

Title (en)

Methods and circuits for providing stable current and voltage references based on currents flowing through ultra-thin dielectric layer components

Title (de)

Verfahren und Schaltungen zur Bereitstellung stabiler Strom- und Spannungsreferenzen auf Grundlage von durch ultradünne dielektrische Schichtkomponenten fließenden Strömen

Title (fr)

Procédés et circuits pour la fourniture de références stables de tension et de courant basées sur des courants s'écoulant à travers des composants de couche diélectrique ultra-mince

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[origin: EP2592521A2] Low-power circuits for providing stable voltage and current references rely on currents flowing through ultra-thin dielectric layer components for operation. A current reference circuit includes driving circuitry operative to apply a voltage to the first terminal of the component with respect to the second terminal of the component in order to cause a current to flow through the dielectric layer, and sources a reference output current that is based on the current flow through the dielectric layer in response to the applied voltage. A voltage reference circuit includes a current source which applies a current to the ultra-thin dielectric layer component, and maintains an output node at a stable reference output voltage level based on the voltage across the ultra-thin dielectric layer component in response to the current flow through the dielectric layer.

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