

Nonlinear Analysis of $f/2$ Loop Oscillation of High Power Amplifiers

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A novel nonlinear analysis of high power amplifier instability has been developed. This analysis method deals with a loop oscillation and presents the conditions for oscillation under large-signal operation by taking account of a mixing effect of FETs. Applying this analysis method to the high power amplifier instability that an output power decreases at some compression point where an $f/2$ -wave is observed, it has been found that this instability is caused by an $f/2$ loop oscillation. In addition, it has been verified by analysis and measurement that the oscillation can be removed by employing an isolation resistor in a closed loop circuit.

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