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An 8-15 GHz GaAs Monolithic Frequency Converter (1987 [MCS])

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An MMIC frequency converter with an RF bandwidth of 8-15 GHz and an IF bandwidth of 1.5 GHz has been designed and built. The MMIC chip has 15 dB conversion gain and includes a two-stage RF amplifier, a two-stage LO buffer amplifier, a double-balanced mixer and a three-stage IF amplifier. This high level of integration is realized on a 48 x 96 mil area, resulting in good RF yields. The circuit employs a push-pull configuration to eliminate the need for via-holes (low-inductance grounds) and facilitate a compact layout.

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