

Characterization of Planar Resonators by Means of Integrated Schottky Diodes

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In this paper a method is presented to examine the suitability of planar structures to work as a resonator for IMPATT diodes in a frequency range above 70 GHz. The IMPATT diode is replaced by a SCHOTTKY diode previously characterized by impedance. It is suggested to test the suitability of the resonator for an IMPATT diode by employing the radiation characteristics of the structure. This set-up allows the determination of the detector's sensitivity depending on the frequency. The sensitivity corresponds to the matching of the resonator and the SCHOTTKY diode. Thus, for maximum sensitivity the equation $Z_{\text{SCHOTTKY}} = -Z_{\text{IMPATT}}^*$ allows to assess the suitability of the planar structure to function as a resonator for an IMPATT diode.

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