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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method for timing aperture synthesis arrays comprising the steps of: (a) coupling a plurality of independent crystal oscillators, each of the plurality of independent crystal oscillators having a unique output frequency; (b) digitally synchronizing the plurality of independent crystal oscillators in phase; (c) combining the unique output frequencies; and (d) obtaining a stable digital reference signal for timing at least one remote radio device of the aperture synthesis array.