

White Rabbit Applications and Enhancements

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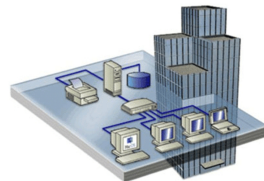
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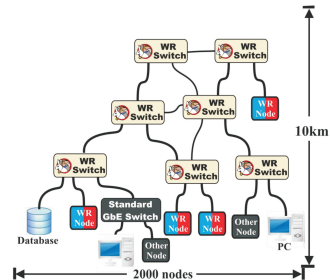
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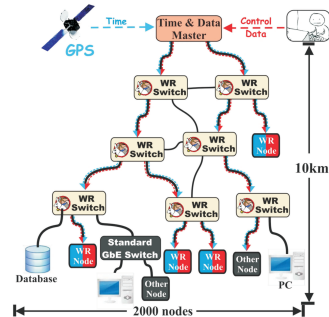
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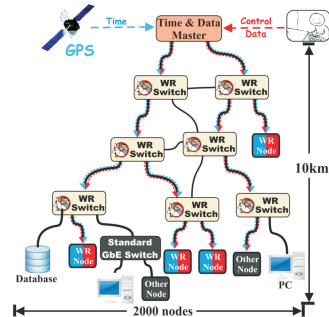
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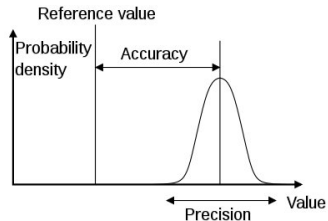
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- Non-exhaustive list of worldwide applications
 - **2018:** 564 nodes and 106 switches
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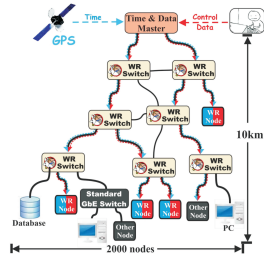
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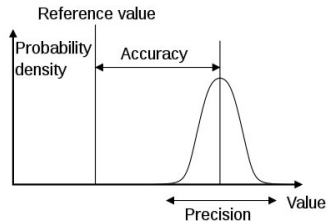


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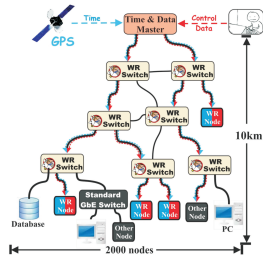


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 - Precision Time Protocol (PTP, IEEE1588)
 - Layer 1 syntonization
 - Phase measurement
 - Link delay model to compensate asymmetries



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Open **and** commercially available off-the-shelf

White Rabbit Switch

Creotech,
Poland



Seven Solutions,
Spain

Simple PCIe FMC carrier (SPEC)

Creotech, Poland
INCAA, Netherlands
Seven Solutions, Spain



Simple VME FMC carrier (SVEC)

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Digitizers
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Companies selling White Rabbit:

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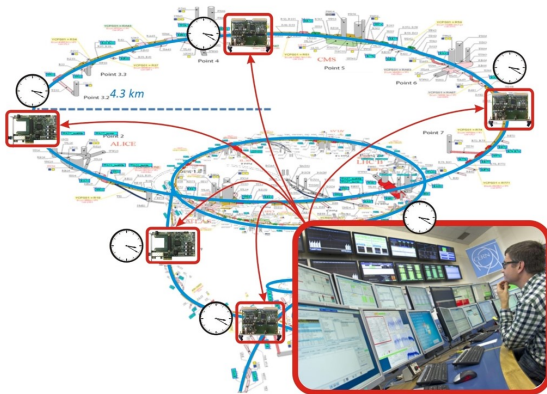
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- INRIM, NLP, LNE-SYRTE, MIKES, VSL work within EU-funded "White Rabbit Industrial Timing Enhancement" (WRITE) project

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SPS



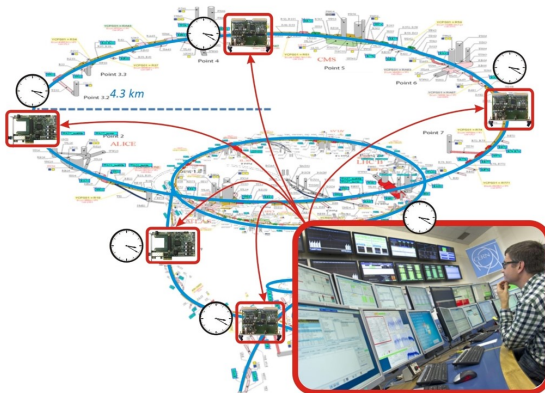
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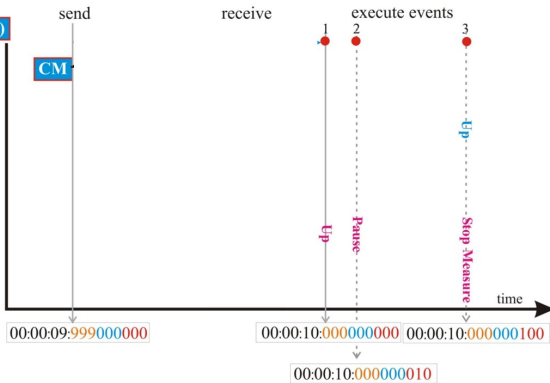
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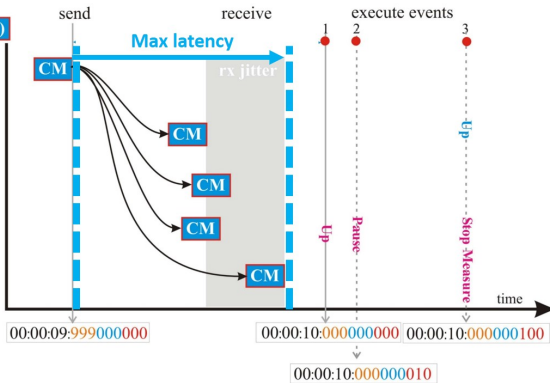
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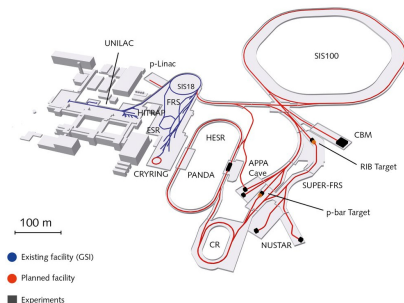


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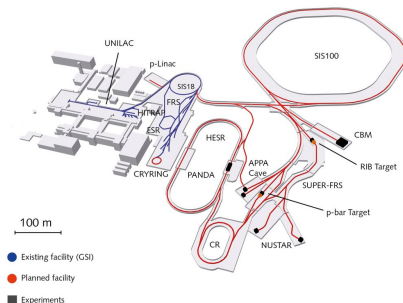
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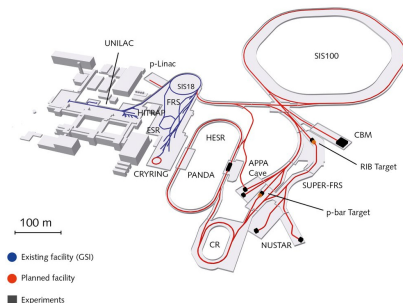
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- WR network at GSI:
 - Current: 134 nodes and 32 switches (operational since June 2018)
 - Final: 2000 WR nodes and 300 switches in 5 layers



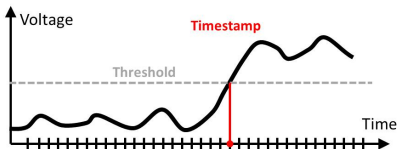
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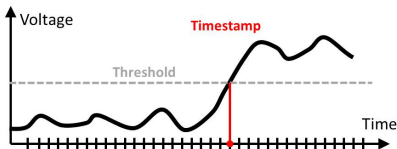
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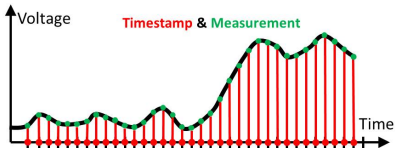
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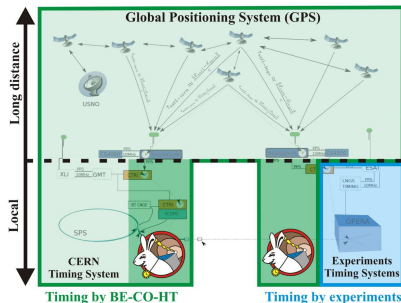


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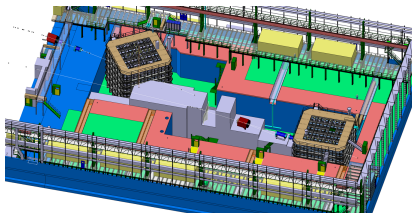
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CERN, later Fermi Lab in USA

2018: 14 nodes and 5 switches

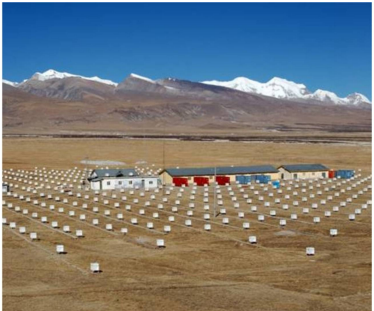
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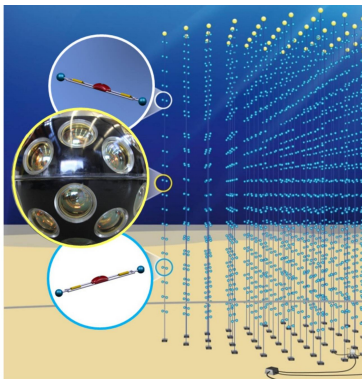
China, 4410 m above sea level

2018: 40 nodes and 4 switches

2020: 6734 nodes and 564 switches

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Mediterranean Sea, ~3000m depth
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2020: 6140 nodes and 400 switches

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2020: 1100 nodes and 90 switches

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Frankfurt, Germany
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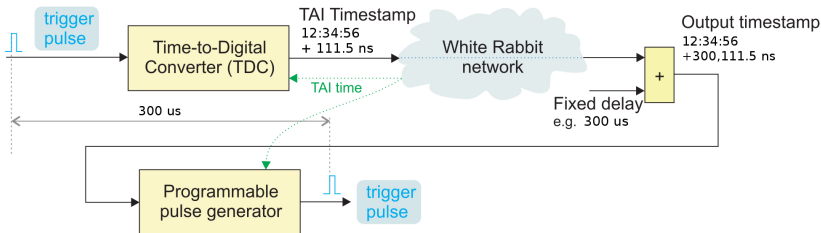
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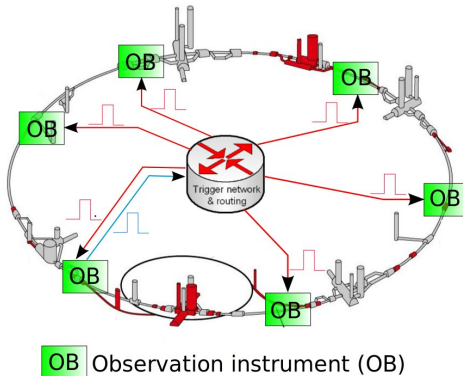
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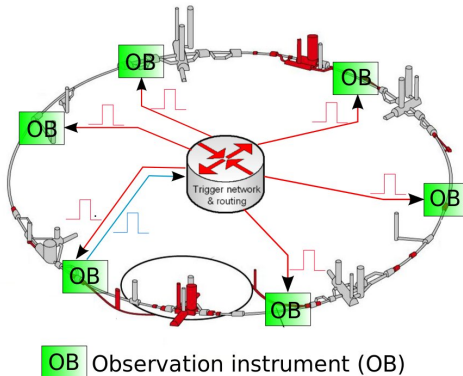
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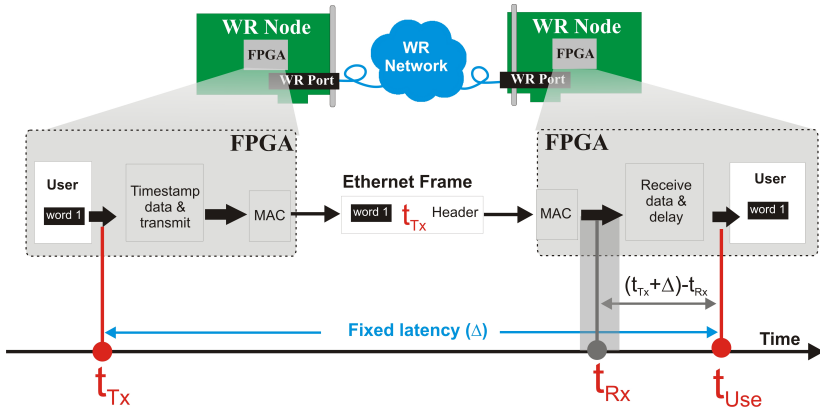


WRXI - White Rabbit eXtensions for Instrumentation - to replace CERN's Open Analog Signals Information System (OASIS)

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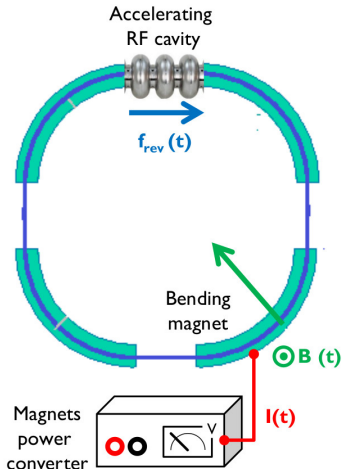
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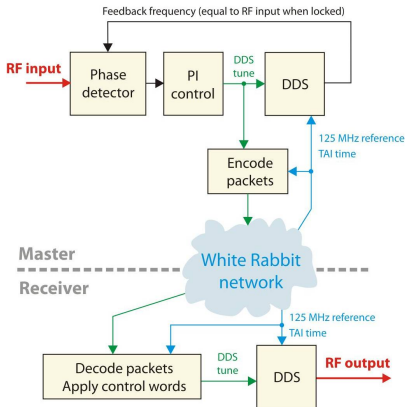
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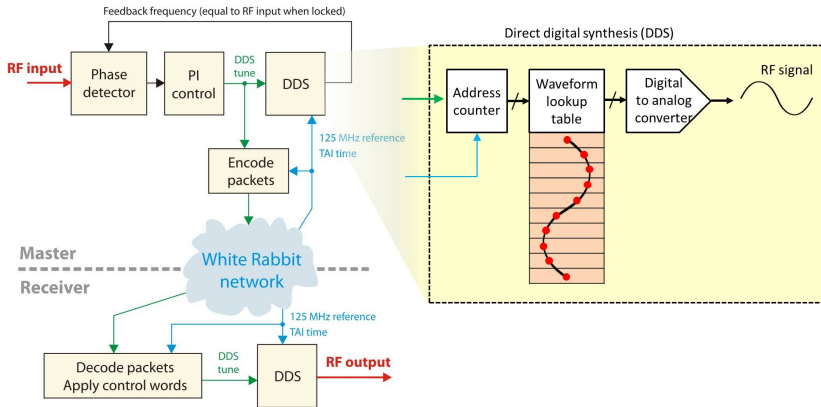
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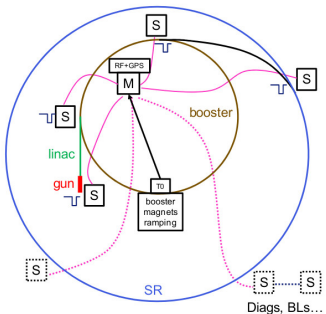
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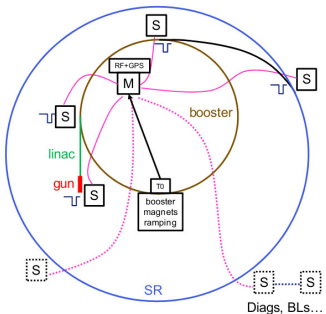


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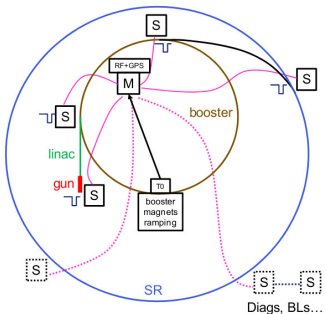
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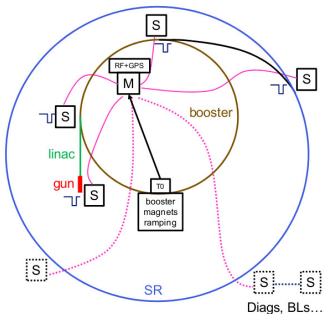
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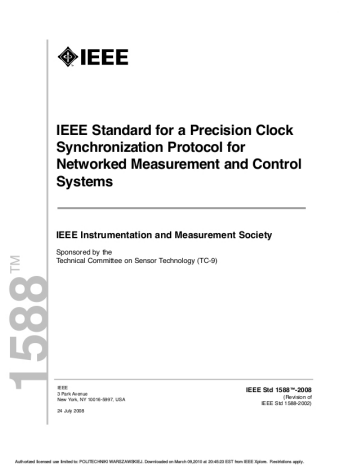
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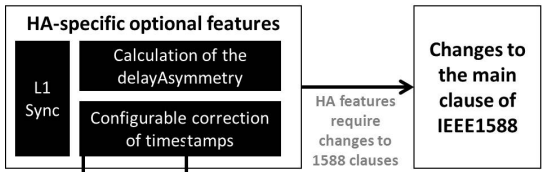
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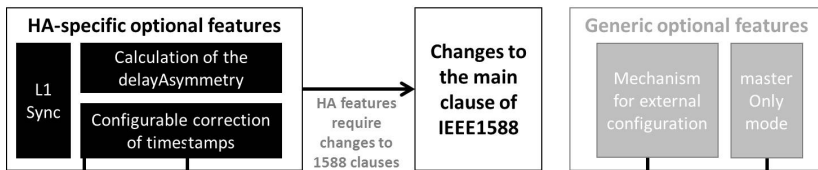
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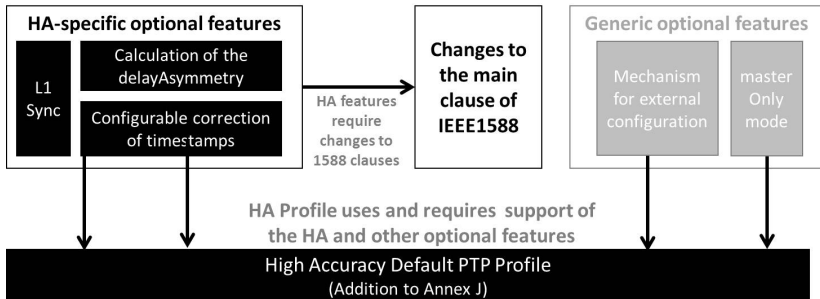
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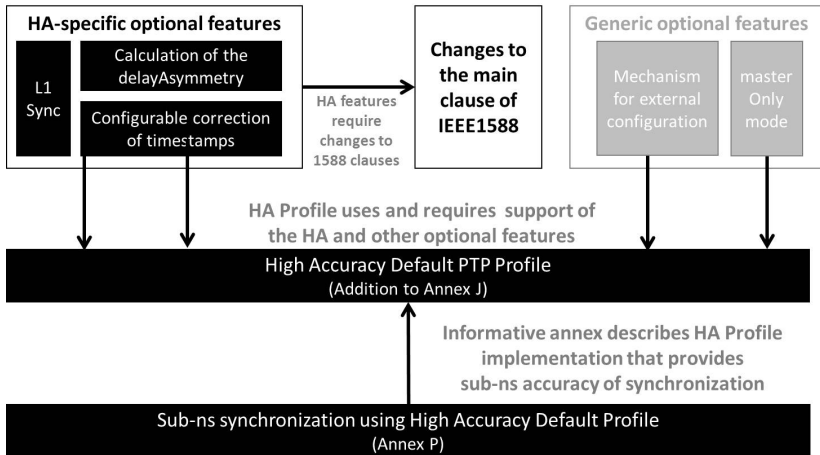
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