

PicoGPSDO

Eenvoudige GNSS gedisciplineerde referentieoscillator

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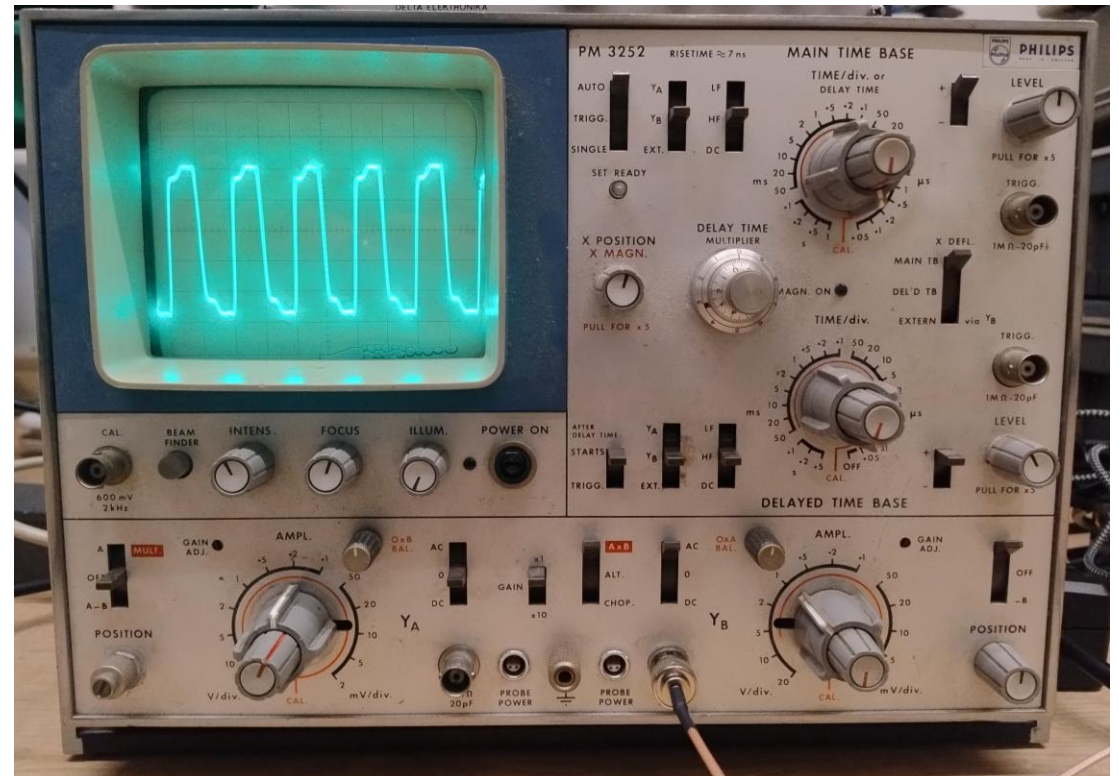
Introductie

- Anthony
- Ontwikkelaar van productieprocessen
- PE9K sinds augustus 2024



Inhoud

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Aanleiding

- Eind 2024 kocht ik twee klassieke tellers
- HP 5245L (1965)
- HP 5244L (1967)
- Zijn ze OK?

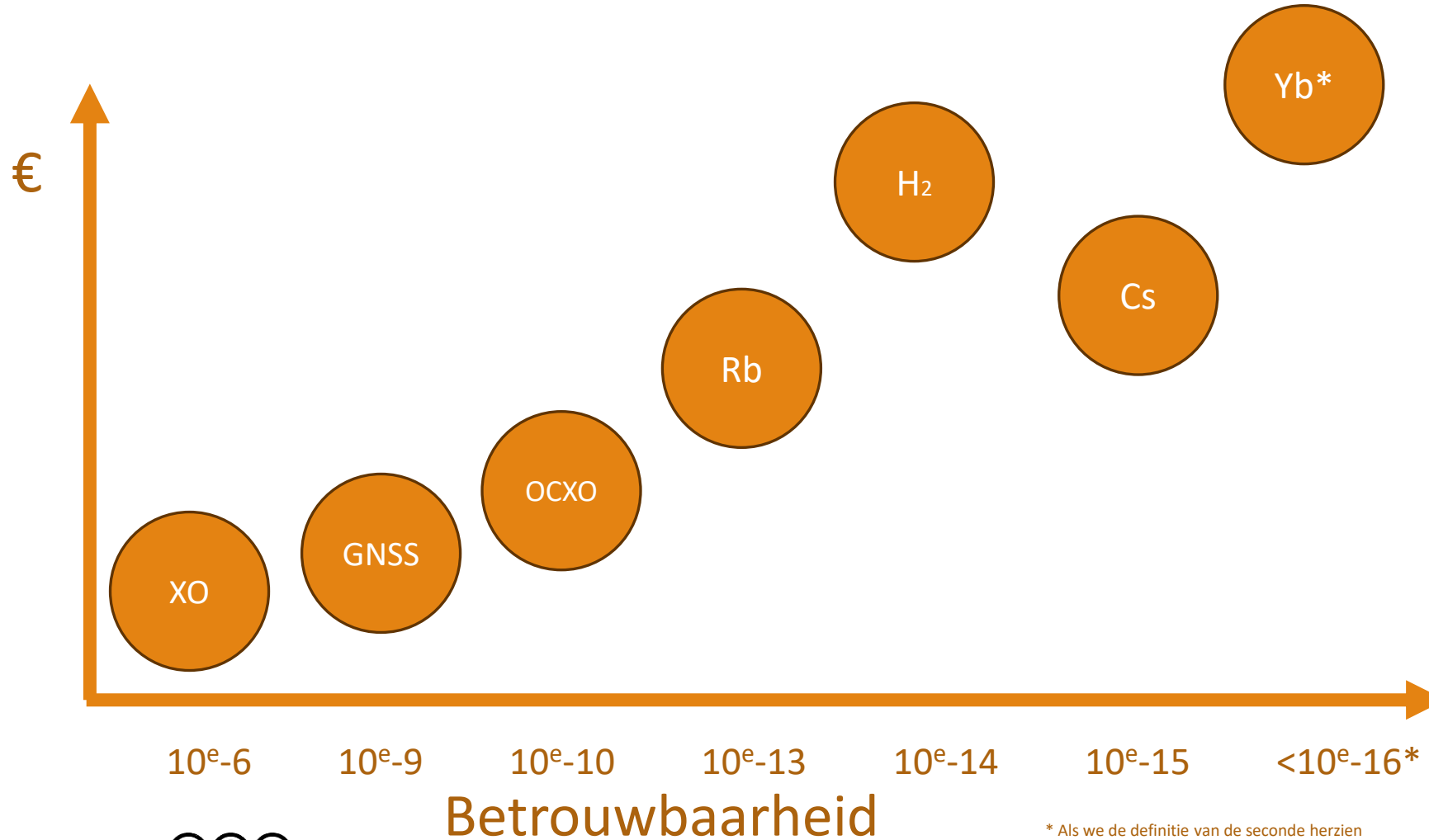


5245L ELECTRONIC COUNTER (1)

Compact 50 mc counter with 3 parts in 10⁷ time base stability

Frequentiereferenties

Nauwkeurigheid: $\Delta f/f$ @1s op willekeurig moment (2) (3) (4)

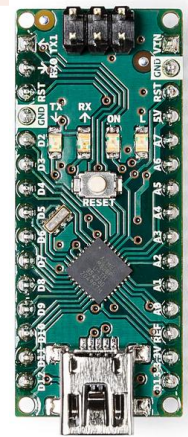
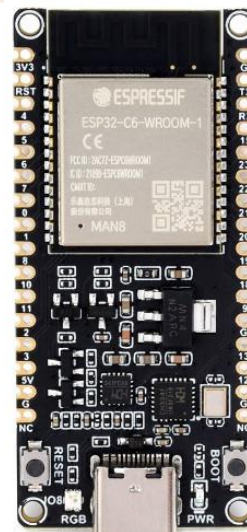


Ontwerp: Specificaties

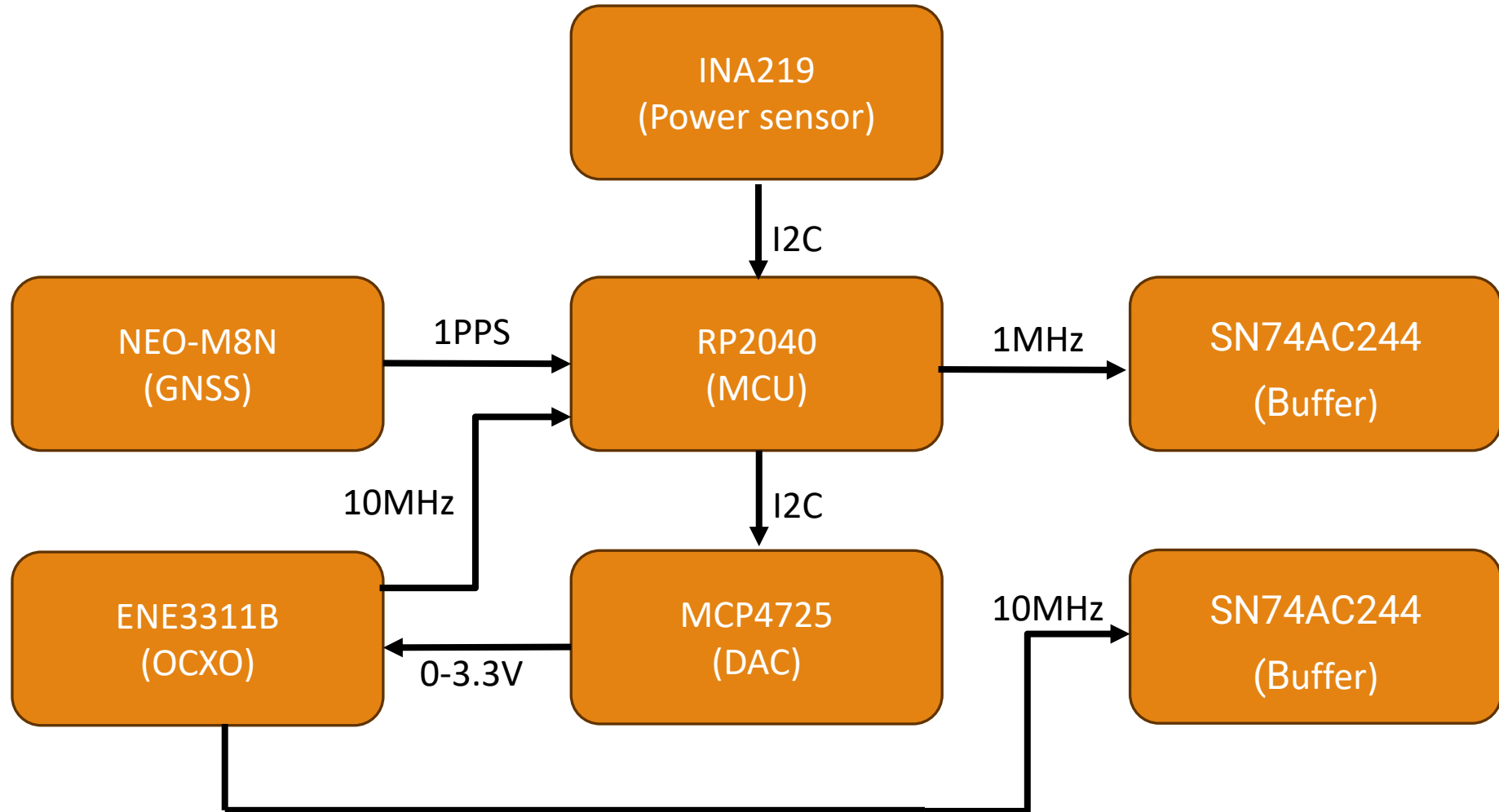
- 1 MHz & 10 MHz uitgang.
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Microcontrollers

Platform	Teensy 4.0	ESP32	Pi Pico	Arduino Nano
Chip	IMXRT1062DVL6	ESP32-S3	RP 2040	ATmega32U4
Documentatie	+	-	+	++
Snelheid	600 MHz	40MHz – 160 MHz	133 MHz – 240 MHz	16MHz
Prijs (5)	€32,66	€8,82 – €22,99	€4,59 – €9,55	€16,34
Bekend <small>(Succesvol voltooide projecten)</small>	1	5	3	>10
Bijzonderheden	Zeer krachtig	Bluetooth + WiFi	PIO	Overzichtelijk



Blokschema V1.0



DAC



MCP4725

12-Bit Digital-to-Analog Converter with EEPROM Memory

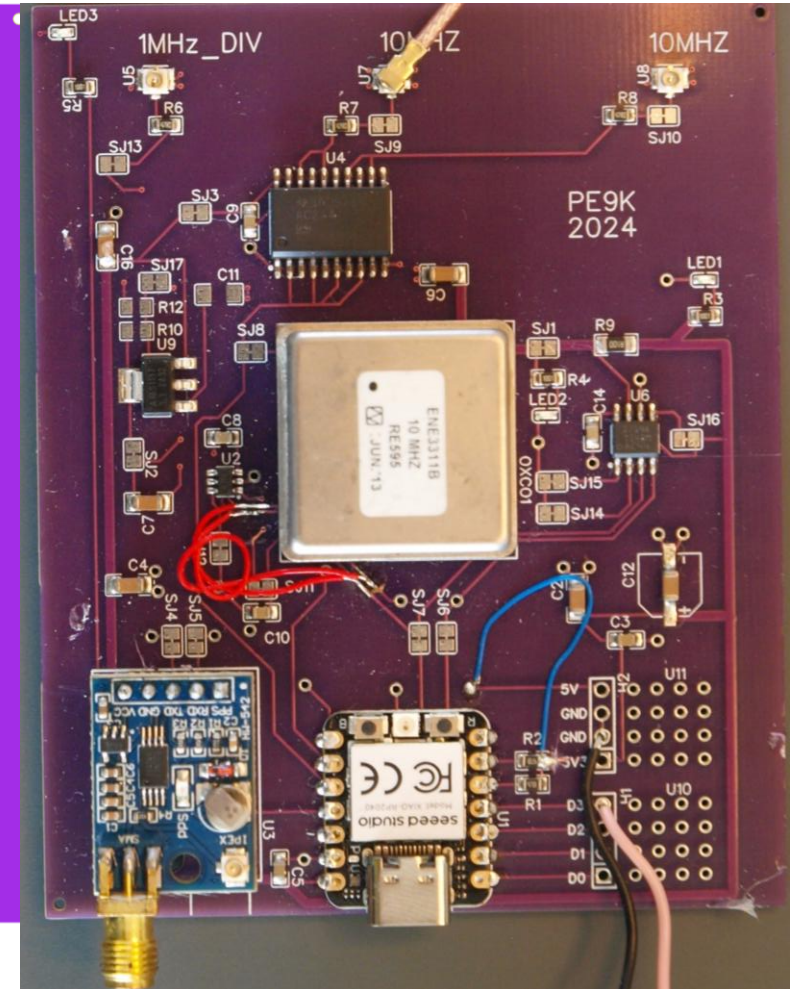
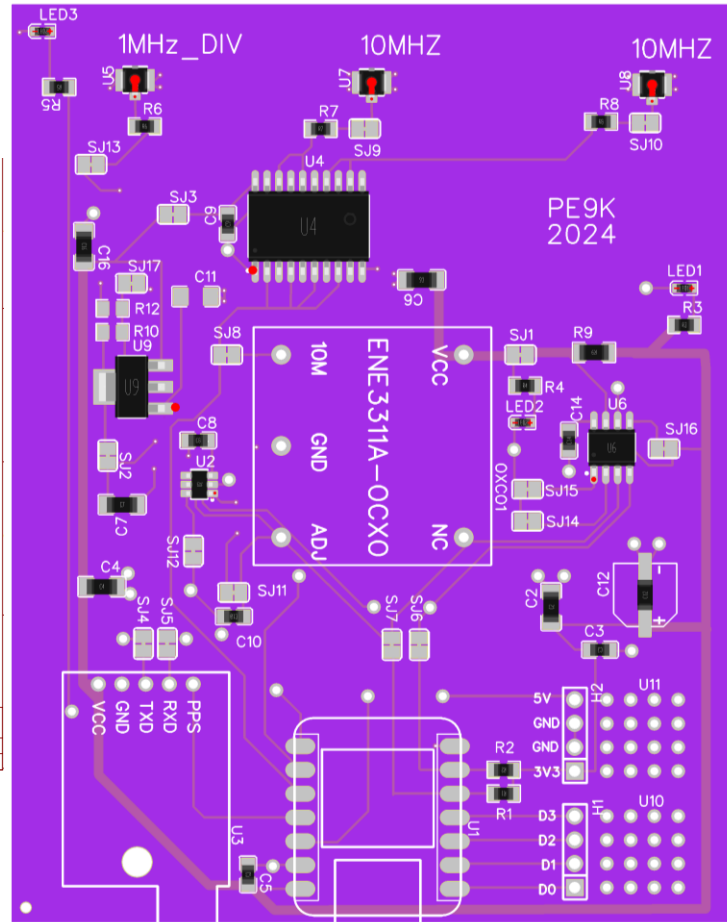
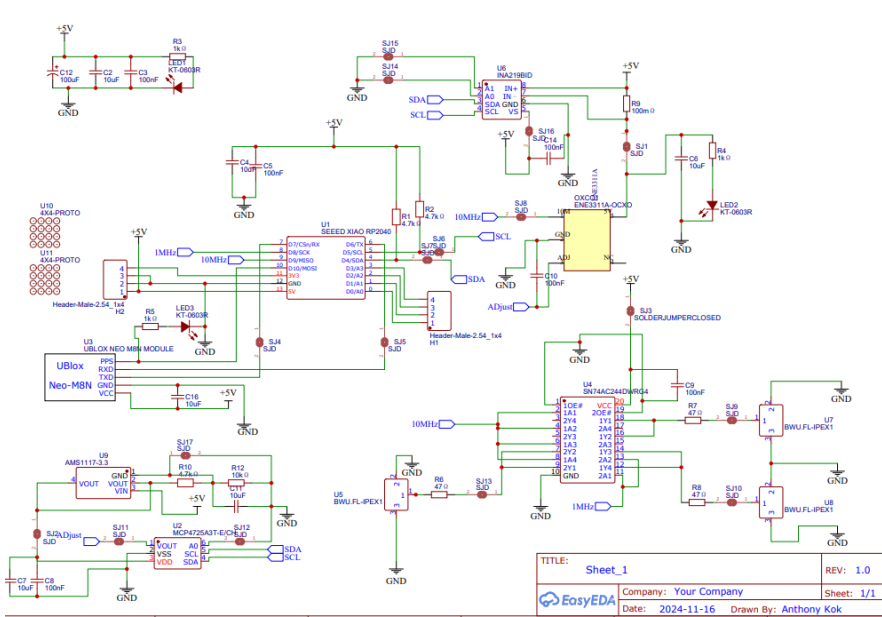
- Span= Min. 20Hz
- Vref DAC = 3.3V
- Staps Min. 4 mHz
- Spec: <1ppb (10mHz @ 10MHz)

■ Specifications		ENE3311B	
Item		Model	
Nominal Frequency f_{nom} (MHz)		NH26M26LC	
Supply Voltage V_{CC} (V)		+5	
Load Impedance C_L (pF)		15	
Operating Temperature Range T_{opr} (°C)		-20 to +70	-40 to +85
Storage Temperature Range T_{str} (°C)		-40 to +85	
Power Consumption P_{CC} (W)	at start	Max. 3.0	
	when stable, at +25 °C	Max. 1.3	
Frequency Tolerance $\Delta f/f_{nom}$	at +25°C, V_{cont} = Center, before shipment	Max. $\pm 200 \times 10^{-9}$	
Frequency/Temperature Characteristics $\Delta f/f$	at Operating Temperature Range	Max. $\pm 10 \times 10^{-9}$	
Frequency/Voltage Coefficient $\Delta f/f$	$V_{CC} \pm 5\%$	Max. $\pm 3 \times 10^{-9}$	
Long-term Frequency Stability $\Delta f/f$	Based on frequency after 30 days operation	Max. $\pm 2 \times 10^{-9}$ / day	
		Max. $\pm 50 \times 10^{-9}$ / year	
Stabilization Time (min.)	Time within specified frequency tolerance after power on at +25°C, based on frequency after 60minutes operation.	Max. 3 / within $\pm 50 \times 10^{-9}$	Max. 5 / within $\pm 50 \times 10^{-9}$
Frequency Control Range $\Delta f/f$		$V_{cont} = +2V \pm 2V$	$V_{cont} = +2V \pm 2V$
		Min. $\pm 1 \times 10^{-6}$	Min. $\pm 0.8 \times 10^{-6}$
Frequency Change Polarity		Positive	
Output Voltage		HCMOS V_{OL} : Max. +0.5 V V_{OH} : Min. +4.5 V	
Symmetry (%)	at $(V_{OH} + V_{OL}) / 2$	40 to 60	
Rise Time / Fall Time t_r / t_f (ns)		Max. 10	

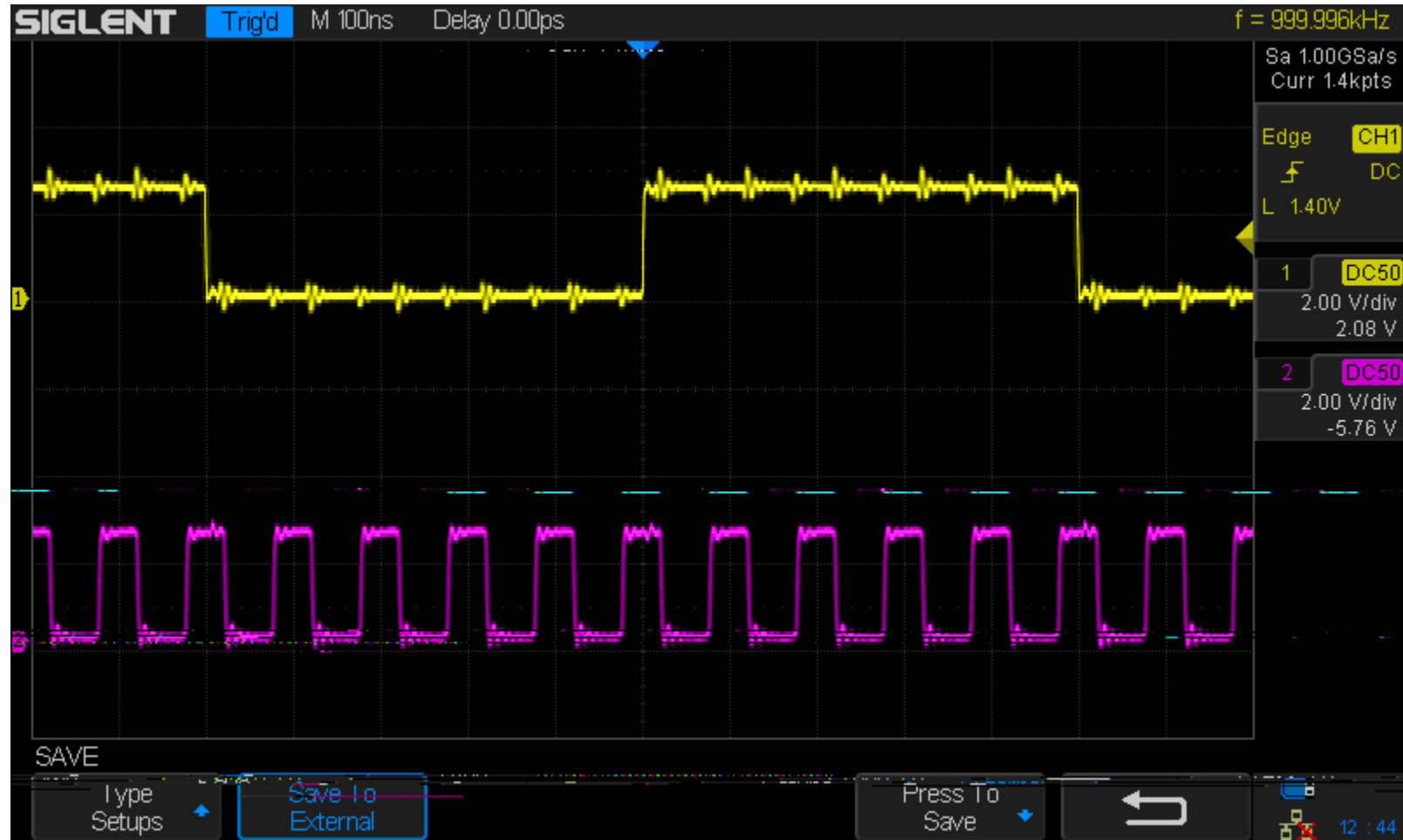
$$V_{cont} = +2V \pm 2V$$

$$\text{Min. } \pm 1 \times 10^{-6}$$

Realisatie

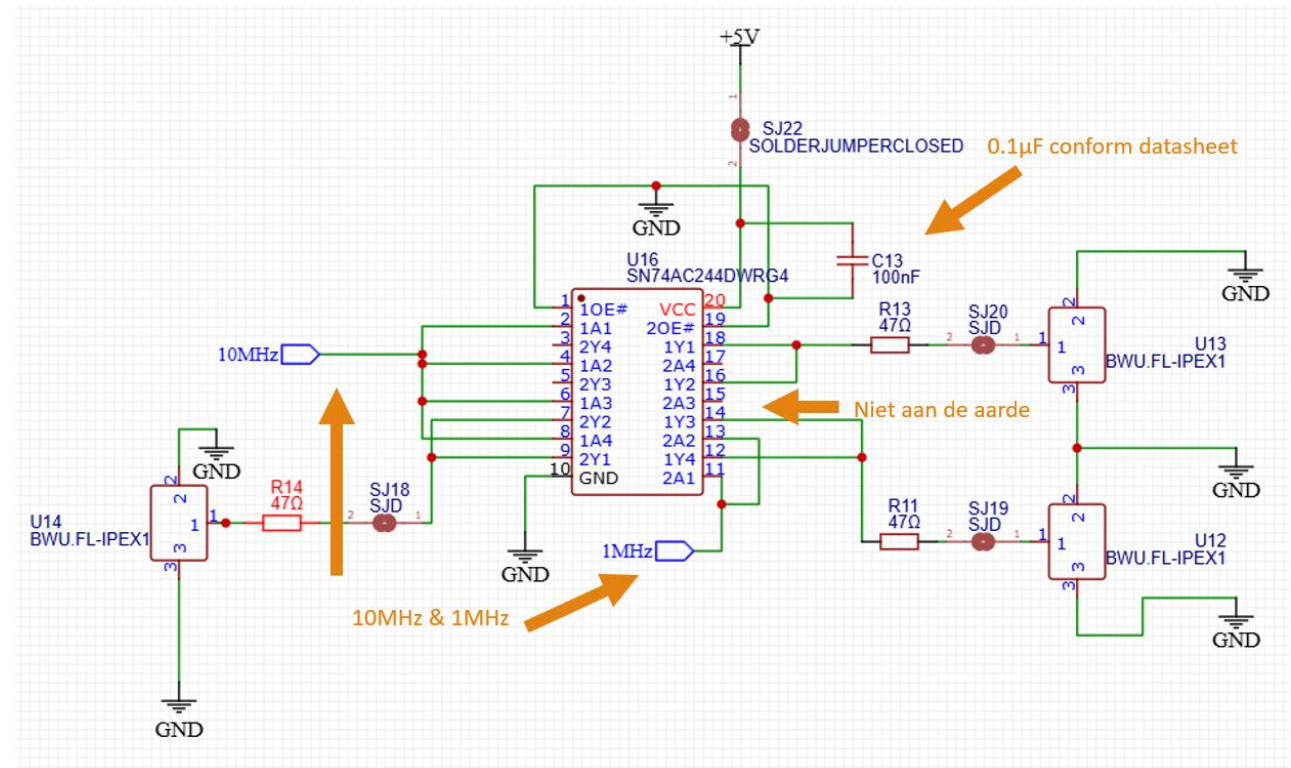


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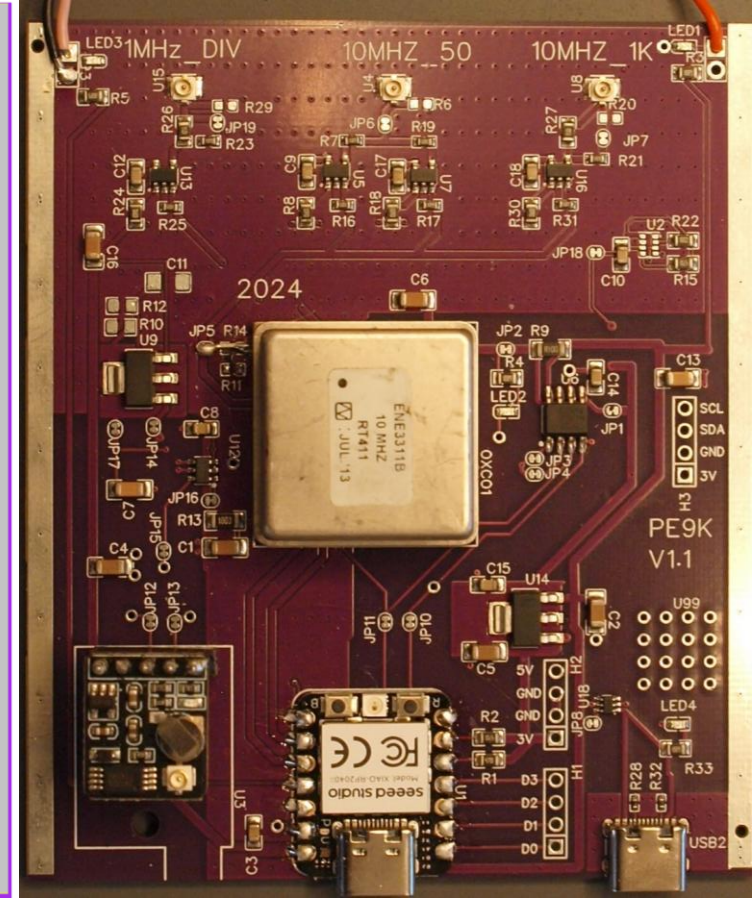
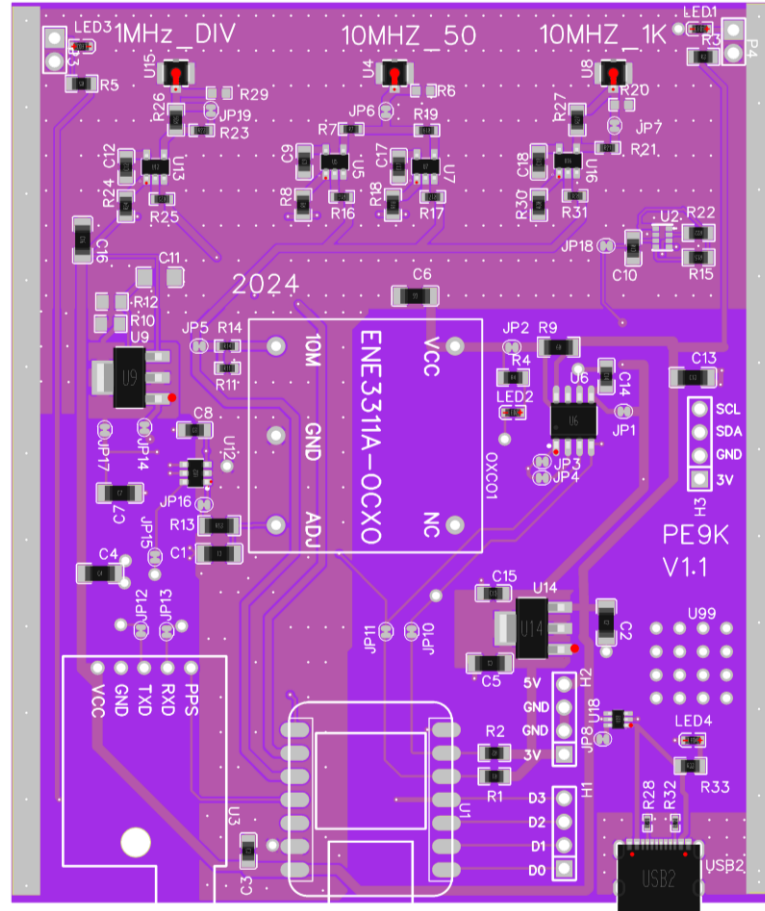
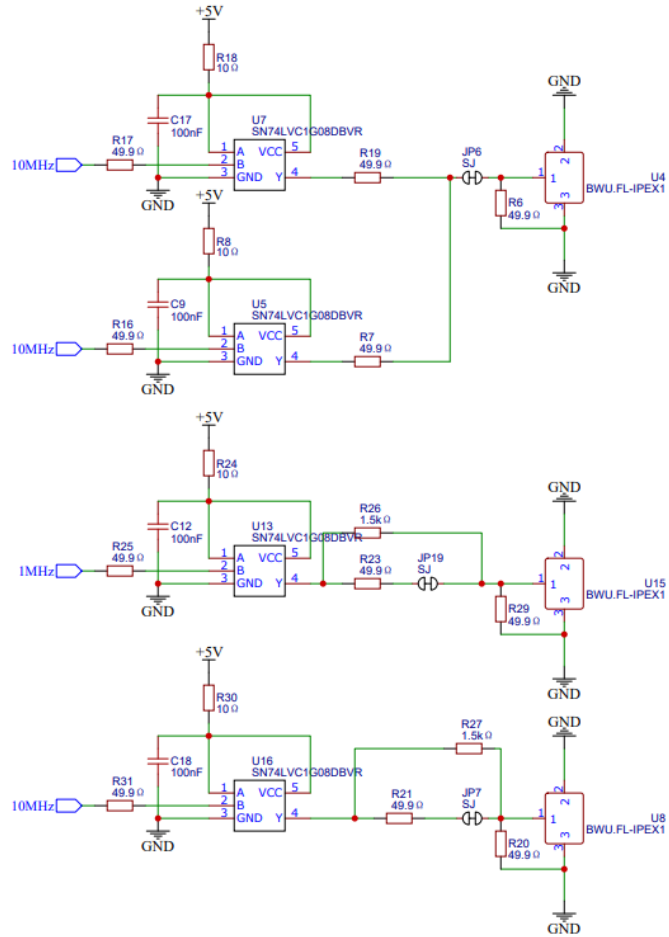


Wat moet er anders?

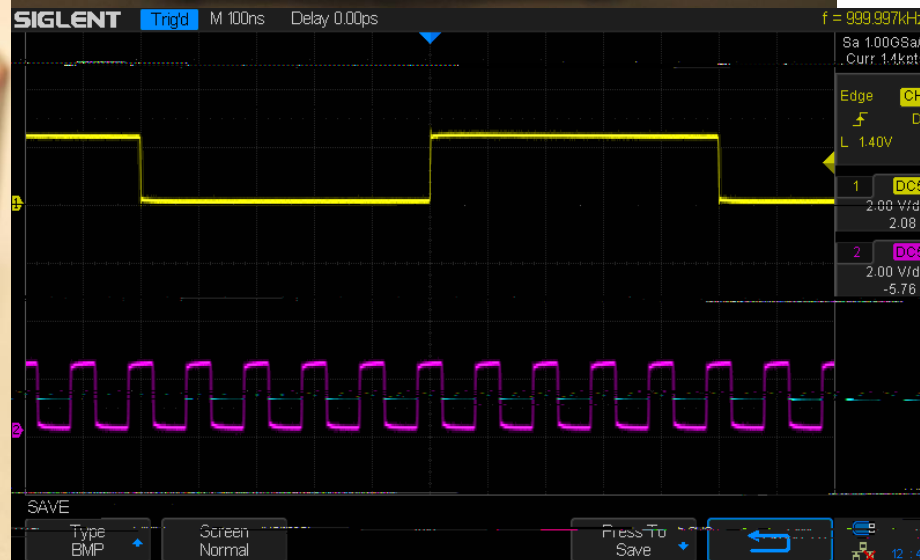
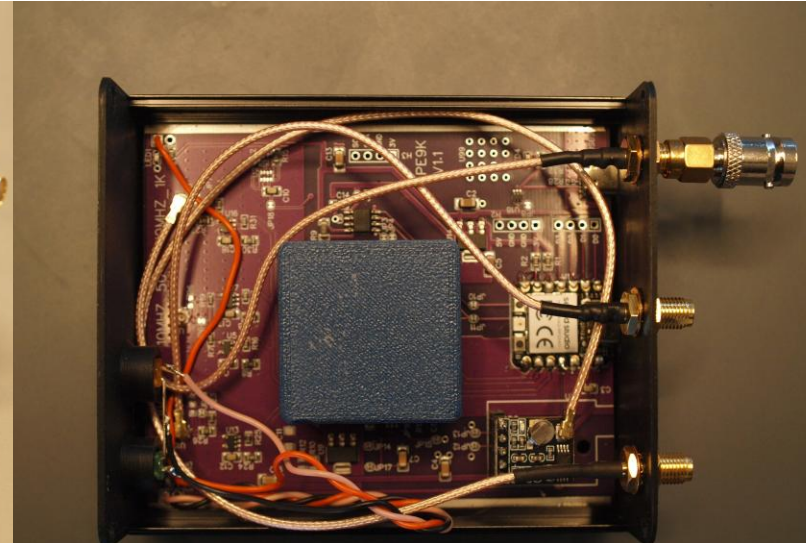
- Uitgangsimpedantie: niet optimaal voor tellers
- Ontkoppeling buffer NOK
- Ongebruikte ingang “zweeft”
- Impedantie sporen: twijfelachtig
- Omwisselen van SDA & SCL op DAC
- 3.3V ipv 5V op I2C pull-up
- USB-C voeding los van computer
- Andere GNSS ontvanger



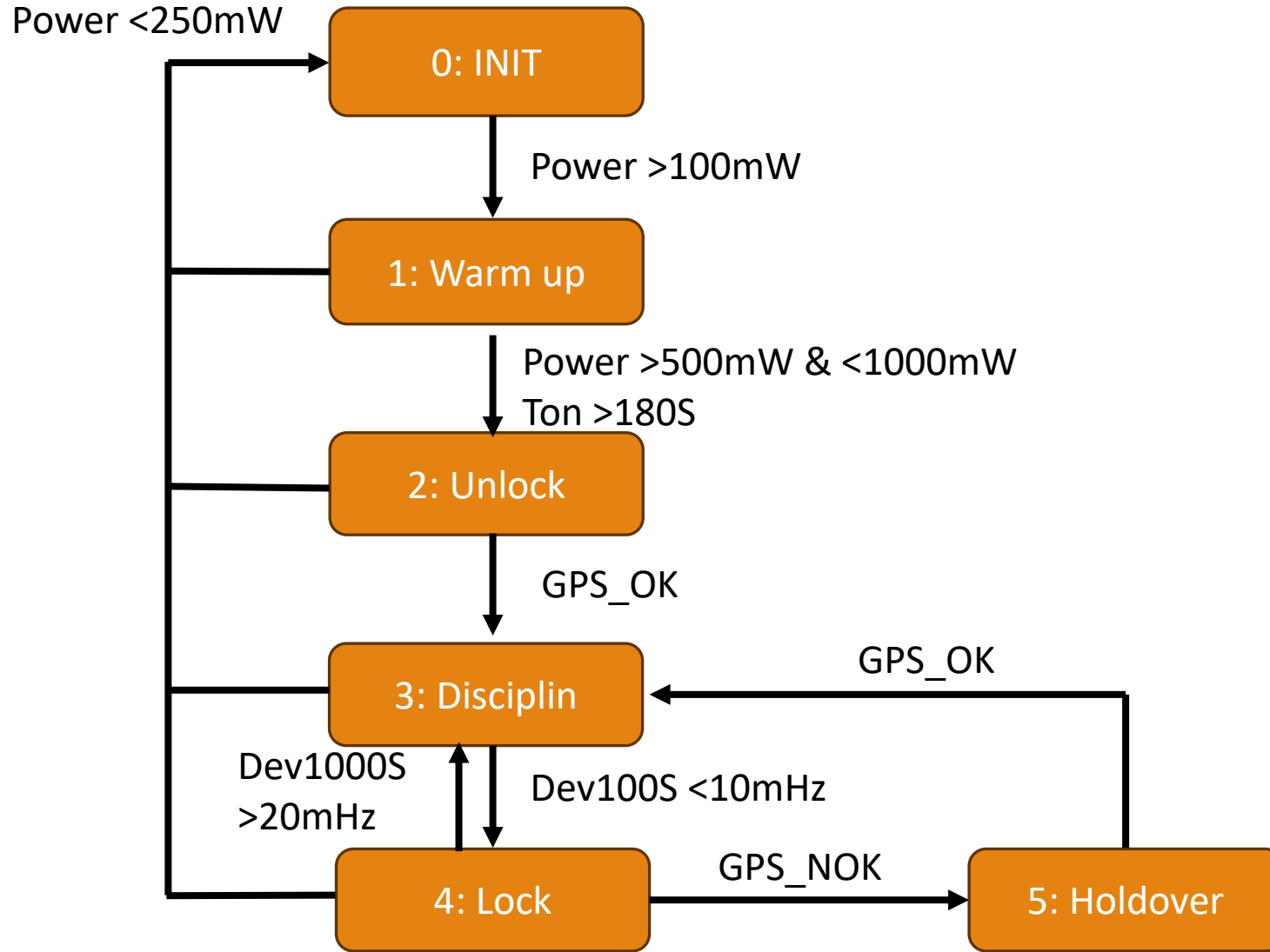
Opnieuw



Opbouwen



Software



Software 2

- Logicanalyzer triggert op “GNSS PPS”
- Signaal is blokgolf van OCXO
- Ieder punt is +/- 4ns
- Gat van 4ns tussen bit 15 en 16
- Zaagtand gps zichtbaar? (16ns)
- Begin van een PLL

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COM12 - PuTTY
State: 4 Waveform:011111111111000000000000111111
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Software 3

- Statemachine
- DAC waarde
- DAC PWM bits (-tot +7)
- OCXO vermogen
- Ingebouwde counter
- Berekende deviatie in laatste 100s
- Berekende deviatie in laatste 1000s
- Verloop sinds in state 4 (in 100en ns)
- Gemeten deviatie in laatste 100s volgens PLL
- Counter in ms sinds start

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COM12 - PuTTY
State: 4 DAC:2443 inc -> 5 682 mW Current frequency: 10000000 Hz Dev100s:0 mHz Dev1000s:-1 mHz offset:-1824ns Dev:16ns Counter:6918430
State: 4 DAC:2443 inc -> 5 682 mW Current frequency: 10000000 Hz Dev100s:0 mHz Dev1000s:-1 mHz offset:-1824ns Dev:-8ns Counter:6919432
State: 4 DAC:2443 inc -> 5 680 mW Current frequency: 10000000 Hz Dev100s:0 mHz Dev1000s:-1 mHz offset:-1824ns Dev:-8ns Counter:6920435
State: 4 DAC:2443 inc -> 5 680 mW Current frequency: 10000000 Hz Dev100s:0 mHz Dev1000s:-1 mHz offset:-1824ns Dev:4ns Counter:6921435
State: 4 DAC:2443 inc -> 5 680 mW Current frequency: 10000000 Hz Dev100s:0 mHz Dev1000s:-1 mHz offset:-1824ns Dev:12ns Counter:6922437
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Meten

Allan Deviation $\sigma_y(\tau)$

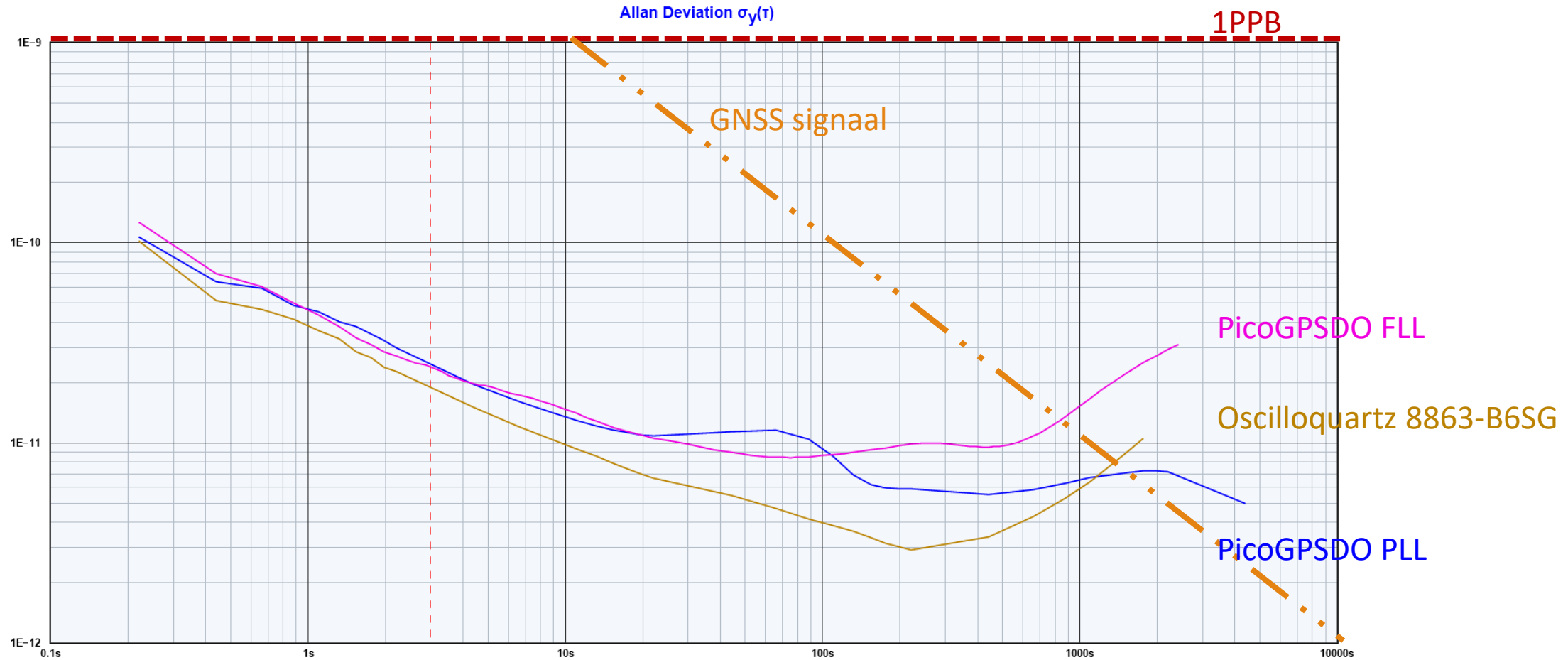


Tau	Sigma(Tau)
1s	3.98E-10
2s	2.83E-10
4s	2.02E-10
8s	1.48E-10
10s	1.37E-10
20s	1.20E-10
40s	9.80E-11
80s	7.14E-11
100s	6.68E-11
200s	6.22E-11
400s	3.20E-11
800s	2.36E-11
1000s	2.13E-11

HP 5245L
PicoGPSDO 1MHz

Trace	Notes	Input Freq	Sample Interval	ADEV at 100s	Duration	Elapsed	Acquired	Instrument
PicoGPSDO V1.1 001 PDS		10 MHz	0.220 s		1h 22m 30s	1h 22m 30s	22500 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
PicoGPSDO V1.1 004		10 MHz	0.220 s		2h 55m 5s	2h 55m 5s	47750 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
GPSDO V1.1 001 1MHz		1000 kHz	0.220 s	6.68E-11	2h 8m 58s	2h 8m 58s	35171 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
HP 5245L		1000 kHz	0.240 s	4.72E-11	2h 14m 0s	2h 14m 0s	33500 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
PicoGPSDO V1.1 005		10 MHz	0.220 s		10h 4m 32s	10h 4m 32s	164674 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
Oscilloguartz 8863 P65G MY3537		10 MHz	0.220 s		2h 8m 20s	2h 8m 20s	35000 pts	BG7TBL + Rb

Meten



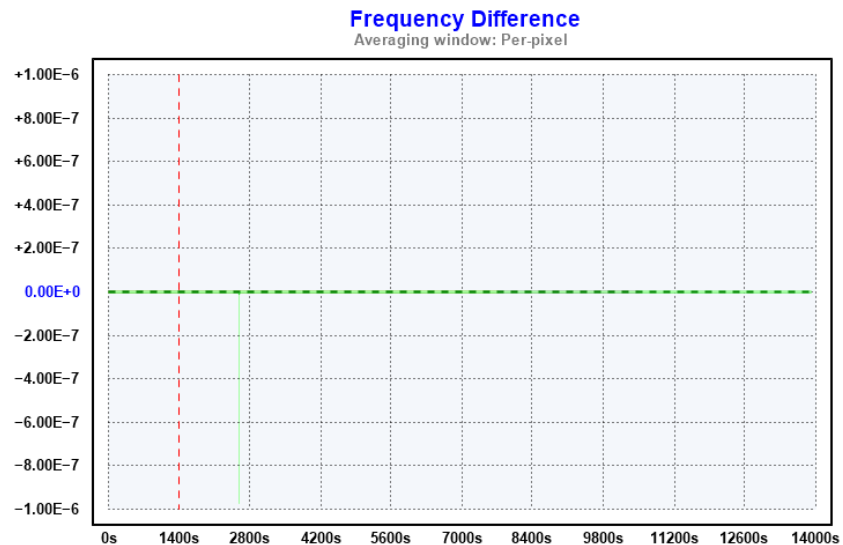
Trace	Notes	Input Freq	Sample Interval	ADEV at 3s	Duration	Elapsed	Acquired	Instrument
PicoGPSDO V1.1.001 PLL		10 MHz	0.220 s	2.47E-11	4h 54m 26s	4h 54m 26s	80300 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
PicoGPSDO V1.1.004		10 MHz	0.220 s	2.39E-11	2h 55m 5s	2h 55m 5s	47750 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
GPSDO V1.1.001 1MHz		1000 kHz	0.240 s		2h 8m 58s	2h 8m 58s	35171 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
HP 5245L		1000 kHz	0.240 s		2h 14m 0s	2h 14m 0s	33500 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
PicoGPSDO V1.0.001 Holdover		10 MHz	0.220 s		55m 0s	55m 0s	15000 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
Oscilloquartz 8863 B6SG MY3537		10 MHz	0.220 s	1.89E-11	2h 8m 20s	2h 8m 20s	35000 pts	BG7TBL + Rb

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Bevindingen

- Een goede meting te voltooien is lastig
- Systeem is *meestal* stabiel
- Voldoet voor doelstelling



Origin	Drift (per sec)	Drift (per hr)
+9.15E-10	-5.76E-16	-2.07E-12
+1.36E-10	-1.70E-14	-6.12E-11
+5.75E-10	+8.47E-15	+3.05E-11
+6.71E-13	-1.86E-16	-6.69E-13

Avg Time (s)	Freq (Hz) at 13903s	Error
0.1	10 000 000.002 696 088	+2.70E-10
0.3	10 000 000.000 672 137	+6.72E-11
1	10 000 000.001 066 180	+1.07E-10
3	10 000 000.000 519 264	+5.19E-11
10	10 000 000.000 431 130	+4.31E-11
30	10 000 000.000 406 239	+4.06E-11
100	10 000 000.000 530 791	+5.31E-11
300	10 000 000.000 411 848	+4.12E-11
1 000	10 000 000.000 430 450	+4.30E-11
3 000	10 000 000.000 293 728	+2.94E-11
10 000	9 999 999.999 944 719	-5.53E-12

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Oscilloquartz 8863 B6SG MY3537		10 MHz	0.220 s	10 000 000.005 Hz	2h 8m 20s	2h 8m 20s	35000 pts	BG7TBL + Rb
PicoGPSDO V1.1.004		10 MHz	0.100 s	10 000 000 Hz	3h 51m 43s	3h 51m 43s	139026 pts	BG7TBL + Rb

ToDo

- Goede implementatie PLL schrijven
- EMI Immuniteit van het geheel
- Filtering signalen met bijv Kalman filters
- Documentatie compleet maken
- Meten, testen, simuleren

```
PicoGPSDOV1_1_PM.ino Counter.pio.h Div.pio.h Pds.pio-BU.h Pds.pio.h UI.h pps.pio.h
418 PDS_0 = bitRead(Phase_0, i);
419 if( PDS_0 == 1){PDS_wave [i] = 49;}
420 if( PDS_0 == 0){PDS_wave [i] = 48;}
421 if (PDS_0 == 1 and PDS_1 == 0 and PDS_one != 0){PDS_two = i;}
422 if (PDS_0 == 1 and PDS_1 == 0 and PDS_one == 0){PDS_one = i;}
423
424 PDS_1 = PDS_0;
425 }
426
427 //convert to ns
428 if (PDS_one >= 0 && PDS_one <= 15 ){PDS_now = PDS_one* 4;}
429 if (PDS_one >= 16 && PDS_one <= 31 ){PDS_now =(PDS_one+4)* 4;}
430
431 //see change from previous value and unwrap
432
433
434 if (PDS_now <= 25 && PDS_last > 75 ){PDS_diff= (100 - PDS_last ) + PDS_now; } //(75->25 = 50)
435 else if (PDS_now >= 75 && PDS_last < 25 ){PDS_diff= (PDS_now - 100 - PDS_last);} //(25->75 = -50)
436 else {PDS_diff= (PDS_now - PDS_last);}
437 //write previous value as last
438 PDS_last = PDS_now;
439
440 //calculate direction over 100 samples
441 phase_index = phase_index + 1;
442 if (phase_index> 200){phase_index =0;}
443 phase_dir [phase_index] = PDS_diff;
444
445 PDS_d0 =0;
446 for (int i= 0; i < 200; i++){
447 PDS_d0 = phase_dir [i] + PDS_d0;
448 }
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Discussie

Is het niet al lang goed genoeg?

Waar ligt de grens van deze hardware?

Nauwkeurigheid, Stabiliteit, Faseruis hoeveel van elk?

Is de OCXO wel de juiste oscillator?



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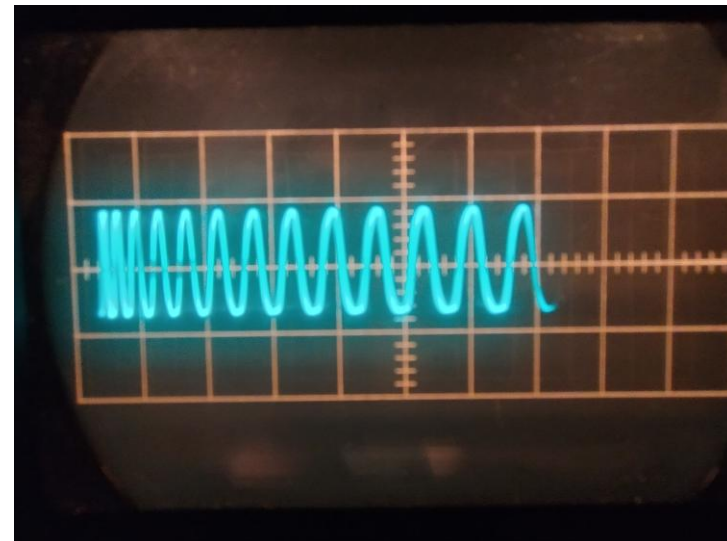
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