



SiTime MEMS oscillators in handheld devices HandsOnTraining

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MEMS technology in timing



SiTime – fabless semiconductor manufacturer of MEMS timing solutions

- MEMS oscillator technology instead of quartz crystal based solution
- MEMS chip + CMOS circuitry in one package







1.5 x 0.8 mm



SiTime

- Fabless analog IC company, founded in 2005
- Mass production since 2007, 1Bu+ shipped to date
- The leader in MEMS-based silicon timing, with 90% market share
- SiTime's mixed-signal and MEMS IP is 100% designed in-house





Structure





Growth

	2014	Today	Future	
	15 families, 200MUnits Oscillator	40 families, 1B Units Oscillator	All timing categories: Oscillator, Resonator, Clock Generators	
THE REAL	75 patents Performance = quartz	100 patents Performance 30x higher	Performance 50x higher	
	1,000 customers 100 applications	5,000 customers 200 applications	5x more	



Comparison

QUARTZ

- Boutique hybrid customized supply chain
- Lower performance
- Long lead times
- Custom part for each frequency
- Sensitive to shock & vibration
- Loss Making

MEMS

- Scalable All Silicon volume technology
- Highest performance
- 4-8 weeks lead time
- Programmable to ANY frequency
- Robust shock resistant proven
- Complete 5G roadmap, Oscillators, Clocks, Jitter cleaners...
- Programmable rise/fall time to reduce EMI and improve jitter



MEMS wins on every metric



Metric	SiTime	Crystal
Supply Chain	Multiple sources	Single Source
Shock and Vibration	30x Better	3000x Larger Mass
Size	Always Smaller	Physically Limited
Lead Time	4-8 Weeks	26-52 Weeks
Quality	0.15 DPPM	50 - 200 DPPM
Reliability	800M Hours	28M Hours
Capacity	Infinite	Capital Intensive
Wide Temp Operation	-55 to +125 °C	-30°C to +85°C
Cost	Always Better	Expensive Process
Flexible Packaging	SOT, Plastic, CSP	Only Ceramic
Flexible Frequency	1Hz – 725MHz	Fixed Mainstream Only
Programmable	In lab (Many parameters)	Fixed Frequency



Technology – Silicon always wins

Best performance

- 30x better than quartz in dynamic, real world conditions
- 70% lower power
- 80% smaller
- 10mK resolution temperature sensor, best

Best Quality & Reliability

- No Aging
- Lifetime Warranty (MTBF 1140 MHrs while quartz<40)

Rapid innovation

200x – 30,000x improvement in 10 years

Scalable manufacturing

Standard semiconductor process

Best product availability

- Shortest leadtimes
- Integration
- Features, efficiency, programmability





Reliability measures





Silicon MEMS Shock Sensitivity is 60k Times Better Than Quartz



Frequency Offset (ppm)

0.8

0.6

0.2

-0.4 -0.6



SiTime MEMS Oscillators are Inherently Robust Against Shock & Vibration

The resonator structure operates like a very stiff spring \rightarrow Very difficult to affect through external force.

>1M *g* needed before resonator touches any surfaces. 55,000 times greater than a Cannon!





Frequency Stability Low Power MEMS Oscillator (1-150MHz)

Measuring unit multipliers

- 1% 0.01 10⁻²
- 1‰ 0.001 10⁻³
- 1ppm 0.000001 10⁻⁶





Product portfolio





IoT & Wearables





Application examples



Appl. Example: Single 32kHz XO/TCXO Drives the RTC, BLE, and Audio DAC

- <u>Problem</u>: Too many reference clocks, need to reduce BOM
- <u>Solution</u>: SiT1532/52 or SiT156x XO/TCXO drives multiple loads including audio
- Key Advantages:
 - > 32kHz XO/TCXO drives multiple loads
 - Smaller footprint than 2 x 32kHz XTALs + 4 load caps and one MHz XTAL + load caps
 - Acceptable Integrated Phase Jitter (IPJ) performance, 2.5ns_{RMS}, to drive audio SoC
 - Optional TCXO saves 30% additional system power





When the size matters....



Features	SiT1532	Quartz XTAL
Package Footprint w/ Load Caps	1.2mm ² (80% smaller)	5.5mm ²
Load Capacitors	No	Yes
Load Dependent Start-up	No	Yes
Bypass Caps	No	NA



Appl. Example : SiT802x µPower MHz Oscillator Highlight

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1 - 26 MHz	100 PPM	1.8∨±10%	1.5 x 0.8mm CSP	-40 to +85 C	110 μA @ 3.072 MHz	5 ms	LVCMOS

- World's lowest power MHz oscillator
 - 110 µA active current (3.072MHz)
- Ultra-small package (1.5 mm x 0.8mm) at low frequency, not easily available from quartz
- Programmable drive strength for best EMI or driving multiple loads
- Low Jitter for portable audio: 2.5ns_{RMS} IPJ (20Hz 40kHz)





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SAVING BATTERY LIFE in handheld devices



Typical RF sensor infrastructure



Wireless communication @ IoT

- RF communication with battery based power
- LPWAN or LPLAN (Body network) is use
 - LPLAN : BLE (Bluetooth[®] Low Energy) or Zigbee,
 - LPWAN LoRa, SigFox, or NB-IoT
- Main state is SLEEP, when hardly no power is consumed
- Power consumption is in ACTIVE COMMUNICATION mode
- Power consumption ~ Ton / Tsleep





Compare power consumption of different LPLAN technologies



Best example for lowest power consumption @ same sleep time

- BLE (Bluetooth[®] Low Energy)
- Zigbee and others have higher power consumption in the function of sleep time
- General rule is that power consumption reduces with sleep time growth





Typical BLE based communication block diagram



Main power consumers are :

- BLE (Bluetooth® Low Energy)
- Microcontroller

Wearables expectations / properties :

- Small size
- Collect and send data in short bursts
- Return to the lowest power state asap
- Stay in the lowest power state as long as feasible
- Run for days on a small capacity, small footprint battery
- Optimize current drain in a cyclic sleep scenario



Battery life calculation



Battery life is dictated by the coulombs consumed per cycle

- Coulombs = I_{active} . T_{ON} + I_{sleep} . T_{sleep}
- Expressed in µC or mAH



BLE communication and power consumption



Average power is directly proportional to the ratio of "ON" time to "Sleep" time



Early ON time (Δ T) to accommodate inaccurate sleep clock causes power penalty • Δ T = (SLEEP CLOCK ACCURACY) * (SLEEP TIME)



Sleep time vs Active time for better imagination





Rx window widening by inaccurate RTC

RX Wake up - Pre-process Post-process Tχ Window Sleeping Sleeping **ON** Time 🕒 🕒 🖸 🏹 💾 ЗЗ1 µs/ **∢** 0 ► T 88.5 mV ← 1 1 6.0014245393 s

Rx window width is proportional to (masterSCA + slaveSCA)

Time spent in high power consumption mode

- Rx window is open during the time early woken module is waiting for signal from the other module
- Transmit window (Tx) is not a problem, as it is standard width
- $\Delta T_{RX} = (SCA_{master} + SCA_{slave}) * 10^{-5} * \Delta T_{connection}$
- Master device : we do not have an influence, so go for SCA slave



Measured ON time based on different SLEEP times

- masterSCA + slave SCA= 80 ppm
- For Sleep Time = 4s; ON Time = 3.6 ms



Sleep Time (ms)	ON Time (ms
100	2.9
2000	3.2
4000	3.6
8000	4.3
16000	5.2



SCA affects Early ON time

	Sleep time= 2 sec	Sleep time= 20 sec	Sleep time= 50 sec
SleepClock Accuracy		Early ON ΔT_{RX}	
(SCA)			
5 ppm	0.01 ms	0.1 ms	0.25 ms
50 ppm	0,10 ms	1.0 ms	2.50 ms
70 ppm	0.14 ms	1.4 ms	3.50 ms
200 ppm	0.40 ms	4.0 ms	10.0 ms

- @20 sec sleep time and SCA = 5 ppm vs SCA= 200 ppm BLE's forced inactive receive state (Δ T_{RX}) shows 40X difference
- Its effect to the power consumption is:

 $P_2/P_1 = (T_{ON} + \Delta T_{RX1}) / (T_{ON} + \Delta T_{RX2}) = 2.26$



Ideal BLE timing structure



Replacing the 32.768 kHz crystal resonator by a tiny(1.5x0.8mm) SiTime SiT1552 MEMS TCXO, with +/-5 ppm accuracy on the whole -40 .. + 85 °C temperature range we will win :

- Space, as MEMS solution is able to drive multiple CMOS load
- **Space** as replaced two bulky crystals
- Space as no need of 2 load capacitors
- Battery life , as the better SCA offers more than double battery lifetime



Programming oscillators



Time Machine II – Program Oscillators to Your Exact Specification Instantly



Instant Oscillators – Create Quartz XO Replacement in Seconds

- Any frequency
- Any stability
- Any Voltage
- Any package

Features and Benefits

- <u>Fast</u>: One-click programming of SiTime oscillators
- <u>Convenient</u>: USB powered, compatible with all PC
- Portable: Small, thin and easy to carry
- User Friendly: Intuitive UI, built-in part # generator, history
- <u>Auto Update</u>: Hassle free upgrade to latest software
- <u>Future Proof</u>: Support future devices
- <u>Durable</u>: Connectors and sockets are rated for 5000 insertions



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