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Abstract:We demonstrate improved optical-to-terahertz (THz) conversion efficiency and THz pulse shaping from an interdigitated GaAs large area photoconductive antenna by using a binary phase mask. The binary phase mask results in a time-delayed excitation of the adjacent antennas, which allows subsequent antennas to produce an additive field, thus resulting in a quasi-single-cycle THz pulse. We demonstrate control over the temporal profile of the THz waveform to maximize optical-to-THz conversion efficiency.

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