Towards Carrier Grade White Rabbit

WRS customization @Orange Polska

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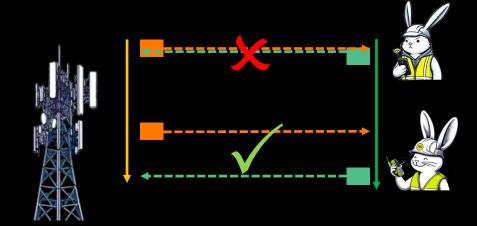


Why do we need Time & Frequency synchronization in Telecom

 Precise time synchronization is necessary for 5G TDD where base stations and mobile terminals transmit on the same frequency.

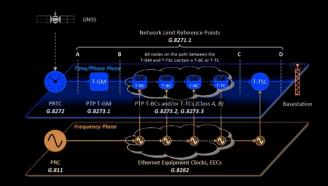
To avoid interferences the radio channel is shared in Time Division Duplex mode (TDD)

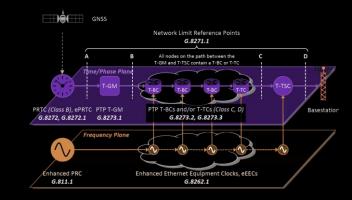
- Frequency synchronization is necessary to stabilize the frequency of the base station radio transmitters
- Telecom like any other IT-like infrastructure is timestamping log events, biling records, etc.



Telecom

- Time transfer is based on IEEE 1588v2 PTP and G.8275.1 profile (full on path support)
- Dominant transit clock implementation is T-BC
- 1500ns(classic) and 130ns(enhanced) network
 Time Error budget variants
- HW level PTP support & cost determines the architecture & topology
- Since GNSS is a primary time reference resiliency is a major concern





GNSS

GNSS is still reliable time reference, but diversity and network resiliency hardening is a must

Jamming and spoofing attacks are realistic thread

Search the Site... Increasing GNSS interference O A https://mtmd.org/2023/08/19/huge-increase-in-middle-east-jamming/ **EU** warn aviation X BLOG - LIBI April 11, 2023 - By Dana Goward BECOME A MEMBER WHO WE ARE ~ Huge Increase in Middle-East Jamming - C @ by Editor | Aug 19, 2023 | Blog **GPSJAM** Denmark 26.12.2023 08/16/2023 Significant Increase in GPS Interference in the Middle East 25 May to 16 August 2023 (GPSJam.org)

Data provided by adsbexchange.co

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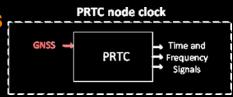
Resiliency is enhanced by supplementing GNSS with independent primary references and advanced features

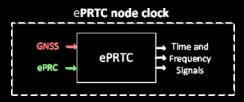
PRTC -> geo-redundancy

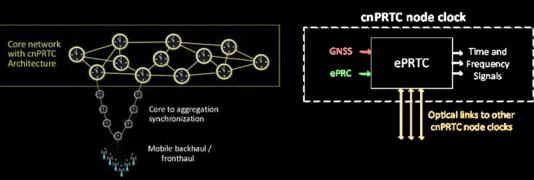
ePRTC -> +independent cesium(s)

cnPRTC -> +(mesh architecture)

Where is a mesh, there must be a lot of connections...







Raising a shield and looking for defender

- Primary reference sharing
- HATT connection with UTC (national)
- cnPRTC mesh
- Reference measurement network (measurements in the absence of GNSS)

... sounds like a task for the small animal

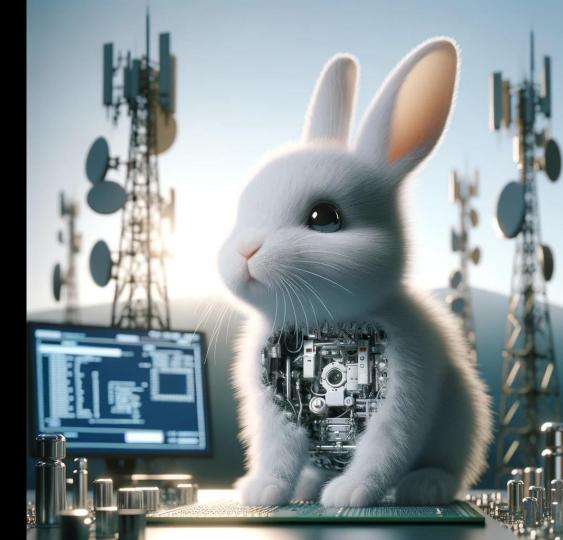


Reliable & friendly time provider

- Familiar technology components: PTP & SyncE
- Best accuracy & precision for the price
- Open technology SW* and HW* (mostly)
- Customizable
- Field proven



White Rabbit Switch The device



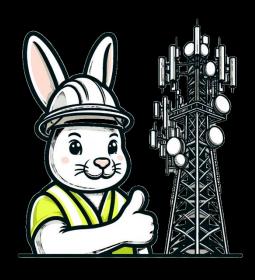
White Rabbit and the Telecom World

Our (Telco) expectations

- Reboot-less configuration
 - runtime parameters update
 - runtime enabling/disabling/creating/deleting resources
- Robust, flexible in-band and out-band management
 - L2
 - L3



White Rabbit and the Telecom World



Telco expectations – cont.

- Configuration preservation during firmware upgrades
- CLI that comply with industry standards
- Diagnostic tools and extensive logging capability
- Umbrella systems integration (events report/read/write)
- Web GUI (complementary)

White Rabbit and the Telecom World

Telco expectations – cont.

- Security
- ITU G.8275.1 PTP profile
- ITU G.8262/G.8264 ESMC + adaptation to WRS



White Rabbit general enhancements



Advanced features

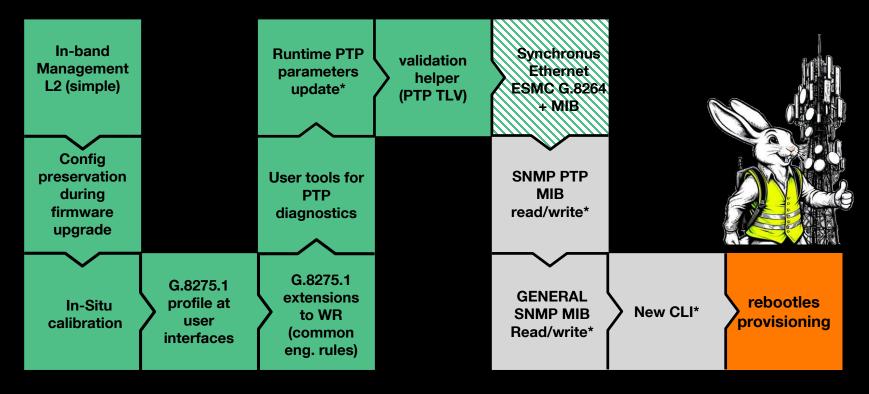
- Insitu calibration
- HATT time validation enhancement
- Adaptation between telco and White Rabbit specific timing ecosystem
 - common engineering rules



... in small steps





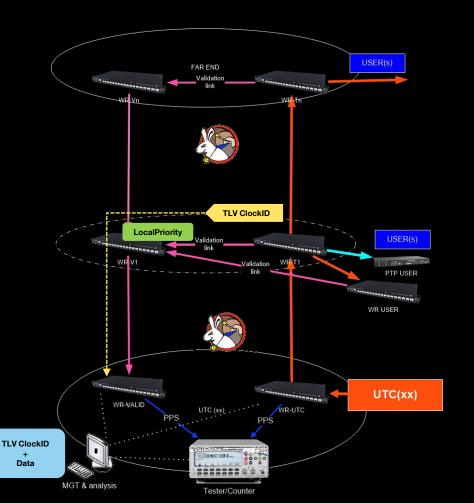


Orange HATT setup enhancement

High accuracy Time Transfer with validation loop

Default Profile BMCA limitation

- Remote Clock related: Priority1, ClockClass,
 Accuracy, offsetScalledLogVariance, Priority2, ClockID
- Topology related (stepsRemoved, PortId,...)
- There is no parameter to control the selection proces in the local context
- Solution: G.8275.1 alt BMCA in the White Rabbit core
 - LocalPriority
 - Runtime PTP datasets manipulation
 - Clock ID in announce TLV
 - Default ClockID overwrite



Orange HATT setup enhancement



wrs_bmca_stat

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WR Switch BMCA Monitor v6.1-86-q4b8e09a5 [q = quit]
WR time (TAI) : 2023-03-02 19:55:08.008333 Leap seconds: 37
Switch time (UTC): 2023-03-02 19:54:31.008323 TAI-UTC : +37.000010
                                         BMCA: Telecom ITU-T G.8275.1
PLL mode: BC PLL locking state: LOCKED
                   wril:White-Rabbit: TRACK PHASE
              Grand Master Id |prio1|clockClass| accuracy |logVar|prio2|stepsRm|sourcePortIdentity(peerPort)|
                                                                                                               |YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss.ms GM activated
70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:ea:d7| 128|
                             6(GM) | 0x21(100ns) | 47360 | 128 | 3rdHop|70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:ea:fd.0002|
                                                                                                      0x20(GNSS)|2023-03-02 19:53:48.496( 0d 0h 0m42s512ms ago)
70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e2:3b| 128|
                            248 (BC) | 0xFE (unkn) | 65535 | 128 | 1stHop | 70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e2:3b.0001 |
                                                                                              0xA0(intOscillator)|2023-03-01 19:31:01.986( 1d 0h23m29s022ms ago)
70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e9:ba| 128|
                            248 (BC) | 0xFE (unkn) | 65535 | 128 | 0thHop | 70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e9:ba.0000 |
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70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e0:87| 128|
                            248(BC) | 0xFE(unkn) | 65535| 128| 2ndHop|70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:ea:fd.0002|
                                                                                              0xA0(intOscillator) | 2023-02-09 16:29:35.371( 21d 3h24m55s637ms ago)
70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e2:3b| 128|
                            248(BC) | 0xFE(unkn) | 65535| 128| 1stHop|70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e2:3b.0001|
                                                                                              0xA0(intOscillator)|2023-02-09 16:29:27.950( 21d 3h25m 3s058ms ago)
                            248(BC) | 0xFE(unkn) | 65535 | 128 | 0thHop|70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e9:ba.0000 |
                                                                                              0xA0(intOscillator)|2023-02-09 16:28:25.081( 21d 3h26m 5s927ms ago)
70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e9:ba| 128|
iface|inst| Grand Master Clock Id |clockClass| accuracy |logVar|prio2|locPrio|stepsRm|sourcePortIdentity(peerPort)|
                                                                                                                        |tlvClockId in announce |lastAnn(s)| why worse
wri1 | 0 |70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:ea:d7|
                                6(GM) | 0x21(100ns) | 47360 | 128
                                                                                                                 0x20 (GNSS) | 70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e0:87
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                                                                  128 | 3rdHop | 70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:ea:fd.0002
localClock|70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e9:ba| 248(BC)| 0xFE(unkn)| 65535| 128|
                                                                 128 | 0thHop|70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e9:ba.0001|
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                                                                                                                                                    0.000|clock class
r - refresh; f - freeze GUI; frgn master list: a - enable extra columns, s - enable sorting;
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Orange HATT setup enhancement

Runtime modifications of PTP datasets with ppsi_conf enhancements

- LocalPriority
- ClockID
- Domain
- Priority1
- Priority2

```
The program has the following options:
                    - print help
                    - verbose output
Global parameters:
 --alpha=<alpha64bit>
                     change currently used alpha
                      the value is in fpa format, like displayed in wr mon
                      NOTE: the changed value is lost on link down/up
  -- announce-send-clockid=<yes|no|1|0>
                    - configure sending clockId in a TLV attached to announce
  --clock-identity=<XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX>
                    - overwrite default clock identity
                    - change PPSI's global diagnostics to <num>
  -domain=<num> - change the domain number to <num>
                    - select BMCA to used
                      ptp=standard; externalPortConfiguration=extPortConf
                      NOTE: changing the role for externalPortConfiguration is not implemented

    sets the global profile; ha wr, ha and wr are the same profile;

                      setting a global profile (also to the current one) may change number
                      of global attributes to its default values (not necessary the same
                      as defined in ppsi.conf);
                      changing a global profile to custom does not change any parameters;
                      sets the local priority for local clock used by BMCA as defined in
  --insitu-log=<off|disable|0|on|enable|1|crtt>
                    - enable/disable printout of timestamps used for insitu
                      calculations; use parameter crtt to print round-trip-time
                      instead of timestamps
                      define file for insitu logs;
  --insitu-log-samples=<n>
                     print only defined number of t3t4 samples; 0 - infinite
  --priority1=<num> - set priority 1 to <num>
 --priority2=<num> - set priority 2 to <num> --tracking=<off|disable|0|on|enable|1|toggle|2|insitu|3>
                    - enable/disable/toggle tracking in servo; or enable insitu mode
Parameters specific for PPSi instance:
  --ppi=<num|all> - Select PPSi instance <num> or all instances
  --autonegotiation=<on|off|enable|disable|1|0>
                      enable or disable extension autonegotiation
                     sets logarithm to the base 2 of the mean interval of
                      announce message transmission: used when a nort is in Master state
                    - sets logarithm to the base 2 of the mean interval of delay
                      request message transmission; used when a port is in Slave state
  -diags-inst=<num>
                    - change PPSI's instance/port diagnostics to <num>
                      order: FSM, Time, Frames, Servo, BMC, Extension, Configuration
                     sets the extension; extension has to be supported by a selected profile
  --profile=<ptp|wr|ha|ha wr|telecom|custom>
                     sets the profile; ha wr, ha and wr are the same profile
                      setting a profile (also to the current one) may change number
                      of attributes to its default values (not necessary the same
                      as defined in ppsi.conf);
                      changing a profile to custom does not change any parameters;
                    - sets logarithm to the base 2 of the mean interval of sync
                      message transmission; used when a port is in Master state
                    - sets the local priority used by by BMCA defined in
Version: wr-switch-sw-v6.1-218-gf49c1c0e compiled by Adam Wujek on Feb 22 2024, 01:38:37
wrs-192.168.1.16#
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Orange ppsi_conf

ppsi conf extra features

- **BMCA** mode
- Insitu calibration

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Global parameters:
  --alpha=<alpha64bit>
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                      NOTE: the changed value is lost on link down/up
                    - configure sending clockId in a TLV attached to announce
  --clock-identity=<XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX
                   - overwrite default clock identity
  --diags=<num>
                   - change PPSI's global diagnostics to <num>
                     order: FSM, Time, Frames, Servo, BMC, Extension, Configuration
                   - change the domain number to <num>
                    - select BMCA to used
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                      instead of timestamps
                     define file for insitu logs;
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                     print only defined number of t3t4 samples; 0 - infinite
  --priority1=<num> - set priority 1 to <num>
  --tracking=<off|disable|0|on|enable|1|toggle|2|insitu|3>
Parameters specific for PPSi instance:
  --ppi=<num|all> - Select PPSi instance <num> or all instances
  --port=<num|all> - Select all instances on a defined port <num> or all
  --autonegotiation=<on|off|enable|disable|1|0>
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The program has the following options:

Orange BMCA monitor



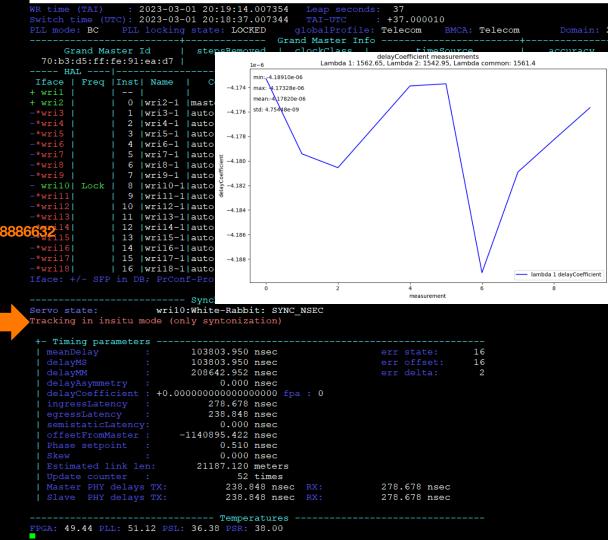
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WR Switch BMCA Monitor v6.1-86-q4b8e09a5 [q = quit]
WR time (TAI) : 2023-02-19 09:38:10.005162 Leap seconds: 37
Switch time (UTC): 2023-02-19 09:37:33.005154 TAI-UTC : +37.000008
PLL mode: BC PLL locking state: LOCKED
                                      BMCA: Telecom ITU-T G.8275.1
                wril:White-Rabbit: TRACK PHASE
------ Grand Master History Info
  Grand Master Id |prio1|clockClass| accuracy |logVar|prio2|stepsRm|
                                                                              YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss.ms
70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e0:87| 128| 248(BC)| 0xFE(unkn)| 65535| 128| 4thHop|
                                                               0xA0(intOscillator) | 2023-02-09 16:29:55.957( 9d17h 7m37s048ms ago)
70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:e2:3b| 128| 248(BC)| 0xFE(unkn)| 65535| 128| 1stHop|
                                                               0xA0(intOscillator)|2023-02-09 16:29:28.281( 9d17h 8m 4s724ms ago)
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                                                            128| 4thHop|
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      localClock|70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:ea:b1| 248(BC)| 0xFE(unkn)| 65535| 128|
                                                                            128| OthHop|70:b3:d5:ff:fe:91:ea:b1.0001|
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      r - refresh; f - freeze GUI; from master list: a - enable extra columns, s - enable sorting;
      GUI Frozen!
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Orange extra

In situ calibration ported to WRS firmware

Peter Jansweijer, Henk Peek

https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/abstract/document/8886632114



Implementation and way forward

Where we are & plans

- Implementation of the planned functionality into the White Rabbit Switch firmware - progress 60%
- Merge into CERN release in two phases (preliminary plan):
 - Q4 2024 feature set 1*
 - Q3 2025 feature set 2*
- Joining White Rabbit Collaboration*



Thank you

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Backup slides



Credits

All cute rabbit pictures generated by Al

Orange Polska – implementaion ...



Provisioning

- Dynamic (runtime) via ppsi_conf with no permanent effect
- Static via wrs_menuconfig permanent change

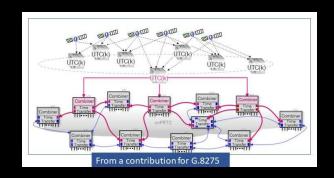
Monitoring & tools

New CLI tool wrs_bmca_stat ppsi_conf extensions

cnPRTC

G.8272.2 introduce coherent network primary reference time clocks

White Rabbit / IEEE1588 HA profile links between clock in the mesh



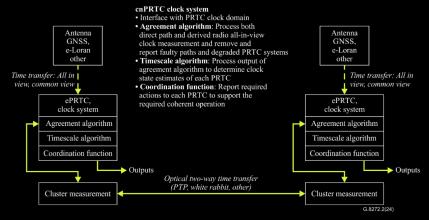


Figure I.2 - Coherent network PRTC functional architecture

White Rabbit positioning in the Telecom

- Core
 - Reference signals
- TaaS HA core/access

White Rabbit / IEEE1588 - High Accuracy Profile



- Aggregation
- Access
- Mobile backhaul/fronthaul

PTP G.8275.1 + SyncE

future expansion area of IEEE1588 HA ?? (I wish)