

Connecting multi-messenger astrophysics R&D in ASTERICS and nanosecond timing in normal life

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Astronomy ESFRI & Research Infrastructure Cluster



what is ASTERICs?

- A €15 million Research Infrastructure funded by EC Horizon 2020 framework (2015-2019)
 - To help solve the **Big Data** challenges of European astronomy
 - To provide direct interactive access to the best European astronomy data in an international framework
 - *Cross-cutting synergies and common challenges*

addressing common challenges in astronomy and astroparticle physics

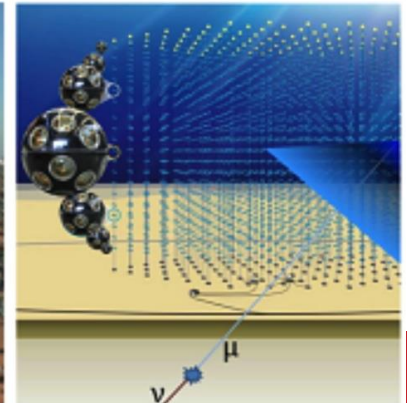
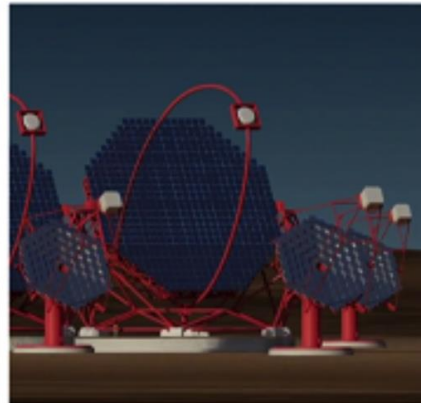
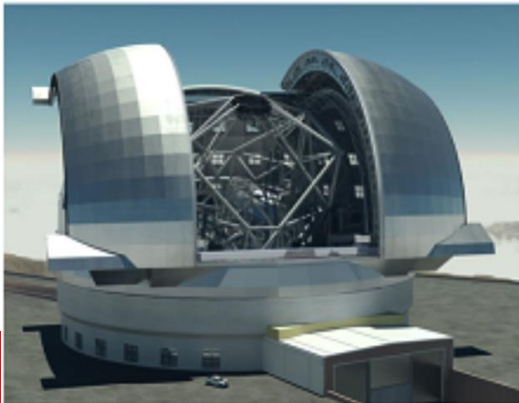
- ***supporting*** and ***accelerating*** the implementation of a new generation of observatories
- ***enhancing performance***
- helping scientists to access data
 - ESFRIs+ interoperating as an integrated multi- λ , multi-messenger facility



concept and approach

- Supporting the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)
- Aspiring ESFRI projects + pathfinders
- Other world-class research infrastructures
 - e.g. LOFAR, Euclid, LSST, Virgo

European Strategy Forum
on Research Infrastructures



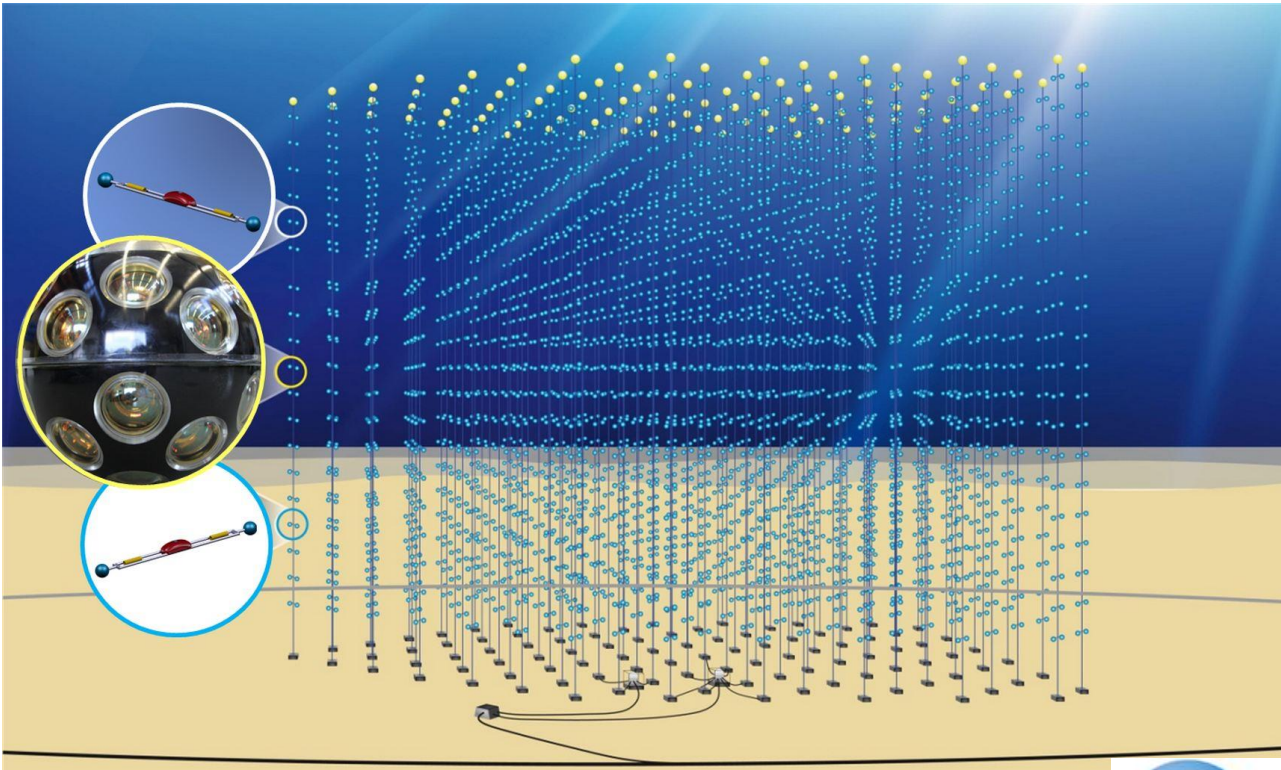
multi- λ , multi-messenger

- messengers: **photons, ν , grav. waves, VHE γ**
- multi- λ : 
- transient source astronomy

To make it happen...

- Interoperability, cooperation, Open Data
- Scalability – processing and analysis
- Big Data, Data mining,
- ***Streaming and timing***

KM3NeT



- ***A multi-km³ neutrino telescope***
- Exploring our galaxy for high energy neutrino sources
- KM3Net2 on timescale of 2020



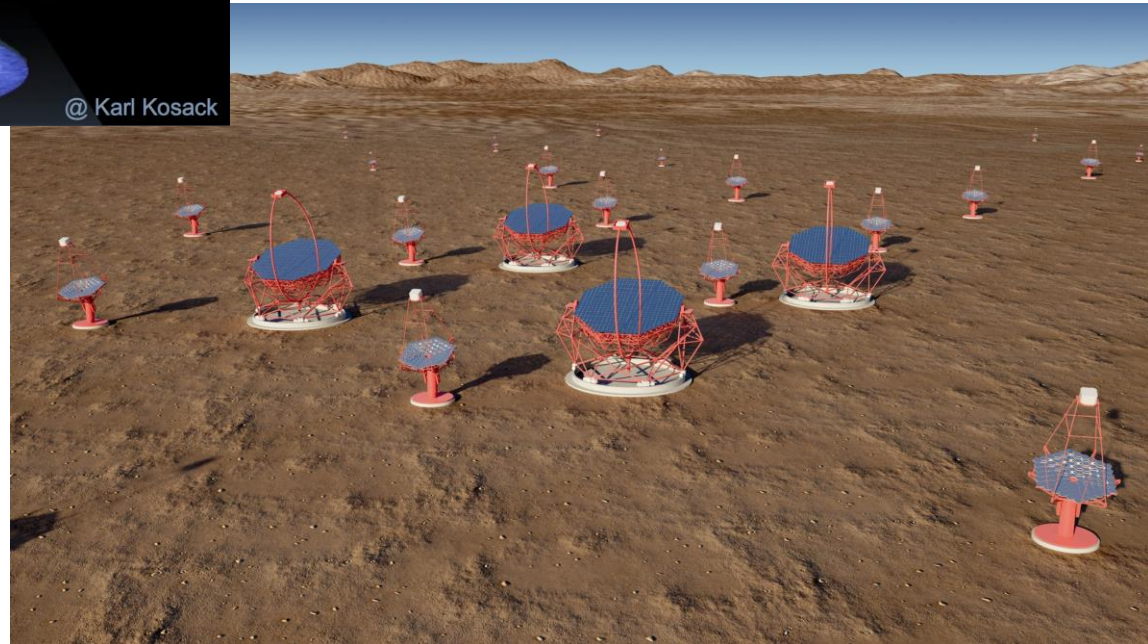
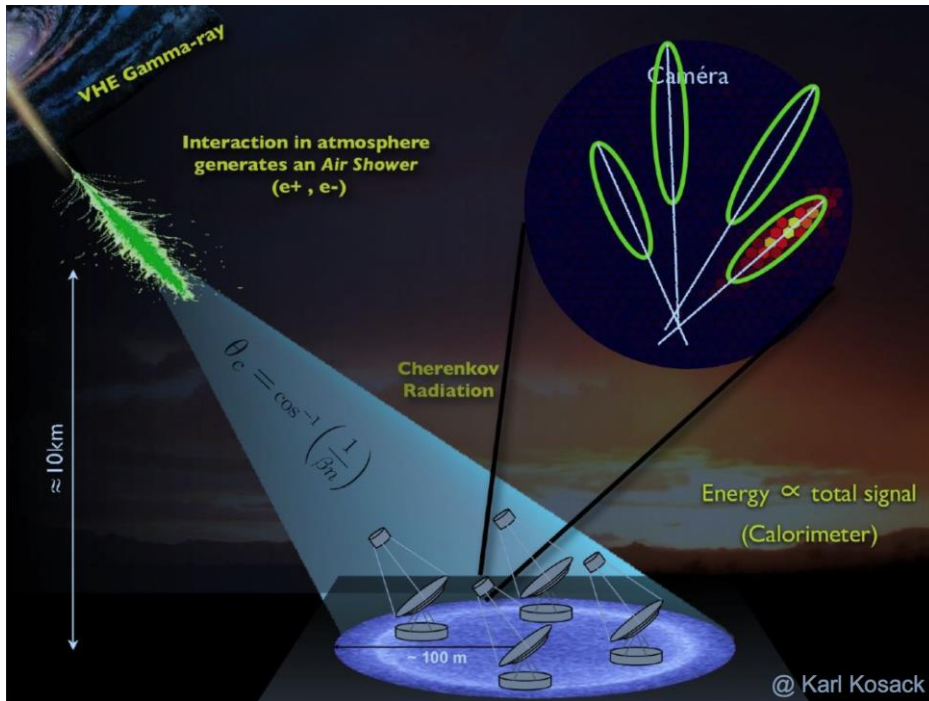
KM3NeT

Opens a new window on our universe



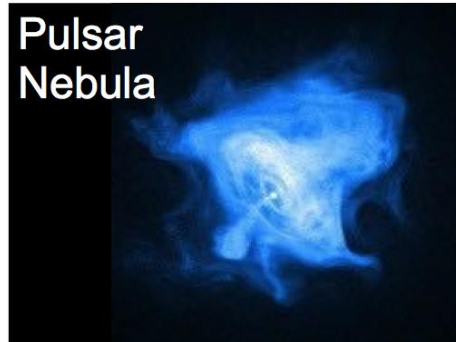
CTA

- Very high energy γ -ray observatory
- Two arrays of 100 (N) and 20 (S) telescopes
- Event re-construction
- Complex metadata
- Streaming and processing challenges
- Precursors: MAGIC and HESS

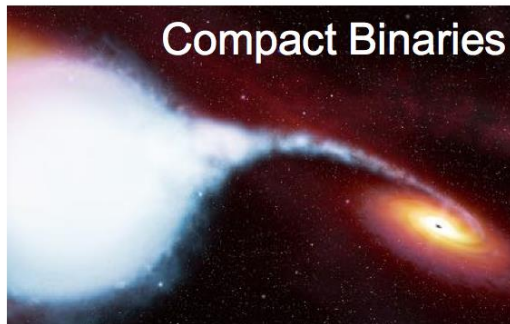


Production phase 2018-2023

High Energy Astrophysics



- ◆ Violent, transient, non-thermal phenomena
- ◆ Matter under extreme conditions
- ◆ Particle Acceleration
- ◆ Fundamental Physics
- ◆ Role of Black Holes in the structuration of the Universe





SKA-LOW, Australia

Phase 1: 130,000 dipoles over 80 km
Phase 2: 500,000 dipoles over 250 km

SKA-MID, South Africa

Phase 1: 200 dishes over 150 km
Phase 2: 2500 dishes over 3500 km

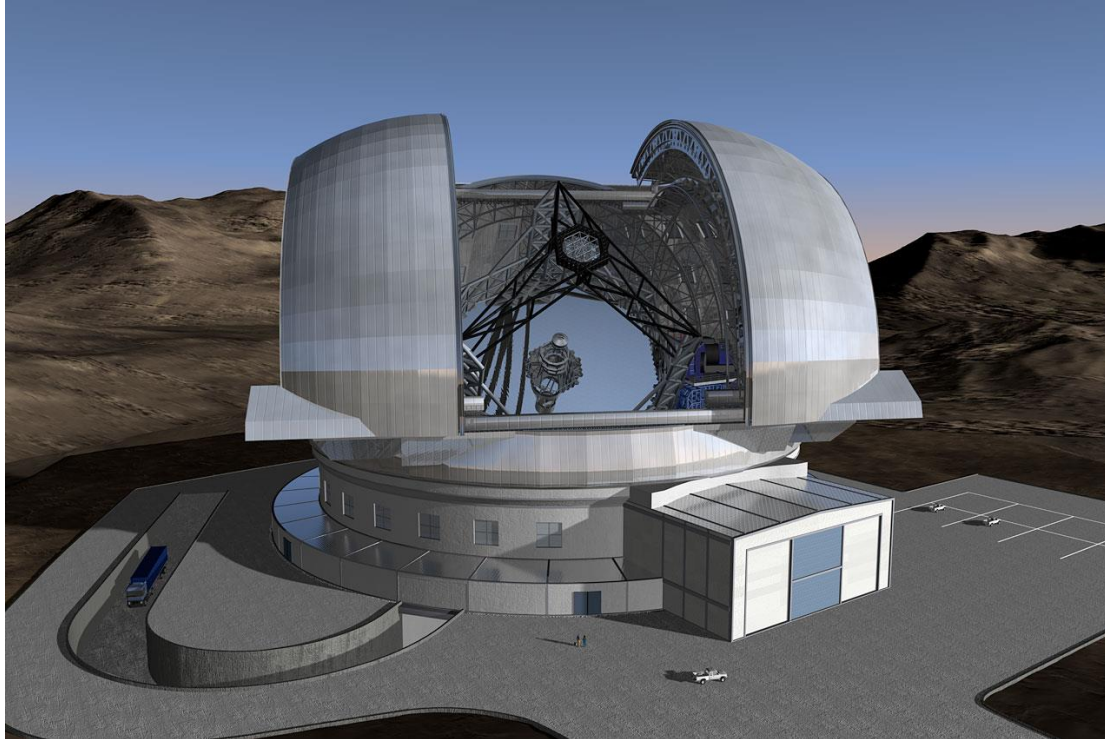
Phase 1 (2018-2023)

Phase 2 (2025-2033)

Challenges everything...



E-ELT



General purpose optical/infrared telescope

- Several scientific instruments (fast switching)

Science areas include:

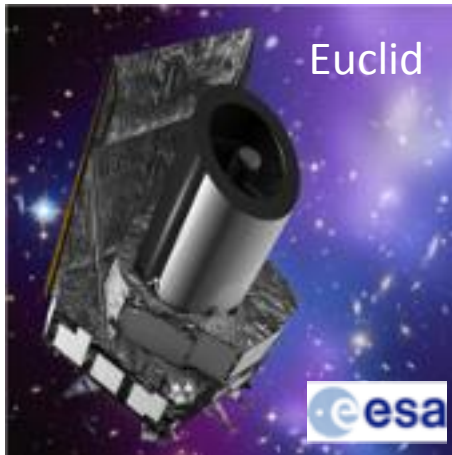
- high redshift galaxies
- star formation
- exoplanets
- protoplanetary systems



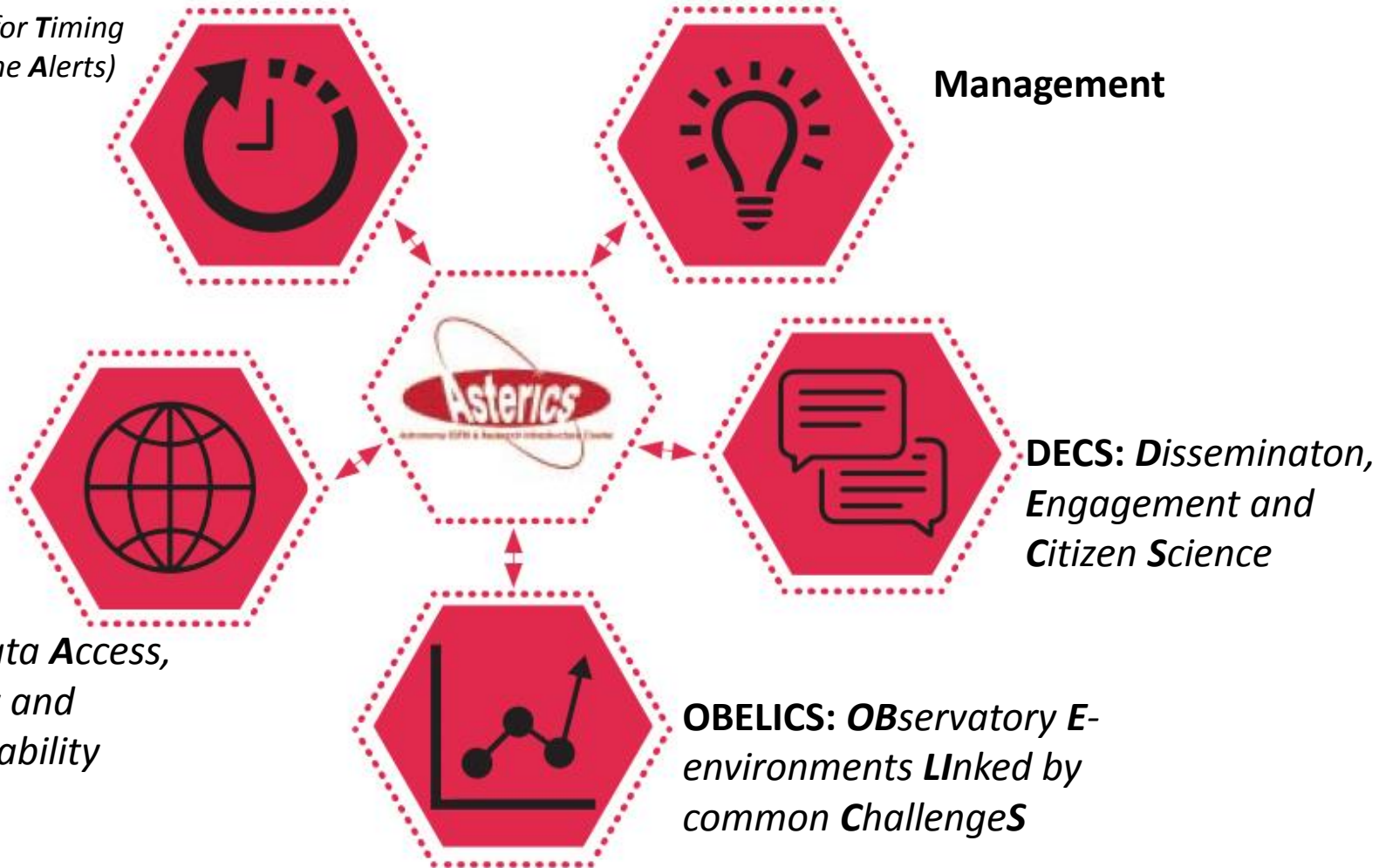
39m European-Extremely Large Telescope
First Light targeted for late 2024

World class facilities and ESFRI pathfinders

- Connecting real facilities now as path to connected future facilities



CLEOPATRA: *Connecting Locations of
ESFRI Observatories and Partners in
Astronomy for Timing
and Real time Alerts)*





ASTERICS connections: gravitational waves

ASTERICS fostered
use of VO for grav
wave EM follow-up

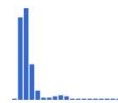


Skymap Viewer

A sky atlas for understanding LIGO-Virgo skymaps. Help [here](#), or watch a [video about Skymap Viewer](#). Plenty simulated skymaps [here](#). If you do not see the big dark sky map, look below and widen your browser. Zoom with the + and - at the right of the sky.

LIGO-Virgo Skymaps

This is skymap
GW150914:LALI.
50% area = 149.0 sq deg
90% area = 616.4 sq deg



South North

Show Weighted Galaxies (or table).

Time and Place

Universal time

2015-09-14T09:50:45

E Longitude Latitude

Sun = and = Moon

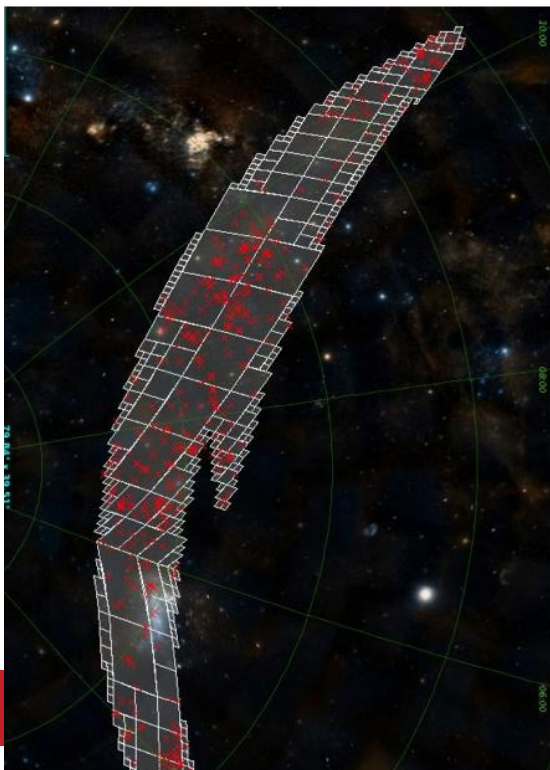
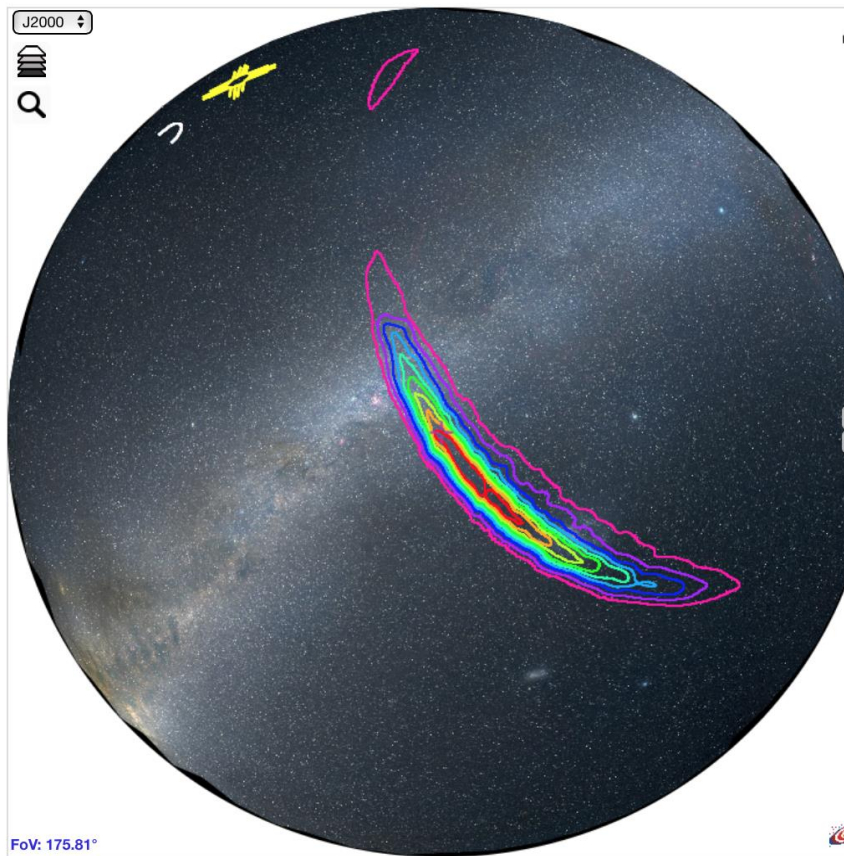
Catalog Sources

Click the Layers icon to switch on catalogs.

If you click on the sources on the sky, information will appear here with links to Simbad and NED.

Zoomable Multiwavelength Sky

Zoom in on the sky with the mouse or the +/- icons on the right of the sky. To change the image



connections & openness

- connecting infrastructures: enhancing individual capabilities - necessary for science!
 - *ICT: high speed data transport/timing*
- Embracing ***Open Science, Open Data***
 - many challenges, many opportunities
- Engage with society at large
 - Astro community+, education, public

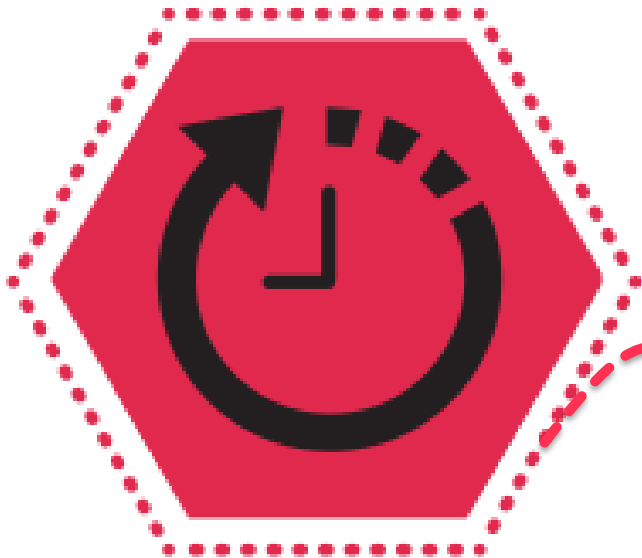
Strengths from connections

- Enabling data science
 - Training and support
 - Skill sets for astronomy and the market place

Bonus outcomes:
beyond Europe

multi-messenger timing and synchronisation

- Building on success of e-VLBI
 - EXPReS, NEXPReS
- ...here comes the White Rabbit





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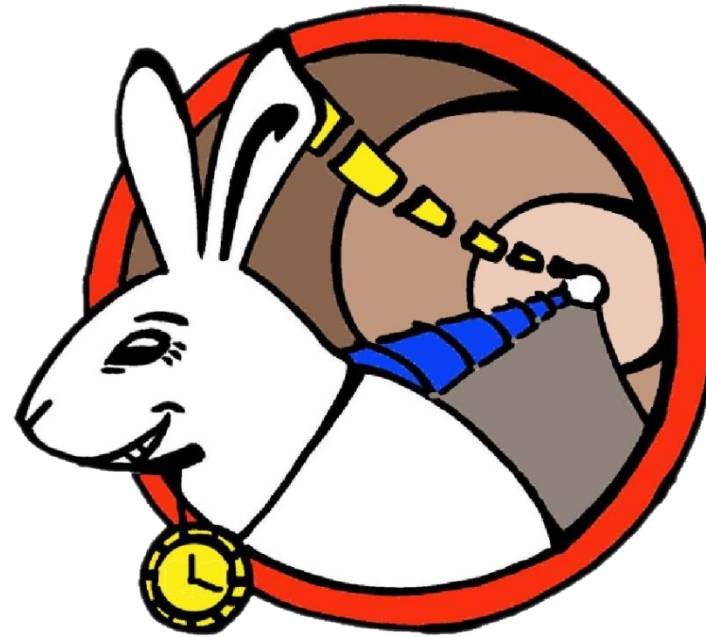


Participating institutions



Supporting organisations and networks





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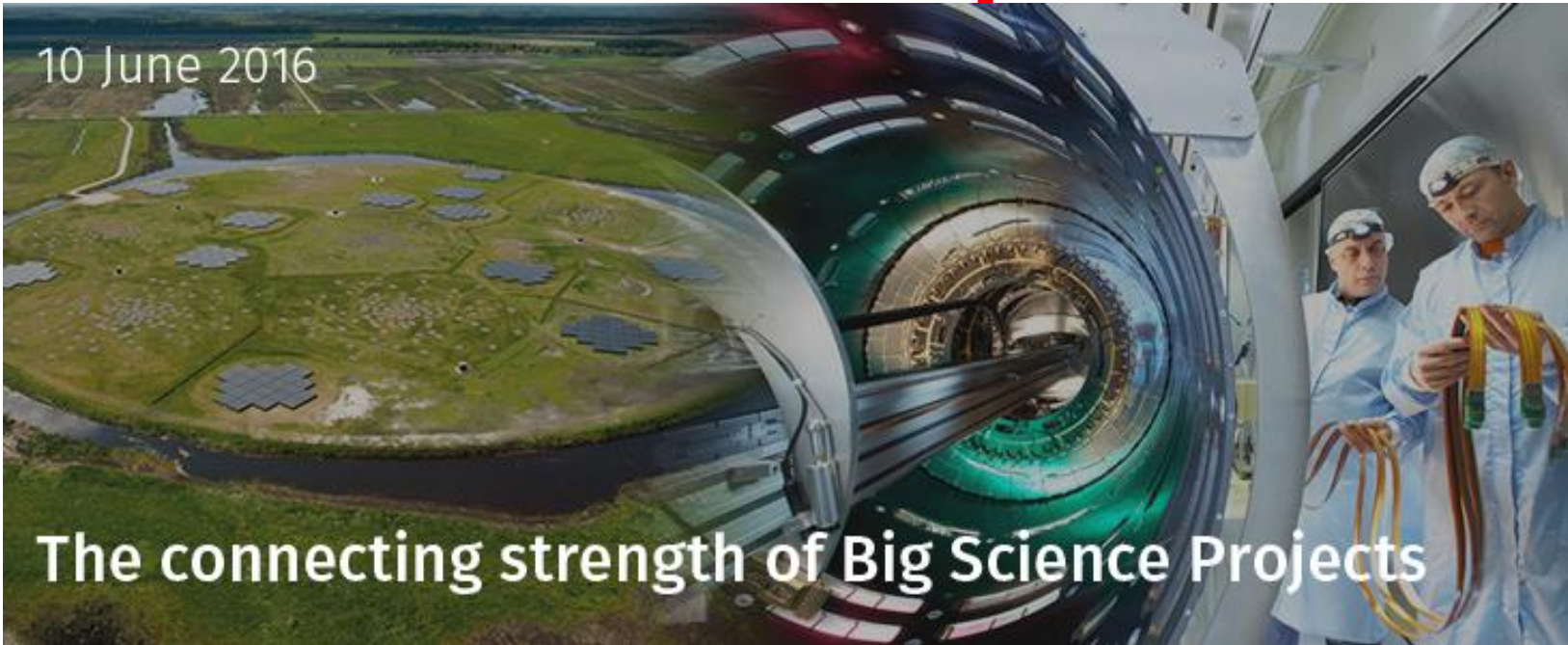
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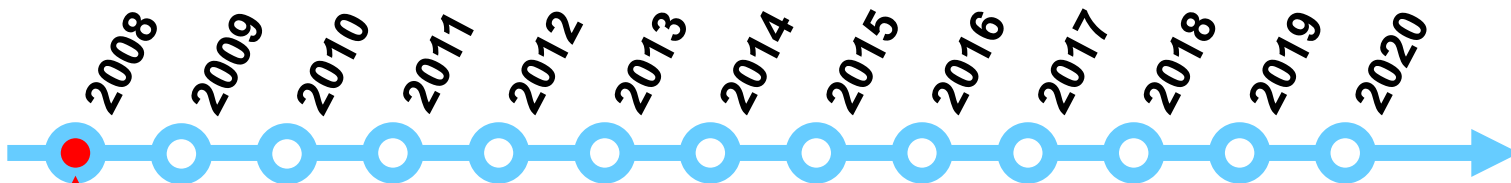
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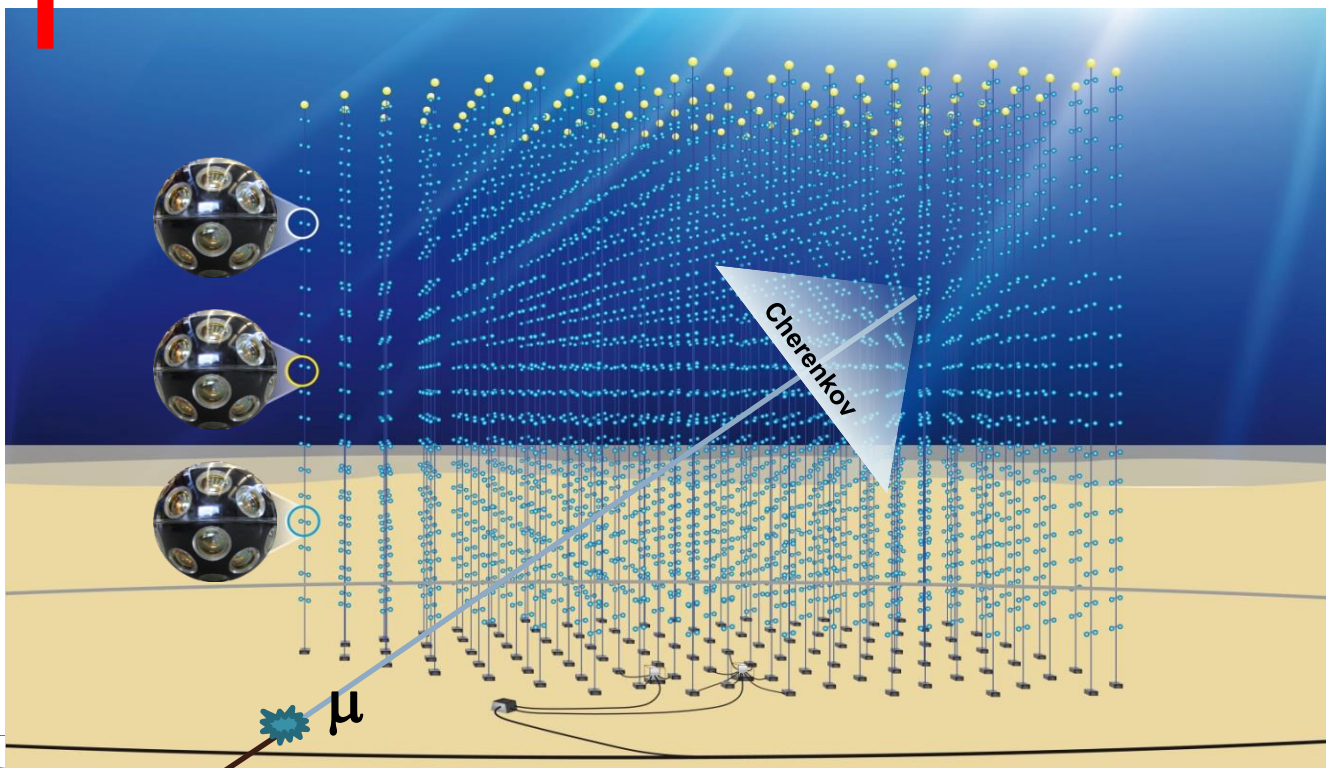
Timeline



KM3NeT

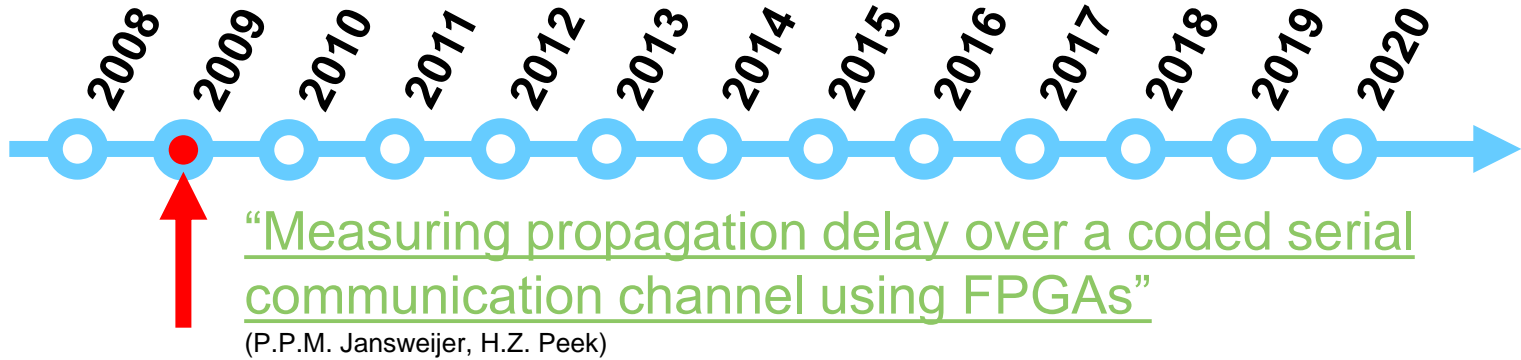


Start thinking about timing for the KM3NeT detector



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VLV_vT 09 in Athens



“Measuring propagation delay over a coded serial communication channel using FPGAs”

(P.P.M. Jansweijer, H.Z. Peek)

VLV_vT 09 PROGRAMME PreREGISTRATION ACCOMMODATION TRANSPORTATION CONTACT



VLV_vT workshop



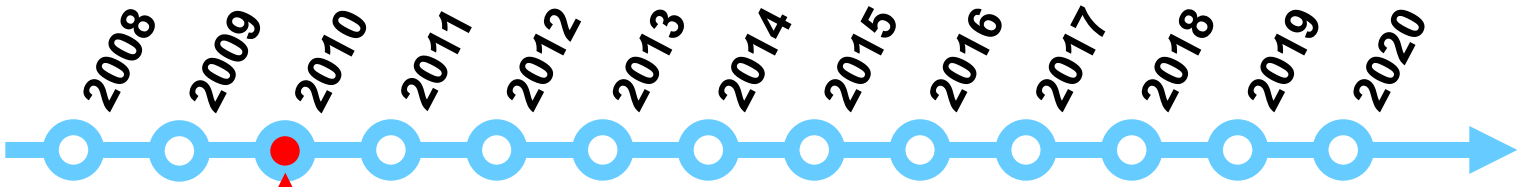
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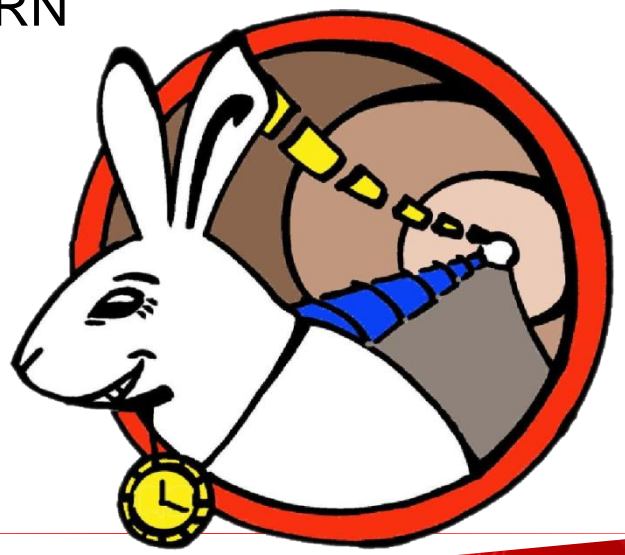
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Joining efforts



"Measuring propagation delay over a 1.25 Gbps bidirectional data link"
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1st White Rabbit Developer meeting @ CERN



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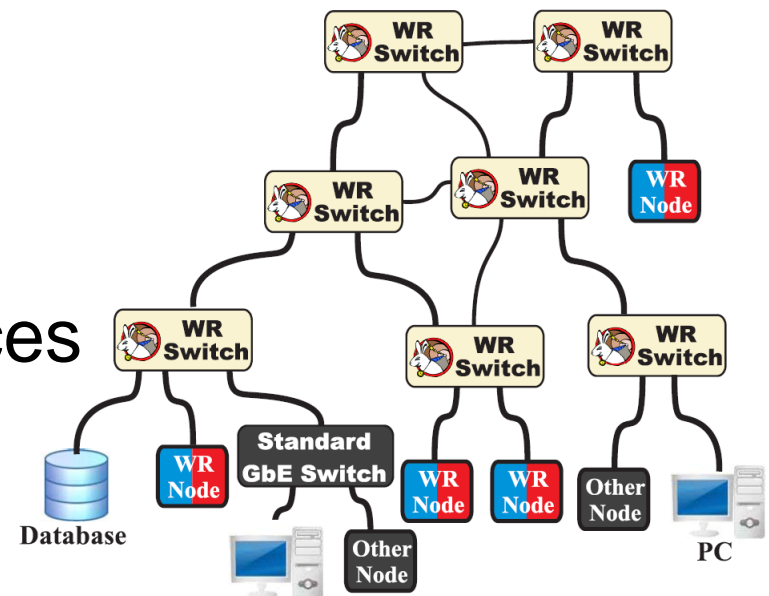
What is White Rabbit?

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<http://www.ohwr.org/projects/white-rabbit/wiki>

White Rabbit an *extension* of Ethernet

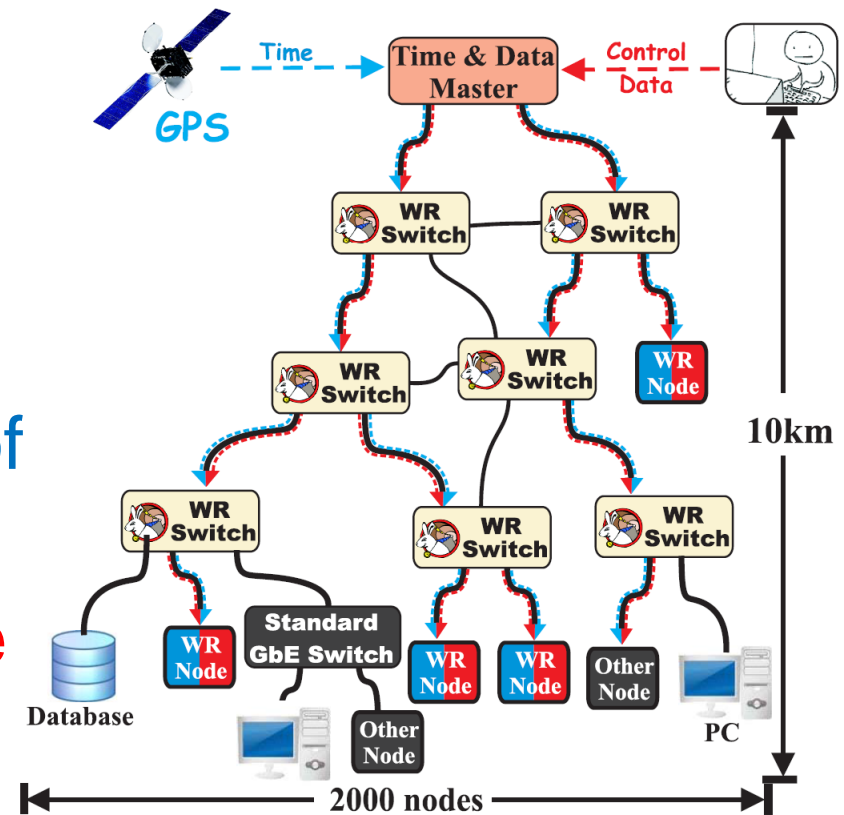
- Bandwidth: 1 Gbps
- Single fiber medium
- Up to 10 km links
- WR Switch: 18 ports
- Allows non-WR Devices
- Ethernet features (VLAN) & protocols (SNMP)



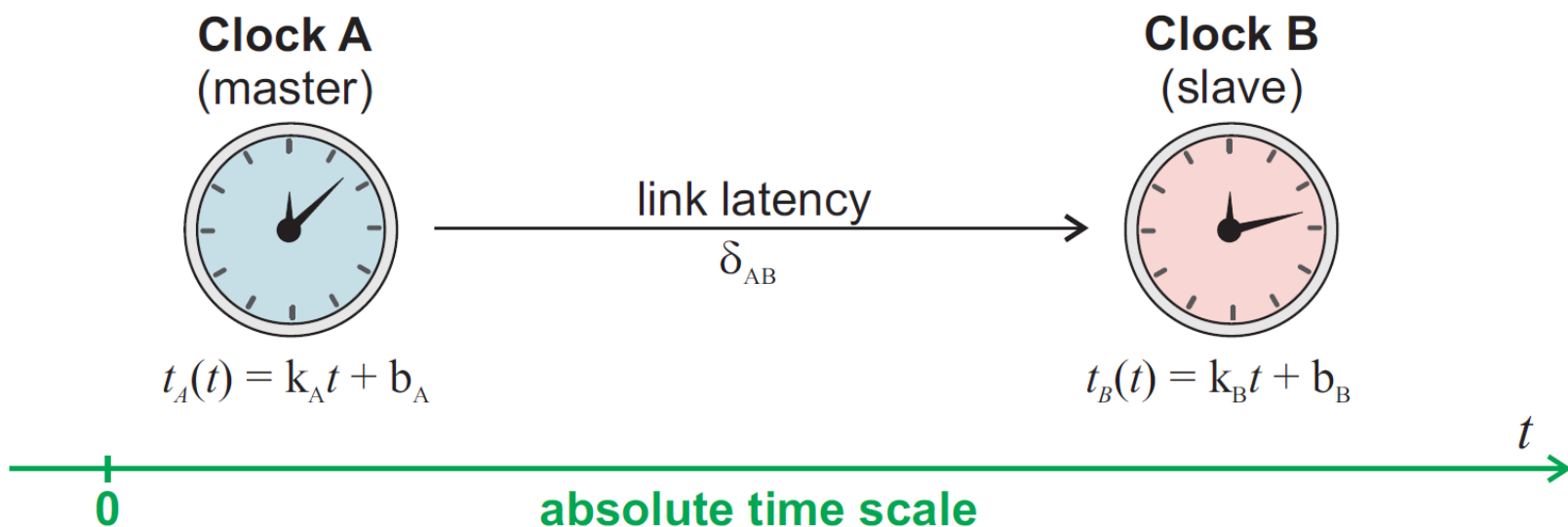
White Rabbit an *extension* of Ethernet

Two separate services
(enhancements to Ethernet)
provided by WR:

- **Synchronization:**
accuracy better than
1 ns precision (tens of
ps sdev skew max)
- **Deterministic, reliable
and low-latency
Control Data delivery**



Timing over Ethernet



$k_A = k_B$ Syntonization	Synchronous Ethernet
$b_A = b_B$ synchronisation	Precision Time Protocol (PTP)

Open Hardware Repository

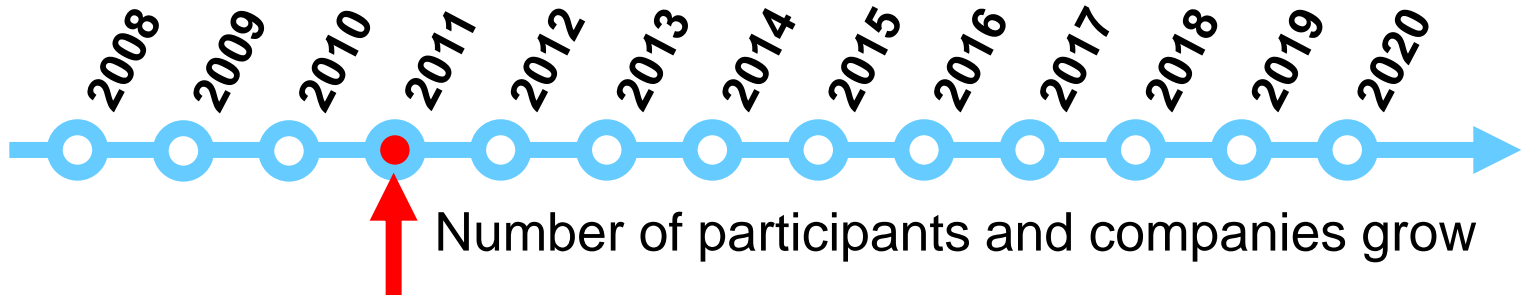
- Estimation: White Rabbit up to now (2016):
100..120 man years of work!



<http://www.ohwr.org/>

	Commercial	Non-commercial
Open	Winning combination. Best of both worlds.	Whole support burden falls on developers. Not scalable.
Proprietary	Vendor lock-in.	Dedicated non-reusable projects.

4th and 5th WR workshop



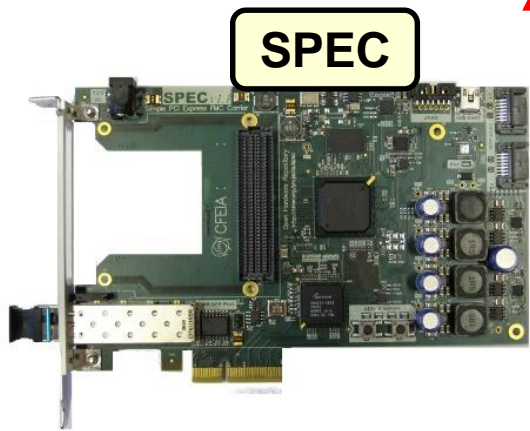
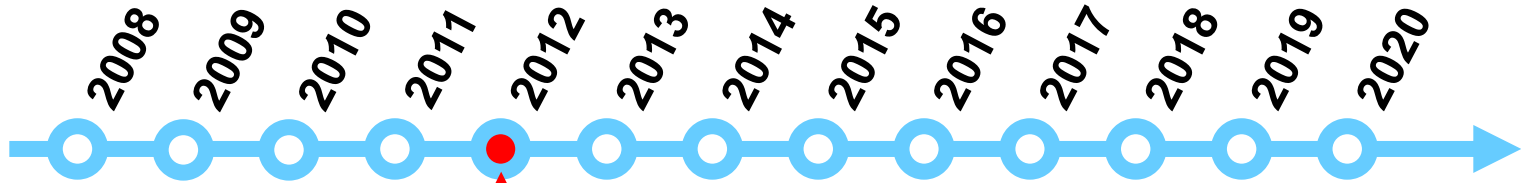
Number of participants and companies grow



Picture taken @ 4th WR workshop (2011), GSI Darmstadt

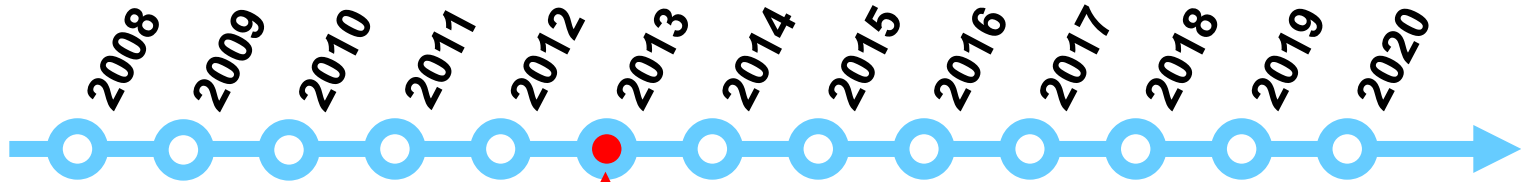
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First open hardware, start standardization

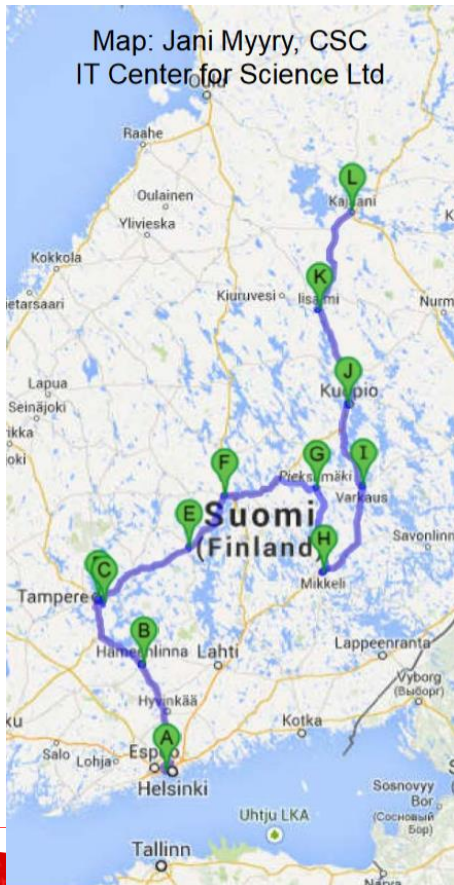


- Now, many people start to play with WR!
- Process of standardization is initiated.

Many use cases...



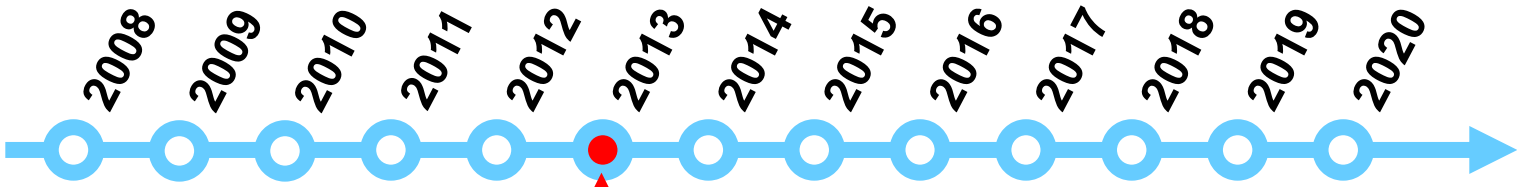
... also means many bug reports



1000 Km link in Finland (Anders Wallin)

- 100 times longer than the original 10 Km specification
- 2 ns error over 60 days

Many new users



HiSCORE



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VLBI

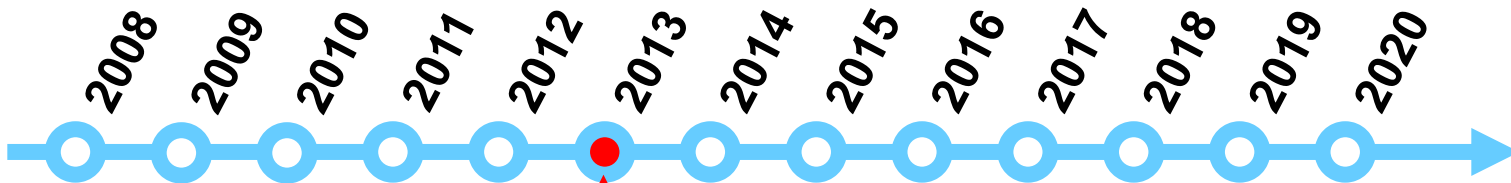


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Picture SKA website:
<https://www.skatelescope.org/>

Courtesy Paul Boven
The Marble Next Generation, courtesy of NASA Visible Earth (visibleearth.nasa.gov)

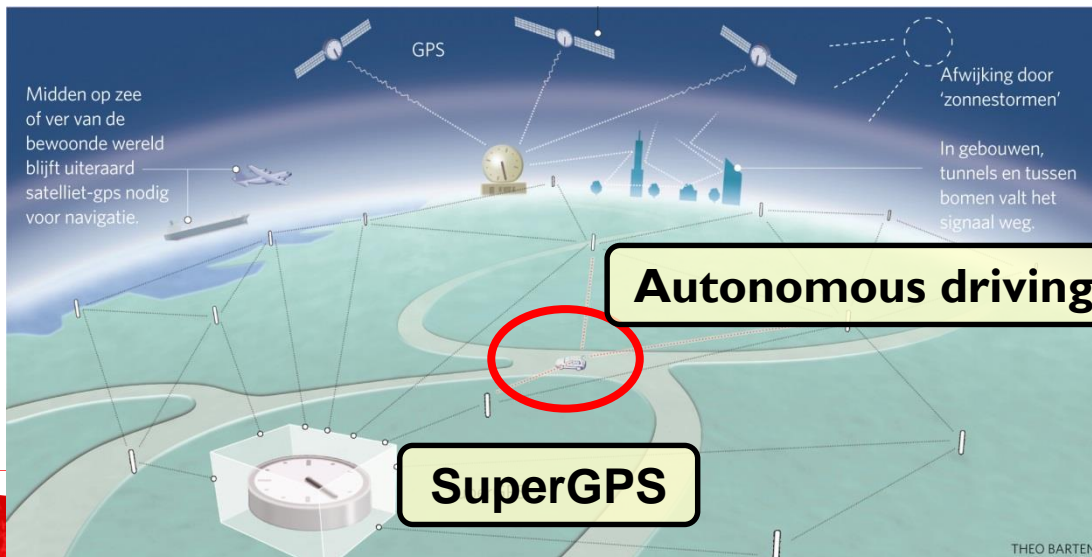
SuperGPS



- Optical methods to **back up GNSS timing** via fiber



- **Next-generation positioning** (optical/radio)

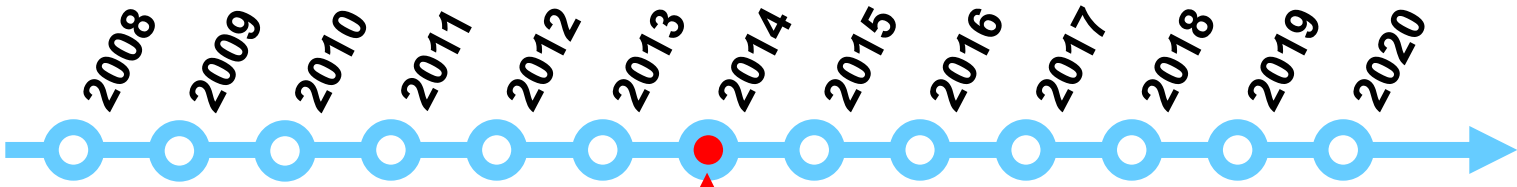


Autonomous driving car

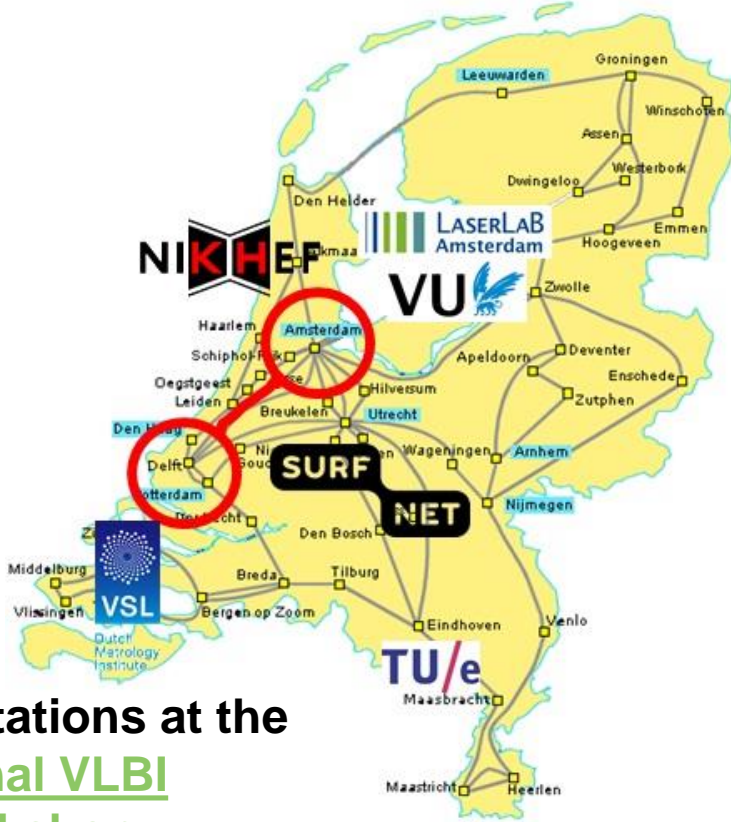
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Pictures: Jeroen Koelemeij
<http://www.ohwr.org/attachments/1753/Jeroen-superGPS.pptx>

Metrology institutes discover potentials



international optical clock
Comparisons using optical fibers



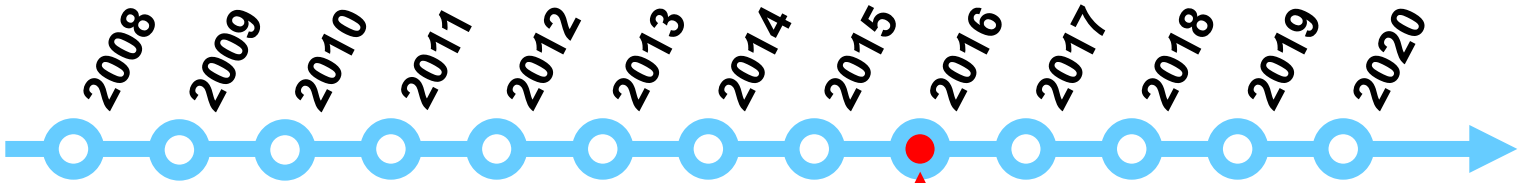
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Systèmes de Référence Temps-Espace

See also presentations at the
Third International VLBI
Technology Workshop

9th WR workshop hosted by Nikhef

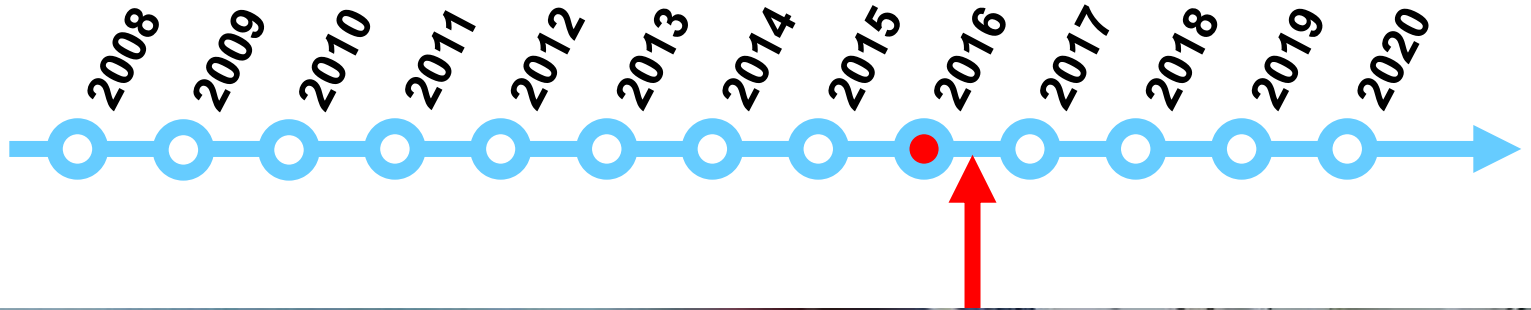


66	Participants
30	Institutes Universities Companies
9	Countries Worldwide

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(14-16 Mar 2016) @ **Nikhef** Amsterdam

Now and the Future



Future: Standardization

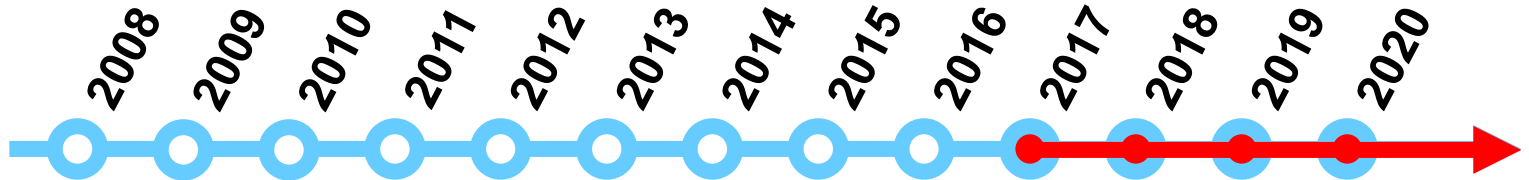


- Jan 2017: Draft version of IEEE1588 rev. 3 (PTP)
 - White Rabbit => High Accuracy profile
- Publish Mid 2018

More about the standardization procedure and the current status:

<http://www.ohwr.org/attachments/4249/WRworkshop-P1588-HA.pdf>

Future? Timing is Booming Business



- Once standardized as IEEE1588 High Accuracy profile more users are to be expected.
- KM3NeT, CTA, SKA, VLBI will complete
- Pico second accuracy, 10 Gbps networks
- SuperGPS
 - Next-generation positioning => Autonomous driving cars
 - Power plant synchronization
 - Time stamping financial transactions
- Telecom 4G, 5G,... networks
 - "Synchronization Standards Towards 5G"
 - Smart antenna
- ? Anything we didn't think of yet...



Thank you

And:

thanks to all WR developers / contributors
(also for re-using many of the White Rabbit slides)

all WR users



<https://www.asterics2020.eu/>

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