YIG driver (#526b)

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Function: buffers coarse and fine tuning signals from Xband synchronizer (phaselock), drives tuning coils on the Xband YIG oscillator in order to control its frequency and phase. The YIG driver is a small circuit mounted very close to the oscillator.

Brief circuit description: The basic Xband oscillator frequency is set by a 0-10 V control voltage on pins 7 and 8 of the 9-pin D connector. U3 serves as a differential amplifier to reject common mode noise on these lines. U2 adds a constant offset voltage to the output of U3 to produce the main tuning coil control voltage. U4 servos the current through the tuning coil in order to keep the voltage drop across 5 ohm power resistor R12 equal to this control voltage.

Potentiometer P1 is used to set the YIG frequency to 8.000 GHz when the coarse tuning voltage (pins 7,8) is 0; potentiometer P2 is used to set the YIG frequency to 12.5 GHz when the coarse tuning voltage is 10.00 V.

The correction signal from the Xband phaselock synchronizer is coupled into the YIG driver on an SMA connector. To limit power dissipation in the FM tuning coil, only the AC component of this signal is coupled to the FM coil through voltage follower U1, while the DC component is summed with the coarse tuning voltage at the input to U2. The component values re chosen so that the frequency/volt correction is comparable for both the AC and DC components, assuming that the coarse tuning coil has a sensitivity of 20 MHz/mA, while the FM coil is 300 kHz/mA.

9-pin D connector wiring:

1	-15 V,
2	NC
3	pwr GND
4	10 V out; normally not used, but could be reference for
	coarse tuning manual control pot
5	+15 V
6	NC
7	Coarse tune -
8	Coarse tune +
9	NC

