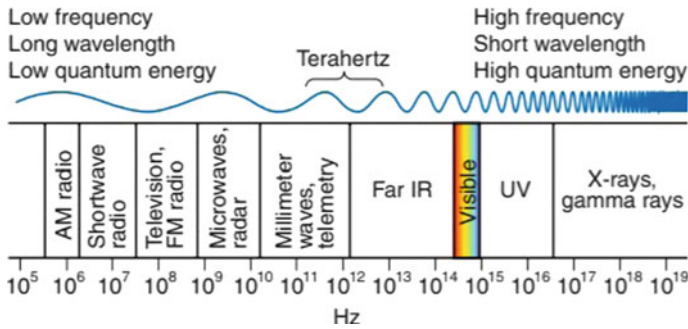


Fig. 4 Spectrum of electromagnetic waves

### 3.1 Why Terahertz Frequencies are so Helpful?

The Terahertz Frequencies are so helpful because of the following reasons:

1. **Vast Energy of Terahertz Frequency:** Electromagnetic radiation at Terahertz Frequencies has far less vitality than Electromagnetic Radiation at higher Frequencies (for instance, X-rays). The Electromagnetic Radiation Energy is given by

$$E = hf \quad (1)$$

where  $E$  is the photon vitality,  $f$  is the Recurrence of radiation, and  $h$  is Planck's constant. In fact, Terahertz radiation is important because the vitality of Terahertz waves is too low to think of knocking electrons off particles, for example, they cannot possibly ionize the material, and thus survive does not damage the tissue. This makes them extremely attractive for clinical use.

2. **Higher determination than other safe Frequency:** Electromagnetic Radiation in the range can be used to make images. The X-beam is a natural model. The degree of detail of a photograph will depend on the Frequency of Electromagnetic Radiation used. Lesser Frequency, better target. Terahertz Waves may not have the same Degree of settling power as X-Beams or noticeable light, yet they are preferable to using Microwave or Radio Waves.
3. **Numerous normal materials are straightforward to terahertz radiation:** Many materials that are mistaken for noticeable light are direct to Terahertz radiation, including many materials, paper, and cardboard. For example, this potentially opens up for security applications, as Terahertz radiation can filter individuals for disguised weapons without using an X-beam. This innovation is being used in some air terminals in the Netherlands Incorporating Schiphol.
4. **Transfer of data and bandwidth:** The terahertz fragment of the electromagnetic range offers gigantic potential for high information transmission rates. Information rates are obliged by the accessible data transmission, and the terahertz fre-

quencies offer wide transfer speeds in an uncrowded aspect of the electromagnetic range.

### 3.2 *Innovative Devices for Terahertz Communication*

The thing is that by 2030, the population of people will be very large, as of today, because of which, today's communication channel will be very less for people then. So Researchers are working on many high frequencies for people such as Terahertz Frequency, Mm Wave, and Microwave Frequency. But new innovative devices are implemented in previous terahertz frequencies, which are believed to be one of the key technologies for 6G. So for this, we will learn about all the devices one by one.

1. **Transceivers** In fact, Terahertz Frequency Research work began in 1990. Terahertz Communication requires an excessive power signal transmitter and a high-vulnerability detector that only works at room temperature, with innumerable headways operating in diverse innovation ways simultaneously reducing the purported THz gap. Therefore, two types of techniques can be used for this: Electronic Technology and Photonic Technology [5]. Both these techniques are described one by one. Silicon is used for electronic technologies such as CMOS technology, heterojunction bipolar junction (HBJ), and Schottky diode technology, which have achieved state of the art and can be found based on the formula, and to operate the mixer at frequencies of 1 THz are ready for. All this is only about Electronic Technology. If talking about Photonic Technology, there are also different types of antennas such as Photo-mixer and Photoconductive antennas which use nearby 1THz. Unique in relation to the Electronic or Photonic advances already mentioned, the ongoing reception of nanomaterials has opened up another way to create novel Plasmonic gadgets for the THz interchange, for example, the use of graphene.
2. **Antennas and Arrays:** Speaking of antennas and arrays, 6G has many antennas that use Terahertz Frequency. The low transmission intensity of THz handsets persuades them to be used as directional antennas, such as Horn antenna, Common antenna design, Lens antennas, etc., which are available within 1 THz. The short wavelength of THz signals (3 millimeters to 100 GHz to 30 film to 10 THz) takes care of these radio wires to be minuscule. This property likewise allows for more imaginative schemes, including multi-ray aperture reception apertures and focal point coordinated receive strings, all slight impressions. Similarly, based on the THz handset, new nanomaterials can be used to plan antennas newly [4].
3. **Terahertz Re-configurable Intelligent Surfaces:** In addition to using the performance of the received wire in transmission and assembly, novel reconfigurable clever surfaces (RIS), or evenly encapsulating hypersurfaces, can be used to control the propagation of THz signals, EM waves. Blasting, polarization and stage moving, collimation, and concentrating, among others. In contrast with the traditional transfer, RIS conclusively and powerfully considers adaptation to the laws

of electromagnetic propagation, accepted by a lot of conductive meta-particles, and switch components on a dielectric substrate [11].

So all these changes were in devices, due to which the Terahertz frequency is used in 6G wireless communication.

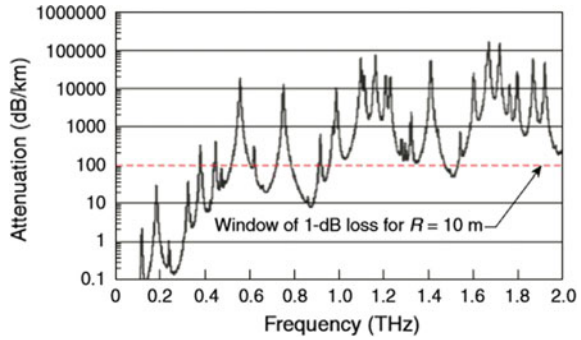
### ***3.3 Merits and Demerits of Terahertz communication***

The Terahertz (THz) band (0.1–10 THz) highlights its potential as a key remote innovation to meet future requests for the 6G remote framework because of its four properties: (1) Hundred GHz transfer of Asset's property, (2) Pico-second level image duration, (3) Thousands of submillimeter long-wire receive strings coordinated, and (4) Frail constraint without complete inheritance guideline. Known as the THz hole for a long time, the THz band is one of the least investigated repetition groups in the electromagnetic (EM) range for the absence of efficient THz handsets and radio wires. In any case, practical THz correspondence frameworks are empowered by significant advances in the most recent 10 years [1]. The THz range can resolve the issue of range constraints and upgrade the current remote framework range. Different promising applications are envisioned, for example, Tbps WLAN Framework (Tera-WiFi), Tbps Internet of Things (Tera-IoT), and Tbps Access Backhaul (Tera-IAB) remote in remote server farms. The organization and super broadband THz Incorpo-201 evaluated the space paper (Tera-space-communication). At microwave frequencies, the THz frequency provides greater communication bandwidth. Terahertz (THz) has the following burdens: (1) It does not retain long-distance correspondence due to cloud, dust, downpour, and so on, spreading and assimilating. (2) It exhibits less penetrating proficiency than microwave radiation. In addition, it restricts entry through mists and fog. THz waves cannot intrude into liquid, water or metal. (3) Terahertz frequencies are difficult to detect because dark-colored radiation at room temperature is exceptionally solid at these frequencies. (4) Sources, locators, and modulators are not accessible at a reasonable cost which impedes its commercial access as a correspondence framework. (5) The problem with Terahertz is the extremely high prevalence of misfortune and forced correspondence isolation.

The disadvantage of communicating with the Terahertz Frequency is that there is strong absorption from the atmosphere. Like the efficacy affecting 1-mW source and 1 PW detection, the working unique range is 60 dB, allowing for interchanges in the range of 500 m in the climate transmission window with a fading of 100 dB/km. With the help of Fig. 5 waveform, it will be necessary to believe that even though the absorption will be high, and the Terahertz frequency is less efficient, the Communication will be better. One thing is that there is very little or more absorption, but it will not affect the satellite communication process to the satellite, but little difference is seen due to the Earth's environment. By the way, another advantage of Terahertz is that its bandwidth is large. Therefore, the transmission rate is good



**Fig. 5** Climatic attenuation versus frequency in the range of THz



compared to the Microwave Frequency. And the size of the Antenna can also be kept small, due to which it can easily handle Satellite Communications for 6G.

### 3.4 Health Issues Regarding Terahertz Communication

Not in the slightest degree like X-radiates, Terahertz radiation is not radiating and has low photon energy which is believed to not injure all living tissues and DNA. A pair of frequencies of the thirteenth radiation can penetrate the tissue with a millimeter less water content (e.g., oily tissue) and the extravaginal can be behind the extravagant. Terahertz Radiation can likewise distinguish contrasts in the watery matter and tissue thickness. Such a methodology may allow the solid revelation of epithelial damage with an imaging system that is non-mediated, and easy. Primary images created using Terahertz Radiation date back to 1960. In any case, the 1995 photographs were given using Terahertz time-zone spectroscopy, which generated much interest. A pair of frequencies of Terahertz Radiation can be used for 3D imaging of teeth and perhaps more careful than ordinary X-bar imaging in dentistry.

THz-band applications raise various richness and assurance concerns [1]. International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) is an essential risk factor for THz radiation. Since THz radiation does not enter the body, this risk is limited to the heating of skin tissue. In light of everything, beyond the question of whether THz radiation can cause dermatitis, for example, given the trademark density and high radio wire gain in THz, appreciating the valid effect of THz radiation for enhancement. It is necessary to assess the guidance for. Overriding, an assurance concern leads to negligible standard detection, imaging, and suppression. With the high irradiance advantage, precise bar control limits and stunning imaging can be coordinated in a decent way, possibly by methods for direct imaging, such as in THz-based air terminal scanners. This can happen at the customer end (if a customer’s device has been hacked) or at the organization (as compared to a network-driven arrangement). For achieving this with AI processes, security concerns are certain. Such concerns should be linked to both programming and equipment. Table 2 is a

**Table 2** Comparison table of existing frequencies

Origin	Lucidity	Resoluteness	Safety and security	Sensibility
X-Beam	Higher	Higher	Lower	Lower
Ultraviolet	Lower	Higher	Moderate	Moderate
Infrared	Lower	Higher	Lower	Moderate
Mm Wave	Higher	Moderate	Higher	Lower
Terahertz	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher

survey of Sci-Direct, which shows that the results obtained by Terahertz are better than other sources in the parameters of Lucidity, Resoluteness, Security, and Sensibility. Various promising applications are envisioned, for example, in the Tbps WLAN Framework (Tera-WiFi), Tbps Internet of Things (Tera-IoT), Tbps Unified Backhaul (Tera-IAB) remote organizations, and remote server farms. Supercomputer Broadband coordinated THz space paper (Tera-SpaceCom), THz, and VLC (visible light communication) are almost the only solutions that work on both micro- and macro-scales.

### 3.5 Database Security by Using Terahertz

We know as a whole that the fear of the country knows no borders and is currently on the ascent. Furthermore, dangerous tactics are getting smarter with shroud weapons and threats that are difficult to detect. Security-related applications can be divided into two important subcategories, which are illustrated as follows.

I. Security screening of letters, envelopes, and small bundles: The identification of numerous hazards in powders, liquids, explosives and small bundles and exhibitions has become significant. After finding characters with *Bacillus anthracis*, such new threats are seen as CBREs (synthetic, biological, and radiological components) that are real and require new and viable recognition methods to combat them. With the aim of reviewing level articles (envelopes, letters, and small bundles), our Terahertz imaging scanner gives security screening goodness and openness as far as goodness, openness, and discovery are concerned.

II. Security screening of individuals (Body Scanner): Unlike X-beam machines, Terahertz-waves are completely innocuous to people and have no ionized radiation, although there may be intrusive fabric without stretch and a few different nooks [6]. These properties make THz-based individual screening systems very important for applications where human welfare and safety are of utmost importance. The Tera-Sense Security Body Scanner operates in reflection mode and is proposed to detect weapon deadlock, including cold steel and guns, bombs and projectiles, and dangerous belts.

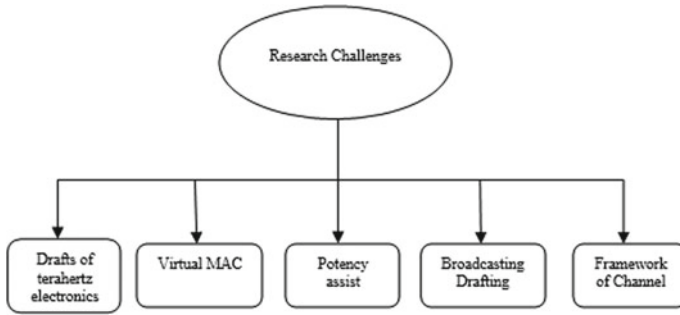


Fig. 6 Climatic attenuation versus frequency in the range of THz

### 4 Research Challenges

If we talk about Research Challenges, there are many Advanced Research topics in this field which are very important to work on. For example, thinking about using Terahertz for 6G, what effect will the Terahertz frequency have on Electronics, because any frequency Electronics Characteristic is very important. Second, it is very important to see how this will affect the virtual medium access control (MAC) [8]. And everyone knows that Communication is not possible without a channel, then it will be very important to look at the modeling of the channel. It was mentioned earlier that Terahertz has much higher absorption than the Microwave Frequency, but even then, Satellite-to-Satellite Communication is not a problem; it should also be noted how broadcast formatting will be affected. Last but not least, there is a lot to think about the purpose of Security for Database and Network-based Security. And hopefully, many researchers will get a lot of help through this paper. They can consider all things which is mentioned in (Fig. 6).

### 5 Conclusion

This paper gave information on why Terahertz Communication is called an important technology for 6G and also discussed its properties, merits, demerits, and its applications like Tera-IoT, Tera-Wi-Fi, etc. To use Terahertz Devices in 6G, what has been amended? It has been shown that Terahertz waves have a very high defect like strong absorption but provide an unrelated spectrum that is more adequate for IoT devices by 2030. It has also been studied that 6G is safer than 4G and 5G in terms of Data security. Here is a waveform indicating that the attenuation of the Terahertz frequency is very low. This paper also concludes how health issues arise when working at high frequency, like Terahertz waves. Hence, it concludes that Terahertz Communication Technology is a very good Technology for 6G and provides greater security in terms of Wireless, Network-Based, and Database Systems.

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