



Ruggedized Mini-Rubidium Oscillator Launch

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Agenda



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Leading Clock Technologies

- Space
- Ground

Ruggedized mRO-50

- Applications
- Design
- Performance

Use Cases

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Space

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Space Ultra Stable OCXO's & Atomic Clocks

Flight heritage missions with European & International space agencies, and commercial payload providers

Application Payload

GNSS Programs, Commercial & Military Satellite Communications, Earth Observations, SAR, Master clock payload

CORE COMPETENCIES

Timing & frequency reference systems
Atomic clocks & oscillators

REFERENCES

International space agencies
Commercial payload providers
OEMS in industry and defense

OCXO
MO



>250FM

OCXO
LNMO



>130FM

Rb Atomic
Frequency
Standard



114FM

Ground Hydrogen
Maser



53FM

Orolia awarded Galileo
2nd Generation (G2S)



Ground & Industrial

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Heritage in Industry, Science & Metrology

Growing Portfolio

Recent acquisition and integration of T4Science expands Maser technology for frequency reference sources, Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI), deep space tracking and navigation, timekeeping and precision time scales, and GNSS satellite monitoring and geodesy

S O L U T I O N S

Low SWaP Rb Sources



Primary Reference Sources/Frequency Stability Instruments



Passive Hydrogen Masers



CORE COMPETENCIES

Timing & frequency reference systems
Atomic clocks & oscillators

GROUND APPLICATIONS

Timing and Synchronization
Defense/Critical infrastructures/UAV
Satcom/Telecom/Audio-Video
GNSS PNT
LEO
Mobile systems/UUVs/sensors
Ground segment systems
Science & Metrology

**Orolia Technology
Synchronizes Black
Hole Photo Telescopes**



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Applications

Radars

Slow-moving target detection in Doppler radar
Integrated radar image from multiple sites
Surveillance capabilities in bi-static radar
Missile guidance, e.g. by on-board radar wrt ground radar

LEO

Independent precision
LEO PNT
Earth observation
IoT

Electronic Warfare

Interception of electronic signals
ELINT
JIED Jammers

Military Communications

Jamming rejections (MILSTAR)
Enables advanced waveforms
VSAT systems
Tactical radios with limited battery life

Airbornes & Avionics

Airborne intelligence gathering
UAV/UGV/USV/UUV
Resilient navigation (holdover)



**Precise Time Stamping,
Inertial Navigation, and
Waveform Synchronization
for UAVs**



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Specifications

Frequency Stability

ADEV : $1s < 4E-11$ (Option S)

Aging (After 30 days)

Per day $< (\text{option A}) 5E-12 / \text{day}$

Operating Temperature

-40° to $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$

DC power

0.45W @5V and 0.36W @3.3V

Cell lifetime/MTBF

10 years/155860 hours at $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$

Vibration

7.7 grms/axis per MIL-STD-810

Shock

MIL-STD-202G, Test Condition A, 50g, 11 ms, half sine



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Physics Package

VCSEL

Rubidium vapor cell

Cylinder coupling

Microwave to the rubidium atoms

Two C-field coils

An optical filter

Electronics Package

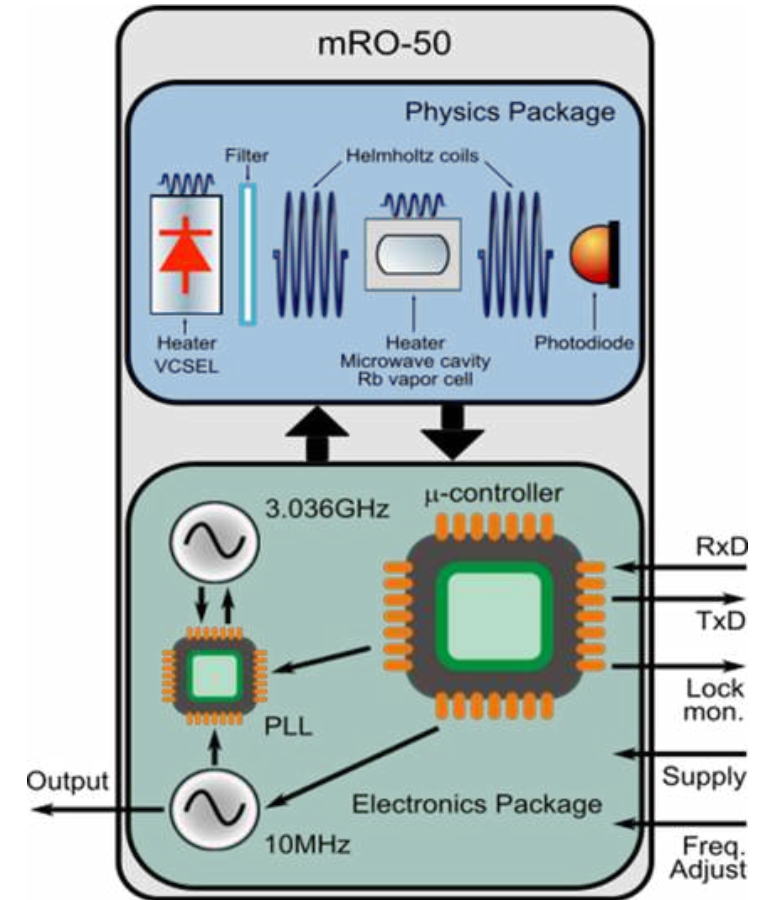
Microwave generation

Detection circuitry

Temperature controllers

Monitoring

Signal processing



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Key Elements

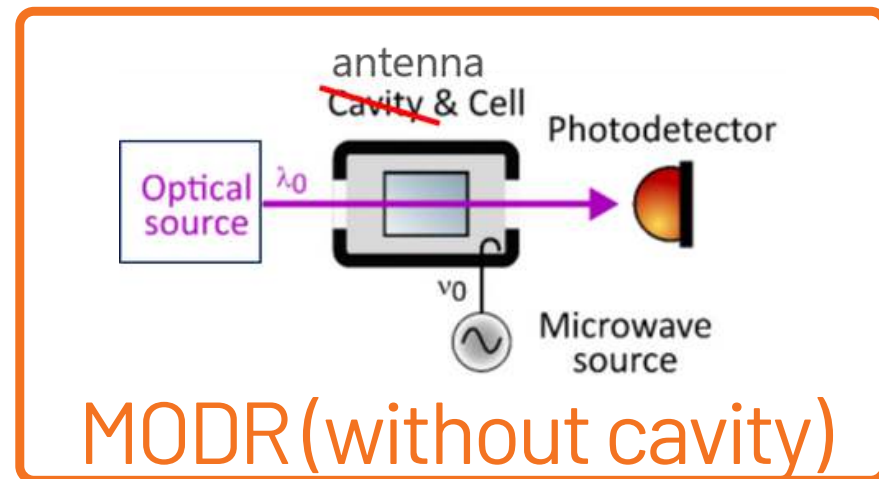
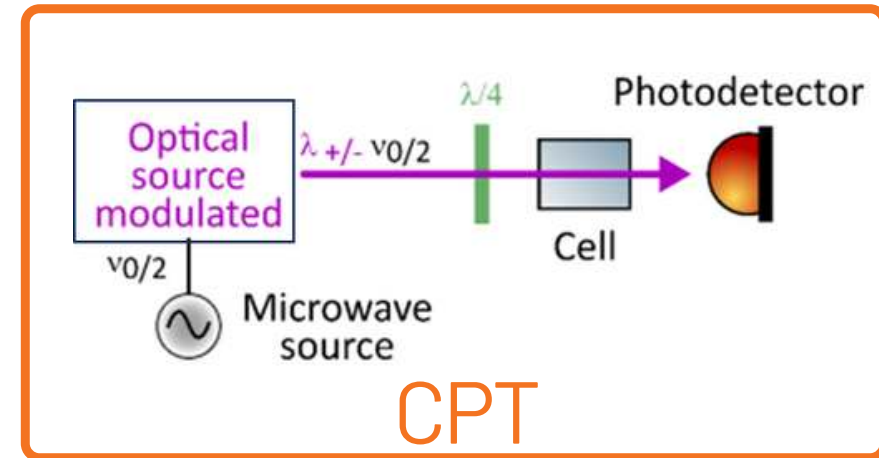
MODR without cavity allows to make compact PP (2 cm³) comparable in size to CPT solution

No need for high-frequency modulation of VCSEL diode

No requirement to stabilize the VCSEL modulation index

No need for quarter-wave plate (optical element) used in CPT

MODR without cavity does require an additional compact MW-antenna coupled to the Rb cell



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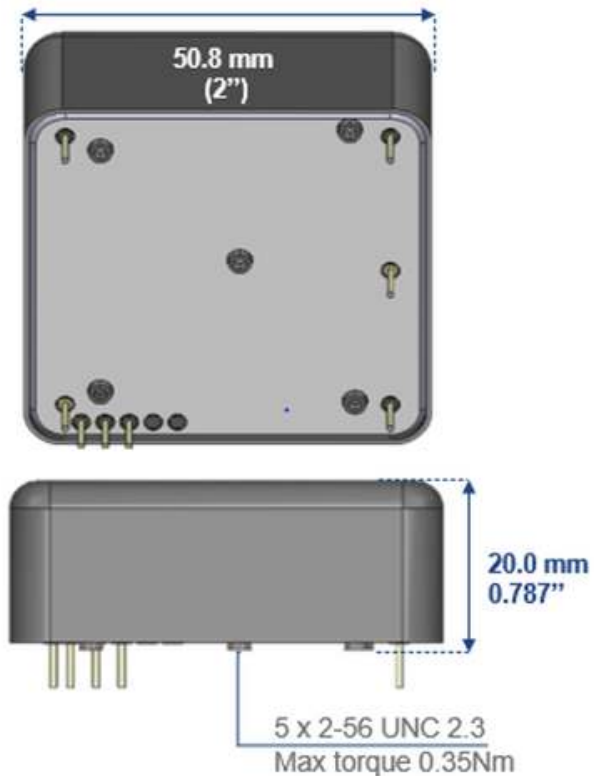
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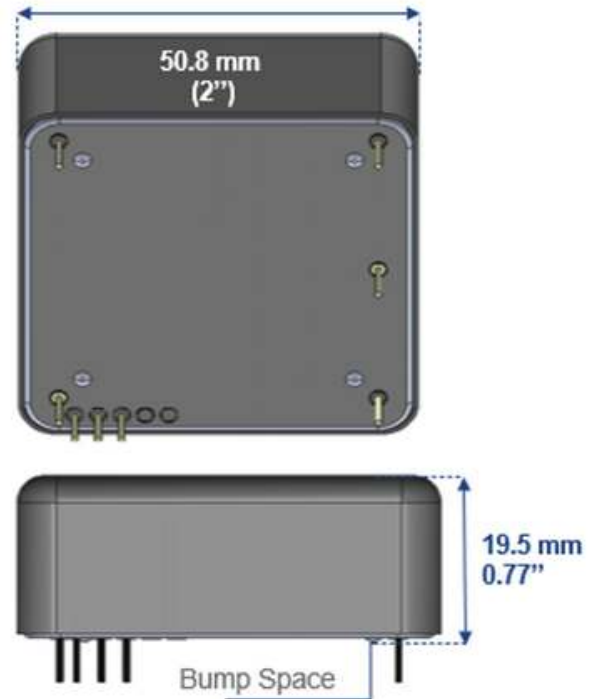
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WHAT'S CHANGED

Reinforced mechanical design for

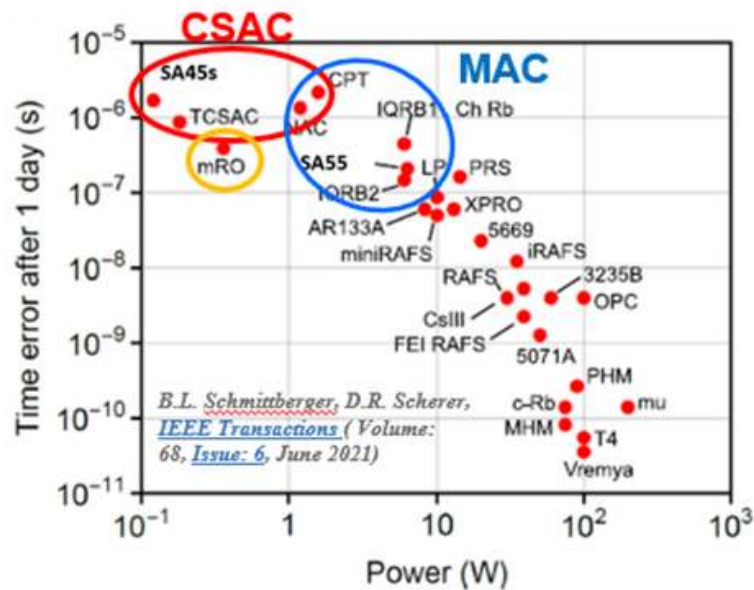
- Physics package
- Package mount

Improved Phase noise

Higher temperature laser diode

Improved ADEV

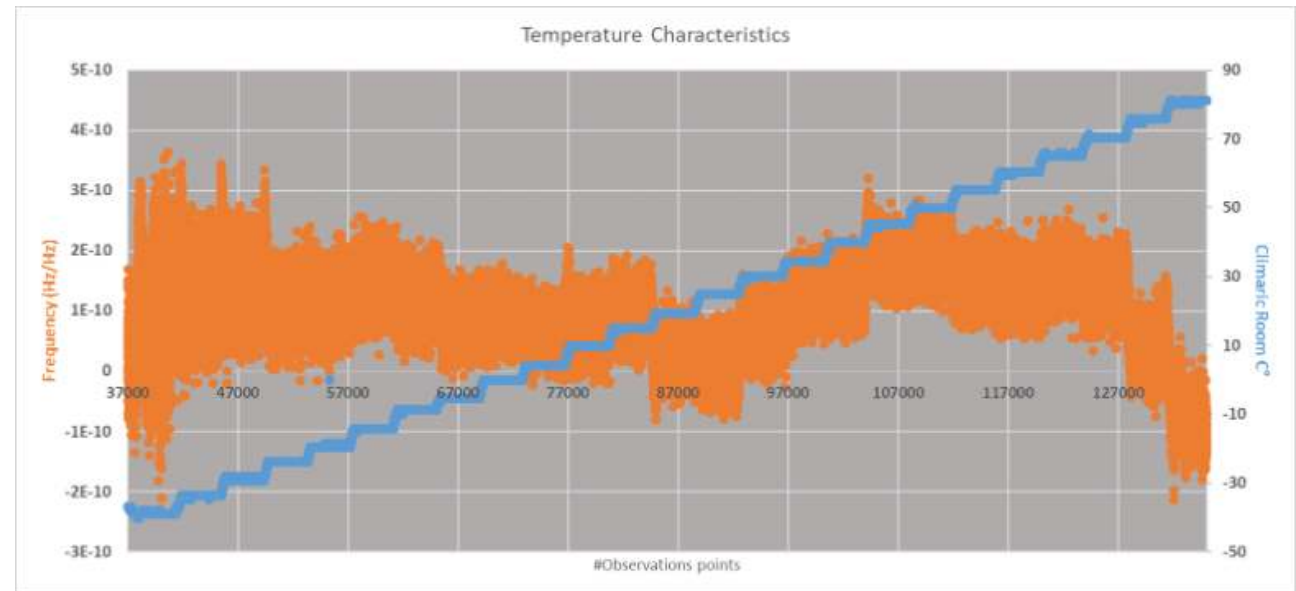
Commercial Atomic Frequency Standards



The best combination of low power & holdover amongst the MAC segment

- One day holdover below $1\mu\text{s}$
- Consumes only 0.36W of power

Frequency Stability versus Temperature -40° to $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$



Fastest warm-up time on the market

- Wide-ranging operating temperature of -40° to $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$

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Phase Noise - @ 10MHZ

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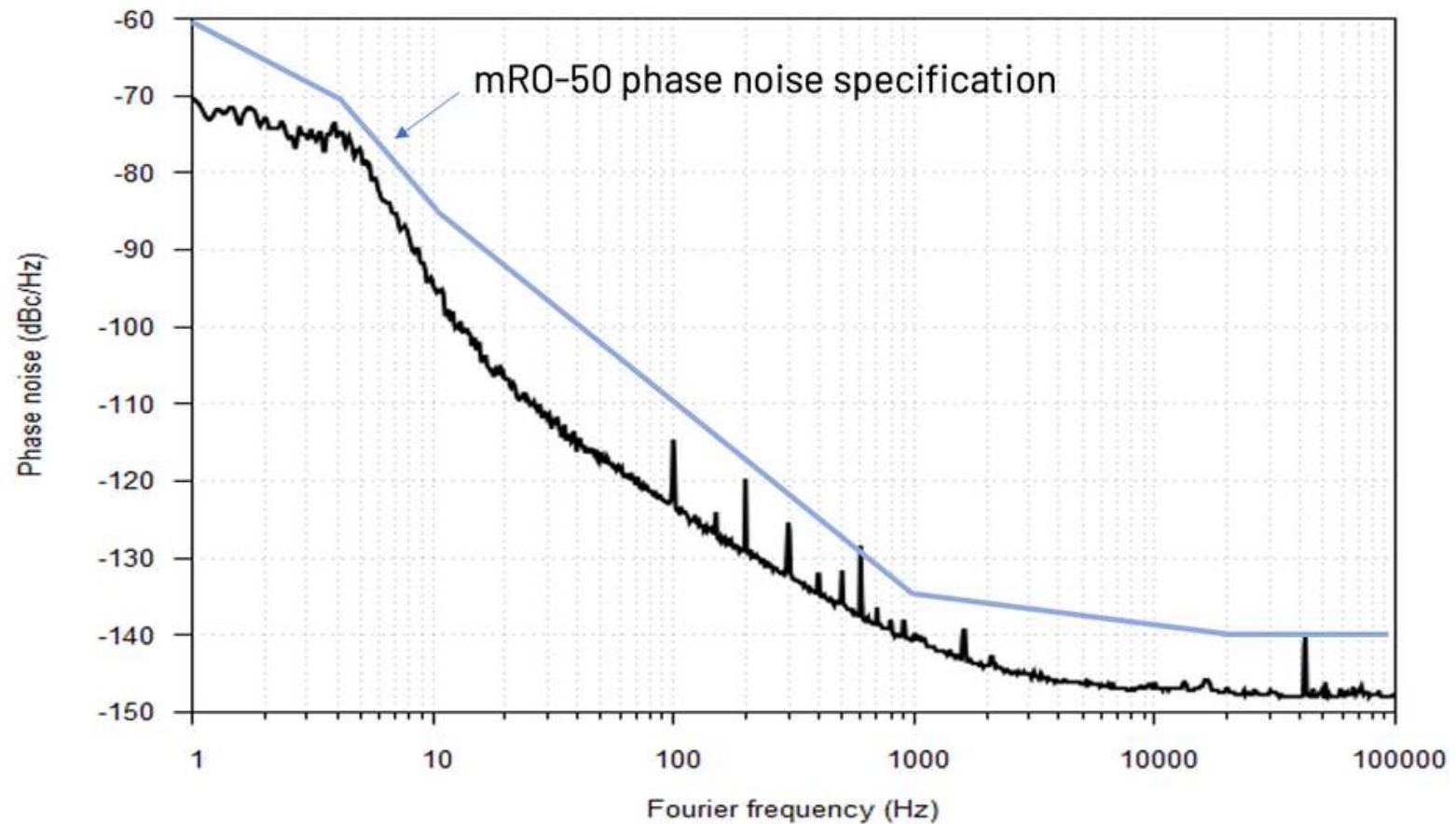
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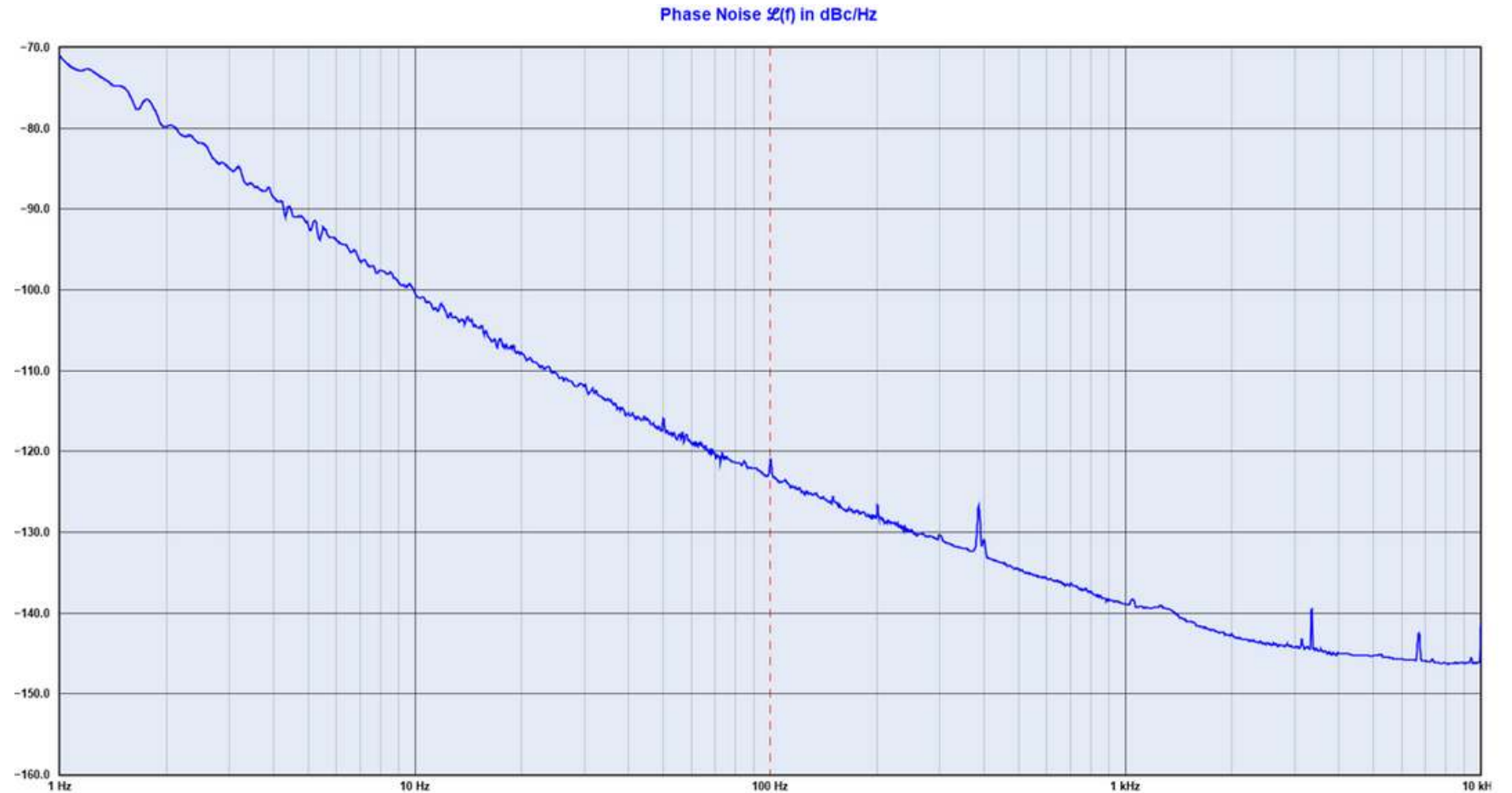
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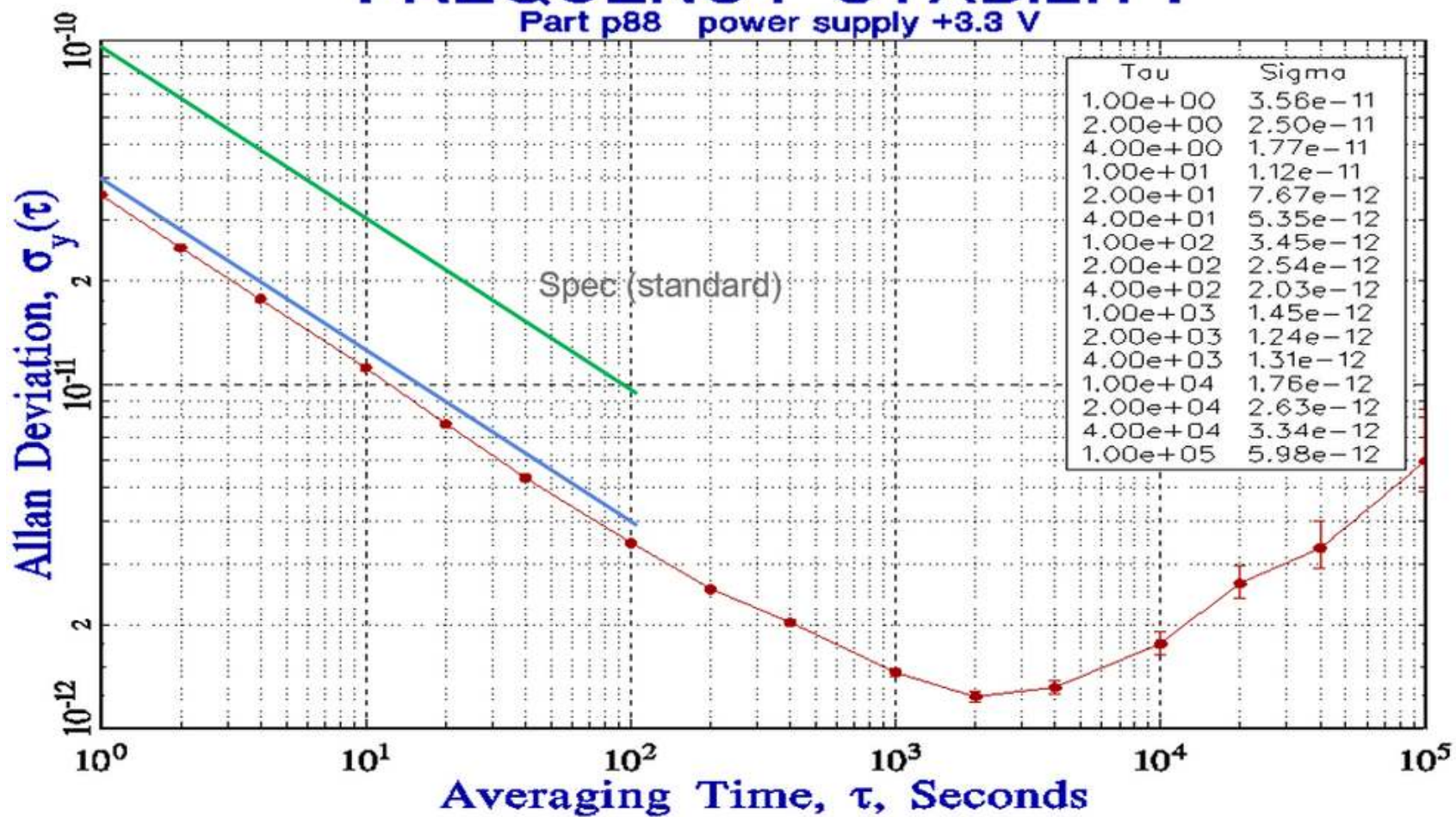
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ADEV

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FREQUENCY STABILITY

Part p88 power supply +3.3 V



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MIL-STD-810 Vibration & Shock

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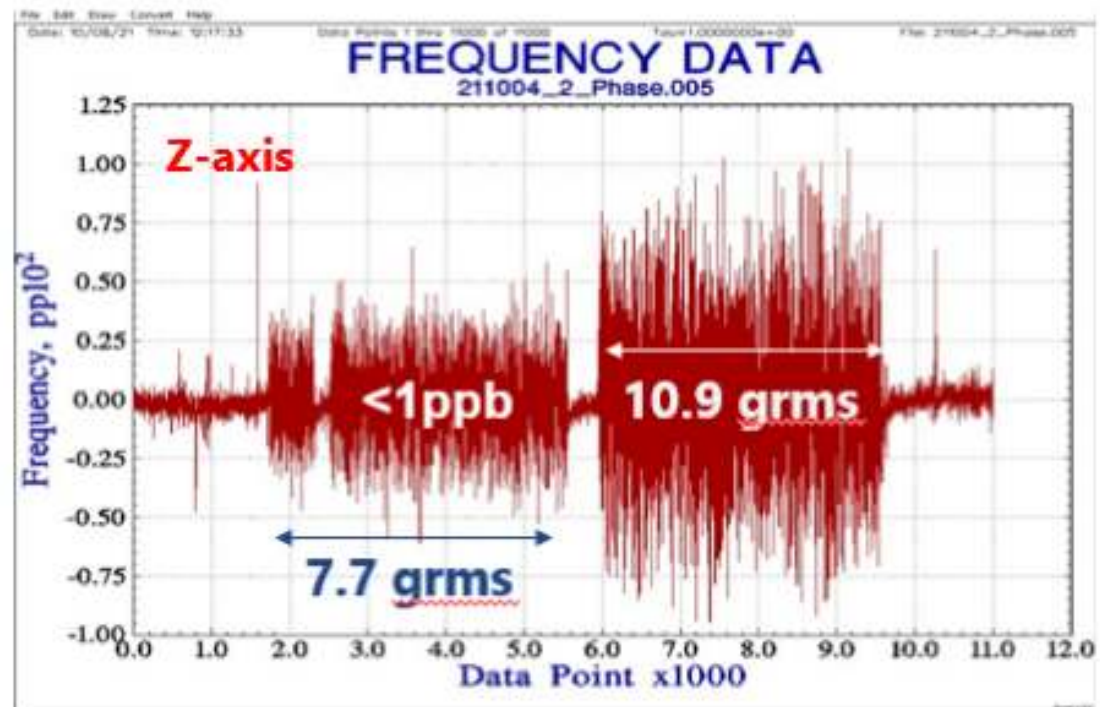
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Vibrations:

7.7 grms - **PASS** (Maintains Lock)

Shocks:

30gs' 11ms - **PASS**

50gs' 11ms - **PASS**

Resilient GNSS

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Benefits of the Low SWAP mRO-50 to R-GNSS receivers

Allows for soldiers' equipment to remain synchronized with GNSS satellites clocks

Reacquisition is quick so less processing power on the receiver will be required with less vulnerability to spoofing and jamming during the search for GNSS satellites

Faster warm-up time leads to faster time to first fix and lower power consumption on the Rx

Increased mission duration and battery life

Better time-to-subsequent fix and the capability to operate with less than four satellites

mRO-50 ADVANTAGES

1u/day Holdover

Precise time

High Short and Long term stability

Fast Warm-up time

Lowest power

USE CASE CONSIDERATIONS

Reacquisition capability

Minimizing acquisition time

Avoiding detection

System integrity monitoring

Performance in a high jamming environment

Fast time to first fix

Increased mission duration

Resilient GNSS

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Oscillator Features Impact on R-GNSS Receiver

10-100s stability	Reacquisition System integrity Performance in jamming
Long-term stability	Time-to-subsequent fix Operation with less than 4 satellites
Warm-up	Time-to-first fix
Power and size	Battery life Mission duration Weight

MILITARY GNSS RECEIVERS OFFER

Accuracy

Integrity

Anti-Jamming

Anti-Spoofing

M-Code

Selective availability

RF Comms Systems

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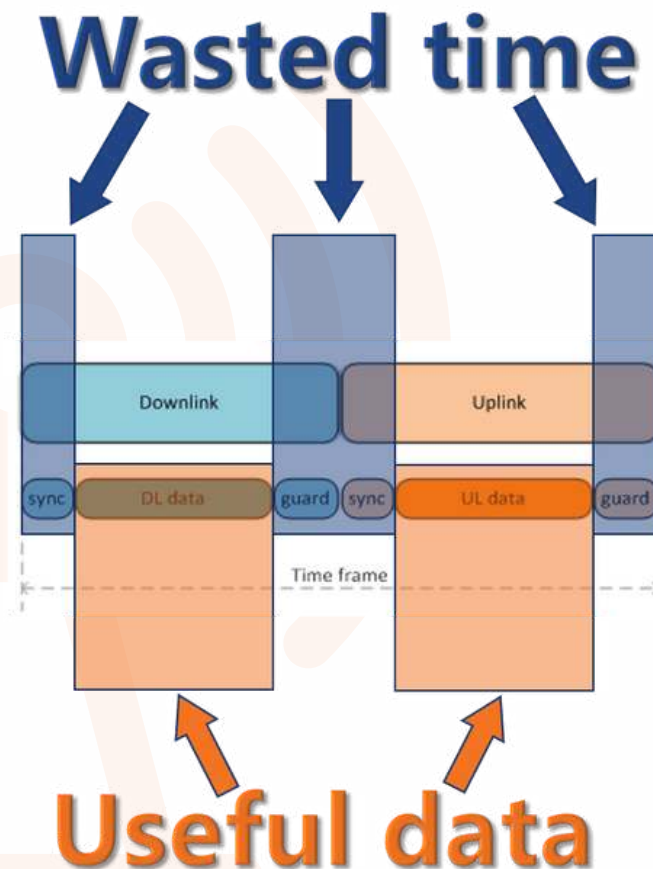
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Benefits of the Low SWAP mRO-50 to the RF Comms Systems

Because of the tight sync between the RX and TX, the mRO-50 allows:

- Fast frequency hop rates
- Advanced networking waveforms (MANET) Mobile Ad-hoc Network
- High data throughput
- Many simultaneous users



mRO-50 ADVANTAGES

- Shock, Vibration & Low Noise Acceleration
- High Stability & Accuracy
- Time Error & Holdover
- Fast Warm-Up Time

Distributed Radar/Sonar

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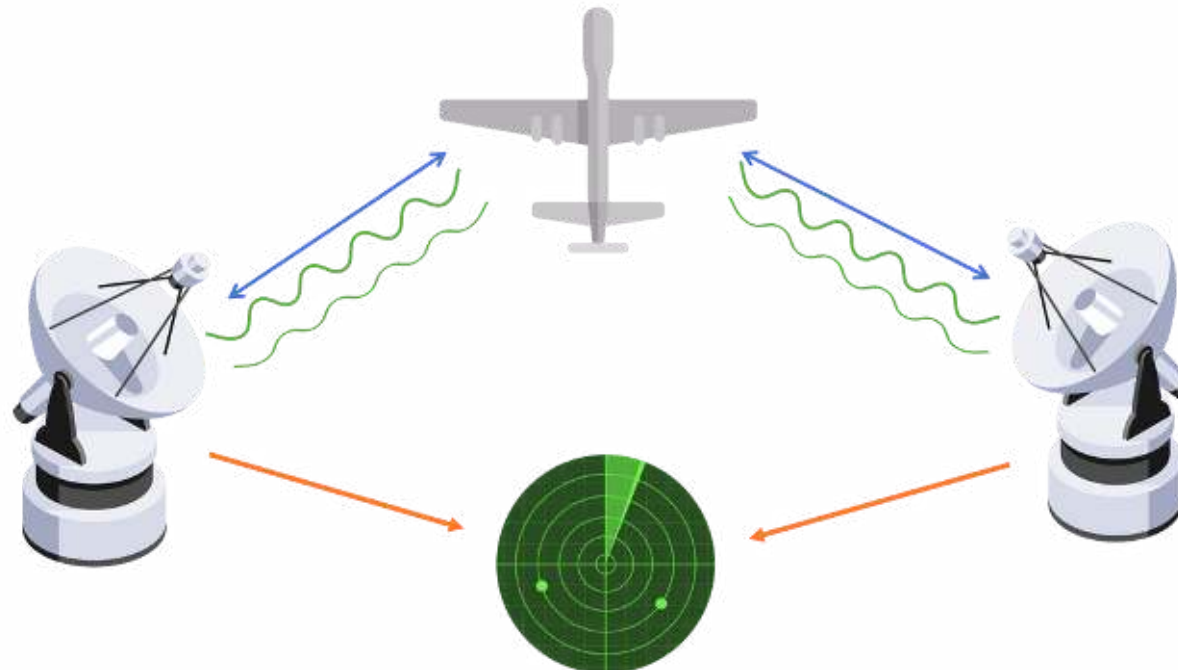
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Time Synchronization Requirement

Consist of multiple radars

All Data must be precisely timestamped and aggregated

Provides clear image of what radars see from every angle



mRO-50 ADVANTAGES

Frequency stability

Low Power

Fast warm-up

Extreme environments

High VIB and shock resistance

USE CASE CONSIDERATIONS

Integrated Radar Picture

Multiple Monostatic Radars

Underwater Multi-Element Sonar Systems

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Requirements of UUV sonar systems

Require precise phase synchronization between sites, that is required to operate in fully GPS denied environment

Integrated sonar image from multiple UUVs to detect targets in a large underwater area.

UUV energy efficiency & Precision Navigation underwater

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Aging

Stability

Holdover

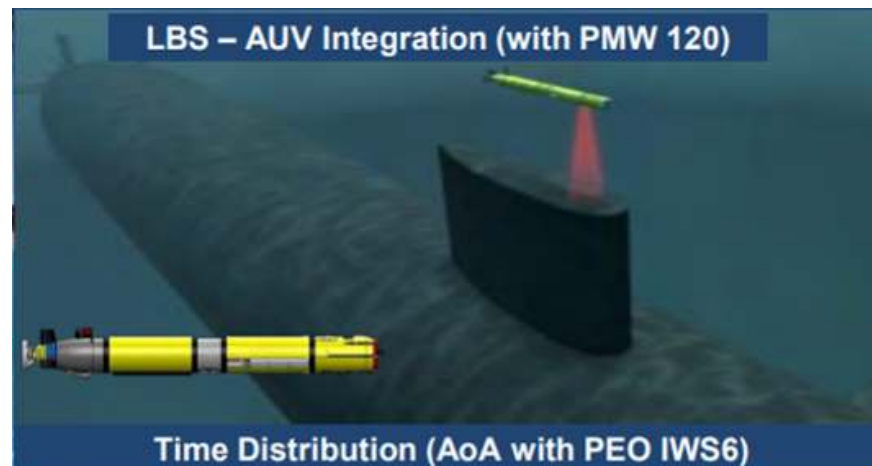
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Precise synchronization between sites

Integrated sonar imagery

Energy efficiency

PNT in denied environments



Signals of Opportunity (SOP)

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SOP Requirements

Similar to GPS/GNSS signal tracking, SOP signal acquisition and tracking will likely require tracking loops such as frequency-locked loop (FLL), phase-locked loop (PLL), and delay locked loop (DLL)

When tracking signals with high transmission rates, high accuracy oscillators are essential to keep tracking loops properly aligned

Physical oscillators provide better stability and less drift than numerically-controlled oscillators (NCOs) that are often utilized in tracking software

Software Defined Radios (SDRs) are often used for SOP tracking prototypes for their ease of use with receiving signals, but their hardware are often lacking high accuracy oscillators

Ref: IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, VOL. 17, NO. 4, APRIL 2018 2173 Exploiting LTE Signals for Navigation: Theory to Implementation (Shamaei et al. 2018)

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Frequency

Aging

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USE CASE CONSIDERATIONS

Keep tracking loops properly aligned

Better stability and less drift

SDRs in the market often lack high-accuracy oscillators

Questions?

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