

Reduction of substrate-mode effects in power-combining arrays

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We report a simple theory for the reduction of substrate modes in quasi-optical power-combining arrays. This qualitative theory predicts that detrimental substrate-mode effects can be greatly reduced through a judicious choice of the array unit cell size. Experimental evidence from quasi-optical tripler grids is presented to confirm the theory. Measured results show a dramatic improvement in the radiation pattern and effective radiated power of arrays with both grounded and ungrounded substrates.

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