Tutorial on Modern Ultra Low Noise Microwave Transistor Oscillator Design

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Abstract:

Communication systems rely on low-phase-noise signal sources such as tunable oscillators or phase-lock-loop (PLL) synthesizers for reliable voice communications and to ensure transmitted data integrity. This presentation will briefly review the design philosophy of oscillator operation and present some practical examples. The presentation will then highlight some of the fundamental constraints on size, cost, and phase noise performances. Topics will include design approach based on the patented techniques to develop a line of high-performance; compact VCOs that offer performance levels well suited to the demanding requirements of existing and emerging wireless communications systems.

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