

AR ELECTRONIQUE



SUMMARY

About AR Electronique

- Activity fields
- Product Overview

Space products

- Heritage
- SMD Xtal resonators
- New Space / nanOSTAR-SP

ESCCON 2023

The European Space Components Conference

7 - 9 March 2023 | Toulouse | France



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AR ELECTRONIQUE / Key dates

→ 34 years of high end expertise!

2023 – New Space

- nanO-SP
- LEO constellations



2015 – Space

- USO / SAR filters

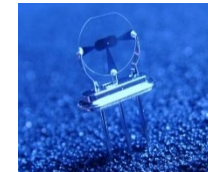
2008 – La Fayette site

- MIL-Airborne products
- Int devt (CA, USA, IS)



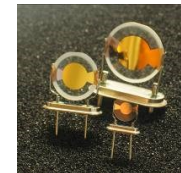
2000 – 1st BAW Filters

- Ecole-Valentin premises
- Radiocom apps



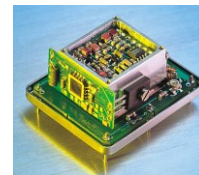
1996 – First Xtal resonators

- Sartrouville Unit
- Europe activities (I, D, UK)



1991 – First Oscillators

- ASIC functions
- Broadcast applications / France



1989 – Start-up

- Spin Off CNRS/LPMO
- Test equipments



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→ Identity

- Registered May 1989, Besançon
- French independant Company
- SAS, Share capital: 1 004 619 €

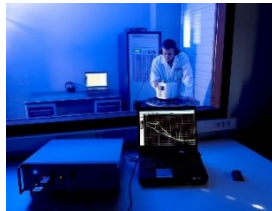
→ ARE team

- 45 employees
- 15 Engineers / Ph D's
- 25 experienced technicians



→ Technical infrastructure

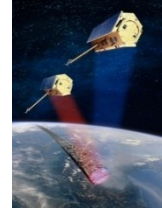
- 1 800 sqm of industrial facilities
- Resonators development and manufacturing facility
- Electronic development and manufacturing of oscillators
- In house Metrology & tests



ACTIVITY DOMAIN

→ RF products

AR Electronique designs and manufactures RF products and T/F systems for professional, defense, airborne and space applications



■ Xtal resonators

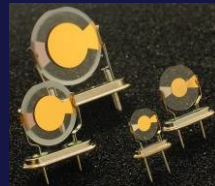
Lapping

Optical polishing

Métallization

Assembly

Vacuum housing



■ RF and T/F devices

Xtal Oscillators & RF Sources
Piezoelectric filters



Design, Development & Manufacturing

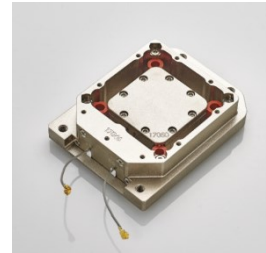
→ Mil Aero & Space BAW Resonators

- Quartz for oscillators (high stability, Ultra low G-sensitivity)
- Resonators for RF filters (Quartz / LiTaO₃)



→ Oscillators & RF Sources (COTS, Specific products)

- Leading Edge performance (Ultra Low Phase Noise, very high stability, High reliability)
- Harsh environment



Embedded Oscillator
(MIL-Airborne)

→ Piezoelectric BAW Filters



→ In house metrology & tests

- Fcy stability / ADEV / Retrace
- Phase noise / Spectral purity
- Environmental tests
- Temp / vacuum / vibration / shocks



MARKET SHARES



→ Professional

- Instrumentation / Test bench
- Telecommunication / Broadcast



→ Civil airborne & Space

- Radionavigation / Satcom
- SAR Satellites / Earth Observation
- New-Space



→ Defense

- Radiocommunication
- Radionavigation
- Radars, seekers & on board equipments



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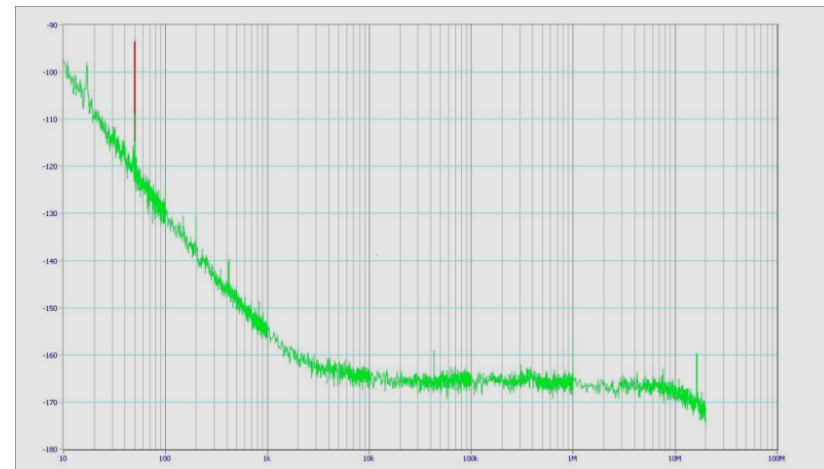


Space products

- Heritage
- SMD Xtal resonators
- New Space / nanOSTAR-SP

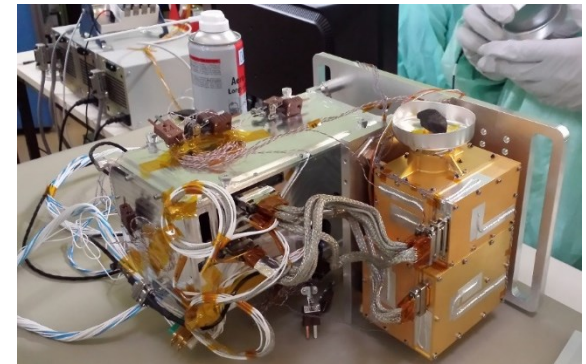
ARE Space Projects / Product examples

CUSTOMER	CNES (France)
PROJECT	T2L2 / JASON 2 (LEO) Scientific satellite 2008
PRODUCT	100MHz XO - FM Very low phase noise Milled case, 34x47x13 mm
COMPONENTS	COTS Xtal: HQ, std
LEVEL	MIL-STD 883
WORKMANSHIP	J-STD-001 Class 3
STATUS	In orbit over >10 years



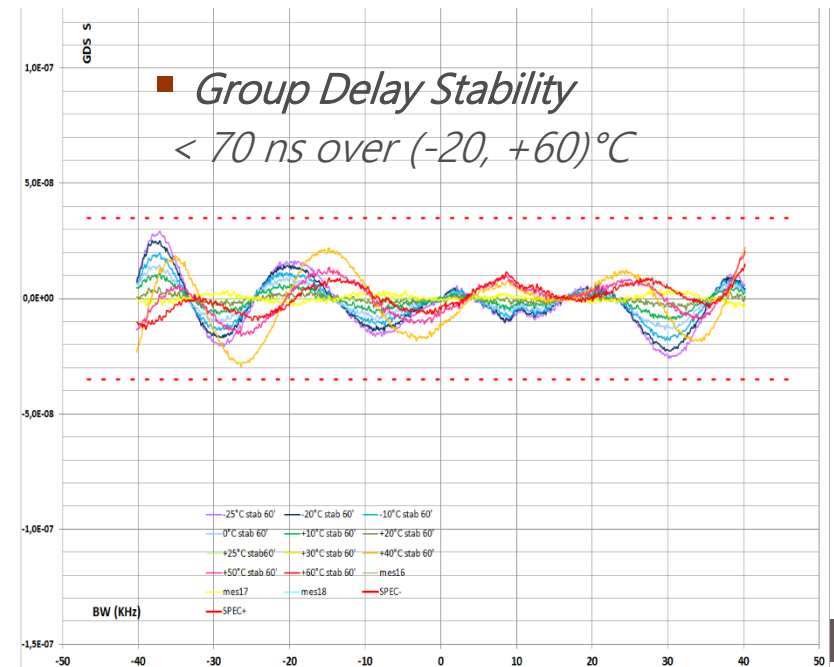
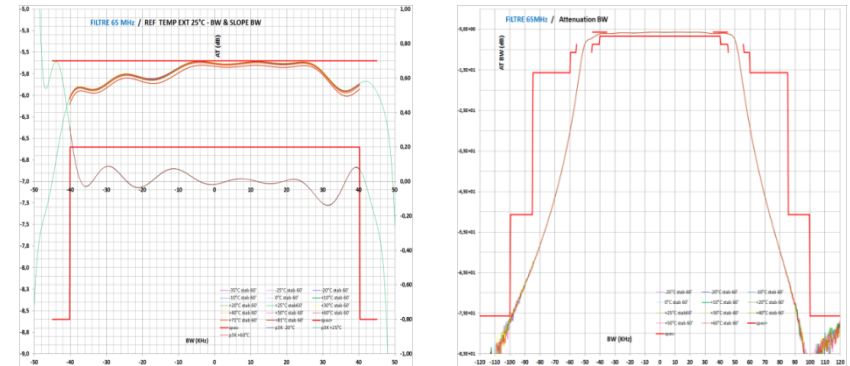
ARE Space Projects / Product examples

CUSTOMER	IAS (Orsay-France)
PROJECT	Scientific Space Mission MASCOT Lander MicrOmega instrument, HAYABUSA 2 (Europe / Japan) 2015
PRODUCT	20MHz / 300MHz TCXO EM / QM / FM CO8 RW case
COMPONENTS	MIL std Xtal: AT cut, MIL std
LEVEL	MIL-STD 883
WORKMANSHIP	J-STD-001 Class 3
STATUS	Successful mission



ARE Space Projects / Product examples

CUSTOMER	North American Tier 1
PROJECT	SAR GPS Satellite 2016
PRODUCT	60MHz Xtal Filter 90kHz BW Ultra low GDS Oven controlled Milled case
COMPONENTS	QPL, MIL 55310 Lev C Xtal: IBE, swept, ESCC 3501, Lat 3-C
LEVEL	MIL-STD 55310 - C
WORKMANSHIP	ESA-Q-ST-70-08/38
STATUS	EM delivered

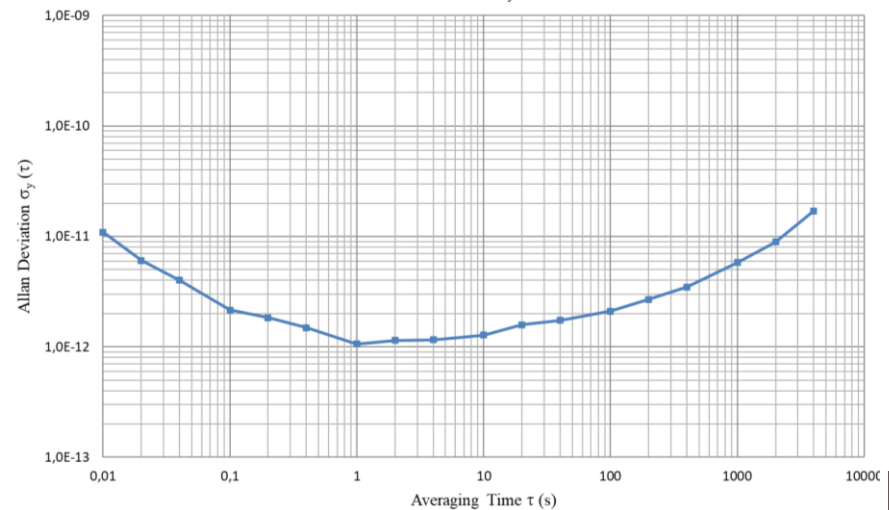


ARE Space Projects / Product examples

CUSTOMER	European Tier 1
PROJECT	SAR Satellite Radar 2016
PRODUCT	50MHz USO – FM/QM High stability Very low phase noise Milled case
COMPONENTS	QPL, ESA / MIL Std Xtal: HQ, swept, ESCC 3501, Lat 2-B
LEVEL	Full Class-S level MIL-STD 55310 – C
WORKMANSHIP	ESA-Q-ST-70-08/38
STATUS	FM/QM delivered In orbit since end of 2022



50MHz PULSAR-SP USO
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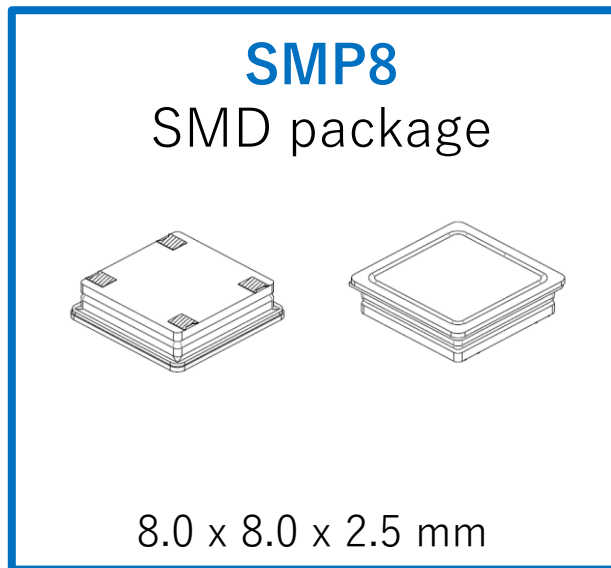
Space products

- Space Heritage
- **SMD Xtal resonators**
- New Space / nanOSTAR-SP oscillator

Xtal resonators / SMP8

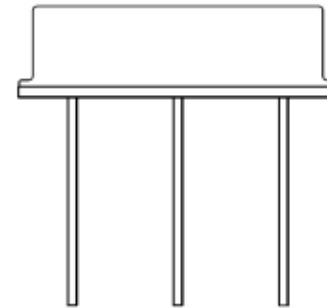
Design, manufacturing and evaluation of
SMD Crystal Resonators for Space
Applications

A key point for oscillator size reduction.



VS.

T08-500
Through Hole package



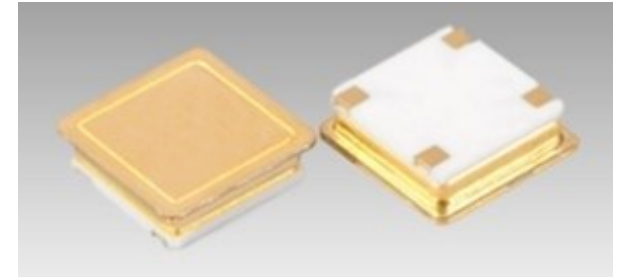
Ø 13.0 mm x 4.5 mm (height)

This work has been performed within a CNES RCS Action

Xtal resonators / SMP8 product range

➔ *Fcy range*

- 20-120 MHz Fcy range
- AT / SC Cut



➔ *Enclosure*

- SMD resonator design for achieving a state of the art Low g-sensitivity

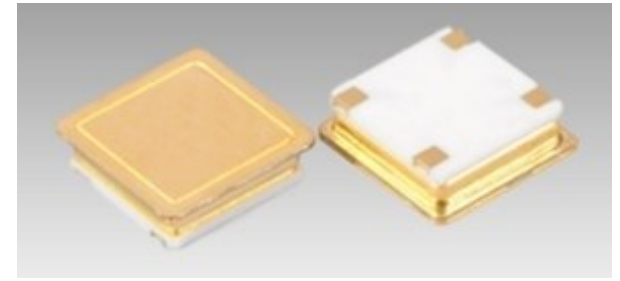
➔ *Material*

- Swept
- Shortly, ARE plan to use high purity premium quartz material from CRISTAL INNOV French manufacturer.

➔ *Manufacturing*

- According to ARE PID 002 (CNES approved)

➔ *ITAR Free*

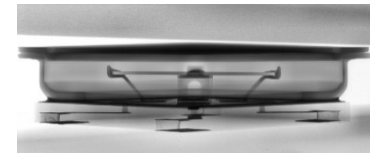
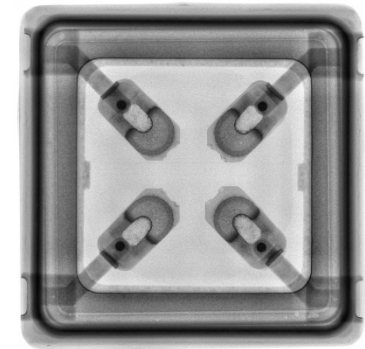


Crystal resonator Manufacturing

- Batches of 20, 50, 100 and 120 MHz resonators for New Space applications

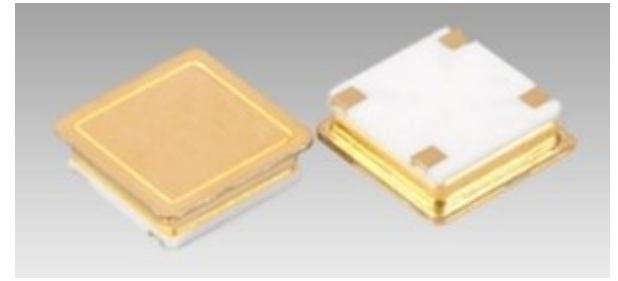
Manufacturing characterisation

- Crystal motional parameters
- Frequency stability vs. temperature
- Aging : 3.0 E-8 / month (max) @ 100 MHz
- Phase Noise
- g-sensitivity : 1.5 E-10 /g (typ) @ 100 MHz
- Fine Leak Test
- X-ray inspection



Xtal resonators / SMP8

→ Successful evaluation of SMP8 resonators according to ESCC 2263501



GROUP 2 :

- Thermal Shock Step Stress (§ 7.3.2)
- Vibration Step Stress (§ 7.3.3) : 20g, 30g et 50g
- Mechanical Shock Step Stress (§7.3.4) :
 - 50g ½ sinus 6ms.
 - 100g ½ sinus 6ms.
 - 1500g ½ sinus 0.5ms.
 - 2000g ½ sinus 0.1ms.
- Accelerated Damp Heat (§ 7.3.5)

GROUP 4 :

- Aging

RGA and DPA are now in progress at CNES's Analysis Laboratory



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AR Electronique New Space
products ...



... derived from fully
qualified MIL/Airborne
oscillators



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Starting point



nanOSTAR-S



Miniature OCXO – nanostar S

- Low volume : 20 x 20 x 10 mm
- Low weight : < 10g

Rugged design

Fully qualified on MIL-Airborne projects

High reliability : 900 000 hours MTBF

Robustness to random vibration and shocks

COTS Components

ARE In House HQ SC-cut Crystal resonators

High performances under environment

Fast Warm-Up : < 30 s @ +25°C

Low Power Consumption : < 700 mW @ +25°C (VCC=3V3)

High Frequency Stability : $\pm 5.0 \text{ E-9}$ in [-20°C; +70°C] (10 MHz)

Low Phase Noise : < -135 dBc/Hz @ 100 Hz offset (100 MHz)

Low Aging : < 5.0 E-9 / month @ 10 MHz

Low g-sensitivity : < 2.0 E-10 /g

10 - 60 MHz (direct frequency)

60 - 120 MHz (with internal freq. Multiplier)

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Design steps



nanOSTAR-SP

1. Candidate Components list for space environment
2. Heavy ions evaluation (SEE)
3. Re-design of the OCXO
4. HQ crystals with Swept material
5. Resonators and Oscillators batch manufacturing
6. Radiation characterisation up to 40 krad (TID)
7. Thermal & Mechanical Environment evaluation



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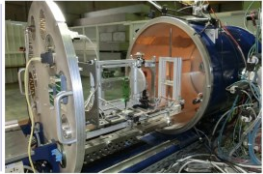






Compact OCXO / nanOSTAR-SP

➔ Qualification Program



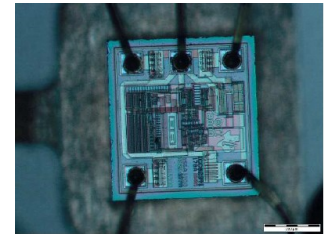
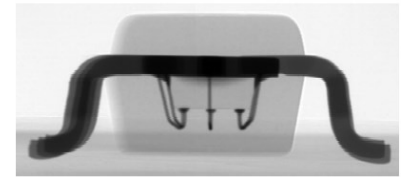
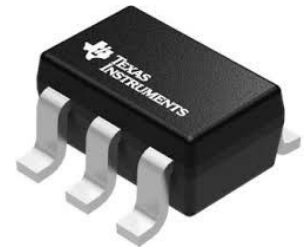
Phase	Activity	Q4-21	Q1-22	Q2-22	Q3-22	Q1/Q2-23
P1	Radiation Analysis COTS HCMOS components Heavy Ions / SEL SET	<i>EEE HCMOS Components</i> 				
P2	EM units production 2 batches 10MHz / 100MHz		<i>Xtals</i>	<i>Oscillators</i>		
P3	Qualification Radiation LDR 40 krad TID					<i>Lot 1</i> 
P4	Qualification Temperature Vibration + Shocks Life test 1000 hours					<i>Lot 2</i> <i>Lot 3</i> <i>Lot 4</i>

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Candidate Components identification
& Sample preparation : **Done**

4 CMOS function (LDO, OPA, MOSFET, Logic Gate)
1 Bipolar function (bipolar Transistor)

1. Component selection on Automotive parts (if available)
2. 4 alternative parts per function
3. Component construction analysis
4. Samples mounting on daughter boards
5. Samples delidding with acid-etch process (TRAD laboratory)



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SEE evaluation : **Done**

- Heavy ions beam test
- 23 component references tested
- 89 component samples tested

Ion Beam Test Location :

HIF evaluation performed at UCL
in Louvain-La-Neuve (BE)
Cyclotron Research Center (CRC).

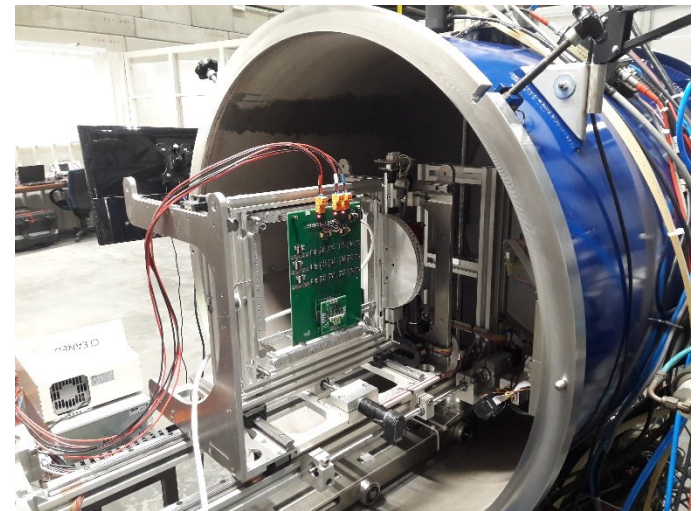
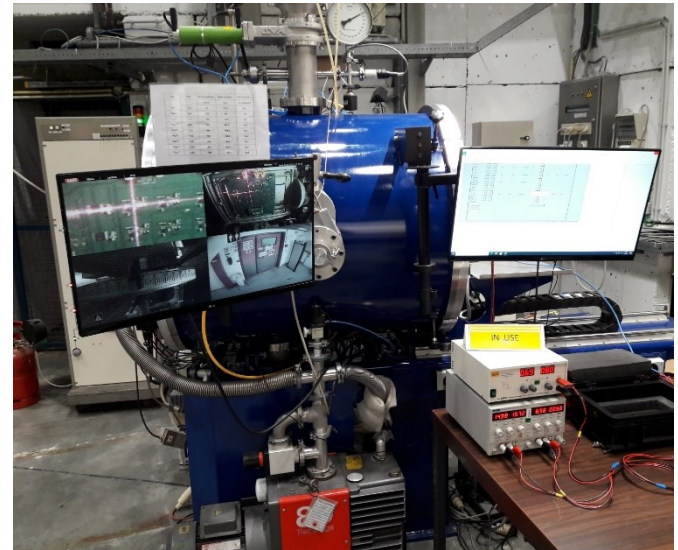
Ion Beam parameters :

Ion $^{103}\text{Rh}^{31+}$, 46,1 MeV.cm²/mg,

Fluence : 1E7 particules/cm²,

Flux : 1E4 ions/s

Duration : 1000 s

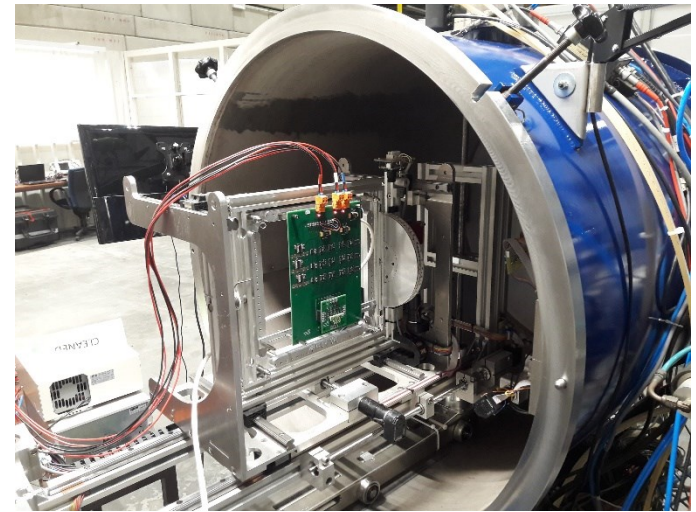
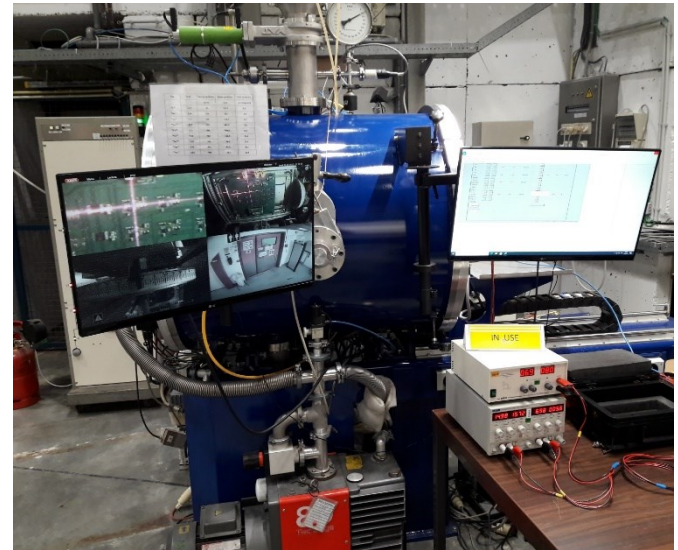


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SEE evaluation results

At least 2 references per function is **SEL-free** with up to $46,1 \text{ MeV.cm}^2/\text{mg}$ => **Successful**

LDO components seems to be critical items regarding SEE under heavy ions with only 1 SEL-free part on 6 candidate references tested. => **Successful**



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Re-Design & Manufacturing



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Minor Nanostar PCB re-design in order to fit with SEE qualified components footprints. **Done**

HQ crystals with Swept material manufacturing & Testing **Done**

Oscillators batch manufacturing **Done**



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Evaluation to be finalised



nanOSTAR-SP

Radiation evaluation up to 40 krad (TID) at TRAD Co60 facility
(design already successfully evaluated up to 100 krad in 2019)

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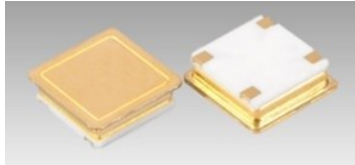


Thermal & Mechanical Environment evaluation
(design already successfully qualified for military airborne applications)

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ARE Solutions for Space applications



SMP8 XTAL Resonator



nanOSTAR-SP

- SMP8 Space resonator
(ESCC 2263501 qualified)
- Miniature OCXO for New Space application
10 – 120 MHz
SEL-free
New Space Evaluation finalized May 2023
High performances :
 - 20 x 20 x 10 mm
 - Fast Warm-Up : < 30 s @ +25°C
 - Low power consumption : < 700 mW @ +25°C (VCC=3V3)
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➔ *Many thanks for your attention !*

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