

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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To answer to these questions, we will first review time transfer potential applications of basic technologies and describe some new developments (Protocol, HW, SW). We will also review the main issue in time transfer: security, availability, cybercriminal resistant , resilience.

On technology side, We then identify and review pro & cons of these alternative solutions compared to the well-established GNSS based solutions, which are still the reference, despite its inherent and proven vulnerabilities and drawbacks. We will introduce other solutions to protocol-based fiber-based time transfer, NTP, PTP, WR, IEEE 1588, etc. We will explain why these solutions are chosen, because of the huge deployment of IP-based communication, of the low cost of implementation, the deployment in all and any systems, and because of the PTP activity. We will also consider the impact of fiber and network configuration on the timing accuracy. We will also introduce alternative time dissemination technologies such as LEO / RF (DCF 77 operated by PTB in Germany, WWVB operated by NIST in US, active in some countries, S Korea, China, down by other countries), AM (audio modulation) based technologies (AM modulation, SDH/SONET header, DCF 77, IEEE 1588), but technology proven, ground repeaters network , assisted GNSS.

We will first describe tools and best practices in GNSS timing. We will also introduce the NMA recently introduced,...) at signal level , using a single antenna, dual antennas, and receiver protection (RAIM/T-POL). We will also describe how to use ground references, spoofing detection software, and the potential of GNSS timing.

On market and user side, We will consider some trends supporting this analysis : digital traffic growth, Smart grid and Energy, time stamping, telecom or Data Center synchronization.

microsecond or sub-microsecond

We consider the rapid growth of telecom traffic over the last year, and the introduction of wireless technologies. The obsolescence of SDH equipment will lead to its replacement; either by similar technologies or by optical transport networks. The Telecom market will be pushed by the demand and based on the optical fiber.

And finally, the accurate and reliable time will pave the way towards the deployment of remote sensing, paving the way towards a new era of connectivity.

Main list of Industrial sectors to be discussed are :

- Fintech
- Telecommunications
- Data centers
- Manufacturing
- Transportation
- Airports
- Power generation
- Water management
- Space
- Computing
- Distribution
- Transport data flow,
- Time synchronization,
- Timing, synchronization (GNSS back up or stand alone synchronization solution)

- timing in encryption
- time stamping (documents, paper free,...)
- potential new application (autonomous cars, synchronization)

A critical technical issue is the security. One of the driving forces behind fiber-based time transfer is the acknowledged vulnerability of GNSS to any and all fiber-based solution will have to be, by far, more secure than GNSS, incident resistant,) than GNSS-based solutions. IP world is a bit more complex. IP security along with specific PTP/WR security issues will be a major “MUST” within all these deployments. As any IP based solution is sensitive to classical IP attack , such as Packet Injection or Denial of Service, “fake or generated” delay in the time of flight between transmitting and receiving time signals must be protected from any manipulation.

We will conclude by a review of new applications, new industrial and commercial accurate time distribution activities on top of the classical area of time transfer.

- introducing time stamping of raw data
- introducing the concept of “Time as a Service”, traceable to a given reference point (synchronized) Data Center. The Data Center need to be synchronized. The Data Center might be the best reference point.

Chapter A provides some basic information about fiber-based time transfer as an alternative to GNSS,

Chapter B provides some basic information about the proposed technologies (A) migrating SDH towards PTP, and (B) independent timing technology.

In chapter C we describe how to require, timing, **accuracy, availability, traceability**, dealing with time stamp (time stamp of raw data), the trend to center, ... time frame.

In chapter D we offload measures of our estimation and simulation of the size of potential activity in individual markets.

In chapter E we emphasize the fact that fiber-based timing technology is “everywhere”, and the solutions discussed here may relay on IP based protocols, NTP (and secure NTS) , IEEE 1588 PTP over traffic network or over dedicated channels, and we observe also that, due to the integration of the White Rabbit technology in the IEEE standard (as HA High Accuracy profile) our recommendation on technology targets PTP, under all standardized profile, telecom, energy, security, High accuracy,....

ment of fiber-based time transfer mean that fiber-based time transfer is more secure, natural and robust. “WR” and the generic **security** is the next challenge. IP and WR are both sensitive to any manipulation. All boxes carrying or

market deployment towards introduce new potential applications described above, such as :

e, aiming to disseminate time signals, and addressing time provision from local sources (time stamp, telecom, fintech, ...) . Data Centers operation, and such synchronized Data Centers are fully traceable and accurate time.

introduce fiber-based time transfer as a main

WR technologies, compared to other fiber based technologies, introduce some hints of telecom network evolution, work done in Europe pointing out the need for GNSS

applications , domains and market, requiring, or expected needs of each individual sectors, in **terms of accuracy**, dealing with time stamp of raw data, fintech Data Center, Energy, usually mentioned when talking about documents - patents, ..., time in encryption and security, time stamp and introducing the concept of “Time as a Service”, following the “service” tools and technologies, similar to colocation Data Centers to allow us the size of these various potential markets (and their

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In parallel we are introducing GNSS receiver improvement options, hybridation by “improved security GNSS” PLUS alternative timing option as countermeasure or “trustability” reference.... There still a huge GNSS receiver market, but that alternative and backup technologies, to help to provide, not only the system specifically the availability and security requested by the system. As said in Telecom, 5G timing does not have more stringent time requirement for operation... not more stringent, just most critical...

. We also conclude that the activity driven by time dissemination remains we have discussed

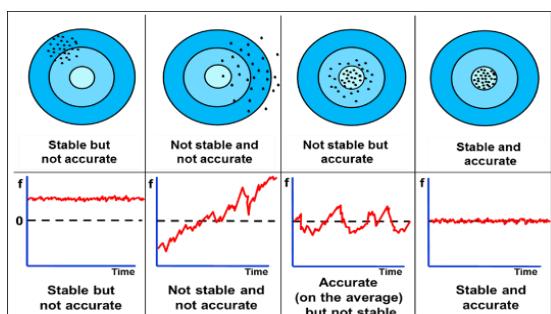
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GLOSSARY

- BIPM Bureau International de l'Heure, collecting data from NMI, performing data treatment and providing UTC time (paper time scale)
- DER Distributed Energy Resource
- DTP Data Center Time Protocol
- GNSS Global Navigation Satellite System (includes GPS, Galileo, Glonass, Beidou,...)
- IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, providing set of norms
- ITU International Telecommunication Union, a UN agency dedicated to telecom, providing telecom norms
- MiM Man in the Middle
- NTP: network time protocol RFC
- OTN Optical Transport Network (read full optical), next generation transport Network, full optical
- PI packet injector
- PTP : Precision time protocol, IEEE 1588
- PMU Phasor Measurement Unit : performing voltage and phase measurement of electric signal
- RAIM / T.RAIM : Receiver autonomous Integrity Monitoring
- SDH Synchronous Digital Hierarchy, the telecom transport technology since 90's in Europe, South & Latin Americas, Africa, SEA, Asia (but Japan), Russia,..
- SONET Synchronous Optical Network
- TOR Top of Rack
- UTC Universal Time Coordinated: it is a “paper time scale” defined by BIPM from a set of 100's of atomic clocks disseminated around the world
- UTC(k) UTC local physical representation by a physical clock of lab (k)
- WR : White Rabbit: synchronization protocol developed by CERN, based on PTP 1588,

Some words must in T&F metrology should be accurately defined: See VIM, International vocabulary of metrology, BIPM JCGM 200.2012

Accuracy, stability: described in the graph below, are the proper words to use in time and frequency
Precision is not commonly used in T&F. Include generally ideas of accuracy + noise



Traceability : process able to demonstrate, after use, that the time used in a time stamping or synchronization process was the proper one at time of use (non refutation)

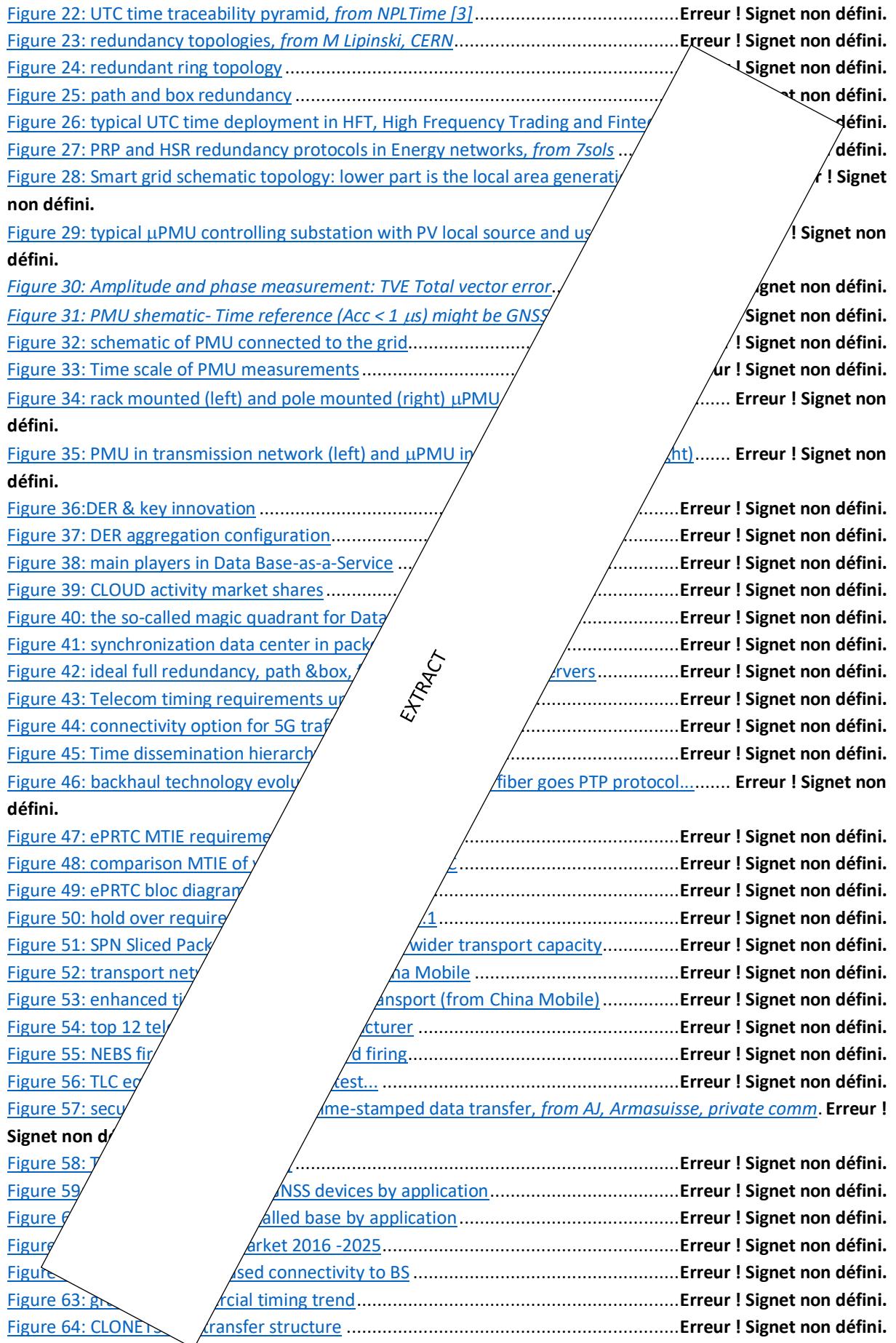
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