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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A method of operating an oscillator circuit comprising a resonator is provided. The method comprises maintaining a resonance of the resonator by a) connecting the resonator to an input voltage ( $V_{buf}$ ) for a first pulse period to charge the resonator only partially towards the input voltage ( $V_{buf}$ ); b) connecting the resonator to a second, lower, voltage for a second pulse period to discharge the resonator at least partially; and repeating steps a) and b) at a rate corresponding to the resonance of the resonator and with a phase corresponding to the resonance of the resonator, so as to maintain the resonance of the resonator.

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