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1/f noise of NMOS and PMOS transistors and their implications to design of voltage controlled oscillators

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Low frequency noise of NMOS and PMOS transistors in a 0.25 μ m foundry CMOS process with a pure SiO₂ gate oxide layer is characterized for the entire range of MOSFET operation. Surprisingly, the measurement results showed that surface channel PMOS transistors have about an order of magnitude lower 1/f noise than NMOS transistors especially at $V_{GS} - V_{TH}$ less than 0.4 V. The data were used to show that a VCO using all surface channel PMOS transistors can have 14 dB lower close-in phase noise compared to that for a VCO using all surface channel NMOS transistors.

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