

# **STM8T141**

## Single-channel capacitive sensor for touch or proximity detection with shielded sensing electrode

### **Features**

- Touch or proximity detection (a few centimeters)
- Built-in driven shield function:
	- Enhance proximity detection
	- Protect sensing electrode from noise interference
- Ultra-low power modes suitable for battery applications (11 µA in extreme low power mode)
- On-chip integrated voltage regulator
- Environment compensation filter
- User programmable options include:
	- Four detection thresholds
	- Four output modes
	- Four low power modes
	- Reference freeze timeout
- Minimal external components

### **Applications**

- Consumer electronics
- Power-critical and battery applications – Wake-up on proximity
- Home and office appliances
	- Find-in-the-dark (FITD) applications using proximity detection
	- Sanitary ware and white goods
- Flameproof human interface devices for use in hazardous environments



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The STM8T141 is a ProxSense™ single-channel, fully integrated, charge-transfer, capacitive sensor that is designed to replace conventional electromechanical switches in cost-sensitive applications.

The STM8T141 is offered in 8-pin packages and is ideally suited for 1-button applications. It can be configured either in touch or proximity sensing mode for wake-up or backlighting on actuation.

The extremely low current consumption makes it an ideal solution for battery-powered applications.

The device features an internal voltage regulator to enhance detection sensitivity and stability.

The STM8T141 touchpad can sense through almost any dielectric and can thereby contain the electronics in a sealed environment.

The STM8T141 also incorporates the advantages of using a driven shielding capability. This makes it possible to separate the sealed electronics from the sensing electrode. The shield feature enables the designer to protect part of the sensing element from unwanted environmental interference and enhances proximity detection when used with battery (DC) applications.

Note: ProxSense™ is a trademark of Azoteq.



## <span id="page-7-0"></span>**2 Block diagram**



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#### **RC oscillator**

The 500-kHz RC oscillator is an internal fixed frequency oscillator used to supply the clock to the MCU system engine.

#### **Power-On-Reset (POR)**

The POR generates a reset signal depending on the power supply level and the clock pulses received from the RC oscillator.

#### **Voltage regulator**

The voltage regulator has an internal comparison and feedback circuit that ensures the  $V<sub>BEG</sub>$  voltage is kept stable and constant. The regulator requires an external smoothing capacitor.

#### **MCU system engine**

The MCU system engine controls the capacitive sensing engine and processes touch and proximity detection signals.

#### **ProxSense engine**

The ProxSense engine circuitry employs a charge-transfer method to detect changes in capacitance.



## <span id="page-8-0"></span>**3 Pin descriptions**

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#### <span id="page-8-3"></span>**Figure 3. UFDFPN8 pinout**



#### <span id="page-8-1"></span>**Table 2. STM8T141 pin descriptions**



1. I: input pin, OD: open drain, PP: output push-pull pin, S: supply pin and SNS: capacitive sensing pin.

2. Use COG or NPO capacitor type.

3. If the active shield is unused, please connect this pin to  $V_{SS}$ .

4. Requires a low ESR, 1µF capacitor to ground. This output must not be used to power other devices.

5. Depending on the value of bits [1:0] of OPT0.



## <span id="page-9-0"></span>**4 STM8T ProxSense technology**

### <span id="page-9-1"></span>**4.1 Capacitive sensing overview**

A capacitance exists between any reference point and ground as long as they are electrically isolated. If this reference point is a sensing electrode, it can help to think of it as a capacitor. The positive electrode of the capacitor is the sensing electrode, and the negative electrode is formed by the surrounding area (virtual ground reference in [Figure 4](#page-9-3)).



<span id="page-9-3"></span>**Figure 4. Coupling with hand increases the capacitance of the sensing electrode**

When a conductive object is brought into proximity of the sensing electrode, coupling appears between them, and the capacitance of the sensing electrode relative to ground increases. For example, a human hand raises the capacitance of the sensing electrode as it approaches it. Touching the dielectric panel that protects the electrode increases its capacitance significantly.

### <span id="page-9-2"></span>**4.2 Charge transfer acquisition principle**

To measure changes in the electrode capacitance, STM8T devices employ bursts of chargetransfer cycles.

The measuring circuitry is connected to the  $C_x$  pin. It is composed of a serial resistor  $R_x$ plus the sensing electrode itself of equivalent capacitance  $C_X$  (see [Figure 5](#page-10-0)). The sensing electrode can be made of any electrically conductive material, such as copper on PCBs, or transparent conductive material like Indium Tin Oxide (ITO) deposited on glass or Plexiglas. The dielectric panel usually provides a high degree of isolation to prevent ESD discharge from reaching the STM8T touch sensing controller. Connecting the serial resistor  $(R_X)$  to the  $C<sub>X</sub>$  pin improves ESD immunity even more.





<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Figure 5. STM8T measuring circuitry**

1.  $R_X$  must be placed as close as possible to the STM8T device.

The principle of charge transfer is to charge the electrode capacitance  $(C_X)$  using a stable power supply. When  $C_X$  is fully charged, part of the accumulated charge is transferred from  $C_X$  to an external sampling capacitance, referred to as  $C_S$ . The transfer cycle is repeated until the voltage across the sampling capacitor  $C_S$  reaches the end of acquisition reference voltage  $(V_{TRIP})$ . The change in the electrode capacitance is detected by measuring the number of transfer cycles composing a burst (see [Figure 6](#page-10-1)).

Throughout this document the following naming conventions apply:

- The charge transfer period ( $t_{\text{TRANSFER}}$ ) refers to the charging of  $C_X$  and the subsequent transfer of the charge to  $C_S$ .
- The burst cycle duration ( $t_{\text{BURST}}$ ) is the time required to charge C<sub>S</sub> to V<sub>TRIP</sub>.
- The sampling period  $(t_{SAMPLING})$  is the acquisition rate.

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## <span id="page-11-0"></span>**5 STM8T processing**

The STM8T141 device is designed to ensure reliable operation whatever the environment and operating conditions. To achieve this high level of robustness, dedicated processing have been implemented:

- Signal and reference calculation
- Determining touch/proximity
- Self-calibration
- **Environmental compensation filter**
- Debounce filter

### <span id="page-11-1"></span>**5.1 Signal and reference calculation**

Capacitive touch or proximity sensing is a technique based on detecting the electrode capacitance change when someone is in proximity of the sensing electrode. The capacitance change, induced by the presence of a finger or a hand in the device detection area, is sensed by the variation in the number of charge transfer pulses composing the burst. The charge transfer pulse number, also called "signal" is compared to a reference to decide if there is a touch/proximity detection or not.

At power-up, a calibration sequence is performed to compute one reference value per capacitive sensing channel. The reference is extracted from 32 burst measurements. Then, the ECF takes care of its slow evolution over time.

To speed up the calibration process, the device is kept in normal mode whatever the low power mode selected. The device operates in the selected low power mode when the calibration process is completed.

### <span id="page-11-2"></span>**5.2 Determining touch/proximity**

The minimum difference between the reference and the signal necessary to report a touch/proximity is the detection threshold  $(D_{Th})$ . A time filtering, similar to the debouncing of the mechanical switches, is applied to avoid noise induced detections.

Four different detection threshold settings are available and selectable by option byte. The touch and sensitive touch levels are relative, which means the actual sensing distance is not influenced by the Cs capacitor. The two thresholds should be able to adapt to various surroundings and panel material or thickness. The proximity sensitivity thresholds are absolute. This implies that the detection distance increases with the Cs capacitor. It provides an easy way to tune the proximity sensing distance according to the application needs.



### <span id="page-12-0"></span>**5.3 Environment compensation filter (ECF)**

#### <span id="page-12-1"></span>**5.3.1 ECF principle**

The capacitive sensing channel reference value increases or decreases according to environmental conditions such as temperature, power supply, moisture, and surrounding conductive objects. The STM8T141 includes a built-in digital infinite impulse response (IIR) filter capable of tracking slow changes in the environment called the Environment Compensation Filter (ECF). This is a first order digital low pass filter with a gain of one. The filter makes the reference follow slow changes of the signal while fast changes are recognized as a touch or proximity.

When a touch or proximity condition is detected, the corresponding capacitive sensing channel reference is frozen.



#### <span id="page-12-3"></span>**Figure 7. Environmental compensation filter (ECF) example 1**

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#### <span id="page-13-1"></span>**Figure 8. Environmental compensation filter (ECF) example 2**

#### <span id="page-13-0"></span>**Table 4. Explanation of ECF example 2**





#### <span id="page-14-0"></span>**5.3.2 Reference freeze timeout**

of this document.

To prevent an object under detection from influencing the reference value, the ECF is halted as soon as a detection happens. Consequently, the reference is frozen.

In order to be able to recover from a sudden environment change, the reference freeze ends after a maximum programmable delay called the "reference freeze timeout" ( $t_{\text{RFT}}$ ).

When a detection lasts longer than the  $t_{RFT}$ , the ECF is enabled again and the reference moves toward the detection signal. After a short period of time, the difference between the signal and the reference become smaller than the detection threshold and the device reports no detection.

Note: Reference freeze timeout was incorrectly called "recalibration timeout" in previous versions



<span id="page-14-1"></span>**Figure 9. Reference freeze timeout**

1. See max values of  $t_{\text{RFT}}$  in [Table 16: General capacitive sensing characteristics](#page-32-1).

2. Between the moment when the finger is removed from the sensor and the instant the reference -  $D_{\text{Th}}$  curve crosses the signal limit, the device is unable to detect a new touch. This delay is called "masked detection field. The detection threshold also impacts the masked detection window.



#### <span id="page-15-0"></span>**5.3.3 Debounce filter**

The debounce filter mechanism works together with the ECF to dramatically reduce the effects of noise on the touch and proximity detection. Debouncing is applied to acquisition samples to filter undesired abrupt changes.

The number of consecutive detection debounce count (DDC) and end of detection debounce count (EDDC) needed to identify a proximity/touch detection are defined in [Section 9.5: Capacitive sensing characteristics on page 33](#page-32-0).



## <span id="page-16-0"></span>**6 Typical application diagram**



#### <span id="page-16-1"></span>**Figure 10. Typical application shematic**

1. If the active shield is not used, The SHLDIN pin must be grounded, SHLDOUT should be left unconnected, and RSHIELD can be removed.

2. Use COG or NPO or higher grade capacitor.

The smaller the value of the  $R_{\text{SHIELD}}$  resistor, the better its effect but, the greater the device consumption.

Pin TOUT/POUT can directly drive a HV FET (as shown in *[Figure 11](#page-16-2)*) that, in turn, can drive any load.

<span id="page-16-2"></span>**Figure 11. Possible load configurations** 



A touch or proximity detection is defined as an actuation (high = logical '1' and  $low = logical '0'.$ 



## <span id="page-17-0"></span>**7 Device operation**

The STM8T141 can be configured through a set of selectable one-time programmable (OTP) option bytes. These options can be used in their default (unconfigured) state or set for specific applications. For large orders, preconfigured devices are available (please refer to [Section 11: Ordering information](#page-41-0)).

The STM8T141 can be configured to act as a touch or proximity detection device. A number of other options are also user programmable, including:

- Four output modes
	- Active mode
	- Toggle mode
	- 3-second Latch mode
	- 30-second Latch mode
- TOUT/POUT output mode selection
- Four detection thresholds
	- Two for touch detection
	- Two for proximity detection
- Four power modes
	- Normal power mode
	- Three low power modes
- Reference freeze timeout

### <span id="page-17-1"></span>**7.1 Option byte description**

A set of tools is supplied by STMicroelectronics to program the user OTP options for prototyping purposes. Please refer to [Section 12: STM8T141 development tools](#page-44-0) for more details.

Note: Devices that are not yet programmed ("blank" devices) are delivered cleared (at value '0') for all bits.



#### <span id="page-17-2"></span>Table 5 **Option bytes**

The user options allow the STM8T141 to be customized for each specific application. Default values for the oscillator, conversion rate  $(t_{SAMPLING})$ , filter freeze and device reset settings should be used initially for first designs.



Option byte no.	<b>Description</b>					
OPT <sub>1</sub>	Bits [7:3]: Reserved					
	Bit 2: Sampling period (t <sub>SAMPLING</sub> )(Section 7.6: Sampling period) 0: Conversion period is 20 ms 1: Conversion period is 10 ms					
	Bit 1: Charge transfer frequency (f <sub>TRANSFER</sub> )(Section 7.5: Charge transfer frequency) $0:125$ kHz 1: 250 kHz					
	<b>Bit 0: Reserved</b>					
OPT <sub>0</sub>	<b>Bits [7:6]:</b> Power mode (Section 7.4: Power modes) 00: Low Power mode with Zoom 01: Normal Power mode 10: Extreme Low Power mode with Zoom 11: Extreme Low Power mode					
	Bits [5:4]: Detection threshold (Section 7.3: Detection threshold) 00: Standard proximity 01: Standard touch 10: Sensitive proximity 11: Sensitive touch					
	<b>Bits [3:2]:</b> Reference freeze timeout (Section 5.3.2: Reference freeze timeout) 00: 15-second reference freeze timeout 01: 45-second reference freeze timeout 10: Reserved 11: Infinite reference freeze					
	<b>Bits [1:0]: TOUT/POUT output mode (Section 7.2: TOUT/POUT output mode)</b> 00: Active mode 01: Toggle mode 10: 3-second Latch mode 11: 30-second Latch mode					

<span id="page-18-0"></span>**Table 6. Option byte description** 



### <span id="page-19-0"></span>**7.2 TOUT/POUT output mode**

Four output modes are available on the STM8T141:

- Active mode
- Toggle mode
- 3-second Latch mode
- 30-second Latch mode

For each output operation described, touch or proximity detection can be used. Upon the detection of either of these actions, the TOUT/POUT pin will latch high, otherwise the TOUT/POUT pin stays low. The detailed working of each user interface is described below.

The TOUT/POUT pin is active high, and can source enough current to directly drive a LED. The pin is sourced from  $V_{DD}$  when active. The TOUT/POUT pin always goes high for a minimum time of  $t_{HIGH}$ . For more information, please refer to *Section 9: Electrical* [characteristics](#page-28-0).

Bits [1:0] of option byte OPT0 are used to select the correct output mode.

#### <span id="page-19-1"></span>**7.2.1 Active**

Upon the detection of an actuation, the condition of the TOUT/POUT pin will change to high and stay high for as long as the touch or proximity detection condition occurs. [Figure 12](#page-19-2) illustrates this output operation.

#### <span id="page-19-2"></span>**Figure 12. Active mode output operation**





#### <span id="page-20-0"></span>**7.2.2 Toggle**

Upon the detection of an actuation, the TOUT/POUT pin will toggle between high and low. Thus if TOUT/POUT is low, an actuation will change it to high, and also if TOUT/POUT is high, an actuation will change it to low. [Figure 13](#page-20-2) illustrates this output operation.

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#### <span id="page-20-1"></span>**7.2.3 3-second latch**

Upon the detection of an actuation the TOUT/POUT pin will latch high for 3 seconds minimum. If the actuation occurs for longer than 3 seconds, the TOUT/POUT pin will stay high and will only go low when the actuation stops.

#### <span id="page-20-3"></span>**Figure 14. 3-second latch mode output operation**





### <span id="page-21-0"></span>**7.2.4 30-second latch**

Upon the detection of an actuation, the TOUT/POUT pin will latch high. After 30 seconds from when the actuation stops, the TOUT/POUT pin will go low.

If the TOUT/POUT pin is high and another actuation occur before the 30 seconds has expired, the counter will reset and only 30 seconds after the new actuation has stopped, will the TOUT/POUT pin go low. [Figure 15](#page-21-3) illustrates this output operation.

<span id="page-21-3"></span>**Figure 15. 30-second latch mode output operation** 



### <span id="page-21-1"></span>**7.3 Detection threshold**

The user has a choice between four detection threshold levels  $(D_{Th})$  at which the touch or proximity detection condition is triggered. This depends on which threshold configuration is selected. See [Table 7](#page-21-2) for more details regarding the detection threshold selections.

Bits [5:4] of option byte OPT0 are used to select the correct detection threshold levels.

<b>Sensitivity</b>	$D_{\text{Th}}$ setting	<b>Description</b>		
Most sensitive	Sensitive proximity threshold	Proximity for battery-powered applications.		
	Standard proximity threshold	Proximity with good ground. Contact through 3 mm acrylic glass and no ground.		
	Sensitive touch threshold	Contact through thin acrylic glass with battery application.		
Least sensitive	Standard touch threshold	Contact through thin dielectric with good ground.		

<span id="page-21-2"></span>Table 7. **Detection thresholds** 



### <span id="page-22-0"></span>**7.4 Power modes**

The STM8T141 device offers four power modes. The low power modes are specifically designed for battery applications:

- **Normal Power mode**
- Low Power mode with Zoom
- **Extreme Low Power mode with Zoom**
- **Extreme Low Power mode**

Burst cycles can occur either every 10 ms or 20 ms according to the selected sampling period (t<sub>SAMPLING</sub>). By selecting low power modes, extra delays are interlaced between bursts. This improves the device current consumption at the expense of the response time.

Bits [7:6] of option byte OPT0 are used to select the correct power mode.

<span id="page-22-2"></span>Table 8. Low power period according to selected power mode

Power mode	Condition	t <sub>i P</sub> value
Normal Power mode		
Low Power mode with Zoom	Touch or proximity detection	
	Untouched	4 x t <sub>SAMPLING</sub>
Extreme Low Power mode with	Touch or proximity detection	
Zoom	Untouched	16 x t <sub>SAMPLING</sub>
Extreme Low Power mode		16 x t <sub>SAMPLING</sub>

#### <span id="page-22-1"></span>**7.4.1 Normal Power mode**

When in Normal Power mode, burst cycles occur at the rate of t<sub>SAMPLING</sub>. No extra delays are added between burst cycles ([Figure 16](#page-22-3)).

#### <span id="page-22-3"></span>**Figure 16. Charge cycle timing diagram in Normal Power mode**





### <span id="page-23-0"></span>**7.4.2 Low Power mode with Zoom**

With the STM8T141 in Low Power mode with Zoom, burst cycles occur every 5th  $t_{SAMPI/NG}$ period (or 20% of the Normal Power mode).

Once activity is detected, the STM8T141 device wakes up from Low Power mode with Zoom to Normal Power mode with charge cycles occurring every t<sub>SAMPLING</sub> period. The device will return to Low Power mode after an end of low power period  $(t_{ELP})$  when no touch or proximity detection conditions are detected. This enables the device to reduce power consumption when not in use, and still have a sufficient response time when needed ([Figure 17](#page-23-2)).

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### <span id="page-23-1"></span>**7.4.3 Extreme Low Power mode with Zoom**

With the STM8T141 in Extreme Low Power Mode with Zoom, burst cycles only occur every 17th t<sub>SAMPLING</sub> period (or 5.88% of the Normal Power mode).

Once activity is detected, the STM8T141 device wakes up from Extreme Low Power mode and Zoom to Normal Power mode with charge cycles occurring every  $t_{SAMPI-ING}$ . The device will return to Low Power mode after an end of low power period  $(t_{F|P})$  when no touch or proximity detection conditions are detected. This enables the device to reduce power consumption when not in use and still have a sufficient response time when needed ([Figure 18](#page-23-3)).

<span id="page-23-3"></span>**Figure 18. Charge cycle timing diagram in Extreme Low Power mode with Zoom** 







#### <span id="page-24-0"></span>**7.4.4 Extreme Low Power mode**

With the STM8T141 in Extreme Low Power mode, burst cycles only occur every 17th t<sub>SAMPLING</sub> period (or 5.88% of the Normal Power mode), thus adding 16 extra delays of t<sub>SAMPLING</sub> between charge cycles to conserve power.

This reduces the amount of burst cycles in Extreme Low Power mode even more than Low Power mode which in turn saves even more power but comes at the expense of a higher system response time ([Figure 19](#page-24-3)).

<span id="page-24-3"></span>**Figure 19. Charge cycle timing diagram in Extreme Low Power mode** 



### <span id="page-24-1"></span>**7.5 Charge transfer frequency**

The STM8T141 offers two charge transfer frequencies. The charge transfer frequency must be adjusted depending on the  $C_S$  capacitor. The charge transfer frequency may need to be raised to 250 kHz in order to reduce  $t_{\text{BUBST}}$  when the  $C_S$  capacitance is large.

- 125 kHz
- 250 kHz

Bit 1 of option byte OPT1 is used to select the correct charge transfer frequency.

### <span id="page-24-2"></span>**7.6 Sampling period**

The default sampling period ( $t_{SAMPLING}$ ) is configurable in order to allow different compromises between power consumption and conversion rates:

- 20-ms sampling rate to reduce average power consumption
- 10-ms sampling rate to increase detection response time

When using a faster sampling rate ( $t_{SAMPLING} = 10$  ms), all the timing values of the Power modes will occur at twice the speed.

BIt 2 of option byte OPT1 is used to select the correct conversion period.



## <span id="page-25-0"></span>**8 Design guidelines**

### <span id="page-25-1"></span>**8.1 Shield function**

The STM8T141 offers a built-in shielding function. This function provides the following advantages for designing the end-application:

- Sensing electrode separated from sealed electronics.
- Sensing wire shielded from unwanted environmental interferences.
- Enhanced proximity detection when used with battery (DC) applications.

The shield principle consists in actively driving the shield plane or element with the same signal as that of the electrode. The parasitic capacitance between the electrode and the shield does not need to be charged anymore and its effect on the sensitivity is cancelled.

Note: Grounding the shield reduces the sensitivity of the keys and may render the system unusable.

#### <span id="page-25-2"></span>**8.1.1 Shield application example**

Ideally, a coaxial cable is used for the shield. A  $R_X$  (typically 2 k $\Omega$ ) resistor should be connected to the  $C_X$  pin. The other side of the  $R_X$  resistor should be connected to the center core of the coaxial cable. The SHLDOUT pin should be connected to the metallic shield part of the coaxial cable. A pull-up resistor  $(R_{\text{SHEID}})$  should be added between SHLDOUT and  $V_{DD}$  as shown in [Figure 20](#page-26-3).

The example shown in *[Figure 20](#page-26-3)* is given for  $R_X$  = 2 kΩ,  $R_{\sf SHIELD}$  = 100 kΩ, and V<sub>DD</sub> = 5 V<sup>(a)</sup>. This setup has been successfully implemented with a coaxial cable of up to 4 m.

A longer coaxial cable could be used, but this would mean decreasing the  $R_{\text{SHEID}}$  resistor, and consequently increasing current consumption.

Note: A smaller  $R_{\text{SHIFID}}$  ensures better shielding but increases current consumption (see [Figure 20](#page-26-3)).

a. V<sub>DD</sub> must range from 4.5 to 5.5 V to use the shield function.Please refer to [Table 12: Operating characteristics](#page-29-6) for the correct power supply operating voltage when using the shield function.



<span id="page-26-3"></span>**Figure 20. Connecting the shield (coaxial cable implementation)**

### <span id="page-26-0"></span>**8.2 Sensitivity adjustment**

Several factors impact device sensitivity:

- The sensing electrode material and size
- The touch panel material and thickness
- The board layout and in particular the sensing signal tracks
- The value of the sampling capacitor  $(C_S)$  for proximity thresholds only
- The ground coupling of the object (finger or hand) and sensor.
- The touch or proximity detection threshold selected by the option byte.

#### <span id="page-26-1"></span>**8.2.1 CS influence on sensitivity**

In touch mode, the Cs capacitor value has no influence on the sensitivity as the thresholds are relative to the actual reference value. In proximity mode, the Cs value allows the sensivity to be tuned. A higher sampling capacitor value increases the resolution and the sensitivity but also the charging time. Decreasing the sampling capacitor value therefore decreases the sensitivity.

For more details, please refer to application note AN2966.

#### <span id="page-26-2"></span>**8.2.2 PCB layout and construction**

The PCB traces, wiring, and components associated or in contact with  $C<sub>x</sub>$  pins become touch sensitive and should be treated with caution to limit the touch area to the desired location. As an example, multiple touch electrodes connected to a sensing channel can be used to create control surfaces on both sides of an object.

It is important to limit the amount of stray capacitance on the  $C_X$  pin. This can be done by minimizing trace lengths and widths to achieve for higher gain without using higher values of C<sub>S</sub>. To minimize cross-coupling, electrode traces from adjacent sensing channel should not run close to each other for long distances. For detailed information on the impacts of the first three factors, refer to application note AN2869.

### <span id="page-27-0"></span>**8.3 Influence of power supply variation**

The stability of the device power supply is critical in order to provide a precise and repeatable capacitance measure. For this reason, a linear regulator is embedded into the device to provide the best power supply noise rejection possible.

Even with the embedded regulator, variations of the power supply voltage may have an impact on the measured signal, especially in proximity configurations with a large acquisition gain and small detection threshold.

A variation of the power supply voltage  $(\Delta V)$  induces a variation of the signal burst count ( $\triangle$ BC) according to *[Equation 1](#page-27-1)*.

#### <span id="page-27-1"></span>**Equation 1**

 $ABC = G \times G \times \Delta V$ 

The gain, G, of the acquisition is the ratio Cs/Cx.

The parameter Ϭ is the power supply rejection ratio.

For stability reasons, it is advised to limit  $\triangle$ BC to less than half the detection threshold. If  $V_{DD}$  is less than 2.9 V, special care should be taken of the supply quality. An external voltage regulator may be necessary.



### <span id="page-28-0"></span>**9 Electrical characteristics**

### <span id="page-28-1"></span>**9.1 Parameter conditions**

Unless otherwise specified, all voltages are in reference to  $V_{SS}$ .

#### <span id="page-28-2"></span>**9.1.1 Minimum and maximum values**

Unless otherwise specified, the minimum and maximum values are guaranteed in the worst conditions of ambient temperature and supply voltage by tests in production on 100% of the devices with an ambient temperature at  $T_A = 25$  °C and  $T_A = T_A$  max (given by the selected temperature range).

Data based on characterization results, design simulation and/or technology characteristics are indicated in the table footnotes and are not tested in production. Based on characterization, the minimum and maximum values refer to sample tests and represent the mean value plus or minus three times the standard deviation (mean  $\pm 3 \Sigma$ ).

#### <span id="page-28-3"></span>**9.1.2 Typical values**

Unless otherwise specified, typical data are based on  $T_A = 25 \degree C$ , and  $V_{DD} = 5$  V. They are given only as design guidelines and are not tested.

#### <span id="page-28-4"></span>**9.1.3 Typical curves**

Unless otherwise specified, all typical curves are given only as design guidelines and are not tested.

#### <span id="page-28-5"></span>**9.1.4 Loading capacitor**

The loading conditions used for pin parameter measurement are shown in *[Figure 21](#page-28-6)*.

#### <span id="page-28-6"></span>**Figure 21. Pin loading conditions**





### <span id="page-29-0"></span>**9.2 Absolute maximum ratings**

Stresses above those listed as "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device under these conditions is not implied. Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

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#### <span id="page-29-4"></span>Table 10. **Current characteristics**



<span id="page-29-7"></span>1. All power ( $V_{DD}$ ) and ground ( $V_{SS}$ ) lines must always be connected to the external supply.

#### <span id="page-29-5"></span>Table 11. **Thermal characteristics**



### <span id="page-29-1"></span>**9.3 Operating conditions**

### <span id="page-29-2"></span>**9.3.1 General operating conditions and supply characteristics**

#### <span id="page-29-6"></span>Table 12. **Operating characteristics**



1. This constraint must be respected only if the voltage does not reach 0 V.



### <span id="page-30-0"></span>**9.3.2 Average current consumption**

Test conditions:  $T_A = 25 \degree C$ ,  $C_X = 20 \degree F$ ,  $C_S = 47 \degree F$  and  $R_X = 2 \degree K\Omega$ .

<span id="page-30-1"></span>Table 13. Average current consumption without shield

Symbol	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	Typ.	Max.	Unit
OD!	Normal Power mode	- Shield output unconnected - Shield input grounded		$45^{(1)}$	
	Low Power				uA
	Extreme Low Power mode	- Options other than Low Power are left in default configuration	11		

1. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production.

Note: Consumption does not depend on either detection threshold or acquisition rate.



#### <span id="page-30-2"></span>Figure 22. I<sub>DD</sub> average current consumption vs R<sub>SHIELD</sub>

1. ExtLP = External Low Power mode

2. LP = Low Power mode

3. NP = Normal Power mode



### <span id="page-31-0"></span>**9.3.3 Output characteristics**

<span id="page-31-2"></span>Table 14. **Output pin characteristics** 

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	Typ.	Max.	Unit	
		$I_{LOAD} = 8 \text{ mA}$	1200	1600		
	$V_{DD} = 5 V$	$I_{LOAD} = 4 mA$	540	750		
		$I_{LOAD} = 2 mA$	250	450		
$V_{OL}$	$V_{DD} = 3.3 V$	$I_{LOAD} = 4 mA$	650	1000	mV	
		$I_{LOAD} = 2 mA$	320	500		
	$V_{DD} = 2.9 V$	$I_{LOAD} = 2 mA$	400	500		
	$V_{DD} = 2.0 V$	$I_{LOAD} = 1$ mA	300	500		
		$I_{LOAD} = -2$ mA	4.7			
	$V_{DD} = 5 V$	$I_{LOAD} = -4$ mA	4.4			
		$I_{LOAD} = -8$ mA	3.9		v	
$V_{OH}$	$V_{DD} = 3.3 V$	$I_{LOAD} = -2$ mA	3.0			
		$I_{LOAD} = -4$ mA	2.7			
	$V_{DD} = 2.9 V$	$I_{LOAD} = -2$ mA	2.5			
	$V_{DD} = 2.0 V$	$I_{LOAD}$ = -100 $\mu$ A	1.8			
<sup>t</sup> HIGH	Output minimum high time		40			
t <sub>LOW</sub>	Output minimum low time		40		ms	

## <span id="page-31-1"></span>**9.4 Regulator and reference voltage**

<span id="page-31-3"></span>



1. Equivalent serial R<sub>resistor</sub>  $\leq 0.2 \Omega$  at 1 MHz.



### <span id="page-32-0"></span>**9.5 Capacitive sensing characteristics**

<span id="page-32-1"></span>



1. Values guaranteed by design.

2. See  $t_{\text{RFT}}$  in *[Figure 9: Reference freeze timeout](#page-14-1).* 

3. Reference value (Ref.) described in [Section 5.3.3: Debounce filter on page 16](#page-15-0).

4. Between 3 V and 3.5 V,  $\sigma$  evolves as shown in [Figure 23](#page-33-2).



<span id="page-33-2"></span>**Figure 23.** Sigma variation across V<sub>DD</sub>



#### <span id="page-33-0"></span>Table 17. **Table 17. Response times (1)**



1. Values guaranteed by design.

#### <span id="page-33-1"></span>Table 18. **External sensing component characteristics**



1. For more information about capacitors, please refer to Application note: AN2966.



### <span id="page-34-0"></span>**9.6 EMC characteristics**

Susceptibility and emission tests are performed on a sample basis during product characterization.

Both the sample and its applicative hardware environment (*[Figure 10](#page-16-1)*) are mounted on a dedicated specific EMC board defined in the IEC61967-1 standard.

#### <span id="page-34-1"></span>**9.6.1 Functional EMS (electromagnetic susceptibility)**

While running in the above described environment the product is stressed by two electromagnetic events until a failure occurs.

- **ESD**: Electrostatic discharge (positive and negative) is applied on all pins of the device until a functional disturbance occurs. This test complies with the IEC 1000-4-2 standard.
- **FTB:** A burst of fast transient voltage (positive and negative) is applied to  $V_{DD}$  and  $V_{SS}$ through a 100 pF capacitor, until a functional disturbance occurs. This test complies with the IEC 1000-4-4 standard.

A device reset allows normal operations to be resumed. The test results are given in [Table 19](#page-34-3) based on the EMS levels and classes defined in application note AN1709.

#### <span id="page-34-2"></span>**9.6.2 Prequalification trials**



#### <span id="page-34-3"></span>**Table 19. EMS data**



### <span id="page-35-0"></span>**9.6.3 Electromagnetic interference (EMI)**

Emission tests conform to the IEC61967-2 standard for board layout and pin loading. Worse case EMI measurements are performed during maximum device activity.

Symbol	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>General conditions</b>	<b>Monitored</b> frequency band	$RC_{OSC} =$ 500 kHz (1)	<b>Unit</b>	
$S_{EMI}$		$V_{DD} = 5 V$ , T <sub>A</sub> = +25 °C, SO8 (Narrow) package, Complies with SAE J1752/3, No finger on	0.1 MHz to 30 MHz	-4		
	Peak level		30 MHz to 130 MHz	-9	dBµV	
			130 MHz to 1 GHz	-6		
	<b>SAE EMI level</b>	touch electrode		$-1$		
	Peak level	$V_{DD} = 5 V$ , T <sub>A</sub> = +25 °C,	0.1 MHz to 30 MHz	20		
		SO8 (Narrow) package, Complies with SAE J1752/3, Finger on	30 MHz to 130 MHz	-8	dBµV	
			130 MHz to 1 GHz	$-7$		
	<b>SAE EMI level</b>	touch electrode		15		

<span id="page-35-3"></span>Table 20. **EMI data** 

1. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production.

#### <span id="page-35-1"></span>**9.6.4 Absolute maximum ratings (electrical sensitivity)**

Based on two different tests (ESD and LU) using specific measurement methods, the product is stressed in order to determine its performance in terms of electrical sensitivity. For more details, refer to the application note AN1181.

#### <span id="page-35-2"></span>**9.6.5 Electrostatic discharge (ESD)**

Electrostatic discharges (3 positive then 3 negative pulses separated by 1 second) are applied to the pins of each sample according to each pin combination. The sample size depends on the number of supply pins in the device (3 parts\*(n+1) supply pin). This test conforms to the JESD22-A114A/A115A standard. For more details, refer to the application note AN1181.

<span id="page-35-4"></span>Table 21. **ESD absolute maximum ratings** 

Symbol	<b>Ratings</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Maximum</b> value $(1)$	Unit l
$V_{\mathsf{ESD(HBM)}}$	Electrostatic discharge voltage (Human body model)	$T_A = +25$ °C, conforming to JESD22-A114	А	2000	
$V_{ESD(CDM)}$	Electrostatic discharge voltage (Charge device model)	$T_A = +25$ °C, conforming to JESD22-C101	IV	1000	

1. Data based on characterization results, not tested in production



#### <span id="page-36-0"></span>**9.6.6 Static latchup**

Two complementary static tests are required on 10 parts to assess the latchup performance.

- A supply overvoltage (applied to each power supply pin) and
- A current injection (applied to each input, output and configurable I/O pin) are performed on each sample.

This test conforms to the EIA/JESD 78 IC latchup standard. For more details, refer to application note AN1181.

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1. Class description: A Class is an STMicroelectronics internal specification. All its limits are higher than the JEDEC specifications, that means when a device belongs to class A it exceeds the JEDEC standard. B class strictly covers all the JEDEC criteria (international standard).



# <span id="page-37-0"></span>**10 Package characteristics**

In order to meet environmental requirements, ST offers these devices in different grades of ECOPACK® packages, depending on their level of environmental compliance. ECOPACK® specifications, grade definitions and product status are available at [www.st.com](http;//www.st.com).

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### <span id="page-37-1"></span>**10.1 Package mechanical data**

#### <span id="page-37-2"></span>**10.1.1 SO8 package mechanical data**

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<b>Symbol</b>	millimeters			inches $(1)$		
	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.
A	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$	٠	1.750		$\qquad \qquad \blacksquare$	0.0689
A1	0.100		0.250	0.0039		0.0098
A2	1.250			0.0492	-	
b	0.280		0.480	0.0110	-	0.0189
c	0.170	-	0.230	0.0067	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	0.0091
ccc		-	0.100		$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	0.0039
$\overline{D}$ <sup>(2)</sup>	4.800	4.900	5.000	0.1890	0.1929	0.1969
E	5.800	6.000	6.200	0.2283	0.2362	0.2441
$E1^{(3)}$	3.800	3.900	4.000	0.1496	0.1535	0.1575
$\vert$ e	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	1.270	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$		0.0500	٠
$\overline{h}$	0.250		0.500	0.0098	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	0.0197
$\mathbf k$	$0^{\circ}$		$8^\circ$	$0^{\circ}$		$8^{\circ}$
L	0.400		1.270	0.0157		0.0500
L1		1.040			0.0409	

<span id="page-38-0"></span>Table 23 **Table 23. 8-lead plastic small outline - package mechanical data** 

1. Values in inches are rounded to 4 decimal digits

2. Dimension D does not include mold flash, protrusions or gate burrs. Mold flash, protrusions or gate burrs shall not exceed 0.15mm in total (both side).

3. Dimension E1 does not include interlead flash or protrusions. Interlead flash or protrusions shall not exceed 0.25 mm per side.



### <span id="page-39-0"></span>**10.1.2 UFDFPN8 package mechanical data**

<span id="page-39-2"></span>**Figure 25. UFDFPN8-lead ultra thin fine pitch dual flat package (MLP) package outline** 



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1. Values in inches are rounded to 4 decimal digits

2. Applied for exposed die paddle and terminals. Exclude embedding part of exposed die paddle from measuring.



### <span id="page-40-0"></span>**10.2 Package thermal characteristics**

The maximum chip junction temperature  $(T_{Jmax})$  must never exceed the values given in [Table 12: Operating characteristics on page 30](#page-29-6).

The maximum chip-junction temperature,  $T_{Jmax}$ , in degrees Celsius, may be calculated using the following equation:

$$
T_{Jmax} = T_{Amax} + (P_{Dmax} \times \Theta_{JA})
$$

Where:

- $T_{Amax}$  is the maximum ambient temperature in  $\degree$ C
- $\Theta_{JA}$  is the package junction-to-ambient thermal resistance in  $\degree$  C/W
- $P_{Dmax}$  is the sum of  $P_{INTmax}$  and  $P_{I/Omax}$  ( $P_{Dmax} = P_{INTmax} + P_{I/Omax}$ )
- $P_{INTmax}$  is the product of  $I_{DD}$  and  $V_{DD}$ , expressed in Watts. This is the maximum chip internal power.
- $P_{UOmax}$  represents the maximum power dissipation on output pins Where:

 $P<sub>I/Omax</sub> = \Sigma (V<sub>OL</sub><sup>*</sup>I<sub>OL</sub>) + \Sigma ((V<sub>DD</sub>-V<sub>OH</sub>)<sup>*</sup>I<sub>OH</sub>),$ 

taking into account the actual  $V_{OL}/I_{OL}$  and  $V_{OH}/I_{OH}$  of the I/Os at low and high level in the application.

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1. Thermal resistances are based on JEDEC JESD51-2 with 4-layer PCB in a natural convection environment.

#### <span id="page-40-1"></span>**10.2.1 Reference document**

JESD51-2 integrated circuits thermal test method environment conditions - natural convection (still air). Available from www.jedec.org.



# <span id="page-41-0"></span>**11 Ordering information**

### <span id="page-41-1"></span>**11.1 STM8T141 ordering information scheme**

#### <span id="page-41-2"></span>**Figure 26. STM8T141 ordering information scheme**



1. See [Table 26: Orderable favorite device lists](#page-42-2) and the explanation below of "in factory option byte programming service"

<span id="page-41-3"></span>2. The STM8T141 OTP devices are available for production and development. These parts are blank devices<br>with unconfigured option bytes (all option bits are set to '0'). For more<br>information, please refer to Section 7: Devi



### <span id="page-42-0"></span>**11.2 Orderable favorite device lists**

<span id="page-42-2"></span>



1. Please refer to **[Section 7: Device operation](#page-17-0)**.

### <span id="page-42-1"></span>**11.3 In-factory option byte programming service**

For specific configurations not listed in [Table 26: Orderable favorite device lists](#page-42-2), in-factory option byte programming is available on customer request and for large order quantities. Customers have to fill out the option list (see below) and send it back to STMicroelectronics. Customers are then informed by STMicroelectronics about the ordering part number corresponding to the customer configuration. The XXXY parameter of the final ordering part number (e.g. STM8T141AMXXXY) depends on the device configuration and is assigned by STMicroelectronics.





1. Configuration by default in OTP devices.



## <span id="page-44-0"></span>**12 STM8T141 development tools**

#### **STM8T141 evaluation kit**

The STM8T141-EVAL is an evaluation kit which introduces developers to the STM8T141. It contains an STM8T141 evaluation board, plus a set of preconfigured plug-in modules which allow the STM8T141 device performances to be evaluated in either touch or proximity detection.

#### <span id="page-44-1"></span>**Figure 27. STM8T141-EVAL evaluation kit**





#### **STM8T141 "blank" modules**

An additional box of 10 STM8T141 "blank" modules (STM8T141AM-MOD) can be ordered separately, where the device option bytes are left unprogrammed (see [Figure 28](#page-45-0)).

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**Figure 28. STM8T141 blank module box**

1. The above figure is not binding.



#### <span id="page-46-3"></span>**Programming tool**

[Figure 29](#page-46-1) shows the STM8T141-EVAL programming tool.

To program the device option bytes so that the device can be tested in different configurations, the following materials are available:

- A programming socket board (STM8T14X-SB). When connected to the programming dongle, this board allows SO8 and DFN8 devices as well as plug-in modules delivered in the evaluation kit to be programmed.
- A programming dongle (ST-TSLINK) and its associated programming software, STVP.

#### <span id="page-46-1"></span>**Figure 29. STM8T141-EVAL programming tool**



#### **Ordering information**

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<span id="page-46-2"></span>1. The ST-TSLINK dongle and the STM8T14X-SB socket board are not part of the STM8T141-EVAL evaluation kit, and consequently must be ordered separately.



# <span id="page-47-0"></span>**13 Revision history**

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