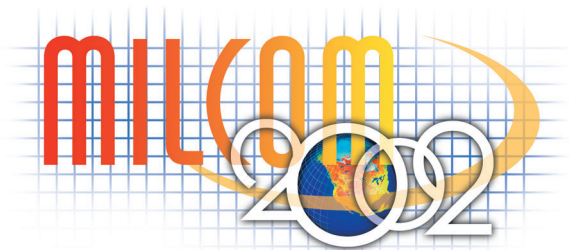


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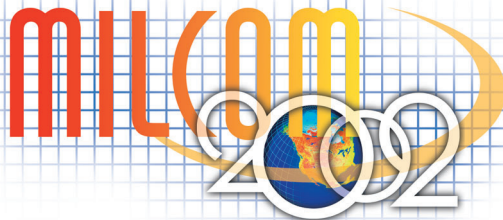
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A NULLING ALGORITHM FOR MULTI-APERTURE MULTIPLE BEAM ANTENNAS

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ABSTRACT

Several multi-aperture multiple beam antennas (MA-MBA) designs have been proposed for future military communications satellites to satisfy demands for increased nulling resolution against jammers. However, overall network performance can be severely degraded because of spurious nulls that are associated with MA-MBA antennas. In this paper, we propose and analyze a nulling algorithm that improves overall network performance by reducing potential performance degradation caused by MA-MBA antenna spurious nulls while providing high jamming resolution. This algorithm also provides wide area coverage for network users near a jammer in support of tactical scenarios. We show that optimized beam weights are a function of individual user optimum beam weights along with proper phase rotation for each beam. Computer simulated results are then provided illustrating performance of this proposed technique versus another nulling algorithm developed for Defense Satellite Communication System (DSCS) Super High Frequency (SHF) satellites.

INTRODUCTION

Multiple beam antennas (MBA) are frequently used on military communications satellites especially to receive the uplink signal so that good gain patterns can be developed in the direction of user terminals while simultaneously providing nulls in the direction of uplink jammers. Recently, the use of additional apertures has been investigated as a means of improving the jammer nulling resolution of these MBAs. In addition to improving nulling resolution, the rapidly changing phase gradients across the field of view of these multi-aperture MBA(MA-MBA) can also provide spurious nulls in the gain pattern. These spurious can seriously degrade the overall gain pattern of these antennas especially for scenarios where a number of desired user terminals are in close proximity to the jammer.

Antenna gain patterns for MBAs, in general, are determined by the complex valued multiplication factors, called beam weights, applied to each beam. Many algorithms have been developed for determining these beams weights. These algorithm attempt to achieve good gain toward desired terminals while simultaneously providing nulls in the direction of jammer terminals. Unfortunately, many of these algorithms do not adequately address the problem of spurious nulls with the result that some user terminals may have lower gain than desired.

This paper presents a new algorithm for determining beam weights. This algorithm is especially well suited for MA-MBA designs since it uses a phase rotation technique which compensates for the large phase difference among individual beams resulting from these beam existing in different apertures. The next section provides an overview of the methodology. Next, the mathematics of the algorithm are presented. Finally, the performance of the new algorithm is evaluated for a particular scenario in comparison with another algorithm.

METHODOLOGY

Good antenna gain patterns must provide gain toward desired terminals while simultaneously exhibiting nulls in the direction of jammers. This later requirement can be considered a constraint on the beam weight vector and this constraint can be imposed simply by working in the null space of the antennas response to the jammer or jammers. Consequently the dimensionality of the problem is reduced and gains are determined while ensuring the jammers are null. The problem is further constrained such that the norm of the beam weight vector in unity. By appropriate normalization of the basis vectors for the null space, this unity norm constraint applies in both the null space and in the full beam weight space. The remaining problem is to find beam weights in the null space which provide good gains toward the desired user terminals. The need for beam weight phase rotation can best be understood by first considering the special case of real beam weights and then extending the problem to include complex valued beam weights. Consider a two dimensional problem without a jammer as shown in Figure 1.

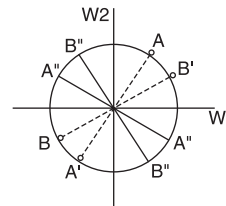
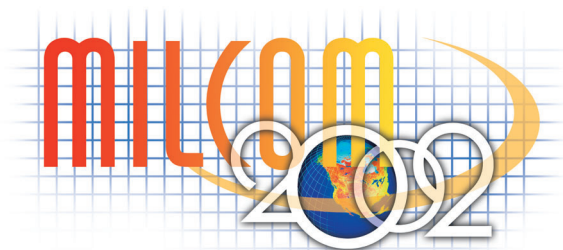


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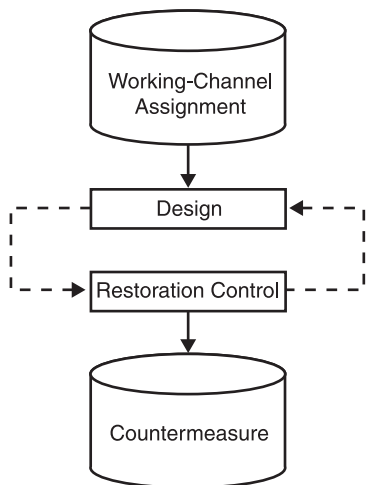
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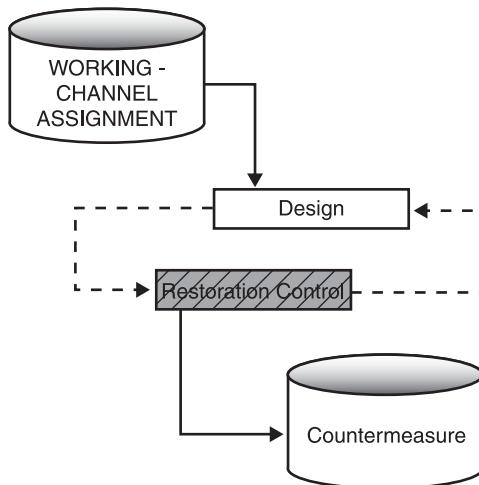
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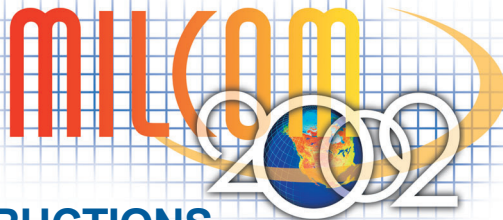
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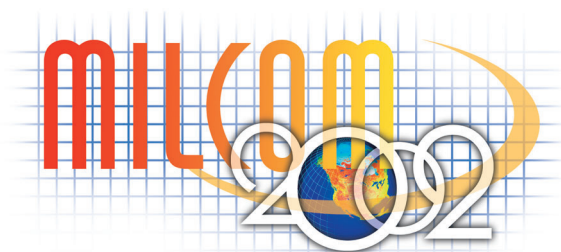
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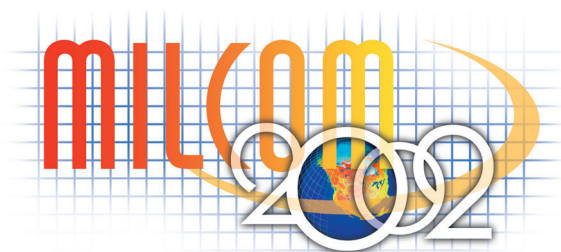
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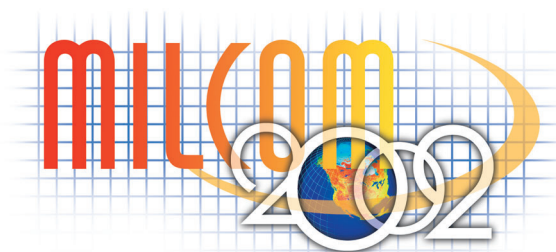
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- Eligibility is limited to full-time university students who are enrolled in a graduate program and are making satisfactory progress toward a graduate-level engineering or science degree, as certified by the student s graduate thesis advisor.
- The student must be the author or a coauthor of a technical paper that has been accepted for presentation at MILCOM 2002. The paper must be based on the student s graduate research, as certified by the student s thesis advisor.
- The student must submit this completed application form, the copy of the camera-ready manuscript, and a copy of the appropriate MILCOM 2002 approval form indicating that the paper has been approved for release and publication in the MILCOM 2002 Conference Proceedings. The student s university affiliation must be displayed on the paper, and no company affiliations may be given.
- The student must be a member or student member of IEEE.

Grant Awards

All recipients of a Student Travel Grant will receive a Grant Award Letter from the Technical Program Chair specifying the amount of the award.

Grant Reimbursement

After the paper is presented, the student should contact the MILCOM 2002 Registration Supervisor to receive the grant award. The student must present a copy of the Grant Award Letter signed by the Technical Program Chair and a photo ID.

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