



Tutorial: Phase-Locked Loops & Quartz Crystal Oscillators

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1. Phase Locked Loops (PLL)

- PLL with VCO
- PLL with DDS
- Comparison

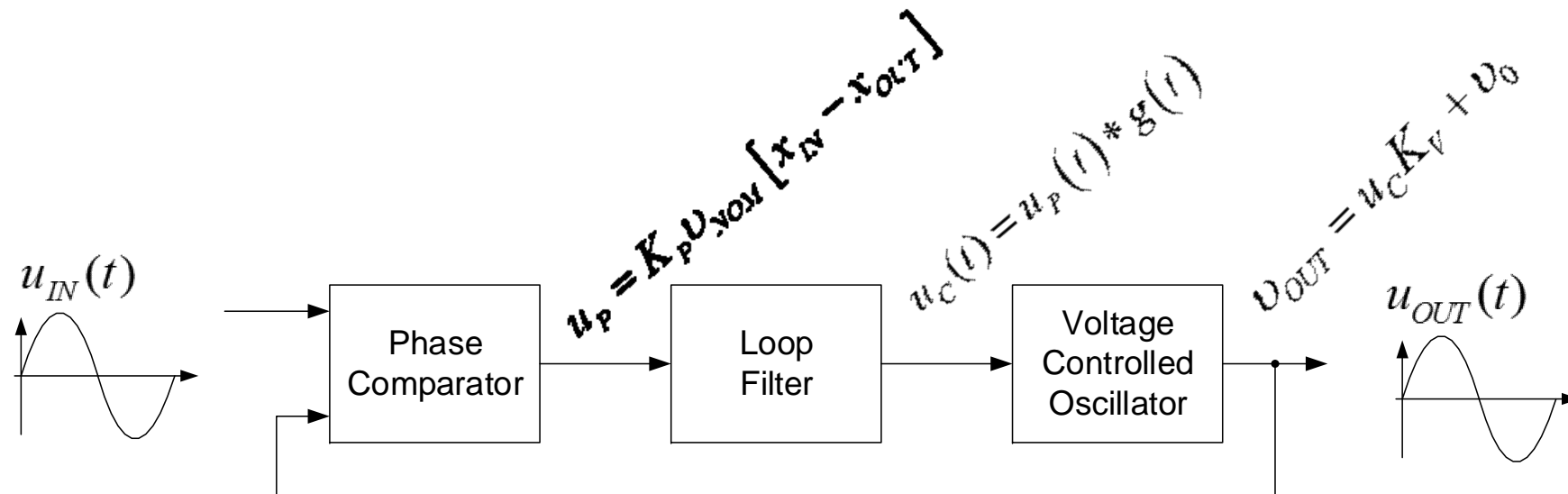
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- TCXO
- OCXO
- DOCXO

1. Phase-Locked Loops (PLL)



PLL: Working principle



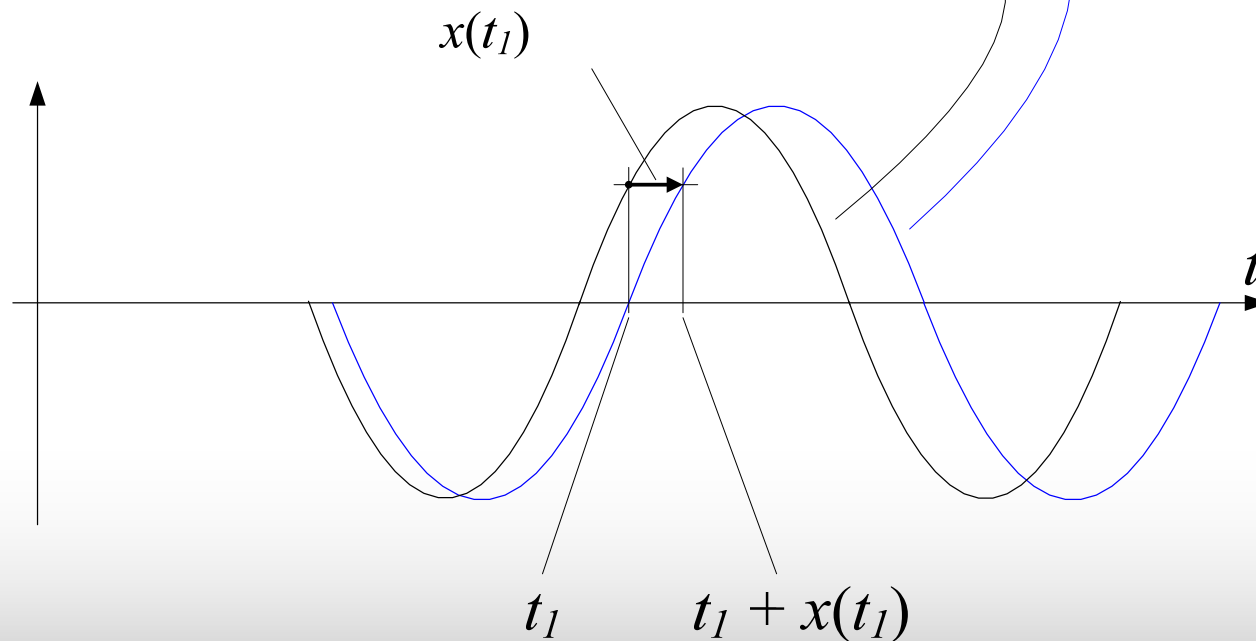
$$u_{IN}(t) = A \cdot \sin \left\{ 2\pi U_{NOM} \left[t + x_{IN}(t) \right] \right\} = A \cdot \sin \left\{ 2\pi U_{IN}(t) + \varphi_{0,IN} \right\}$$

$$u_{OUT}(t) = A \cdot \sin \left\{ 2\pi U_{NOM} \left[t + x_{OUT}(t) \right] \right\} = A \cdot \sin \left\{ 2\pi U_{OUT}(t) + \varphi_{0,OUT} \right\}$$

Phase-time deviation $x(t)$



$$\text{nominal signal} = \sin \{2\pi\nu_{NOM}t\}$$
$$\text{actual signal} = \sin \{2\pi\nu_{NOM} [t + x(t)]\}$$



Note: Phase-time x = random component only
Time Error TE = random and deterministic components

Transfert function «Input-to-Output»



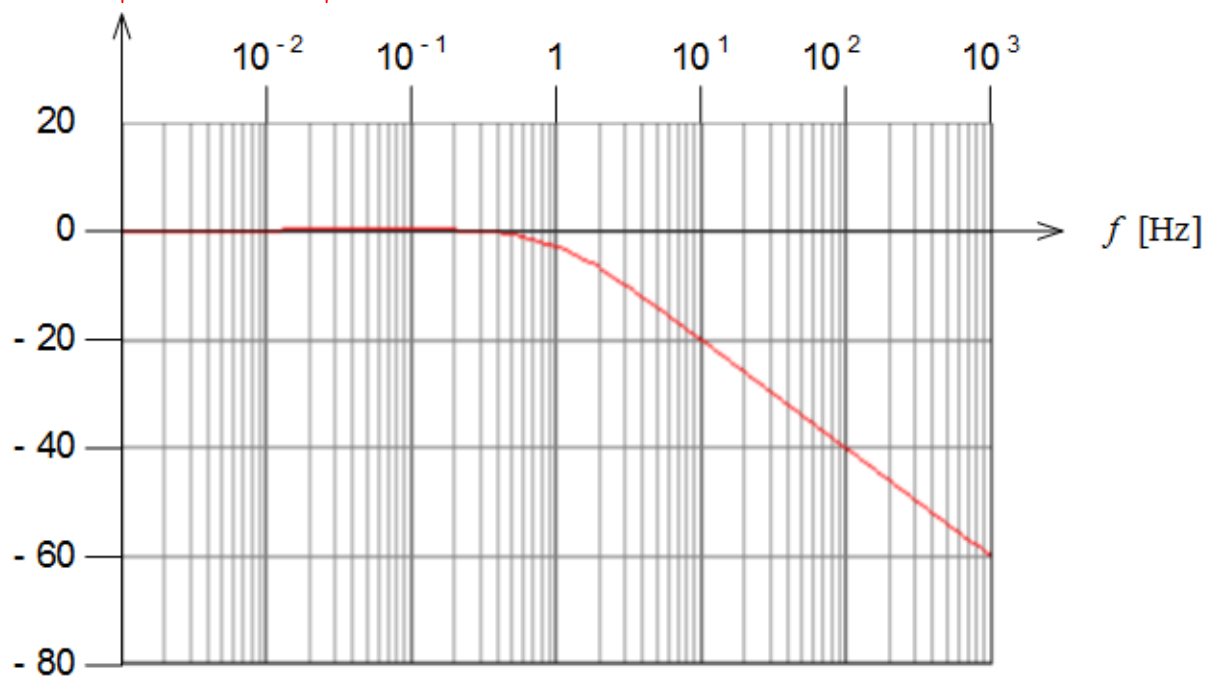
$$x_{OUT}(t) = x_{IN}(t) * h_{IN}(t)$$

$$X_{OUT}(s) = X_{IN}(s) \cdot H_{IN}(s)$$

where $h_{IN}(t)$ = impulse response

$$H_{IN}(s) = \text{transfer function} = \text{Laplace}\{h_{IN}(t)\}$$

$$20\log|H_{IN}(j2\pi f)| \text{ [dB]}$$



Transfer function «Oscillator-to-Output»



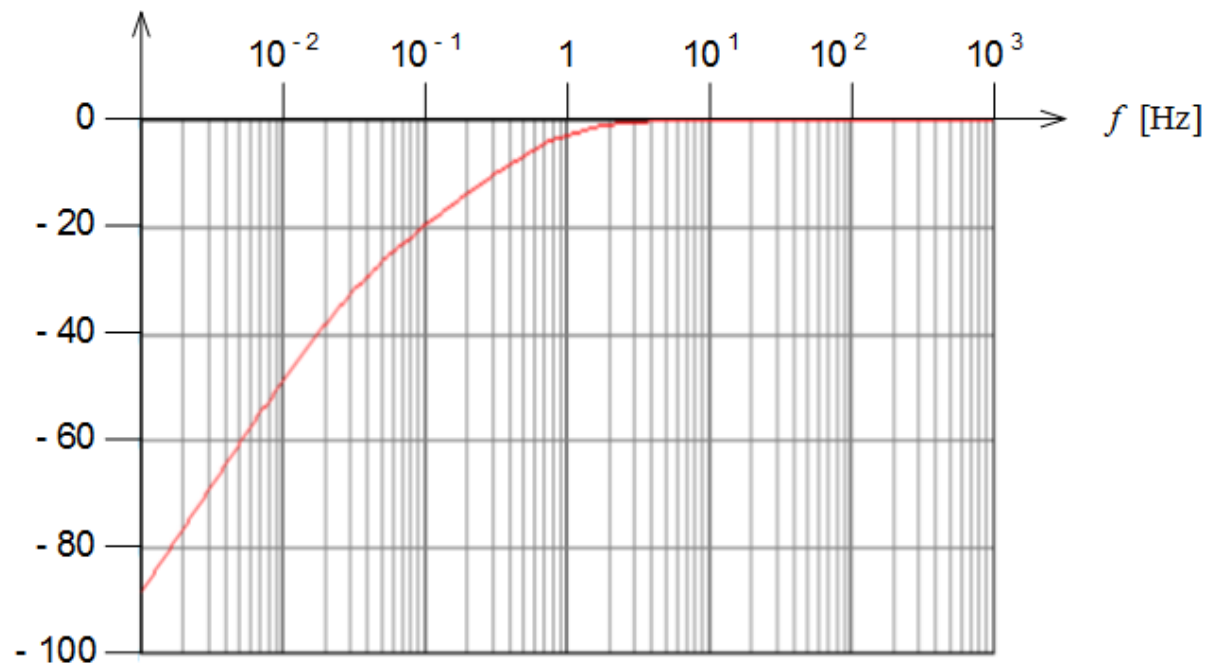
$$x_{OUT}(t) = x_{OSC}(t) * h_{OSC}(t)$$

$$X_{OUT}(s) = X_{OSC}(s) \cdot H_{OSC}(s)$$

where $h_{OSC}(t)$ = impulse response

$$H_{OSC}(s) = \text{transfer function} = \text{Laplace}\{h_{OSC}(t)\}$$

$$20\log|H_{OSC}(j2\pi f)| \text{ [dB]}$$

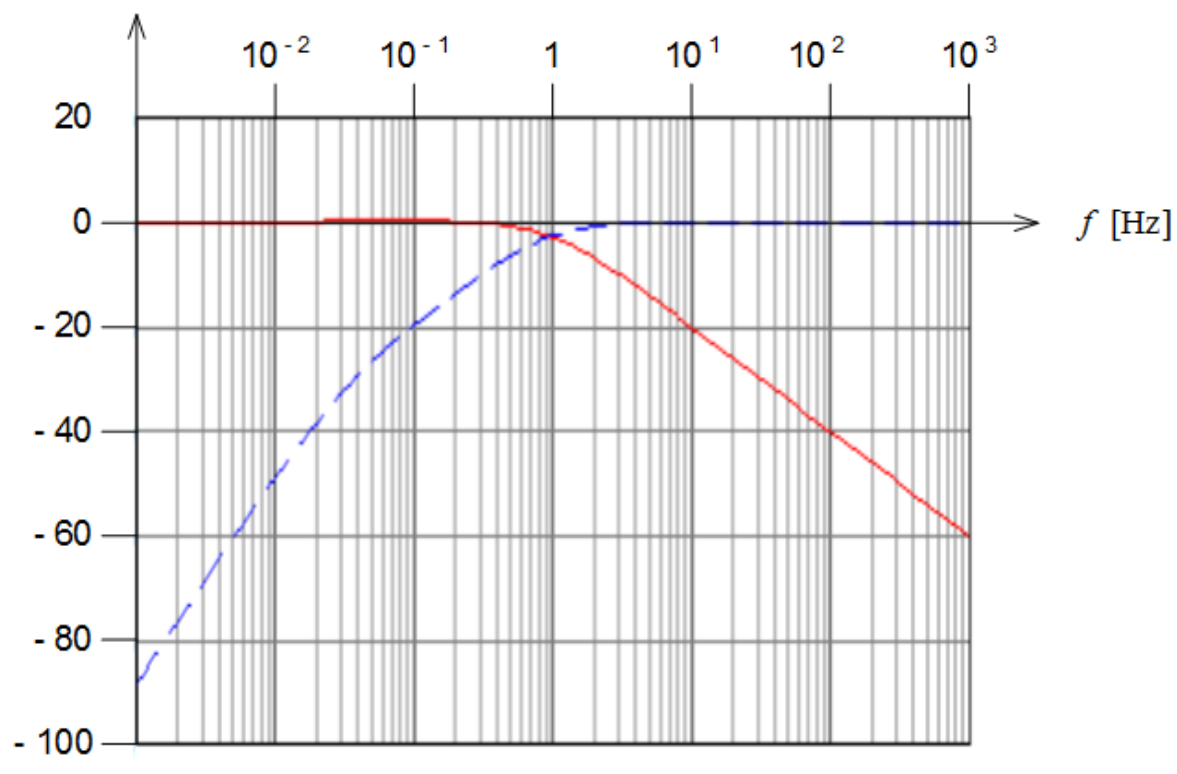


Both transfer functions

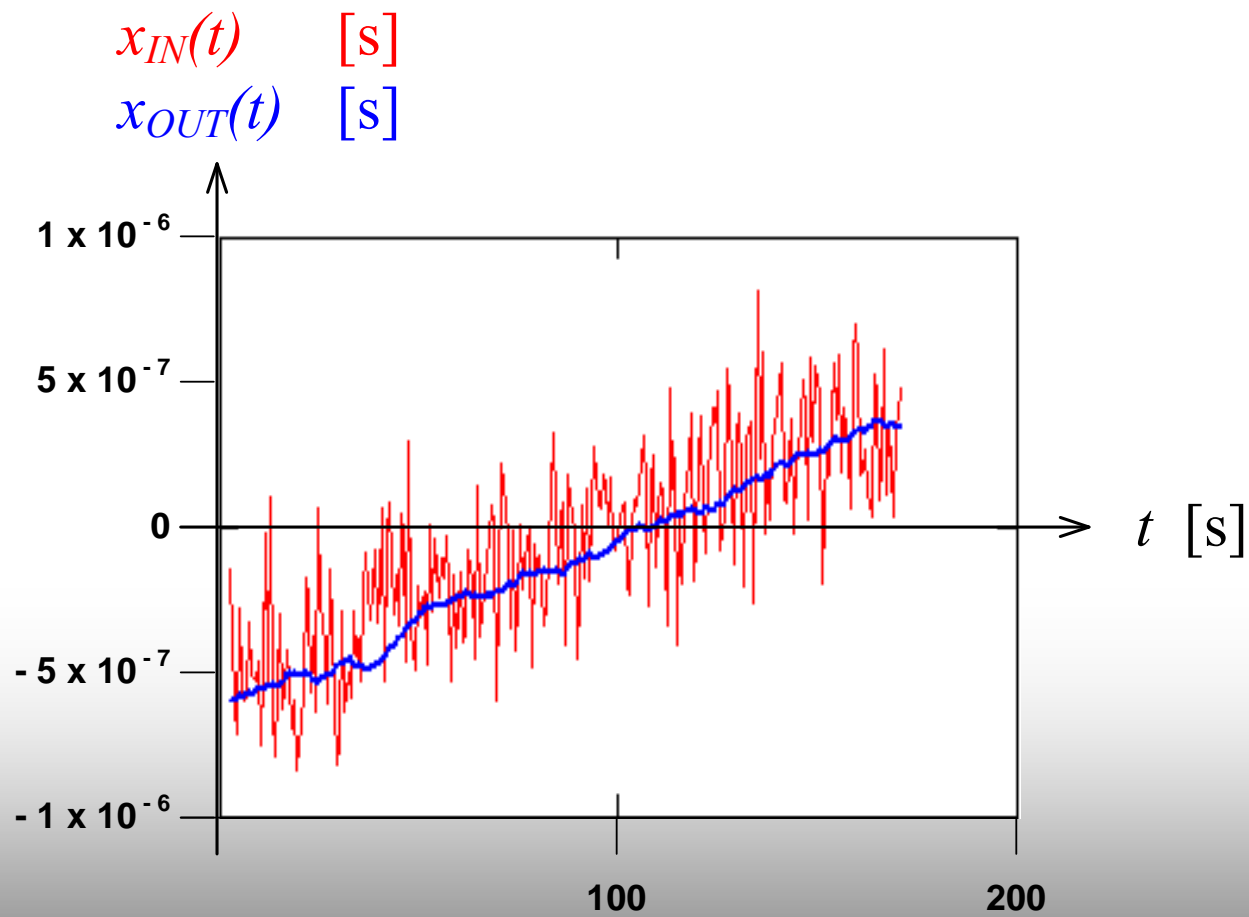


$$20\log|H_{IN}(j2\pi f)| \text{ [dB]}$$

$$20\log|H_{OSC}(j2\pi f)| \text{ [dB]}$$



PLL: Jitter filtering

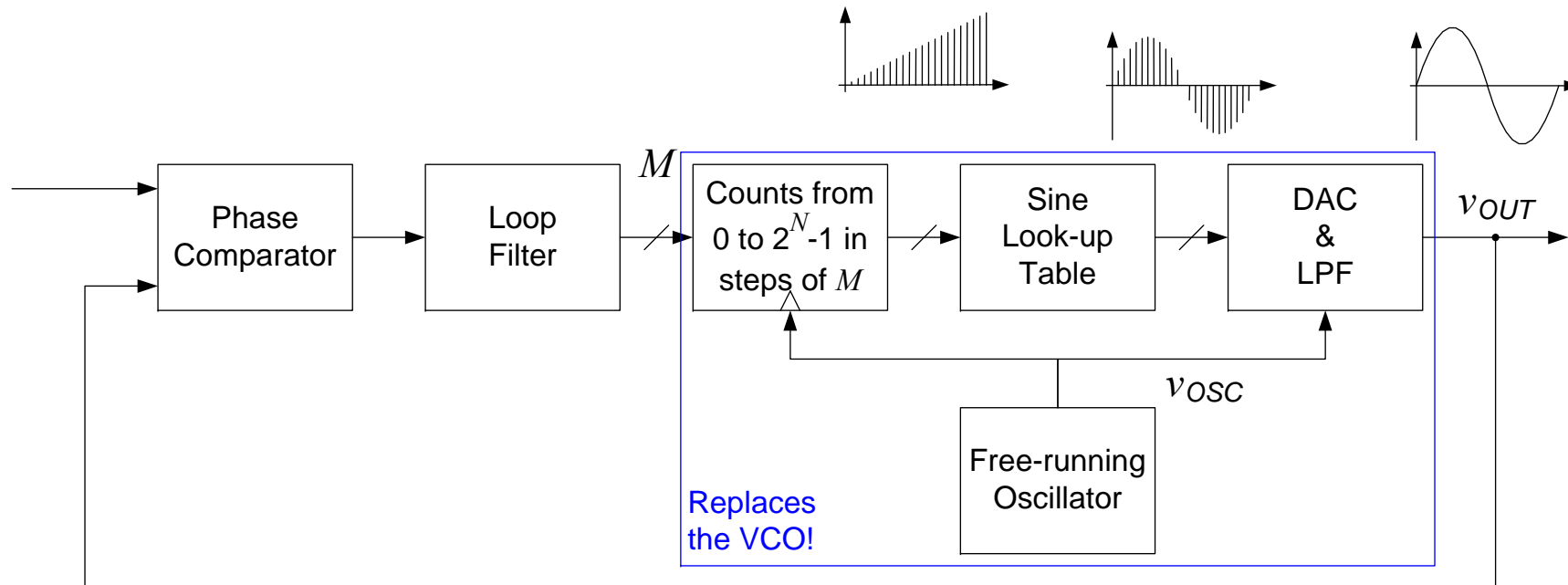


PLL terminology



- Hold-in range: largest offset between a PLL's input frequency and a specified nominal frequency, within which the PLL maintains lock as the frequency varies arbitrarily slowly over the frequency range
- Pull-in range: largest offset between a PLL's input frequency and a specified nominal frequency, within which the PLL will achieve locked mode
- Pull-out range: The offset between a PLL's input frequency and a specified nominal frequency, within which the PLL stays in the locked mode and outside of which the PLL cannot maintain locked mode, irrespective of the rate of the frequency change.
- Pulling range: term which applies to Voltage Controlled Oscillators (VCO), not to PLLs; maximum change in output frequency that can be attained via the control voltage

PLL with Direct Digital Synthesis



DAC = Digital-to-Analog Converter
 LPF = Low-pass Filter

$$v_{OUT} = \frac{M}{2^N} v_{OSC}$$

where M = output of the digital loop filter (integer)

N = size of the counter in bits (integer)

v_{OUT} = frequency of output signal $u_{OUT}(t)$

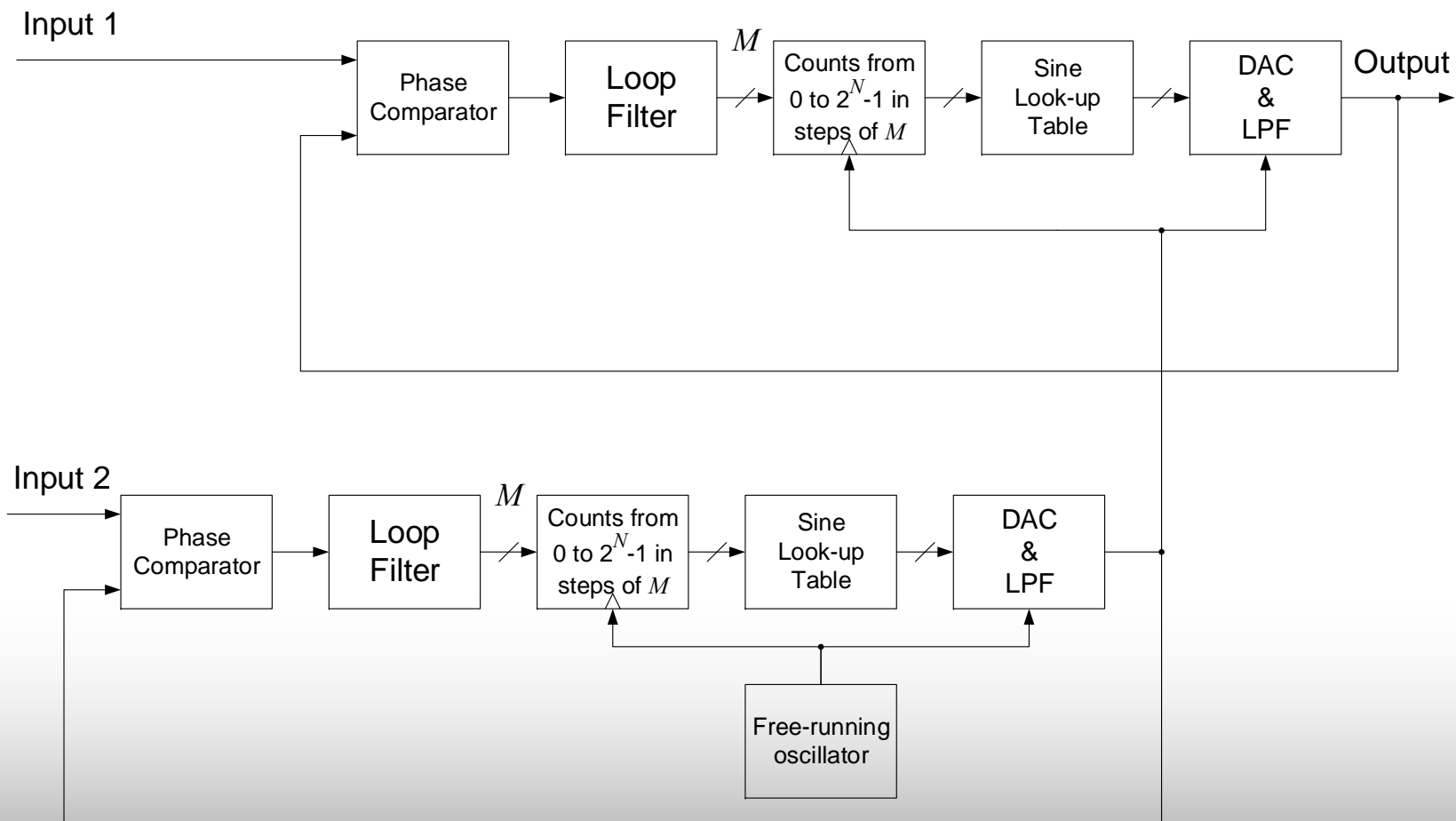
v_{OSC} = free-run frequency of the oscillator

PLL with VCO and with DDS compared

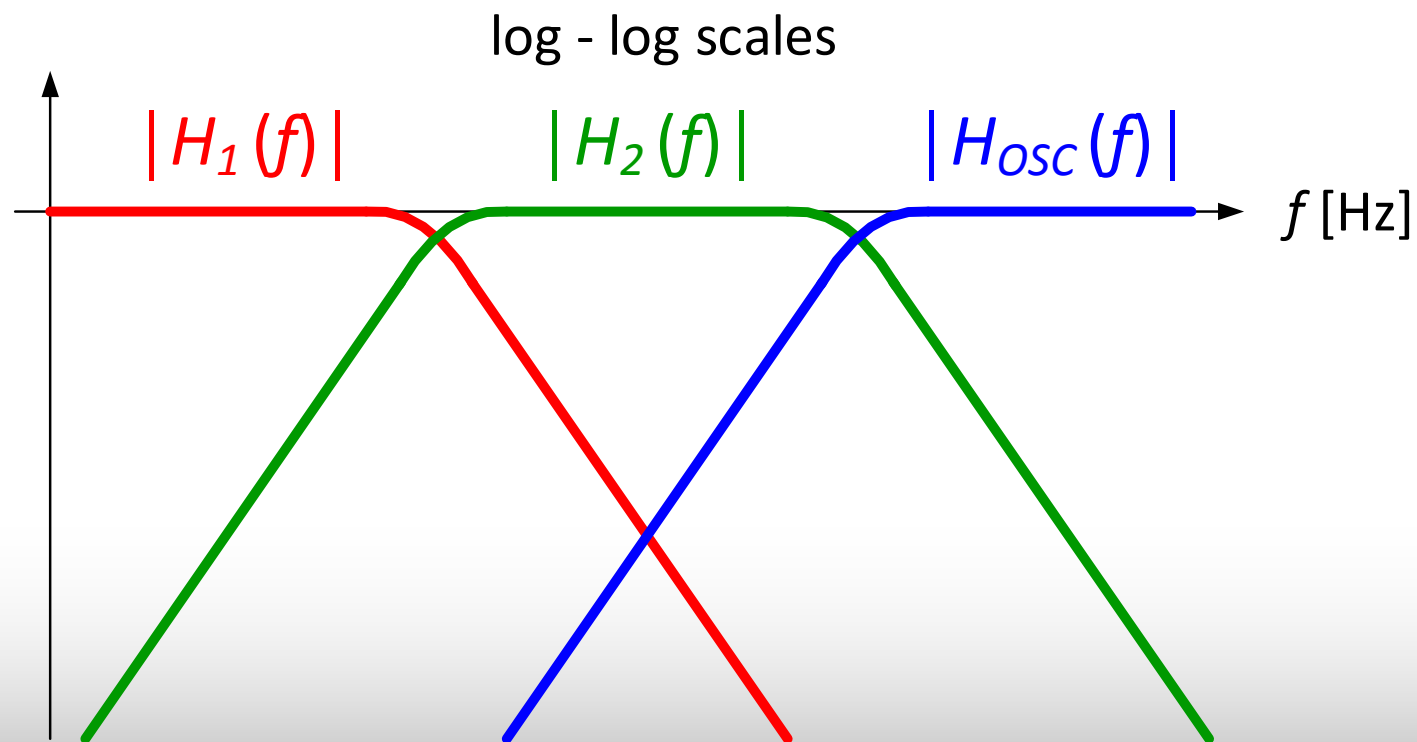


	Pros	Cons
PLL with VCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Very low phase noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•PLL's pull-in range depends on VCO's pulling range•Requires VCO
PLL with DDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Configurable pull-in range•Requires only free-running oscillator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Some quantization phase noise

Imagine the following:



What do the transfer functions look like?



2. Quartz Crystal Oscillator (XO) Technology

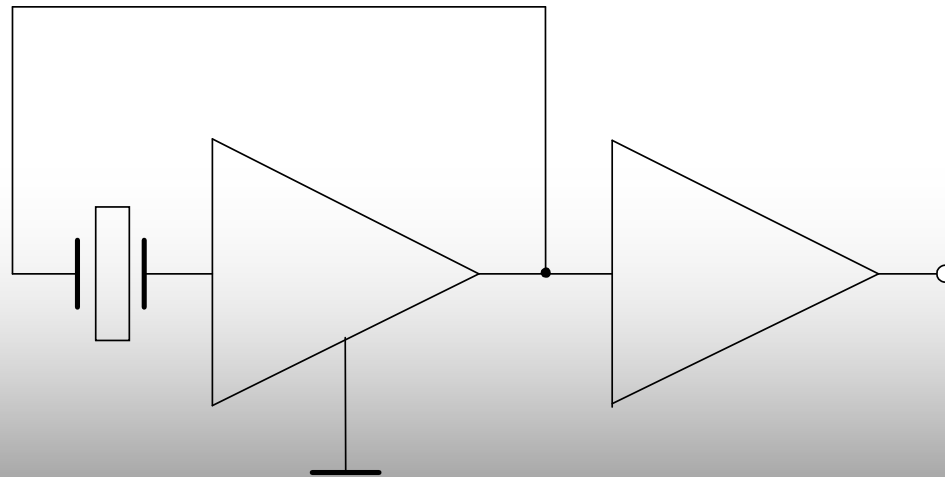


XO Categories rel. Temp. Control



XO, Crystal Oscillator:

- LTP centered in the operation temperature range
- $> 1E-7 / ^\circ C$

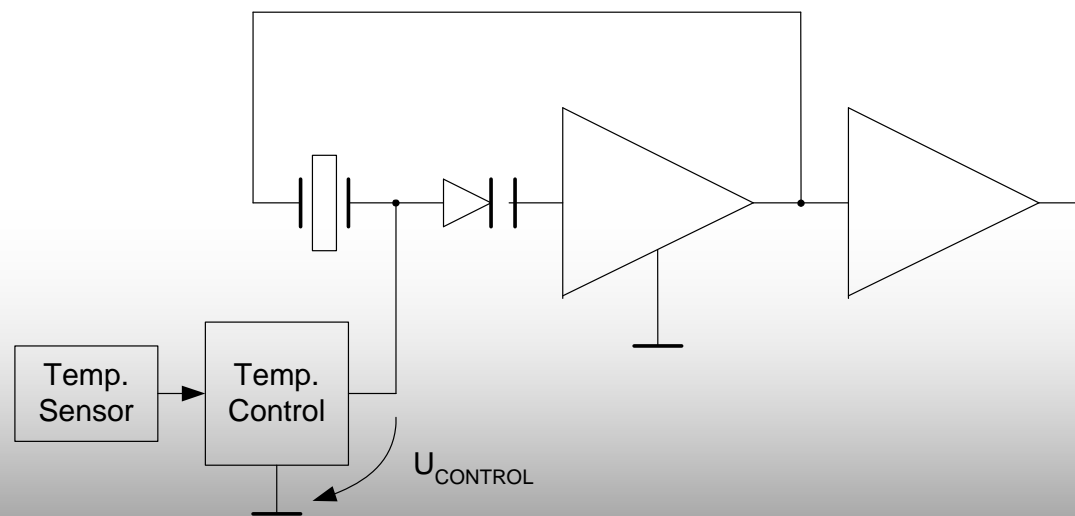


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TCXO, Temperature Compensated XO:

- Resonance frequency is modified by a varactor diode so as to compensate temperature sensitivity
- $5E-8$ to $5E-7$ over $[-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $85^{\circ}\text{C}]$

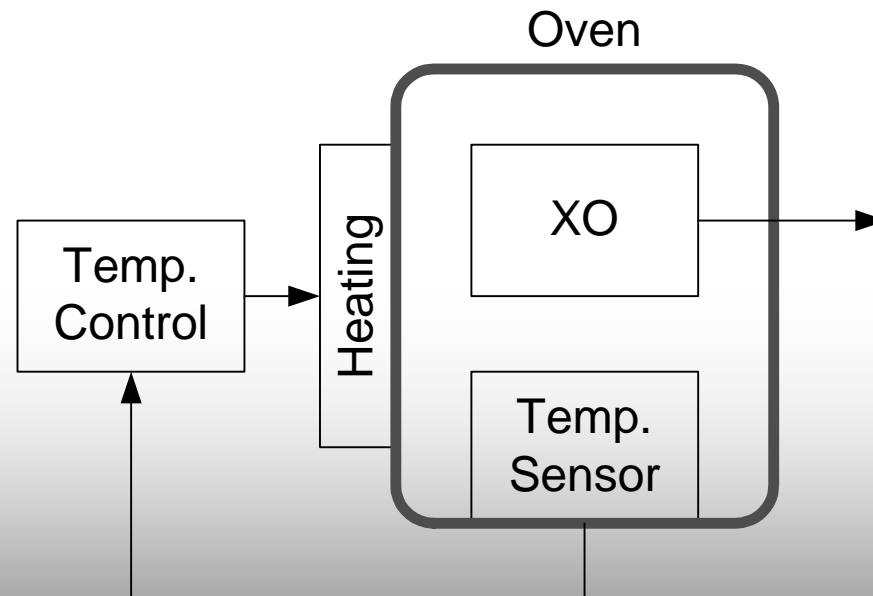


XO Categories rel. Temp. Control



OCXO, Oven Controlled XO:

- A control loop maintains the oven containing the XO at (nearly) constant temperature.
- $5E-9$ to $5E-8$ over $[-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $60^{\circ}\text{C}]$

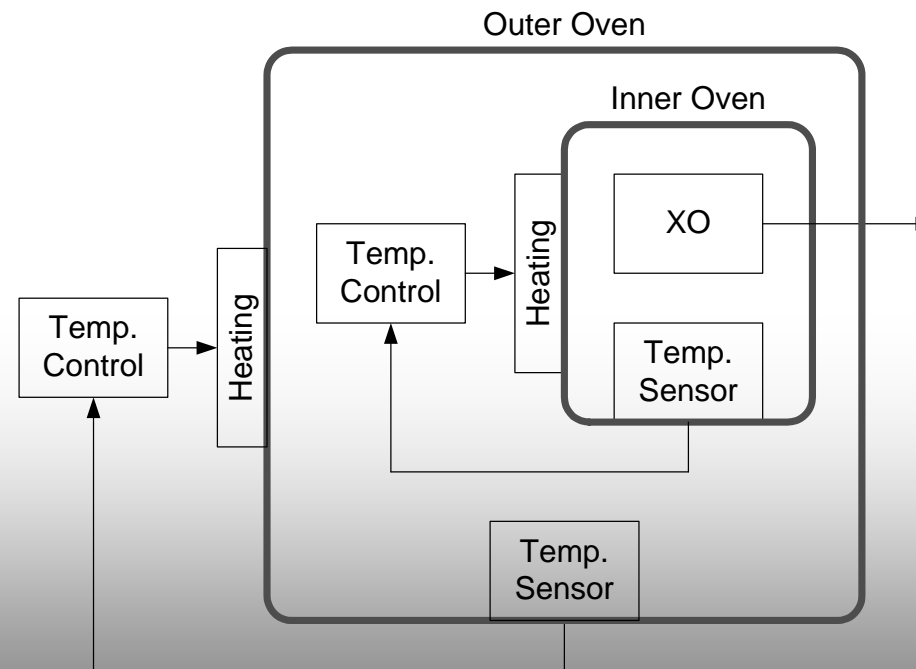


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DOCXO, Double Oven Controlled XO:

- Two temperature controlled ovens, one inside the other.
- $1\text{E}-10$ to $5\text{E}-9$ over $[-30^\circ\text{C}$ to $60^\circ\text{C}]$



Summary



Oscillator type	Temperature sensitivity (fractional frequency vs temperature)
XO	1E-7 / °C
TCXO	5E-8 to 5E-7 [-55°C to 85°C]
SOCXO	5E-9 to 5E-8 [-30°C to 60°C]
DOCXO	1E-10 to 5E-9 [-30°C to 60°C]



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