



Recent Growth in Timing

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Precise synchronization has become essential



Distributed compute processes with critical infrastructures and the industrial Internet rely on precise time for coordination

Precise synchronization of **radio access networks** is fundamental for public and private mobile communication infrastructures



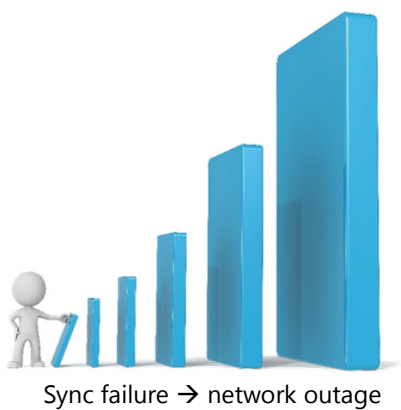
Positioning services for defense, aviation, seismology and many other applications need accurate time for precise localization

Financial transactions and certain **security applications** require trustworthy and precise time for auditable transparency



A growing number of applications requires an increasing precision in timing

Network synchronization – moderate cost, high impact



Sync investment (< 1% of network cost) is not creating direct service revenues, it is enabler (e.g. 5G).
 Inaccurate timing impacts service revenues by performance degradations, service outages or even catastrophic failures

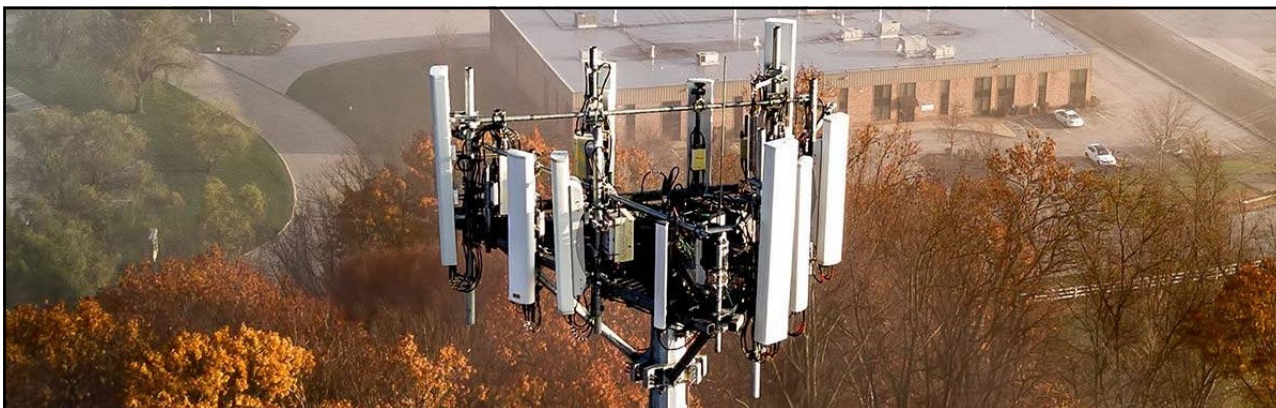


- No compromises with timing accuracy
- Resilience by combining multiple sync technologies and suppliers
- Loose integration for agility, speed and vendor-neutrality

Lack of customer awareness – there is a high likelihood that sync accuracy is at risk

Tier-1 markets, applications and industry verticals

<p>Radio access networks</p>	<p>Highly accurate phase and frequency synchronization for efficient use of spectrum</p>	
	<p>Timing distribution to remote-PHY devices in digital infrastructure deployments</p>	<p>Digital cable networks</p>
<p>Power utilities</p>	<p>Higher accuracy and uncompromised reliability for mission critical applications</p>	
	<p>Migration from NTP to PTP-based timing for increased time stamping accuracy</p>	<p>Financial trading</p>
<p>Data center infrastructure</p>	<p>Common and precise time basis for synchronization of distributed data bases</p>	



Synchronization of radio access networks

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Synchronization of radio access networks

Industry vertical
Compelling event
Product needed

Incumbent fixed and mobile network operators
Introduction of LTE-TDD, migration to LTE-A and 5G
Cesium Clock,
Core, Edge and Access Grandmasters



Key players
Solution needed
Outlook

Sync and RAN vendors
Scalable solution, clock accuracy, sync assurance
Market will grow due to 5G, price pressure due to reduce ARPU, compensated by increase in volume

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Radio Access Synchronization requirements



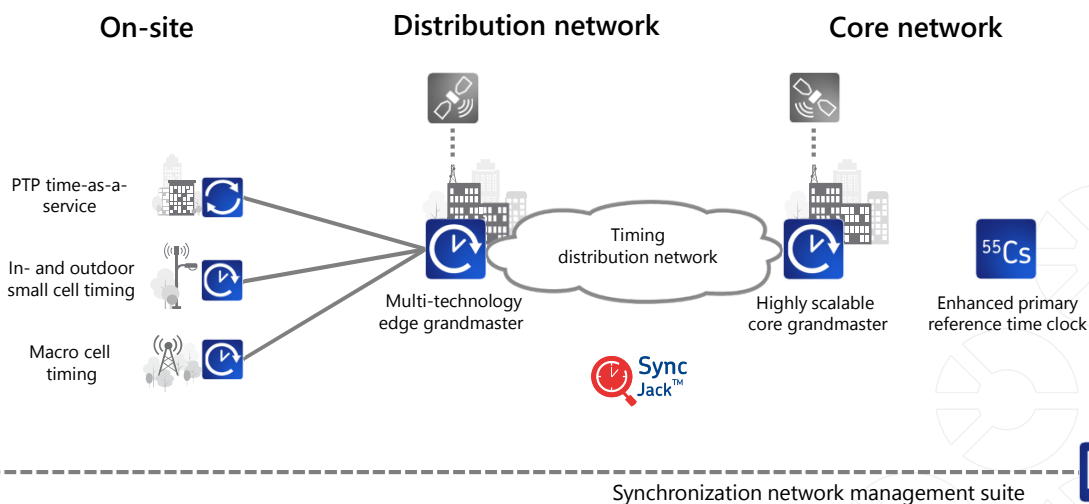
- Fronthaul eCPRI:** <100ns time sync
- 5G – positioning:** <100ns time sync (cluster)
- 5G – CA, IoT:** several 100ns time sync (cluster)
- LTE Advanced CoMP, TDD:** 1.5µs time synchronization
- LTE – multicast:** several µs time synchronization
- 3G TDD:** 5µs time synchronization (large cells)
- 2G/3G –** frequency synchronization

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End-to-end network timing delivery



Assured precision timing – scalable phase and frequency synchronization

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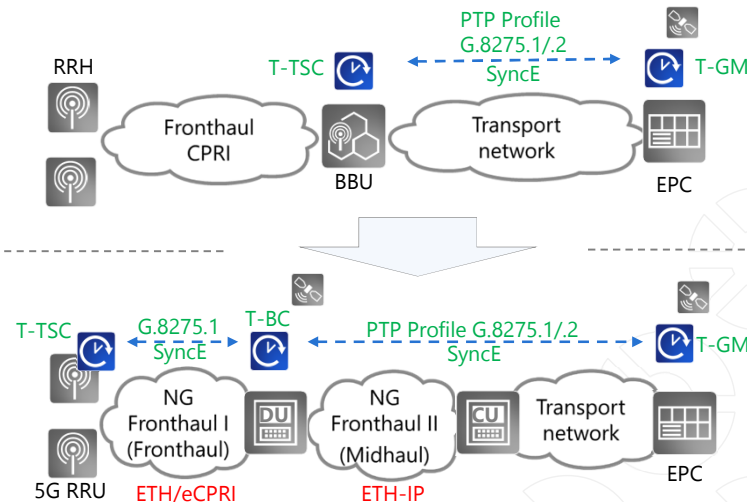
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From 4G eNB to 5G gNB synchronization evolution

4G: RRH connected over CPRI with in-band synchronization

5G: gNB with Ethernet connectivity and DU/CU using PTP for accurate timing
RRU connected over eCPRI with PTP synchronization



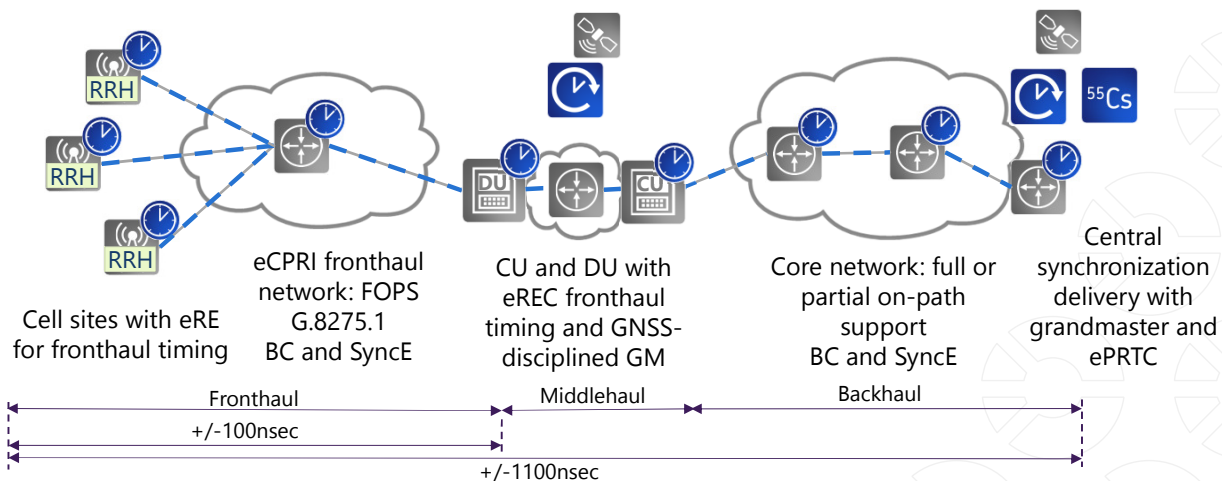
BBU is further split into DU/CU with very stringent timing requirements

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5G Synchronization architecture eCPRI fronthaul



Emerging synchronization architecture for most stringent timing requirements

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Digital cable network synchronization

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Digital cable network synchronization

Industry vertical
Compelling event
Product needed

MSOs and cable network operators
DOCSIS 3.1 migration to digital RPD cable access infrastructure
Core and Edge Grandmasters, Access Grandmaster for TaaS



Key players
Solution needed
Outlook

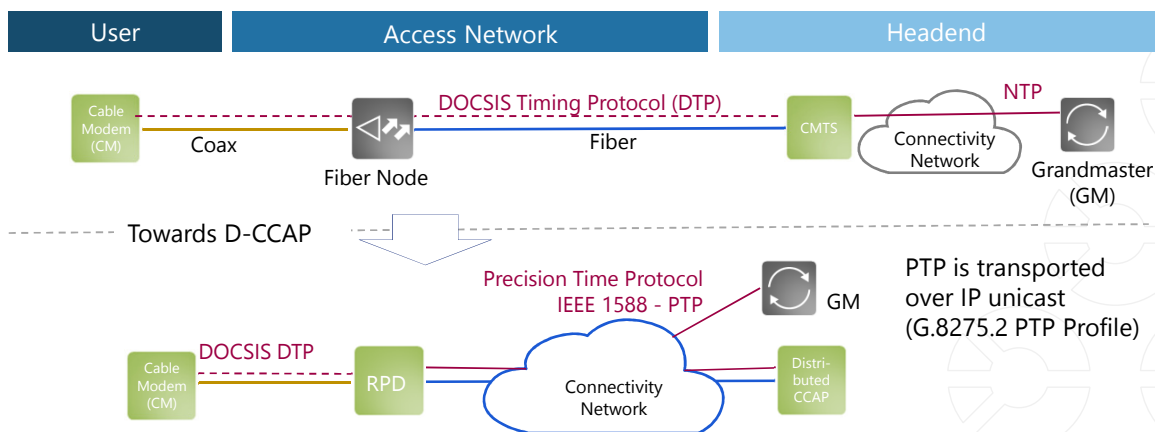
Sync vendors
Cable labs interoperability, compact and cost effective
Multi Service Operators are forced to move to DOCSIS 3.1 in order to survive by lower cost of business services, mobile backhaul and TaaS to follow

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General synchronization requirements



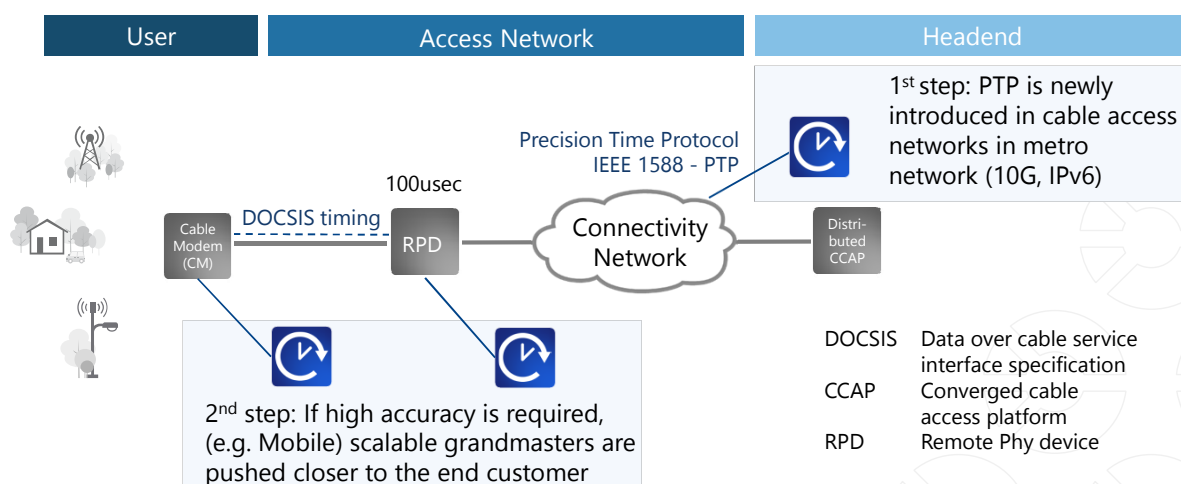
From DTP in legacy DOCSIS to IEEE 1588 PTP in DOCSIS 3.1

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Distributed access architecture in cable networks



IEEE 1588 PTP for cost-efficient synchronization from central grandmaster

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Power utilities synchronization

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Synchronizing for energy companies

Industry vertical
Compelling event
Product needed

Energy utility companies
Stringent timing requirements at substations due to the shift to power grid networks
Cesium Clock, Core and Edge Grandmasters



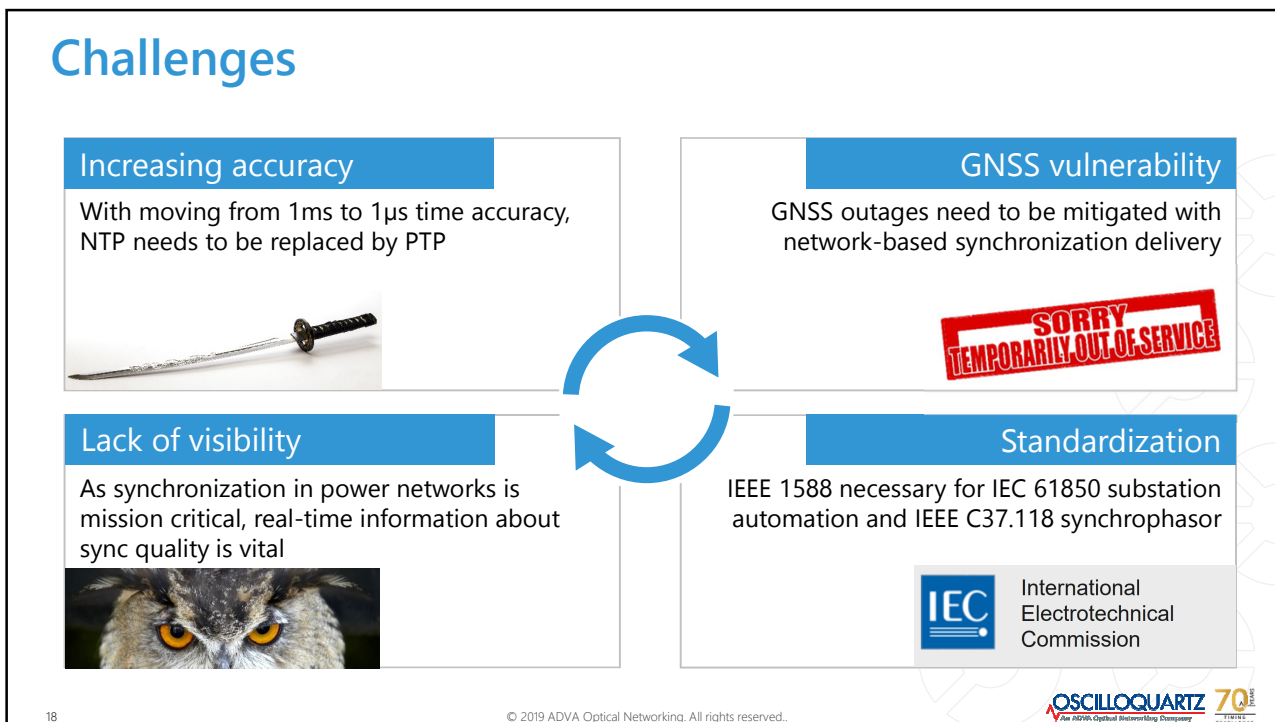
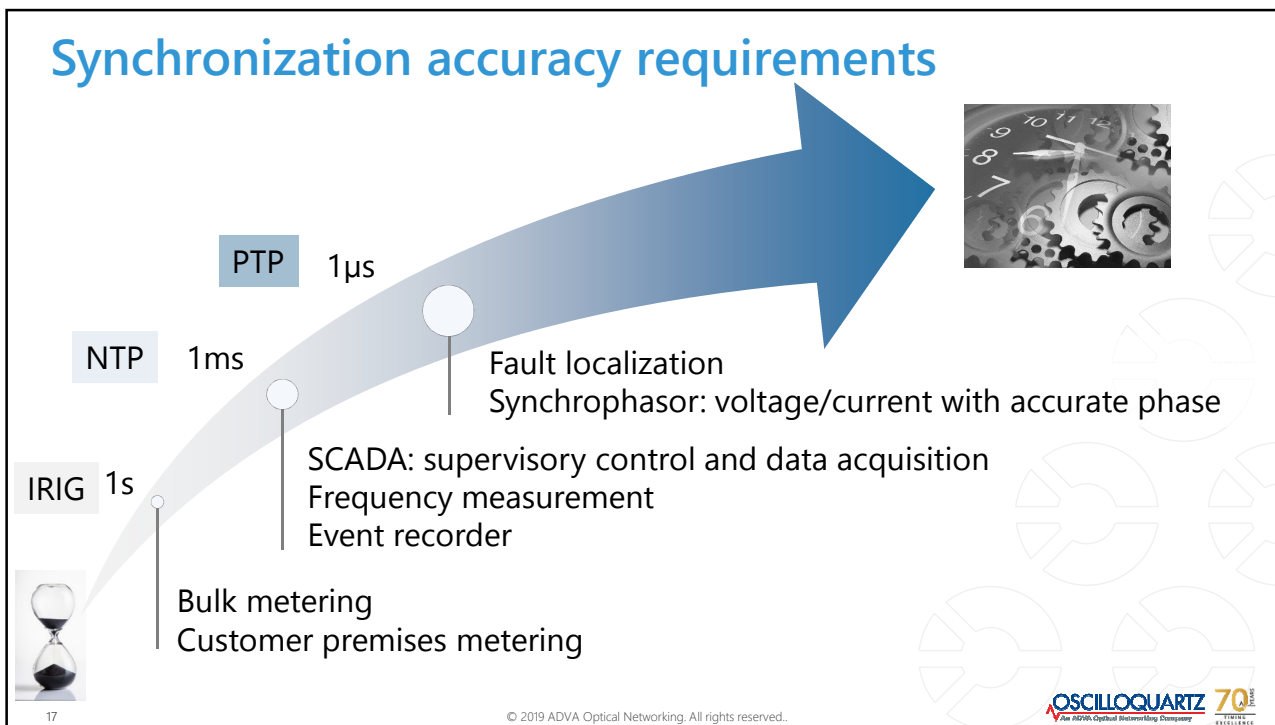
Key players
Solution needed
Outlook

General and power specific sync vendors
Power profile, IRIG-B and Semi rigid solutions, GNSS and sync assurance
Although the very slow rate of progress, next generation power grid networks will drive the shift from NTP and IRIG-B to PTP, will take 10+ years

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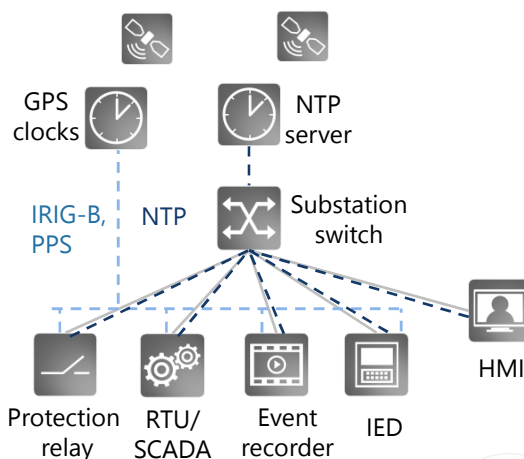
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Substation synchronization - today

- IRIG and PPS provide time information
 - GNSS as highly accurate local time reference
- Migration to Ethernet
- Network Time Protocol (NTP) provides msec precision to appliances
 - GNSS time reference



Presently applied solutions neither meet accuracy nor availability requirements

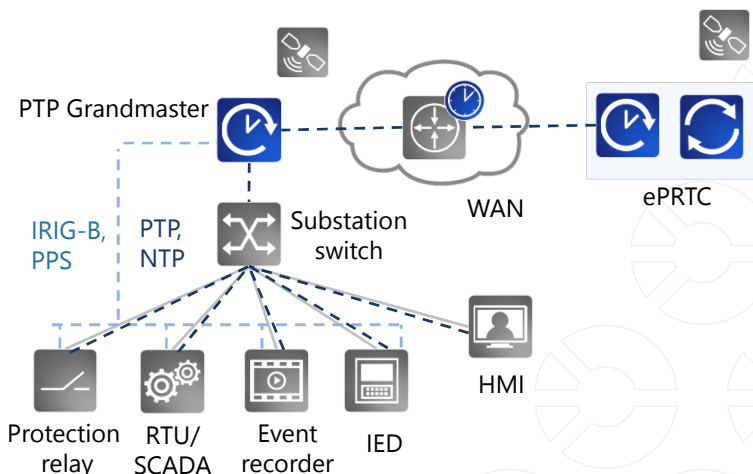
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Substation synchronization - tomorrow

- Precision Time Protocol for **sub- μ s timing accuracy**
- Converging PTP, NTP and IRIG-B into **single PTP solution**
- Mitigating GNSS outages with network-based backup for **highest availability**
- Assuring business continuity by **monitoring sync quality**



Highest accuracy and best availability with satellite **and** network based timing

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Time stamping in financial trading

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Time stamping in financial trading

Industry vertical	Financial institutions, exchanges, trading venues
Compelling event	Support for MiFID II and SEC 630 time stamping accuracy
Product needed	Cesium Clock (TaaS providers) Core and Edge Grandmaster and PTP slave (HW and SW)



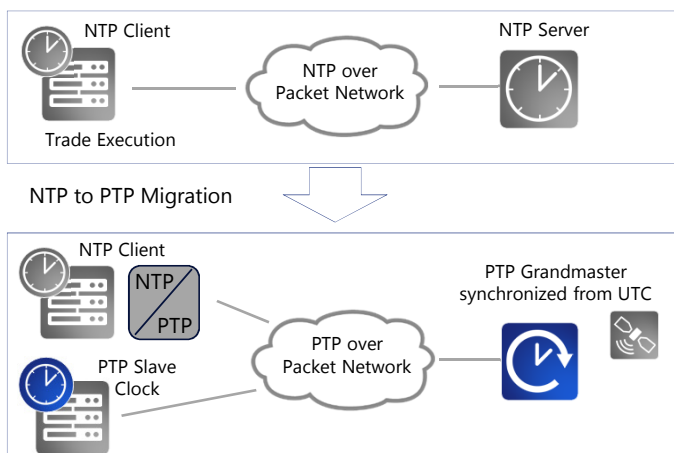
Key players	Sync vendors
Solution needed	End to End with HW based PRTC/ePRTC and HW or SW based PTP clients, sync performance monitoring and long term logging
Outlook	Higher margin business with increase demand for accuracy

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NTP to PTP migration in finance



Objective:

- Leverage PTP accuracy
- Protect investment with existing NTP clients

Way forward:

- NTP/PTP gateway
- Enhancing NTP with precise sync signal (1PPS)
- Upgrading legacy appliances with SFP GM
- Sync soft client

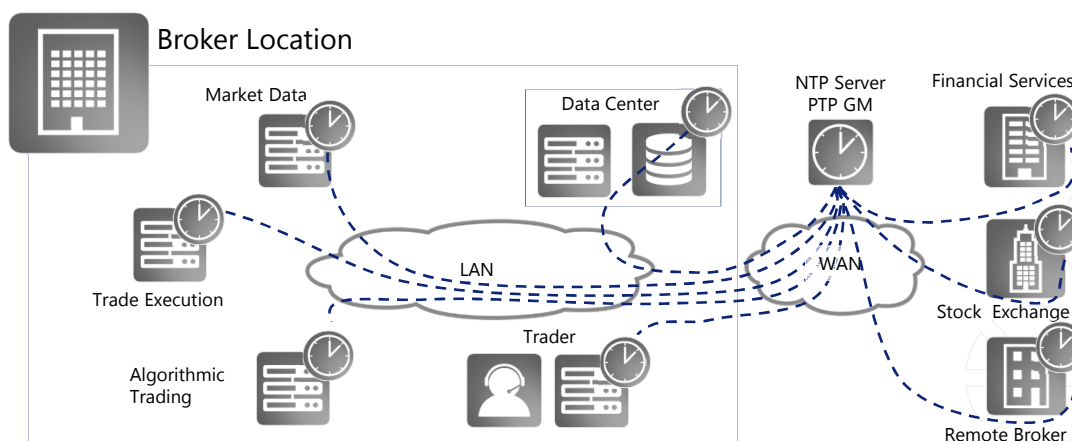
NTP migration as initial step – upselling with high precision clocks, sync assurance

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Timing in financial trading networks

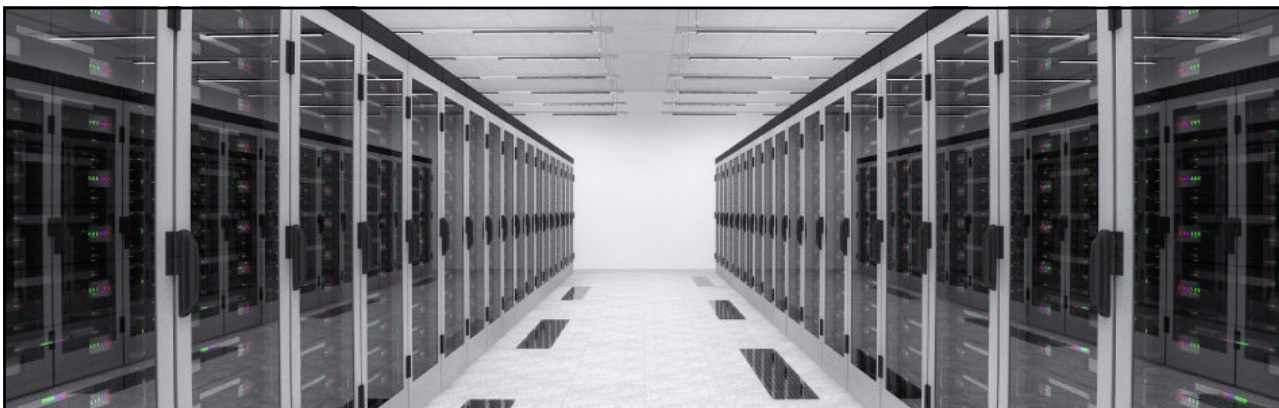


Any component of the trading system needs time information

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Data centers and distributed data bases

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Real-time data base synchronization

Industry vertical
Compelling event
Product needed

Internet content and cloud service providers
Distributed, real-time data base offering, GNSS backup
Cesium Clock
Edge Grandmaster, ePRTC like solution



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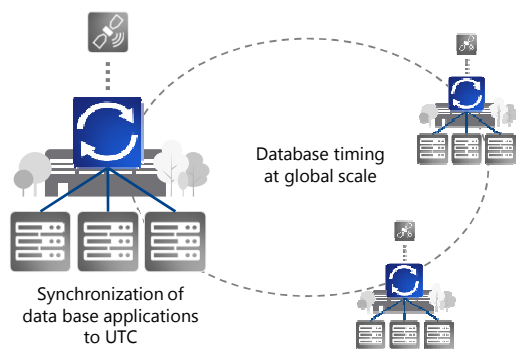
Sync vendors, self development
ePRTC integration, Full solution and Scalability
Large market that will keep growing due to the high demand of timing and fast growth of the ICP

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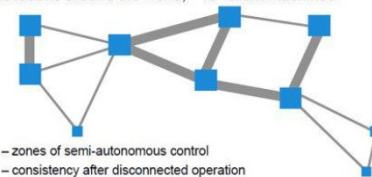
Real-time data base synchronization



- Establishing consistency among stored data
- Continuous harmonization of data over time
- File synchronization, distributed file systems, mirroring
- Synchronized cloud data bases
 - Google Spanner
 - Amazon Dynamo
 - Azure Cosmos

Design Goals for Spanner

- Future scale: $\sim 10^6$ to 10^7 machines, $\sim 10^{13}$ directories, $\sim 10^{18}$ bytes of storage, spread at 100s to 1000s of locations around the world, $\sim 10^9$ client machines



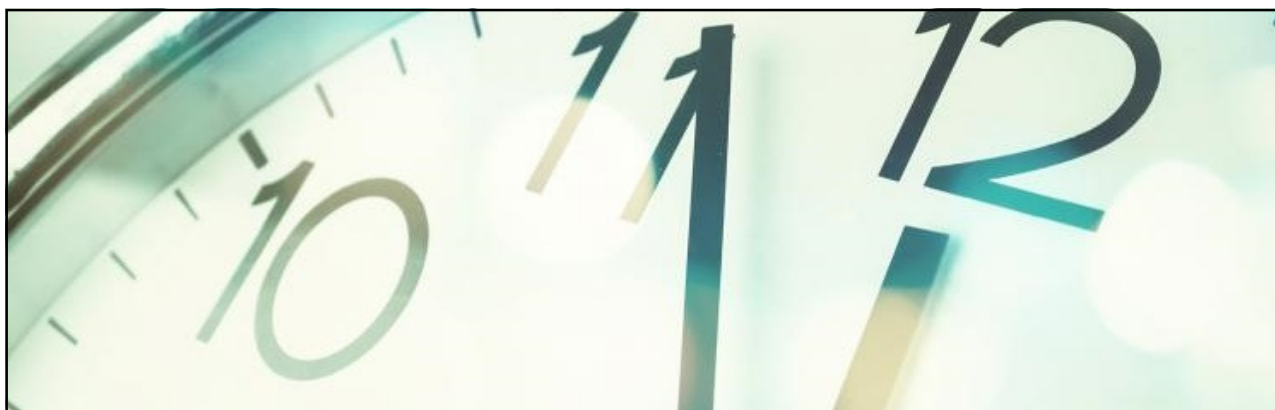
- zones of semi-autonomous control
- consistency after disconnected operation
- users specify high-level desires:
 - "99%ile latency for accessing this data should be $\sim 50ms$ "
 - "Store this data on at least 2 disks in EU, 2 in U.S. & 1 in Asia"

Google

Establishing data consistency between data bases locally and globally

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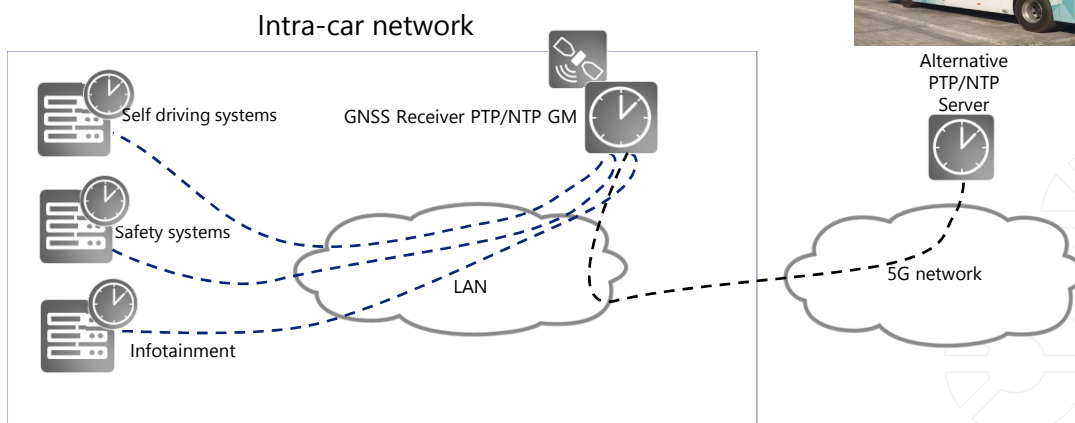
Where are we going from here?

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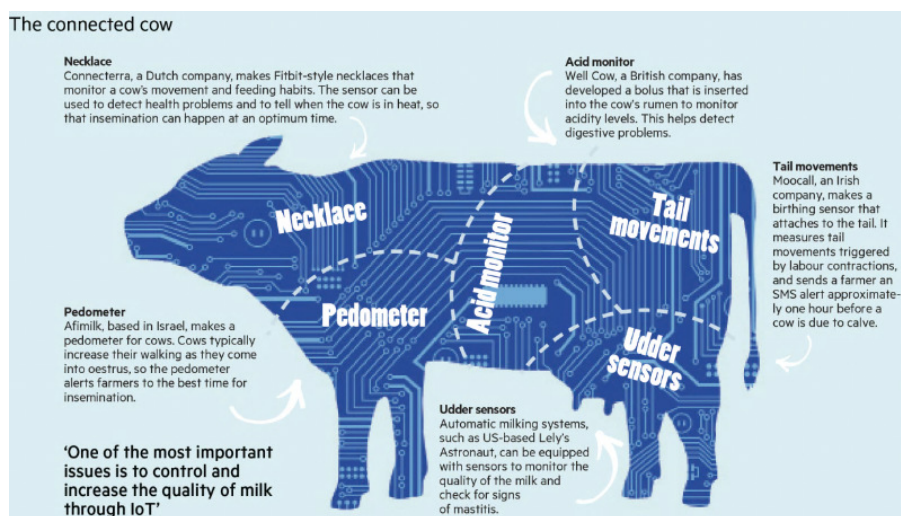
Timing for Self Driving Cars



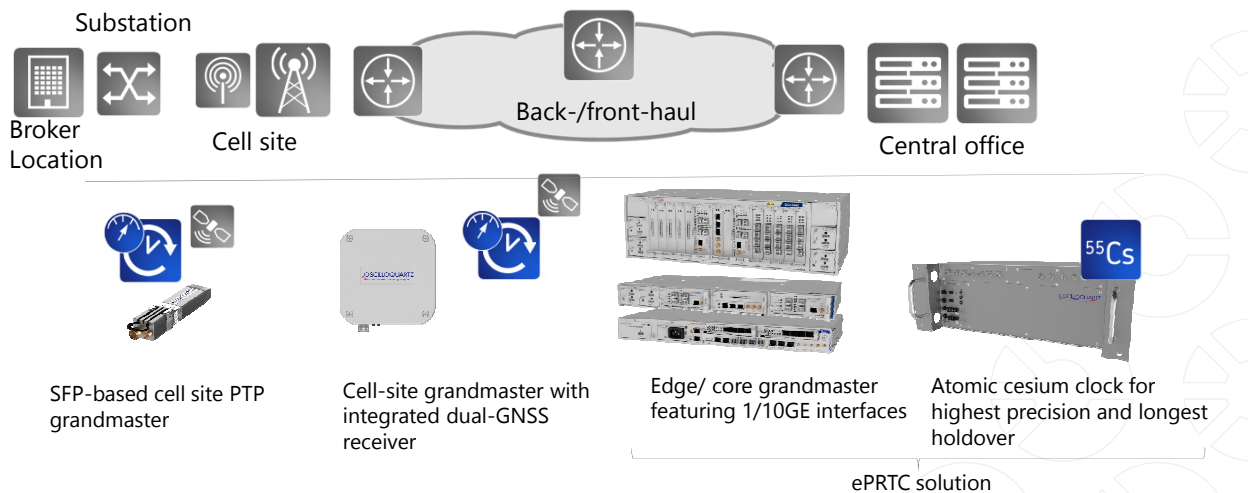
Any component of the Self Driving Car needs time information

From Connected Cars to Connected Cows...

- Coverage
- Small Cells
- Low Power
- Synchronization
- Rural IoT



So what is the common need for all these cases?



Many ways to enhance accuracy of time distribution

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