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"An Electronically Tunable High-Power Impedance Tuner with Integrated Closed-Loop Control," IEEE Microwave and Wireless Components Letters, Vol. 27, No. 8, pp. 754-756, August 2017.



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