White Rabbit Robustness & Standardization Work in Progress

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 - achieved through redundancy of elements & data and support for fast switchover (hot spare)



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Robust data distribution in a White Rabbit Network



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Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol:

- reconfig time: 1s
- tx in 1s: 100MB = 360k frames

Shortest Path Bridging Protocol

- reconfig time: 50ms
- tx in 50ms: 5MB = 18k frames

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Standardization can help in providing robust solution for CERN's current & future needs.

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IEEE 1588 standardization





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 - dedicated to White Rabbit
 - includes experts from companies & academia
 - chaired by Maciej Lipinski



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- Make High Accuracy (a.k.a WR) improvements to IEEE1588 attractive for different industries/vendors
- Integrate data-related WR solutions with proper standards

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