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Abstract:A 15-50-GHz two-port quasi-optical scalar network analyzer consisting of a transmitter and receiver built in a planar technology is presented. The network analyzer is based on a Schottky-diode multiplier and mixer integrated inside a planar antenna and fed differentially by a coplanar waveguide transmission line. The antenna is placed on an extended hemispherical high-resistivity silicon substrate lens. The local oscillator signal is swept from 3 to 5 GHz and high-order harmonic mixing in both the up- and down- conversion mode is used to realize the RF bandwidth. The network analyzer has a dynamic range of > 50 dB in a 1-kHz bandwidth, and was successfully used to measure frequency-selective surfaces with f<inf>0</inf>=20, 30, and 40 GHz and a second-order bandpass response. Furthermore, the system was built with circuits and components for easy scaling to millimeter-wave frequencies, which is the primary motivation for this work. © 1963-2012 IEEE.

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