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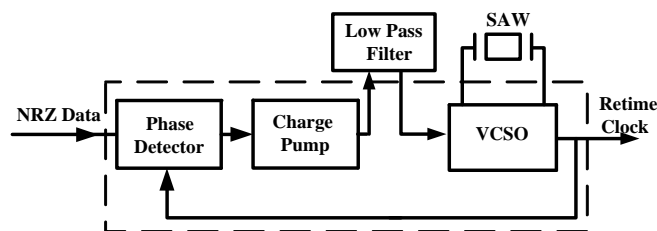


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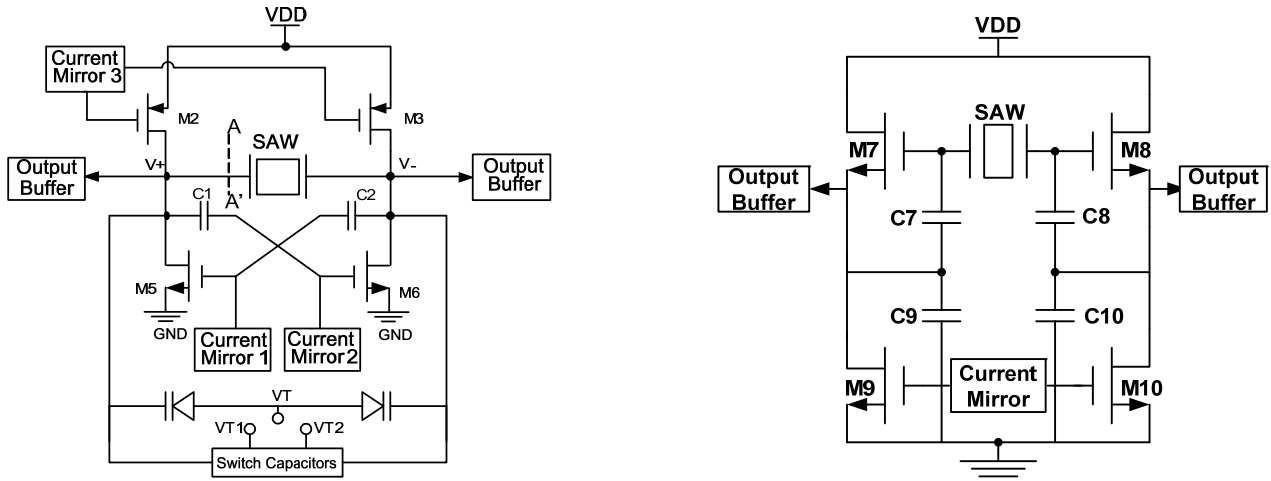


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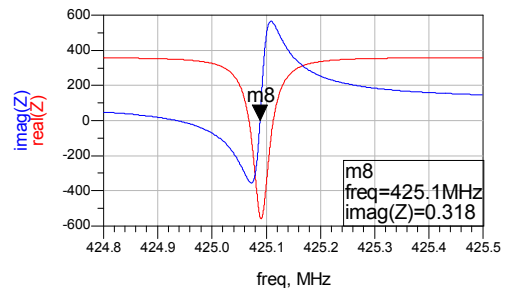


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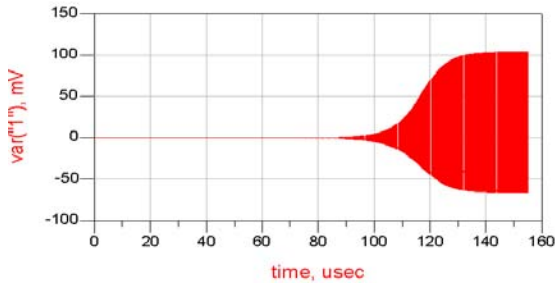
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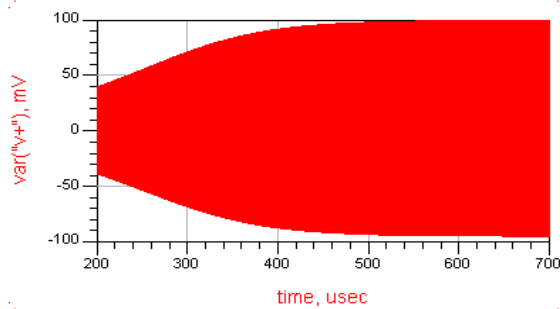
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$$FOM(dB) = 10 \log \left[\left(\frac{\omega_o}{\Delta\omega} \right)^2 \frac{1}{L(\Delta\omega) \times P} \right]$$

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(a)



(b)

Fig. 4 Transition period in (a) cross-coupled pair and (b) single ended Colpitts oscillators.

III. PERFORMANCES

The layout is illustrated in Fig. 5 with die area about $0.545 \times 0.510 \text{mm}^2$. The chip is fabricated by TSMC. The measured results are shown in Fig. 6. The differential waveform with p-p 250mV is demonstrated in Fig. 6(a). The low phase noise with high quality factor SAW resonator is demonstrated in Fig. 6(b). The slope near the carrier appears $1/f^3$ with noise floor around -160dBc. The continuous tuning range as shown in Fig. 6(c) is around 30ppm, depending on the size of MOS varactor, which is varied from 1.8pF to 2.45pF with V_T from 0 to 1.8V. Two tuning switches are also added to increase the application. Capacitances in VT1 and VT2 switches are 0.1pF and 0.3pF, respectively.

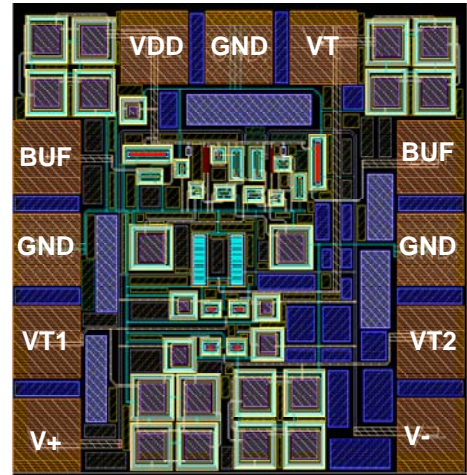


Fig. 5 Layout of the cross coupled SAW oscillator

VI. CONCLUSION

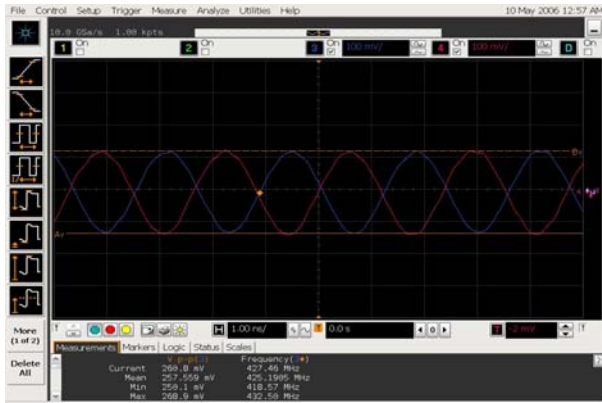
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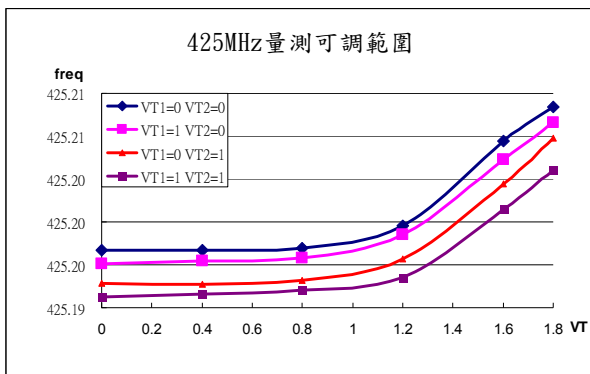
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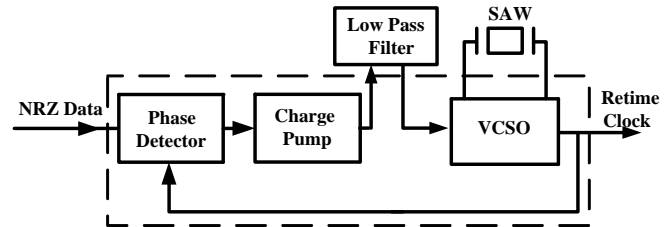


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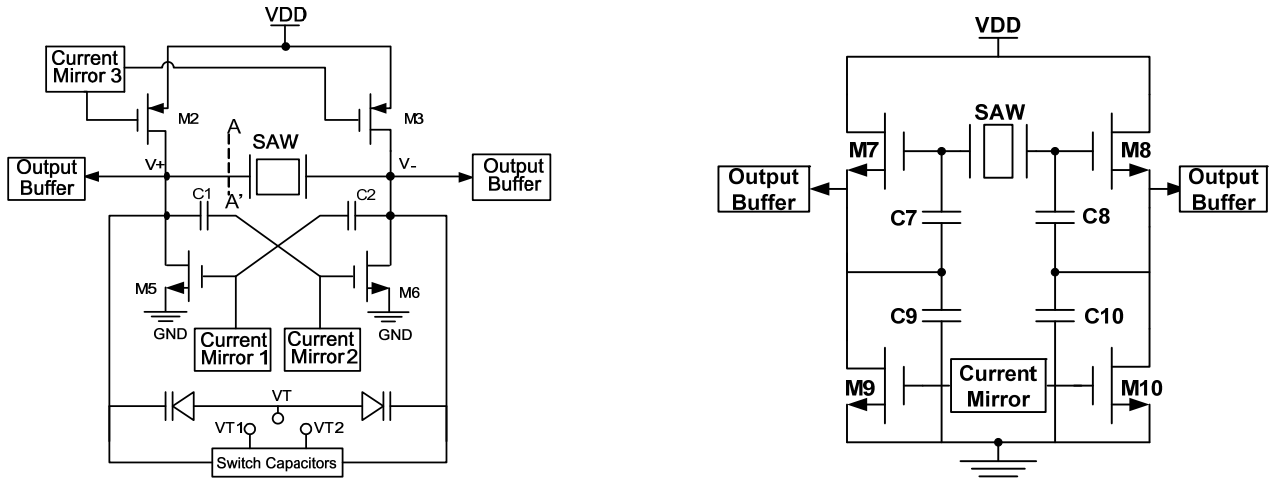


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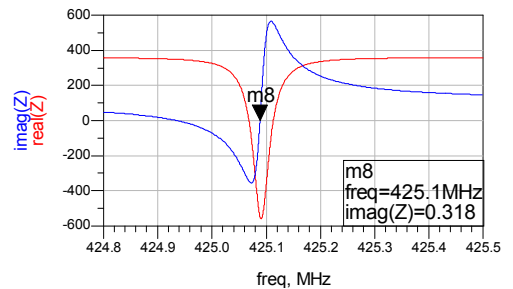


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FOM	205.6	212	200.9

$$FOM(dB) = 10 \log \left[\left(\frac{\omega_o}{\Delta\omega} \right)^2 \frac{1}{L(\Delta\omega) \times P} \right]$$

where P is the power consumption of the core circuit, $\Delta\omega$ is the offset angular frequency from the carrier, ω_o is the center frequency, and $L(\Delta\omega)$ is the phase noise. It reveals the cross coupled one is better than balanced Colpitts.

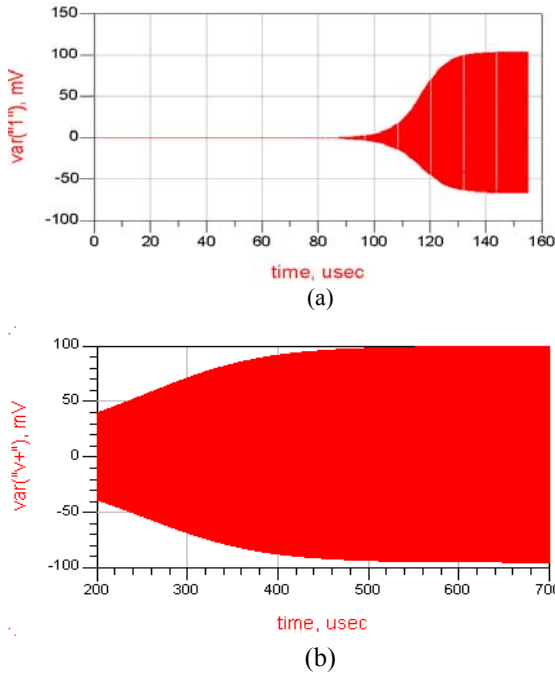


Fig. 4 Transition period in (a) cross-coupled pair and (b) single ended Colpitts oscillators.

III. PERFORMANCES

The layout is illustrated in Fig. 5 with die area about $0.545 \times 0.510 \text{mm}^2$. The chip is fabricated by TSMC. The measured results are shown in Fig. 6. The differential waveform with p-p 250mV is demonstrated in Fig. 6(a). The low phase noise with high quality factor SAW resonator is demonstrated in Fig. 6(b). The slope near the carrier appears $1/f^3$ with noise floor around -160dBc. The continuous tuning range as shown in Fig. 6(c) is around 30ppm, depending on the size of MOS varactor, which is varied from 1.8pF to 2.45pF with V_T from 0 to 1.8V. Two tuning switches are also added to increase the application. Capacitances in VT1 and VT2 switches are 0.1pF and 0.3pF, respectively.

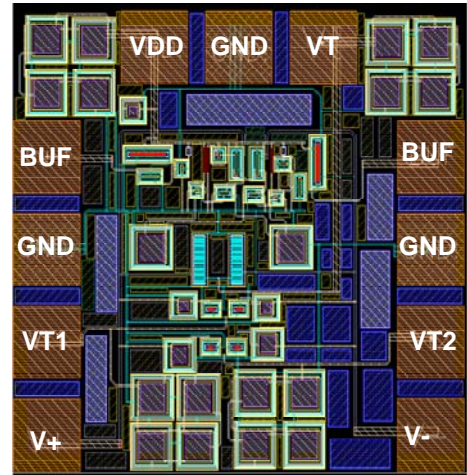


Fig. 5 Layout of the cross coupled SAW oscillator

VI. CONCLUSION

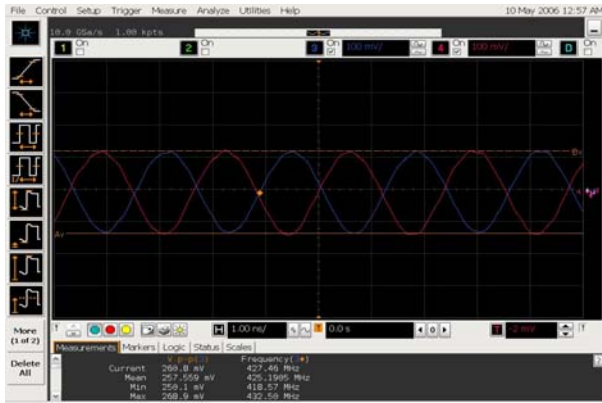
In this study a balanced VCSO using the compact cross coupled configuration is first presented. The latched problem is solved by separating carefully the drain and gate voltages. The SAW resonator acts as a parallel tank circuit to select the desired frequency. The nature of inverse polarity between gate and drain drives quickly the oscillator into steady state as compared to the balanced Colpitts one. The tuning range in this version needs to be improved in the future. Our results can be extended to other high frequency and high Q resonators such as MEMS and FBAR.

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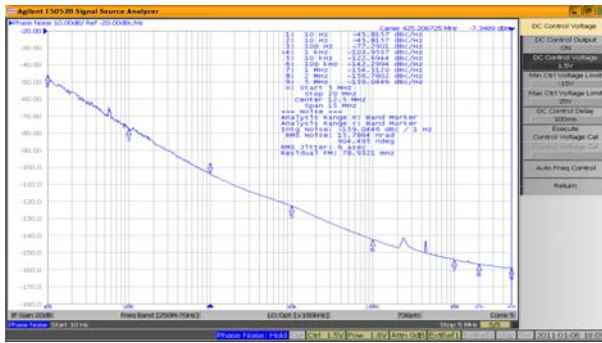
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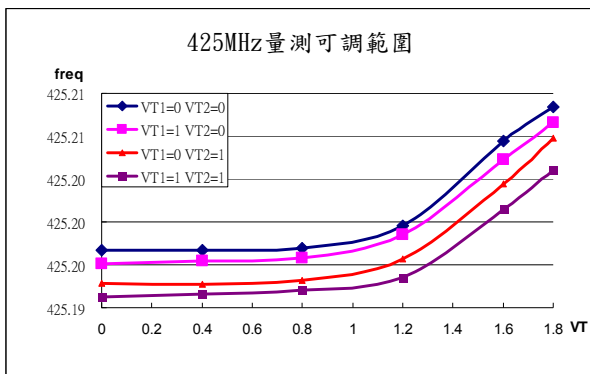
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(a).



(b)



(c)

Fig. 6 (a) Measured waveform, (b) phase noise of the cross coupled SAW oscillator, (c) tuning range.

行政院國家科學委員會補助國內專家學者出席國際學術會議報告

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報告內容應包括下列各項：

一、參加會議經過

本次會議地點在法國波爾多，由於時間在暑假機位難買，最後選由新加坡航空由米蘭進巴黎出，由巴黎至波爾多則藉由法國高速鐵路 GTV 單趟約三小時。

大會由波爾多大學主辦，國際 IEEE 電路與系統學會協辦，另外有歐洲著名電子廠商贊助如 Rodhe/Schwarz、Springer、Thales、RESMIQ 等，於 6/26 開始，先由四個 Tutorial 開始分別在四個重要領域討論，有

1. RF Circuit and System design in advanced Si Technologies
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2. RF Circuit and System design in advanced Si Technologies
題目:Radars on Silicon]
3. Future of Wireless Communication
題目:Cognitive and Opportunistic Radio
4. Biomedical Communication
題目:Ultralow-Power MEMS-based Radio for WBAN

非常先進，但因需另外註冊本人未參加，接著晚上有歡迎酒會並參觀波爾多著名酒莊，感受在地文化氣息，註冊入口招牌如下圖一所示。



圖一註冊入口招牌

6/27 星期一正式開始研討會，先由 Keynote 1 開始由瑞士 CSEM 的 C. Piguet 教授講
Green Electronics

而後分兩個演講廳分別進行，分三時段共約三十篇論文，另有從下午二點至五點亦有海報討論，之後五到六點有大會主講，題目為

What kind of technology (Silicon or III-V) for the circuits and systems in the future communication satellites?

6/28 星期二一樣有兩廳三時段及海報討論外上下午各有一 Keynote，分別為 Keynote 2 為美國約翰霍普金斯大學的 N. V. Thakor 教授講

Implanting the Brain Machine Interface: Circuits, Signals, and Systems

Keynote 3 為 THALES 公司太空部門的 Jean-Louis Roch 博士講
Sensors for Unmanned Aircraft Systems

討論結束後舉行晚宴歡迎全世界參加的學者，本次投稿 294 篇接受 130 篇接受率 44.2%。

第三天仍起始於 Keynote4 由德州理工大學的 Donald Y. C. Lee 教授主講

Design od Highly-Efficient Si-Based Transmitter ICs for Mobile Broadband Wireless Communications and Sensors Applications

之後，繼續兩廳三時段的討論，我的時段被安排在下午兩點半至兩點五十分，演講題目如圖二所示，同組有大陸東南大學李智群集成電路學院副院長，事後大家交換名片。



圖二 演講題目

基本上本學術會議大多是歐美人士，亞洲人較少，甚至沒幾個日本人，台灣方面有中央大學鄭國興教授、交通大學洪崇智教授、及台師大郭建宏等，建議可多投此會議使歐洲人更瞭解台灣。

二、 與會心得

1. 由於台灣電子科技的發展，歐美人士均有很深印象，尤其是新竹科學園區的台積電，因此每當我提及中華大學在新竹時他們均能瞭解拉近不少距離，也認為我們的資源很豐富。
2. 法國人講究生活品味及創意有自己的主見與自信。
3. 法國人的人行道相當寬，車道反而較窄，停車很不方便，但也顯示法國人以人為本的精神。
4. 法國是全世界第一觀光大國，看到來自全世界的觀光客參觀羅浮宮、凡爾塞宮、巴黎鐵塔、及時尚，真值得我們借鏡與學習



圖三 波爾多輕軌捷運非常方面

三、 回資料名稱及內容

最後，感謝國科會及學校的輔助才得以成行，討論此先進科技，攜回大會光碟一片，有興趣同仁歡迎借閱。我的電話為 5186036，Email:yhkao@chu.edu.tw。

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至於微機電共振器部分，受 TSMC 製程的限制，在本人的環境條件下只能採用乾式蝕刻，TSMC 製程規定其間隙至少要 4um 以上，遠超過我的需求，間隙太大會使所需起動電壓過大，而且共振器等效串聯電阻太大無法起振，導到未達成目標。

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