

Coherent Power Combining of Ultra-Wideband Pulsed Radiation in Free Space

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Photoconductive switches are used to trigger an array of three pulsed ultra-wideband antennas. The jitter-free pulses radiated by each antenna add together in free space to produce a radiated field pattern that is steerable via true optical time-delay techniques. This technique can be applied to an N-element phased array for increased radiated power and beam-steering capabilities.

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