

Nonlinear Behavior and Bias Modulation of an IMPATT Diode Oscillator

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Experimental results of the nonlinear behavior of an IMPATT diode oscillator under free-running and bias-modulated conditions are presented and correlated with theoretical results. Amplitude and frequency behavior of a free-running IMPATT diode oscillator such as: 1) power-frequency characteristic, 2) jump and hysteresis, 3) temperature dependence, 4) harmonic content, and 5) electronic tuning characteristics are discussed. The bias-modulation properties and their relation to the free-running behavior are described. The effects of the operating point, external Q, and injection locking on the modulation properties are presented.

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