

Millimeter Wave Passive Waveguide Arrays for Planetary Exploration and Communication Beyond 5G

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For realizing the sustainable development goals (SDGs), the role of radio science is increasing both as the sensors and the communication, which connects the Cyber and Physical Systems (CPS). This talk starts with the 100 years of history of URSI and radio science together with their role in the future. In 5G and beyond, millimeter and even terahertz frequency will be utilized in wireless systems. The arrays are promising for enhanced wireless systems in these bands.

Then this talk reviews high gain and high efficiency waveguide arrays developed by the authors. Proof of Concept demonstration of compact range communication has been conducted using diffusion bonding thin plates waveguide arrays in Millimeter-wave "Tokyo Tech Wireless Fiber Project". In addition, another application is the radial line slot antenna (RLSA) in 32GHz on board of JAXA Asteroid explorer "Hayabusa 2" which came back to earth on 6 December 2020. Ultra lightweight millimeter wave RLSAs were successfully operating. These are promising and typical application of planar waveguide passive arrays for future millimeter wave systems.

For 5G and beyond, both achievements will contribute to the design of the heterogeneous networking utilizing millimeter wave; these passive arrays would be enhanced active functions such as beam scanning, power combining and signal processing capability, for compensating the difficulties of higher frequencies in communication networks.



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