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A Microstrip Low-Noise X-Band Voltage- Controlled Oscillator (Dec. 1979 [T-MTT])

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Design and performance of an X-band microstrip bipolar varactor-tuned oscillator integrated with an FET amplifier is presented. Wide temperature operation (-55 to 71°C), constant high power (0.5 W), low post-tuning drift (0.75 MHz) for 8-percent tuning range, and exceptionally low SSB phase noise (-125 dBc/Hz with GaAs hyperabrupt or -132 dBc/Hz with silicon abrupt tuning diode at 1-MHz modulation frequency) is reported. Extremely linear frequency-voltage characteristic is achieved with the GaAs hyperabrupt tuning diode for this oscillator without the need for complex linearizing circuitry. Circuit synthesis techniques and noise estimation criteria are presented which correlate with the experimental results.

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