

Harmonic-Balance Optimization of Microwave Oscillators for Electrical Performance, Steady-State Stability, and Near-Carrier Phase Noise

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The numerical optimization of microwave oscillators including specifications on steady-state stability and near-carrier phase noise is demonstrated for the first time. The approach relies on the harmonic-balance technique and is fully general-purpose. Oscillators designed without such constraints may be strongly suboptimal from the noise viewpoint with no substantial improvement of electrical performance.

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