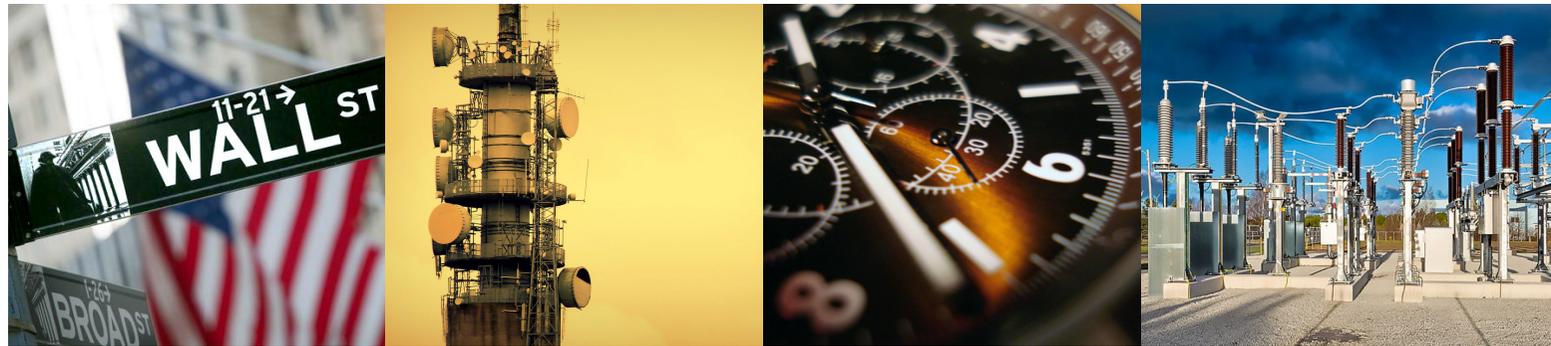


Net.Time applications



Net.Time is a Grandmaster and Boundary clock that supports PTP and NTP over PRP and multiple input/output options such as IRIG-B, 1PPS, ToD and SyncE to satisfy all timing needs of power utility, enterprise and telecom applications

Just in Time

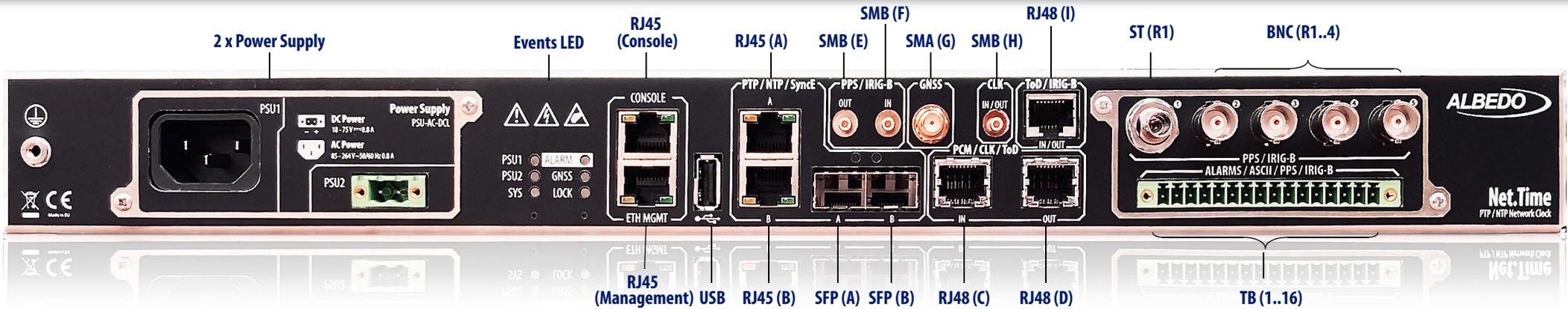


ALBEDO a Global manufacturer of Testers & Timing appliances



3 x Models: ϕ (Phi), Ω (Omega), T (Tau)

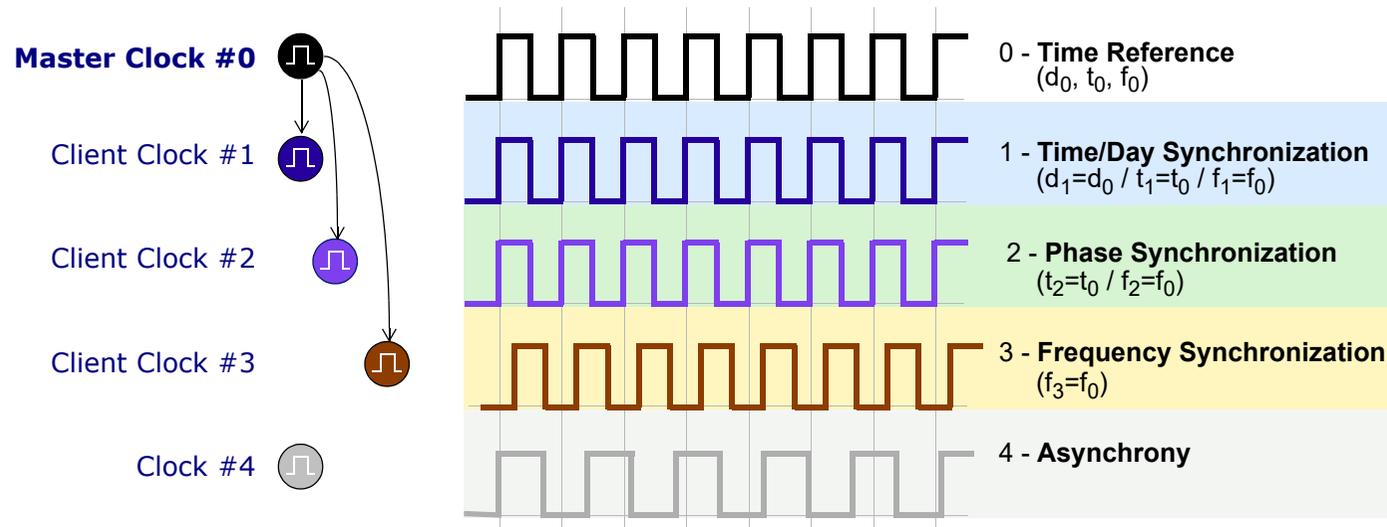
		Net.Time ϕ (Phi)	Net.Time Ω (Omega)	Net.Time T (Tau)
DIFFERENCES	Default rate	100 Mb/s	1 Gb/s	1 Gb/s
	Alarm relay contacts	Optional	Optional	-
	Display	Yes	Optional	-
	Modules	Optional	Optional	-
	IRIG-B	Yes (i/o)	Optional	-
	NTP	Yes (o)	Yes (o)	-
	PRP	Optional	Optional	-
	PTP Power profile	Yes (i/o)	Optional	-
	PTP Telecom profile	-	Optional	Yes (i/o)
	SyncE	-	Optional	Yes (i/o)
COMMON FEATURES	Platform	19", 1 RU, Aluminum case		
	Temperature	-40 ~ +70°C (Passive cooling)		
	Power Supply	Redundant (2 x Sockets): • AC: 100 ~ 240 VAC, 50- 60 Hz (IEC 60320 C13/C14) • DC: 18 ~ 75 VDC or 43 ~ 160 VDC (2-pin 5.1 mm) • AC/DC: 85 - 264 VAC and 100 - 370 VDC (2-pin 5.1 mm)		
	GNSS	72 channels (GPS, GLONASS, BeiDou, Galileo)		
	Oscillators	OCXO, Rubidium		
	Accuracy	GNSS <40 ns, ToD <10 ns		
	Holdover	• Rubidium: 100 ns @ 10h; 500 ns @ 24 hours; 1 μ s @ 48 hours • OCXO: 500 ns @ 2 hours; 1 μ s @ 4 hours; 5 μ s @ 24 hours		
	PTP Default profile	All models		
	Time signals (in/out)	PTP, NTP(out), ToD, n x PPS, IRIG-B, SyncE, MHz, T1, E1		
	Protocol Translator	Any input signal or protocol to any output signal or protocol		
Configuration	Slave / Master / Boundary (up to 512 unicast clients)			
Management	Web Server, CLI, Syslog, SNMP v2, v3			



Net.Time is a Grandmaster clock designed to simplify migration to PTP protocol from previous generation architectures. Net.Time offers seamless translation while offering a high variety of clock reference inputs and outputs that may be used as primary or backup references, monitoring and synchronization.

	GNSS	PTP	NTP	ToD	IRIG-B	PPS	PP2S	SyncE	T1/E1	MHz	ASCII	Alarm
RJ45 (A)		out	out					in/out				
RJ45 (B)		in	out					in/out				
SFP (A)		out	out					in/out				
SFP (B)		in	out					in/out				
SMB (E)					out	out	out					
SMB (F)					in	in	in					
SMB (H)										in/out		
SMA (G)	in											
RJ48 (I)				in/out	in/out							
RJ48 (C)				in					in	in		
RJ48 (D)				out					out	out		
ST (R1)					out	out						
BNC (R1..4)					out	out						
TB(1..16)					out	out					out	out

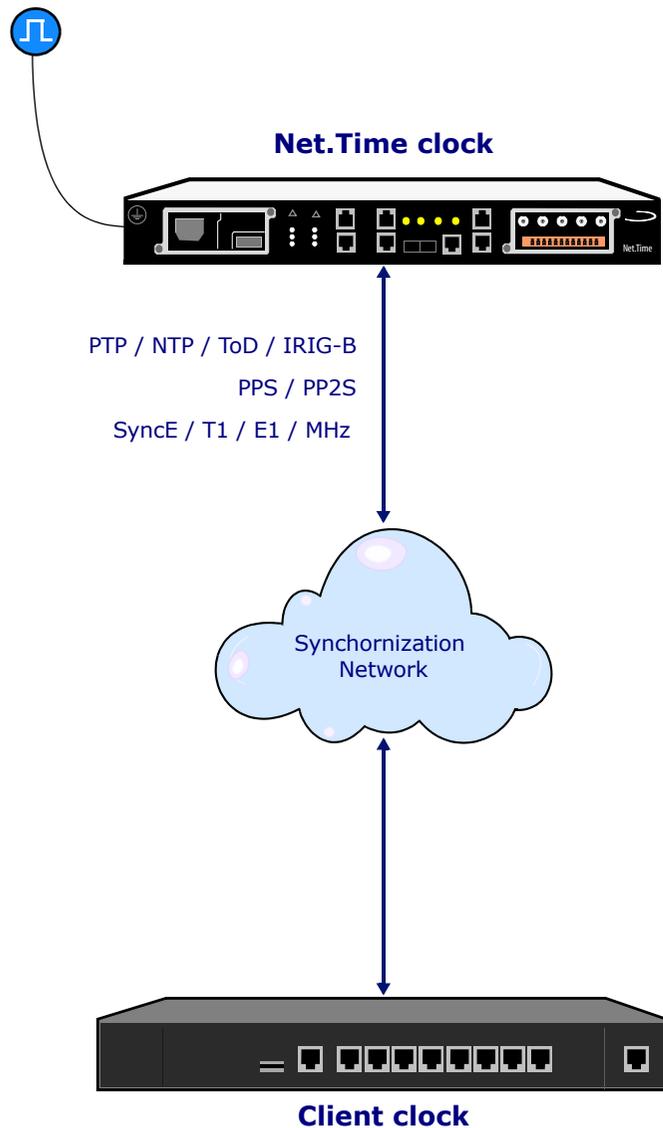
About Synchronization



Synchronization aims to discipline clocks in a network to a common time reference.

- **Master Clock #0** is the time reference defined by a Day (d_0), Phase (p_0) and Frequency (f_0)
- **Client Clock #1** is disciplined to the Master on Day (d_0), Phase (p_0) and Frequency (f_0)
- **Client Clock #2** is disciplined to the Master only on Phase (p_0) and Frequency (f_0)
- **Client Clock #3** is disciplined to the Master only on Frequency (f_0)
- **Clock #4** is not disciplined at all

Even when initially set accurately, real clocks will differ after some amount of time due to clock drift, caused by clocks counting time at slightly different rates.



Net.Time can synchronize by means of several signals that can be grouped according the following hierarchy.

Time/Day Synchronization which is the most comprehensive as provide day, phase & frequency:

- PTP
- NTP
- ToD
- IRIG-B

Phase or Time Synchronization: can only provide phase and frequency:

- PPS
- PP2S

Frequency Synchronization: can only provide frequency:

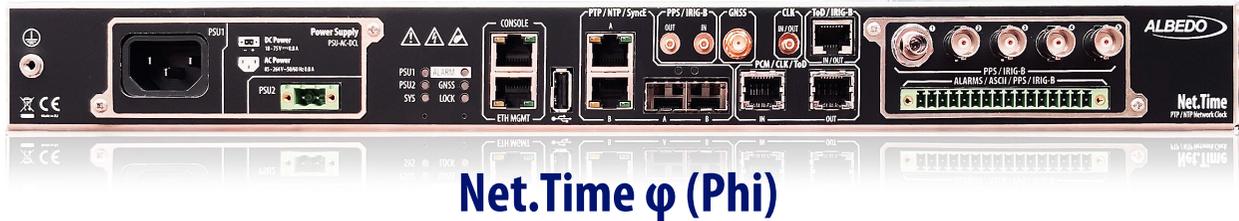
- T1
- E1
- SyncE
- MHz

Platform

- 19" / ETSI/1U/201 mm rack mount
- Fanless operation
- Weight: 1.9 kg / 4.2 lb
- Storage: -40 ~ +85° C
- Operating: -40 ~ +70°C
- Operating humidity: 0 ÷ 95%RH (non condensing)
- Redundant power supply
- LEDs
- USB: Soft / Firmware upgrade
- ϕ (Phi), Ω (Omega), T (Tau)



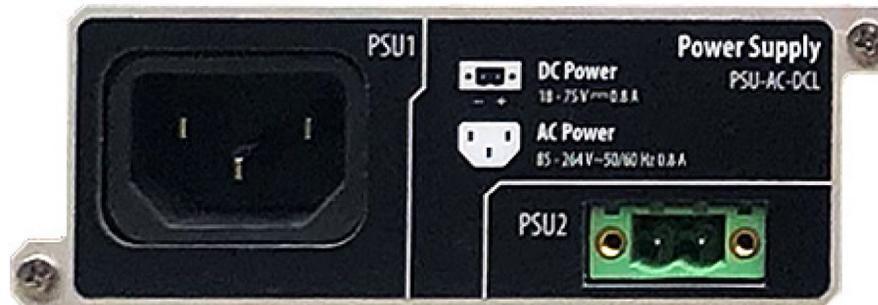
Net.Time T (Tau)



Net.Time ϕ (Phi)



Net.Time Ω (Omega)



Multiple combinations

- Single: AC, DC, ACDC.
- Double: AC+AC, AC+DC, DC+DC, AC+ACDC, DC+ACDC, ACDC+ACDC
- AC: 100 ~ 240 VAC, 50- 60 Hz (IEC 60320 C13/C14)
- DC: 18 ~ 75 VDC or 43 ~160 VDC (2-pin 5.1 mm)
- ACDC: 85 - 264 VAC and 100 - 370 VDC (2-pin 5.1 mm)



Internal Oscillator

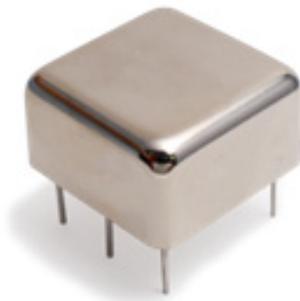
- Rubidium better than $\pm 5.0 \text{ e-}11$
- OCXO better than $\pm 0.1 \text{ ppm}$
- Internal time reference better than $\pm 2.0 \text{ ppm}$

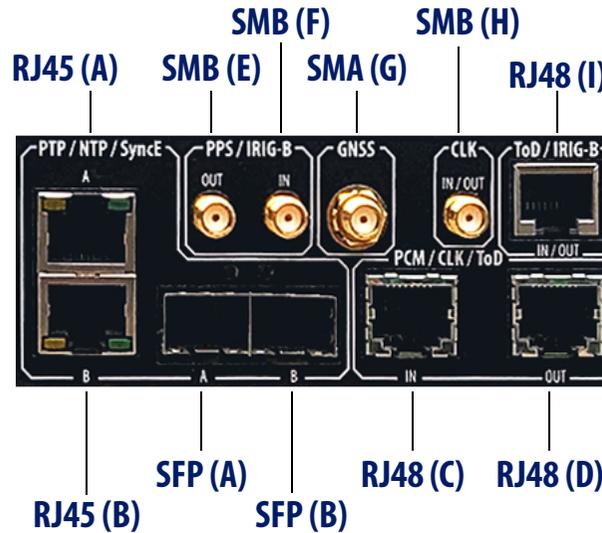
GNSS locked:

- Rubidium Time/Phase Accuracy to UTC: $\pm 40 \text{ ns}$
- OCXO Time/Phase Accuracy to UTC: $\pm 45 \text{ ns}$

Hold-over

- Rubidium: $100 \text{ ns @ } 10\text{h}$, $500 \text{ ns @ } 24\text{h}$, $1\mu\text{s @ } 48 \text{ hours}$
- OCXO: $500 \text{ ns @ } 2\text{h}$, $1\mu\text{s @ } 4 \text{ h}$, $5\mu\text{s @ } 24 \text{ hours}$ Freerun
- Output freq. accuracy (7.5 minutes warm up): $\pm 1 \text{ e-}9$
- Output freq. accuracy on shipment (24 h warm up): $\pm 5.0 \text{ e-}11$
- Aging (1 day, 24 hours warm up): $\pm 0.5 \text{ e-}11$
- Aging (1 year): $\pm 1 \text{ e-}9$



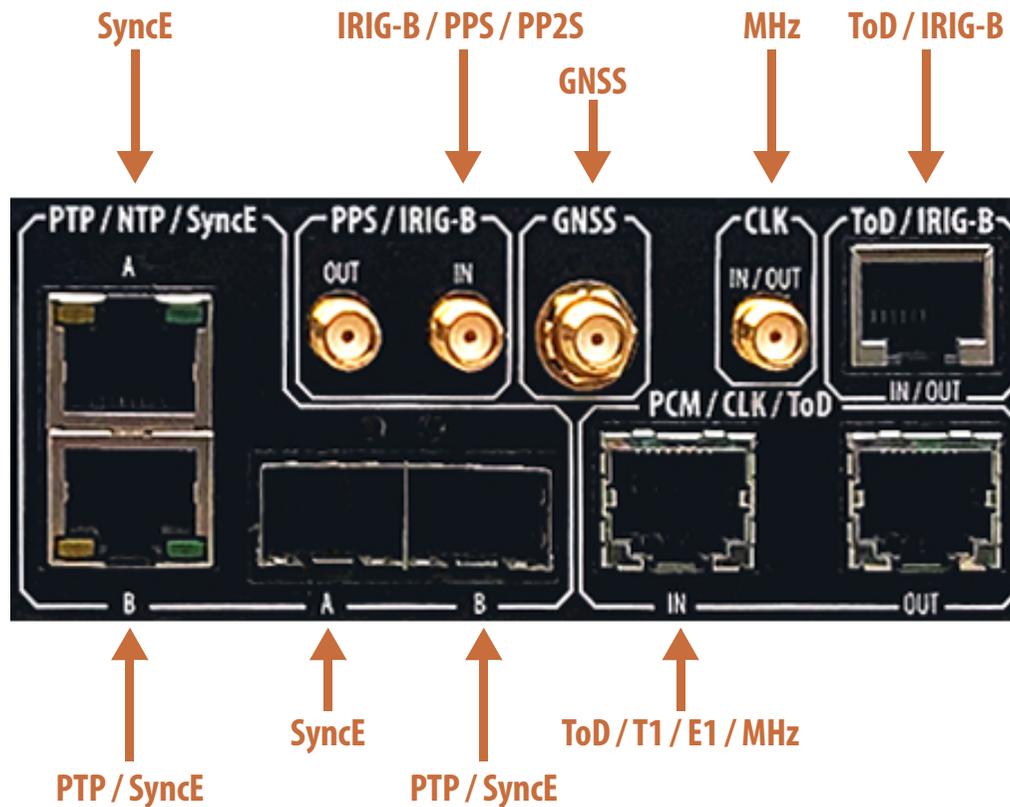


Multiple time references are possible in Net.Time from GPS to IRIG-B

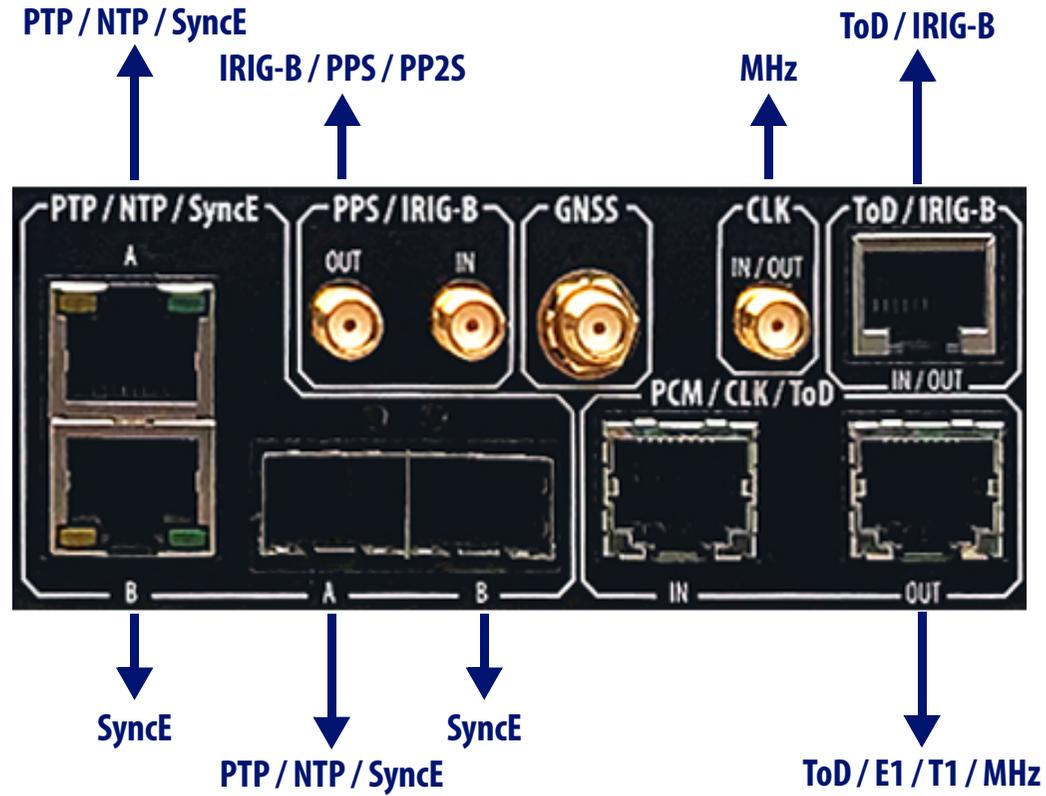
Table 1. Signals and interfaces

	GNSS	PTP	NTP	SyncE	ToD	IRIGB	PPS	T1/E1	MHz
RJ45 (A)		out	out	out					
SFP (A)		out	out	out					
RJ45 (B)		in/out	out	in/out					
SFP (B)		in/out	out	in/out					
RJ48 (C)					in			in	in
RJ48 (D)					out			out	out
SMB (E)						out	out		
SMB (F)						in	in		
SMA (G)	in								
SMB (H)									out
RJ48 (I)					in/out	in/out			

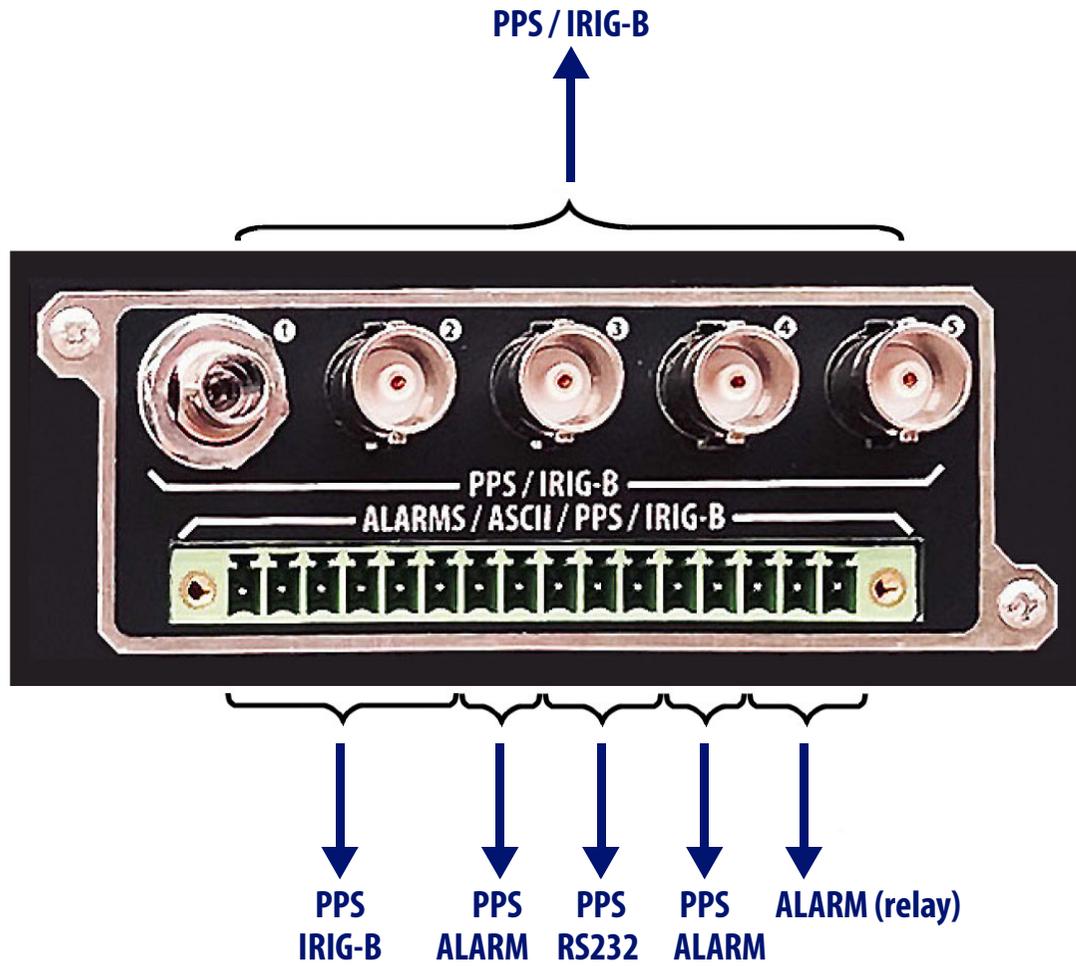
Input references



Can be defined the sequence of alternatives in case of the main time reference failure.

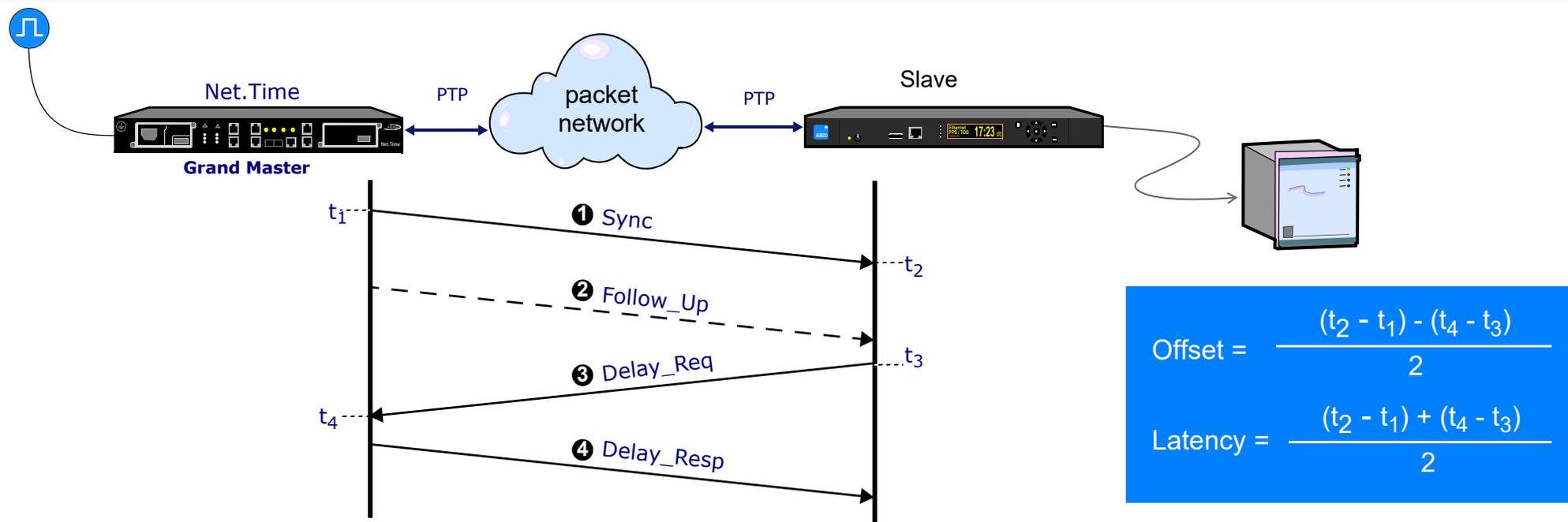


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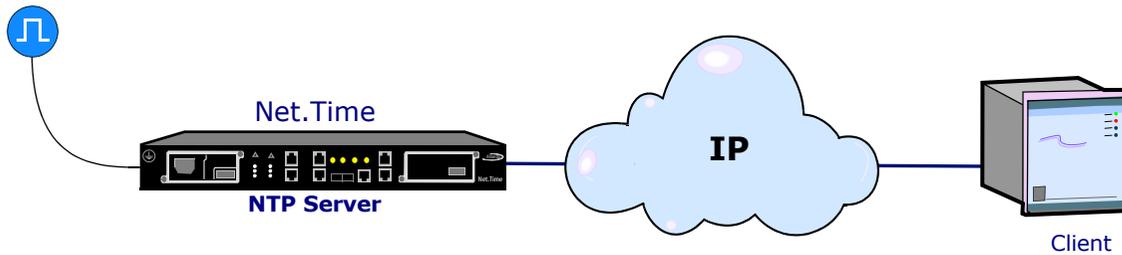
Several configurable modules are available

	IRIGB	PPS	ASCII	Alarm
ST (R1)	out	out		
BNC (R1..4)	out	out		
TB(1..16)	out	out	out	out

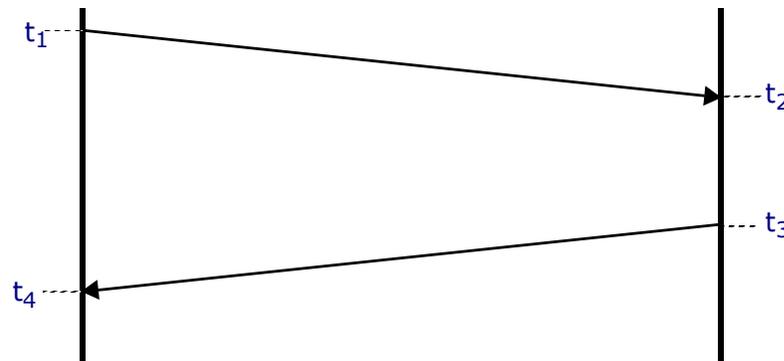
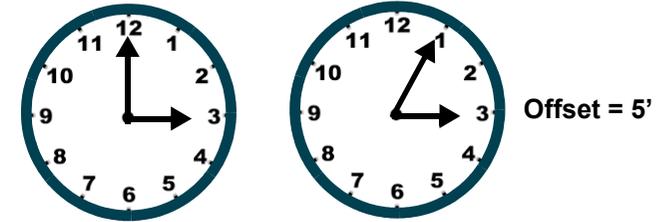


It is a cost-efficient solution and can be applied on the basis of the existing Ethernet network in a substation. PTP (IEEE 1588) applies master/slave time synchronization mechanisms and supports hardware time stamps. The basic parameters of Latency / Offset are computed from the $t_{1...4}$ stamps.

- Grandmaster sends a series of messages with date and time to client-clocks
- Client-clocks compensate the delays and get synchronized with the Master
- Frequency is then recovered with a precise time-of-d
- PTP prevents error accumulation in cascaded topologies, fault tolerance and enhances the flexibility and PTP can use an existing Ethernet reducing cabling costs and requires just a few resources.



Offset: difference between clocks

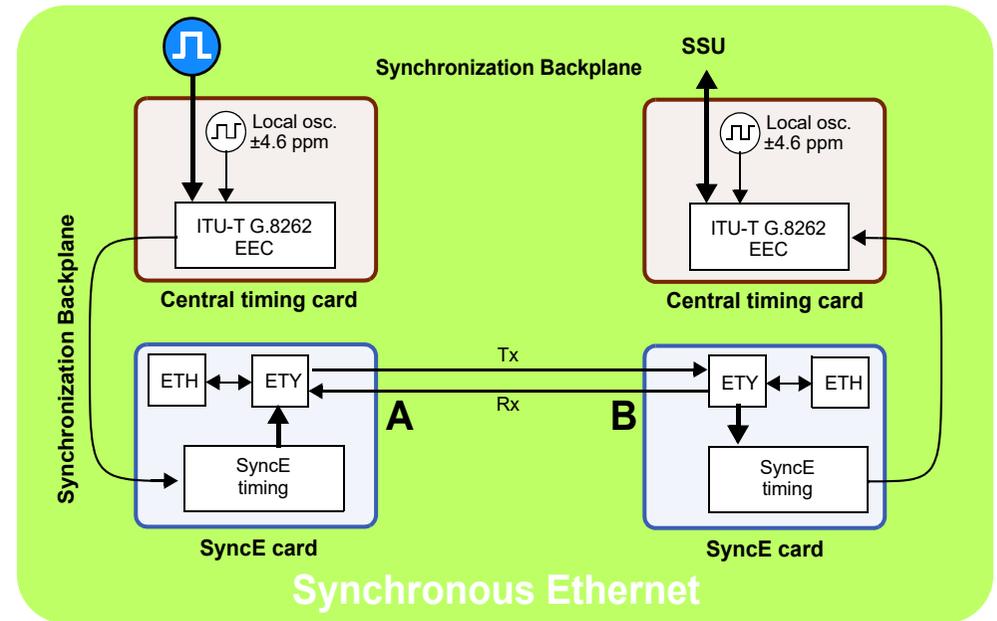
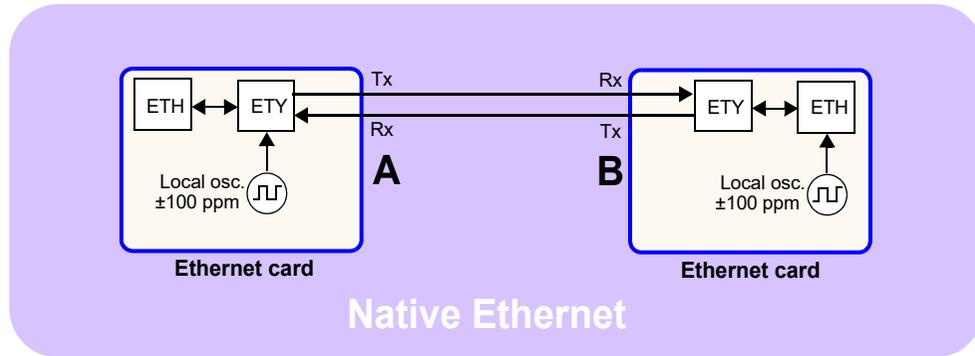


$$\text{Offset} = \frac{(t_2 - t_1) + (t_3 - t_4)}{2}$$

$$\text{Round Trip Delay} = (t_2 - t_1) + (t_4 - t_3)$$

NTP can provide a milisecs range of precision which is good enough for most of enterprise applications.

- Network Time Protocol (NTP) is an Internet protocol for synchronizing the clocks of computer systems over packet network with variable latency.
- The clock frequency is then adjusted to reduce the offset gradually, creating
- Precision 1 - 10 ms. in Internet, (0,5 - 1 ms for LAN ideal conditions)



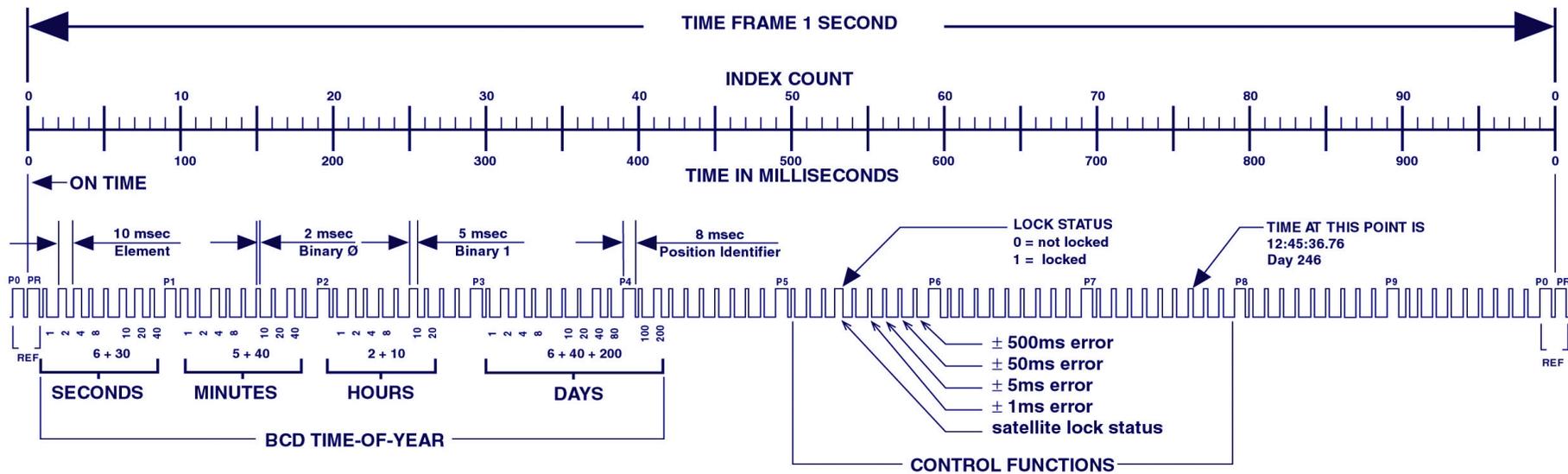
SyncE is not part of the IEC 61850 but is being used in the Power industry

1. PHY Ethernet

- Rx gets synchronized using the input line [Tx (port B) >>> Rx (port A)]
- BUT there is no time relation between the Rx and Tx of the same Port

2. SyncE PHY (physical layer)

- Rx gets synchronized using the recovered clock
- Tx uses a traceable reference clock

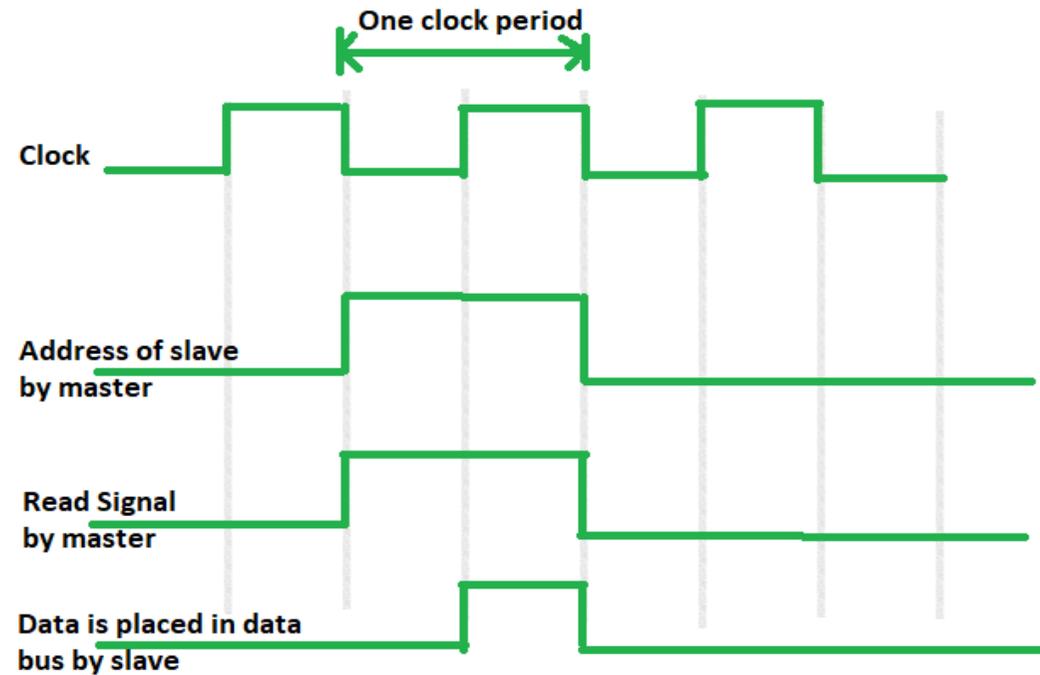


Developed for the US Army (1960) still is widely used:

- Consists of 100 bits generated every second, 74 bits of which contain time information
- Various time, date, time changes and time quality information of the time signal
- IEEE-1344 extension included year data information

Unmodulated IRIG-B transmission

- TTL-level signal over coaxial cable or shielded twisted-pair cable
- Multi-point distribution using 24 Vdc for signal and control power
- RS-485 differential signal over shielded twisted-pair cable
- RS-232 signal over shielded cable (short distances only)
- Optical fiber



Often known as BITS (Building Integrated Timing Supply) describe a building-centric timing system, the BITS system efficiently manages the number of timing interfaces within a structure providing external timing connections typically deployed as T1 or E1 frequencies but also can refer to MHz and then distributing timing to all circuits that require it.

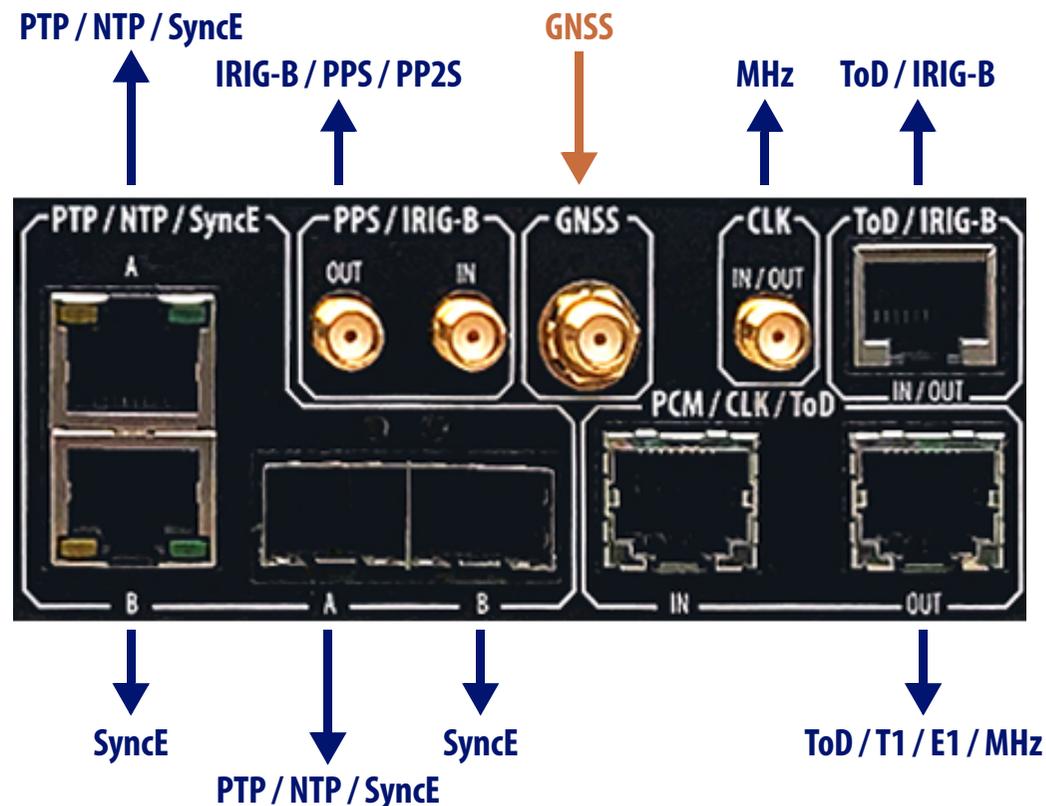
There are several signals suitable for transporting synchronization:

- Analog, of 1,544 and 2,048 kHz
- Digital, of 1,544 and 2,048 kbit/s

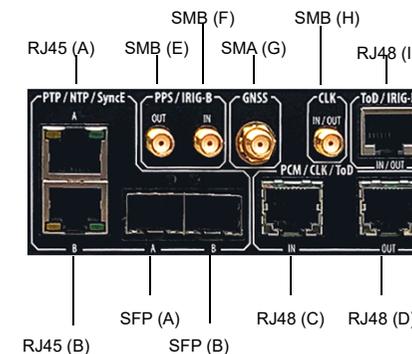
In both cases it is extremely important for the clock signal to be continuous.

Features

- Built-in GNSS receiver
- Single and Multiple constellation
- Fixed position mode for GNSS references
- Automatic setting of UTC-to-TAI offset
- 4 ~ 5 VDC output
- Cable delay compensation
- Automatic antenna detection



	GNSS	PTP	NTP	SyncE	ToD	IRIG-B	PPS	T1/E1	MHz
RJ45 (A)		out	out	out					
SPF (A)		out	out	out					
RJ45 (B)		in/out	out	in/out					
SPF (B)		in/out	out	in/out					
RJ48 (C)					in			in	in
RJ48 (D)					out			out	out
SMB (E)						out	out		
SMB (F)						in	in		
SMA (G)	in								
SMB (H)									out
RJ48 (I)					in/out	in/out			

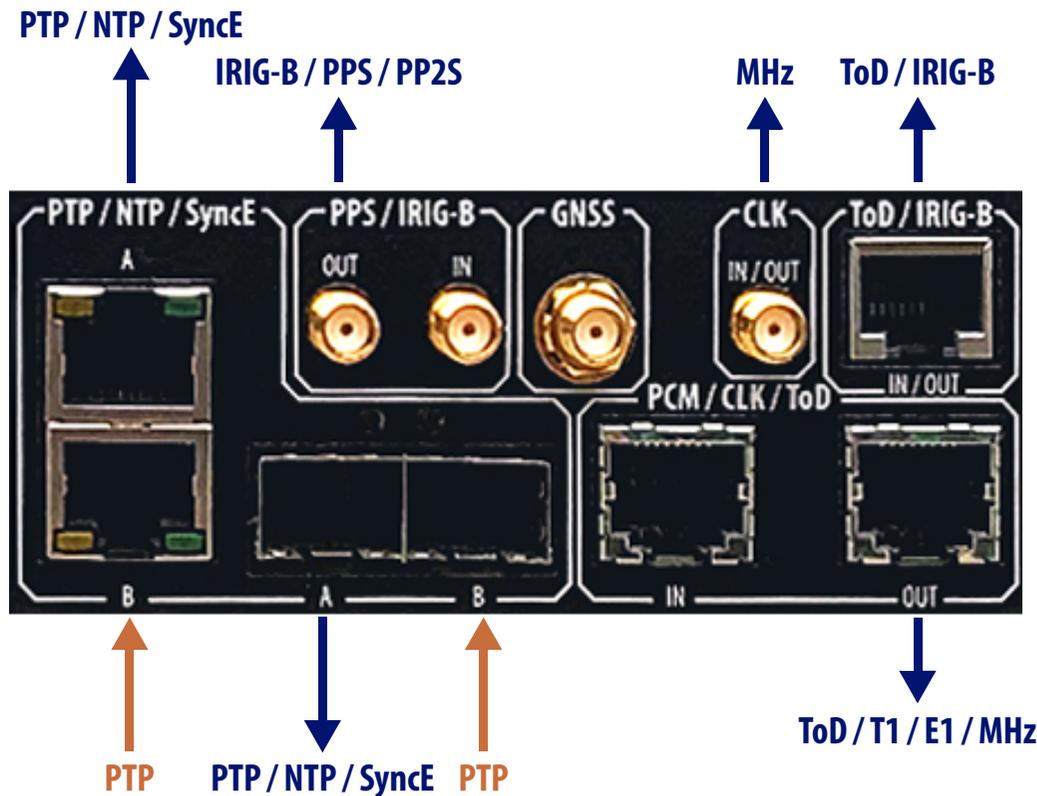


Ports

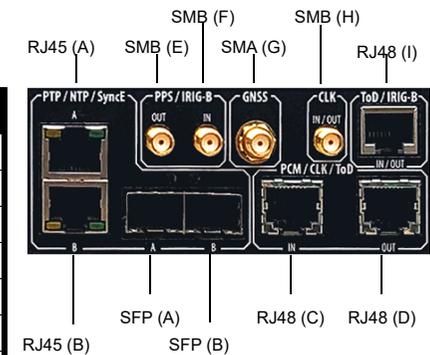
- Port A: PTP master
- Port B: PTP slave
- 256 clients @ 128 packets/sec

Profiles

- Default profiles
- Telecom frequency profile
- Telecom phase and time profile
- PTS / APTS profile
- Utility Profile

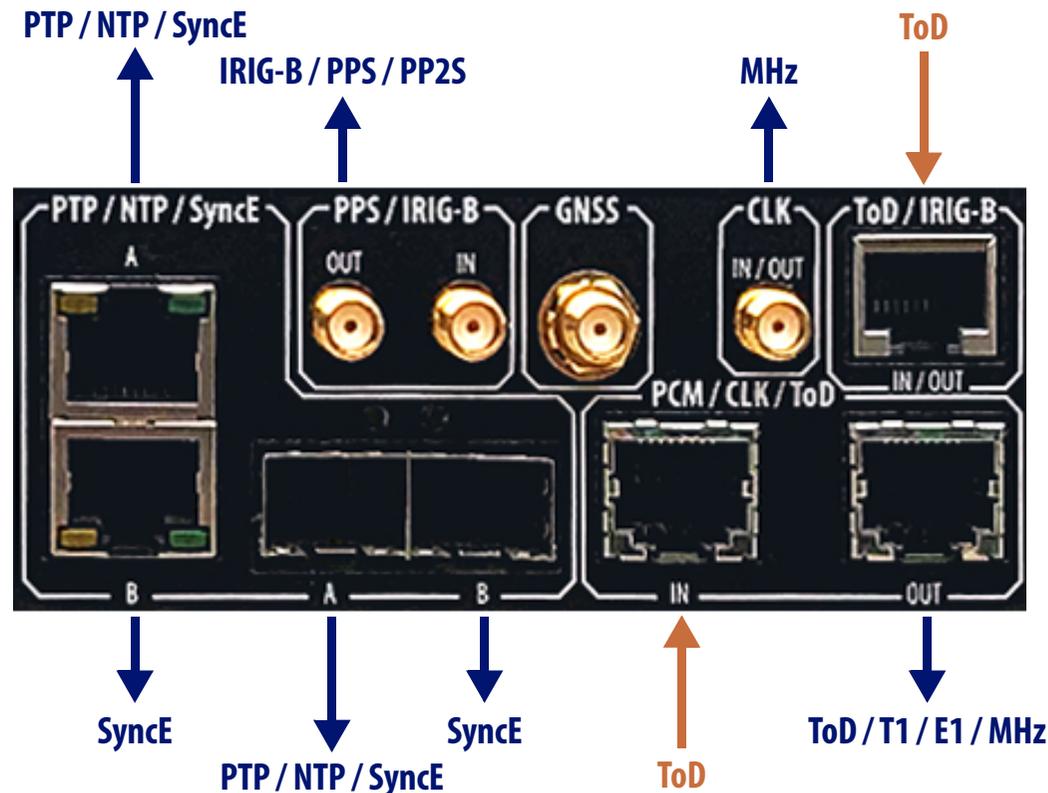


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RJ48 (C)					in			in	in
RJ48 (D)					out			out	out
SMB (E)						out	out		
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SMA (G)	in								
SMB (H)									out
RJ48 (I)					in/out	in/out			

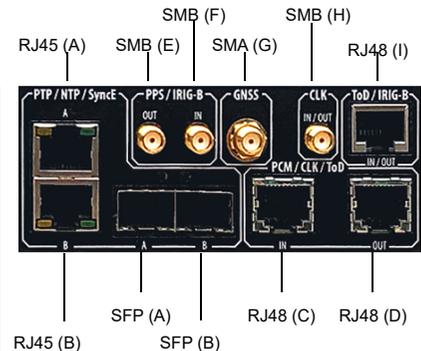


ToD formats supported

- ITU-T G.8271
- China Mobile
- NMEA



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RJ45 (A)		out	out	out					
SPF (A)		out	out	out					
RJ45 (B)		in/out	out	in/out					
SPF (B)		in/out	out	in/out					
RJ48 (C)					in			in	in
RJ48 (D)					out			out	out
SMB (E)						out	out		
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SMA (G)	in								
SMB (H)									out
RJ48 (I)					in/out	in/out			

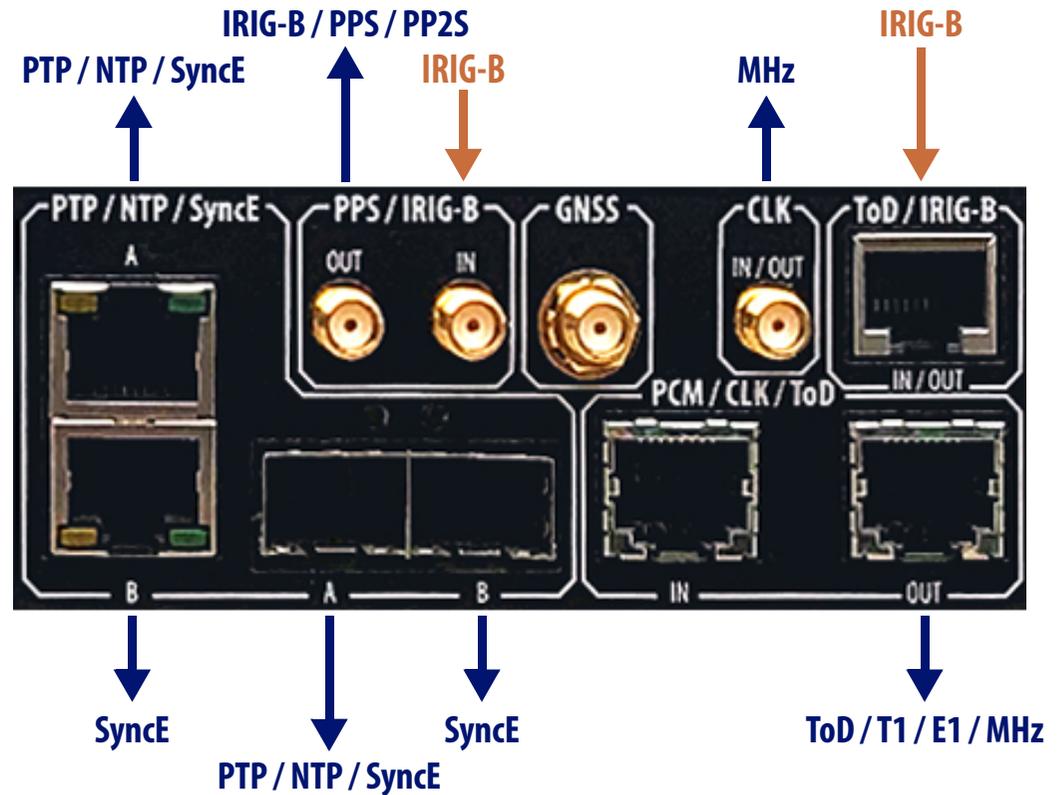


IRIG-B formats supported

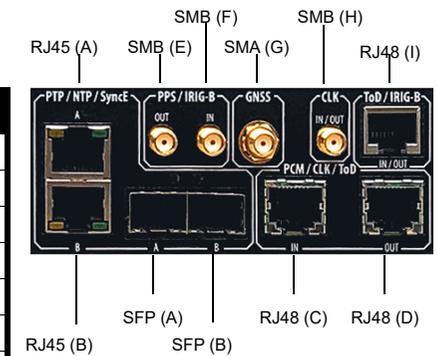
- B00X
- B12X
- B13X
- B14X
- B15X
- B22X

IRIG-B at the interface

- 5 ~ 10 Vpp
- AC/DC coupling
- Termination 50 W / 600 W / High Z



	GNSS	PTP	NTP	SyncE	ToD	IRIGB	PPS	T1/E1	MHz
RJ45 (A)		out	out	out					
SPF (A)		out	out	out					
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RJ48 (C)					in			in	in
RJ48 (D)					out			out	out
SMB (E)						out	out		
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SMB (H)									out
RJ48 (I)					in/out	in/out			

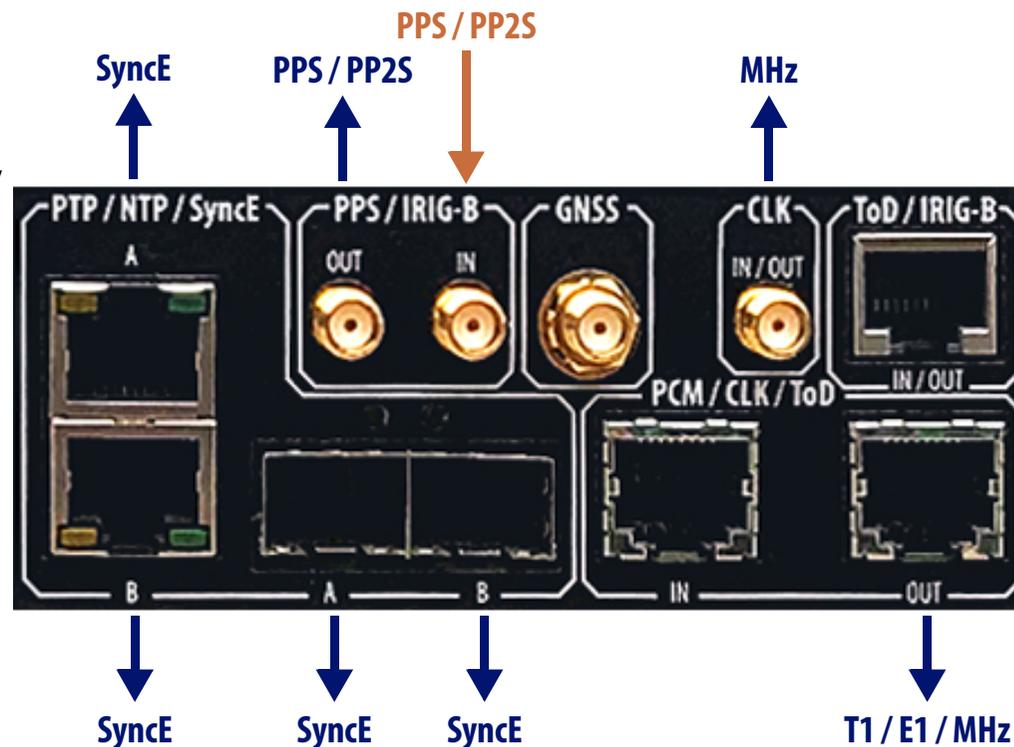


PPS does not have Day information then it can only be reference for Phase and Frequency signals.

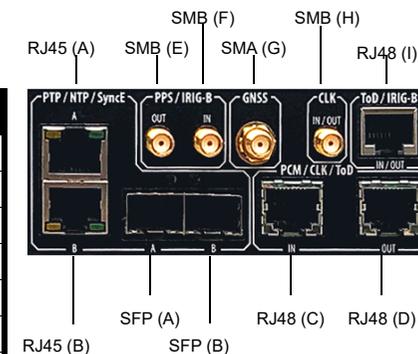
- 1 PPS and 1 PP2S
- Unbalanced SMB 50 W ITU-T G.8271

Can discipline

- 1 PPS and 1 PP2S
- T1/E1
- MHz: 10, 5, 2.048 and 1.544



	GNSS	PTP	NTP	SyncE	ToD	IRIGB	PPS	T1/E1	MHz
RJ45 (A)		out	out	out					
SPF (A)		out	out	out					
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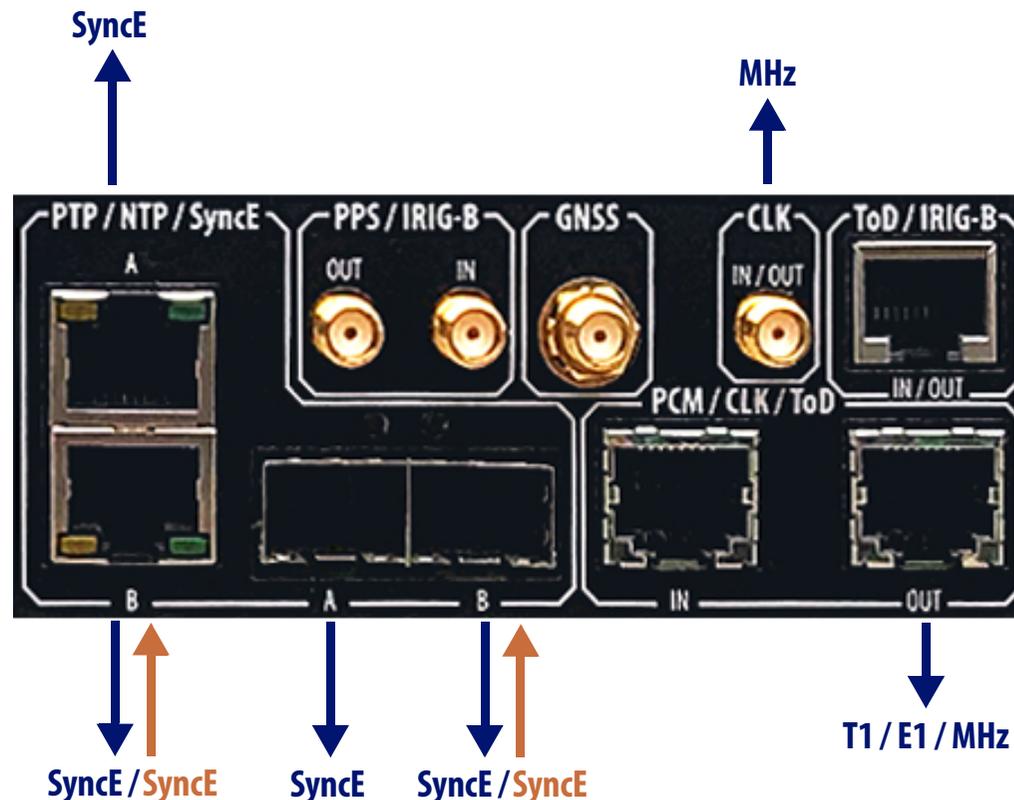
SyncE is only a Frequency reference therefore can only discipline Frequency signals.

SyncE features

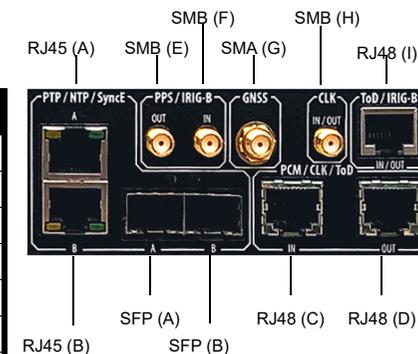
- Built-in GNSS receiver
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- Fixed position mode for GNSS references
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- 4 ~ 5 VDC output
- Cable delay compensation
- Automatic antenna detection

Can discipline

- SyncE
- T1/E1
- MHz: 10, 5, 2.048 and 1.544 MHz



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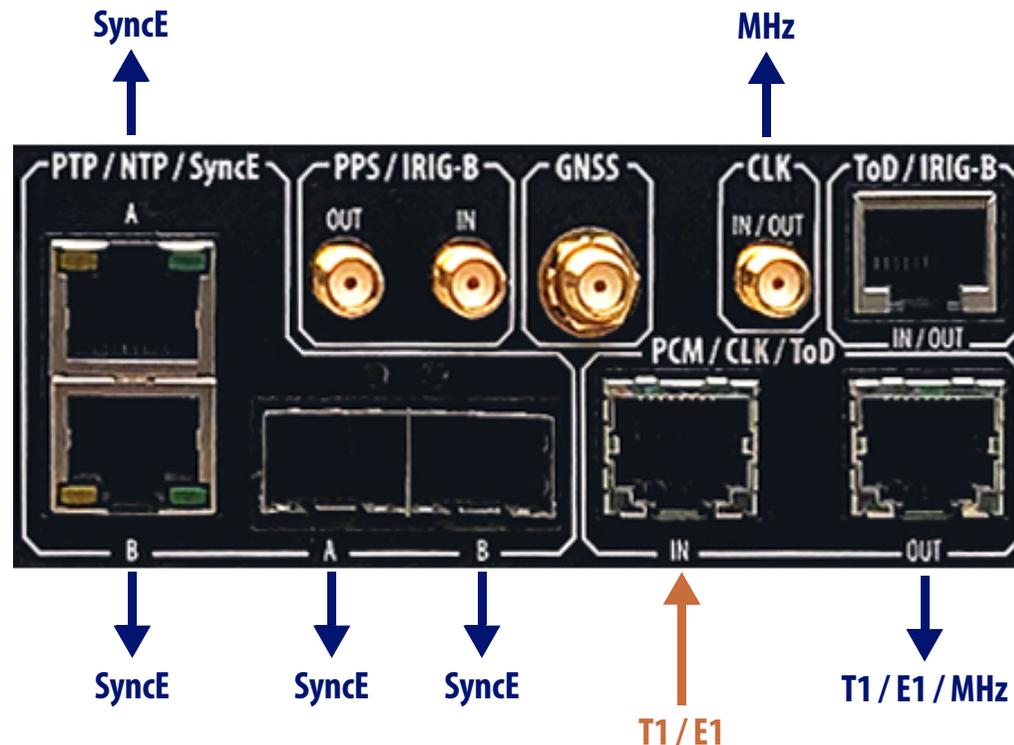
E1/T1 are only a Frequency references therefore can only discipline Frequency signals.

Rates

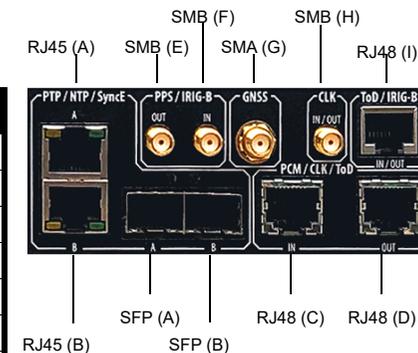
- 1544 Mb/s
- 2048 Mb/s

Can discipline

- SyncE
- T1/E1
- MHz: 10, 5, 2.048 and 1.544 MHz



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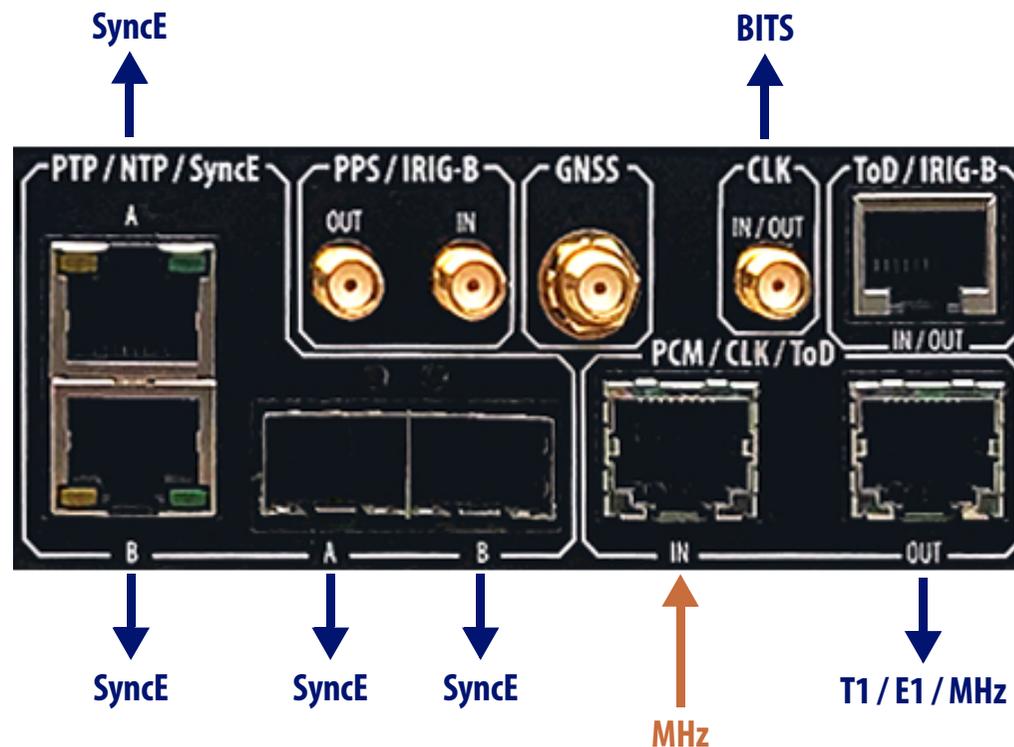
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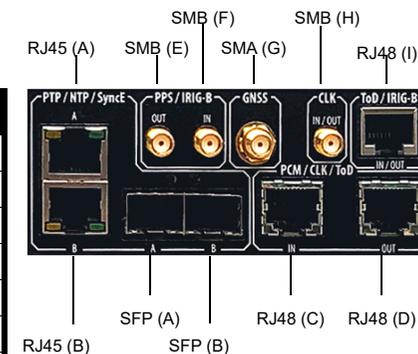
- 1544 kHz
- 2048 kHz
- 5 MHz
- 10 MHz

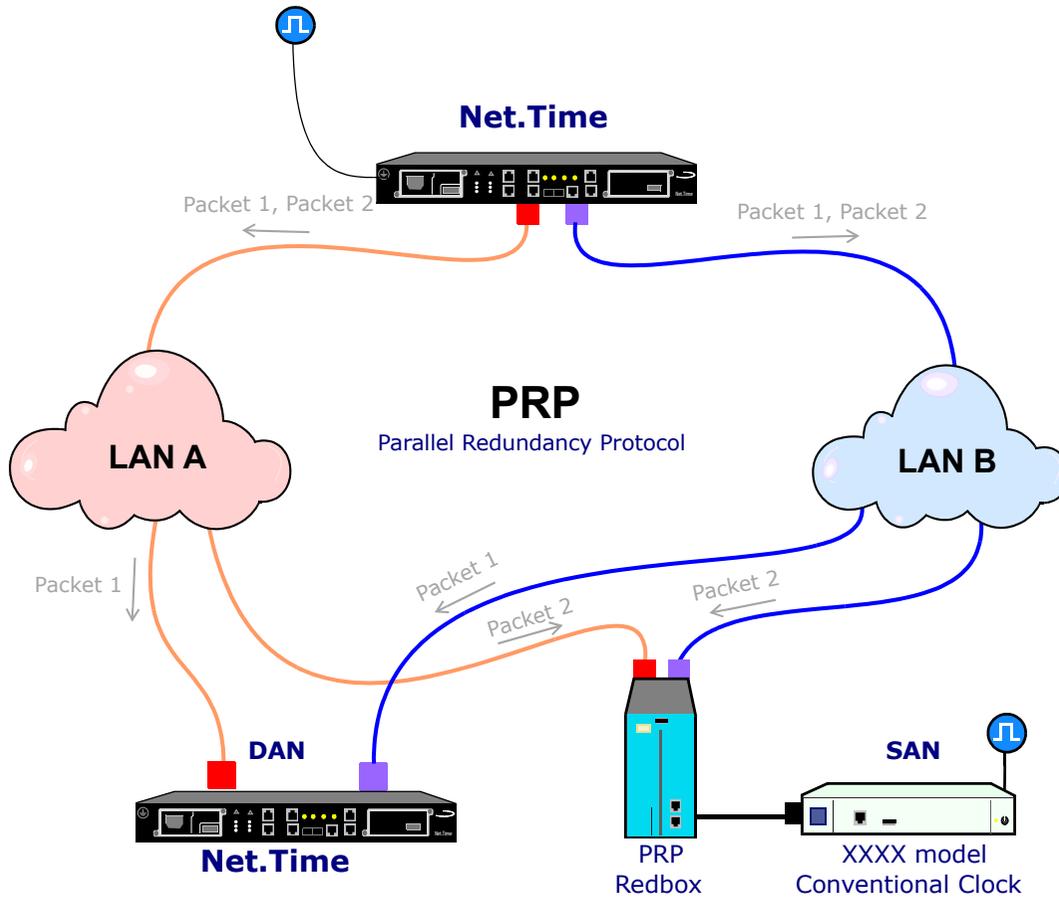
Can discipline

- SyncE
- T1/E1
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SMB (H)									out
RJ48 (I)					in/out	in/out			



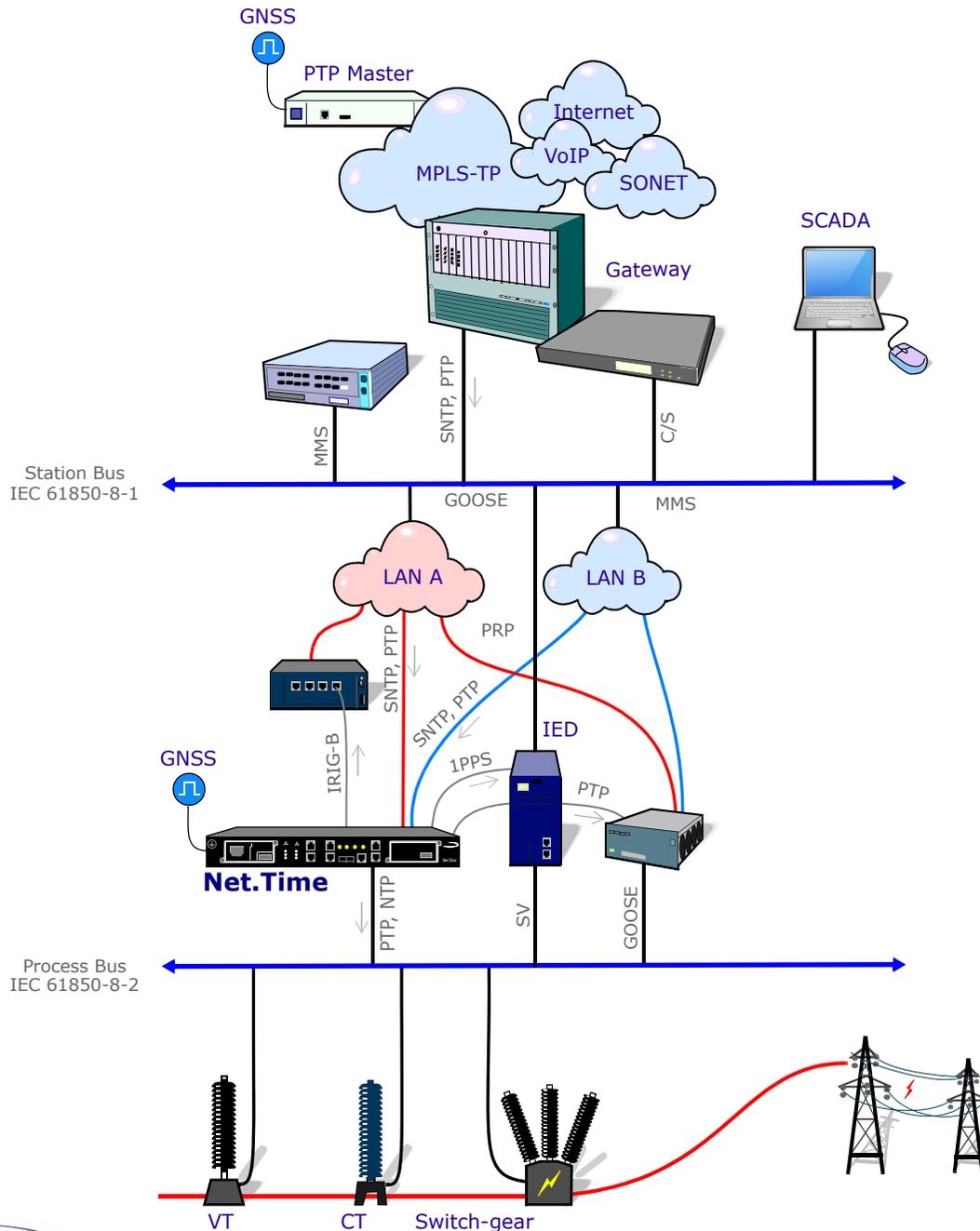


PRP is based on the use of two independent networks. The sender **must send each packet twice** (to LAN A and LAN B) through two separate ports. There are two types of devices:

- **DAN** (Double Attached Node) if has PRP support is integrated, can be attached directly
- **SAN** (Single Attached Node) conventional device without PRP support a Redundancy Box (Redbox) is required to be connected.

PRP in Net.Time

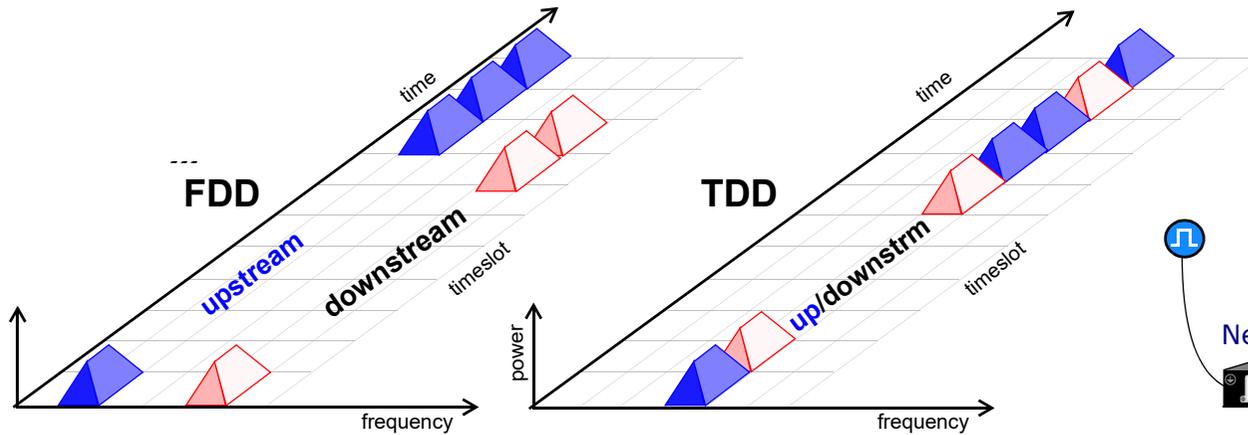
- PRP extension for IEEE 1588 / IEC 61588
- Link Redundancy Entity (LRE) IEC 62439-3
- Generation of RCT trailers
- Duplicate discard mode
- PRP supervision frame generation / decoding



Network redundancy is crucial for maintaining **high network availability**, and many redundancy technologies can provide millisecond-level recovery. However, some mission-critical and time-sensitive applications **cannot tolerate even a millisecond** of network interruption without severely affecting operations or jeopardizing the safety of on-site personnel.

Parallel Redundancy Protocol (**PRP**) provide **seamless fail-over** from a single point of failure. PRP realizes active network redundancy by packet duplication over two independent networks that operate in parallel.

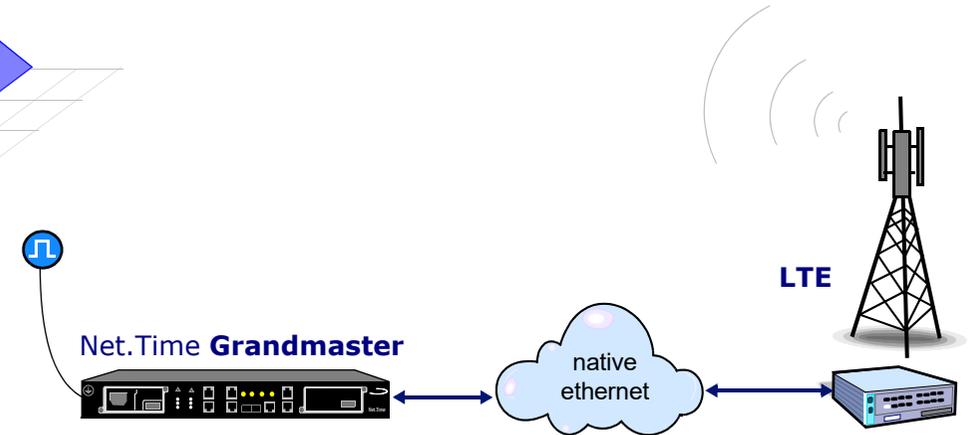
Based on these two seamless redundancy protocols, a redundancy box (**Redbox**) can quickly activate non-HSR or non-PRP devices connected to HSR or PRP networks with zero switch-over time.



Time synchronization with Net.Time

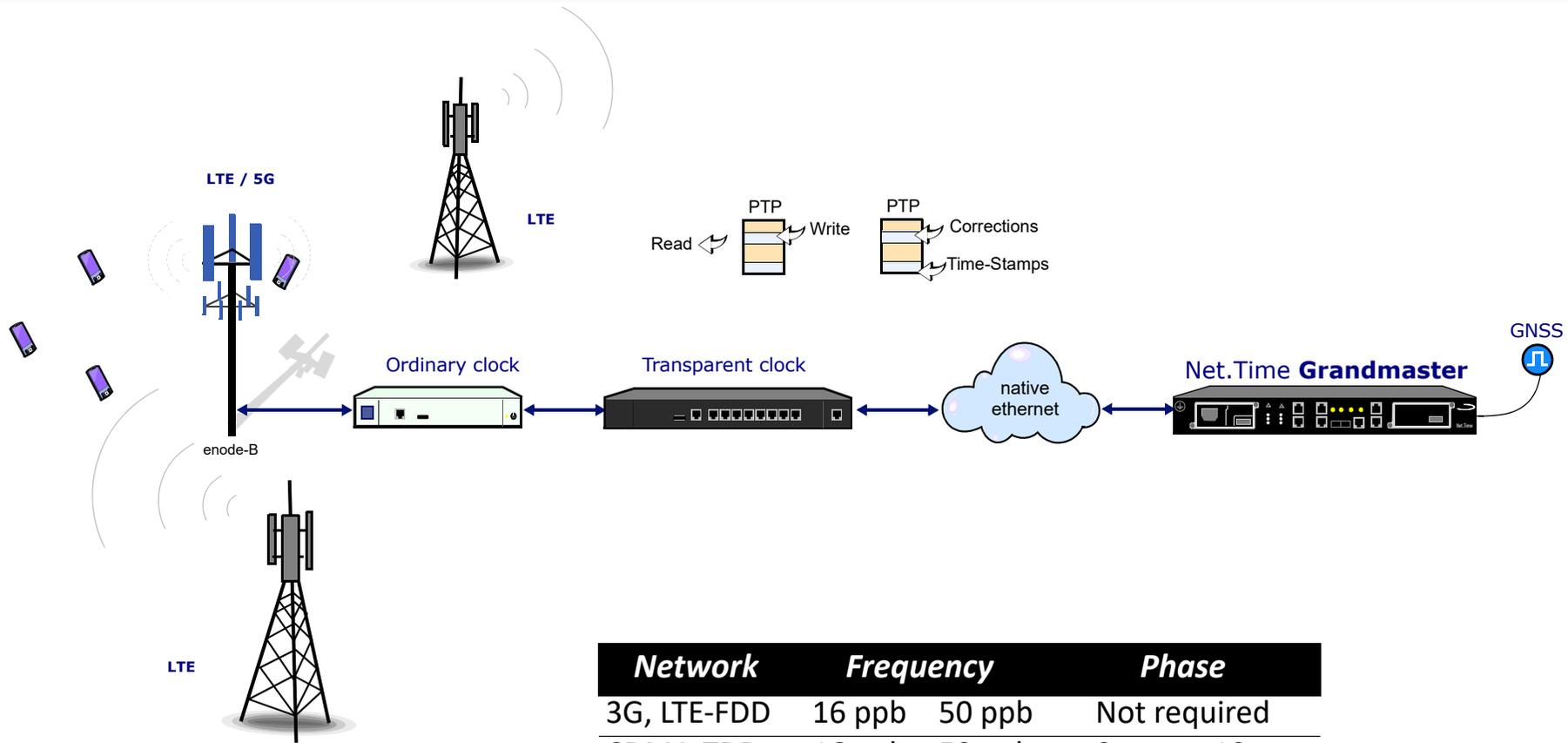
In 5G duplexing upstream and downstream use separate frequencies, in TDD upstream and downstream share the same frequency. FDD requires only synchronization while TDD is more efficient on the use of the available bandwidth but requires Frequency and Phase Synchronization which is also known as Time synchronization.

LTE-FDD (Frequency Division Duplex) timing requirements were similar to GSM and 3G. Only required a frequency reference. However new 5G networks are very demanding on frequency and phase requirement, particularly those architectures that consider small cells, where the frequency reutilization is a key factor of performance.



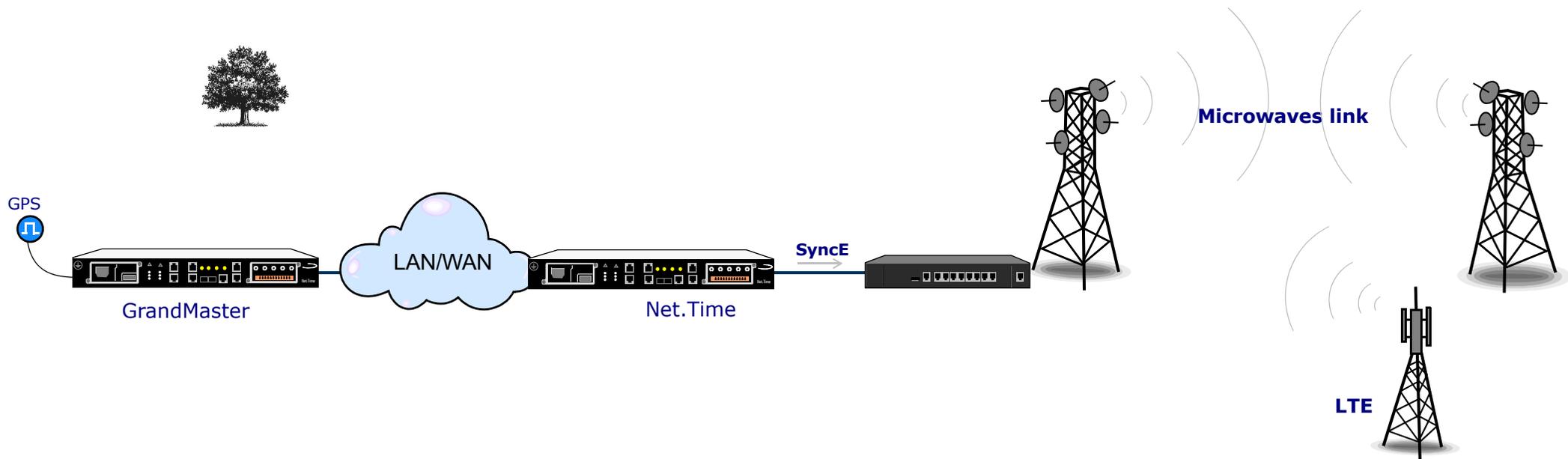
Net.Time signals:

- PTP, NTP, IRIG-B, ToD
- Providing Day+Phase+Frequency



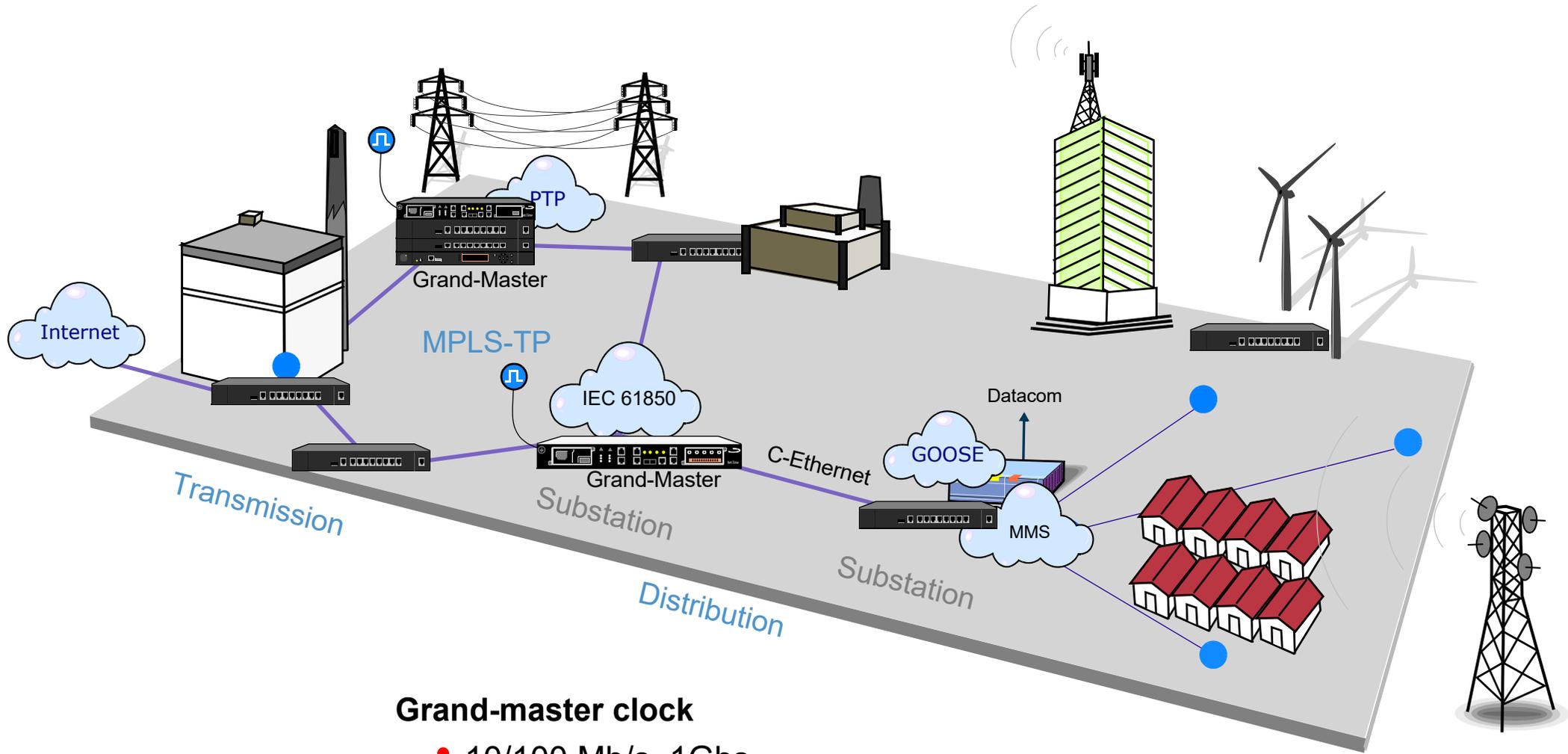
Network	Frequency	Phase
3G, LTE-FDD	16 ppb 50 ppb	Not required
CDMA-TDD	16 ppb 50 ppb	$\pm 3 \mu s$ to $\pm 10 \mu s$
LTE-TDD	16 ppb 50 ppb	$\pm 1 \mu s$ to $\pm 5 \mu s$
5G	16 ppb 50 ppb	$\pm 0.5 \mu s$ to $\pm 5 \mu s$

Frequency & Phase requirements of wireless networks.



Net.Time supports Synchronous Ethernet over a copper and optical connections. This allows operators to utilize cables on SFP ports and still meet timing and synchronization requirements for demanding applications like LTE in mobile networks and microwaves links.

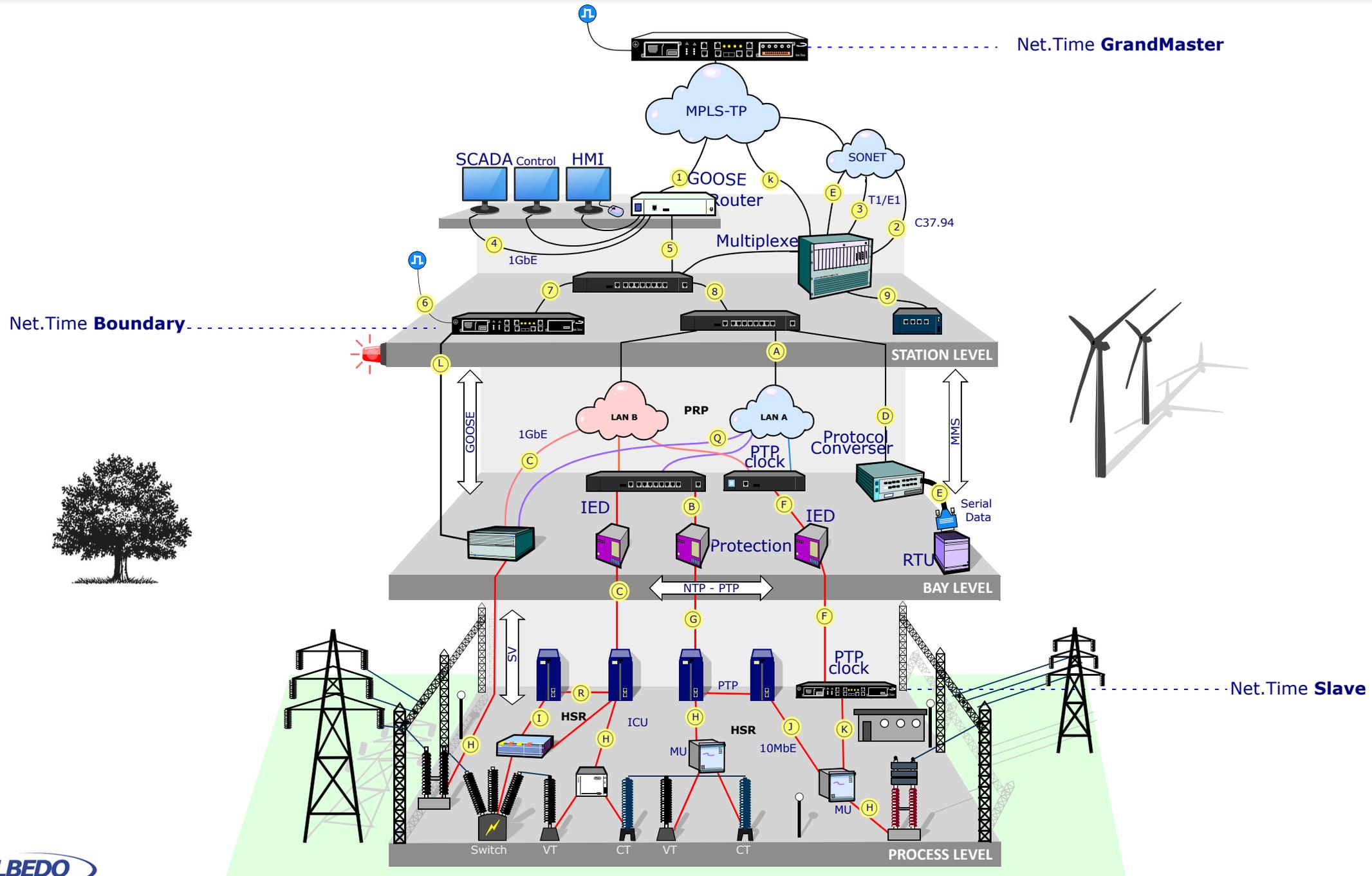
- Interfaces: RJ45 and SFP
- SyncE input/output
- Full ESMC / SSM support as per ITU-T G.8264 and G.781
- Heart-beat and event SSM messages
- QL to be transported by the SSM

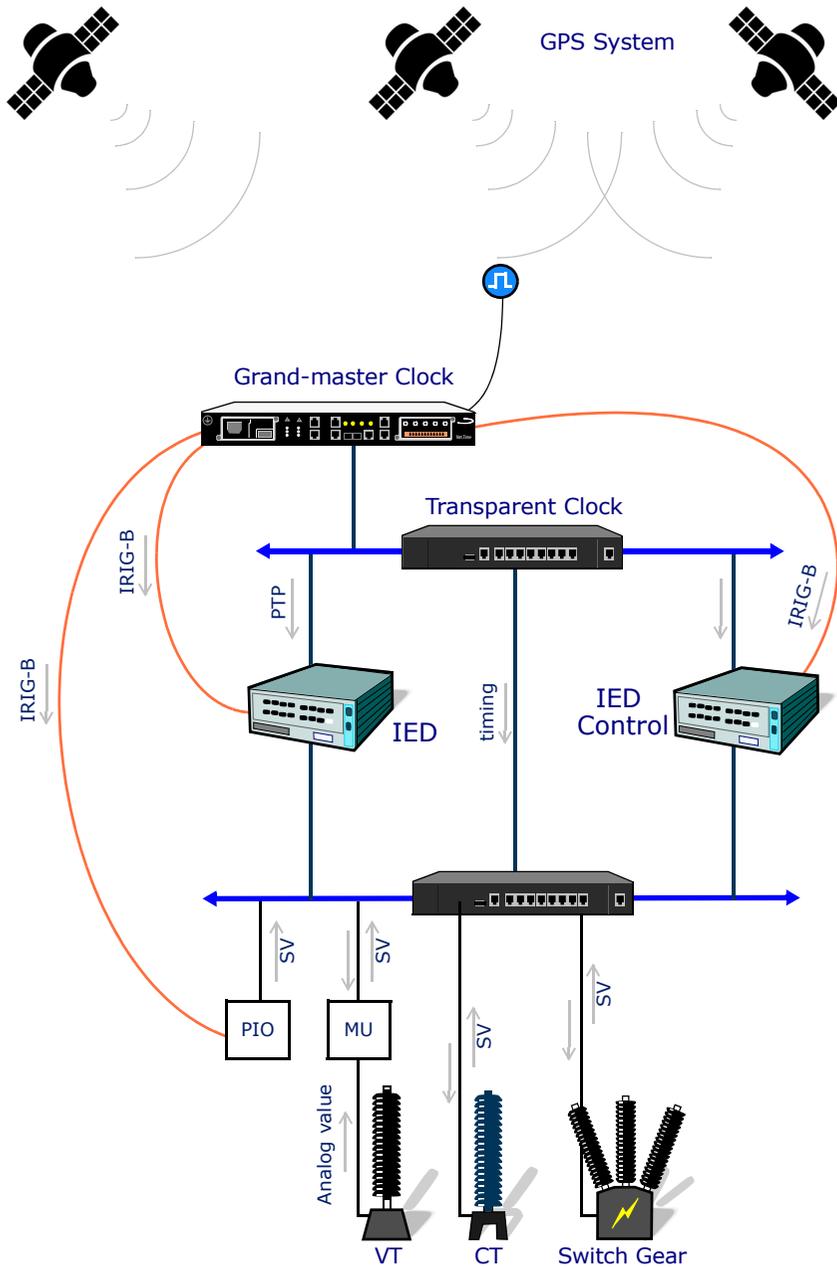


Grand-master clock

- 10/100 Mb/s, 1Gbs
- Stand-alone GNSS clock
- Boundary clock

Grandmaster / Boundary / Slave

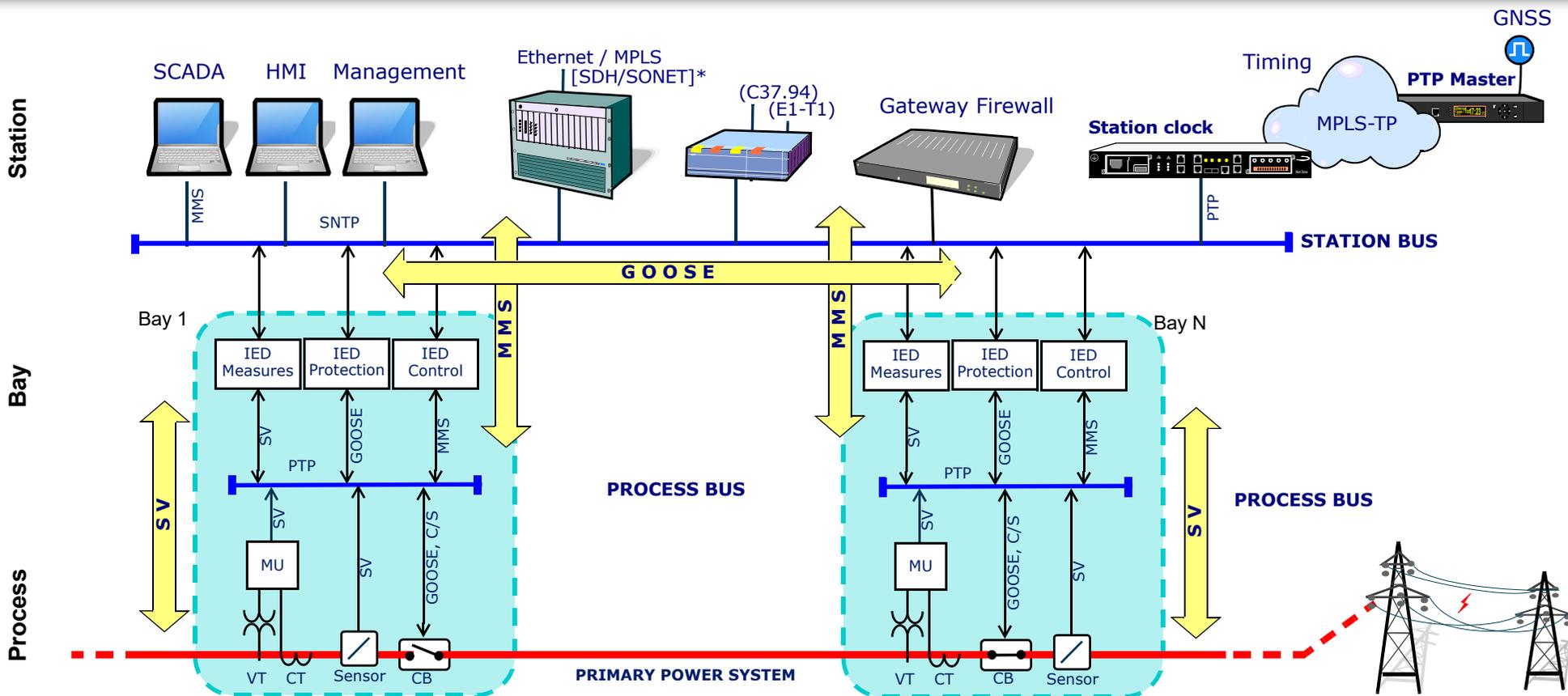




Many Utilities acquire timing from GNSS and the station clock converts signal into a 1-pps or IRIG-B code, which are then distributed by dedicated links to all the IEDs in a substation. However, important to say that this system has some **weaknesses** (*) being **vulnerable** to human and natural disruptions that may perturb normal operations by raising false alarms, delaying actions, and lowering system efficiency.

GPS is a good back-up, nevertheless modern substations should avoid the use of GPS as primary time reference for critical applications because time integrity cannot be assured. The alternative is PTP because it also provides frequency and phase timing and it has the required security to deliver synchronization in a reliable way for applications such as automation, wide-area monitoring, protection, and real-time control.

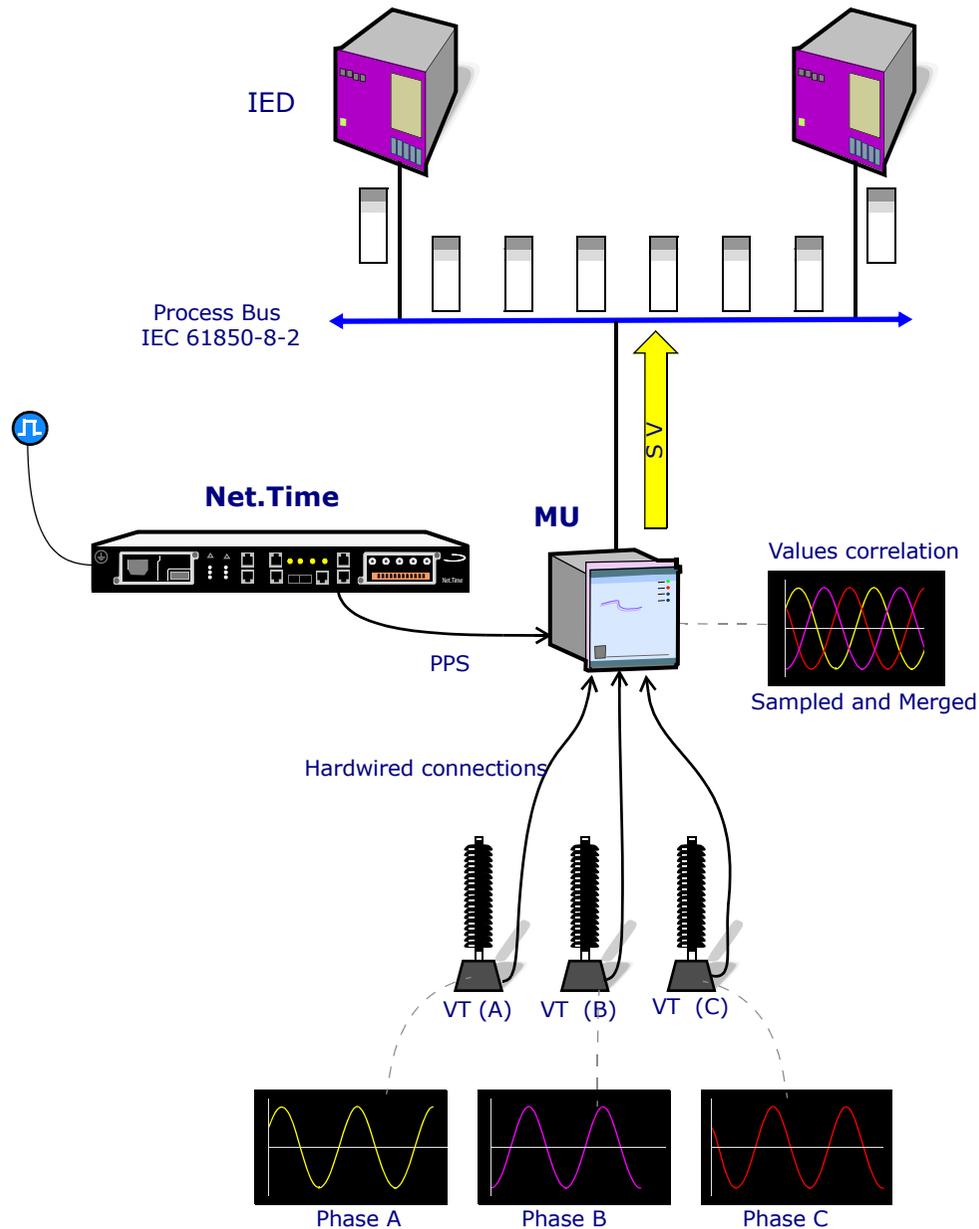
(*) Problems are produced by interferences and installation faults cause significant concerns about the reliability of satellite timing. Common issues include storms, satellite decommissioning, poor antenna installations, receiver failures, terrestrial or spacial interferences, and malicious spoofing that may send false timing to receivers that in some extreme cases, this could cause operational problems for the electric grid.



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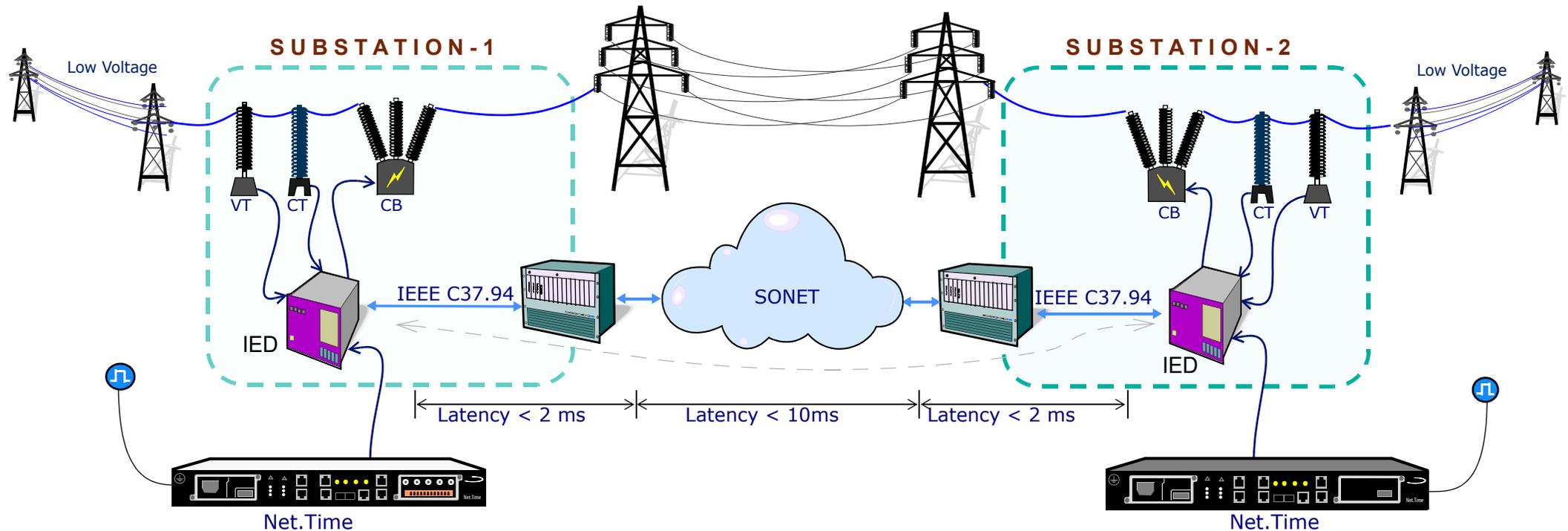
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Application	Accuracy	Timing
PMU	1 μ s	Absolute
Protection	1 μ s	Relative
SV	1 μ s	Relative
SCADA	1 ms	Absolute



Merging Units (MU) require **Phase Synchronization**. MU digitize analog measurements of current / voltage.

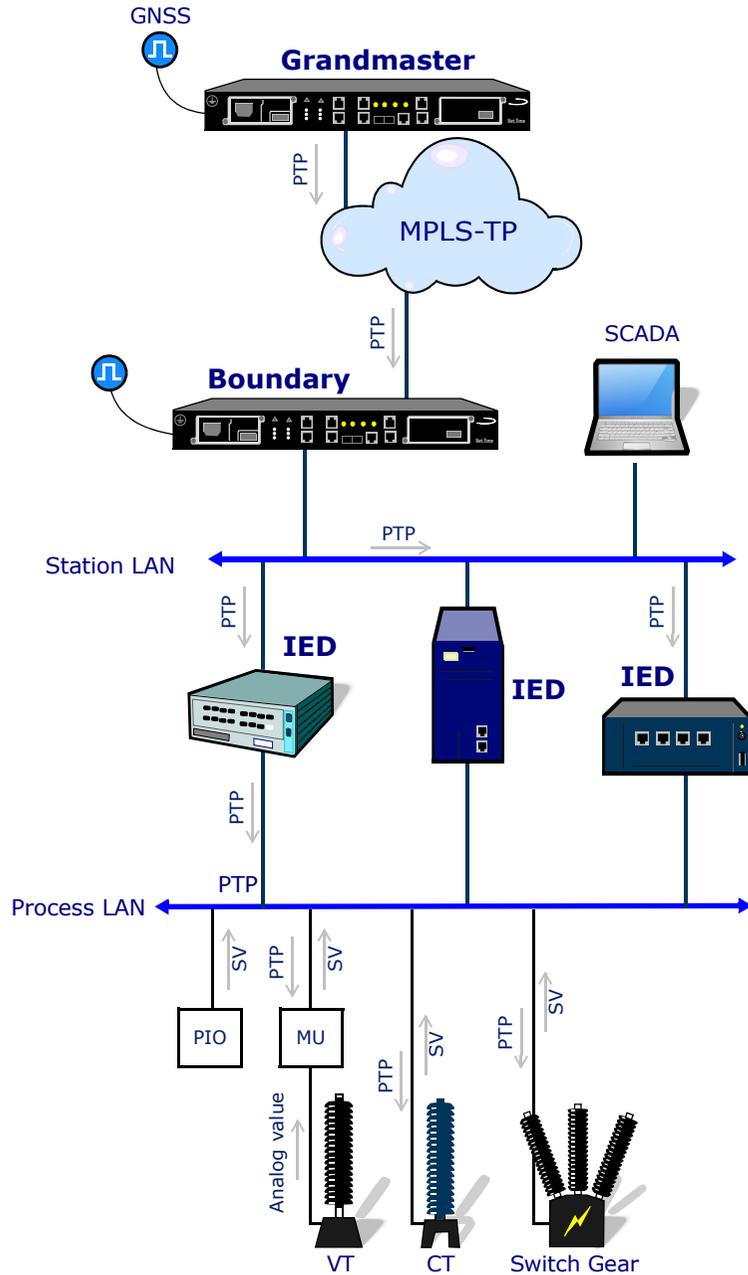
- MUs combine and perform time correlation of voltages and currents of the three phases of a line.
- Connections from CT / VT to MU are usually hardwired.
- The data is published in the form of sampled values (SV) that can be used directly by bay IEC and controllers and/or protection relays that support this protocol.



Tele-protection: protection schemes aided by telecommunications

Tele-protection relays on communicate between substations to isolate faults of the electrical plant. The reliability of the links is critical and must be resilient to the effects encountered in high voltage areas such as high frequency induction and ground potential rise.

Phase synchronization is required to prevent overloads and facilitate reconnection.

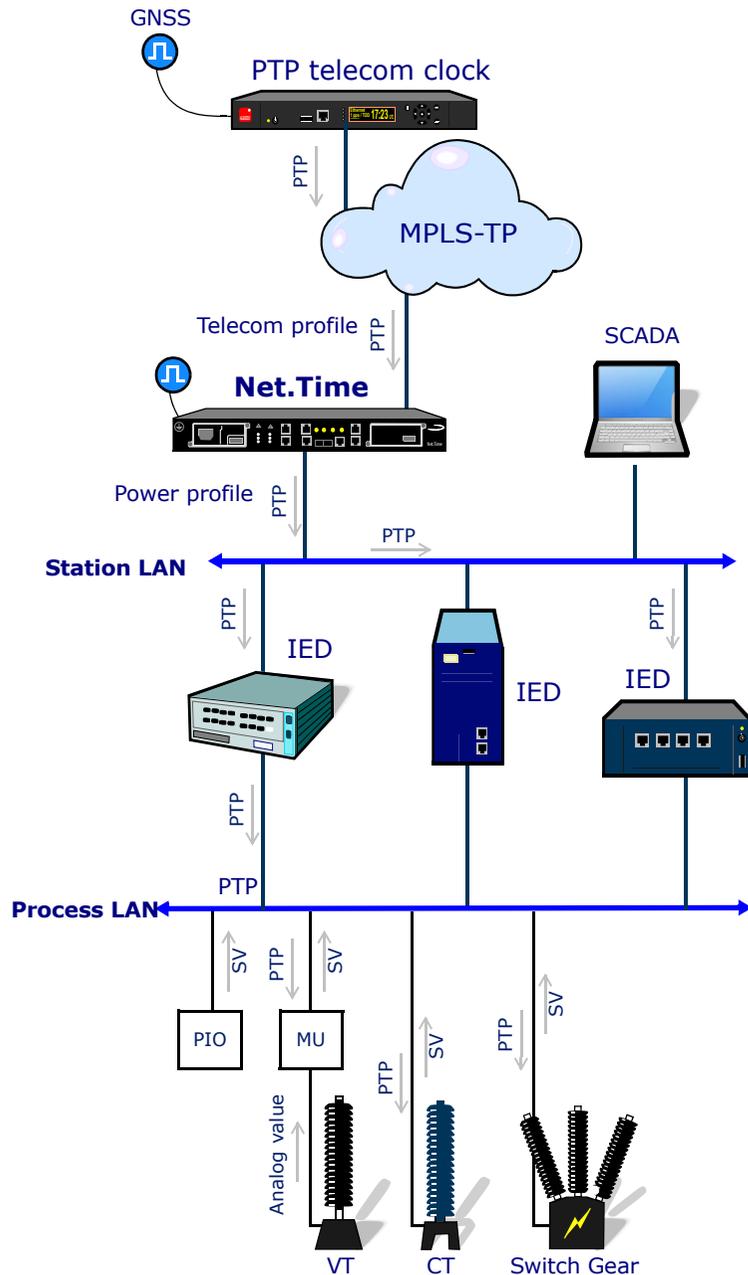


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Phasor Measurement Units (PMU) are not part of the IEC 61580 but the C37.1188 standard. PMUs are deployed across the grid for analyzing the quality of the power service by measuring magnitudes such as phase angle, line voltage and current waveforms in real-time. Values are collected at 30 to 120 samples/s, time-stamped with UTC and sent to data servers. Information is processed comparing many different points to know the situation, to load balance and to prevent faults. Synchrophasors have indeed timing needs due to high-frequency reporting, the wide geographic distribution and the large number of PMUs.



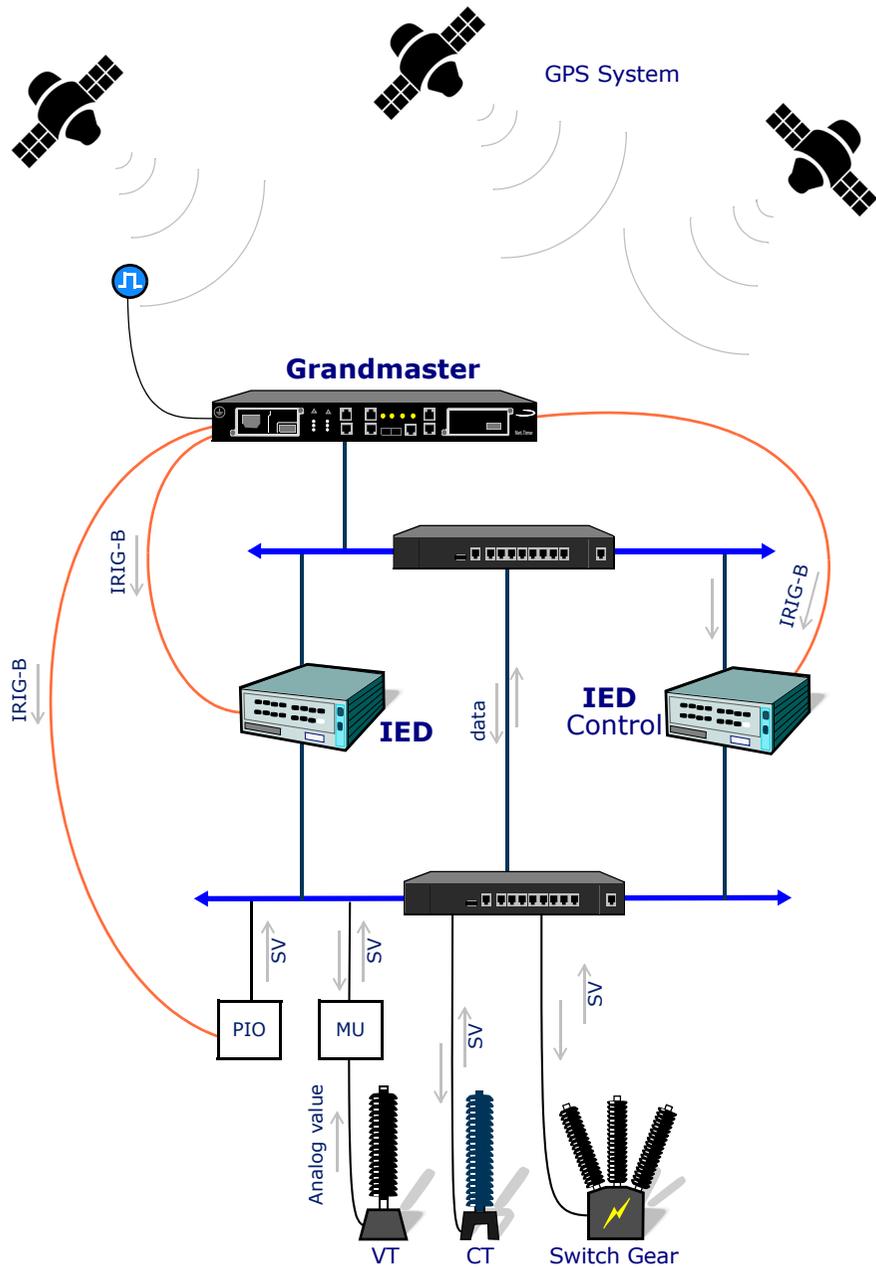
Net.Time supports the following PTP profiles

- Default
- Telecom
- Power
- Utility

Then it is possible to interconnect networks using different synchronization profiles:

- Telecom to Power
- Telecom to Utility
- Power to Telecom
- Power to Utility
- Utility to Telecom

ADVANTAGE: no need for protocol translator



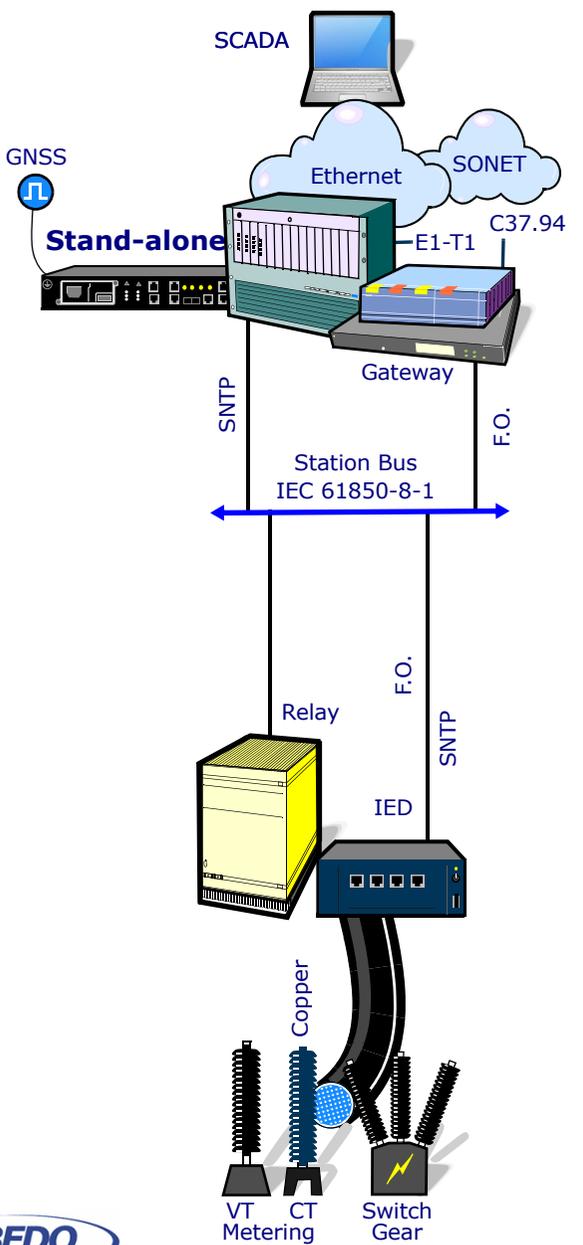
A veteran on duty

Developed for the US Army (1960) is still is widely used in the power and in the aerospace industries:

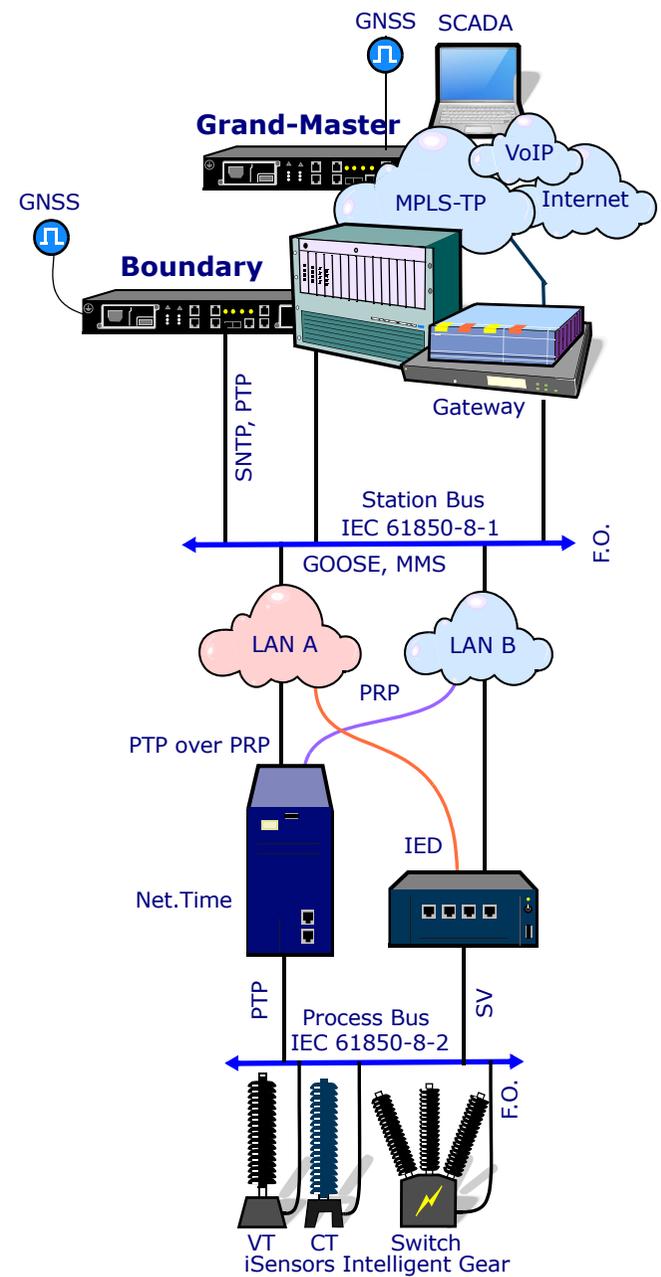
- Consists of 100 bits generated every second, 74 bits of which contain time information
- Various time, date, time changes and time quality information of the time signal
- IEEE-1344 extension included year data information

Net.Time supports IRIG-B as a synchronization signal and as a time reference as well.

Conventional Substation



IEC 61850 Substation

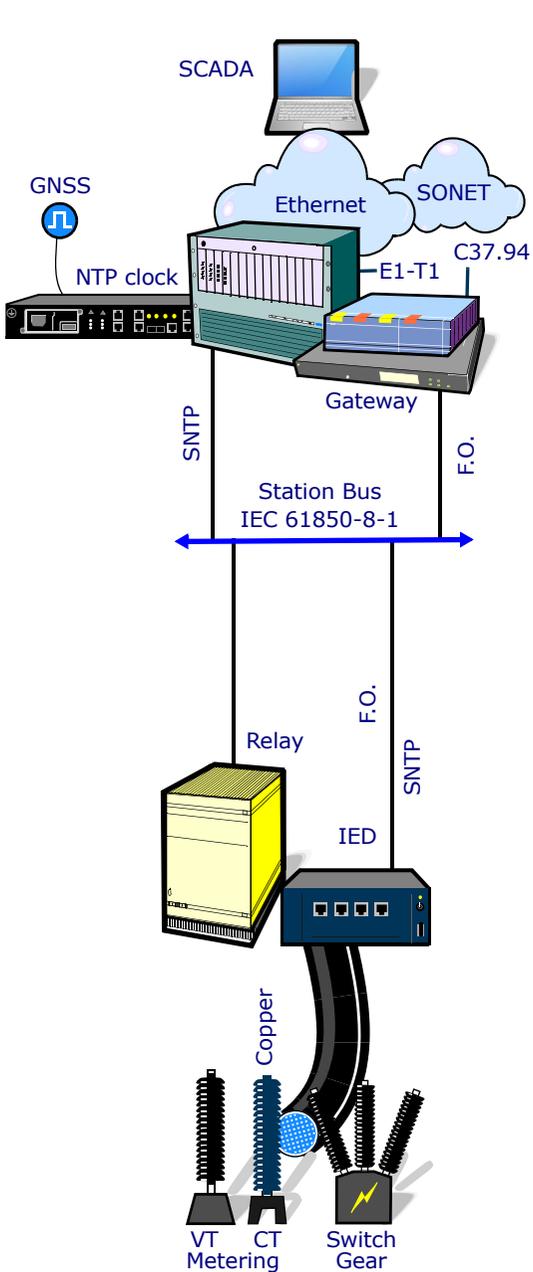


Conventional clock

- 10/100 Mb/s, 1Gbs
- Stand-alone GNSS clock
- Boundary clock
- PTP, NTP, IRIG interfaces

IEC 61850 clock

- 1/10Gb/s
- Double port

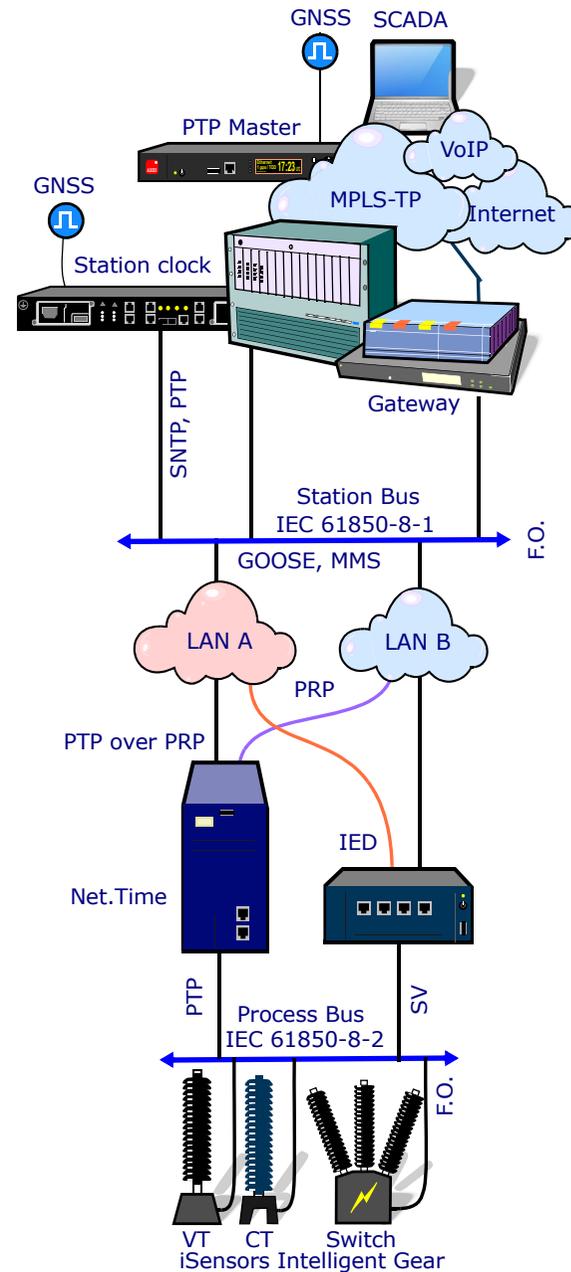


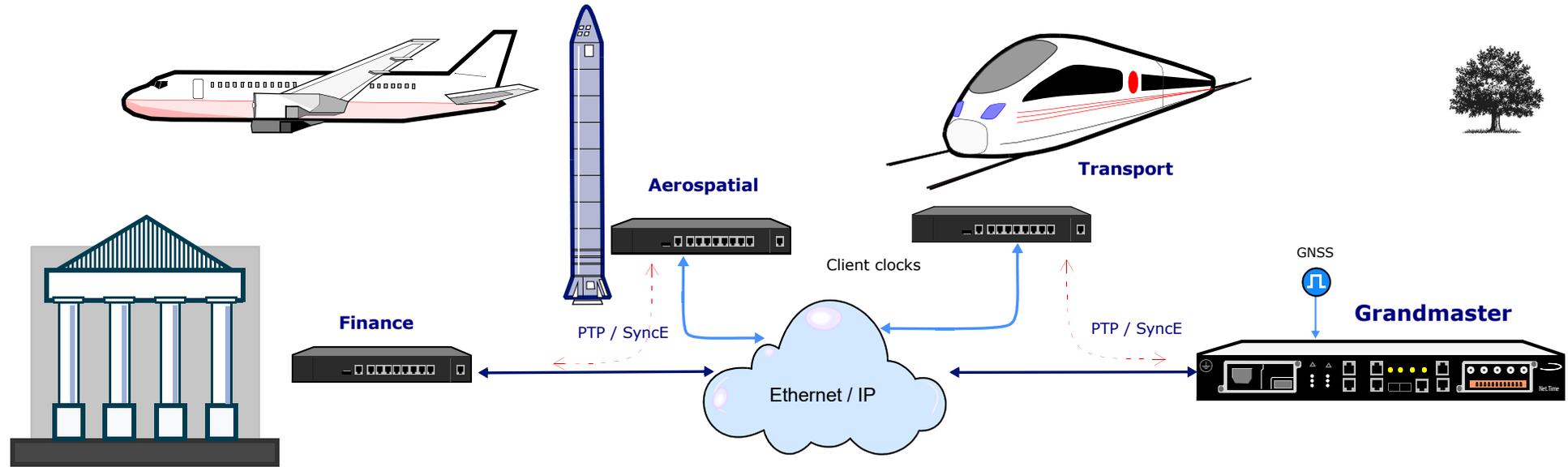
Conventional Substation

- IRIG-B
- PPS
- T1/E1

IEC 61850 substation

- PTP
- PRP
- SyncE
- NTP
- IRIG-B
- PPS
- T1/E1





NTP clock

- NTP v2
- NTP v3

PTP

- Customized profiles

PPS

IRIG-B

- Several options

BITS

- E1/T1

MHz

- Several options

Network Time Protocol support)

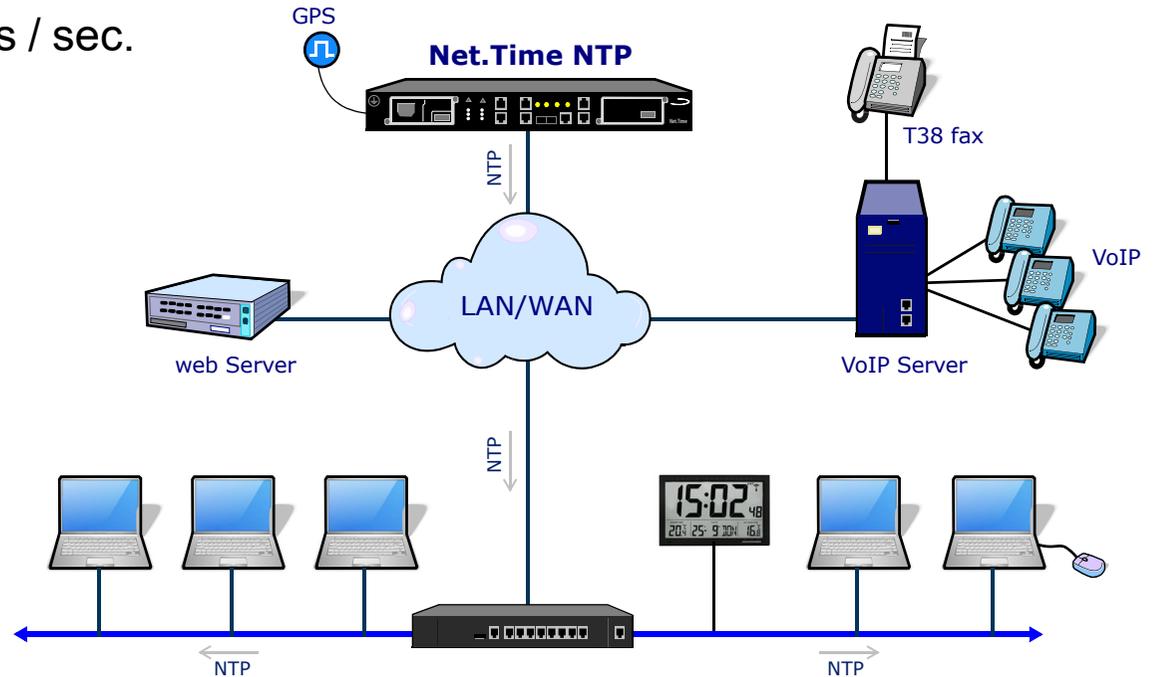
- Port A: NTP server @ 1000 transactions / sec.
- Port B: NTP client and time ref.

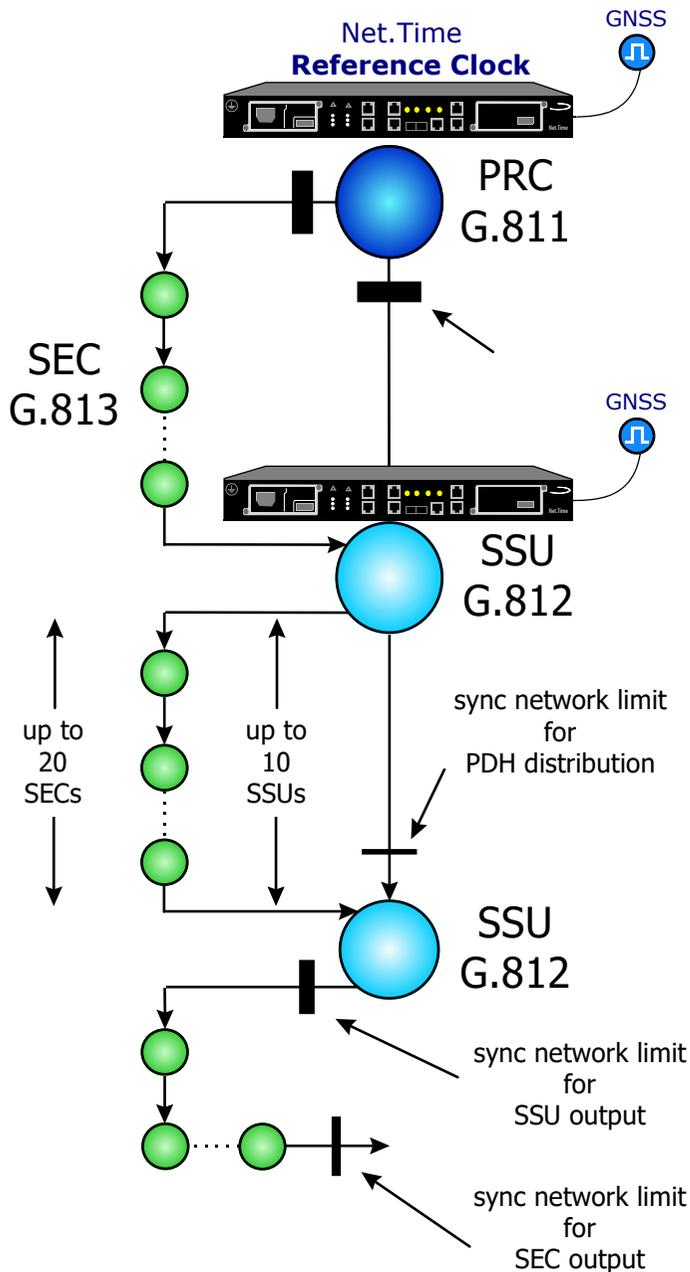
NTP versions

- NTPv3 (RFC 1305) server & client
- NTPv4 (RFC 5905) server & client
- SNTPv3 (RFC 1769) server

Configuration

- Maximum/ Minimum polling interval



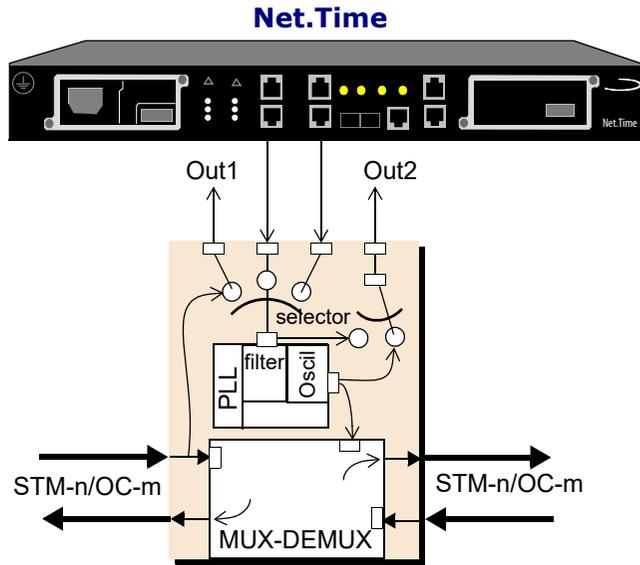


Net.Time configured as PRC is equipped with Rubidium oscillator providing timing to the SSU that can be a Net.Time with OCXO oscillator.

SSUs receive the signal (typically T1/E1 or BITS) and filter them to avoid degradation. In the event of a loss of timing signal SSU become primary clock and must continue working:

- High-quality transit SSUs used as reference for other SSUs
- Local SSU last link to synchronize network elements

A number of standards (ITU-T G.803, G.822, G.823, G.825, G.783, G.810, G.811, G.812, G.813, G.958, O.171, etc.) define the clock quality, functionality and limits of the synchronization tree to maintain the quality of the signals.



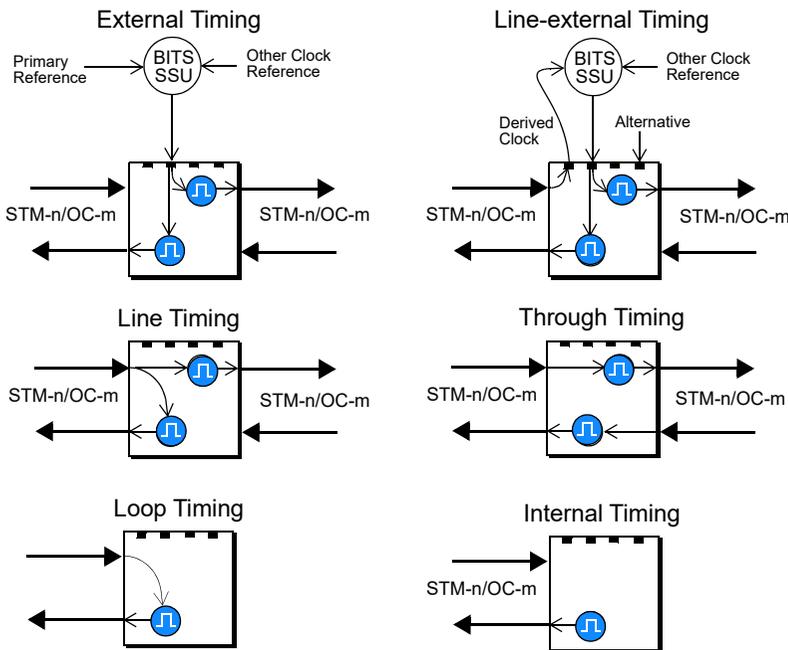
In SDH/SONET there are four ways to synchronize ADM and digital cross connects (DXC):

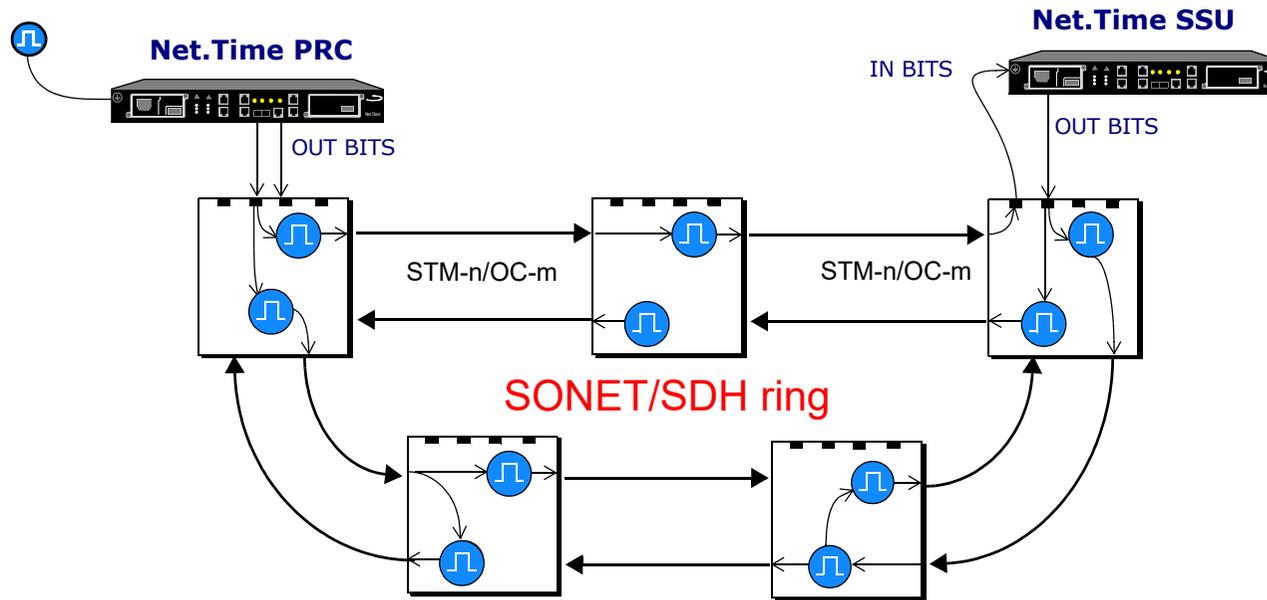
1 - External timing: The NE obtains its signal from a BITS or stand-alone synchronization equipment (SASE). This is a typical way to synchronize, and the NE usually also has an extra reference for emergency situations.

2 - Line timing: The NE obtains its clock by deriving it from one of the STM-n/OC-m input signals. This is used very much in ADM, when no BITS or SASE clock is available. There is also a special case, known as loop timing, where only one STM-n/OC-m interface is available.

3 - Through timing: This mode is typical for those ADMs that have two bidirectional STM-n/OC-m interfaces, where the Tx outputs of one interface are synchronized with the Rx inputs of the opposite interface.

4 - Internal timing: In this mode, the internal clock of the NE is used to synchronize the STM-n/OC-m outputs. It may be a temporary holdover stage after losing the synchronization signal, or it may be a simple line configuration where no other clock is available.





Often known as Building Integrated Timing Supply (BITS) there are several signals suitable for transporting synchronization:

- Sinusoidal: 1,544 and 2,048 kHz
- Digital: 1,544 and 2,048 kbit/s (T1 and E1)

In both cases it is extremely important for the clock signal to be continuous.

That's all



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