

STLC3055N

WLL and ISDN-TA subscriber line interface circuit

Features

- Monochip subscriber line interface circuit (SLIC) optimised for WLL and VoIP applications
- Implement all key features of the BORSHT function
- Single supply (5.5 V to 12 V)
- Built in DC/DC converter controller
- Soft battery reversal with programmable transition time.
- On-hook transmission.
- Programmable off-hook detector threshold
- Metering pulse generation and filter
- Integrated ringing
- Integrated ring trip
- Parallel control interface (3.3 V logic level)
- Programmable constant current feed
- Surface mount package
- Integrated thermal protection
- Dual gain value option
- BCD III S, 90 V technology
- \blacksquare -40 to +85 °C operating range

Description

The STLC3055N is a SLIC device specifically designed for wireless local loop (WLL) and ISDNterminal adaptors (ISDN-TA) and VoIP applications. One of the distinctive characteristic of this device is the ability to operate with a single supply voltage (from 5.5 V to 12 V) and self

generate the negative battery by means of an on chip DC/DC converter controller that drives an external MOS switch.

The battery level is properly adjusted depending on the operating mode. A useful characteristic for these applications is the integrated ringing generator.

The control interface is a parallel type with open drain output and 3.3 V logic levels.

The metering pulses are generated on chip starting from two logic signals (0 and 3.3 V) one define the metering pulse frequency and the other the metering pulse duration. An on chip circuit then provides the proper shaping and filtering. Metering pulse amplitude and shaping (rising and decay time) can be programmed by external components. A dedicated cancellation circuit avoid possible codec input saturation due to metering pulse echo.

Constant current feed can be set from 20 mA to 40 mA. Off-hook detection threshold is programmable from 5 mA to 9 mA.

The device, developed in BCD III S technology (90 V process), operates in the extended temperature range and integrates a thermal protection that sets the device in power down when T_j exceeds 140 °C.

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4 Functional description

The STLC3055N is a device specifically developed for WLL VoIP and ISDN-TA applications.

It is based on a SLIC core, on purpose optimised for these applications, with the addition of a DC/DC converter controller to fulfil the WLL and ISDN-TA design requirements.

The SLIC performs the standard feeding, signalling and transmission functions.

It can be set in four different operating modes via the D0, D1, D2 pins of the control logic interface (0 to 3.3 V logic levels). The loop status is carried out on the $\overline{\text{DET}}$ pin (active low).

The DET pin is an open drain output to allow easy interfacing with both 3.3 V and 5 V logic levels.

The four possible SLIC's operating modes are:

- Power down
- High impedance feeding (HI-Z)
- **Active**
- **Ringing**

[Table](#page-8-2) 6 shows how to set the different SLIC operating modes.

Table 6. **SLIC operating modes.**

4.1 DC/DC converter

The DC/DC converter controller is driving an external power MOS transistor (P-channel) in order to generate the negative battery voltage needed for device operation.

The DC/DC converter controller is synchronised with an external CLK (125 kHz typ.) or with an internal clock generated when the pin CLK is connected to CVCC. One sensing resistor in series to Vpos supply allows to fix the maximum allowed input peak current. This feature is implemented in order to avoid overload on Vpos supply in case of line transient (ex. ring trip detection).

The typical value is obtained for a sensing resistor equal to 110 m Ω that will guarantee an average current consumption from Vpos < 700 mA. When in on-hook the self generated battery voltage is set to a predefined value.

This value can be adjusted via one external resistor (RF1) and it is typical -50 V. When RING mode is selected this value is increased to -70 V typ.

Once the line goes in off-hook condition, the DC/DC converter automatically adjust the generated battery voltage in order to feed the line with a fixed DC current (programmable via RLIM) optimising in this way the power dissipation.

4.2 Operating modes

4.2.1 Power down

When this mode is selected the SLIC is switched off and the TIP and RING pins are in high impedance. Also the line detectors are disabled therefore the off-hook condition cannot be detected.

This mode can be selected in emergency condition when it is necessary to cut any current delivered to the line.

This mode is also forced by STLC3055N in case of thermal overload (T_j > 140 °C).

In this case the device goes back to the previous status as soon as the junction temperature decrease under the hysteresis threshold.

No AC transmission is possible in this mode.

4.2.2 High impedance feeding (HI-Z)

This operating mode is normally selected when the telephone is in on-hook in order to monitor the line status keeping the power consumption at the minimum.

The output voltage in on-hook condition is equal to the self generated battery voltage (-50 V typ).

When off-hook occurs the DET becomes active (low logic level).

The off-hook threshold in HI-Z mode is the same value as programmed in ACTIVE mode.

The DC characteristic in HI-Z mode is just equal to the self generated battery with $2x(1600 \Omega + \text{Rp})$ in series (see [Figure](#page-9-4) 3), where Rp is the external protection resistance.

No AC transmission is possible in this mode.

Figure 3. DC characteristic in HI-Z mode.

4.2.3 Active

DC characteristics and supervision

When this mode is selected the STLC3055N provides both DC feeding and AC transmission.

The STLC3055N feeds the line with a constant current fixed by RLIM (20 mA to 40 mA range). The on-hook voltage is typically 40 V allowing on-hook transmission; the self generated Vbat is -50 V typ.

If the loop resistance is very high and the line current cannot reach the programmed constant current feed value, the STLC3055N behaves like a 40 V voltage source with a series impedance equal to the protection resistors $2xRp$ (typ. 2 x 50 Ω). [Figure](#page-10-1) 4 shows the typical DC characteristic in Active mode.

Figure 4. DC characteristic in active mode

The line status (on/off-hook) is monitored by the SLIC's supervision circuit. The off-hook threshold can be programmed via the external resistor RTH in the range from 5 mA to 9 mA.

Independently on the programmed constant current value, the TIP and RING buffers have a current source capability limited to 80 mA typ. Moreover the power available at Vbat is controlled by the DC/DC converter that limits the peak current drawn from the Vpos supply. The maximum allowed current peak is set by RSENSE resistor.

AC characteristics

The SLIC provides the standard SLIC transmission functions:

Once in active mode the SLIC can operate with two different Tx, Rx Gain. Setting properly by the gain set control bit (see [Table](#page-10-0) 7).

Table 7. **Gain set in active mode**

Gain set	4 to 2 wire gain	2 to 4 wire gain	Impedance synthesis scale factor
	0 dB	$-6 dB$	x 50
	$+6$ dB	-12 dB	x 25

- **Input impedance synthesis:** can be real or complex and is set by a scaled (x 50 or x 25) external ZAC impedance.
- **Transmit and receive:** The AC signal present on the 2W port (TIP and RING pins) is transferred to the TX output with a -6 dB or -12 dB gain and from the RX input to the 2W port with a 0 dB or +6 dB gain.
- **2 to 4 wire conversion:** The balance impedance can be real or complex, the proper cancellation is obtained by means of two external impedance ZA and ZB

Once in Active mode (D1=1) the SLIC can operate in different states setting properly D0 and D2 control bits (see also [Table](#page-11-0) 8).

Polarity reversal

The D2 bit controls the line polarity, the transition between the two polarities is performed in a "soft" way. This means that the TIP and RING wire exchange their polarities following a ramp transition (see [Figure](#page-11-1) 5). The transition time is controlled by an external capacitor CREV. This capacitor is also setting the shape of the ringing trapezoidal waveform. When the control pins set battery reversal the line polarity is reversed with a proper transition time set via an external capacitor (CREV).

Figure 5. TIP/RING typical transition from direct to reverse polarity

Metering pulse injection (Ttx)

The metering pulses circuit consists of a burst shaping generator that gives a square wave shaped and a low pass filter to reduce the harmonic distortion of the output signal.

The metering pulse is obtained starting from two logic signals:

- CKTTX: is a square wave at the TTX frequency (12 or 16 kHz) and should be permanently applied to the CKTTX pin or at least for all the duration of the TTX pulse (including rising and decay phases).
- D0: enable the TTX generation circuit and define the TTX pulse duration.

These two signals are processed by a dedicated circuitry integrated on chip that generate the metering pulse as an amplitude modulated shaped squarewave (SQTTX) (see [Figure](#page-12-1) 6).

Both the amplitude and the envelope of the squarewave (SQTTX) can be programmed by means of external components. In particular the amplitude is set by the two resistors RLV and the shaping by the capacitor CS.

Figure 6. Metering pulse generation circuit.

The waveform so generated is then filtered and injected on the line.

The low pass filter can be obtained using the integrated buffer OP1 connected between pin FTTX (OP1 non inverting input) and RTTX (OP1 output) (see [Figure](#page-12-1) 6) and implementing a "Sallen and Key" configuration. Depending on the external components count it is possible to build an optimised application depending on the distortion level required. In particular harmonic distortion levels equal to 13 %, 6 % and 3 % can be obtained respectively with first, second and third order filters (see [Figure](#page-12-1) 6).

The circuit showed in *Figure 8: Application diagram with metering pulse generation. on* [page](#page-19-1) 20 is related to the simple first order filter.

Once the shaped and filtered signal is obtained at RTTX buffer output it is injected on the TIP/RING pins with a $+6$ dB gain or $+12$ dB gain.

It should be noted that this is the nominal condition obtained in presence of ideal TTX echo cancellation (obtained via proper setting of RTTX and CTTX).

In addition, the effective level obtained on the line will depend on the line impedance and the protection resistors value. In the typical application (TTX line impedance =200 Ω, RP = 50 Ω, and ideal TTX echo cancellation) the metering pulse level on the line will be 1.33 or 2.66 times the level applied to the RTTX pin.

As already mentioned the metering pulse echo cancellation is obtained by means of two external components (RTTX and CTTX) that should match the line impedance at the TTX frequency. This simple network has a double effect:

- Synthesize a low output impedance at the TIP/RING pins at the TTX frequency.
- Cut the eventual TTX echo that will be transferred from the line to the TX output.

4.2.4 Ringing

When this mode is selected STLC3055N self generate an higher negative battery (-70 V typ.) in order to allow a balanced ringing signal of typically 65 Vpeak.

In this condition both the DC and AC feedback are disabled and the SLIC line drivers operate as voltage buffers. The ring waveform is obtained toggling the D2 control bit at the

desired ring frequency. This bit in fact controls the line polarity (0=direct; 1=reverse). As in the Active mode the line voltage transition is performed with a ramp transition, obtaining in this way a trapezoidal balanced ring waveform (see $Figure 7$ $Figure 7$). The shaping is defined by the CREV external capacitor.

Selecting the proper capacitor value it is possible to get different CREST factor values.

The following table shows the CREST factor values obtained with a 20 Hz and 25 Hz ring frequency and with 1REN. These value are valid either with European or USA specification.

Figure 7. TIP/RING typical ringing waveform

Table 9 **CREST factor**

1. Distortion already less than 10%.

The ring trip detection is performed sensing the variation of the AC line impedance from onhook (relatively high) to off-hook (low). This particular ring trip method allows to operate without DC offset superimposed on the ring signal and therefore obtaining the maximum possible ring level on the load starting from a given negative battery. It should be noted that such a method is optimised for operation on short loop applications and may not operate properly in presence of long loop applications ($>$ 500 Ω). Once ring trip is detected, the DET output is activated (logic level low), at this point the card controller or a simple logic circuit should stop the D2 toggling in order to effectively disconnect the ring signal and then set the STLC3055N in the proper operating mode (normally Active).

Ring level in presence of more telephone in parallel

As already mentioned above the maximum current that can be drawn from the Vpos supply is controlled and limited via the external R_{SFNSF} . This will limit also the power available at the self generated negative battery.

If for any reason the ringer load will be too low the self generated battery will drop in order to keep the power consumption to the fixed limit and therefore also the ring voltage level will be reduced.

In the typical application with $R_{SENSE} = 110$ m Ω the peak current from Vpos is limited to about 900 mA, which correspond to an average current of 700 mA max. In this condition the STLC3055N can drive up to 3REN with a ring frequency fr=25 Hz (1REN = 1800 Ω + 1.0 µF, European standard).

In order to drive up to 5REN (1REN= 6930 Ω + 8 µF, US standard) it is necessary to modify the external components as follows:

 $CREV = 15 nF$ $RD = 2.2 k\Omega$ Rsense = $100 \text{ m}\Omega$.

5 Application information

5.1 Layout recommendation

A properly designed PCB layout is a basic issue to guarantee a correct behavior and good noise performances. Noise sources can be identified in not enough good grounds, not enough low impedance supplies and parasitic coupling between PCB tracks and high impedance pins of the device.

Particular care must be taken on the ground connection and in this case the star configuration allows surely to avoid possible problems (see Figure [8 on page](#page-19-1) 20 and Figure [9 on page](#page-20-0) ²¹).

The ground of the power supply (VPOS) has to be connected to the center of the star, let's call this point Supply GND. This point should show a resistance as low as possible, that means it should be a ground plane.

In particular to avoid noise problems the layout should prevent any coupling between the DC/DC converter components that are referred to PGND (CVPOS, CD, L) and analog pins that are referred to AGND (ex: RD, IREF, RTH, RLIM, VF). AGND and BGND must be shorter together. The GND connection of protection components have to be connected to the Supply GDND.

As a first recommendation the components CV, L, D1, CVPOS, RSENSE should be kept as close as possible to each other and isolated from the other components.

Additional improvements can be obtained:

- decoupling the center of the star from the analog ground of STLC3055N using small chokes.
- adding a capacitor in the range of 100 nF between VPOS and AGND in order to filter the switch frequency on VPOS.

5.2 External components list

In order to properly define the external components value the following system parameters have to be defined:

- The AC input impedance shown by the SLIC at the line terminals "Zs" to which the return loss measurement is referred. It can be real (typ. 600 Ω) or complex.
- The AC balance impedance, it is the equivalent impedance of the line "Zl" used for evaluation of the trans-hybrid loss performances (2/4 wire conversion). It is usually a complex impedance.
- The value of the two protection resistors Rp in series with the line termination. The line impedance at the TTX frequency "Zlttx".
- The metering pulse level amplitude measured at line termination "VLOTTX". In case of low order filtering, VLOTTX represents the amplitude (Vrms) of the fundamental frequency component. (typ 12 or 16 kHz).
- Pulse metering envelope rise and decay time constant " τ ".
- The slope of the ringing waveform " $\Delta V_{TR}/\Delta T$ ".
- The value of the constant current limit current "Ilim".
- The value of the off-hook current threshold " I_{TH} ".
- The value of the ring trip rectified average threshold current " I_{RTH} ".
- The value of the required self generated negative battery " V_{BATR} " in ring mode (max value is 70 V). This value can be obtained from the desired ring peak level +5 V.
- The value of the maximum current peak sunk from Vpos "IPK".

1. CVpos should be defined depending on the power supply current capability and maximum allowable ripple.

2. For low ripple application use 2 x 47 μ F in parallel.

3. Can be saved if proper PCB layout avoid noise coupling on RD pin (high impedance input).

4 RF1 sets the self generated battery voltage in Ring and Active (Il=0) mode as follows:

V_{BATR} should be defined considering the ring peak level required (Vringpeak=V_{BATR}-6 V typ.). The above relation is valid
provided that the Vpos power supply current capability and the RSENSE programming allow to source

5 For high efficiency in HI-Z mode coil resistance @125 kHz must be < 3Ω

Table 11. External components @gain set = 0

Name	Function	Formula	Typ. value
$ZB^{(1)}$	Line impedance balancing network	$ZB = 50 \cdot ZI$	30 kΩ 1% @ ZI = 600 Ω
CCOMP	AC feedback loop compensation	fo = 250 kHz CCOMP = $1/(2\pi \cdot$ fo \cdot 100 \cdot (RP))	120 pF 10% 10 V @ Rp = 50 Ω
CH	Trans-Hybrid Loss frequency compensation	$CH = CCOMP$	120 pF 10% 10 V
$RTTX^{(2)}$	Pulse metering cancellation resistor	$\overline{RTTX} = 50\text{Re} (Zlttx+2\text{Rp})$	15 k Ω @ Zlttx = 200 Ω real
$CTTX^{(2)}$	Pulse metering cancellation capacitor	$CTTX = 1/\{50.2\pi \cdot fttx\}$ Im(Zlttx)]	100nF 10% 10V(3) @ Zlttx = 200Ω real
RLV	Pulse metering level resistor	$RLV = 63.3.103 \cdot \alpha \cdot V_{LOTTX}$ α = (IZIttx + 2RpI/IZIttxI)	16.2 k Ω @ V_{LOTTX} = 170mVrms
CS.	Pulse metering shaping capacitor	$CS = \tau/(2 \cdot RLV)$	100 nF 10% 10V ω τ = 3.2 ms, RLV = 16.2 kΩ
CFL	Pulse metering filter capacitor	$CFL = 2/(2\pi \cdot \text{fttx} \cdot \text{RLV})$	1.5 nF 10% 10 V @fttx = 12 kHz RLV = 16.2 k Ω

Table 11. External components @gain set = 0 (continued)

1. In case Zs=Zl, ZA and ZB can be replaced by two resistors of same value: RA=RB=|Zs|.

2. Defining ZTTX as the impedance of RTTX in series with CTTX, RTTX and CTTX can also be calculated from the following formula: ZTTX=50*(Zlttx+2Rp).

3. In this case CTTX is just operating as a DC decoupling capacitor (fp=100 Hz).

Table 12. External components @gain set = 1

Name	Function	Formula	Typ. value
RS	Protection resistance image	$RS = 25 \cdot (2Rp)$	2.55 k Ω @ Rp = 50 Ω
ZAC	Two wire AC impedance	$ZAC = 25 \cdot (Zs - 2Rp)$	12.5 kΩ 1% @ Zs = 600 Ω
$ZA^{(1)}$	SLIC impedance balancing network	$ZA = 25 \cdot Zs$	15 kΩ 1% @ Zs = 600 Ω
$ZB^{(1)}$	Line impedance balancing network	$ZB = 25 \cdot ZI$	15 kΩ 1% @ ZI = 600 Ω
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CH	Trans-Hybrid Loss frequency compensation	$CH = CCOMP$	220 pF 10% 10 V
$RTTX^{(2)}$	Pulse metering cancellation resistor	$\overline{RTTX} = 25\text{Re} (Zlttx + 2\text{Rp})$	7.5 k Ω @ Zlttx = 200 Ω real
$CTTX^{(2)}$	Pulse metering cancellation capacitor	$CTTX = 1/25.2\pi$ fttx [-lm(Zlttx)]	100 nF 10% 10 $V^{(3)}$ @ Zlttx = 200 Ω real
RLV	Pulse metering level resistor	$RLV = 31.7 \cdot 10^3 \cdot \alpha \cdot V_{LOTTX}$ α = (IZIttx + 2RpI/IZIttxI)	16.2 k Ω @ V_{LOTTX} = 340 mVrms

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СS	Pulse metering shaping capacitor	$CS = \tau/(2 \cdot RLV)$	100 nF 10% 10V ω τ = 3.2 ms, RLV = 16.2 kΩ
CFL	Pulse metering filter capacitor	$CFL = 2/(2\pi \cdot fttx \cdot RLV)$	1.5nF 10% 10 V @fttx = 12 kHz RLV = 16.2 k Ω

Table 12. External components @gain set = 1 (continued)

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5.3 Application diagram

Figure 9. Application diagram without metering pulse generation

6 Electrical characteristics

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1. R_L: Line Resistance

2. Rlrt = Maximum loop resistance (incl. telephone) for correct ring trip detection.

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6.1 Test circuits

Referring to the application diagram shown in *Figure [8 on page](#page-19-1) 20* and using as external components the typical values specified in the Table [10 on page](#page-16-1) 17 and Table 11 on [page](#page-17-0) 18, find below the proper configuration for each measurement.

All measurements requiring DC current termination should be performed using "Wandel & Goltermann DC Loop Holding Circuit GH-1" or equivalent.

Figure 10. 2W return loss 2WRL = 20Log(|Zref + Zs|/|Zref-Zs|) = 20Log(E/2Vs)

Figure 12. G24 transmit gain G24 = 20Log|2Vtx/E|

Figure 13. G42 receive gain G42 = 20Log|VI/Vrx|

Figure 16. T/L transversal to longitudinal conversion T/L = 20Log|Vrx/Vcm|

Figure 18. V2Wp and W4Wp: idle channel psophometric noise at line and TX. V2Wp = 20Log|Vl/0.774l|; V4Wp = 20Log|Vtx/0.774l|

7 Overvoltage protection

Figure 19. Simplified configuration for indoor overvoltage protection

8 Typical state diagram for STLC3055N operation

Figure 21. State diagram

9 STLC3055Q vs STLC3055N compatibility.

STLC3055N is pin to pin compatible with the old STLC3055Q but offer a better performance in term of power consumption and can be set in a new gain configuration in order to be compatible with the 3.3 V codec.

9.1 Typical power consumption comparison

Table 14. **Power consumption differences**

To meet this result some differences, with a minimum impact on the application, has been introduced in STLC3055N.

9.2 Hardware differences

- **RX input.** In STLC3055N it is necessary a 100 kΩ external resistor between RX input and AGND to bias the input stage.
- **Rp.** The STLC3055N required a Rp value of 50 Ω instead of 41 Ω .
- **TTX filter.** To optimize the ttx signal dynamic, the values of RLV and CFL have been changed;

9.3 Parameter differences

Table 16. **Parameter differences**

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10 Package information

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.

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