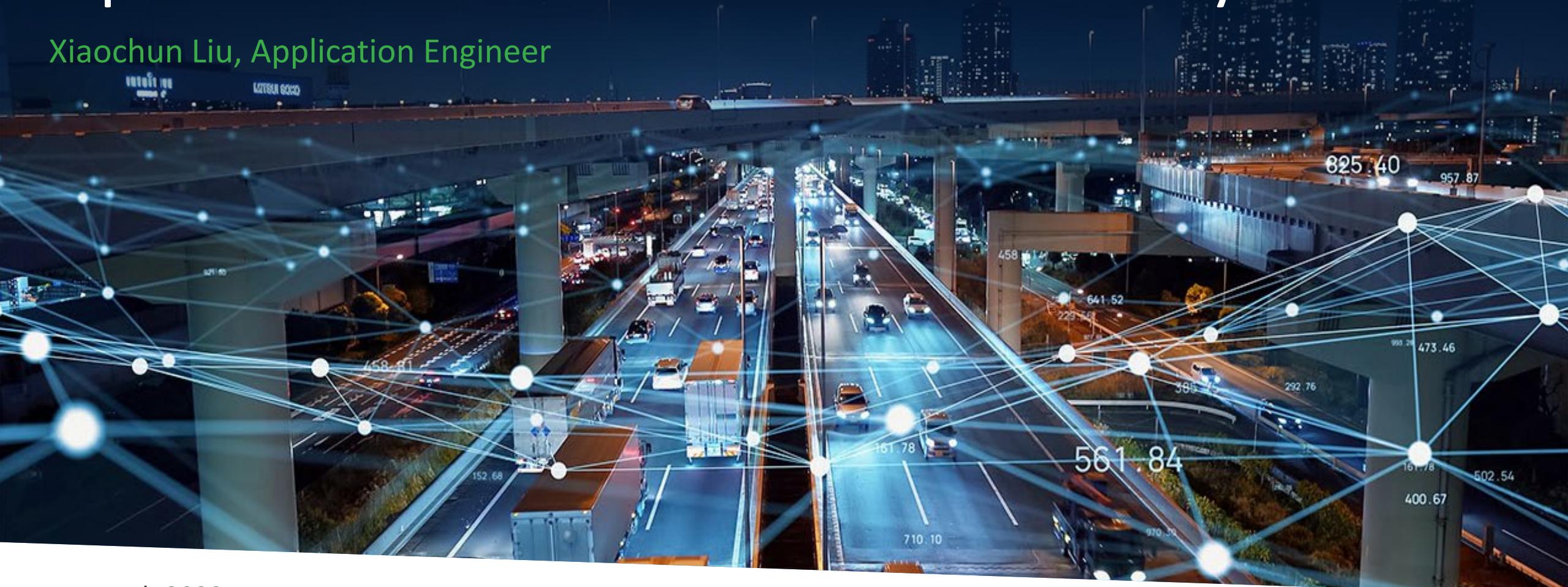


# Implementation Considerations for Holdover Functionality in Oscillator

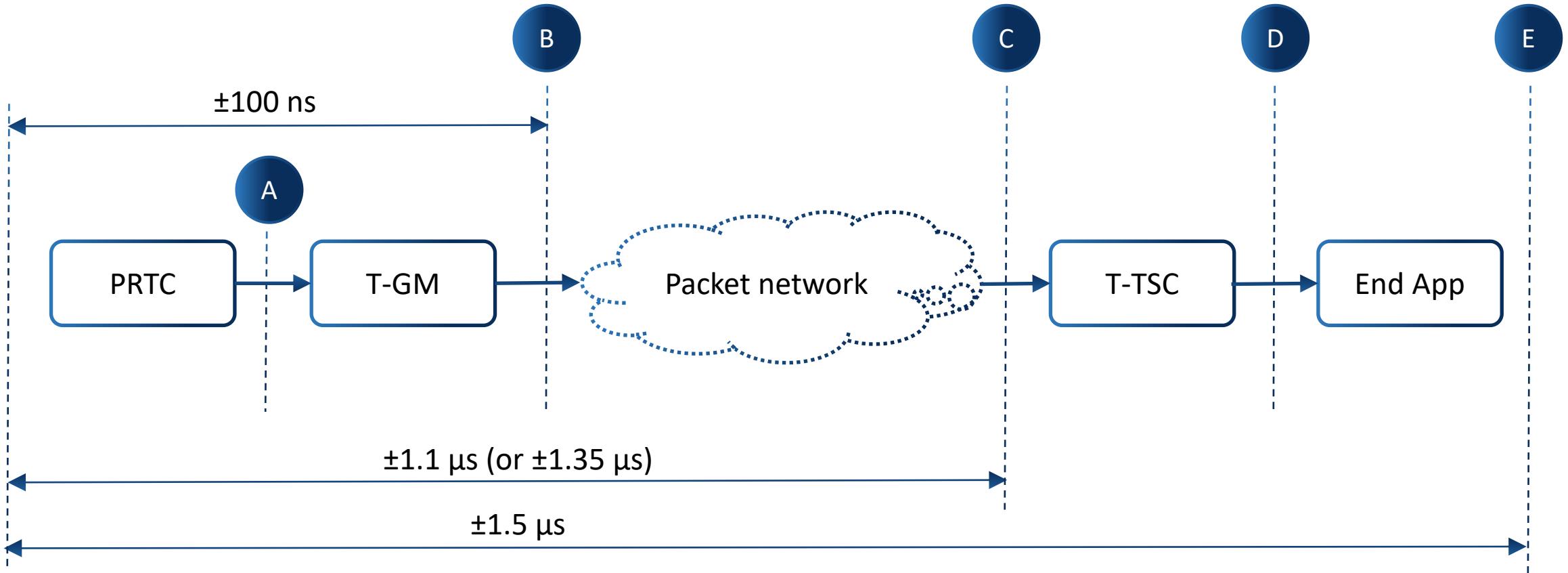
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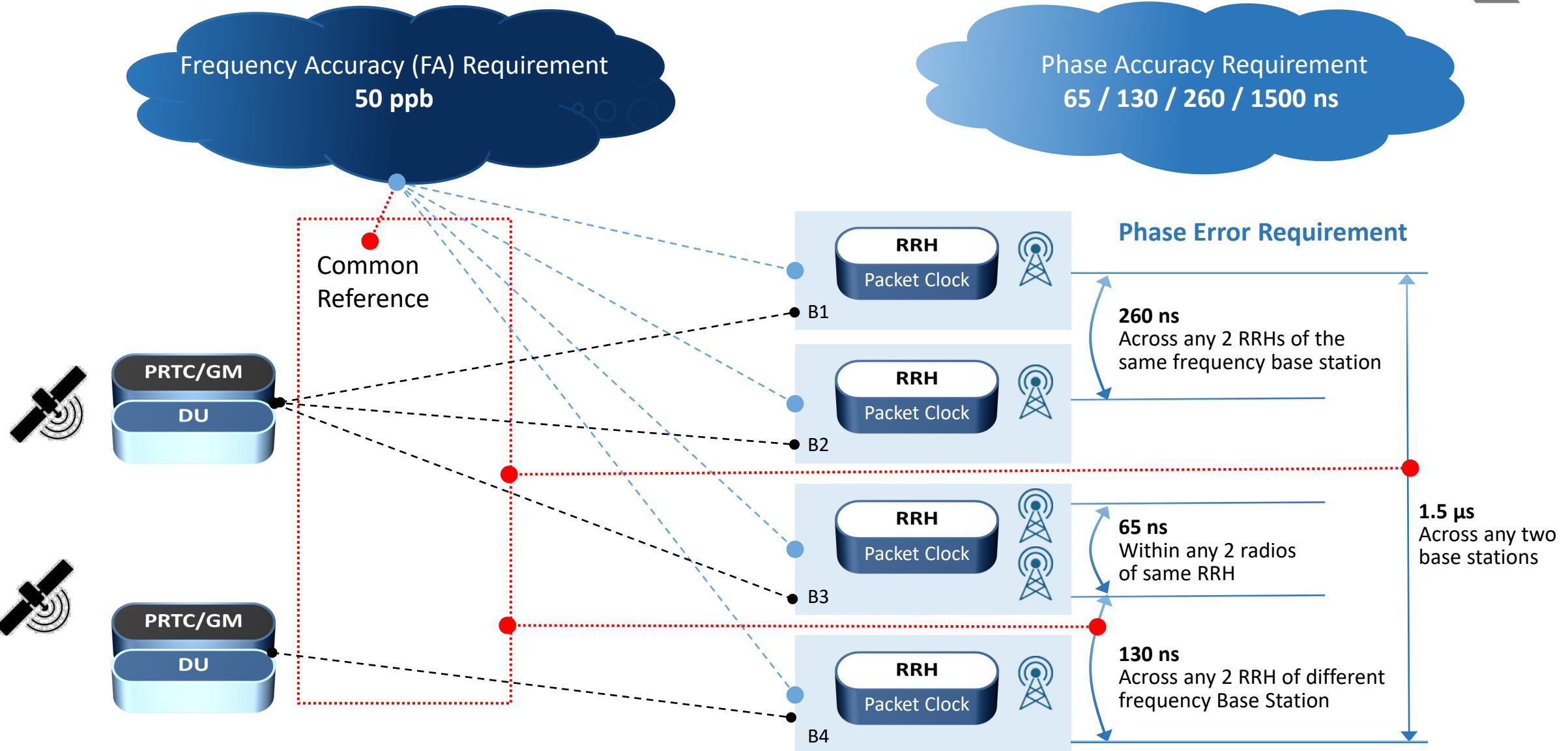
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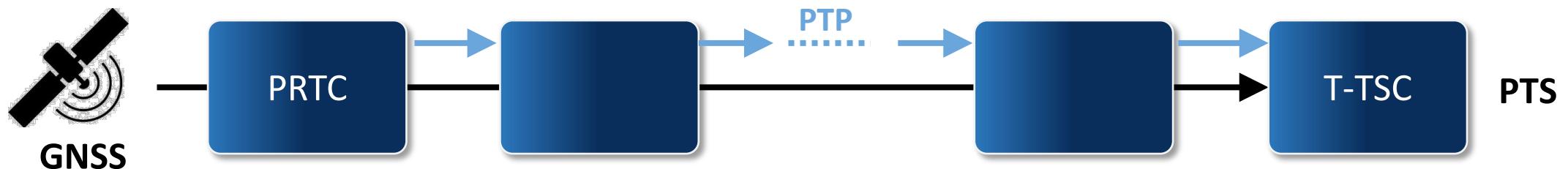
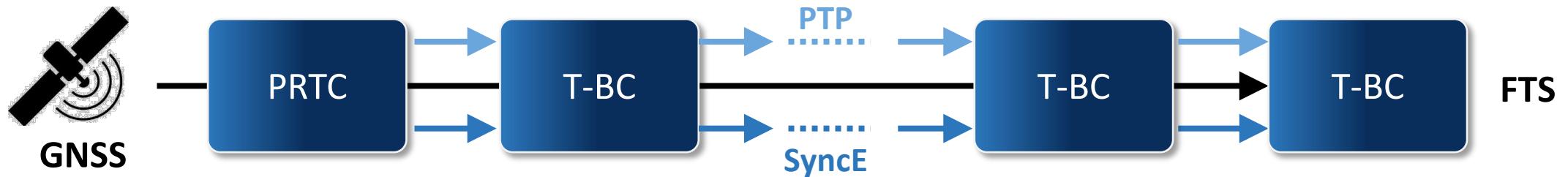
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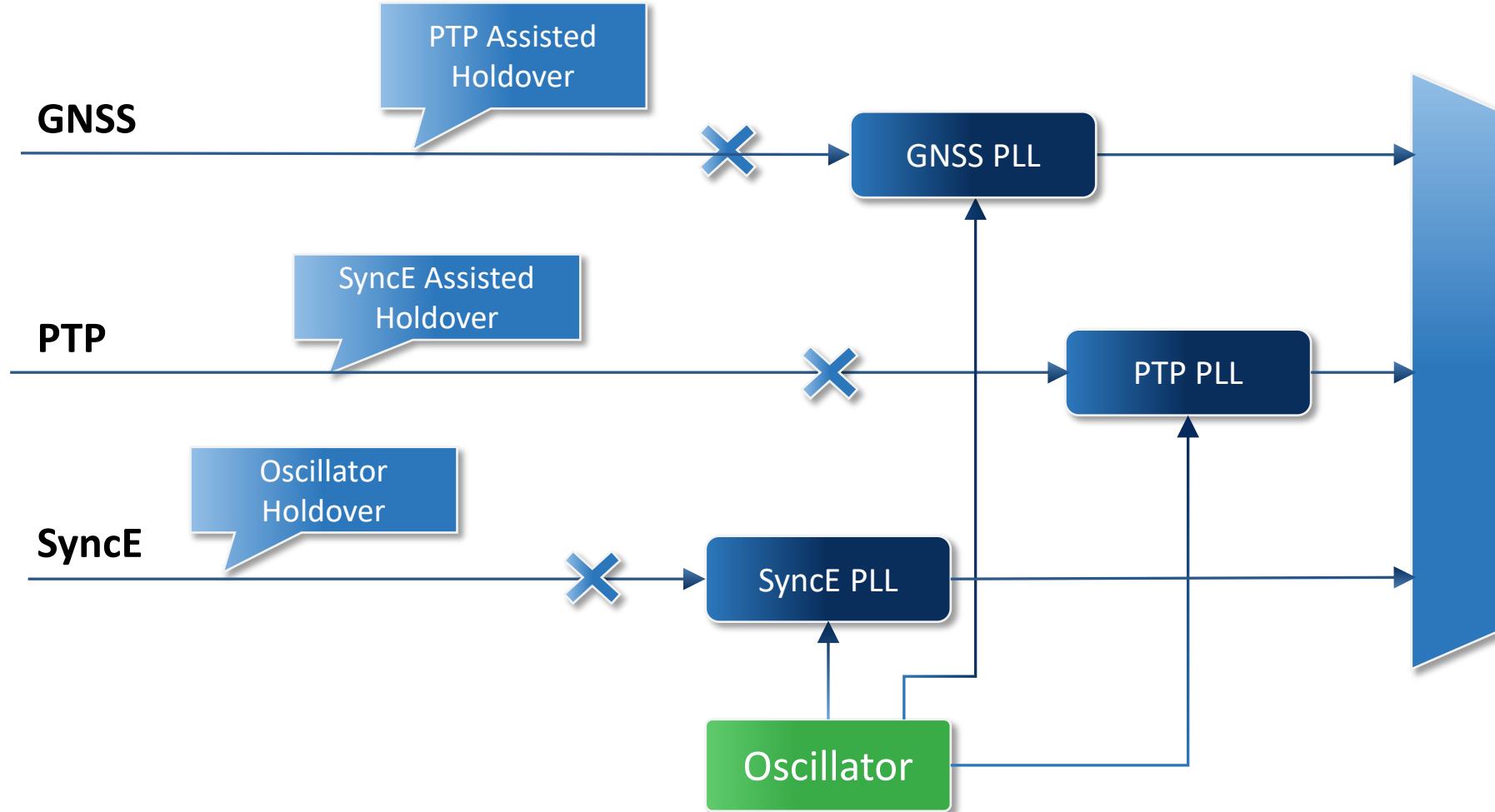


# Timing Support Network



# Holdover Scenarios

in Assisted Partial Timing Support (APTS) Clock



# Overview of Methods for Holdover



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## Using a free-run oscillator

- SyncE frequency support for PTP
  - Assumes that the long term frequency offset of the SyncE reference is 0 ppm which can be confirmed via ESMC (SyncE quality levels)
- APTS with PTP connection modelling
  - Using GPS as the primary source of timing of the system
  - When GPS is available, characterizing the asymmetry in the PTP connection to use this when GPS is lost

## Adding oscillator compensation

- OCXO/TCXO Learning for Long-Term Time Holdover
- Smart-OCXO Compensation for Long-Term Time Holdover

# Model for Oscillator Holdover Performances

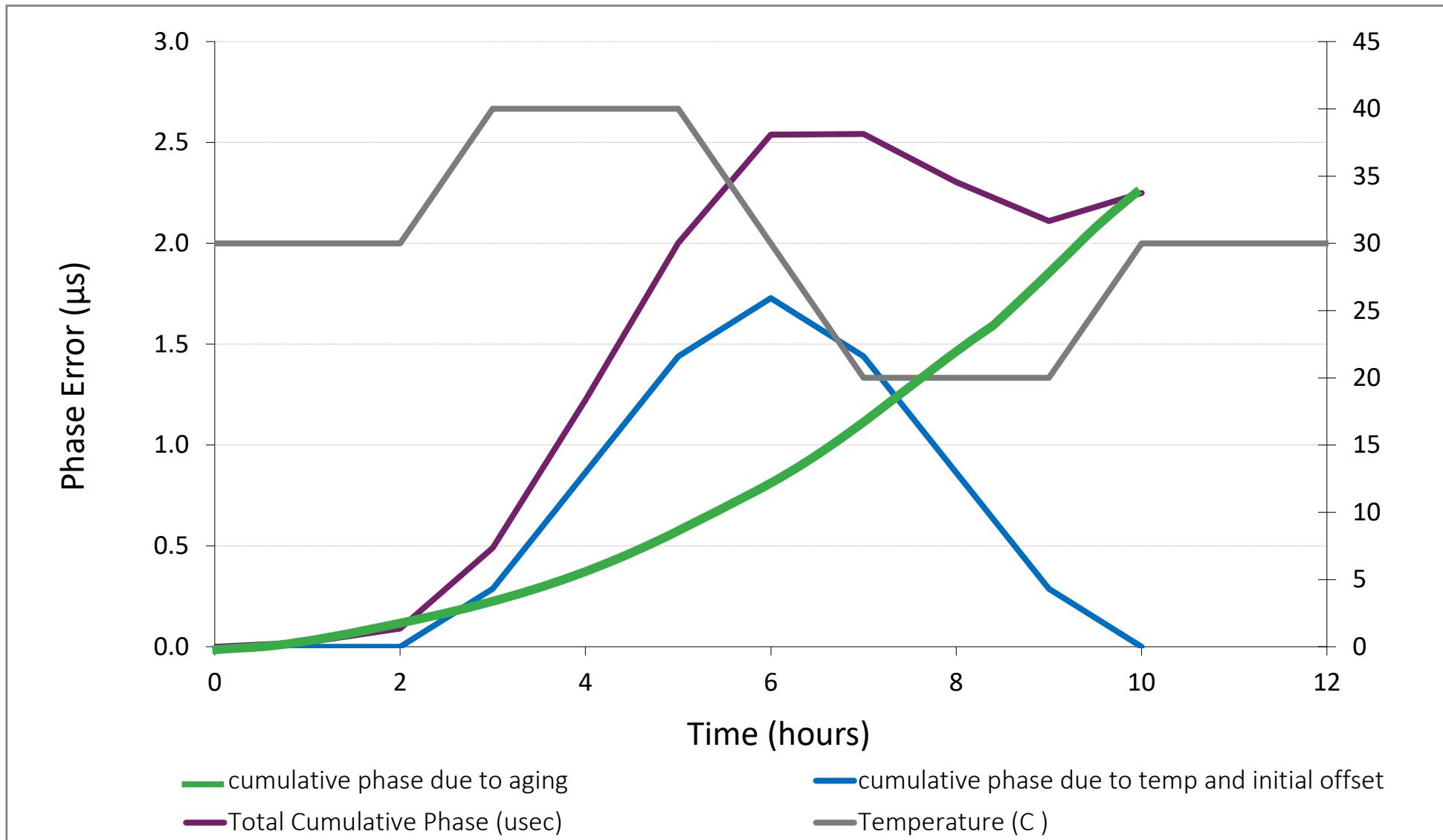


## Phase Holdover at Time (t)

$$x(t) = x_0 + (f_0 + \Delta f_{env} + \Delta f_{RW})t + \frac{1}{2} \Delta f_{aging} t^2$$

- $x_0$  = Initial phase offset
- $f_0$  = The initial fractional frequency offset (ppb)
- $\Delta f_{env}$  = Sum total of the changes in frequency (ppb) due to environmental factors (including temperature, input voltage, output loading, pressure, humidity, acceleration etc.)
- $\Delta f_{RW}$  = Random frequency noise of oscillator
- $\Delta f_{aging}$  = The long term change in frequency over time (ppb/day)

# Holdover Performance with Oscillators



# Implementation Considerations



- Compensation with the two key factors

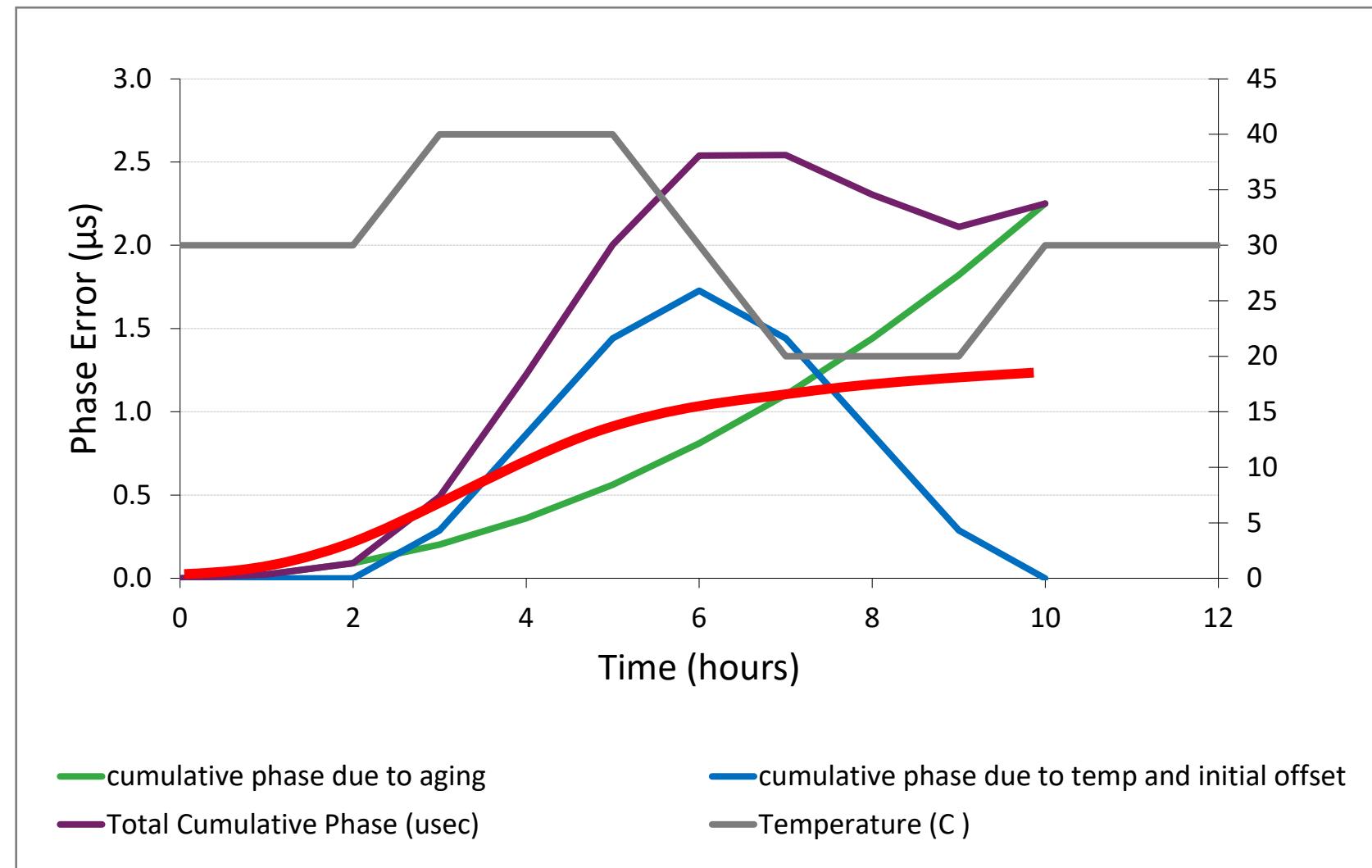
## Temperature effect

Is linear:  $\Delta f_{temp} t$

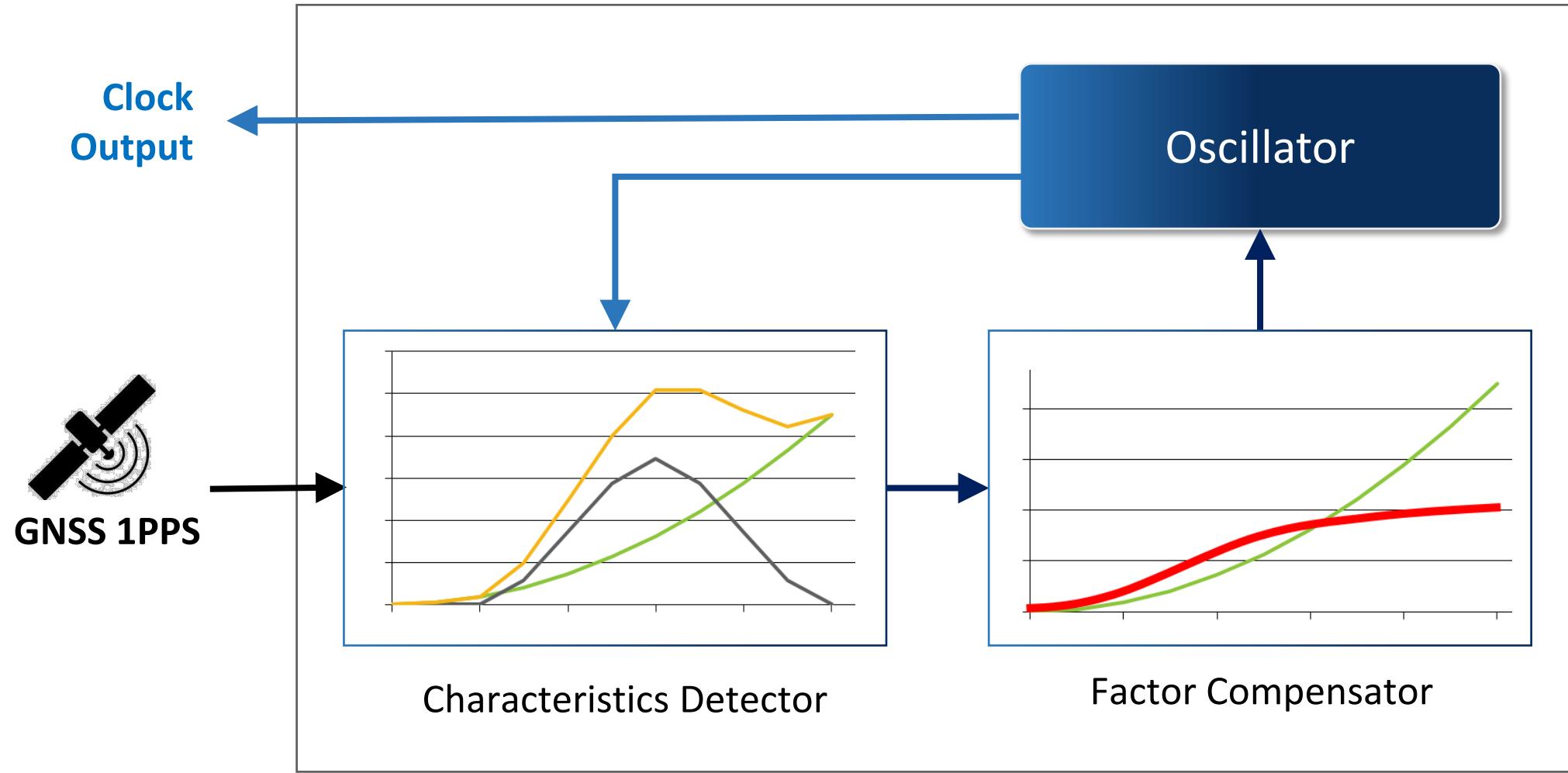
## Aging effect

Is squared :  $\frac{1}{2} \Delta f_{aging} t^2$

- Maintain the Cumulative Phase within 1.5  $\mu$ s



# Holdover Implementation in Oscillator



# Oscillators Product with Holdover



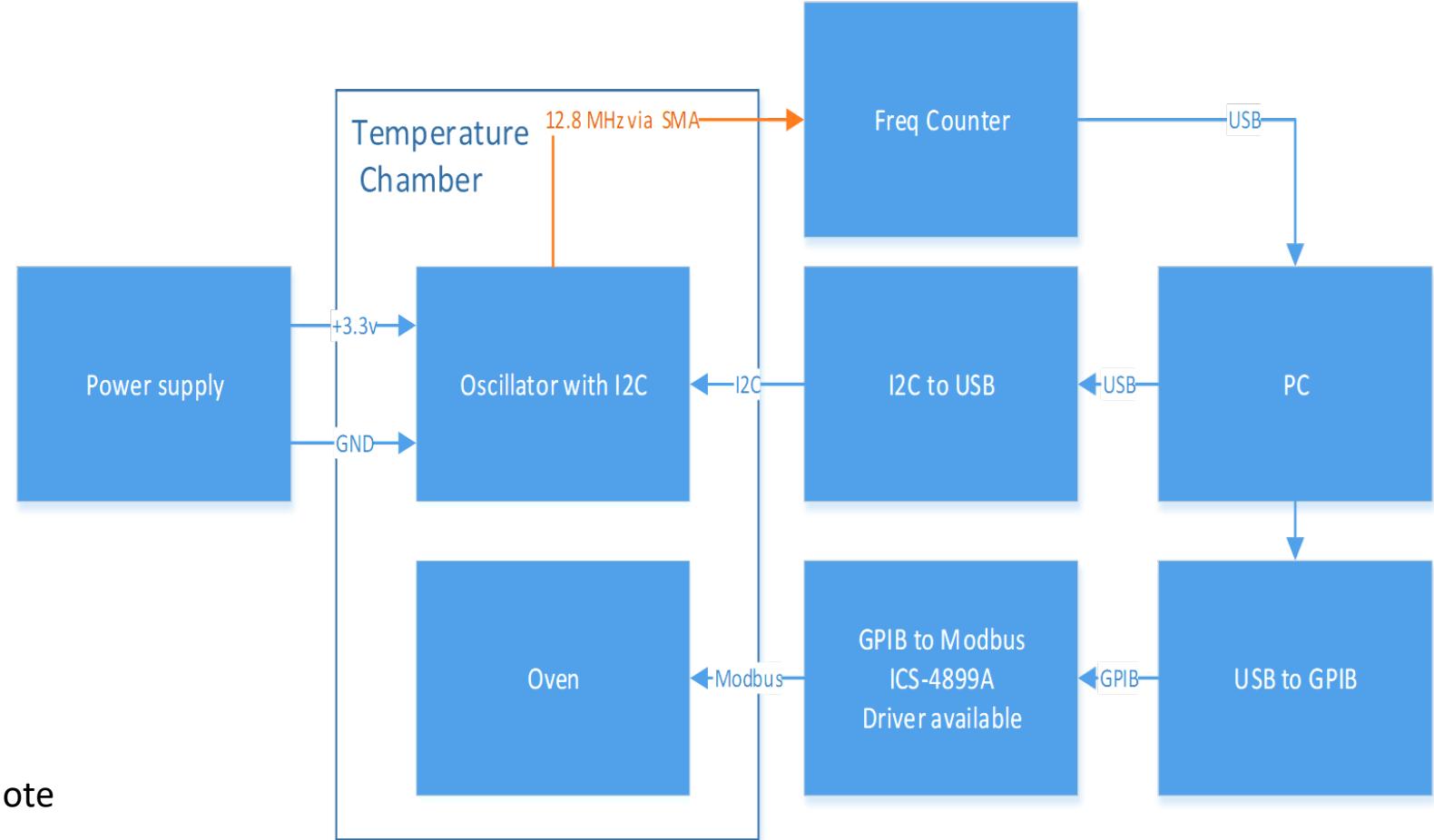
Oscillator Type	Smart OCXO	OCXO	OCXO	OCXO
Form Factor	25 x 22 mm	14 x 9 mm	14 x 9 mm	14 x 9 mm
Holdover	24 hours	~8 hours	~5 hours	~5 hours
Aging	0.2 ppb/day	10.3 ppb/day	0.5 ppb/day	1 ppb/day
Temperature Sensitivity	0.5 ppb	0.75 ppb	2 ppb	3 ppb

# Smart OCXO example – Lab test



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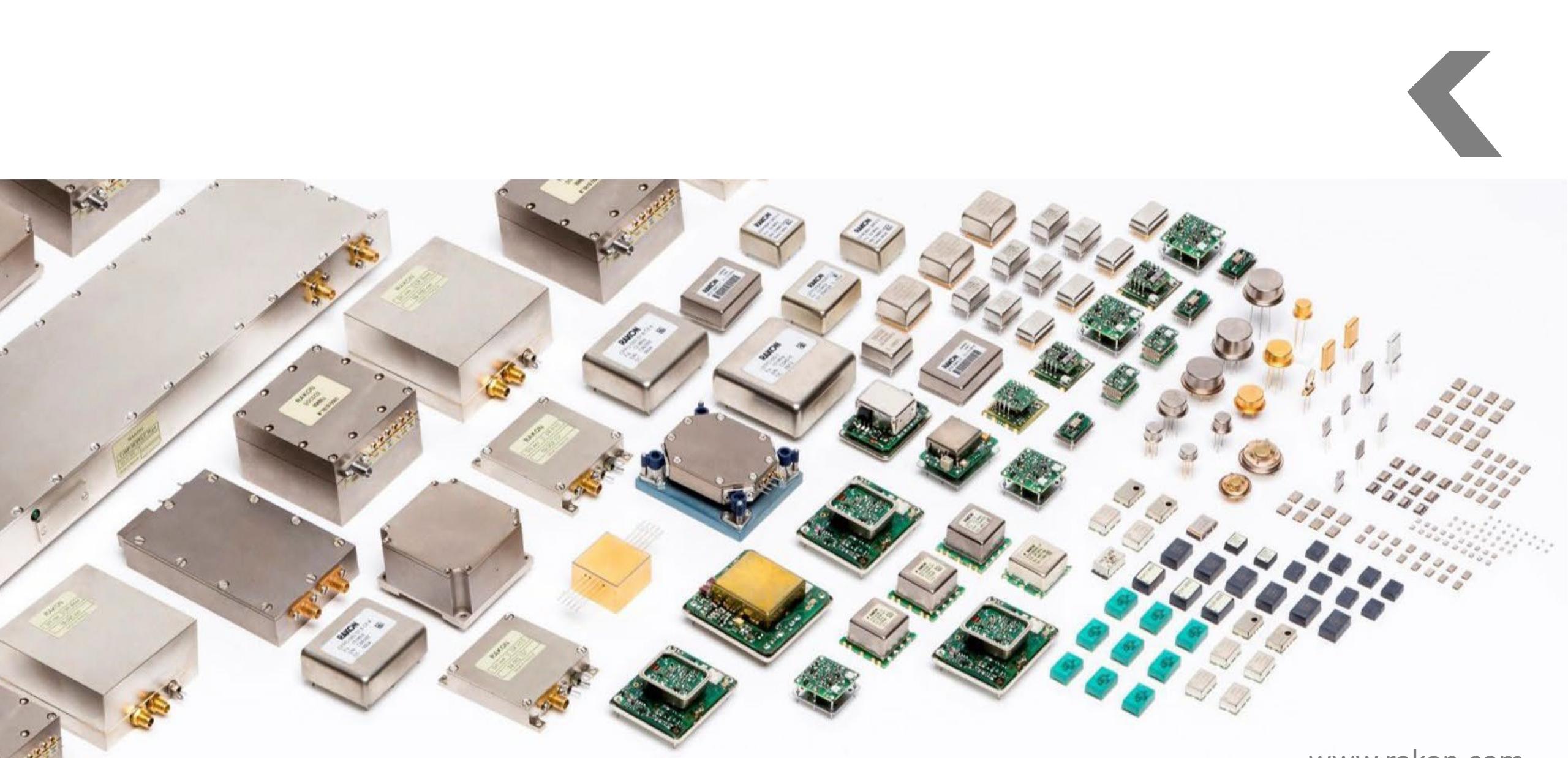
- Retrieve the frequency variation model coefficients from the OCXO
- Configure a temperature chamber with a standard ramp from 25 to 85°C to -40 to 25°C with maximum change of 1°C/min
- During the temperature ramp
- Monitor the internal temperature of the OCXO and the output frequency
- Calculate the frequency adjustment based on the model provided by the manufacturer
- Estimate phase holdover performance from fractional frequency offset



For more information see the Renesas App note

["ClockMatrix Oscillator Compensation"](#)

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