

# **RF OSCILLATOR BASED ON A PASSIVE RC BANDPASS FILTER**

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to design a passive RC bandpass filter (BPF) based voltage-controlled-oscillator (VCO) operating at 2.5 GHz. A preferred type of an oscillator to operate in the GHz frequency range is either an LC oscillator or a ring oscillator. In fabrication, an LC oscillator involving high cost due to the inductors even it exhibits an excellent phase noise performance. On the other hand, ring oscillator resulting a cheap fabrication cost because it can be built with standard CMOS devices. However, it has a poor phase noise and jitter performance and is sensitive to power supply noise. This paper proposes an RC BPF-based oscillator. Its purpose is to close the performance of an LC oscillator than a ring oscillator, as a result to improve the phase noise performance. Furthermore, it can be fabricated in a standard CMOS process since there is no inductor. To prove the proposed concept, a RC BPF-based oscillator was designed with operating frequency of 2.5 GHz and phase noises -98.1 dBc/Hz at 1MHz offset frequency. The power consumption extracted from the simulation is 2.38 mW for 1.8 V supply voltage

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Oscillators are important in many different types of electronic equipment. For example, a quartz watch uses a quartz oscillator to keep track of what time it is. An AM radio transmitter uses an oscillator to create the carrier wave for the station, and an AM radio receiver uses a special form of oscillator called a resonator to tune in a station. There are many application of oscillator to applied in electronic and communication field.

Voltage-controller-oscillator(VCO) is the type of oscillator whose oscillation frequency is controlled by a voltage input. The applied input voltage determines the instantaneous oscillation frequency. Consequently, modulating signals applied to control input may cause frequency modulation(FM) or phase modulation(PM). VCOs has a highly linear relation between applied voltage and frequency. They are used to convert a slow analog signal to a digital signal for transmission over a long distance, since the frequency will not drift or be affected by noise. VCOs may have sine and/or square wave outputs. Function generators are low-frequency oscillators which feature multiple waveforms, typically sine, square, and triangle waves. Monolithic function generators are voltage-controlled. Analog phase-locked loops typically contain VCOs. High-frequency VCOs are usually used in phase-locked loops for radio receivers. Phase noise is the most