LIST OF SYMBOL

 P_t : Transmitted power of the radar

 G_t : Gain of the transmitting antenna

 λ : Wavelength of the radar signal

 σ : Radar cross section or electrical conductivity (context-dependent)

A : Effective area of the target

R : Distance between radar and target

L : Attenuation factor or path loss

 A_r : Effective aperture area of the receiving antenna

 α : Attenuation constant

 β : Phase constant

ω : Angular frequency

 μ : Permeability of the medium

 ε : Permittivity of the medium

 ε_0 : Vacuum permittivity

 μ_0 : Vacuum permeability

 η : Intrinsic impedance of a medium

Z: Total impedance at a specific point in a medium

Γ : Reflection coefficient between two media

 γ : Propagation constant $(\gamma = \alpha + j\beta)$

 ε_r : Relative permittivity

v : Volume fraction of a component

 ε_m : Effective permittivity of the mixture

 ε_a : Permittivity of component A (e.g., air)

 ε_b : Permittivity of component B (e.g., vegetation)

 v_b : Volume fraction of component B (e.g., stems)

 $x : \sigma / (\omega \varepsilon)$, ratio of conductivity to permittivity-frequency product

t: Time

f : Frequency

 S_{11} , S_{21} : Reflection and transmission coefficients (S-parameters)

 Δt : Time delay due to propagation

 $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3$: Permittivity of air, vegetation, and soil layers

 μ_1, μ_2, μ_3 : Permeability of air, vegetation, and soil

 η_1, η_2, η_3 : Intrinsic impedance of air, vegetation, and soil

 Z_1, Z_2, Z_3 : Total impedance of air, vegetation, and soil

 $\Gamma_{1,2}, \Gamma_{2,3}, \Gamma_{3,4}$: Reflection coefficients at each interface

 $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$: Conductivity of air, vegetation, and soil

y': Depth position into the layer

d: Thickness of vegetation layer

 θ : Angle of incidence

N : Number of frequency steps in SFCW

 Δf : Frequency step size

B: Total bandwidth

T : Total sweep duration