Clock Translators for Optical Transport Networks

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Microsemi offers the widest portfolio of single-chip devices delivering “any rate, any port, all the time” performance for OTN.

For OTN equipment, Microsemi phase locked loops (PLLs) are used for line card timing including:

- Clock rate translation from line to client rates
- One PLL path per client port
- Clock rate programmability per client port

**Features**

Highly-integrated and programmable solution provides translation from any input reference frequency to any output clock frequency with jitter performance for interfaces 10G, 40G, and 100G coherent.

The single, dual, triple, and quad channel devices with independent digital PLLs accept and generate any frequency from 1 kHz to 1.25 GHz to support any communication service over optical networks.

**OTN Requirements**

- Multiple clock frequencies to support multiple services
- Dynamic rate conversion for forward error correction (FEC)
- Independent timing paths to support multiple transmit and receive services
- Stringent low jitter generation

**Product Solutions**

- Single-chip solutions compliant to the telecom timing standards
- Meeting OTN multi-service requirements
- Highly-integrated to support multiple OTN frequencies and channels
- Output jitter of 0.25 ps RMS

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Featured Products

ZL30169: 3-Input, 3-Output Clock Translator for OTN
- Any input frequency from 1 kHz to 1.25 GHz
- Continuous input clock quality monitoring
- Hitless reference switching on loss of input
- Programmable bandwidth: 14 Hz to 500 Hz
- Output jitter typically 0.16 ps RMS (APLL only. Output jitter for other modes: 0.25 ps RMS)
- Small package: 5 mm x 5 mm

ZL30169 Block Diagram

ZL30174: Triple Channel Precision Clock Translator
- 3 independent OTN de-synchronizers
- Excellent jitter performance of 180 fs RMS in 12 kHz to 20 MHz band meets jitter requirements of 10G/40G and 100G PHYs
- 3 programmable ultra-low jitter synthesizers generate any frequency from 1 Hz to 900 MHz
- 6 differential (CML) or 12 single-ended (CMOS) ultra-low jitter outputs, plus 2 general purpose CMOS outputs
- Accepts up to 10 LVPECL/LVDS/HCSL/LVCMOS inputs
- Automatic hitless reference switching and digital holdover on reference fail with initial holdover accuracy better than 10 ppb

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OTN Product Chart