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Letters

Comments on "Experimental Measurement of Microstrip Transistor Package Parasitic Reactances"

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In the above paper,¹ Akello *et al.* describe a method for experimental determination of the parasitics of microstrip-transistor packages, based on a resonance principle. A different method of measuring small reactances and susceptances, also permitting the determination of transistor-package elements based on time-domain techniques, is given by Piller in [1]. This method avoids the difficulties resulting from critical coaxial to microstrip transitions.

As a result, a slightly different equivalent circuit follows for a LID microwave package, as given in Fig. 1 [2], [3]. Because of the simplicity of time-domain techniques for applications up to X band, this method seems to be more advantageous.

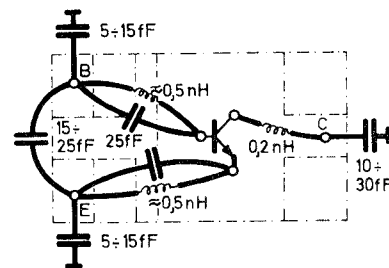


Fig. 1. LID-package equivalent circuit determined from time-domain measurements, after [2], [3].

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