Quasioptical multipliers using patch-slot antenna structures

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Abstract

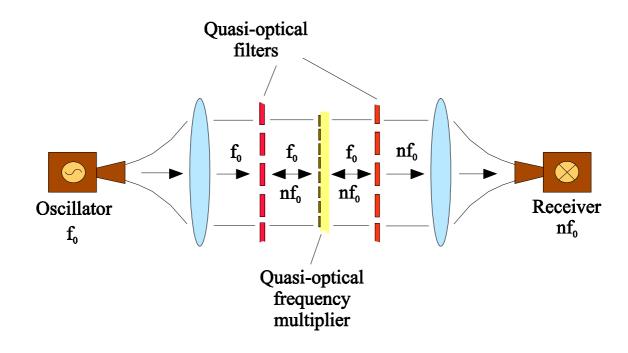
An antenna structure based on the combination of two slots and a patch is investigated as the basic (antenna) structure for a millimeter-wave quasi-optical multiplier [1], [2]. This arrangement, on the one hand, is receiving and re-radiating the RF, and on the other hand, is acting as a simple frequency and direction filter. Radiation diagrams at both fundamental and harmonic frequencies are investigated in a scaled frequency range, showing the potential of this structure for quasi-optical doubler and tripler applications. First results will be presented for a frequency doubler arrangement consisting of an array of 12 patches and two printed reflectors [3], [4] to focus the waves.

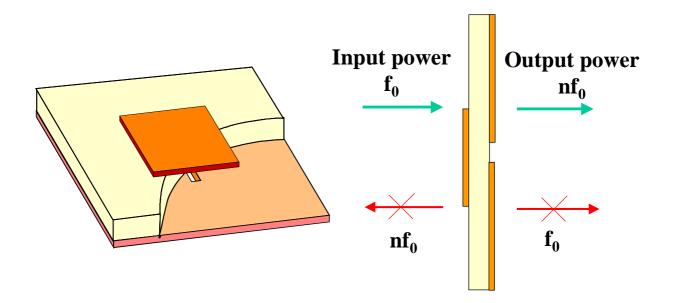
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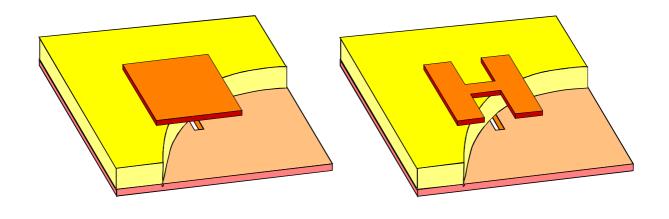


- Good gain in one direction (patch) at the fundamental frequency
- Good gain in the opposite direction (slot) at the harmonic frequency

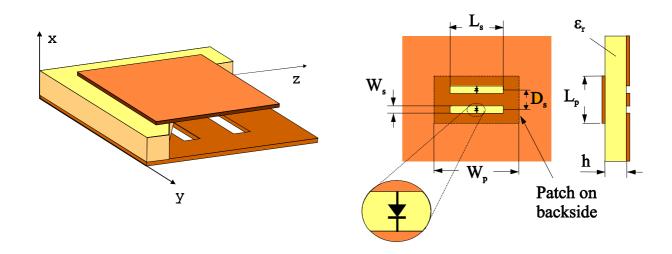
Basic idea for novel multiplier antenna element

Theoretical approach

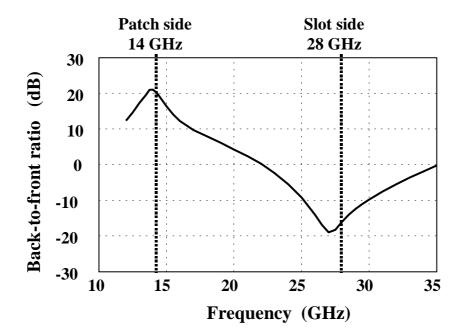
- Finite differences in the time domain (FDTD)
 - Software developed at the University of Perugia
- Near-to-far field transformation in the FDTD scheme for antenna calculations
- Method of moments (HP Momentum)
- Standard CAD packages (HP MDS)



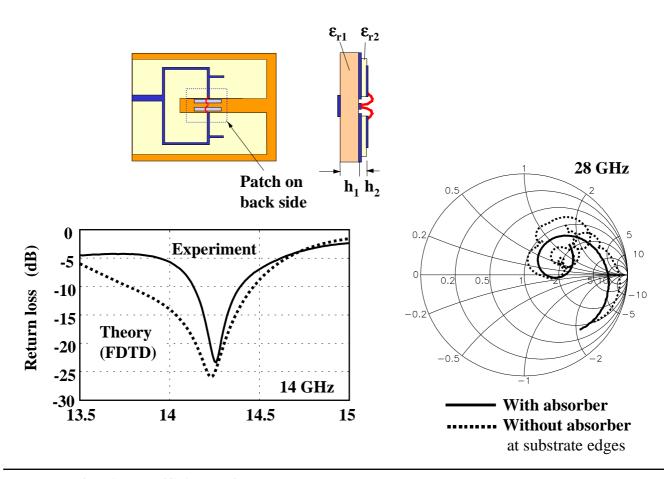
Some first basic antenna structures



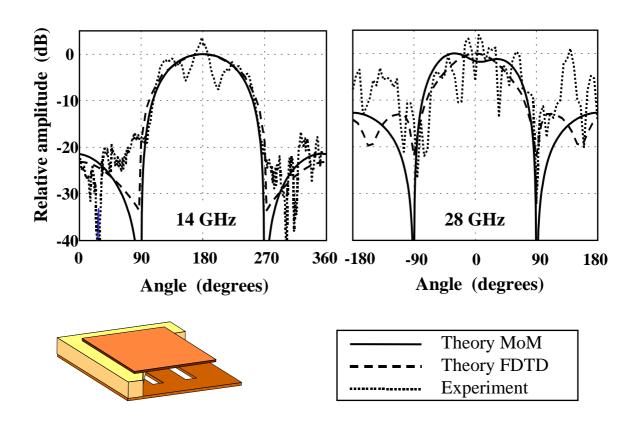
- Improvement of the back-to-front ratio at the harmonic frequency
- Reduction of the surface wave excitation



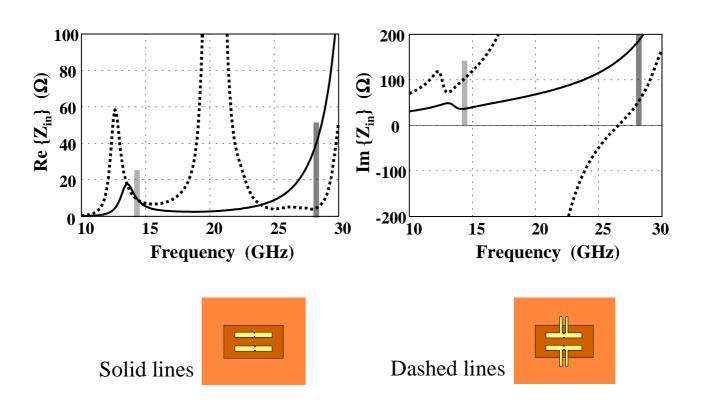
Theoretical back-to-front ratio of the two slot/patch antenna structure



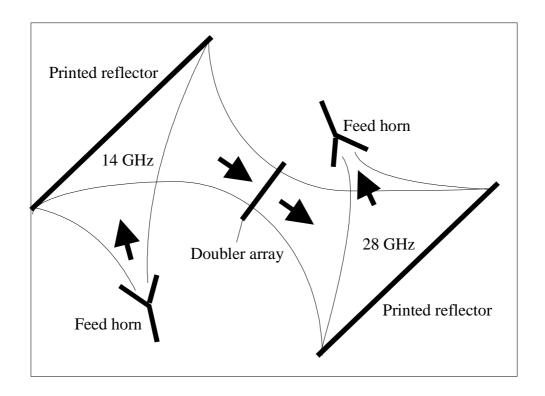
Input reflection coefficients of patch and slots



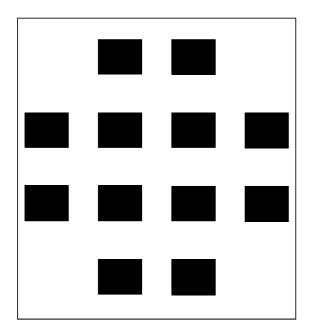
E-plane radiation diagrams of two-slot antenna configuration

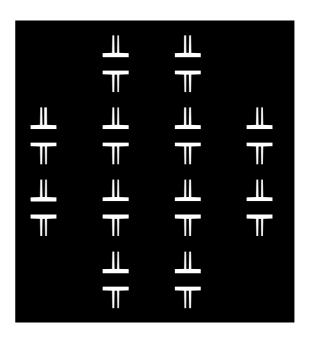


Input impedances at the diode position for matched and unmatched structure



Principle arrangement of quasi-optical frequency doubler





Layout of Ka-band reflector array