

# Innovative Strategy for Element Clustering in Large Antenna Arrays

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## Abstract

La progettazione di array di grandi dimensioni per applicazioni radar, satellitari, radar, sonar, radioastronomia e di imaging biomedicale richiede l'utilizzo di tecniche opportune per raggruppare gli elementi radianti (subarraying) in modo da ridurre la complessità dell'antenna ed altresì il costo. In questo modo si possono evitare anche problemi di surriscaldamento della struttura radiante in quanto ad esempio l'utilizzo di un minor numero di amplificatori può permettere la progettazione di un sistema di raffreddamento più efficiente così abilitando l'utilizzo di array di array di grandi dimensioni con grandi portate.

Partendo da un'analisi dello stato dell'arte, scopo della presente attività è lo studio e definizione di una strategia innovativa per il raggruppamento (detto clustering, sub-arraying o tiling) di antenne per la progettazione di array di grandi dimensioni per applicazioni radar e satellitari.

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