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Excess Noise in Microwave Detector Diodes

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The dependence of available excess noise in type microwave crystal-diode rectifiers on applied microwave power was measured. This may be approximated by a power law with constants characteristic of the particular crystal. As a consequence of the dependence of both excess noise and dc rectified power on power level, there is a level which minimizes the ratio of these quantities. Similarly, in the case of a modulated microwave carrier there is an input level which minimizes the ratio of excess noise to power, and so provides optimum detection of small modulation.

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