

Development of Wideband 100-GHz SIS Mixers for a New Multi-beam Receiver

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We are developing wideband SIS mixers at 100-GHz band. As the first step of this development, we are developing SIS mixers for the “FOREST” (FOur beam REceiver System on 45m-Telescope) installed on the 45-m millimeter-wave telescope located at Nobeyama Radio Observatory (NRO), Japan. Each beam of FOREST consists of one ortho-mode transducer and two sideband-separating (2SB) mixers, and then, the FOREST needs eight 2SB mixers in total. The target receiver noise temperature is 40 K or lower over the IF range of 4-12 GHz and the RF range of 80-116 GHz. We newly designed SIS mixers that have a series-array junction in order to avoid saturation, a coplanar inductor loaded microstrip impedance transformer for wideband operation, and a hammer filter as an RF choke. In this design, we quantify and correct the differences between the model and actual transmission-lines, which occur from structural discontinuity in the circuit. These mixers were evaluated in our laboratory and showed good performances that met the present specifications of FOREST. These mixers will be installed into the FOREST from the next observation season. Based on these experiences, the next step of this development is to achieve a wider IF bandwidth of ~20 GHz with covering the RF frequency range of 67-116 GHz. We will also describe this future plan.