

Second Harmonic Tuning Effects on IMPATT Diode Oscillator Noise Characteristics

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A method of controlling the conventionally noisy FM characteristics of an IMPATT diode oscillator by properly terminating the second harmonic frequency is described. The result is also characterized by a self-locking mechanism with a resulting mechanical tuning range, via the second harmonic circuit, of up to 100 MHz at lower X-band. Effects of second harmonic tuning on IMPATT reflection - type amplifier operating bandwidth is also discussed.

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