

Performance of a CMOS Bluetooth transceiver IC with copper RF passives (2002 Vol. I [MWSYM])

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On-chip copper inductors, MIM capacitors and precision resistors in a novel, low-cost process are described. A CMOS transceiver for Bluetooth was realized with these new RF passive components and compared with the same IC realized in a commercial 0.35 μm CMOS process with Al metalization. In the low-noise amplifier (LNA) a gain improvement of around 5 dB and a noise-figure reduction of 1.2 dB were observed. For the image-reject mixer (IRM), the conversion gain improved by 3.5 dB. The output power of the power amplifier (PA) increased by 1.5 dB. For the phase-locked loop (PLL) frequency synthesizer, the settling time was reduced almost in half.

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