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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 near-field 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.

### 2 Normative references

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IEEE Std 145<sup>TM</sup>-2013, *IEEE Standard for Definitions of Terms for Antennas*

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#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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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