

A Holdover Clock achieving

**+/-1.5uS
over 3 days**

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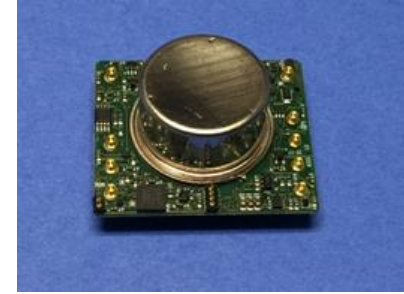


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Introduction



Quartz **Bar**, **Wafer**, **Blank**



Thickness/Pressure/
Temperature **Sensor** Crystal



Metal Can **Crystal**



SMD **Crystal**



General Purpose &
Precision SMD **Clock Oscillator**



Voltage Controlled
Crystal Oscillator (**VCXO**)



Fast Delivery Products
(**XO/VCXO/TCXO**)



Voltage Controlled
Temperature Compensated
Crystal Oscillator (**VCTCXO**)



Oven Controlled
Crystal Oscillator (**OCXO**)



Timing Module

The Problem

- Today's Communications systems require more precise network synchronization & holdover capability
- The transition to next generation, packet-based, networks makes sync technology more challenging, because packet-based networks do not naturally deliver synchronization.
- This means synchronization and holdover must be engineered into the system



The Problem, cont.

- If the Networks timing or synchronization reference is lost
The network's ability to maintain time or “holdover” is critical
- Selecting a well thought out Sync / Holdover strategy is the first step.
GPS is not always the solution.
Loss of GPS, GPS denial or GPS spoofing could be issues
- Holdover capability is not the only need.
Today's systems need to consider
cost, performance, size and power



Available Solutions for Holdover

- Cesium Beam clock
The primary standard $\ll 1\text{us}$ for 3 days.
bulky, power hungry and cost \$\$\$\$.
- Rubidium clock.
cost, size and power are more practical
has difficulty meeting $<1.5\text{us}$ holdover for 3 days
under all conditions
- Quartz OCXO
Best cost, size, power and life.
Typical units not able to meet performance
But significant progress has been made.



Need High Performance **but** Low Cost Solution

Full Performance Timing Module

- Low End Rubidium grade performance
+/-1.5 μ S / 3 days
- 1PPS disciplined
- Adaptive Algorithm
- Quartz Technology

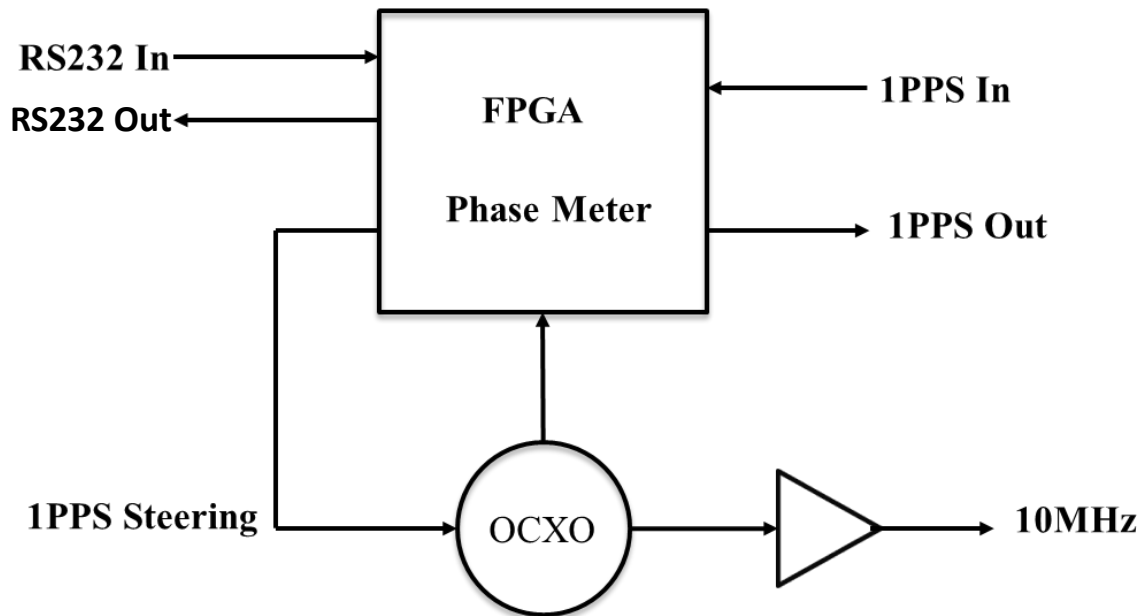


Advantages for Quartz Technology

- Low Cost
- Low Power
- Small size and less weight
- High Reliability for long life
- High Performance, achieving $\pm 1.5 \mu\text{S} / 3 \text{ days}$

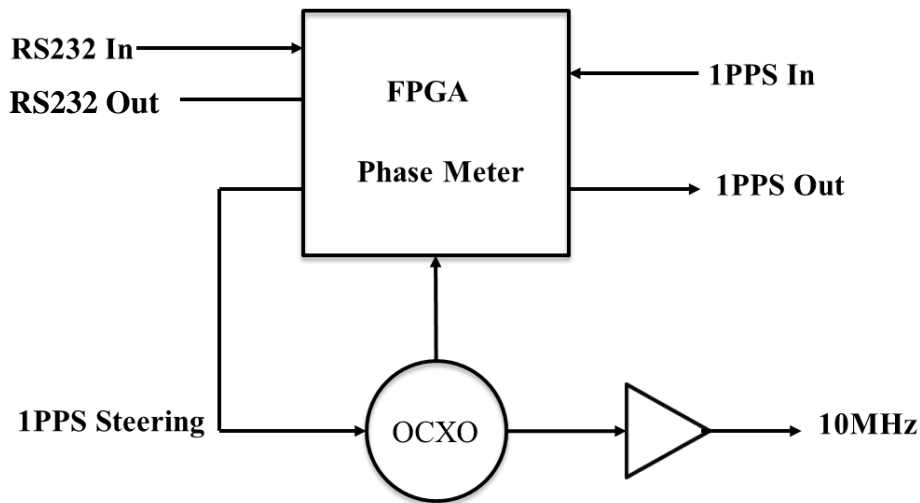


Holdover Clock – Block Diagram



Industry Partnerships for Key technologies

- High end Holdover Clock products
 - low power technology
 - high performance
 - holdover clock Technology
- GPS Sync products
 - GPS Discipline Technology
- High end OCXO
 - Ultra-Low drift crystal
 - High Stability Oven Design



Continuous Improvement

Crystal Manufacturing and Oscillator Design

- Ultra-Low drift crystal Technology
 - High Q quartz processing
 - Enhanced Crystal finishing technology
 - Repeatable Aging performance
- High stability oscillator design methodology
 - Low Power circuit design enhancements
 - High stability temperature controllers
 - Low drift oscillator circuit design



Continuous Improvement

Improved Characterization and Modeling

- Proprietary GPS disciplining
 - High resolution phase measurement
 - 1pps jitter filtering
- Improved Thermal modeling
 - Reductions in thermal transit disturbance
 - Improved retrace characteristics
- Improved algorithm on timing error prediction and correction



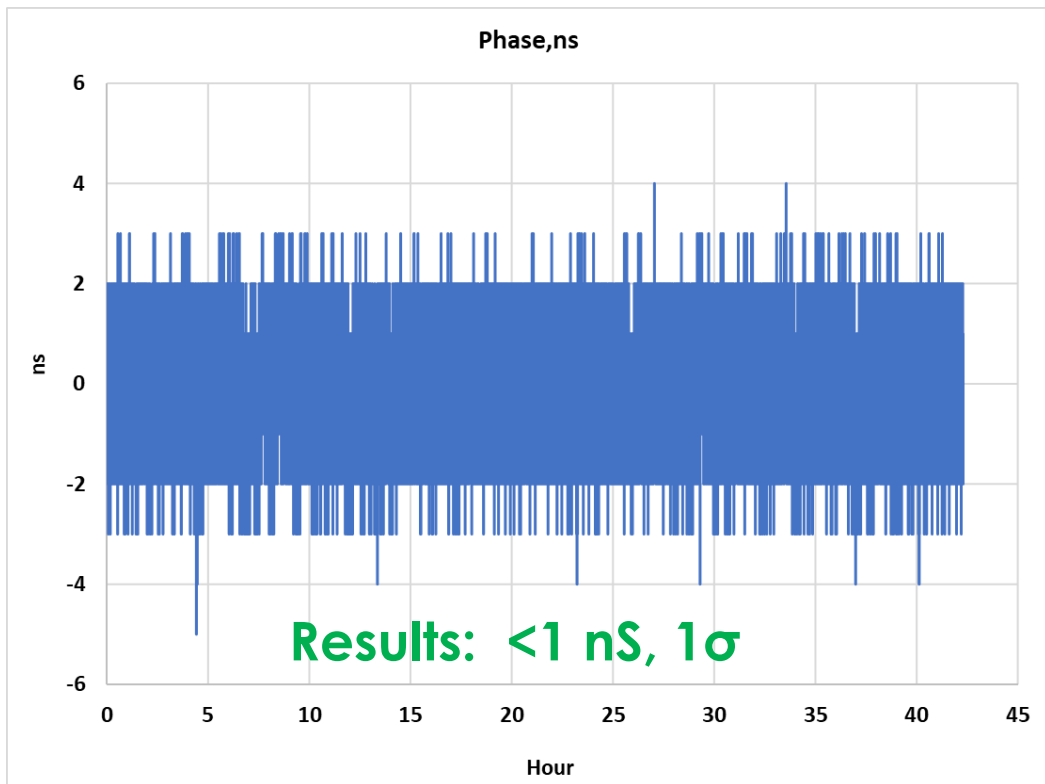
Full Performance Holdover Clock

A Quartz based 1PPS Disciplined Timing Module

- Standard Frequency: **10MHz**
- Disciplined 1pps Output: **<1ns RMS in Phase,
<10-12 in Frequency**
- Holdover: **<+/-1.5uSec. for 24 hours, $\Delta T=+/-10^{\circ}\text{C}$
<+/-1.5uSec. for 3 days, $\Delta T=+/-3^{\circ}\text{C}$
<+/-100uSec. for 7 days, $\Delta T=+/-5^{\circ}\text{C}$**
- Power, 5V: **1.5W (Steady State at 25°C)
125mW Low Power option**
- Size: **< 43 cc**
- Operating Temperature Range: **-20 to +70C**



Discipline - Phase, typical



Discipline - Frequency Accuracy

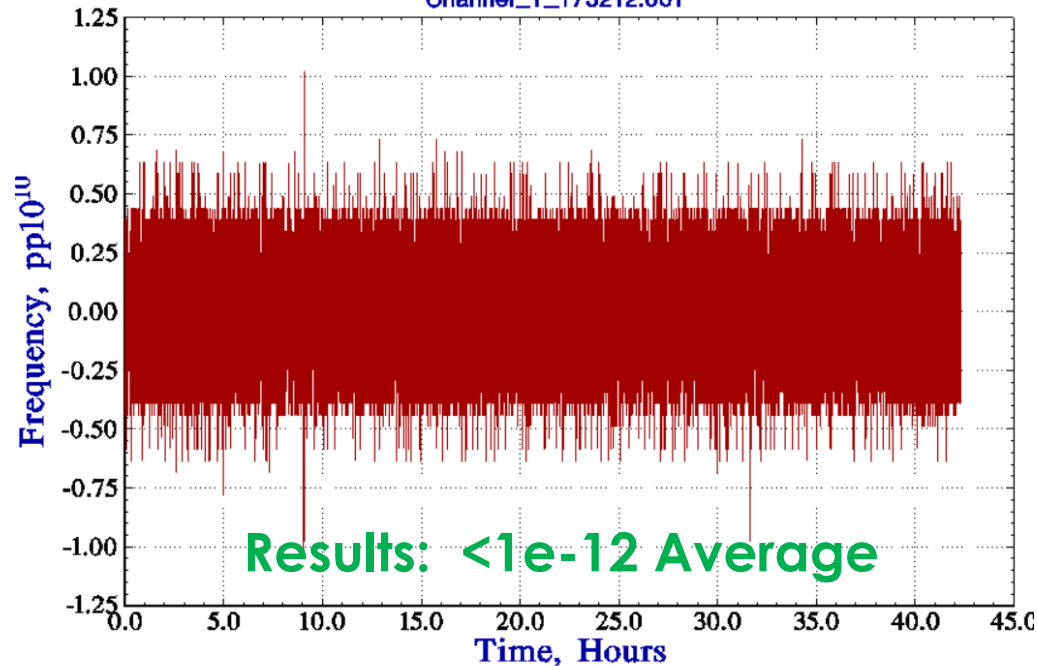
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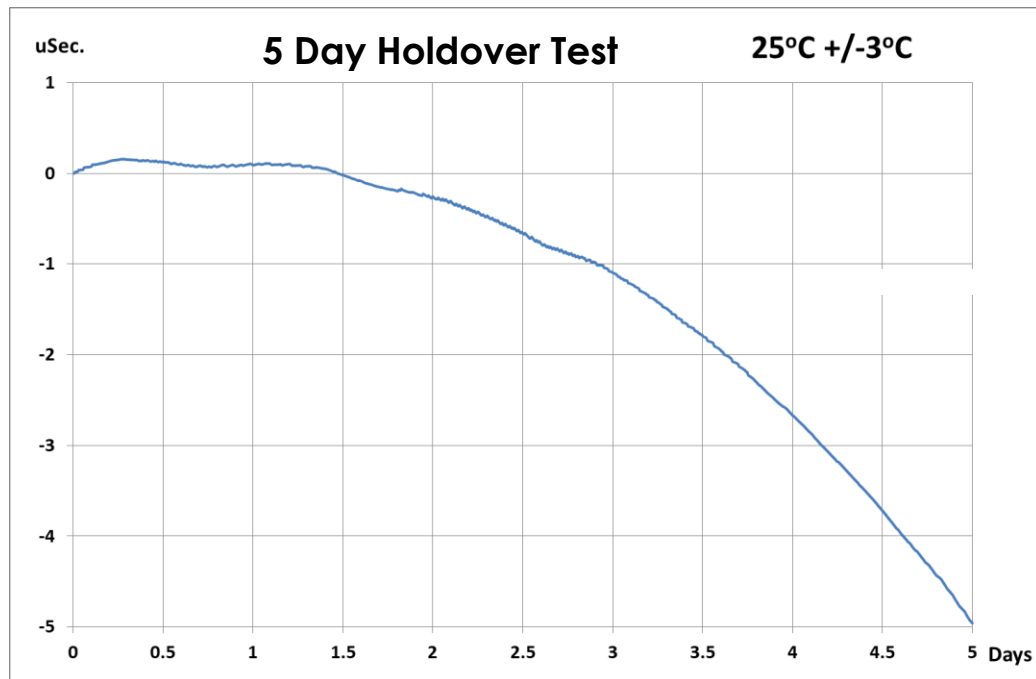
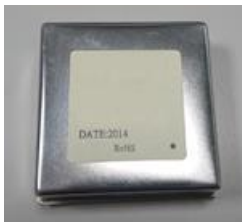
Holdover - Constant Temp

Power on: 7 days

Discipline: 1 day

Holdover: 5 days, 25C

Results: 1.1 μ S - 3 days
5.0 μ S - 5 days



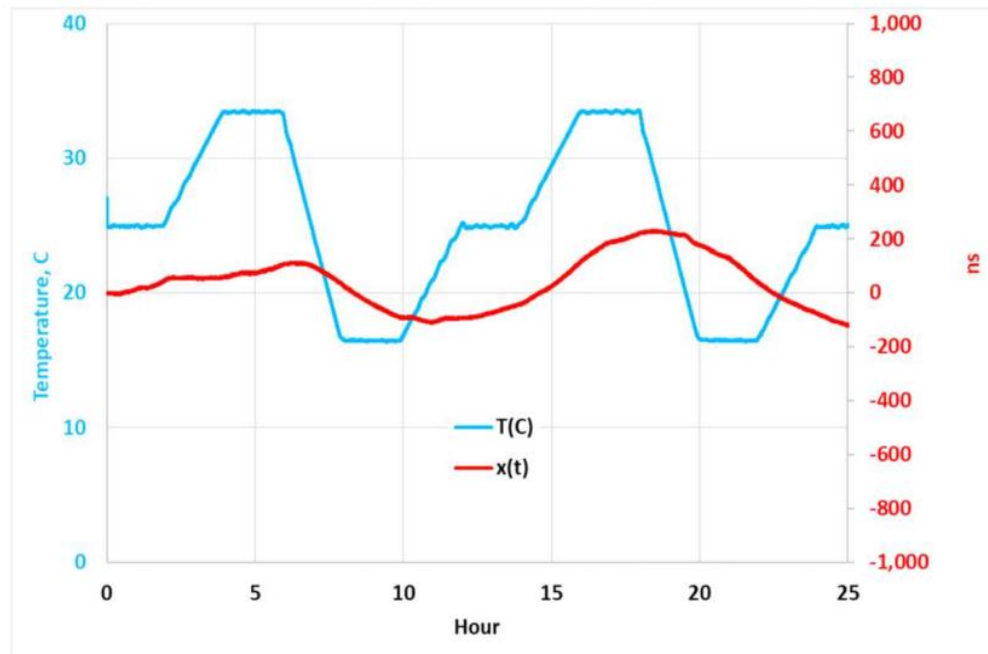
Holdover - Temp Variation, $\pm 10^{\circ}\text{C}$

Power on: 7 days

Discipline: 1 day

Holdover: 1 day, $\pm 10^{\circ}\text{C}$

Results: $\pm 200\text{ ns}$



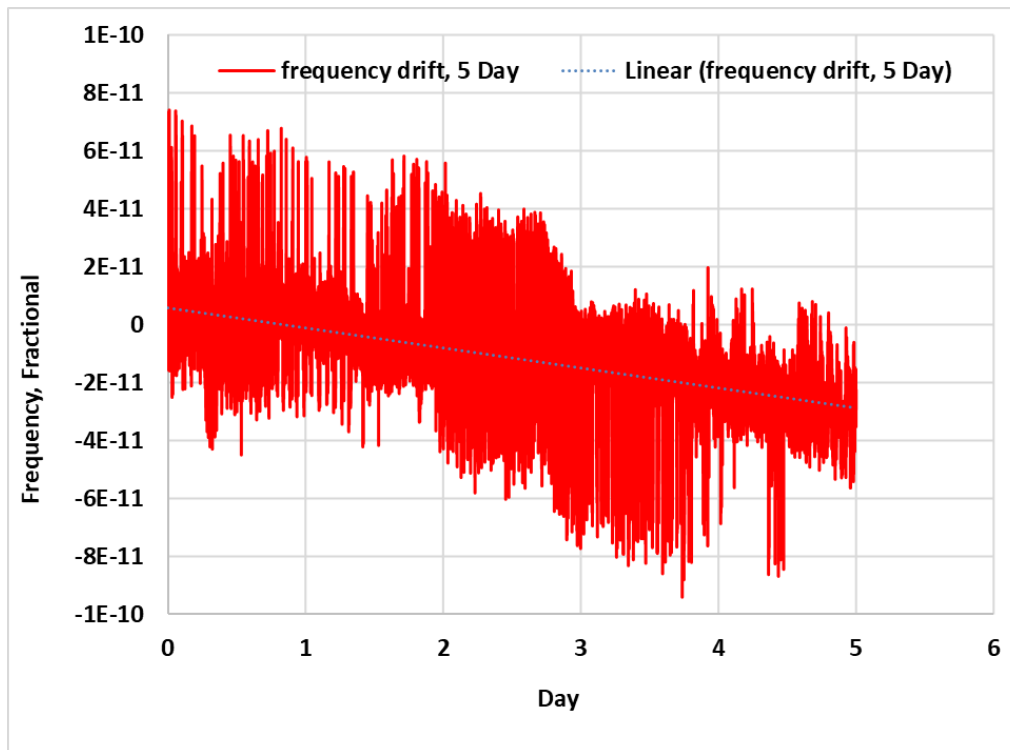
Holdover - Frequency Drift, 5 Day

Power on: 7 days

Discipline: 1 day

Holdover: 5 day, 25C

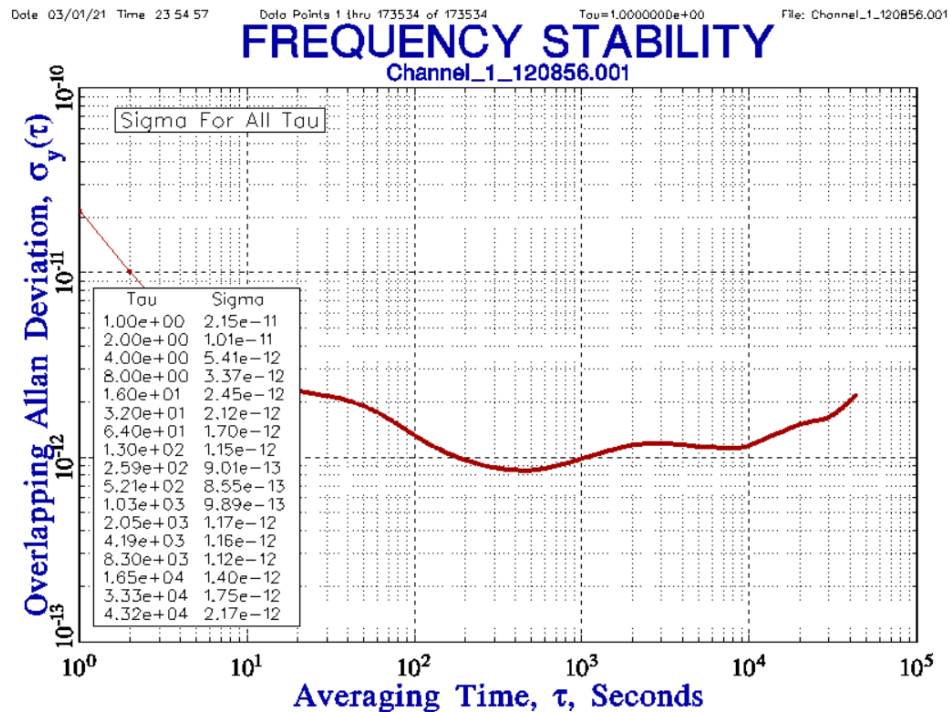
Results: $<3 \text{ e-}11/5 \text{ days}$
 $<6 \text{ e-}12/ \text{ day}$



Holdover – Allan Deviation

Power on: 7 days
Discipline: 1 day
Holdover: 1 day, 25C

ADEV: $<3 \text{ e-12/sec}$



Holdover - Retrace

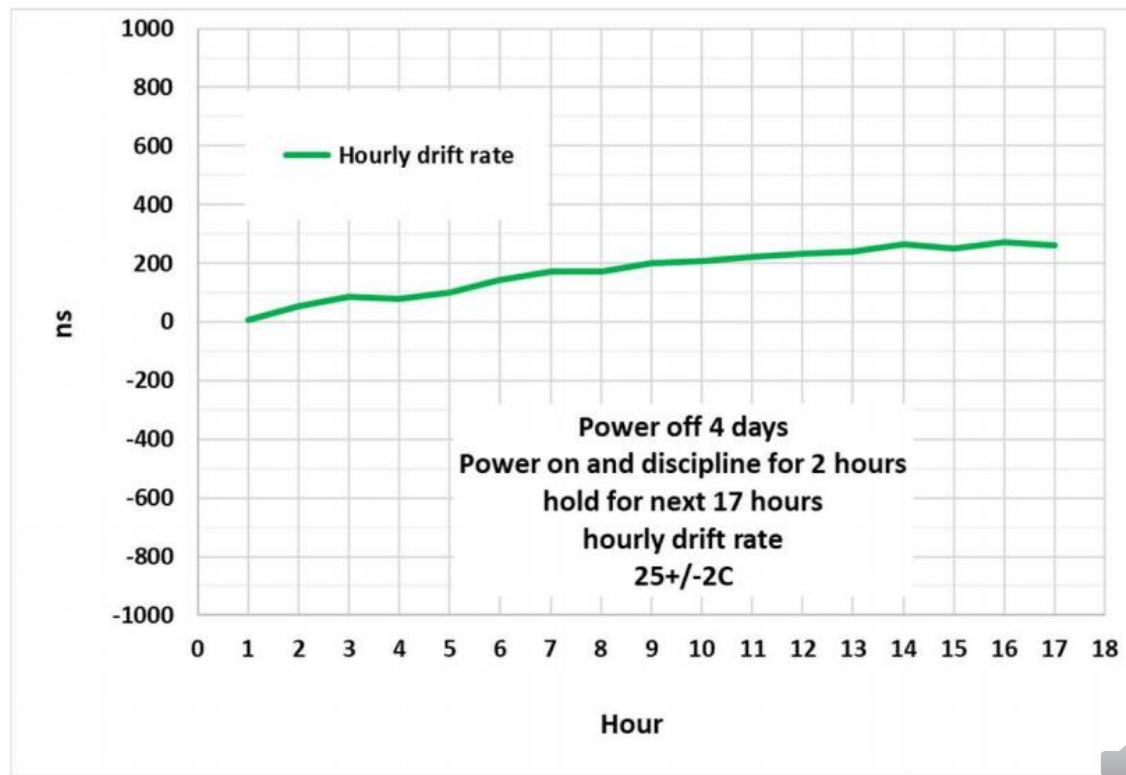
Power on: 7 days

Power off: 4 days

Power on &
discipline: 2 Hrs.

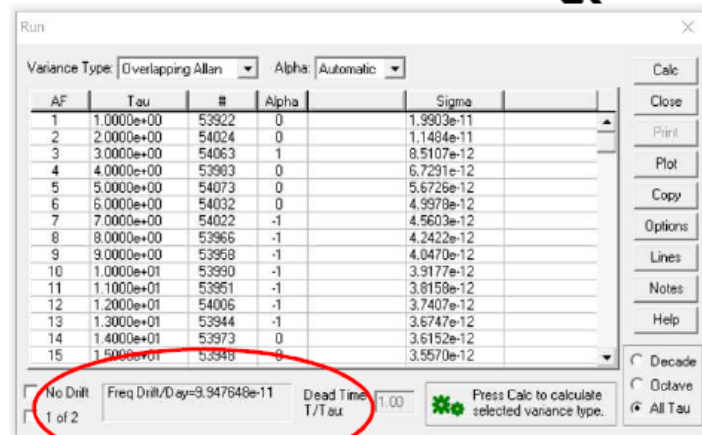
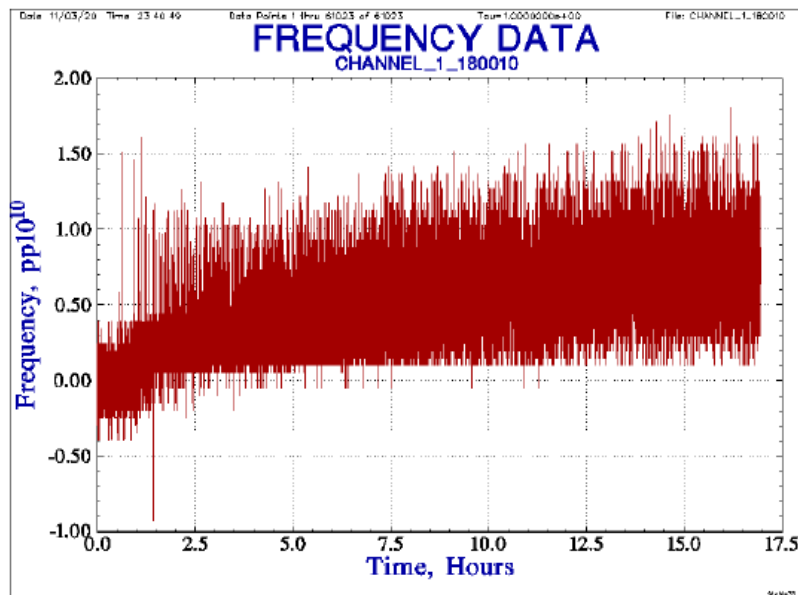
Holdover: 17 Hrs.

Hourly drift: < 270 nS



Holdover - Retrace

Power off 4 days, power on and discipline for 2 hours, holdover data in next 17 hours

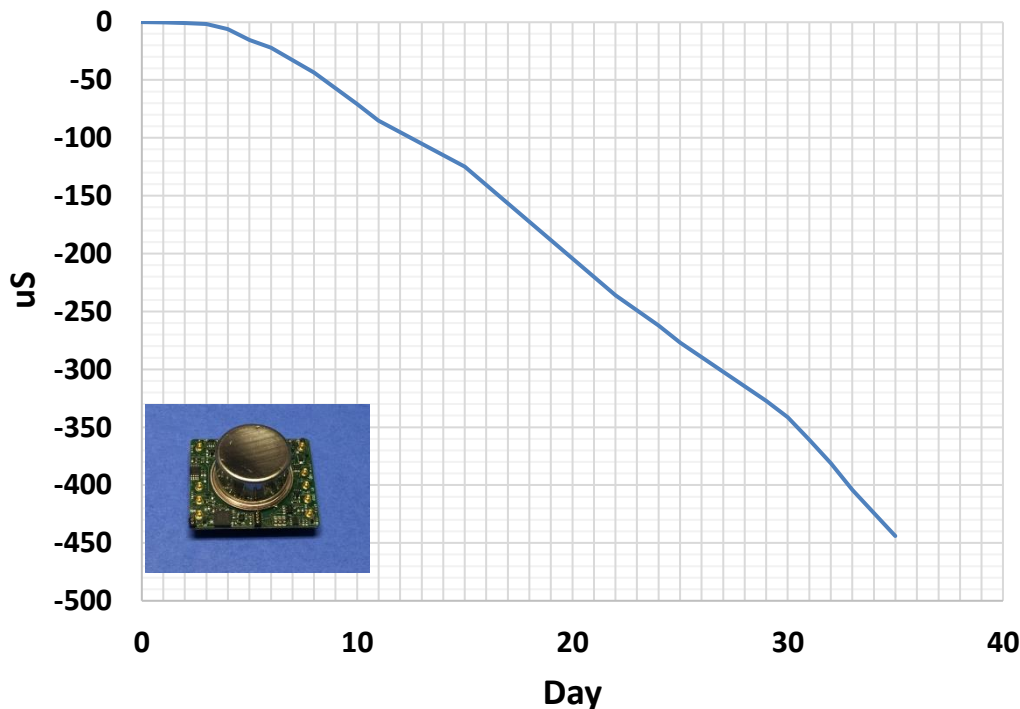


Holdover - *Ultra-low power option, 125mW**

Power on: 7 days
Discipline: 1 day
Holdover: 35 days,
25C+/-3C

Results: -1.5 μ S - 3 days
-444 μ S - 35 days

* 43 x 37 x 13 mm, -40C to +85C



Summary

Full Performance Holdover Clocks based on Quartz Technology are achieving

- High Performance, $\pm 1.5 \mu\text{S} / 3 \text{ days}$
- Low Power, 1.5W or 125mW
- Small Size
- High Reliability
- Low Cost
- Suitable for All Applications Requiring Exceptional Holdover Capability
- In active production



Thank you!

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