

Generation of High-Power Broad-Band Microwave Pulses by Picosecond Optoelectronic Technique

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A single-picosecond GaAs photoconductive switch (PS) is used to pulse excite a microwave resonant cavity, thus generating a variety of RF waveforms with picosecond synchronization. The length of the transmission line that connects the photoconductive switch and the cavity, and the strength of input/output cavity coupling elements provide for continuous variation of the frequency distribution of the generated RF power. The generation of over 7 kW, the peak-to-peak voltage over 1.2 kV, of broad-band microwave bursts is demonstrated.

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