

New High-Performance Voltage-Controlled LC-Oscillator

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VCO with serial LC-contour, loaded with low input/output impedances of a resonance loop-amplifier, provides stable frequency of oscillations, and employs very low-Q inductors on Silicon. The control voltage changes the bias in one of the amplifying sections, and indirectly the voltage over P-N junction, which acts as a Varactor. This way the separation between the control and oscillation circuits is provided effectively. On 0.8 μ m BiCMOS technology (17 GHz NPN) the new VCO circuit operates with 0.4mW from only 1V, and produces 600mV sinusoid on 6.6GHz with 3.6% non-linearities, and low-phase noise. Suitable for modern communication and microprocessor circuits.

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