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# Abstract

De facto standard for frequency references is the crystal-based oscillator. While having decent frequency stability ( $\pm 1ppm/^{\circ}C$ ), it is let down by its cost and size. These are the reasons for switching to the LC-based cross-coupled CMOS-design which has the advantages of being cheaper and smaller, enabling on-chip implementation. However, in the 1 GHz frequency region the problem arises with the quality factor of inductors where  $Q_L \ll Q_C$  and therefore  $R_L \gg R_C$ . Variances in temperature will affect the resistances the most and  $R_L$  will therefore have the most influence in varying oscillation frequency as function of temperature. All the cross-coupled configurations suffer from these variations of  $R_L$  so it would be interesting to investigate various LC-architectures (like the Hartley or Clapp) to check how they are affected by  $R_L$  variations. The common-gate Colpitts oscillator was found out to be less affected by the parasitic resistance  $R_L$  and better temperature stable ( $\pm 10ppm/^{\circ}C$ ) than the widely-used cross-coupled LC-oscillator ( $\pm 50ppm/^{\circ}C$ ).

In this report, the frequency stability as a result of temperature variations of various common-gate oscillator designs in the 1 GHz region are calculated and simulated and compared to the common-gate Colpitts oscillator frequency stability in order to find a better performing configuration. The configurations that are tested include Hartley, Clapp and a cross-coupled LC-oscillator with extra capacitor. Furthermore, adaptations to the Colpitts design are calculated where one design has a parallel capacitor added to the inductor to tune the inductor and the other one a series resistance added to the capacitors in order to tune the  $Q_C$ .

Results show that the Hartley, Clapp and cross-coupled  $+Ca$  are not better performing than the original Colpitts in terms of frequency stability. Both the adapted Colpitts designs however show significant improvement in the simulations when tuned right ( $\pm 100ppm \Delta 100^{\circ}C$ ).

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

In this section the motivation is given containing the background information as well as a problem definition. The goal of the research is formulated in the research question.

### 1.1 Motivation

De facto standard for frequency references is the crystal-based (XO) oscillator [1]. While having having decent frequency stability ( $\pm 1\text{ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), it is let down by its cost and size. Considering these pitfalls, the trend is to use a CMOS-based cross-coupled LC-oscillator which are low in cost and fully chip-integrable. The oscillation frequency of the cross-coupled type design [2] contains however a large contribution of parasitic resistance coming from the inductive impedance in the 1 GHz range, since  $Q_L \ll Q_C$  and therefore  $R_L \gg R_C$  [1]. Variances in temperature will affect the resistances the most and  $R_L$  will therefore have the most influence in varying oscillation frequency as function of temperature. This causes the cross-coupled stability to be set at ( $\pm 50\text{ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) [3]. Because of this deviation caused by the large influence of  $R_L$ , other LC oscillator configurations can be explored that may be less affected by  $R_L$ . The Colpitts oscillator was found out to be less affected by the parasitic resistance  $R_L$  [4].

The Colpitts configuration [4] already has good prospects of being used as fundamental for a temperature stable oscillator in the range of 1 GHz ( $\pm 10\text{ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Possibly with temperature stability that can compete with the temperature stability performance from XO ( $\pm 1\text{ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and silicon MEMS resonators ( $\pm 20\text{ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) [1] [2]. Especially cost, size, and in some degree jitter are factors at which the LC-based oscillator scores well in comparison [1] [5]. However, there are more LC-based configurations available with structures comparable to the Colpitts structure like Hartley or Clapp oscillators. Suspicion would assume that systems which are less reliant

on inductive components, and which will therefore be less dependent on the  $R_L$  term, would probably have good prospects. However, the fundamentals for oscillation still need to be satisfied[1]. By comparing the results of the other LC-configurations to the results of the Colpitts, it can be determined how stable the new configuration is compared to the Colpitts. Furthermore, simulations need to be done in order to confirm the performance of the new systems.

## 1.2 Research question

The goal of this report is to find an oscillator configuration among the listed LC-oscillator configurations that can achieve better temperature stability than the Colpitts oscillator in the 1 GHz frequency region. If none of the listed solutions provide a stability performance increase over the Colpitts, the Colpitts would enhance its position. Eventual successful attempts will be confirmed by further calculations and simulations. Both successful and unsuccessful attempts will be evaluated and documented.

# Chapter 2

## LC oscillators

This chapter will represent the various LC oscillators of which the oscillation frequencies and temperature stabilities are calculated and simulated. In the comparison chapter, the different configurations are compared side by side in order to gather knowledge how the configurations perform with respect to the Colpitts oscillator in terms of frequency stability.

### 2.1 LC-oscillator configuration

All oscillator configurations are based on the Colpitts common-gate structure as used by Alexander Delke [4], shown in Figure B.1. The same common-gate configuration is used as basis for the other LC-oscillators which can be derived by filling in the corresponding impedances in Figure B.1 where (a) includes the MOSFET driver which is assumed linear and ideal in (b) which is used for the derivations (except for the cross-coupled (+Ca) configuration where the simplified schematic is B.2). The corresponding configurations will be placed in Appendix B and will be referred to if needed in during calculations in section 2.2.

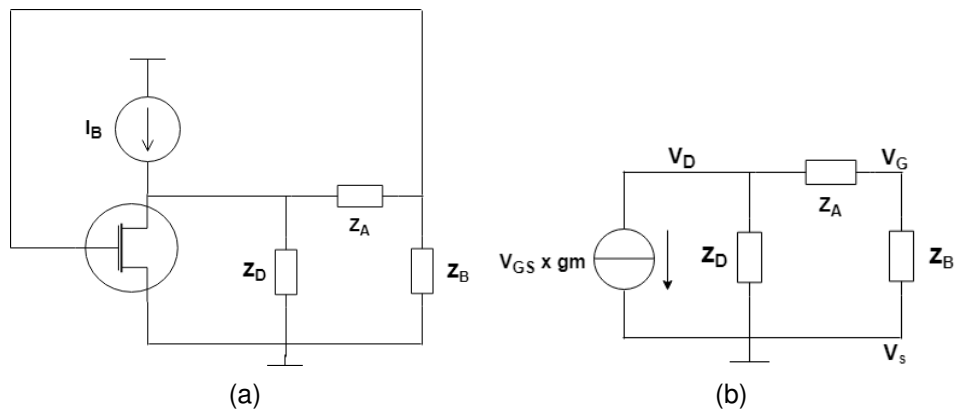


Figure 2.1: The common-gate configuration

## 2.2 Calculations for $\omega$ and stability

Before deriving the temperature coefficients of the circuits, the oscillation frequencies need to be determined. For every oscillating circuit, the Barkhausen criteria [4] need to be met. The oscillation frequency of the oscillator can therefore be derived from the criterion  $Im(AB) = 0$  which states that the total reactive power of the closed-loop oscillator circuit needs to be 0. For the common-gate configuration of Figure 2.1 it is derived in [4] that equation 2.1 needs to be met.

$$\sum X = -\left(\frac{1}{Q_B} + \frac{1}{Q_D}\right) \sum R \quad (2.1)$$

The  $\sum X$  term is the sum of all reactances in the circuit whereas the  $\sum R$  is the sum of all resistances and  $Q_B$  and  $Q_D$  are the quality factors of the corresponding impedances defined by  $Q = \frac{X}{R}$ <sup>1</sup>.

For every configuration, the equation 2.1 can be filled in which will therefore be used as starting point for the oscillation frequency calculation of a certain configuration. During derivations, the assumption  $\omega \approx \omega_0$  (2.2) is sometimes made for simplification purposes where  $\omega_0$  is the product of purely reactive components.

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{L_{tot}C_{tot}}} \quad (2.2)$$

After having determined the oscillation frequency of a circuit, the frequency deviation over temperature as a result of the temperature coefficients of present components. For every component, the influence on frequency is determined. For a certain component  $A$  it is done according to equation 2.3 [1].

$$f_{TC,A} = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial A} \frac{\partial A}{\partial T} \frac{1}{\omega} \quad (2.3)$$

The  $\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial A}$  is component and system independent whereas  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial T} A_{const}(1 + a_{TC,A}T) = a_{TC,A}A$  [1]<sup>2</sup> which is the variation of the component value over temperature. Since the system only contains inductors and capacitors with their corresponding parasitic resistances, the total frequency deviation of a circuit with respect to temperature is the sum of all individual components contributing to the frequency deviation as can be seen in equation 2.4.

$$f_{TC,tot} = f_{TC,R_L} + f_{TC,R_C} + f_{TC,L} + f_{TC,C} \quad (2.4)$$

For all derivations, the parameters of table B.1 were taken into account as well as  $R_L \gg R_C$  [1] for the given frequency range.

<sup>1</sup>X is the imaginary part and R the real part of the respective impedance

<sup>2</sup>assumed constant with first order temperature dependency



### 2.2.1 Hartley

Starting with the Hartley configuration as seen in Appendix B.3, the oscillation frequency is derived first following the derivation steps in Appendix A equation A.1, where  $L = L_B + L_D$  and  $R_L = R_B + R_D$ .

$$\omega \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \sqrt{\frac{L - 2CR_L^2}{L}} \quad (2.5)$$

What immediately stands out is the presence of a  $R_L^2$  term. Based on the oscillation frequency of equation 2.5, the various  $f_{TC}$ 's are derived in the Appendix A A.2 derivation where the  $f_{TC,tot}$  is given in equation 2.6.

$$f_{TC,tot} = -\frac{2a_{TC,R_L}}{Q_L^2} - \frac{a_{TC,R_C}}{Q_L Q_C} - \frac{a_{TC,L}}{2} - \frac{a_{TC,C}}{2} \quad (2.6)$$

What stands out here is that all temperature coefficients seem to have a negative effect on the total  $f_{TC}$ .

### 2.2.2 Clapp

Moving over to the Clapp configuration as seen in Appendix B.4, the oscillation frequency is derived following the derivation steps in Appendix A equation A.3, where  $C = C_{series} = \frac{C_A C_B C_D}{C_A C_B + C_A C_D + C_B C_D}$ ,  $R_A \approx R_L$  and  $R_C \approx R_B + R_D$ .

$$\omega \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \sqrt{\frac{L + 2CR_C R_L}{L}} \quad (2.7)$$

Based on the oscillation frequency of equation 2.7, the various  $f_{TC}$ 's are derived in Appendix A derivation A.4 where the  $f_{TC,tot}$  is given in equation 2.8. During simplifications, it is assumed that all capacitors have the same  $Q_C$  term. Therefore, terms like  $C_B R_B$  can be written as  $C R_C$ .

$$f_{TC,tot} = \frac{a_{TC,R_L}}{Q_L Q_C} + \frac{a_{TC,R_C}}{Q_L Q_C} - \frac{a_{TC,L}}{2} - \frac{a_{TC,C}}{2} \quad (2.8)$$

Both the calculated oscillation frequency and the  $f_{TC}$  appear to describe the same system as the Colpitts common-gate following Alexander's derivations [4]. It can therefore be assumed that the Clapp and the Colpitts configuration will have the same temperature dependent oscillation frequency.

### 2.2.3 Cross-coupled (+Ca)

The ordinary cross-coupled oscillator only includes a  $Z_B$  and a  $Z_D$ . In this case, an extra impedance  $Z_A$  is added instead of the usual short (Appendix Figures B.2, B.5).

The oscillation frequency is derived in Appendix A derivation A.5 and represented in equation 2.9. Here it is assumed that  $C = \frac{C_A C_D}{C_A + C_D}$  and  $R_C = R_A + R_D$

$$\omega \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \sqrt{\frac{L - CR_L^2}{L}} \quad (2.9)$$

The  $f_{TC}$ 's are derived in Appendix A, derivation A.6. The  $f_{TC,tot}$  is given in equation 2.10. Like with the Clapp derivations, it was assumed that all capacitors share the same  $Q_C$ , making it possible to write terms like  $C_B R_B$  as  $CR_C$ .

$$f_{TC,tot} = -\frac{a_{TC,R_L}}{Q_L^2} + \frac{a_{TC,R_C}}{Q_C^2} - \frac{a_{TC,L}}{2} - \frac{a_{TC,C}}{2} \quad (2.10)$$

Also for the cross-coupled (+Ca) it seems that the oscillation frequency as well as the  $f_{TC}$  appears to be similar to the standard cross-coupled design [2]. It might be assumed that the oscillation frequency of both systems will have the same temperature dependency.

## 2.2.4 Colpitts (+Ca)

In this section, a tuned variant of the original Colpitts is derived. This is done by adding a capacitor  $C_A$  parallel to the inductor  $L_A$  as seen in Appendix B.6. Since  $Q_L \ll Q_C$ , the resistance of capacitor  $C_A$  can be neglected and the new impedance  $Z_A$  is shown in equation 2.11.

$$Z_A \approx \frac{R_L + j\omega L}{1 + R_L j\omega C_A - \omega^2 LC_A} \quad (2.11)$$

Also the new  $R_A$  and  $X_A$  can be derived as  $R_A = Re\{Z_A\}$  and  $X_A = Im\{Z_A\}$  which is done in Appendix A derivation A.7 and A.8 where  $C = \frac{C_B C_D}{C_B + C_D}$ .

$$R_A \approx R_L \frac{C^2}{(C_A - C)^2} \quad X_A \approx \omega L \frac{C}{(C - C_A)} \quad (2.12)$$

These new terms (2.12) can be written into inductor parameters with a scalar in front defined by equations 2.13.

$$A_r = \frac{C^2}{(C_A - C)^2} \quad A_x = \frac{C}{(C - C_A)} \quad (2.13)$$

This translates to  $R_A = A_r R_L$  and  $X_A = A_x \omega L$  which helps deriving the oscillation frequency and frequency deviation since both  $R_A$  and  $X_A$  are written as the inductor components of the standard Colpitts configuration with an extra scalar. The other thing to take into account is that the  $\omega_0$  changes as well. This is due to the new definition of  $X_A$  where the new  $\omega_0$  is given in equation 2.14 as a result of derivation A.9.

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{A_x LC}} \quad (2.14)$$

With the use of all new determined parameters, the extended oscillation frequency (2.15) can be determined as done in Appendix A derivation A.10, where  $R_C = R_B + R_D$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{A_X LC}} \sqrt{\frac{A_X L + 2CR_C A_R R_L}{A_X L}} \quad (2.15)$$

Corresponding to 2.15, the  $f_{TC}$  values are derived in Appendix A A.11 resulting in 2.16. It can be noted that only the positive  $f_{TC,R_L}$  and  $f_{TC,R_C}$  are affected by  $A_X$  and  $A_R$ , giving the opportunity to compensate for the negative coefficients by tuning  $A_X$  and  $A_R$

$$f_{TC,tot} = \frac{A_R a_{TC,R_L}}{A_X Q_L Q_C} + \frac{A_R a_{TC,R_C}}{A_X Q_L Q_C} - \frac{a_{TC,L}}{2} - \frac{a_{TC,C}}{2} \quad (2.16)$$

However, a mismatch was discovered when comparing the calculated and simulated  $f_{TC}$  values. The problem was traced down to the definition of  $A_X$ . The  $R_L$  terms in the derivation of  $X_A$  (A.8) fell out during simplification. Therefore, a new  $A_X$  was defined (derived in Appendix A A.12) and introduced as component susceptible to temperature changes due to  $R_L$ , influencing the temperature dependent oscillation frequency.

$$f_{TC,A_X} = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} \frac{1}{\omega} = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial A_X} \frac{\partial A_X}{\partial R_L} \frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} \frac{1}{\omega} \quad (2.17)$$

The additional  $f_{TC,A_X}$  as defined by 2.17 is derived in Appendix A A.13 resulting in equation 2.18.

$$f_{TC,A_X} = \frac{2a_{TC,R_L} C_A C^3 R_L^2 (C_A - C)(2C_A^2 - 2C_A C + C^2)}{L(C_A^2 - C_A C + C^2)^3} \quad (2.18)$$

Now the total frequency deviation results in equation 2.19.

$$f_{TC,tot} = \frac{A_R a_{TC,R_L}}{A_X Q_L Q_C} + \frac{A_R a_{TC,R_C}}{A_X Q_L Q_C} - \frac{a_{TC,L}}{2} - \frac{a_{TC,C}}{2} + f_{TC,A_X} \quad (2.19)$$

## 2.2.5 Colpitts with tuned Q-factor

The last configuration is basically the same as the original common-gate Colpitts (Figure B.1). Whereas the  $f_{TC}$  is given by 2.22, it can be rewritten in a form for  $Q_L$  or  $Q_C$  where  $f_{TC} = 0$  holds, such that the positive coefficients compensate the negative coefficients. This is done in Appendix A derivation A.14, resulting in equations 2.20.

$$f_{TC,tot} = \frac{a_{TC,R_L}}{Q_L Q_C} + \frac{a_{TC,R_C}}{Q_L Q_C} - \frac{a_{TC,L}}{2} - \frac{a_{TC,C}}{2} \quad (2.20)$$

$$\frac{a_{TC,R_L}}{Q_L Q_C} + \frac{a_{TC,R_C}}{Q_L Q_C} = \frac{a_{TC,L}}{2} + \frac{a_{TC,C}}{2} \quad (2.21)$$

$$Q_L = \frac{2(a_{TC,R_L} + a_{TC,R_C})}{Q_C(a_{TC,L} + a_{TC,C})} \quad Q_C = \frac{2(a_{TC,R_L} + a_{TC,R_C})}{Q_L(a_{TC,L} + a_{TC,C})} \quad (2.22)$$

This shows that one of the two  $Q$ -factors can be altered in order to achieve a theoretical, first-order solution of  $f_{TC} = 0$ , where the negative coefficients are exactly compensated. By filling in the values for the temperature coefficients and the corresponding  $Q$ -values, a new  $Q_L$  and  $Q_C$  is calculated. This states that either  $Q_{Lnew} = 2.67$  or  $Q_{Cnew} = 53.4$  can be used to compensate and achieve  $f_{TC} = 0$ , while the other  $Q$ -factor remains the same. This reduction in  $Q$ -factor can be easily achieved by multiplying the corresponding resistance by the downscaling factor which is 3.75 for both  $Q$ -values. This translates to multiplying resistance with a factor 3.75 since  $Q_L = \frac{\omega L}{R_L}$  and  $Q_C = \frac{1}{\omega C R_C}$ . The total  $Q$ -factor of the system [4] however, given in equation 2.23, needs to be as little affected as possible.

$$\frac{1}{Q_T} = \omega C \sum R = \omega C (R_L + R_C) \quad (2.23)$$

Since  $R_L \gg R_C$ , multiplying  $R_C$  with 3.75 will give the smallest decrease in  $Q_T$ . Therefore, the new  $Q_C$  is set at 53.4.

### 2.2.6 Comparison of calculated $f_{TC}$ coefficients

In this section an  $f_{TC}$  breakdown is represented of all configurations for side-by-side comparison. The tables are split in mixed configurations (Table 2.1) and tuned Colpitts configurations (Table 2.2).

**Table 2.1:** Temperature coefficients of the various LC-configurations

	Cross-coupled	Colpitts	Hartley	Clapp	Cross-coupled (+Ca)
$f_{TC,L}$	$\frac{-\alpha_L}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_L}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_L}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_L}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_L}{2}$
$f_{TC,C}$	$\frac{-\alpha_C}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_C}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_C}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_C}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_C}{2}$
$f_{TC,R_L}$	$\frac{-\alpha_{R_L}}{Q_L^2}$	$\frac{\alpha_{R_L}}{Q_L Q_C}$	$\frac{-2\alpha_{R_L}}{Q_L^2}$	$\frac{\alpha_{R_L}}{Q_L Q_C}$	$\frac{-\alpha_{R_L}}{Q_L^2}$
$f_{TC,R_C}$	$\frac{\alpha_{R_C}}{Q_C^2}$	$\frac{\alpha_{R_C}}{Q_L Q_C}$	$\frac{-\alpha_{R_C}}{Q_L Q_C}$	$\frac{\alpha_{R_C}}{Q_L Q_C}$	$\frac{\alpha_{R_C}}{Q_C^2}$

When observing Table 2.1, it appears that for all configurations the  $f_{TC,L}$  and  $f_{TC,C}$  are the same. More similarities are discovered for the  $f_{TC,R_L}$  and  $f_{TC,R_C}$  when comparing the Colpitts to the Clapp as well as the cross-coupled to the cross-coupled (+Ca). It suggest that these configurations will give the same frequency stability performance which will be checked in the simulations. The Hartley configuration however seems to be the only one with a unique  $f_{TC,R_L}$  and  $f_{TC,R_C}$ . A possible problem might be predicted since all Hartley's coefficients are negative. Also the  $f_{TC,R_L} = \frac{-2\alpha_{R_L}}{Q_L^2}$  term is very influential considering Table B.1 and Table B.2.

In Table 2.2, the temperature coefficients for the original Colpitts and Colpitts (+Ca) are displayed. It can be observed that the additional  $A_X$ ,  $A_R$  and  $f_{TC,A_X}$  can be used to tweak the positive coefficients in order to compensate for the negative coefficients

**Table 2.2:** Temperature coefficients of the Colpitts and Colpitts (+Ca) configurations

	Colpitts	Colpitts (+Ca)
$f_{TC,L}$	$\frac{-\alpha_L}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_L}{2}$
$f_{TC,C}$	$\frac{-\alpha_C}{2}$	$\frac{-\alpha_C}{2}$
$f_{TC,R_L}$	$\frac{\alpha_{R_L}}{Q_L Q_C}$	$\frac{A_R \alpha_{R_L}}{A_X Q_L Q_C} + f_{TC,A_X}$
$f_{TC,R_C}$	$\frac{\alpha_{R_C}}{Q_L Q_C}$	$\frac{A_R \alpha_{R_C}}{A_X Q_L Q_C}$

### 2.3 Simulations for frequency stability

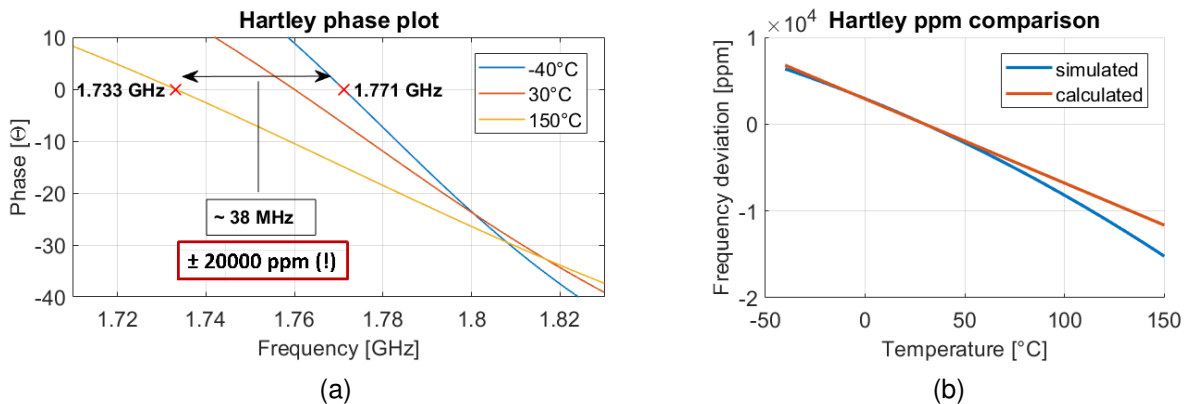
In this part of the report, simulations are conducted. The phase ( $Im\{AB\}$ ) of the closed loop oscillator circuit (assuming ideal and linear MOSFET) is plotted for the temperatures  $-40^{\circ}C$ ,  $30^{\circ}C$  and  $150^{\circ}C$  across the frequency spectrum in a phase plot.

Based on the frequency values at which  $Im\{AB\} = 0$  for the given temperature range, the frequency deviation is derived and represented in parts per million (ppm). This is plotted across temperature together with the calculated frequency deviation of the given system. The simulated and calculated values are normalised for  $30^{\circ}C$ .

All simulations are conducted in MATLAB and the parameter ranges, values and temperature coefficients defined in the tables B.1 and B.2 are used.

#### 2.3.1 Hartley

First, the two plots are made for the Hartley.



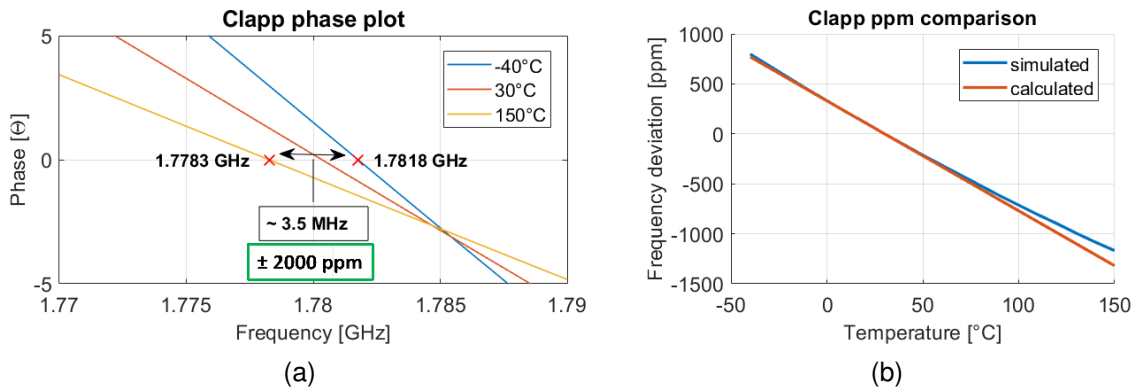
**Figure 2.2:** Hartley simulation results

From Figure 2.2 (a), it can be derived that the maximum deviation is  $38MHz$  or  $20,000ppm$ . This can also be conducted from (b). What also stands out is that the phase intersection for the given temperatures is approximately  $-30^{\circ}$ . Figure (b)

also nicely shows how the calculations are a first order approximation (at normalised temperature) of a slighter higher order system. As expected from the calculations, all the calculated negative temperature coefficients are heavily degrading the oscillation frequency for an increasing temperature.

### 2.3.2 Clapp

The same simulations are run for the Clapp configuration.

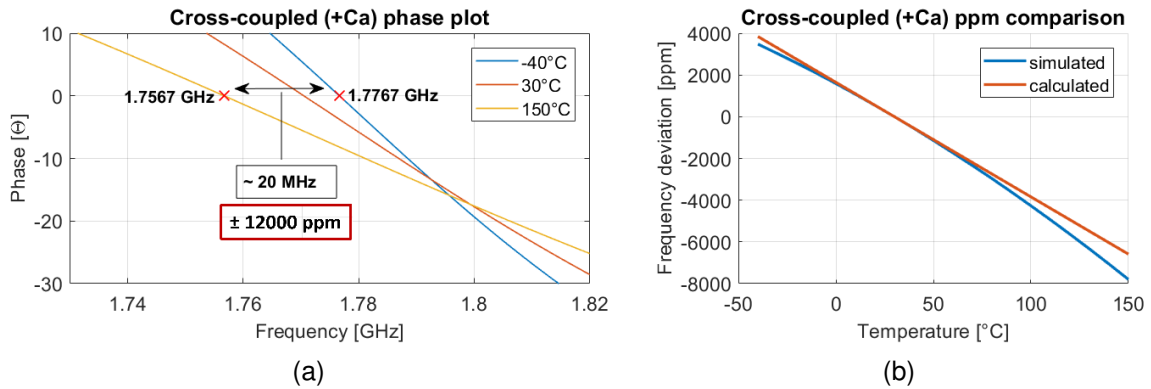


**Figure 2.3:** Clapp simulation results

In Figure 2.3 (a), it can be seen that the given deviation is around  $3.5\text{ MHz}$  or  $2,000\text{ ppm}$ . Here the phase intersection for the temperatures is around  $-3^\circ$ . Also here, the calculated frequency deviation in Figure 2.3 (b) corresponds quite decently with the higher order simulation. From these results it can be deduced that the system has got the same frequency behaviour as the Colpitts over temperature.

### 2.3.3 Cross-coupled (+Ca)

The simulations are also done for the cross-coupled (+Ca) configuration.

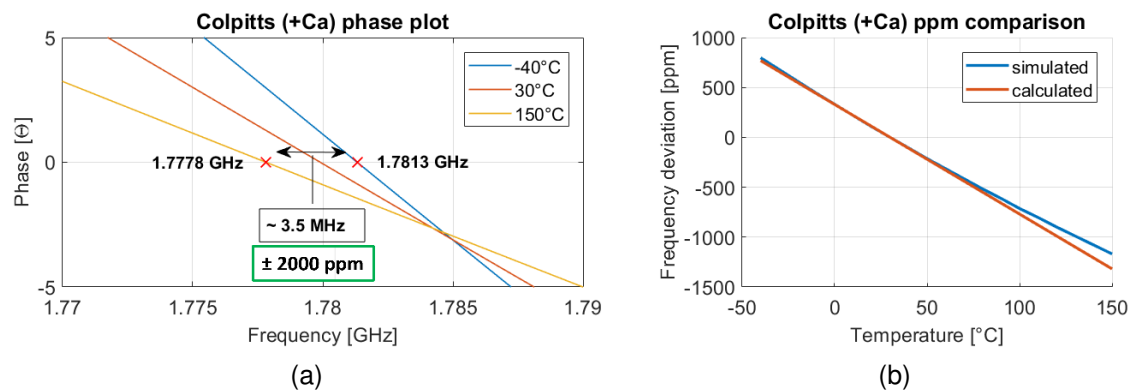


**Figure 2.4:** Cross-coupled (+ $C_A$ ) simulation results

In Figure 2.4 (a), it can be seen that the maximum deviation is around  $20\text{MHz}$  or  $12,000\text{ppm}$ . Here the phase intersection for the temperatures is around  $-18^\circ$  out of phase. Also for the cross-coupled (+ $C_A$ ), the calculated frequency deviation in Figure 2.4 (b) shows similarities to the higher order simulation. It seems that the extra added  $C_A$  only affects the oscillation frequency since the temperature behaviour is comparable to that of the original cross-coupled configuration.

### 2.3.4 Colpitts (+ $C_A$ )

In this section, simulations are done for the Colpitts (+ $C_A$ ) for three different  $C_A$  values. The first simulations are run with  $C_A = 0$ , the second with  $C_A = 560\text{fF}$  and the third with  $C_A = 1120\text{fF}$ .



**Figure 2.5:** Colpitts  $C_A = 0$  simulation results

When  $C_A = 0$ , the oscillator configuration basically turns back into an ordinary Colpitts oscillator. By observing the results from Figure 2.5, these similarities can be seen since the total deviation here is  $3,5\text{MHz}$  or  $2,000\text{ppm}$ . The temperature

intersection seems to be  $-3^{\circ}$  out of phase. The results from both calculations and simulations are also in agreement with each other.

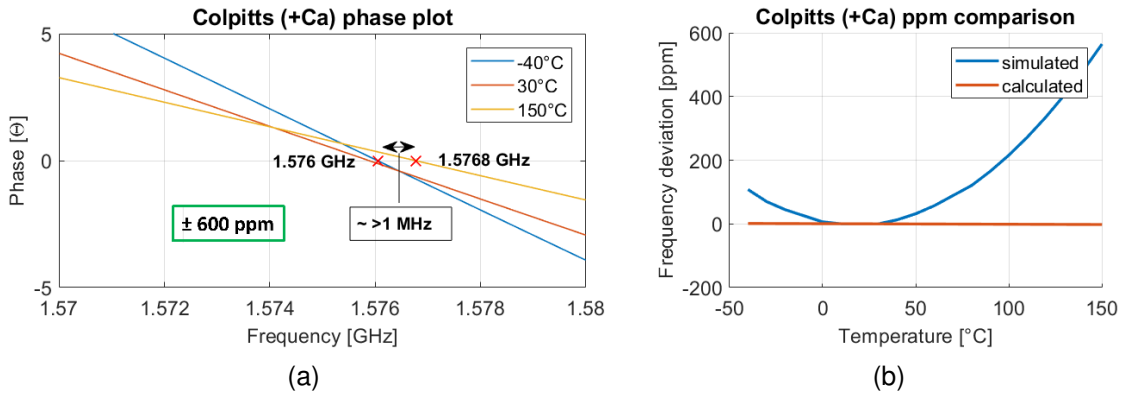


Figure 2.6: Colpitts  $C_A = 560fF$  simulation results

The interesting results come when the ( $C_A$ ) value is tuned to let the expression of 2.19 go to zero. The value  $C_A = 560fF$  is used in the simulations of Figure 2.6. While the first order approximation of the calculations result in  $f_{TC} = 0$ , the simulations result in a parabolic shape. Since the frequency behaviour as a result of temperature is not strictly linear, the temperature intersection, which seems to be at around a phase of  $0^{\circ}$ , is not a single point but more or less a triangle shaped intersection. The calculations appear to formulate a tangent line of the parabolic shape for the normalised temperature value. The frequency deviation numbers of  $\sim > 1MHz$  or  $600ppm$  seem to be quite impressive. What seems to be more impressive is that ( $\sim 100ppm \Delta \pm 50^{\circ}C$ ) can be achieved for the tuned for temperature. Also the effect of  $A_X$  on the overall oscillation frequency (2.14) can be duly noted.

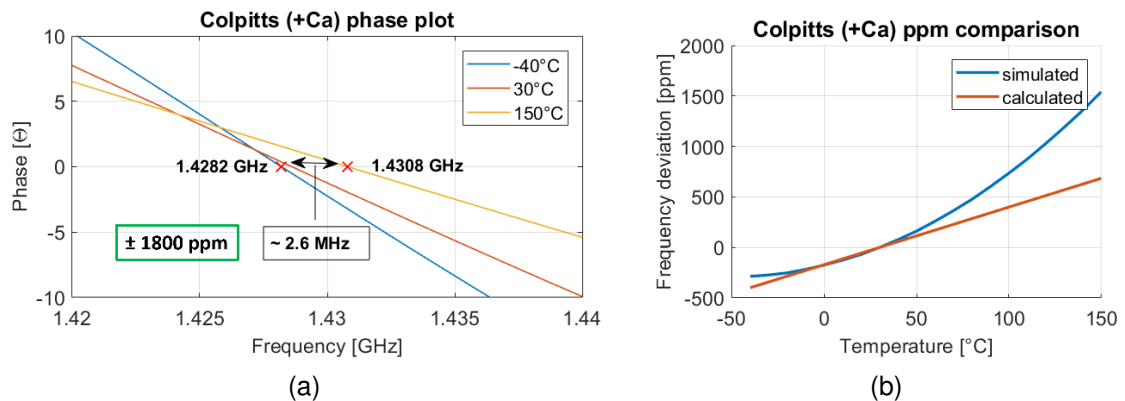


Figure 2.7: Colpitts ( $C_A$ ) =  $1120fF$  simulation results

In Figure 2.7 the results for overshooting the value of  $C_A$  are presented. The frequency deviation slope is moving up as a result of the positive terms for the  $f_{TC}$



in equation 2.16 taking over. This can also be seen by looking at the temperature intersection which is phase shifted to around  $3^{\circ}$ . The total deviation in this case is approximately  $\sim 2,6MHz$  or  $1800ppm$ .

### 2.3.5 Colpitts ( $Q_C = 53.4$ )

At last the original Colpitts with tuned  $R_C$  values is simulated and checked.

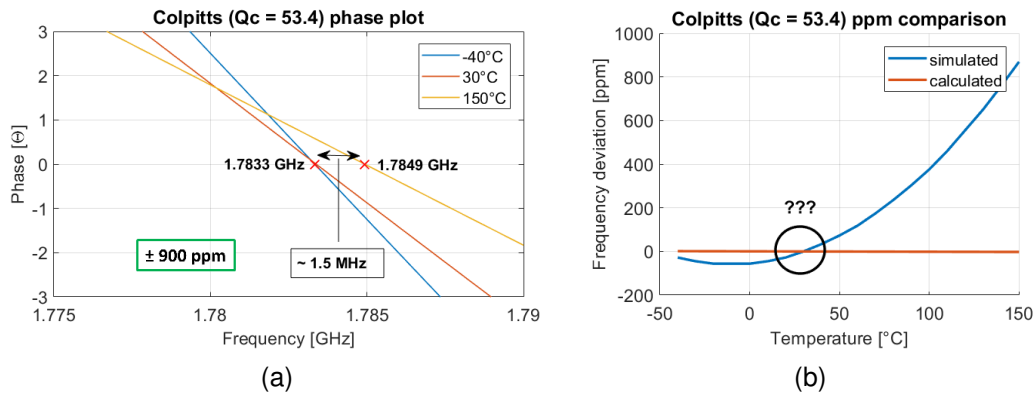


Figure 2.8: Colpitts with tuned Q-factor

By looking at Figure 2.8 (b), a mismatch between the calculated and simulated  $f_{TC}$  values arises. This is due to the effect of having  $R_C$  increased in such a manner that  $R_L \gg R_C$  does not hold anymore which is assumed for simplification during  $f_{TC}$  derivations.

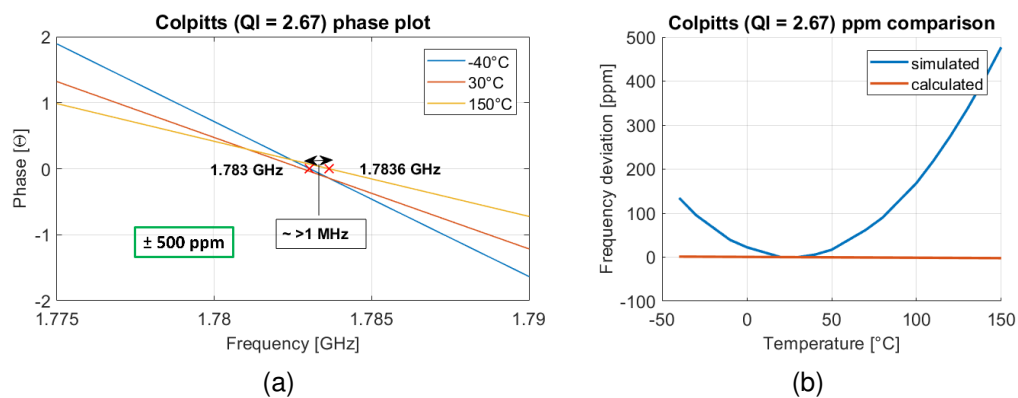
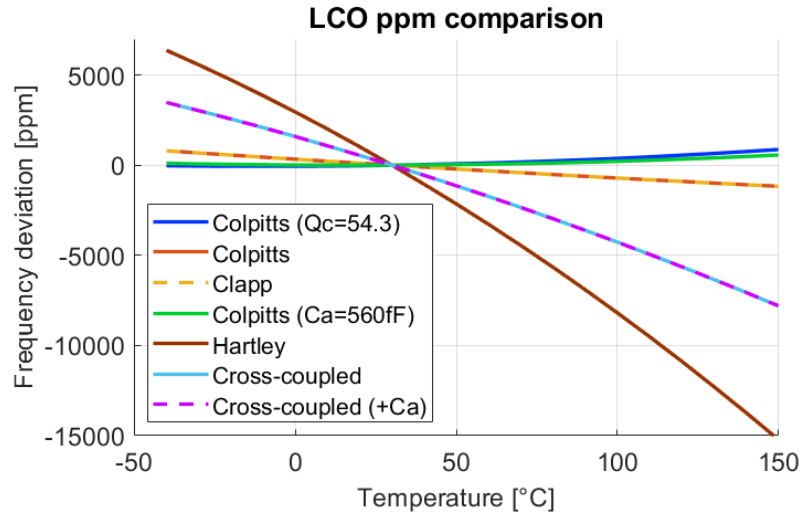


Figure 2.9: Colpitts ( $Q_L = 2.67$ ) simulation results

For a proof of concept,  $Q_L$  is tuned in order to maintain  $R_L \gg R_C$  (and even more). Figure 2.9 gives a good representation of the concept and with a total deviation of  $\sim > 1MHz$  or  $500ppm$ . By observing Figure 2.9 (b) at around the tuned for temperature, the total deviation over  $100^{\circ}C$  ( $-20^{\circ}C$  to  $80^{\circ}C$ ) stays within the  $100ppm$  deviation which translates to an impressive  $1ppm/^{\circ}C$ .

### 2.3.6 Comparison of simulated $f_{TC}$ coefficients



**Figure 2.10:** Frequency deviation comparison of all configurations

By looking at Figure 2.10, a division can be made between better performing configurations and worse performing configurations compared to the Colpitts. The Hartley has got the largest frequency deviation over temperature, followed by the two cross-coupled designs. The Clapp seems to perform the same as the original Colpitts. These configurations perform subpar or equal. However, the altered Colpitts designs show a performance increase over the original.

# Chapter 3

## Conclusion and discussion

In this part the conclusion is drawn based on previous found results. Based on the conclusion, a discussion is given where improvements and possible next steps are formulated.

### 3.1 Conclusion

Based on the results it can be concluded that there are possible configurations that are an improvement over the original Colpitts construction in terms of frequency stability over temperature. Both the Colpitts (+ $C_A$ ) and the Colpitts ( $Q_C = 53.4$ ) show quite a performance increase ( $\pm 3\text{ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ ) compared to the standard Colpitts ( $\pm 10\text{ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$ ). The Clapp seems to perform equally to the Colpitts so adding the extra  $C_A$  component is not justified, at least according to the conducted calculations and simulations. The Hartley and cross-coupled (+ $C_A$ ) configurations have equal or subpar performance in terms of frequency stability.

### 3.2 Discussion

Although the results seem promising for the improved configurations, it is still uncertain how they cope with added parasitics and non-idealities coming from the MOSFET, supply and production processes. Also the effect of a load attached needs to be considered. Further simulations need to be conducted in order to check if the calculated approximations still hold. Also the robustness of the new configurations can be checked in comparison with the other LC-combinations to see if there is still a performance increase.

The research question for further research could be: How do the new configurations hold up when parasitics, non-idealities and other production variables are involved?

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# Appendix A

## Calculations for $\omega$ and $f_{TC}$

This part of the Appendix includes the extensive calculations and derivations.

### A.1 Hartley oscillator

#### A.1.1 Oscillation frequency

$$\begin{aligned}\sum X &= -\left(\frac{1}{Q_B} + \frac{1}{Q_D}\right) \sum R \\ -\frac{1}{\omega C_A} + \omega L_B + \omega L_D &= -\left(\frac{R_B}{\omega L_B} + \frac{R_D}{\omega L_D}\right)(R_A + R_B + R_D) \\ -\frac{1}{\omega C_A} + \omega L &= -\left(\frac{R_B}{\omega L_B} + \frac{R_D}{\omega L_D}\right)(R_A + R_B + R_D) \\ \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} - 1 &= -\left(\frac{R_B}{\omega L_B} + \frac{R_D}{\omega L_D}\right)(R_A + R_B + R_D) \\ \omega^2 &= \omega_0^2 \left(1 - \omega C \left(\frac{R_B}{\omega L_B} + \frac{R_D}{\omega L_D}\right)(R_A + R_B + R_D)\right) \\ \omega^2 &= \frac{1}{LC} \left(1 - C \left(\frac{R_B}{L_B} + \frac{R_D}{L_D}\right)(R_A + R_B + R_D)\right) \tag{A.1} \\ \omega^2 &= \frac{1}{LC} \left(1 - C \left(\frac{R_B L_D}{L_B L_D} + \frac{R_D L_B}{L_B L_D}\right)(R_A + R_B + R_D)\right) \\ \omega^2 &= \frac{1}{LC} \left(\frac{L_B L_D - C(R_B L_D + R_D L_B)(R_A + R_B + R_D)}{L_B L_D}\right) \\ \omega^2 &= \frac{1}{LC} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{4}L^2 - \frac{1}{2}LC(R_C + R_L)}{\frac{1}{4}L^2}\right) \\ \omega &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \sqrt{\frac{L - 2CR_L(R_C + R_L)}{L}} \\ \omega &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \sqrt{\frac{L - 2CR_L^2}{L}}\end{aligned}$$

### A.1.2 Frequency stability

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_L} &= -\frac{2C^2 R_L \omega_0^3}{\sqrt{-\frac{2CR_L^2}{L} + 1}} \approx 2C^2 R_L \omega_0^3 \\
\frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, R_L} R_L \\
f_{TC, R_L} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_L} \frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} / \omega \\
&= 2a_{TC, R_L} C^2 R_L^2 \omega_0^2 = \frac{2a_{TC, R_L} C^2 L^2 \omega_0^4}{Q_L^2} = \frac{2a_{TC, R_L}}{Q_L^2} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_C} &= -\frac{C^2 R_L \omega_0^3}{\sqrt{-\frac{2CR_L R_C}{L} + 1}} \approx C^2 R_L \omega_0^3 \\
\frac{\partial R_C}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, R_C} R_C \\
f_{TC, R_C} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_C} \frac{\partial R_C}{\partial T} / \omega \\
&= a_{TC, R_C} C^2 R_L R_C \omega_0^2 = \frac{a_{TC, R_C} R_C C^2 L \omega_0^3}{Q_L} = \frac{a_{TC, R_C} R_C C \omega_0}{Q_L} = \frac{a_{TC, R_C}}{Q_L Q_C} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial L} &= -\frac{(-4CR_L^2 + L)\omega_0}{2L^2 \sqrt{-\frac{2CR_L^2}{L} + 1}} = -\frac{L\omega_0}{2L^2} = -\frac{\omega}{2L} \\
\frac{\partial L}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, L} L \\
f_{TC, L} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial L} \frac{\partial L}{\partial T} / \omega = -\frac{a_{TC, L} L}{2L} = -\frac{a_{TC, L}}{2} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial C} &= -\frac{L\omega_0^3}{2\sqrt{-\frac{2CR_L^2}{L} + 1}} \approx -\frac{L\omega_0^3}{2} \\
\frac{\partial C}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, C} C \\
f_{TC, C} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial C} \frac{\partial C}{\partial T} / \omega = -\frac{a_{TC, C} LC\omega^2}{2} = -\frac{a_{TC, C}}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{A.2}$$

## A.2 Clapp

### A.2.1 Oscillation frequency

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum X &= -\left(\frac{1}{Q_B} + \frac{1}{Q_D}\right) \sum R \\
-\frac{1}{\omega C_A} - \frac{1}{\omega C_B} - \frac{1}{\omega C_D} + \omega L &= (\omega R_B C_B + \omega R_D C_D)(R_A + R_B + R_D) \\
-\frac{1}{\omega C} + \omega L &= (\omega R_B C_B + \omega R_D C_D)(R_A + R_B + R_D) \\
\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} - 1 &= (\omega R_B C_B + \omega R_D C_D)(R_A + R_B + R_D) \\
\omega^2 &= \omega_0^2(1 + \omega C(\omega R_B C_B + \omega R_D C_D)(R_A + R_B + R_D)) \tag{A.3} \\
\omega^2 &= \frac{1}{LC} \left(1 + \frac{1}{L}(R_B C_B + R_D C_D)(R_A + R_B + R_D)\right) \\
\omega^2 &= \frac{1}{LC} \frac{(L + (R_B C_B + R_D C_D)(R_L + R_B + R_D))}{L} \\
\omega &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \sqrt{\frac{L + 2C_{BD}R_{BD}R_L}{L}} \\
\omega &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \sqrt{\frac{L + 2C_R C_R L}{L}}
\end{aligned}$$

## A.2.2 Frequency stability

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_L} &= \frac{C_{BD} C R_{BD} \omega_0^3}{\sqrt{\frac{2C_{BD} R_{BD} R_L}{L} + 1}} \approx C_{BD} C R_{BD} \omega_0^3 \\
\frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, R_L} R_L \\
f_{TC, R_L} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_L} \frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} / \omega \\
&= a_{TC, R_L} C_{BD} C R_{BD} R_L \omega_0^2 = \frac{C_{BD} R_{BD} a_{TC, R_L} L C \omega_0^3}{Q_L} = \frac{a_{TC, R_L}}{Q_L Q_C} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_C} &= \frac{C_{BD} C R_L \omega_0^3}{\sqrt{\frac{2C_{BD} R_{BD} R_L}{L} + 1}} \approx C_{BD} C R_L \omega_0^3 \\
\frac{\partial R_C}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, R_C} R_C \\
f_{TC, R_C} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_C} \frac{\partial R_C}{\partial T} / \omega \\
&= a_{TC, R_C} C_{BD} C R_{BD} R_L \omega_0^2 = \frac{C_{BD} R_{BD} a_{TC, R_C} L C \omega_0^3}{Q_L} = \frac{a_{TC, R_C}}{Q_L Q_C} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial L} &= -\frac{(4C_{BD} R_L R_{BD} + L)\omega_0}{2L^2 \sqrt{-\frac{2C_{BD} R_L R_{BD}}{L} + 1}} = -\frac{L\omega_0}{2L^2} = -\frac{\omega}{2L} \\
\frac{\partial L}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, L} L \\
f_{TC, L} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial L} \frac{\partial L}{\partial T} / \omega = -\frac{a_{TC, L} L}{2L} = -\frac{a_{TC, L}}{2} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial C} &= -\frac{L\omega_0^3}{2\sqrt{\frac{2C_{BD} R_L R_{BD}}{L} + 1}} \approx -\frac{L\omega_0^3}{2} \\
\frac{\partial C}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, C} C \\
f_{TC, C} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial C} \frac{\partial C}{\partial T} / \omega = -\frac{a_{TC, C} L C \omega^2}{2} = -\frac{a_{TC, C}}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{A.4}$$



### A.3 Cross-coupled (+Ca)

#### A.3.1 Oscillation frequency

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum X &= -\left(\frac{1}{Q_B} + \frac{1}{Q_D}\right) \sum R \\
-\frac{1}{\omega C_A} - \frac{1}{\omega C_D} + \omega L &= (\omega R_B C_B + \omega R_D C_D)(R_A + R_B + R_D) \\
-\frac{1}{\omega C} + \omega L &= -\left(\frac{R_L}{\omega L} - \omega R_D C_D\right)(R_C + R_L) \\
\frac{\omega_0^2 - 1}{\omega C} &= -\left(\frac{R_L}{\omega L} - \omega R_D C_D\right)(R_C + R_L) \\
\omega^2 &= \omega_0^2 \left(1 - \omega C \left(\frac{R_L}{\omega L} - \omega R_D C_D\right)(R_C + R_L)\right) \tag{A.5} \\
\omega^2 &= \frac{1}{LC} \left(1 - \frac{1}{L} (R_L C - R_D C_D) R_L\right) \\
\omega^2 &= \frac{1}{LC} \frac{L - (R_L C - R_D C_D) R_L}{L} \\
\omega &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \sqrt{\frac{L - (R_L C - R_D C_D) R_L}{L}} \\
\omega &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \sqrt{\frac{L - CR_L^2}{L}}
\end{aligned}$$

### A.3.2 Frequency stability

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_L} &= -\frac{C^2 R_L \omega_0^3}{\sqrt{-\frac{C R_L^2}{L} + 1}} \approx -C^2 R_L \omega_0^3 \\
\frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, R_L} R_L \\
f_{TC, R_L} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_L} \frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} / \omega \\
&= -a_{TC, R_L} C^2 R_L^2 \omega_0^2 = -\frac{L^2 C^2 a_{TC, R_L} \omega_0^4}{Q_L^2} = -\frac{a_{TC, R_L}}{Q_L^2} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_C} &= \frac{C^2 R_C \omega_0^3}{\sqrt{\frac{C R_C^2 - C R_L^2}{L} + 1}} \approx C^2 R_C \omega_0^3 \\
\frac{\partial R_C}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, R_C} R_C \\
f_{TC, R_C} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_C} \frac{\partial R_C}{\partial T} / \omega \\
&= a_{TC, R_C} C^2 R_C^2 \omega_0^2 = \frac{a_{TC, R_C}}{Q_C^2} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial L} &= -\frac{(-2C R_L^2 + L) \omega_0}{2L^2 \sqrt{-\frac{2C R_L^2}{L} + 1}} = -\frac{L \omega_0}{2L^2} = -\frac{\omega}{2L} \\
\frac{\partial L}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, L} L \\
f_{TC, L} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial L} \frac{\partial L}{\partial T} / \omega = -\frac{a_{TC, L} L}{2L} = -\frac{a_{TC, L}}{2} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial C} &= -\frac{L \omega_0^3}{2 \sqrt{-\frac{C R_L^2}{L} + 1}} \approx -\frac{L \omega_0^3}{2} \\
\frac{\partial C}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, C} C \\
f_{TC, C} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial C} \frac{\partial C}{\partial T} / \omega = -\frac{a_{TC, C} L C \omega^2}{2} = -\frac{a_{TC, C}}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{A.6}$$

## A.4 Colpitts (+Ca)

### A.4.1 New $R_A$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_A &= \frac{R_L \frac{L}{C_A} - R_L \frac{L}{C_A} + R_L \frac{1}{\omega^2 C_A^2}}{R_L^2 + \omega^2 L^2 - 2 \frac{L}{C_A} + \frac{1}{\omega^2 C_A^2}} \\
 &\approx \frac{R_L}{\omega^4 L^2 C_A^2 - 2\omega^2 L C_A + 1} \approx \frac{R_L}{\frac{C_A^2}{C^2} - 2\frac{C_A}{C} + 1} \quad (\text{A.7}) \\
 &= \frac{R_L C^\circ}{C_A - 2C_A C + C^2} = \frac{R_L C^2}{(C_A - C)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

### A.4.2 New $X_A$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_A &= \frac{-R_L^2 \frac{1}{\omega C_A} - \frac{\omega L^2}{C_A} + \frac{L}{\omega C_A^2}}{R_L^2 + \omega^2 L^2 - 2 \frac{L}{C_A} + \frac{1}{\omega^2 C_A^2}} \\
 &\approx \frac{\omega L - \omega^3 L^2 C_A}{\omega^4 L^2 C_A^2 - 2\omega^2 L C_A + 1} \quad (\text{A.8}) \\
 &= \frac{\omega L(1 - \frac{C_A}{C})}{\frac{C_A^2}{C^2} - 2\frac{C_A}{C} + 1} = \frac{\omega L(C^2 - C_A C)}{(C_A - C)^2} = \omega L \frac{C}{(C - C_A)}
 \end{aligned}$$

### A.4.3 New $\omega_0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum X &= 0 \\
 X_A - \frac{1}{\omega C} &= 0 \\
 \frac{\omega L C}{C - C_A} &= \frac{1}{\omega C} \\
 \omega^2 L C^2 &= C - C_A \quad (\text{A.9}) \\
 \omega_0^2 &= \frac{C - C_A}{L C^2} \\
 \omega_0 &= \sqrt{\frac{C - C_A}{L C^2}} \\
 \omega_0 &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{A_X L C}}
 \end{aligned}$$

**A.4.4 Oscillation frequency**

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum X &= -\left(\frac{1}{Q_B} + \frac{1}{Q_D}\right) \sum R \\
-\frac{1}{\omega C_B} - \frac{1}{\omega C_D} + A_X \omega L &= (\omega R_B C_B + \omega R_D C_D)(A_R R_A + R_B + R_D) \\
-\frac{1}{\omega C} + A_X \omega L &= (\omega R_B C_B + \omega R_D C_D)(A_R R_A + R_B + R_D) \\
\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_0^2} - 1 &= (\omega R_B C_B + \omega R_D C_D)(A_R R_A + R_B + R_D) \\
\omega^2 &= \omega_0^2 (1 + \omega C (\omega R_B C_B + \omega R_D C_D)(A_R R_A + R_B + R_D)) \\
\omega^2 &= \frac{1}{A_X LC} \left(1 + \frac{1}{A_X L} (R_B C_B + R_D C_D)(R_A + R_B + R_D)\right) \\
\omega^2 &= \frac{1}{A_X LC} \frac{(A_X L + (R_B C_B + R_D C_D)(R_L + R_B + R_D))}{A_X L} \\
\omega &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{A_X LC}} \sqrt{\frac{A_X L + 2C R_C A_R R_L}{A_X L}}
\end{aligned} \tag{A.10}$$

### A.4.5 Frequency stability

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_L} &= \frac{A_R C^2 R_C \omega_0^3}{\sqrt{\frac{2C R_C A_R R_L}{A_X L} + 1}} \approx A_R C^2 R_C \omega_0^3 \\
\frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, R_L} R_L \\
f_{TC, R_L} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_L} \frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} / \omega \\
&= a_{TC, R_L} A_R C^2 R_C R_L \omega_0^2 = \frac{A_R C R_C a_{TC, R_L} L C \omega_0^3}{Q_L} \\
&= \frac{A_R a_{TC, R_L} L C \frac{1}{A_X L C}}{Q_L Q_C} = \frac{A_R a_{TC, R_L}}{A_X Q_L Q_C} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_C} &= \frac{A_R C^2 R_L \omega_0^3}{\sqrt{\frac{2C R_C A_R R_L}{A_X L} + 1}} \approx A_R C^2 R_L \omega_0^3 \\
\frac{\partial R_C}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, R_C} R_C \\
f_{TC, R_C} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial R_C} \frac{\partial R_C}{\partial T} / \omega \\
&= a_{TC, R_C} A_R C^2 R_L R_C \omega_0^2 = \frac{A_R C R_C a_{TC, R_C} L C \omega_0^3}{Q_L} = \frac{A_R a_{TC, R_C}}{A_X Q_L Q_C} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial L} &= \frac{(2C A_R R_C R_L - L A_X) C^2 A_X \omega_0^5}{2 \sqrt{-\frac{A_R C R_L R_C}{A_X L} + 1}} = -\frac{L C^2 A_X^2 \omega_0^5}{2} \\
\frac{\partial L}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, L} L \\
f_{TC, L} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial L} \frac{\partial L}{\partial T} / \omega = -\frac{a_{TC, L} L^2 C^2 A_X^2 \omega_0^4}{2} = -\frac{a_{TC, L}}{2} \\
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial C} &= -\frac{L \omega_0 \frac{1}{LC}}{2 \sqrt{\frac{2C^2 R_C + 2C R_C A_R}{A_X L} + 1}} \approx -\frac{L \omega_0 \frac{1}{LC}}{2} \\
\frac{\partial C}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, C} C \\
f_{TC, C} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial C} \frac{\partial C}{\partial T} / \omega = -\frac{a_{TC, C} L C \frac{1}{LC}}{2} = -\frac{a_{TC, C}}{2}
\end{aligned} \tag{A.11}$$

**A.4.6 Unsimplified  $A_X$** 

$$\begin{aligned}
A_X &= \frac{-R_L^2 \frac{1}{\omega^2 LC_A} - \frac{\omega L}{C_A} + \frac{1}{\omega C_A^2}}{R_L^2 + \omega^2 L^2 - 2 \frac{L}{C_A} + \frac{1}{\omega^2 C_A^2}} \\
&= \frac{-R_L^2 \frac{C_A}{L} - \omega^2 C_A L_A + 1}{R_L^2 \omega^2 C_A^2 + \omega^4 L^2 C_A^2 - 2\omega^2 LC_A + 1} \\
&= \frac{-R_L^2 \frac{C_A}{L} - \frac{C_A}{A_X C} + 1}{\frac{R_L^2 C_A^2}{A_X L C} + \frac{C_A^2}{C^2 A_X^2} - 2 \frac{C_A}{C A_X} + 1} \\
&= \frac{-R_L^2 C^4 C_A - C_A L C^2 (C - C_A) + L C^4}{C^2 C_A^2 R_L^2 (C - C_A) + L C_A^2 (C - C_A)^2 - 2 L C_A C^2 (C - C_A) + L C^4}
\end{aligned} \tag{A.12}$$

**A.4.7 Frequency stability for  $A_X$** 

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial A_X} &= -\frac{C^2 L \omega^5 (4A_R R_C C R_L + L A_X)}{2 \sqrt{\frac{2A_R R_C C R_L}{L A_X} + 1}} \approx \\
&= -\frac{A_X C^2 L^2 \omega^5}{2} = -\frac{\omega}{2 A_X} \\
\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial R_L} &= -\frac{2C_A C^4 R_L (C_A - C)(2C_A^2 - 2C_A C + C^2)(C_A^2 - C_A C + C^2)}{L(C - C_A)(C_A^2 - C_A C + C^2)^4} \\
&= -\frac{2C_A C^4 R_L (C_A - C)(2C_A^2 - 2C_A C + C^2)}{L(C - C_A)(C_A^2 - C_A C + C^2)^3} \\
\frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} &= a_{TC, R_L} R_L \\
f_{TC, A_X} &= \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial T} / \omega = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial A_X} \frac{\partial A_X}{\partial R_L} \frac{\partial R_L}{\partial T} / \omega \\
&= \frac{2a_{TC, R_L} C_A C^3 R_L^2 (C_A - C)(2C_A^2 - 2C_A C + C^2)}{L(C_A^2 - C_A C + C^2)^3}
\end{aligned} \tag{A.13}$$

## A.5 Colpitts ( $Q_C = 54.3$ )

### A.5.1 Q-factor compensation

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{TC,R_L} + f_{TC,R_C} + f_{TC,L} + f_{TC,C} &= 0 \\
 \frac{a_{TC,R_L}}{Q_L Q_C} + \frac{a_{TC,R_C}}{Q_L Q_C} - \frac{a_{TC,L}}{2} - \frac{a_{TC,C}}{2} &= 0 \\
 \frac{a_{TC,R_L}}{Q_L Q_C} + \frac{a_{TC,R_C}}{Q_L Q_C} &= \frac{a_{TC,L}}{2} + \frac{a_{TC,C}}{2} \quad (\text{A.14}) \\
 Q_L &= \frac{2(a_{TC,R_L} + a_{TC,R_C})}{Q_C(a_{TC,L} + a_{TC,C})} \\
 Q_C &= \frac{2(a_{TC,R_L} + a_{TC,R_C})}{Q_L(a_{TC,L} + a_{TC,C})}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Appendix B

## Schematics and parameter tables

This part of the Appendix includes supporting schematics and parameter tables

### B.0.1 Schematics

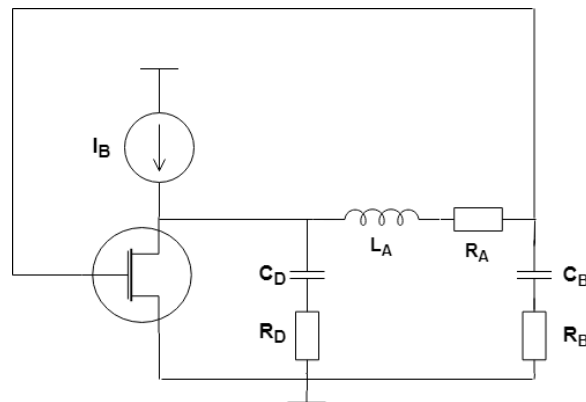


Figure B.1: Colpitts common-gate schematic

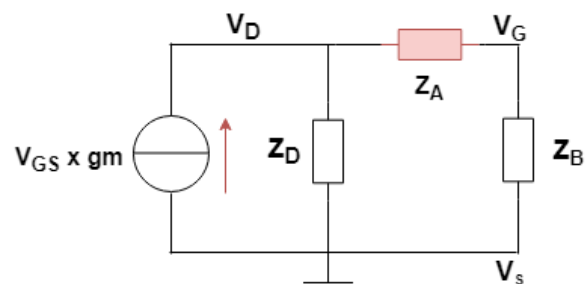
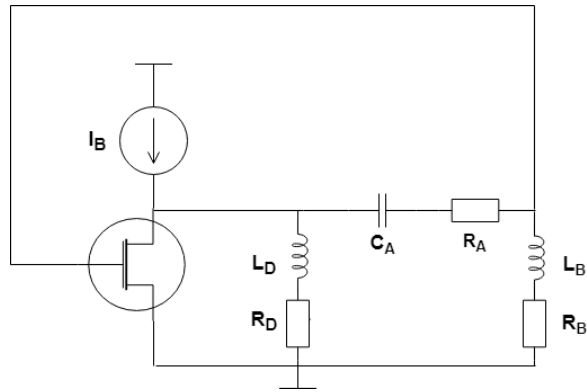
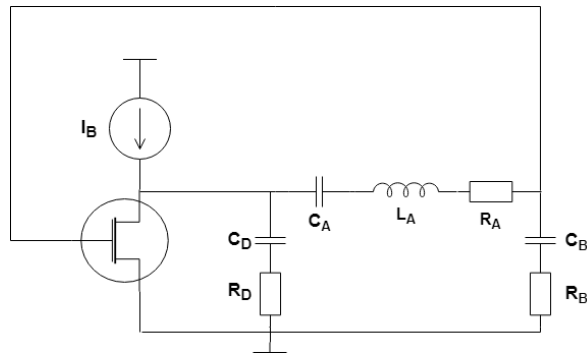


Figure B.2: Cross-coupled simplified schematic

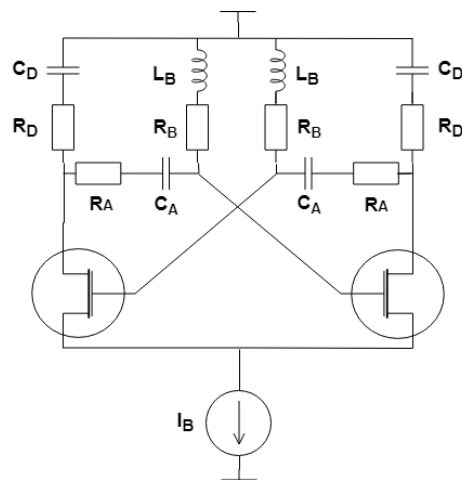




**Figure B.3:** Hartley schematic



**Figure B.4:** Clapp schematic



**Figure B.5:** Cross-coupled (+ $C_a$ ) schematic

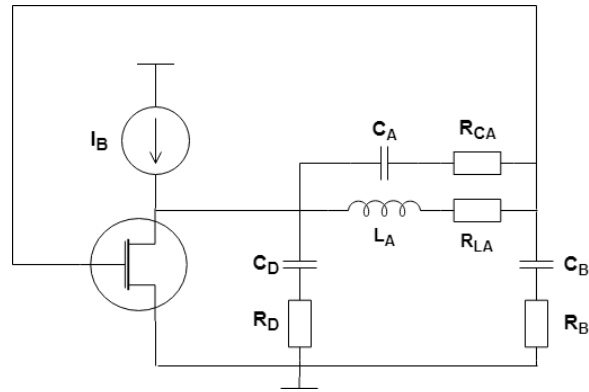


Figure B.6: Colpitts (+ $C_a$ ) schematic

### B.0.2 Parameter tables

Table B.1: Parameter ranges and values

	<b>L</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>frequency</b>
range	0.5 – 5nH	100fF – 20pF	1 – 2GHz
Q	10	200	

Table B.2: Temperature coefficients

	$a_{TC,R_L}$	$a_{TC,R_C}$	$a_{TC,L}$	$a_{TC,C}$
value	4000	4000	15	15