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### INTRODUCTION

This document provides technical information on the antenna near-field pattern measurement in terahertz-wave bands above 100 GHz, using optical techniques such as electro-optic (EO) frequency down-conversion. Two techniques are covered: a synchronous system based on a self-heterodyne technique, and an asynchronous system based on a phase noise-cancellation technique. The synchronous system is the vector network analyser (VNA) type system, which provides the RF signal to the antenna under test (AUT) and measures the amplitude and phase distributions of its radiation. In this system, the radio frequency (RF) and local oscillator (LO) signals are optically generated based on the self-heterodyne technique to realize the wide frequency tunability and precise phase measurements simultaneously. On the other hand, the asynchronous system applies to the AUT which integrates the transmitters where the measurement system cannot provide the RF signal to the AUT for the measurements. In this system, an optical frequency comb is used for the LO signal, and the electronics cancel residual frequency and phase noise between the RF and LO signals. Both systems employ the EO sensors for the field mapping which reduces the disturbance to the field compared with the waveguide-type probes employed in the conventional VNA-based measurement system.

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## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 63099 provides technical information about the methods for an antenna nearfield measurement in the terahertz-wave band. The methods are applied to the frequency bands above 100 GHz, which has potential for use in terahertz wireless communication. The methods consist in measuring the amplitude and phase distributions of the electromagnetic field at the near-field range of on-chip antenna devices which integrate RF and IF components. This document also gives examples of the far-field pattern calculated from the measured near-field pattern.

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### 3.1.1

### EO probe

probe in which an electro-optic (EO) crystal is attached to the optical fibre so that the electric field in the free-space can be measured by moving this probe

## 3.1.2

### self-heterodyne technique

technique which enables the measurement of the phase information coherently using frequency fluctuating free-running lasers

## 3.1.3

### uni-travelling-carrier photodiode

high-speed photodiode which can operate at terahertz-wave bands

# 3.2 Abbreviated terms

- EO electro-optic
- EM electromagnetic
- GRIN graded index
- HR high-reflection
- IF intermediate frequency
- LD laser diode
- LO local oscillator
- O/E optical to electrical
- OFC optical frequency comb
- PMF polarization maintaining fibre
- RF radio frequency
- SNR signal-to-ratio
- TIA transimpedance amplifier
- UTC-PD uni-travelling-carrier photodiode
- VNA vector network analyser

# 4 Practical examples of antenna near-field measurement using optical techniques in terahertz-wave bands

## 4.1 Overview

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This document introduces practical examples of antenna near-field measurement using optical techniques in terahertz-wave bands. Two systems are discussed: a synchronous system based on a self-heterodyne technique, and an asynchronous system based on a phase noise-cancelling technique (Figure 1 a) and Figure 1 b)). In both systems, electro-optic (EO) probes are used for the measurement. The terahertz signal will be down-converted to the low-frequency signal in both systems by a non-polarimetric EO frequency down-conversion technique.

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a) Synchronous system

b) Asynchronous system

Figure 1 – Proposed measurement system

The remainder of this document is organized as follows. Subclause 4.2 describes the principle of the non-polarimetric EO frequency down-conversion technique. In 4.3, the configuration of the synchronous measurement system based on a self-heterodyne technique is described, and examples of the near-field measurement are shown. In 4.4, the configuration of the asynchronous measurement system based on the phase noise-cancelling technique is described, and escribed, and examples of the near-field measurement taken by this system are given. A

comparison between the results obtained by the synchronous and asynchronous systems is drawn in 4.5.

### 4.2 Non-polarimetric EO frequency down-conversion technique

Figure 2 shows a typical configuration of the EO probe used in both systems. The sensor head consists of an EO crystal, high-reflection (HR) mirror, spacer, and graded-index (GRIN) lens. The sensor head is attached to the polarization-maintaining optical fibre (PMF) to make up the EO probe. The GRIN lens collimate the 1,55 µm probe beam (LO signal) emitted from the PMF. The polarization direction of the probe beam is aligned with the slow-axis of the PMF fibre and the principal dielectric axes of the EO crystal. The diameter of the collimated probe beam in the EO crystal is typically 0,1 mm to 0,2 mm, which limits the ultimate spatial resolution. The THz field (RF signal) to be measured interacts with the optical LO (probe beam) in the EO crystal. The probe beam is reflected by the HR mirror and is focused on the PMF by the GRIN lens.



Figure 2 – Schematic diagram and photograph of EO probe



### Figure 3 – Principle of the non-polarimetric EO frequency down-conversion technique

Figure 3 illustrates the principle of the non-polarimetric EO frequency down-conversion using frequency spectra. The detection principle is based on the coherent detection of the sideband generated by the electromagnetic (EM) field to be detected. In other words, the EM field is up-converted to the optical frequency region through the phase modulation of the LO beam in the