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Antenna Applications of Superconductors

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The applicability of superconductors to antennas is examined. Potential implementations that are examined are superdirective arrays; electrically small antennas; tuning and matching of these two; high-gain millimeter-wavelength arrays; and kinetic inductance slow wave structures for array phasers and traveling wave array feeds. Superdirective arrays and small antennas will not benefit directly, but their tuning/matching networks will undergo major improvements.

Miniaturization of antennas will not be aided, but much higher gain millimeter-wave arrays will be realizable. Finally, kinetic inductance slow wave lines appear advantageous for array phasers and time delay, as well as for traveling wave array feeds.

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