

Title (en)

RING ARRAY PROJECTILE STEERING WITH OPTICALLY-TRIGGERED DIVERTER ELEMENTS

Title (de)

GESCHOSSENLENKUNG MITTELS EINER RINGANORDNUNG UND OPTISCH AUSGELOSTEN ABLENKVORRICHTUNGEN

Title (fr)

GUIDAGE DE PROJECTILE A RESEAU EN ANNEAU A L'AIDE D'ELEMENTS DEFLECTEURS A DECLenchement OPTIQUE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO0116547A2] A guidance seeker system for a projectile includes a plurality of photoconductive sensing elements (24) symmetrically disposed about a central axis of the projectile. When a target (18) is illuminated with a light source (16), a lens (22) transmits light reflected (20) from the target (18) to one or more of the photoconductive sensing elements (24). Dependent on which photoconductive sensing element (24) is irradiated, a variance (30) between the line of flight (30) of the projectile and the target (18) is determined. A voltage impulse resulting from irradiation of the photoconductive sensing element (24) triggers actuation of a course corrector, such as a diverter, to nudge the line of flight of the projectile to increase the likelihood of the projectile reaching the desired target. This guidance seeking system is particularly effective when the target (18) is designated with a pulsed laser (14).

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