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Study of Laser – Beam arrival time synchronization towards sub-ps level

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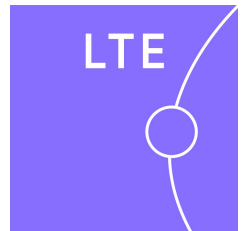
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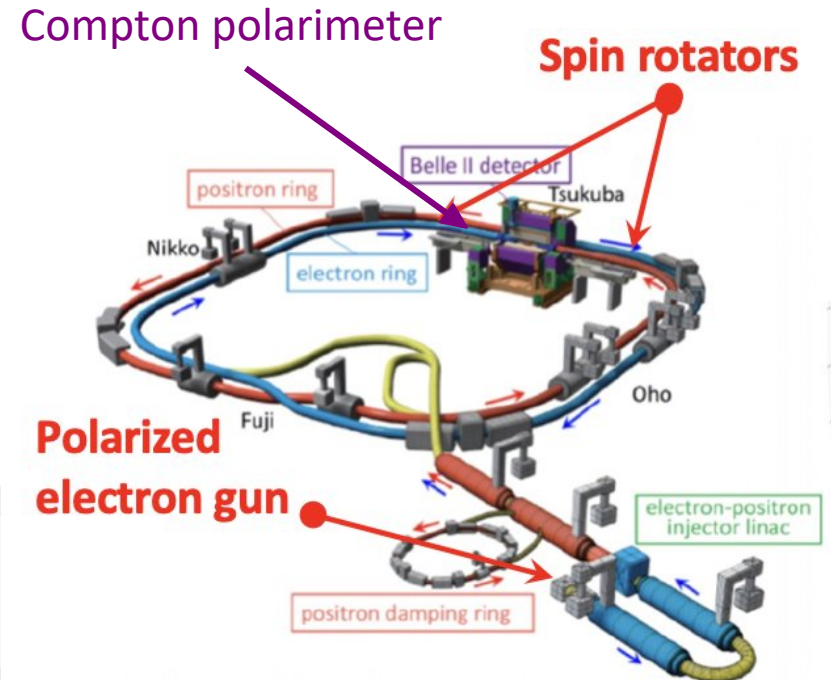
Context





SuperKEKB polarization upgrade:

1. Compton polarimeter to measure e^- beam polarization in real-time in SuperKEKB;
2. Laser with picosecond pulse duration inside SuperKEKB ring;
3. Synchronization of laser on SuperKEKB clock with picosecond stability;
4. Use Idrogen system with White Rabbit protocol for synchronization.



IDROGEN system



IDROGEN system: Key concepts

- An architecture where all signals generated by the board are synchronous with the master clock synchronized by the White Rabbit (WR) protocol.
- High data rate acquisition system using standard protocols.
- Frequency generator.
- Fully re-configurable.



IDROGEN board



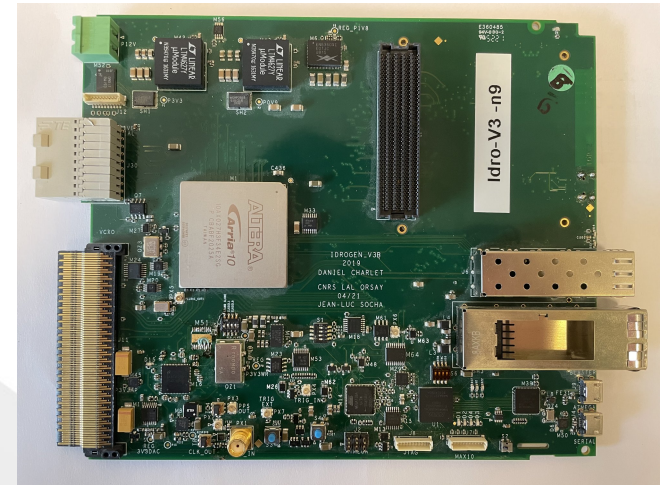
μTCA board, designed at IJCLab, based on Altera Arria10 FPGA with:

- White Rabbit protocol compliance for very high timing stability;
- High data rate transfer capabilities (PCIe, Ethernet, ...);
- Extension capabilities (RTM, FMC) for modularity.

Applications:

- ADC data acquisition (radio-astronomy, beam diagnostic, ...);
- Frequency generator (accelerators);
- Time and frequency transfer (metrology).

Closed collaboration with *Laboratoire Temps-Espace* (LTE) providing expertise in metrology.



Idrogen Board



Gatewares:

- White Rabbit;
- PCIe Gen3 x4 (DMA);
- Ethernet:
 - Ipbus (slow control);
 - UDP streaming at 1G, 10G and 40G (ongoing development);
- JESD204B for 1GS, 500MS and 250MS ADCs.

Softwares:

- Configuration GUI (Power, PLL, FMC) over USB and Ethernet;
- Slow control library and tools (I2C, SPI, WR diagnostic, ...);
- Acquisition software.



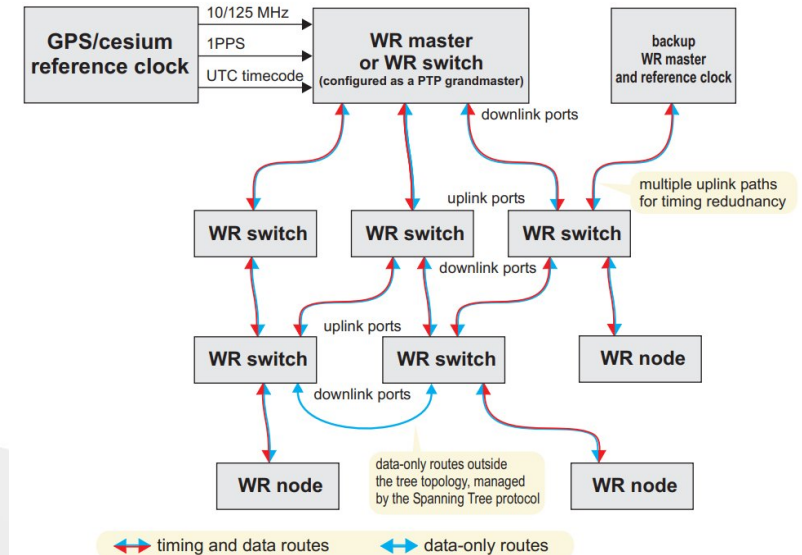


White Rabbit protocol

Project initiated by CERN and GSI for sub-nanosecond accuracy time transfer.

- Gigabit Ethernet network based on:
 - Precision Time Protocol (IEEE1588);
 - L1 syntonisation (clock transmission);
 - DDMTD Phase tracking (Digital Dual Mixer Time Difference).
- Time propagation compensation.
- Large area and node number (+1000).
- Deterministic network.

Provides: Synchronization, Timestamp and Pulse-Per-Second (PPS) signal.



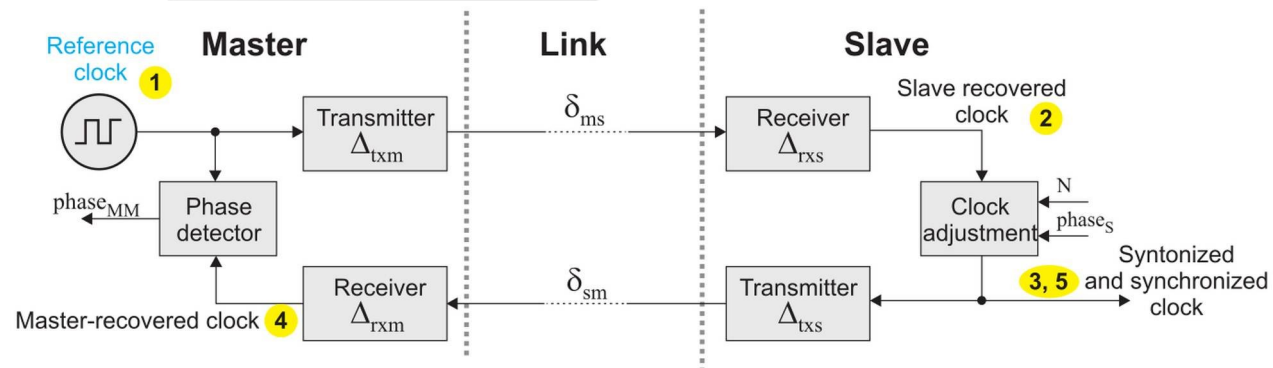
White Rabbit network topology ⁽¹⁾

(1) Precise time and frequency transfer in a White Rabbit network, T. Wlostowski



White Rabbit protocol

- 1) Reference clock transmitted by Master node and recovered on slave node (L1 syntonisation);
- 2) Measure Master – Slave and Master – Master delay (PTP);
- 3) Measure phase difference between recovered and local oscillator clocks (DDMTD);
- 4) Local clock phase adjustment (VCXO controlled with a DAC).



White Rabbit link model ⁽¹⁾

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Picosecond laser synchronization



Fractional PLL (FPLL) for accelerator synchronization (SI5362)

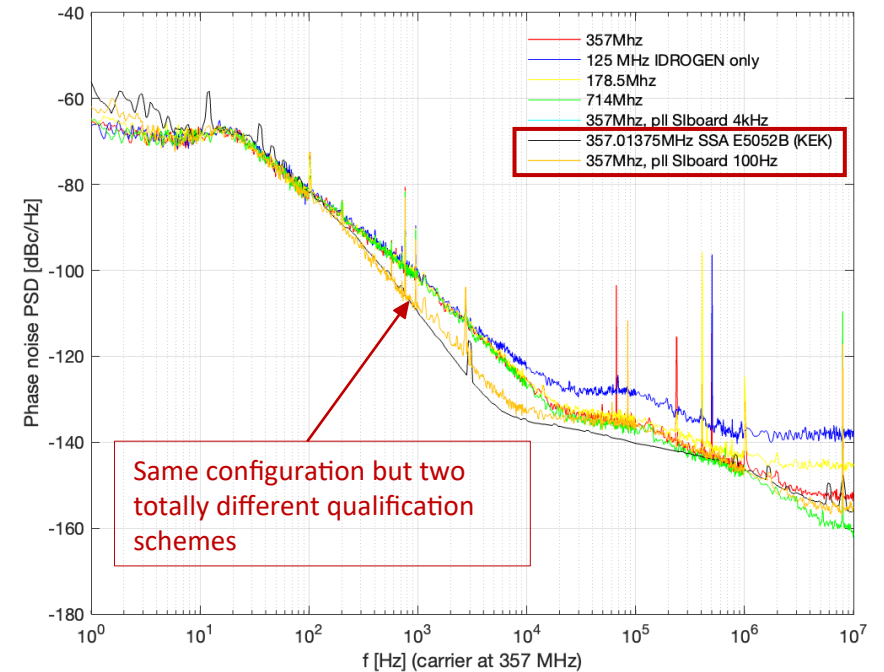
- Generate frequencies, disciplined by WR clock, from 10 kHz to 2.75 GHz, with 1 Hz resolution.

SI5362: Phase noise measurement

- Tests performed at IJCLab and KEK;
- Phase noise measured for various different output frequencies and input filters, re-scaled at 357 MHz: **1.7 ps RMS jitter** (357MHz SSA KEK);
- Consistency of KEK and IJCLab measurements.



FPLL clock synthesis setup



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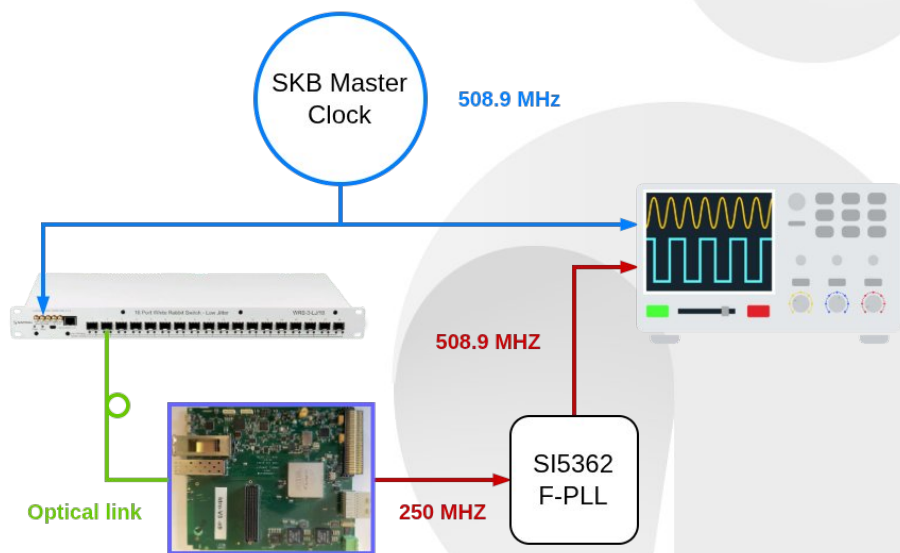


Clock synthesis with Fractional PLL

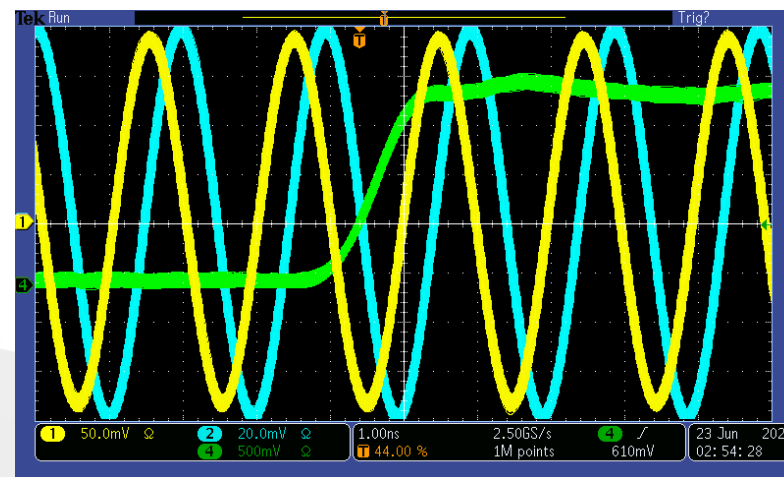


Super KEK B clock synchronization with SI5362 FPLL (508.9 MHz).

→ Good synchronization between Master's clock and Idrogen / SI5362 clock.



Experimental setup at SKB



Comparison of SKB and Idrogen clocks
10h persistency, at scope resolution limit

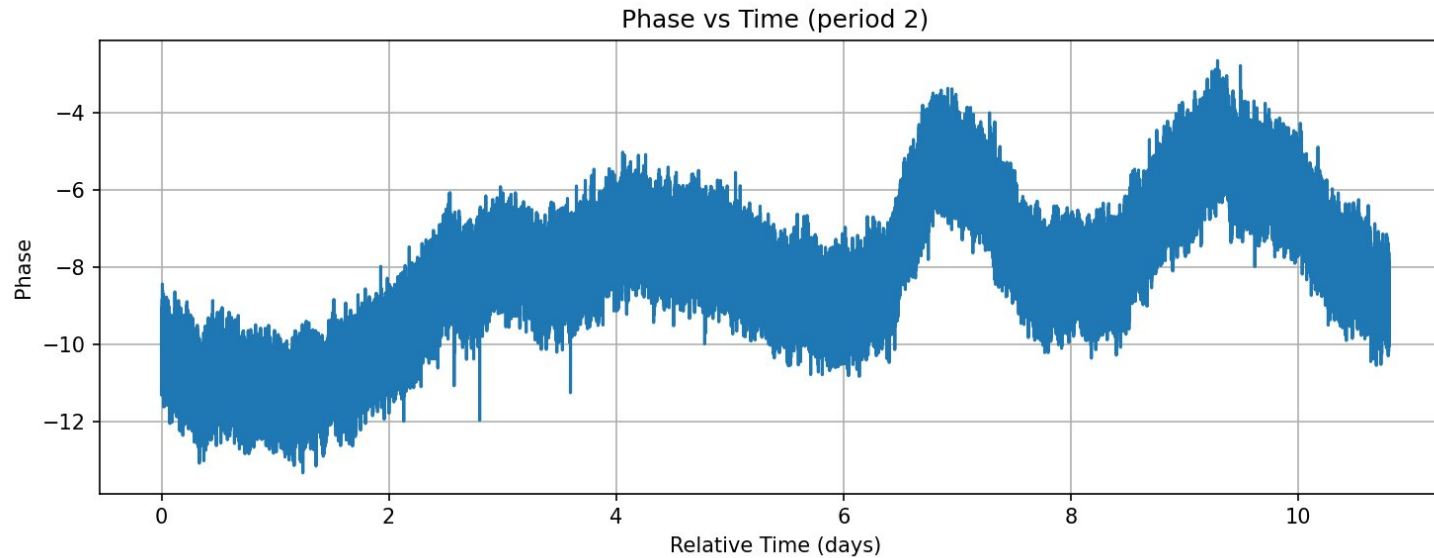
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IDROGEN + Fractional PLL phase drift

Long term phase difference ($^{\circ}$) between SuperKEKB and Idrogen SI5362 clocks (508.9 MHz).

→ Variation $\approx 8^{\circ}$ over 10 days

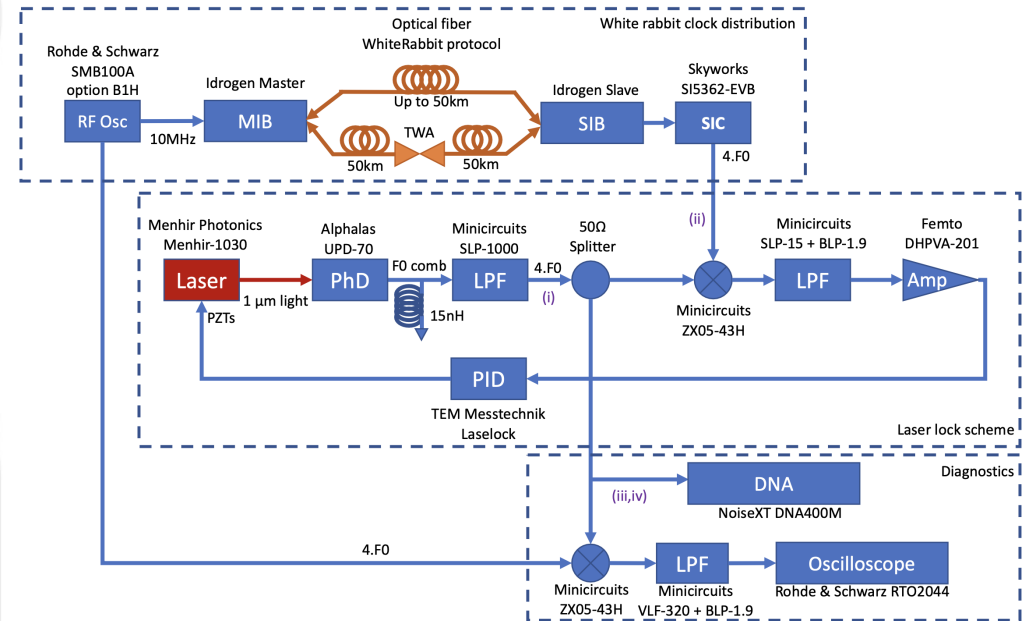


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Laser synchronization

- SMB100A-B1H used as RF oscillator;
- Two Idrogen boards used as White Rabbit Grand Master and slave;
- Slave board generates a 250MHz signal provided to a SI5362 FPLL;
- FPLL generates a clock at the fourth harmonic of the laser frequency;
- Clock is mixed with the filtered signal from the laser, resulting an error signal for a PID driving the laser piezo transducer.



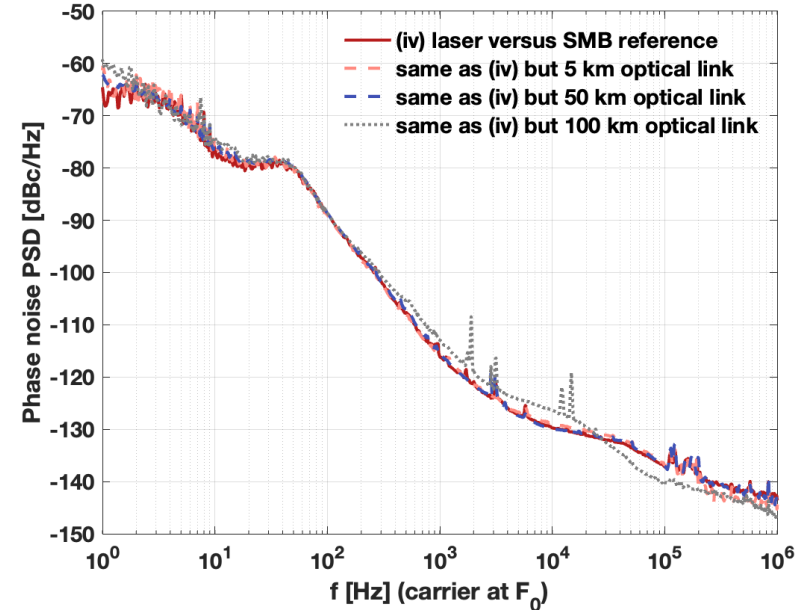
Laser synchronization setup

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Phase noise power spectral density of the synchronized laser:

- Four different optical fiber lengths: 10m, 5km, 50km and 100km;
- No modification of the phase noise when replacing it with a 5 km and 50 km fiber link;
- Significant difference with 100 km fiber link around 1Hz and above 300Hz.



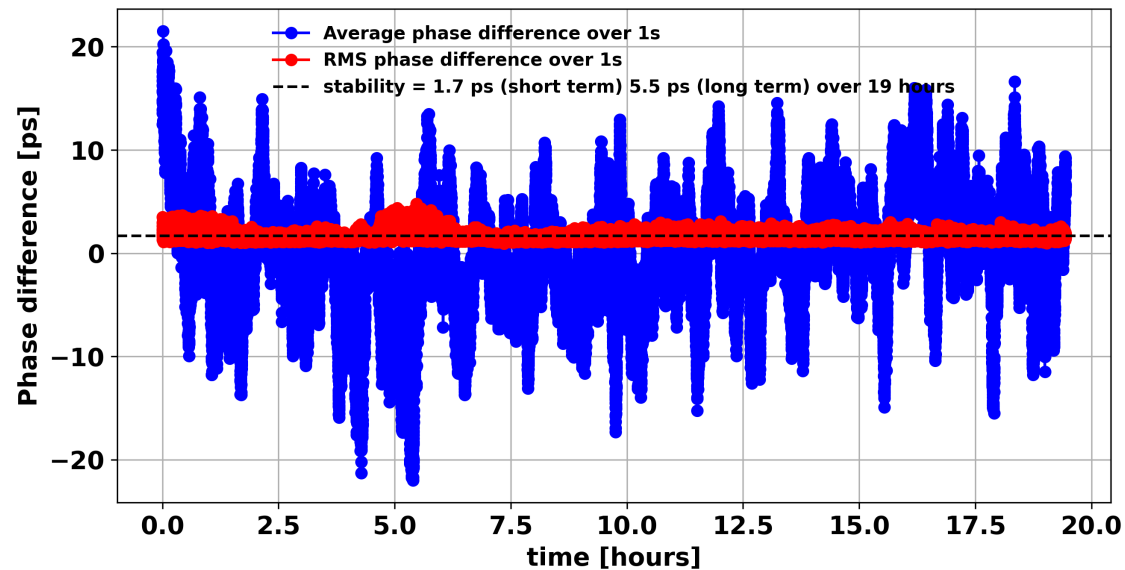
Power spectral density of phase noise

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Long term phase drift

Phase difference between Photo Diode filtered signal and reference RF oscillator with 100km fiber.



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Conclusion



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- IDROGEN board achieve picosecond RMS jitter with arbitrary clock signal synthesizer;
- Picosecond RMS jitter of a laser synchronized with Idrogen boards;
- Ongoing work: Long term phase drift evolution;
- Planned travel to KEK in November for first test of synchronization with e^- beam;
- Version 4 of the Idrogen board is currently under development (outdated components).



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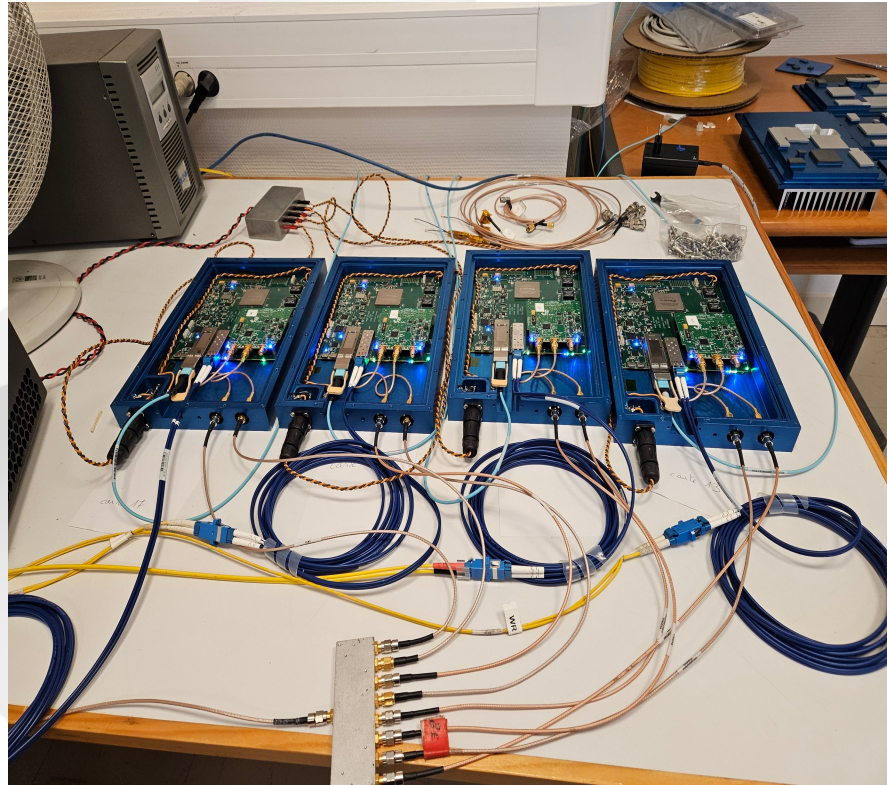


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4 IDROGEN boards in a standalone mode

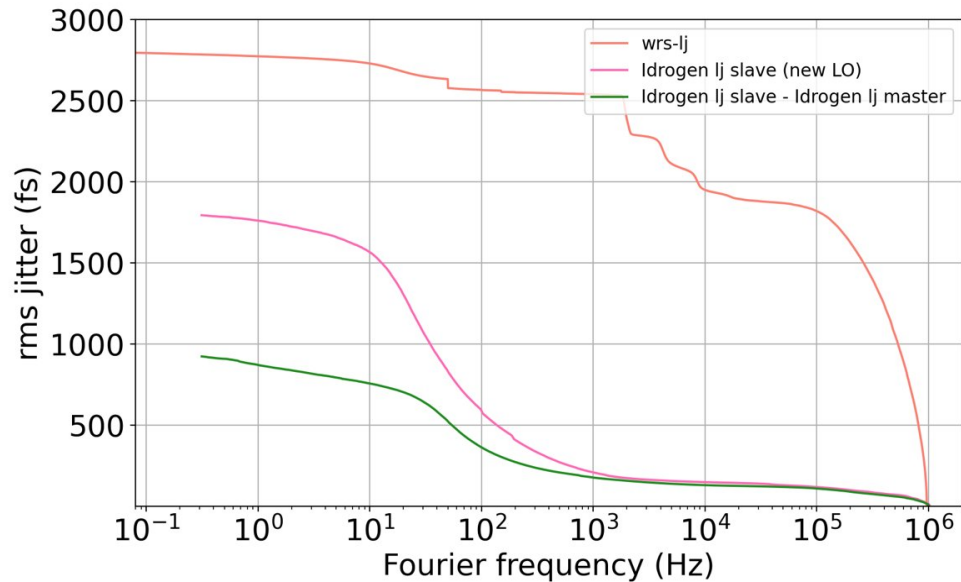




IDROGEN board performance

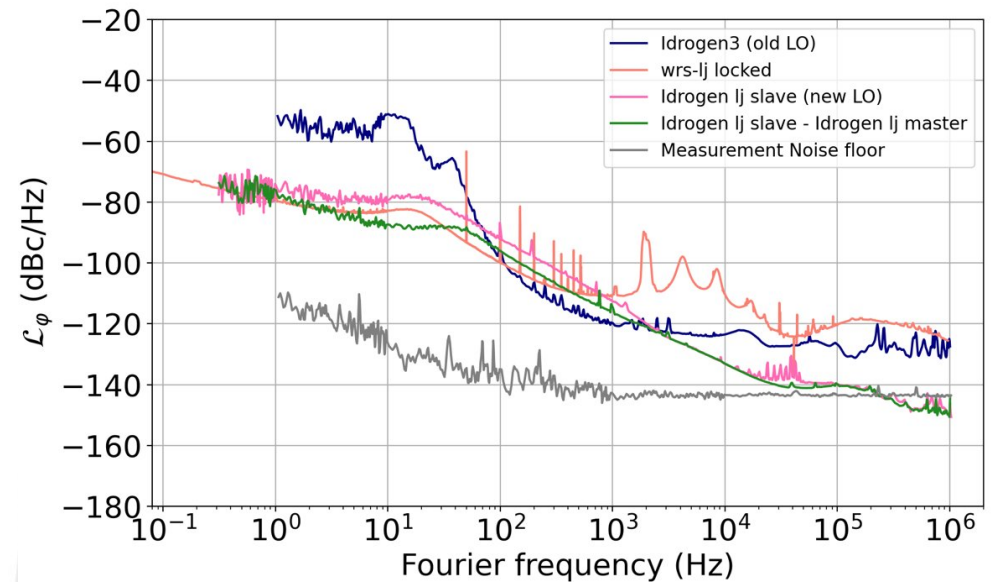
Phase noise measurement

RMS jitter according to integration range



*Variation of lower bound of integration range.
Upper bound fixed at 1 MHz*

Phase noise measurement (carrier at 100 MHz)



Phase noise improvement: 866 fs RMS (1 Hz, 1 MHz)