



Figure 18: Circuit diagram of the low-frequency crystal oscillator

The device can be used with external capacitors C1 and C2 or the built-in configurable internal capacitors C<sub>INT</sub>.

When using internal capacitors, the load capacitance (CL) is the total capacitance seen by the crystal across its terminals. It is calculated by the following equation.

$$CL = \frac{(C1' \cdot C2')}{(C1' + C2')}$$

$$C1' = C_{INT} + C_{pcb1}$$

$$C2' = C_{INT} + C_{pcb2}$$

Figure 19: Load capacitance equation for internal capacitors

C<sub>INT</sub> is the value of the internal capacitors. C<sub>pcb1</sub> and C<sub>pcb2</sub> are stray capacitance on the PCB.

The internal capacitors must be configured before starting the low-frequency crystal oscillator (LFXO). To enable the internal capacitors, determine the correct field for [OSCILLATORS.XOSC32KI.INTCAP](#) using the following equation.

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INTCAP = round( (2 * CAPACITANCE - 12) * (FICR->XOSC32KTRIM.SLOPE + 0.765625 * 512) / 512 +
  FICR->XOSC32KTRIM.OFFSET / 64 )
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The equation has the following variables:

- CAPACITANCE is the desired capacitor value in pF, holding any value between 3 pF and 18 pF in 0.65 pF steps.
- FICR->XOSC32KTRIM are factory trim values which are device specific.

When LFXO starts, it will use the internal capacitor together with the external crystal.

### 5.5.2.1 Using external capacitors

When using external capacitors, the load capacitance (CL) is the total capacitance seen by the crystal across its terminals. It is calculated by the following equation.

$$CL = \frac{(C1' \cdot C2')}{(C1' + C2')}$$

$$C1' = C1 + C_{pcb1} + C_{pin}$$

$$C2' = C2 + C_{pcb2} + C_{pin}$$

Figure 20: Load capacitance equation for external capacitors