

Optically-Controlled Tunable CPW Resonators

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The use of a Schottky-biased, optically-controlled coplanar waveguide (CPW) in a microwave resonator is investigated. A prototype device consisting of a CPW stop a lightly doped GaAs epi-layer on a semi-insulating GaAs substrate has been fabricated and tested. By making use of Schottky-contacted metal electrodes to reduce loss and increase optical sensitivity, tunable resonance has been achieved, with resonator Q's of approximately 8.4 for resonance near 10 GHz, with a tuning range of about 125 MHz at an optical illumination power of only 34 mW/cm².

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