13.5-mW, 5-GHz WLAN, CMOS Frequency Synthesizer Using a True Single Phase Clock Divider

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An integrated 5GHz frequency synthesizer consuming only 5.4mA from a 2.5V supply is demonstrated in 0.25µm CMOS technology. The divider within the synthesizer employs the True Single Phase Clock logic. The output frequency spans from 5.14 to 5.70GHz, with steps of 20MHz. The reference spurs are –70dBc and the phase noise is lower than –116dBc/Hz at 1MHz offset over the whole tuning range. The synthesizer is suitable for the HiperLAN II and for the IEEE 802.11a standards.