## Energy Harvesting IC for Illuminating Sights

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## What is Energy Harvesting?

- Vibration detection
  - Using transducer
  - Piezoelectric device
- RF energy
- Magnetic/Hall Effect



#### **Power Capabilities**

- Maximum Voltage output 4 VDC
  - Internal Protection
  - Prevents damage to Silicon
- Typical current: 200µA
  - Limited by Input Source
  - Piezo wafers have greatest output

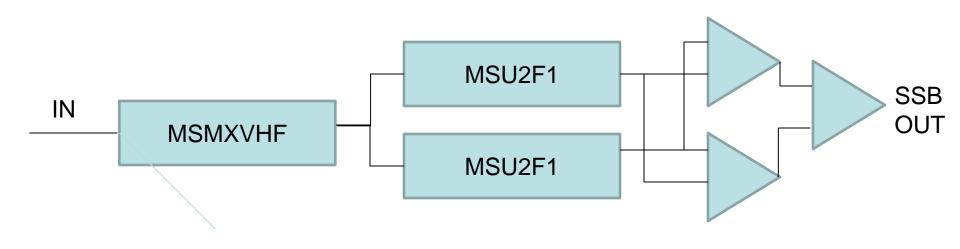


Analog Signal Processing Functional Capabilities

- Filters
- Op Amps/Comparators
- Multiplexors
- Data Converters
- Limiter/Companders
- Phase Locked Loop
- Analog Front End



#### Signal Processing Example



Charge Pump

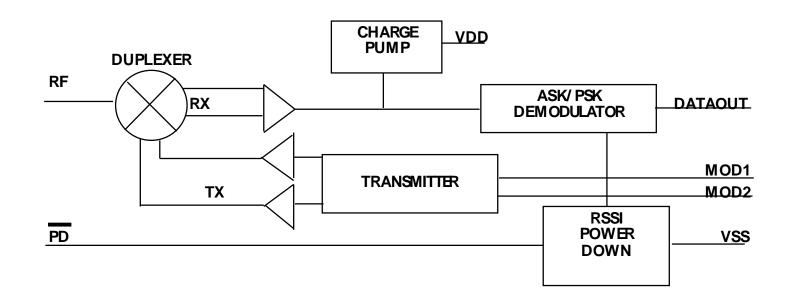


## Applications

- Powering laser sights
- Illuminating red-dot sights
- Short range communications
- Remote programming



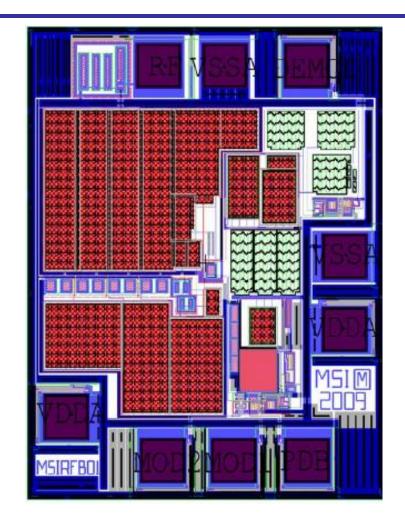
#### **MSRFIF Block Diagram**



Radio Frequency Interface Integrated Circuit

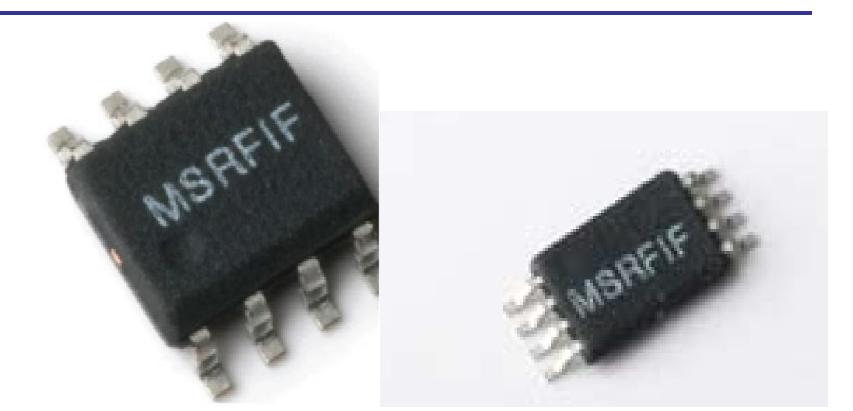


#### **MSRFIF** Die Plot





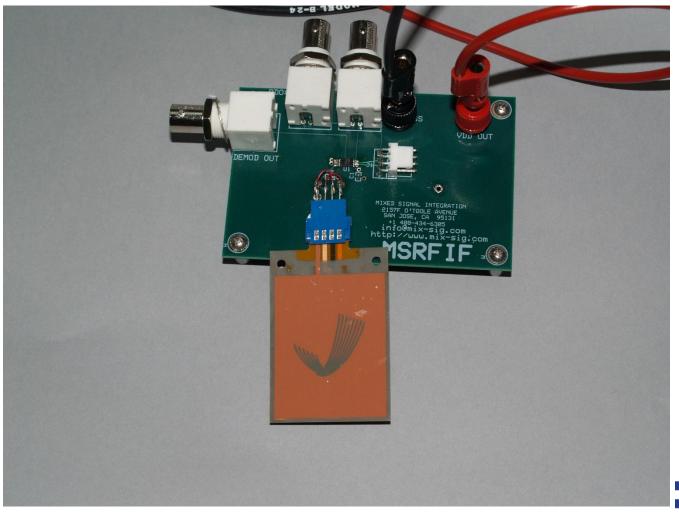
#### **MSRFIF** Package Options



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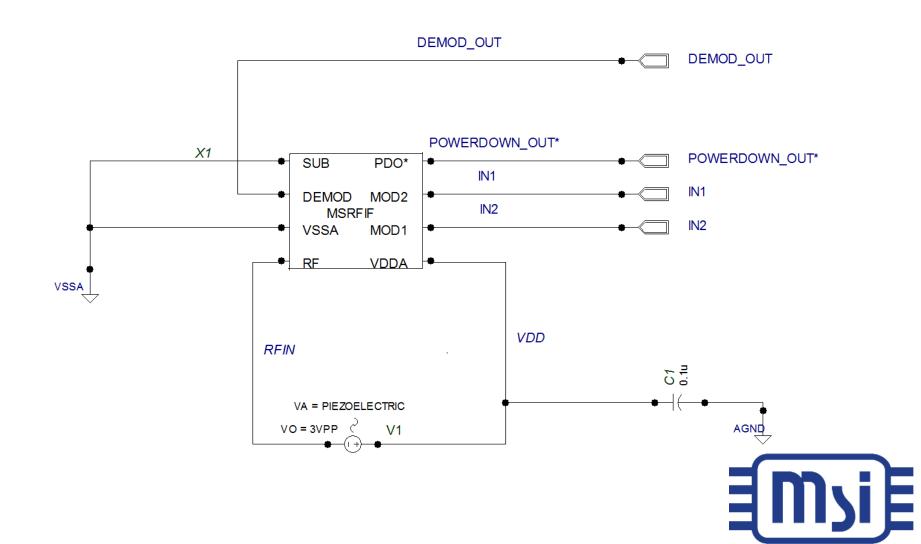


#### Energy Harvesting Application Board





#### **Application Schematic**



#### Red Dot Rifle Sight





#### **Bench Evaluation Data**

- Piezoelectric wafer is tuned
- Voltage generated by Motion fed to charge pump of MSRFIF.
- VDD out is 2.5V at 200  $\mu\text{A}$
- Adjust capacitor to increase on-time



#### **Other Potential Uses**

- Remote Programming
  - Safe and Arm time
  - Fuzing
- Bluetooth<sup>™</sup>



#### Remote Programming Example





#### **Technical Challenges**

- Piezo efficiency
  - Amount of motion limited for application
- Piezo size
  - Need larger size for voltage/current needs
- Charge pump efficiency
  Optimized for RF
- Antenna size
- Capacitor size



## Summary

- MSRFIF provides:
  - -Charge pump for power
    - Perfect for high efficiency LEDs
  - -Communications Channel
- Piezo wafer generates energy
- Potential to achieve higher current and more functions in future designs



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