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Characterization of Microwave Integrated Circuits Using an Optical Phase-Locking and Sampling System

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Using an optical technique, phase-locked microwave signals of up to 15 GHz from voltage-controlled oscillators (VCOs) have been achieved. Combining this technique with a photoconductive switch, a new microwave waveform sampling system that displays the characteristics of oscillators and amplifiers has been demonstrated. The approach has potential applications for optically phase-locked microwave subsystems and monolithic integrated circuit characterizations.

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