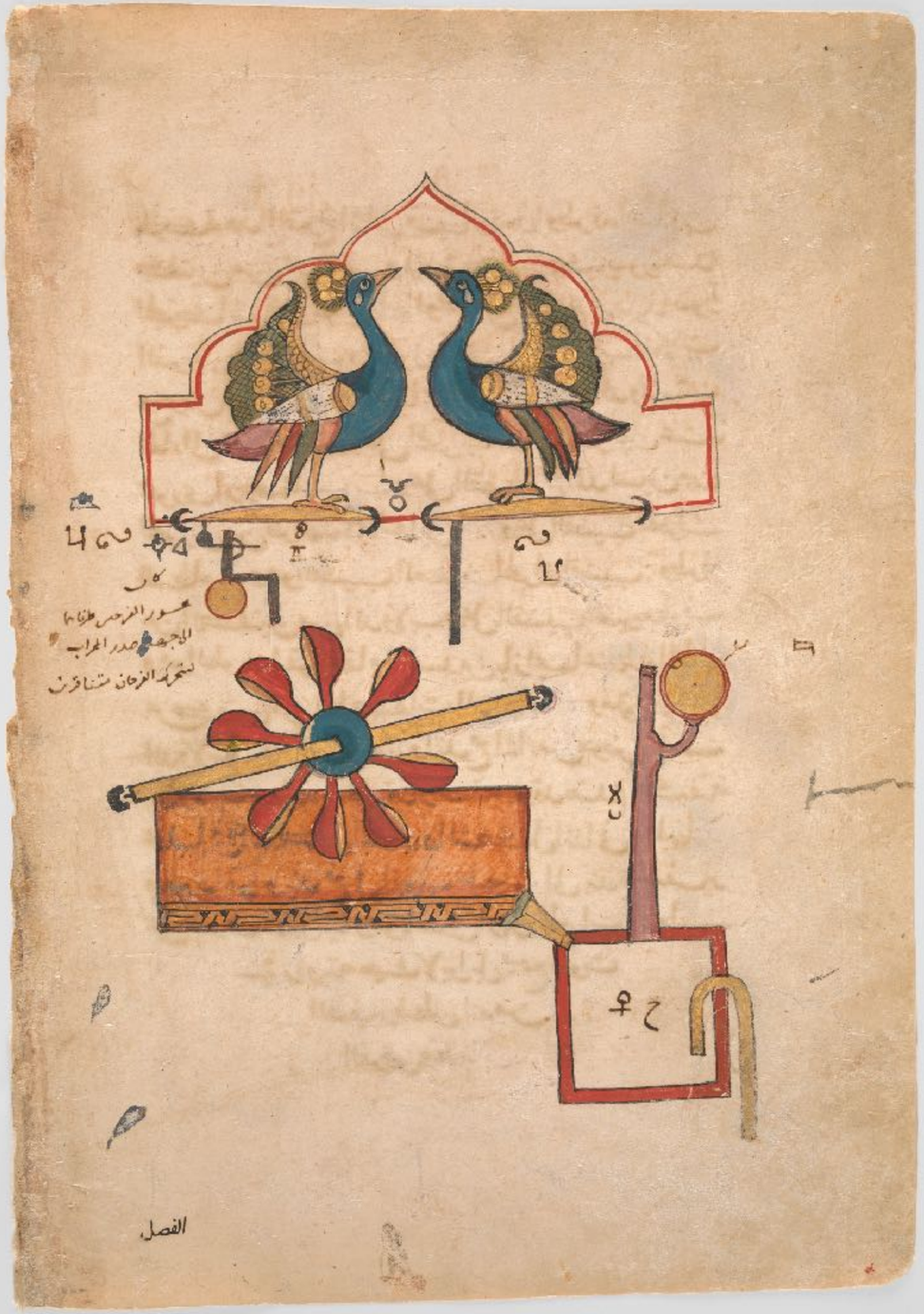
TIME MACHINES

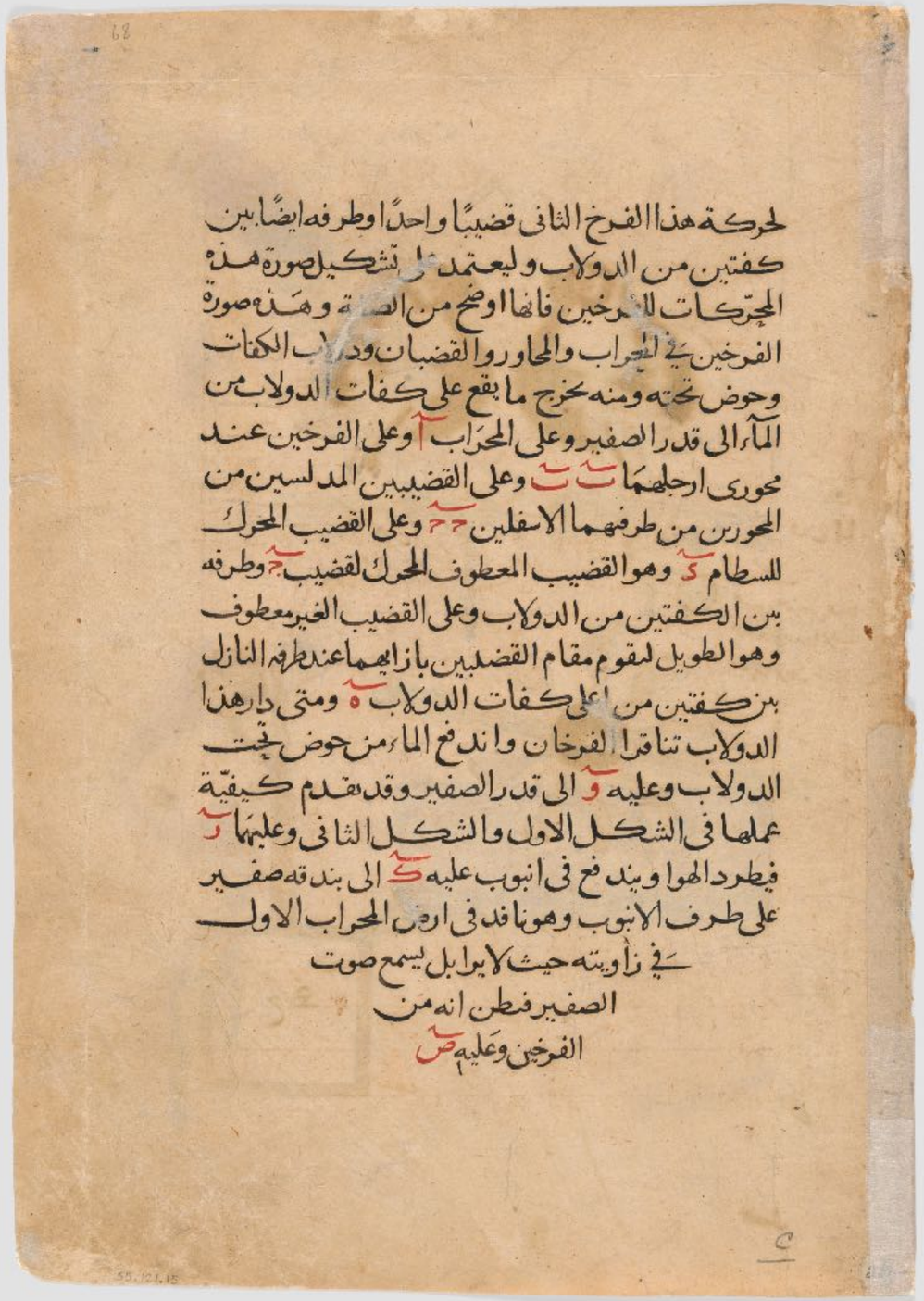
Water clocks, clepsydras, sundials, hour glasses – all are "flow" based measures of time.

Continuous flow is hard to count. . .

"Continuity is only a mathematical technique for approximating very finely grained things. The world is subtly discrete, not continuous. The good Lord has not drawn the world with continuous lines: with a light hand, he has sketched it in dots, like the painter Georges Seurat."

Carlo Rovelli





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"Design for the Water Clock of the Peacocks", from the *Kitab fi ma'rifat al-hiyal al-handasiyya* (Book of the Knowledge of Ingenious Mechanical Devices) by Badi' al-Zaman b. al Razzaz al-Jazari

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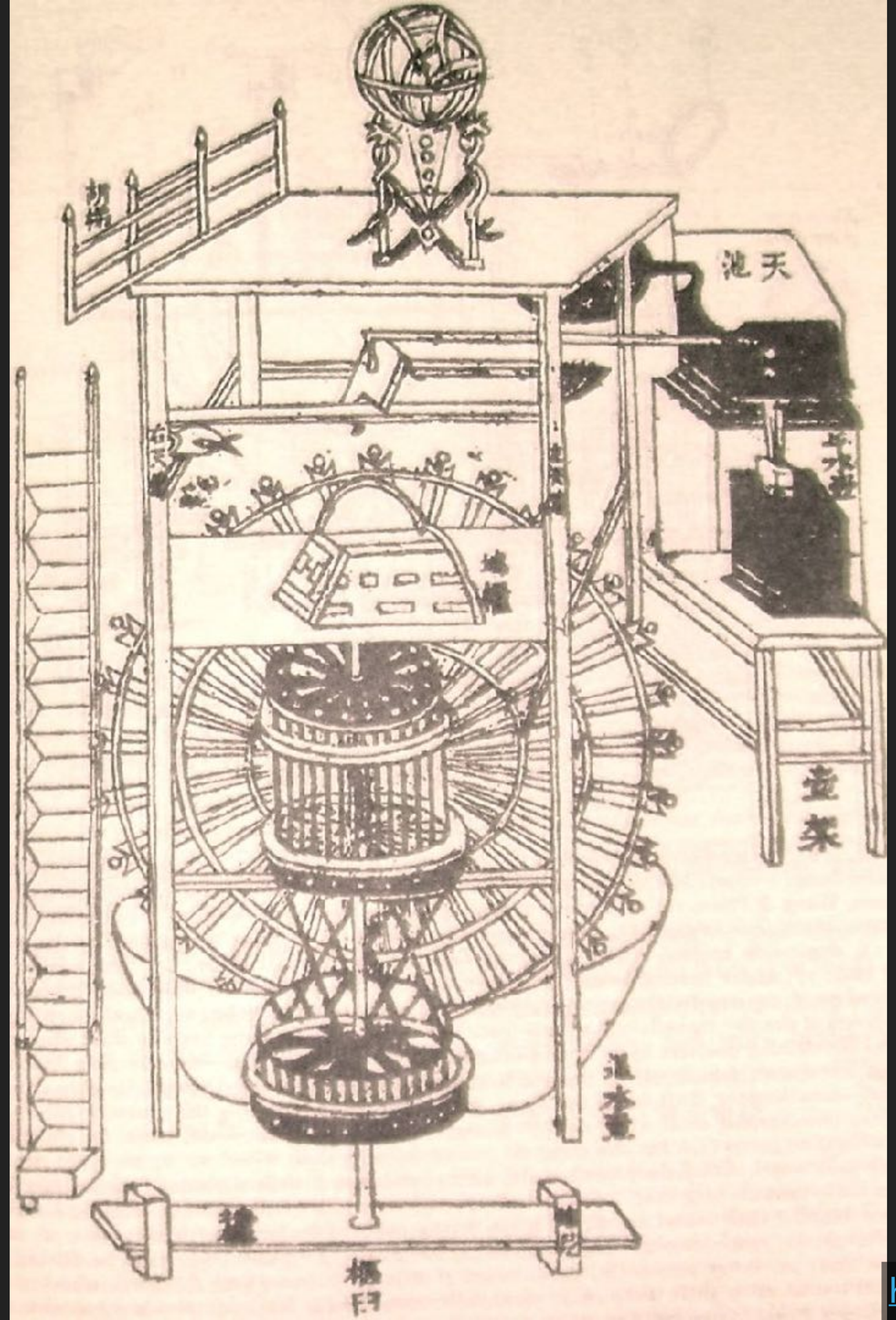

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SU SONG ASTRONOMICAL WATER CLOCK

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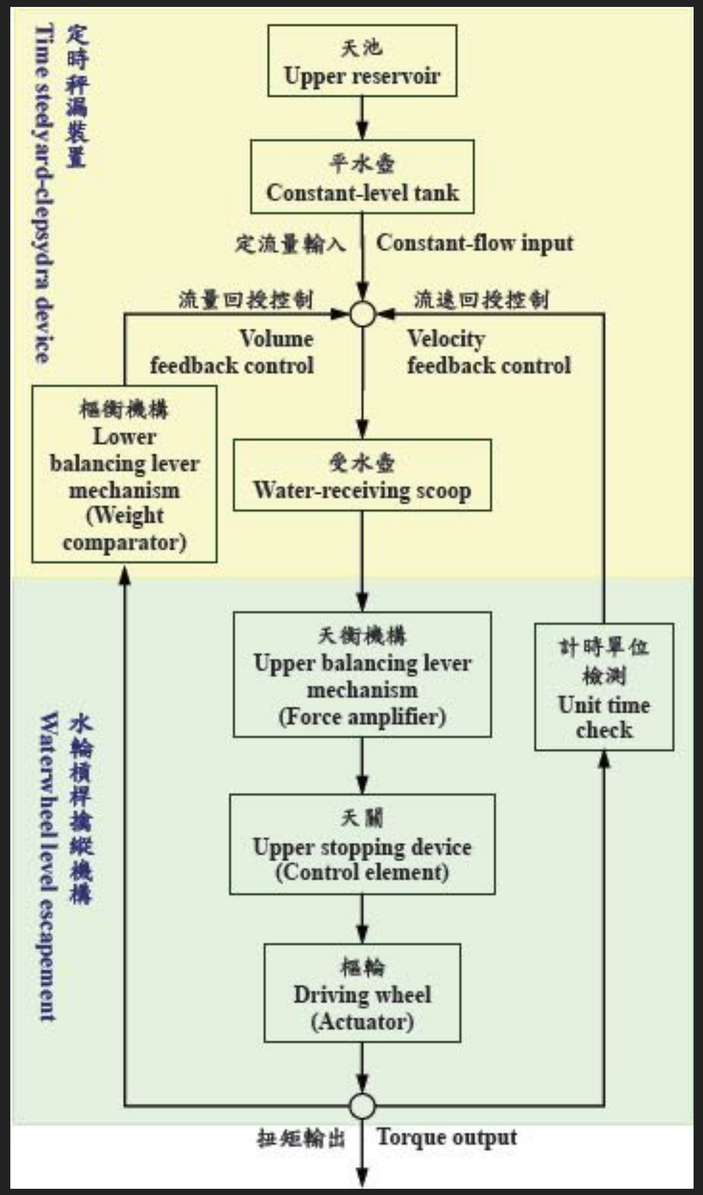
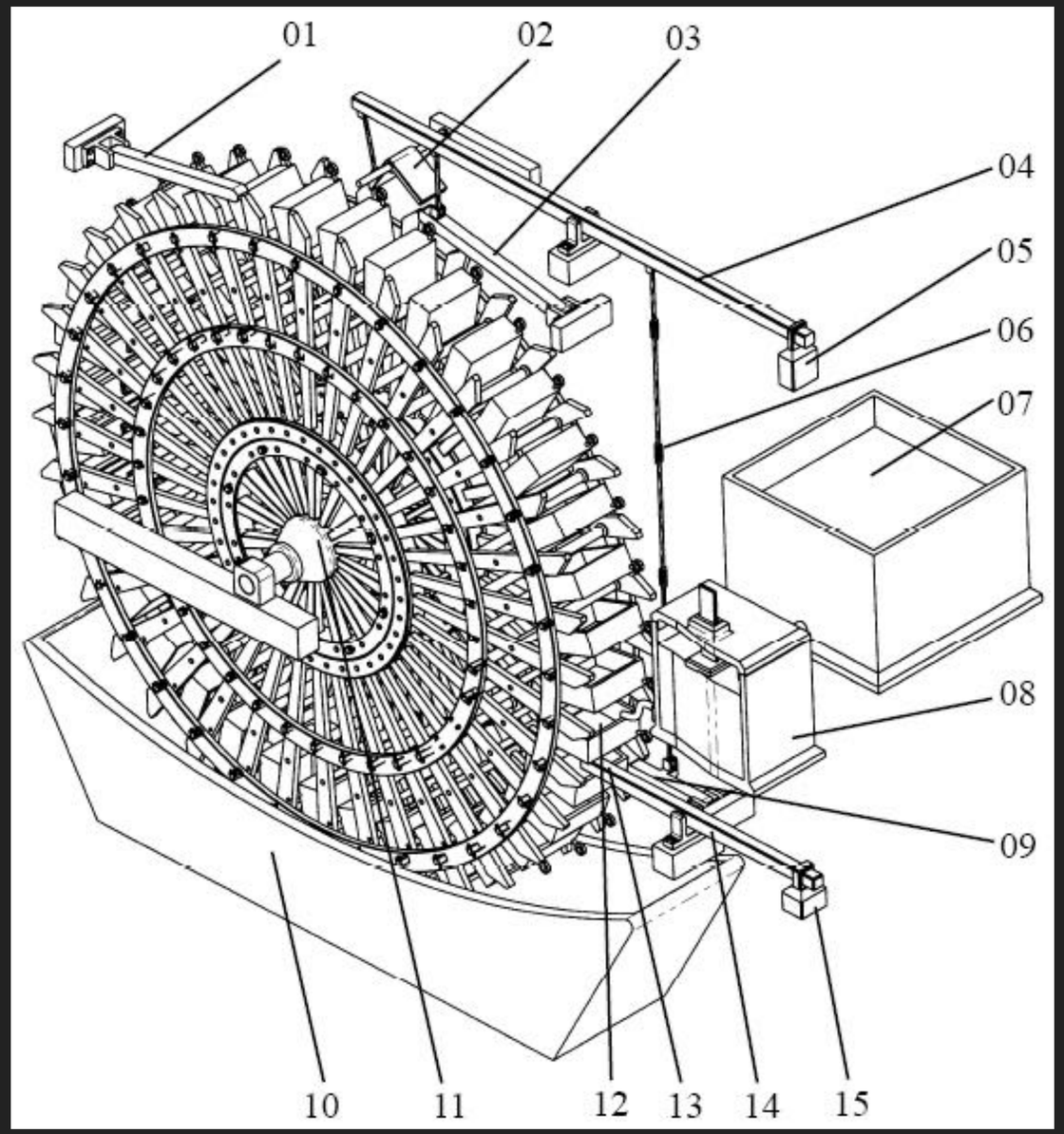
"Thus if the water is made to pour with perfect evenness, then the comparison of the rotary movements (of the heavens and the machine) will show no discrepancy or contradiction; **for the unresting follows the unceasing.**"





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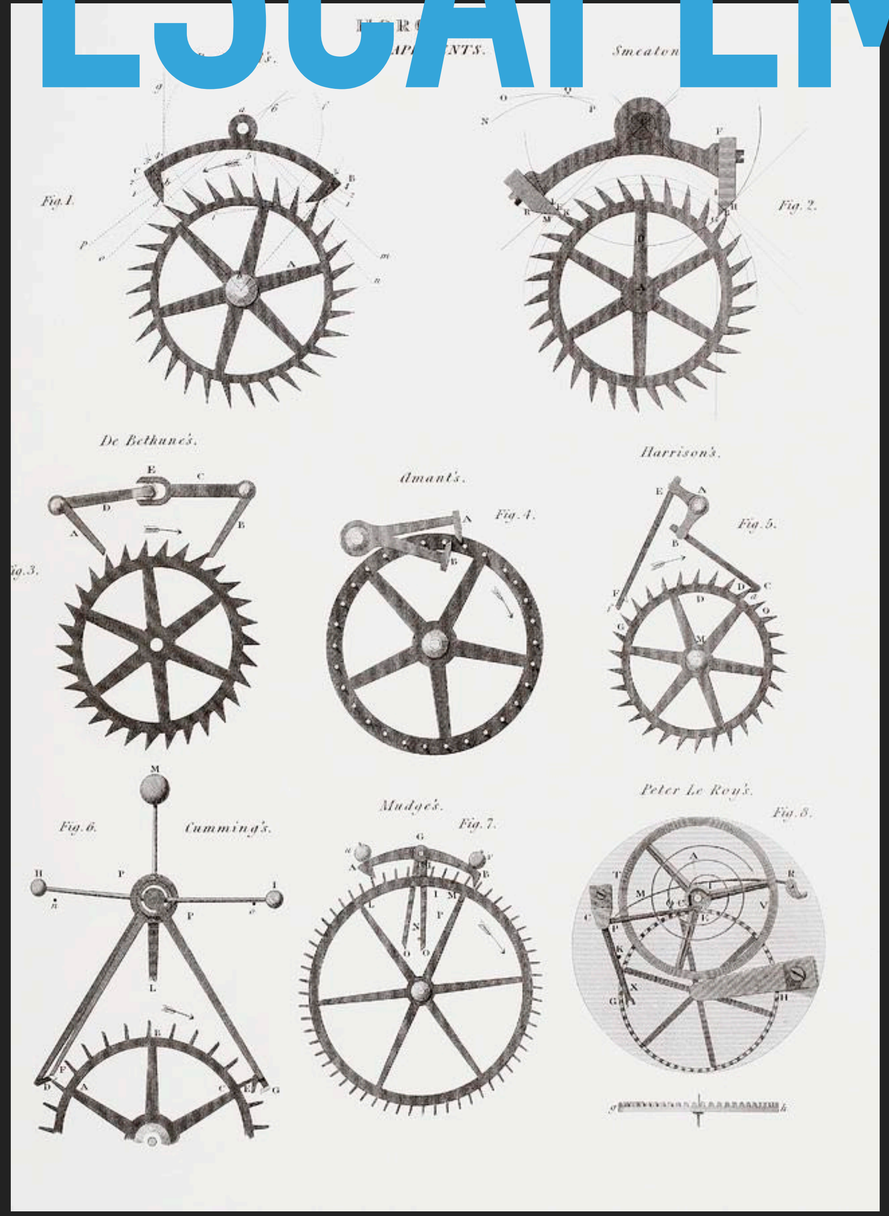
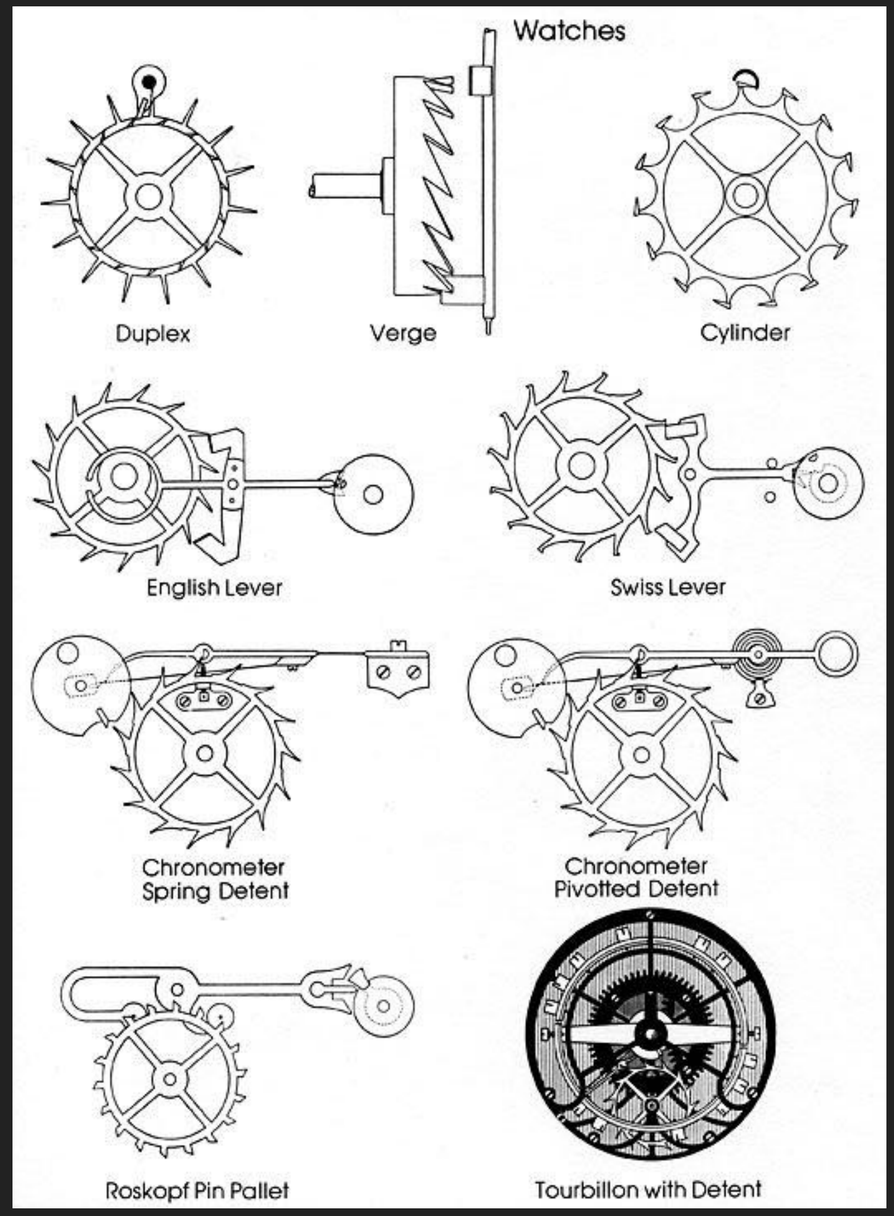
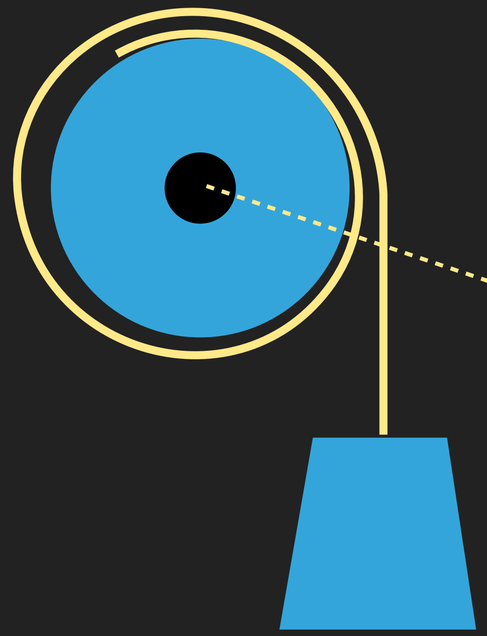
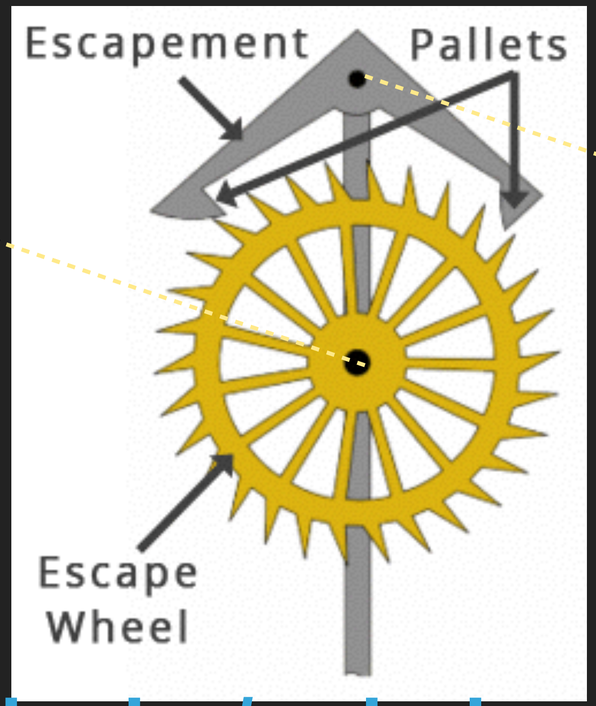


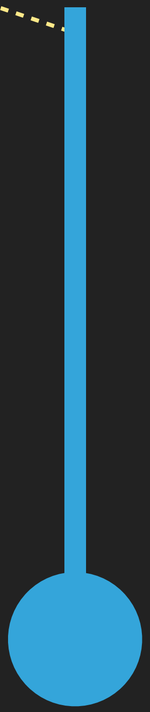




Energy: falling weight, wound spring



Locks / unlocks energy source; transfers energy to oscillator



Oscillator

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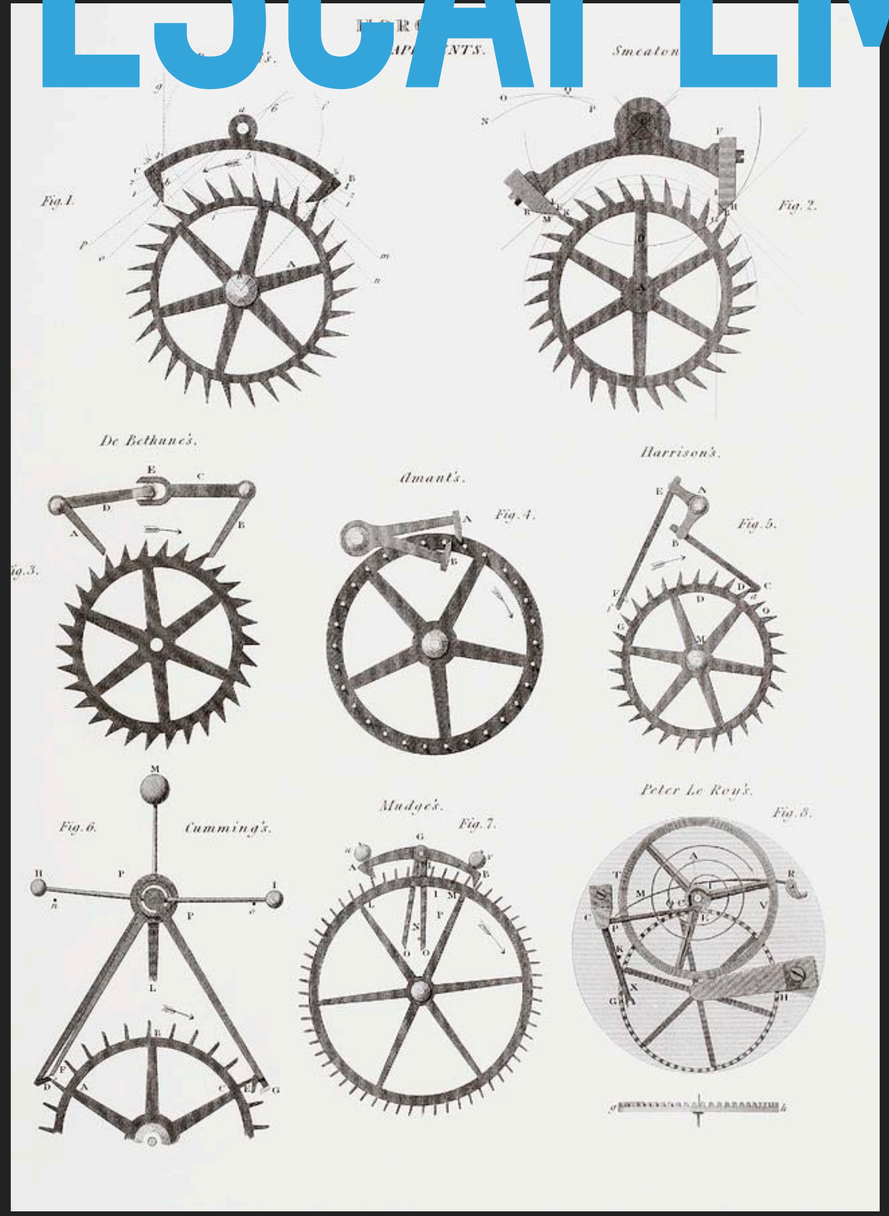

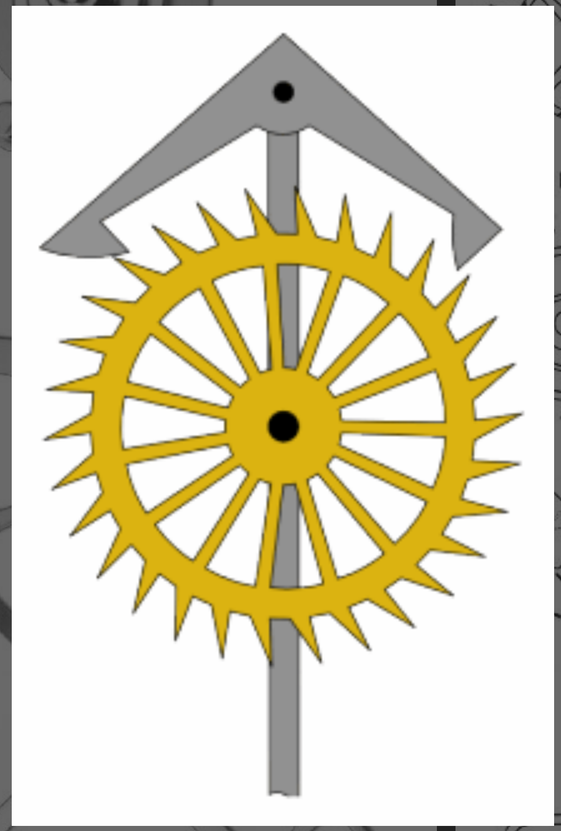

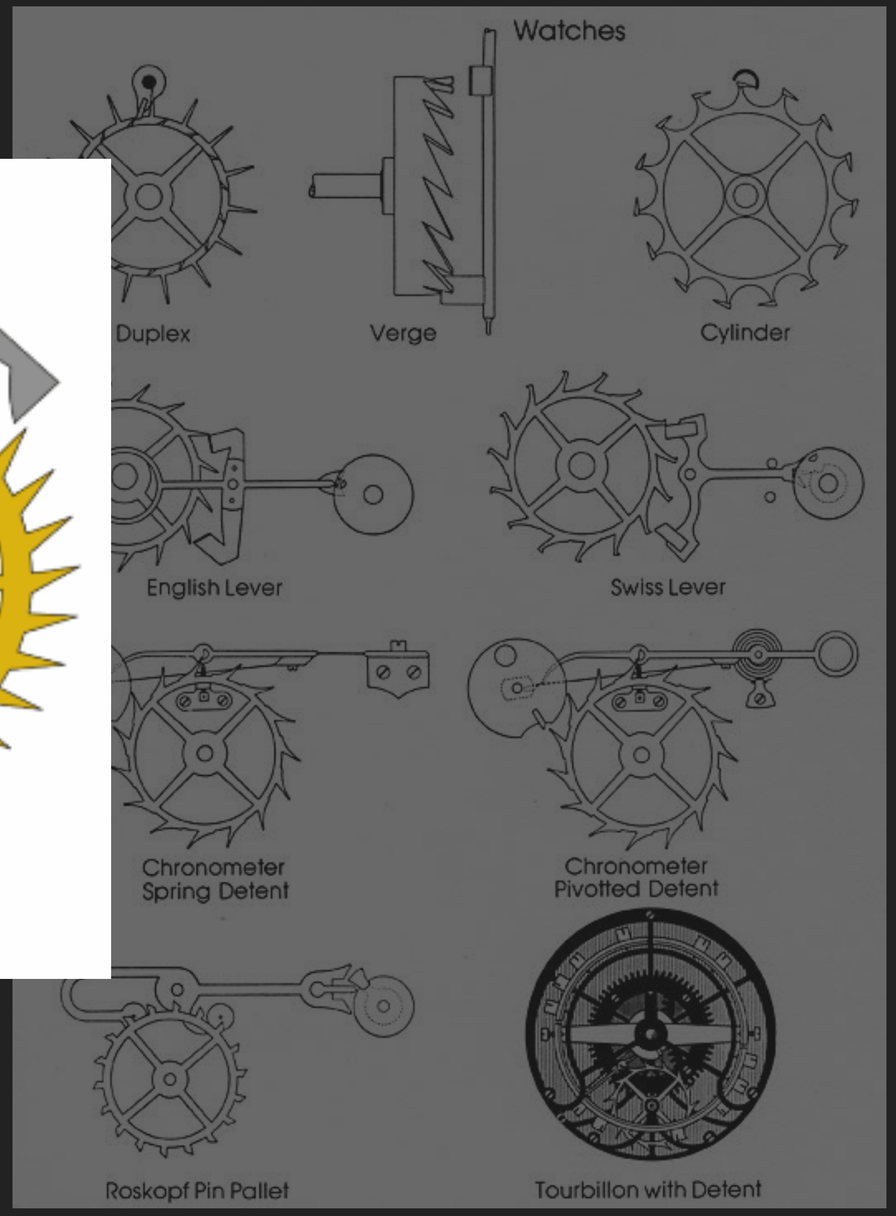

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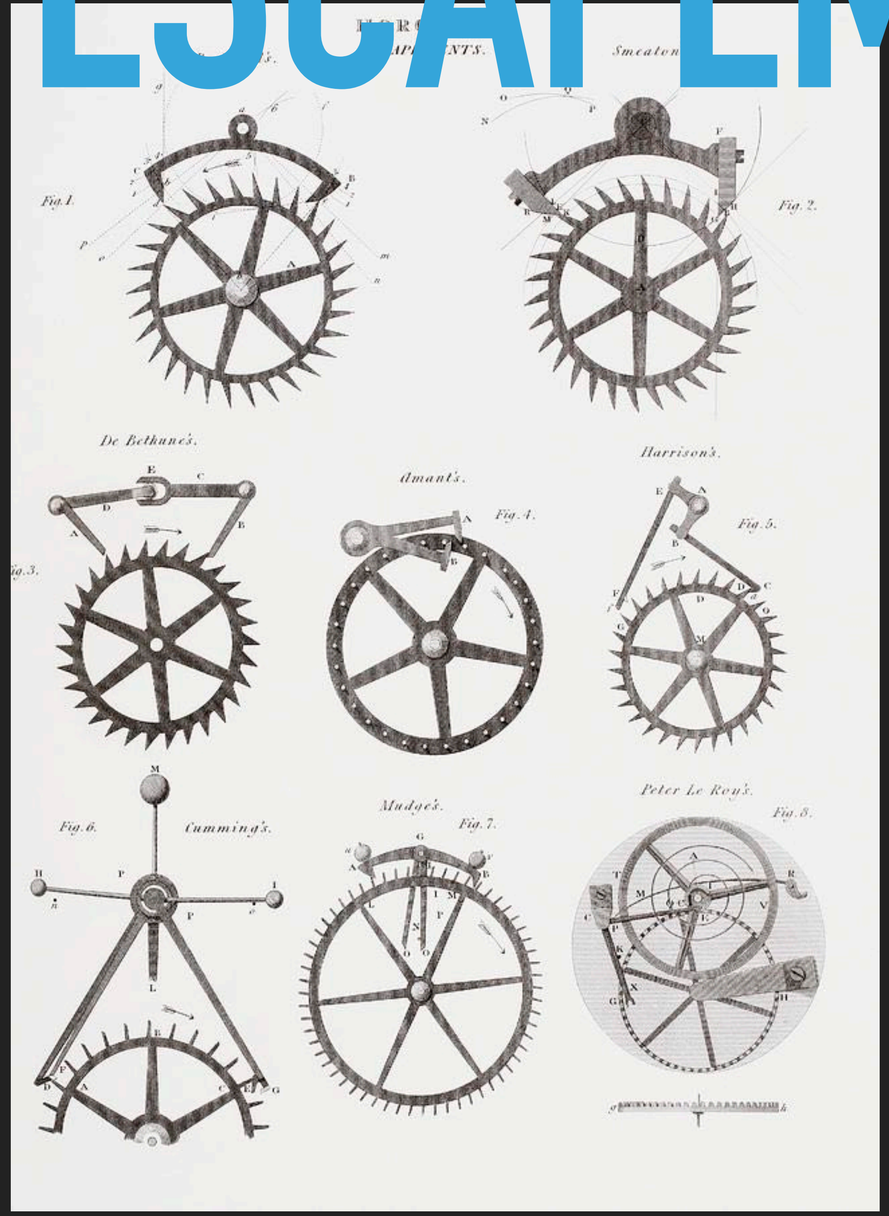

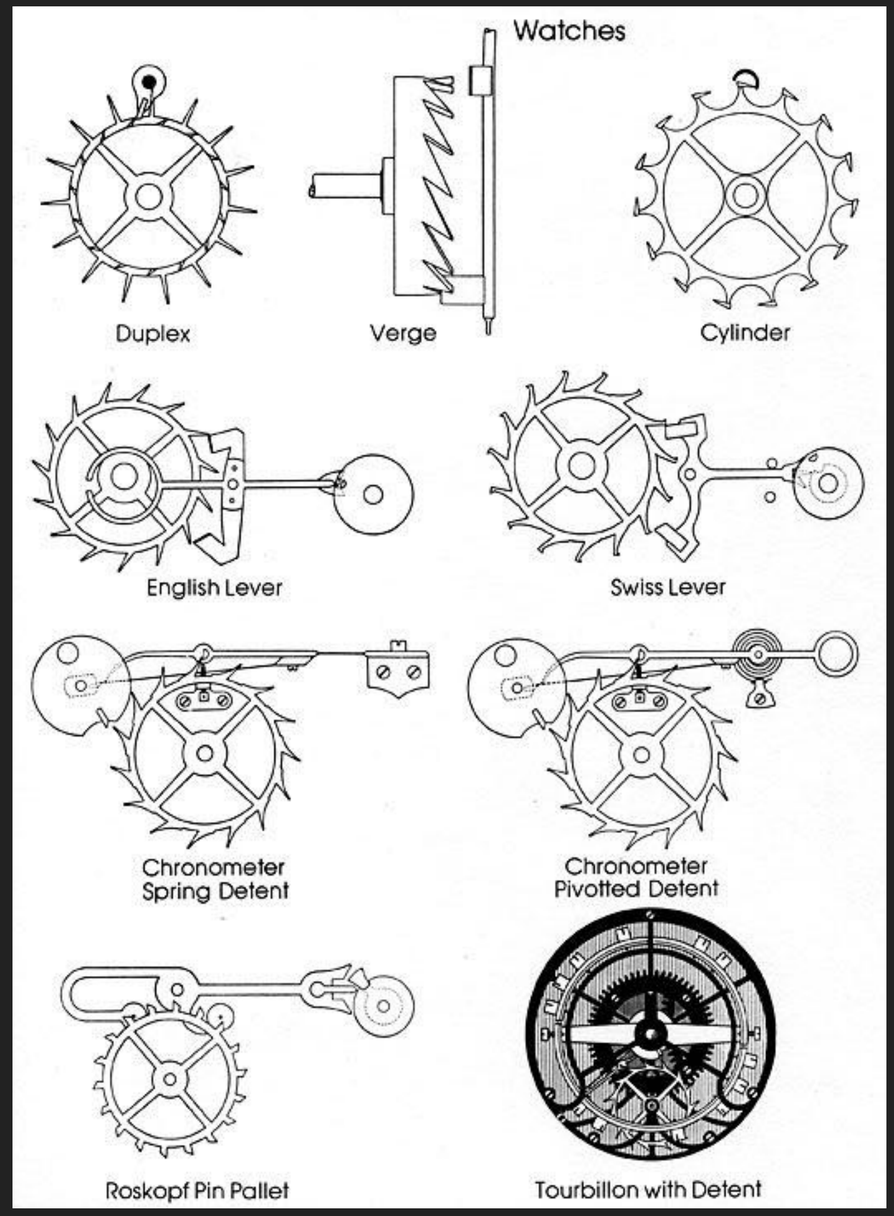

OSCILLATORS

Mechanical
40–208 BPM =
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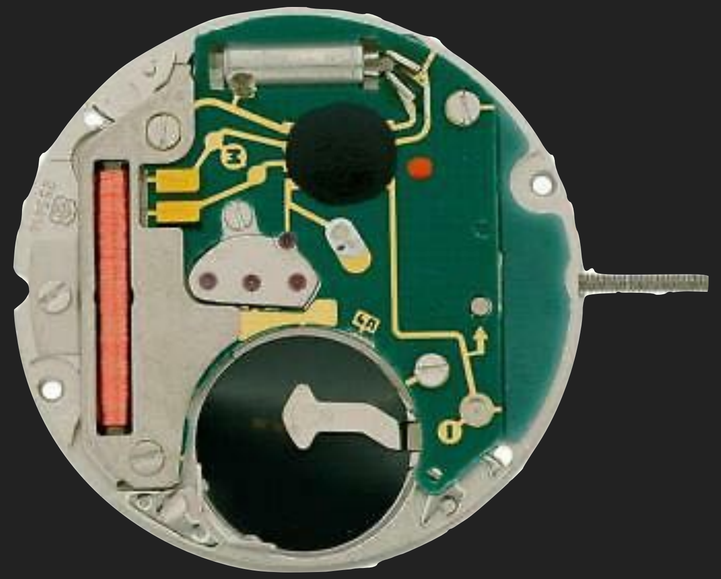
OSCILLATORS

Mechanical
~4–10 Hz

Electromechanical
360 Hz



Quartz
32,768 Hz

Last accurate, most expensive	(No longer made)	Most accurate, least expensive
Longest history, most repairable	Technological dead end, unrepairable	Unrepairable, common, disposable

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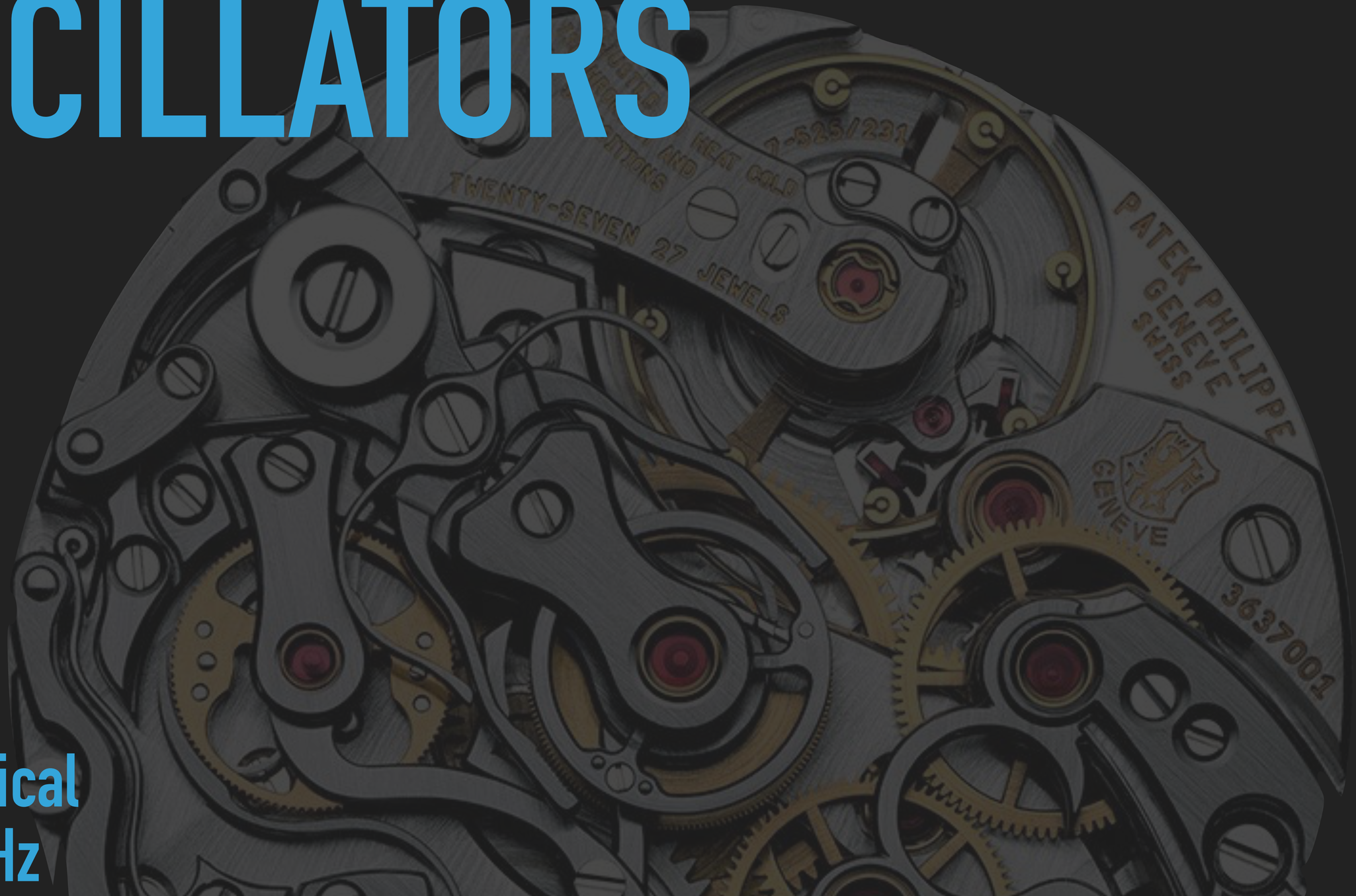
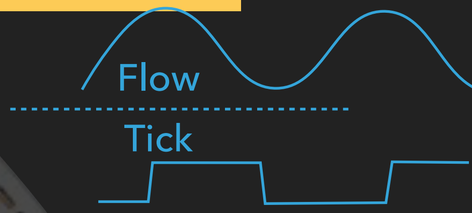


Mechanical
~4-10 Hz

OSCILLATORS

SPRING

BALANCE WHEEL



ESCAPEMENT

Mechanical
~4-10 Hz

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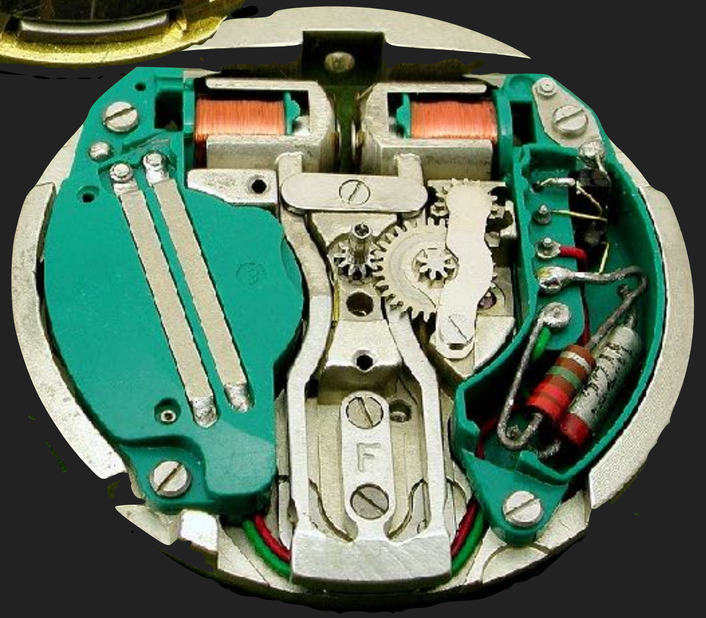
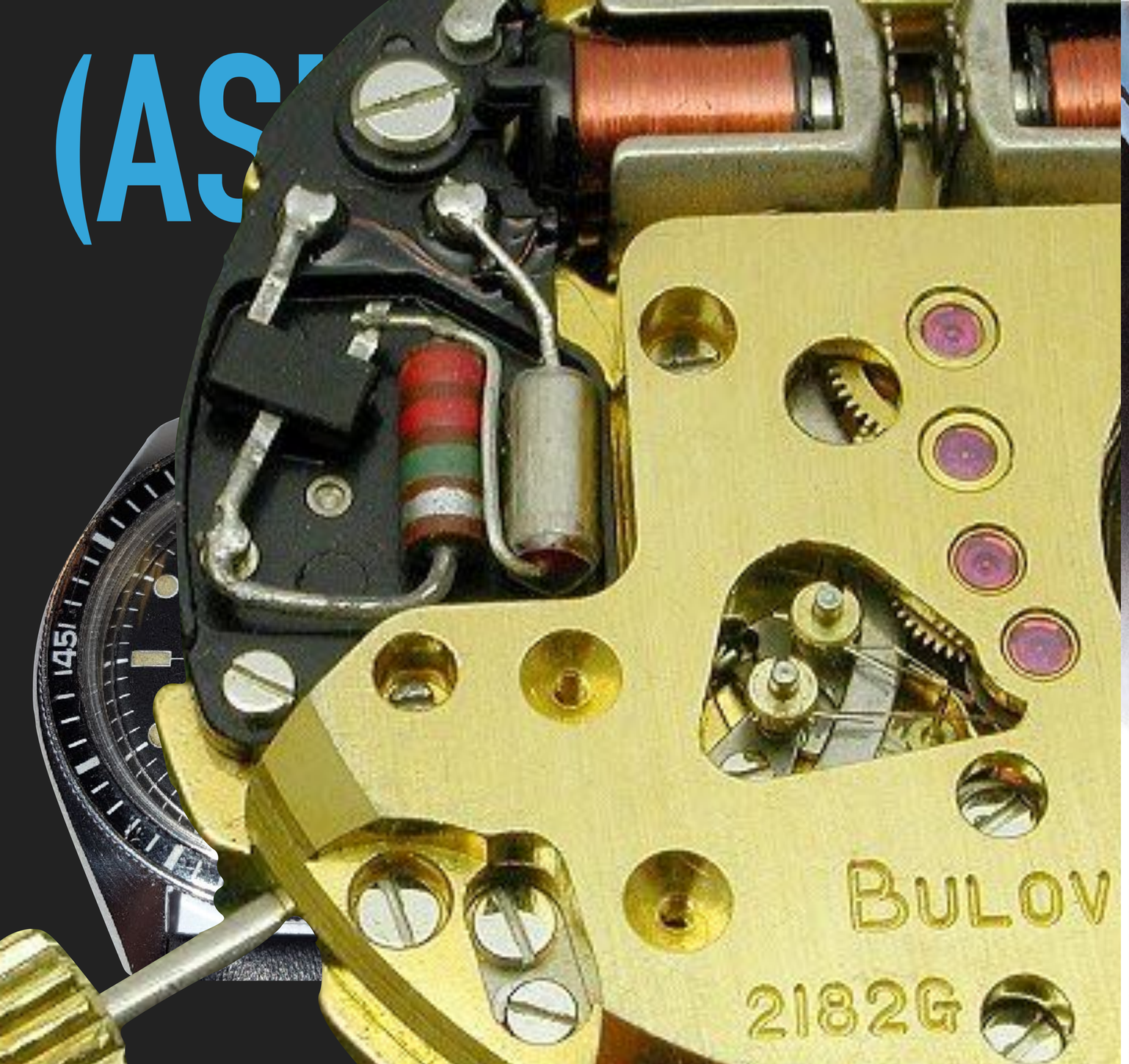
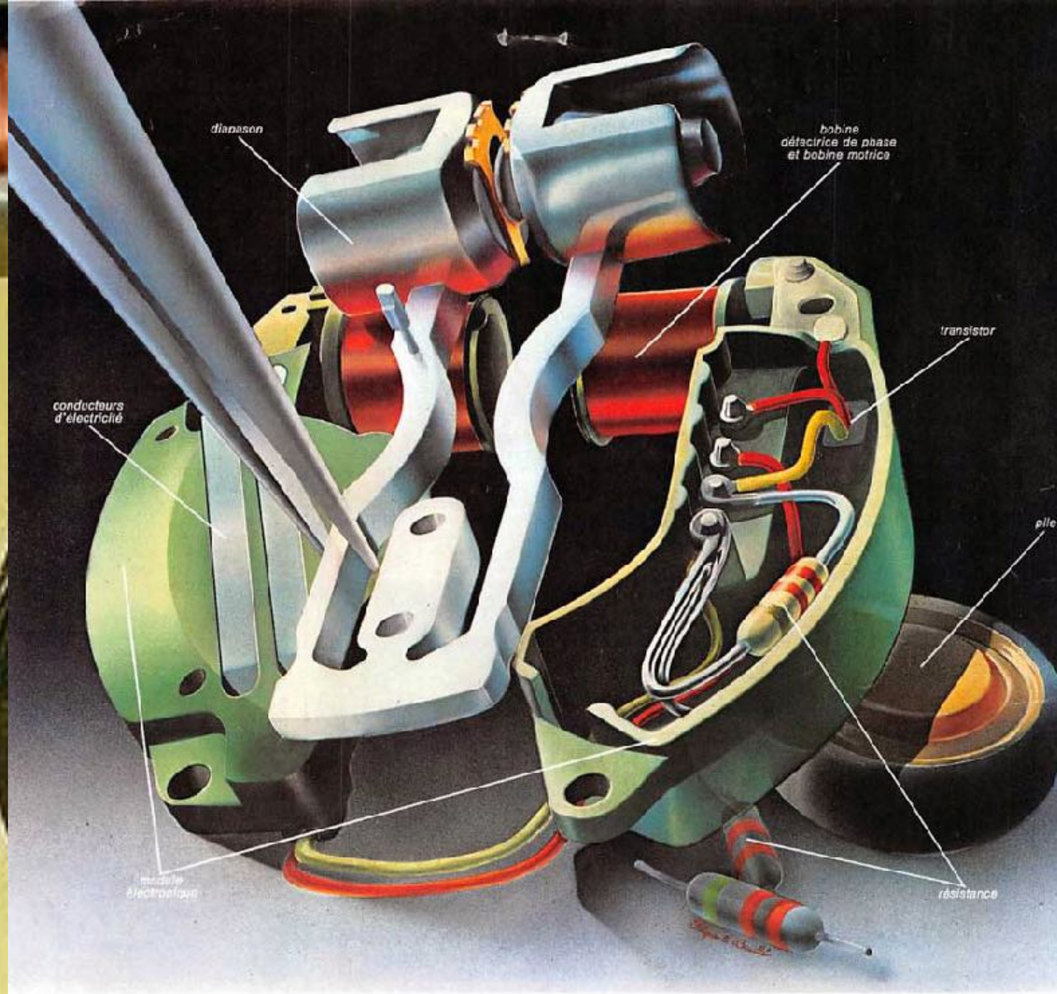
Bullova Accutron tuning fork movement, 1960 – 1977







Bulova Accutron, première montre électronique à diapason.

L'électricité lui donne son énergie, l'électronique sa haute précision.

Dans une Bulova Accutron, l'énergie d'une pile est transmise à un diapason au moyen d'un circuit électronique intégré. Parce que l'énergie électrique n'a jamais été un facteur déterminant de précision, ce circuit électronique détecte et maintient à un degré constant la fréquence des oscillations du diapason (au moins 360 par seconde): ce qui permet d'obtenir au porter une précision de 99,9977 % garantie par écrit. On est loin de l'à-peu-près d'un mécanisme traditionnel à balancier! Les deux montres ci-contre font partie des 100 modèles de la collection Bulova Accutron pour hommes et dames que vous trouverez chez tous les bijoutiers horlogers concessionnaires de la marque Bulova (à partir de 595 F)

BULOVA ACCUTRON

A chaque seconde, une certitude.

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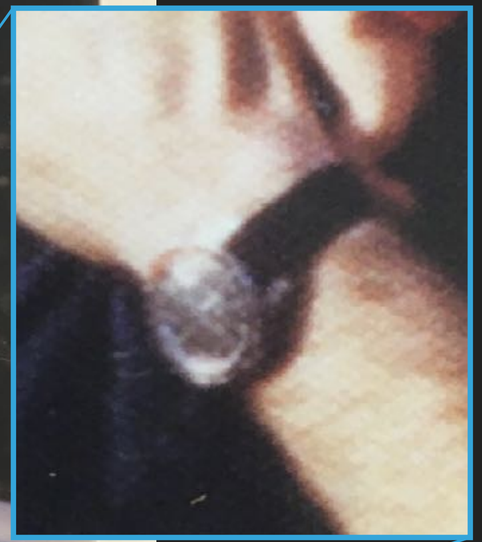

Super-Accurate Thousand-Dollar Quartz Watches...

Now There's One Under $200!

Here's the ultimate in timekeeping: Watches below are among the first models to appear in the U.S. Produced in limited quantity, all are slightly larger and heavier than conventional watches. Timex' new quartz was not available for this photo.

They hum like amplifiers, and their vibrating crystals insure accuracy of seconds a month

By OSCAR SCHISGALL

"The most accurate timepiece ever devised by man." That's how watch makers describe the newest thing in timekeeping: the electronic quartz watch. Some also call it "the most important new way of measuring time developed in more than 200 years."

Sound wild? It's not an exaggeration. The electronic quartz concept is so different and important that the watch industry may never be the same again.

Big problem with quartz watches until now: They're terribly expensive. The first models coming out of Switzerland and Japan start at $595 in stainless steel, go up to $2,200 in gold. That's why they've been manufactured in limited quantities and only a few have been sold. Now Timex has announced a new model scheduled to go on sale late next month. The price, as of this writing, is estimated at somewhere between $150 and $185.

What's an electronic quartz watch? How does it differ from others? How good is it? Let's take these questions one at a time.

The quartz watch is based on a principle entirely different from those of all other watches. Most watches rely on the familiar balance wheel. A carefully balanced spring-driven wheel rocks back and forth at a rate (usually five times a second) determined by its size and weight. The accuracy with which it maintains that base rate largely determines the watch's accuracy. A top-quality balance-wheel movement keeps accurate time to within perhaps four minutes a month. The tuning-fork concept is more sophisticated. The tuning fork, much like the one the piano tuner uses, vibrates or oscillates 360 times per second; and it results in a watch that's accurate to within a minute a month.

The quartz watch completely abandons the *mechanical* time-regulating device—balance wheel or tuning fork. Instead, it uses an electronic oscillator much like the one that controls the frequency of a broadcast station. The frequency of this oscillator—exactly as in a radio station—is determined by a bar-shaped sliver of quartz. Most quartz watches use quartz oscillators

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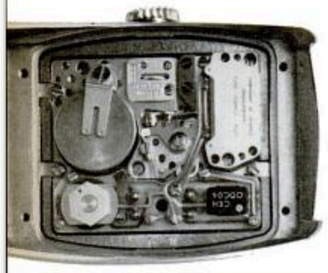
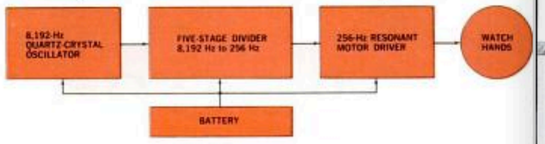
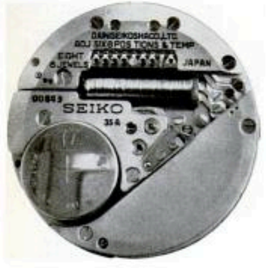
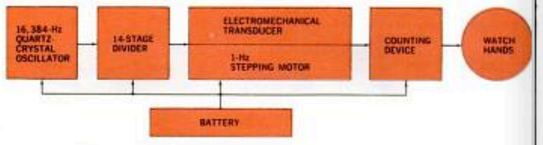
There are at least two reasons why the Timex is so much cheaper – advanced





SWISS-CEH **The Swiss Center** of Electronic Horology developed this quartz watch for its member companies, among them Bulova and Omega. The 8,192-Hz quartz oscillator goes through a five-stage divider in a micro-electronic integrated circuit. The resulting output is 256 Hz. This frequency goes to an electromagnetic motor which further divides the pulse into one-second intervals. Using this pulse, the wheel train turns the hands. Omega's integrated circuit contains 21 transistors and 61 other electronic elements. Member companies in the CEH organization may alter the basic movement slightly to fit an individual watch case.





SEIKO **This quartz** has five major components: 16,384-Hz quartz-crystal oscillator circuit, integrated circuit with a 14-stage divider, stepping motor with an electromechanical transducer, and silver-oxide battery. The divider circuit halves the 16,384-Hz frequency 14 times (8,192; 4,096; etc.—down to a single pulse). The electromechanical transducer converts the one-pulse signal into mechanical motion, to turn the six-pole stepping motor in 60-degree increments. Finally, the counting device moves the second hand at exact one-second intervals. Pulling out the crown stops the second hand, for precise control. Battery life is claimed to be one year.

with 8,192 Hz—vibrations per second. If you listen to a quartz watch, it hums like a tuning fork—but it's far more accurate.

Quartz, the familiar transparent crystalline mineral, is a remarkable substance. It has piezoelectric characteristics. If a voltage is applied across a slab of quartz, it bends slightly. Put the quartz in an oscillator circuit and it will vibrate at its natural frequency, which is determined by its size and shape.

This natural oscillation frequency is so precise that quartz watches are accurate to within seconds per month. Most quartz-watch makers guarantee accuracy to within five seconds a month; the Timex people conservatively claim an accuracy of 15 seconds a month.

How they work. Most quartz watches operate on the same general principle. (Longines work differently; Timex, we can't say.) First, you have a quartz-crystal oscillator circuit. Next, a small mercury or silver oxide battery to provide voltage so the quartz can oscillate. But the quartz crystal's natural vibrating frequency is too high; more manageable speeds are needed to move around the hands.

Micro-electronic integrated circuits come in here. "Dividers" in these circuits "step down" the frequency by halving it several times (8,192 frequency is the 13th power of $2-2^{13}$). The number of dividers in the circuit depends on the quartz-crystal frequency and other circuitry a particular company uses.

Whether the pulse is divided down to one pulse or a slightly higher frequency (256 in the Swiss movements), an electro-mechanical motor receives the pulse and converts electrical energy to mechanical energy. This drives the wheel train that eventually turns the hands. Of course, each company's watch works a little differently. (See explanations above.)

Still, the big mystery is why the Timex is so much cheaper—between a third and a quarter of the price of its nearest competitor. Undoubtedly, there are at least two reasons.

First, a technology geared to enormous production. "We have developed mass-production techniques unmatched outside the United States," says Joakim Lehmkuhl, president of Timex. "You can't produce 19 million watches a year, as we've been doing without learning a great deal about automated mass production and methods of cost control. When it came to actually manufacturing the quartz watch we already had a backlog of experience in essential fields like the design and manufacture of parts, especially miniaturized parts."

Timex produces all the parts in its watches—except the quartz-crystal oscillator and the circuit. At Waterbury, Conn., I watched skilled workers assemble the watches.

My guide, an engineer, pointed out that in the field of conventional watches, Timex has been manufacturing pin-lever movements, which are less expensive to produce than the Swiss and Japanese jeweled movements. But he, like the others I talked to at Timex, would not agree that their quartz-crystal watch used a basically less-advanced mechanism than its competition. This leads directly to the second reason for lower cost.

Despite the lack of any available proof, Timex has apparently figured out some way to simplify the design and reduce the cost of building a quartz-crystal watch with a super-

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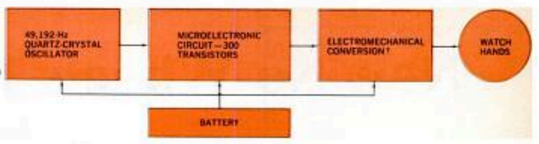
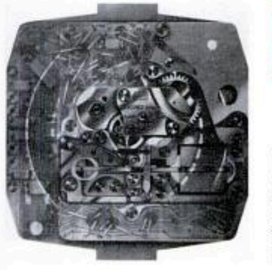
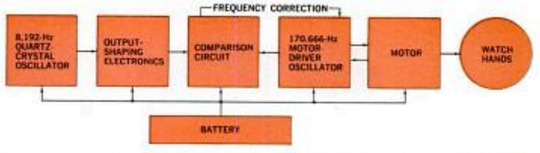
mass-production technology and a circuit that's still top secret



TIMEX **What's inside?** We don't know yet. At press time the technical information was still "top secret." We do know that the Timex movement uses a crystal oscillator with a 49,192-Hz frequency—far higher than any other quartz on the market. This frequency is not a power of two as in the others—which makes it even more mysterious. It has a micro-electronic circuit—about one centimeter square—containing 300 transistors. It also uses a silver-oxide battery good for a year. It could have several things in it—including some kind of comparison circuit, or a digital or analog means of controlling the watch's speed. It's accurate to 15 seconds a month.





LONGINES **This one's unique:** A comparison circuit detects error in the watch's output and self-corrects. A 9,350-Hz quartz oscillator is the frequency reference—which is not divided, as in other watches. A 170-Hz servomotor, independent and operating by itself, turns the hands. Mechanical output is compared with the quartz signal. If there's an error signal in the comparison circuit, a correction is applied to the motor. If motor frequency and crystal frequency are in step, the error signal is zero. The circuit has 14 transistors, 19 resistors, and seven capacitors. Insurance against loss or theft for one year comes with the watch.

high frequency. The company has apparently made an important breakthrough in quartz-watch technology—one that gives it a tremendous advantage—and company engineers and executives are understandably reluctant to reveal their secret.

Although the Timex people showed me various versions of their watch, they refused permission to photograph it—face or movement. Nevertheless, Timex executive vice-president Robert Mohr did give POPULAR SCIENCE some exclusive technical information, emphasizing that "our watch, as far as I know, is entirely different from any other quartz watch." This, along with our speculation of what's inside it, is above.

How about watch performance? Reliability? "Since there are virtually no moving parts," says Lehmkuhl, "very little can go wrong. We have put the watch through every conceivable test of temperature, altitude, and humidity. We have made every test for position error—dial up, dial down, three o'clock up, six o'clock up, nine o'clock up. Where we found bugs we corrected them."

And shock and water resistance? "Water resistant, yes. As for being shock resistant...," Lehmkuhl smiled. "It is sturdy, but we don't recommend that you hurl it against walls as we did in torture tests with our conventional watches. We wouldn't recommend such treatment for any item that costs over $100."

In any event, Timex seems destined to be the first to market the new watch in quantity, and Seiko threatens to be a close second. Why aren't the Swiss (such as Bulova, Omega, Longines, and others) marketing quartz watches in large numbers?

Tuning-fork watches. Bulova has had a lot of success with its Accutron tuning-fork watch. Now other Swiss companies have been licensed by Bulova to make tuning-fork watches. As one Swiss manufacturer said, "We want to make the most of our tuning-fork watch, which represents a heavy investment. Time enough for the quartz watch when the tuning-fork has passed the peak of popularity."

Another predicted differently. "Timex and its advertising campaign for the quartz watch may well be the catalyst that will compel all of us to jump in and compete."

I asked Joakim Lehmkuhl of Timex how far away he thought the era of the quartz watch might be.

"We don't expect a hundred million Americans to throw away their watches tomorrow morning in order to buy a quartz watch. We are dealing not only with watches, but with human nature. We expect, as new watches are bought, that purchasers will want the latest and most accurate type. Simply because the quartz watch is unquestionably the newest and most accurate example of horology man has so far achieved, we are confident that it will be, if not the dominant watch of tomorrow, surely that of the day after tomorrow."

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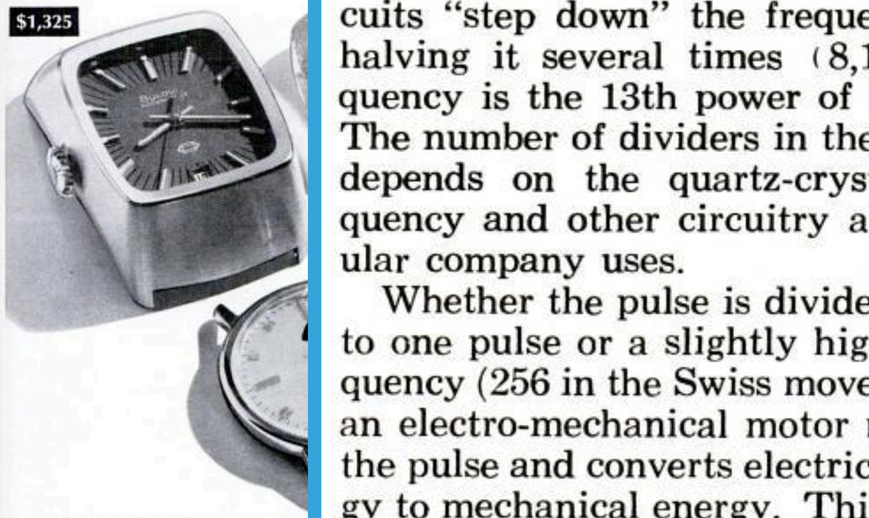

They hum like amplifiers, and their vibrating crystals insure accuracy of seconds a month

By OSCAR SCHISGALL

"The most accurate timepiece ever devised by man." That's how watch makers describe the newest thing in timekeeping: the electronic quartz watch. Some also call it "the most important new way of measuring time developed in more than 200 years."

Sound wild? It's not an exaggeration. The electronic quartz concept is so different and important that the watch industry may never be the same again.

Big problem with quartz watches until now: They're terribly expensive. The ... zerla... stair... That... ture... a few... anno... go o... as ... some... How does it differ from others? How good is it? Let's take these questions one at a time.

The quartz watch is based on a principle entirely different from those of all other watches. Most watches rely on the familiar balance wheel. A carefully balanced spring-driven wheel rocks back and forth at a rate (usually five times a second) determined by its size and weight. The accuracy with ... The quartz watch completely abandons the *mechanical* time-regulating device—balance wheel or tuning fork. Instead, it uses an electronic oscillator much like the one that controls the frequency of a broadcast station. The frequency of this oscillator—exactly as in a radio station—is determined by a bar-shaped sliver of quartz. Most quartz watches use quartz oscillators

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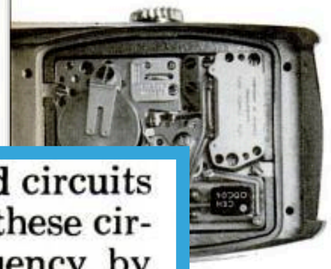
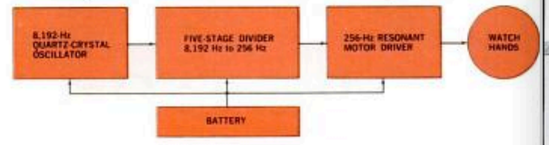
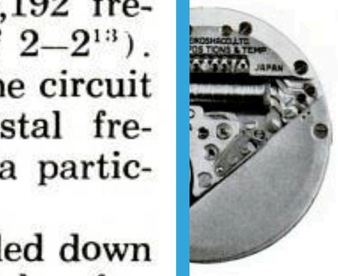
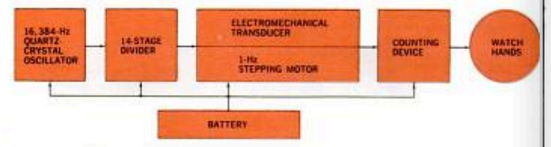


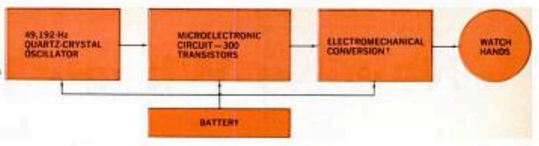


SWISS-CEH **The Swiss Center** of Electronic Horology developed this quartz watch for its member companies, among them Bulova and Omega. The 8,192-Hz quartz oscillator goes through a five-stage divider in a micro-electronic integrated circuit. The resulting output is 256 Hz. This frequency goes to an electromagnetic motor which further di... vides the pulse into one-second intervals. Using this pulse, the wheel train turns th... hands. Omega's integrated circuit contain... 21 transistors and 61 other electronic ele... ments. Member companies in the CEH or... ganization may alter the basic movemen... slightly to fit an individual watch case.

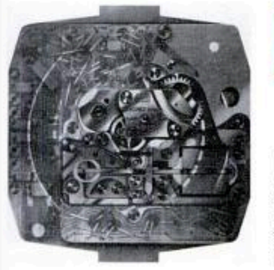


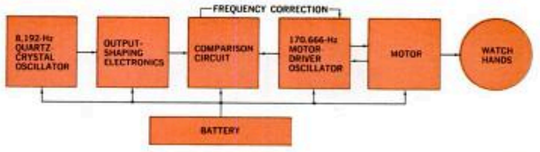


SEIKO **This quartz** has five major components: 16,384-Hz quartz-crystal oscillator circuit, integrated circuit with a 14-stage divider, stepping motor with an electromechanical transducer, and silver-oxide battery. The divider circuit halves the 16,384-Hz frequency 14 times (8,192; 4,096; etc.—down to a single pulse). The electromechanical transducer convert... the one-pulse signal into mechanical mo... tion, to turn the six-pole stepping motor i... 60-degree increments. Finally, the countin... device moves the second hand at exact one... second intervals. Pulling out the crown stop... the second hand, for precise control. Batter... life is claimed to be one year.



TIMEX **What's inside?** We don't know yet. At press time the technical information was still "top secret." We do know that the Timex movement uses a crystal oscillator with a 49,192-Hz frequency—far higher than any other quartz on the market. This frequency is not a power of two as in the others—which makes it even more mysterious. It has a micro-electronic circuit—about one centimeter square—containing 300 transistors. It also uses a silver-oxide battery good for a year. It could have several things in it—including some kind of comparison circuit, or a digital or analog means of controlling the watch's speed. It's accurate to 15 seconds a month.





LONGINES **This one's unique:** A comparison circuit detects error in the watch's output and self-corrects. A 9,350-Hz quartz oscillator is the frequency reference—which is not divided, as in other watches. A 170-Hz servomotor, independent and operating by itself, turns the hands. Mechanical output is compared with the quartz signal. If there's an error signal in the comparison circuit, a correction is applied to the motor. If motor frequency and crystal frequency are in step, the error signal is zero. The circuit has 14 transistors, 19 resistors, and seven capacitors. Insurance against loss or theft for one year comes with the watch.

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How they work. Most quartz watches operate on the same general principle. (Longines work differently; Timex, we can't say.) First, you have a quartz-crystal oscillator circuit. Next, a small mercury or silver oxide battery to provide voltage so the quartz can oscillate. But the quartz crystal's natural vibrating frequency is too high; more manageable speeds ... are needed to move around the hands.

Still, the big mystery is why the Timex is so much cheaper—between a third and a quarter of the price of its nearest competitor. Undoubtedly, there are at least two reasons.

First, a technology geared to enormous production. "We have developed mass-production techniques unmatched outside the United States," says Joakim Lehmkuhl, president of Timex. "You can't produce 19 million watches a year, as we've been doing without learning a great deal abou... automated mass production and meth... ods of cost control. When it came t... actually manufacturing the quart... watch we already had a backlog o... experience in essential fields like th... design and manufacture of parts, es... pecially miniaturized parts."

Timex produces all the parts in it... watches—except the quartz-crystal os... cillator and the circuit. At Water... bury, Conn., I watched skilled work... ers assemble the watches.

My guide, an engineer, pointed ou... that in the field of conventiona... watches, Timex has been manufactur... ing pin-lever movements, which ar... less expensive to produce than th... Swiss and Japanese jeweled move... ments. But he, like the others I talkec... to at Timex, would not agree tha... their quartz-crystal watch used a ba... sically less-advanced mechanism thar... its competition. This leads directly... to the second reason for lower cost.

Despite the lack of any available... proof, Timex has apparently figurec... out some way to simplify the design... and reduce the cost of building a... quartz-crystal watch with a super... high frequency. The company has apparently made an important breakthrough in quartz-watch technology—one that gives it a tremendous advantage—and company engineers and executives are understandably reluctant to reveal their secret.

Although the Timex people showed me various versions of their watch, they refused permission to photograph it—face or movement. Nevertheless, Timex executive vice-president Robert Mohr did give POPULAR SCIENCE some exclusive technical information, emphasizing that "our watch, as far as I know, is entirely different from any other quartz watch." This, along with our speculation of what's inside it, is above.

How about watch performance? Reliability? "Since there are virtually no moving parts," says Lehmkuhl, "very little can go wrong. We have put the watch through every conceivable test of temperature, altitude, and humidity. We have made every test for position error—dial up, dial down, three o'clock up, six o'clock up, nine o'clock up. Where we found bugs we corrected them."

And shock and water resistance? "Water resistant, yes. As for being shock resistant...," Lehmkuhl smiled. "It is sturdy, but we don't recommend that you hurl it against walls as we did in torture tests with our conventional watches. We wouldn't recommend such treatment for any item that costs over $100."

In any event, Timex seems destined to be the first to market the new watch in quantity, and Seiko threatens to be a close second. Why aren't the Swiss (such as Bulova, Omega, Longines, and others) marketing quartz watches in large numbers?

Tuning-fork watches. Bulova has had a lot of success with its Accutron tuning-fork watch. Now other Swiss companies have been licensed by Bulova to make tuning-fork watches. As one Swiss manufacturer said, "We want to make the most of our tuning-fork watch, which represents a heavy investment. Time enough for the quartz watch when the tuning-fork has passed the peak of popularity."

Another predicted differently. "Timex and its advertising campaign for the quartz watch may well be the catalyst that will compel all of us to jump in and compete."

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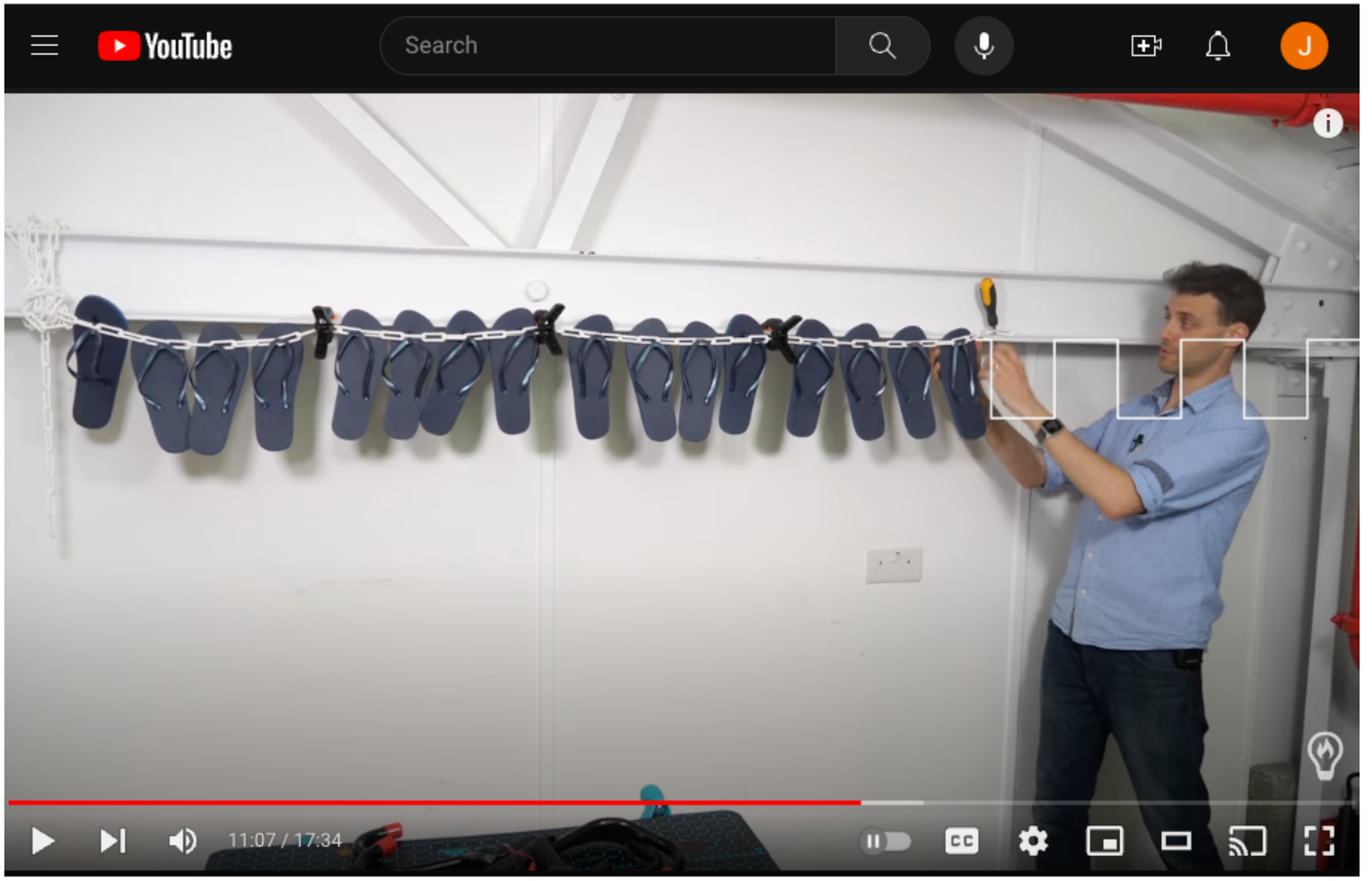

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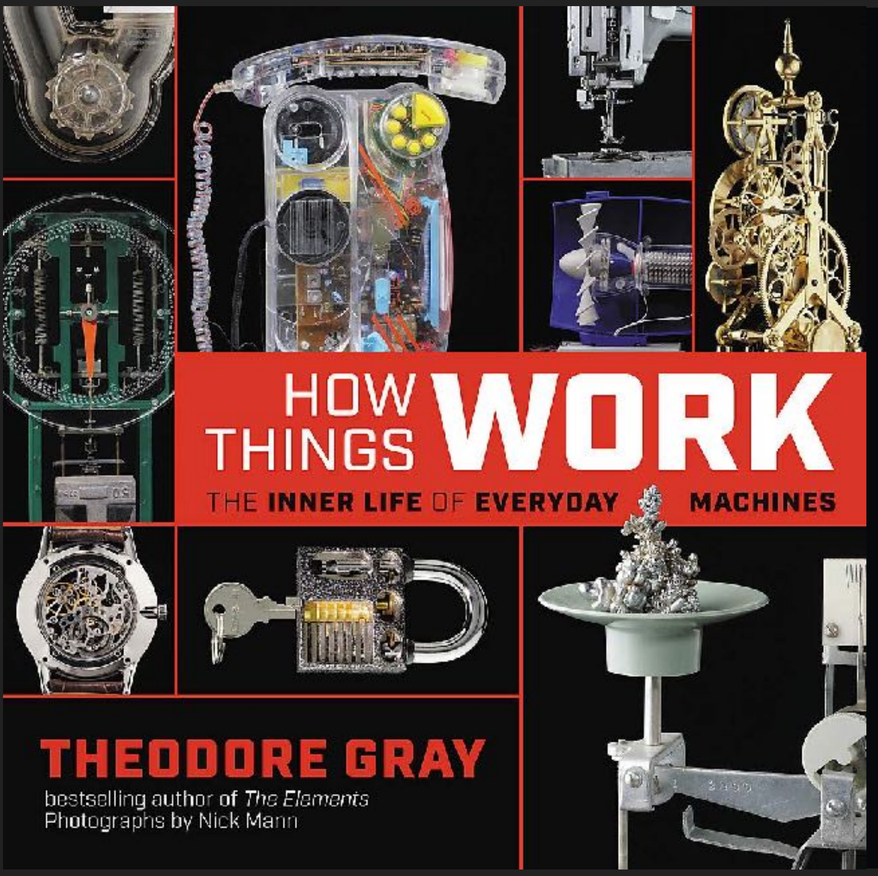

HOW THINGS WORK

THE INNER LIFE OF EVERYDAY MACHINES

THEODORE GRAY

bestselling author of *The Elements*

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Pendulum Clocks

THE FIRST REALLY GOOD mechanical clocks were tick-tock style pendulum clocks. The invention of the pendulum as a way of telling time was a huge advance in accuracy. Overnight, clocks went from drifting off by 15 minutes or more every day, to the best staying within 10 seconds per day.

This Chinese copy of an old French design shows off the very definition of "clockwork." Gears upon gears, folded in on each other, all moving together in ways that are, well, pretty confusing. To help make things understandable, I've made a spread-out model for you.

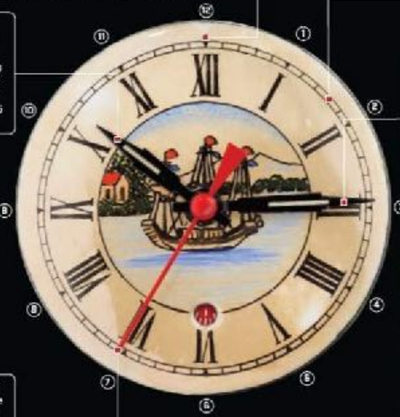
FOR THE BENEFIT of those of you born in the present millennium, a primer on clocks of the old school. This is the universal symbol of time, the clock face. There are three "hands," which all turn around the same central point. Around the outside there are two sets of marks: one set of 60 small tick marks for seconds and minutes, and one set of 12 large tick marks for hours. This clock is showing 10:14:35 (14 minutes and 35 seconds after 10 o'clock).

The three hands on a clock are all turning around the same point, but they are turning at wildly different speeds. It takes 60 times longer for the minute hand to go around than the second hand, and the hour hand is another 12 times slower. For every complete turn of the hour hand, the second hand has to go around 720 times. This huge difference in speed is created by a mess of gears on the back of the clock.

The large tick marks with numbers (Roman numerals in this case) mark the hours.

The small tick marks, often not numbered, mark the minutes and seconds. You're just supposed to know that each hour mark corresponds to an interval of 5 minutes (for the minute hand) or 5 seconds (for the second hand). Each quarter of the circle is 15 minutes or 15 seconds, respectively.

The "hour hand" moves forward one large tick mark per hour, and takes 12 hours to go around one full turn. This hour hand is pointing about one-quarter of the way from the 10 mark to the 11 mark. That's because we are 14 minutes (and 35 seconds) past 10 o'clock.



The "minute hand" moves forward one small tick mark each minute, and takes one hour (60 minutes) to go around one full turn. This minute hand is pointing a little over halfway from the 14 minute mark to the 15 minute mark. That's because we are 35 seconds—about halfway—between those two minutes.

The "second hand" moves forward (in the "clockwise" direction) by one small tick mark each second, and takes one minute (60 seconds) to go around one full turn. This second hand is pointing at the 35 second mark.

▲ There is something amusing in the fact that the telephone app on today's iPhones has an icon that looks like a phone no one has used in twenty years, and the clock app looks like a clock most people rarely see anymore. It's also amusing that a separate telephone app is necessary on a device that is, by name, already a phone. But, the truth is, making phone calls is one of the iPhone's least commonly used functions.)

“We’ve now arrived at the subject of really accurate time. Earlier I said that up until 1955 a glorified sundial was the most accurate clock in existence. Another way of saying this is that we were using the rotation of the earth as the reference standard for time, because we didn’t have anything better.

Every day the time told by the world’s best clocks was compared to the exact moment that a set of reference stars past directly overhead at the Greenwich Observatory in London. If there was a deviation between when the clocks said the stars should pass overhead and when they actually did, we trusted the stars over the clocks, and reset the clocks. Based on everything we knew about the earth and the clocks there was no reason to think that the clocks were a more accurate measure of time to the rotation of the earth.

Two clocks, even if one is the earth, are not enough. But if you have three clocks, and you find that two of them stay exactly in sync with the third one drifts away, now you’ve got some evidence that the third one is the problem. If you have 100 clocks spread all over the world, built by different people using different methods, and all but one of them agree with each other, then you can be pretty sure that the outlier is the problem, not the other 99 clocks. In 1955 the earth became that outlier — not because of anything changed about the earth but because we suddenly got much better at building clocks. What changed in 1955 with the invention of the cesium atomic clock.”

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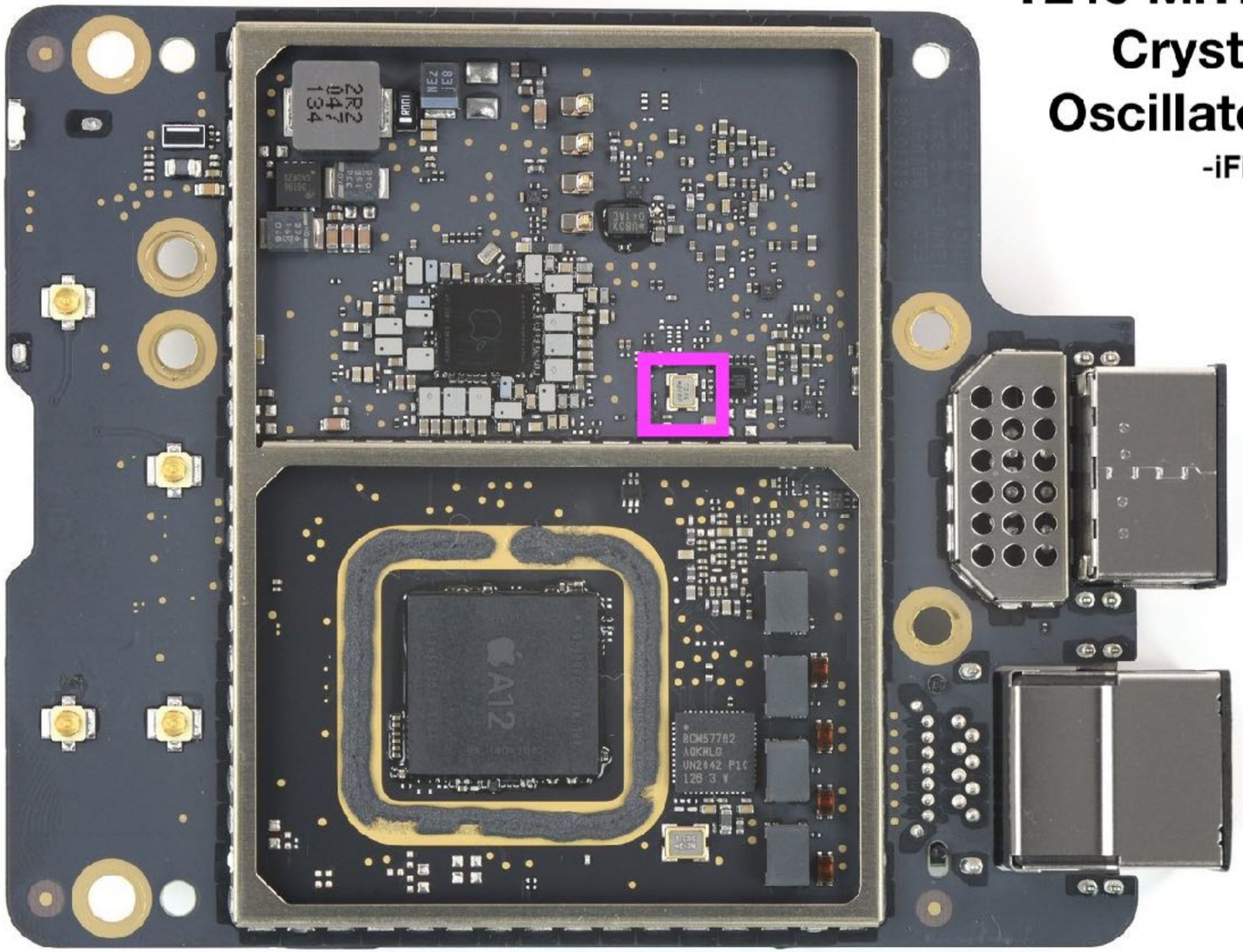

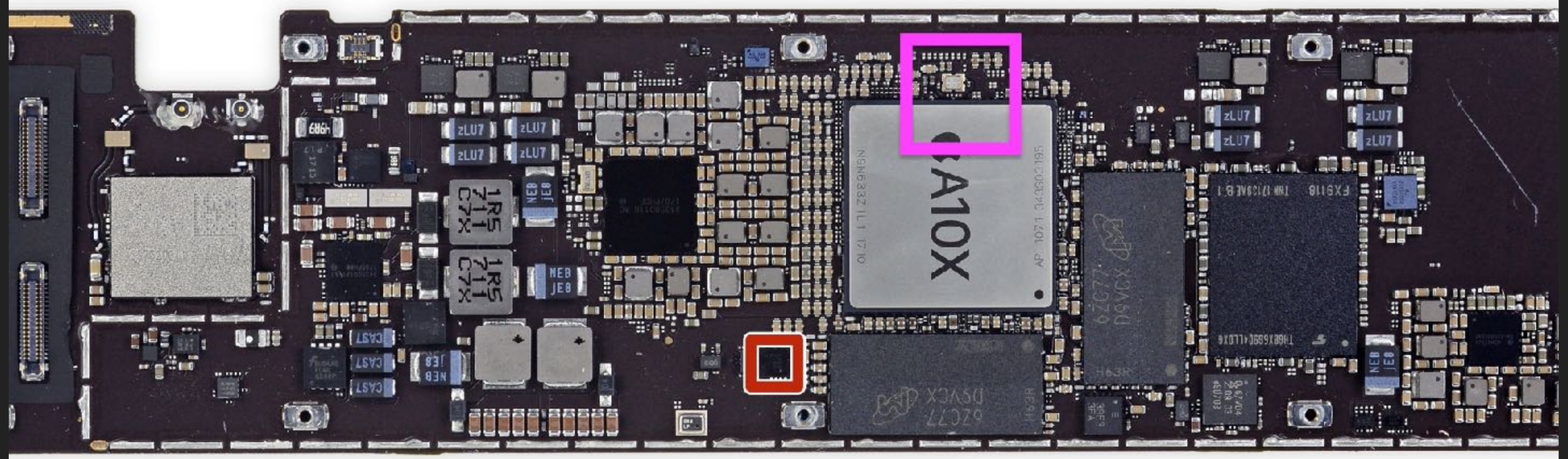
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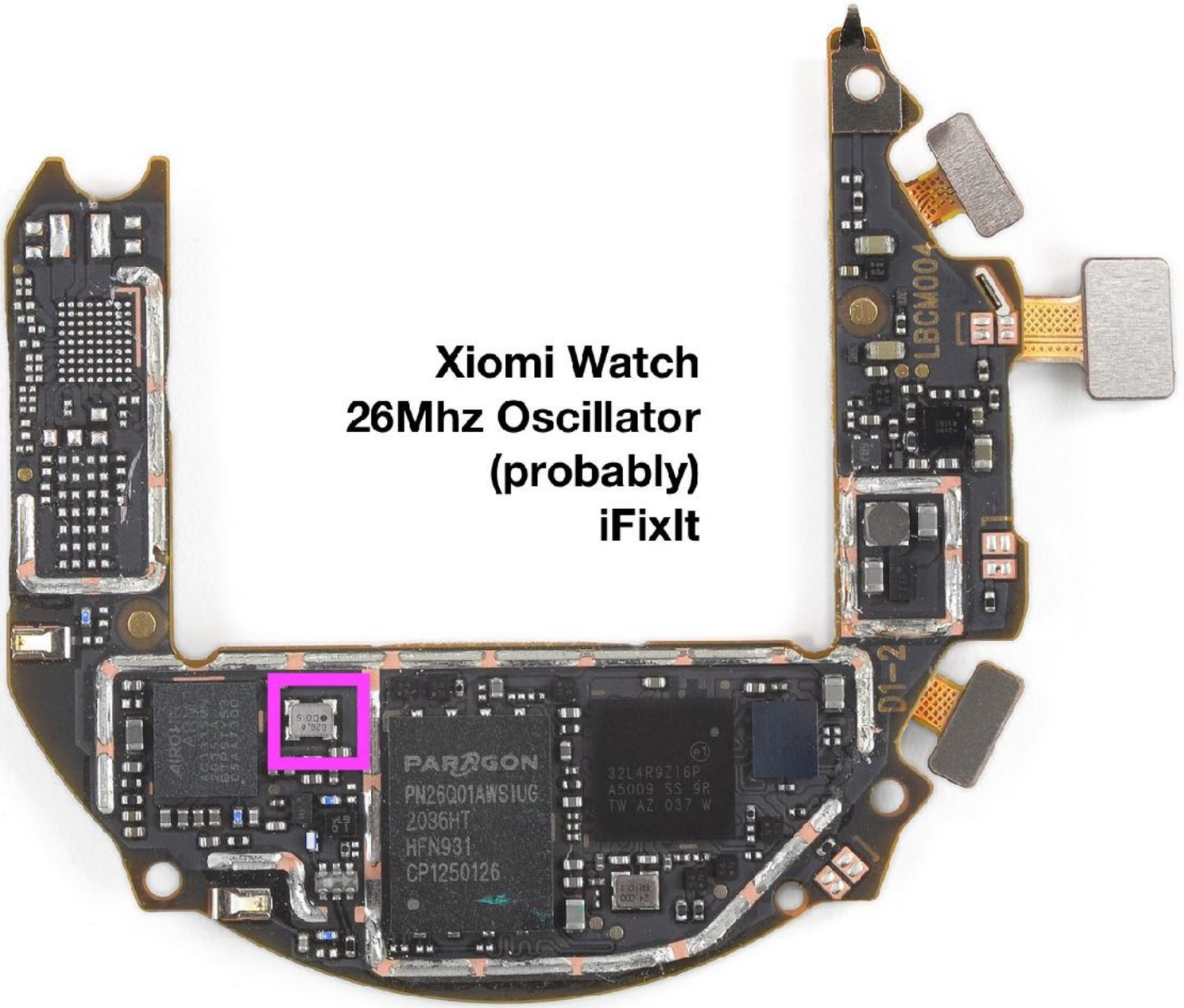
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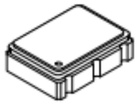

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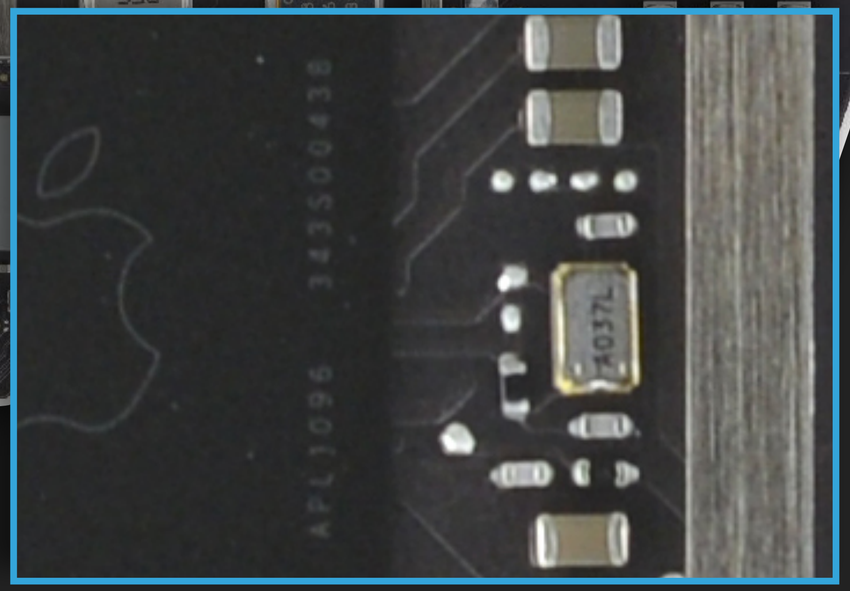

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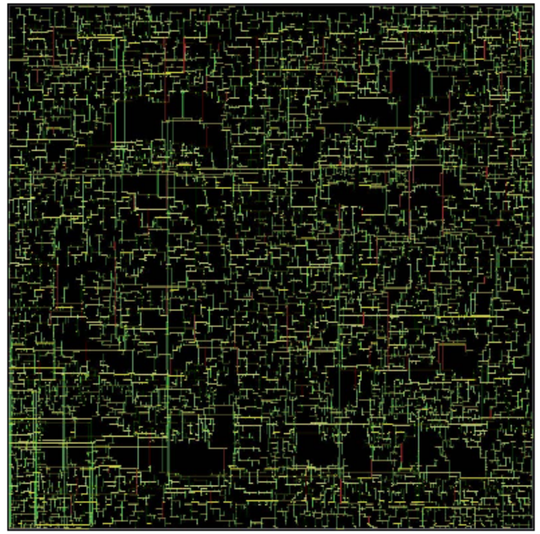

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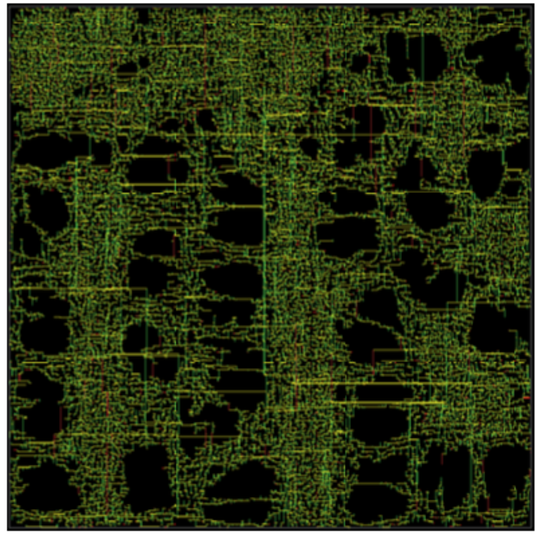

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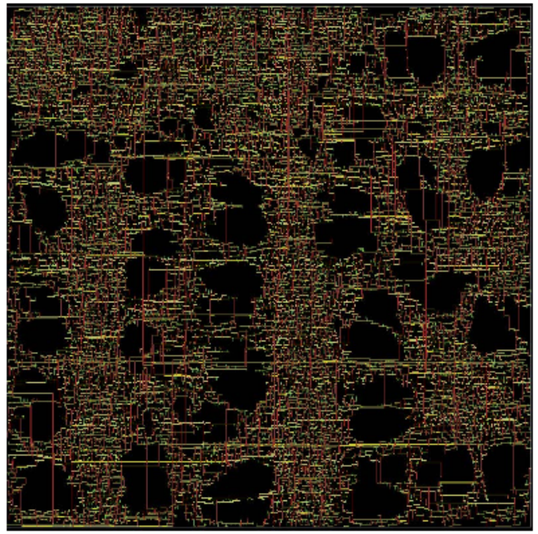

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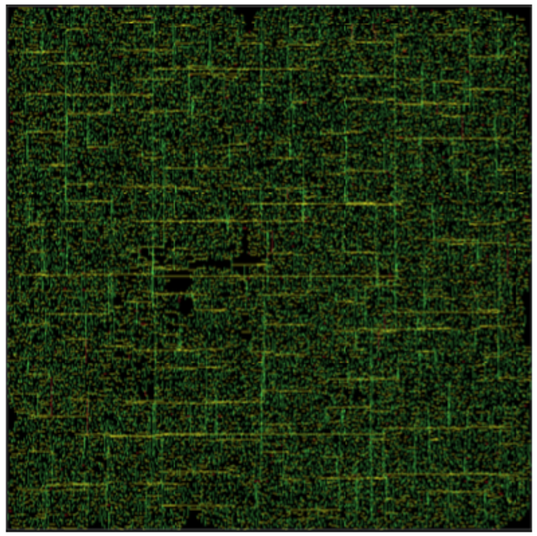

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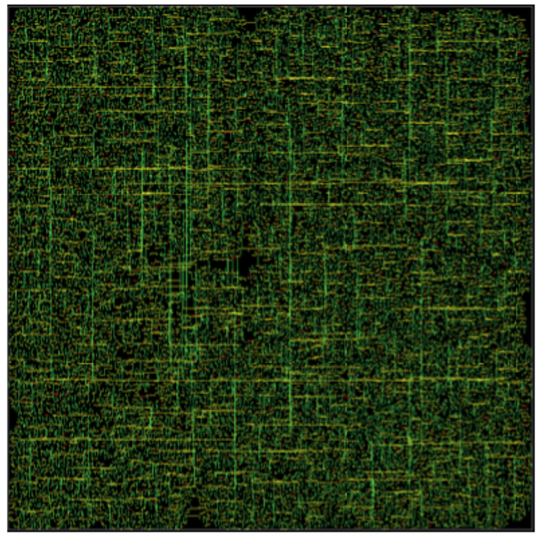

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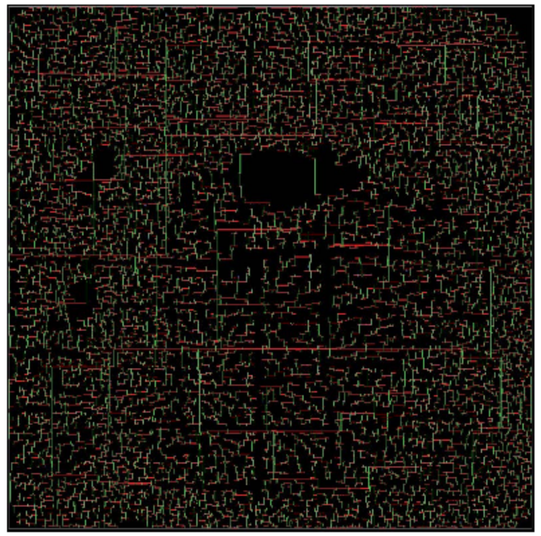

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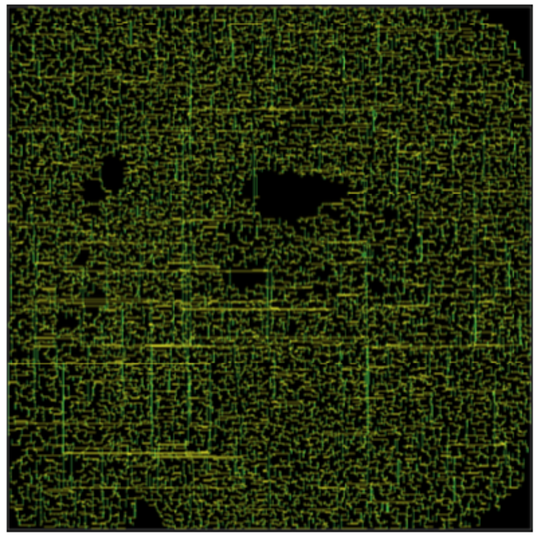

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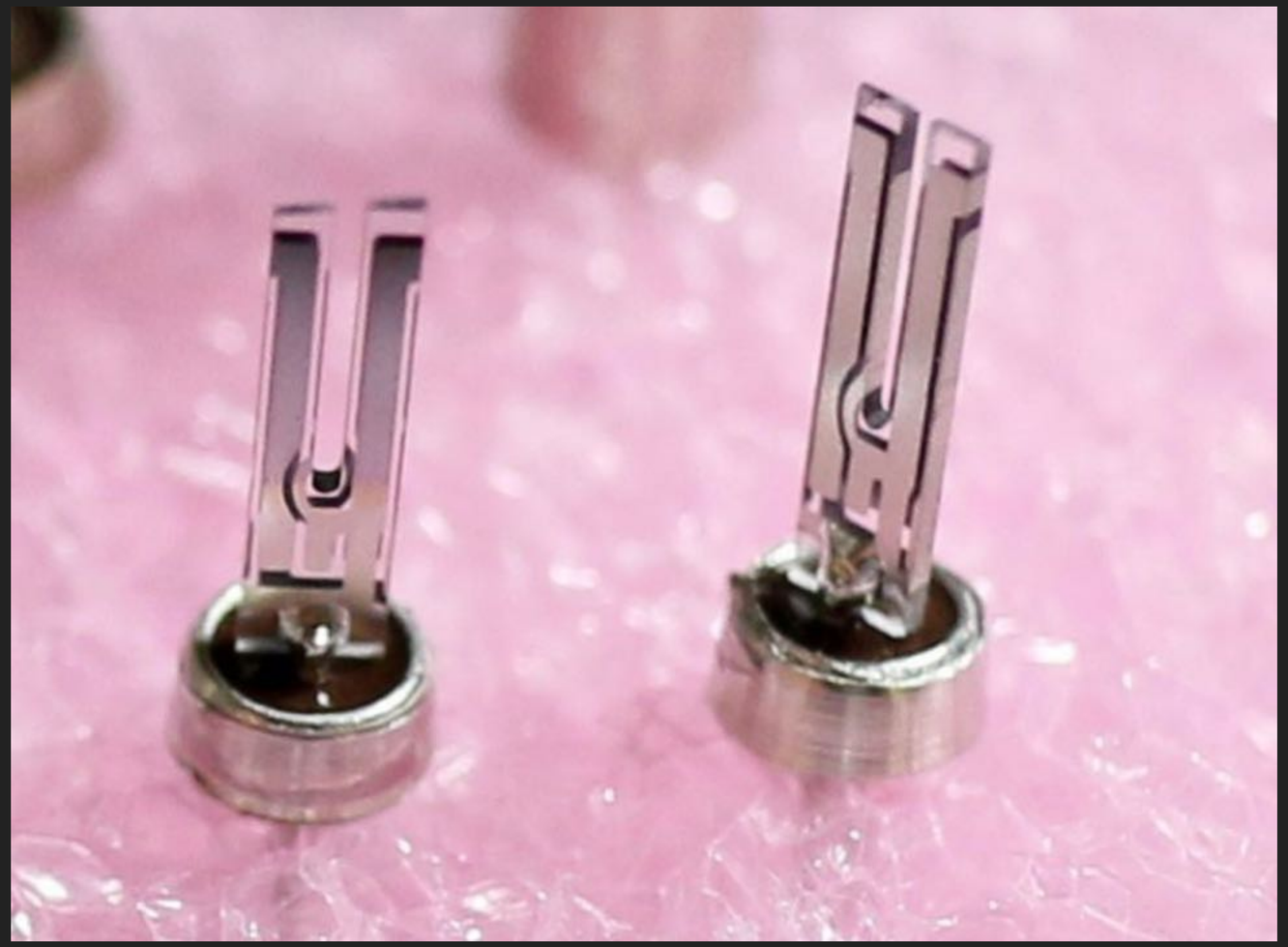

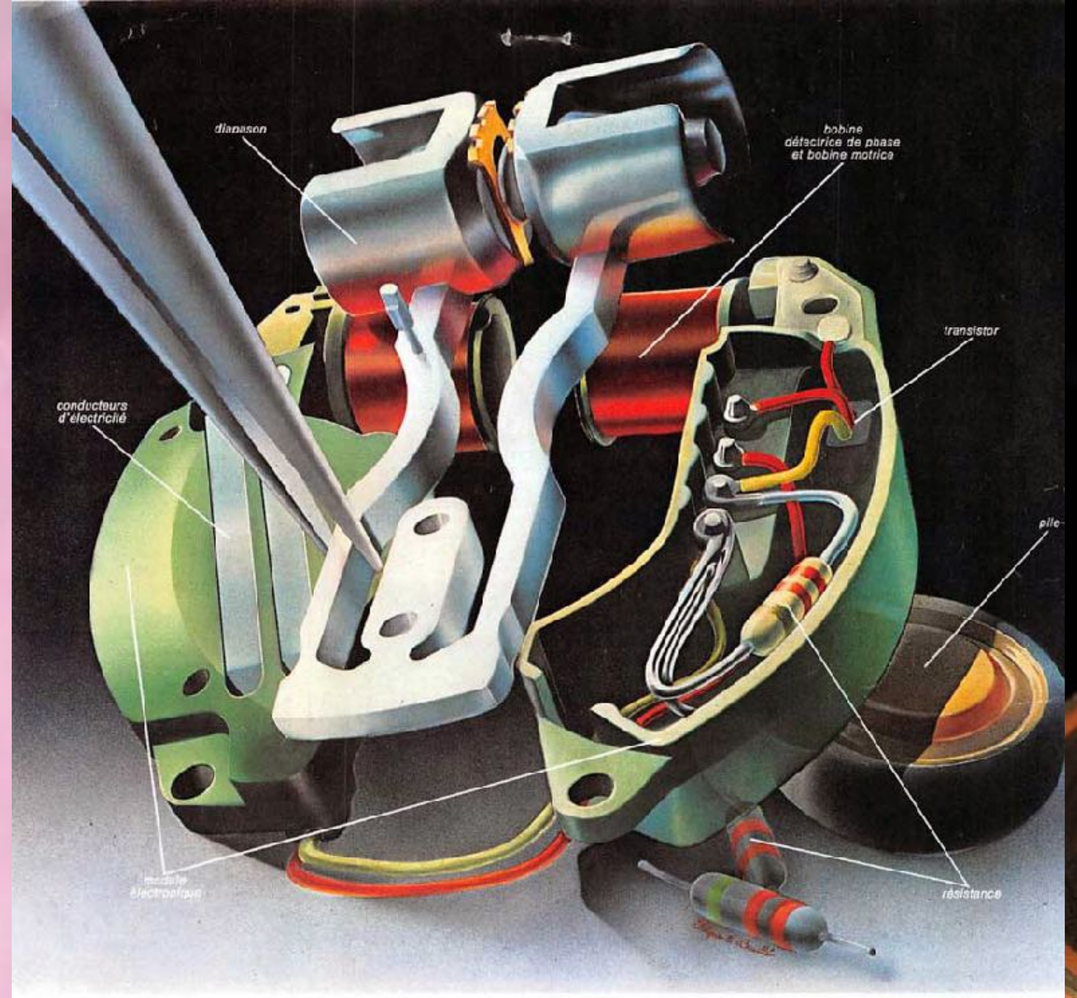

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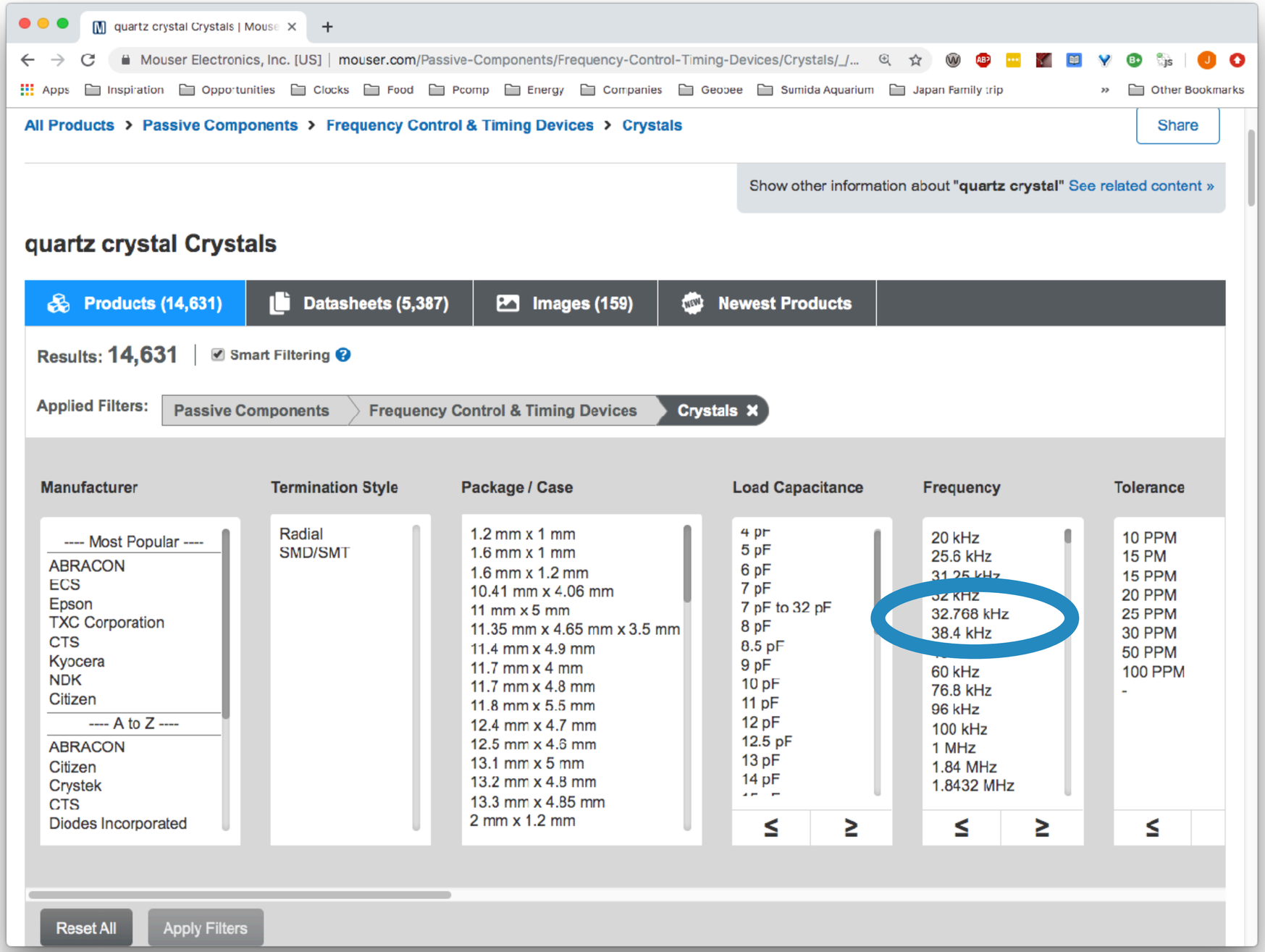

Precision timer
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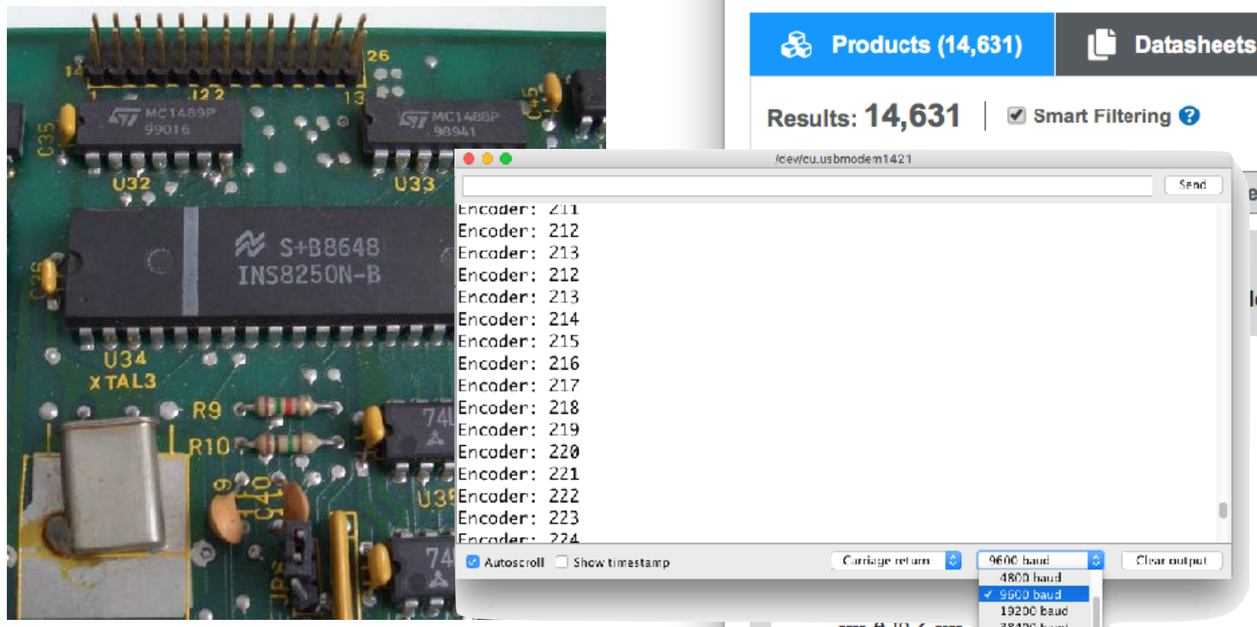

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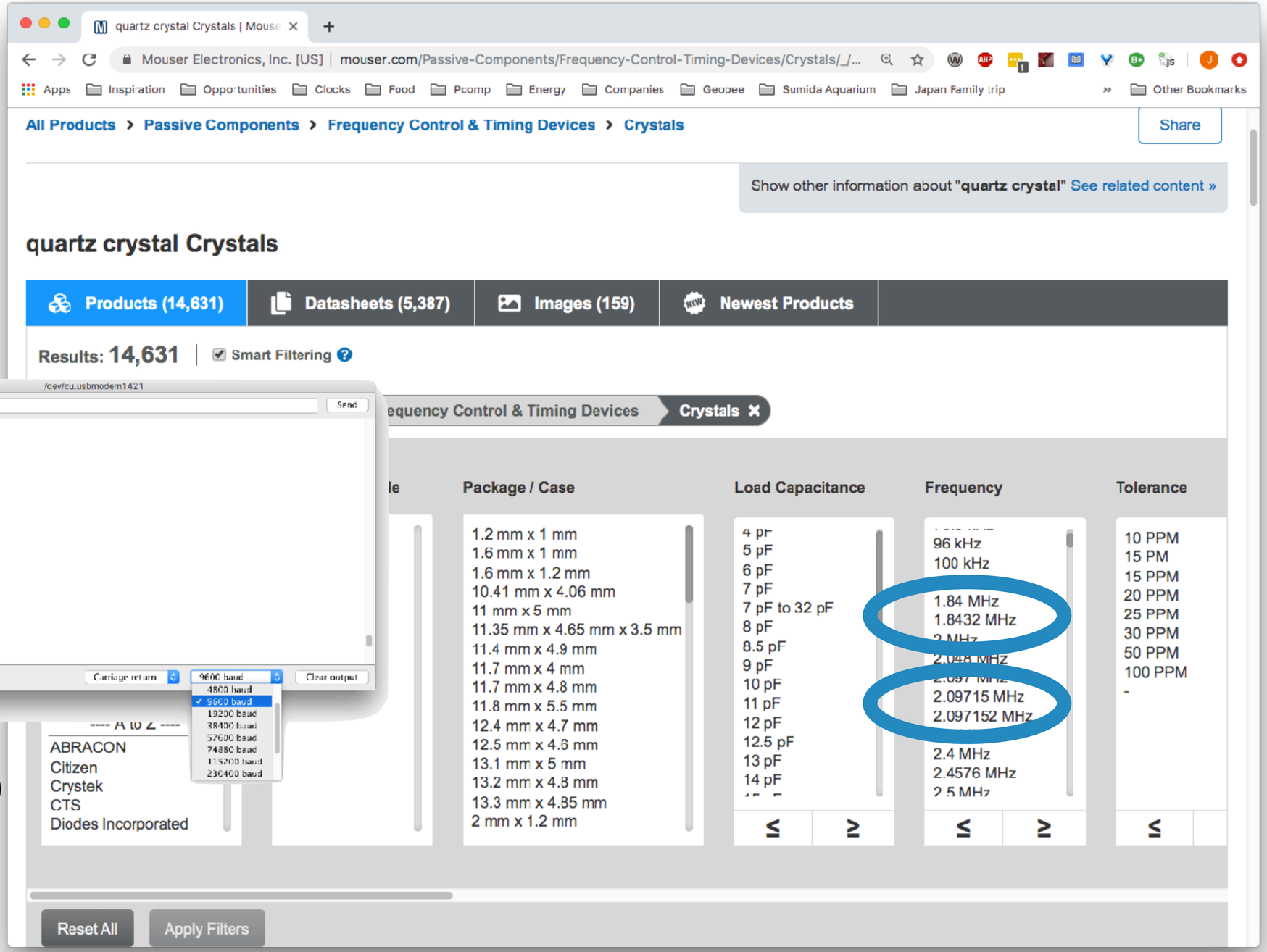

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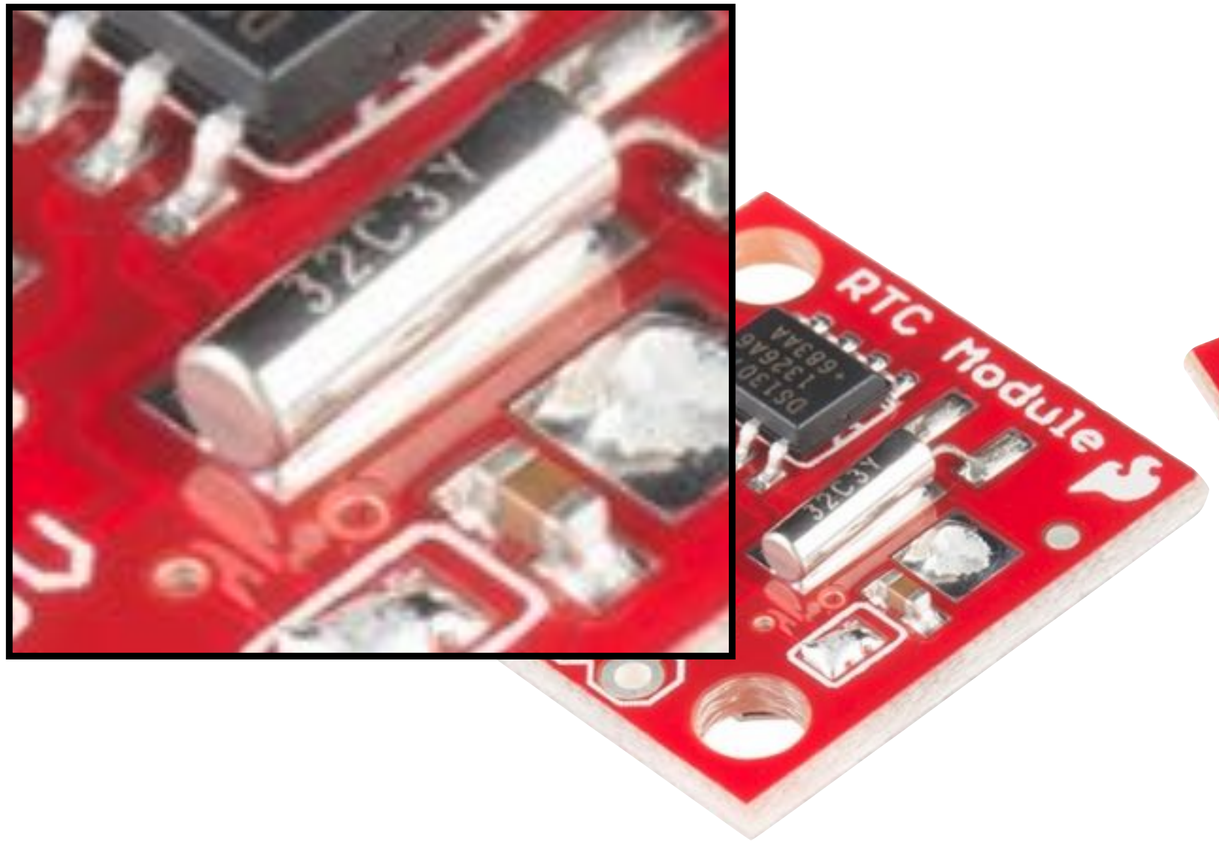

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Klaus_K Mar 2021 **post #2**

> hasenradball:
> 1.) what is the timeserver used for this functionality

You could use Wireshark to monitor the traffic from the module and find out.

> hasenradball:
> As I could recognized the time accuracy of the RTC is worse compared the functionality of WiFi.getTime().
> Does anyone have more information to this topic?

There is a version with an accurate RTC. It is called MKR Wifi 1010. The Arduino Nano 33 IoT is a cost optimized version and does not have a 32kHz clock crystal on the PCB. Have a look at the schematics in the store under DOCUMENTATION.

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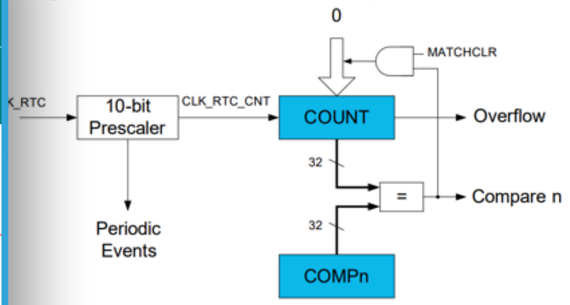

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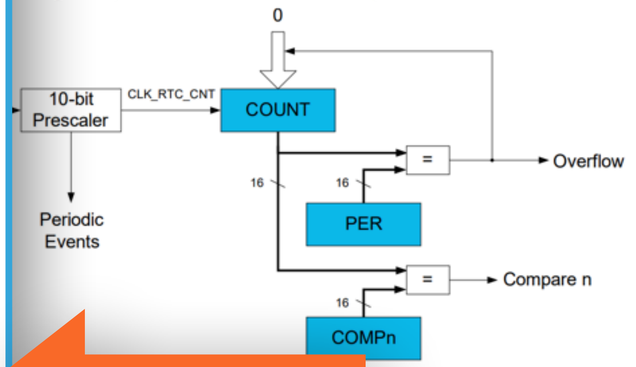

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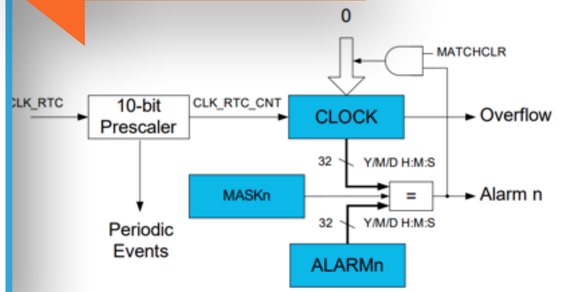

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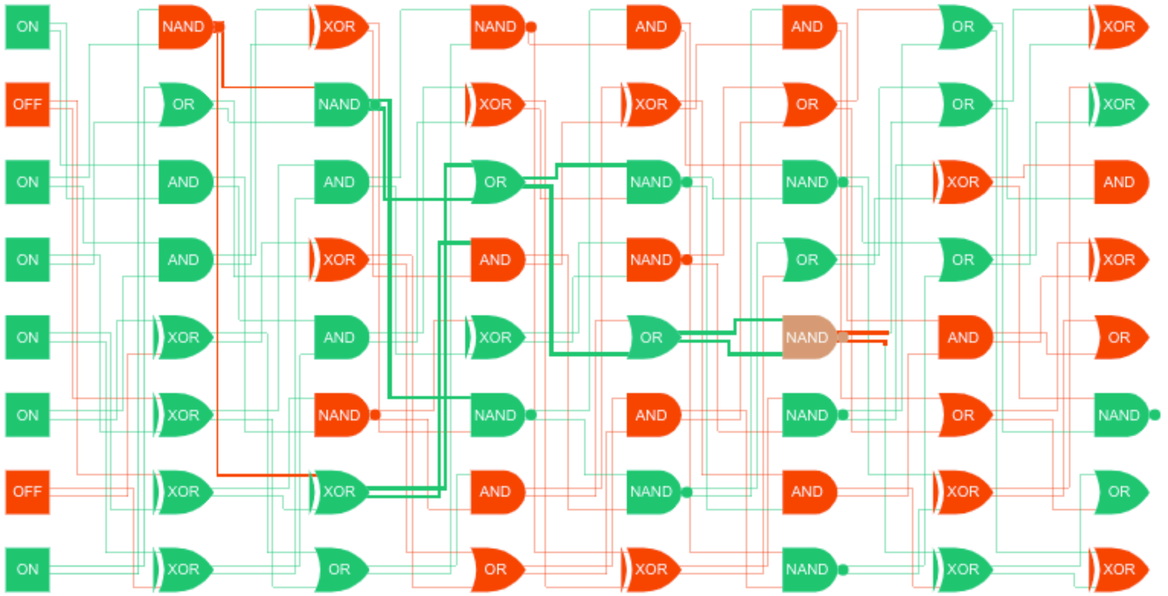

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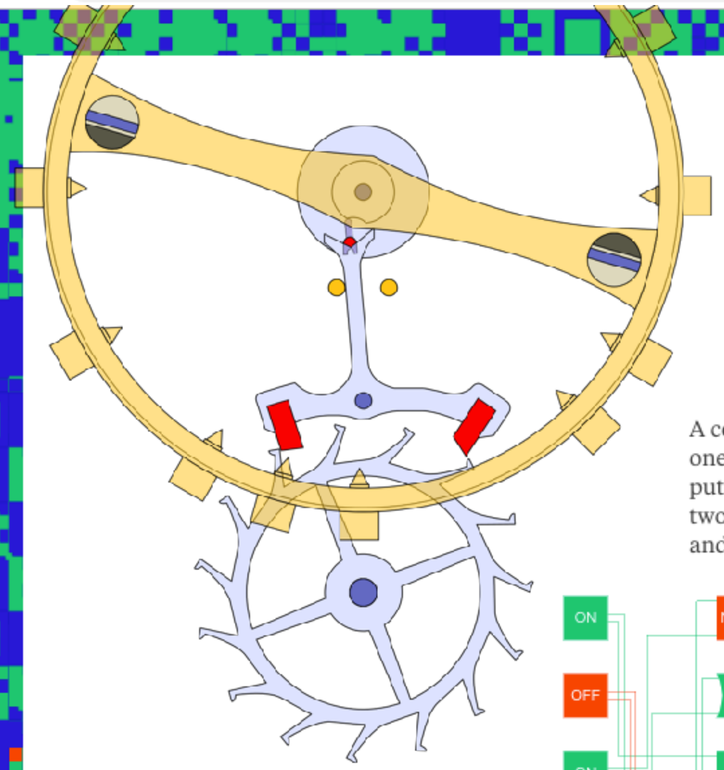

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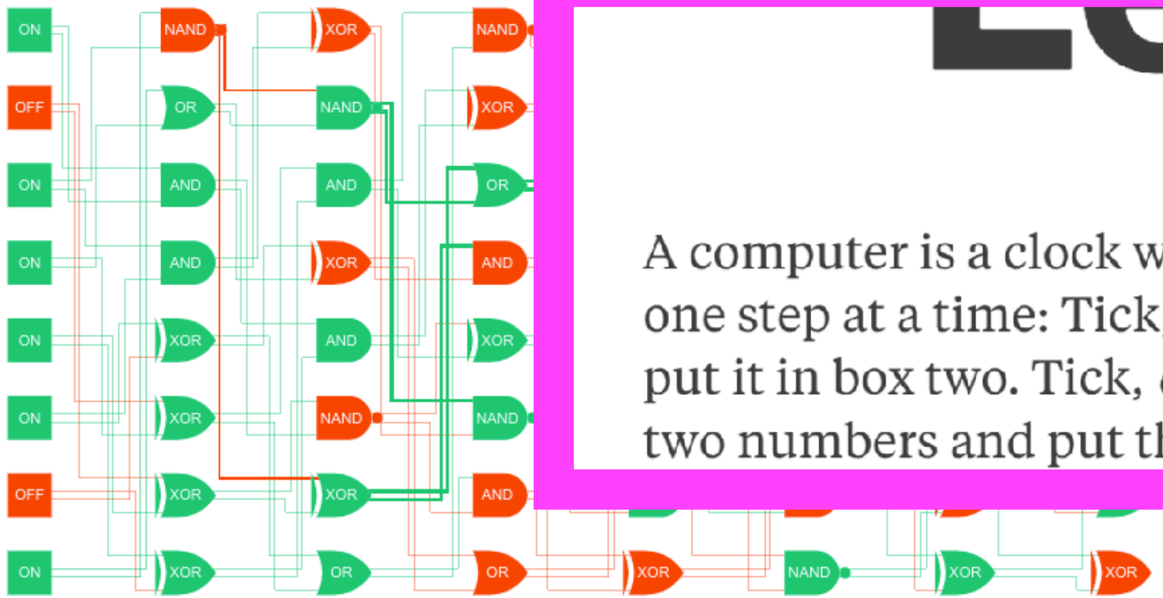

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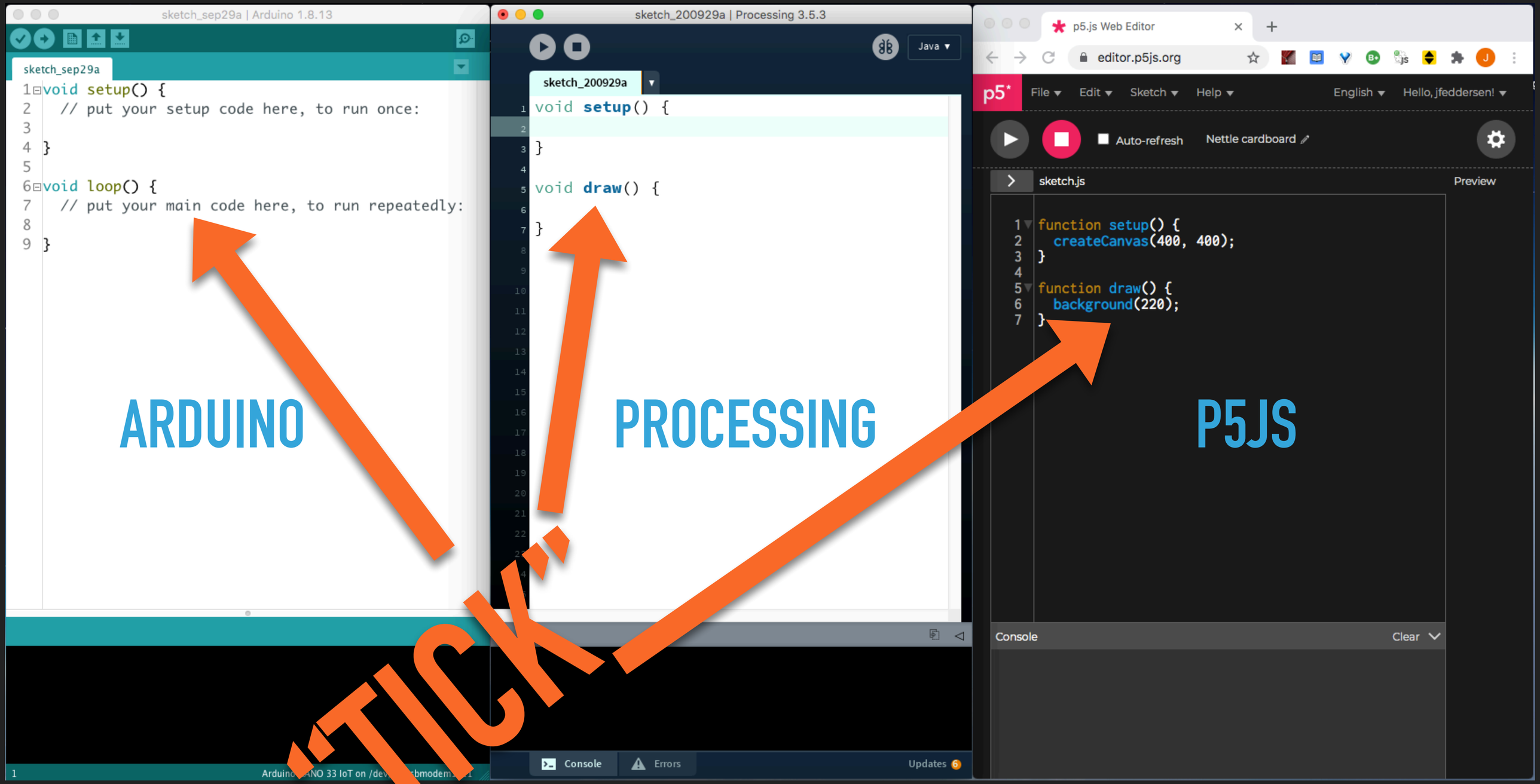
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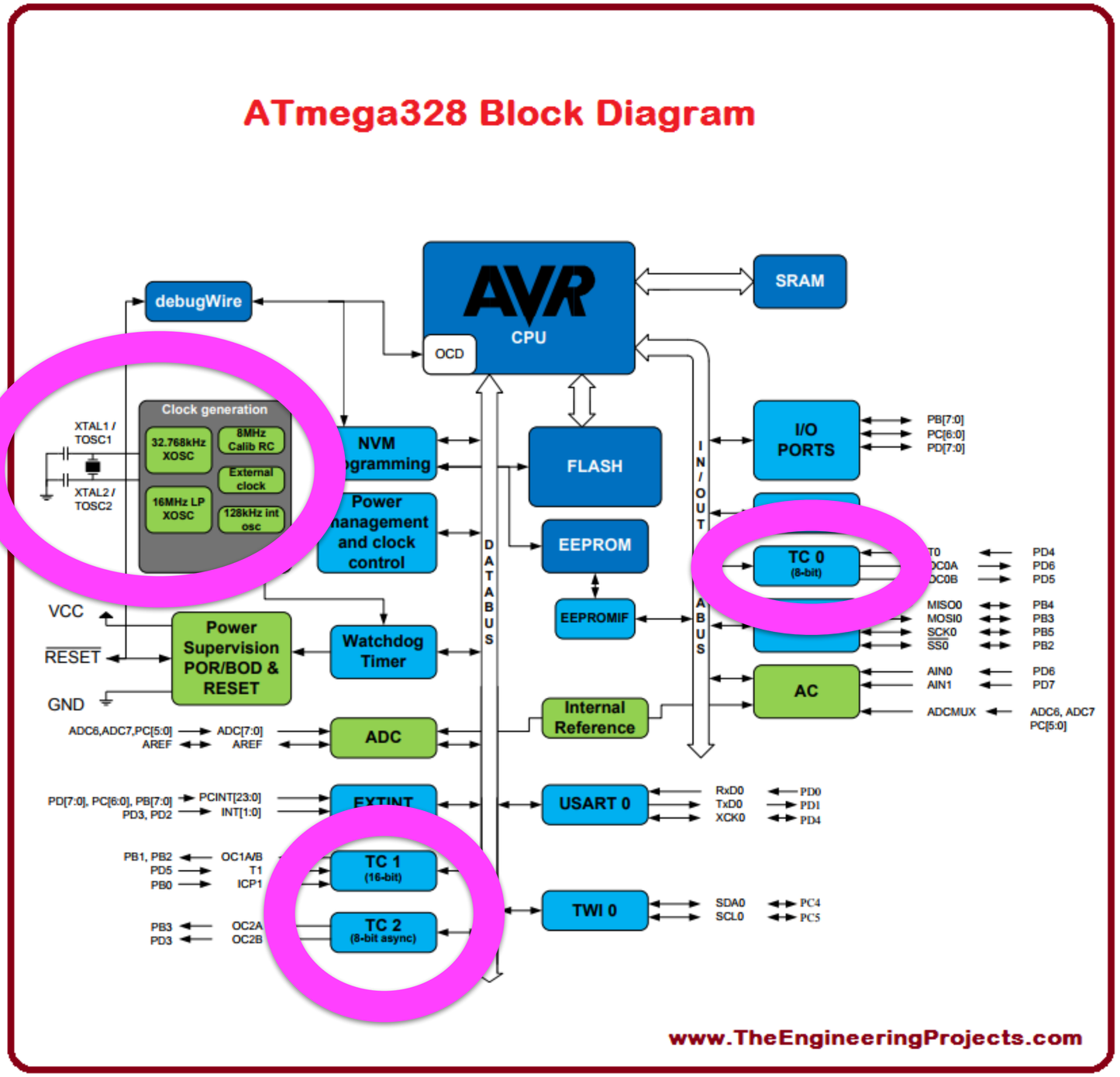
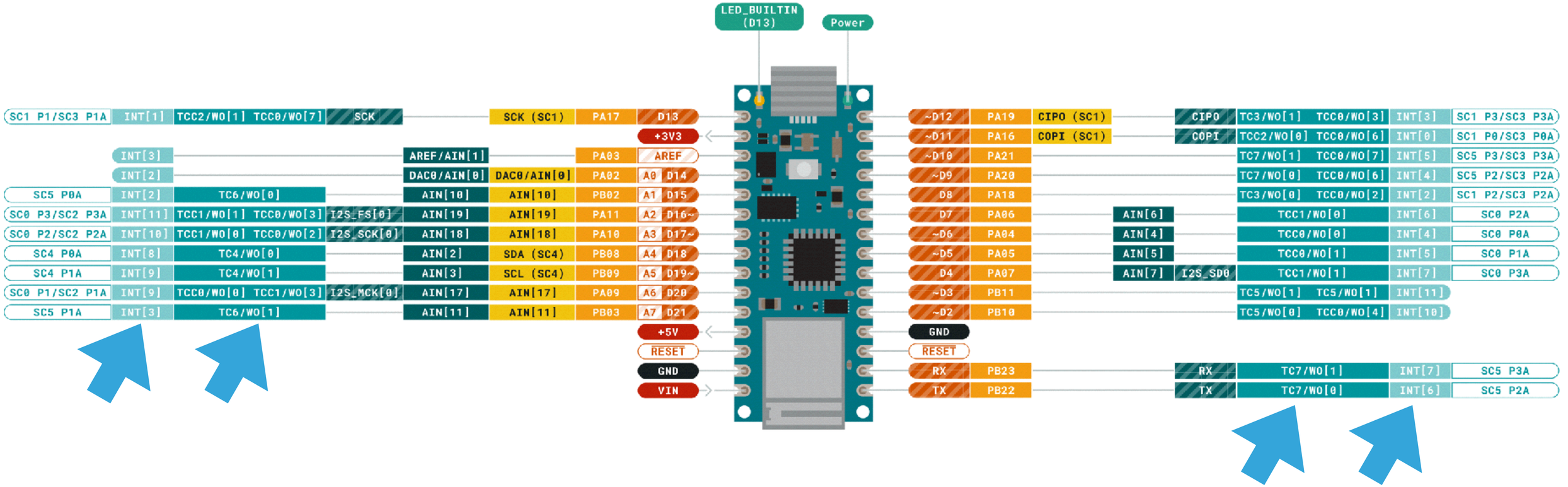
TIMER/COUNTERS ARE PRIMARY BUILDING BLOCKS OF MICROCONTROLLERS

Timing-based functions (analogWrite, tone, servo, etc.) make use of internal timers. These timers can trigger time-based interrupts, triggering functions.

However, accessing these timers typically involves architecture-specific registers and these change from chip to chip.





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SWD Pin

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Analog
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Interrupt

MAXIMUM current per pin is 7mA

MAXIMUM source current is 46mA

MAXIMUM sink current is 65mA per pin group

VIN 5-21 V input to the board.

NOTE: CIPO/COPI have previously been referred to as MISO/MOSI

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delay()

[Time]

Description

Pauses the program for the amount of time (in milliseconds) specified as parameter. (There are 1000 milliseconds in a second.)

Syntax

```
delay(ms)
```

Parameters

`ms`: the number of milliseconds to pause. Allowed data types: `unsigned long`.

Returns

Nothing

Example Code

The code pauses the program for one second before toggling the output pin.

```
int ledPin = 13;                // LED connected to digital pin 13

void setup() {
  pinMode(ledPin, OUTPUT);      // sets the digital pin as output
}

void loop() {
  digitalWrite(ledPin, HIGH); // sets the LED on
  delay(1000);                // waits for a second
  digitalWrite(ledPin, LOW);  // sets the LED off
  delay(1000);                // waits for a second
}
```

Notes and Warnings

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```
void delay(unsigned long ms) {
    uint32_t start = micros();

    while (ms > 0) {
        yield();
        while ( ms > 0 && (micros() - start) >= 1000) {
            ms--;
            start += 1000;
        }
    }
}
```

https://github.com/arduino/ArduinoCore-avr

```
unsigned long micros() {
    unsigned long m;
    uint8_t oldSREG = SREG, t;

    cli();
    m = timer0_overflow_count;
#if defined(TCNT0)
    t = TCNT0;
#elif defined(TCNT0L)
    t = TCNT0L;
#else
    #error TIMER 0 not defined
#endif

#ifdef TIFR0
    if ((TIFR0 & _BV(TOV0)) && (t < 255))
        m++;
#else
    if ((TIFR & _BV(TOV0)) && (t < 255))
        m++;
#endif

    SREG = oldSREG;

    return ((m << 8) + t) * (64 / clockCyclesPerMicrosecond());
}
```

8-Bit Timer/Counter

Do some math to internal timer register to return run time in microseconds

https://github.com/arduino/ArduinoCore-avr

https://web.engr.oregonstate.edu/~traylor/ece473/lectures/tcnt0.pdf

Note - does not use micros()

```
/* Delay for the given number of microseconds.  Assumes a 1, 8, 12, 16, 20 or 24 MHz clock. */
void delayMicroseconds(unsigned int us) {
    // call = 4 cycles + 2 to 4 cycles to init us(2 for constant delay, 4 for variable)
    // calling avrlib's delay_us() function with low values (e.g. 1 or
    // 2 microseconds) gives delays longer than desired.
    //delay_us(us);
. . .

#elif F_CPU >= 16000000L
    // for the 16 MHz clock on most Arduino boards
    // for a one-microsecond delay, simply return.  the overhead
    // of the function call takes 14 (16) cycles, which is 1us
    if (us <= 1) return; //  = 3 cycles, (4 when true)

    // the following loop takes 1/4 of a microsecond (4 cycles)
    // per iteration, so execute it four times for each microsecond of
    // delay requested.
    us <<= 2; // x4 us, = 4 cycles

    // account for the time taken in the preceeding commands.
    // we just burned 19 (21) cycles above, remove 5, (5*4=20)
    // us is at least 8 so we can substract 5
    us -= 5; // = 2 cycles,


. . .

// busy wait
    __asm__ __volatile__ (
        "1: sbiw %0,1" "\n\t" // 2 cycles
        "brne 1b" : "=w" (us) : "0" (us) // 2 cycles
    );
    // return = 4 cycles
}
```

Several #elif directives covering different clock speeds

Countdown in Assembly:
SBIW - Subtract Immediate from Word
BRNE - Branch if Not Equal

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ANALOGWRITE

```
else
{
        switch(digitalPinToTimer(pin))
        {
                // XXX fix needed for atmega8
                #if defined(TCCR0) && defined(COM00) && !defined(__AVR_ATmega8__)
                case TIMER0A:
                        // connect pwm to pin on timer 0
                        sbi(TCCR0, COM00);
                        OCR0 = val; // set pwm duty
                        break;
                #endif

                #if defined(TCCR0A) && defined(COM0A1)
                case TIMER0A:
                        // connect pwm to pin on timer 0, channel A
                        sbi(TCCR0A, COM0A1);
                        OCR0A = val; // set pwm duty
                        break;
                #endif

                #if defined(TCCR0A) && defined(COM0B1)
                case TIMER0B:
                        // connect pwm to pin on timer 0, channel B
                        sbi(TCCR0A, COM0B1);
                        OCR0B = val; // set pwm duty
                        break;
                #endif

                #if defined(TCCR1A) && defined(COM1A1)
                case TIMER1A:
                        // connect pwm to pin on timer 1, channel A
                        sbi(TCCR1A, COM1A1);
                        OCR1A = val; // set pwm duty
```

TONE

```
// Set timer specific stuff
// All timers in CTC mode
// 8 bit timers will require changing prescalar values,
// whereas 16 bit timers are set to either ck/1 or ck/64 prescalar
switch (_timer)
{
  #if defined(TCCR0A) && defined(TCCR0B) && defined(WGM01)
  case 0:
    // 8 bit timer
    TCCR0A = 0;
    TCCR0B = 0;
    bitWrite(TCCR0A, WGM01, 1);
    bitWrite(TCCR0B, CS00, 1);
    timer0_pin_port = portOutputRegister(digitalPinToPort(_pin));
    timer0_pin_mask = digitalPinToBitMask(_pin);
    break;
  #endif

  #if defined(TCCR1A) && defined(TCCR1B) && defined(WGM12)
  case 1:
    // 16 bit timer
    TCCR1A = 0;
    TCCR1B = 0;
    bitWrite(TCCR1B, WGM12, 1);
    bitWrite(TCCR1B, CS10, 1);
    timer1_pin_port = portOutputRegister(digitalPinToPort(_pin));
    timer1_pin_mask = digitalPinToBitMask(_pin);
    break;
  #endif
```

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Example program

The following annotated example features a simple 100 kHz square wave generator using an AT90S1200 clocked with a 10.7 MHz crystal. Pin PD6 will be used for the square wave output.

```
#include <avr/io.h>             ; Note [1]

work    =       16              ; Note [2]
tmp     =       17

inttmp  =       19

intsav  =       0

SQUARE  =       PD6             ; Note [3]


tmconst= 10700000 / 200000
fuzz=   8

        .section .text

        .global main
main:
        rcall   ioinit
1:
        rjmp    1b

        .global TIMER0_OVF_
TIMER0_OVF_vect:
        ldi     inttmp, 256
        out     _SFR_IO_ADDR

        in      intsav, _SFR

        sbic    _SFR_IO_ADDR
        rjmp    1f
        sbi     _SFR_IO_ADDR
        rjmp    2f
1:      cbi     _SFR_IO_ADDR
2:

        out     _SFR_IO_ADDR
        reti

ioinit:
        sbi     _SFR_IO_ADDR(DDRD), SQUARE

        ldi     work, _BV(TOIE0)
        out     _SFR_IO_ADDR(TIMSK), work

        ldi     work, _BV(CS00)         ; tmr0:  CK/1
        out     _SFR_IO_ADDR(TCCR0), work

        ldi     work, 256 - tmconst
```

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will be substituted by its value (6 in this case) before actually being passed to the assembler.

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Note [5]

External functions need to be declared to be `.global`. `main` is the application entry point that will be jumped to from the ininitalization routine in `crts1200.o`.

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Notes and Warnings

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Certain things do go on while the delay() function is controlling the Atmega chip, however, because the delay function does not disable interrupts. Serial communication that appears at the RX pin is recorded, PWM (analogWrite) values and pin states are maintained, and interrupts will work as they should.

INTERRUPTS

Microcontrollers can process **interrupts**: functions called automatically by hardware changes.

Changes include:

- **external,** such as voltage changes on an interrupt-enabled pin, or
- **internal**, from changes in an internal hardware **timer** (basically, a counter incrementing each clock cycle) reaching a certain value.

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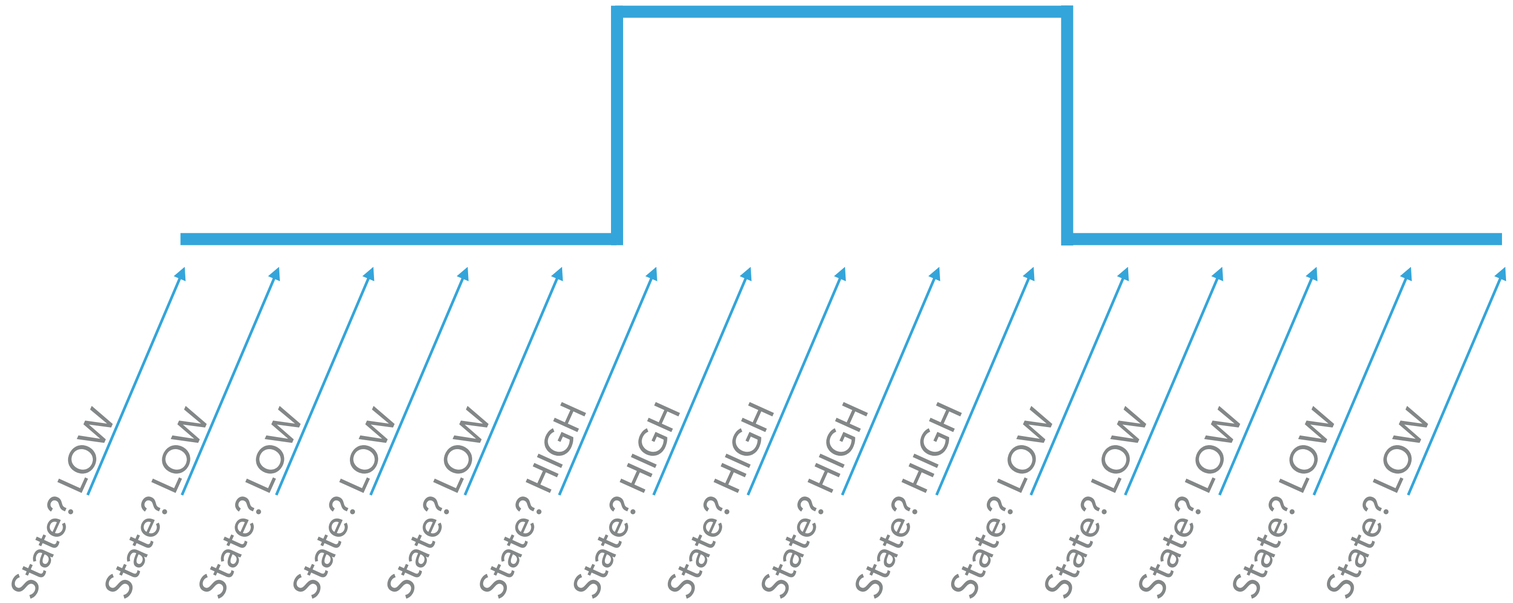
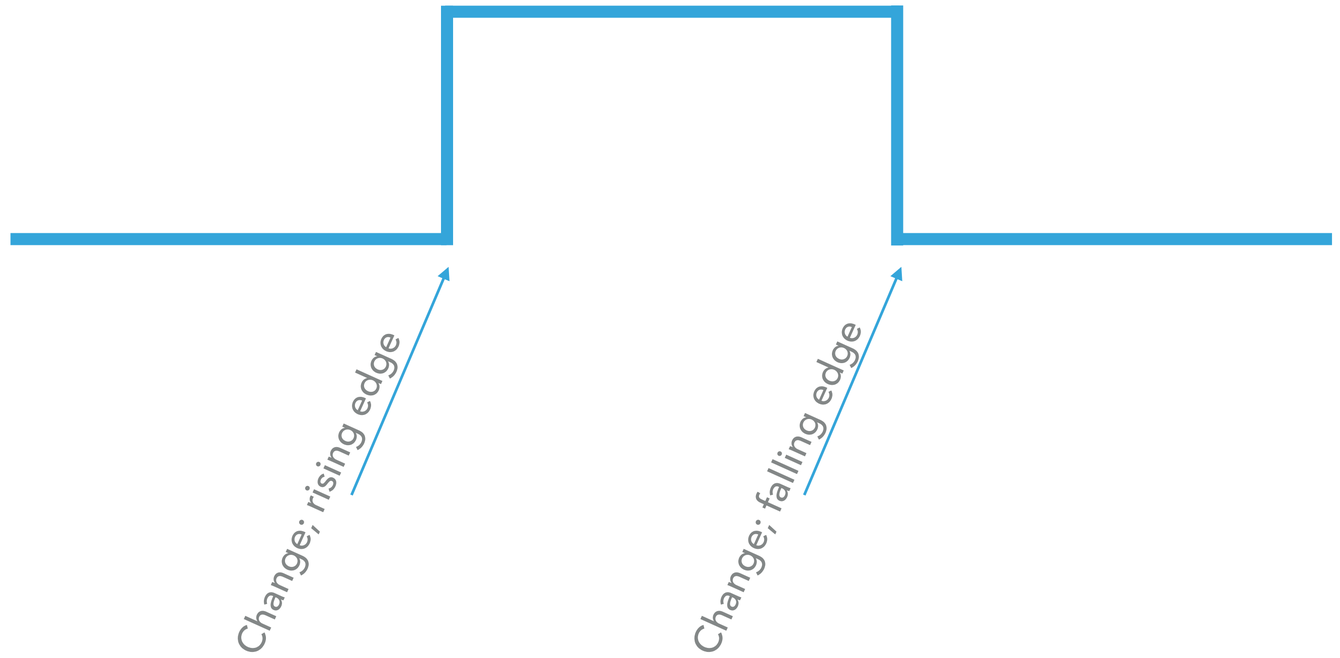


In main loop, use digital read to check the state of an input pin. Decide what to do if it is low, high, changed, etc.

INTERRUPTS



Define interrupt service routines (ISRs) for hardware changes: rising edge, falling edge, and/or change. These will be called immediately when the pin changes.

INTERRUPTS

Basic Idea: You identify a function to call when an interrupt even occurs. This function is the “Interrupt Service Routine” or ISR. ISRs should run as quickly as possible. Any variables accessed by the ISR must be declared “Volatile”

1

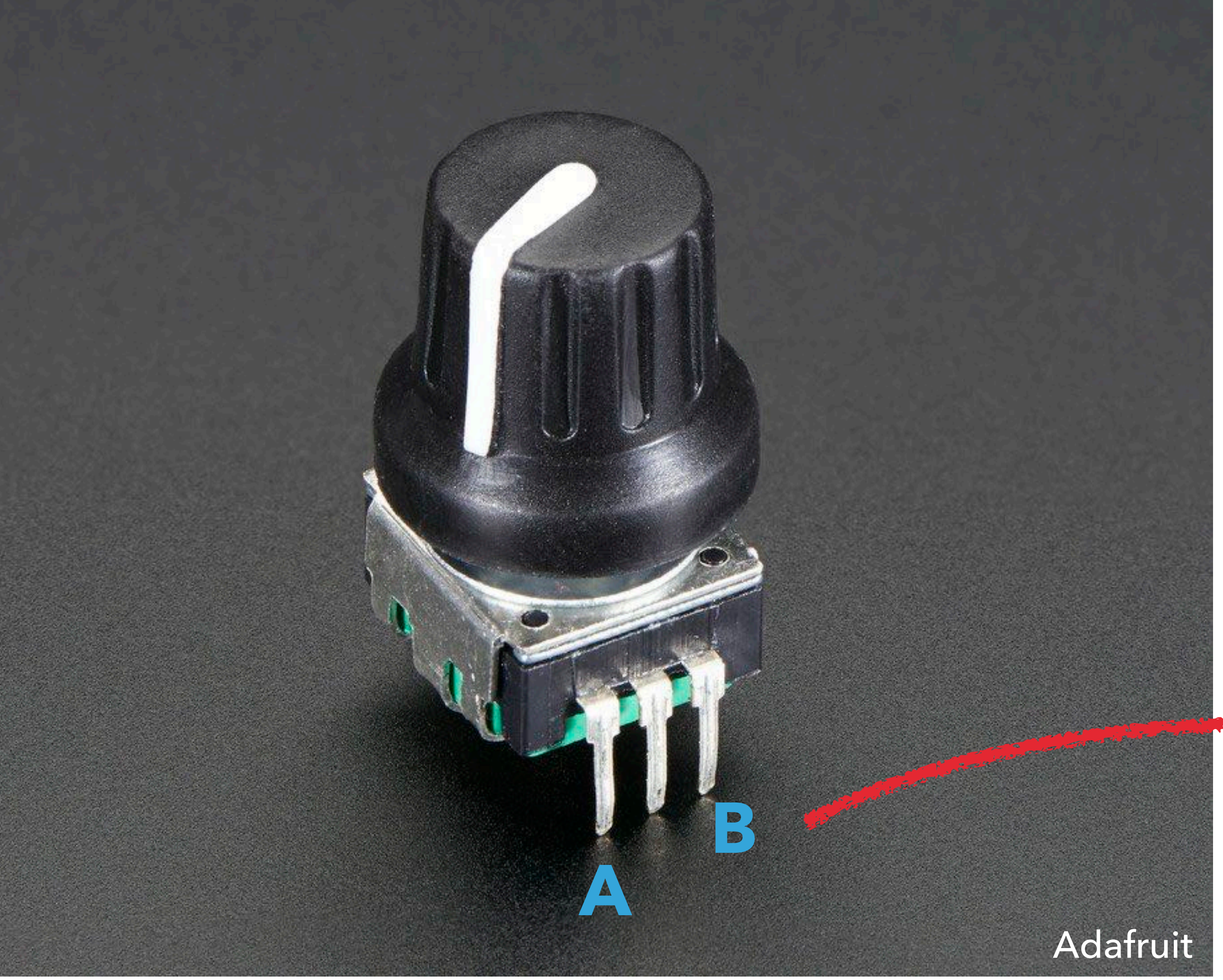
```
volatile bool ledState = LOW; //note new qualifier "volatile" – this
indicates a variable may change while handling an interrupt
```

2

```
attachInterrupt(digitalPinToInterrupt(INTERRUPT_PIN), myISR, CHANGE);
// trigger when button pressed, but not when released.
```

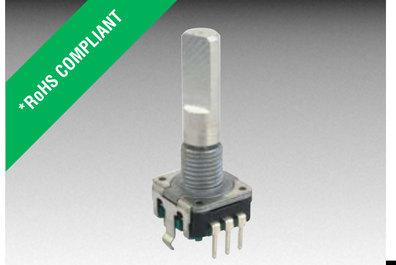
3

```
void myISR() {isrCount ++;
  if ((long)(micros() – lastMicros) > debounceTimeMicros) {
    ledState = !ledState;
    lastMicros = micros();
  }
}
```



INTERRUPTS

Excellent for resolving fast-changing inputs such as the signals from rotary encoders.



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Features

- Push switch option
- Compact, rugged design
- High reliability
- Metal bushing/shaft

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PEC11 Series - 12 mm Incremental Encoder

Electrical Characteristics

Output	2-bit quadrature code
Closed Circuit Resistance	3 ohms maximum
Contact Rating	1 mA @ 5 VDC
Insulation Resistance	100 megohms @ 250 VDC
Dielectric Withstanding Voltage	
Sea Level	300 VAC minimum
Electrical Travel	Continuous
Contact Bounce (15 RPM)	5.0 ms maximum**
RPM (Operating)	60 maximum**

Environmental Characteristics

Operating Temperature Range	-30 °C to +70 °C (-22 °F to +158 °F)
Storage Temperature Range	-40 °C to +85 °C (-40 °F to +185 °F)
Humidity	MIL-STD-202, Method 103B, Condition B
Vibration	30 G
Contact Bounce	10~55~10 Hz / 1 min. / Amplitude 1.5 mm
Shock	100 G
Rotational Life	30,000 cycles minimum
Switch Life	20,000 cycles minimum
IP Rating	IP 40

Mechanical Characteristics

Mechanical Angle	360 ° continuous
Torque	
Running	50 to 200 gf.cm (0.68 to 2.7 oz.-in.)
Mounting	10.2 kgf.cm (8.83 lb.-in.) maximum
Shaft Side Load (Static)	2.04 kgf (4.5 lbs.) minimum
Weight	5 gm (0.17 oz.) maximum
Terminals	Printed circuit board terminals
Soldering Condition	
Wave Soldering	Sn95.5/Ag3.8/Cu0.7 solder with no-clean flux: 260 °C max. for 3-5 seconds
Hand Soldering	Not recommended
Hardware	One flat washer and one mounting nut supplied with each encoder

Switch Characteristics

Switch Type	Contact Push ON Momentary SPST
Power Rating (Resistive Load)	10 mA at 5 V DC
Switch Travel	0.5 ± 0.2 mm
Switch Actuation Force	6[illegible] (8.47 ± 4.24 oz.-in.)

How To Order

PEC11 - 4 0 20 F - S 0012

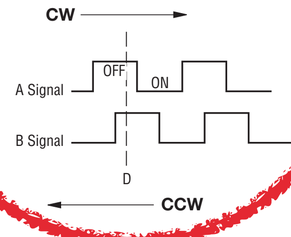
Model

Terminal Configuration
- 4 = PC Pin Horizontal/Rear Facing

Detent Option
- 0 = No Detents (12, 18, 24 pulses)
- 1 = 18 Detents (18 pulses)
- 2 = 24 Detents (12, 24 pulses)
- 3 = 12 Detents (12 pulses)

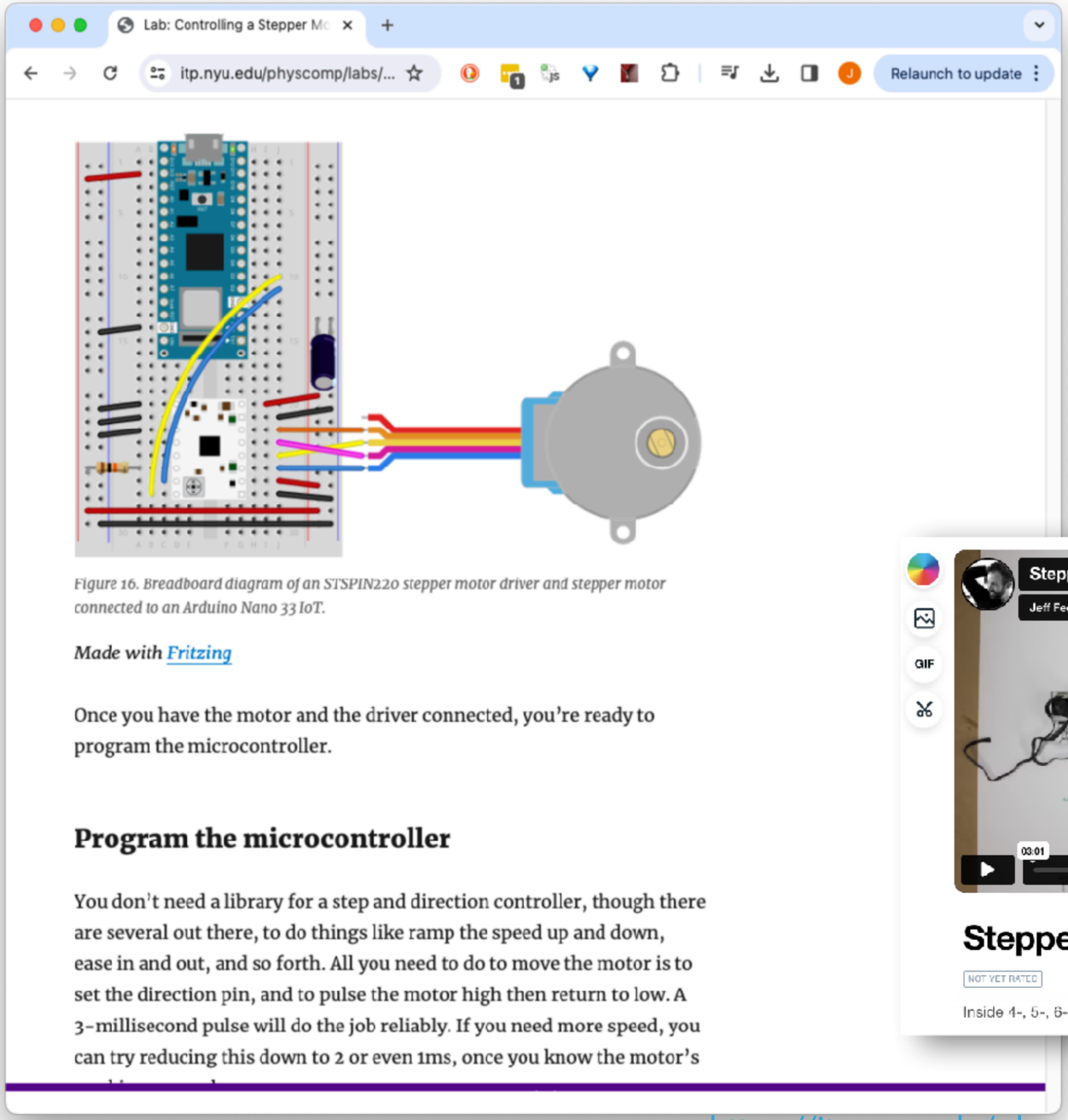
Standard Shaft Length
- 15 = 15.0 mm
- 20 = 20.0 mm
- 25 = 25.0 mm

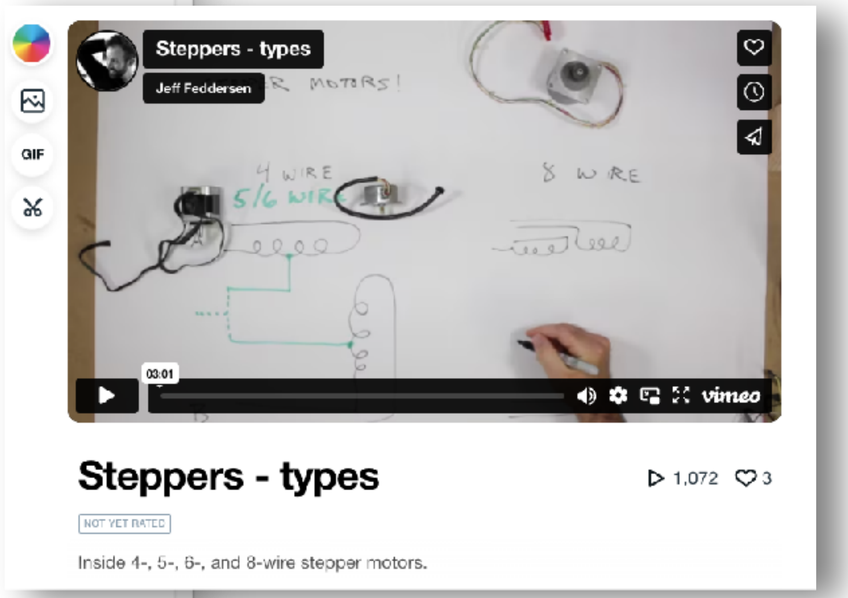
Quadrature Output Table



STEPPERS

Almost the “inverse” of encoders: send pulsed info to the stepper and it turns. See pomp site for tons of info.





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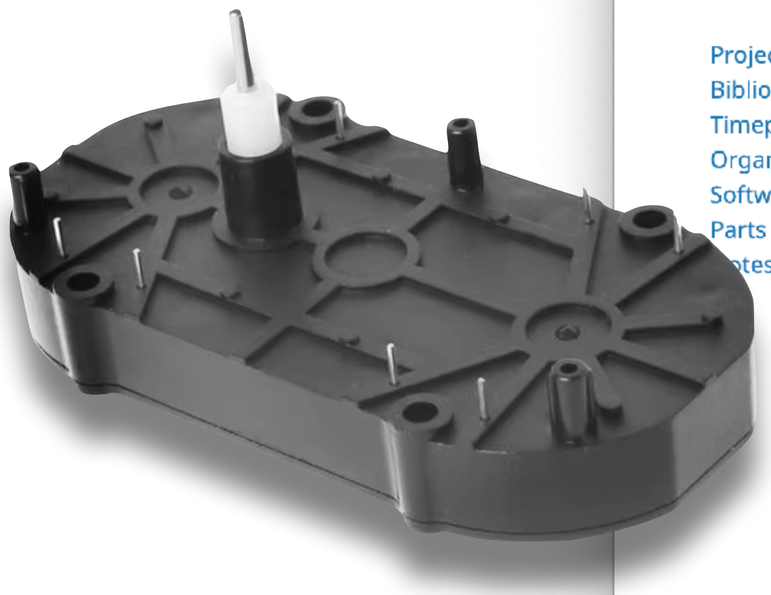

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Clock Club

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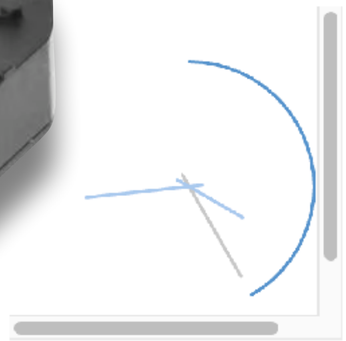

View the Project on GitHub
ITPNYU/clock-club

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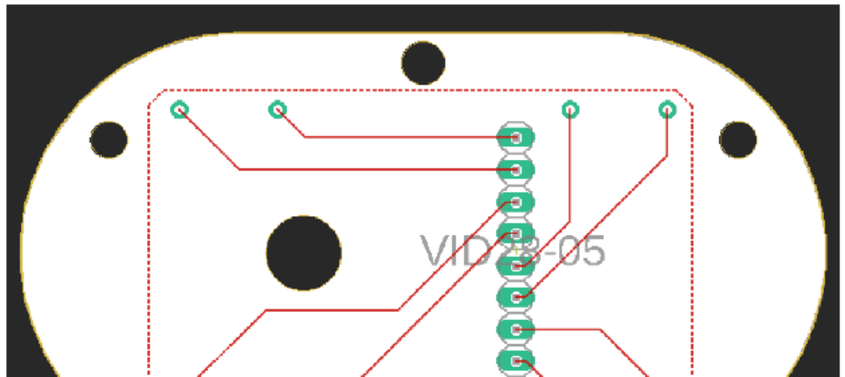
Notes on the VID28-05

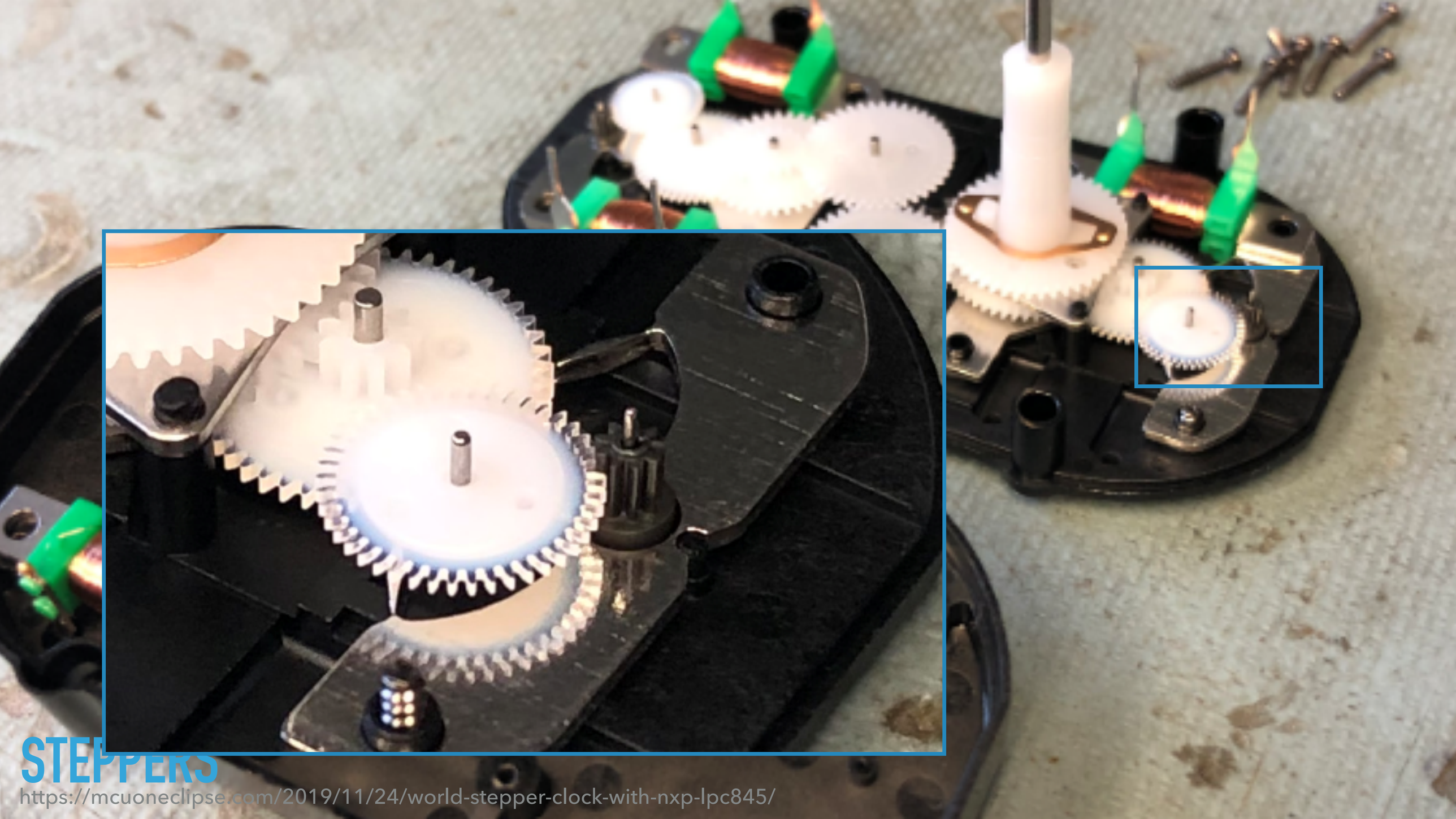
The VID28-05 is a part containing two stepper motors with concentric shafts. Orginally designed for speedometers and automotive gauges, it's useful for making clocks where the minute and hour hands are not coupled. It is similar to the motors used by Humans Since 1982's clock projects (it may even be the motor they used, though I don't know directly). The steppers in the VID28-05 are 720 steps per revolution, and are capable of microstepping down to 1/12 degree per step. Even using the Arduino Stepper library, driven directly off the GPIO pins with no motor driver, you can drive this motor successfully at 720 steps/revolution. Here is a useful and thorough blog post by Dror Gluska who also worked out their own board on it. Dror recommends using an optical sensor for homing, which I haven't yet implemented. Dror cites many others who've worked with this device as well.

Here is the datasheet for the VID28-05.

Circuit Board Design

Ray's page on Hackaday includes a link to an Eagle Library for the VID28-05. There is a board based on Ray's part design in this repository.





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Nema 16 Assembled Motor w/ Hollow & Solid Shaft

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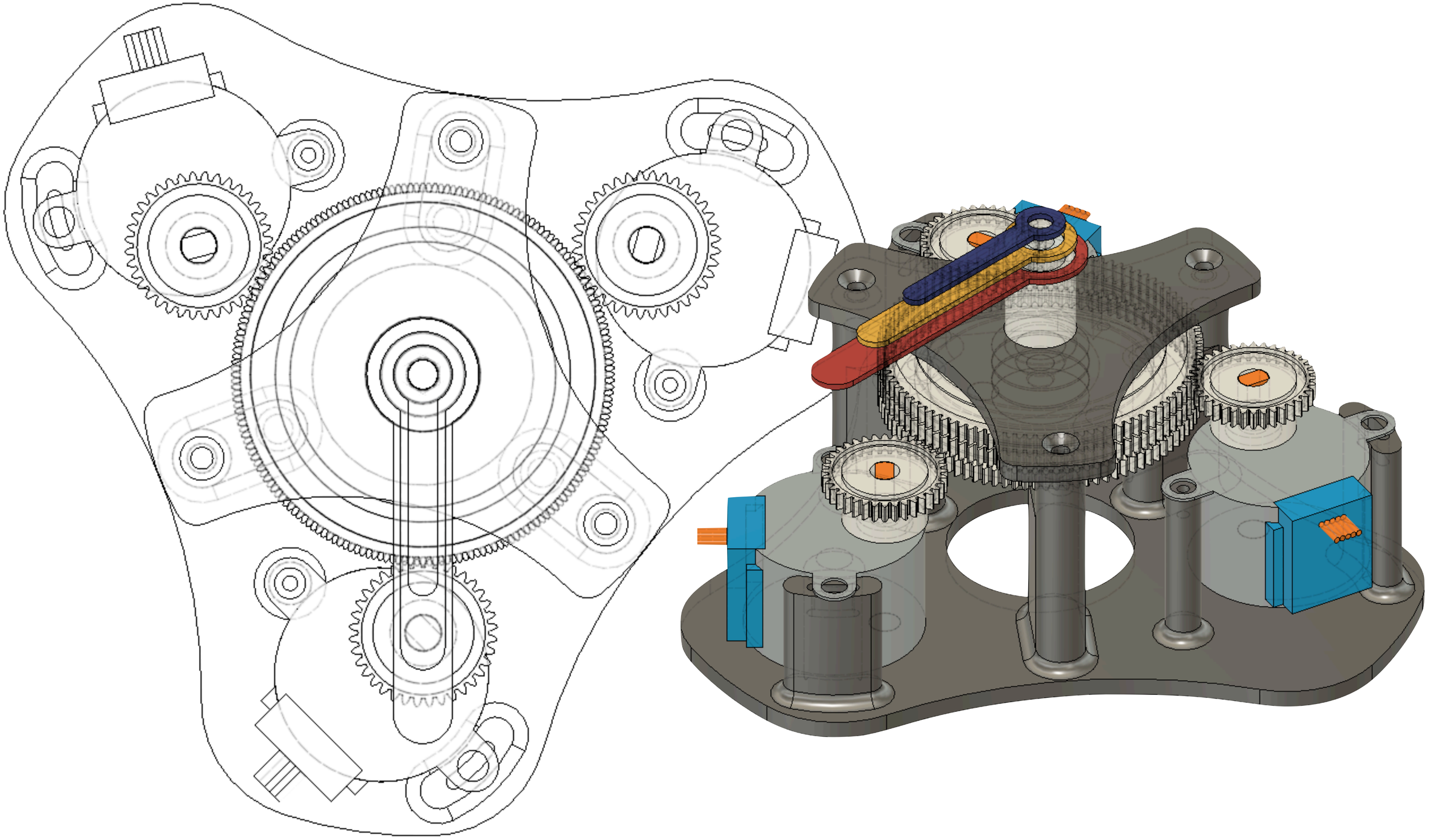

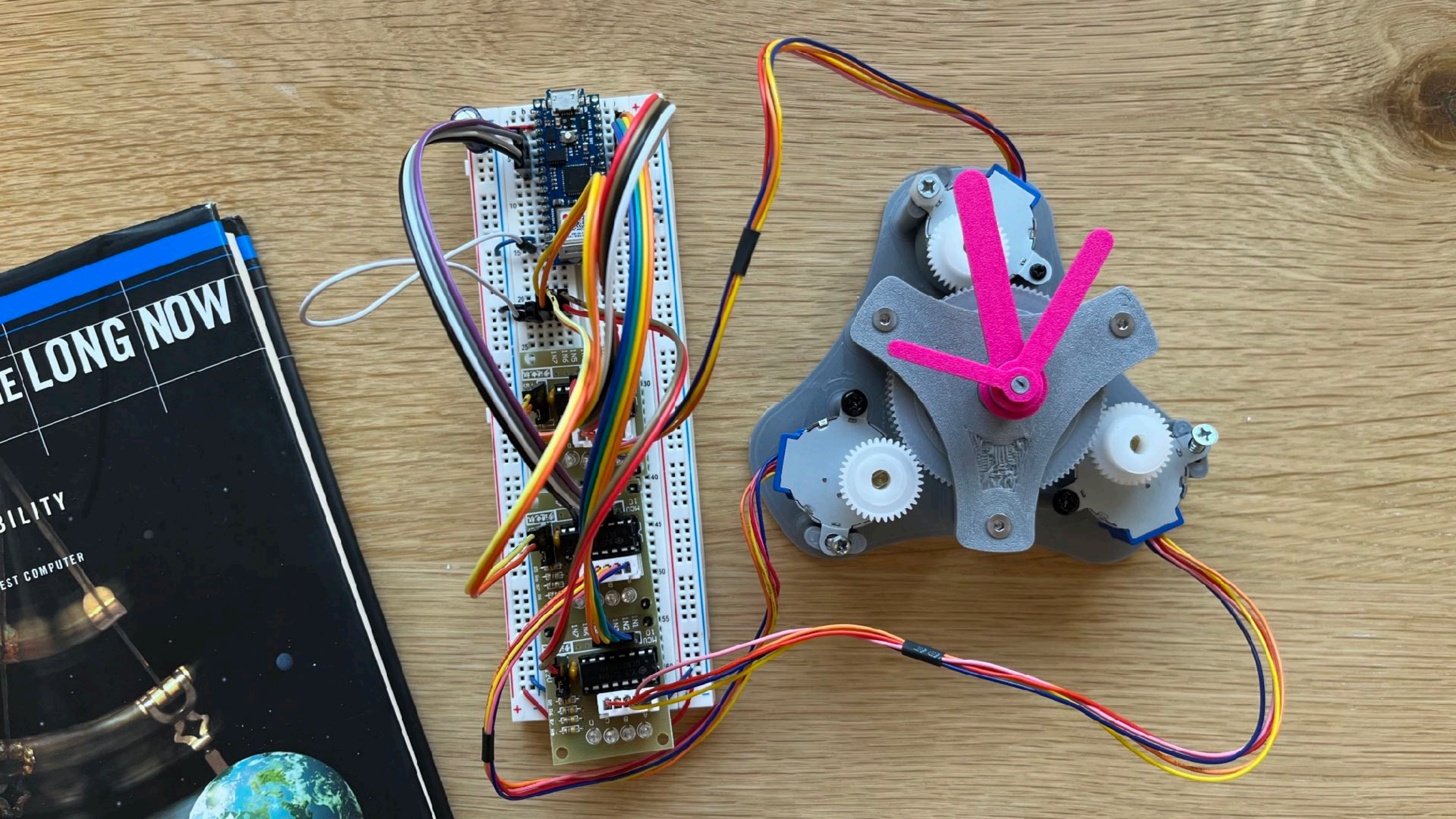
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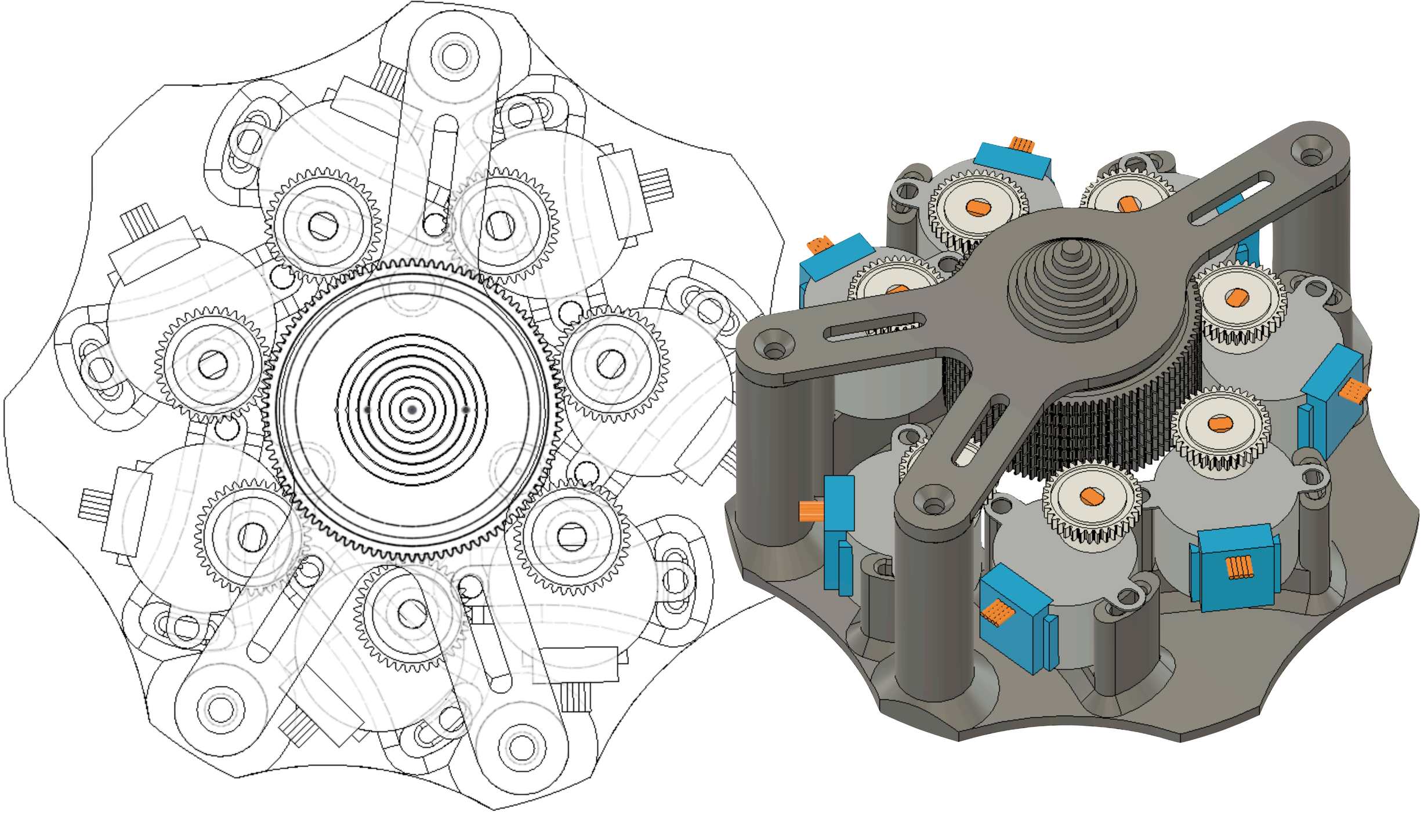

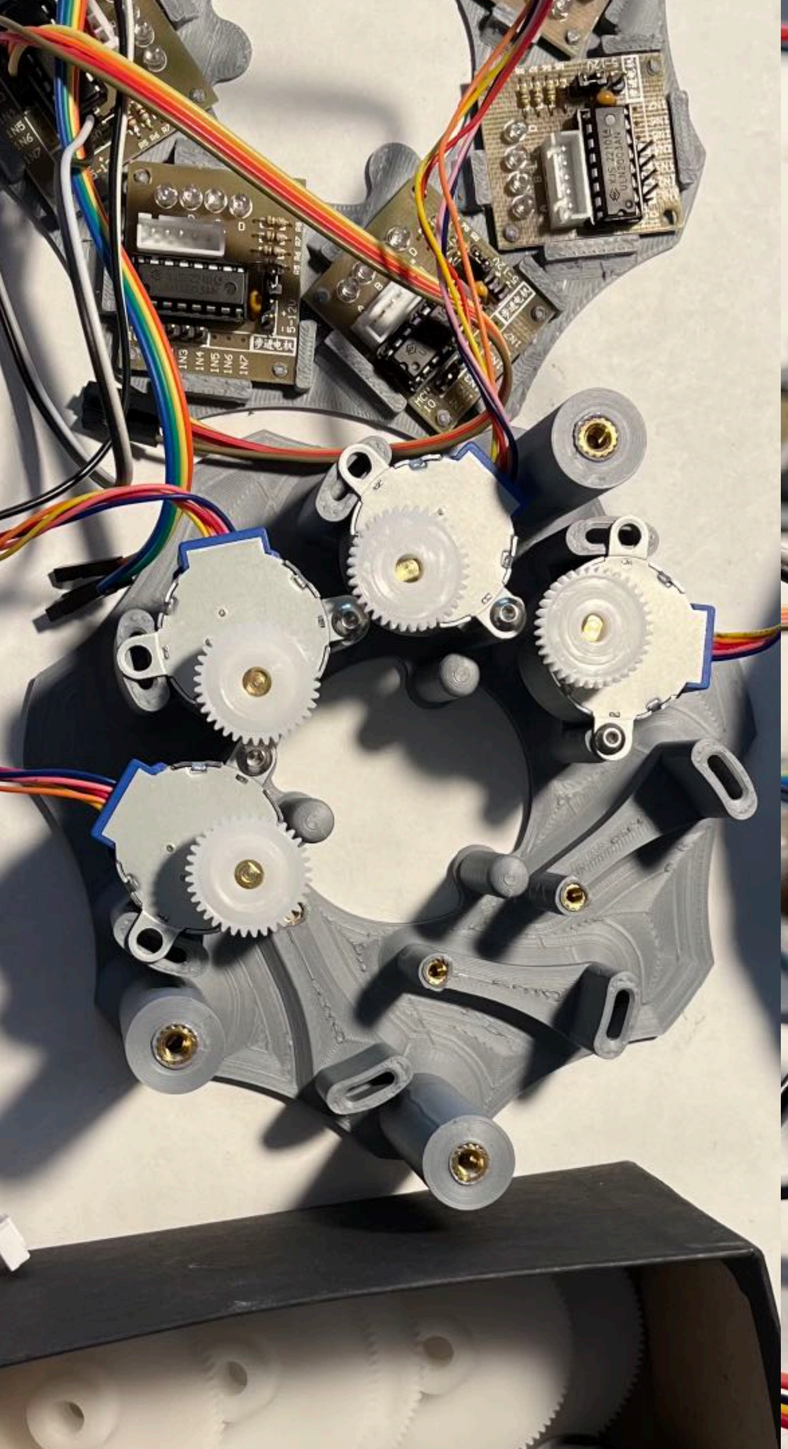

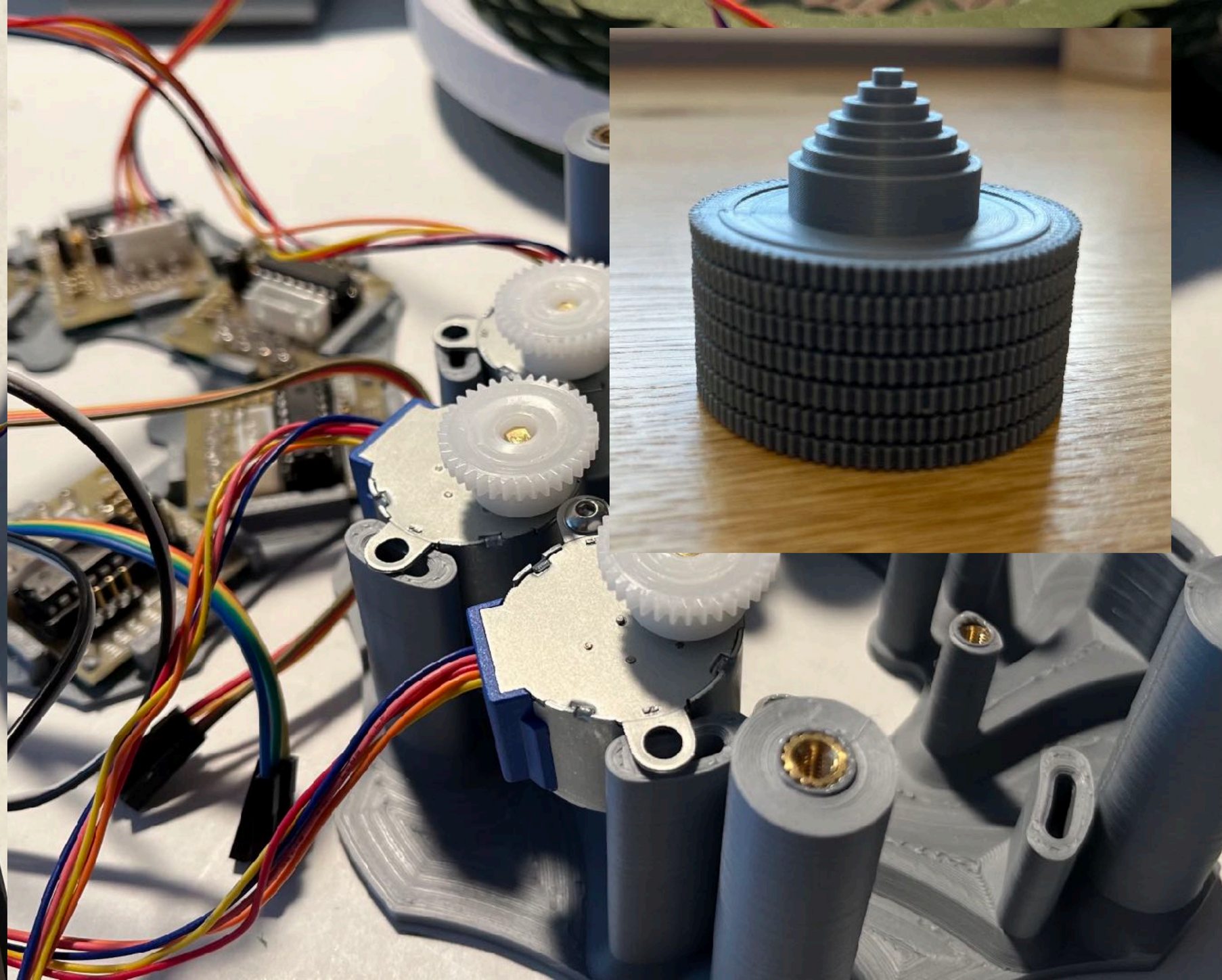

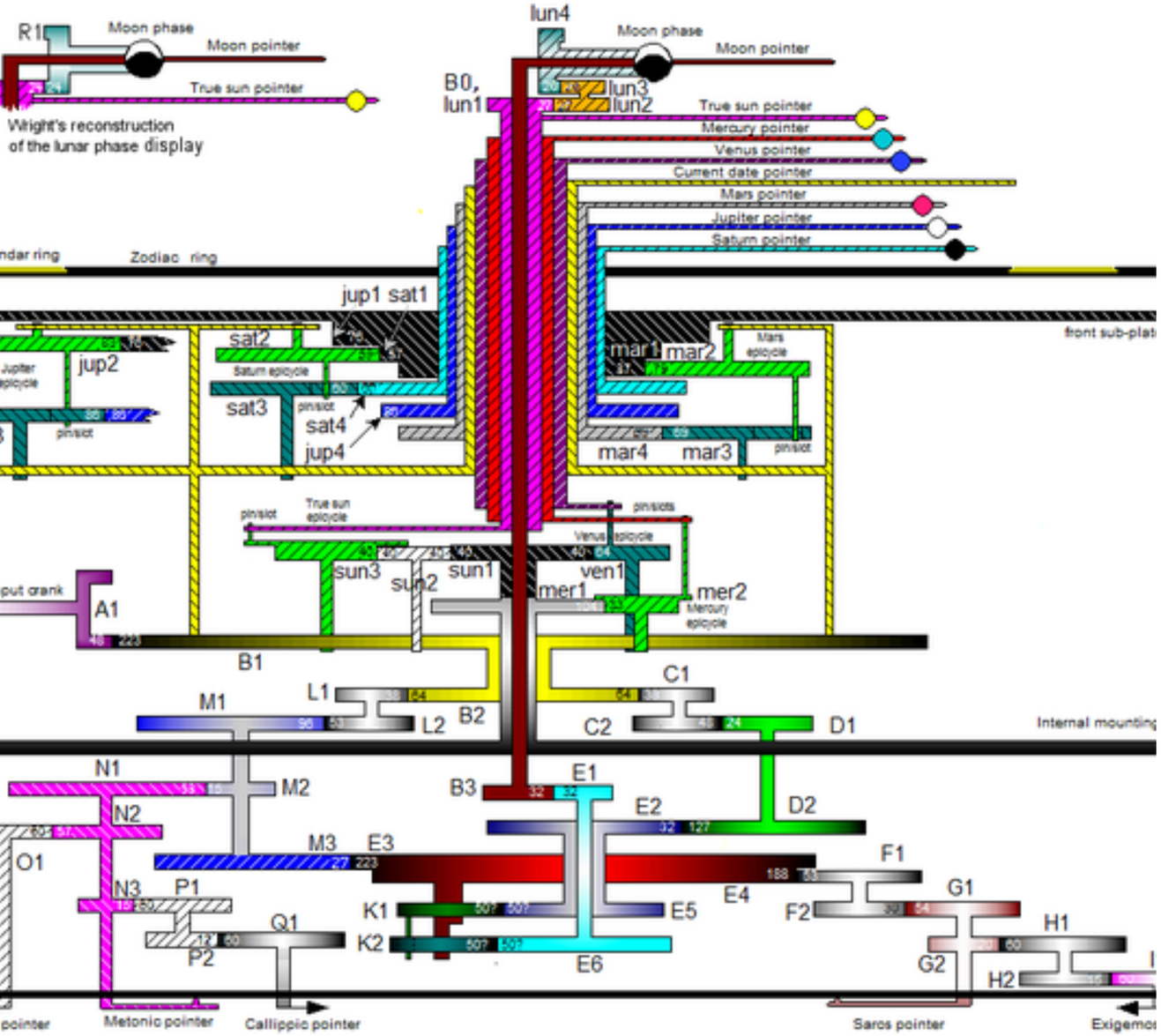

The Front Face of the Antikythera Mechanism

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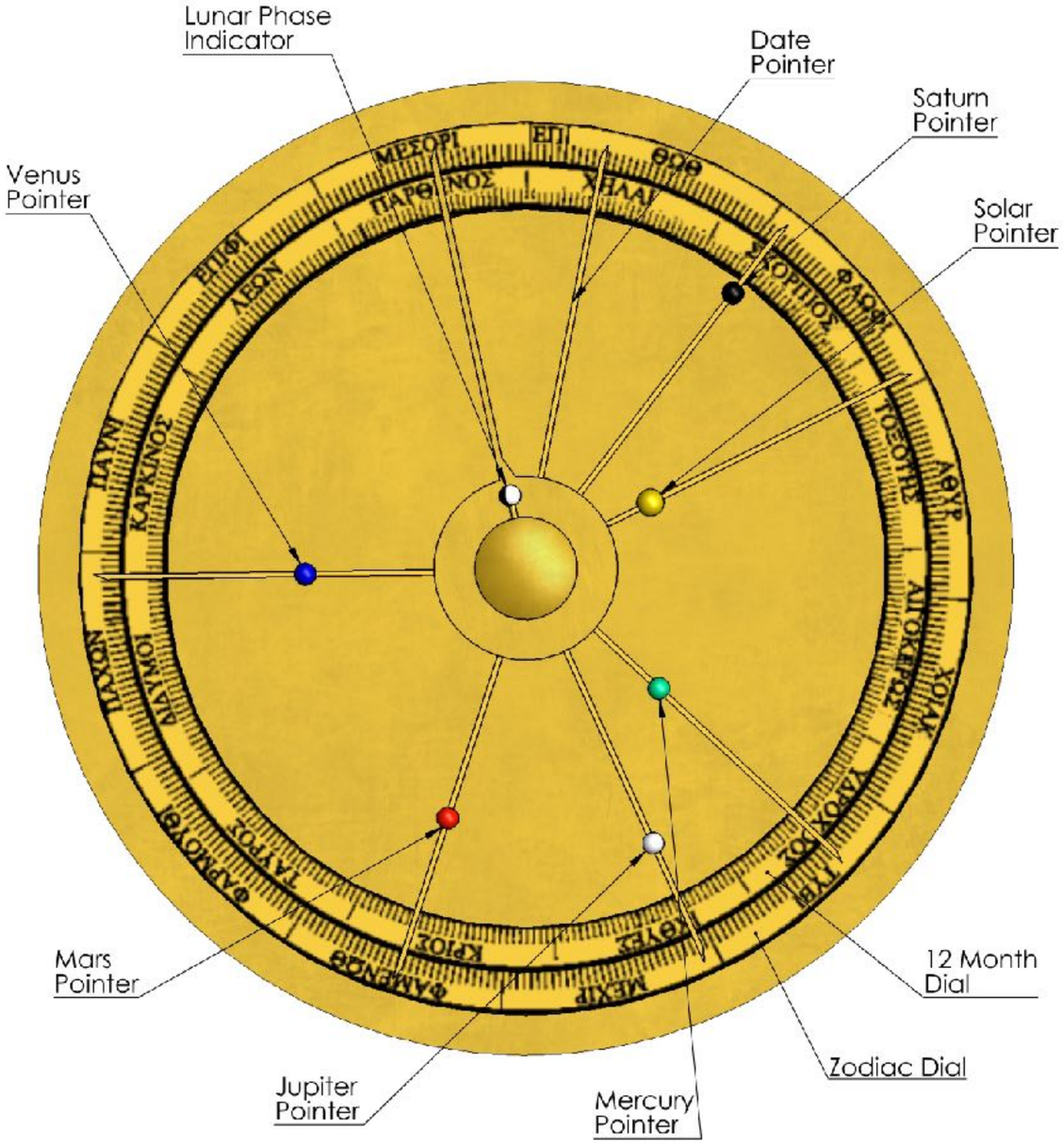
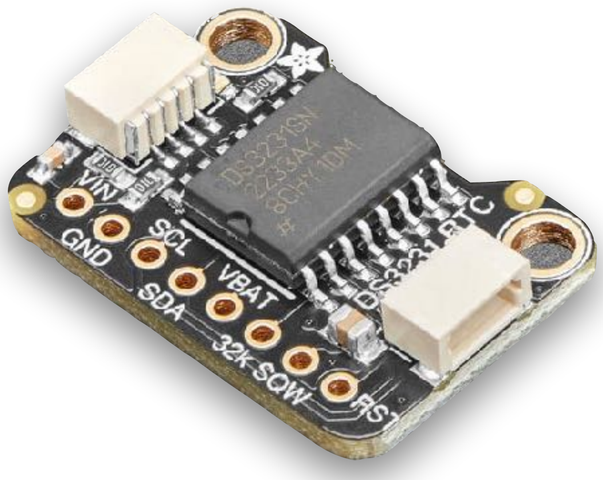


Sparkfun RTC Breakout



Adafruit RTC Breakout

```
//Time libraries
#include "RTClib.h"
RTC_DS3231 rtc;
 ...
//Start RTC
if (!rtc.begin()) {
  Serial.println("Couldn't find RTC");

 ...

rtc.adjust(DateTime(F(__DATE__), F(__TIME__)));

 ...

DateTime now = rtc.now();
Serial.print(now.year(), DEC);
```

https://github.com/ITPNYU/clock-club/tree/master/RTC_Clock_Examples

Borrowed from Sam

One Sam wears

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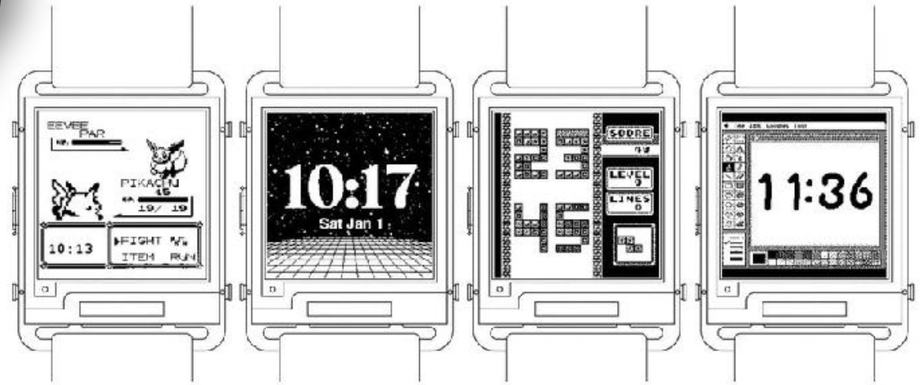

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USB-Serial

Accelerometer

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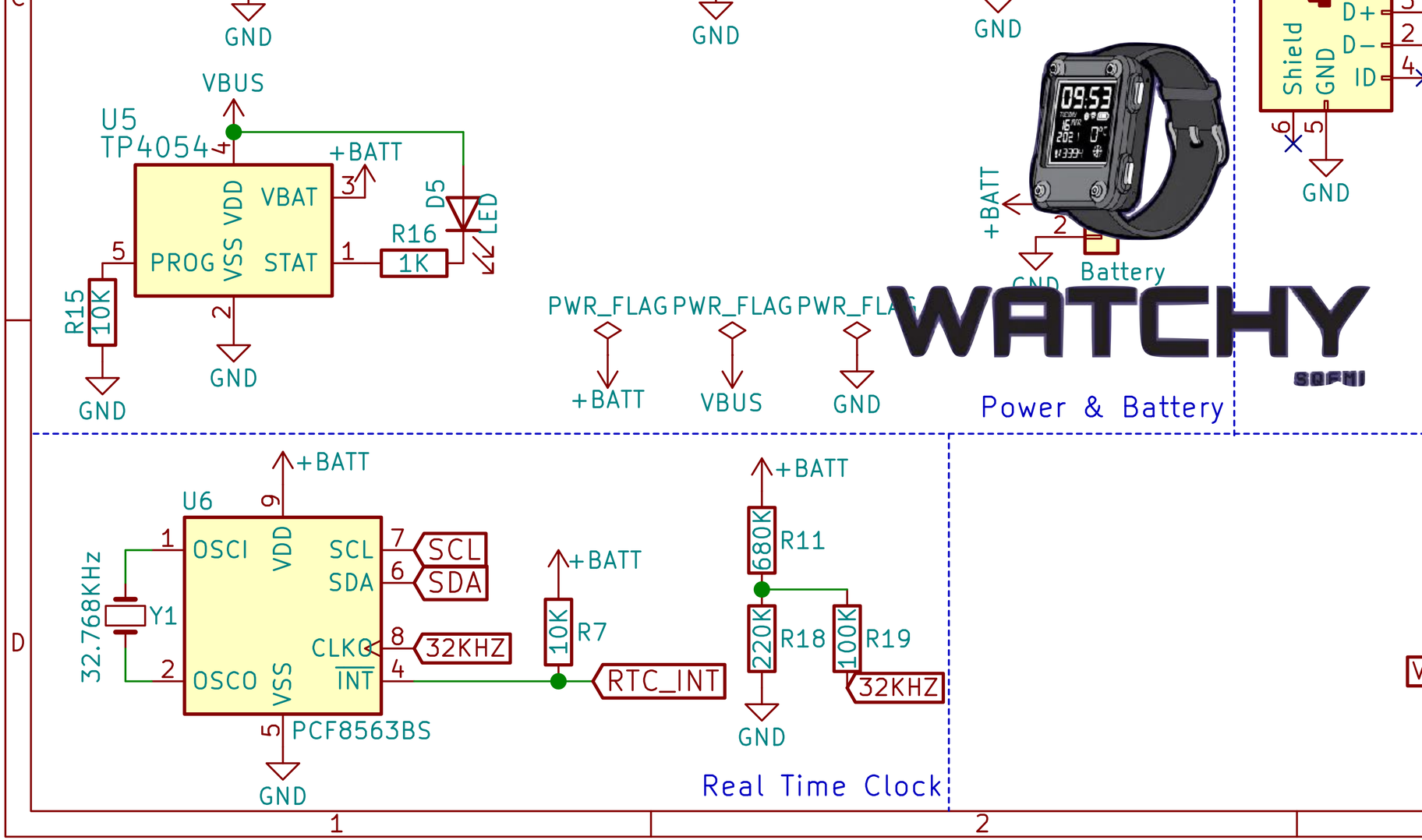

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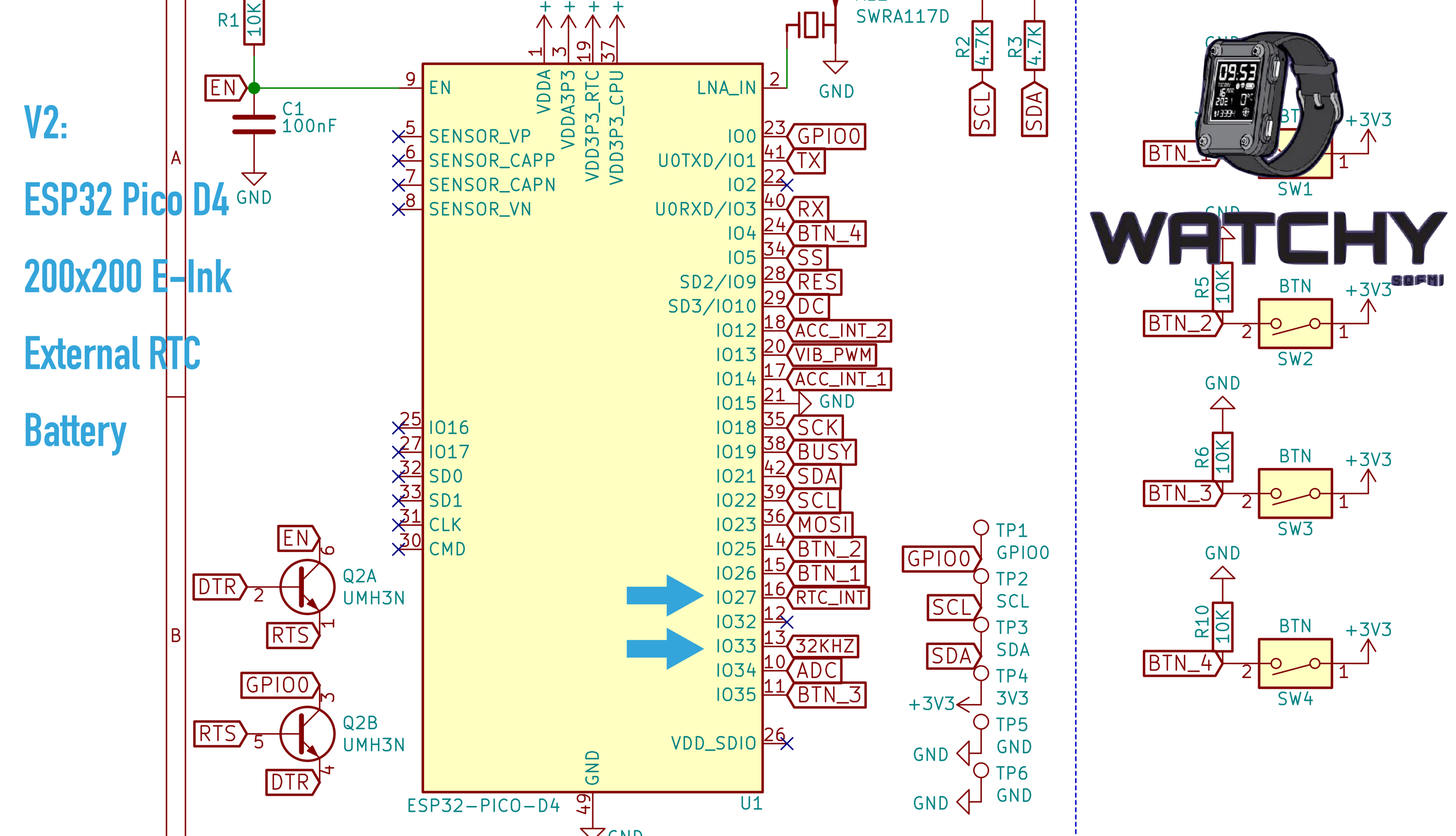

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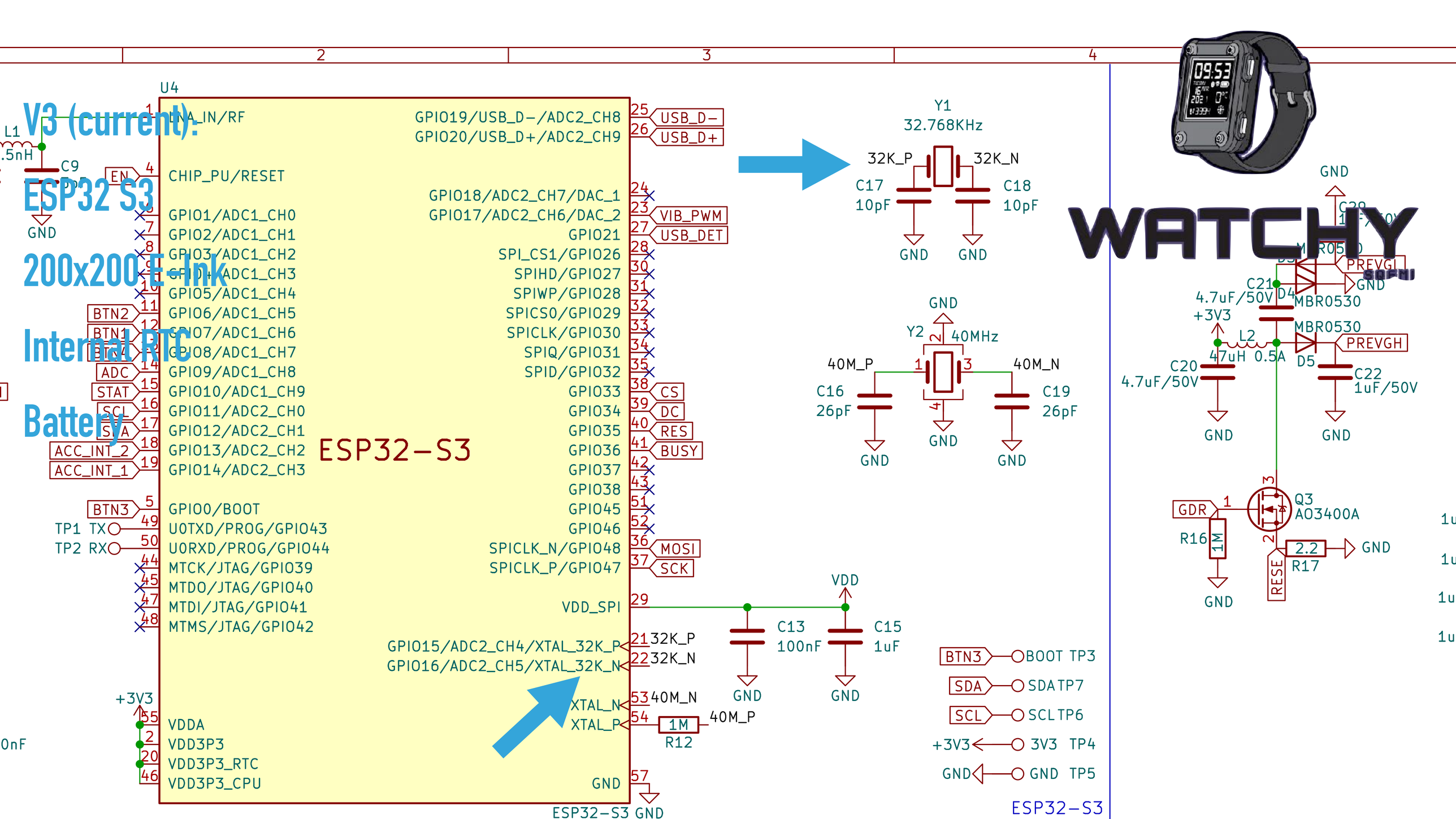
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GPIO14/ADC2_CH3
GPIO0/BOOT
U0TXD/PROG/GPIO43
U0RXD/PROG/GPIO44
MTCK/JTAG/GPIO39
MTDO/JTAG/GPIO40
MTDI/JTAG/GPIO41
MTMS/JTAG/GPIO42
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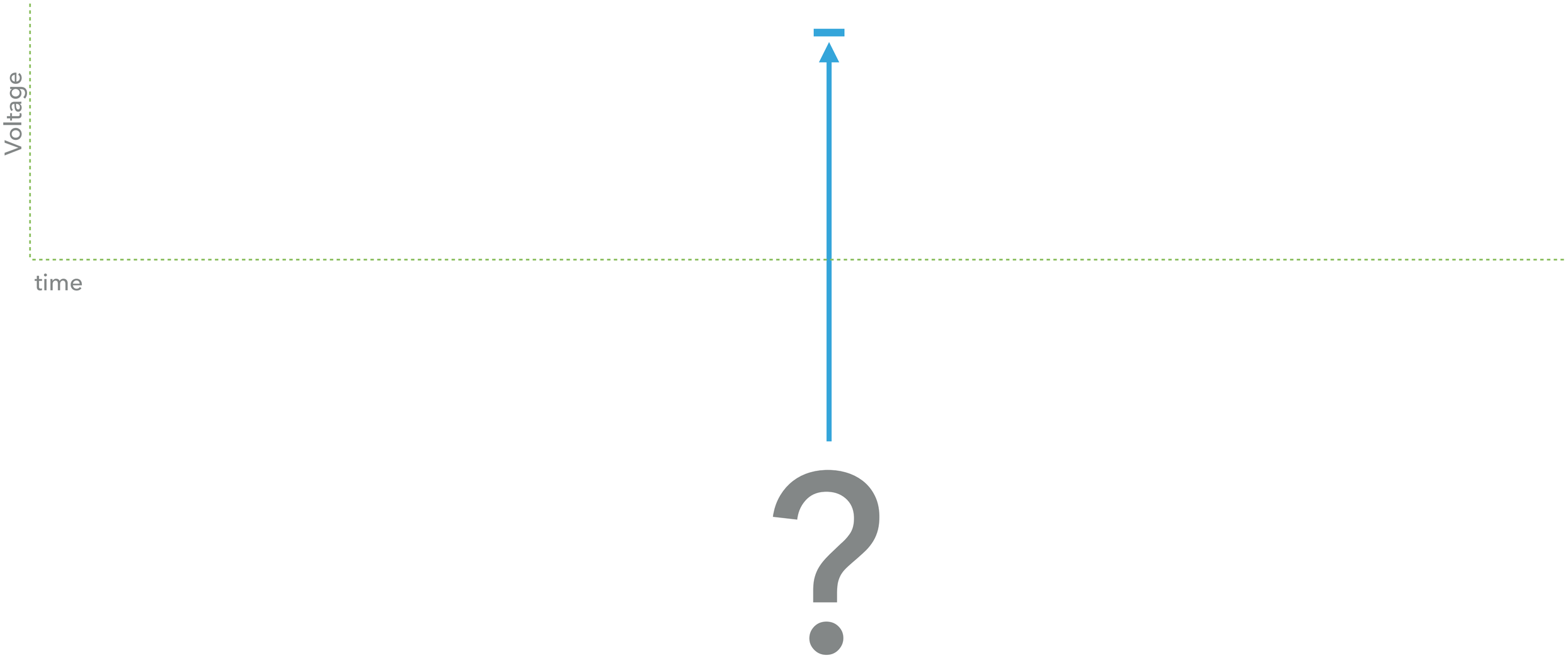

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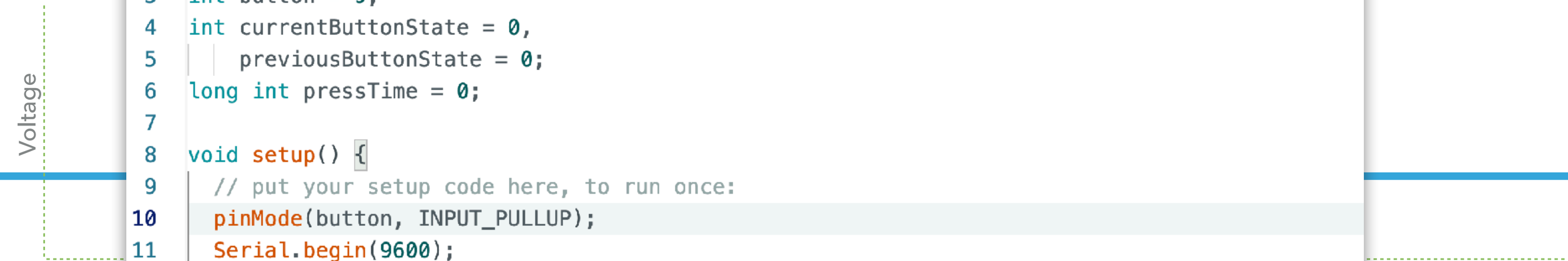


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1  //This example measures the duration of a button press in ms
2  //and classifys it as short, medium, or long
3  int button = 9;
4  int currentButtonState = 0,
5      previousButtonState = 0;
6  long int pressTime = 0;
7
8  void setup() {
9    // put your setup code here, to run once:
10   pinMode(button, INPUT_PULLUP);
11   Serial.begin(9600);
12 }
13
14 void loop() {
15   currentButtonState = digitalRead(button);  //could do with ISRs!
16   if (currentButtonState != previousButtonState) {
17     Serial.print("Change: ");
18     if (currentButtonState != HIGH) {
19       Serial.println("Pressed");
20       pressTime = millis();
21     } else {
22       long int duration = millis() - pressTime;
23       if (duration > 1) { //debounce
```