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Reference Distribution and Synchronization System for SwissFEL: Concept and First Results

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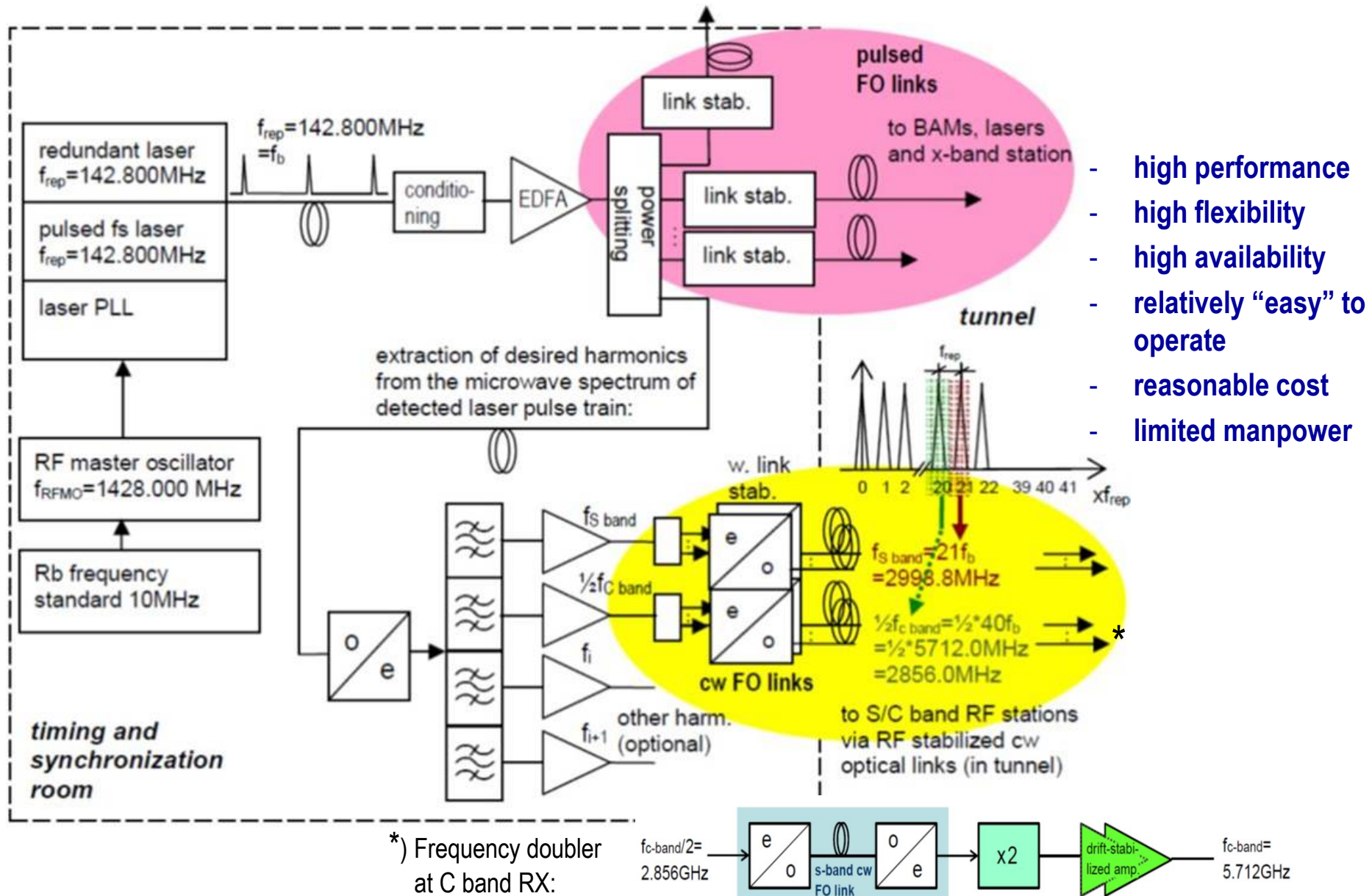
1. SwissFEL Reference Distribution Clients

- SwissFEL uses US and (slightly detuned) European RF frequencies
→ highest common subharmonic from which all reference signals can be derived is as low as 142.8MHz
- reference distribution system is based on pulsed OMO laser ($f_{\text{rep}}=142.8\text{MHz}$), from which mutually stable ref. signals are derived

Client,#	reference signal at client	distribution (link type)	stability goal jitter ¹ /drift ² () ³	remark
BAM,4 (later 6)	142.8MHz optical fs pulses	stabilized pulsed optical	few fs_{rms} / $<10fs_{\text{p-p}}$ ($<1fs_{\text{rms}}$ / $\text{few } fs_{\text{p-p}}$)	BAM modulates ref. pulse intensity
gun & exp. lasers ,2	142.8MHz optical fs pulses	stabilized pulsed optical	few fs_{rms} / $<10fs_{\text{p-p}}$ ($<1fs_{\text{rms}}$ / $\text{few } fs_{\text{p-p}}$)	laser locked to ref. w. opt. cross corr.
S band RF,6	2998.8MHz RF ($21f_{\text{rep}}$)	stabilized cw opt.	$<10fs_{\text{rms}}$ / $<30fs_{\text{p-p}}$ ($<3fs_{\text{rms}}$ / $<20fs_{\text{p-p}}$)	-
C band RF,27	5712MHz RF ($40f_{\text{rep}}$)	stabilized cw opt.	$<10fs_{\text{rms}}$ / $\approx 40fs_{\text{p-p}}$ ⁴	2856MHz <i>over S band link</i> , doubled at RX
X band RF (S band front end),1	2998.8MHz RF (ref.) 8996.4MHz RF (DWC) 11'995.2MHz RF (ref.)	stabilized pulsed optical	$<10fs_{\text{rms}}$ / $<30fs_{\text{p-p}}$ ($<3fs_{\text{rms}}$ / $<10fs_{\text{p-p}}$)	1st IF, RF extracted from opt. pulses RF extracted from opt. pulses RF VCO locked to (RF extr. from) opt. pulses
BPM,46	142.8MHz RF	VHF cw opt.,coax	uncrit.	8 non-stab. opt. low cost links, coax subdistr.
event syst.,1	1428MHz RF	coax	uncrit.	uncritical

¹ 10Hz..10MHz offset frequency range; ² per half day .. day; ³ potential of technology; ⁴ up to $500fs_{\text{p-p}}$ (depends on station)

2. Concept of SwissFEL Reference Distribution



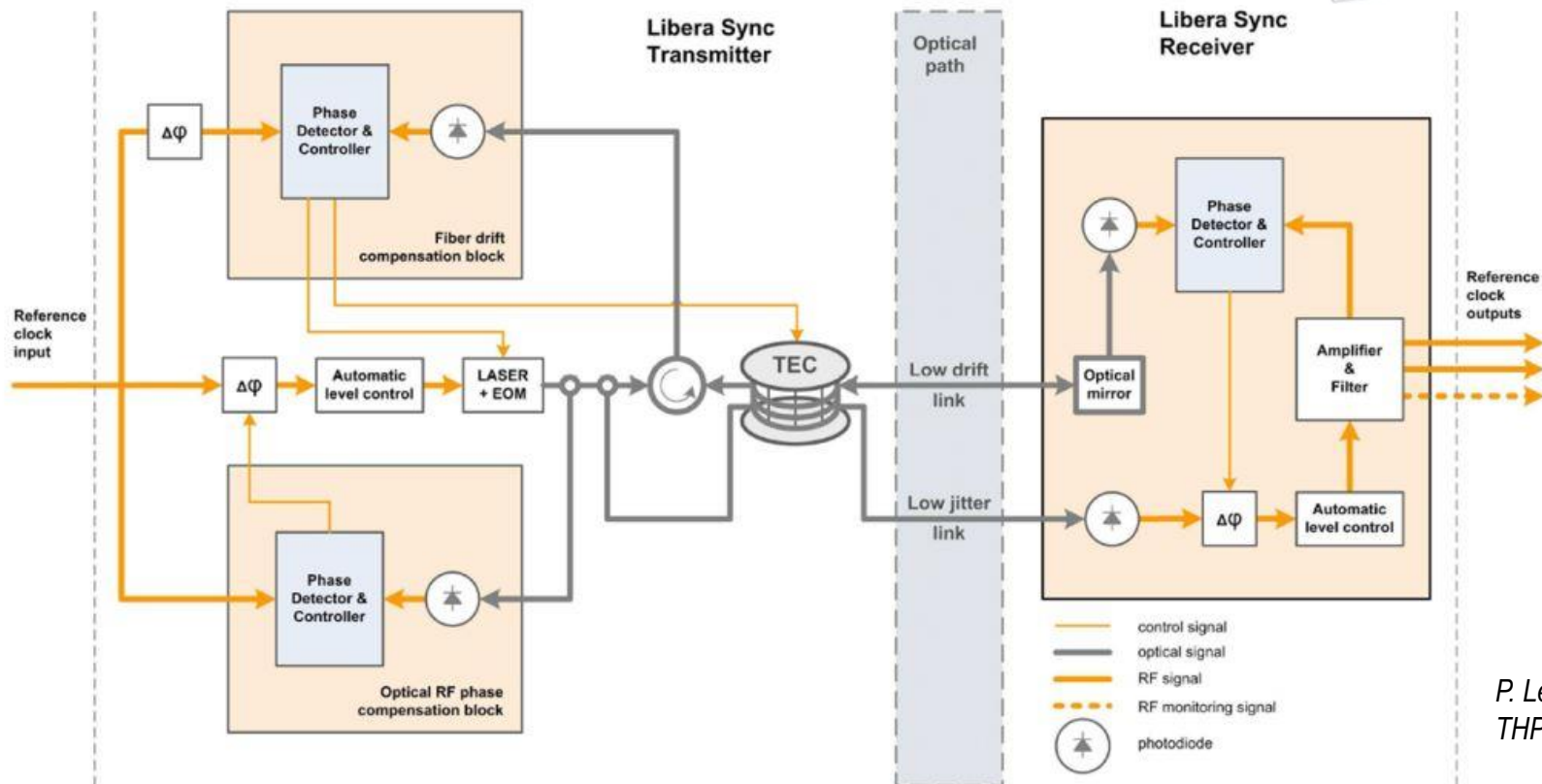
3. CW Optical Link for RF Reference Distribution

Libera Sync 3 cw optical link (3GHz): PSI - I-Tech collaboration

- intensity modulation, cw laser diode (“radio-over-fiber”)
- stabilization of RF phase of reflected light, Rayleigh scattering
→ low-noise unidir. link locked to low-drift link
- laser wavelength variation (temp.) & fiber dispersion used for delay variation compensation (BW≈1Hz)
- temp. controlled fiber spool for coarse delay correction



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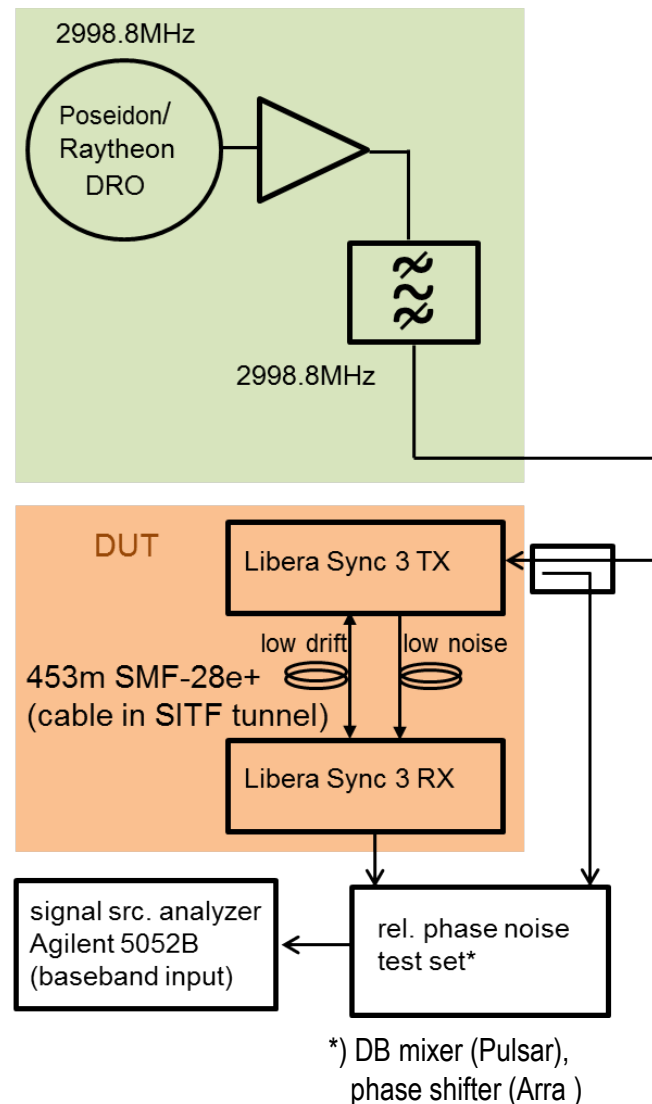
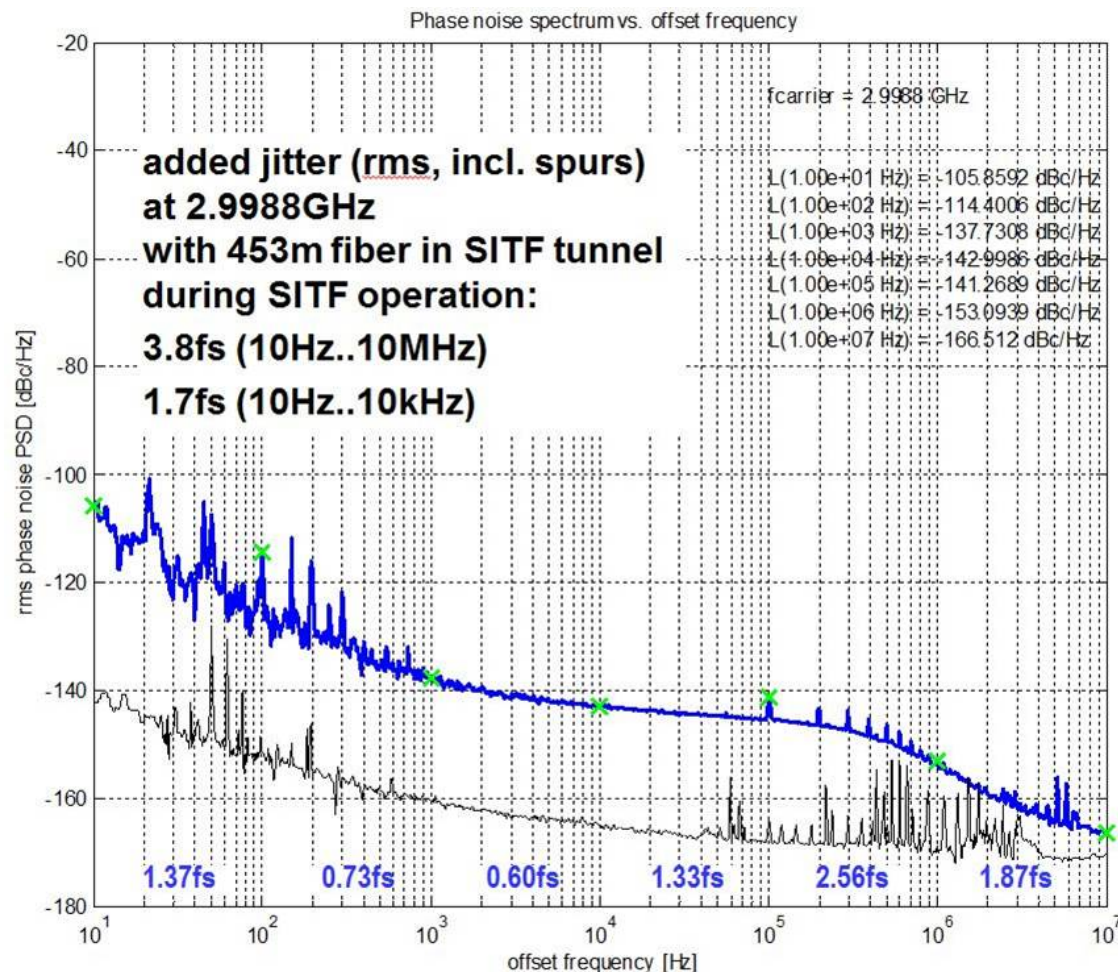


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THPMA04, 2013.*

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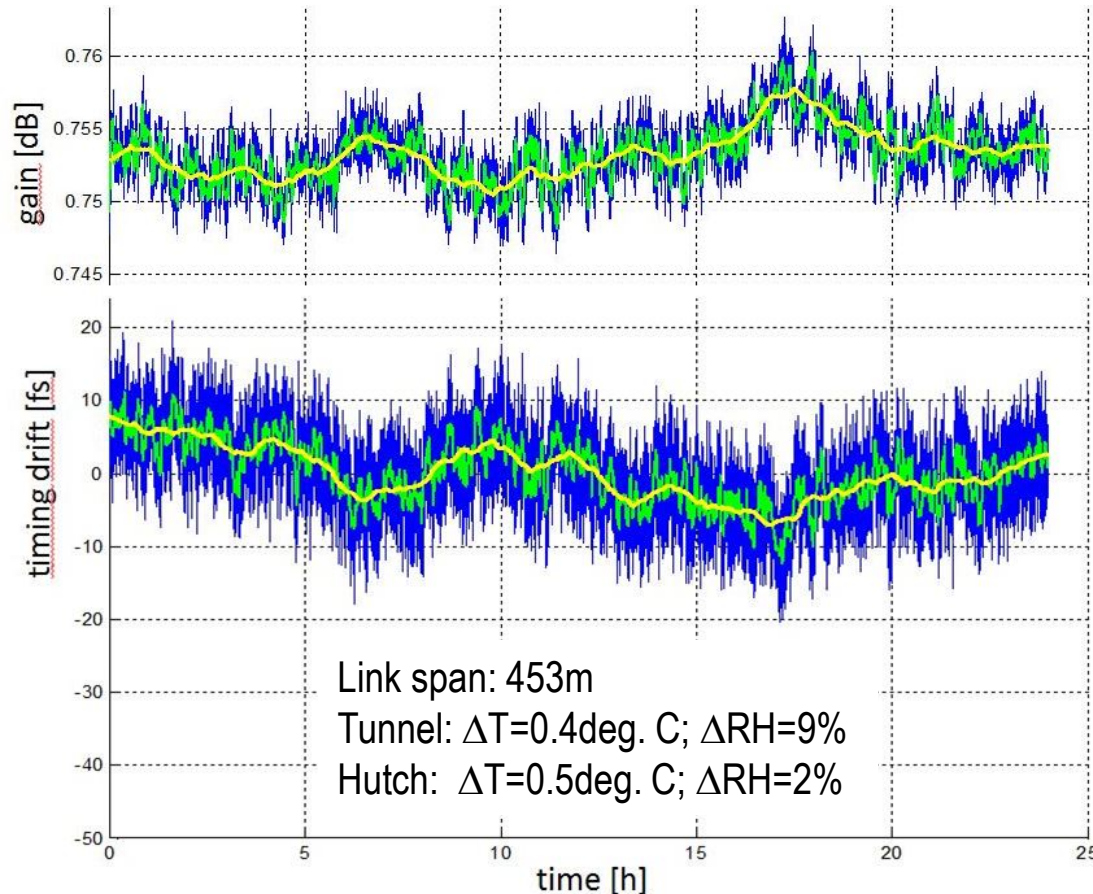
Libera Sync 3 prototype (2998.8MHz): Added phase noise and jitter measurement

Setup located in SwissFEL Test Injector Facility
gun laser hut (vibration isolated rack)

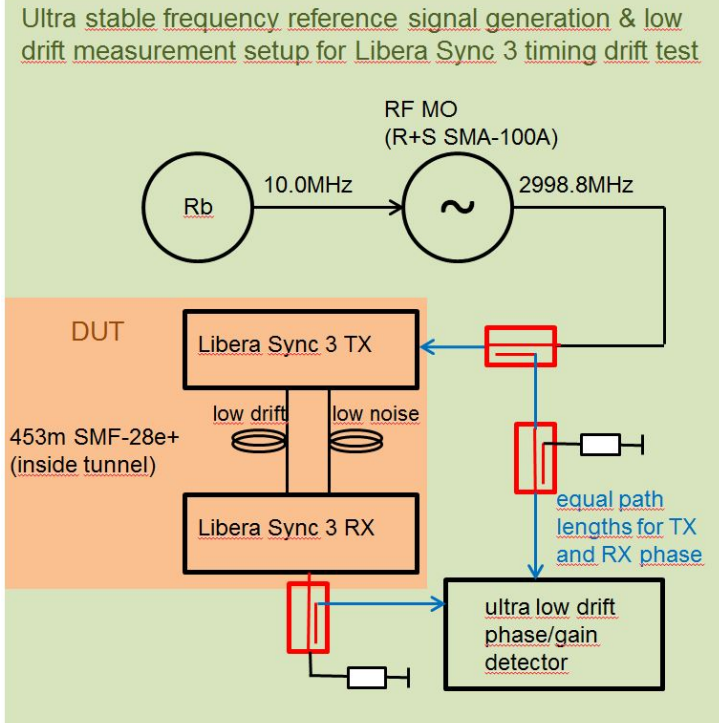


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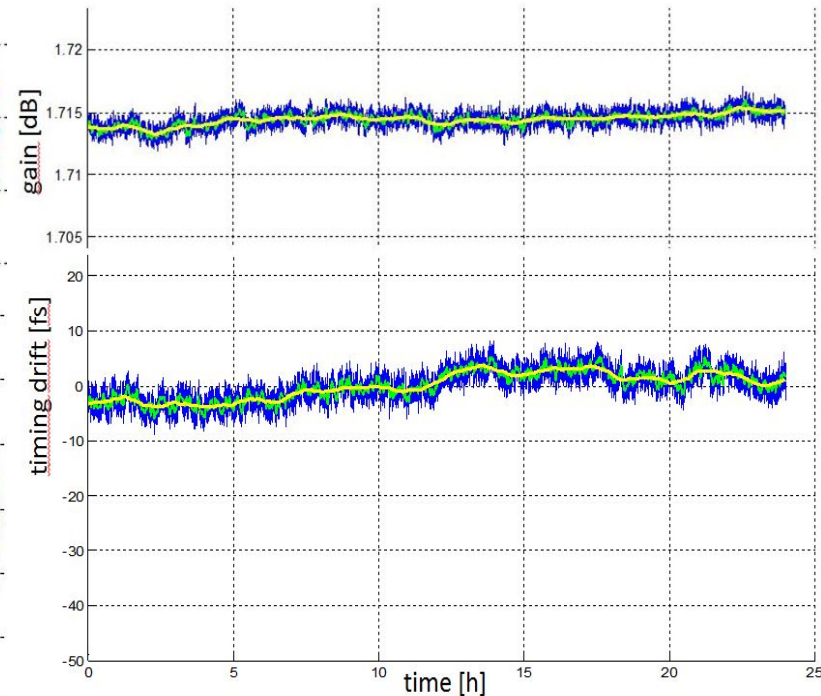
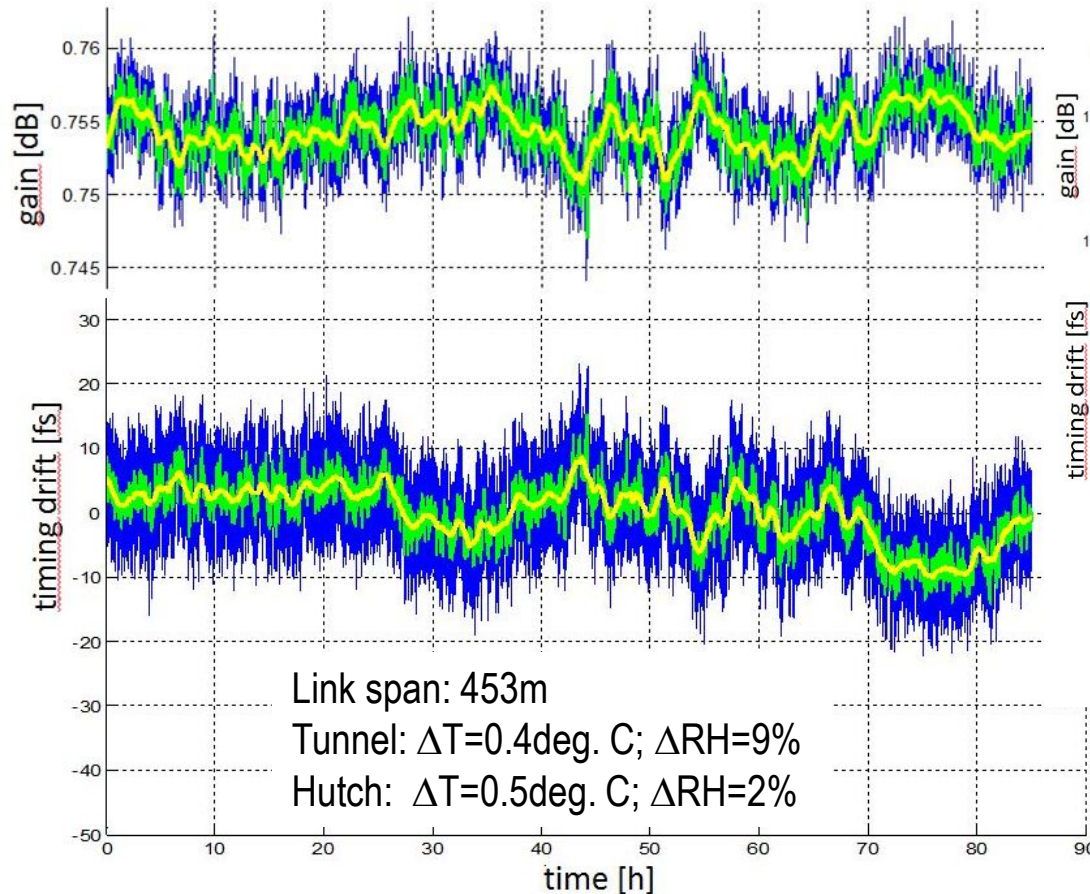


Stabilized link gain variation over 24h: 0.012dB_{p-p} (2.2min avg.), 0.007dB_{p-p} (1h avg.)
Stabilized link group delay variation over 24h: 23.7fs_{p-p} (2.2min avg.), 15.0fs_{p-p} (1h avg.)

3. CW Optical Link for RF Reference Distribution (contd.)

Libera Sync 3 prototype (2998.8MHz):

Typ. link group delay and gain drift measurement (contd.)



Phase detector drift (24h):

0.003dB_{p-p} (2.2min avg.), 0.002dB_{p-p} (1h avg.)

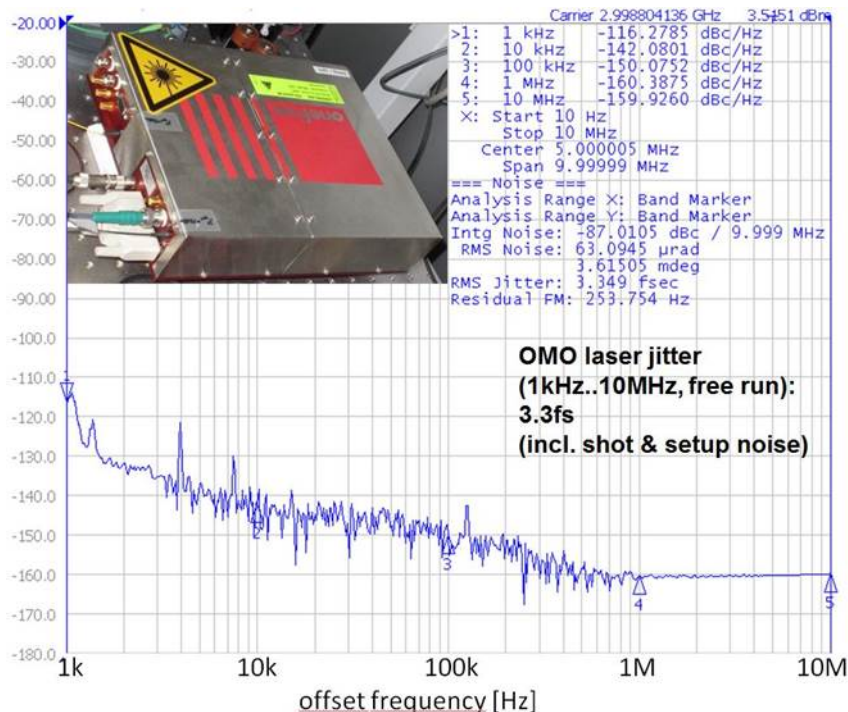
11.4fs_{rms} (2.2min avg.), 7.6fs_{rms} (1h avg.)

Stabilized link gain variation over 85h: 0.013dB_{p-p} (2.2min avg.), 0.007dB_{p-p} (1h avg.)

Stabilized link group delay variation over 85h: 29.5fs_{rms} (2.2min avg.), 18.6fs_{rms} (1h avg.)

4. Laser Sync

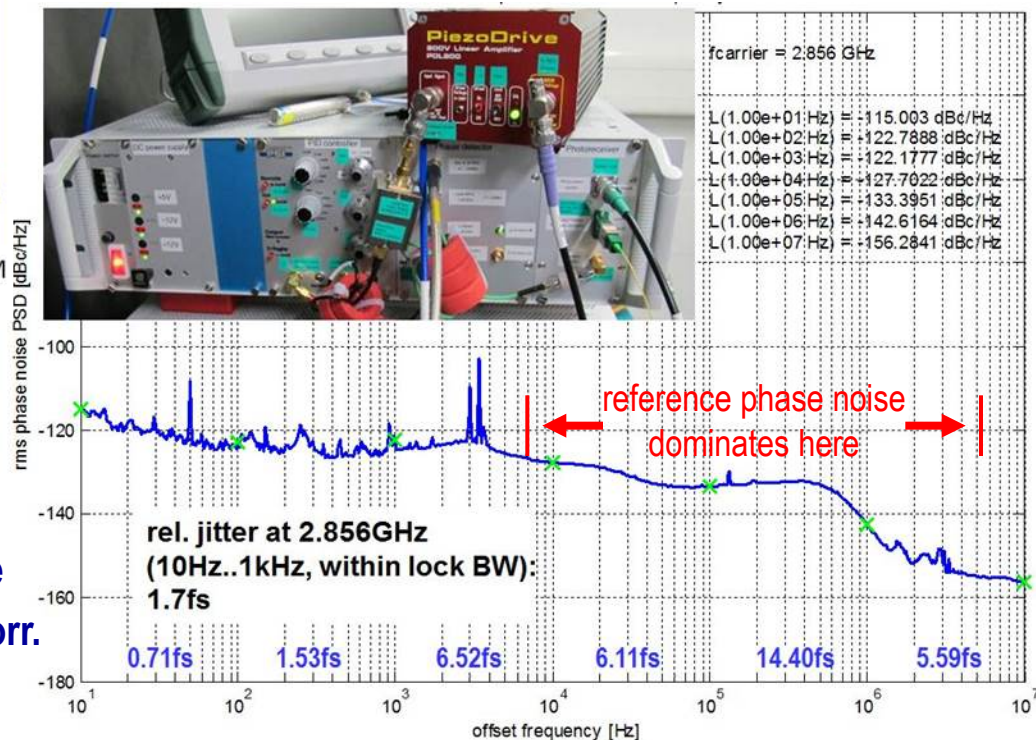
Mode-locked laser OMO, laser sync



- Onefive Origami (1560nm, $f_{\text{rep}}=142.8\text{MHz}$, $\text{FWHM}\approx 100\text{fs}$)
- very low free running phase noise, delivers ultra-low jitter S band and C band RF reference RF signals*
- used as OMO in SwissFEL (redundant)

*) Measured with Discovery DSC50 photodiode

- low noise PLL reduces laser phase noise
- SwissFEL RF MO R+S SMA 100A as reference
- digital PLL with superperiod, RF and opt. x-corr. under development (avail. Q2/2016)



- important SwissFEL deadlines
 - T+S installation starting Q1/2015
 - injector commissioning starting Q1/2016
 - Linac commissioning starting Q1/2017
 - Experimental station commissioning starting Q3/2017

- stable reference signal generation
 - RF MO (Rb locked), OMO (redundant) **OK**
 - stabilized RF power amplifiers (3GHz): under development
 - stable harmonic extraction from opt. pulse train: under development
 - OMO laser PLL **OK**
 - ready by end of 2015

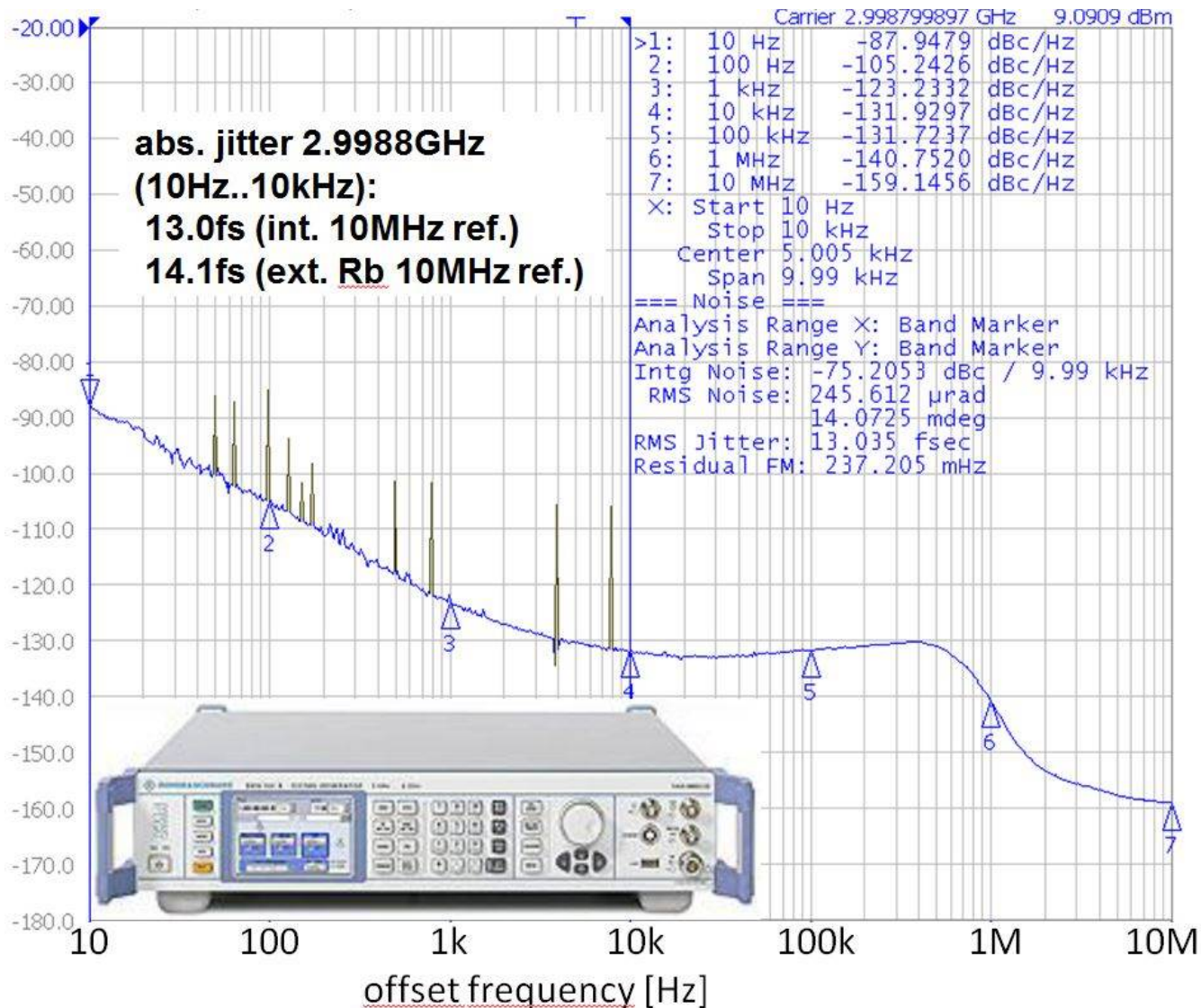
- RF reference distribution
 - S & C band cw optical links developed & successfully tested **OK**
series production starting Q4/2014, avail. from Q1/2015..Q2/2016
 - freq. doubler & stabilized RF amplifier (6GHz):
under development & ready by end of 2015

- Pulsed optical reference distribution
 - WTO call for tender for optical amplifier and pulsed links in preparation
 - system ready by end of 2015

- BPM reference distribution
 - non-stabilized low-cost low-noise optical links (142.8MHz):
developed in house & currently in production **OK**

Backup slides

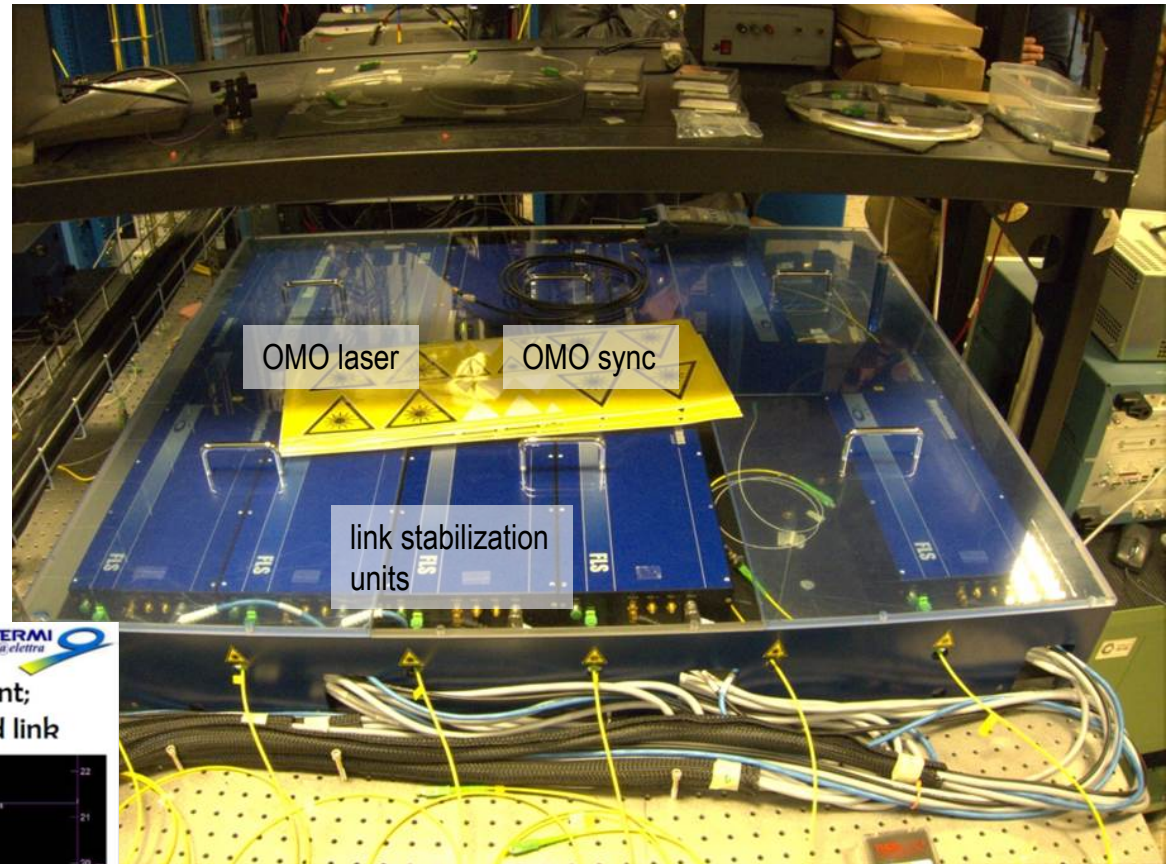
RF Master Oscillator



Measured performance (Elettra, $f_{\text{rep}}=157.79\text{MHz}$)

Jitter: $<3.5\text{fs}_{\text{rms}}$ (10Hz..10MHz)

Drift: $<10\text{fs}_{\text{pp}}/\text{d}$ (typ.)

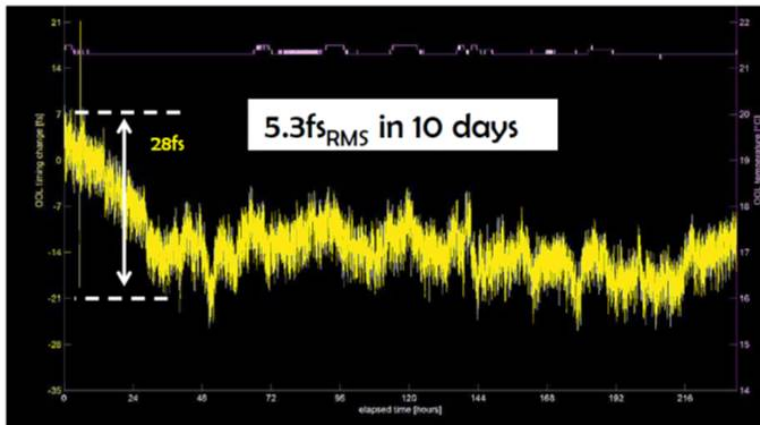


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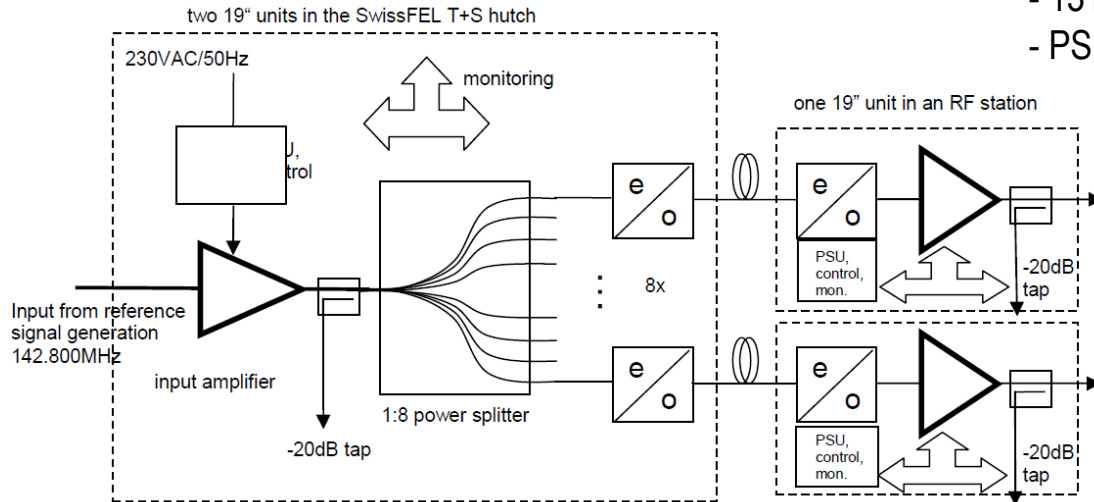
Pulsed optical timing

out-of-loop long term (10 days) drift measurement;
local optical reference vs. 150m loop-back stabilized link



FO links and amplifiers

- 1310nm, 142.8MHz, added jitter (10Hz..10MHz) 73fs
- PSI design, manufactured by Sintec Microwave (D)



totally 46 racks that need reference signal

