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Study of design parameters in waveguide-based spatial power combining amplifier arrays using FDTD

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Performance measures such as active reflection coefficients, inter-element coupling and excitation uniformity for spatial power combining arrays are investigated. A coax-fed patch antenna array inside an oversized dielectric loaded waveguide is analyzed using a standard finite difference time domain (FDTD) approach with unsplit perfectly matched layer (PML) formulation. Results for a passive 4/spl times/4 waveguide-based quasi-optical array are presented as an example. The effects of design parameters (such as inter-element spacing and the distance of the array to the waveguide walls) on the performance of the array has been investigated for the 4/spl times/4 array example.

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