

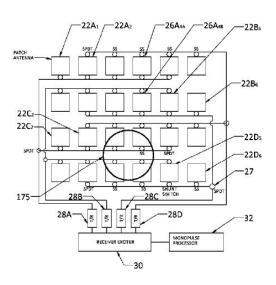
CONFORMAL PATCH ARRAY LUNEBURG LENS ANTENNA SYSTEM

INTRODUCTION

A Luneburg lens is used in conjunction with a patch antenna array. The patch antenna array is conformed or adapted to cover a portion or backside of the Luneburg len's surface with the backplane of the conformed antenna array defining a field of regard (FOR) in which objects are detected and tracked. A processor is connected to a receiver/exciter module which connects to transmit/receive modules which are connected to the individual patch antennas through a network of MEMS switches. In a receive mode, selected subarrays of the conformed patch antenna array are scanned during selected time intervals with the sum and delta beams being formed coherently in amplitude and phase to realize amplitude monopulse sensing and angle tracking of an object.

CONCEPT

The invention is a system for object detection and radar tracking.



INVENTION OVERVIEW

The antenna technology developed is a conformal patch antenna array in conjunction with a Luneburg Lens. Allows antenna to be selectively addressed individually during transmitting and receiving modes

Allows for monopulse target tracking.

- Lower cost on target detection and tracking.
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