

Implementation Considerations for Holdover Functionality in Oscillator

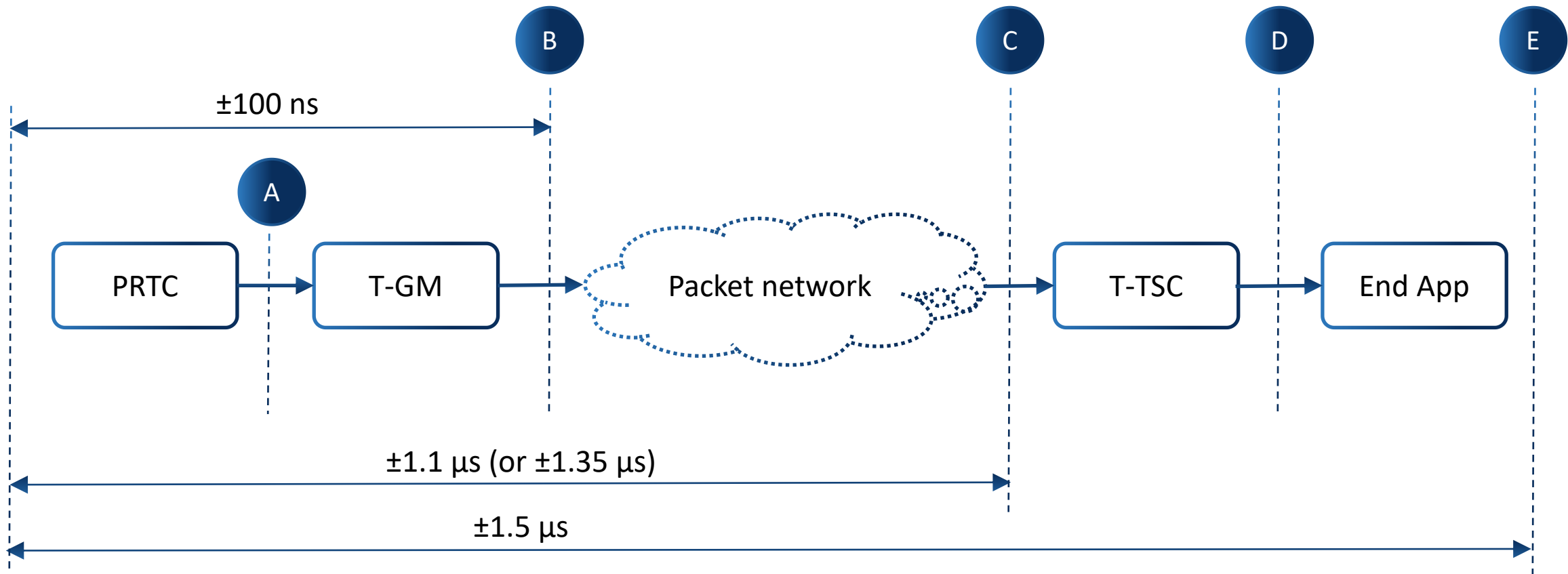
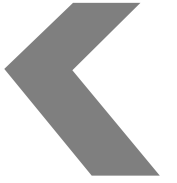
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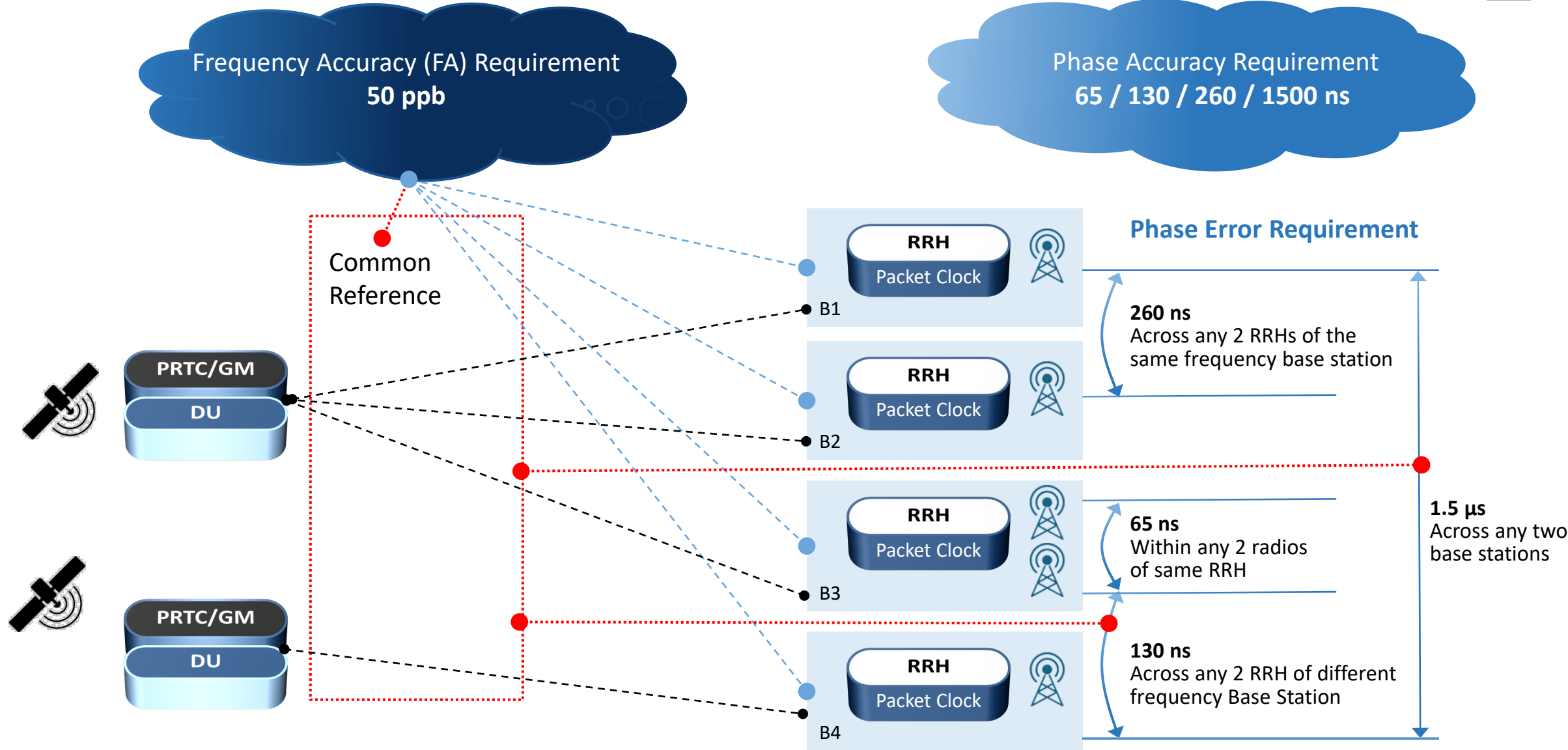
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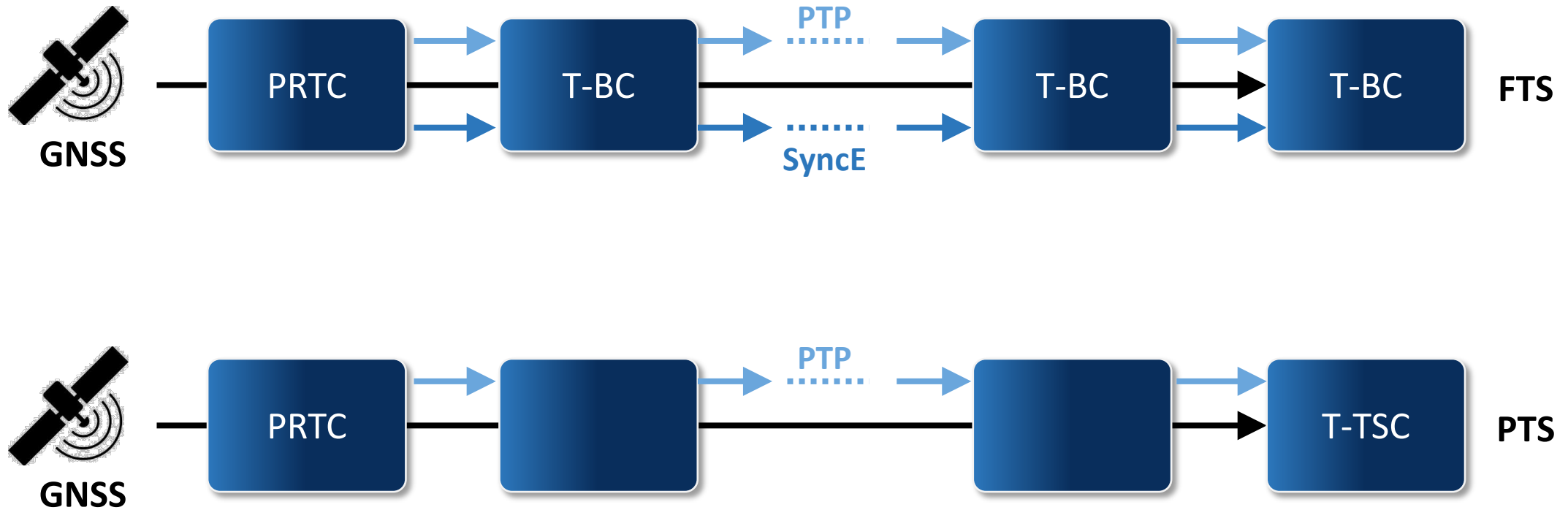
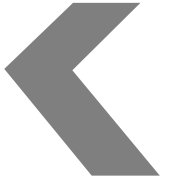
ITU Synchronization Reference Model



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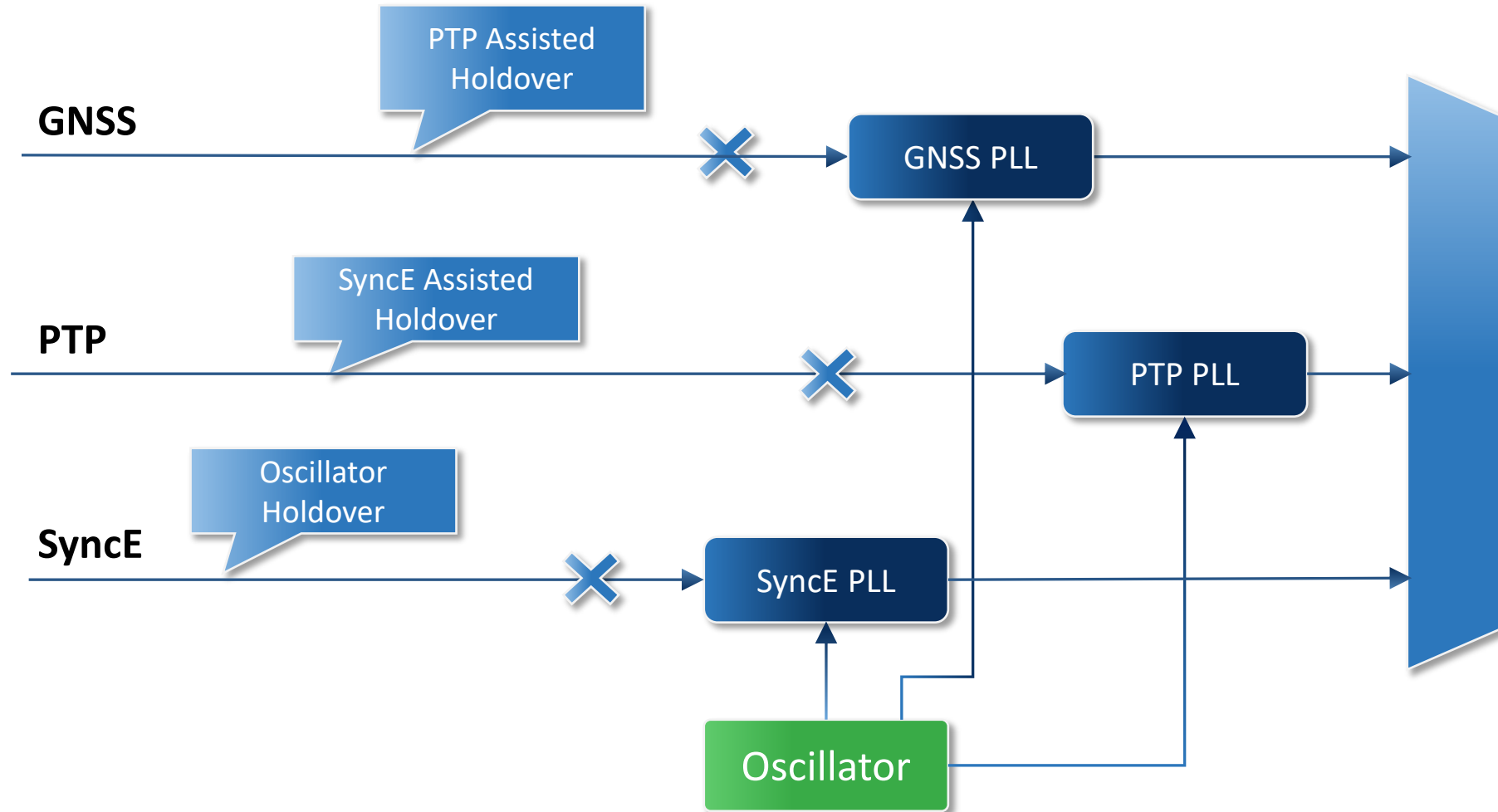


Timing Support Network



Holdover Scenarios

in Assisted Partial Timing Support (APTS) Clock



Overview of Methods for Holdover



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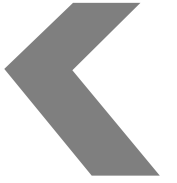
Using a free-run oscillator

- 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

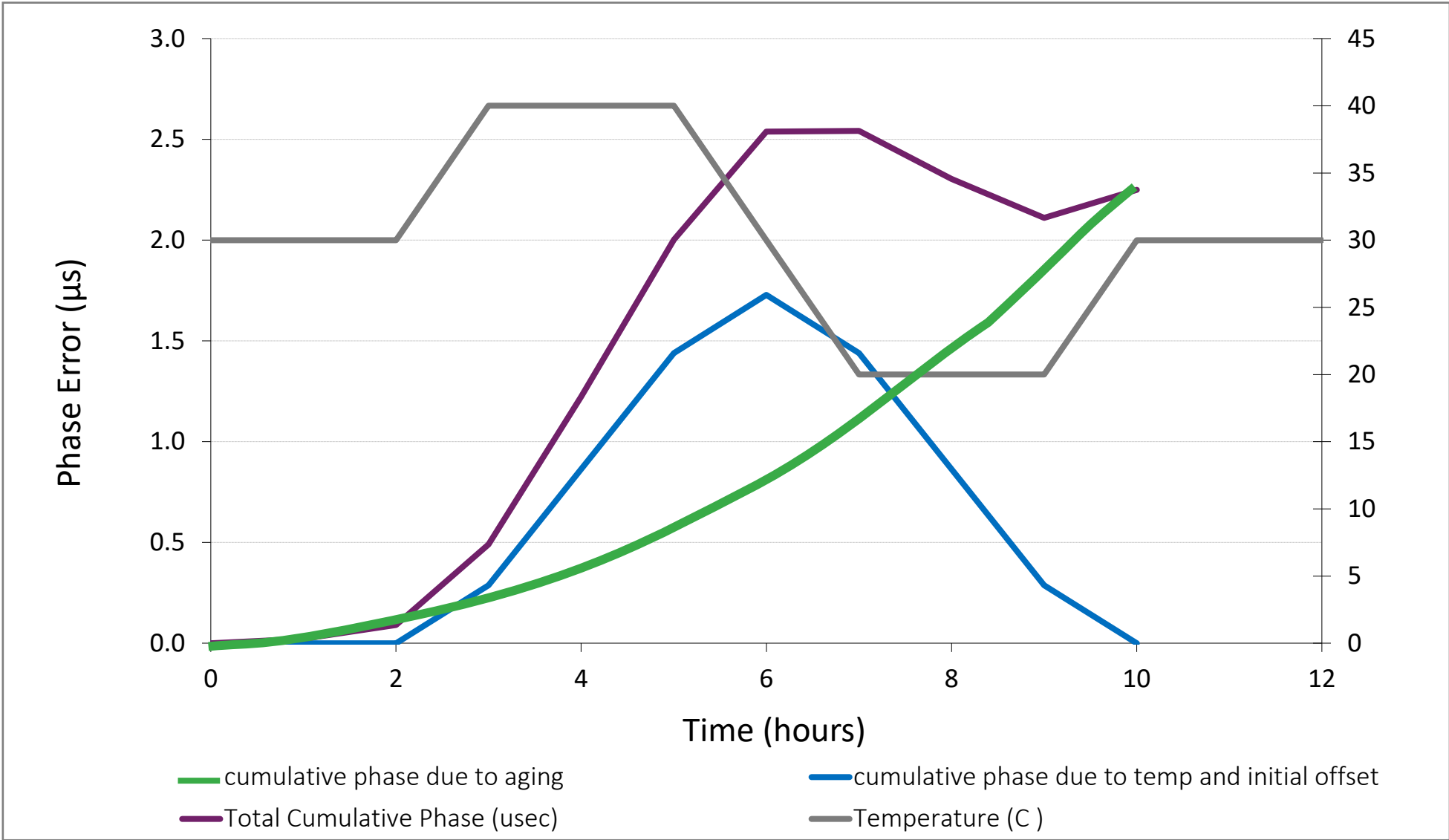


Phase Holdover at Time (t)

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

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

Holdover Performance with Oscillators



Implementation Considerations

- Compensation with the two key factors

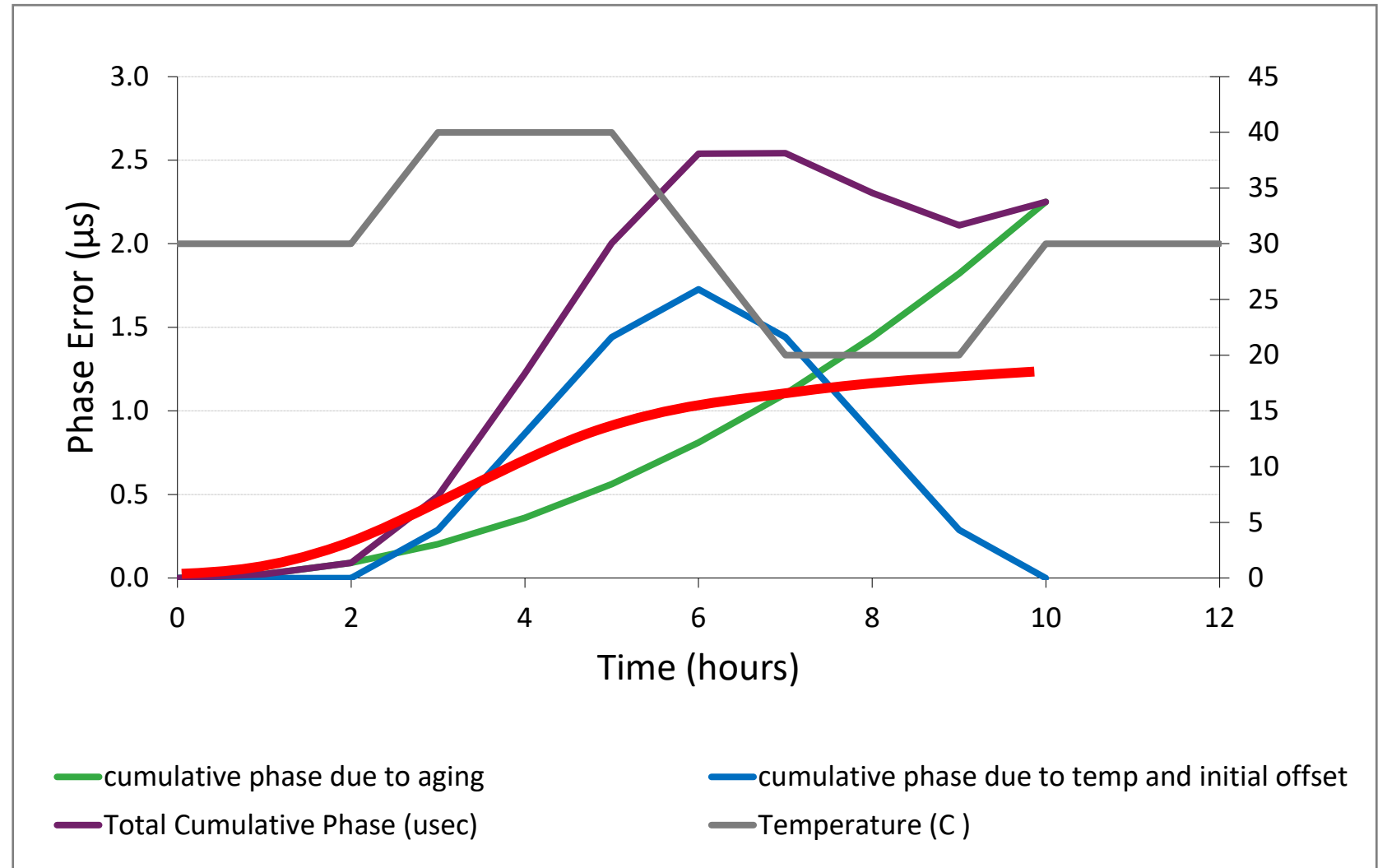
Temperature effect

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

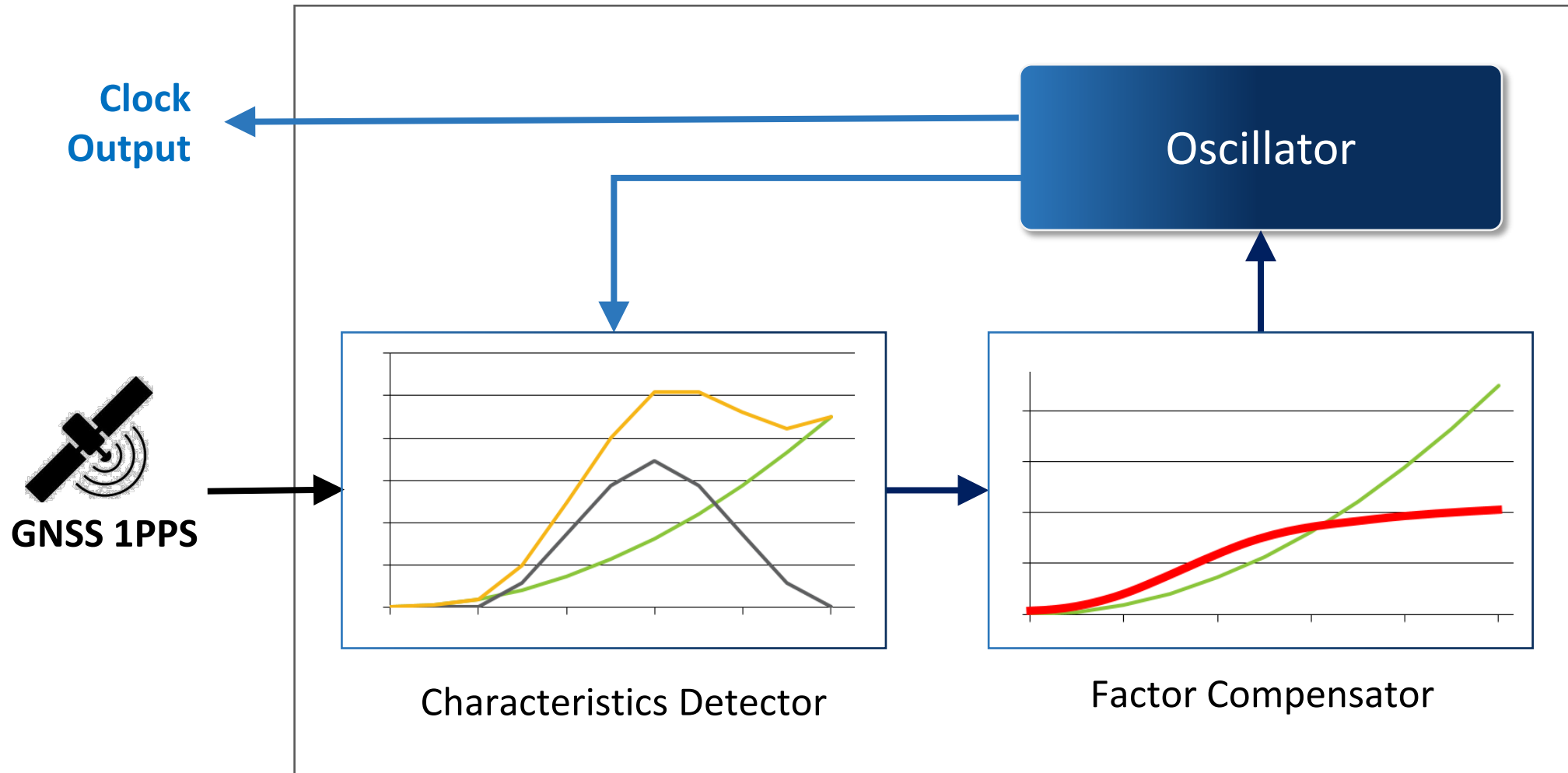
Aging effect

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

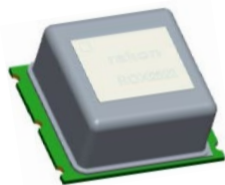
- Maintain the Cumulative Phase within $1.5 \mu\text{s}$



Holdover Implementation in Oscillator



Oscillators Product with Holdover



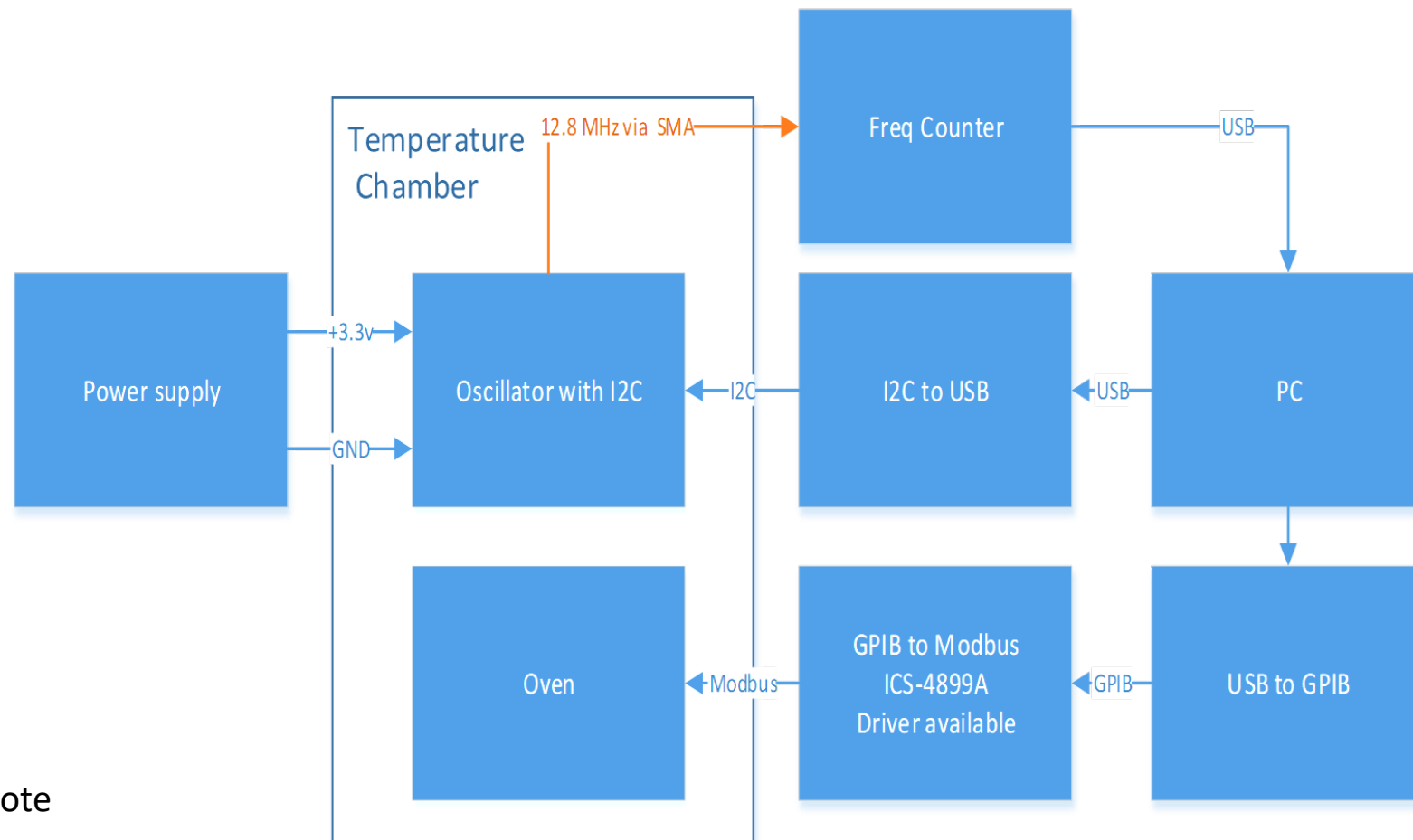
Oscillator Type	Smart OCXO	OCXO	OCXO	OCXO
Form Factor	25 x 22 mm	14 x 9 mm	14 x 9 mm	14 x 9 mm
Holdover	24 hours	~8 hours	~5 hours	~5 hours
Aging	0.2 ppb/day	10.3 ppb/day	0.5 ppb/day	1 ppb/day
Temperature Sensitivity	0.5 ppb	0.75 ppb	2 ppb	3 ppb

Smart OCXO example – Lab test



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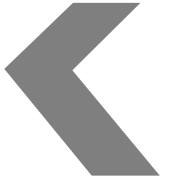
- Retrieve the frequency variation model coefficients from the OCXO
- Configure a temperature chamber with a standard ramp from 25 to 85°C to -40 to 25°C with maximum change of 1°C/min
- During the temperature ramp
- Monitor the internal temperature of the OCXO and the output frequency
- Calculate the 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”](#)

<https://www.renesas.com/us/en/document/apn/clockmatrix-oscillator-compensation>



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